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# Weighing Antimatter: The GBAR experiment

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Ici, dans  
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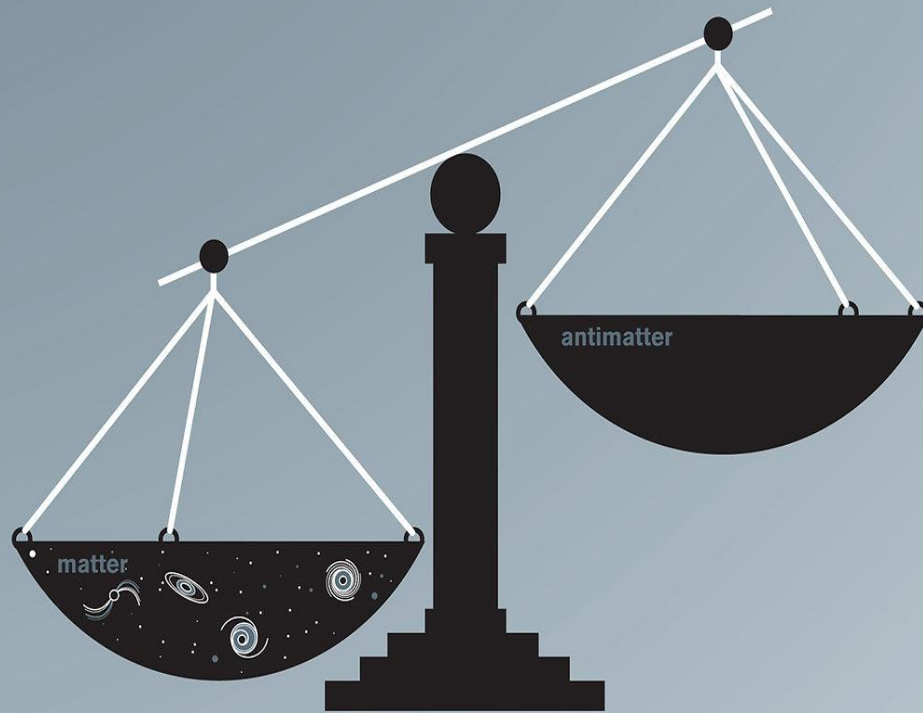


# 1. Motivation

- I never asked to Sunkee about the exact motivation to join the GBAR experiment.....
- So, I would say basic motivation + motivation which I think Sunkee would think about

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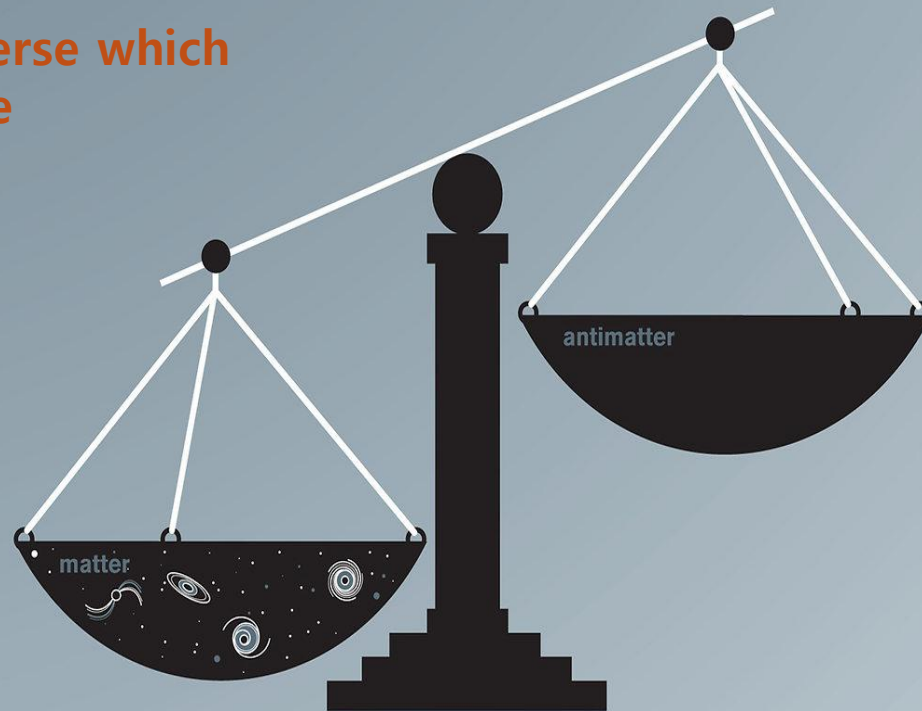
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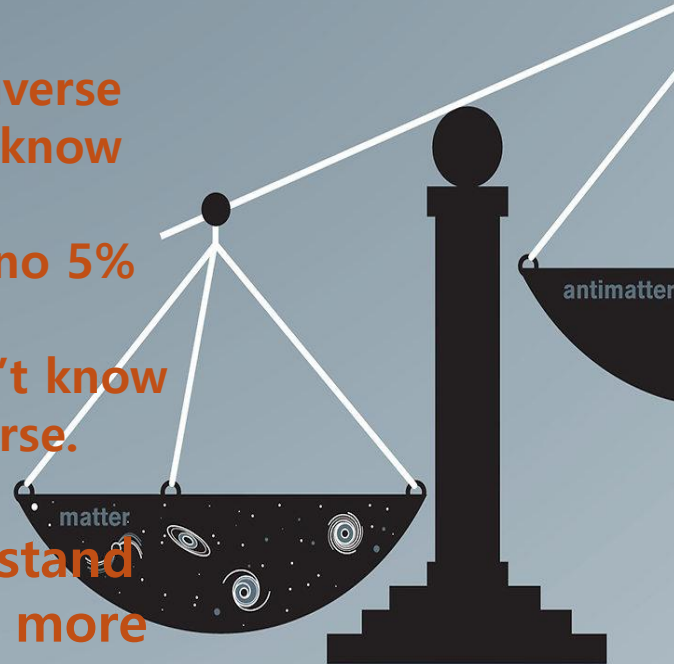


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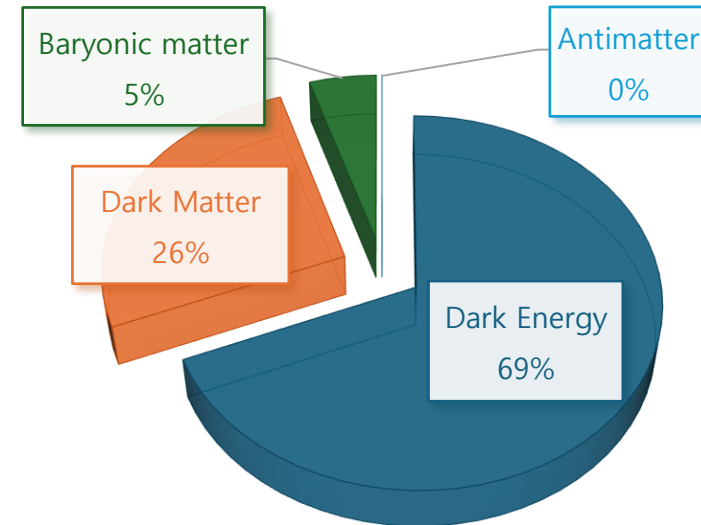
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- This is the Mystery of Universe which is matter dominant universe
- We talk about 5% of our universe contents although we don't know about 94%
- We don't know why there's no 5% antimatter
- So, I dare insist that we don't know well about 99% of our universe.

