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ASACUSA



Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons





Asakusa, Tokyo

Members active in CERN's antiproton programme since >20 years.



100 keV ps (RFQD) 100 eV ps ("MUSASHI" trap)

Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions

ASACUSA

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Antiproton Decelerator (AD) @ CERN



Started operation July 6, 2000

Antiproton capture, deceleration, cooling 100 MeV/c (5.3 MeV)

- Pulsed extraction
- Many Experiments
 - ASACUSA
 - Antiprotonic atom formation - ATRAP and spectroscopy; - ALPHA
 - AEGIS

- PXX

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- Antihydrogen formation and spectroscopy; - Free Fall
 - Atomic collisions:
- ACE Nuclear collisions
- Request for more and better antiproton beams
 - To speed up progress
 - To boost accuracy

ELENA





1. pHe laser spectroscopy mp/me



- 3-body atom made of antiproton, He, and electron.
- Survives for >10 microseconds.
- >I billion atoms synthesized per day.
- Amenable to high-precision laser and microwave spectroscopy.





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pHe laser spectroscopy - 2011 highlight

Press Release

M. Hori et al., Nature 475, 484 (2011).

+ L.Venturelli, N.Zurlo

CERN experiment weighs antimatter with unprecedented 28.07.2011 accuracy

Geneva, 28 July 2011. In a paper published today in the journal Nature, the Japanese-European ASACUSA experiment at CERN¹ reported a new measurement of the antiproton's mass accurate to about one part in a billion. Precision measurements of the antiproton mass provide an important way to investigate nature's apparent preference for matter over antimatter.

"This is a very satisfying result," said Masaki Hori, a project leader in the ASACUSA collaboration. "It means that our measurement of the antiproton's mass relative to the electron is now almost as accurate as that of the proton."

Ordinary protons constitute about half of the world around us, ourselves included. With so many protons around it would be natural



The ASACUSA experiment, More photos: <u>1</u> - <u>2</u>.

to assume that the proton mass should be measurable to greater accuracy than that of antiprotons. After today's result, this remains true but only just. In future experiments, ASACUSA expects to improve the accuracy of the antiproton mass measurement to far better than that for the proton. Any difference between the mass of protons and antiprotons would be a signal for new physics, indicating that the laws of nature could be different for matter and antimatter.

To make these measurements antiprotons are first trapped inside helium atoms, where they can be 'tickled' with a laser beam. The laser frequency is then tuned until it causes the antiprotons to make a quantum jump within the atoms, and from this frequency the antiproton mass can be calculated. However, an important

pHe sub-Doppler 2-photon spectroscopy



sub-Doppler two-photon resonances







spectroscopy of "cold" pHe

- ▶ "cold" pHe :
 - (1) less Doppler
 - (2) improve S/N
 - (3) less collisional broadening
- start with 1-photon transitions



2011



measurement of 11 transitions completed in 2010-2011

example (36,34) \rightarrow (37,33) in \overline{p}^{3} He⁺ (wavelength ~ 723 nm)



soon to be published (almost as precise as the 2-photon results) Next: 2-photon spectroscopy of "cold" $\overline{p}He \rightarrow 2012$



H ground-state HFS





Ground-state hyperfine structure of antihydrogen

- Measured to 0.6 ppt in hydrogen case: 1.4204057517667(9) GHz.
- Sensitive to magnetic radius and polarizability of antiprotons.
- Classic atomic-beam spectroscopy with polarized antihydrogen beam, microwave cavity, and sextupole magnet.
- Precision 1 part per million (typical for this type of experiment).





3D detector



2011 data taking



3D detector





3D detector

4 modules

1 modules = 2 layers



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H detection by field ionization in the trap



H production in the "cusp" trap

Physics World reveals its top 10 breakthroughs for 2010

Dec 20, 2010 25 comments

AS/ACUS/A

It was a tough decision, given all the fantastic physics done in 2010. But we have decided to award the *Physics World* 2010 Breakthrough of the Year to two international teams of physicists at CERN, who have created new ways of controlling antiatoms of hydrogen.



