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**100th anniversary of Roland Eötvös
(1848-1919), physicist, geophysicist,
and innovator of higher education**

Commemorated in association with UNESCO



Roland Eötvös

physicist, geophysicist and
innovator of teacher's training

Curriculum vitae

Year	Age	Family/Private	Scientific&Academic	Public&Social
1848		Born in <i>Buda</i>		
1866-67	18-19	Jura studies at University of <i>Pest</i>		
1868-70	20-22	Studies at University of <i>Heidelberg</i> Semester in <i>Königsberg</i>		
1870	22	PhD in Physics from U.-Heidelberg		
1871	23		Habilitation at University of <i>Pest</i>	
1873	25		Corresponding member of Hungarian Academy of Sciences	Editor of the science popularization monthly Communications in Natural Sciences

Curriculum vitae

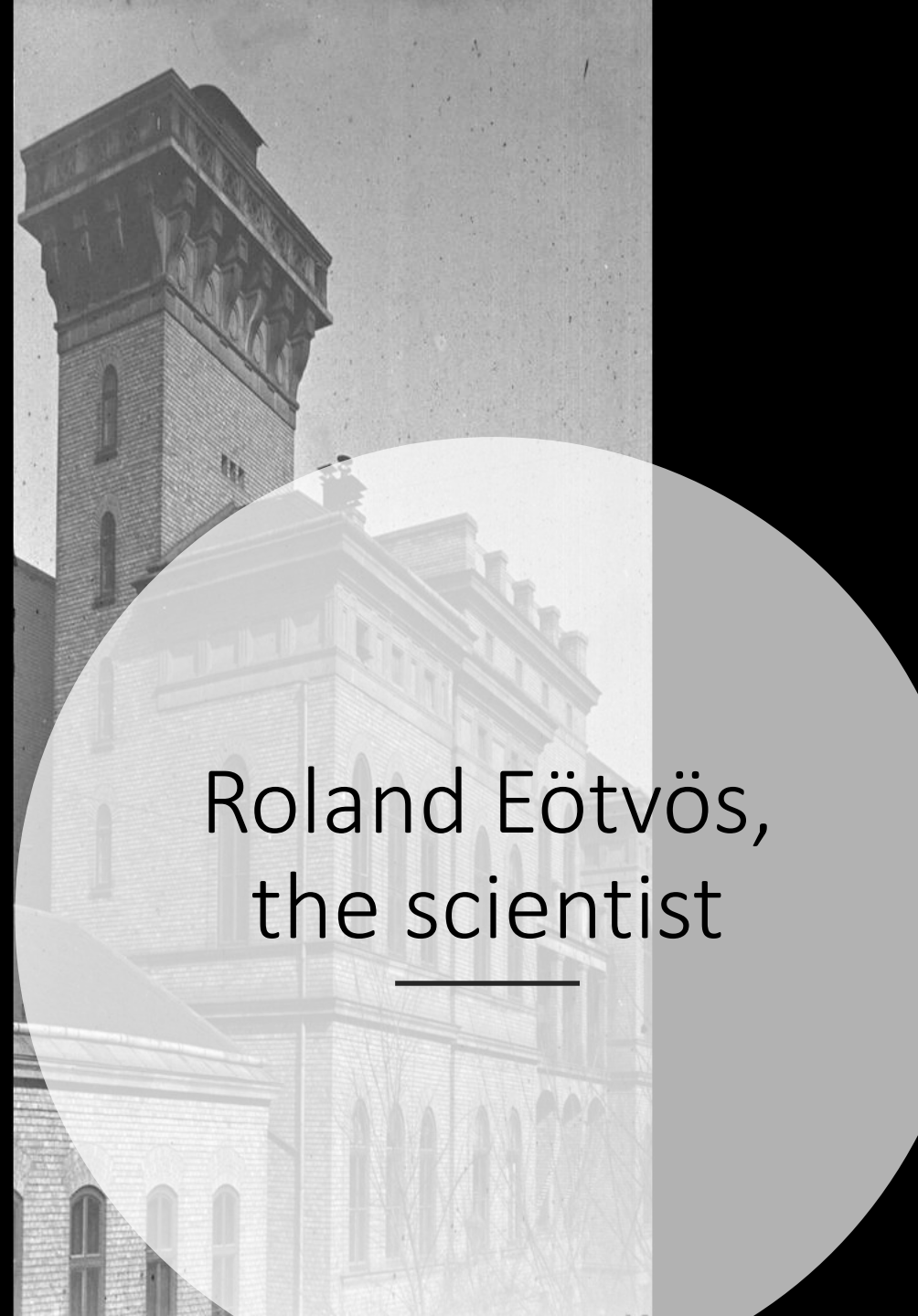
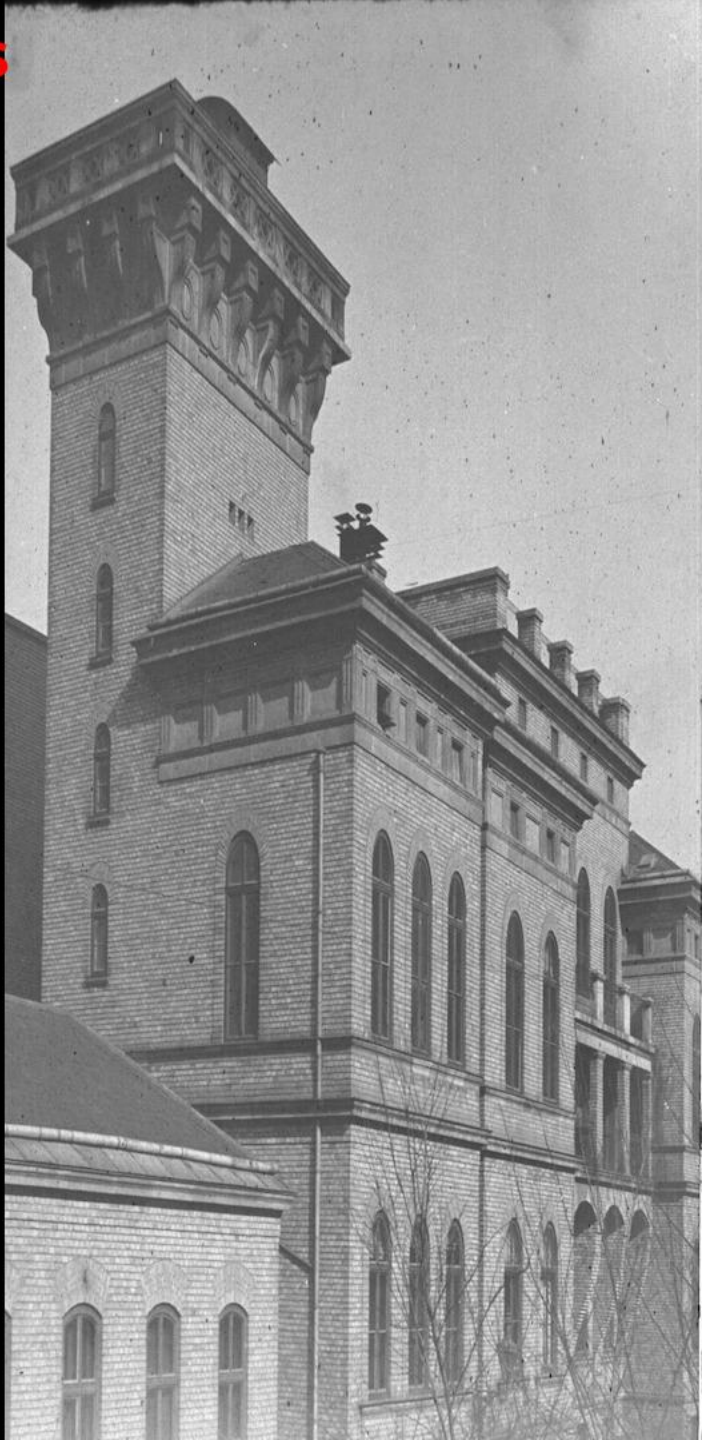
1876	28	Married on Gizella Horvát (2 daughters) Summer mountaineering in Schluderbach (South Tirol) till 1914	New method for the experimental determination of the <i>capillary constant</i>	
1878	30		Head of the Department for Experimental Nature Studies at University of <i>Budapest</i>	
1880	32			Vice-President of the Society for Advancement of Natural Sciences (till 1919)
1885	37			Foundation of the Table Meetings of Mathematicians
1886	38		Eötvös-rule of the <i>temperature dependence</i> of the capillary constant	

Curriculum vitae

1887	39			Open letter to the Minister of Education and Cults on higher education
1888-90	40-42		New method for testing the law of Universal Free Fall	
1889	41			President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (till 1905)
1891	43		Construction of the Eötvös-balance Field tests in Western Hungary	Foundation of the Mathematical and Physical Society (president till 1919)
1892-93	44-45		Rector of the University of Budapest	
1894-95	46-47			Minister of Education and Cults (7 months)
1895	47			Foundation of the József Eötvös Collegium (curator till 1919)