→ Let's give effort to understand the 5% expected antimatter more



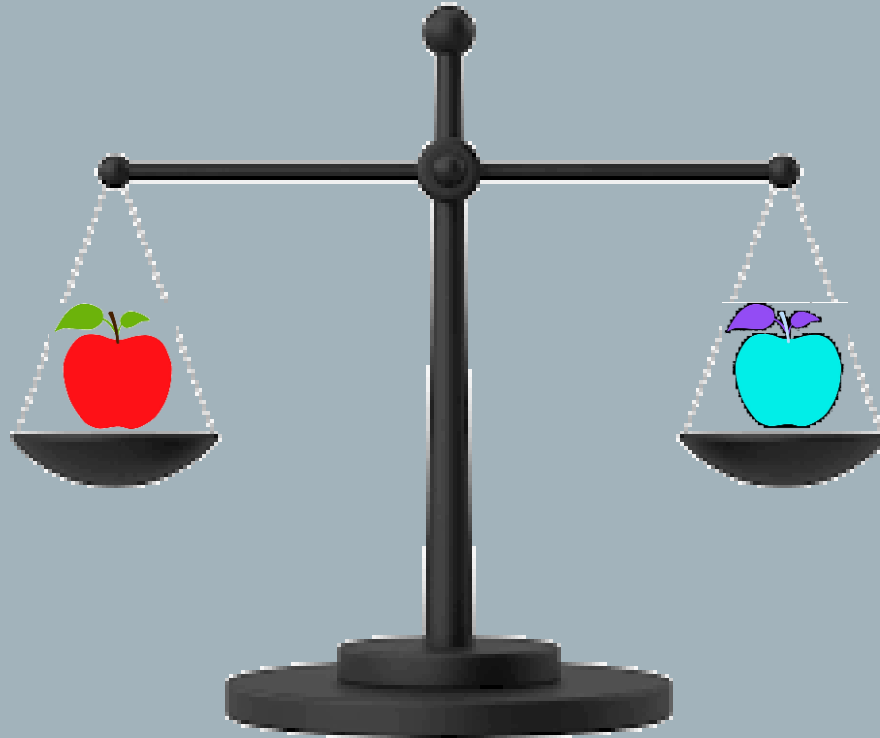
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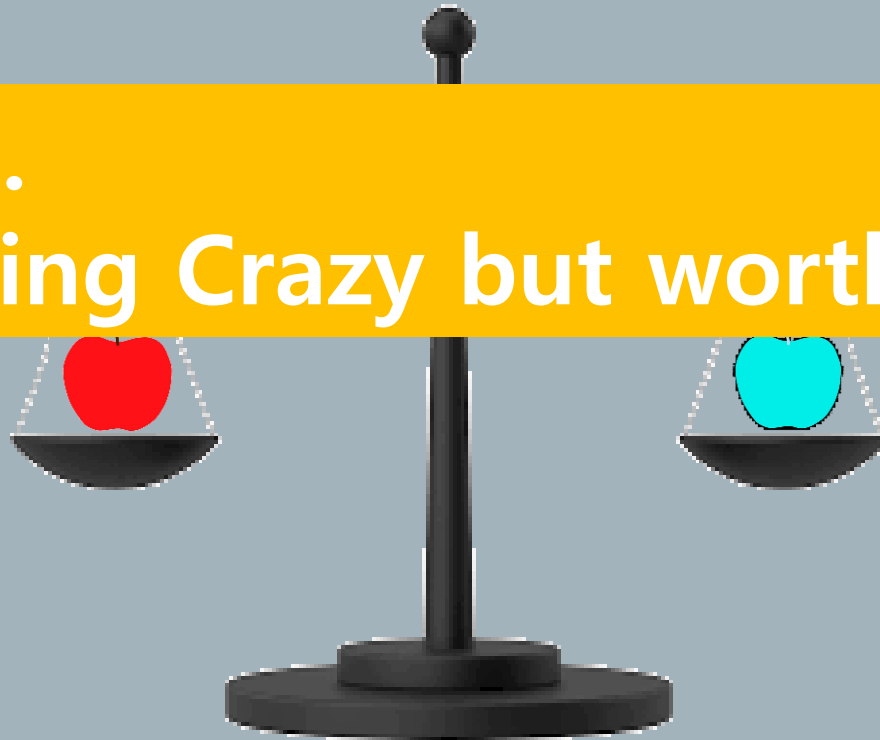
- ❖ Fundamental property, Never measured, Technology is feasible then why don't we try down to valance quark level?

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Let's do.  
Something Crazy but worth to try.



# PS)

Of course, there are many more realistic and complex motivations when it comes to starting.

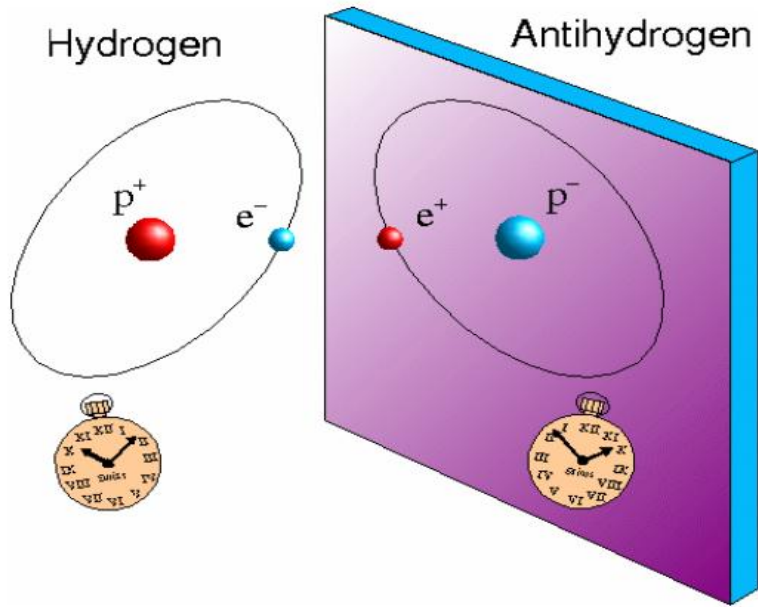
(when I personally think)

- Despite much effort, no candidate for dark matter has been found, and the long, tedious, and possibly goalless, race is expected ahead.
- With construction of RAON and requirement of domestic particle experiment, growing up more related exports and technology would be required.
- Or just to satisfy curiosity and for fun?

: I will ask Sunkee personally later ;-)



# Antimatter (skip)



from  
<http://www2.mpg.de/~haensch/antihydrogen/introduction.html>

Dirac equation (1928)

## ❖ Antiparticle

$$(i\hbar\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - mc)\psi = 0$$

- Paul Dirac predicted the existence of antiparticle in 1931 and positron was discovered in 1932
- Antiparticle as a counterpart of ordinary particle for charge conjugation (charge, magnetic moment)
- With CPT symmetry (transformation), other quantities (mass, lifetime) are expected to be same

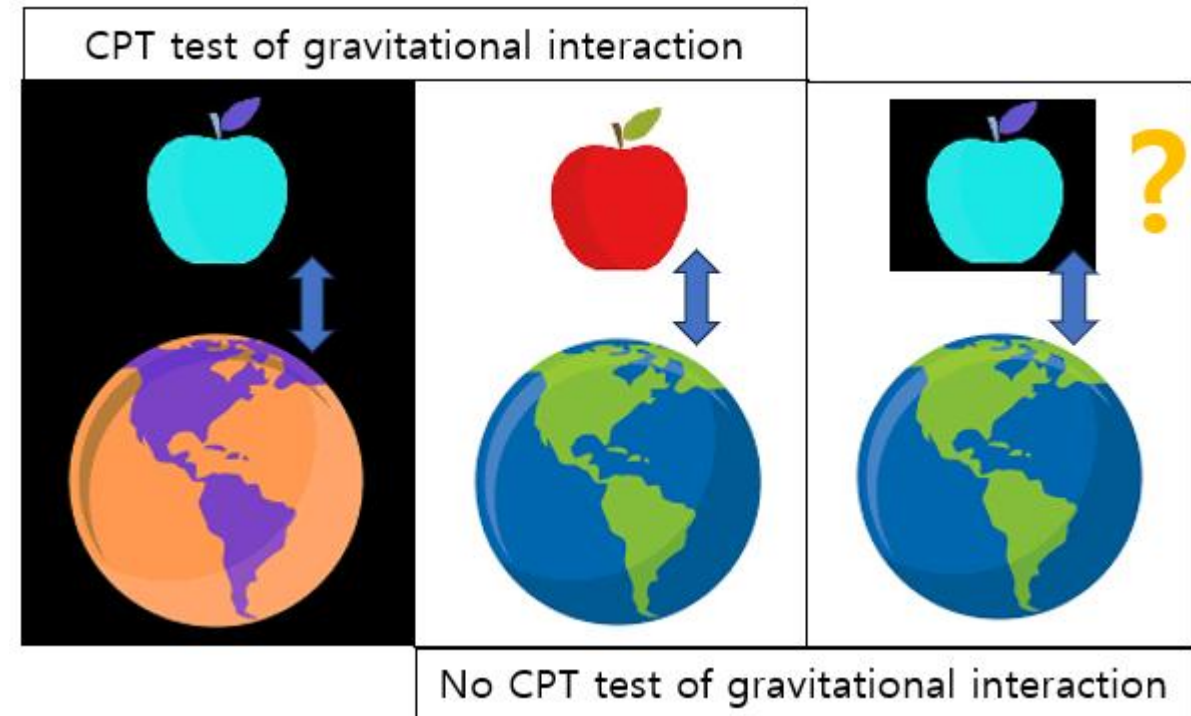
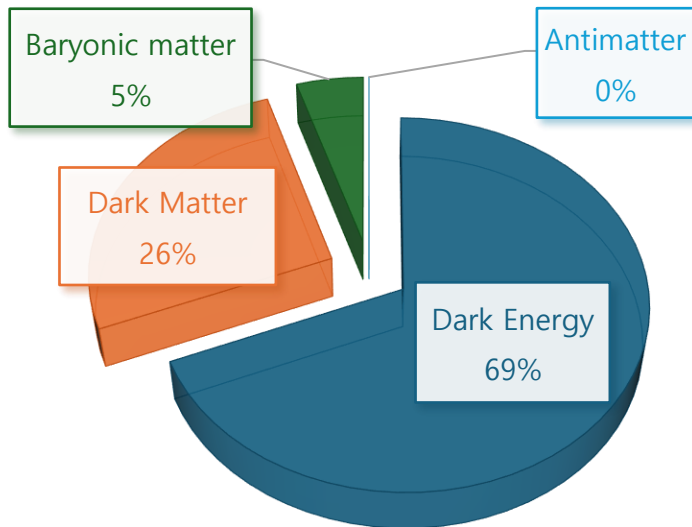


## ❖ Matter and Antimatter asymmetry

- Different with expectation based on CPT theorem and Standard Model, Matter domain (baryon asymmetry) in observable Hubble volume :  $n_B \gg n_{\bar{B}}$   
 (baryon-to-photon ratio :  $0.6e^{-9}$ (observed)  $\gg 10^{-18}$ (expect))
- Model to understand : Baryogenesis, Leptogenesis, etc..

# Antimatter : WEP (skip)

## CONTENTS OF OUR UNIVERSE



- ❖ Dark matter and Dark energy
  - We do not understand 94% of the mass energy density
- ❖ For known 6% contents which is mainly baryonic matters and radiation, we don't know why there's almost no antimatter

- ❖ Check fundamental interaction between matter & antimatter
- ❖ Weak Equivalence Principle(WEP) : Universality of freefall

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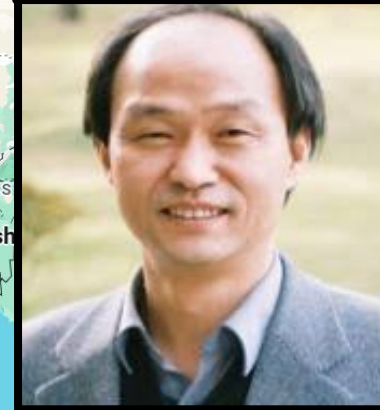
# 2. How it started



No new collaborator founded...

