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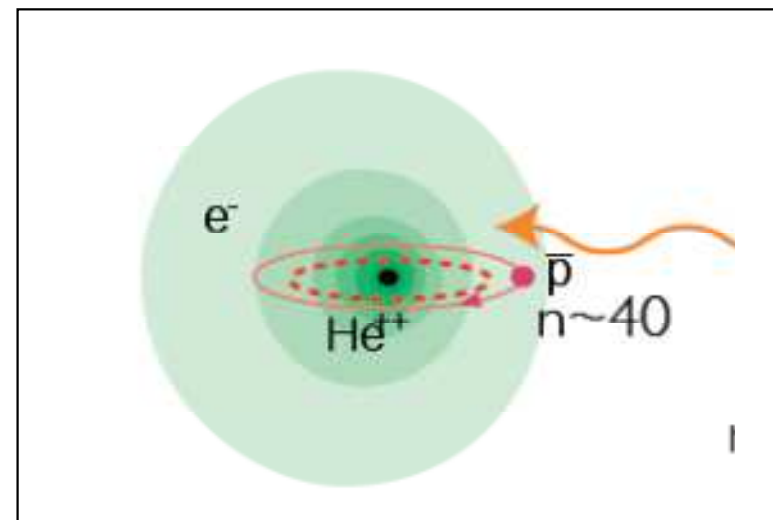
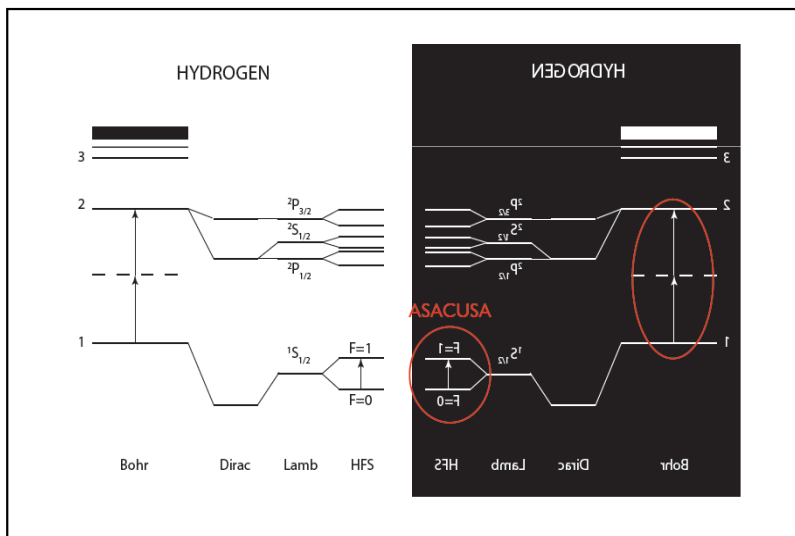
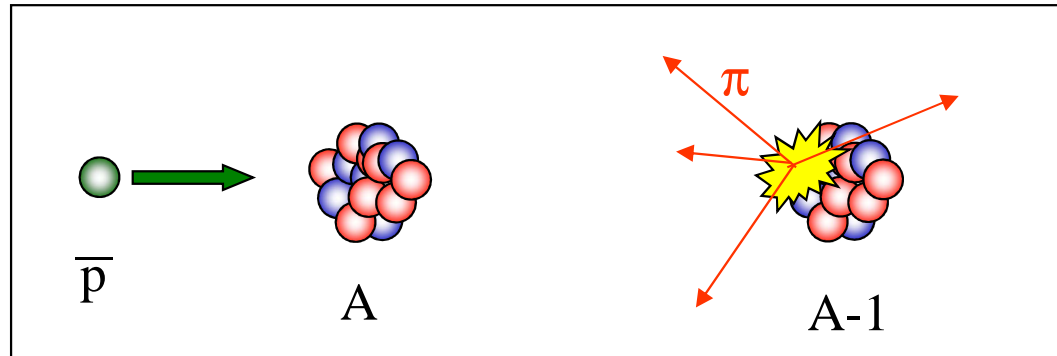


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## Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons



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Asakusa, Tokyo

**7 countries, 10 institutions, 40 researchers**

**Started in 1997 by merger of PS194, PS205, etc. collaborations.**

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

$\bar{p}\text{He}$  &  $\bar{\text{H}}$  spectroscopy  
→ CPT, fundamental const.

100 keV  $\bar{p}$ s (RFQD)  
100 eV  $\bar{p}$ s ("MUSASHI" trap)

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## Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons







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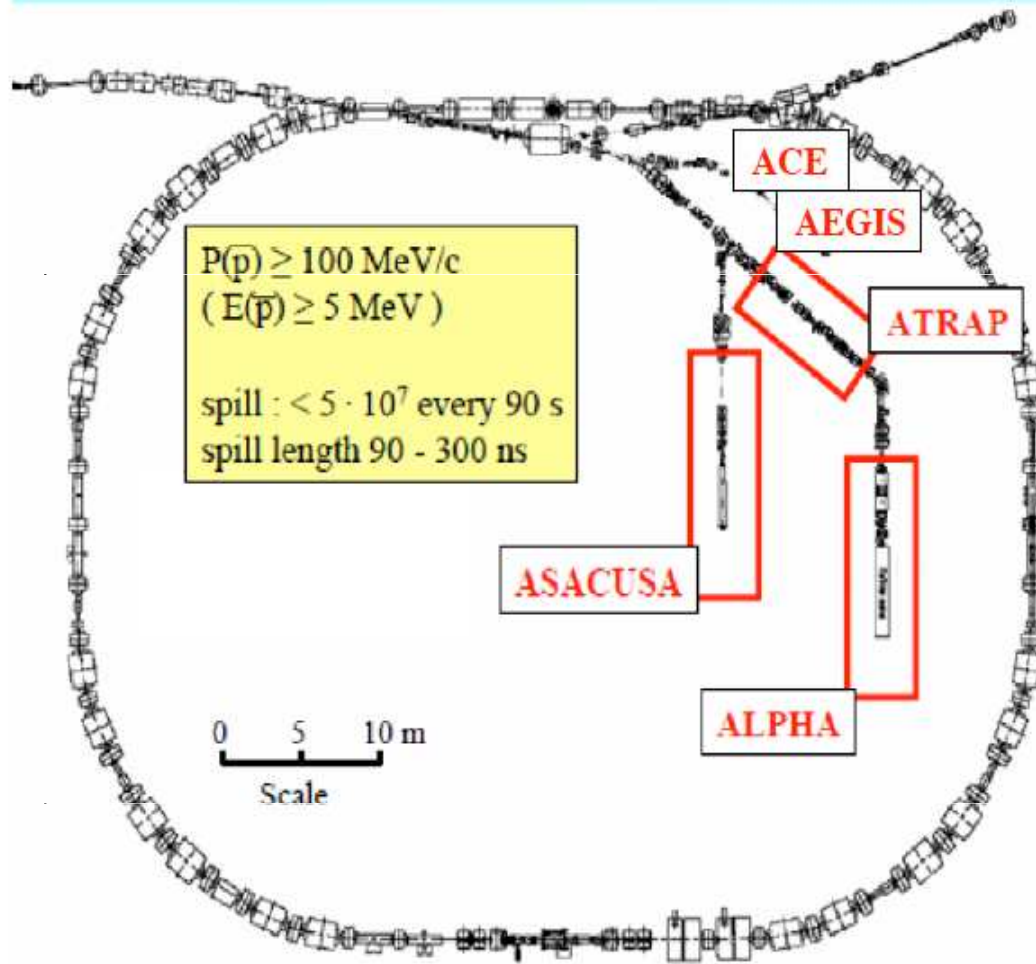
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# Antiproton Decelerator (AD) @ CERN



- **Started operation** July 6, **2000**

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

- **Pulsed extraction**

- **Many Experiments**

- ASACUSA
- ATRAP
- ALPHA
- AEGIS
- Free Fall
- ~~AX~~
- ACE
- .....

Antiprotonic atom formation and spectroscopy;  
 Antihydrogen formation and spectroscopy;  
 Atomic collisions;  
 Nuclear collisions

- **Request for more and better antiproton beams**

- To speed up progress
- To boost accuracy

⇒ **ELENA**

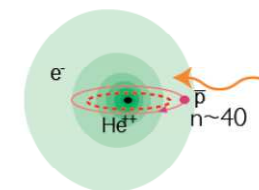
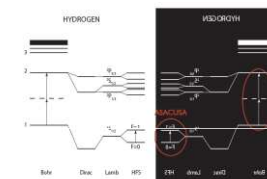
AD is the only low-energy  $\bar{p}$  source

# Goals



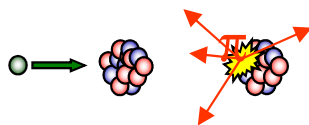
## Studies of *CPT* symmetry by atomic spectroscopy

- 1) • Microwave spectroscopy of antihydrogen :  
→ Ground-state hyperfine structure with  $10^{-6}$  precision.
- 2) • Two-photon laser spectroscopy of antiprotonic helium :  
→ **Antiproton mass** with  $<10^{-10}$  precision.



## Nuclear collisions with antiprotons

- 3) • **total annihilation cross-section  $\sigma$**  at 5 MeV completed. 0.1 MeV ongoing.





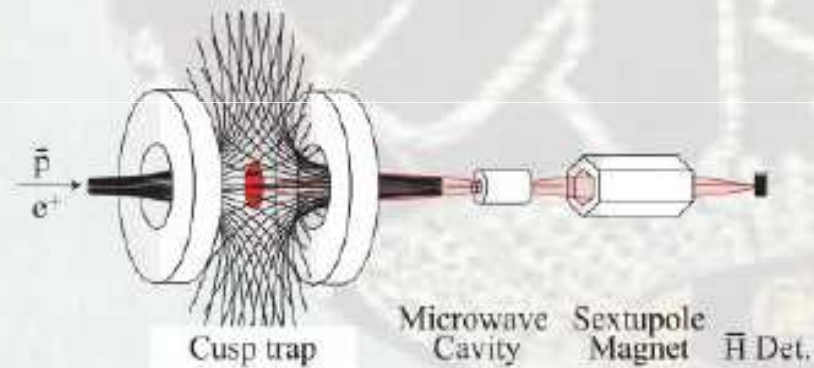
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No beam during 2013 (CERN Long Shutdown 1)

→ Analysis of 2012 data

→ Improvements for next data acquisitions

# 1. Towards $\bar{H}$ Spectroscopy



$\bar{H}$  production demonstrated in 2010  
 $\bar{H}$  beam development started in 2011  
 $\bar{H}$  reached 2.7m downstream in 2012  
Lots of improvements in 2013

# Why study antihydrogen?

- Precise matter-antimatter comparison → CPT test
- Measurement of the gravitational behavior of antimatter → WEP test

## CPT

CPT invariance is inside the Standard Model

- Assumptions: flat space-time, Lorentz-invariance, local interactions, unitarity, point-like particles
- Consequences:
  - particles/antiparticles: equal mass, lifetime; equal and opposite charge and magnetic moment
  - atoms/antiatoms: identical energy levels

*Standard Model can be extended with CPT violation*

## CPT violation in Standard Model Extension

Indiana group, Kostelecky et al. (since 1997)

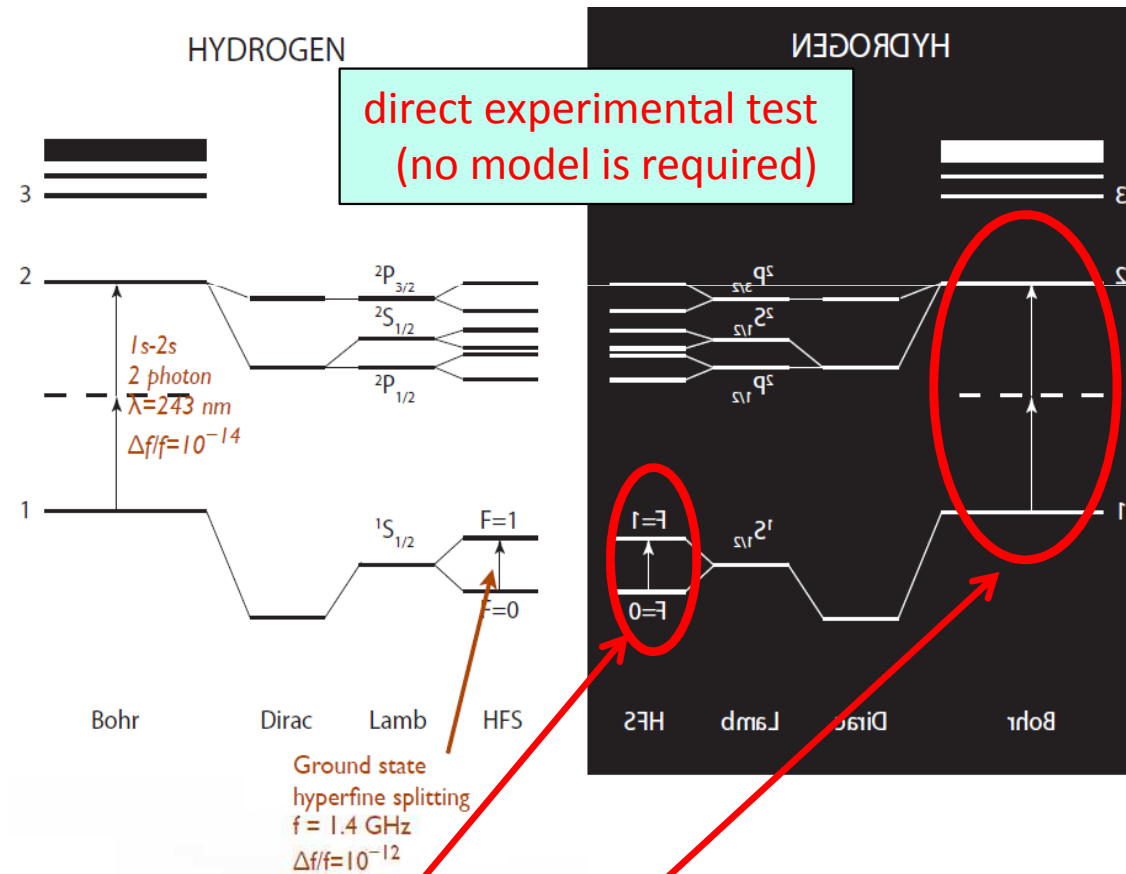
$$(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m \underbrace{- a_\mu \gamma^\mu - b_\mu \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu}_{\text{CPT Violating terms}} \underbrace{- \frac{1}{2} H_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} + ic_{\mu\nu} \gamma^\mu D^\nu + id_{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu D^\nu}_{\text{Lorentz Invariance Violating terms}}) \psi = 0$$

a & b parameters have energy dimensions

## No quantitative prediction

# Antihydrogen for CPT test

matter-antimatter precise comparison by means of **spectroscopy**



Plans for antihydrogen:

- measurements:

- Hyperfine splitting of ground state
- 1S-2S transition

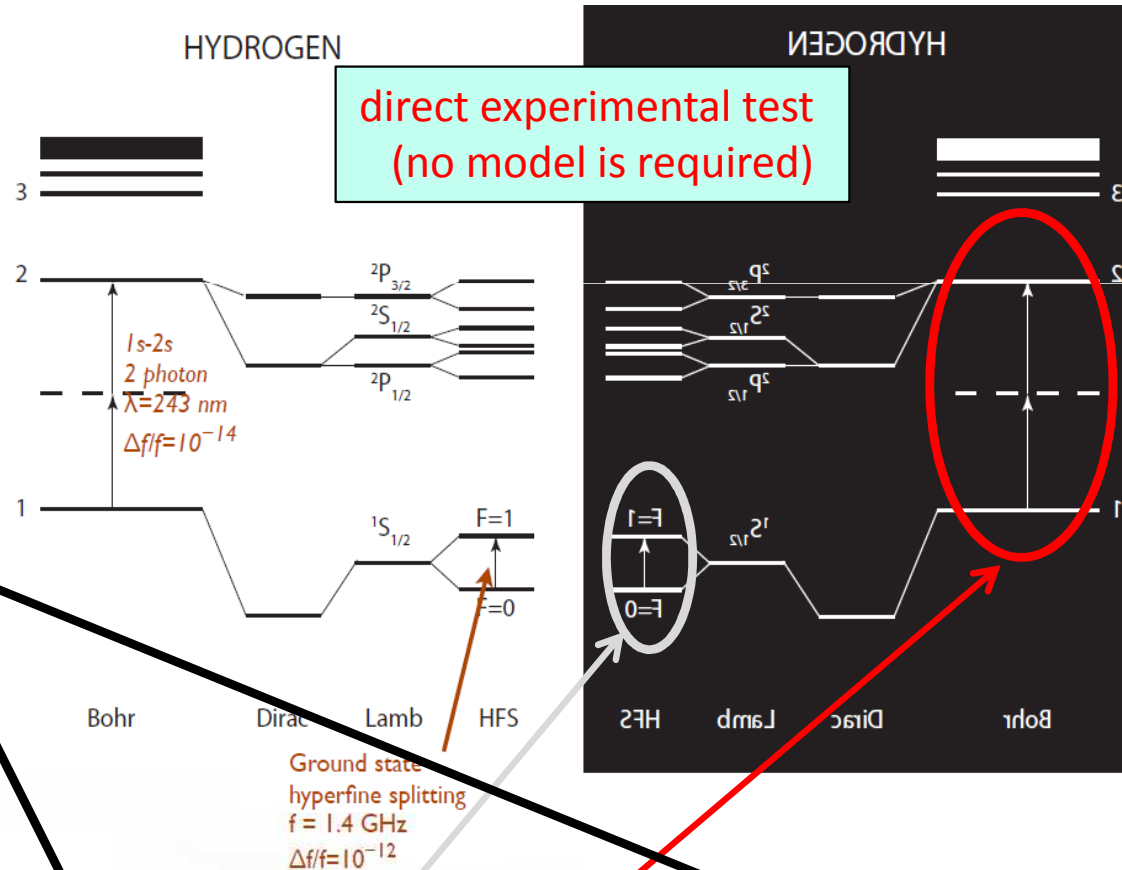
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- Antihydrogen beam

# Antihydrogen for CPT test

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## ALPHA ATRAP



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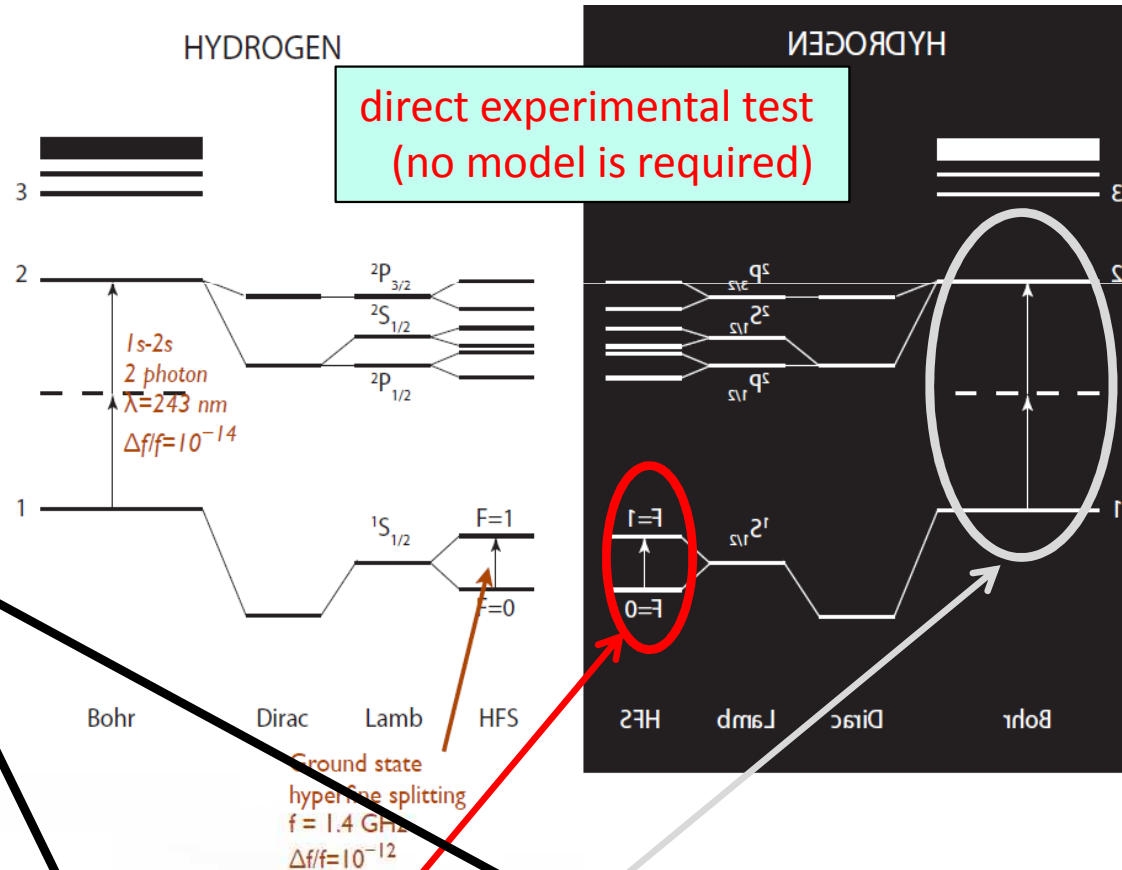
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# Antihydrogen for CPT test

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**ASACUSA**  
**AEGIS**



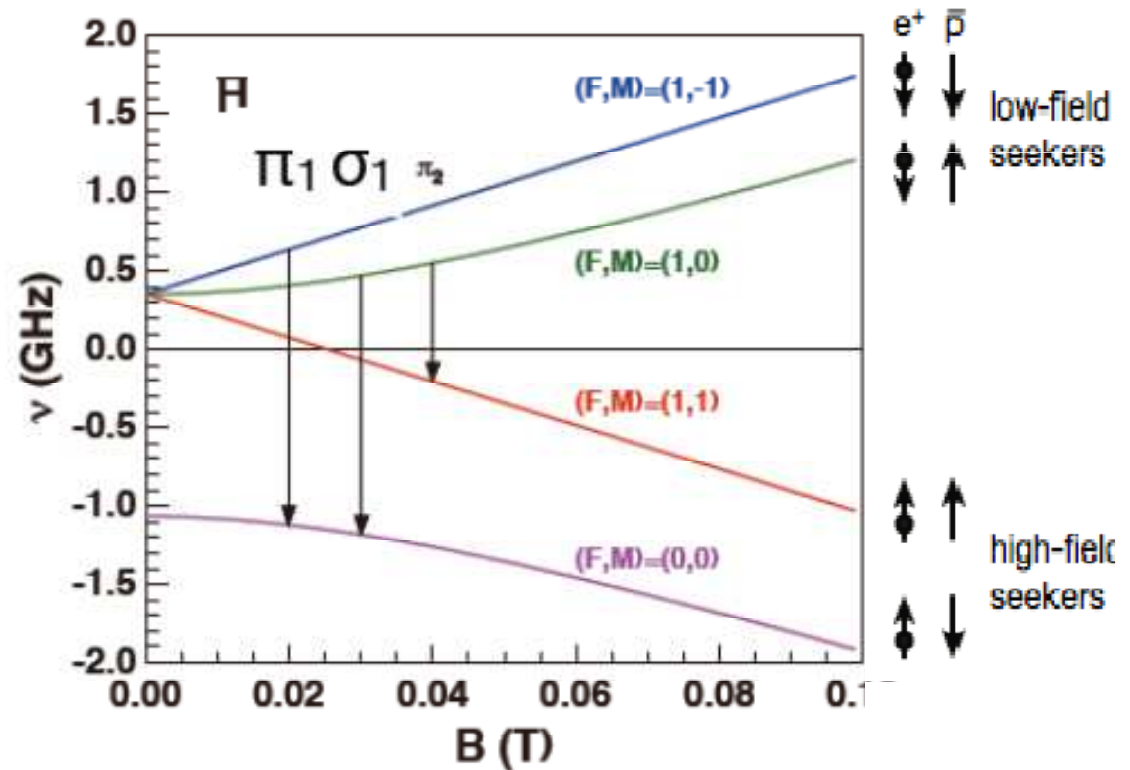
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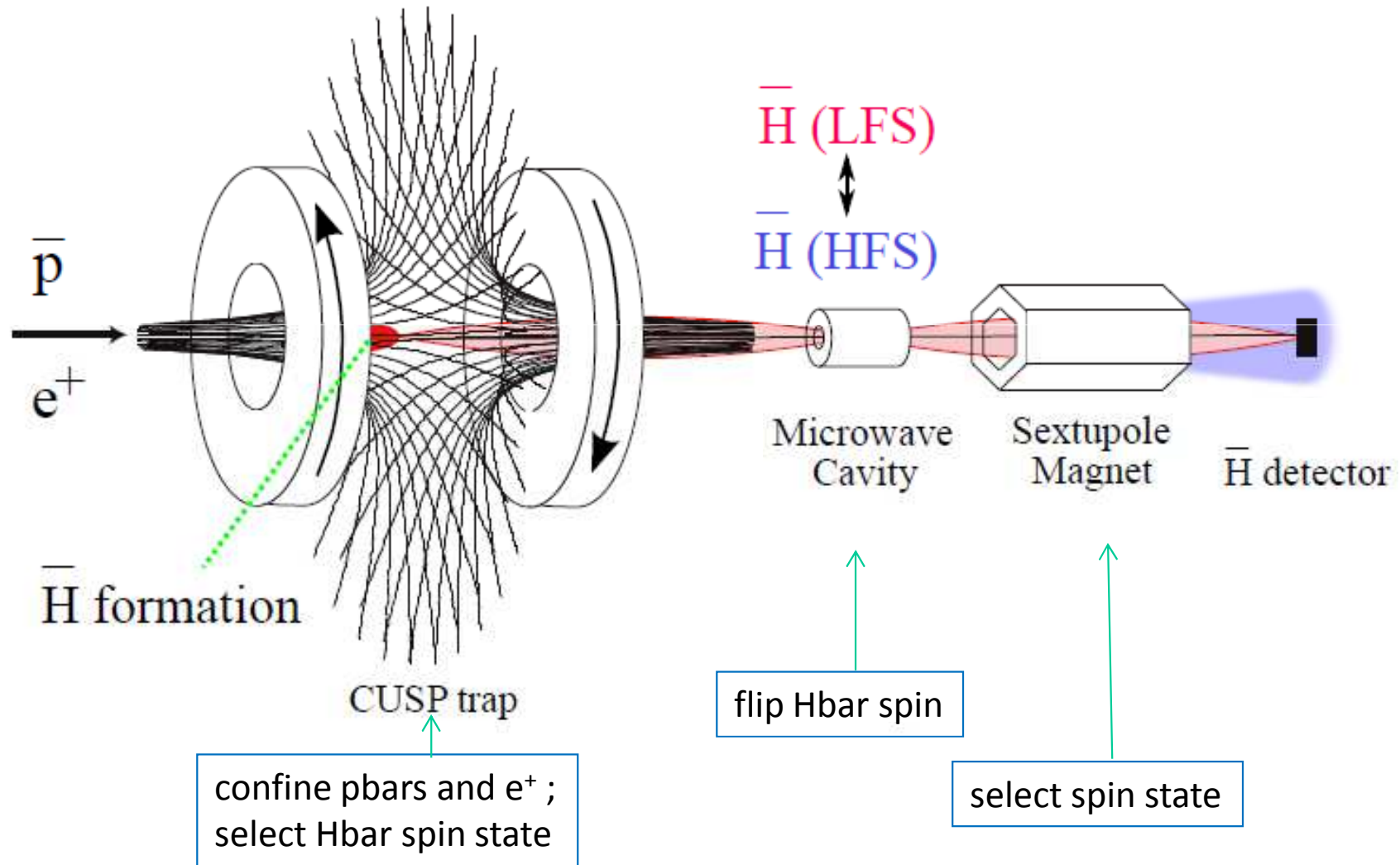
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- **Antihydrogen beam**

