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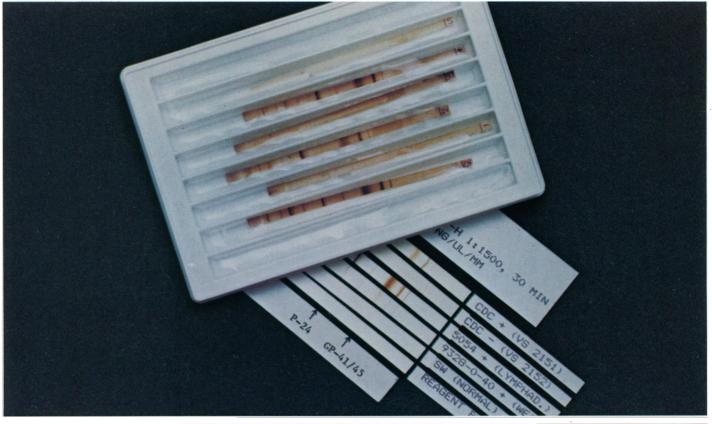
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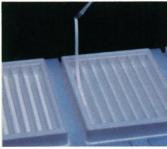
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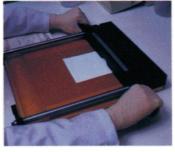
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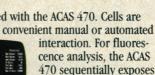
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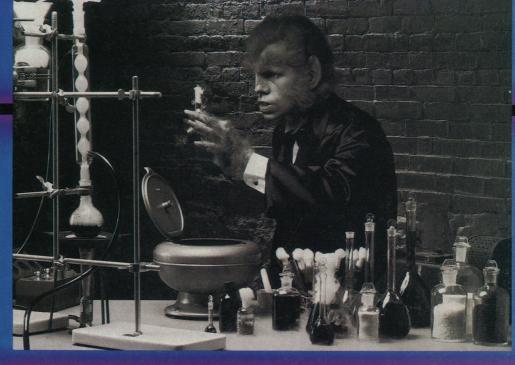
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#### **Surface corrosion**

N the electronics industry, materials are chosen for their electronic, magnetic, and optical properties; they can falter or fail if they corrode (page 340). Like cars and bridges, electronic components can be damaged by humidity, temperature shifts, gases, and contaminating particulate materials. Even sealed surfaces are vulnerable if contaminants are sealed into the hermetic environment. Comizzoli et al. discuss how some corrosive processes can, under controlled circumstances, produce positive outcomes, and how scientists and engineers now face the challenge of creating contaminant-free manufacturing environments. Five other articles in this special issue address the diverse attributes of surfaces (cover) and the instruments being used to study them (pages 304-345). Abelson provides an overview of the new methods of observing atoms and electrons on surfaces, discussing how this "new phase of matter," the surface, is taking on increasing importance in electronics and other industries in which miniaturization has greatly increased the surface to bulk ratio (page 257).

### Predicted structure of interleukin-2

UCH can be learned about the function of a protein from an Lunderstanding of its structure (page 349). Cohen et al. describe a computer-assisted method for predicting the tertiary structure of interleukin-2 (IL-2) from primary sequence data and derived secondary structures. A combinatorial approach was used, and  $3.9 \times 10^4$  possible structures for IL-2 were generated, but only 27 of these led to plausible tertiary structures that would satisfy the steric constraints, retain the connectivity of the chain, and accommodate a known disulfide bridge in the protein. Features of the molecular model fit nicely with other structure data. The final proof of this (or some other) predicted structure awaits x-ray crystallographic analysis; meanwhile, the predictions permit testing of the model and construction of analogs for experimental and clinical studies of this important cellular growth factor.

#### **Interferon signals**

NTERFERONS, which have antiviral, antitumor, and immunoregulatory effects, very rapidly produce biochemical changes in cell membranes (page 355). Yap et al. report that when  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  interferons interact with their receptors, there is a rapid (within 15 to 30 seconds) and transient (returning to basal levels by 60 seconds) increase in membrane-associated diacylglycerol and inositol phosphates. Diacylglycerol increases two- or threefold dose-responsively (the phosphates less) depending on the number of interferon receptors present; the rise can be inhibited with antibody to the interferon molecule. Along with this increase, the cells lose their ability to support viral replication. Other substances, such as insulin and thrombin, also use diacylglycerol and inositol phosphates as signaling intermediates, but what makes each signal distinctive, causing particular cellular effects, remains to be determined. The subsequent messengers, yet to be identified, may bind with different kinetics to internal receptors or may activate different internal biochemical pathways.

