Antimatter 2

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Overview Lecture 2

Antimatter 'Factory'

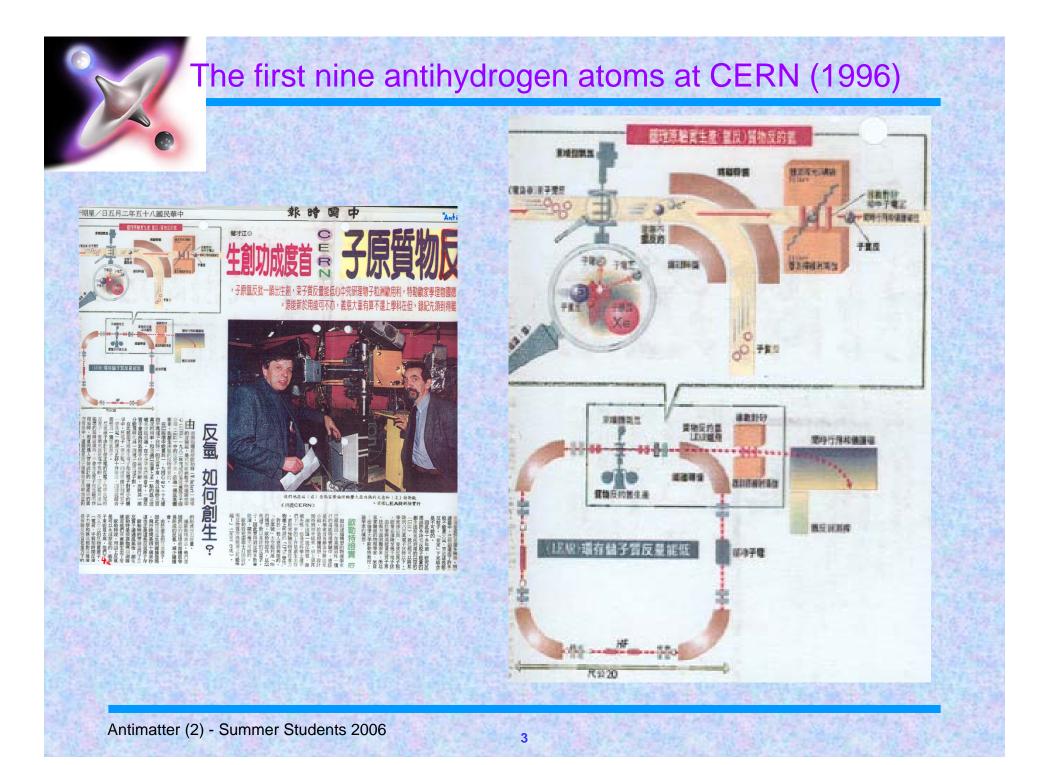
Short history How are antiprotons made?

Antihydrogen

ATHENA and ATRAP Making antihydrogen Future developments

Antimatter technology

PET Antiproton therapy? Rocket propulsion??

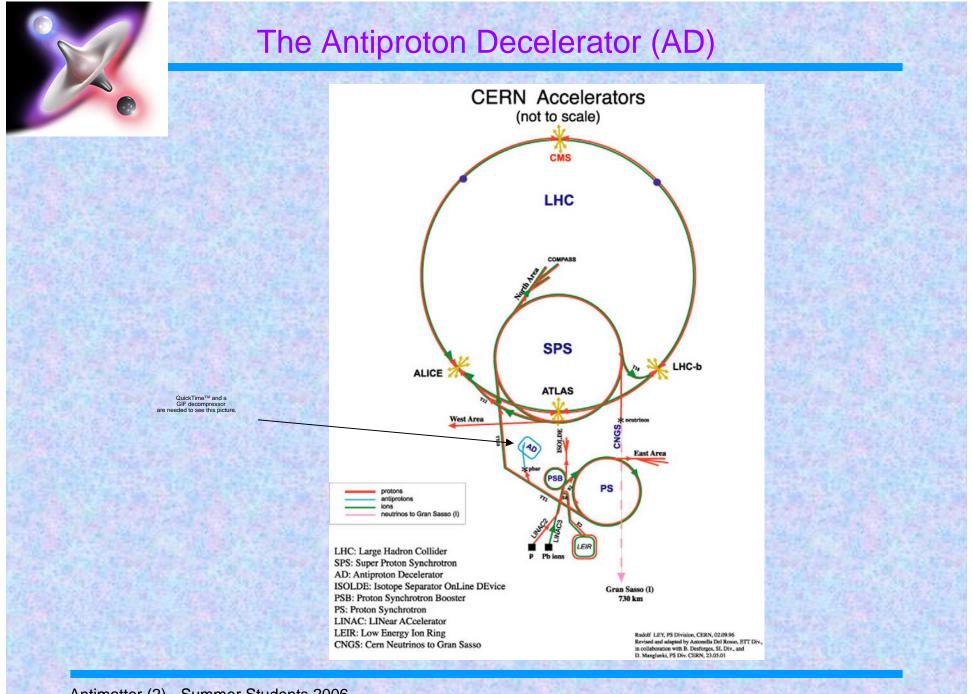




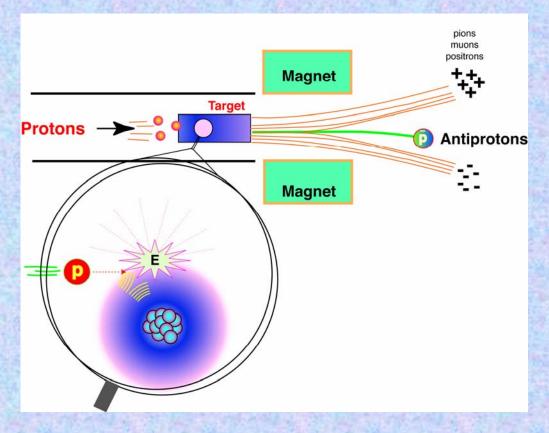


III. ANTIMATTER 'FACTORY'

(also-known-as: "Antiproton Decelerator")