# Method

- ▶ (anti)atomic beam
- ▶ measure  $\sigma_1$  at several B's, extrapolate to  $B = 0$
- ▶ achievable precision  $\approx 10^{-6}$  for  $T \leq 100$  K
- ▶  $> 100 \bar{H}/s$  in 1S state needed



# Scheme of the measurement

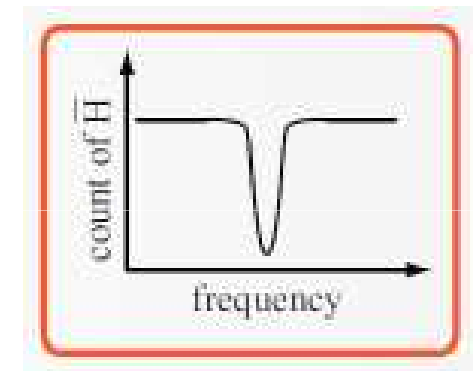
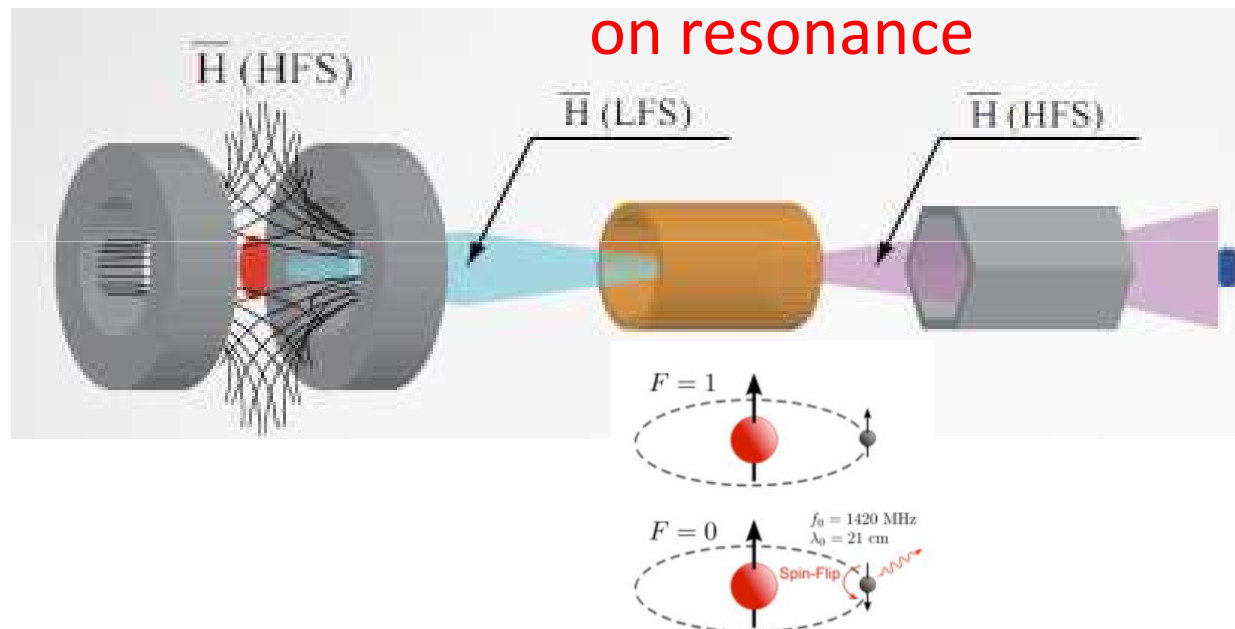
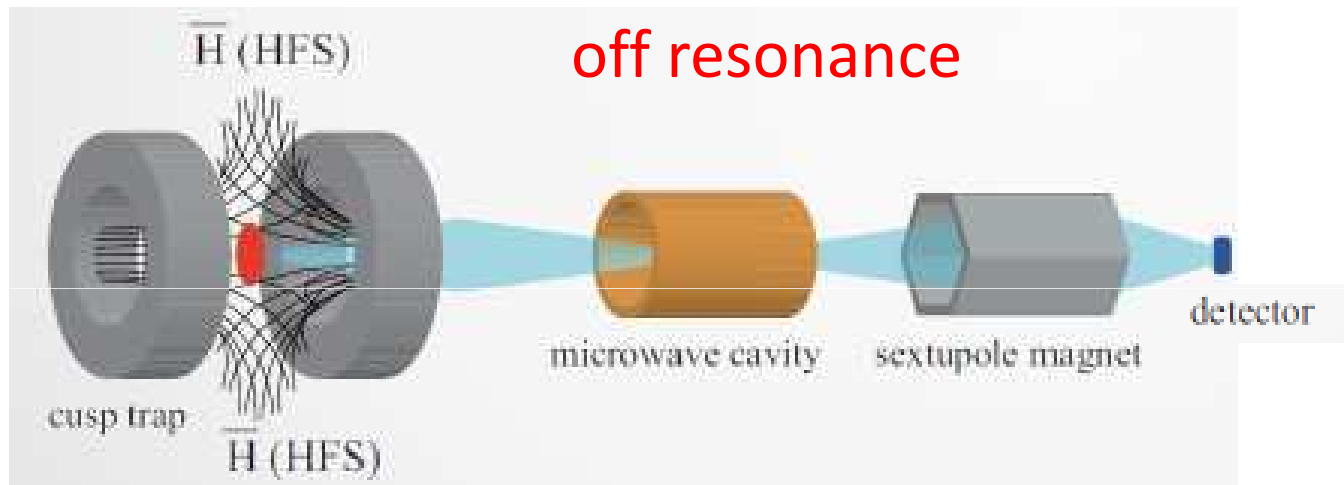


HFS-states: de-focused  
LFS-states: focused

**B** and **E** axially symmetric

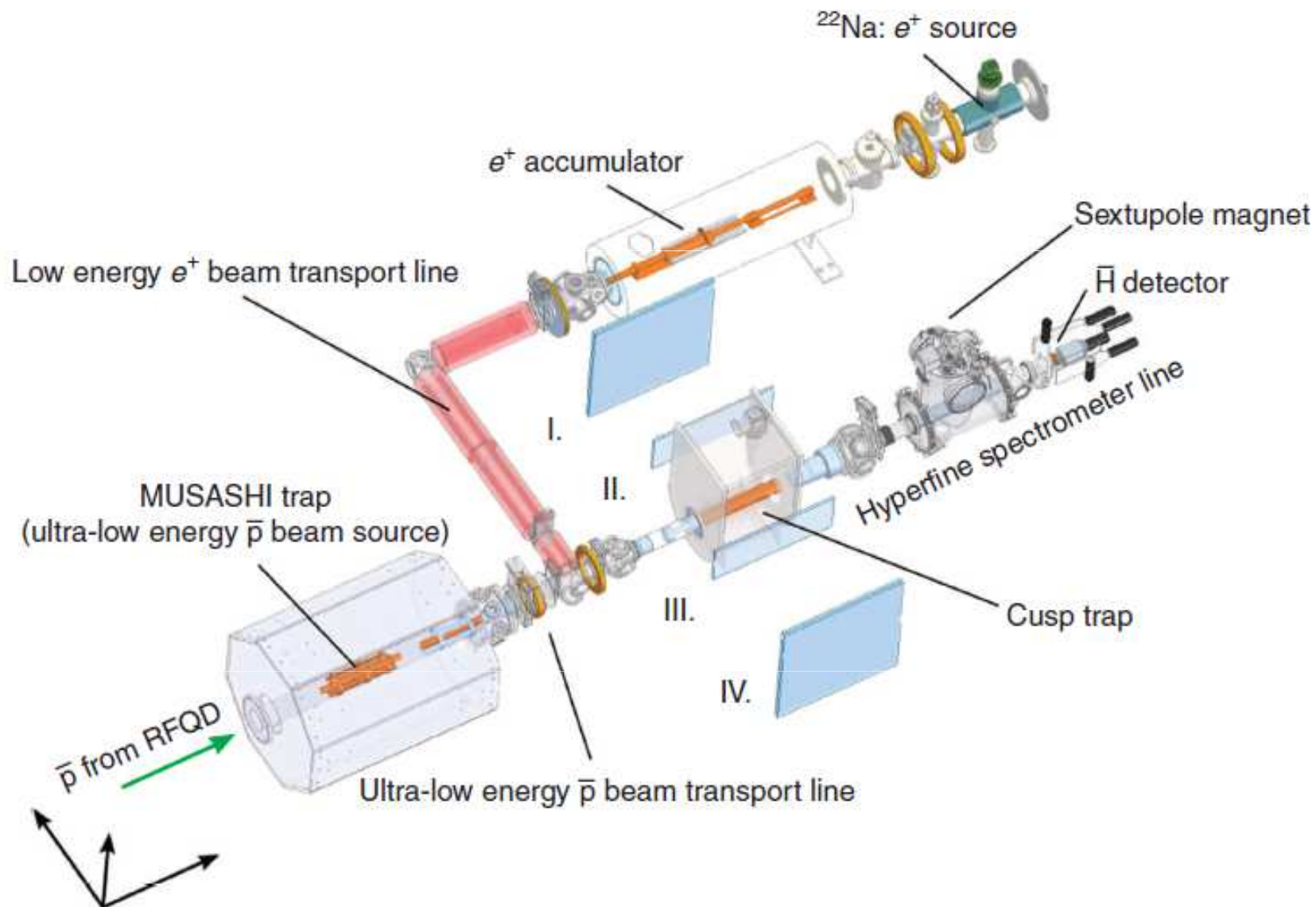


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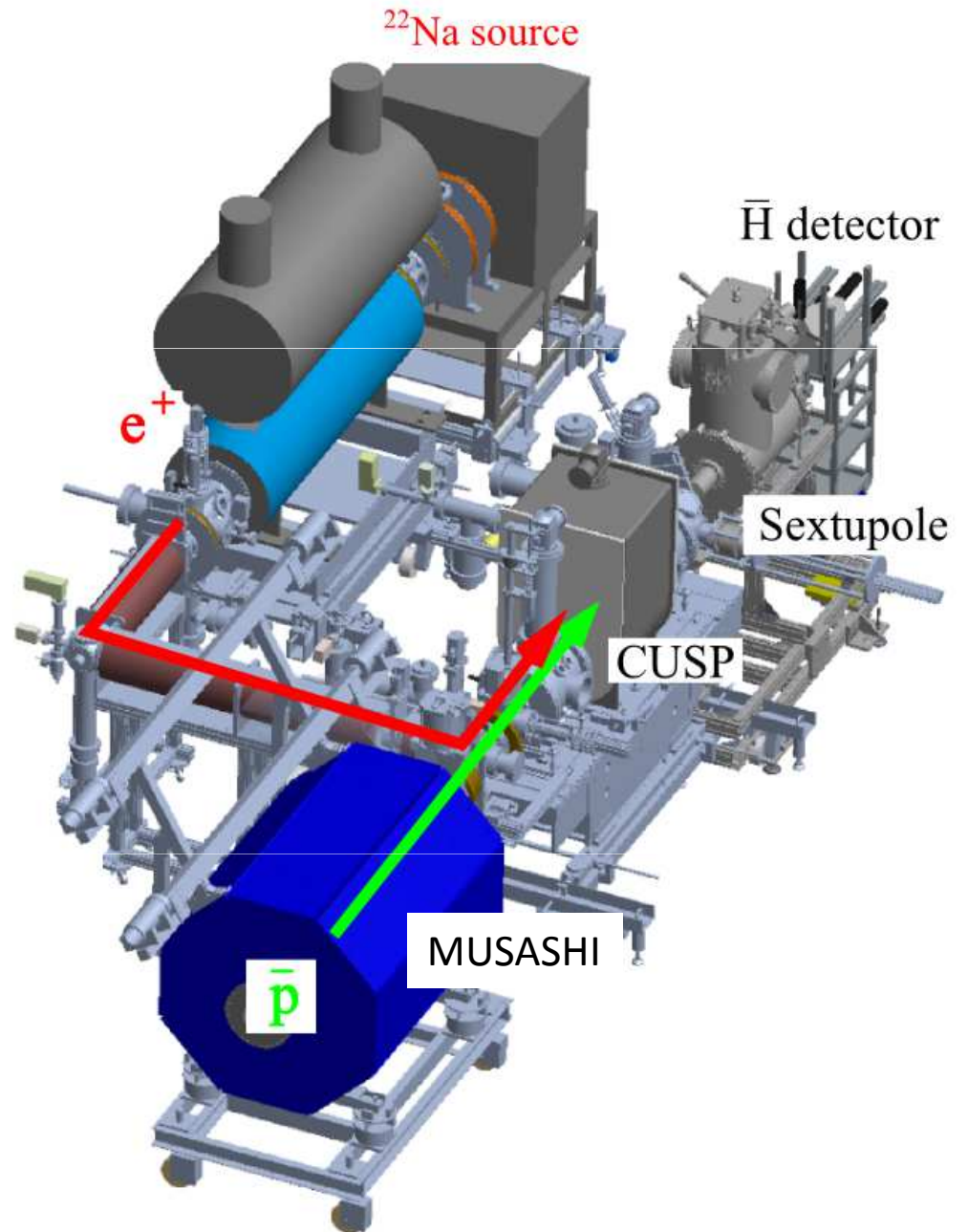
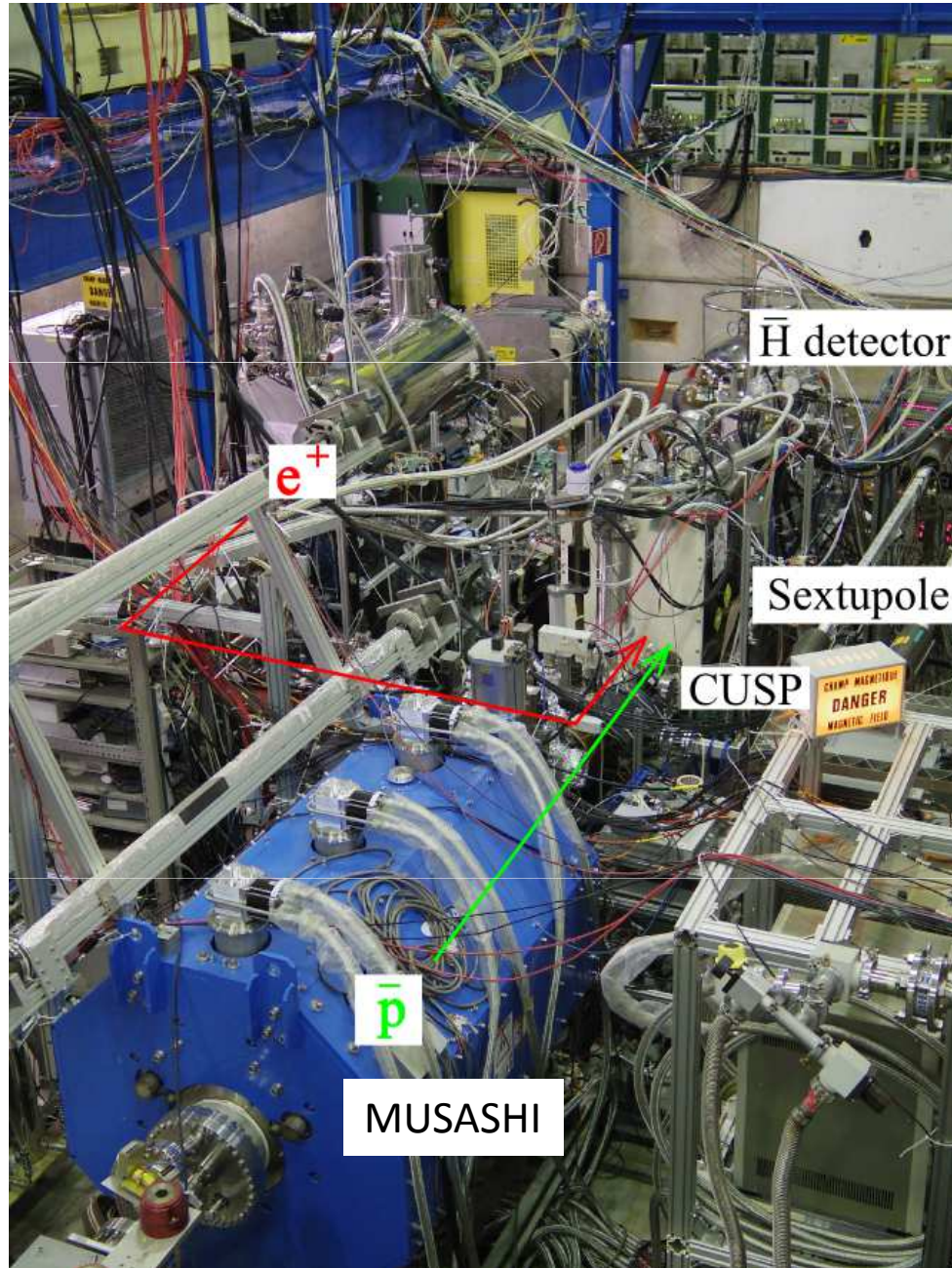


“Disappearance Mode”

# experimental set-up

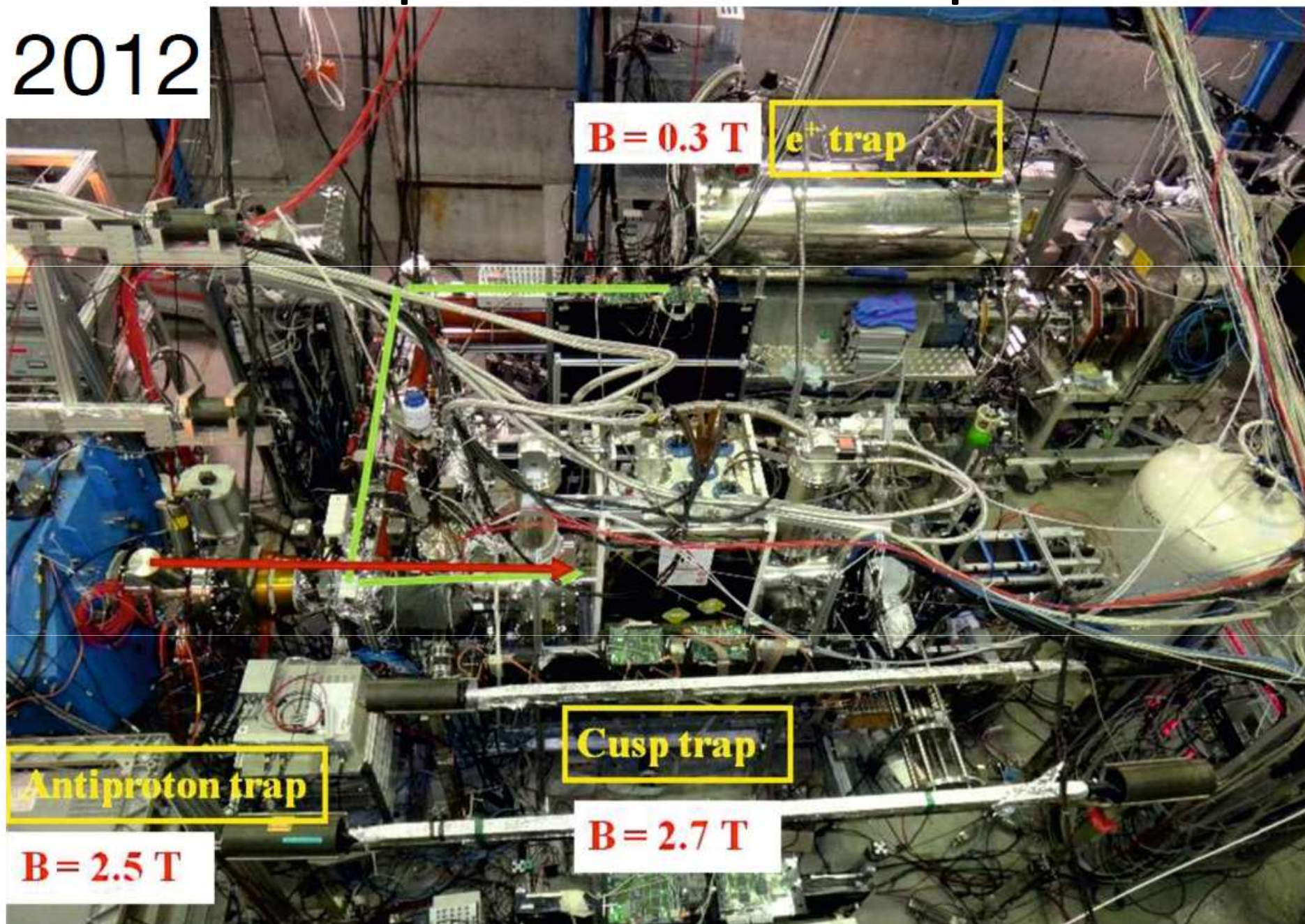


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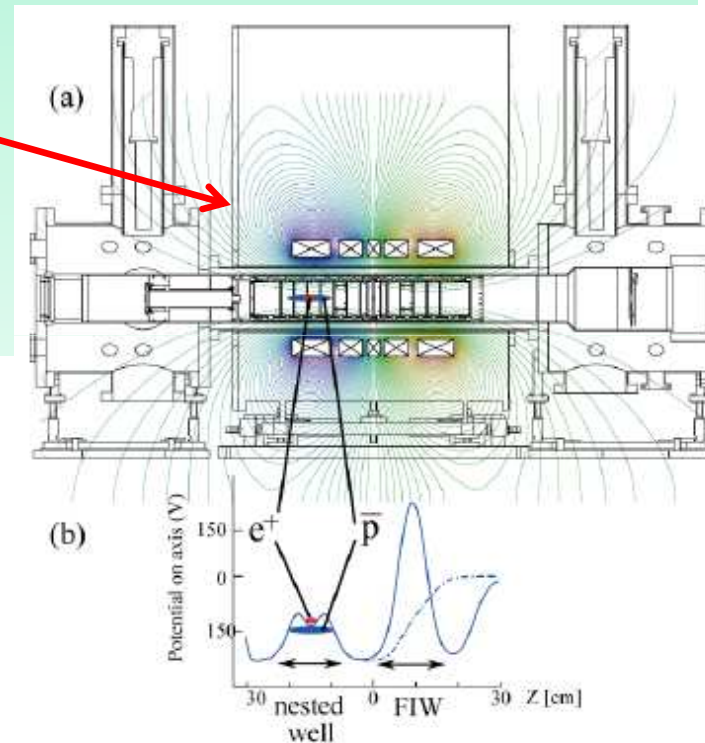
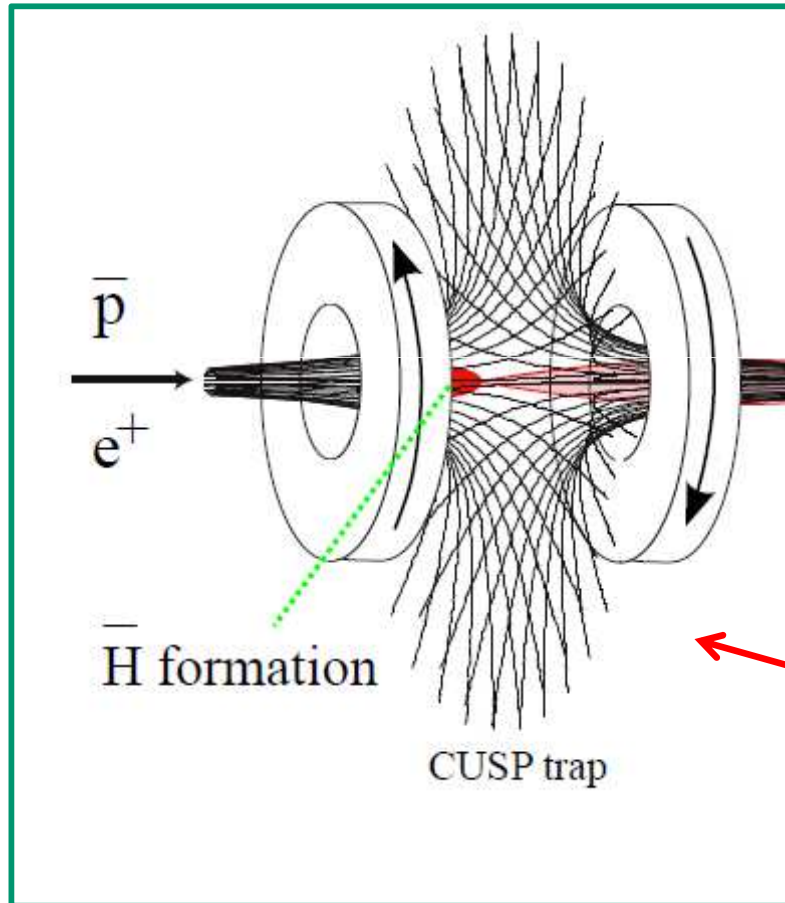


# experimental set-up

2012



# Antihydrogen formation



Y. Enomoto et al.  
*Phys. Rev. Lett* 243401, 2010

First antihydrogen production in a “cusp trap”

# $\bar{H}$ production in the “cusp” trap

## *Physics World* reveals its top 10 breakthroughs for 2010

Dec 20, 2010 [25 comments](#)

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.



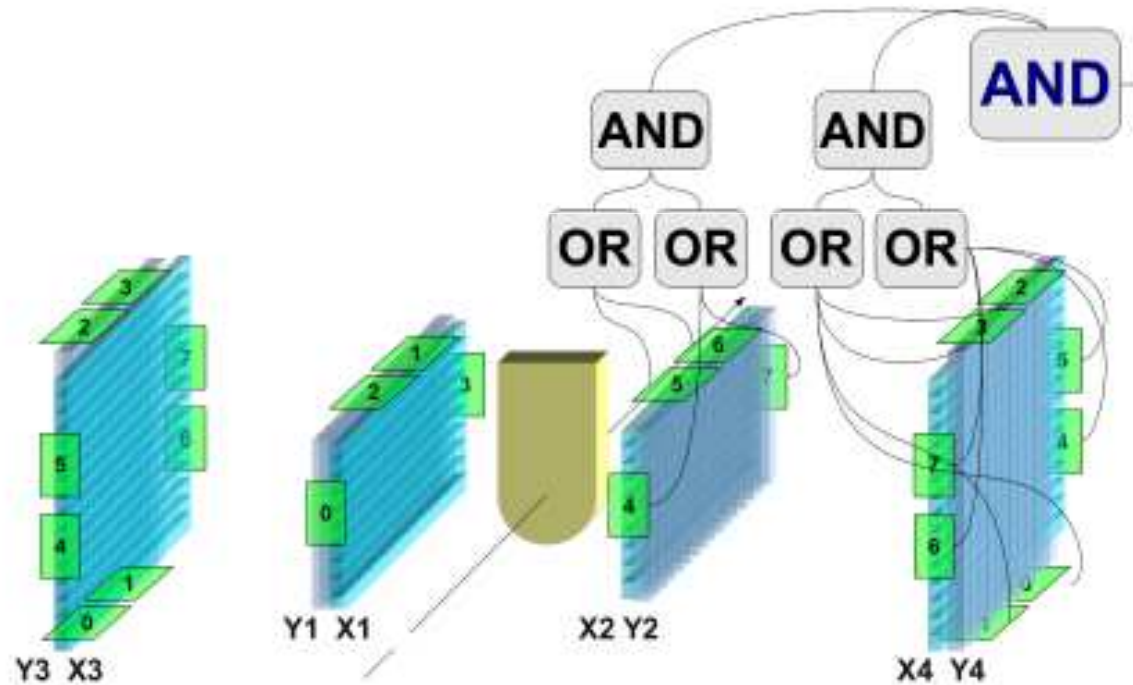
[Shared glory at CERN as antihydrogen research takes the gong](#)

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.

