

# CPT SYMMETRY AND GRAVITY TESTS WITH ANTIHYDROGEN

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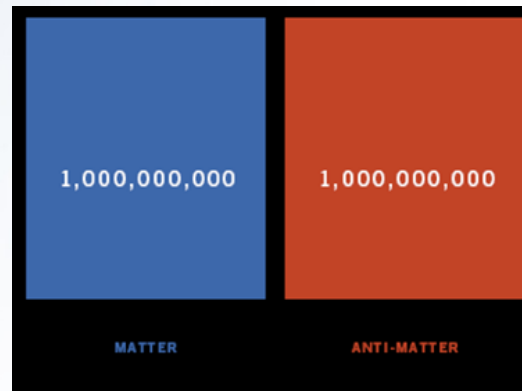


# ANTIMATTER - MATTER ASYMMETRY

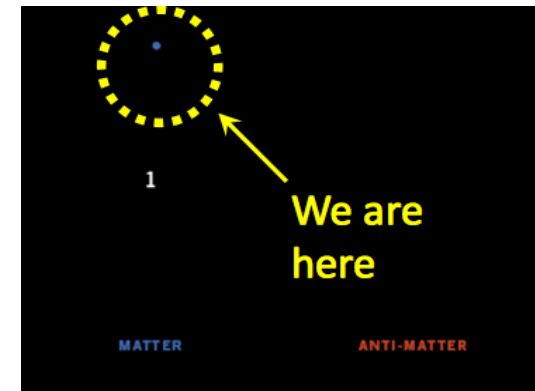
- ◆ No evidence of primary antimatter anywhere in the universe
- ◆ Baryon asymmetry produced by a very small deviation

$$\frac{n(B) - n(\bar{b})}{n(\gamma)} < 10^{-9}$$

13.8 billions years ago :



Today :



*courtesy of A. Kellerbauer*

Possible explanations:

- ◆ CP or CPT violations
- ◆ Anomalous antimatter gravity: segregation of matter and antimatter in different parts of the universe

# CPT SYMMETRY TEST

Charge conjugation

Parity transformation

Time reversal

CPT Theorem assumptions:

Lorentz invariance

Locality

Unitarity

If **CPT symmetry holds**: properties of matter & antimatter particles have to be exactly equal (mass) or opposite (charge, magnetic moment).  
Atomic structures identical

Tests in different systems

$$[m(K^0) - m(\bar{K}^0)] / m(\text{average}) < 10^{-18}$$

proton / antiproton (compare  $m$ ,  $q$ ,  $\vec{\mu}$ )

hydrogen / antihydrogen (1S – 2S, HFS)

# ANTIMATTER GRAVITY

Weak Equivalence principle never tested for antimatter

$$? \\ \bar{m}_g = \bar{m}_i$$

apple



earth

anti-apple



earth

No direct “precise” measurement of the fall of  $\bar{H}$  in the Earth gravitational field so far

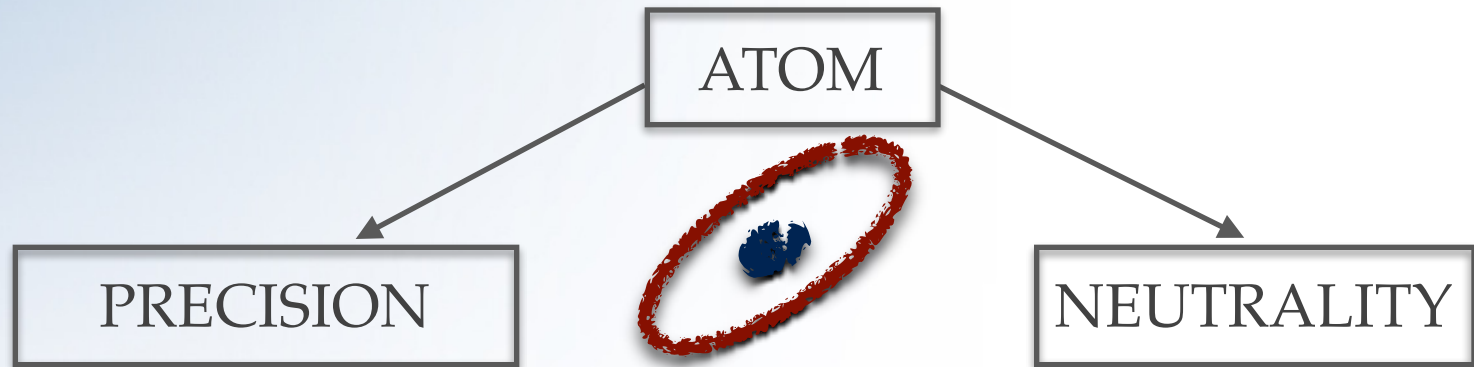
Gravity is the only force not described by quantum field theory : QFT formulation could include non-newtonian gravity (S=1,S=0 components), WEP violation etc

“Anti-gravity” could be a possible explanation for baryon asymmetry and other cosmological puzzles

# TESTS WITH ANTIHYDROGEN

Most simple anti-atom.

Only neutral antimatter made in large & controlled quantities so far



Measurement of atomic transitions

$$\frac{\Delta\nu_{\text{HFS}}}{\nu_{\text{HFS}}} = 7 \times 10^{-13}$$

CPT tests

**ASACUSA**, ATRAP, ALPHA

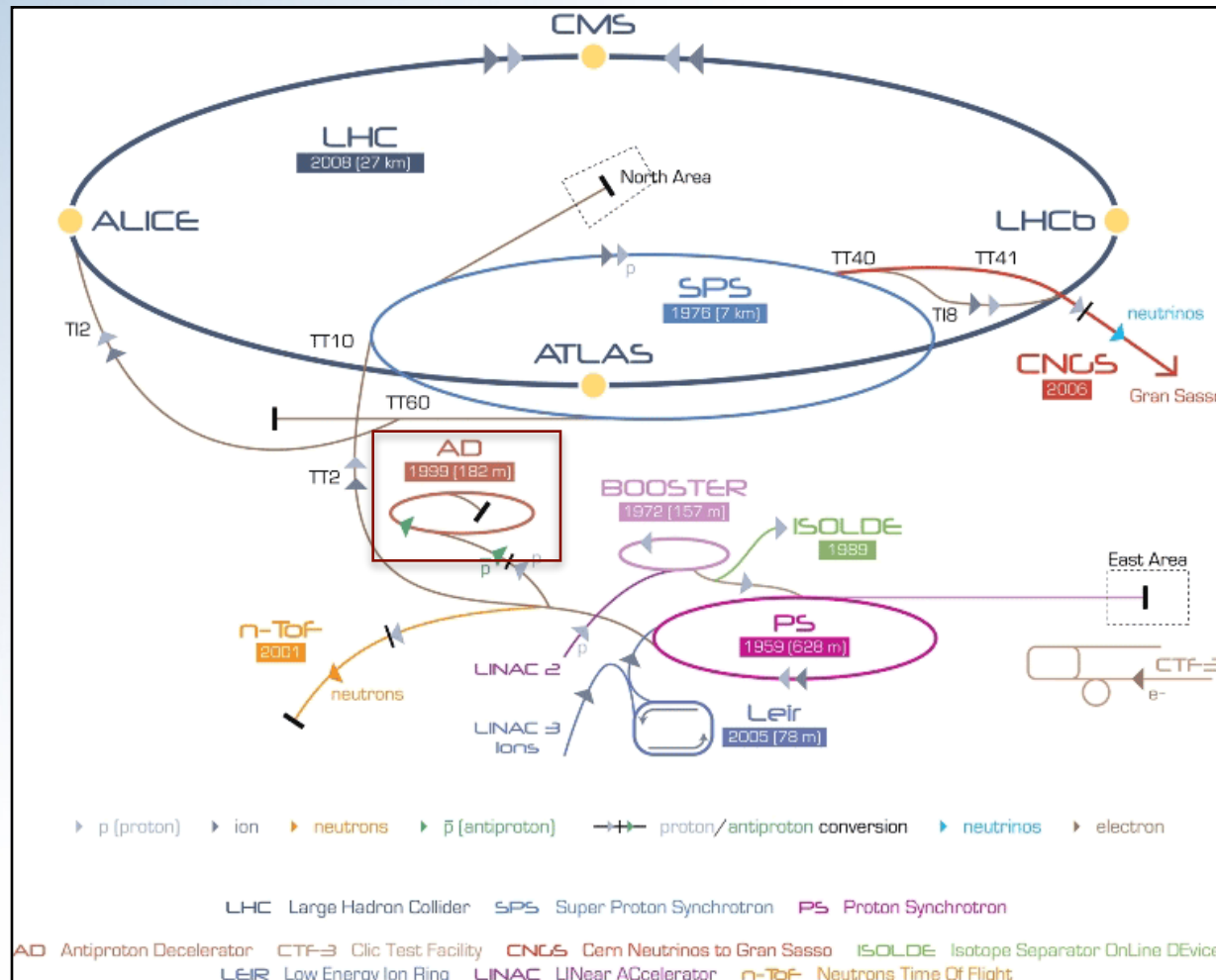
Measurement of gravitational interaction

$$g \stackrel{?}{=} \bar{g}$$

WEP test

**AEGIS**, GBAR

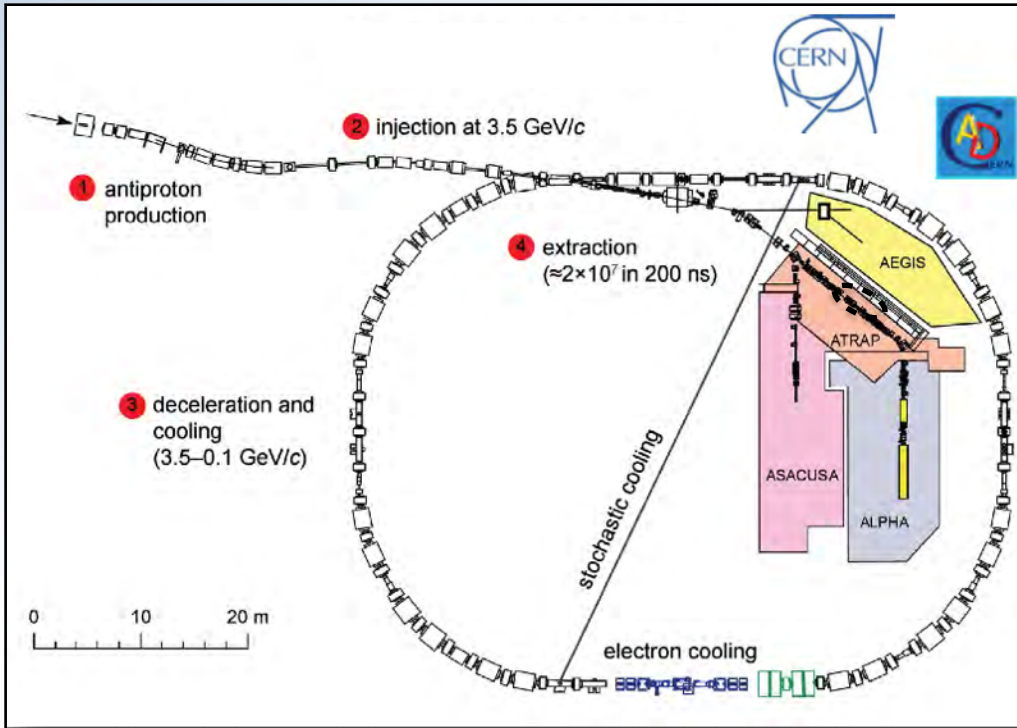
# ANTIHYDROGEN EXPERIMENTS @ CERN



CERN-AD is the only facility in the world which can produce low energy antiprotons