#### **Tracing nerves**

**T**HERE is now a technique for tracing the direction of normal transmission from the cell body of a nerve out through its projections (page 358). Sugiura *et al.* used a plant lectin (*Phaseolus vulgaris* leukoagglutinin) and antibody to it for tracking unmyelinated (C) fibers that originate in the skin and terminate in the central nervous system; these very thin fibers which, unlike myelinated fibers, had not previously been visualized, are the most numerous primary sensory fibers of vertebrates. Responses of individual fibers to painful and gentle mechanical stimuli and to temperature changes were first determined; then the marker was microinjected into the cell body from which it slowly (at a rate of about 2 to 3 millinicters per day) traveled along the fiber to the central nervous system. Each of four major categories of fibers identified ended in a distinct region in the spinal cord where the processing of sensory information apparently takes place. This technologic advance should contribute to a better understanding of vertebrate sensory neural arrangements associated with pain and other bodily sensations

#### **Little Ice Age**

ATA recovered in cores of ice from the Quelecaya ice cap (14° south) in the Peruvian Andes support the notion that the Little Ice Age (described in Europe and elsewhere in the Northern Hemisphere) that occurred between the 15th and 20th centuries was a global phenomenon (page 361). Ice cores are rare in the tropics, but in the Northern Hemisphere a number of studies have documented a stretch of colder temperatures and expanded glaciers. The Quelccaya summit (5670 meters) has an annual mean temperature of  $-3^{\circ}$ C and a yearly accumulation of 300 centimeters of snow; little if any melting, evaporation, or percolation occurs. Visible annual dust layers in conjunction with other measures were used by Thompson et al. to date core samples with an accuracy of within 2 years back to 1500 and within 20 years before that. A major volcanic eruption in 1600 produced a thick layer of large ash particles that helped refine the dating. Measurements of conductivity, oxygen isotopes, concentrations and size distributions of particulate materials, and chemicals contributed to the identification of unusually wet and dry periods. Signatures in the ice, showing higher and lower average temperatures, date the Little Ice Age in the Southern Hemisphere from an abrupt beginning in 1490 to an abrupt end around 1880.



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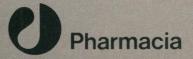
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#### Surfaces

The surface region of a solid can be thought of as a new phase of matter; its chemical

composition often differs from that of the bulk. Atomic arrangements at or near the surface and electronic structures also differ from those in the solid. New and improved methods of observing inorganic surfaces are leading to findings that are important to fundamental science. The precise behavior of atoms at the surface is crucial in many practical applications, including catalysis, corrosion, adhesion, and lubrication. With further reduction in dimensions of microelectronic devices and increased use of epitaxial layers, surface effects will take on enhanced importance. This issue samples some of the activities of surface scientists.

The scanning tunneling microscope has been modified by Tromp, Hamers, and Demuth to permit simultaneous study of the electronic and geometric structure of Si(111) and Si(001) surfaces. They report observations on the electronic structure of single atoms on silicon surfaces. Silicon atoms are bound covalently in crystals, and it has been known that the discontinuity at the surface leads to a rearrangement (reconstruction) of surface atoms to minimize the number of dangling bonds. The new results correlate atomic position with electronic quantum states. The authors project broad usefulness for their type of equipment in further studies. Examples are crucial defect states in electronic devices and the role of adsorbed foreign elements in catalysis.

Unlike semiconductors, the surfaces of most pure metals are not reconstructed. However, Noonan and Davis note that the distance between the layer at the surface and the second layer is in general reduced—in one example, 8.5 percent. The surface composition of alloy samples is often drastically different from the bulk. For example, in a  $Pt_{78}Ni_{22}$  alloy, the surface layer was enriched to about 99 percent platinum, whereas the second layer was only 30 percent platinum.