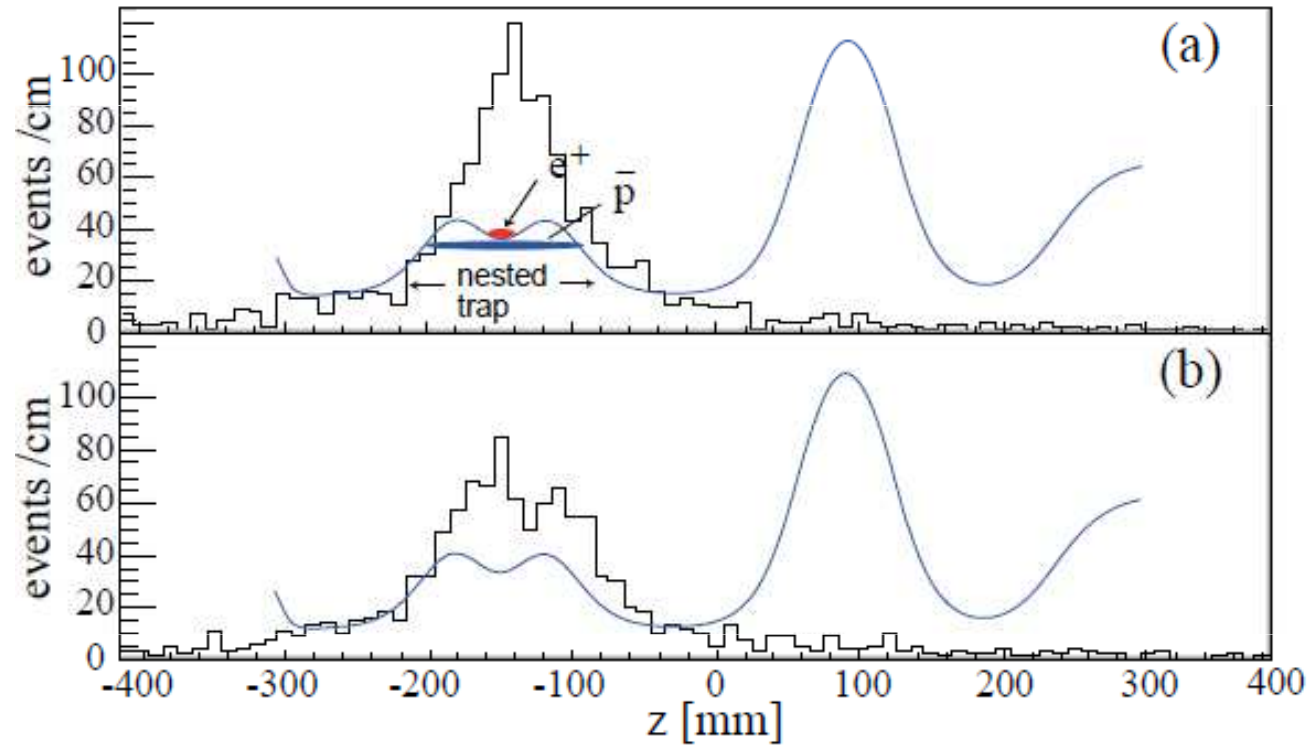
Just weeks later, **the ASACUSA group** at CERN announced that it had made a major

# Tracking detector

- Scintillator bars  
15 mm × 15 mm  
960 mm in length
- $\Omega/4\pi = 6.6\% + 8.6\%$   
for each side
- for  $\pi^\pm$  multiplicity 3  
 $\Rightarrow 39\%$
- double coincidence  
 $\Rightarrow 3.3\%$

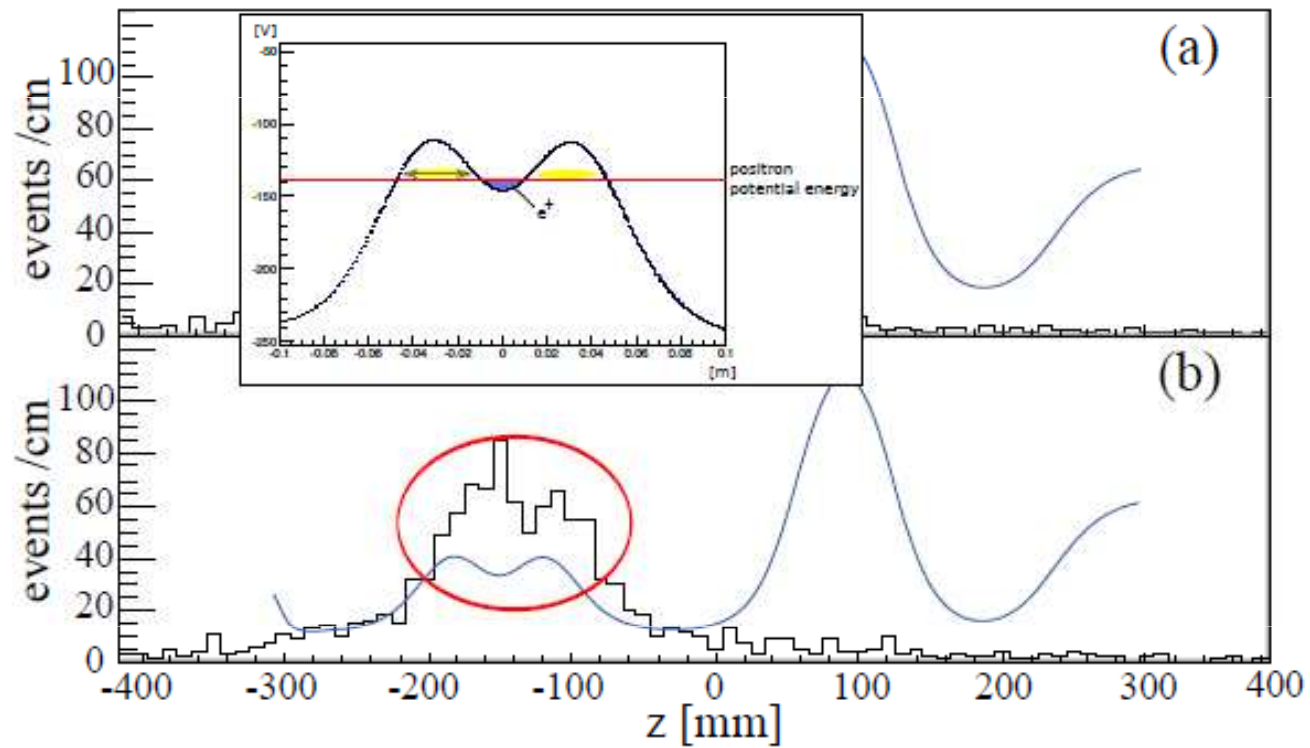


# Annihilations vertices





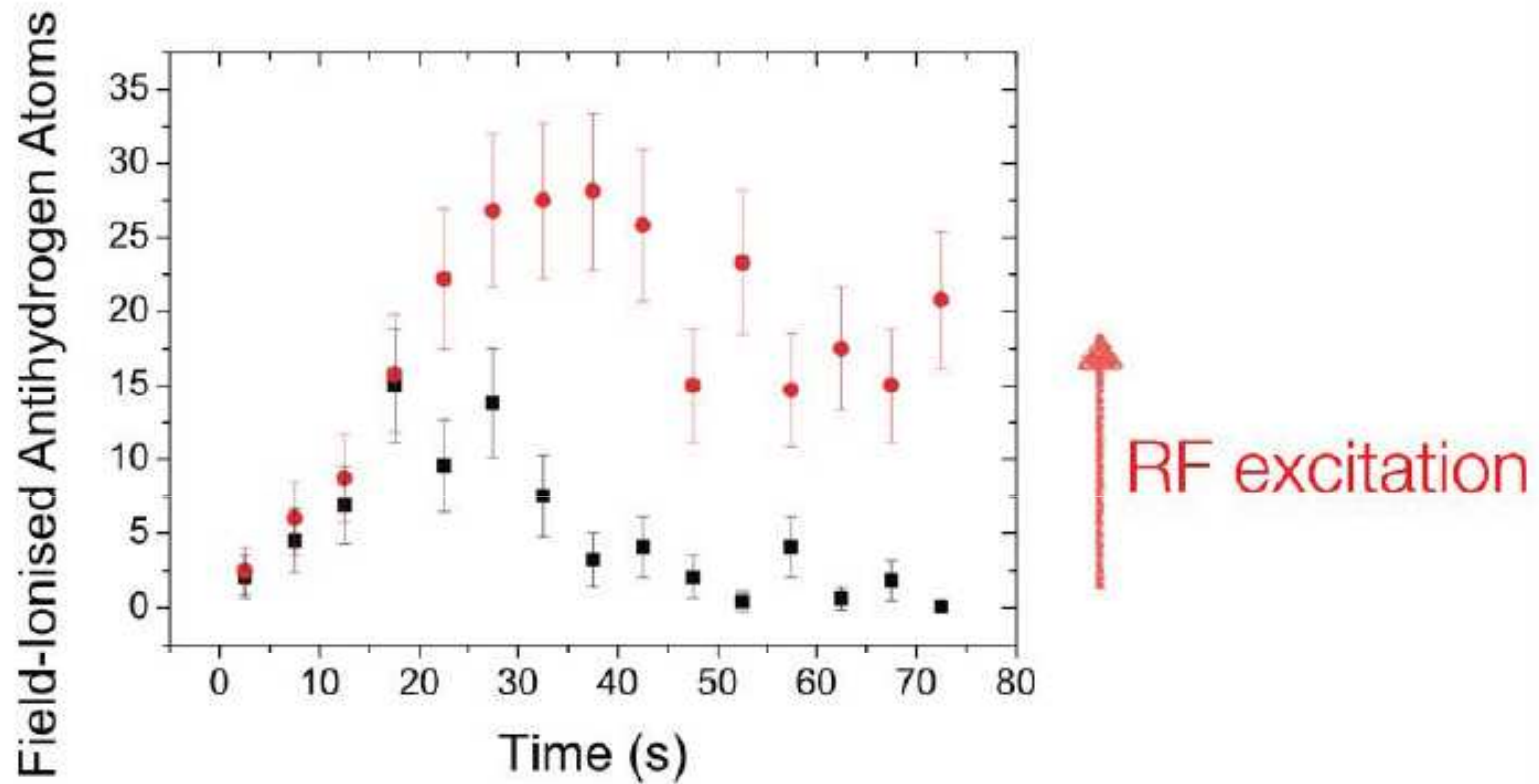
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# Increase antihydrogen production

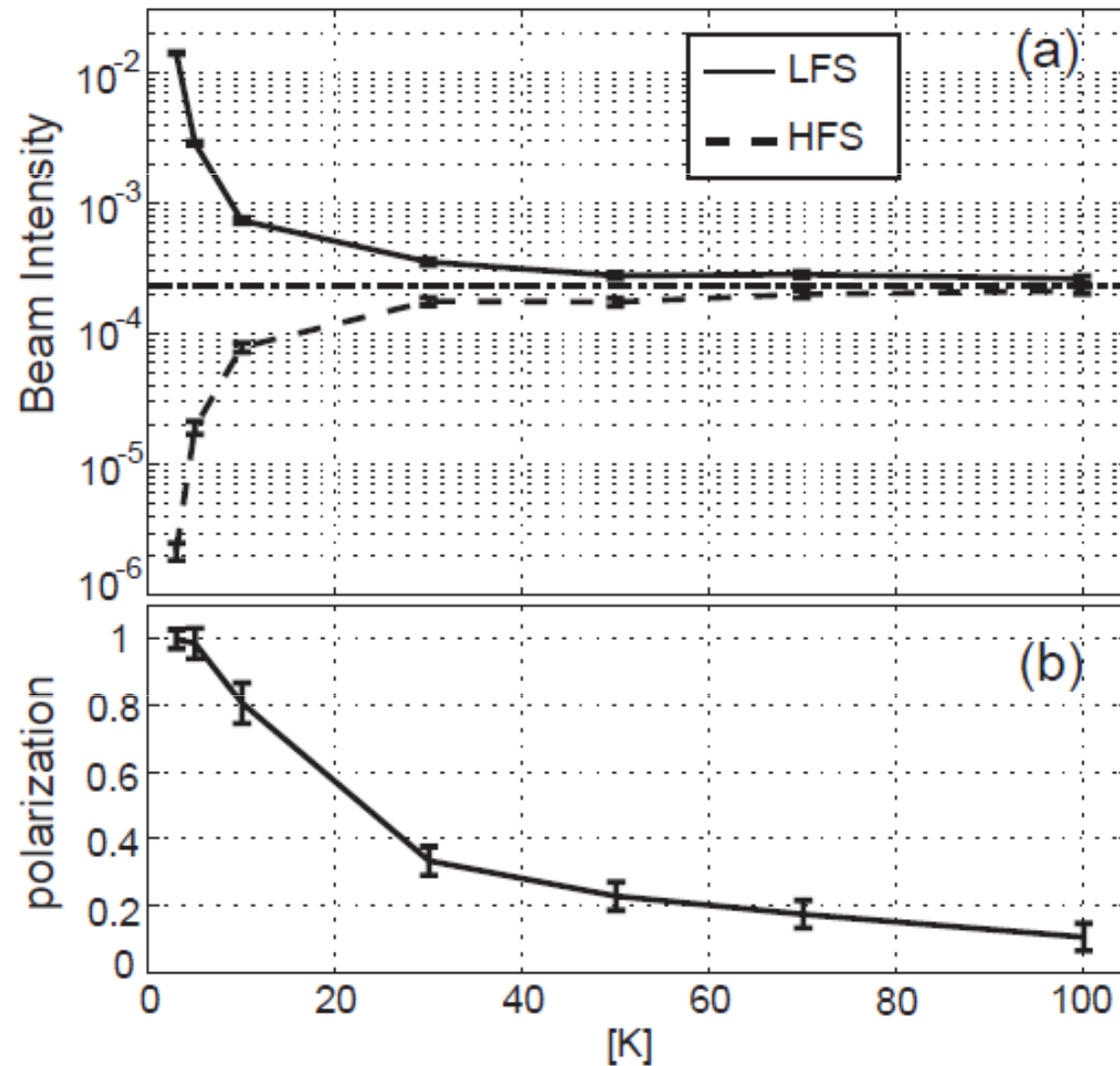
$3 \times 10^5 \bar{p}$  mixed with  $3 \times 10^7 e^+$

Field Ionization for  $n \geq 39$  :  $75 \bar{H} \Rightarrow 260 \bar{H}$  ( $\times 3.5$ )

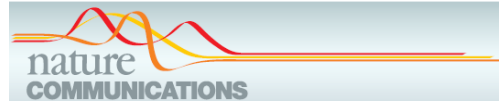


# Antihydrogen beam

expected polarization of antihydrogen beam



# Antihydrogen beam



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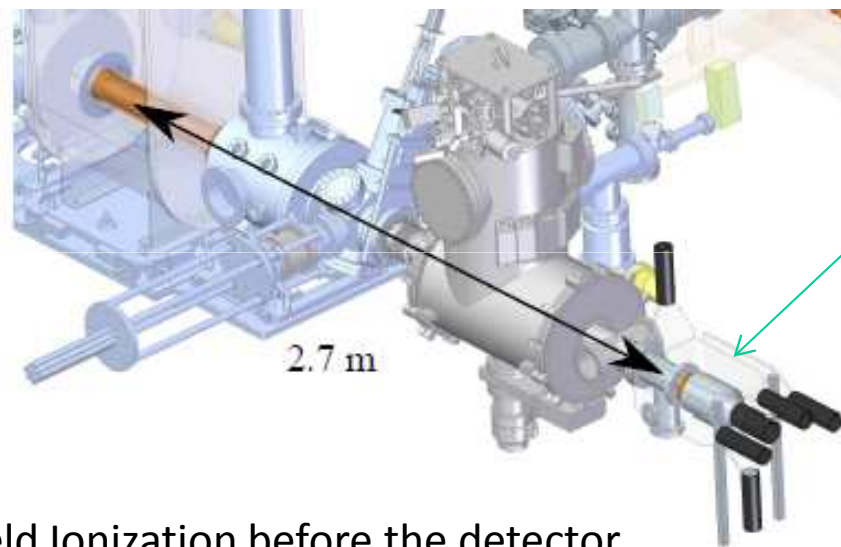
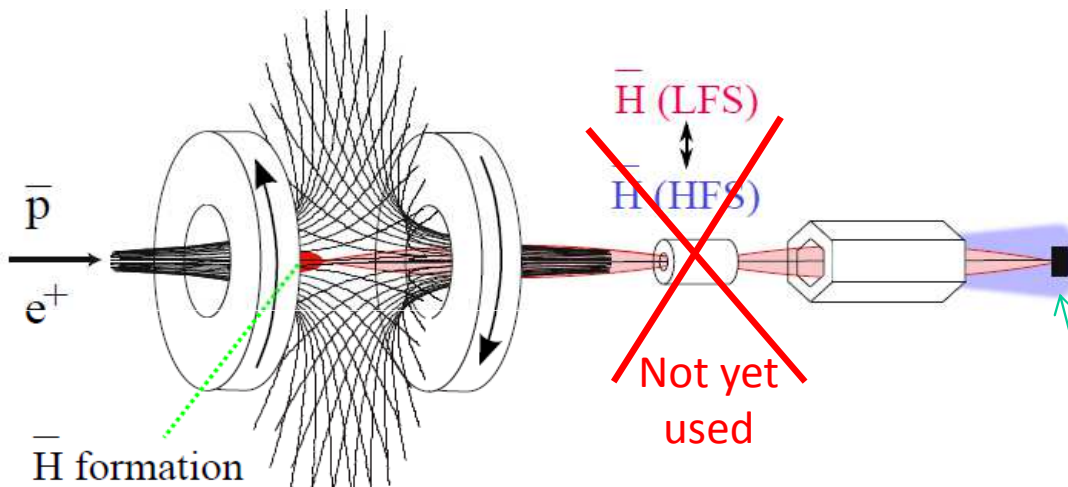
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## A source of antihydrogen for in-flight hyperfine spectroscopy

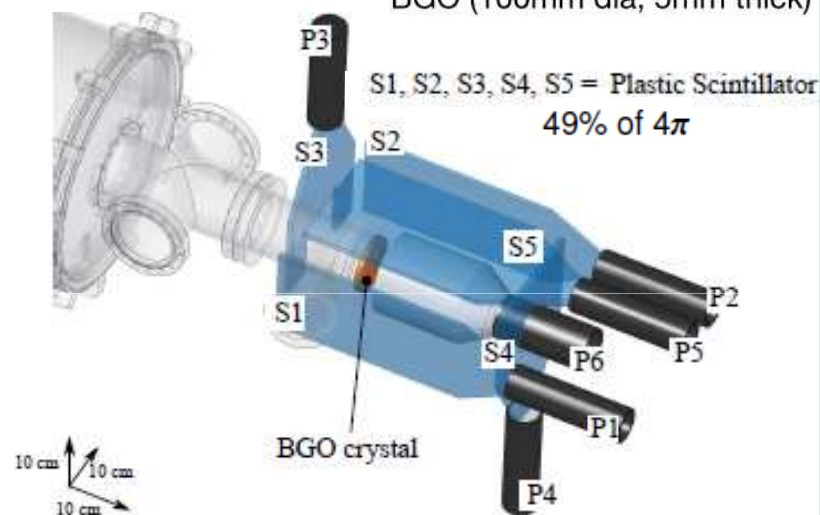
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Field Ionization before the detector  
 → Only Hbars with  $n < 43$  (or  $n < 29$ ) reach the detector

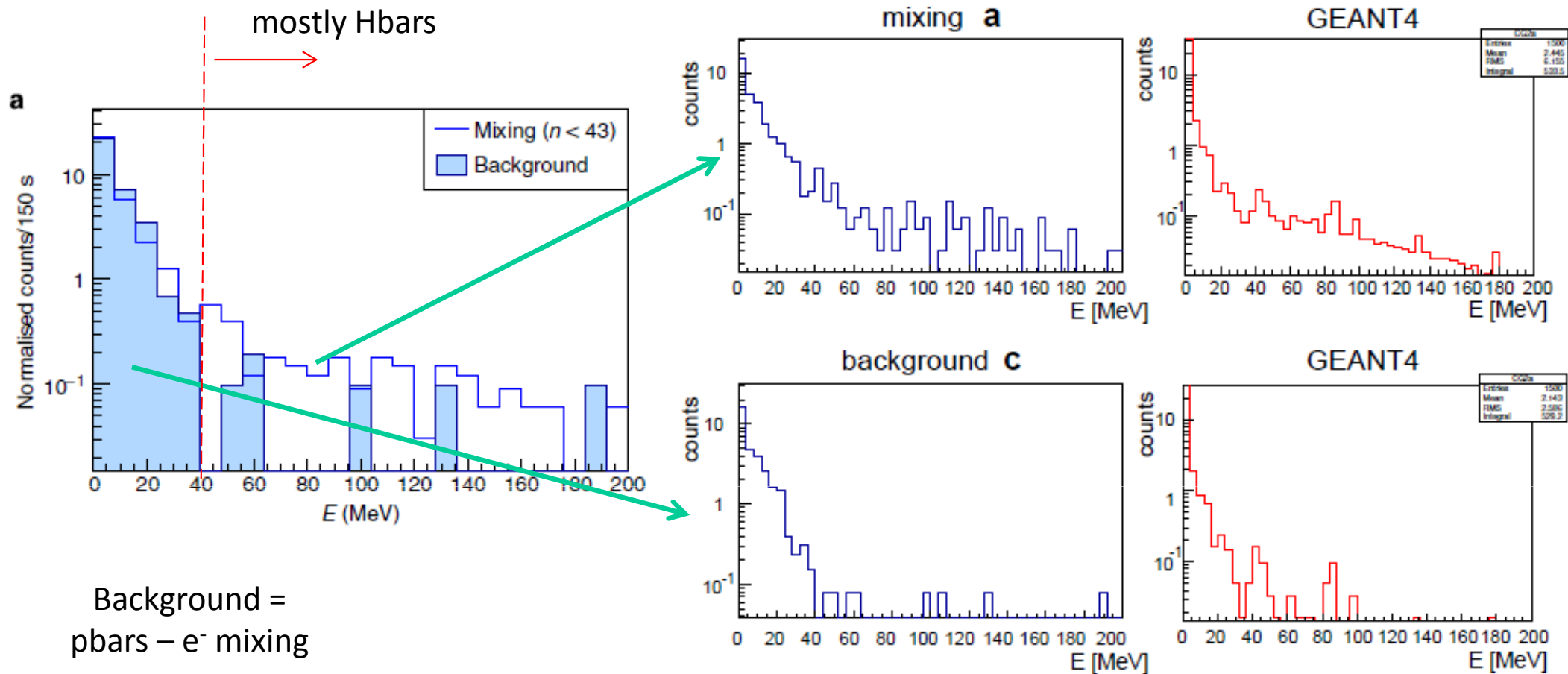
### Hbar detector

plastic +  
 BGO (100mm dia, 5mm thick)



BGO measures energy deposition by Hbar annih.  
 coincidence: BGO AND (>1 S)

# Energy deposition in the BGO

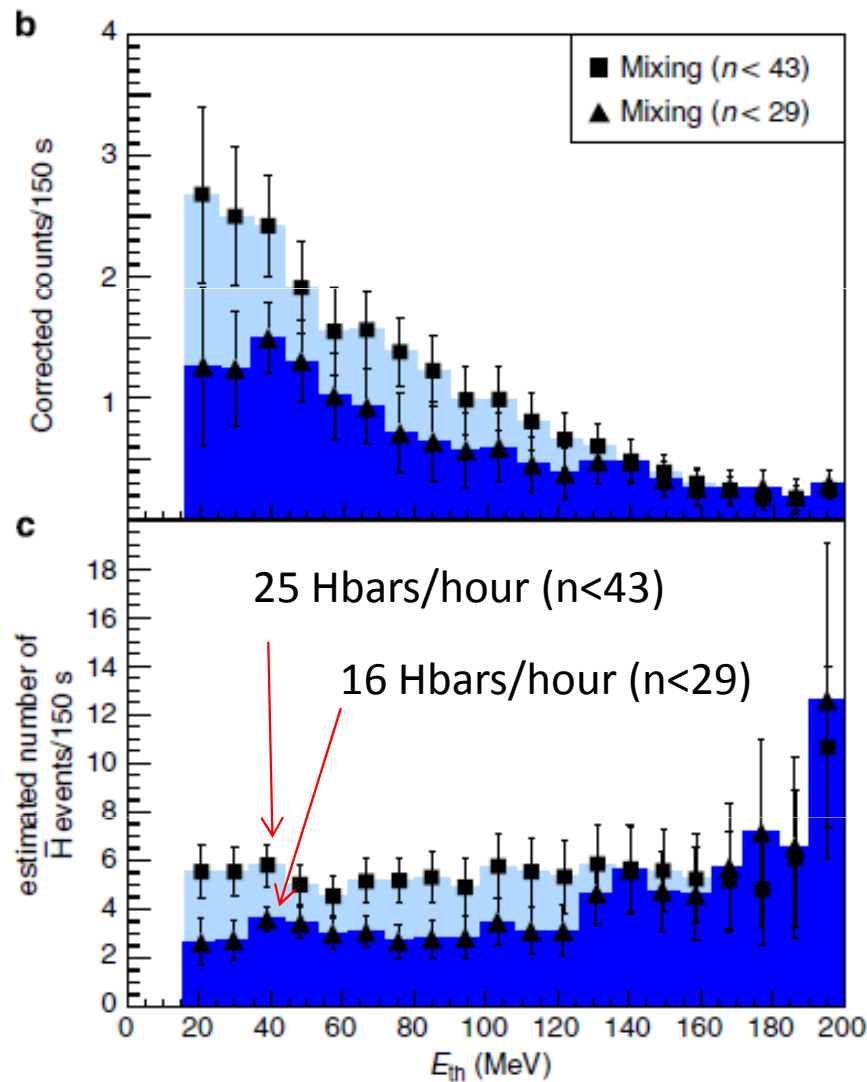


# Antihydrogens reaching the BGO

a-c (see previous slide)

Integration from  $E_{th}$  to 200 MeV

After detection efficiency correction (from GEANT)



