

# Antihydrogen and Hydrogen Fountain

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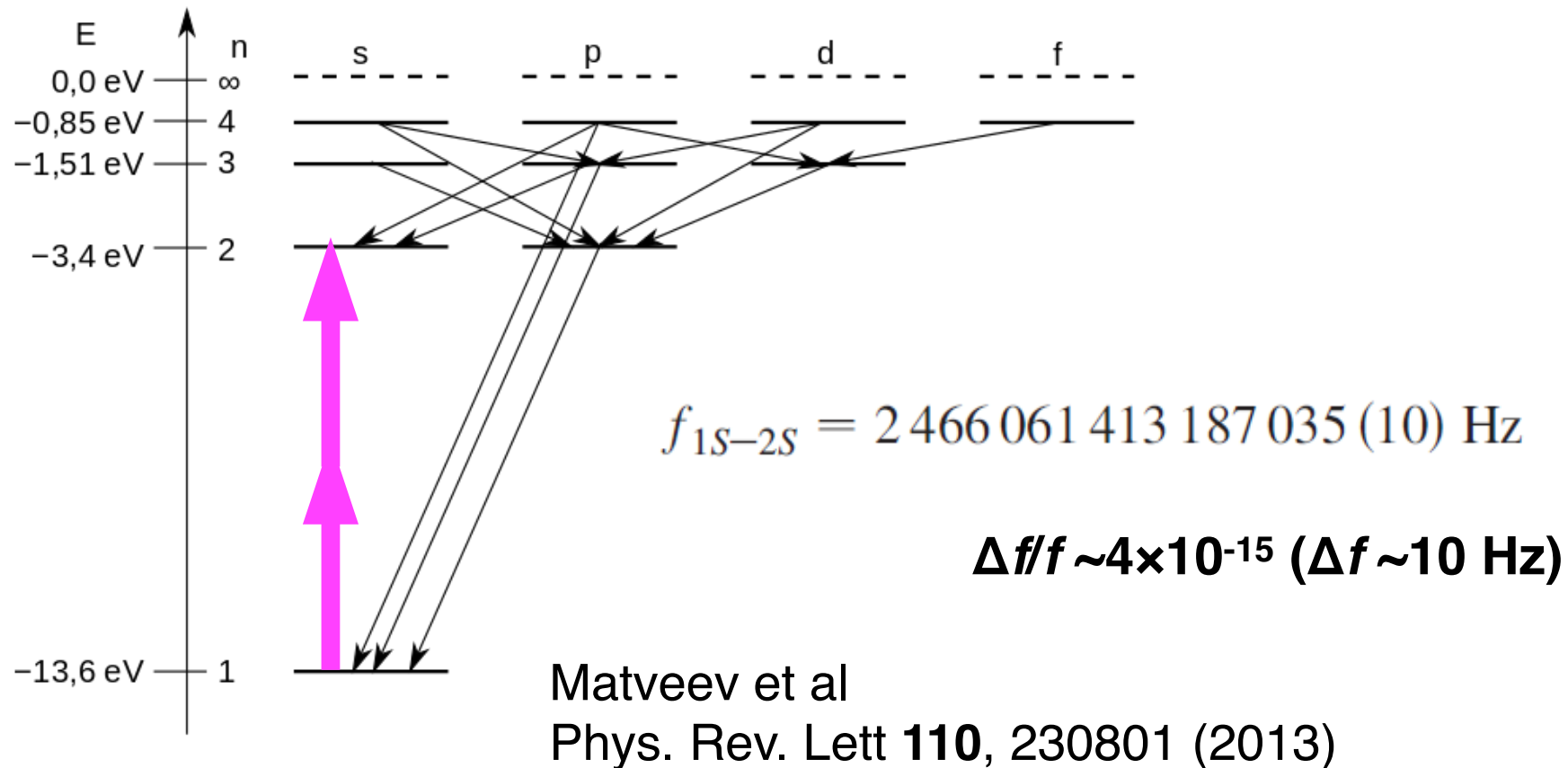


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Spectroscopy of hydrogen atoms has been the chief experimental basis for theories of the structure of matter.

## 1S-2S : The most precisely determined transition



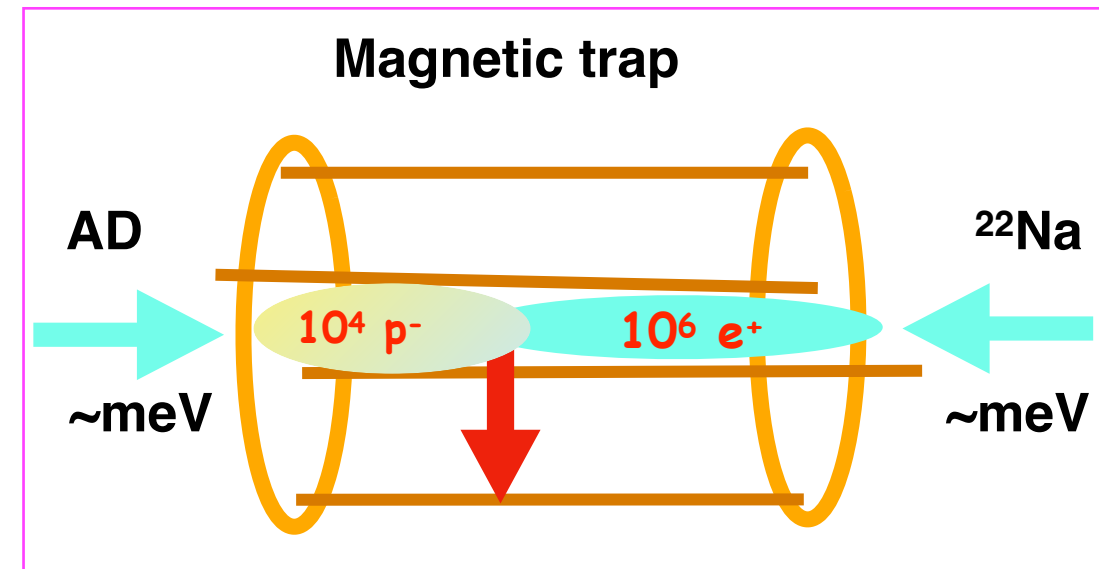
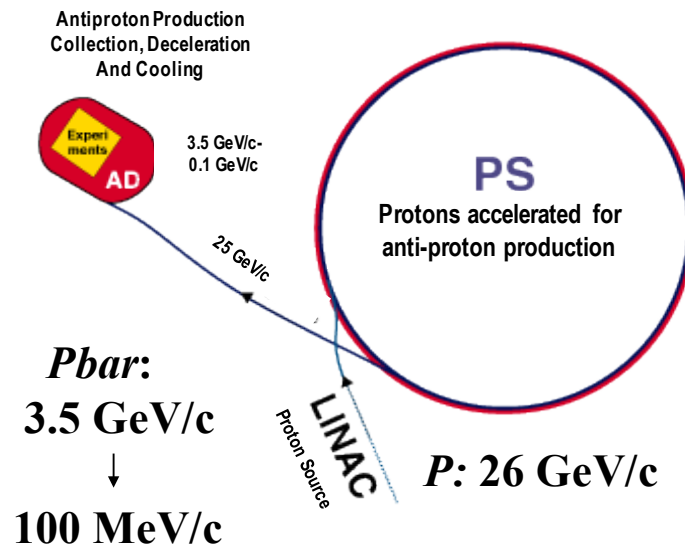
## Antihydrogen Laser PHysics Apparatus

