



# Searches for New Physics with Exotic (and not so Exotic) Atoms - Workshop at ETHZ 20.01.2022

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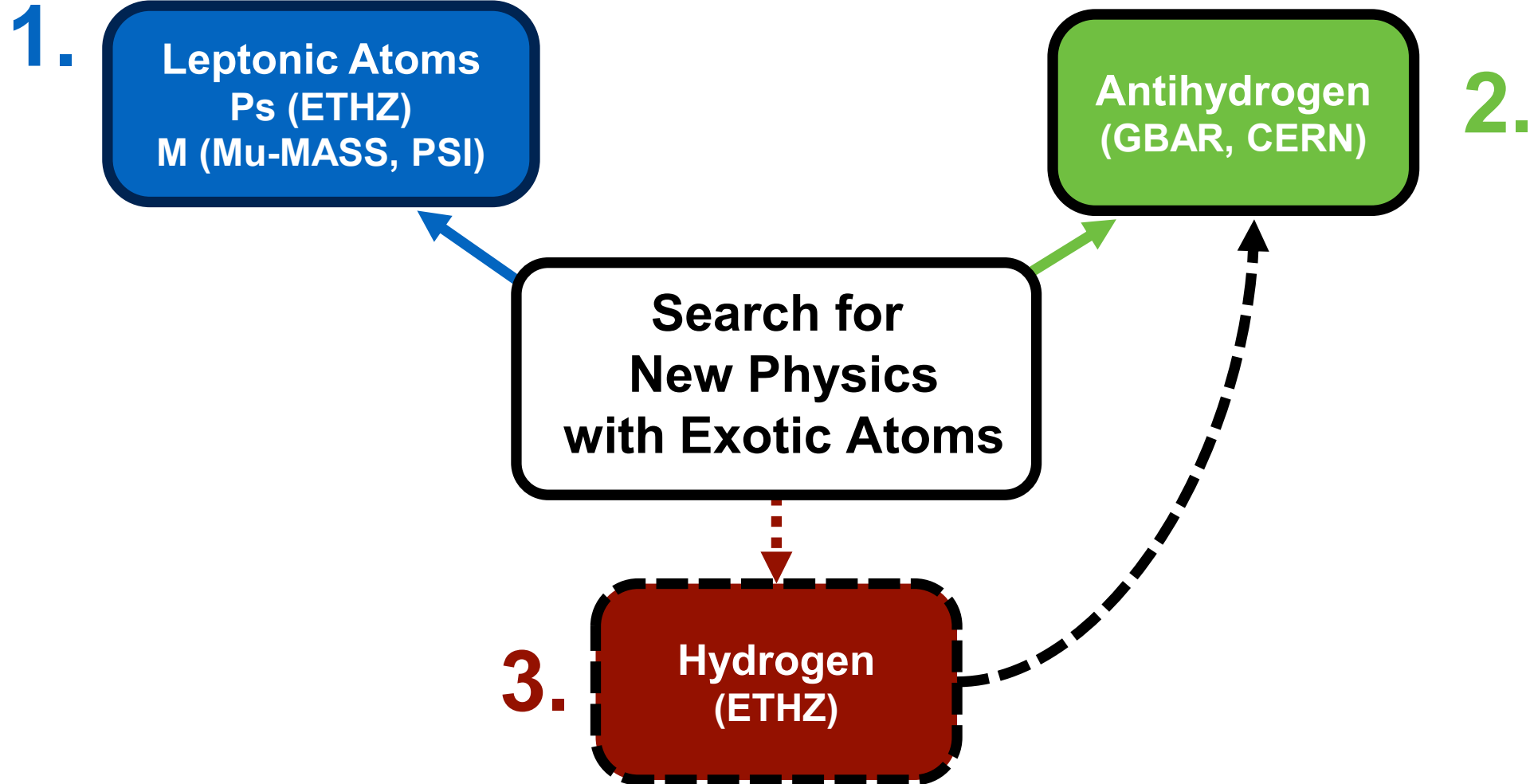
# The shortcomings of the Standard Model (SM)

- SM doesn't explain origin of **dark matter**, dark energy, the **baryon asymmetry** in the Universe and doesn't include **gravity**
- Some hints for possible deviations
  - recent muon  $g-2$  ( $4.2\sigma$ ) B. Abi, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 141801 (2021)
  - Lepton universality violation (e.g. LHCb  $3.1\sigma$ ) LHCb collaboration, 2021, [arxiv.org/abs/2103.11769](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.11769)
  - measurements of Ps FS ( $4.5\sigma$ ) L. Gurung et al., Phys Rev. Lett. 125, 073002 (2020)
- New Physics could address some of these problems, e.g. via: Standard Model Extension (SME), new bosons/forces



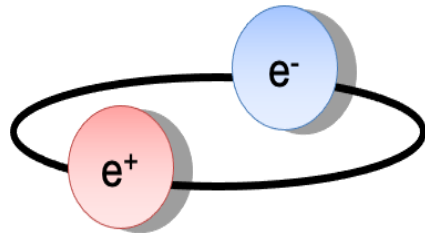
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Prof. Jörg Jaeckel

# Outline



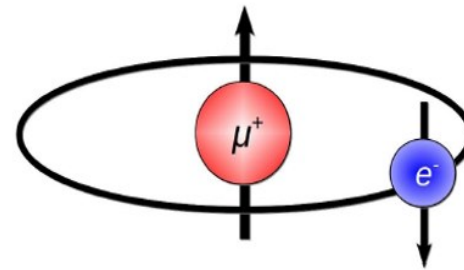
# Positronium and Muonium

- **Purely leptonic**
- described precisely by bound state QED
- any deviation between theory and measurements a hint of New Physics
- from agreement with theory, fundamental constants can be extracted



- **Ps**: electron – positron bound state
- Very short lifetimes of 125ps (p-Ps) and 142ns (o-Ps)
- Main decay channel: p-Ps  $\rightarrow$   $2\gamma$ , o-Ps  $\rightarrow$   $3\gamma$

➔ 1S-2S, 2S-FS and 2S-HFS spectroscopy at ETHZ

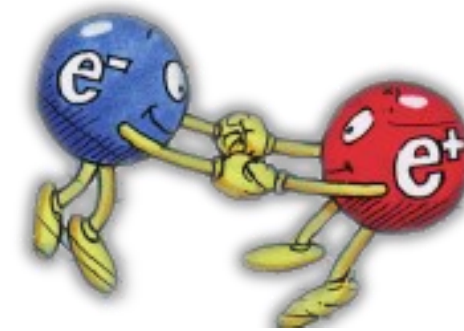
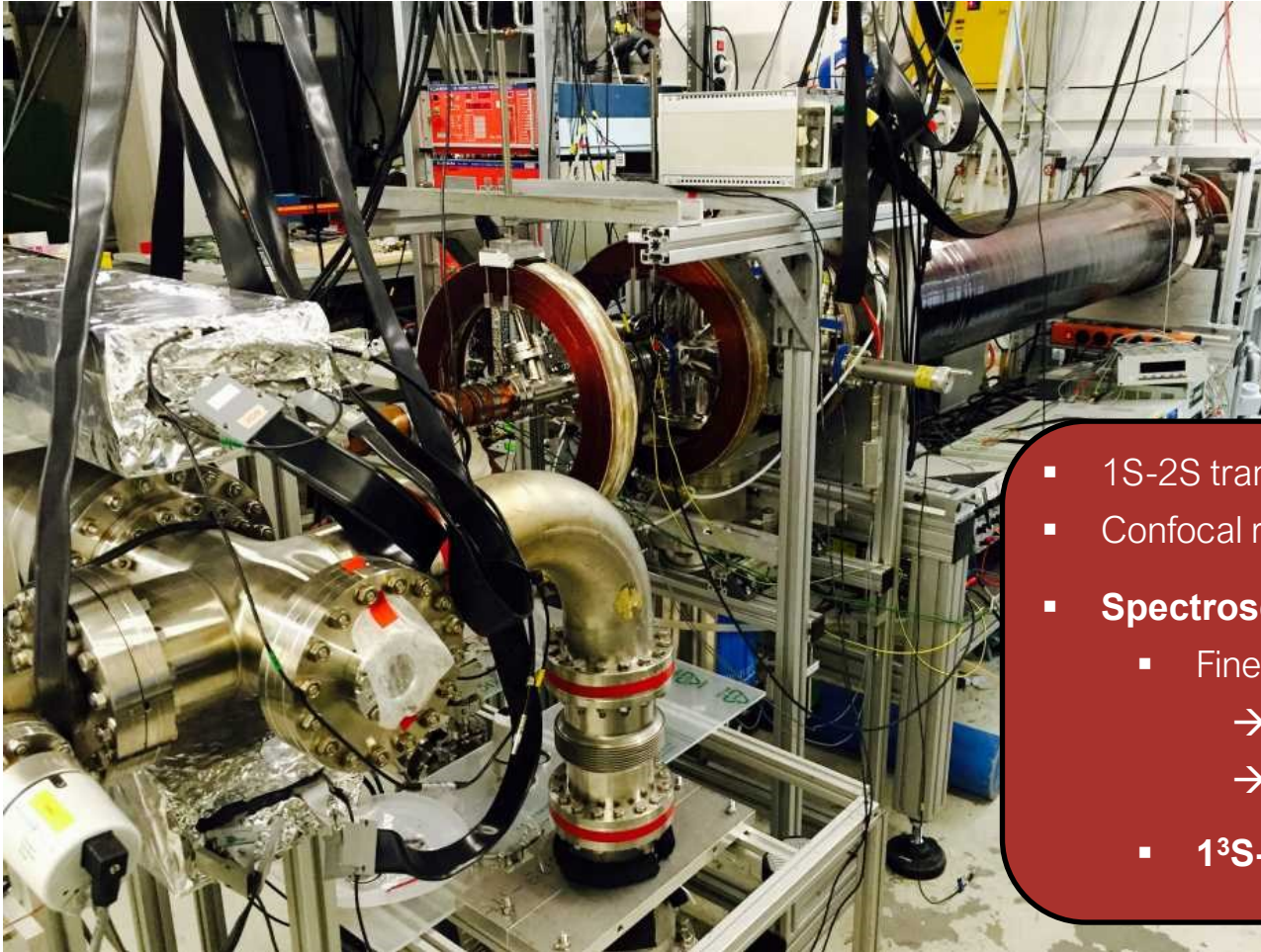


- **M**: positive muon-electron bound state
- Unstable with lifetime of 2.2  $\mu$ s
- Main decay channel:  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e$

➔ 1S-2S and 2S-2P spectroscopy at PSI (Mu-MASS exp.)

