

# Gravitational Behavior of Antimatter at Rest

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“Nothing yet – how about you, Newton?”

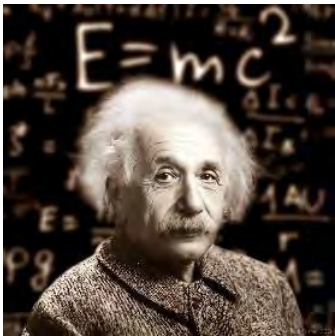
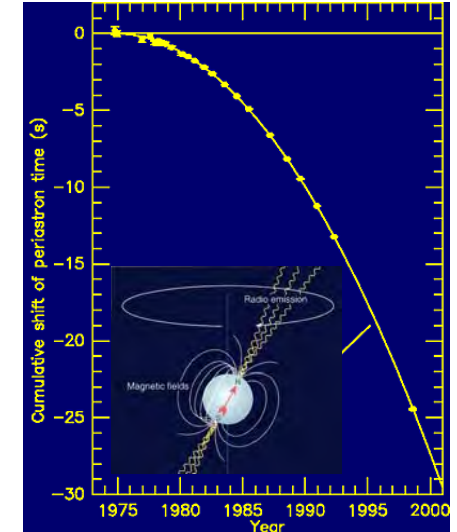
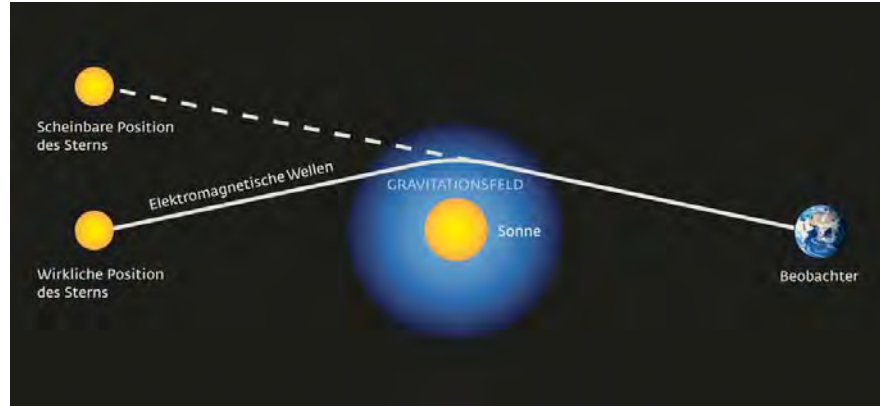
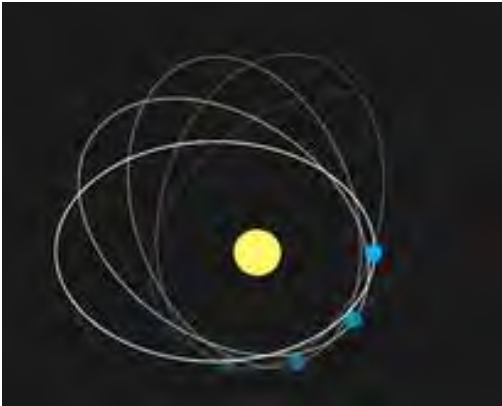
-Gary Larson, *The Far Side*



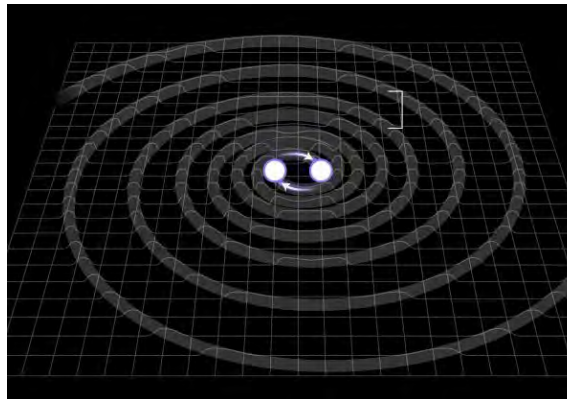
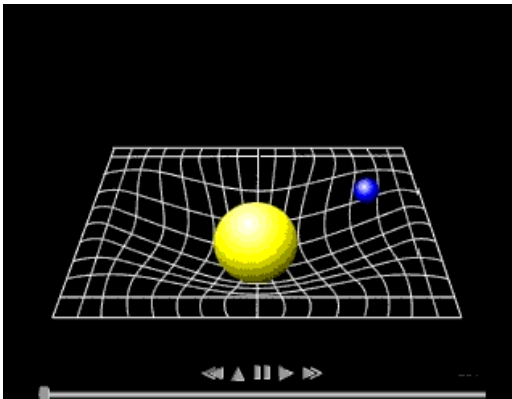
“To you it was fast.”

-Eric Lewis, *The New Yorker*

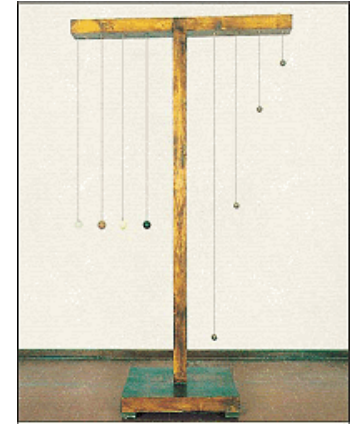
# Einstein: General Relativity



- 1907: equivalence principle of falling bodies
- 1915: theory of GR published (Mercury's perihelion)
- 1919: Dyson, Eddington & Davidson: solar eclipse
- 1974: Taylor-Hulse pulsar (Nobel prize in 1993)
- 2015: Gravitational waves
- 2019: First image of Black Hole



# Relativity: the equivalence principle

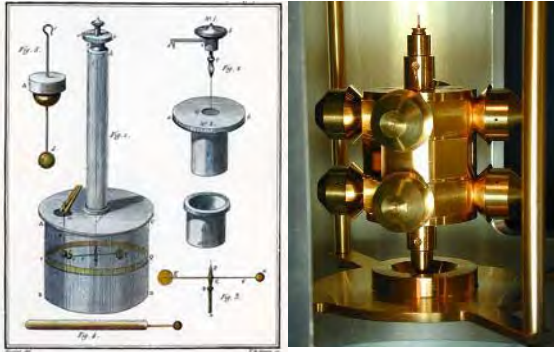


$$m_{\text{gravity}} = m_{\text{inertia}}$$

Early EP experiments



# Testing the equivalence principle

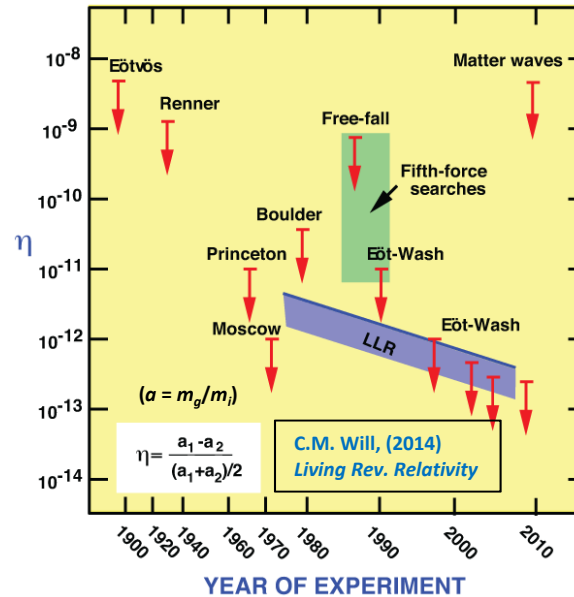
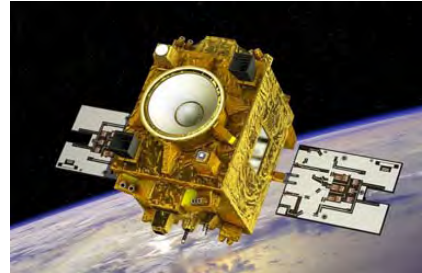


Coulomb → Eötvös → Eöt-Wash (Seattle)  
T.A. Wagner, S. Schlamminger, J.H. Gundlach & E.G. Adelberger, *Class. Quantum Grav.* (2012)



Lunar Laser Ranging → “strong” EP

J.G. Williams, S.G. Turyshev and D.H. Boggs, *Class. Quantum Grav.* 29, 184004 (2012)



## Synopsis: Space Tests of the Equivalence Principle

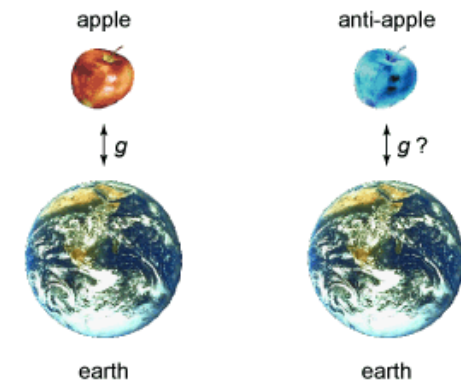
December 4, 2017

The MICROSCOPE satellite mission has tested the equivalence principle with unprecedented precision, showing no deviations from the predictions of general relativity.

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**MICROSCOPE Mission:**  
First Results of a Space Test of the Equivalence Principle  
Pierre Touboul et al.  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 119, 231101 (2017)

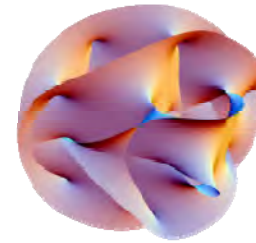
*Different locations,  
different masses...  
...but never tested  
with antimatter!*



# Unifying the forces of Nature

Standard Model Extension (SME):  
effective field theory adding General Relativity (GR)  
& CPT/Lorentz violation (LV)

$$L_{\text{SME}} = L_{\text{SM}} + L_{\text{LV}} + L_{\text{GR}}$$



Quantum gravity?

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left( m + \frac{5}{3} N^w m^w \bar{c}_{TT}^w \right)}_{m_{i,\text{eff}}} v^2 - g z \underbrace{\left( m + N^w m^w \bar{c}_{TT}^w + 2\alpha N^w (\bar{a}_{\text{eff}})_T^w \right)}_{m_{g,\text{eff}}}$$

Isotropic 'Parachute' Model (IPM) A. Kostelecky and J.D. Tasson,  
Phys. Rev. D (2011)

$$\frac{1}{3} m^w \bar{c}_{TT}^w = \alpha (\bar{a}_{\text{eff}})_T^w$$

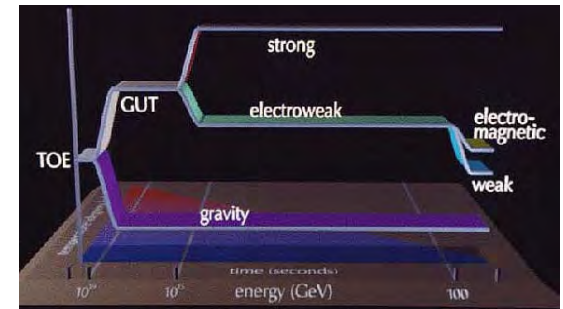
Matter

Antimatter

$$m_{i,\text{eff}} = m_{g,\text{eff}} \\ \bar{a} = g$$

$$m_{i,\text{eff}} \neq m_{g,\text{eff}} \\ \bar{a} = g \left( 1 - \frac{4m^w N^w \bar{c}_{TT}^w}{3m} \right)$$

different acceleration  
(not "antigravity")



$$V = -G \frac{mm'}{r} \left( 1 \mp a e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda}} + b e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda}} \right)$$

↑  
Newton
↑  
Supergravity : one component  
of repulsive gravity

Antigravity – a crazy idea? (J. Scherk, Phys. Lett. B, 1979)

Gravitational acceleration of Antimatter (Nieto and Goldman, Phys. Rep., 1991)

Negative mass – antigravity in General Relativity (G. Chardin, Hyp. Int. 1997)

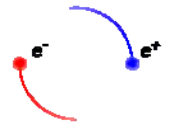
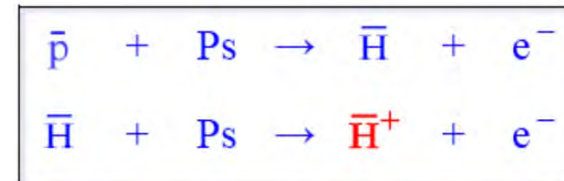
# The goal of GBAR – test EP with antimatter



*GBAR (CERN AD-7):  
Free fall of  
antihydrogen (at rest!)*

*use of anti-hydrogen ions  
(for sympathetic cooling)*

J. Walz and T.W. Haensch, *Gen. Rel. Grav.* 36, 561 (2004)



P. Pérez & A. Rosowsky, *NIM A* 545, 20 (2005)

Witteborn & Fairbank, *Nature* (1968):  
gravitational fall of the positron ( $E_g = 6\text{E-}11 \text{ V/m !}$ )  
M. Holtzscheiter et al. (CERN PS-200):  
gravitational fall of the antiproton  
Gabrielse et al. (CERN AD-2) *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1999):  
trapped antiproton/proton comparisons (indirect)  
CPLEAR Collaboration, *Phys. Lett. B* (1999):  
kaon-antikaon limits (indirect)  
Supernova 1987A, e.g. *Phys. Rev. D* (1989):  
(anti)neutrino time of flight (hypothesis)

Cassidy et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2015):  
Rydberg Ps for free fall experiment  
The AEGIS Collaboration (CERN AD-6):  
Interferometry of neutral antihydrogen beam  
The ALPHA-g Collaboration (CERN AD-5):  
Neutral antihydrogen

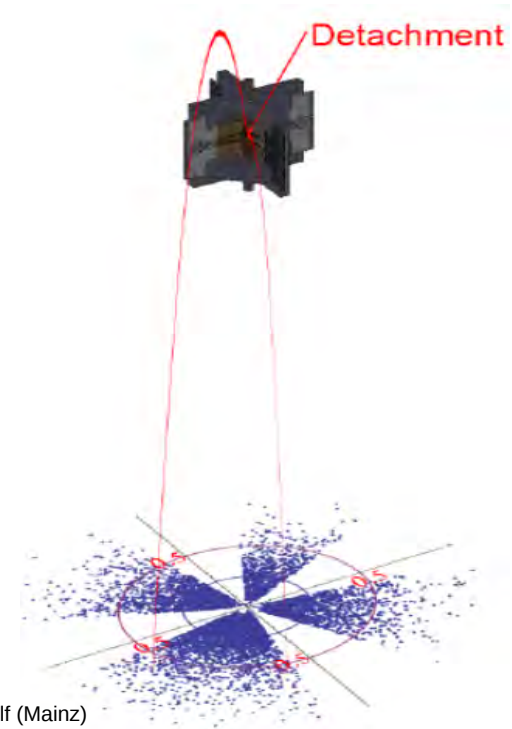
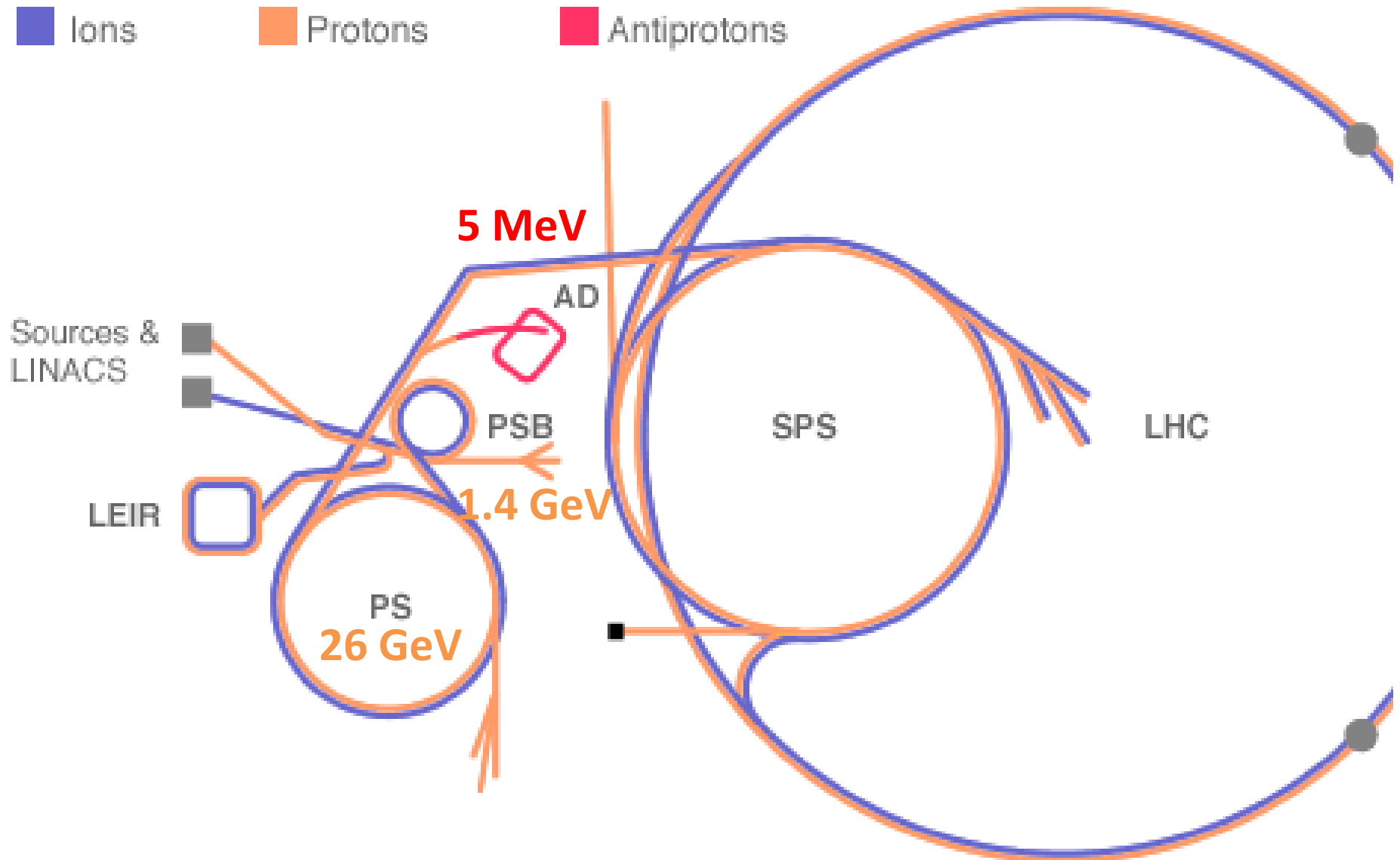


