



# In-beam hyperfine spectroscopy of antihydrogen, hydrogen, and deuterium for tests of CPT and Lorentz invariance

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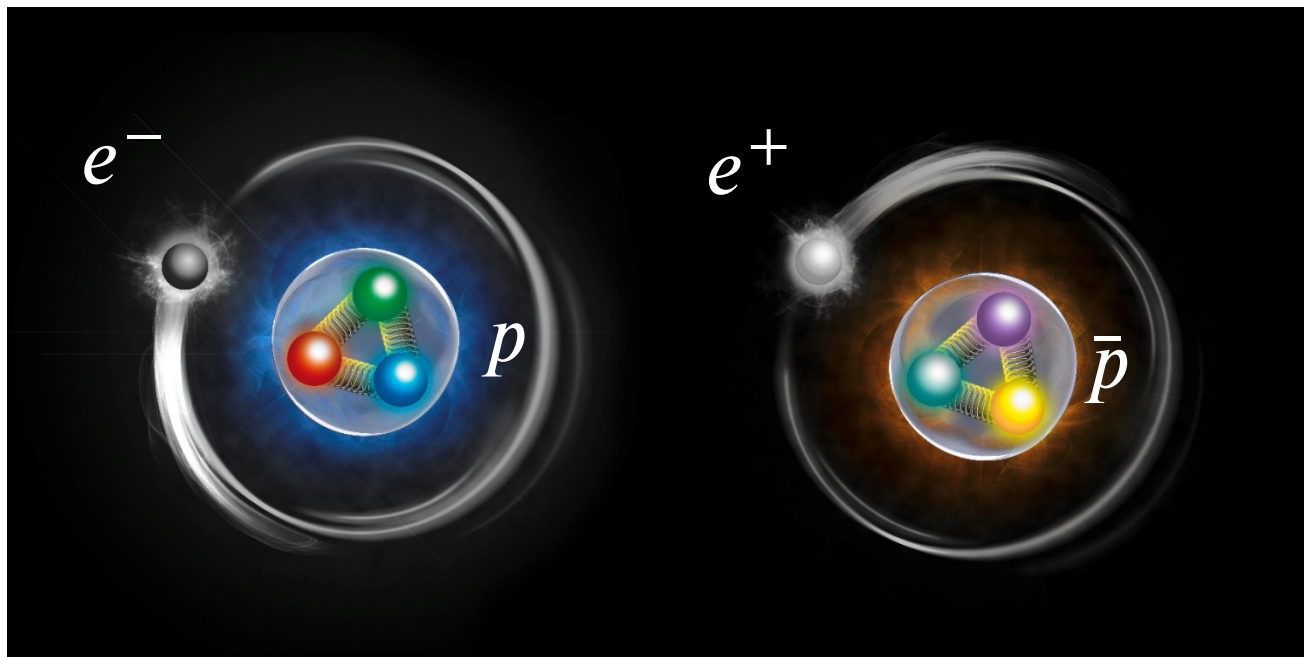
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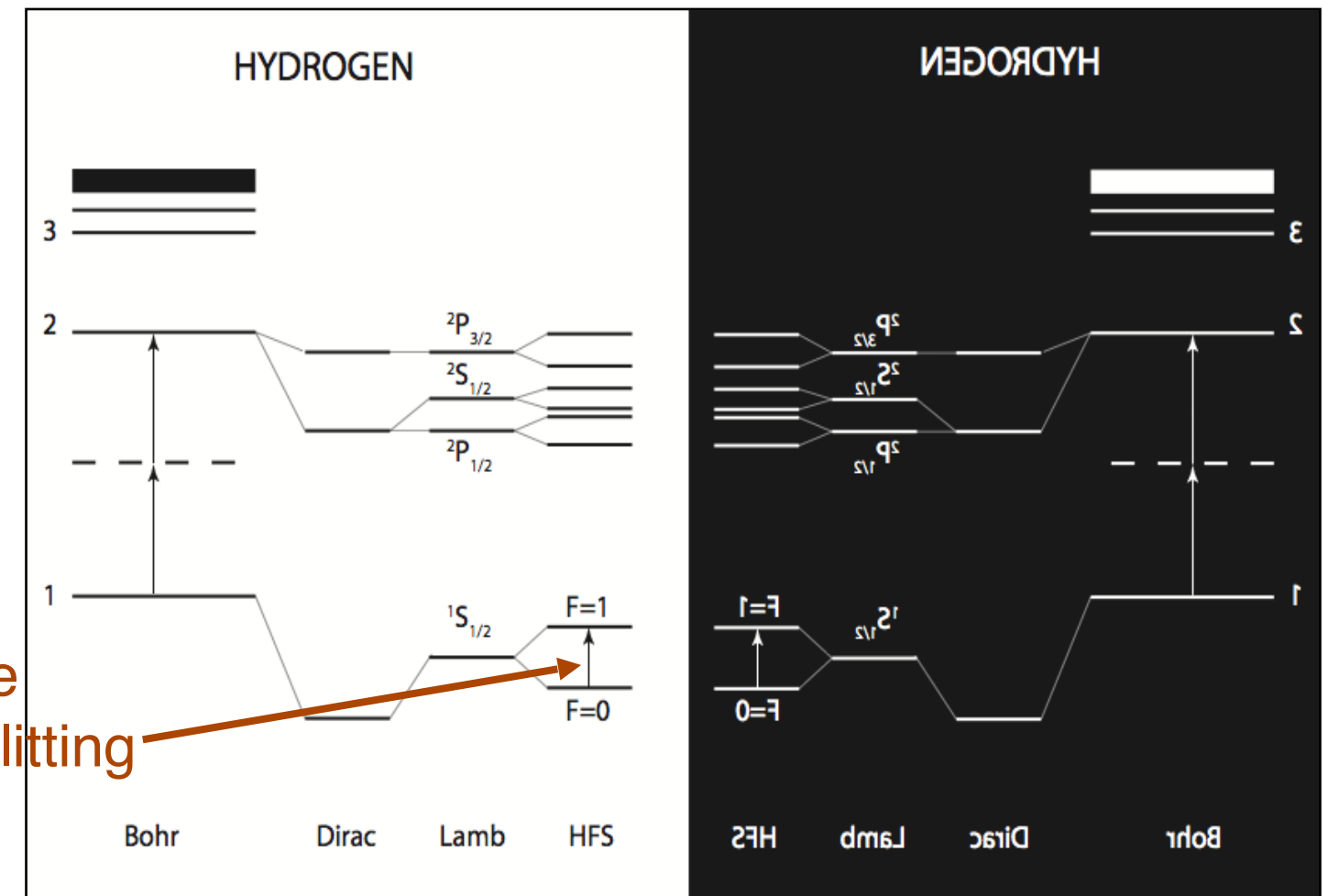
# Antihydrogen experiments motivation

- Matter-Antimatter Symmetry
  - Charge conjugation-Parity-Time reversal: CPT
  - CPTV points to BSM physics



*1s-2s  
2 photon  
 $\lambda=243\text{ nm}$   
 $\Delta f/f=10^{-14}$*

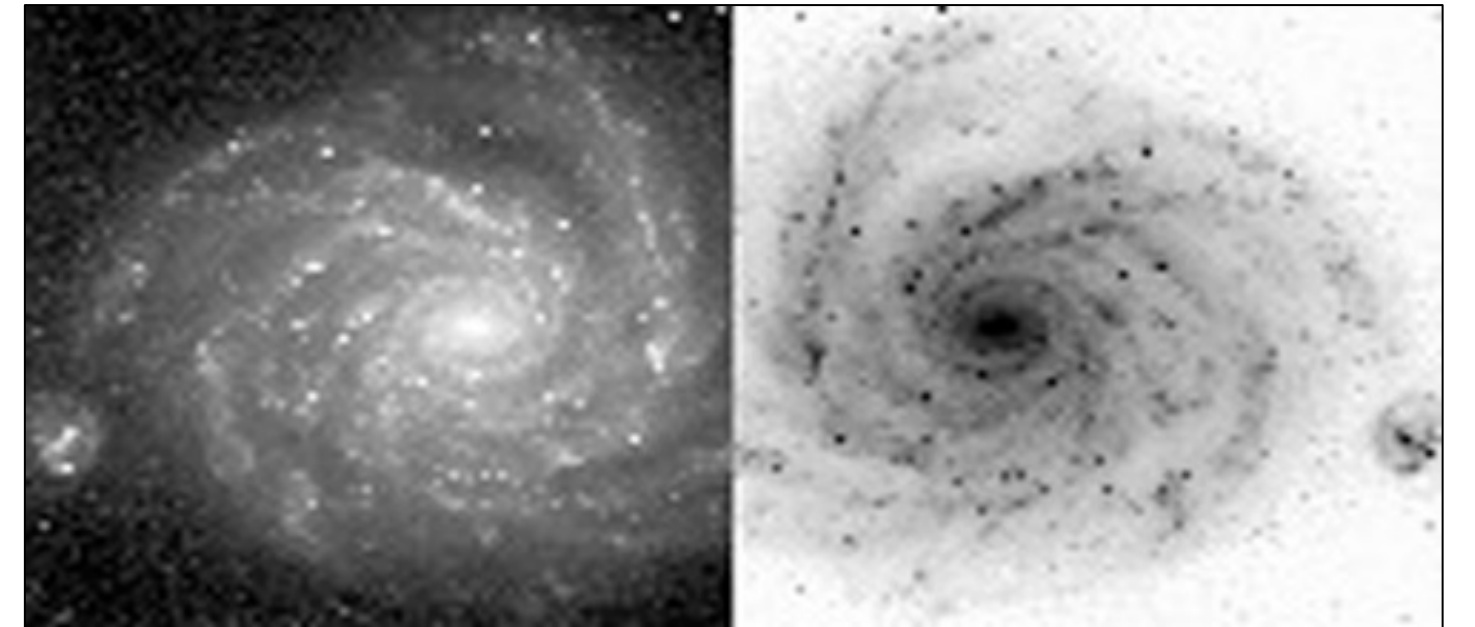
*Ground state hyperfine splitting  
 $f = 1.4\text{ GHz}$   
 $\Delta f/f=10^{-12}$*



# CPT symmetry & cosmology

- Mathematical theorem
  - not valid e.g. in string theory, quantum gravity
- Problem: antimatter absence in the universe
- Big Bang -> if CPT holds: equal amounts of matter/antimatter
  - Standard scenario for Baryogenesis (Sakharov 1967)
    - *Baryon-number non-conservation*
    - *C and CP violation*
    - *Deviation from thermal equilibrium*
  - Generate Baryon asymmetry during evolution
- Currently known CPV not large enough
  - Other source of baryon asymmetry?

$$\eta = \frac{n_b - n_{\bar{b}}}{n_\gamma} \sim 6.1 \times 10^{-10} \quad \text{WMAP}$$

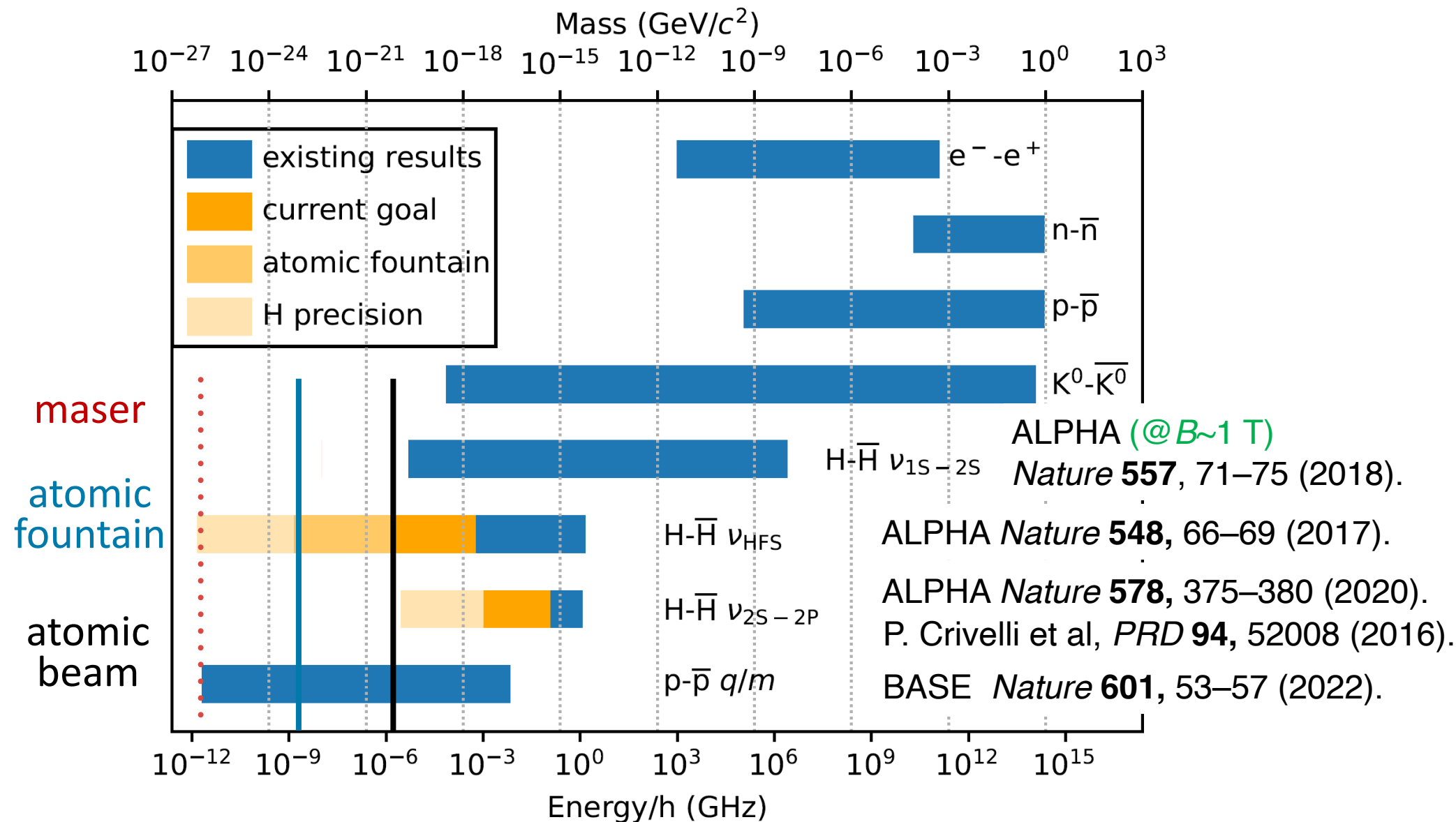


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CPT violation and baryogenesis. *Physics Letters B* **395**, 178–183 (1997).



