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a historical overview and adding a local touch on the discovering of cosmic rays

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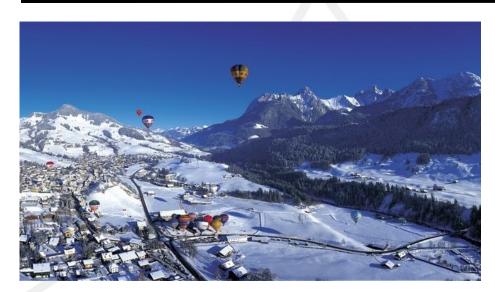
Château-d'Oex, Switzerland

A rural village in the Vaudoise alps. Near Gruyère





International hot-air balloon festival - every year since 1979









balloon museum









Breitling Orbiter 3 — Tour around the globe







The Breitling Orbiter 3 combines the features of a hot-air balloon and a gas balloon, with a helium cell within a hot-air envelope.

Initially, the helium cell is filled to approximately 47% of its maximum capacity. During ascent, warming by the sun causes the helium to expand even more than the surrounding air, which aids the balloon in gaining altitude.

Take-off: 0805hrs UTC on Monday 1st March 1999 in Chateau d'Oex

Landing: 0600hrs UTC on Sunday 21st March 1999 in the Egyptian dessert

The Piccard family



Bertrand Piccard (1958–)

- Breitling Orbiter 1999
 non-stop around the glob in a balloon
- Solar Impulse 2016 around the globe with solar powered plane



Jacques Piccard (1922—2008)

Bathyscaphe Trieste 1960
 down to the deepest locations
 Mariana Trench, -11'000 m



Auguste Piccard (1884—1962)

— Gas-balloon to 17'000 m in 1932 first man in the stratosphere



Auguste Piccard

born in Basel, CH professor oh physics in Belgium member of the Solvay Congress of 1922, 1924, 1927, 1930 and 1933

knew Hergé well and inspired Hergé:

prof. Bienlein (german) prof. Tournesol (french) prof. Calculus (english)



A question from the director of the balloon museum

Michael Hoch (arts@CMS) exhibited his artworks in Vevey @ image festival. The director of the balloon museum saw Michael's exhibition in Vevey and contacted him to exhibit also in Chateau-d'Oex.

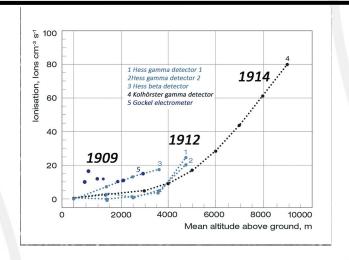
Michael invited me, asking how to make best use of this offer.

The detection of cosmic rays was done by measuring the ionisation of air in balloon flights, and thus a perfect link can be established to bring particle physics into a balloon museum.

This idea interested the director of the museum, and Michael and I started working.

Detection of cosmic rays





lonisation of air increases with altitude.

Nobel prize to Victor Hess in 1936.

Victor Hess (1883-1964) — balloon flight in 1912.

Albert Gockel — three years earlier in 1909





Albert Gockel [1860 Stockach (D) - 1927 Freiburg (CH)] made several balloon flights in the years from 1909 onwards up to 4500 m altitude to measure the ionisation of the air. The first flight took place on the occasion of the International Balloon Week in December 1909, when the Swiss Aeroclub provided a gas balloon to Albert Gockel and Alfred de Quervain¹ (1879-1927; geophysicist and meteorologist at ETH Zurich and vice-director of the then Meteorological Central Institute). Gockel came to an initial conclusion after his first balloon flight: "The result of the measurements is that the penetrating radiation in the free atmosphere is reduced, but by no means to the extent that could be expected if the radiation originated mainly from the ground. Some of this radiation must therefore "come either from the atmosphere or from a star outside the earth". Even though Albert Gockel does not yet speak of cosmic rays, and also expressed certain doubts about the reliability of his instruments, he can still be counted among the discoverers of cosmic rays.

