

From ATHENA to ALPHA: Towards trapping and spectroscopy of antihydrogen atoms

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Muonic Hydrogen vs Antihydrogen

Energy scales

- keV vs. *eV*
- Standard atomic experimental techniques applicable

Detection

- Decay, fusion, X-rays vs. Annihilation
 - Pbar \rightarrow several pions
 - $e+ \rightarrow 2 \ge 511 \text{ keV gamma}$
- 3D imaging possible!
- Lifetime
 - $-2 \ \mu s \ vs.$ Infinite
 - Pbar cooling in AD (100 sec), in trap (10 sec)
 - Pbar (Hbars) can be trapped for days for precision studies

Theory

– Armour, Froelich, etc.

Where is Antimatter?

- Baryon Asymmetry in Universe (Matter-antimatter asymmetry)
- No evidence for antimatter in Universe





Cosmology, Gravity

Baryogenesis

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Gravity

- Never measured with antimatter
- Test of Weak Equivalence
 Principle
 WEP



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Fundamental Symmetries with Antihydrogen

CPT invariance

- Foundation of Field Theory
- Valid in Strings, Planck scale?
- Precision comparison with hydrogen:
 competitive with other tests, e.g. neutral kaons

Possible CPT violation scale

if
$$L = L_{SM} + L_{CPTV}$$

where $L_{CPTV} \sim \frac{m^2}{\Lambda_{CPTV}} O$
for $m = 1 \,\text{GeV}, \ \Lambda_{CPTV} = M_{pl} \approx 10^{19} \,\text{GeV}$
 $E_{CPTV} \approx 10^{-19} \,\text{GeV}$

In frequency, this is $E_{CPTV} \sim 10 \text{ kHz}$ Hänsch: $\Delta f \sim 1 \text{ kHz}$ with 10^3 trapped Hbars \rightarrow reaching Planck Scale sensitivity ! \rightarrow improve e⁺ mass, charge by 10000 Neutral K: $\Delta(m_K - m_{Kbar}) \sim 100 \text{ kHz}$ See also: Kobayashi, Sanda, PRL 69, 3139 (1992)



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Cold Antimatter: Opening Up New Possibilities

- Other spectroscopic measurements
 - e.g. Lamb Shift
- Charge neutrality of antimatter
 - No explanation in SM (except anomaly cancellation)
 - Indirect limit ~ 10^{-8}
- Hydrogen-antihydrogen collisions
 - Interactions at antimatter "domain"?
- Antimatter Matter (bulk):
 - Ions, Ion Crystals, Molecules, BEC?
- Gravity measurements
 - Probably need laser cooling of antihydrogen (121 nm)
- Most Important: "Not yet thought of"s



Some Basics

<u>Antihydrogen formation process</u> <u>How we trap antiparticles</u>

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Antihydrogen formation processes



Energy-momentum conservation requires 3rd body

	Radiative	Three-body
Cross-section [cm ²]	10 ⁻¹⁶ (1 K)	10 -7 (1 К)
Temp dependence	T ^{-0.5}	T ^{-4.5} → stabilization
Final quantum state	n < 10	n >> 100
Stability (re-ionization)	high	low
Expected rates	<50s Hz	???

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Trapping Antiparticles

- (Anti)particle traps: suspend in vacuum
 - Confinement force
 - Loading mechanism
- Charged antiparticles (pbar, e+, e-)
 - Penning trap
 - B and E field
 - Depth up to keV
- Neutral (anti)hydrogen atoms
 - Magnetic trap
 - B field gradient on magnetic moment
 - Depth $\sim 1 \text{K} (0.1 \text{ meV})$: need cold atoms
- Loading
 - Dissipative
 - Dynamical
 - Born to be trapped
- Particle manipulations (moving&shaking): non-trivial!





