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low-energy antimatter
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Fundamental physics goal NorCC roadmap

What are the plausible theoretical models explaining the experimentally observable beyond-Standard Model phenomena?

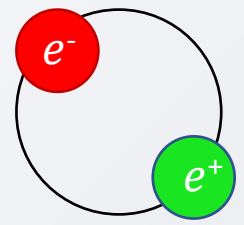
How can gravity be included in the same theoretical framework as particle and nuclear physics?

What is the origin of the dark matter?

What is the origin of the large matter/antimatter unbalance ?

And even some nuclear physics!

Positronium (Ps)



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Positronium Laser Cooling via the 1^3S-2^3P Transition with a Broadband Laser Pulse



Nytt antimaterie-resultat vekker begeistring

Forskerne har lyktes med å kjøle ned positronium med laser. Teknikken gjør en rekke nye antimaterie-eksperimenter mulige.

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Physicists representing 19 European and one India research group comprising the Antihydrogen Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry, Spectroscopy (AEGIS) collaboration announced this scientific achievement on Thursday.

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Des lasers refroidissent une particule furtive mi-matière, mi-antimatière

Deux équipes de chercheurs, au CERN et au Japon, ont réussi à ralentir des positroniums, formés d'un électron et d'un positron, et extrêmement fugaces, afin de pouvoir mieux mesurer leurs propriétés. Un tour de force qui ouvre de nouvelles perspectives en physique fondamentale et appliquée.

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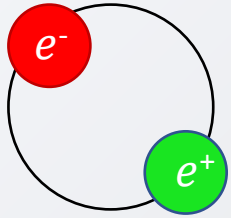
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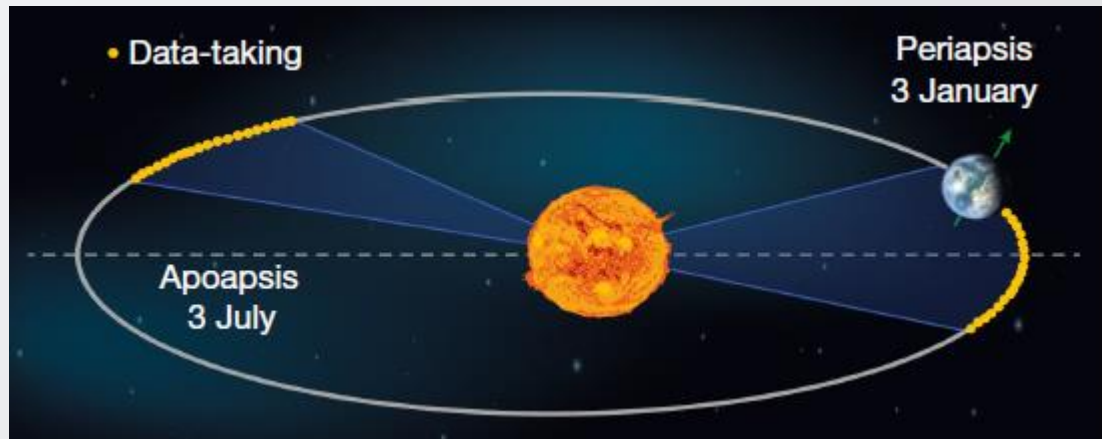
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Next: 1^3S - 2^3S precision spectroscopy of Positronium

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Gravitational redshift



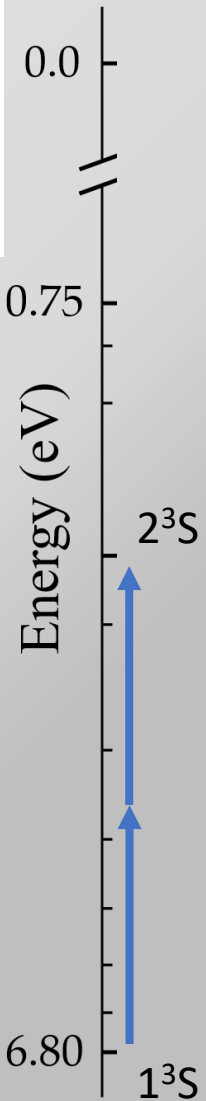
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Tests:

