

Esperimento LEA (Low Energy Antimatter): Antimateria a bassa energia

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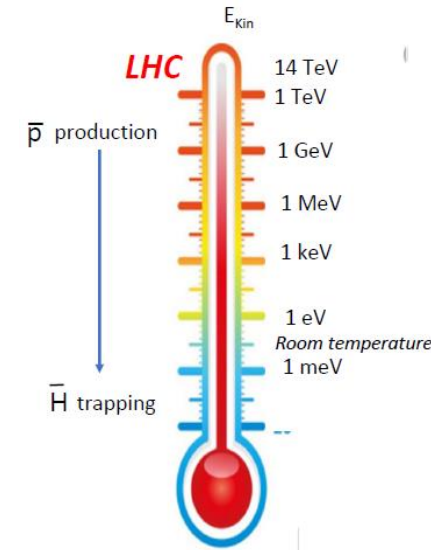
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- 46 researchers
- 26 FTE
- 40% of FTE due to young people (PhD or post-doc) paid by institutes/universities



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LEA project

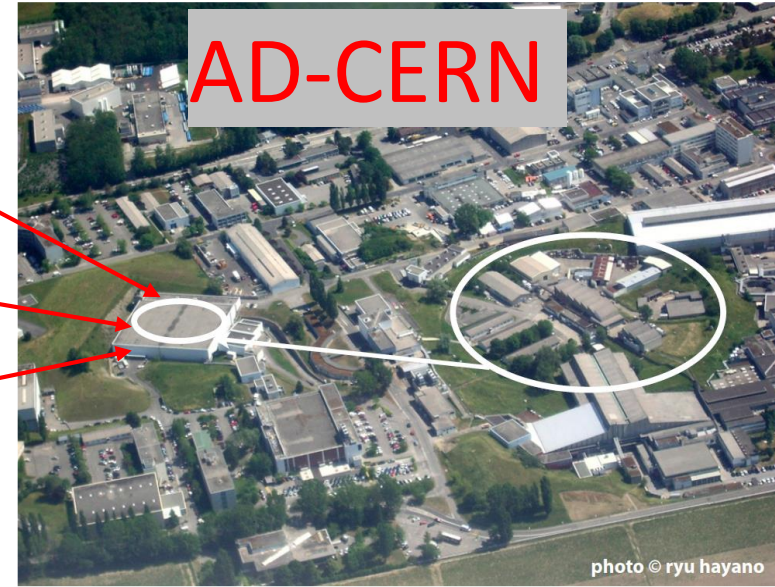
New project: approved by CSN3 in 2021 and started in 2022

Goal: to group **new** and already **existing experiments** working on low-energy antimatter:

- **AEGIS** funded by INFN since 2010
- **ALPHA** new (for INFN)
- **ASACUSA** funded by INFN since 2005
- **PsICO** spin-off of AEGIS (+ long-term expertise on e+ from UniTN)
- **QUPLAS** spin-off of AEGIS-ASACUSA (+ long-term expertise on e+ from PoliMI)

LEA Experiments

- AEGIS \bar{p} e^+ Ps \bar{H}
- ALPHA \bar{p} e^+ \bar{H}
- ASACUSA \bar{p} e^+ \bar{H}



- PsICO e^+ Ps
- QUPLAS e^+ Ps



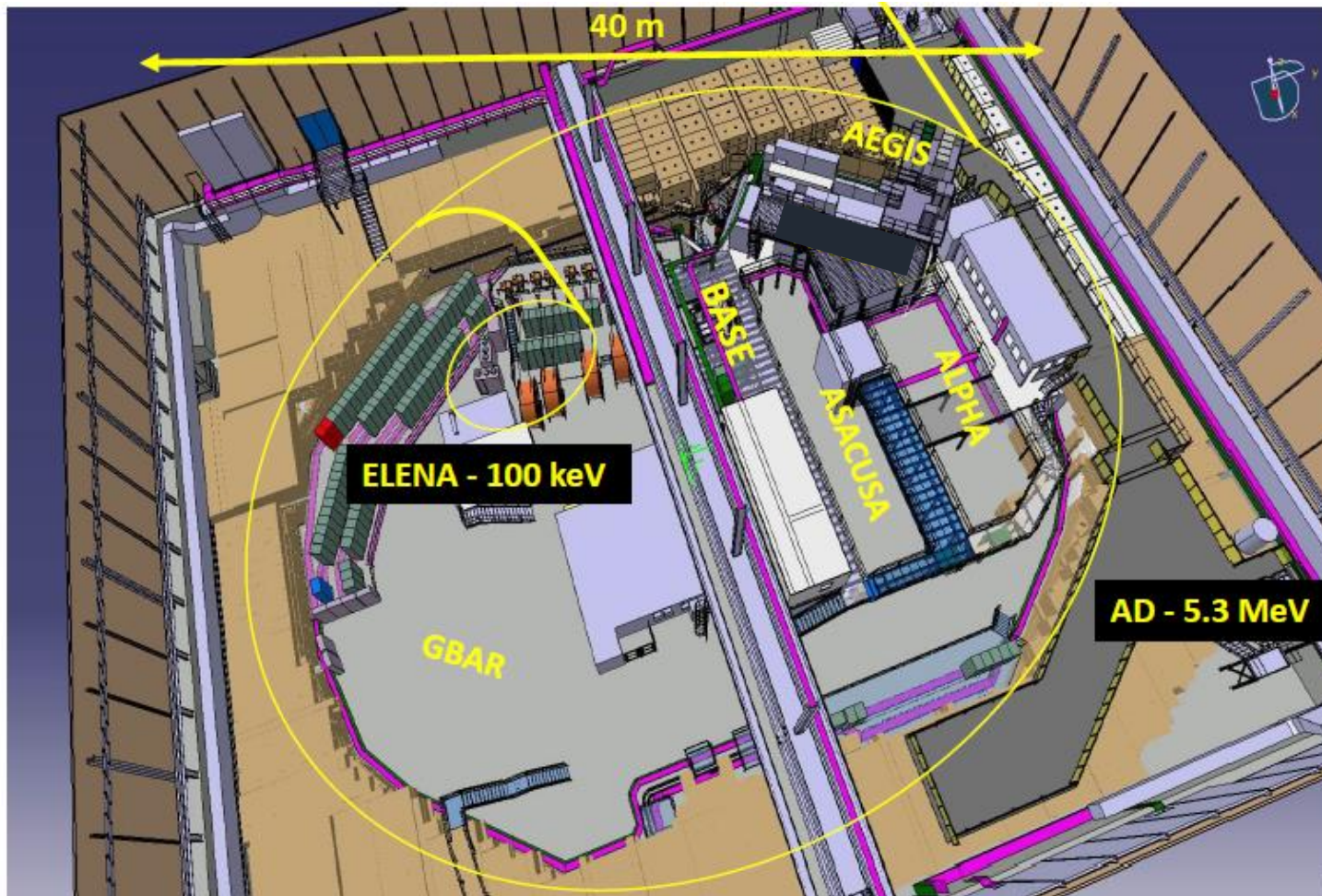
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EXPERIMENTS AT CERN

AEgIS ALPHA ASACUSA

Antiproton Decelerator (AD) & ELENA @ CERN



The only low-energy \bar{p} source

AD: 5.3 MeV

Pulsed beam: 3×10^7 \bar{p} every ~ 100 s

ELENA: 5.3 MeV \rightarrow 100 keV

- 6 collaborations
- 60 research institutes/universities
- 350 researchers
- Fundamental properties of \bar{p} (BASE)
- Spectroscopy of antihydrogen (ASACUSA, ALPHA)
- Test free fall/equivalence principle with antihydrogen (ALPHA, AEGIS, GBAR)
- Antiprotonic helium spectroscopy (ASACUSA)
- Nuclear physics (ASACUSA, AEGIS)

ELENA from 2021 full operation

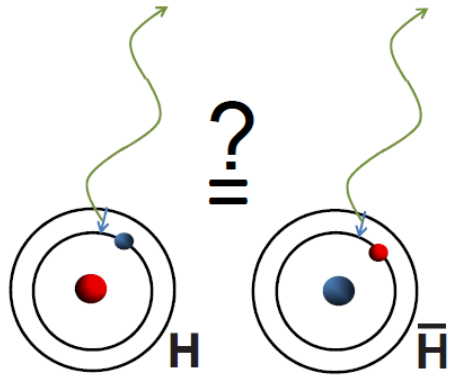
ADVANTAGES: ➤ $\times 10$ - 100 \bar{p} trapped per experiment ➤ 4 experiments run in parallel (24h/day)

PHYSICS MOTIVATIONS

Why study antihydrogen?

