

# Antimatter in the lab

Lecture 1

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# Overview

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## Lecture 1: Introduction

1. What is antimatter?
2. Why study antimatter?
3. How do we make antimatter at CERN?

## Lecture 2: Experiments at the Antimatter Factory

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What is antimatter?

## How to combine quantum mechanics and special relativity for the electron?

A relativistic particle in state  $|\mathbf{p}\rangle$  with momentum  $\mathbf{p}$  has energy  $E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$ ,  
 what equation of motion, consistent with the Schrodinger equation, governs its motion?

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle \rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = \left(m + \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{p^4}{8m^3} + \dots\right) |\psi\rangle \quad \times \text{ Leads to non-covariant, nonlocal physics}$$

$$H = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2} = m + \frac{p^2}{2m} - \frac{p^4}{8m^3} + \dots$$

Take an extra time derivative

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} |\psi\rangle = H^2 |\psi\rangle$$

Imagine factorizing the term in brackets to make two linear equations

$$\left(\underbrace{p^2}_{-\nabla^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + m^2\right) |\psi\rangle = 0$$

$$(iX + m)(iX - m) |\psi\rangle = 0$$

$$(iX + m) |\psi\rangle = 0 \quad ?$$

$$(iX - m) |\psi\rangle = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Relativistic Klein-Gordon Equation, fine for spin-0 charged particles, but what about the electron?

Where  $X^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 = \partial^\mu \partial_\mu = \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \gamma^\nu \partial_\nu$   
 so long as  $\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu = \eta^{\mu\nu}$

With  $X = \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu$  and  $\gamma^\mu$  4x4 matrices  
Dirac equation

Two equally valid solutions for positive or negative mass (or energy) particles, with opposite charge

# The free particle solutions

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$$

$$\partial_0 = \partial_t, \partial_1 = \partial_x, \partial_2 = \partial_y, \partial_3 = \partial_z, \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle \mathbf{x} | \psi \rangle$$

$\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu = \eta^{\mu\nu}$  4x4 matrices will do, e.g.

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{I}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_i \\ -\sigma_i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad i \neq 0$$

$\sigma_i$  2x2 Pauli matrices

**Spin has popped out, brilliant!**

**But what to do about these negative energy solutions?**

Plane wave free particle solutions

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = N e^{-i(Et - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x})} = N e^{-ip^\mu x_\mu}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 & -p \\ p & 0 & -m & 0 \\ 0 & -p & 0 & -m \end{pmatrix} \Psi = E \Psi$$

$$E = +E_p = +\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$\Psi_1 = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p}{m+E_p} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^\mu x_\mu}$$

$$\Psi_2 = A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{-p}{E_p+m} \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^\mu x_\mu}$$

$$E = -E_p = -\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$\Psi_3 = A \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-p}{E_p+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^\mu x_\mu}$$

$$\Psi_4 = A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{p}{E_p+m} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-ip^\mu x_\mu}$$

# What to do?

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*P.A.M. Dirac,  
The Quantum  
Theory of the  
Electron (1928)*

Since half the solutions must be rejected as referring to the charge  $+e$  on the electron, the correct number will be left to account for duplexity phenomena.

*P.A.M. Dirac, A  
theory of  
Electrons and  
Protons (1930)*

would fill it, and will thus correspond to its possessing a charge  $+e$ . We are therefore led to the assumption that *the holes in the distribution of negative-energy electrons are the protons*. When an electron of positive energy drops into

*P.A.M. Dirac,  
Quantised  
Singularities in  
the  
Electromagnetic  
field (1931)*

A hole, if there were one, would be a new kind of particle, unknown to experimental physics, having the same mass and opposite charge to an electron. We may call such a particle an anti-electron.

Presumably the protons will have their own negative-energy states, all of which normally are occupied, an unoccupied one appearing as an anti-proton.

# Discovery of antimatter

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CARL D. ANDERSON

23 MeV  
positron  
in B field

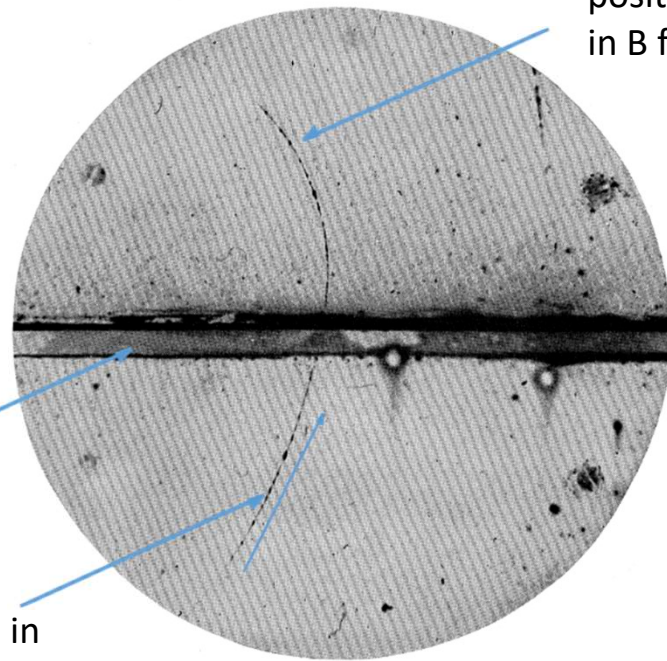
$$E = \frac{1}{2}m\omega_c^2\rho^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\left(\frac{Bq}{m}\right)^2\rho^2$$

First discovered by Carl Anderson (1932)

Mass of particle <20x electron mass, positive charge

Almost simultaneously observed but not identified until later by Blackett and Occhialini, Joliot and Irene Curie

Despite what you might think, none of these people was looking for Dirac's anti-electron!



64 MeV  
positron in  
B field

FIG. 1. A 63 million volt positron ( $H\rho=2.1\times 10^6$  gauss-cm) passing through a 6 mm lead plate and emerging as a 23 million volt positron ( $H\rho=7.5\times 10^6$  gauss-cm). The length of this latter path is at least ten times greater than the possible length of a proton path of this curvature.

