

World's First Computer: Recovered from the Antikythera Shipwreck

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The Antikythera mechanism is one of the most remarkable technological devices of ancient times. The instrument is believed to have been designed and constructed by Greek scientists; famed astronomer Hipparchus of Rhodes (190-

120 BCE) may have been consulted in the machine's construction.



The shipwreck dates to circa 65 BCE, and was discovered in 1901 off the southwestern Greek island of Antikythera. The device was little studied

and little understood until much later in the twentieth and even into the twenty-first century when its most important secrets began to be unveiled by advanced imaging techniques.

This lecture looks at the remarkable technological and astronomical knowledge and skills that ancient Greeks embedded in the Antikythera machine, and the remarkable technological efforts that it took to uncover them in the modern era.

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