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Within an ultra high vacuum system, the reactions that take place at the surface may have an appreciable effect on the surrounding vacuum and on the properties of the solid itself. Continued progress in the fields of semiconductors, thin films, the vacuum phenomena related to space exploration and others have pressed the state of the art of vacuum physics. This field has long been of interest but many tools were lacking. The explosion in vacuum technology since the early 1950's, however, has resulted in considerable basic progress.

Recently lower pressures have been achieved and gauges and other instrumentation improved. We are now able to probe some fundamental questions:

- 1. What is the surface of a substrate like? What are the surface atom layers like? Is there an oxidized layer?
- 2. What is sitting down or adsorbed on the surface? With what energy is it bound to the surface?
- 3. Beams of photons, electrons, ions or atoms may strike the surface. When they do, what happens? What are the interactions?

If we could answer all these questions we could develop a model with specific constants.

Honeywell scientists have chosen a research technique whereby particle beams are used to probe a surface in an ultra high vacuum environment. Components leaving the surface (that is, neutral atoms, neutral molecules and positive or negative ions) are analyzed with a mass spectrometer.

A series of studies is being made to see what effect varying parameters have on the components leaving the surface. The kind

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of beam used, the kind of substrate and the temperature of the substrate as well as the content of the vacuum environment are varied.

Honeywell scientists use an evacuated system pumped by cryogenic and ion means resulting in a background pressure of about 10<sup>-10</sup> Torr.

A target with surface temperatures controlled by heaters is mounted in an inter-



Lower Plot—gas phase components in the system at a total pressure of about 1x10.9 Torr. Upper Plot—spectrum of surface phase obtained by bombarding single crystal nickel with electrons and analyzing the desorbed ion components.

action chamber and bombarded. All particles leaving the target pass through a mass spectrometer analyzer. Probing is done with very low density beams since the detection system permits recording of single ions or partial pressures as low as  $10^{-16}$  Torr.

These experiments have produced several unexpected observations:

- 1. Electron bombardment will desorb neutral molecules, suggesting an interaction between the electron and the adsorbed molecule.
- 2. Ions are desorbed at the same time and appear to be fragments of the parent adsorbed molecule, suggesting ion fragment desorption.
- 3. No parent molecule ion desorption was observed.

These studies indicate the existence of **a** whole spectrum of electron-induced ion desorbed species, permitting the analysis of surface phase components in a manner similar to that used for gas phase components. The technique also permits continuous observation of surface components as parameters are varied.

Bombardment with U.V. photons has also desorbed neutral molecules. This suggests that photon interaction might be used to clean surfaces in a vacuum without any heating effects.

Work is continuing at Honeywell's Research Center and as more parameters are introduced even more understanding seems possible. As an example, a ruby laser was used to bombard the target causing thermal desorption and permanent degassing of an extremely small area of the target. This technique will permit further exploration and comparisons of the degassed spot and surrounding surfaces.

Although a long way from a final theory, the new techniques already have provided information of value in programs as diverse as electrical contacts, U.V. detectors and space instrumentation.

If you are engaged in vacuum surface physics and wish to know more about Honeywell's work in this area you are invited to write Mr. David Lichtman, Honeywell Research Center, Hopkins, Minnesota. If you are interested in a career at Honeywell's Research Center and hold an advanced degree, write Dr. John Dempsey, Director of Research at

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It is clear enough to most of us that we have gone from famine to feast in attempts to educate and "cross-fertilize" the medical and scientific public. Time was when an international congress was a big event, to be looked forward to as the money was saved for it, and not to be missed at any price. Contrast this with what is going on today. Wolstenholme [Science 145, 1337 (1964)] calls it "obese degeneration of scientific congresses," indicating rigidity of national societies, haphazard expansion of regional meetings, and the cynical extravagance of huge congresses from which both science and friendship are squeezed out. The time has certaintly come to reexamine our motives and our needs when we talk of communication on an international level.

Obviously, most international congresses have become so large that the objective of exchanging scientific information has been lost. Who could have any worthwhile idea of what goes on when 20 or more papers of 10 minutes each are being read concurrently, day in and day out, especially when the translators are both overworked and often ineffective? The social gatherings, where one might have a chance to meet new friends, have lost the quality that makes people reach out to one another.

Since the big meetings are satisfying neither the educational nor the social needs of the participants, I suggest it is time we do some experimenting. First, small international clubs could be formed, or dissolved, according to the particular needs of various special groups. The important thing is that they be kept small, so that science rather than politics reigns. Whether these clubs should be on a regional basis or worldwide may be left to the discretion of the participants, but their meetings should be correlated and announced by some central worldwide agency.

Second, symposia could be arranged as the need arose, in which the speakers would be invited and the audience would be free to come or not as it liked. The content of the program could reflect specialized knowledge or, even better, interdisciplinary instruction. Such meetings would have far greater pedagogic value than the more usual symposium, with its 10-minute talks by speakers both good and bad. Meetings of this sort would draw relatively small audiences because of their specialized or interdisciplinary nature and their wide geographical representation.

