Record Nr. UNISA996466738803316 Autore Gato-Rivera Beatriz Titolo Antimatter: what it is and why it's important in physics and everyday life / / Beatriz Gato-Rivera Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham, Switzerland: ,: Springer, , [2021] ©2021 **ISBN** 3-030-67791-5 9783030677916 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xvi, 296 pages) 530.4 Disciplina Soggetti Antimatter Particles (Nuclear physics) Quantum field theory Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia "This book is a substantially extended and updated version of the Note generali Spanish book Antimateria, published in October 2018 by the Editorial CSIC/Los Libros de la Catarata"--Preface. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Matter versus Antimatter -- Discovering Antimatter -- Cosmic Rays --Particle Accelerators -- Experiments with Antiatoms -- Matter -

Antimatter Asymmetry -- Medical and Technological Applications of

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Sommario/riassunto Antimatter is one of the most fascinating aspects of Particle Physics,

and matter-antimatter annihilation the most energetic process in the universe. If they existed, everyday objects made of antimatter would look exactly like those made of ordinary matter, as would antimatter stars. We live surrounded by antimatter, since showers of matter and antimatter particles fall incessantly on the Earth's surface, some of them penetrating our buildings. Furthermore, many things around us bananas, for example - actually emit antielectrons. This book first introduces the essentials of particle physics and the nature of particles and antiparticles. It describes the discovery of antimatter particles and explains how they are produced, where they are found, and how antistars could be spotted; it also introduces cosmic rays, particle accelerators, dark matter, dark energy and nuclear reactions in stars.

The enigma of the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe is discussed as are the very real applications of antimatter in hospitals, in industry and in cutting-edge research and technology, Non-specialist readers will find here a wealth of fascinating and accessible information to deepen their appreciation of antimatter.