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Concept of the data-distortion problem in simplified form: Two data pulses at top are undistorted because their "tails" all pass through zero signal level at sampling times t_1 , t_2 , etc. Thus, receiving circuit "looking" at the signal at time t_2 would "see" signal energy from pulse B only. Distorted pulses at bottom, however, have tails which do not pass through zero at sampling times. In this case, receiver at time t_2 will see energy from both pulse A and pulse B and might register a false signal level. Such distortion must be reduced to a minimum to achieve high data transmission rates.

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Experimental automatic data equalizer devised at Bell Laboratories. Control section consists of the circuit packages; the package being inspected is one of 12 attenuators, the settings of which determine the degree of distortion-correction of the equalizer.

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It would seem to me that better research designs would be formulated, better information collected, and more use made of that information if all field research abroad, and probably much of the secondary research as well, were conducted in full partnership with the governments, institutions, or nationals of the countries that are the subject of the research. This should extend to defining the purposes, designing the methodology, collecting and analyzing the data, and interpreting the results. The further we move in this direction, the fewer fiascos like Camelot we will have, and the more valid and productive our research will be. Finally, the more partnership efforts of this sort we undertake, the more widely will other nations come to adopt scientific and engineering approaches to economic and social problems.

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Photocopying and the Journals

Parker's interesting observation (17 Sept., p. 1325) on the high percentage of foreign, compared with domestic, subscriptions to his journal does not entirely support the inference that "Americans do not, by and large, read publications," or sustain the suggestion that American scientists should "spend more time reading and less writing." In many, if not most, scientific disciplines, there are far more scientists outside the United States than there are inside the United States. Even so, it is possible that uninhibited and widespread photocopying by a significant minority of American scientists is already showing its effect on domestic subscriptions to scientific journals and on reprint sales. It is also just possible that our overseas colleagues recognize more clearly that the tempting rationale "Why buy it when we can photocopy it and nobody will know?" could wipe out many scientific journals and could make the publication of many books impossible. Is the time ripe for organized American science to formulate a code of ethics for all scientists to live by with respect to photocopying of scholarly publications?

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Indian Ocean Expedition

McElheny's article "Effects of the Indian Ocean expedition" (27 Aug., p. 957) omitted two matters of interest concerning this impressive exercise in international collaboration.

First, with respect to the scientific justifications for the expedition, some mention should be made of the Indian Ocean as a model of the world ocean. It is generally accepted that the major circulation of the surface layers of the ocean is essentially wind-driven. Thus, a picture of systems of currents related to the prevailing winds, the location of boundaries, and the rotation of the earth has arisen-western boundary currents such as the Kuroshio and Gulf Stream, eastern boundary currents such as the California, Peru, and Benguela Currents, and the zonal currents of the West Wind drift and the equatorial current system (including the recently discovered equatorial undercurrents of the Atlantic and Pacific). The Indian Ocean is like the other oceans in having meridional boundaries and in being located on a rotating planet. It differs, however, in the seasonal reversal of the surface winds, the so-called monsoon system, and physical oceanographers recognized the importance of examining a system where their wind-driven models could be tested by observing conditions under opposite regimes of surface wind stress. This feature of the Indian Ocean was a powerful attraction to physical oceanographers, and several important results of their work can already be identified. They have found, for example, that an equatorial undercurrent is present despite the absence of a westward wind stress along the equator, but the current differs in several ways from those of other oceans; that a major but temporary western boundary current, the Somali Current, is developed along the Somali Coast during the southwest monsoon, with surface speeds in excess of 6 knots; that at the same season intense upwelling develops off northern Somalia, with the lowest surface temperatures occurring anywhere in the world in such proximity to the equator.

Second, with respect to the origin and operation of the expedition, mention should be made of the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR), and greater recognition given to the roles of UNESCO and of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic



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Barriers to Innovation

Two acts recently passed by Congress and two radical proposals for improving transportation, when considered together, illustrate some of the difficulties of introducing major technological changes into the civilian sphere. The congressional actions are the Technical Services Act (*Science*, 24 September, p. 1485), which will aid colleges and technical schools to serve as centers for economic planning and industrial innovation in their areas, and the High-Speed Ground Transportation Bill, which is intended to stimulate research and to aid in the development of faster transportation along the high-density Boston-Washington axis.

