

# ASACUSA: Measuring the Antiproton Mass and Magnetic Moment

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# Outline

- CPT Invariance and its Tests
- The Antiproton Decelerator at CERN
- The Charge and Mass of the Antiproton
- The Magnetic Moment of the Antiproton
- Outlook: ELENA

R.S. Hayano et al.: *Antiprotonic helium and CPT invariance*,  
**Reports on Progress in Physics**, 70 (2007) 1995-2065.

M. Hori et al.: *Two-photon laser spectroscopy of  $p\bar{a}r\text{-He}^+$  and the antiproton-to-electron mass ratio*, **Nature** 475 (2011) 484-488;  
**Few Body Systems** 54 (2013) 917-922

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# CPT Invariance

Charge conjugation:  $C|\mathbf{p}(r, t)\rangle = |\bar{\mathbf{p}}(r, t)\rangle$

Space reflection:  $P|\mathbf{p}(r, t)\rangle = |\mathbf{p}(-r, t)\rangle$

Time reversal:  $T|\mathbf{p}(r, t)\rangle = |\mathbf{p}(r, -t)\rangle$

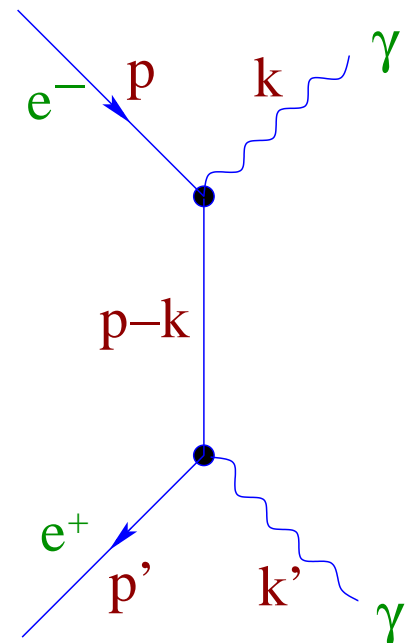
Basic assumption of field theory:

$$CPT|\mathbf{p}(r, t)\rangle = |\bar{\mathbf{p}}(-r, -t)\rangle \sim |\mathbf{p}(r, t)\rangle$$

meaning free antiparticle  $\sim$  particle  
going backwards in space and time.

Giving up  $CPT$  one has to give up:

- locality of interactions  $\Rightarrow$  causality, or
- unitarity  $\Rightarrow$  conservation of matter, information, ... or
- Lorentz invariance



# CPT Invariance: violation?

Field theorists in general: *CPT* cannot be violated!

*CPT*-violating theories:

(Alan Kostelecký, F.R. Klinkhamer, N.E. Mavromatos et al)

- Standard Model valid up to Planck scale ( $\sim 10^{19}$  GeV).  
Above Planck scale new physics  $\Rightarrow$   
Lorentz violation possible
- Quantum gravity: fluctuations  $\Rightarrow$  Lorentz violation  
Loss of information in black holes  $\Rightarrow$  unitarity violation

Motivation for testing *CPT* at low energy

- Quantitative expression of Lorentz and *CPT* invariance  
needs violating theory
- Low-energy tests can limit possible high energy  
violation

# How to test $CPT$ ?

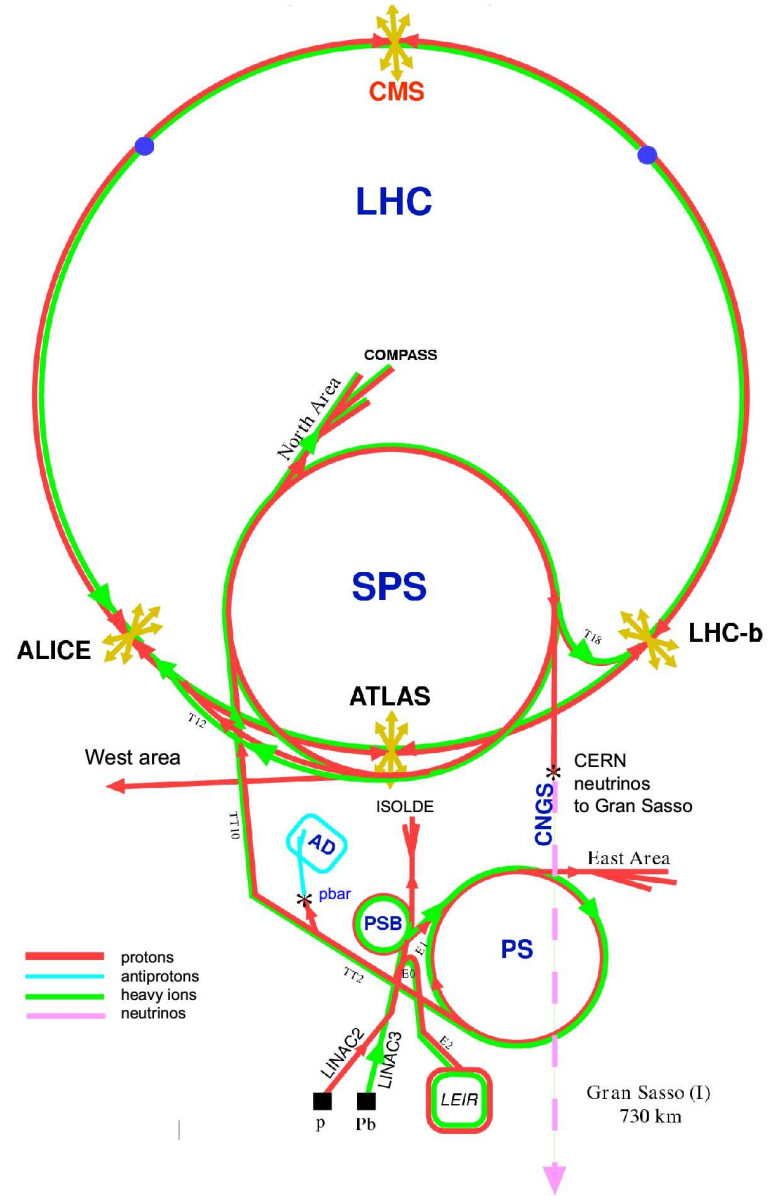
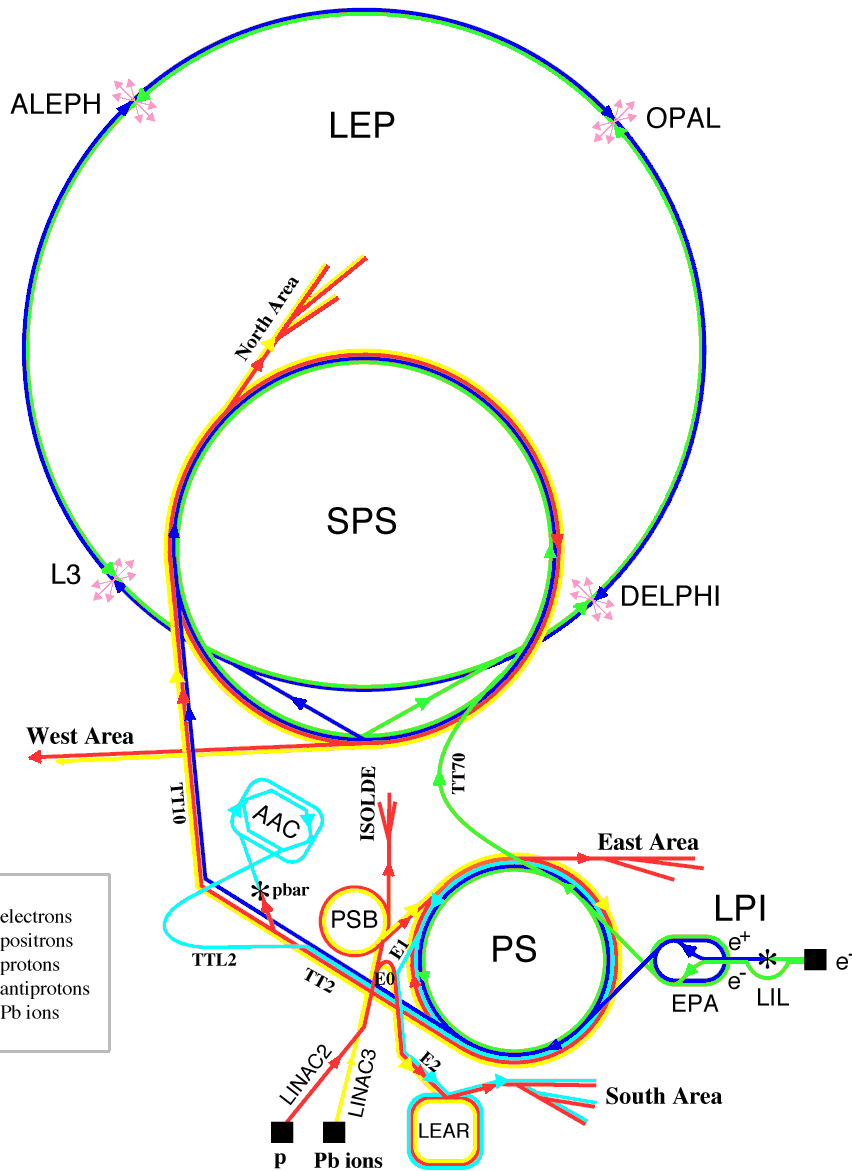
Particle = – antiparticle ?

- $[m(K^0) - m(\bar{K}^0)]/m(\text{average}) < 10^{-18}$
- proton  $\sim$  antiproton? (compare  $m, q, \vec{\mu}$ )
- hydrogen  $\sim$  antihydrogen? ( $2S - 1S$ , HFS)

# Accelerators at CERN

1989–2000

2009–2025??



# The Antiproton Decelerator at CERN



has been built to test *CPT* invariance



Three experiments test CPT:

ATRAP:  $q(\bar{p})/m(\bar{p}) \leftrightarrow q(p)/m(p)$

$\bar{H}(2S - 1S) \leftrightarrow H(2S - 1S)$

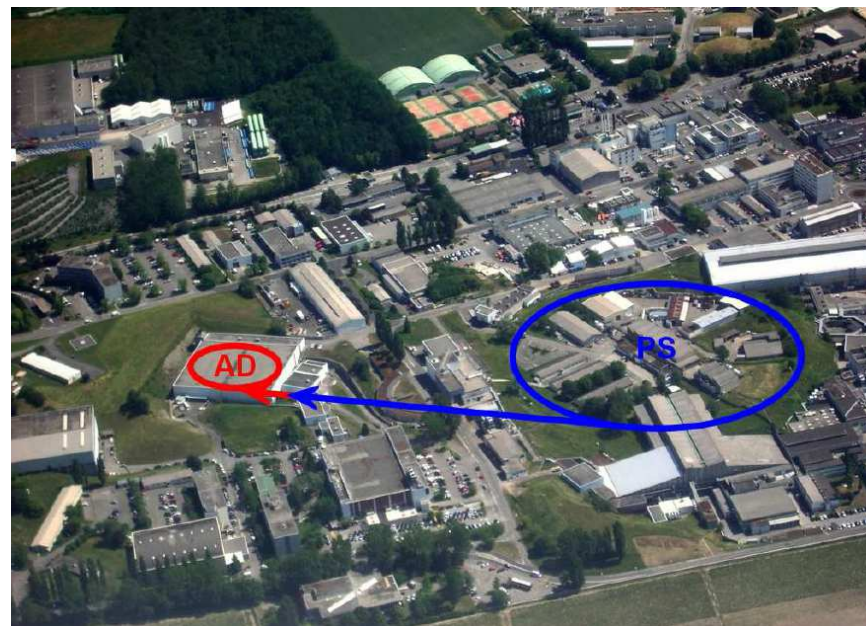
ALPHA:  $\bar{H}(2S - 1S) \leftrightarrow H(2S - 1S)$

ASACUSA:  $q(\bar{p})^2 m(\bar{p}) \leftrightarrow q(p)^2 m(p)$

$\mu_\ell(\bar{p}) \leftrightarrow \mu_\ell(p)$

$\bar{H} \leftrightarrow H$  HF structure

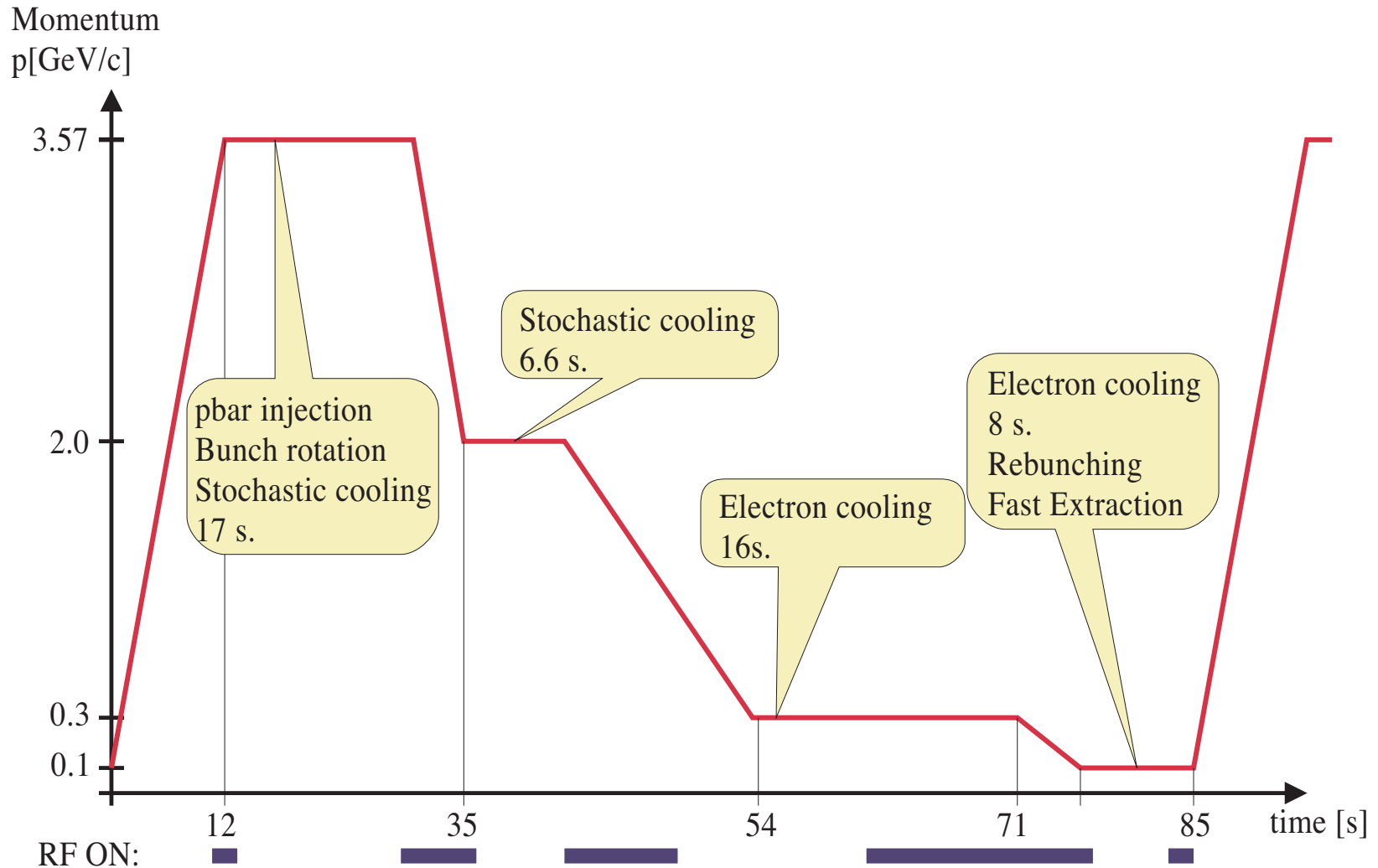
RED: done, GREEN: planned



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# The Antiproton Decelerator: cooling