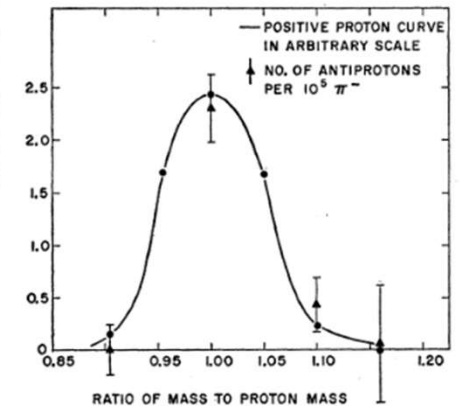
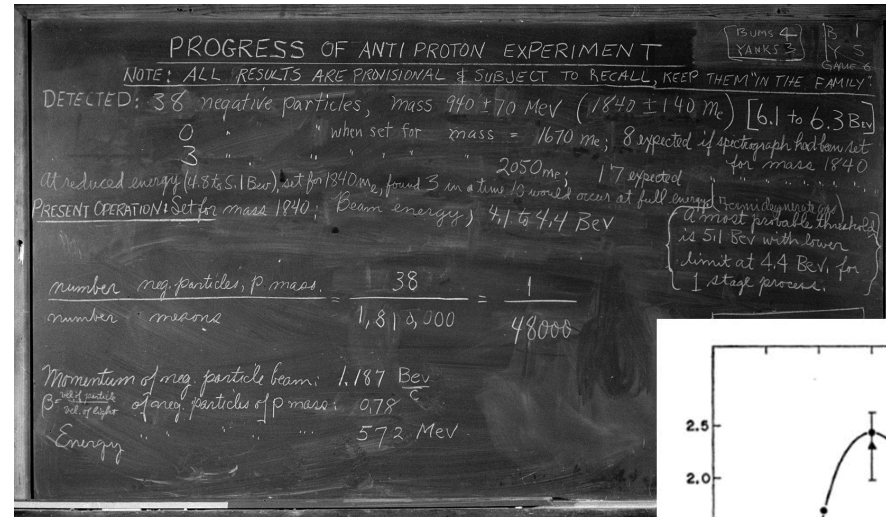
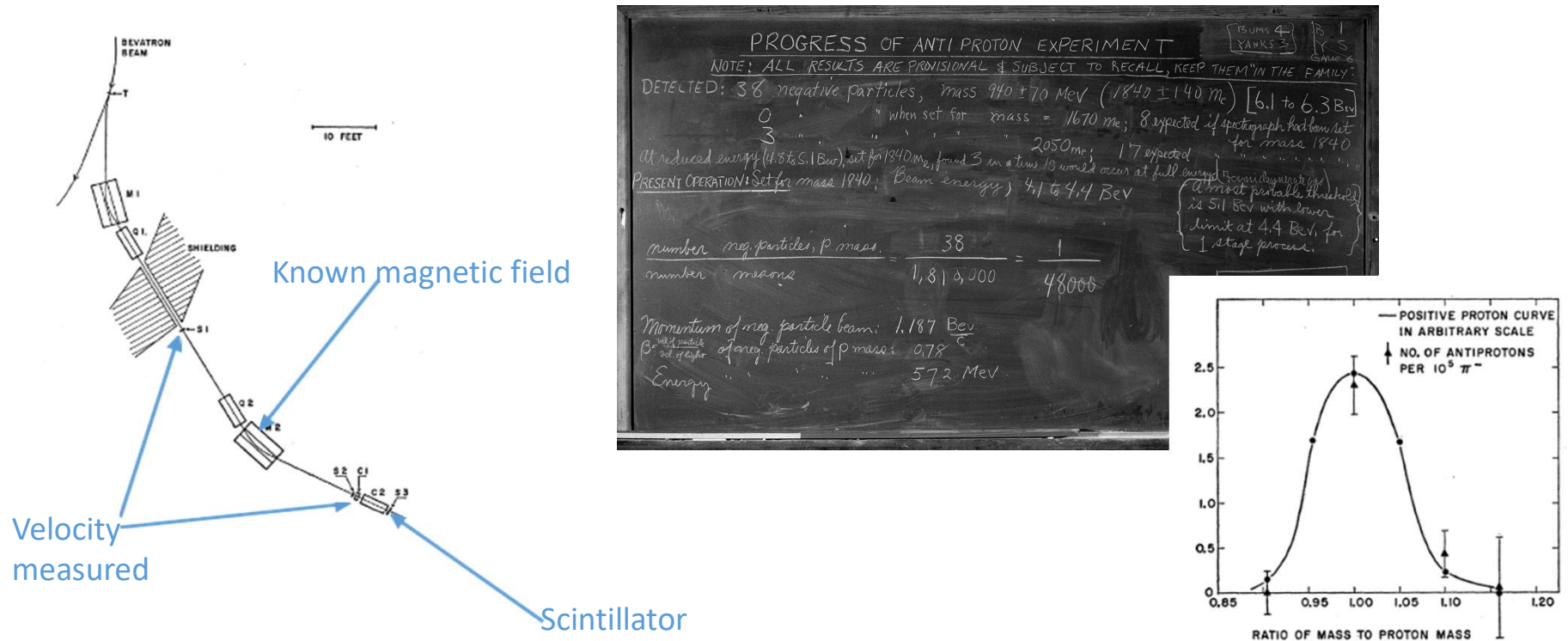
C. D. Anderson Phys. Rev. **43**, 491 (1933)

M. Leone, American Journal of Physics **80**, 534 (2012)

# Discovery of the antiproton 1955

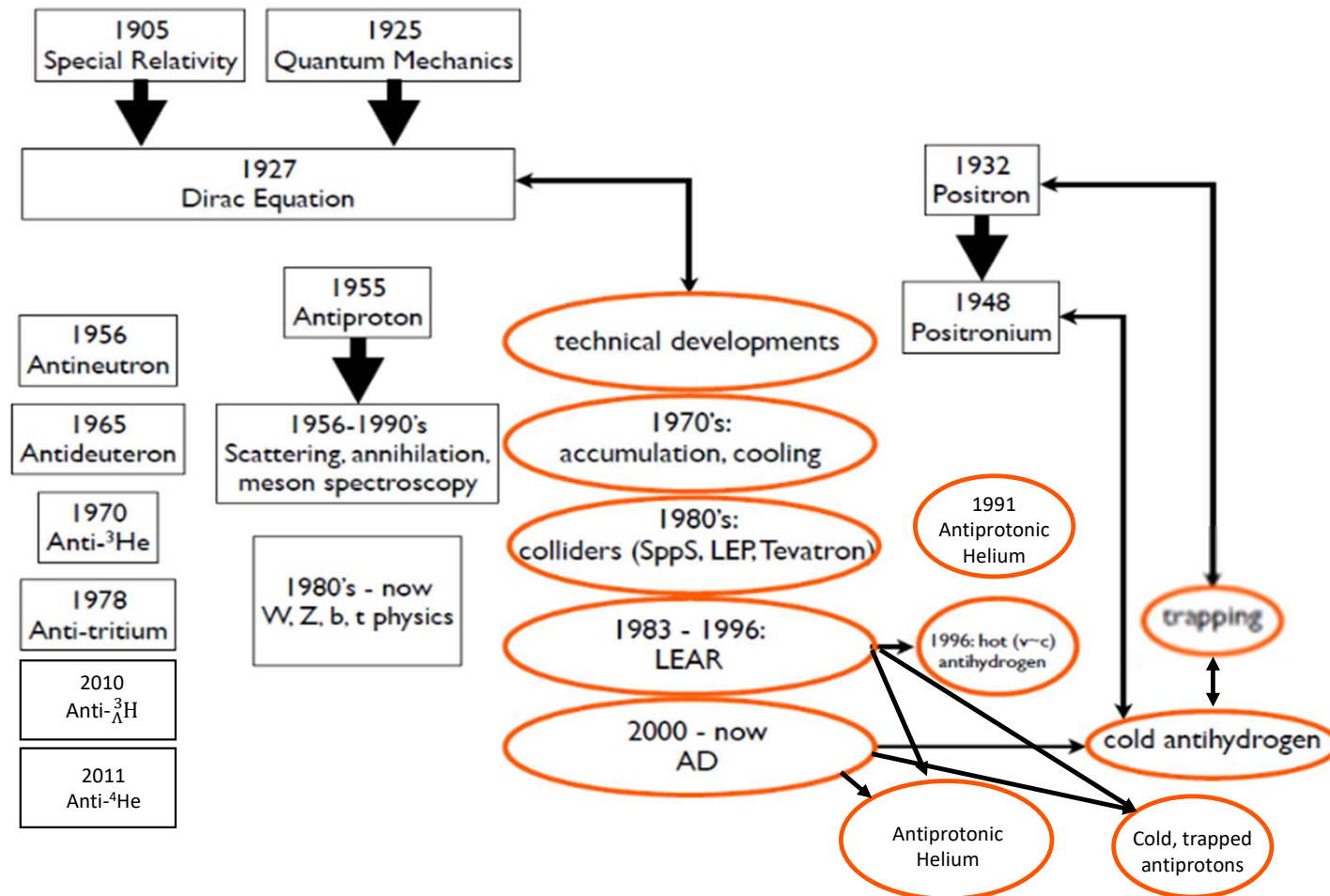
Measurement of mass of negatively charged particles -  
By measurement of velocity and momentum

At Bevatron - Proton accelerator at Berkeley (California)





# Ever more complicated antimatter

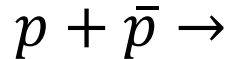
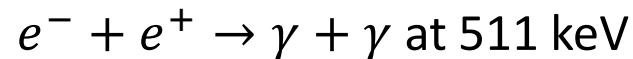


# Basic properties

-Whenever they've been measured:

- The lifetime and mass of particles and antiparticles have been equal
- Their charge and magnetic moment have been equal in magnitude and opposite in sign

-When antimatter and matter meet, they annihilate:



Antiproton-proton	
Pion final state	Branching
$\pi^0\pi^0$	0.00028
$\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$	0.0076
$\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$	0.03
$\pi^+\pi^-$	0.0032
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	0.069
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$	0.093
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$	0.233
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$	0.028
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	0.069
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	0.196
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0$	0.166
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\pi^0\pi^0$	0.042
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$	0.021
$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$	0.019

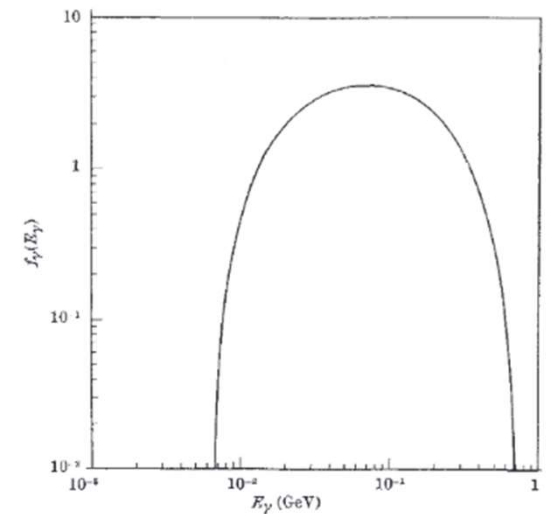


Fig. 1. The normalized local differential gamma ray spectrum from proton-antiproton annihilation.

