#### **Summer Student Session - CERN**



# Superconducting Joints for the BASE Coil System





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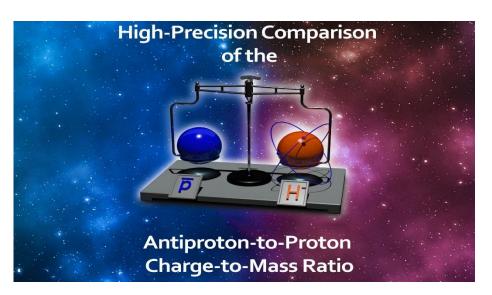
### What is BASE?



- Baryon Antibaryon Symmetry Experiment
  - Founded at CERN in 2013

- Measurements of the fundamental properties of protons/anti-protons
  - Magnetic moment
  - proton/antiproton q/m ratio

Borchert, M.J., Devlin, J.A., Erlewein, S.R. *et al.*A 16-parts-per-trillion measurement of the antiproton-to-proton charge—mass ratio. *Nature* **601**, 53–57 (2022). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-04203-w



Use Penning trap systems to make extremely precise measurements

### Physics Motivation



- Charge-Parity-Time invariance is one of the most fundamental discrete symmetries in the standard model
  - All matter/anti-matter particles should have same fundamental properties

 CPT violation is a potential source for the observed baryon asymmetry of the universe in some models

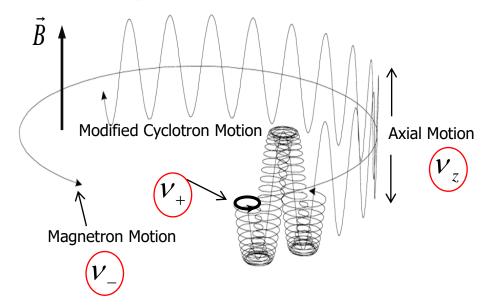
Quantity	Expectation	Observation
Baryon/Photon Ratio	10 <sup>-18</sup>	0.6*10-9
Baryon/Antibaryon Ratio	1	10,000

 BASE compares properties of protons/anti-protons as a very precise direct test of CPT

### Penning Traps



Primary tool of BASE



radial confinement:

$$\vec{B} = B_0 \hat{z}$$

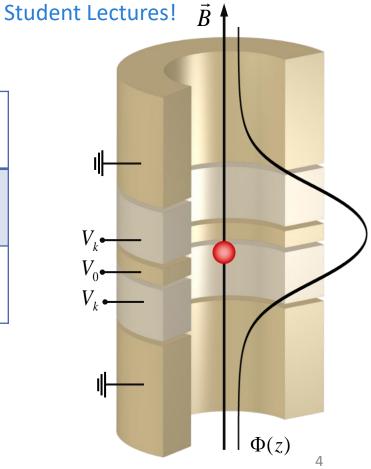
axial confinement:

$$\Phi(\rho, z) = V_0 c_2 \left( z^2 - \frac{\rho^2}{2} \right)$$

I hope you attended the Summer

Axial	680 kHz
Magnetron	8 kHz
Modified Cyclotron	28.9 MHz

• How do these frequencies tell us q/m or g<sub>p</sub>?



### Invariance Theorem



For properly aligned traps:

$$v_c = \sqrt{v_+^2 + v_z^2 + v_-^2}$$

$$\nu_C = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{q_p}{m_p} B !!$$

G. Gabrielse, The true cyclotron frequency for particles and ions in a Penning trap, International Journal of Mass Spectrometry Volume 279, Issues 2–3, 2009, Pages 107-112, ISSN 1387-3806, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijms.2008.10.015.

- For precise measurements of q/m we must precisely measure:
  - 3 different trap frequencies
  - B, the magnetic field

B must be homogenous across the trap, and not change over time

### Superconducting Shim Coil System



Magnetic field expansion in our trap:

$$B(z) = B_0 + B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + \cdots$$

• Around center of trap at z = 0

• By using a set of shim coils, we can tune  $B_0$ ,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  around the center of our trap (the PT)

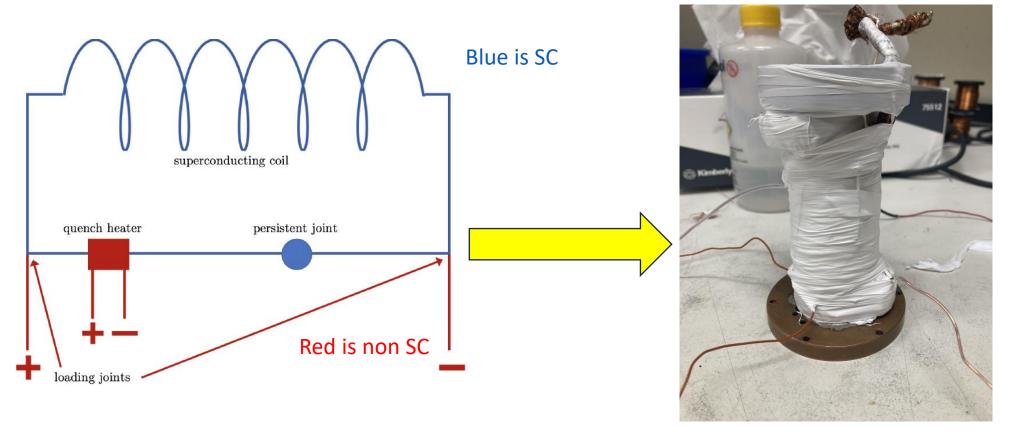
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**Shim Coils** 

**Penning Trap** 

### Superconducting Coil Schematic





• A loaded Persistent Coil produces stable field without needing current supply – a perfect candidate for long term field control!

