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ASACUSA Italia (per 2014)

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Attività teorica (per 2014)

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Attività teorica

1) Fisica medica: ricerca sugli effetti di lungo periodo da contaminazioni interne di Diossido di Torio radioattivo.

A.Bianconi: "Thorotrast and in vivo thorium dioxide: Numerical simulation of 30 years of a radiation absorption by the tissues near a large compact source",
European Journal of Medical Physics (Physica Medica), 30, 489-496 (2014)

intervento al 21esimo convegno SIRR (Società Italiana Ricerca Radiazioni):

A.Bianconi, "Eventi in cui un nucleo cellulare, posizionato per decenni accanto ad una sorgente interna di Torio, viene colpito da due o più particelle a entro intervalli di tempo di ordine 1 s".

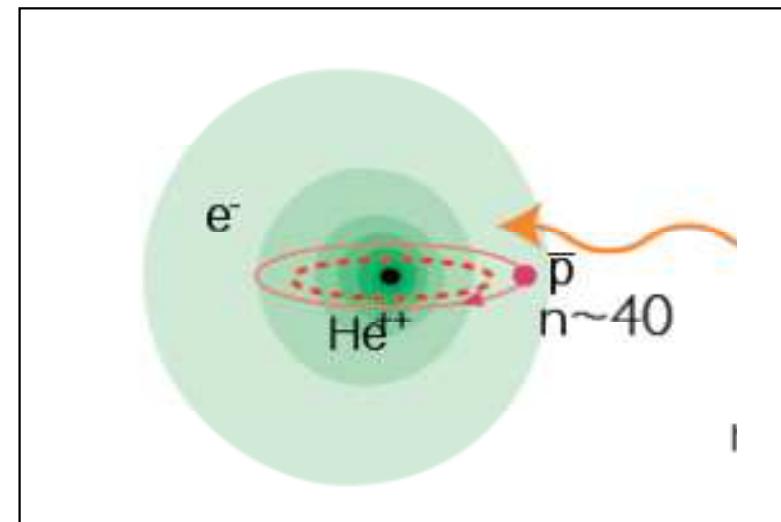
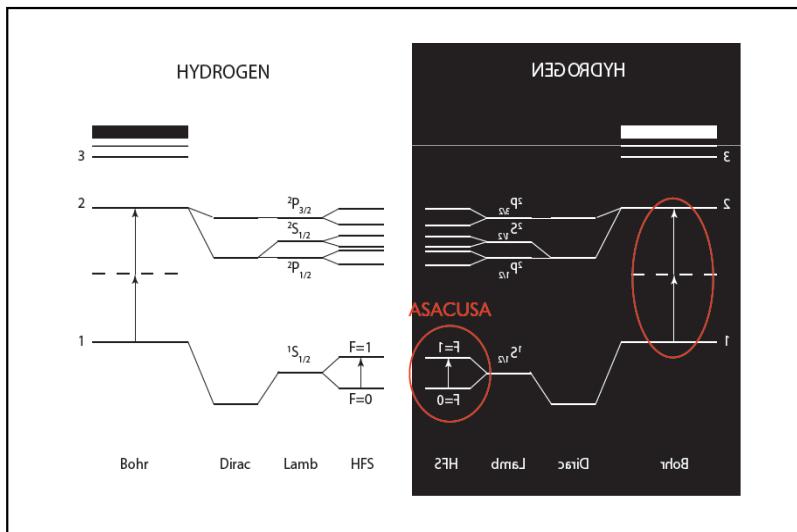
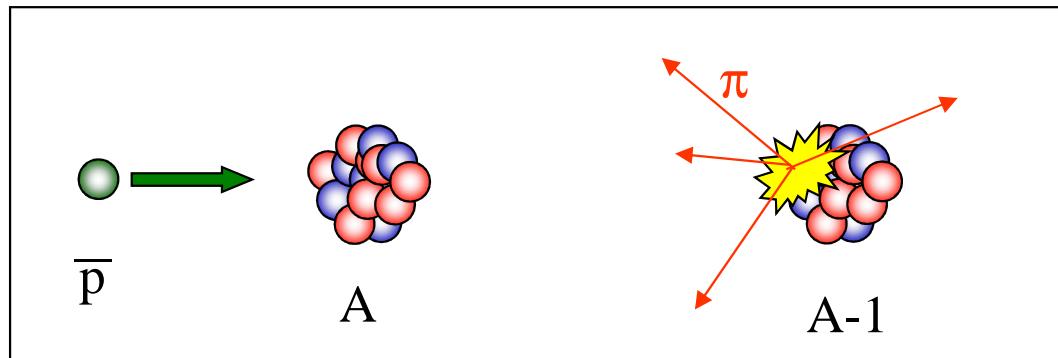
2) Fattori di forma time-like del protone, collaborazione con E.Tomasi-Gustafsson del CEA-Saclay su esperimenti di annichillazione elettrone-positrone in p-pbar o viceversa. In particolare sono stati rianalizzati alcuni dati dell'esperimento Babar.

(pubblicazione su PRL, ma nel 2015).

3) Deep Inelastic Scattering ed eventi Drell Yan (urto ad alta energia protone-antiprotone oppure pion-protone, in entrambi i casi con produzione inclusiva di una coppia elettrone-positrone).

Invited talks a congressi (in particolare: A.Bianconi, "MC at intermediate energies and including transverse polarizations", al convegno "Studies of 3D Structure of Nucleon (INT-14-55W) 2014, Institute of Nuclear Theory, Seattle)

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ISI

Publications and talks

	Titolo	Rivista
1	Antihydrogen formation mechanisms ISI ID della pubblicazione: WOS:000342463600046	INPC 2013 - INTERNATIONAL NUCL, 66-, 05015 (2014)
2	Beam Diagnostics for Measurements of Antiproton Annihilation Cross Sections at U... ISI ID della pubblicazione: WOS:000342463600134	INPC 2013 - INTERNATIONAL NUCL, 66-, 09020 (2014)
3	Antiproton-to-electron mass ratio determined by two-photon laser spectroscopy of... ISI ID della pubblicazione: WOS:000342463600051	INPC 2013 - INTERNATIONAL NUCL, 66-, 05020 (2014)
4	Near-infrared laser spectroscopy of antiprotonic helium atoms ISI ID della pubblicazione: WOS:000342463600041	INPC 2013 - INTERNATIONAL NUCL, 66-, 05010 (2014)
5	Experimental results on antiproton-nuclei annihilation cross section at very low energies ISI ID della pubblicazione: WOS:000342463600115	INPC 2013 - INTERNATIONAL NUCL, 66-, 09001 (2014)
6	A source of antihydrogen for in-flight hyperfine spectroscopy ISI ID della pubblicazione: WOS:000331084200031	NAT COMMUN, 5-, 3089 (2014)
7	Enhancement of annihilation cross sections by electric interactions between the ... ISI ID della pubblicazione: WOS:000346246700001	EUR PHYS J A, 50-12, 182 (2014)

	Titolo	Rivista	Non-ISI
1	Experimental investigation of ≈130 keV kinetic energy antiprotons annihilation cross sections	Hyperfine Interactio, -, (2014)	
2	Modelling the behavior of the positron plasma temperature in antihydrogen experimentation	Hyperfine Interactio, 228-, (2014)	
3	Towards a spin polarized antihydrogen beam	Hyperfine Interactio, -, (2014)	

Talks

	Speaker	Conference	Contr. Title	Type	Place
1	Venturelli L.	20th International Conference on Pa...	The First Cold Beam of Antihydrogen Atoms from a Cusp Trap	par	Hamburg
2	Venturelli L.	5th International Conference on Exo...	First measurements of the antiproton-nucleus annihilation cross section at ...	par	Vienna
3	Mascagna V.	5th International Conference on Exo...	Scintillating bar detector for antiproton annihilations detection	pos	Vienna



Austria - SMI Vienna



Denmark - University of Aarhus



Germany - Max-Planck Institute for Quantum Optics



Hungary - KFKI Budapest, ATOMKI Debrecen



Italy - INFN Brescia



Japan - University of Tokyo, RIKEN Saitama



United Kingdom - University of Swansea, Queens University of Belfast



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} He & \bar{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

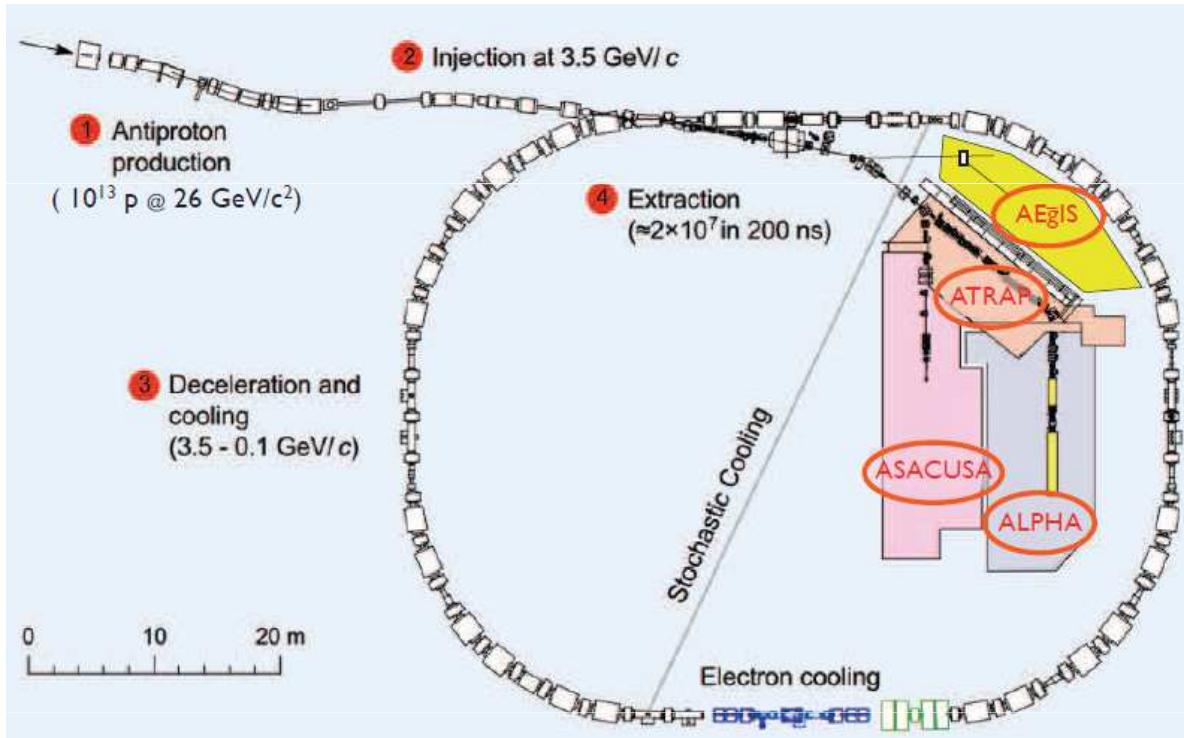
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1. Max-Planck-Institut für Quantenoptik (DE), 2. The University of Tokyo (JP), 3. Stefan Meyer Institute (AT),
4. Universita' di Brescia, and INFN, Gruppo Collegato di Brescia, (IT),
5. RIKEN, and The University of Tokyo, Komaba (JP), 6. KFKI (HU), 7. University of Aarhus (DK)

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 :

- $2-4 \times 10^7$ antiprotons per bunch ($150-300 \text{ ns}$ length)
- 1 bunch/ 100 s
- Energy = 5.3 MeV ($100 \text{ MeV}/c$)

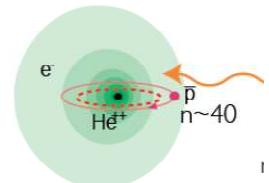
Experiments: - (2015) ALPHA, ATRAP, ASACUSA, AEGIS, BASE
- ATHENA (ended), ACE (ended), GBAR (future)

ASACUSA Experiments

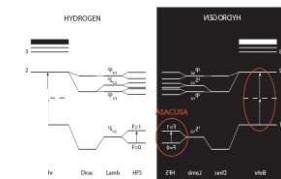


Studies of *CPT symmetry* by atomic spectroscopy

- 1) • laser spectroscopy of antiprotonic helium :
→ Antiproton mass



- 2) • Microwave spectroscopy of antihydrogen :
→ Ground-state hyperfine structure



No beam during 2013 (CERN Long Shutdown 1)

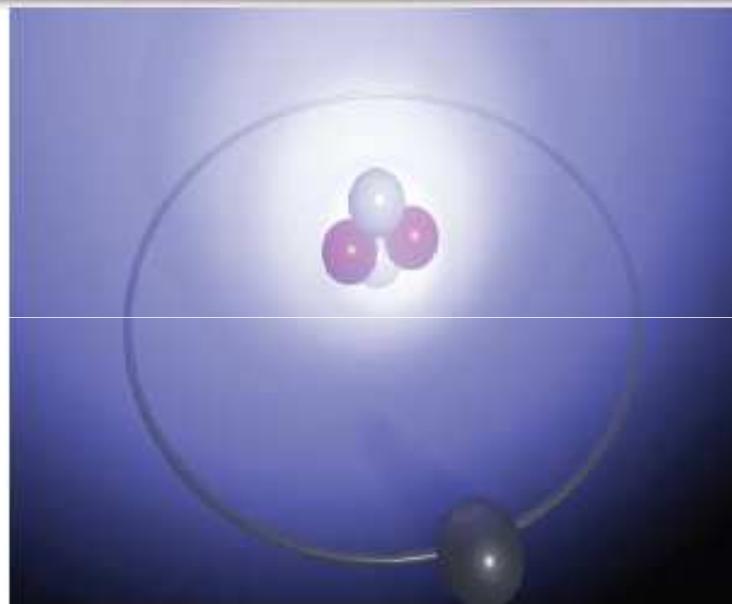
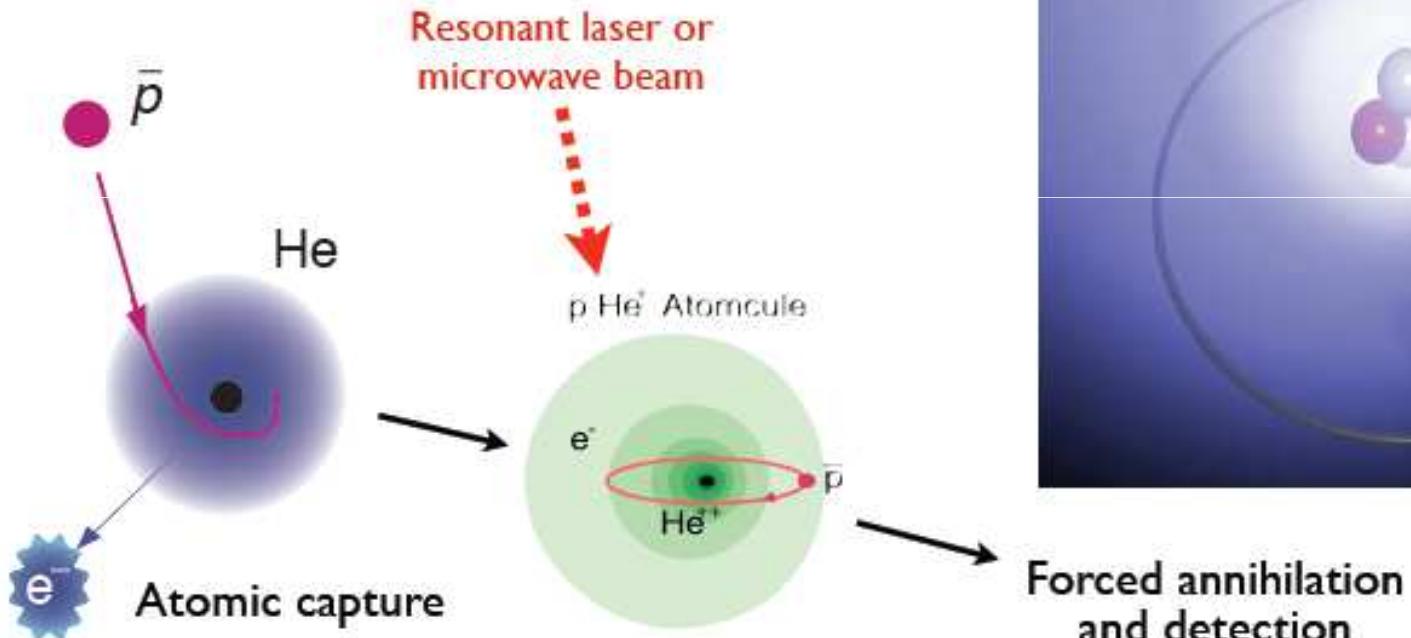
2014: short beamtime with AD problems



1. \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

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

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

Theory

Korobov

2014: Difficulties of AD startup after LS1

- Sep. 29 First beam. No deceleration....
- Oct. 1 RFQD amplifier pulse not in synchronization with AD.
- Oct. 2 Meeting with RF specialists (AD timing system changed)
- Oct. 3 RFQD timing problem intervention
- Oct. 4 Almost no beam (6h loss), RFQD timing problem solved, 30% empty, fluctuations, no efficiency in deceleration.
- Oct. 5 Some transport to target, huge fluctuations.
- Oct. 6 First antiprotonic helium, almost no resonance signal.
- Oct. 7 No beam, PSB problem, power glitch
- Oct. 8 No beam, e-cooler does not work at 300 MeV/c.
- Oct. 9 New beam tuning, almost no deceleration.
- Oct. 10 Realized transfer line changed (due to ELENA+BASE).
- Oct. 11 Started to tune quad values through RFQD.
- Oct. 12-13 Continue quad tuning through RFQD.
- Oct. 14-15 First attempt at spectroscopy scans.
- Oct. 16 *Fire, power cut*
- Oct. 20 Beam recovery (end of our scheduled beam).
- Oct. 21-22 Some hours obtained from ATRAP+BASE.

AD Schedule 2014 (Version 1.3 Aug 12th, 2014)

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Jul 28 - Aug 3	31						
Aug 4 - Aug 10	32						
Aug 11 - Aug 17	33						
Aug 18 - Aug 24	34						
Aug 25 - Aug 31	35						
Sept 1 - Sept 7	36						
Sept 8 - Sept 14	37						
Sept 15 - Sept 21	38						
Sept 22 - Sept 28	39						
Sept 29 - Oct 5	40						
Oct 5 - Oct 12	41						
Oct 13 - Oct 19	42						
Oct 20 - Oct 26	43						
Oct 27 - Nov 2	44						
Nov 3 - Nov 9	45						
Nov 10 - Nov 16	46						
Nov 17 - Nov 23	47						
Nov 24 - Nov 30	48						
Dec 1 - Dec 7	49						
Dec 7 - Dec 14	50						

AD setting up

Setup extraction to experiments

AD physics stop December 15th 8AM. Potential AD4 (ACE) run in week 50, subject to Research Board approval.

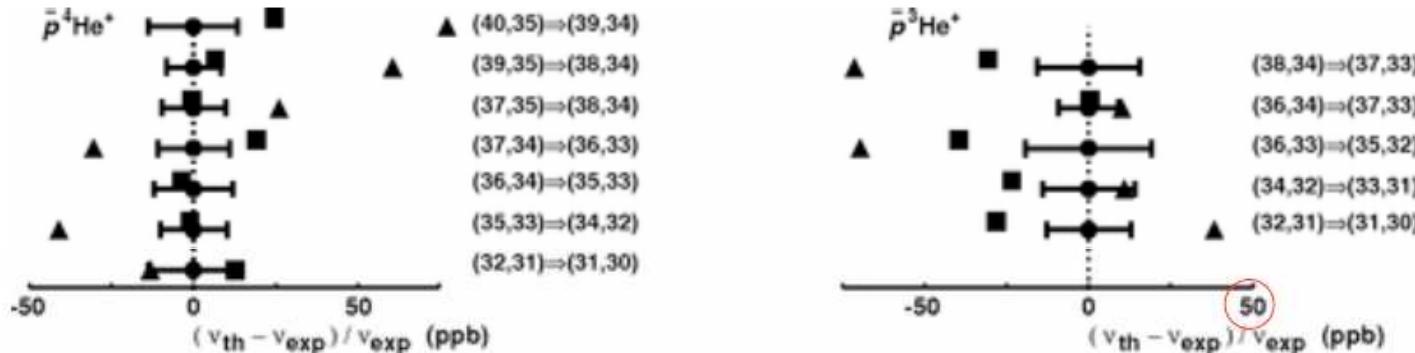
AD MD (7:00-15:00) or Injector Stop 8h

Injector MD (7:00-19:00)

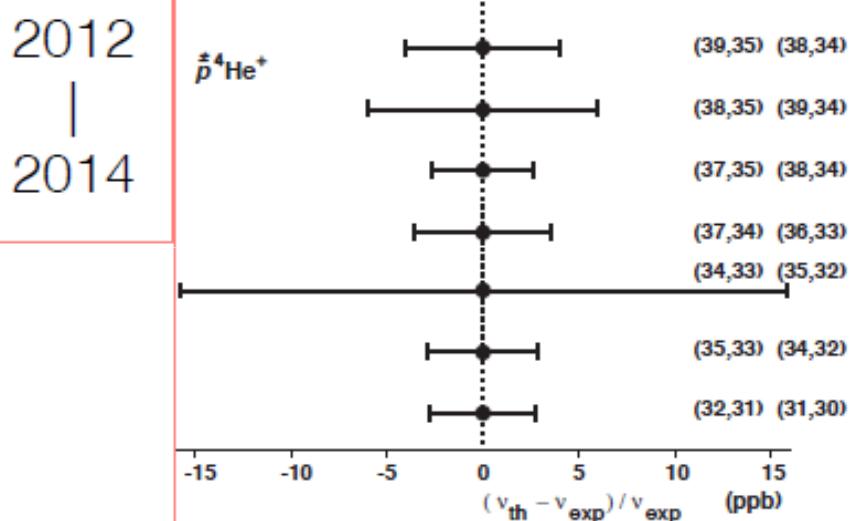
AD2 (ATRAP) AD3 (ASACUSA) AD4 (ACE) AD5 (ALPHA) AD6 (AEGIS) AD8 (BASE)

2012-2014 Results (1-photon resonance)

2006



Up to 70 ppb
theory-exp discrepancies



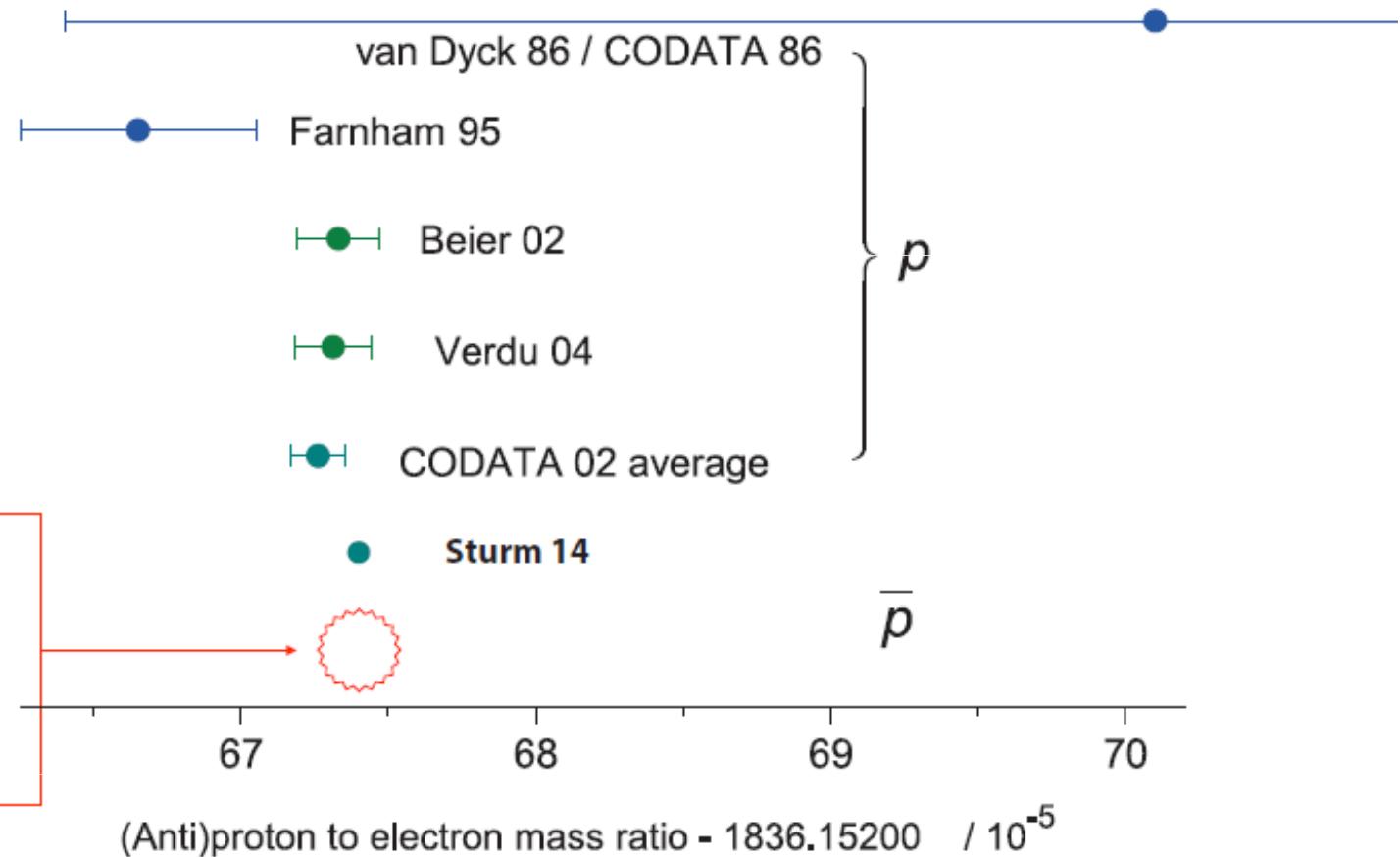
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← 2014

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Exp precision 1.3-5 higher; theory-exp agreement improved 5-10 x

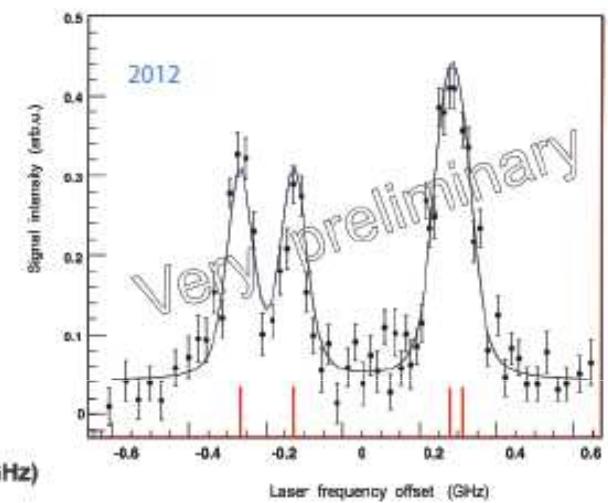
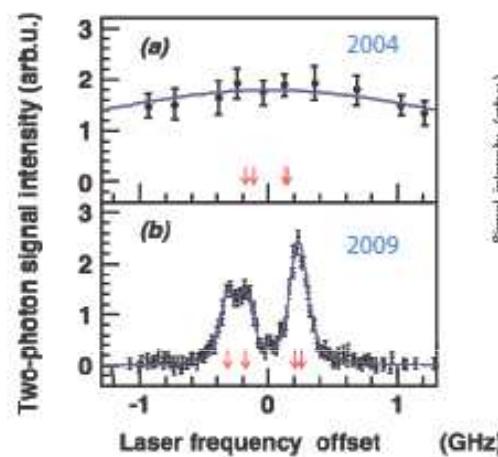
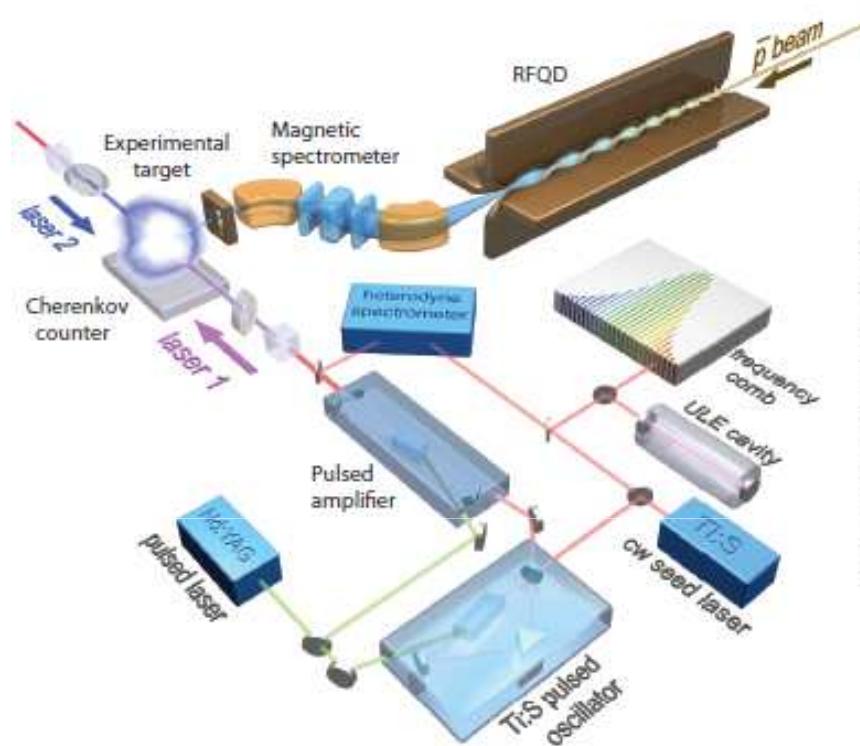
ASACUSA antiproton to electron mass ratio