+2.2% other channels

<https://cerncourier.com/a/fifty-years-of-antiprotons/>

T. Aumann et al., Eur. Phys. J. A (2022) 58:88

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Why study antimatter?

# Is this interesting?

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A skeptical voice:

Why bother?

A skeptical voice with extensive physics training

- Any “reasonable”<sup>1</sup>, Lorentz-covariant quantum field theory will be CPT symmetric

<sup>1</sup> Reasonable:

- A Lorentz and translation covariant Hilbert space
- A vacuum state
- Field operators with spin & mass that can be associated with point particles
- Energy positivity
- Microscopic causality (locality)

# CPT symmetry

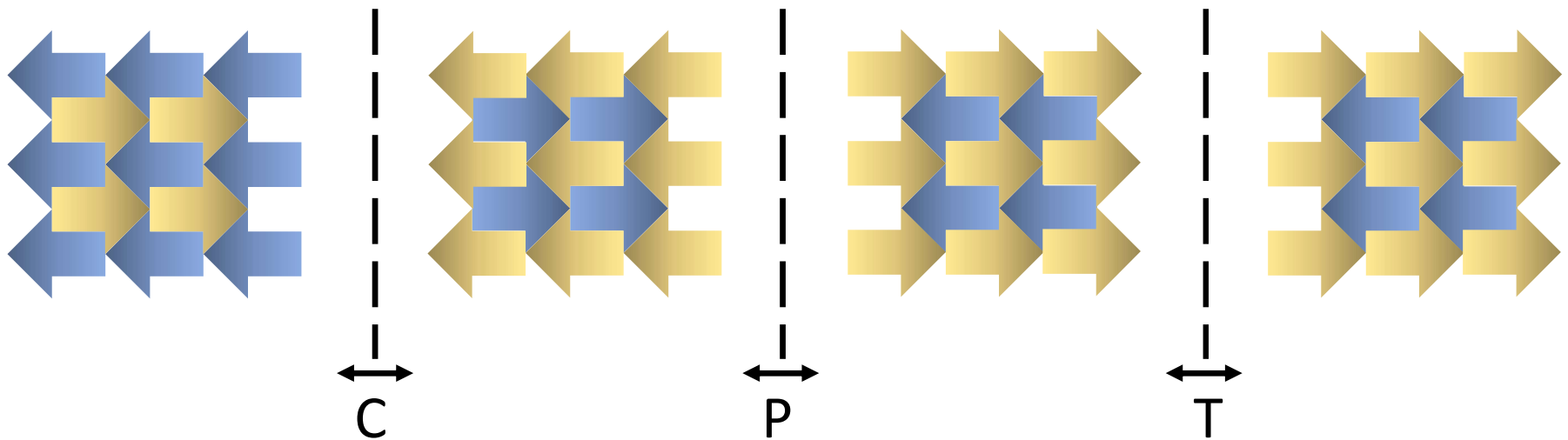
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CPT symmetry: the combined symmetry of:

C, Charge-conjugation: all particles swapped for antiparticles

P, Parity: spatial coordinates  $\mathbf{r} \rightarrow -\mathbf{r}$

T, Time reversal: reverse time coordinates coordinates  $t \rightarrow -t$

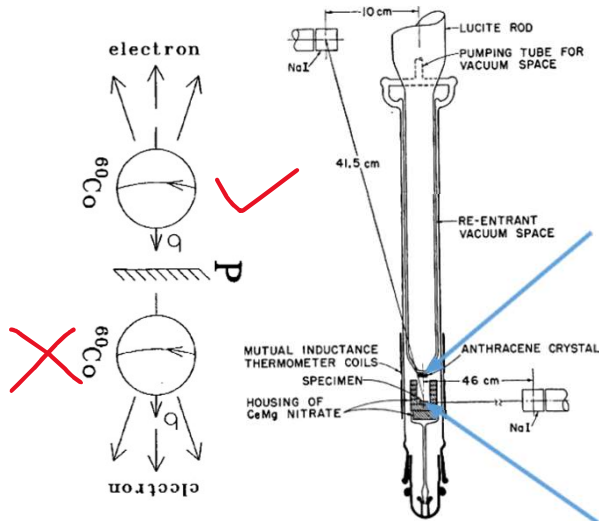


CPT implies matter and antimatter particles have the same properties (up to a sign)

# Assume makes ...

C, P and T and CP have been measurably broken

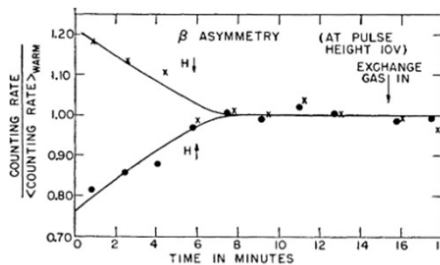
## C. S. Wu's P-violation experiment



Upwards  $\beta$ -emission measured

More  $\beta$ -emission upwards when Co-60 polarised downwards

Polarised cobalt-60



Why is CPT special?

## Fitch-Cronin experiment CP violation

- $K_L^0 \rightarrow 3$  pions, CP -1, (common)
- $K_L^0 \rightarrow 2$  pions, CP +1, (rare)

Conclusion:  $K_L^0$  not a pure CP state

But if CP is conserved,  
 $\text{Rate}(\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow K^0) = \text{Rate}(K^0 \rightarrow \bar{K}^0)$   
 $K_L^0$  should be a pure CP state  
 CP broken (indirect CP violation)  
 CPLEAR, NA48 (CERN), BarBar, KTeV...

Direct CP and T violation



# Why specifically might CPT be broken?

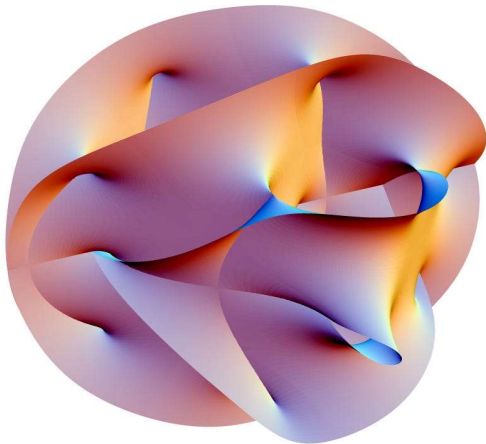
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Any “reasonable”<sup>1</sup>, Lorentz-covariant quantum field theory will obey the CPT theorem

Some Beyond the Standard Model theories would, at our energy scales, break Lorentz covariance...

E.g. Lorentz symmetry could be spontaneously broken in string theories which are nevertheless Lorentz symmetric a fundamental level-

- Would be one way to turn very high dimension string theories into effective theories with 4 spacetime dimensions



V. A. Kostelecký, S. Samuel, Spontaneous breaking of Lorentz symmetry in string theory Phys. Rev. D 39 (1989)  
D. Colladay, V. A. Kostelecký, Phys. Rev. D 58 (1997)  
S.M. Carroll, G.B. Field, R. Jackiw, Phys. Rev. D 41, 1231 (1990)

# The Standard Model Extension

## The Standard Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \frac{1}{2}i\bar{L}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu L_A + \frac{1}{2}i\bar{R}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu R_A \quad , \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}} = \frac{1}{2}i\bar{Q}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu Q_A + \frac{1}{2}i\bar{U}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu U_A + \frac{1}{2}i\bar{D}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu D_A \quad , \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = -[(G_L)_{AB}\bar{L}_A\phi R_B + (G_U)_{AB}\bar{Q}_A\phi^c U_B + (G_D)_{AB}\bar{Q}_A\phi D_B] + \text{h.c.} \quad , \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = (D_\mu\phi)^\dagger D^\mu\phi + \mu^2\phi^\dagger\phi - \frac{\lambda}{3!}(\phi^\dagger\phi)^2 \quad , \quad (7)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = -\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(W_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} \quad . \quad (8)$$