# Ps-Spectroscopy at ETH

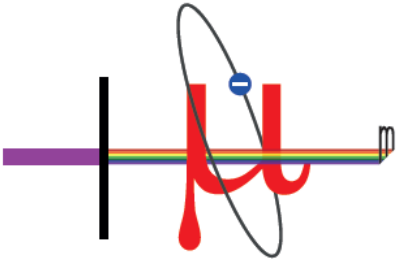
M. Heiss, PhD Thesis (2021),  
<https://doi.org/10.3929/ethz-b-000477081>



- 1S-2S transition measured with pulsed laser
- Confocal resonator for MW-spectroscopy built & tested
- **Spectroscopy of:** (In collaboration with Anna Soter)
  - Fine Structure  $2^3S_1 \rightarrow 2^3P_0$ ,
    - avoiding systematics such as 1st-order Doppler or from mag. Field
    - probe recently measured deviation from SM
  - $1^3S-2^3S_1$  improvement with CW laser

# The Mu-MASS experiment at PSI

P. Crivelli, Hyp. Int. 239, 49 (2018)

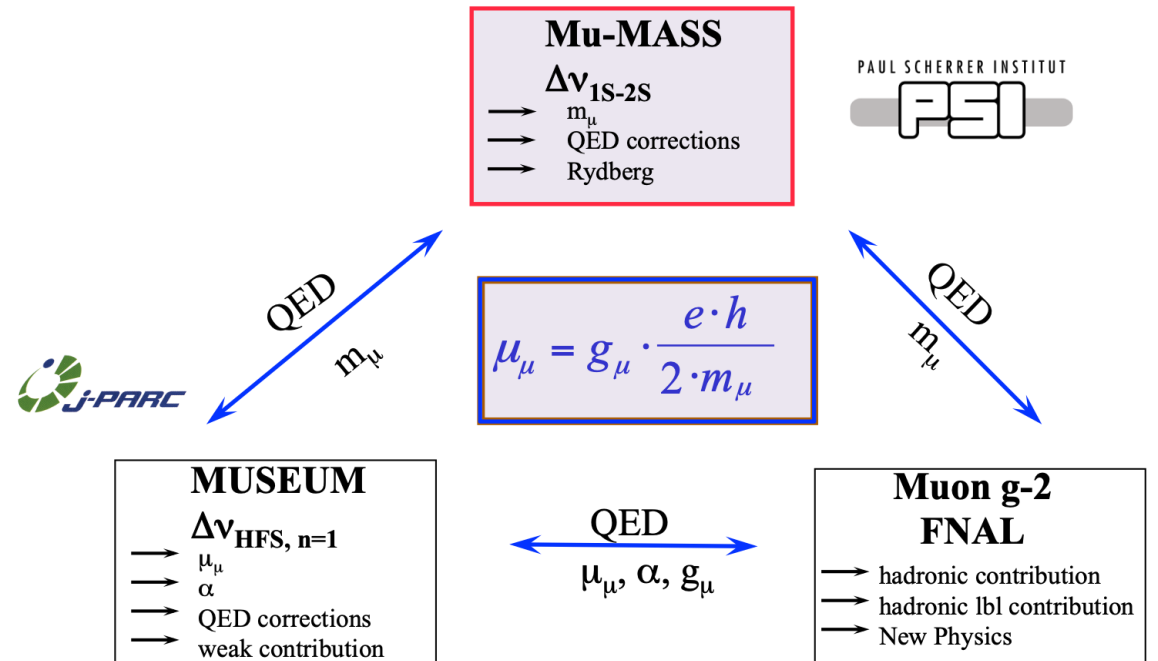


MU-MASS

## OUTPUT

- Muon mass @ 1 ppb
- Ratio of  $q_e/q_\mu$  @ 1 ppt
- Test of bound state QED ( $1 \times 10^{-9}$ )
- Input to muon g-2 theory
- Rydberg constant @ ppt level
- New determination of  $\alpha$  @ 1 ppb
- Search for New Physics

High precision laser and microwave Muonium spectroscopy experiment  
 FINAL GOAL : improve 1S-2S transition by 3 orders of magnitude (10 kHz, 4 ppt)



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# Current status and outlook for Mu-MASS

## CURRENT STATUS:

- Detection of 2S states achieved but S/N to be improved
- Laser system, CW 20W @ 244 nm circulating power achieved
- Frequency reference for the experiment is ready
- New measurement of the Muonium Lamb shift (see next slides)



Z. Burkley et al. Opt. Express 29, 27450 (2021)

## FUTURE PLANS:

**2022** first attempts to excite 1S-2S transition using a CW laser + pulsed laser for photoionisation (PI) detecting the PI muons + decaying positron

**2023-2024** Data taking at the low energy muon beam line

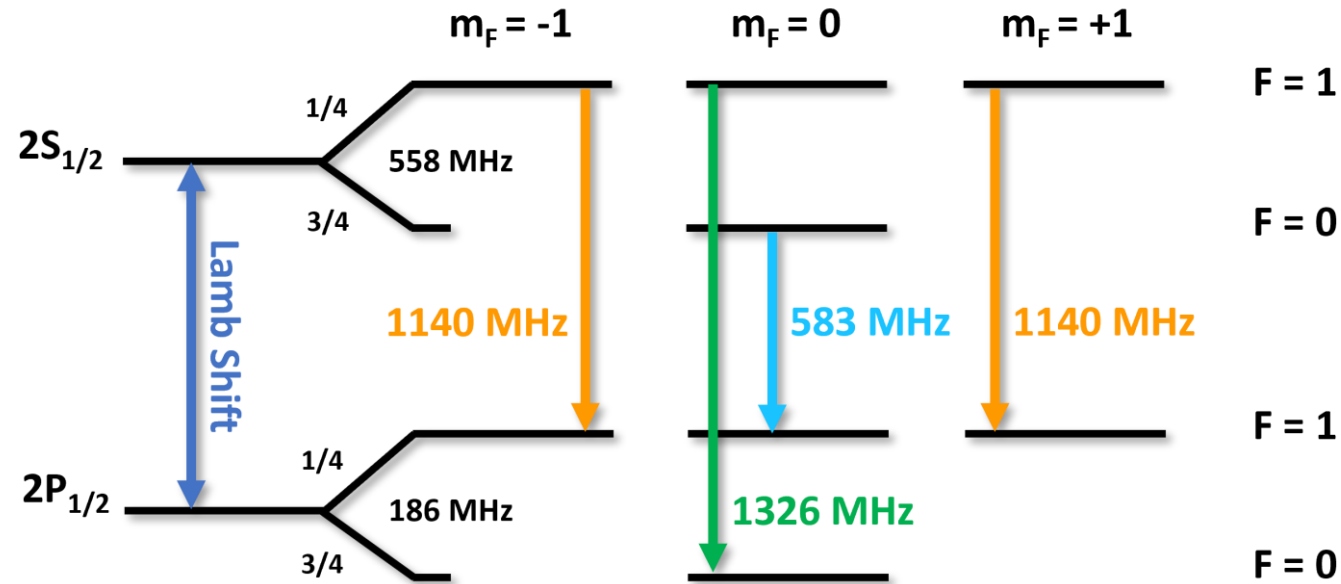
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**MuCool** Beamline and **HiMB** UPGRADES and new M targets @ PSI (2 orders of magnitude larger muon flux)  
WOULD GREATLY EXPAND THE PHYSICS REACH OF Mu-MASS

MuCool: A. Antognini and D. Taqqu. SciPost Phys. Proc., 5:030, (2021)  
HiMB: M. Aiba, A. Amato, et al. (2021), arXiv 2111.05788

# Muonium Lamb shift

## Muonium



**THEORY**  $(E(2S_{1/2}) - E(2P_{1/2}))_{\text{Mu}}^{\text{th}} = 1047.498(1) \text{ MHz.}$

G. Janka, B. Ohayon and P. Crivelli, arXiv:2111.13951 (2021)

V. Yerokhin et al. ,Annalen der Physik 531, 1800324 (2019)

M. I. Eides, H. Grotch, and V. A. Shelyuto, Phys. Rep. 342, 63 (2001).

**EXPERIMENT**  $(E(2S_{1/2}) - E(2P_{1/2}))_{\text{Mu}}^{\text{exp}} = 1042(22) \text{ MHz.}$

@ TRIUMF: C .J. Oram et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 52, 910 (1984).

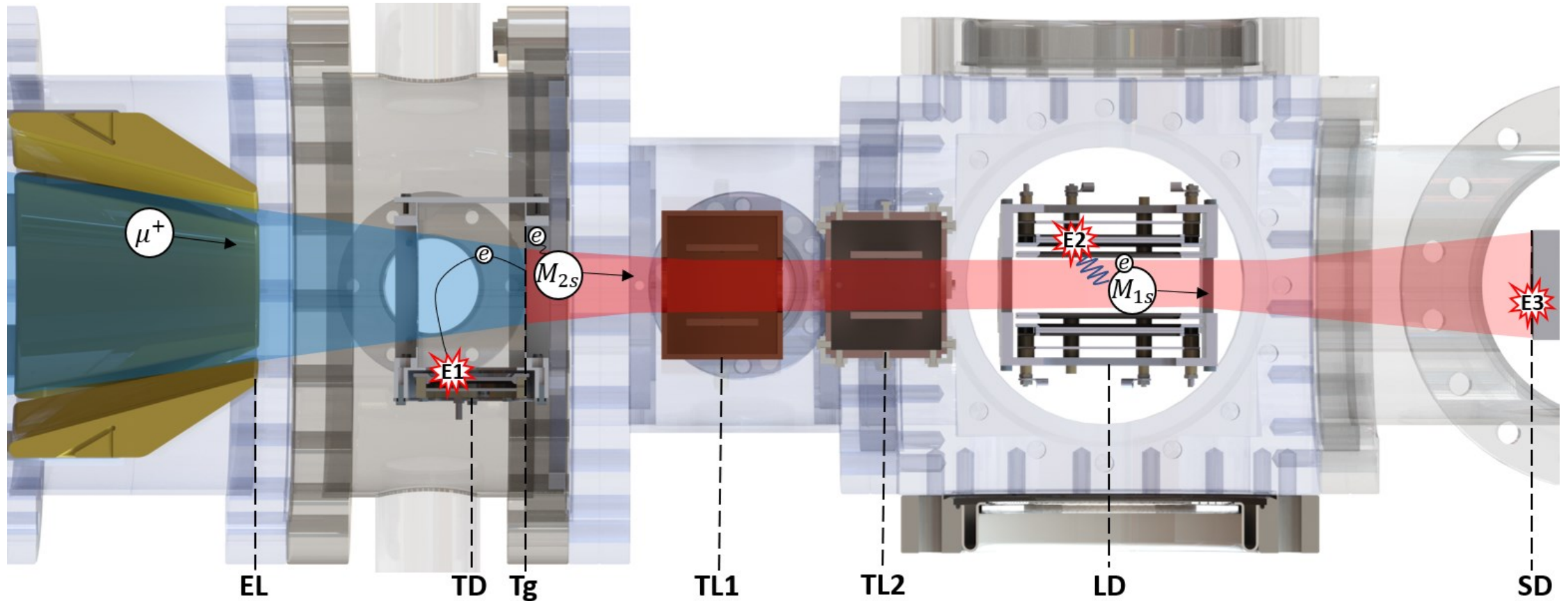
@ LAMPF: K. Woodle, et al., Phys. Rev. A 41, 93 (1990).