Engel has constructed a helium atomic beam apparatus for observing scattering from surfaces. The helium beam has an effective wavelength comparable to atomic spacings in surfaces, and the apparatus has features that give it great flexibility. It can be particularly sensitive to vacancies or kinks on surfaces and to adsorbed molecules. Most of our present understanding of hydrogen adlayers on various metal surfaces has come from atom beam diffraction experiments.

Madey has reviewed studies of electron and photon desorption of adsorbed gases from surfaces. These studies have shown that desorbed ions do not generally come off in an isotropic manner but in directions that are determined by the orientation of the surface molecular bonds. It is known that when CO is bound to Ni(111) the atom bonded to nickel is carbon, and the CO stands upright. Electron-induced desorption leads to escape of  $O^+$  in the direction of the surface normal. Thus measurements of the electron-stimulated desorption ion-angular patterns yield direct information about the geometrical structure of molecules in surface layers. Experiments show that CO stands up on Ru(001), that CO lies down on Cr(110), and that CO is tilted on surfaces such as Pd(210).

Celotta and Pierce are part of a group that has developed instrumentation for polarizing electrons to study magnetic surfaces. Earlier they showed that they could obtain a good source of polarized electrons by shining circularly polarized light on GaAs. Recently, they have developed a small and simple polarization detector that will doubtless find a large number of applications in surface studies. One example of a relation between surface electronic structure and magnetism is the change induced by chemisorption of CO on Ni(110) surface. It was found that the adsorption of one CO molecule eliminated the equivalent of two nickel surface atom magnetic moments.

If microelectronics devices are to be reliable, the behavior of surface materials must be understood and the agents that can cause corrosion and other failure must be identified. Comizzoli and co-workers report on the many kinds of chemical and physical effects that must be minimized.—PHILIP H. ABELSON

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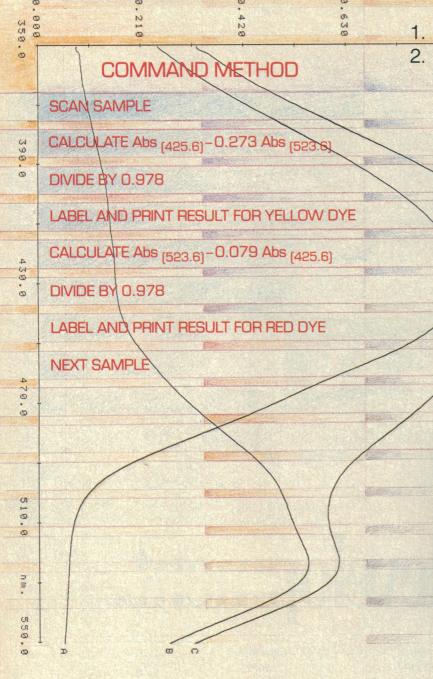


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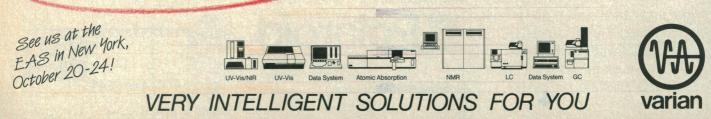
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3) Shocked quartz (12) and feldspar (2) as well as traces of the high-pressure mineral stishovite (12) have been found at several K-T boundary sites, along with spherules resembling microtektites (13). No process other than hypervelocity impact is known to produce these features (14).

Officer and Ekdale invoke "condensation" of the Danish boundary clay (Fish Clay) to explain the fourfold enrichment in carbon content. This is a sham issue, as the real question is not the fourfold higher carbon content, but the 1000-fold shorter deposition time, which, in turn, hinges on the meteoritic nature of the boundary layer. Moreover, at two New Zealand sites, the soot content rises by factors of at least 40 and 800 (1). Nonetheless, we shall briefly respond to their arguments.

1) We agree that there is some evidence for a small degree of carbonate dissolution in the Fish Clay (15). Possible causes are local formation of sulfuric acid by oxidation of pyrite or a global increase in atmosphericoceanic CO<sub>2</sub> content after a major fire. However, we find the evidence for a large "dissolution pulse" (15) quite unconvincing. The arguments at best are permissive but not compelling and at worst are ad hoc, designed to deny the role of meteorite impact. What Maxwellian demon protected the uppermost Cretaceous sediments, only centimeters below, from this "dissolution pulse"?