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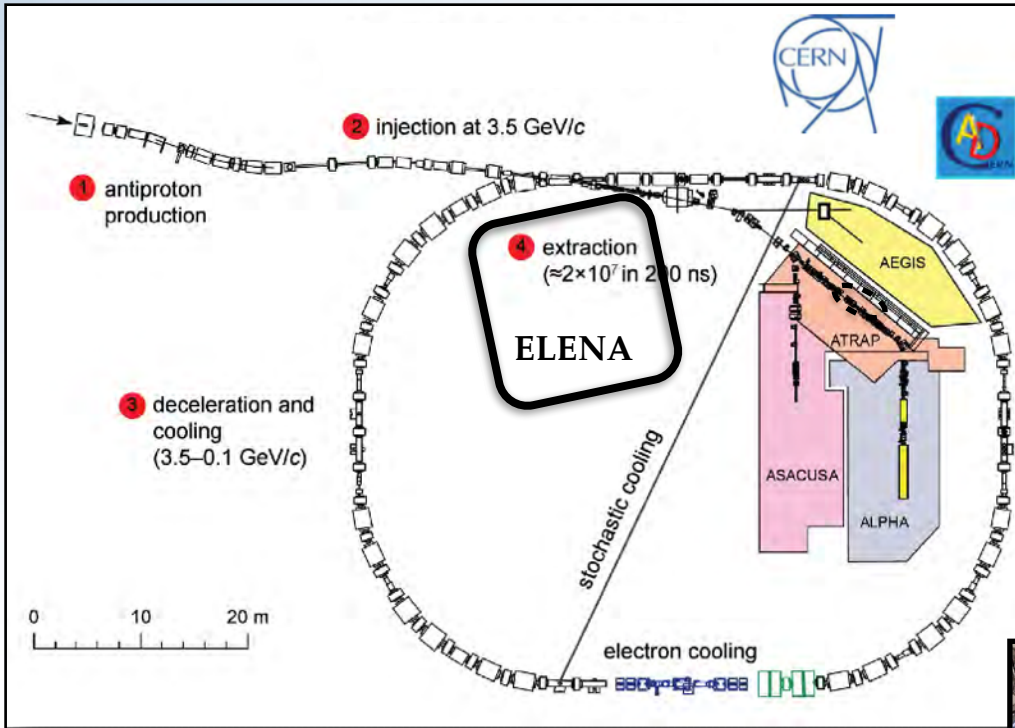
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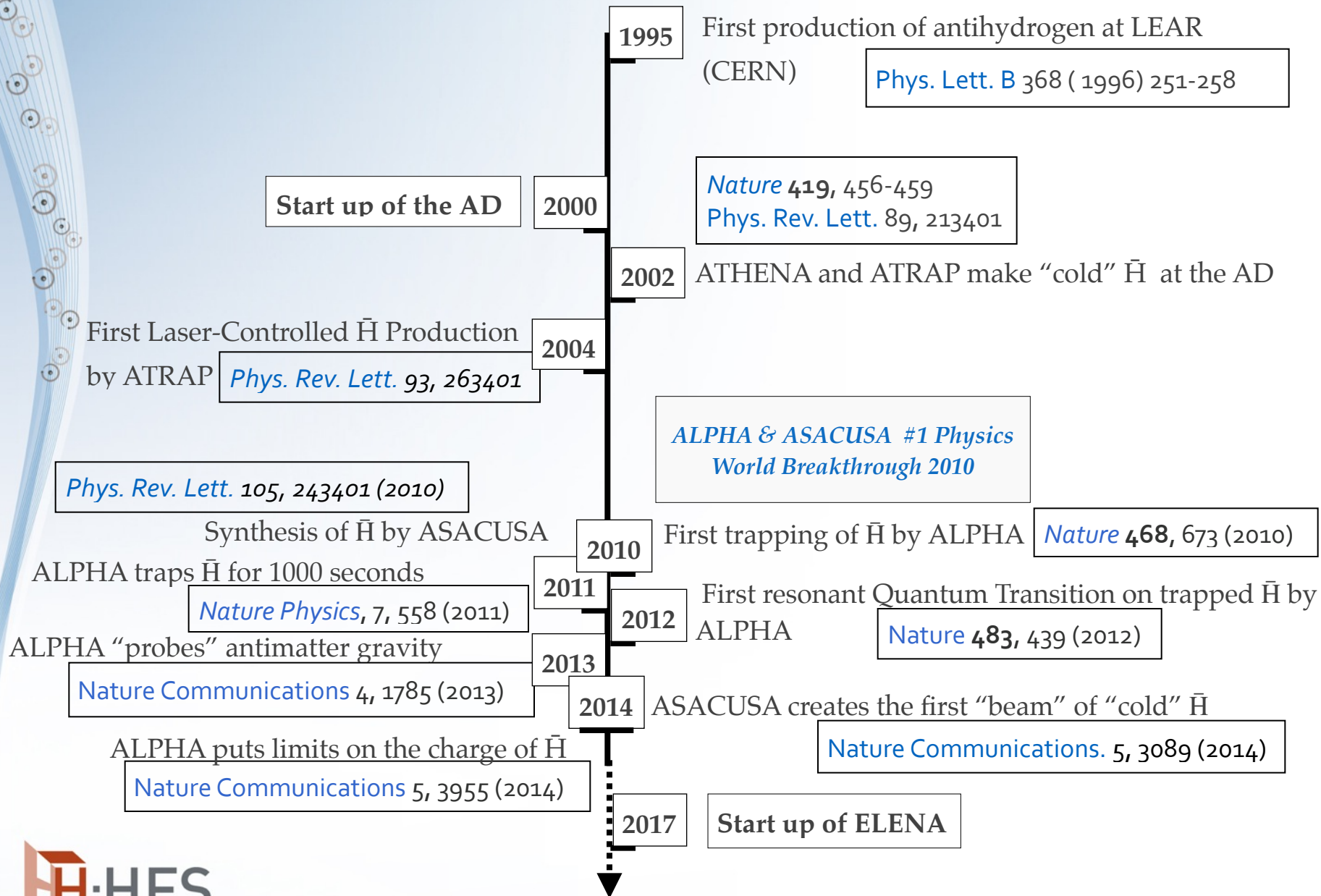
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# 20 YEARS OF $\bar{H}$ EXPERIMENTS @ CERN



# STATUS OF ANTIHYDROGEN EXPERIMENTS @ CERN

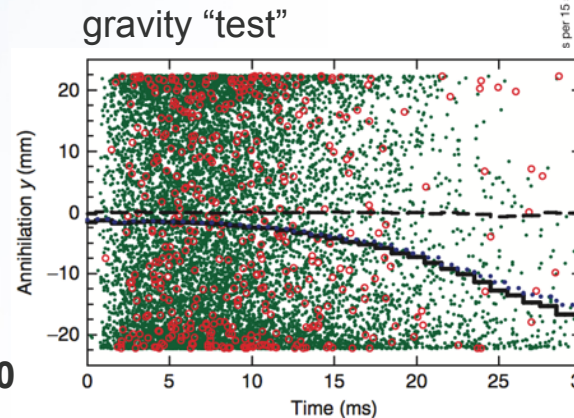
- ◆ “Cold” antihydrogen produced daily  
Need enhanced production rate for precision measurements <sup>a</sup>

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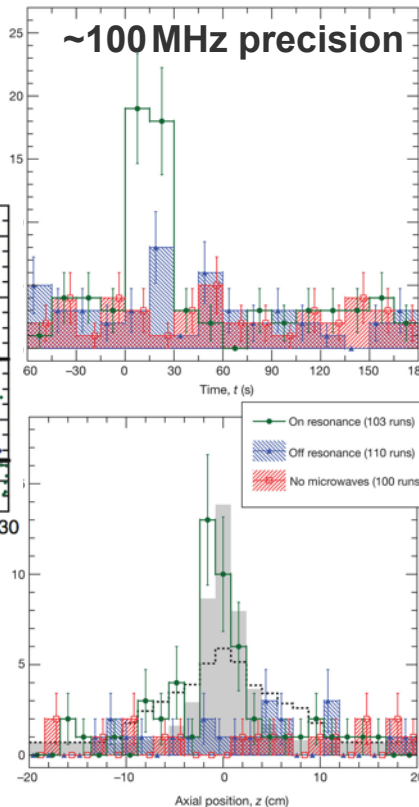
- ◆ Long trapping times achieved
- ◆ “First” beam of  $\bar{\text{H}}$  observed
- ◆ “Crude” limits : proof of principle

$$-65 < g/\bar{g} < 110$$

- red circles=data
- green dots: simulation for  $\bar{g}/g=100$



GS-HFS



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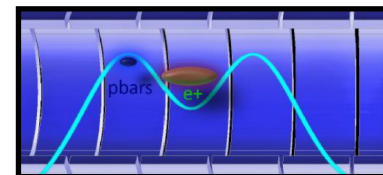
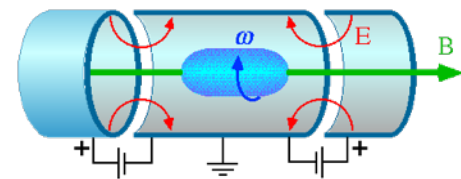
## COMING NEXT:

Production of colder  $\bar{\text{H}}$  for trap exp. and gravity  
Enhanced production of Ground state  $\bar{\text{H}}$  for beam exp.



# HOW TO MAKE “COLD” ANTIHYDROGEN

- ◆ Trap  $\bar{p}$  in an electromagnetic trap (Penning traps)
- ◆ Cool  $\bar{p}$
- ◆ Accumulate and cool  $e^+$  from  $Na^{22}$  source
- ◆ “Store”  $\bar{p}$  and  $e^+$  in a nested well (3-body recombination technique)
- ◆ Combine the two plasmas

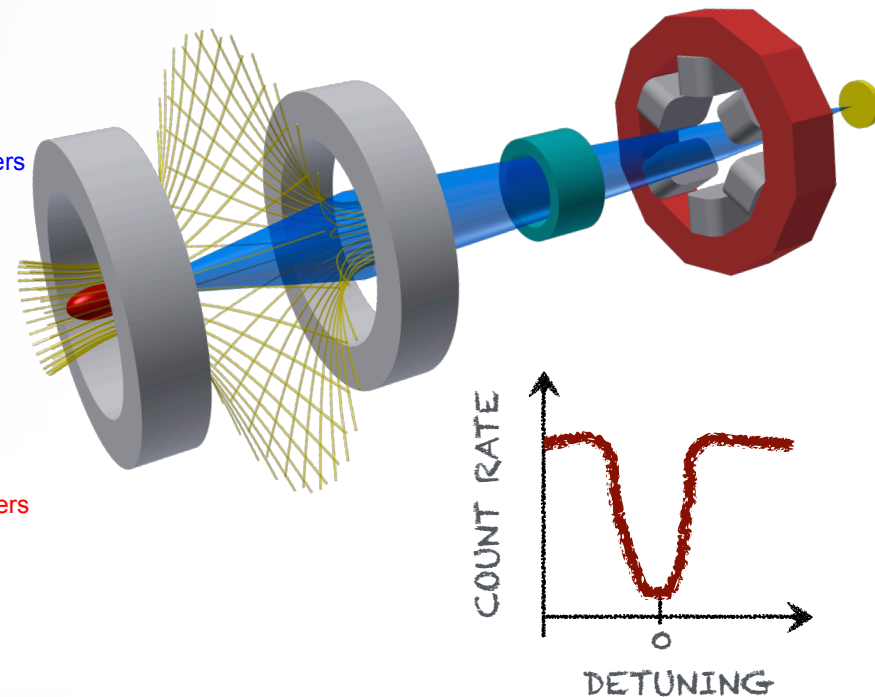
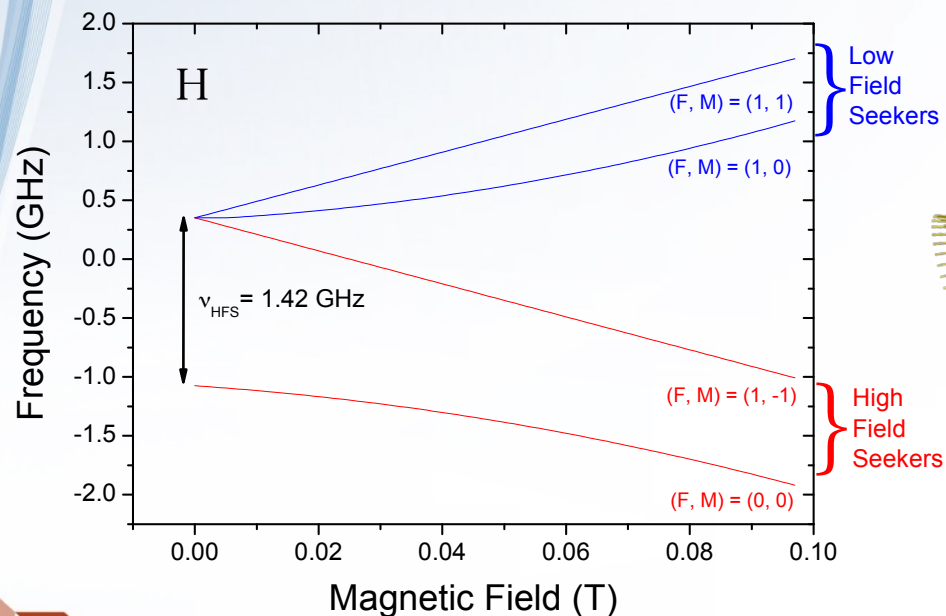


