

Antimatter spectroscopy  
&  
the gravitational interaction  
between matter and antimatter  
(and quite some tests of CPT)

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# What measurements are we talking about?

1) Measurement of the gravitational behavior of antimatter

tests of the Weak Equivalence Principle

2) Precise spectroscopic comparison between H and  $\bar{H}$

tests of fundamental symmetry (CPT)

3) related measurements in antihydrogen(-like) systems

antiprotonic helium, positronium, protonium, ...

# Gravity...

- General relativity is a classical (non quantum) theory
- EEP violations may appear in some quantum theory
- New quantum scalar and vector fields are allowed in some models (KK)

Einstein field: tensor graviton (spin 2, “Newtonian”)  
 + Gravi-vector (spin 1)  
 + Gravi-scalar (spin 0)

- Such fields may mediate interactions violating the equivalence principle

M. Nieto and T. Goldman, Phys. Rep. 205,5 221-281 (1992)

Scalar: “charge” of particle equal to “charge of antiparticle” : **attractive force**

Vector: “charge” of particle opposite to “charge of antiparticle”: **repulsive/attractive force**

$$V = - \frac{G_{\infty}}{r} m_1 m_2 \left( 1 \mp a e^{-r/v} + b e^{-r/s} \right)$$

Phys. Rev. D 33 (2475) (1986)

Cancellation effects in matter experiment if  $a \sim b$  and  $v \sim s$

although CPT is part of the “standard model”,  
the SM can be extended to allow CPT violation

### *CPT* violation and the standard model

Phys. Rev. D 55, 6760–6774 (1997)

Don Colladay and V. Alan Kostelecký  
Department of Physics, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47405  
(Received 22 January 1997)

Modified Dirac eq. in SME

$$(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_e - a_\mu^e \gamma^\mu - b_\mu^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu - \frac{1}{2} H_{\mu\nu}^e \sigma^{\mu\nu} + ic_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma^\mu D^\nu + id_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu D^\nu) \psi = 0.$$

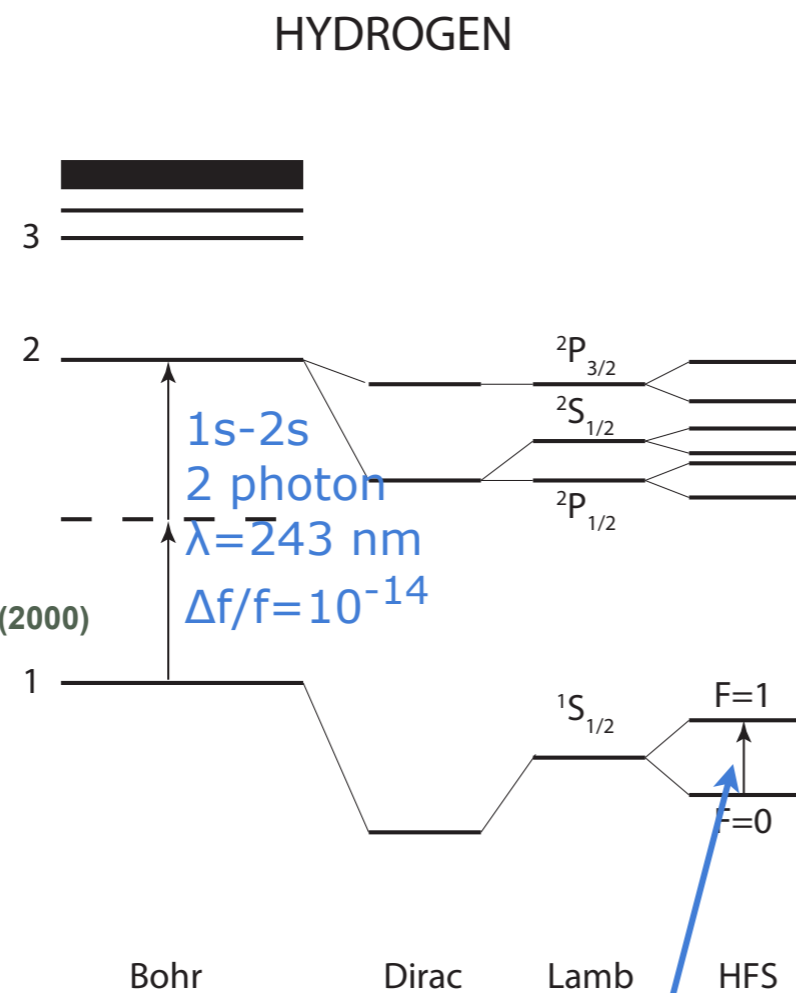
CPT & Lorentz violation

Lorentz violation

- Spontaneous Lorentz symmetry breaking by (exotic) string vacua
- Note: if there is a preferred frame, sidereal variation due to Earth's rotation might be detectable

# Goal of comparative spectroscopy: test CPT symmetry

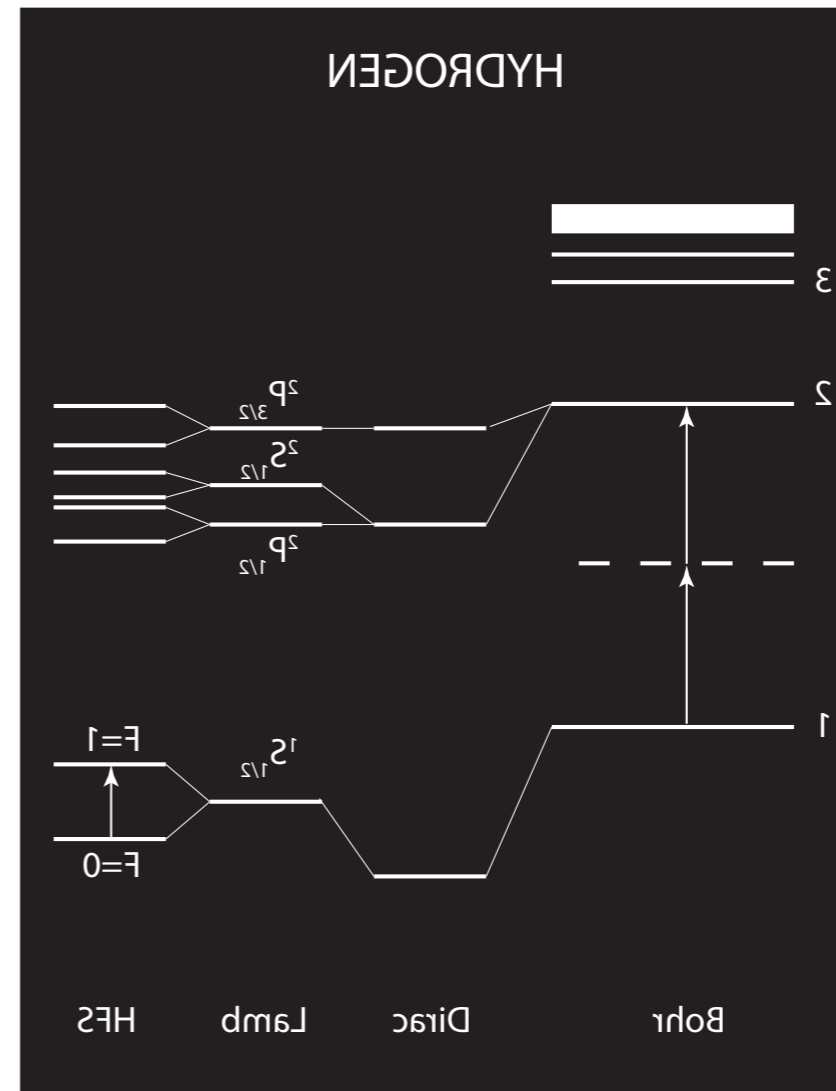
## Hydrogen and Antihydrogen



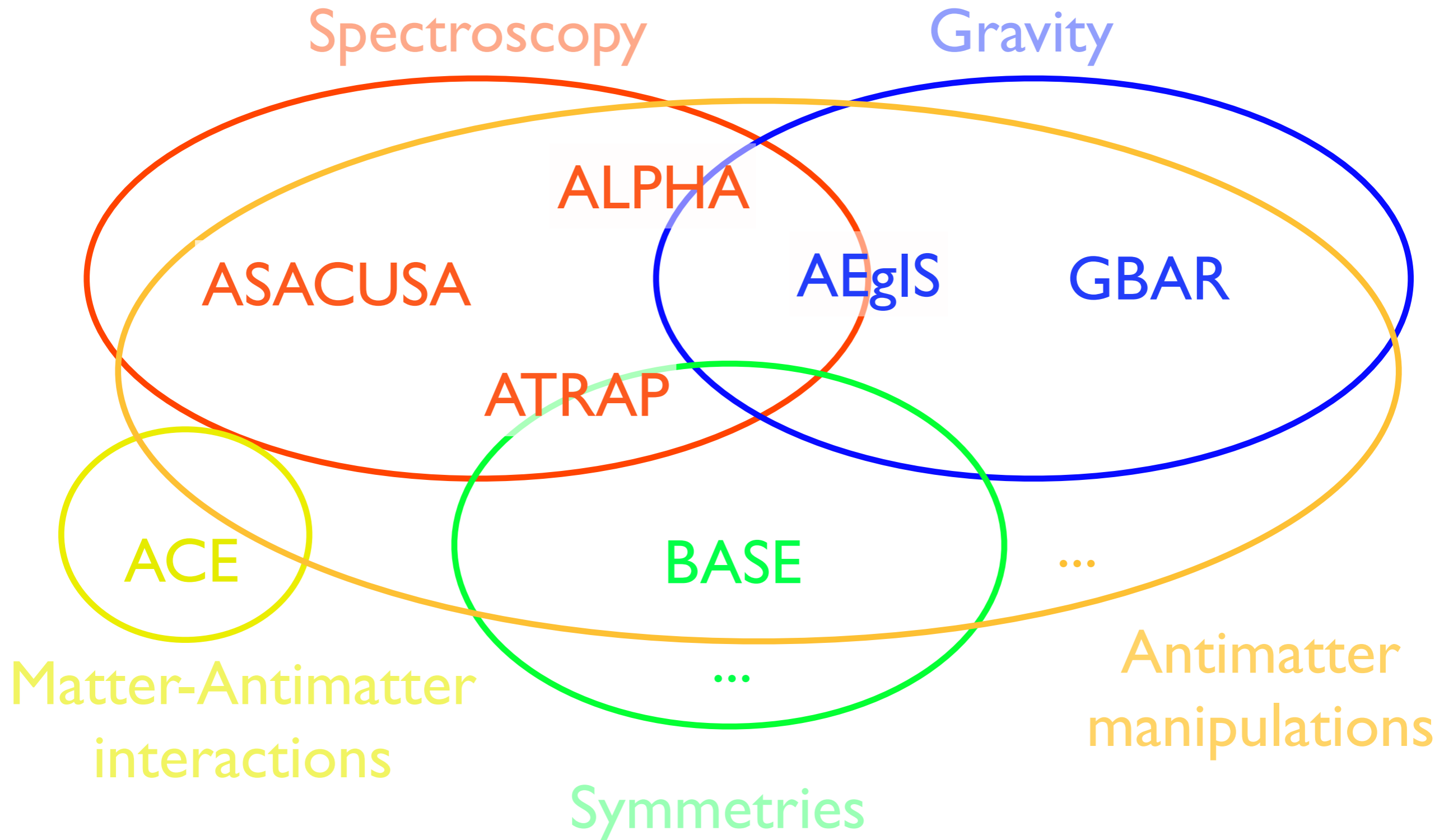
T. Hänsch et al.,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 84, 5496–5499 (2000)

N. F. Ramsey,  
Physica Scripta T59, 323 (1995)

Ground state  
hyperfine splitting  
 $f = 1.4 \text{ GHz}$   
 $\Delta f/f = 10^{-12}$

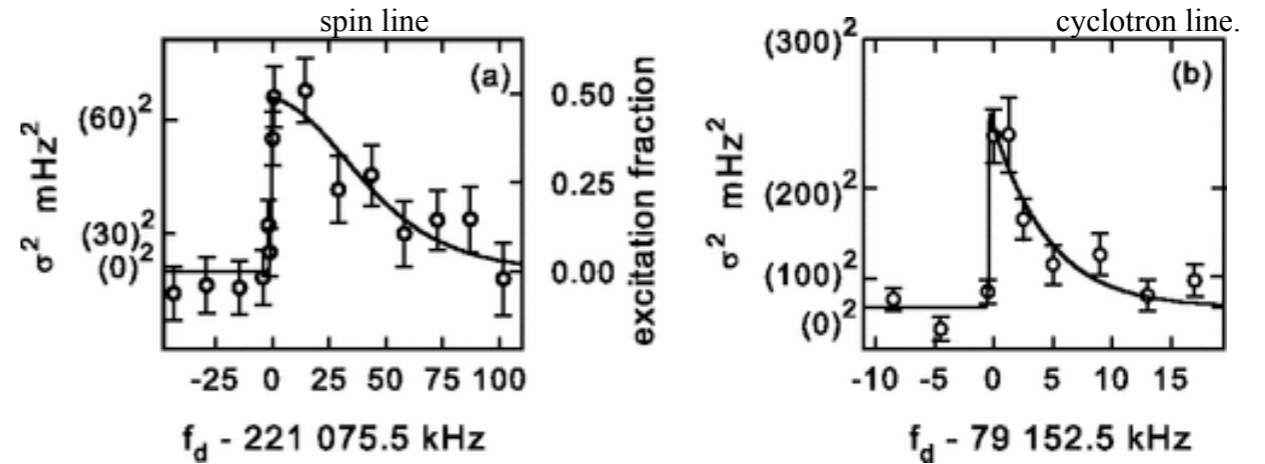
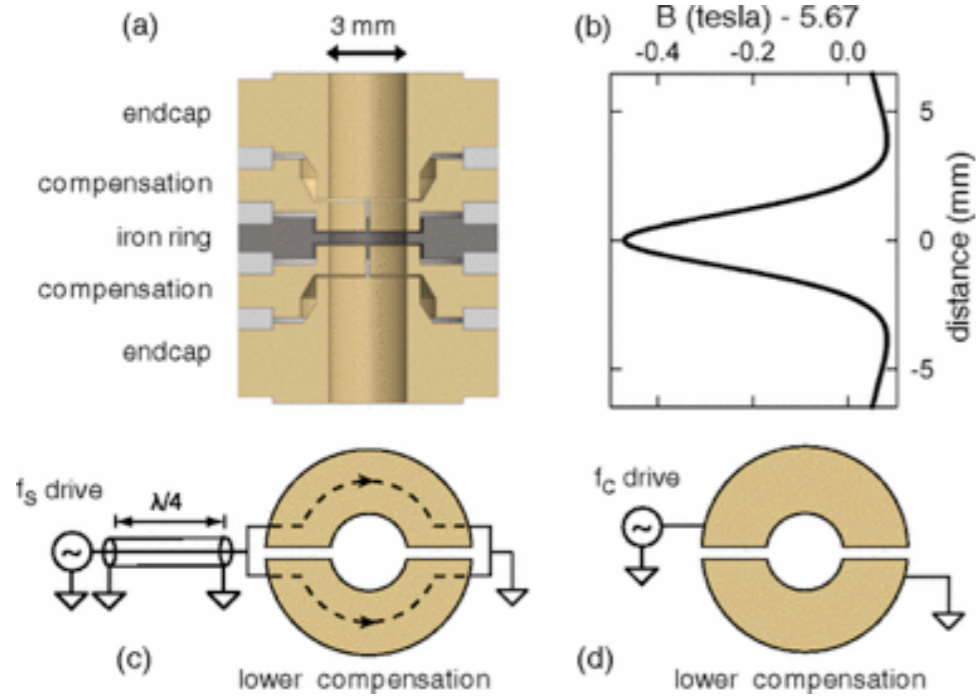


# Experiments at the AD (antiprotons and antihydrogen)



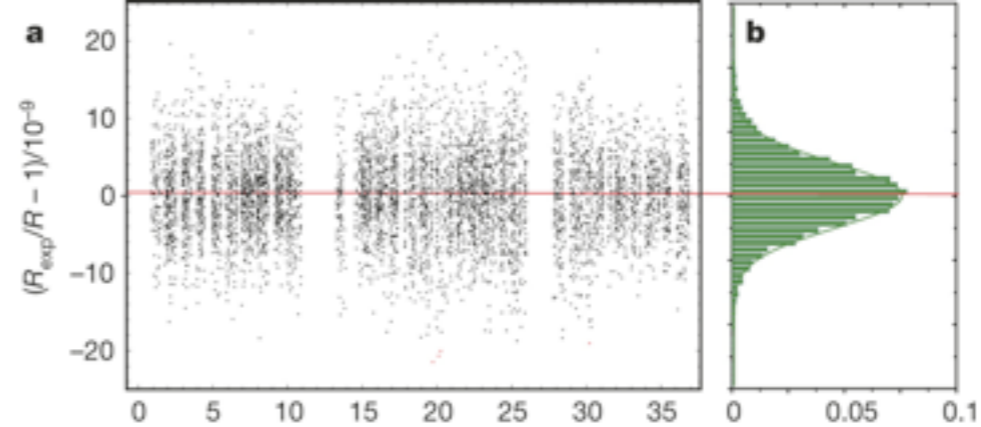
# ATRAP & BASE

DiSciaccia, J. *et al.* One-particle measurement of the antiproton magnetic moment. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 110, 130801 (2013)

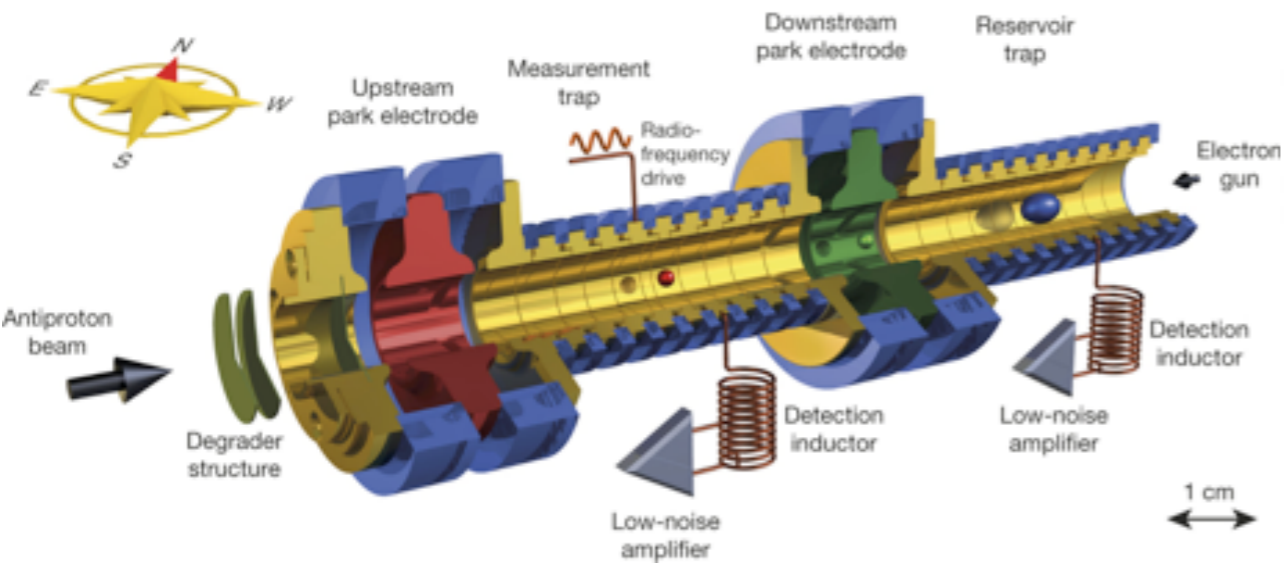


**ATRAP:**  $\mu_p/\mu_{\bar{p}} = -1.000000 \pm 0.000005$  (2013)  
**BASE:**  $(q/m)_{\bar{p}}/(q/m)_p - 1 = 1(69) \times 10^{-12}$  (2015)

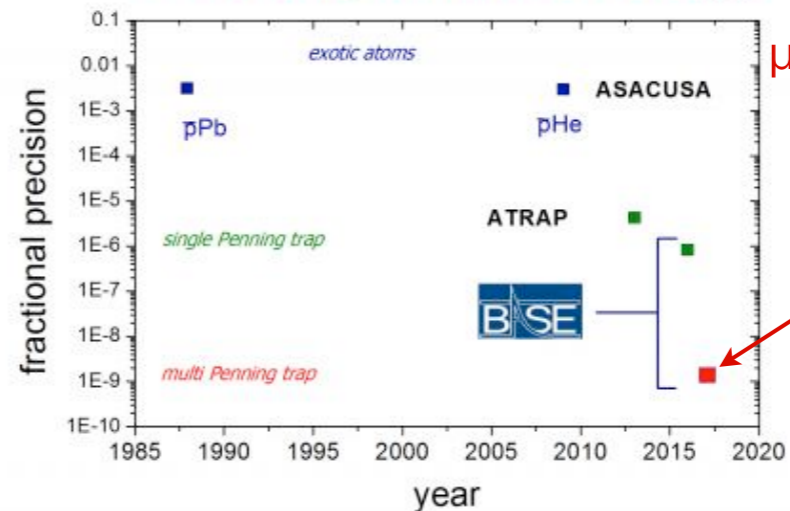
All measured antiproton-to-H<sup>+</sup> cyclotron frequency ratios as a function of time