## Minimal Standard Model Extension (SME)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{CPT-even}} = \frac{1}{2}i(c_L)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{L}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu L_B + \frac{1}{2}i(c_R)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{R}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu R_B \quad , \quad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}}^{\text{CPT-odd}} = -(a_L)_{\mu AB}\bar{L}_A\gamma^\mu L_B - (a_R)_{\mu AB}\bar{R}_A\gamma^\mu R_B \quad , \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}}^{\text{CPT-even}} = \frac{1}{2}i(c_Q)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{Q}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu Q_B + \frac{1}{2}i(c_U)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{U}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu U_B + \frac{1}{2}i(c_D)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{D}_A\gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}^\nu D_B \quad , \quad (11)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}}^{\text{CPT-odd}} = -(a_Q)_{\mu AB}\bar{Q}_A\gamma^\mu Q_B - (a_U)_{\mu AB}\bar{U}_A\gamma^\mu U_B - (a_D)_{\mu AB}\bar{D}_A\gamma^\mu D_B \quad . \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}}^{\text{CPT-even}} = -\frac{1}{2}[(H_L)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{L}_A\phi\sigma^{\mu\nu}R_B + (H_U)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{Q}_A\phi^c\sigma^{\mu\nu}U_B + (H_D)_{\mu\nu AB}\bar{Q}_A\phi\sigma^{\mu\nu}D_B] + \text{h.c.} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}}^{\text{CPT-even}} = \frac{1}{2}(k_{\phi\phi})^{\mu\nu}(D_\mu\phi)^\dagger D_\nu\phi + \text{h.c.} - \frac{1}{2}(k_{\phi B})^{\mu\nu}\phi^\dagger\phi B_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(k_{\phi W})^{\mu\nu}\phi^\dagger W_{\mu\nu}\phi \quad , \quad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}}^{\text{CPT-odd}} = i(k_\phi)^\mu\phi^\dagger D_\mu\phi + \text{h.c.} \quad . \quad (15)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}^{\text{CPT-even}} = -\frac{1}{2}(k_G)_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\text{Tr}(G^{\kappa\lambda}G^{\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{2}(k_W)_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\text{Tr}(W^{\kappa\lambda}W^{\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{4}(k_B)_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}B^{\kappa\lambda}B^{\mu\nu} \quad . \quad (16)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}}^{\text{CPT-odd}} = (k_3)_\kappa\epsilon^{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\text{Tr}(G_\lambda G_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2}{3}ig_3G_\lambda G_\mu G_\nu) + (k_2)_\kappa\epsilon^{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}\text{Tr}(W_\lambda W_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2}{3}igW_\lambda W_\mu W_\nu) + (k_1)_\kappa\epsilon^{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu}B_\lambda B_{\mu\nu} + (k_0)_\kappa B^\kappa \quad . \quad (17)$$



# A concrete example

In the minimal SME, Dirac equation becomes

$$\gamma_5 = i \gamma_0 \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3$$

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m - a_\mu^e \gamma^\mu - b_\mu^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu - \frac{1}{2} H_{\mu\nu}^e \sigma^{\mu\nu} + i c_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma^\mu \partial^\nu + i d_{\mu\nu}^e \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \partial^\nu) \Psi(x, t) = 0$$

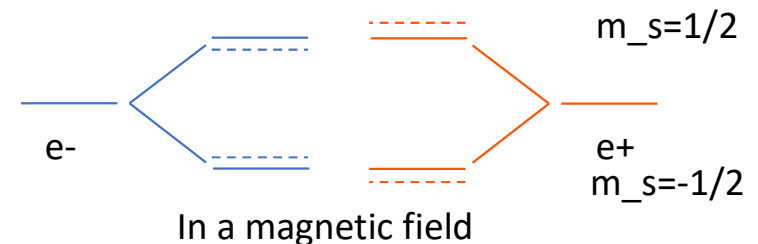
Normal

CPT breaking

Lorentz-symmetry breaking

$a_\mu^e, b_\mu^e, H_{\mu\nu}^e, c_{\mu\nu}^e, d_{\mu\nu}^e$  new terms which need to be measured. Suppose just  $b = b_3^e$  was non-zero. Then the eigenvalue equation for the Dirac equation looks like:

$$\begin{pmatrix} m - b & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & m + b & 0 & -p \\ p & 0 & -m + b & 0 \\ 0 & -p & 0 & -m - b \end{pmatrix} \Psi = E \Psi$$



This is a universal background magnetic field which couples oppositely to electrons and positrons, equivalent term for protons/antiprotons

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So far, observation of CPT breaking possible  
“accident” of more fundamental theory.

Any reason to think it might be desirable to have  
CPT symmetry breaking?

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Antimatter is rare

# Higher or Lower – antimatter encounters

$10^{24}$  gas molecules hitting  $1 \text{ cm}^3$  of your skin every second – higher or lower than...

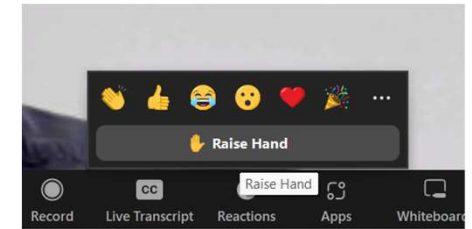


1 scan,  
PET  
scanner

CERN/ENLIGHT/ENVISION/Nymus3d

8 mSv for adults  
using 400 MBq  $^{18}\text{F}$ -  
Fluorodeoxyglucose,  
 $3.8 \times 10^{12}$  positrons  
absorbed

higher or lower than...



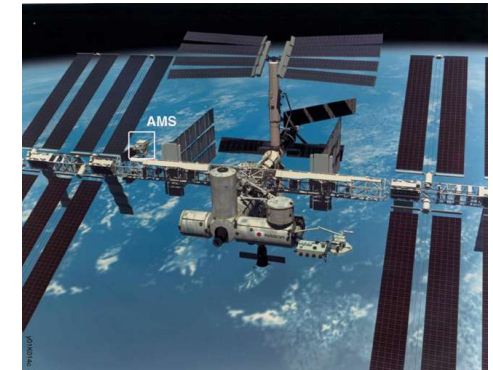
$\beta^+$  decay from  
potassium-40 in  
our bodies, over a  
lifetime

$1 \times 10^8$  positrons absorbed

higher or lower than...

A 6 month stay on the  
ISS (ignoring shielding)

$1 \times 10^8$  positrons  
and  $\sim 3 \times 10^7$  antiprotons



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# Antibaryons are rare in space

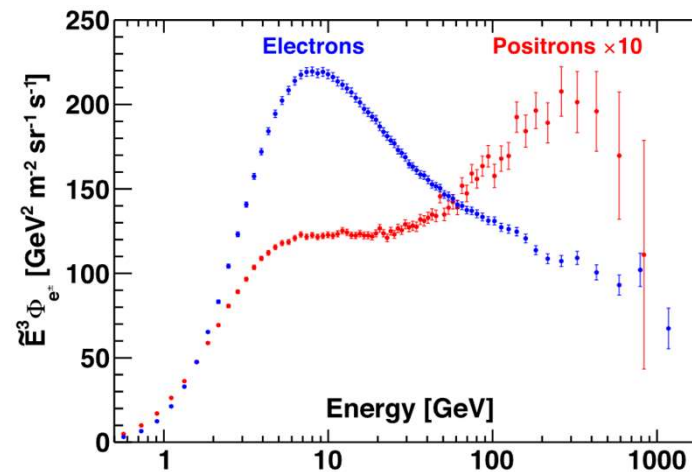
Antimatter fluxes in Low Earth Orbit

AMS-2 experiment (on ISS,  
CERN involvement)

