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Julius Miklowitz is a professor of Applied Mechanics at the California Institute of Technology. During the last 15 years he has published 35 papers in the area of waves in solids.

Cosmic Rays at Ground Level

A. W. Wolfendale, ed. 233 pp. Institute of Physics, London, 1973. \$12.00

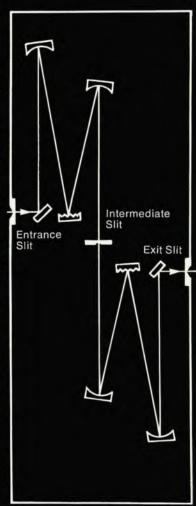
Arnold W. Wolfendale, for many years a leader in research to determine the precise momentum spectrum of energetic cosmic-ray muons deep in the atmosphere, has organized a very useful "festschrift" in honor of George D. Rochester, FRS, whose retirement occurred this year. The shock is that Rochester has been retired, a victim of an undiscriminating system that dictates age 65 as the most probable end of academic capability. One can only hope that he now will have more time to enjoy his research and continue to contribute to advancement of understanding of the ultrahigh energy radiation provided by nature. Rochester's discovery in 1947 (in collaboration with Clifford C. Butler) of the first "strange" particles-the so-called Vparticles that were the unstable heavies among cosmic-ray shower secondaries-certainly gave rise to the succeeding great revolution in elementary-particle physics and a large number of Nobel Prizes connected with it.

Wolfendale and many of his colleagues presently (or lately) at the Universities of Leeds and Durham, including several former students of Rochester, have compiled a series of reviews and reports covering the nature of the primary cosmic radiation, the composition and spectrum of the sealevel particle radiation, muon and electron-neutrino physics, searches for quarks, magnetic monopoles and tachyons, extensive air showers (much of the shower work being done at Haverah Park in Yorkshire, an observatory that Rochester helped to create) and some details of special observational techniques developed to a high degree of precision at Durham (including magnetic cloud-chamber spectrometers and neon flash-tube detector arrays).

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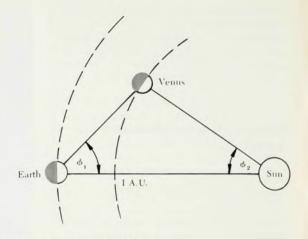
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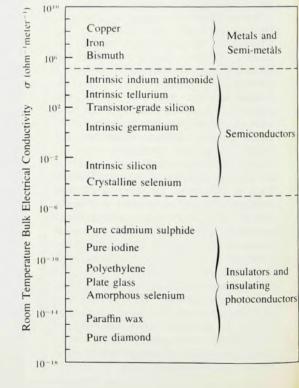
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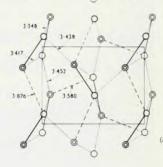
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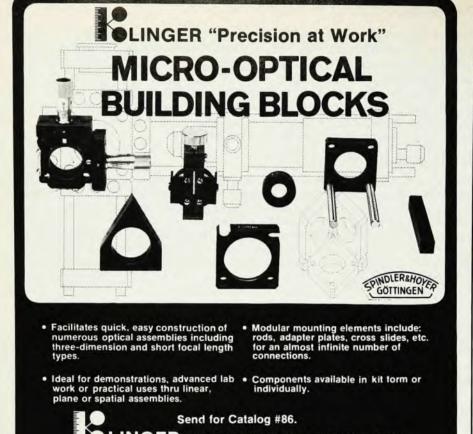
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