# Improvements in 2013

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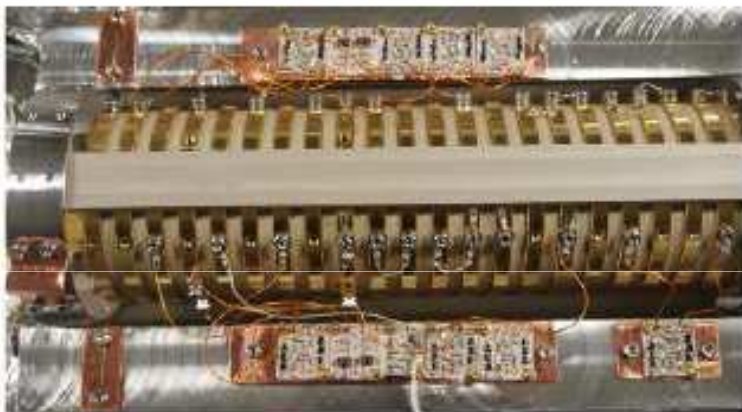
- ▶ Positron Accumulator  
(more  $e^+$ s for the 2014 run)
- ▶ Improved  $e^+$  transport
- ▶ Sextupole & cavity

# More $e^+$ for the 2014 run

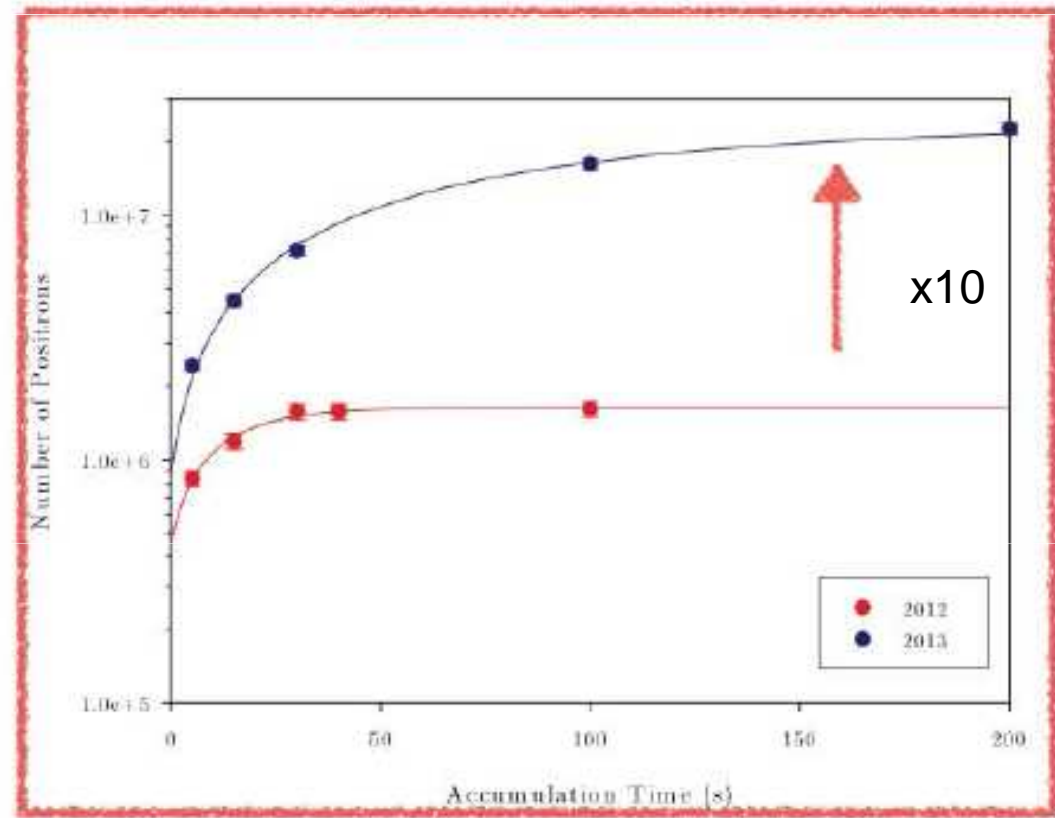
Electrode noise reduced (longer lifetime)

A new  $^{22}\text{Na}$  source  $0.65 \text{ GBq} \rightarrow 1.84 \text{ GBq}$

Magnetic field  $0.3 \text{ T} \rightarrow 1 \text{ T}$  (longer lifetime, less transport loss)



new filters added to the  $e^+$  accumulator electrodes

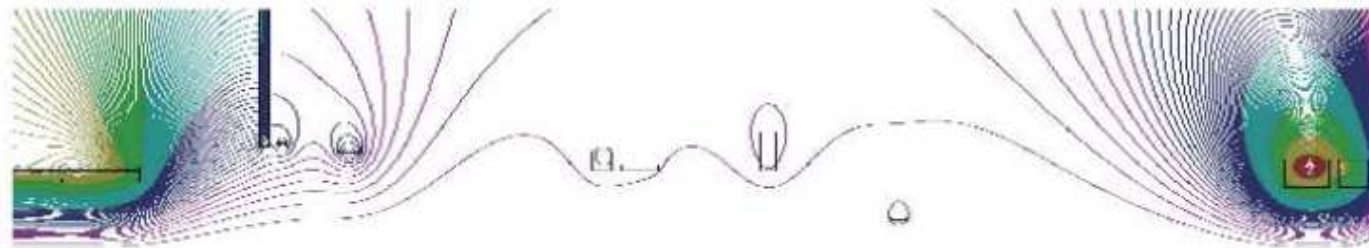




# new $\bar{p}$ injection scheme

MUSASHI

Cusp trap



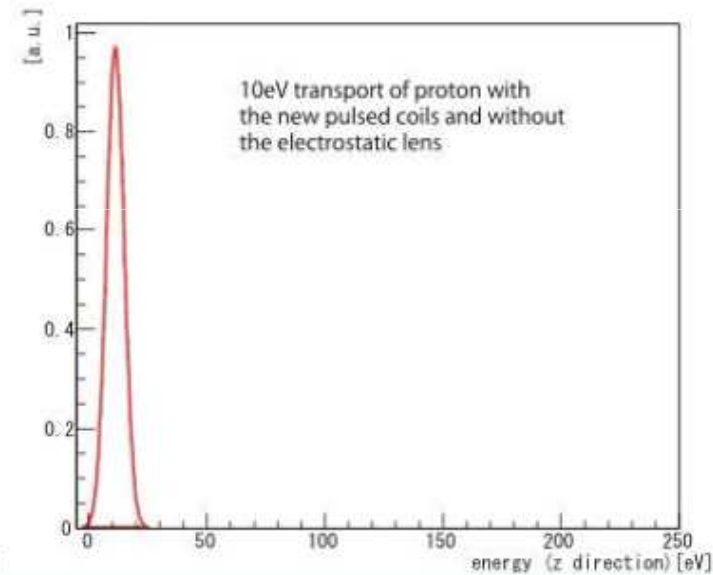
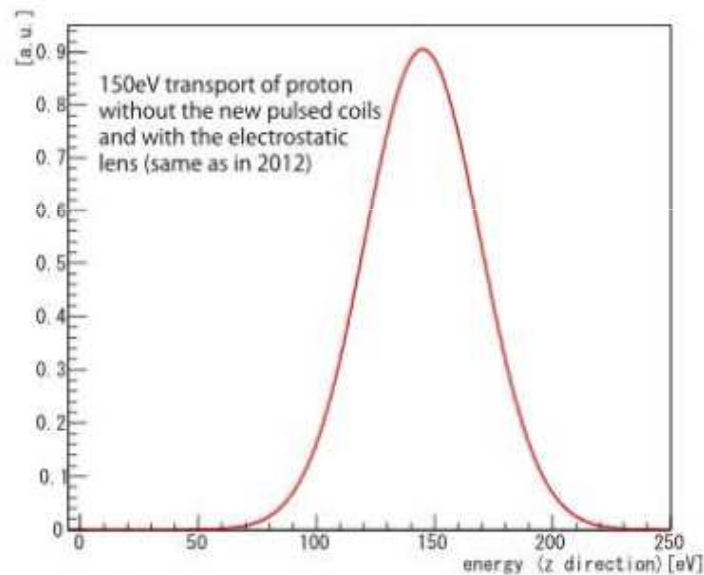
new coils

guiding coils

injection at 150 eV with electrostatic lens (energy spread 24 eV FWHM)

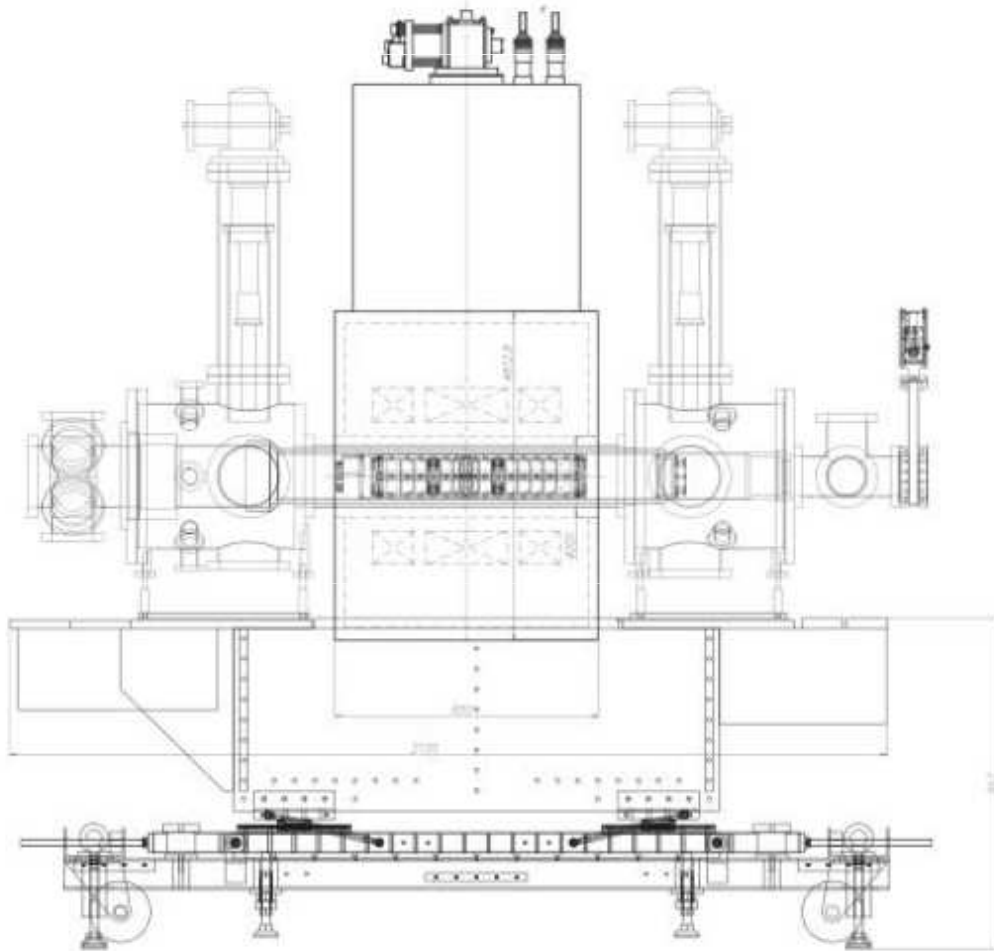


injection at 10 eV with guiding coils (no lens)

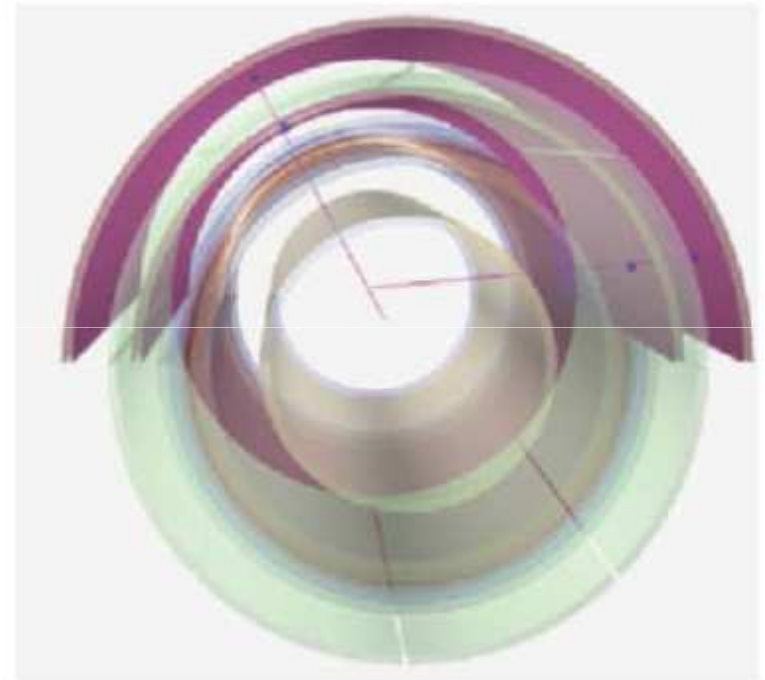


# new “double cusp” magnet & detector

1. improve the focusing power
2. higher spin-polarization of antihydrogen



multilayer micromegas detector for  $\bar{H}$  diagnostics



# Modelling the behavior of the positron plasma temperature in antihydrogen experiments

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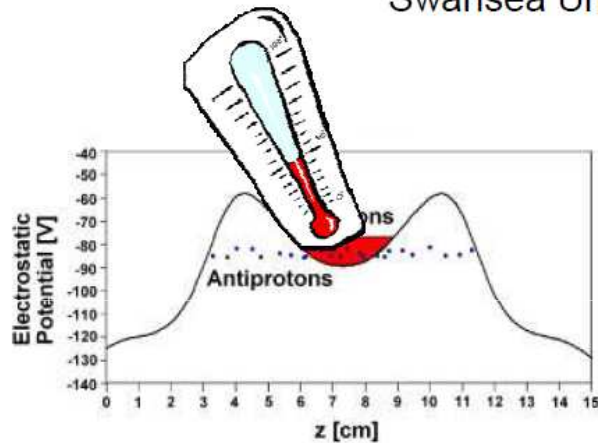


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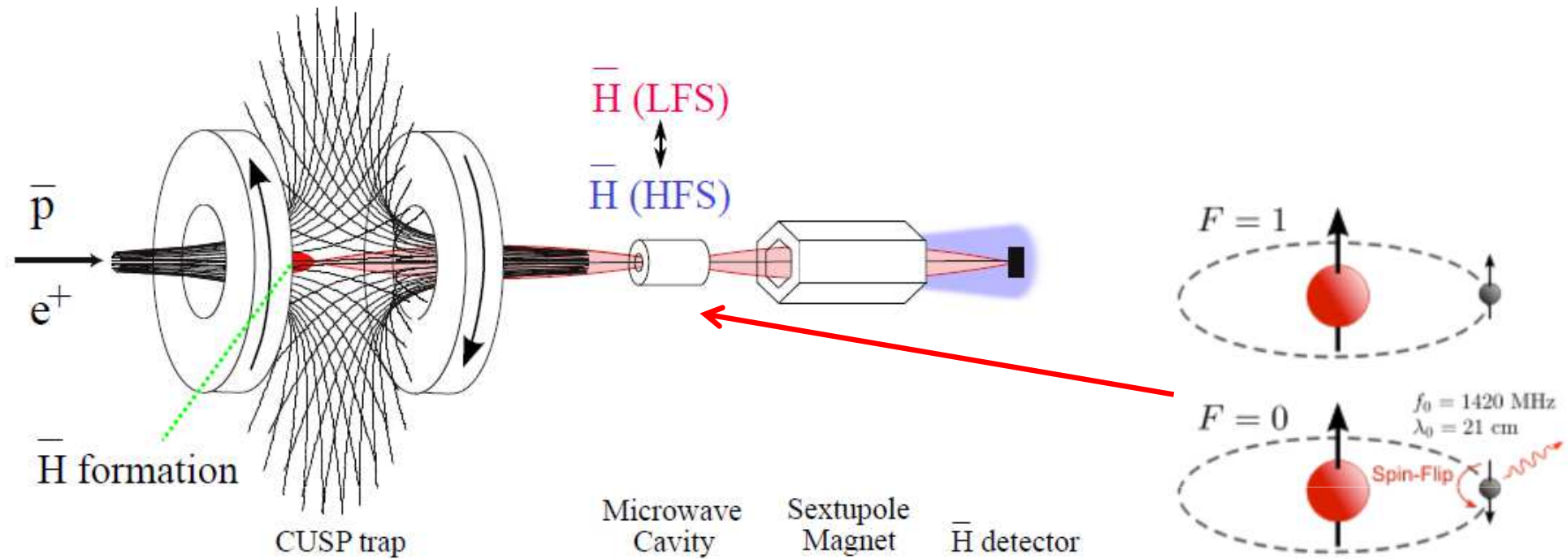
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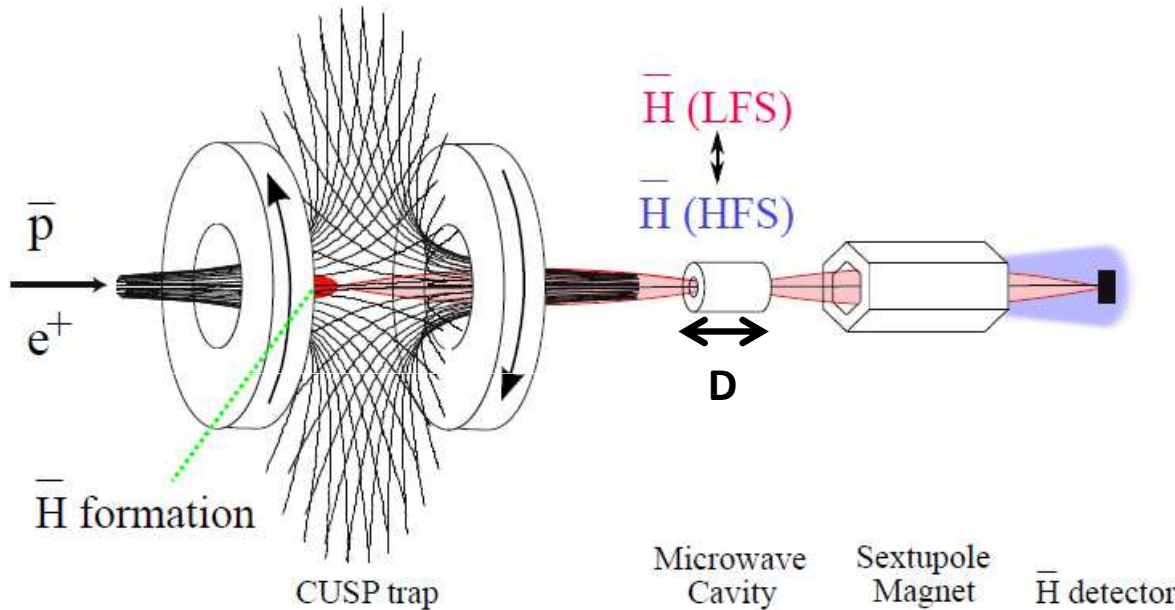
# Next steps

Study and improve the beam features (Hbar numbers, temperature, n-states,...)

Introduce MW cavity



# Expectations

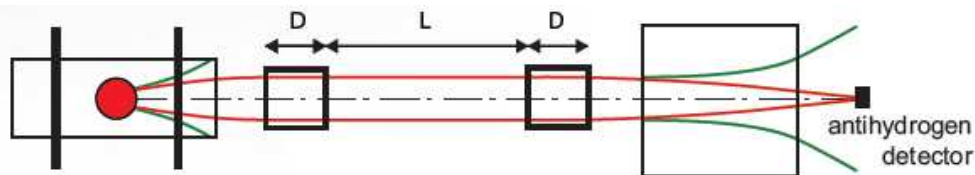


$D=10 \text{ cm}, v=1 \text{ km/s}$   
 $1/T=10 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow Df/f=7 \times 10^{-6}$   
 $\rightarrow s=7 \times 10^{-7}$

## Achievable resolution:

- better than  $10^{-6}$  for  $T < 100 \text{ K}$
- 100 Hbar/s in 1S state needed (in  $4\pi$ )  $\rightarrow$  event rate=1/min.

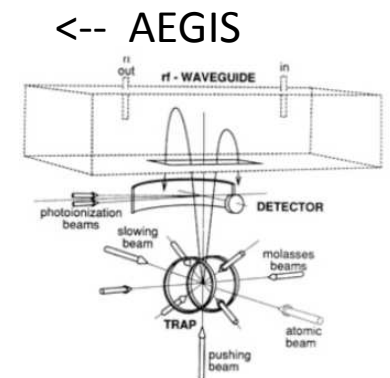
## 1° improvement (Ramsey):



Linewidth reduced by  $D/L$

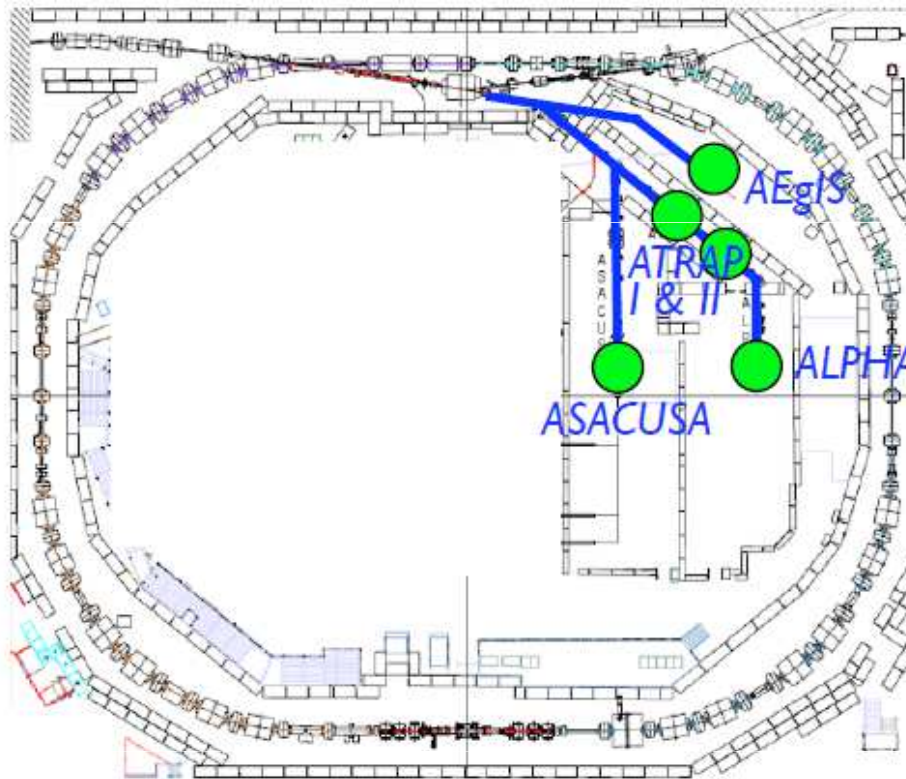
## Antihydrogen fountain:

- trapping and laser cooling
- Ramsey method with  $L=1\text{m}$
- $\Delta f \sim 3 \text{ Hz}, \Delta f/f \sim 2 \times 10^{-9}$

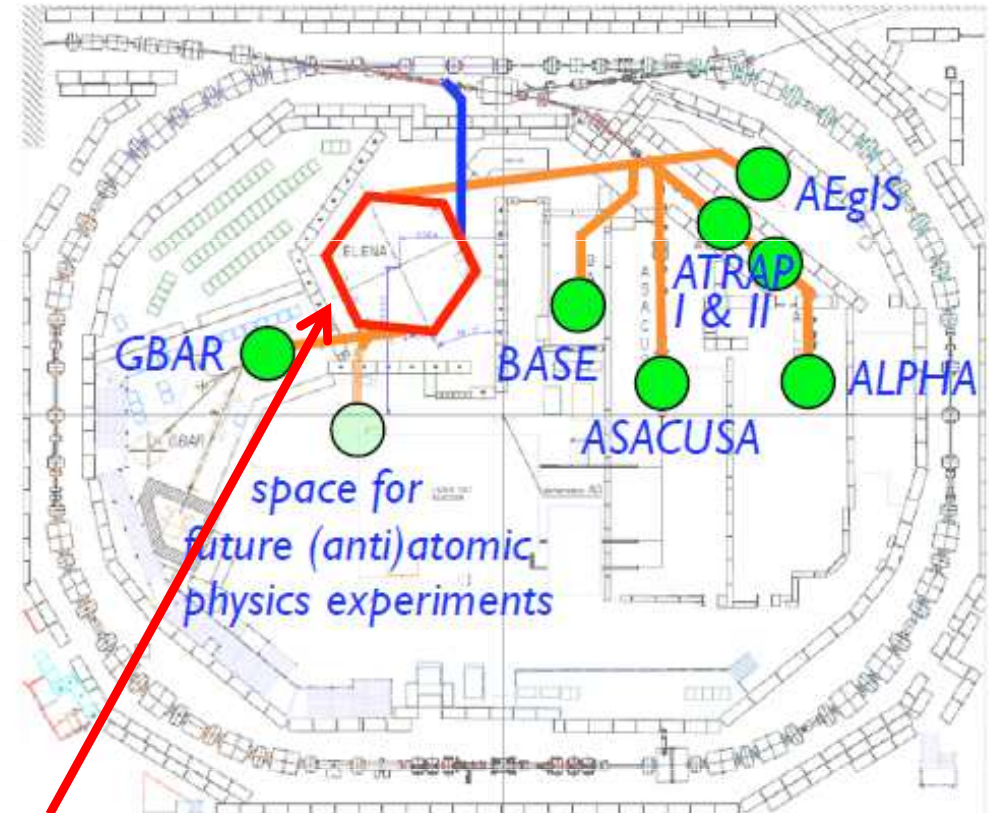


# Future

2014



2017 →



ELENA decelerator:

5.3 MeV → 100 keV

x 100 pbars trapping efficiencies

4 experiments can run in parallel

# $\bar{H}$ summary

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- ▶ In 2012
  - $\bar{H}$  yield x 10 (compared to 2010)
  - ~25  $\bar{H}$ s /hour reach downstream of the sextupole
- ▶ in 2013-2014
  - x10 more e+ accumulated (compared to 2012)
  - improved  $\bar{p}$  injection scheme (e+ heating 1/10)
  - Double Cusp Magnet & Micromegas Tracking detector to be installed in 2014
  - polarized cold hydrogen beam will characterize the sextuple & cavity in 2014
  - GEANT4 simulation code with the neutral-atom tracking

