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# THE HYPERFINE STRUCTURE OF ANTIHYDROGEN

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#### MATTER-ANTIMATTER SYMMETRY

- Cosmological scale:
  - asymmetry



- CPT violation
  - Microscopic: symmetry?







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## FUNDAMENTAL SYMMETRIES C,P,T

- C: charge conjugation particle ↔ antiparticle
- P: parity: spatial mirror
- T: time reversal
- CPT theorem: consequence of
  - Lorentz-invariance
  - local interactions
  - unitarity
    - Lüders, Pauli, Bell, Jost 1955
- all QFT of SM obey CPT
- not necessarily true for string theory



CTP → particle/anitparticle: same masses, lifetimes, g-factors, |charge|,.





#### VIOLATIONS OF FUNDAMENTAL SYMMETRIES

- Historically it was believed that nature would conserve symmetries of space
- Observed symmetry violations in weak interaction:

|                     |   | Size of effect            |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Parity<br>violation | 1956 Theory: Lee & Yang<br>1957 ß-decay Wu et al.<br>π -> μ -> e decay          | 100%                      |
| CP<br>violation     | 1964 K <sub>0</sub> decays: Cronin &<br>Fitch<br>2001 B decays: BELLE,<br>BaBar | ε ~2.3 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> |





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#### HYDROGEN AND ANTIHYDROGEN







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#### **CPT TESTS - RELATIVE & ABSOLUTE PRECISION**



 Atomic physics experiments, especially antihydrogen offer the most sensitive experimental verifications of CPT



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#### HFS AND STANDARD MODEL EXTENSION

 $(i\gamma^{\mu}D_{\mu} - m_{e} - a^{e}_{\mu}\gamma^{\mu} - b^{e}_{\mu}\gamma_{5}\gamma^{\mu}$  Lorentz  $\frac{1}{2}H^{e}_{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu} + ic^{e}_{\mu\nu}\gamma^{\mu}D^{\nu} + id^{e}_{\mu\nu}\gamma_{5}\gamma^{\mu}D^{\nu})\psi = 0.$ 

CPT & Lorentz violation Lorentz violation  $\psi = 0$ .

D. Colladay and V.A. Kostelecky, PRD 55 (1997) 6760.



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#### **GROUND-STATE HYPERFINE SPLITTING OF H**<sup>(BAR)</sup>

- spin-spin interaction positron - antiproton
- Leading: Fermi contact term

$$\nu_F = \frac{16}{3} \left(\frac{M_p}{M_p + m_e}\right)^3 \frac{m_e}{M_p} \frac{\mu_p}{\mu_N} \alpha^2 c Ry,$$



#### magnetic moment of p<sup>bar</sup>

- only known to 0.3%, proposals to measure in Penning trap Gabrielse, Ulmer
- H: deviation from Fermi contact term: ~ 32 ppm
  - finite electric & magnetic radius (Zemach corrections): 41 ppm
  - polarizability of p<sup>(bar)</sup>: < 4 ppm
  - few ppm theoretical uncertainty remain

$$\Delta\nu(\text{Zemach}) = \nu_{\text{F}} \frac{2Z\alpha m_{\text{e}}}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^3p}{p^4} \left[ \frac{G_E(p^2)G_M(p^2)}{1+\kappa} - 1 \right]$$



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#### **ASACUSA** COLLABORATION @ CERN-AD



#### ASAKUSA KANNON TEMPLE BY UTAGAWA HIROSHIGE (1797–1858)



Atomic Spectroscopy And Collisions Using Slow Antiprotons

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## **ANTIPROTON DECELERATOR @ CERN**



- •All-in-one machine:
  - Antiproton capture
  - deceleration & cooling
  - 100 MeV/c (5.3 MeV)
- Pulsed extraction
  - 2-4 x 10<sup>7</sup> antiprotons per pulse of 100 ns length
  - I pulse / 85-120





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# HFS MEASUREMENT IN AN ATOMIC BEAM



- atoms evaporate no trapping needed
- cusp trap provides polarized beam
- spin-flip by microwave
- spin analysis by sextupole magnet
- low-background high-efficiency detection of antihydrogen

E.W. et al. ASACUSA proposal addendum CERN-SPSC 2005-002



achievable resolution

- better  $10^{-6}$  for T  $\leq 100$  K
- > 100 H<sup>bar</sup>/s in 1S state into  $4\pi$  needed
- event rate I / minute: background from cosmics, annihilations uptsreams





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## POLARIZED H<sup>BAR</sup> BEAM FROM "CUSP" TRAP

- First antihydrogen production in 2010
  - expectation: polarized beam



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#### HBAR FORMATION IN CUSP TRAP



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#### **SPIN-FLIP RESONATOR**

- f = 1.420 GHz,  $\Delta f$  = few MHz, ~ mW power
- challenge: homogeneity over  $10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10^{3}$  ( $\lambda = 21 \text{ cm}$
- solution: strip line



RF cavity

RF field pattern

T. Kroyer., CERN-AB-Note-2008-016 (2008)





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#### **CONSTANT B-FIELD**



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#### **SEXTUPOLE & SPIN-FLIP RESONATOR**







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#### **SEGMENTED TRACKING DETECTOR**



being prepared



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# (POLARIZED) MONOATOMIC H BEAM

- test of apparatus during CERN shutdown 2013
- Ist phase: monoatomic beam (done at SMI)





- RF discharge tube
- detection by Q-mass

M. Diermaier Dipl. U.Wien 2012





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## POLARIZED MONOATOMIC H BEAM

• 2 permanent sextupoles, B<sub>max</sub>=1 T, L=7 cm, d=1 cm



#### iris to block high-field seekers





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#### **EXPERIMENTS IN AN ATOMIC BEAM**

• Phase I (ongoing): Rabi method



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### (FAR) FUTURE EXPERIMENTS

- Phase 3: trapped H<sup>bar</sup>
  - Hyperfine spectroscopy in an atomic fountain of antihydrogen
  - needs trapping and laser cooling outside of formation magnet
  - slow beam & capture in measurement trap
  - Ramsey method with d=1m
    - $\Delta f \sim 3 \text{ Hz}, \Delta f/f \sim 2 \times 10^{-9}$



M. Kasevich, E. Riis, S. Chu, R. DeVoe, PRL 63, 612–615 (1989)





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## **AEGIS - ULTRA-LOW ENERGY BEAM**



- H<sup>bar</sup> production at 100 mK
- primary physics goal: gravity
- opportunities for HFS measurement
  - achieve higher precision with ultra-slow beam
  - transfer H<sup>bar</sup> to freely accessible trap





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#### SUMMARY

- Precise measurement of the hyperfine structure of antihydrogen promises one of the most sensitive tests of CPT symmetry
- Complementary to IS-2S laser spectroscopy, competitive in absolute sensitivity
- Recent milestones in H<sup>bar</sup> production & trapping make the field enter the era of spectroscopy
- Time scale of precision experiments is 5-10 years



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