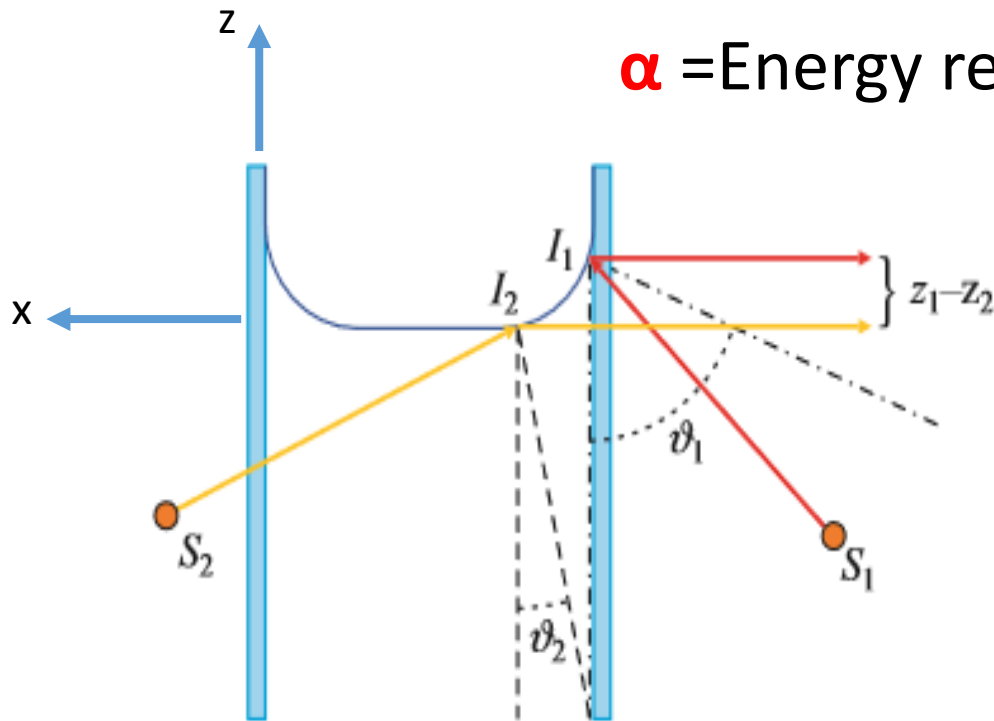
Curriculum vitae

1900	52		Report on field experiments with Eötvös-balance to the Paris Conference of Geodesy	
1902	54	Eötvös-peak in the Dolomites		
1906	58		Report on field experiments with Eötvös-balance to the Budapest Conference of Geodesy	
1906-1909	58-61		Improved bound on the validity of Universal Free Fall (Beneke Prize, University of Göttingen)	
1912	64		Report on field experiments with Eötvös-balance to the Hamburg Conference of Geodesy	
1913	65		Instrument for laboratory demonstration of the Eötvös-effect	
1891-1916			Gravitational and magnetic anomaly mapping of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy → “Founding father” of applied geophysics	
1919	71	Died in <i>Budapest</i>		



Roland Eötvös,
the scientist

The Eötvös-rule for surface tension (1876-86)



α = Energy required for unit increase of the liquid layer surface

R curvature radius at height z along an infinite wall follows the geometric relation proposed by Gauss, Laplace, Poisson:

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{2z}{a^2}, \quad a = \frac{2\alpha}{g\rho}, \quad \frac{d\varepsilon}{dF} = \alpha, \quad \begin{array}{l} \rho \text{ density} \\ g \text{ grav. acc.} \end{array}$$

Reflection method of Eötvös

$$z_1 - z_2 = \sqrt{2}a \left(\sin \frac{\vartheta_1}{2} - \sin \frac{\vartheta_2}{2} \right)$$

$$R = \frac{(1 + z'^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{z''}, \quad z' = \frac{dz}{dx} \quad \frac{z^2}{a^2} = 2 \left(\sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right)^2$$

The Eötvös—(Ramsay) rule

Eötvös' data on mercury (in *cm*)

2,415	2,411	2,468
2,407	2,468	2,476
2,498	2,420	2,420
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Középérték $a = 2,442$		

Previous data of others

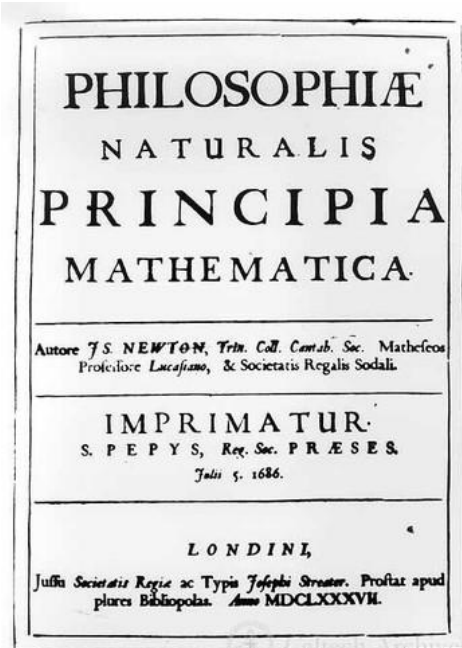
LAPLACE	2,55	POISSON	2,55
HAGEN	2,62—2,68	BÉDE	2,66
DANGER	2,59	DESAINS	2,62—2,65
	QUINCKE	2,861—2,941.	

Equation of state of ideal gas

$$pV = RT, \quad R = \text{Regnault constant}$$

Equation for surface layers

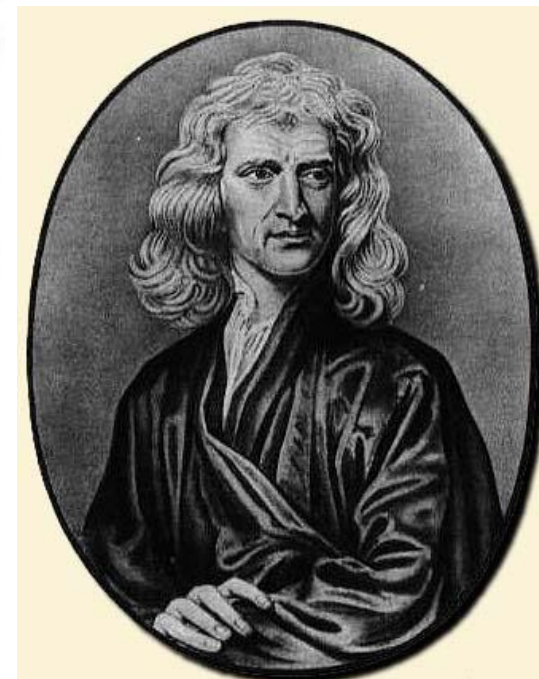
$$\alpha V^{2/3} = E\ddot{o} (T_* - T) \quad E\ddot{o} = \text{Eötvös constant}$$



DEFINITIO I.

Quantitas materiæ est mensura ejusdem orta ex illius densitate et magnitudine conjunctim.

AER densitate duplicata, in spatio etiam duplicato, fit quadruplus; in triplicato sextuplus. Idem intellige de nive & pulveribus per compressionem vel liquefactionem condensatis. Et par est ratio corporum omnium, quæ per causas quascunque diversimode condensantur. Medii interea, si quod fuerit, interstitia partium libere pervadentis, hic nullam rationem habeo. Hanc autem quantitatem sub nomine corporis vel massæ in sequentibus passim intelligo. Innotescit ea per corporis cujusque pondus: Nam ponderi proportionalem esse reperi per experimenta pendulorum accuratissime instituta, uti posthac docebitur.



A true challenge:
Checking a fundamental concept
of Newton's mechanics

In modern terms

$$\frac{\text{Inertial mass (Zsivótzky – mass)}}{\text{Gravitating mass (Földi – mass)}} =$$

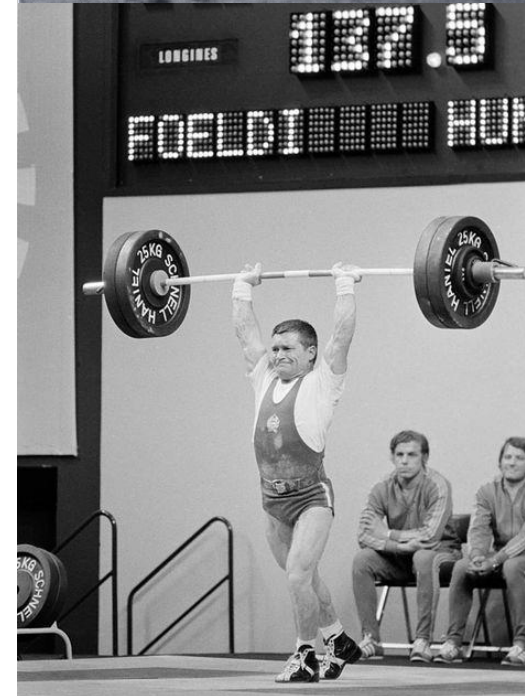
***Universal**, independent of the kind of matter*

Eötvös:

“Logics requires to verify the fundamental concept with the accuracy one can achieve in measuring the weight of a body”



Gyula
Zsivótzky,
olympic
champion
(1968)
accelerates
the ***inertial***
mass of the
hammer



Imre Földi,
olympic
champion
(1972)
throws out a
gravitating
mass

Old method for investigating the fundamental concept of Principia

I. Newton (followed by **F. Bessel, 1830**):

Separate measurement of the $m_{inertial}/m_{gravitating}$ ratio for different samples A,B... with

Kater's pendulum
and calculation of pairwise differences of the results

$$2 \frac{\frac{m_{inertial,A}}{m_{gravitating,A}} - \frac{m_{inertial,B}}{m_{gravitating,B}}}{\frac{m_{inertial,A}}{m_{gravitating,A}} + \frac{m_{inertial,B}}{m_{gravitating,B}}} = \text{Eötvös - ratio}$$

Accuracy: $10^{-3} \rightarrow 10^{-5}$



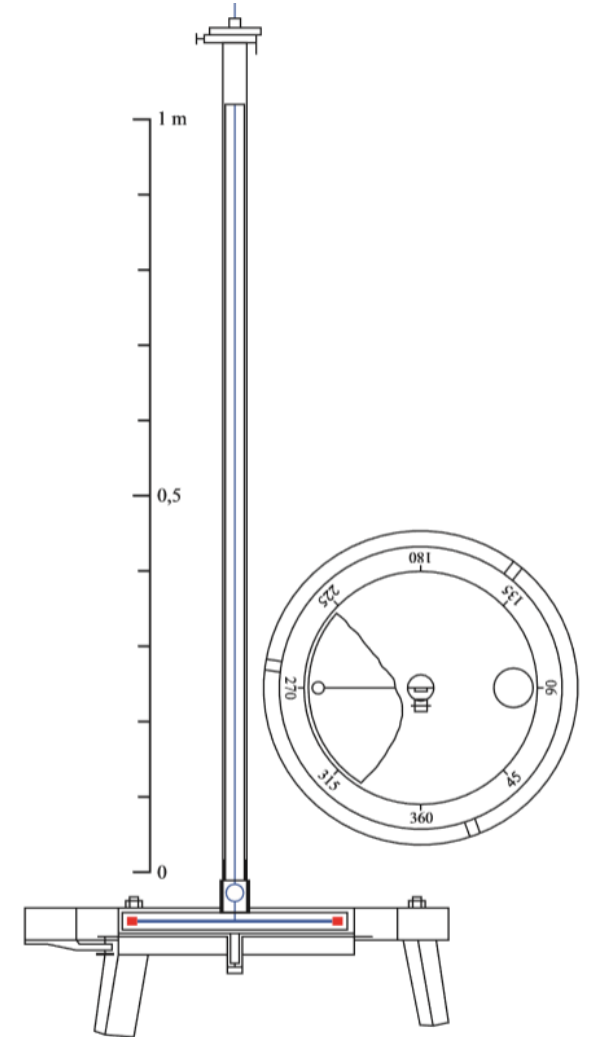
NEW method for investigating the fundamental statement of Principia



