AEGIS at CERN: measuring Antihydrogen fall



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Antimatter history in a slide

- 1928: relativistic equation of the 1/2 spin electron (Dirac)
- 1929: electron sea and hole theory (Dirac)
- 1931: prediction of antimatter (Dirac, Oppenheimer, Weyl)
- 1932: discovery of positron in cosmic rays (Anderson)
- 1933: discovery of e-/e+ creation and annihilation (Blackett, Occhialini)
- 1937: symmetric theory of electrons and positrons
- 1955: antiproton discovery (Segre', Chamberlain, Wiegand)
- 1956: antineutron discovery (Cork, Lambertson, Piccioni, Wenzel)
- 1995: creation of high-energy antihydrogen (CERN, Fermilab)
- 2002: creation of 10 K antihydrogen (Athena, Atrap)
- 2011: antihydrogen confinement (Alpha)

Future: study of Antimatter properties !!

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AD (Antiproton Decelerator) at CERN



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Theoretical Motivation



Physics with Antimatter is at the very foundation of Modern Physics:

CPT Physics

WEP (Weak Equivalence Principle)

CPT Theorem

Charge conjugation (C) : reversing electric charge and all internal quantum numbers

Parity (P): space inversion; reversal of space coordinates

Time reversal (T): replacing t by –t. Reverses time derivatives

Any local, Lorentz invariant Lagrangian is CPT symmetric (Lüders, Pauli 1959). CPT is proven in axiomatic Quantum Field Theory.

Consequences:

Particles and antiparticles have identical masses and lifetimes

All internal quantum numbers of antiparticles are opposite to those of particles

CPT conserved to the best of our knowledge. So why look for violations?

- 1) A test of CPT is not only a test of a discrete symmetry. It is a test of the validity of Quantum Field Theory
- 2) CPT could break down in a Quantum Theory of Gravity

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Experimental CPT tests

Precision of some CPT Tests



Results achieved on Hydrogen

1S-2Sv=2 466 061 413 187 103 (46) HzNatural width:1.3 Hz $\Delta v/v = 1.5 10^{-14}$ Cold beam $E \approx 100 \ mK$ PRL84 5496 (2000) M. Niering et al $\Delta v/v = 10^{-12}$ Trapped H $E \approx 100 \ \mu K$ PRL 77 255 (1996) C. Cesar et al





Requires antihydrogen at mK temperature

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WEP: Weak Equivalence Principle

The trajectory of a falling test body depends only on its initial position and velocity and is independent of its composition (a form of WEP)

All bodies at the same spacetime point in a given gravitational field will undergo the same acceleration (another form of WEP)

- Direct Methods: measurement of gravitational acceleration of H and Hbar in the Earth gravitational field
- High-precision spectroscopy: H and Hbar are test clocks (this is also CPT test)



Experimental tests of the Weak Equivalence Principle

WEP tests on matter system **10**⁻¹⁸ STEP No direct measurements Neutrino exchange forces -Fischbach on gravity effects on 10-16 a varying Damour-Polyakov antimatter Little String Mechanism 10-14 Theory Runaway Dilaton Theory •"Low" precision **10**⁻¹² Adelberger, et.al. ø I unar ranging measurement (1%) will be **10**⁻¹⁰ Dicke the first one 10⁻⁸ Eötvös 10-6 10-4 Bessel 10-2 Newton 1700 1800 1900 2000

Can be done with a beam of Antiatoms flying to a detector!



$$h = \frac{1}{2}gT^2 = \frac{g}{2}\left(\frac{L}{v_z}\right)^2$$

AEGIS first phase

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General experimental strategy

Antihydrogen program at CERN

A low-energy Antimatter research program based on the Antiproton Decelerator

PHASE I: Production of "cold" antihydrogen atoms (2000-2004) ATHENA (ApparaTus for High precision Experiment on Neutral Antimatter, or shortly AnTiHydrogEN Apparatus)

ATRAP (Antihydrogen TRAP)

PHASE II: Cold-Antihydrogen Physics (2006....) ATRAP

ALPHA (Antihydrogen Laser PHysics Apparatus)

ASACUSA

AEGIS (Antimatter Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry, Spectroscopy)

