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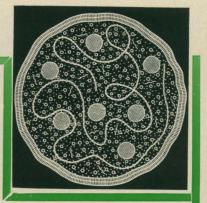
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The American Association for the Advancement of Science was founded in 1848 and incorporated in 1874. Its objects are to further the work of scientists, to facilitate cooperation among them, to improve the effectiveness of science in the promotion of human welfare, and to increase public understanding and appreciation of the importance and promise of the methods of science in human progress.

Some new developments are changing things for the better: the computer offers the scientist relief from the laboratory grind

To the laboratory scientist the promise of the computer is relief from a growing burden of seemingly endless tabulations and computations that reduce his effectiveness as an investigator. The computer's capacity for accumulating data, plotting graphs and making complex calculations can change the obstacle course of numbers into a clear path of discovery.

The first bright promise of the computer, however, has not been fulfilled overnight. Often the pioneering computer-using scientist found that he was exchanging one form of drudgery for another. Putting the computer to work meant complex programming, interfacing of instrument and computer, of man and machine. Again, precious laboratory hours seemed to be going down the drain.

Two recent developments make the computer more acceptable to the reticent scientist. The first is the small, instrument-oriented digital computer, a relatively low-cost machine with easy-to-use controls, often pre-programmed to do a specific job . . . as in the lunar sample analysis experiment described later. Second is the shared-time computer, which reduces the physical presence of the computer in the lab to nothing more complex than a typewriterlike keyboard. When coupled with packaged programs developed by instrument manufacturers for a specific analytical purposeas in the simulated distillation article described next-sharedtime computer leasing will satisfy increasingly larger numbers of scientists. In both cases, the scientist can capture the advantage of the computer without suffering its complications.

Shared-Time A far cry from the alembic used by the 16th Computer Helps GC Simulate Distillation

century alchemist, the artful glassware used by the modern oil chemist for True Boiling Point (TBP) distillation nevertheless employs the same basic technique: boil and condense. To this day, TBP distillation remains the only accepted way to establish the basic marketing specification of petroleum products . . . and it leaves a lot to

be desired. Those who refine petroleum products don't like it because it takes so long: TBP distillation of a wide-boiling distillate can take as long as 100 hours, and the results are useless in controlling the operation of a refinery. Those who buy petroleum products don't like it because the method is not very reproducible, especially as it applies to the initial and final boiling points. Those who perform the distillation don't like it because the procedure itself is a long and boring task

A group of scientists at HP's Avondale Division have devised a completely automatic method that employs gas chromatography (GC) to simulate distillation and produces boiling point distribution data more precisely and in much less time-about 40 minutes-than TBP distillation. The new method employs the HP 7600A Chromatograph System which is capable of automatic operation from sample measurement to analytical data.

The recipe for simulated distillation with the 7600A is relatively simple. Set the GC for a linear program of 6 to 10°C/minute starting at -20° C, load the sample tray with as many as 36 different calibration and analytical samples, even of widely diverse boiling ranges up to 1000°F . . . and push the start button: the rest is automatic.

The 7600A automatically injects the samples and prepare's a punched tape record of the GC retention time and area measurements at precise time intervals. Complete sets of programs provided with the 7600A enable any of the principal time-sharing computer services (including the HP 2000A Time-Shared System) to read the punched tape data, determine the initial and final boiling points of each sample, assign boiling temperatures to each data point and print out the analysis report of boiling point distribution of each sample at 1% increments.