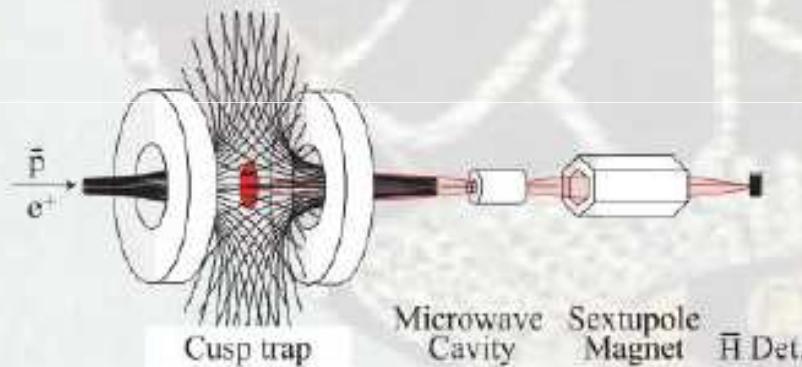
To be published

2015 (and beyond): 2-photon exp at 1.5 K

Goal: 300 ppt



2. Towards \bar{H} Spectroscopy



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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

CPT Violating terms

Indiana group, Kostelecky et al. (since 1997)

$$(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \boxed{- a_\mu \gamma^\mu - b_\mu \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu} \boxed{- \frac{1}{2} H_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} + i c_{\mu\nu} \gamma^\mu D^\nu + i d_{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu D^\nu} \psi = 0$$

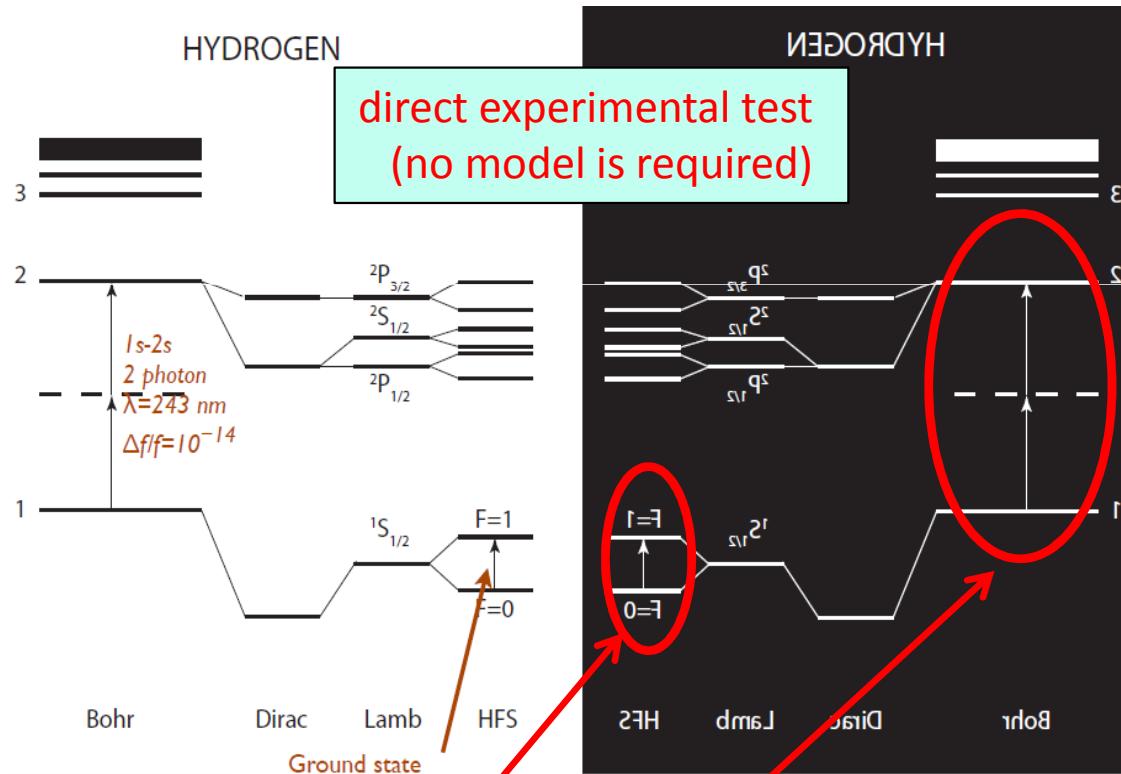
Lorentz Invariance Violating terms

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:

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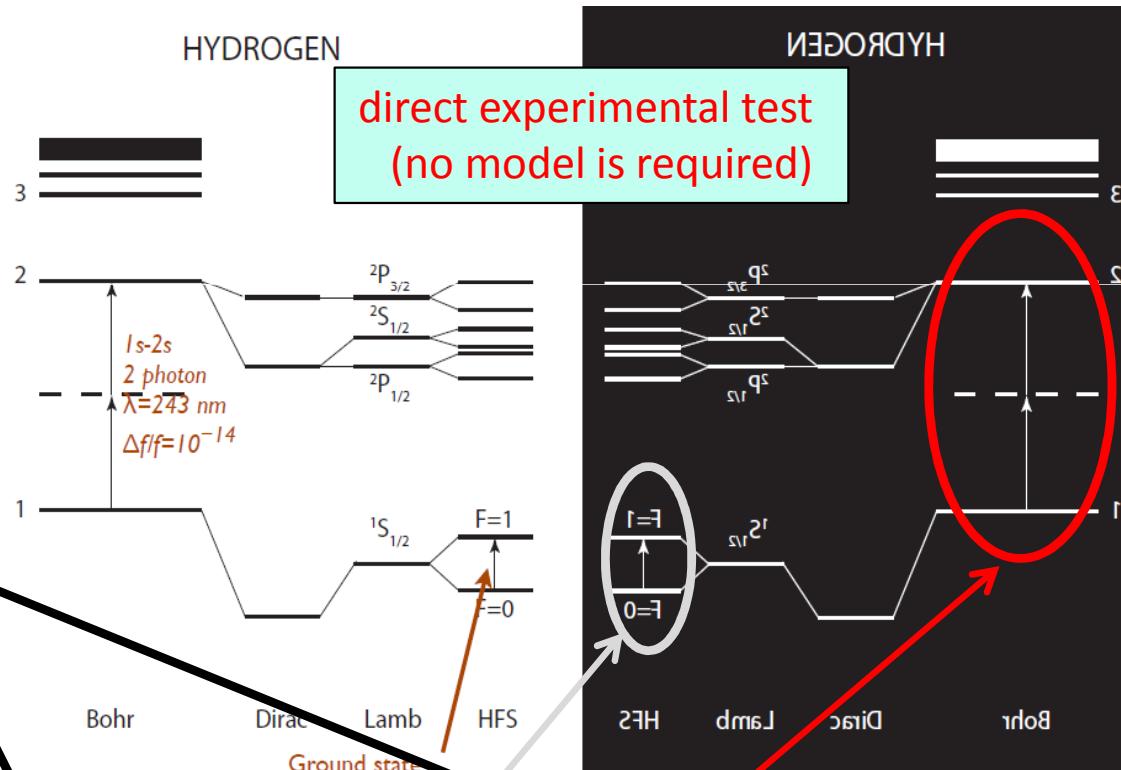
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ALPHA ATRAP



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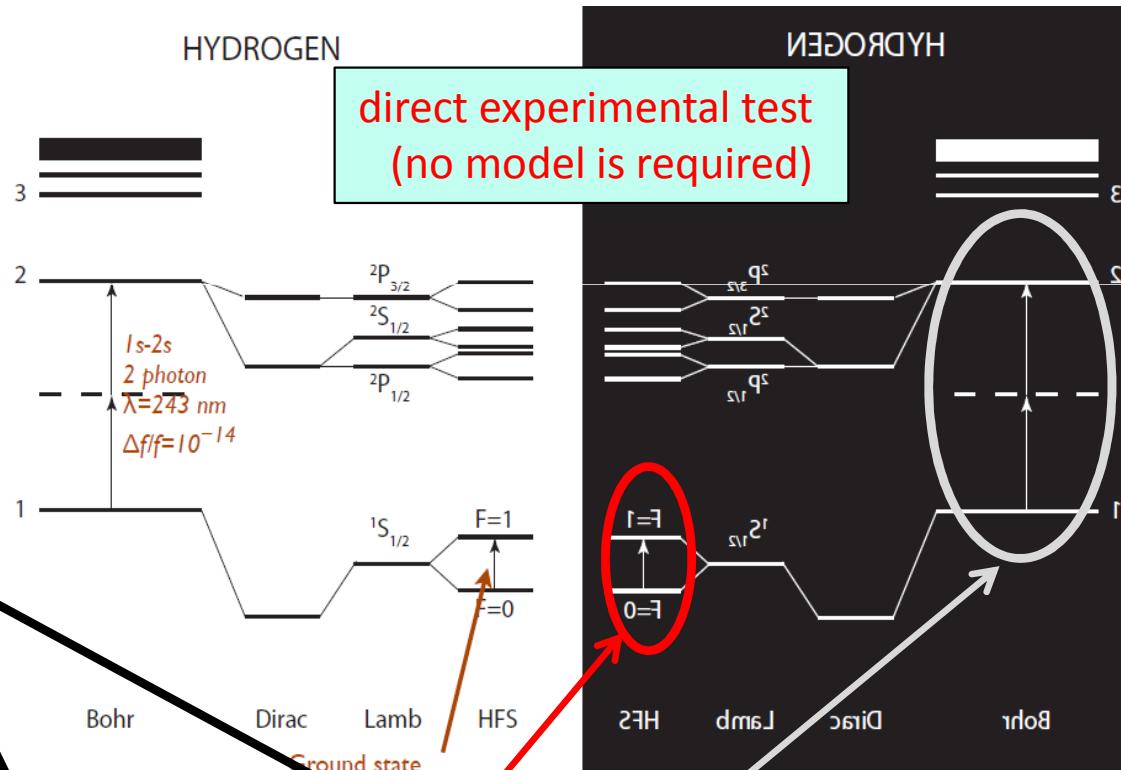
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**ASACUSA
AEGIS**



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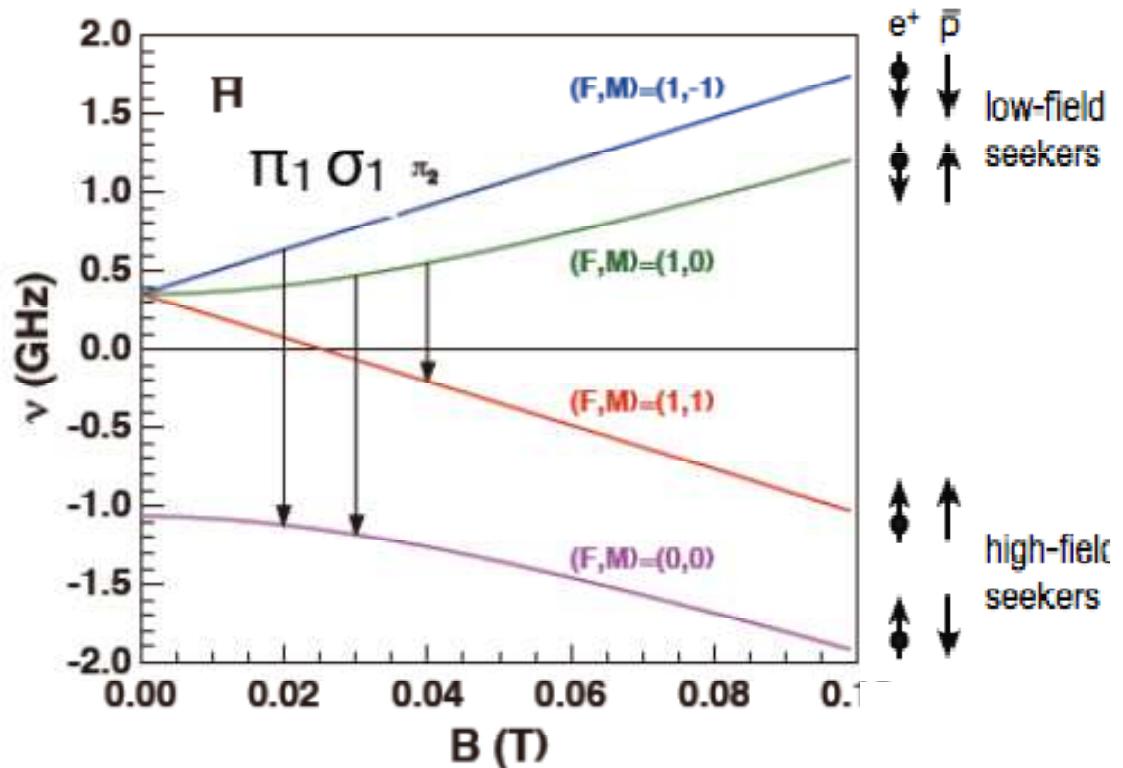
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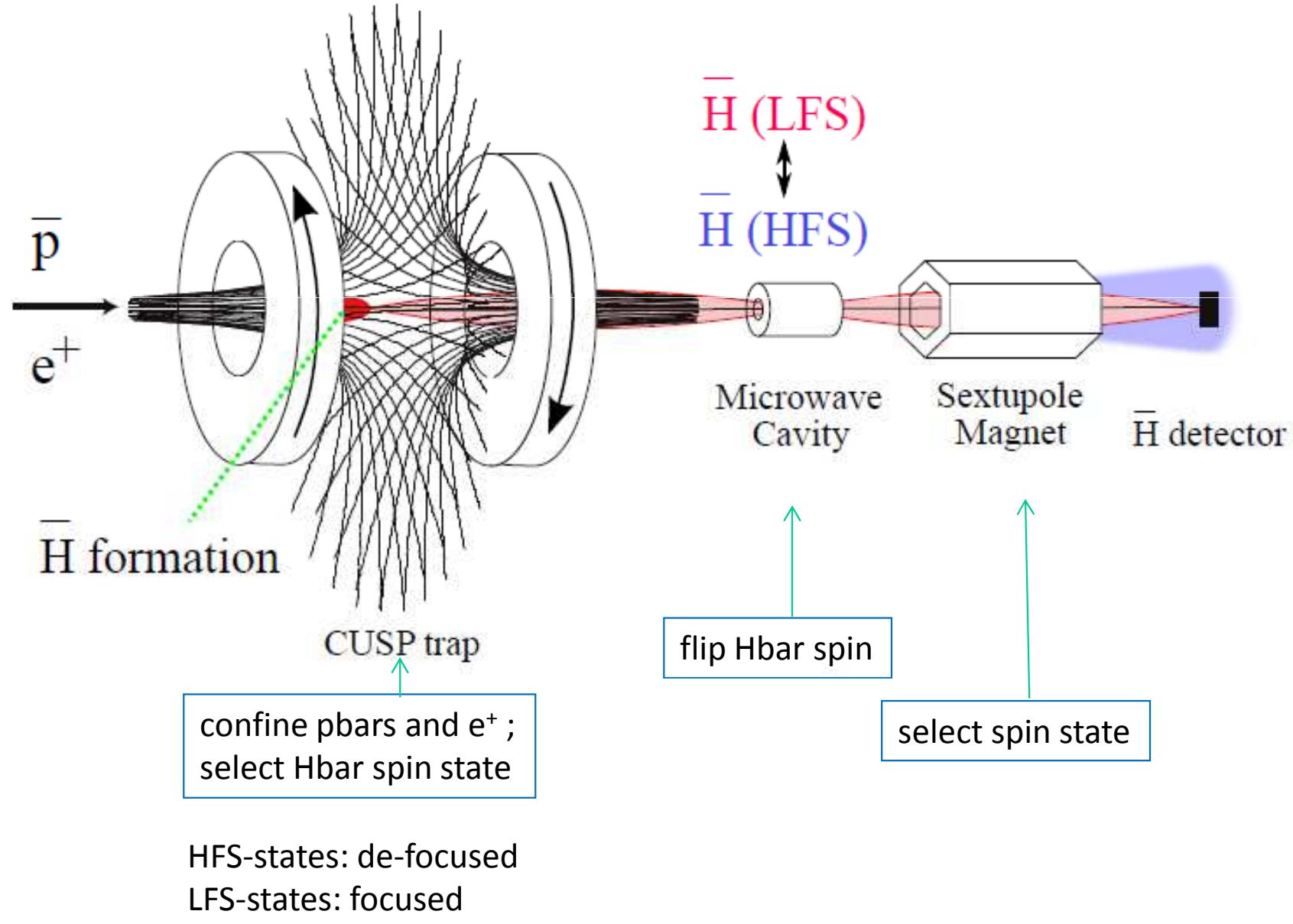
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Method

- ▶ (anti)atomic beam
- ▶ measure σ_1 at several B 's, extrapolate to $B = 0$
- ▶ achievable precision $\lesssim 10^{-6}$ for $T \leq 100$ K
- ▶ $> 100 \text{ Hz/s}$ in $1S$ state needed

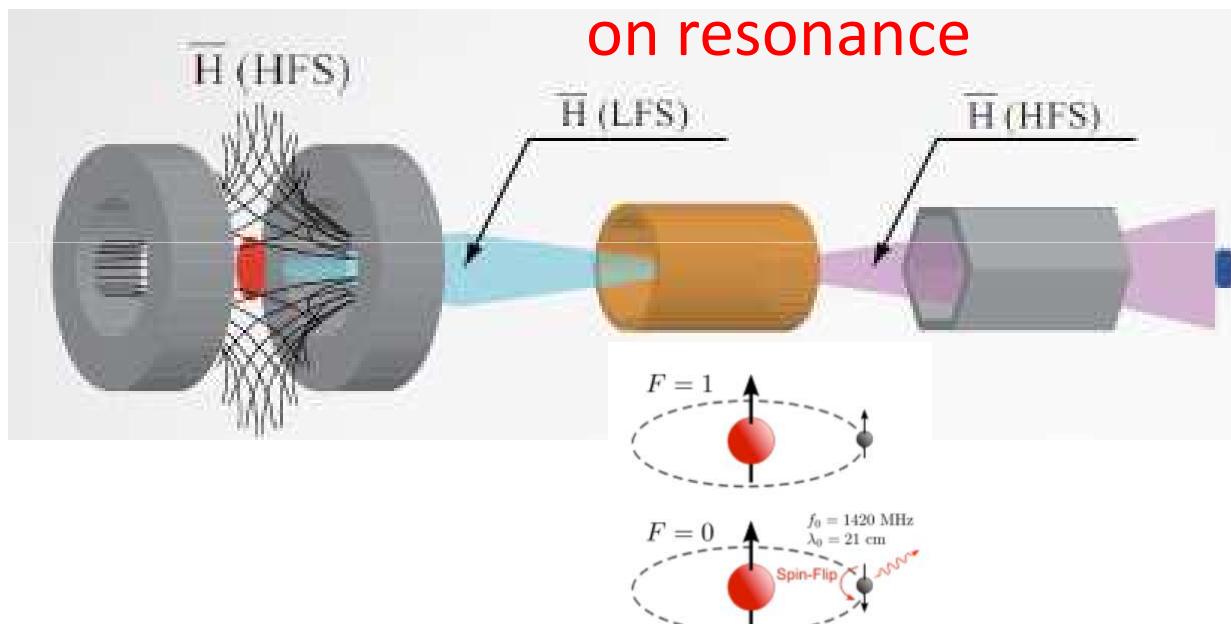
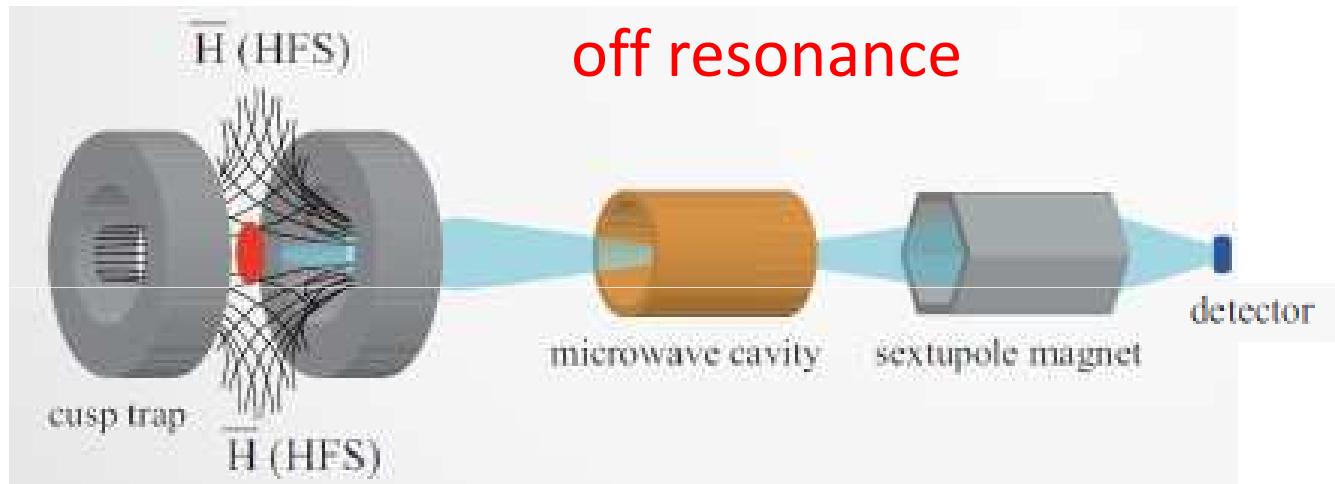


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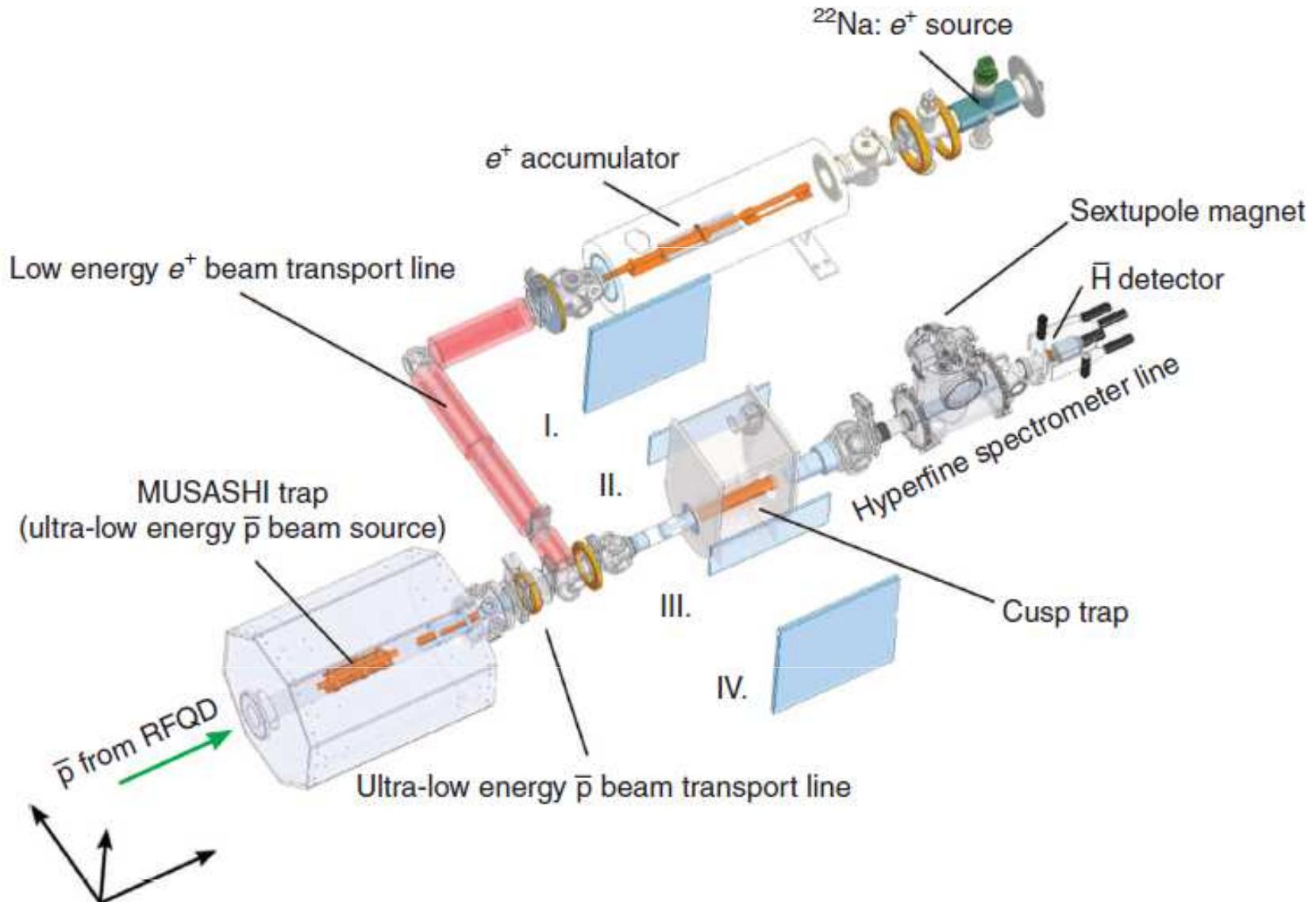
B and **E** axially symmetric

