# Technical challenge at ATHENA

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### Introduction;

back ground (low energy facility at CERN), ATHENA collaboration

### ATHENA experiment;

strategy, apparatus

### ATHENA outputs;

detector, positron source, plasma techniques, hbar production & study, etc. (after 2002)

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#### and then...

## Introduction: Pbar facility at CERN



**LEAR** 1986-1996

- 1992 Proposed by Munger *et al.*: pbar +  $Z \rightarrow$  hbar
- 1996 9 events antihydrogen (however life time ~40 ns)



**AD** 1999-

**Three experiments in AD hall**:

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Athena --- Antihydrogen

Asacusa --- Pbar He, etc.

Atrap --- Antihydrogen

#### **Introduction:** ATHENA collaboration





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Univ. of Brescia, Italy



Univ. of Genova, Italy



CERN, Geneva, Suisse



Univ. of Pavia, Italy



Univ. of Rio, Brazil



Univ. of Swansee, Wales (UK)



Univ. of Tokyo, Japan

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Univ. of Zurich, Suisse



INFN, Italy



LANL, USA

#### **ATHENA experiment:** Basic shame



# **ATHENA** experiment

#### Features

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- special design equipment
- strong e<sup>+</sup> source
- high performance detector
- plasma manipulation

#### **ATHENA experiment:** Trap with detector





<Trap>  $P < 10^{-12}$  mbar, T ~ 15K

#### **Cold nose**

<Detector> P~10<sup>-9</sup>mbar, T~130K

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### **ATHENA Outputs:** Antiprotons



#### **ATHENA Outputs:** Positrons



#### **ATHENA Outputs:** Plasma technique



#### ATHENA Outputs: Hbar study I



#### ATHENA Outputs: Hbar study II



#### **ATHENA Outputs:** Publications

#### -2002-

 'Production and detection of cold antihydrogen atoms' M. Amoretti et al., Nature 419, 456 (2002)

#### -2003-

- 'Complete Nondestructive Diagnostic of Nonneutral Plasmas Based on the Detection of Electrostatic Modes' M. Amoretti et al., Phys. Plasma 10, 3056 (2003)
- 'Positron Plasma Diagnostic and Temperature Control for Antihydrogen Production' M. Amoretti et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 055001 (2003)

#### -2004-

- 'The ATHENA antihydrogen apparatus' M. Amoretti et al., Nucl. Inst.Meth. Phys. Res. A 518, 679-711 (2004)
- 'High rate production of antihydrogen' M. Amoretti *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B 578, 23-32 (2004)
- 'Antihydrogen production temperature dependence' M. Amoretti *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B 583, 59-67 (2004)
- 'Three-Dimensional Annihilation Imaging of Trapped Antiprotons' M. C. Fujiwara et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 065005 (2004)
- 'Dynamics of Antiproton Cooling in a Positron Plasma During Antihydrogen Formation' M. Amoretti et al., Phys. Lett. B 590, 133-142 (2004)

#### But no physics measurement, yet!!

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#### **ATHENA outputs:** and then...?



#### **Further study:** Rotating-wall