1) Precise matter/antimatter comparison

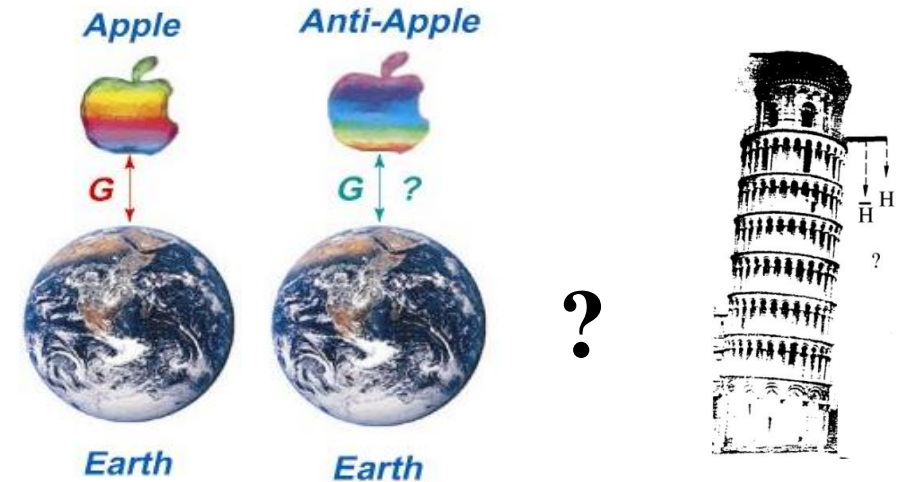
→ test of CPT symmetry



Spectroscopy of \bar{H}

2) Measurement of the gravitational behaviour of antimatter

→ test of WEP



Not possible with charged antiparticle

only with neutral system → \bar{H} (or Ps)

CPT theorem

The **CPT** theorem (1954): 50's – Pauli, Schwinger , Lüders, Jost

“Any Lorentz-invariant local quantum field theory is invariant under the successive application of C, P and T ”

Assumptions:

- flat space-time, Lorentz-invariance, local interactions, unitarity, point-like particles

Consequences:

- particle/antiparticle: equal mass, lifetime; equal and opposite charge and magnetic moment

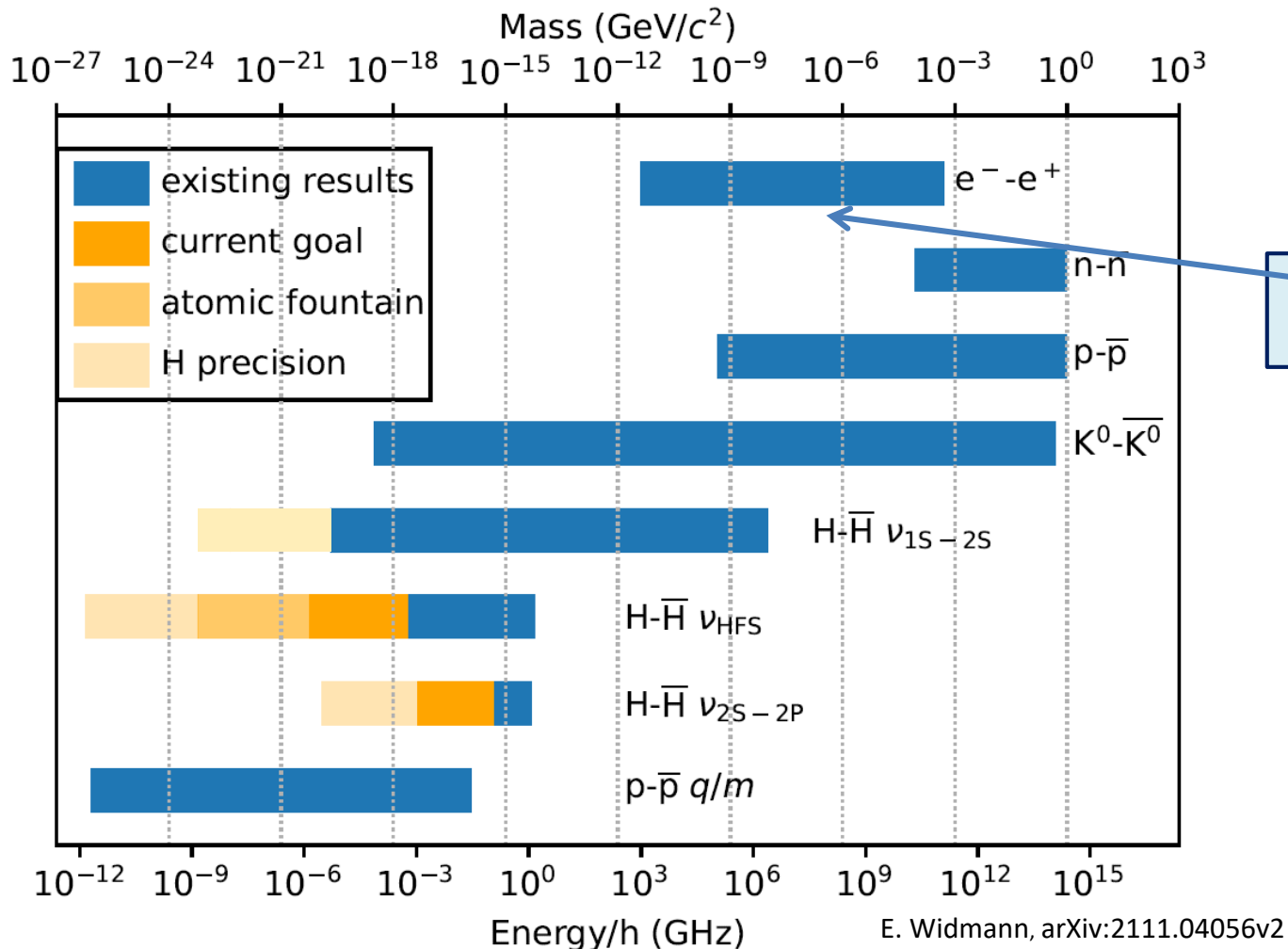
- **atom/antiatom: identical energy levels**

CPT invariance is inside the Standard Model

In string theory (and quantum gravity): assumptions non valid → CPT violations as a signature of string theory?

No measurement of CPT violation exists

CPT tests: relative & absolute precisions



Considered “best CPT test”:

$$K^0 - \bar{K}^0 \Delta m/m \sim 10^{-18} \Leftrightarrow 10^5 \text{ Hz}$$

but **absolute precision** could be **relevant**

→ $H - \bar{H}$ highly competitive

Where CPT violation might appear is unknown

CPT violation in Standard Model Extension

Indiana group, Kostelecky et al. (since 1997)

Standard Model can be extended with CPT violation

Standard Model Extension (SME) is an effective field theory which contains:

- General Relativity
- Standard Model
- Possibility of Lorentz Invariance Violation
- CPT violation comes with Lorentz violation

Modified Dirac equation

$$(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_e - a_\mu^e \gamma^\mu - b_\mu^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu - \frac{1}{2} H_{\mu\nu}^e \sigma^{\mu\nu} + ic_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma^\mu D^\nu + id_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu D^\nu) \psi = 0$$

CPT & Lorentz Violating terms

Lorentz Invariance Violating terms

R. Bluhm, A. Kostelecky, N. Russell,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **82**, 2254 (1999)

- a & b have energy dimensions (→ absolute comparisons are important)
- No quantitative prediction

H and \bar{H} spectroscopy

- Benefits:
- In principle direct experimental test (no model is required)
 - Hydrogen is one of the best measured system

Today only at CERN-AD (since 2021 with ELENA):

ASACUSA, ALPHA

2 plans:

- measurements:

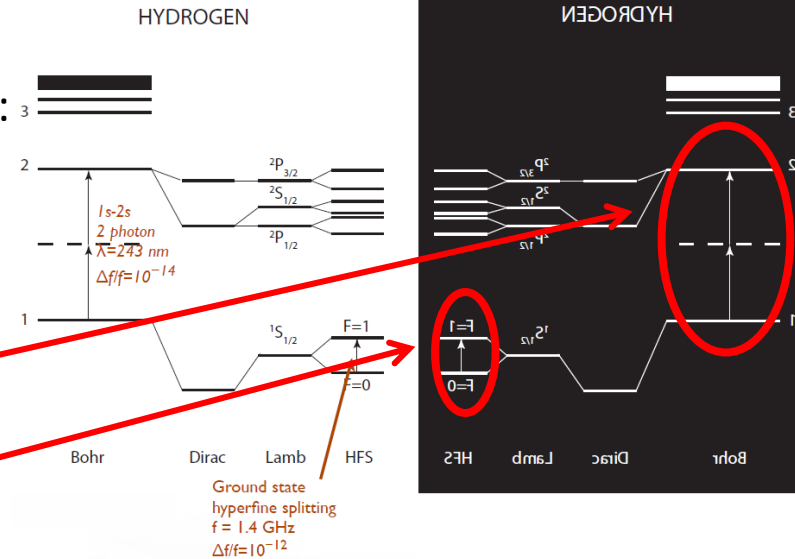
- Antihydrogen 1S-2S

- Antihydrogen GS-HFS

- methods:

- Trapping antihydrogen <-- done (ALPHA. 1000 s)

- Antihydrogen beam <-- done (ASACUSA)



(very recent) results from ALPHA

- GS-HFS rel. precision 4×10^{-4} *Nature (2017)*
- 1S–2P Lyman- α rel. precision 5×10^{-8} *Nature (2018)*
- 1S–2S rel. precision 2×10^{-12} *Nature (2018)*

WEP and Antimatter

The **Weak Equivalence Principle** of general relativity (UFF - Universality of Free Fall):

**“two bodies of different compositions and/or mass
fall at the same rate in a gravitational field ”**

Newtonian version

With matter

Many tests

On Earth with torsion balances: relative precision $\sim 10^{-13}$

In Space (MICROSCOPE mission): relative precision $\sim 10^{-14}$

Class. Quantum Grav. 2019



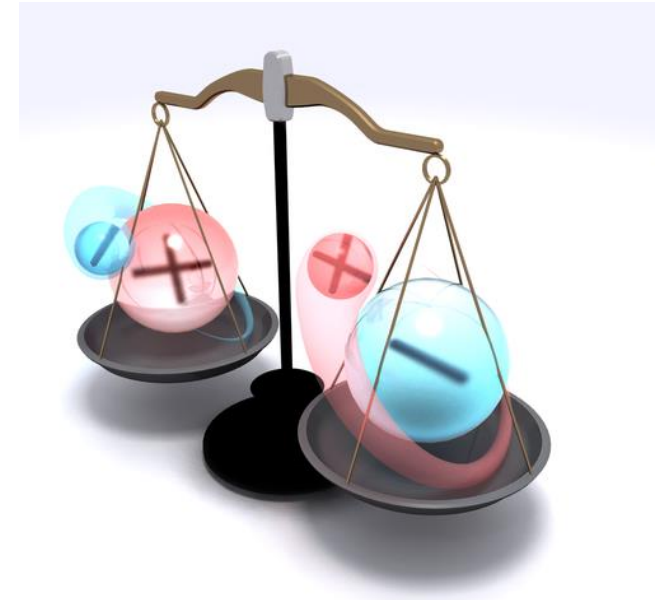
WEP and Antimatter

With antimatter

- From General relativity no difference expected
- Quantum gravity theories may allow differences
- From SME: WEP violation results from Lorentz and CPT violation
 - No precise direct measurements

PS200 (LEAR-CERN) with p and \bar{p} : g never measured

ALPHA-g with \bar{H} : $-65 < \frac{m_{\text{og}}}{m_i} < 110$



AEGIS

Antihydrogen Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry and Spectroscopy

AEGIS collaboration

16 Institutions 35 Researchers

Funded by INFN since 2010

INFN contact person: Roberto Brusa (Tn)

The scientific coordinator of the experiment is an INFN member

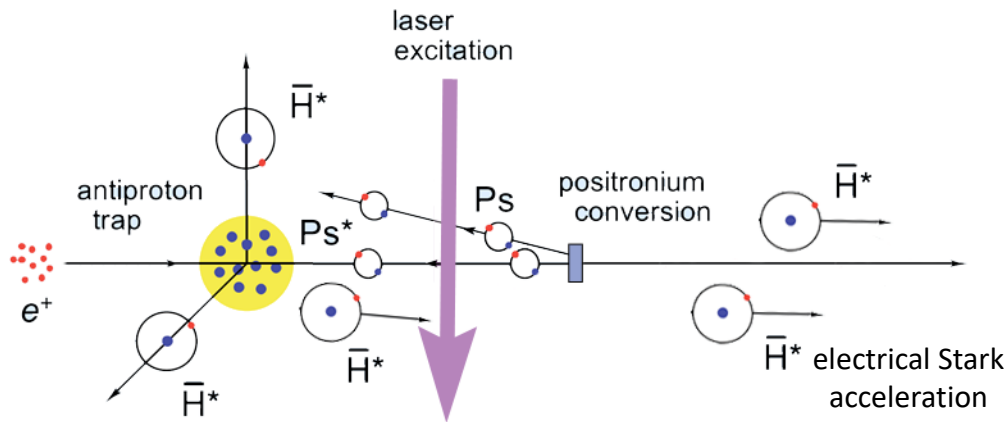
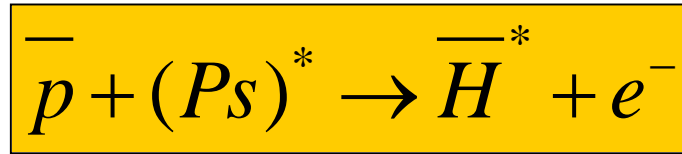
INFN groups have responsibilities on:

- Antiprotons traps
- Positron beam
- Positronium formation
- Lasers for Ps excitation
- External Detector

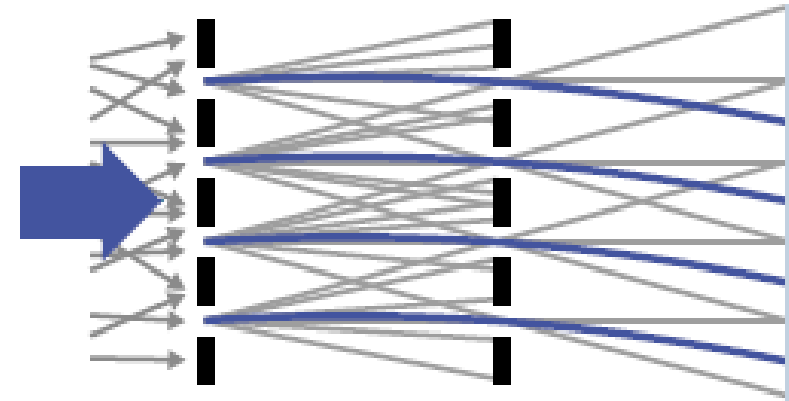


AEgIS : Overview of the experiment

Physical goal: measurement of the gravitational interaction between matter and antimatter