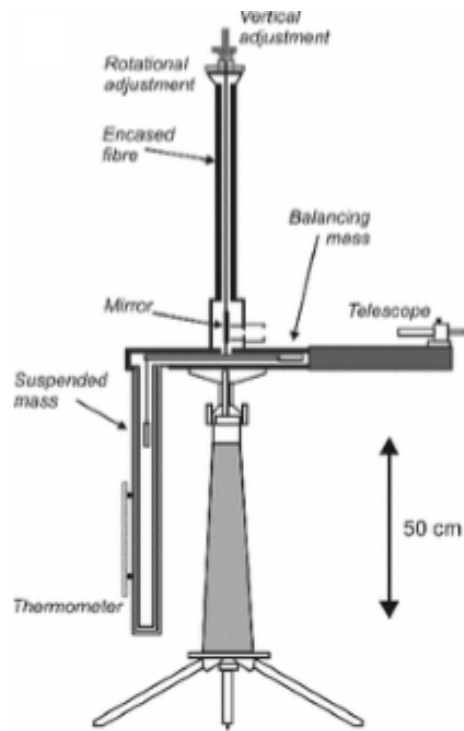
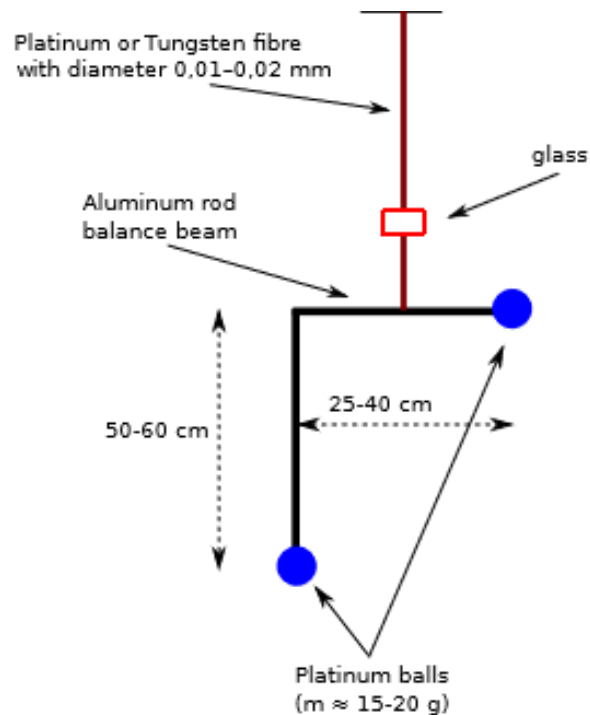
Eötvös (1888-90):
Improved Cavendish-
Coulomb type balance
(*curvature variometer*)
sensitive directly to the
difference

$$\frac{m_{\text{inertial}}}{m_{\text{gravitating}}} \text{ A} - \frac{m_{\text{inertial}}}{m_{\text{gravitating}}} \text{ B}$$

Accuracy: 5×10^{-8}



The Eötvös-balance (*horizontal variometer*, 1891)



Complete characterization of the
variations of the gravitational field
in the horizontal plane

Order of magnitude improvement of
the upper bound
on the Eötvös-parameter, 1906-09
Beneke Prize
from University of Göttingen

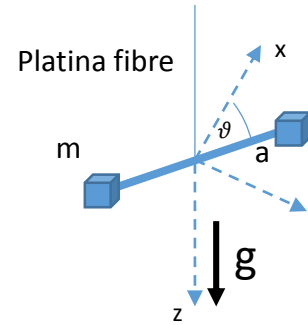
The Cavendish—Coulomb-balance

- $V(\mathbf{x}) = \rho(\mathbf{x})U(\mathbf{x})$ Gravitational potential energy density

Orientation of the coordinate system of the balance:

- $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = g$ at the centre of the beam, $\mathbf{x} = 0$
- Horizontal force components in inhomogeneous gravitational field
 $F_x = \rho(0)(U_{xx}(0)\Delta x + U_{xy}(0)\Delta y), \quad F_y = \rho(0)(U_{yx}(0)\Delta x + U_{yy}(0)\Delta y)$
- Vertical torque expressed with components of the inertial moment

$$M_z = \int (\Delta x F_y - \Delta y F_x) = (\theta_{xx} - \theta_{yy}) \mathbf{U}_{xy}(\mathbf{0}) + \theta_{xy}(\mathbf{U}_{yy}(\mathbf{0}) - \mathbf{U}_{xx}(\mathbf{0}))$$



Model of the balance:

two pointlike masses at the opposite ends of the beam at distance a from the centre

$$x = a \cos \vartheta, \quad y = a \sin \vartheta$$

$$\theta_{xy} = m a^2 \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta, \quad \theta_{xx} - \theta_{yy} = M a^2 (\cos^2 \vartheta - \sin^2 \vartheta)$$

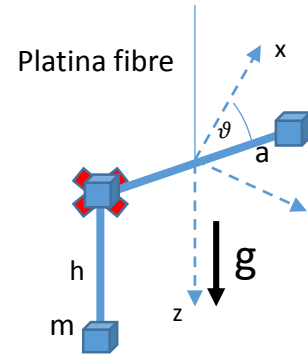
Determination of the equilibrium position of the balance

$$\tau(\varphi - \varphi_0) = K [U_{xy}(0) \cos 2\vartheta + (U_{yy}(0) - U_{xx}(0)) \frac{\sin 2\vartheta}{2}]$$

φ_0 = torquless position (unknown)

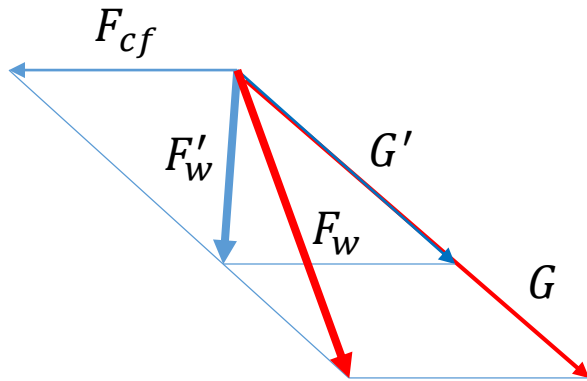
With 3 ϑ positions one finds $U_{xy}(0)$, $U_{yy}(0) - U_{xx}(0)$

The Eötvös-balance



- $$\Delta M_z = a \cos \vartheta \Delta F_y - a \sin \vartheta \Delta F_x = ma \left[h \left(\cos \vartheta \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} - \sin \vartheta \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right) \right]$$

$$= mah(U_{zy} \cos \vartheta - U_{zx} \sin \vartheta)$$
- Consequence of different $m_{\text{inertial}}/m_{\text{gravitational}}$ ratios for the two masses:**



$$\varepsilon' - \varepsilon \approx \frac{G - G'}{F_w} \sin \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla F_w G &= \varepsilon, \\ \nabla F'_w G' &= \varepsilon' \end{aligned}$$

$$G' = G_{ref}(1 + \kappa_1) \quad G = G_{ref}(1 + \kappa_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\varphi - \varphi_0) &= K[U_{xy}(0) \cos 2\vartheta + (U_{yy}(0) - U_{xx}(0)) \frac{\sin 2\vartheta}{2}] \\ &+ mah(U_{zy} \cos \vartheta - U_{zx} \sin \vartheta) - maG \sin \vartheta (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2) \sin \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Idealized determination

x-axis oriented along the main curvature (North)

East-West oriented beam, $\vartheta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

One pair of measurements with **Pt** — Reference-object,

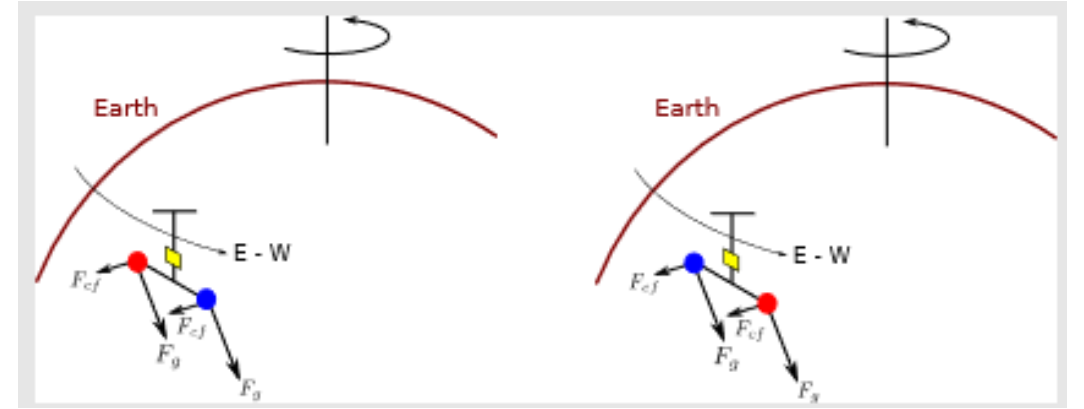
$$\tau\Delta\varphi_{\pi/2} = -KU_{xy} - mahU_{zx} + maG(\kappa_{Pt} - \kappa_{Ref}), \quad \tau\Delta\varphi_{3\pi/2} = -KU_{xy} + mahU_{zx} - maG(\kappa_{Pt} - \kappa_{Ref})$$

Analogue measurement for the **Comparison object** — Reference-object:

$$\tau\Delta\varphi'_{\pi/2} = -KU_{xy} - mahU_{zx} + maG(\kappa_{Compare} - \kappa_{Ref}),$$

$$\tau\Delta\varphi'_{3\pi/2} = -KU_{xy} + mahU_{zx} - maG(\kappa_{Compare} - \kappa_{Ref})$$

$$\tau(\varphi_{\pi/2} - \varphi_{3\pi/2}) - \tau(\varphi'_{\pi/2} - \varphi'_{3\pi/2}) = 2\tau(\kappa_{Pt} - \kappa_{Compare})$$

