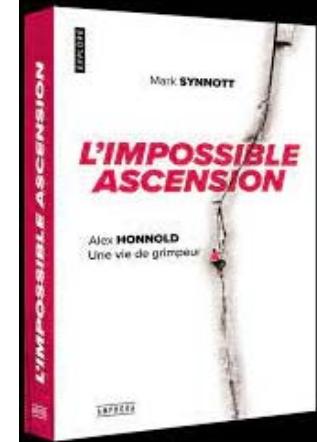
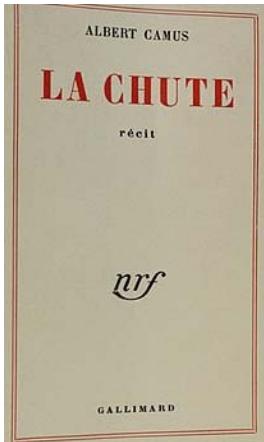


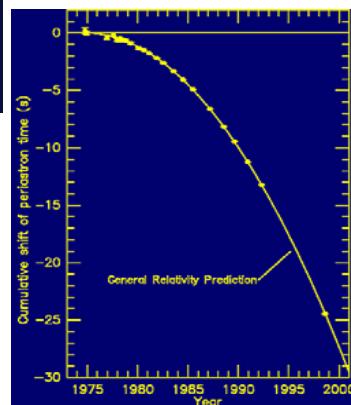
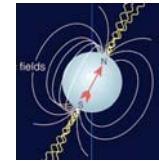
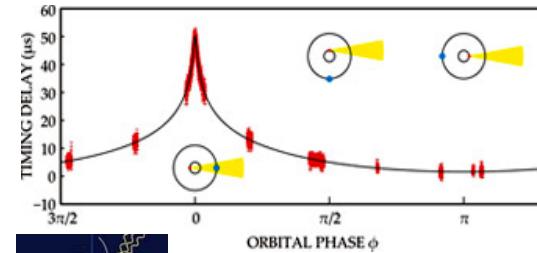
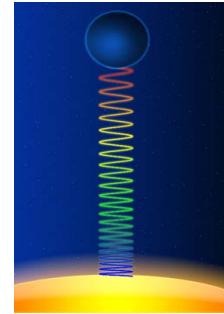
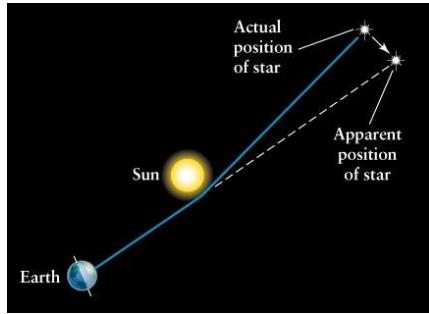
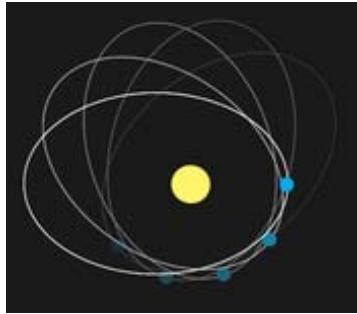
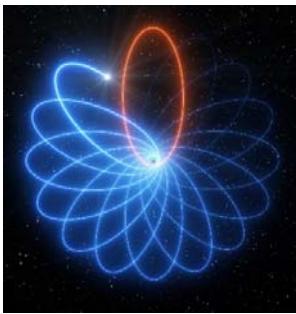
Gravitational Behavior of Antihydrogen at Rest: The GBAR experiment at CERN

David Lunney, IN2P3/CNRS, Orsay
IJCLab, Université Paris-Saclay

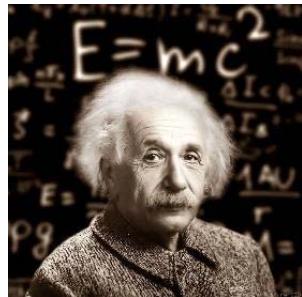


Goal: Test of General Relativity with Antimatter

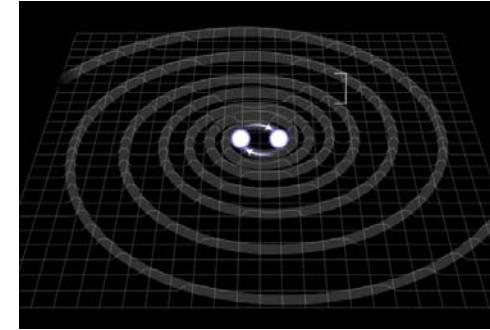
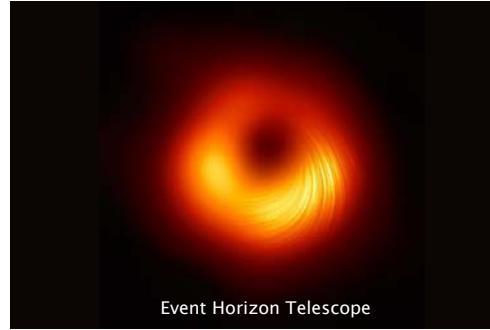
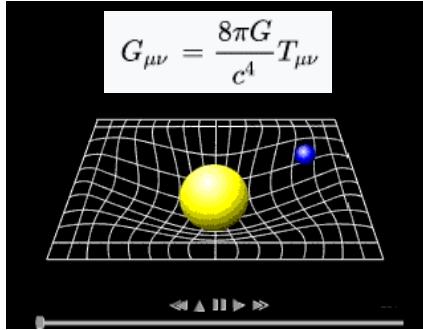
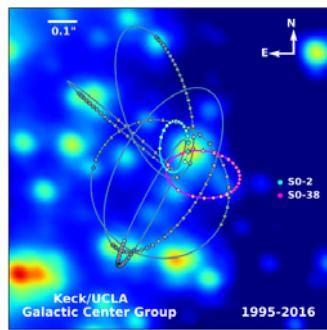
Einstein: General Relativity



2020:
Nobel prize to
R. Penrose,
R. Genzel
and A. Ghez



- 1905: Special Relativity (plus other papers!)
- 1907: equivalence principle of falling bodies
- 1915: theory of GR presented (Mercury's perihelion)
- 1919: Dyson, Eddington & Davidson (solar eclipse)
- 1959: Gravitational Redshift (Pound-Rebka experiment)
- 1964: Shapiro Delay (radio waves)
- 1974: Taylor-Hulse pulsar (Nobel prize in 1993)
- 2015: Gravitational waves (Nobel prize in 2017)
- 2019: First Black Hole image (Event Horizon Telescope)

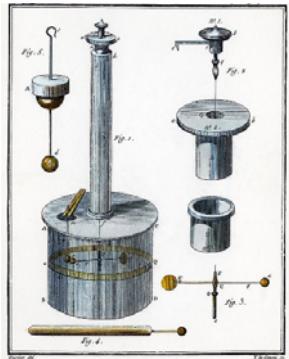


the equivalence principle: early experiments



Testing the equivalence principle

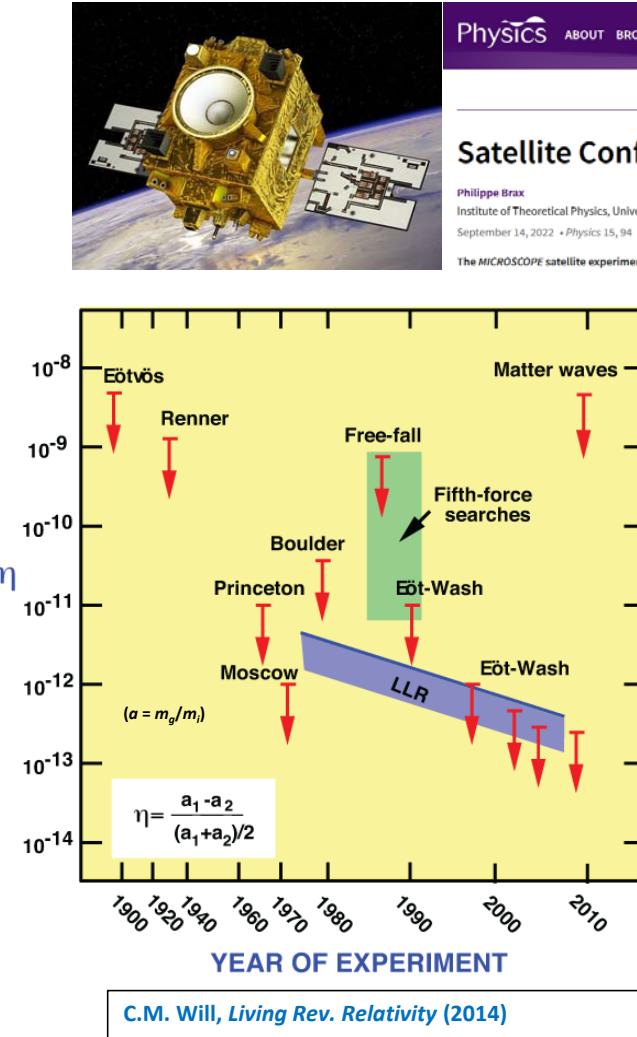
The torsion balance



Coulomb → Eötvös → Eöt-Wash (Seattle)



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



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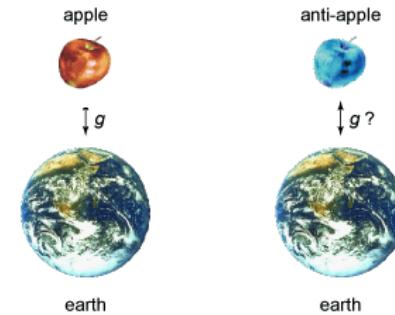
Satellite Confirms the Principle of Falling

Philippe Brax
Institute of Theoretical Physics, University of Paris-Saclay, France
September 14, 2022 • Physics 15, 94

The MICROSCOPE satellite experiment has tested the equivalence principle with an unprecedented level of 10^{-15}



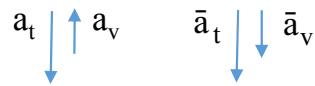
*EP holds!
at different locations and
for different masses...
...but never tested
with antimatter!*



“anti” gravity?

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = 0$$



GR:
EM:

tensor interaction
spin-2 graviton
“charge” is mass

vector interaction
spin-1 photon
charge: + or -

tensor + vector gravity?
different acceleration
(antimatter faster)

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

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

A. Kostelecky and J.D. Tasson, Phys. Rev. D (2011)

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

Isotropic ‘Parachute’ Model (IPM)

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

Matter

Antimatter

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

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



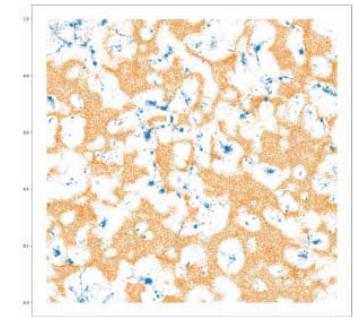
antimatter slower!
different acceleration
(not “antigravity”)

Negative mass – antigravity in GR (G. Chardin, 1997)
Dirac–Milne Universe (A. Benoit–Levy & G. Chardin, 2012)

Matter – antimatter repulsive

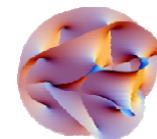
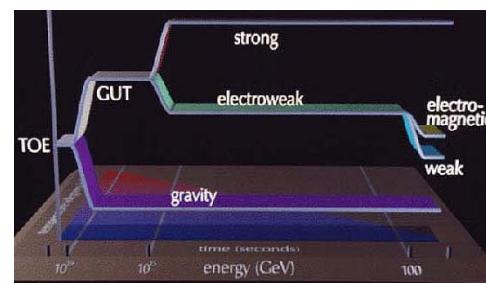
New simulations:
G. Manfredi et al., PRD, 2018
G. Manfredi et al., PRD, 2020

No dark matter!



