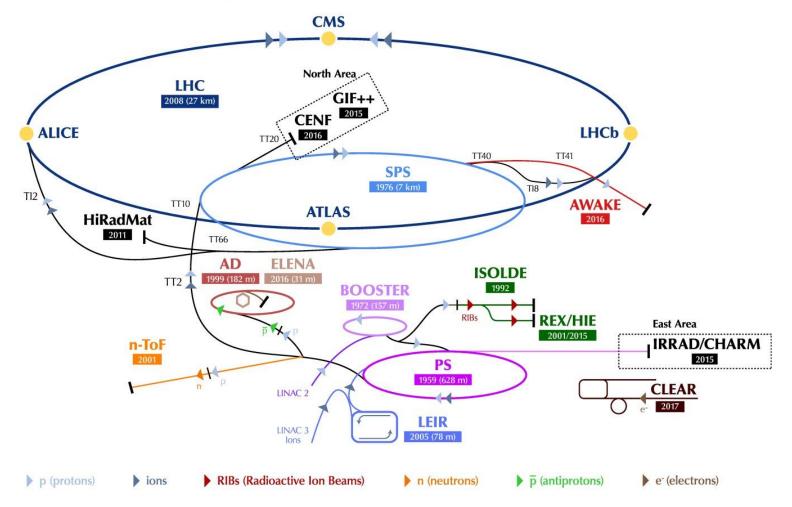


# A virtual tour of the antimatter factory at CERN

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## The CERN accelerator complex Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN

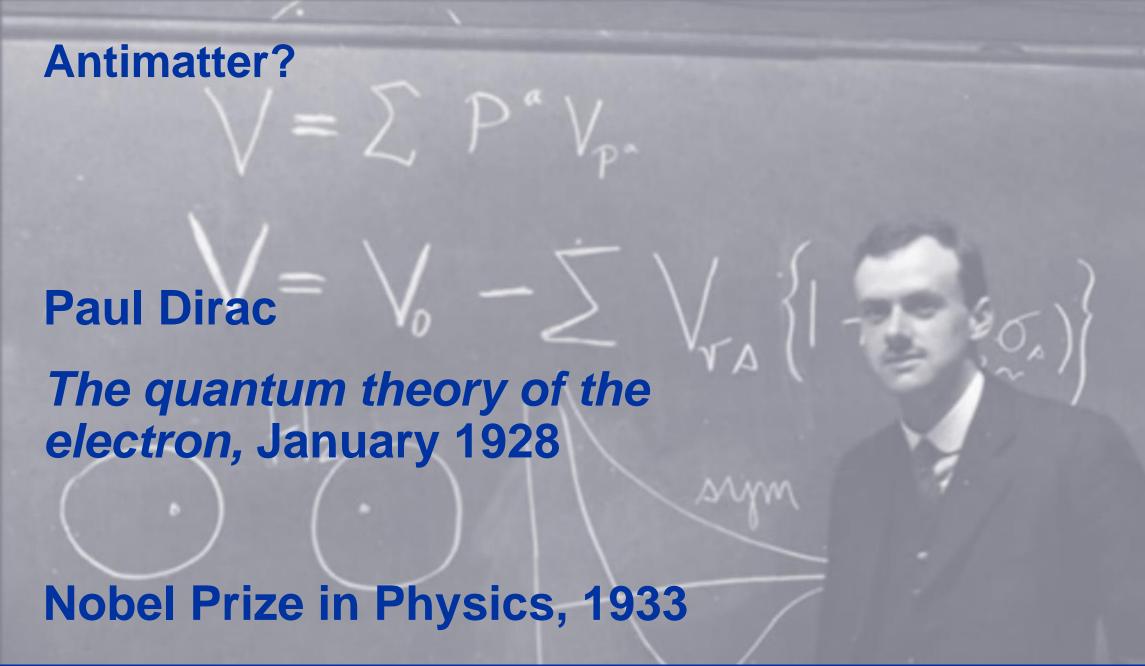


LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKefield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE - Radioactive EXperiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n-ToF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // CHARM - Cern High energy AcceleRator Mixed field facility // IRRAD - proton IRRADiation facility // GIF++ - Gamma Irradiation Facility // CENF - CErn Neutrino platForm

