Preparation of Excited Positronium for GBAR

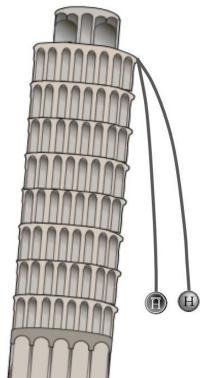


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Gravitational Behavior of Antihydrogen at Rest (GBAR)

- \bullet Drop neutral antihydrogen, calculate \overline{g} .
- Tests weak equivalence principle for antimatter:
 - Does inertial mass = gravitational mass?
 - ➤ **anti-gravity??** 😱
- Probes matter-antimatter asymmetry.

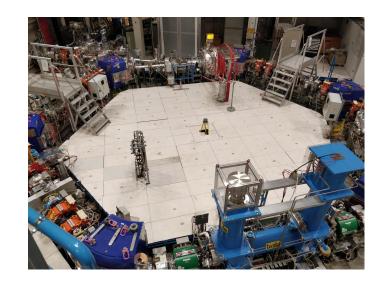


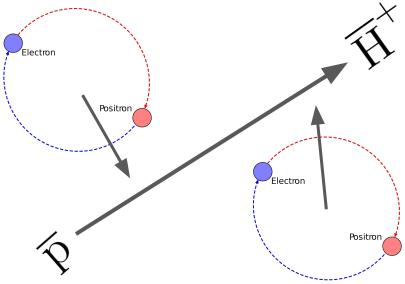


Positronium & Antihydrogen

- Need to steer and drop neutral antihydrogen.
- Solution: Produce positively charged antihydrogen, later remove the extra positron.
- Accomplished by the double-capture of positronium.

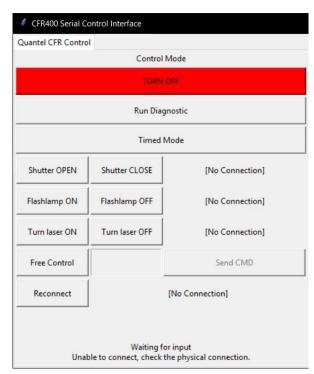
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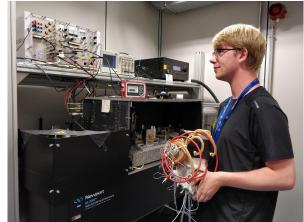




What I'm doing:

- ❖ Developed control interface for the pulsed positronium excitation laser. (√)
- ❖ PID stabilization of laser frequency. (¹/_U)
- ❖ Develop remote diagnostics and safety interlocks. (♠)
- Calibrate frequency against a Cesium transition. (X)
- Beam transport from laser hut to reaction chamber. (X)





Travel & Stuff:

Zermatt, Switzerland





Questions?