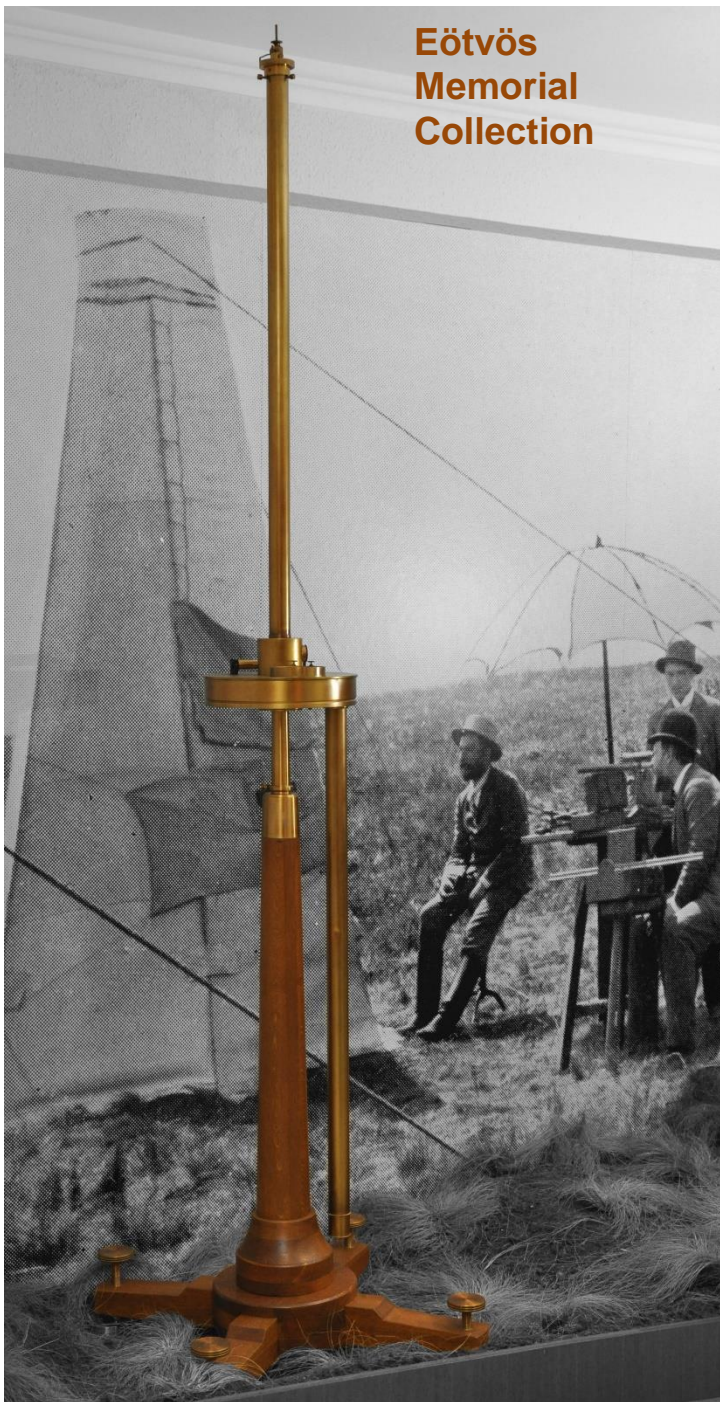


The Eötvös-balance (*horizontal variometer*, 1891)

Mapping of gravitational anomalies

1901: Recognizing a **tectonic line** below the lake Balaton

1916: Identification of **anticline dome formation** containing natural gas/ oil at Egbell (Moravia)



Worldwide success of the Eötvös-balance

- ≈100 “Original Eötvös Made in Hungary”
- Oil field explorations:
Texas, Louisiana (USA)
Egyptom, Angola, Mexico, Venezuela
Punjab, Upper Assam (India)
Sarawak (Indonesia)

Zeit eine unmittelbare physikalische Bedeutung. Ein Punkt-
ereignis hat die X_1 -Koordinate x_1 , bedeutet: Die nach den

1) Daß das Gravitationsfeld diese Eigenschaft mit großer Genauig-
keit besitzt, hat Eötvös experimentell bewiesen.

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A. Einstein.

Regeln der Euklidischen Geometrie mittels starrer Stäbe er-
mittelte Projektion des Punktereignisses auf die X_1 -Achse

N^o 7.

ANNALEN DER PHYSIK.

VIERTE FOLGE. BAND 49.

Famous footnote in Einstein's
extensive paper on the theory
of General Relativity (1916)

1. *Die Grundlage
der allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie;
von A. Einstein.*

W. Torge, *Geodesy*, de Gruyter, 2015 (p. 85)

$$\vartheta - \vartheta_0 = \frac{ml^2}{\tau} ((W_{yy} - W_{xx}) \sin 2\alpha + 2W_{xy} \cos 2\alpha) + \frac{mlh}{\tau} (W_{xz} \sin \alpha - W_{yz} \cos \alpha). \quad (4.28)$$

The deflection ϑ is recorded photographically, and the instrumental constants m , l , h , τ are provided by the manufacturer. Hence, the field quantities $W_{yy} - W_{xx}$, W_{xy} , W_{xz} , W_{yz} , as well as ϑ_0 can be determined by measuring ϑ for five different azimuths.

The development of a torsion balance suitable for field work was achieved around 1900 by the Hungarian physicist R. v. Eötvös; it was widely employed in applied geophysics between 1920 and 1940. An accuracy of ± 1 to $\pm 5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-2}$ can be attained for the field quantities (MUELLER et al. 1963). Due to the considerable effort that is required in making measurements and because of the large influence of nearby masses, the torsion balance has been superseded by the gravimeter.

Spring gravimeters can be used to approximate grad g by measuring small gravity differences. With station separations of 10 to 100 m, the horizontal gravity gradient can be derived (HAMMER 1979). For the measurement of the vertical gradient, special tripods are used with heights of up to 3 m (RÖDER et al. 1985). A precision of $\pm 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-2}$ can be achieved with such measurements.

Standard technological history reference in textbooks of geodesy and applied geophysics

The era of Eötvös-type experiments (1962-2008)

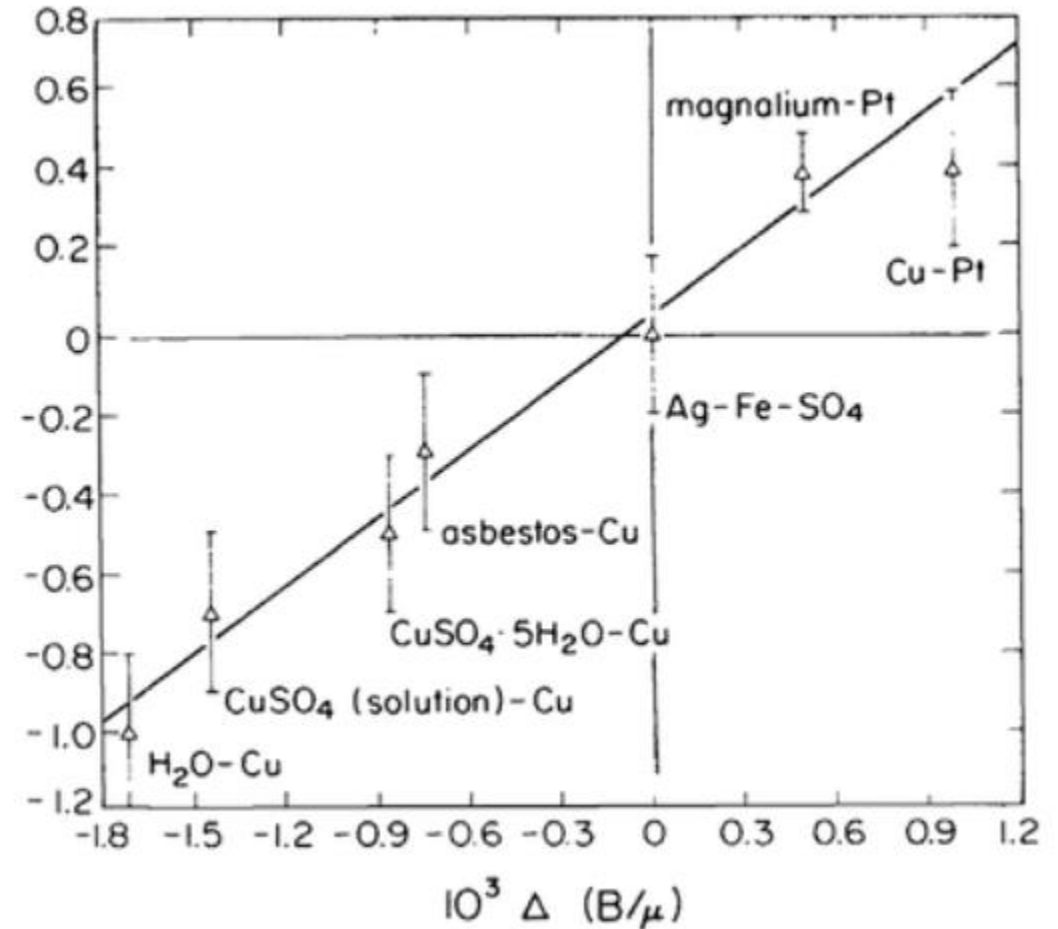
1957, Chapel Hill conference:
The Role of Gravitation in Physics

Robert Dicke, John Wheeler:

Exploration of the limitations of GR
with high accuracy measurements

1963: Dicke, Roll, Krotkov
Comparison of the free fall of
different samples towards the Sun
(3 orders of magnitude improvement)

1972: Braginsky, Panov
Further one order of magnitude
improvement



1986: Ephraim Fischbach reanalyzes
original data of
Eötvös and collaborators from 1922

Fifth force?

"All the News
That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times

Late Edition
Weather: Mostly sunny and cold today,
strong winds; clear and cold tonight.
Partly sunny and warmer tomorrow.
Temperatures: today 23-27, tonight 15-
20; yesterday 18-27. Details, page C20.

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Hints of 5th Force in Universe Challenge Galileo's Findings

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

A new analysis of early 20th-century experiments has produced results challenging both the findings of Galileo that all falling bodies accelerate at the same rate and a fundamental element of Einstein's general theory of relativity.

This has led physicists to suspect that there may be a fifth, heretofore unidentified force at work in the universe.

Scientists said the new study, published in the Jan. 6 issue of Physical Review Letters, could have a profound influence on thinking in physics and cosmology if the results can be substantiated by further experiments. Those who had examined the report said it appeared to be based on sound research.

Principle of Equivalence

Even though the new findings seemed to undermine a basic assumption made by Einstein — the principle of equivalence that stemmed from Galileo's work — scientists said the hypothesized new force, called the hypercharge, was so weak and local that, if it did exist, it should not fundamentally alter Einstein's principles as the basic tool of modern cosmology.