Image: S. Wolf (Mainz)

# CERN – home of antimatter



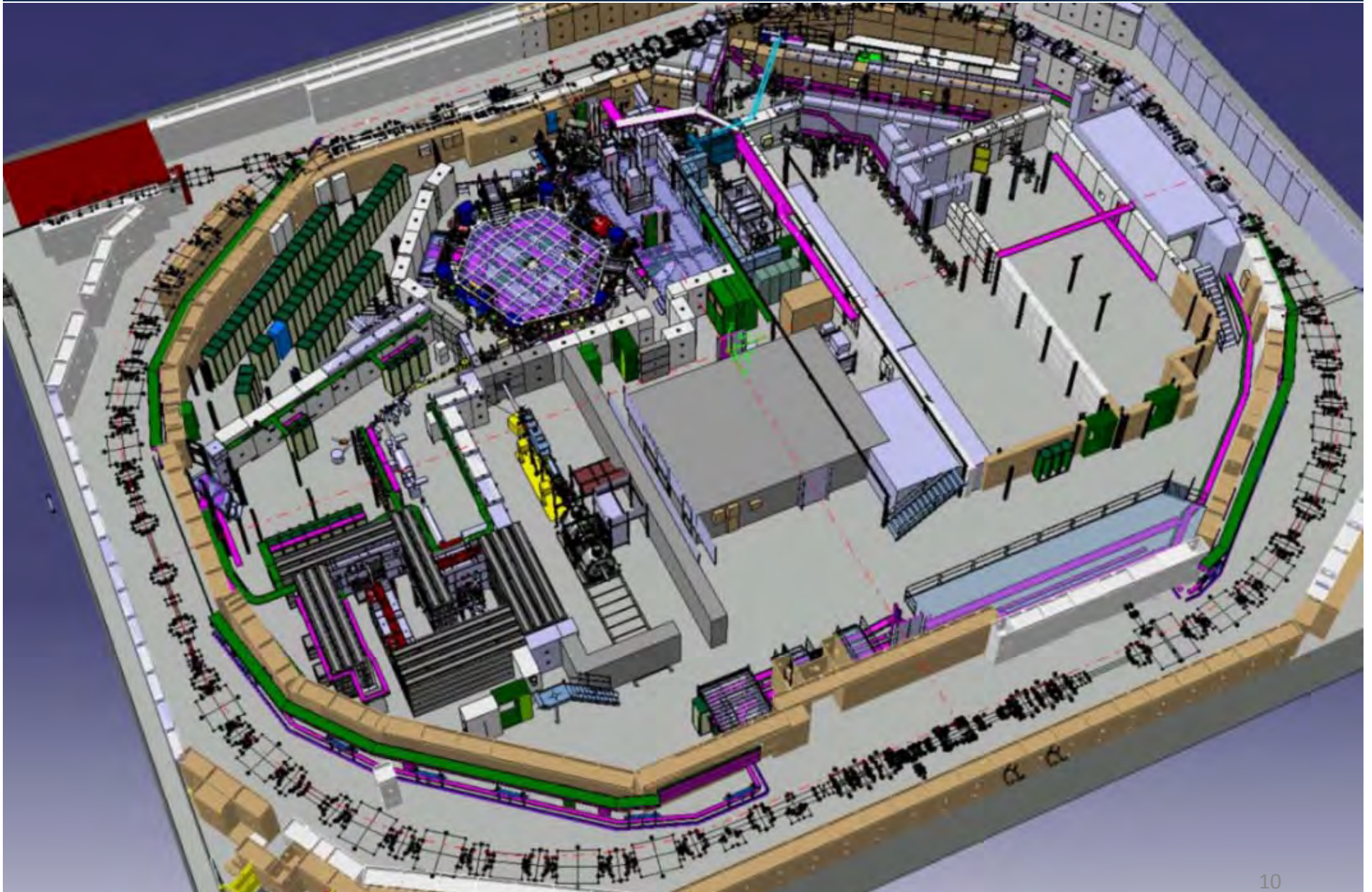
# The CERN accelerator chain



# The AD – CERN's “antimatter factory”



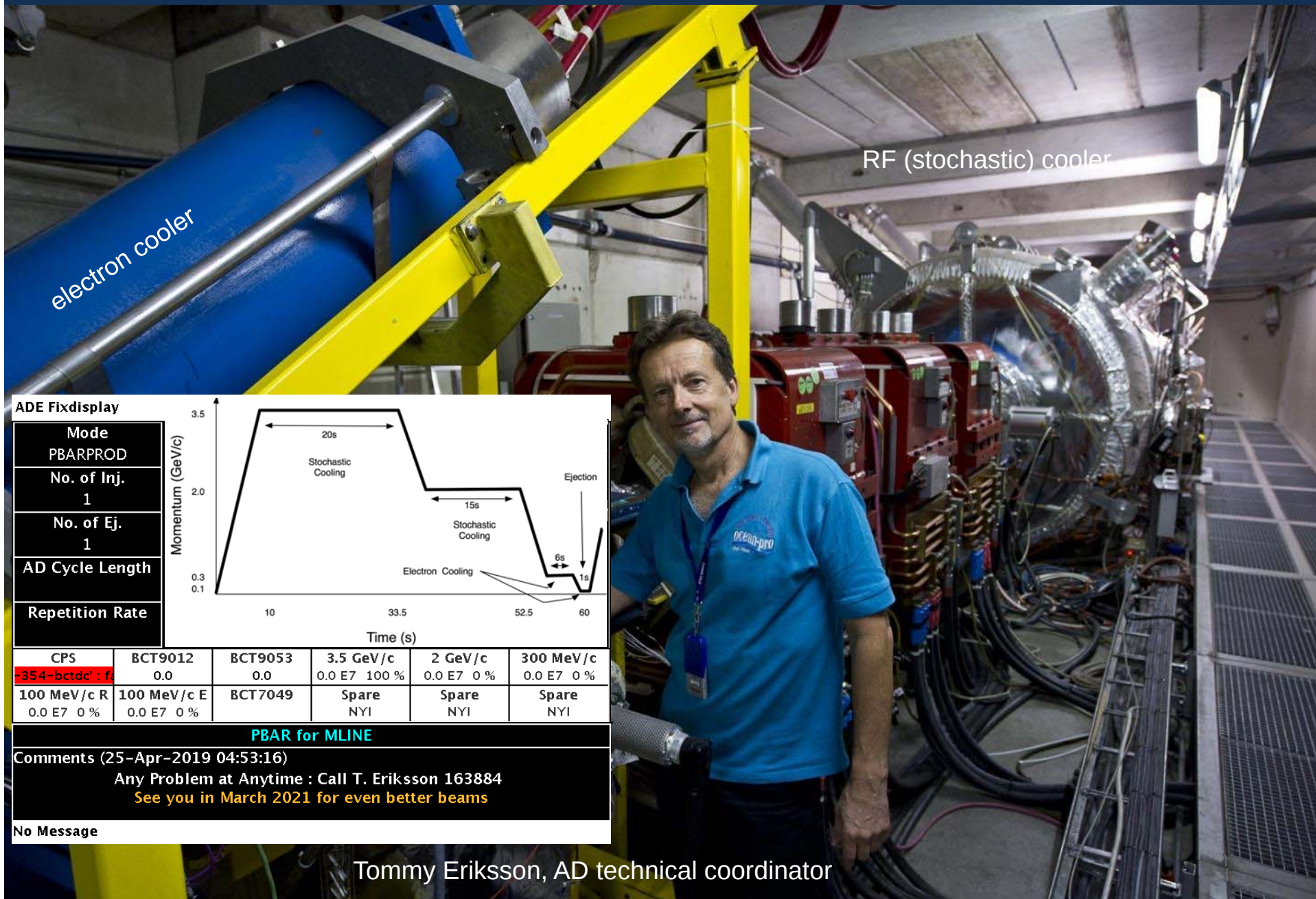
# The AD (Antiproton Decelerator) facility



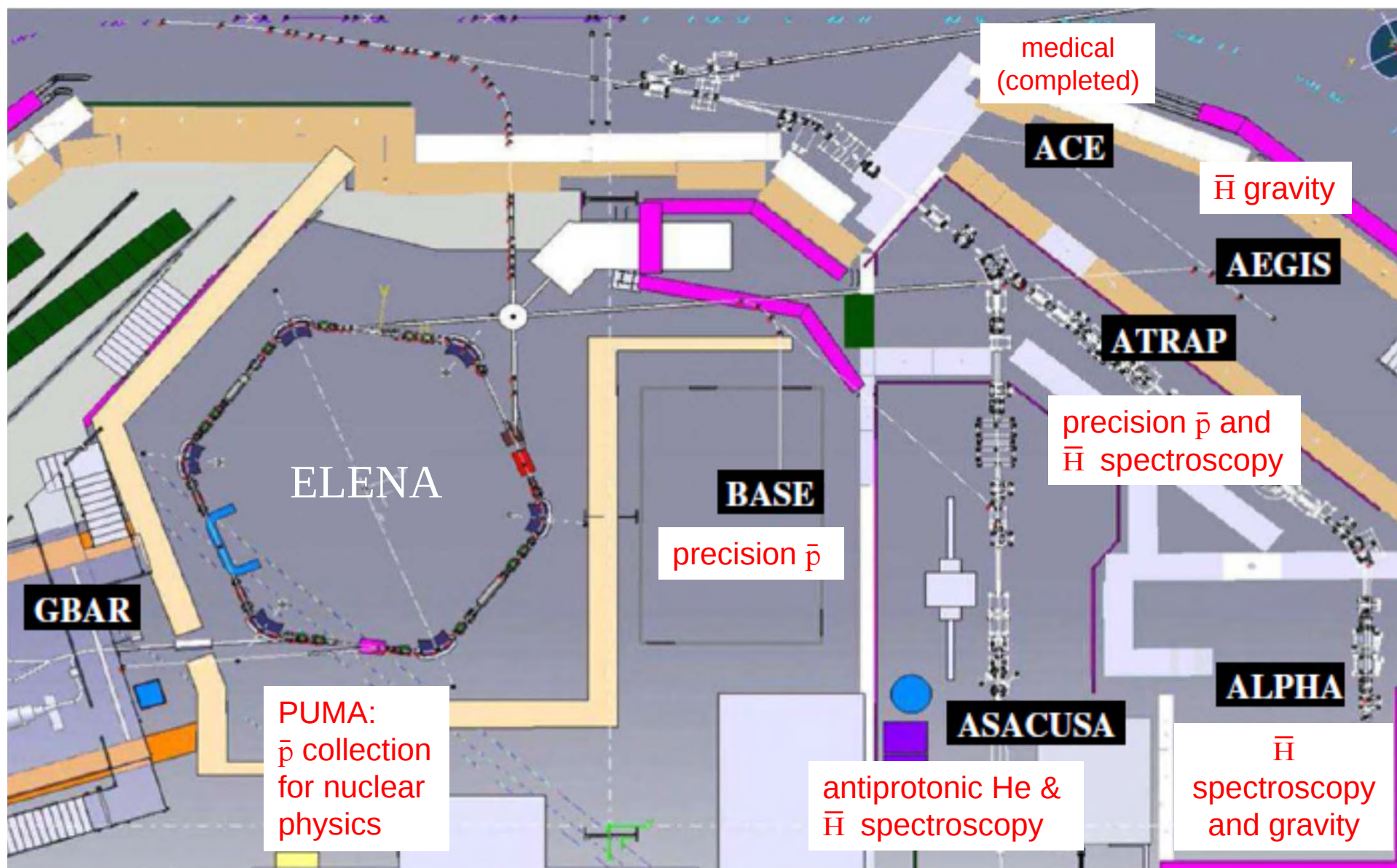
# The AD storage ring



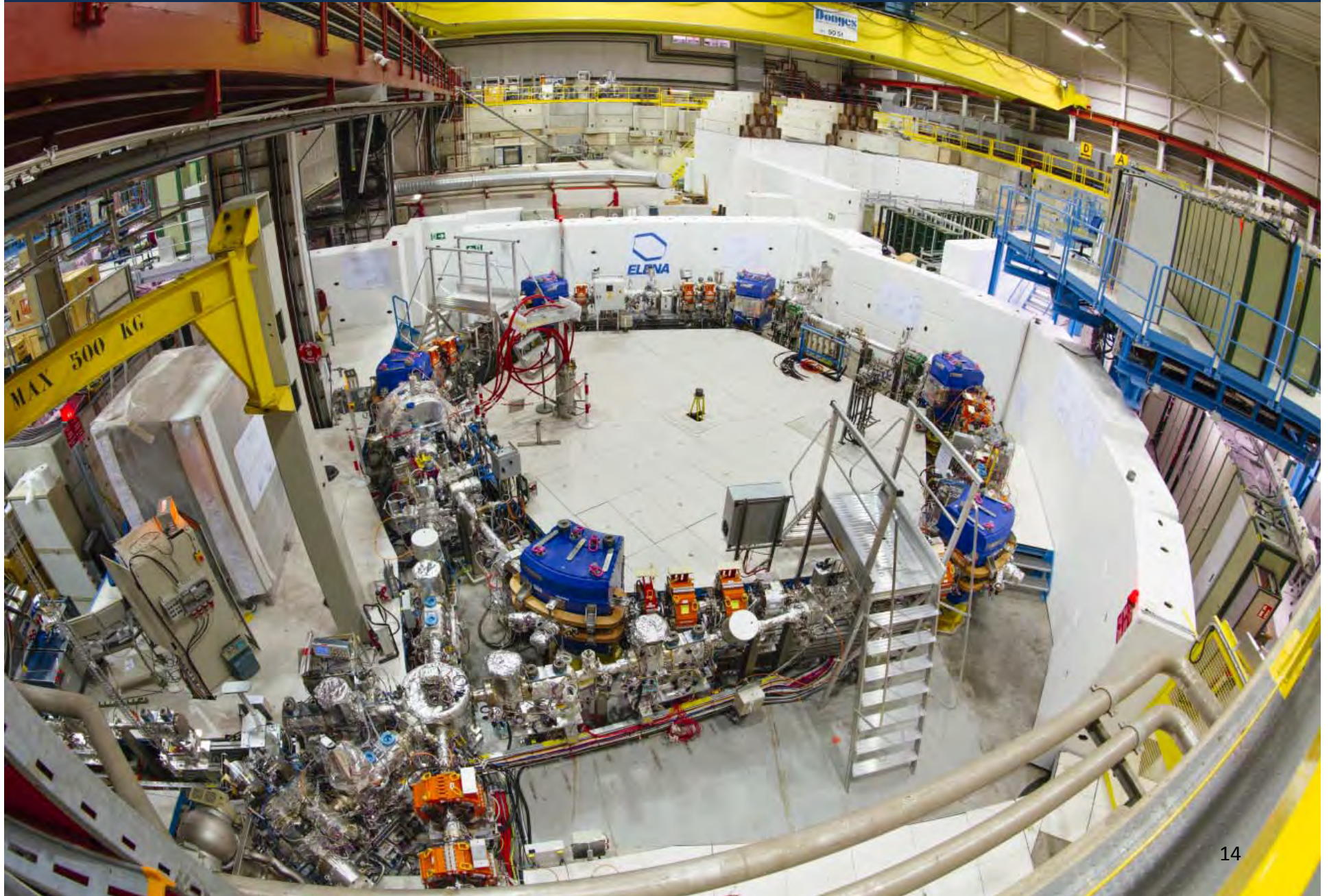
# The AD coolers (needed for deceleration)