2) The putative factors by which the boundary layer "condensed" are not selfconsistent: 4 for C, 7 for clay, and 2000 for Ir, when one uses the Ir-profile of (4) as an example. The Ir value requires that the boundary layer initially was some 600 meters thick and contained 99.95% carbonate!

3) Officer and Ekdale imply that Fish Clay is an artifact produced from a normal boundary section by selective dissolution of carbonate and cite as examples Dania (no Fish Clay, 4 parts per billion of Ir) and Stevns Klint (Fish Clay, 29 to 87 parts per billion of Ir). However, Ekdale in an earlier paper (15) acknowledged that the Dania site is "badly disturbed by relatively recent brecciation and apparent tectonic movement," and "thus may not reflect a continuous sedimentary sequence." Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence, especially in a section previously acknowledged to be incomplete.

4) The K-T sequence in Denmark, although well studied, is badly disturbed and hence is not suitable for generalization. However, Smit and Romein (13), who have studied 22 K-T sites all over the world, conclude from this much larger data base that a boundary clay layer with Ir and microtektites is the norm rather than the exception. If it is missing at a particular site, this implies a later disturbance, as evidenced by a break in the fossil record (13). We refer Officer and Ekdale to Ekdale and Bromley (15), who found ample evidence for precisely such disturbance: "The clay layer obviously has served as a zone of weakness and as a lubrication plane for geologically recent movements," and "this carbonaceous, pyritic microfacies *pinches out* laterally up the flanks of the chalk mounds, so that it only occurs in the bottoms of the small troughs between the mounds" (italics ours).

For a different view of K-T stratigraphy in Denmark, we refer the reader to three recent references not quoted by Officer and Ekdale (4, 13, 16).