Shared glory at CERN as antihydrogen research takes the gong

The ALPHA collaboration announced its findings in late November, which involved trapping 38 antihydrogen atoms (an antielectron orbiting an antiproton) for about 170 ms. This is long enough to measure their spectroscopic properties in detail, which the team hopes to do in 2011.

Just weeks later, the ASACUSA group at CERN announced that it had made a major

Enomoto et al. (BS Group) PRL 2010







MCP detector pulse height w/wo e⁺





Asacusa Collaboration is (also) studing

 σ_{ann} ($\bar{p}A$) @ low-Energies (p<100 MeV/c)

by exploiting the low energy \overline{p} beams (AD & RFQD)

Data useful for:

• studing the Nuclear Force (investigating: the \overline{N} -nucleus potential parameters, the processes of nuclear matter excitation following the annihilation,...)

 fundamental cosmology (T>70 keV-annihilation before nucleosynthesis, T<3 keV after nucleosynthesis)

Existing data on $\sigma(\overline{NN})$ and $\sigma(\overline{NA})$ @ intermediate energies p in (200MeV/c, 1000MeV/c)



Existing data on $\sigma(\overline{N}N)$ and $\sigma(\overline{N}A)$ @ low energies



•
$$\sigma_{ann}(\overline{p}p) \approx \frac{1}{p^2}$$

due to: Coulomb attraction

•
$$\sigma_{ann} (\overline{n}p) \approx 0.7 \sigma_{ann} (\overline{p}p)$$

• $\sigma_{ann}(\overline{n}A) \approx A^{2/3}$ (at least for A>12)

p <100MeV/c



The scenario needs clarifications

Experimental set-up ASACUSA for σ_{ann}

2 measurements:





General set-up for E=5 MeV

Main problem: antiproton beam from AD is pulsed (10^7 pbars in 100 ns) ⇔ even a small fraction of annihilations could saturate the acquisition

Solution:

• accurate settings of AD beam: multiple extraction (10^6 in 40ns, 6 times in some seconds), no halo, ...

- thin solid targets (only few events per spill)
- vertex detector (to select the annihilations in the target)
- strong reduction of contaminations:

target vessel directly connected with AD (no material along the beam before the target)
target close to the end of the detector & the end part of the target vessel is very large (to reduce Rutherford scattering background)
very long target vessel (to reduce contaminations from the beam annihilations)

 \cdot very fast changing of the target



Strategy of the measurement for E=5 MeV



Acquisition in (t_0, t_1) $t_{1-}t_0=40$ ns ~ few vertices reconstructed per spill (in 40 ns)

Signal and background are well separated in time thanks to:

- long target vessel
- short spill lenght







Hardware & Software

Hardware

• 10 km of scintillating fibers (Bicron BCF-101, multicladding+extra-mural absorber)

 2500 channels (4 fibers per channel, 42 Multi Anode 64 channels photomultipliers Hamamatsu H7546B, readout boards with FE-EL Asic by Ideas
 + FPGA+VME acquisition)

Software

- Monte Carlo simulation program based on Geant package
- Vertex reconstruction program based on a combinatorial algorithm (vertex corresponds to the point of minimal distance between the straight lines passing though the hits of the detector)



The Detector Performances

Test on prototype with e⁻ beam @ L.N.F. and on the whole detector with cosmics:

- time resolution ~ few ns
- hit detection efficiency on a layer ~ 99% (95%)

Monte Carlo simulations:

- vertex resolution: $\sigma_{x,y} \sim 3mm$, $\sigma_z \sim 4mm$
- vertex reconstruction efficiency ~ 60-80%



 \cdot low contaminations from Rutherford scattering (when the target is @ z=20cm)

The detector







The targets



Targets:

- 860 nm of Mylar(C₁₀H₈O₄);
- 240 nm Ni (Z=28,A=59) + support;
- 400 nm Sn (Z=50,A=119) + support;
- 115 nm Pt (Z=78,A=195) + support;

Support: 860 nm of Mylar









Absolute annihilation cross-section

 $E_{\overline{p}} = 5.3 \,\mathrm{MeV}$



antiproton annihilation cross-section



antiproton reaction/annihilation cross sections on nuclei

ASACUSA data:

- the only ones with medium-heavy targets @ very low energies
- in agreement (1-sigma) with theoretical prediction σ_{sc} (Batty, Friedman, Gal NPA 2001)

antinucleon annihilation cross-section

antinucleon reaction/annihilation cross sections on nuclei



@ p ≈ 100 MeV/c

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 A = 112

For very low energies (p<100 MeV/c) $\sigma_{ann}(\overline{n}p) \approx 0.7 \sigma_{ann}(\overline{p}p)$

σ_{ann} (\bar{p} -nucleus) @ 100 keV

antiproton reaction/annihilation cross sections on nuclei



$$E_{\overline{p}} \approx 100 \,\mathrm{keV} \iff p_{\overline{p}} \approx 15 \,\mathrm{MeV/c}$$

Measurement @ 100 keV

More difficulties:

- further antiproton deceleration E_{pbar}: 5 MeV->100keV (RFQD & DOG-LEG)
- more background
 - $\pi \mu e$ ($\tau = 2.2 \mu s$) from the dog-leg (concrete wall)
 - Rutherford annihilations on the target vessel $\sigma_{Ruth} \div \frac{1}{E_{\overline{p}}^2} = \sigma_{ann} \div \frac{1}{E_{\overline{p}}}$ (huge target vessel)
- very thin targets needed



Why very thin targets ?

antiprotons scattered at $\thickapprox 90^\circ$ will stop in the target



Set-up for E=100 keV

In order to increase the signal and to reduce the background we need:





Monte Carlo simulations for 100 keV



detector for E=100 keV

Used also for Hbar experiment

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2011 setup



2011

We were ready, but no beam!



Summary σ_{ann} ($\overline{p}A$) @ low-Energies (p<100 MeV/c)

- For the first time the σ_{ann} of antiprotons on medium-heavy nuclei (Ni, Sn, Pt) have been measured @ low energy (5.3 MeV) (on a pulsed beam!) by the ASACUSA Collaboration
- A black disk model with the Coulomb corrections is compatible with the data
- an extension of the measurement down to 100 keV is in progress



2012 beam usage

p-nucleus σ ^{annihilation} at 100 keV	C, Ni, Sn, Pt	3 weeks
cusp trap	H microwave spectroscopy	11 weeks
pHe laser spectroscopy	T~1.5K, 2 photon	8 weeks

pHe laser spectroscopy statistics limited. ELENA!

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ASACUSA: CONCLUSIONI e PROSPETTIVE

- ASACUSA (e in generale exp. @AD):
 - Risultati scientifici di valore
 - Ottimi riconoscimenti:
 - Miglior risultato di fisica del 2010 (ALPHA+ASACUSA) secondo Physics World
 - -Pubblicazioni su NATURE:
 - 1 di ASACUSA(2011), 2 di ALPHA (2010,2012) (+1 su NaturePhysics),
 - 1 di ATHENA, 1 a LEAR
 - -Diverse Press Release del CERN
 - Nuovi investimenti (ELENA)
- Gr.Collegato INFN Brescia:
 - Ben inserito in ASACUSA
 - Poco costoso
 - Importante supporto dell'Universita' di Brescia (ad.es. 50 keuro x ELENA)
 - Attività prevista:
 - nel 2012 conclusione prima fase misura sez. d'urto di annichilazione
 - continuazione di:
 - -Antiidrogeno
 - -Elio antiprotonico
 - seconda faseumisurgasezondiuntoodi annichilazione(?)20/6/2012