Around 1922, Alfred de Quervain and Auguste Piccard constructed a seismograph for the Swiss Seismological Service.

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Albert Gockel, a pioneer in atmospheric electricity and cosmic radiation



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scholars from most (Western) European countries and even beyond. If Victor Hess is deservedly remem-bered as the discoverer of cosmic rays, his achievements was made possible by the work of close predecessors whose contributions went with time almost forgotten. One of the most noteworthy was Albert Gockel (1860-1927) from Freiburg (CH) University. I want to discuss Gockel's achievements in atmoled to the discovery of its cosmic origin.

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es community the opportunity to look back at a century of scientific nvestigations in a field that offered physics some of its most exciting iscoveries. For historians, it is also the occasion to have a closer look t some episodes and remind of the many pioneers, some of them fall en in almost complete oblivion, which made it all possible.

As it happened often in the history of discoveries, that of osmic rays came as a surprise, uncovering a new realm of physical henomena way beyond what was initially imagined. It was nonethe less the outcome of a sustained effort following a clear rationale. It originated in the field of atmospheric electricity pioneered mainly by Austrian and German investigators at the turn of the 19th century. It was known since at least the observations of Charles Augustin Coulomb (1736-1806) that charged electroscopes loose spontane ously their charge (1785) but the phenomenon went under close scruiny only a century later. At Vienna University, Franz Exner 1849-1926) established from the middle of the eighties on a success ul tradition of research in Luftelektrizität while in Germany the fundamental achievements and insights of the remarkable tandem formed y the Gymnasium teachers Julius Elster (1854–1920) and Hans Geitel (1855-1923) inspired the work of many local and foreign researchers.

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For an overview of the history of the discovery of cosmic rays by his main rotaeonist see V.F. Hess. The Electrical Conductivity of the Atmosobere and Its Cannes, New York, 1928; see also William F.C., Swarm, History of cosmic rays, Am. J. Phys., vol. 29, 1963, 811–819; B. Rossi, Cosmic Rays, New York, 1964; Y. Sekido, H. Elliot (Eds.), Early History of Cosmic Ray Studies, Reidel, 1984; Q. Xu, L.M. Brown, The early History of Cosmic Ray Rosearch, Am. J. Phys., vol. 55, 1987, 23–33 and L.M. Brown, L. Hoddeson (Eds.), The Birth of Paricle Physics, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1986. For a recent account see P. Carlson, A. De Angelis, Nationalism and internationalism in science: The case of the discovery of cosmic rays, Eur. Phys. J. H., vol. 35, 2010, 309to this article for many details only alluded to in the present work

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At the beginning of the 20th century, the community of inve-(Western) European countries and even beyond. One of the most noteworthy among them was Albert Gockel (1860-1927) who spent the biggest part of his scientific career, until his death, at Freiburg (CH) University.2 Here, I want to take a closer look at Goo kel's career, his life-long interest in atmospheric electricity phenor ena, and in particular at his substantial contribution to the study of

ionizing radiation which led to the discovery of its cosmic origin. In order to understand Gockel's achievements one has first to recall what were at the time the research trends and the main issues in the field of atmospheric electricity. After Elster and Geitel concluded that the spontaneous discharge of electrometers was due to the presence of ions in the atmosphere (1900) came the question of the their origin. The recent discovery of radioactivity (1896) and of its ionizing properties on gases led Elster and Geitel to investigate its presence in the air (1901-1902): the radioactive minerals they detected made them conclude that it was indeed the primary cause of the conductibility of air. It was the time whe one investigated the natural radioactivity of soils, rocks and air: its effects were examined underground, at ground level and in moun tain beights in land and in seas. While one learned more and more about the radioactive substances and their decay products, hypotheses on the location of the sources responsible for atmospheric jor ization were getting more precise. When it turned out that the radioactive decay products of the gaseous emanations in the atmo sphere could hardly account alone for its ionization, a direct outgo ing radiation from the active substances in the Earth crust came to

découverte de rayons cosmiques in «Défis et dialogue/Herausforderung und Besin numes, vol. 13. Editions Universitaines Eribourg. 1991: a further list of publications of nungs, vol. 13, transers universitatives transurg, 1991; a nunuer use of punctions or Gockel and his work can be found at http://www.unifr.ch/sfsm/pdf/gockel-. This useful web site includes links to pdf files of several Gockel's key articles, reports and

Setting up the exhibition

With balloons, cosmic ray discovery, and a local hero (Gockel), the narrative to set up the exhibition became clear.