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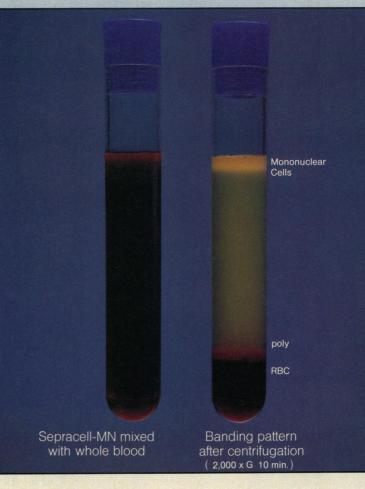
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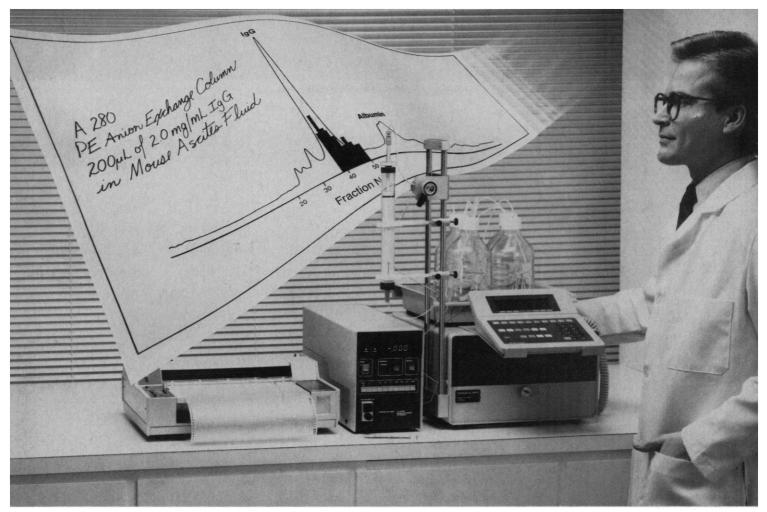
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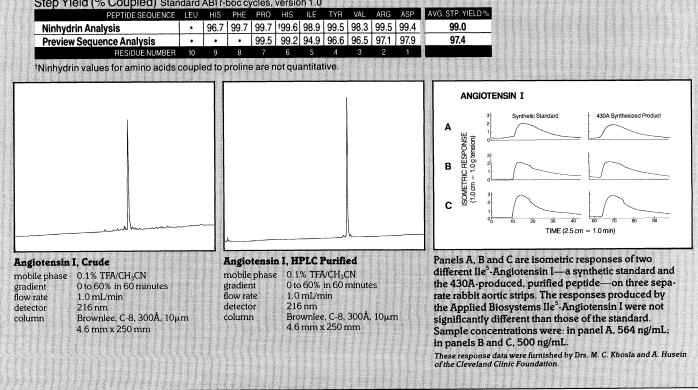
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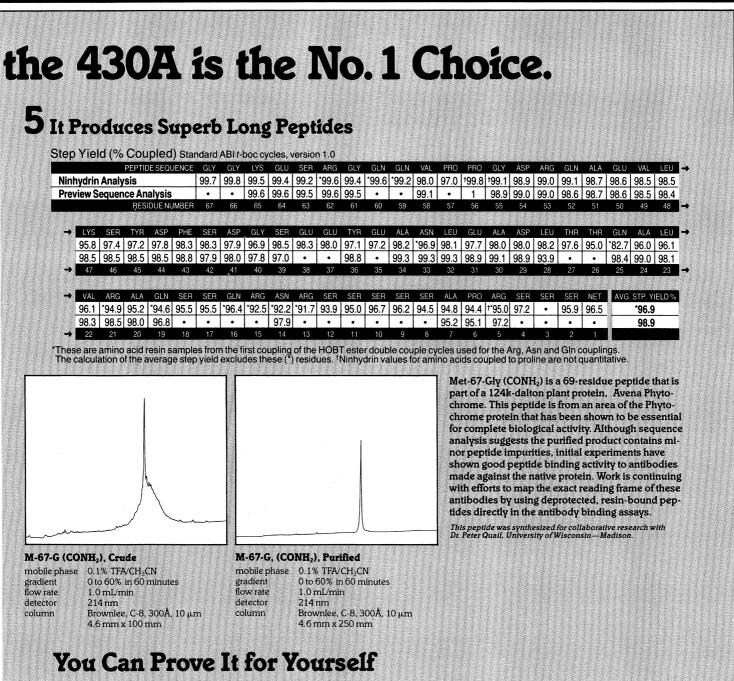
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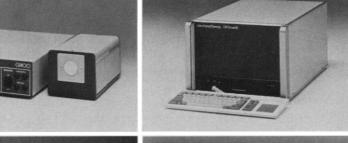
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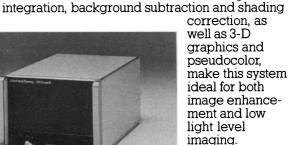
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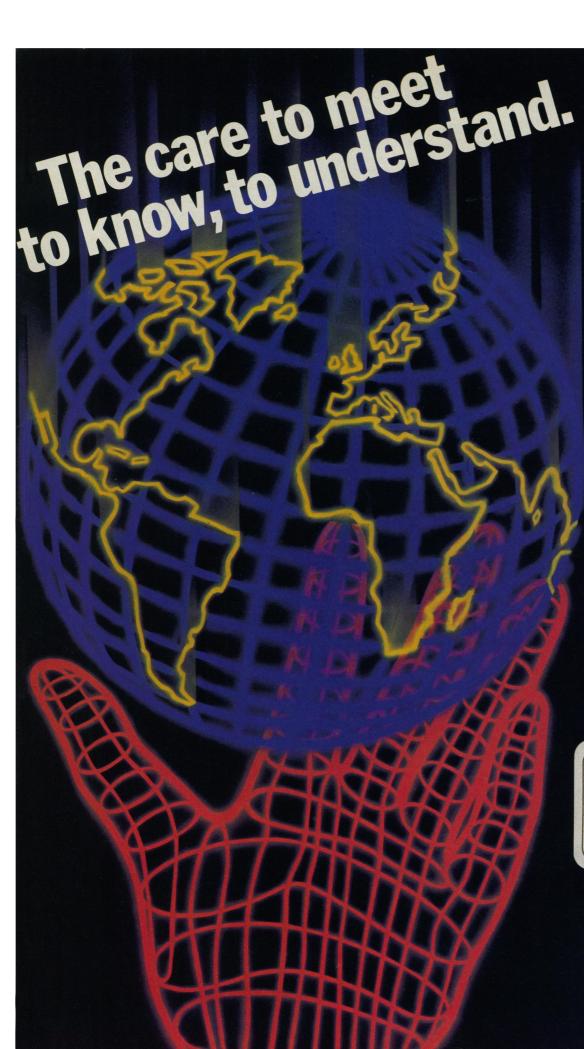