# Measurement of the Lamb shift (June 2021)

**LEM beamline** T. Prokscha et al., NIMA 595, 317 (2008)

**LYMAN-ALPHA DETECTOR**



**TAGGING+M(2S)  
FORMATION**

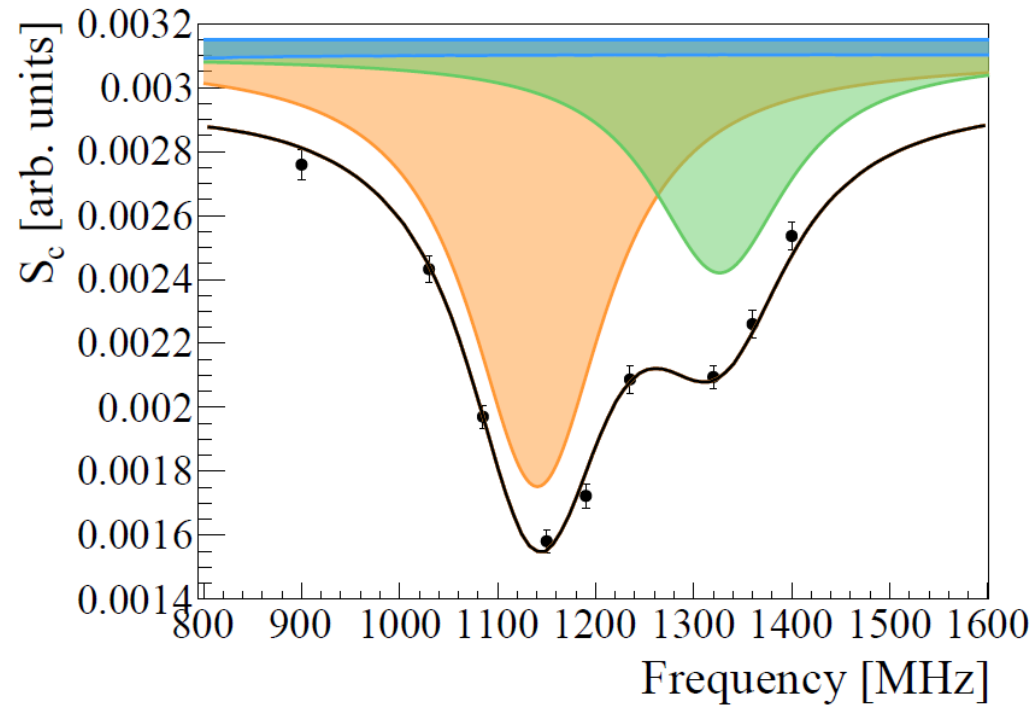
**MW REGION  
(HFS SELECTOR +  
MW TRANSITION)**

**STOP DETECTOR**

# Results of the M Lamb shift

B. Ohayon, G. Janka, et al., PRL 128, 011802 (2022)

48 HOURS DATA TAKING (100x statistics compared to previous measurements)



	$2S_{1/2,F=1} \rightarrow 2P_{1/2,F=1}$	
	Value (MHz)	Uncertainty (MHz)
Fitting	1139.9	2.3
Beam contamination		< 1.0
MW-Beam alignment		< 0.32
MW field intensity		< 0.04
M velocity		< 0.01
AC Stark $2P_{3/2}$	+0.26	< 0.02
2 <sup>nd</sup> -order Doppler	+0.06	< 0.01
Earth's magnetic field		< 0.05
Quantum interference		< 0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>1140.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Lamb Shift	1047.2	2.5
Theoretical value	1047.498	0.002

→ Result agrees with theory

→ Precision not enough to test b-QED but can be used to constrain new physics

# Searches for new bosons via Ps / M spectroscopy

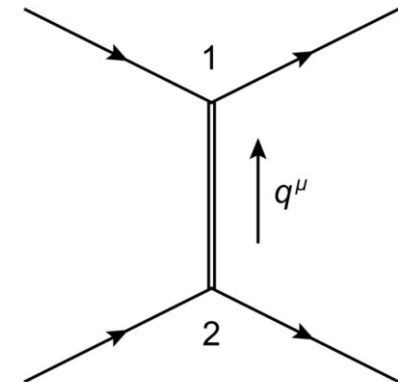
- New bosons could mediate new forces resulting in shifts of Ps and M energy levels.

C Fruguele et al., Phys. Rev. D100, 015010 (2019)

- Scattering between two fermions described by different potentials (scalar-scalar, vector-vector...)

P. Fadeev et al., Phys. Rev. A 99, 022113 (2019)

$$V_{SS}(\vec{r}) = -g_1^S g_2^S \frac{e^{-Mr}}{4\pi r}$$



- Leading order corrections:  $\langle V_{SS} \rangle = -\frac{g_1^S g_2^S}{4\pi} F_{n,l}^1(M)$

$$F_{n,l}^k(M) = \left\langle \frac{e^{-Mr}}{r} \right\rangle_{n,l}$$

	$l=0$	$l=1$	$l=2$
$n=1$	$\frac{4}{a_0(Ma_0+2)^2}$	X	X
$n=2$	$\frac{2M^2 a_0^2 + 1}{4a_0(Ma_0+1)^4}$	$\frac{1}{4a_0(Ma_0+1)^4}$	X
$n=3$	$\frac{4(243M^4 a_0^4 + 216M^2 a_0^2 + 16)}{9a_0(3Ma_0+2)^6}$	$\frac{64(9M^2 a_0^2 + 1)}{9a_0(3Ma_0+2)^6}$	$\frac{64}{9a_0(3Ma_0+2)^6}$



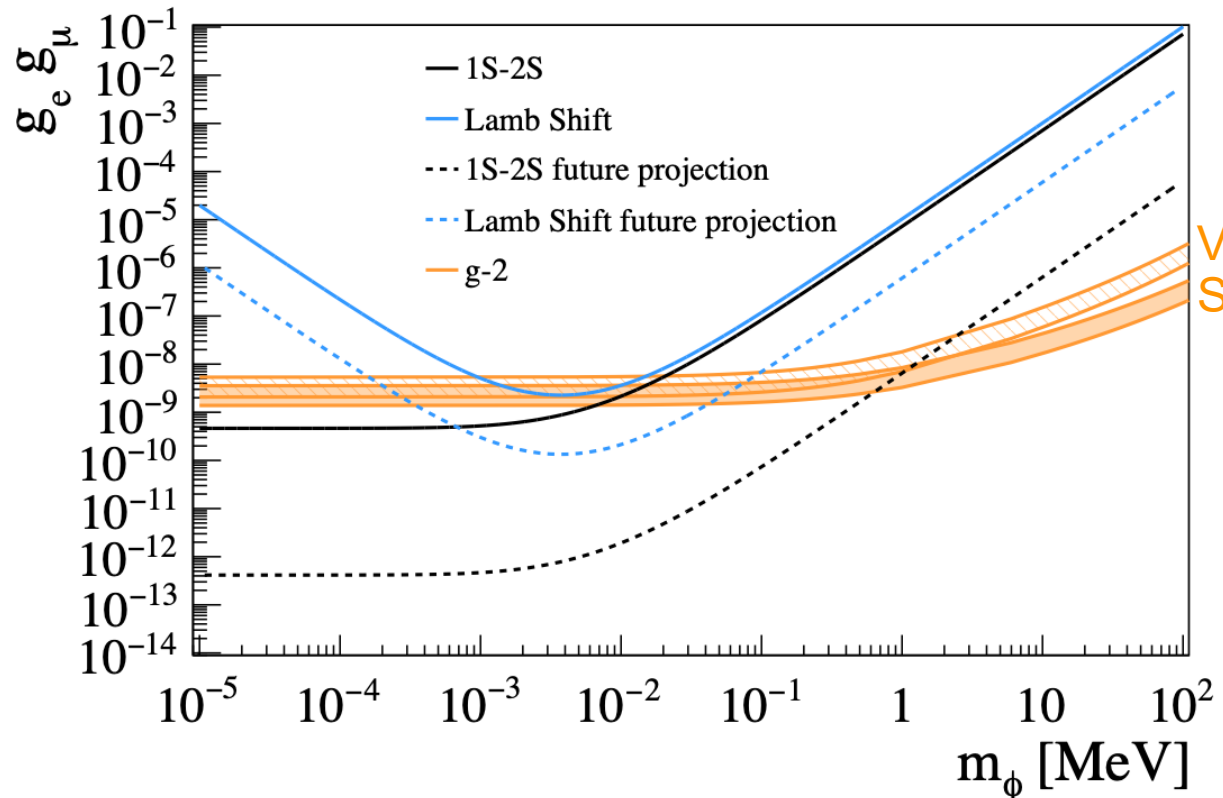
$$\Delta E_{SS}(2S^0 \rightarrow 2P^0) = \frac{g_1^S g_2^S}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{4a_0(Ma_0+1)^4} - \frac{2M^2 a_0^2 + 1}{4a_0(Ma_0+1)^4} \right)$$

$$\Delta E_{SS}(2S^0 \rightarrow 1S^0) = \frac{g_1^S g_2^S}{4\pi} \left( \frac{4}{a_0(Ma_0+2)^2} - \frac{2M^2 a_0^2 + 1}{4a_0(Ma_0+1)^4} \right)$$

# Muonium spectroscopy as a probe for new muonic forces

$$\rho_{the,exp} = \sqrt{\rho_{the}^2 + \rho_{exp}^2} \quad C_{transition}(M) = \frac{\Delta E_{\zeta\zeta}(transition)}{g_{\zeta}^1 g_{\zeta}^2}$$

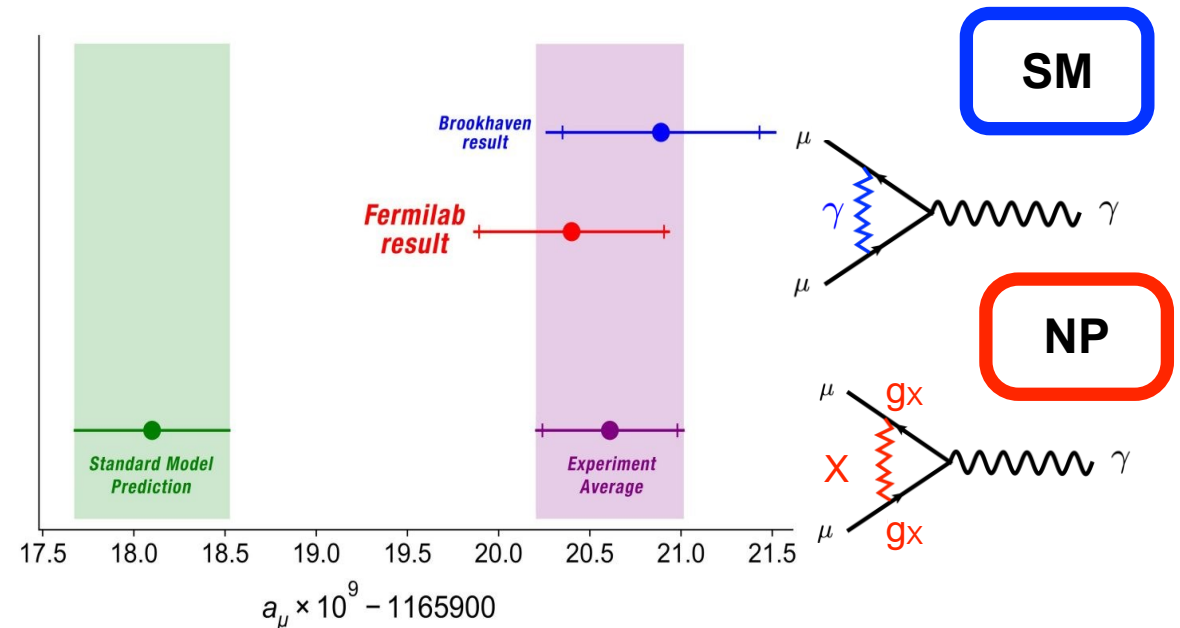
$$g_{\zeta}^1 g_{\zeta}^2 > \frac{h \max_{\pm} |(v_{exp} - v_{the}) \pm 2\rho_{the,exp}|}{C_{transition}(M)}$$



B. Ohayon, G. Janka et al., PRL 128, 011802 (2022)

## Bands: region suggested by $(g-2)_{\mu}$

B. Abi, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 141801 (2021)



## combined with bound from $(g-2)_e$

L. Morel et al, Nature 588, 61 (2020),  
 R. H. Parker et al., Science 360, 191 (2018).  
 D. Hanneke et al. e Phys. Rev. Lett. 100, 120801 (2008)