#### **Antimatter?**

$$x^2 = 4$$
 $x = ?$ 





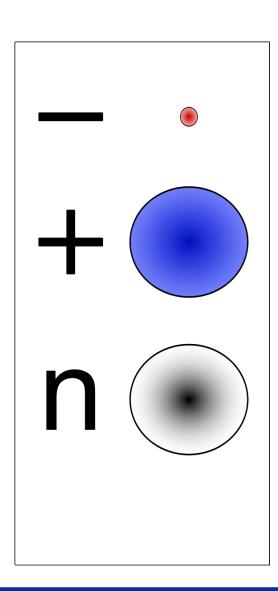


#### **Antimatter?**

electron

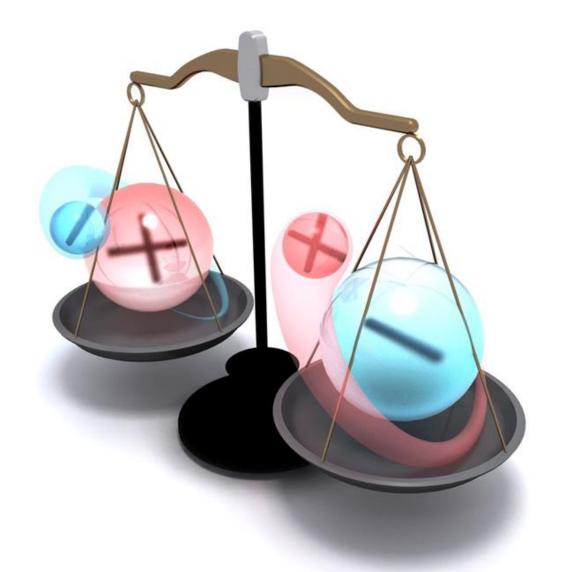
proton

neutron





## **Antimatter?**









The Big Bang

## Where has all the antimatter gone?











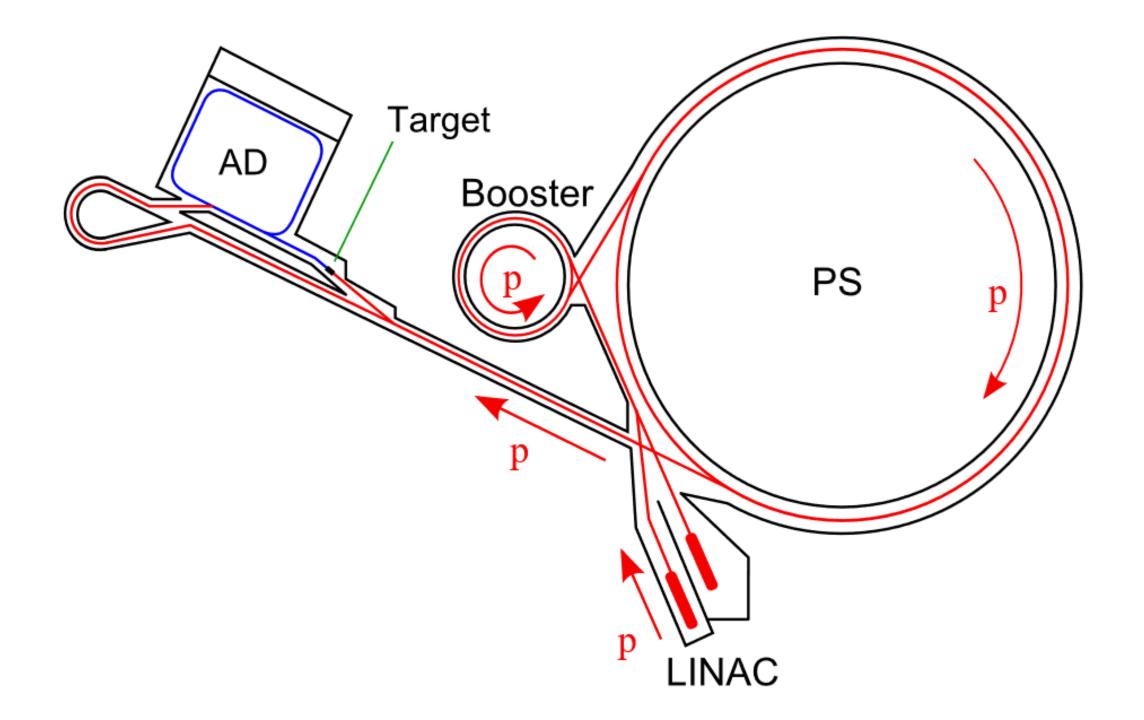
### How do we address this question at CERN?