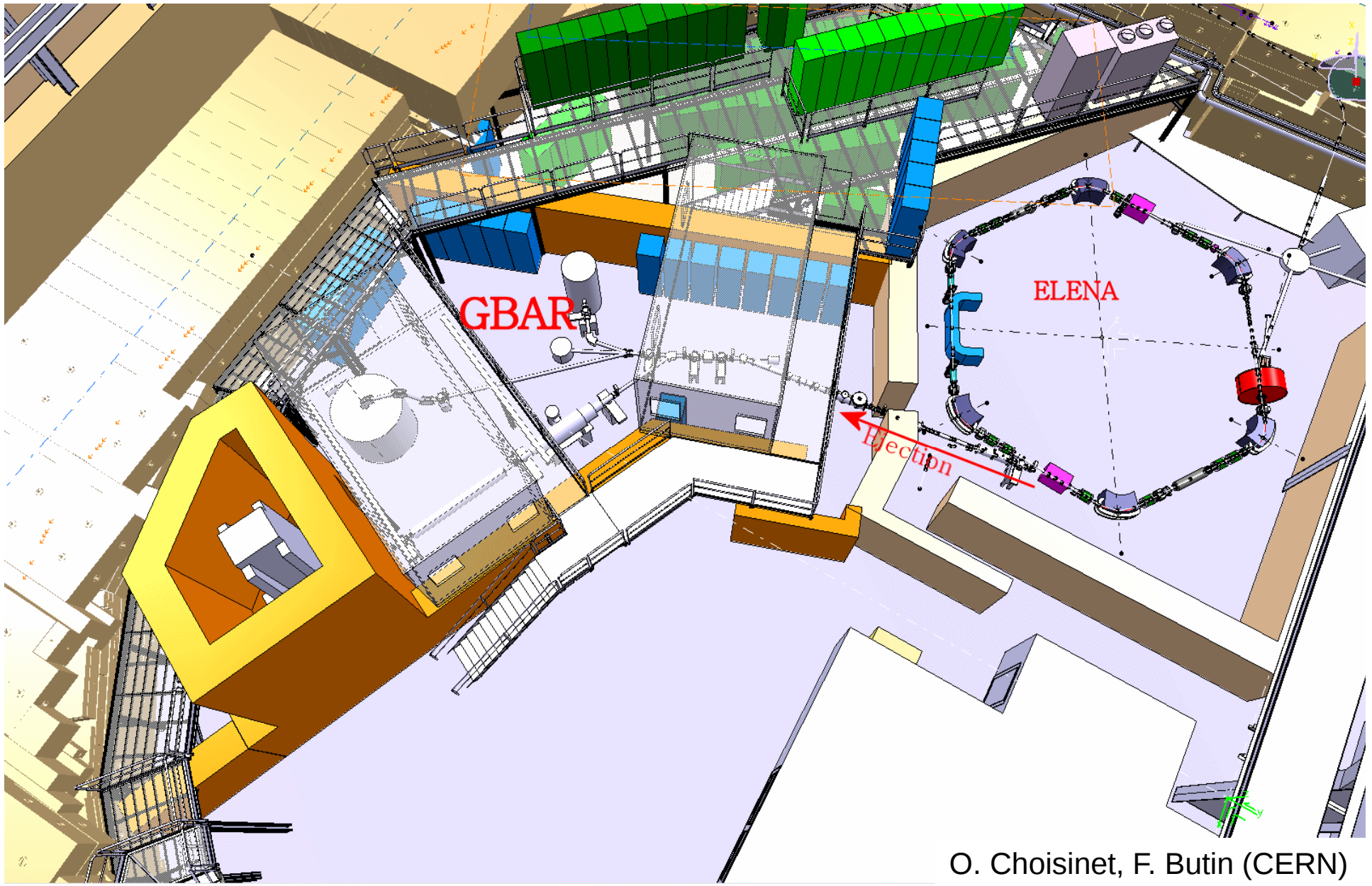
# AD Experimental Hall



# Extra Low ENergy Antiproton ring

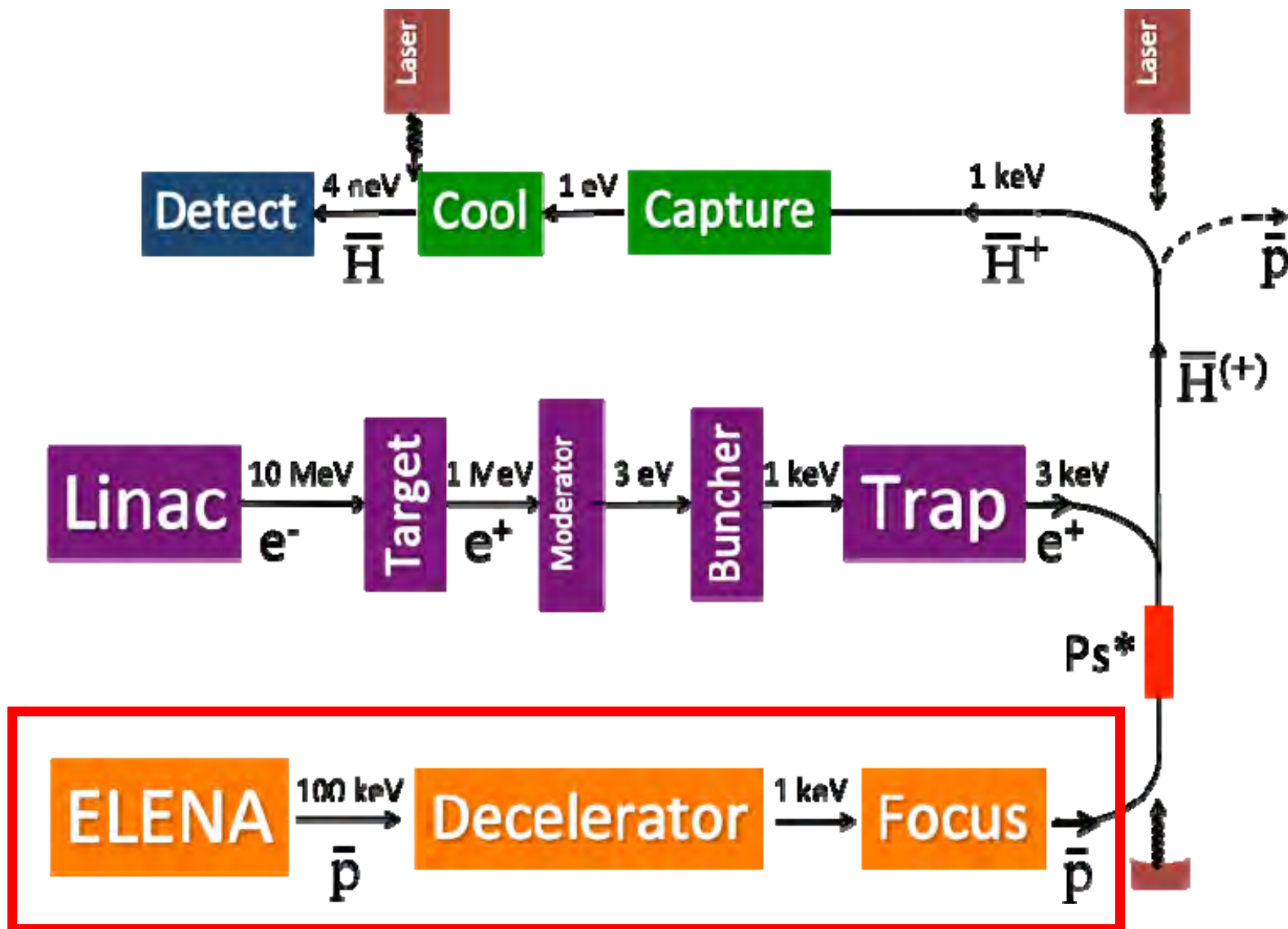


# present GBAR layout

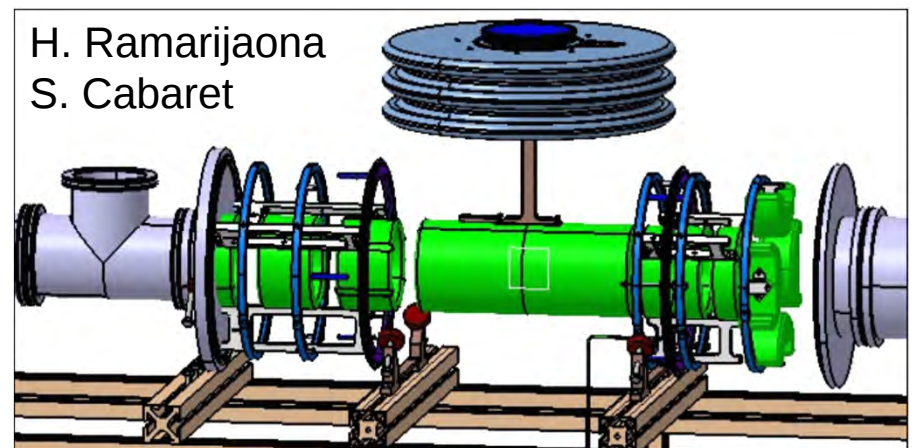
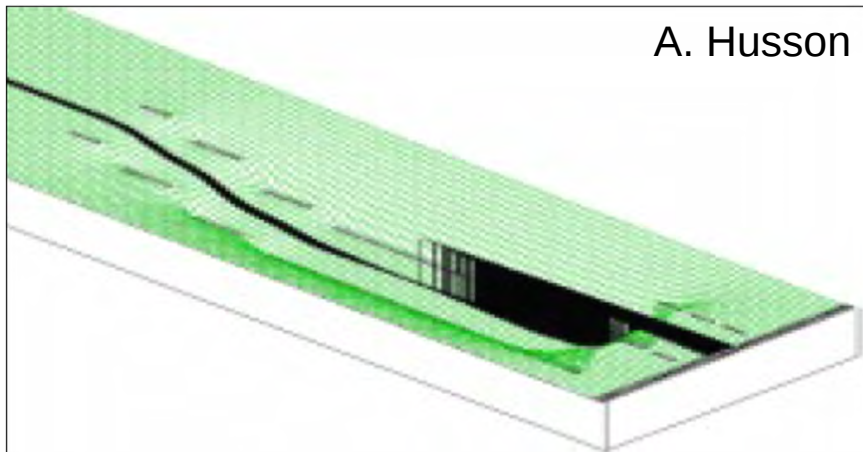
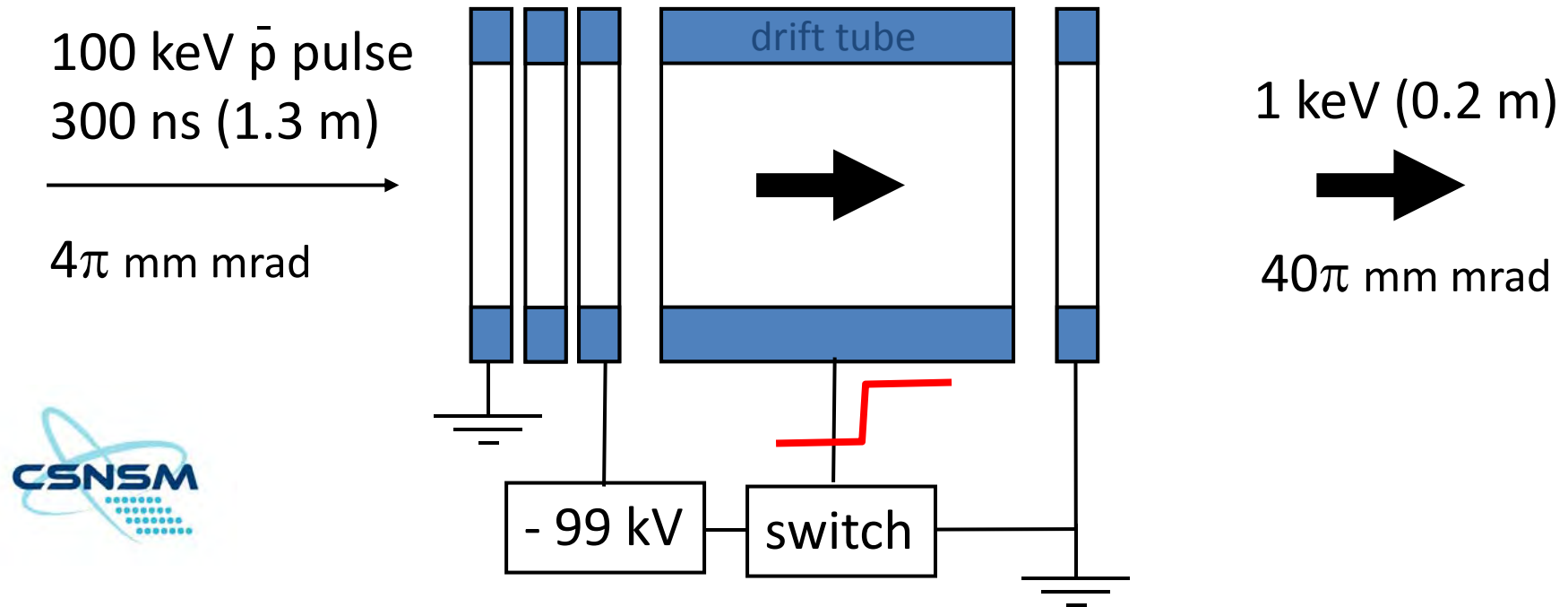


O. Choynet, F. Butin (CERN)

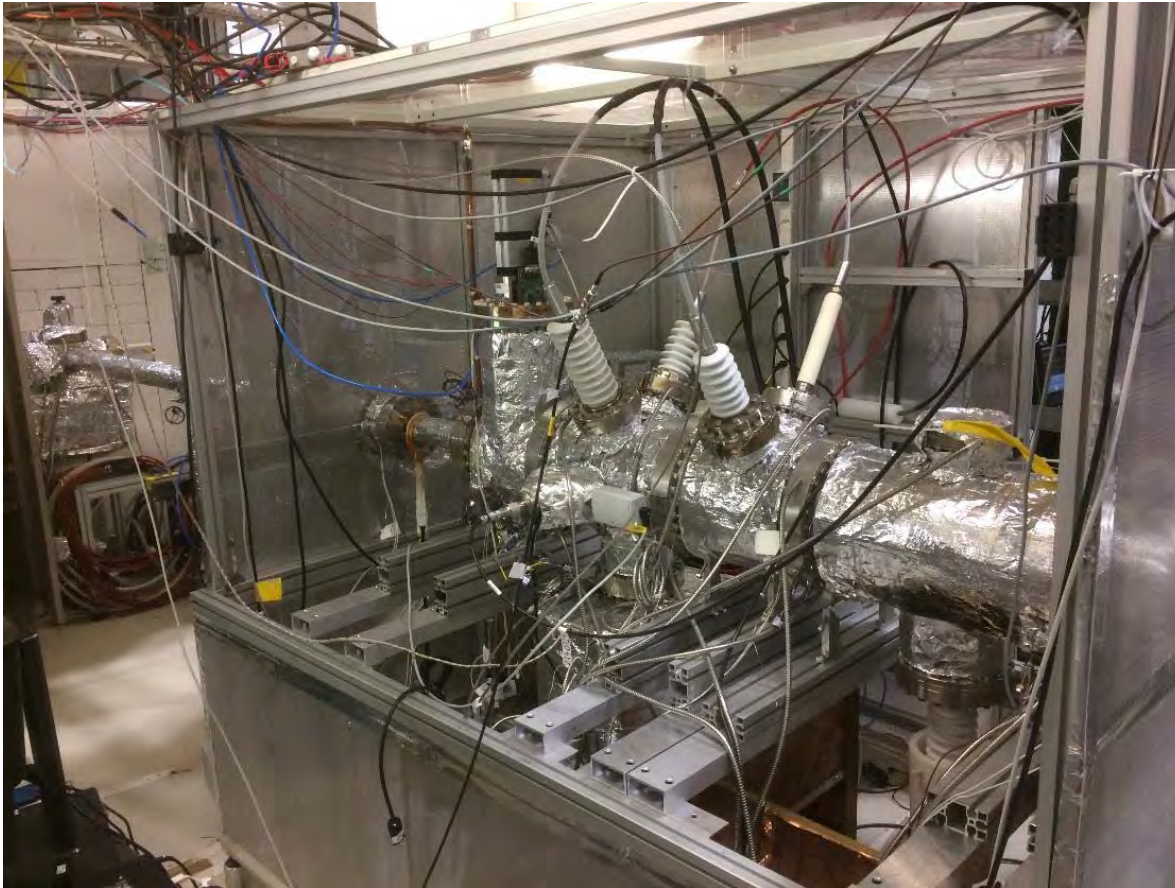
# GBAR Schematic



# GBAR antiproton decelerator schema



# GBAR antiproton decelerator setup

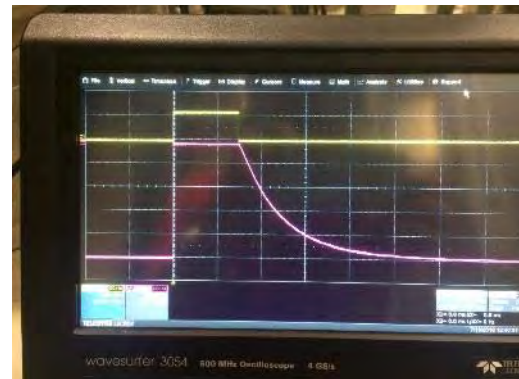
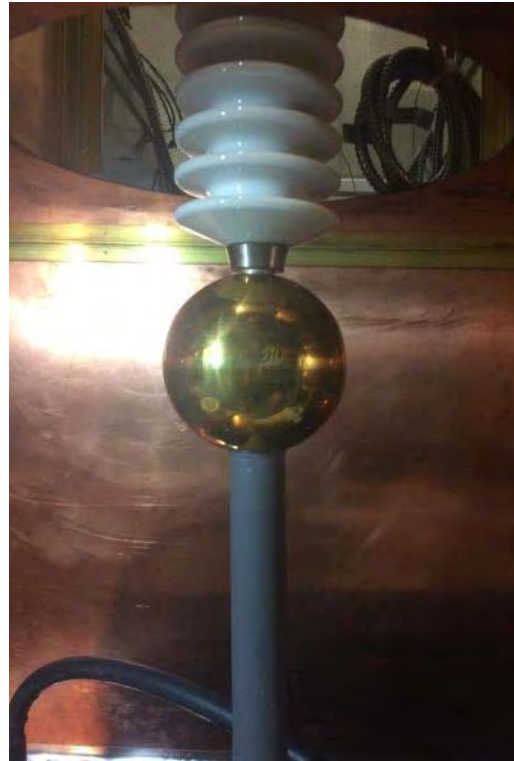