International collaboration at CERN on antihydrogen precision spectroscopy

### ALPHA-Canada



### AD Antiproton Complex at CERN



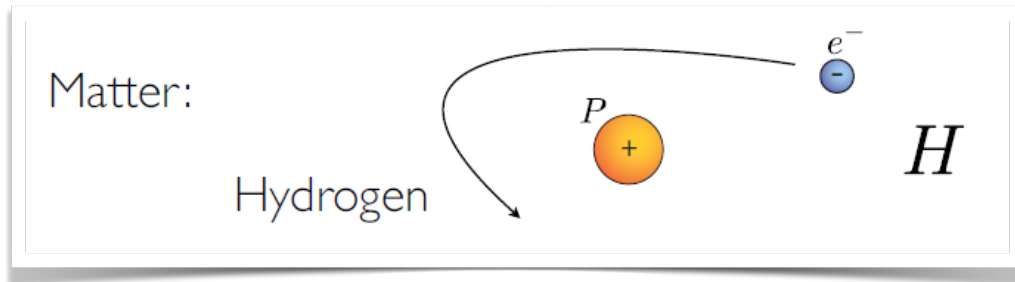
20 ~ 30 antihydrogen below 500 mK per cycle

## Precision Spectroscopy using Bound states atoms

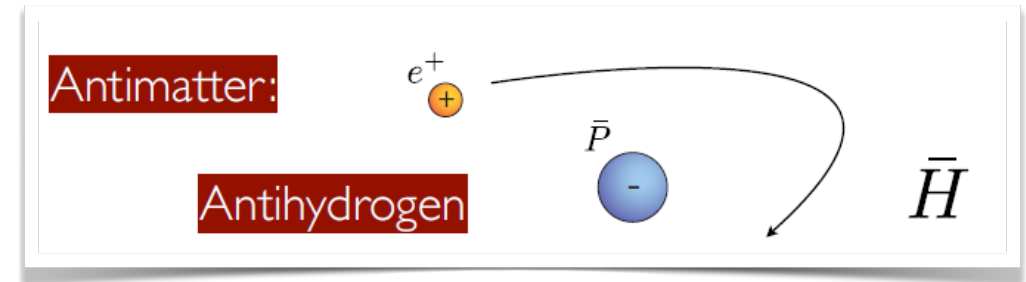
Muonium  
Positronium  
Muonic atom

Pionic Helium  
**Antihydrogen**

### Hydrogen



### Antihydrogen



**Tests of QED, Quantum Field Theory, General Relativity  
Fundamental Symmetries (CPT, Equiv. Principle etc)**

**Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry**

## 2010 First trapping

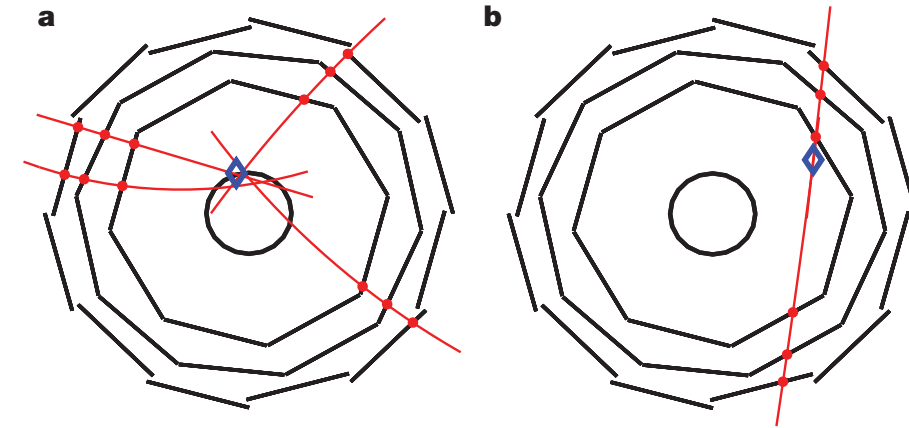
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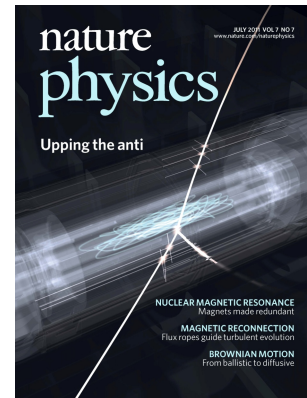
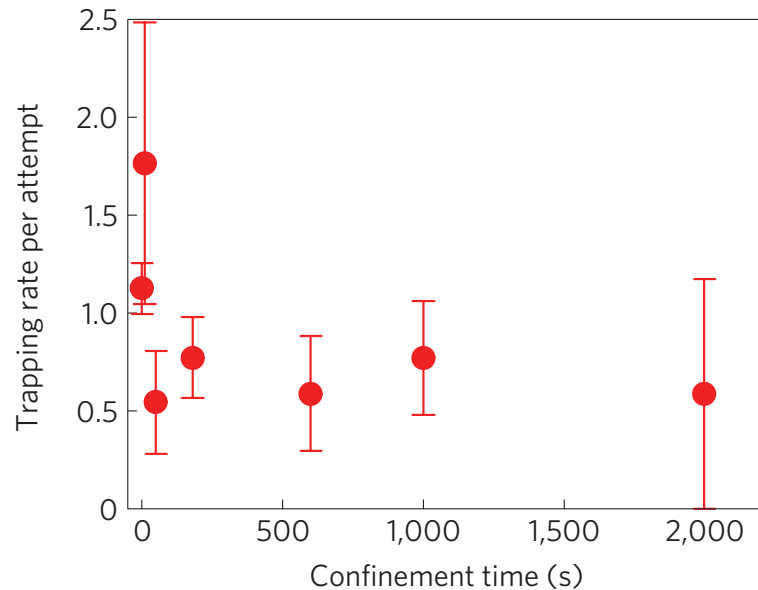
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### Trapped antihydrogen

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## 2011 Confinement for >2000 s



*Nat. Phys.* **7**, 558–564 (05 June 2011)