$\sim 4 \times 10^7$  100 MeV/c antiprotons every 85 s

Pavel Belochitskii: AIP Conf. Proc. 821 (2006) 48





# Mass and Charge of Antiproton

Proton's well (?) known:

$$m(p)/m(e) = 1836.15267245(75)$$

$$q(e) = 1.602176565(35) \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\text{Precision: } 4 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ and } 2 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

Relative measurements: proton vs. antiproton

Cyclotron frequency in trap  $\rightarrow q/m$

TRAP  $\Rightarrow$  ATRAP collaboration

Harvard, Bonn, München, Seoul

$\bar{p}$  and  $H^-$  together  $\Rightarrow 10^{-10}$  precision

Atomic transitions:

$$E_n \approx -m_{\text{red}} c^2 (Z\alpha)^2 / (2n) \rightarrow m \cdot q^2$$

PS-205  $\Rightarrow$  ASACUSA collaboration

Tokyo, Brescia, Budapest, Debrecen, Munich, Vienna

Atomic  
Spectroscopy  
And  
Collisions  
Using  
Slow  
Antiprotons

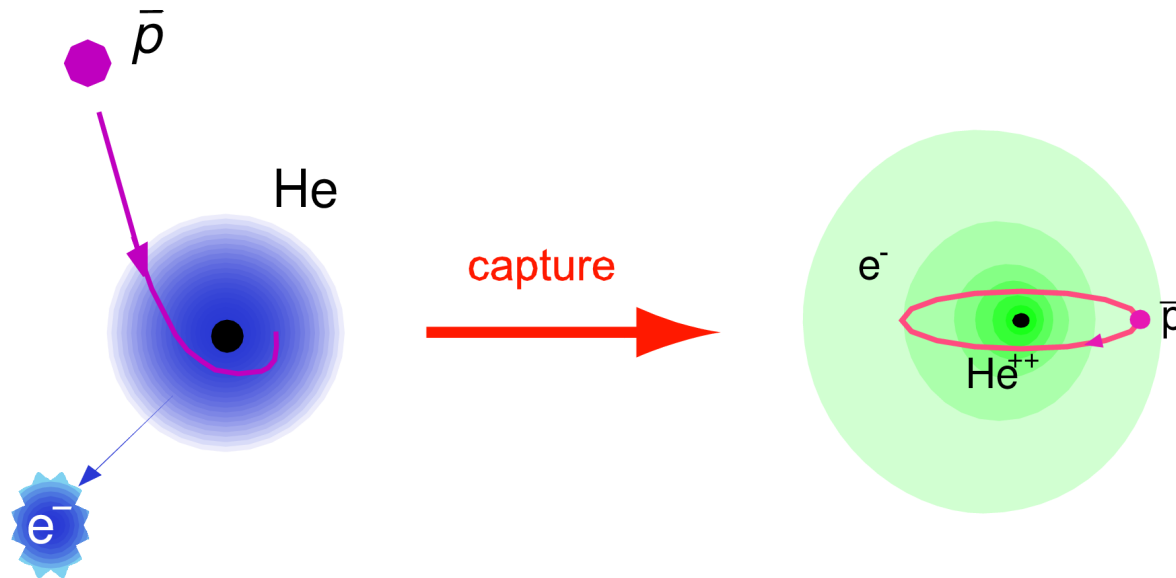


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# Metastable hadronic atoms

In matter (gas, liquid, solid)  $\tau(\text{hadron}) \sim 1 \text{ ps}$   
except  $\sim 3\%$  of  $X^- \text{He}$ :  $K^-$ ,  $\pi^-$ : decay lifetime;  $\bar{p}$ : 3–4  $\mu\text{s}$



Metastable 3-body system

Auger suppressed, slow radiative transitions only

Electron *cloud* protects  $\bar{p}$  against collisions

Electron tightly bound:  $1S$

$\bar{p}\text{He}$ :  $n \sim 40$ ,  $l \sim n - 1$ , Rydberg state

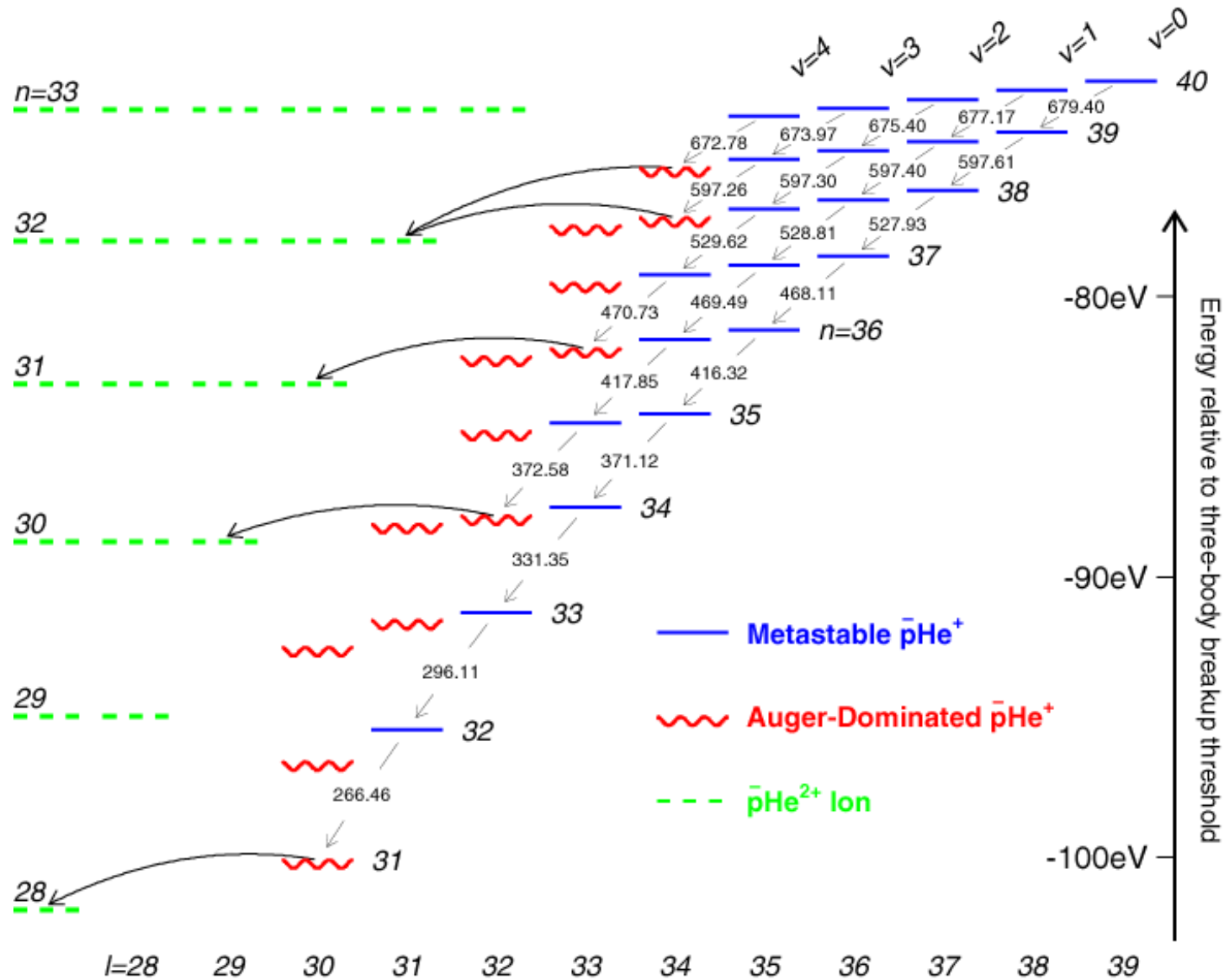


# $\bar{p}$ -He<sup>+</sup>: spectroscopy motivation

- Vladimir Korobov calculates  $\bar{p}$  transition frequencies in  $\bar{p}$ -He<sup>+</sup> with the precision of  $\sim 10^{-9}$
- Determination of antiproton-to-electron mass ratio to  $1.3 \times 10^{-9}$ .  
→ Dimensionless fundamental constant of nature.
- Determination of electron mass in a.u. to  $1.3 \times 10^{-9}$   
→ One of the data points for CODATA2010 average.
- When combined with cyclotron frequency of antiprotons in a Penning trap measured by the TRAP collaboration, comparison of antiproton and proton mass and charge to  $7 \times 10^{-10}$   
→ CPT consistency test in PDG2012.



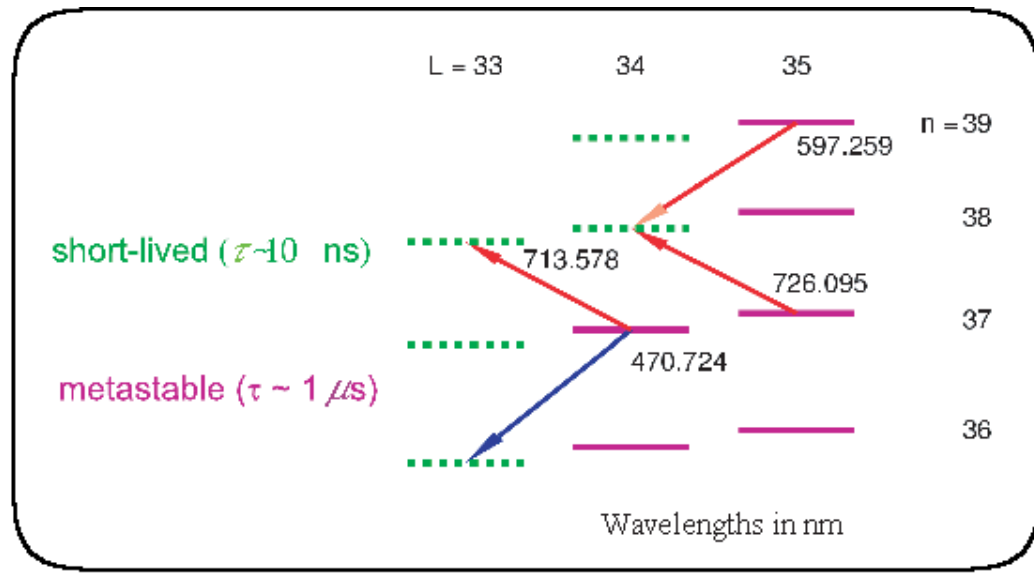
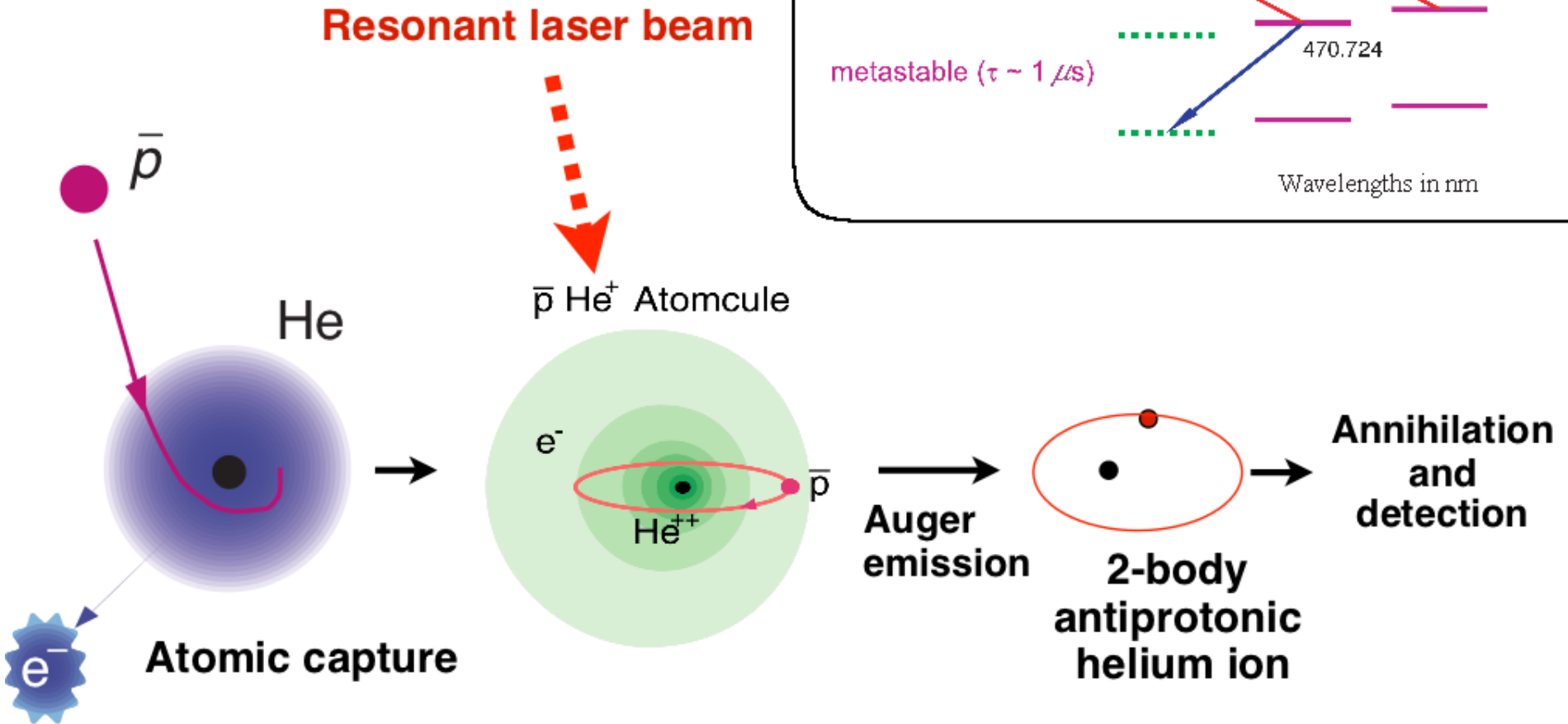
# Energy levels of $\bar{p}\text{He}^4$