An accelerator 'condenses' energy* in collisions



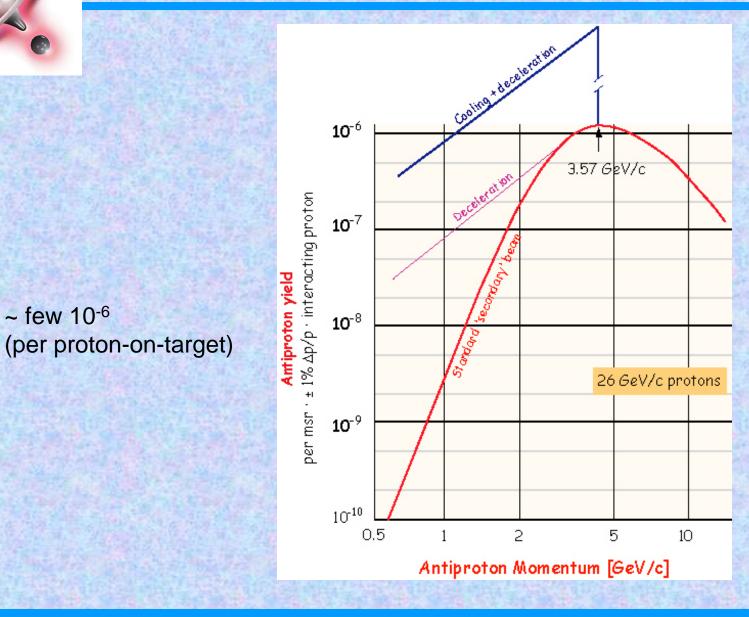
Peak production at CERN ~ 200,000,000,000 antiprotons/year

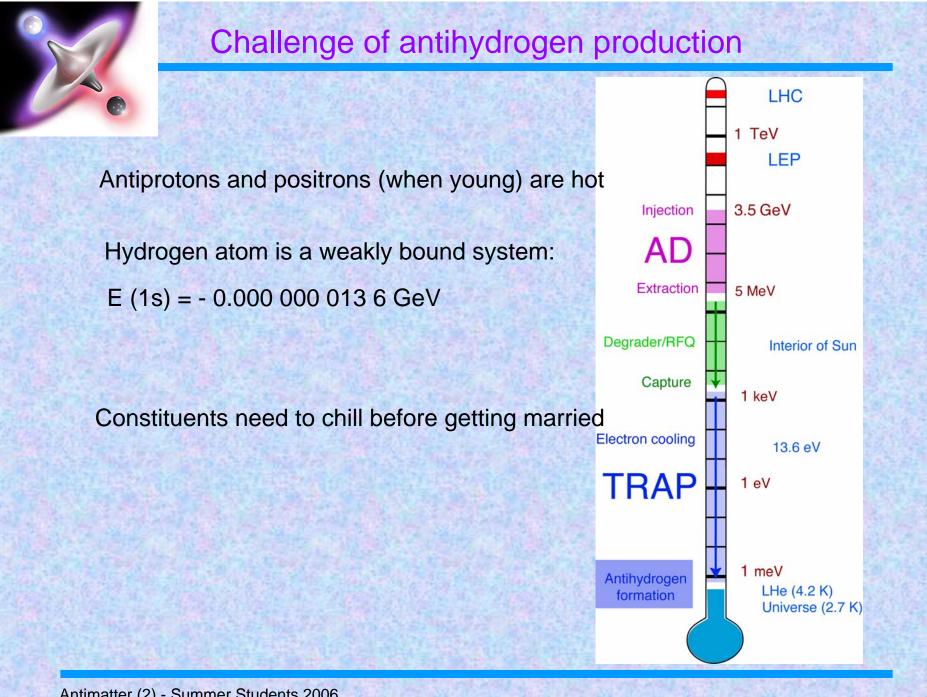
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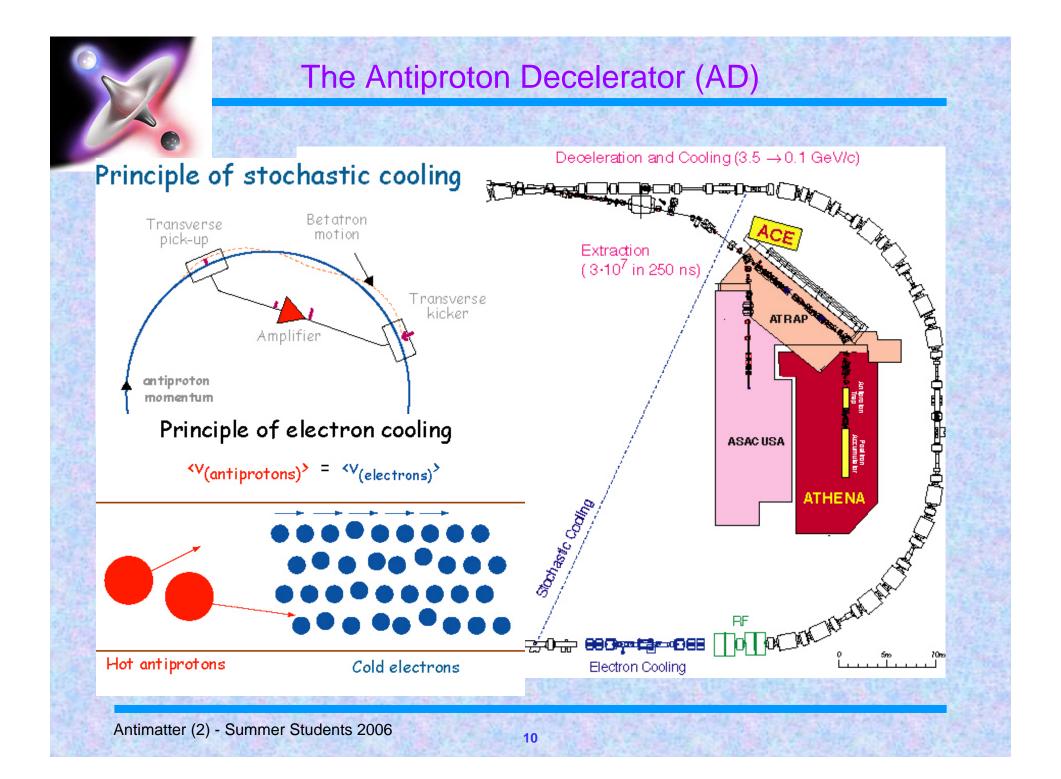
This is only 0.3 nano-gram !!

