

Rydberg antihydrogen dynamics and perspectives towards a first gravity measurement

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Feasibility of a gravity measurement on antimatter using a Talbot-Lau interferometer

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PROPOSAL FOR THE AEGIS EXPERIMENT AT THE CERN ANTIPROTON DECELERATOR

(Antimatter Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry, Spectroscopy) Limits on a gravity measurement with a non-collimated antihydrogen source

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Gravity Measurement on \bar{H} in AEgIS: Numerical Simulation of Perturbative Effects

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All these studies focused on the use of ground state antihydrogen following the proposal

















The solid angle formula is a good approximation of the geometrical detection efficiency under the assumption of straight linear trajectories (rays)

To what extent is this is this approximation valid for Rydberg antihydrogen atoms?





Magnetic potential energy due to internal level energy shift

$$ec{
abla} U_{\ket{i}}(B(ec{r})) = rac{dU_{\ket{i}}}{dB} \cdot ec{
abla} B(ec{r}) \, \cdot \, ec{
abla}$$

1) magnetic moment of the internal state

2) gradient of magnetic field modulo





AEgIS magnetic field map







$$H_{ij} = \left(rac{\mu c^2 lpha^2}{2n^2} + \mu_B \, m \, B
ight) \delta_{ij} + rac{e^2 B^2}{8\mu} \, H^Q_{ij} \; .$$

Eigenvalue convergence

 $\times 10^{-3}$

3.4 3.2 3

2.8

2.6

2.4

2.2

1

n = 40

1.2

1.4

ns

1.6

E(n-n_s, n+n_s) - E(n-n_s+1, n+n_s-1) (cm⁻¹)

Hydrogen hamiltonian in strong fields including diamagnetism

Garstang R. H. and Kemic, S. B., Astrophys. Space Sci. 31, 103 (1974)

$$H_{ij}{}^Q = \langle n,l,m | \, r^2 \, \sin^2 heta \, |n',l',m'
angle = \langle n,l | \, r^2 \, |n',l'
angle \cdot \langle l,m | \, \sin^2 heta \, |l',m'
angle$$

Radial term (numerical)

Angular term (analytical)





2

1.8









An example of diagonalization for a high Rydberg level







Shell separation plot







Magnetic moment of high Rybderg antihydrogens



Because of diamagnetism, more sublevels become low field seekers The higher the n level becomes, the more relevant is diamagnetism



Integration of the equations of motion









Solid angle law is violated for z > 1.3

$$N_{\rm det} = \left(\frac{r}{r_{\rm \bar{H}}}\right)^2 \cdot \eta^2 \cdot N_{\rm prod}$$

Moiré sensitivity formula invalid for z > 1.3















Magnetic force is on average null

Gravity and magnetic effects can be decoupled rotating the gratings



Integrated magnetic acceleration over a given baseline





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Reference source scenario: T = 15 K, $\beta = 1$, $v_z \approx 350 m s^{-1}$, n = 40

Inside deflectometer scenario Grating positions at {0.65, 0.80, 0.95}

- 1. Deflection of 1.8 um in a L = 15 cm deflectometer
- 2. Flux $N_{det} = 3.3 \cdot 10^{-3} N_{prod}$ in 12.5 cm²
- 3. Detected 34 events every 100.000 atoms
- 4. Shot-noise sensitivity w. 100 atoms: 8.7 m s⁻²
- 5. RMS magnetic acceleration $\approx 2 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$
- 6. Magnetic shielding possible only < 0.1 T
- 7. Alignment and zero-reference at cold
- 8. Blocks the usage of the 1TMCP
- 9. Requires experiment opening for debugging

Outside deflectometer scenario Grating positions at {1.8, 2.3, 2.8}

- 1. Deflection of 20 um in a L = 50 cm deflectometer
- 2. Flux $N_{det} = 1.7 \cdot 10^{-3} N_{prod}$ in 92 cm²
- 3. Detected 10 events every 100.000 atoms
- 4. Shot-noise sensitivity w. 100 atoms: 0.8 m s⁻²
- 5. RMS magnetic acceleration $< 2 \text{ m s}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$
- 6. Allows magnetic termination and shielding
- 7. Alignment and zero-reference at room temperature
- 8. Allows the usage of the 1TMCP
- 9. Can be debugged with experiment cold