Level energies in eV, transition wavelengths in nm



# Laser spectroscopy of antiprotonic helium

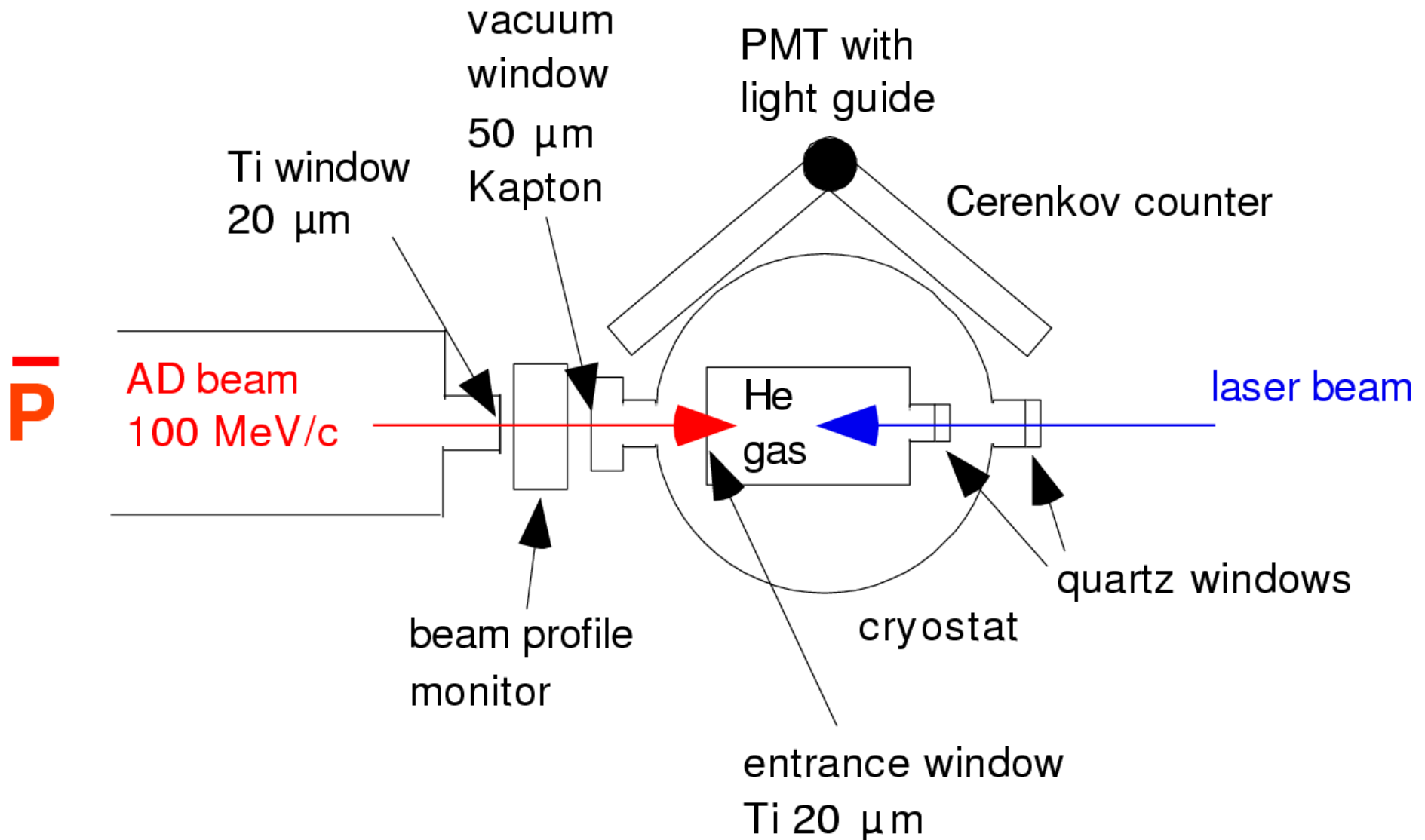


Induce **transition** between long-lived and short-lived states

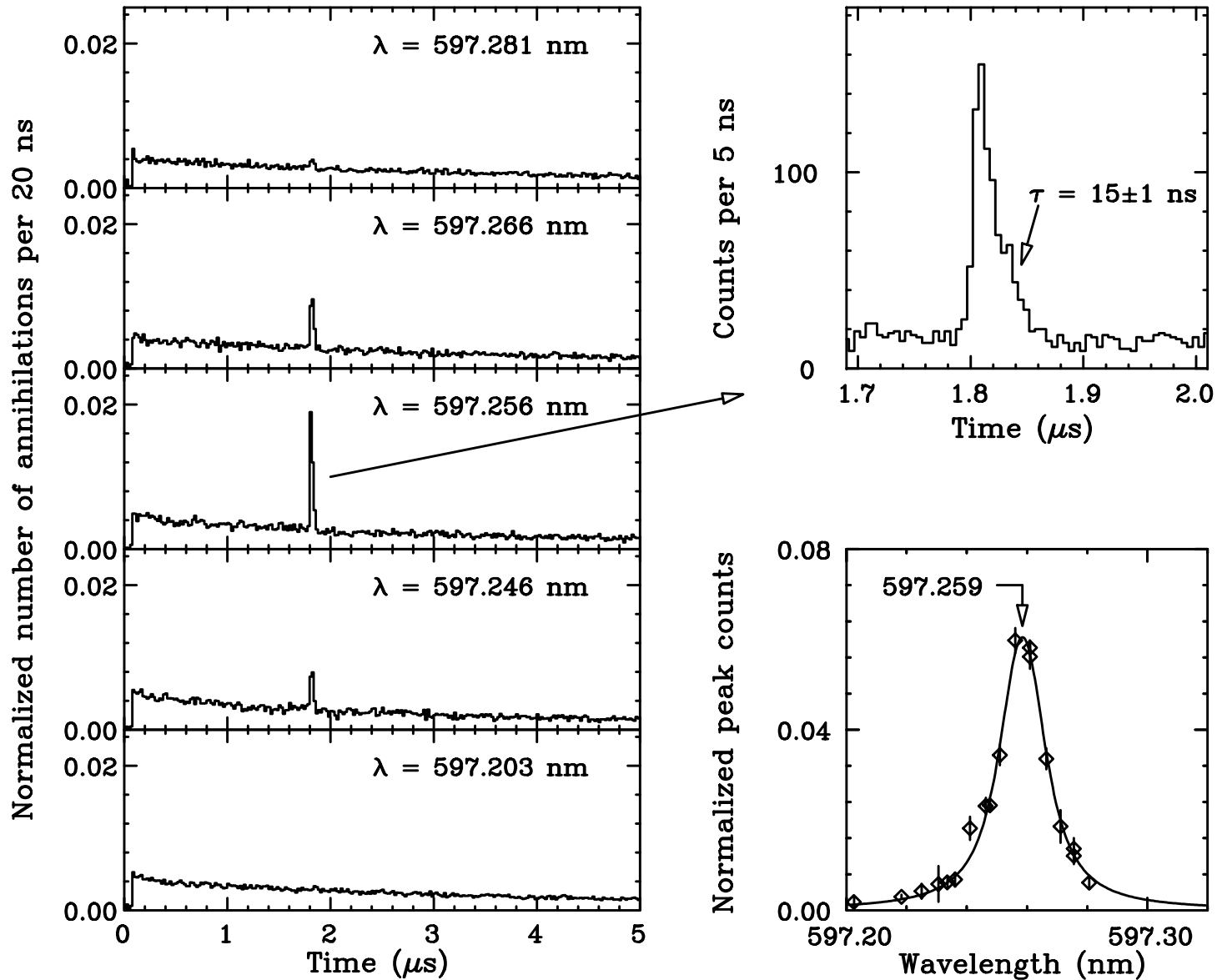
Force **prompt annihilation**



# ASACUSA: Spectroscopy setup



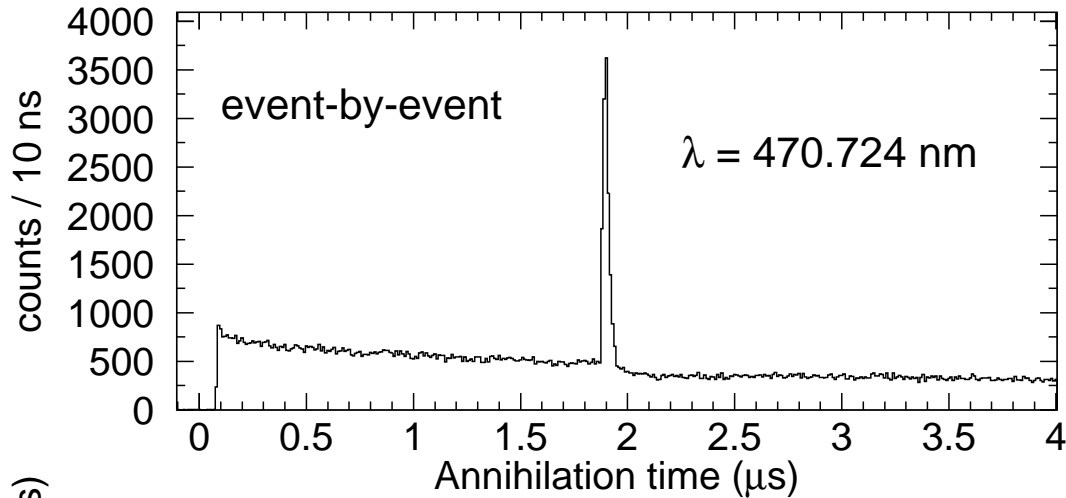
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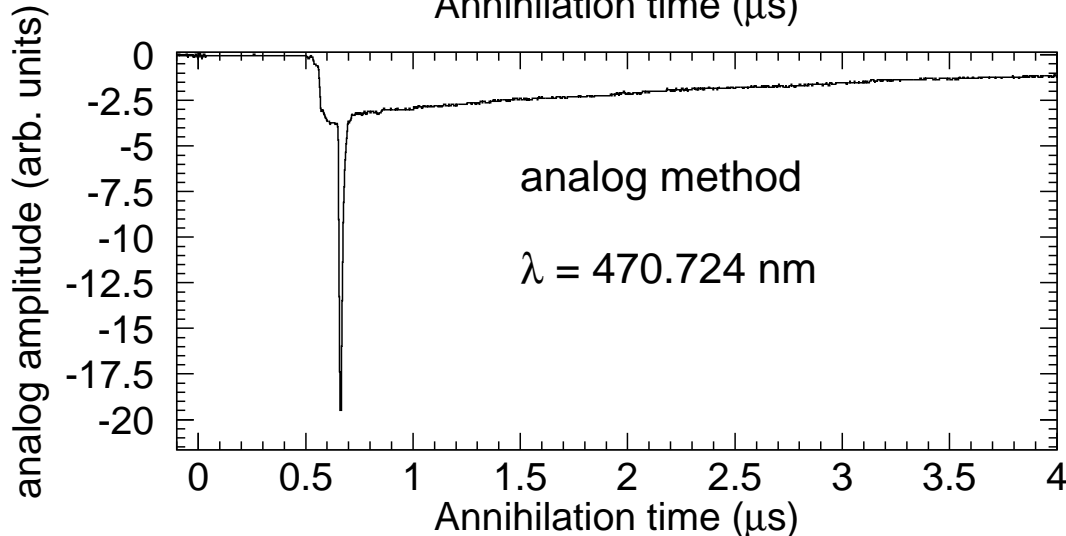
N. Morita et al, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 72 (1994) 1180–1183.



# Laser spectroscopy: LEAR vs AD



LEAR: slow extraction  
 $10^6$  laser shots, 50  
min



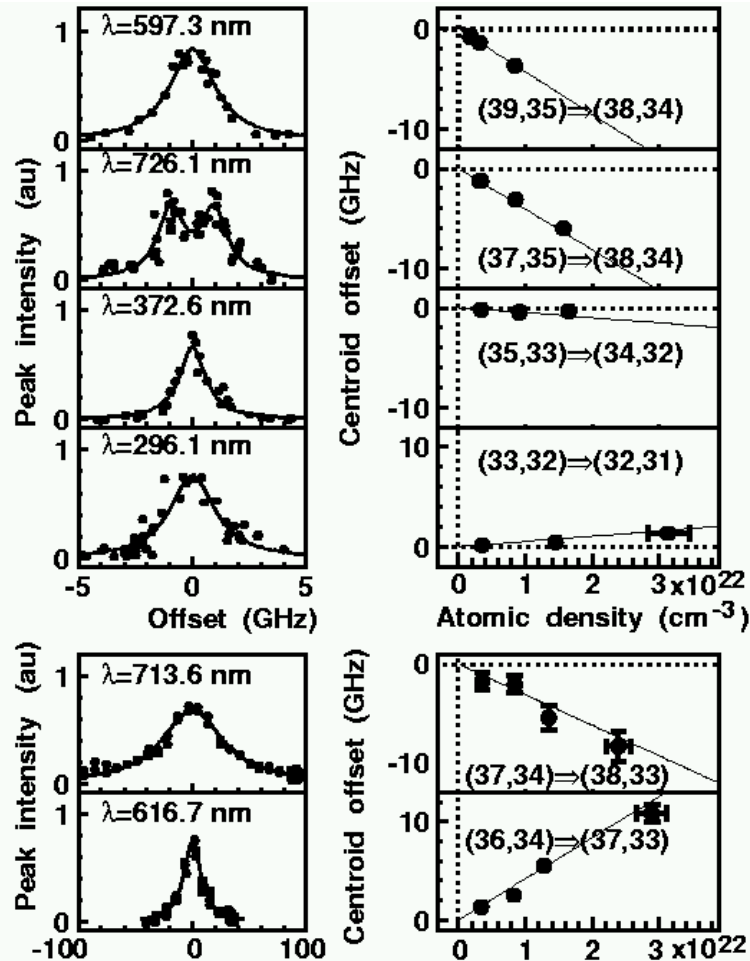
AD: fast extraction  
1 laser shot, 2 min

Gated phototube: prompt annihilation (97%  $\bar{p}$ ) off  
(Hamamatsu)





# Transition frequencies in isolated $\bar{p}\text{He}^+$ atoms



M. Hori et al.,

Phys. Rev. Lett. 87 (2001) 093401.