# Comparison of CPT tests

- Mass & frequency



- Synopsis: CPT violating interaction appears at the level of Lagrangian
  - Relevant scale: absolute energy
- Right edge: value
- Bar length: relative precision
- Left edge: absolute sensitivity
  - Source: PDG

EW, Phys. Part. Nuclei **53**, 790–794 (2022).  
arXiv:2111.04056 [hep-ex]



# Comparison of CPT tests particle-antiparticle: SME

- Standard Model Extension SME

$$\left( i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_e - \underbrace{a_\mu^e \gamma^\mu - b_\mu^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu}_{\text{CPT \& LORENTZ VIOLATION}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} H_{\mu\nu}^e \sigma^{\mu\nu} + ic_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma^\mu D^\nu + id_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu D^\nu}_{\text{LORENTZ VIOLATION}} \right) \psi = 0.$$

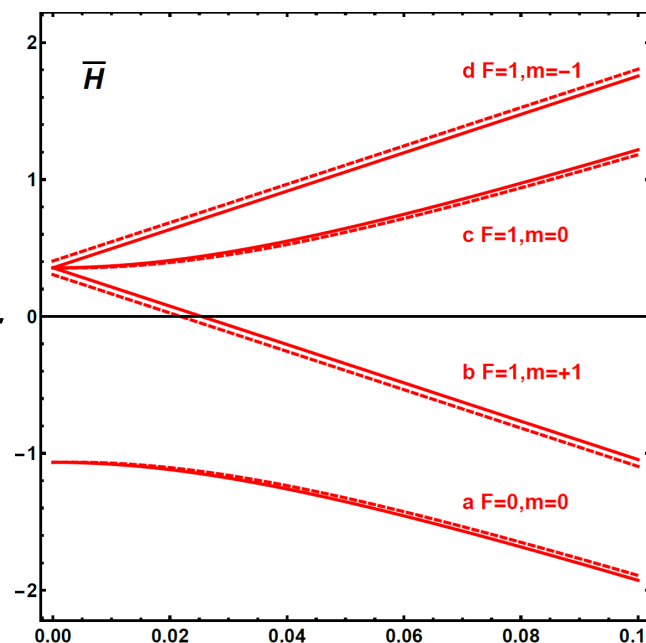
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- Minimal SME: only HFS

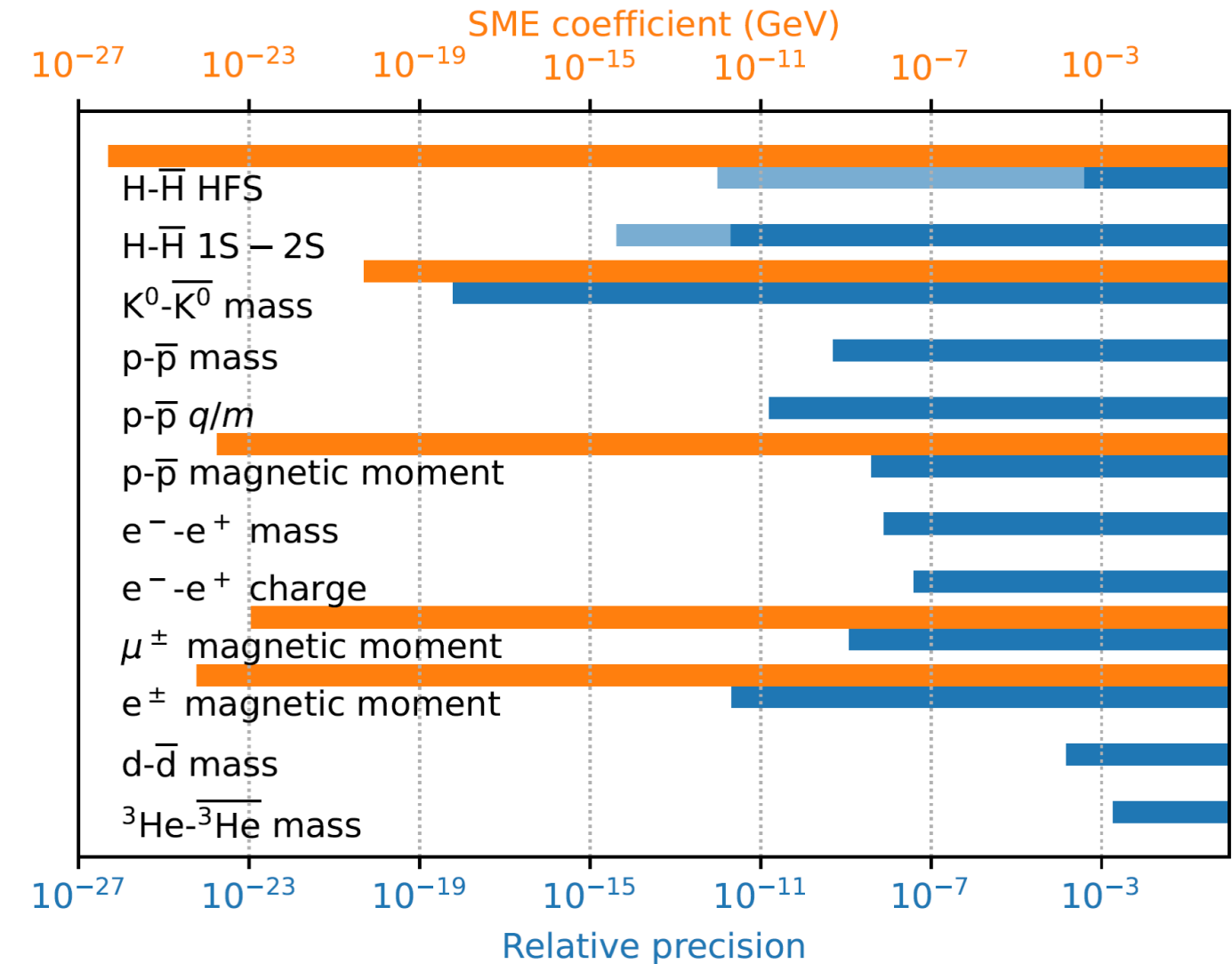
Bluhm, R., Kostelecky, V., & Russell, N., PRL 82, 2254–2257 (1999).

- Non-minimal SME: 1S-2S shows higher-order CPTV

Kostelecký, V. A. & Vargas, A. J. PRD 056002 (2015).



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Source: PDG, Kostelecky & Bluhm arXiv:0801.0287 (updated annually)

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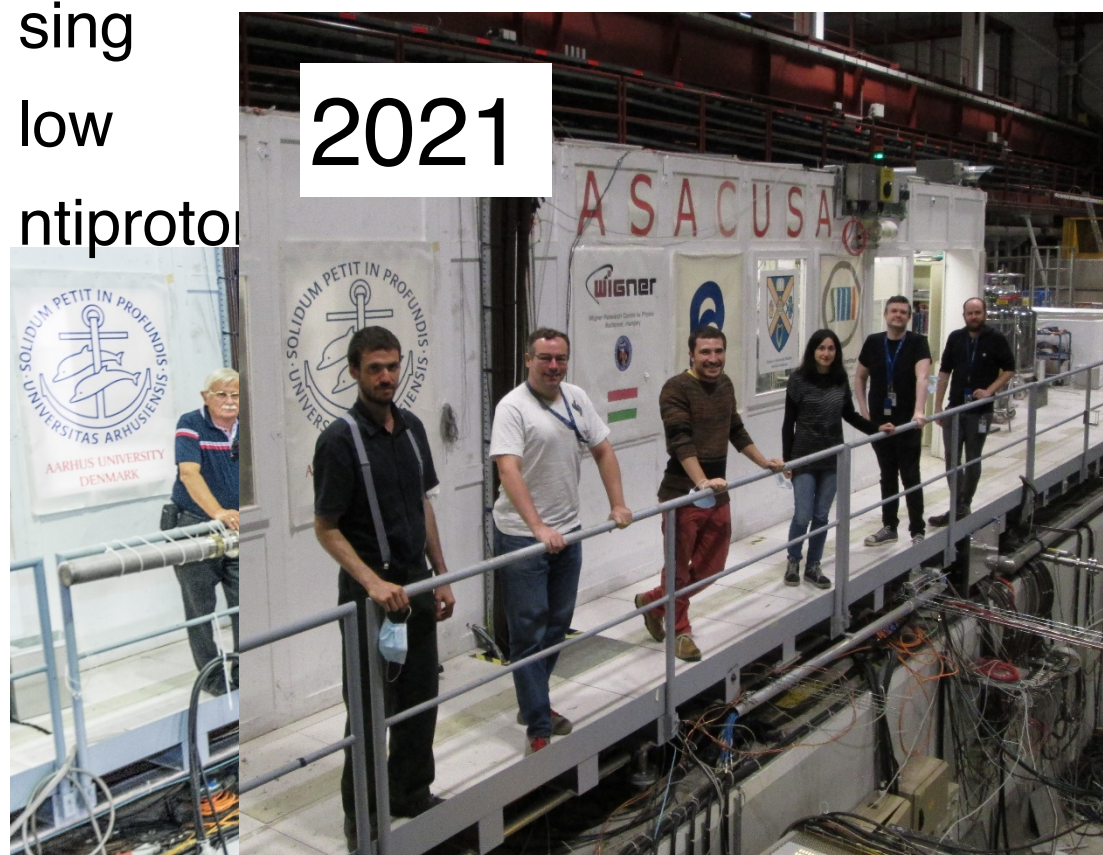


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ASACUSA Scientific projects

(1) Spectroscopy of  $\bar{p}\text{He}$

(2)  $\bar{p}$  annihilation cross-section

(3)  $\bar{H}$  production and spectroscopy

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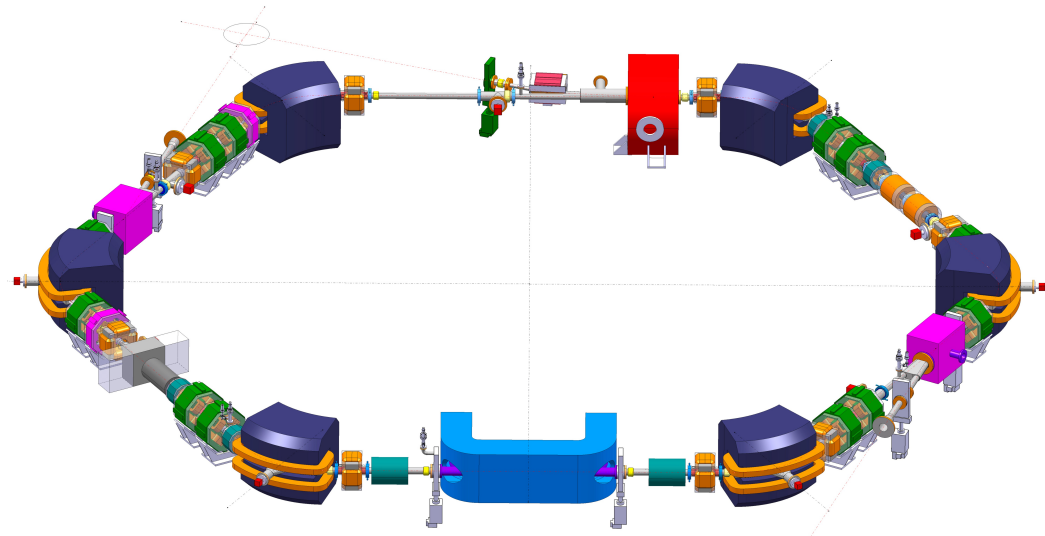
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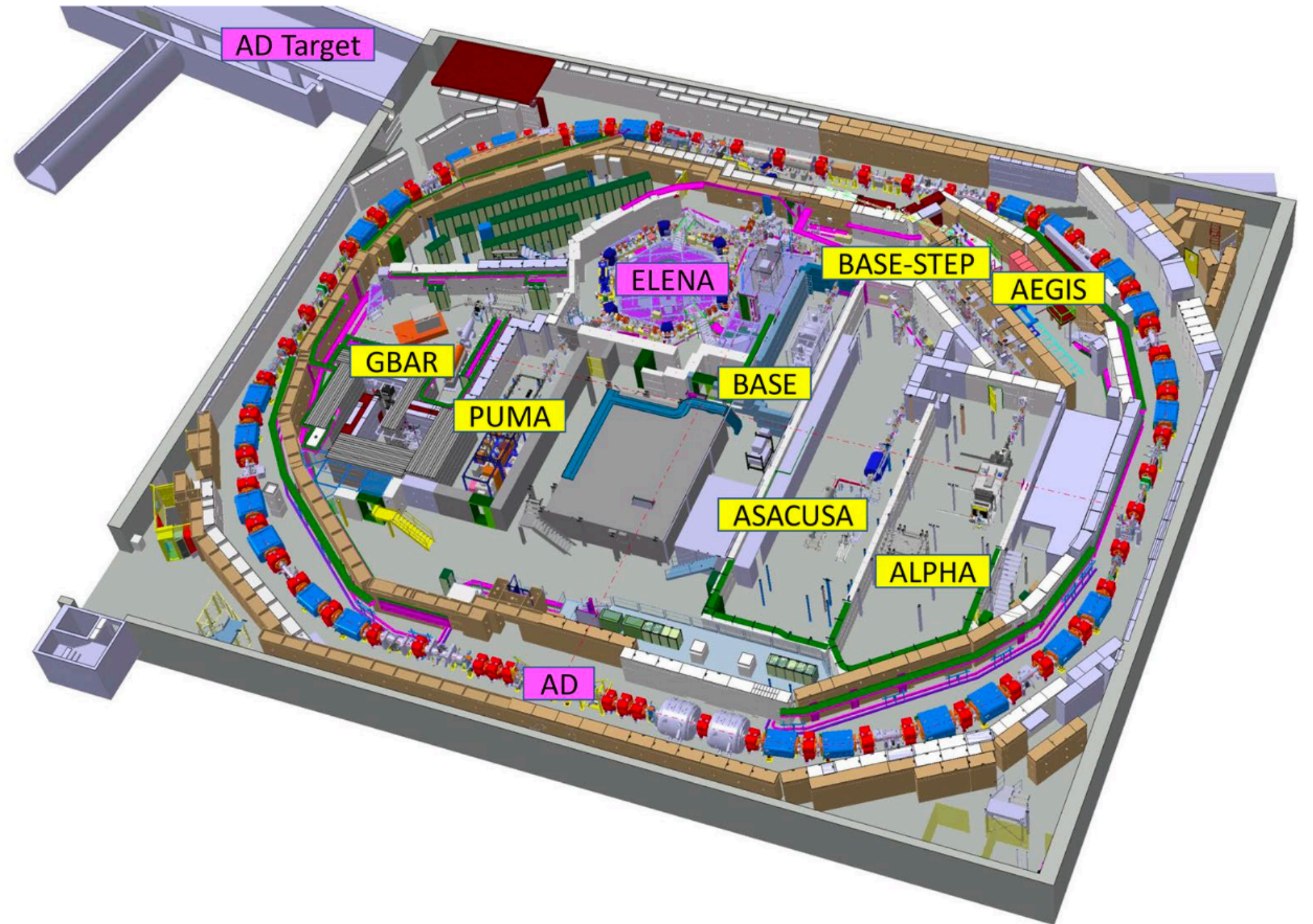
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# AD/ELENA @ CERN