[* A tiny percentage of the initial kinetic energy]

Efficiency of antiproton production (at 26 GeV/c)

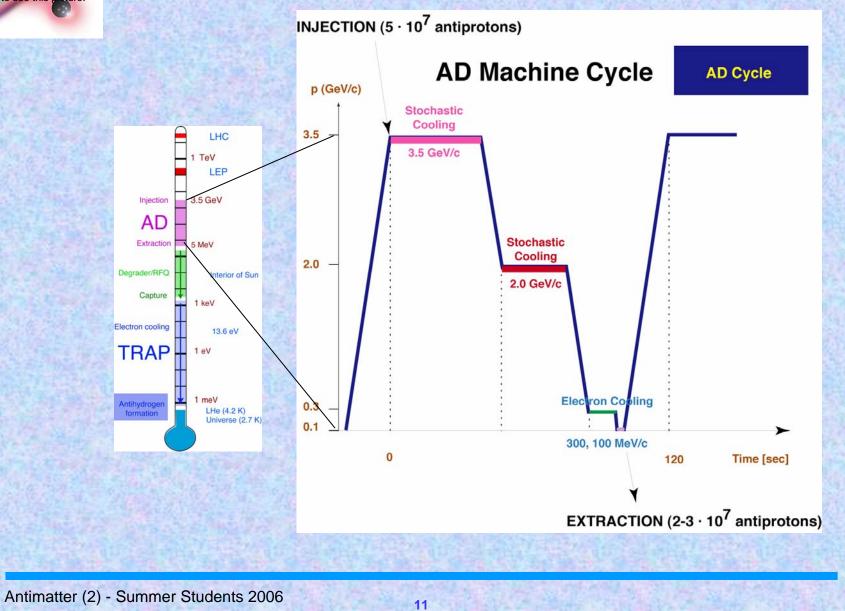








The Antiproton Decelerator (AD)



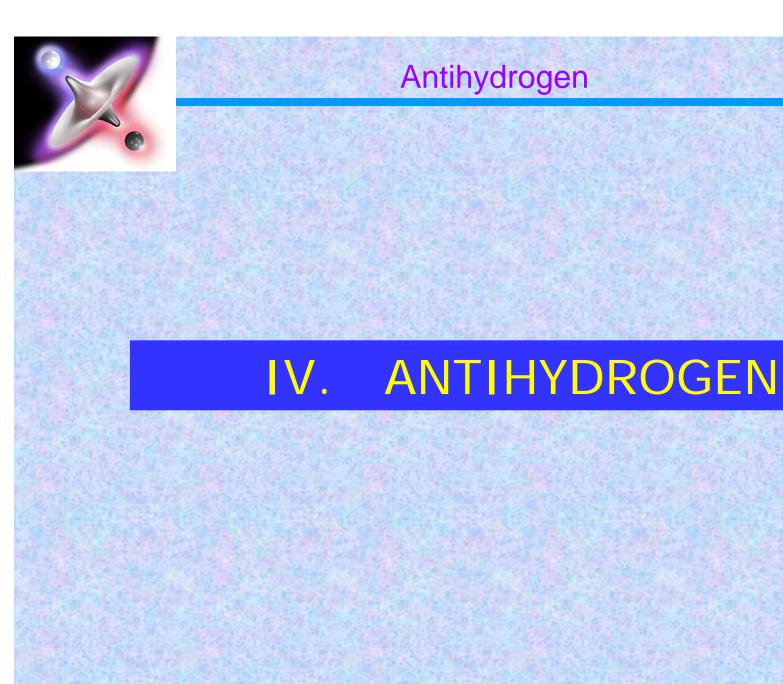






The AD movie

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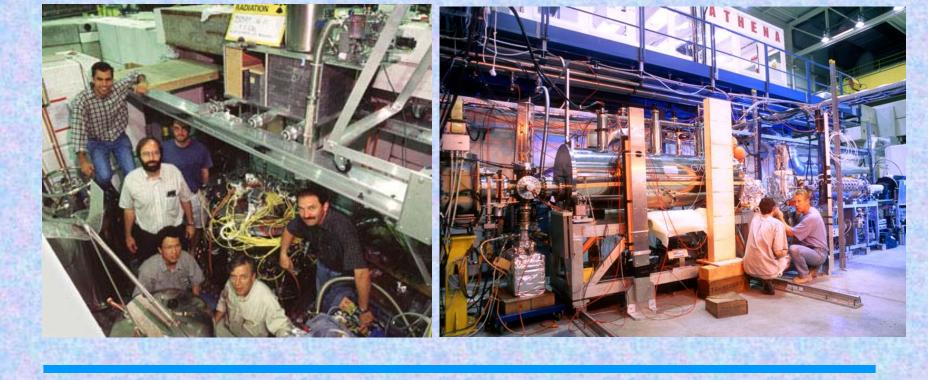
Antihydrogen

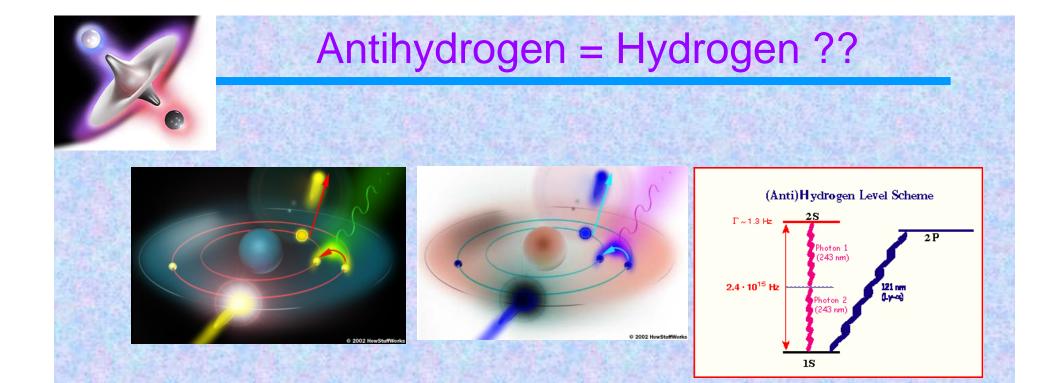
ATHENA and ATRAP - Experiments (Start 2000)

Find a way to make cold antihydrogen (done) Trap and cool antihydrogen Precision measurements