## 2012 First 1S hyperfine spectroscopy

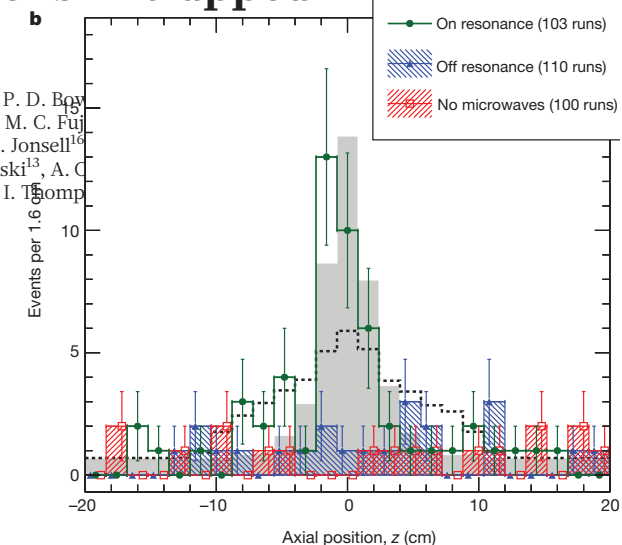
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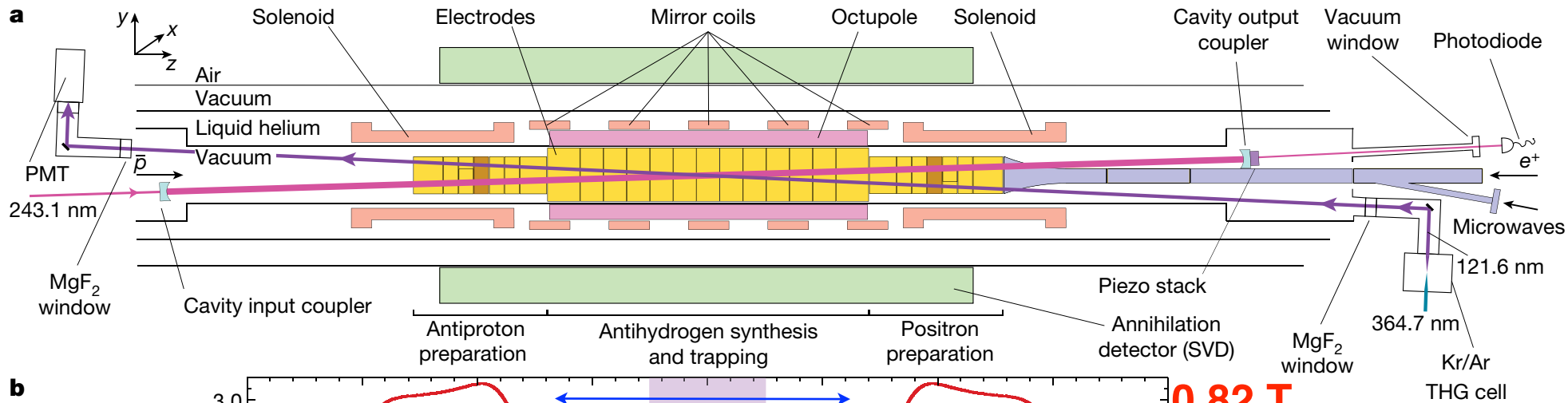
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### Resonant quantum transitions in trapped antihydrogen atoms

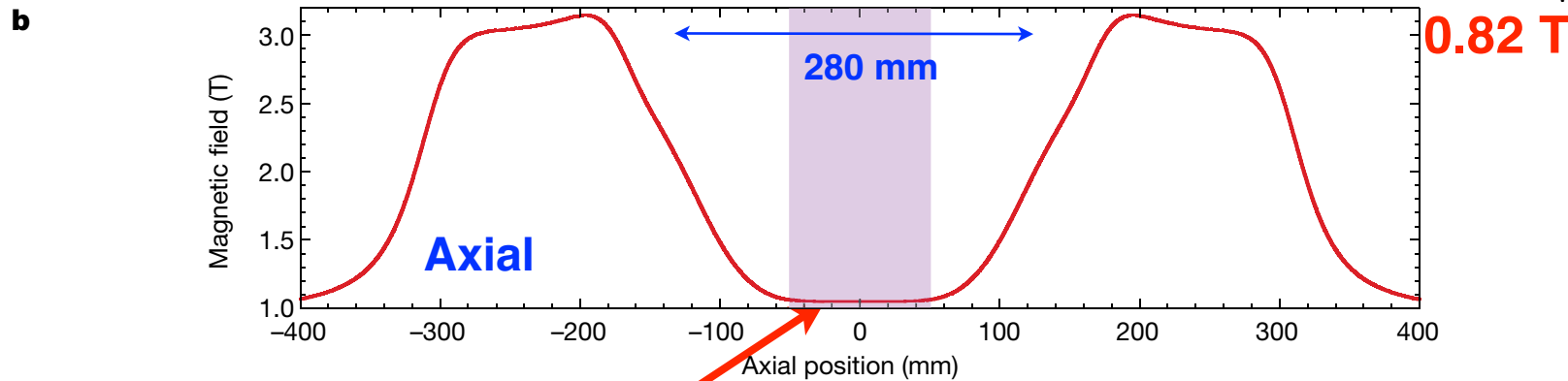
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## New ALPHA trap designed for spectroscopy