# The Standard Model Extension (SME)

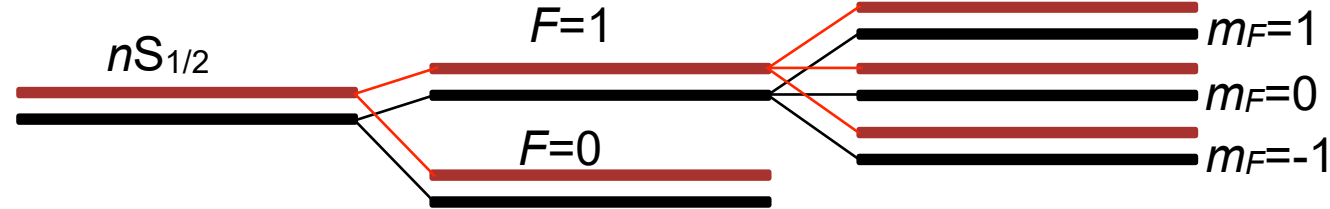
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SME}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GR}}}_{\text{Conventional physics}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{LV}}}_{\text{Lorentz violation}}$$

Colladay and Kostelecky., PRD **55**, 6760 (1997)  
 Colladay and Kostelecky., PRD **58**, 116002 (1998)  
 Kostelecky., PRD **69**, 105009 (2004)

Lorentz-violating contribution

Conventional case

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 + \delta\epsilon$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle)$$

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

A. H. Gomes et al., Phys. Rev. D, 90:076009, 2014.

E.g. additional shift for Muonium:

**1S-2S**  $\delta\nu_{1S2S} = \frac{3(m_r\alpha)^2}{8\pi} [a_2^{\text{NR}} + c_2^{\text{NR}} + \frac{67}{12}(m_r\alpha)^2(a_4^{\text{NR}} + c_4^{\text{NR}})]$

**2S-2P**  $2\pi\delta\nu_{\text{Lamb}} = -\frac{2}{3}(\alpha m_r)^4(a_4^{\text{NR}} + c_4^{\text{NR}})$

Lorentz and CPT

Only Lorentz

Transition	Coefficient	Constraint
1S <sub>1/2</sub> -2S <sub>1/2</sub>	$ a_2^{\text{NR}} $	$< 8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
	$ c_2^{\text{NR}} $	$< 8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$
Lamb shift	$ a_4^{\text{NR}} $	$< 1 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
	$ c_4^{\text{NR}} $	$< 1 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV}^{-3}$
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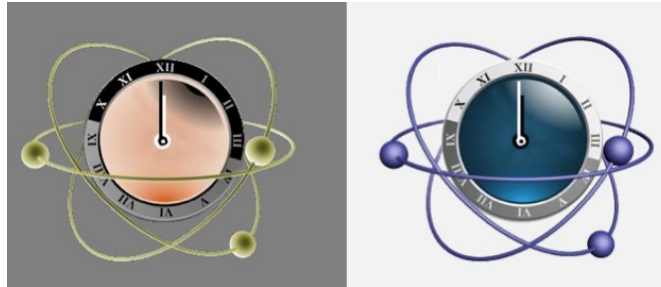
B. Ohayon, G. Janka, et al., PRL 128, 011802 (2022)

$< 1.7 \times 10^5 \text{ GeV}^{-3}$

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# Spectroscopy of Exotic Atoms as a sensitive test

- The SME allows clocks and anti-clocks to tick at different rates



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energy shift for  
matter

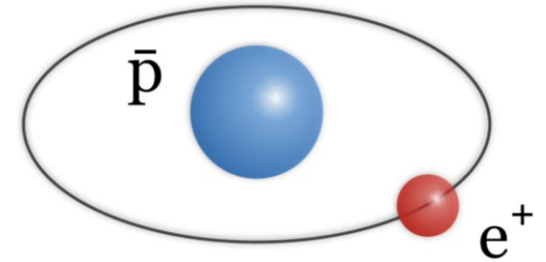
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Lorentz-violating  
energy shift for  
anti-matter

*More details: see slides „[CPT violation, Lorentz violation, and low-energy antiprotons](#)” by A. Vargas, LEAP 2018*

# The Antihydrogen

- $\bar{\text{H}}$  : negative antiproton – positron bound state
- provides stringent tests of CPT symmetry, to give insight about matter-antimatter asymmetry



## ➔ MW spectroscopy at GBAR

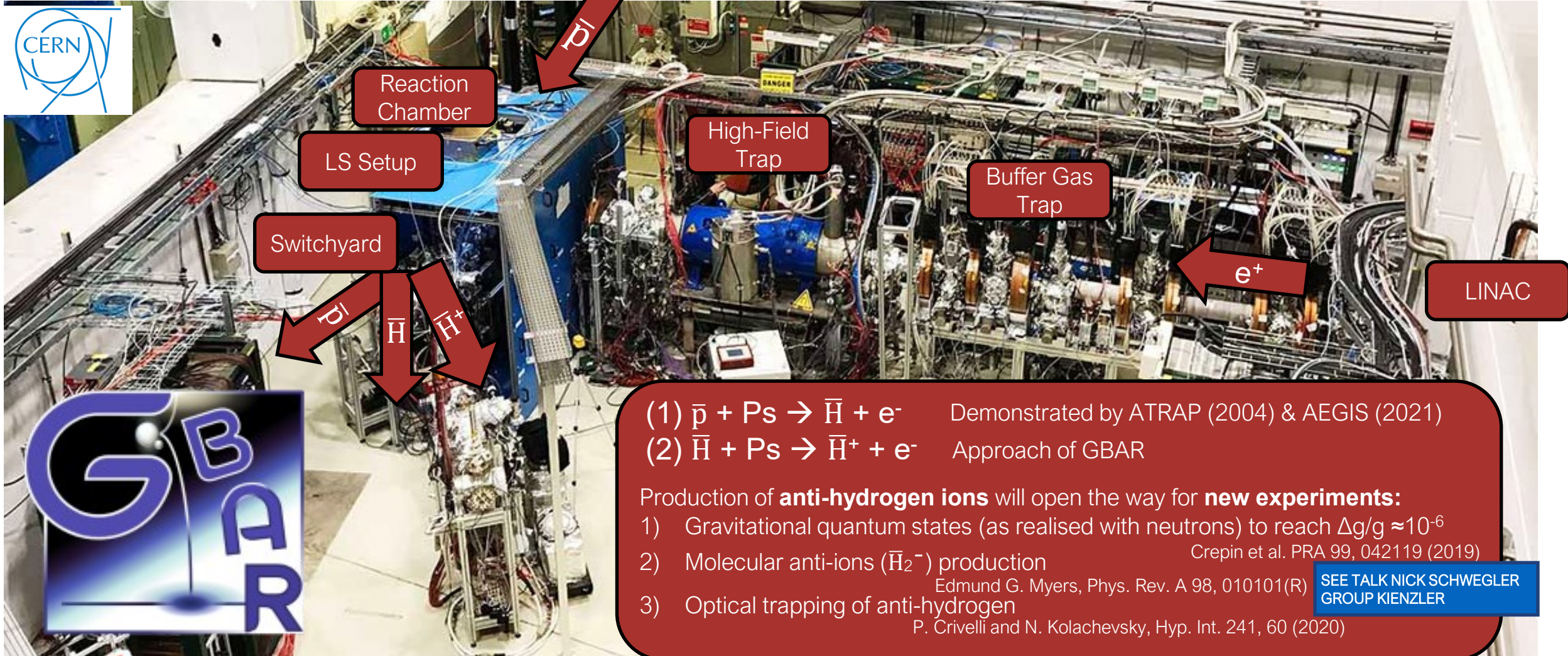
ALPHA collaboration. Nature, 541:506–510, 2016  
 ALPHA collaboration. Nature, 548(7665):66–69, 2017  
 ALPHA collaboration. Nature, 578(7795):375–380, 2020

- Good candidate for first direct test of Weak Equivalence Principle (WEP) for antimatter
- Best (and only) result from free fall: ALPHA with  $-65\text{g} < \bar{g} < 150\text{g}$  ALPHA Collaboration, Nat Commun 4, 1785 (2013)
- (Recently, BASE collaboration extracted  $\bar{g}$  from gravitational redshift to  $\frac{\Delta\bar{g}}{\bar{g}} \approx 3\%$ )

## ➔ Free Fall experiment at GBAR

BASE Collaboration, Nature volume 601, pages 53–57 (2022)

# The GBAR (Gravitational Behaviour of Antihydrogen at Rest) EXP.



(1)  $\bar{p} + \text{Ps} \rightarrow \bar{\text{H}} + e^-$  Demonstrated by ATRAP (2004) & AEGIS (2021)

(2)  $\bar{\text{H}} + \text{Ps} \rightarrow \bar{\text{H}}^+ + e^-$  Approach of GBAR

Production of **anti-hydrogen ions** will open the way for **new experiments**:

- 1) Gravitational quantum states (as realised with neutrons) to reach  $\Delta g/g \approx 10^{-6}$   
Crepin et al. PRA 99, 042119 (2019)
- 2) Molecular anti-ions ( $\bar{\text{H}}_2^-$ ) production  
Edmund G. Myers, Phys. Rev. A 98, 010101(R)
- 3) Optical trapping of anti-hydrogen  
P. Crivelli and N. Kolachevsky, Hyp. Int. 241, 60 (2020)

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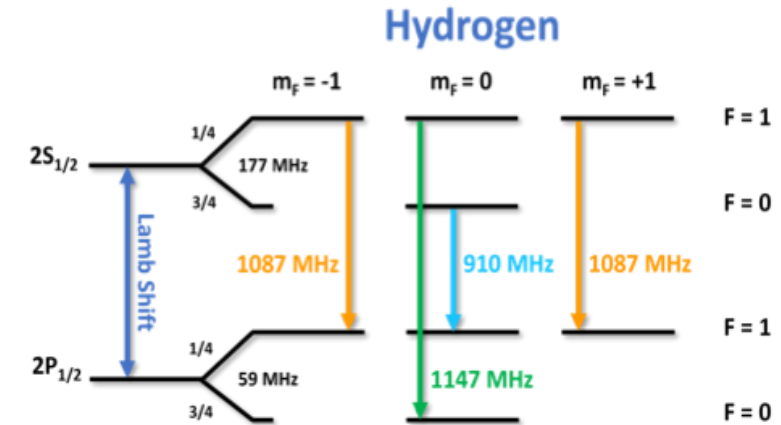
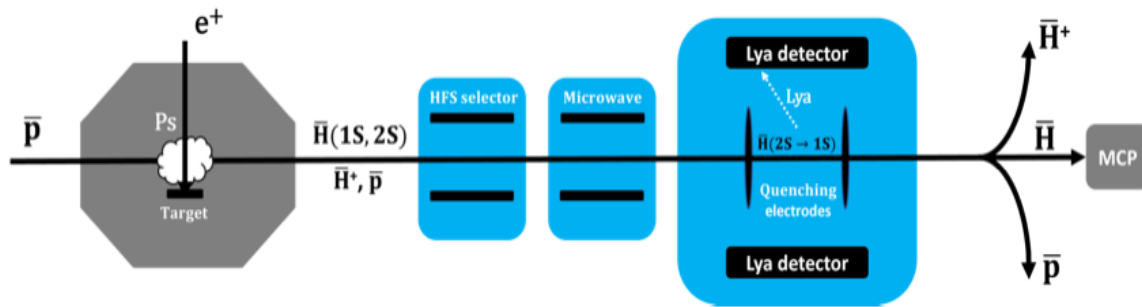