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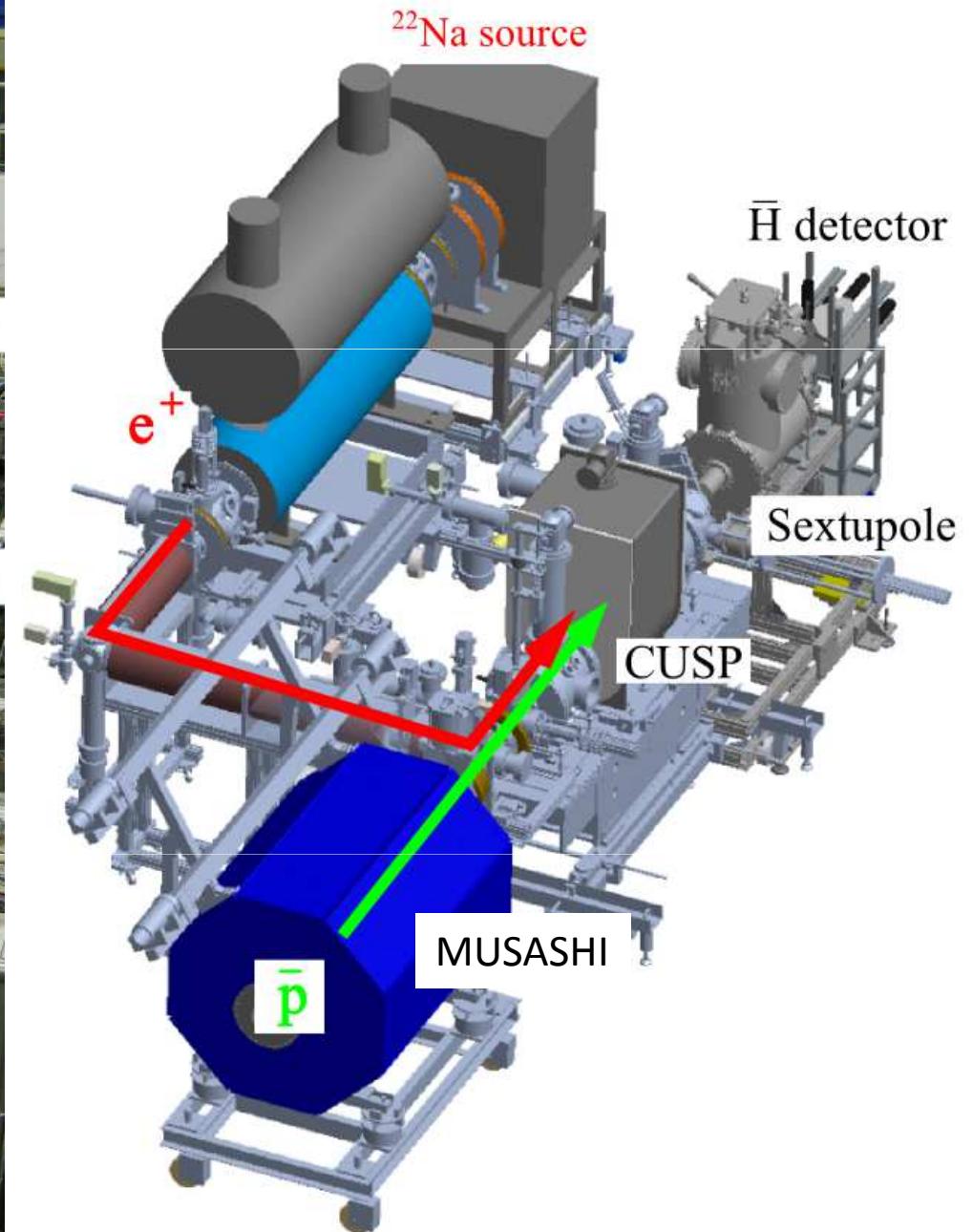
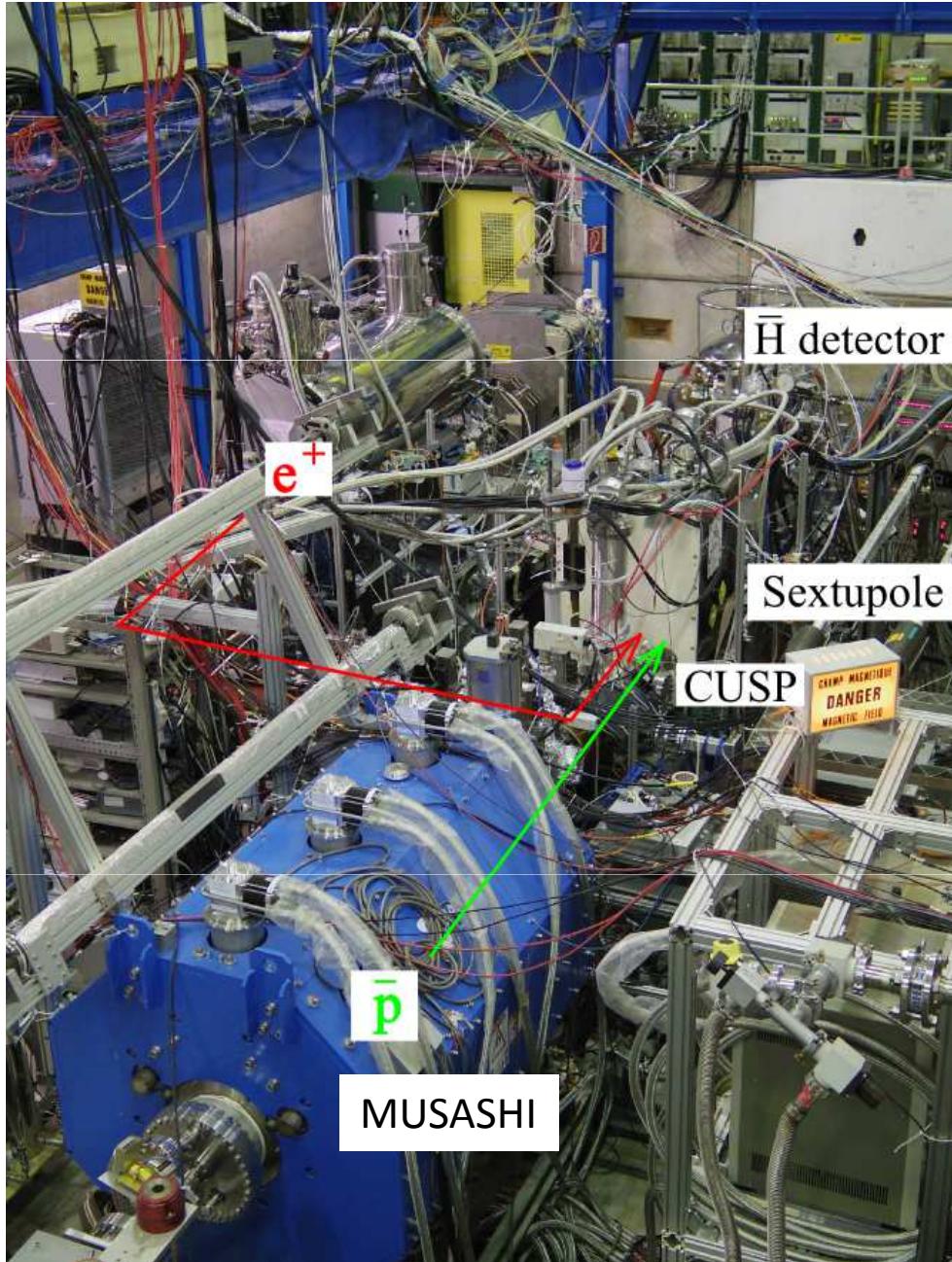


"Disappearance Mode"

experimental set-up

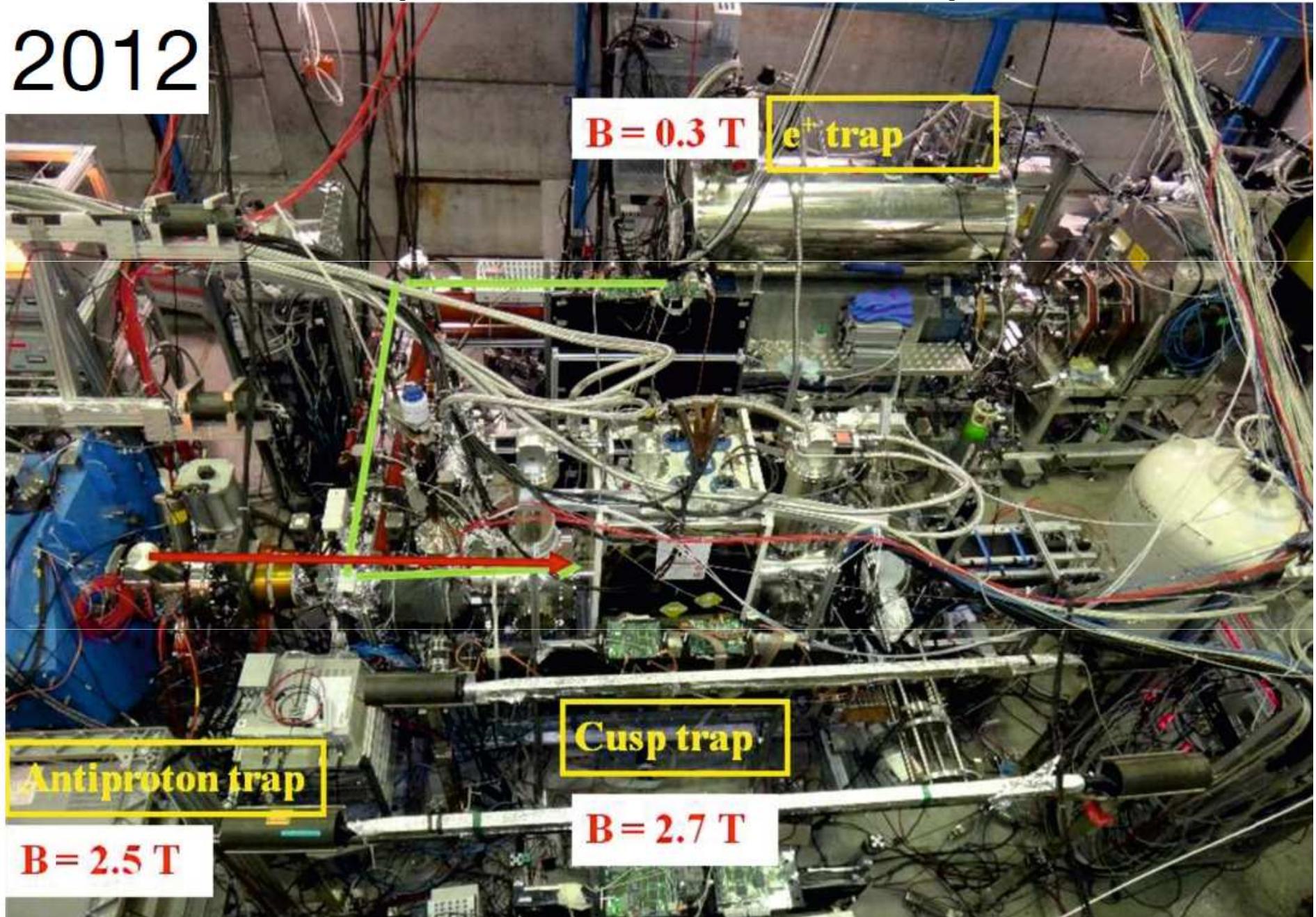


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experimental set-up

2012



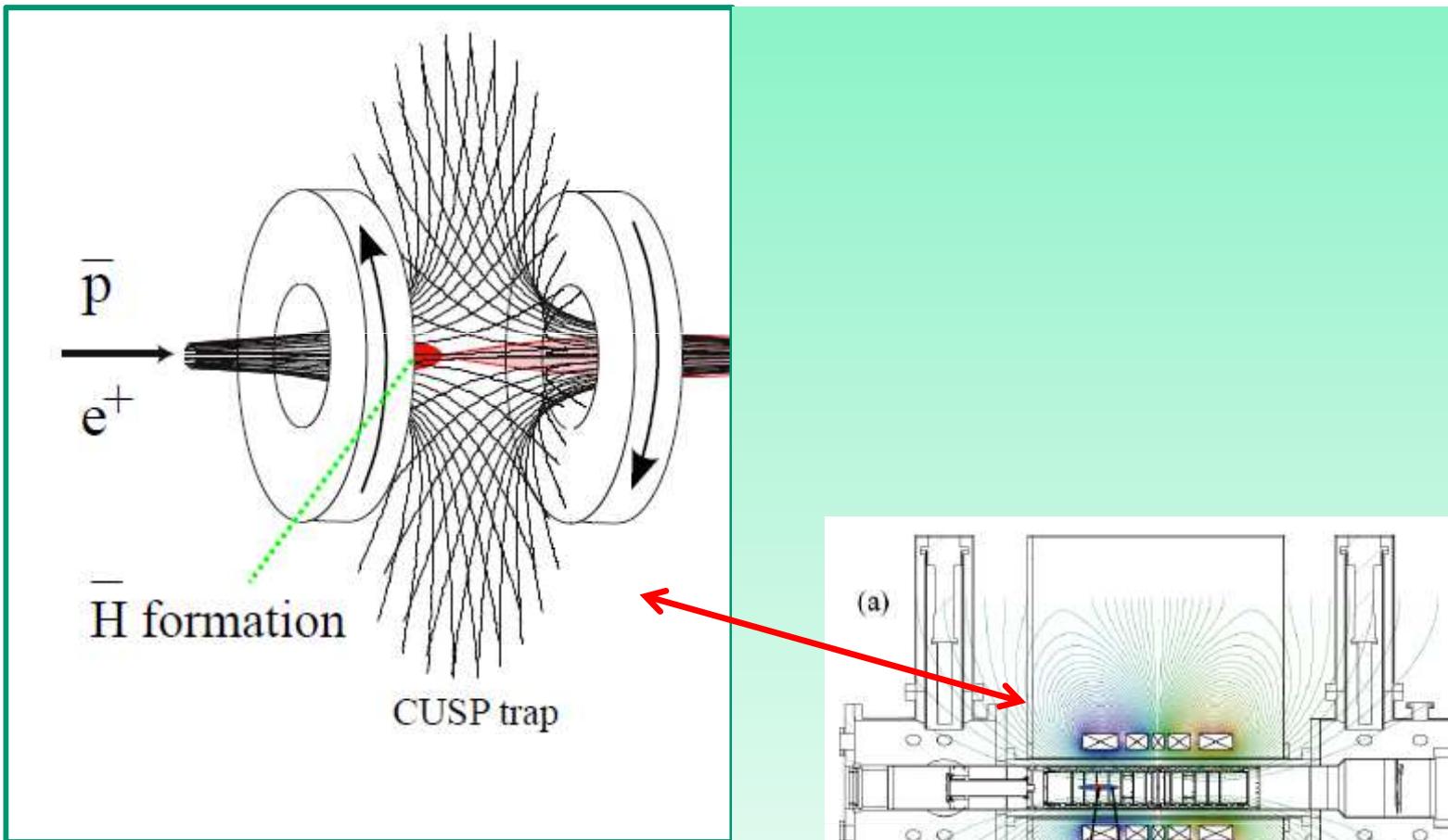
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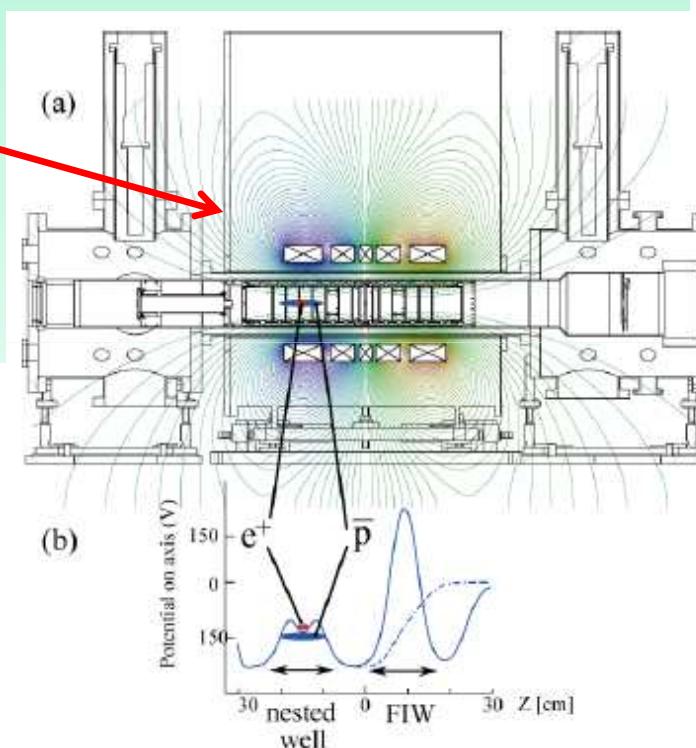
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Antihydrogen formation



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

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Antihydrogen beam



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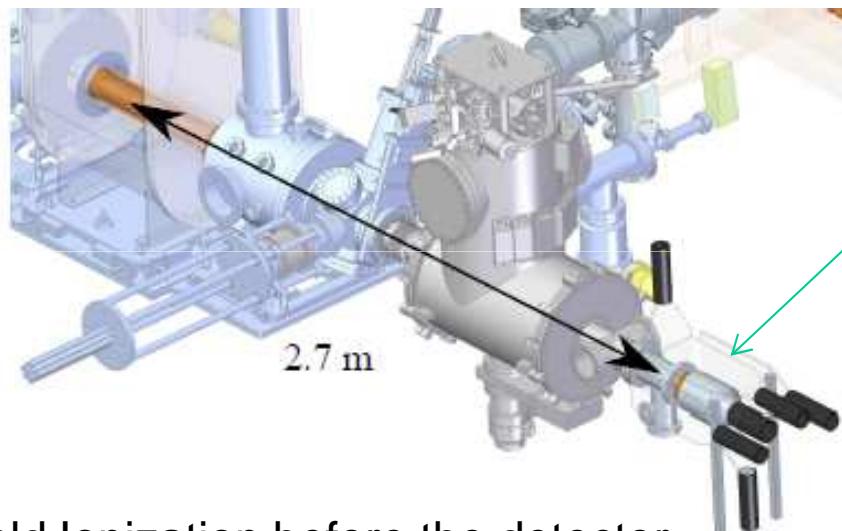
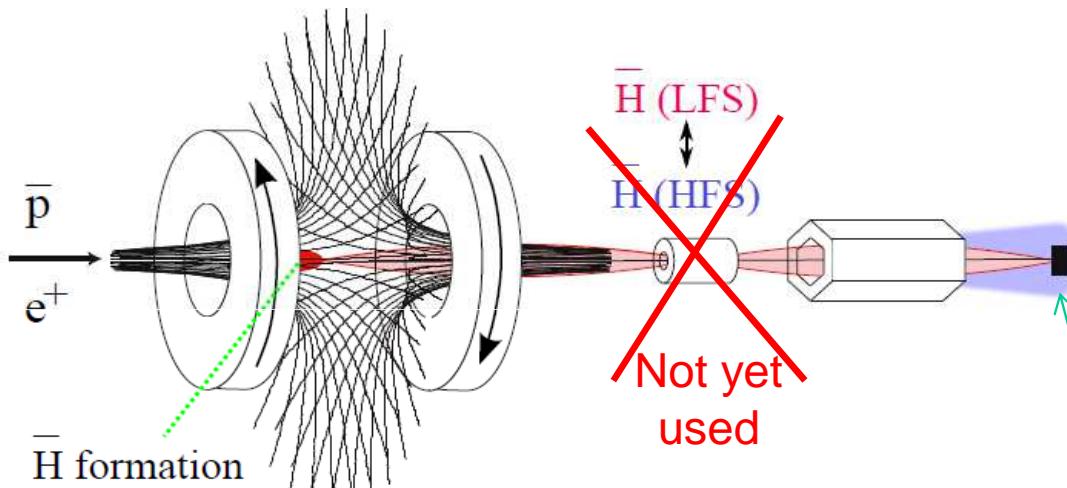
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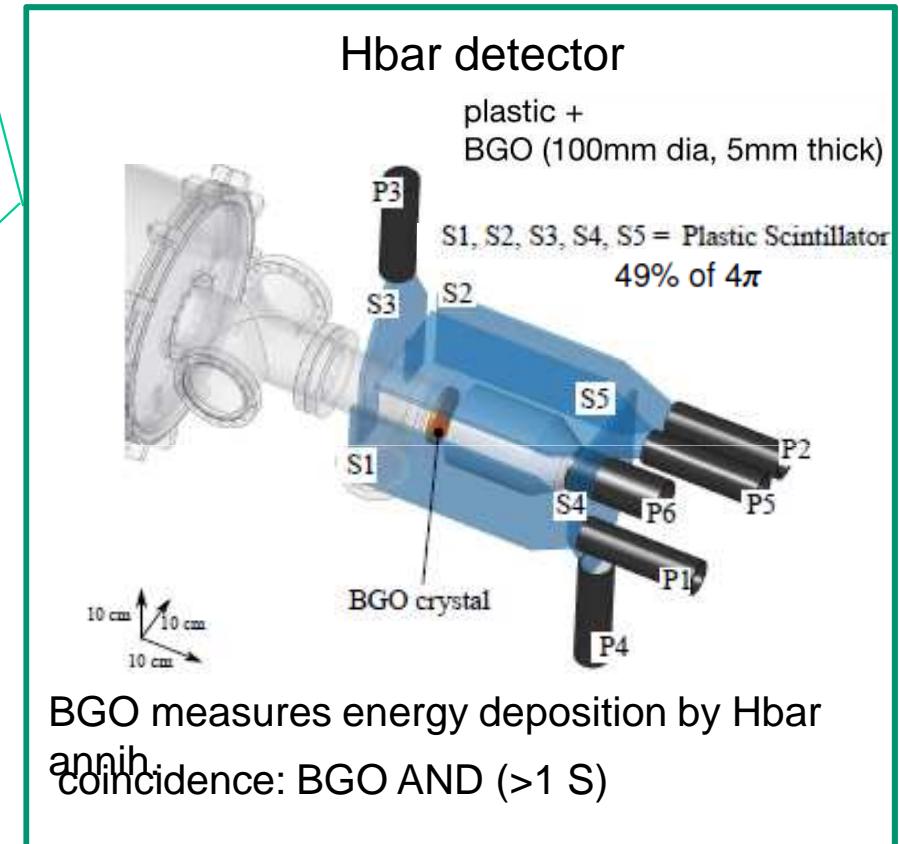
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A source of antihydrogen for in-flight hyperfine spectroscopy

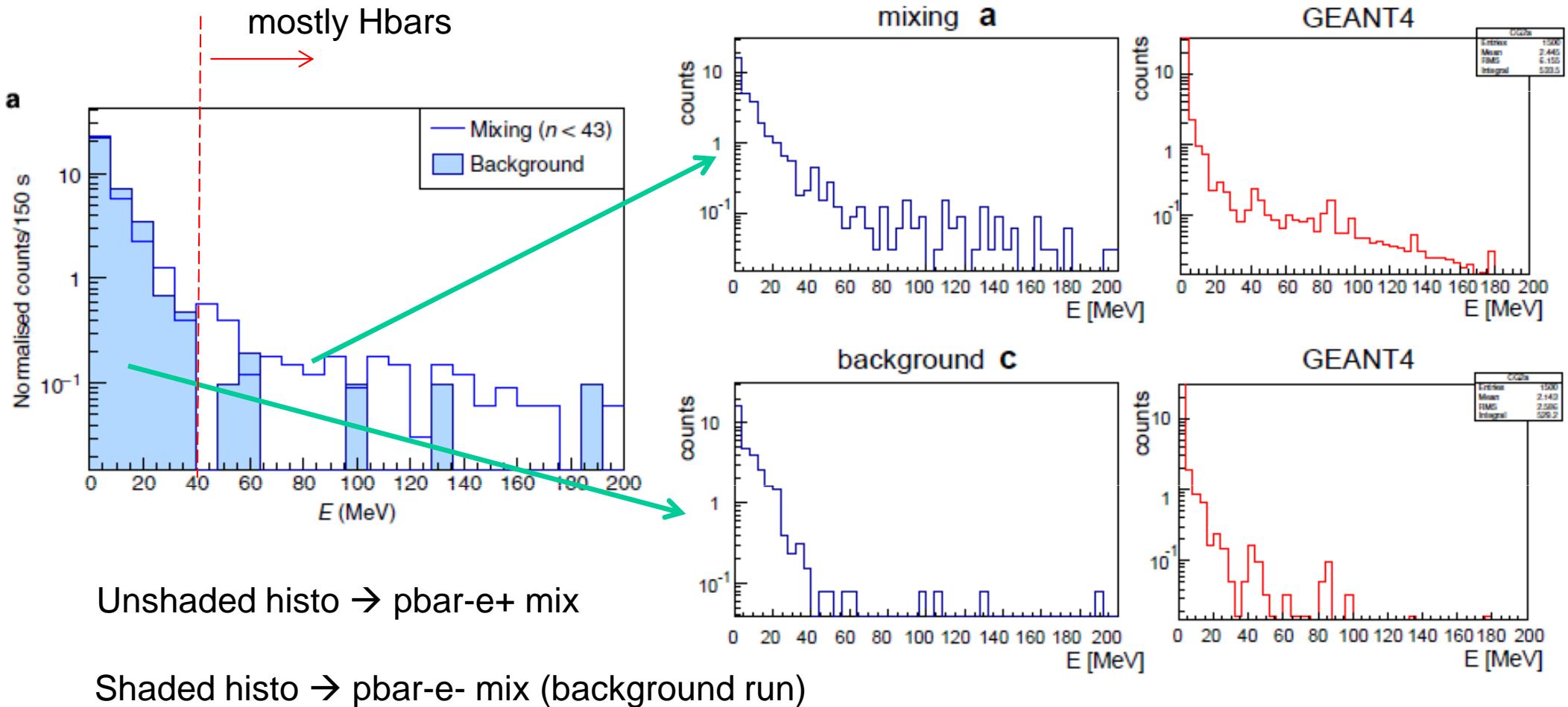
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Field Ionization before the detector
→ Only Hbars with n<43 (or n<29) reach the detector



Energy deposition in the BGO

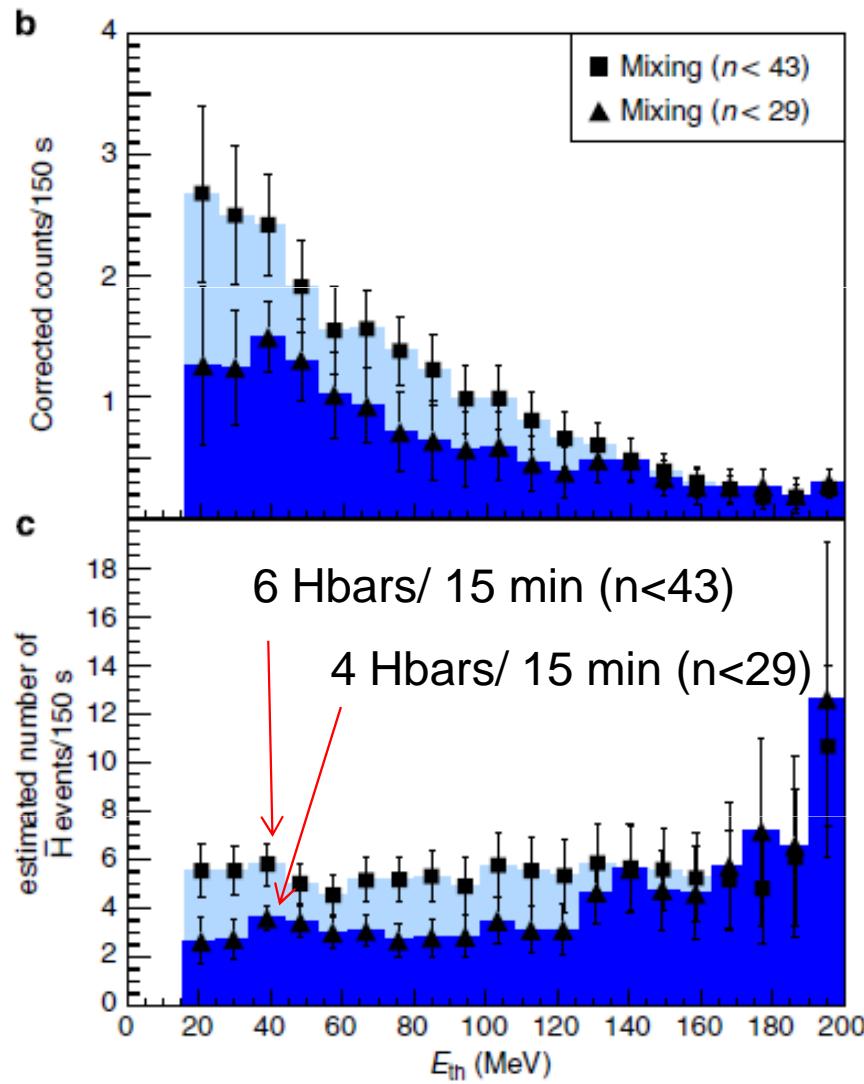


Antihydrogens reaching the BGO

a-c (see previous slide)

Integration from E_{th} to 200 MeV

After detection efficiency
correction (from GEANT)



Detected antihydrogen atoms

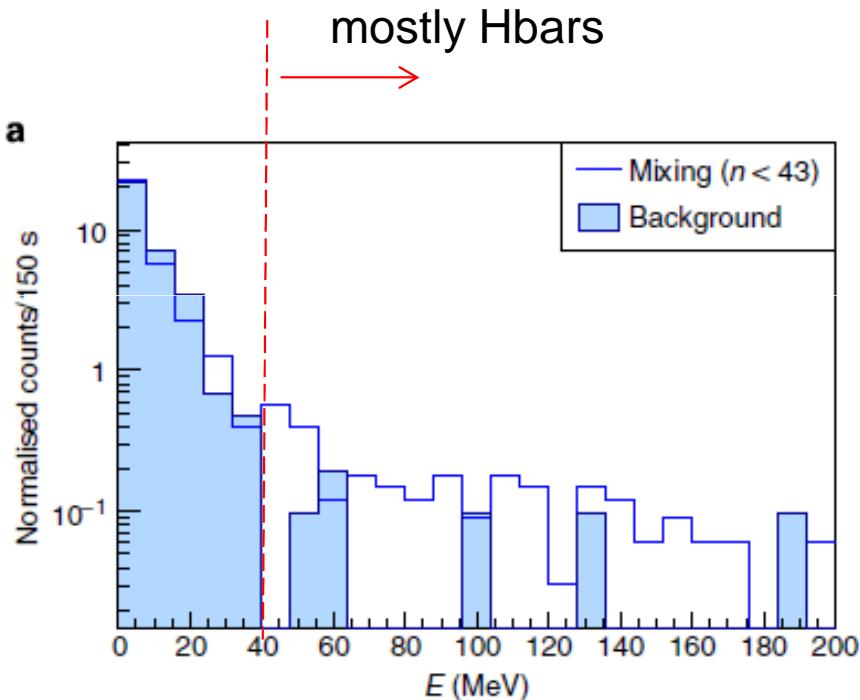


Table 1 | Summary of antihydrogen events detected by the antihydrogen detector.