Exp. precision limited by: collisions,  
Doppler broadening, laser bandwidth

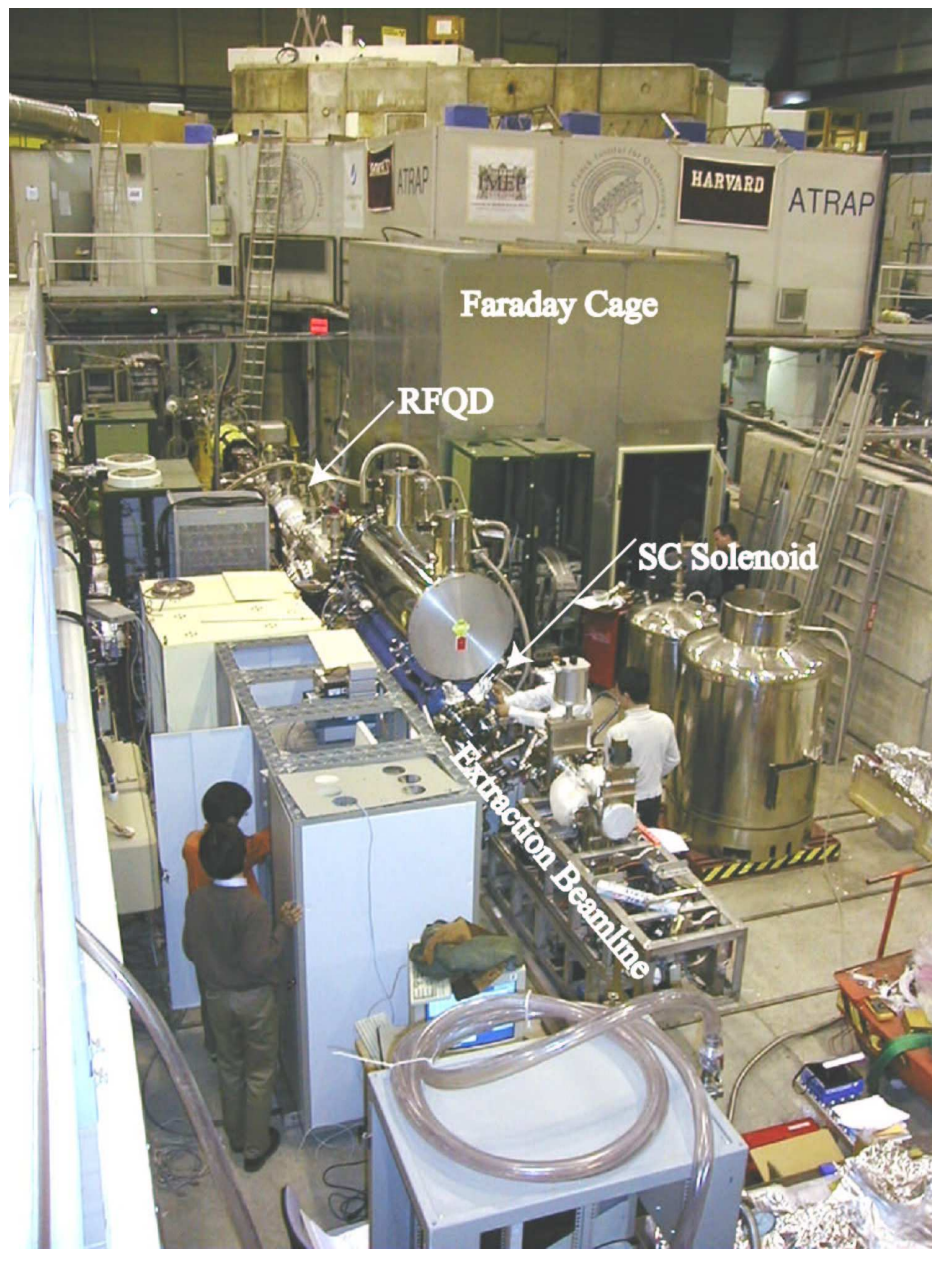
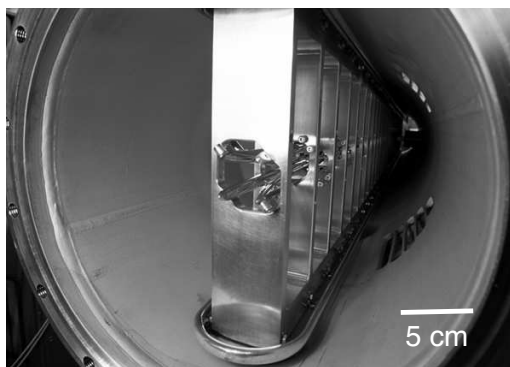
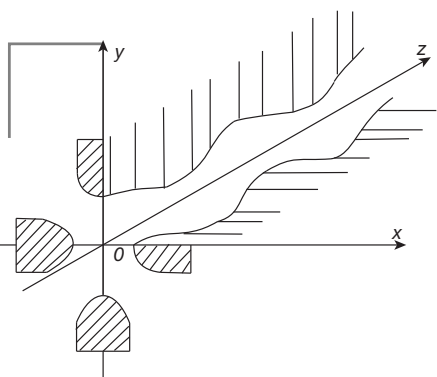
- 1996-2002: measured density dependence, extrapolated to zero
- 2003-2004: reduced collisional effects by stopping slow  $\bar{p}$  from RFQ post-decelerator in low-pressure ( $< 1$  mbar), cryogenic target
- 2005-2007: reduce laser bandwidth using frequency comb
- 2008: start 2-photon spectroscopy

Last published CPT-violation limit by  
1-photon spectroscopy:

2 ppb ( $2 \times 10^{-9}$ ) at CL 90%.

M. Hori et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 96 (2006) 243401.

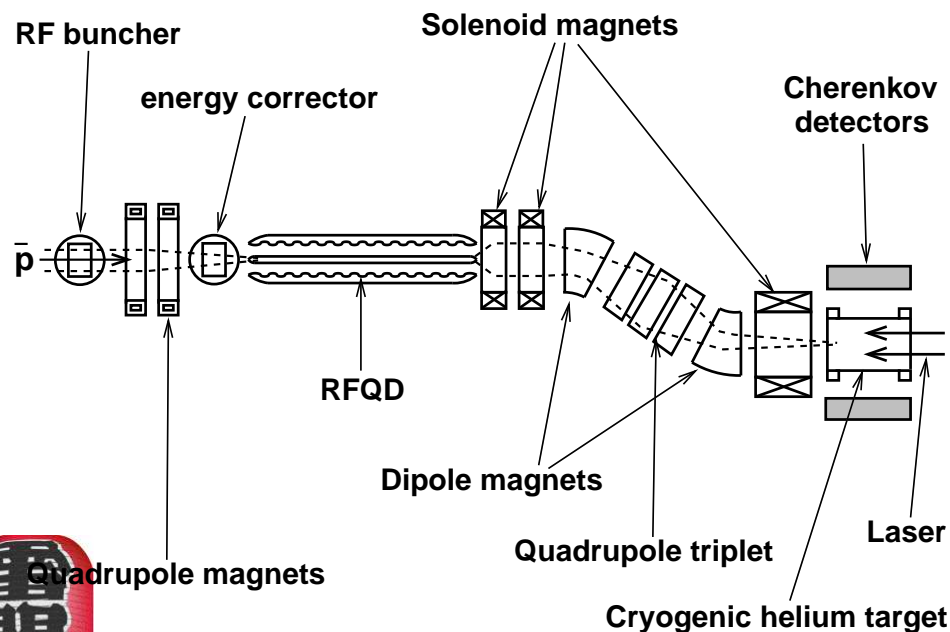
# Radiofrequency quadrupole decelerator



Focussing-defocussing in alternate planes

$\sim 170$  kV;  $f \sim 202$  MHz; bias  $\sim \pm 55$  kV

$5.3$  MeV  $\rightarrow$   $65$  keV: efficiency  $\sim 30\%$



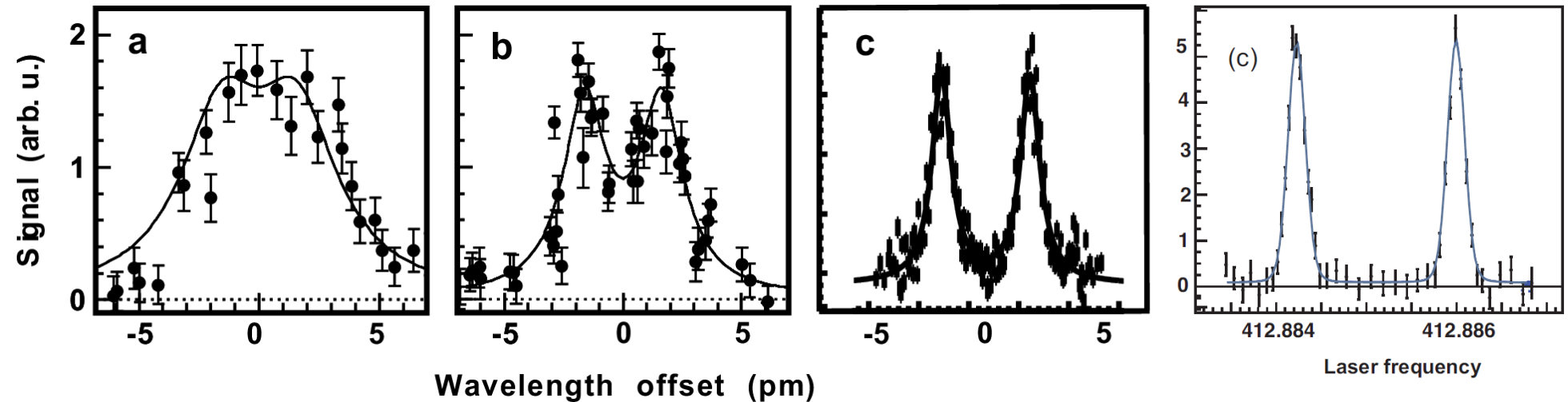
# Resolution and stability

2000

2002

2004

2010



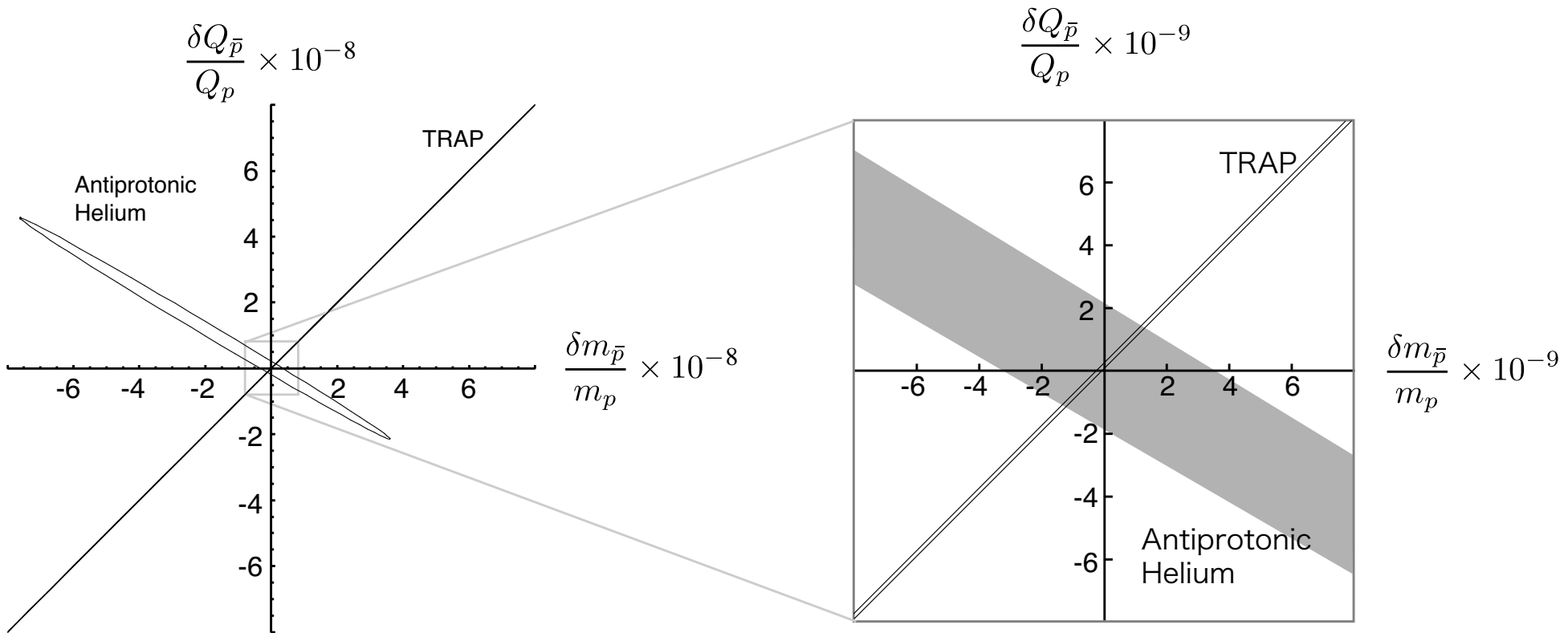
Dramatic improvement of resolution and stability

Resonance profile of the  
 $(n, \ell) = (37, 35) \rightarrow (38, 34)$  transition at  $\lambda = 726.1 \text{ nm}$

2010: He at  $T = 1.5 \text{ K}$ , Ti:Sapphire pulsed laser



# Determination of $m(\bar{p}), q(\bar{p})$



Determination of antiproton mass and charge:  
possible deviation from those of the proton

TRAP:  $m/Q$ ; ASACUSA:  $m \cdot Q^2$



# Two-photon spectroscopy

In low density gas main precision limitation:  
thermal Doppler broadening even at  $T < 10$  K

Excite  $\Delta\ell = 2$  transition with 2 photons

Two counterpropagating photons with  $\nu_1 \sim \nu_2$   
eliminate 1st order Doppler effect

Laser linewidth should not overlap with resonance

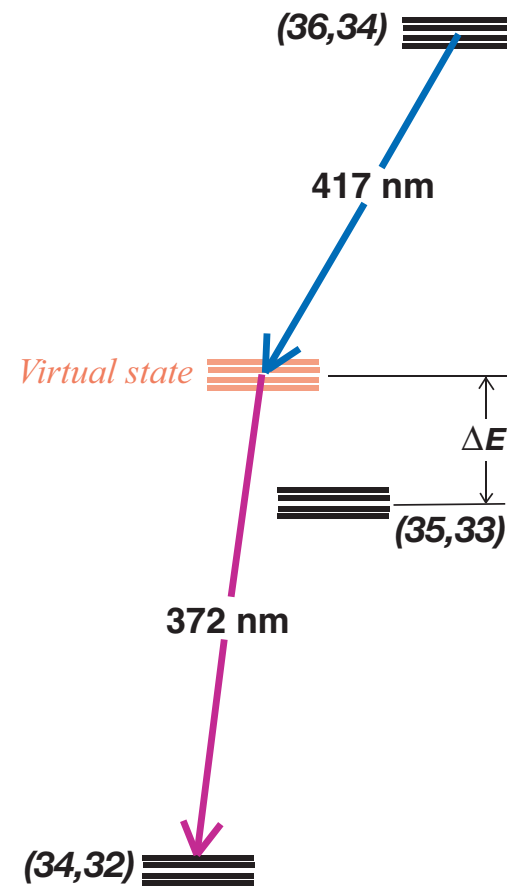
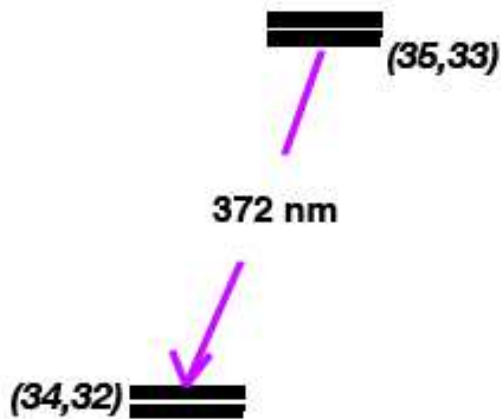
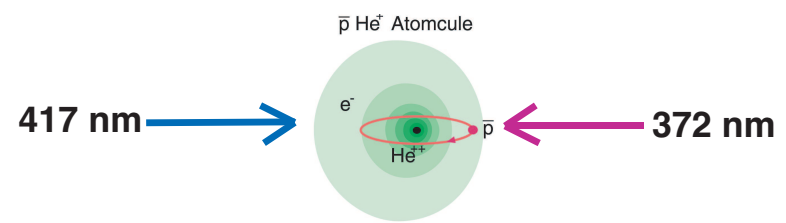
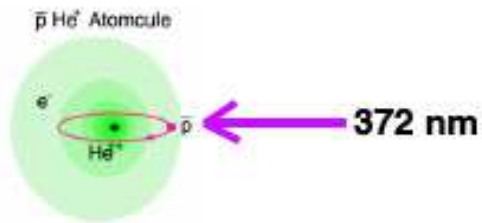
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# 1-photon vs 2-photon spectroscopy



