

# Gravitation et Antimatière

saclay

Est-ce que l'accélération de la pesanteur terrestre a la même valeur, le même signe pour la matière et l'antimatière ?

Comment le mesurer ? Illustration par un projet d'expérience.

#### Principe d'équivalence faible

"Si un corps neutre de test est placé en un point de l'espace-temps avec une vitesse initiale, alors sa trajectoire sera indépendante de sa structure interne et de sa composition."

⇔ Simultanéité de la chute des corps

⇔ Egalité masse inerte et masse grave

			AIST		R. Suzuki, T. Ohdaira	
CEA/DSM/IRFU			ETU7	D. C.	ualli II Candotti A Dubbia	
SACM	J-M Rey, A. Curtoni, O. Delferrierre, L. Liszkay J-P. Bard, P. Legou, X. Coppolani V. Blideanu M. Carty, Y. Sauce B. Mansoulié, J-P. Pansart, P. Pérez, Y. Sacquin		LINZ P.	P. Cri	Criveiii, U. Genaoiii, A. Kuobia	
SEDI			RIKEN	M. Hassan, A. Mohri, H. Saitoh, Y. Yamazaki		
SENAC			CNRS/CERI		M.F. Barthe, P. Desgardin	
SIS						
SPP			CNRS/LCP	ME	M. Etienne, A. Walcarius	
CEA/DSI	M/IRAMIS	C. Corbel	CNRS/LMP	С	V. Valtchev	
			ECOLE POL	YTECHNIQUE	J-P. Boilot	

## Theory and Experiment



J. Scherk, Phys. Lett. B (1979) 265.

-Experimental Constraints : range < 1 pc

Bellucci & Faraboni, Phys. Lett. B 377 (1996) 55.

Indirect limits

$K_0 - \overline{K}_0$	<b>SN1987</b> a	Cyclotron frequency p/p
Direct Tests		
Charged antimatter	$e^+$ or $\bar{p}$ (e.m. shielding)	
Neutral antimatter	$\bar{n}$ hard to slow down	Ps short lifetime
	$oldsymbol{ar{H}}$ cooling limit mK	$oldsymbol{ar{H}}^+$ cooling limit $\mu K$
	AEGIS(CERN), AGE(FNAL)	

No direct measurement exists

## Using $\overline{H}^+$ (J.Walz & T.Hänsch)



## How to produce $\overline{H}^+$

In  $e^+ \rightarrow Ps$  converter : High density of  $Ps \sim 10^{12}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> in a few ns





→ extraction in  $\leq$  50 ns of  $0^{10-11}e^+$  from positron trap

and defocus towards converter

<u>Note:</u> cross-section  $\propto n^4$ 

If Ps is excited to n=4, all  $\bar{p}$  are transformed into  $\bar{H}$  for  $E(\bar{p}) << 1 \text{ keV}$ 

Binding energy  $Ps(n=3) \sim 0.75 \ eV \sim Binding \ E \ of \ \overline{H}^+$ 

## Cross-sections on P<sub>s</sub>



## Gravity Experiment with $\overline{\mathrm{H}}^{+}$



### Project of intense e+ source



http://www-dapnia.cea.fr/Phocea/Vie\_des\_labos/Ast/ast\_technique.php?id\_ast=784

# Industrial Linac

E(e-) = 6 MeV (< neutron activation threshold) v = 220 HzI = 0.2 mAbunch length 2 - 4  $\mu$ s Magnetron 1.9 MW peak Total electric power 35 kVA Install May 2008 RF frequency 3 GHz Acceleration length 21 cm Beam diameter 1 mm, 6 mm at target Overall dimensions 1 m x 1 m x 0.8 m

## e<sup>+</sup> production and transport

<u>Yields with I = 0.2 mA</u>

- •W moderator  $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$ > 10<sup>7</sup> slow e+/s
- •Ne moderator transport efficiency 55% > 10<sup>8</sup> slow e+/s
- •Large beam size to be reduced for trap filling



# Installation Hall 126 (Saclay)



Simulation for radiological safety







## e<sup>+</sup>/e<sup>-</sup> selector



# Applications des Positons Lents

Graser ou Laser 511 keV

Stockage d'énergie ?