- ◆ Form  $\bar{H}$ 
  - Trap very cold ( $<0.5K$ )  $\bar{H}$ , wait for deexcitation to ground state
  - Produce a cold ( $<100K$ ) and low QS beam of  $\bar{H}$

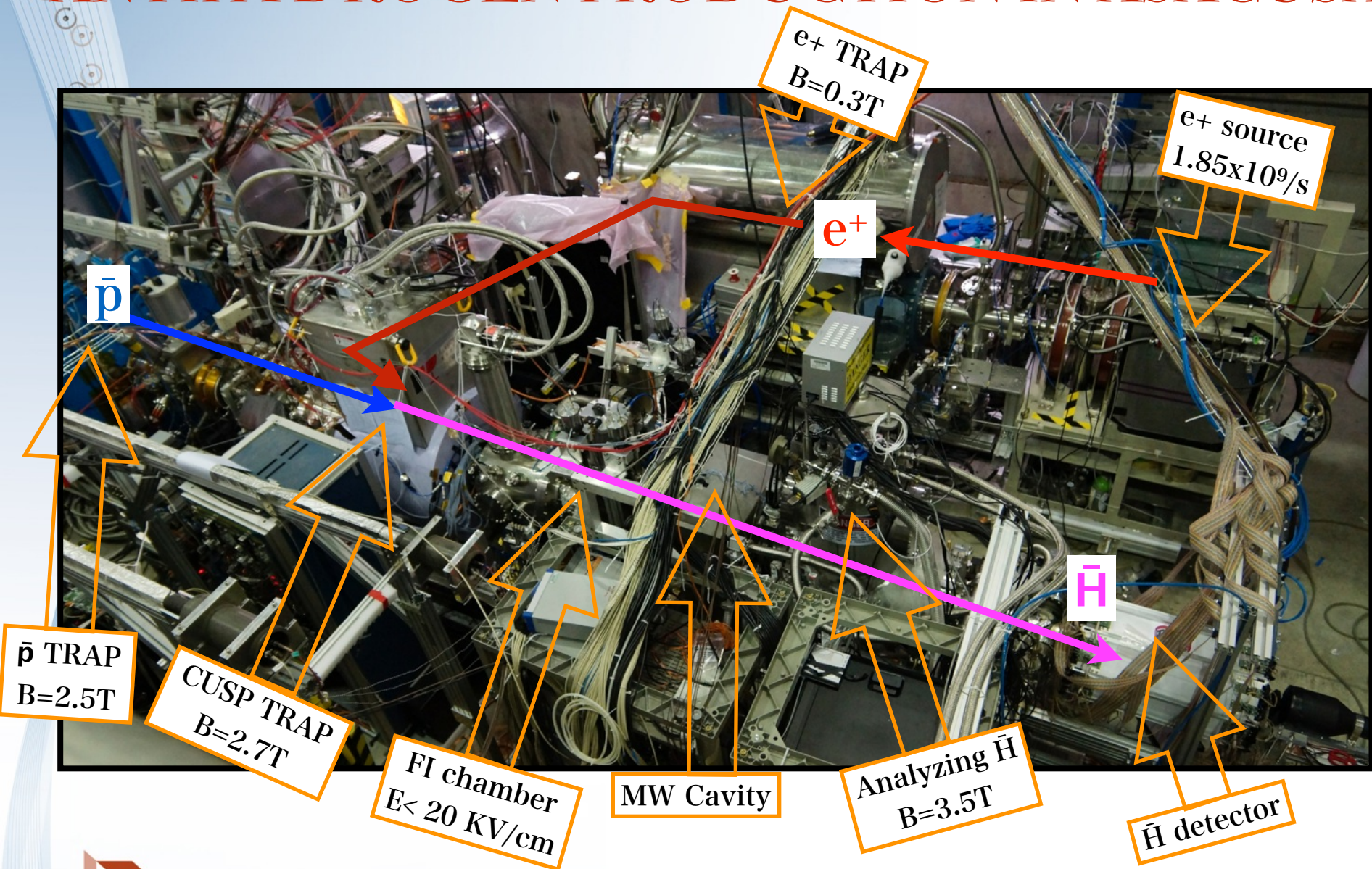
# MEASUREMENT PRINCIPLE

Atomic beam with RF resonance

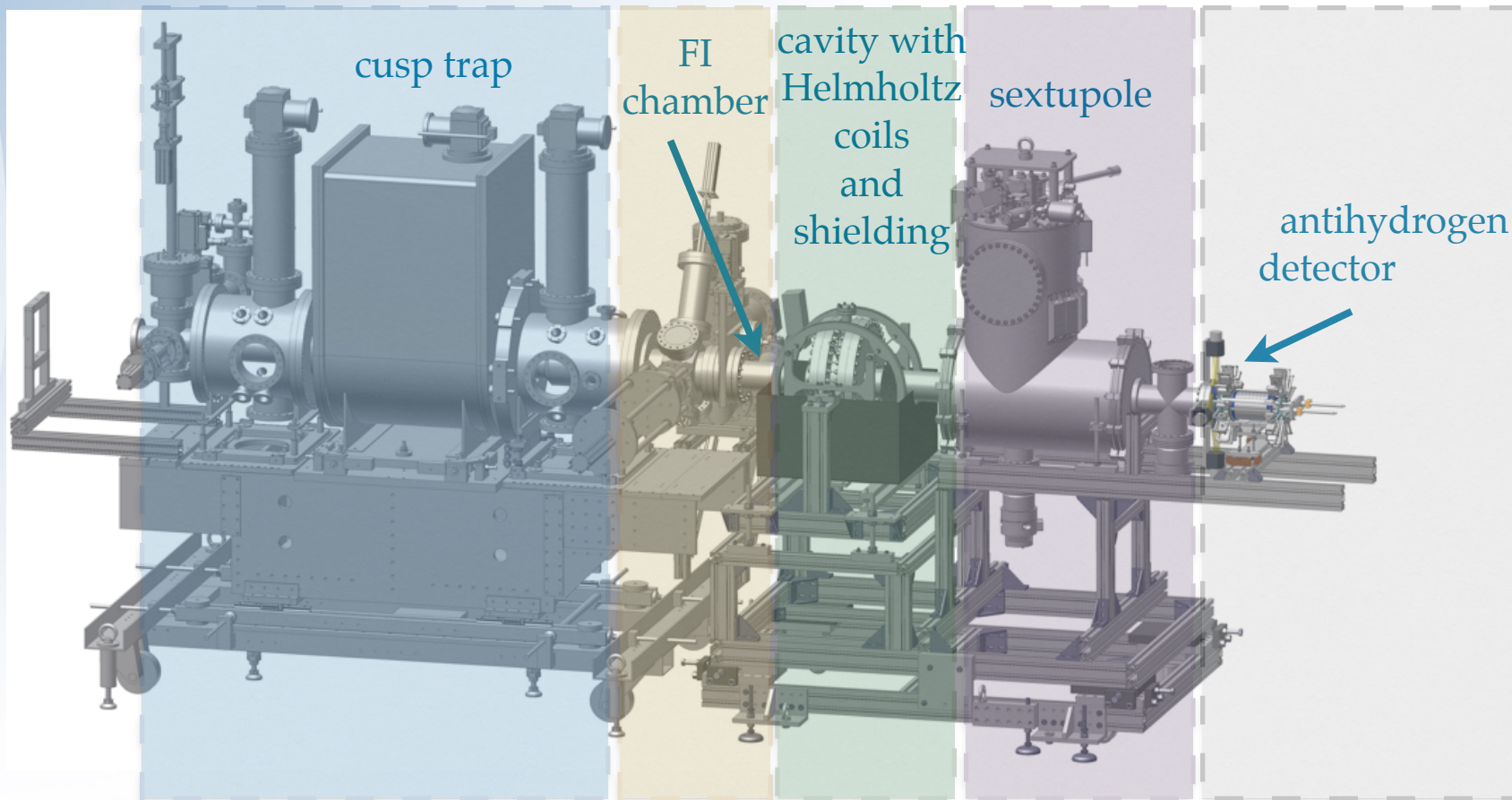
- 1) no  $\bar{H}$  trapping needed  $\rightarrow$  no need for ultra-cold ( $< 1$  K)  $\bar{H}$
- 2) atomic beam method can work up to 50-100 K
- 3)  $\bar{H}$  atoms can be guided with inhomogeneous magnetic field