Production Methods

I. ANTIPROTON + POSITRON (exp.demonstration: ATHENA and ATRAP)



EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS:

- TBR seems to be the dominant process (highly exicited antihydrogen)
- Warm antihydrogen atoms (production when v_{antiproton} ~ v_{positron})

II. ANTIPROTON + RYDBERG POSITRONIUM (exp.demonstration: ATRAP)

 $\overline{p} + Ps^* \rightarrow \overline{H} + e^-$ PROMISING TECHNIQUE: • Control of the antihydrogen quantum state • Cold antihydrogen atoms ($v_{antihydrogen} \sim v_{antiproton}$) \rightarrow Production Method in AEGIS 6/28/2013 QFTHEP 2013 AEGIS strategy to produce Antihydrogen:

- **1. COLD ANTIHYDROGEN PRODUCTION**
- Nested Penning Trap (warm antihydrogen / highly excited antiatoms)
- Charge Exchange with Rydberg Positronium

$$\overline{p} + (Ps)^* \rightarrow \overline{H}^* + e^-$$

Slow antiprotons (cold antihydrogen) Rydberg Positronium <u>Positronium formation</u> <u>Positronium excitation</u>

Do not try to confine charged particles (Penning trap) and Antihydrogen (by radial B gradients) as being done in Alpha.

Have a charged particle trap only
Form a neutral (antihydrogen) beam ______ g measurement
Confine only neutrals (future) ______ (CPT physics)
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A E g | S in short



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AEGIS experimental strategy

- 1) Produce ultracold antiprotons (100 mK)
- 2) Accumulate e+
- 3) Form Ps by interaction of e+ with porous target
- 4) Laser excite Ps to get Rydberg Ps
- 5) Form Rydberg cold (100 mK) antihydrogen by

 $\overline{p} + (Ps)^* \rightarrow \overline{H}^* + e^-$

- 6) Form a beam using an inhomogeneous electric field to accelerate the Rydberg antihydrogen
- 7) The beam flies toward the deflectometer which introduces a spatial modulation in the distribution of the Hbar arriving on the detector
- 8) Extract g from this modulated distribution



Positrons and Positronium (Ps) production



Orto-Ps produced in the bulk and "thermalized" by collision on pore walls

Ps used for the reaction:

$$\overline{p} + (Ps)^* \rightarrow \overline{H}^* + e^-$$

Technique: have a bunch of $10^8 e^+$ in 20 ns

Have them impinge at ~keV energy on a (likely porous Silica) target



Positronium emission

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The charge-exchange reaction:

 $\overline{p} + (Ps)^* \rightarrow \overline{H}^* + e^-$

Conceptually similar to a charge exchange technique based on Rydberg Cesium performed by ATRAP - C. Storry et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 (2004) 263401



The travel distance in 20 ns (pulse duration) is only 2 mm. With a production of 10^7 oPs atoms per pulse (20 ns - 10^8 e+) a density of 10^{15} Ps/m³ is expected

Stark acceleration

Energy levels of H in an electric field :

$$E = -\frac{1}{2n^2} + \frac{3}{2}nkF,$$

AEGIS: acceleration of Hbar by means of an inhomogeneous time dependent electric field (though the Stark effect)

Experiments done at ETH have shown that a Rydberg H beam with a 700 m/s velocity and n=15-40 can be stopped in 5 μ s over a 1.8 mm distance

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Ultracold Antiprotons

•The CERN AD (Antiproton Decelerator) delivers 3 x 10⁷ antiprotons / 80 sec

•Antiprotons catching in cylindrical Penning traps after energy degrader

•Catching of antiprotons within a 3 Tesla magnetic field, UHV, 4 Kelvin, e⁻ cooling

•Stacking several AD shots (10⁴/10⁵ subeV antiprotons)

•Transfer in the Antihydrogen formation region (1 Tesla, 100 mK)

•Cooling antiprotons down to 100 mK

•10⁵ antiprotons ready for Antihydrogen production

Antiprotons	
Production	GeV
Deceleration	MeV
Trapping	keV
Cooling	eV

 Resistive cooling based on high-Q resonant circuits

 Sympathetic cooling with laser cooled Os⁻ ions

U. Warring et al., PRL 102 (2009) 043001

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A few comments on AEGIS strategy (and timing) to produce Antihydrogen:



Bunch of 20 ns and 1 mm beam spot

- 500 sec accumulation time
- Catch \bar{p} from AD, degrade the energy
 - Cool down the \bar{p} with e⁻

- Source and moderator
- Trap
- Accumulator (Surko-type)

An antihydrogen production shot every 500 sec

500 sec accumulation time (a few AD shots, $10^5 \,\overline{p}$)

Avoid the problem of a particle trap able to simultaneously confine charged particles (Penning trap) and Antihydrogen (by radial B gradients).