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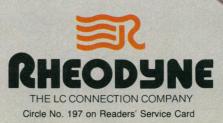
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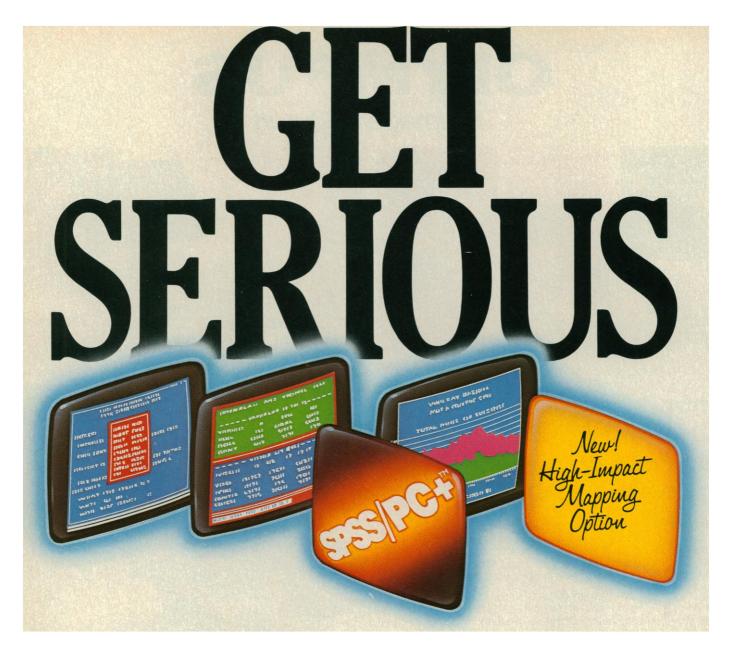
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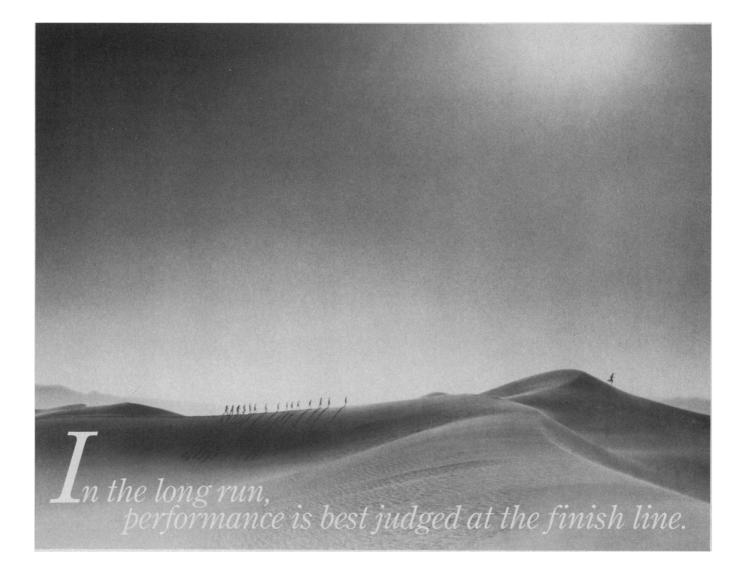
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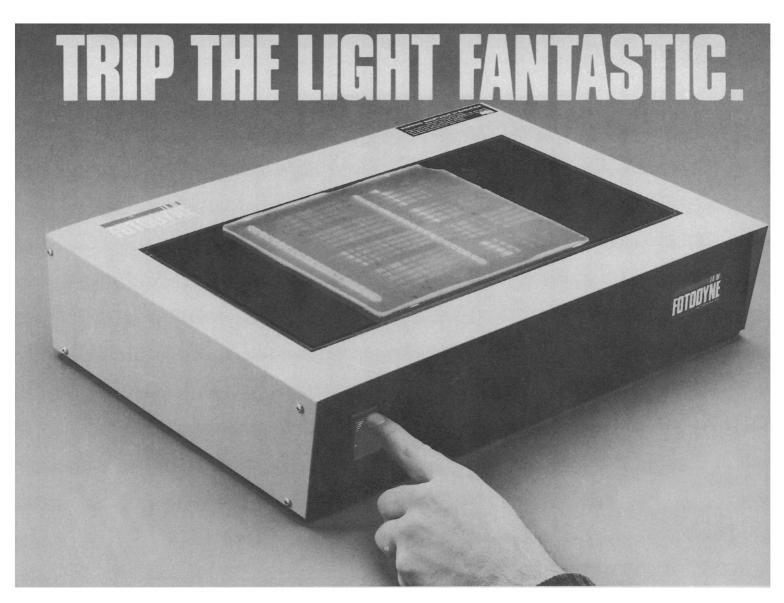
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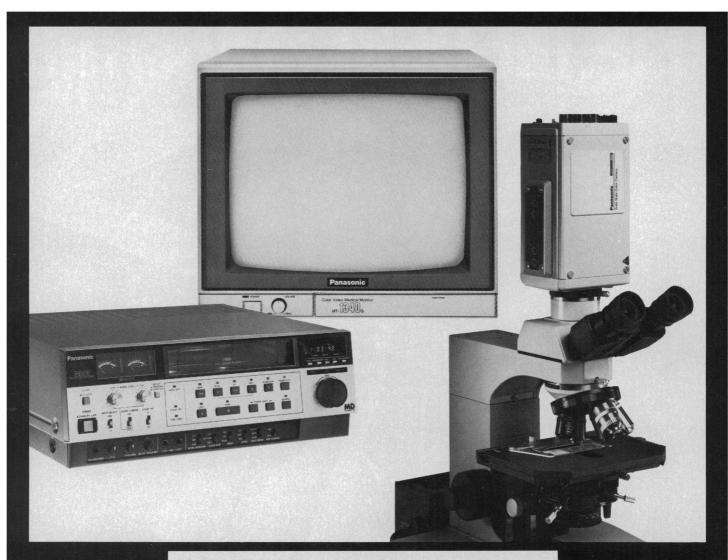
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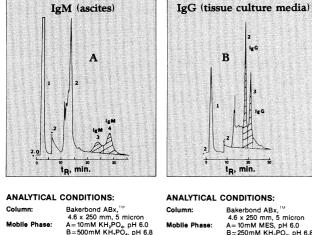


