

G. Gabrielse sends regrets



Boston gets record blizzard

airport closed, flights cancelled

no possible way to get from
Boston to Geneva to give the
ATRAP progress report

cold antihydrogen
for testing fundamental symmetries
some ATRAP - progress

25 January 2005

*Extensive ATRAP progress report
was given at Villars in fall of 2004*

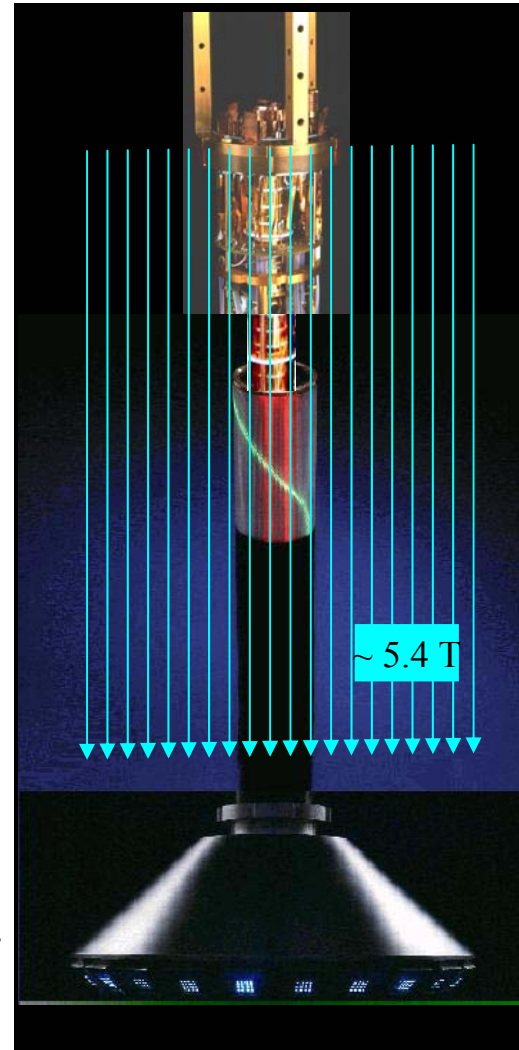
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- 1. good publication year for ATRAP*
- 2. 2004 run*
- 3. basic ATRAP apparatus commissioned*

summary

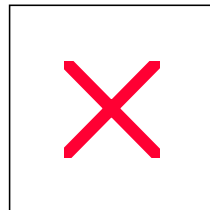
next steps

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of course*



Cold Antihydrogen for testing fundamental symmetries

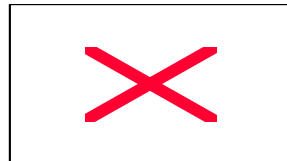
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Penning trap for \bar{p} and e^+
Ioffe trap for antihydrogen

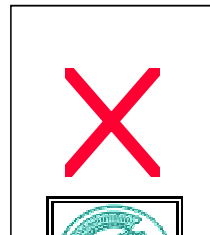
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charge particle detection,
 γ detection,
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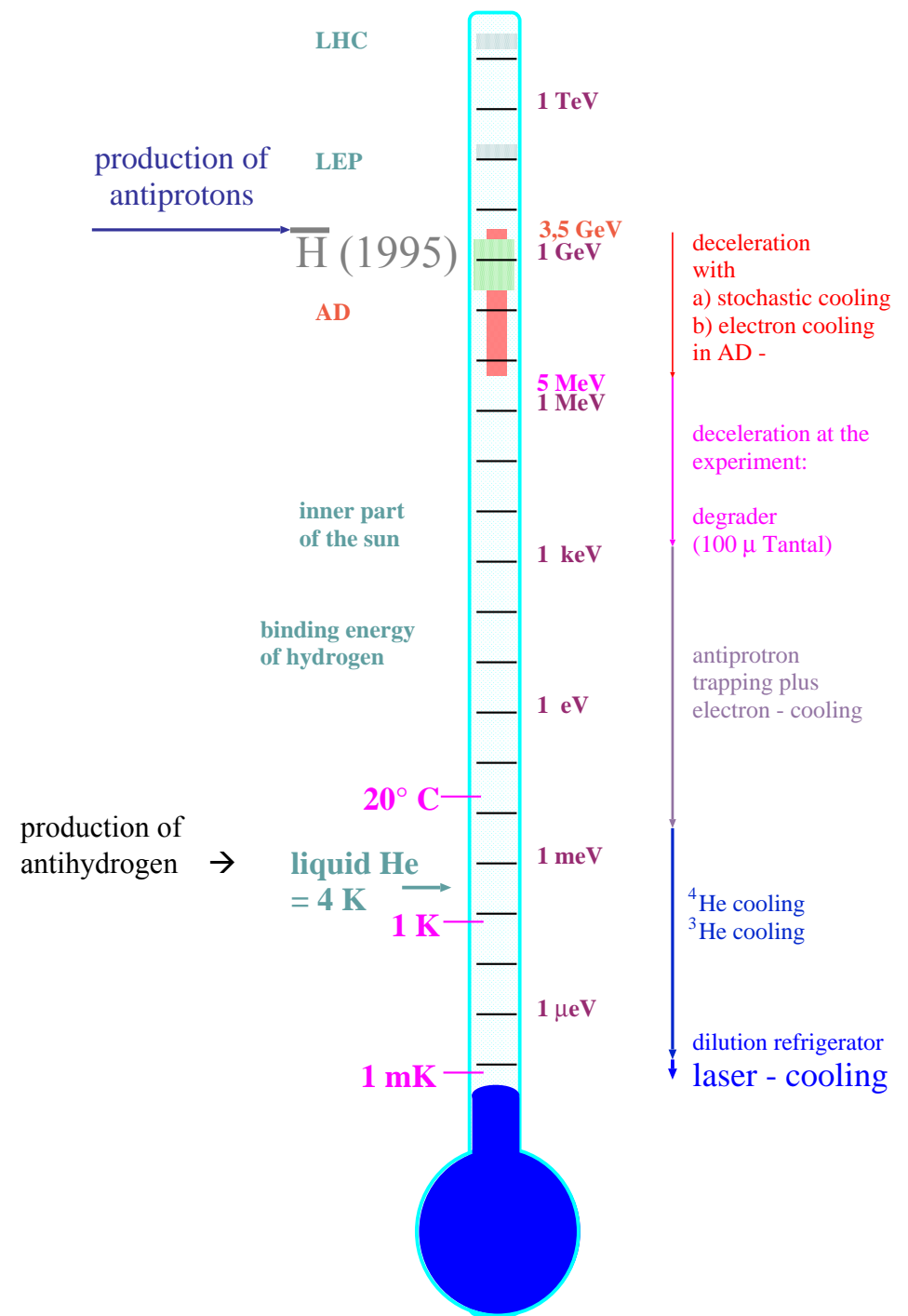
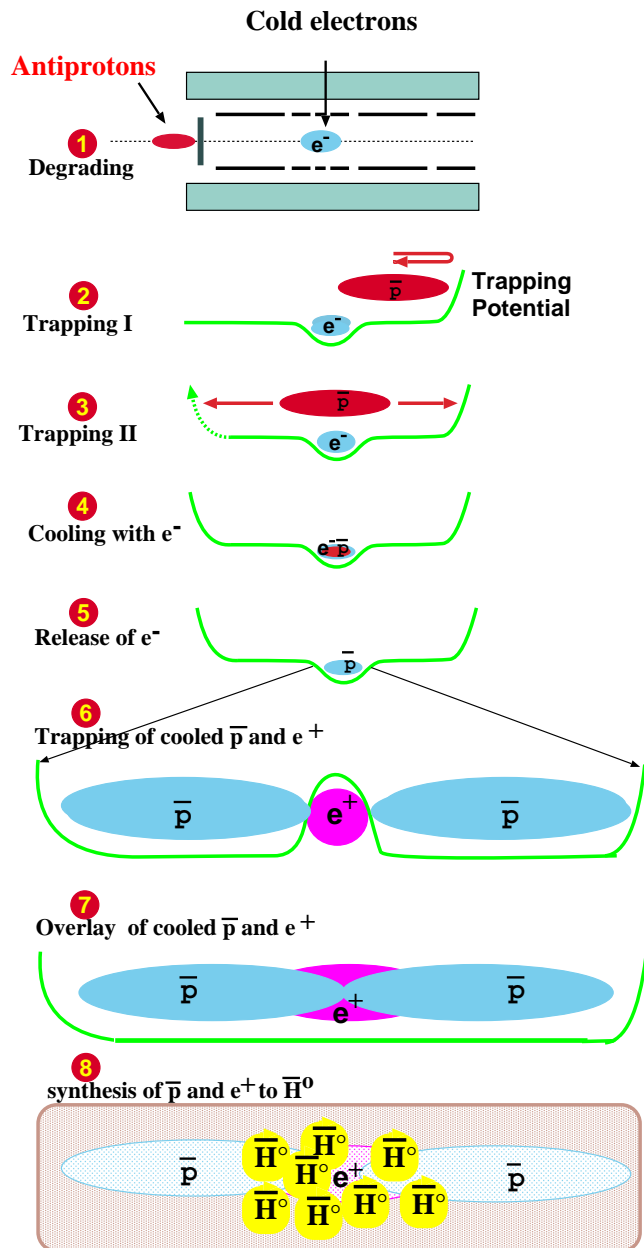
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laser spectroscopy

