

De l'Observatoire au Laboratoire

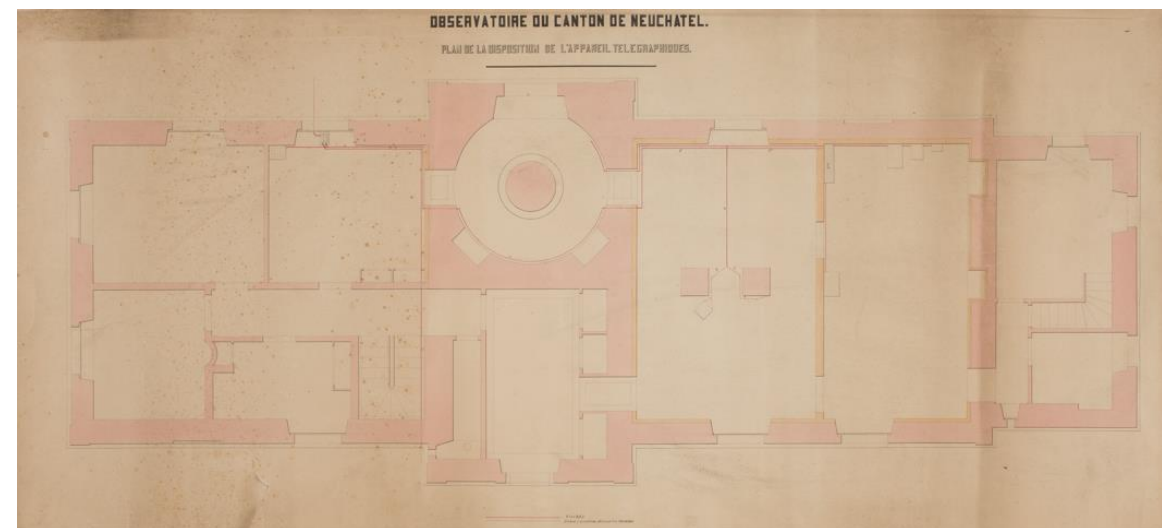
La chaîne opératoire de l'Observatoire cantonal de Neuchâtel 1958

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OBSERVATORY OF NEUCHÂTEL (1858-2007)

2-IND-87





SOURCES

München 31 März 1858.
Gnädiger Herr Aimé Humbert, Gouverneur d'Etat,
Directeur de l'Education publique à Neuchâtel,
Hochgeachteter Herr,
Indem wir die Ehre haben Ihnen den Empfang Ihrer
sehr schätzbaren Zuschrift vom 27. 1. 58 zu bestätigen, so
haben wir uns Ihnen in der Anlage unser vereintes Ver-
zeichniss der Instrumente so wie zwey kleine Pläne eines
Meridiankreises vorzulegen & dabey höflichst zu bemerken:
Drei für den Meridiankreis ausgegebenen Dimensionen, nämlich
drey Paris Fuß Durchmesser für den Kreis und einem
Spinnrohr von 48 Liniem Öffnung & circa 54 Zoll Durchmesser
(von der Regel hat man bey dieser Öffnung 46 Zoll Durchmesser
was durchaus nicht nachtheilig für das Instrument ist.)
sind vollkommen hinreichend & im richtigen Verhältnis
indem das Instrument dabey die größtmögliche Genauig-
keit & Vollkommenheit erhalten kann.



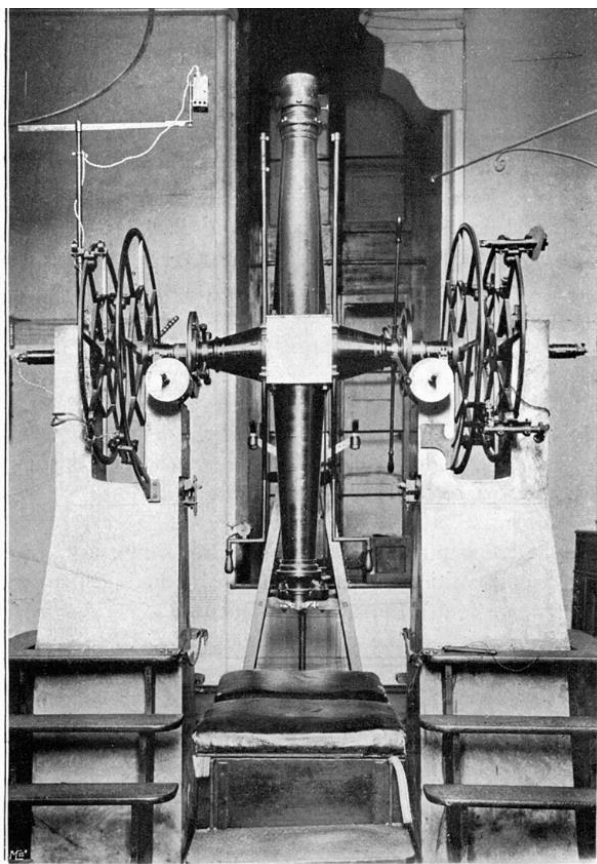
Source: Lettre de Ertel à Aimé Humbert du 31 mars 1858, Archives de l'État de Neuchâtel (ci-après AEN), 2IND-6

Detail of the traces of an old unknown device present on the plate of the Winnerl sidereal clock

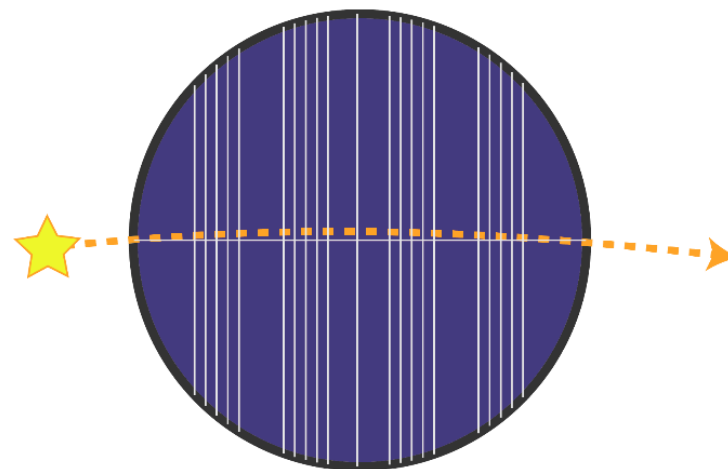


TIME DETERMINATION BEFORE MID-XXTH

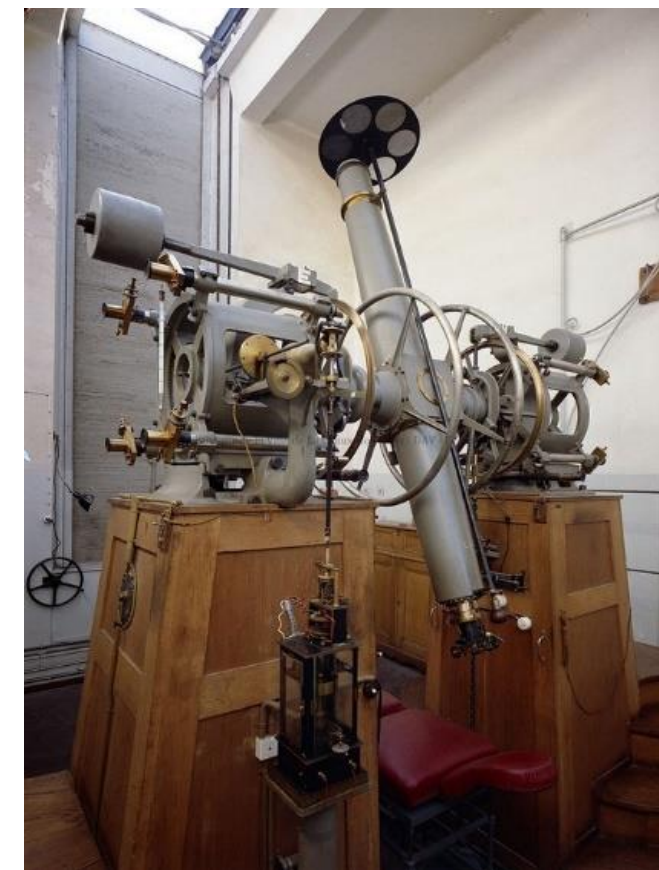
Ertel & Sohn, Meridian circle (1858-1912)