decelerator connected to ELENA



electrodes

# GBAR decelerator HV switch



drift tube 0.4 m

100 keV  $\bar{p}$   $\rightarrow$  230 ns/m

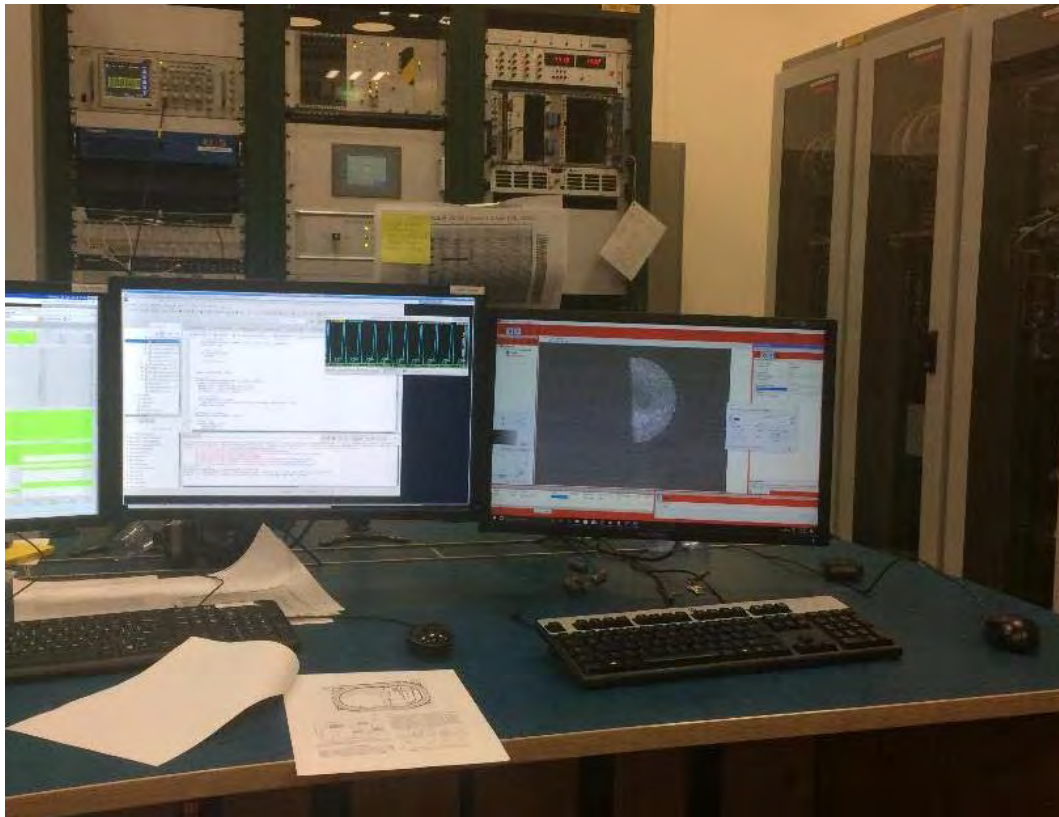
10 keV  $\bar{p}$   $\rightarrow$  720 ns/m

risetime 280 ns

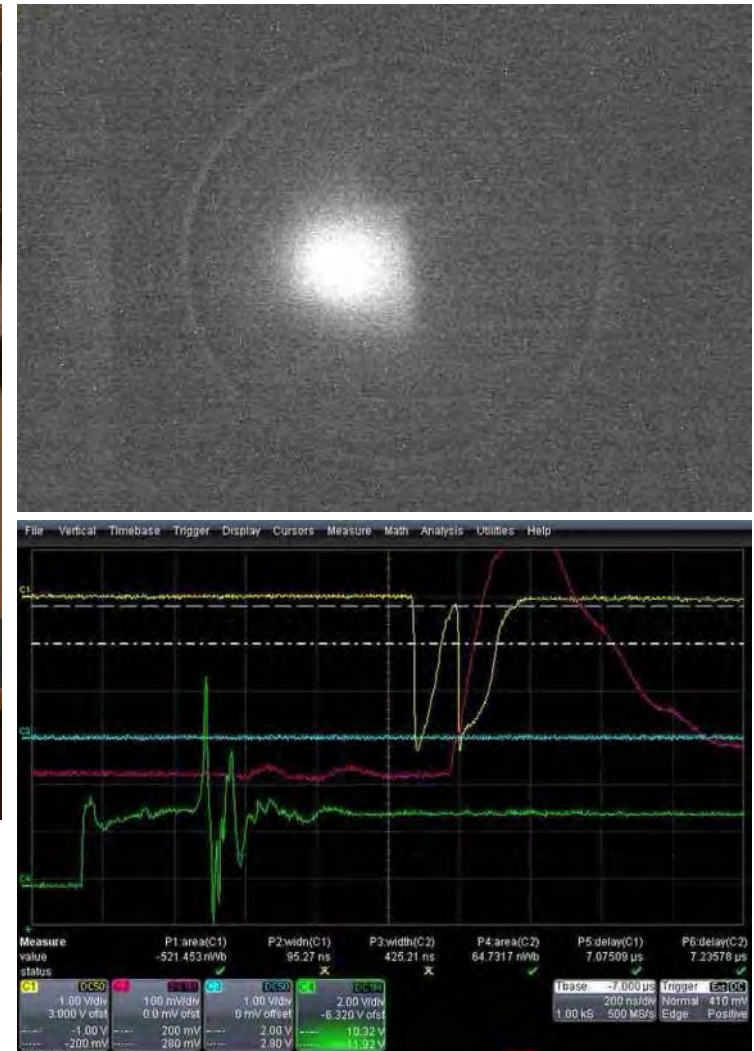
# First beams from ELENA

$H^-$  : July 10, 2018

$\bar{p}$  : July 20, 2018

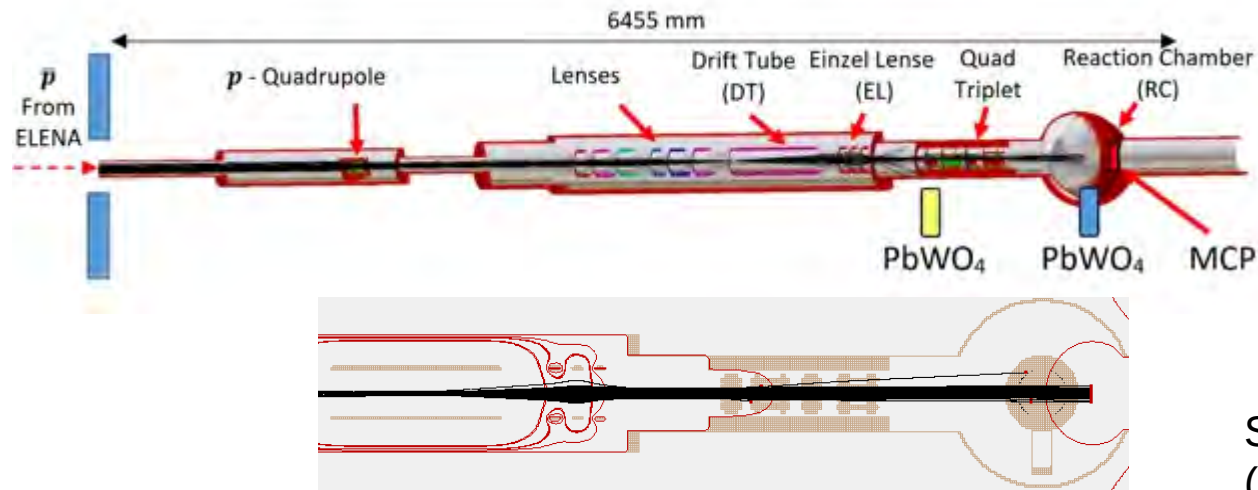


beams from ELENA:  
 $\bar{p}$  every 110 s  
 $H^-$  5 s



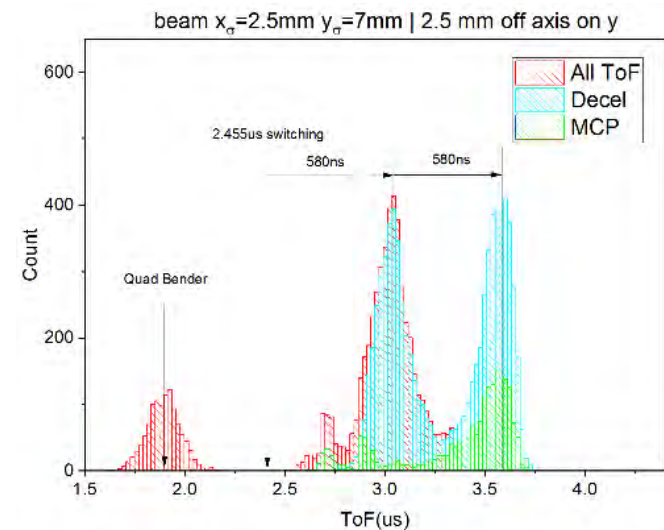


# $\bar{p}$ beam on MCP in reaction chamber



Simulation  
(A. Welker)

## Real event

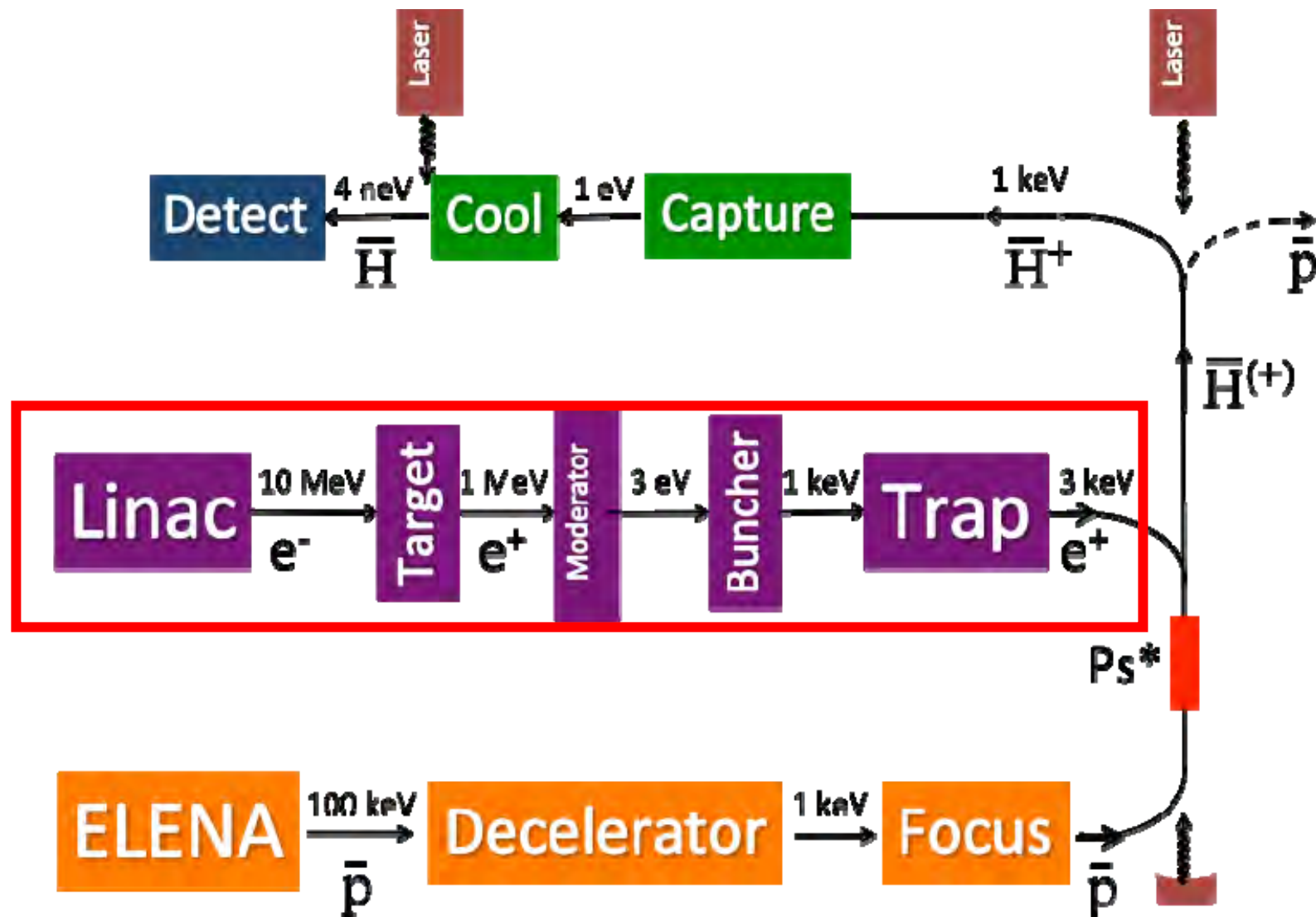


Beam Size = FWHM (5 mm)

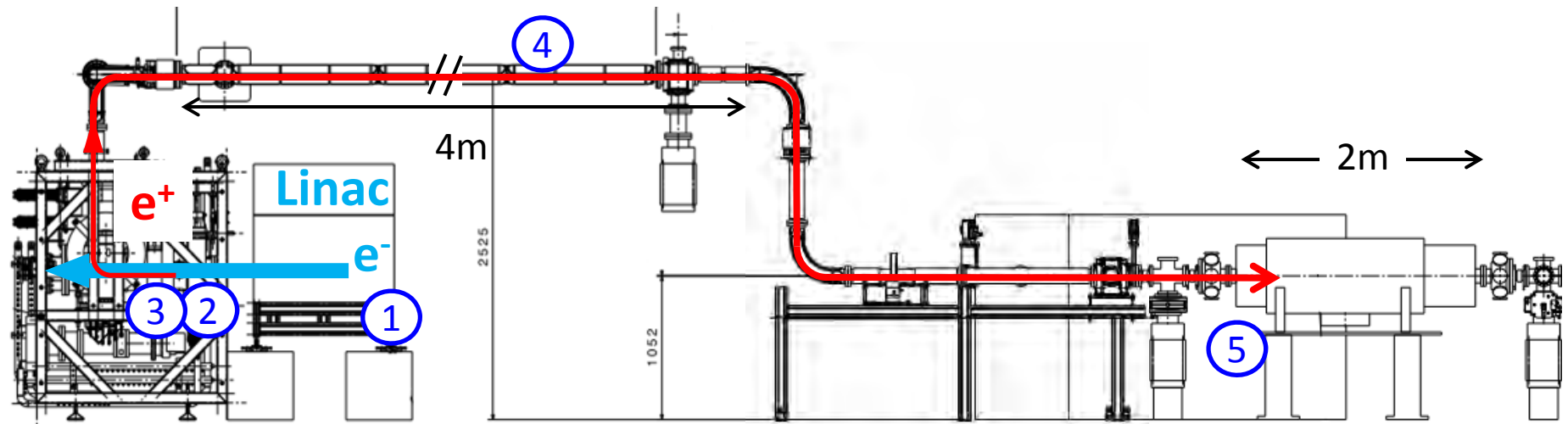
Transversal Energy Spread = 1 keV

Beam on axis ~ 25% is decelerated (so ~  $10^6$   $\bar{p}$ )