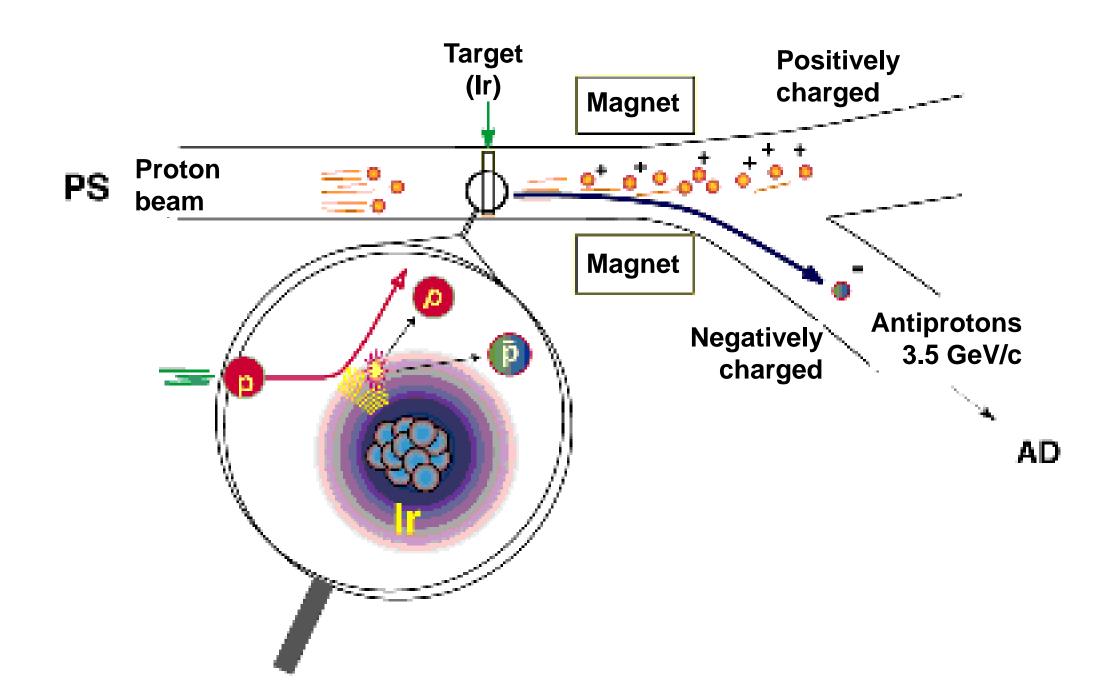


## Additional slides









#### **Antiprotons from PS**

Energy: 3.5 GeV

## AD Antiproton Decelerator

Start: 2000

Length: 182 m

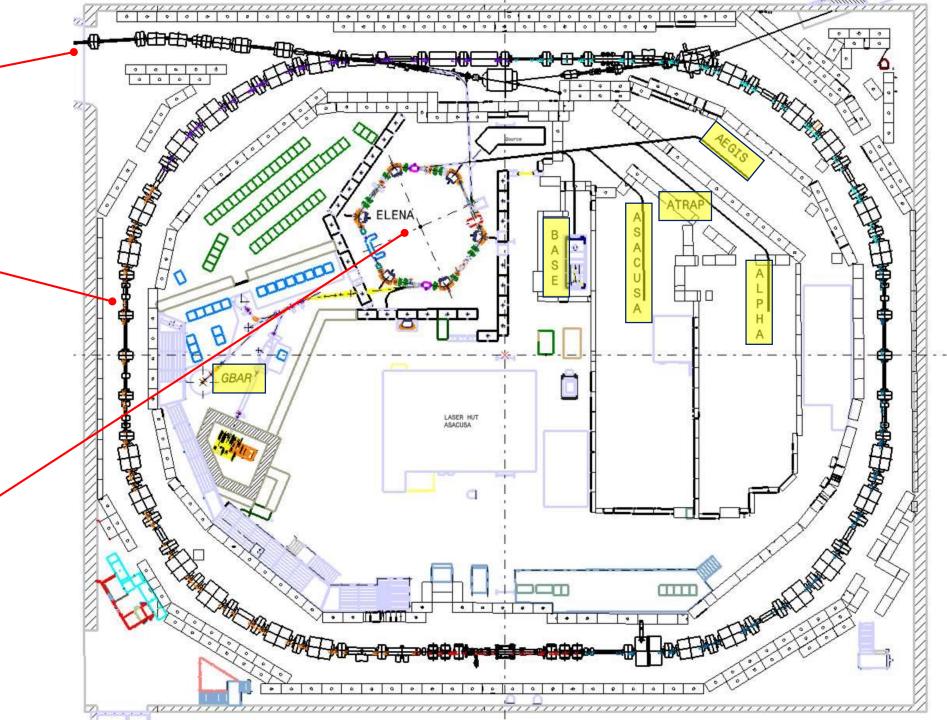
Energy: 5.3 MeV

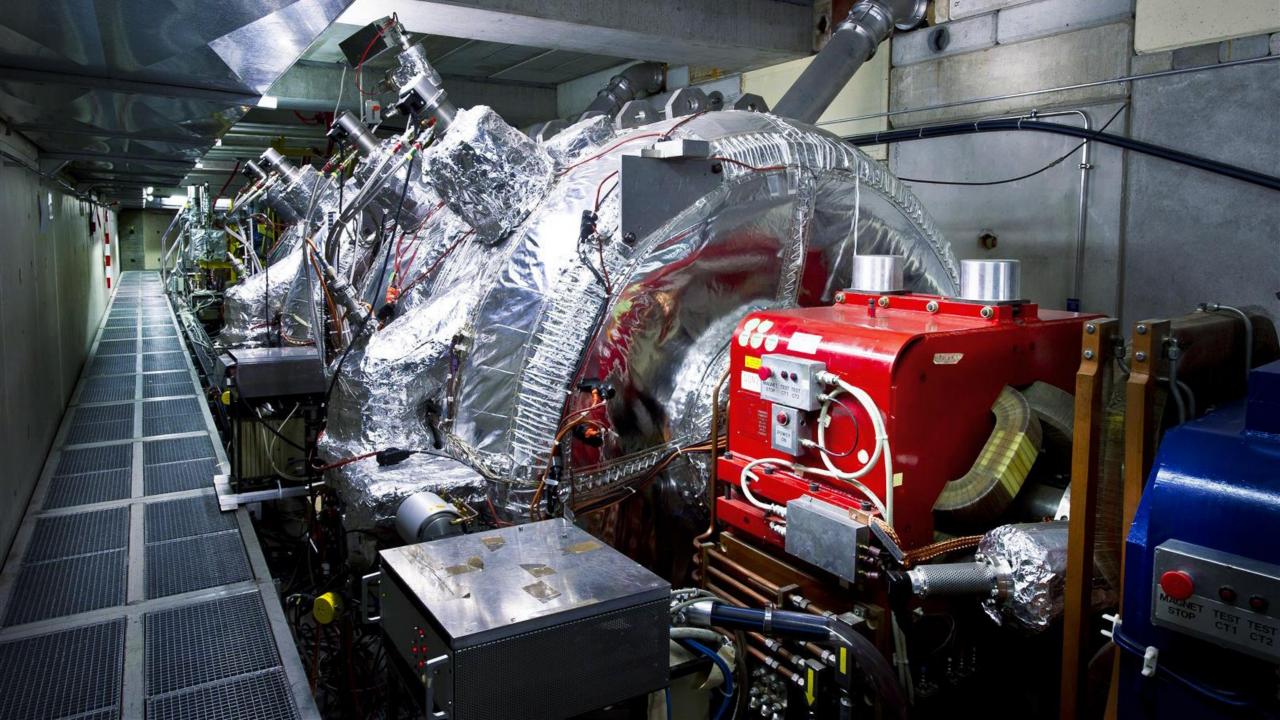