### Superconducting Electrical Joints



- Good joints are necessary for a good system
  - My role is to test joints and develop alternative ways to make them for comparison
- 2 Types:
  - Loading: Put current into the system
  - Persistent: Keep current flowing in the coil

- Any experiments coil system is only as good as its joints!
  - BASE joints can go at least <u>2 months</u>



#### **Current BASE Joints**

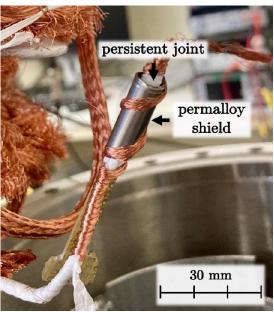


• Superconducting NbTi coil ( $\varphi$  = 125  $\mu$ m)

- Copper loading joint connects Cu to NbTi
  - Passes current into system



- Spot Welded Persistent Joint
  - Inside permalloy shield

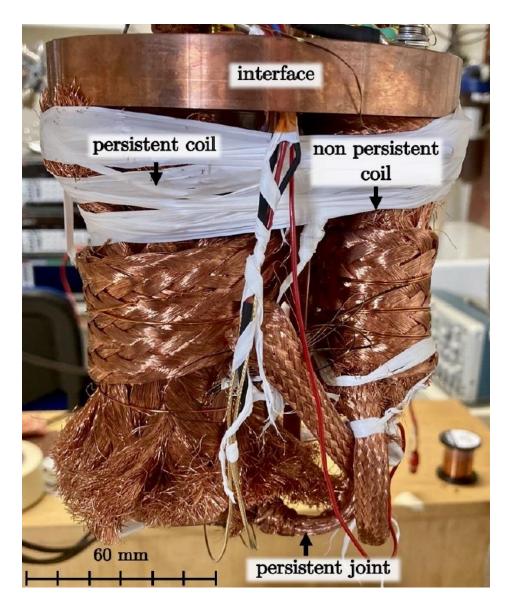


### Test Setup





Lowest Operating Temperature:	3.2 K
Lowest Operation Pressure	4 e-8 mbar



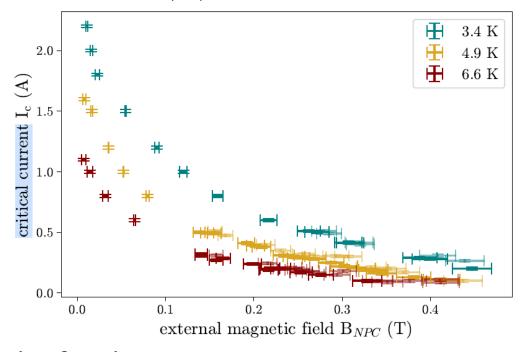
### Testing a Joint



- Loading current as a function of B field
  - 1. Change values of external field with NPC
  - 2. Measure the critical current we see in the PC

- Of course,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  = 0 is ideal
  - $B(z) = B_0 + B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + \cdots$

Development of a Test Setup to Characterize Persistent Joints for Future High Precision Penning Trap Experiments, Bachelor Thesis by Maylin Schiffelholz Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover



- New: I am implementing a new cryogenic hall probe for these tests
  - This should reduce problems with overheating the system

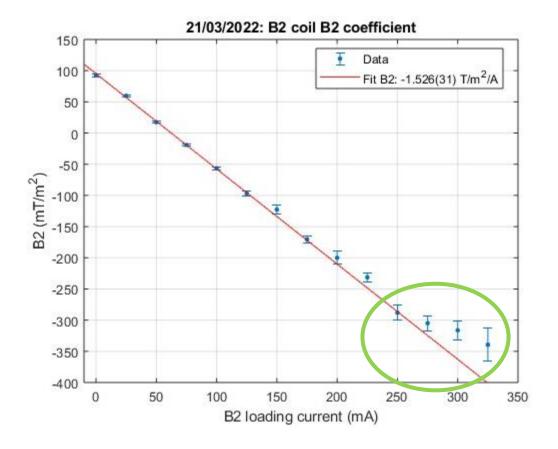




- Joints stop operating persistently at loading currents near 250 mA
- If we can do Better than this, a better joint has been made!

	2021 residual	2024 *tunning
B1 (linear)	0.0270(7) T/m	0.011 T/m
B2 (quadratic)	0.1298(8) <i>T/m</i> <sup>2</sup>	0 (0.0003) T/m <sup>2</sup>

 Problem: To make B1 = 0. We need to load several amps (which we can't sustain with our persistent joint)



### New BASE Joint Concept



When not in vacuum, NbTi oxidizes

Formation of Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> layer affects superconductivity

$$0^{2-}$$
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- Solution: Remove this layer with acid and store NbTi wire in vacuum chamber before we implement no loses in superconductivity
  - This is done for RF cavities in CERN accelerators
- This has not been done with single NbTi wires

Patel, D., Kim, SH., Qiu, W. et al. Niobium-titanium (Nb-Ti) superconducting joints for persistent-mode operation. *Sci Rep* **9**, 14287 (2019 https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-50549-7

Critical currents of >200A in joints using copper matrix setup

### Conclusion/Outlook



- BASE makes world leading measurements of protons/anti-protons
- The primary systematics they must account for are magnetic field inhomogeneities

This is done with a Shim coil system, where good SC joints are a must!

