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Discussion of some of the problems in microbiology and engineering involved in the implementation of planetary quarantine. It is shown that the solutions require new knowledge in both disciplines for success at low cost in terms of both monetary outlay and man’s further exploration of the planets. A related problem exists in that engineers are not accustomed to the wide variation of biological data and microbiologists must learn to work and think in more exact terms. Those responsible for formulating or influencing national and international policies must walk a tightrope with delicate balance between unnecessarily stringent requirements for planetary quarantine on the one hand and prevention of contamination on the other. The success of planetary quarantine measures can be assured only by rigorous measures, each checked, rechecked, and triple-checked to make sure that no errors have been made and that no factor has been overlooked. M.V.E.
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The papers review the development of planetary quarantine in the U.S., reevaluate material effects on microbial release from solids, and consider the effects of aeolian erosion on microbial release from solids. The reactions of primates to the effects of weightlessness and results of various flight experiments are discussed. Attention is given to the effects of chronic irradiation and of space on living matter, and preparations for the exploration of Mars are discussed.

F.R.L.


This paper traces the development of the United States Planetary Quarantine Program, with emphasis on progress during the past four years. The NASA Planetary Quarantine Program closely follows policies recommended by the ICSU, COSPAR and the United States National Academy of Sciences Space Science Board. Policy formulation, program planning, and implementation follow an orderly process recommended by a Planetary Quarantine Advisory Panel and other related groups. In fulfilling its obligations, the Planetary Quarantine Office guides and supports quarantine activities within United States planetary flight projects and certifies projects for launch. The paper uses ongoing flight programs to illustrate the role of the NASA Planetary Quarantine Program in assuring the biological integrity of the planets.


Studies were conducted to obtain information on the release of micro-organisms from different solid materials impacted onto two types of surfaces. The combined study was performed by inoculating 10,000 Bacillus subtilis var. niger spores into Eccobond and methyl methacrylate. These materials were then machined into projectiles and fired from guns into stainless steel plates or sand at velocities ranging from 168 to 1554 m/sec. Bacteriological examination of the fractured particles was conducted to establish the number of viable spores released from the interior of the projectiles. Analysis of the results from two solid materials, two impact surfaces, and four velocities showed that the number of micro-organisms released is less than 1% in all cases. However, statistical evaluation of all data demonstrates a significant difference in percentage microbial release between materials.


This study was initiated to determine the percentage of spores that would be expected to be released from the interior of solid materials by aeolian erosion on a planetary surface. Methyl methacrylate and Eccobond disks were fabricated so that each disk contained approximately 40,000 Bacillus subtilis var. niger spores. The disks were placed in a specially designed sandblasting device and eroded. Exposure periods of 0.5, 2 and 24 hours were investigated using filtered air to accelerate the sand. A series of tests was also conducted for a 0.5 hour period using carbon dioxide. Examination of the erosion products showed that less than 1% of the spores originally contained in the solids was released by aeolian erosion.

A72-43385 * Effects of weightlessness on astronauts - A summary. S. C. White, R. R. Hessberg (NASA, Office of Manned Spaceflight, Washington, D.C.), and C. A. Berry (NASA, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Tex.). In: Life sciences and space research X; Proceedings of the Fourteenth Plenary Meeting, Seattle,
This paper reviews the adaptive changes observed in the United States astronauts during flight programs to this date. A series of postulates are offered as to what is happening in these adaptive events. A hypothesis is proposed as to the interrelationship of events observed in the body systems and functions involved. The importance of undertaking an extensive life sciences program, including an on-orbit phase of study as well as pre- and post-flight studies is discussed. Finally, the role the Skylab flight plays in the United States Space Program in achieving the future requirements for more extensive life sciences data is summarized. (Author)


During their flight on board the Soyuz 9, Nikolayev and Sevastyanov adapted to weightlessness by the 3rd-4th day and stabilized their physiological functions by the end of the mission. In contrast to the effects of shorter term flights, this mission caused unusual and distressing feelings in the crew members aggravated by distinct changes in the major physiological systems during the first day to recovery. In the immediate post-flight hours, the transition from the recumbent to the sitting position brought about circulation disorders; 24 hours later the cosmonauts still walked with uncertainty and kept the erect position at rest on account of a significant elevation of their centre of gravity. Weight losses, shifts of water and mineral metabolism, bone tissue demineralization and symptoms of orthostatic intolerance observed in this flight were similar to those resulting from earlier short-term missions. Of importance was a dysbacteriostatic change in the skin and nasal microflora. (Author)


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In June 1968 a male Macaca nemestrina (pigtail macaque) was flown in earth orbit for 8.8 days in NASA Biosatellite 3. The experiment examined in detail central nervous and cardiovascular functions, and included pre- and post-flight whole body metabolic assessment, in-flight urine analysis, and pre- and post-flight bone density measurements. Although the sleep/wake cycle was 24 hr, a phase angle lag of 2 hr from the imposed night/day mode occurred. A definite desynchronicity occurred, with rhythms longer than 24 hr in P02, brain and body temperature, and heart rate. Sleep states were remarkably fragmented and unusually brief in duration. Vestibular and ocular disturbances were evident. These changes began concurrently with onset of weightlessness and were not secondary to altered fluid balance or body temperature. (Author)


Derangement of calcium metabolism constitutes a major threat to the health of participants in exploration of space. Experiments are described which indicate the resulting during prolonged bed rest, osteoporosis, and complications of the demineralizing process (resorption of bone) develop and endanger the survival of the organism. Such complications include hypercalcemia, hypercalciuria and nephrolithiasis, and muscle wasting. Available techniques for study of the effects of weightlessness and prophyactic agents are outlined. F.R.L.


The technique of single unit recording from body systems generating electrical pulses coherent with their basic function (CNS, muscles, face organs) has been proved feasible during the OFO A orbital flight, an automatic physiological experiment. The results of recording 155 hours of orbital flight of pulses from the nerve fibres of four vestibular gravity sensors in two bull frogs indicate that the vestibular organ adjusts to zero g. As all the other biological changes observed during orbit are due to lack of exercise, it is concluded that artificial gravity might not be necessary during prolonged space missions or on low gravity celestial bodies. (Author)


A three-year experiment was carried out in which 180 dogs were exposed to irradiation, simulating the dose value and rate of exposure that may occur in a real space flight of long duration. The exposure included a chronic irradiation (with dose rates of 21, 62 and 125 rads/year) and a combined irradiation during which the animals were exposed to chronic and acute irradiation with a dose of 8 or 42 rads applied three times every year, the annual total dose being 120 or 186 rads, respectively. Insignificant hematopoietic changes were found. Distinct changes in the reproductive function were noted. The general condition of the animals was satisfactory. (Author)

The USAF School of Aerospace Medicine is maintaining a colony of over 450 primates in which the whole body has been exposed to various types of space radiation including protons and electrons. The majority of the primates (Macaca mulatta) were exposed during 1965. Types of radiation involved are 2 MeV X-rays, 5 MeV-2.3 GeV protons, and 1.6 MeV electrons. Data are available in the following areas: chronic skin changes; testicular atrophy; cataractogenesis; hematological serum biochemical analysis; incidence of tumors; causes of death; body weight variations; and summary of alpha particle experiences. (Author)


The effect of vacuum on bacterial cells is related to water desorption. Below water vapour pressure, the inactivation remains constant, independent of total pressure and exposure time. In subsequent growth, the lag-phase of the survivors is delayed. Combined treatment with vacuum and radiation (X-rays or UV of 254 nm wavelength) results in synergistic effects, whereas vacuum treatment. (Author)


A brief introduction is given on why Mars is of interest from a biological point of view, along with an overview of the Viking 1975 mission. Details are given about the four biology instruments aboard the spacecraft and the experiments for which they are to be used. These are: the carbon assimilation experiment to determine whether the soil is biologically active; the label release experiment to detect metabolic activity by the release of radioactive CO2 from C-14 labelled simple organic substrates; the gas exchange experiment to detect photosynthesis by repeated gas chromatography analysis of soil samples; and the light scattering experiment, where increase of light scattering and decrease of light transmission would indicate the growth of organisms. Examples are given of data obtained with terrestrial soils in these experiments. (Author)


The stochastic model of molecular evolution was used to make a priori predictions for the total number of one-step nucleotide changes required to account for a given number of amino acid substitutions between two homologous proteins. These predictions are now found to be concordant with empirical data summarized by Dayhoff et al. (1969). Correction factors are derived for adjusting the 'leg lengths' of phylogenetic trees. It is shown that the operations of constructing the phylogenetic tree and applying the correction algorithm are not commutative with respect to obtaining the leg lengths. The effect of this on certain published phylogenies is discussed. It is suggested that, as a first approximation, at any given point in evolutionary time, enthalpic (selective) forces determine the number and position of those codon sites which are free to vary, whereas within these variable sites, entropic (random) processes determine the course of evolution at the molecular level. (Author)


The amino acid replacements in the calcitonins from five different species (human, bovine, ovine, porcine and salmon) have been analyzed according to the genetic code. More mutations separate the presumed common mammal from the artiodactyls than from either salmon or man. (Author)


Some polypeptide sequences that have been published in the 1972 scientific literature are listed. Only selected sequences are included. The compilation has two objectives. Current information between periods when more comprehensive compilations are published is to be assembled and the use of data that do not include arrangements of unsequenced peptides for 'maximum homology' is to be encouraged. (G.R.


The evaporation and outgassing of materials in vacuum and the sorption of vapours on surfaces may yield severe degradation of the functional properties of spacecraft. After referring to a number of materials as potential contamination sources in spacecraft, transport and sorption phenomena are discussed. The comments are partially based on new measurements, especially on the outgassing of plastics, coatings and bearings in vacuum and the sorption of vapours on special surfaces. (Author)

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In the light of some motion picture perception experiments, a complex interaction is discussed between apparent motion and flicker, when the flicker rate in motion pictures is increased to a point of perceptual fusion. The form of interaction involved is attributed to visual sensation persistence and pursuit-tracking eye movements.

M.V.E.

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Continuous recording of His bundle electrogram (HBE) was obtained during coronary cineangiography in 27 patients. Twelve patients had normal or slight coronary artery disease and 15 had severe coronary artery disease. Sinus bradycardia and prolongation of A-H interval were the most important findings, while there was no change in H-V interval. Since sinus bradycardia and A-H prolongation did not always correlate with the injection into the artery which gave origin to the sinus node and atrioventricular node arteries, the presence of a neurogenic reflex mechanism is suggested. (Author)

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Measurements of force of contraction, intracellular action potential, potassium balance and oxygen consumption have been made in blood perfused, mechanically unloaded dog hearts prior to and during periods of ischemia. The results of the study are consistent with the hypothesis that during ischemia, elevation of interstitial potassium concentration results in an abbreviation of the plateau and a decrease in the maximum upstroke velocity of the action potential which in turn results in a diminished force of contraction.

(Author)

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Study of the adrenal morphology in male rats sacrificed after 12 hr, 2, 5, 9, 14, and 19 days of tight, uninterrupted, individual confinement. Under hypokinetic conditions, the adrenal weight was found to increase because of enlargement of the zone fasciculata. With longer confinement, adrenal hypertrophy decreased while dystrophy developed.