Propulsion (USAF, NASA)

Imagerie Médicale

## Gravity Experiment with $\overline{\mathrm{H}}^{+}$





#### Fast extraction from trap

T. Hassan, A. Mohri, P. Pérez, H. Saitoh, Y. Yamazaki

RIKEN MRT Test of fast ejection with electrons (Nov '05) Apply fast deformation of potential well



## Gravity Experiment with $\overline{\mathrm{H}}^{+}$





## Porous SiO<sub>2</sub> as converter



#### Materials: porous layers made by the sol-gel method



- deposition by spin coating (300-500 nm thickness)
- removal of porogen by heating in air at 400 °C
- pure SiO<sub>2</sub> structure (amorphous walls)

silicon: TEOS, (tetraethoxysilane)

porogen: polymer or surfactant (removed by solvent or heating)



## Slow e<sup>+</sup> beams



N. Alberola et al., Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 560 (2006) 524.

## CERN slow e<sup>+</sup> beam



#### Measure of conversion efficiency $e^+ \rightarrow Ps$ (3 $\gamma$ fraction)



result: ~ 36 % 3  $\gamma$  annihilation fraction  $\rightarrow$  emitted oPs

## Porous layer with 2 nm pores (CTAB)



0.3 annihilatign ratio 2 <del>ک</del>ە.1 CTAB 3.08 keV positron energy 0.0 ∟ 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 Porogen filling (molar ratio) Orleans0610 anal/gPorogC collapse 3D hex 2D hex cubic

- low porogen content: closed pores
- high porogen content: oPs emission into vacuum

oPs emission highest at 2D hex symmetry but no evidence for direct structure dependence

#### Porous layer with 6 nm diam. pores (F 127)



 constant 3 gamma annihilation fraction at high porogen content
 → open pore system, saturated oPs production

- low porogen content: annihilation in the pores
- high porogen content: highly interconnected pore system
   → oPs emission into vacuum



#### Comparison of the 3 gamma annihilation fraction



similar max. 3 gamma fraction

Measure conversion efficiency  $e^+ \rightarrow Ps$  (lifetime)



#### Positronium reemission yield from mesostructured silica films



#### Measure conversion efficiency $e^+ \rightarrow Ps$ (time of flight)



#### Time of flight: open and closed pore system



#### Time of flight: F 127 and CTACl – templated layers



- 0.5 1 keV: ~ 1 eV oPs energy
- 3 4 keV: ~ 100 meV oPs energy
- no complete oPs thermalization
- 3 4 keV: ~ same emission efficiency
- nearly independent from pore size

(TOF meas. from R. Suzuki, AIST, Tsukuba)



MC model using the GEANT 4 program package

## Gravity Experiment with $\overline{\mathrm{H}}^{+}$



## Fabrication du faisceau de p



## CERN Antiproton Decelerator (AD)



#### Letter of Intent to the CERN-SPSC-2007-038

#### A new path to measure antimatter free fall

P. Pérez, L. Liszkay, B. Mansoulié, J.M.Rey DAPNIA, CEA-Saclay, France

A. Mohri, Y. Yamazaki\* Atomic Physics Laboratory, RIKEN, Wako 351-01, Japan

N. Kuroda, H.A. Torii, Institute of Physics, University of Tokyo, Komaba, 153-8902 Tokyo, Japan



Submitted 30-nov-2007

15-jan-2008: encouraged to submit a proposal with ASACUSA

#### Proposal AEGIS (gravitation with H \*) accepted by SPSC 15-jan-2008

## Summary

Converter shaping tests	June 2008
Fast e <sup>+</sup> beam	June 2008
Slow e+ beam (W moderator)	Dec 2008
Neon moderator	2009
Trapping (wo buffer gaz)	2009

Depending on available money,

duplicate/improve or move slow e<sup>+</sup> source to CERN experiment(s) ? Propose  $\overline{H}^+$  experiment in ASACUSA framework (Nov. 2008)

## Backups

## Utilisation de H (proposition AEGIS)

La taille transverse du faisceau de  $\overline{H}$  neutres est de l'ordre de plusieurs cm

En utilisant des grilles fils horizontaux → distribution sensible à g tout en acceptant une grande taille de faisceau

Mesure du temps de vol entre les grilles



## Fabrication de H\* dans AEGIS



## Vue d'ensemble AEGIS



#### A.P. Mills, UC Riverside



#### **Traveling wave annihilation laser** A.P. Mills, UC Riverside



•A photon traveling through a gas of Ps at rest with density n gathers more photons into its mode because of stimulated annihilation.

•Initially, the number M of photons in the laser mode grows exponentially with x, the distance traveled:

$$M = \exp\{n\sigma_{\rm s}x\}.$$

•The Ps has to have very slow velocities so that the Doppler shift of the annihilation photons is less than the line width  $v/c \leq \Delta E/E = \alpha^{5}/2 = 10^{-11}$ .

•The only possibility is for the Ps to be in the ground state of its container, i.e. in the Bose-Einstein condensed state, as pointed out by Liang and Dermer.