- Joint development and testing will continue for the rest of the summer
  - Currently commissioning old joints and preparing NbTi samples for acid treatment

BASE and BASE-STEP Students :D

Thanks to my supervisor Barbara Maria-Latacz for picking me to be apart of BASE for the summer

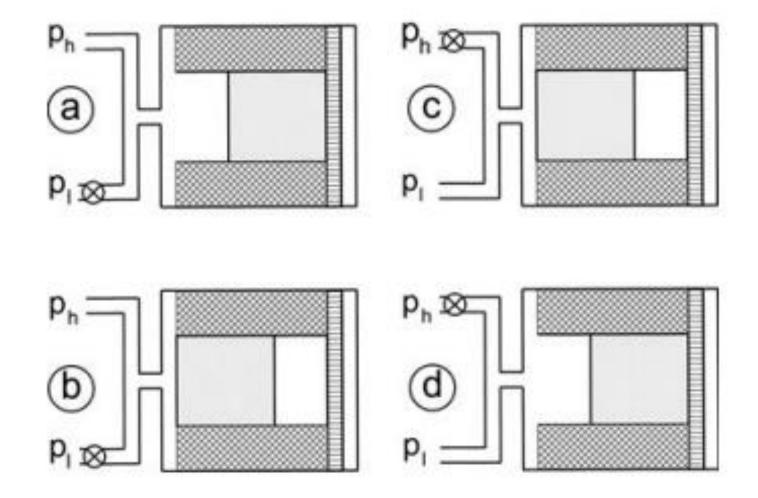




## Backups

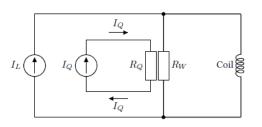


• https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/s10909-011-0373-x.pdf

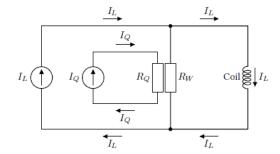


### Coil Loading Sequence

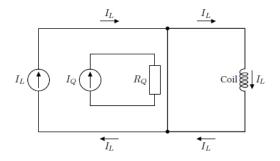




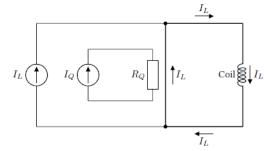
(a) The quench current  $I_Q$  dissipates power in the quench heater  $R_Q$  and warms up part of the superconducting wire above its critical temperature. This creates a small resistance  $R_W$  in the superconducting coil.



(b) Applying a loading current to the coil initially creates an induced current of same magnitude in the opposite direction, however, this current decays over  $R_W$  with a time constant  $\tau = \frac{L}{R}$  and after a short time the full loading current flows through the coil.



(c) After removing the quench current and making the coil persistent, flux conservation keeps the current flowing through the field-creating part of the coil.

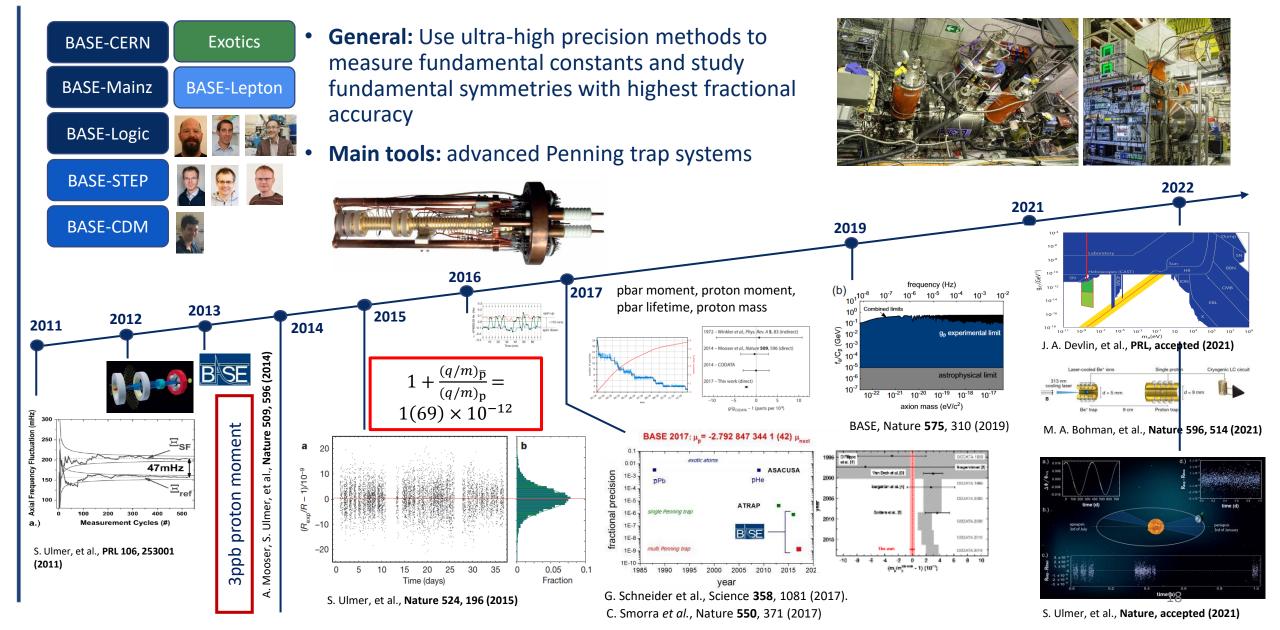


(d) After the external loading current is removed, the current flowing in the coil is conserved and the system can be decoupled from the outside to reduce noise.

Figure 1.9: Coil loading scheme: (a) Apply quench current. (b) Apply loading current. (c) Remove quench current. (d) Remove loading current.

### Scientific Activities and Highlights - Overview

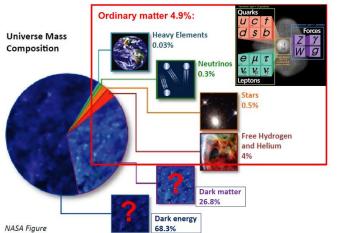




### Matter / Antimatter Asymmetry



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Combining the  $\Lambda$ -CDM model and the SM, our predictions of the baryon to photon ratio are inconsistent by about 9 orders of magnitude

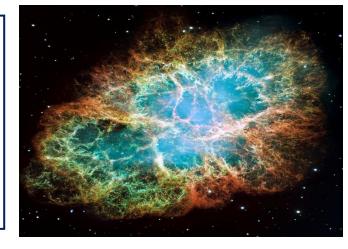
Naive Expectation	
Baryon/Photon Ratio	10-18
Baryon/Antibaryon Ratio	1