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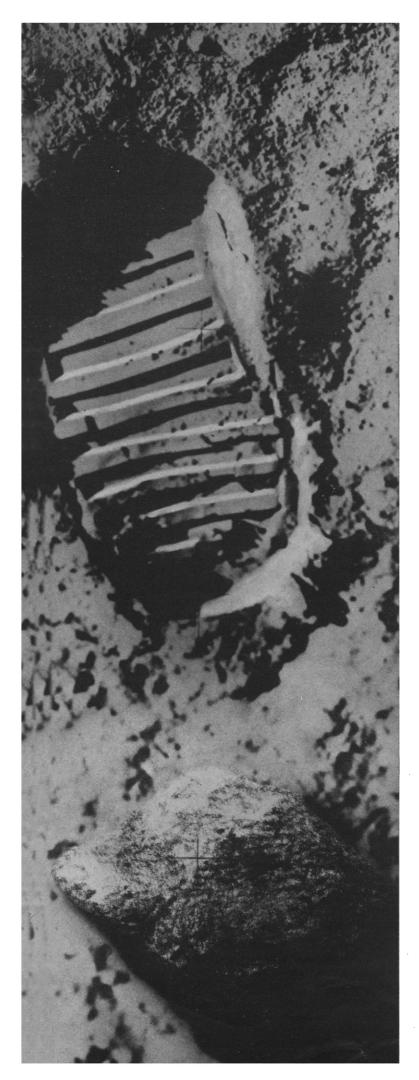
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Some of the most respected scientific teams in Dedicated the U.S. and eight foreign countries are perform-Computer ing analytical investigations on the lunar mate-**Extracts hidden Information from** Lunar sample

rial returned to earth by the Apollo 11 crew. Among the 100-odd investigations scheduled by NASA, a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) analysis will be conducted by a Jet Propulsion Laboratory team headed by Dr. S. L. Manatt.

Its goal is to characterize hydrogen nuclei in lunar material and attempt to establish whether any of it can be traced to free or crystalline water molecules presently on the moon's surface. The JPL scientists will also be on the lookout for heavy hydrogen whose presence will allow some conclusions about the history of the moon's surface and about the effect of the solar wind. A study of oxygen-17 may give them important clues about the current chemical environment of the moon (from surface samples) and about the presence of a lunar sea or ocean in the distant past (from core samples).

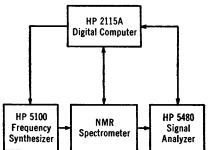
Present-day commercial NMR spectrometers are capable of accomplishing, unaided, the work assigned to the JPL team with



a creditable degree of success. But when you're analyzing samples that cost about a million dollars a gram to acquire, you're not satisfied with anything short of the best possible performance from your analytical instruments.

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The computer-controlled system extracts very weak NMR signals from heavy noise, enhancing instrument sensitivity as much as 100 times. It also performs fast Fourier Transforms of the NMR signal, converting it from time to frequency domain,



for a further increase in sensitivity of another order of magnitude.

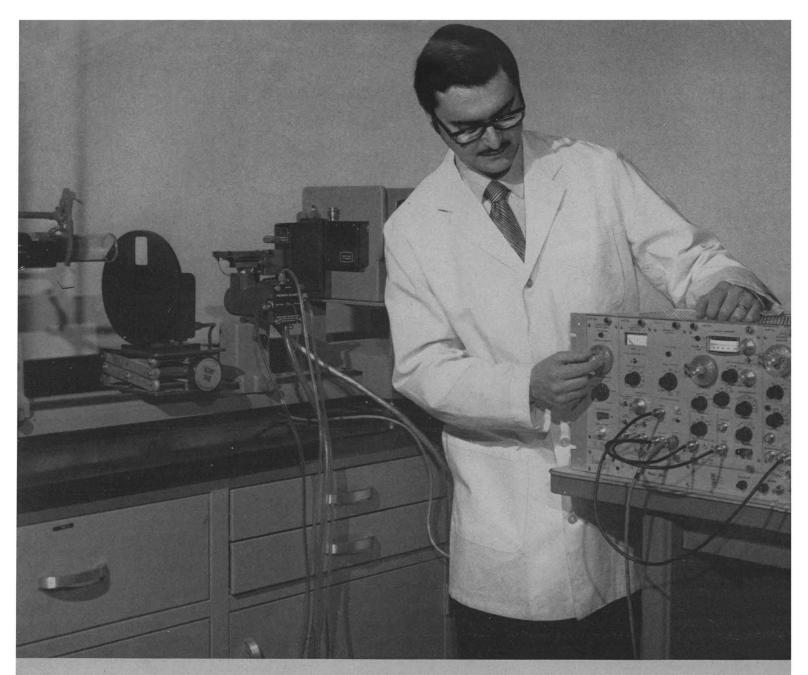
Here's how it works: the computer digitally sweeps both the frequency synthesizer and signal analyzer through programmed frequencies. Synthesizer output excites the NMR spectrometer which develops noise-covered resonance spikes for each nucleus in the lunar sample; under computer control, the frequency synthesizer also shifts NMR excitation between the resonance and transition frequencies of the nucleus under observation, thereby permitting measurement of relaxation or resonance decay times. The NMR output signal is fed to the signal analyzer which extracts the data from the noise and presents a calibrated display of the average signal at all times. The computer then processes the waveform, converts it from time to frequency domain by Fourier transformation and displays the result immediately in analog as well as digital form. End results of computer-controlled signal averaging and Fourier Transform is to increase spectrometer sensitivity as much as a thousand-fold. (Photo courtesy of NASA.)