# Near-resonant two-photon spectroscopy

$$(n, \ell) = (36, 34) \rightarrow (34, 32)$$

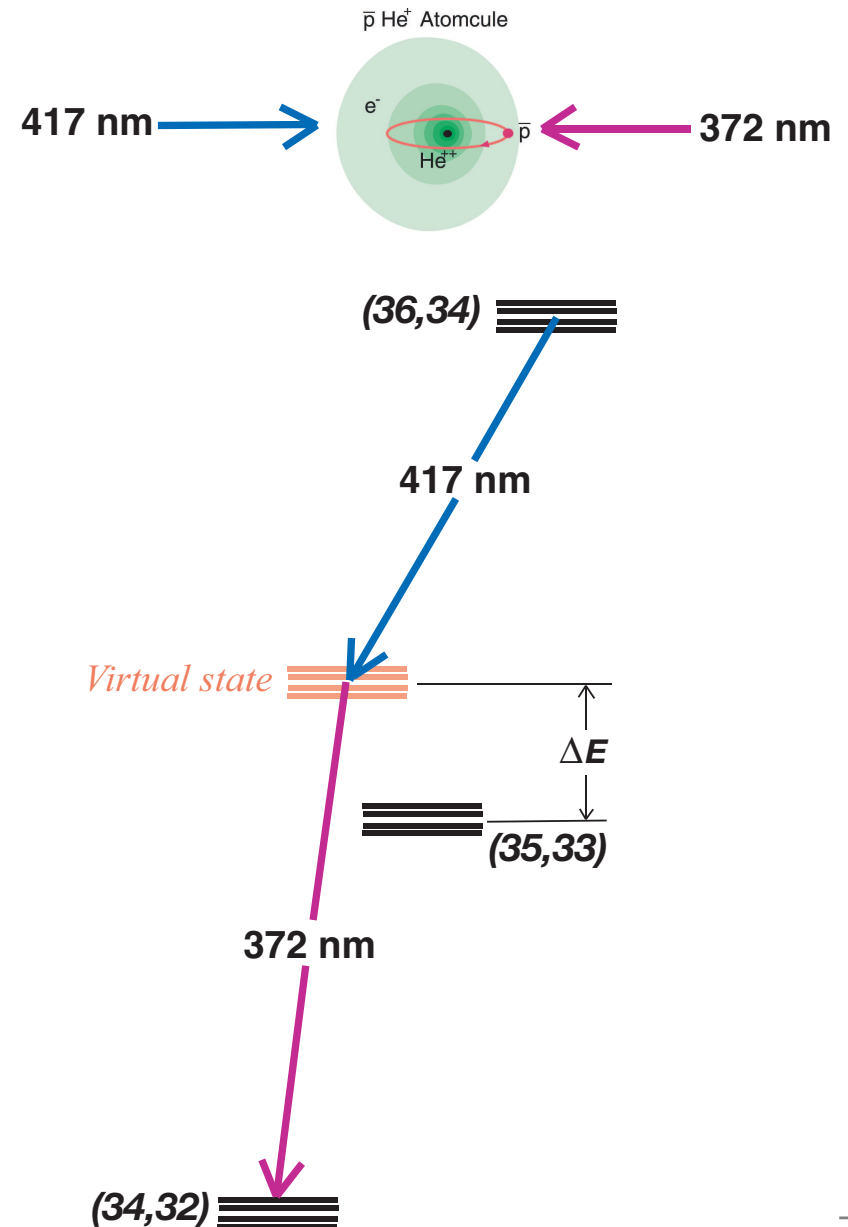
Doppler suppression:

$$\Delta\nu_{\gamma_1\gamma_2} = \left| \frac{\nu_1 - \nu_2}{\nu_1 + \nu_2} \right| \Delta\nu_{\text{Doppler}}$$

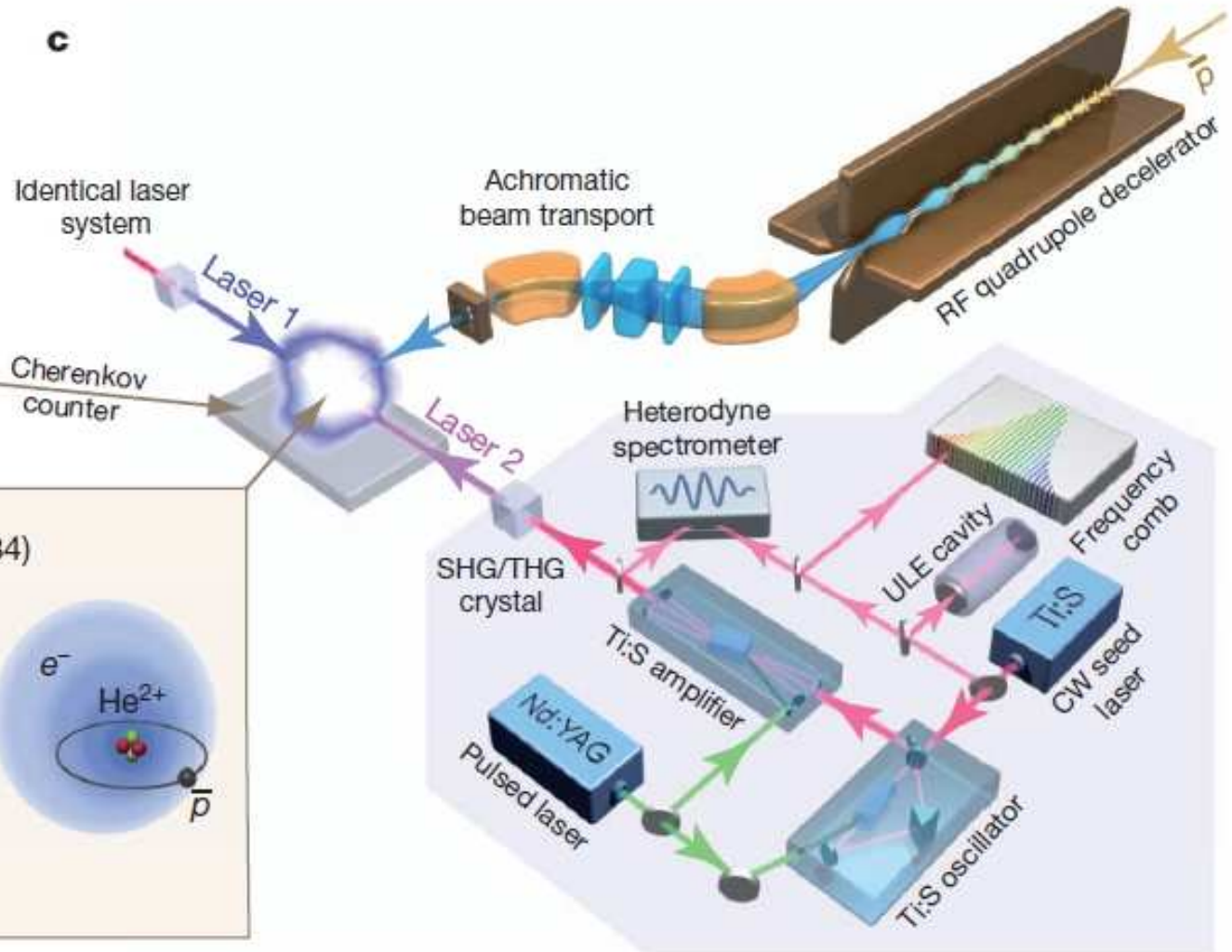
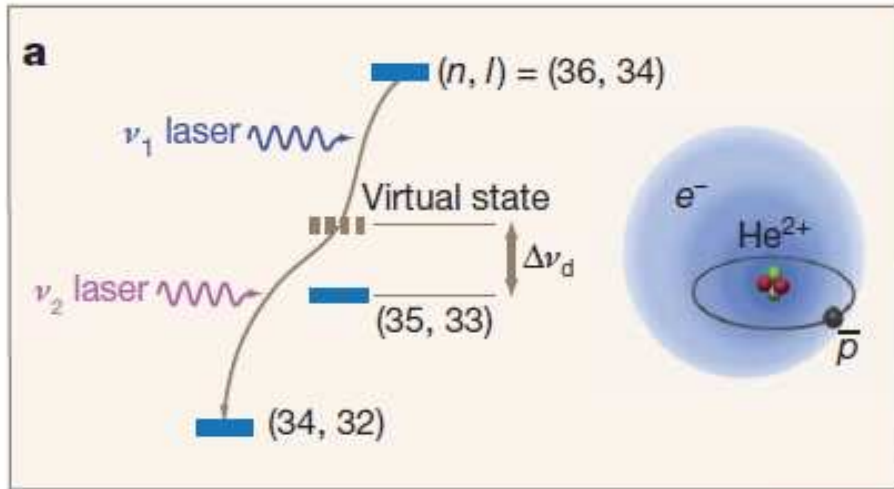
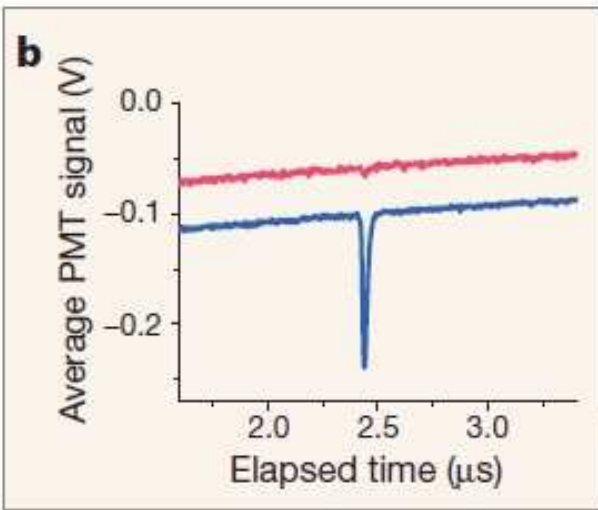
Gain:  $\sim 20\times$

Limitation: residual Doppler, frequency chirp systematics

Expected  $\Delta f \sim \text{few MHz}$



# Two-photon spectroscopy: setup



M. Hori et al., *Nature* 475 (2011) 484-488





# Two-photon spectroscopy: parameters

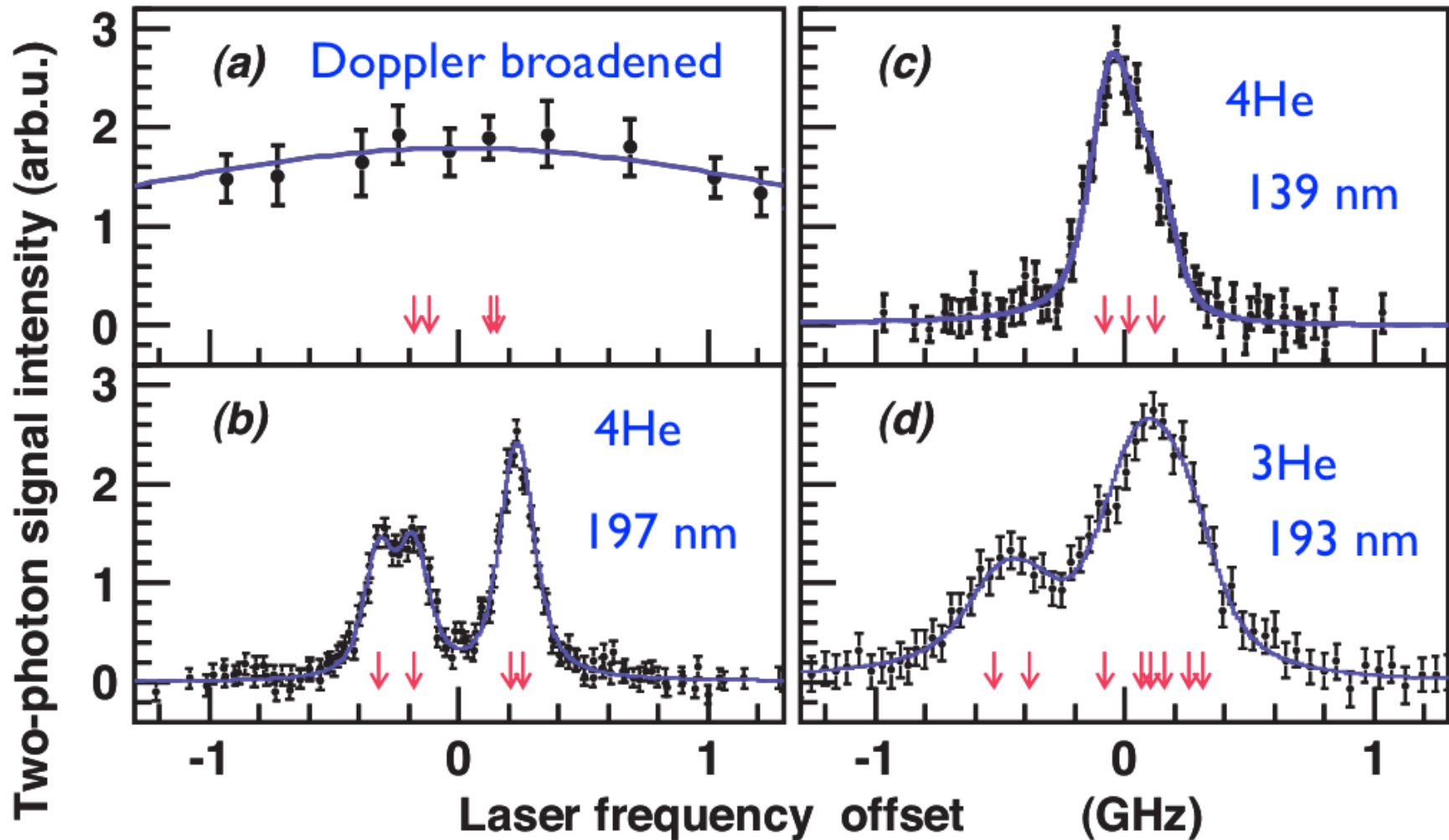
- Precision of lasers:  $< 1.4 \times 10^{-9}$ .
- $7 \times 10^6$   $\bar{p}$ /pulse,  $E \approx 70$  keV, 200 ns long,  $\text{Ø}20$  mm.
- Target: He gas,  $T \approx 15$  K,  $p = 0.8 - 3$  mbar
- Laser beams:  $\lambda_1 = 417$  nm,  $\lambda_2 = 372$  nm,  $P \approx 1$  mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Transition:  $(n=36, l=34) \rightarrow (n=34, l=32)$ ;  $\Delta\nu = 6$  GHz
- Measured linewidth:  $\approx 200$  MHz
- Width: Residual Doppler broadening, hyperfine structure, Auger lifetime, power broadening.