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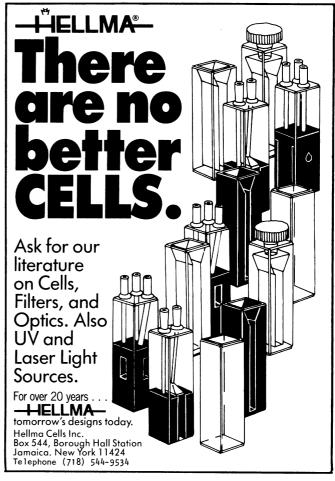
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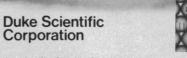


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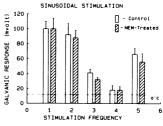
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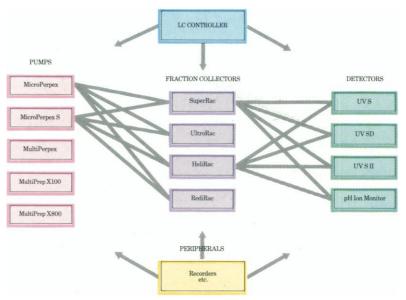
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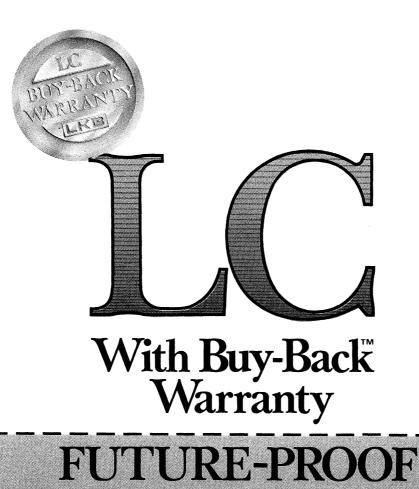
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