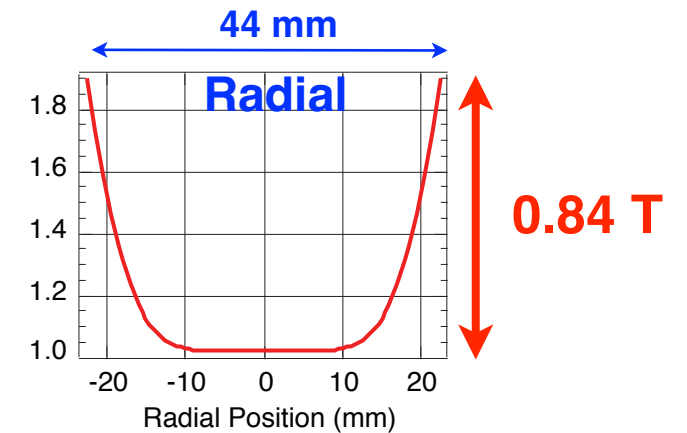
44 mm



1.03 T

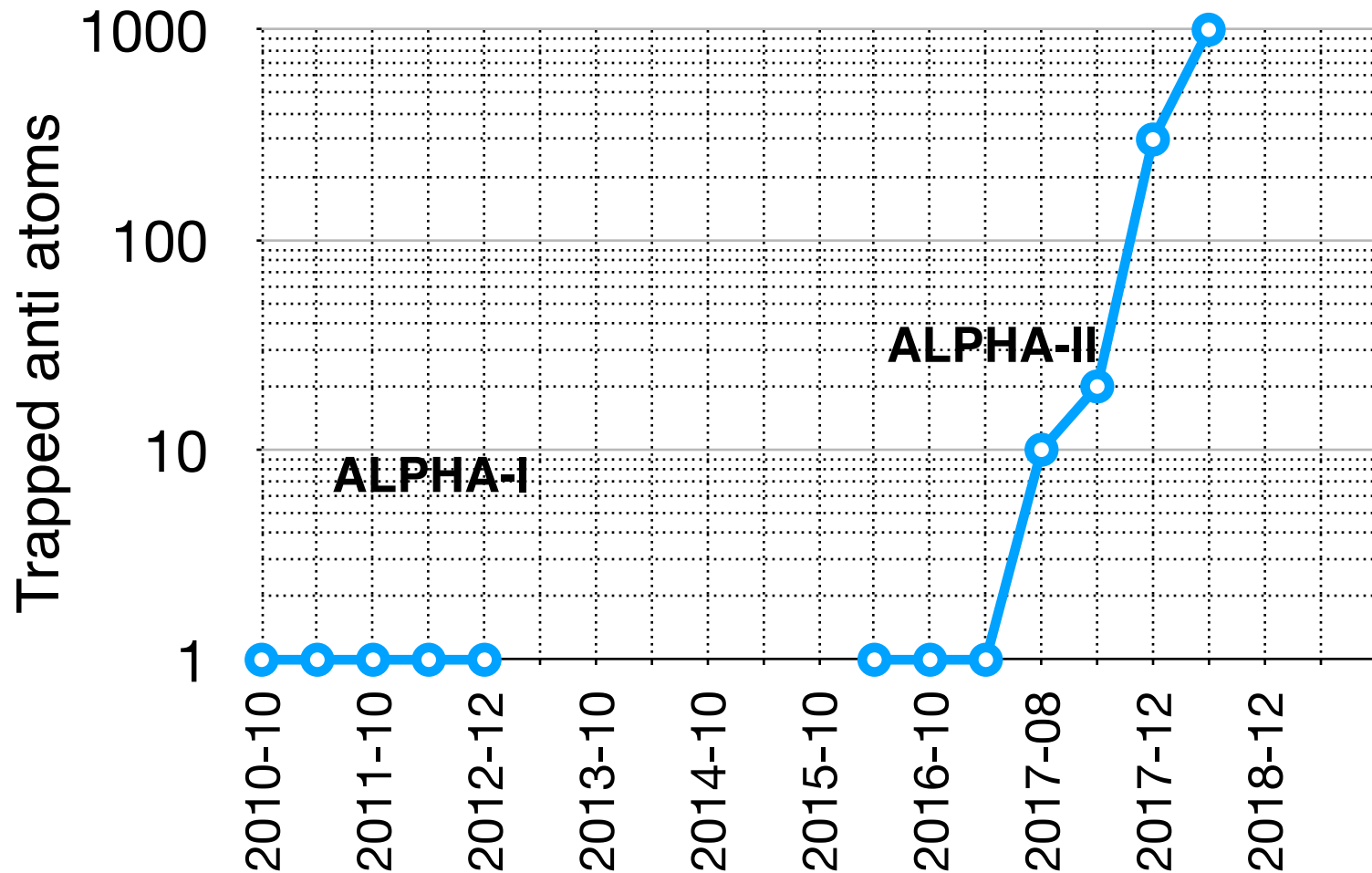
0.82 T

Magnetic field distribution



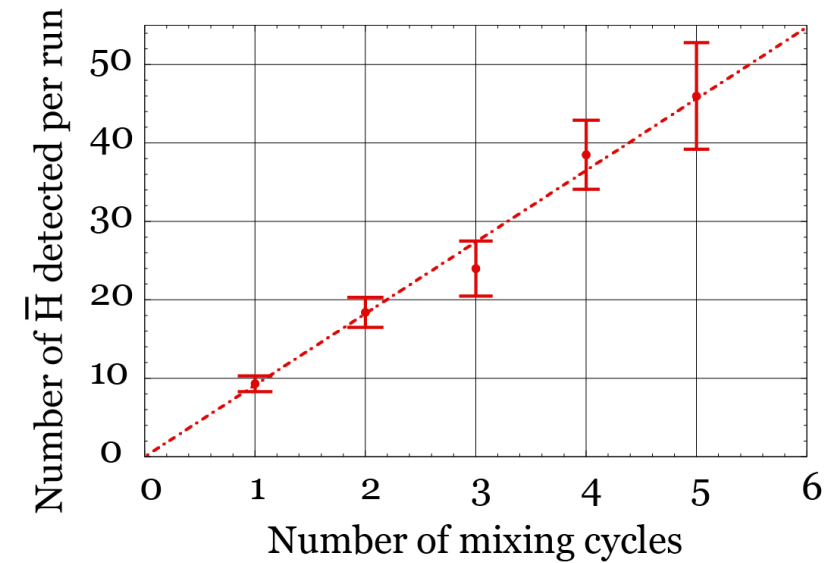
0.84 T

## The number of trapped atoms



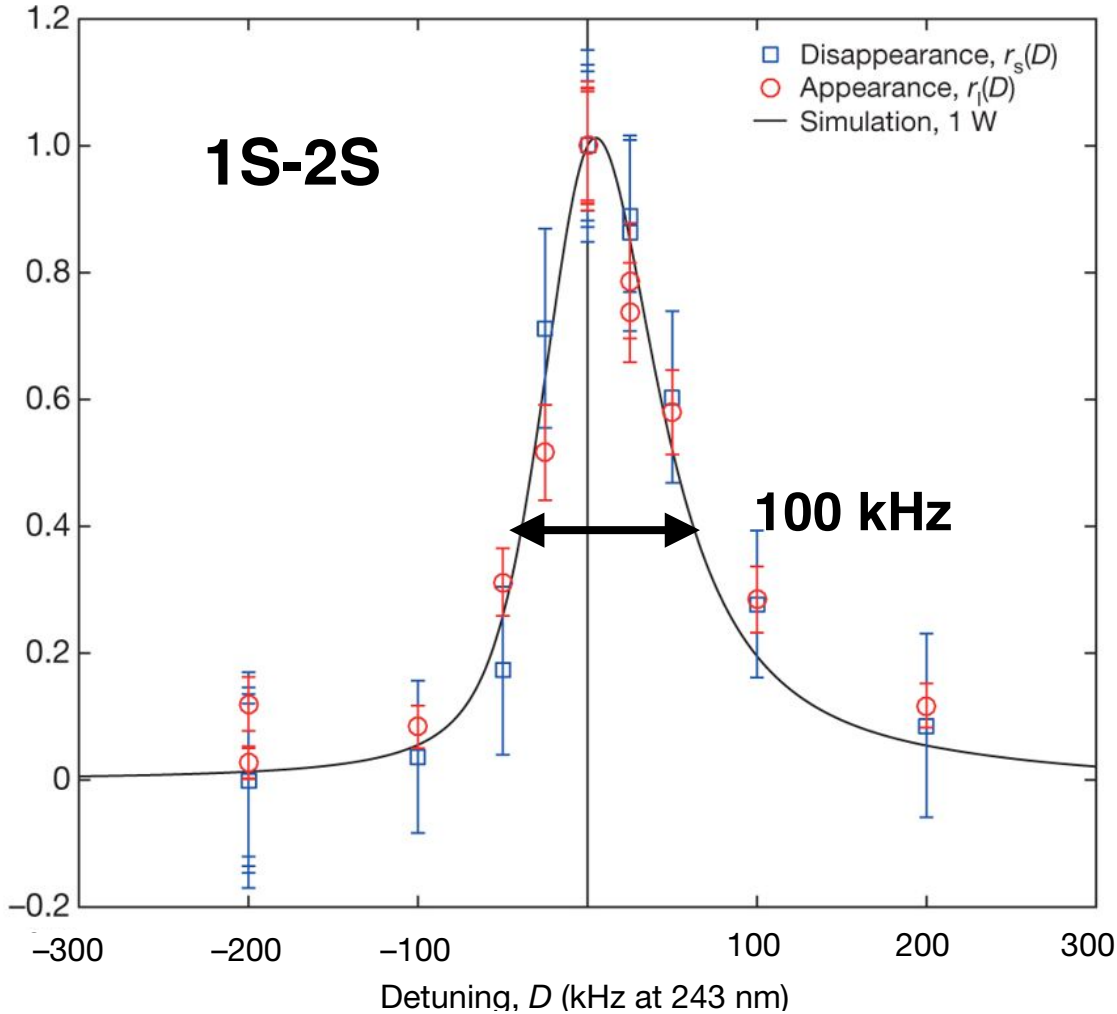
## Stacking

Repeated loading of anti-H in trap  
Each cycle ~ 200 sec;