M. Hori, A. Sótér, D. Barna, A. Dax, R.S. Hayano, S. Friedreich, B. Juhász, T. Pask, E. Widmann, D. Horváth, L. Venturelli, N. Zurlo: „Two-photon laser spectroscopy of  $\bar{p}$ -He<sup>+</sup> and the antiproton-to-electron mass ratio”

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# Two-photon spectroscopy: spectra



M. Hori et al., *Nature* **475** (2011) 484-488

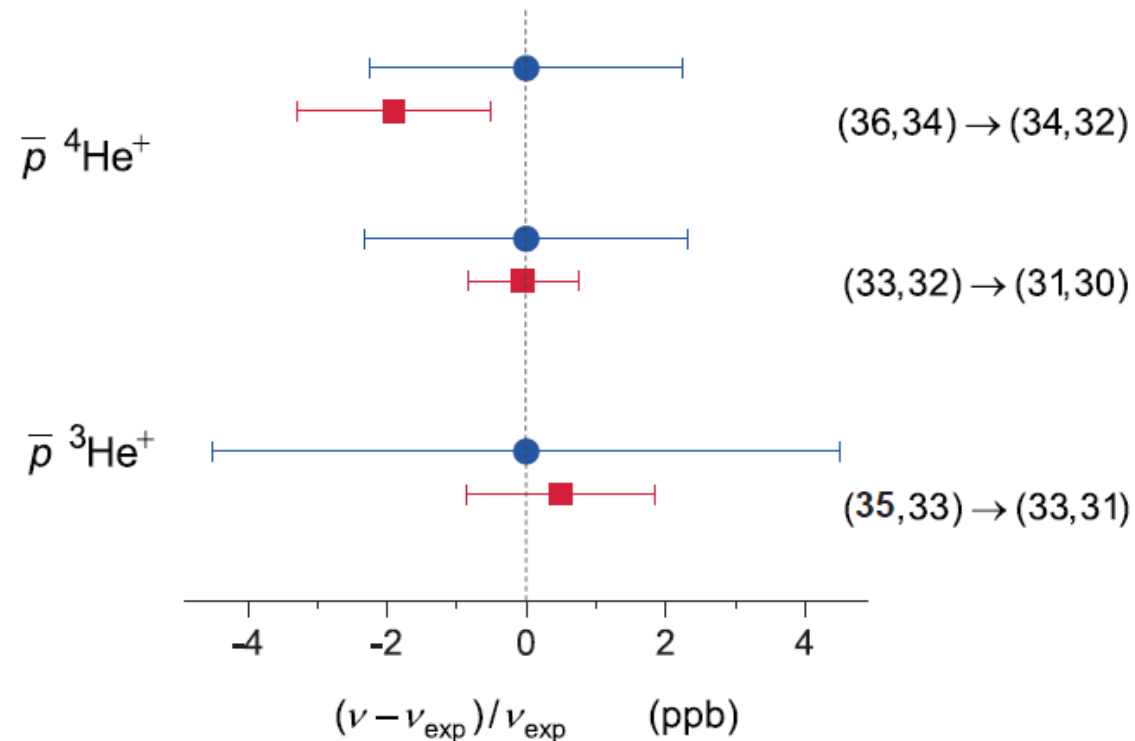
Arrows: hyperfine transitions



# Two-photon spectroscopy: uncertainties

Source	error (MHz)
Statistics	3
Collisional shift	1
A.c. Stark shift	0.5
Zeeman shift	<0.5
Frequency chirp	0.8
Laser freq. cal.	<0.1
Hyperfine structure	<0.5
Line profile sim.	1
Total systematic	1.8
Total experimental	3.5
Theory	2.1

Experiment-theory (Korobov) comparison  
of spin-averaged transition frequency



# Two-photon spectroscopy: results

$$M_{\bar{p}}/m_e = 1836.1526736(23)$$

Uncertainties:

$$1.8 \times 10^{-6}(\text{stat}), 1.2 \times 10^{-6}(\text{syst}), 1.0 \times 10^{-6}(\text{theor})$$

Good agreement with proton results, similar (slightly higher) uncertainty.

Assuming CPT invariance our result can be included in the determination of  $M_p$  and  $m_e$ .

Using the TRAP limit for difference of  $Q/M$  for the proton and the antiproton and averaging our three values we can establish an upper limit for the charge and mass difference (i.e. possible CPT violation) at

$$7 \times 10^{-10}$$

on a 90% confidence level.

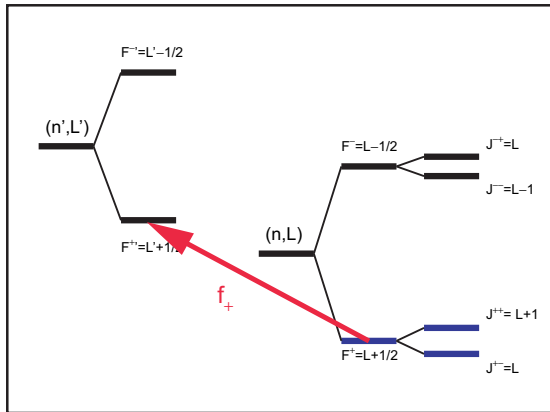
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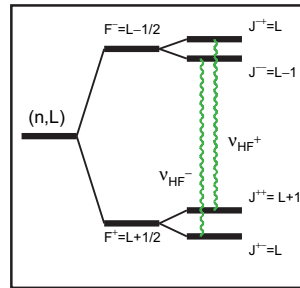
# Measuring the magnetic moment of $\bar{p}$



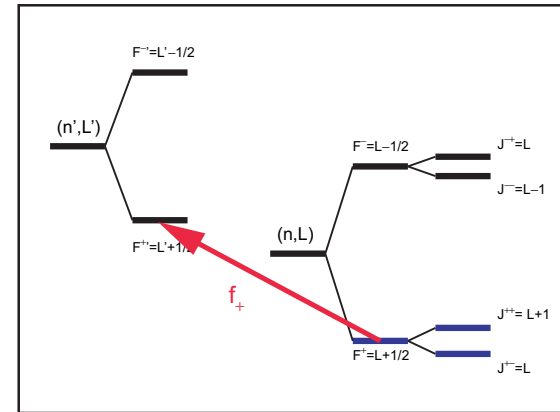
# Level splitting in $\bar{p}\text{He}^+$ atoms



Step 1: depopulation of  $F^+$  doublet with  $f_+$  laser pulse



Step 2: equalization of populations of  $F^+$  and  $F^-$  by microwave



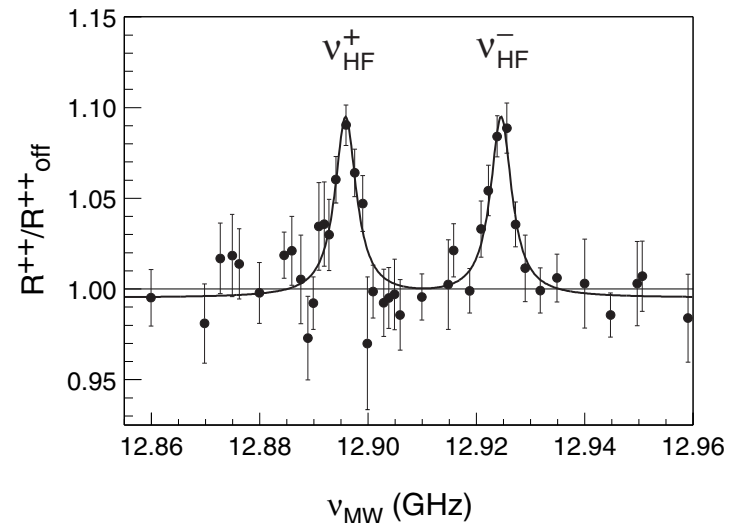
Step 3: probing of population of  $F^+$  doublet with 2nd  $f_+$  laser pulse

## Magnetic moments

$$\mu(p) \sim \mu(\bar{p}) \Rightarrow \text{CPT invariance OK}$$

E. Widmann, R.S. Hayano, T. Ishikawa, J. Sakaguchi,  
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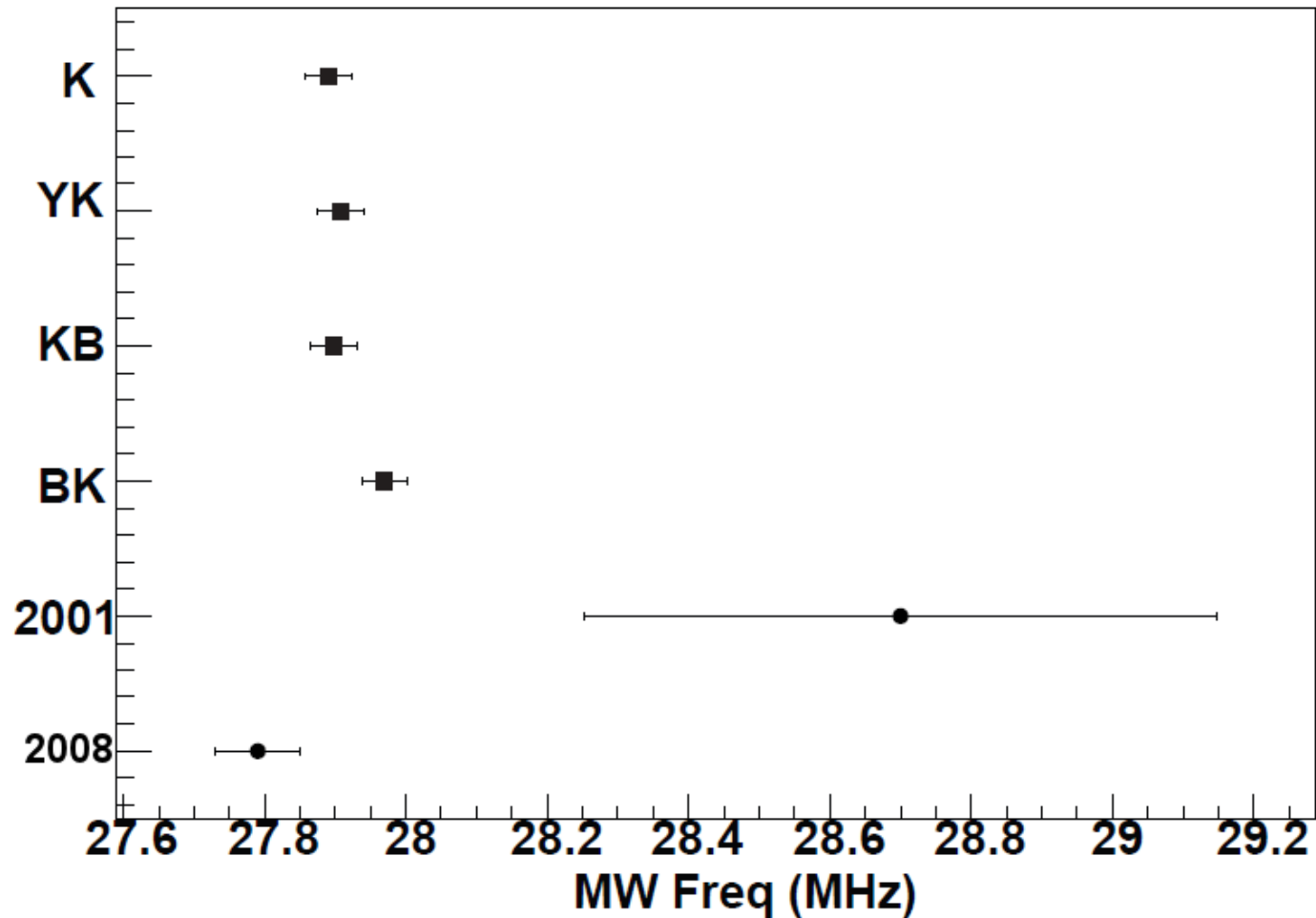
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Microwave frequency scan



# $\bar{p}^4\text{He}$ HF structure: expt vs. theory

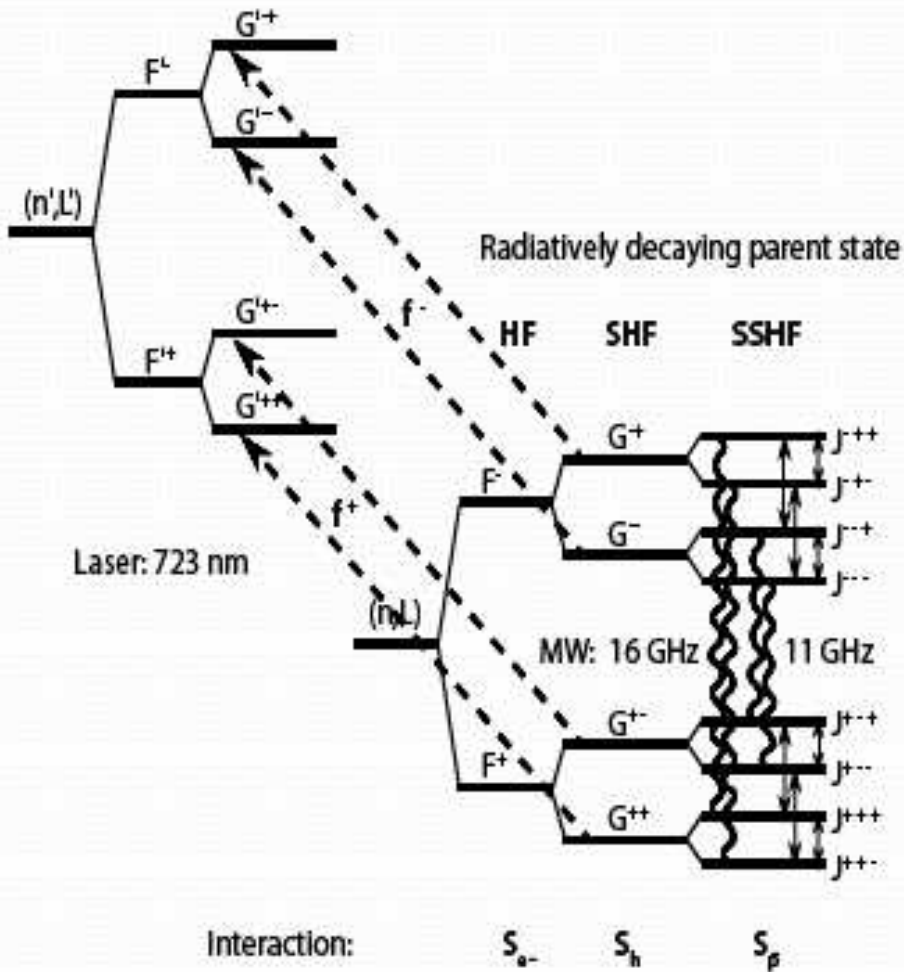


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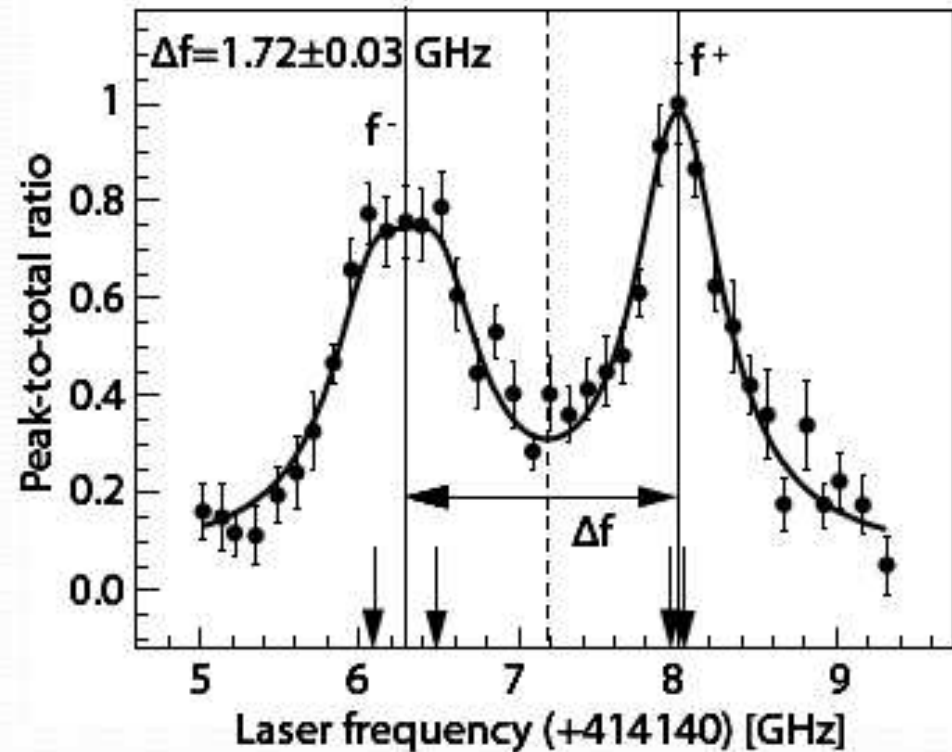


