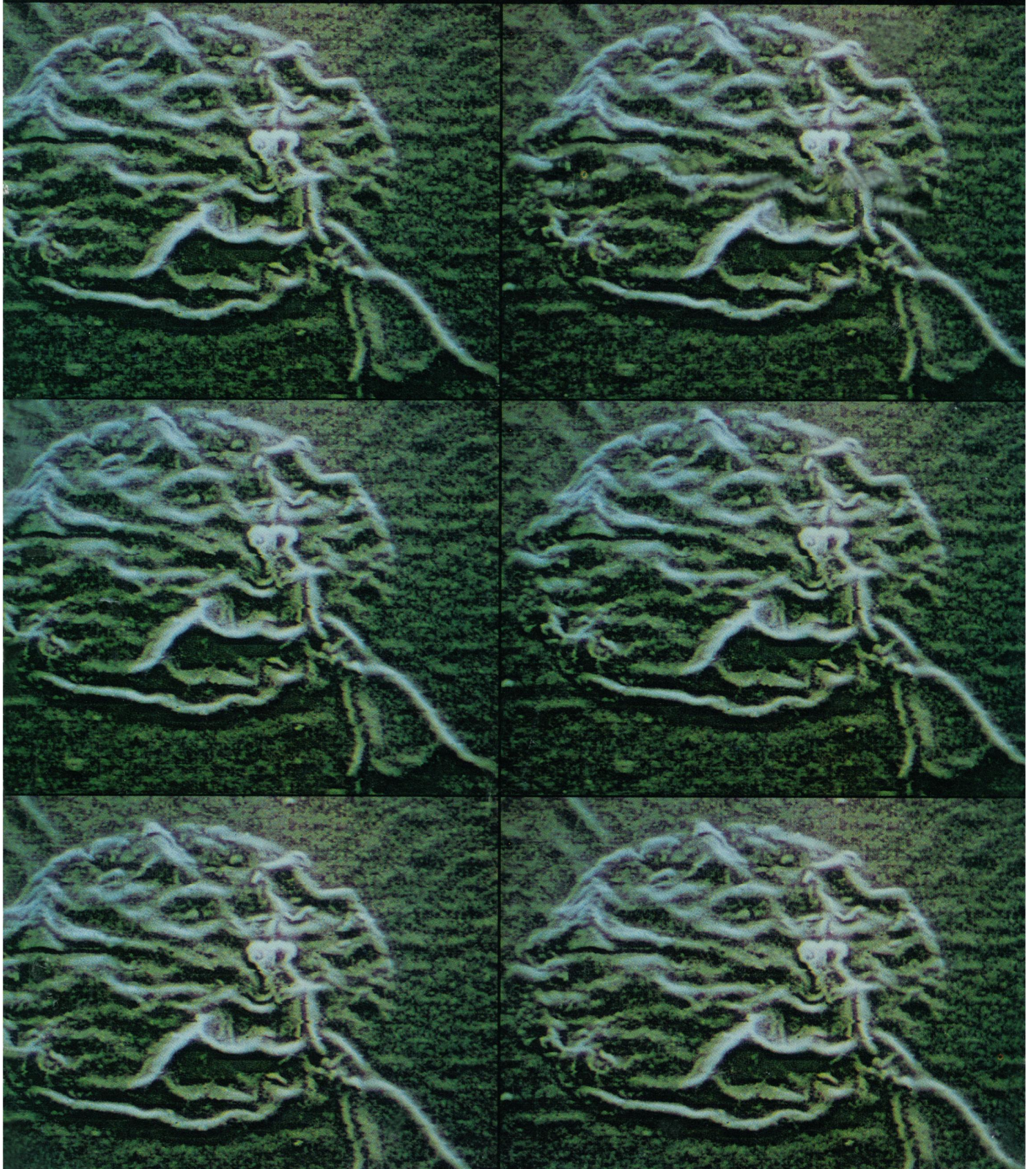


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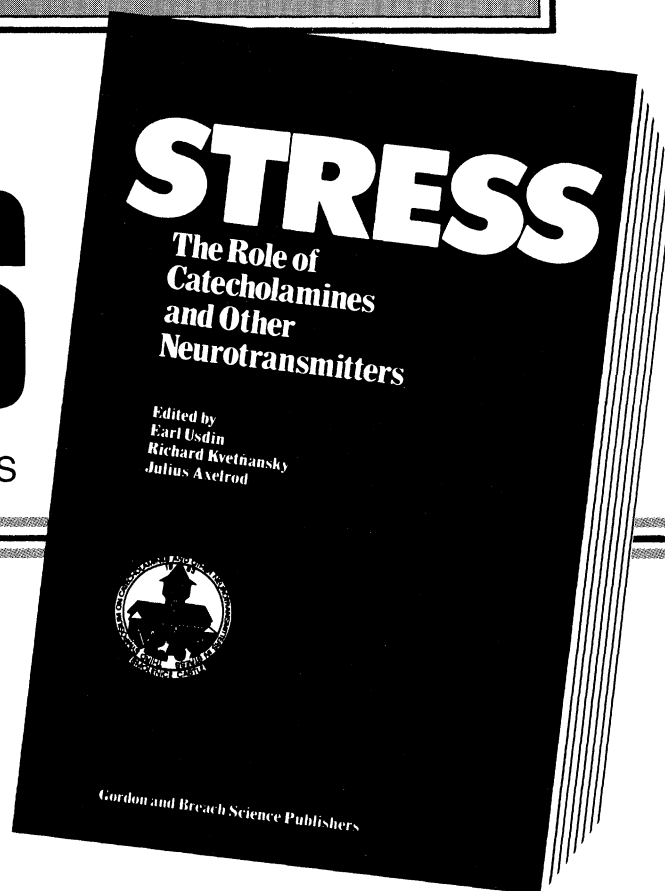
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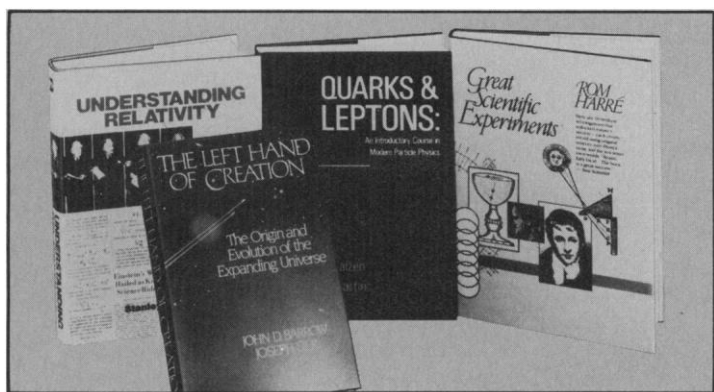
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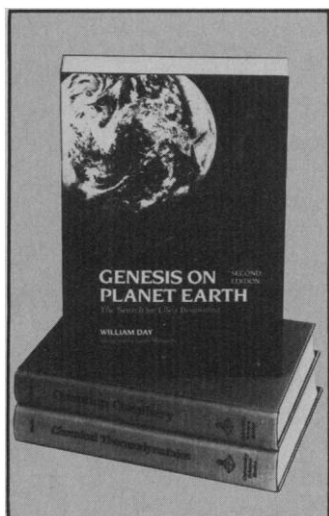
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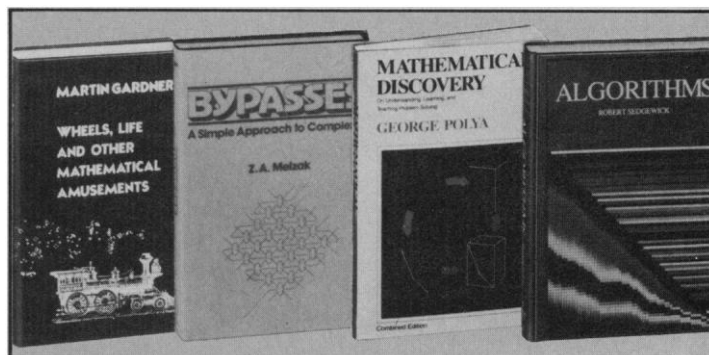
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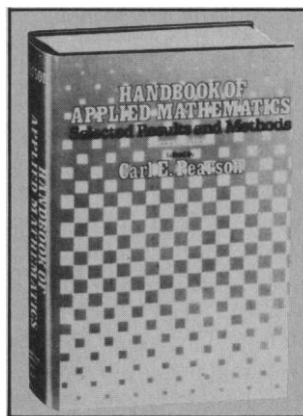