# ANTIHYDROGEN PRODUCTION IN ASACUSA



# FOCUS ON SPECTROMETER LINE



$\bar{H}$  formation and polarization

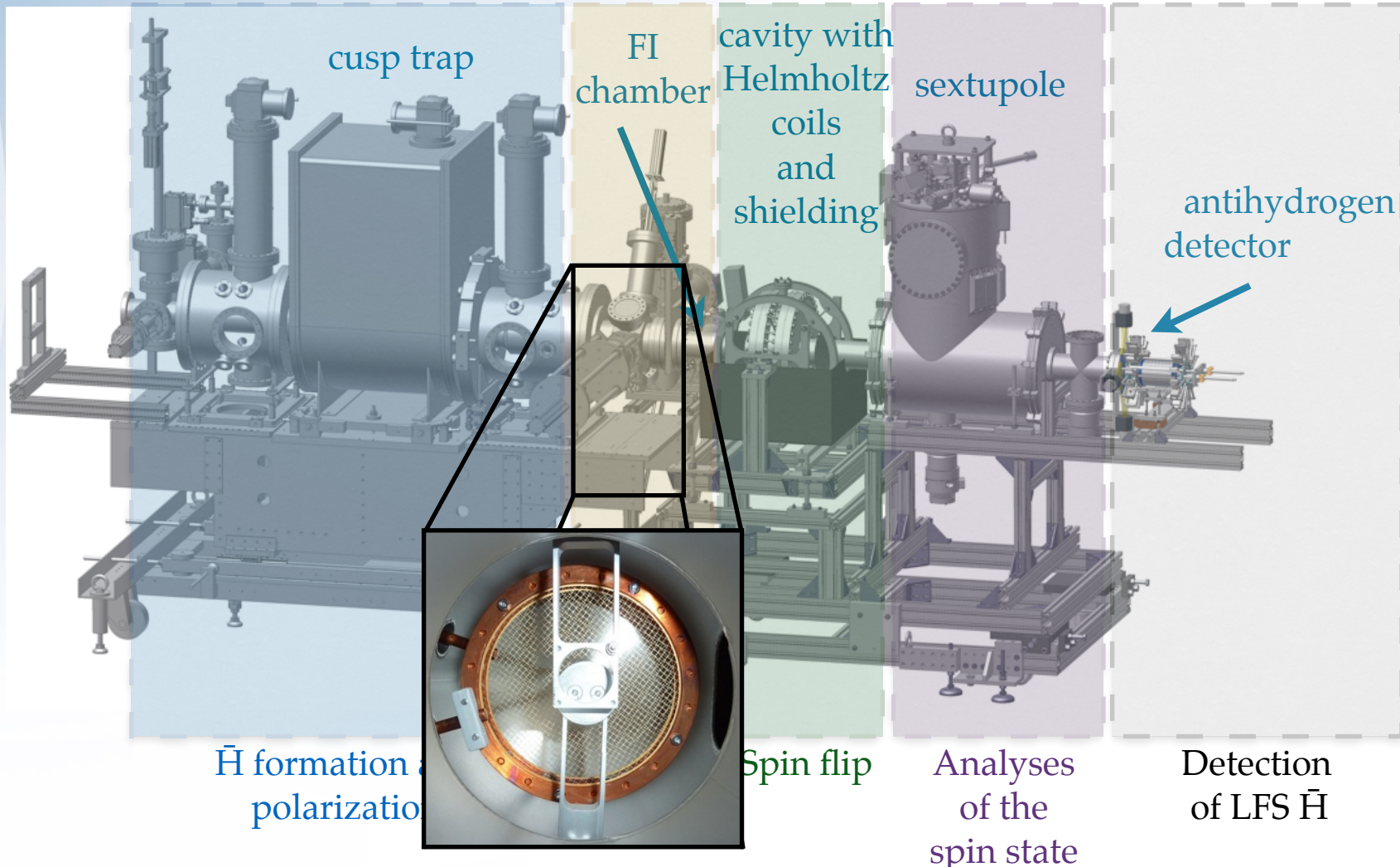
Probe the QS

Spin flip

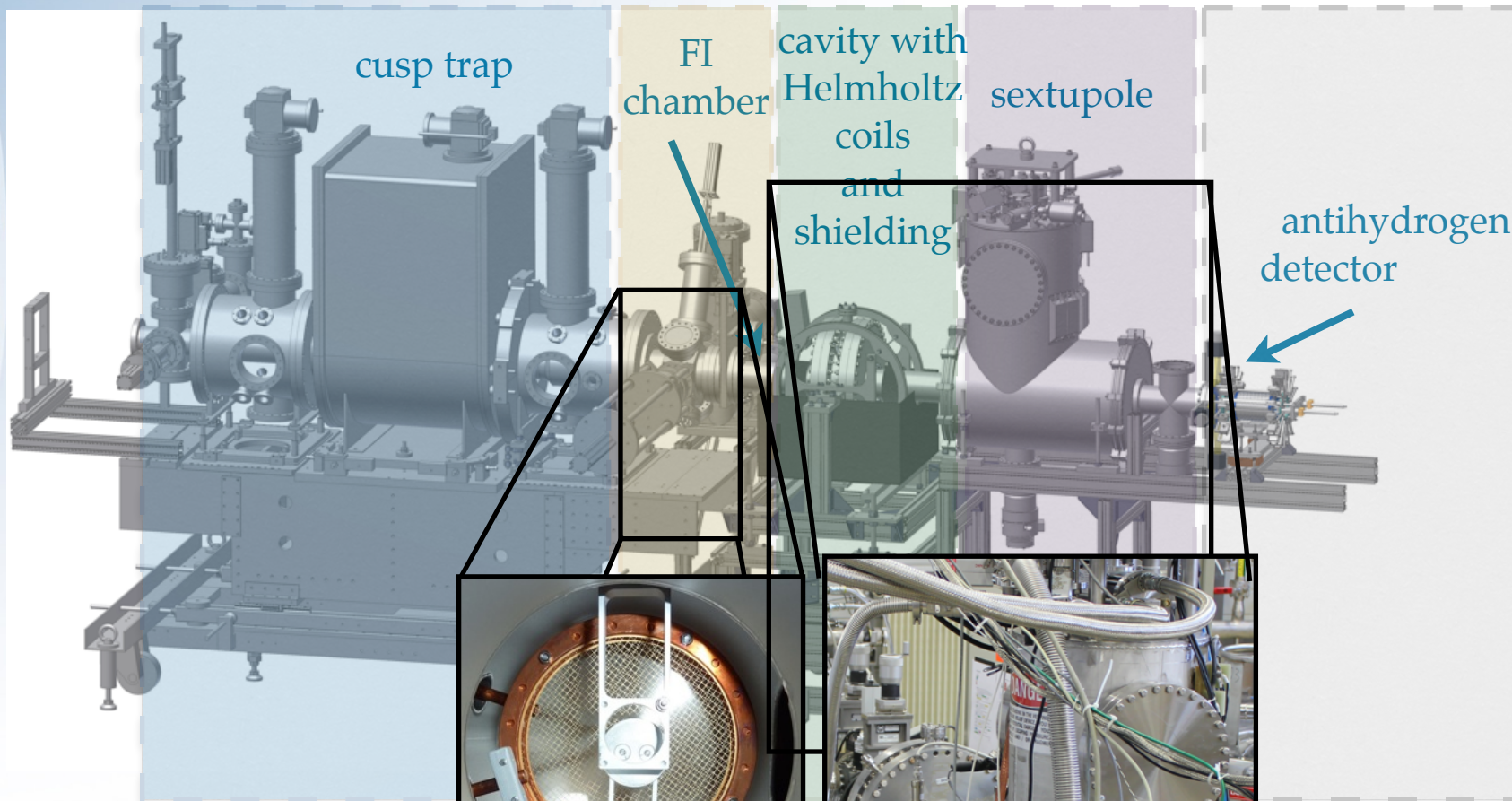
Analyses of the spin state

Detection of LFS  $\bar{H}$

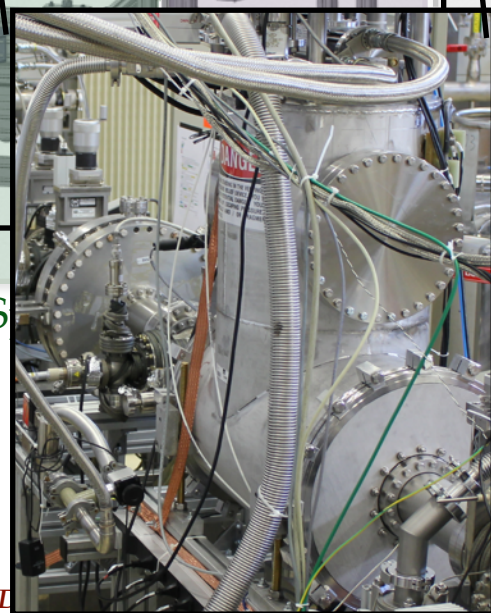
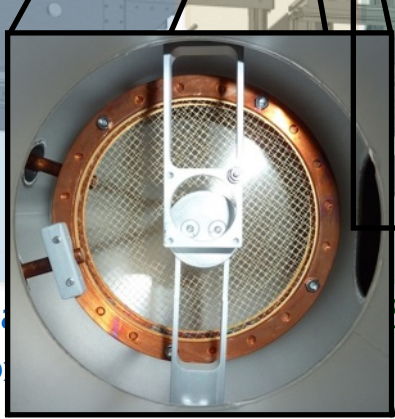
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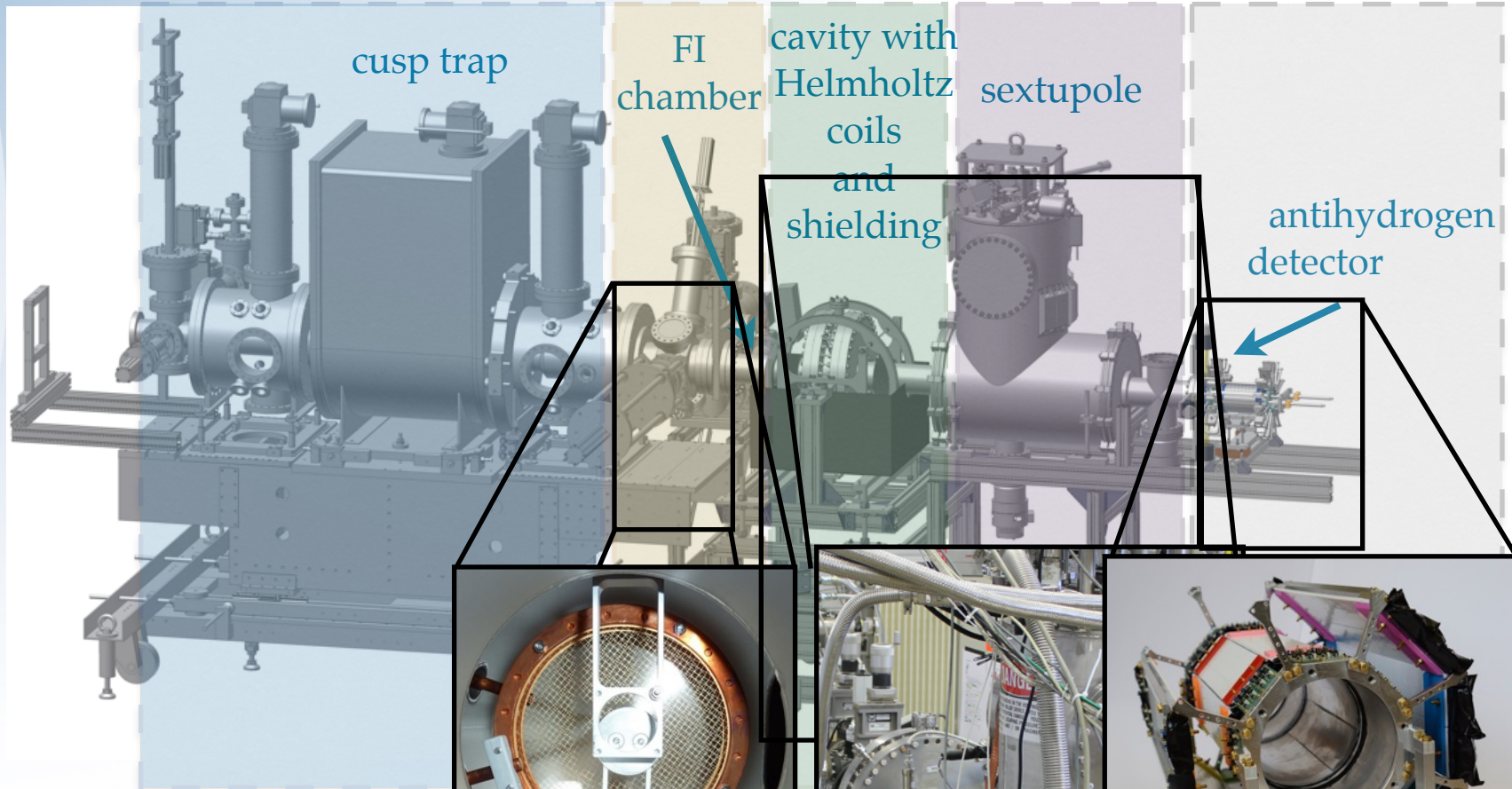
$\bar{H}$  formation & polarization



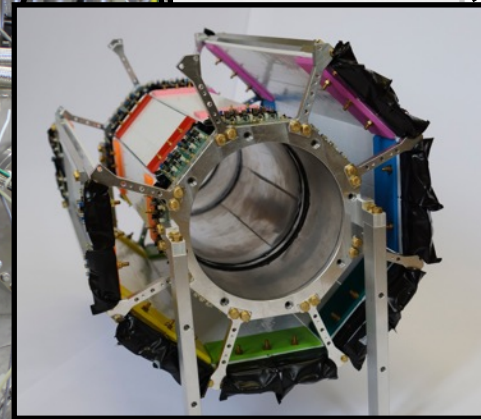
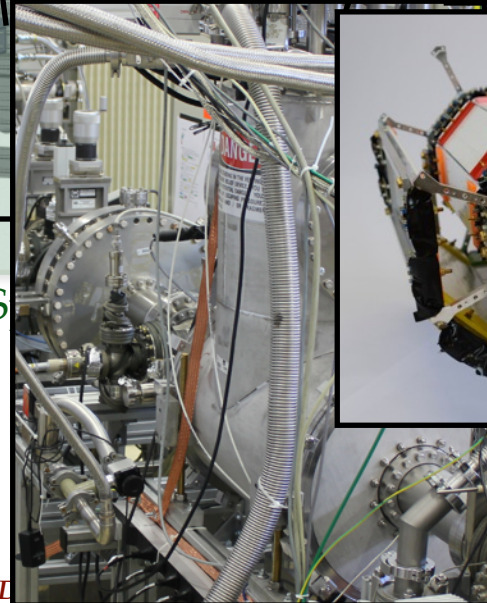
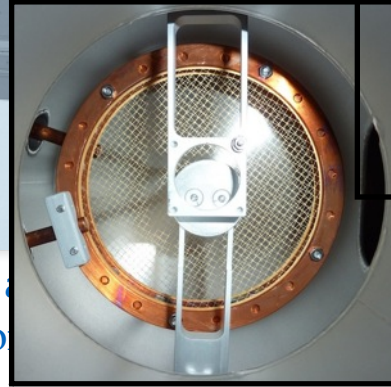
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# H DETECTORS

**Annihilation:** BGO crystal (position sensitive calorimeter)

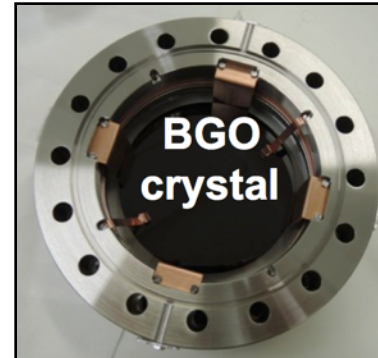
read out by MchPMT array of 16x16 for position resolution

**Pion tracking:**

- 2 layers hodoscope
  - 32 (8x4) scintillator bars each
  - SiPMs on each side
- axial resol. by time difference

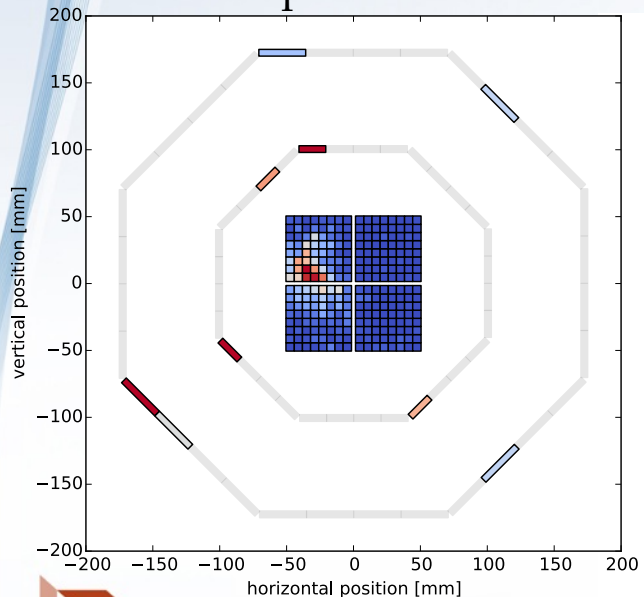
**Cosmics suppression**

- energy deposit
- trigger: triple coincidence
- fast timing
- >50% efficiency
- < 5% false IDs