S. Ulmer. *et al.* *Nature* 524,196–199 (13 August 2015)



**BASE:**  $\mu_{\bar{p}} = -2.792\,847\,344\,1(42)$  (2017)



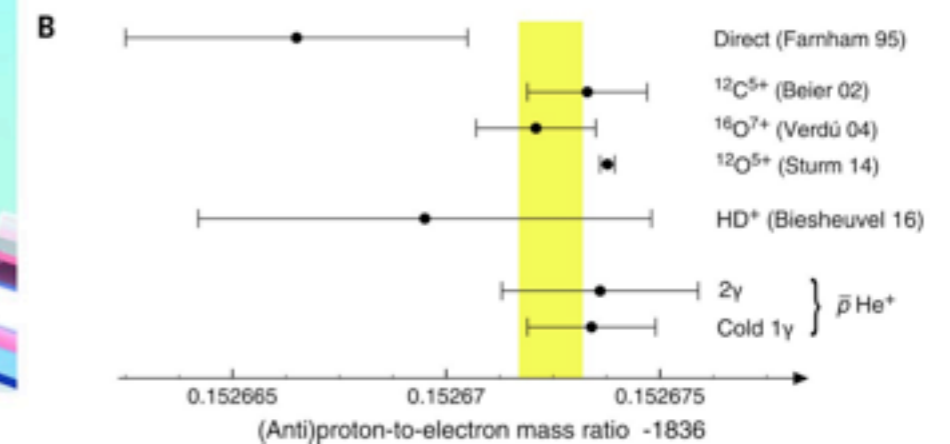
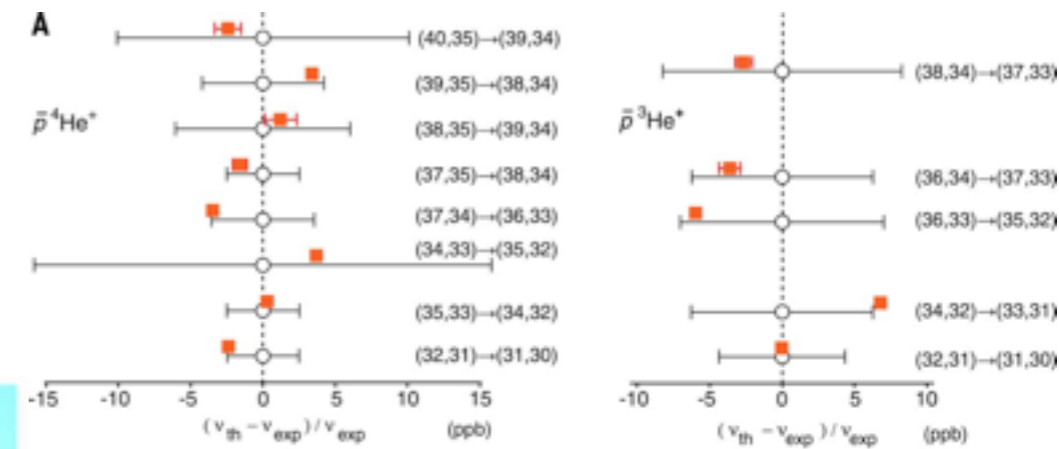
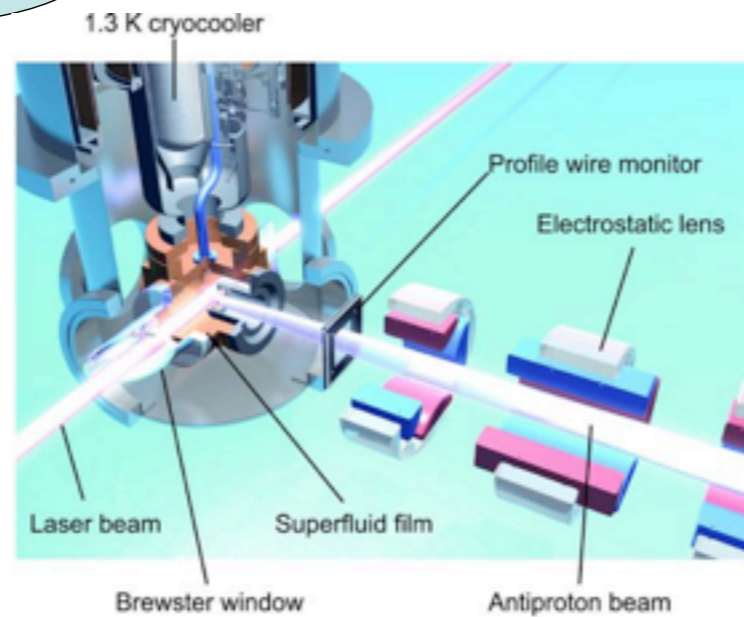
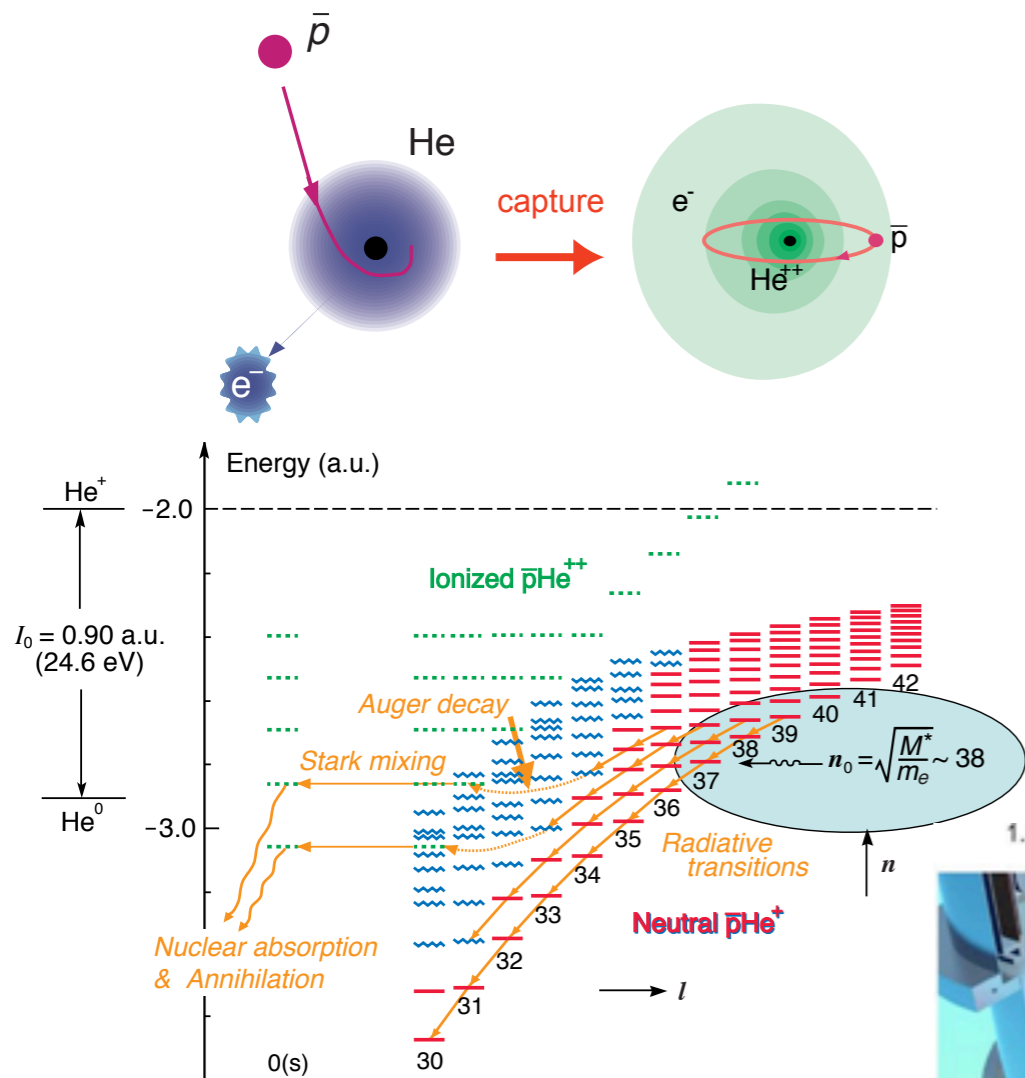
$\mu_p = 2.792\,847\,350\,0(90)$

*C. Smorra et al., BASE collaboration, Nature 550, 371–374 (19 October 2017)*

# ASACUSA results ( $\bar{p}\text{He}^+$ spectroscopy)

By comparing the calculated and experimental  $\bar{p}\text{He}^+$  frequencies, the ratio  $M_{\bar{p}}/m_e$  can in principle be determined to a fractional precision of  $< 1 \times 10^{-10}$

M. Hori *et al.*,  
 Science 04 Nov 2016: Vol. 354, Issue 6312, pp. 610-614  
 DOI: 10.1126/science.aaf6702



Combining with ATRAP/BASE:

$$\Delta(m_{\bar{p}}, m_p), \Delta(q_{\bar{p}}, q_p) < 5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ (90\% CL)}$$

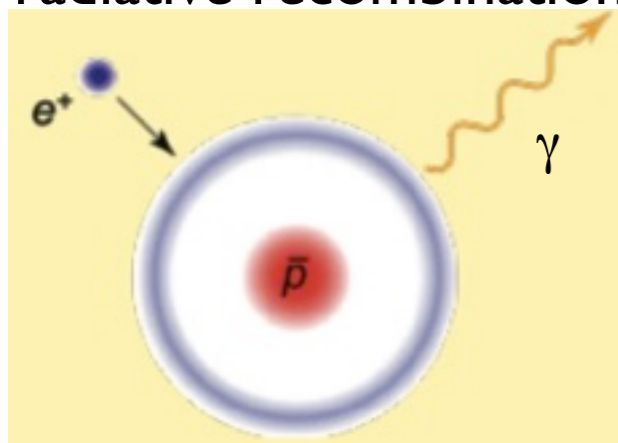


# Antihydrogen production processes

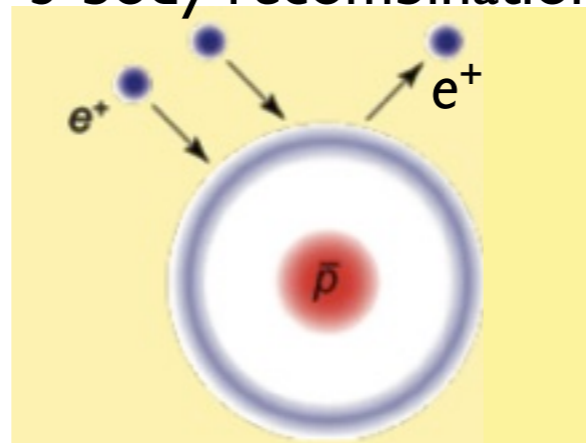
$10^5 \sim 10^7 \bar{p}$

$10^8 \sim 10^{10} e^+$

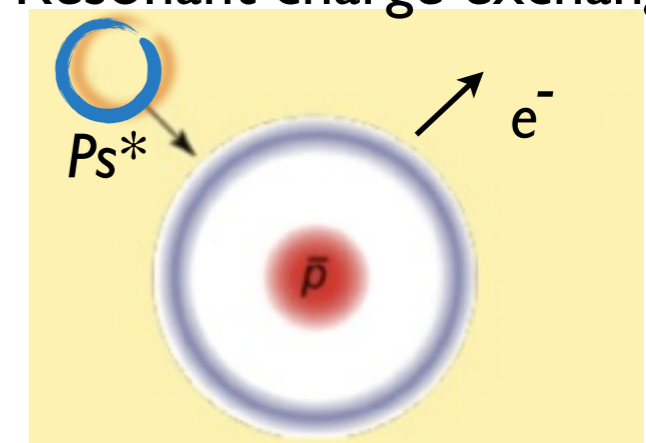
radiative recombination



TBR:  
3-body recombination



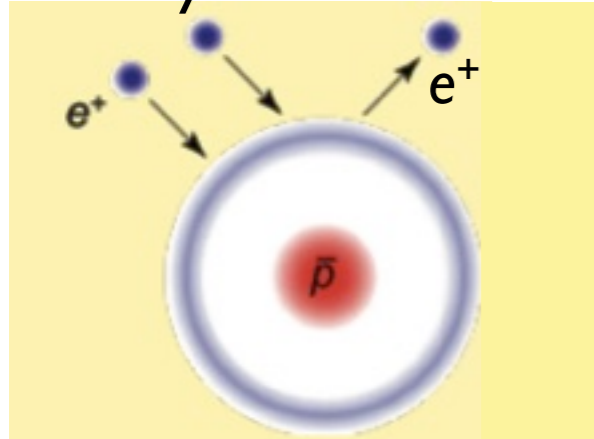
RCE:  
Resonant charge exchange



very low rate

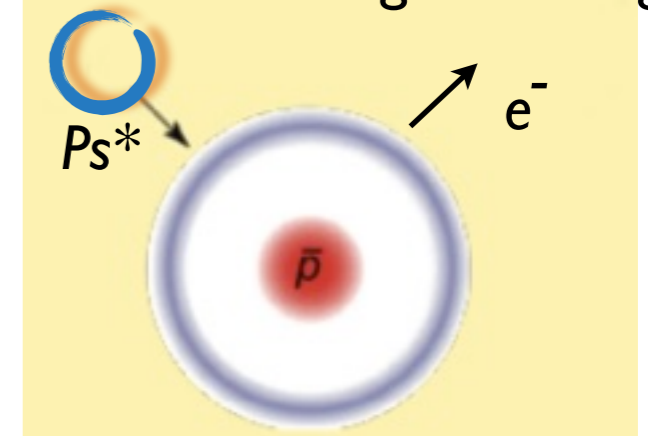
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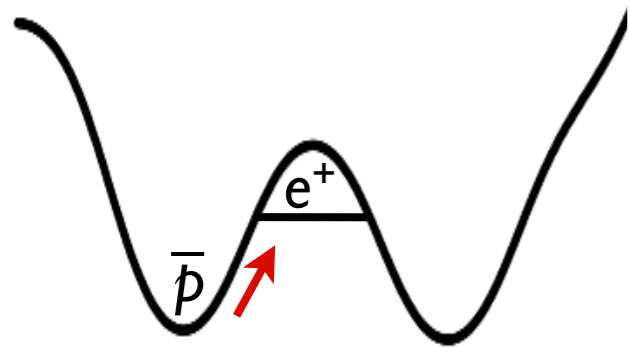


ALPHA  
ATRAP  
ASACUSA

RCE:  
Resonant charge exchange



AEgIS  
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Temperature  
( $T_{e^+}$ )

Rate  $\sim$  Rate (trappable)

$n$  (if trapped)

Temperature

$T_{\bar{p}}$

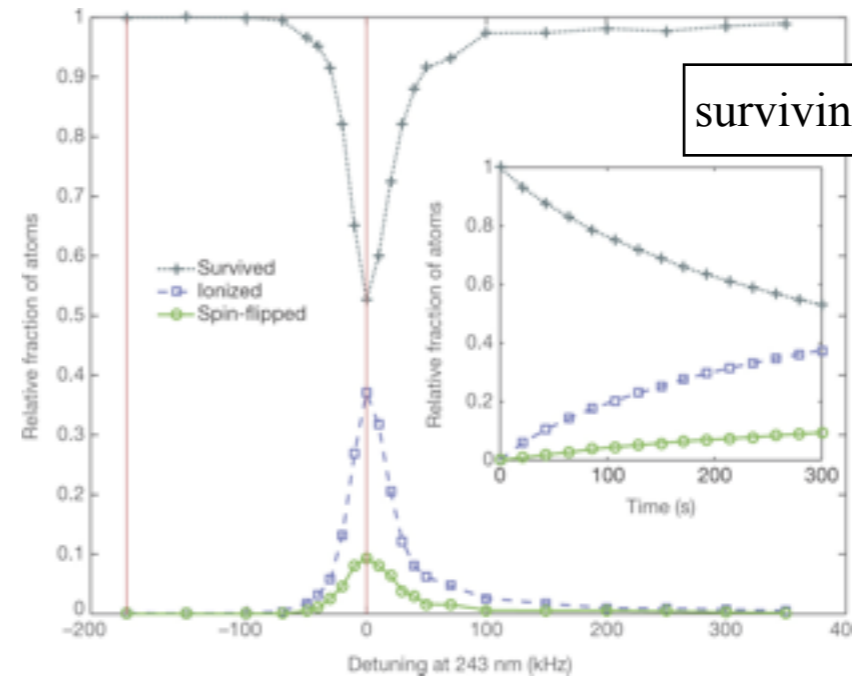
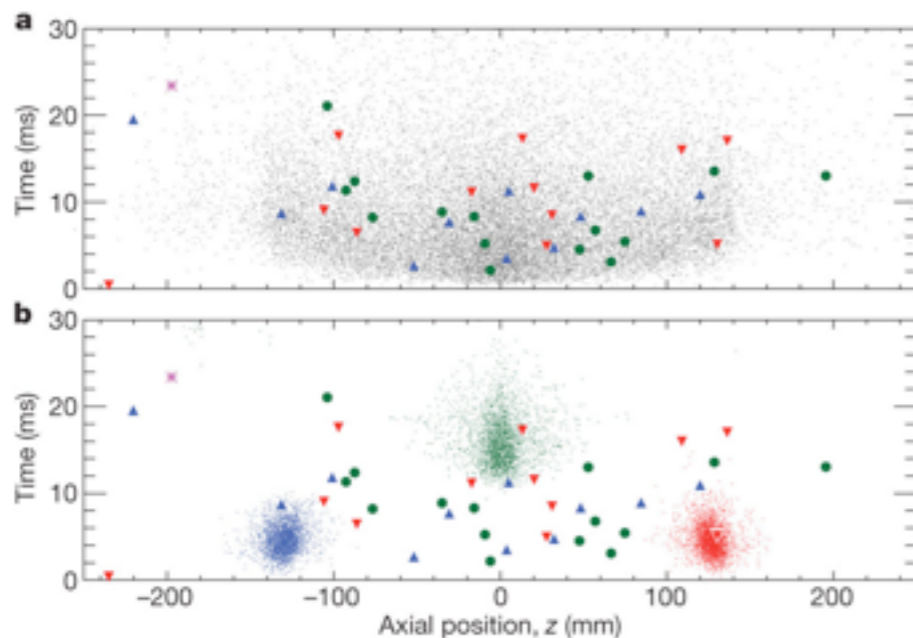
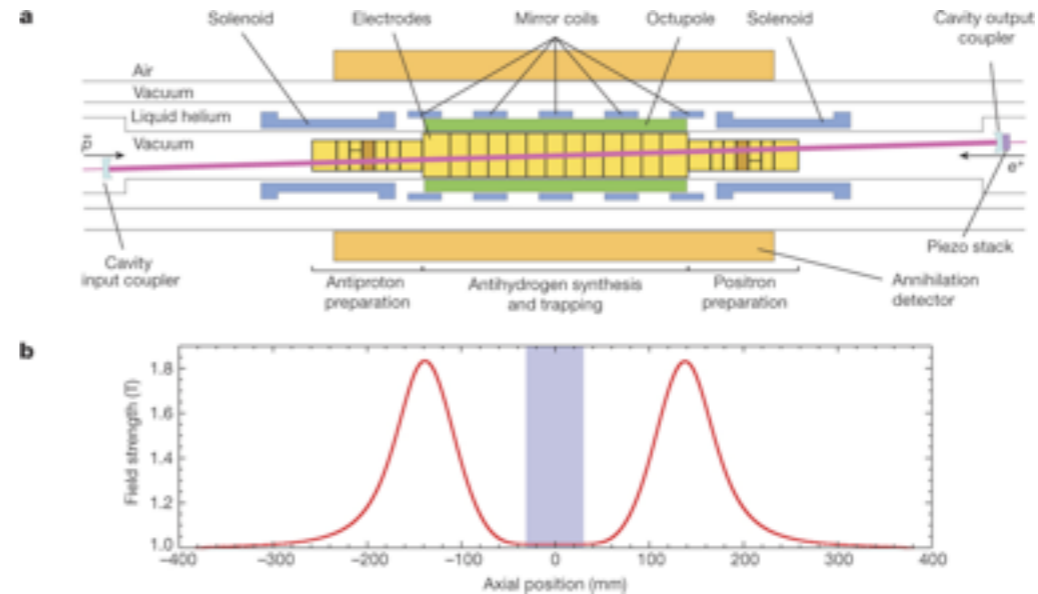
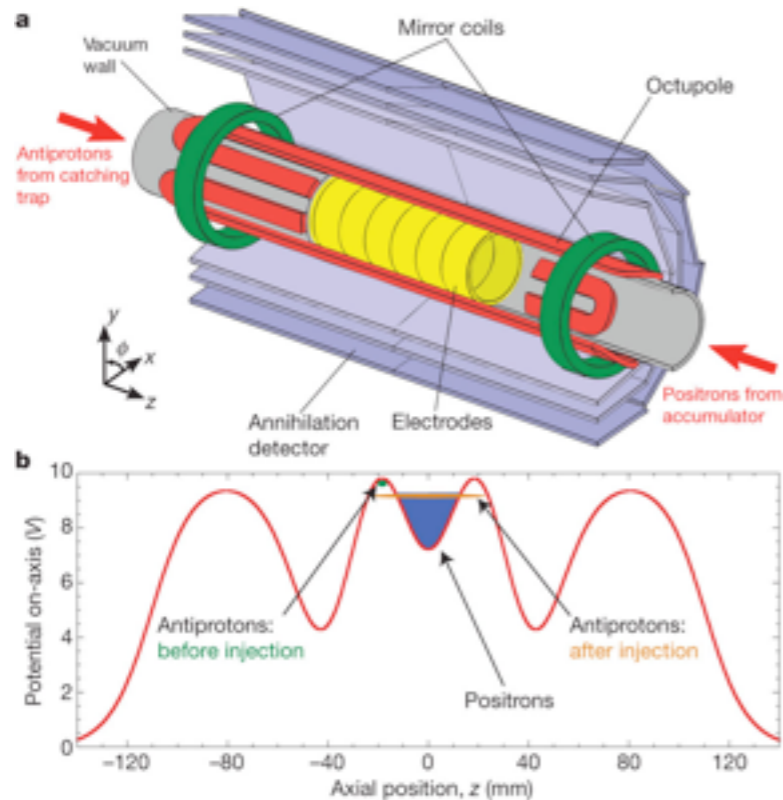
Rate  $\sim$  Rate ( $n_{Ps}, v_{Ps}$ )

$n$  (if trapped or slow)

# ALPHA results (trapping, 1s-2s spectroscopy)

G. B. Andresen et al., Nature 468, 673–676 (02 December 2010)

M. Ahmadi et al., Nature 541, 506–510 (26 January 2017)



surviving fraction:  $58\% \pm 6\%$

1s-2s to  $10^{-10}$

further results:

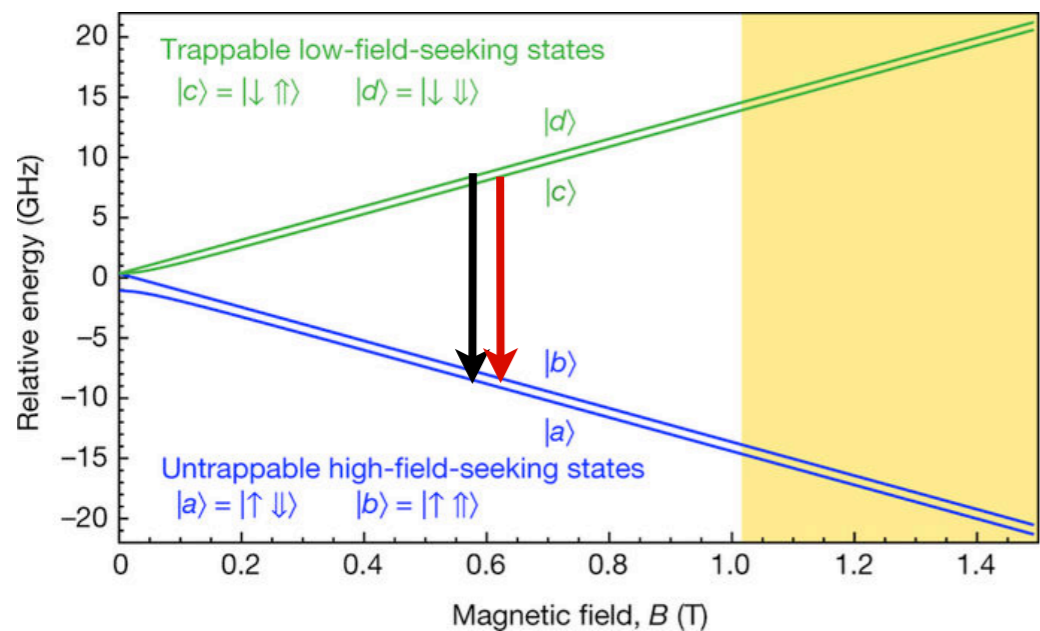
$$q(\bar{H}) < 0.71 \times 10^{-9} e$$

Nature volume 529, pages 373–376  
(21 January 2016) doi:10.1038/nature16491

trapping of  $\sim 10 \bar{H}$  simultaneously (similar for **ATRAP**)

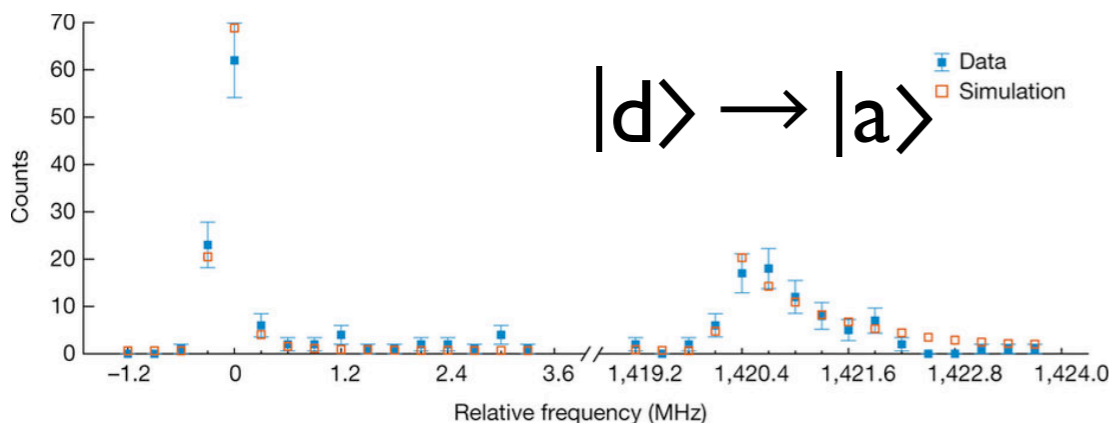
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microwave transitions in  $GS \bar{H}$