# GBAR: Byproduct measurement – Antihydrogen Lamb shift setup

P. Crivelli, D. Cooke, and M. W. Heiss, PRD 94 (2016), 052008.

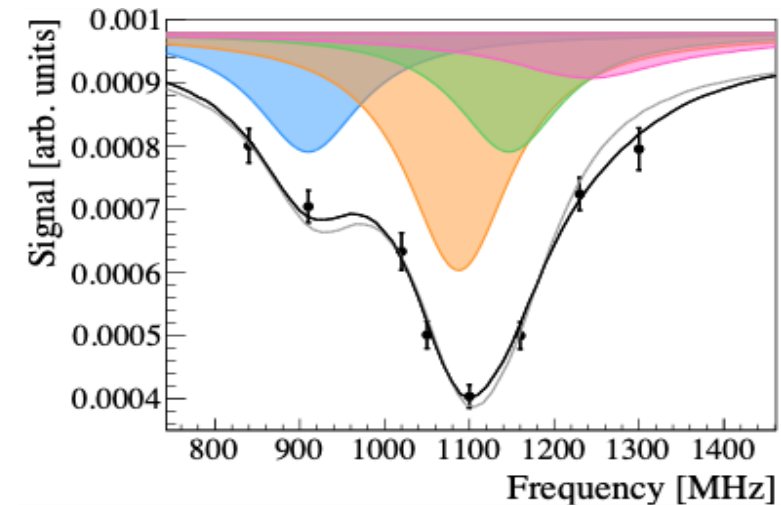
G. Janka, ETHZ PhD thesis (2022)

Byproduct measurement (Lorentz/CPT test),  
not perturbing GBAR program

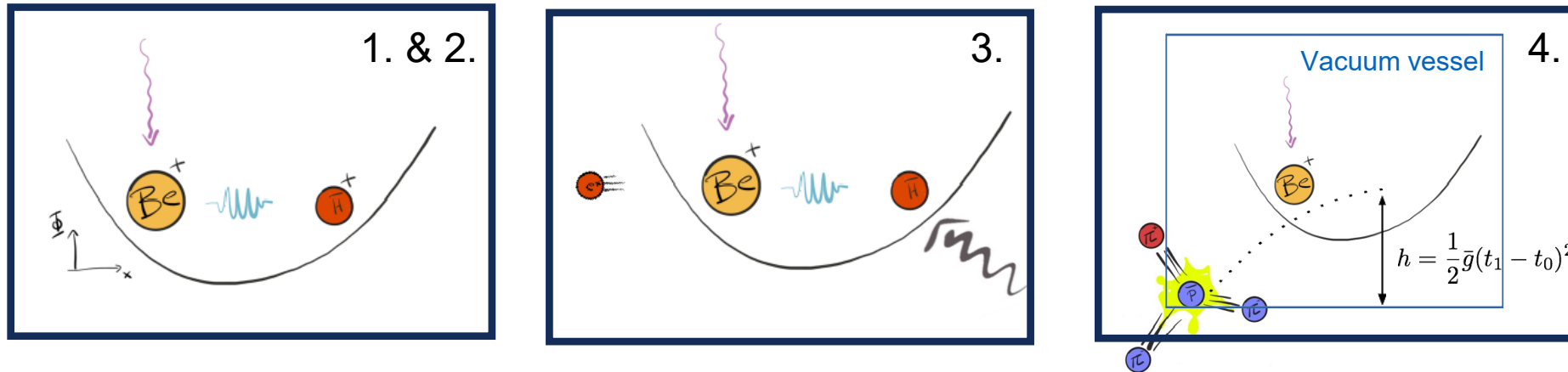


- Successful commissioning of setup at PSI
- Setup moved to CERN
- Installed at GBAR and transition of hydrogen already detected

**GOAL: 100ppm measurement**



# GBAR: Main goal & principle of the experiment



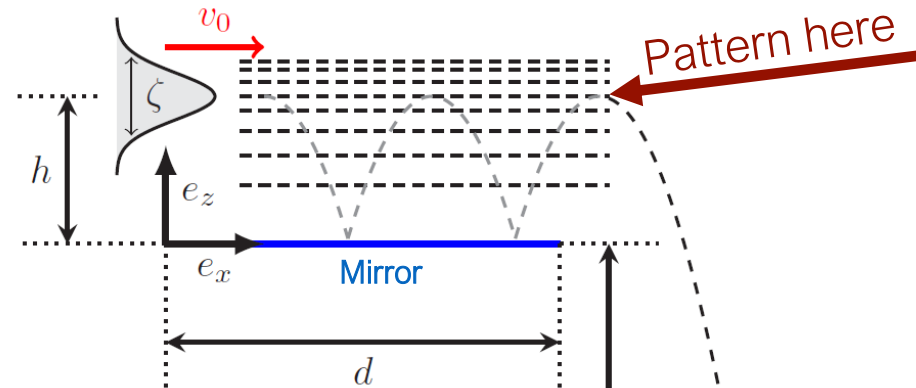
1. Produce  $\bar{\text{H}}^+$  and trap in Paul trap, pre-filled with  $\text{Be}^+$  ions
2. Sympathetically cool anti-ions to 10uK, cool  $\text{Be}^+$  with 313nm laser
3. Photo-detach excess positron with 1640nm laser
4. Measure time of flight and annihilation position of  $\bar{\text{H}}$  with Micromegas

**GOAL: first step  $\frac{\Delta \bar{g}}{\bar{g}} \leq 1\%$ , later to  $10^{-6}$  with «quantum free fall»**

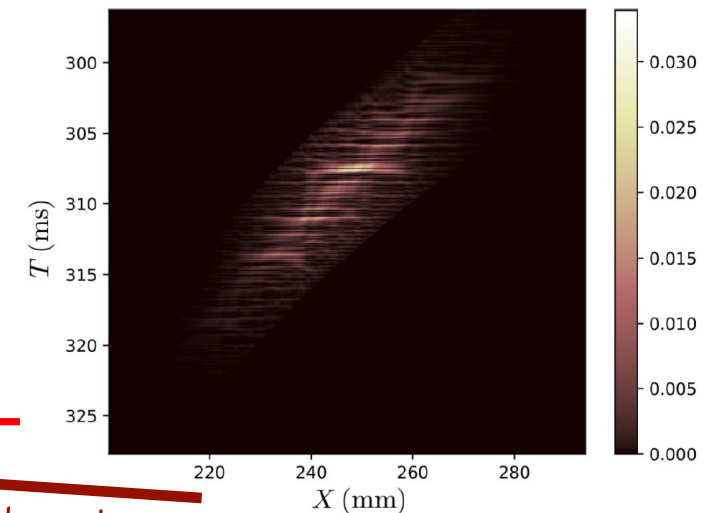
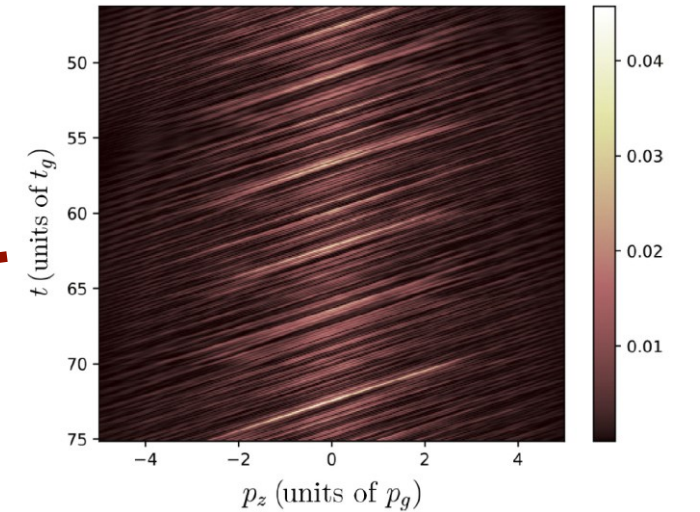
# “Quantum free fall” of Anti-hydrogen

Crepin et al. Phys. Rev. A 99, 042119 (2019)

- **Parabolas:** classical motion with rebounds above the mirror
- **dashed horizontal lines:** paths through different quantum states which interfere in the detection pattern



- Height of free fall must be much larger than dispersion of wave packet  
 $H \gg h$
- free fall considered to be classical
- acts as diffraction process, translates the interaction time and momentum after interference zone into space and time positions of annihilation event

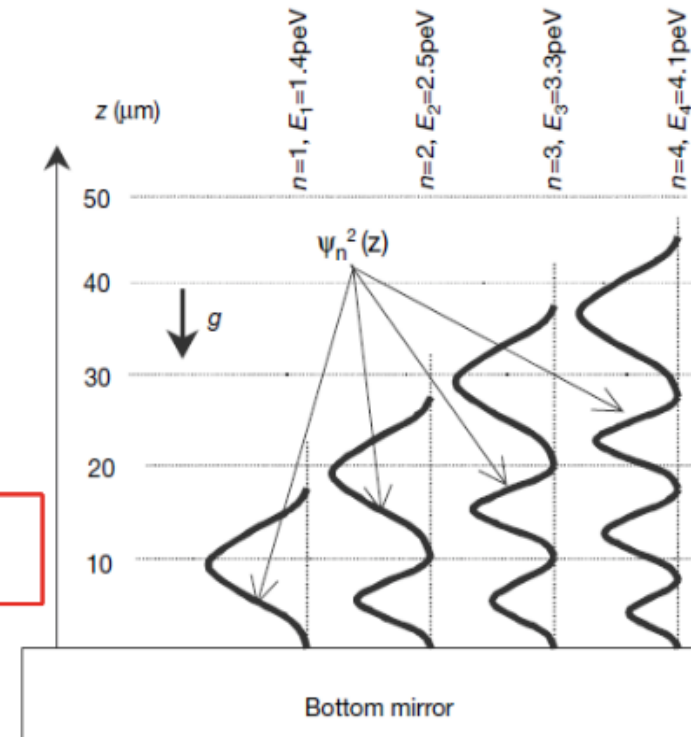
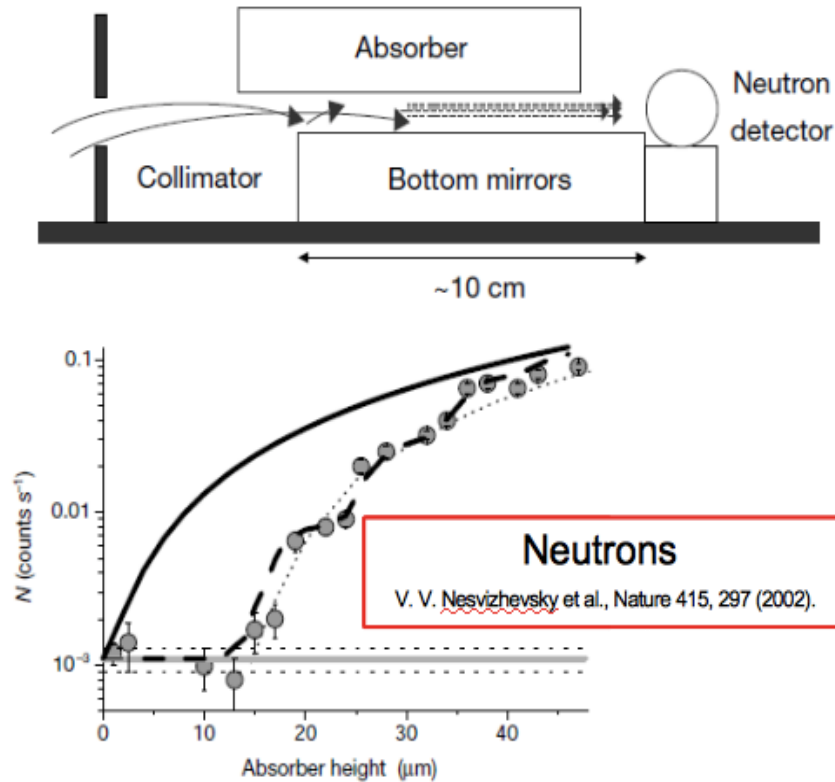