Cosmic ray studies in Switzerland (and elsewhere in the world) opened up a new field of research.

The High Altitude Research Station Jungfraujoch (3500 m) opened up in the mid 1920 and is still active today.

They were happy to provide material.

Uni Fribourg still had an ancient electrometer in their storage.

Uni Bern had a spark chamber to put in place.

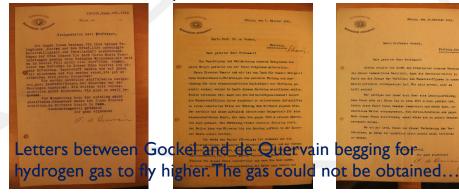


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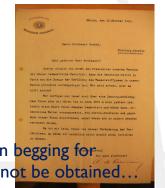


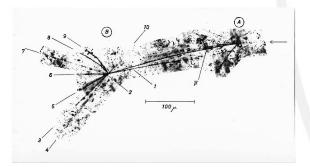


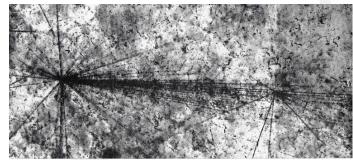
Electrometer used by Gockel around 1910











Emulsion plates from mid 1950's taken at Jungfraujoch

Putting it all together

Cross disciplinary exhibition on Cosmic Ray Discovery with Balloons, lectures, Junior Scientist booklet, various science & creative lecture and workshops during Balloon Festival January 25th – February 1st 2020





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Through the opening of the exhibition:

Guided tours lectures
Junior Scientist booklet
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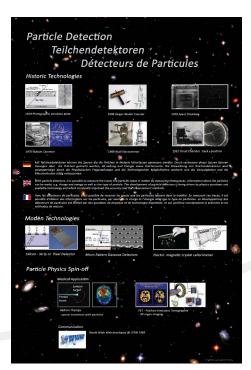




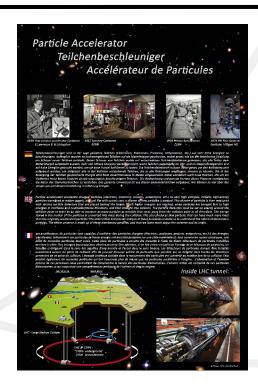
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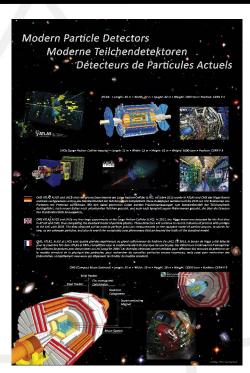


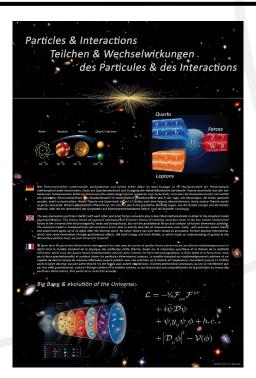




A narrative story with a local touch







Interleaving with art









Film by Uni Fribourg

Temporary exhibition

Multidisciplinary exhibition presenting selected works by CERN researcher Michael Hoch, as well as the foundations of particle physics explained and related by CERN researcher Hans Peter Beck, from the Universities of Bern and Fribourg.

The exhibition provides a historical overview and adds a local touch on the discovering of cosmic rays, where the physicist Albert Gockel from Fribourg established first hints in the balloon flights he undertook over a century ago.

Experiments carried out at high altitudes, in balloons, airplanes and in high mountain stations, such as the Jungfraujoch and Gornergrat research stations, allowed researchers to detect radioactivity in the atmosphere and to conclude on the existence of cosmic radiation.