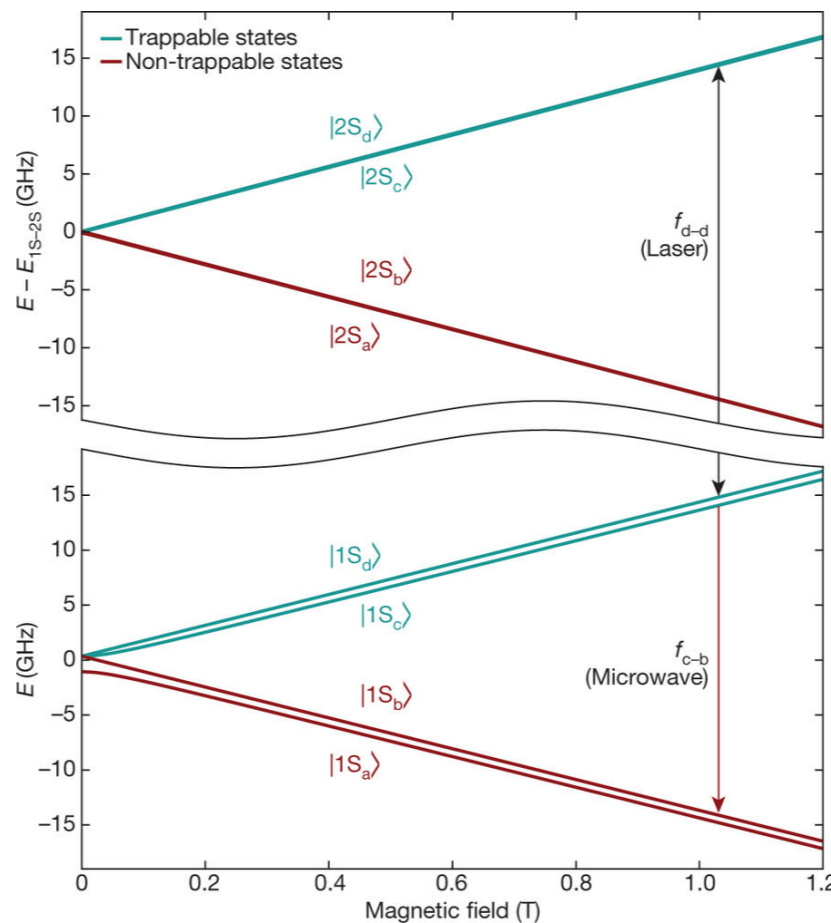
$|c\rangle \rightarrow |b\rangle$

$|d\rangle \rightarrow |a\rangle$



$HFS_{\bar{H}} = 1,420.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ MHz}$   
*M. Ahmadi et al., ALPHA collaboration, Nature 548, 66–69 (03 August 2017)*

1s-2s spectroscopy

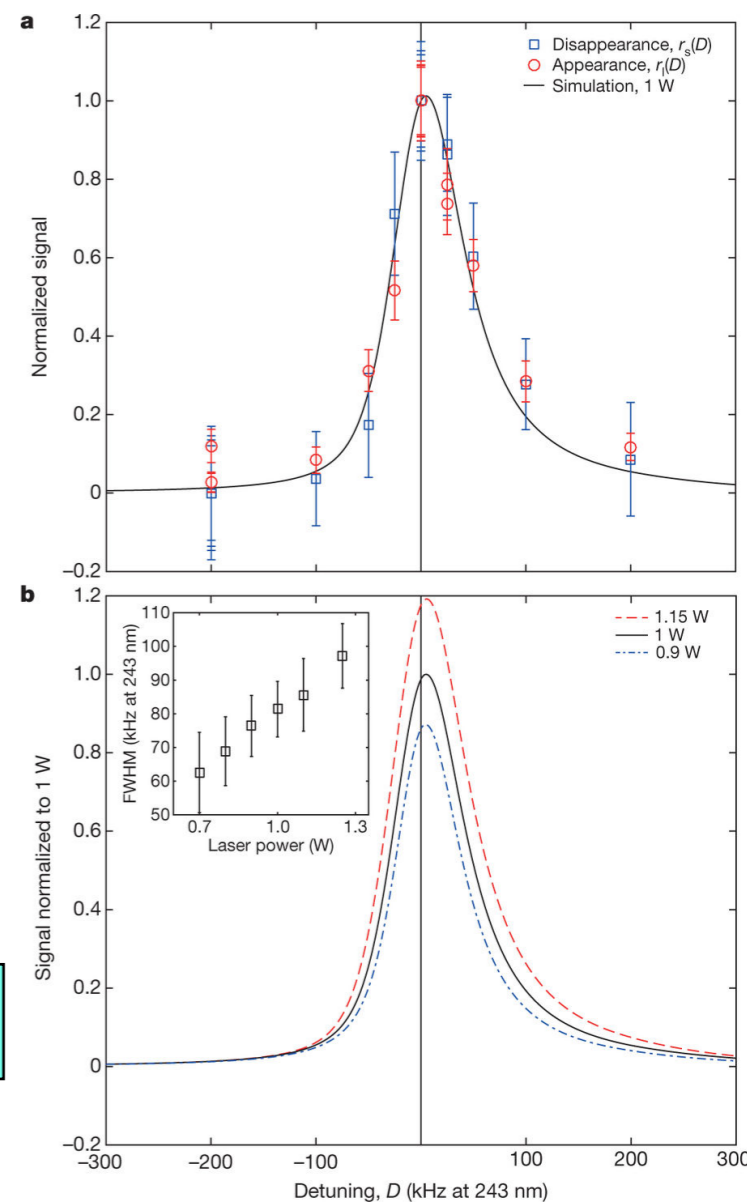


*Nature (2018)*  
 doi:10.1038/s41586-018-0017-2

$$f_{d-d}^{\bar{H}} = 2,466,061,103,079.4(5.4) \text{ kHz}$$

$$(f_{d-d}^{\bar{H}} = 2,466,061,103,080.3(0.6) \text{ kHz for Hydrogen @ } 1.03285(63) \text{ T})$$

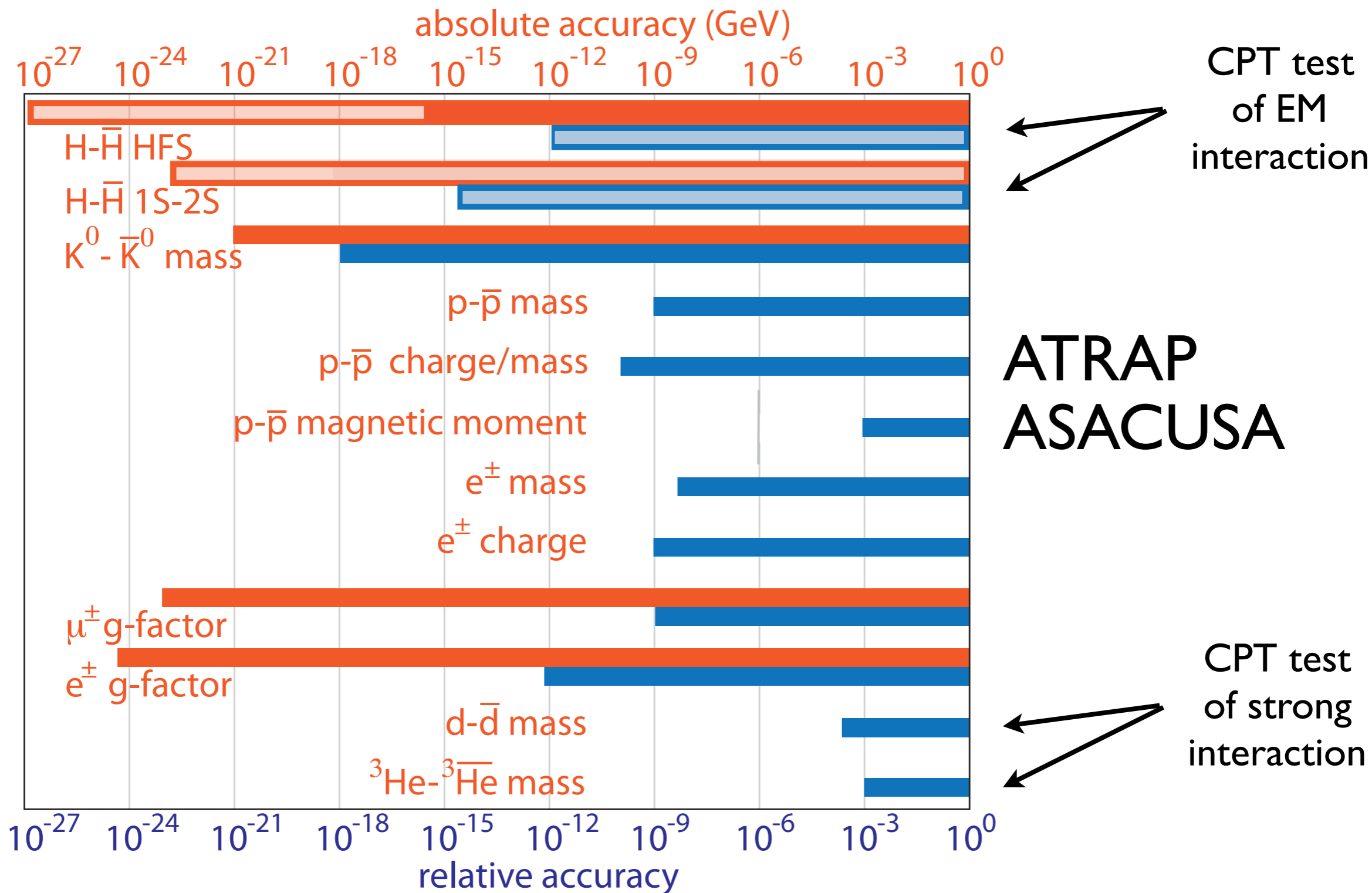
$2 \times 10^{-12}$  Relative precision



*intermediate summary...*

# 2013

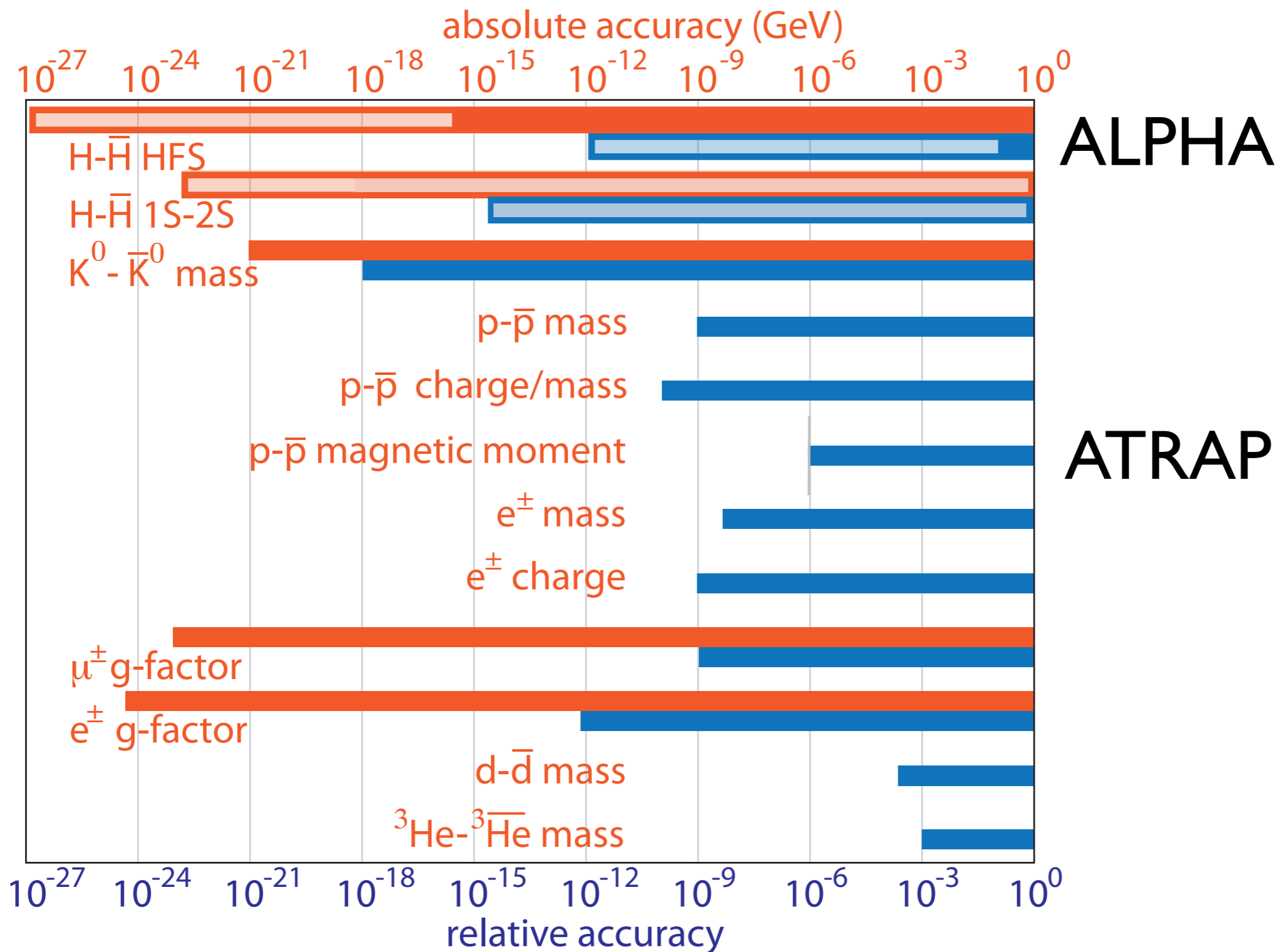
Motivation: CPT



Inconsistent definition of figure of merit: comparison difficult  
Pattern of CPT violation unknown (P: weak interaction; CP: mesons)  
**Absolute energy scale: standard model extension (Kostelecky)**

# 2015

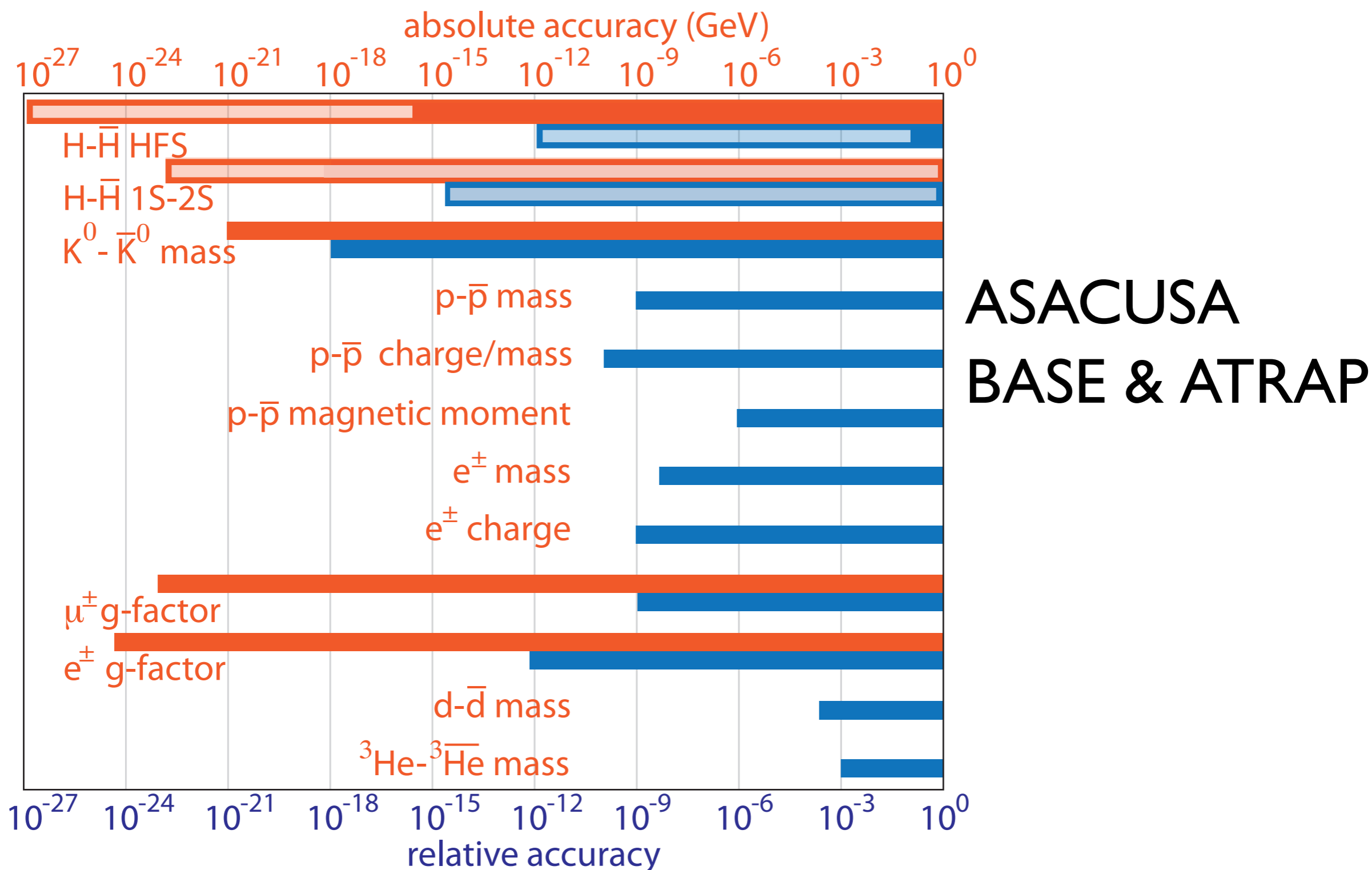
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# 2016

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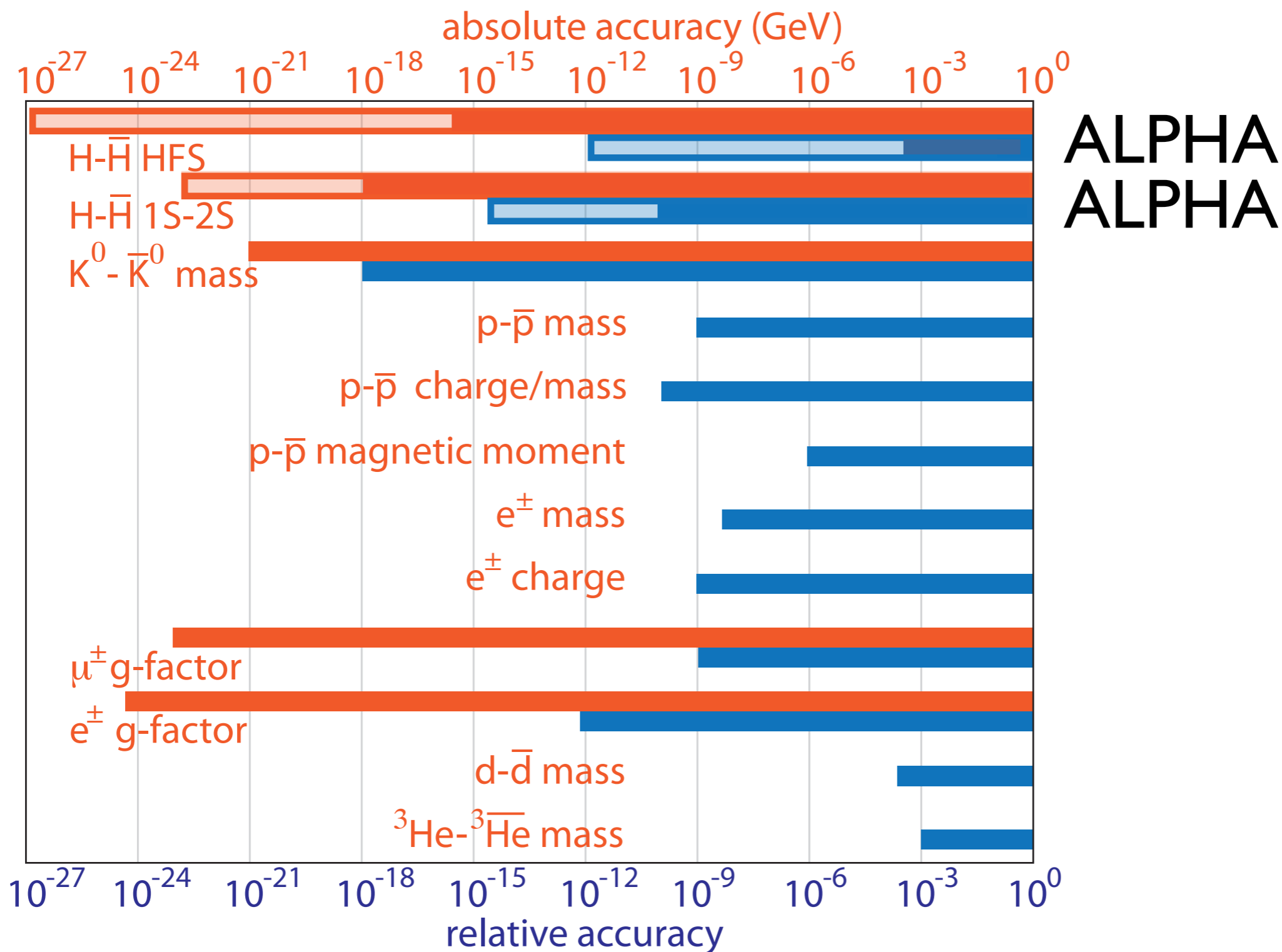


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# 2017

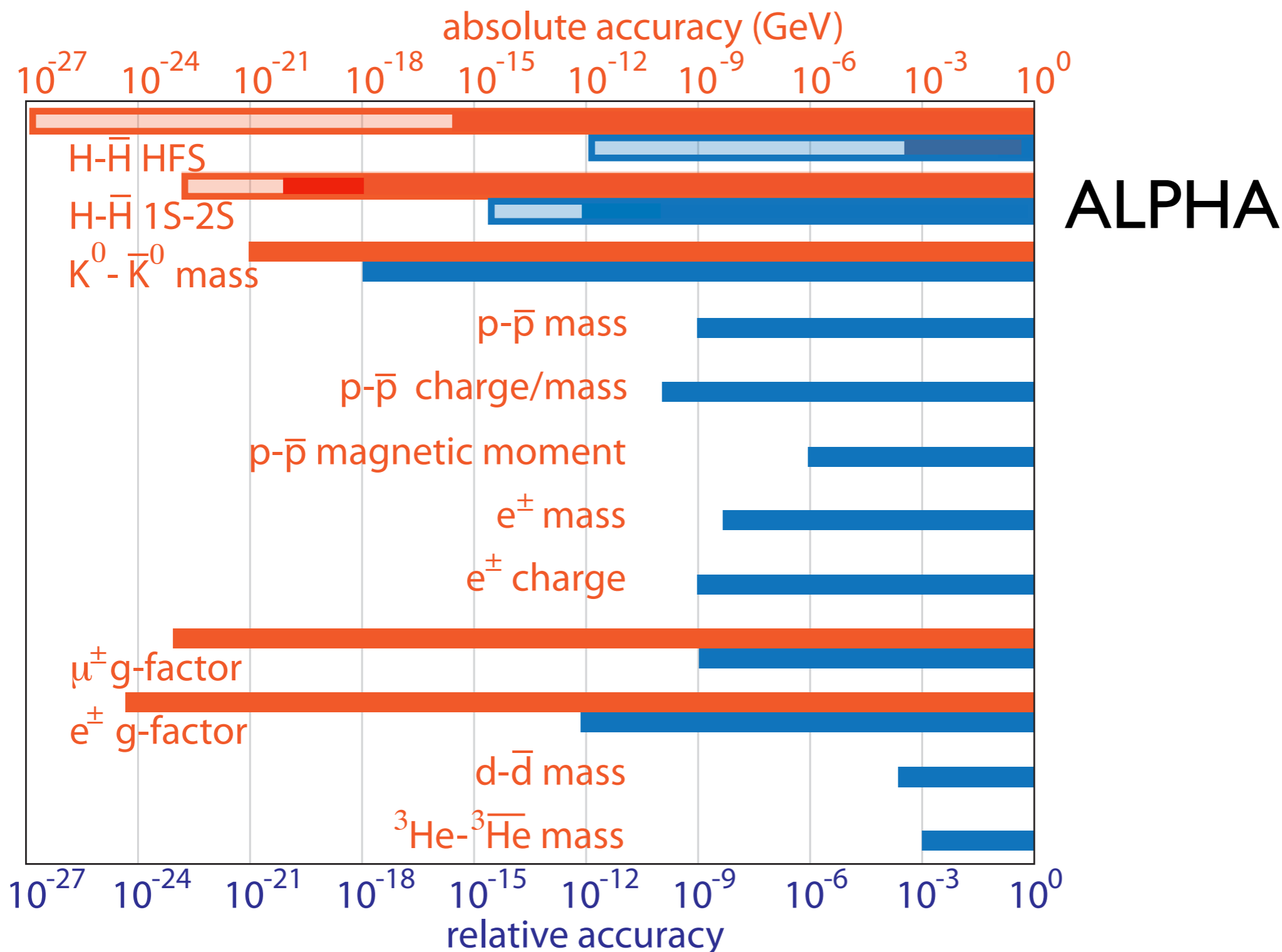
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# 2018