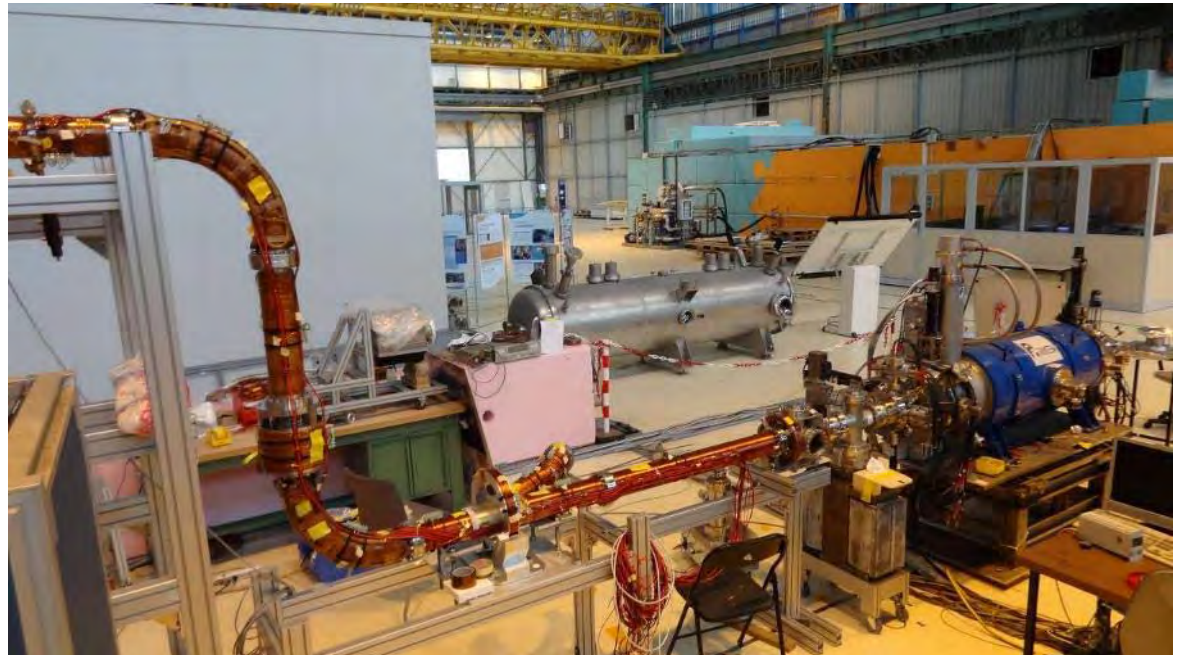
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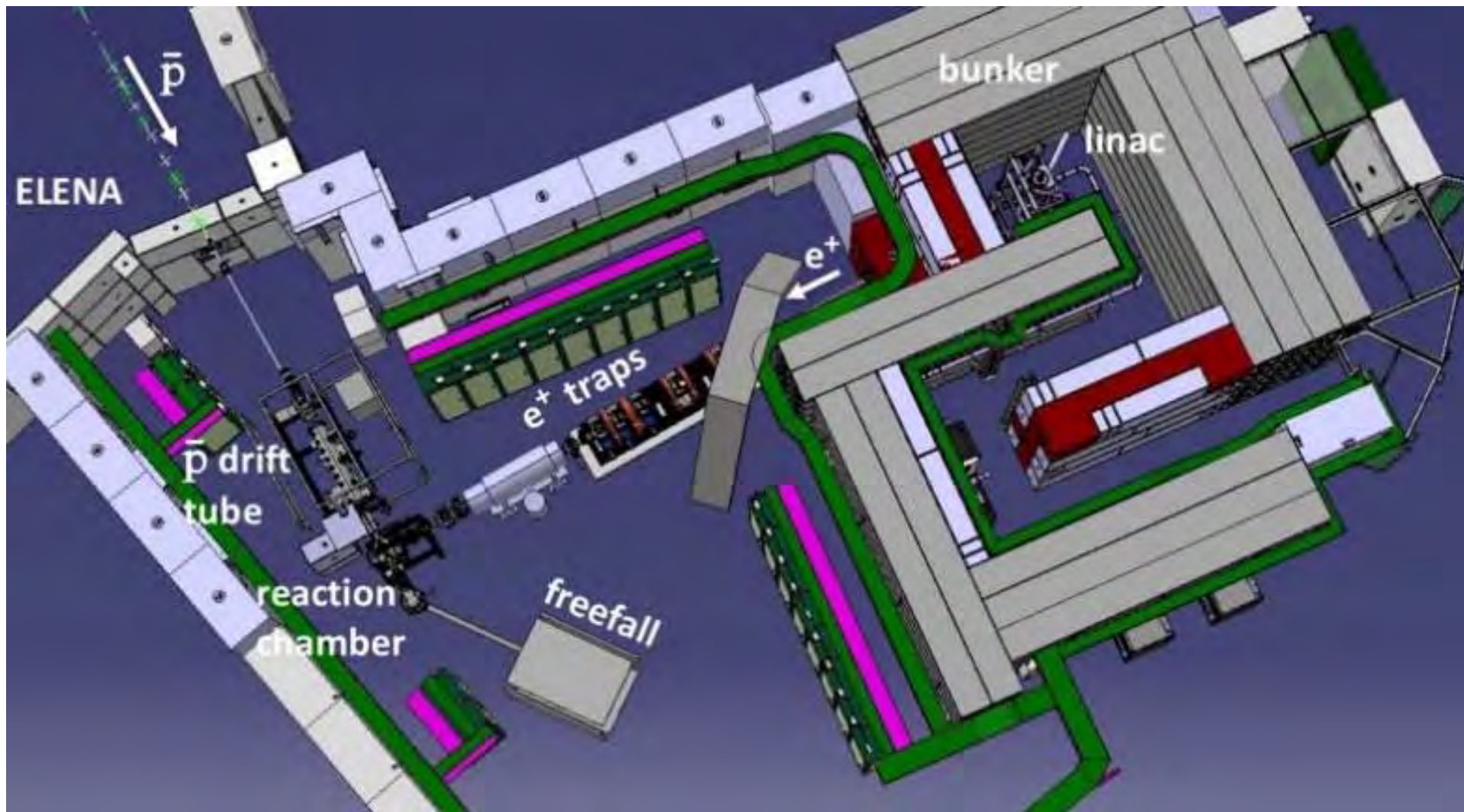
# $e^+$ demonstrator in Saclay



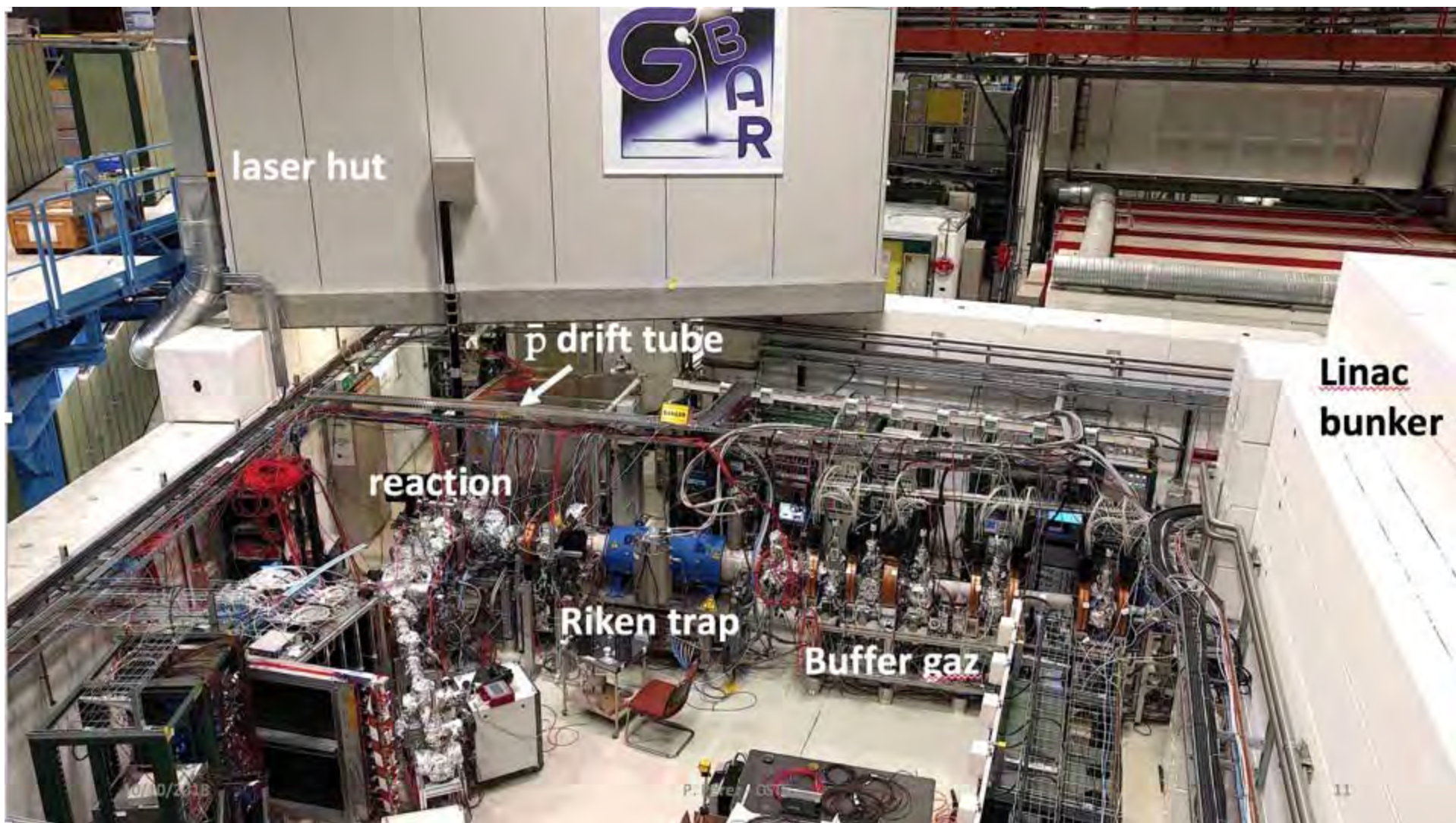
1. Linear electron accelerator (4.3 MeV)
2. Converter  $e^-/e^+$
3.  $e^+$  moderator
4. Magnetic (solenoidal) transfer line
5. 5-T Penning-Malmberg trap from RIKEN



# GBAR layout at CERN-AD



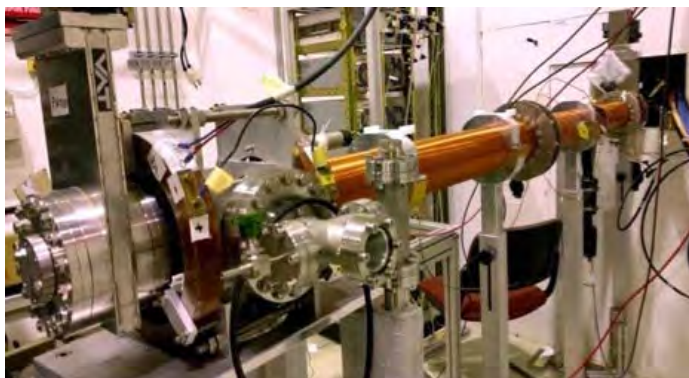




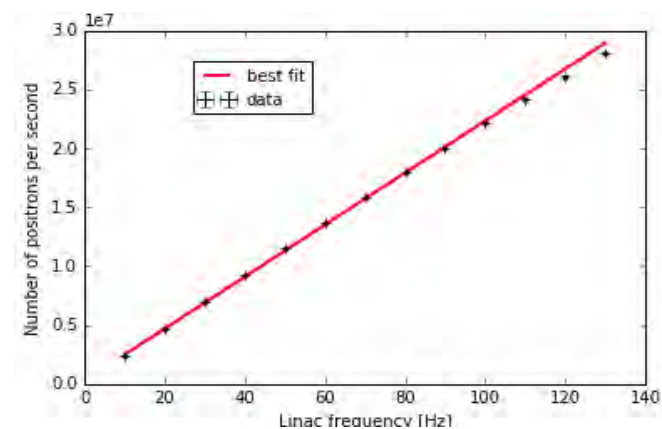
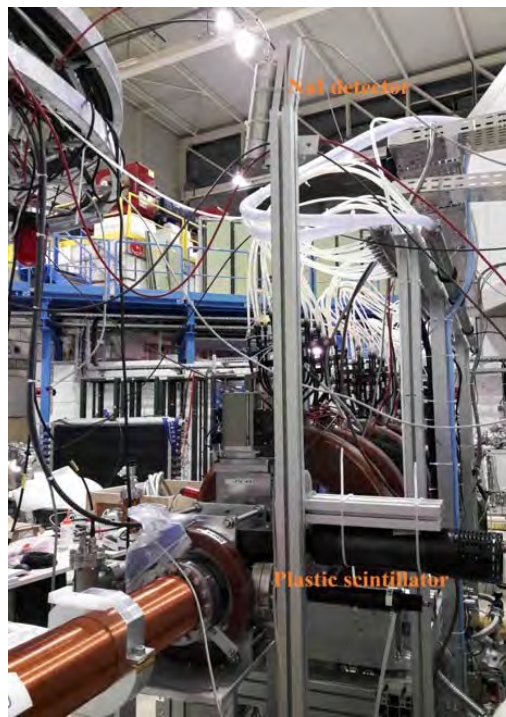
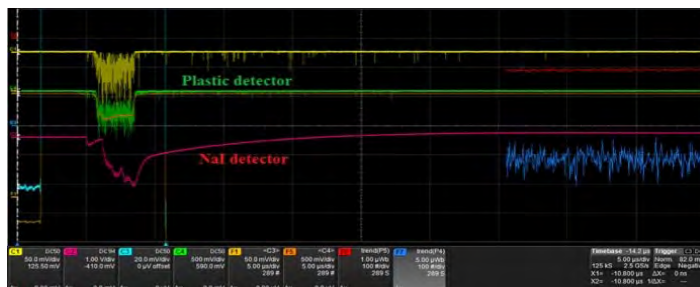
# 10-MeV, 300 Hz linac from NCBJ (Swierk, Poland)



# Measuring positron flux

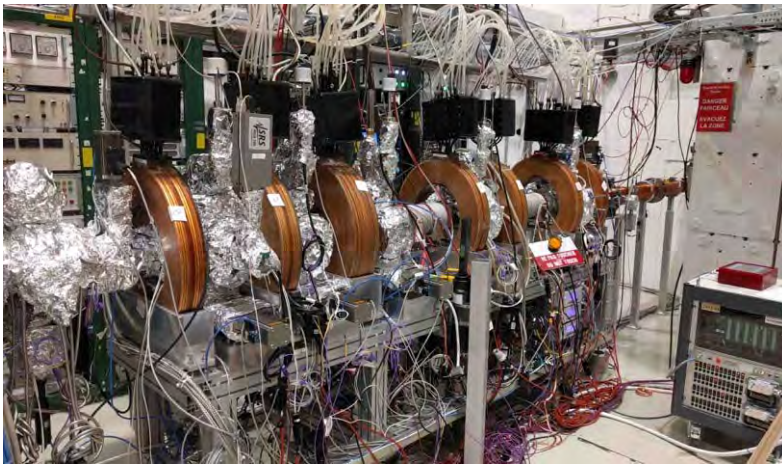


*e<sup>+</sup> beam line exiting the bunker*

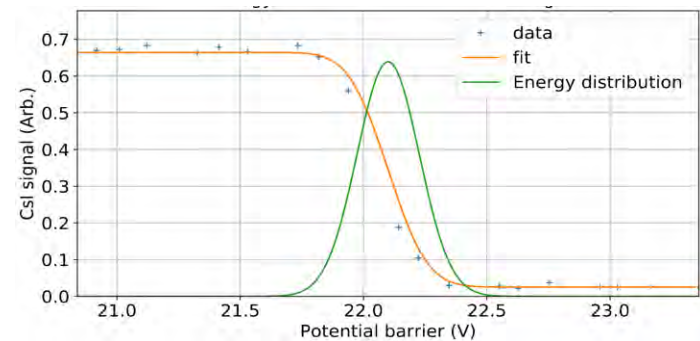
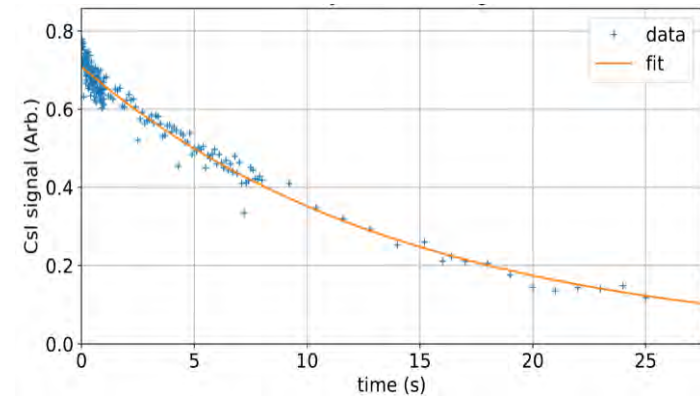


- $3 \times 10^5$  e<sup>+</sup> / pulse initially
- 10% loss per bunch from 10 to 130 Hz
- $2 \times 10^7$  e<sup>+</sup> / s (100 Hz)
- Extrapolation to 300 Hz  $\rightarrow 6 \times 10^7$  e<sup>+</sup> / s
- Will improve moderation (x 2 ?)
- Goal  $3 \times 10^8$  e<sup>+</sup> / s