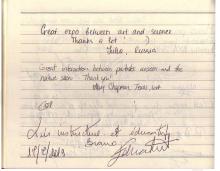
Contents of the exhibition:

- · Michael Hoch 's works, artist and physicist
- Scientific informations on the subject of cosmic rays and particle physics
- A guide entitled 'Young Scientist Program' for visitors and school groups
- Lectures for the public organized by researchers from CERN and participating universities
- · Videos and books on the theme of the exhibition



Impact created — a significant increase of visitors

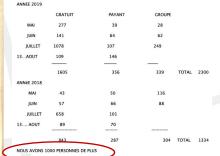














42e Festival International de Ballons 25th January – 2nd February 2020

25th January Saturday Opening Day

☑Historic Balloon flight up to 6000m altitude with real Cosmic Ray measurement – University Fribourg

☑Lecture and Workshop program from 11h30 till 19h

Wkey note presentation during the opening

26th January Sunday

☑Lecture and Workshop program from 11h30 till 19h

29th January Wednesday - Children Day

☑Lecture and Workshop program from 11h30 till 19h

Ith February Saturday

☑Lecture and Workshop program from 11h30 till 19h

2nd February Sunday Closing Day

☑Lecture and Workshop program from 11h30 till 19h



With help from CAEN and students from Fribourg

2. General Description

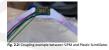
The Cosmic Hunter - SP5620CH, as shown in Fig. 2.1; is composed of two Detection Units - SP5622 and one



The Detection Link - SBSC32 called "kile" in this draft consists of a plantic crintilator (15 v 15 v 15 v 17 cml) and of a small front-end electronic board. The following table describes the main features of the Polystyrene-based scintillator used

Scintillator type	UPS-923A
Density	1.06
Refractive index	1.60
Absorption coefficient [cm ⁻²]	0.01-0.003
Softening (K)	355-360
Hygroscopic	no
Emission peak (nm)	425
Light Output (% of anthracene)	60
H/C ratio	1.0
Rise time [ns]	0.9
Decay time [ns]	3.3
Light attenuation length [cm]	400
Important Properties	 High light output
	 Good transparency
	 Short decay time

The light produced by the incident radiation is detected by a Silicon Photo-Multinlier (SIPM). The AdvanSiD NIW-SIPM (4 x 4 mm2) is mounted in the tile corner at 45° (see Fig. 2.2). The front-end electronics is directly glued to the



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Analytical derivation of the geometric factor of a particle detector having circular or rectangular geometry

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Students from Uni Fribourg are estimating and then measuring the flux of cosmic muons through a telescope that will be set up with the CAEN Cosmic Hunter (adding spacers between tiles), in function of altitude under 90° and 45° up to 7000m.

Temperature will be stabilised in a thermobox, GPS data and air pressure will be constantly measured.

Data will be analysed and compared with their estimations.

Geometric factor of a particle detector

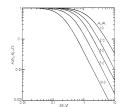


Figure 2 Correction factor f calculated for unequal circular areas as a function of $2R_1/Z$ for various values of R_2/R_1

which is symmetric in R1, R2. This result, derived using the shadow area approach, agrees with that obtained by Heristchi (1967): cf. his equation (2), using the infinitesimal areas approach. The same result was also obtained by Manno et al. (1970): cf. their equation (14), again using the infinitesimal areas approach. The latter authors suggested that this result would also be obtained using the shadow area approach, but they did not perform the final integration with respect to θ . We have proved rigorously that the two approaches yield identical results. In the limiting case R_1^2 , $R_2^2 \ll Z^2$ equation (5) reduces to th

the areas divided by the square of their separation. This is a useful result which is often used to approximate the geometric factor when the separation of the areas is large compared with their radii. The accuracy of the approximation may be expressed in terms of a correction factor f defined by

$$f = \frac{G(R_1, R_0, Z)}{\pi^2 R_1^2 R_2^2 / Z^2}.$$
 (7)

In figure 2 the factor f is plotted as a function of the ratio $(2R_1/2)$ for various values of the ratio $R_2/R_1 \ge 1$. Values of f for $R_1 > R_0$ are not plotted in the figure as they would not of f with respect to R_1 and R_2 .