ATRAP

ATHENA



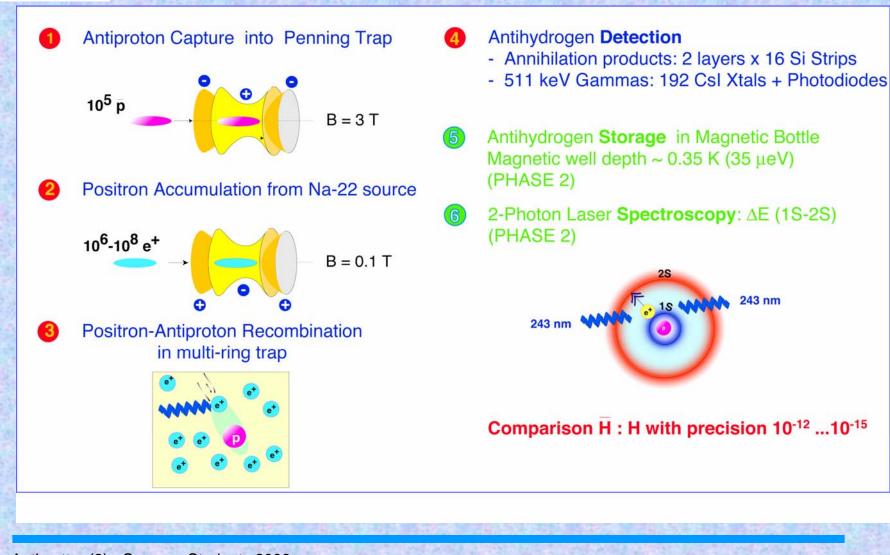


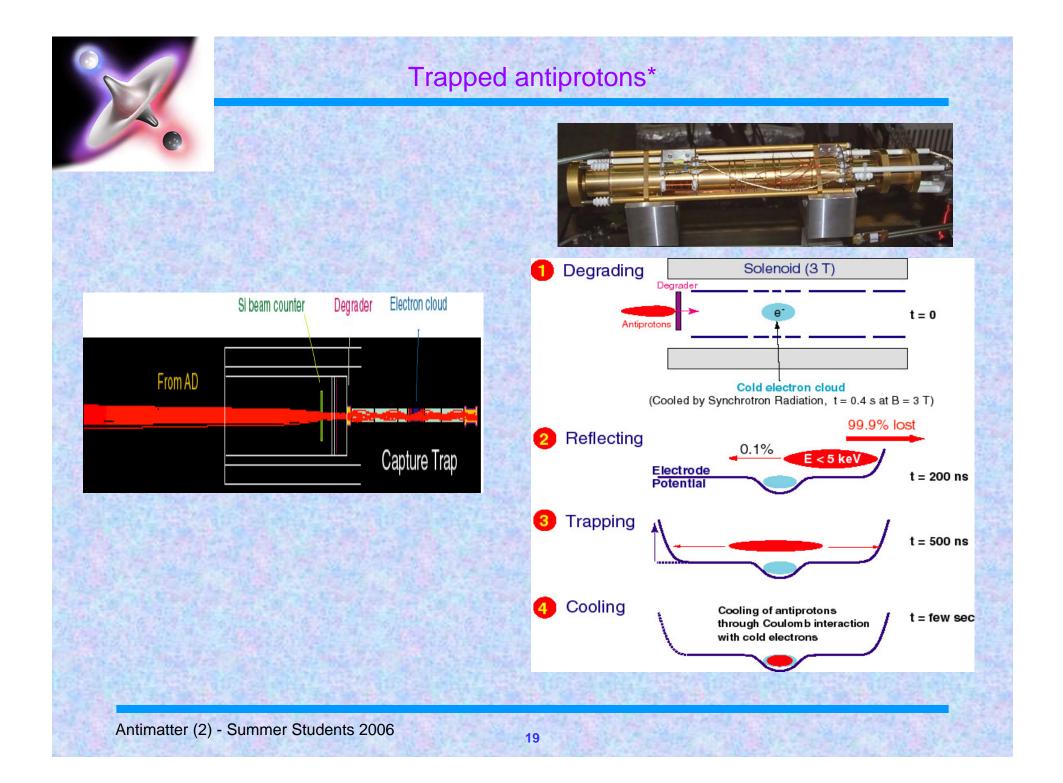
2S level is metastable (T ~ 120 ms)

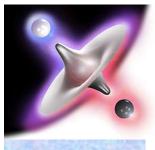
→ Two photon laser-spectroscopy (1S-2S energy difference → very narrow line width = high precision: $\Delta v/v \sim 10^{-15}$ → Long observation time - need trapped (anti)atoms