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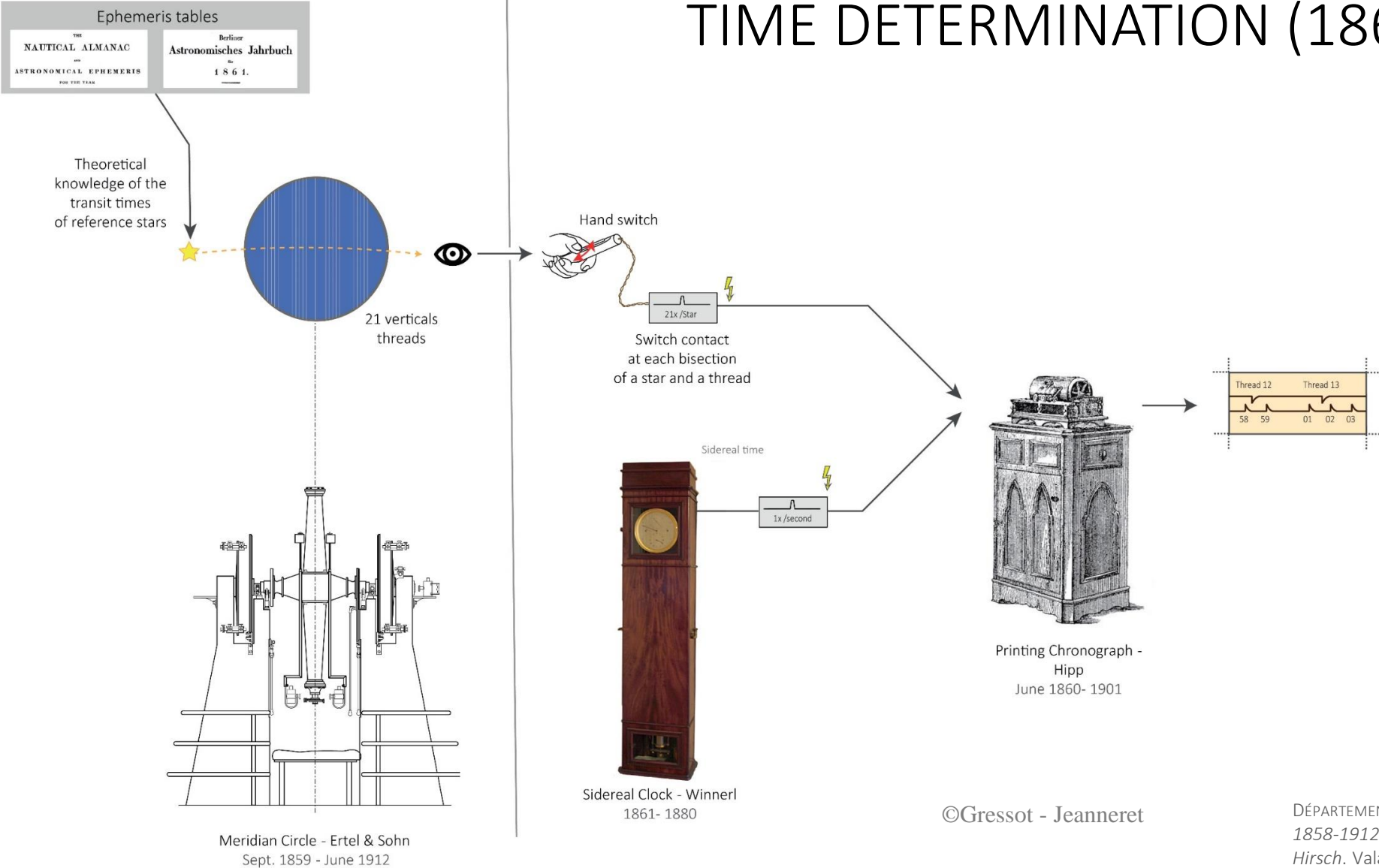


«SIP» Meridian circle. 1912

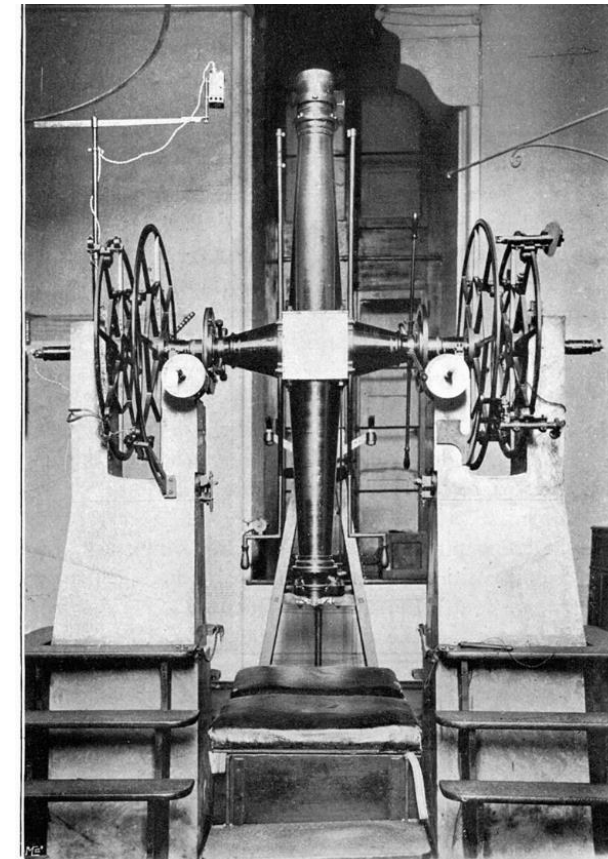




TIME DETERMINATION (1861)

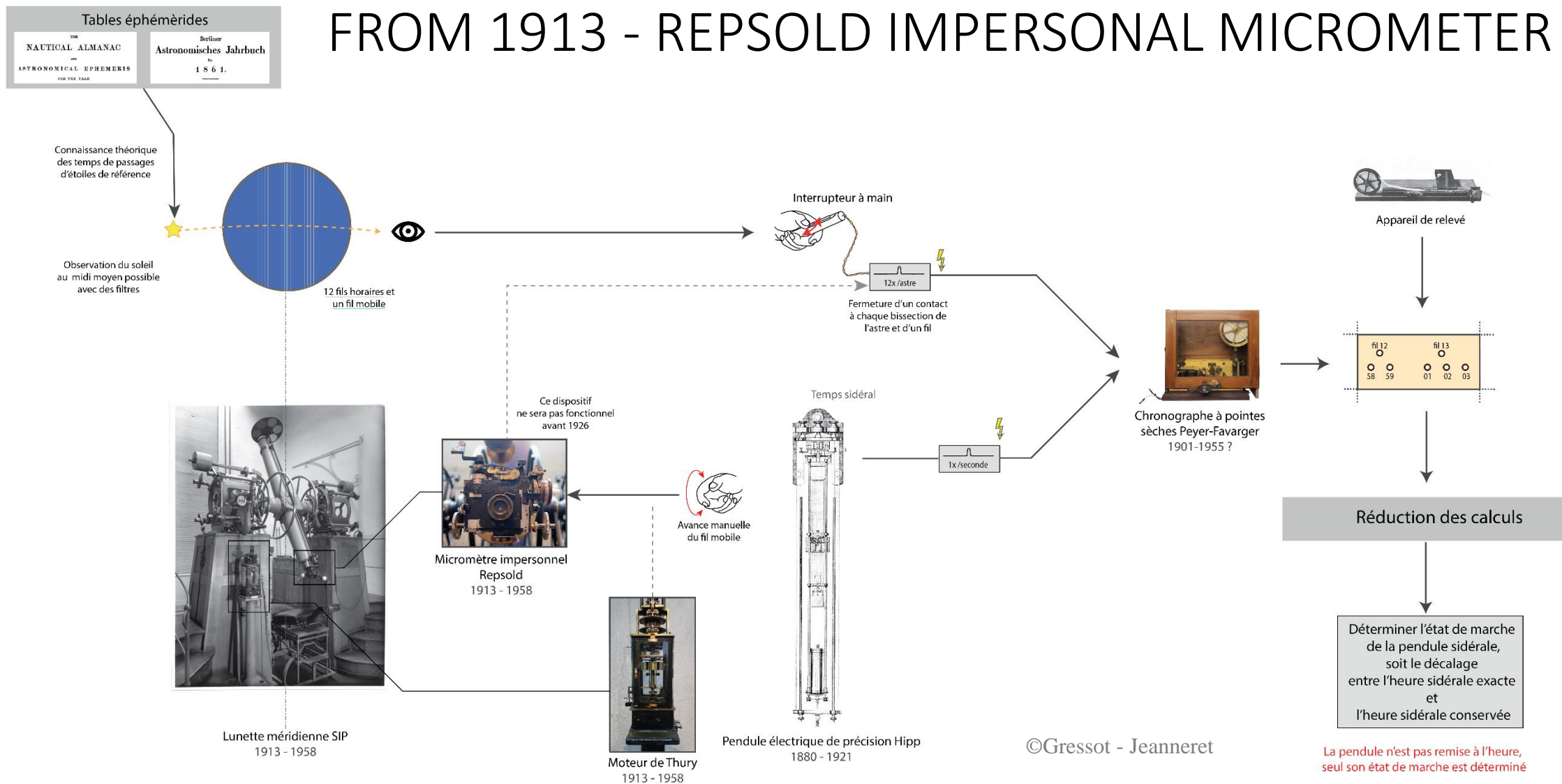


Ertel & Sohn, Meridian circle. 1858



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FROM 1913 - REPSOLD IMPERSONAL MICROMETER