	Scheme 1	Scheme 2	Background
Measurement time (s)	4,950	2,100	1,550
Double coincidence events, N_t	1,149	487	352
Events above the threshold (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 5σ significance 2.7 m far from their production region

→ Antihydrogen beam has been produced

25 Hbars/hour ($n < 43$)

16 Hbars/hour ($n < 29$)

← significant fraction in lower n

Press releases

CERN

Antimatter experiment produces first beam of antihydrogen

Ingeniøren

The Register

CERN invents the ANTI-HYDROGEN BEAM

It's about time scientists got around to making antimatter beams and particles, but it's still a bit of a challenge to do so.

the Register (uk)

Breakthrough in European antimatter research

Scienceorf (at)

Ein Strahl von Antihydrogen

Physikern herstellen erstmals einen Strahl aus 50 Atomen Antihydrogen.

NBC NEWS

Anti-Atom Beam Targets Cosmic Mystery: Why Do We Exist?

Neue Zürcher Zeitung (ch)

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Forscher erzeugen erstmals einen Antimaterie-Strahl



人民网 (cn)

欧洲核中心首次成功制造出反氢原子束



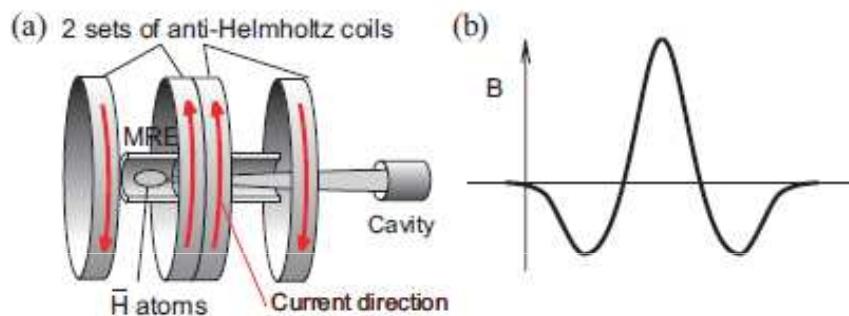
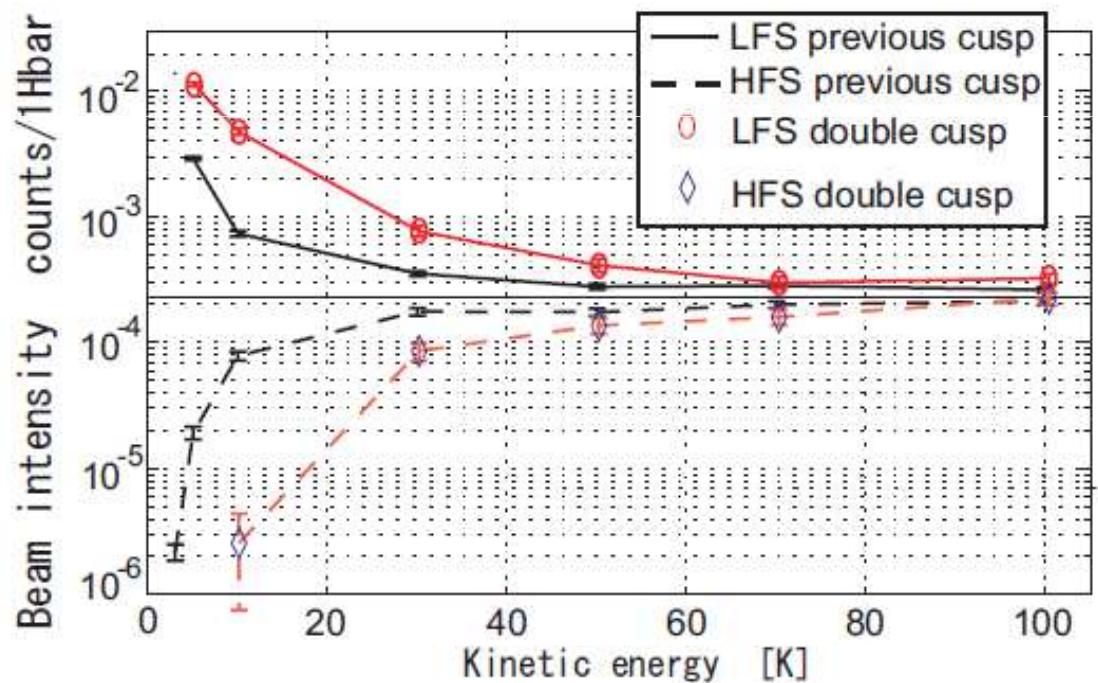
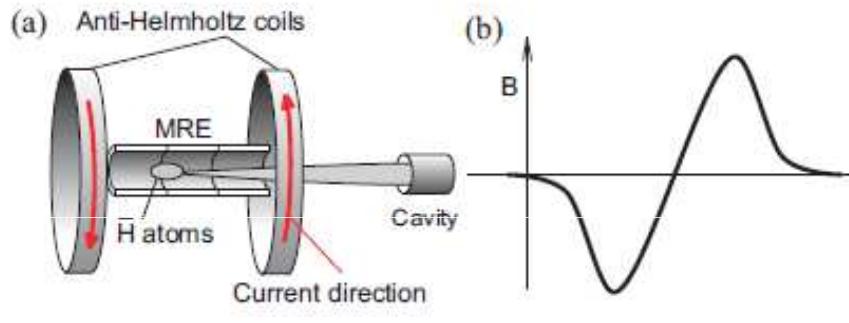
ASACUSA – CUSP TRAP

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- Hbar beam in 2012 (published in 2014)
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Recent improvements

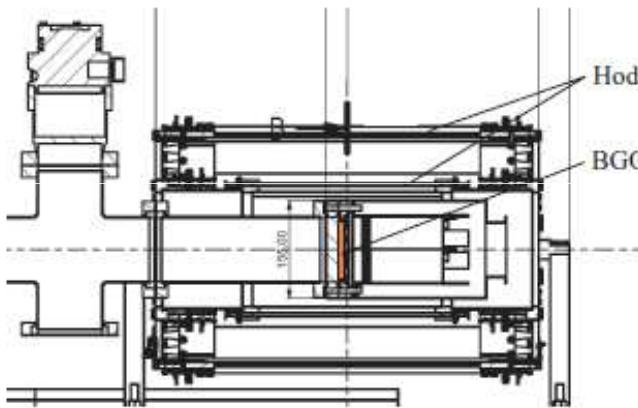
- Installation and successful operation of a new double cusp magnet
- Installation and successful operation of a new multi-ring electrodes (MRE)
- Installation and successful operation of a new Asacusa Micromegas
- Installation and successful operation of a new field ionizer
- Installation and successful operation of a new Hbar 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 → 2-cusp

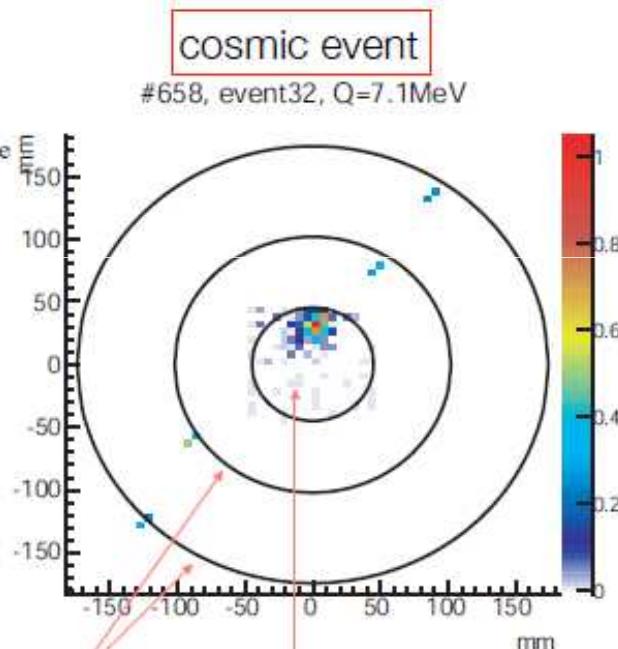


Higher Hbar beam intensity

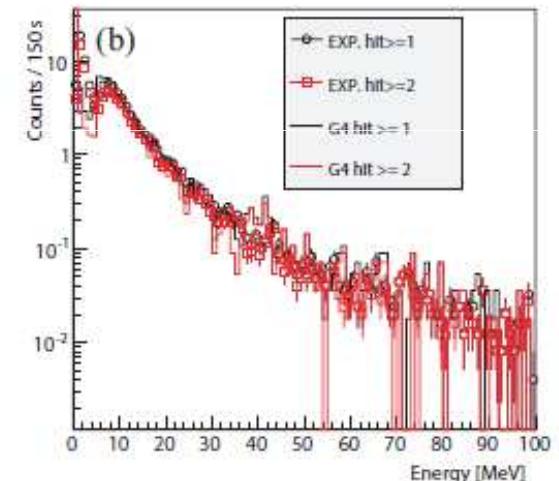
new antihydrogen detector



Hodoscope:
inner d=200mm, t=5mm 32 bars
outer d=350mm, t=5mm 32 bars
readout - SiPMs



BGO:
d=90mm, t=5mm
readout - 4xMAPMTs



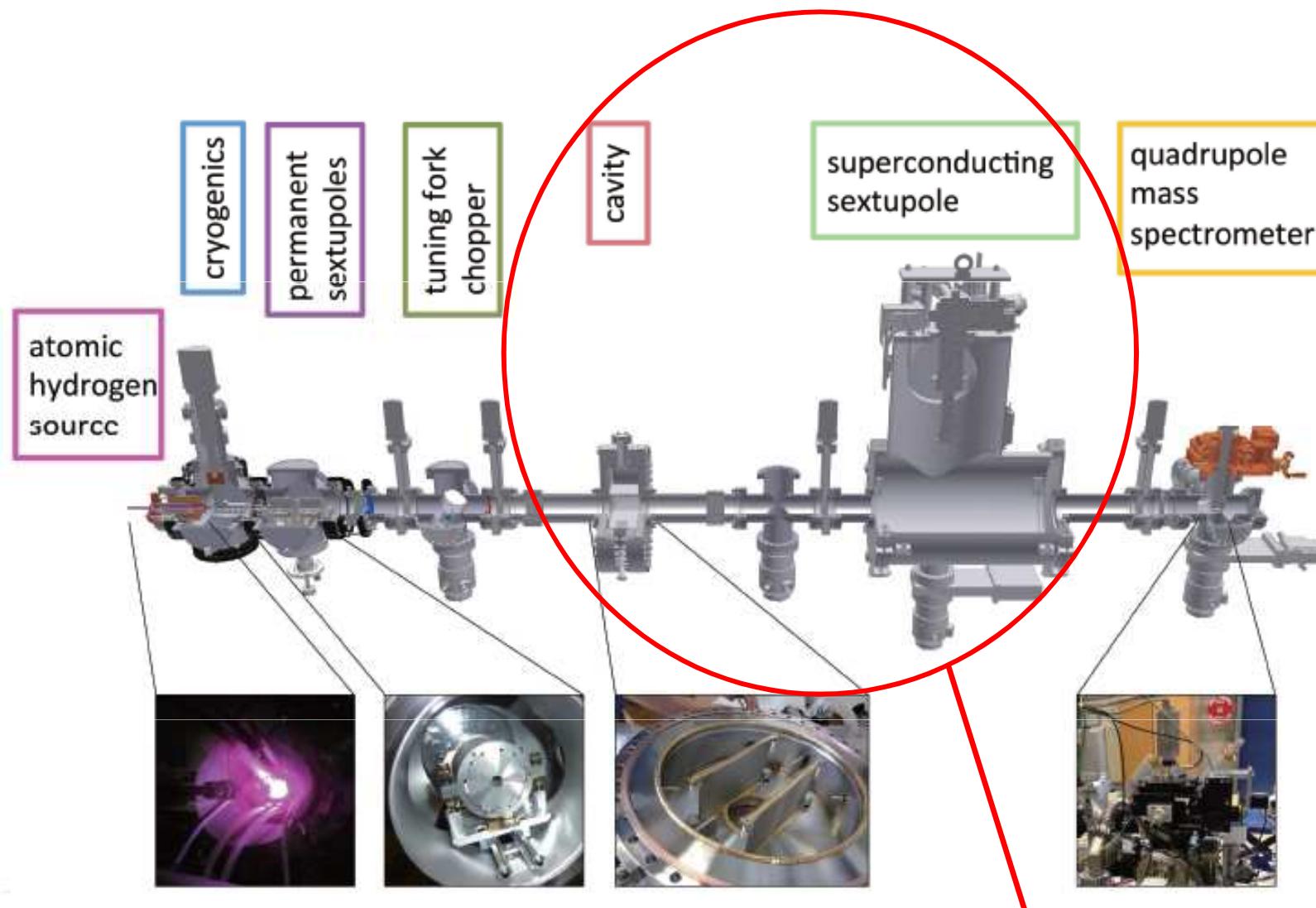
BGO energy deposit (cosmic)
measured vs Geant4

Placed @3.4 m (solid angle = 0.004%)

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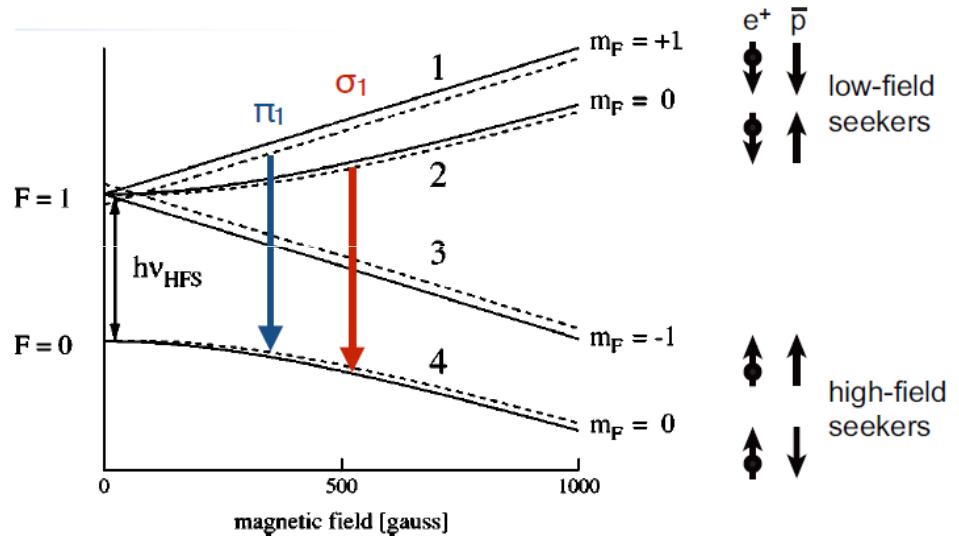
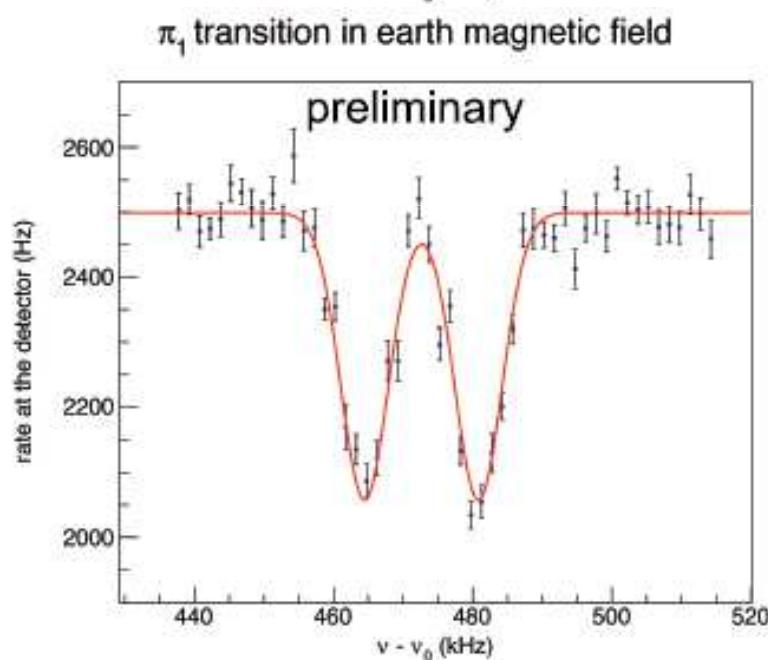
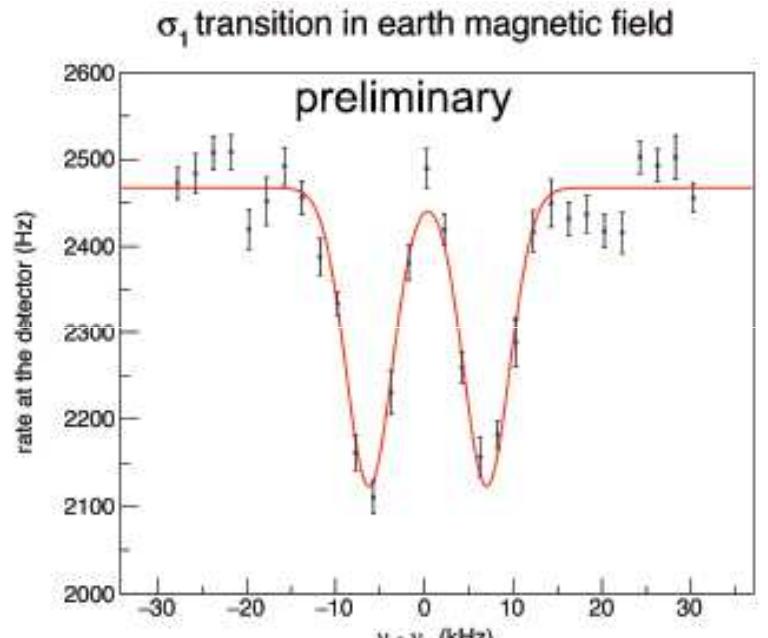
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The hydrogen setup



Same as for Hbar

hydrogen σ_1 and π_1 measured



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

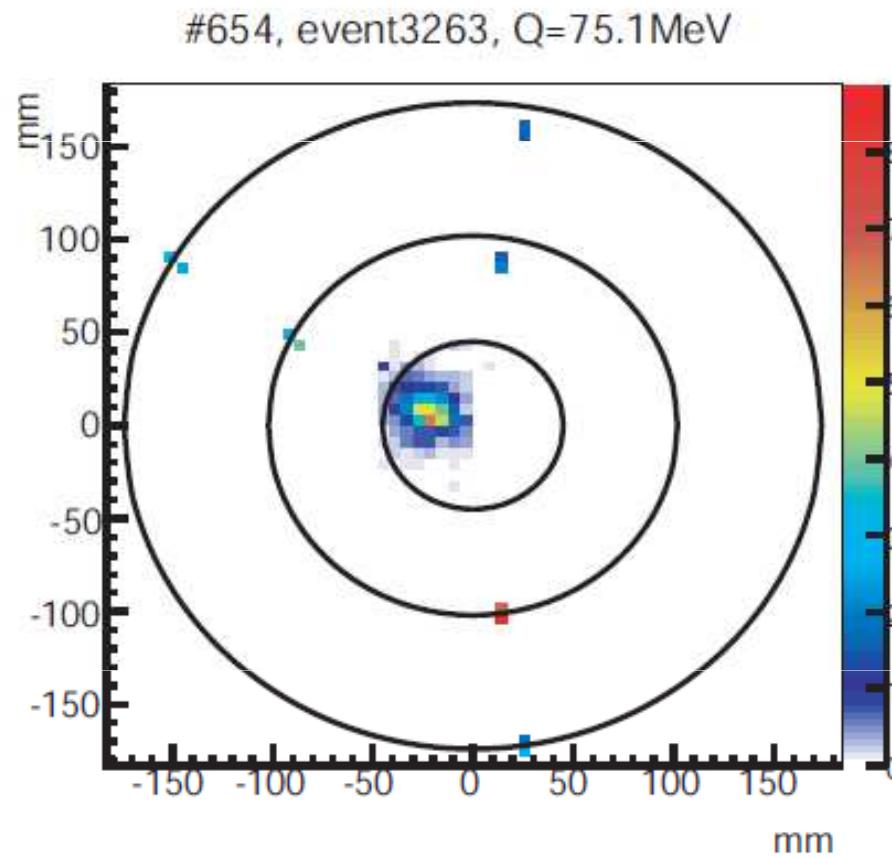
Performed by E.Widmann group (SMI)

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2014 Hbar data analysis

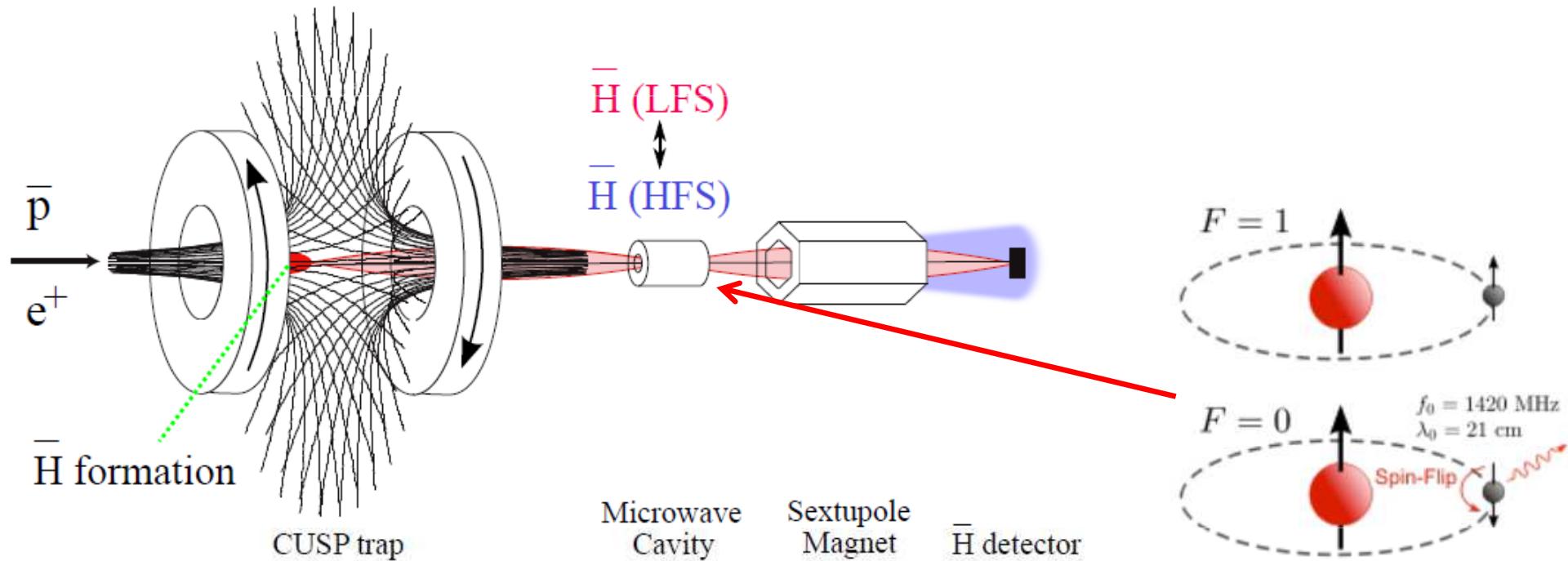
- in progress



Next steps

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

Perform the measurement

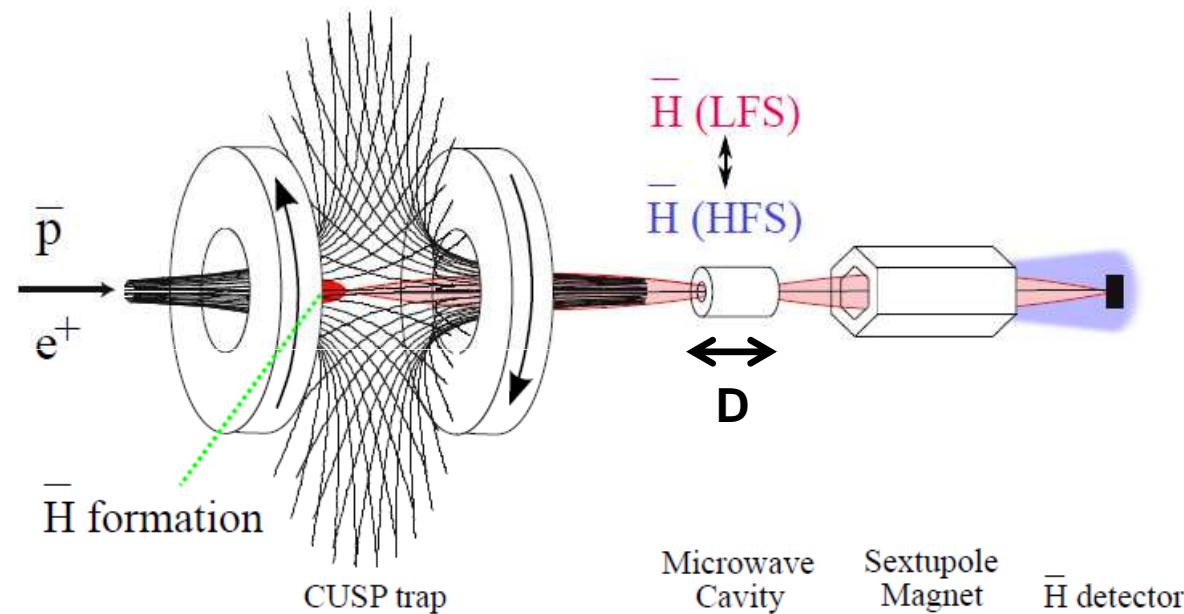


Achievable resolution:

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

Expectation

Rabi method



$$D=10 \text{ cm}, v=1 \text{ km/s (100K)}$$

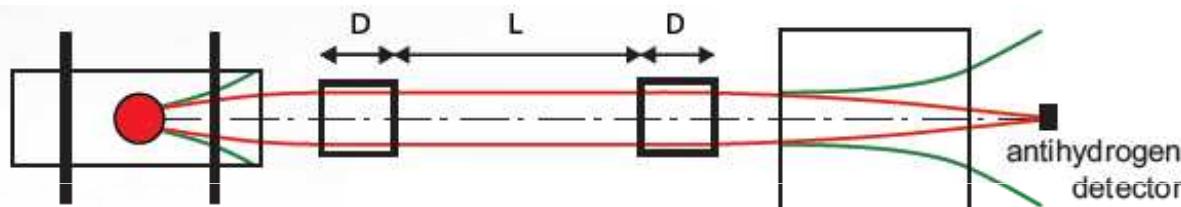
$$\begin{aligned} 1/T = 10 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow \text{linewidth resolution } \delta v \text{ (FWHM)} &= 0.8/T \rightarrow \delta v / v = 8 \times 10^{-6} \\ \rightarrow \text{Resonance center resolution} &= 10^{-7} \end{aligned}$$