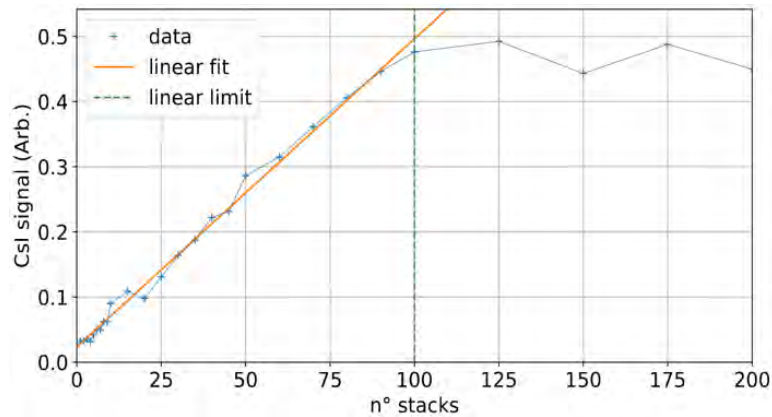
# Buffer Gas trap



$N_2$  with  $CO_2$  cooling gas  
present trapping efficiency  $5 \pm 0.5\%$  (goal 20-25%)  
lifetime 0.6 s (stage 1) and 14s (stage 3)  
 $\Delta E = 130$  meV (stdev)  
80 bunches from linac stacked and transferred

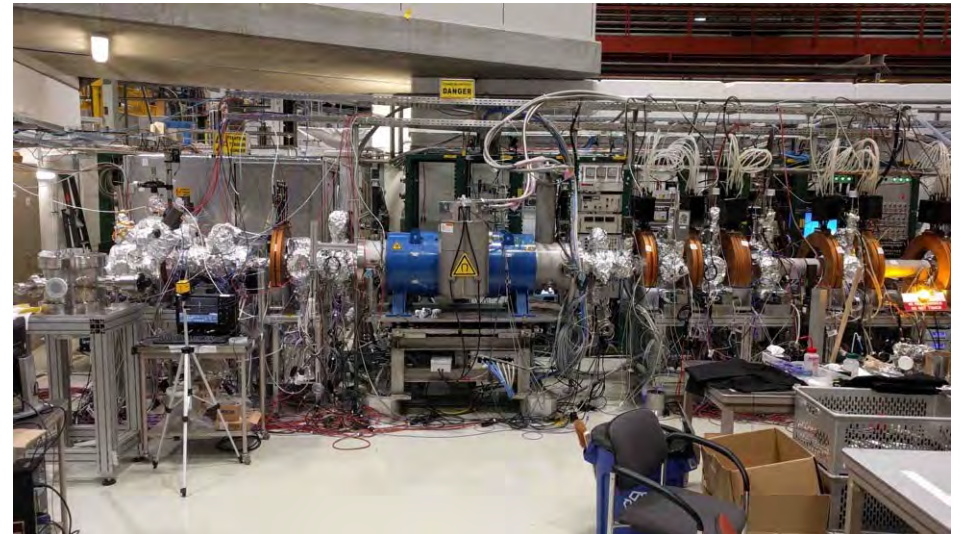


# High field positron trap



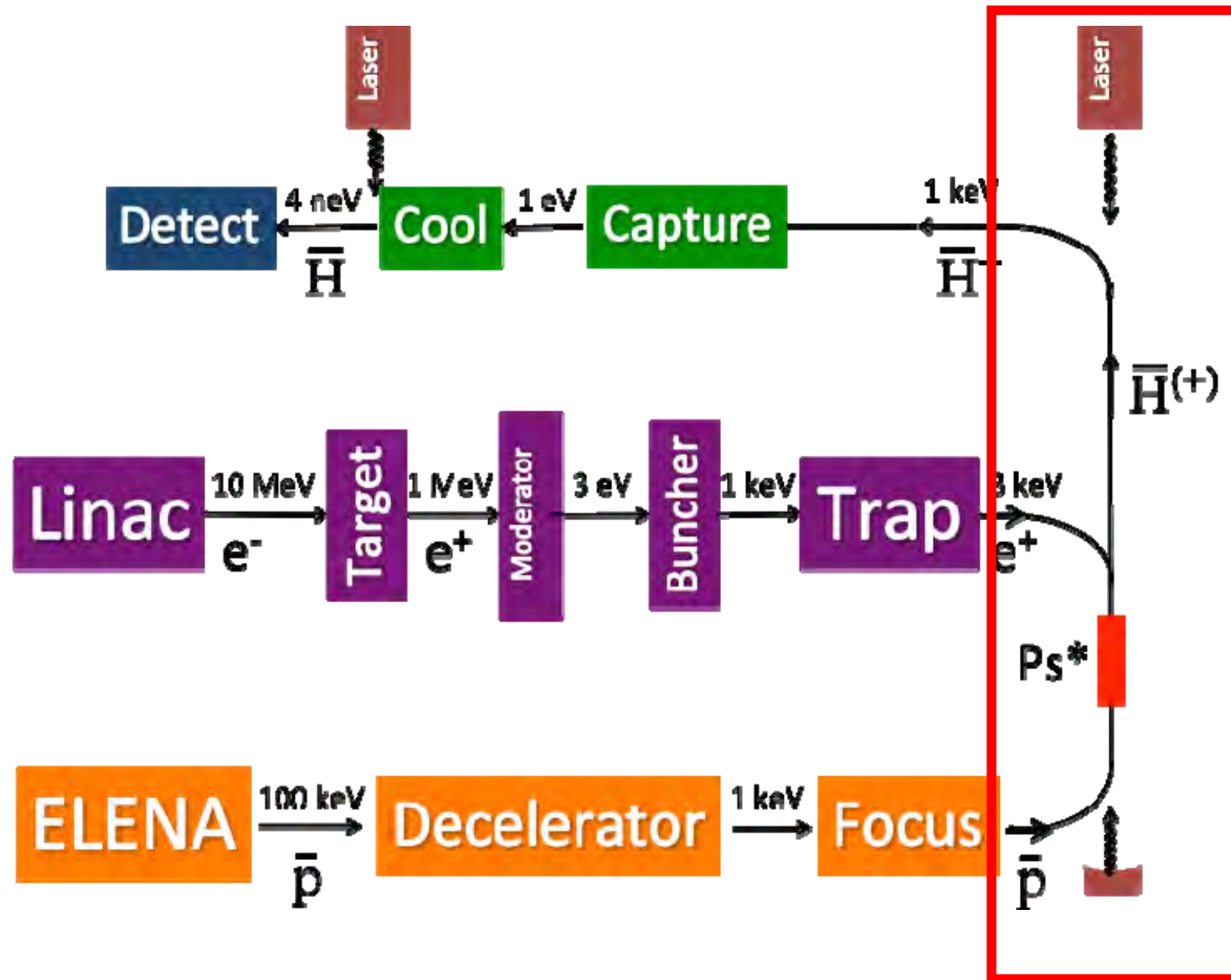
saturation >100 stacks from buffer gas trap  
with present potential well shape

With linac at 100 Hz  $\rightarrow 1 \times 10^8 e^+$  in 100 s  
Goal: accumulate  $3 \times 10^{10} e^+$  in 110 s

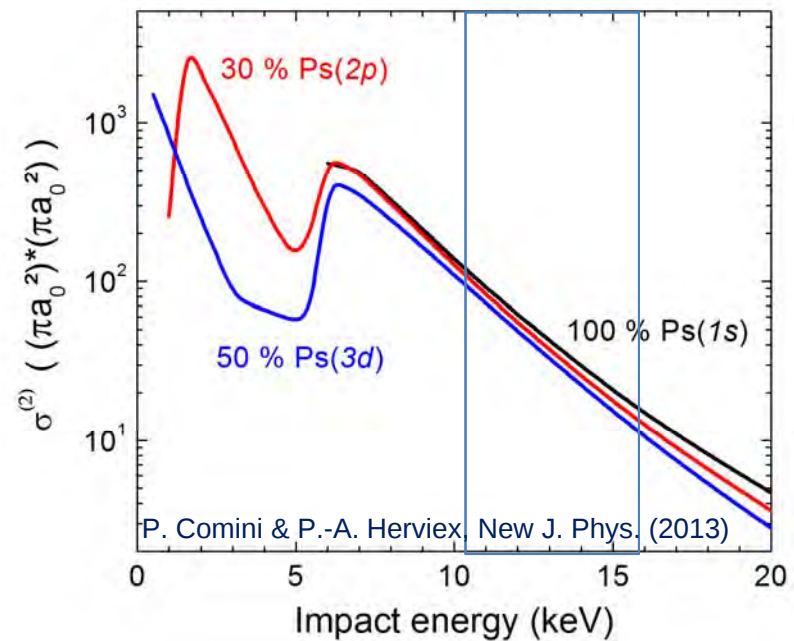
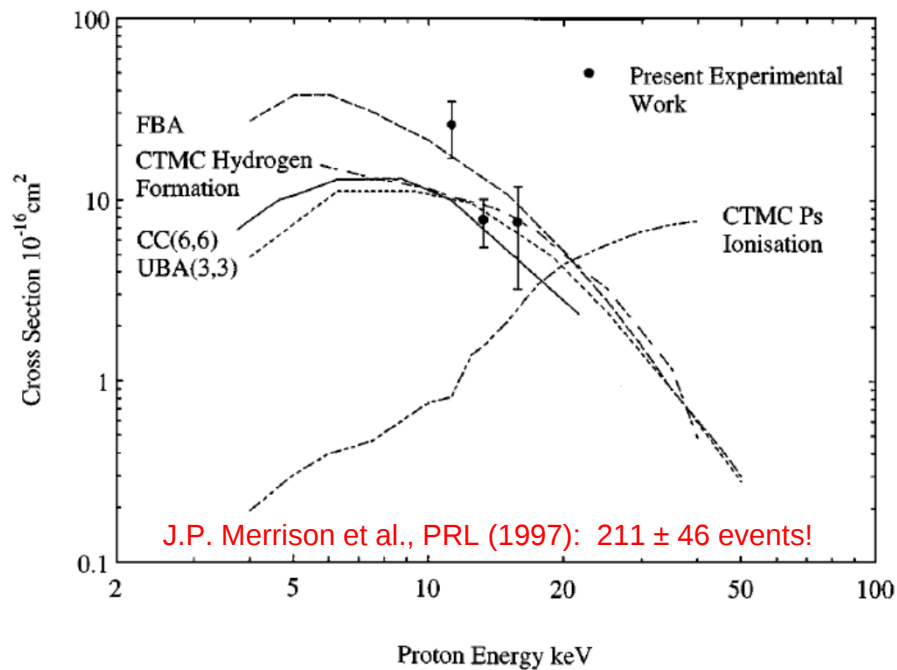
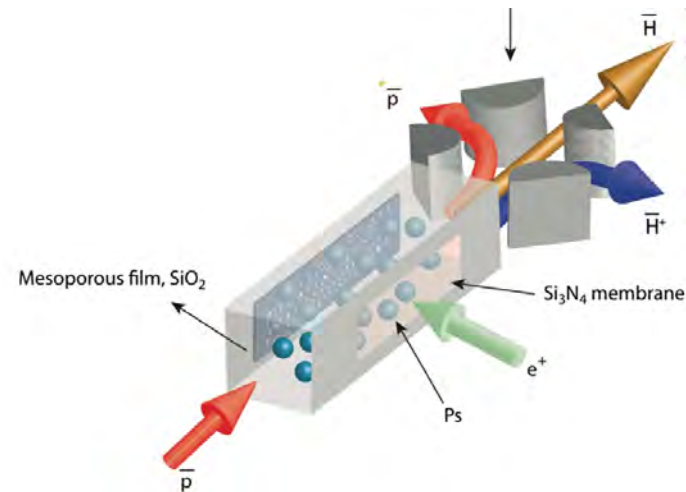
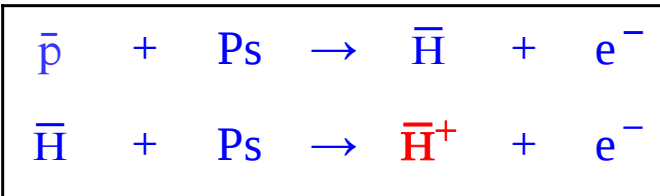


$e^+$  lifetime in trap > 20 min  
plasma diameter  $80 \mu\text{m}$  using rotating  
wall (3 MHz / 1 V)

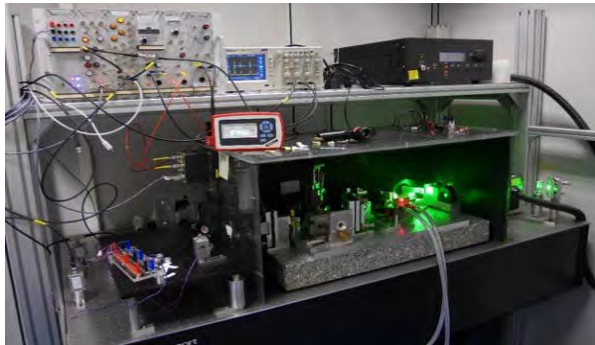
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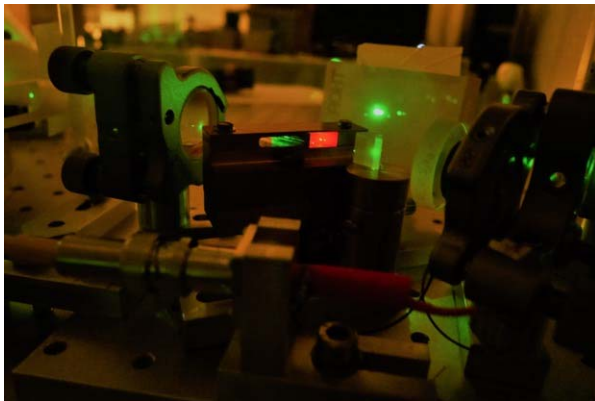
# Antihydrogen ion production



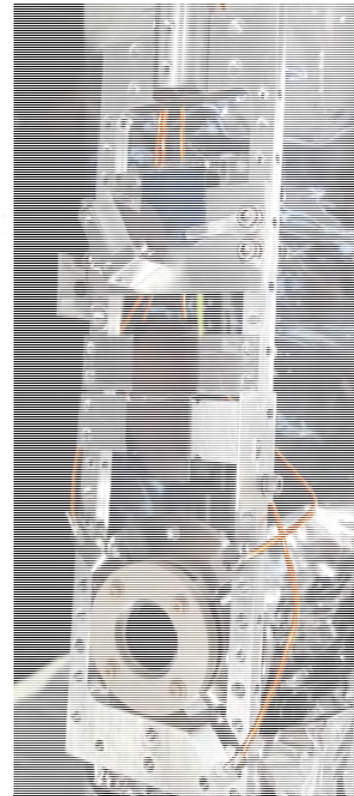
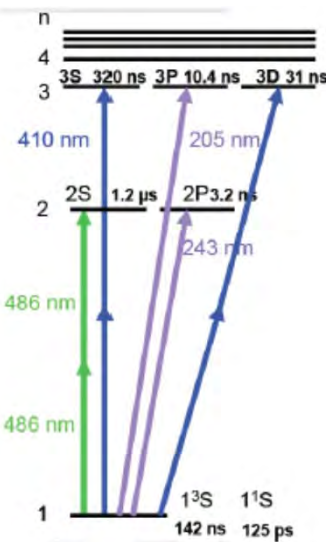
# Ps excitation laser



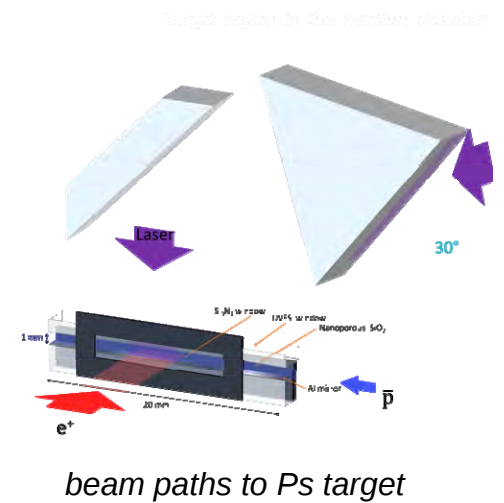
*CW TiSa seeder, 260 mW at 820 nm*



*TiSa oscillator, >5 mJ at 820 nm  
9 mJ obtained at 410 nm (with TiSa ampli)*



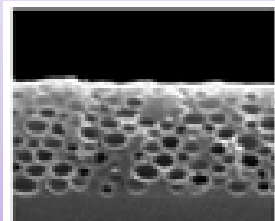
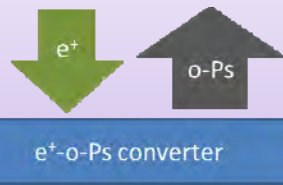
*sample holder, MCP, mirror*