Observation	
Baryon/Photon Ratio	0.6 * 10-9
Baryon/Antibaryon Ratio	10 000

#### **Sakharov conditions**

- 1.) B-violation (plausible)
- 2.) CP-violation (observed / too small)
- 3.) Arrow of time (less motivated)

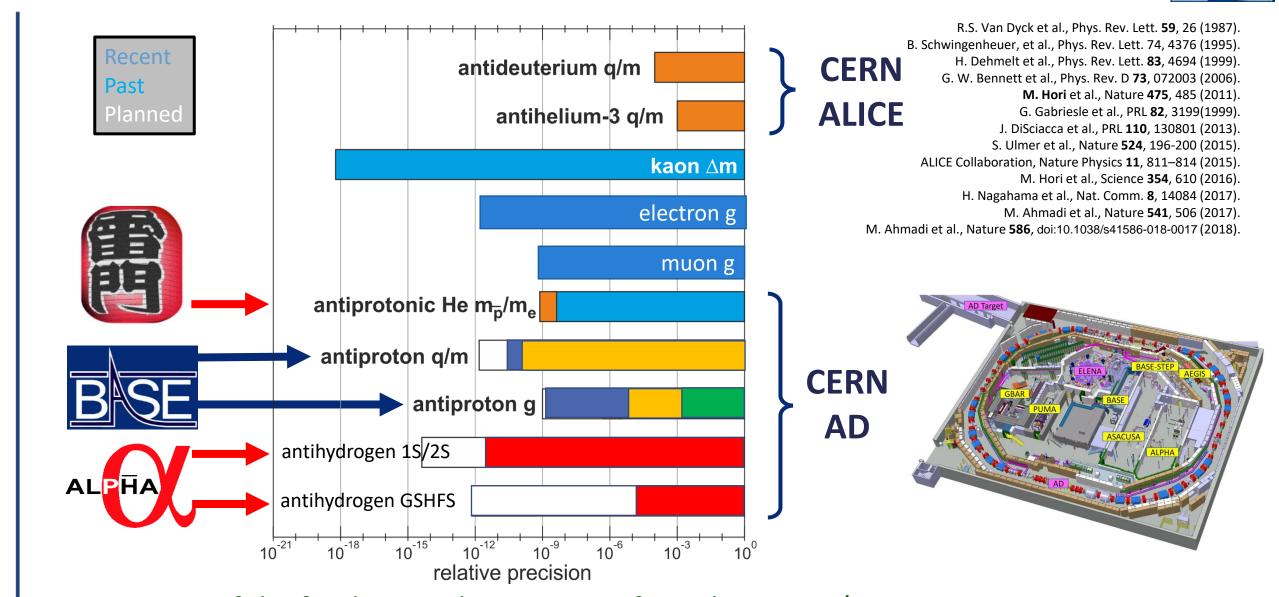
Alternative Source: CPT violation – adjusts matter/antimatter asymmetry by natural inversion given the effective chemical potential.



**Experimental signatures sensitive to CPT violation can be derived from** precise comparisons of the fundamental properties of simple matter / antimatter conjugate systems

### CPT tests based on particle/antiparticle comparisons

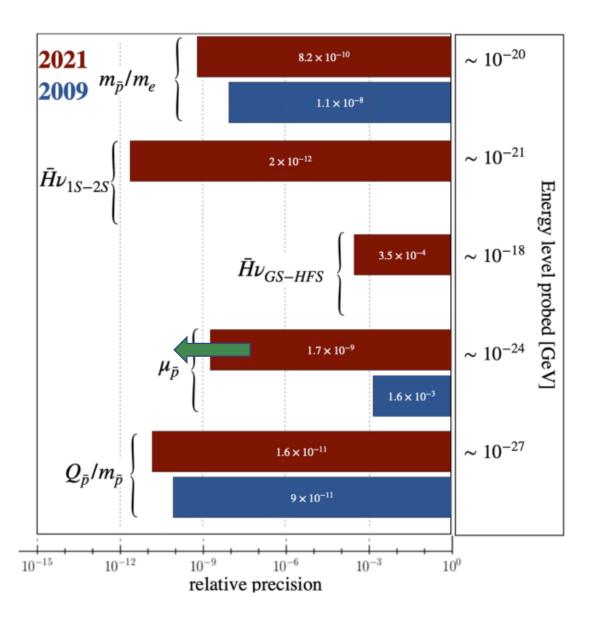




comparisons of the fundamental properties of simple matter / antimatter conjugate systems

### 10 years of Community Progress









current goal



#### recent study

M. Borchert, et al., Nature 601, 53 (2022)

Coming soon: studies of the ballistsic properties of antihydrogen by ALPHA-g, GBAR, AEgIS.

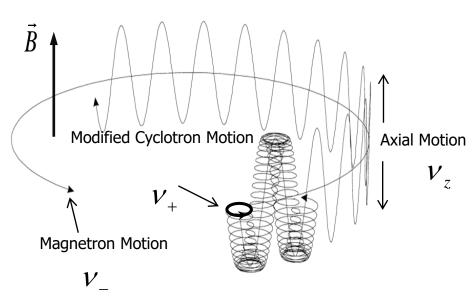
### Main Tool: Penning Trap

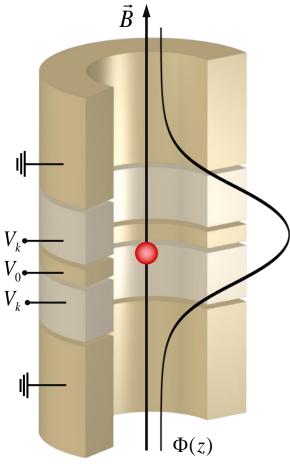
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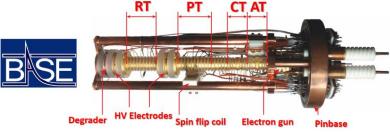




## Axial $\nu_z = 680\,\mathrm{kHz}$ Magnetron $\nu_- = 8\,\mathrm{kHz}$ Modified Cyclotron $\nu_+ = 28,9\,\mathrm{MHz}$

#### BASE – Multi-Trap-System





**Reservoir Trap**: Stores a cloud of antiprotons, suspends single antiprotons for measurements. Trap is "power failure save".