- Sunkee Kim, YoungKee Kim and Patrice Perez knew each other from AMY experiment
- When Patrice (spokesperson) met YoungKee Kim in 2014, she suggested to find new collaborators in Korea
- Patrice looked around China and Korea to find collaborator, but he couldn't meet Sunkee.
- But Sunkee mailed to Patrice later that he has interest and it started

**MISSING**







# GBAR collaboration



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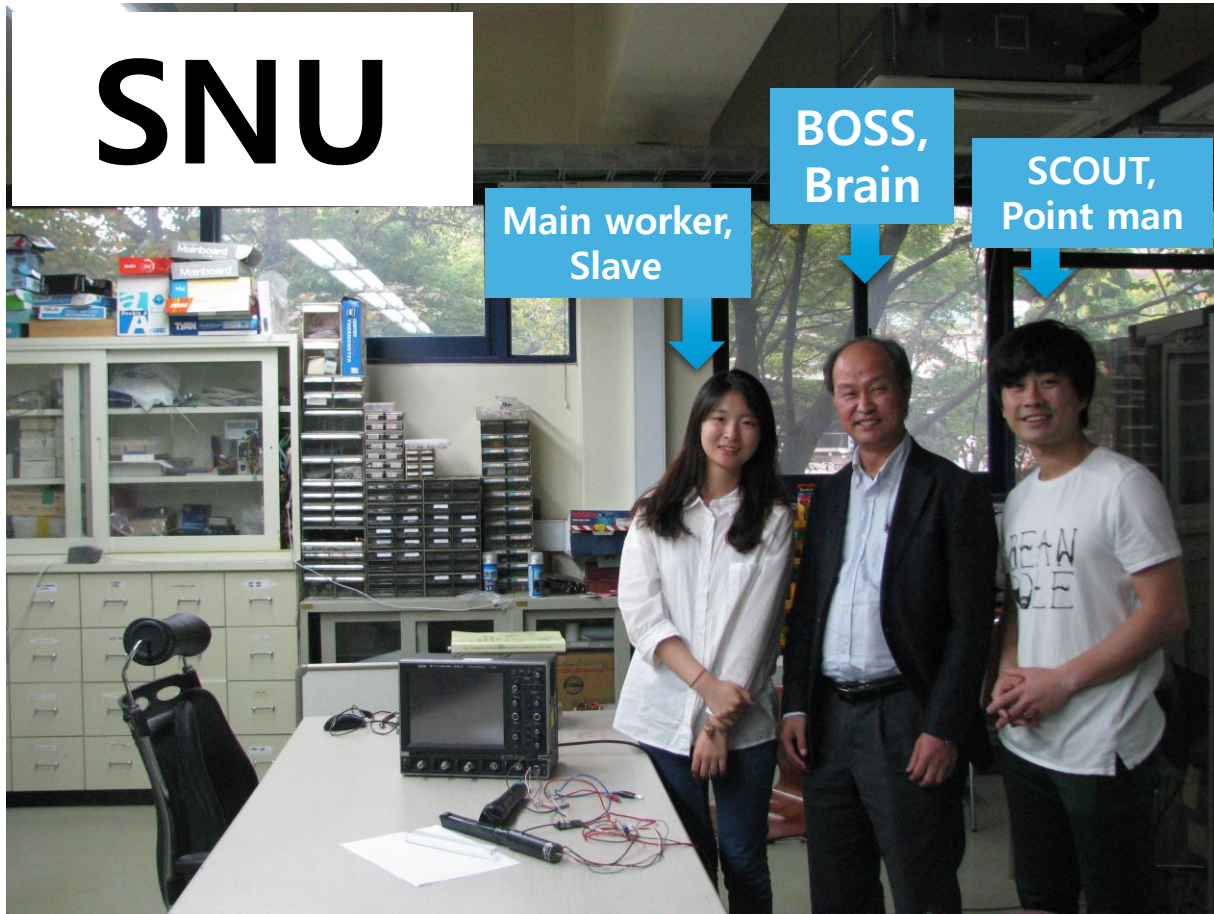


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# (2015) Sunkee asked : Do you have interest to measure gravitational acceleration of antimatter?

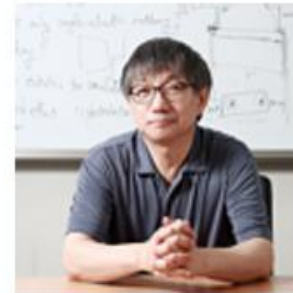
I said :  
Yes, I have

Korean GBAR group organized in 2015  
SNU + IBS +... UNIST + KU



**IBS**

**KU**



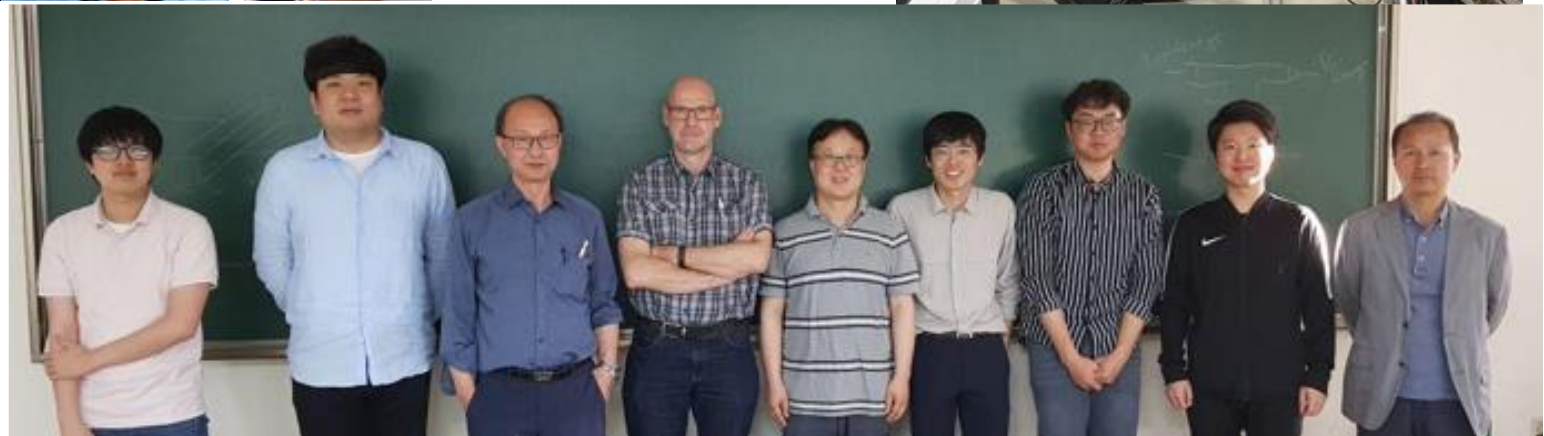
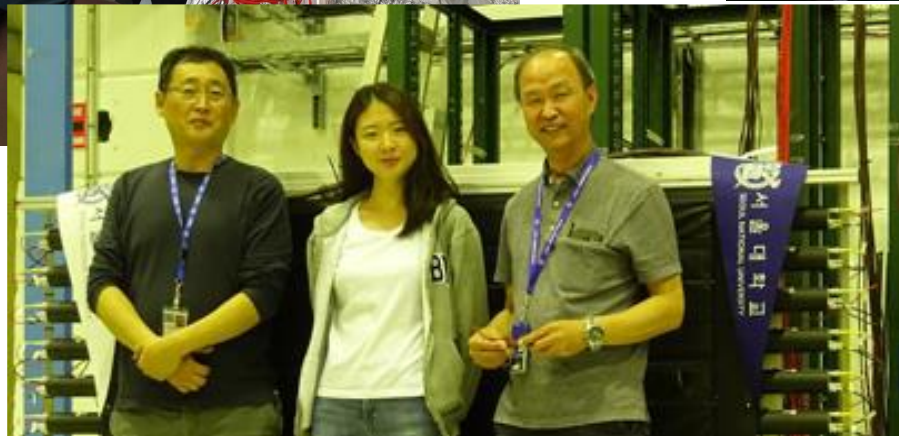
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# Korean GBAR collaboration