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1938	1.4	0.54	1.7	
1943	1.8	0.46	0.9	
1948	3.5	0.65	1.4	
1953	6.5	0.85	1.8	
1958	12.5	1.05	2.8	
1963	17.5	1.05	3.0	
1968	21.0	0.84	2.4	

released by the Foundation Center last year.

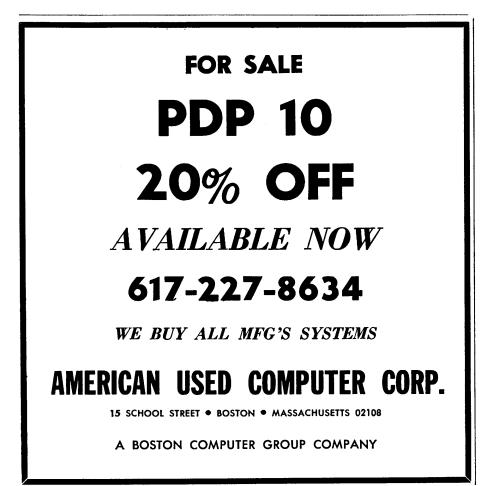
In connection with the current Securities and Exchange Commission study of institutional investors in the stock market, the National Bureau of Economic Research has developed alternative data of the assets for all foundations from 1953 through 1968. These data, not yet published by NBER and the SEC, are expected to show a similar pattern: a moderate increase in foundation assets relative to U.S. economic aggregates until the early 1960's, but a moderate decline since then. Because the Tax Reform Act of 1969 materially discourages the establishment of new foundations, it is entirely possible that the relative withering of the foundations' economic role in American life will intensify in the years ahead. Incidentally, no longer is it appropriate to label private foundations as "tax exempt" since the Tax Reform Act of 1969 also imposes a federal levy on the investment income of private foundations.

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Ganges Plain: Irrigation Potential

At first glance, India's Ganges Plain does appear to be a suitable area for the "technological fix" suggested by Weinberg ("In defense of science," 9 Jan., p. 141). It is underlain by a tremendous groundwater reservoir—perhaps the largest on earth, and the plain is the site of increasing pumpage from irrigation wells. Because electric power production has not kept up with de-



mand, power lines are often powerless and burned out motors on irrigation wells are commonplace. Certainly there is room for improvement, but to say that the missing element is energy—to be provided by a "network of large power plants, probably nuclear, to supply electricity for the pumps . . ." is to promote a single quick "fix" rather than a comprehensive program for optimum utilization of the water resources available to the Ganges Plain.

The current pumpage in the Ganges Plain is probably as great as that in the Central Valley of California, which has the largest groundwater development in the United States. The two areas are similar in several respects: each year there is a rainy season of 3 or 4 months, a freshet from melting snow in mountain headwaters, and a iong dry season when stream flow dwindles to the minimum for the year: each has large underground storage but no natural surface storage of water. In the Central Valley "technological fixes" have been undertaken for placer mining, navigation, irrigation, surface storage and regulation, hydropower, municipal supply, salinity control, groundwater depletion, transport to areas of deficiency, and artificial recharge. Some of these have been countermeasures to others.

The Ganges River has an annual flow nearly ten times as great as the streams of the Central Valley. Its flow varies greatly from season to season, and many of its tributaries dwindle to very low flows in the dry season; but even so, as much as 15 million acres may be irrigated in a good year. The groundwater reservoir beneath the plain is recharged by seepage from streams, canals, and irrigated lands, and any sustained pumping must be matched by equivalent recharge, sooner or later, to avoid progressive depletion of supplies. To provide irrigation water for threecrop agriculture on a major part of the plain will require development of all the water resources to the point of optimum sustainable yield. This may require major stream diversions, flow allocations, regulation, and long-distance transport of surface water, disproportionate local withdrawal and transport of groundwater, and conjunctive use of surface and groundwater supplies. Commitment to a single "technological fix" to the exclusion of other alternatives should be avoided.