Gillesnie (1970) approximated the integration over infini tesimal areas by the summation of a difference equation From his table II, for equal circular areas, we have normalized the geometric factor calculated for $\Delta R/R = 0.05$ to the ratio A^2/H^2 (his notation). The resulting values of the factor f are agreement with our analytically derived values to within

Corresponding results can be derived for a 'cos² θ' variation of intensity. These results are applicable to measurements of

cosmic rays at sea level (Sandström 1965). The analysis proceeds exactly as above, except that an additional $\cos^2 \theta$ term appears in equation (4), i.e.

$$G = 2\pi^{0}R_{1}^{0}\sum_{i}^{\partial L} \sin \theta \cos^{3}\theta d\theta + 2\pi \int_{i}^{\partial M} S \sin \theta \cos^{3}\theta d\theta$$
 (8)

where S is again given by (3). These integrals may also be

$$G = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left[R_1^2 + R_2^2 - \frac{(Z^2(R_1^2 + R_2^2) + (R_2^2 - R_1^2)^2)}{((R_1^2 + R_2^2 + Z^2)^2 - 4R_1^2 R_2^2)^{1/2}} \right]. (9)$$

The same result was obtained by Heristchi (1967) using the infinitesimal areas approach, which seain demonstrates the equivalence of the two approaches. Brunberg (1958) derived the particular result for equal circular areas using the shadow area approach. In the limiting case R_1^2 , $R_2^2 \ll Z^2$ equation (9) reduces to equation (6), as for the isotropic case

Figure 3 illustrates the relevant geometry, the two rectangula areas having sides of length $2X_1$, $2Y_1$ and $2X_2$, $2Y_3$, with Z being their separation. In the figure $X_2 > X_1$ and $Y_2 > Y_1$



Figure 3 Relevant geometry for the application of the infinitesimal areas' approach to unequal rectangular areas

that component of the radiation which is incident at an angle fl to the detector axis and passes through the two small elements of area $\delta S_1 = \delta x_1 \delta y_1$ and $\delta S_2 = \delta x_2 \delta y_2$. These areas are situated at (x_1, y_1, Z) and $(x_2, y_1, 0)$, respectively. For an isotropic intensity the geometric factor presented to this radiation is

$$\delta G = \delta S_1 \cos \theta \times \delta S_2 \cos \theta / d^2$$
 (1)

where d is the distance between the infinitesimal areas. Substituting for δS_1 and δS_2 , and using the relationships $d^2 = Z^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2$ and $\cos \theta = Z/d$, equation (10) may be expressed as follows:

$$\delta G = \frac{Z^2 \delta x_1 \delta y_1 \delta x_2 \delta y_2}{(Z^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2)^2},$$
 (11)
The total geometric factor is then given by

$$G = Z^2 \int_{-\infty}^{X_1} \int_{-\infty}^{Y_1} \int_{-\infty}^{X_2} \int_{-\infty}^{Y_2} \frac{dx_1 dy_1 dx_2 dy_2}{(Z^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2)^2}, \quad (12)$$

Conclusion

- ☑A museum that initially had nothing to do with science, particle physics, accelerators, CERN, the Universe, etc. was thinking about its next temporary exhibition initially only Michael's art was an attractor.
- ☑A narrative with local relevance allowed to bring the visitor, who expected balloons, to get driven into particle physics and the modern understanding of the Universe in an easy to follow story starting with balloon flights in 1909.
- ☑ Adding works of art related to the science shown adds another level of how to emotionally involve visitors in the subject.
- ✓ Visitors were taken in unexpectedly and were immediately fascinated. The museum attracted many more visitors than in other years.
- ☑ The museum is planning to prolong this temporary exhibition by one more year till March 2021!
- ☑ Even in a geographically detached and rural location, particle physics enacts fascination!