- Have a charged particle trap only
- Form a neutral (antihydrogen) beam
- Confine only neutrals (future)

- g measurement
- (CPT physics)

AEGIS: Antimatter Experiment: Gravity, Interferometry, Spectroscopy



Gravity measurement

Antihydrogen fall and detection



BUT: - antihydrogen has a radial velocity (related to the temperature)

- any anti-atom falls by 20 µm, but, in addition it can go up or down by few cm
- beam radial size after 1 m flight ~ several cm (poor beam collimation)

DISPLACEMENT DUE TO GRAVITY IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT IN THIS WAY



Now displacement easily detectable. At the price of a huge loss in acceptance

Acceptance can be increased by having several holes. In doing so new possible paths show up



If $L_1 = L_2$ the new paths add up to the previous information on the 3rd plane 6/28/2013 QFTHEP 2013 Based on a totally geometric principle, the device is insensitive to a bad collimation of the incoming beam (which however will affect its acceptance)



Moiré Deflectometry is an <u>interferometry</u> technique, in which the object to be tested (either phase object or secular surface) is mounted in the course of a <u>collimated</u> beam followed by a pair of transmission gratings placed at a distance from each other. The resulting <u>fringe</u> pattern, i.e., the moiré deflectogram, is a map of ray deflections corresponding to the optical properties of the inspected object.

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From M. K. Oberthaler et al., Phys. Rev. A 54 (1996) 3165



FIG. 2. Fringe patterns, as obtained by translating the third grating, calculated for various open fractions f_{open} of the gratings. For $f_{open} < 25\%$ the fringe pattern shows distinct peaks at the position of the shadow image. For $25\% < f_{open} < 50\%$ the fringes show an increasing constant background, and at $f_{open} = 50\%$ they vanish completely. For $f_{open} > 50\%$ the fringes reappear but are shifted by half a grating period (π fringe shift).



FIG. 3. Characteristic parameters of the Moiré deflectometer and their dependence on the open fraction f_{open} of the gratings. The top graph (a) shows the total transmission through the three-grating setup, (b) shows the amplitude of the obtained fringe pattern, and (c) the resulting contrast. The lowest graph (d) displays the minimal deflection in units of the grating period d_g that can be detected if 10 000 atoms impinge on the Moiré deflectometer.

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The final plane will be made of Silicon Strip detectors with a spatial resolution of about 10-15 μ m

De Broglie wavelength of a 500 m/s H atom: $\lambda_{dB} = \frac{h}{mv} = \frac{2\pi}{c} 197 (MeV)(10^{-15}m) \frac{1}{940 \frac{MeV}{c^2} 500 \frac{m}{s}} = 8 \times 10^{-10} m$ $L \lambda_{dB} = 0.3 \times 8 \times 10^{-10} m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-10} m^2$

Now, this is NOT a quantum deflectometer, because:



Collimation of the beam with a classical Moiré deflectometer

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Inertial sensing with classical atomic beams



the first two gratings, an image of the collimation gratings is formed. At this position, a third identical probe grating is placed. Its translation along the indicated direction leads to a periodic modulation of the transmitted intensity.

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beam



moiré deflectometer

Suppose:

-L = 40 cm

- grating period $a = 80 \ \mu m$
- grating size = 20 cm (2500 slits)
- no gravity

Grating transparency = 30%(total transmission 9%)

annihilation hit position on the final detector



Moiré deflectometer

annihilation hit position on the final detector (in x/a units)





position-sensitive detector

0.25

δ

0.5

0.75

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X

beam

counts (a.u.