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Years ago those exceedingly pleasant hills must have seemed an odd place for a major research laboratory. We made no mistake. Quickly the hills shrank too low to cut off constant contact with the world academic community. A considerable outbound intellectual traffic even developed in topics like ketene chemistry. Lectures by visiting scientists about once a week have been one means of contact.

This year, as on the campuses whence the visitors come, it is right in the swing to consider matters that have relatively short-range objectives, though the terms of reference be somewhat generalized:

• The use of flames as experimental tools in chemical kinetics, thermal conduction, and molecular diffusion has during the past decade at last led to a quantitative understanding of the simpler flame

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• "Inorganic Thin Layer Chromatography of Thirty Common Cations." Title of paper in a British journal (*Metallurgia 80:209* (1969)). We are also happy to note that the newest alternative to industrial emission spectrography with KODAK Spectrum Analysis Film and Plates is EASTMAN CHROMAGRAM Sheet.

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systems, with some application to fire extinguishment by chemical inhibition. This was the theme of Dr. R. M. Fristrom, Applied Physics Laboratory, The Johns Hopkins University, 8621 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Md. 20910.

• Prof. Robert H. Barker, Polymer and Textile Science Laboratories, Clemson University, Clemson, S. C. 29631 gave us further insight into the mechanism whereby phosphorylation and dehydration reduce the flammability of cellulosics and provide a correlation between the chemical structure and the effectiveness of certain types of flame retardance.

• Another viewpoint on fire retardation for organic polymers was provided by **Prof. I. N. Einhorn, College of Engineering, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112.** He called attention to differences in the suppression of flame at different temperature levels and cited work where, of two similar household items, the one that passed official safety tests for flammability was not the one that survived a genuine house fire.

• With due respect added for the factor of toxicity of combustion and decomposition products from man-made polymers and their additives, including fire-retardant additives, and considered over a wide temperature range, complexity becomes formidable. **Prof. John Autian** described for us his experimental methods for coping with it. He directs the **Materials Science Toxicology Laboratories**, University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, Tenn. 38103.

• Two weeks later an environmental scientist—one educated as a physicist—shared his experiments with modern analytical instrumentation in attempting to forecast toxicity of combustion products from commercially interesting polymers. He is **Prof. E. A. Boettner, Department of Environmental and Industrial Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104.**

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Cry Alarm!

In the Harvard University commencement address of 1957, Erwin Panofsky spoke "in defense of the Ivory Tower." He traced back to the "Song of Songs" the origin of that currently quaint-sounding simile, justified the scholar's normal aloofness from the turmoil of current events, yet concluded that times arise when he must cry alarm over what he sees from his ivory watchtower.

The past few weeks have been such a time, and have heard such a cry. Faculty members and college presidents have joined students in telling President Nixon, congressmen, and other government officia's of their desperate dismay over the invasion of Cambodia, the shooting of students in Ohio and Mississippi, the failure of national leadership, and the disruption of national priorities. The cry of alarm is spreading. Congressmen and Cabinet officers are being implored by friends, acquaintances, their staff members, and their own sons and daughters to restore harmony at home and to withdraw us from a faraway war. So many resolutions have been adopted that a new one is no longer newsworthy. The New Yorker has charged the President with overt and unconstitutional usurpation of power. In all of this, the nation's intellectual community has found unity that, for the time being, has overriden its own internal differences.

What will follow this climax of concern? How can the effort to prevent national disintegration be sustained? In the speech the Illinois Constitutional Convention did not permit John Gardner to deliver, he asked the moderates to consider more closely their own responsibility for our national dissension, and for its repair. He accused moderates of "a secret complicity in the activities of the extremists," and then went on to say, "The moderate conservative does not explicitly approve of police brutality, but something in him is not displeased when the billy club comes down on the head of a long-haired student. The liberal does not endorse violence by the extreme left; but he may take extreme pleasure in such action when it discomfits those in authority." The restoration of unity requires the withdrawal of even tacit approval of extremists of either fringe; the repudiation of wanton destruction by students and of shooting by police; the protection of individual rights against invasion by either group; and the eradication of the social ills that have given rise to so much dissension.