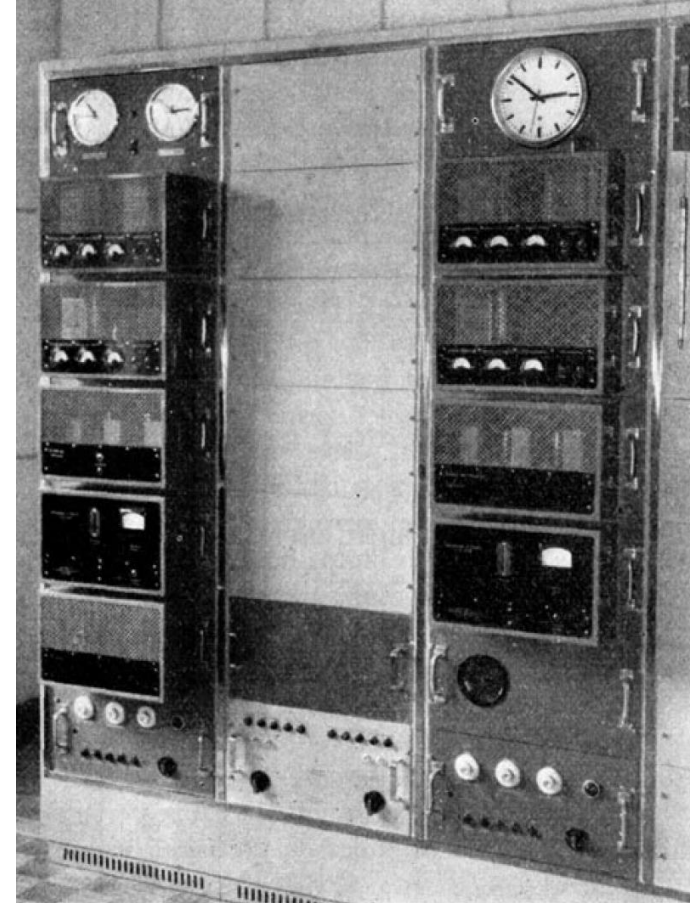
FROM MECHANICAL CLOCK TO QUARTZ



Zénith III precision clock
1924 – 1960



Leroy precision clock
1924 – 1960



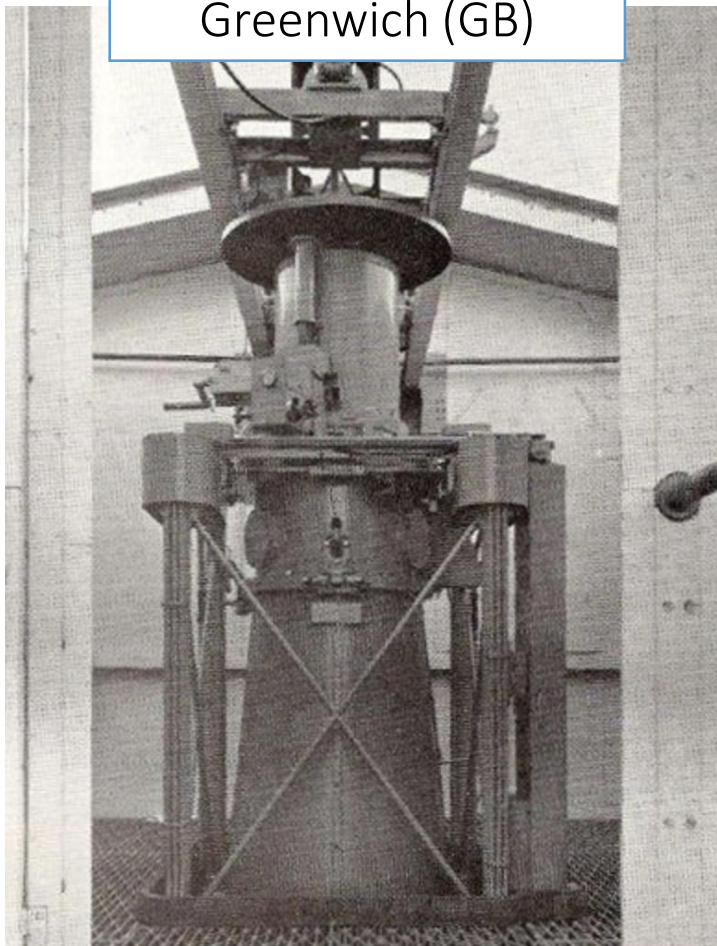
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1946 - UIA COPENHAGUEN

Greenwich (GB)



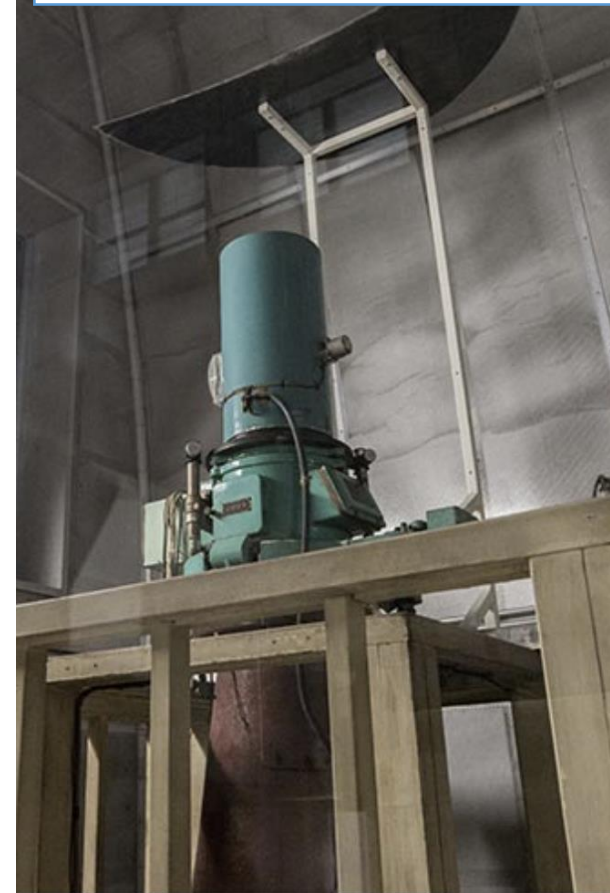
The Photographic Zenith Tube. From an RGO photo published in 1958. Image courtesy of Phillip Getting

Mount Stromlo (Australia)



Zenith tube at Mount Stromlo in 1962. © National Archives Australia series A1200, control symbol L42631, Barcode 8832462.

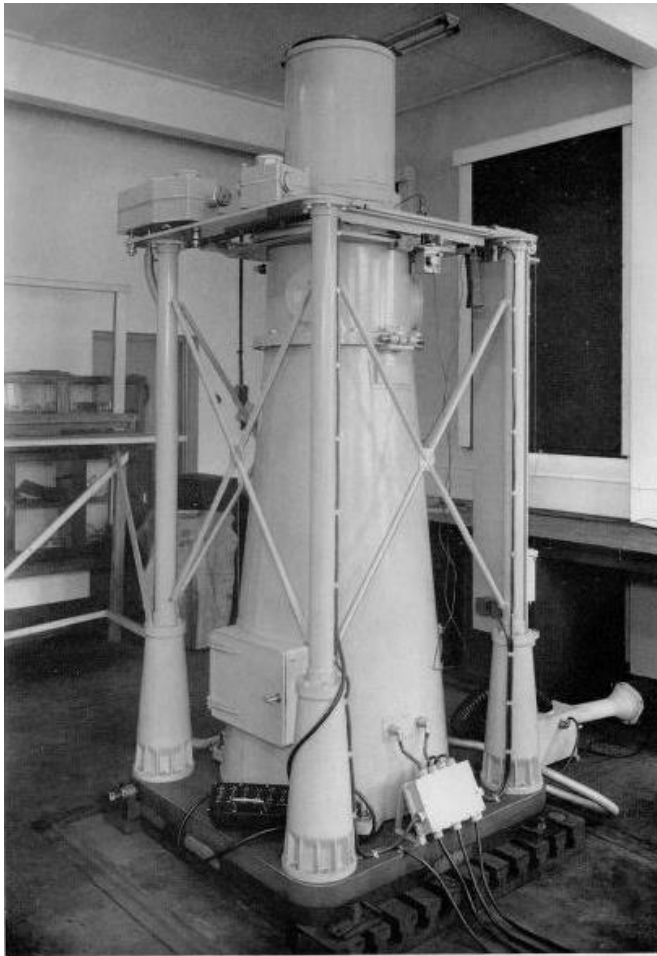
NAOC Mizusawa - (Japan)



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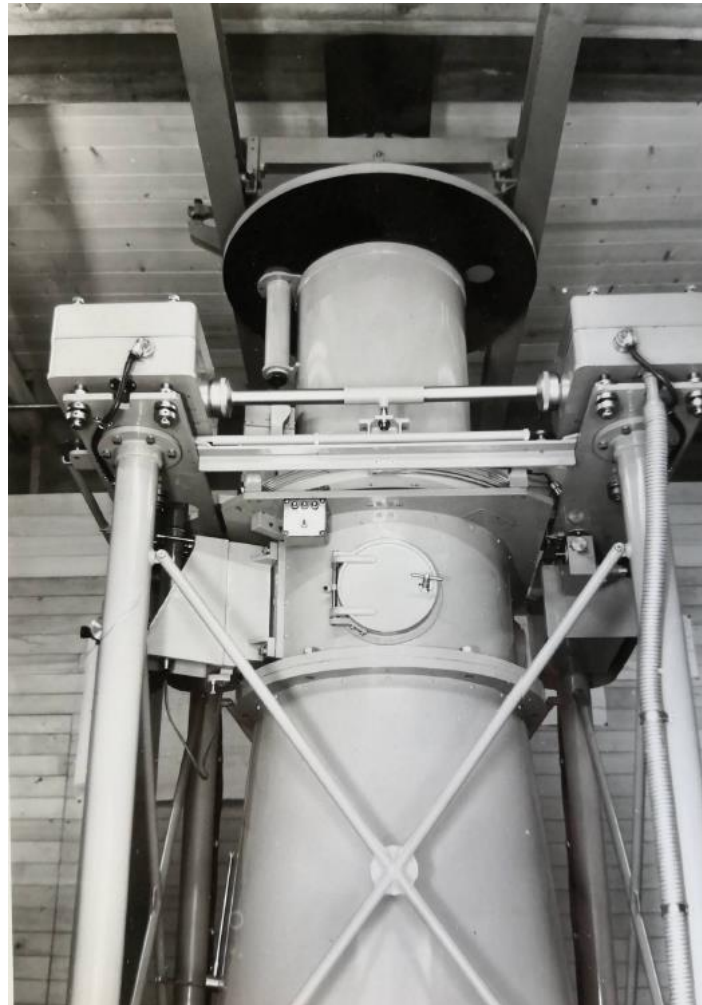