2004 ATRAP Papers and Preprints

1. ["Strongly Magnetized Antihydrogen and Its Field Ionization"](#)
D. Vrinceanu, B.E. Granger, R. Parrott, H. R. Sadeghpour, L. Cederbaum, A. Mody, J. N. Tan and G. Gabrielse
Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 133402 (2004).
2. ["G. Gabrielse, et al. reply"](#), (A reply to a Comment discusses comparing our measured field ionization spectra to theory)
G. Gabrielse, *et al.*
Phys. Rev. Lett. **92**, 149304 (2004).
3. ["Aperture Method to Determine the Density and Geometry of Anti-Particle Plasmas"](#)
P. Oxley, N. S. Bowden, R. Parrott, A. Speck, C. Storry, J.N. Tan, M. Wessels, G. Gabrielse, D. Grzonka, W. Oelert, G. Schepers, T. Sefzick, J. Walz, H. Pittner, T.W. Haensch and E. A. Hessels
Phys. Lett. B **595**, 60 (2004).
4. ["First Measurement of the Velocity of Slow Antihydrogen Atoms"](#)
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5. ["First Evidence for Atoms of Antihydrogen Too Deeply Bound to be Guiding Center Atoms"](#)
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To be published.
6. ["Laser-Controlled Production of Rydberg Positronium"](#)
A. Speck, C.H. Storry, E. Hessels and G. Gabrielse
Phys. Lett. B. **597**, 257 (2004).
7. ["Single-Particle Self-excited Oscillator"](#), (includes proposed application to measuring antiproton spin flips)
B. D'Urso, R. Van Handel, B. Odom and G. Gabrielse
Phys. Rev. Lett. (in press).
8. ["First Laser-Controlled Antihydrogen Production"](#)
C.H. Storry, A. Speck, D. Le Sage, N. Guise, G. Gabrielse, D. Grzonka, W. Oelert, G. Schepers, T. Sefzick, J. Walz, H. Pittner, M. Herrmann, T.W. Haensch, E.A. Hessels and D. Comeau
Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 263401 (2004).
9. ["Atoms made entirely of Antimatter: two methods produce slow antihydrogen"](#)
G. Gabrielse
Advances in Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics, Vol. **50**

trapping - and cooling



Why Cold Antihydrogen?

Goal: highly accurate comparison – antihydrogen and hydrogen

no hope with hot antihydrogen

- **too fast $v \sim c$**
- **little measurement time**
- **too few atoms**

more hope with much
slow antihydrogen atoms?

1995 – CERN

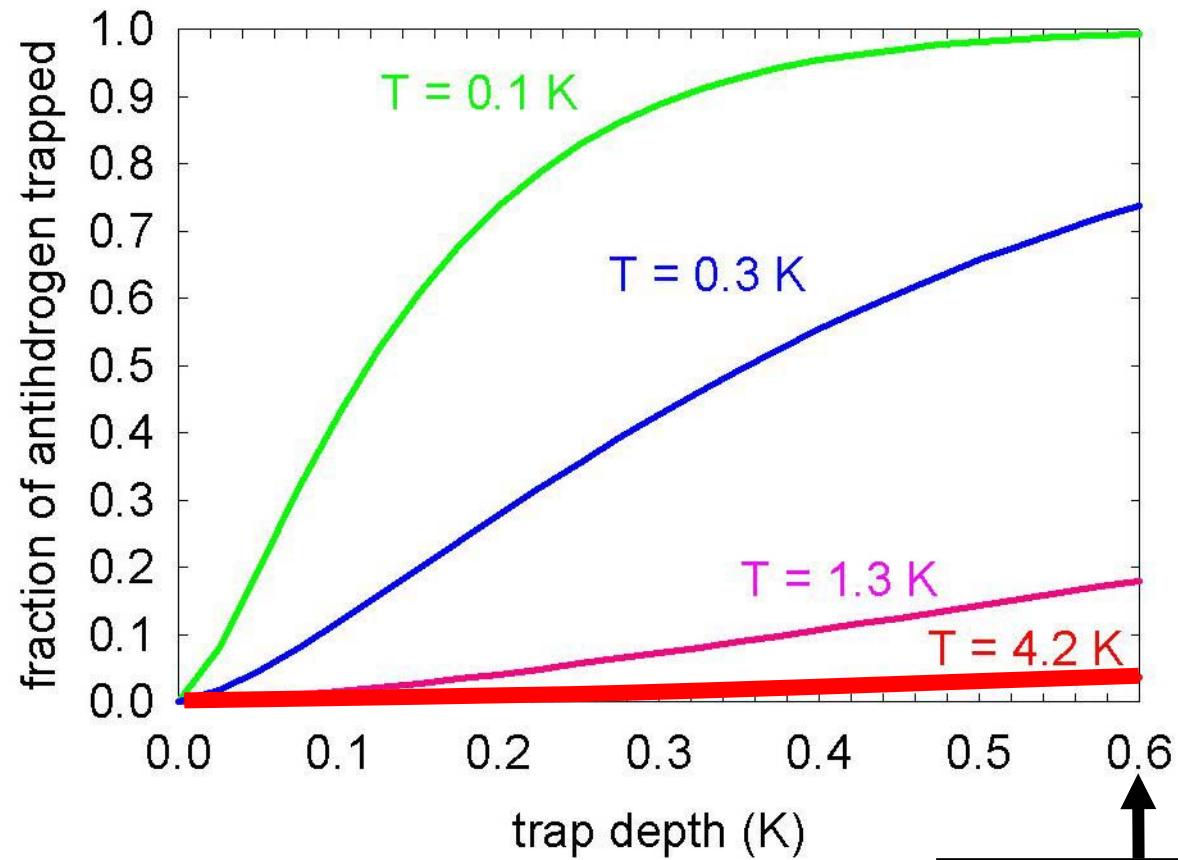
1997 -- Fermilab

2002 – 2004

CERN/AD

\bar{H} trapping efficiency

< 5 % (4.2 K, $\Delta B = 1\text{T}$)



$\Delta B \sim 1\text{T}$

magnetic quadrupol trap (Ioffe trap)

First measurement of antihydrogen velocity

First Measurement of the Velocity of Slow Antihydrogen Atoms

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The speed of antihydrogen atoms is deduced from the fraction that passes through an oscillating electric field without ionizing. The weakly bound atoms used for this first demonstration travel about 20 times more rapidly than the average thermal speed of the antiprotons from which they form, if these are in thermal equilibrium with their 4.2 K container. The method should be applicable to much more deeply bound states, which may well be moving more slowly, and should aid the quest to lower the speed of the atoms as required if they are to be trapped for precise spectroscopy.

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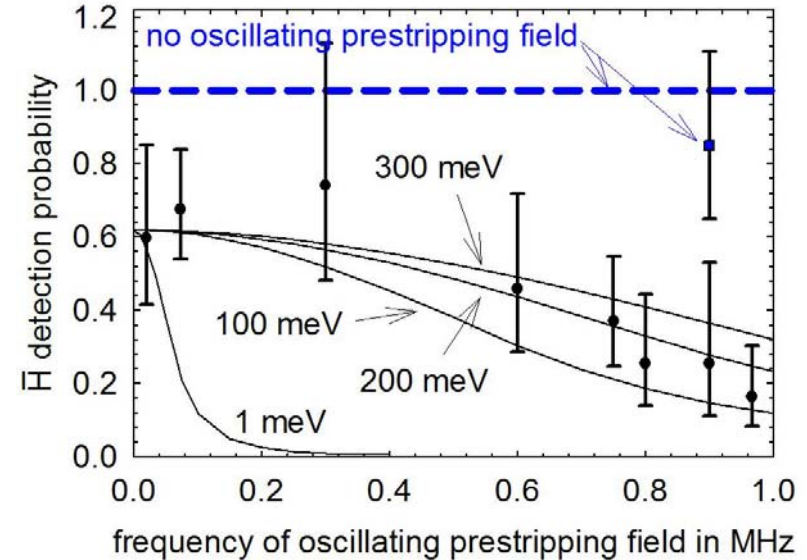
When the goal of producing “cold” antihydrogen (\bar{H}) was laid out long ago [1], the objective was \bar{H} atoms that were cold enough to be confined in a neutral particle trap for precise spectroscopy and gravitation studies. This stringent definition of “cold” requires \bar{H} energies significantly below the 0.5 K depth of superconducting magnetic traps, when these are placed in the ~ 1 Tesla bias field needed to confine the antiprotons (\bar{p}) and positrons (e^+) for \bar{H} production.

Antihydrogen produced during the positron cooling of antiprotons [2] in a nested Penning trap [3] was called “cold” antihydrogen in reports of its observation [4–6]. However, no \bar{H} energy, velocity, or temperature was actually measured. The observed atoms were clearly cold compared to \bar{H} moving at nearly the speed of light [7,8]. Almost certainly the \bar{H} energy was less than the tens of eV well depths of the potential wells used to confine the \bar{p} and e^+ from which the \bar{H} were formed. It was naturally hoped that the \bar{H} were in thermal equilibrium with the 4.2 K [5,6] or 15 K [4] temperature of the electrodes confining the \bar{p} and e^+ .