These are the objectives. As for the means, thousands of students who came to Washington to plead and protest went home to work within the political system. The academic community can have greater political clout than it realizes. Over 3 million students are of voting age. Many must send absentee ballots home because they cannot vote in their college communities, but this limitation may be removed, as law students at the University of Michigan have demonstrated. In addition to students, there are 800,000 professional staff members, plus their wives, husbands, and nonprofessional campus associates, some of whom can be influenced by faculty and student supporters of favored candidates. All told, the potential academic vote exceeds 5 million, and those voters can influence others. There are ideological differences within the 5 million, and on some issues the academic majority will disagree with the general majority. Nevertheless, in some of the approximately 1000 small cities in which higher education is the principal business, the academic vote can be controlling. In national elections this year and in 1972 it can be powerful. All over the country, students are setting to work to make it so. Voting with ballots, instead of with brickbats and bullets, brings hope. If this effort can be sustained, we may be able to reverse the national disintegration that has called forth so many shouts of alarm. -DAEL WOLFLE

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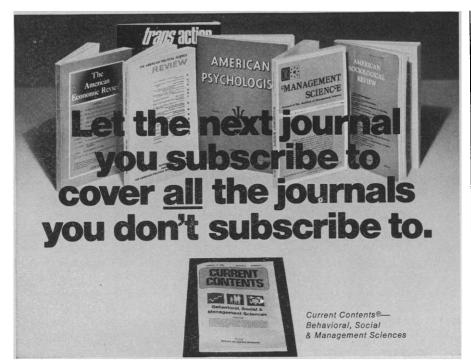
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were interviewed for 445 positions listed by 25 corporations. Candidates for graduate school appointments could obtain information from university representatives. Half the registrants were seniors and recent graduates; the remainder were women scientists, newcomers to the area or recently out of a job, and "science dropouts," women who had been raising a family for 10 or 15 years and who wanted advice and aid to return to scientific pursuits. Job listings were sought in the fields of biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, physics, and statistics. Salaries ranged from \$450 for literature research to \$1833 for an adhesive chemist in the Bay area, and \$2417 for an immunopharmacologist in an eastern city. Employers included the major research establishments of the Bay area, the medical schools in San Francisco and Palo Alto, electronic and computer industries of the Peninsula and San Jose, construction engineers in Oakland, and petrochemical and biological laboratories of the East Bay and Livermore

In spite of the Endicott tabulations (1) showing that nationwide, the average starting salaries for women in 1969 were equal to the starting salaries of their male colleagues in 1968, employers at the job mart stated that the women would receive the same salaries as men.

Only a small percent of the jobs listed were filled. The poor success rate was due in large part to the economic squeeze referred to earlier. For example, three research jobs and a faculty appointment listed in August by a marine station had disappeared by November. Second, the jobs and job seekers were not well matched. Thirty-five percent of the listings called for physicists and mathematicians, 30 percent for engineers, computer specialists and programers, 29 percent for chemists and biochemists, and 5 percent for biologists. The mix of specialists seeking jobs included chemists and biochemists (45 percent), botanists, biologists, and zoologists (40 percent), and the remainder trained in nutrition, medicine, or nursing. There were no mathematicians, physicists, or statisticians. Employers stated that many application blanks were not returned, but one job seeker explained that it seemed useless to spend 1 to 2 hours filling out a form when there was no commitment from the employer.

The job roundup during a time of restricted opportunities was an obvious

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benefit to the job seeker, but the employers also recommended that the mart be repeated since there is now no continuing local mechanism by which they can fill employment vacancies. In California, employment agencies charge placement fees up to one-half of the first month's salary. In many cases, the employer pays the fee, but this has not protected him against rapid turnover in low-paying jobs. State and private employment agencies and the university placement services offer partial solutions. For the small industrial employer with a local job that suddenly becomes vacant, for the job candidate who cannot attend the national meetings, for the graduate of a small college, or for the newcomer without a car in a region where the jobs may be 60 miles apart, for all of these, the establishment of a regional employment center by the specialty organizations or honorary scientific societies would help to solve a problem that threatens to get worse before it gets better.

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