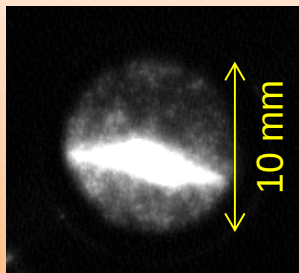
*beam paths to Ps target*

# First ortho-positronium signal for GBAR@CERN

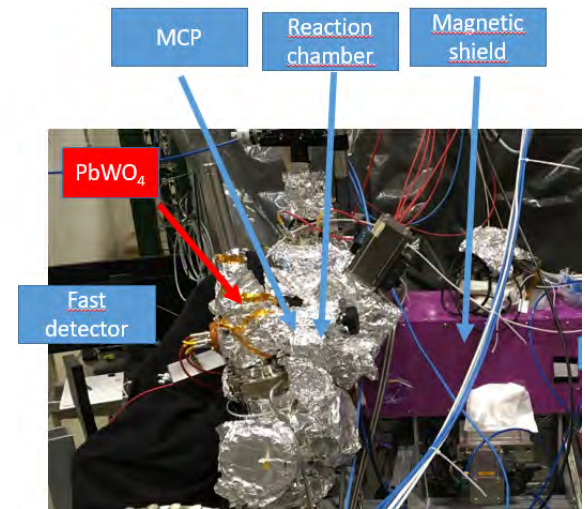
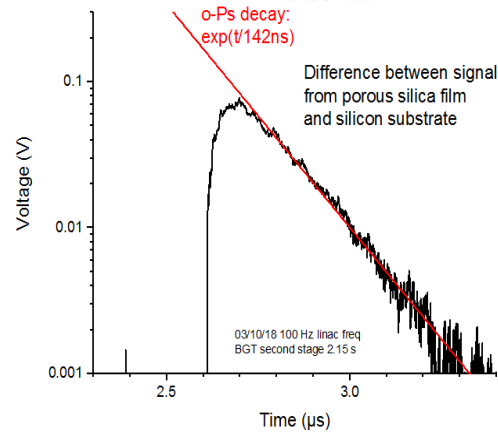
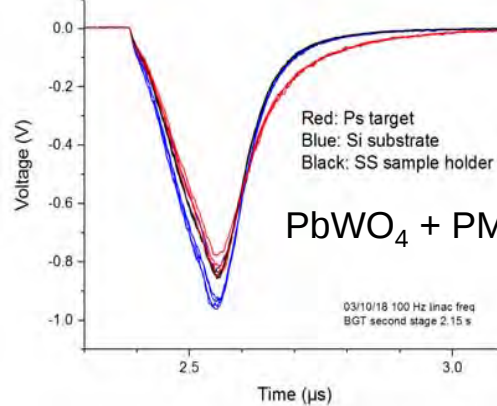
Positron-positronium converter (mesoporous  $\text{SiO}_2$ )



Positron beam spot on the target



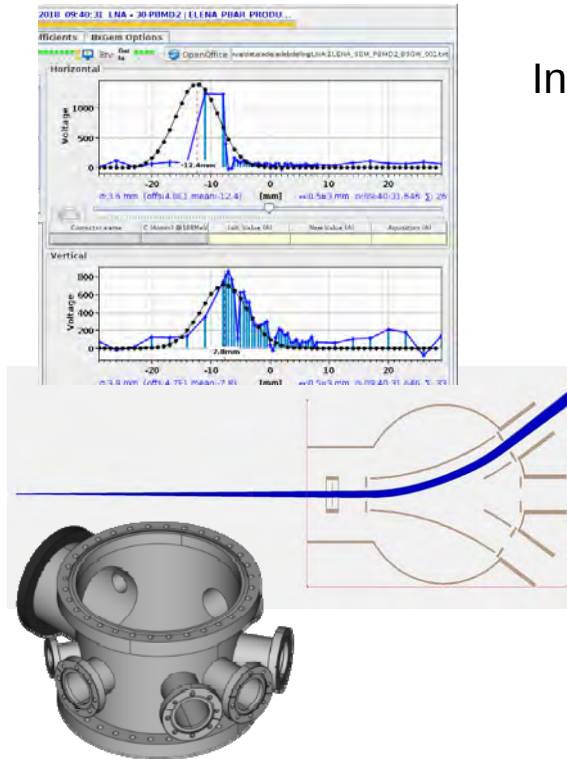
Raw signal (average)



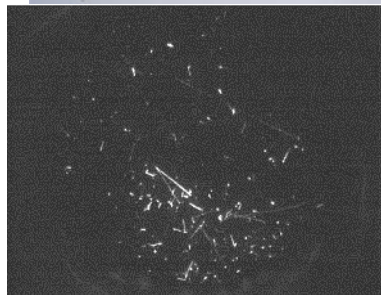
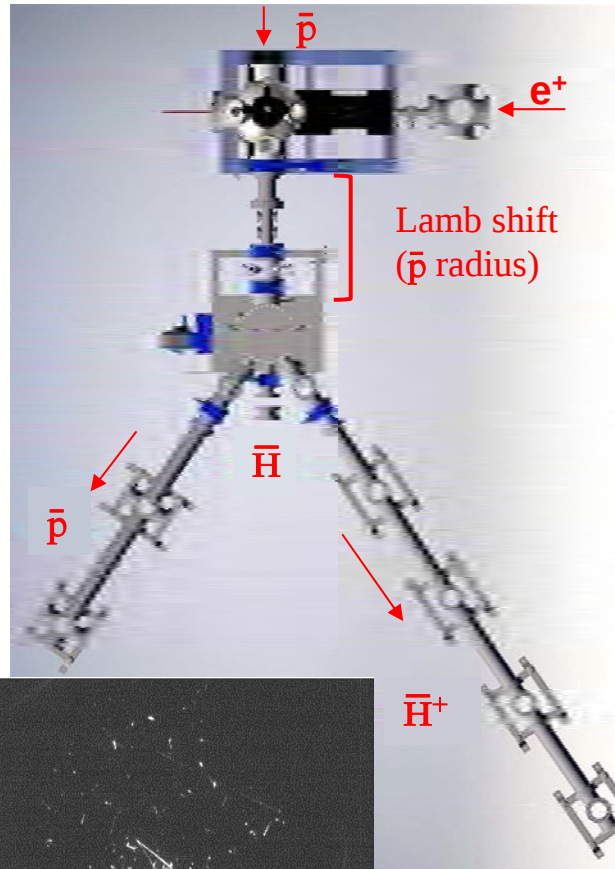
Differential signal showing oPs lifetime

# 11 November 2018: GBAR attempts Antihydrogen!

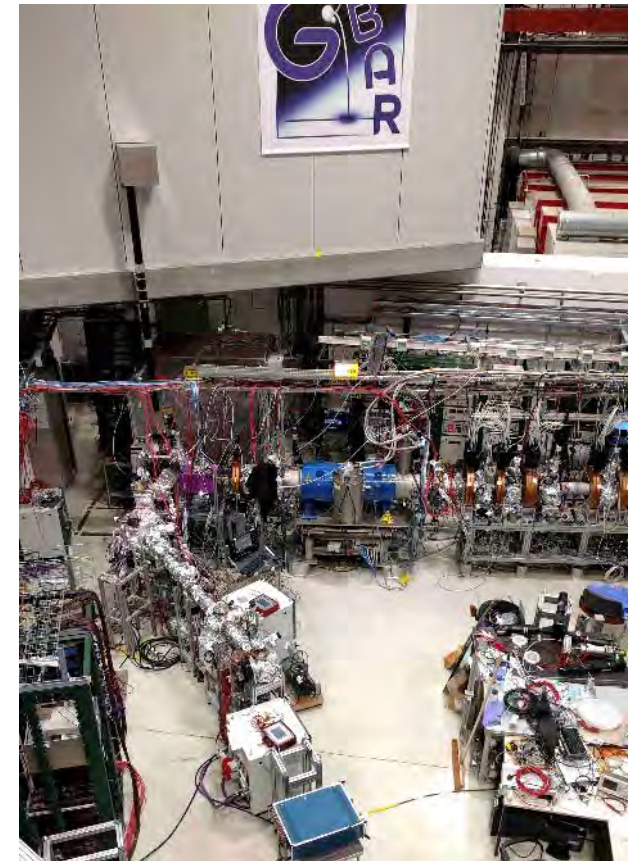
Included ELENA commissioning and debugging diagnostics...



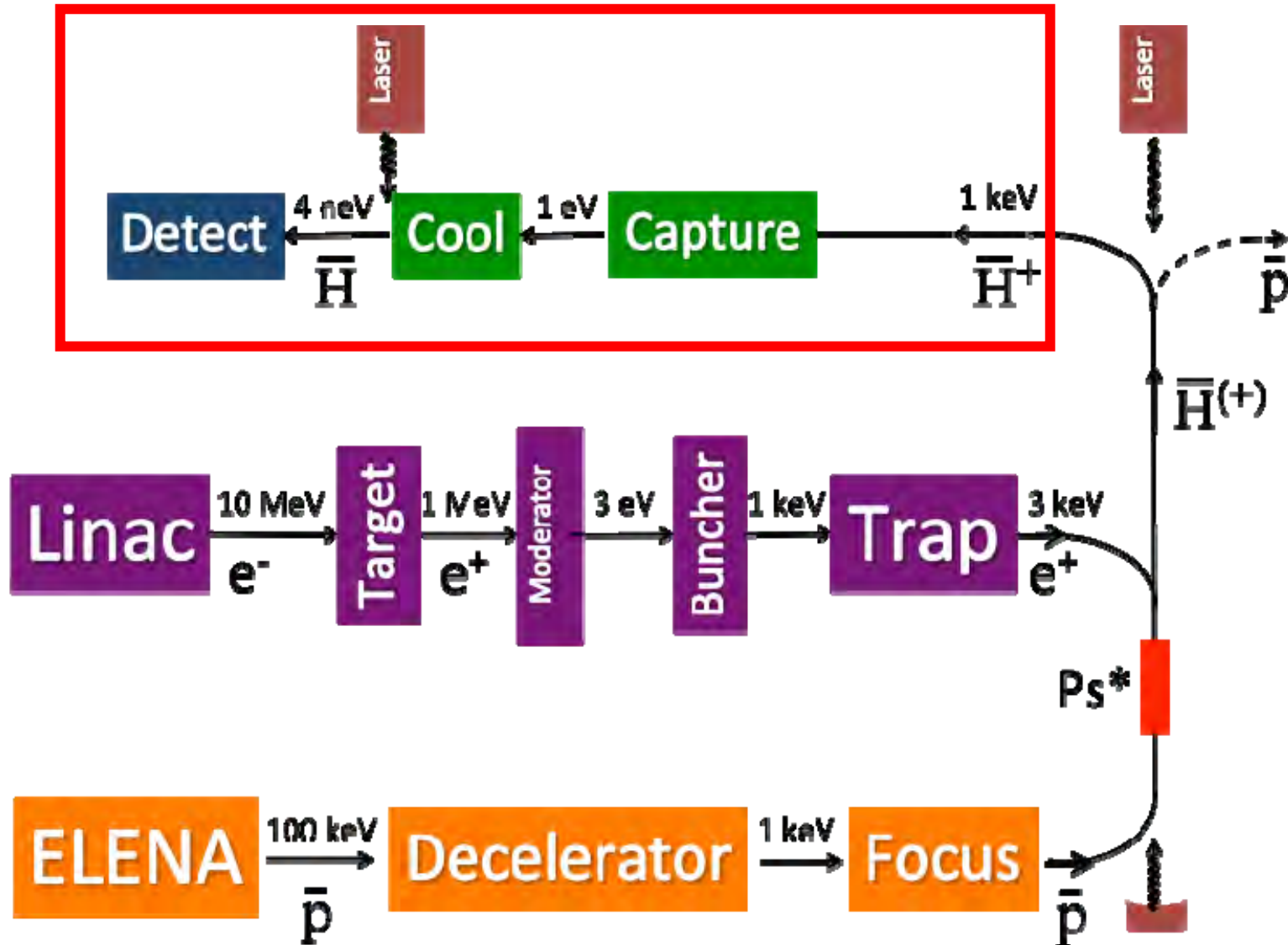
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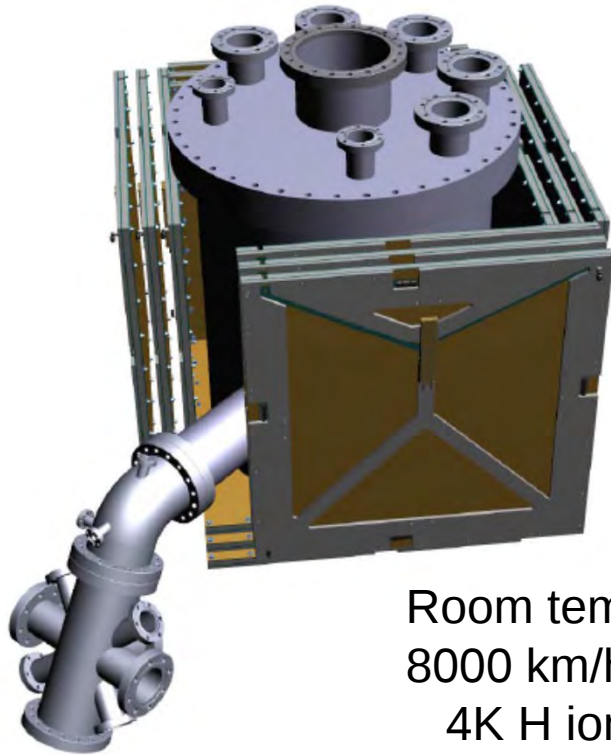
antiprotons in MCP  
(no  $\bar{H}$  ☹)



# GBAR Schematic



# The ultimate (drop) step

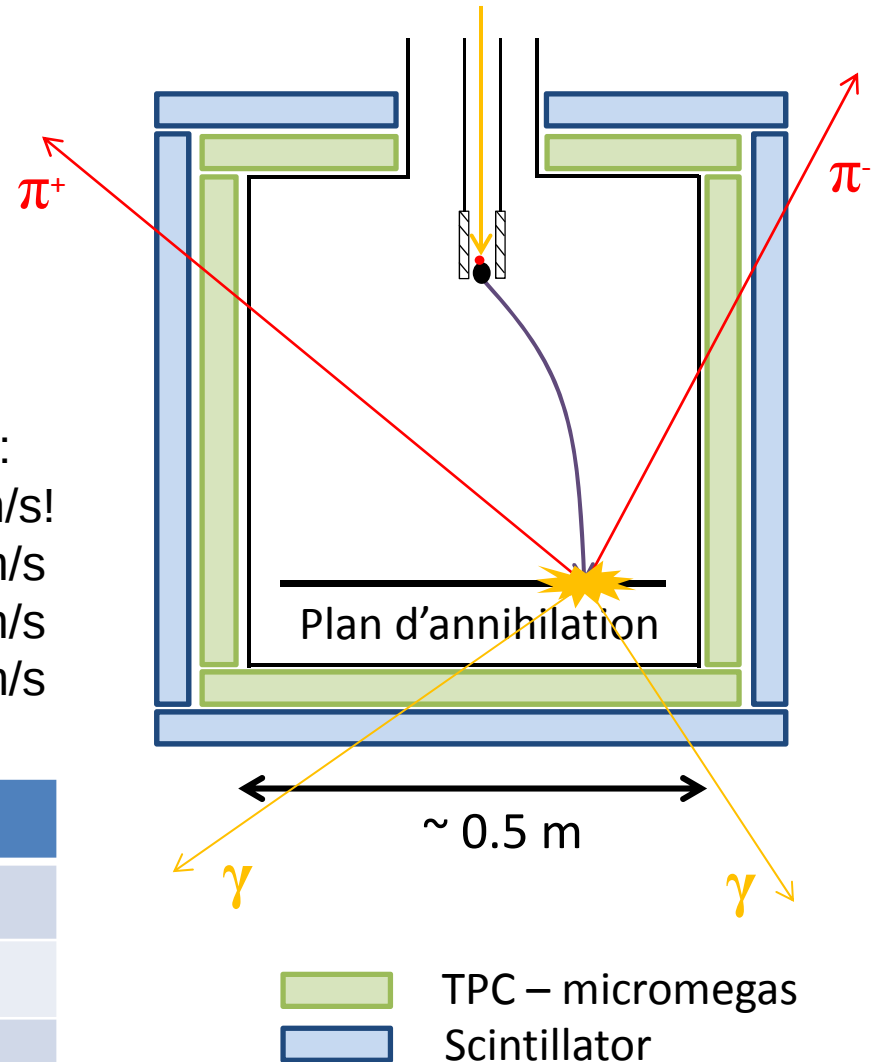


Room temperature  $\bar{p}$  ion:  
 8000 km/h  $\rightarrow$  2200 m/s!  
 4K H ions: 500 m/s  
 100 uK: 1 m/s  
 1 uK: 0.1 m/s