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

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



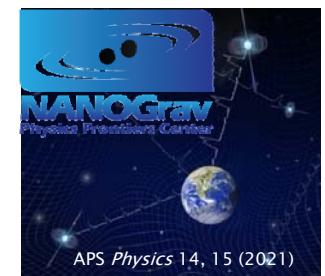
Quantum gravity

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

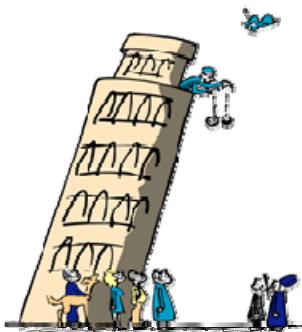
Hubble Tension as a Window on the
Gravitation of the Dark Matter Sector

Cyril Pitrou and Jean-Philippe Uzan
Phys. Rev. Lett. **132**, 191001 – Published 6 May 2024

extension of GR with massless scalar field



The goal of GBAR: (first ever) test EP with antimatter



*GBAR – CERN AD-7
Patrice Pérez (IRFU)
Spokesperson:
Free fall of
antihydrogen (at rest!)*

Witteborn & Fairbank, Nature (1968):
gravitational fall of the positron ($E_g = 6E-11 \text{ V/m} !$)

M. Holtzscheiter et al. (CERN PS-200):
gravitational fall of the antiproton

Gabrielse et al. (CERN AD-2) Phys. Rev. Lett. (1999):
gravitational redshift trapped antiproton (indirect); BASE-2022

CLEAR Collaboration, Phys. Lett. B (1999):
kaon-antikaon limits (indirect)

Supernova 1987A, e.g. Phys. Rev. D (1989):
(anti)neutrino time of flight (hypothesis)

*past
(indirect)
attempts*

Cassidy et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. (2015):
Rydberg Ps for free fall experiment

The LEMING Collaboration (Soter et al., PSI – proposal):
Free-fall of muonium atoms

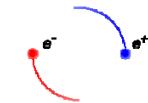
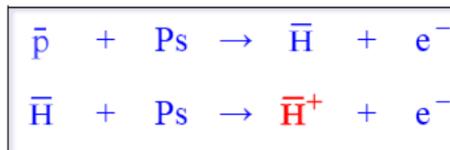
The AEgIS Collaboration (CERN AD-6):
Interferometry of neutral antihydrogen beam

The ALPHA-g Collaboration (CERN AD-5):
Neutral antihydrogen

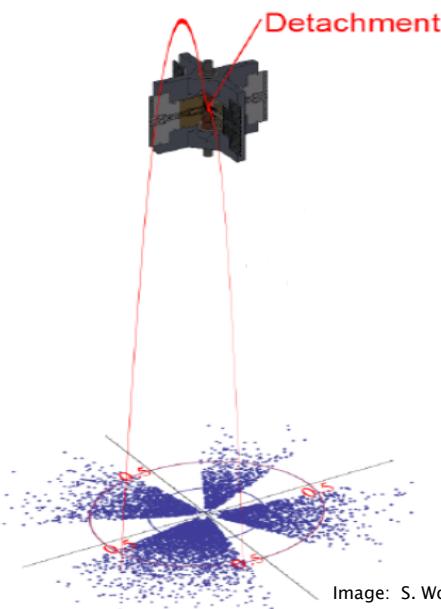
*current
(free-fall)
attempts*

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

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



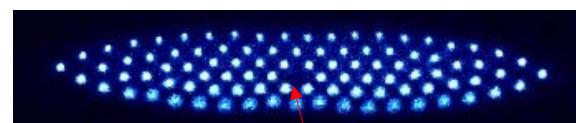
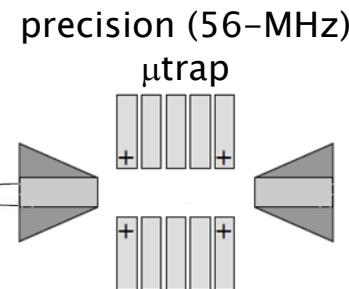
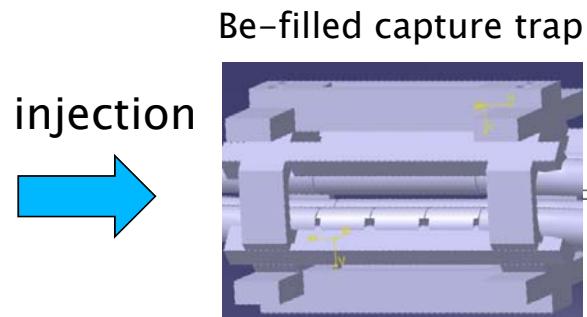
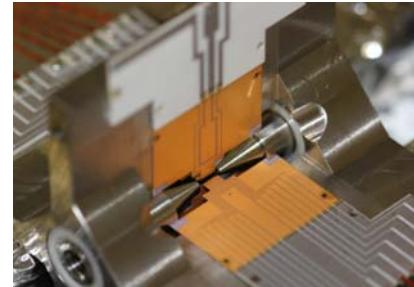
P. Pérez & A. Rosowsky, NIM A 545, 20 (2005)



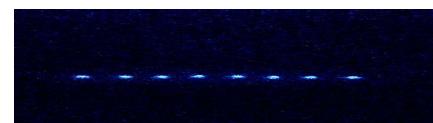
Room temperature \bar{H} ion:
8000 km/h \rightarrow 2200 m/s
4 K \bar{H} ions: 500 m/s
100 uK: 1 m/s
1 uK: 0.1 m/s

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

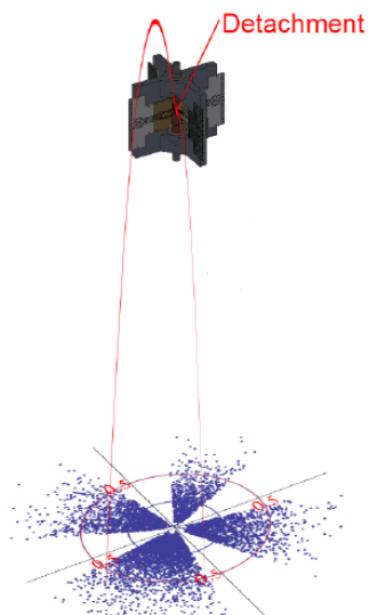
No transition to laser cool \bar{H}
→ sympathetic cooling
with laser coolable ${}^9\text{Be}$



dark ion in capture trap (H_2^+ or H_3^+)
L. Hilico, J.-Ph. Karr et al. (LKB-Paris)

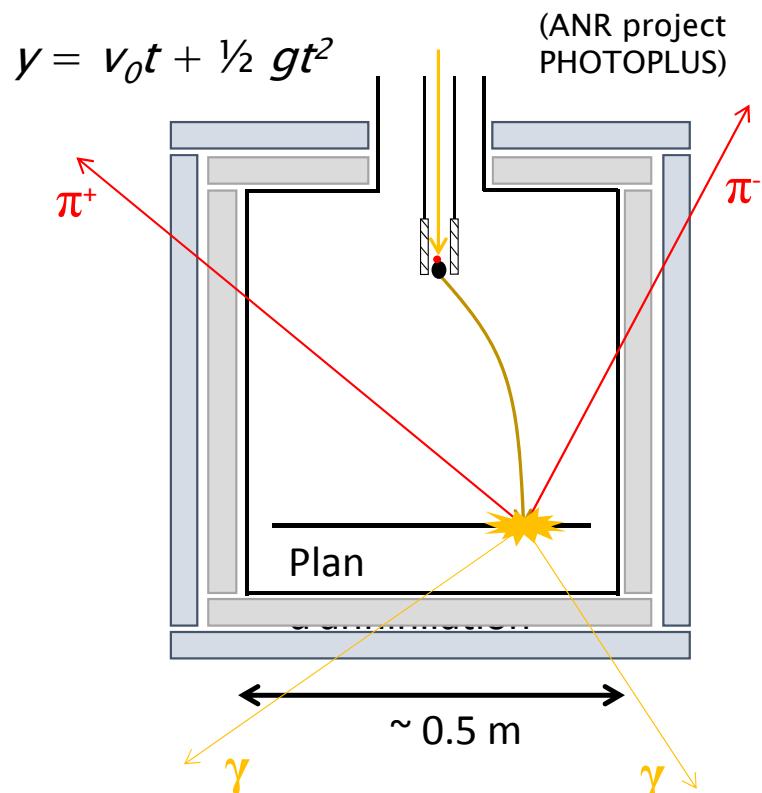


First results (using Ca ions)
S. Wolf, F. Schmidt-Kaler (Mainz)



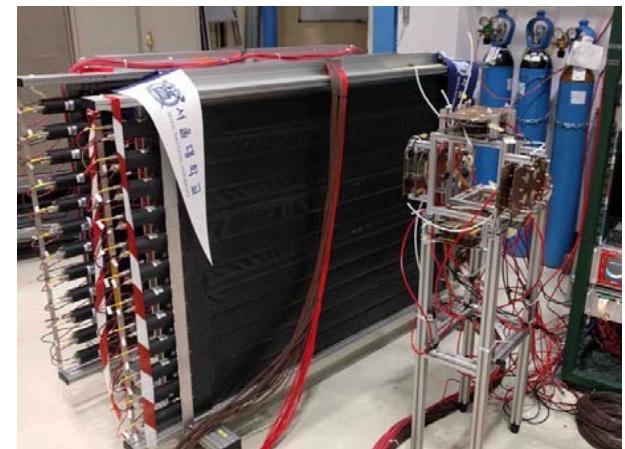
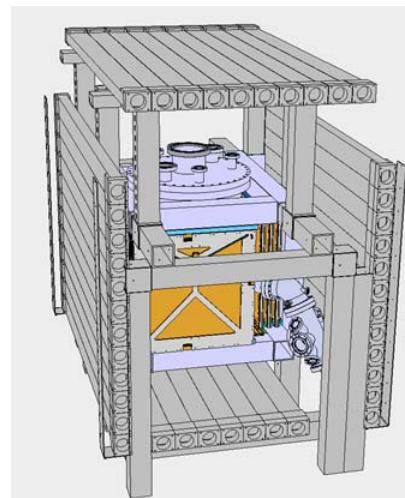
\bar{H}^+ cooled by Be "ice cubes" (ANR project ESPRIT)

The ultimate (drop) step



(ANR project
PHOTOPLUS)

