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### OBJECTIVES

To develop a protocol for the conservation of scientific collections, combining the objects' material preservation with their context data. For example : the objects' collection of the Observatory of Neuchâtel.

### PROGRAM

To achieve this objective, the project considers i) the assessment of the conservation state; ii) the development of a technico-historical approach integrating three different aspects (historical, ethnographic and conservative); iii) the production of preventive conservation guidelines considering the transport, packing and handling; and iii) the creation of a documentation tool integrating the material and contextual information.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century Observatory of Neuchâtel is a regional landmark which represents the scientific and industrial evolution of the canton.

As an integrated object of scientific heritage, the Observatory encompasses two buildings, a collection of scientific instruments and an archive.

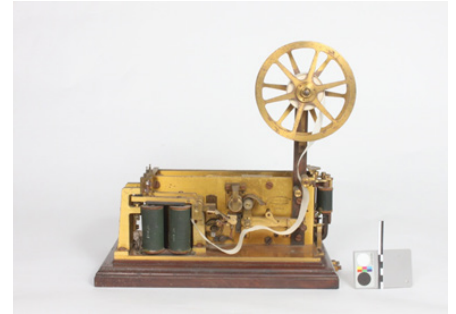
Since 2003, the building complex is under the protection of the Office du Patrimoine et de l'Archéologie du canton de Neuchâtel.

On the contrary, the objects collection from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries did not benefit from the same conditions.

The major risk of its preservation is the context and signification loss.

### USEFUL LINKS

- [Final report](#)



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