GRUBB & PARSONS' PHOTOGRAPHIC ZENITH TUBE - 1954

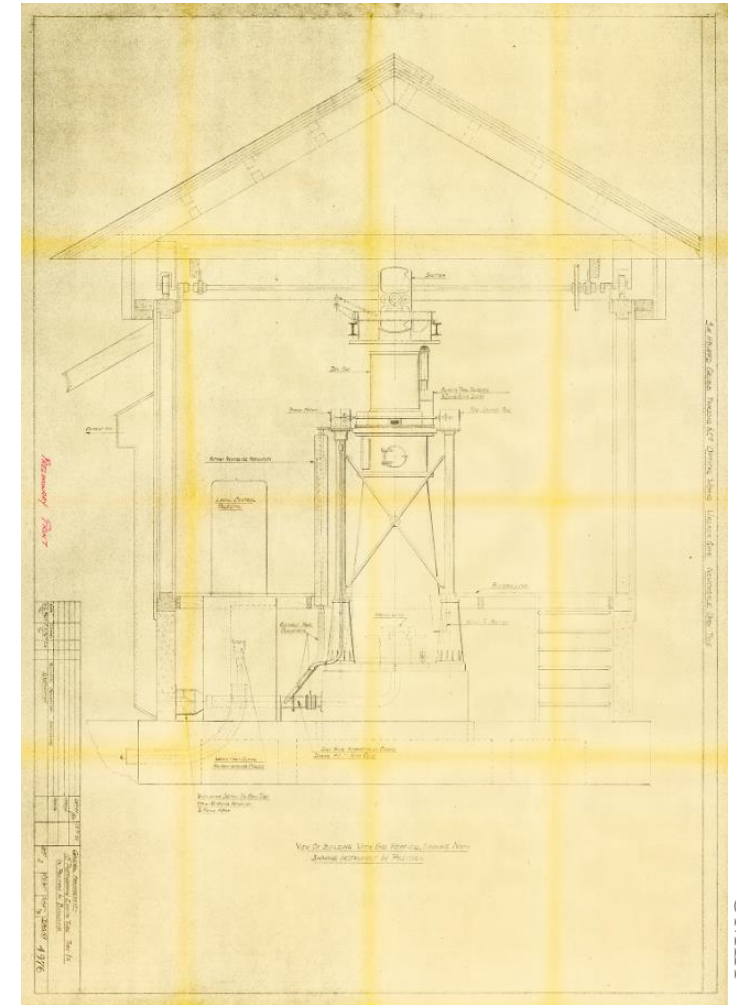


10 INCH PHOTO ZENITH TUBE, TYPE 1A

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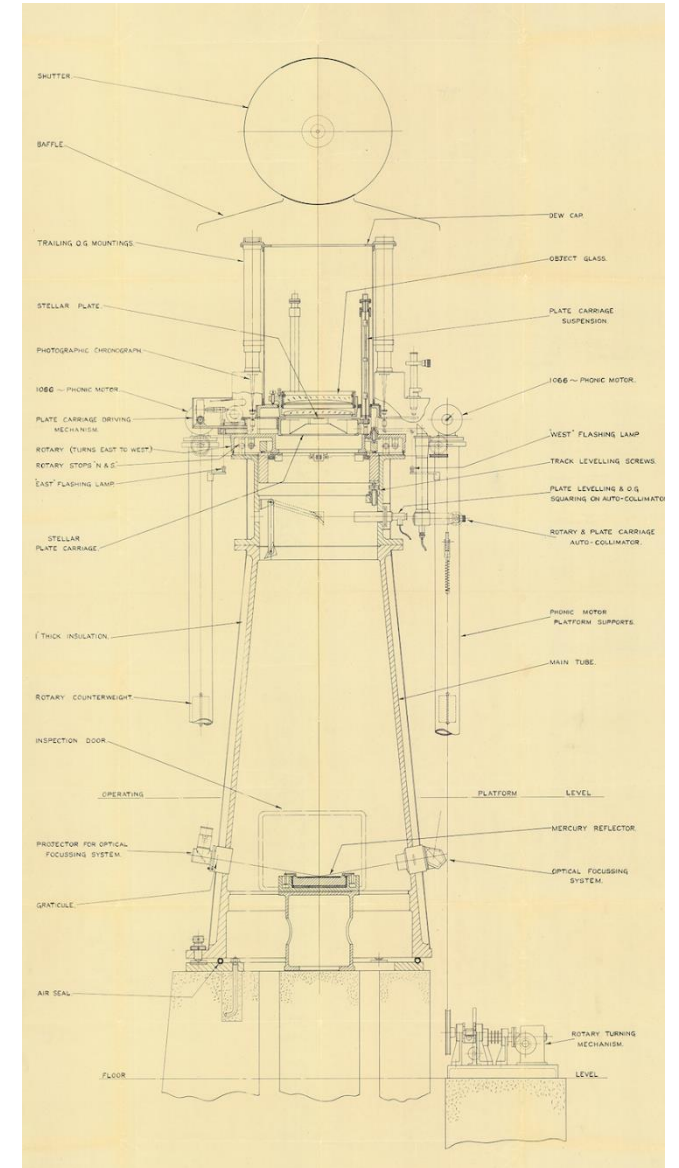
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PZT EXPECTED IMPROVEMENTS

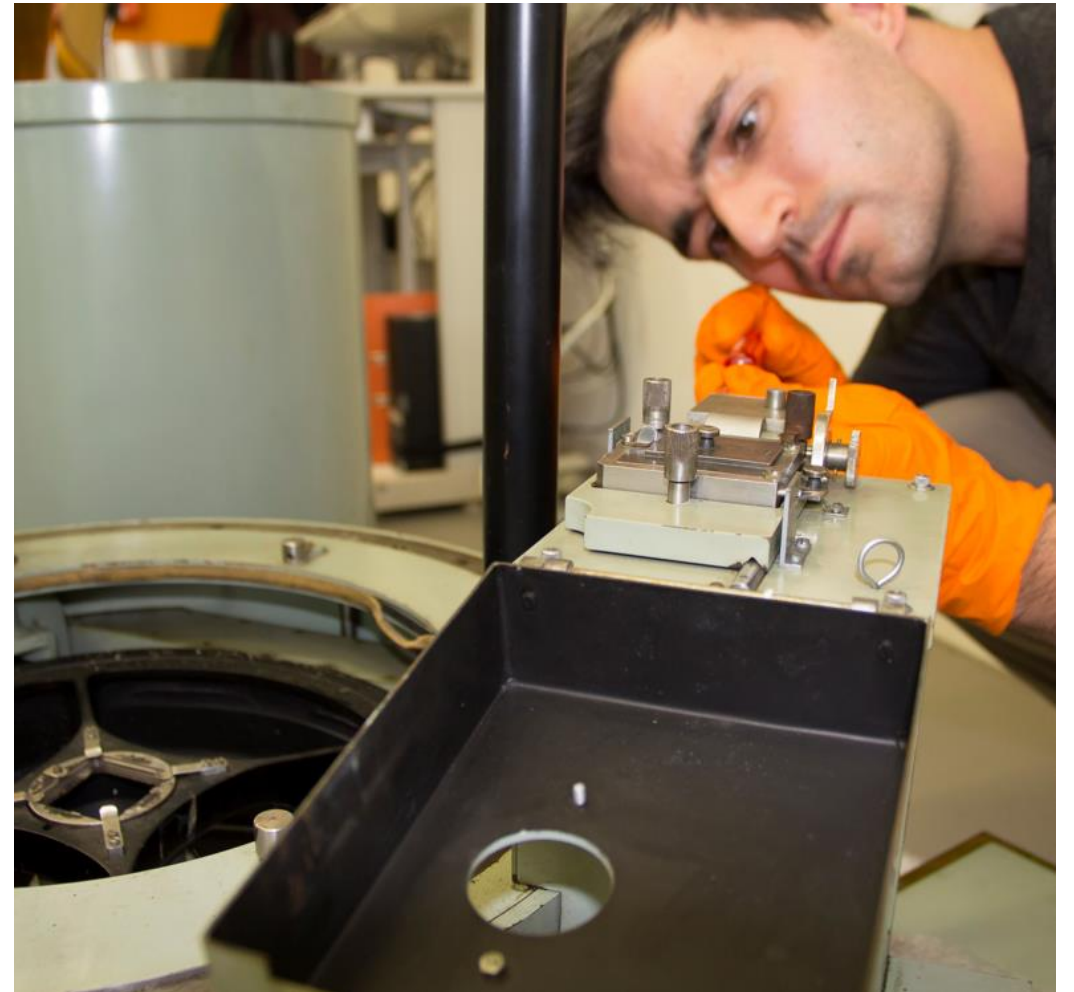
- Elimination of the personal equation,
- Longer focal length,
- The observation leaves a document that can be archived and consulted at any time,
- The instrument being strictly is much more stable,
- Most of the instrumental errors of meridian circles are eliminated,
- Weaknesses of meridian circles such as bending of the telescope or inequality of the trunnions wear are no longer present.

Source: Guyot Edmond. Rapport sur le projet de l'achat d'une lunette zénithale photographie pour l'Observatoire de Neuchâtel. Annexe 1. 02 décembre 1947.