Free-fall chamber
IRFU/ETH and LKB



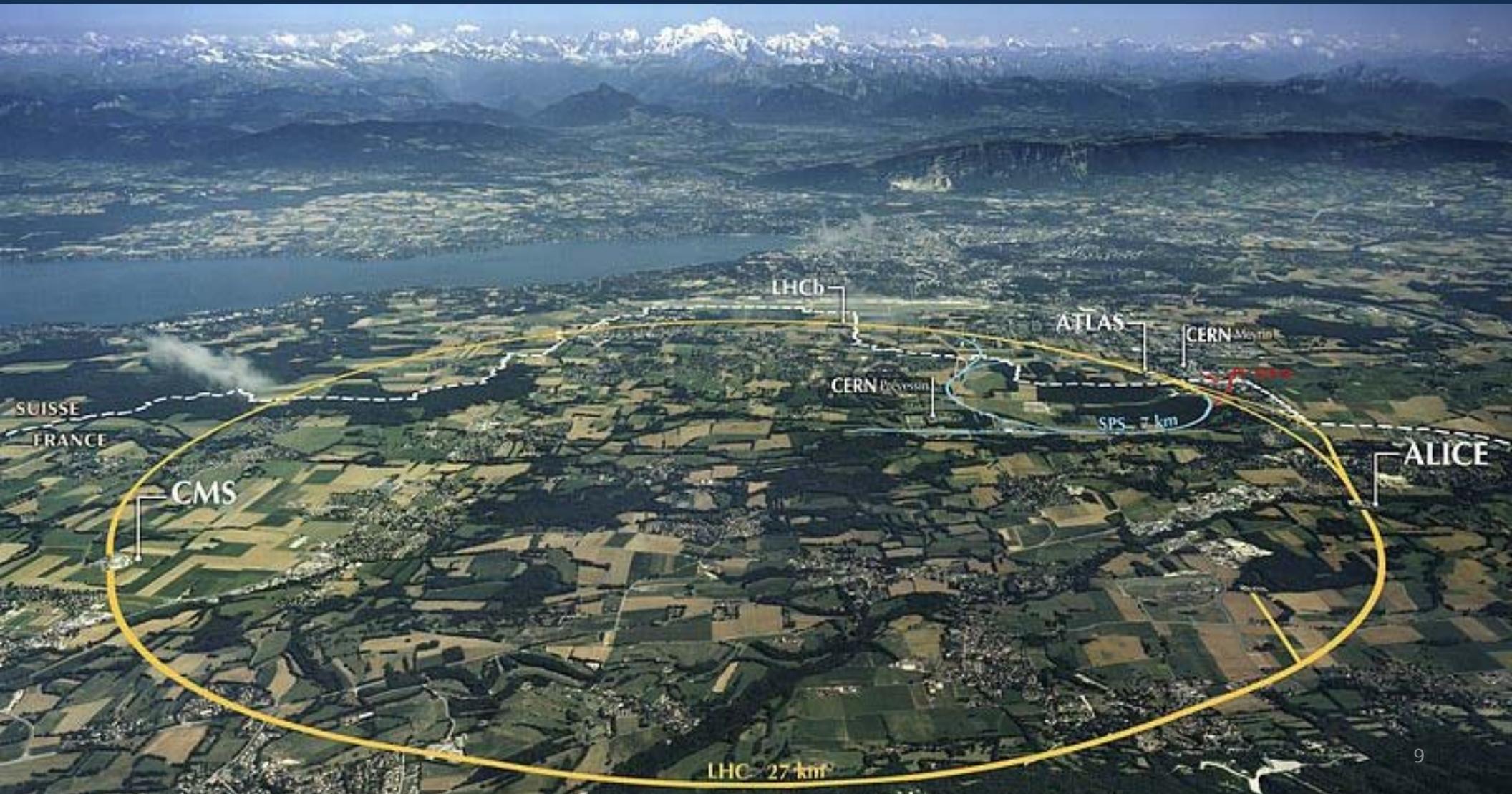
Micromegas: P. Crivelli and team (ETH)

TOF scintillater wall: Sun Kee Kim and team (SNU)

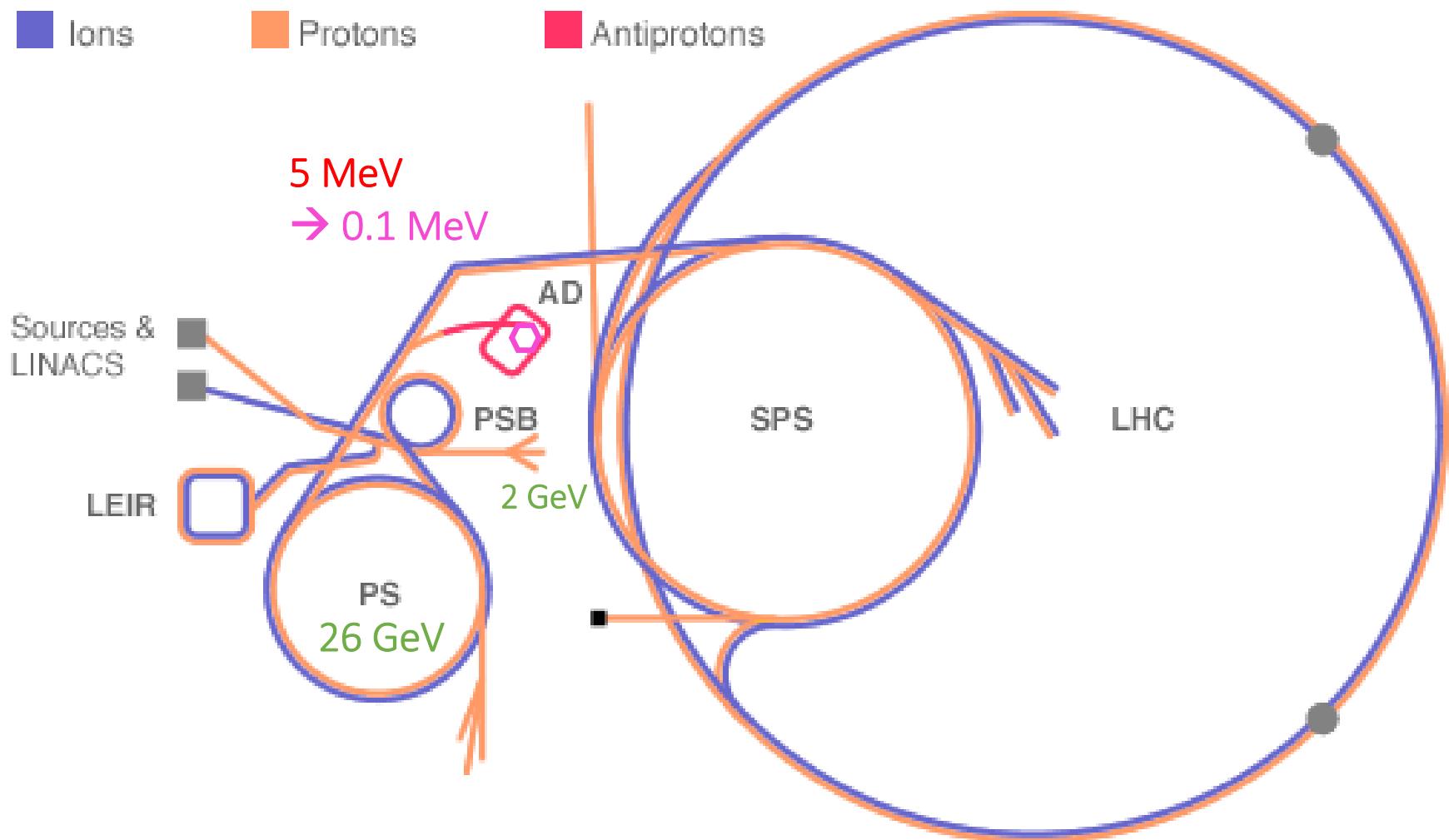
For 1 \bar{H}^+ :
Need $10^7 \bar{p}$
 10^{12} Ps/cm^2
($10^{10} e^+$)
in 1 AD cycle
(115 s)

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

CERN – home of antimatter



The CERN accelerator chain



The AD/ELENA facility – CERN’s “antimatter factory”



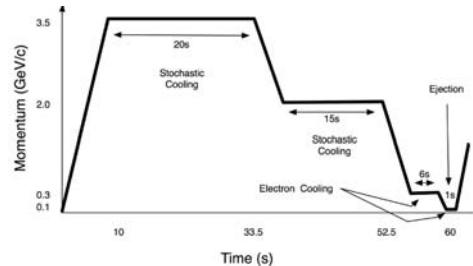
CERN-AD/ELENA (Extra-Low ENergy Antiproton) facility

AD:

3.5 GeV → 5 MeV

ELENA:

5 MeV → 100 keV



Antihydrogen:

ALPHA, AEgIS, ASACUSA
(ATRAP until recently)

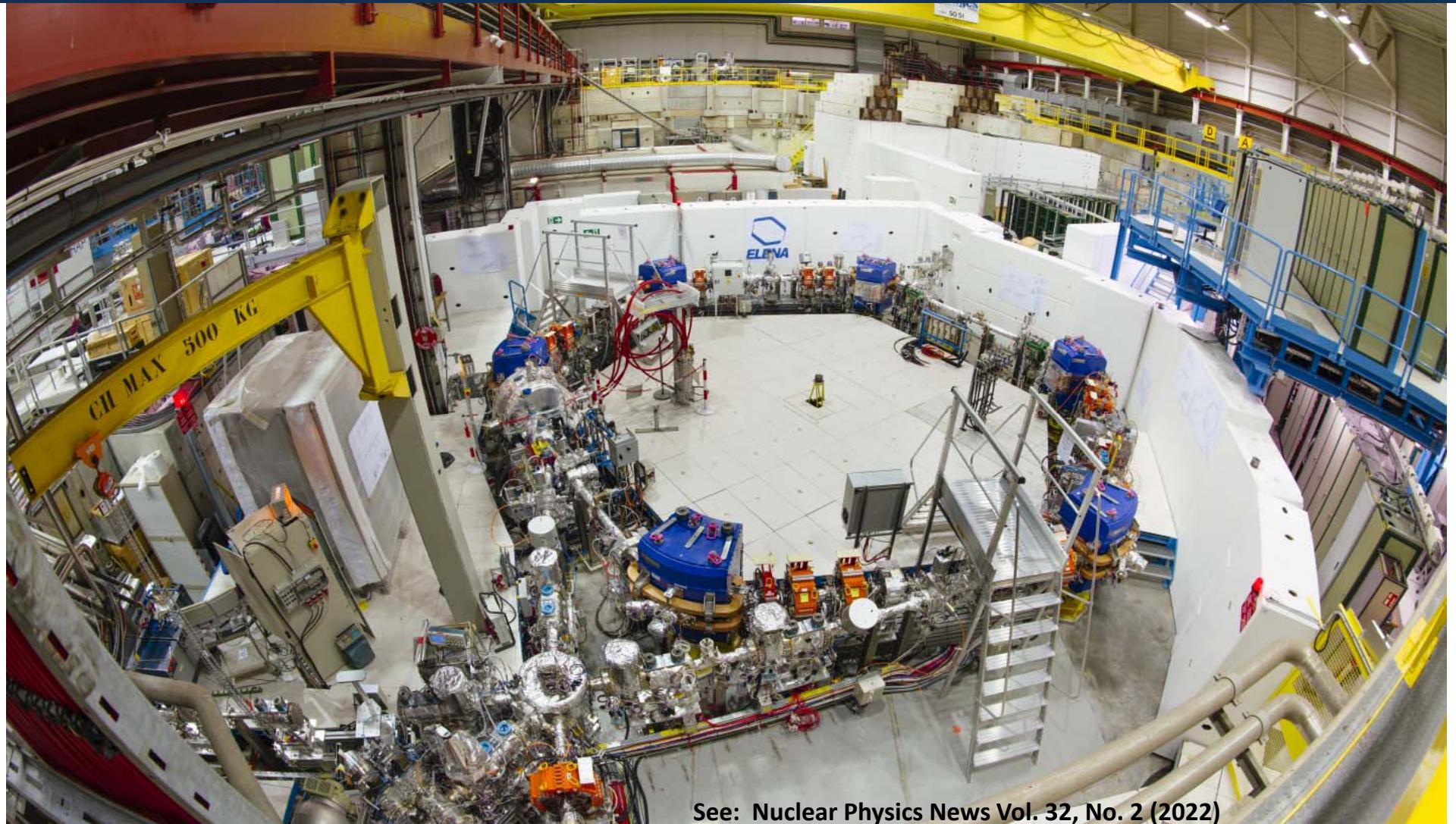
Antigravity:

ALPHA, AEgIS, GBAR



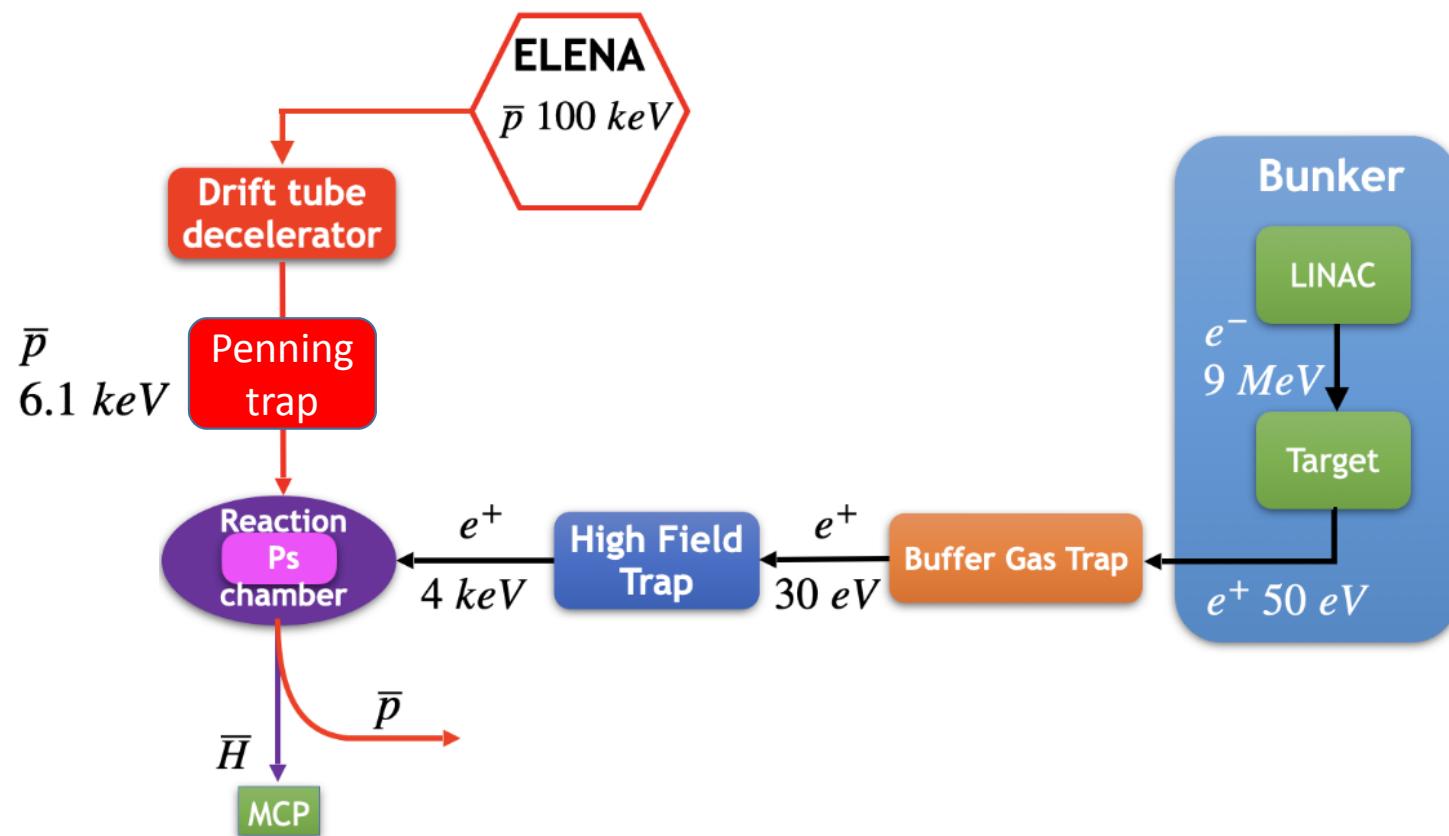
Unique facility worldwide

Extra Low ENergy Antiproton ring (ELENA)

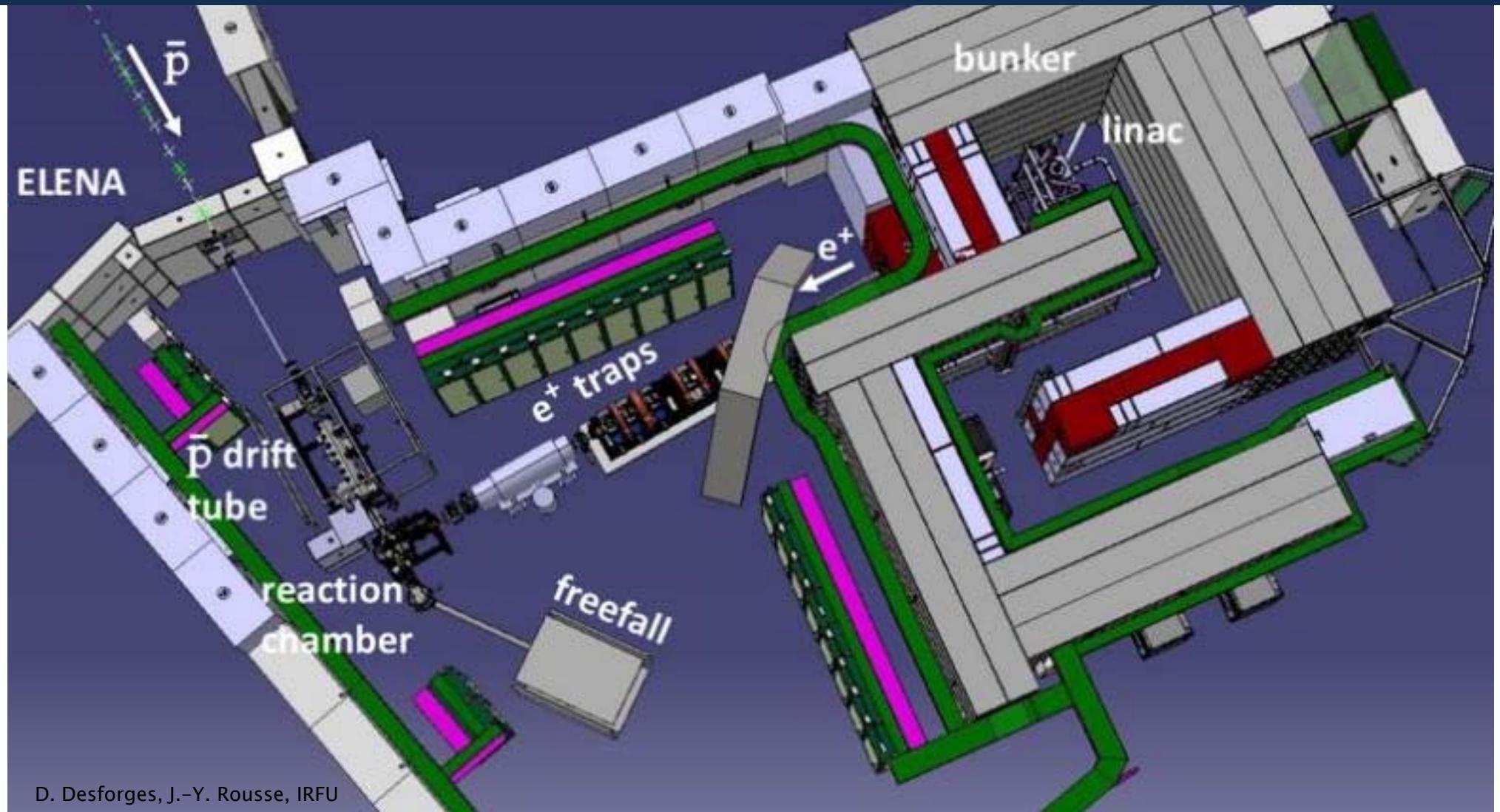


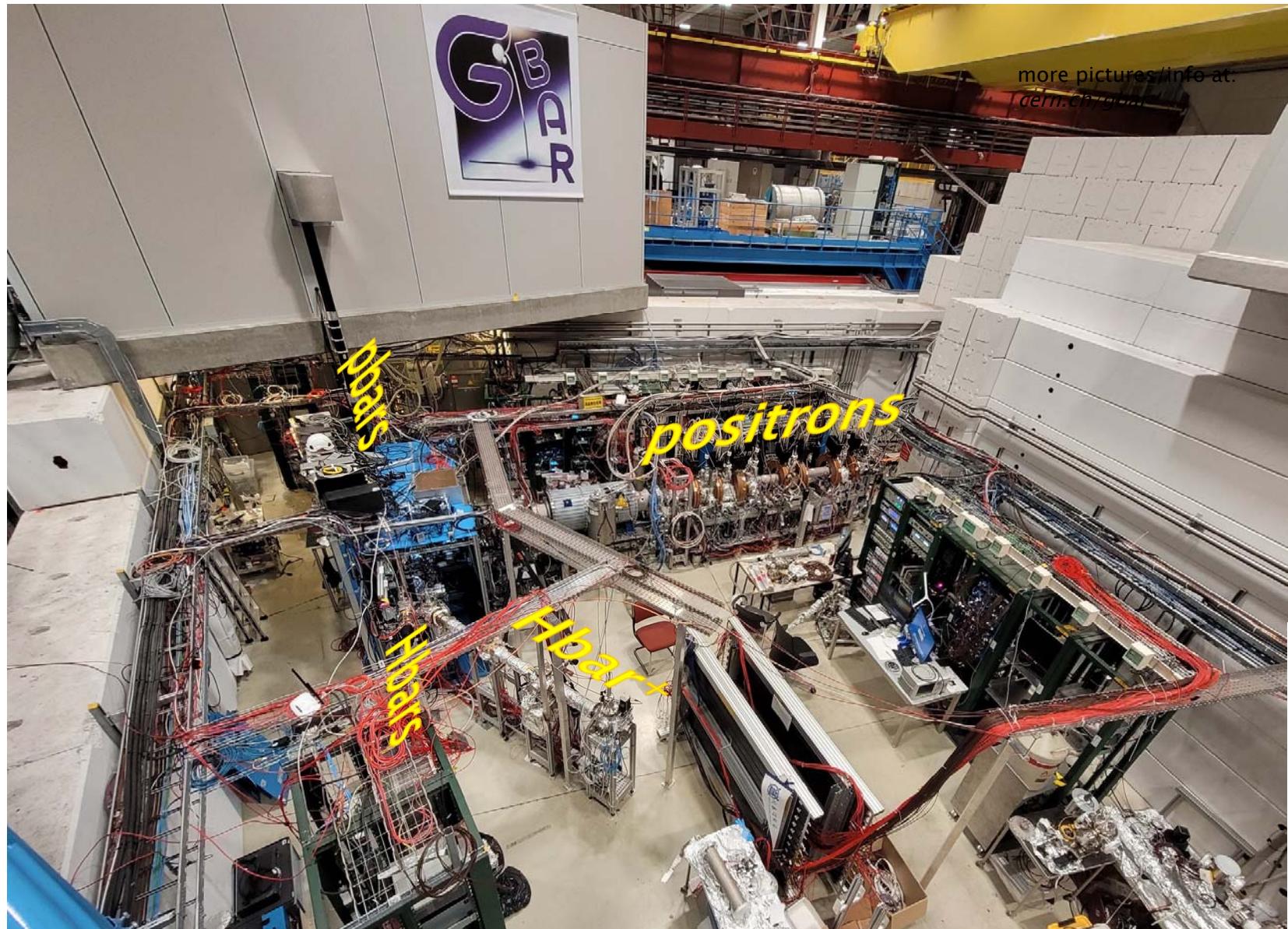
See: Nuclear Physics News Vol. 32, No. 2 (2022)