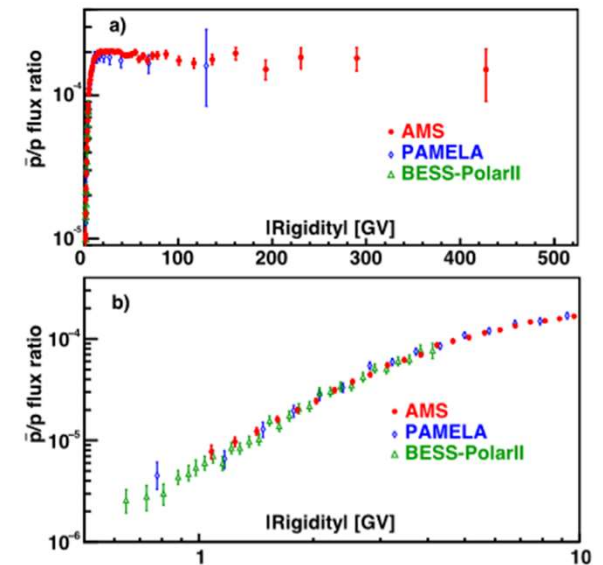


<https://ams02.space/>

Electrons/positrons



Protons/antiprotons



Mostly from high energy astrophysical  
processes, not from early universe

M. Aguilar et al., Physics Reports **894** (2021)

# Our understanding of the early universe

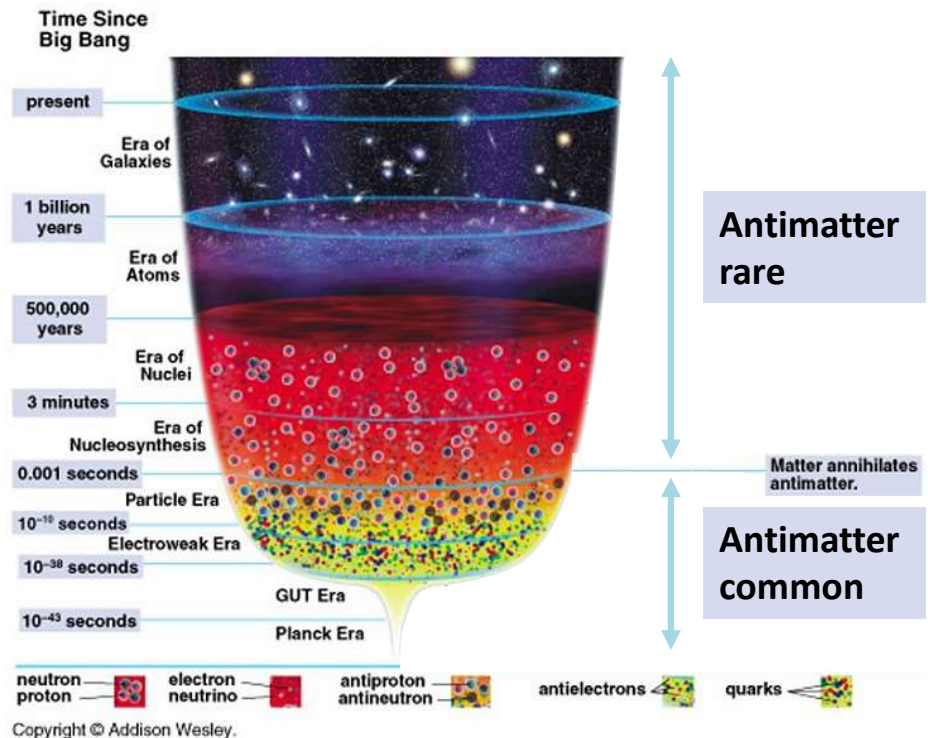


Figure adapted from "The Essential Cosmic Perspective",  
by Bennett, Voit, and Donahue

SHOULD NOT EXIST (according to known physics)

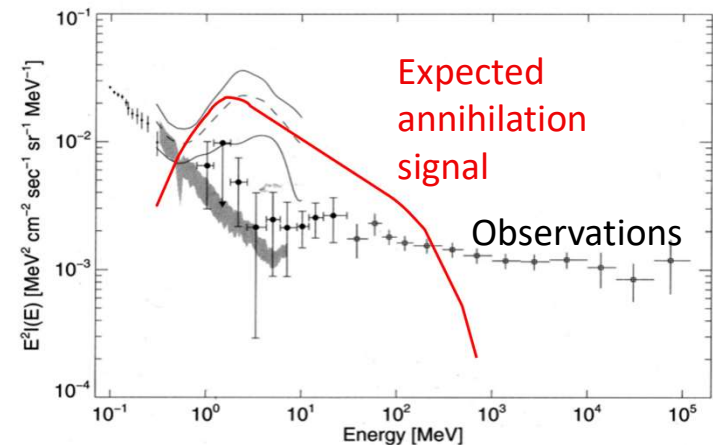
Problem: one billion times more matter left over than expected

$$\text{Measured baryon to photon ratio } \eta = \frac{N_B - N_{\bar{B}}}{\gamma} \sim 6 \times 10^{-11}$$

# Seems to be no Big Bang antimatter remnant

Why?

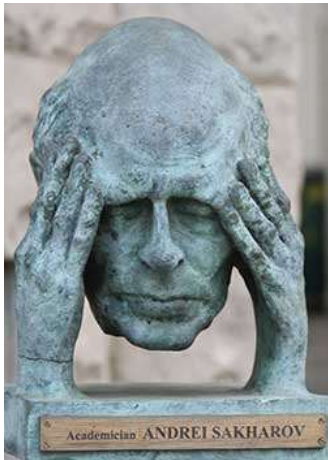
- 1) Just the way it is, initial state of the universe asymmetric
- 2) Equal amounts of matter and antimatter created, but they separated into distinct regions – no annihilation signal
- 3) Some more dense antimatter objects hiding somewhere (antistars, exotic dense antimatter objects like Axion Quark Nuggets) – let's see, can look for signatures (e.g. AMS-2)
- 4) Dynamical process – initially matter-antimatter symmetric, then some process occurred to favour matter



F. W. Stecker, Proc. Of Gamma Ray Observatory Science Workshop, 4-73 (1989)  
 V. Schönfelder, The Universe in Gamma Rays (2001)  
 A. Zhitnitsky Modern Physics Letters A, **36** 18 (2021)

WMAP (2003), Planck (2018)  
 M. Aguilar, Physics Reports **894** (2021)

# Dynamical Baryon asymmetry



## Sakharov conditions

- Baryon number non-conserving process
- Breaking of C and CP
- Departure from equilibrium

Need new sources of CP violation

Many, many constructive beyond-the-SM theories with predictions for EDMs, particles and so on

Photo: dbking/flickr.com

A.D. Sakharov, JETP Lett. 5 (1967) 24.

## CPT violation

- Baryon number non-conserving process
- Breaking of CPT symmetry

O.Bertolami, Don Colladay, V.Alan Kostelecký, R.Potting PLB 395, 3, 13 (1997)

A.D. Dolgov and Ya.B. Zeldovich, Rev. Mod. Phys. 53 (1981)



# Why study antimatter?

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A way to test the most basic assumptions of our physical theory (CPT, Lorentz invariance)

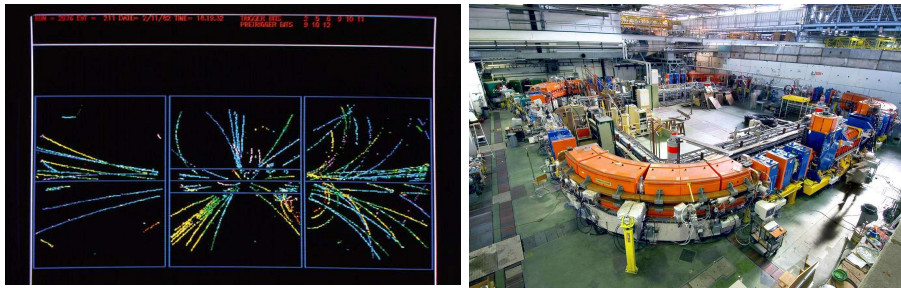
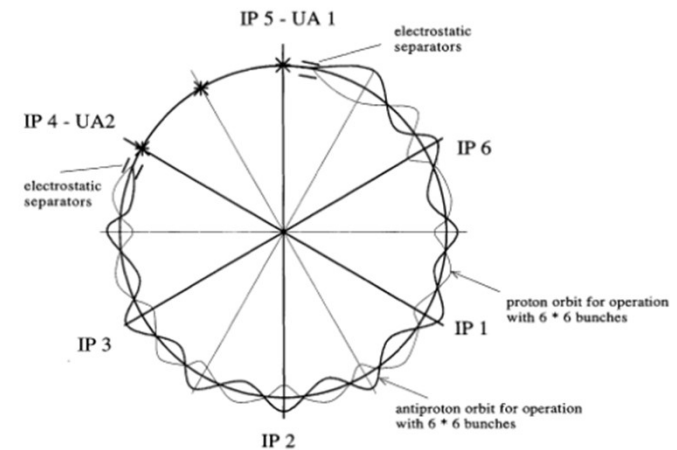
A possible explanation for why we're all here

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# Producing antimatter at CERN