$X, T$   
Detector

Pattern here

# Neutron quantum gravitational states (QGS)

Nesvizhevsky, V., Börner, H., Petukhov, A. et al., Nature 415, 297–299 (2002)



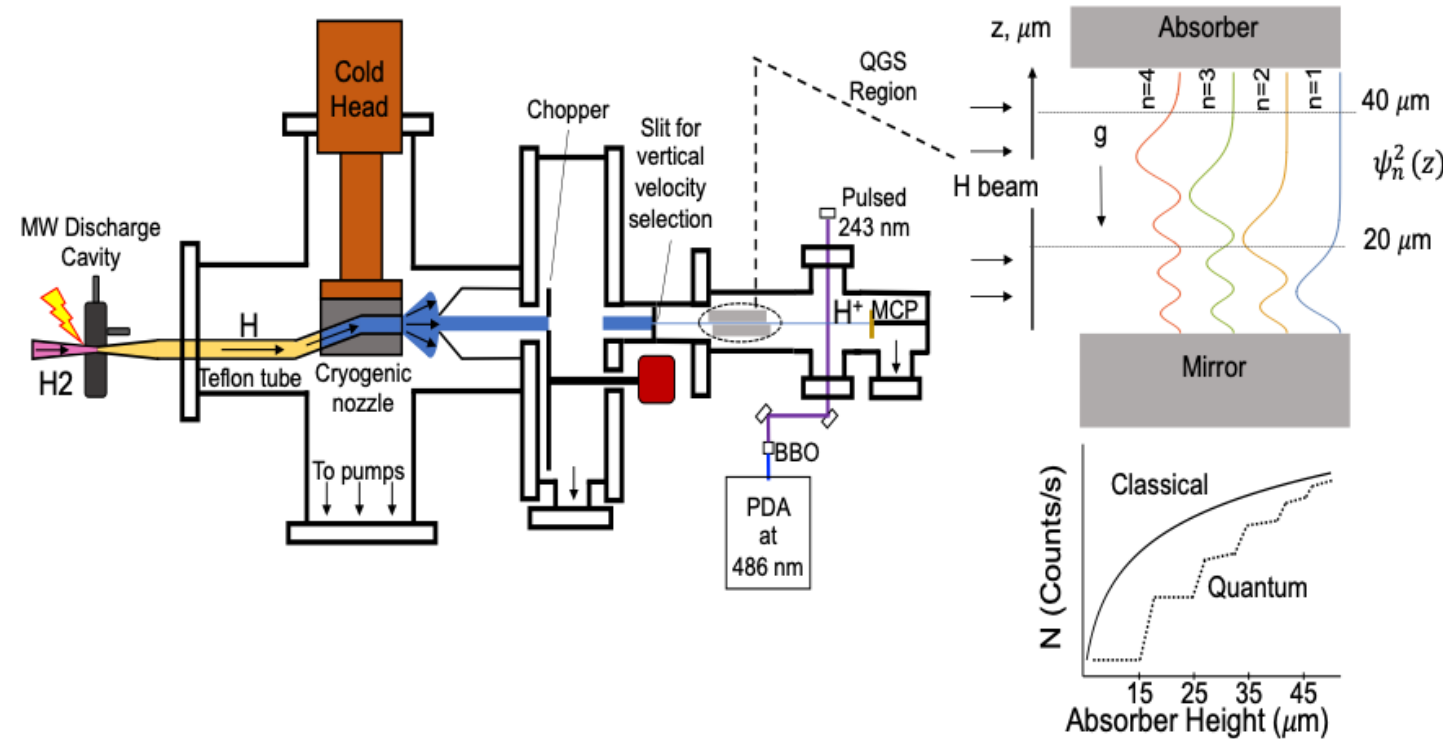
$$E_n \cong \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{9 \cdot m}{8}\right) \cdot \left(\pi \cdot \hbar \cdot g \cdot \left(n - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right)^2}$$

$$z_0 = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\hbar^2}{2 \cdot m^2 \cdot g}}$$

# Hydrogen quantum gravitational states (QGS)

G. Dufour, et al., *Advances in High Energy Physics*, vol. 2015, Article ID 379642, 16 pages, 2015,

- At ETHZ cryogenic hydrogen beam developed for Mu-MASS / GBAR
- Detecting H through 1S-2S excitation and photo-ionization
  - Beam characterization ongoing; flux of atoms below 50m/s observed
  - feasibility to measure QGS and quantum free fall under investigation (possible test of short-range forces)



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# Summary

- Exotic Atoms are great systems to look for new physics
  - Searching for new bosons/forces
  - Probing Standard Model Extension

Not limited to only exotic atoms shown in this talk; other systems where accurate calculations can be performed have great potential as well!

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Nick Schwegler

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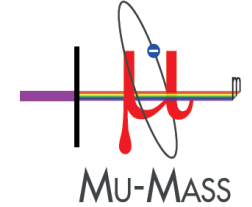
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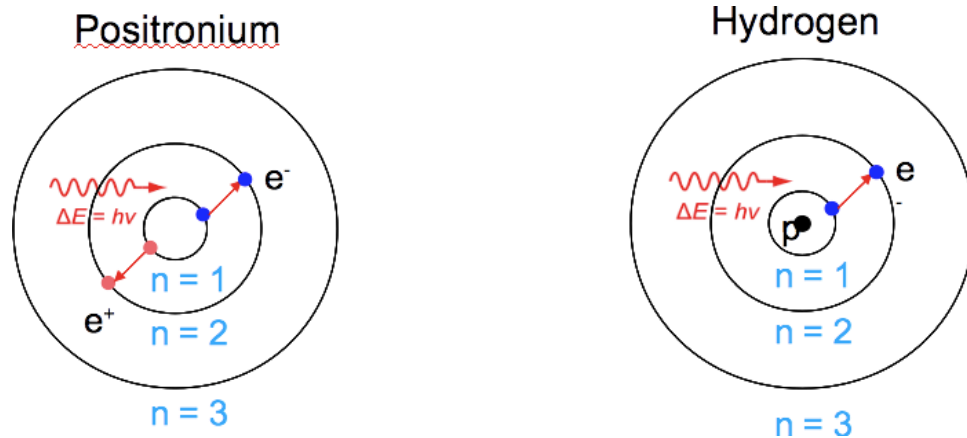
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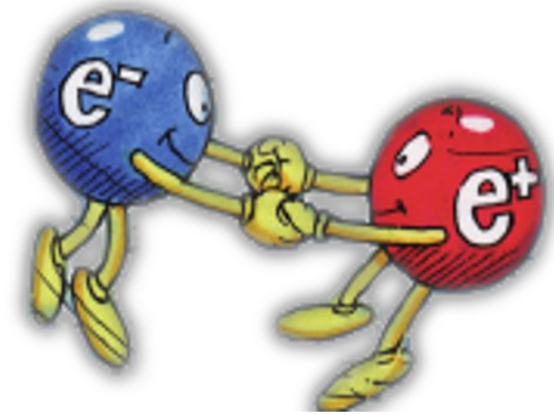


# The Positronium

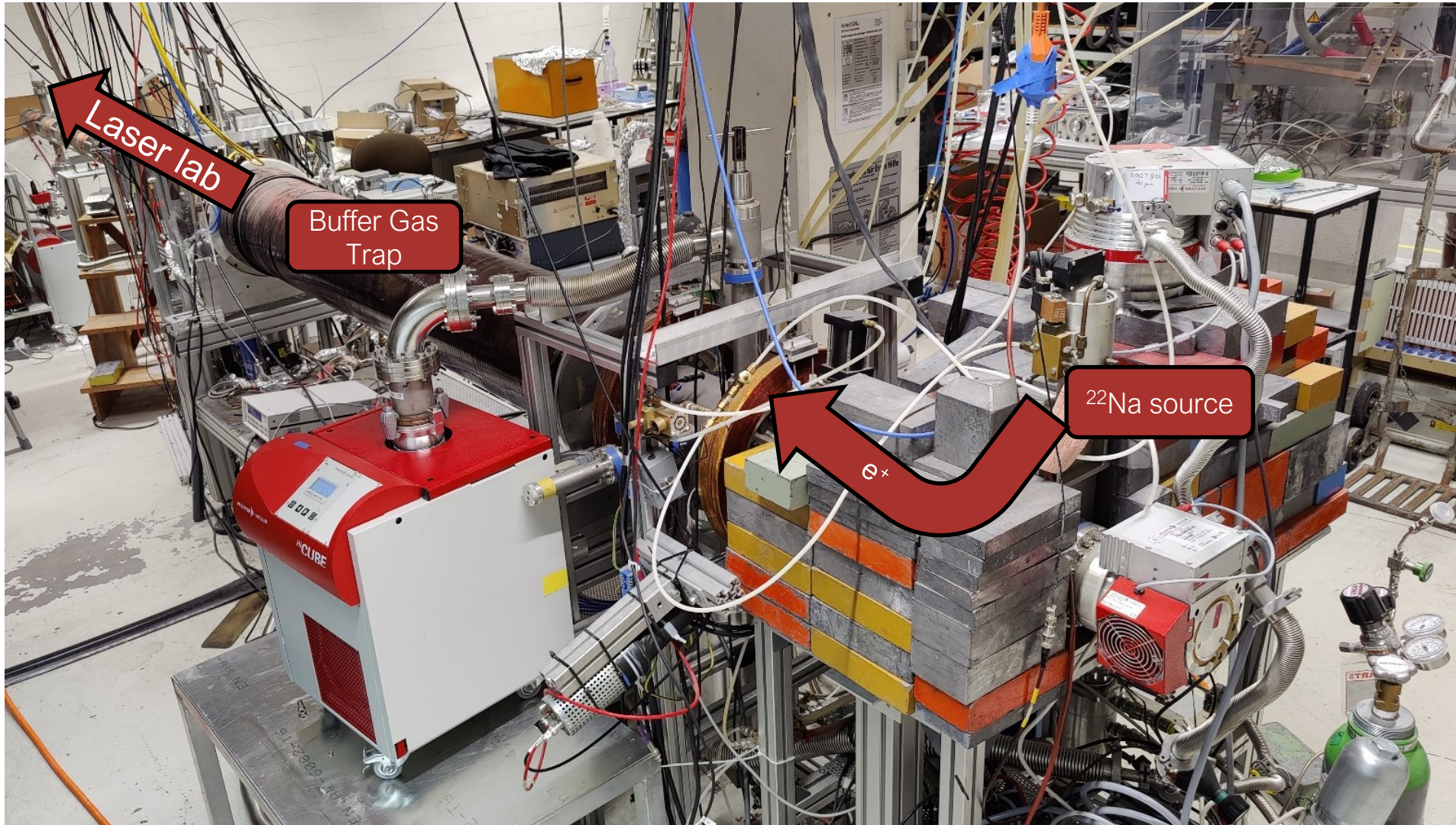


Classically: can be considered as an hydrogen-like atom, but with two particles of equal mass orbiting a common center.