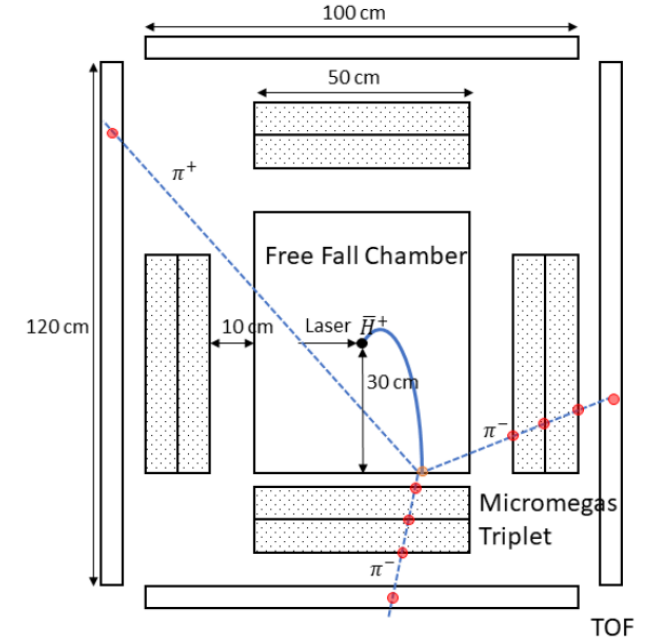
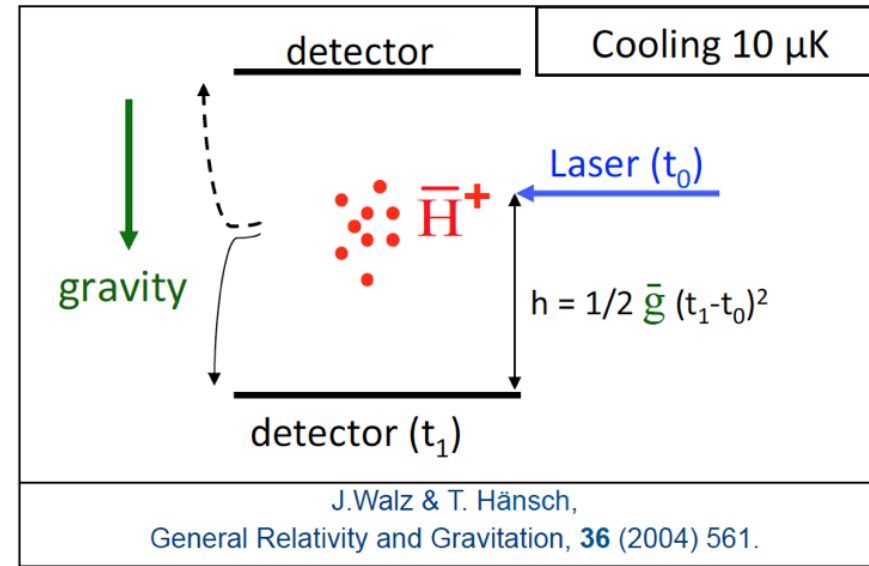
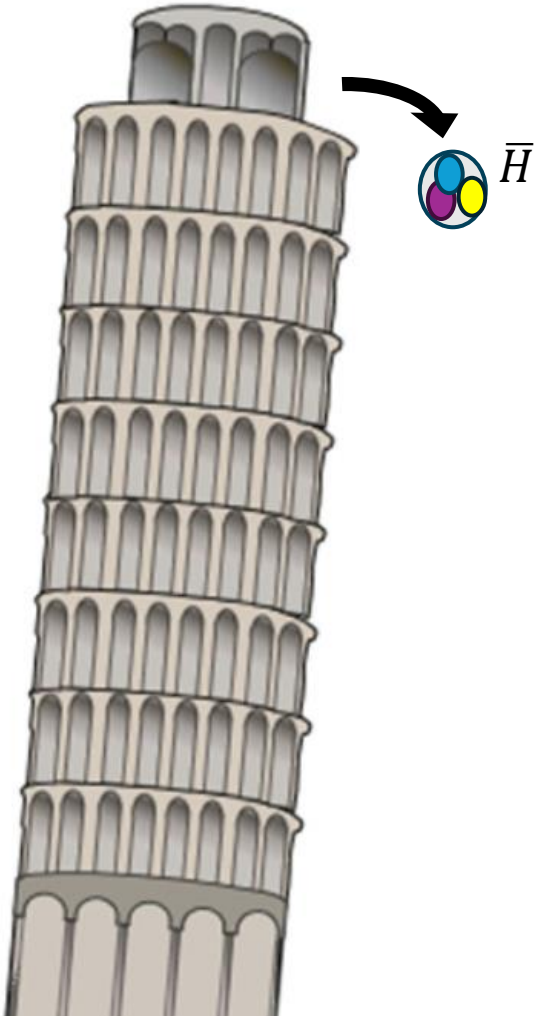




# **Resting Corner**

**: Which means that the section is for explanation of the experiment**

# GBAR experiment



## GBAR : Gravitational Behaviour of Antimatter at Rest

- Classical freefall test of antimatter using ultra-cold  $\bar{H}$  (10uK)
- Time of flight ( $\Delta T$ ) measurement (Basic detection)

$$\bar{g} = \frac{2H}{\Delta T^2}$$

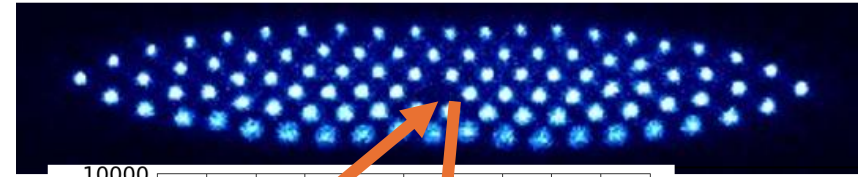
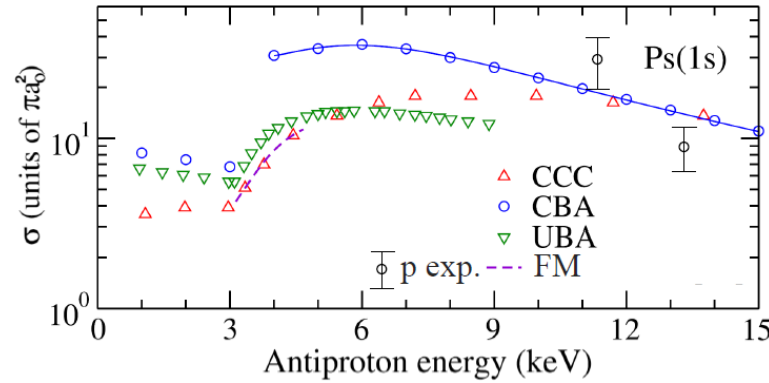
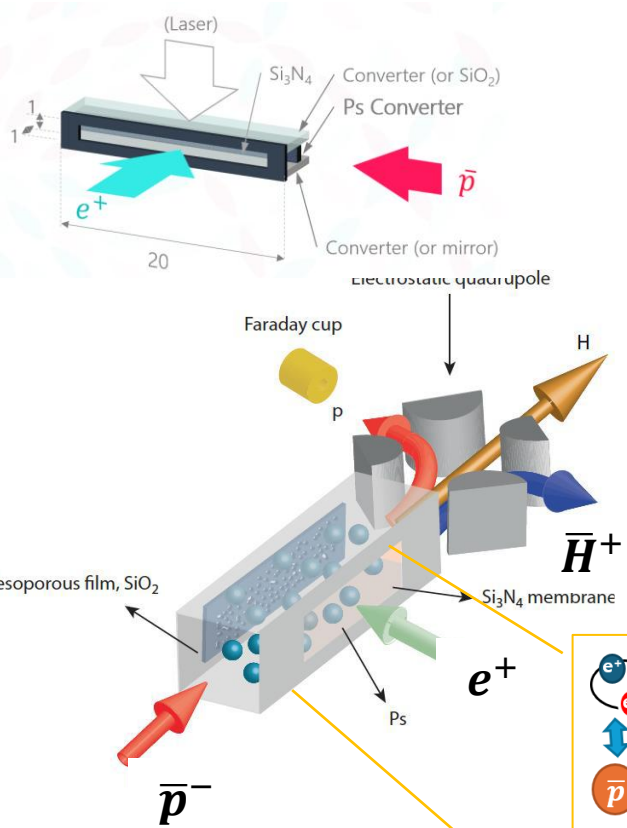
ex)  $H=10\text{cm} \rightarrow \Delta T = 143\text{ms}$  (for  $g$ )

Velocity fluctuation	100m/s	3m/s	0.1m/s
Temperature	1K	1mK	1uK

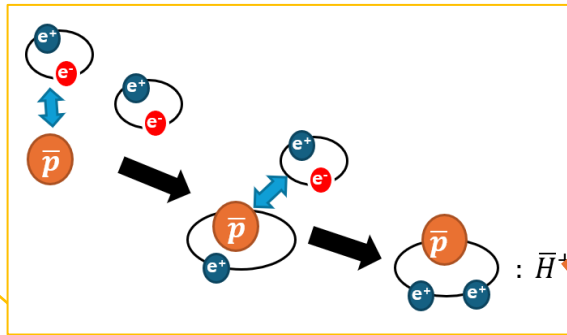
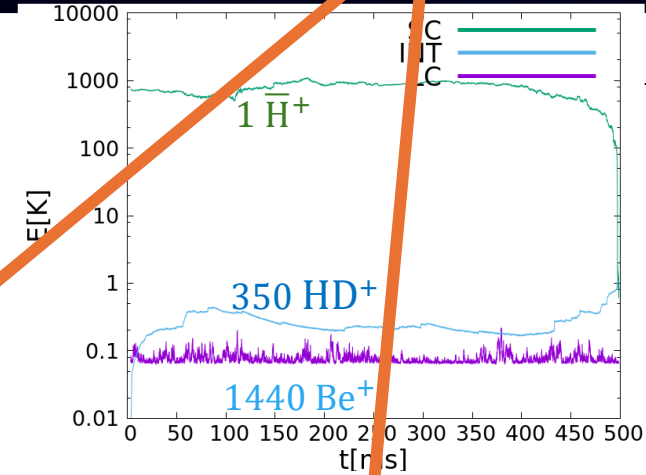
# GBAR experiment

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Proton exp. data: Phys. Rev. Lett. 78, 2728 (1997)