The other known forces are electromagnetism, gravity and the strong and weak forces governing nuclear structure.

The new analysis suggests that, contrary to Galileo's assertion, a feather would fall faster than a coin if dropped



from the same height in a vacuum. This is because, in the new thinking, gravity is not the only force at work; there is also presumably something called hypercharge, which acts on objects of different compositions so that they accelerate at slightly different rates.

In a telephone interview, Dr. Ephraim Fischbach, the leader of the team of scientists who made the study, said: "When you see something as fundamental as a new force, it's likely to change many things. We will have to rethink many views of particle physics and cosmology."

Dr. Fischbach, a professor of physics at Purdue University in Indiana, is a visiting professor this year at the Institute of Nuclear Theory at the University of Washington in Seattle. The other authors of the report are Daniel Sudar-

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A Fifth Force?

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The New York Times / Jan. 8, 1986; Bettmann Archive

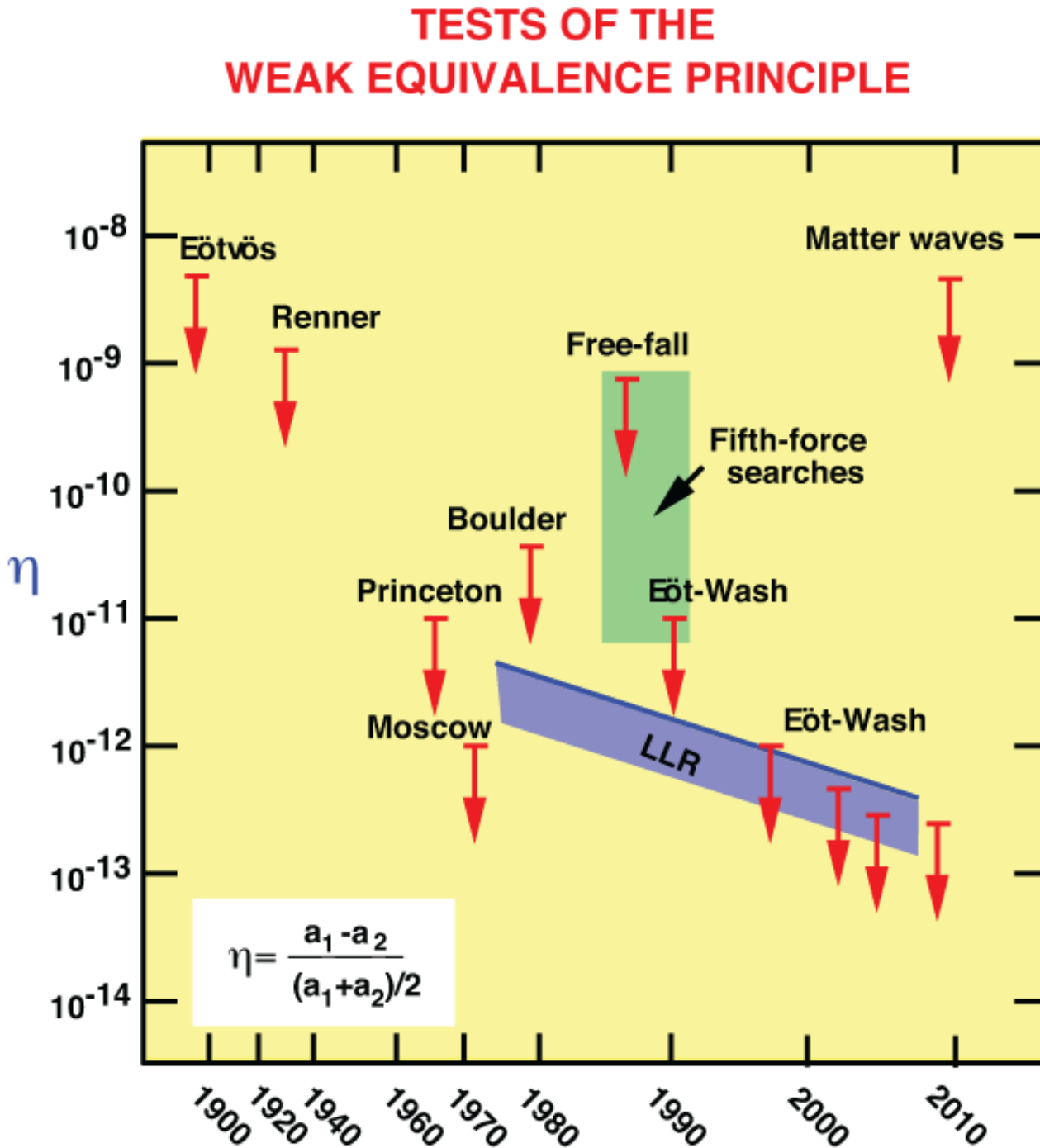
The new theory proposes that a fifth force called hypercharge pushes up against falling objects, working against the force of gravity. The force of the hypercharge is a function of the mass and the atomic composition of a given object; it is greater for a copper coin than for a feather. Thus, if a feather and a penny were dropped through a vacuum the feather would fall slightly faster than the coin. That contradicts established principle, shown by Galileo at Tower of Pisa, asserting that all objects fall at the same rate.

Finite range force field (cca. 10-100 m)
disguised in the weight of the bodies?

Eöt-Wash series of experiments

- 1989-2008: University of Washington, **Eric Adelberger**
- Sensitive to a force range not less than 1m
- No indication for the existence of 5th force

In 100 years **5 orders of magnitude improvement** in the upper bound for the violation of Universal Free Fall

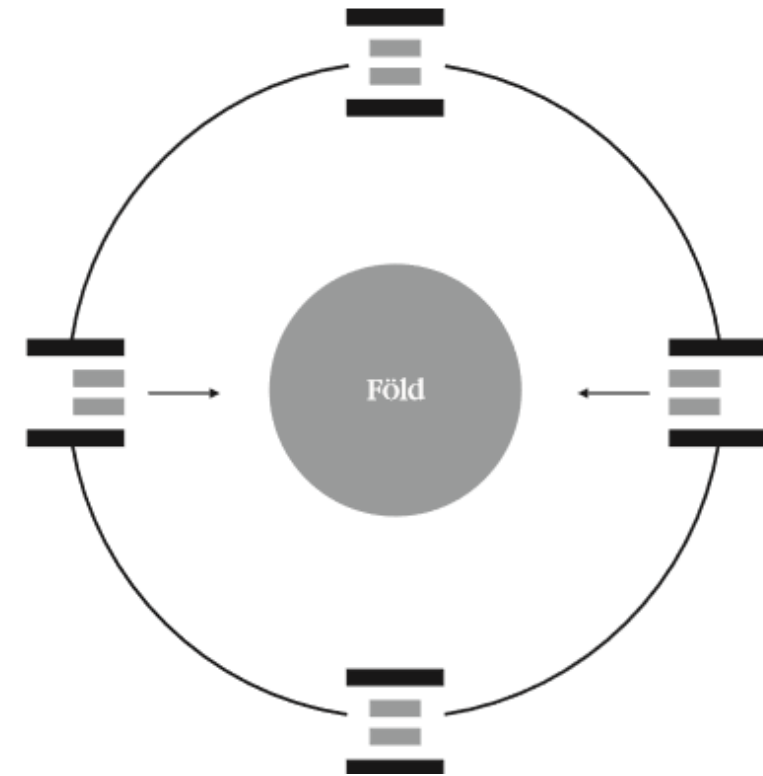


Eötvös-parameter measurement in space (2017-19)

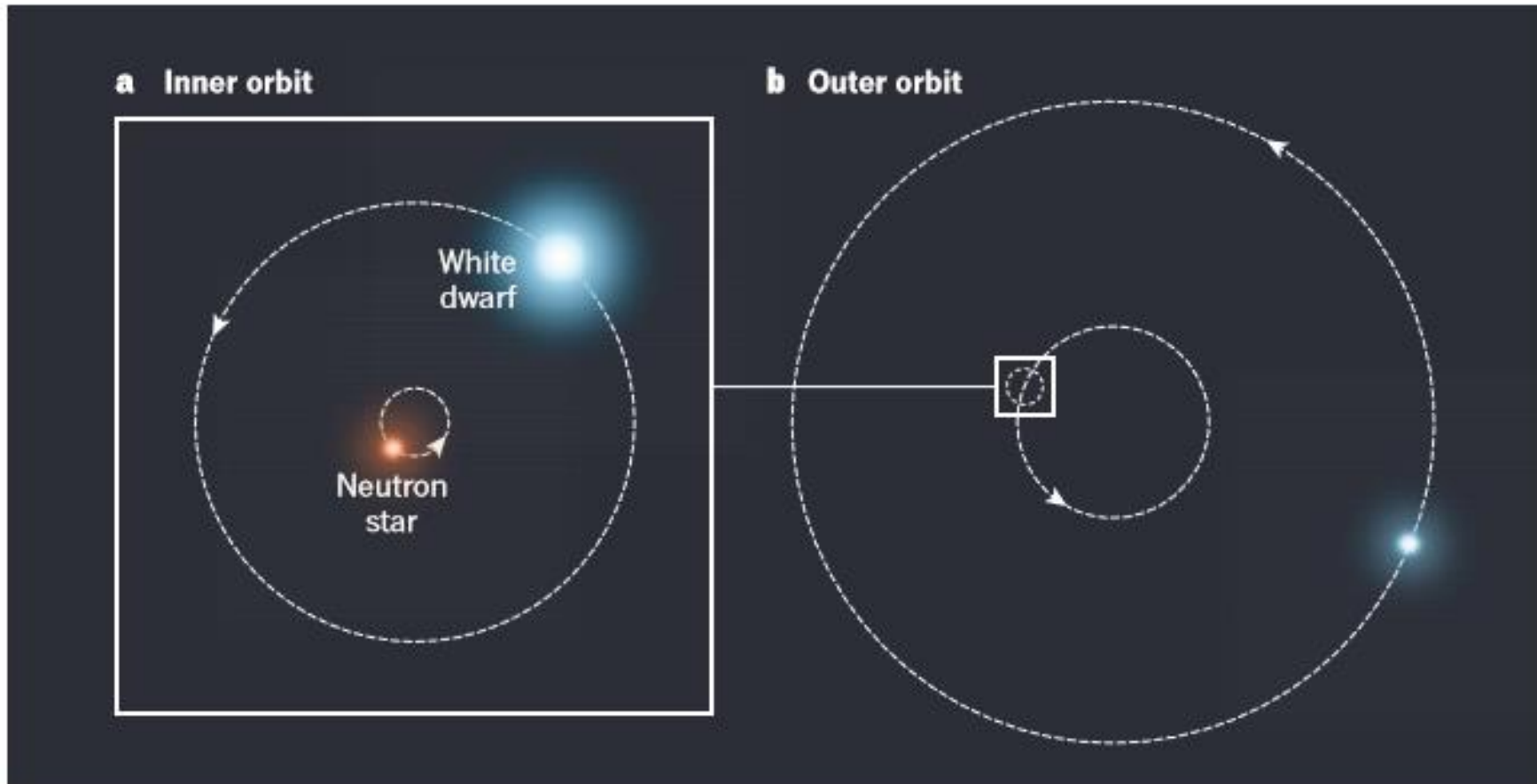
The MICROSCOPE mission: first results of a space test of the Equivalence Principle