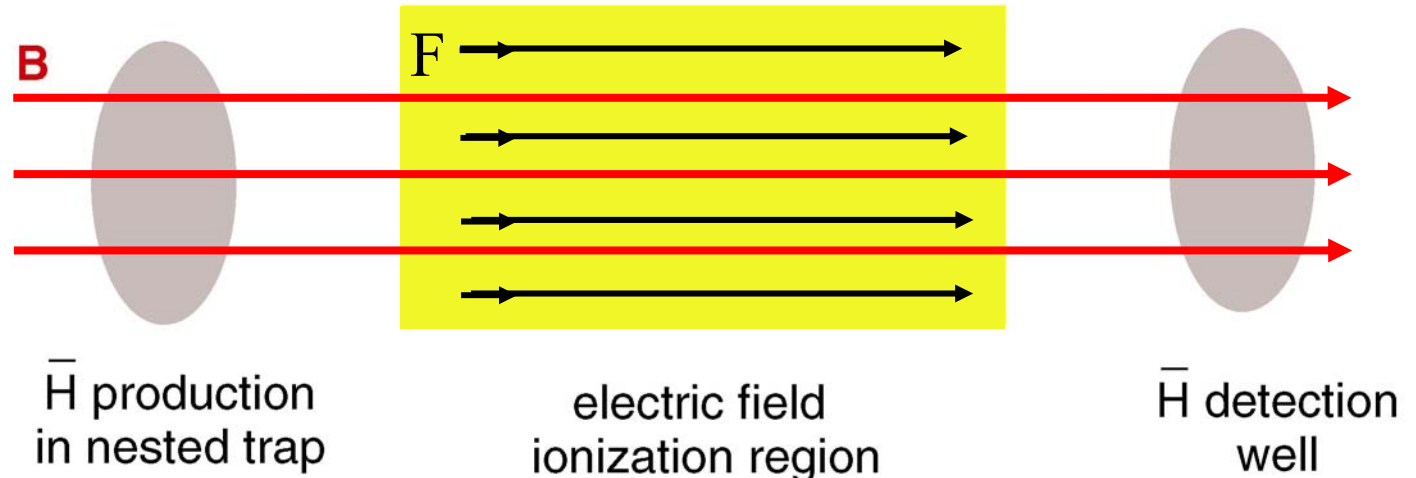
In this Letter we report the first measurement of the velocity of \bar{H} atoms. The change in \bar{H} transmission efficiency through an oscillating electric field is measured as a function of the field’s oscillation frequency. ATRAP’s background-free field ionization detection method [5] registers only \bar{H} that reach the detection well intact. Atoms moving slowly enough will never make it through the electric field without being ionized. Faster atoms are sometimes able to pass while the oscillating field is too weak to ionize them, depending upon the phase of the field. In this first demonstration we deduce that the most weakly bound \bar{H} that we detect have an energy that is about 200 meV, a speed that is about 20 times higher than

an average thermal speed at 4.2 K. More deeply bound \bar{H} observed to survive a 360 V/cm electric field may move more slowly; this method should make it possible to check, though the measurements will take much more time than has been available so far. No attempt has yet been made to minimize the \bar{p} driving forces that bring \bar{p} and e^+ into repeated contact [6].

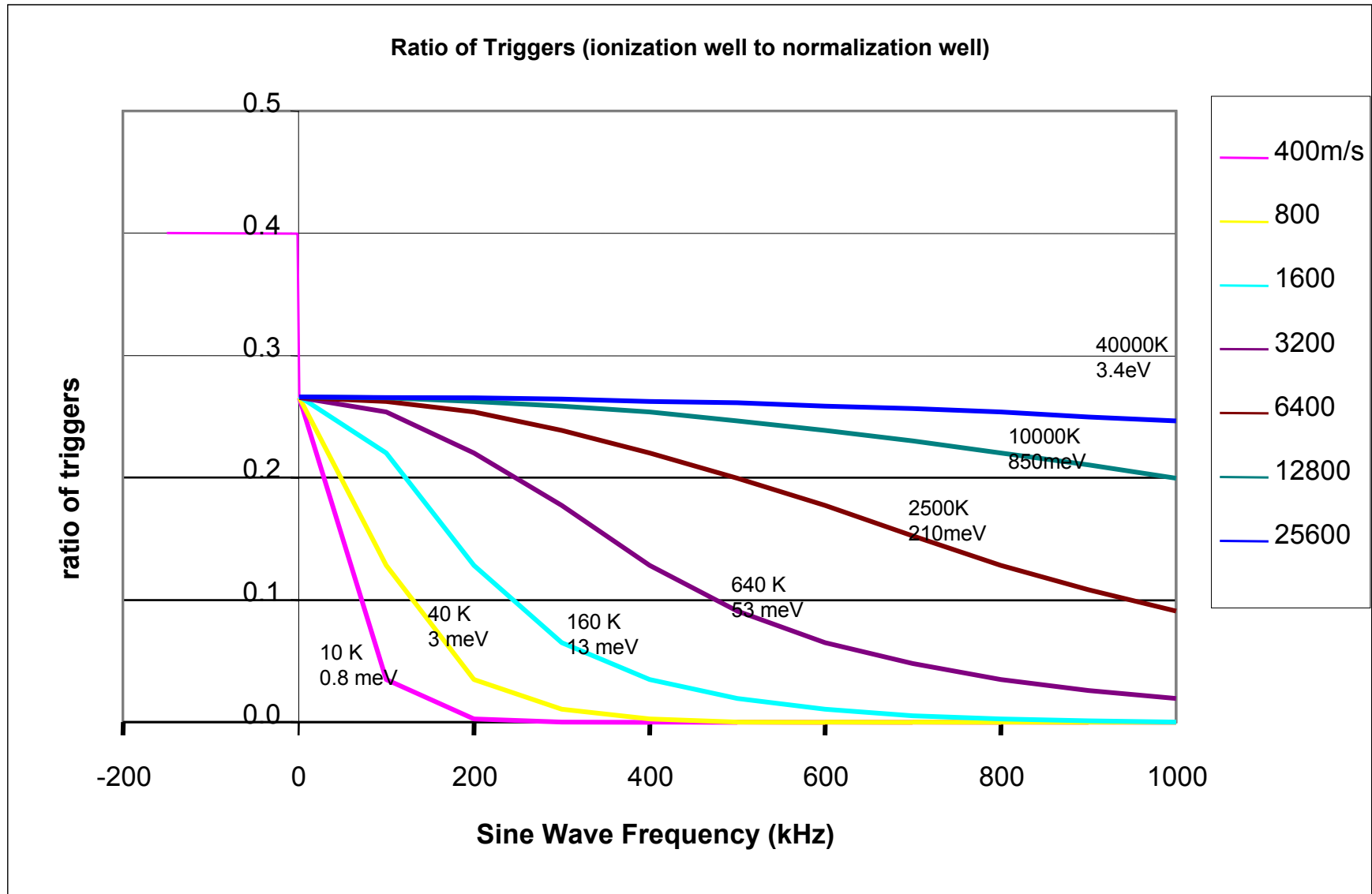
The ATRAP apparatus is represented in Fig. 1, with a cross section of the crucial volume in Fig. 2(a). In preparation for \bar{H} production, typically $2 \times 10^5 \bar{p}$ from CERN’s Antiproton Decelerator are accumulated for this demonstration. The well-established techniques for slowing, trapping, cooling, and stacking [9,10] are now



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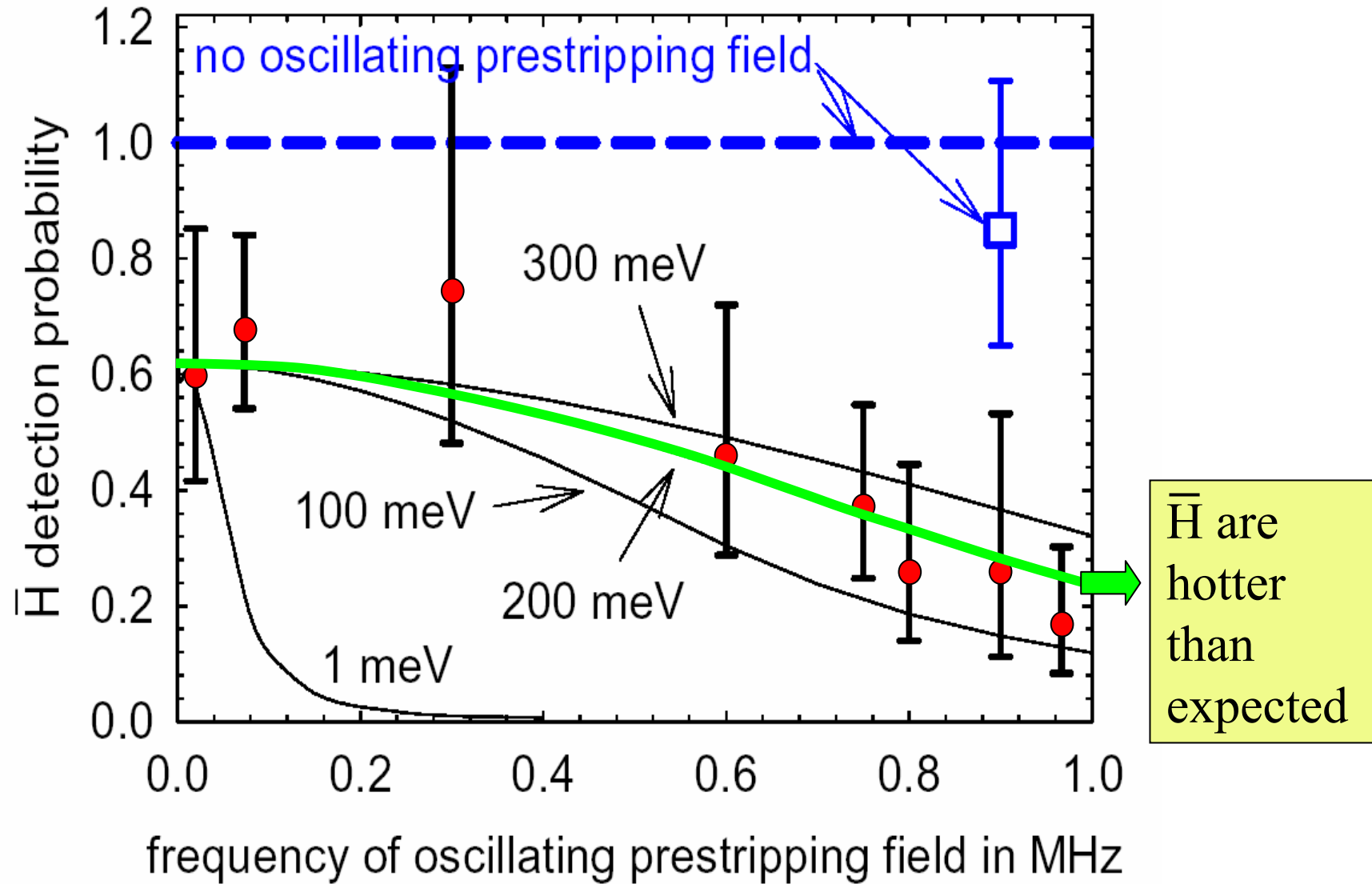


velocity measurement



velocity measurement of slow antihydrogen atoms

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also reported by AIP physics update

Laser-Controlled Antihydrogen Production

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

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First Laser-Controlled Antihydrogen Production

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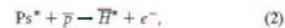
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Lasers are used for the first time to control the production of antihydrogen (\bar{H}). Sequential, resonant charge exchange collisions are involved in a method that is very different than the only other method used so far—producing slow \bar{H} during positron cooling of antiprotons in a nested Penning trap. Two attractive features are that the laser frequencies determine the \bar{H} binding energy, and that the production of extremely cold \bar{H} should be possible in principle—likely close to what is needed for confinement in a trap, as needed for precise laser spectroscopy.