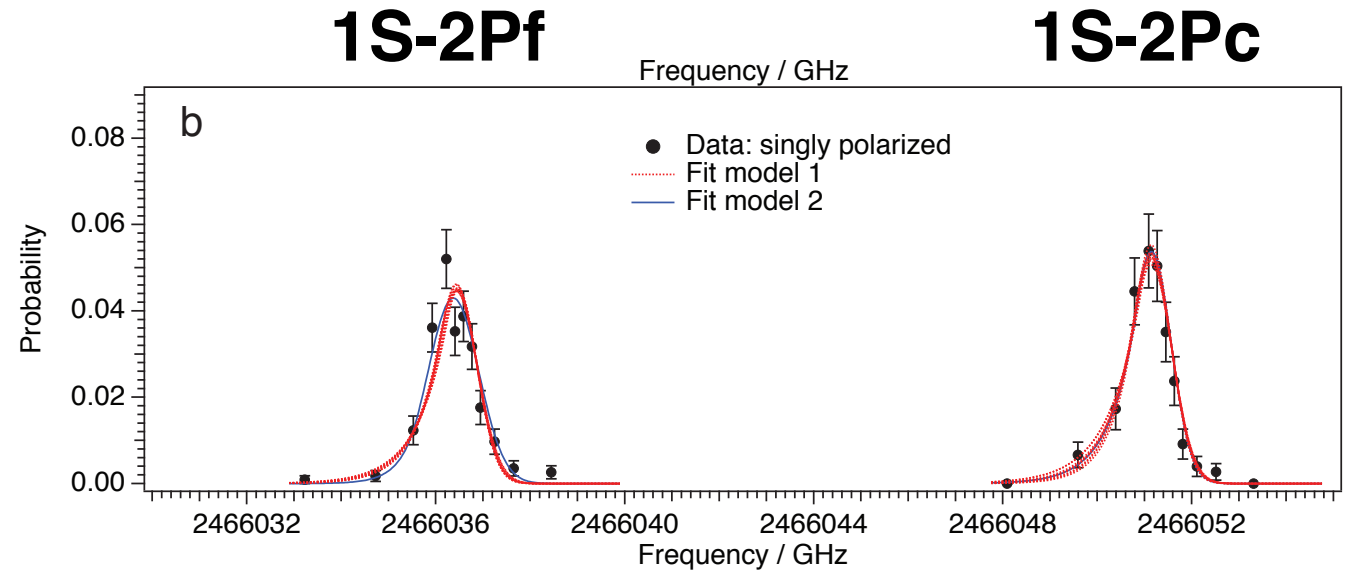
*Nature Comm.*, **8**, 681 (2017)

## Two photon transition at 243.2 nm



*Nature*, 557, 71-75 (2018)

## One photon transition at 121.6 nm



“Doppler” width ~ 900 MHz

*Nature*, 561, 211 (2018)

*Nature*, 578, 375 (2020)



## 1S-2S at 243.2 nm

Anti hydrogen

**Precision**  $\Delta f/f \sim 2 \times 10^{-12}$  ( $\Delta f \sim 5$  kHz)

$$f_{d-d} = 2\,466\,061\,103\,079.\underline{4} (5.4) \text{ kHz.}$$

at 1.03 T

↕ No difference  
at the 12 digits

Hydrogen  $\Delta f/f \sim 4 \times 10^{-15}$  ( $\Delta f \sim 10$  Hz)

$$f_{1S-2S} = 2\,466\,061\,413\,187\,035 (10) \text{ Hz}$$

Matveev et al

Phys. Rev. Lett **110**, 230801 (2013)

at 0 T

## 1S-2P at 121.6 nm

Anti hydrogen

Fine Structure  $10.88 \pm 0.19$  GHz

Lamb Shift  $0.99 \pm 0.11$  GHz

↕ No difference  
within a few %

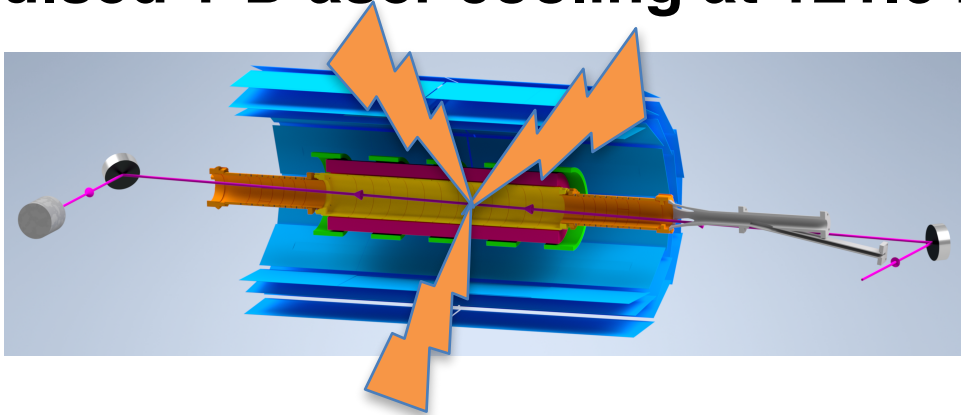
Hydrogen

Fine Structure  $10.\underline{96913} (10)$  GHz

Lamb Shift  $1.\underline{057847}(9)$  GHz

*Nature*, 592, 35 (2021, April 1st)