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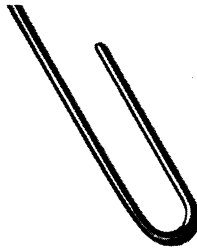
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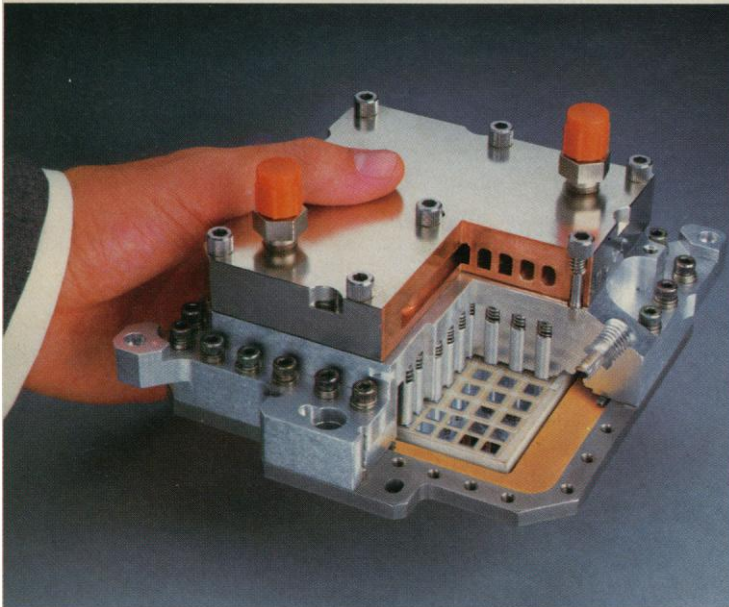
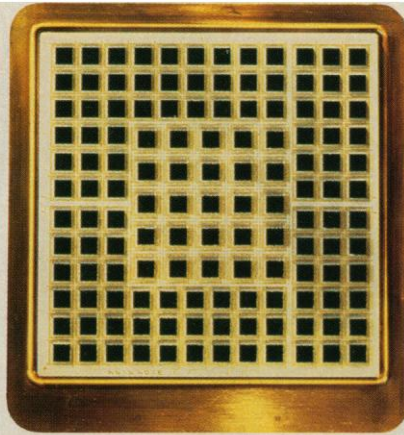
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**Figure 1:** The logic module used in large IBM computers (cutaway below) is part of the industry's densest circuit packaging. The electronic chips mounted in each module (right) were made through IBM's Engineering Design System and the masterslice concept: customize where necessary, standardize where possible.