Third, the enormous meetings currently in vogue might be greatly improved by having selected speakers in the morning sessions present their own work when it had matured to the point of having broad significance. In contrast to the morning sessions, the afternoons could be used for individual discussion of submitted abstracts covering much more specific and limited topics, and instead of sitting in a noisy lecture room, with people coming and going, the participants might meet in the speaker's own hotel room. A daily bulletin would indicate where he could be found. Wouldn't it be nice to know that your friend Joe could be consulted in room X of hotel Z between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m., instead of only at the cocktail hour? Wouldn't it be good to meet face to face with the investigator and discuss mutual interests? This arrangement would satisfy the needs of both science and friendship, the two sought-after ingredients of a congress.

Surely there are international secretariats willing to organize new ways of conducting meetings. Equally surely, many of us would understand if a particular experiment failed. And we would welcome the opportunity to applaud if it would get all of us out of the formalistic and generally arid international Brownian movement.

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The conference was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. A complete transcript of the proceedings is scheduled for publication prior to next year's meeting. The goals of this series of conferences over the next four years include discussion of the placental phase of intrauterine development, the birth process, and environmental and social factors concerned with fetal homeostasis.

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30-2. Pacific Air Force Medical conf., Fuchu Air Station, Tokyo, Japan. (Lt. Col. R. J. Carter, USAF Hospital Tachikawa, APO 323, San Francisco, Calif.)

30-2. Thalamic Regulation of Sensorimotor Activities, symp., New York, N.Y. (M. D. Yahr, New York Neurological Inst., 710 W. 168 St., New York 10032)

30-3. Atomic Industrial Forum, annual, San Francisco, Calif. (Atomic Industrial Forum, 850 Third Ave., New York, N.Y.) 30-3. Entomological Soc. of America,

annual, Philadelphia, Pa. (ES, 4603 Calvert Rd., College Park, Md.)

30-3. American Nuclear Soc., winter meeting, San Francisco, Calif. (W. H. Nutting, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., 245 Market St., San Francisco)

### December

1. Food Standards, symp., Washington, D.C. (Food Law Inst., Inc., 205 E. 42 St., New York 10017)

1. New Polyolefin Copolymer Plastics, regional technical conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (E. A. Jeffreys, Registration Chairman, c/o Allied Chemical Corp., 901 Catalapa Rd., Warminster, Pa.)

2-4. Communication Wires and Cables, 13th annual symp., Atlantic City, N.J. (J. Spergel, WCS, U.S. Army Electronics R&D Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, N.J. 07703. Attn: SELRA/PEE)

2-5. Crystalline Lens, symp., Minneapolis, Minn. (J. E. Harris, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Univ. of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis 55455)

3-5. American Chemical Soc., 20th annual southwestern regional meeting, Shreveport, La. (ACS, 1155 16th St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

3-5. Sociological Questions Pertaining to the Medical Field, East German Hygiene Soc., symp., Berlin, East Germany. (German Acad. of Sciences, Mohrenstrasse 39, Berlin W.8.)

3-5. Texas Acad. of Science, annual, Dallas. (S. O. Brown, Texas A&M Univ., Box 33, College Station)

4. Central States Society of Industrial Medicine and Surgery, Iowa City, Iowa. (Dean, State Univ. of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City 52241)

4-5. American Rheumatism Assoc., annual, Washington, D.C. (J. A. Coss, Jr., 20 E. 76 St., New York 10021)

4-5. American Rheumatism Assoc., 11th interim scientific session, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. (G. W. Speyer, ARA, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 10019)

4-5. Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases, New York, N.Y. (R. J. Masselink, ARNMD, 700 W. 168 St., New York 10022)

4-5. Oxygen in Biosystems, basic science symp., New York, N.Y. (Miss J. Newkirk, New York Heart Assoc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York 10019)

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4-5. Southern Soc. for Pediatric Research, Houston, Tex. (F. K. Edwards, Emory Univ. School of Medicine, Thomas K. Glenn Memorial Bldg., 69 Butler St., Atlanta, Ga. 30303)

4-6. American Psychoanalytic Assoc., fall meeting, New York, N.Y. (APA, 1 E. 57 St., New York 10022)

4-9. American Acad. of **Dermatology**, Chicago, Ill. (S. E. Huff, AAD, 636 Church St., Evanston, Ill.)

5-6. Academy of **Psychoanalysis**, midwinter meeting, New York, N.Y. (A. H. Rifkin, AP, 125 E. 65 St., New York)

6. American Acad. of **Dental Medicine**, mid-annual meeting, New York, N.Y. (S. C. Conrad, 133-28 228th Street, Laurelton, Long Island, N.Y.)

6-10. American Inst. of Chemical Engineers, annual, Boston, Mass. (J. Henry, AIChE, 345 E. 47 St., New York 10017)

6-12. Latin American Congr. on Microbiology, 3rd, Bogota, Columbia. (O. Juliao, Instituto Nacional de Salud, Aptdo, Aereo 3495, Bogota)

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