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Influence of a high oxygen content on the rate of formation and elimination of gaseous wastes in albino rats (Vliianie vysokogo soderzhanii a klorora na inten'visnost' obrazo-


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Comparison of tissue respiration and brain morphology indices with the morphological indices characterizing the altitude adaptation degree in an organism. The results obtained support the hypothesis that no adaptive shifts in tissue respiration take place in the course of pressure chamber training.

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Conservation time limits of heightened organism resistance under various altitude acclimatization conditions (O srokakh sokhraneniia poivshennoi rezistentnosti organizma pri vaz-

lichnykh rezhimakh akklimatizatsii k vysokogo'ru). M. M. Mirrakhimov, A. A. Aidaraleev, and M. D. Dzhunushiev. Kosmi-


Investigation of the "altitude ceiling" in the acclimatization of white rats as a function of acclimatization time length. The obtained results indicate that the highest "altitude ceiling" is reached between the 45th and 60th acclimatization day. After 15 to 30 days of acclimatization, the enhanced resistance to hypoxia is maintained for 20 to 30 days.

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Influence of X-ray irradiation in 25- and 250-r doses on the transplant immunity in mice differing by weak and strong hostincompatibility systems (Vliianie Rentgenovskogo oblu-


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Evaluation of the functional granulocytepoie-


Description of the response of healthy dogs to intramuscular injections of a pyrogen, called 'pyrogenal', at doses of 1 microgram
per kg of body weight. The response is shown to be characterized by a transient leukopenia followed by a pronounced leukocytosis.

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Review of the conduct and results of a 30-day experiment aimed at investigating the validity of methods used in simulating the physiological effects of weightlessness and in evaluating applicable prophylactics. The results obtained include findings leading to a positive evaluation of a number of tested prophylactics. M.V.E.


Investigation of changes in the health condition of 15 male subjects confined to strict bed rest for a period of 30 days. Six subjects were kept in a recumbent position and nine in an antorthostatic one. Daily 6-hour long applications of lower-body negative pressure (LBNP) during recumbent bed rest resulted in the development of overtraining symptoms, a decline in tolerance to LBNP, and a pronounced general asthenia. Applied only from the 26th to the 30th day of recumbent bed rest, LBNP exerted a favorable effect on the test subjects. As for the subjects kept in the antorthostatic position, they experienced a blood rush to the head during the first hours of bedrest, but then largely adapted in the course of two days, though some of the symptoms endured up to two weeks.

M.V.E.


Rheographic investigation of the cerebral, pulmonary, and peripheral circulation in 9 healthy young test subjects confined to bed rest with the head in a downward position at an angle of 4 deg for a period of 30 days. A certain phase sequence has been observed in the regional circulation changes. Rheographic symptoms of increased arterial blood influx and venous congestion were attended by face reddening and feelings of blood rush to the head. Later these symptoms subsided in the brain and intensified somewhat in the crani.

M.V.E.


Study of variations in hemodynamics and gas exchange as a function of basal metabolism in 15 healthy male test subjects confined to bed rest for a period of 30 days, 6 in a recumbent position and 9 in an antorthostatic one. Regardless of position, all 15 subjects showed a significant decline in gas exchange. Subjects who performed some physical exercise or underwent electric muscle stimulation exhibited a lesser decline. Subjects who were in the antorthostatic position displayed an increase in cardiac output already on the first day of bed rest, whereas those in the recumbent position showed it only on the sixth bed rest day.

M.V.E.


Study of the short- and long-range visual acuity in test subjects, confined to bed rest for 30 days in an antorthostatic position. Ophthalmoscopic, photocalibrometric, and ophthalmodynamometric observation and measurement results are presented and discussed.

M.V.E.


Review of the results of otorhinolaryngological organ response observations during a 30-day antorthostatic bed rest experiment on 9 healthy male test subjects divided into three groups of three people each. The first group performed physical exercises while staying in bed, the second one represented the controls, and the third underwent electric muscle stimulation. Audiometry, otoscopy (i.e., auditory spatial orientation), rhinopneumometry, and otolithometry measurements were performed upon all test subjects. Dynamic rhinopneumometry revealed congestion in nasal mucosa vessels and tone lability in the test subjects of all the groups. Audiometric measurements showed similar changes in loudness and ototopia functions for all the test subjects. Determined hearing thresholds showed appreciable changes in subjects with incipient cochlear neuritis.

M.V.E.


In a 30-day bed experiment, changes in total lung capacity and other lung volume variables were studied upon three groups of three test subjects each, in hospital beds whose lower (i.e., foot) ends were raised to a 4-deg angle above the horizontal. The first group performed physical exercises in bed, the second represented the control group, and the third underwent electric muscle stimulation. A varying extent of initial lung volume decline was observed in three groups. In the first, this decline endured to the end of the experiment. In the second and third groups, the pretest lung volume was restored and then exceeded on the 17th and 5th day, respectively. The possible causes of these changes are discussed.

M.V.E.


A72-43921 # Effects of physical training and electric muscle stimulation on the metabolism (Vliianie fizicheskoi trenirovki i elektrostimulatsii na obmen veshchestv). I. S. Balakhovskii, V. T.
A72-43922


Investigation of metabolic changes occurring during bed rest, and study of the possibility of preventing these changes by physical exercises and electric muscle stimulation. It is shown that it is possible to curb to some extent the unfavorable effects of bed rest by these means. M.V.E.

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Study of the cerebral hemodynamics by the rhexocephalographic and occlusion plethysmography methods in ten healthy male subjects during the course of a 120-day period of clinostatic hypokinesia and a three-week recovery period. The prolonged bed rest experiment was found to produce phasic changes in the cerebral hemodynamics with a tendency toward a reduction of the blood filling and a deterioration of the tone of the brain vessels. The most distinguishing feature of the indices characterizing the brain hemodynamics is their instability and the large scatter of the numerical values from one study to the next. These changes noted during prolonged bed rest are attributed to lability of the nerve centers controlling the activity of the systems responsible for the adaptive dynamics and rearrangement of the functions of the organism at a new level of adjustment. This is attested to by the progressively increasing clinical syndrome of vegetative-vascular dystonia and nervous-psychic asthenization of the organism. A.B.K.

A72-43923


Study of the effect of the simultaneous action of trioxazine and cedazoline on the efficiency of human operators performing continuous compensator tracking tasks. The effect of the stimulant and the tranquilizer taken separately and together on the respiration rate, the heart contraction rhythm, arterial pressure, the time required for a simple sensomotor reaction, and the mismatch signal during compensator tracking was determined. From an analysis of the sensomotor reactions and the efficiency of compensator tracking it is concluded that a summation of the effects of the stimulant and the tranquilizer occurs when both are administered simultaneously. It is also concluded that substances with different actions have a one-sided effect on the efficiency of a human operator. A.B.K.

A72-43924


Description of the extraction of copper, iron, cobalt, nickel, and manganese in the form of complexes with the reagent HMA, and outline of a method of extracting and determining these elements in biological objects. The results of a study of the dependence of the extraction of hexamethylene diisocyanamides of copper, iron, cobalt, nickel, and manganese in chloroform on the pH of the medium showed that for all elements with an increase in the HMA concentration the range of pH values of total extraction of complexes increases. A study is made of the dependence of the coefficient of distribution of the metal between the aqueous and organic phases on the equilibrium concentration of the reagent anion in the aqueous phase, in order to ascertain a possible uptake of the hydroxyl group in molecules of intracomplex compounds. A.B.K.

A72-43933


The pulse-contour method for determining stroke volume has been employed as a continuous rapid method of monitoring the cardiovascular status of patients. Twenty-one patients with ischemic heart disease and 21 patients with mitral valve disease were subjected to a variety of hemodynamic interventions. The pulse-contour estimations, using three different formulas derived by Warner, Kouchoukos, and Herd, were compared with indicator-dilution outputs. A comparison of the results of the two methods for determining stroke volume yielded correlation coefficients ranging from 0.59 to 0.84. The better performing Warner formula yielded a coefficient of variation of about 20%. The type of hemodynamic interventions employed did not significantly affect the results using the pulse-contour method. Although the correlation of the pulse-contour and indicator-dilution stroke volumes is high, the coefficient of variation is such that small changes in stroke volume cannot be accurately assessed by the pulse-contour method. However, the simplicity and rapidity of this method compared to determination of cardiac output by Fick or indicator-dilution methods makes it a potentially useful adjunct for monitoring critically ill patients. (Author)

A72-43935


An automated flying spot microscope has been used to estimate the volume proportion of collagen gel in myocardium. Observations were limited to the interventricular septum and 40 specimens were examined, nearly all from normal hearts in the age range 13-92 yr. A small but significant increase with age was found for collagen gel in regions in which the muscle fibers were predominantly transverse - that is, in the subendocardial and subepicardial zones - although there was no significant increase where they were predominantly longitudinal - that is, in the central myocardial zone. (Author)

A mixture of gelatin and agar which responds photoelastically to pressure differences and to other stresses of the magnitudes observed in the cardiovascular system has been developed. Water was made to flow through channels whose walls were formed by the gelatin-agar mixture. The stress patterns produced were examined by photoelastic techniques. The technique offers a means for the analysis of mechanical stresses on the walls of blood vessels. G.R.


An open circuit technique, incorporating a paramagnetic oxygen analyser, for the measurement of oxygen consumption is described. The characteristics of the oxygen analyser were examined. Known oxygen consumptions obtained by a 'nitrogen dilution' technique were used and the accuracy of the technique determined. The method was also compared with a conventional method of measuring oxygen consumption using the collection and analysis of expired air.

(Author)


A great deal of information can be obtained by observing variations in interbeat (R-R) intervals over a period of time. A bedside display based on the relationship of adjacent R-R intervals (scattergram) overcomes some of the disadvantages of the conventional display and provides an immediate and graphic means of observing the onset and development of arrhythmias. The scattergram is a plot on Cartesian coordinates of points whose position in the horizontal direction represents the duration of the last recorded interbeat interval, while the position in the vertical direction indicates the duration of the last but one interval. Aspects of the basic scheme are discussed together with the trigger mechanism, the setting-up procedure, and the instrument performance.

G.R.


Visual phenomena have now been observed in high-energy nitrogen beams produced at the Berkeley Bevatron. Using a nitrogen beam deflected at about 266 MeV/nucleon, three scientifically trained subjects made a series of observations. These observations confirm earlier hypotheses and argue for electronic excitation in or near the outer segments as the important mechanism. A picture showing a simplified anatomy of the left eye in horizontal section is presented. Three regions where various beam positions intercepted visual nervous structures are indicated.

G.R.


Motion thresholds were determined for the fovea and peripheral retina with and without correction for peripheral refractive error. With correction, motion thresholds decreased and individual differences disappeared. These results imply that under normal observation conditions, peripheral sensitivity is limited mainly by dioptric rather than retinal variables. (Author)


Preliminary observations of cardiovascular function have been made in four chimpanzees using multichannel implantable units. Measurements of right- and left-sided pressures were periodically made in these animals over a four-month period, including continuous observations for selected 24-hour periods. Pressures recorded with animals in an awake, unanesthetised, unrestrained state were much lower than pressures reported for restrained animals in similar situations. Diurnal variations of pressure tended to occur, but were not as clear-cut as those reported to occur for humans. The ability to implant a transmitter chronically and receive useful multichannel information in the chimpanzee encourages the future use of such implant devices as part of the control system for an artificial heart or directly for use in man. (Author)


Experimental investigation of the relation of learning and memory to trace phenomena in the nervous system, the role of these phenomena in forming conscious and unconscious organism responses, and the interrelation of these two kinds of responses. Analyses of EEG and ECG records and of skin-galvanic and oculomotor reactions of 150 test subjects including healthy individuals ranging in age from 5 to 36, on the one hand, and chronic alcoholics and cerebral sclerosis patients complaining of poor memory, on the other, are used in determining the interrelations sought. M.V.E.