Antihydrogen milestones

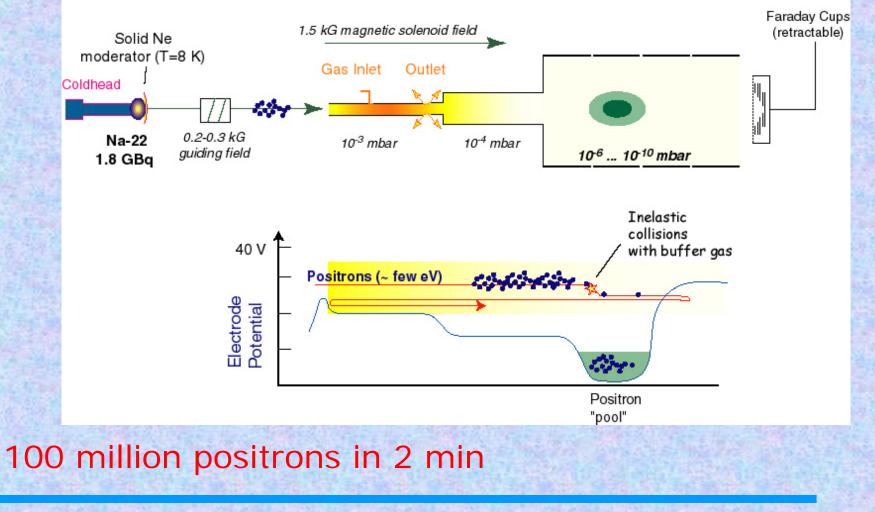


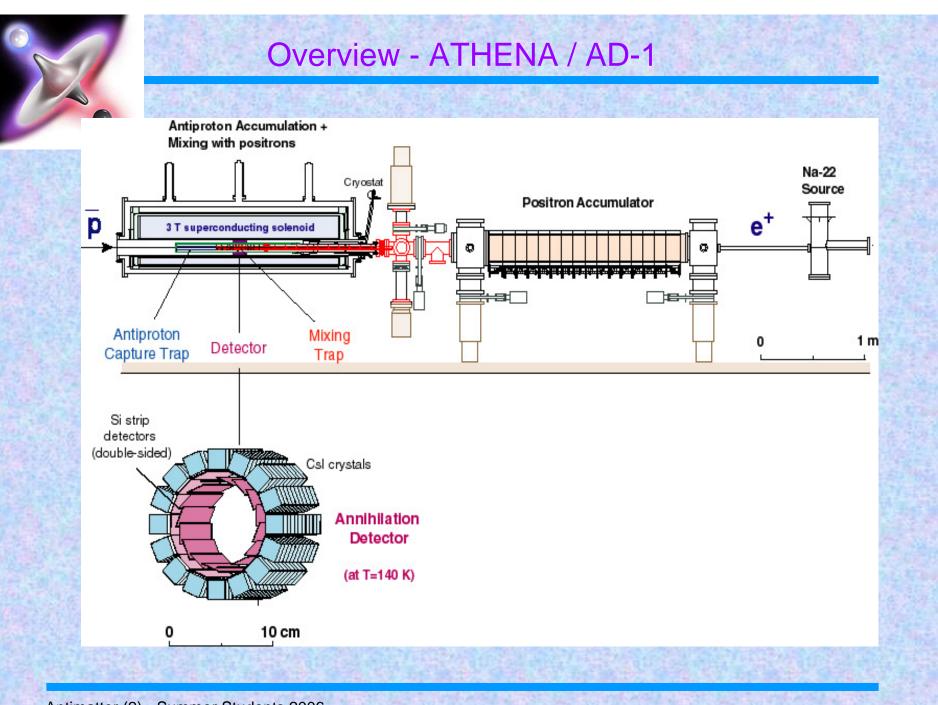


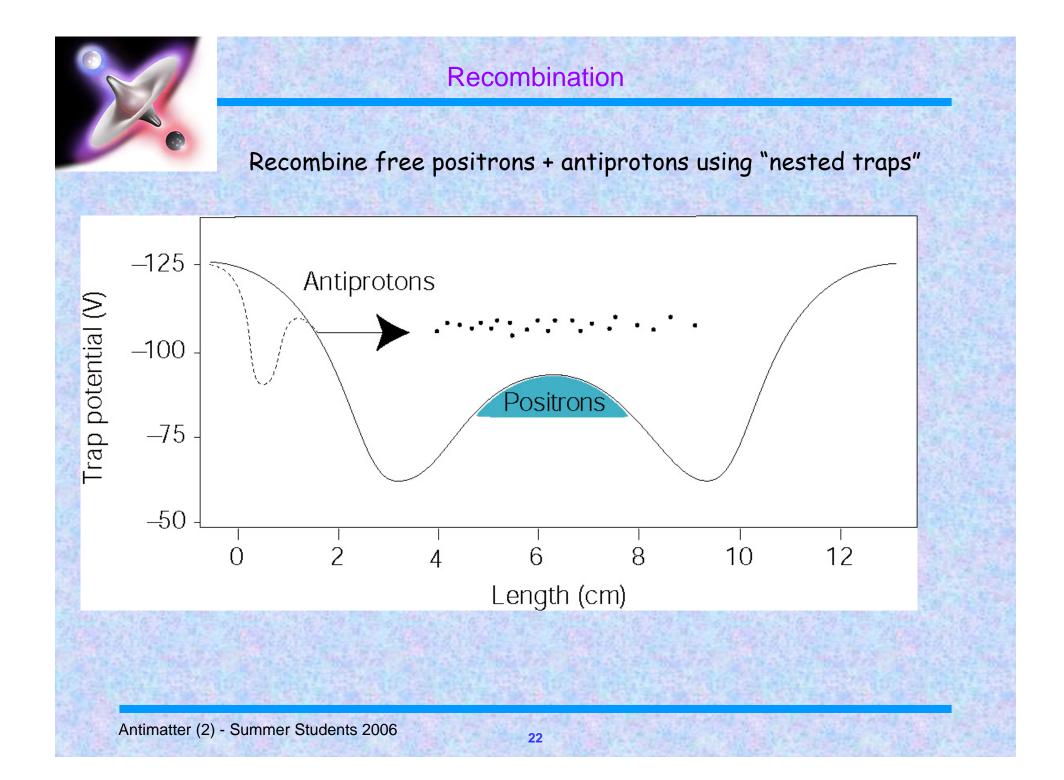


Positron Accumulation (ATHENA)