GBAR experiment schematic

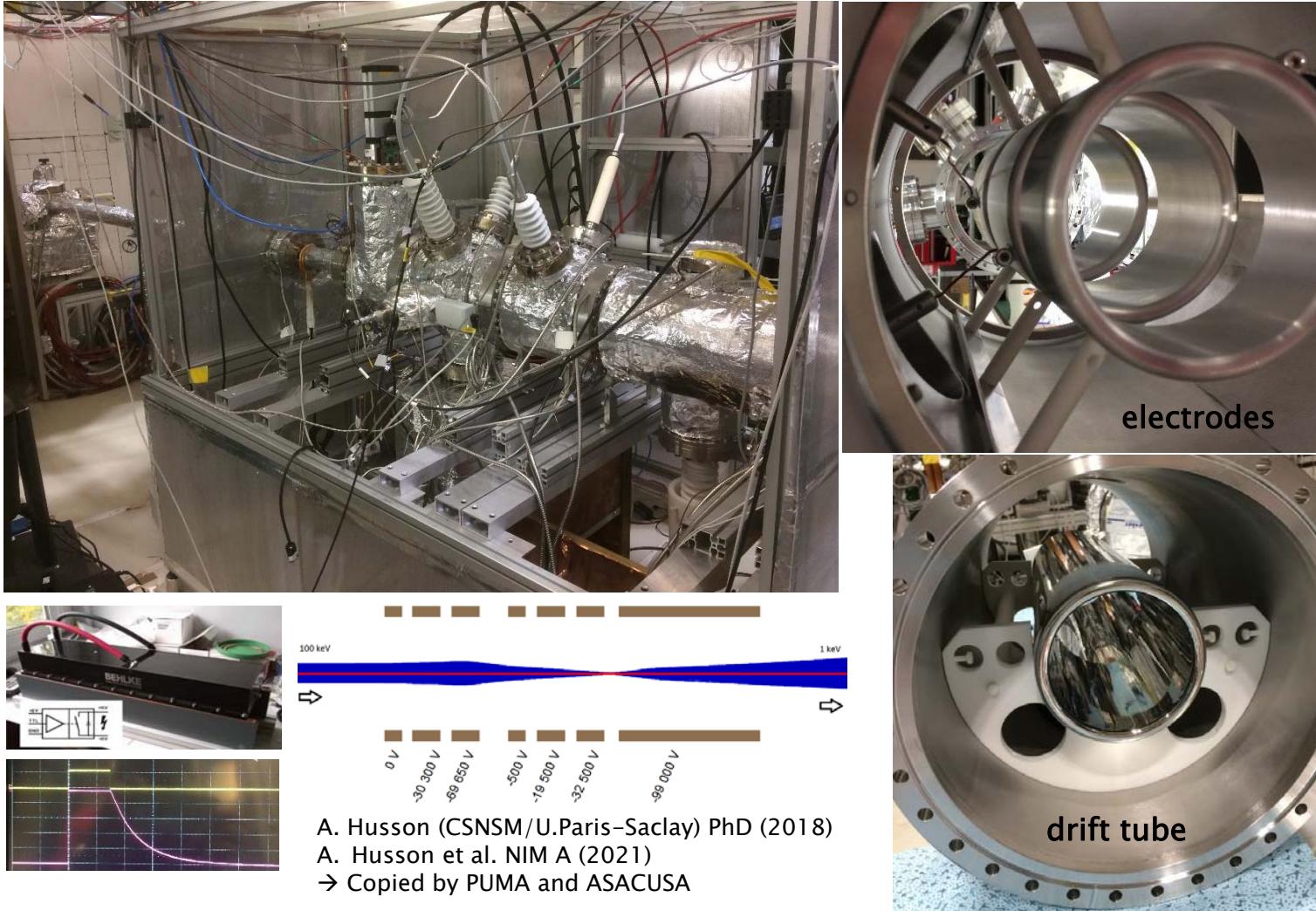


GBAR layout at CERN-AD

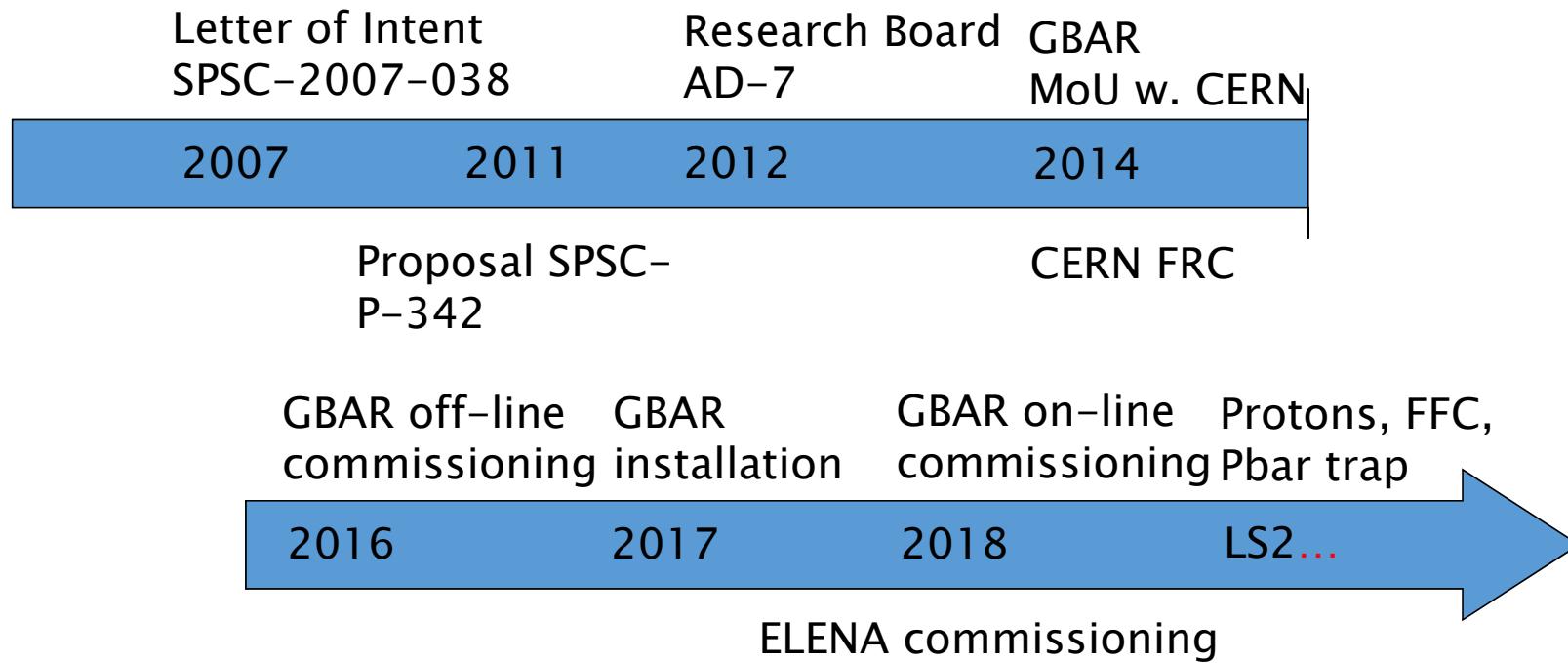




GBAR antiproton decelerator setup (product of IN2P3)



GBAR (IN2P3) Timeline

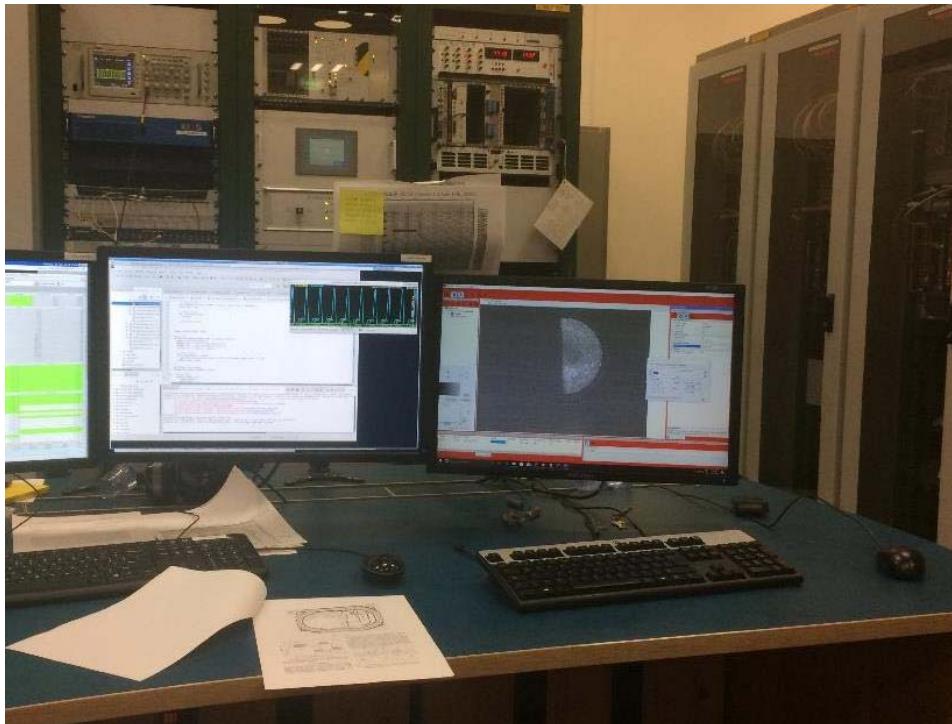




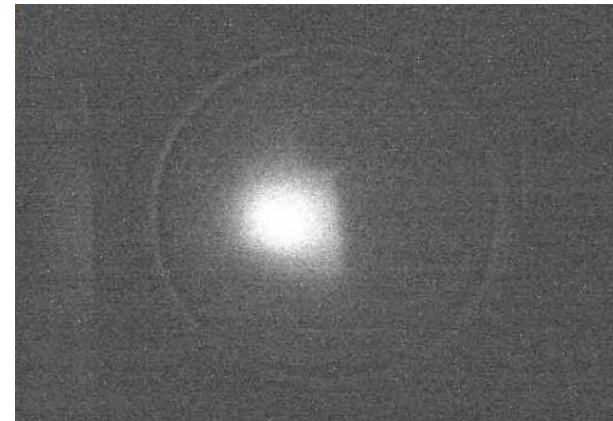
March 2017

First beams decelerated from ELENA (2018)