Study of involuntary eye movements in adult subjects by means of contactless photoelectronic recording methods, while they were solving mentally an arithmetic problem and fixing a point in complete darkness in compliance with the injunction: ’look straight ahead.’ Concentration of attention is found to lead to a sharp reduction in the incidence of involuntary eye movements. M.V.E.


Investigation of the alimentary instrumental reflex in puppies and the shock avoidance reflex in rats from approximately the 25th day following birth up to maturity. The results obtained indicate an inverse correlation between the speed of conditioning and the degree of retention of conditioned reflexes after a two-month interval. M.V.E.


Investigation of the alimentary instrumental reflex in hens obtained indicates that specific inhibition is usually associated with more or less prominent hyperpolarization of the cell membrane. Nonspecific inhibition is not accompanied by significant membrane hyperpolarization. M.V.E.


A72-44083 # Classification of neurons in the lumbosacral section of the spinal cord according to their discharge during evoked locomotion (Klassifikatsiia neironov poichvuzednoi kresttsovoy otdel'noi polzovnosti mozga) (v sobstvitve s ikh razriadiom pri vyzvannoi lokomotsii). G. N. Oriolosvich (Moskovskii Gosudarstvennyi Universitet, Moscow, USSR) and A. G. Feld'dman (Akademiia Nauk SSSR, Institut Problem Peredachi Informatsii, Moscow, USSR). Neirofiziologiia, vol. 4, July-Aug. 1972, p. 391-400. 39 refs. In Russian.


Six Ss viewed pairs of parallel lines with unequal lengths which were presented either simultaneously or successively for 30, 100, or 1000 msec. The data suggest that complete assimilation (the distortion of a line’s length so that it appears equal to another line presented on the same trial) is a perceptual phenomenon which occurs even when the lines are seen clearly. The frequency of complete assimilation is inversely related to the duration of the assimilated line, and is not related to the duration of the other line presented on the same trial. These results can be explained by a categorization model, although the model must be extended to include input from feature analysers if partial assimilation is to be explained. (Author)

A72-44325 * Evidence for a metabolic limitation of survival in hyperthermic hamsters. R. L. Frewitt, G. L. Anderson, and X. J. Musacli (Missouri, University, Columbia, Mo.). Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, Proceedings, vol. 140, Sept. 1972, p. 1279-1283. 19 refs. Research supported by the University of Missouri; Grants No. NGL-26-004-021; No. PHSG-AM-4148-03. The underlying factors limiting survival in the hyperthermic state are studied. Hamsters of both sexes, clipped and uncropped, were inducted into profound hypothermia by the helium cold method until they reached a temperature between 7 and 10 C. It appears that the primary cause of death is failure of respiration due to the depletion of carbohydrate energy supplies and may explain why survival time in hypothermia is shorter than the normal hibernation time of the hamster. F.R.L.


A72-44378 Perimetry - The information theoretical basis for its automation. P. Koch, A. R. Fischer, and F. Frankhauser (Universitäts-Augenklinik, Berne; Eidgenössischer Amt für Mass und Gewicht, Wabern, Switzerland). Vision Research, vol. 12, Oct. 1972, p. 1619-1630. 11 refs. Research supported by the Schweizerischer Nationalfonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung; Grant No. NIH-EY-00232. In a common form of perimetry short pulses of light are presented at various positions in the visual field of the patient, who has to indicate by 'yes' or 'no' whether he noticed the stimulus. The perimetric determines the contrast of the stimulus which corresponds as closely as possible to the boundary between 'yes' and
'no.' The problem of communication between patient and perime-
trist is considered in terms of information theory with the aim of
finding criteria for the design of a largely automated system of
perimetry for the acquisition and processing of data. The agreement
of theoretical expectations and results obtained by patient simula-
tion is satisfactory. It is shown that a memory of 8000 words is
probably sufficient for a control computer in automated perimetry.

F.R.L.

A72-44379 Phase correlation between two sources formed
on a diffusing surface - Application to the human retina (Correlation
de phase entre deux sources formées sur une surface diffusante
- Application à la retine humaine). F. Berry (Institut d’Optique
Théorique et Appliquée, Paris, France). Vision Research, vol. 12,

Experiments are described which are intended to characterize the
roughness of the human retina in order to compare it with that of
other surfaces re-emitting a luminous flux. The two extreme cases
are the mirror ( specular reflection) and the perfect diffuser ( uniform
diffuse reflection in all directions). The ‘retinal structure being
 discontinuous, this diffusing surface can be simulated by the simple
model of Goldfischer ( 1965) or Enloe (1967). An interferometry
experiment is suggested which uses a measurement of the inter-
ference fringe contrast. The contrast is measured by studying the
Fourier transform of the speckle pattern recorded photographically.
The phases can be expressed using Gaussian, stationary statistics.

F.R.L.

A72-44380 Photopic and scotopic contributions to the
human visually evoked cortical potential. B. R. Wooten (Brown
University, Providence, R.I.). Vision Research, vol. 12, Oct. 1972,
p. 1647-1660. 32 refs.

A72-44381 On a long-term temporal aspect of stereo-
scopic depth sensation. L. Ronchi and A. Mariani (Istituto Nazionale
1661-1667. 19 refs.

The time decay of stereoscopic depth perception after occlusion
of one eye is investigated. The target consists of two point sources in
a dark environment. When relative depth is well above the stereo-
scopic threshold, and a clear-cut sensation of depth has been
reported, the abrupt occlusion of one eye is followed by the time
decay of this sensation, which covers a number of seconds. The
parameters that play the major role are found to be the inspection
time in binocular vision and the relative depth. It is suggested that
the total decay time might represent an estimate of relative depth
sensation resulting from a long-term interaction between disparity
cues and the information gained by virtue of spontaneous fluctuation
of accomodation.

F.R.L.

A72-44382 A component analysis of the electroretino-
gram. B. Knave, A. Moller, and H. E. Persson (Kungl. Karolinska
p. 1669-1684. 43 refs. Research supported by the Fylgia 80-year
Foundation for Scientific Research; Swedish Medical Research

A technique for corneal recording of the ERG in chronic
experiments, which was shown to give constant amplitude values in
long-term experiments, was combined with the averaging technique,
and applied to record low-intensity ERG’s in sheep. Results suggest
that the ERG consists of five basic components: the rod and cone
receptor potentials, a negative and a positive dc component from the
inner nuclear layer, and a late slow positive response, corresponding
to the conventional c-wave at higher stimulus intensities. It is
suggested that the b-wave results from an integration of the receptor
and dc responses, being mainly built up by the positive dc response.
It is also suggested that the leading edge of the a-wave represents the
initial phase of the cone receptor potential.

F.R.L.

A72-44383 Sensitivity of the human ERG and VEP to sinusoidally
modulated light. C. E. Sternheim (Maryland, University,
1972, p. 1685-1695. 25 refs. NSF Grant No. GB-4260; Grant No.
PHS NS-06877.

Human electroretinogram (ERG) and visual evoked cortical
potential (VEP) responses were elicited with a square-wave grating
stimulus in which adjacent bars were sinusoidally modulated 180 deg
out of phase. Both the shape and absolute sensitivity of the high
frequency portion of the human VEP transfer function resemble the
observer’s psychophysical sensitivity when it is measured with the
same patterned stimulus. The ERG does not resemble either of
the other responses since its sensitivity decreases less rapidly as
stimulus frequency is increased, and an ERG response can be
detected at frequencies that are too high to elicit a VEP or to be
perceived as flicker. If the ERG is a measure of activity in the visual
pathway that transmits flicker information, the processes that
determine the shape of the de Lange function are not complete at
the level at which the ERG originates, but are largely complete at
the site of the VEP.

F.R.L.

A72-44384 Line length detectors in the human visual
system - Evidence from selective adaptation. K. Nakayama and D. J.
Roberts (Newfoundland, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfound-
refs. Medical Research Council of Canada Grant No. MA-4021.

An experiment is described which attempted to determine
whether the human visual system contains detectors sensitive to line
length. The basic procedure was to adapt the visual system to an
unpatterned adapting field or to a field containing either of two high
contrast moving gratings. The gratings had either long lines or short
lines. The contrast threshold for seeing the short-line moving grating
was then obtained after each adaptation period. It appears that there
are detectors sensitive to line length, as is the case with cats and
monkeys.

F.R.L.

A72-44385 Visual sensitivity in the region of chromatic
borders. C. E. Sternheim, R. A. Glass, and J. V. Keller (Maryland,
University, College Park, Md.). Vision Research, vol. 12, Oct. 1972,
p. 1715-1724. 19 refs. Research supported by the University of
Maryland; Grant No. NIH-EY-00539-01.

Visual sensitivity was measured using the increment threshold
technique in retinal areas where there was a step-wise change from
one monochromatic light to another, both lights being matched in
luminance. The purpose was to compare spatial interactions in the
chromatic and brightness channels of the visual system by deter-
mining the manner in which sensitivity to a small test field varies in
the region of a chromatic as well as a luminance border. The results
showed visual sensitivity is reduced in the region of the chromatic
border. Underlying mechanisms, involving lateral neural interaction
and modulation of receptor illumination as a result of eye move-
ments, are discussed in relation to recent electrophysiological and
psychophysical research.

F.R.L.

A72-44386 Perceptual latency as a function of stimulus
onset and offset and retinal location. J. H. Lewis, W. P. Dunlap,
and H. H. Matteson (Tulane University, New Orleans, La.). Vision
PHS-EY-00021-05.

A72-44387 Techniques for analysing differences in VERs:
Colored and patterned stimuli. J. A. S. Kinney, C. L. McKay, A. J.
Mensch, and S. M. Luria (U.S. Naval Material Command, Naval
Submarine Medical Center, Groton, Conn.). Vision Research, vol. 12,
visual evoked responses (VER’s) were refined by assessing the interrelations between stimulus
parameter and methodology. Degree of patterning was selected as a stimulus parameter known to produce a large and reliable effect on the VER, while color was chosen as a parameter eliciting a much lesser and more controversial response. VER’s obtained with both kinds of stimuli were analyzed by (1) statistical analysis of the amplitudes and latencies of the components of the VER’s, and (2) an experimental technique for testing hypotheses concerning the underlying processes of the VER. This technique isolates the contribution of various underlying mechanisms to the VER by summing responses to one stimulus and subsequently subtracting the same number of responses to a stimulus which differs from the first in that one feature has been omitted.

F.R.L.


It is shown that some of the light which passes outside a photoreceptor’s boundaries, and generally is presumed to be ineffective as far as photodetection is concerned, is in fact absorbed by the visual photopigment in the photoreceptor. An Airy disk with a diameter 50% larger than that of the photoreceptor significantly increases the amount of light absorbed in comparison with an Airy disk of the same diameter as the receptor.