ATHENA - Positron Accumulation Scheme



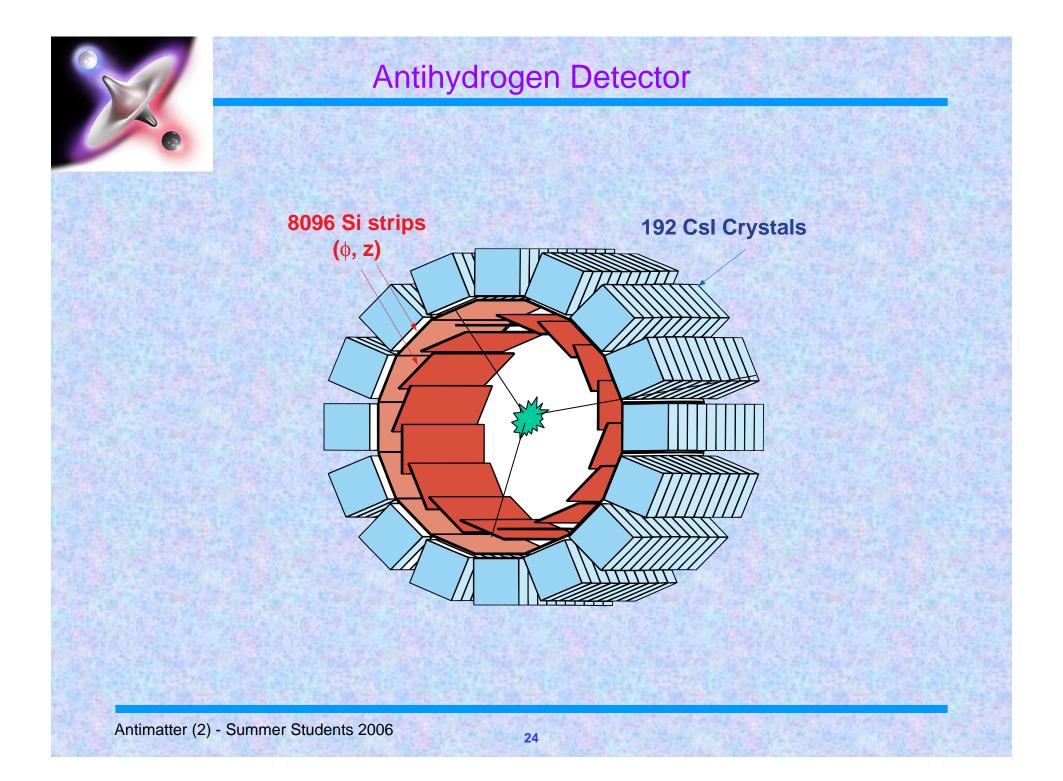


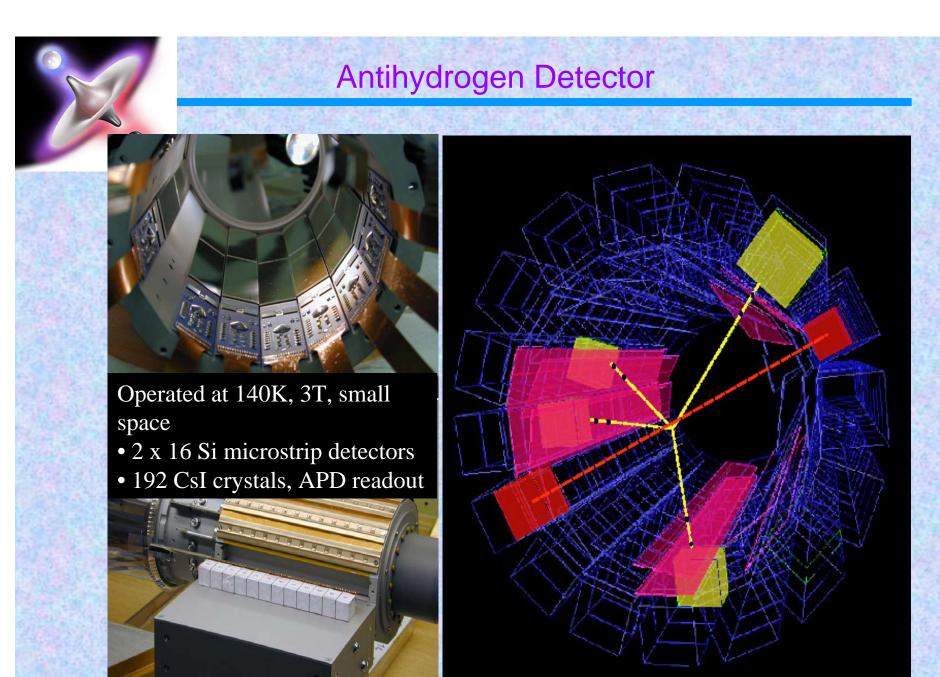


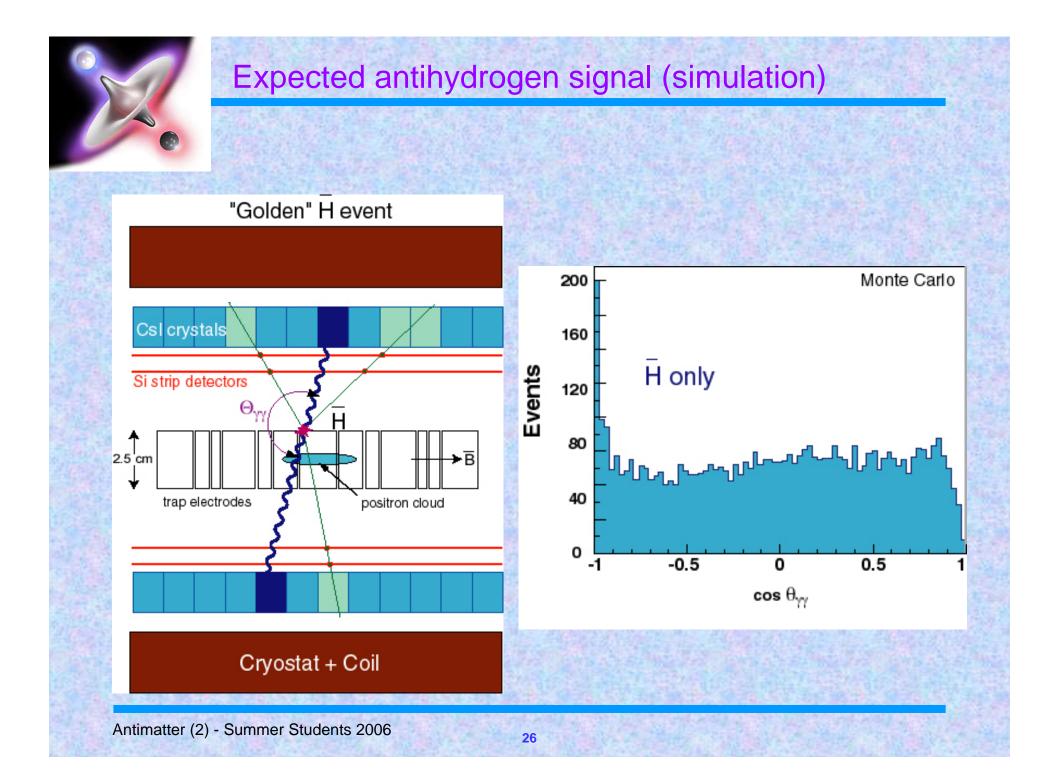


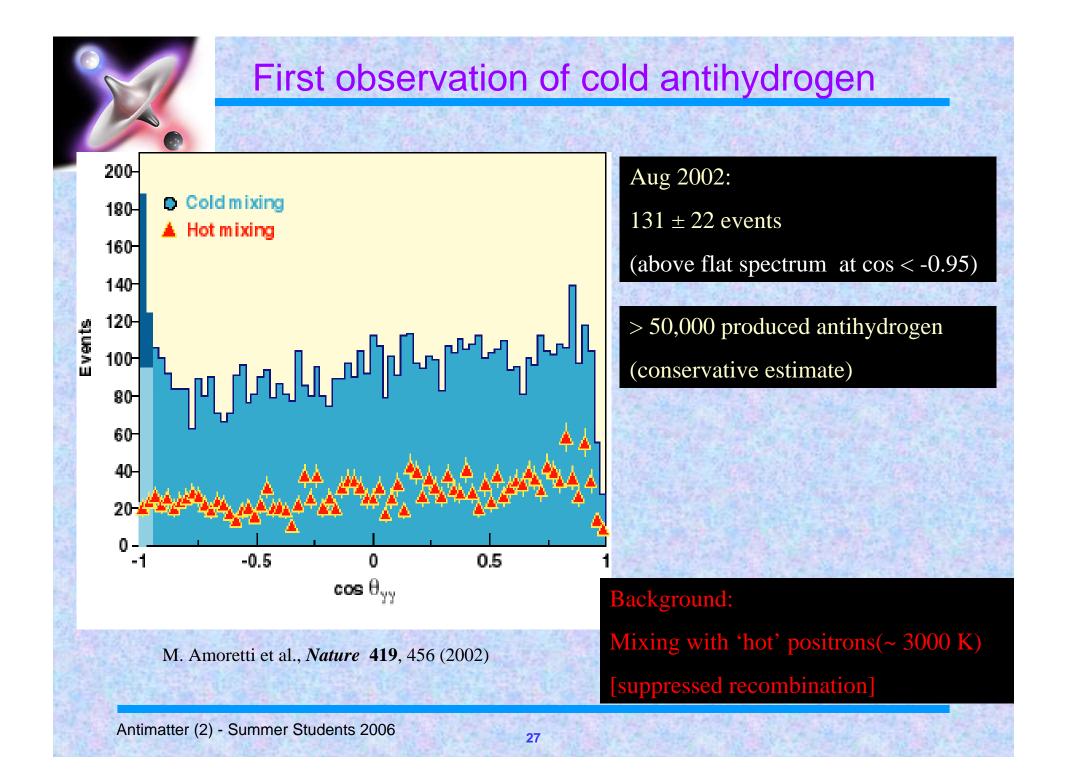
Antihydrogen - The Movie

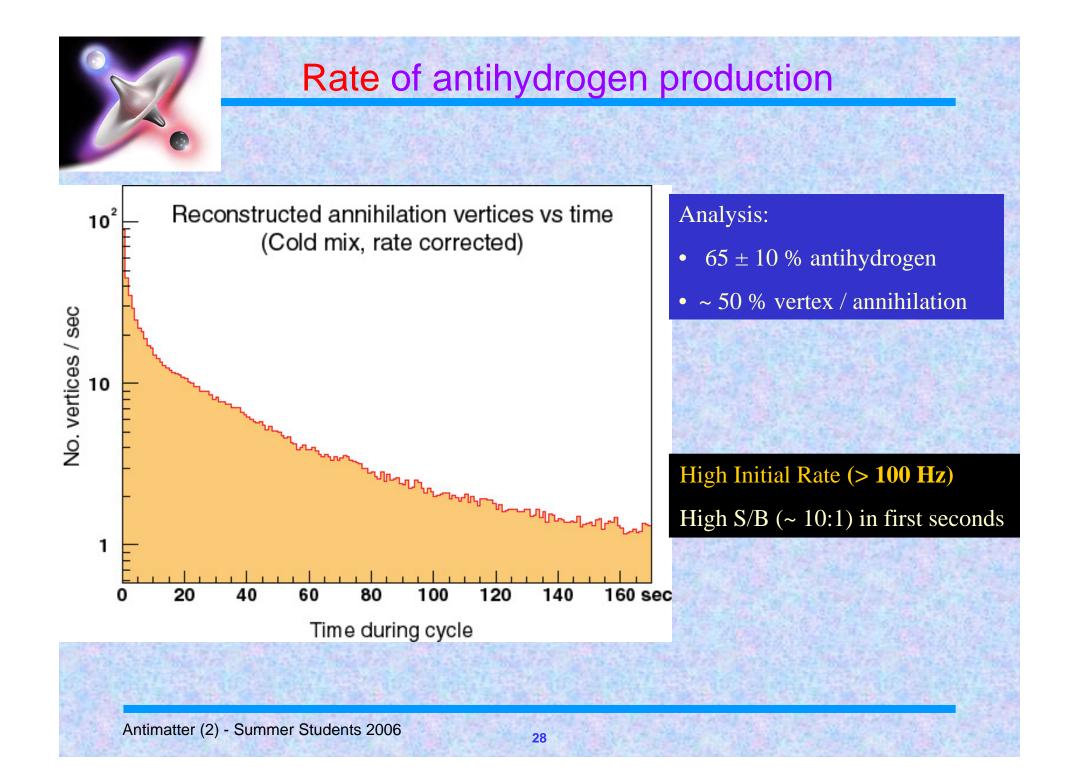