One of the transportation proposals was made by Barnes Wallis, chief of the department of aeronautical research and development of the British Aircraft Corporation, in his presidential address last month before the engineering section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Wallis reminded his audience that a deeply submerged submarine requires less power than does a surface vessel of equal displacement, and went on to encourage Great Britain to take advantage of her position athwart the major transportation routes of the world by developing a fleet of submarines that could travel free of weather disturbances and that could use the shorter Arctic Ocean route to Pacific Ocean ports as well as conventional routes elsewhere. Submarine freighters could be navigated by very small crews, and perhaps with no crew at all except while surfaced to leave and enter ports.

The other transportation proposal was made by L. K. Edwards of the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, who argues persuasively in the August *Scientific American* that an evacuated tunnel carrying tube trains would be the best way to handle passenger traffic along the Boston-New York-Washington route.

Whether these bold schemes would work as well as their proponents hope is a question that may never be answered. In new and undeveloped areas such as space exploration, only cost, ingenuity, and technological feasibility place limits on innovation. But innovation in civilian industry encounters a number of other barriers. Both of these proposals would be costly. If successful, they would threaten existing transportation systems. Legal amortization rates may require long usage of existing equipment. Regulatory agencies and policies are organized around established transportation methods rather than around the primary function of transporting goods and people by whatever means appear most satisfactory under given circumstances. Labor union rules and jurisdictional disputes may hamper change. Institutional rigidities and the vested interests of existing arrangements seem to become stronger as the costs of major changes increase. Any or all of these factors may make it impossible to find out whether the technological difficulties could be overcome in an economic and satisfactory fashion.

There are, however, some hopeful signs. The legislative history of the High-Speed Ground Transportation Bill gives promise that, although the initial efforts will be devoted to conventional trains, later work will examine the feasibility of developing trains which will run on air cushions or in pneumatic tubes. And the Department of Commerce has under-taken a study of the relations between industrial research, development, and innovation and the complex web of regulatory, antitrust, and tax policies that can sometimes make innovation difficult or uneconomic. Such studies are greatly to be encouraged. The lack of bold new ideas is not the only barrier to major technological development; it is time for a hard look at the others: government regulations, tax policies, labor union policies, and certain forms of industrial organization, any or all of which may prevent the adoption or even the fair trial of attractive but costly new ideas.—DAEL WOLFLE



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26. American Soc. of Safety Engineers, annual, Chicago, Ill. (A. C. Blackman, ASSE, 5 N. Wabash, Chicago, Ill.)

26–28. Fluid Amplification, symp., Washington, D.C. (J. M. Kirschner, Fluid Systems Branch, Harry Diamond Laboratories, Washington 20438)

26-28. Shock and Vibration, 25th symp., New Orleans, La. (Shock and Vibration Information Center, Code 4021, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C. 20390)

26-28. Spacecraft Sterilization Technology, natl. conf., NASA, California Inst. of Technology, Pasadena. (L. B. 'Hall, Code SB, NASA, Washington, D.C. 20546) 26-29. National Soc. for Clean Air, 32nd annual conf., Eastbourne, England.

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26-30. Immunohistochemistry, symp., Nijmegen, Netherlands. (H. von Mayersbach, Faculteit der Geneeskunde, Laboratorium voor Cytologie en Histologie, Universiteit Van Nijmegen, Nijmegen)

27-29. Aerospace and Navigational Electronics, 12th East Coast conf., Baltimore, Md. (B. W. Moss, Mail #383, Martin Co., Box 988, Baltimore 21203)

27-29. American Ceramic Soc., Electronics Div., fall meeting, Los Angeles, Calif. (R. S. Shelden, 4055 N. High St., Columbus 4, Ohio)

27-29. Electronic Data Processing Systems for State and Local Governments, 2nd natl. conf., New York Univ., New York, N.Y. (H. G. Berkman, Graduate School of Public Administration, 4 Washington Sq. N., New York 10003)

27-30. Neurological Surgeons, 15th annual congr., Chicago, Ill. (J. R. Russell, 1815 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46202)

28. Water Pollution, intermountain workshop, Denver, Colo. (Manufacturing Chemists Assoc., 1825 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.)