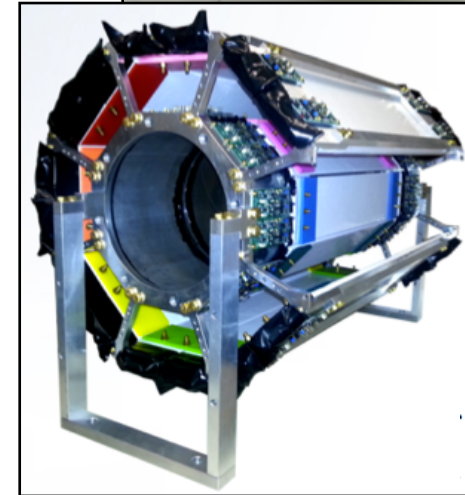
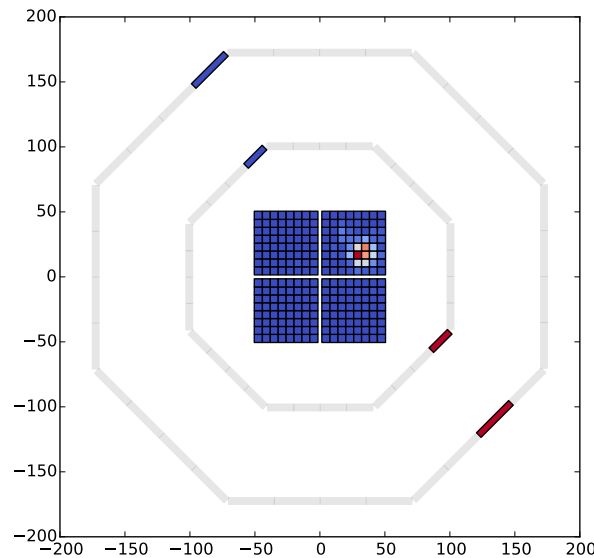


Event display

$\bar{p}$  event

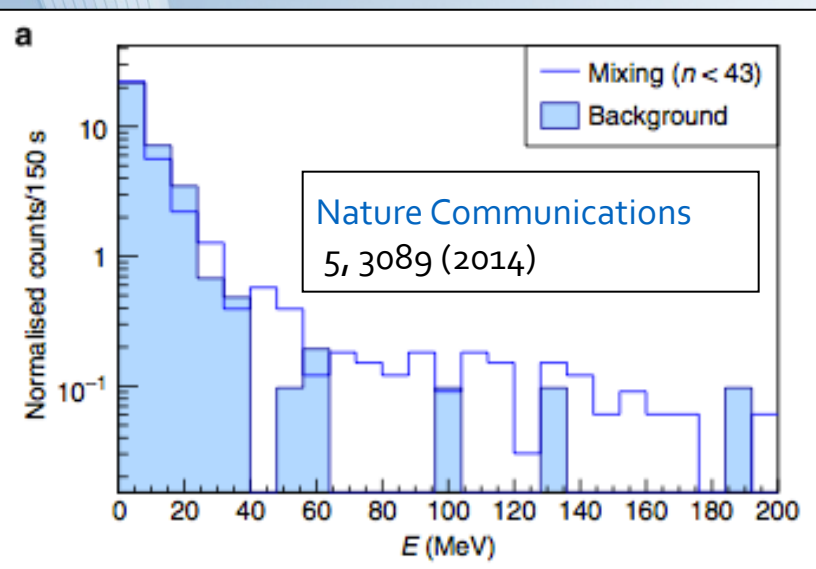


Cosmic event



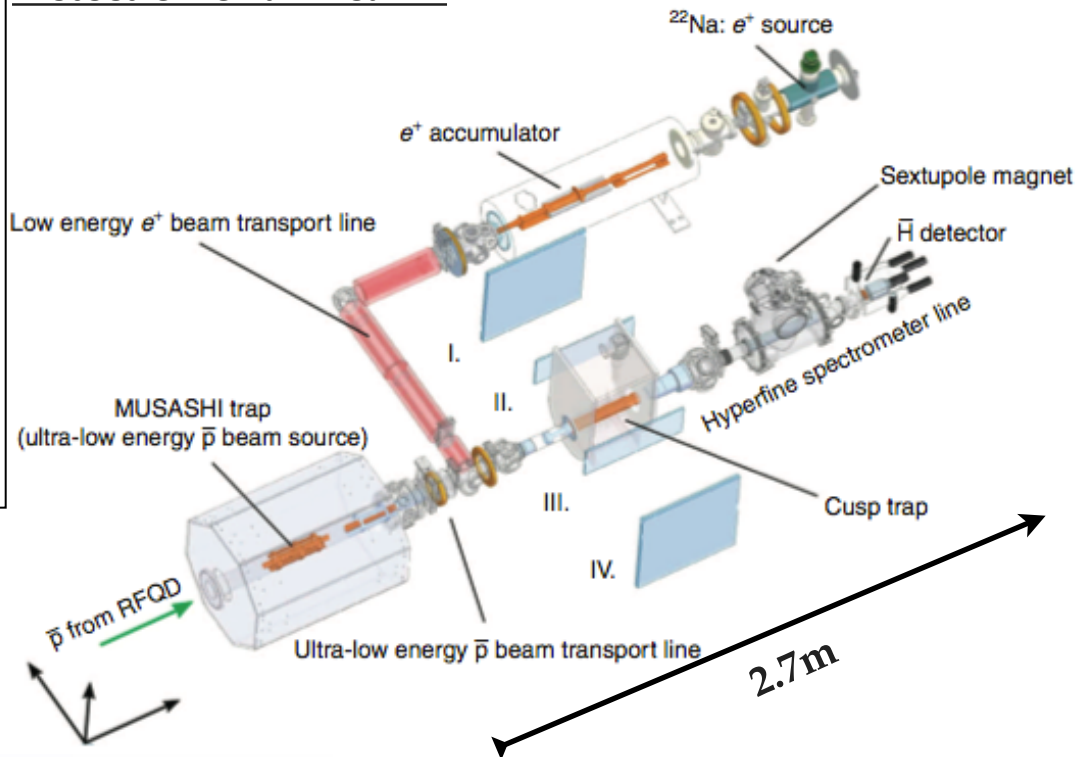
Solid angle (mixing point - detector):  $\sim 0.004\%$

# LATEST BREAKTHROUGHTS



Mostly :  $29 < n < 43$

## Detection of a "Beam"



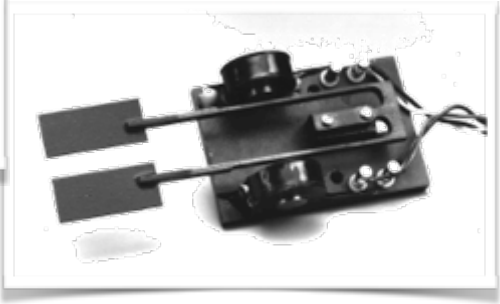
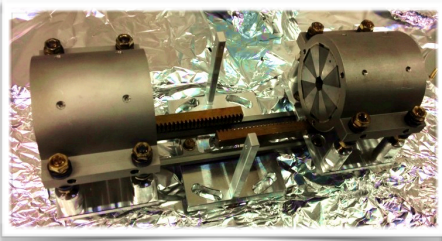
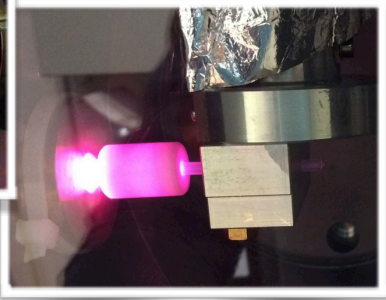
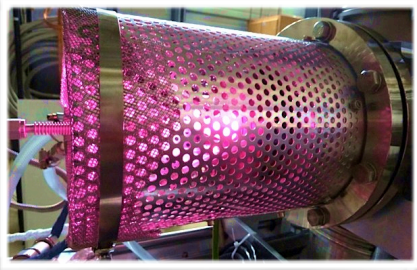
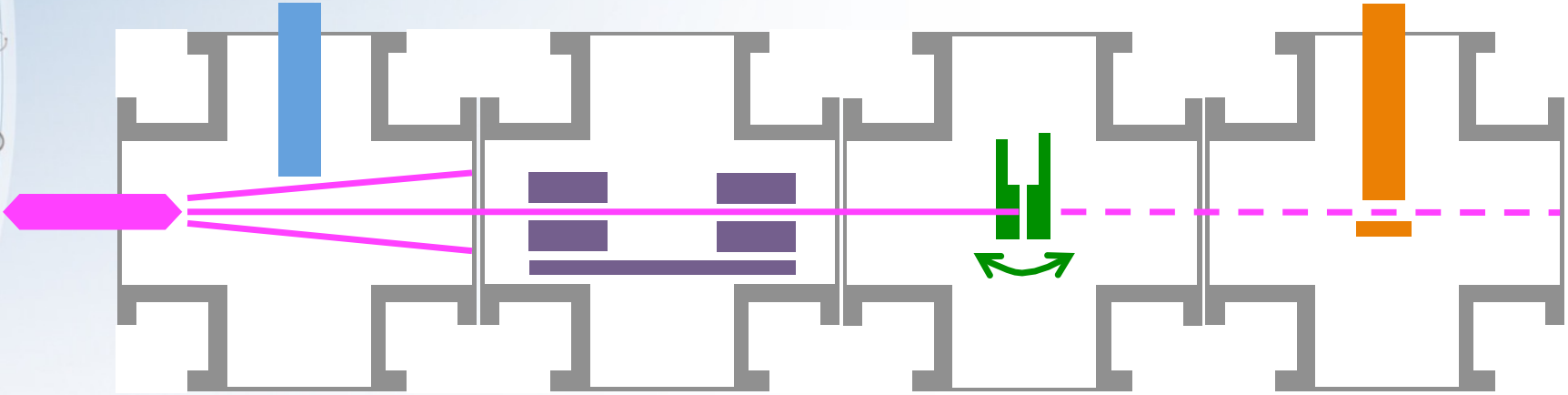
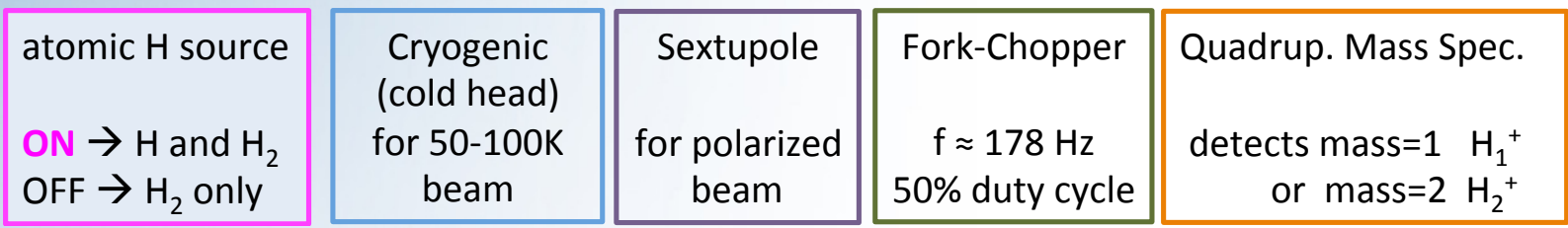
**Coming next :** Determine the polarization of the beam, velocity and quantum states at the cavity