Achievable resolution:

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

Future improvements

1° improvement (Ramsey separated oscillatory fields):

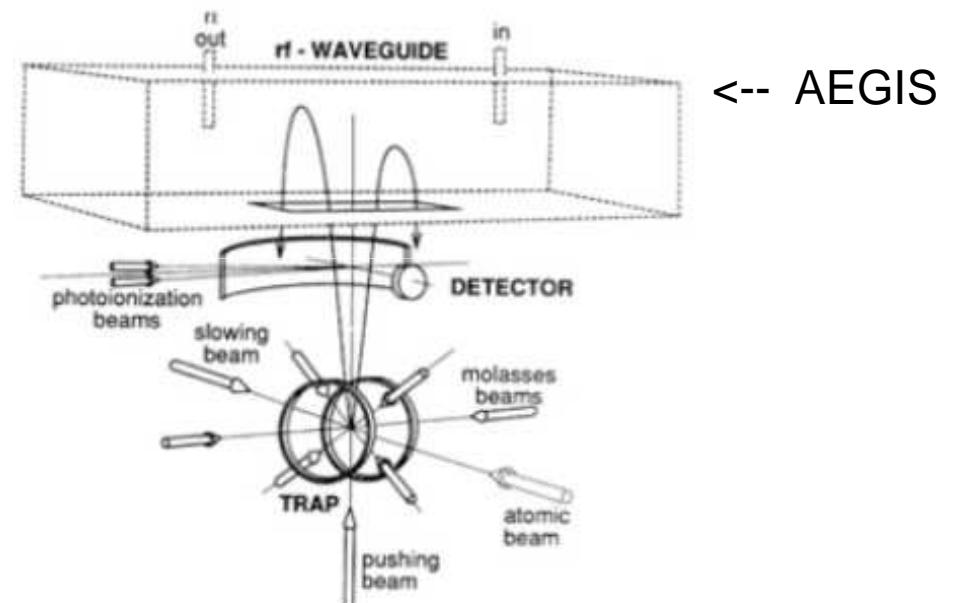


Linewidth reduced by D/L

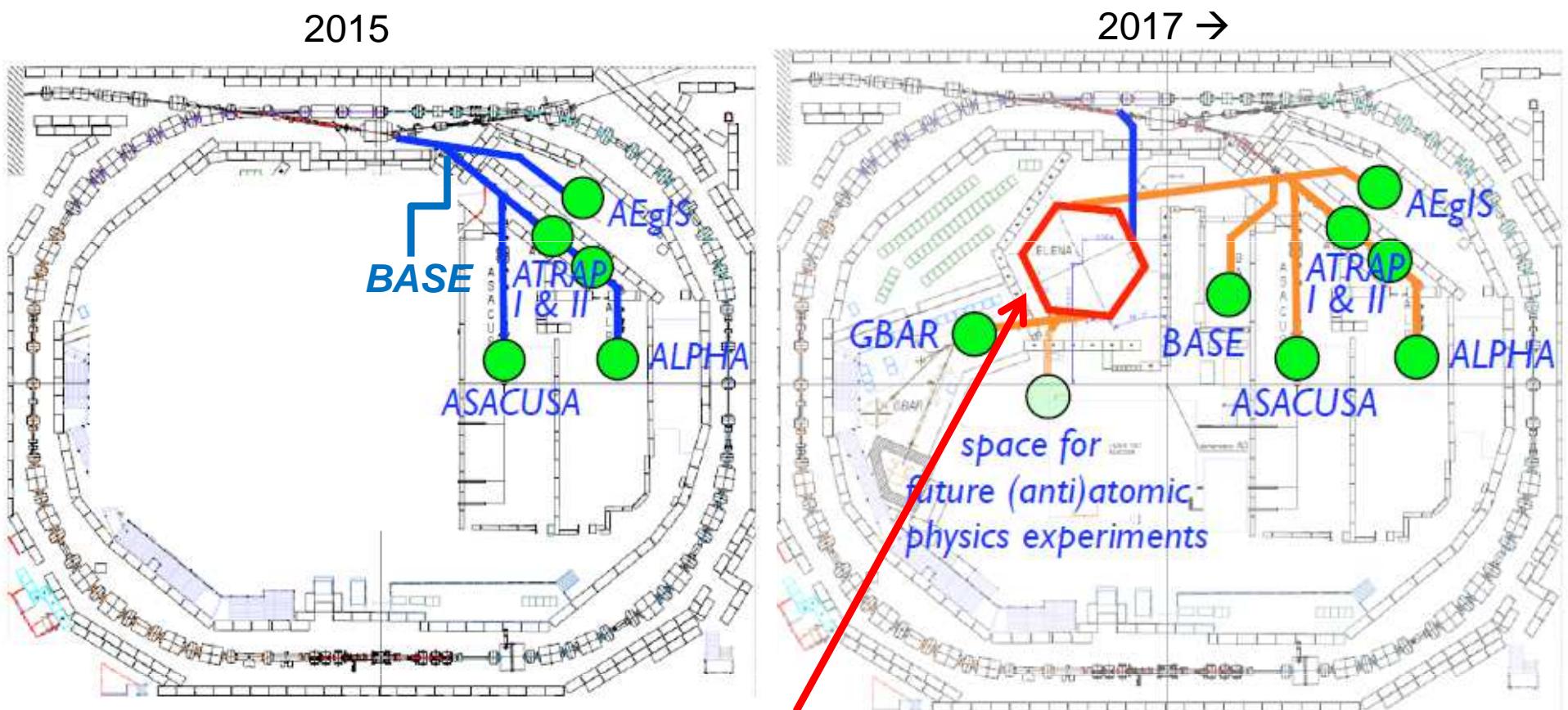
Antihydrogen fountain:

- 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



ELENA decelerator:

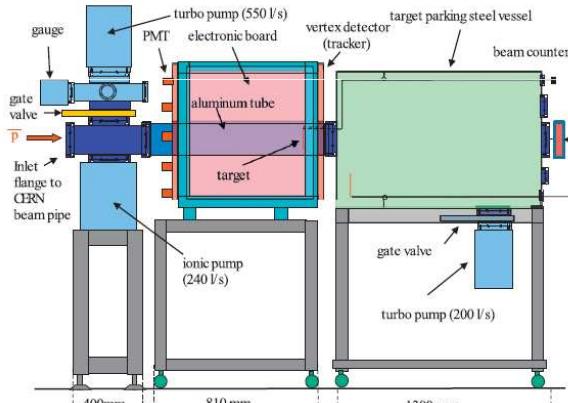
5.3 MeV → 100 keV
x 100 pbars trapping efficiencies
4 experiments can run in parallel

3. Collision experiments

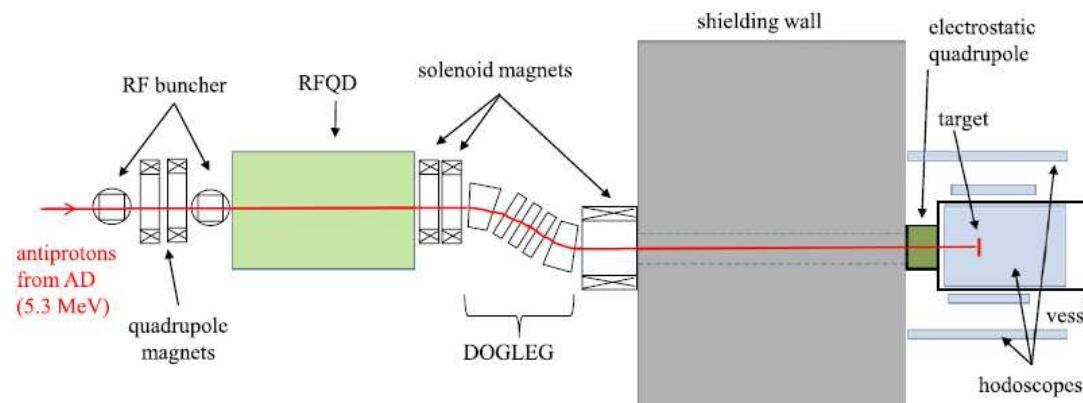
Nuclear Physics @ AD

\bar{p} -A annihilations σ

- @ 5.3 MeV (Ni, Sn, Pt)

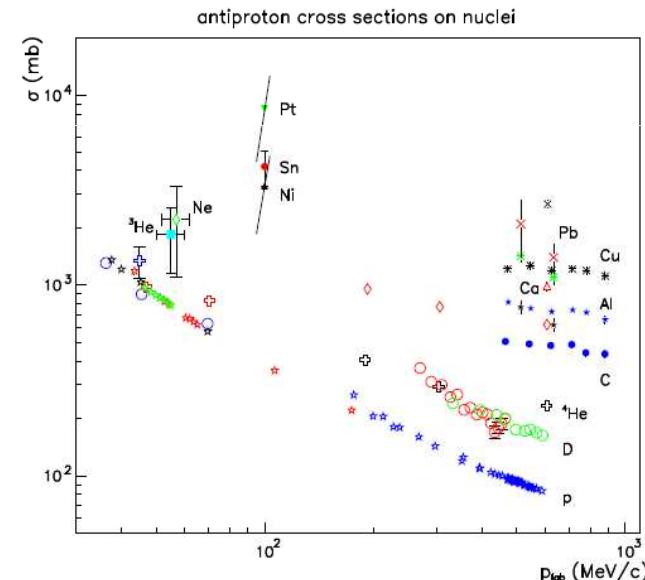


- @ 130 keV (C, Pd, Pt)

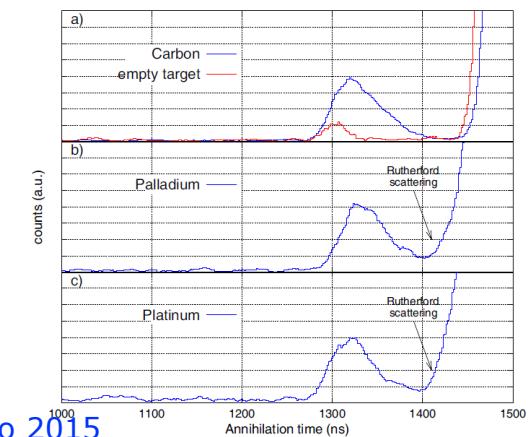


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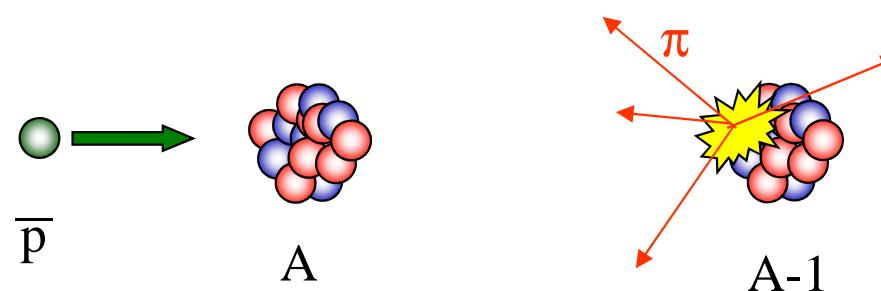
PLB 2011 & NIMA 2013



EPJ+ 2012



Antiproton annihilations σ at 5.3 MeV



Physics motivations

Some topics of interest:

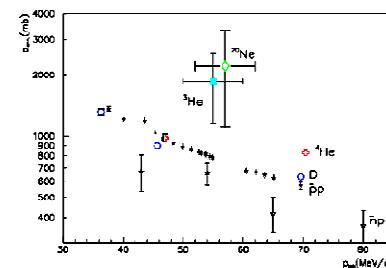
- Cosmology: matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe

(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.)

- Search of resonances
 - Determine the interaction parameters
 - 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)

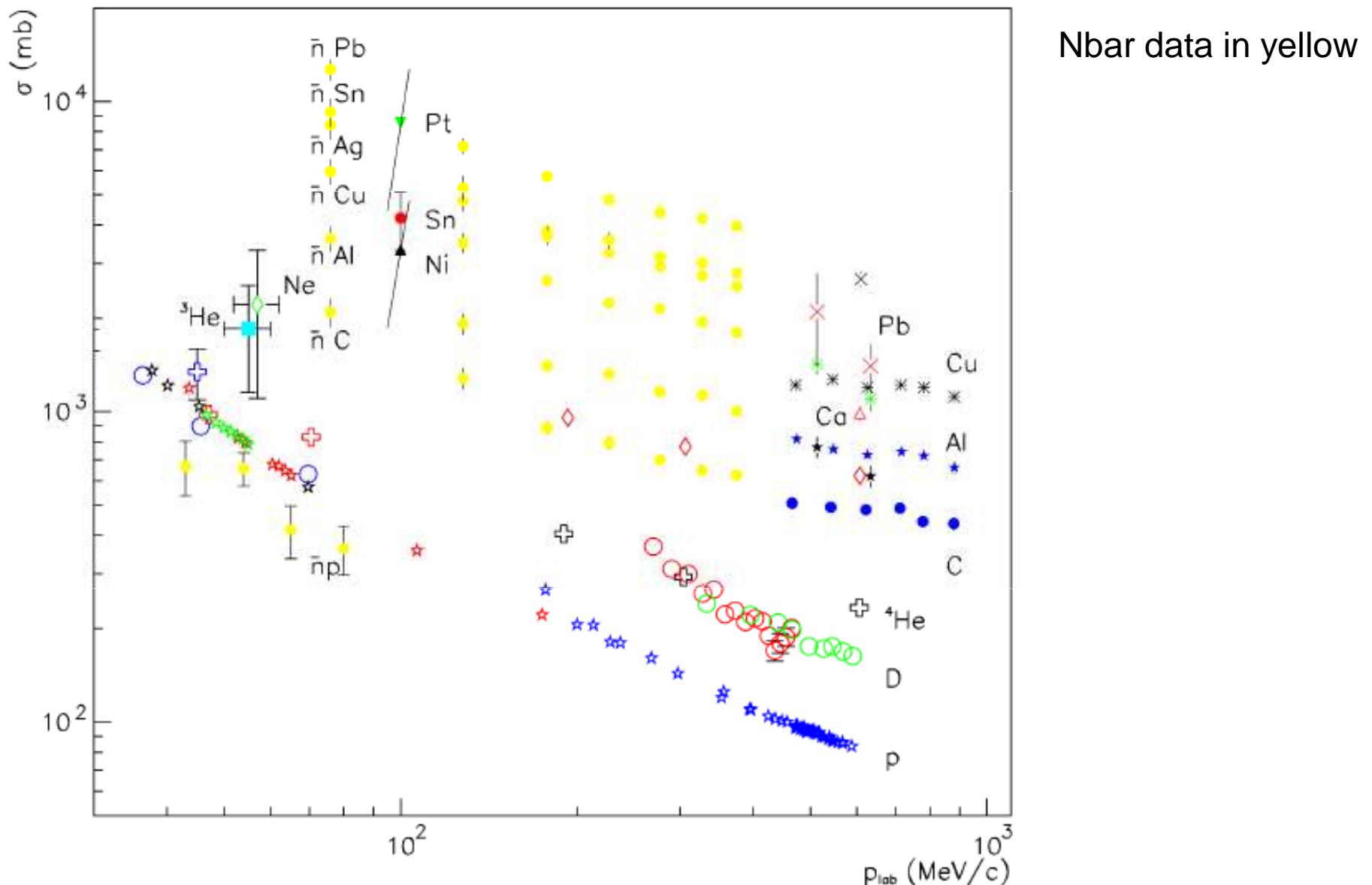
- Saturation: σ_{ann} (pbarA) does not increase with A as naively expected



- Reversed $n\bar{n}$ to $p\bar{p}$ behaviour for σ_{ann} at 5 MeV on Sn
 - ...the region below 0.5-1 MeV is completely unexplored

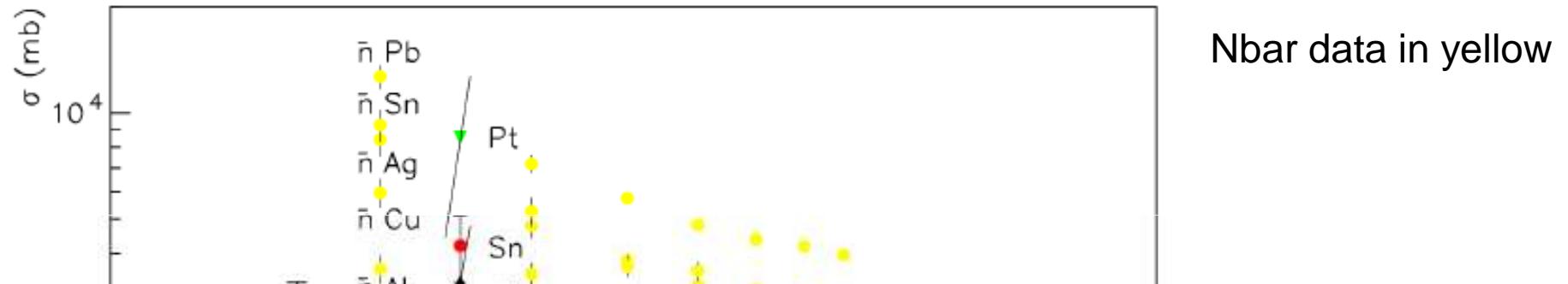
Existing data

antinucleon reaction/annihilation cross sections on nuclei



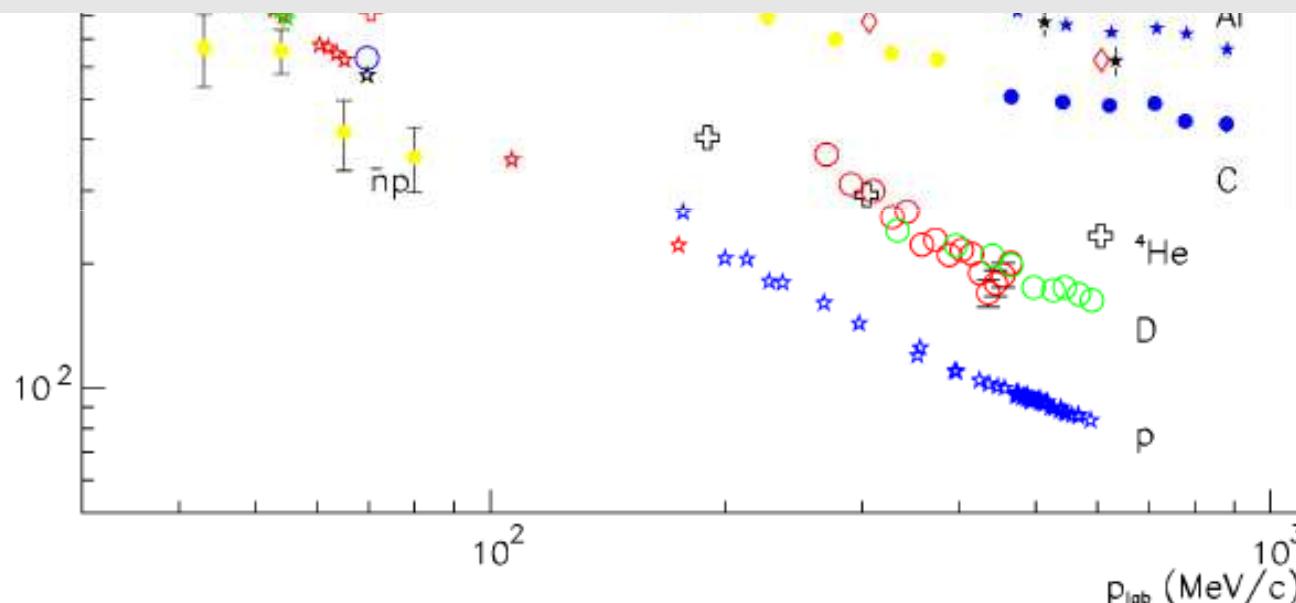
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Nbar data in yellow

Interesting region: transition between semi-classical regime and quantum regime



Annih.
 σ

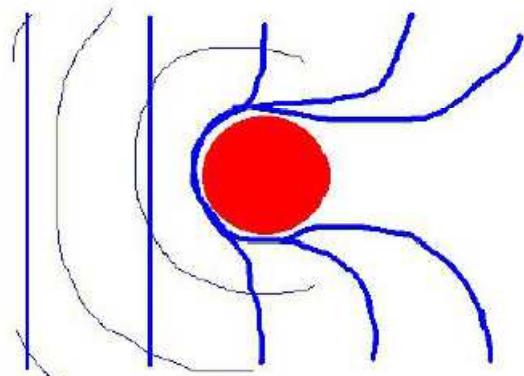
Transition region (nuclear resonances)

$P_{critica}$

p (MeV/c)

For nbar;
 $\sigma(p) = A + B/p$
For pbar;
 $\sigma(p) = A + B/p + C/p^2$

Quantum
regime

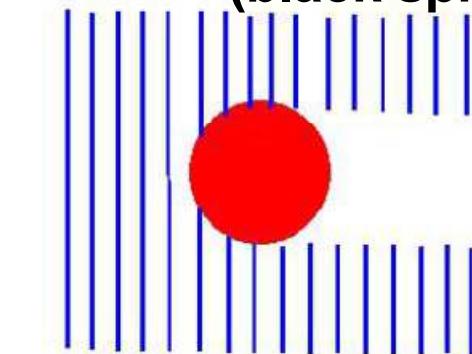


Wavelength \geq target size

- 10-20 MeV/c for heavy nuclei
- 200 MeV/c for light nuclei

$\sigma(p) = \text{cost}$

Semi-classical
(black sphere)

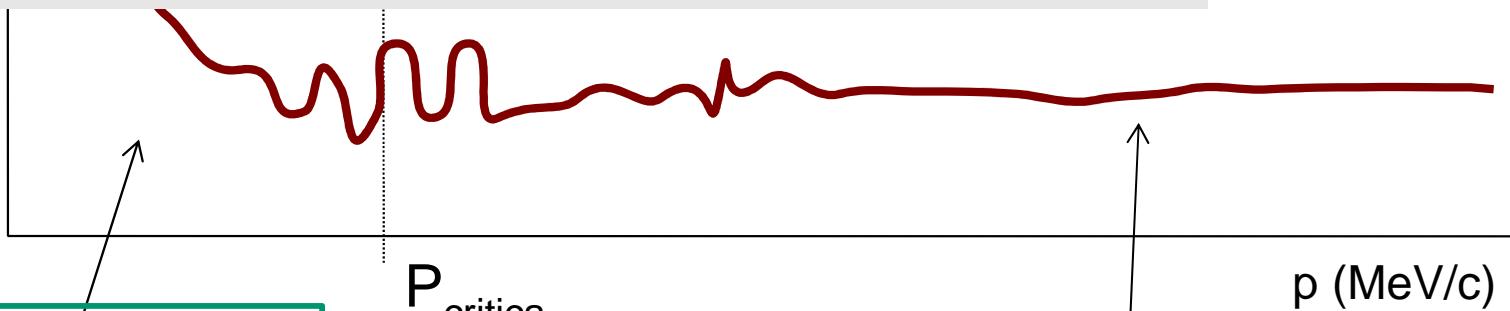


Wavelength $<<$ target size

Annih.
 σ

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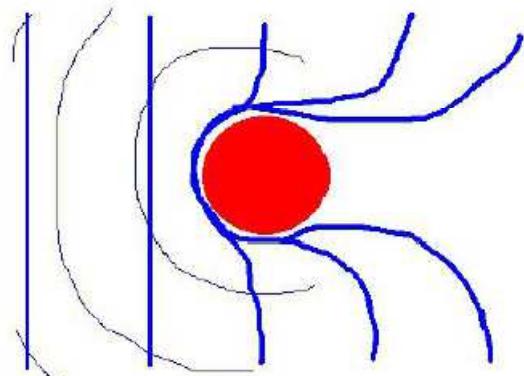
Some agreement with expectations but several problems



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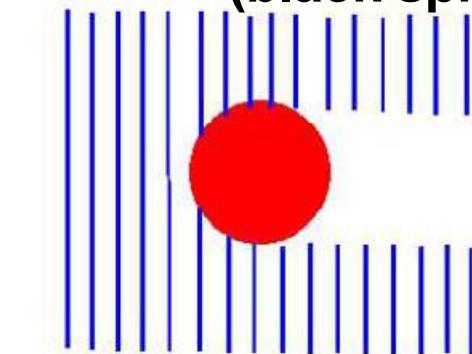


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1° problem: any resonance?

No resonance detected with antinucleons

Resonance in nbar-p?

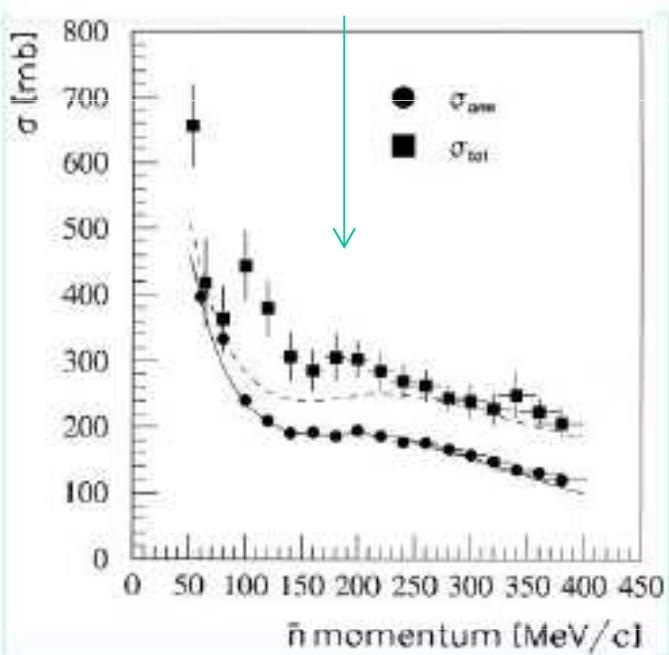


Fig. 4. Experimental values of the total (■: present work) and annihilation (●: Ref. [8]) $\bar{n}p$ cross sections. The solid curve represents the calculation of $\sigma_{\text{ann}}(\bar{n}p)$ performed in Ref. [8], the dotted one the calculation of $\sigma_{\text{t}}(\bar{n}p)$ by using the same parameters.