## ELENA Extra Low ENergy Antiproton

Start: 2021

Length: 30 m

Energy: 0.1 MeV





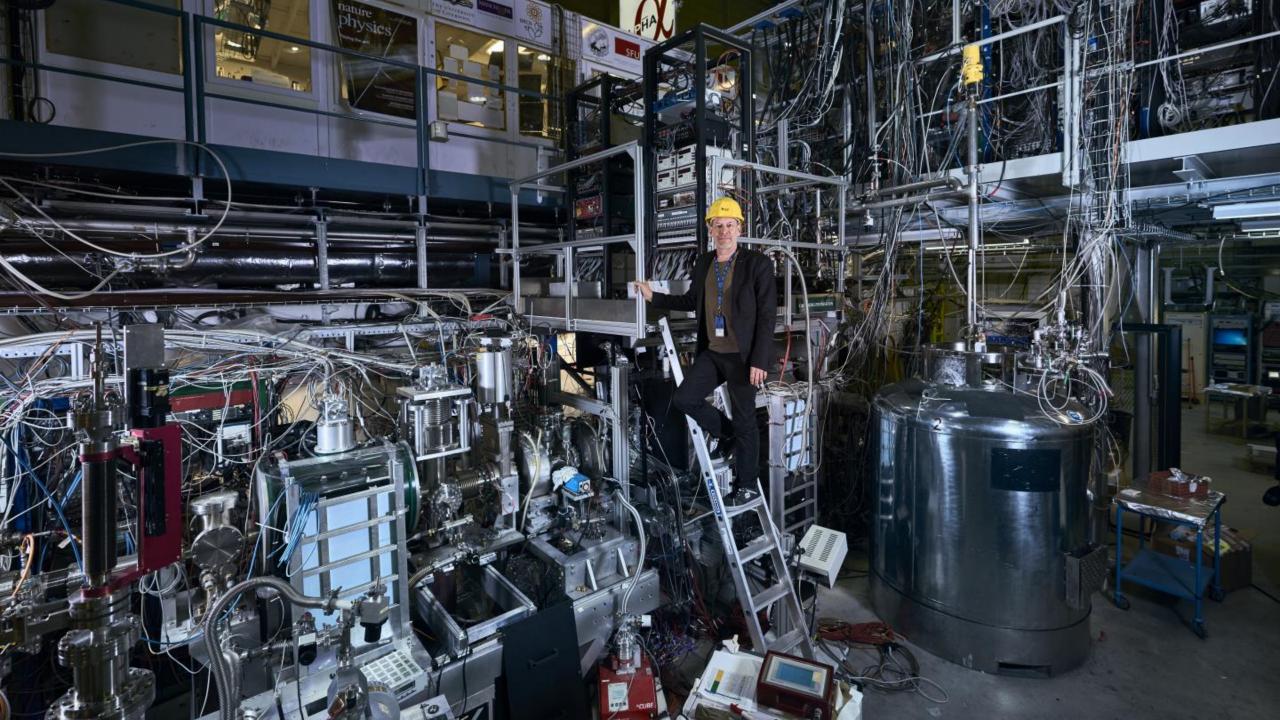


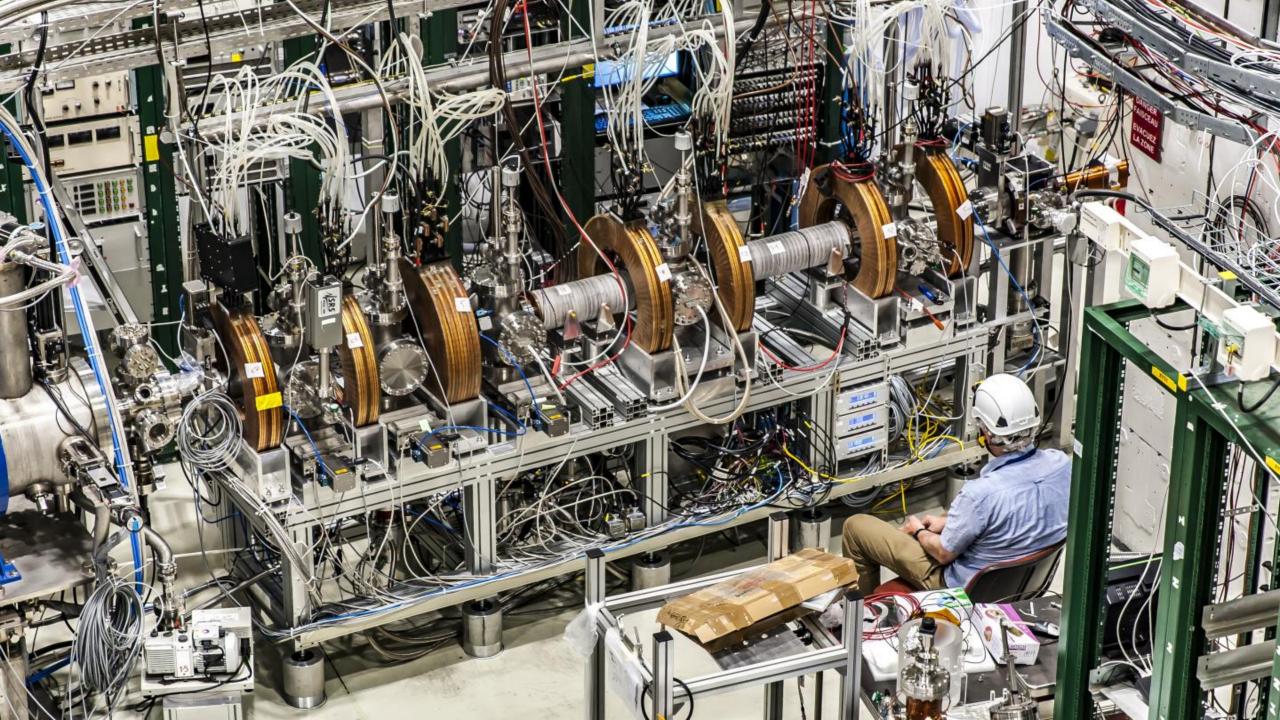
## The experiments

	ALPHA	ATRAP	ASACUSA	BASE	AEGIS	GBAR
Approved	2005	1997	1997	2013	2008	2012
Data Taking	2006	2002	2002	2014	Soon	Soon
Countries	8	4	8	3	11	9
Institutes	16	6	19	7	23	16
Researchers	57	31	51	41	113	87
Main goals	Compare hydrogen and antohydrogen (spectroscopy)	Compare hydrogen and antohydrogen (spectroscopy)	Compare the hyperfine structure of hydrogen and antihydrogen	Compare the magnetic moments of matter and antimatter.	Study effects of Earth's gravity on antimatter	Study effects of Earth's gravity on antimatter
Highlight	Jun 2011: trapped antiprotons for 16 minutes	Mar 2013: magnetic moment measurement	Nov 2016: measure the mass of antiproton	Jun 2014: first observations		