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All slow antihydrogen (\bar{H}) atoms to date have been produced in the same way—during positron cooling of antiprotons [1] in a nested Penning trap [2], with the \bar{H} detected using two techniques [3–5]. The high production rate and the observation of highly excited states suggests that the \bar{H} is produced by a three body mechanism involving two e^+ and one \bar{p} —the expected high-rate formation process at low temperature [2,6,7]. The coldest possible \bar{H} are required for the intriguing goal of achieving \bar{H} that is cold enough to be trapped for precise spectroscopic comparisons with hydrogen [8], building upon highly accurate hydrogen spectroscopy [9,10]. Hopes for three-body formation of \bar{H} that is colder than the 200 meV observed in the only \bar{H} velocity measurement so far [11] remain to be realized.

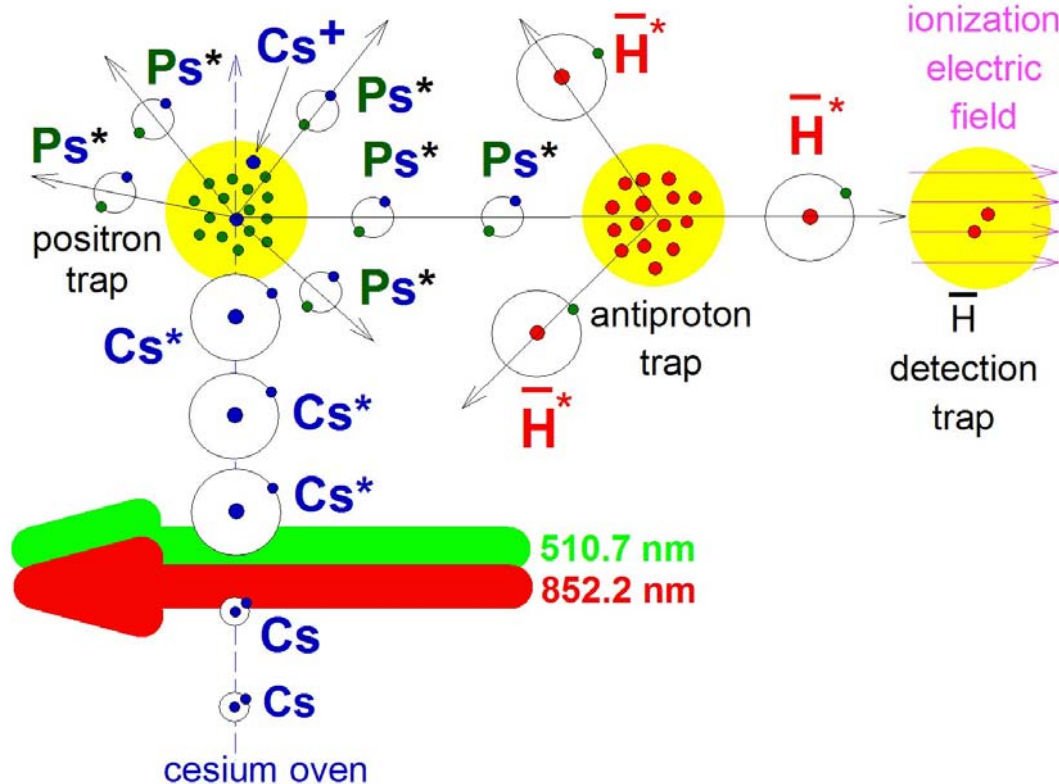
This Letter reports a very different way to produce \bar{H} . Lasers determine the binding energy of \bar{H} atoms that are most likely as cold as the \bar{p} from which they form. The lasers directly excite Cs atoms to high Rydberg states, Cs*. Two resonant charge exchange collisions [12],