H^- : July 10, 2018



\bar{p} : July 20, 2018

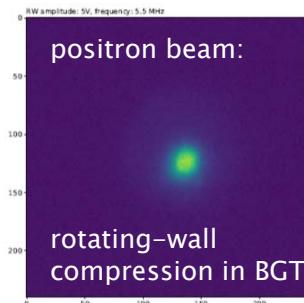
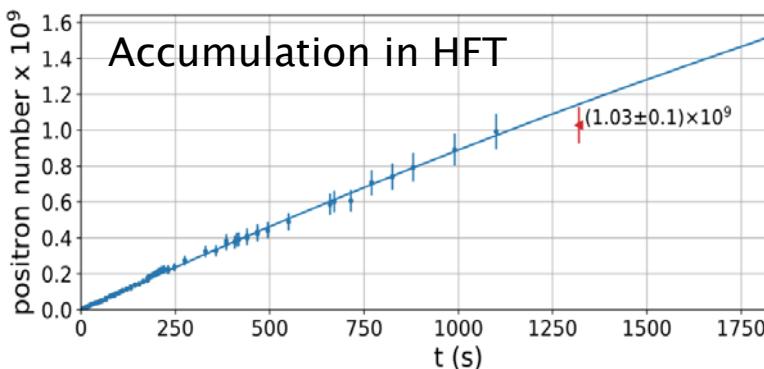


beams from ELENA:
 \bar{p} every 110 s
 H^- 5 s

A. Husson (CSNSM/U.Paris-Saclay) PhD (2018)
A. Husson et al. NIM A (2021)

2022: positron accumulation record

Early work: P. Grandemange, CSNSM/U. Paris-Sud PhD (2013)



With linac at 200 Hz: 1×10^9 e⁺ in 1100 s (< 20 min)
(S. Niang, IRFU/U. Paris-Saclay PhD, 2020 → IJCLab post-doc)

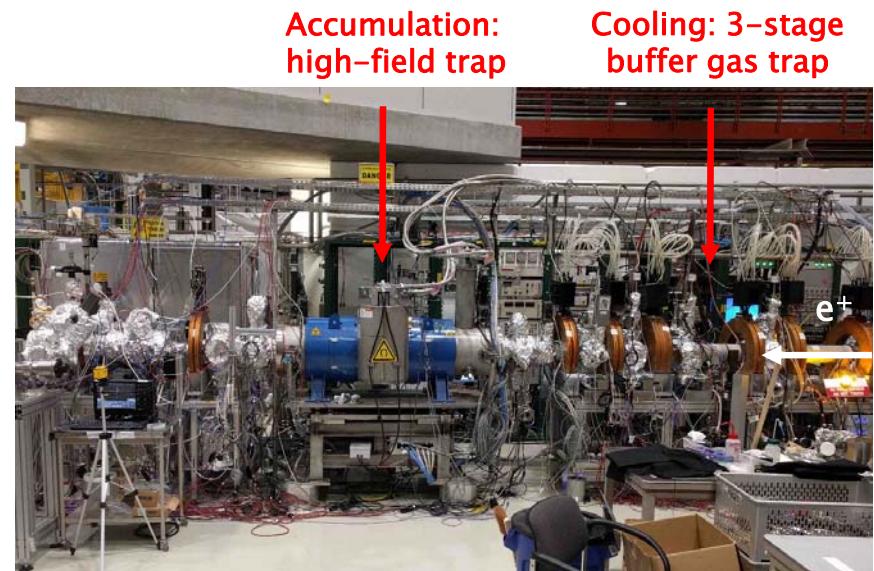
Publication: P. Blumer et al. NIMA (2022)

May 2024: 3×10^9 e⁺

June 2024: 7×10^9 e⁺

(P. Comini/L. Liszkay, IRFU)

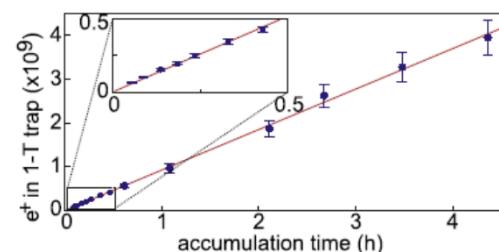
Goal: at least 10^{10} e⁺ in 115 s



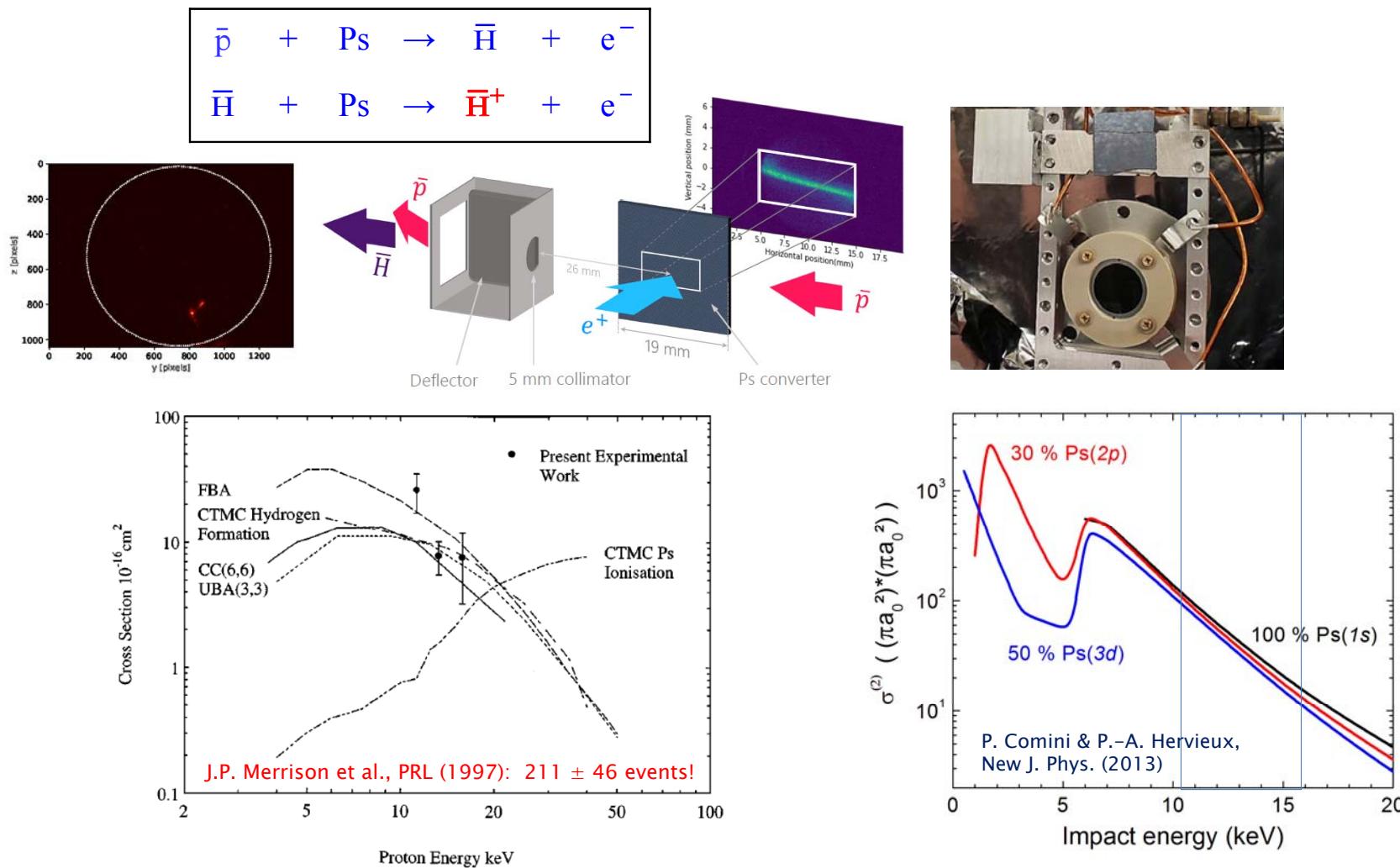
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J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys. 49 (2016) 064001 (6pp)
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Electron-cooled accumulation of 4×10^9 positrons for production and storage of antihydrogen atoms

D W Fitzakerley¹, M C George¹, E A Hessels¹, T D G Skinner¹, C H Story¹,
M Weel¹, G Gabrielse^{2,3}, C D Hamley¹, N Jones¹, K Marable¹, E Tardiff²,
D Grzonka¹, W Oeler¹ and M Zieliński³ (ATRAP Collaboration)

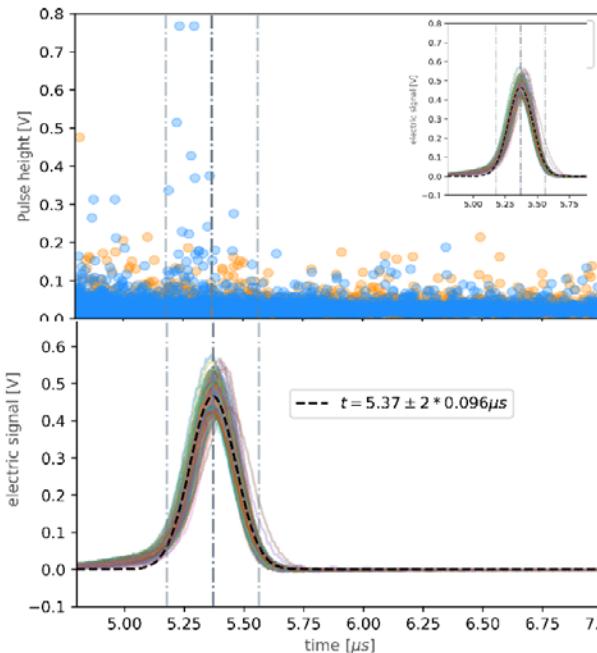


Antihydrogen production



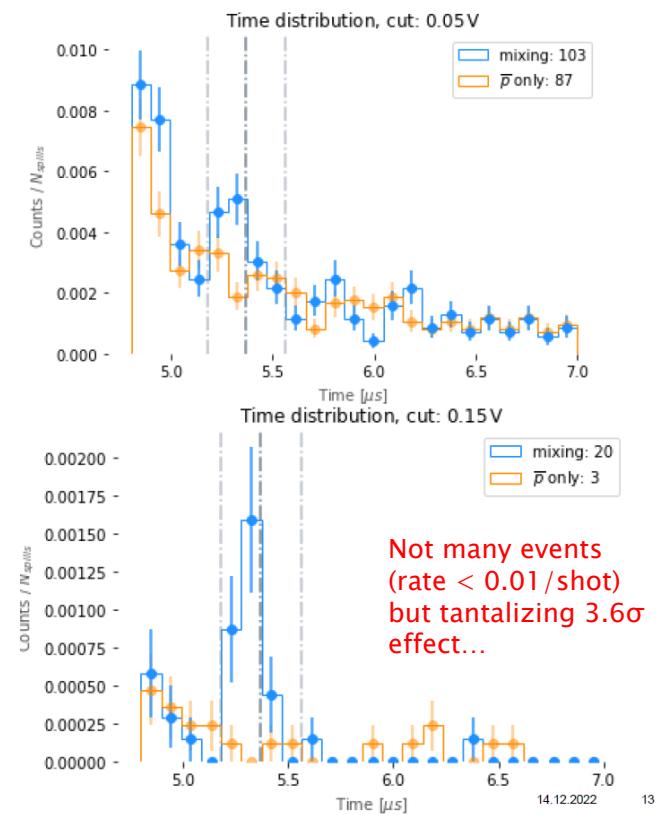
ANR JC –
SPHINX,
P. Comini
(2023–2026)

GBAR antihydrogen production



- Pbar only: 8468 events 280 hours
- Mixing: 6897 events 230 hours
- Measured expected time of flight: positron
- $t_{\text{TOF}} = 5.37 \pm 2 \times 0.096 \mu\text{s}$ bkgd ~ 0

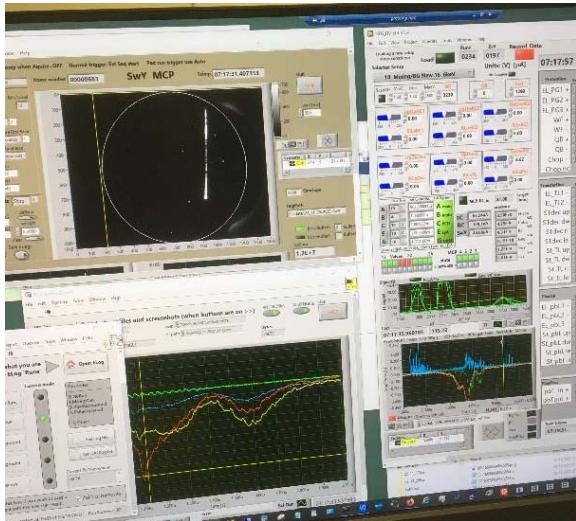
Antihydrogen production rate:
0.01/AD cycle (115 s)



Analysis by Ph. Blumer (ETH-Zurich) & T. Tanaka (U. Tokyo)

Making antihydrogen: GBAR joins an elite club!