0

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grating 1

Moiré deflectometer

counts (a.u.)





x/a)

Out beam is not monochromatic (T varies quite a lot)





Positronium Physics





Positronium (Ps): a pure leptonic atom! QED at work!

F. Castelli and M.G. Giammarchi OFTHEP 2013 INFN and Dept. of Physics, University of Milan

Experimental scheme



Realize detector board for PbF2 and for channeltron

Setting up the positronium chamber (Trento)



Mu-metal shield prototype made in Milano

The end for today

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2γ annihilation rate variation (after singlet-triplet mixing in B field)



Decrease in ground state population with red laser on \rightarrow Rydberg excitation



Ps spectroscopy: proposals in AEGIS

General idea:

- Produce a positron bunch as foreseen for antihydrogen production
- Send the bunch to the dedicated Ps-table
- ♪ Use same converters as for antihydrogen
- Section Excite with the same laser system as for antihydrogen production
- Study the effect of magnetic field (useful for antihydrogen!)
- J UV Excitation of the n=3 level (+ microwave)
- ♪ IR Spectroscopy of Rydberg levels

^{6/28/2013} Doppler free, laser cooling)

Status and Results

AEGIS : installation of the detector during 2012



September 2011



June 2012

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AEGIS : the laser system



F. Castelli et al., Phys. Rev. A 78 (2008) 052512 S. Cialdi et al., NIM B 269 (2011) 1527

June 2012 (Milano)

May 2013 (CERN)



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AEGIS : the positron system



Positron system and accumulator installed and tested during 2012

Activity on conversion mesoporous targets

G. Consolati et al., Chem Soc. Rev. 42 (2013) 3821 F. Moia, R. Ferragut et al., Eur. Phys. J. D (2012) 66

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AEGIS : the installation of the central detector





Antiproton and positron traps

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The 5 Testla main flange installation



Hey, do you have any idea why that weirdo is taking a picture of us ?



AEGIS : the 2012 run

From May to December 2012

Installation of apparatus (took place during the run)

Physics results?



- Antiproton trapping capability in the 5 Tesla system
- Positron system developments
- Operation of emulsions with antiprotons

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Antiproton catching :

5 Tesla trap (with two fast switching electrodes)

Electron cooling

Lifetime measurement (not very good because of «poor» vacuum)







FIGURE 6. Number of antiprotons caught vs. trapping voltage for 3.1×10^7 incident antiprotons. Antiprotons were confined for 5 s in a 46 cm-long high voltage trap before being released towards the degrader foil.

Nuclear Emulsions in vacuum:

Antiprotons detected at the end of the 1 T Work in vacuum: solve the cracking problem Glicerine treatment



Fig. 4. Top: Typical antiproton annihilation vertices in the bare emulsion. Bottom: Tracks observed behind a thin silver foil in which the antiprotons annihilate.

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Pubblicazioni nel 2013 :

- AEgIS Experiment Commissioning at CERN AIP Conf. Proc. 1521, 144 (2013); doi: 10.1063/1.4796070
- Particle tracking at 4K: The Fast Annihilation Cryogenic Tracking (FACT) detector for the AEgIS antimatter gravity experiment (submitted to NIM)
- <u>M. Kimura et al.</u> (AEgIS Collaboration) Development of nuclear emulsions with 1 µm spatial resolution for the AEgIS experiment doi: 10.1016/j.nima.2013.04.082

AEGIS to develop a new "staged approach" to antimatter studies Produce a beam of cold Antihydrogen starting from ultracold protons Stark-effect accelerate Antihydrogen atoms Let the beam fall in a Moire' deflectometer Measure the fringe shift and the arrival times on the final detector

Goal: 1% precision in the measurement of g for Antihydrogen Positronium Physics studies Second phase of the experiment: CPT violation studies

Setting up the experiment (installation almost finished)

Preliminary results on positron bunches and antiprotons trapping

Thank you for your attention

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On the CPT Theorem

Proof by Luders (1957):

- Spin 0,¹/₂,1 quantum fields
- Local interactions
- Lorentz group invariance
- Spin-Statistics (Pauli) Theorem

More general proof by Pauli :

- Fields of the same general character (?)
- Includes higher spin fields
- Makes use of the finite representations of the proper Lorentz group