

LETTERS

- ## Vive Lyons!

It is true, and well expressed in the article, that Paris is the capital of France in every possible way and the capital of French science through the richness and diversity of its laboratories. It is also true that Lyons has less opportunity for the exploration of every promising field. However, it is in deserts that one can find certain rare species that do not flourish elsewhere. The Nuclear Physics Institute in Lyons is at present developing the mirrors for use in the Franco-Italian VIRGO project for detecting gravitational waves, and many other projects are under way. Lyons has played a crucial role in the development of BGO crystals for the L3 detector at CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research) and has made important contributions to the understanding of quark-gluon plasmas. Lyons is also a center of excellence for complex systems of measurement and has no equal in Paris or, indeed, elsewhere. Other areas of special technical expertise include laser spectroscopy, luminescent solutions and gases, dilute media, and the physics of aggregates.

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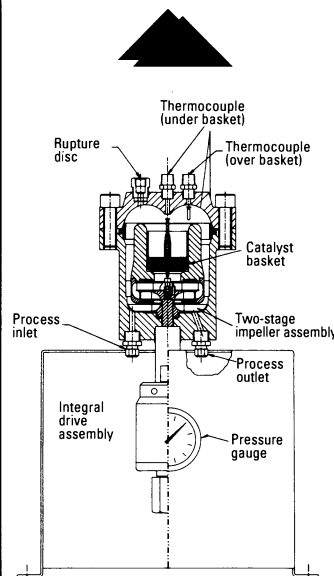
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