- 1996–98: CERN–LEAR (2 GeV) / FermiLab (6 GeV)
2002: ATHENA / ATRAP (trapped p^-/e^+)
2008–10: ATRAP / ALPHA (trapped Hbar)
2010–14: ASACUSA (cusp trap/extraction)
2021: AEgIS (trapped p^-/e^+)
2022: GBAR (6 keV in flight)



Happy, relieved (and drunk) GBARistas at CERN (Dec. 2022)

2023 scientific highlights

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Production of antihydrogen atoms by 6 keV antiprotons through a positronium cloud

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Antimatière : l'expérience GBAR du CERN rejoint l'anticlub !

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L'expérience GBAR, au CERN, vient de rejoindre le club très sélect des expériences qui ont réussi à synthétiser des atomes d'antihydrogène. Il s'agit d'une étape majeure pour la collaboration GBAR dont l'objectif est de mesurer si l'antimatière se comporte à l'identique de la matière dans le champ de gravité terrestre. Les équipes françaises du CNRS et du CEA sont fortement impliquées dans l'expérience.

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Abstract We report on the first production of an antihydrogen beam by charge exchange of 6.1 keV antiprotons with a cloud of positronium in the GBAR experiment at CERN. The 100 keV antiproton beam delivered by the AD/ELENA facility was further decelerated with a pulsed drift tube. A 9 MeV electron beam from a linear accelerator produced a low energy positron beam. The positrons were accumulated in a set of two Penning–Malmberg traps. The positronium target cloud resulted from the conversion of the positrons extracted from the traps. The antiproton beam was steered onto this positronium cloud to produce the antiatoms. We observe an excess over background indicating antihydrogen production with a significance of 3–4 standard deviations.

1 Introduction

The GBAR experiment at CERN aims at a precise measurement of the free fall acceleration of neutral antihydrogen

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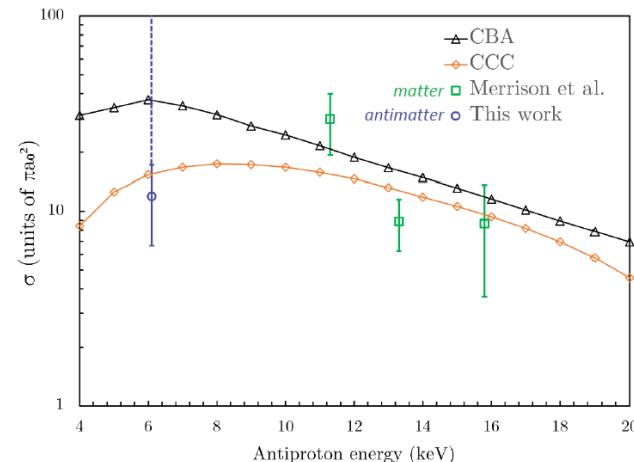
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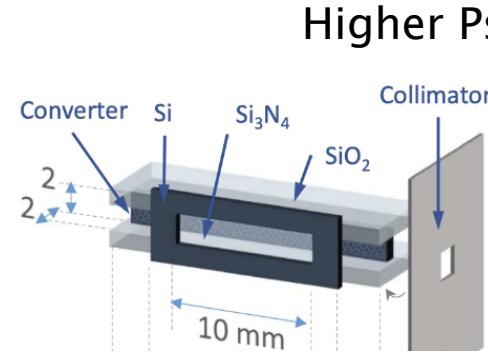
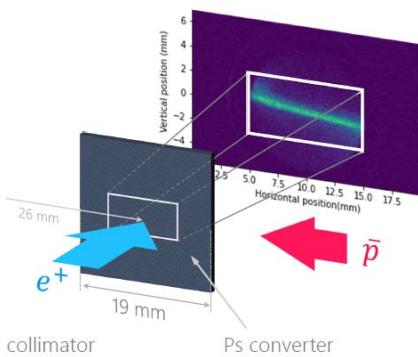
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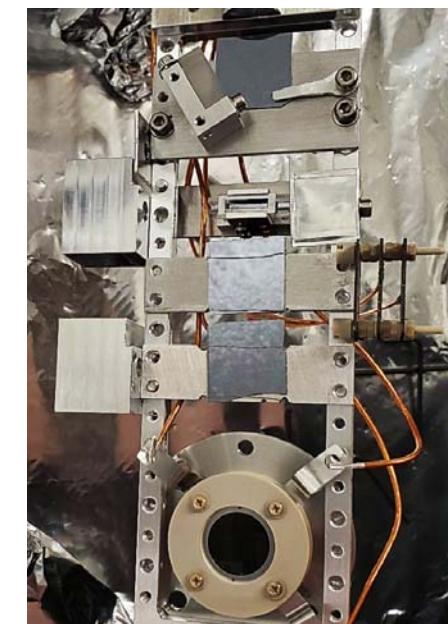
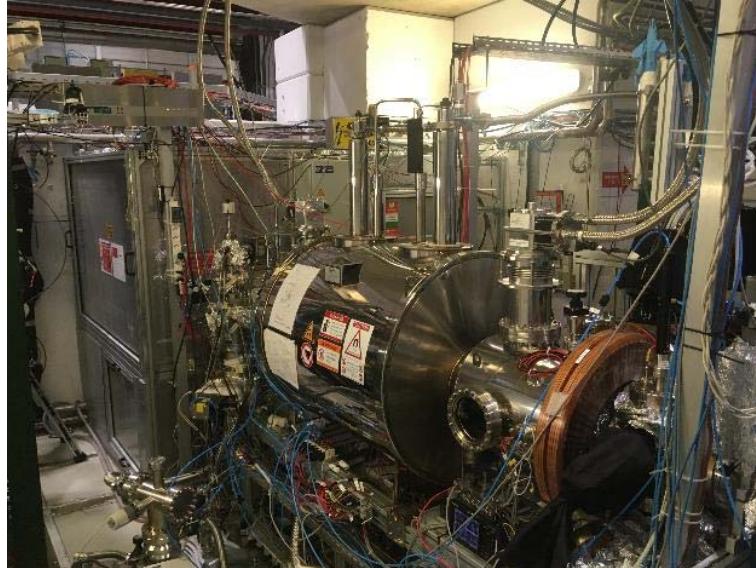
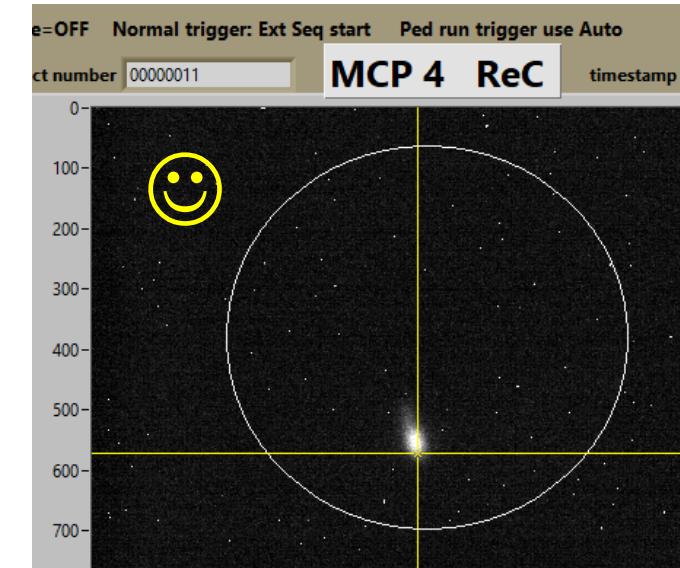
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Higher Ps density



Higher pbar flux

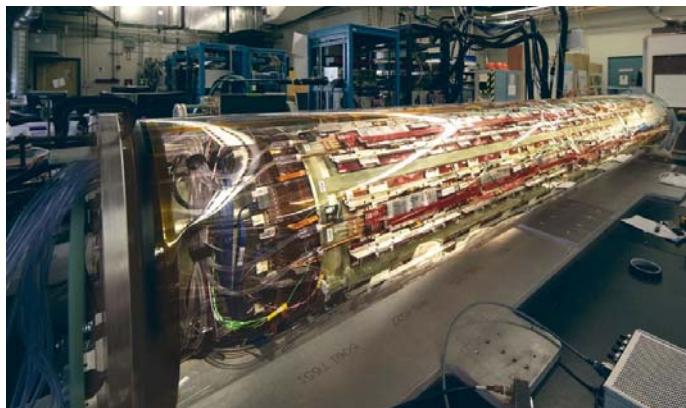


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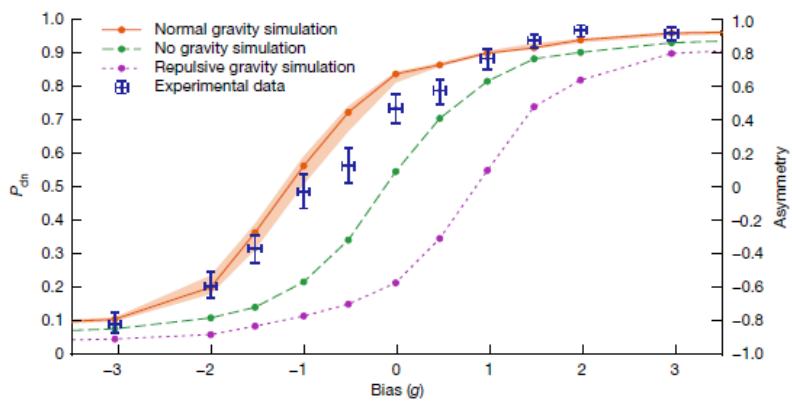
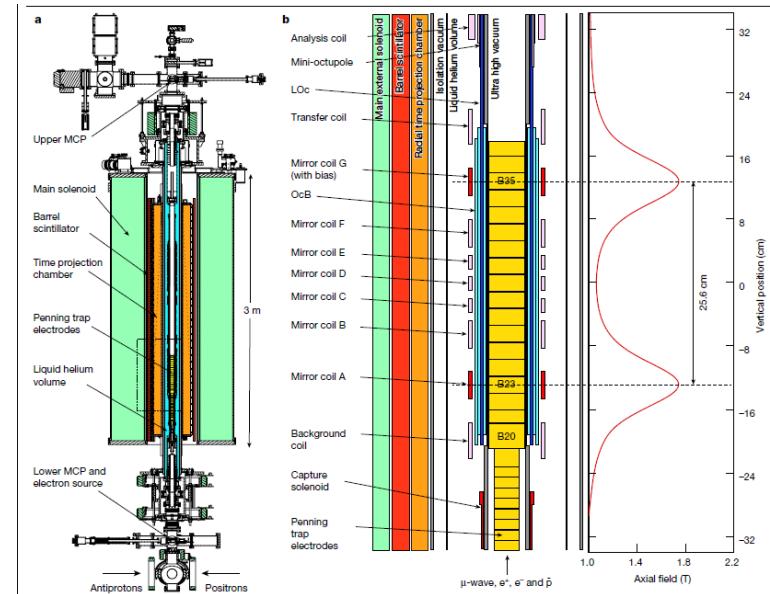