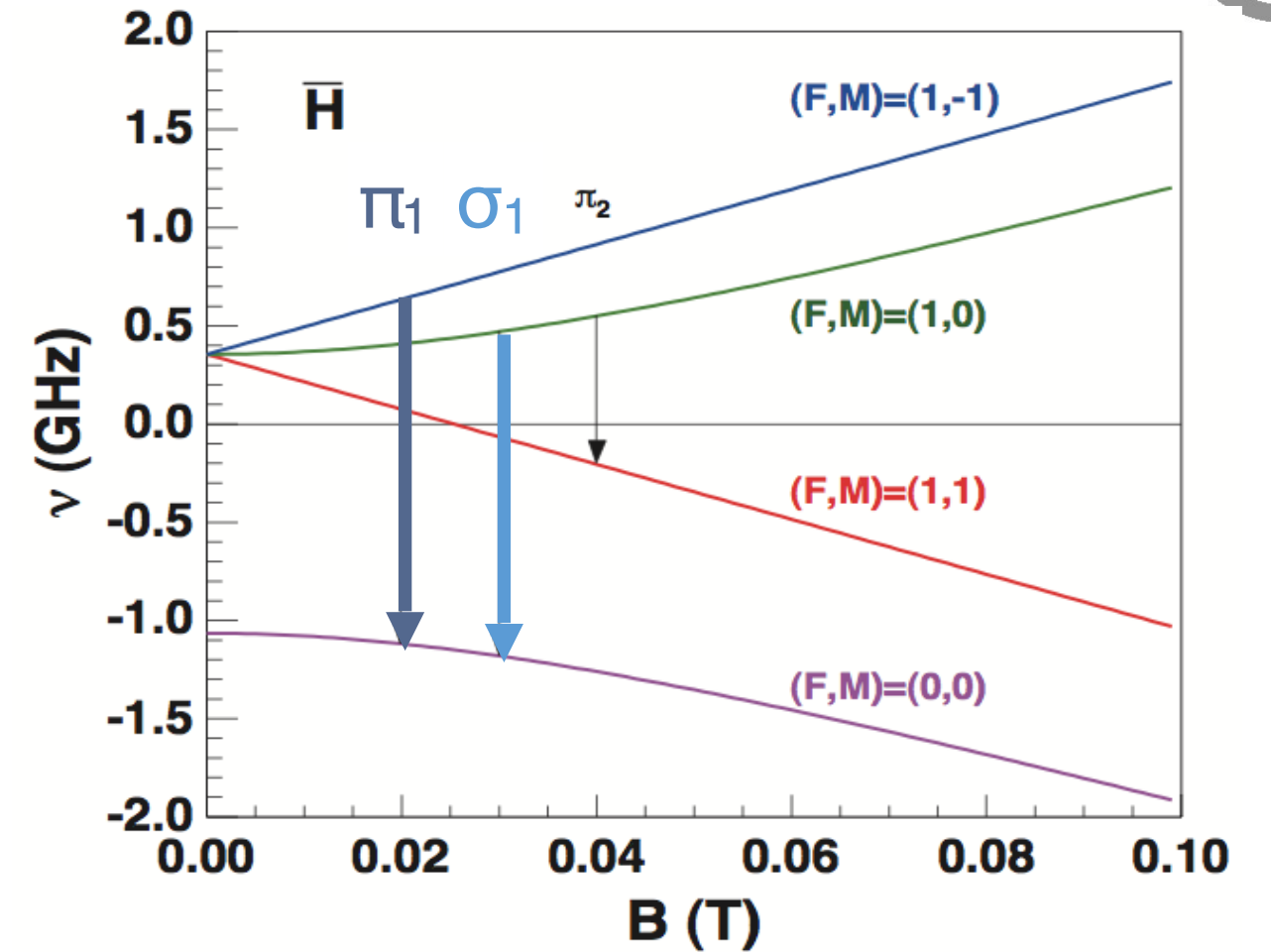
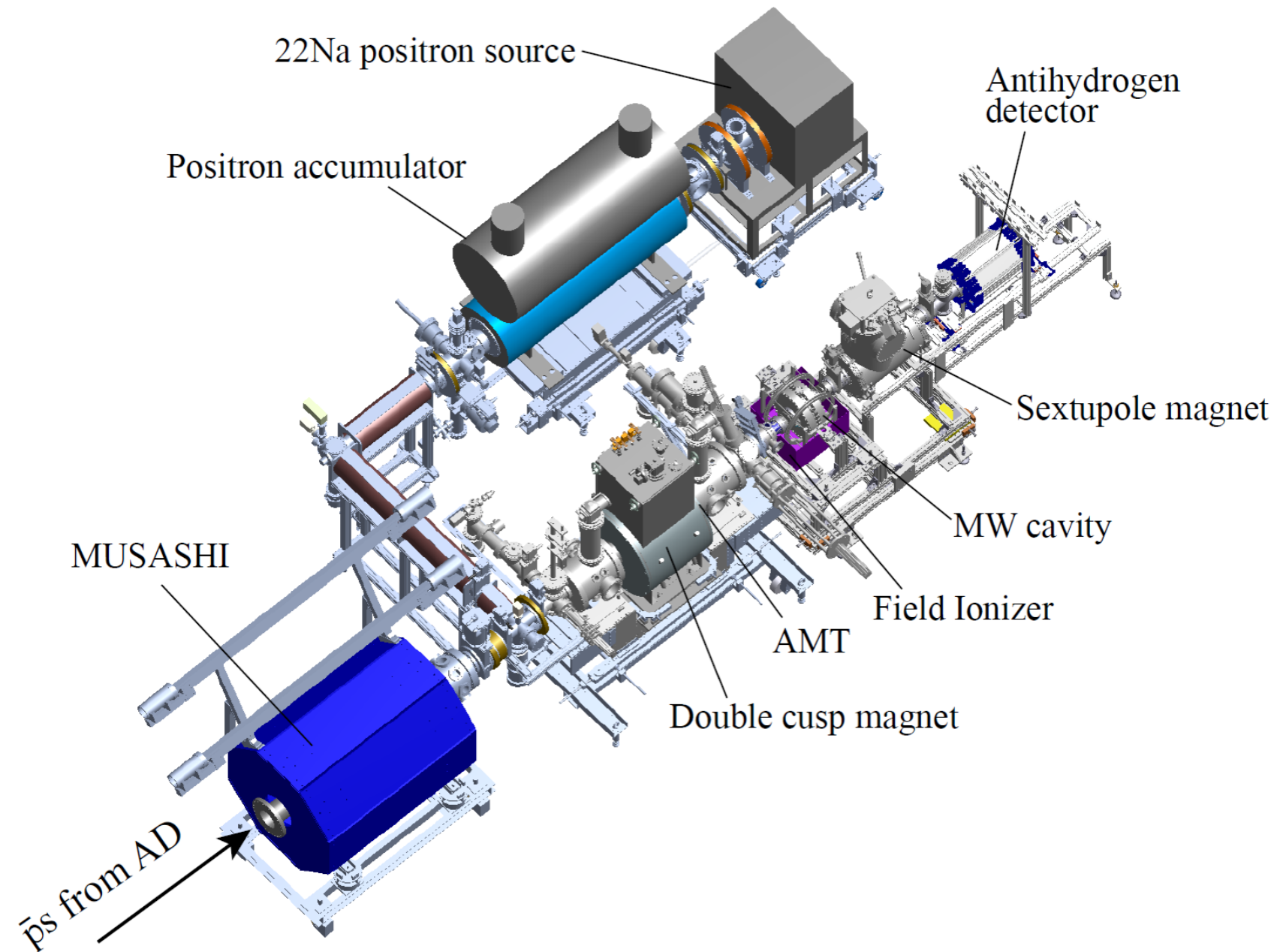


Energy range, MeV	5.3 - 0.1
Intensity of ejected beam	$1.8 \times 10^7$
$\epsilon_{x,y}$ of extracted beam, $\pi \cdot \text{mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$ , [95%], standard	4 / 4
$\Delta p/p$ of extracted beam, [95%], standard	$8 \cdot 10^{-3}$



ELENA operation started Aug. 2021

# In-beam HFS spectroscopy

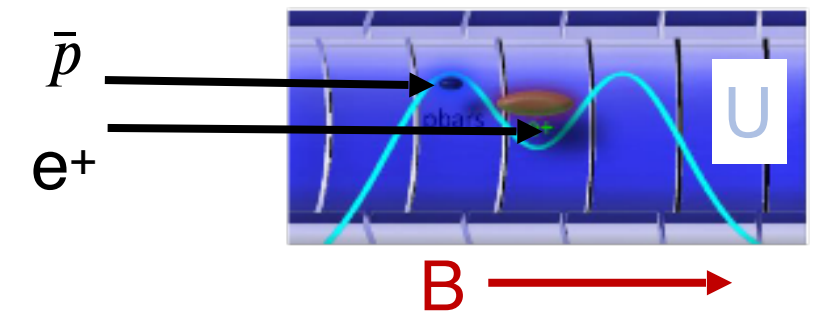
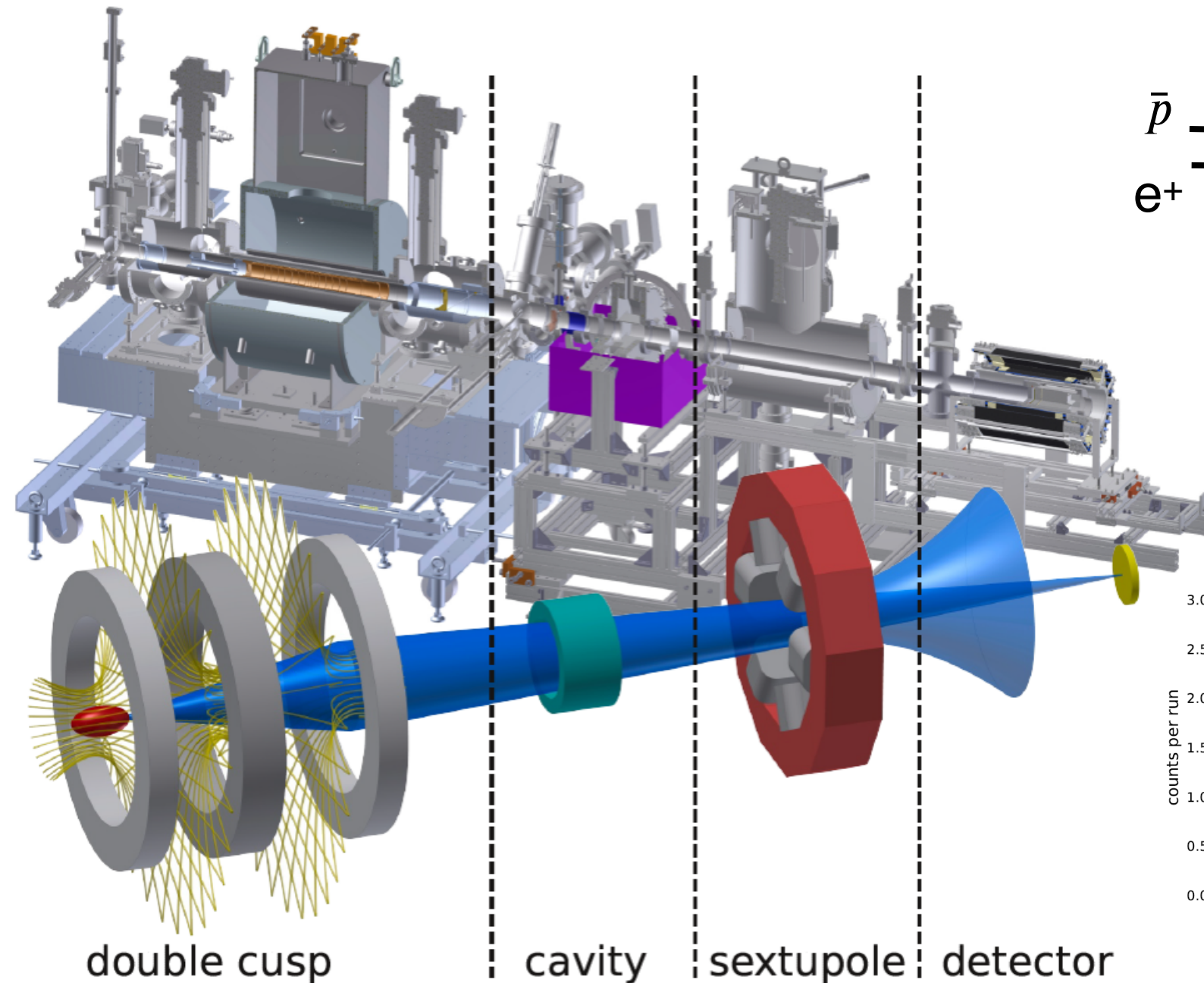


- Resolution: line width  $\Delta\nu \sim 1/T$ 
  - 1000 m/s, 10 cm:
  - $7 \times 10^{-6}$  for  $T = 50$  K
  - $> 100 \bar{H}/s$  in  $1S$  state into  $4\pi$  needed
  - event rate 1 / minute: background from cosmics, annihilations upstreams

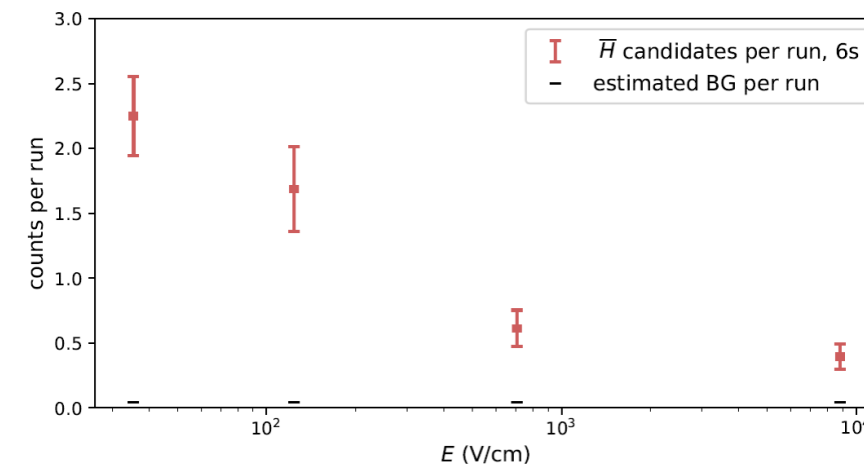


# ASACUSA Antihydrogen beam for HFS

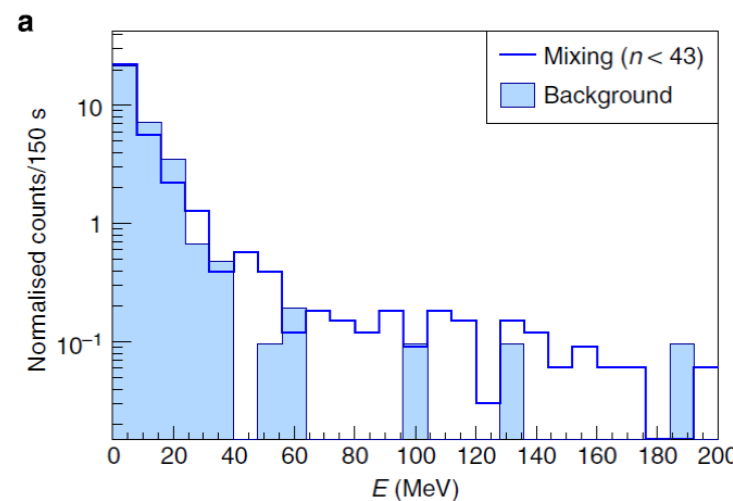
- $\bar{H}$  production 1st time in 2010 in nested Penning trap
  - Three body recombination ( $\rightarrow$ Rydberg states)
- 1st observation of beam in field free region 2014
  - $n \leq 43$ : 6  $\bar{H}$  / 15 min
  - $n \leq 29$ : 4  $\bar{H}$  / 15 min