F.R.L.


An experimental investigation is described to test alternative explanations of foveal small-field tritanopia. At least three classes of receptor mechanism contribute to dichromatic color matches established for centrally fixated bipartite fields of diam 15 to 20 min. Small-field tritanopia of the central fovea is not simply the result of spatial coarseness of one or more of the neural channels. The experimental results require that dichromatic vision of the central fovea is associated with invariant organization of the post-receptor neural color channels.

F.R.L.


The accuracy of absolute distance estimation based on monocular motion parallax was determined both before and after specific training. With the usual distance information eliminated, subjects either held their heads stationary or rhythmically rotated their heads about a vertical axis while judging the distance of stimuli placed 1.22-4.57 m. away. Although distance perception was poor before training, head movement produced more accurate judgments than head fixed. After only 10 training trials, accurate judgments based on motion parallax were obtained. Results with a white background were as good as with a textured background when subjects were given direct information about motion parallax.

(Author)


The time required to find targets on a visual display was investigated by varying the number of targets and the total number of items on the display. The items were three-digit numbers, randomly arrayed, and the targets were those numbers whose digits summed to 14. Display size varied from 50 to 200 items, and the number of targets varied from 2 to 10. For each display, condition, the cumulative distribution of search times was negatively accelerated and could be fitted by an exponential equation. The slope parameter of the fitted curve was independent of the number of targets, but was inversely proportional to the total number of items on the display. The shape of the distribution and its dependence on the number of display items were derived from a mathematical model.

(Author)


Scoliosis occurs in approximately three per cent of the population. A study involving 129 patients was conducted to obtain information concerning the pattern of scoliosis development and the age when scoliosis begins. It was found that approximately one in ten acyanotic patients had a spinal curvature greater than ten degrees, while three in ten cyanotic patients had a similar curve. Curves beginning before six years of age were more likely to progress to severe scoliosis than were those beginning after six years. No correlation was noted between the severity of the scoliosis and delayed bone maturation, hematocrit values, or the specific type of heart defect.

G.R.


The amplitude and time relationships of the carotid derivative in normal individuals and unselected cardiac patients is investigated together with the effects of different contraction strengths in patients with pulsat alternans and subjects challenged with isoproterenol and propranolol. Data regarding the relationship between the prejection period (PEP) and the ratio of peak to total amplitude of the carotid displacement pulse derivative are presented. It is found that cardiac abnormality tends to reduce the rate of rise of the carotid displacement pulse. The results obtained show that the PEP is a somewhat more sensitive index of the changes studied than the carotid displacement derivative.

G.R.
An attempt has been made to distinguish between the direct effect of hypoxemia and the actions of catecholamines. Coronary blood flow has, therefore, been measured in reserpinized dogs, in which the effects both of catecholamines and of the sympathetic nerves are thought to disappear. It was found that the uncontrolled heart rate was increased by hypoxemia even in reserpinized dogs. In this case the coronary vasodilatory effect of hypoxemia could not be distinguished from the effect of the increased heart rate on the coronary blood flow, since tachycardia also caused an increase in coronary blood flow. In other experiments the heart rate was, therefore, kept constant by use of a pacemaker. It was seen that even at a constant heart rate the coronary blood flow was significantly increased by hypoxemia.

G.R.


The studies discussed are related to myocardial hypertrophy, myocardial histological changes, coronary artery size changes, coronary collateral circulation, and cardiac mechanical and metabolic performance. Other investigations considered are concerned with skeletal muscle mitochondria and respiratory enzyme changes, myocardial mitochondria and respiratory enzyme changes, and atherosclerosis and serum cholesterol. It is pointed out that the animal studies regarding the effect of chronic exercise on atherosclerosis are suggestive of a protective influence. However, the results obtained are not conclusive, particularly with regard to the coronary arteries.

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G.R.


The concept of behavior is usually associated by physiologists with those actions of the organism that ensure most complete adaptation to the ambient medium. These actions are primarily identified with various motor functions, but the concept of behavior should in fact encompass a wider range of processes. An attempt is made to formulate such a wide concept of behavior for visceral systems. Various criteria are defined which can be used to evaluate the usefulness of the concept of behavior in adequately describing the activity of visceral systems. Experimental data on the behavior of the digestive system are used to substantiate the proposed definitions. T.M.


Steady increases and decreases in the firing rate of cortical neuron populations in immobilized rabbits were achieved with the aid of a feedback experiment where pulse electrical stimulation of the skin was automatically applied when the measured firing rate exceeded threshold values. Changes in the firing rate were always directed away from the applied stimulus frequency. The resulting drop or rise in the firing rate was maintained for 15 to 20 min after termination of the skin stimulus. T.M.


Glass microelectrodes were used for extracellular recording of spontaneous unit activity of the supramammillary, mammillary, and anterior hypothalamic regions in cats anesthetized with chloralose and immobilized with atline. The background activity of most hypothalamic neurons is characterized by single nonrhythmic spikes with large interspike intervals. Brief bursts of discharges were most frequently (36.3% of neurons) observed in the mammillary region. No specific distribution of interspike intervals among the separate hypothalamic structures was observed, and no significant differences in the frequency characteristics of neurons in the different regions were evident. T.M.


A72-44594 # Pulse activity of neurons in the thermal regulation center of the anterior hypothalamus during chill shivering (Impul'snaia aktivnost' neironov termoregulatsiiiz men'globa pe-rendego gipotalamusa vo vremia kholodovoi drozhi). V. A. Kon-


A forecast attempt is presented on future advances in electron microscopic studies of membrane systems. A review of recent advances and present trends is followed by a discussion of prerequisites to further progress. Special attention is given to research areas of particular promise.

M.V.E.

A72-44511 Eye movements evoked by collicular stimulation in the alert monkey. D. A. Robinson (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.). Vision Research, vol. 12, Nov. 1972, p. 376-389. 57 refs. Research supported by the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation, Pritzker Fund, L. Block Fund, and University of Chicago; Grants No. NIH-GM-13243; No. NIH-GM-18236; No. NIH-GM-13236; No. NIH-GM-18236; No. NGL-14-001-012. A forecast attempt is presented on future advances in electron microscopic studies of membrane systems. A review of recent advances and present trends is followed by a discussion of prerequisites to further progress. Special attention is given to research areas of particular promise.

M.V.E.

A72-44512 Optimal directionality of retinal receptors and corresponding points. I - Nasal-temporal asymmetry of retinal spatial values and orientation of receptors: Are the corresponding points cones? II - Variation of form of the experimental horoptera, and stem are summarized, as well as a number of theories concerning the formation of the respiration rhythm. The physiology of the efferent innervation of the respiratory apparatus is reviewed, as well as mechanisms of autonomous control of the respiratory apparatus by nerve reflexes. The adaptation of respiration to metabolism is discussed, and a detailed analysis is made of the respiration driving mechanisms, including so-called unspecific respiration drives, respiration effects resulting from blood chemistry (feedback drives), and respiration drives resulting from active muscles and moving extremities. The relation between respiratory drives transmitted by the nerves from working muscles and local chemoreception is discussed, as well as the existence of a central chemoreception which is sensitive to both changes in carbon dioxide pressure and changes in the hydrogen ion concentration in the arterial blood. A.B.K.
A72-44908


An investigation was conducted in order to determine spatial and temporal parameters of the periphery effect, and to determine the relation between the periphery effect and independent measures of the receptive field organization of the retinal ganglion cell. Adult cats were used in the tests. The periphery effect was investigated in 15 cells which had previously been subjected to a thorough exploration of the receptive field properties. A classification of the periphery effect is discussed together with the phenomena observed in the unmodulated components of the periphery effect.

G.R.

A72-44909


A72-44910


An experiment was conducted to investigate the effects of inducing field area and luminance on the perceived brightness of a test stimulus presented either simultaneously with the inducing field or successively at various times after the offset of the inducing field. A second experiment was concerned with the effects of separation between the test and inducing fields, on the temporal course of successive brightness contrast. The results obtained in the experiments indicate that similar principles apply to both simultaneous and successive brightness contrast.

G.R.

A72-44916


A field experiment was conducted to relate the subjectively-reported startle of up to 30 subjects exposed to up to 53 sonic booms to simple functions of their overpressures and rise times. The analysis, which included a forward selection procedure for improved regression, produced prediction equations which, on the substitution of these comparatively easily derived boom parameters, report startle on a ratio scale in which a value of 10 jumps is the startle due to an imaginary, unexpected, fairly loud door-slam. The startle due to Concordo sonic booms is assessed with these equations. Conclusions are drawn about their functional significance and their relation to sonic boom loudness.

A72-44924


A72-44957

Relative position of the rib within the chest and its determination on living subjects with the aid of a computer program. J. Jordanoglou, C. Gardikas (Evangelismos Hospital, Athens, Greece), and J. Kontos (Evangelismos Hospital; Greek Atomic Energy Commission, Computer Centre, Athens, Greece). Respiration Physiology, vol. 16, Sept. 1972, p. 41-50. 6 refs.

A72-44958


Results of experiments performed on cats to determine the functional role of each source of proprioceptive information (chest wall, diaphragm, and lungs) by systematically interrupting the appropriate afferent pathways, singly and in combination, are described. When all sources of sensory feedback were interrupted simultaneously, the facilitation of external intercostal and diaphragm activity observed with loading was totally abolished. This preparation also made it possible to study the extent to which the intrinsic properties of the inspiratory muscles contribute to the systems mechanical response to increased airflow resistance. The primary function of the 'load-compensating' reflex when breathing against increased airflow resistance appears to be one of providing stability in the rib cage.

F.R.L.

A72-44959


Experiments have been conducted to investigate whether electrical activity of medullary inspiratory neurones is altered on the first breath following mechanical loading of inspiration. The predominant effect of resistive loading was an increase in both rate and duration of neurone activity. This facilitation was completely eliminated by vagotomy suggesting that the vagi are the only source of sensory information impinging on the inspiratory neurones conveying information about the loaded breath. In the intact animal, elastic loading and tracheal occlusion elicited the following responses: (1) an extended firing time of all neurones, (2) increased rate of unit activity in one population of neurones, and (3) a decreased rate of unit activity in another population of neurones. Following vagotomy the only response noted with these types of loading was a decrease in the firing rate of some neurones. A probable source of the observed inhibition are the tendon organs of the diaphragm and/or external intercostal muscles via dorsal root pathways.

(Author)

A72-44960


Three methods of quantitating the respiratory response to acute hypoxia were compared in nine normal young men: (1) steady state CO2 response at oxygen partial pressures of 200 and 40 torr, (2) progressive hypoxia with CO2 arterial pressure held at the subjects resting value and 5 torr above this, and (3) a single breath test which
uses a single vital capacity inspiration of a hypoxic and/or hypercapnic gas and is presumed to stimulate primarily peripheral chemoreceptors. In methods 1 and 2 the ventilatory response to hypoxia (defined as the increment in ventilation produced by reduction of alveolar oxygen pressure from above 200 to 40 torr measured at the subjects' normal or standardized arterial CO2 pressure) averaged 19.8 and 20.9 L/min x sq m. Ventilation (mean of second and third spontaneous breaths) following a single vital capacity breath of 15% CO2 in N2 averaged 30.3 L/min x sq m) more than after a control breath of 5% CO2 in O2. Hypoxic depression of ventilation occurred in three subjects during testing with method 1 and in one subject with method 2.