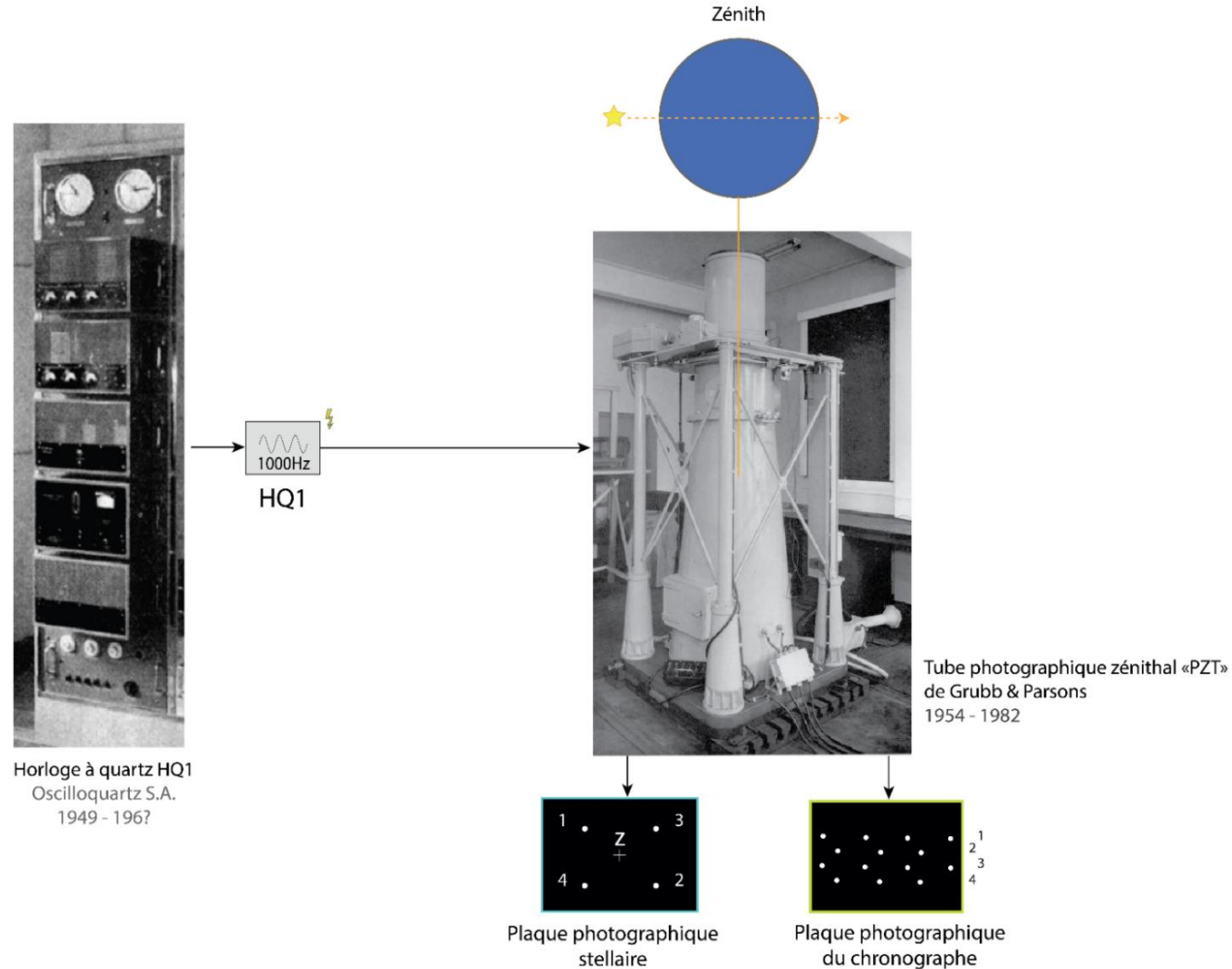


MATERIAL STUDY OF COMPLEX INSTRUMENT



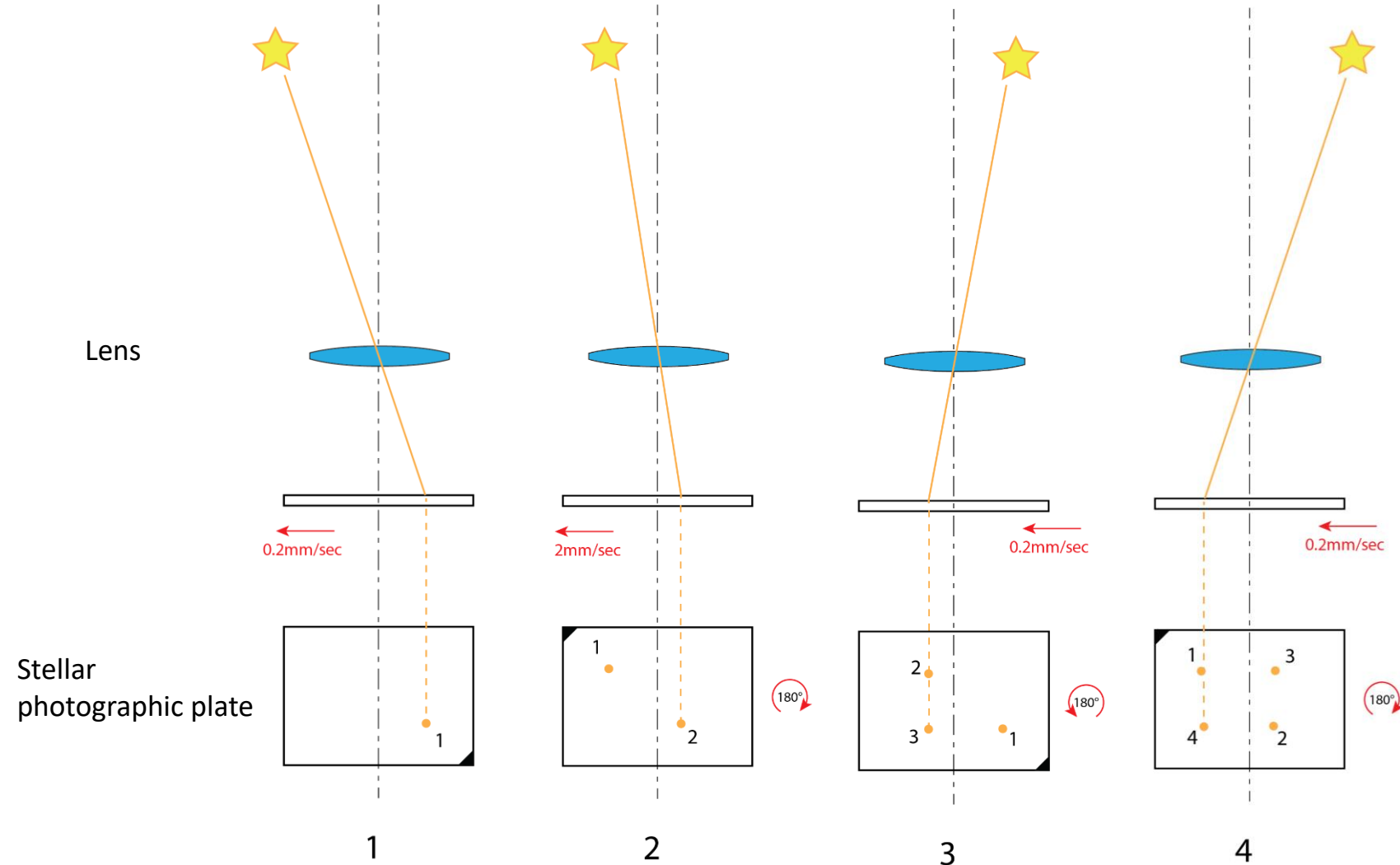
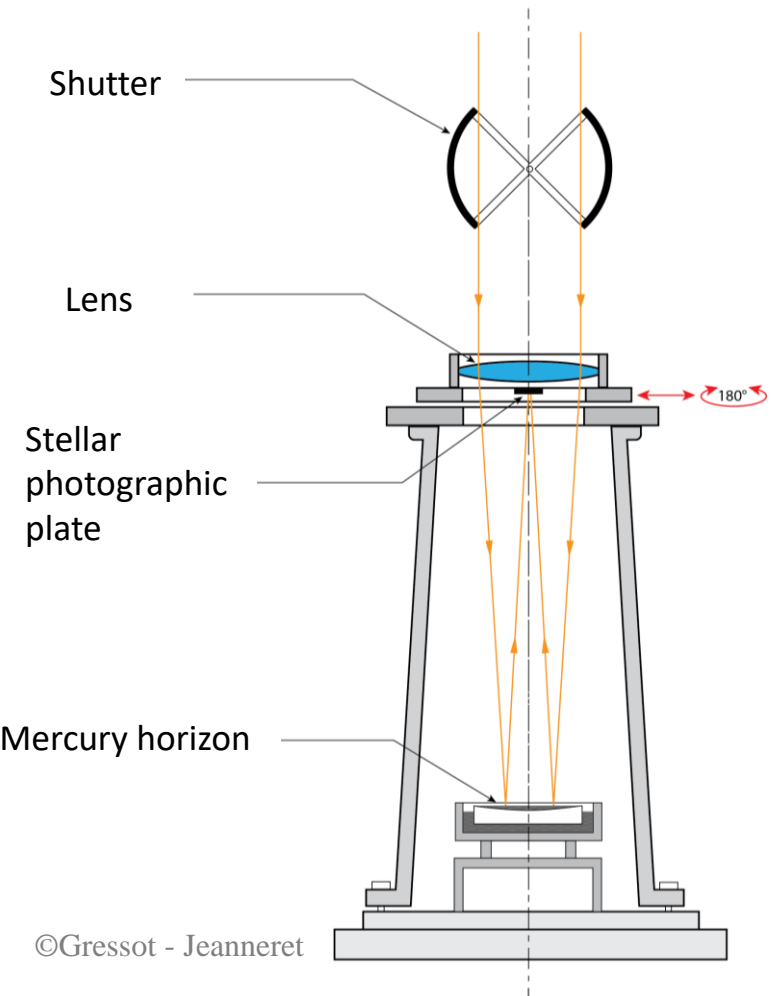


TIME DETERMINATION USING PZT





FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF A PZT

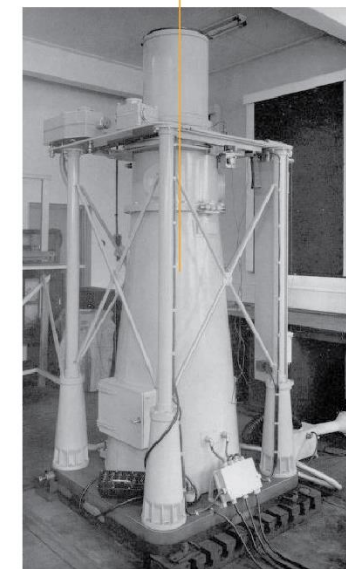
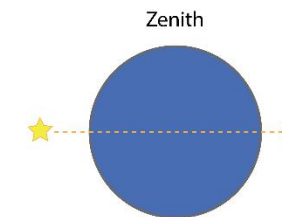
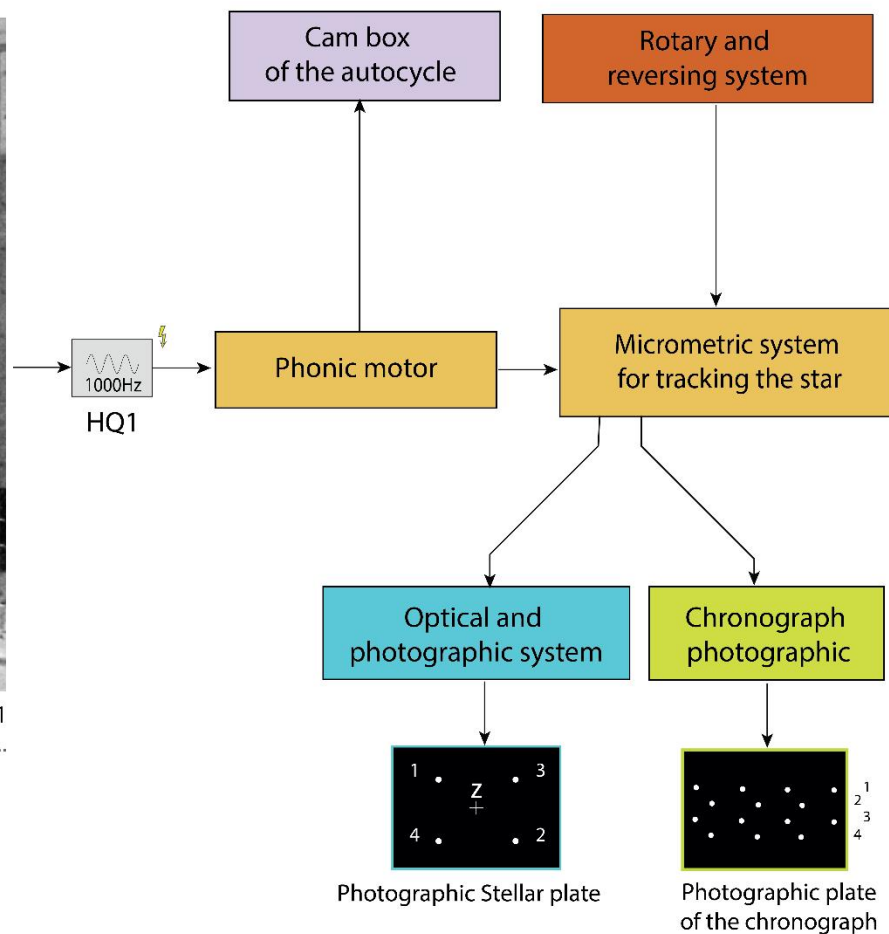