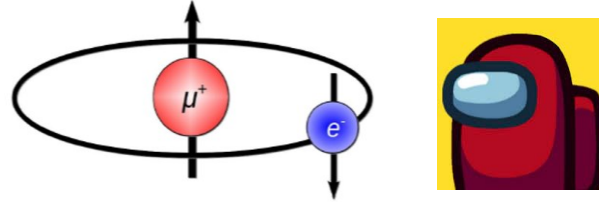
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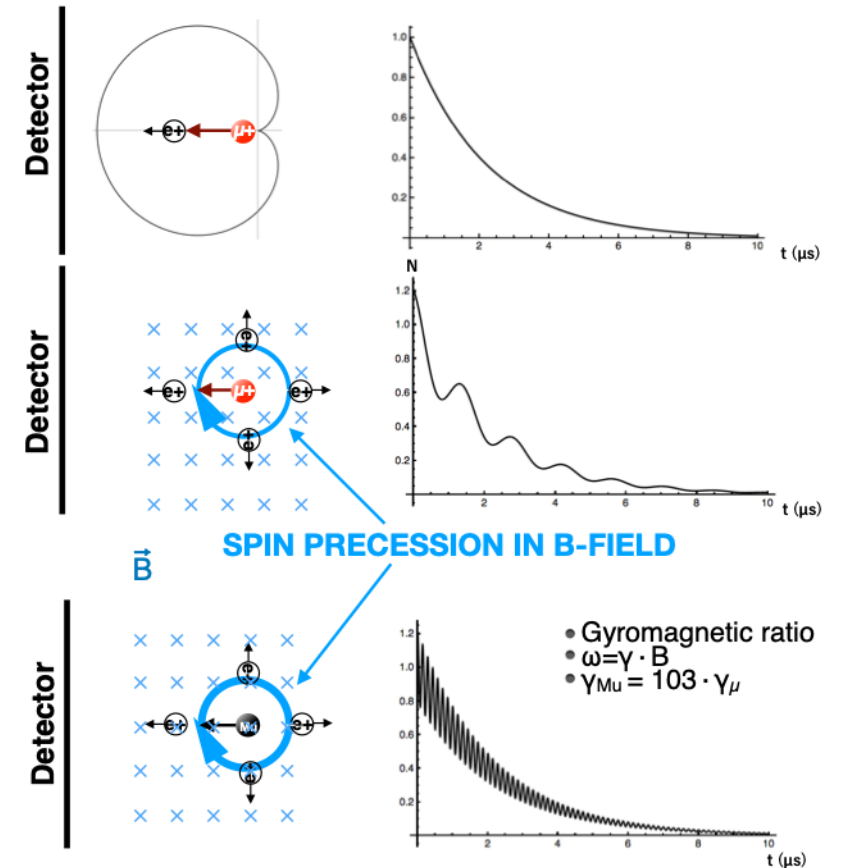
# The Muonium



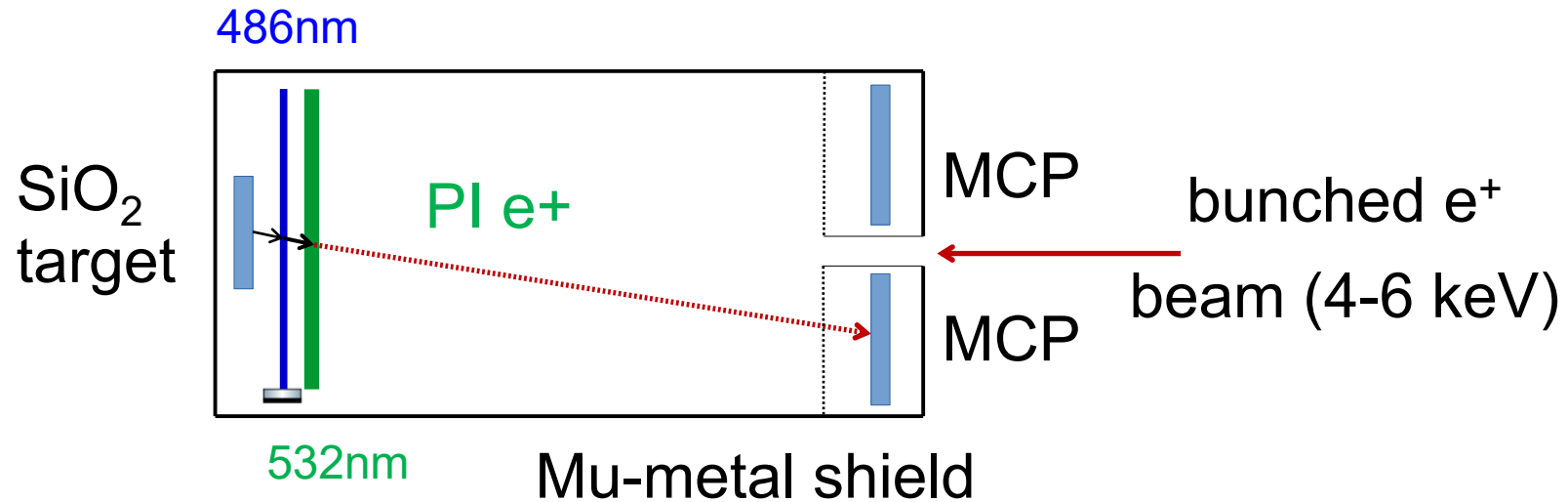
Actually M is not a real -onium atom (particle-antiparticle system).  
The true muonium bound state would be  $\mu^+\mu^-$  yet to be discovered...

- M: positive muon-electron bound state
- Predicted in 1957 (Friedmann, Telegdi, Hughes)
- Unstable with lifetime of  $2.2 \mu\text{s}$ .
- Main decay channel:  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e$

Discovered in 1960 (Hughes) by detecting muonium spin (Larmor) precession in an external magnetic field perpendicular to the spin direction.



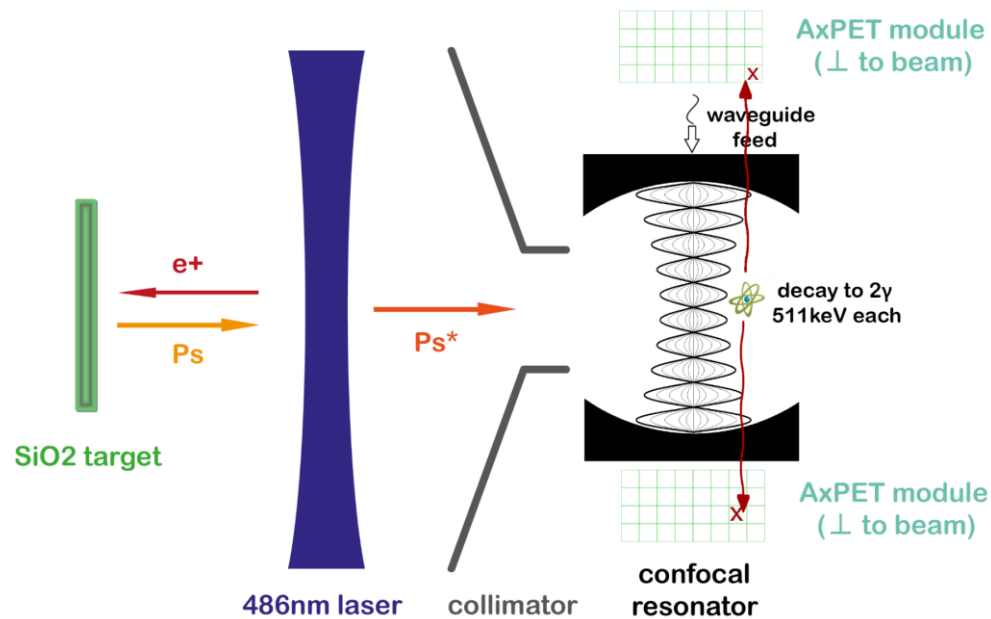
# Ps-Spectroscopy at ETH: 1S-2S



## Multiple options for detecting 2S excitation:

- Direct photo-ionization in the exciting laser
- Delayed photo-ionization in separate laser (shown)
- $2S \rightarrow$  Rydberg (e.g. 20P) and field ionization on MCP

# Ps-Spectroscopy at ETH: 2S-HFS and 2S-FS

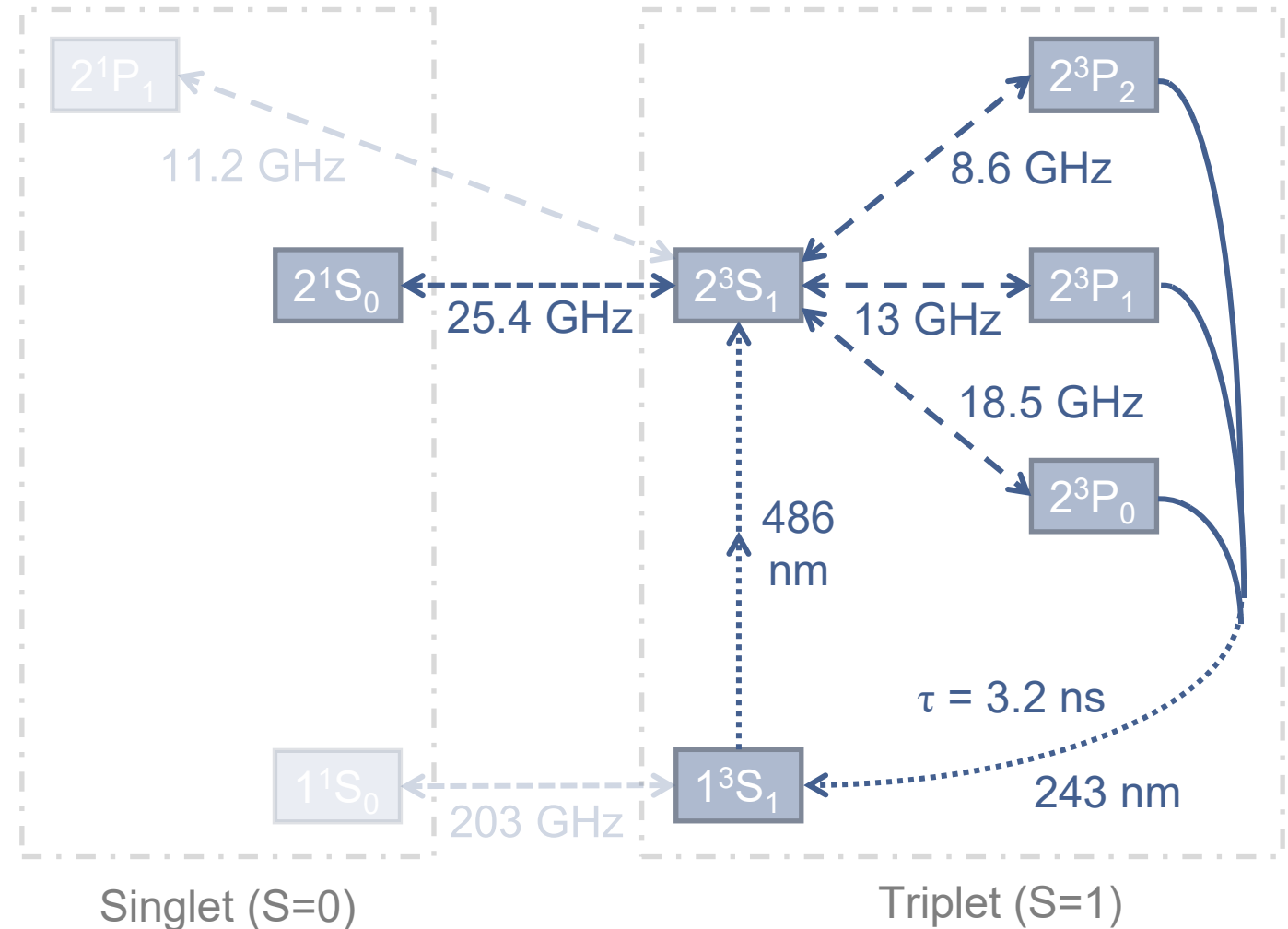


## Detection signature:

either excess of 2γ 511 keV back-to-back (HFS) or 3γ (FS)