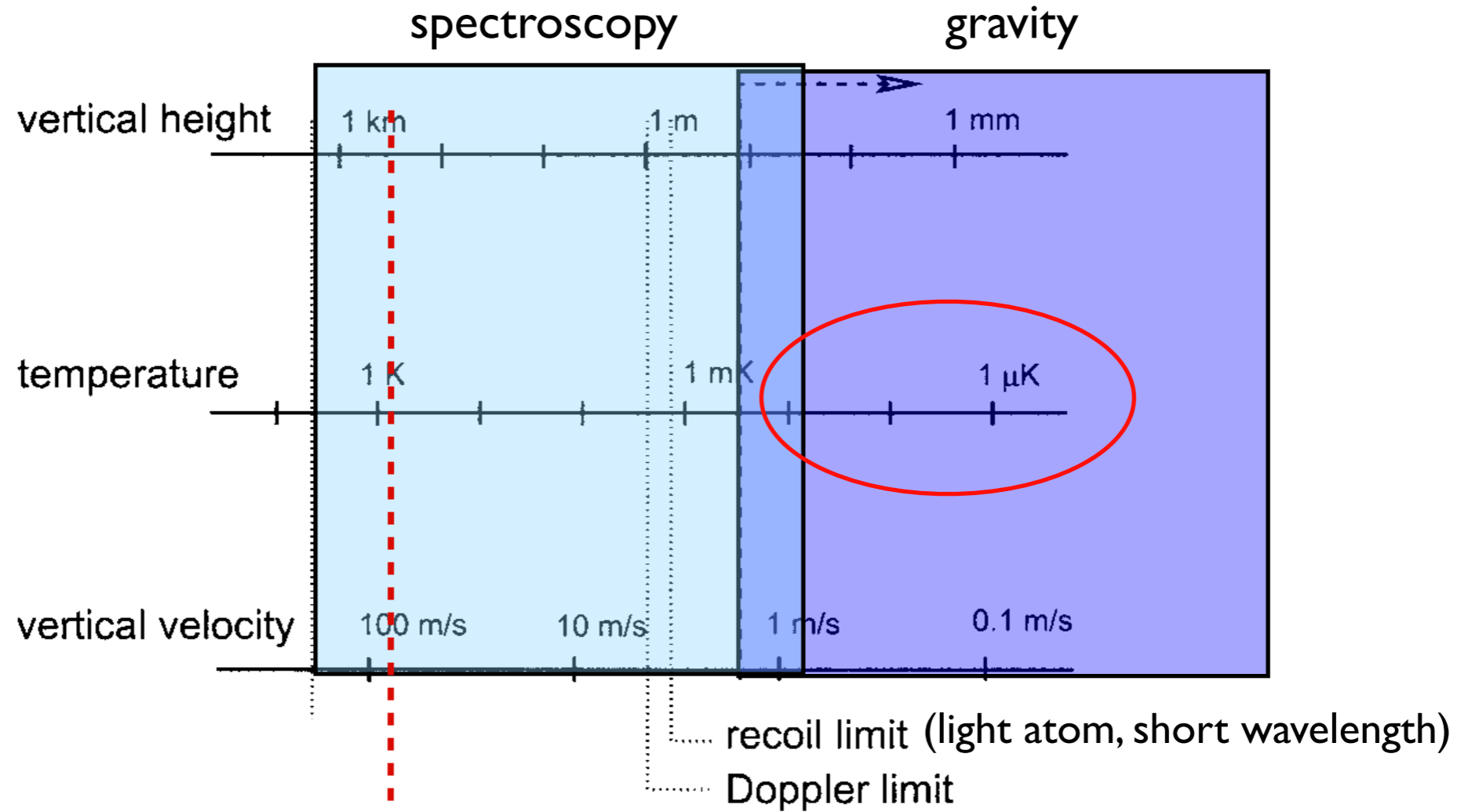
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*next stop: gravity*

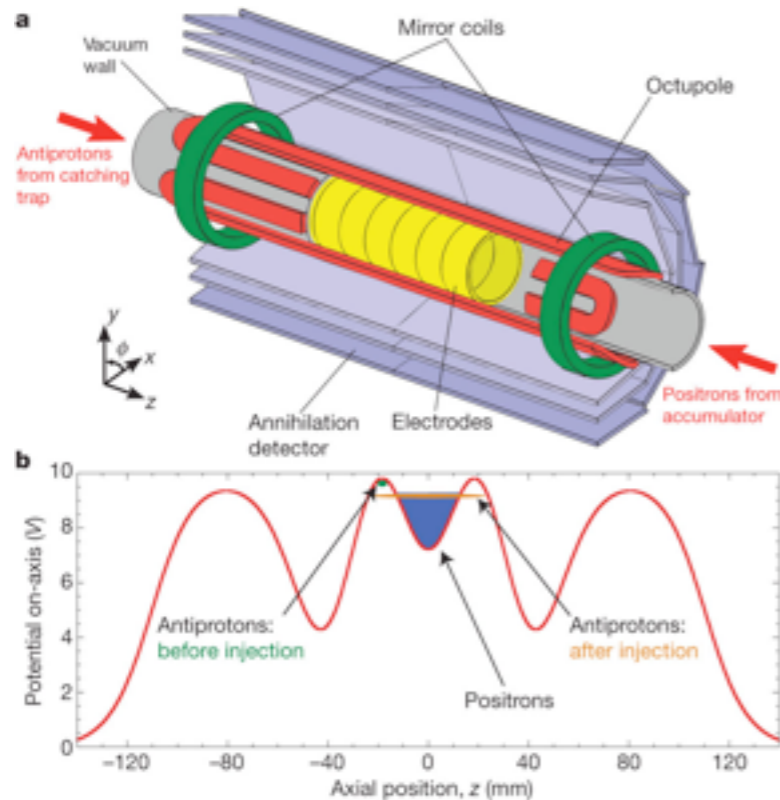
# the importance of working at low temperature



current lowest  $\bar{H}$   
temperature (0.5K)

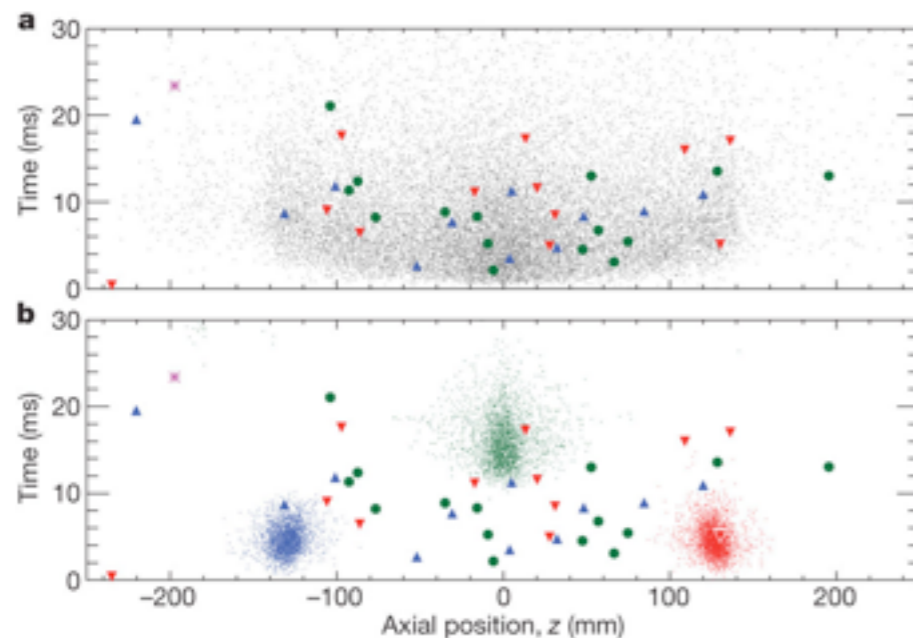
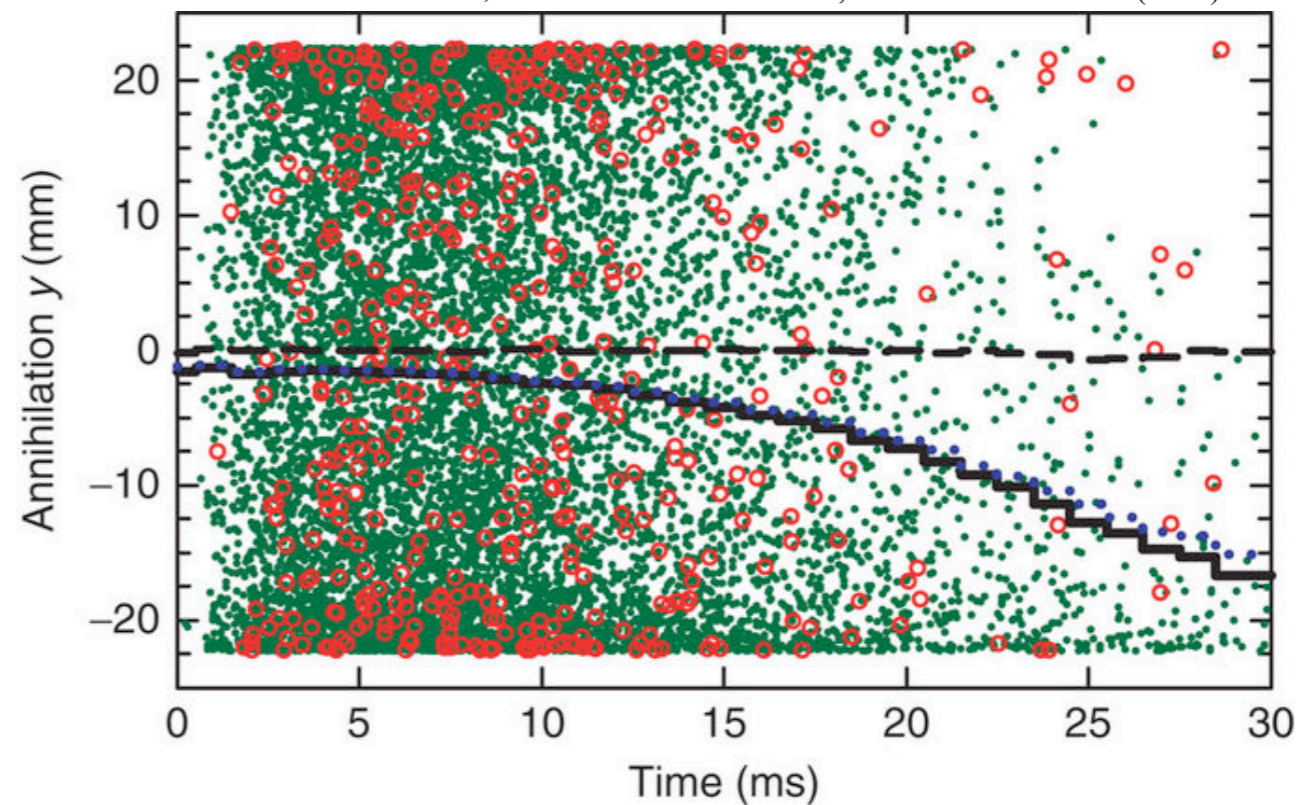
# ALPHA results (gravity at 0.5K)

Nature Communications volume 4,  
Article number: 1785 (2013)  
doi:10.1038/ncomms2787



$$F \equiv M_g/M$$

ALPHA collaboration, Nature Communications 4, Article number: 1785 (2013)



$$F_{\bar{H}} < 110$$

“... cooling the anti-atoms, perhaps with lasers, to 30 mK or lower, and by lengthening the magnetic shutdown time constant to 300 ms, we would have the statistical power to measure gravity to the  $F=\pm 1$  level ...”

2017

Temperature of produced  $\bar{H}$   
(critical for trapping, gravity measurements)

**TBR:** fraction trapped out of fraction made  $\sim 10^{-4}$

challenge inherent in **TBR:  $e^+$  plasma physics**  $\rightarrow$   
trade-off between # and temperature

possible increase in cold  $\bar{H}$  rate by laser-cooling  $Be^+$   
to sympathetically cool  $e^+$  but is cooling efficient  
enough to counteract heating through  $\bar{p}$  injection?

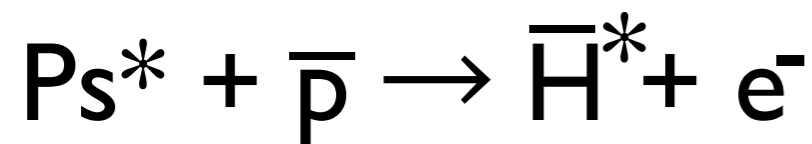
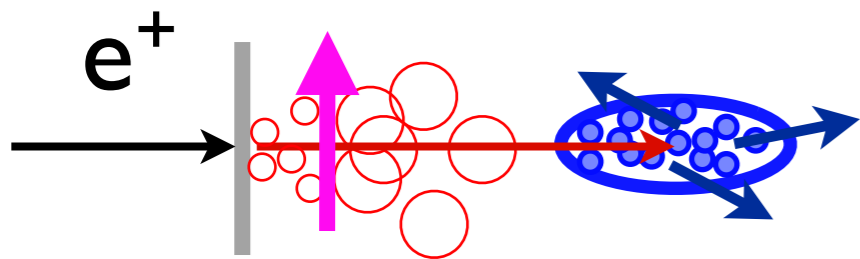
**Outlook: 10's  $\sim$  100's of trapped  $\bar{H}$  (through stacking)**

# alternative antihydrogen production method: RCE

$$T_{\bar{H}} \sim T_{\bar{p}}$$

AEgIS

$$T_{Ps} \sim 100 \text{ K}$$

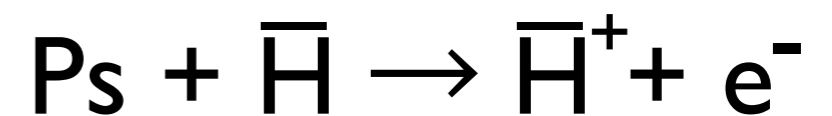
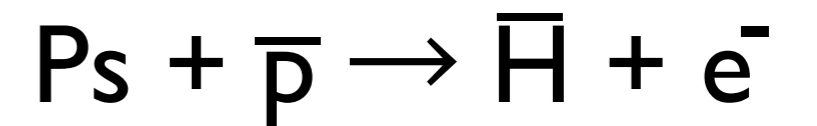
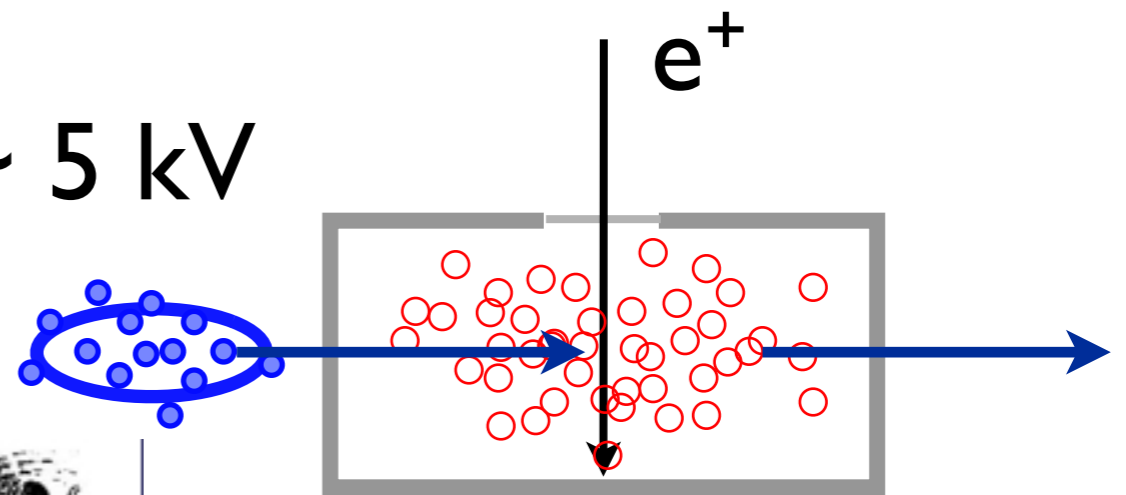


cold  $\bar{H}^*$

but: low rate!

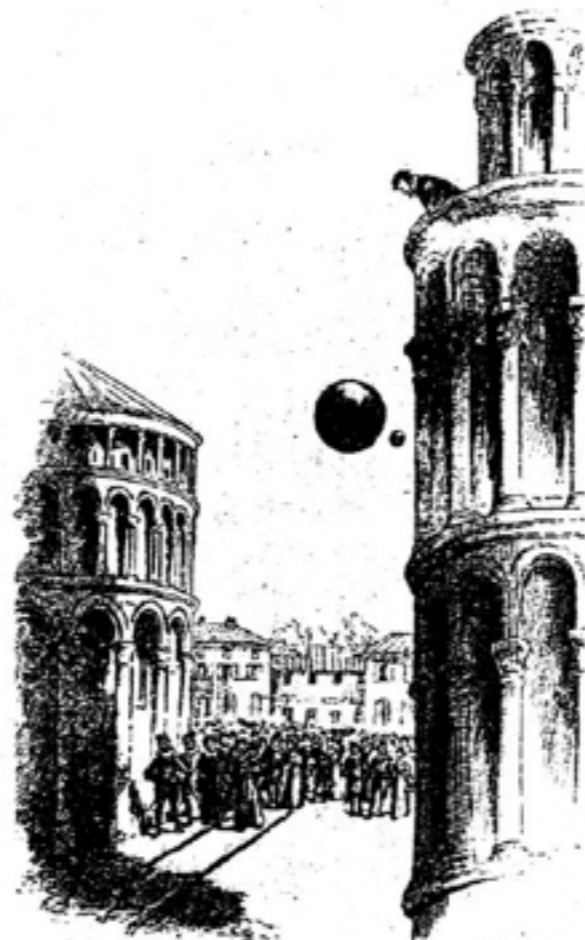
GBAR

$$E_p \sim 5 \text{ kV}$$



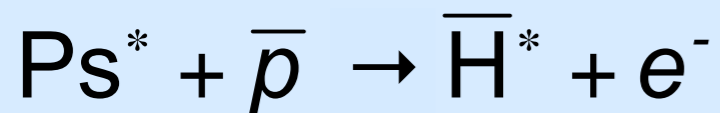
hot  $\bar{H}^+$

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# Schematic overview

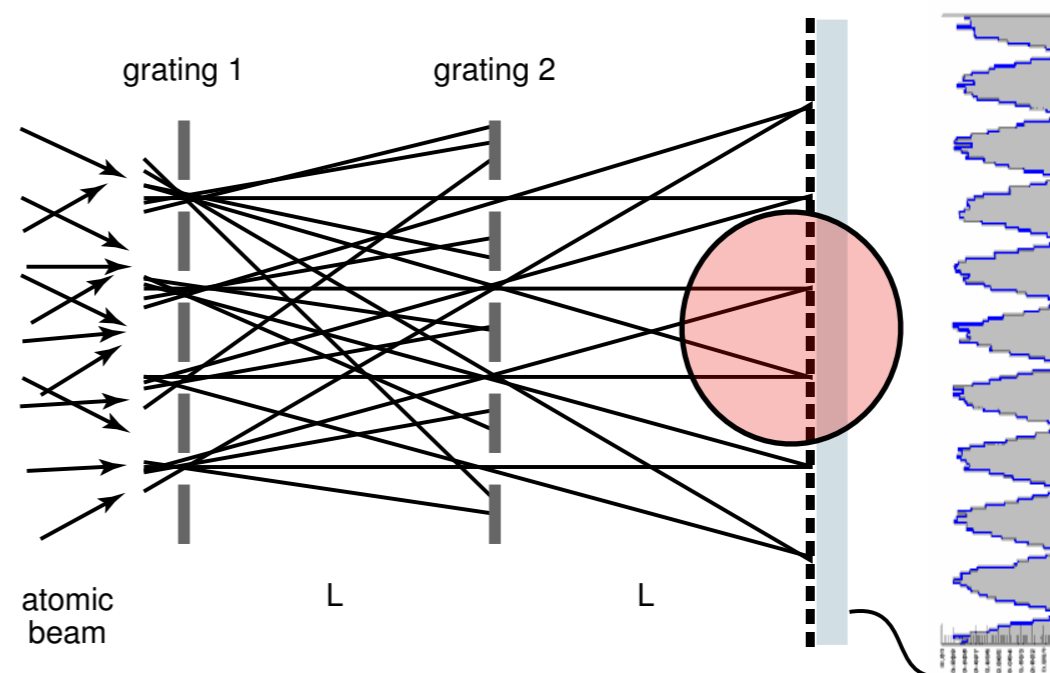
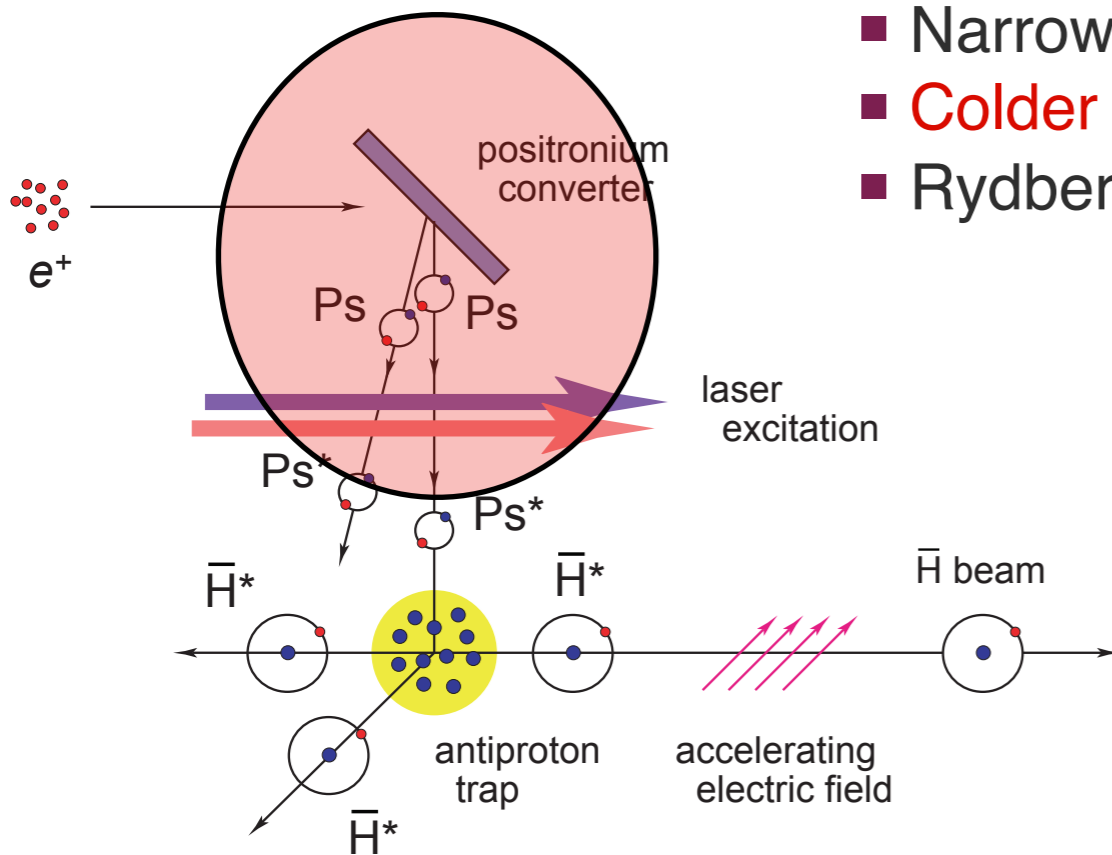
Physics goals: measurement of the gravitational interaction between matter and antimatter,  $\bar{H}$  spectroscopy, ...