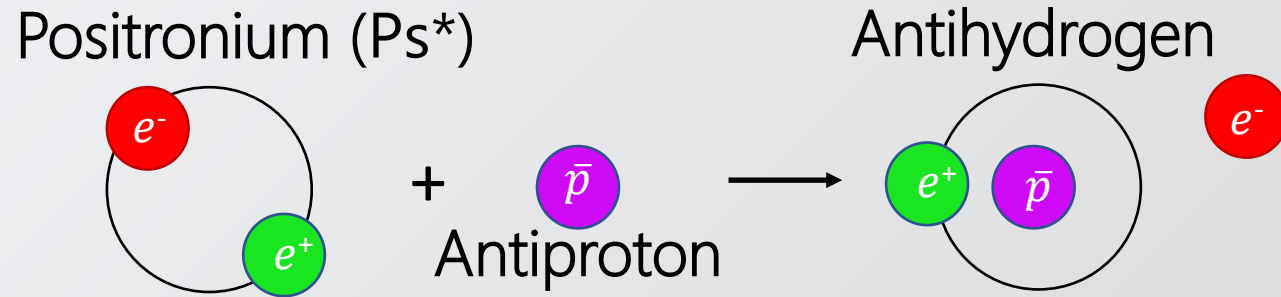
- Bound state QED
- (beyond the QCD) axion-like particles
- 5th fundamental force
- Test of C and P symmetries

Precision spectroscopy of positronium: Testing bound-state QED theory and the search for physics beyond the Standard Model

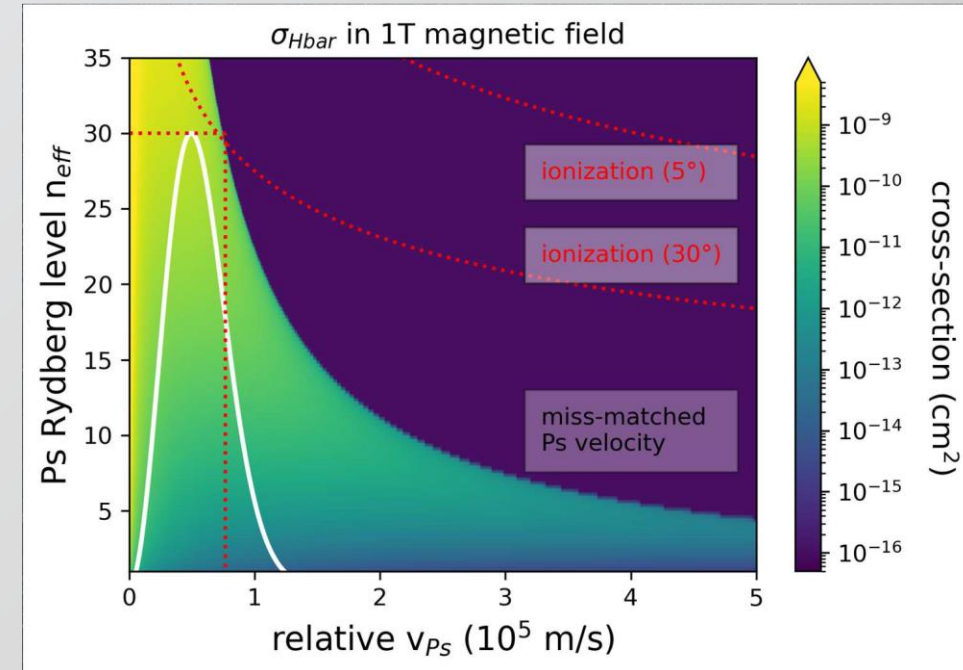
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Amsler et al. (AEGIS)
Comm Phys 4:19 (2021)



Credits Olivia Adams (CERN, 2023)



See Antonello et al. (AEGIS collaboration)
PRA 102, 01310 (2020) for Ps self-ionization in B field