28–29. Educational Records Bureau, 13th annual conf., New York. (A. E. Traxler, Educational Records Bureau, 21 Audubon Ave., New York 10032)

28–29. Energy Conversion and Storage, 3rd annual conf., Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater. (C. M. Summers, School of Electrical Engineering, Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater 74075)

28–29. Microwave Acoustics, symp., Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass. (T. G. Burnhagen, Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, Cambridge, Mass.)

28-30. American Soc. for Aesthetics, Washington, D.C. (J. R. Johnson, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio 44106)

28-4. Psychology as a Theoretical and Applied Discipline, seminar, Gujarat Univ., Ahmedabad, India. (P. H. Prabhu, School of Psychology, Education, and Philosophy, Gujarat Univ., Ahmedabad 9) 29-30. Society for the Scientific Study

29-30. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, annual, New York, N.Y. (SSSR, 1200 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

30-31. Bronchoesophagology, 11th intern. congr., Hakone, Japan. (C. M. Norris, 3401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19140)

30-2. American Speech and Hearing Assoc., Chicago, Ill. (K. O. Johnson, 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.)

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1-3. Information Processing in Sight Sensory Systems, California Inst. of Technology, Pasadena. (E. D. Johnson, 208 Booth Computing Center, California Inst.

of Technology, Pasadena 91109) 1-3. Systems, intern. meeting, Chicago, Ill. (R. L. Irwin, Systems and Procedures Assoc., 7890 Brookside Dr., Cleveland, Ohio 44138)

1-4. American Soc. of Agronomy, Columbus, Ohio. (M. Stelly, ASA, 677 S. Segoe Rd., Madison, Wis. 53711)

1-4. Radioactive Pharmaceuticals, symp., Gatlinburg, Tenn. (Chairman's Office, Medical Div., Oak Ridge Inst. of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37831) 1-5. American Dietetic Assoc., 48th

annual, Cleveland, Ohio. (ADA, 620 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611)

The following meetings will be held under the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Science Program for November. Information is available from N. P. Neureiter, Office of International Activities, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C.

1-5. Congenital Malformations and Cancer, planning meeting, Tokyo, Japan. 4-5. Range of Deviation among Cancer

Cells, conf., Kyoto, Japan.

15-18. Bulk Sampling, seminar, Tokyo, Japan.

1-7. Military Medicine and Pharmacy, 18th intern. congr., Bangkok, Thailand. (J. Voncken, Intern. Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy, 79, rue Saint-Laurent, Liege, Belgium)

2-4. New England Research and Engineering Meeting (NEREM), Boston, Mass. (IEEE Boston Office, 313 Washington, Newton, Mass.)

2-4. Space Electronics, intern. symp., Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Miami Beach, Fla. (A. J. Wood, Office of Information, Public Information Div., Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.)

2-5. Use of the Baboon as an Experimental Animal, 2nd intern. symp., San Antonio, Tex. (L. R. Smith, Southwest Foundation for Research and Education, P.O. Box 2296, San Antonio 78206)

2-6. American Soc. of Oral Surgeons, annual, Denver, Colo. (G. A. Malecki, ASOS, 919 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.)

3-4. Automation, conf., Oslo, Norway. (Studieselsmapet Forkninsveien, Oslo 3)

3-4. American College of Clinical Pharmacology and Chemotherapy, Chicago, Ill. (D. E. Hutcheon, The College, 7 E. 82 St., New York 10028)

3-5. Data Processing, intern. fall conf., Dallas, Tex. (Conference Registrar, P.O. Box 2665, Dallas 75221)

3-5. Diffraction, 23rd Pittsburgh conf., Pittsburgh, Pa. (B. R. Banerjee, Crucible Steel Co., 234 Atwood, Pittsburgh 15213)

3-5. Society of Engineering Science, 3rd technical, Univ. of California, Davis. (A. C. Eringen, School of Aeronautics, Astronautics and Engineering Sciences, Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind. 47907) 3-5. American Soc. of **Tropical Medi**-

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