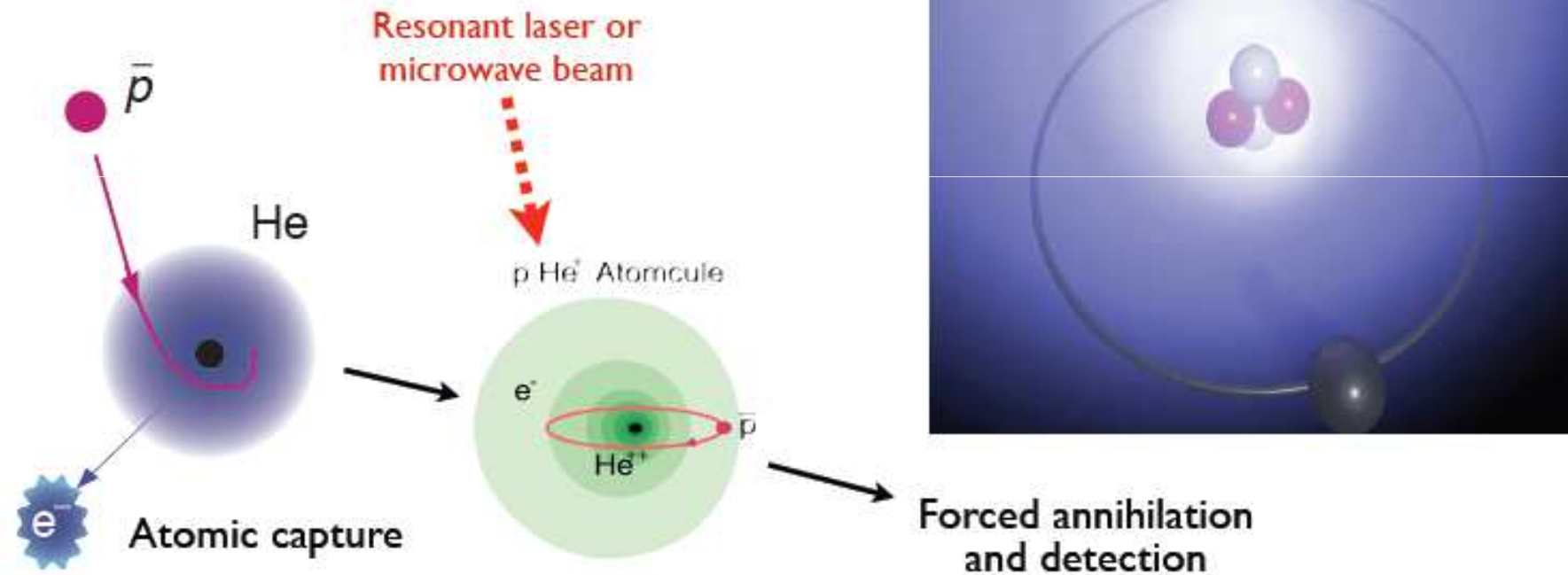


## 2. $\bar{p}$ He laser spectroscopy



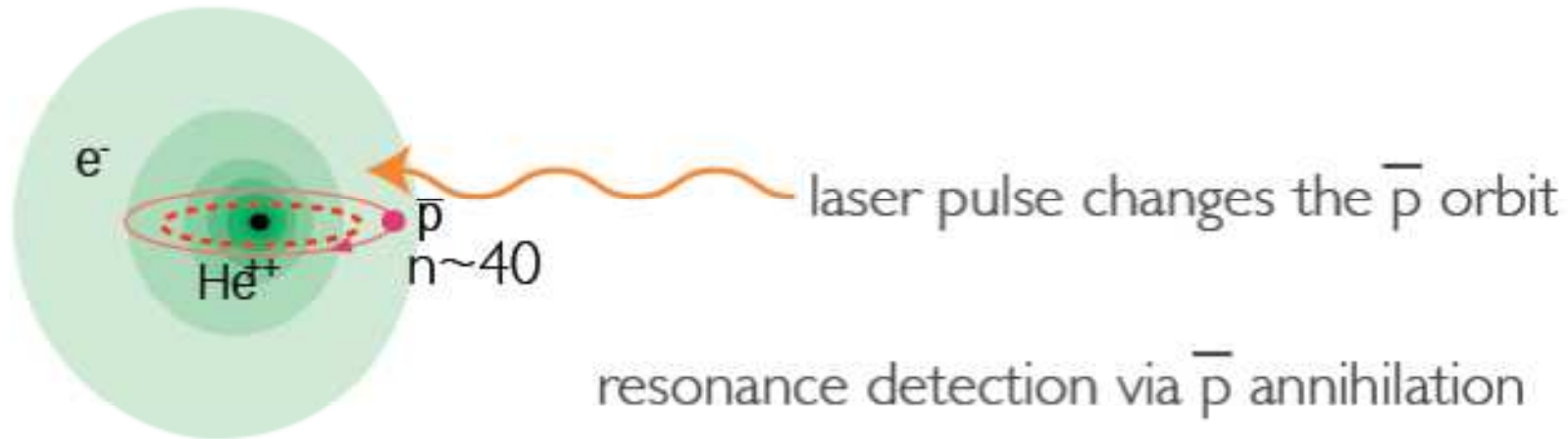


## Spectroscopy of antiprotonic helium



- 3-body atom made of antiproton, He, and electron.
- Survives for  $>10$  microseconds.
- **$>1$  billion atoms** synthesized per day.
- Amenable to high-precision laser and microwave spectroscopy.

# $\bar{p}$ He laser spectroscopy contributes to $m_p/m_e$



Frequency

$$\nu_{n,l \rightarrow n',l'} = R c \frac{m_{\bar{p}}^*}{m_e} Z_{\text{eff}}^2 \left( \frac{1}{n'^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) + \text{QED}$$

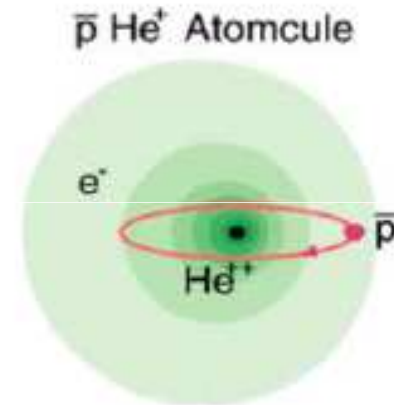
$\bar{p}$  ( $p$ ) - e mass ratio

Theory

Korobov

# $\bar{p}\text{He}$ laser spectroscopy & comparison with QED calculation yields

- $V_{\text{exp}}$  (2-photon laser) to  $2.3\text{-}5 \times 10^{-9}$
- **Antiproton-to-electron mass ratio** to  $1.3 \times 10^{-9}$ .  
→ Dimensionless fundamental constant.  
(3 times lower than proton-to-electron mass ratio)
- Assuming CPT invariance, the **electron mass** in u. to  $1.3 \times 10^{-9}$   
→ One of the data points used in CODATA2010 average.
- Combined with cyclotron frequency of antiprotons by TRAP collaboration, comparison of **antiproton and proton mass and charge** to  $7 \times 10^{-10}$   
→ Consistency test of CPT invariance in PDG2014.



# $\bar{p}$ He laser spectroscopy



Press Release

CERN experiment weighs antimatter with unprecedented accuracy

PR10.11  
28.07.2011

Geneva, 28 July 2011. In a paper published today in the journal *Nature*, the Japanese-European ASACUSA experiment at CERN<sup>1</sup> 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 of 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 to assume that the proton mass should be measurable to greater accuracy than today's result, this remains true but only just. In future experiments the accuracy of the antiproton mass measurement to far better than that of the mass of protons and antiprotons would be a signal for new physics that could be different for matter and antimatter.

To make these measurements antiprotons are first trapped inside atoms with a laser beam. The laser frequency is then tuned until it causes the antiproton to transition within the atoms, and from this frequency the antiproton mass can be determined.

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

+ L.Venturelli, N.Zurlo

Now in CODATA

REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS, VOLUME 84, OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2012

2012

## CODATA recommended values of the fundamental physical constants: 2010\*

Peter J. Mohr,<sup>†</sup> Barry N. Taylor,<sup>‡</sup> and David B. Newell<sup>§</sup>

*National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8420, USA*

(published 13 November 2012)

This paper gives the 2010 self-consistent set of values of the basic constants and conversion factors of physics and chemistry recommended by the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA) for international use. The 2010 adjustment takes into account the data considered in the 2006 adjustment as well as the data that became available from 1 January 2007, after the closing date of that adjustment, until 31 December 2010, the closing date of the new adjustment. Further, it describes in detail the adjustment of the values of the constants, including the selection of the final set of input data based on the results of least-squares analyses. The 2010 set replaces the previously recommended 2006 CODATA set and may also be found on the World Wide Web at [physics.nist.gov/constants](http://physics.nist.gov/constants).

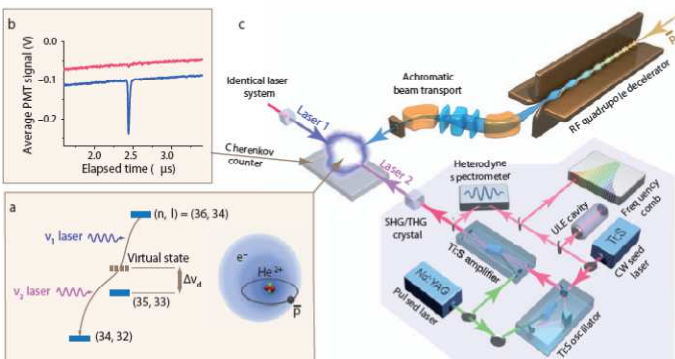
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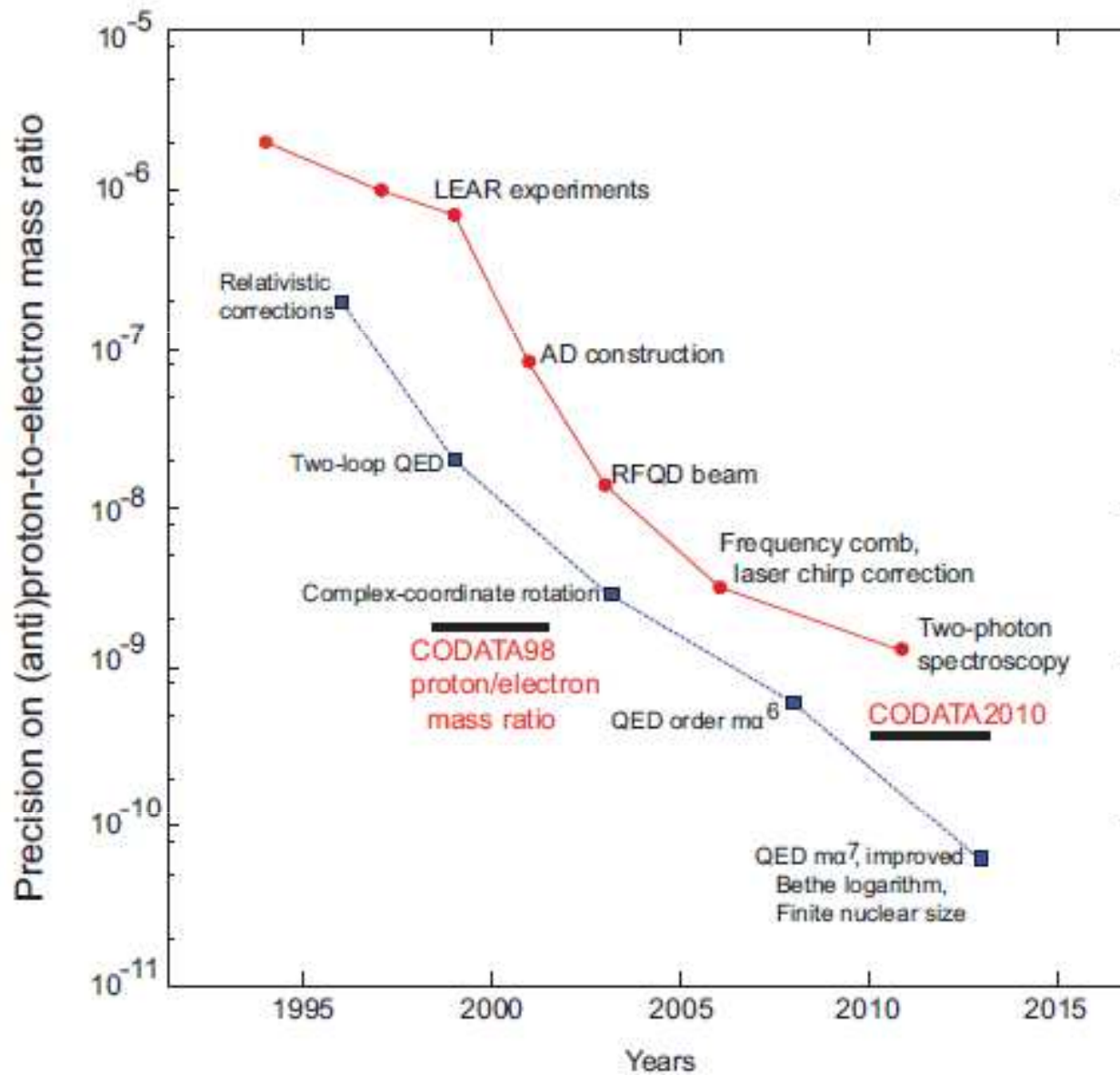
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### IV. ATOMIC TRANSITION FREQUENCIES

Measurements and theory of transition frequencies in hydrogen, deuterium, antiprotonic helium, and muonic hydrogen provide information on the Rydberg constant, the proton and deuteron charge radii, and the relative atomic mass of the electron.

### $\bar{p}$ He sub-Doppler 2-photon spectroscopy





# Theory improvements in 2013

Korobov 2013

1: Nonrelativistic Bethe logarithm calculated by complex-coordinate rotation method to **7 digits** of precision.

$$\beta(L, v) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{J}(H - E_0) \ln((H - E_0)/R_\infty) \mathbf{J} \rangle}{\langle [\mathbf{J}, [H, \mathbf{J}]]/2 \rangle} \quad \mathbf{J} = \sum_a Z_a \mathbf{p}_a / m_a$$

$$E_{se}^{(3)} = \alpha^3 \frac{4}{3} \left[ \ln \frac{1}{\alpha^2} - \beta(L, v) + \frac{5}{6} - \frac{3}{8} \right] \langle Z_{\text{He}} \delta(\mathbf{r}_{\text{He}}) + Z_{\bar{p}} \delta(\mathbf{r}_{\bar{p}}) \rangle,$$

V.I. Korobov, recently submitted to Phys. Rev. A

2: Complete set of QED terms of order  $m\alpha^7$  evaluated.

Theoretical precision: **1x10<sup>-10</sup>**

**20x** better than 2011 experiment

**50x-200x** better than 2006 single-photon experimental precision.

# Experimental strategy

12 single-photon transitions measured in 2006

Tried to remeasure this as precisely as possible using much improved techniques in 2012.

Studied all kinds of systematic effects.

Experimental precision improved by 1.5-5x.

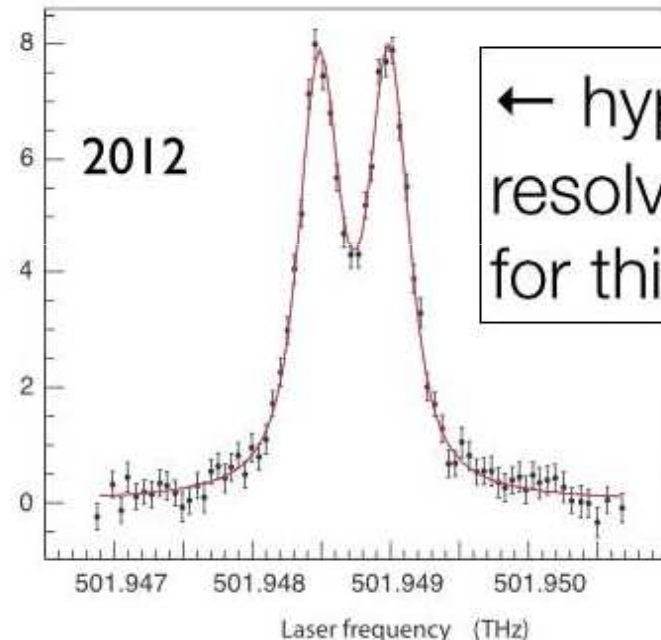
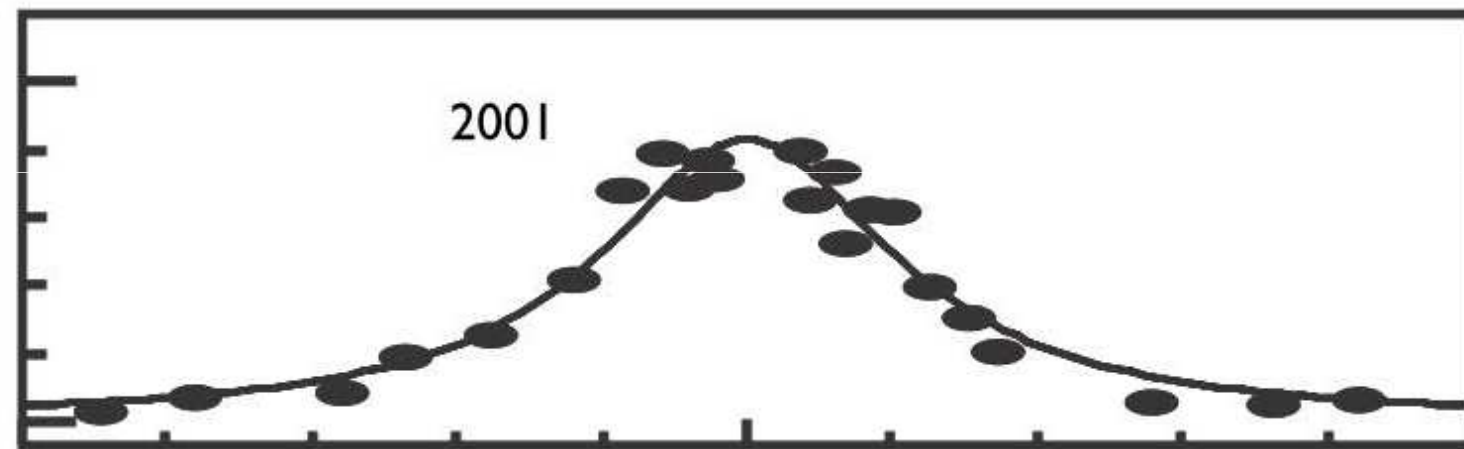
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3 two-photon transitions measured in 2011

Will try to remeasure these as precisely as possible in >2014

# improvement in 1-photon resolution at 1.5K

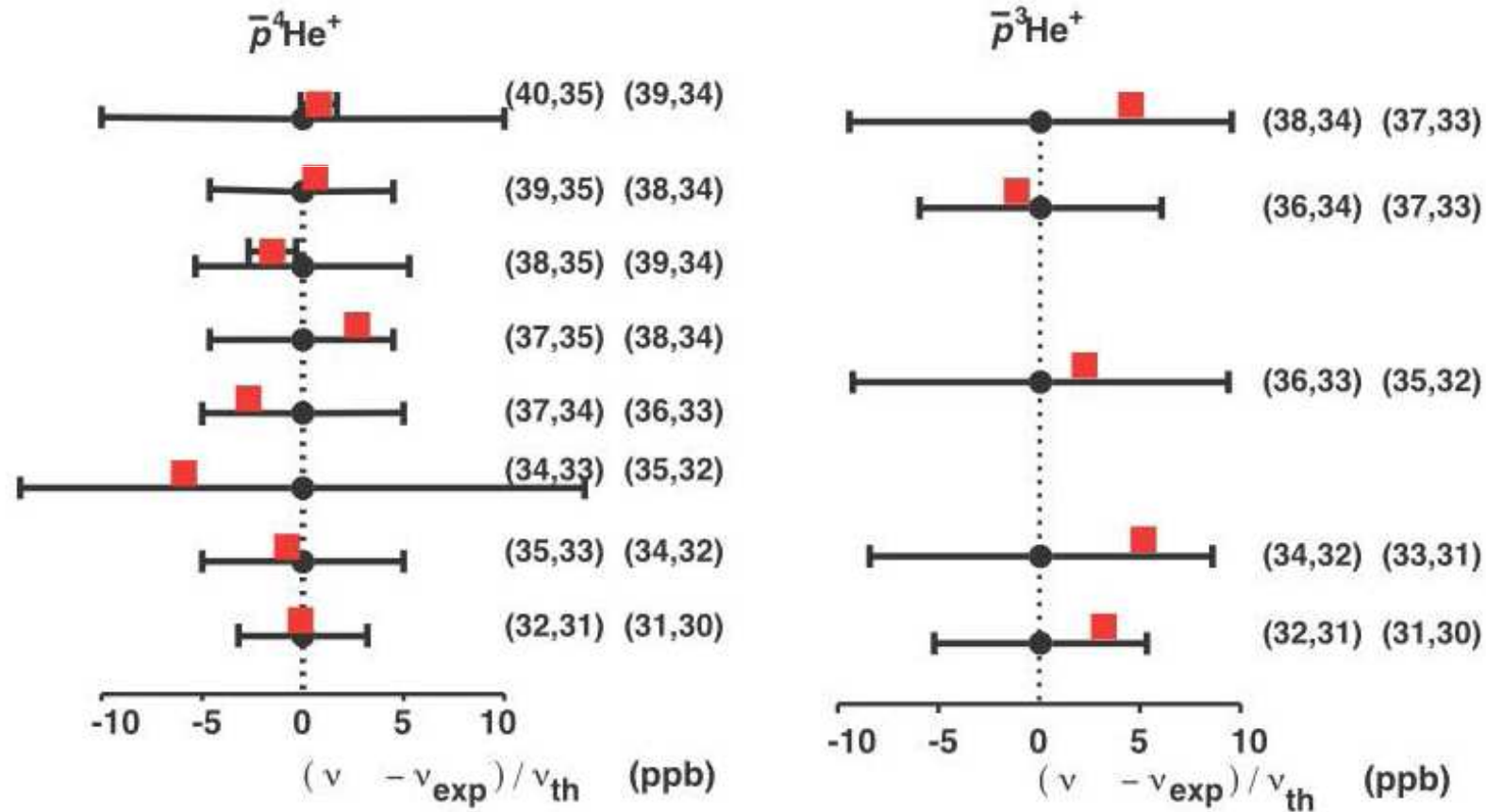
597-nm line, 2012



← hyperfine structure resolved for the first time for this transition

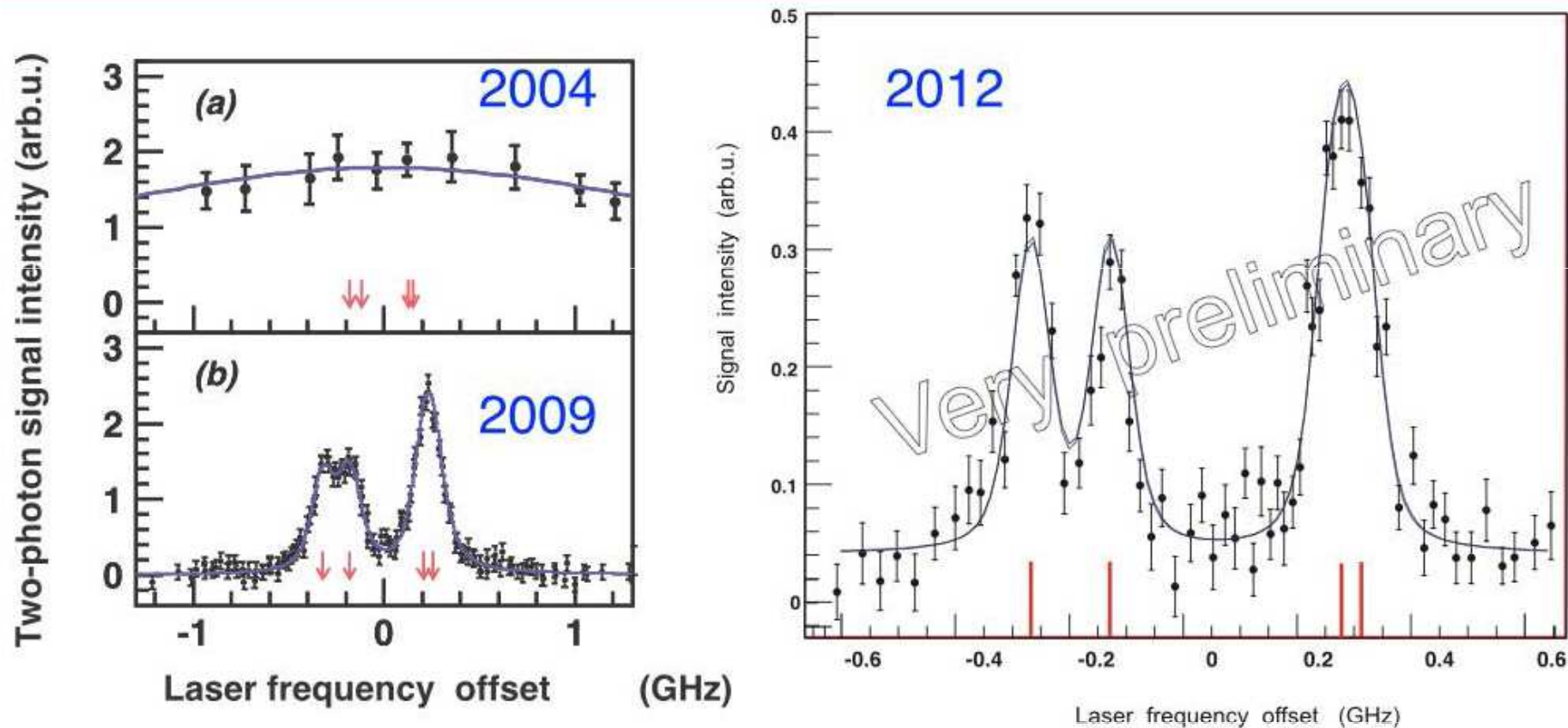


# 1-photon (2012) + theory (Korobov 2013)



Single-photon precision 3 ppb level agreement in best case. As good as two-photon spectroscopy.