# A rich history at CERN...

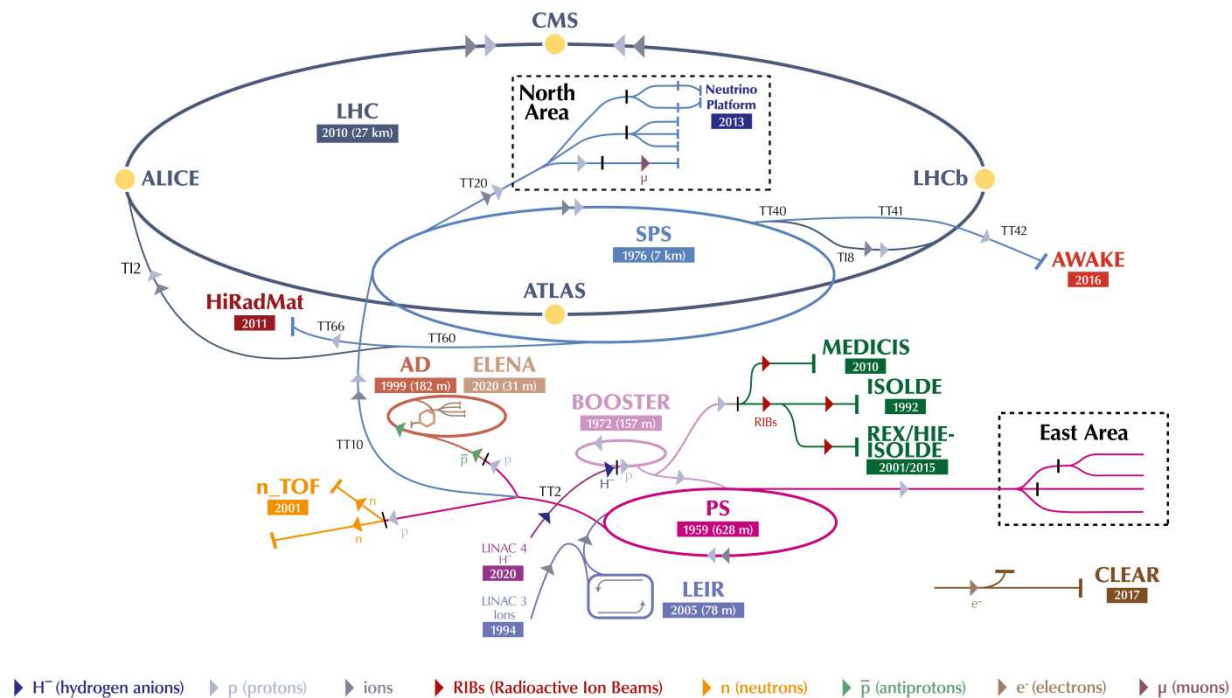
- 1972 Simon van der Meer (CERN) proposes stochastic cooling
- 1974 Stochastic cooling demonstrated at Intersecting Storage Ring ICR
- 1976 Suggestion (Rubbia et al.) to build an antiproton/proton collider at CERN or Fermilab
- 1978 Antiprotons produced by colliding protons and stored in ICE ring for 85 hours CERN, electron and stochastic cooling demonstrated
- 1981 First proton-antiproton collisions in ISR and later Sp $\bar{p}$ S
- 1982 Low Energy Antiproton Ring completed
- 1983 W and Z bosons discovered with p $\bar{p}$  collisions in Sp $\bar{p}$ S
- 1990's Proton-to-antiproton Charge-to-Mass ratio compared to 90 parts per trillion (Gabrielse et al.) with LEAR p $\bar{p}$ 's
- 1995 First hot antihydrogen produced at LEAR



R. Schmidt, Particle Accelerators, **50**, (1995)

# CERN today

## The CERN accelerator complex Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN

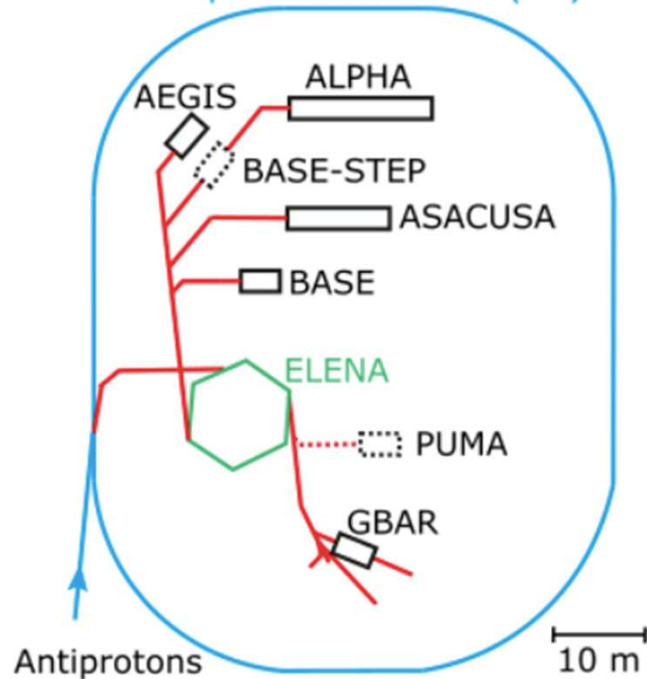


LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKEfield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE-ISOLDE - Radioactive Experiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // MEDICIS // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n\_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform

# The Antimatter Factory



Antiproton Decelerator (AD)



New facility after shutdown of LEAR in 1996

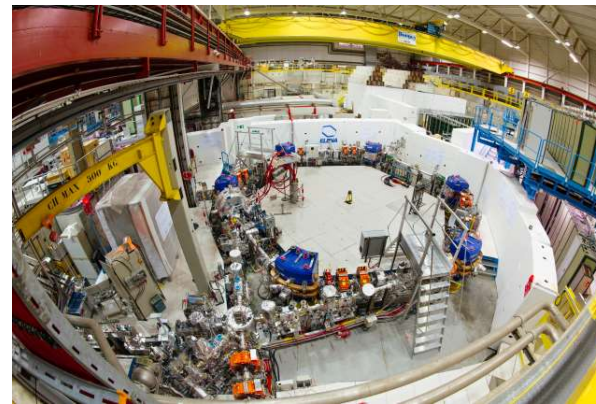
First beam 2000

Two decelerators,

Current experiments running/under construction

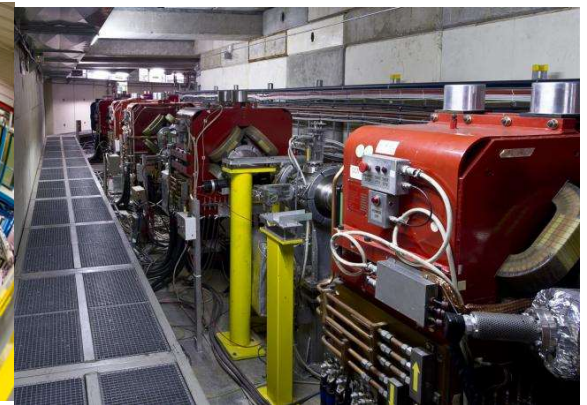
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ELENA



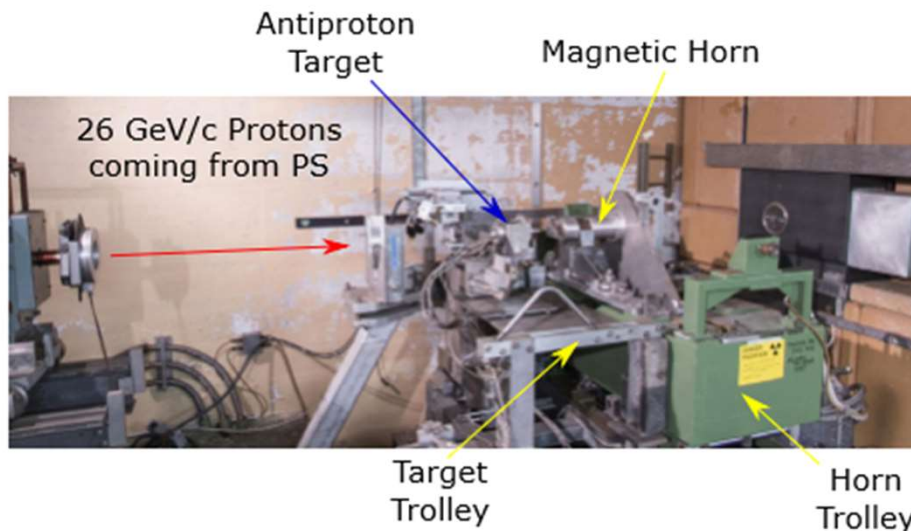
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The Antiproton Decelerator