- Measurement of  $n$  distribution 2021



B. Kolbinger et al.  
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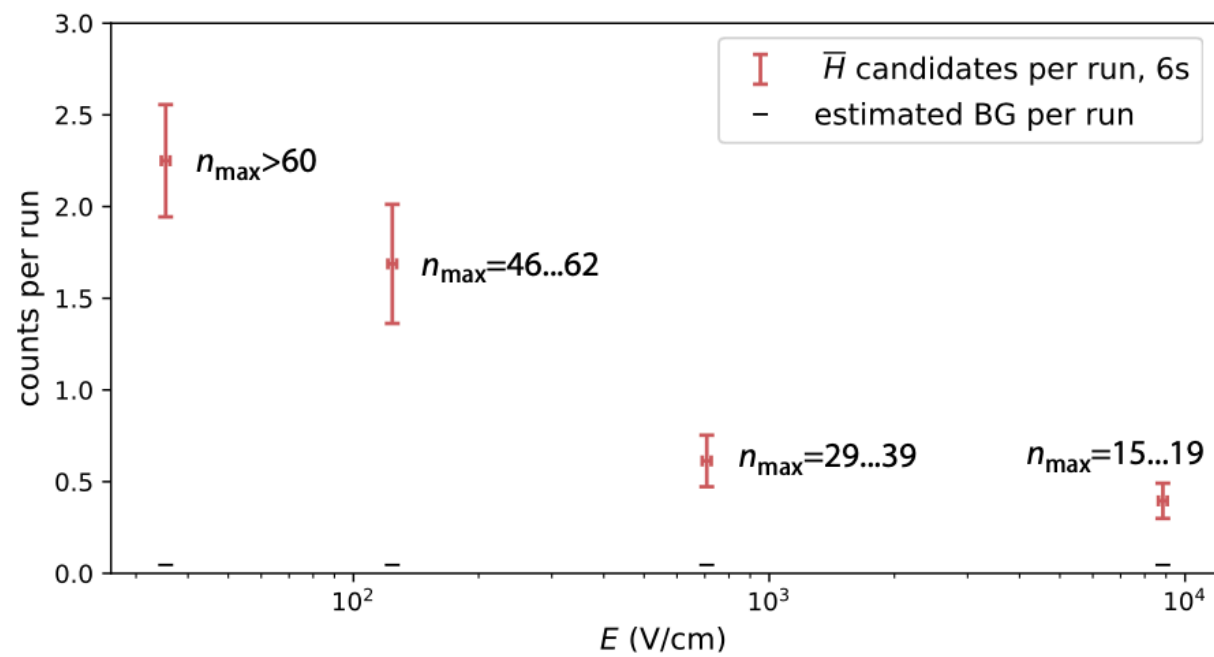


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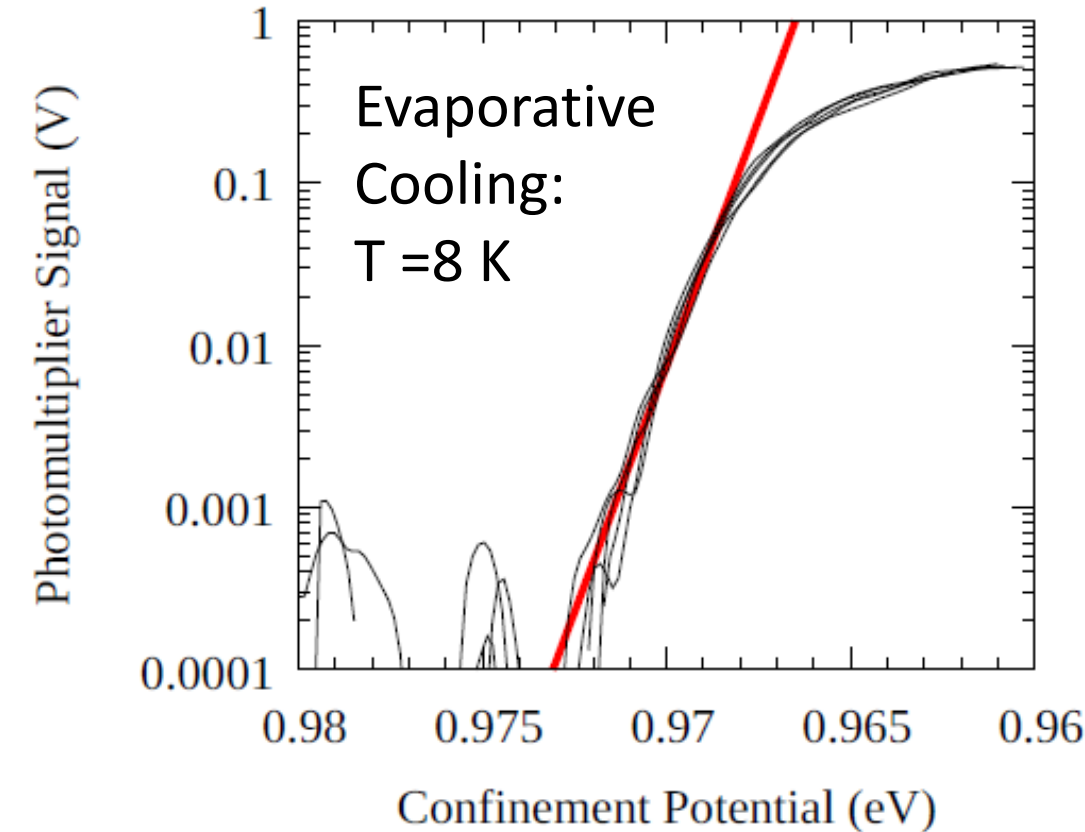
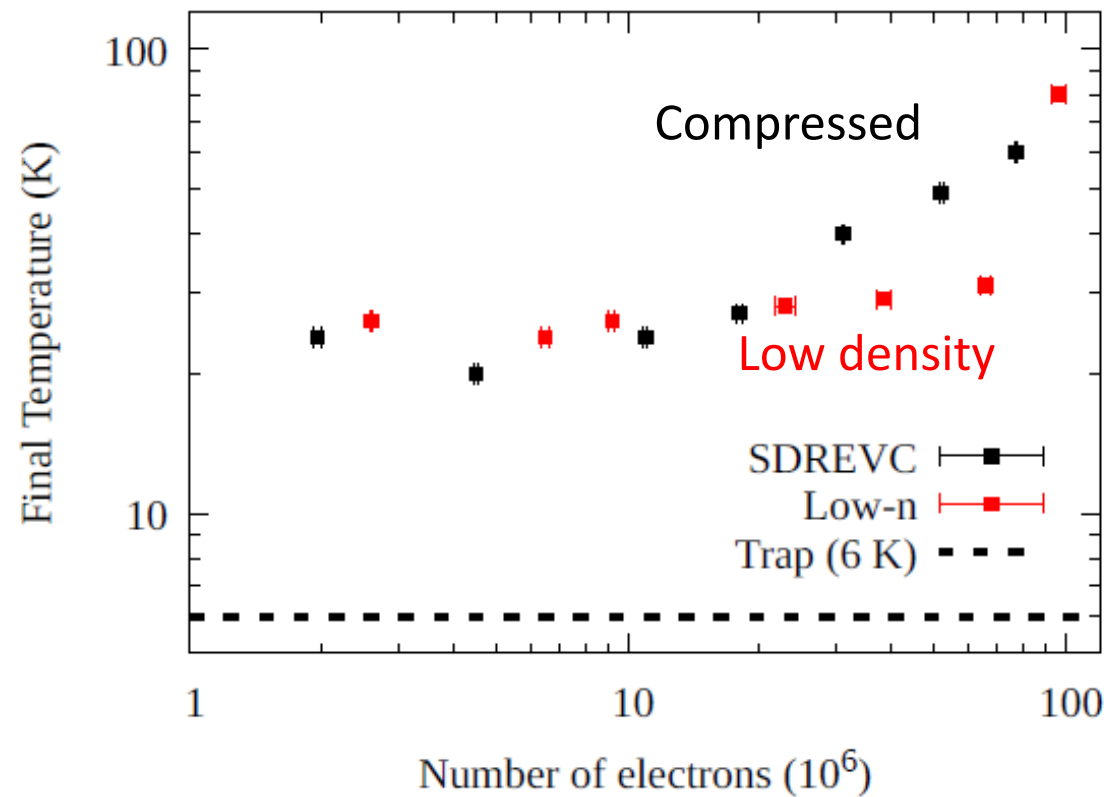
# Recent milestones

- Quantum number distribution of  $\bar{H}$  beam in field-free region



B. Kolbinger et al. "Measurement of the principal quantum number distribution in a beam of antihydrogen atoms"  
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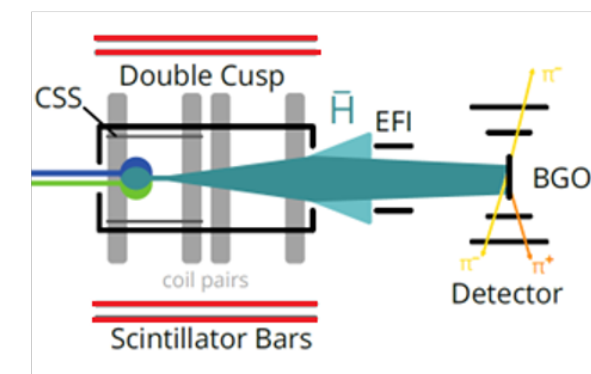
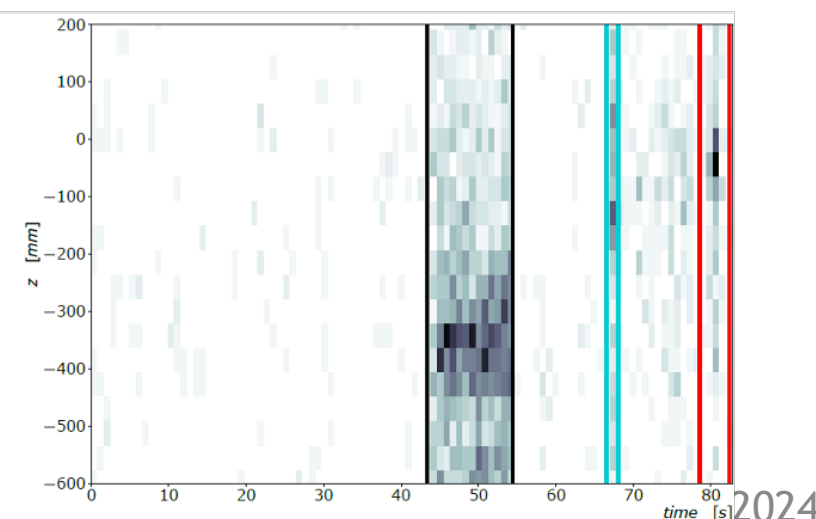
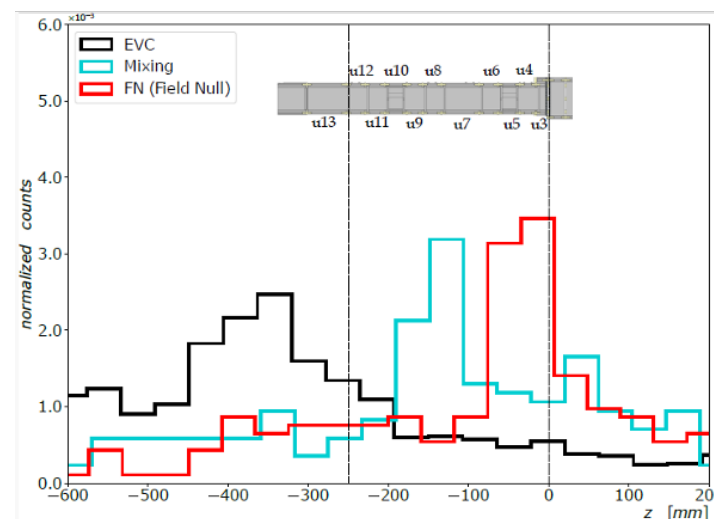
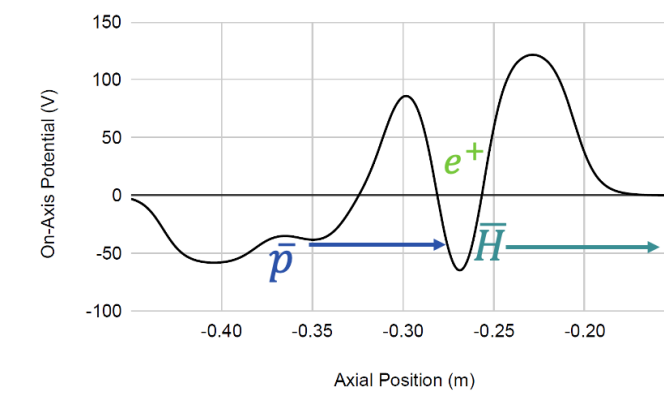
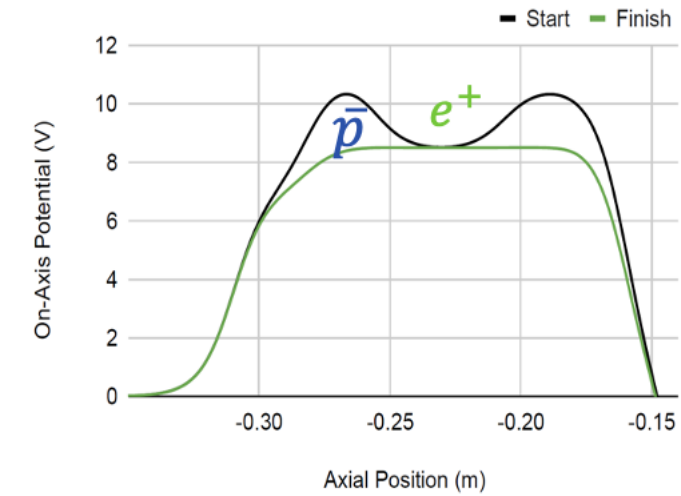
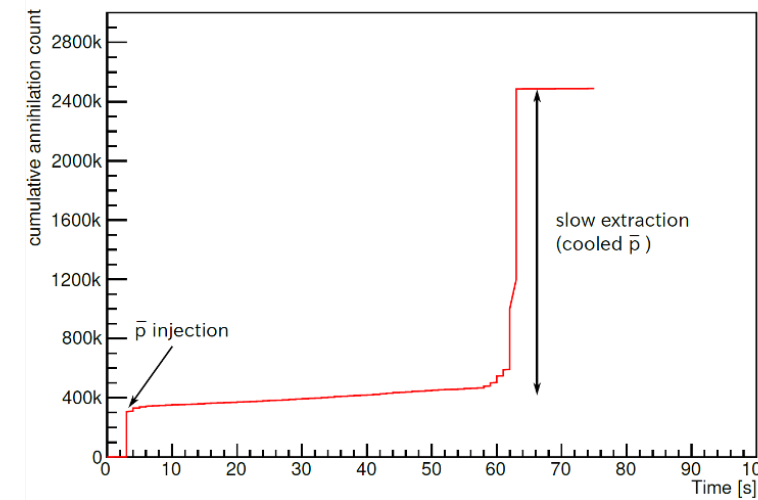
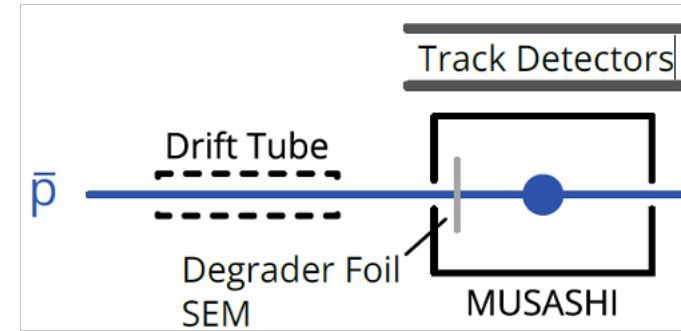
- 100 K colder electron plasmas compared to before
  - Meshes to block RF interference, better cooling



E. Hunter et al. EPJ Web Conf. 262 01007 (2022)  
C. Amsler et al. arXiv:2203.14890 [physics.plasm-ph]

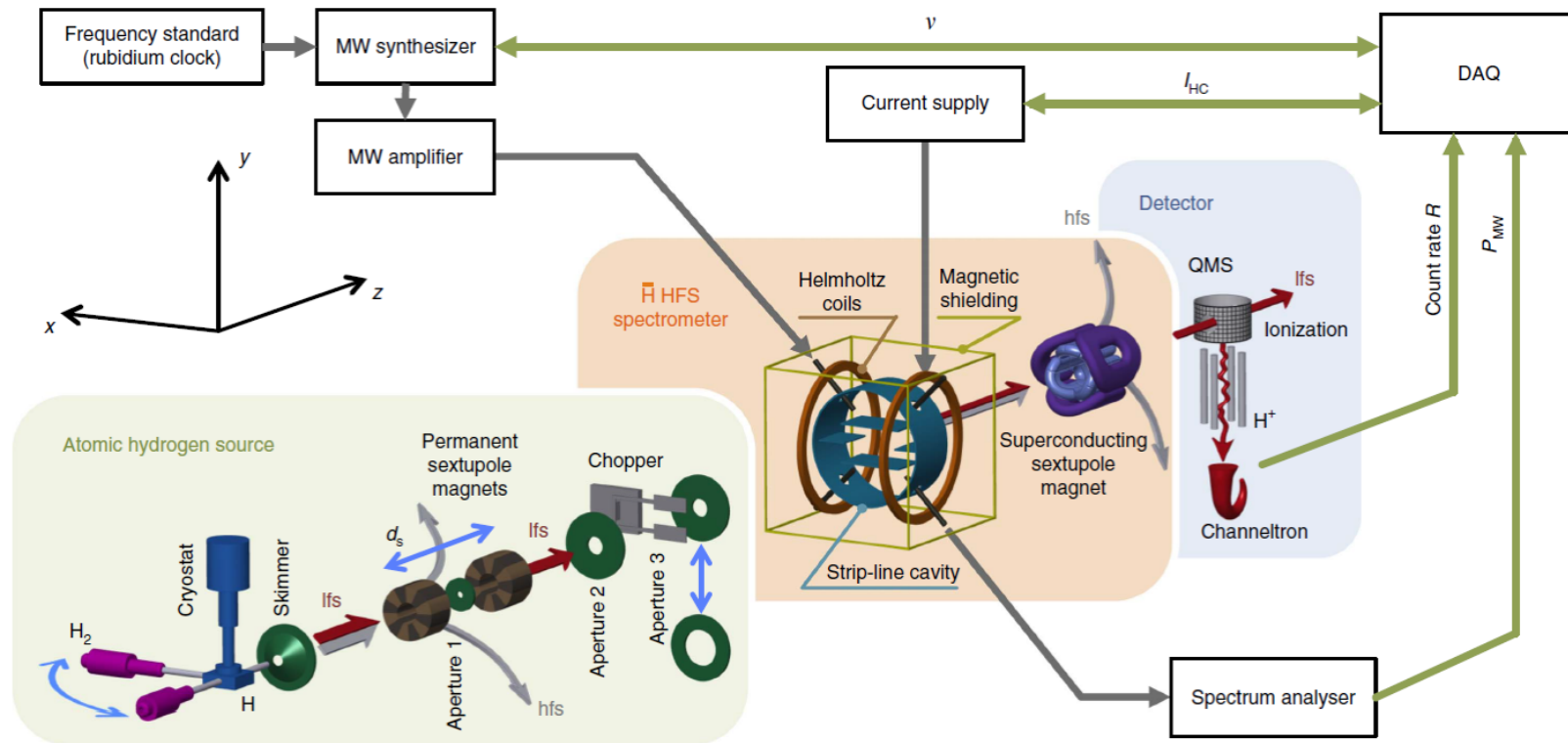
# Antihydrogen experiment status

- > 2 M  $\bar{p}$  trapped per AD shot
- > 50% transferred to Cusp trap
- ALPHA style mixing: 50-80% conversion to  $\bar{H}$ 
  - 0.25-0.4 M  $\bar{H}$  per AD shot
- Tracking detector show formation in trap region
- No beam component observed
- Different mixing scheme being tried 2024
  - *Beam scheme*
  - Challenge: low temperature high density  $e^+$  plasma needed
- New 50 mCi  $e^+$  source procured in 2023