# $\bar{p}^3\text{He}$ HF structure: laser scan

Auger decaying daughter state



- verify splitting of laser transition lines
- determine laser resonance frequency



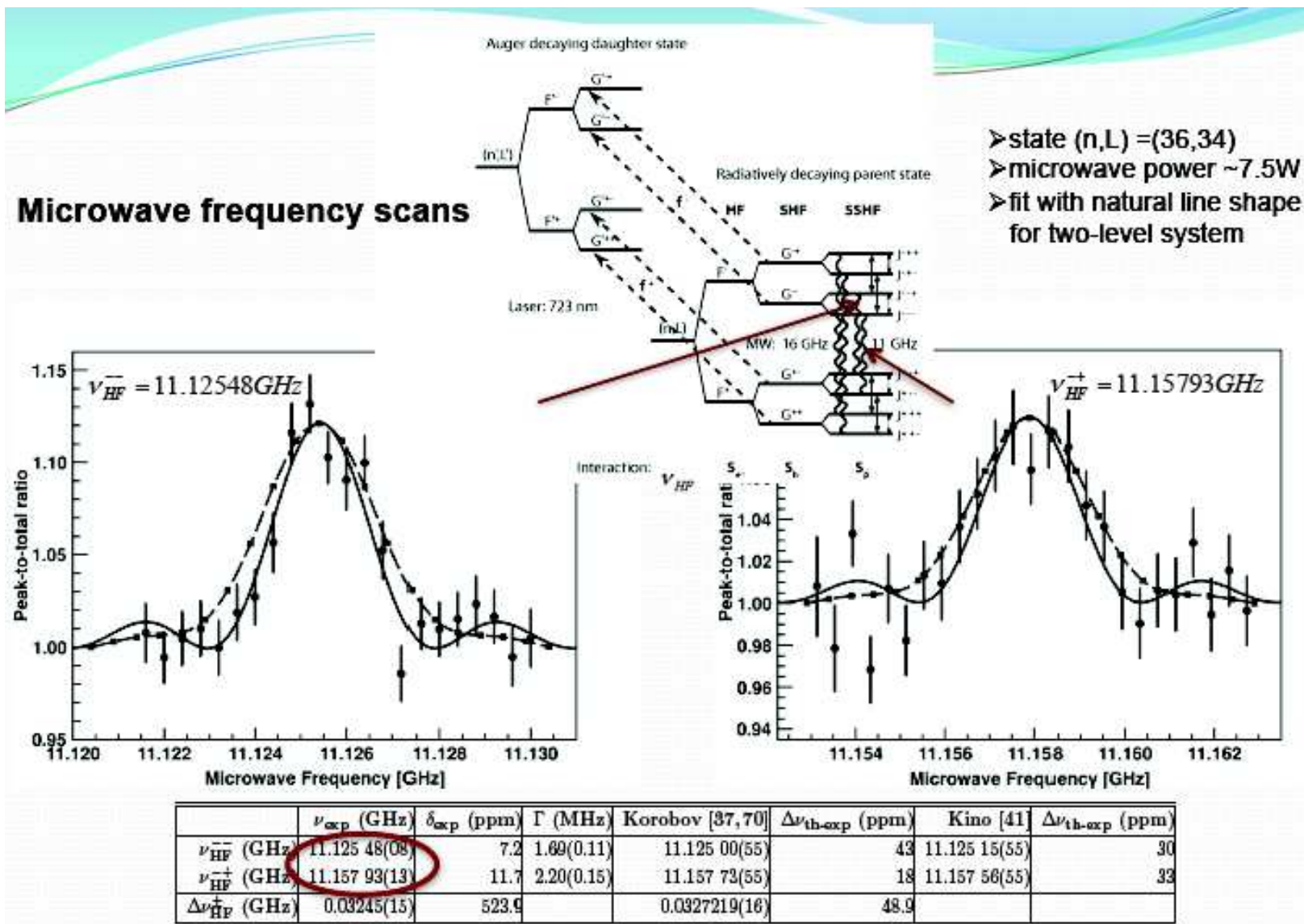
- fit with 4 Voigt functions plus constant for signal background

S. Friedreich et al., Physics Letters B 700 (2011) 1.





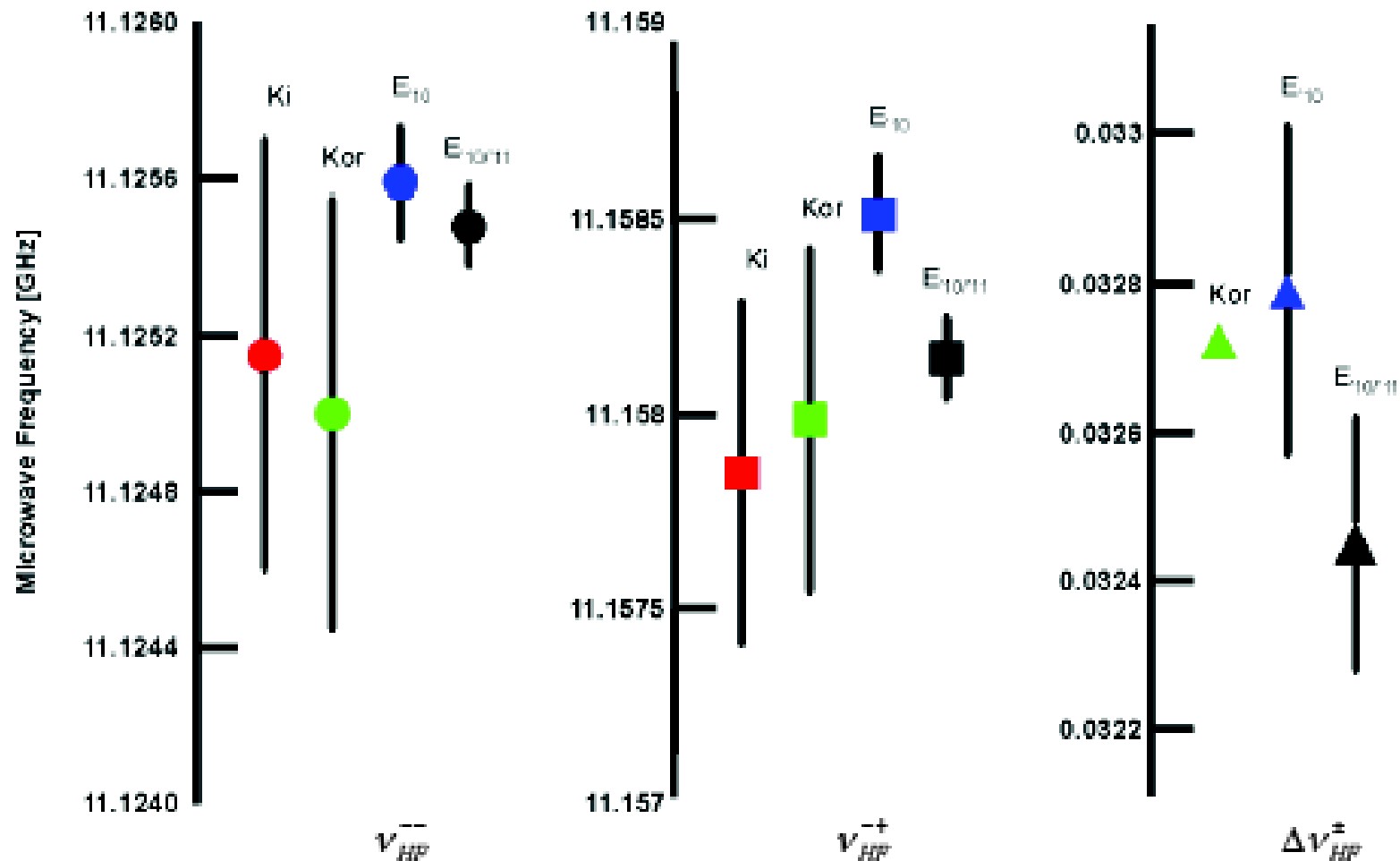
# $\bar{p}^3\text{He}$ HF structure: microwave scan



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# Comparison of Theory & Experiment



## Results published in Physics Letters B

First observation of two hyperfine transitions in antiprotonic  ${}^3\text{He}$ , S. Friedreich, D. Barna, F. Caspers, A. Dax, R.S. Hayano, M. H. Horváth, B. Juhász, T. Kobayashi, O. Massiczek, A. Sóter, K. Todoroki, E. Widmann, J. Zmeskal, *Phys. Lett B* 700(1) 1 (2011).

→ Publication on final results is in progress

## Theory

V. Korobov, *Phys. Rev. A* 73 022509 (2006).

Y. Kino et al., *Hyperfine Interactions* 146 331 (2003).

S. Friedreich et al.

arXiv:1303.2831, 2013.

# Plans, future prospects

- Colder atoms ( $T = 1.6$  K), better lasers, better detectors (segmented scintis)
- Use more transitions, collect more statistics
- ELENA (colder antiproton beams at 100 keV of higher luminosity)
- Spectroscopy on  $\bar{\text{H}}$ beam



# MUSASHI: slow $\bar{p}$ and $\bar{H}$ beam



Monoenergetic  
Ultra  
Slow  
Antiproton  
Source for  
High-precision  
Investigations

Musashi Miyamoto self-portrait  $\sim$  1640

5.8 MeV  $\bar{p}$  injected into RFQ

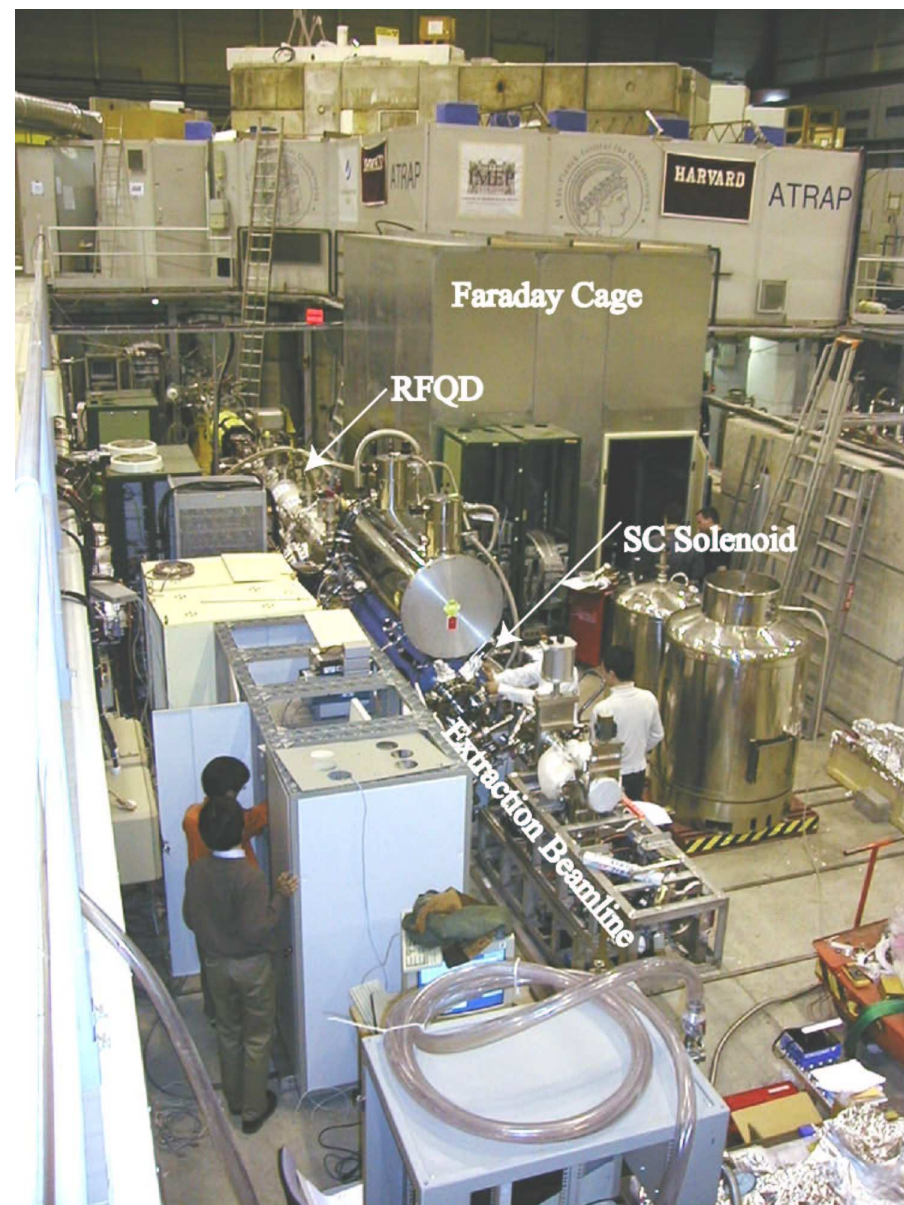
100 keV  $\bar{p}$  injected into trap

$10^6$   $\bar{p}$  trapped and cooled (2002)

$\sim$  350000 slow  $\bar{p}$  extracted (2004)

Cold  $\bar{p}$  compressed in trap (2008)