Capture trap



Precision trap

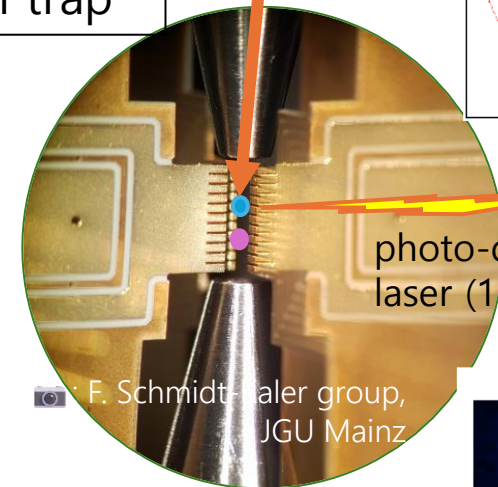
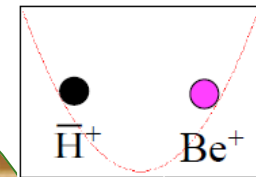
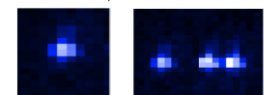


photo-detachment laser (1640nm)

F. Schmidt-Kaler group, JGU Mainz

Ca+ crystals obtained



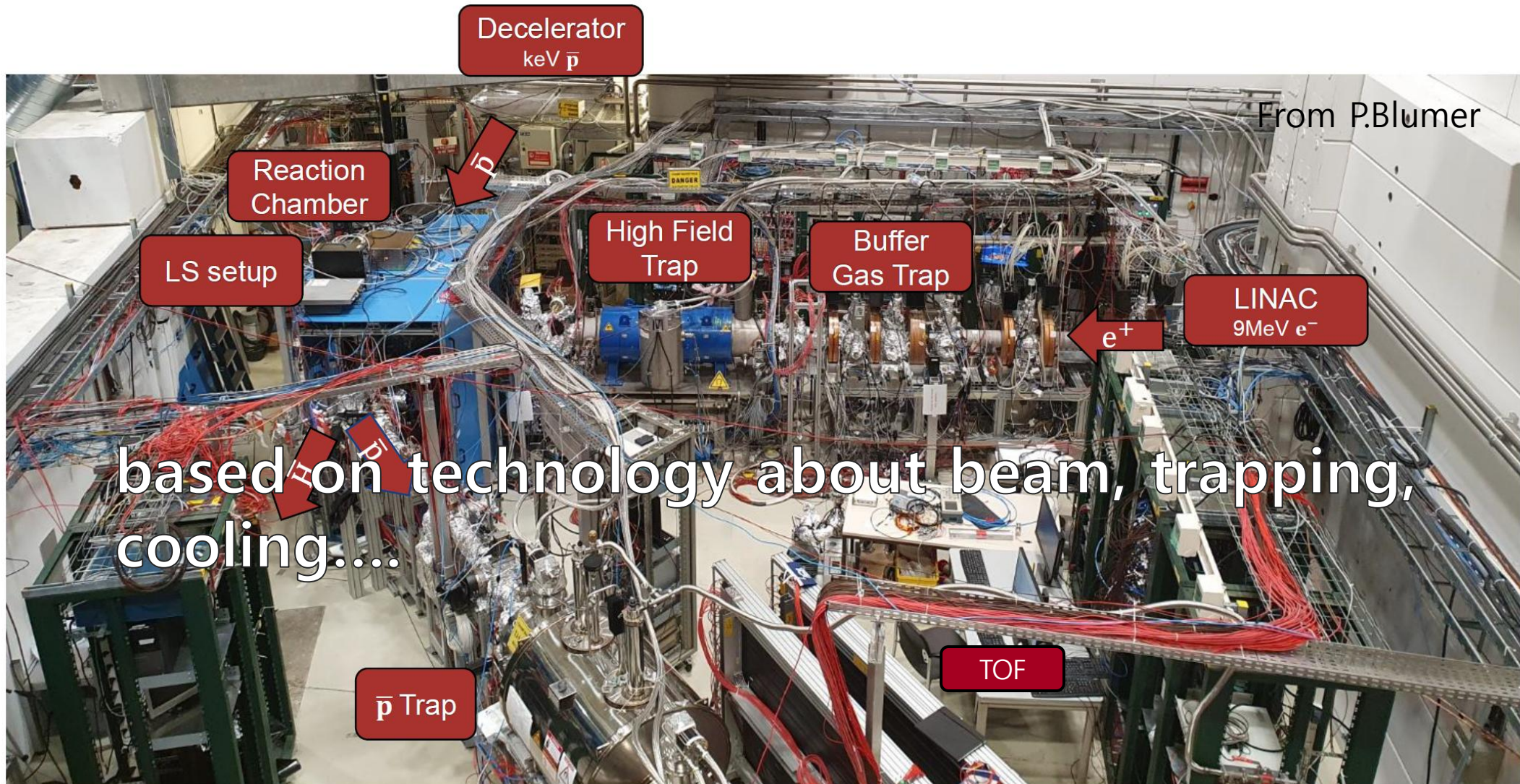
single

mixed

$\bar{p} + Ps \rightarrow \bar{H} + e^-$  : 1<sup>st</sup> milestone  
 $\bar{H} + Ps \rightarrow \bar{H}^+ + e^-$  : 2<sup>nd</sup> milestone  
**Cooling  $\bar{H}^+$  and freefall** : 3<sup>rd</sup> milestone

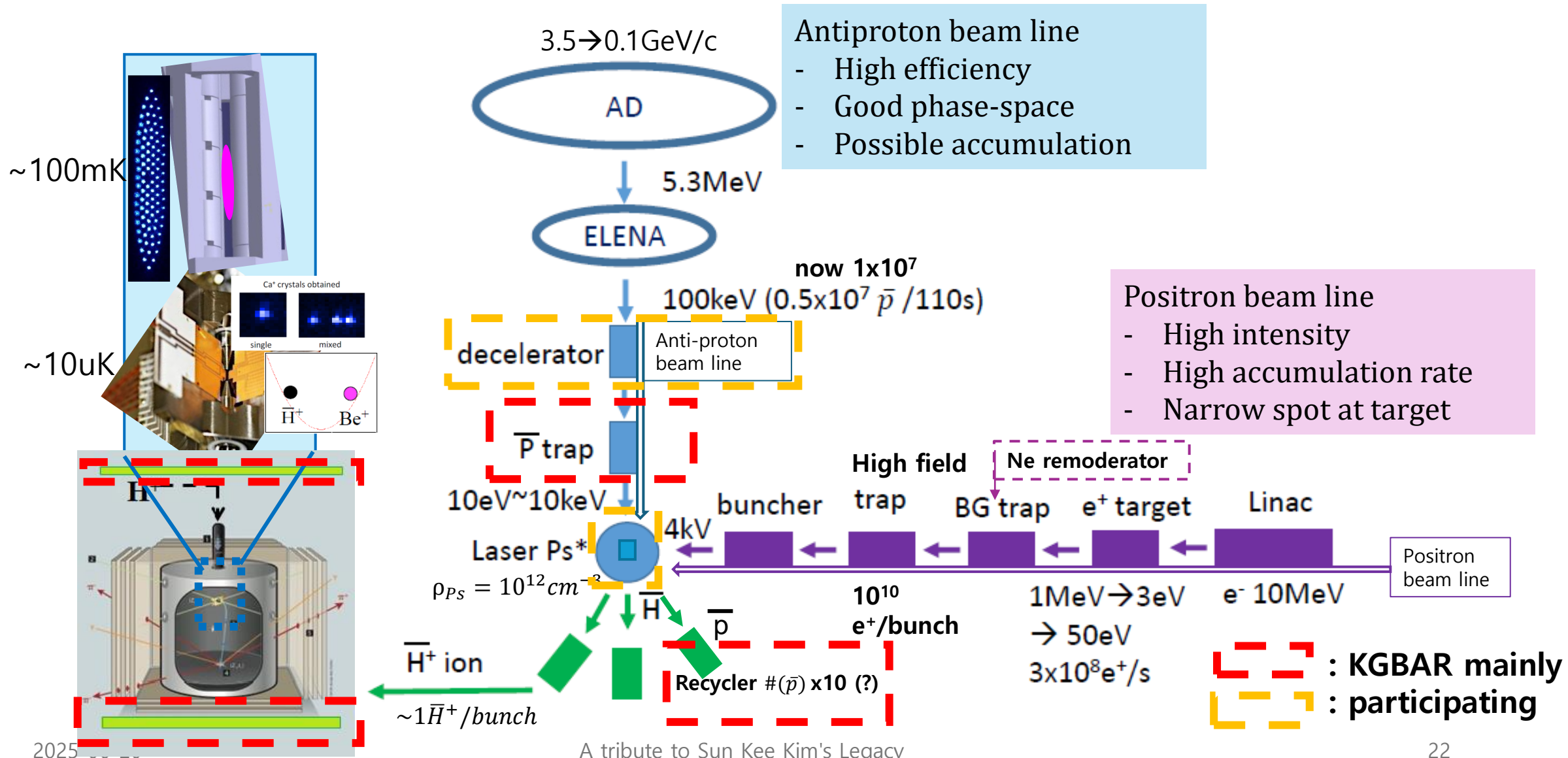


# GBAR experiment (2022)





# Experiment Scheme



# **The way to make antiproton trap in Korea**

- Without accumulated technology and know-how
- Initiated by one person

# Mini-workshop for antiproton trap

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# Mini-workshop for antiproton trap

1. Gathering exports
2. have a meeting, meeting and meeting... (drinking?)
3. Prepare manpower
4. Use Boss's brain to make real design and decision