(Author)

A72-45009 Control, by the visual cortex, of the posterior lateral thalamic group in the cat (Contrôle, par le cortex visuel, du groupe thalamique lateral posterior chez le chat). D. Richard, P. Buser (Paris, Université, Laboratoire de Neurophysiologie Comparée, Paris, France), and L. Angèny. Experimental Brain Research, vol. 15, Sept. 29, 1972, p. 386-404. 45 refs. In French. Research supported by the Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale Française.


In a study of 30 consecutive patients who underwent coronary arteriography for prolonged, severe angina, 15 had a history or electrocardiographic evidence of prior myocardial infarction and 15 did not. The frequency of intercorony circulation and the presence of a rudimentary vessel distinguished the group with infarction, whereas the presence of focal bridging alone was characteristic of those with angina pectoris. The thesis is offered that angina is the result of proximal major vessel stenosis, with inadequate service by collateral circulation, and that the findings with infarction although quantitatively similar, result eventually in complete obstruction, often with retrograde flow in a major vessel. Such a working hypothesis suggests that minor degrees of myocardial damage are explicable in terms of major vessel constriction with resultant injury at the subendocardial level. (Author)

A72-45011 General index for the assessment of cardiac function. I. Mirsky, A. Pasternac, and R. C. Ellison (Children's Hospital Medical Center; Harvard University, Boston, Mass.). American Journal of Cardiology, vol. 30, Oct. 1972, p. 483-491. 39 refs. Research supported by the Children's Hospital Medical Center and Massachusetts Heart Association; Grants No. NIH-HE-12711-02; No. NIH-HE-10436-05.

A general approach is proposed for the assessment of cardiac function with the aid of the concept of 'normalized velocity.' This concept arises from the observation that the mechanical behavior of heart muscle can best be described in terms of exponential stress-strain characteristics similar to those of other biological elastic tissues. This concept is extended in the clinical situation to apply to variations in ventricular volume and to variations in precordial displacement as recorded by the apex cardiogram. The assessment of myocardial contractility is discussed together with a biplane angiocardiographic analysis. G.R.


The index of health is an important concept in connection with the decision by the physician to treat a cancer patient with a massive dose of radiation. Data regarding the index of health can provide the assurance that the adverse effect of the radiation treatment can be tolerated by the patient. The index of health is calculated on the basis of tests involving five blood samples taken at intervals ranging from twelve to eighteen hours after an injection of glycine or lycine which is tagged with radioactive carbon. Another advance concerning the treatment of cancer provides a means for defining and measuring the radiation dose absorbed by the patient with great accuracy. G.R.


It is shown that the expired air can contain both endogenous and exogenous carbon monoxide, whose concentration depends strongly on the microclimatic parameters of the atmosphere, the time of contact of man with carbon monoxide containing air, the degree of activity, the type of nutrition, and also on the individual characteristics of the organism. The daily excretion of carbon monoxide by a healthy person is 200 mg (at rest, without the influence of any external factors). The rate of carbon monoxide excretion increases rapidly in the presence of external factors. This should be taken into consideration when designing space-vehicle air purification systems. Experiments lasting 30 days showed, however, that carbon monoxide concentrations of the order of 15 mg/cu m do not affect the principle physiological systems of the organism. V.P.


An investigation of various water preservation methods shows that preference should be given to preservation by means of electrolytic solutions containing silver ions in the liquid or solid phase. This method is particularly well suited in the case of regenerated water. The combined use of physical and chemical decontamination methods is discussed. V.P.


Biological aspects of communications with extraterrestrial intelligence (CETI) are examined in the general framework of the universal chemistry of life. An analysis of the distribution of main organogenic elements indicates that the composition of living matter is closer to that of the Universe as a whole rather than that of the Earth's crust. The properties of silicon are discussed to substantiate arguments against life based on this element instead of carbon. The possibility for the existence of life on wandering planets that are not...

Results of biological and physiological studies of the nourishment of three human subjects sustained by a food ration of dehydrated products during year-long confinement in a sealed chamber with a regenerative life support system. Mean daily consumption included 131.3 g of proteins, 125.1 g of fats, and 344.1 g of carbohydrates. Dehydrated products were reconstituted by adding water recovered from urine and from condensation in the chamber. Vitamins, minerals, and vegetable mixtures were included. Data for the protein, lipid, carbohydrate, vitamin, and water-salt metabolisms are discussed along with indices of hormone and enzyme functions.

M.V.E.


Analysis of the quality of life support systems containing various subsystems. Graphs are used to evaluate the effectiveness of recycling techniques using various criteria. Special attention is given to reduced mass minimization as a quality criterion for the energy conversion and metabolic processes involved. A diagram is also given to show the mass transfer processes in a life support system. Life support systems containing different subsystems are compared and evaluated to provide a basis for sound selection of a suitable system.

V.Z.


In 1969 the Jet Propulsion Laboratory undertook an investigation to determine which of its space-derived capabilities could make significant contributions to the improvement of health care delivery in the U.S. The area of planetary quarantine was identified as one of high relevance. Two studies were conducted in this connection. The first study, which could contribute to infection reduction and control, was concerned with conversion of infection implicated complex, nonheat sterilizable equipment to dry heat, sterilizable equipment by changes in design and materials of construction. The second study area related to hospital acquired infection is clean room technology. A definite investigation has been performed to demonstrate and statistically evaluate performance under controlled conditions.

G.R.


Research and development work for application of Environmental and Thermal Control/Life Support System (ETC/LSS) on a lunar base mission is reviewed, covering lunar mission requirements and constraints, a Lunar Base ETC/LSS reliability assessment, food regeneration, the water and waste system, the atmosphere regeneration subsystem, and atmosphere contaminant control. The establishment of detailed system design criteria for the Lunar Surface Base LSS is considered to be premature at this phase of the project. Some recommendations are given instead for guidance in further R&D efforts.

V.Z.


In a closed ecological system it is necessary to reclaim most of the oxygen required for breathing from respired carbon dioxide and the remainder from waste water. One of the advanced physicochemical systems being developed for generating oxygen in manned spacecraft is the solid electrolyte-electrolysis system. The solid electrolyte system consists of two basic units, an electrolyzer and a carbon monoxide disproportionator. The electrolyzer can reclaim oxygen from both carbon dioxide and water. Electrolyzer preparation and assembly are discussed together with questions of reactor design and electrolyzer performance data.

G.R.


Design concepts and test philosophies which may contribute to the development of a low-cost maintainable environmental control/life support system are examined. It is shown that the concept of producing flight prototype equipment during a developmental program can reduce the eventual cost of a flight system by incorporating realistic flight-type design requirements without imposing exacting design features and stringent controls. A flight prototype design is one that can be converted readily into an actual flight design without any conceptual change. Modularity of subsystems provides the system and the program a degree of flexibility relative to the eventual vehicle configuration and technological improvements.

V.P.


Bedrest weightlessness-simulation studies of 14 and 28 days were conducted on 20 and 24 healthy male subjects kept on metabolic diets in supine positions followed by placing in the 70 deg
tilt posture with or without performing a controlled Valsalva maneuver before tilting. Baseline EKG, heart rate, brachial and pulmonary artery pressure, cardiac output, and oxygen consumption were recorded during the experiments. Ten subjects received 9-alpha-fluorohydrocortisone during the bedrest phase to evaluate the effects of plasma volume maintenance on the changes in tilt and exercise tolerance induced by bedrest. It is concluded that factors other than autonomic insufficiency, extravascular dehydration, increased venous pooling and increased plasma water transudation should be responsible for the decrease in orthostatic tolerance established in subjects after bedrest.

V.Z.


The procedures by which the inhabited apartments of spaceships are made free from pathogenic and conditional pathogenic microflora, and with a sufficiently low general microflora level, are described. For preventing microflora accumulation in spacecraft during flight, apart from sanitary and hygienic measures, special methods were used, e.g., bacterial filters for air purification, wiping with disinfectants for reducing surface contamination, use of antimicrobial underclothes for limitation of microflora on the skin and underclothes, and preservation of human wastes to prevent microbial reproduction in them.

F.R.L.


The strengths and weaknesses of the human element in manned space missions are considered, along with the endurance limits of the human organism and the stresses of space flight. International manned space experience, space related deaths, and near accidents are summarized. Situations that might require rescue at various space mission stages are pointed out, and present narrowly limited rescue capabilities are shown to render safety dependent almost exclusively on space vehicle and equipment reliability. Discussed situations that may produce difficulties for man include cabin decompression, oxygen depletion (anoxia), radiation, gravitational forces, onboard illness or injury, dehydration, food deprivation, heat and cold.

M.V.E.


Using a new double-barreled K+-selective liquid ion-exchange microelectrode effective intracellular K+ ion concentration and the peritubular PD were measured simultaneously in single cells of the distal tubule of the rat kidney. The transepithelial PD was measured in the same kidney. A mean K+ ion concentration of 46.5 ± 0.8 mm was obtained in the distal tubule cells of normal rats. The effective transepithelial K+ ion concentration increased significantly to 60.5 ± 0.8 mm with chronic K+ loading and to 51.5 ± 0.9 mm with metabolic alkalosis, and decreased significantly to 36.5 ± 0.8 mm with chronic K+ depletion and to 38.7 ± 0.8 mm with metabolic acidosis. The luminal membrane PD was depolarized in the kaliuretic states of K+ loading and alkalosis and hyper-polarized in the kaliopenic states of K+ depletion and acidosis. Thus the summation of the observed chemical and electrical driving forces between the cellular and luminal compartments could quantitatively account for the passive entry of K(+) into the lumen of the distal tubule under the different metabolic states.

Author.


The theories concerning the operation of the short-term and the long-term memories are examined, taking also into account experiments regarding the capacity of the human mind to retain information which had been briefly presented. Experiments were conducted to determine the performance of the short-term memory under conditions involving various parameter values regarding the time of presentation, the magnitude of the unit of the presented material, and the time interval between individual tests. The results obtained confirm that there is a reciprocal relation between the span of the immediate memory and the length of time during which information can be recalled.

G.R.


Requirements regarding a general psychological theory of reasoning are discussed together with a psychological model for the solution of problems of reasoning. Questions of the design of specific problems are considered along with algebraic logical formulas and the representation of compound problems by elementary logical operations. It is pointed out that compound reasoning processes and test effects are very interesting from the point of view of the formation of psychological theories. Problems of parameter estimation are discussed along with an exploratory study. It is found that human reasoning uses a smaller number of psychologically elementary operations than would be expected according to the number of set-theoretic elementary operations.

G.R.


The raw materials for the synthesis of food for the crew of a spacecraft would be the major metabolic products carbon dioxide and water. Synthetic processes could develop carbohydrates, fats, or proteins. The one potential method of sugar synthesis which has received most attention makes use of the formose reaction. Various aspects of this method are discussed, giving attention also to the nutritional qualities of formose sugars. Questions regarding the utilization of glycerol, propylene glycol, and ethanol as dietary components are also examined. The possibility is considered to use the triglyceride triacetin as food. The use of free amino acids does not appear promising. Methods are described for the synthesis of formaldehyde from carbon dioxide and the synthesis of glycerol from formaldehyde.

