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Motivation

<u>A direct test</u> of the Equivalence Principle with antimatter

The acceleration imparted to a body by a gravitational field is independent of the nature of the body :

⇔ Inertial mass = gravitational mass

Tested to very high precision with many kinds of materials by Eötvös type experiments.

Theory and Experiment



Motivation for antigravity in General Relativity:

G. Chardin, Hyperfine Interactions 109 (1997) 83

Limits

$K_0 - \overline{K}_0$	SN1987a	Cyclotron frequency p/p
Direct Tests		
Charged antimatter	e^+ or $\bar{p}(e.m. shielding)$	
Neutral antimatter	\bar{n} hard to slow down	Ps short lifetime
	$oldsymbol{ar{H}}$ cooling limit mK	$oldsymbol{H}^+$ cooling limit μK
lo direct measurement e	AEGIS(CERN)	This Project

Principle of the experiment



Parabolic flight of \overline{H}

- L = 1 m et v_h = 500 m/s \rightarrow h = 20 µm \rightarrow AEGIS experiment with \overline{H} (neutral)
- $-L = 0.1 \text{ m} \text{ et } v_h = 0.5 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow h = 10 \text{ cm}$ $\rightarrow \text{Gbar project using } \overline{H}^+ \text{ to produce slow } \overline{H}$ P. Pérez et al, LOI CERN –SPSCI-038 (2007) Irfu, Riken, Tokyo U.
- Precision depends on the spread of the initial vertical speed

\bar{g} experiment using \bar{H}^+

- Produce ion \overline{H}^+
- Capture ion \overline{H}^+
- \bullet Sympathetic cooling 20 μK
- Photodetachment of e⁺
- Time of flight

Error dominated by temperature of $\overline{H}^{\!+}$

Relative Precision on \bar{g} :

H ⁺ in ion trap	∆g/g
5 10 ⁵	0.001
10 ⁴	0.006
10 ³	0.02



$$h = 10 \text{ cm} \rightarrow \Delta t = 143 \text{ ms}$$
$$h = 1 \text{ mm} \rightarrow \Delta t = 14 \text{ ms}$$

$\overline{\mathbf{H}}$ Production via $\overline{\mathbf{H}}^+$

Standard production

$$\overline{p}$$
 + e⁺ + e⁺ \rightarrow \overline{H}^* + e⁺

H⁺ Formation



p	+	Ps	→	$\overline{\mathbf{H}}$	+	e ⁻
Ħ	+	Ps	→	$\overline{\mathbf{H}}^+$	+	e ⁻

Cross-sections on Ps



Synoptic Scheme



Efficiencies

Electrons						
Linac frequency (Hz)	Ie- (mA)	Ie- /pulse (mA)	pulse length (s)	Ne / pulse	Ne (s ⁻¹)	
200	1.40E-01	1.75E+02	4.00E-06	4.38E+12	8.75E+14	
Positrons						
ε (e- 🗲 e+)	ε (transport)	ε (moderation)	Ne+fast / pulse	$Ne+fast(s^{-1})$	Ne+ slow / pulse	Ne+ slow (s^{-1})
1.50E-04	0.8	1.00E-03	5.25 E+08	1.05E+11	5.25 E+0 5	1.05E+08
Positron Storage						
ε (trapping)	accum. time (s)	Ne+ stored				
0.2	1200	2.52 E+10				
Positronium						
ε (e+ → Ps)	volume tube (cm ³)	Ps density (cm ⁻²)	ε (excitation)			
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$Nar{p}$ / pulse	σ(p +Ps → H)	σ(H +Ps → H ⁺)	NH	$\mathbf{N}\overline{\mathrm{H}}^{+}$		
1.00E+07	1.00E-15	1.00E-16	8.82E+04	7.78E+00		

every 20 minutes pulse

Installation at Saclay (Nov'08 – May'09)





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Funding CEA-CG Essonne



Demonstrator e⁻ Linac Ec = 5.5 MeV $I_{measured}$ = 0.14 mA

Hall 126 - New Paint and Counting Room



e⁺/e⁻ selector



Reducing HF backgrounds

1.9 MW magnetron located 1.5 m from e⁺ detector

→Thick shielding ! HF noise reduced by factor 500

 \rightarrow particles are seen



Fast e⁺ detection



35 Faraday cups

Expected e^+ yield from 1 mm W target at 5.5 MeV ~ 1 10⁻⁴ per e^-

Linac peak current $\sim .12$ mA during 4 μ s

GEANT4 simulation: 400 μm target



Improving S/N



-0.2

Fast e⁺ detection



Short term (2010)