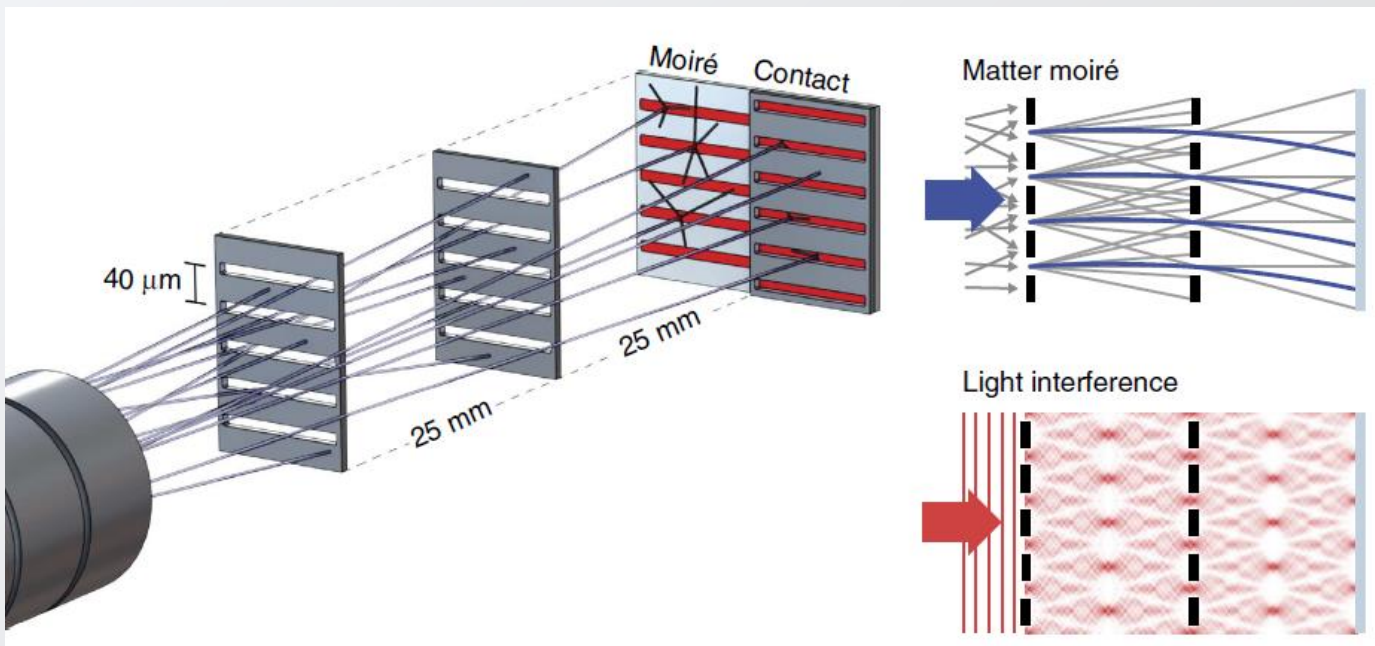
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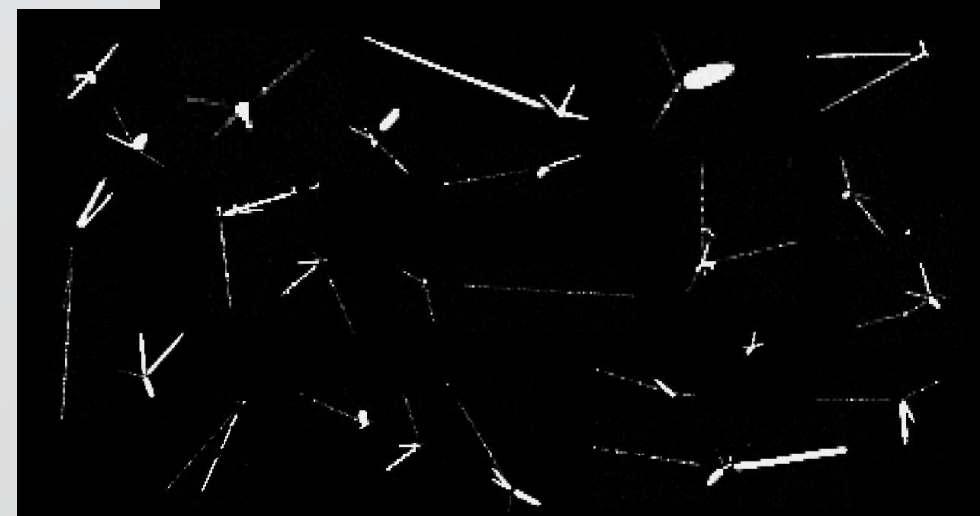
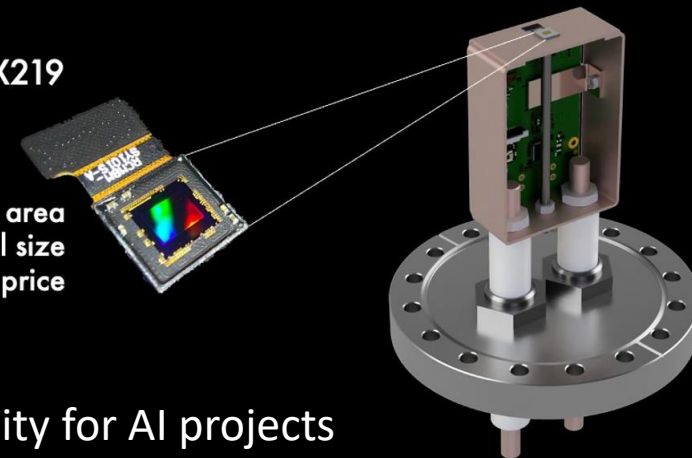
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A moiré deflectometer for antimatter