ATHENA Goal

Production of Cold Antihydrogen



Detection of annihilation

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Making Cold Antihydrogen with ATHENA

Hot Race for Cold Antihydrogen

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Where we were at µCF01 (April, 2001)

ATHENA

- Pbar catching
- Electron cooling

ATRAP

- Pbar catching
- Electron cooling
- Stacking
- Positron
- Pbar-positron interaction
- Positron cooling of pbars





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ATHENA Features

CERN

World's most powerful cold e⁺ accumulator
Novel plasma diagnosis and manipulations
High granularity position sensitive detector

ATHENA Antihydrogen Apparatus



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Antiproton Catching & Cooling



About 10⁴ antiprotons captured from an AD shot (every 80 s)

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Dissipative trapping with N₂ buffer gas_



(concept by C. Surko et al., Non-neutral plasmas Vol. 3, 3-12; AIP 1999)

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First Cold Antihydrogen August 2002 ATHENA





First Cold Antihydrogen

Nature, September 18, 2002

advance online publicationletters to natureTOP SCIENCE NEWS in 2002AIP Physics News Update
(Top 2 physics stories of the year, with SNO)IOP Physics World (Number 1 Highlight of the year)Discover Magazine (Top 4 Science News of the year)Nature (Highlight of the year)Science (Watch for 2003 or later)

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Wired Magazine, Annual Rave Award Nomination (with Eminem, Spielberg, Hayao Miyazaki et al.)

operations of charge conjugation, parity and time reversal. Antimatter, the existence of which was predicted by Dirac, can be used to test the CPT theorem—experimental investigations involving comparisons of particles with antiparticles are numer-



protons for interaction experiments.

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ATRAP corroborates Cold Hbar

Challenges

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- No vertex detector, small number of e^+ (~1/600)
- Elegant detection: Field ionization of loosely bound Hbars
 - no e+ detected
 - *n* measurements
- Velocity Measurements
- Double Charge Exchange



ATRAP, PRL 89 233401; 90 043001 (2002)

Physics with Pbars, Positrons, Hbars



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Selected ATHNEA papers since 2002

Production and Detection of Cold Antihydrogen Atoms Nature 419, 456 (2002)

Positron Plasma Diagnostic and Temperature Control for Antihydrogen Production Phys. Rev. Lett. **91**, 055001 (2003)

Complete Nondestructive Diagnostic of Nonneutral Plasmas Based on the Detection of Electrostatic Modes Phys. Plasmas 10, 3056 (2003)

> *The ATHENA Antihydrogen Apparatus Nucl. Inst. Meth. Phys. Res.* A **518**, 679-711 (2004)

> > High Rate Production of Antihydrogen Phys. Lett. B 578, 23-32 (2004)

Antihydrogen Production Temperature Dependence Phys. Lett. B 583, 59-67 (2004)

Three-Dimensional Annihilation Imaging of Trapped Antiprotons Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 065005 (2004)

Dynamics of Antiproton Cooling in a Positron Plasma During Antihydrogen Formation Phys. Lett. B 590, 133-142 (2004)

> Spatial Distribution of Cold Antihydrogen Formation Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 033403 (2005)

New Source of Dense, Cryogenic Positrion Plasmas Phys. Rev. Lett. 95, 025002 (2005)

Search for laser induced formation of antihydrogen Phys. Rev. Lett. 97, 213401 (2006)

1 Nature, 6 PRL, 3 PLB, 4 full papers; a few more in preparation

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ATHENA new results

Temporal Modulation

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V Temporal Modulation of Hbar Production

MCF et al, in preparation_



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Modulation of Hbar Production



Present and Future

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From ATHENA to ALPHA

 ATHENA data taking ended in 2004 (analysis will continue for some years)
 Developed into a new experiment

V<u>LPHA</u> Antihydrogen Laser Physics Apparatus

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Goal: Trapping Neutral Antihydrogen

Magnetic trap (Ioffe-Prichard)

Many Challenges:

- Need very cold Hbar: Well depth ~0.7 K/T
- Need ground state Hbars
- Plasma stability in inhomogeneous B field:
 - Can charged and neutral traps co-exist?

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Quadrupoles - Why not?