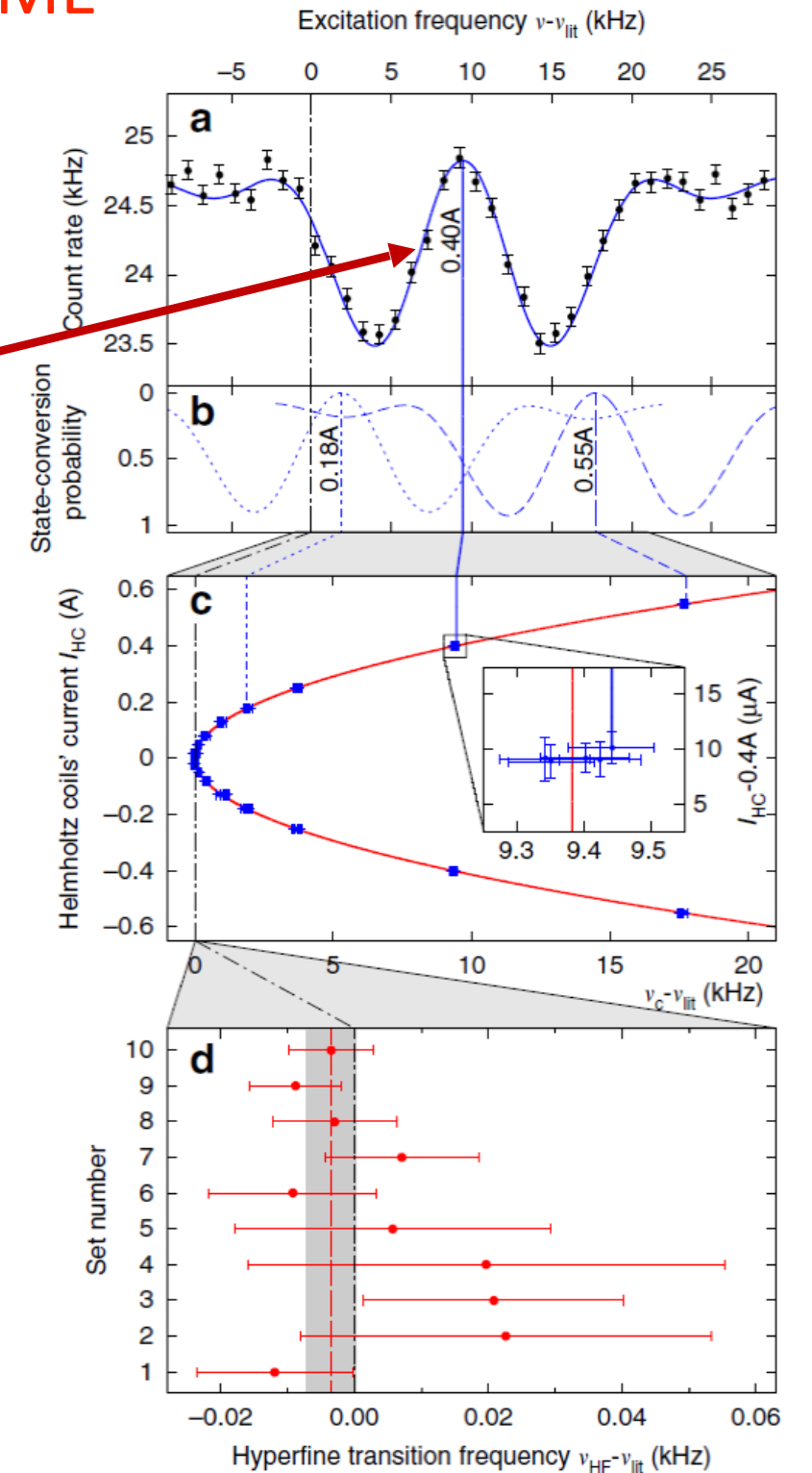


# $\sigma$ -transition $B \rightarrow 0$ in H using $\bar{H}$ setup

Not sensitive to SME



Line width  $\sim 6$  kHz:  
4 ppm  
( $v \sim 900$  m/s)



$$\nu_{HF} = 1\,420\,405\,748.4(3.4)(1.6) \text{ Hz}$$

Error **2.7 ppb**: 18x improvement over *Kush, Phys. Rev. 100, 1188 (1955)*

Deviation from maser ( $\Delta f/f \sim 10^{-12}$ ):

**3.4 Hz**  $< 1\sigma$  error

Extrapolation to  $\bar{H}$ : **8000** atoms needed to achieve **1 ppm**

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In-beam measurement of the hydrogen hyperfine splitting and prospects for antihydrogen spectroscopy

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# Spectroscopic signatures in SME

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Psi}_w (\gamma^\mu i \partial_\mu - m_w + \hat{Q}_w) \Psi_w + \text{h.c.} \quad w=e,p,n$$

$\hat{Q}_w$ : sum of all Lorentz invariance and CPT violating terms compatible with QFT: low-energy manifestation of unknown theory at  $M_{\text{Pl}}$

V.A. Kostelecký and M. Mewes, *PRD* 88 096006 (2013)

$$\mathcal{H}_w^0 = - \sum_{kjm} |\mathbf{p}|^k {}_0 Y_{jm}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) \mathcal{V}_{wjk}^{\text{NR}} \quad p: \text{particle momentum}$$

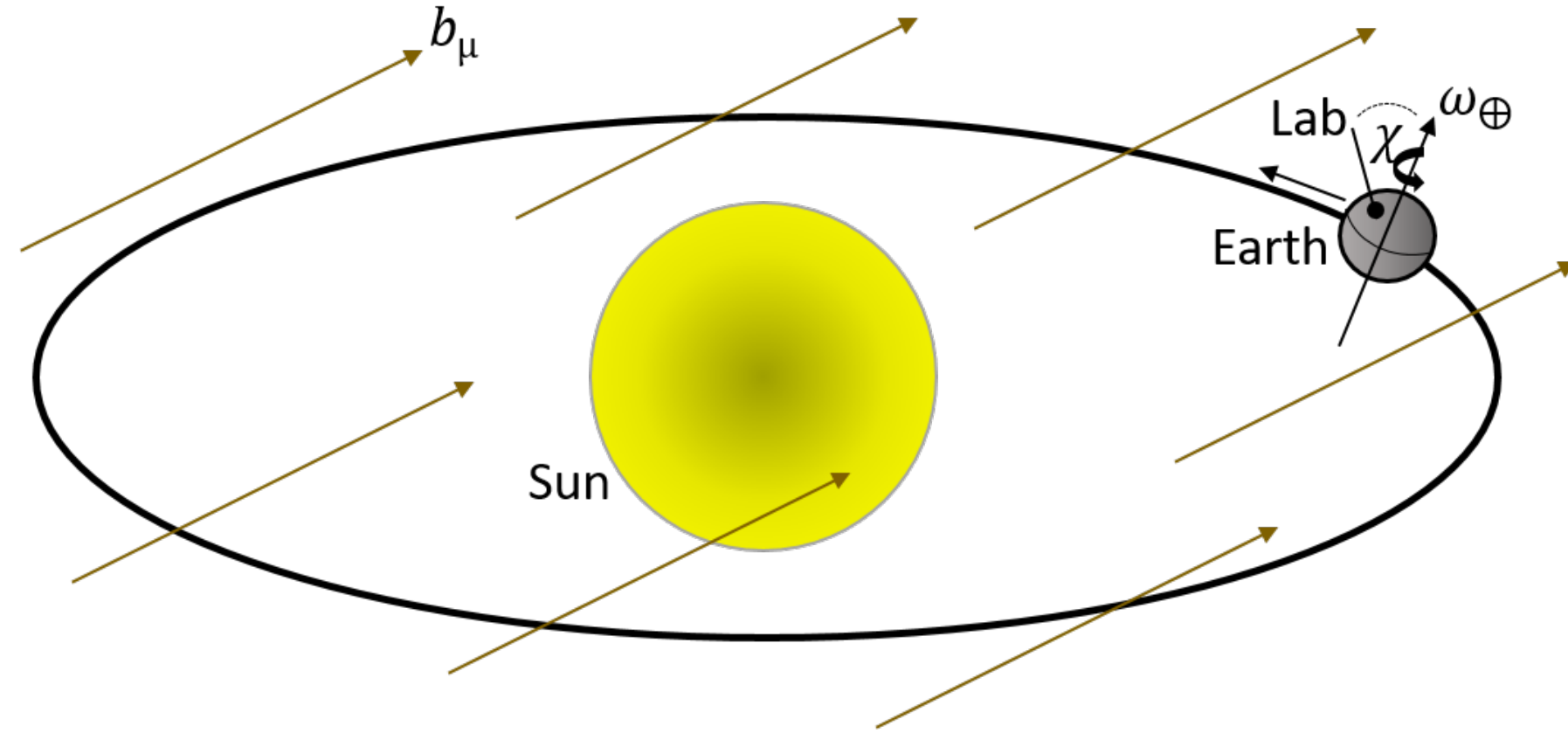
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{wr}} = - \sum_{kjm} |\mathbf{p}|^k {}_0 Y_{jm}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) \mathcal{T}_{wjk}^{\text{NR(0B)}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{w\pm} = - \sum_{kjm} |\mathbf{p}|^k {}_{\pm 1} Y_{jm}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) (i \mathcal{T}_{wjk}^{\text{NR(1E)}} \pm \mathcal{T}_{wjk}^{\text{NR(1B)}})$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{wkjm}^{\text{NR}} = c_{wkjm}^{\text{NR}} - a_{wkjm}^{\text{NR}}, \quad \text{Isotropic (spin-independent)}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{wkjm}^{\text{NR(qP)}} = g_{wkjm}^{\text{NR(qP)}} - H_{wkjm}^{\text{NR(qP)}}, \quad \text{Anisotropic (spin-dependent)}$$

$a, g$ : CPT odd  
 $c, H$ : CPT even



$$\mathcal{K}_{wk10}^{\text{NR,lab}} = \mathcal{K}_{wk10}^{\text{NR,sun}} \cos \vartheta \quad \text{Orientation dependence}$$

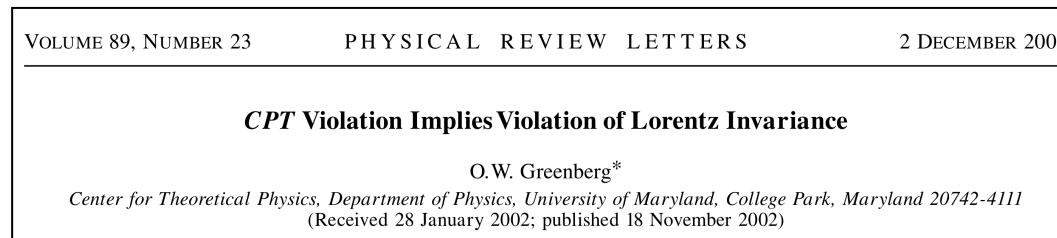
$\vartheta$ :  $B$  field - Earth rotation axis

$$- \sqrt{2} \text{Re} \mathcal{K}_{wk11}^{\text{NR,sun}} \sin \vartheta \cos \omega_\oplus T_\oplus + \sqrt{2} \text{Im} \mathcal{K}_{wk11}^{\text{NR,sun}} \sin \vartheta \sin \omega_\oplus T_\oplus$$

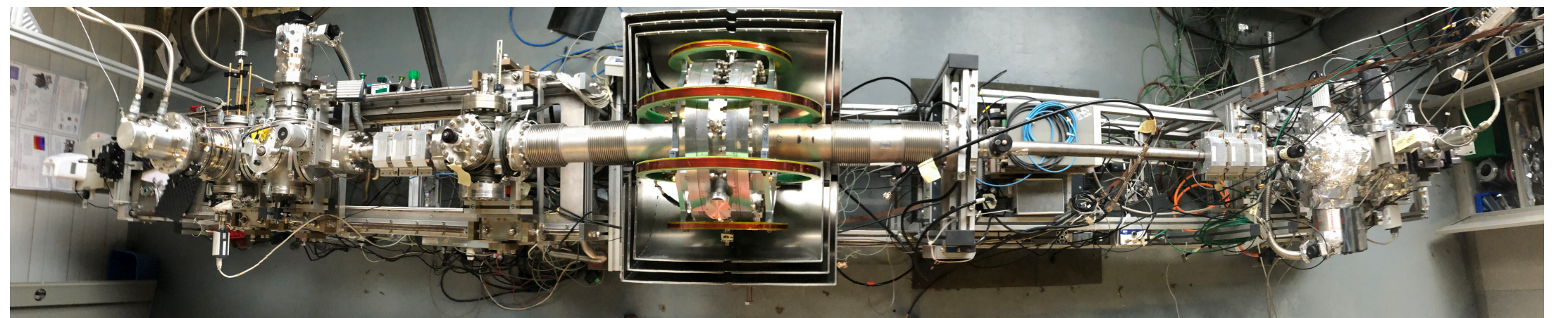
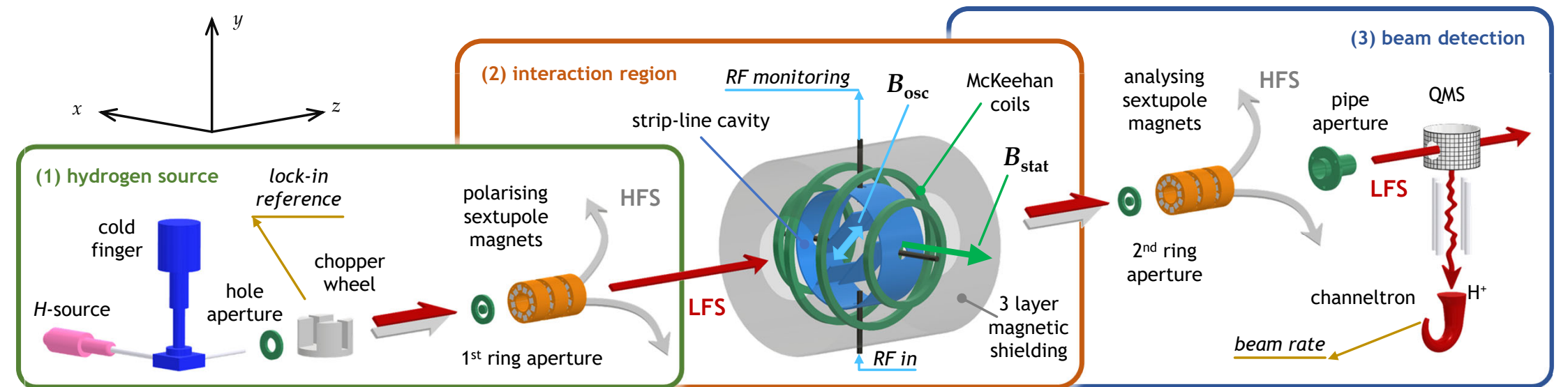
Sidereal variations