Sony IMX219

- 4.2 x 2.9 mm area
- 1.12 μm pixel size
- 20 € retail price

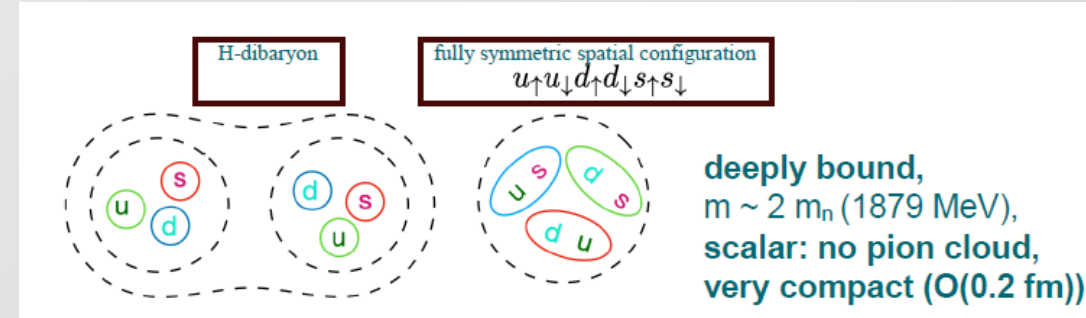


Resolution to antiproton vertices $\ll 2.0 \mu\text{m}$

In collaboration with: Technical University of Munich

Doser, M., Farrar, G. & Kornakov, G. Searching for a dark matter particle with anti-protonic atoms. *Eur. Phys. J. C* **83**, 1149 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-023-12319-8>

The sexaquark S is a hypothesized deeply bound, long-lived or stable 0^+ state of $uuddss$ quarks with **$B=+2$, $S=-2$ and $Q=0$** .



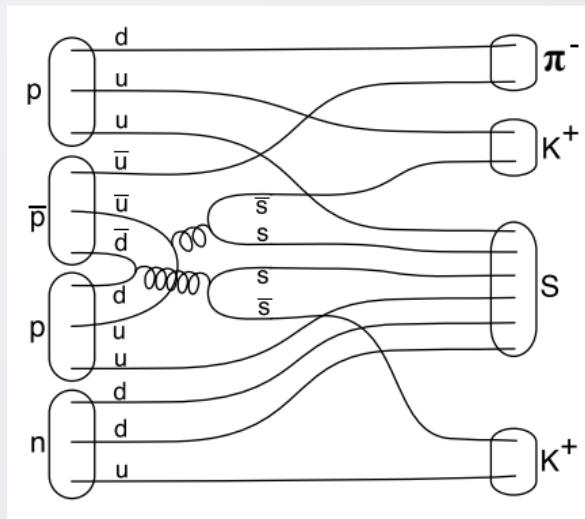
- If $m_S < m_{\Lambda} + m_p + m_e = 2.054 \text{ GeV}$ \rightarrow decay must be **doubly-weak and its lifetime would be greater than the age of the Universe**.
- Direct detection experiments have not yet probed the relevant mass.
- The stability of neutron stars is not affected by the sexaquarks, due to deconfinement.

Difficult to detect:

- The S is **neutral** and a **flavor singlet**, so it does **not couple to photons, pions** and most other mesons, nor does it leave a track in a detector.
- The S has **no pion cloud** and is expected to be **more compact than ordinary baryons**. This means the amplitude for interconversion between S and baryons is small.
- The mass of the S makes it **difficult to distinguish from** the much more copious **neutron**.

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$$(p \ ^3\text{He}) \rightarrow S(uuddss) + K^+K^+\pi^-$$



no other known SM process produces such a signature
production at rest allows full kinematic reconstruction of all
particles (except S)

Formation mechanism for antiprotonic atoms can be used
to test the existence of the S sexaquark (uuddss)