Precision Trap: Homogeneous field for frequency measurements,  $B_2 < 0.5 \mu T / mm^2$  (10 x improved)

Cooling Trap: Fast cooling of the cyclotron motion,  $1/\gamma < 4$  s (10 x improved)

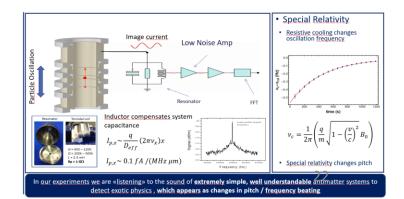
Analysis Trap: Inhomogeneous field for the detection of antiproton spin flips, B<sub>2</sub> = 300 mT / mm<sup>2</sup>

#### **Invariance Theorem**

$$\nu_c = \sqrt{\nu_+^2 + \nu_z^2 + \nu_z^2}$$

Gives undisturbed access to cyclotron frequencies

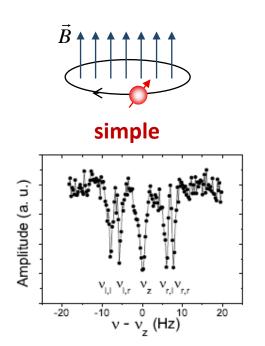
$$v_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{q_{ion}}{m_{ion}} B$$



### Measurements in Precision Penning Traps



#### **Cyclotron Motion**



### g: mag. Moment in units of nuclear magneton

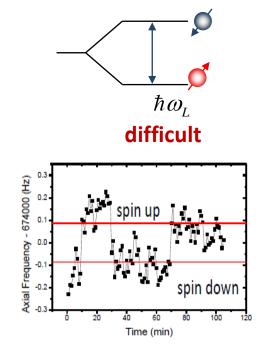
$$\omega_c = \frac{e}{m_p} B$$

$$\omega_L = g \frac{e}{2m_p} B$$

$$\frac{v_{c,\bar{p}}}{v_{c,p}} = \frac{e_{\bar{p}}/m_{\bar{p}}}{e_p/m_p}$$

$$\frac{\nu_L}{\nu_c} = \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_N} = \frac{g_p}{2}$$

#### **Larmor Precession**



A. Mooser, S. Ulmer, et al. PRL 106, 253001 (2011)

S. Ulmer, A. Mooser et al. PRL 107, 103002 (2011)

Determinations of the q/m ratio and g-factor reduce to measurements of frequency ratios -> in principle very simple experiments -> full control, (almost) no theoretical corrections required.

### The Result



Most precise test of CPT invariance in the baryon sector

Campaign	$R_{exp}$		$\sigma(R)_{stat}$	$\sigma(R)_{sys}$
2018-1-SB	1.0010892187	48	$27 * 10^{-12}$	$27 * 10^{-12}$
2018-2-SB	1.0010892187	27	$47 * 10^{-12}$	$49 * 10^{-12}$
2018-3-PK	1.0010892187	48	$19*10^{-12}$	$14 * 10^{-12}$
2018-1-SB	1.0010892187	81	$19*10^{-12}$	$23 * 10^{-12}$
Result			1.001 089 218 757 (16)	
SME Limits	10 <sup>-12</sup>	$10^{-9}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-3}$
$\begin{split} & \delta \omega_{\text{c}}^{\overline{p}} - R_{\overline{p},p,\text{exp}} \delta \omega_{\text{c}}^{p} - 2R_{\overline{p},p,\text{exp}} \delta \omega_{\text{c}}^{e^{-}}  < 1.96 \times \\ &  C\text{oefficient}   & P\text{revious Limit}   & I\text{mproved Limit} \\ &  \tilde{c}_{e}^{XX}   &  < 3.23 \cdot 10^{-14}  < 7.79 \cdot 10^{-15}\\ &  \tilde{c}_{e}^{YY}   &  < 3.23 \cdot 10^{-14}  < 7.79 \cdot 10^{-15}\\ &  \tilde{c}_{e}^{ZZ}   &  < 2.14 \cdot 10^{-14}  < 4.96 \cdot 10^{-15}\\ &  \tilde{c}_{p}^{XX} ,  \tilde{c}_{p}^{*XX}   &  < 1.19 \cdot 10^{-10}  < 2.86 \cdot 10^{-11}\\ &  \tilde{c}_{p}^{XZ} ,  \tilde{c}_{p}^{*YY}   &  < 1.19 \cdot 10^{-10}  < 2.86 \cdot 10^{-11}\\ &  \tilde{c}_{p}^{ZZ} ,  \tilde{c}_{p}^{*ZZ}   &  < 7.85 \cdot 10^{-11}  < 1.82 \cdot 10^{-11}\\ \end{split}$	it Factor  5			

**Result consistent with CPT invariance** 

 $R_{\overline{p},p} = -1.000\ 000\ 000\ 003\ (_216)$ 

Ding et al., Phys. Rev. D 102, 056009 (2020)

### Larmor Frequency – extremely hard

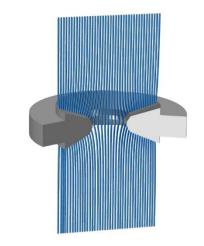
Measurement based on continuous Stern Gerlach effect.