G.R.

A72-45374


A study is described which indicates that the blood monocyte is the cell responsible for colony-stimulating factor (CSF) production, and for the stimulation, in vitro, of granulocyte and mononuclear cell growth. Human blood kept from coagulating was separated into a number of leucocyte fractions. The ability of specific leucocyte fractions and conditioned medium prepared from these fractions to stimulate colony growth in vitro was tested in a soft gel system for cultivating mouse bone marrow. CSF was produced only by those fractions containing monocytes. Neutrophils not only failed to produce CSF, but were inhibitory to colony formation. (Author)

A72-45375


Specific insulin receptors from human lymphocytes in culture have been prepared in aqueous solution without use of detergents or related compounds. Receptors prepared in this fashion exhibit characteristics identical to those reported in intact cells. (Author)

A72-45376


A new principle for determining the oxygen content of 0.1-milliliter blood samples has been developed, based on measurement of the delay in gelation during copolymerization of acrylamide and bisacrylamide initiated by free radicals. The logarithm of this time interval is linearly proportional to the oxygen content of the blood sample over the range from 0 to 22 milliliters of oxygen per 100 milliliters of whole blood. Physiological variations of pH and pCO2 do not affect the sensitivity of the assay. (Author)

A72-45377


A vertical slit of light illuminated during horizontal saccadic eye movements appeared as a horizontally extended smear when stimulation was terminated before the saccade ended. However, on trials for which duration of illumination of the slit was extended into the period after the saccade, the smear appeared shorter and dimmer, and a clear image of the slit was seen. With further increases in duration, no smears were seen at the highest luminance of the slit employed, although smears were more than 2 log units above threshold when flashes were brief. This saccadic suppression is discussed in terms of metacontrast, with the accumulated luminance in the period after the saccade primarily responsible for masking the effects of the stimulation received during the movement of the eye. (Author)

A72-45508


Discussion of a technique for synthesis of control systems containing a human operator as a component of their control circuit. A method is described for deriving the operational characteristics of such human operators. An iteration procedure is also given for the selection of a quality criterion for man-containing control circuits. A new version of estimation method is proposed for determining the weighted coefficients of the optimization potential of such control systems. (Author)

A72-45510


Several types of mathematical models are described which are presently used in the analytical theory of ergatic control systems. It is demonstrated that the problem of optimal man-machine function distribution in automatic control systems cannot be solved by using conventional transfer functions. It is shown, rather, that other techniques must be used for synthesis of systems with optimal man-machine function distributions. These techniques involve the generalization of the working characteristics which relate the accuracy and time to failure of a human operator to the input signal operator and input signal functional transformation operator in a closed control system. (Author)

A72-45515


A72-45516


Several problems of ergatic differential-game systems are formulated. Possible methods for solving these problems are discussed. The activity of a human operator in controlling dynamic plants in game situations is analyzed by a quantitative study of ergonomic control systems. The succession of operations is determined for the solution of the problem of optimal man-machine control function distribution in ergatic automatic differential-game systems.

V.Z.


Synthesis of automatic control for an information game is treated as a situation recognition process. The mathematical nature of this process is analyzed. An algorithm is derived for the realization of this process with the participation of a human operator.

V.Z.


Analytical methods developed by the author for ergatic differential-game systems are applied to a study of a specific situation in the interception avoidance game on a plane. Variations in the probability of avoidance are determined in relation to the parameters of the differential avoidance game. Decision making by a human operator in an avoidance game against a pursuer who uses randomly selected aiming techniques is examined. The capabilities of a human operator to solve avoidance game problems are assessed.

V.Z.


**A72-45653** Relationship of sodium deprivation to +Gz acceleration tolerance. S. J. Shubrooks, Jr. (USAF, School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Tex.). Aerospace Medicine, vol. 43, Sept. 1972, p. 954-956. 7 refs.

Study of +Gz acceleration tolerance for 16 normal volunteer subjects both during a normal uncontrolled diet and during a period of negative sodium and water balance produced by dietary restriction. Four subjects were studied on each of four different levels of sodium intake - 10, 50, 100 and 150 mEq sodium/24 hr.; water intake was limited to 2000 cc/24 hr. for all. With the dietary restriction changes in plasma volume ranged from undetectable to a 23% reduction, and +Gz tolerance decreased for all subjects (P less than 0.001). Decreases during rapid onset (1 G/sec.) runs ranged from 0.2 to 0.7 G and during gradual onset (1 G/15 sec.) runs from 0.2 to 1.35 G. The effect on +Gz tolerance of these relatively small negative salt and water balances is particularly significant in view of the much greater deficits experienced by flying personnel in tropical environments.

(Author)


**A72-45655** California psychological inventory as a predictor of success in the Naval flight program. S. F. Bucky and S. L. Ridley (U.S. Naval Aerospace Medical Center, Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Fla.). Aerospace Medicine, vol. 43, Sept. 1972, p. 971-973. 8 refs.


About 200 letdowns within a 4-yr period have been studied, and an attempt is made to determine the technique used by the pilot in evaluating overall workload from the various factors of the letdown, and to assess the consistency of his technique. The individual factors considered are (1) aircraft with reference to technical serviceability, efficiency of the crew, and problems associated with passengers, (2) the availability of navigational aids, (3) meteorological conditions, (4) the physical features of the airport, and (5) the efficiency of the control procedures. The study suggests that assessments of workload by aircrew under difficult circumstances should be based on individual factors of workload rather than overall impressions of total difficulty, and that predicted workload using a suitable model based on the individual factors of workload may prove valuable for letdowns of limited difficulty.

F.R.L.

**A72-45658** Response to daily lower body negative pressure /LBNP/ exposure /-10mm Hg/, with emphasis on plasma renin activity, sodium and potassium excretion. D. R. Stoop and J. P. Hoche (U.S. Navy, Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory, Pensacola, Fla.). Aerospace Medicine, vol. 43, Sept. 1972, p. 1002-1004. 13 refs.


Subjects have been subjected to Gz (positive) haversine accelerations of short duration and high magnitude on the centrifuge, and their responses to peripheral light loss have been recorded. Whereas most subjects lost the peripheral lights during the 6-sec haversine, only one did so during the 4-sec run. Since the acceleration is maximum at 1/2 tau for the haversine, this means that a rise time of 6 Gz in 3 sec caused peripheral light loss whereas 10 Gz in 2 sec did not. The data thus indicate that the time for no response to a rapidly rising acceleration is greater than 2 sec (no response to a 4-sec haversine) and less than 3 sec (peripheral light loss to a 6-sec haversine). The characteristics of the haversine in evaluating centrifuge response are discussed. (Author)


A problem of major concern to flight surgeons is when to return rated personnel to flying duties following the occurrence of a malignant disorder. It is now possible to analyze total Air Force experience concerning cancer treatment and survival. Raw survival data can be extrapolated by the life table method, and two functions which describe different aspects of survival can be computed. One of these, the "hazard function," provides information on the likelihood of developing recurrent disease almost immediately for all patients who have survived to the beginning of any given time period. This allows accurate predictions as to the percentage of those patients who, having survived for a certain period of time following definitive surgery, will fail during the immediately succeeding time. An acceptable risk can then be determined, and, by using a plotted curve, it is possible to determine at which point in time following initial treatment a given group of patients will fall below a certain chance of developing an immediate recurrence. This is a most powerful statistical concept and for the first time allows the flight surgeon to state in terms of P values the percentage of expected recurrence at any point in time in order to come to a relatively definitive decision, regarding return to flying status. (Author)


Alcoholics beverages continued to be associated with general aviation accidents. In 1965 43% of the fatal aircraft accidents involved alcohol. However, since 1965 the percentage of alcohol involvement has decreased from the 43 to 20% in 1968. Since 1968, the percentage of alcohol involvement has remained fairly stable at about 20%. In 1971 the eight-hour "boilie-to-throttle" abstinence rule was in effect. From an analysis of the fatal accident data it appears that the new rule had a beneficial effect. One of the remaining problems appears to be the heavy drinking, chronic alcoholic. (Author)


Despite the rigid screening of all categories of rated personnel for the ability to meet stringent visual standards, cases of keratoconus continue to occur in the USAF flying population. Some recent experience with this disease entity is reviewed. Aspects of incidence, early diagnosis, serial progression and treatment are discussed. Two cases of keratoconus which developed after four years of corneal contact lens wear were presented; and the increasing problem of intentional corneal molding (orthokeratology) is reviewed. (Author)


In a retrospective study of the occurrence of sinus barotrauma in personnel undergoing training in altitude chambers over a 10-year period, the overall incidence rate was found to be 1.16%. Of these, 1.21% occurred at simulated altitudes of 30,000 ft and 1.14% at 43,000 ft. Clinical findings on 29 persons found to suffer sinus barotrauma during a recent six-month study at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute are presented. Radiological studies on 18 of the 29 showed significant pathologic changes. Symptoms of frontal sinusitis were seen in 25 and of maxillary sinusitis in four. Radiographic evaluation facilitates the diagnosis, and the use of hypobaric test procedures is of value in determining the time-course for restoration to full flight status in patients with paranasal sinus pathology. (Author)


Among 681 former Harvard College athletes (lettermen), longevity and cardiovascular mortality differed not by type of sport but by extent of participation. Relative to one-letter and two-letter athletes, men with three or more letters died slightly earlier from natural causes, and significantly more often and slightly earlier from cardiovascular diseases and (specifically) coronary heart disease. The three-or-more-letter athletes differed in physique, being significantly more mesomorphic (muscular, bony) than the other two groups. Further analysis suggested that physique did not account for these differences; other possible explanations were discussed. (Author)


STAR ENTRIES

N72-32080* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Washington, D.C.
AEROSPACE MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY: A CONTINUING BIBLIOGRAPHY WITH INDEXES, SUPPLEMENT 104, JULY 1972
Jul. 1972 134 p refs
(NASA-SP-7011(104)) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06E
This special bibliography lists 409 reports, articles, and other documents introduced into the NASA scientific and technical information system in June 1972. Author

N72-32081* California Univ., San Diego, Dept. of Neurosciences.
Robert Galambos 21 Jul. 1972 10 p refs
(Grant NGR-05-009-083) (NASA-CR-128249) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06P
The electrophysiology of the nervous system is studied using cats and human subjects. Data cover effects of chloralose on evoked potential, the evoked resistance shift that accompanies evoked potentials, and the relationship of eye movements to potentials aroused by visual stimulation. Author

N72-32082* Maryland Univ., College Park, Dept. of Botany.
A STUDY OF PHYSIOLOGY IN CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTS
(Grant NGR-21-002-003) (NASA-CR-12B296, SASS-22, TR-1022) Avail: NTIS HC $5.50 CSCL 06P
The primary objective of this research is to obtain fundamental data concerning the growth and metabolism of the unicellular green algae. These organisms are most likely to provide biological oxygen and a food source for space crews. Biochemical conversions, chemical composition, and cell growth and division are discussed. Chlorella sorokiniana is emphasized. J.A.M.