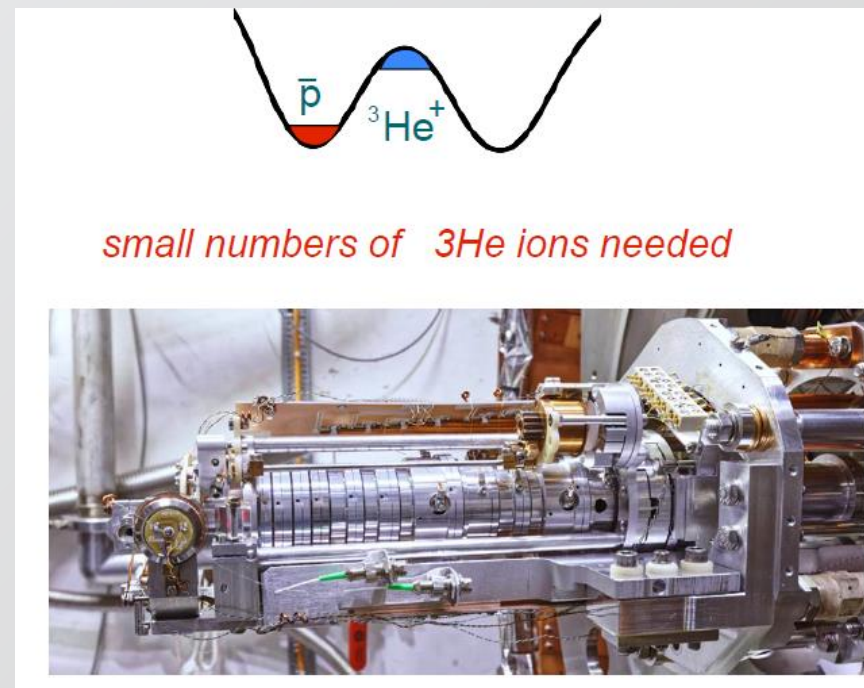
Expected rate $\sim 10^{-9}$

$m_{\bar{p}} + m_p + m_p + m_n \sim 3750 \text{ MeV}$

requires multi-nucleon annihilation !

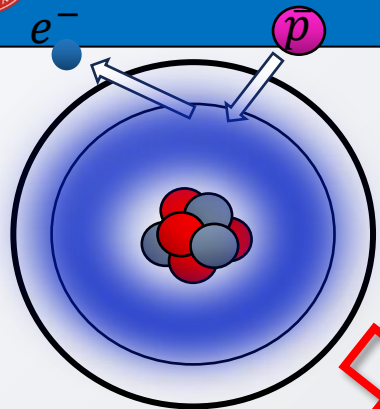
other multi-nucleon annihilations

seen at $O(10^{-5})$ - ASTERIX, OBELIX

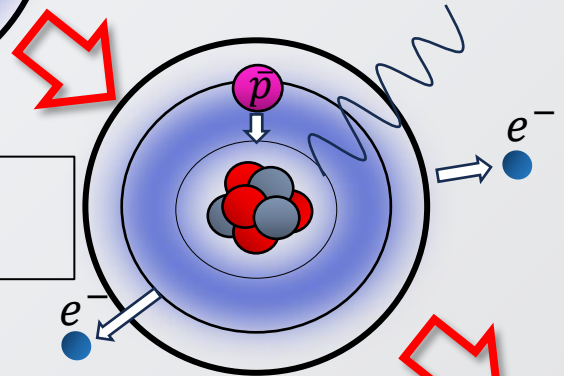


Detection scheme: silicon strip/pixel?

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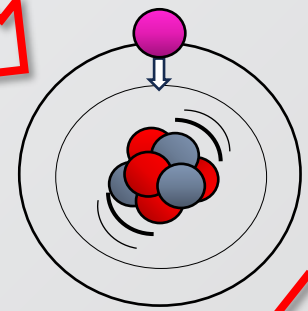


Capture of the antiproton in a high-n Rydberg state.

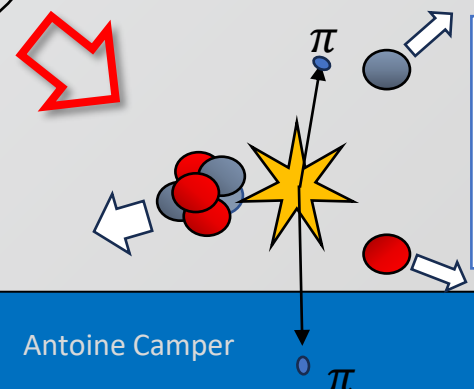


Cascade emitting x-rays and Auger electrons.

Antiproton approaching stripped nucleus, strong interaction influences orbitals.



X-ray linebroadening caused by annihilation with nuclear periphery



Fragmentation ratios $R_{np} = Y(N - 1)/Y(Z - 1)$ give insight into the nuclear periphery.

Antiproton-induced nuclear fragmentation on