- Anti-hydrogen formation via Charge exchange process with  $Ps^*$ 
  - o- $Ps$  produced in  $SiO_2$  target close to  $\bar{p}$ ; laser-excited to  $Ps^*$
  - $\bar{H}$  temperature defined by  $\bar{p}$  temperature

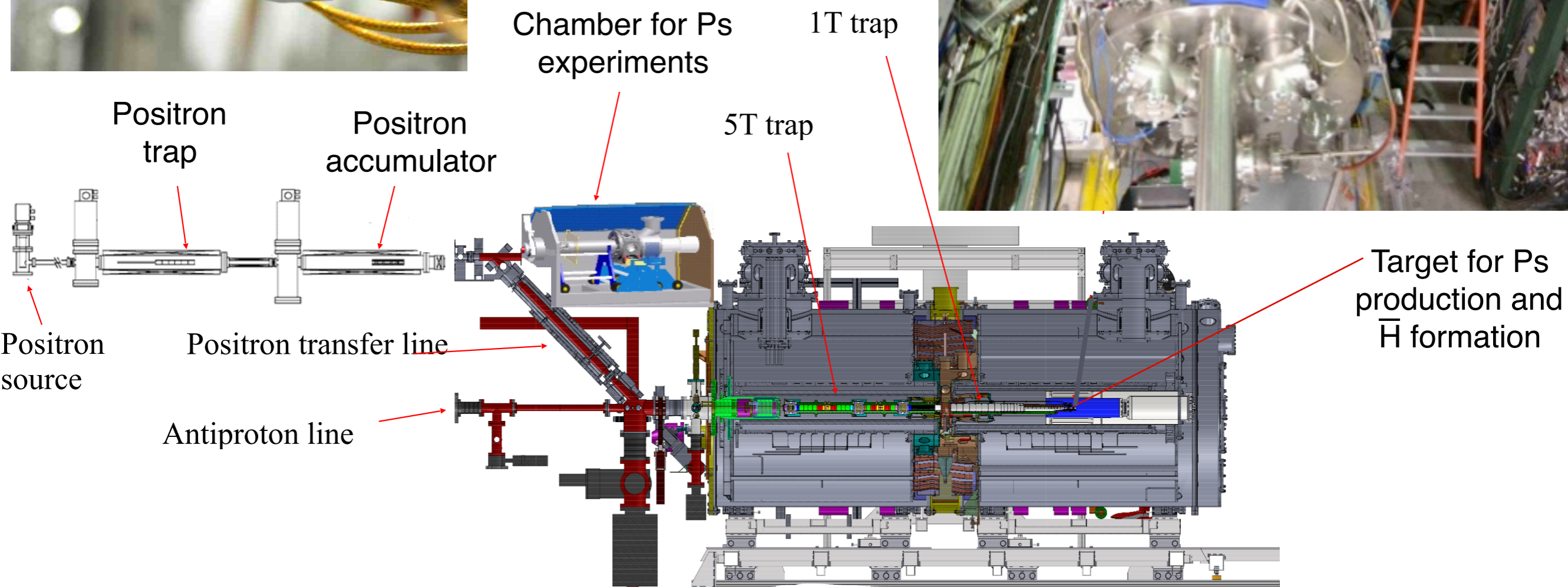
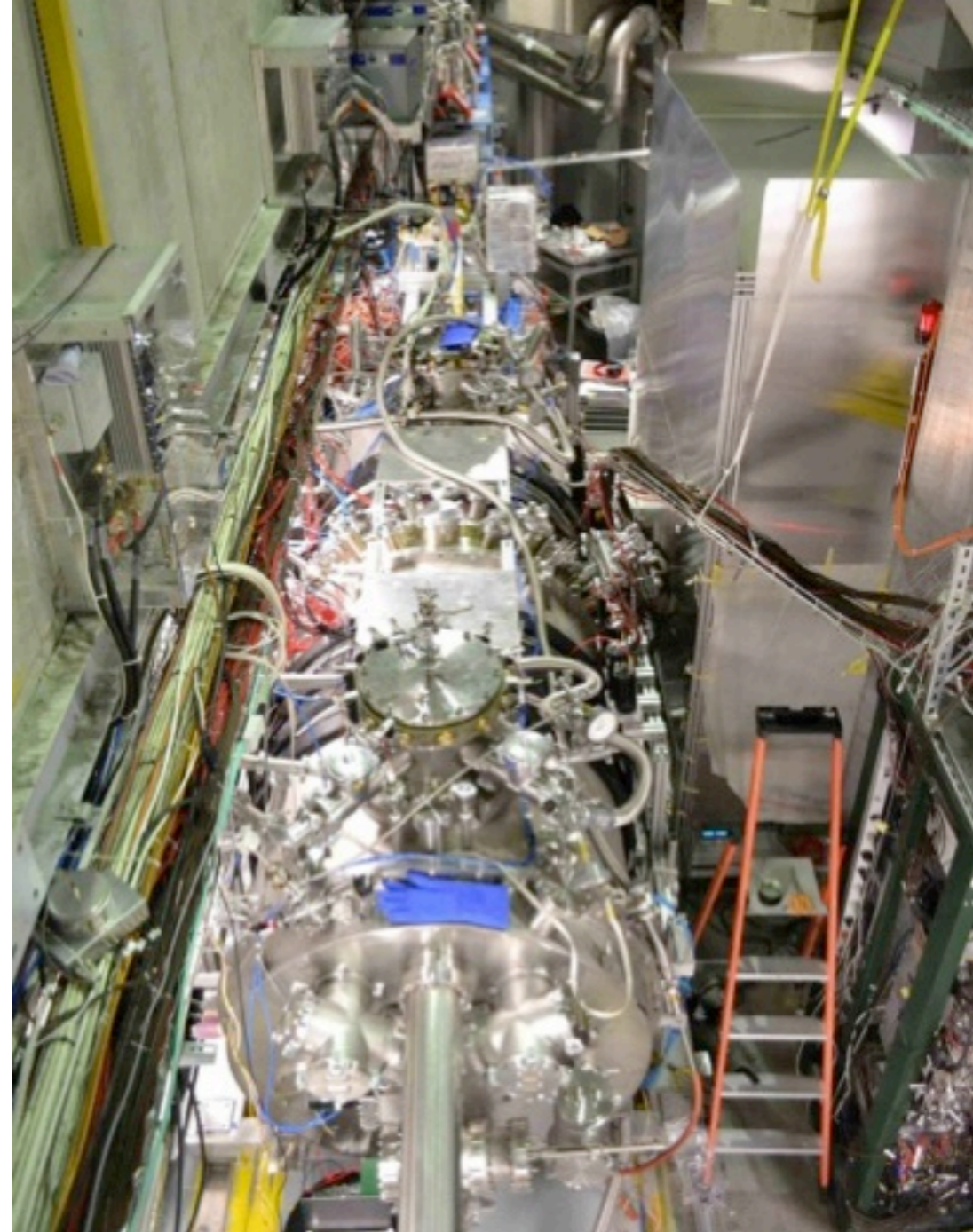
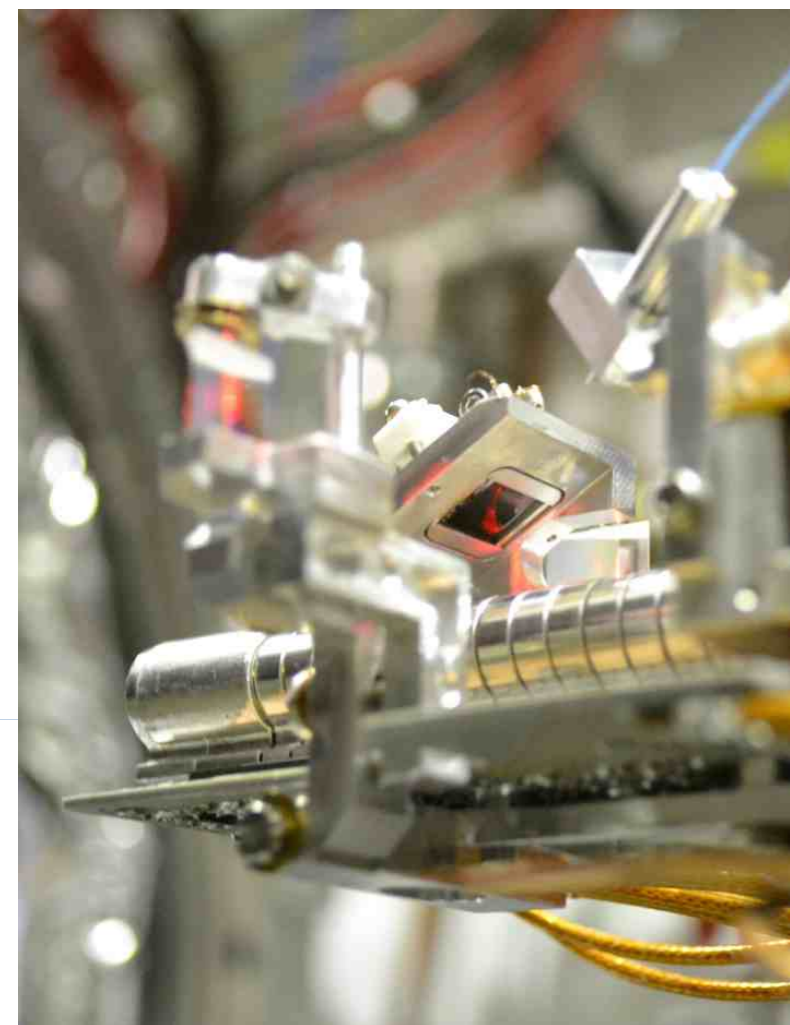
- Advantages:

- Pulsed  $\bar{H}$  production (time of flight – Stark acceleration)
- Narrow and well-defined  $\bar{H}$   $n$ -state distribution
- Colder production than via mixing process expected
- Rydberg  $Ps$  &  $\sigma \approx a_0 n^4 \rightarrow \bar{H}$  formation enhanced

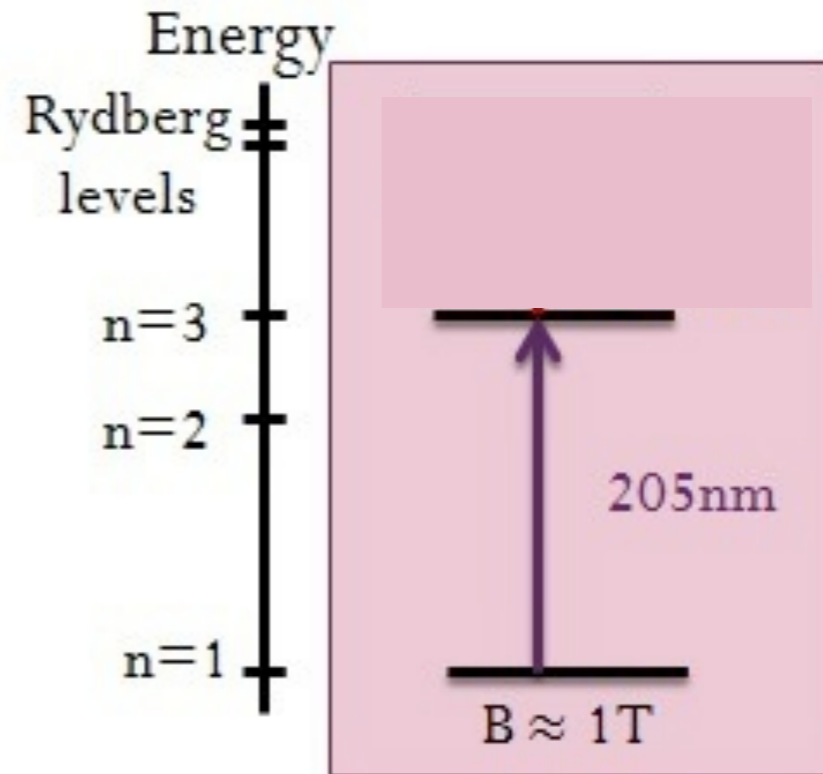
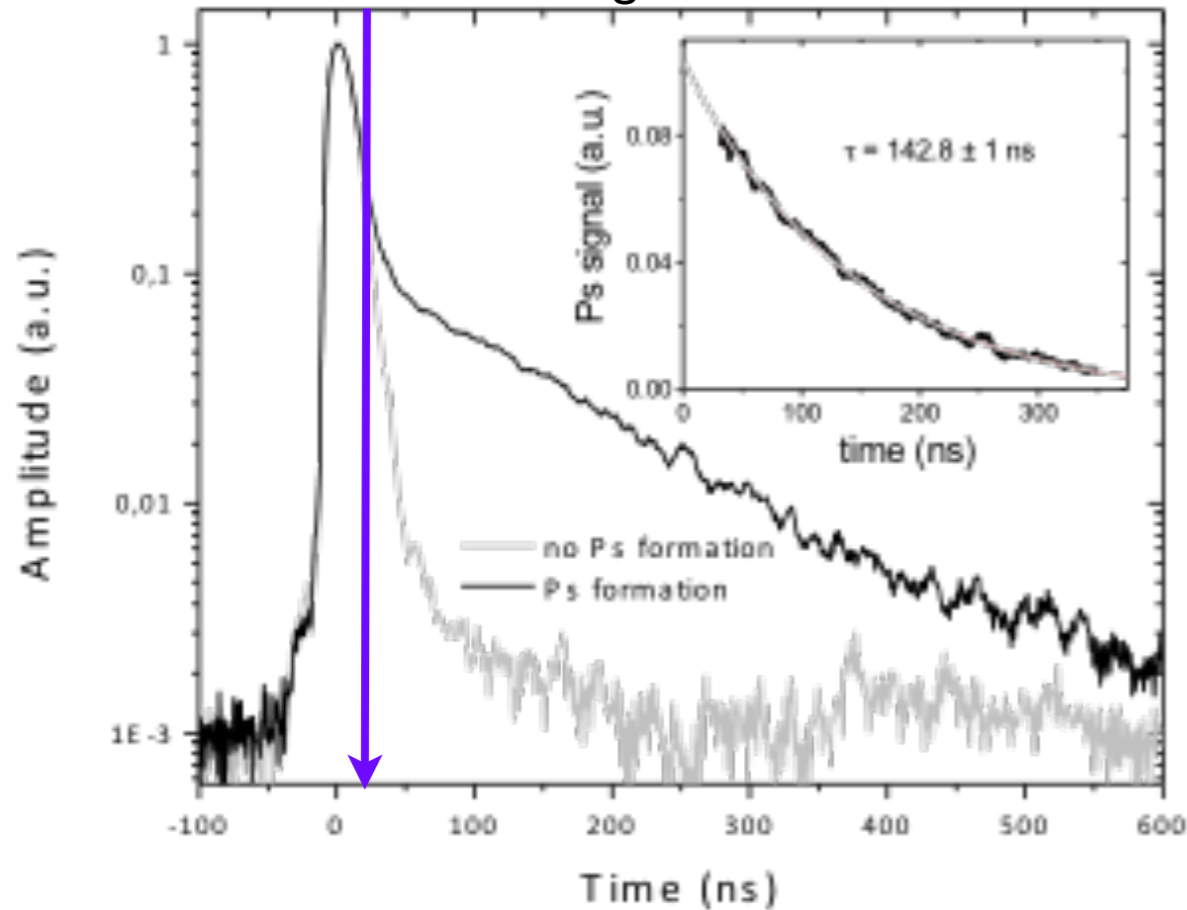




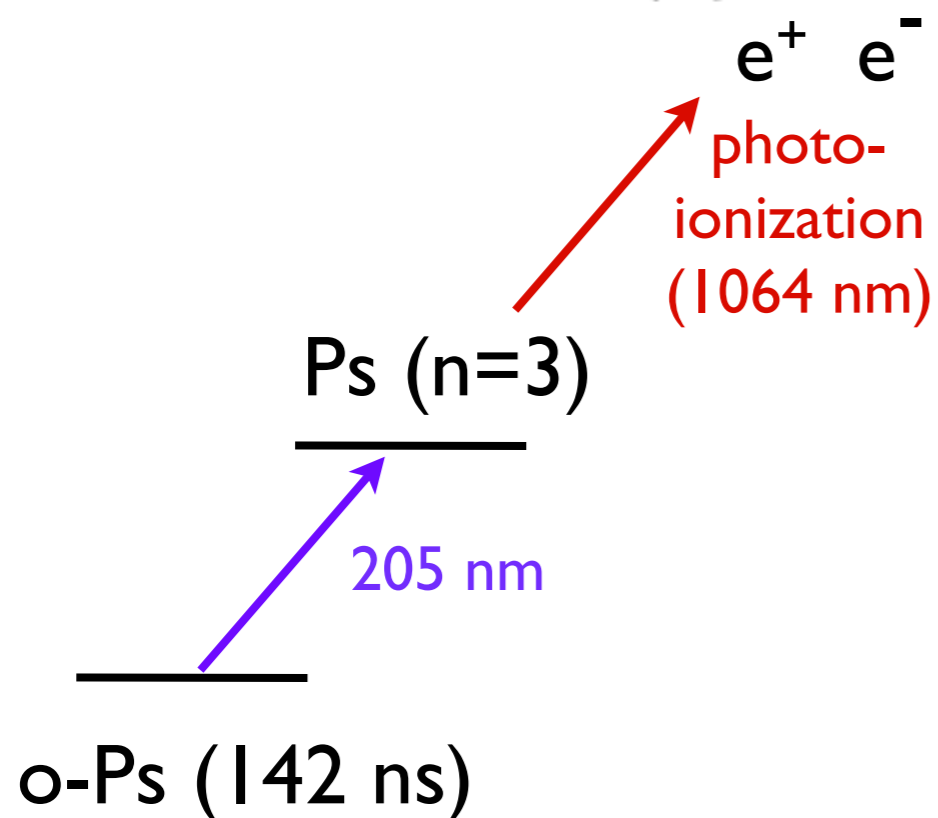
# AEgIS experiment



average of 15 shots



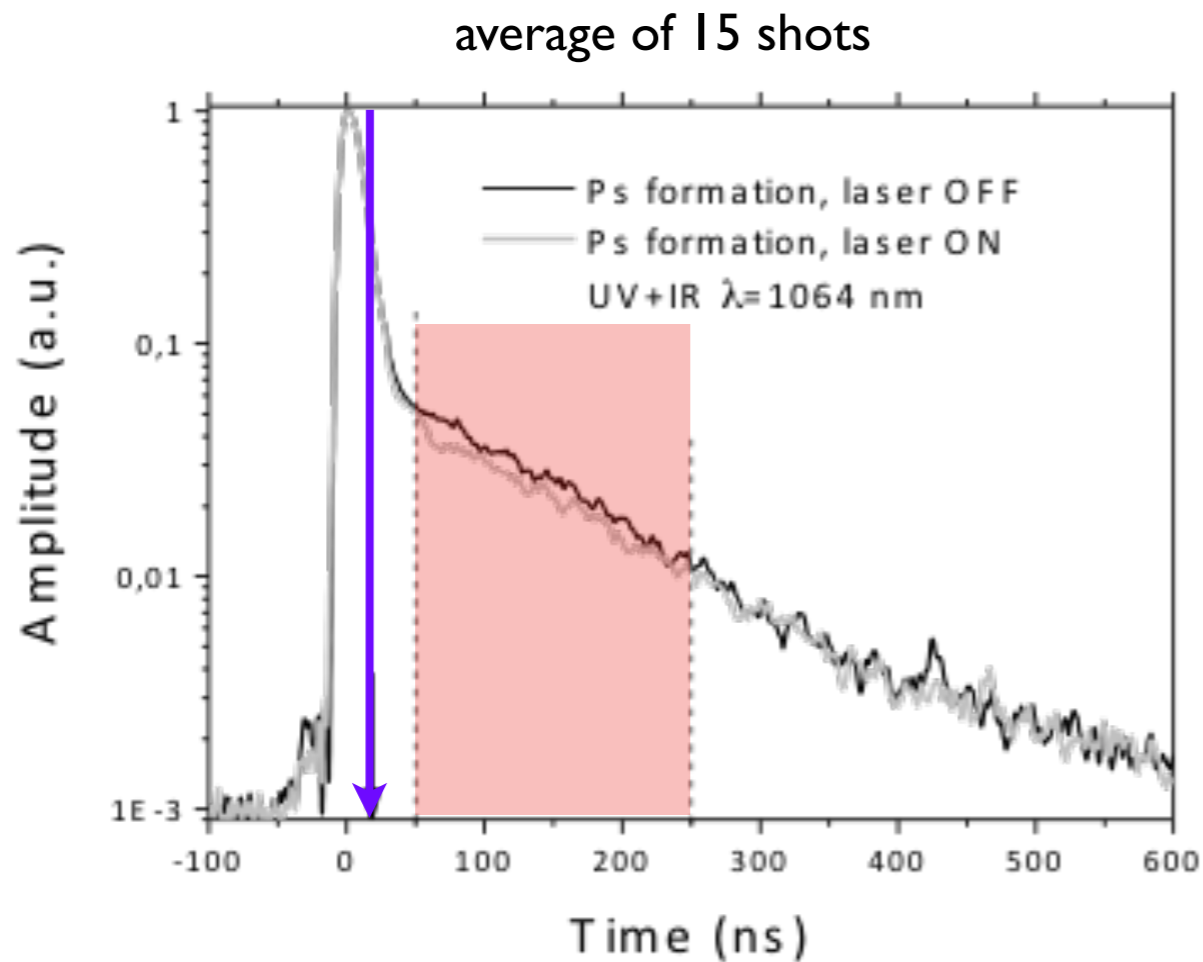
Energy  $60 \mu\text{J}$ , pulse 2ns, waist 6mm x 8mm,  $\sigma \sim 110 \text{ GHz}$