# Simultaneous measurement of $\sigma$ and $\pi_1$ transition in H

- Anti-CPT theorem



- Atom optics to create same trajectories for HF states involved in  $\sigma$  and  $\pi_1$  transitions
- New sextuples made of permanent magnets
- $T \sim 50$  K,  $v \sim 900$  m/s
- Cavity  $L = 10.5$  cm ( $\lambda/2$ )
- Line width
  - $\Delta\nu \sim 1/t_L \sim 8$  kHz

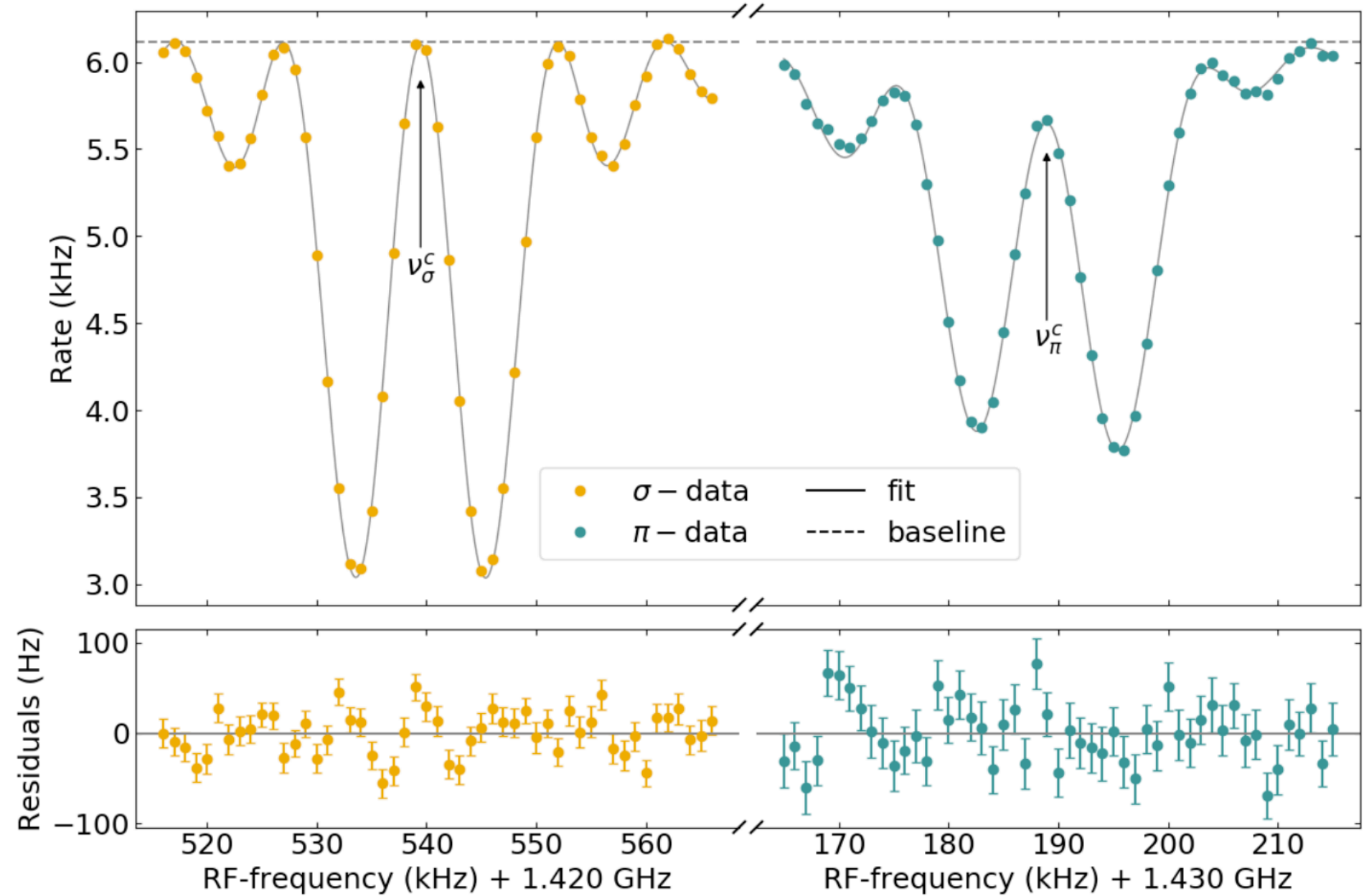


Hydrogen beam @Bat 275 CERN



# Experimental challenge

- $\pi$  transitions is very sensitive to magnetic field inhomogeneities
  - Needed very elaborate treatment to obtain satisfactory fit





# Results of $B$ -direction dependence

- Series of measurements in Jan – Mar 2022
  - Sequence  $\nu_\sigma(+\mathbf{B}), \nu_\pi(+\mathbf{B}), \nu_\sigma(-\mathbf{B}), \nu_\pi(-\mathbf{B})$
- Result of blind analysis

$$\Delta\nu_\pi^+ - \Delta\nu_\pi^- = (19 \pm 51) \text{ Hz}$$

$$|h(\Delta\nu_\pi^+ - \Delta\nu_\pi^-)| \frac{\sqrt{3\pi}}{\cos\theta} = (0.9 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-21} \text{ GeV}$$

Natural units

- @CERN:  $\cos\theta = -0.26$  (angle  $B$ , earth axis)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(2\pi\nu_\pi) &\equiv 2\pi\nu_\pi(\mathbf{B}) - 2\pi\nu_\pi(-\mathbf{B}) \\ &= -\frac{\cos\vartheta}{\sqrt{3\pi}} \sum_{q=0}^2 (\alpha m_\pi)^{2q} (1 + 4\delta_{q2}) \sum_w [g_{w(2q)10}^{\text{NR,Sun}(0B)} - H_{w(2q)10}^{\text{NR,Sun}(0B)} \\ &\quad + 2g_{w(2q)10}^{\text{NR,Sun}(1B)} - 2H_{w(2q)10}^{\text{NR,Sun}(1B)}] \end{aligned}$$

Kostelecký, V. A., & Vargas, A. J. *PRD*, 92, 056002 (2015).

$$+ 2g_{w(2q)10}^{\text{NR,Sun}(1B)} - 2H_{w(2q)10}^{\text{NR,Sun}(1B)}]$$

Coefficient $\mathcal{K}$	Constraint on $ \mathcal{K} $
proton	
$H_{p010}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}, g_{p010}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-21} \text{ GeV}$
$H_{p010}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}, g_{p010}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 5.8 \times 10^{-22} \text{ GeV}$
$H_{p210}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}, g_{p210}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 8.4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$H_{p210}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}, g_{p210}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 4.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$H_{p410}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}, g_{p410}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 1.2 \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
$H_{p410}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}, g_{p410}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 0.6 \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
electron	
$H_{e010}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}, g_{e010}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 7.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ GeV}$
$H_{e010}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}, g_{e010}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 3.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ GeV}$
$H_{e210}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}, g_{e210}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 5.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$H_{e210}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}, g_{e210}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 2.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$H_{e410}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}, g_{e410}^{\text{NR}(0B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 8.0 \times 10^2 \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
$H_{e410}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}, g_{e410}^{\text{NR}(1B),\text{Sun}}$	$< 4.0 \times 10^2 \text{ GeV}^{-3}$

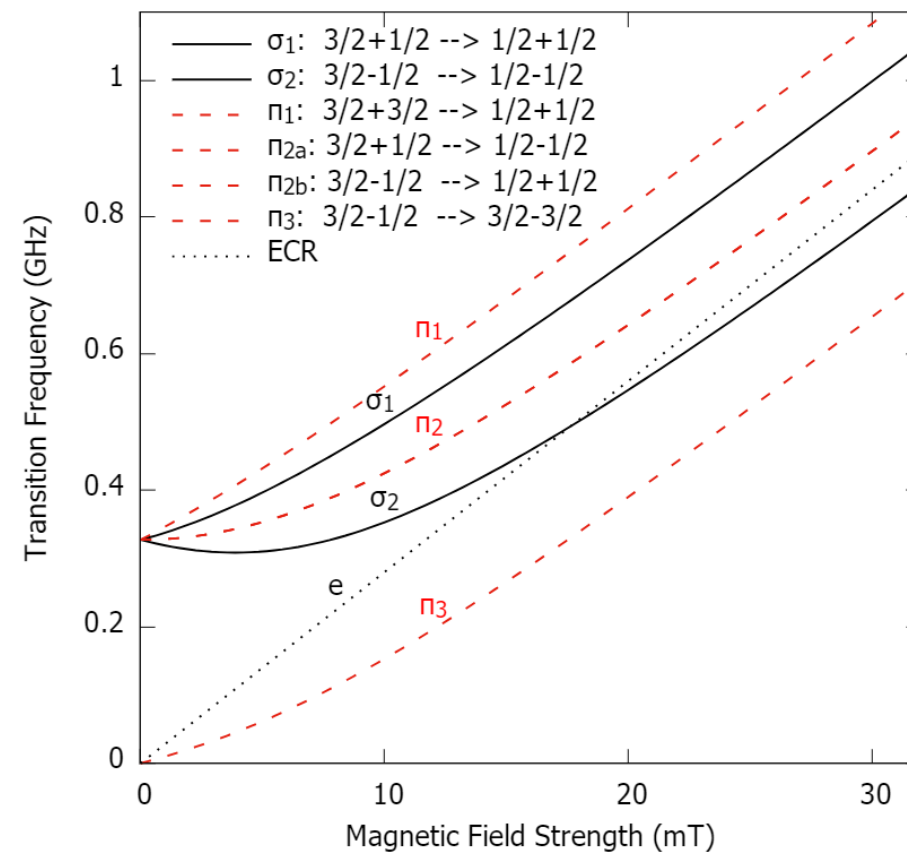
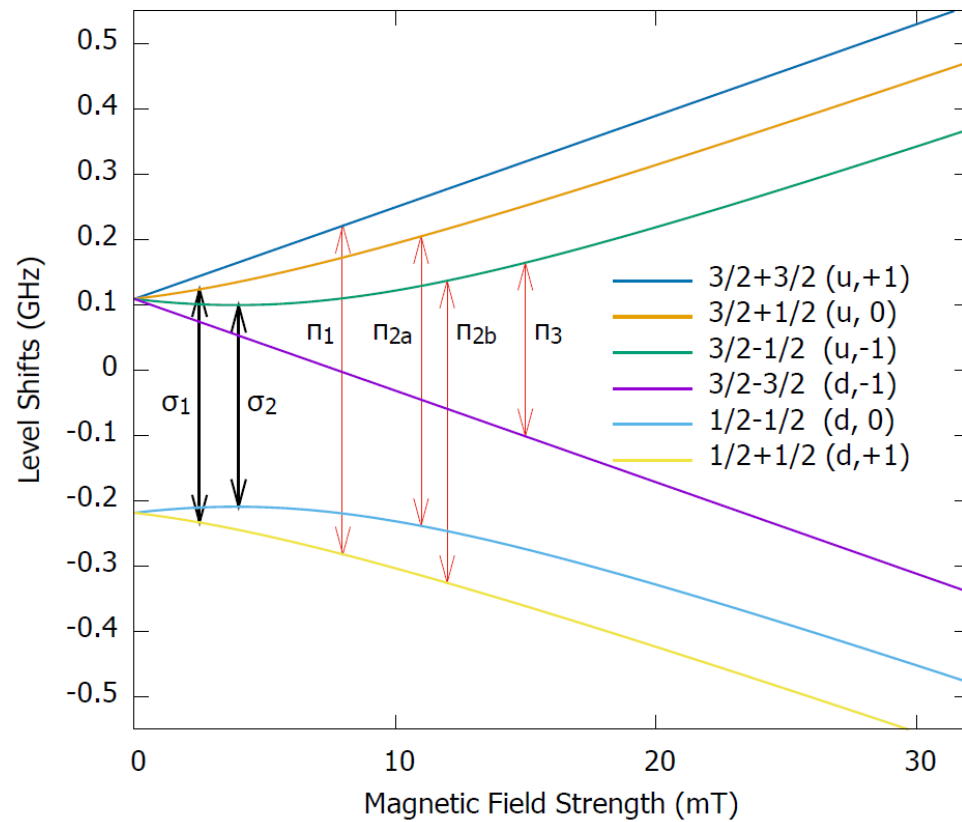
First limits on this type of coefficients  
Nowak, L. et al. *PLB* 858 (2024) 139012.  
arXiv.2403.17763





# Deuterium HFS and SME

Kostelecký V. A., Vargas A. J. *Phys. Rev. D* 92, 056002 (2015)



$$\begin{aligned} \delta\epsilon(F, m_F) = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5\pi}} \frac{2F-1}{(8m_F^2-10)} \sum_{q=0}^2 \langle \mathbf{p}_{pd}^{2q} \rangle \sum_w \mathcal{V}_{w(2q)20}^{NR} \\ & - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{6\pi}} \frac{m_F}{2^{F-2}} \sum_{q=0}^2 \langle \mathbf{p}_{pd}^{2q} \rangle \\ & \times \sum_w (T_{w(2q)10}^{NR(0B)} + 2T_{w(2q)10}^{NR(1B)}) \\ & - \frac{m_F}{3\sqrt{3\pi}} \sum_{q=0}^2 \frac{(am_r)^{2q}}{2(F-1)} (1+4\delta_{q2}) \\ & \times (T_{e(2q)10}^{NR(0B)} + 2T_{e(2q)10}^{NR(1B)}), \end{aligned} \quad (123)$$

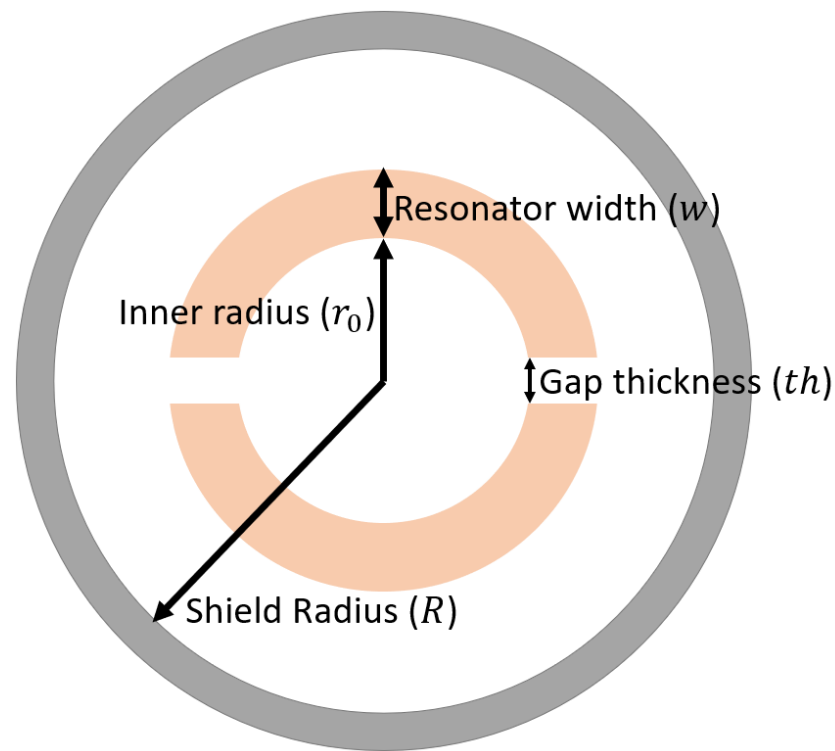
- $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  show sidereal variations
- Enhanced sensitivity of  $q = 1$  ( $10^9$ ) and  $2$  ( $10^{18}$ ): relative momentum  $p, n$
- Also oscillations at twice the sidereal frequency occur

Nafe, J. E. & Nelson, E. B. The hyperfine structure of hydrogen and deuterium. *Physical Review* **73**, 718–728 (1948).