==> IN PREPARATION FOR SPECTROSCOPY MEASUREMENT

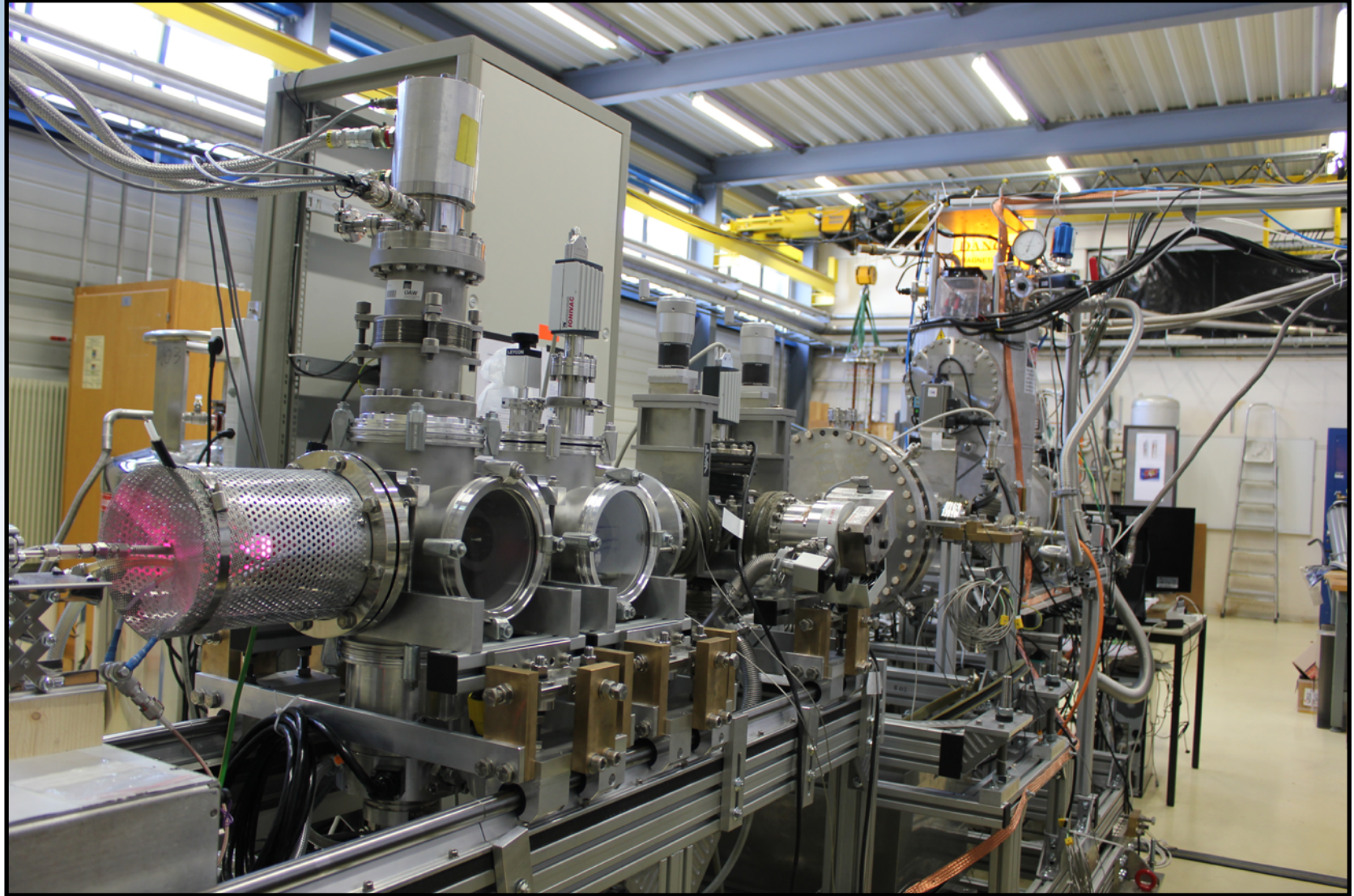
## Characterization of spectroscopy beamline



# CHARACTERIZATION WITH H BEAM



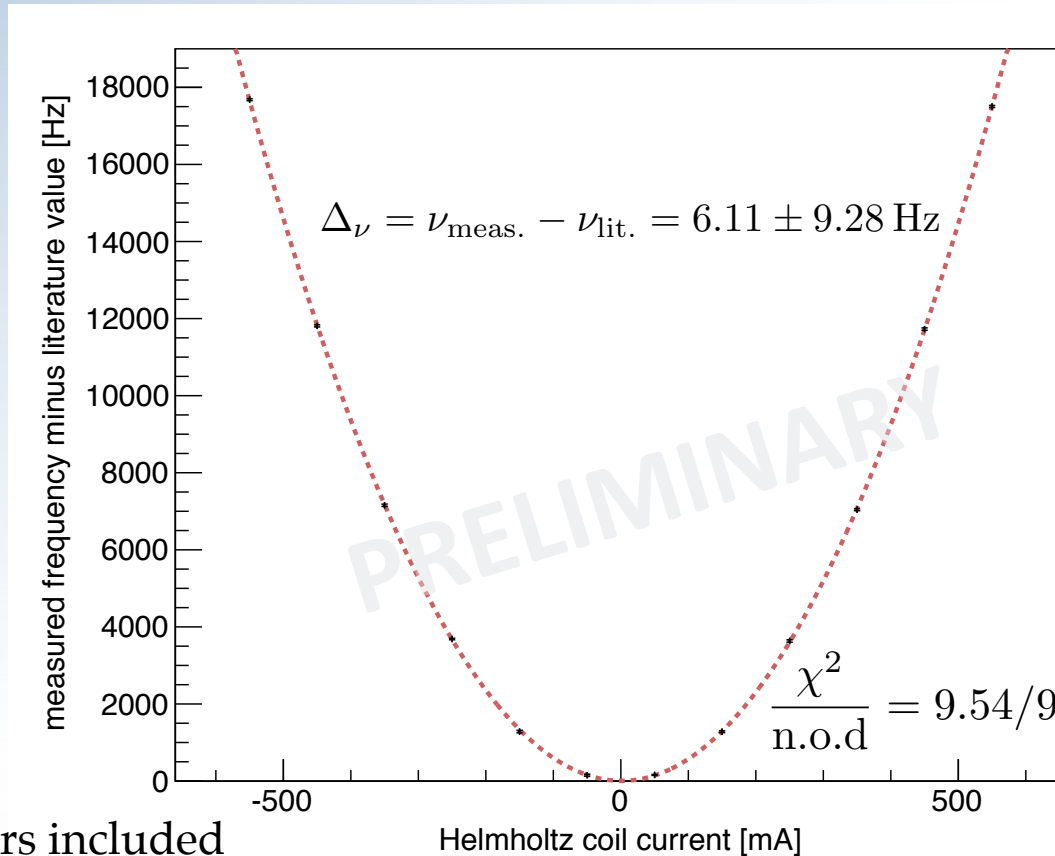
# H BEAM APPARATUS



# HYDROGEN MEASUREMENT

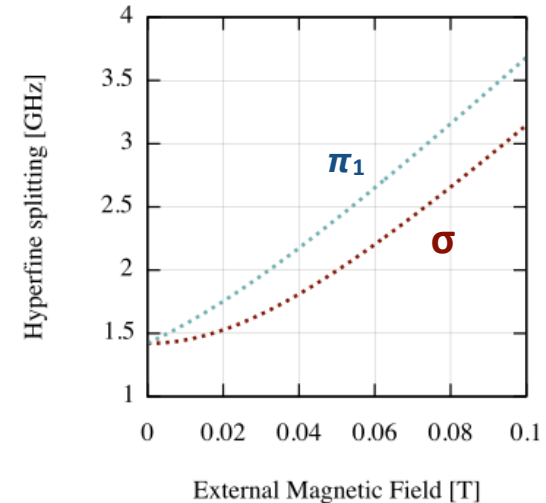
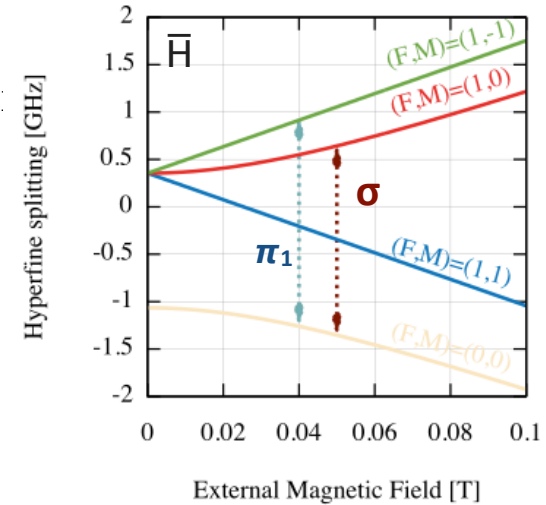
Fitting the theoretical curve to the data

Helmholtz coil currents: external B field is a fit parameter



Error bars included

B field are consistent (within 1 sigma) with flux gate readings



Maser measurement    Last Best beam measurement

**HH·HFS**  $\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} = 7 \times 10^{-13}$

$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} = 3.5 \times 10^{-8}$

This measurement

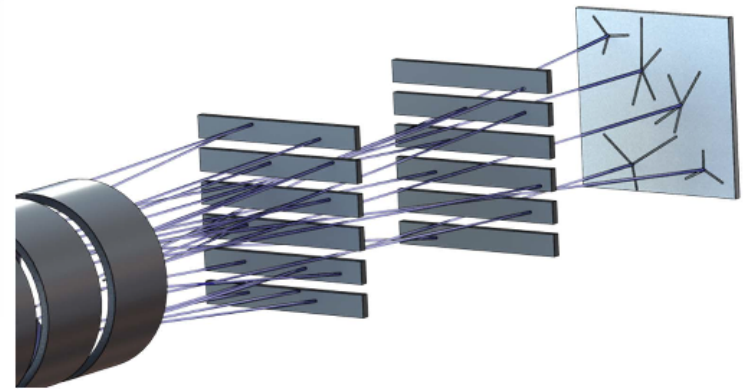
$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} = 6.5 \times 10^{-9}$

# AEgIS Goal

- ❖ First goal is to measure  $\bar{g}$  (i.e.  $g(\bar{H})$ ) to 1% accuracy
- ❖ Test of WEP on antimatter in Earth's gravitational field
  - ❖ First direct measurement for an anti-atom - free of any assumptions
  - ❖ Need "large" amount ( $\sim 1000$ ) of cold neutral anti-atoms.

AEgIS method:

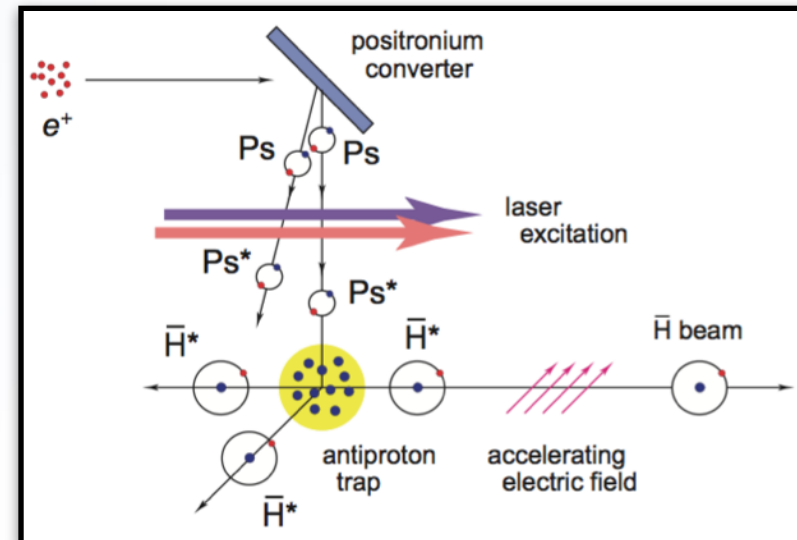
- ❖ Produce cold  $\bar{H}^*$
- ❖ Accelerate  $\bar{H}^*$  into a neutral beam
- ❖ Measure the gravitational deflection of such cold  $\bar{H}$  beam



# ANTIHYDROGEN PRODUCTION IN AEGIS

## NEW TECHNIQUE: MORE AND COLDER ANTIHYDROGEN VIA CHARGE EXCHANGE

1. Production, moderation & **trapping** of  $e^+$
2. Capture and accumulation of  $\bar{p}$  from the AD
3. **Cooling** of  $\bar{p}$
4. **o-Ps** production by impact of  $e^+$  on  $\text{SiO}_2$  target (nano-porous insulator material)
5. Ps **laser excitation** into Rydberg levels
6. Interaction of **Rydberg Ps** with the cloud of cold antiprotons
7. **Recombination** of  $\bar{H}$  by resonant charge exchange