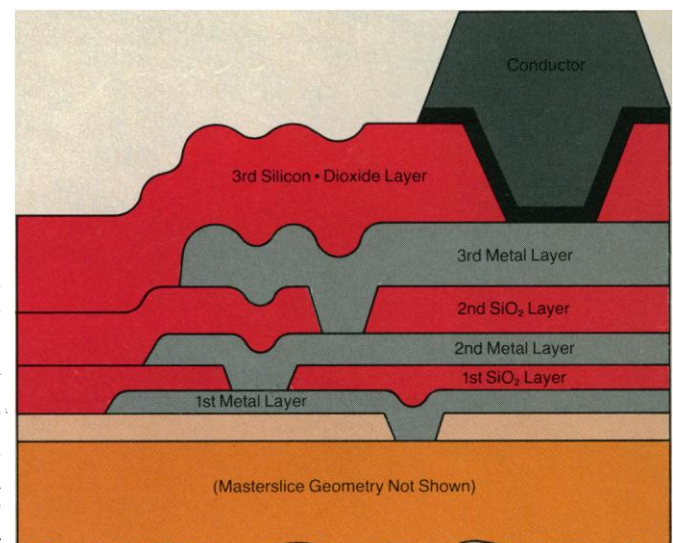
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For nearly two decades, IBM designers have been leaders in this field, pioneering the technologies of chip customization, automated design, and automated manufacturing. In the mid-1960s, IBM researchers began developing a chip customization technology—known as gate array or masterslice—as well as a totally integrated set of design automation tools called the Engineering Design System.