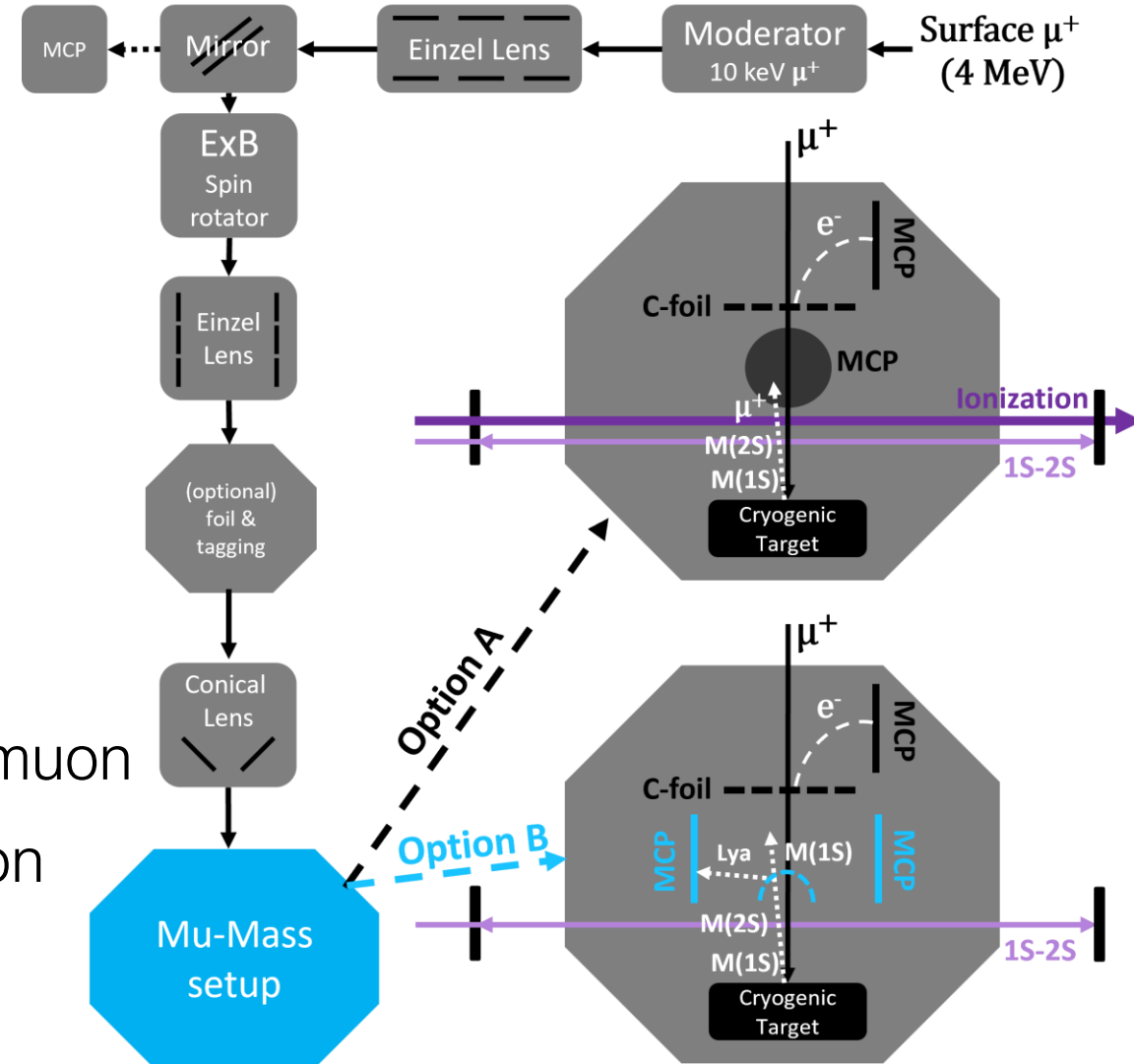
## Status:

- HFS and FS measurements currently being set up
- 1S-2S measured in 2021 (Michael Heiss, PhD Thesis, <https://doi.org/10.3929/ethz-b-000477081>)



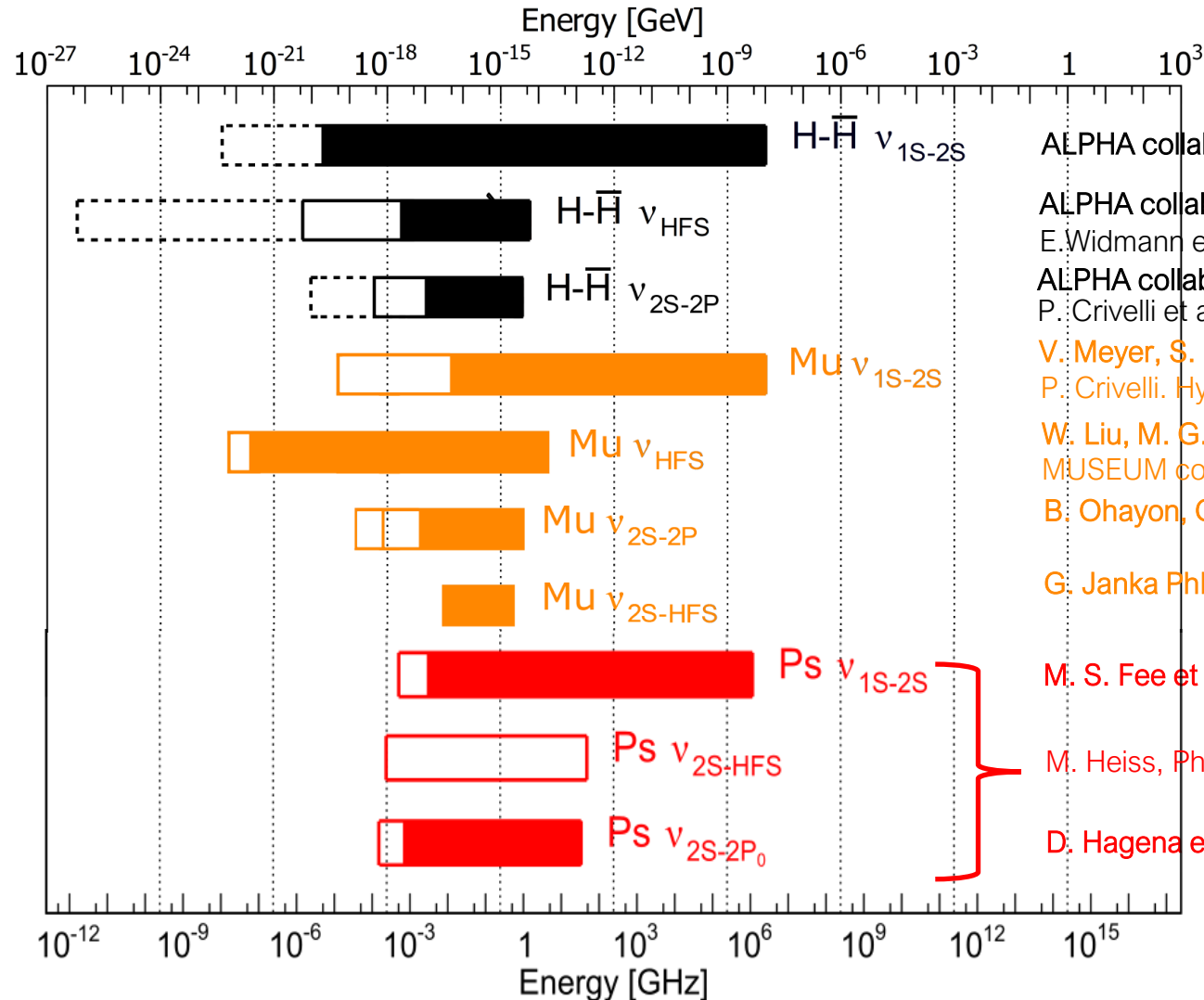
# The Mu-MASS experiment at PSI: 1S-2S

- Located at the LEM beamline at PSI
- Similar detection scheme as 1S-2S Ps
- Tagging incoming muon: carbon foil
- M-Formation:  $\text{SiO}_2$  target
- Excitation: CW laser at 244nm
- Detection: Additional ionization laser (A) for muon or 2S quenching (B) for  $\text{L}\alpha$  photon (122nm)



# Spectroscopy of Exotic Atoms as a sensitive test

- Left edge: absolute value
- Right edge: uncertainty
- Length of bar: sensitivity
- Filled bar: measured exp.
- Empty bar: proposed exp.



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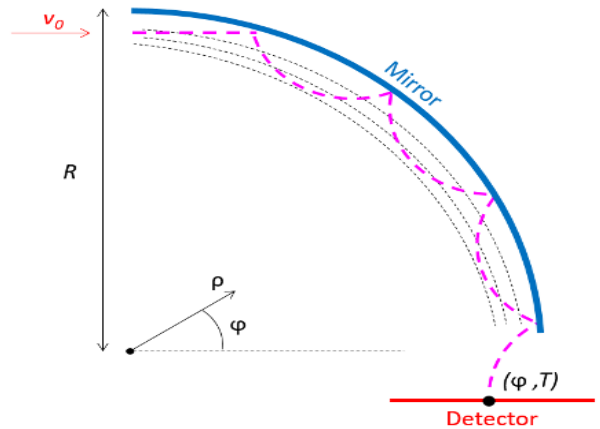
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**Bold:** measurement  
 Regular: proposal

# Hydrogen whispering gallery effect

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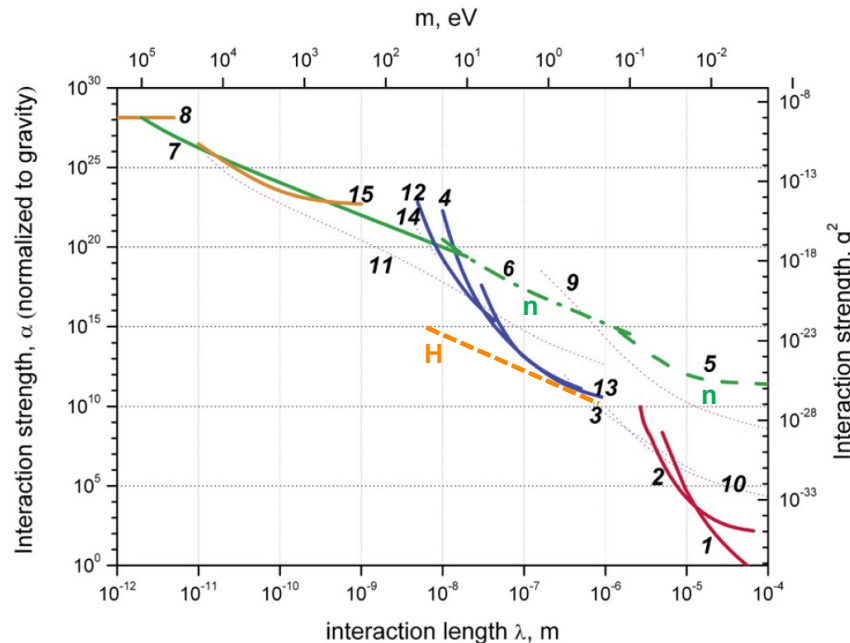


$$V(r) = \underbrace{m \frac{v^2}{R} r}_{\text{centrifugal potential}} + \underbrace{V_{CP}(r)}_{\text{Casimir-Polder potential}} + \underbrace{V_{hyp}(r)}_{\text{hypothetical potential}}$$

$$V_Y(r) = -\alpha \frac{e^{-r/\lambda}}{r}$$

Yukawa distance  $\leftarrow$

coupling strength  $\nearrow$



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## H) Whispering Gallery Effect of hydrogen, projection

in collaboration with LKB (Serge Reynaud, Olivier Roussele,...) and Grenoble (Valery Nesvizhevsky)

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