Atomic beam

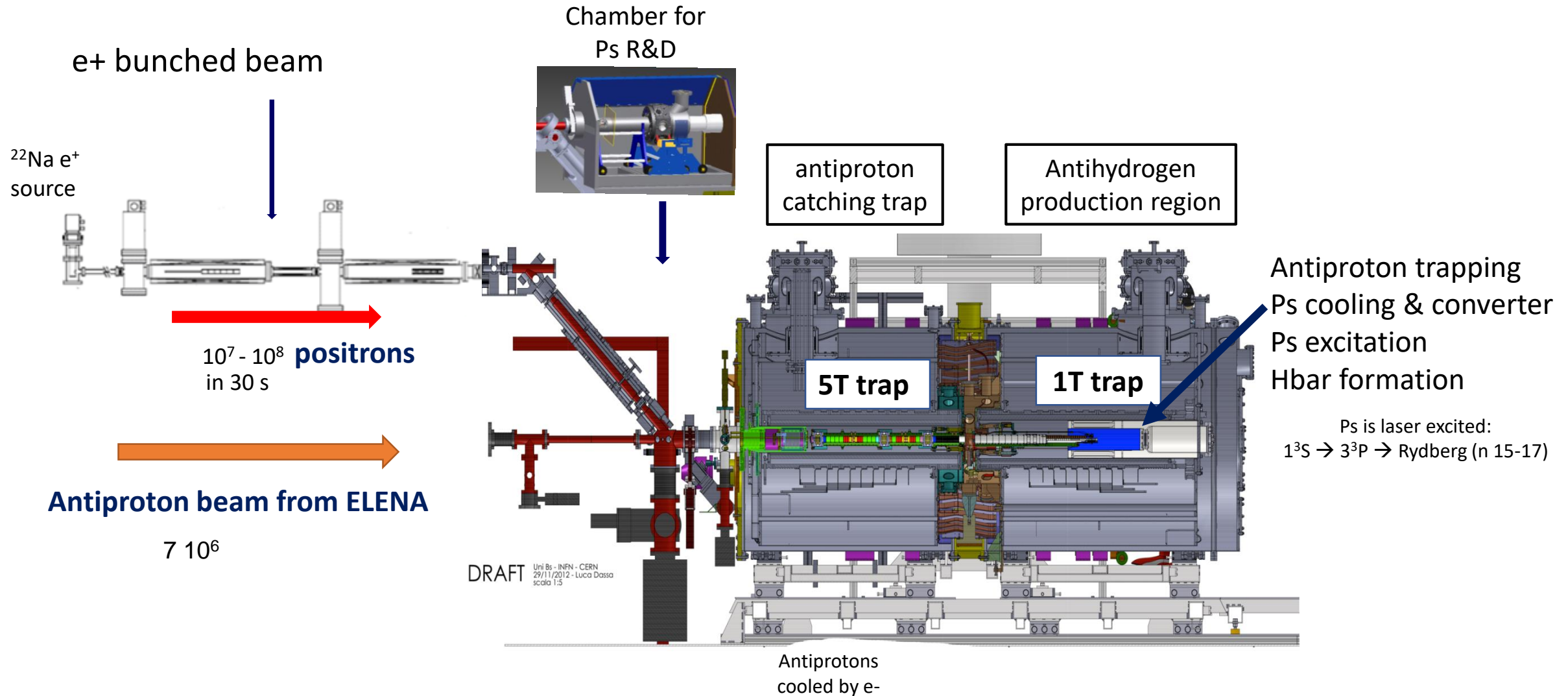


Pulsed production

Beam formation

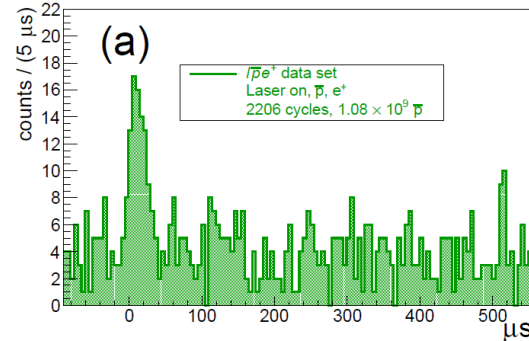
Gravity measurement

AEGIS apparatus



AEgIS results

- Trapping and storage \bar{p}
- Pulsed Ps formation into vacuum
- Excitation of Ps in Rydberg states
- **Pulsed production of \bar{H} in Rydberg states (\bar{H}^*)**



Pulsed production of antihydrogen 2018
Communication Physics-Nature- (2021)

- **2021 \bar{p} run:**

- many modifications to the apparatus (tested)
- automated control system commissioned
- e^+ beam performances recovered after re-mounting
- antiproton degrading and trapping validated

Steps towards \bar{H} free fall measurement

- Increase of pulsed production of \bar{H}^*
- \bar{H}^* Stark acceleration
- Ballistic beam of \bar{H}^*
- characterization of the \bar{H}^* beam
- Deflectometry (moiré deflectometer)
- \bar{H}^* de-excitation in \bar{H}
- Measure of \bar{H} free fall

Expected Results (2022-2025)

AEgIS



AEgIS ACTIVITIES	2022	2023	2024	2025
Nominal catching pbar from ELENA	X			
Cooling and trapping pbar in 1T		X		
Formation Hbar		X		
Beam formation of Hbar in Rydberg state			X	
Characterization of Hbar in Rydberg states			X	
Increasing number of Hbar				X
Study of inertial sensing scheme for Rydberg Hbar	X	X	X	X
Moirè – Mach Zehnder deflectometer construction			X	X
Testing Moirè – Mach Zehnder deflectometer: Hbar interaction with grids				X
Gravity test				X
Implementation of position sensitive detector for Hbar			X	X
Test of Positronium cooling	X	X		



N.B. LS3 will start on 2026

ALPHA

Antihydrogen Laser Physics Apparatus

17 institutes, ~ 50 researchers



+ (since 2022)  INFN Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare

INFN contact person: Germano Bonomi (Bs-Pv)

ALPHA apparatus

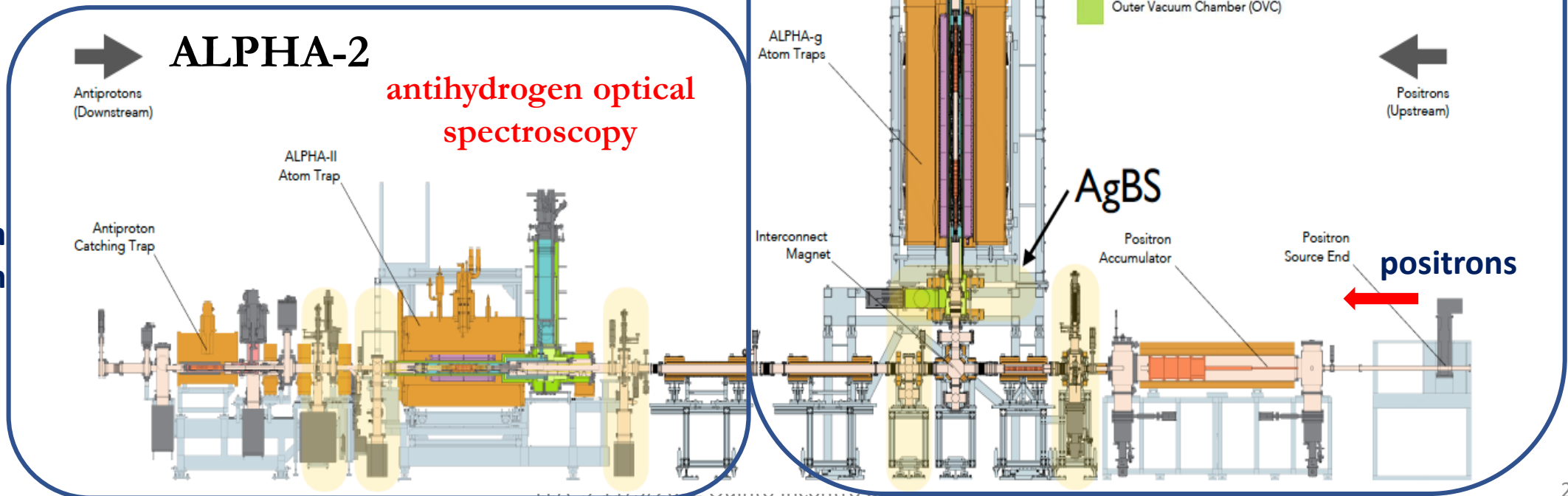
ALPHA adopted a modular design, in which the antiproton-catching Penning trap is separated from the atomic-measurement regions

Two measurement sectors:

a horizontal one primarily dedicated to **optical spectroscopy measurements (ALPHA-2)**

a vertical one for **gravitational and hyperfine spectroscopy measurements (ALPHA-g)**

Antiproton beam from ELENA



ALPHA results

SOME RESULTS ON ANTIHYDROGEN CONFINEMENT AND SPECTROSCOPY

- o) “*Trapped antihydrogen*” - Nature 468.7324 (2010)
- o) “*Confinement of antihydrogen for 1,000 seconds*” - Nature Physics 7.7 (2011)
- o) “*Resonant quantum transitions in trapped antihydrogen atoms*” - Nature 483.7390 (2012)
- o) “*Observation of the hyperfine spectrum of antihydrogen*” - Nature 548.7665 (2017) rel. precision 4×10^{-4}
- o) “*Observation of the 1S-2S transition in trapped antihydrogen*” - Nature 541.7638 (2017)
- o) “*Characterization of the 1S-2S transition in antihydrogen*” - Nature 557.71 (2018) rel. precision 2×10^{-12} (in H: 4.2×10^{-15})
- o) “*Observation of the 1S–2P Lyman- α transition in antihydrogen*” - Nature 561.7722 (2018) rel. precision 5×10^{-8}
- o) “*Investigation of the fine structure of antihydrogen*” – Nature 578.375 (2020)
- o) “*Laser cooling of antihydrogen atoms*” – Nature 592.35 (2021)

SHORT-MID TERM GOALS

- The highest priority for the next years will be **the first experiments on antimatter gravity**
In particular: at first to determine the **sign of the gravitational force**; then measure the **intensity**
- Improvement of **a factor of 10 in 1S-2S precision** (thanks to laser cooling and metrology)

Expected Results (2022-2025)