The first masterslice chip came off IBM production lines in 1967 and was part of the System/3 announced in 1969. Growing increasingly important as an element in IBM computers, masterslice became the basis for the logic in the System/38 in 1978. This marked the first major impact of masterslice technology on computer architecture, making masterslice a driving force in semicustom, large-scale integration of chips in the computer industry.

In masterslice, a predefined pattern of circuit elements is fabricated in an area of a silicon chip called a cell. The pattern is then repeated so that almost the entire chip is covered with identical cells. In this manner, many chips

**Figure 2:** This simplified side view of a logic chip shows three layers of metallization (along with three layers of insulating silicon dioxide) that are put on top of the masterslice to produce a semicustom chip. The metallization process enables designers to customize chips for a specific job. And a standard “base”—the masterslice—allows quicker turnaround times and lower manufacturing costs.



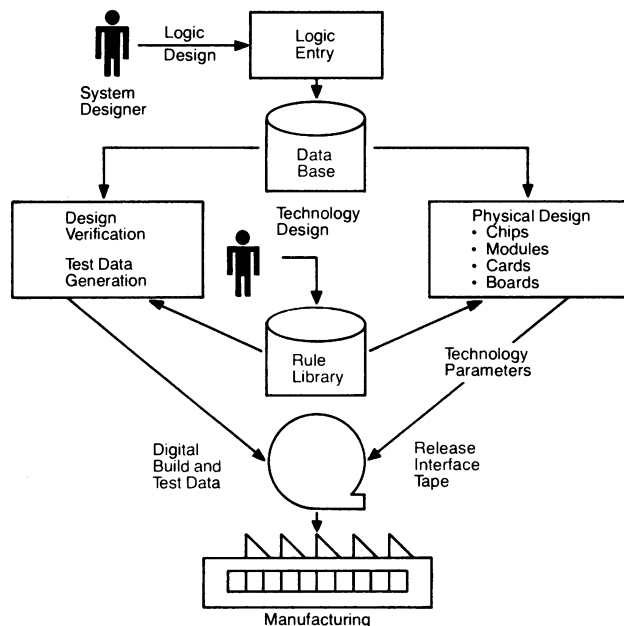
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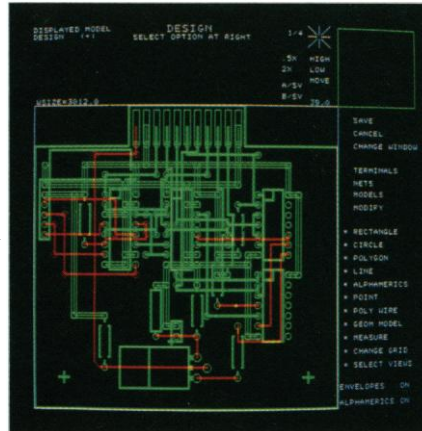
Customization takes place in “metallization”—the adding of alternate layers of insulators and metal wiring interconnections over the masterslice pattern of the circuit elements. This gives chip designers the freedom to make hundreds of variations in their design and still maintain the economic standardization of parts.

Masterslice technology has grown into an important process for implementing logic in IBM products. It is the basis of the 1,200 logic chips that make up the 500 different logic configurations of the central processing unit of IBM's largest computers, the 308X family.

IBM's Engineering Design System (now a full family of integrated design tools) has a data base that contains a complete description of each chip and its relation to the rest of the system, from the physical properties of individual devices to the requirements of the entire logic system of the computer. Thus, this design system enables



**Figure 3:** With IBM's Engineering Design System, machine designers use terminals to input logic functions for a chip and establish a data base. Through simulation, the system provides logic verification and performs logic delay checking. Test patterns are then automatically generated for each part. In the meantime, physical design of the chip is done with computer programs that perform the following tasks: circuit placement, I/O assignment, wiring, and checking. All physical design information is then transformed into shapes, patterns, and precise locations of interconnections and circuit elements required for manufacturing.



**Figure 4:** Shown here is a display screen from the Interactive Graphic System (IGS), one of the many Engineering Design System tools developed by IBM to speed chip development and implementation. IGS is a powerful shape manipulation tool used to design new masterslices.

the needs of a large system to be reflected in the design of its smallest components.