## Pulsed 1-D laser cooling at 121.6 nm

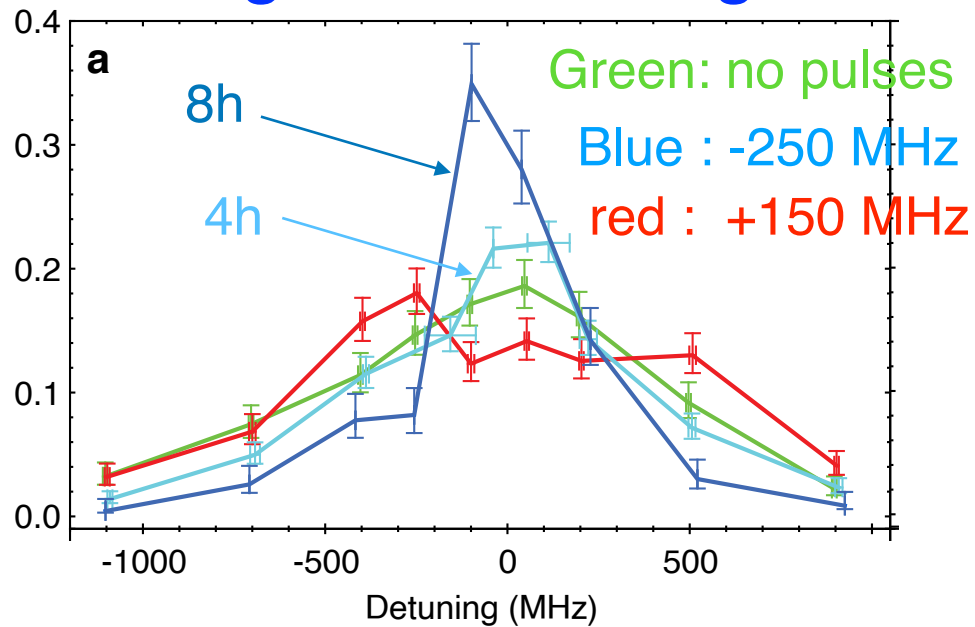


Doppler width  $\sim 900$  MHz

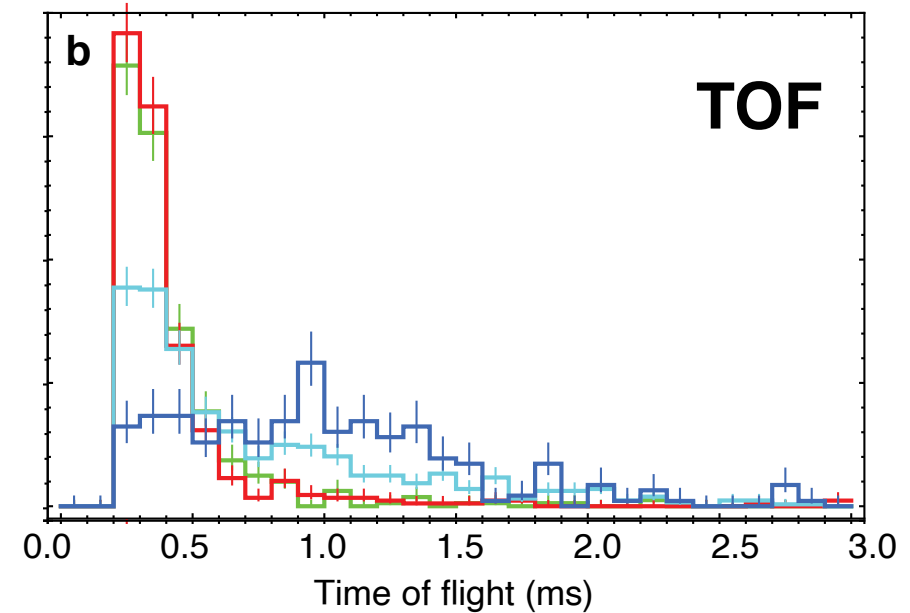
Detuning  $+150$  MHz  $\longrightarrow$  heating

Detuning  $-250$  MHz  $\longrightarrow$  cooling

### Longitudinal cooling



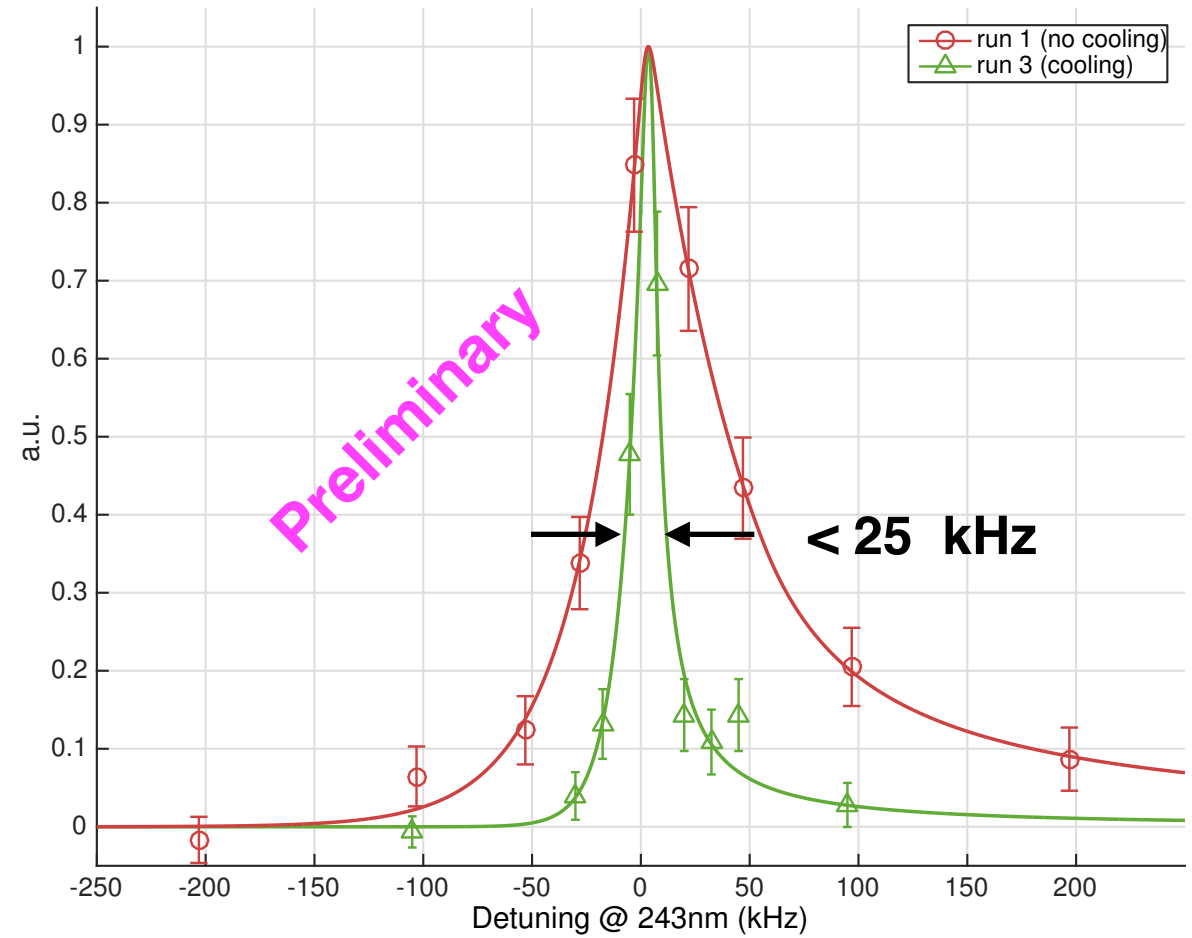
### Transverse cooling



$E_L : 6.6 \mu\text{eV} \rightarrow 1.7 \mu\text{eV}$  (80 mK  $\rightarrow$  20 mK)