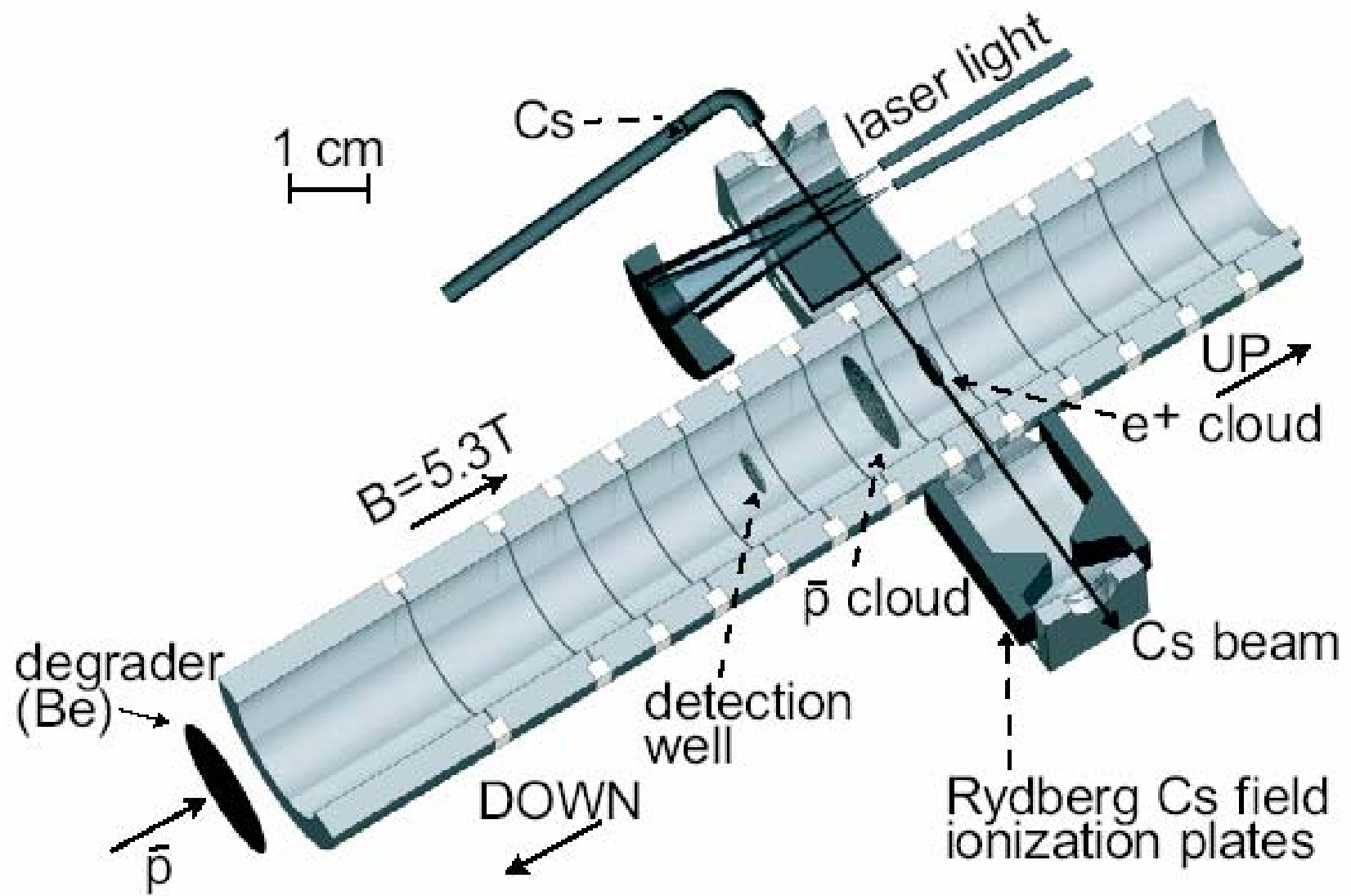


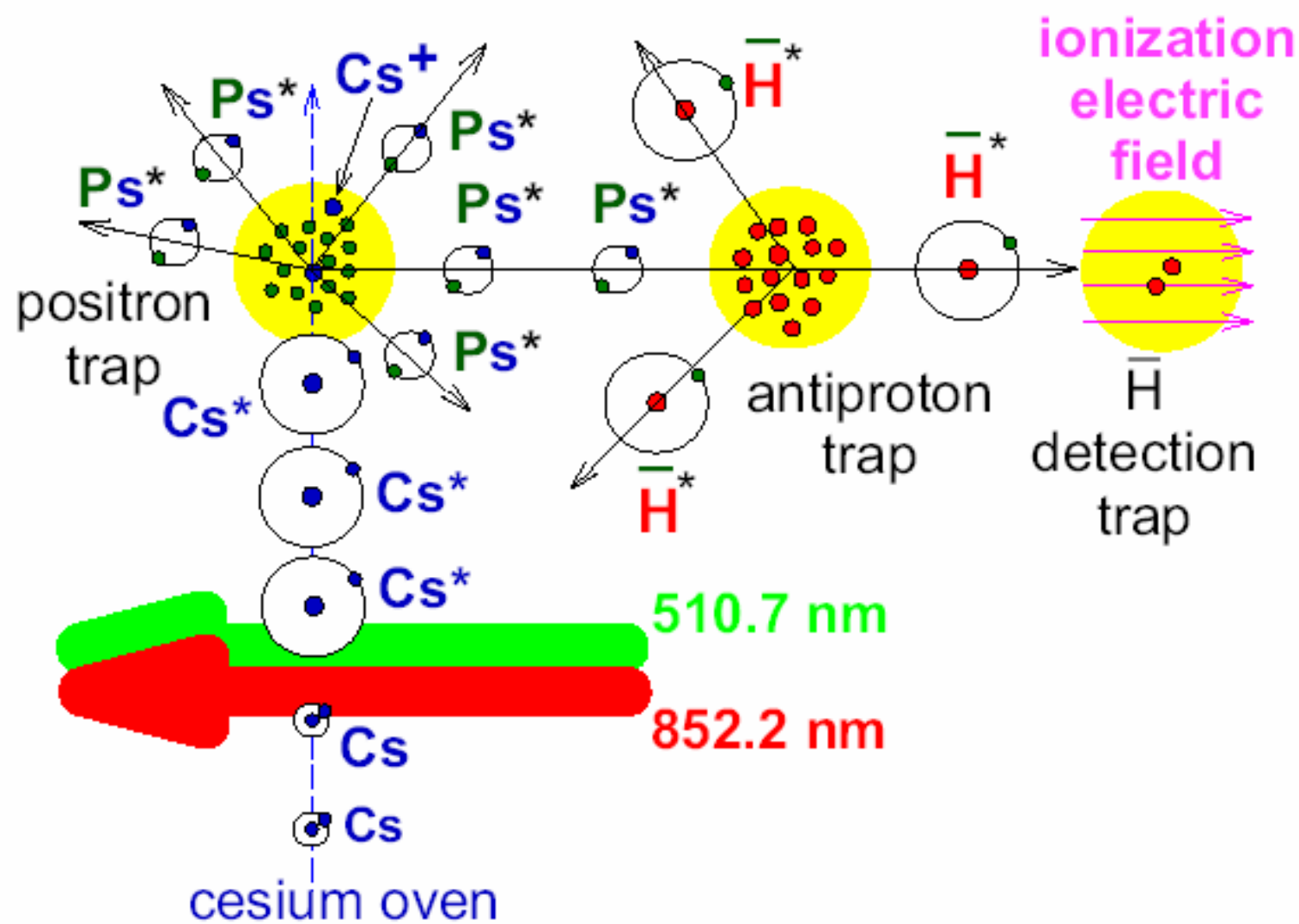
transfer the laser-selected Cs* binding energy to an excited positronium atom (Ps^*) [13] and then to an excited \bar{H}^* . Both processes have large cross sections because of the large size of the Cs* and Ps^* [14], whereas \bar{H} formation using ground state Ps [15] has a rate too small to be observed. Very slow \bar{H} are expected because a Ps^* transfers little kinetic energy to a \bar{p} as \bar{H} forms. The \bar{p} can be no colder than 4 K here, but the \bar{p} could be made much

- Likely the first truly cold antihydrogen formation

4.2 K



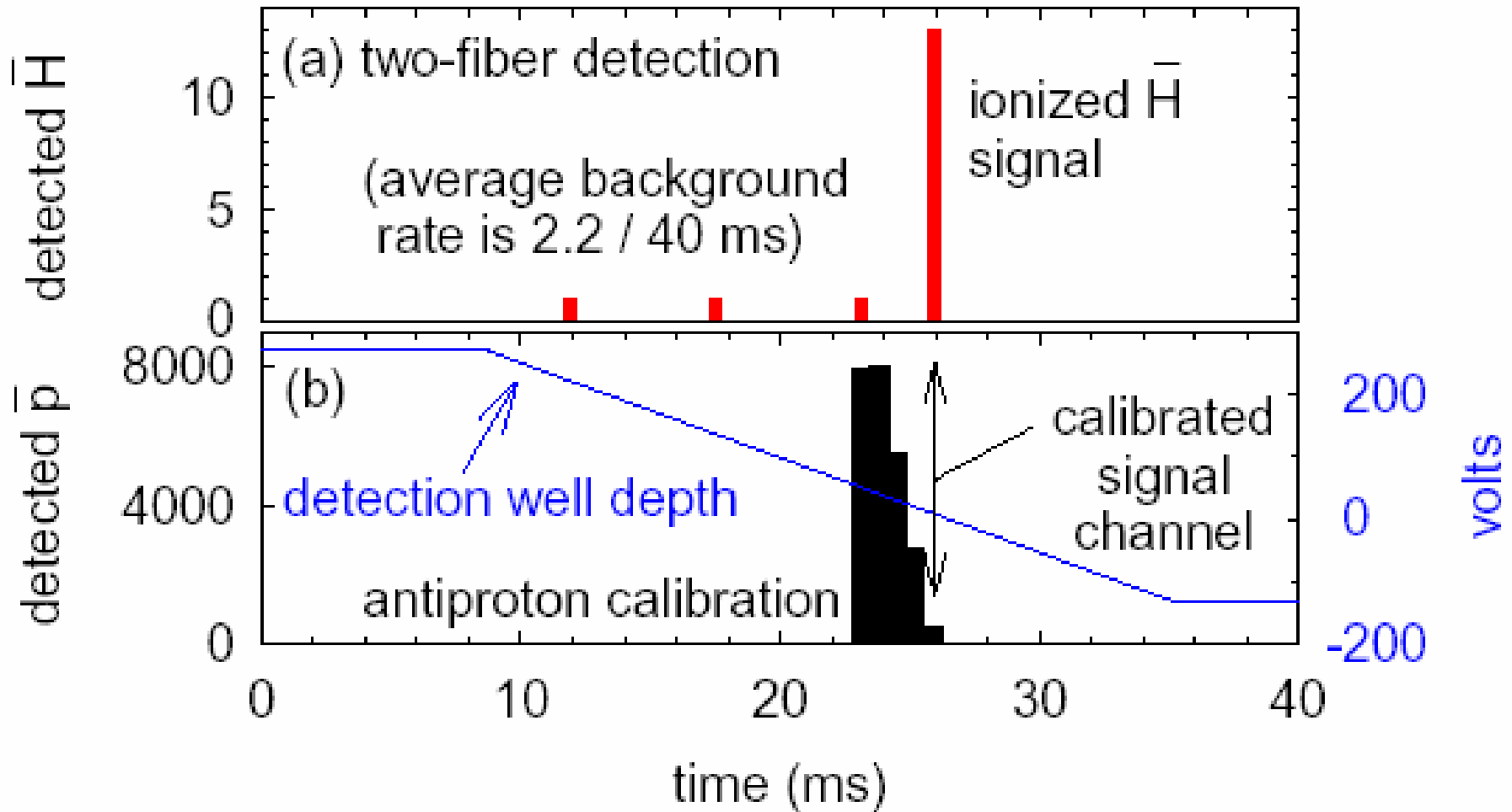




Schematic of laser-controlled \bar{H} production.

First laser-controlled antihydrogen production

Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**, 263401 (2004)



also reported by AIP, science, Nature etc ...

two methods produce slow antihydrogen

1. in a nested Penning trap,
during positron cooling of antiprotons

device and technique – ATRAP

used to produce slow antihydrogen – ATHENA and ATRAP

almost all antihydrogen atoms
have been made this way

2. laser-controlled resonant charge exchange

ATRAP

proof of principle experiment

is there a better method 3, 4 or ... ?

3. field assisted antihydrogen formation – we could not make work.

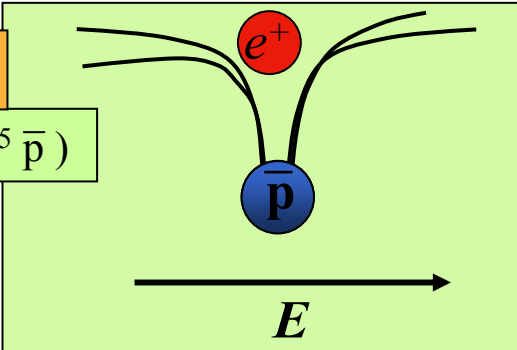
4. using a CO₂ laser to stimulate $n = 10$

tried by ATHENA in 2004

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“Antihydrogen production using trapped plasmas”,
Phys. Lett. A **129**, 38 (1988).

A. Wolf,
“Laser-Stimulated Formation and Stabilization of Antihydrogen Atoms”
Hyper. Interact. 76, 189 (1993).

Antihydrogen formation

<p>● Radiative recombination</p>	$\bar{p} + e^+ \rightarrow \bar{H} + h\nu$	$\Gamma = 3 \cdot 10^{-11} (4.2/T)^{9/2} n_e n_p \text{ s}^{-1}$ $(\sim 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \bar{H} / \text{s} / \bar{p} \text{ at } T=4.2\text{K}, 10^7 e^+)$
<p>● Laser-stimul. recombination</p>	$\bar{p} + e^+ + h\nu \rightarrow \bar{H} + h\nu$	
<p>● Three body recombination</p>	$\bar{p} + e^+ + e^+ \rightarrow \bar{H} + e^+$	$\Gamma = 6 \cdot 10^{-13} (4.2/T)^{9/2} n_e^2 n_p \text{ s}^{-1}$ $(\sim 50 \bar{H} / \text{s} / \bar{p} \text{ at } T=4.2\text{K}, 10^7 e^+)$
<p>● Field assisted recombination</p>	$\bar{p} + (e^+e^-) \rightarrow \bar{H} + e^-$	<p>E-field deforms \bar{p} potential</p> $10^2 \bar{H} / \text{exp.} (10^7 e^+, 10^5 \bar{p})$ 
<p>● Using positronium</p>	$\bar{p} + (e^+e^-) \rightarrow \bar{H} + e^-$	
<p>● Using Rydberg positronium</p>	$\bar{p} + (e^+e^-)^* \rightarrow \bar{H}^* + e^-$	$\text{Cs} + h\nu + h\nu \rightarrow \text{Cs}^*$ $\text{Cs}^* + e^+ \rightarrow (e^+e^-)^* + \text{Cs}^+$

Motivations and Goals – still the same

clear, stable, long term

Highly accurate spectroscopic comparisons of antihydrogen atoms and hydrogen atoms.