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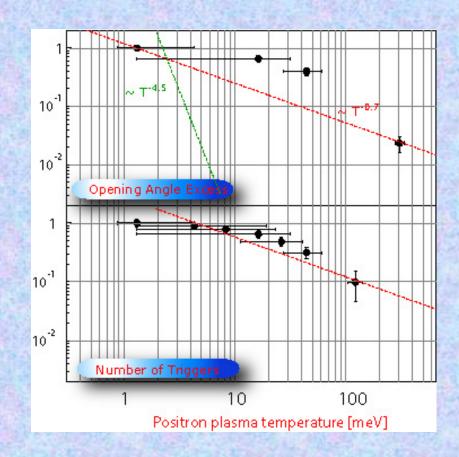






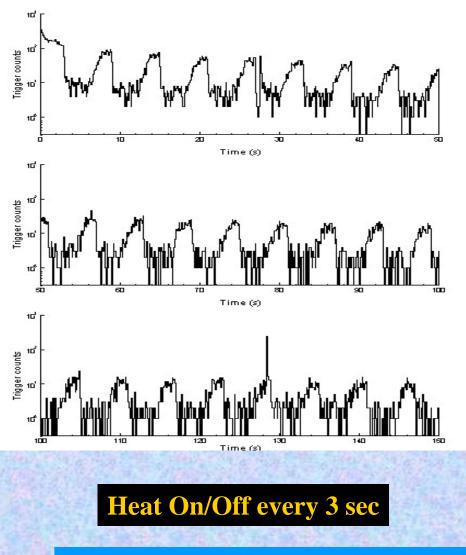


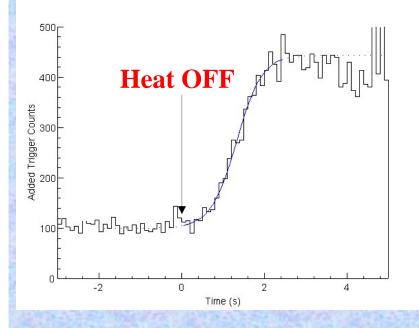
Rate dependence on temperature





Pulsed antihydrogen production





Rise time contains physics:

Positron cooling time ($\tau \sim 0.4$ sec)