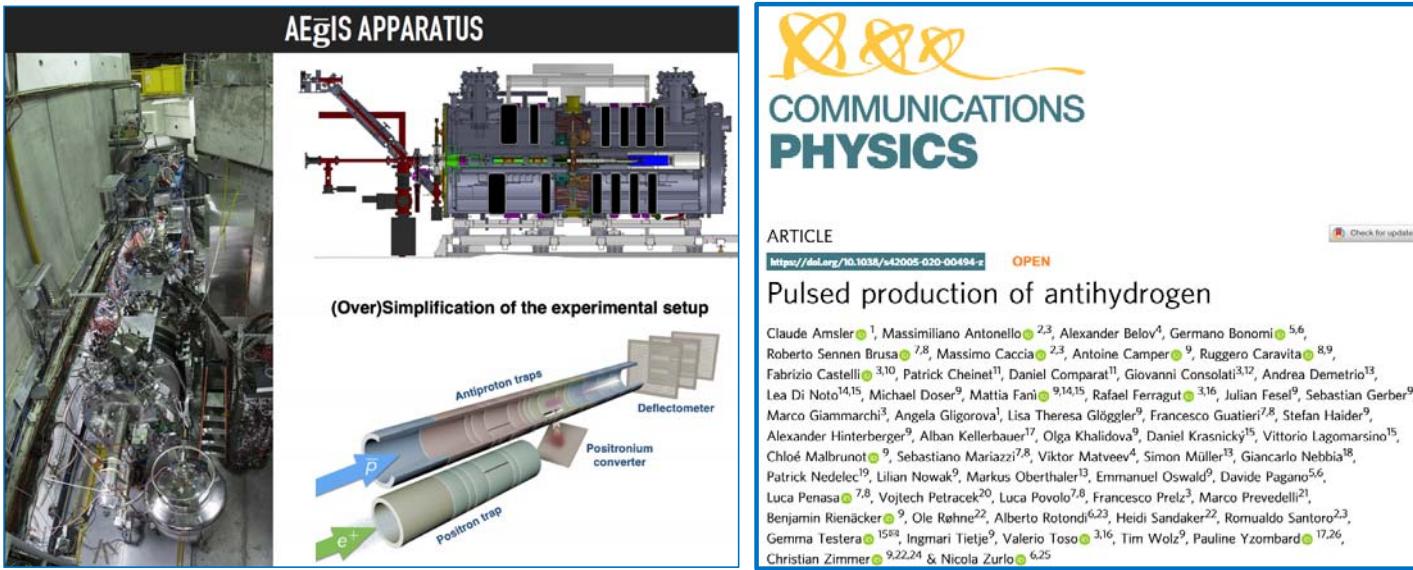
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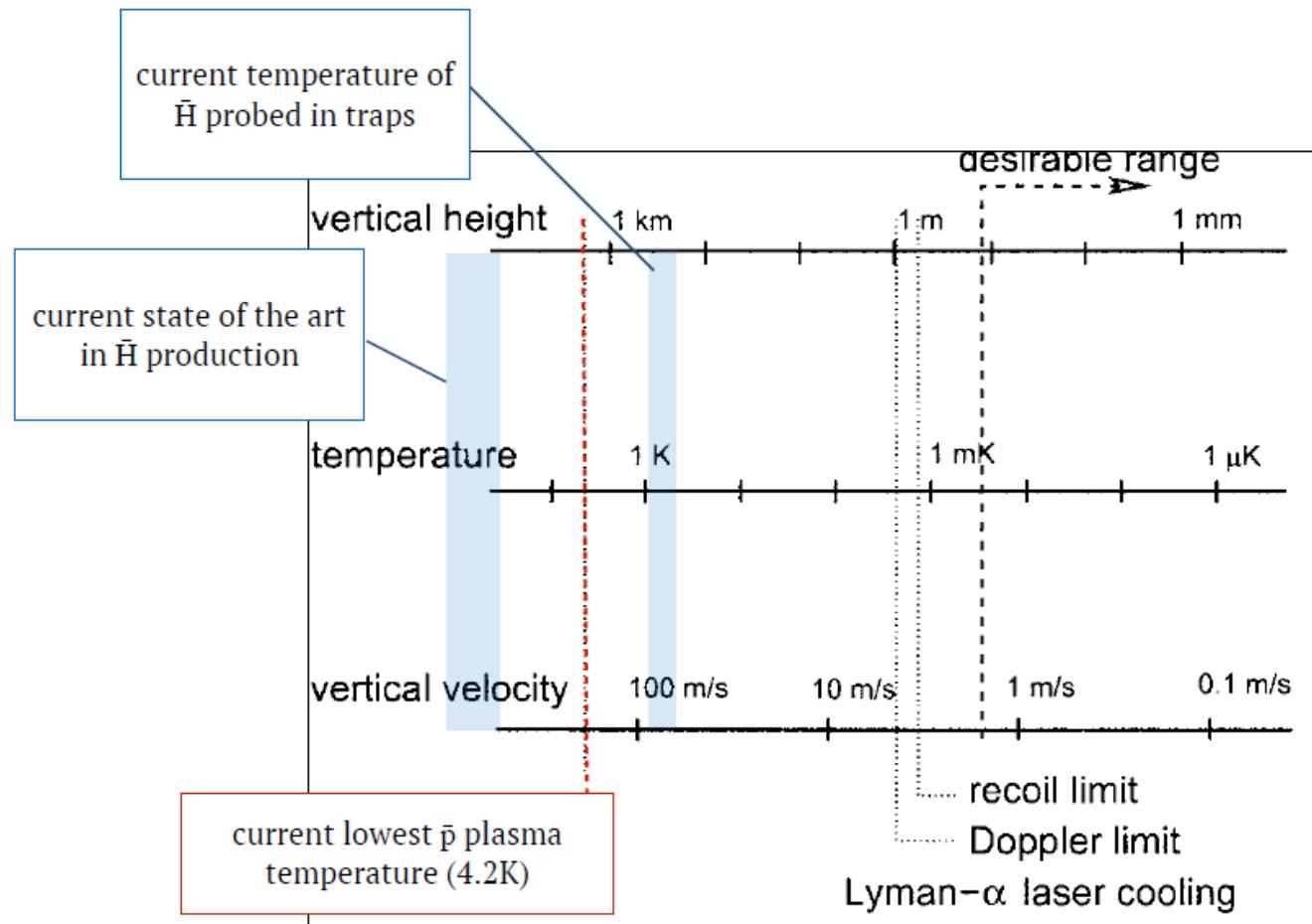
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Future: laser cooling of Hbar (15 mK)





Prospects for gravity test with \bar{H} : overview of the scales



Slide from C. Malbrunot

Investments, personnel and plans



International
Research
Networks (IRN)

ETP pour 2024: 1.75
1.00 doctorant;
0.25 stagiaires M1/L3
0.50 Lunney

GBAR IRN (2021-2025) 15 k€/an (soit 3 k€/équipe):
France, Corée du Sud, Allemagne, Russie, Suède, Pologne,
Royaume-Uni, Japon, Suisse



Bourse de these (2023-2026)

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pbar transport simulations and optimization
production cross-section measurements
and data-analysis coordination

Year	AP (k€)	other (k€)	ETP
2012	0	50	3.5
2013	0	50	3.5
2014	0	50	3.5
2015	0	24	2.5
2016	0	13	1.8
2017	3	13	2.0
2018	9.5	31	2.0
2019	21	4	0.9
2020	21	0	1.2
2021	19	2	2.8
2022	17	2	2.5
2023	13.6	1	1.75
2024	15.1	2	1.75

2022

2024

2025

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Antihydrogen!

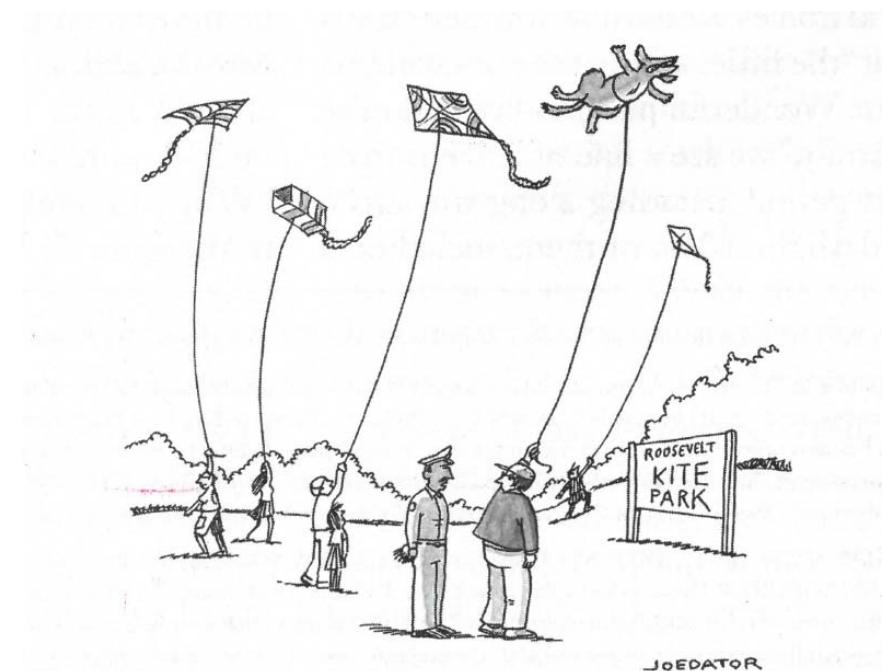
Lyman- α
pbar radius &
cross-sections

Synthesize
Anti-H ion ?

First free-fall
experiment ?

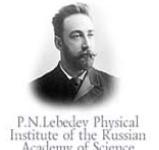
Summary

- ❖ Fundamental physics goal
 - ❖ Intersection of many disciplines
 - ❖ GBAR has made antihydrogen ☺
 - ❖ Performance steadily improving!
 - ❖ Breakthrough technology
 - ❖ Intense competition!
 - ❖ GBAR potentially more accurate
 - ❖ Still, a long road ahead...
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- ❖ IN2P3 is a pillar of GBAR!
 - ❖ Modest financial cost (AP)
 - ❖ Success from ANR/Labex
 - ❖ Good publicity
 - ❖ But, needing FTE injection...



“Sir, I don’t make the laws of gravity, I just enforce them.”

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