N72-32083* Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins.
RARE-GAS EFFECTS ON METABOLISM AND INERT GAS NARCOSIS Semiannual Status Report
30 Apr. 1972 83 p refs
(Grant NGR-06-002-076) (NASA-CR-12E213) Avail: NTIS HC $6.25 CSCL 06P
The detailed examination is reported of the theory that narcosis results from expansion of the cell membrane under high partial pressures. The research is partially based on the hypothesis that, like oxygen toxicity, the mechanism of narcotic effects of rare gases may be similar at both low and high pressures and are simply more observable at high pressures. Using adult female goats, the parameters measured included oxygen consumption, CO2 production, respiration rate, heart rate, rectal and skin temperatures and the analysis of electroencephalograms and evoked response. Additionally, the specific activity is measured of plasma glucose subsequent to injection of glucose-UL-C-14, intravenous infusion, specific activity of expired CO2, unesterified fatty acid levels and whole blood lactate-to-pyruvate ratios. Also studied were the effects of acetylsalicylic acid, vitamin E and cationic detergents (which alleviate narcosis) upon metabolic changes induced by high pressure narcosis. Author

SPATIAL ORIENTATION OF BATS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INCREASED GRAVITY
An examination of bat orientation in space by echolocation is presented. Data cover spatial analysis in echolocating animals after sharp functional changes in their acceleration system resulting from exposure to increased gravity. The study shows that severe functional changes in the acceleration system lead to impairment of the mechanism of echolocation, suggesting that there are definite functional interrelations between these systems which apparently play a major role in spatial analysis. Author

PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGES DURING PROLONGED BED REST
(Contract NASw-2038) (NASA-TT-F-14342) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06P
Effects of prolonged bed rest on physical work capacity, tilt-table tolerance, and urinary calcium excretion were studied. It was concluded that reduced physical work capacity was caused by the inactivity associated with prolonged bed rest: impaired tilt-table tolerance is due to the absence of the necessary cardiodynamic stress required for the maintenance of the cardiovascular regulatory mechanism, and increased urinary calcium excretion is due to the absence of the normal longitudinal pressure in the long bones. Author

N72-32086* Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif.
PROBLEMS OF HEAT STERILIZATION DYNAMICS
(Contract NASw-2038) (NASA-TT-F-14543) Avail: NTIS HC $3.50 CSCL 06M
Death behavior of microorganisms during heat sterilization is studied in connection with conformity or nonconformity to the logarithmic death law. Various interpretations of the dynamics of the logarithmic death law are cited from the literature, and possible explanations for nonlogarithmic death curves are advanced. The role of thermal activation phenomena in heat sterilization is discussed. Author

N72-32087* Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif.
The Terminal Decontamination of Rooms. Evaluation of Efficacy Check
(Contract NASw-2035) (NASA-TT-F-14544) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06M
The various methods successively applied to check the efficacy of the terminal decontamination of rooms by means of
gaseous formaldehyde are described. All the contaminated carriers were exposed to the action of the formaldehyde vapor in the test room. Although a high level of formaldehyde in the air was measured, not all the carriers inoculated by a high turbidum of bacteria were sterilized. The causes of the failure are discussed, and recommendations for further investigations are formulated. 

N72-32098# Tecpron Corp., Glen Burnie, Md. 
PROLONGED ACTION OF MEDIUM INTENSITY NOISE ON THE FUNCTIONAL CONDITION OF AN ORGANISM
(NASA-TT-F-14567) Avail. NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06S 
Experiments involving exposure to a wideband sonic background were conducted in an isolation chamber. Reactions to this exposure included fatigue, physical illness, irritability and cases of increased work ability. 

Author

N72-32099# National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C. 
QUESTION OF THE DAILY PERIODICAL HEARING IN A PERIOD IN CONDITIONS OF EXPOSURE TO PROLONGED NOISE
A description is given of experiments which reflect deviations in the hearability threshold of ±4 to 5 db in the absence of noise and up to ±17 db with various forms of noise. 

Author

THE QUESTION OF THE EFFECT OF CUMULATIVE VERTICAL VIBRATION AND NOISE ON A SERIES OF PROTEIN, FAT, AND CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM INDICES FOR WARM-BLOODED ANIMALS
(NASA-TT-F-14569) Avail. NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06C 
The results of an investigation of the effect of vibration and noise, resembling that found aboard ships, on protein, fat, and carbohydrate metabolism indices in animals are discussed. 

Author

INVESTIGATION OF THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BRAIN'S BIOELECTRIC AND ITS OXYGEN DEMAND UNDER VIBRATION EFFECTS
(NASA-TT-F-14570) Avail. NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06P 
The correlation between changes in bioelectric activity in superior portions of the cerebrum and their oxidizing metabolisms is analyzed. 

Author

N72-32092# Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough (England). 
CHANGES IN THE PULSE FREQUENCY RHYTHM IN

RELATION TO THE WORKLOAD
Starting with a phenomenological description of the heart rate rhythm, an arrhythmia condition was derived theoretically. Experimental results from physical and mental work gave values for the average behavior of the arrhythmia quotient in relation to the intensity of the work of a large collection of male subjects. A regression calculation over the individual results of all the experiments shows a reduction in the arrhythmia quotient with the workload. A control theory description is used for the behavior of the arrhythmia on rest. The significance of heart rate measurements in medical practice was discussed. 

Author

N72-32093# Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough (England) 
CIRCADIAN VARIATIONS IN CHOICE REACTION TIME
Ernst Poeppe1 and Juergen C. Aschoff Aug. 1972 19 p refs Transl. into ENGLISH from Z. Exp. Angew. Psychol. (W. Germany), v. 17, no. 4, 1970 p 537-552 (RAE-Lib-Trans-1668; BR-31284) Avail. NTIS HC $3.00 
Four different experiments were performed to test how daily variations of reaction time to optical and acoustic stimuli are influenced if the natural rhythm of sleep and waking is disturbed. The amplitude of circadian variations is greatest if subjects are allowed to sleep during the experimental night and woken for experimental runs. Staying awake at night causes a decrease in the circadian amplitude. The motivation of the subjects and the repetition of experimental runs are important factors which have to be controlled in studies on circadian variations of psychological functions. 

Author

N72-32094# Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif. 
VIBRATION AS A FACTOR IN INCREASING THE EFFECT OF NOISE
(NASA-TT-F-14542) Avail. NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 20A 
Osseous conductivity was studied in workers employed under conditions of noise and vibration. It is concluded that hearing should be checked at least once every six months after employment under such conditions. 

Author

N72-32095# Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif. 
PHARMACOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL STUDIES ON THE PERSPIRATION CENTERS
(NASA-TT-F-14545) Avail. NTIS HC $3.25 CSCL 06P 
Potassium, barium and sodium ions have a temperature-increasing and diaphoretic effect of sympathetic nature on the heat and perspiration center, while magnesium and calcium ions inhibit both centers. The area of the heat and perspiration centers behaves antagonistically to potassium and calcium ions, like the peripheral organs. Magnesium and calcium ions are not antagonistic, but synergistic in their effect on these centers. In central sympathetic excitation, calcium in the centers may be exchanged for potassium ions in the blood, with the reverse action in central sympathetic relaxation. 

Author

N72-32096# Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif. 
REGULATORY MECHANISMS FOR FATTY ACID BIO-SYNTHESIS
TOWARD KNOWLEDGE OF THE EFFECT OF MAGNESIUM ON THE BODY TEMPERATURE
(Contract NASw-2035)
(NASA-TT-F-14549) Avail: NTIS HC $3.25 CSCL 06P
Recent findings are reported concerning the regulatory mechanisms for the quantity and activity of acetyl-CoA carboxylase, which plays the role of the key enzyme in the regulation of fatty acid biosynthesis. When the speed of fatty acid synthesis must be changed immediately, the regulatory mechanism of changing the enzyme quantity will not be quick enough, and it is assumed that regulation is performed by varying the enzyme activity. In long-term regulation of fatty acid synthesis, however, it is assumed that the regulatory mechanism of changing the enzyme quantity also plays a role.

TOWARD KNOWLEDGE OF THE EFFECT OF MAGNESIUM ON THE BODY TEMPERATURE
Transl. into ENGLISH from Arch. Exp. Pathol. Pharmakol. (Berlin), v. 79. 1916 p 285-290

EFFECT OF CAFFEINE ON ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE
(Contract NASw-2037)
(NASA-TT-F-14561) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06P
Caffeine administered orally (0.25 g) had no conclusively positive or negative effect on athletic performance (100-yard dash).

COMPENSATION OF ALCOHOL EFFECTS BY CAFFEINE AND PERVITIN
(Contract NASw-2037)
(NASA-TT-F-14564) Avail: NTIS HC $3.50 CSCL 06P
Performance on the Graf driving machine was used to evaluate the sobering effect of caffeine and pervitin on subjects who had drunk alcohol. Nine mg pervitin per kg of body weight improved psychomotor performance after drinking 1 gram of alcohol/kg of body weight, while 0.2 g caffeine/kg body weight had no such effect. Other disturbed functions remained unaffected by pervitin, however.

HUMAN ENDURANCE OF IMPACT OVERLOADS
(Contract NASw-2037)
(NASA-TT-F-14574) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06S
Human endurance of impact overloads was investigated. It was assumed that the endurance limit is determined by mechanical stresses in the human body.

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IMPROVEMENT OF THE TAILED AMPHIBIAN TRITURUS CRISTATUS
(Contract NASw-2035)
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The strength of the vertebræ in the age group from 19 to 40 years underwent changes under the rate of loading 10 mm/min, on the average from 400 kg in the cervical region to 1300 kg in the lumbar one. In case of axial loading the sublimbic zone proved to be the weakest part of the vertebra. Deformation of the vertebral bodies by 6 to 10% did not affect elastic properties of the osseous tissue and was not accompanied by macroscopic changes in the structure. Injurious processes develop in a definite sequence, in accordance with magnitude of the applied force and deformation. The strength of the intervertebral discs slightly exceeds that of the vertebrae. The lumbar intervertebral discs showed the greatest power of endurance, while the cervical ones were the weakest. Mechanical characteristics of the vertebrae and of the intervertebral discs vary considerably: astonishing from 20 to 50% of the mean arithmetical values.

HUMAN ENDURANCE OF IMPACT OVERLOADS
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(NASA-TT-F-14574) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06S
Human endurance of impact overloads was investigated. It was assumed that the endurance limit is determined by mechanical stresses in the human body.

ULTRA-STRUCTURAL LOCALIZATION OF THE ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE ACTIVITY IN THE INTERRENAL CELLS OF THE TAILED AMPHIBIAN TRITURUS CRISTATUS
(Contract NASw-2037)
(NASA-TT-F-14577) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06C
The alkaline phosphatase activity of interrenal cells (adrenocortical) cells of the tailed amphibian Triturus cristatus is almost exclusively located in the cytoplasmic membranes. This activity is variable from cell to cell, sometimes even missing. All the microvilli of
the cellular surface, as well as the pinocytic vesicles, show alkaline phosphatase activity. The product of the enzymatic reaction is also associated with several short tubules located in the vicinity of the cytoplasmic membrane; these tubules have probably a pinocytic significance. The product of the enzymatic reaction can also be observed at the periphery of the multivesicular bodies; the origin of alkaline phosphatase activity in these structures is discussed. The other cytoplasmic organelles do not show any activity. The enzymatic reaction; on the other hand, does not take place in cells which have been incubated in a medium without substrate, or preincubated in a solution containing L-cysteine. Author

N72-32106# Techtan Corp., Glen Burnie, Md.