ALPHA

ALPHA	2022	2023	2024	2025
ELENA beamline and pbar trapping commissioning	X			
First measurement of matter-antimatter gravitational interaction (sign of g)	X	X	X	X
Metrology upgrades (hydrogen maser and cesium fountain clock) to achieve 10^{-13} absolute frequency accuracy	X	X	X	X
Improvements of the Lyman-alpha laser cooling (to achieve antiproton temperatures below 20 mK)		X	X	X
Precise measurements of matter-antimatter gravitational interaction (up to 1% accuracy)		X	X	X
Improvement of the 1S-2S transition measurement (x10)		X	X	X
Measurement of the d to c hyperfine [NMR - nuclear magnetic resonance] transition			X	X
Improvement of the 1S-2P transition measurement			X	X

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ASACUSA

Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons

INFN contact person: Luca Venturelli (Bs-Pv)

15 Institutions 40 Researchers



東京大学
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO



HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY

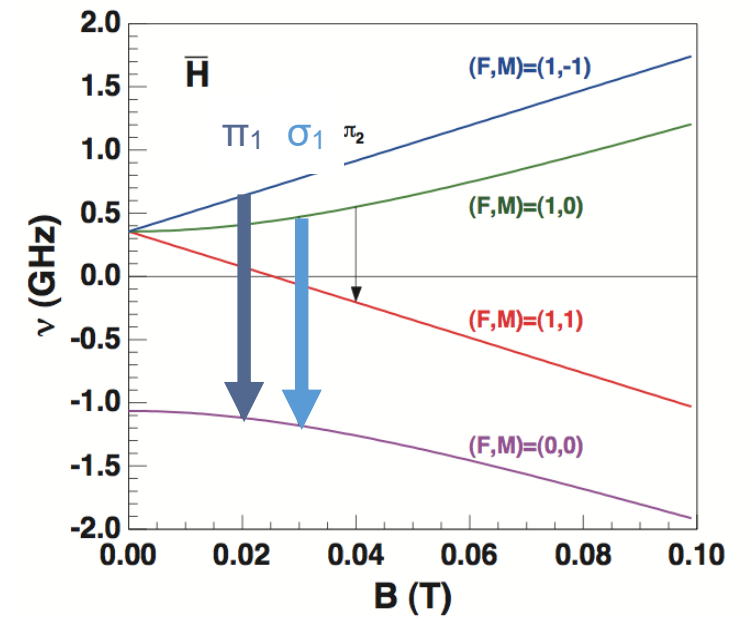
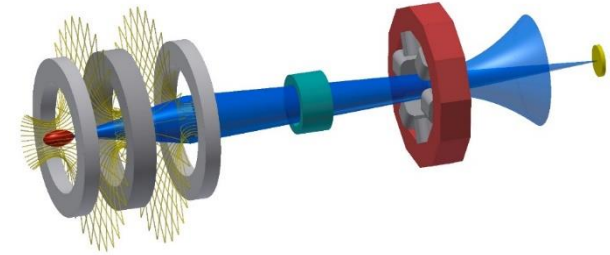


- antiprotonic helium atoms with laser spectroscopy to test CPT
- antihydrogen ground-state hyperfine structure to test CPT.
- atomic and nuclear collision cross sections of antiprotons at low energies.

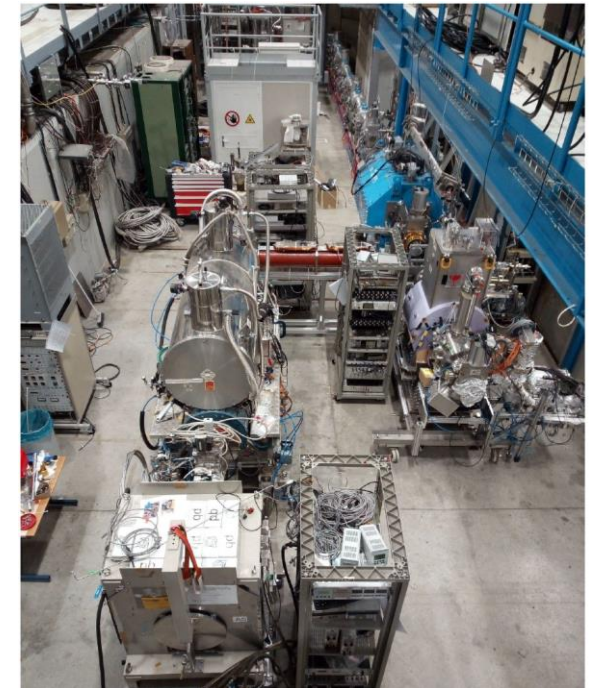
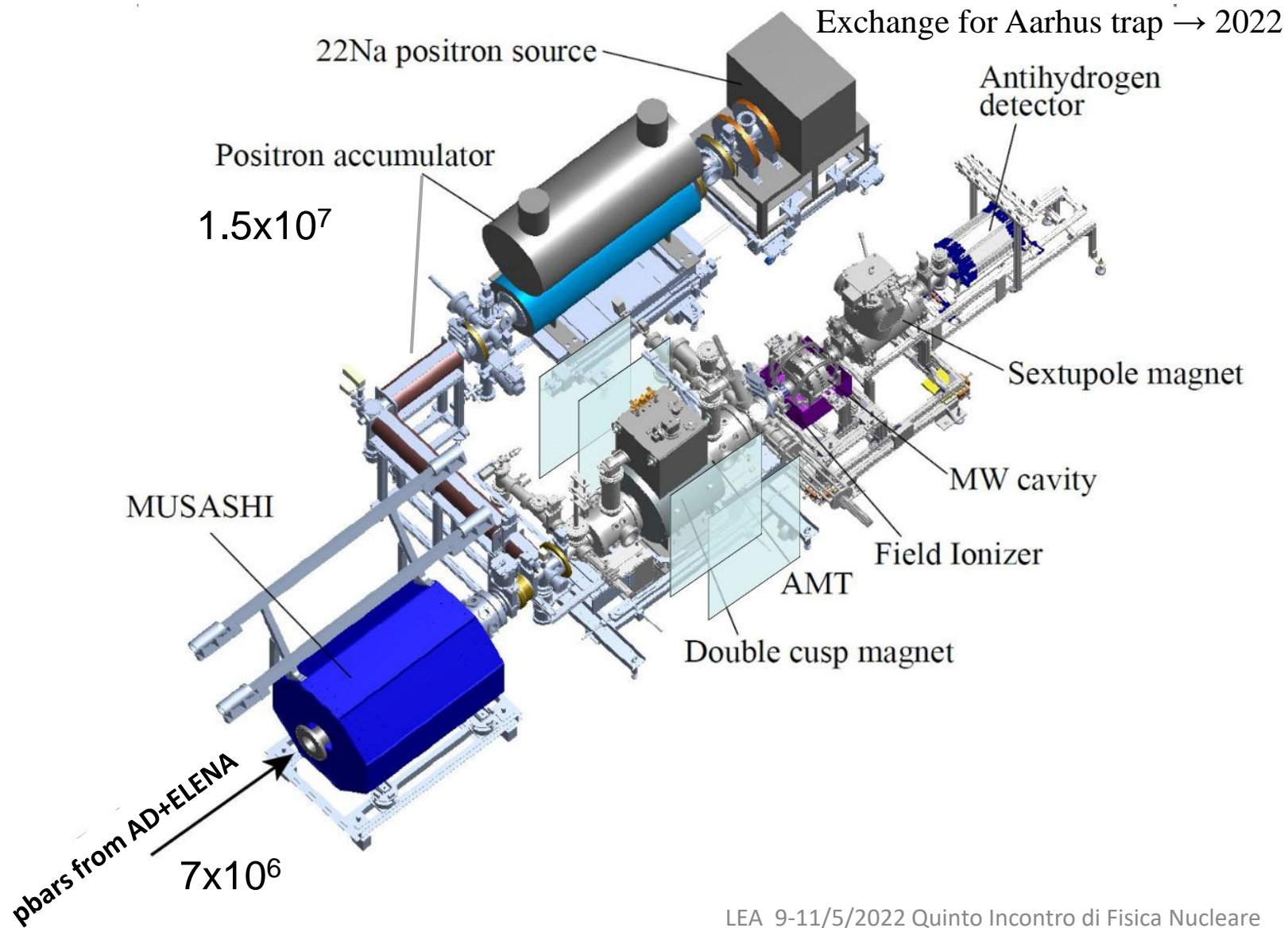
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ASACUSA in-beam HFS spectroscopy

- Goal
 - In-beam measurement of ground-state hyperfine structure of antihydrogen to ppm-level and below
- Method
 - Produce polarized Hbar beam
 - Measure σ_1 (and/or π_1) at several B's, extrapolate to B=0
 - Achievable precision 10^{-6} for T~50 K
 - > 100 Hbars/s in 1S state into 4 π needed
 - Event rate 1/min ; bkg from cosmics, upstream annihilations



