Perspectives for a Ground State Hyperfine Spectroscopy of ANTIHYDROGEN

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Antihydrogen

Antihydrogen is the bound state of an antiproton and a positron



Antihydrogen: what is it known?



Positron (+)

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Antihydrogen: what is it known?



Antihydrogen: what is it known?



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Why study antihydrogen

1) Precise matter/antimatter comparison \rightarrow test of CPT symmetry



2) Measurement of the gravitational behaviour of antimatter \rightarrow test of WEP



Impossible with charged antiparticle

only with neutral system \rightarrow H

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Matter/antimatter asymmetry in the Universe



Positrons and antiprotons in the cosmics rays are compatible with secondary production (made in the matter collision with the interstellar medium)

Earth, Moon and planets made of matter

The visible Universe is made of matter

No primordial antimatter detected





 $t \approx 0$ equal quantity of matter and antimatter \leftarrow expected from symmetry!? t < 0.001 s All antimatter disappeared and only (part of) matter (and we) survive

Possible explanations rely on the fundamental symmetries violations

The CPT theorem

50's – Pauli, Schwinger, Lüders, Jost

The **CPT** theorem (1954): "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 \rightarrow CPT violations as a signature of string theory?

No measurement of CPT violation exists

CPT tests: relative & absolute precisions



Considered "best CPT test": $K^0 - \overline{K}^0 \Delta m/m \sim 10^{-18} \Leftrightarrow 10^5$ Hz but absolute precision could be relevant ... $\rightarrow H - \overline{H}$ 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



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

Antihydrogen formation

Antiproton Decelerator-AD @CERN

AD is the only source of low-energy antiprotons

All-in-one machine: antiproton capture , deceleration & cooling



AD delivers to the experiments :

- 2-4 10⁷ antiprotons per bunch (150-300 ns length)
- 1 bunch/ 100 s
- Energy = 5.3 MeV (100 MeV/c)

Experiments: - (2015) <u>ALPHA</u>, <u>ATRAP</u>, <u>ASACUSA</u>, <u>AEgIS</u>, BASE - <u>ATHENA (ended)</u>, ACE (ended), <u>GBAR</u> (future)

Antihydrogen for CPT test

matter-antimatter precise comparison by means of spectroscopy



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Ground-state hyperfine splitting of antihydrogen

(Anti)hydrogen ground-state hyperfine splitting

- Interaction between (anti)proton and (anti)electron spin magnetic moments
- Between the triplet (F = 1) and singlet (F = 0) sublevels : 1s _____

Leading term:
$$\nu_{\rm HF} = rac{16}{3} \left(rac{m_p}{m_p + m_e}
ight)^3 rac{m_e}{m_p} rac{\mu_p}{\mu_N} lpha^2 c R_\infty (1+\delta) \simeq 1.42 \; {
m GHz}$$

- v_{HF} is proportional to the (anti)proton magnetic moment $\mu_{\overline{p}}$ (5 ppm 2012 Gabrielse, previously 0.3%)
- δ : higher-order QED & strong interaction corrections: ~10⁻³
- Theoretical uncertainty on δ : ~10^{-6}

M = 0

 $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$

Antihydrogen GS-HFS in magnetic field

Hyperfine levels depend on magnetic field:

Energy increases for (F, M) = (1, -1) and (1, 0): low-field seekers $(\mu < 0)$ Energy decreases for (F, M) = (1, 1) and (0, 0): high-field seekers $(\mu > 0)$



Antihydrogen GS-HFS measurement

- For hydrogen: 10^{-12} precision (hydrogen maser)
- But maser not possible for antihydrogen
- Spectroscopy of trapped antihydrogen \rightarrow low precision due to strong confining field
- Spectroscopy of \bar{H} beam
 - far from large **B**
 - atomic beam method can work up to 50-100 K (for trapped \overline{H} : << 1 K)

ALPHA: Antihydrogen GS-HFS in a trap

C. Amole et al., Nature 483, 439 (2012)



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ASACUSA antihydrogen beam for GS-HFS measurement

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Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons

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Not only antihydrogen

- pHe laser spectroscopy : mp vs. mp
- **p**He microwave spectroscopy : $\mu_{\overline{p}}$
- pA collision : formation and ionization cross section
- $\overline{\mathbf{p}}\mathbf{N}$ collision : in flight annihilation cross section
- $\overline{pe^+} = \overline{H}$ beam microwave spectroscopy :
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HFS-states: de-focused LFS-states: focused

B and **E** axially symmetric

Scheme of the measurement





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Scheme of the experimental set-up 2012



Experimental set-up



2012

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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

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Antihydrogen beam





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Energy deposition in the BGO



Antihydrogens reaching the BGO



Detected antihydrogen atoms



Table 1 Summary of antihydrogen events detected by the antihydrogen detector.			
	Scheme 1	Scheme 2	Background
Measurement time (s)	4,950	2,100	1,550
Double coincidence events, Nt Events above the threshold	1,149	487	352
(40 MeV), N > 40	99	29	6
Z-value (profile likelihood ratio) (σ)	5.0	3.2	
Z-value (ratio of Poisson means) (σ)	4.8	3.0	-

Antihydrogens (n<43) detected with 5 σ significance 2.7 m far from their production region

→ Antihydrogen beam has been produced

25 Hbars/hour (n<43)

16 Hbars/hour (n<29)

\leftarrow significant fraction in lower n

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Recent improvements

- -Installation and successful operation of a new double cusp magnet
- -Installation and successful operation of a new multi-ring electrodes (MRE)
- -Installation and successful operation of a new Asacusa Micromegas
- -Installation and successful operation of a new eld ionizer
- -Installation and successful operation of a new H detector consisting of a BGO disc with 2D read-out and a double layered hodoscope
- -An order of magnitude faster positron accumulation as compared to 2012
- -Stable manipulation of positron plasma in the double cusp magnet
- -Successful transport of 60eV antiproton beam
- -Detection of H atoms 3.4 m downstream from the nested well (including candidates in the ground state)

$cusp \rightarrow 2$ -cusp



Higher Hbar beam intensity

new antihydrogen detector



Placed @3.4 m (solid angle = 0.004%)

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The hydrogen setup



hydrogen σ_1 and π_1 measured

σ, transition in earth magnetic field





GS-HFS measured (zero-field extrapolation)
precision better than 10 ppb (the best value for hydrogen in a Rabi-type experiment, to be published)

Performed by E.Widmann group (SMI)

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2014 Hbar data analysis

• in progress



Hbar (n<12) candidate observed @3.4 m

Next steps

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

Perform the measurement



Achievable resolution:

- better than 10^{-6} for T < 100 K

Expectation



D=10 cm, v=1 km/s (100K)

1/T=10 kHz → linewidth resolution δv (FWHM) = 0.8/T → $\delta v / v = 8x10^{-6}$ → Resonance center resolution = 10^{-7}

Achievable resolution:

- better than 10^{-6} for T < 100 K

- 100 Hbar/s in 1S state needed (in 4 π) \rightarrow event rate=1/min.

Future improvements

1° improvement (Ramsey separated oscillatory fields):



Linewidth reduced by D/L



Future



ELENA decelerator:

- 5.3 MeV → 100 keV x 100 pbars trapping efficiencies
- 4 experiments can run in parallel

Summary

- Antihydrogen measurements promises high sensitive tests of CPT symmetry
- First cold beam of antihydrogen atoms produced by ASACUSA
- HFS measurement of hydrogen beam $(<10^{-8})$
- beam features need to be investigated and improved (rate, temperature, n-states,...)
- the present result together with those from the other AD experiments \rightarrow spectroscopy era