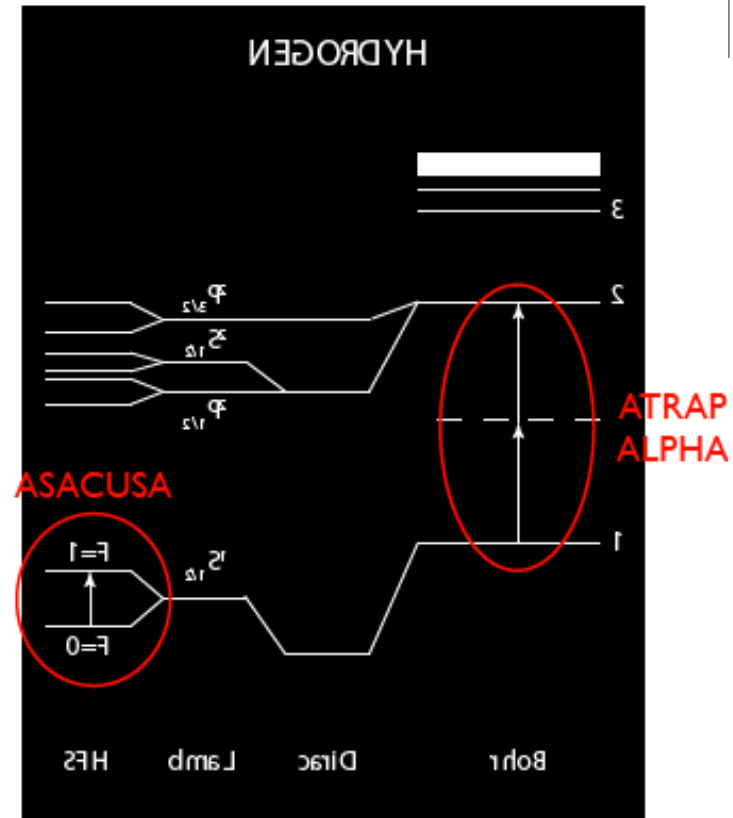
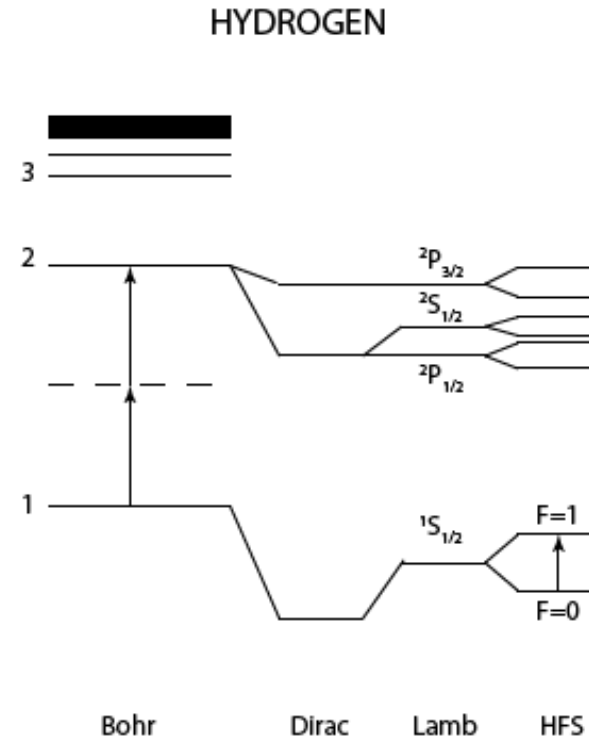
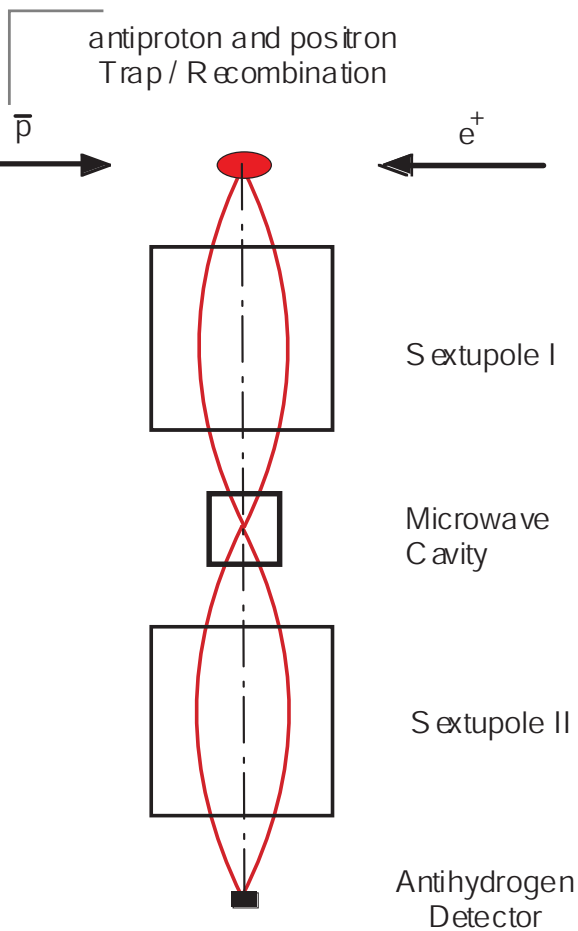
( $5 \times 10^5$   $\bar{p}$ ,  $E = 0.3$  eV,  $R = 0.25$  mm)



$\bar{H}$ -beam formed for in-flight spectroscopy: 2010-2012



# Spectroscopy with $\bar{H}$ beam



$\bar{H}$  spectr in flight: polariser, resonator, analyser  
 Analogy: polarised light

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# Extra Low ENergy Antiprotons



Success of RFQ post-decelerator of ASACUSA  $\Rightarrow$   
CERN decided to build storage ring ELENA.

Plan: launch it in 2016.

AD:

5.8 MeV  $\bar{p}$ ,  $3 \times 10^7$ /shot

ELENA:

100 keV  $\bar{p}$ ,

$1.8 \times 10^7$ /shot

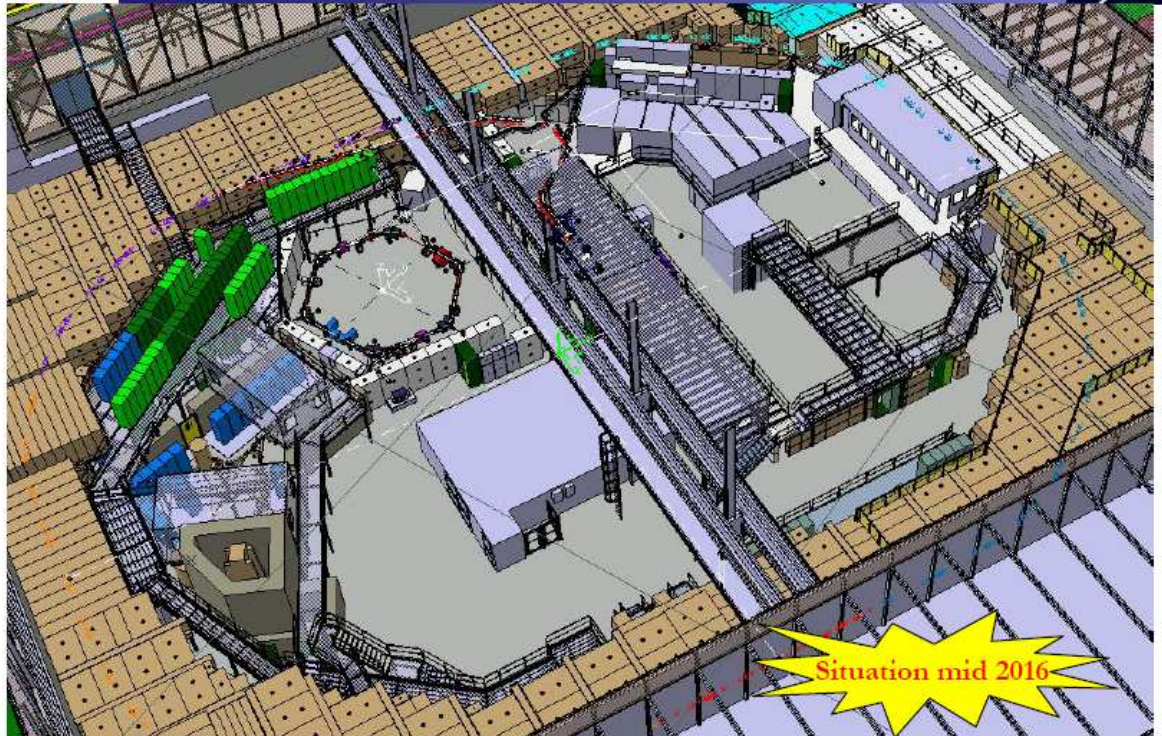
4 bunches to 4 expts  
every 120 sec

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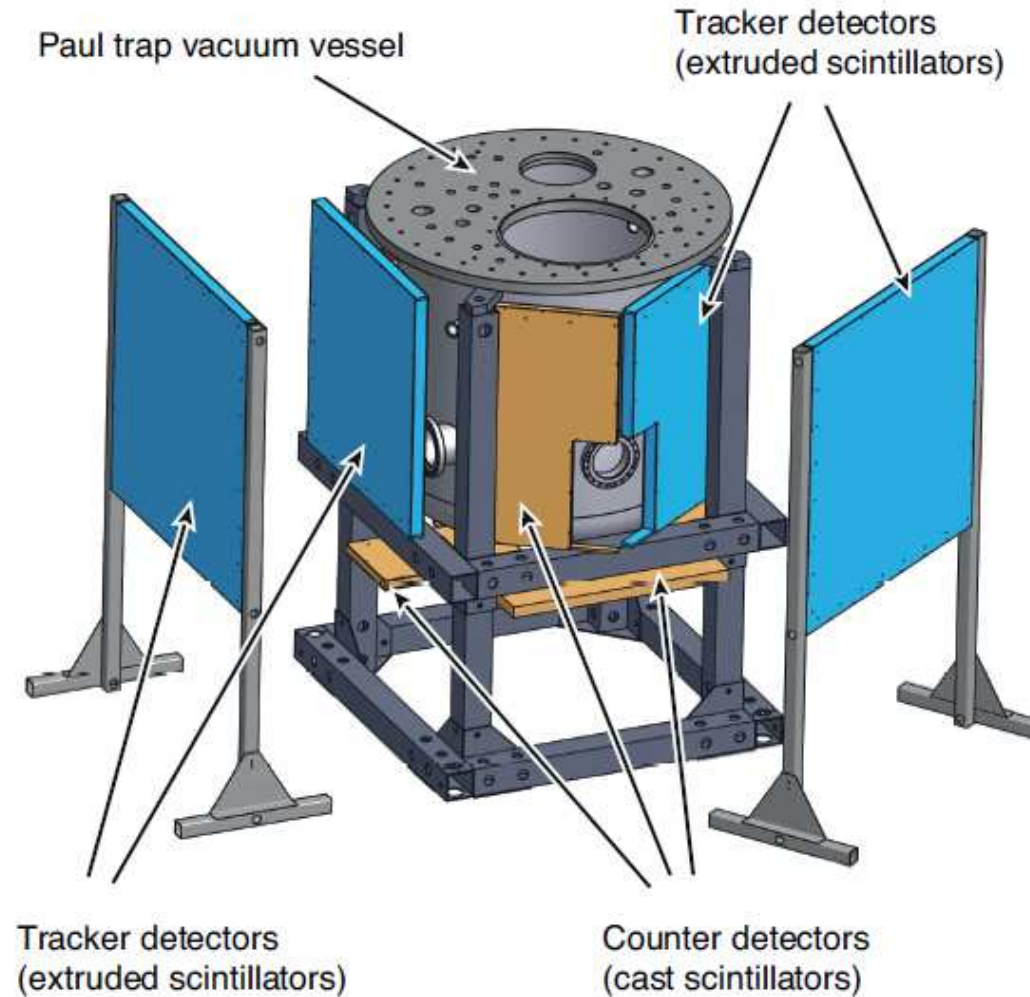
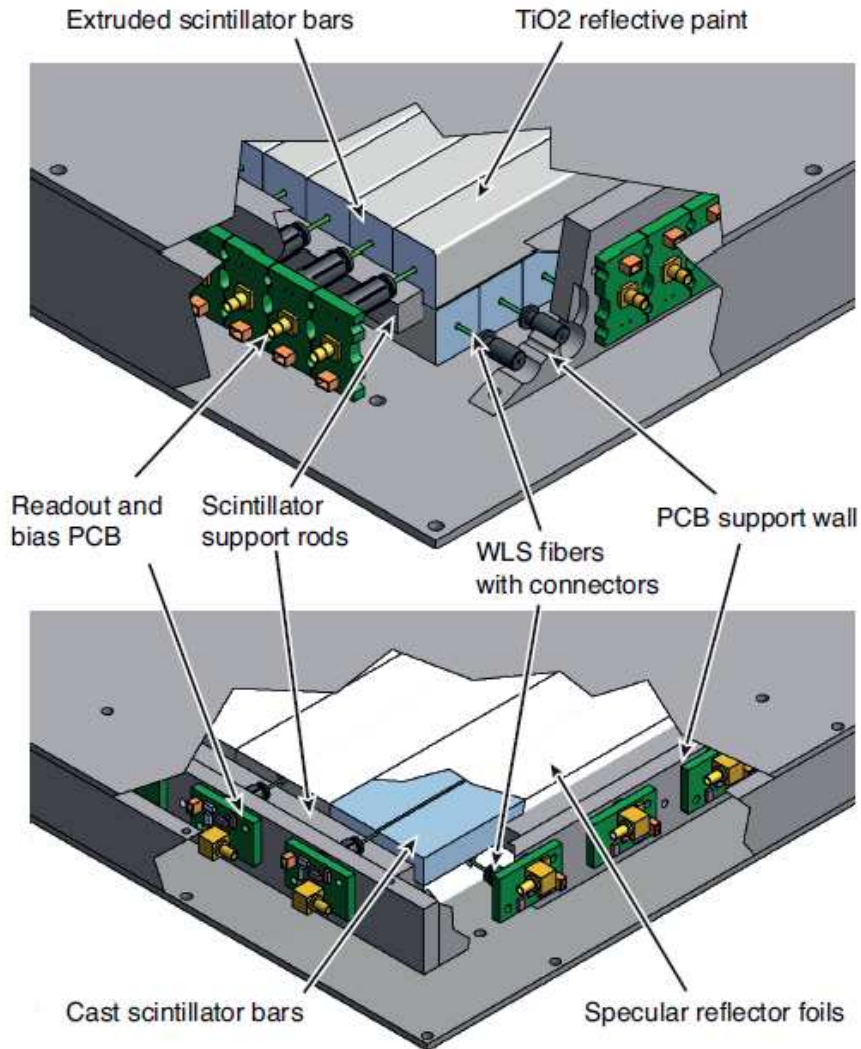
Design of beam line



AD environment adaptation stage 2



# Segmented detectors for Paul trap



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# Conclusion

- The first sub-Doppler two-photon spectroscopy of antiprotonic helium: two transitions in  $^4\text{He}$  and one in  $^3\text{He}$ . Results agree with 3-body QED calculations.
- Determined  $M_{\bar{p}}/m_e$  ratio to 1.3 ppb. Result agrees with CODATA proton value (0.4 ppb).
- Further improvement partially hindered by theoretical uncertainty (QED terms  $< \alpha^6$ , radiative recoil corrections)
- Big improvement expected from ELENA in 2016.





# Thanks for your attention