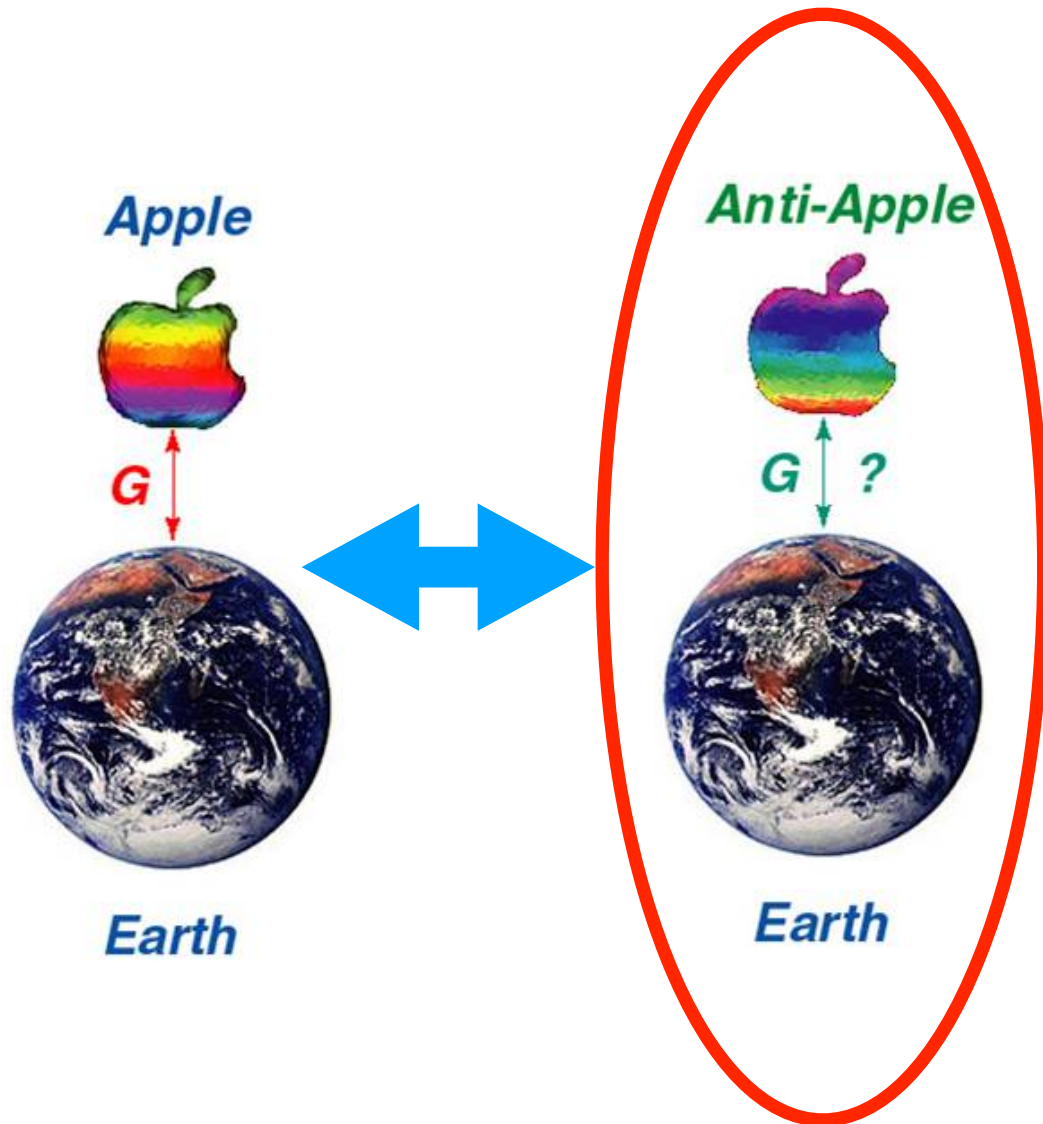
$E_T : 18 \mu\text{eV} \rightarrow 4.8 \mu\text{eV}$  (200 mK  $\rightarrow$  55 mK)<sup>10</sup>

## 1S-2S of Laser Cooled Anti-H

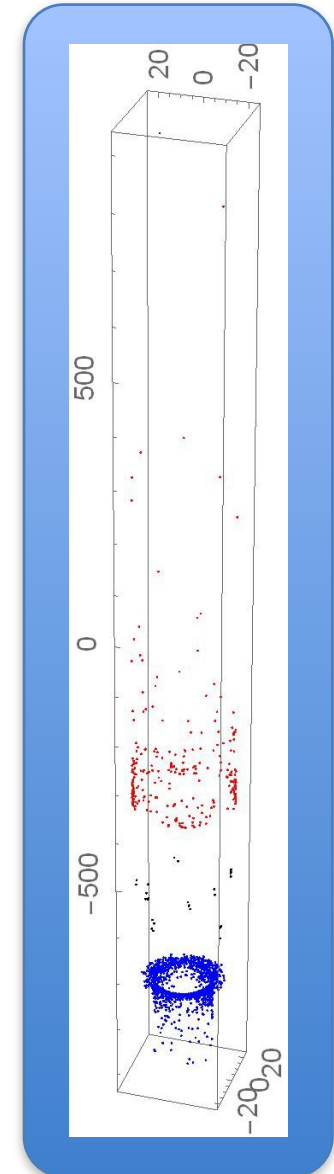


**Doppler cooling limit**  
500 mK → a few mK

## ALPHA-g: Measurement of anti-H gravity



Free "fall" of ant-H



## Hydrogen-Antihydrogen Infrastructure at Canadian Universities

**R&D platform for development for “quantum sensing” techniques for anti-H**

Use H (and other cold atoms) as proxy  
 (Anti)atomic fountain  
 (Anti)Matter-wave interferometer  
 Ramsey hyperfine spectroscopy  
 Optical trapping  
 Anti-molecular clock

Hydrogen difficult to handle  
 1s-2p transition at 121 nm  
 Difficult to trap  
 No fountain made with H