Energy of magnetic dipole in magnetic field

$$\Phi_M = -(\overrightarrow{\mu_p} \cdot \overrightarrow{B})$$

Leading order magnetic field correction

$$B_z = B_0 + B_2 (z^2 - \frac{\rho^2}{2})$$



This term adds a spin dependent quadratic axial potential

-> Axial frequency becomes a function of the spin state

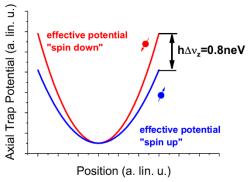
$$\Delta v_z \sim \frac{\mu_p B_2}{m_p v_z} := \alpha_p \frac{B_2}{v_z}$$

the curse (and blessing): 1000 times harder than electron experiments

- Very difficult for the proton/antiproton system.

$$B_2 \sim 300000 T/m^2$$

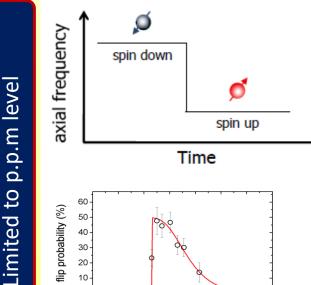
- Most extreme magnetic conditions ever applied to single particle.  $\Delta v_z \sim 170 \ mHz$ 

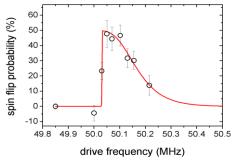


Single Penning trap method is limited to the p.p.m. level

#### Frequency Measurement

Spin is detected and analyzed via an axial frequency measurement

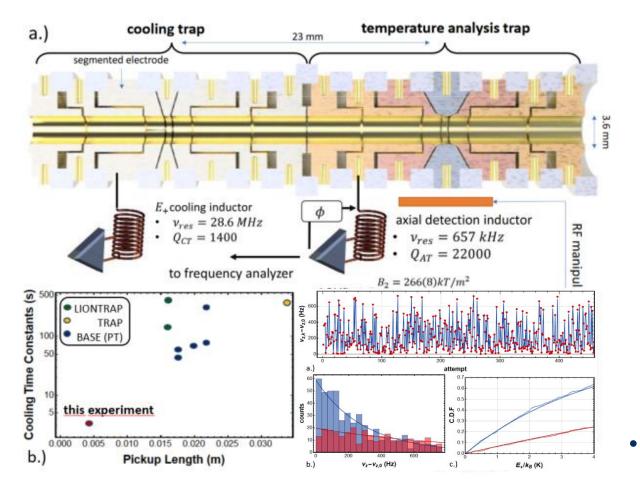


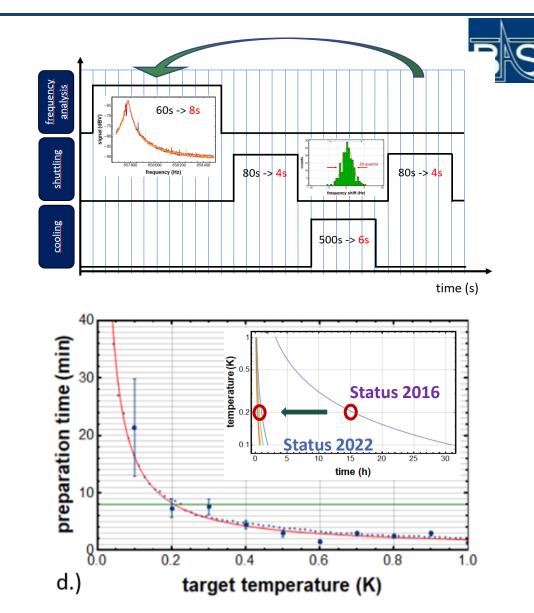


S. Ulmer, A. Mooser et al. PRL 106, 253001 (2011)

### Sub-Thermal Cooling

• Prepare particle with low radial temperature based on a 4K resisitive cooling circuit.





Demonstrated single spin flip resolution in 8 min. of preparation time, took 15h in 2016.

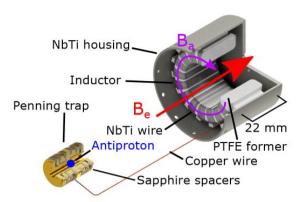
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### Constraining Axion/Photon Coupling

J. Devlin et al., (BASE collaboration), Physical Review Letters. **126**, 041301 (2021).

Axions at the right Compton frequency would source a radio-frequency signal that could

be picked up by our single particle detection systems



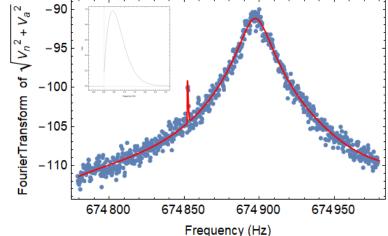
 Important feature: cold axions and axion like particles oscillate at their Compton frequencies

$$v_a = m_a c_0^2 / h$$

In a strong external magnetic field **axions can convert into photons** via the inverse Primakoff effect.

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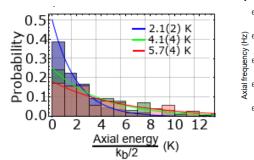
$$\boldsymbol{B}_{a} = -\frac{1}{2}g_{a\gamma}r\sqrt{\rho_{a}c_{0}\hbar}B_{e}\boldsymbol{e}_{\phi}$$

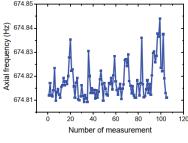


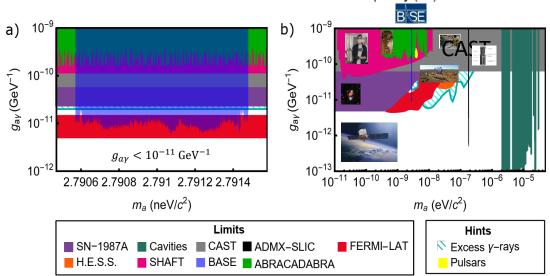
• Axion signal: 
$$V_a = \frac{\pi}{2} g_{a\gamma} v_a \sqrt{\rho_a \hbar c_0} * Q \sqrt{\tau(v,Q,p)} \kappa N_T (r_2^2 - r_1^2) B_e$$