Pierre Touboul, Gilles Métris, Manuel Rodrigues *et al.*

According to the Weak Equivalence Principle, all bodies should fall at the same rate in a gravitational field. The MICROSCOPE satellite, launched in April 2016, aims to test its validity at the 10^{-15} precision level, by measuring the force required to maintain two test masses (of titanium and platinum alloys) exactly in the same orbit. A non-vanishing result would correspond to a violation of the Equivalence Principle, or to the discovery of a new long-range force. Analysis of the first data gives $\delta(\text{Ti, Pt}) = [-1 \pm 9(\text{stat}) \pm 9(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-15}$ (1σ statistical uncertainty) for the titanium-platinum Eötvös parameter characterizing the relative difference in their free-fall accelerations.



How does fall the gravitational field bound in binary neutron star – white dwarf system in the gravitational field of a third star?

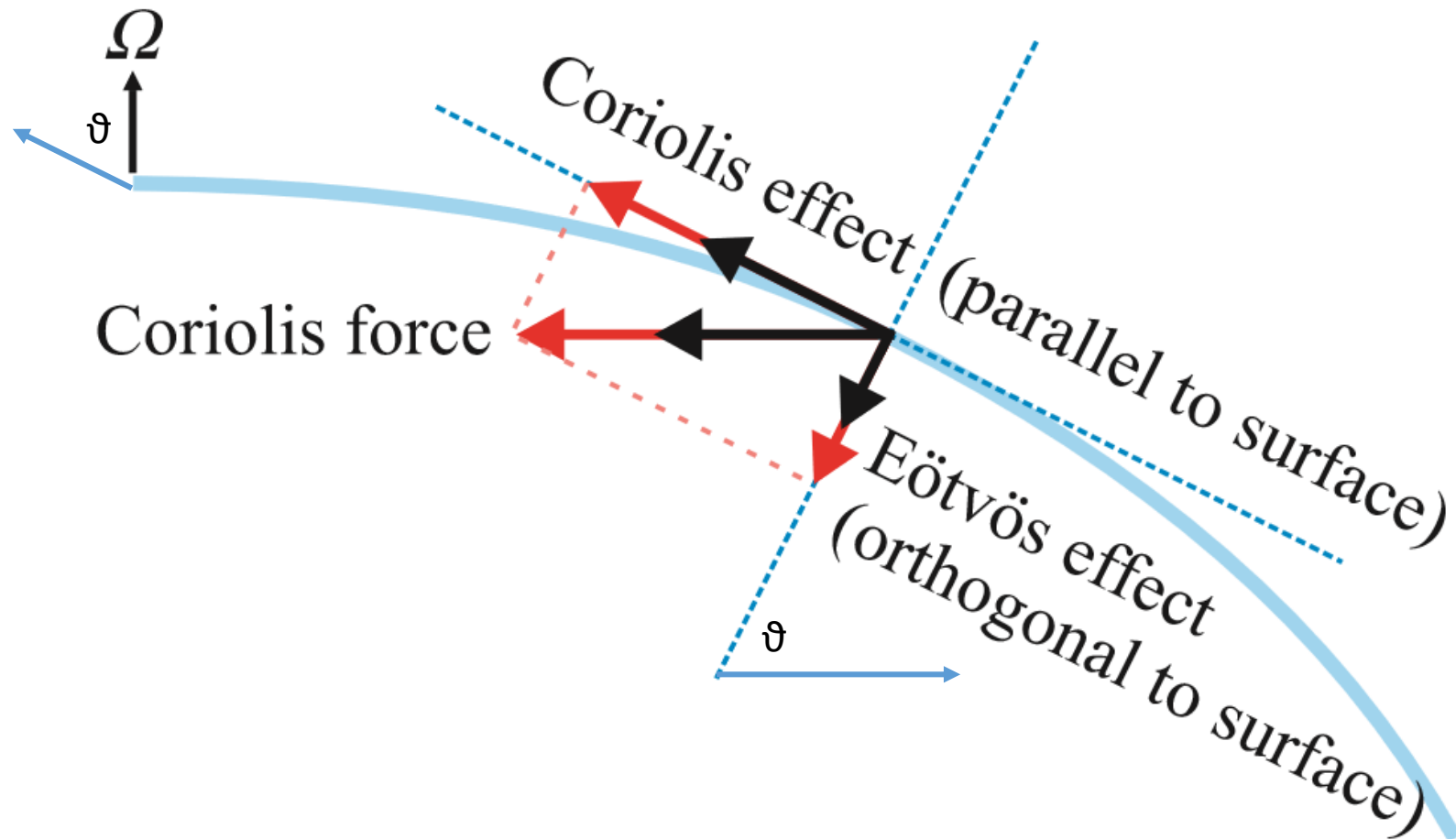


Triple star system
discovered in 2014
(Ransom *et al.*)

Observation of the
orbital for 4 years:
Archibald *et al.* (2018)

No distortion:
Accuracy: 10^{-5}

Weight variation of objects moving relative to the surface of the Earth (1913 – 1917 – 1919)



Eötvös effect =
vertical component of
Coriolis acceleration

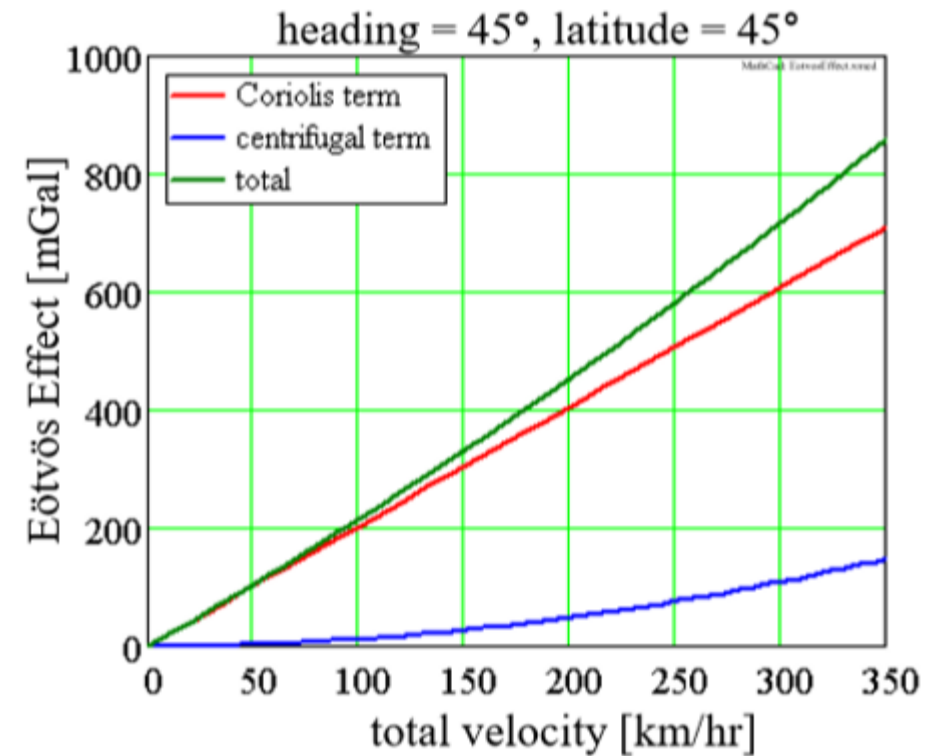
$$\Delta g = -2\Omega \cos \vartheta v_{East}$$

Rotating balance of Eötvös



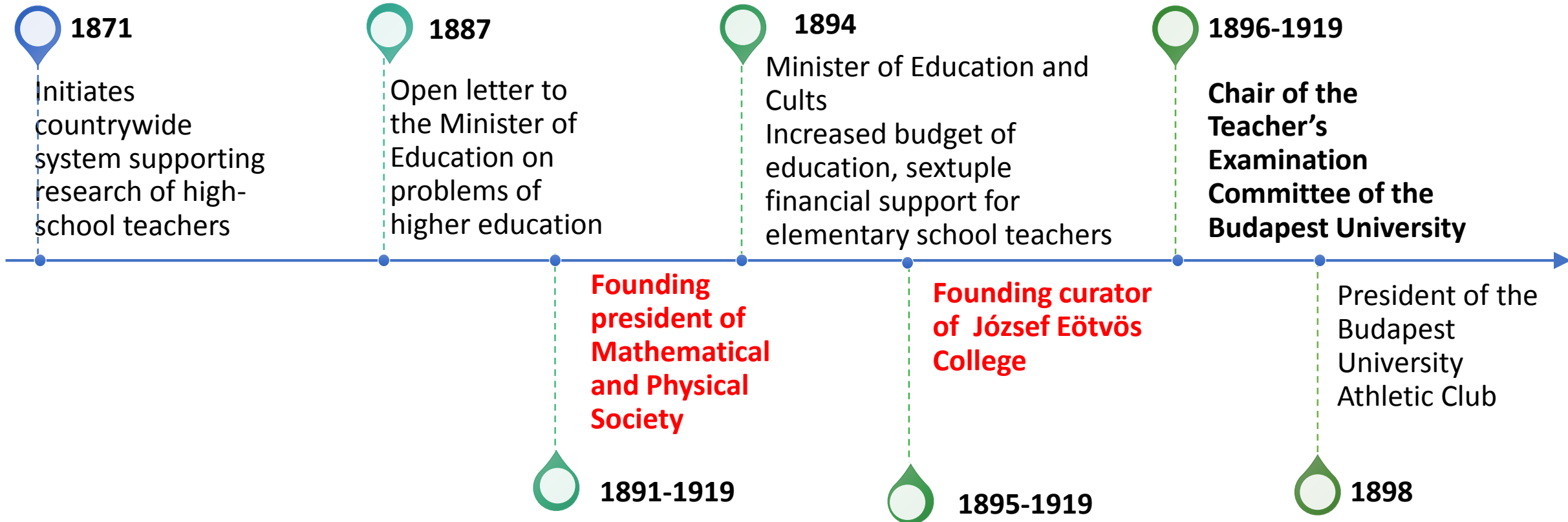
More in the lecture by
Prof. István Groma