Resonance only subthreshold in e+e-

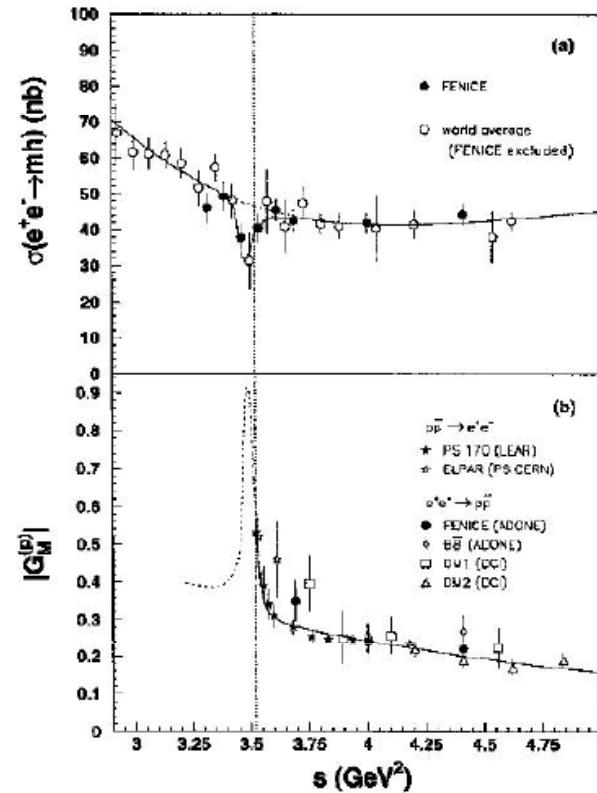
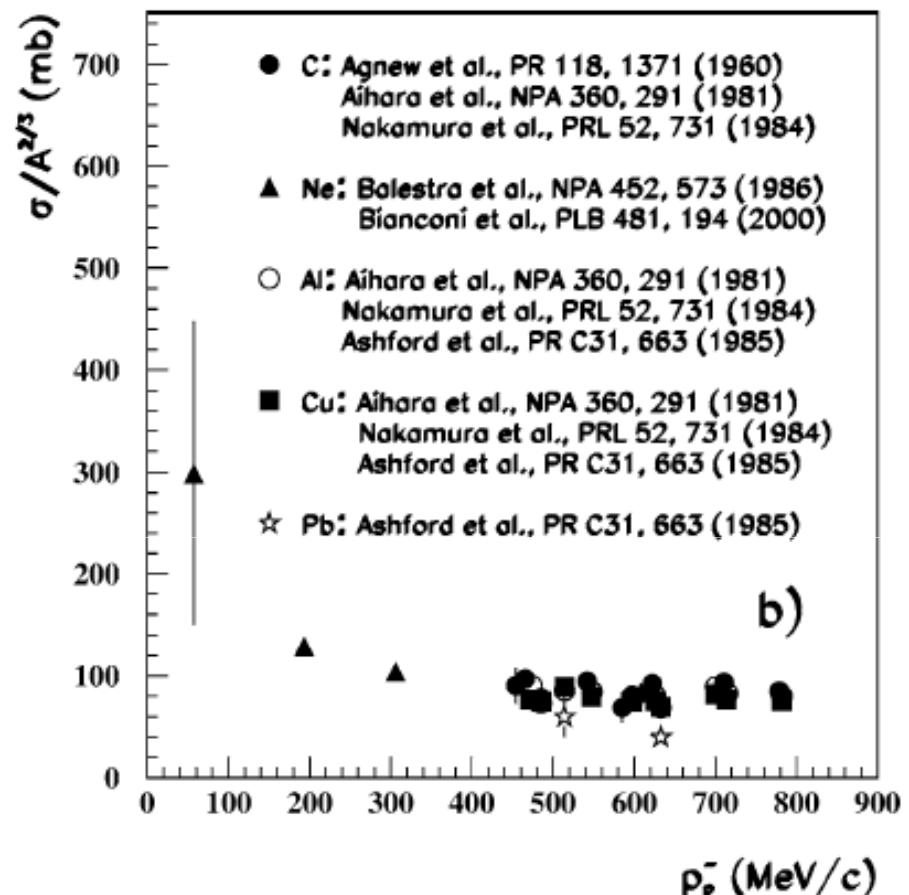
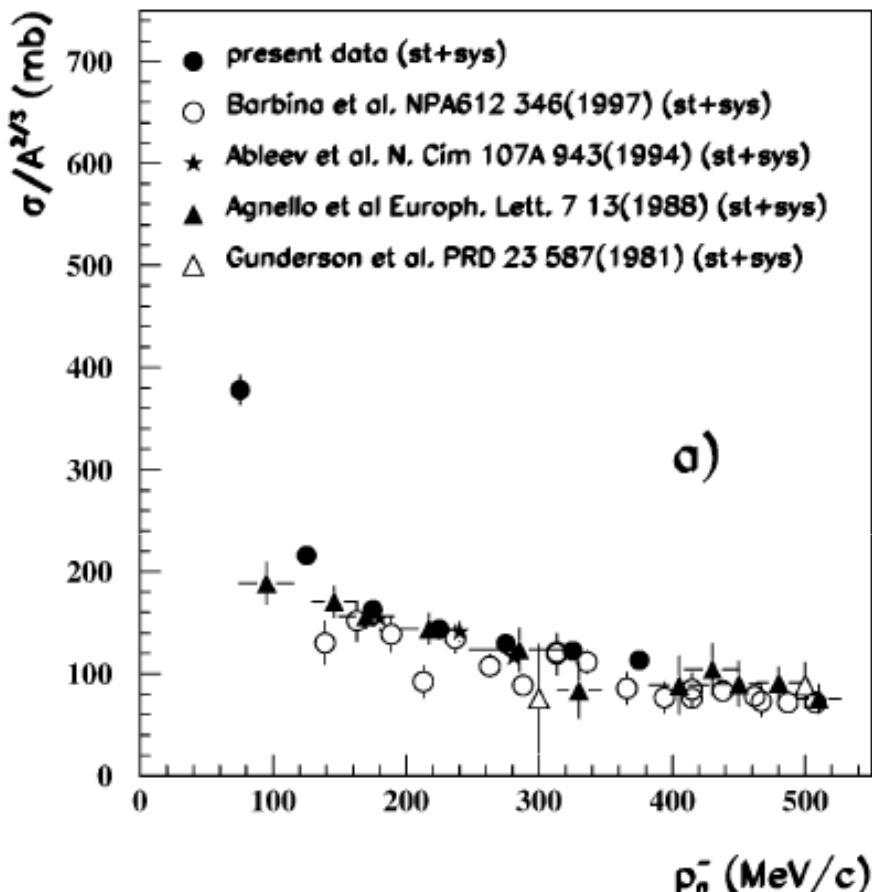


Figure 1.7: (a) Total $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ cross section, systematics is also included in the error bars; (b) proton time-like Form Factor. The solid curves are the best fit assuming the interference with a resonance below the $\bar{N}N$ threshold (the dashed curve in (a) is the expectation without). From [16].

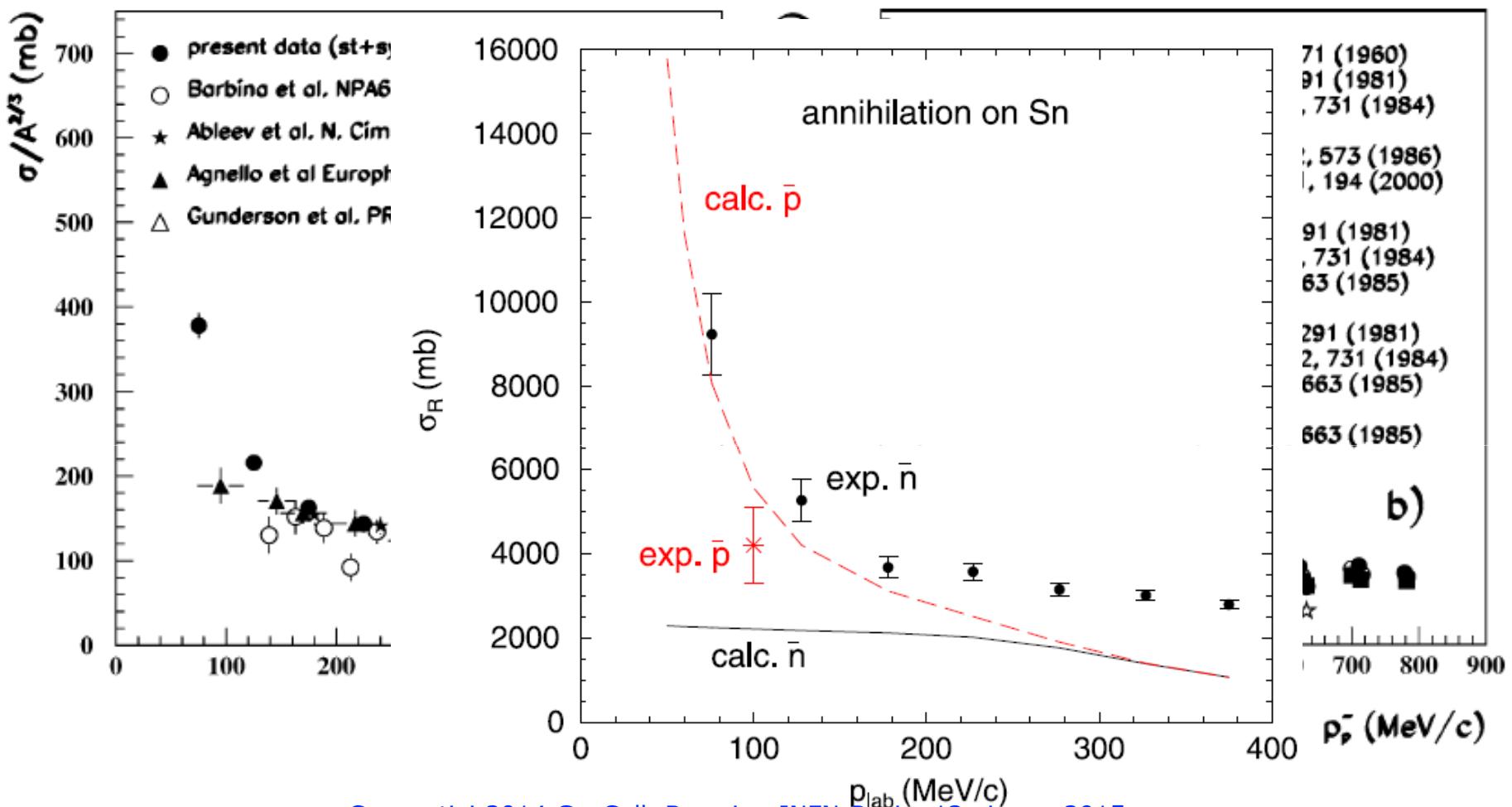
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At 300-400 MeV/c annih. sigma for pbar and nbar are similar (as expected) but are 2 times what expected by optical potential

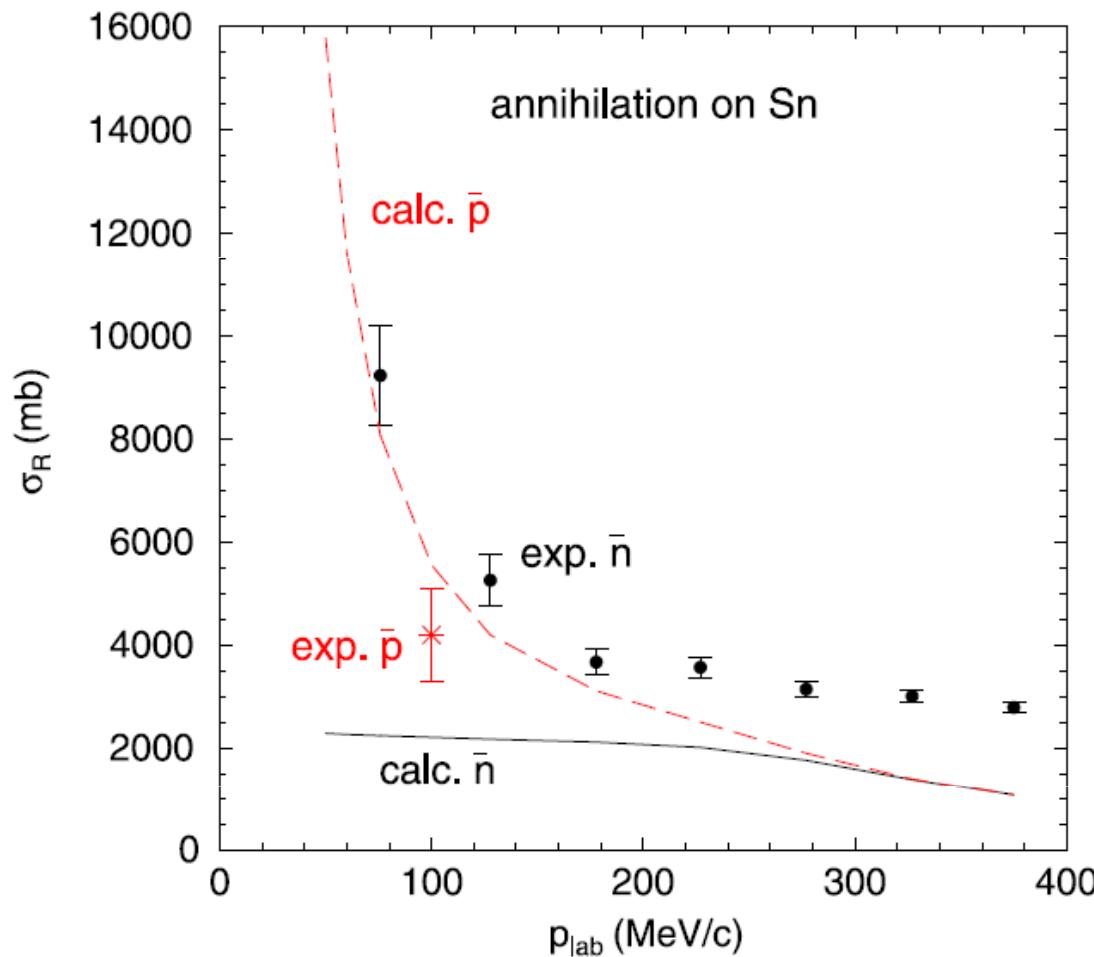


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3° problem: nbar sigma rises steeper than pbar sigma

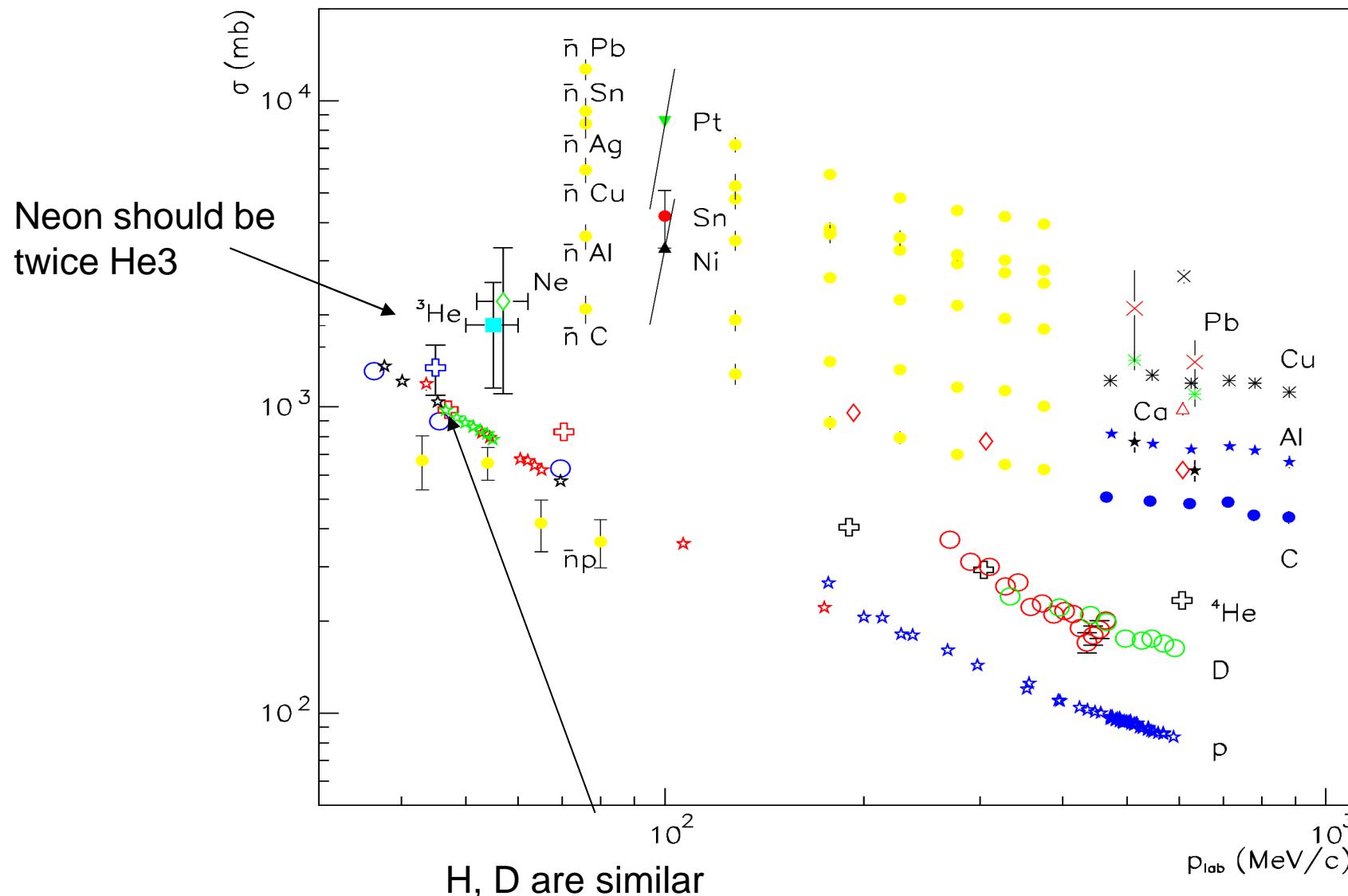


See Friedman's talk at
EXA 2014

No clear explanation with short-range interactions

4th problem: “inversion” (sigma on light nuclei cross each other)

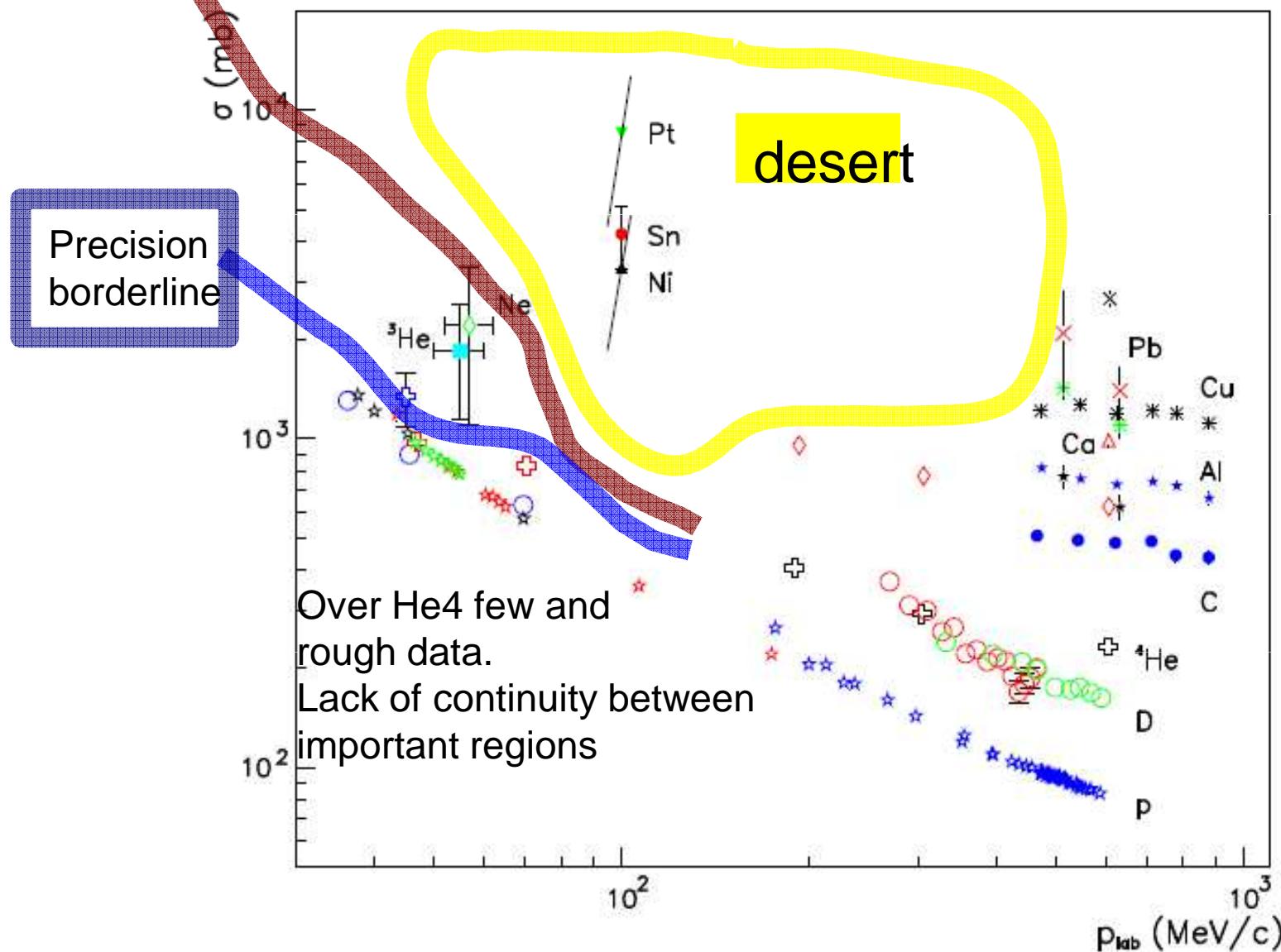
antineutron reaction/annihilation cross sections on nuclei



light / heavy gap

Antiproton data

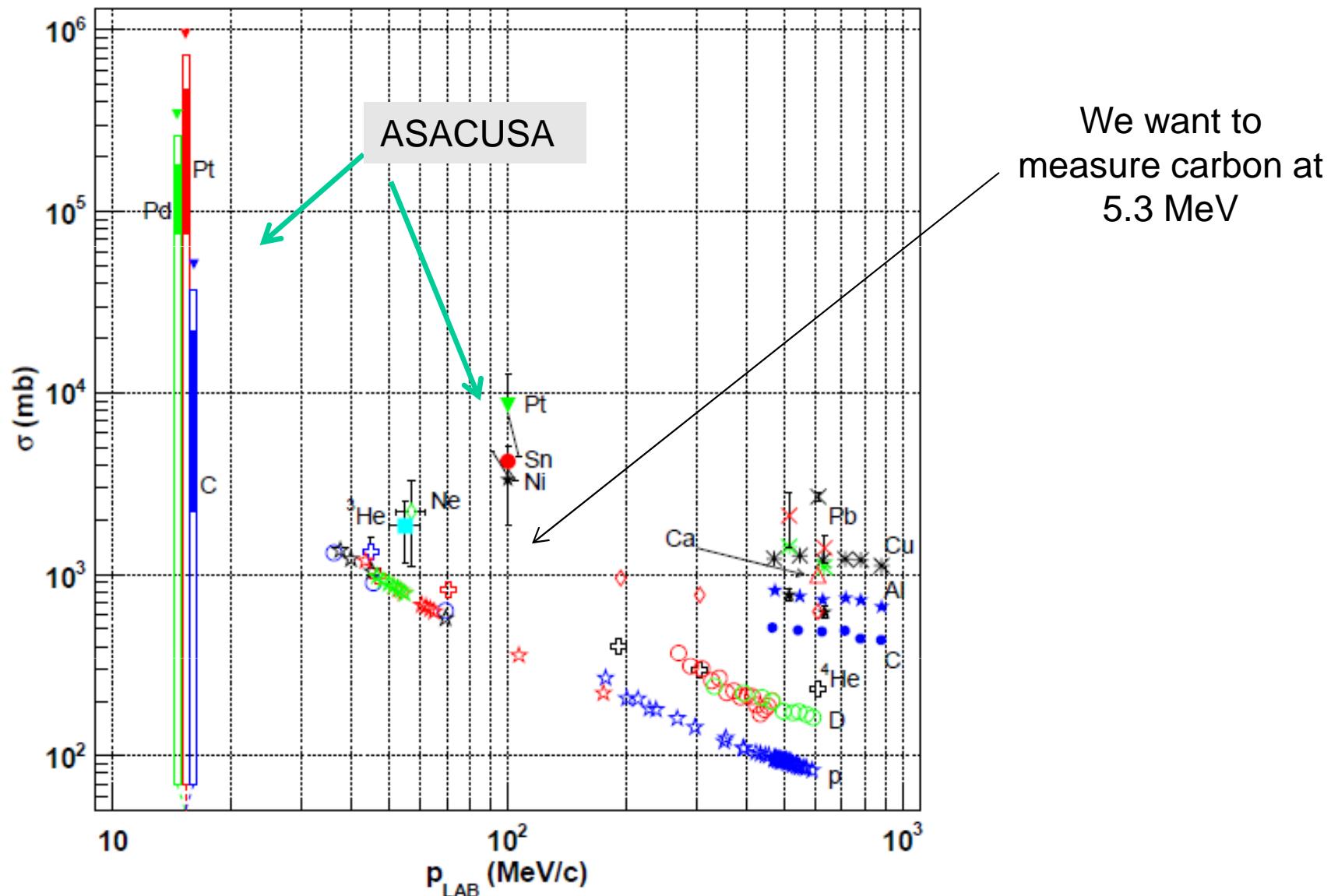
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Experimental data needed

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Existing data



Why carbon?

- To have pbar-nbar comparison at same energy
- to fill the gap between light nuclei and heavy nuclei

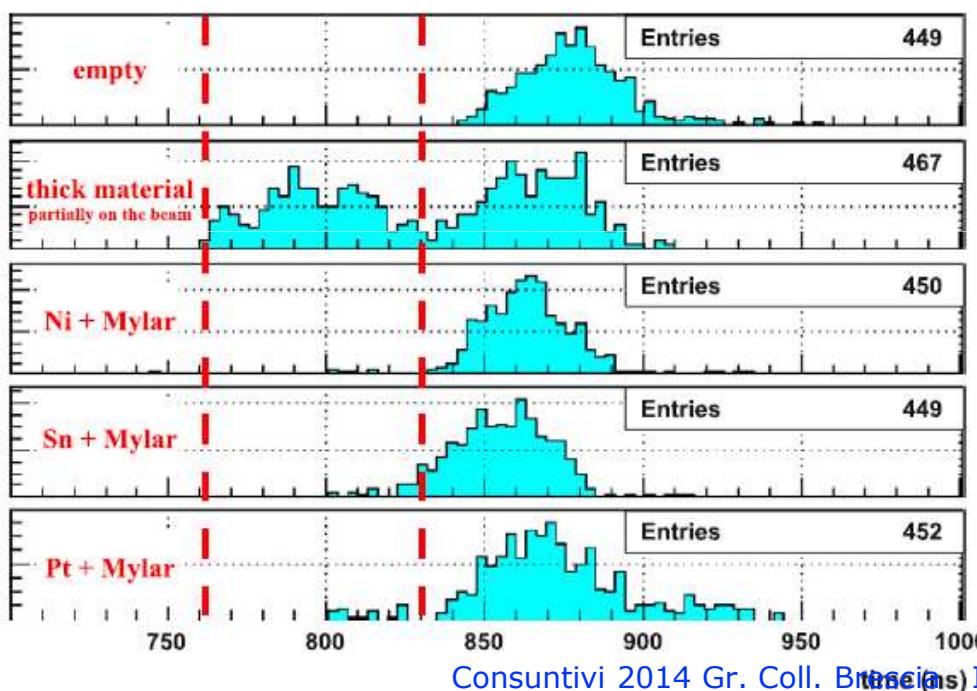
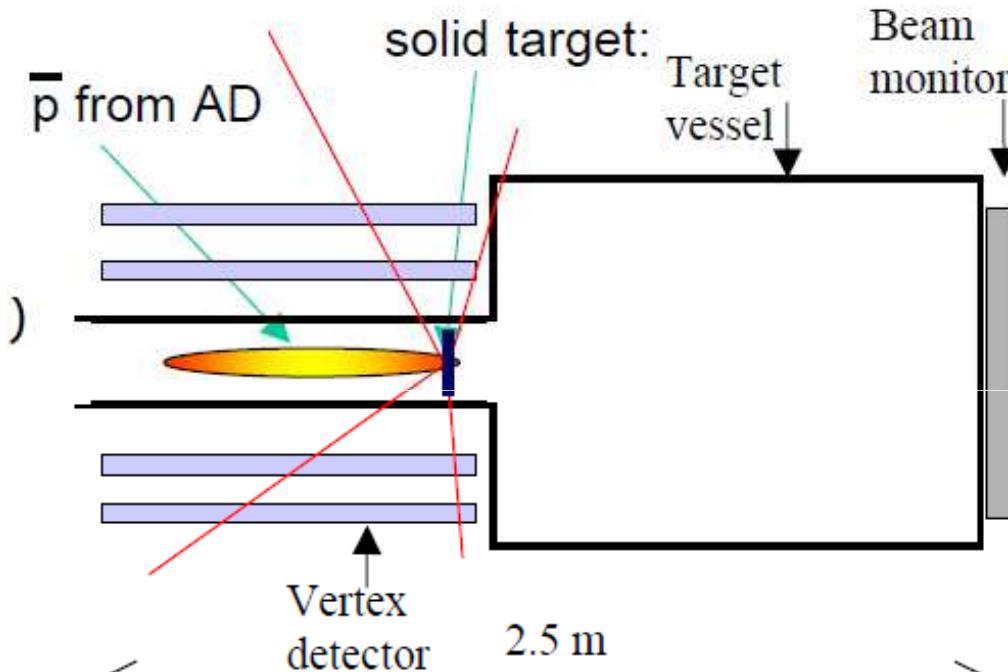
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O	+	*		
Ne			+	
Al				+
Ca	+		+	
Fe	+			
Ni	+		+	
Cu				+
Zr	+			
Ag				+
Cd	+			
Sn	+		+	
Te	+			
Pt			+	
Pb	+			+
data	90	7	88	6

Friedman, EXA 2014

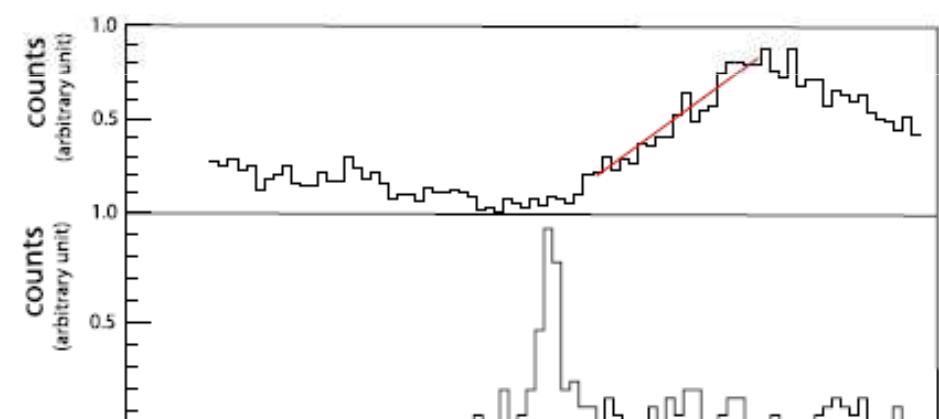
*pre-LEAR data.