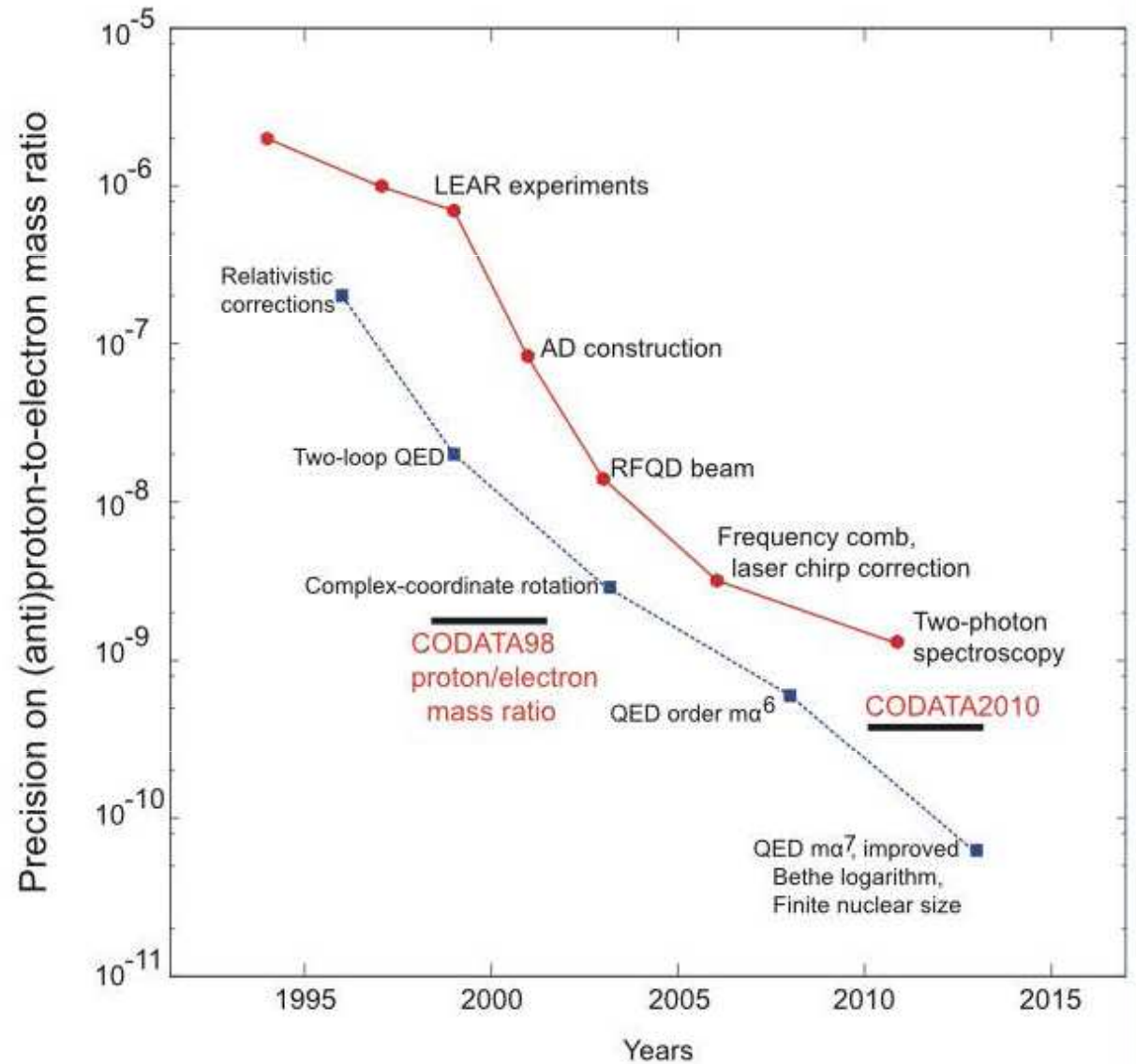
# (36,34)-(34,32) 2-photon trial at 1.5 K in 2012



Reduction of residual Doppler broadening, by cooling atom to  $T=1.5$  K via gas buffer cooling. Experimental precision should improve by  $>3x$  compared to before.

# $\bar{p}$ He summary

- ▶ New theoretical calculations achieve precision of  $1 \times 10^{-10}$
- ▶ re-measured single photon transitions - exp-theory agree
- ▶ 2-photon resolution x3 better than in 2011





# 3. Collision experiments

# Nuclear Physics @ AD

## $\bar{p}$ -A annihilations

- @ 5.3 MeV done (Ni, Sn, Pt)

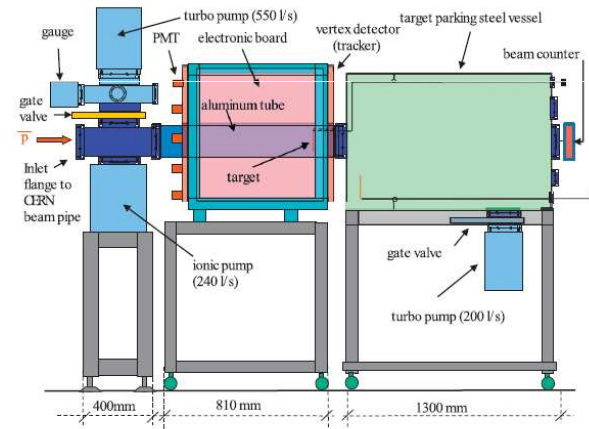
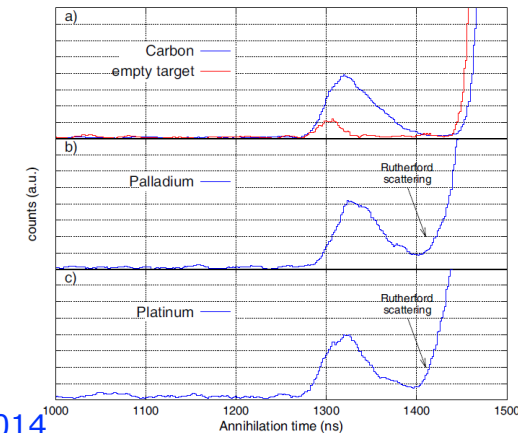
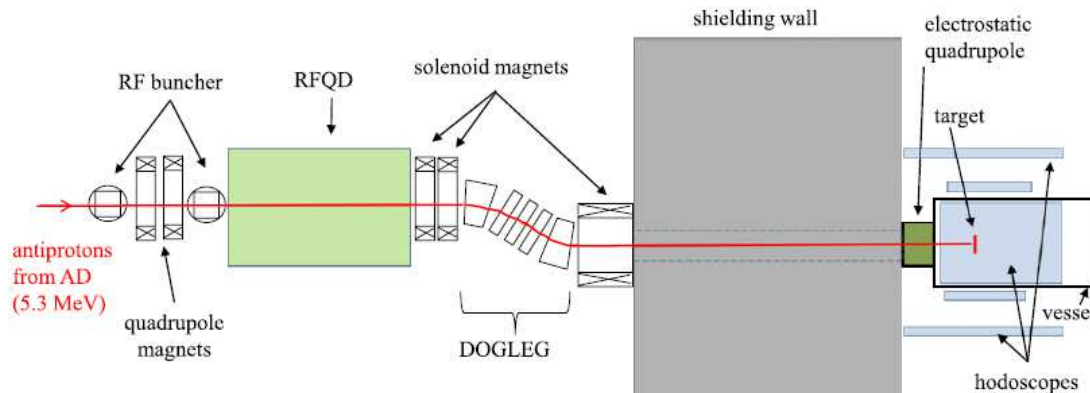
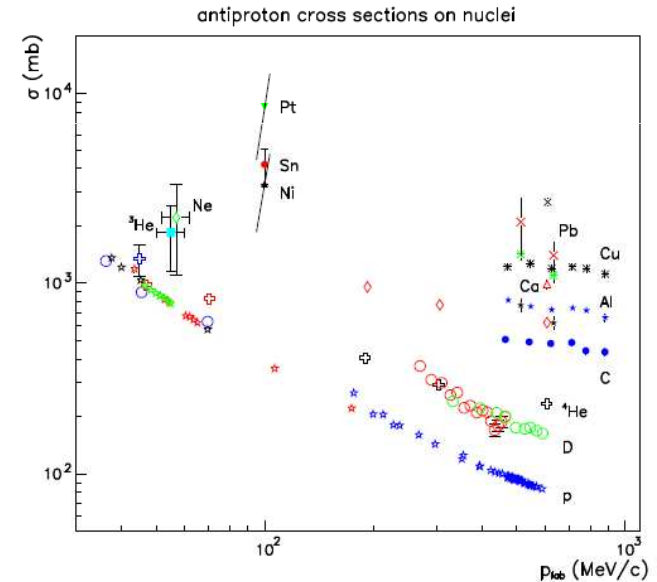


Fig. 1. Experimental setup.

- @ 130 keV in progress

PLB 2011 & NIMA 2013

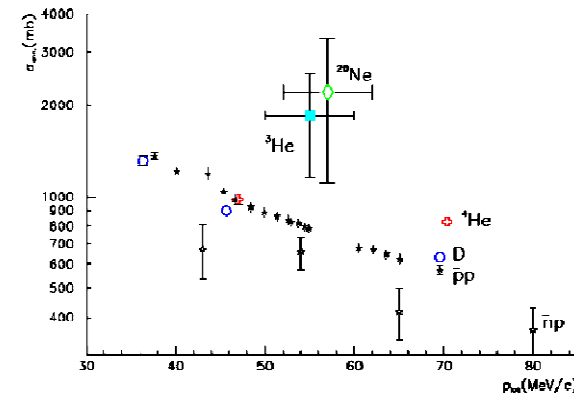


# Physics motivations

- Cosmology: matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe

(One possibility is that antimatter is distributed non-homogeneously in the Universe within the so-called “islands” of antimatter . In the border region between matter and antimatter, the role of annihilation is important.)

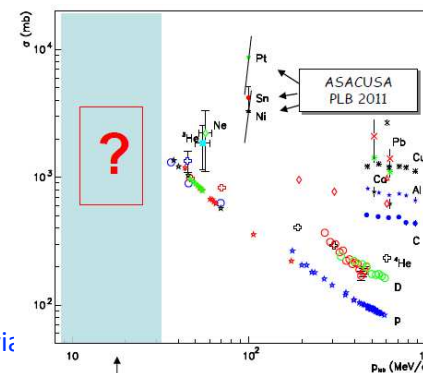
- Saturation:  $s_{\text{ann}}$  (pbarA) does not increase with A as expected



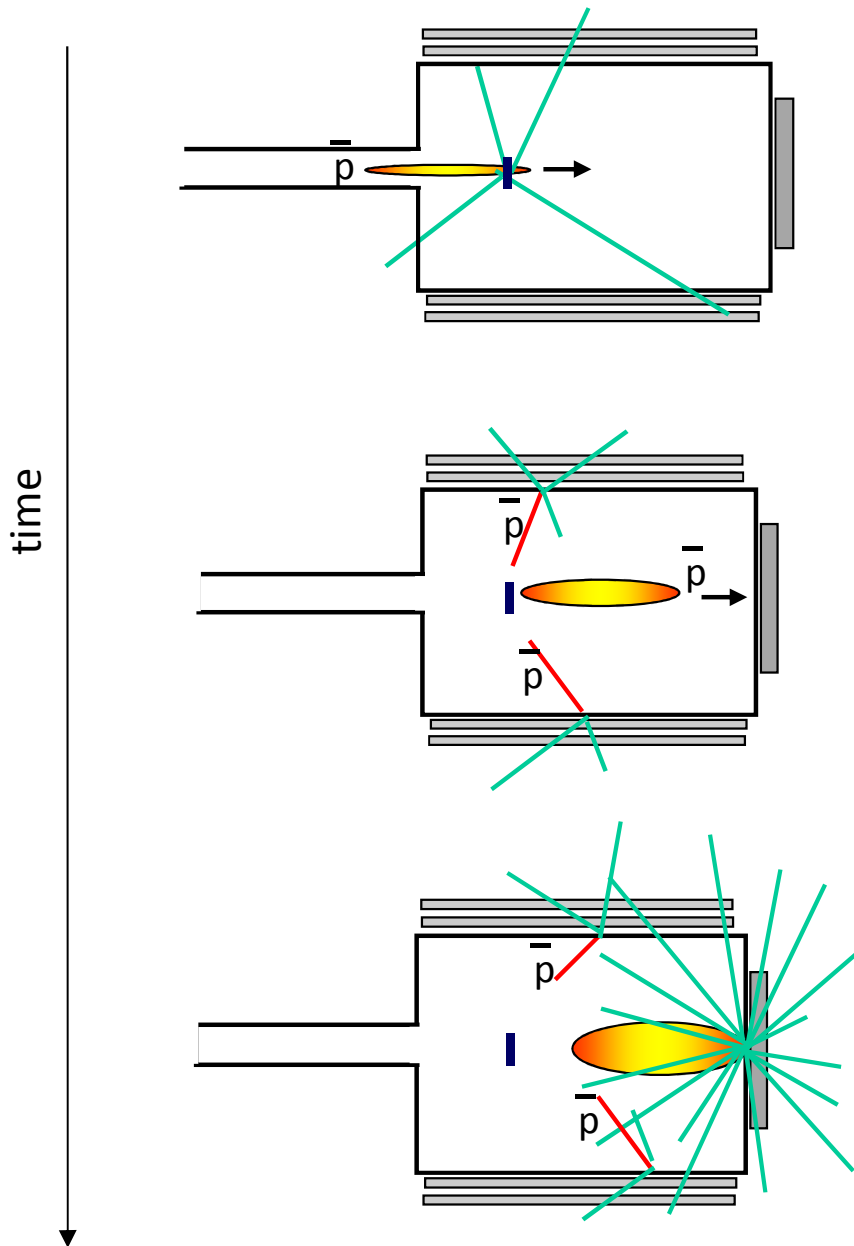
- Probe the external region of nucleus

(both potential models and phenomenological analyses state that the annihilations occur in a thin region placed just outside the nuclear volume: neutron/proton ratio or the extraction energy of the peripheral nucleons can be determined)

- ...completely unexplored region



# Method of the annihilation s measurement



$$\sigma_{ann}(\bar{p}A) \doteq \frac{N_{\text{events}}}{N_{\text{beam}}}$$

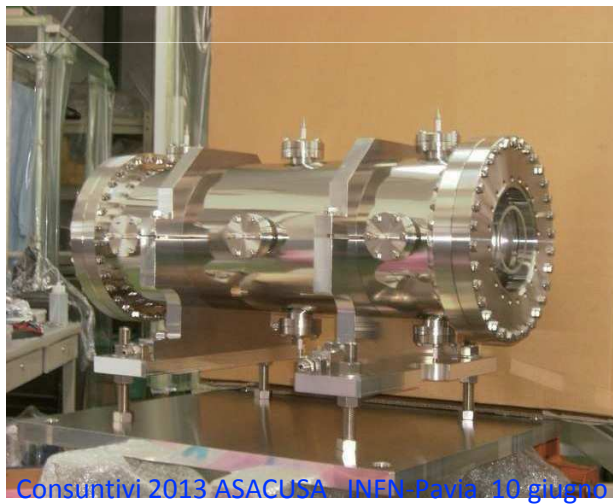
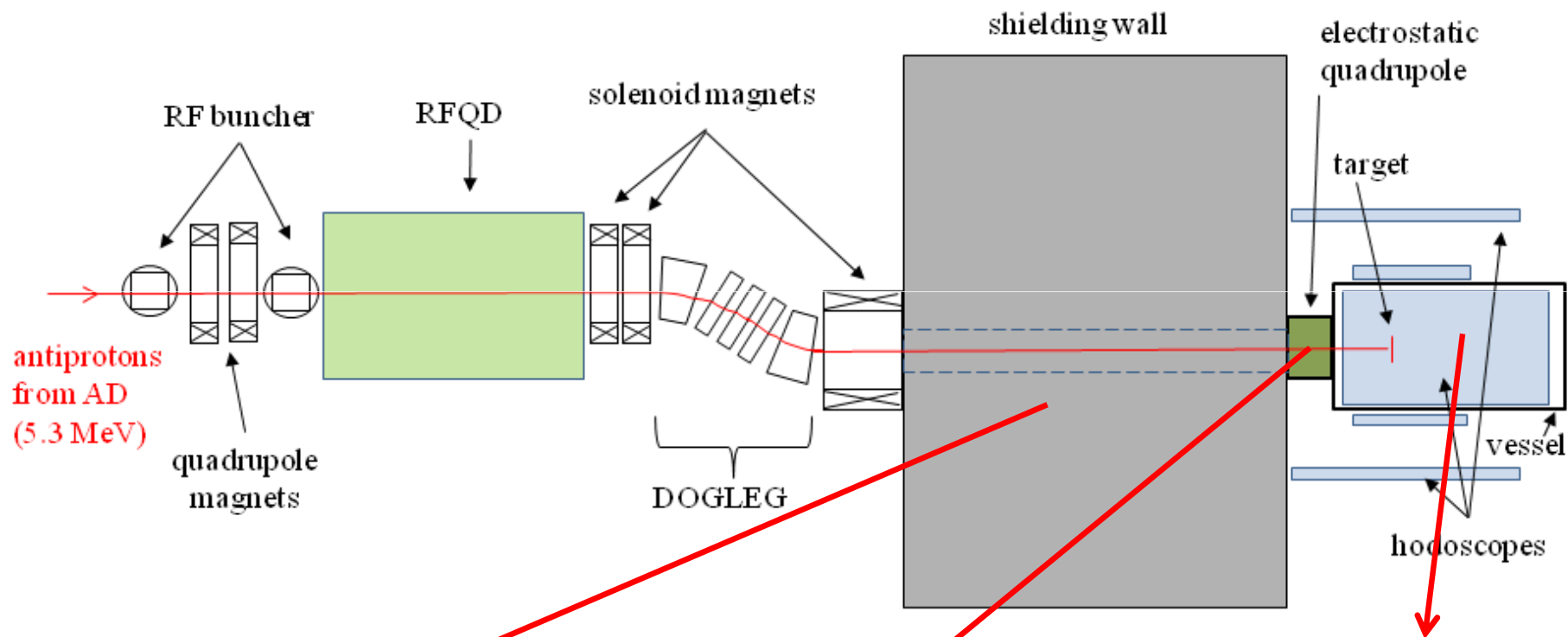
counted by Vertex detector

counted by Beam monitor & by Rutherford annihilations

To separate signal from background:

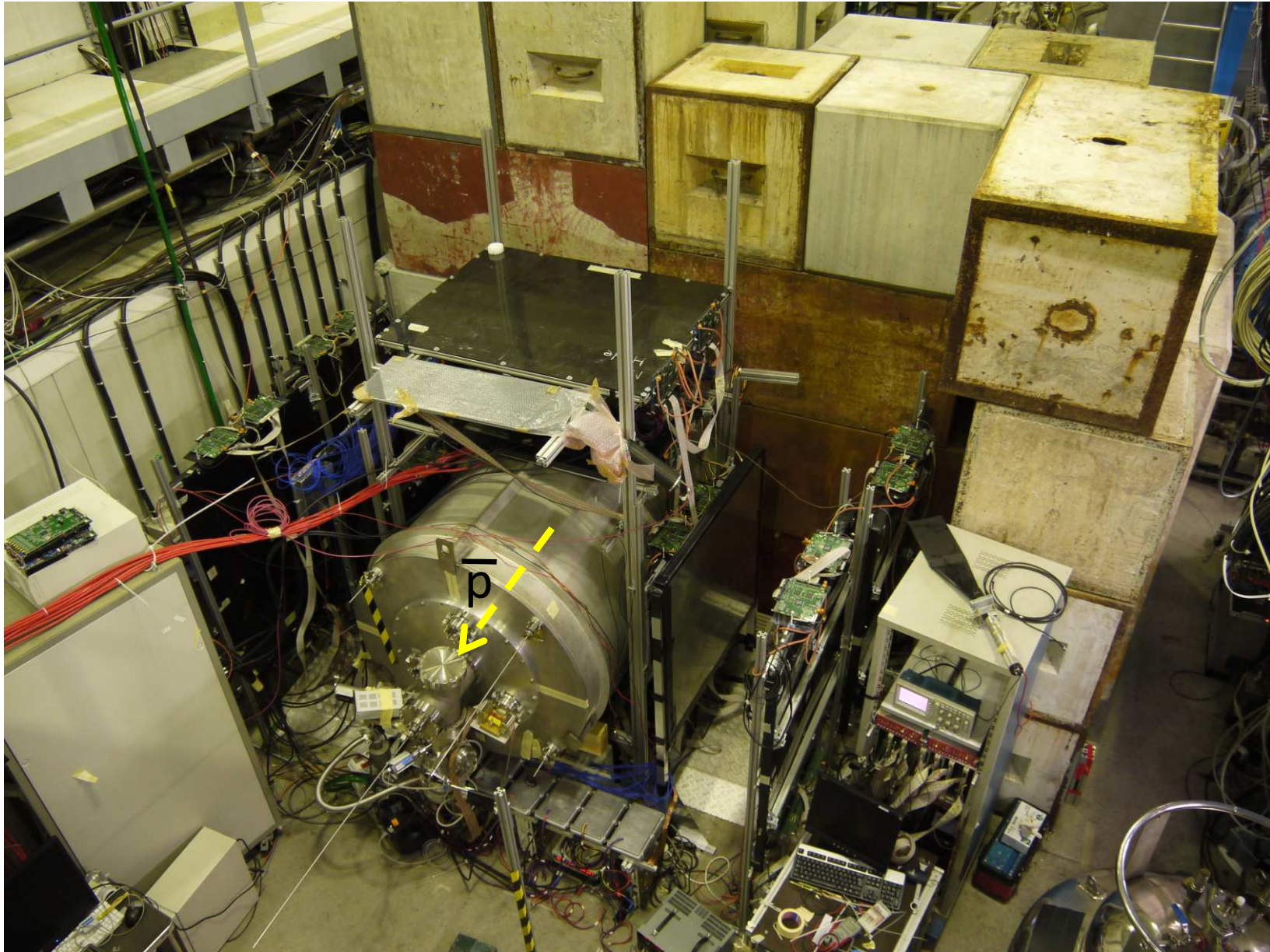
- Beam chopper to reduce the pbar shot length
- Slits along the beam-line to reduce halo
- Long & large vessel
- Ultra-thin targets
- Thick wall to screen detector from p->m->e

# Experimental set-up



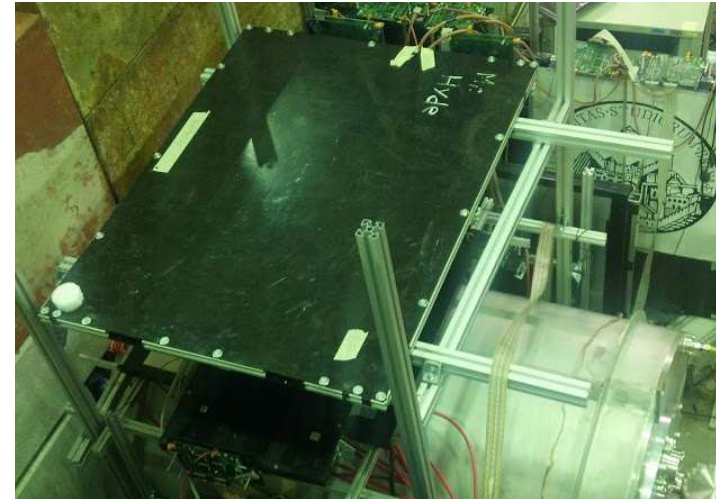
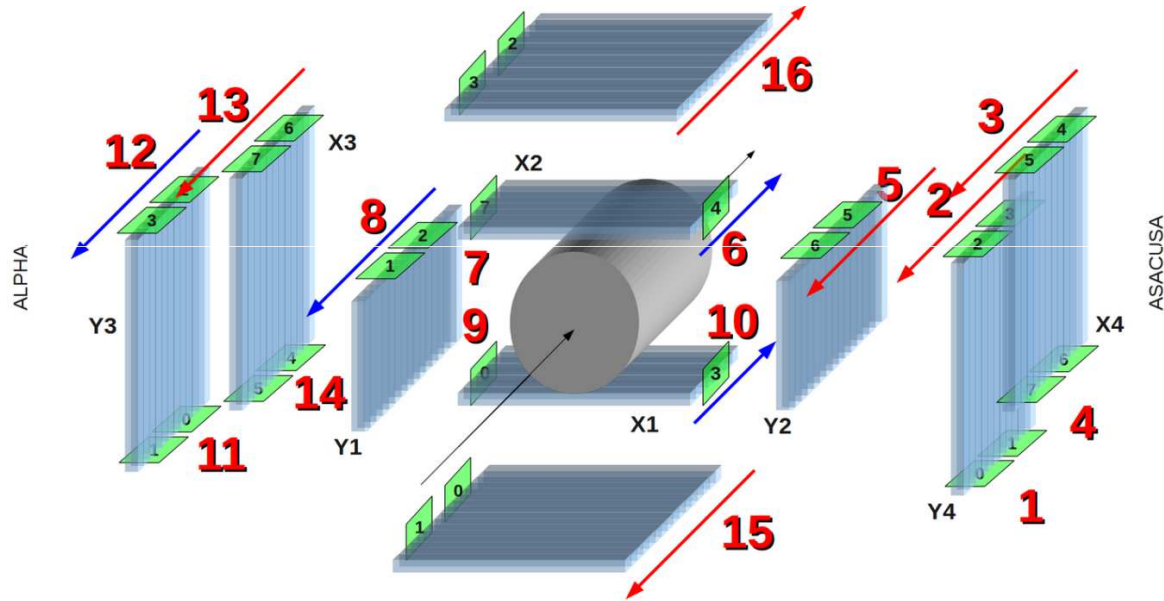


# Experimental set-up

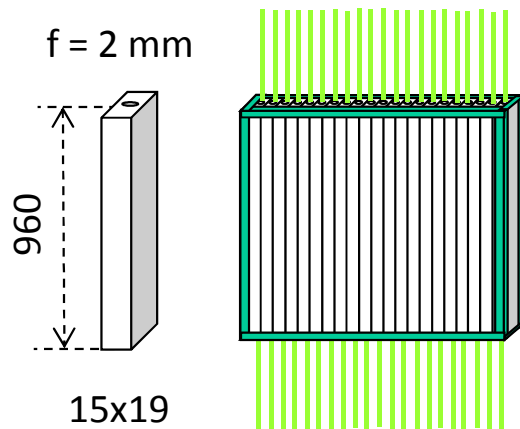


# Detectors 1/2

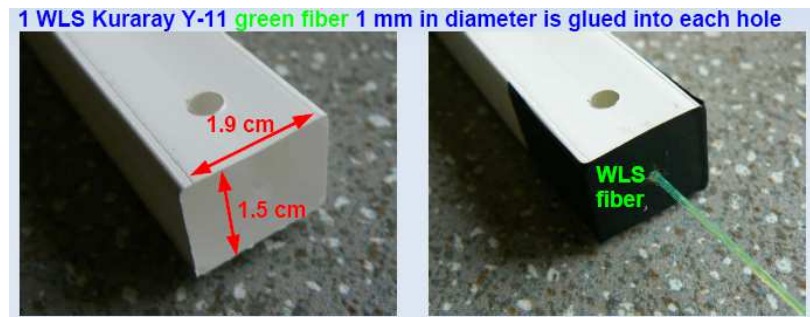
## “Brescia detector”



Modules of different dimensions (total number of scintillator bars = 500)



Scintillator bar

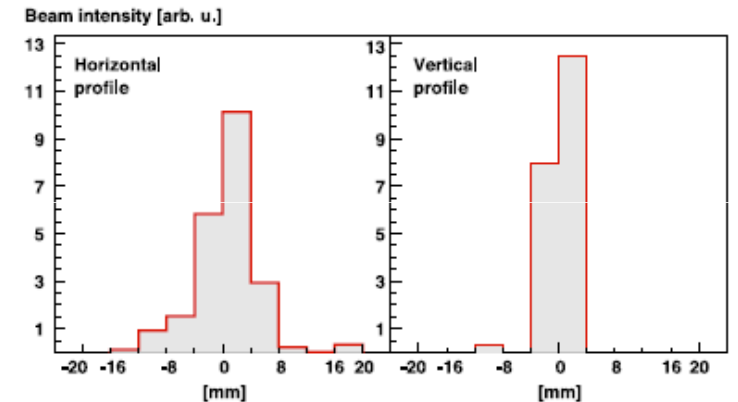
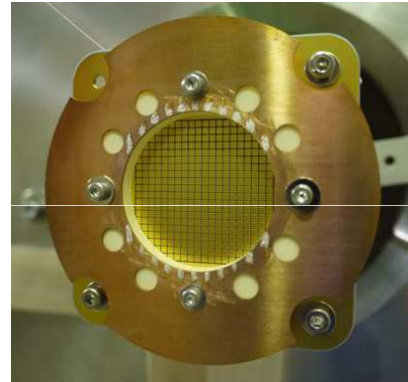