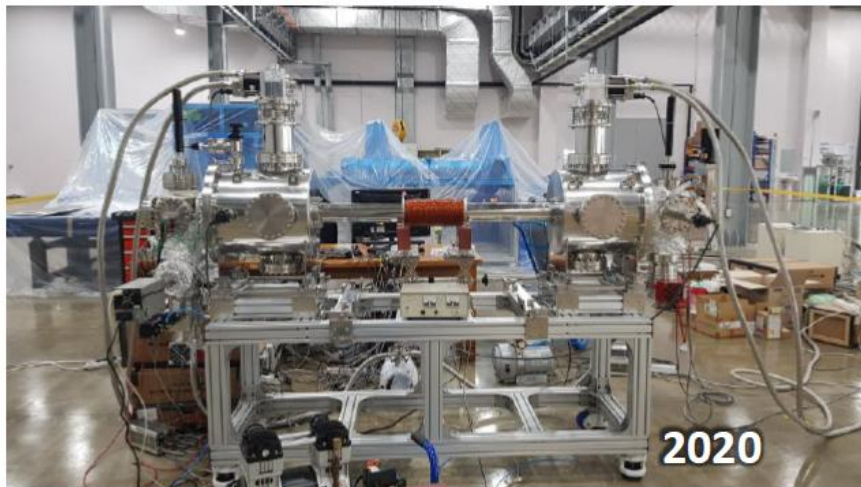


# Do you have interest to measure gravitational acceleration of antimatter?



**Yes.  
From that time,  
I have trapped  
from 2015.**

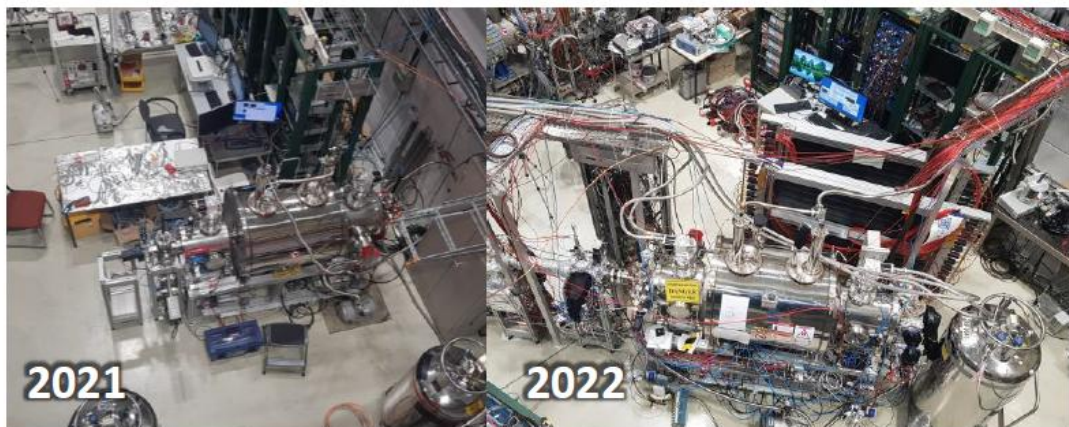




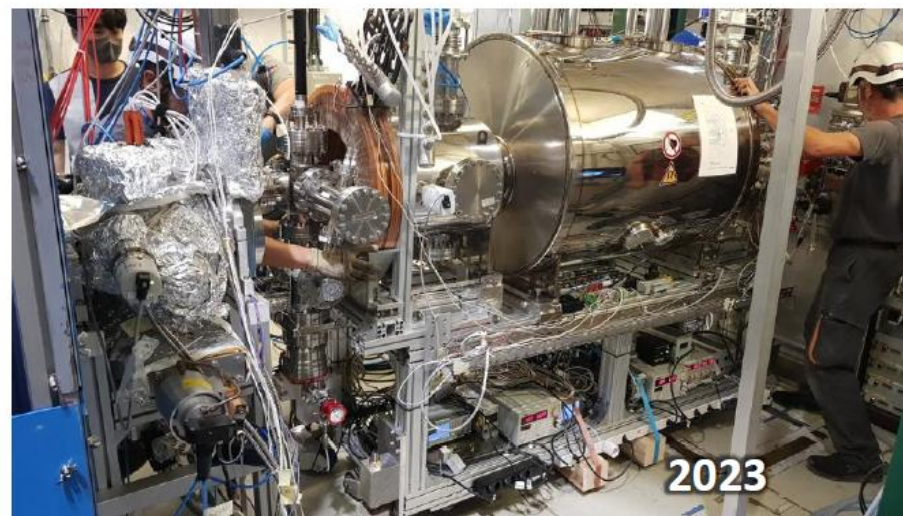
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Delivery to CERN, basic tests



Putting it in the GBAR experimental zone (temporary location)  
electron trapping, antiproton trapping tests

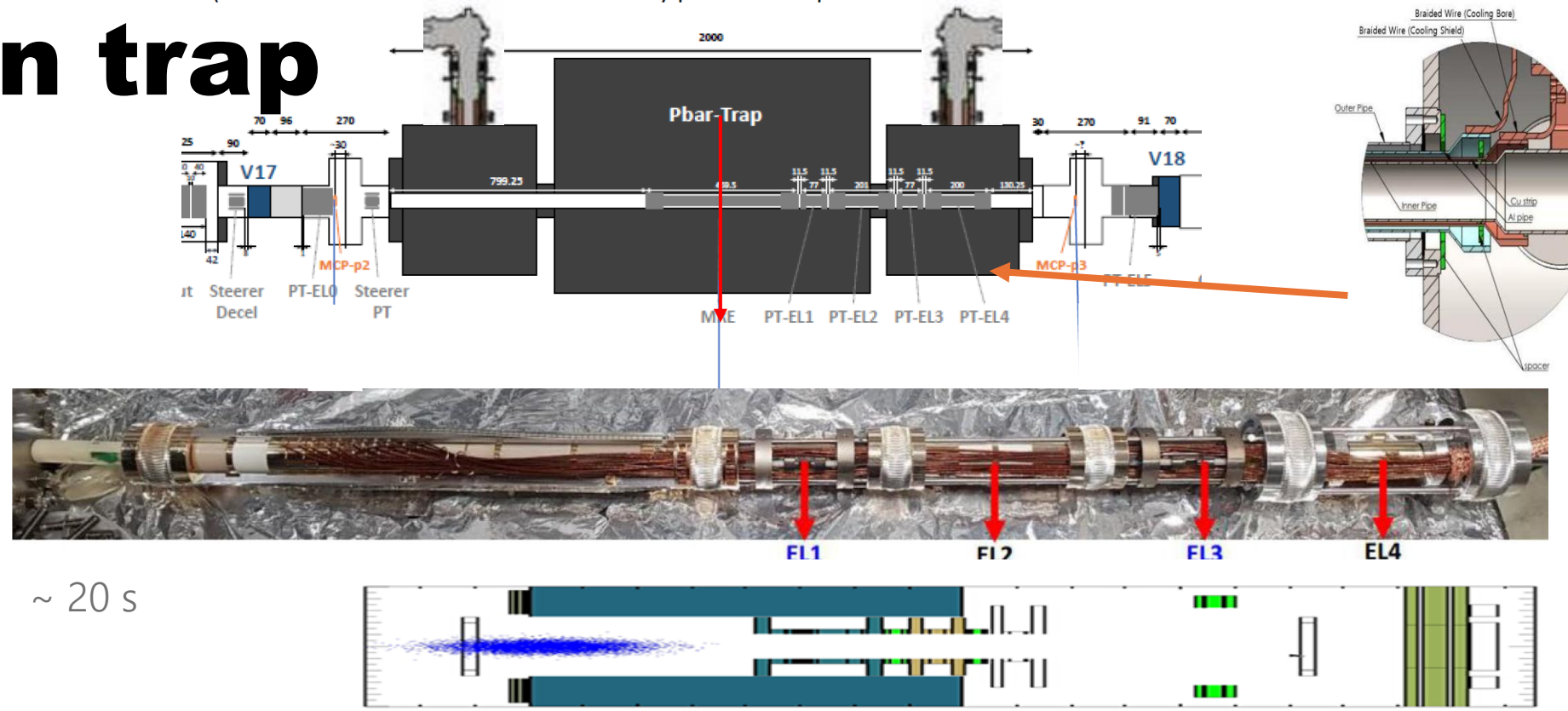
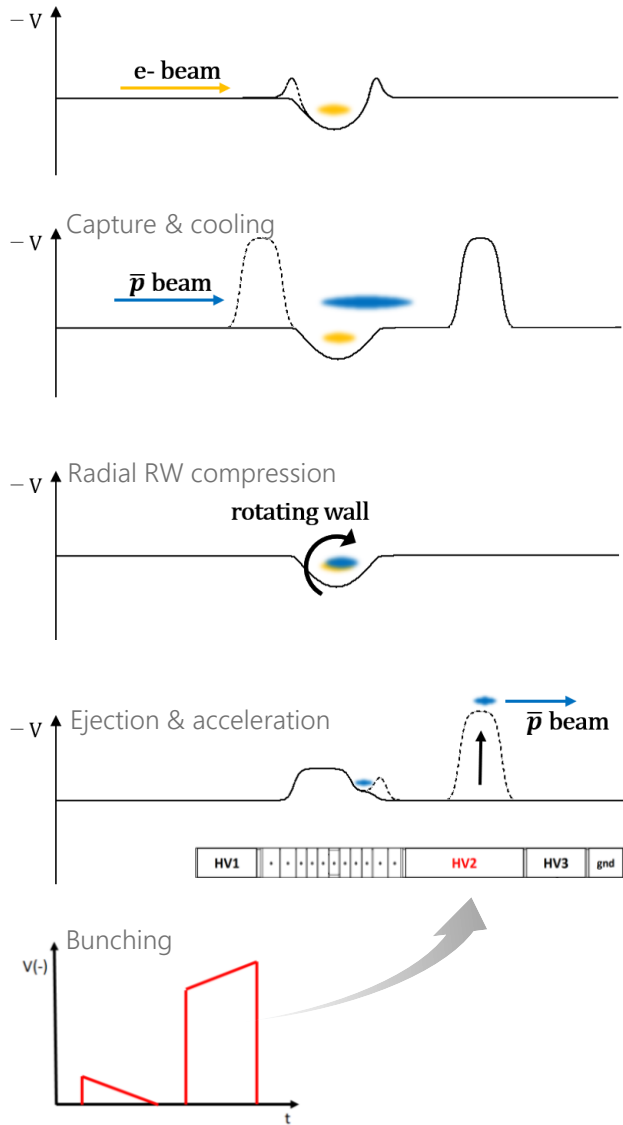