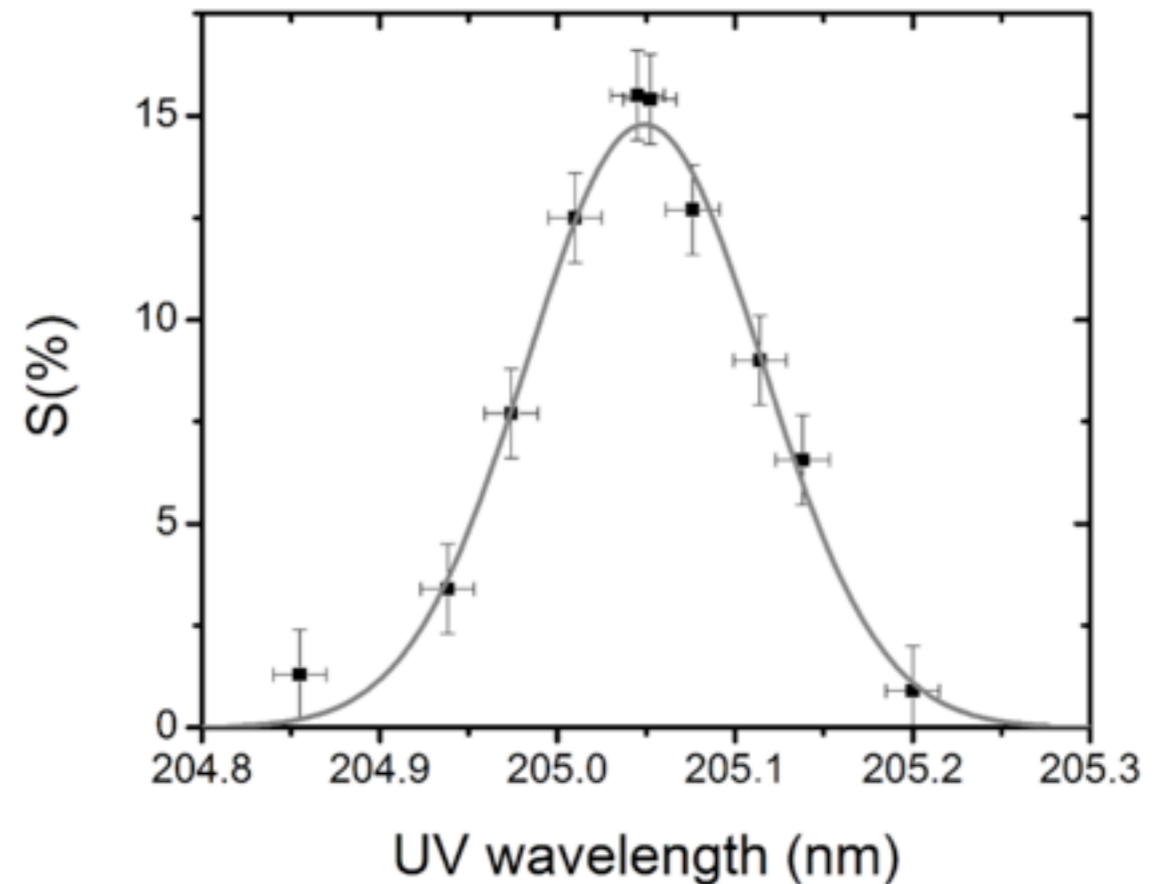
expect *decrease* of o-Ps population on resonance

→ *decrease* in (delayed) annihilation rate

# Measurement of Ps decay signal, alternating UV on/off, and scanning over UV wavelength



3P excitation line centered at  $205.05 \pm 0.02$  nm



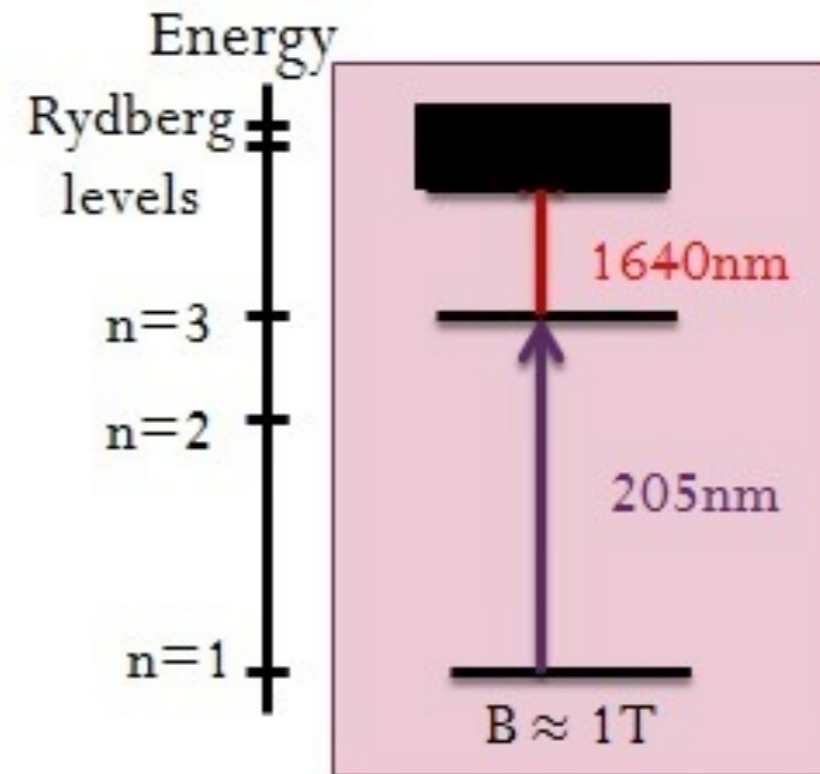
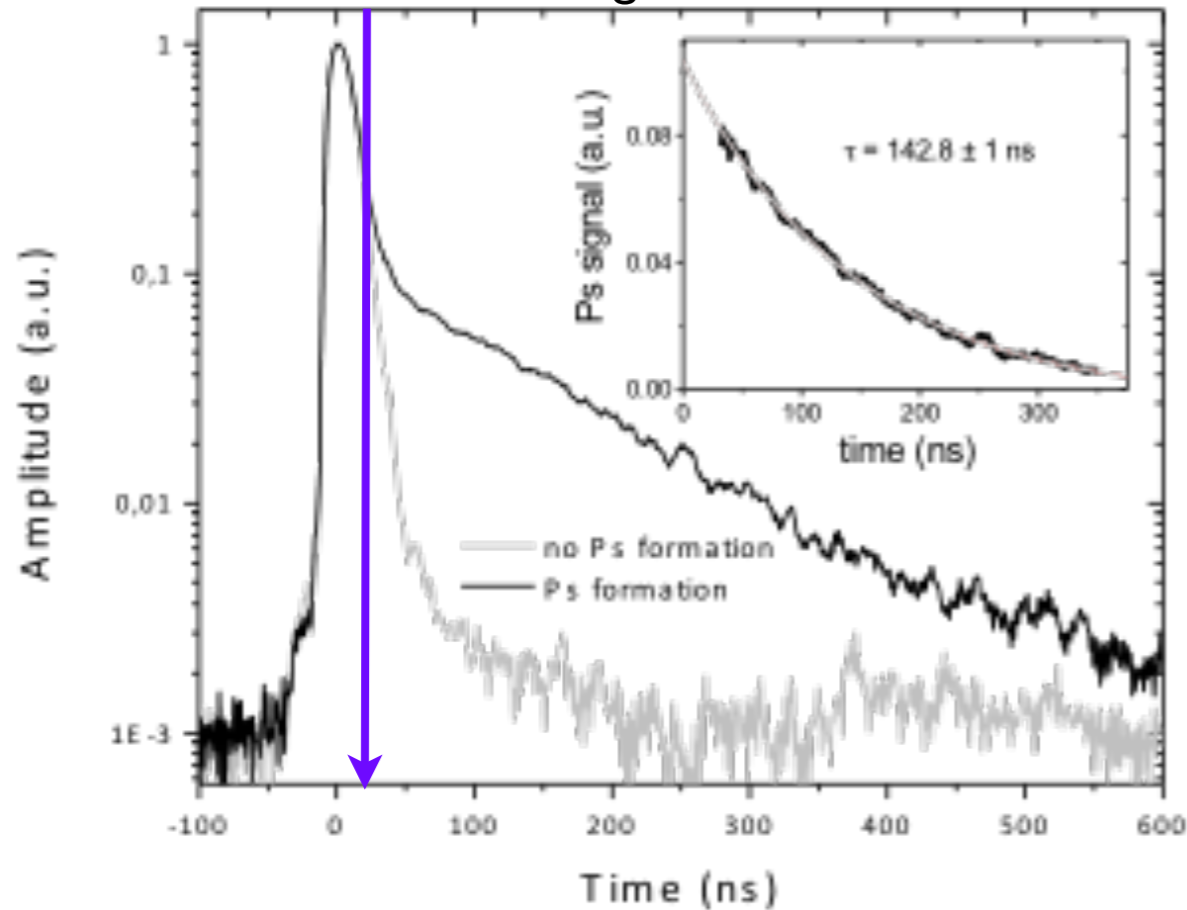
$$S(\%) = \frac{(\text{Area laser OFF} - \text{Area laser ON})}{\text{Area laser OFF}}$$

Excitation + photoionization efficiency  $\sim 15\%$  (limited by laser linewidth)

From this measurement, extract an average temperature of the excited o-Ps :  $T \sim 1300\text{K}$  (Doppler broadening)

# Ps excitation from n=3 into n~15

average of 15 shots



Ps\* (n=15,  $\tau \sim \mu\text{s}$ )

$\nearrow \sim 1700 \text{ nm}$

Ps (n=3)

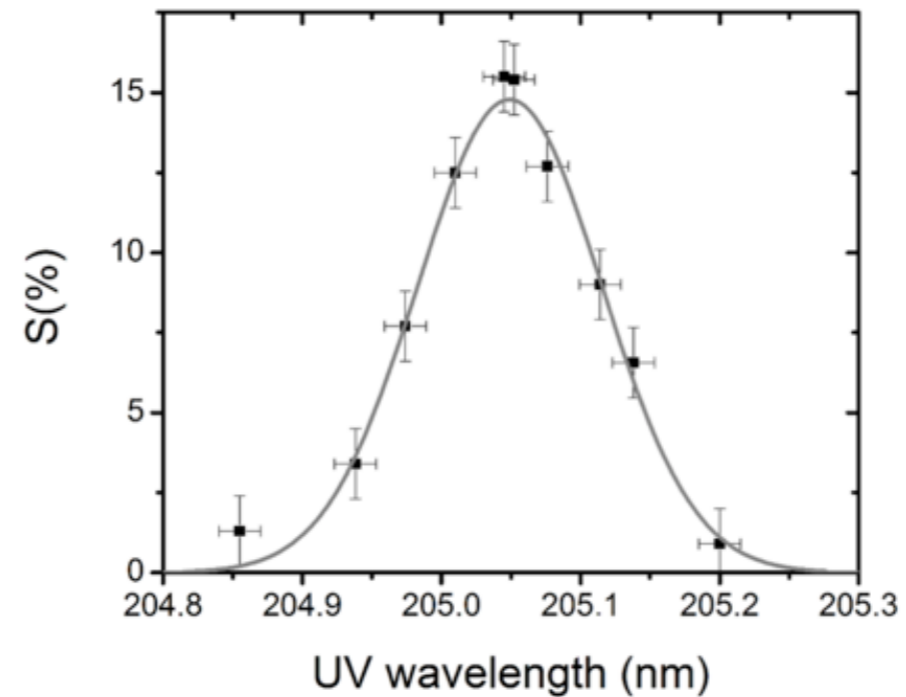
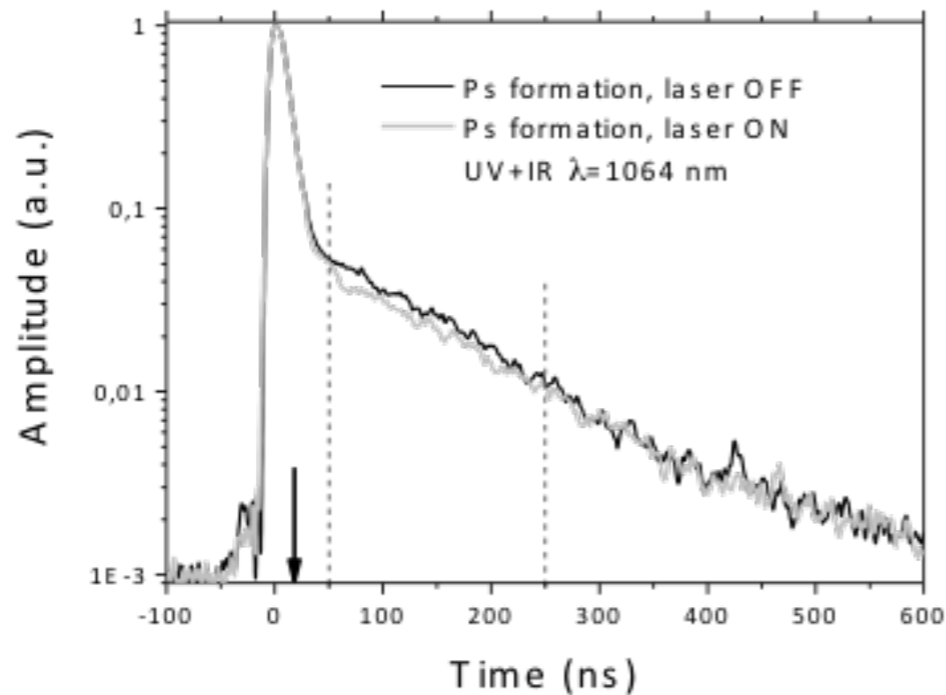
$\nearrow 205 \text{ nm}$

o-Ps (142 ns)

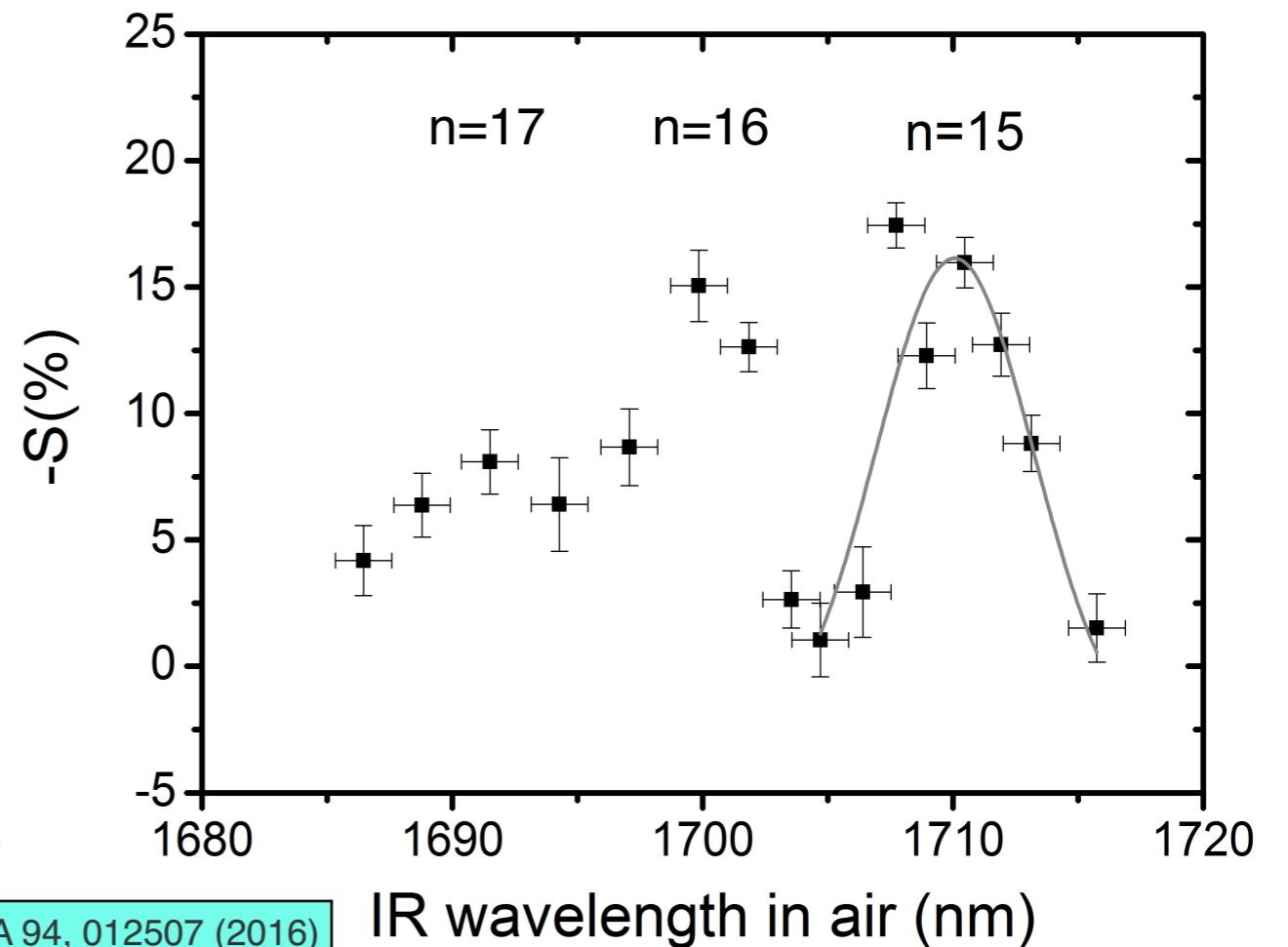
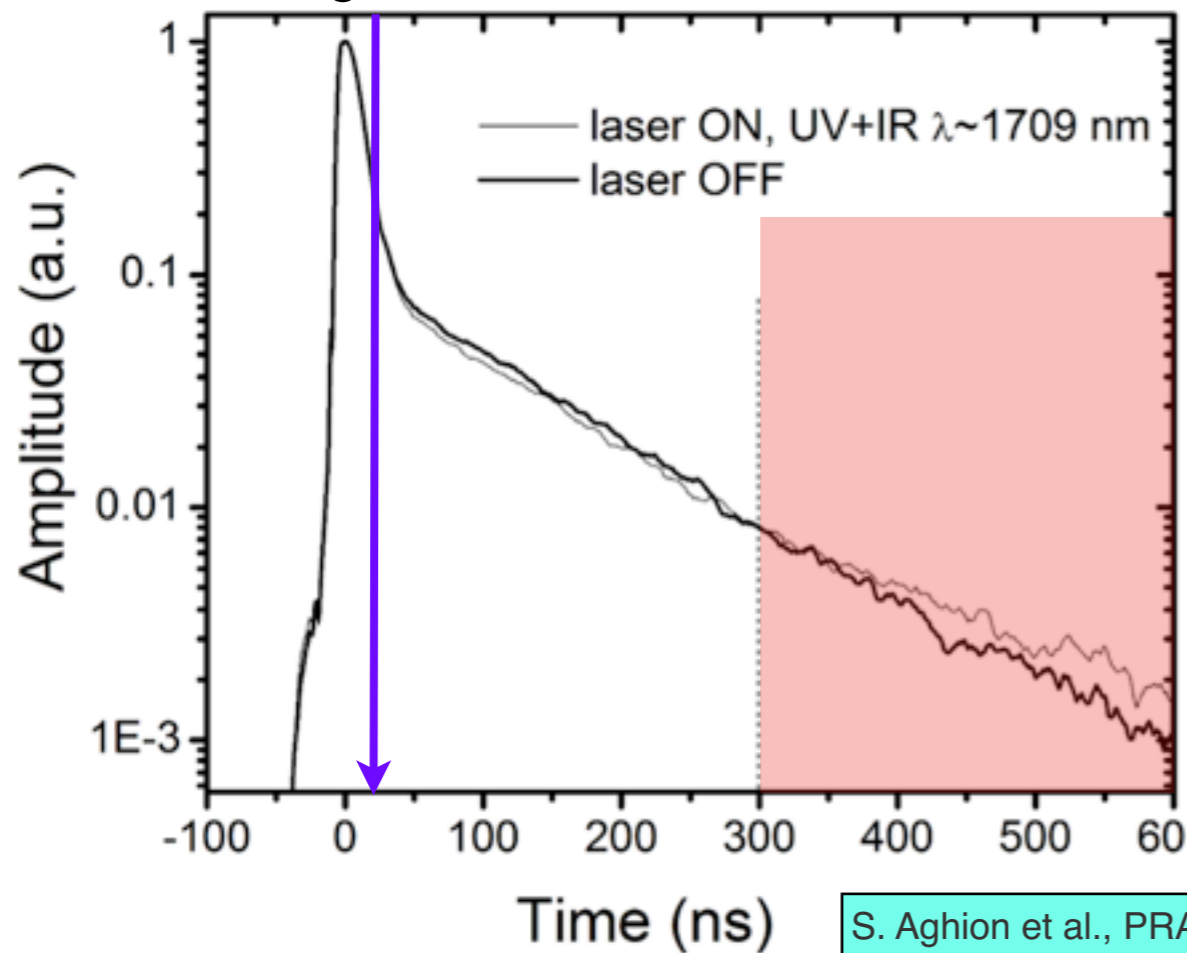
expect *decrease* of o-Ps population on resonance and *appearance* of long-lived Ps\*