62 bars -> two 64-ch multi-anode PMTs

# Antiproton beam monitors

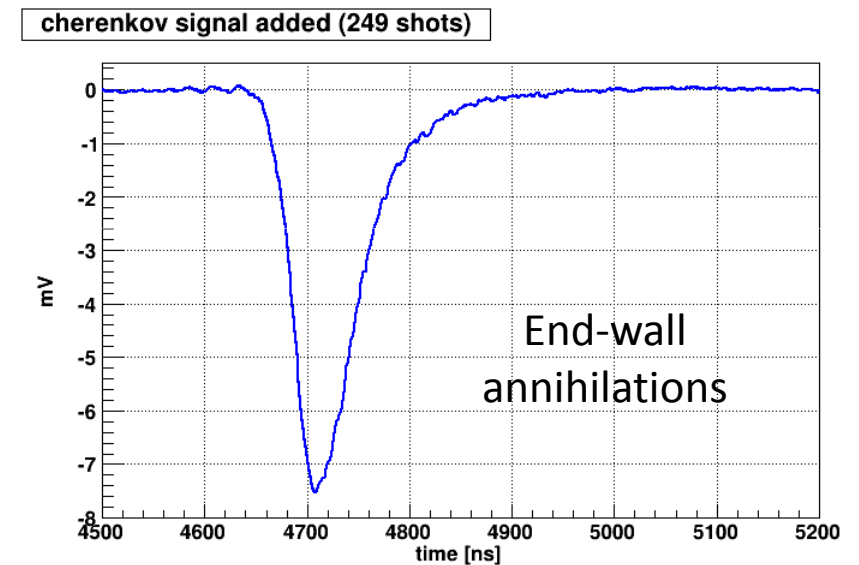
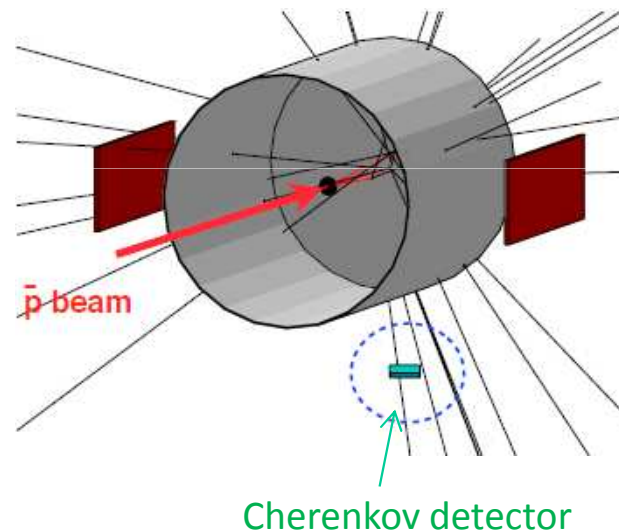
- Beam position monitor

- Secondary emission electron detector
- Placed (& removable) at the target position
- Resolution 4 mm



- Beam intensity monitor

- Cherenkov detector



# Targets

Ultra-thin targets:

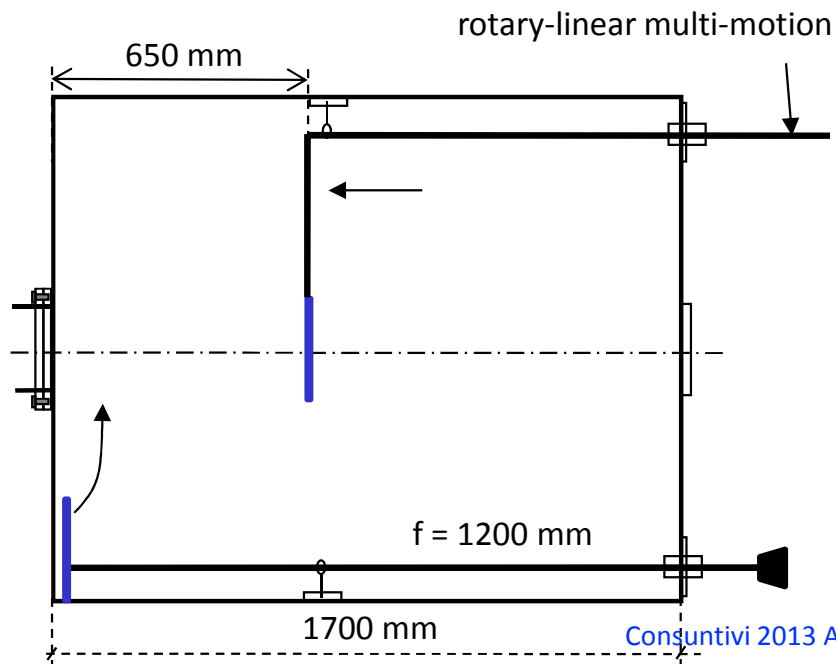
- carbon foil (70 nm)
- carbon foil (70 nm) + Pd (20 nm)
- carbon foil (70 nm) + Pt (5 nm)

Made @ TUM

Steel ring frame:  $\Phi_{\text{int}} = 8\text{cm}$   $\Phi_{\text{ext}} = 13\text{cm}$



target parking vessel



# Why ultra-thin targets?

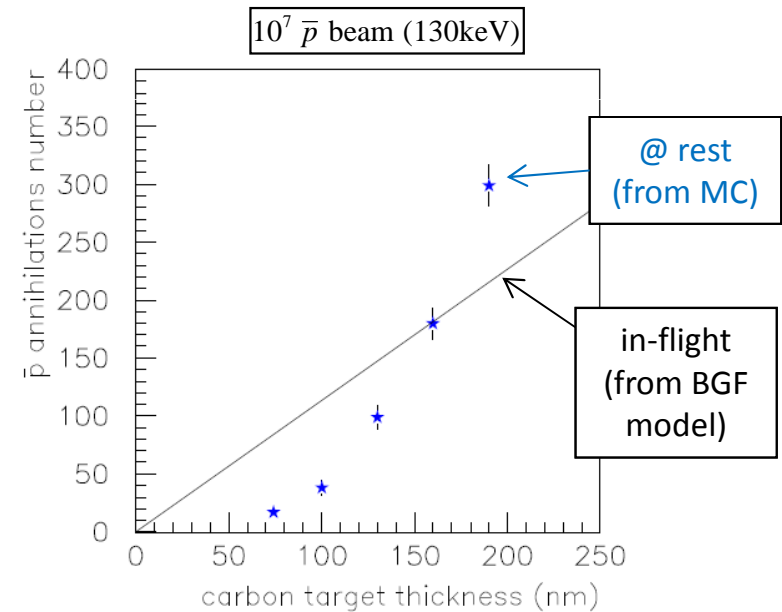
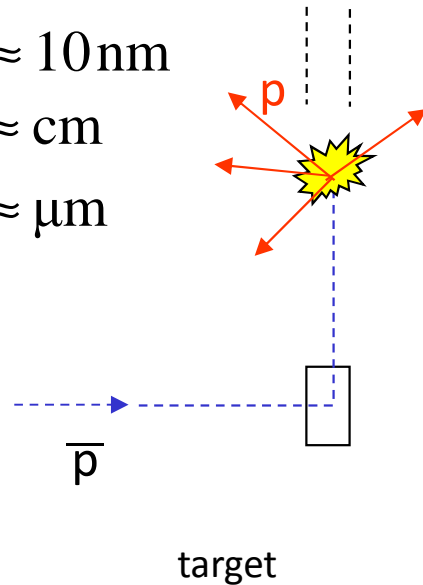
antiprotons scattered at  $\approx 90^\circ$  will stop in the target

Scale dimensions:

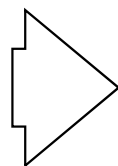
Target thickness  $\Delta x \approx 10 \text{ nm}$

Target radius  $D \approx \text{cm}$

antiproton range  
(@100keV)  $R \approx \mu\text{m}$



For C target (70 nm) the expected pbars @ rest are much less than in-flight annihilations



very thin targets needed

# Targets measurements @ LNL

Rutherford Back Scattering measurement:

2 MeV Alpha scattered at  $165^\circ$  ; spot  $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$

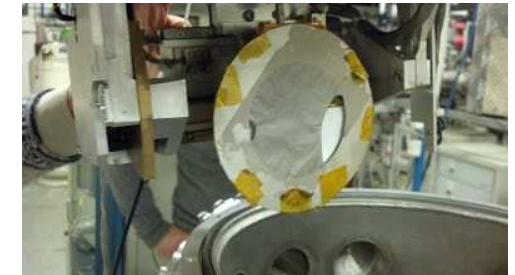


C+Pd

	nominal $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$	nominal $1\text{E}15 \text{ at}/\text{cm}^2$	measured $1\text{E}15\text{at}/\text{cm}^2$	measured nm
Pd	24	135.8	<b>139 (+- 4)</b>	20.4 ( $\rho=21.45 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^3$ )
C	16	803	<b>720 (+- 35)</b>	71.7 ( $\rho=2 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^3$ )

C+Pt

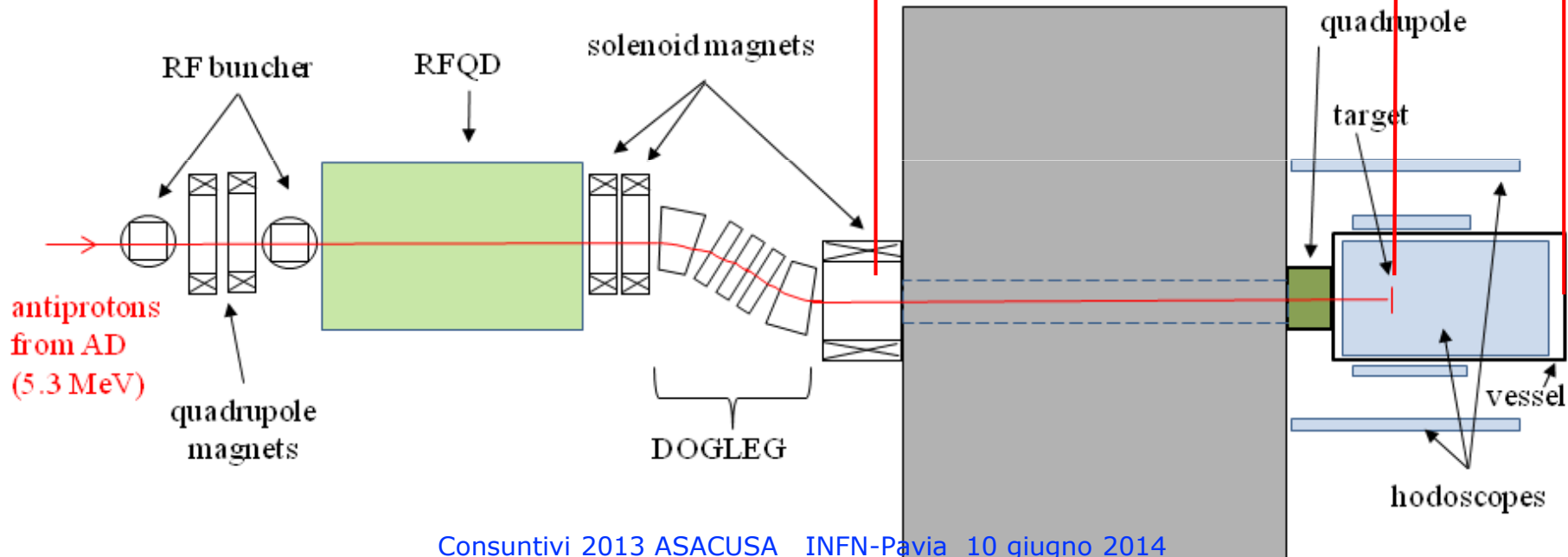
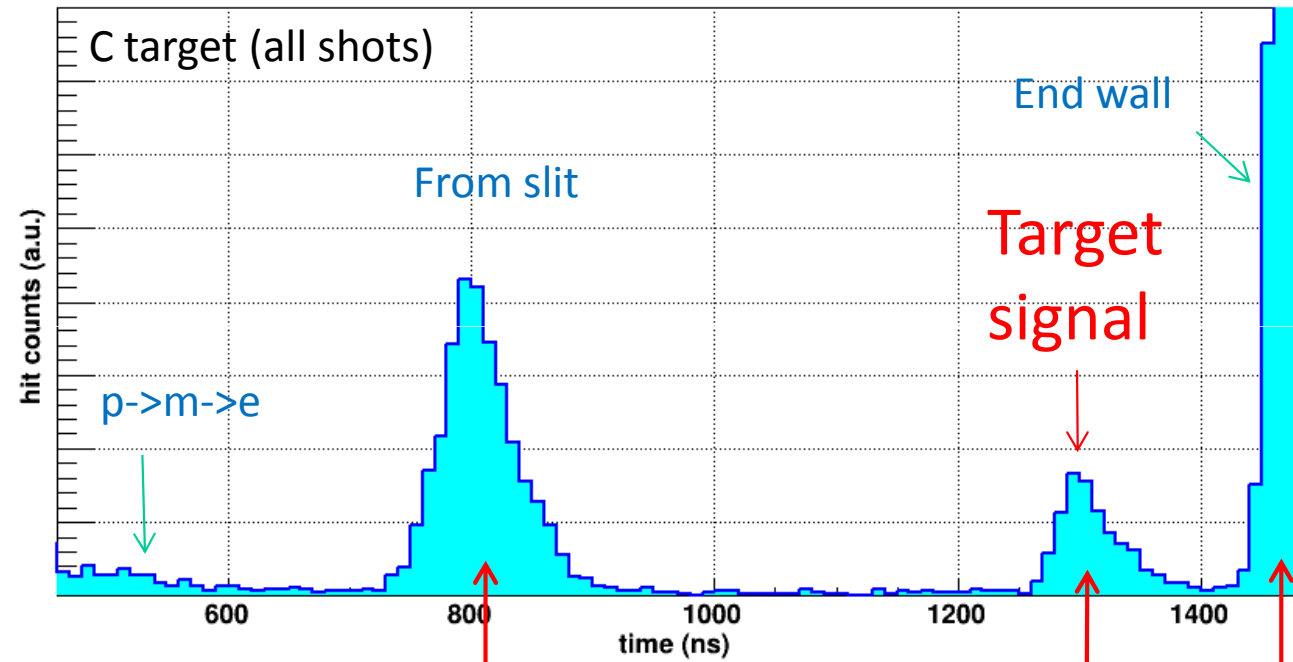
	nominal $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$	nominal $1\text{E}15 \text{ at}/\text{cm}^2$	measured $1\text{E}15 \text{ at}/\text{cm}^2$	measured nm
Pt	10.7	33	<b>43.8 (+-3%)</b>	6.62 ( $\rho=21.45\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )
C	16	803	<b>768 (+-5%)</b>	76.5 ( $\rho=2 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^3$ )



C target not measured (destroyed)

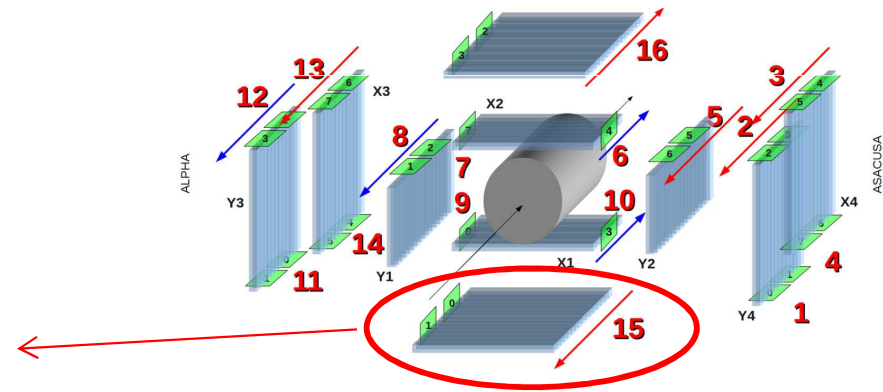
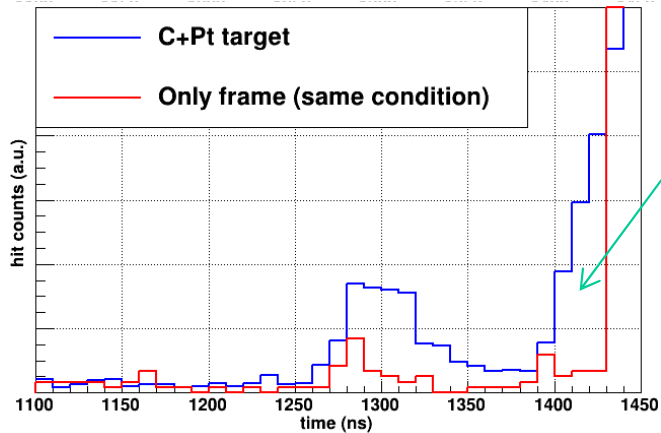
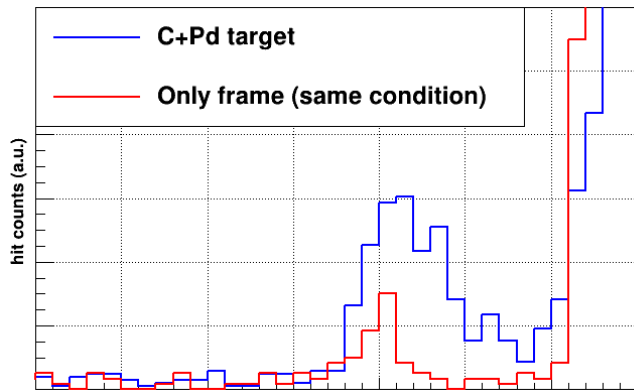
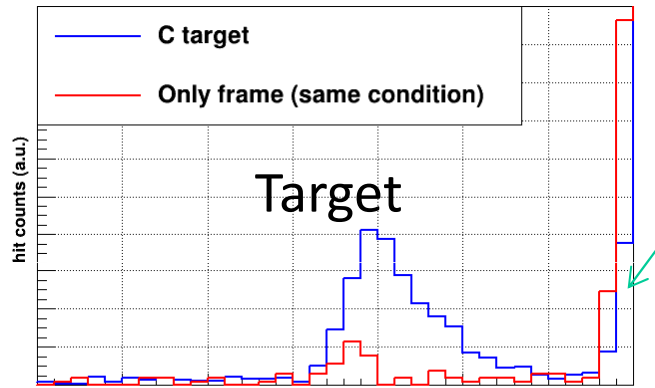
Good thickness uniformity (better than 5%)

# The raw data 1/3



# The raw data 2/3

## “Brescia detector”

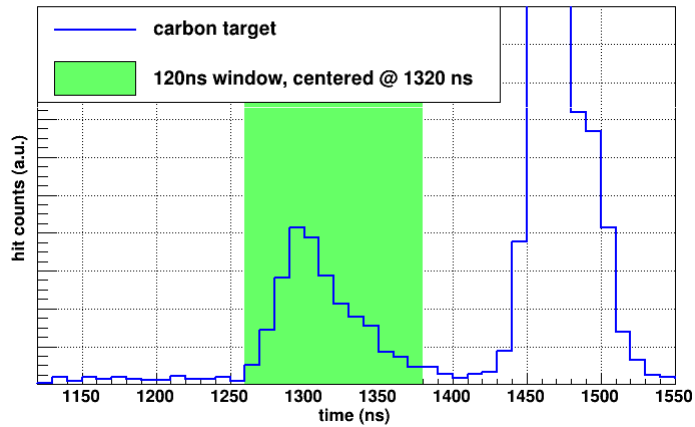




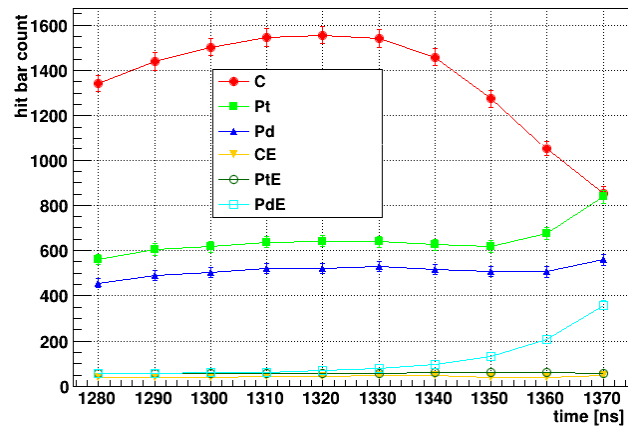
# Data analysis

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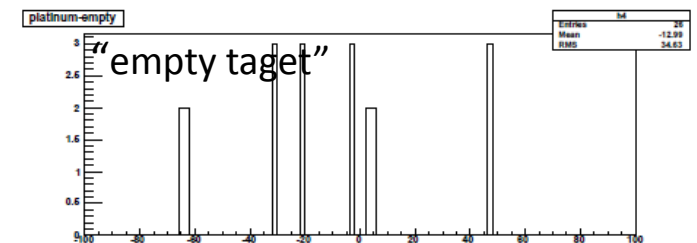
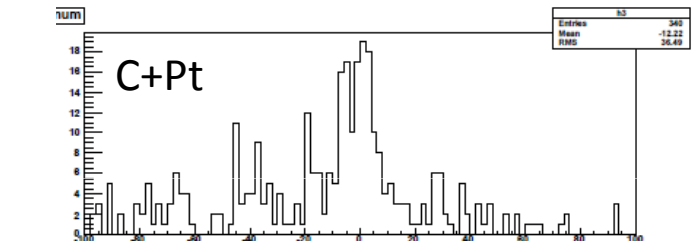
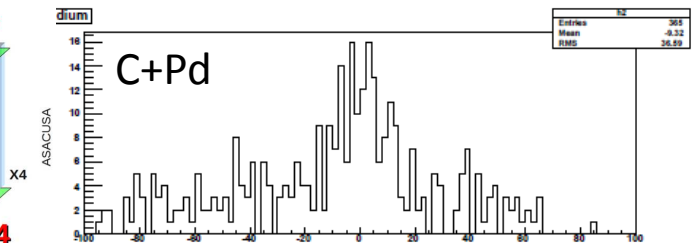
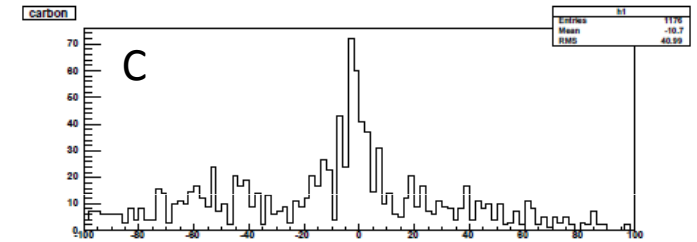
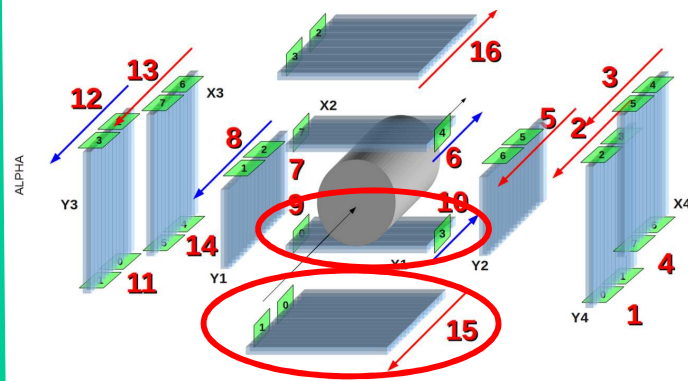
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COUNTS from 1220 to 1440 ns, width 120 ns, P15



Vertex reconstruction

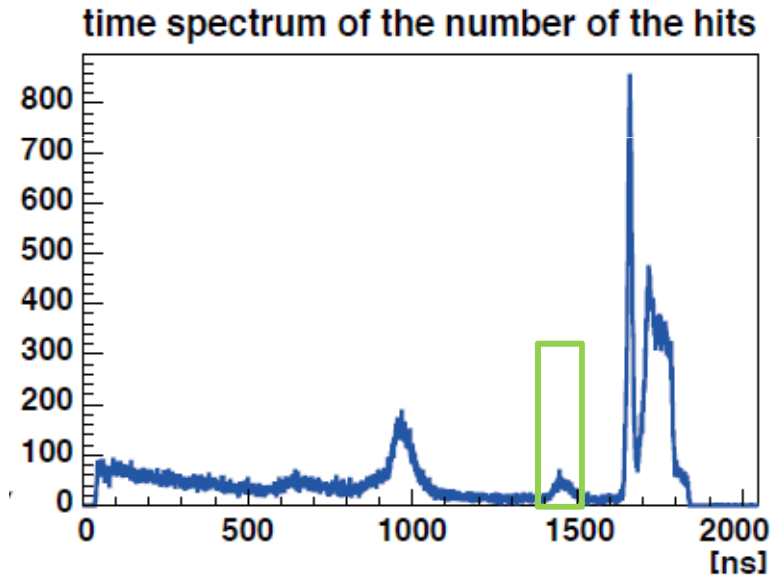


Consistent results

# Data analysis

## “MPQ/Tokyo detector”

Only time info



	Total hits		
	Brescia (1 mod.)	MPQ/Tokyo	Ratio
bare-C	1556	4010	2.6
C+Pd	523	1490	2.8
C+Pt	643	2000	3.1
Acceptance (W)	6%	16%	2.7

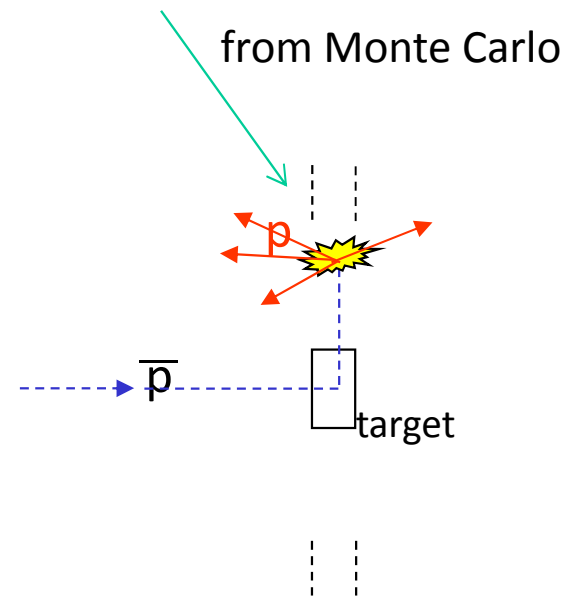
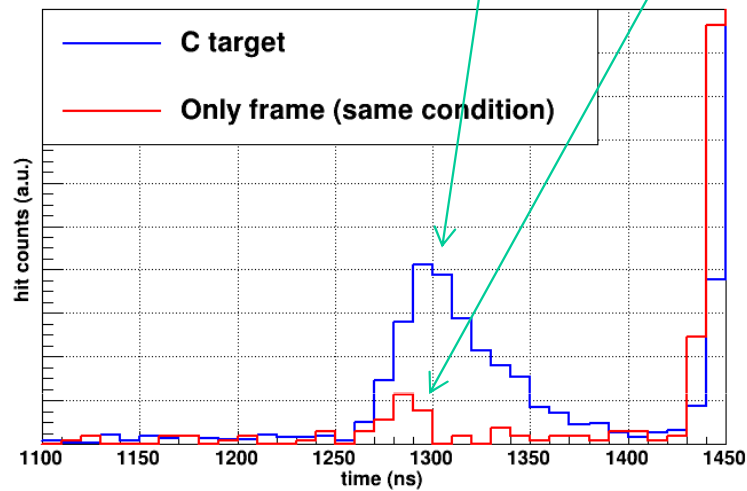
Results from BS-detector and MPQ/Tokyo detector are consistent

# Data analysis

In-flight annihilations

$$\sigma_{ann}(\bar{p}A) \div \frac{N_{\text{events}}}{N_{\text{beam}}}$$

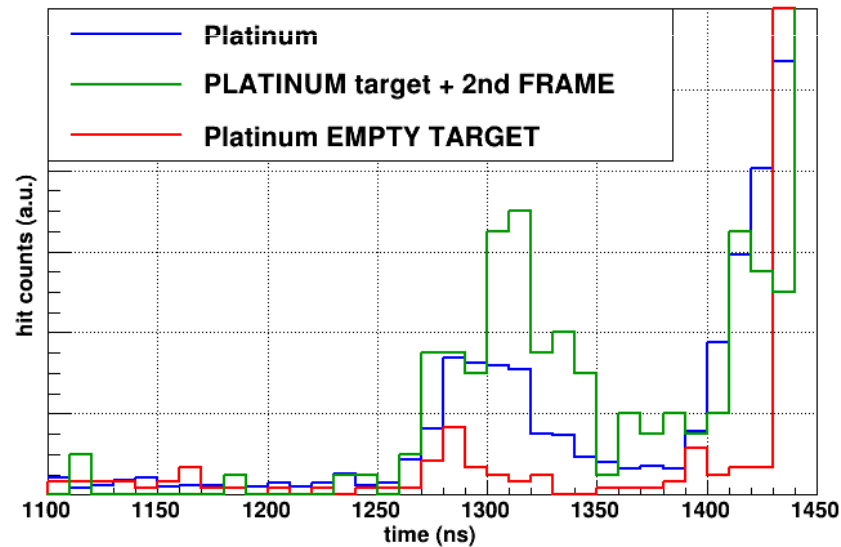
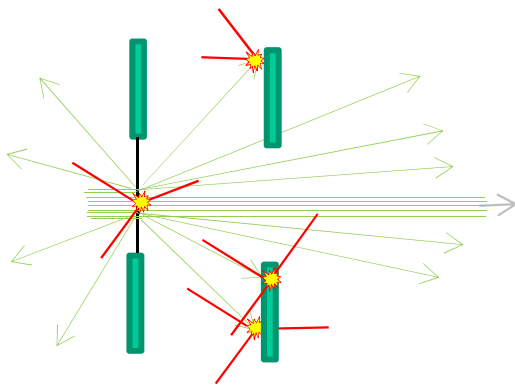
$$N_{\text{events}} = N_{\text{tot}} - N_{\text{halo}} - N_{\text{rest}}$$



# Beam intensity measurement

Cherenkov detector → relative measurement of the pbar beam intensity

Cherenkov signal normalized to the signal from Coulomb-scattered pbars on a 2° frame  
 → absolute pbar beam intensity



Assuming prong multiplicity ( $k$ )=6, solid angle ( $W$ )=6%, detector efficiency ( $e$ )=0.9  
 the **beam intensity is  $7 \times 10^4$**  pbars per shot (in the C+Pt day)

N.B.  $\sigma_{ann}(\bar{p}A) \doteq \frac{N_{events}}{N_{beam}}$  is independent from  $k, W, e$

same detector

# Carbon target

Problems with bare-C target data

	Normalized hits/shot	
C	5.8 $\pm$ 0.1	← Too many in respect to the others
C+Pd	1.98 $\pm$ 0.06	
C+Pt	1.81 $\pm$ 0.08	

- The carbon films had similar thicknesses (even if bare-C not measured)
- same results in different days
- same results with different detectors
- Beam halo on the frame is very unlikely (checked during run)
- large dusts on the bare-C target?