- •New target holder →measure e⁺ rate at 200 Hz (May-June 2010)
- •Add focussing magnet around cathode
- Modify steering quad at linac exit
- •Understand/measure $$E_{e^-}$$ vs $I_{e^-}$$ and $E_{e^-}$$ distribution
- •Improve MC description



Production and extraction of slow positrons



Extraction of slow positrons



Implantation





Thesis Nicolas Ruiz

2-3 beam lines



Line 2 also suitable for fundamental research:

- Axions $Ps \rightarrow a + \gamma$
- Mirror Universe $Ps \rightarrow invisible$
- Excitation $Ps \rightarrow Ps^*$



RIKEN trapping mechanism



a) er Plasma Formation

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Experiments with electrons



Slow e⁺ beams: PALS/TOF



Emission o-Ps from single shot lifetime

PHYSICAL REVIEW A 81, 012715 (2010)

Positronium cooling in porous silica measured via Doppler spectroscopy



Yield of o-Ps : comparison CERN/UCR



No loss in conversion efficiency in spite of the 10¹¹ intensity factor

Emission of o-Ps from single shot lifetime measurement



FIG. 9. Linewidth of the $1^{3}S-2^{3}P$ excitation of positronium

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Short term perspectives

<u>2010</u>

- Linac stability improvement and energy measurement
- Slow e⁺ beam line (with W moderator)
- Optimization of e^+ / Ps converter material
- Transfer of the RIKEN Penning trap at Saclay (ANR POSITRAP : IRFU-CSNSM-IPCMS UDS-RIKEN-SWANSEA)
- Participate to ELENA \rightarrow enter the AD programme
- Formalize & enlarge the collaboration
- -Develop opportunities for Material Science applications

2011

- RIKEN trap operational at Saclay
- Cryogenic moderation with solid Ne
- Trapping of e⁺ from linac and Ps conversion

Longer term

Measurement of the H⁻ production (or preferably \overline{H}^+ if accepted at CERN)

2011-2013	Build ELENA
2013	Study transfer to CERN
2014	Install at CERN

Efficiencies / Current Status

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Improve/change Linac Setup slow e⁺ line (W & Ne) Adapt trap to Linac Measure Ps density Find collaborators → atomic physics

[\] every 20 minutes pulse

"Requests"

Change status: R&D → Project Join ELENA construction Funding for next 2 steps: Neon moderation RIKEN trap installation (if ANR POSITRAP fails)

1 postdoc (Geant4 simulation) 1/2 PhD funding with CSNSM



Backups

Competition : AEGIS

- □ Scheme "orthogonal" to ours:
 - >We send keV \bar{p} into a neutral Ps cloud "at rest"
 - > They send Ps* onto charged \bar{p} "at rest"
- □ We need lots of e⁺ and keep efficiencies at high level all along!
- □ They must prepare very cold \bar{p} (100 mK: is evaporative cooling applicable?)
- **Etc...**
- \square AEGIS is preparing for first data taking in 2011 on AD \bar{p} beam line.

e⁺ trapping: HV switching sequence



HV as a function of electrode number

Using the Grid

Secondary e⁻ are recovered for HV_{GRID} <0

Study of charge vs HV_{GRID} gives information on e⁻ background and e⁺ signal

HV<0 11' HV>0 26'



Production of 10¹² Ps/cm²



Planning S	SOPHI
Nom de la tâche	2011 2012 2013 2014
Finalize the linar analysis and measurements	Tri 2 Tri 3 Tri 4 Tri 1 Tri 2 Tri 3 Tri 4 Tri 3 Tri 4 Tri 1 Tri 2 Tri 3 Tri 4 Tri 3
Mesurement of the Linac	
Obtain the expected number of positrons	
Decision on the need of a more powerfull-linac for CERN experiment	15/10
Build the slow positron beam line	
Join ASACUSA collaboration	01/09
Transfert of RIKEN trap	
Installation of the RIKEN trap with electrons at Saciay	
Neon moderator	
Accumulate 10 1º positrons RIKEN MRT trap	
Obtain 10E9 Ps atoms at the trap exit on a SiO2 converter	
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Disassembly SOPHI	
Transfert au CERN	
Tâche Jalon	♦ Tâches externes
Projet : SOPHIPG Fractionnement Récapitulative Récapitulative	Jalons externes 🔶
Avancement Récapitulatif du projet	🖵 Échéance 🕂
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