FUNCTIONAL ORGANS OF A PZT



Quartz clock HQ1
Oscilloquartz S.A.
1949 - 1967



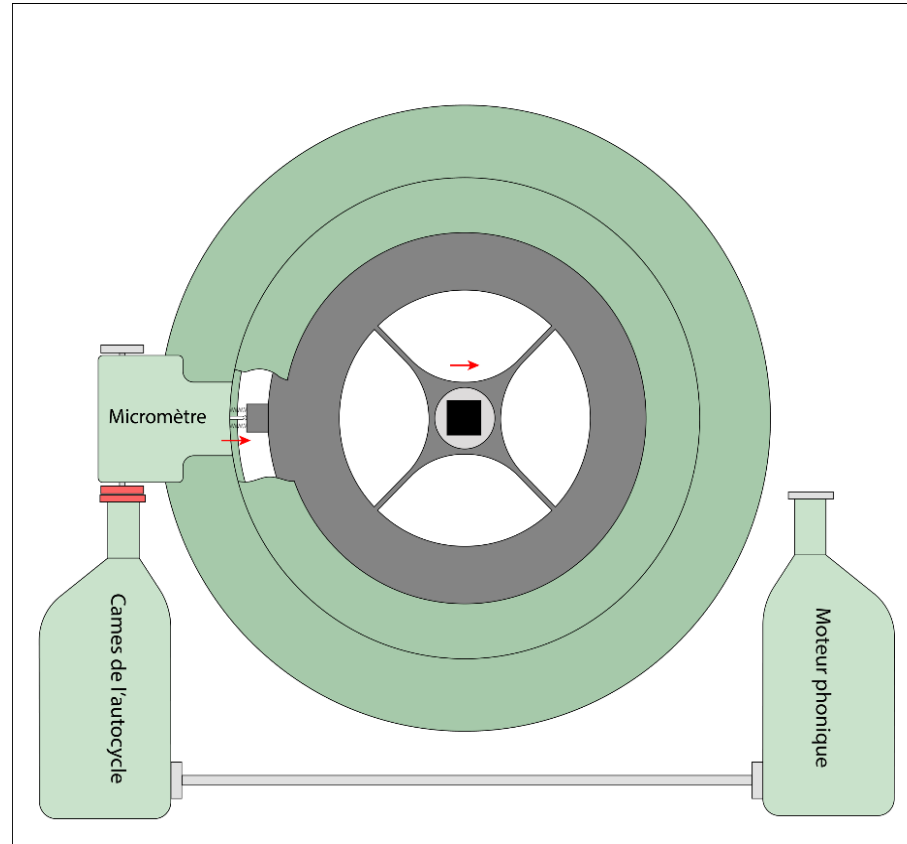
Photographique Zenithal Tube «PZT»
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1954 - 1982



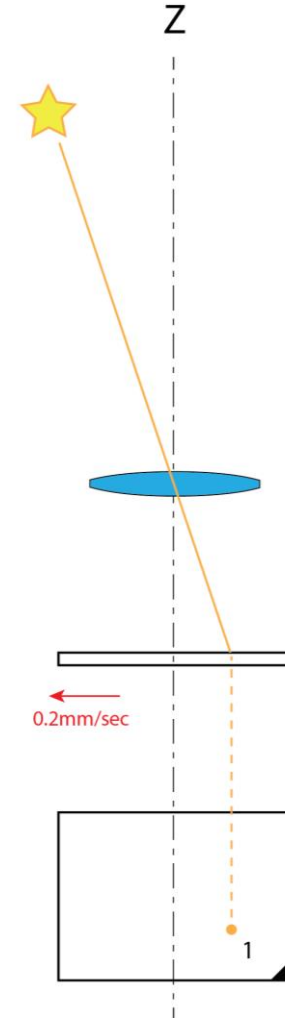
CARRIAGE AND ROTARY: MOVEMENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATE



Details of the rotary



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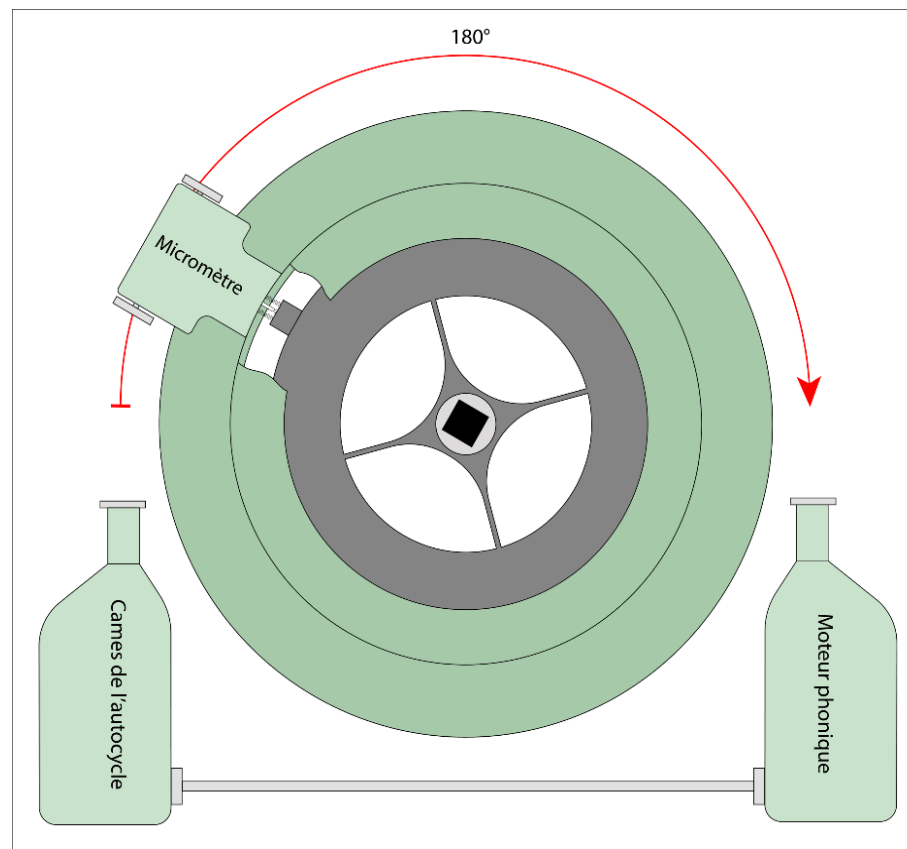