# Upper limits on pbar-nucleus annihilation cross-sections @130 keV

In 2012 data for 3 targets:

C

(C+Pd)

(C+Pt)

...but bare-C target was unreliable

*Can we extract annih. cross-sections from (C+Pd) and (C+Pt) data?*

# Annihilation cross-section (s)

$$\begin{cases} N_{events}^{Pt+C} = N_{pbar} (\sigma_{Pt} n_{Pt} + \sigma_C n_C) & \text{for (Pt+C) target} \\ N_{events}^{Pd+C} = N_{pbar} (\sigma_{Pd} n_{Pt} + \sigma_C n'_C) & \text{for (Pd+C) target} \end{cases}$$

2 equations and 3 variables  $(\sigma_C, \sigma_{Pd}, \sigma_{Pt})$

It is possible to measure:

- relative s:  $\frac{\sigma_{Pd}}{\sigma_C}, \frac{\sigma_{Pt}}{\sigma_C}, \frac{\sigma_{Pt}}{\sigma_{Pd}}$

- (lower & upper) limits for  $\sigma_C, \sigma_{Pd}, \sigma_{Pt}$

Legenda:

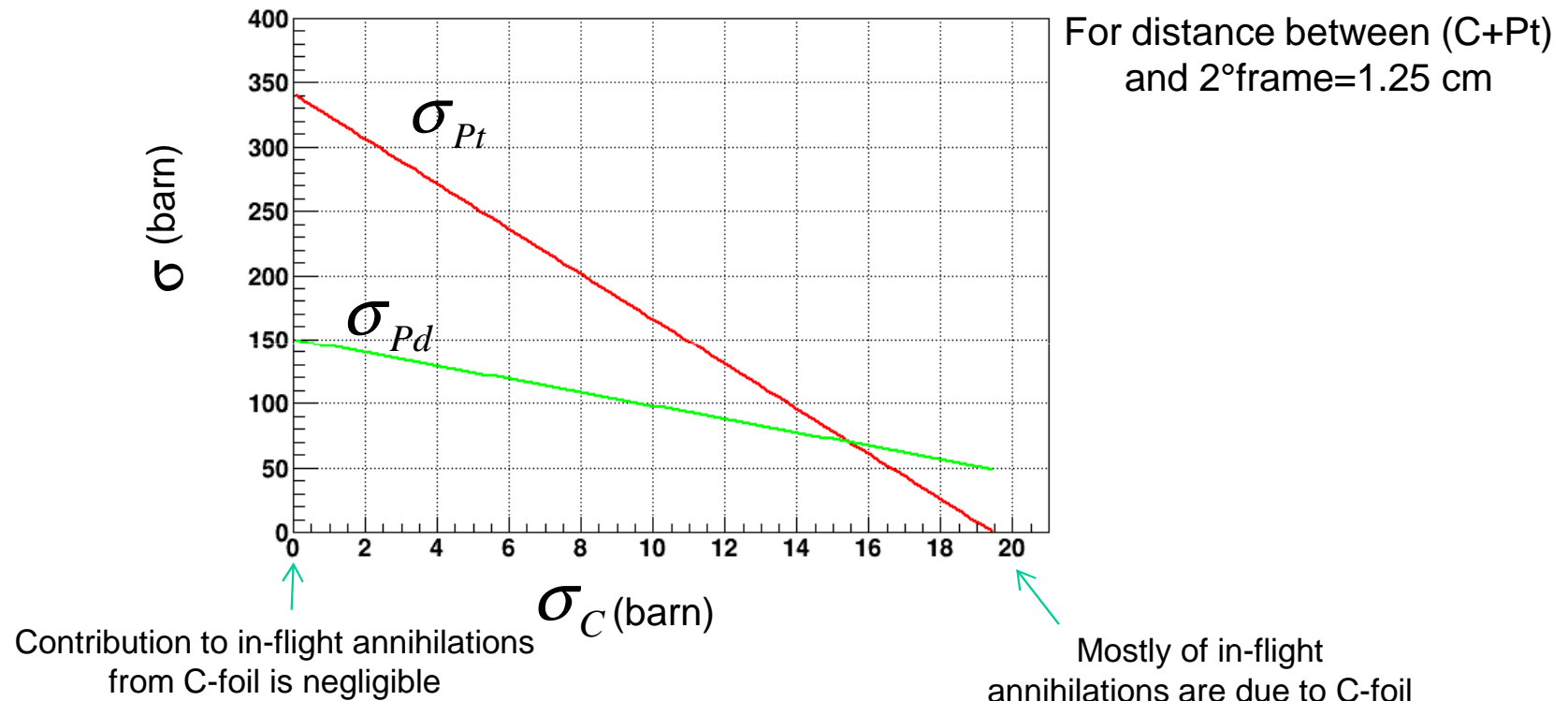
$N_{events}^{Pt+C} (N_{events}^{Pd+C}) =$  # of in-flight annihilations for Pt+C (Pd+C) target

$N_{pbar} =$  # of injected pbars

$n_X =$  Surface number density for X element  $\leftarrow$  RBS measurement @ Legnaro (Italy)

# (lower & upper) limits for $\sigma_C$ , $\sigma_{Pd}$ , $\sigma_{Pt}$

From: 
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \sigma_{Pt} &= -\frac{n_C}{n_{Pt}} \sigma_C + \frac{N_{events}^{Pt+C}}{N_{pbar} n_{Pt}} \\ \sigma_{Pd} &= -\frac{n'_c}{n_{Pt}} \sigma_C + \frac{N_{events}^{Pd+C}}{N_{pbar} n_{Pd}} \end{aligned} \right.$$
 with the conditions  $\sigma_C \geq 0$   $\sigma_{Pd} \geq 0$   $\sigma_{Pt} \geq 0$



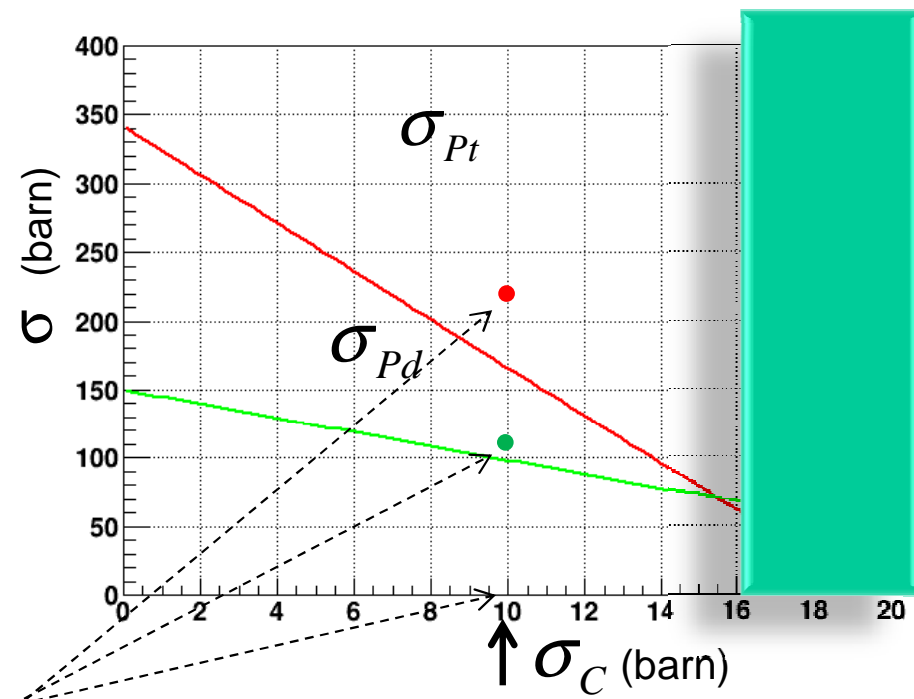


# more stringent (lower & upper) limits for $\sigma_C$ , $\sigma_{Pd}$ , $\sigma_{Pt}$

In addition if we assume:

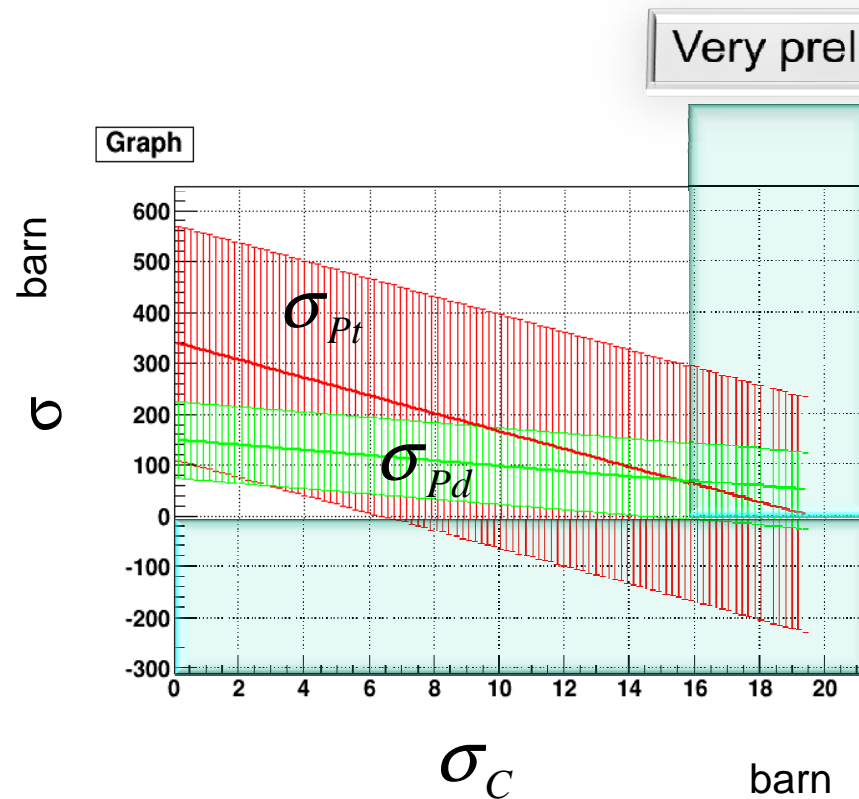
we can limit the ranges

$$\sigma_{Pt} \geq \sigma_{Pd} \geq \sigma_C$$



Batty-Friedman-Gal model

(lower & upper) limits for  $\sigma_C$ ,  $\sigma_{Pd}$ ,  $\sigma_{Pt}$   
+ errors bands



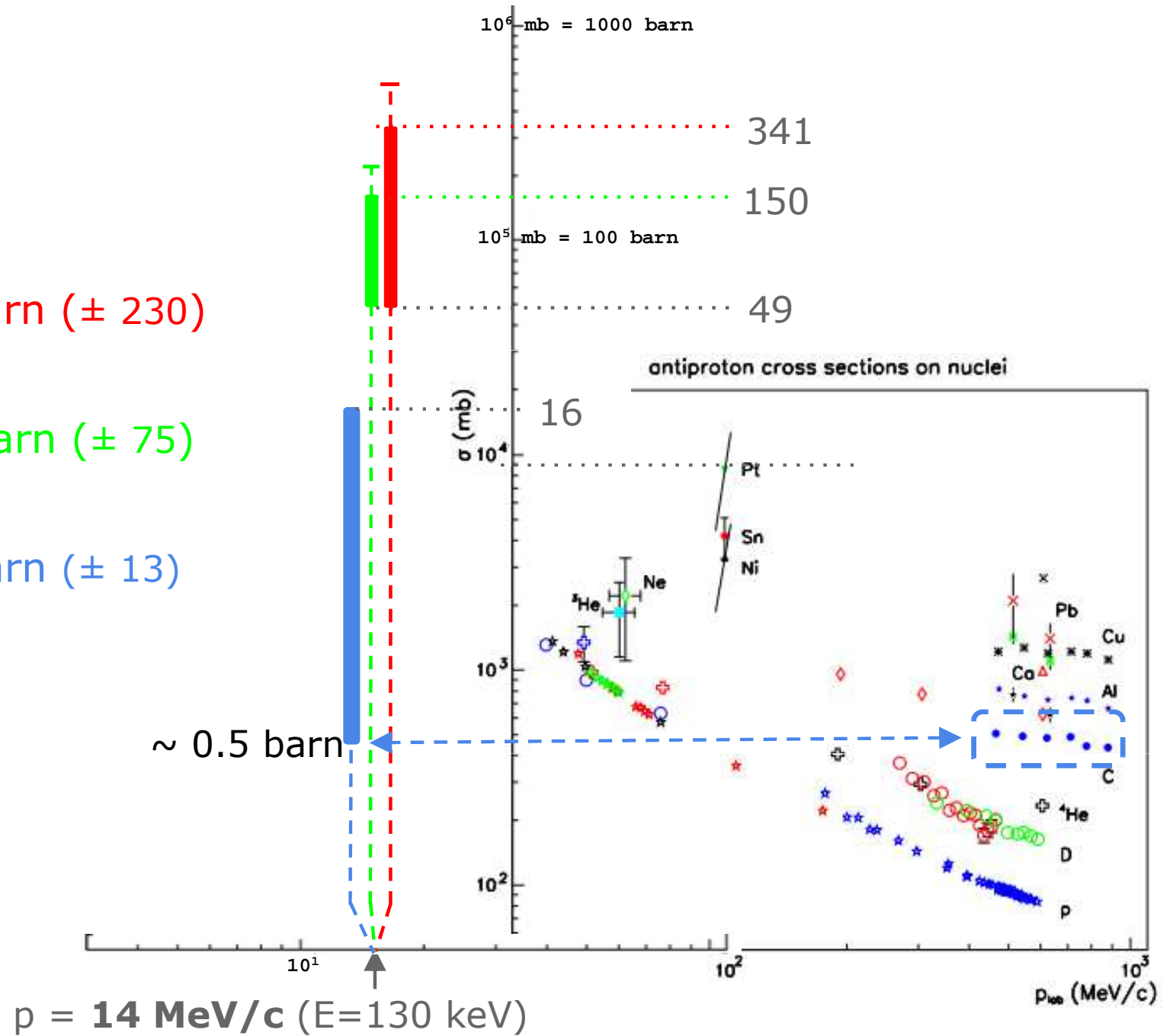
For distance between (C+Pt)  
and 2°frame=1.25(+/-0.20) cm

@130 keV

$$49 < \sigma_{Pt} < 341 \text{ barn } (\pm 230)$$

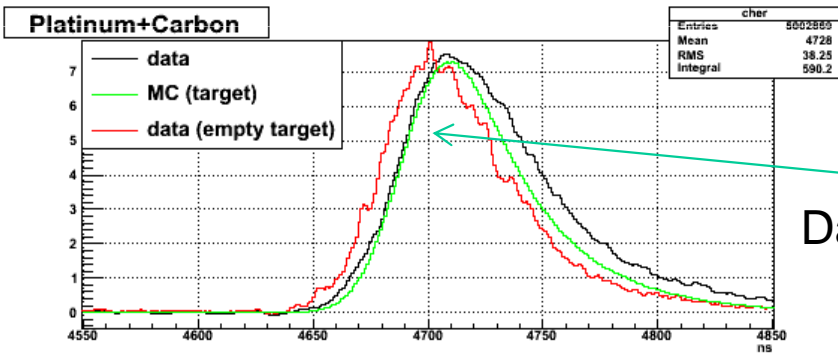
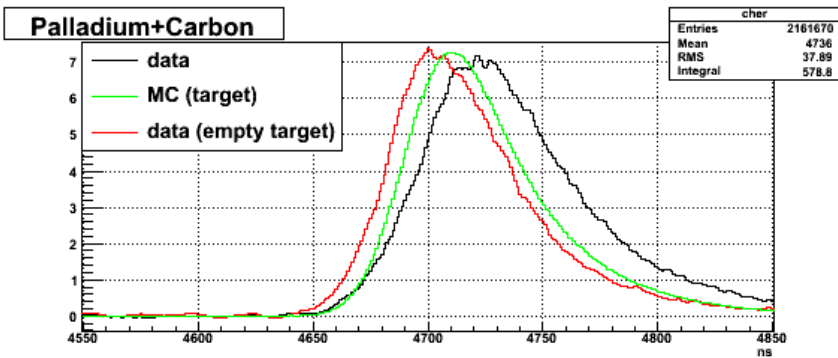
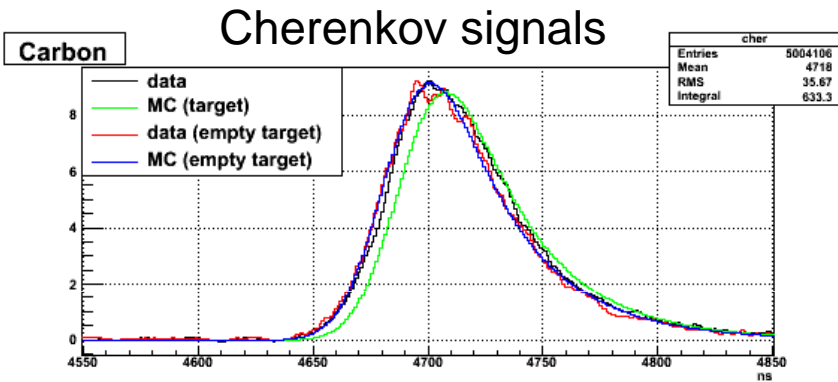
$$49 < \sigma_{Pd} < 150 \text{ barn } (\pm 75)$$

$$\sim 0.5 < \sigma_C < 16 \text{ barn } (\pm 13)$$

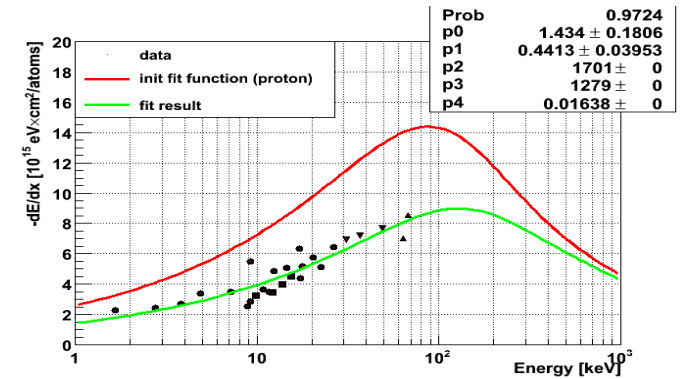


# Energy loss

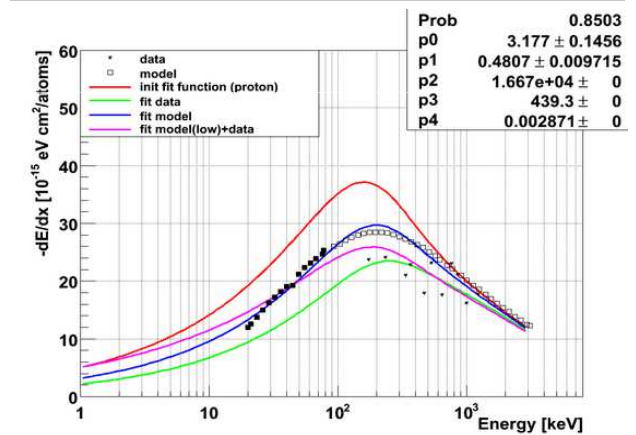
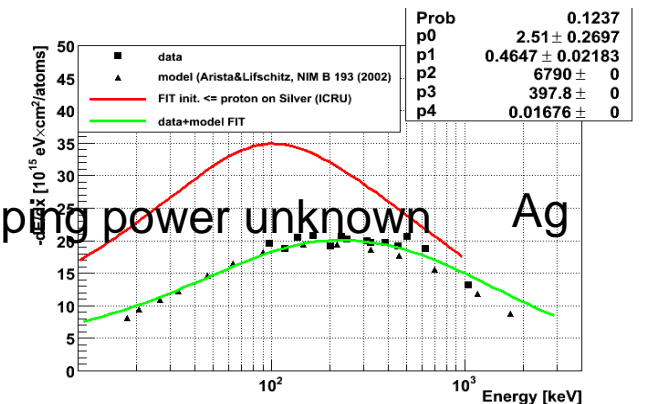
By product



Data and simulations agree well



Pd stopping power unknown Ag

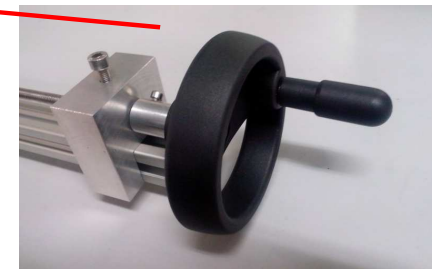
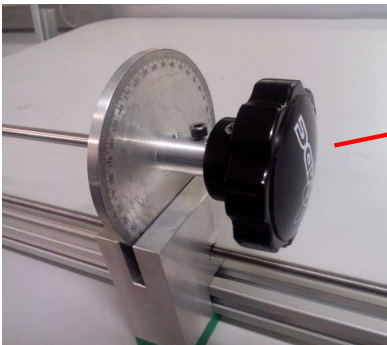
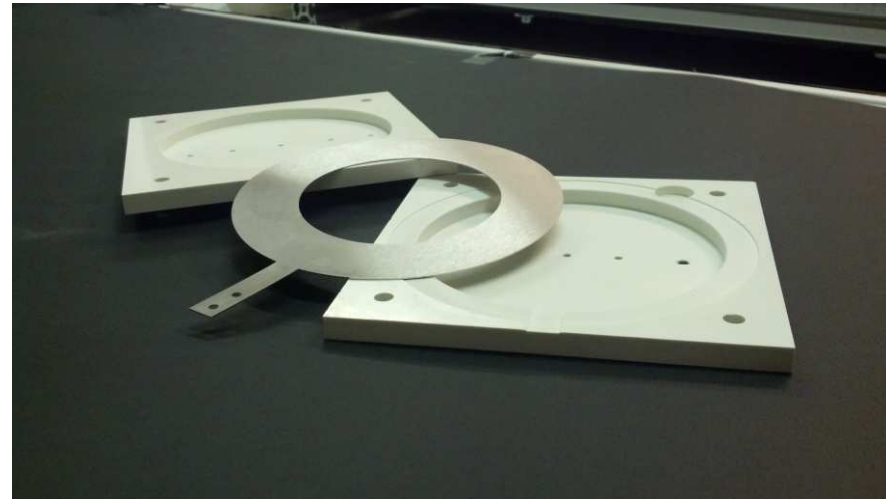


Similar by using GEANT4

# Improvements for next measurements

@ 130 keV

- Same apparatus
- Minor improvements:
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  - thicker wall
  - new target frames and boxes
  - new target positioning tool



# Summary

- 1) Three targets used: C, C+Pd, C+Pt
- 2) Same results with 2 different and independent detectors (the MPQ/Tokyo detector and the Brescia detector).
- 3) good separation between signal and background
- 4) C- target was unreliable (too many events in respect to C+Pd and C+Pt targets)
- 5) the data acquired in different conditions are consistent (for example the only-frame data, the data with the 2nd frame. etc.)
- 6) if we exclude the carbon target, the other 2 targets give reasonable results:

-it is possible to determine the upper limits for the pbar annihilation cross-sections ( $\sigma$ ) on carbon, palladium and platinum. Their values are 20, 150, 340 barn

-If we assume that  $\sigma_C < \sigma_{Pd} < \sigma_{Pt}$  the upper limit for  $\sigma_C$  becomes 16 barn and we can give also lower limits for the other sigmas. They are 50 barn for both palladium and platinum.

-The uncertainty on these values can be estimated to be around 60% (this is very preliminar)

-If we assume  $\sigma_C=10$  barn (as predicted by Batty-Friedman-Gal) we have a good agreement between  $\sigma_{Pd}$  and  $\sigma_{Pt}$  values and the the Batty-Friedman-Gal's predictions.