❖ Formation rate enhanced

$$\sigma \propto n^4$$

$$\sigma(n_{\text{Ps}} = 20) \sim 10^{-9} \text{cm}^2$$

❖  $\bar{H}$  state defined by Ps state

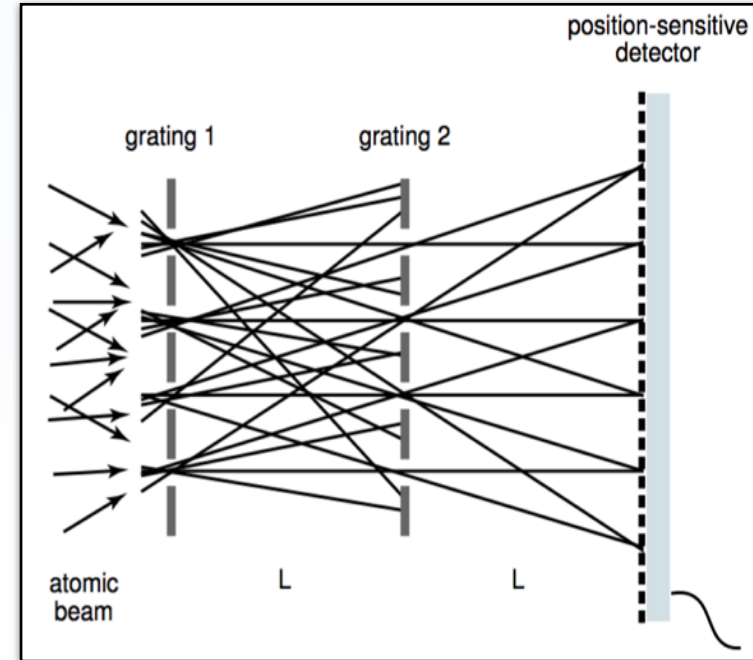
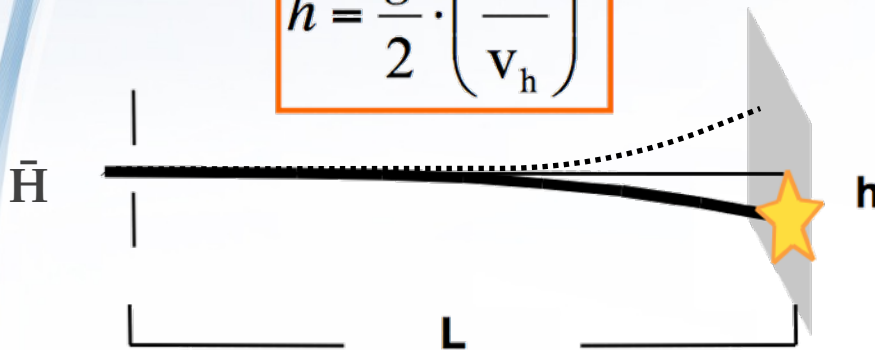
❖  $\bar{H}$  velocity dominated by  $\bar{p}$



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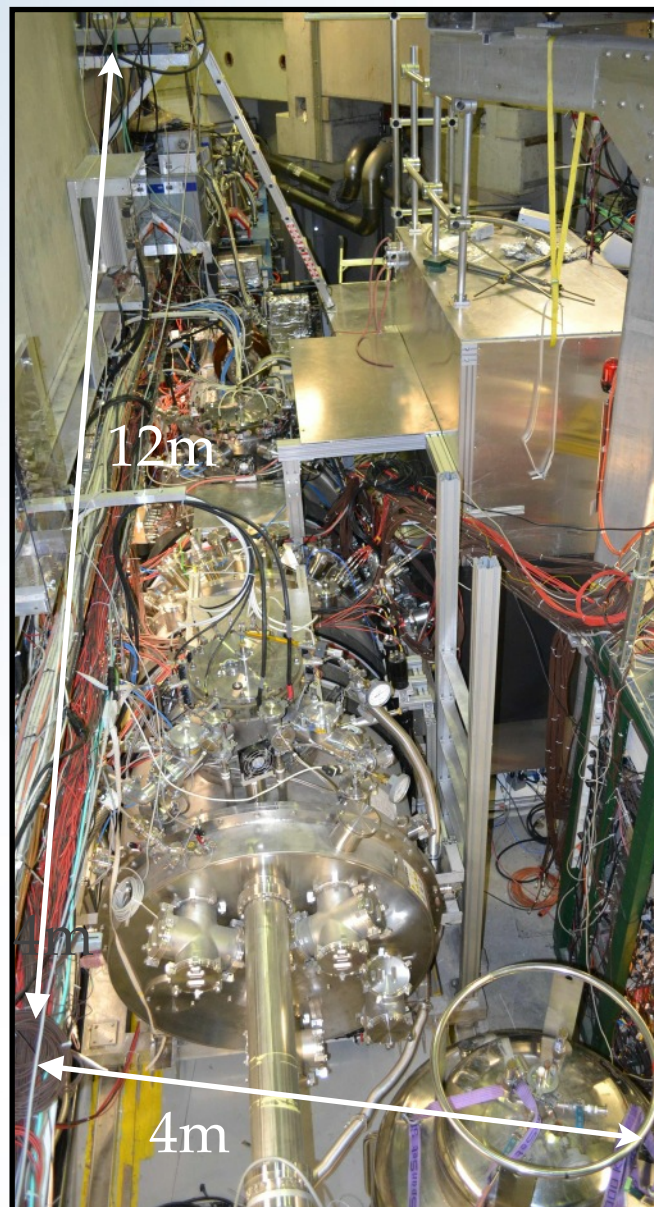
8. Formation of an  $\bar{\text{H}}$  beam by **Stark acceleration** with inhomogeneous electric fields
9. Measurement of  $\bar{g}$  in a two-grating **moiré deflectometer** coupled to a position-sensitive detector.

$$h = \frac{g}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{L}{v_h} \right)^2$$

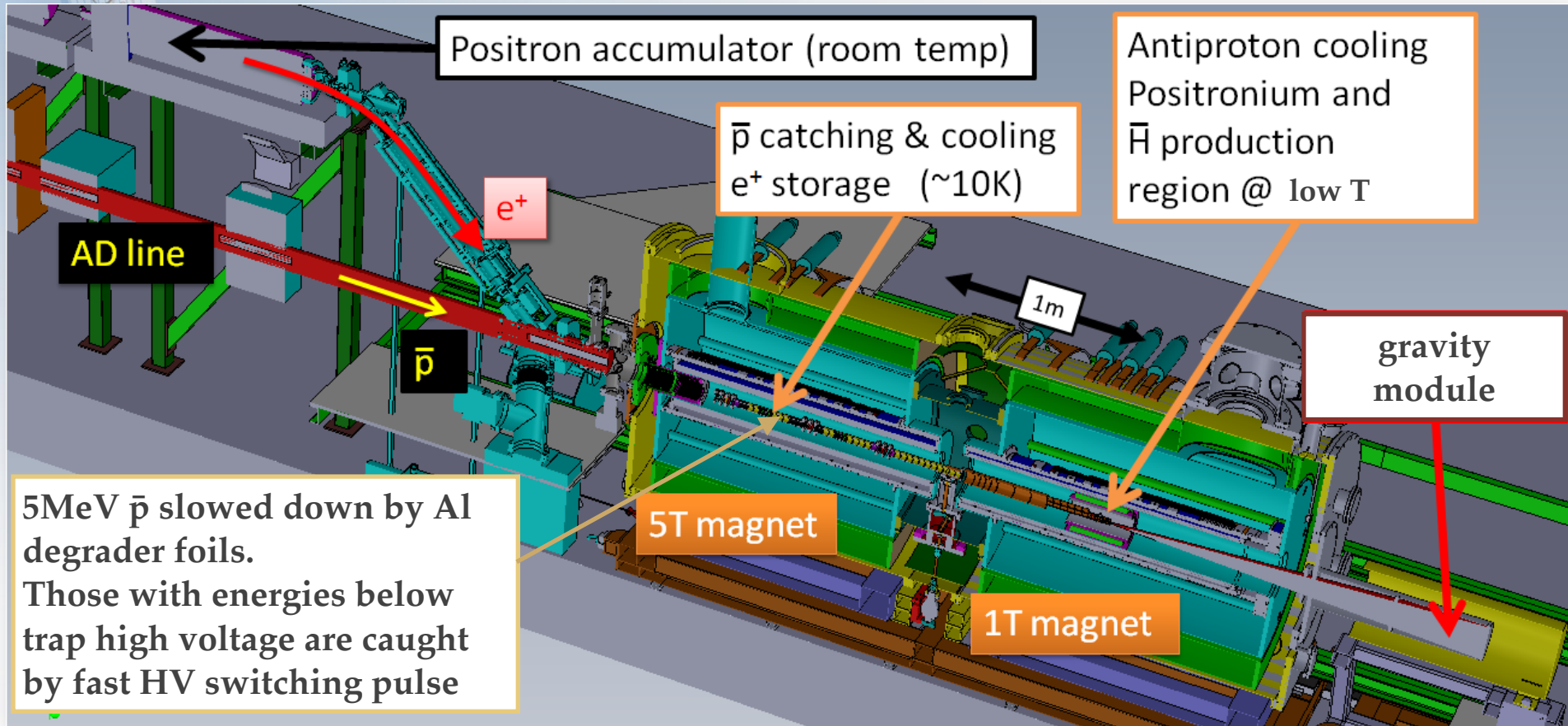


- ❖ Rydberg atoms are sensitive to el. field gradients.
- ❖ Accelerate the  $\bar{\text{H}}$  along  $z$ -axis to few 100m/s

# EXPERIMENTAL SETUP



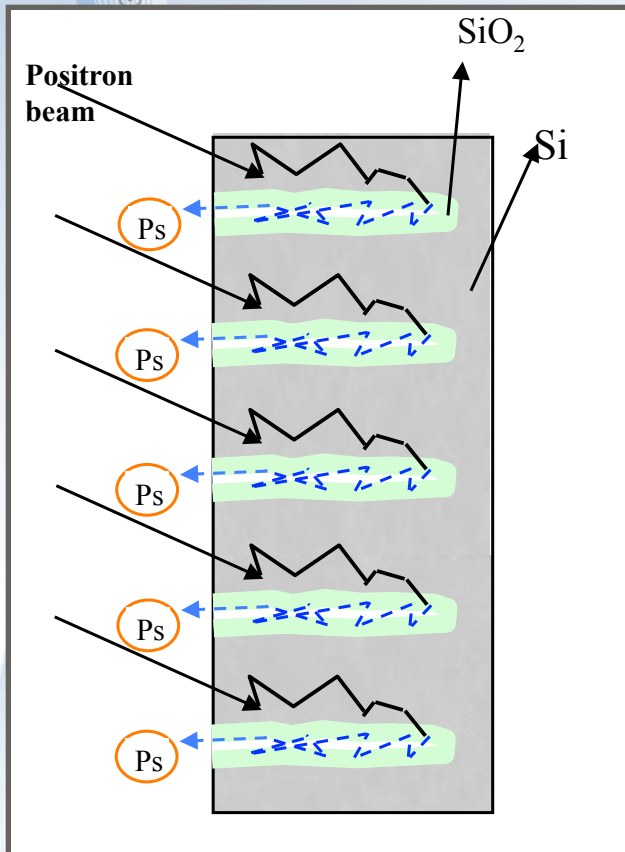
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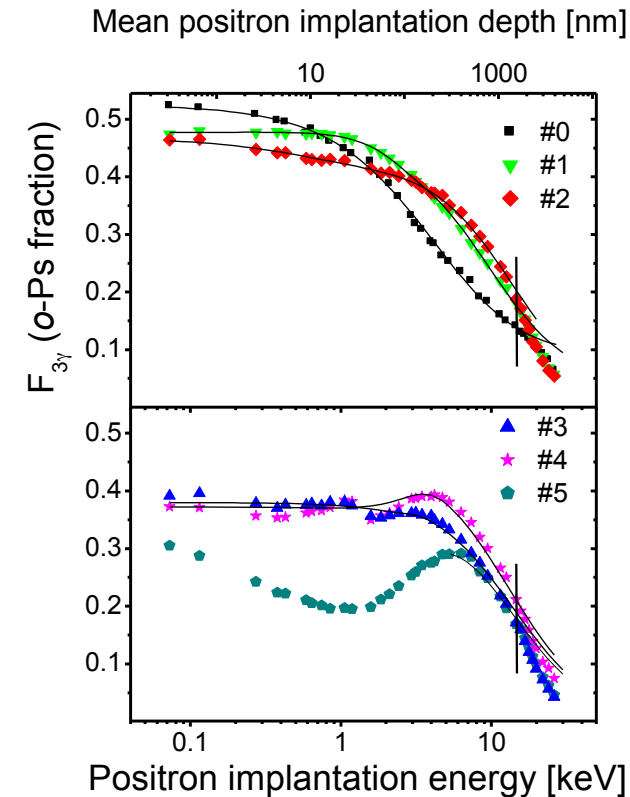
# FROM $e^+$ to Ps

Ps production: implantation of  $e^+$  into nano-porous ( $\varnothing$  8-14 nm) silica target