Fill the gaps! [NPA 925 (2014) 141]

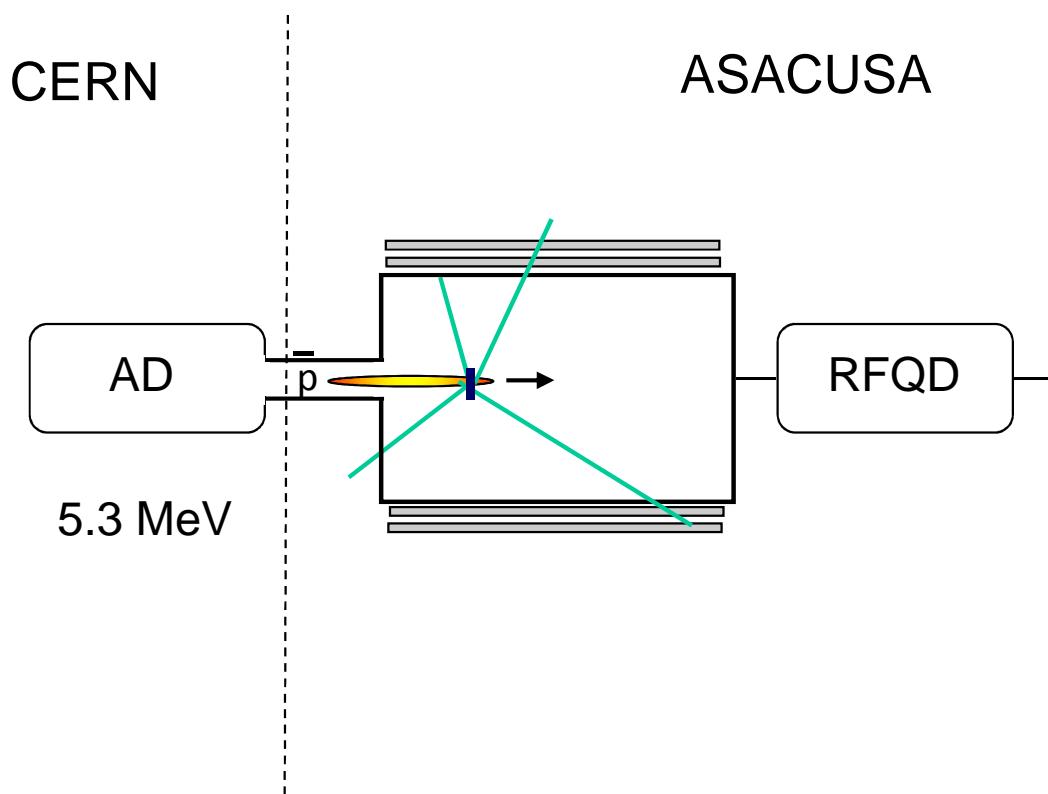
Old measurement technique at 5.3 MeV



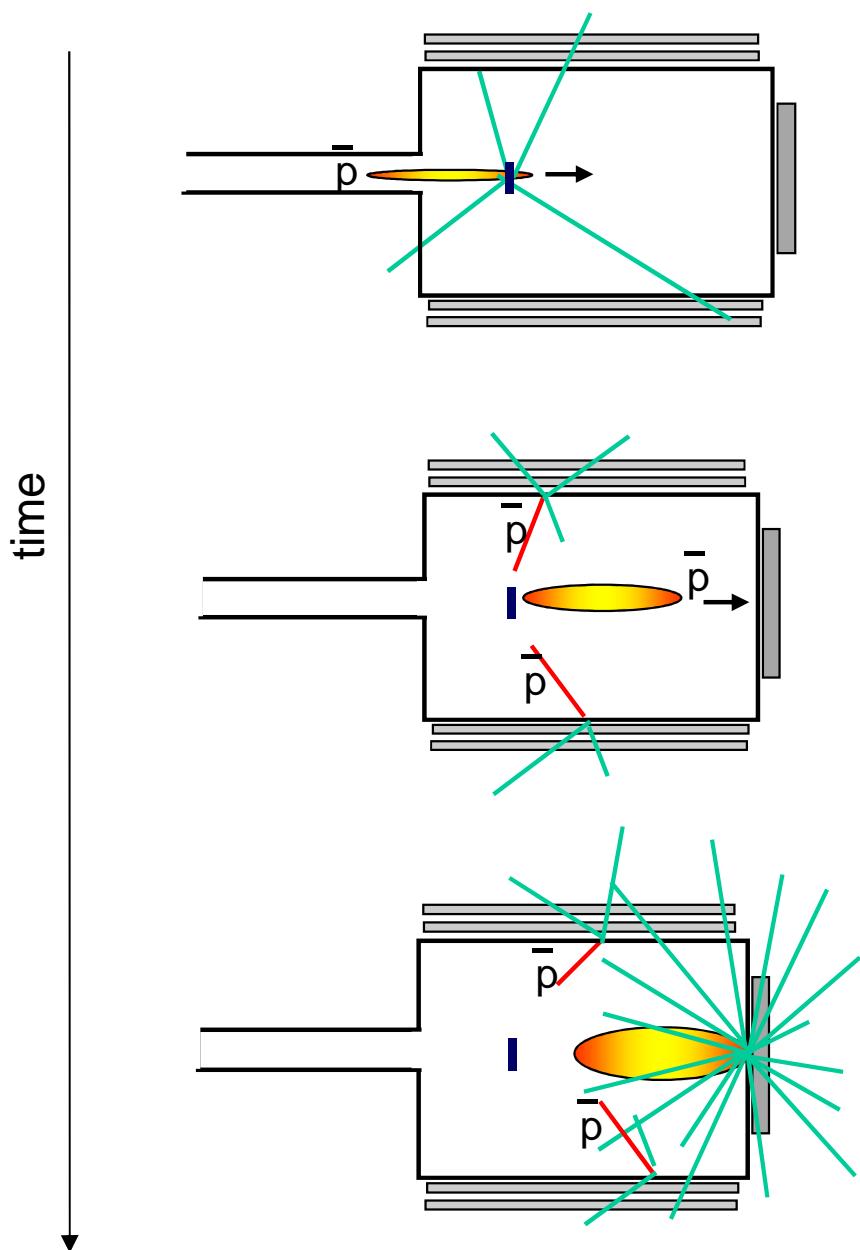
A. Bianconi et al. / Physics Letters B 704 (2011) 461–466



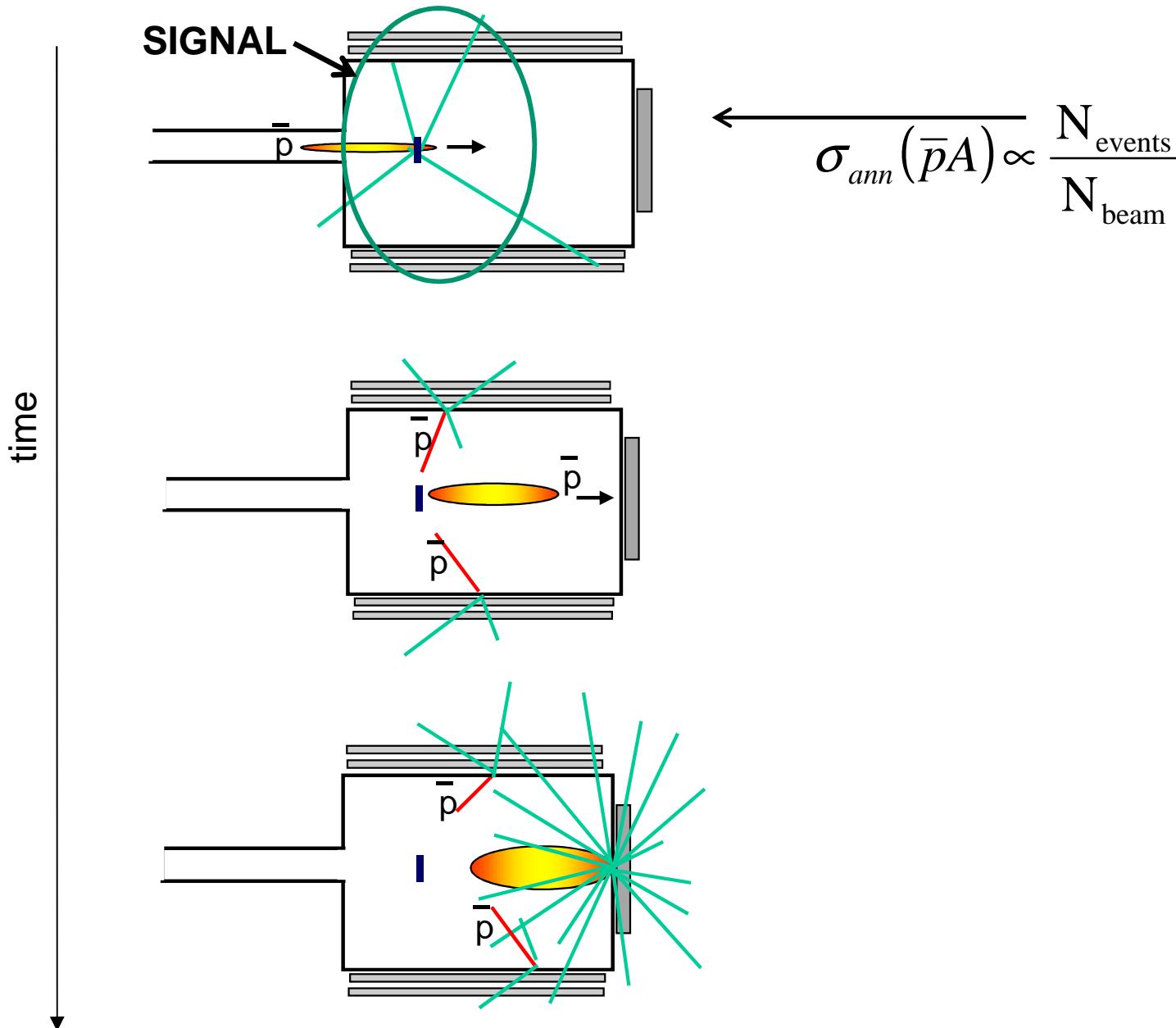
DESIGN OF THE 2015 EXPERIMENT



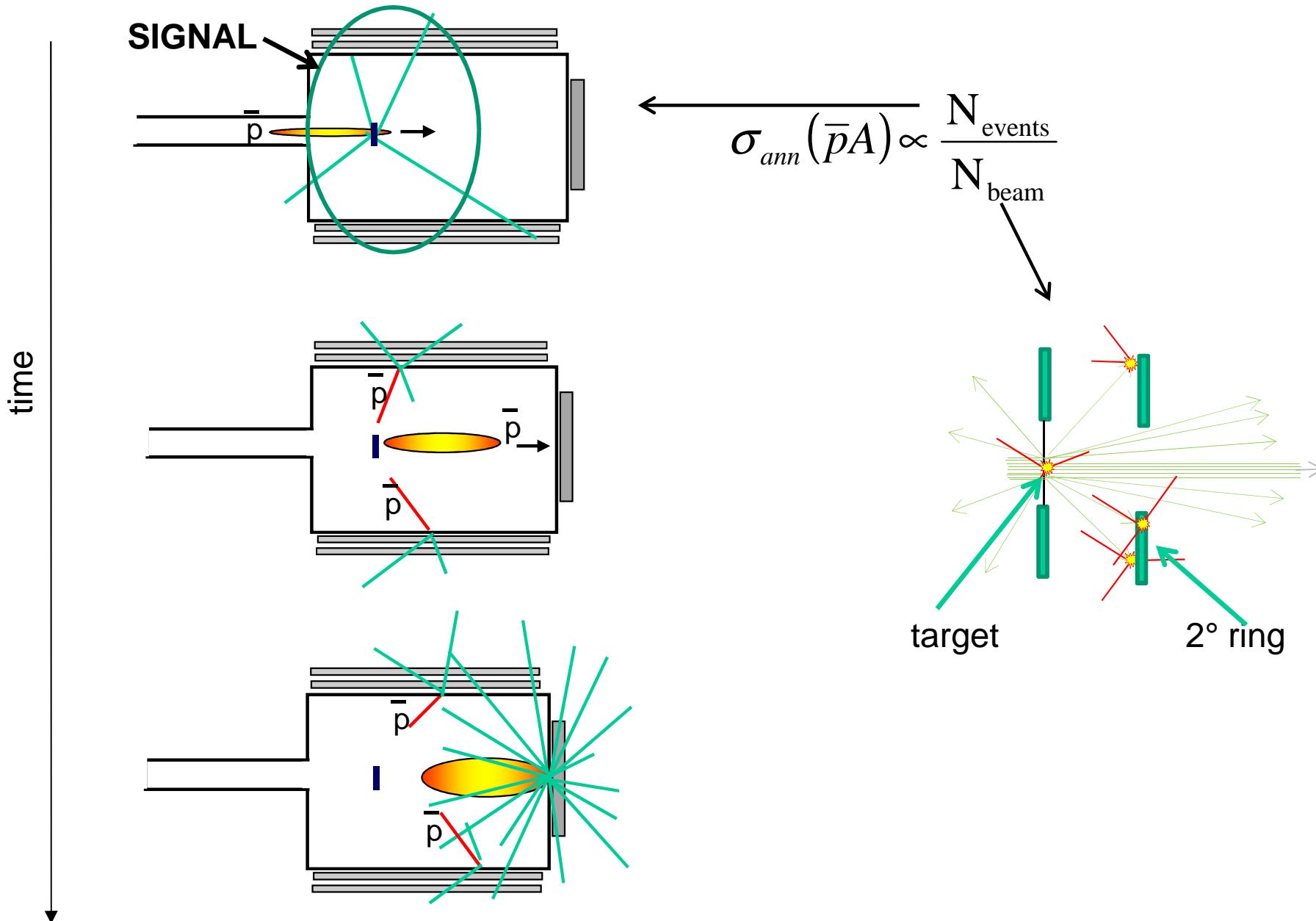
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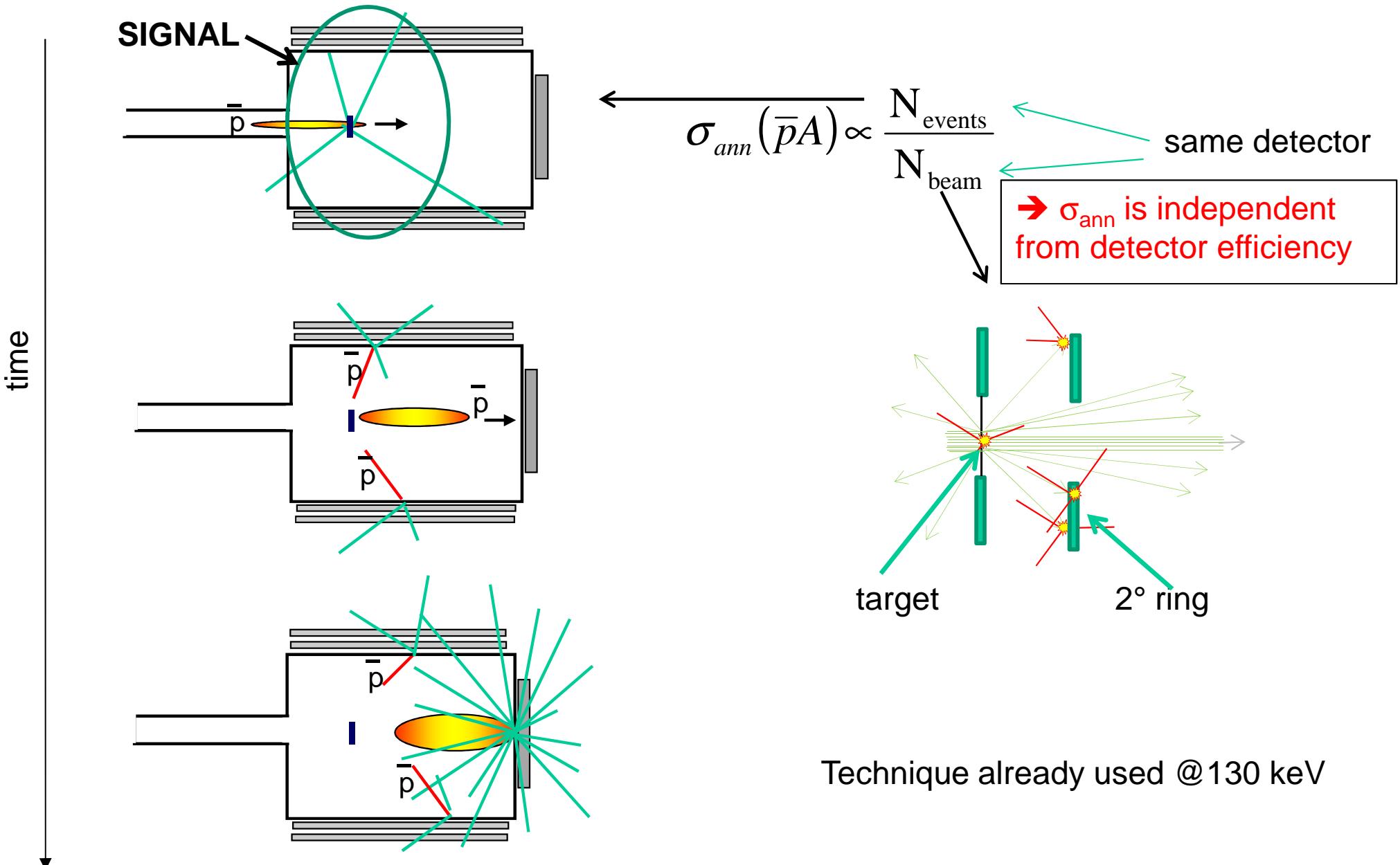
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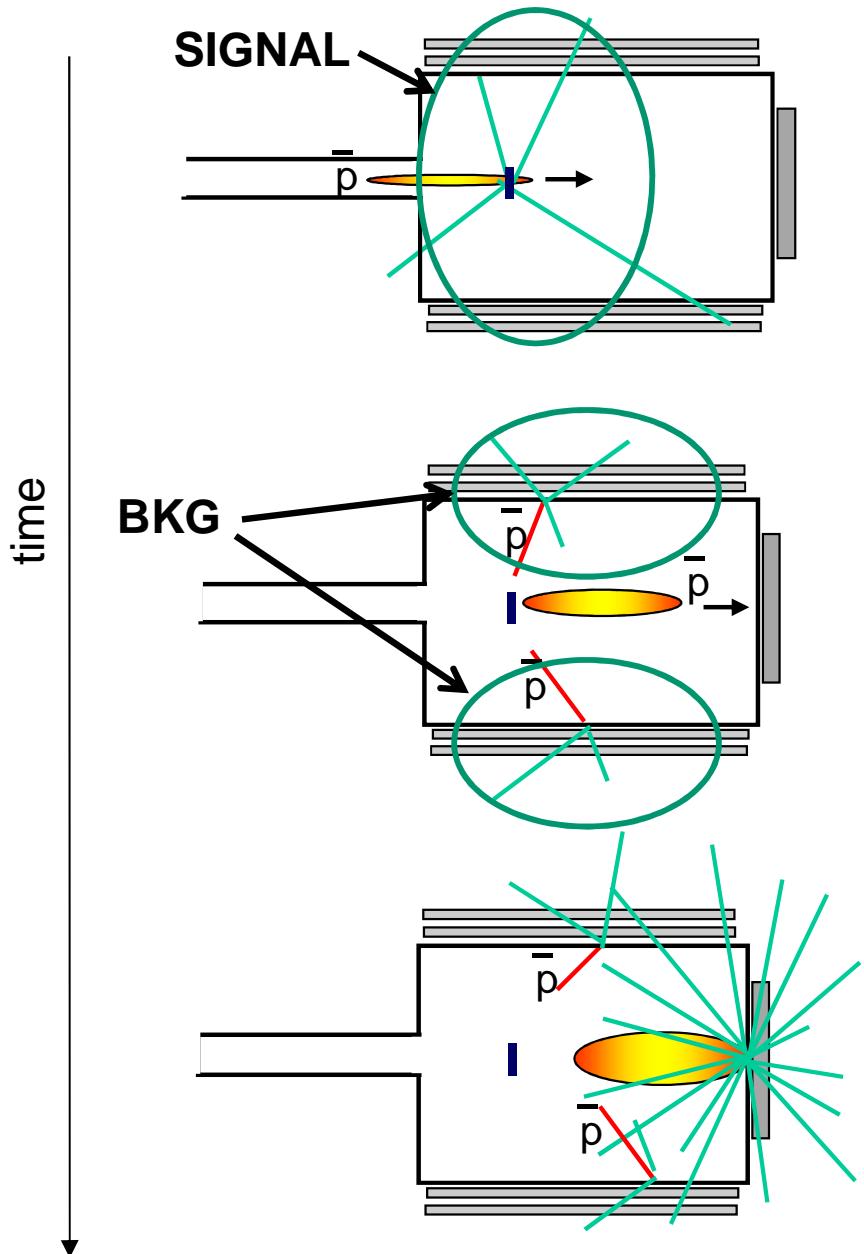
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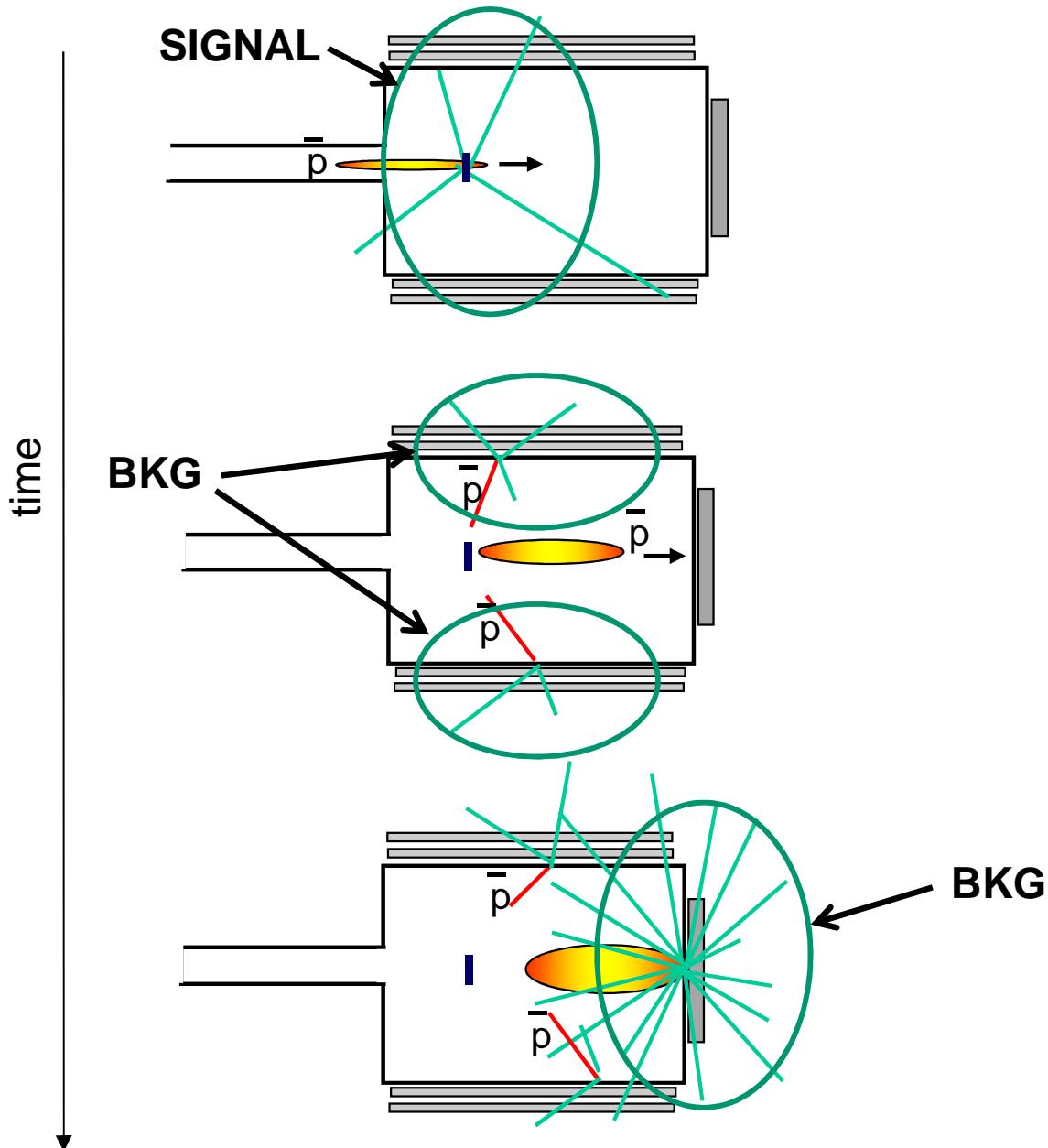
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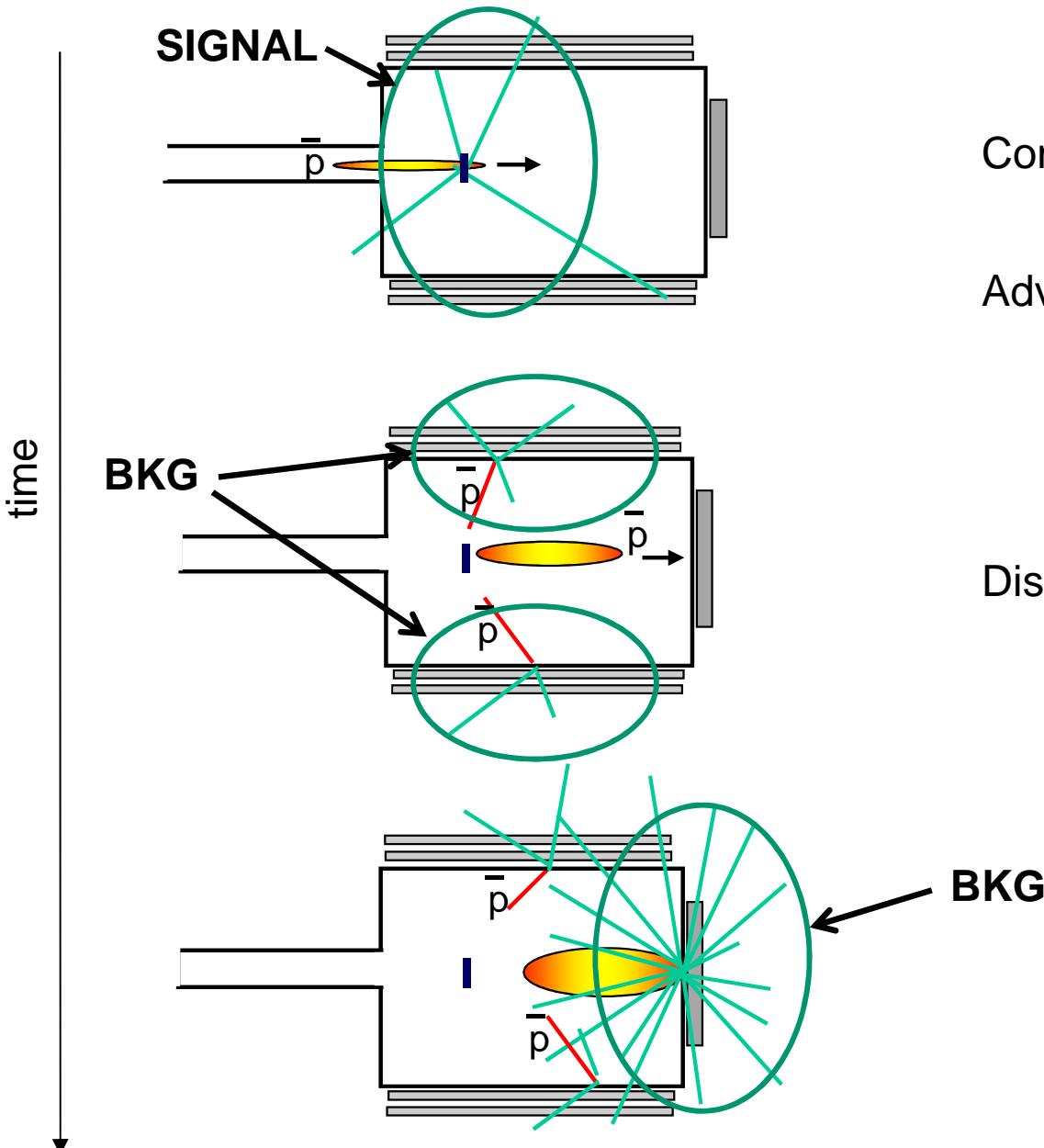
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Compared to 130 keV experiment:

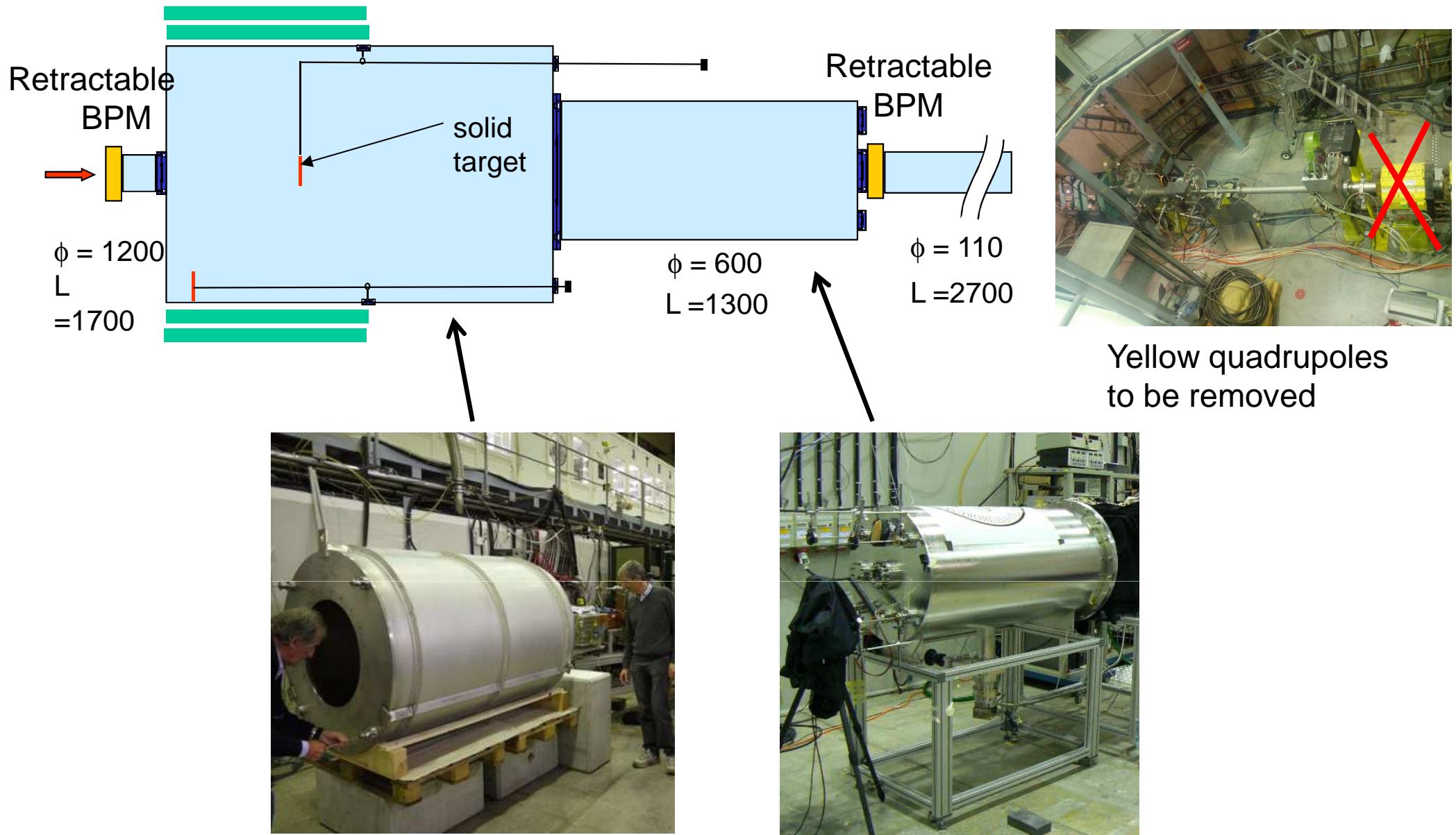
Advantages:

- thicker target
- no $\pi\mu e$ bkg
- less Rutherford sigma
- no RFQD-DOGLEG

Disadvantages:

- faster pbars (3cm/ns)
- Nuclear scatt. bkg

Set-up



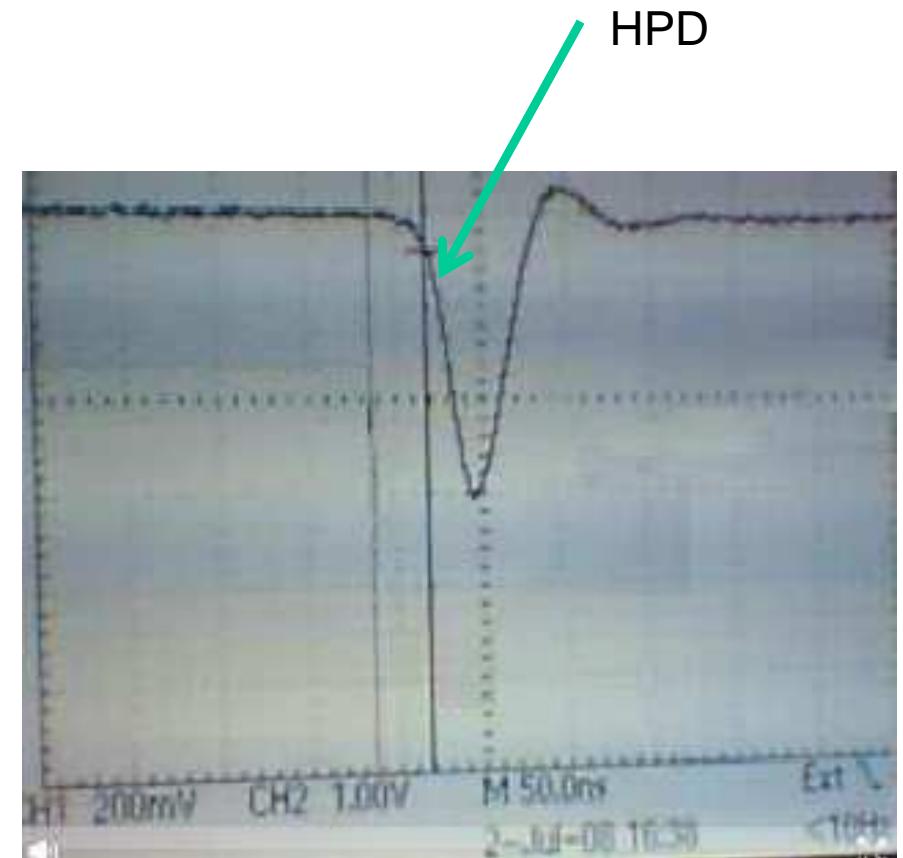
SIMULATIONS

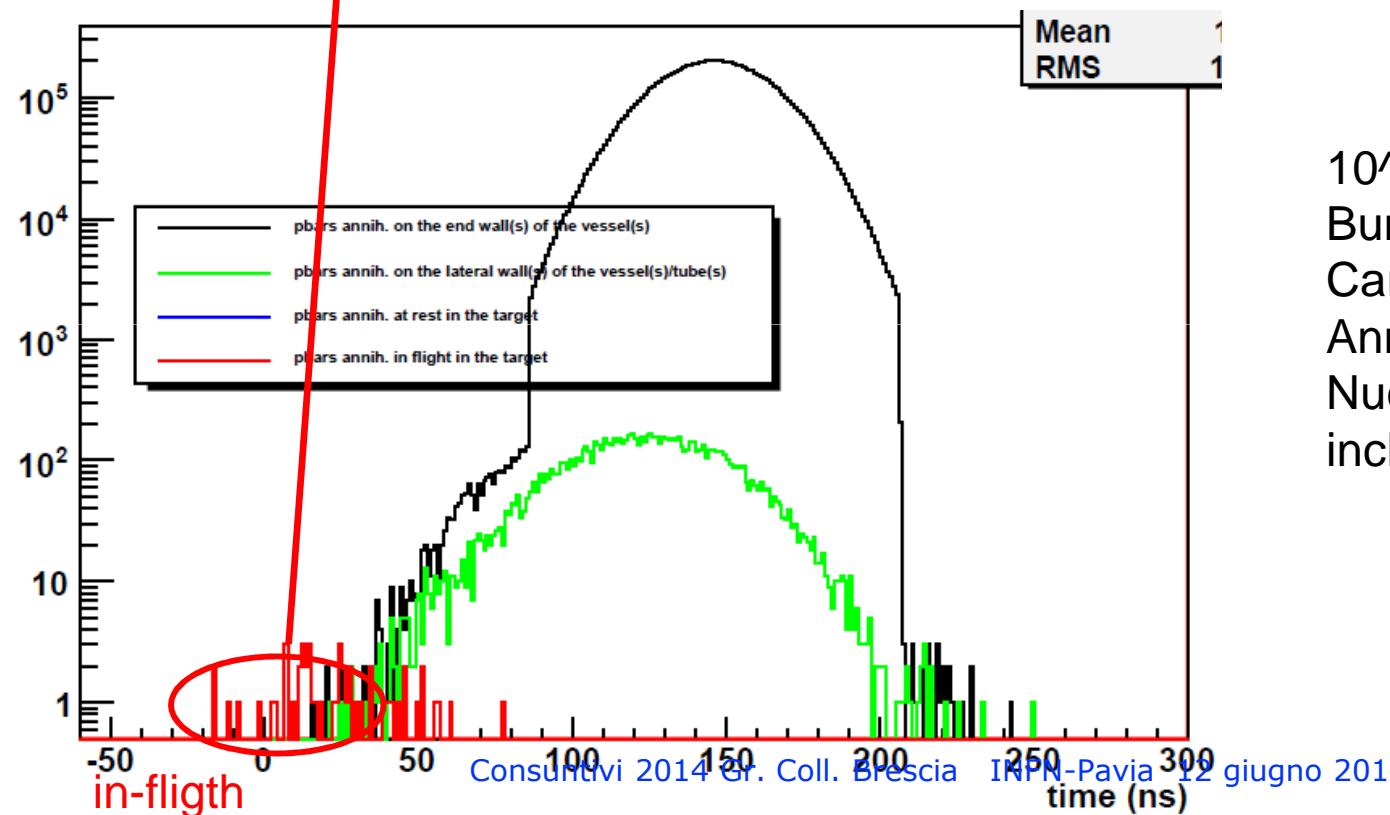
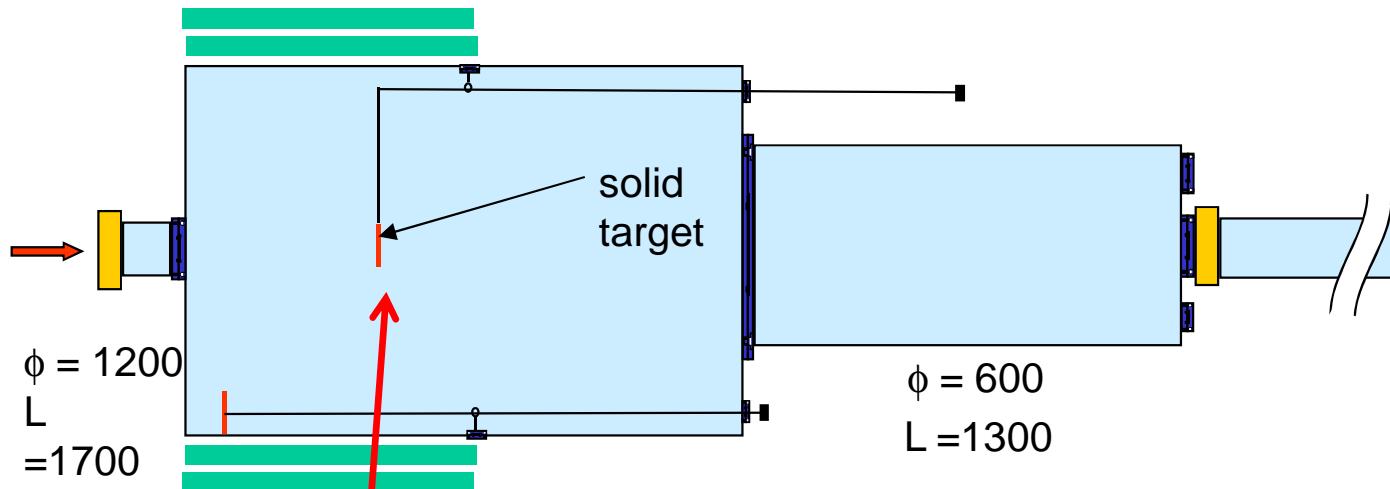
To evaluate background contamination:

- downstream pbar annihilations (end wall+lateral walls...)
- Nuclear+Rutherford (lateral wall)
- etc.

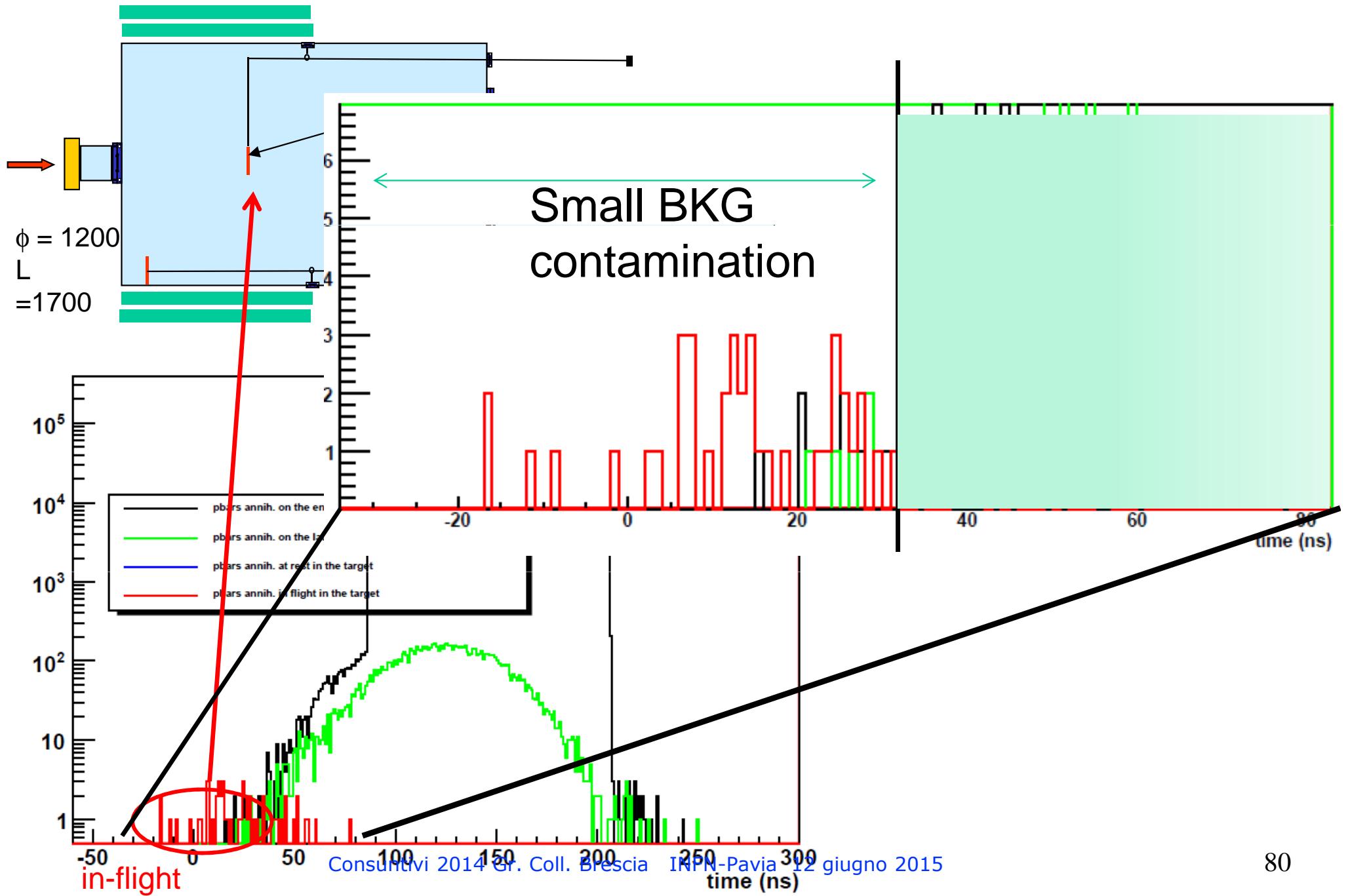
pbar beam:

on axis with Gaussian time distribution
(FWHM=50ns, truncated to $\pm 3 \sigma \rightarrow \Delta t = 130$ ns)

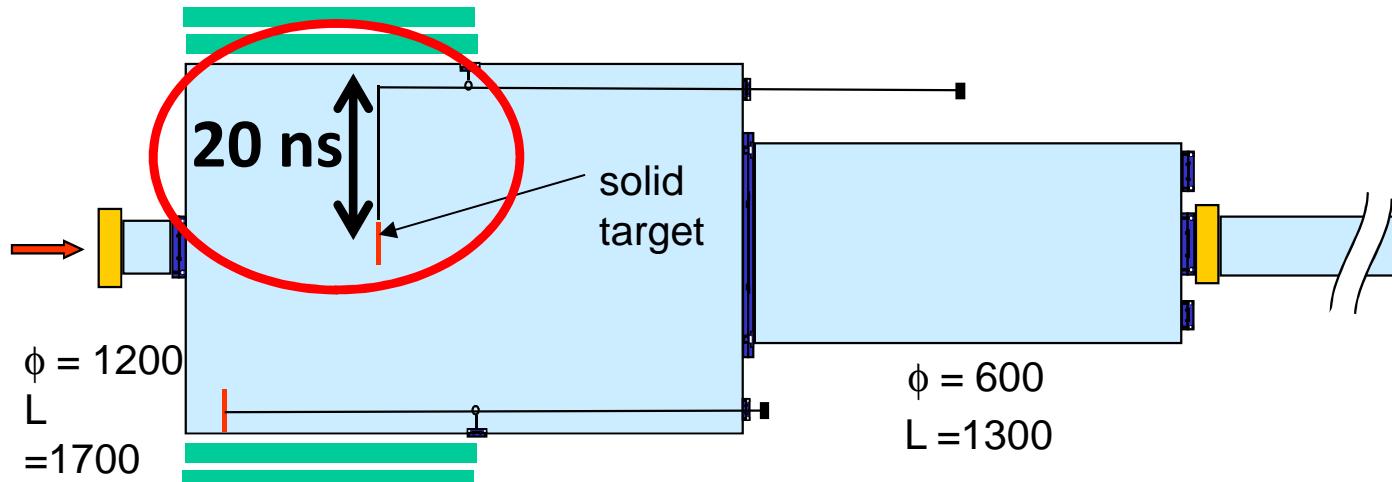




10^7 pbars
 Bunch length=50 ns (FWHM)
 Carbon target (700 nm)
 Annihilation $\sigma = 1$ b
 Nuclear elastic events not included



HOW TO SEPARATE SIGNAL FROM BKG



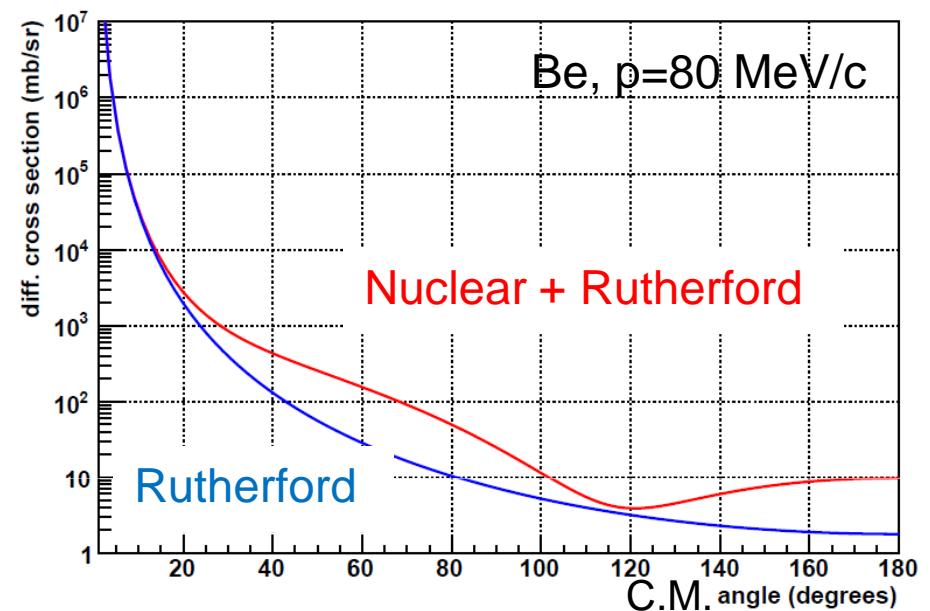
Exploit the (at least) 20 ns delay
between signal from target and BKG from walls
due to Rutherford & Nuclear elastic scattering

Nuclear Elastic Scattering “background”

No data exist!

Calculation from Andrea Bianconi →

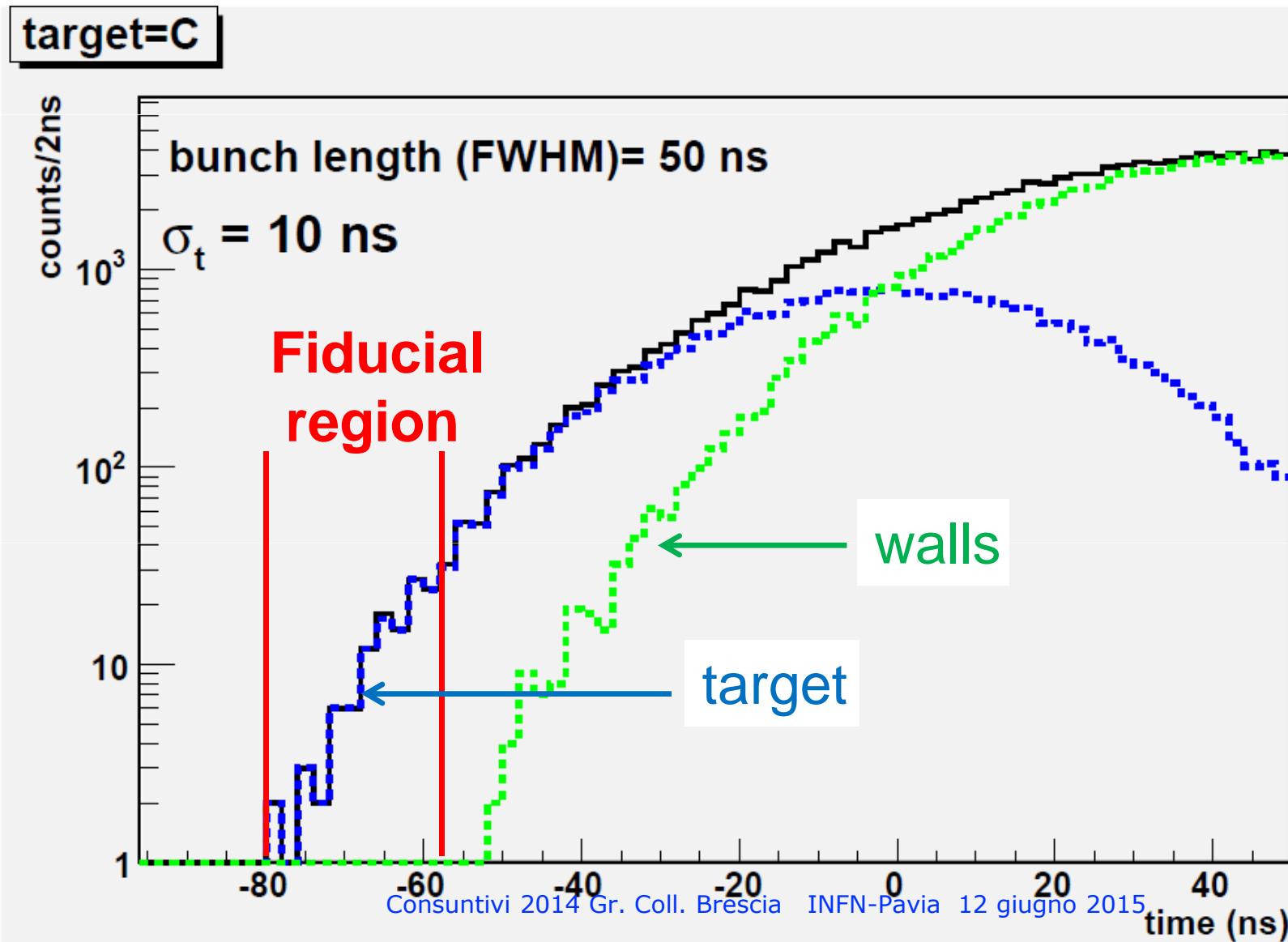
We use it (rescaled) just to check the analysis method



HOW TO SEPARATE SIGNAL FROM BKG

- signal (from target)
- BKG (Rutherford & Nuclear scattered pbars on the chambers walls)

Detector time resolution (σ_t) = 10 ns



Plan for 2015

Measurement of the **absolute annihilation σ** for C

- 1 week for beam steering and set-up optimization
- 1 week for C-target measurement → 1000 events

C-target: 500nm → 50 annih./ 10^7 pbars

few events in the fiducial region per spill;

Summary

In 2014, ASACUSA achieved:

- Installed and operated all elements necessary for \bar{H} ground-state hyperfine spectroscopy.
- Detected \bar{H} ($n < 12$) candidates @3.4 m.
- Finished data taking and analysis for single-photon laser spectroscopy of $\bar{p}\text{He}$, cooled to $\sim 1.5\text{K}$.
- Plan to publish a new value for the antiproton-to-electron mass ratio soon (theory meanwhile reached a precision of 1.3×10^{-10}).
- Design of \bar{p} annihilation σ measurement on carbon @5.3 MeV

› In 2015, ASACUSA plans to carry out

- \bar{H} ground-state hyperfine spectroscopy
- higher-precision two-photon laser spectroscopy of $\bar{p}\text{He}$
- in-flight \bar{p} annihilation σ measurement on carbon @5.3 MeV