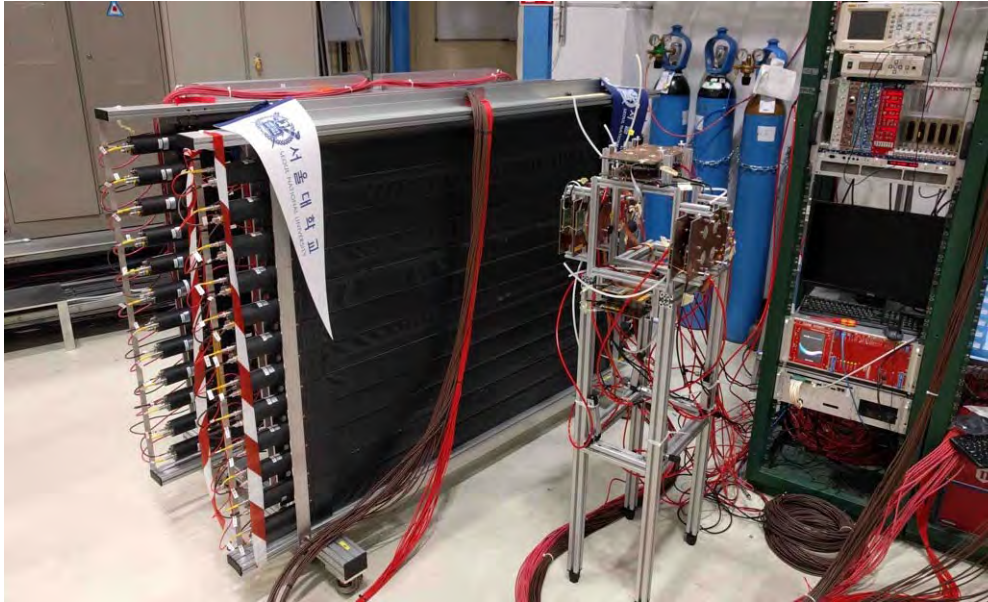
For 1  $\bar{H}^+$ :  
 Need  $10^7 \bar{p}$   
 $10^{12}$  Ps/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 ( $10^{10}$  e<sup>+</sup>)  
 in 1 ADE cycle  
 (110 s)

| $\bar{H}$ ions (10 $\mu$ K) | $\Delta g/g$ |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| $10^3$                      | 0.02         |
| $10^4$                      | 0.006        |
| $5 \times 10^5$             | 0.001        |

$$y = y_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$



# Detection: time of flight and tracking

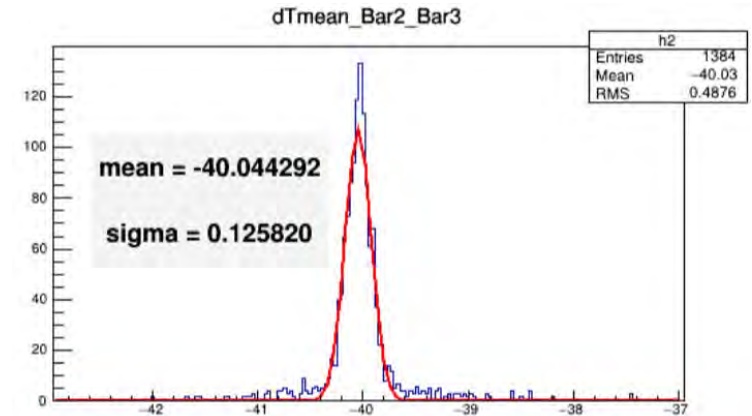


TOF planes  
170 cm × 10cm × 5cm

S.K. Kim and team  
(Seoul National University)

test micromegas tracker

P. Crivelli and team (ETH)  
B. Vallage, S. Procureur & team (IRFU)



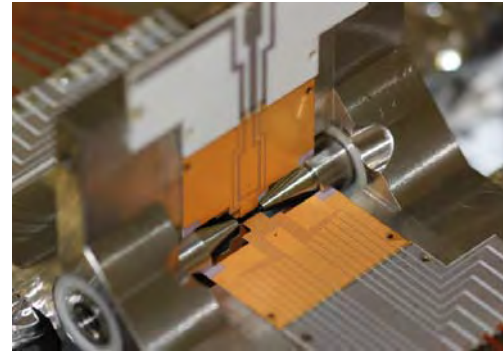
→ 80 ps resolution  
allows to distinguish up-down particles

Test micromegas from ETHZ (x5 multiplexing)  
19 planes 50 cm x 50 cm from Irfu and ETHZ  
tested successfully with DREAM electronics

Aim: 1-mm vertex reconstruction accuracy

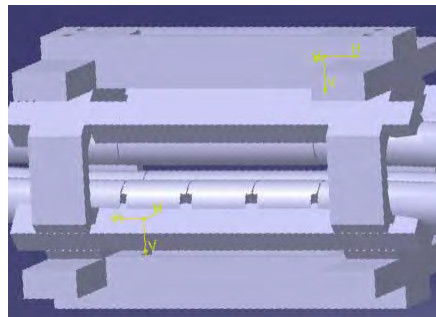
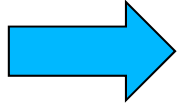
# Sympathetic cooling of trapped $\bar{\text{H}}^+$ ions

No transition to laser cool  $\bar{\text{H}}$   
→ sympathetic cooling  
transitions known for  $^9\text{Be}$   
But  $\Delta m$  with  $^1\text{H}$  still large

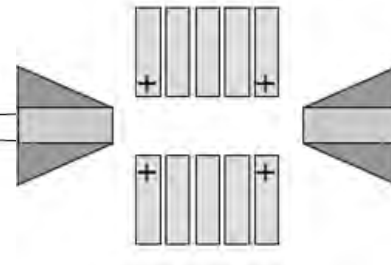


precision (56-MHz)  $\mu\text{trap}$

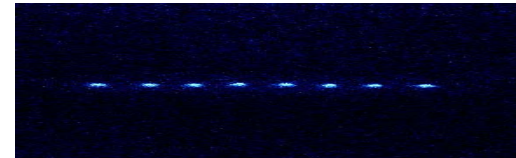
injection



ion trajectory

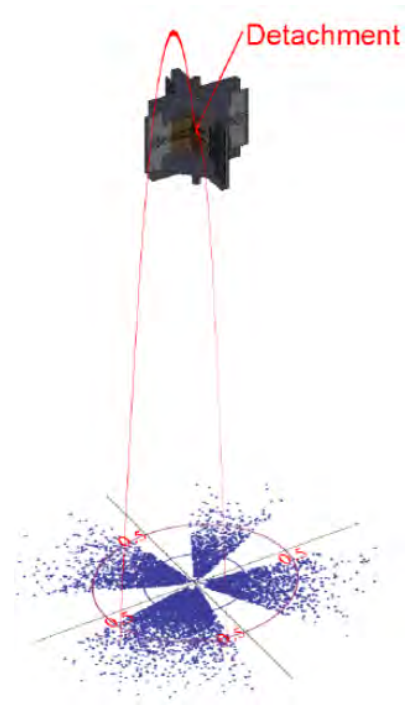


dark ion in capture trap ( $\text{H}_2^+$  or  $\text{H}_3^+$ )  
L. Hilico, J.-Ph. Karr et al. (LKB-Paris)



First results (using Ca ions)  
S. Wolf, F. Schmidt-Kaler (Mainz)

$\bar{\text{H}}^+$  cooled by Be “ice cubes”



# GBAR Timeline

Letter of Intent  
SPSC-2007-038

2007

2011

Research Board  
AD-7

2012

CERN  
MoU

2014

Proposal  
SPSC-P-342

CERN  
FRC

GBAR off-line  
commissioning

2016

GBAR  
installation

2017

ELENA  
installation

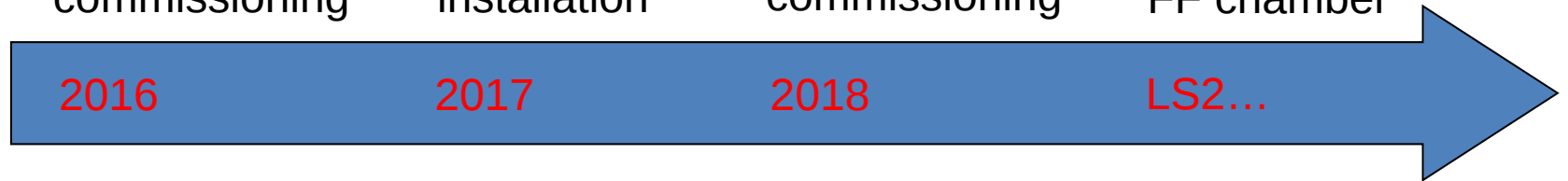
GBAR on-line  
commissioning

2018

ELENA  
commissioning

p-work  
FF chamber

LS2...



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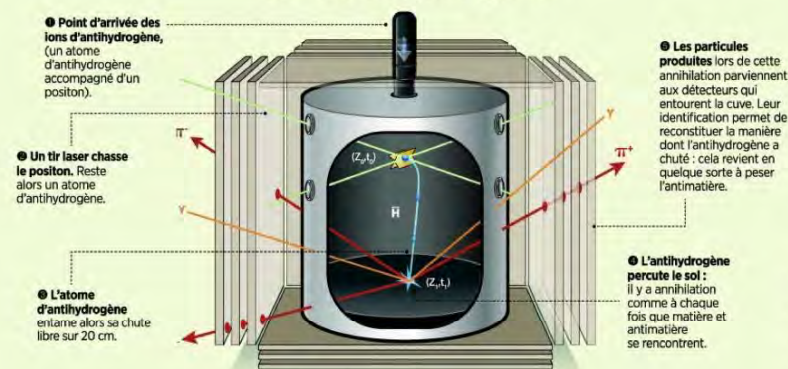


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## Gbar va traquer le comportement de l'antihydrogène



Pour entreprendre des expériences sur l'antimatière, il faut ruser. L'antihydrogène tout comme l'hydrogène sont des atomes neutres, difficiles à manipuler. Au contraire d'une particule dotée d'une charge électrique qui, elle se met d'emblée en mouvement dans un champ électromagnétique. L'astuce ici, pour Gbar, est de fabriquer d'abord des ions antihydrogène, c'est-à-dire un

atome d'antihydrogène affublé d'un positon. Ce dernier porte une charge positive, là où celle de l'électron est négative. L'ion antihydrogène peut être ainsi facilement acheminé à l'intérieur de la cuve 1. Puis, un faisceau laser 2 vient ôter le positon superflu, l'antihydrogène se retrouve seul dans la cuve. Sa chute peut commencer 3. Lorsqu'il percute le plancher 4, il s'annihile en créant de

nouvelles particules. La cuve est entourée de détecteurs capables d'identifier les particules résultantes et ainsi de reconstituer la chute de l'antihydrogène. Rien ne présage qu'elle soit similaire à celle de l'atome d'hydrogène 5. La moindre différence de comportement — une déviation de 1% par exemple — permet de valider des hypothèses sur la nature de l'antimatière.

### La quête récente des antiparticules



**1932**

Découverte

Un an après sa prédiction théorique par Paul Dirac, Carl Anderson observe le positon (anti-électron).



**1995**

Lear

Neuf atomes d'antihydrogène sont isolés pour la première fois dans l'anneau du Lear, au Cern.



**2002**

Athena

Cette expérience parvient à produire 50 000 atomes d'antihydrogène de basse énergie.



**2011**

Alpha

Les atomes d'antihydrogène sont stabilisés pendant plus de 16 minutes.



**2016**

Gbar

L'antimatière chute-t-elle comme la matière ? Gbar va tenter d'y répondre.

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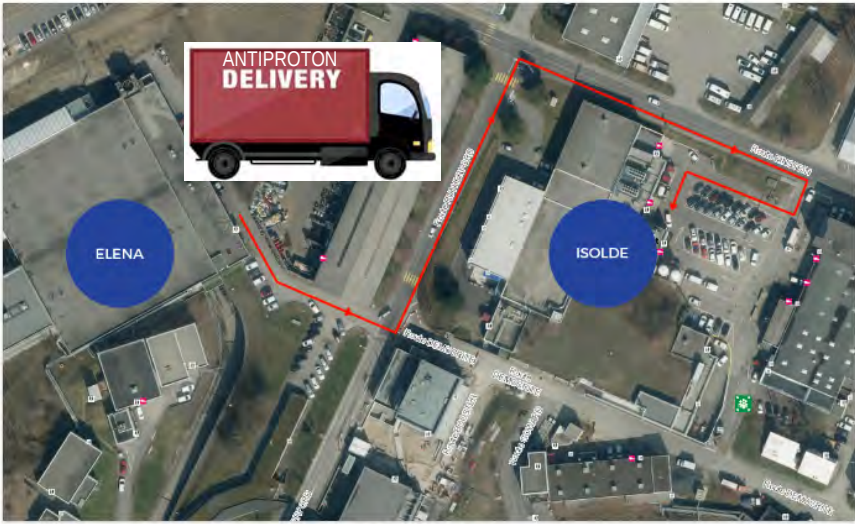




## Projet PUMA : l'antimatière prend la route

Un nouveau projet européen associant ELENA et ISOLDE va piéger l'antimatière afin d'explorer les phénomènes quantiques dans les noyaux radioactifs.

11 MARS, 2018 | Par Cristina Agrigoroae



Le voyage de l'antimatière entre les installations ELENA et ISOLDE (Image: CERN)



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A laboratory at CERN hosts the only usable source of antiprotons, the proton's antimatter counterpart.

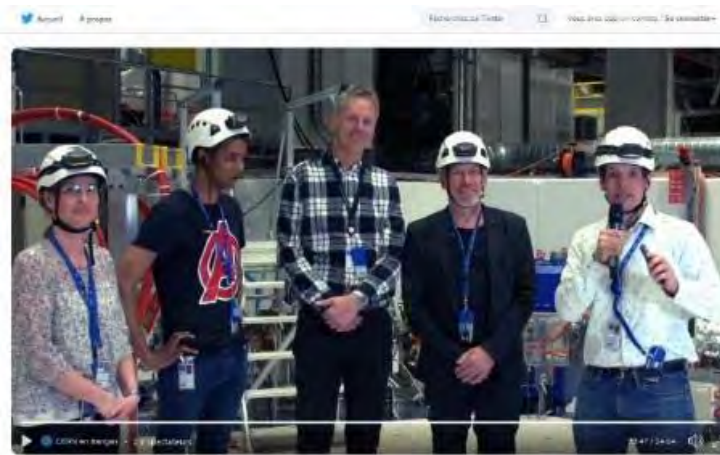
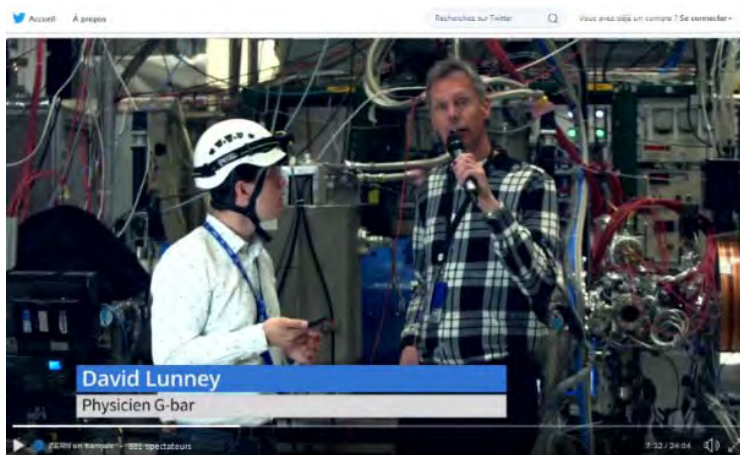
PUMA: A. Obertelli and team (TU-Darmstadt)

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Au Grand Rex (mais pas tout à fait live du CERN...)



# Summary



## De nouvelles expériences sur la gravité au CERN

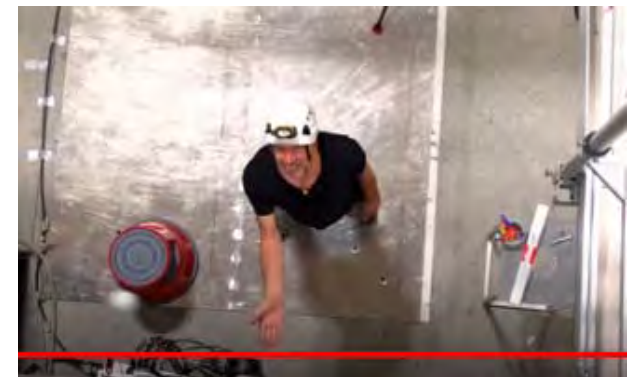
Les expériences ALPHA-g et GBAR ont reçu leurs premiers faisceaux d'antiprotons

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L'installation de l'expérience ALPHA-g dans le hall du Décélérateur d'antiprotons, au CERN. (Image: CERN)

ANR POSITRAP (2011-2014)  
ANR ANTION (2014-2018)  
(enfin) Projet IN2P3



- ❖ Interesting physics goal – lots of competition!
- ❖ First experiment to receive ELENA antiproton beam
- ❖ GBAR attempted antihydrogen fabrication in 2018
- ❖ 2 PhD theses from CSNSM (P. Grandemange, 2013 & A. Husson, 2018)
- ❖ LS2 plans: matter-analog reaction measurements & remaining installation
- ❖ Long-term experiment!

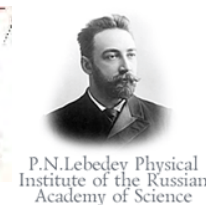
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