$\rightarrow$  *increase* in (very delayed) annihilation rate

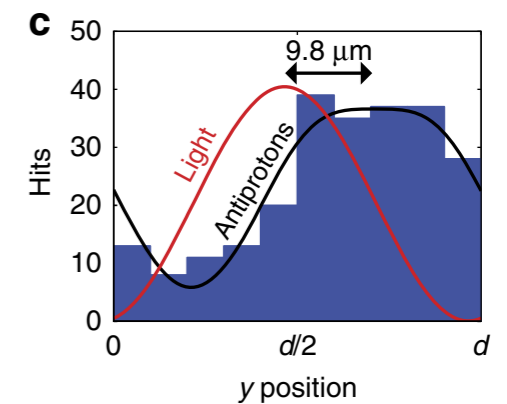
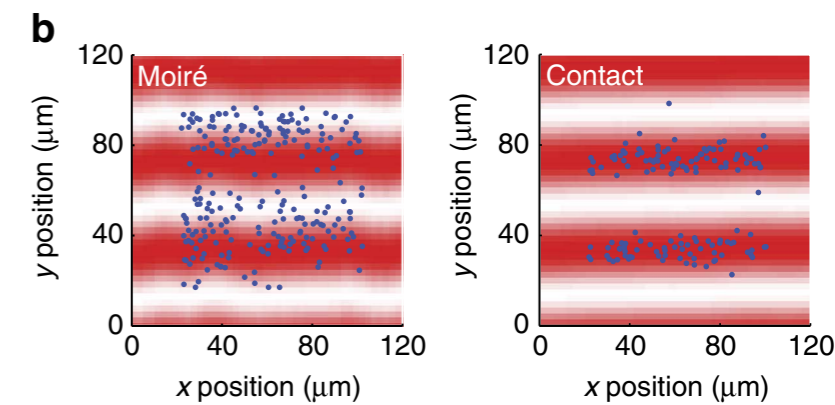
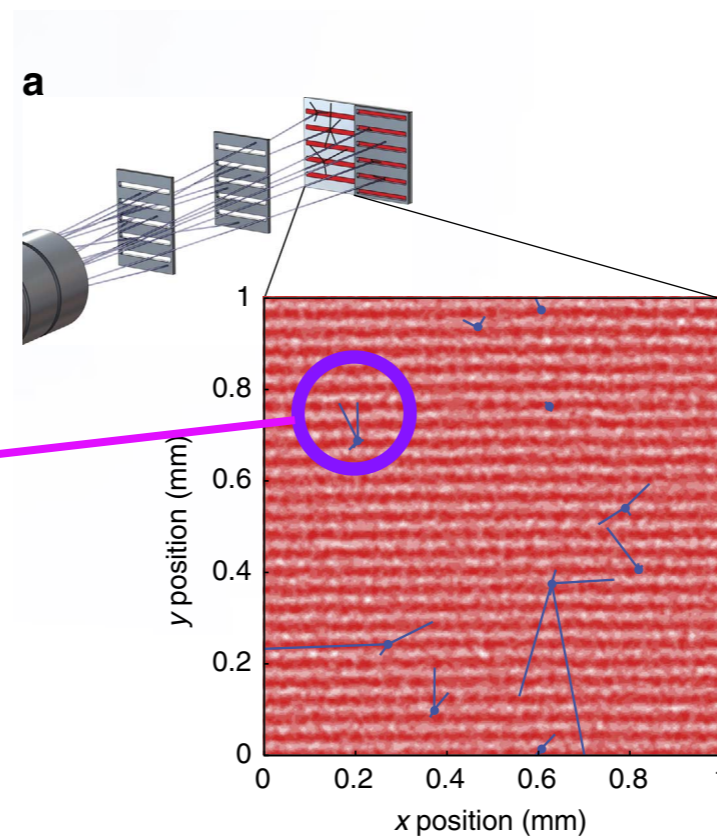
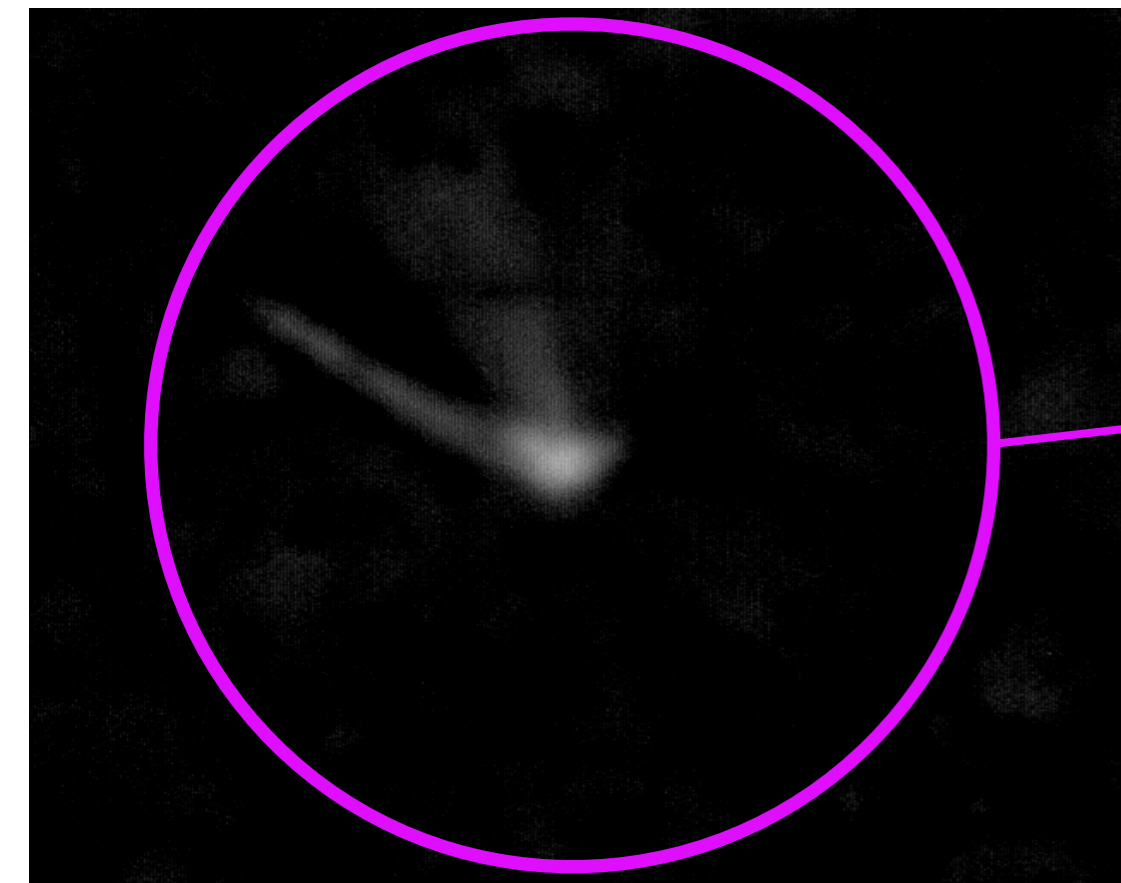
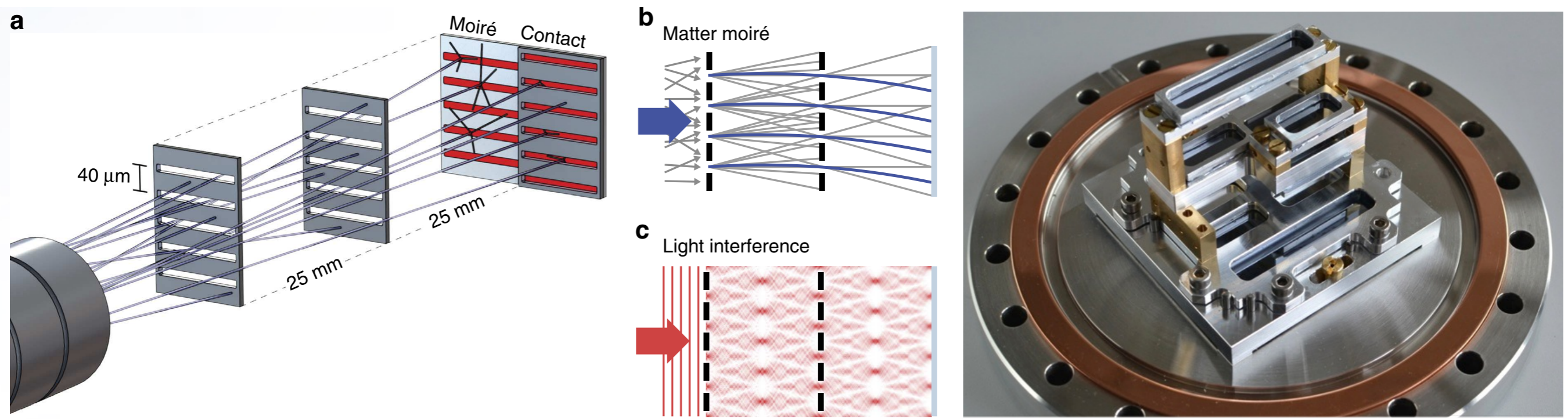
# Measurement of Ps decay signal, alternating UV+IR on/off, and scanning over IR wavelength



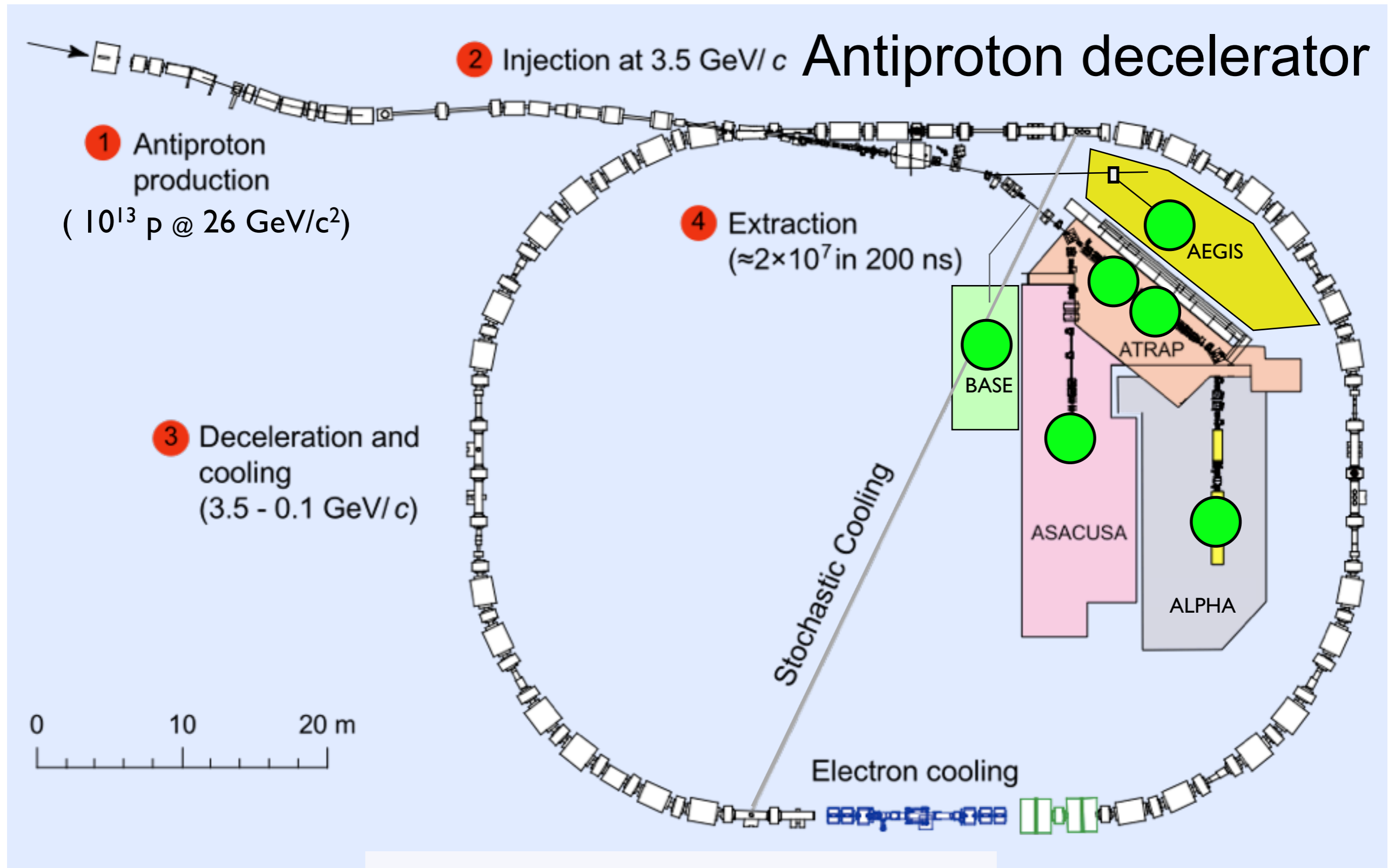
average of 40 shots



# Deflectometer test with antiprotons



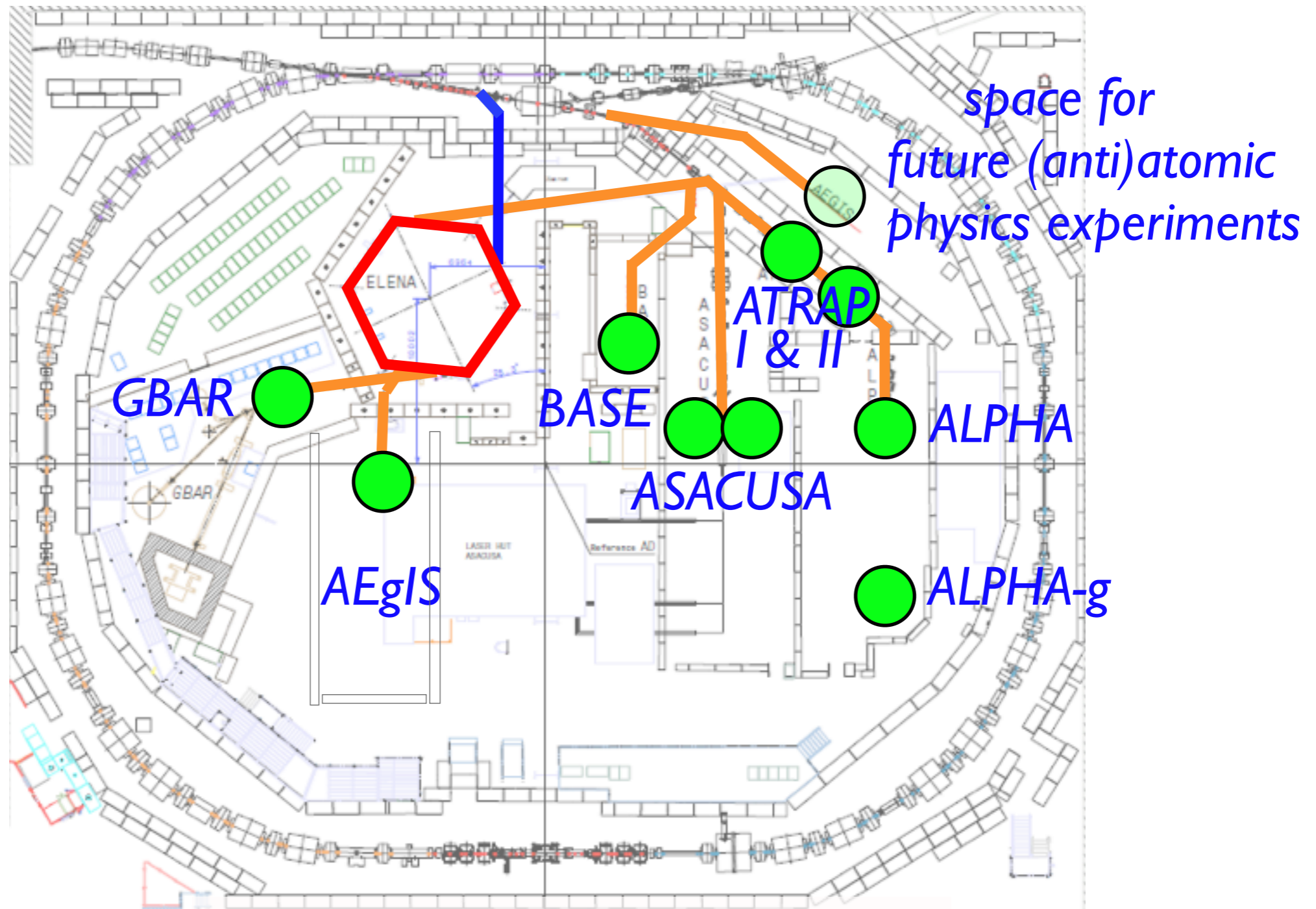
# Two main challenges: more / colder antiprotons



extraction at 5.3 MeV

Two main challenges: more / colder antiprotons  
current methods for trapping them are quite inefficient

## ELENA to the rescue



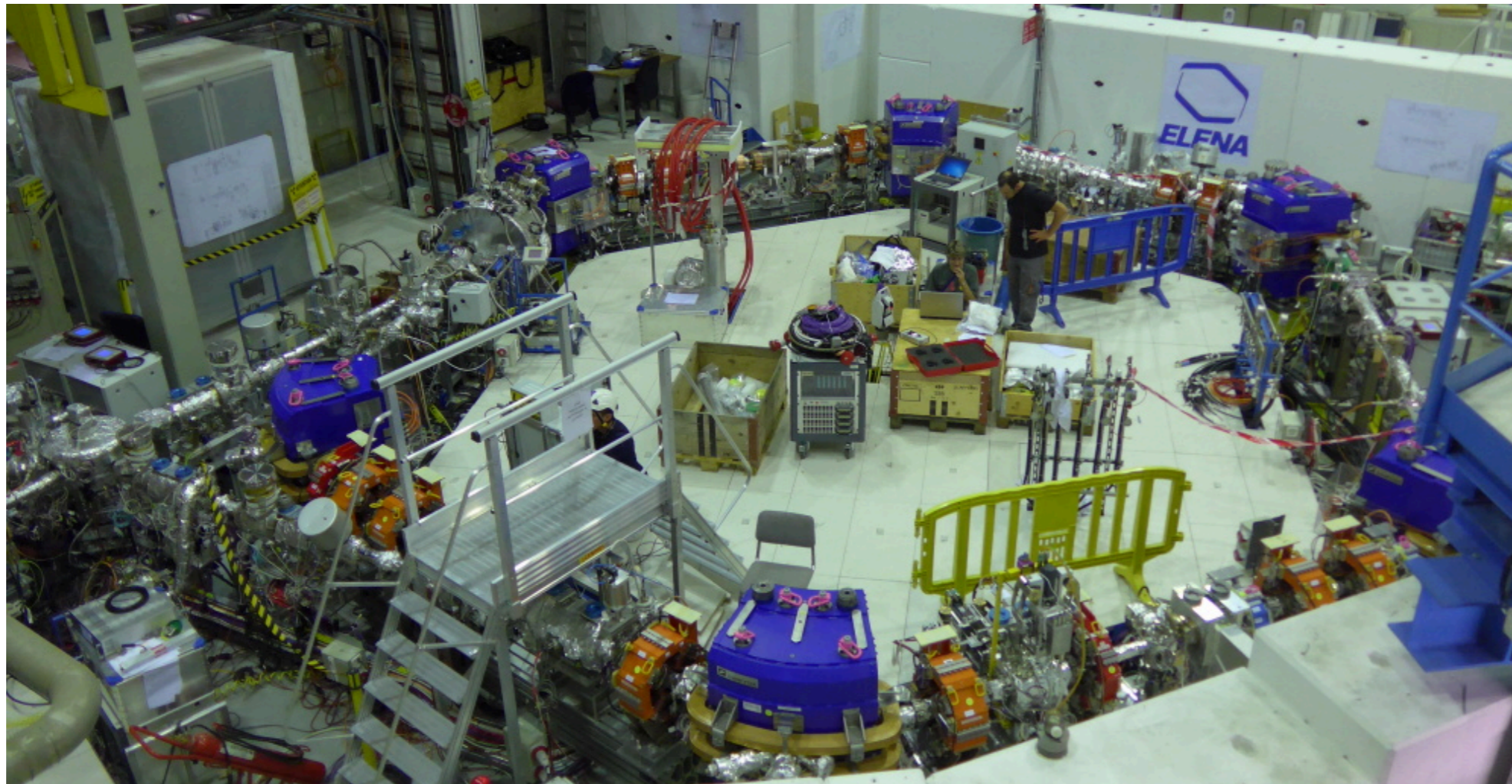
extraction at 100 keV



# ELENA is a tiny new decelerator that:

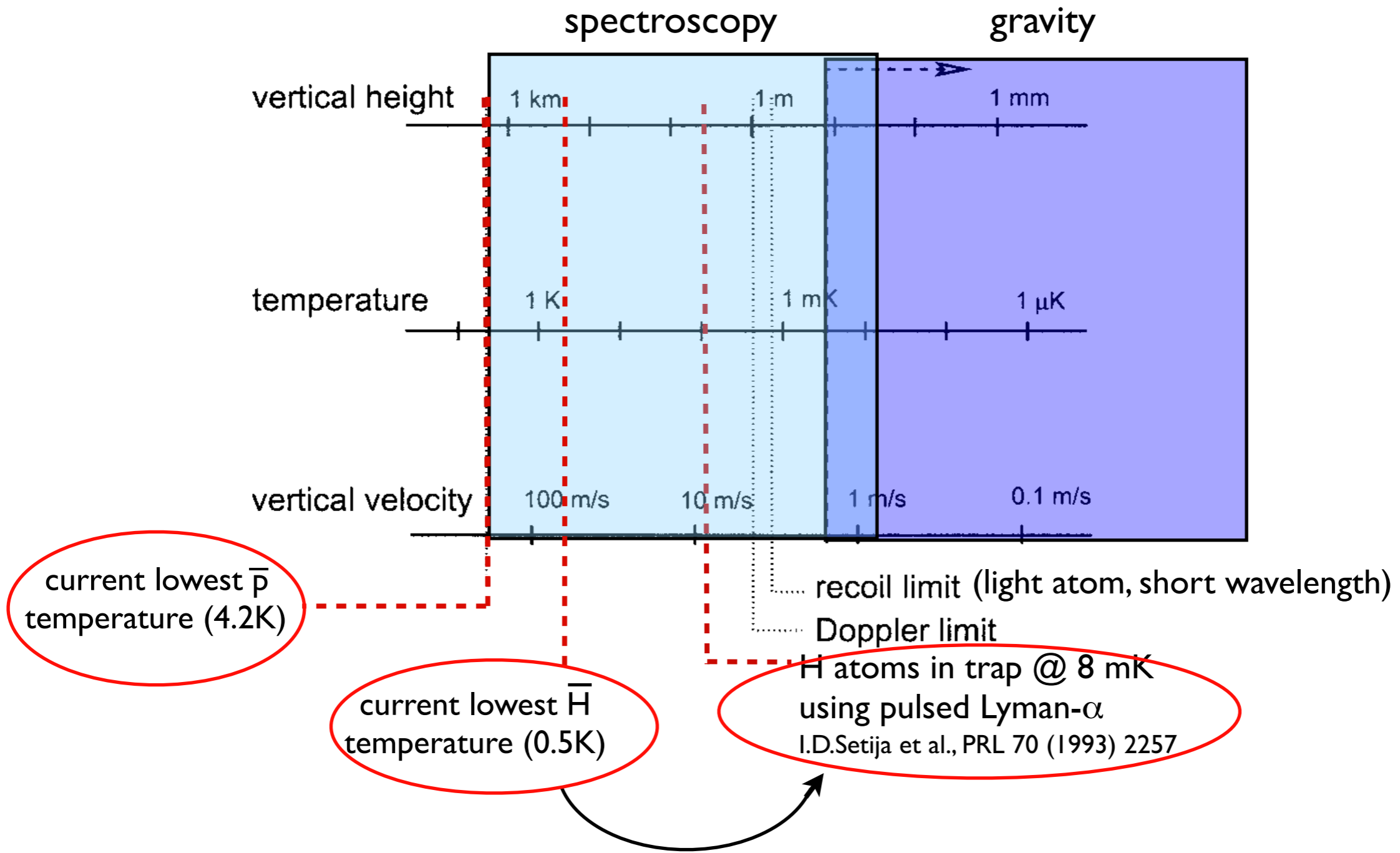
- dramatically slows down the antiprotons from the AD
- increases the *antiproton* trapping efficiency x 100
- allows 4 experiments to run in parallel
- allows new experiments to be considered

commissioning  
started in 2017



# Two main challenges: more / colder antiprotons

## “Ultra-cold” ( $\sim 1 \mu\text{K}$ ) Antihydrogen



IS $\rightarrow$ 2P laser cooling: cw Lyman- $\alpha$  source  
Eikema, Walz, Hänsch, PRL 86 (2001) 5679

# very long-term goals: gravity, spectroscopy in sub-mK traps *sympathetic cooling to the rescue*

## GBAR experiment

### cooling of $\bar{H}^+$

J. Walz and T. Hänsch, Gen. Rel. and Grav. 36 (2004) 561

formation of  $\bar{H}^+$  (binding energy = 0.754 eV)

how? perhaps through  $Ps(2p) + \bar{H}(1s) \rightarrow \bar{H}^+ + e^-$

Roy & Sinha, EPJD 47 (2008) 327

sympathetic cooling of  $\bar{H}^+$

e.g.  $In^+$   $\rightarrow$  20  $\mu$ K

photodetachment at  $\sim 6083$   $cm^{-1}$

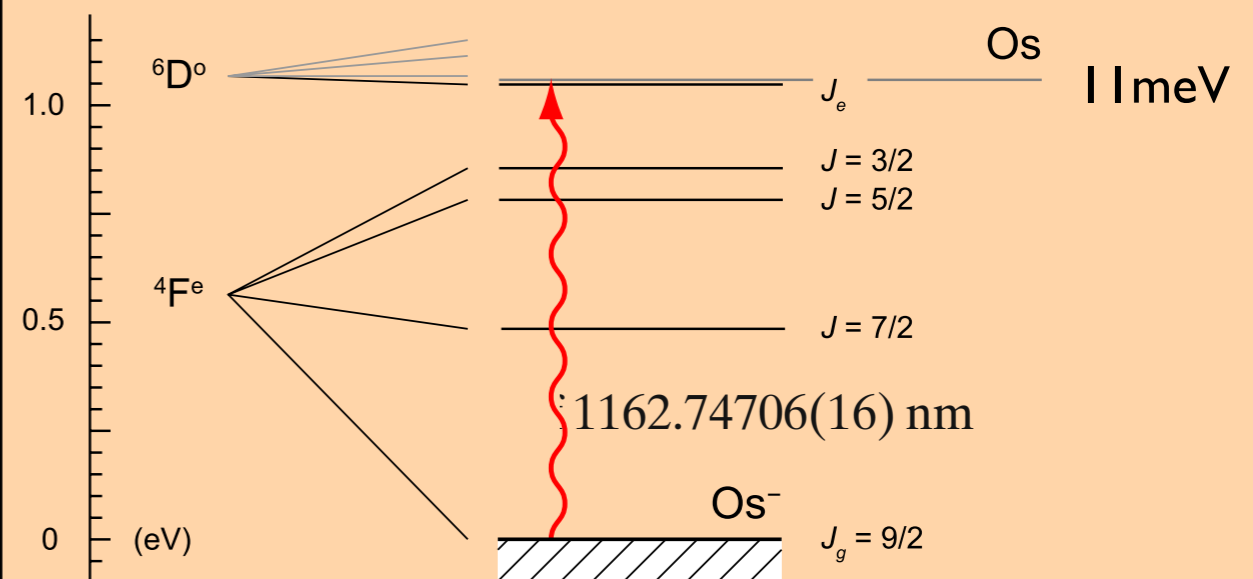
gravity measurement via “TOD”