- ❖  $\sim 75\text{K}$  o-Ps needed
- ❖ Requires deep implantation depth, i.e. high V



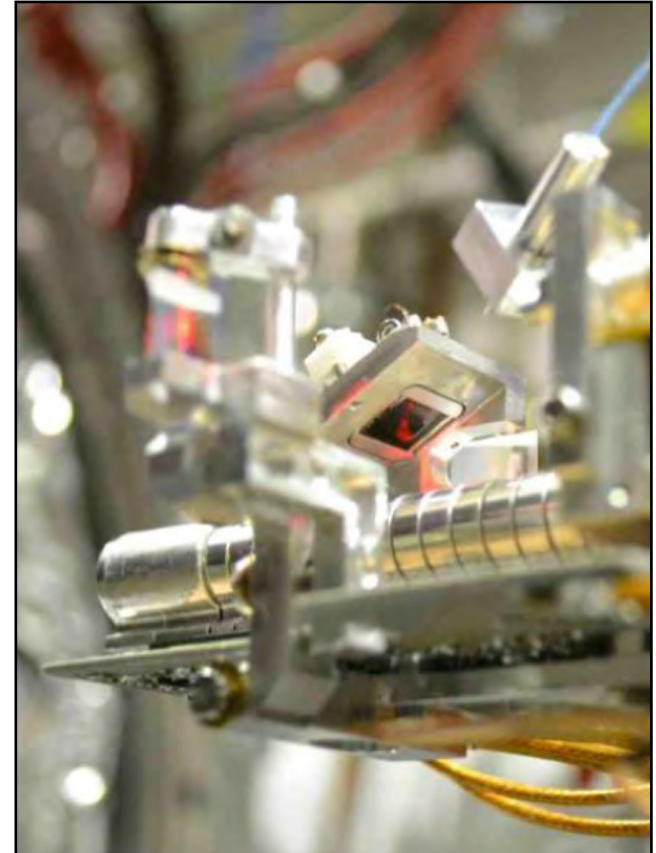
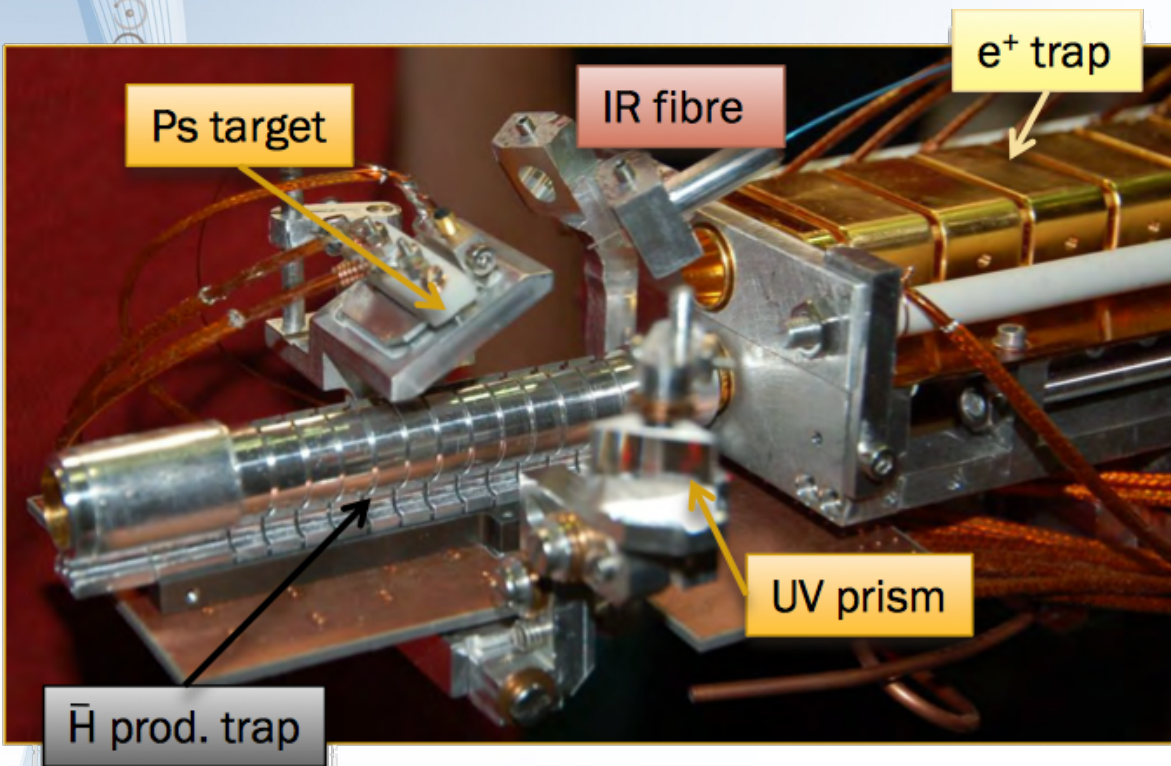
- ❖ High Ps formation rate
- ❖ Possibility to tune nano channel dimension (influences the temperature of Ps)



S. Mariuzzi et al., Phys. Rev. B 78 085428 (2008).

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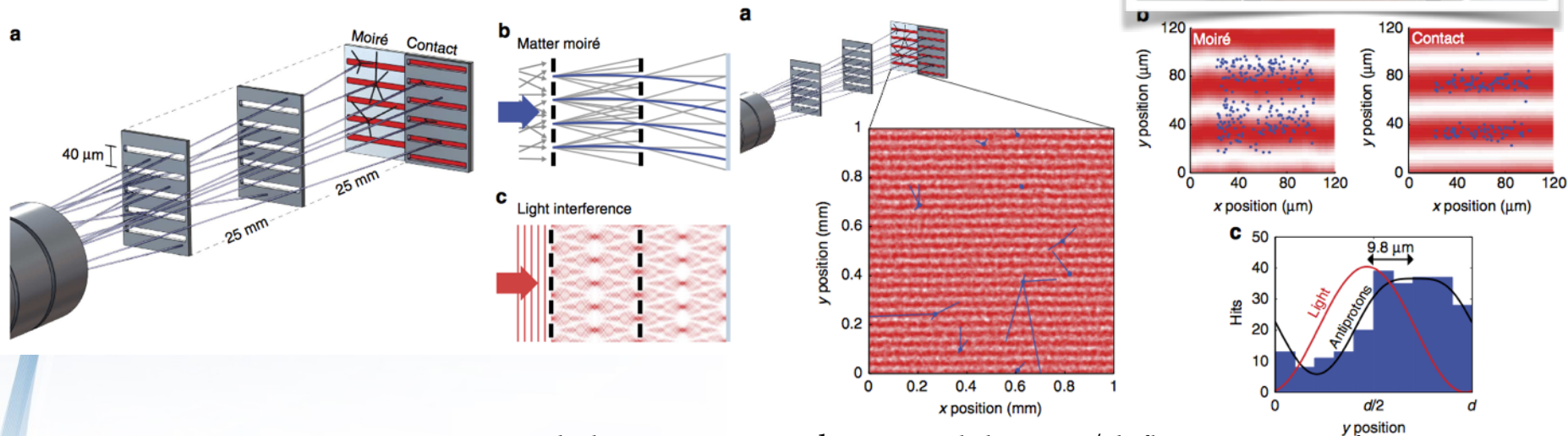
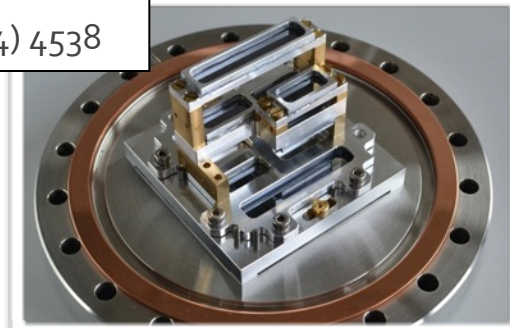


# PROOF OF PRINCIPLE

## Mini-Moiré setup

- ❖ ~100 keV antiprotons
- ❖ 7 hour exposure
- ❖ Bare emulsion behind deflectometer
- ❖ Alignment of gratings using light and single grating

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Parasitic measurements primordial to converge to the optimal detector/ deflectometer configuration

- ❖ Shift between  $\bar{p}$  and light observed
- ❖ Consistent with B, E residual fields
- ❖  $\mu\text{m}$  sensitivity reached

$$\Delta y = 9.8 \pm 0.9(\text{stat}) \pm 6.4(\text{stat}) \mu\text{m}$$

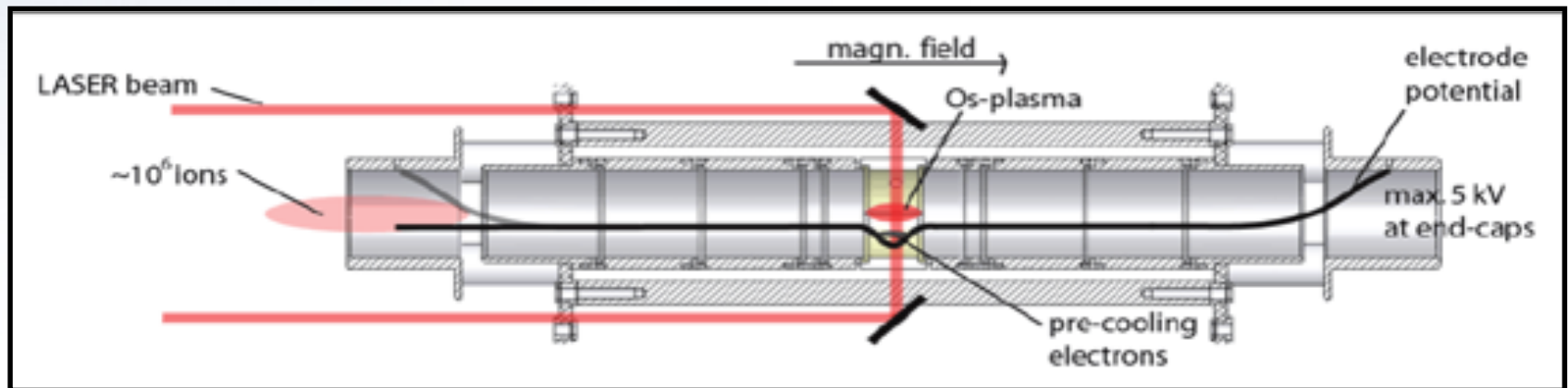
For  $\bar{H}$  beam:  $F = \times 10^{-10}$ , resolution similar if  $v = \times 10^{-4}$  &  $L = \times 40$

# TOWARDS PRODUCTION OF COLD $\bar{P}$

Possible ways :

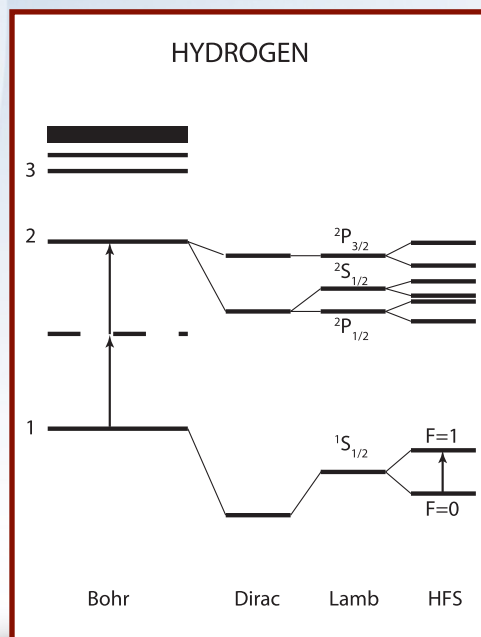
- ◆ Cool the environment to sub-Kelvin level
- ◆ indirect laser cooling of antiprotons to mK level and below
  - La- program in Heidelberg eg: *New Journal of Physics* 8 (2006) 45
  - C<sub>2</sub>- program at CERN *Phys. Rev. Lett* 114, 21300 (2015)

challenge: find suitable laser transitions for cooling of negative atoms/molecules



# SUMMARY

- ☑ First proof-of-principle measurements in traps
- ☑ First “beam” of  $\bar{H}$  observed in field-free region
- ☑ HFS measurement of H beam  $\sim 5$  ppb achieved



- ☐ Colder  $\bar{H}$  needed for “precise” trap and gravity experiments
  - development of  $\bar{H}$  laser cooling
  - sympathetic cooling of  $\bar{p}$  and  $e^+$
- ☐ Higher yield of G-S  $\bar{H}$  for beam experiments
  - polarization, velocity measurement

Time scale for precision exp. : 5-10 years

? <== STAY TUNED ==> ?