**Ultimate Goal:**

Make precision H--antiH comparison  
 in the same apparatus

## Key Concept

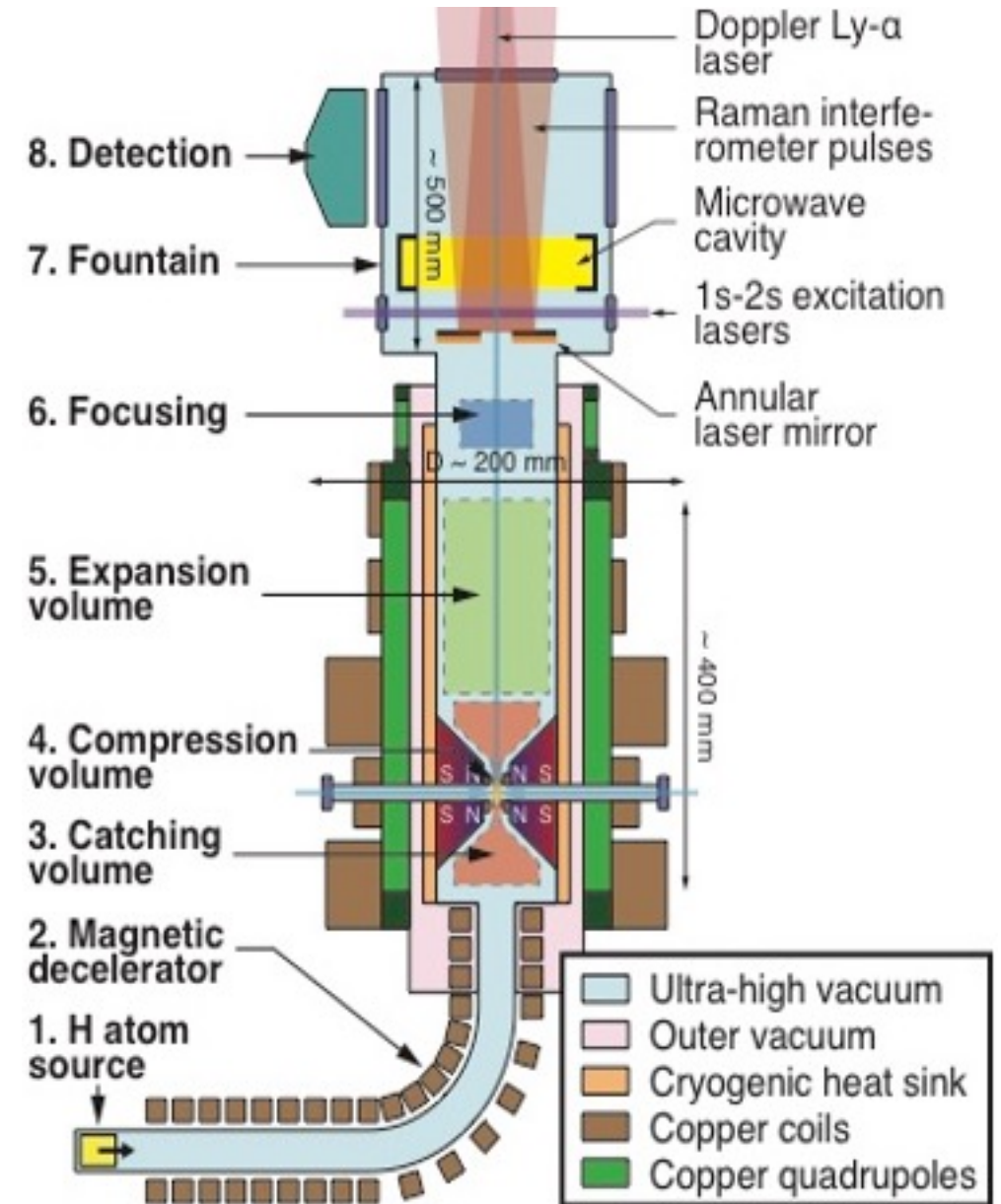
**A: Magnetic compression** of atomic clouds in a small, high density quadrupole trap ( $\sim$ mm radius)

**B: Laser cooling**  $\rightarrow$  high phase space density ( $\sim$ 100  $\mu$ m radius, 2 mm length)  
 Target densities  $10^7 - 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
 (currently  $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in ALPHA)

**C: Expansion cooling**  
 Create (anti)H gas in micro-Kelvin regime!

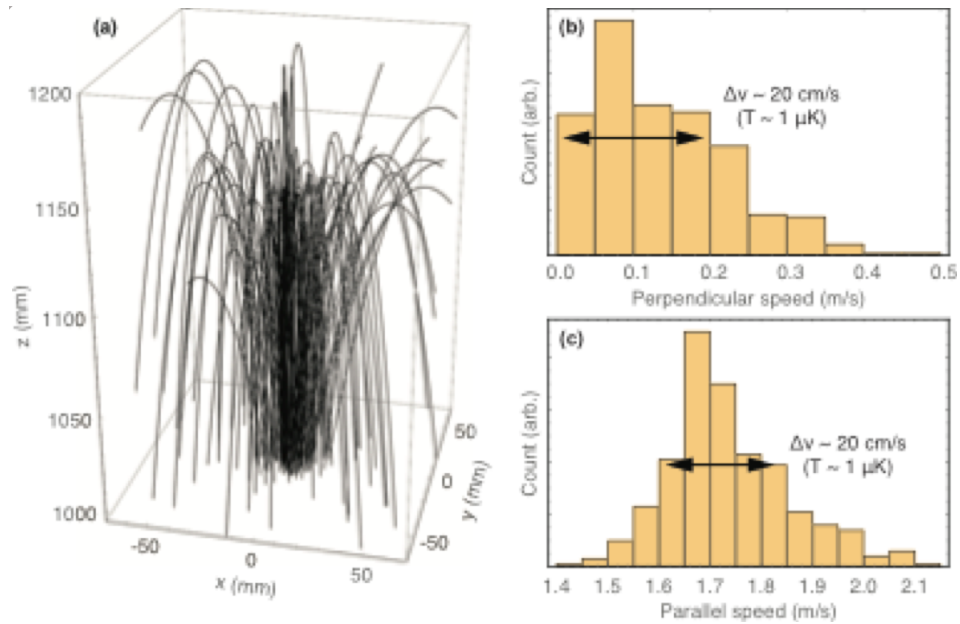
**D: Launch into free space** as fountain for informetric and other interrogations ( $\sim$ 100 nK regime)

**Up to  $10^7 - 10^8$  colder and denser anti-H cloud!**

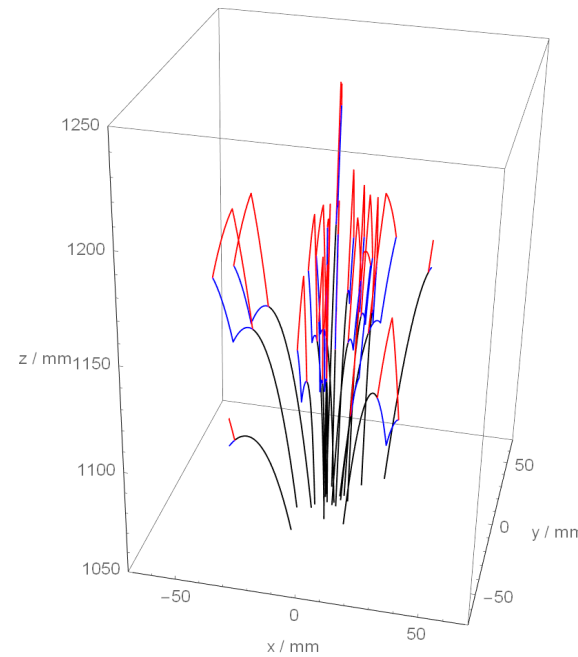


## HAICU: Hydrogen-Antihydrogen Infrastructure at Canadian Universities

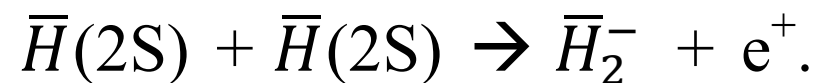
### (Anti)hydrogen fountain



### (Anti)hydrogen Interferometer



### (Anti)hydrogen molecule



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**22 years since the start of Antiproton Decelerator at CERN,  
we are entering a new era**

Tremendous progress in past few years

Laser spectroscopy at 10-12 level

Microwave, charge neutrality, etc.

Laser cooling opens up new opportunities

Since 2021-

ELENA, upgraded AD, became operational

Gravity measurement, ALPHA-g started

The HAICU project just initiated

**Exciting future with antihydrogen physics!**