## Anion cooling for AEGIS: $Os^-$ , $La^-$ , $C_2^-$

### cooling of $\bar{p}$

Warring et al, PRL 102 (2009) 043001

Fischer et al, PRL 104 (2010) 073004



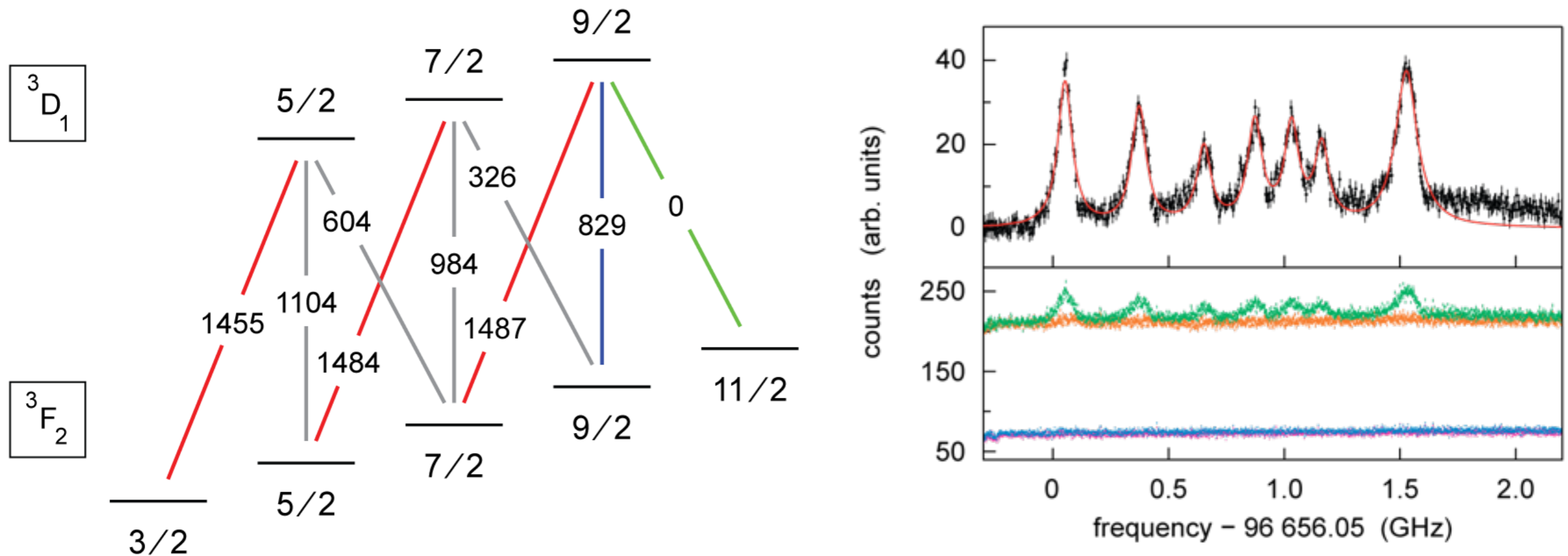
very weak cooling

$\rightarrow$  best to start at  $\sim 4$ K and cool to Doppler limit ( $T_D \approx 0.24$   $\mu$ K)

should allow reaching same precision on  $g$  as with atoms ( $10^{-6}$  or better)

# laser-cooling of anions ( → sympathetic cooling of antiprotons)

ongoing work in Heidelberg with  $\text{La}^-$ : HF transitions fully characterized  
transition (cooling) rate of several kHz  
(only) 3 laser wavelengths required for cooling

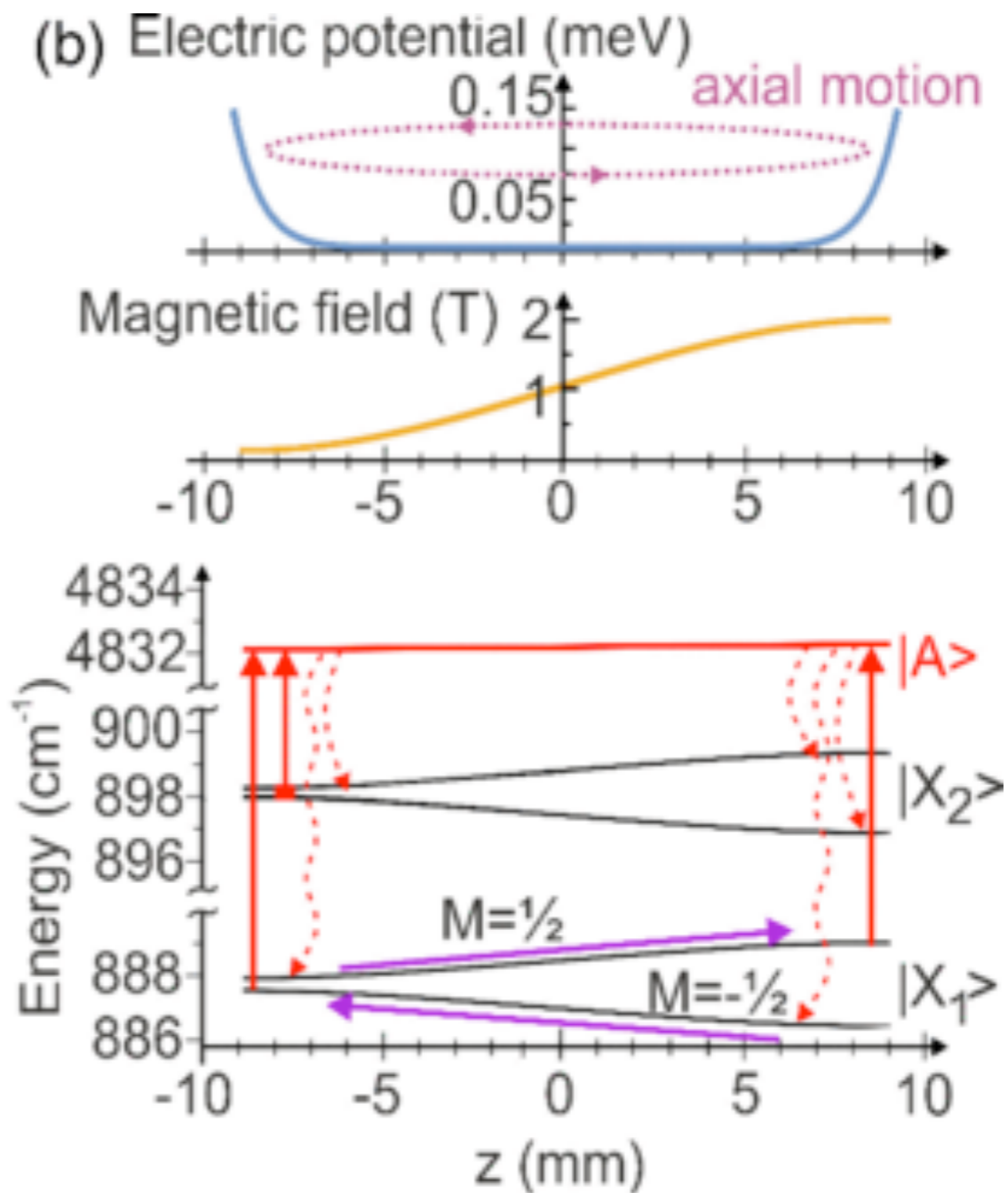
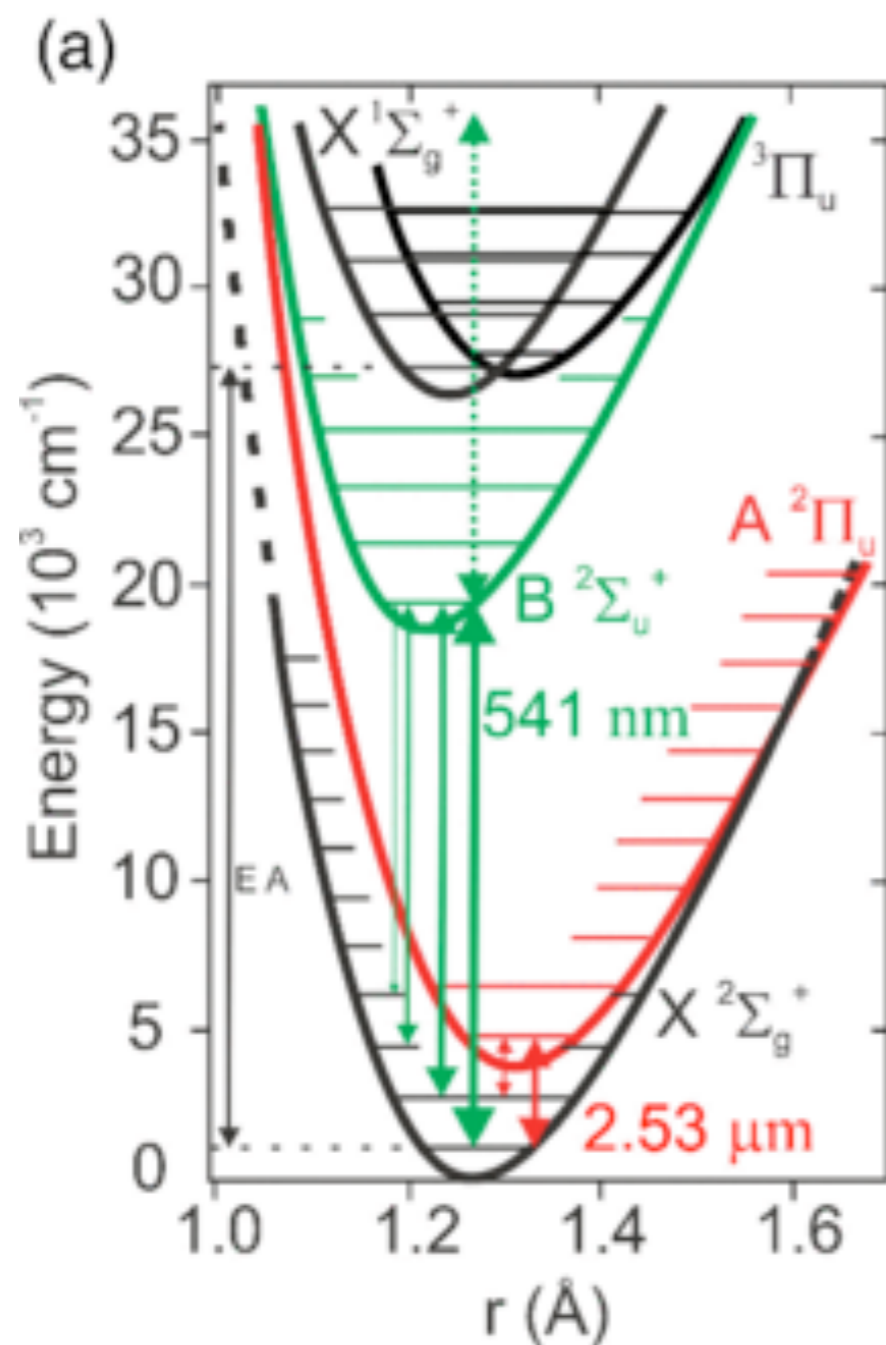


- next step: trapping, cooling of  $\text{La}^-$

E. Jordan, G. Cerchiari, S. Fritzsche, and A. Kellerbauer  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 113001

# Anion cooling for AEGIS: $C_2^-$

# Sisyphus cooling



Electronic and vibrational levels of  $C_2^-$

Arrow width  $\sim$  Franck-Condon transition strength

other measurements with  
antihydrogen-like atoms & ions...

$\bar{H}$ : charge neutrality ...

$\text{Ps}$ , muonium: gravity (lepton sensitivity)

$\mu\bar{p}$ : gravity (2<sup>nd</sup> generation), antiproton charge radius

$\bar{p}p$ ,  $\bar{p}d$ : gravity (baryon sensitivity), spectroscopy, ...

ions:  $\bar{H}^+$  gravity, CPT (ultra-cold  $\bar{H}$ )

ions:  $H_2^+$ , resp.  $\bar{H}_2^-$  proton-electron mass ratio  $\mu$

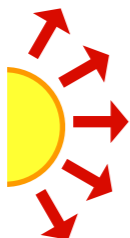
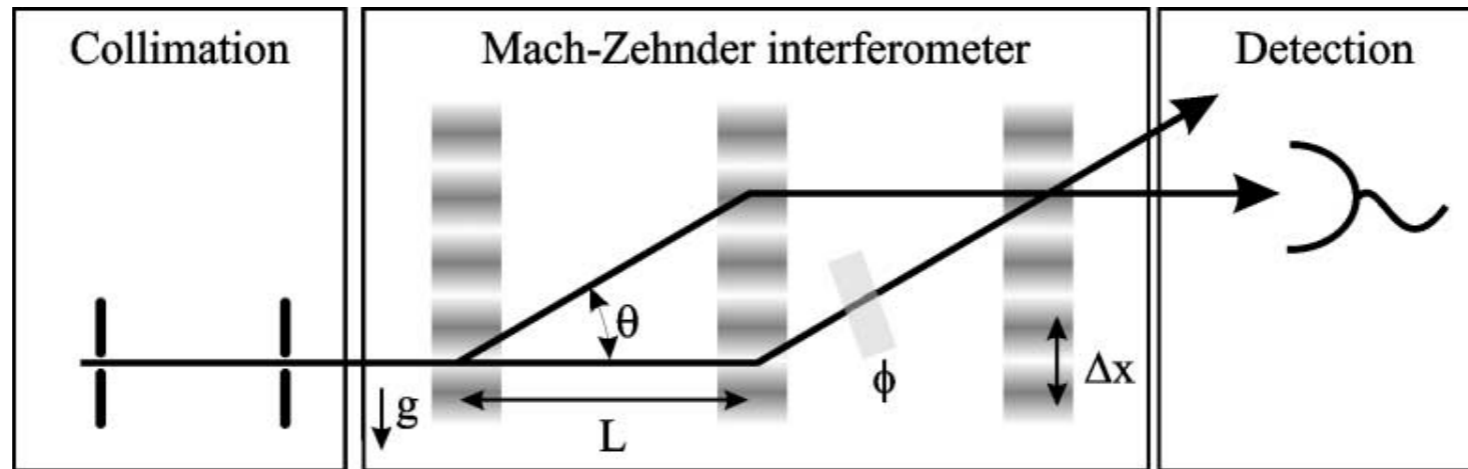
$\bar{p}N$ : trapped  $\bar{p}$  (AD) + radioisotopes (ISOLDE) = PUMA

# positronium...

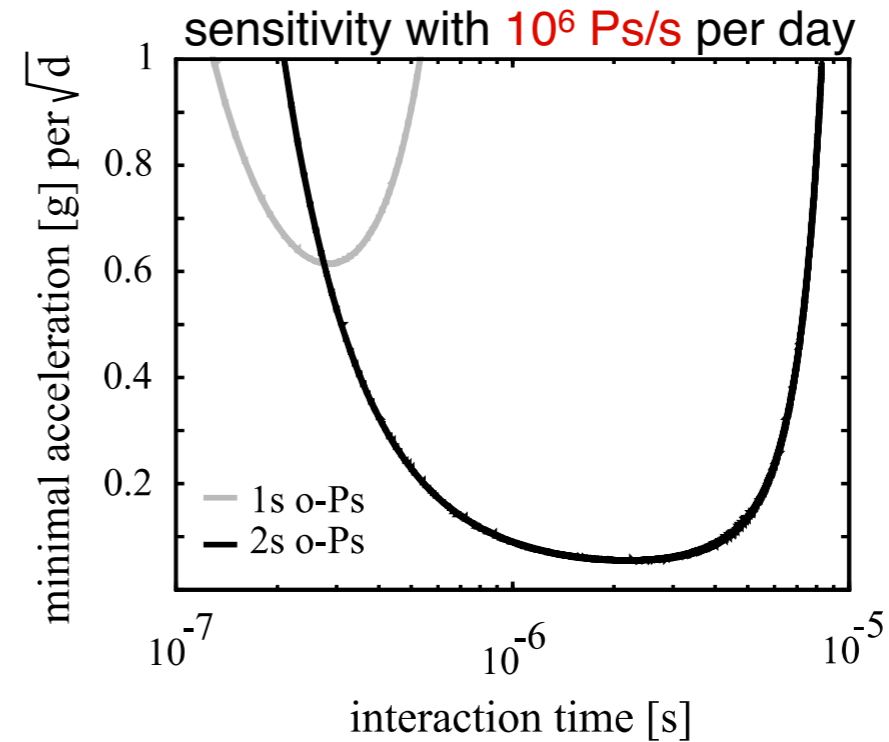
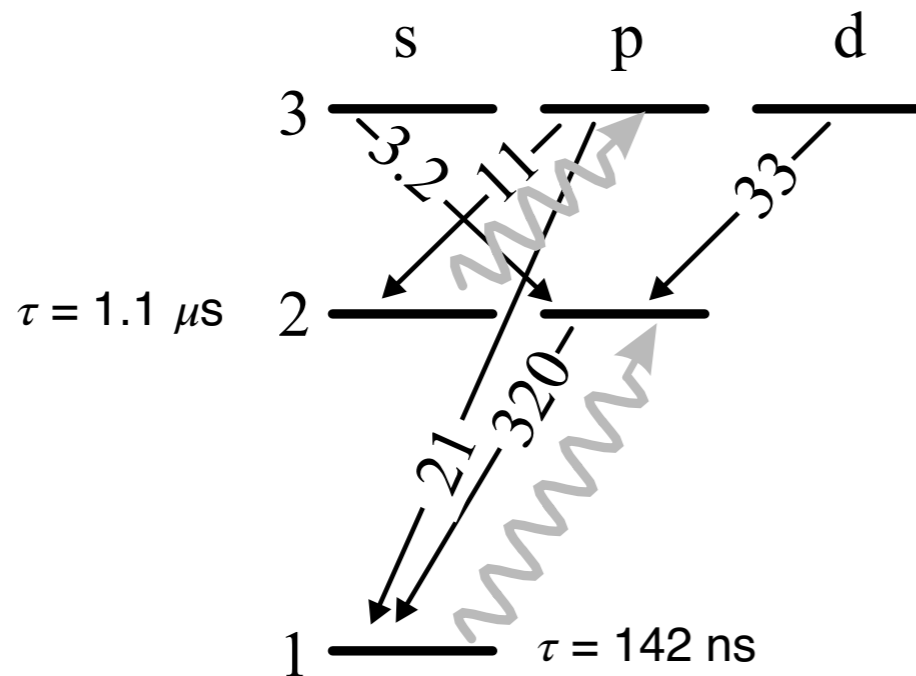
physics interest: QED atomic spectrum, **gravity (via matter wave interferometry)**

M. Oberthaler, NIMB, [Volume 192, Issues 1-2](#), (2002) 129

Ps source  
( $2\pi$  or better)

$\lambda(1s) = 243.1\text{nm}$   
 $\lambda(2s) = 1312.5\text{nm}$



$v_{Ps} \sim 100\text{ km/s} \rightarrow$  interaction time of  $1\mu\text{s} \sim 10\text{ cm}$

# protonium...

physics interest: QCD-induced shift, broadening of QED atomic spectrum

“traditionally” formed by injecting  $\bar{p}$  into liquid hydrogen

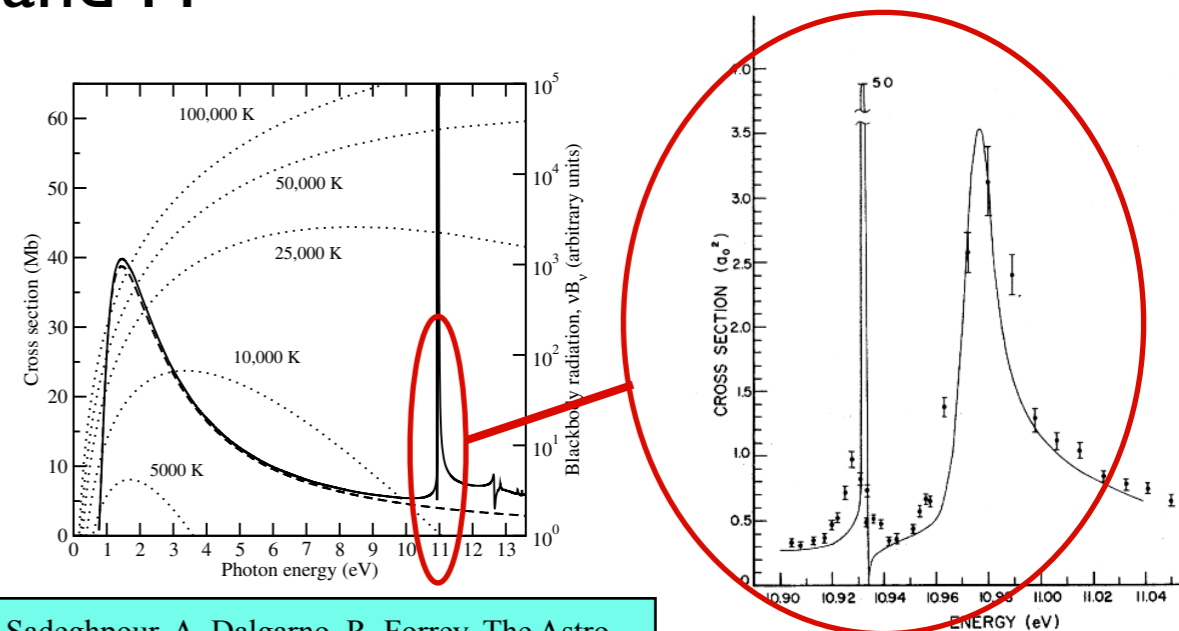
spontaneous formation in  $n \sim 40$ , Stark mixing, rapid annihilation

spectroscopy resolution determined by fluorescence detector resolution

alternative: **pulsed** formation via co-trapped  $\bar{p}$  and  $H^-$

- photo-ionize  $H^- \rightarrow H + e^-$
- charge exchange  $H + \bar{p} \rightarrow p\bar{p}(40) + e^-$

**pulsed formation**  $\rightarrow$  **laser spectroscopy on  $p\bar{p}$**  ;  
resolution determined by **laser resolution**



H. Sadeghpour, A. Dalgarno, R. Forrey, The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 709:L168–L171, 2010

H. C. Bryant et al., PRL 38 (1977) 228

improvements: **formation rate** increased if  $n(H) \gg 1$

improvements: **life time** increased if  $n(H) \gg 1$

$\rightarrow$  long-lived cold Rydberg protonium  $\rightarrow$  trap/beam  $\rightarrow$  **gravity measurement**  
**precision spectroscopy**



# Summary and longer-term outlook

- advances on spectroscopy with  $\bar{H}$  and  $\bar{p}\text{He}^+$ , as well as in precision measurements with  $\bar{p}$  have been impressive in the last few years...
- in these systems, CPT tests now reach  $\sim 10^{-12}$  and have the potential to improve sensitivity by further orders of magnitude in the coming years
- **tests of the WEP are becoming feasible**, with precisions that can be expected to initially reach % or ‰ level

work towards **ultra-cold  $\bar{H}$**  will open up additional experimental techniques and should lead not only to improved precision tests of CPT, but also of the gravitational interaction: atomic fountains, & laser-interferometric techniques, benefitting from the past and ongoing progress in the fields of atomic physics, quantum optics, molecular physics, ...

Further antihydrogen-like systems like  $\bar{p}\mu^+$ ,  $\text{Ps}$ ,  $\bar{p}\text{p}$ ,  $\bar{H}^+$ ,  $\bar{H}_2^-$  (and much patience and ingenuity) offer additional opportunities for intriguing tests (**gravity**, high sensitivity measurements of antiproton/positron mass ratio, **gravity tests in purely baryonic or leptonic systems**, ...)