2023,  
Connecting to the  
beamline,  
Commissioning

2024,  
Antihydrogen  
production



# Antiproton trap



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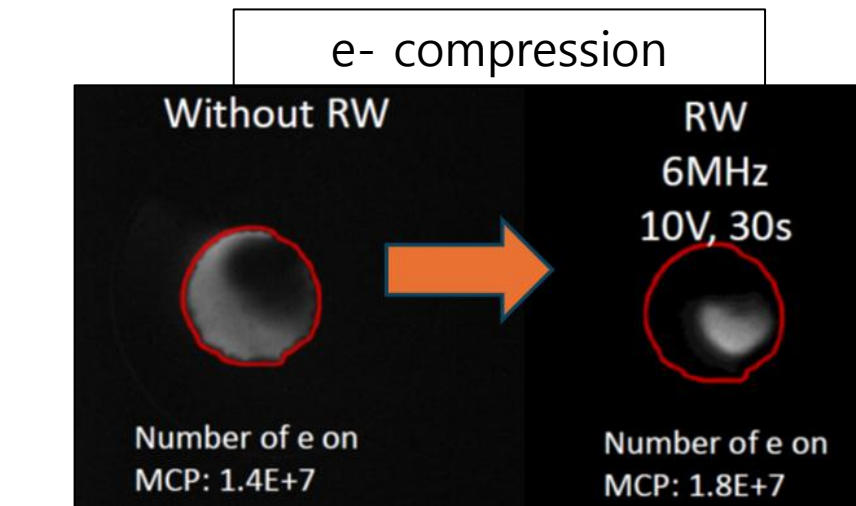
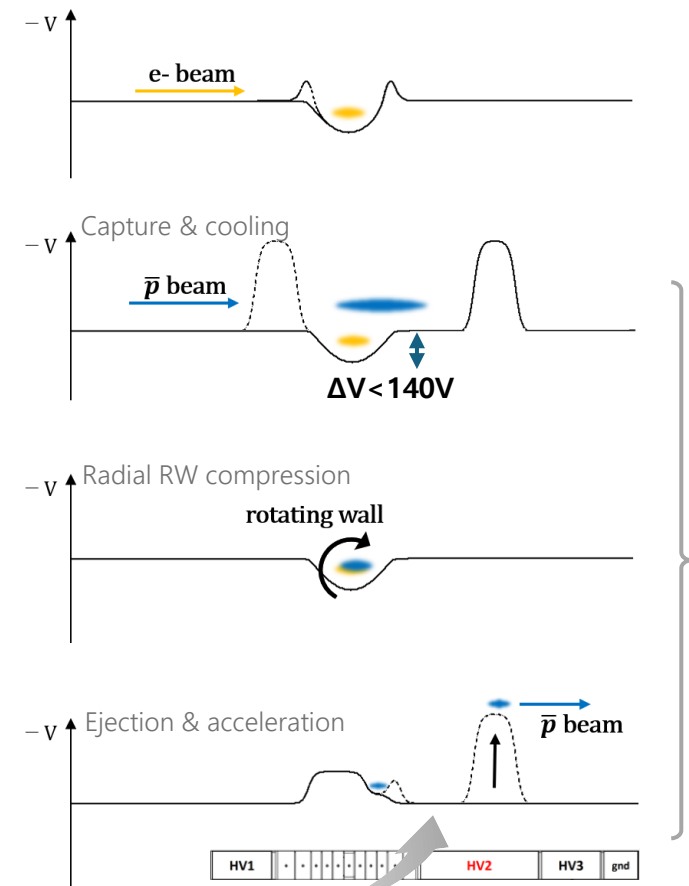
- Penning-Malmberg trap (5T; 7T max) for antiproton beam reprocessing
- Temperature at Multi-Ring-Electrode (MRE) is about
- Pressure at MRE is about  $10^{-12}$  mbar
- PXI (sequence controller) + cRIO (FPGA + safety controller) system
- Function : Trapping, cooling (sympathetic cyclotron cooling), compression, acceleration, bunching and accumulation →  $\bar{p}$  reprocessing device



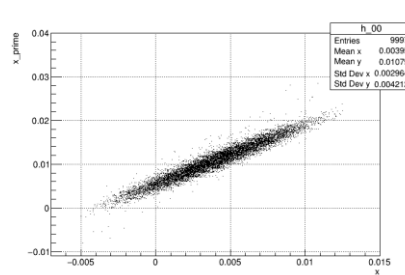
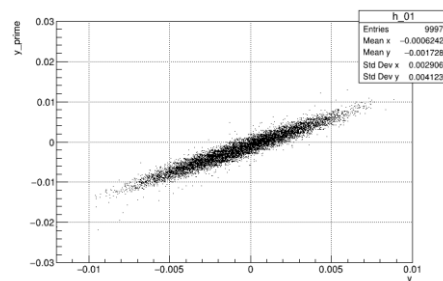
# Antiproton trap

By B.C.Lee, K.H.Park, D.H.Won

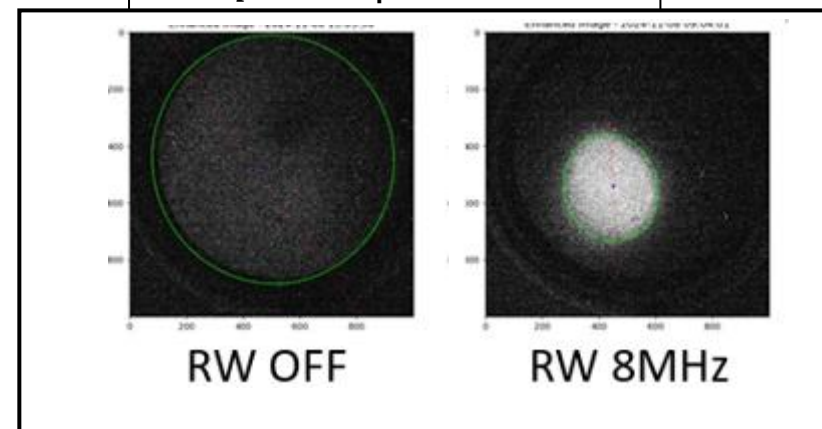
Preliminary



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$\bar{p}$  compression



2024 comissioning

Beam Intensity	$(4.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^6$
Extraction efficiency (/ELENA)	$(43 \pm 4)\%$
Beam size ( $\sigma_x$ )	2.71mm
Beam size ( $\sigma_y$ )	2.99mm
Bunch length (FWHM)	80ns

- e- accumulation & compression : enough accumulation( $\sim 10 \times \#(\bar{p})$ ) with possible compression
- Cooled  $\bar{p}$  trapping : 55% of injection from ELENA (Temp measurement is planned),  $\tau > 10\text{min}$
- $\bar{p}$  compression : Simulation based on extracted beam data expects the density is near designed value

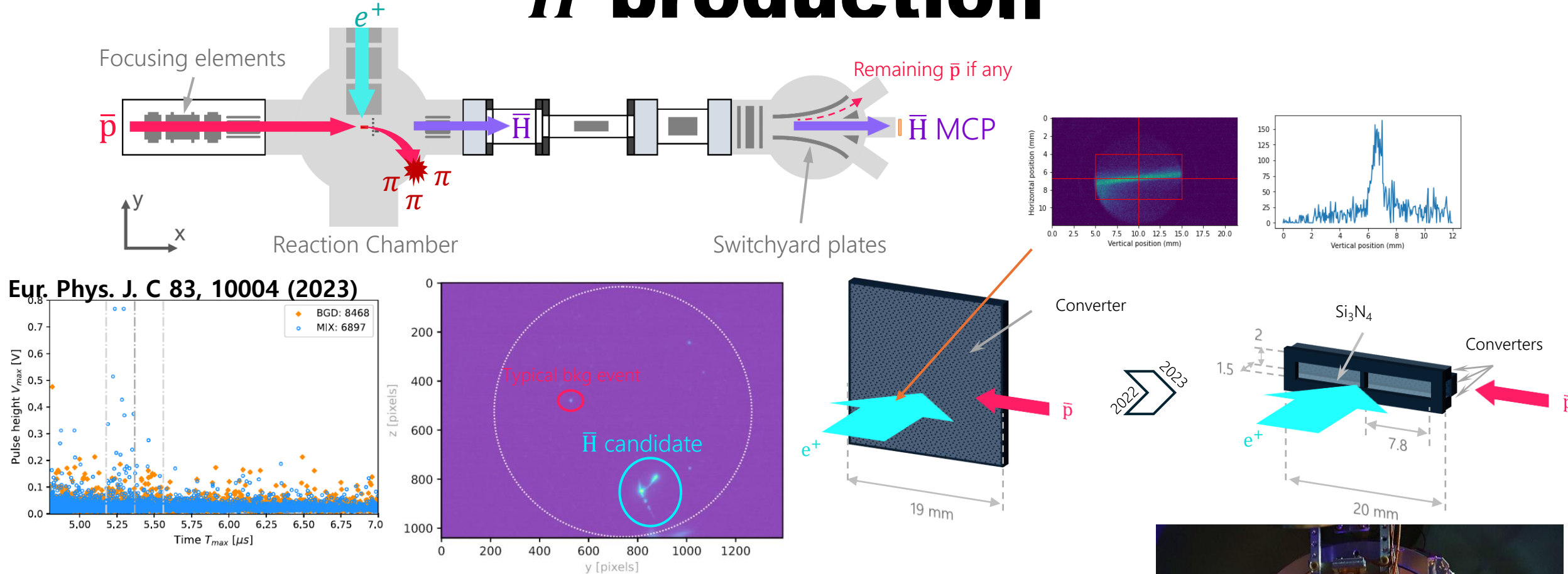
- Re-accelerated  $\bar{p}$  beam status : Success to pass through target cavity above  $1 \times 10^6 \bar{p}$  /ELENA pulse