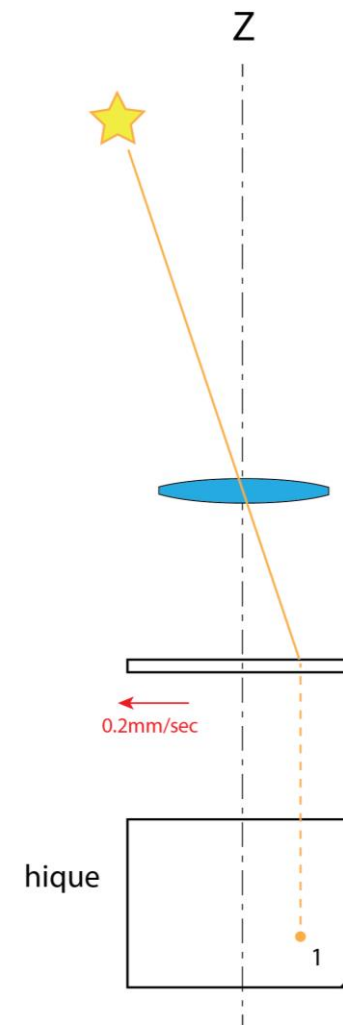
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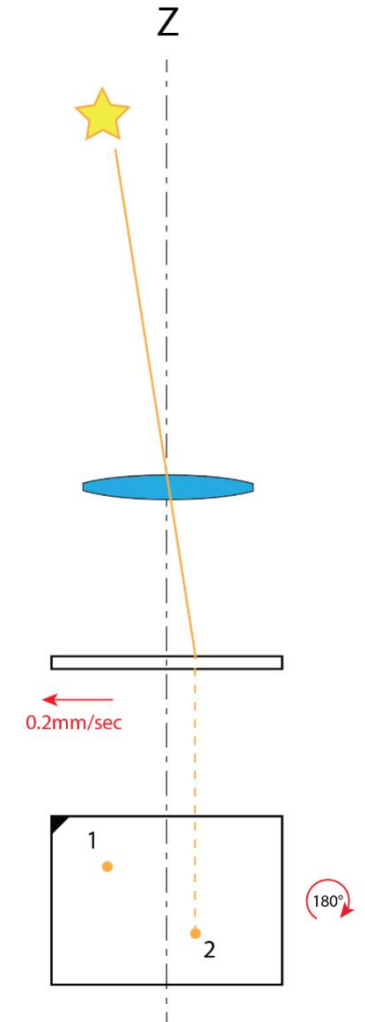
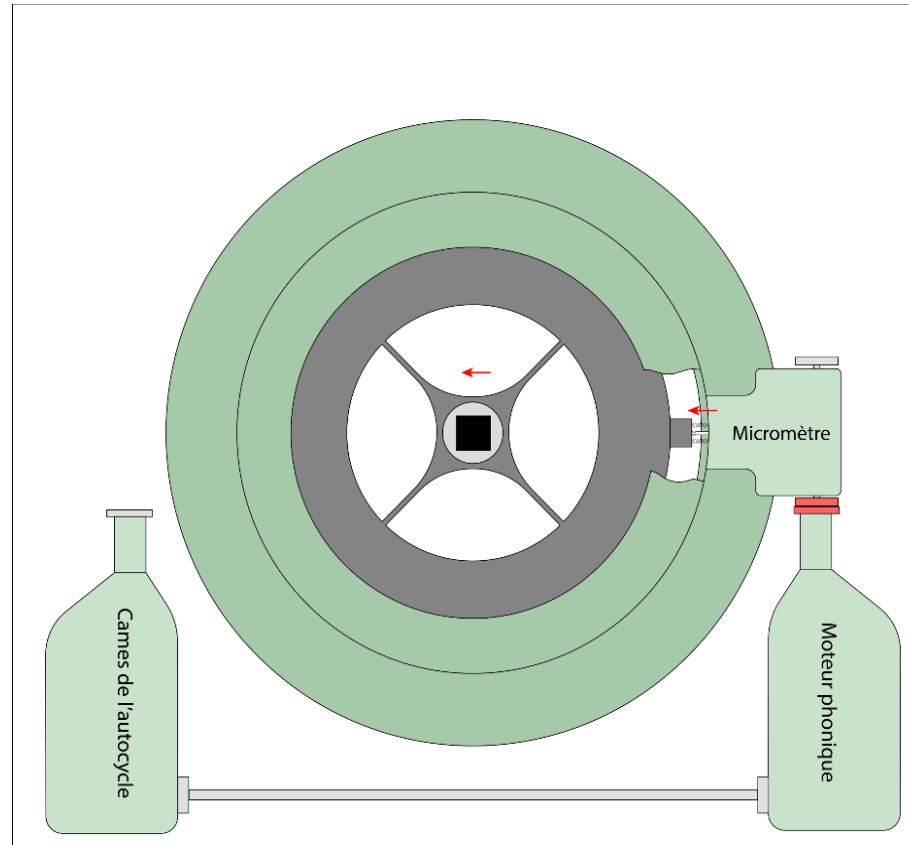


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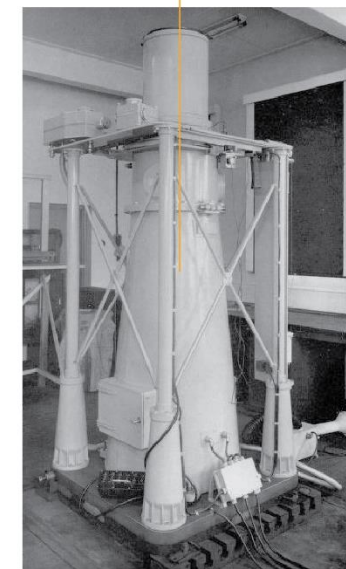
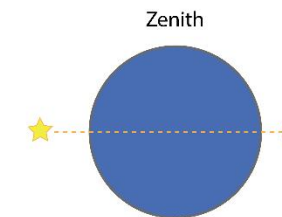
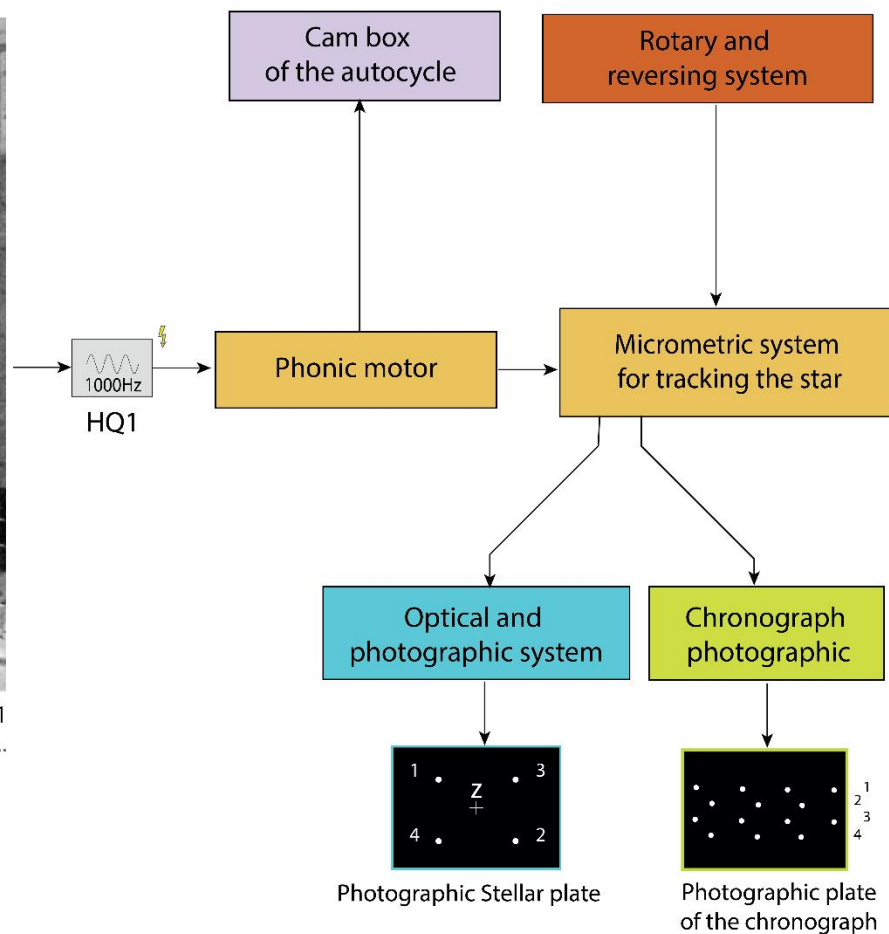




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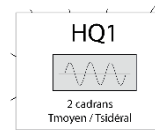


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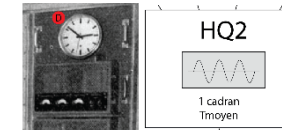


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Time conservation in 1958

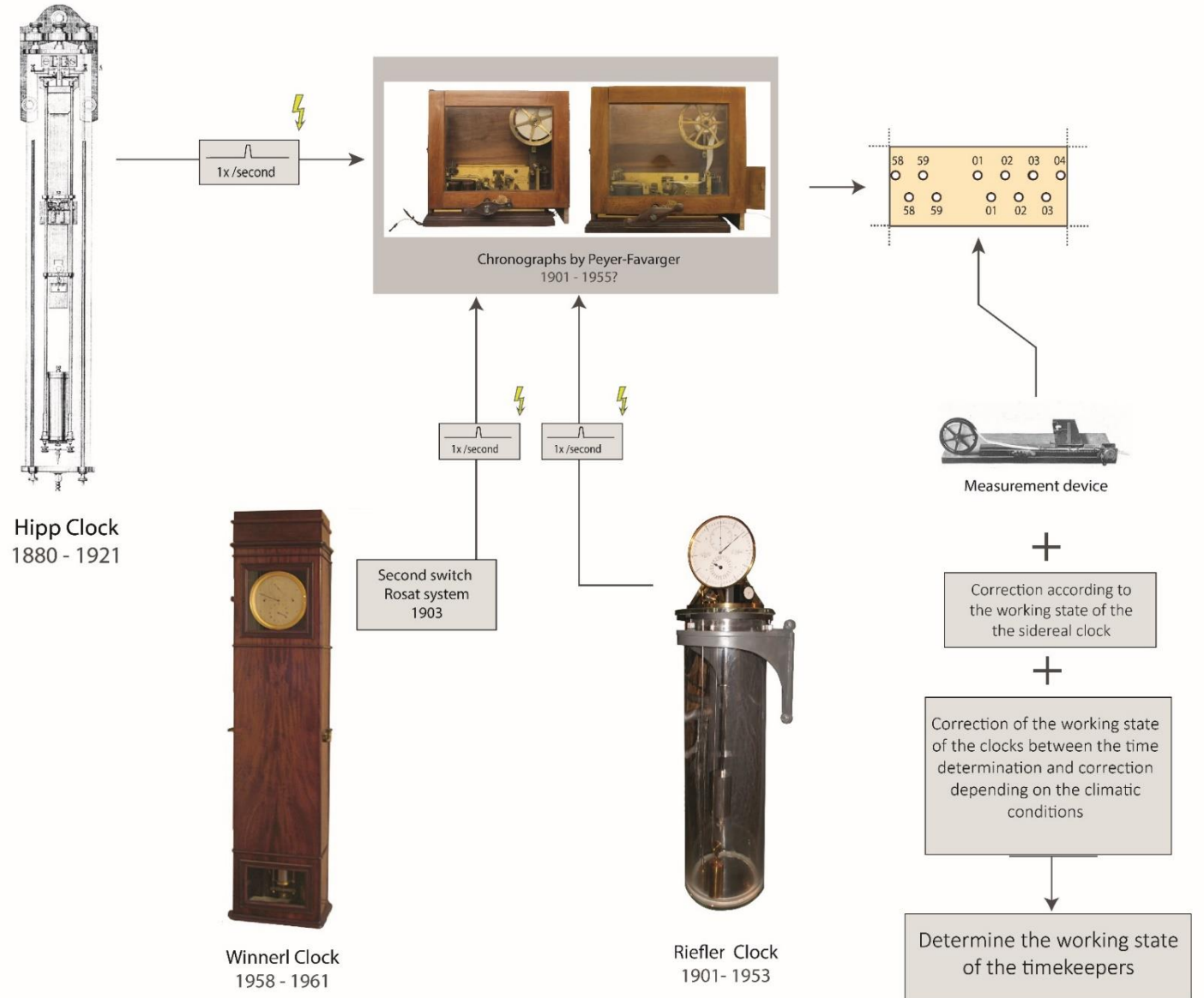


Horloge à quartz HQ1
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Horloge à quartz HQ2
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1950 - 1967