Field lines diverge rapidly to the wall; particles making axial excursions (transfer, mixing) are easily lost [Fajans et al., PRL 2005]

Antiproton Imaging with Si Vertex Detector

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ALPHA Detector Design Challenge

Detector: Essential

- **Trap requirements:**
 - Thick magnet material (up to 1 X₀ of metal)
 - 1st layer far from interaction region
- Crazy to try vertex detection?
- Initial study was promising (MCF: hep/ex:0507082)

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ALPHA Milestones

- Proposal Jan, 2005, Approval May 2005
 - Constructed a new apparatus from scratch
- First Beam Aug -Nov, 2006
 - Trap pbars Sep 12, 2006
 - Electron cooling Sep 17, 2006
 - Antihydrogen production Sep 30, 2006
- Entering unexplored territories: Oct Nov 2006
 - Mirror magnets commission, Oct 8
 - Octupole magnets commission, Oct 20
 - Pbar/positron stability in octupole:
 - PRL submitted Nov 10, 2006, published Jan 11, 2007
 - Hbar production in mirror field: (submitted)
 - Pbar/positron mixing in mirror/octupole: (in preparation)

ALPHA construction 2006

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First Results with ALPHA

Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 023402 (2007)

- Results already from first beam!
- Pbars, e+ stored separately
- Survival fraction with/ without octupole (1.2 T)
- Sufficient number of pbars and positrons survive in a neutral trap
- Co-existence seems feasible!

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Hbar production in mirror field

Submitted for publication (2007)

Reduced background B field (1T)

- Detected with scintillator +
 APD
- Cold mixing versus hot mixing
- Other results in preparation

ALPHA Status

- This year's Run just started
 - (June Oct 2007)
 - Major upgrade external detector (APD)
 - Improved e+ source, pbar trapping, cryostat
 - Installing Si detector
- Antiproton-positron interactions, antihydrogen formation in a magnetic trap
- Attempts for antihydrogen trapping

Annihilation Detector Upgrade, June 2007

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From ATHENA to new mcr-07, Dubna

- Cold Antihydrogen: exciting emerging field
- ATHENA: made important contributions
- ALPHA: ambitious projects with aggressive schedule; important results coming out
- Still long way to precision measurements of matter-antimatter symmetry, but we are having lots of fun on the way!
- Participation of µCF friends will be welcome!!

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Antihydrogen Detection

•Need to confirm and optimize Hbar production w/o trapping fields: reproduce ATHENA or ATRAP operation

- •Need to confirm and optimize Hbar production w/ trapping fields
- •Need to verify trapping: probably by fast release of trapping fields

V 3D Imaging of Trapped Antiprotons

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Implications for Hbar detection

Hbar (neutral) and Pbars (charged) can be distinguished

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Si vertex design studies at TRIUMF

with P. Genova (Pavia), L. Posada (Tokyo), B. Jacobson (Berkeley

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Si Vertex Detector Read Out

TRIUMF-Montreal

- 48 channel FADCs
 - Level 1.5 triggering capability with FPGA
 - Much improvement over ATHENA in performance & cost

Detecting trapped Hbars

- Fast ramping of the SC magnet?
- Electron impact ionization of Hbars (MCF, AIP Conf Proc 2005)

Trap neutrals → get rid of charged → prepare pbar trap → shoot e beam → catch ionized pbar → dump

Electron impact ionization

- Nearly "back ground free"
 - Can detect one trapped Hbars
- Cross section for electron on normal H $(e^{-} + H^{+} \rightarrow e^{-} + e^{-} + p^{+}): \sim 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ (a)}50 \text{ eV}$ [NIST]
- If trapped within 1 cm², an electron beam 1mA ionizes Hbar in 1 sec
- Positron impact on hydrogen? (CPT equiv)
- Other detection schemes, eg microwave resonance (Hardy, Kleppner)

Antihydrogen Microwave Spectroscopy

- Maser experts: Walter Hardy, Mike Hayden
- Theoretically favoured for CPT violations
- PSR: Positron Spin Resonance
- Pbar magnetic moment (poorly known ~0.3%)

Initial studies in ~ 1 year