ASACUSA Setup



ASACUSA results and improvements

Antihydrogen

Main results of ASACUSA on antihydrogen

- **First antihydrogen formed in a cusp trap** (*PRL 2010*)
- **First antihydrogen beam** (*Nature Comm. 2014*)
- Best hyperfine spectroscopy with hydrogen beam ($2.7 \cdot 10^{-9}$) (*Nature Comm. 2017*)
- **40×10^6 particles cooled to $T < 30$ K** (*2021 to be published*)

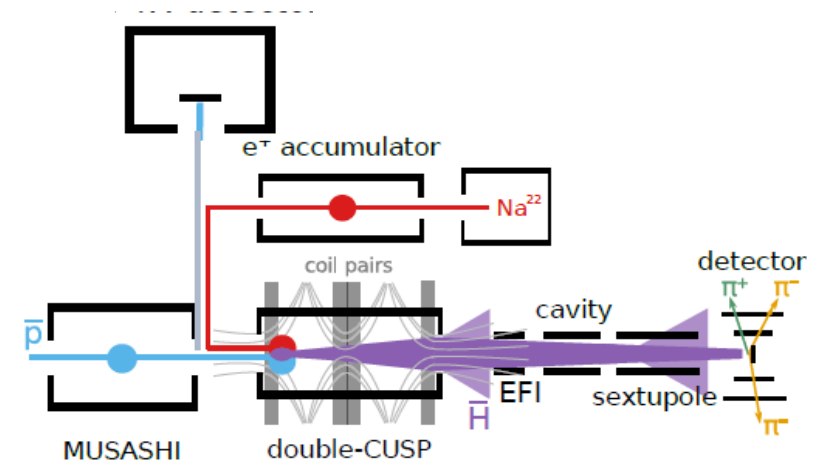
Needed:

- Increase the antihydrogen production rate and lowering the quantum states of antihydrogen

Parasitic experiments

planning to create a secondary parasitic beam line to have a **slow extraction of low-energy antiprotons** from MUSASHI.

The continuous antiproton beam will allow to perform several other experiments (fragmentation studies of antiproton-nucleus annihilations, measurement of the cross sections of Pontecorvo reactions, antiproton interferometry, ...).



Expected Results (2022-2025)

ASACUSA

Antihydrogen experiment



Nuclear physics



	2022		2023		2024		2025	
Matter experiments (pbar & e+)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New e+ source	X	X						
Antihydrogen beam interaction with MW		X	X	X				
Antihydrogen GS-HFS measurement (1ppm resolution)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Installation of parasitic beamline		X	X	X				
Pbar-nuclei annihilation products in 4 π sr detector			X	X	X	X		
Building new detector for Pontecorvo measurement					X	X	X	X

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PsICO and QUPLAS

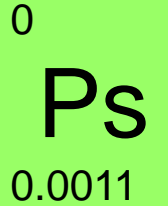
Physics motivation for e+ and Ps studies

Fundamental Physics with positrons/electrons and the most fundamental atom: Positronium

- Historically: tests of higher-order radiative QED correction (mass, lifetime...)
- Studying CPT (LIV) and the WEP physical with fundamental fermions, implying a direct violation of the
- Standard Model at the level of the Dirac terms:

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - eA_\mu \gamma^\mu - a_\mu \gamma^\mu - b_\mu \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu - m)\psi = 0,$$

- Sensitive to different operators of the Standard Model Extension than hadronic systems.



PsICO

Positronium Interferometry and Correlation Observations

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Sebastiano Mariuzzi (Tn)



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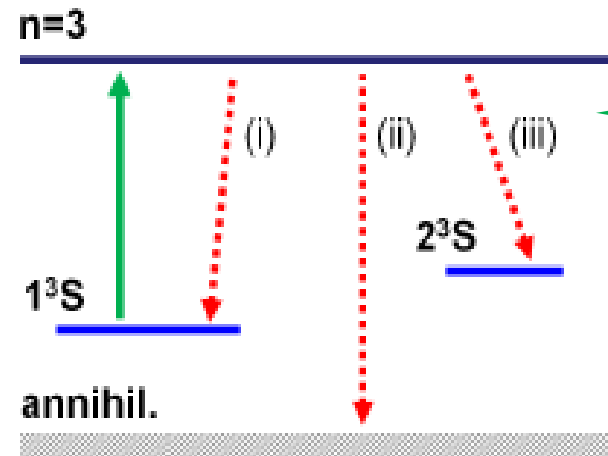


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Main goals of PsICO:

- 1) inertial sensing measurements with the purely leptonic system
- 2) entanglement of the 3γ coming from the annihilation of Ps prepared in selected quantum states

Obtained results



Pulsed production of monochromatic **positronium** in the metastable state via laser excitation.

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **94**, 012507 (2016)

Laser excitation of the $n = 3$ level of positronium for antihydrogen production

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **98**, 013402 (2018)

Producing long-lived 2^3S positronium via 3^3P laser excitation in magnetic and electric fields

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **99**, 033405 (2019)

Velocity-selected production of 2^3S metastable positronium

PHYSICAL REVIEW A **100**, 063414 (2019)

Efficient 2^3S positronium production by stimulated decay from the 3^3P level

Main goals

1) inertial sensing measurements with the purely leptonic system

- Optimization of the already demonstrated 2^3S Ps beam

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Techniques for Production and Detection of 2^3S Positronium

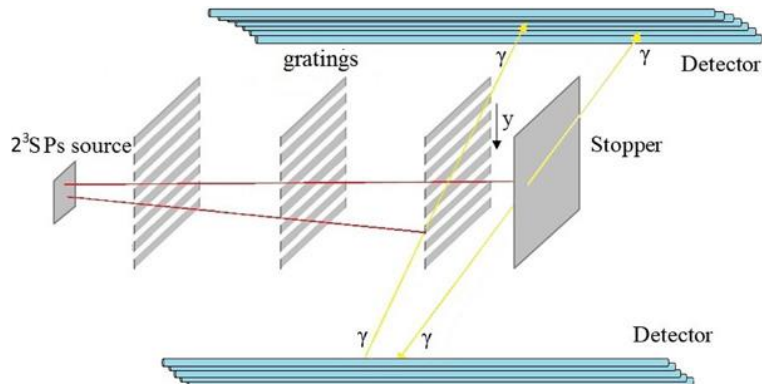
- Experiments of deflectometry and interferometry to measure forces, including gravity, exerted on a pulsed monochromatic metastable positronium beam.

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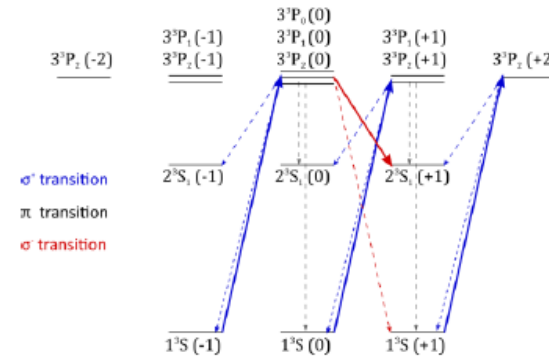
Regular Article

Toward inertial sensing with a 2^3S positronium beam

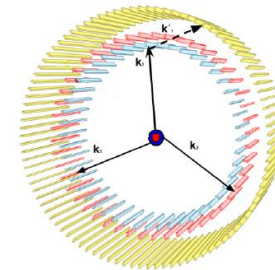


2) entanglement of the 3γ coming from the annihilation of Ps prepared in selected quantum states

Production of pulses of 2^3S with defined magnetic quantum number via 1^3S - 3^3P - 2^3S two-step laser excitation with polarized laser pulses.



Study of the entanglement of the 3γ as a function of the Ps quantum numbers.



Measurement of the polarization of the 3γ generated by the 2^3S Ps annihilation.