# H beam apparatus at Lab. Aimé Cotton (Saclay) with D cavity



# Double split ring resonator

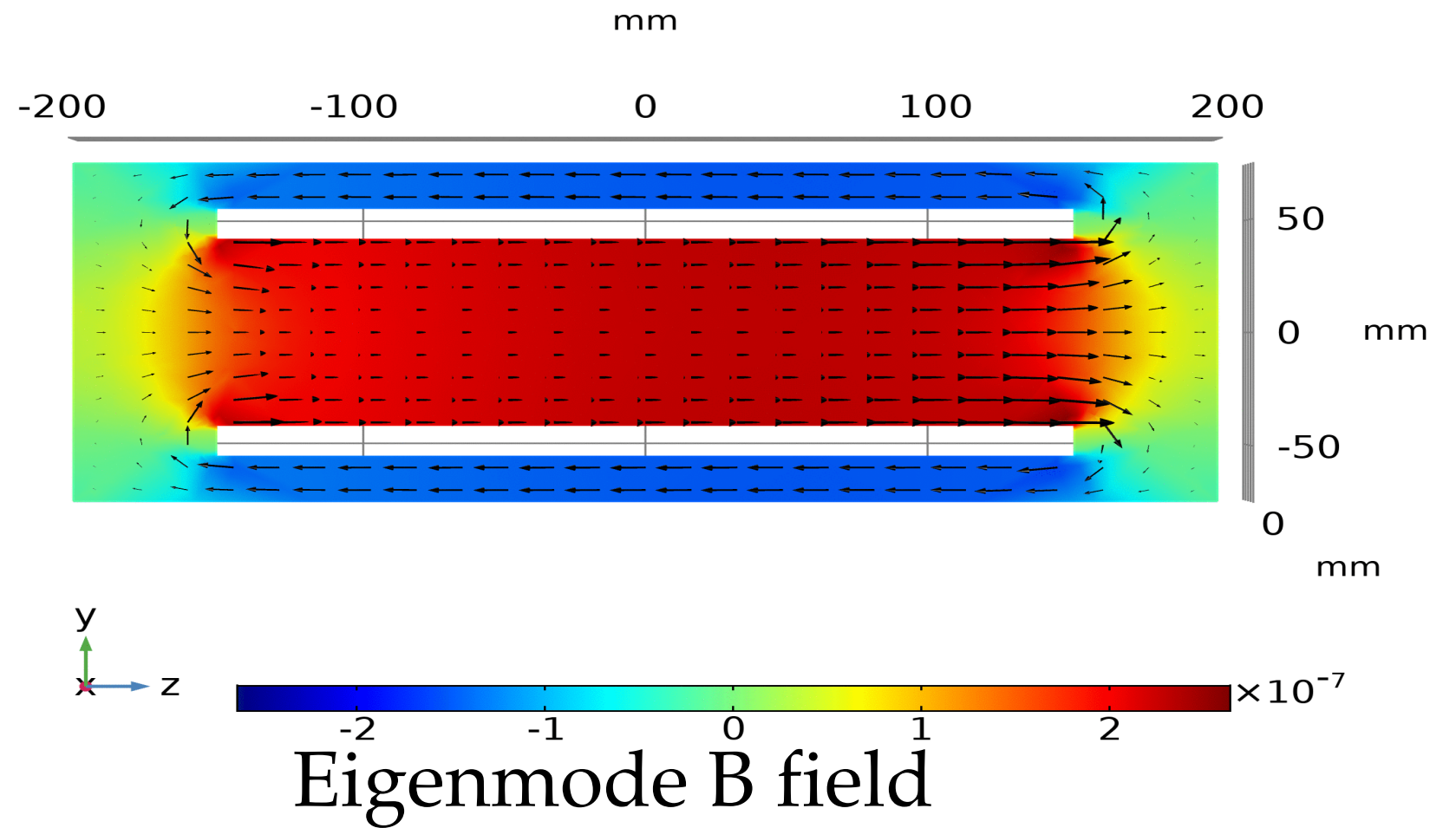


$$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0 = \left(1 + \frac{A_1}{A_2}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{n \cdot th}{\pi w}\right)^{1/2} \frac{c}{r_0} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{\Delta Z}{Z}}{1 + \frac{\Delta w}{w}}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$A_1 = \pi r_0^2 \text{ and } A_2 = \pi [R^2 - (r_0 + w)^2]$$

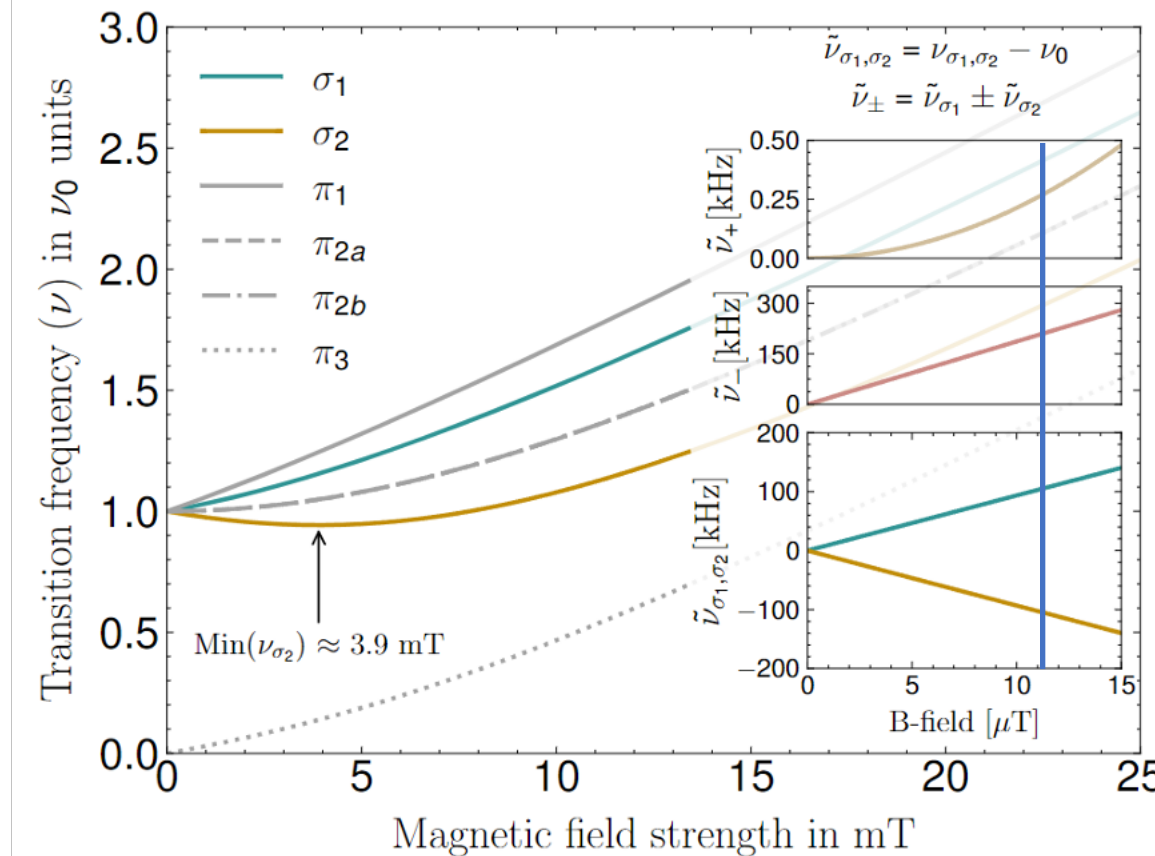
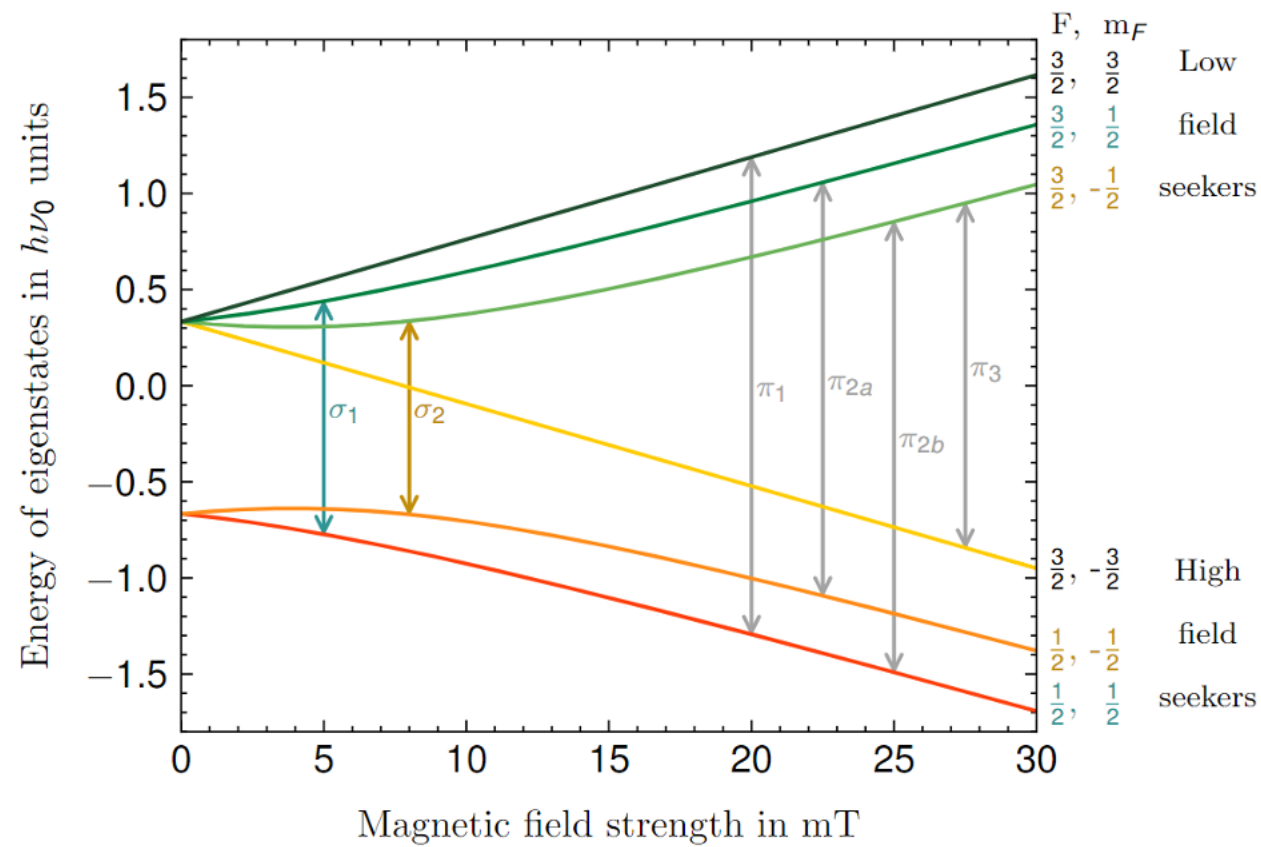
M. Mehdizadeh, et. al., Loop-gap resonator: A lumped mode microwaveresonant structure. IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, 31(12):1059–1064, Dec 1983.

th(4)=2.3 mm freq(15)=320 MHz  
Magnetic flux density, z component (T)





# Deuterium GS-HFS structure and transitions



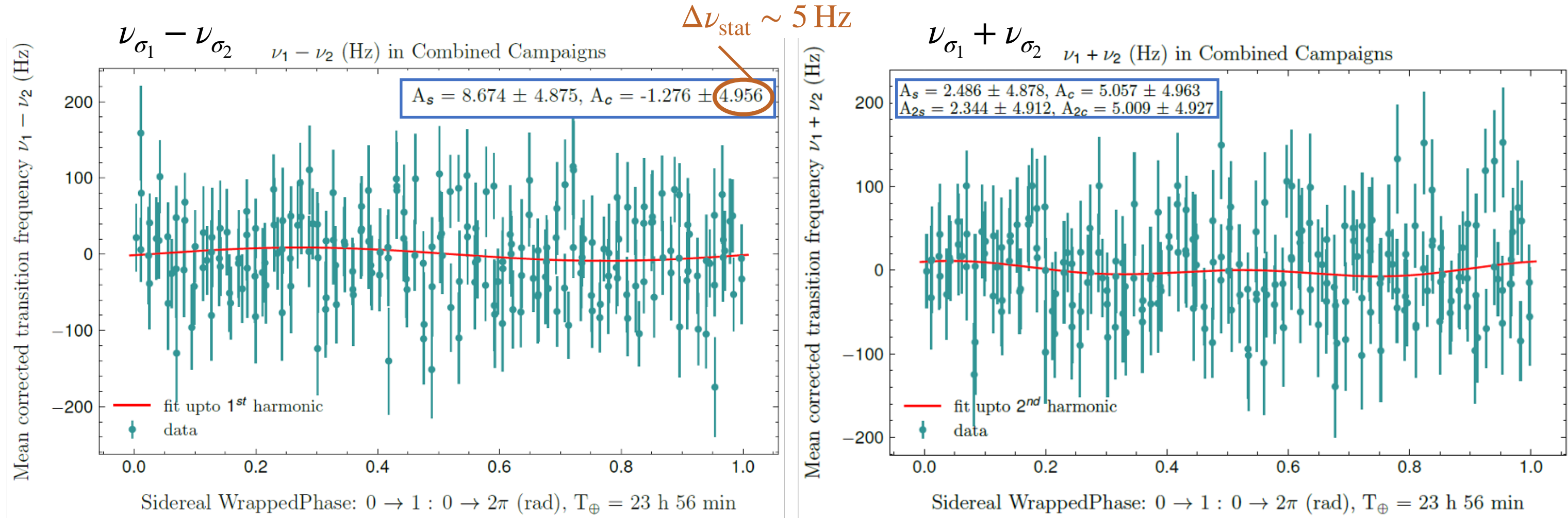
$\tilde{\nu}_+$  B-field insensitive

$B_{\text{ext}} \sim 11.2 \mu\text{T}$

$\Delta\nu_{\text{HF}}^{\text{D}} = 327\,384\,352.5222(17) \text{ Hz}$  Wineland, D. J. & Ramsey, N. F., Physical Review A 5, 821–837 (1972).



# Results: data wrapped into one sidereal period



$A_0^0 = 0$ : data normalised to mean since  $B_{\text{ext}}$  was Different for two campaigns

$$2\pi\delta\nu^{(0)} = A_0^0 + A_c^{(0)} \cos(\omega_{\oplus}T_L) + A_s^{(0)} \sin(\omega_{\oplus}T_L) + A_{2c}^{(0)} \cos(2\omega_{\oplus}T_L) + A_{2s}^{(0)} \sin(2\omega_{\oplus}T_L)$$

Vargas, A. J. *Phys. Rev. D* **109**, 055001 (2024).



# Results for SME coefficients

Coefficient $\mathcal{K}^{\text{Sun}}$	$\Re(\mathcal{K})$	$\Im(\mathcal{K})$	Units
$H_{p011}^{\text{NR}(0\text{B})}, g_{p011}^{\text{NR}(0\text{B})}$	$0.5 \pm 2.2$	$3.2 \pm 2.2$	$10^{-22} \text{ GeV}$
$H_{p011}^{\text{NR}(1\text{B})}, g_{p011}^{\text{NR}(1\text{B})}$	$0.2 \pm 1.0$	$1.4 \pm 1.0$	$10^{-22} \text{ GeV}$
$H_{p211}^{\text{NR}(0\text{B})}, g_{p211}^{\text{NR}(0\text{B})}$	$0.3 \pm 1.3$	$2.0 \pm 1.3$	$10^{-20} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$H_{p211}^{\text{NR}(1\text{B})}, g_{p211}^{\text{NR}(1\text{B})}$	$0.7 \pm 3.1$	$4.6 \pm 3.1$	$10^{-20} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$H_{p411}^{\text{NR}(0\text{B})}, g_{p411}^{\text{NR}(0\text{B})}$	$0.8 \pm 3.8$	$5.7 \pm 3.8$	$10^{-20} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
$H_{p411}^{\text{NR}(1\text{B})}, g_{p411}^{\text{NR}(1\text{B})}$	$-0.2 \pm 1.0$	$-1.4 \pm 1.0$	$10^{-19} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
$c_{p221}^{\text{NR}}, a_{p221}^{\text{NR}}$	$1.8 \pm 1.7$	$-0.6 \pm 1.7$	$10^{-20} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$c_{p222}^{\text{NR}}, a_{p222}^{\text{NR}}$	$-3.0 \pm 3.0$	$1.3 \pm 3.0$	$10^{-20} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
$c_{p421}^{\text{NR}}, a_{p421}^{\text{NR}}$	$-1.0 \pm 1.0$	$0.3 \pm 1.0$	$10^{-19} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
$c_{p422}^{\text{NR}}, a_{p422}^{\text{NR}}$	$1.6 \pm 1.6$	$-0.7 \pm 1.6$	$10^{-19} \text{ GeV}^{-3}$

Inferior to H maser results

By 4 O.M.