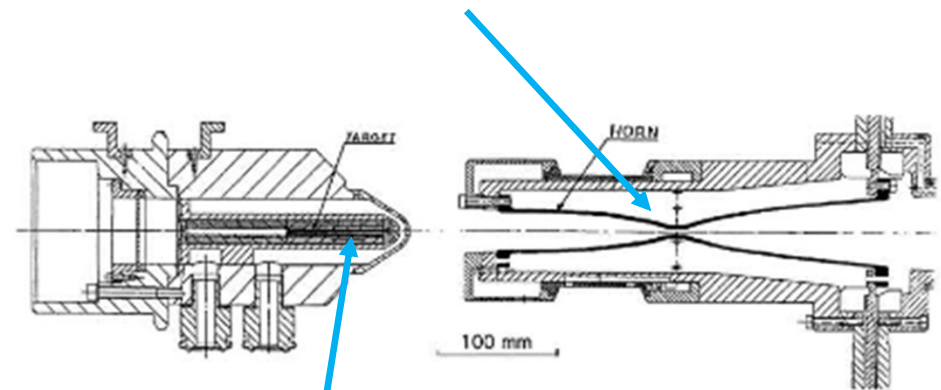


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# The Target



400 kA current applied to magnetic horn focusses beam



$p + \text{nucleus} \rightarrow \text{Excited nucleus} + p + \bar{p} + \text{other particles}$

Threshold 5.6 GeV/c, carried out at 26 GeV/c

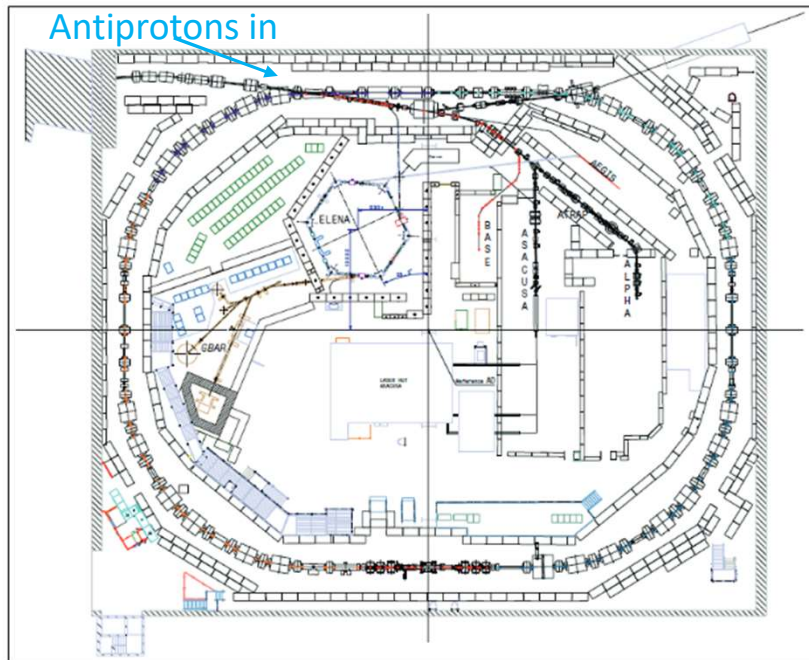
After horn  $5 \cdot 10^7 \bar{p}$ 's at 3.6 GeV/c,  $\frac{\Delta p}{p} = 6\%$ , 30 m long pulse

Extreme temperatures: 2000 degrees rise in 0.5 microseconds

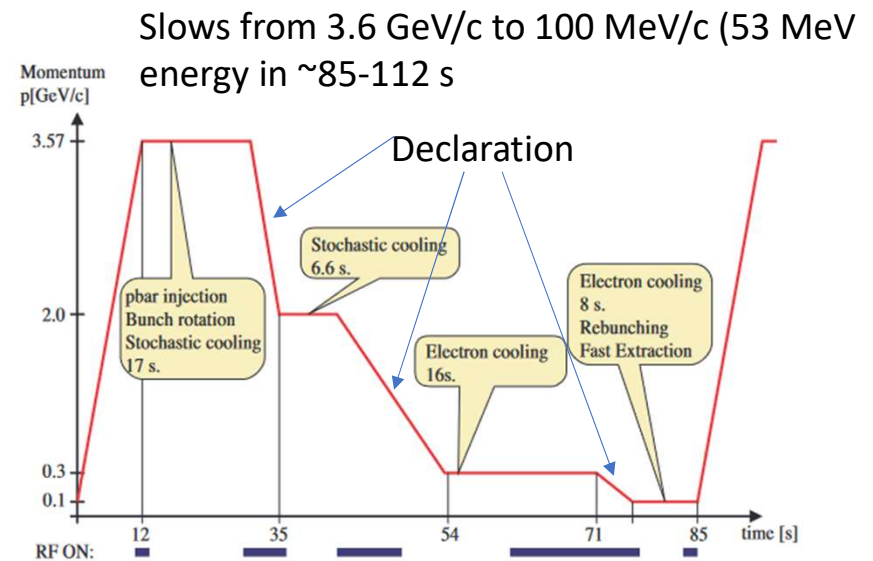
C. Torregrosa Martin, PhD Thesis (CERN-THESIS-2017-357)  
C. Torregrosa Martin et al., Proceedings of IPAC2017



# The Antiproton Declarator



In 2014 (more experiments now)



Cools momentum spread from  $\frac{\Delta p}{p} = 6\%$  to  $\frac{\Delta p}{p} = 0.01\%$

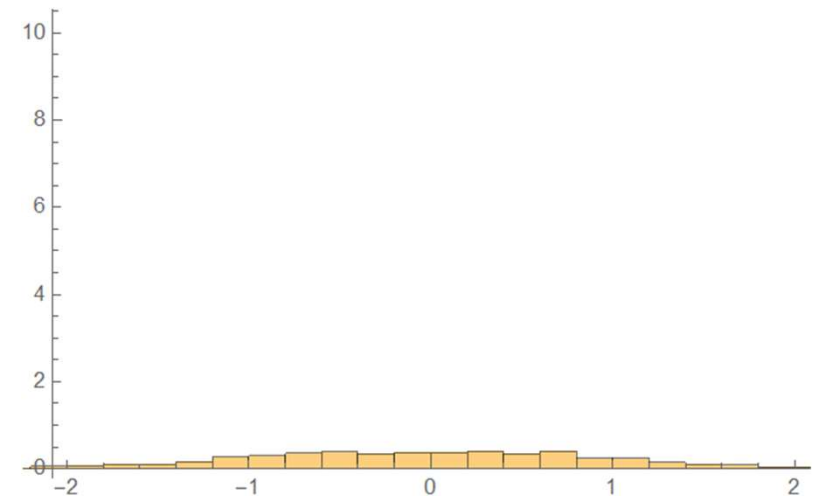
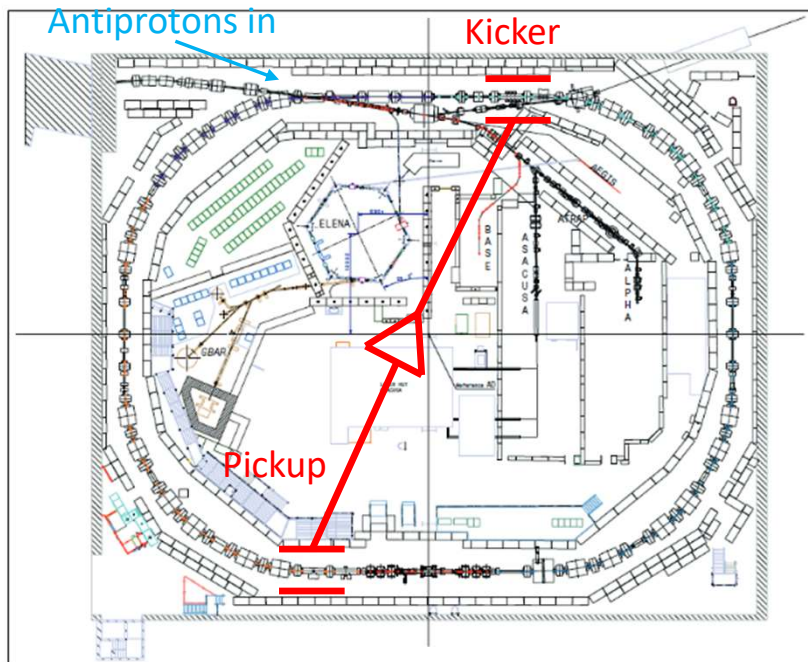
Extra Low Energy Antiproton (ELENA) ring  
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# Stochastic cooling

$$\langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^2 \rangle < \langle x^2 \rangle$$

