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Silicon Vertex Detector for the detection of antihydrogen in the ALPHA II

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Overview

- Introduction and background
- Core of ALPHA Apparatus
- Experimental procedure
- Detector and Analysis details
- Experimental data examples
- Discuss cosmic suppression
- Conclusion

ALPHA Introduction









Overall Goals

Perform precision experiments with antihydrogen

- Laser spectroscopy
- Microwave spectroscopy
- Charge neutrality tests
- Gravity



antihydrogen, Nature

(2018)

1S-2S transition in







Paper Highlights:

700

600

500

400

300

200

100

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antiatoms

Observed

- First paper from 2016 Run
- Trapping performance dramatically better
- First laser spectroscopy on antihydrogen

Trapped Antihydrogen, Nature (2010)

Seconds, Nature Physics Antihydrogen For 1,000 Confinement Of (2011)

Transitions In Trapped Antihydrogen Atoms, Resonant Quantum Nature (2012)

Stochastic Acceleration, An Improved Limit On Antihydrogen From The Charge Of Nature (2016)

2S Transition In Trapped Observation Of The 1S-Antihydrogen, Nature (2016)

hyperfine spectrum of antihydrogen, Nature (2017) Observation of the

Characterization of the antihydrogen, Nature **1S-2S transition in** (2018)

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 First atomic spectral measurements with just 194 atoms detected

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Paper Highlights:

160

140

120

100

80

60

400

2000

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Observed antiatoms

- 2017 Run (only published 2 days ago!)
- First line shape measurement of transition in antihydrogen
- Trapped antihydrogen lifetime >60 hours
- 100 Factor improvement over 2016 measurement

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Experiment Overview



















Silicon Hybrid

1mm

111

3

1mm





ALPHA – hybrids – additional information



- 300µm p on n doubled sided strip detector
- 256x128 strips, pitches 229/890μm
- Sensor size 60x115mm, active 58x112mm
- Module alignment (15 ± 2.5) / (32 ± 2.5)µm

- 1600μm PCB, Nelco 4000 material
- Copper wiring thorough the PCB on the nside
- N –side externally AC coupled
- 1144 ultrasonically bonded wires per hybrid

7 C01051 (2011)

- Sensor size 60x115mm, active 58x112mm
- Four Va1Ta 128 channel ASICs
- Fast trigger shaper (75ns) / slow analogue shaper (typically 1μs)
- Programmable shaping parameters
- Dynamic range ± 10MIPs

Readout Diagram



Detector Performance Range

	ALPHA I	ALPHA II	
Number of Hybrid Modules	60	72	
Number of Layers	3	3	
Length (mm)	600	600	
Inner Radii (mm)	75	89	
		94.5	
Middle Radii (mm)	95.5	108	
		113.5	
Outer Radii (mm)	109	127	
	114 132.5		
Solid angle coverage	72%	77%	
Reconstruction resolution	~600 μm (Experimental)	~850 μm (Simulation)	
Readout rate	470Hz	470Hz 600Hz	
Air cooled	1 Vortex Tube	2 Vortex Tubes	

NIM A,735 319-340 (2014). Nucl. Inst. Method in Phys. Res. A 732 134-136 (2013)



Neutral Atom Trap

- loffe-Pritchard trap
- Confining depth of 0.5K for Antihydrogen
- Magnetic minima traps half of the spin states of antihydrogen

Experimental Procedure

- 1. Catch, compress and cool antiprotons and positrons
- 2. Mix
- 3. Perform Experiment Counts may 'appear'
- 4. Turn off trap Antihydrogen lost would have 'disappeared'







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3. Experiment Inject microwaves with dedicated feed throug



<u>'live' view</u>

Accumulative projection view



1. Catch, compress and cool

T: 0.00s Detected Antihydrogen: 0



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T: 164.12s Detected Antihydrogen: 3947



2. Mix positrons and antiprotons

T: 0.00s Detected Antihydrogen: 0



2. Mix positrons and antiprotons

T: 66.00s Detected Antihydrogen: 6668



3. Run experiment with antihydrogen

This can include and combination of:

- Injecting microwaves
- Injecting laser light
- Manipulating electric field
- Reconfiguring magnetic field
- Waiting

4. Turn off the atom trap

T: 0.00s Detected Antihydrogen: 0



4. Turn off the atom trap

T: 1.70s Detected Antihydrogen: 467



Summary results of 1S-2S paper

- 1. Catch cold antiprotons and positrons
- 2. Mix
- 3. Appearance experiment:
 - 1. Inject microwaves to clear out 'C state' atoms
 - 2. Inject laser at fixed frequency
- 4. Disappearance experiment:
 - 1. Ramp down neutral atom trap



Microwaves before Laser On Res vs Off Res





Appearance of Laser window On Res vs Off Res



Disappearance after Laser On Res vs Off Res



Example Summary: 21 Trails at 2 Frequencies

	On Resonance Counts	Off Resonance Counts
Microwave Counts	407	443
Appearance measurement	136	10
Disappearance measurement	241	467



Detector and Analysis challenges

- Cosmic rate: 10Hz
- Expected signal: 250
- Expected Background: 330,000 counts

• Required background (optimising significance): 99.99% suppression

 Cut based online analysis has a 99.5% background suppression (45mHz)

Cosmic Ray





Harder to classify Cosmic Events





Machine learning

- Selection of training data
- Boosted decision tree classifier performance



Training data

- Training data is very pure
 - Mixing Sample 600 events (limited by readout rate)
 - 50,000 annihilations
 - 10 cosmic events
 - Signal purity >99.99%
 - Background purity: 100%
- No requirement for advanced monte carlo to generate training data



	Efficiency	Uncertainty	Background rate (10 ⁻³ s ⁻¹)	Uncertainty (10 ⁻³ s ⁻¹)
Laser exposure (300 s)	0.472	0.001	1.04	0.11
Microwave exposure (32 s)	0.801	0.002	33.0	0.6
Release of surviving atoms (1.6 s)	0.852	0.002	191	1

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Conclusion

- Silicon Vertex Detector is key to precision measurements on antihydrogen
- Recent measurements would not have been possible without Machine learning
- Future prospects of machine learning are good, efficiencies will improve!

Thank you for listening



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