Improvement over limits set by H-Maser results

By 14 O.M.

New results for proton coefficients

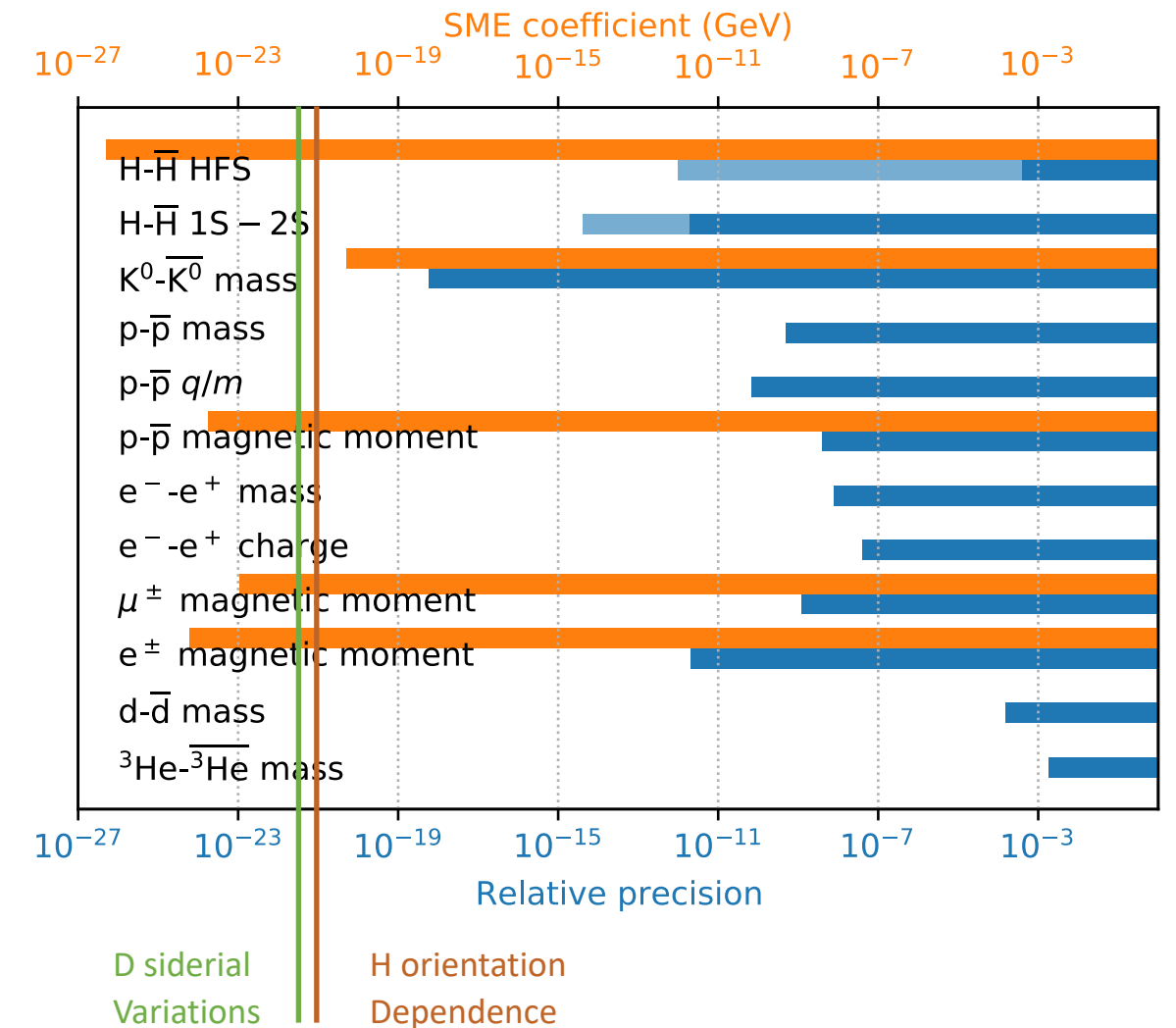
- Results for p coefficients
  - e, n: better limits exist from other experiments (*except in linear boost*)

*Publication in preparation*



# Summary

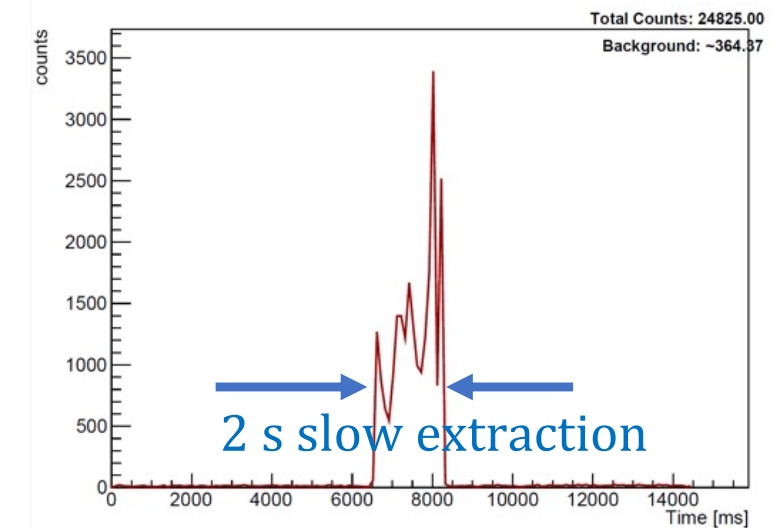
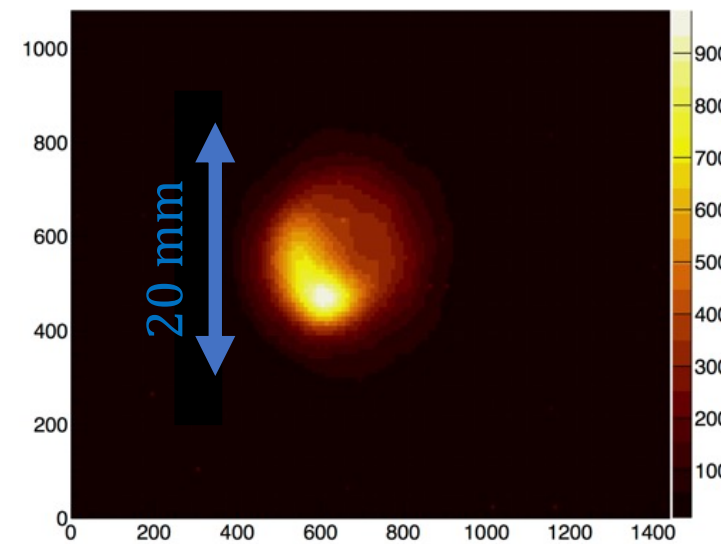
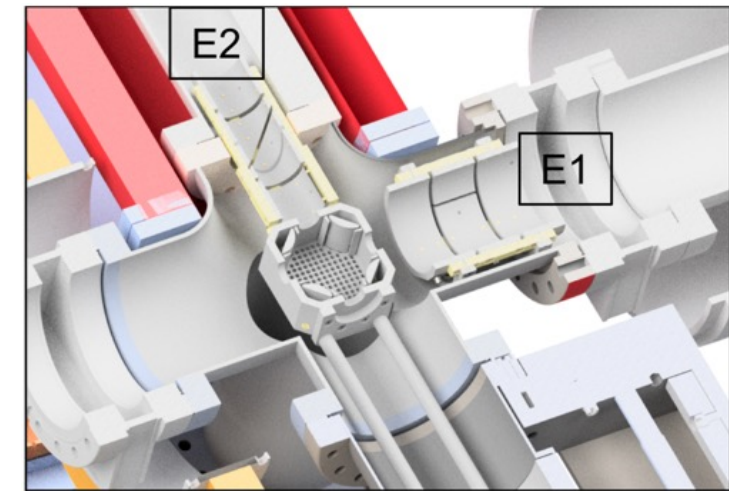
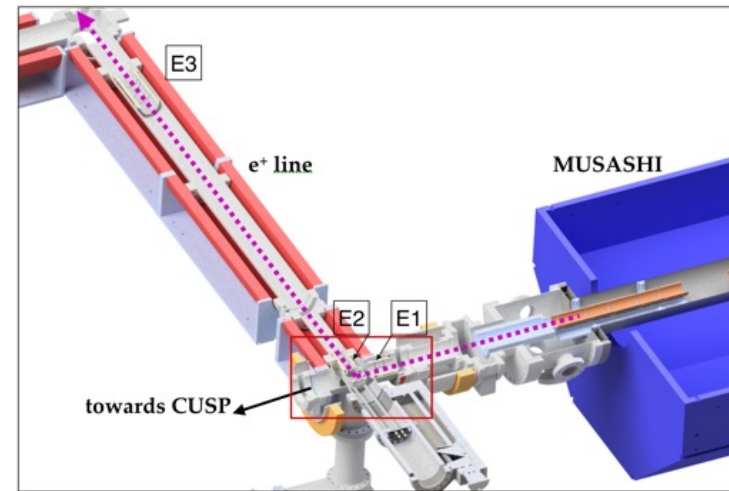
- H orientation dependence (*unpublished*)
  - Exp error 50 Hz, improvement by magnetometry
    - Possible improvement x5 p, x10<sup>3</sup> e coefficients
  - 1<sup>st</sup> limits on  $\mathcal{T}_{010}^{NR(sB),sun} \sim 10^{-21}$  GeV p,  $10^{-18}$  GeV e
  - Precision for zero.-field splitting  
 $\nu_{HF}^{exp}/\nu_{HF}^{maser}(B=0) = 0.14 \pm 0.59(stat) \pm 0.23(syst)$  Hz ( $4.4 \times 10^{-10}$ )
- D sidereal variations (*in preparation for submission*)
  - Exp. error 5 Hz (stat), 0.1 - 2 Hz (syst)
  - Limits on  $\mathcal{T}_{011}^{NR(sB),sun} \sim 10^{-22}$  GeV (*p: new k=2, k=4*),  
 $\mathcal{T}_{221}^{NR(sB),sun} 10^{-20}$  GeV<sup>-1</sup> (*p: new*)
  - More constraints possible from linear boost measurements
    - 1<sup>st</sup> step possible with existing data, more measurements needed for better accuracy)



E. Widmann, Phys. Part. Nucl. 53, 790 (2022)  
 Source: PDG & arXiv:0801.0287v17

# Slow extraction beam line

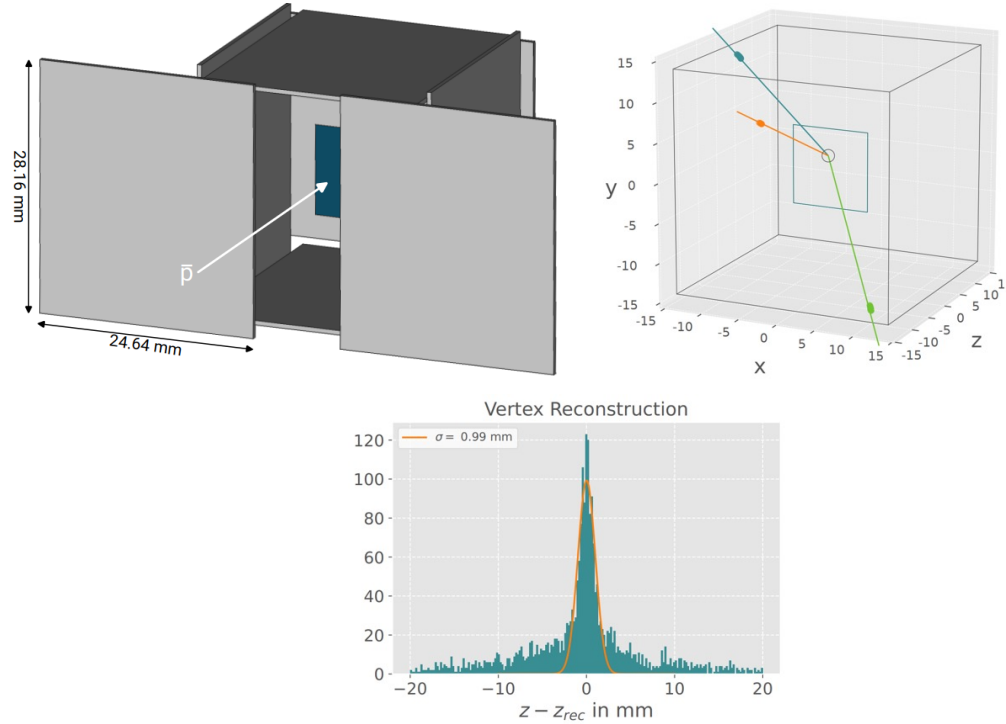
- Experiments to transport a slow extracted beam of  $\bar{p}$  out of MUSASHI along the existing  $e^+$  transfer line using electrostatic beam elements
- Approximately 25,000  $\bar{p}$  detected and imaged on an MCP detector
  - Transport efficiency  $\sim 10\%$
  - Beamspot  $< 1\text{cm}$





## Annihilation measurements

- Systematic studies of antiproton – nucleus annihilation
  - Using thin targets ( $\sim 15$ )
  - Detection of prongs with  $\sim 4\pi$  solid angle
    - Detector based on Timepix 4
    - 3D vertex reconstruction with single plane pixel detectors
- Multiplicity, Kinetic Energy, and Angular Distributions



## Possible topic: Pontecorvo reaction

- $\bar{p}^3\text{He} \rightarrow pn$
- High branching ratio  $10^{-6}$

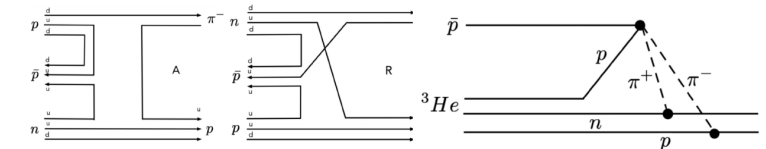
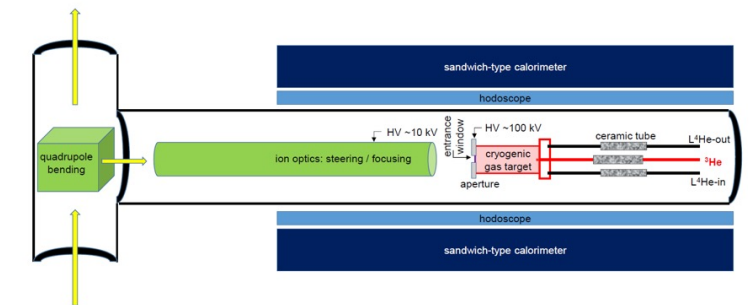


Figure 68 – Left: annihilation and rearrangement graphs in the fireball model. Right: rescattering diagram for  $\bar{p}^3\text{He} \rightarrow np$ .

C. Anslar, "Nucleon-antinucleon annihilation at LEAR," 2019. [Online]. Available: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.08455>

- Other topics
  - Continuation of fragmentation studies
  - Antiprotonic atom spectroscopy for QED tests



Antiprotons accelerated to 100 keV	$1.0 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Antiprotons stopped in the target cell: 90%	$0.9 \cdot 10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Neutron detection efficiency: solid angle 50%; intrinsic efficiency 60%	
Proton detection efficiency: solid angle 50%; intrinsic efficiency 100%	
Coincidence rate neutron-proton: 15%	$1.4 \cdot 10^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Pontecorvo reaction branching ratio $10^{-6}$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$
<b>Detected proton-neutron pairs per day</b>	<b><math>\sim 10</math></b>



# Questions

- Efficient antihydrogen beam formation
- Making colder hydrogen and antihydrogen beams
- Usefulness of slow extracted beam for experiments