(the polarization is mainly perpendicular to the plane containing the momenta of the primary gamma ray and of the Compton scattered)

Expected impacts: - Transport of quantum information; - Polarization surveys of gamma emitters in astrophysics; - PET application; - Fundamental studies on C,P,T or CP or CPT violations

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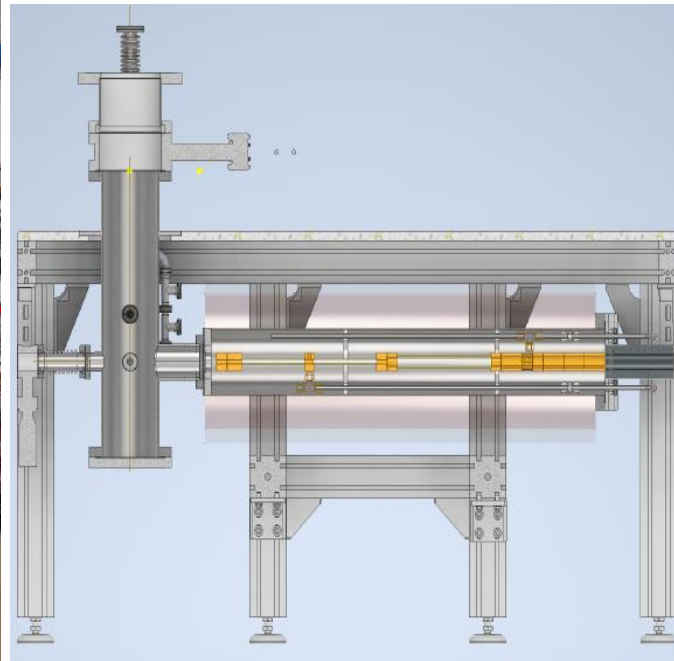
For both the goals

New pulsed e⁺ beam



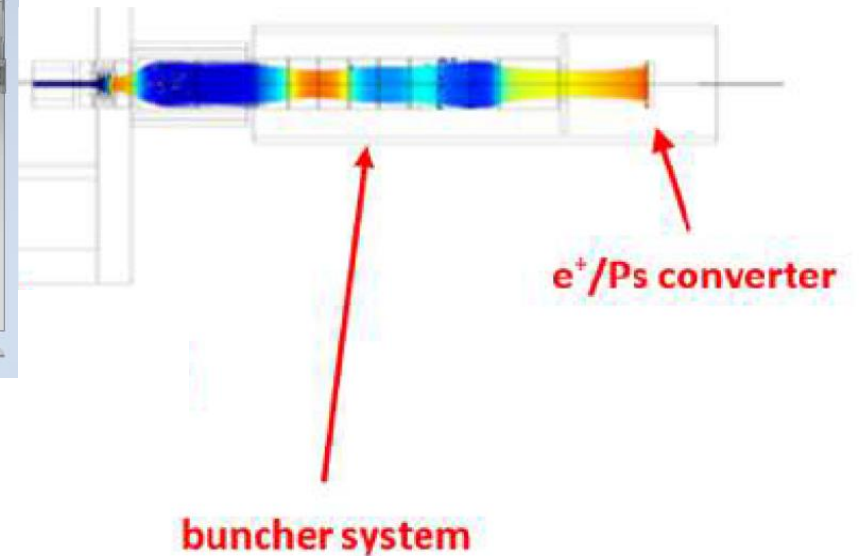
Na²² Source+moderator

under commissioning



Surko trap

Designed- to be built



Expected Results (2022-2025)

PsICO

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Construction and assembly positron Surko trap	X	X		
Installation laser system for n=3 and IR		X	X	
Testing positron bunched beam, Ps formation and Ps excitation to 2^3S and Rydberg			X	X
Development of the detector for measurement of gamma ray polarization	X	X	X	X
Measurement of polarization of Ps annihilation gammas				X
Test of entanglement of gamma polarization				X
Tests of transmission of material gratings with 2^3S and Rydberg Ps beams			X	X
Development of a classical deflectometer for 2^3S Ps			X	X
Inertial sensing measurement of magnetic or laser dipole forces on 2^3S Ps				X

QUPLAS

(QUantum interferometry and gravitation with Positrons and LASers)

INFN contact person: Marco Giammarchi (Mi)

- Started in 2015: a phased approach to LIV, CPT and WEP studies with e^- , e^+ , Ps
- Based on a CONTINUOUS BEAM, interferometers and high-resolution detectors
- Home of the experiment: Positron Lab of the Politecnico di Milano in Como:

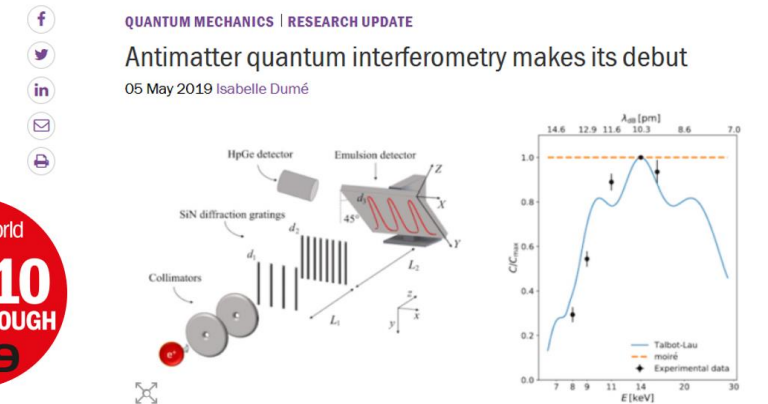
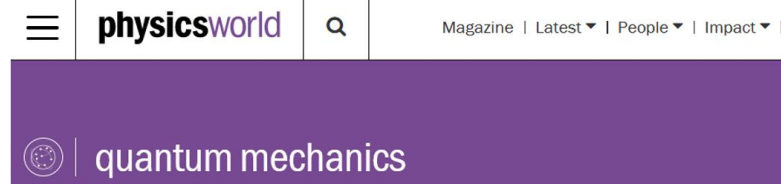
QUPLAS is a continuous SINGLE-PARTICLE interference experiment

- QUPLAS-0: Positron interferometry
- QUPLAS-I: Positronium Interferometry
- QUPLAS-II: Positronium Gravitation

QUPLAS-0 is the antimatter version of the Merli-Missiroli-Pozzi experiment

First demonstration of Antimatter Quantum Interferometry

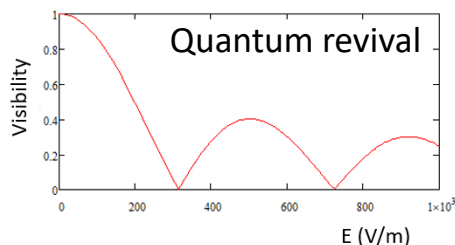
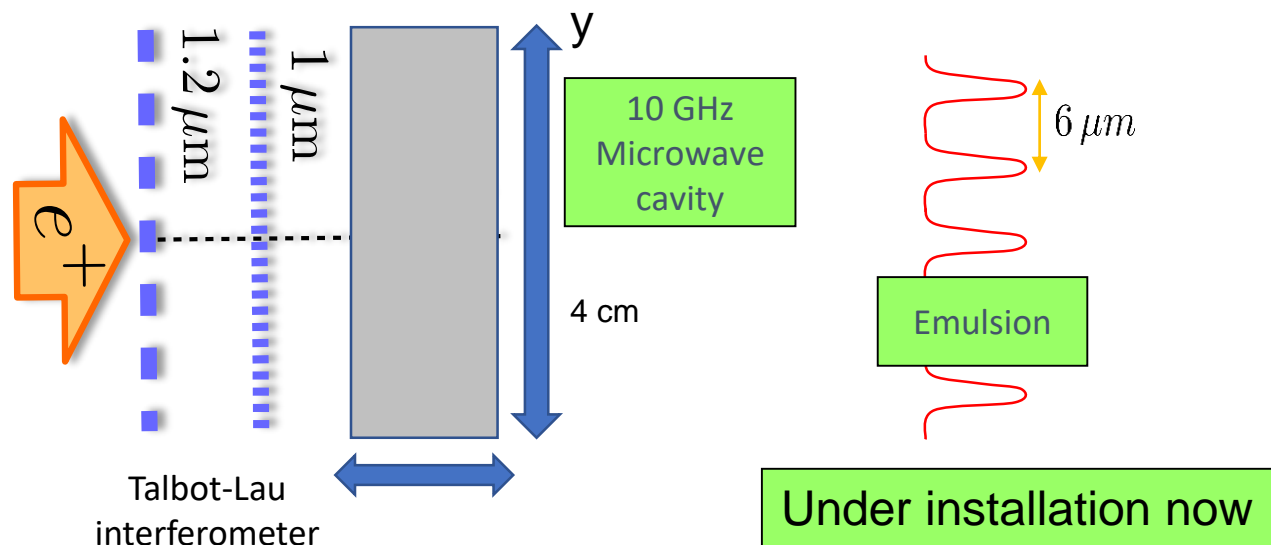
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Application of Quplas-0