- clear before the AD was built
- clear now
- clear when the AD rests for one year
- clear in the future

experimental milestones → many have been achieved

* **Need antiprotons and positrons**

* **AD, antiproton accumulation, positron accumulation**

* **Need to produce antihydrogen:**

method I *

method II *

other methods?

! Need useful antihydrogen: **cold and in its ground state**

* **inventing a method to measure the antihydrogen velocity**

* **inventing a method to measure the antihydrogen state**

ground state antihydrogen

antihydrogen cold enough to be trapped

! Need to trap antihydrogen

* **? first stability test for trapped particles in Ioffe field**

! Need antihydrogen spectroscopy

* **first continuous Lyman-alpha source**

next milestones: achieving useful antihydrogen

- cold enough to trap
- ground state

much of ATRAP's 2004 time was spent pursuing these goals

these next milestones have not been met with production method `1`

however, ATRAP has demonstrated

- a method to measure antihydrogen speed
- a method to measure the binding energy of antihydrogen atoms

likely production method `2` gives antihydrogen with the low energy distribution of the antiprotons from which they form.

2004 Run

Goals:

- producing and observing colder antihydrogen atoms
- producing and observing less excited antihydrogen atoms
- obtaining larger numbers of positrons and antiprotons
- investigating Ioffe trap induced instabilities

2004 Run

Difficulties:

- PS and AD bad luck → not so efficient, sometimes, beam time extension
→ antiproton pulses vary in intensity:
normalization problems

still we appreciate the hard work of people from CERN

- ATRAP difficulties
 - success in getting much larger numbers of positrons led to instabilities in our small trap (ATRAP II is larger)
 - we found it very challenging to fit even more apparatus in our tiny experimental volume (ATRAP II is larger)

we are still analyzing our Ioffe stability measurements

Progress has been made, but no big punch lines so far

ATRAP II – solenoid, dewar, and outer detectors commissioned



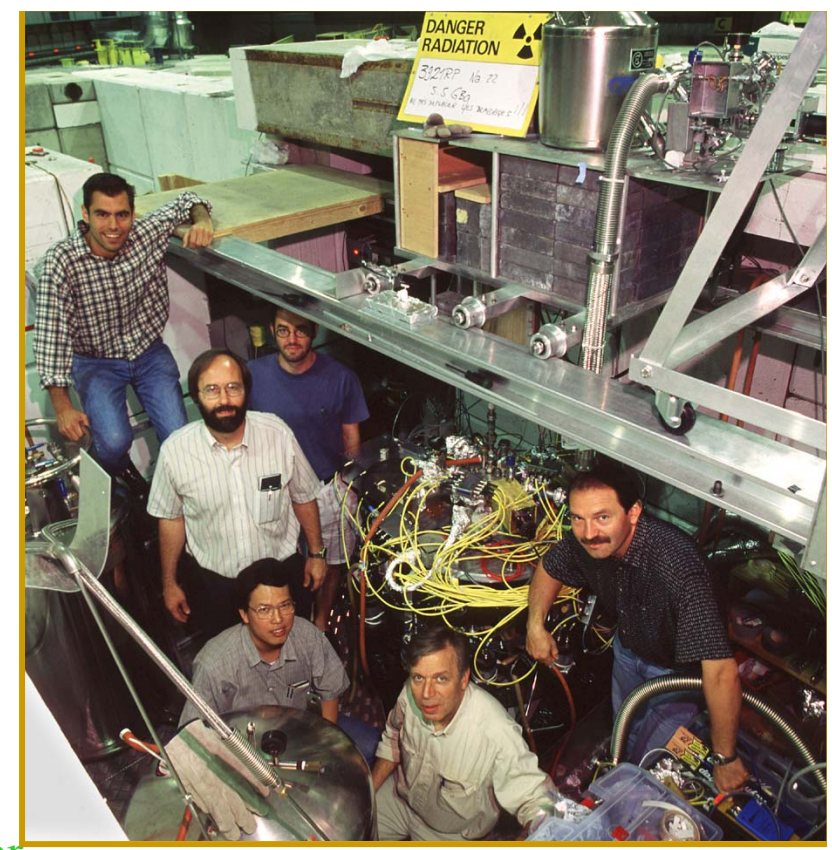
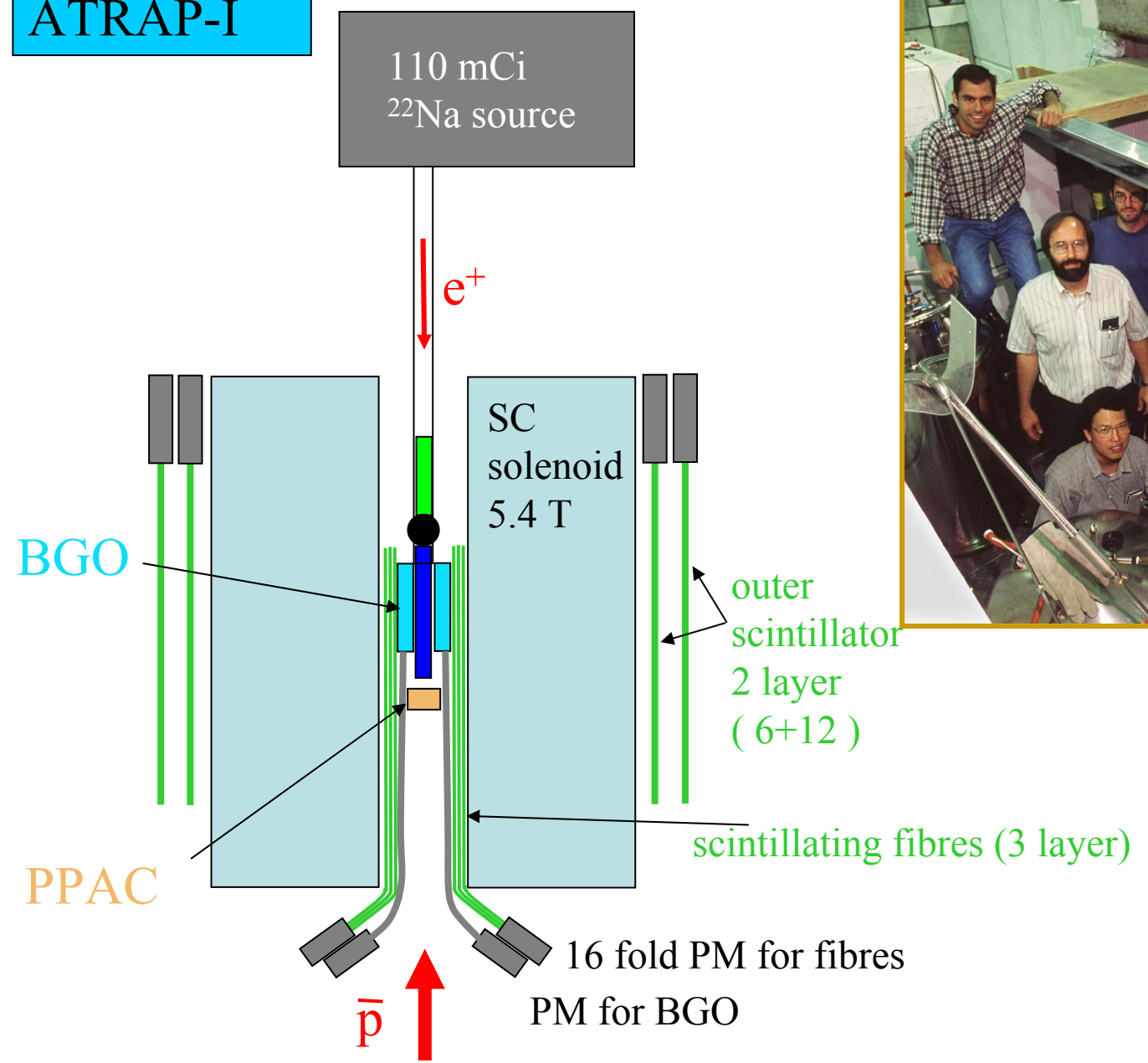
much larger apparatus with volume available for Particle trapping, detection systems, and laser excess.