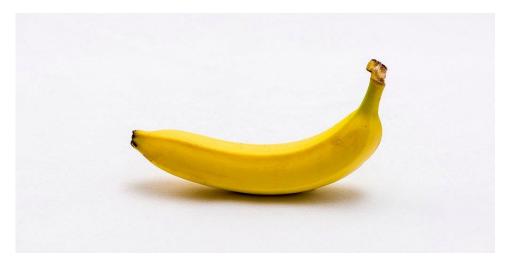


## **Natural antiparticles**

 A person weighting 80 kg produces 180 e<sup>+</sup> per hour from the desintegration of Potassium-40, a natural isotope

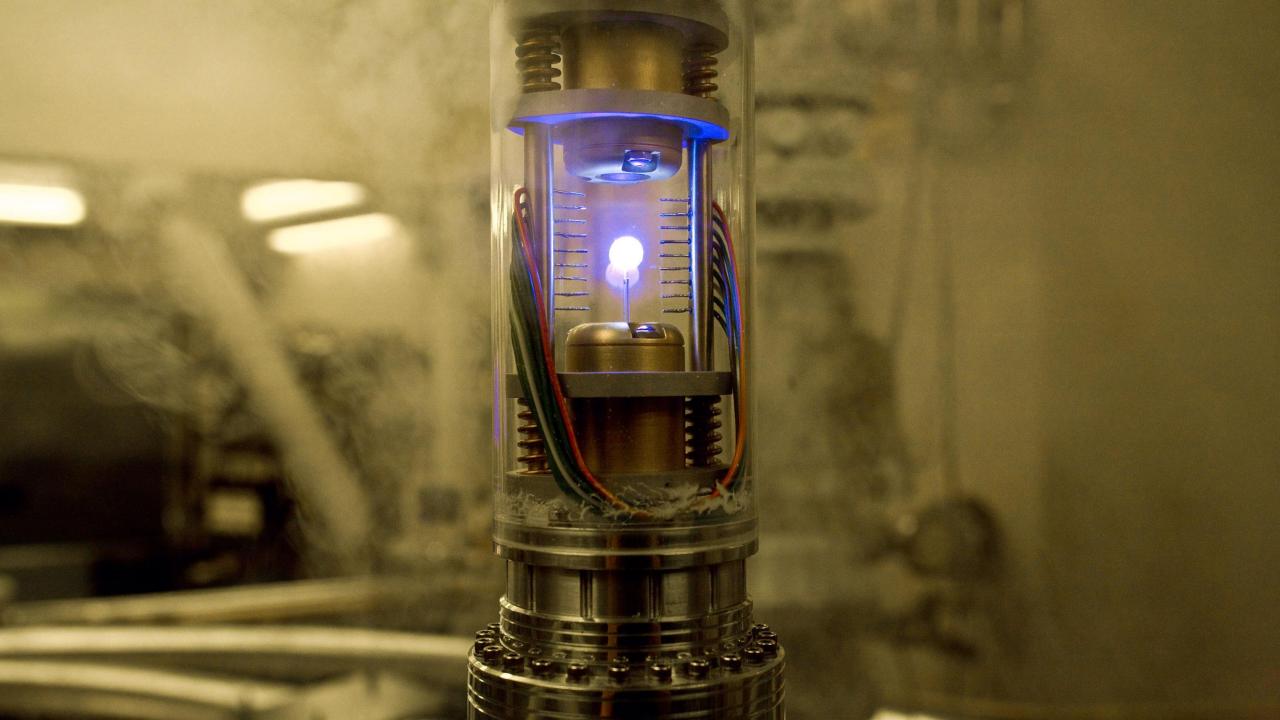








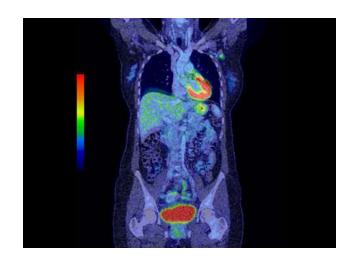




#### Practical use...

1g of antimatter contains 90 TJ of energy (~21 kT of TNT) (enough to power a car 1000 times around the world) but producing 1g of antimatter at CERN at current production rate would take1 billion years would cost 2 000 000 000 000 000 €

#### **PET (Positron Emission Tomography)**



#### **Antiproton Therapy**