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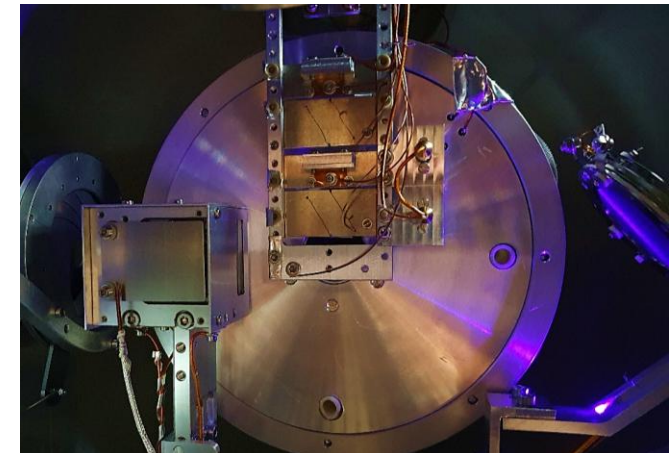
# $\bar{H}$ production



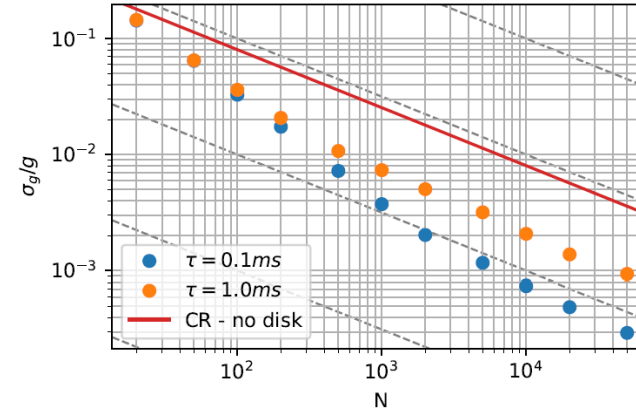
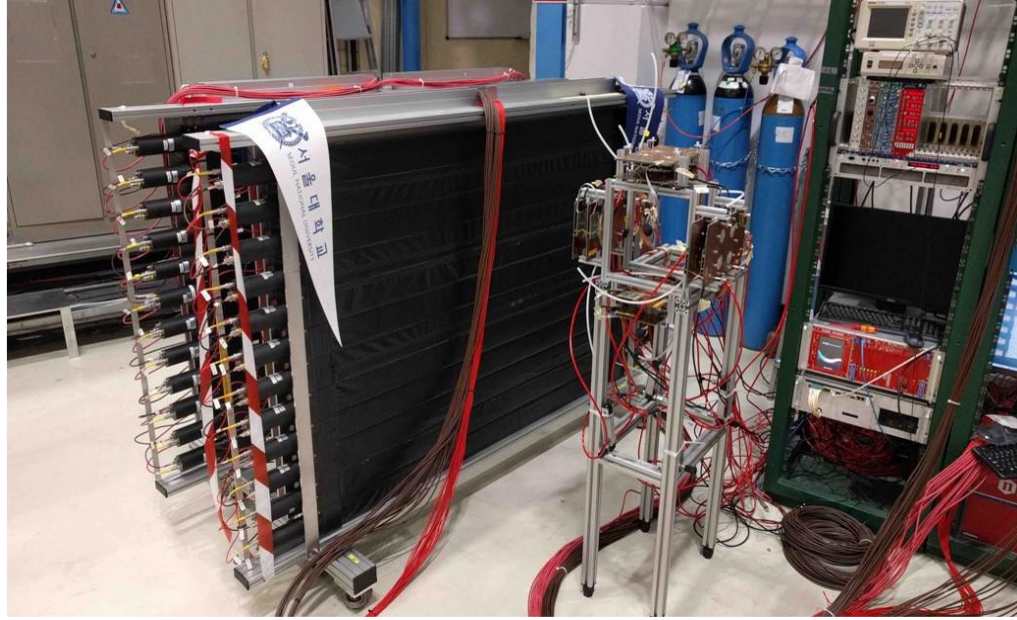
- Produced antihydrogen is detected above  $3\sigma$  (which is **1<sup>st</sup> milestone**) at 2022
- production in flat target and then cavity target with antiproton trap
- (First) production of  $\bar{H}$  by charge exchange between o-Ps and antiproton **beam**
- Antihydrogen detection rate increased by 30 times (2023)** compared to 2022

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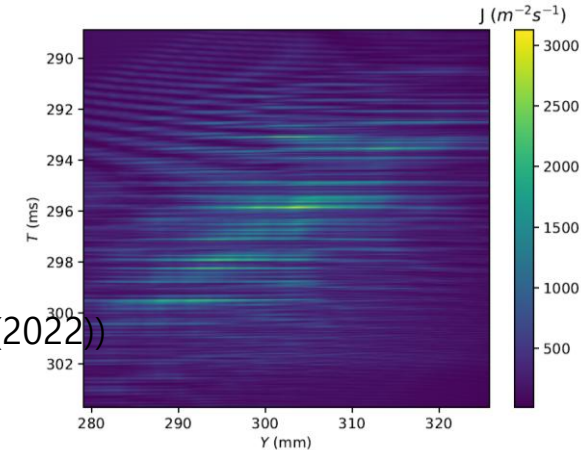
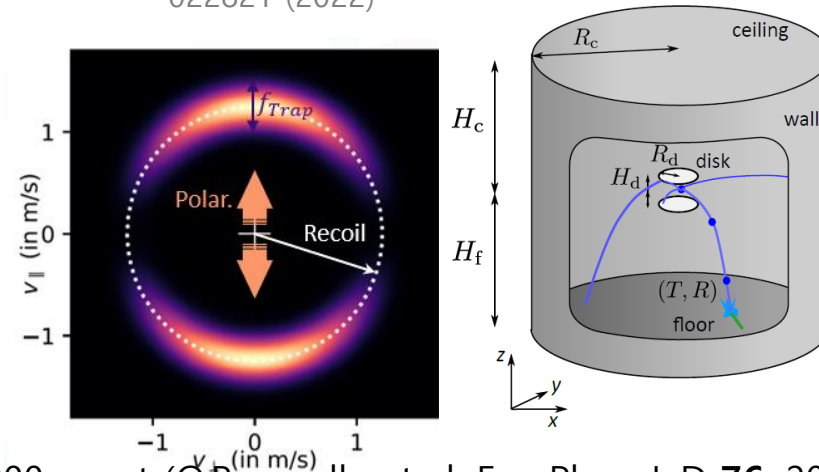
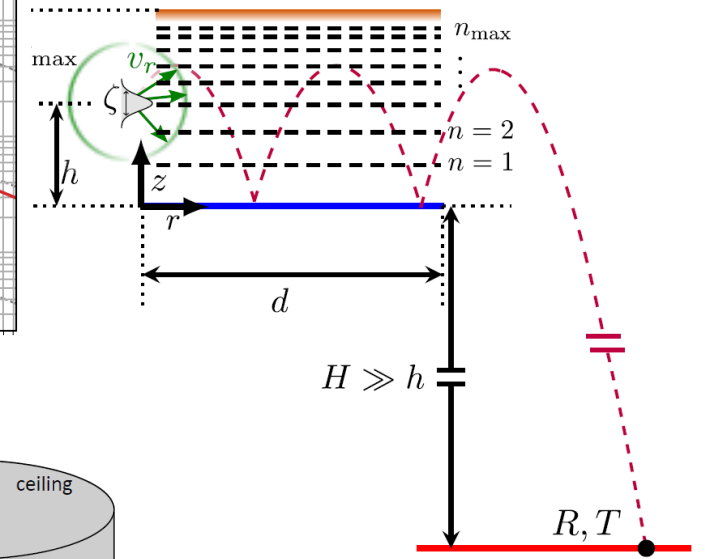
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# GBAR : Quantum reflection and levitation



O. Roussele et al, Phys. Rev. A **105**, 022821 (2022)



O. Roussele et al.,  
Eur. Phys. J. D **76**, 209 (2022)

0. Tracker and TOF detector are prepared for secondary particle reconstruction and  $\bar{g}$  with 1% for 1500# events

1. Polarization and Shaping with 0.1% uncertainty for 10,000 event (O.Roussele et al, Eur. Phys. J. D **76**, 209 (2022))

2. Quantum bouncing by Casimir-Polder potential vs Gravitational potential  $10^{-5}$  precision

(G. Dufour et al., Eur. Phys. J. C (2014) 74: 2731)



# Many trial, failure and efforts for sure





# Summary

- Trial to investigate the symmetry breaking mystery by fundamental research based on antimatter in the GBAR experiment.
- Sunkee has led the GBAR experiment especially for Korean GBAR.
- To reach the new technology from the beginning without basis, 5 years with good boss is necessary.
- By KGBAR, well-trained exports has been made, and we have world class technology for antimatter plasma trapping.
- Freefall test by ultra-cold antihydrogen has approached.

**Thank you for audience and Sunkee**