• Noise-Floor: 
$$V_n = \sqrt{e_n^2 \Delta \nu + 4k_B T_z R_p \tau(\nu, Q, p) \kappa^2 \Delta \nu}$$

The most important parameter to derive **appropriate limits** is the resonator temperature  $T_{\rm z}$ 





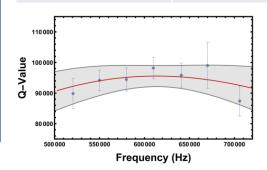


### **Future Projection**

 With a purpose-built experiment we should be able to improve sensitivity considerably

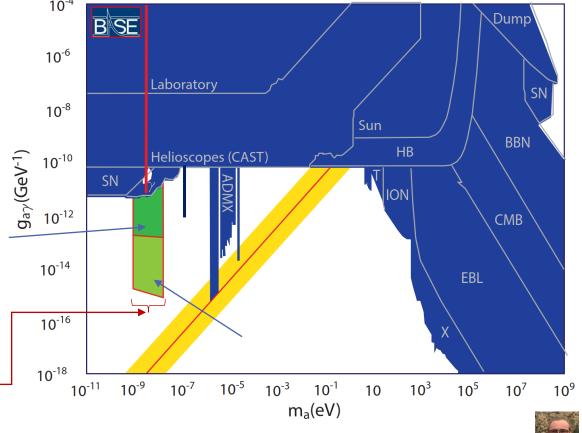
$$\frac{V_a}{V_n} \propto \frac{\pi}{2} g_{a\gamma} \sqrt{v_a \rho_a \hbar c_0} * \sqrt{\frac{f(Q)}{4k_B g(T_z)}} \sqrt{(r_2 - r_1)} (r_2 + r_1)^{3/2} B_e$$

Parameter	Current	New	Factor
		0.0817 0.417	
Temperature	5. 5 <i>K</i>	0.05K - 0.1K	> 3
$oldsymbol{Q}$	40 k	160 k	> 1.4
$e_n$	$1  nV / \sqrt{Hz}$	$0.1  nV/\sqrt{Hz}$	> 3
$\boldsymbol{B}_0$	1.8 <i>T</i>	7.0 <i>T</i>	3.9
Geometry	1	16	16
Peak Sens.	1		> 260



Bandwidth-gain: x 3000





Technologies available to build such an experiment / discussion with IAXO started

### Summary of SME Limits by BASE



#### Magnetic Moment Measurements

Coefficient	Limit
$\left   ilde{b}_{p}^{z}  ight $	$< 1.8 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ GeV}$
$\left \tilde{b}_{p}^{XX}\right.+\tilde{b}_{p}^{YY}\left.\right $	$< 1.1 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$\left   ilde{b}_{p}^{ZZ}  ight $	$< 7.8 \cdot 10^{-9}  \text{GeV}^{-1}$
$ \widetilde{b}_p^{*z} $	$< 3.5 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ GeV}$
$\left \tilde{b}_{p}^{*XX}\right.+\left.\tilde{b}_{p}^{*YY}\right.\right $	$< 7.4 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$  ilde{b}_p^{*ZZ} $	$< 2.7 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

Coefficient	Limit
$\widetilde{b}_p^{*X}$	$< 9.7 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ GeV}$
$\widetilde{b}_p^{*Y}$	$< 9.7 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ GeV}$
$\left  ilde{b}_{p}^{*XX} ight ilde{b}_{p}^{*YY}\left. ight $	$< 5.4 \cdot 10^{-9}  \text{GeV}^{-1}$
$\widetilde{b}_p^{*XZ}$	$< 3.7 \cdot 10^{-9}  \text{GeV}^{-1}$
$\widetilde{b}_p^{*YZ}$	$< 3.7 \cdot 10^{-9}  \text{GeV}^{-1}$
$\widetilde{b}_p^{*XY}$	$< 2.7 \cdot 10^{-9}  \text{GeV}^{-1}$

• 2022 Charge-to-Mass Ratio Measurement

Coefficient	Previous Limit	Improved Limit	Factor
$ \tilde{c}_e^{XX} $	$< 3.23 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$<7.79\cdot10^{-15}$	4.14
$        ilde{c}_e^{YY}  $	$< 3.23 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$< 7.79 \cdot 10^{-15}$	4.14
$      ilde{c}_e^{ZZ}  $	$< 2.14 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$< 4.96 \cdot 10^{-15}$	4.31
$  \tilde{c}_p^{XX} ,  \tilde{c}_p^{*XX}  $	$< 1.19 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$< 2.86 \cdot 10^{-11}$	4.14
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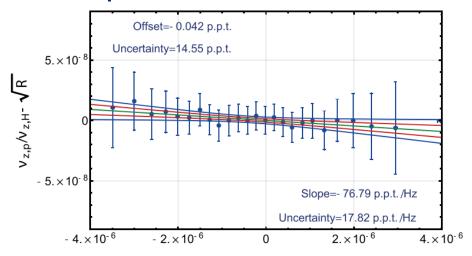
Time-base Charge-to-Mass analysis ongoing

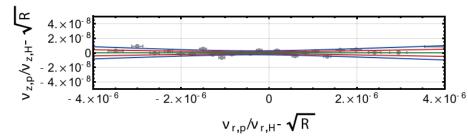
Work in progress, to be finished within the next 3 months.

### Dominant Systematic Limitations



#### Lineshape Shift



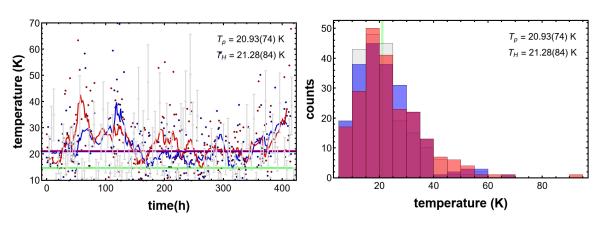


 Scaling of particle frequency with respect to frequency center of the detection resonator leads to frequency dependent shift of the measured frequency ratio.