Eötvös correction

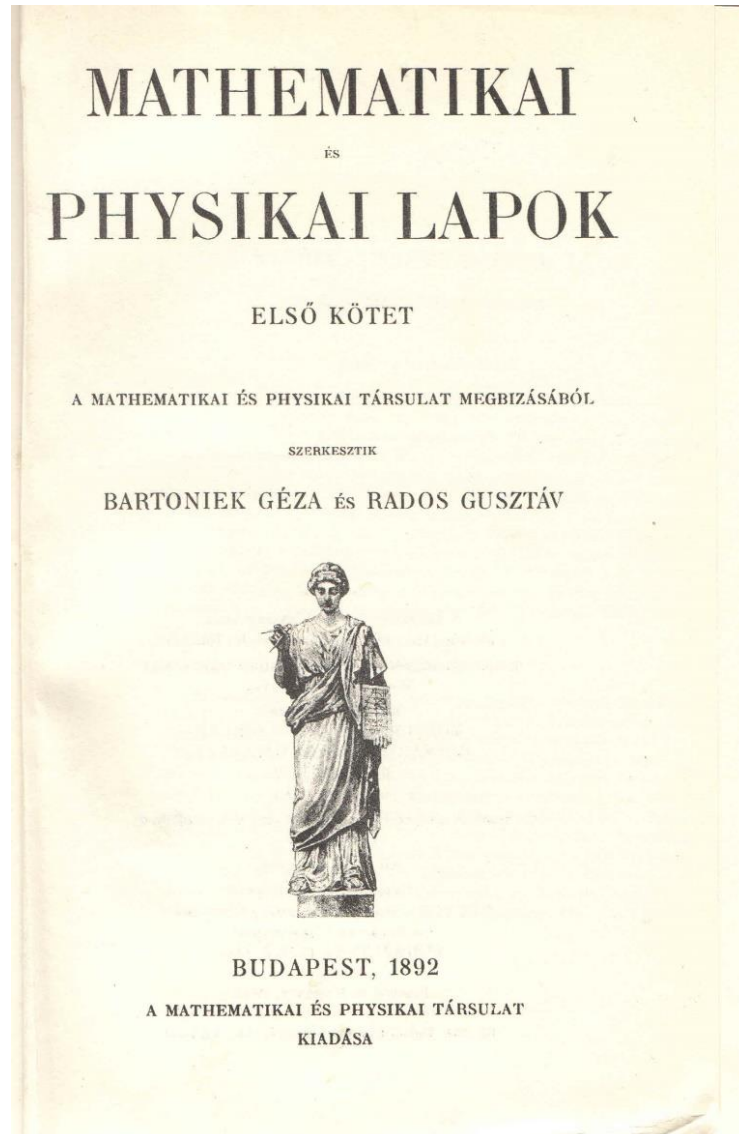


Important for interpreting
data of [airborne gravimetry](#)

Roland Eötvös, the public figure



“The school needs a good school system and good teachers
You might ask which is more important. Myself, I would prefer the latter.”



“The quality of teaching depends in first place on
the scientific preparedness of the teachers”

The idea of “teacher-scientist”

Vol. 1 of the monthly
Mathematical-Physical Journal



Building of the
Eötvös College, 1910

József Eötvös College

- Independent, self-governing teacher's training boarding-school (100 student/year, 30 stipends for students from poor families)
- High intensity educational program (best library of the country, foreign language courses) with strict performance requirements
- Students of the Eötvös College (1895-1950):
 - 1204 accepted members
 - 400 high-school teachers
 - 81 members of the Hung. Acad. of Sciences

Famous pupils:

Zoltán Kodály (composer)

Tamás Varga (math. teacher-innovator)

Miklós Vermes (physics teacher, organizer of the
Eötvös problem solving competition in physics)

Living tradition under heavy disputes:

Elitist institution or a widely followed example?

In the democratic environment since 1990:

newly founded colleges follow the EC-tradition

Science Faculty of Eötvös University: **Bolyai College** (1992)

Adapting the meaning of “teacher-scientist” to the actual needs of public education:

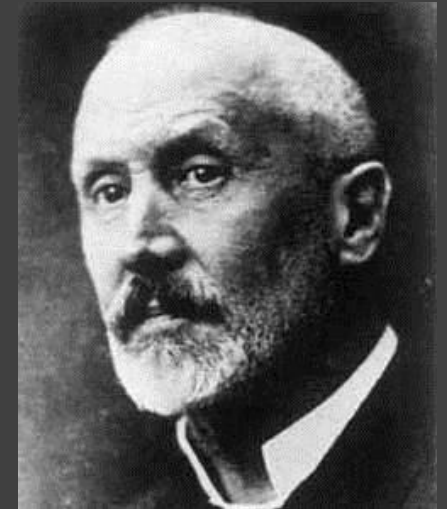
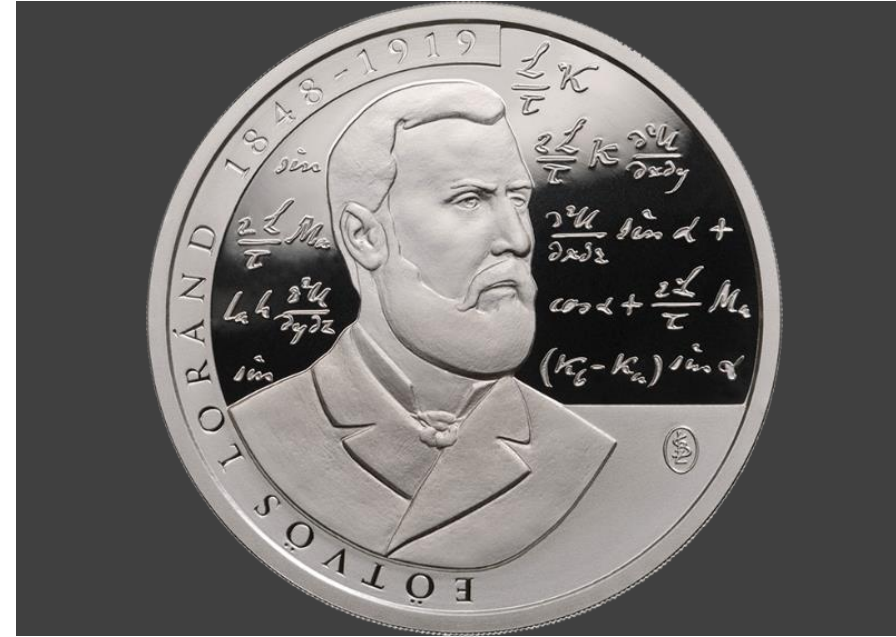
Content pedagogy development research initiated by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences:

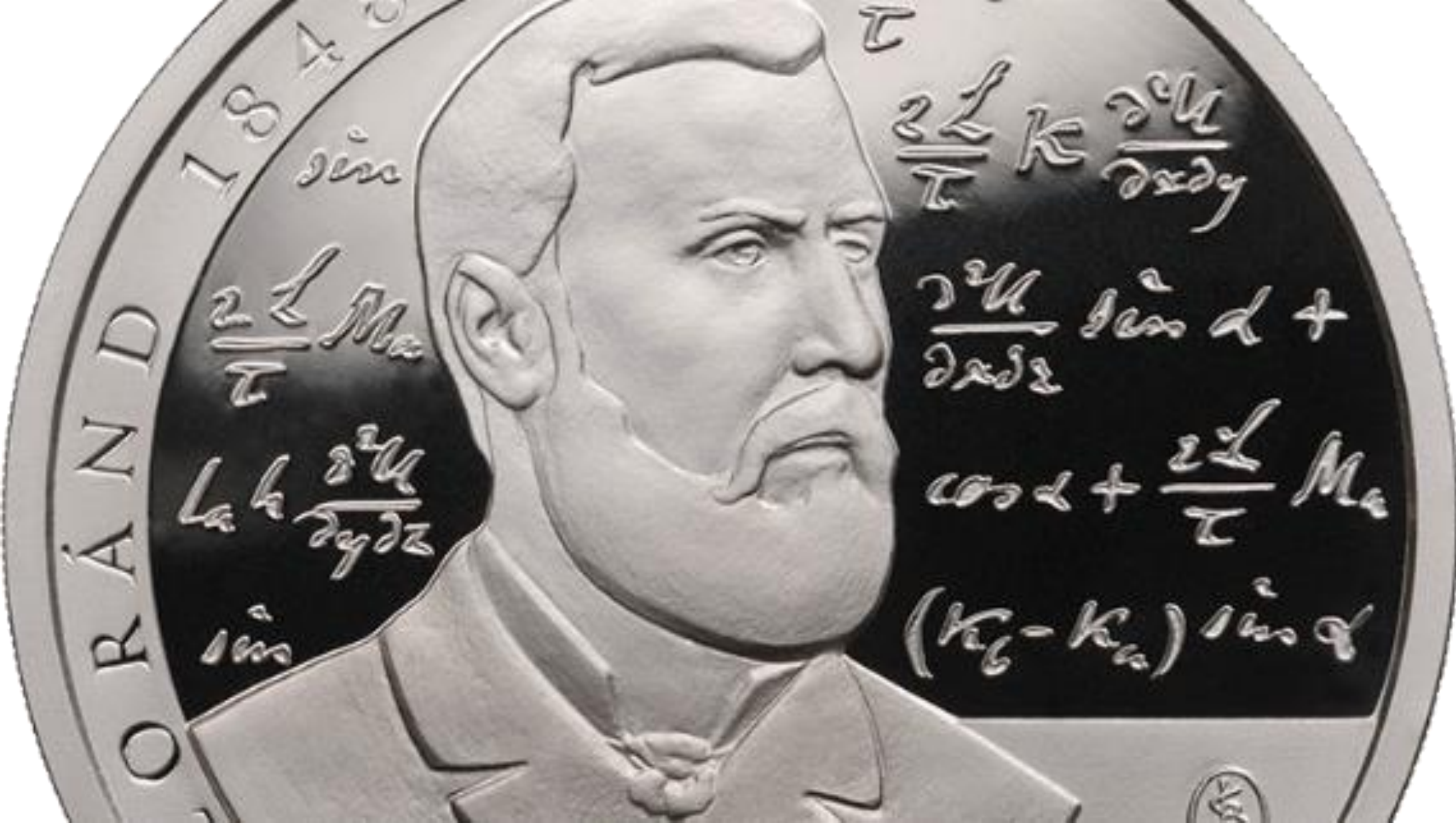
talks by teacher-members of the

MTA-ELTE Physics Education Research Group at present conference

Legacy of Roland Eötvös

- Pioneer of **high precision physics experiments**, always stretching the accuracy to the actual limits of the measuring equipment;
- **Inventor of a method** for the verification of the Weak Equivalence Principle, which **for a century has determined the direction of research** by its continuous adaptability to the progress of technology;
- Founder of **institutions** (Eötvös College) and **organizations** (Mathematical and Physical Society) **of considerable social impact**, and existing even today, thanks to their continuous adaptability to the changing social environment