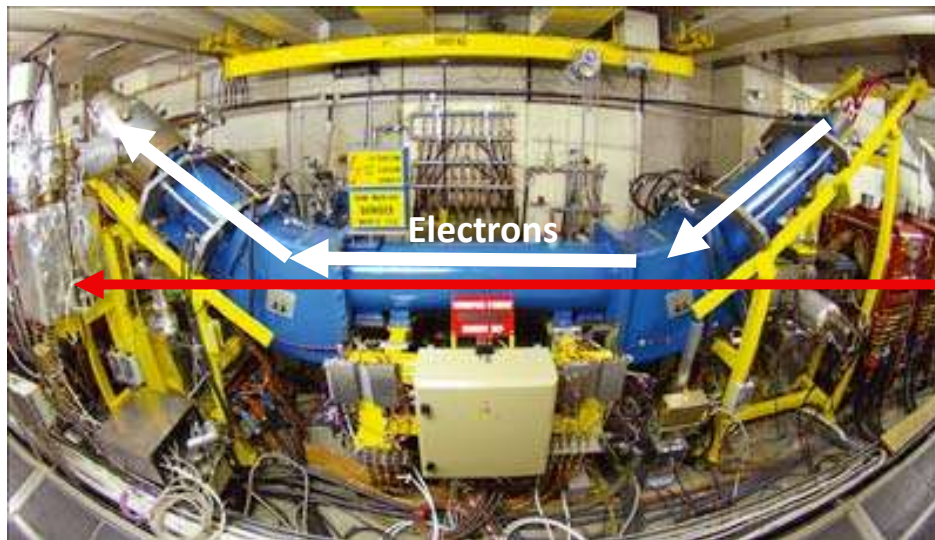
So, if you can measure and correct the mean of a distribution (and it randomizes between measurements), you can reduce its spread



2 stages of stochastic cooling reduces momentum spread ( $4\sigma$ ) from 1%→0.1%→0.015%



# Electron cooling



Accelerated charge radiates- Electrons in a magnetic field orbit in circles, continually accelerated, lose energy with time constant

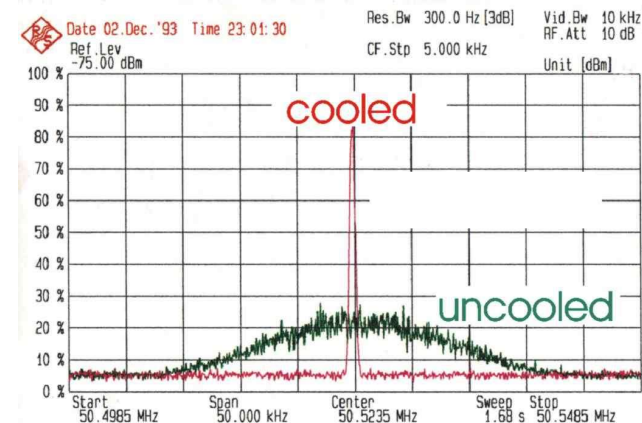
Antiprotons

$$\tau = \frac{3\pi\epsilon_0 m^3 c^3}{e^4} \frac{1}{B^2}$$

Use to cool sympathetically cool antiprotons

The AD electron cooler- built to last!  
Parts recycled from ICE, first antiproton cooling experiment at CERN, 48 years ago

Momentum spread in 2 stages reduced ( $4\sigma$ )  
from 0.015%  $\rightarrow$  0.01%



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# ELENA: The Extremely Low Energy Antiproton facility

High sensitivity magnetic Pick-up (Schottky diagnostics for intensity, LLRF..)

Injection with magnetic septum and kicker

100 keV final energy

Line From AD

Extraction towards other experiments

Extraction towards GBAR

Electron cooler

Rf cavities

Scraper to measure emittance

Dw:00ms Ver:1.9.18 BHz:0.Amp Mon

ALPHA GBAR

PBPRD2

Inj:29.50° no data

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# What's the cost of a gram of antimatter?

## In 2018

Electricity used cost 67 million Swiss Franc, and uses 1.25 TWh per year when running

10% spent on Proton Synchrotron, AD takes  $\sim 2.4$  s/112 s = 2% of cycles

Costs  $\sim 130,000$  CHF in electricity per year to produce antiprotons

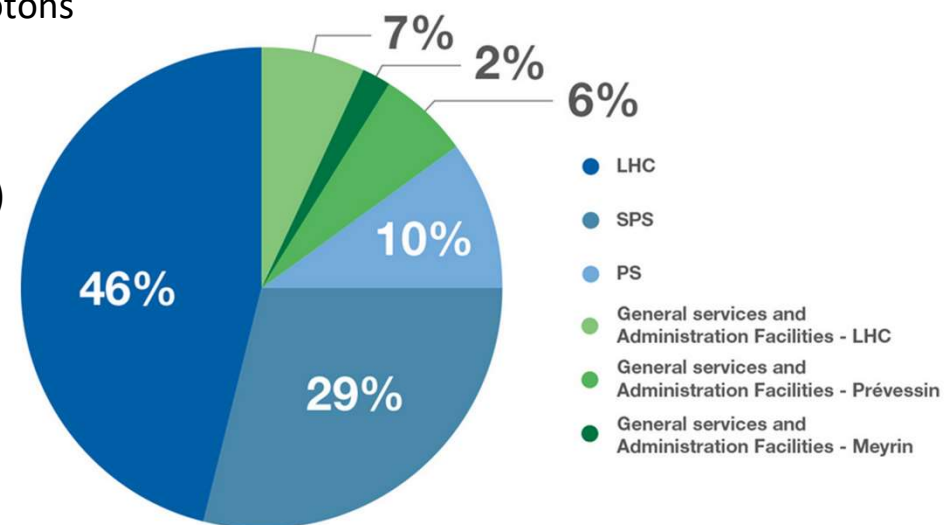
$\sim 10$  trillion antiprotons produced per year  $\sim 12$  picograms

Cost per gram  $\sim 8000$  trillion Swiss Franc (100x world GDP/y)

- Not including people to operate the machine!

Not a cheap way to make lots of antimatter

Or looking at it another way – cost per particle  
12 nano Swiss Francs or 40 cents per shot

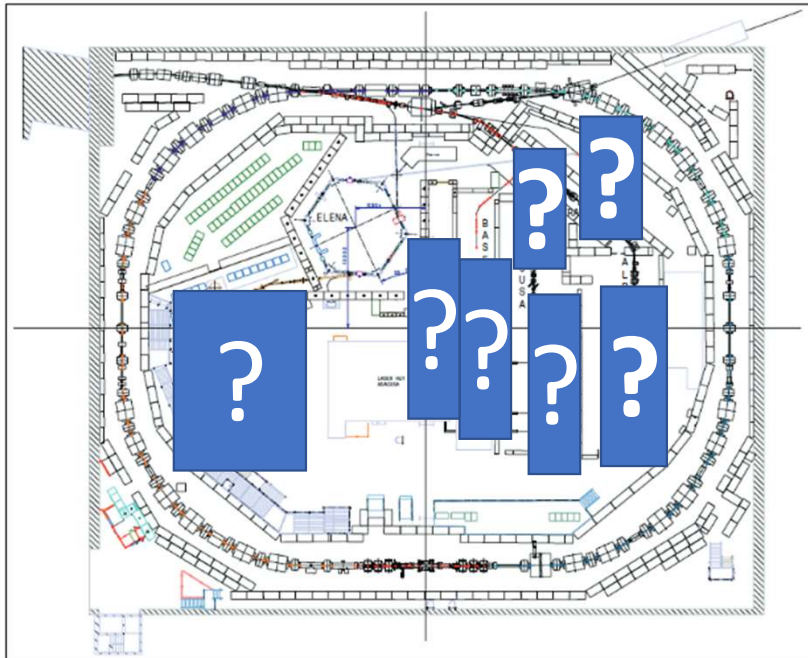


CERN Financial Budget 2018

<https://hse.cern/environment-report-2017-2018/energy>

Until next time...

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