**Strong suppression in PEAK measurements** 

#### Temperature Shifts

$$\begin{split} \frac{\Delta v_c}{v_c} &= \frac{v_+}{v_c^2} \Delta v +_+ \frac{v_z}{v_c^2} \Delta v_z \approx \frac{1}{4\pi^2 m_0 v_z^2} \frac{B_2}{B_0} k_B T_z = -23.5(1.5) \frac{\text{p.p.t.}}{\text{K}}, \\ E(t) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{qE_0}{m} * t + \rho_{0,th}\right)^2 \\ &= E_{exc} + 2\sqrt{E_{th}} \sqrt{E_{exc}} \\ &+ E_{th} \end{split}$$



Continuously measured in PEAK measurements

### Electron/Positron Magnetic Moment



#### Prototype Fundamental Physics Experiment: A stable lepton in an empty, conducting box

• Status G. Gabrielse, D. Hanneke, B. Odom, B. D'Urso, et al.

$$\frac{g_e}{2}$$
 = 1.001 159 652 180 73 (28) (0.28 p.p.t)

$$n = 2$$

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$$v_{c} - 3\delta/2 = v_{c} - 3\delta/2$$

$$n = 1$$

$$v_{c} - 3\delta/2 = v_{c} - 3\delta/2$$

$$v_{a} = gv_{c} / 2 - v_{c}$$

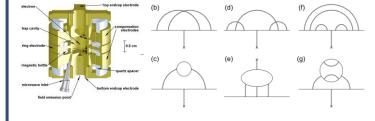
$$v_{b} = 0$$

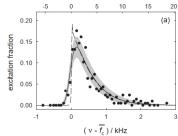
$$v_{c} - \delta/2$$

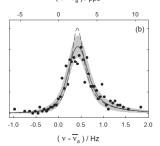
$$v_{b} = v_{c} / 2 - v_{c}$$

$$v_{c} = 0$$

$$\frac{g_e}{2} = 1 + C_2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) + C_4 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 + C_6 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^3 + C_8 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^4 + \dots + \alpha_{\mu,\tau} + \alpha_{had} + \alpha_{weak}$$







### Experiment is dominantly limited by magnetic bottle strength $\boldsymbol{B_2}$

- Smoothing of cyclotron edge
- Width of transition line

Most precise test of QED

h/m <sub>Rb</sub> , LKB-11	-
g-2, HarvU-08	-
This Work	-
-1.9	$^{-1.4}$ $^{-0.9}$ $^{-0.4}$ $^{0.1}$ $^{0.6}$ $(\alpha^{-1}/137.035999139 - 1) \times 10^9$

Electron and Proton

Parameter	$e^-/e^+$	$p/\overline{p}$
$B_2$	$1539  T/m^2$	$278\ 000\ T/m^2$
$\Delta  u_{z}$	3 <i>Hz</i>	0.17 <i>Hz</i>
$ u_z$	200 MHz	0.6 <i>MHz</i>
μ	$\mu_B$	$\mu_N$
m	1/1836 u	1 u

Have the methods at hand to reduce the magnetic bottle strength by a factor of 30

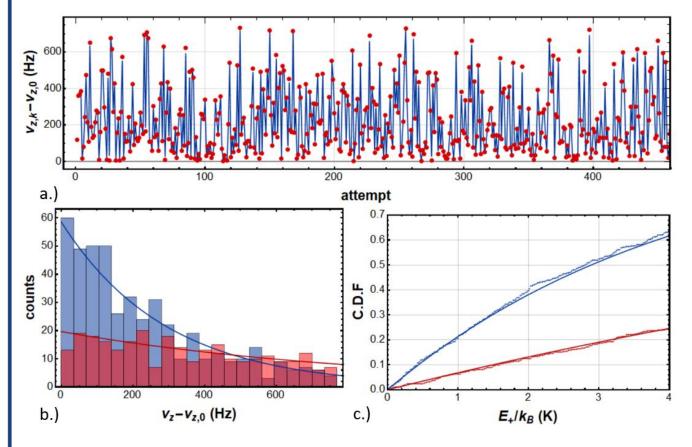
Muon

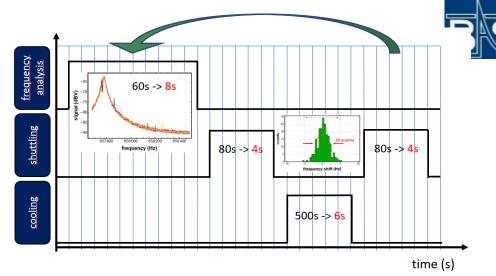
$$\frac{g_{\mu}}{2}$$
 = 1.001 165 920 80 (63) (0.63 p.p.b.)

Potential to probe same physics as  $(g-2)_{\mu}$ 

### Sub-Thermal Cooling

• Prepare particle with low radial temperature based on a 4K resisitive cooling circuit.





- Thermalization is stopped once particle at low radial temperature is found.
- New cooling trap implemented

B.6mm Parameter		2016 measurement (PT)	2022 measurement (CT)
	detector temperature	12.8 K	4.2 K
	detection Q	450	1250
	R <sub>p</sub>	75.000 Ω	360.000 Ω
	pickup length $(D_{eff})$	21.5 mm	4.8 mm
162 ( )	thermalization time $ au$	370 s	4.2 s
SET I LEGIS	Transport time	2 x 78 s	2 x 4.6 s
	Readout time	64 s	16 s

Improves sub-thermal cooling cycles from hours to minutes (factor of 60 improvement)