Time conservation in 1912





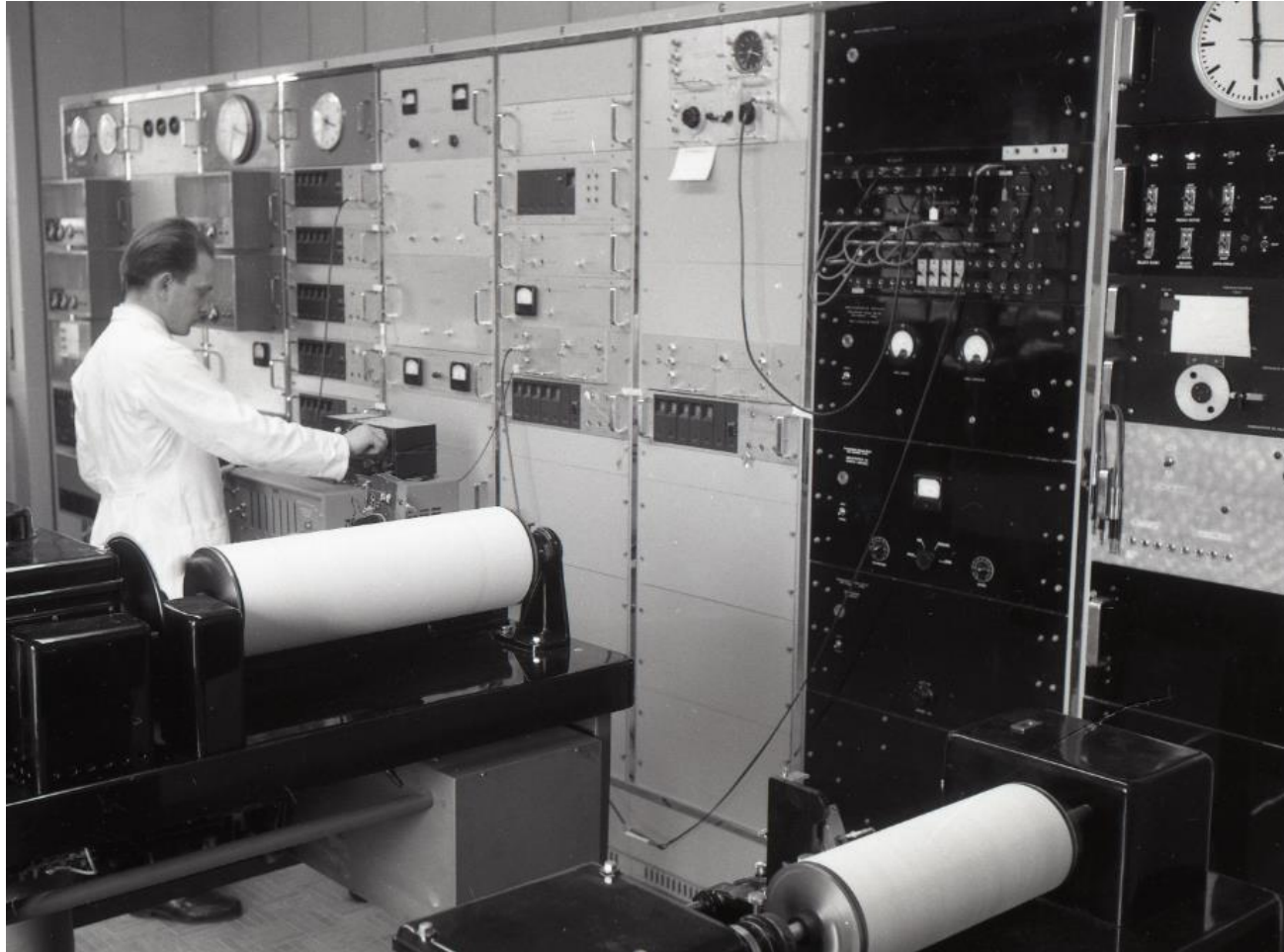
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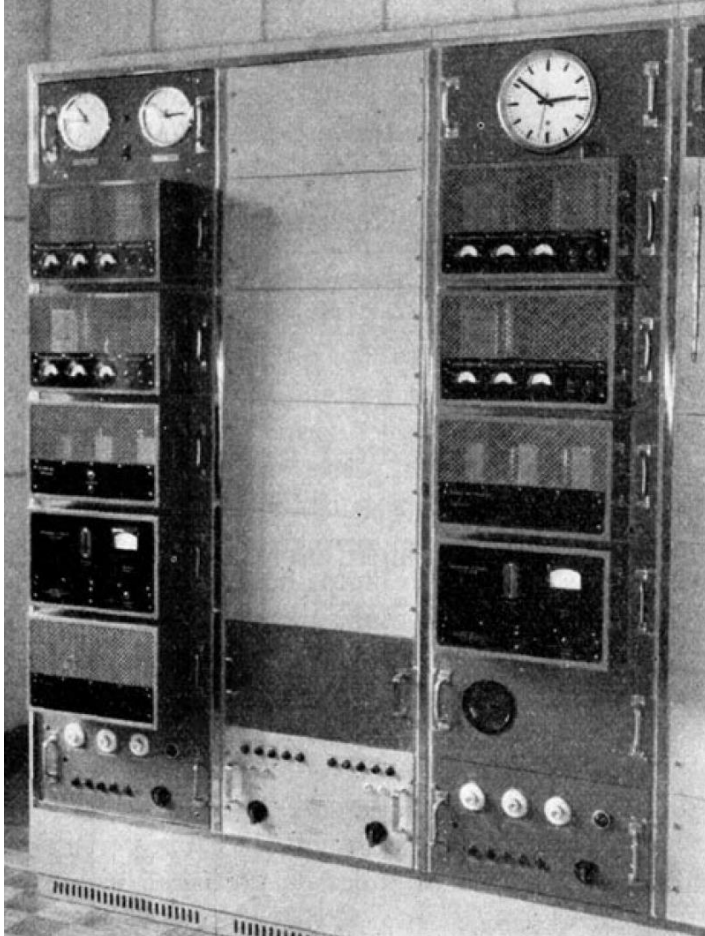
Quartz clocks room in 1961. Source: FP-NEG-2858-21



Quartz clocks room in 1961. Source: FP-NEG-2859-16

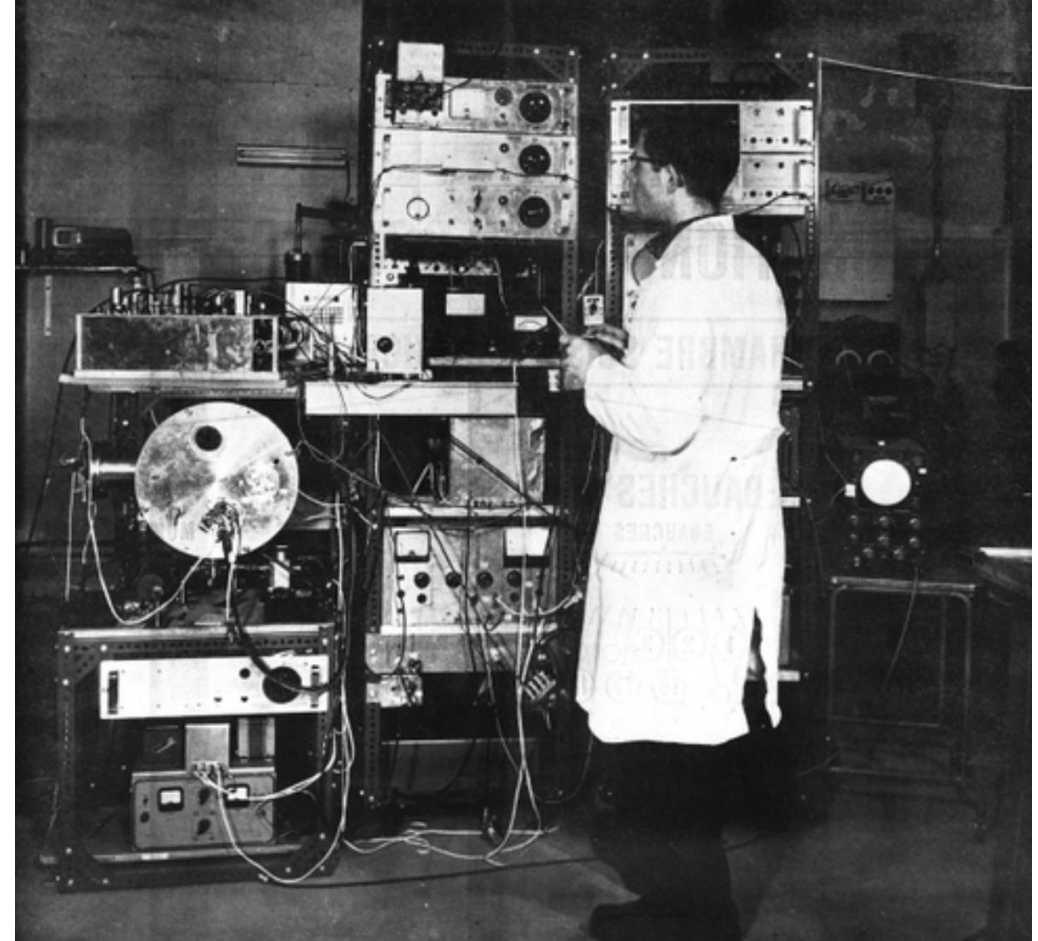


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Atomic clock
1963

La Gazette technique, industrielle et scientifique, 12
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