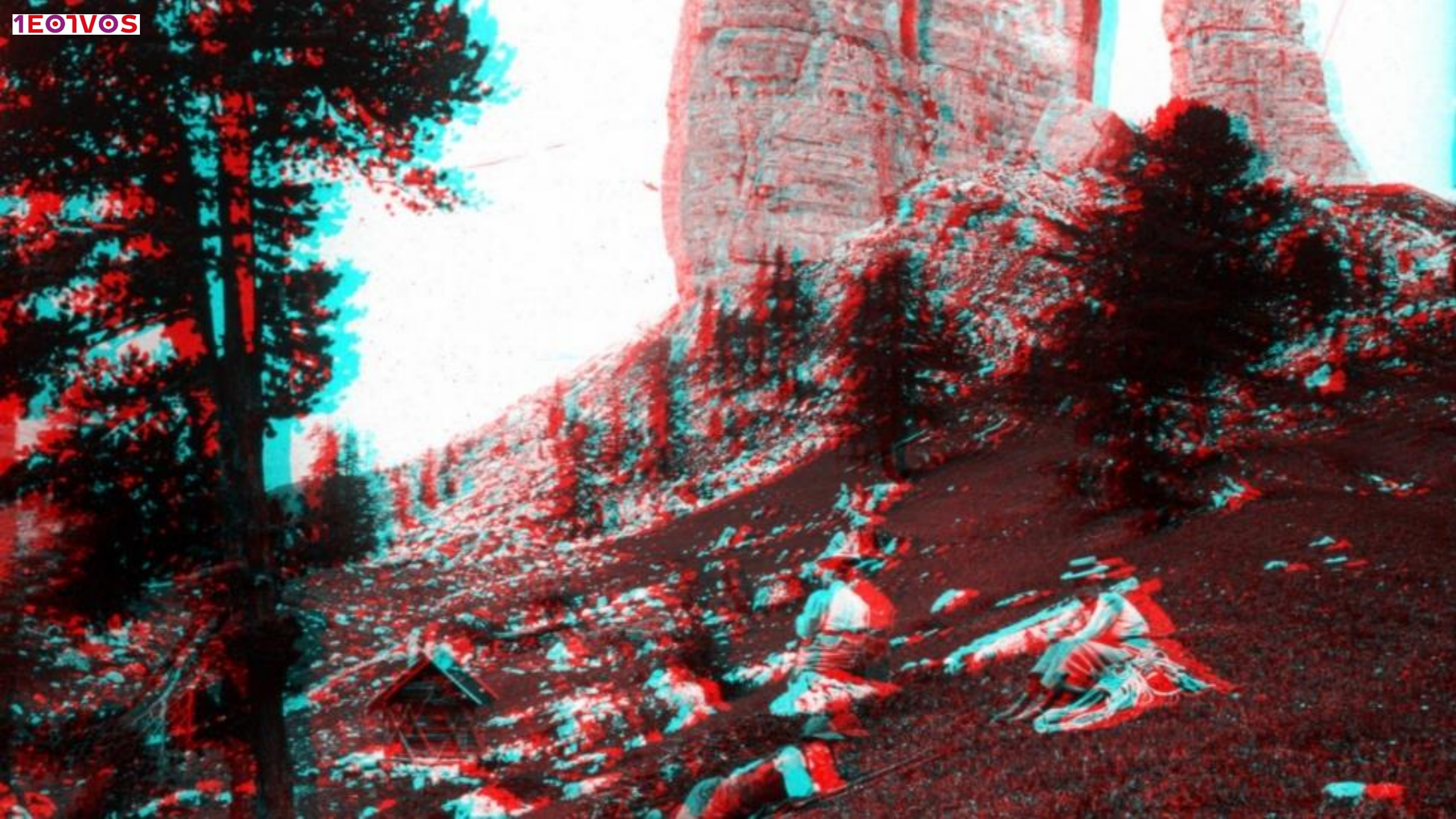
Roland Eötvös,
the sportsman

https://eotvos100.hu/en/page/tomorlatvany_kepek

Anaglyph photos can be enjoyed with **Cyan** (right) - **Red** (left) glasses

Stereoscopic photos of a mountaineer

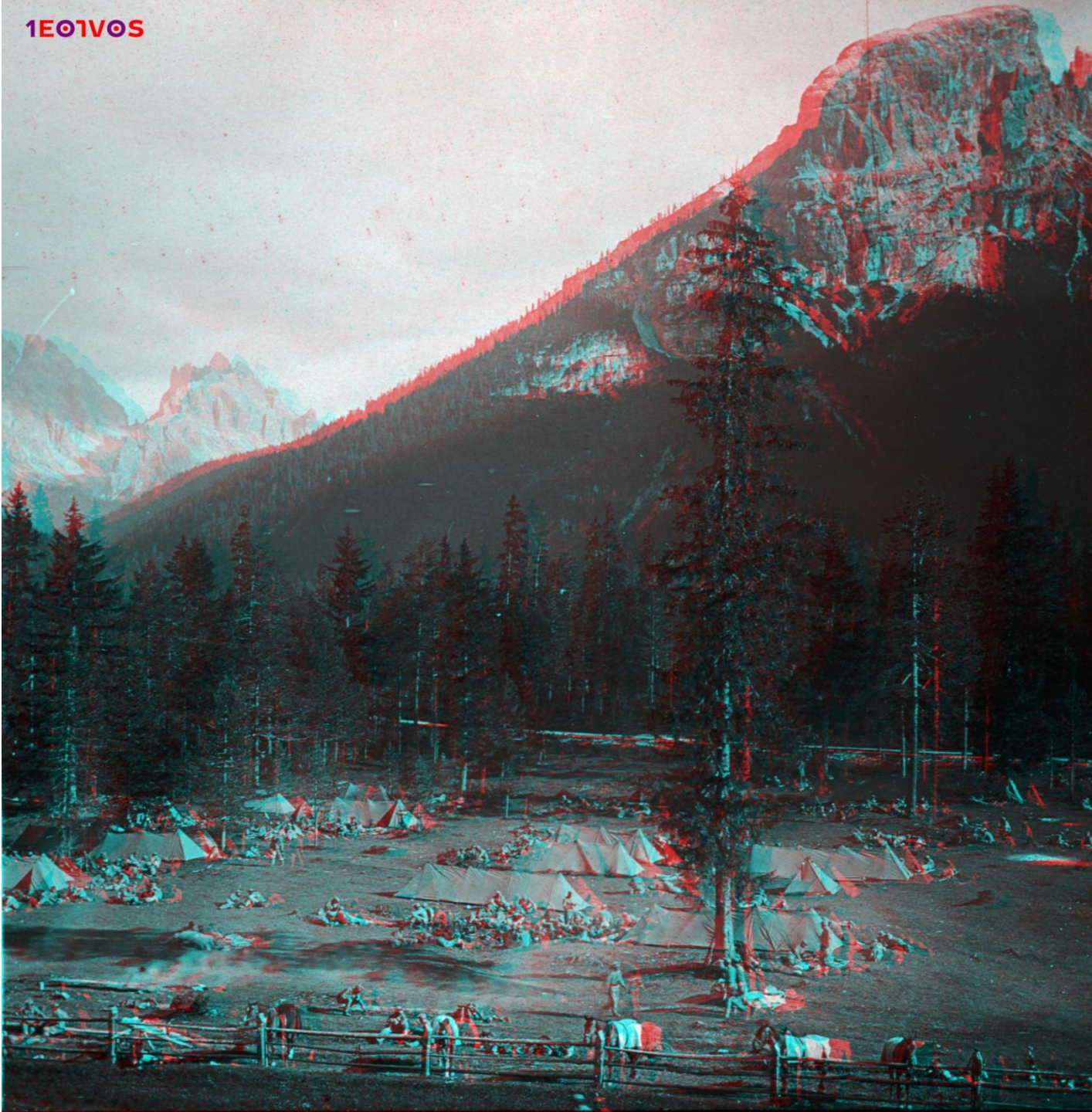








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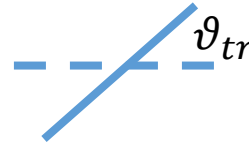
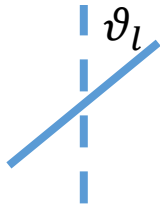
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Method of Eötvös for measuring Newton's constant



$$\Delta M_z = +\frac{1}{2} G \rho l^2 \sin 2\vartheta_l \cdot \Delta m \qquad \Delta M_z = -\frac{1}{2} G \rho l^2 \sin 2\vartheta_{tr} \cdot \Delta m$$

Equations of small oscillations around a torsion fibre

$$\Theta \ddot{\vartheta}_l = -(\tau - G \varrho \Theta) \vartheta_l$$

$$\Theta \ddot{\vartheta}_{tr} = -(\tau + G \varrho \Theta) \vartheta_{tr}$$

Difference of the oscillation periods: $\frac{1}{T_{tr}^2} - \frac{1}{T_l^2} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} G \varrho$

The idea of the “teacher-savant”

“Yes, we have to educate high-school teachers as scientists in order they could teach their subject on the highest level.

But also to save them from disinterest and paralysis caused by the daily repetitive obligations.

An activity full of enchantment will keep their ambitions awaken during a life career often lacking even the due recognition.”