The Microwave experiment

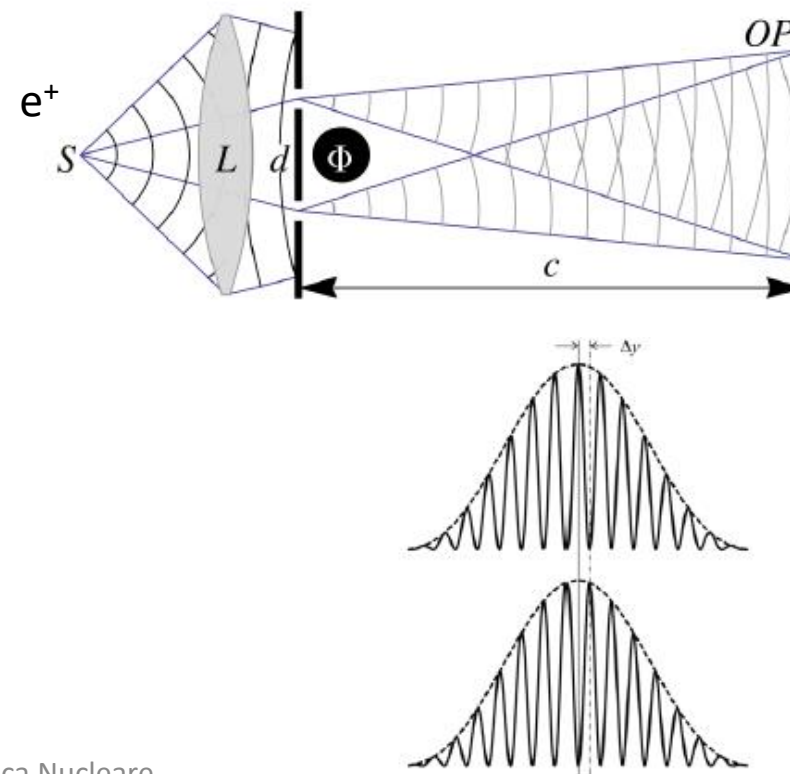
- Technique: use the «usual» Quplas configuration and add a **microwave cavity** after the second grating.
- **Quantum decoherence** study
- Measure the (single) Fermion phase shift due to e.m. interaction



Prediction

The Aharonov-Bohm experiment

- Pure quantum-mechanical effect
- Goal: first demonstration of the AB effect with a particle different from e^-



QUPLAS-I (and II) design

QUPLAS-I: Positronium Interferometry

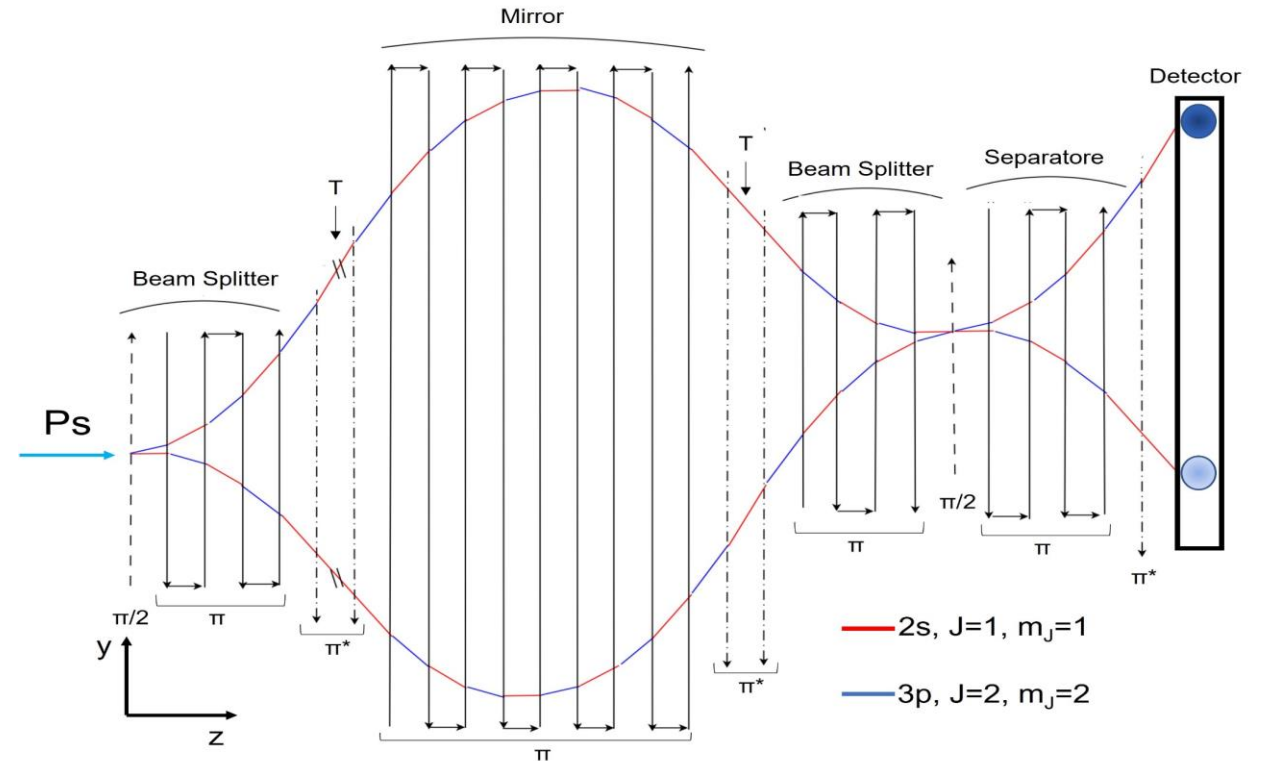
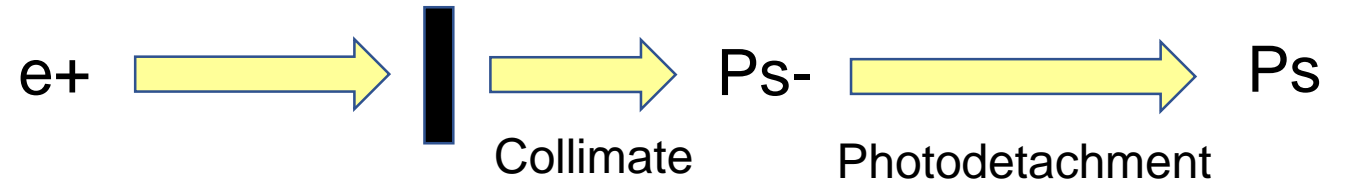
QUPLAS-II: Positronium Gravitation

Ps- production at Como and Laser studies in Florence

1) Ps- e photodetachment study with a simplified chamber at L-NESS Como
Goal: demonstrate Ps- production

2) Photodetachment cavity under study in Florence.

News of the design: this Mach-Zehnder laser-cavity would work for FAST positronium, making the gravitational study possible without the cooling
Know-how from MAGIA



Expected Results (2022-2025)

QUPLAS

		2022		2023		2024		2025	
→	Quantum Revival with Microwaves	X	X	X					
→	Aharonov-Bohm experiment				X	X	X		
	QUPLAS-I Ps- Beam formation in Como	X	X	X					
	Photodetachment cavity operational in Florence	X	X	X					
	Integration in Como (Photodetachment)				X	X			
→	QUPLAS-I Quantum Interferometry					X	X		
→	QUPLAS-II Slow Ps Beam formation							X	X

LEA EXPERIMENTS

The 5 experiments have different technologies and methodologies

- **AEGIS** and **ASACUSA** use \bar{H} beams
- **ALPHA** captures \bar{H}
- **PsICO** uses pulsed beams of e^+ and Ps
- **QUPLAS** uses continuous beams of e^+ and Ps

but many synergies are possible ...

LEA SYNERGIES

QUPLAS expertise on interferometry → **antiproton interferometry** in ASACUSA

Mi/Co group from QUPLAS has designed and built the **new positron accumulator** for ASACUSA

AEgIS-ASACUSA cooperation to study rapid **de-excitation of antihydrogen** Rydberg atoms

e+/Ps converter studied by AEgIS can be shared with other groups

Optical gratings used by QUPLAS can be shared with other groups

AEgIS-QUPLAS cooperation for using **light grids** for interferometry and deflectometry

Virtual Monte Carlo developed by ALPHA can be shared with other groups

Machine learning techniques can be shared between ASACUSA and ALPHA

CONCLUSIONS

- the presented research activities are of **increasing interest** (*CERN and institutes investments, more researchers, publications on high IF journals, ...*)
- the 5 experiments are underway and have already produced **significant results**
- the union of the 5 experiments under a single INFN project allows to **increase the effectiveness** of the activities by increasing the possible **synergies**