The company building the large superconducting solenoid and dewar for ATRAP II experienced many delays

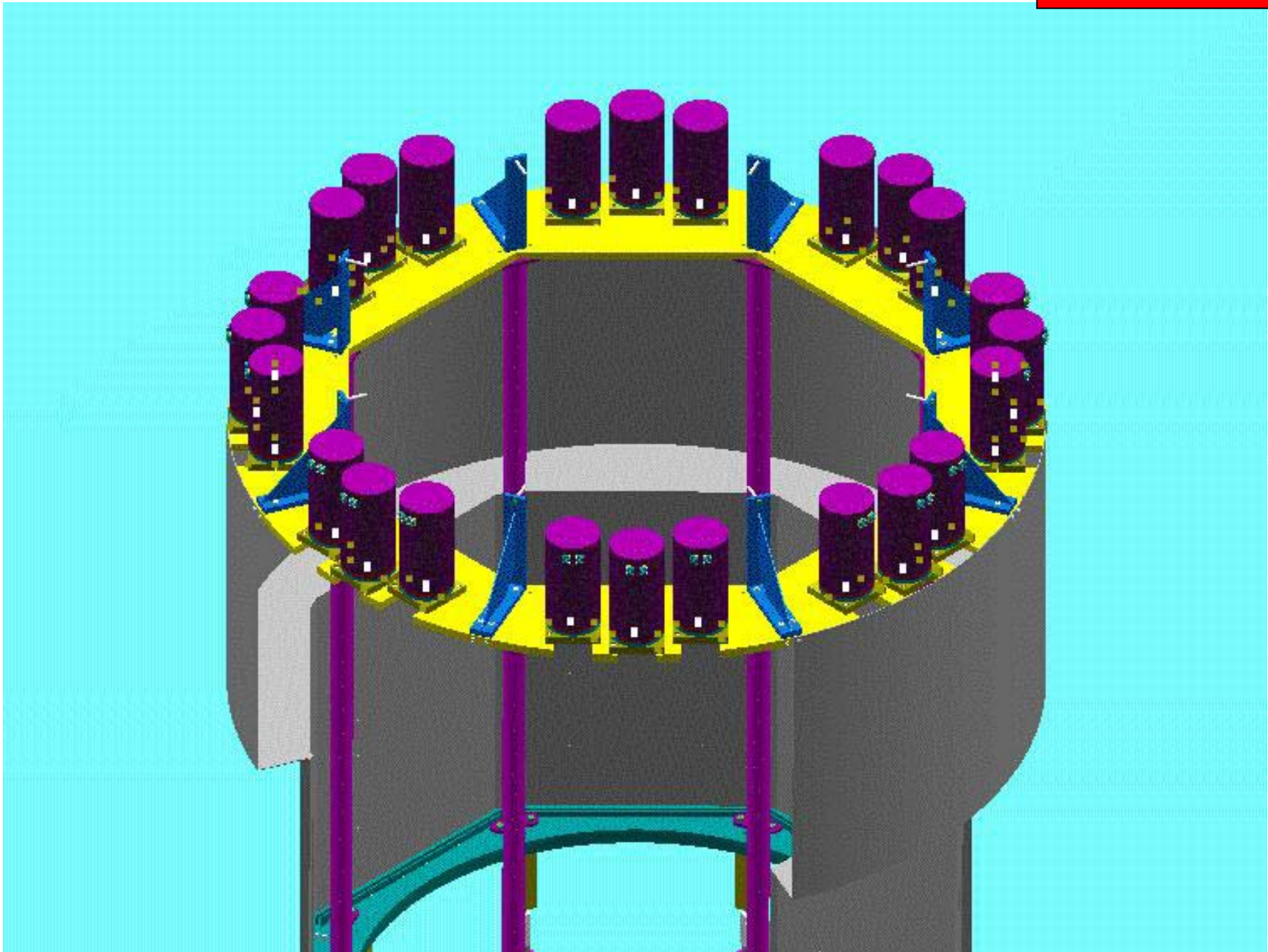
Good news: the solenoid, dewar, and first detectors are now installed and are operational.

ATRAP intends to shift mostly to ATRAP II when antiprotons are again available at the AD

ATRAP-I



ATRAP-II



Antiprotons – needed improvements

Status: 4.2 K antiprotons are routinely accumulated

Improvements?

- needed: much lower temperatures when
- desired: more antiprotons to speed data accumulation
- desired: more antiprotons to improve spectroscopy
signal-to-noise

Decelerator (ELENA)?

- would give the much larger antiproton rate desired
- small ring would fit in AD hall
- new beam lines would be needed
- magnetic fields from experimental apparatus
- substantial cost

positron accumulation

Status: two methods routinely accumulate positrons
enough positrons are available, all independent of CERN

Ionizing Rydberg positronium – compact, in high field,
high vacuum, lower accumulation rate

Gas slowing – larger, outside of high field,
lower vacuum, higher accumulation rate

another possibility: **Electron plasma slowing ??**

Improvements? Likely need much lower temperatures

crucial experimental milestones have been achieved

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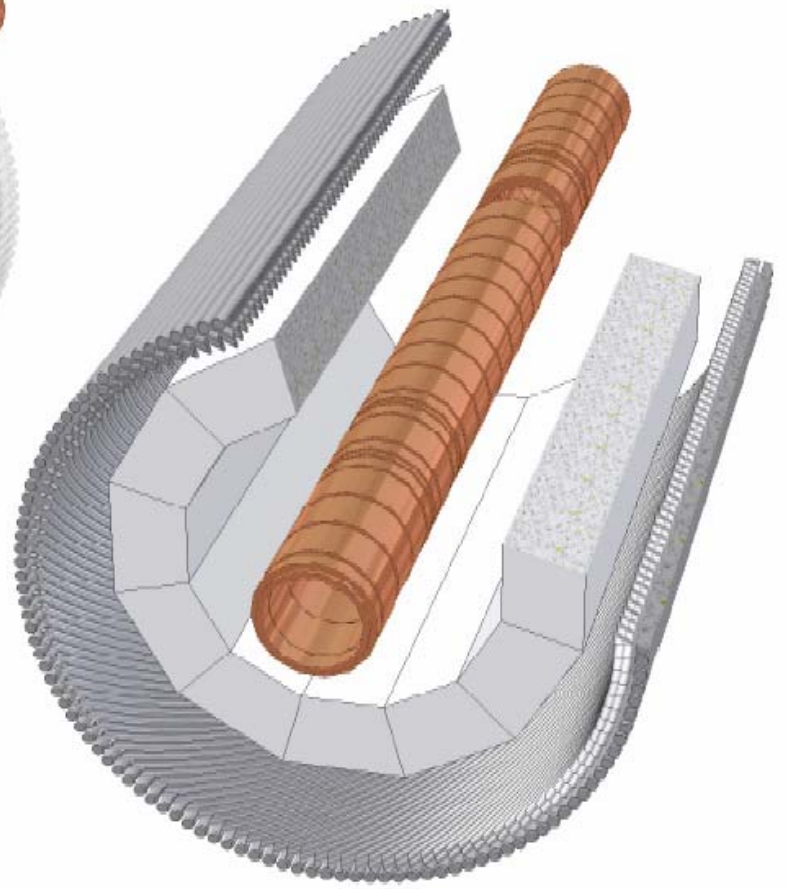
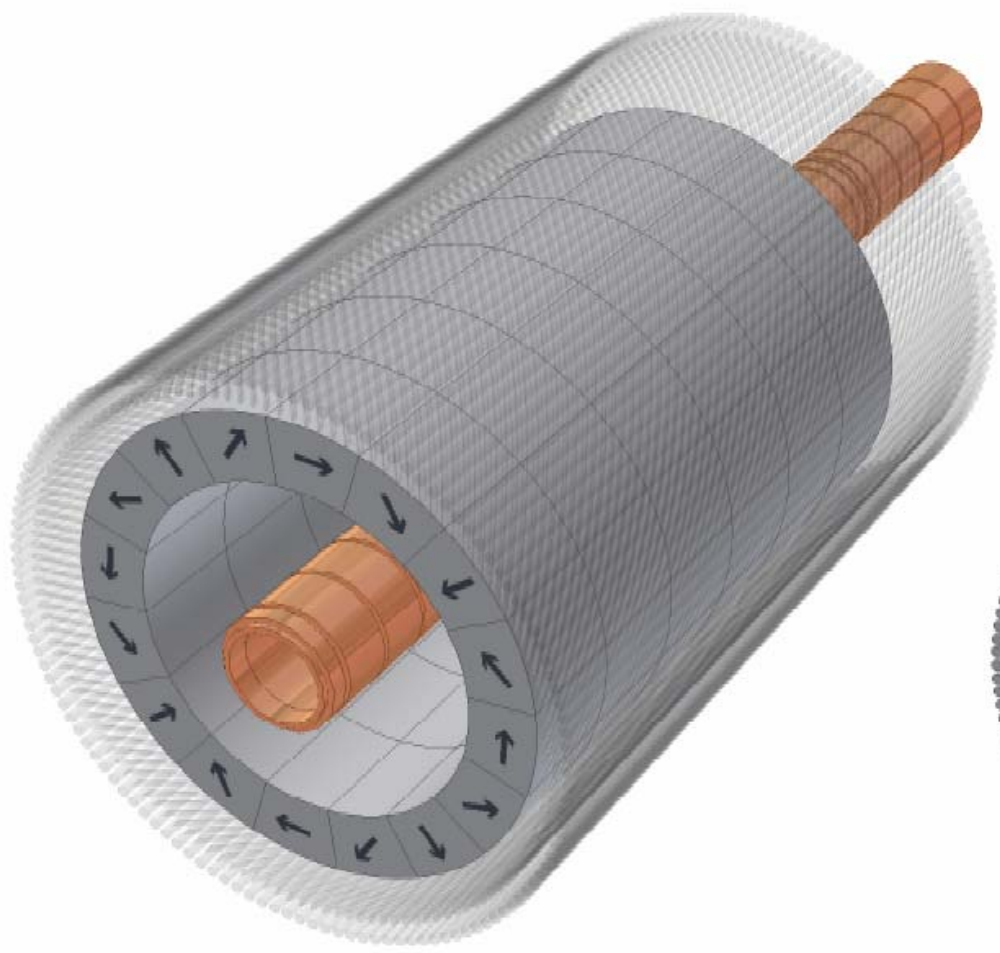
antihydrogen cold enough to trap