Temperature dependence of antihydrogen form





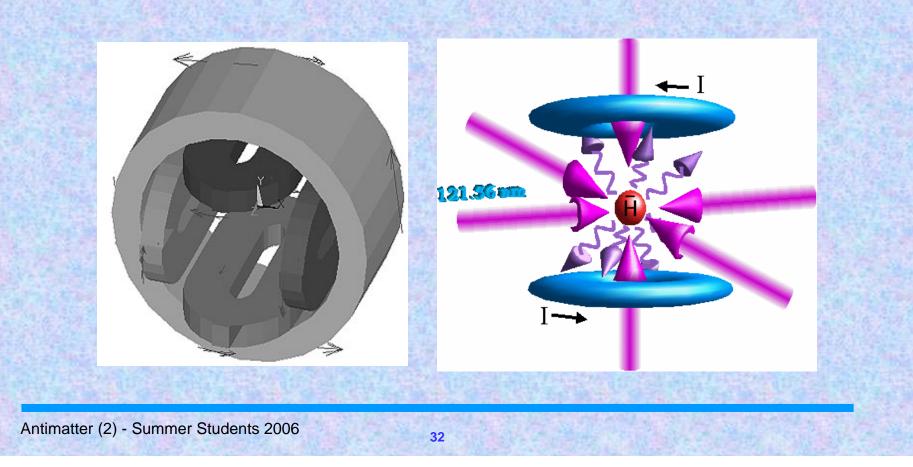
Number of produced antihydrogen atoms Energy

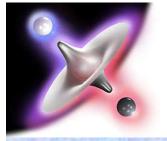
1996:	9 (PS210, CERN)	2 GeV
1998:	60 (Fermilab)	3 GeV
2002:	~ 1,000,000 (ATHENA, ATRAP)	0.001 eV



Antihydrogen trapping and cooling

Antihydrogen trapping by magnetic gradient field Problem: very shallow potential (~ 0.07 meV/Tesla) Antihydrogen laser cooling (121 nm) (2002: 50 nW)





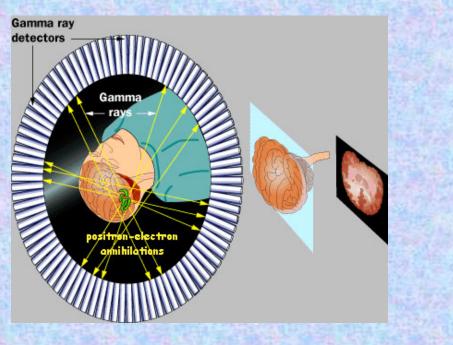
V. APPLICATIONS

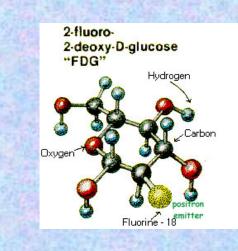


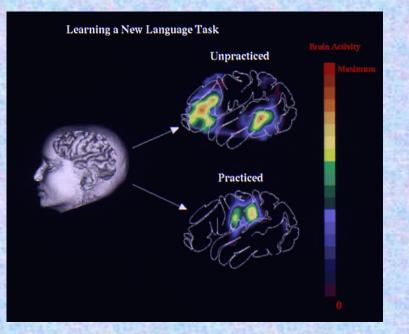
Applications of antimatter - PET

Insert e⁺ emitting isotopes (C-11, N-13, O-15, F-18) into physiologically relevant molecules (O_2 , glucose, enzymes) and inject into patient.

Study positron annihilation with crystal calorimeter (Positron Emission Tomography, PET)





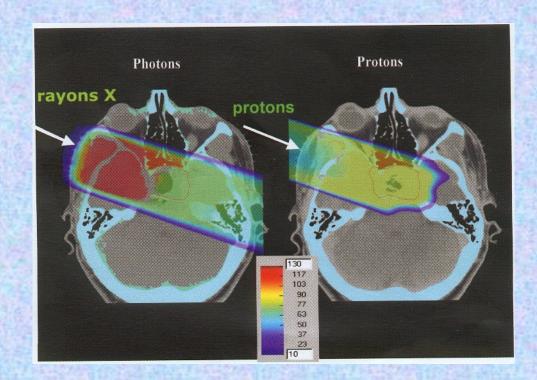




Applications of antimatter - Tumour therapy?

Goal: destroy tumour without (too much) harm to healthy tissue

Gammas: exponential decay (peaks at beginning) Charged particles: Bragg peak (Plateau/Peak better for high Z) Antiprotons: like protons, but enhanced Bragg peak from annihilation





AD-4 "ACE"

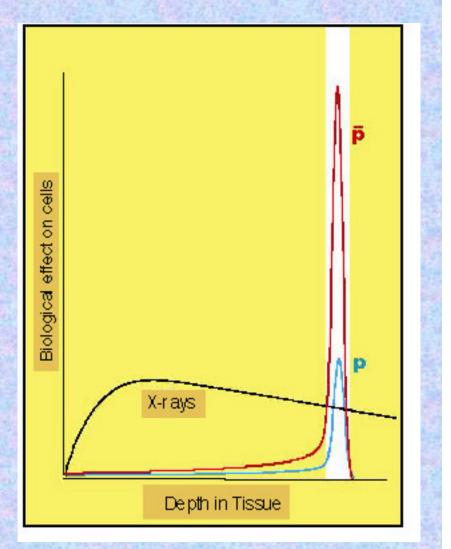
Test experiment at CERN

Explores relative biological effectiveness in cells

- antiprotons annihilate;
- nuclear fragments have short range,
- destroy surrounding tissue (<< 1 mm)

Compare to protons

- -> decide about future measurements
- If big advantage over heavy ions -
- -> construct dedicated antiproton facility

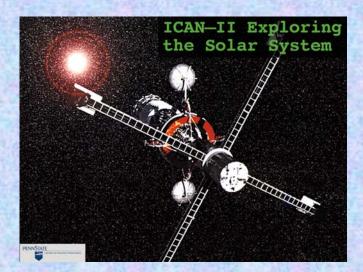




Antimatter driven space engines?

PROBLEMS:

- 1) Extremely low production rates (ng/yr)
- 2) Extremely low efficiency (~10⁻⁸)
- 3) Difficult storage (space charge) of antiprotons
- 4) More difficulties for antihydrogen



Until somebody finds a clever way around these problems, all this will stay fiction:

QuickTime?* and a TIFF (LZW) decompress



The End.