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Biographical Sketch

Victor Francis Hess was born June 24, 1883 in the castle of WALDSTEIN in Austria. He studied in the universities of Graz and Vienna and graduated as Ph.D. in 1906 with highest honors, receiving the "Imperial Ring" from the late Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria as a reward for his academic achievements. Continuing his studies in Vienna he was appointed lecturer in Physics (1910) in the University of Vienna, assistant professor in 1919 (Vienna) and associate professor 1920 in the University of Graz (Austria).

In 1921 he took the position of the Chief Physicist of the U.S. Radium Corporation in Orange (N.J.) in the United States and stayed there until 1923. At that time he was recalled to Graz as a Full Professor. In 1931 he was appointed as Full Professor of Experimental Physics in the University of Innsbruck (Austria) and Director of the Radiation Laboratory there. In 1937 he returned to the University of Graz as Director of the Physical Institute.

When Austria was taken over by the Nazis in 1938 he was dismissed because he was a member of the Austrian Parliament (Federal Cultural Council). Shortly afterward he received a call as Full Professor of Physics in Fordham University, New York City and moved to America again for good in November 1938. Ever since he held this position.