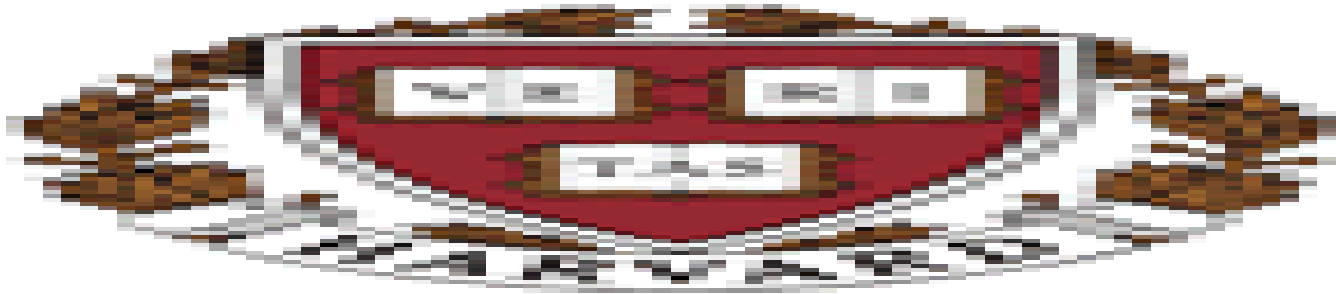
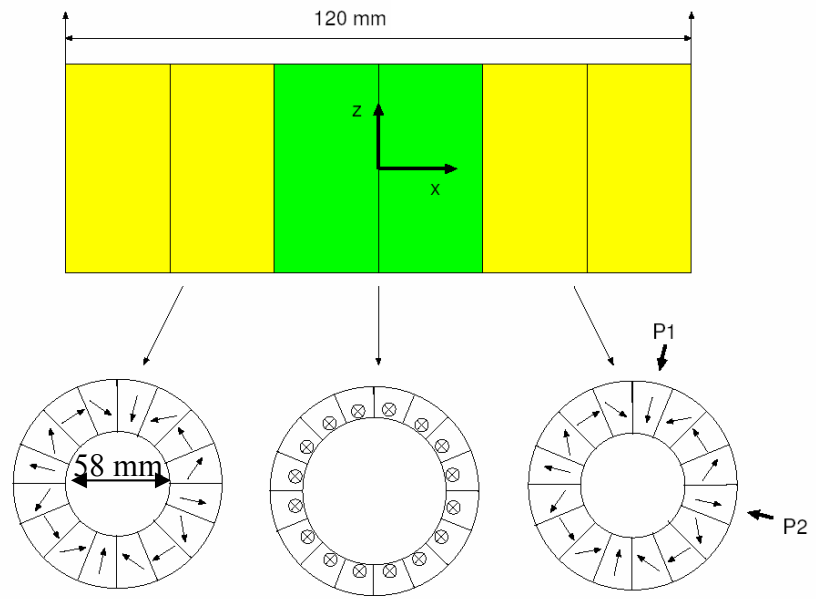
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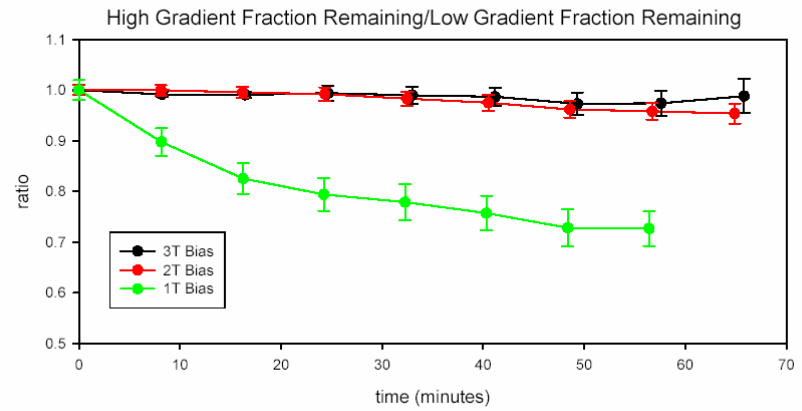
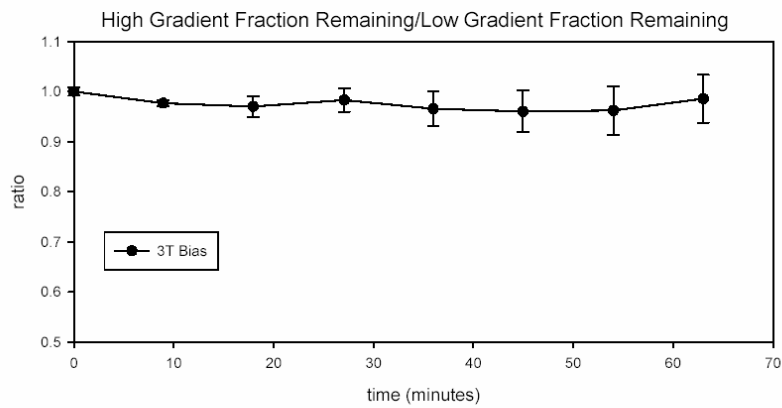
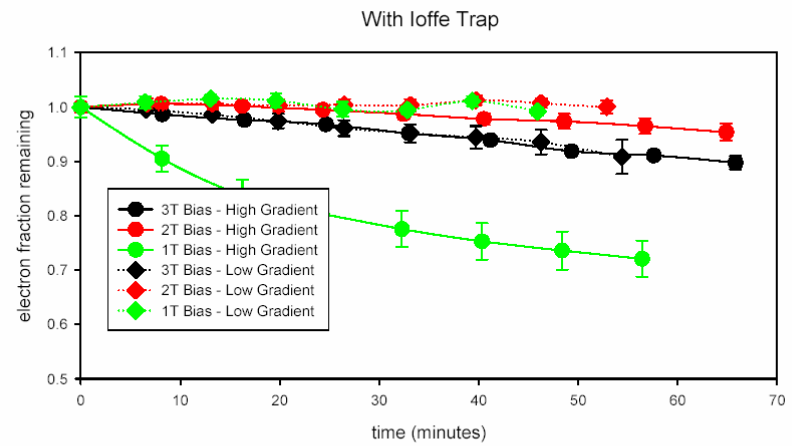
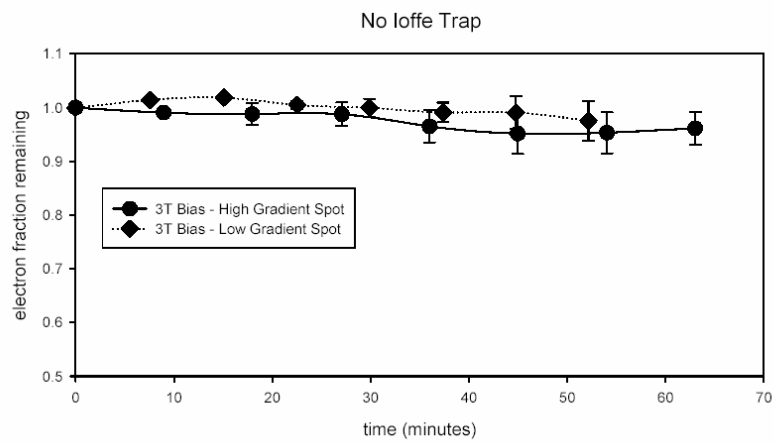
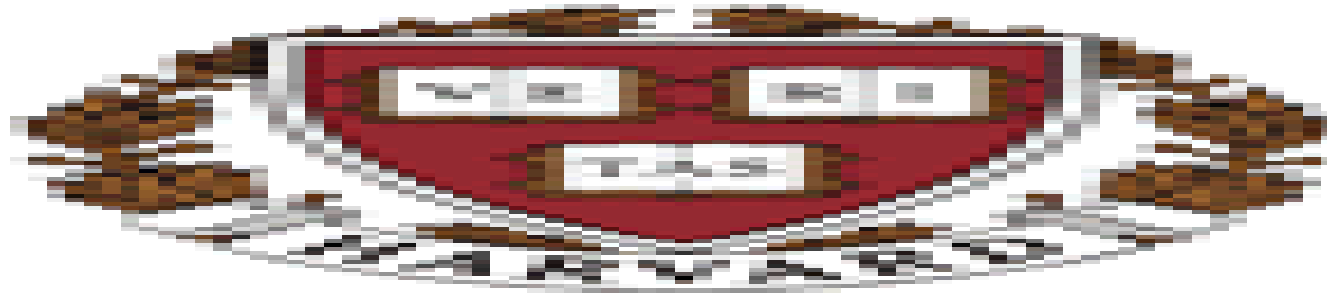
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Summary

- cold antihydrogen studies: unique → CERN
- determination of density and spatial distribution of e^+ and \bar{p}
→ optimize \bar{H} production
- measurement of n-state distribution
→ de-excitation to the ground state
- velocity measurement of \bar{H}
→ trapping of \bar{H}
- \bar{H} production via double charge exchange production
→ promising in view of de-excitation and trapping

we hope that you are persuaded that ...

1. Cold antihydrogen studies provide a unique opportunity for studies of high scientific importance – studies that are only possible at CERN.
2. These studies are proving to be just as challenging as was anticipated when the long-term AD program was established, given the need to develop and demonstrated many new techniques.
3. Important recent milestones signal great progress
 - Slow antihydrogen atoms can now be produced using two entirely different methods.
 - A method has been devised to measure the speed of antihydrogen atoms
 - A method has been devised to measure the antihydrogen excitation state

We hope the SPSC is encouraged by the rapid progress and commends it.
4. For highly accurate spectroscopy experiments, ground state atoms that can be trapped are needed. The atoms whose internal states have been probed are still highly excited, and the atoms whose velocity has been measured are moving too rapidly to trap. We hope that the SPSC strongly encourages a proper current emphasis upon
 - speed of antihydrogen atoms (measuring and slowing)
 - state of antihydrogen atoms (measuring and deexciting)

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5. as long as steady progress is reported, we hope that the SPSC will strongly support the ongoing antihydrogen research program.
6. we hope that the committee will note with great interest the studies suggesting that the number of antiprotons that could be made available for antihydrogen experiments (and other users) could be dramatically increased by approximately a factor of 100 if a small decelerator ring could be added at the AD facility. ELENA, see Villars presentation by Pavel Beloshitskii et al,

Thank You!