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Success in any complex undertaking cannot be dissected like a frog nor simulated by a computer. Its most prominent features catch the light and seem obvious. The subtleties are hidden in the shadows, yet they are the matrix that converts the good into the excellent. In Phil Abelson, the well-lighted features are the development of an organizational structure that has turned out a weekly magazine containing both high scholarship and interesting journalism, a willingness to take controversial positions and stand up to the criticism that they generate, and the decision to maintain a magazine devoted to all of science.

The subtleties of his leadership are more difficult to perceive, but one component is his enthusiasm for the discoveries of science. A significant new finding makes his eyes glisten. The narrator finds that she or he is bombarded with probing questions of both a good journalist and an indefatigable scientist. Phil Abelson's own research interests, which cover the disciplines of chemistry, microbiology, geophysics, and nuclear chemistry, explain why the magazine, under his leadership, continually probed the entire fabric of science—physical and social, academic and industrial, political and ivory tower.

There is a second quality, illustrated by a theoretical scientist who was asked by an irate colleague, "Don't you have any common sense?" The theoretician replied, "Common sense is a rare gift of God. I have only a technical education." Phil Abelson has that rare gift to discern the significant from the trivial, to ensure financial success while avoiding decisions that would compromise the integrity of the magazine, to discriminate between the major shifts and the ephemeral fashions of science. He has harmonized in the same magazine two potentially discordant goals, journalism and scholarship, so that the magazine has never succumbed to the meretriciousness of sensational journalism nor the desiccation of overspecialized scholarship.

Fortunately for his successor, Phil Abelson is not retiring but is moving to a position of consultant for the AAAS, which will involve continuing association with *Science* and assuming special projects for some major foundations and scholarly societies. Although he has received many awards, of which the Mellon Institute Award of the Carnegie-Mellon University and the Kalinga Prize of Unesco are indicative, he seeks new frontiers as always and is not content with well-earned relaxation and the enjoyment of his impressive past triumphs. I have exploited his love of science and disdain for protocol by persuading him to serve as Deputy Editor for Engineering and Applied Sciences, a situation that will allow me to draw on his general wisdom and allow *Science* to be kept up to date in important areas such as agriculture, materials, computers, and energy.

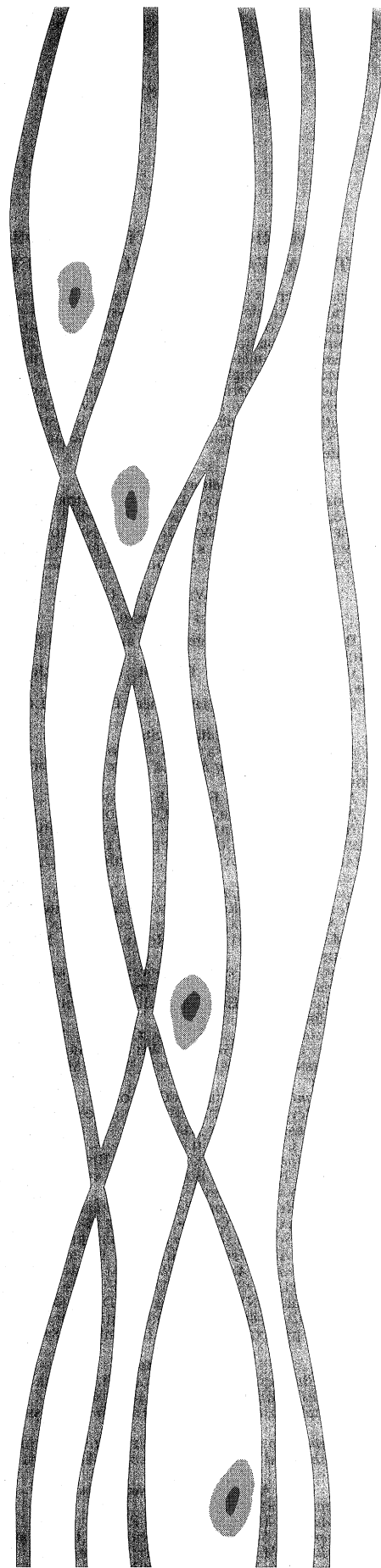
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