THE ACTIVITY OF COLLAGENASES AND THE COLLAGEN CONTENT OF THE SKIN DURING CARCINOGENESIS

CONTENT OF THE SKIN DURING CARCINOGENESIS
In carcinogenesis in the skin of hairless mice the activity of specific collagenases was investigated with the assistance of a synthetic substrate of polypeptides. In carcinogen-treated skin, a remarkable amount of enzyme activity (up to 300% in comparison with the untreated skin), was found. A higher activity was seen in the dermis than in the epidermal layer. In papillomas the enzyme activity was still greater. Highest values were measured from marginal regions of fully developed carcinomas. The total collagen content of the skin was significantly reduced. Higher activity of collagenases has therefore to be considered to lower the total collagen content.


STUDY OF THE RESISTANCE TO INFECTION OF PREGNANT WOMEN BY THE LYMPHOBLASTIC TRANSFORMATION TEST

Resistence to infection of pregnant women was studied by the lymphoblastic transformation test. The response to PHA is shown to decrease during pregnancy, indicating a relative immunity tolerance during gestation.


BIOMEDICAL PROBLEMS OF SPACE FLIGHT

Articles on the biomedical problems of space flight are presented. The articles are concerned with the following subjects: (1) biology and microbiology, (2) central nervous system and endocrinological system, (3) cardiovascular system and hematology, (4) physiology of analyzers, (5) metabolism, respiration, and endocrine physiology, (6) biochemistry, space pharmacology, and pharmacy, (7) work psychology, hygiene, and toxicology, and (8) radiobiology.

N72-32108# Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough (England).

OXYGEN DIFFUSION IN THE BRAIN. PART 2: OXYGEN DIFFUSION WITH O2 DEFICIENCY

N72-32111# National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

WATER-SOLUBLE FILTERS AND THEIR USE IN BACTERI...
AL COUNTS
A water soluble material suitable for use in making filters to count bacteria suspended in the atmosphere is described. Author

N72-32112** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.
STUDIES OF BACTERIOLOGICAL BIOLUMINESCENCE. ACTION OF MAGNESIUM SALT
The action of magnesium sulfates and various other magnesium salts on phosphorescent bacteria is investigated. Attempts were made to determine what proportion of each salt would cause the greatest activity, intensity, and the duration of luminosity. The following results were reported: (1) All magnesium salts with the exception of salicylate caused extraordinary luminous intensity and duration in the bacteria. (2) Magnesium nitrate had the least effect on luminescence. (3) Photogenic bacteria thrive in various magnesium salt solutions, but live longer in concentrations up to 11 percent. (4) Magnesium tartrate is most favorable to the development and duration of light in the photogenic bacteria. E.H.W.

N72-32113** Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif.
PHONOCARDIOGRAM ANALYSIS AND ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS
(NASA-TT-F-14608) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06E
A current task in phonocardiography is to develop methods of quantitative analysis so that data can be indicated objectively. Attempts are being made to introduce electronic computers into this field. A hybrid computer system has been in phonocardiogram analysis since 1964. Concrete examples of measurements of 78 phonocardiograms by this system are described, and it is shown that there is good coincidence in 98.9% of the cases analyzed. Author

N72-32114** Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif.
COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF PHONOCARDIOGRAMS
(NASA-TT-F-14588) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06E
Using a hybrid system of computer analysis of phonocardiograms, an attempt was made to diagnose on the level of the clinician of today. The equipment is described, and the measurement and pattern recognition processes are explained. The phonocardiograms of normal individuals and persons suffering from various heart diseases were analyzed by this method. As yet no definite conclusions were reached, although there are fairly good prospects of attaining the goal of perfecting diagnostic equipment on the clinician's level. Author

ANALYSIS OF FUNGAL TYPE ISOLATES TAKEN FROM A COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF PHONOCARDIOGRAMS
1M72-32114*# Scientific Translation Service, Santa Barbara, Calif.

EVALUATION OF PLASMA CLEANING AND ELECTRON SPECTROSCOPY FOR REDUCTION OF ORGANIC CONTAMINATION Final Report
May 1972 20 p refs Sponsored by NASA Prepared for JPL (Contract JPL Order GU-561461)
(NASA-TT-F-14349) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06E
The use of Auger spectroscopy to evaluate the effectiveness of plasma cleaning procedures in decontaminating Viking spacecraft is examined. Also investigated was the use of Auger spectroscopy to monitor organic contamination. Results show plasma cleaning can be used effectively to remove organic films and that Auger spectroscopy can be used to monitor organic contamination. E.H.W.

N72-32118** Kanner (Leo) Associates, Redwood City, Calif.
STUDIES ON THE pH-DEPENDENCE, INHIBITION, AND REACTIVATION OF ANGIOTENSIN 2 AND ANGIOTENSIN 2 AMIDE CLEAVING ENZYMES OF HUMAN PLASMA
The pH-dependence of the biological inactivation of alpha-L-asparaginyl-angiotensin 2 (I) and of alpha-L-asparaginyl-angiotensin 2 (II) in human plasma was compared. In addition, the pH-dependence of the EDTA inhibition of angiotensinases and its reactivations by divalent metal ions were investigated. Both substrates are cleaved by at least three enzymes with different pH optima. Distinguishable characteristics of the A- and H-inactivating enzymes were found in all pH ranges. Also compared was the pH-dependence of the biological inactivation of H and the cleavage of asparagine from H (aminopeptidase). The results are compatible with the assumption that the enzymes most active at pH 5.6 are endopeptidases and that the enzymes most active in the neutral and alkaline domains are aminopeptidases. Author

DANGERS OF BED REST
(NASA-TT-F-14349) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00 CSCL 06E
The hazards of bed rest as a therapeutic measure are described with respect to circulatory, respiratory and urogenital tracts. Effects on musculature, joints, skeleton and skin are discussed. Author

90-DAY MANNED TEST OF AN ADVANCED REGENERATIVE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM
Fungal-like cultures isolated before, during, and after the 90-day test from samples of space station simulator (SSS) atmosphere, surfaces, subsystem components, and crew clothing sites were identified to genus. Out of the original 525 isolates, approximately 80% were classified as bacteria. Laboratory methods: (culture media, moisturization, and incubation temperatures) favored the recovery of medically significant bacteria rather than fungi. Therefore, fungal isolates were mostly, nonfastidious types which are ubiquitous in soil and air and commonly contaminate laboratory cultures of pathogens. Predominant isolates were species of Aspergillus, Penicillium, Pseudaluria, Rhodotorula, and various yeasts. No instances of fungal proliferation were observed; test data reflect the survival of environmental types indigenous to the SSS pretest. Author
N72-32119

C. Mouriquand, C. Gilly, C. Wolff, and J. Patet May 1971

THE NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS OF INH

J. E. Jordan, Stephen Shields, and Dan Bochneak Dec. 1971

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ISONIAZID (INH) was given for one year to a group of 28 volunteer civilian aviators. Neurological examinations, mental status examinations, EEG's and visual evoked potentials were monitored at control, six months and twelve months. Minor changes were observed in all the measures; none of these changes were severe enough to be of great concern. No evidence was found to justify restriction of flying during INH administration, although the results of this study suggest that careful monitoring of patients taking INH is indicated. Author

N72-32120

EFFECT OF ISONIAZID ON PERFORMANCE 2

Mark A. Hofmann and Richard O. Nossaman Jun. 1971

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Seventeen aviators who converted from negative to positive on a tuberculin skin test performed a variety of laboratory tests given before, during, and after INH therapy. The INH was administered prophylactically at dosage levels of 300 mg per day for one year. The tasks consisted of reaction time (auditory and visual), rotary pursuit tracking, mental multiplication and digit span. The data did not indicate that the drug adversely affected performance, on any of the tasks utilized. Author

N72-32121

SONIC BOOMS AND SLEEP: AFFECT CHANGE AS A FUNCTION OF AGE


14 p refs

(FAA-AM-72-24) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00

Measurements were made of mood changes resulting from simulated sonic booms occurring during sleep. Subjects from three age groups (21 to 26, 40 to 45, and 60 to 72 years old) spent 21 consecutive nights in a sleeping room equipped for sonic boom simulation. During the sixth through seventeenth nights, simulated sonic booms of 1.0 psf outdoors overpressure level (1. psf measured inside the sleeping room) were presented hourly throughout each night. As the measure of mood, the subjects completed a composite mood adjective checklist in the evening before retiring and in the morning after waking on each of the 21 days. No change in mood attributable to the occurrence of simulated sonic booms was found. Substantial effects relating to the age of subjects, irrespective of boom presentations, were obtained. It was concluded that simulated sonic booms of such low intensity were unlikely to have adverse consequences on the mood states of most individuals. Author

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IN VITRO STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF GAMMA RAYS ON HUMAN CHROMOSOMES

C. Mouriquand, C. Gilly, C. Wolff, and J. Patet May 1971


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Blood was collected from seven human donors who had never been exposed to radiation. Samples were gamma-irradiated from a Co-60 source in doses of 25 to 500 rads and leukocytes were prepared for cytological examination. Observations on numerical anomalies of chromosomes included hypodiploidy, hyperdiploidy, and tetraploidy. Structural anomalies included chromatid anomalies, chromosome anomalies, monocentric rearrangements, dicentrics, and fragments. The anomalies in chromosome number and structure are described in detail and relationships between radiation dose and chromosome anomalies are shown by means of graphs and tables. A discussion is presented of the present results in comparison to those reported in the literature. Author (NSA)

N72-32125

ESSAYS ON MARINE BIONICS

V. P. Sochivko 17 Apr. 1972

59 p Transl. into ENGLISH of the publ. "Ocherki Bioniki Morya" Leningrad, 1966

(AD-742638: FTD-HT-23-966-70) Avail: NTIS CSCL 06/4

The report consists of two chapters. A theoretical approach to duplicating biological systems of control with man-made devices is described in Chapter 5. The nature of conditioned and unconditioned reflexes in lower organisms is discussed, the possibility that some supposed reflexes even in fishes might really be evidence of mental activity being illustrated with examples. Pattern recognition in living organisms and attempts to duplicate them technologically are described in Chapter 6. Application of geometrical representations and statistical analysis to pattern recognition is discussed. The difficulty in selecting suitable parameters is emphasized. Author (GRA)

N72-32126

A STUDY OF RECOVERY FUNCTIONS IN MAN Technical Memo, 1 Mar. - 30 Nov. 1971


91 p refs

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Concepts of sustained and continuous military operations were examined with respect to relevant literature. In particular, the objectives were to predict behavioral and biological impairments which might result in those operations; and to determine whether the period necessary for recovery following a sustained operation can be ascertained from the literature. It was concluded that those objectives could not be met due to inadequate information. Nonetheless, the literature did provide data which suggest that certain severe impairments may be experienced by soldiers engaging in sustained and continuous operations. It also provided guidelines for the design of studies to collect the required information. Finally, this review led to a call for serious reevaluation of the current concepts of continuous operations. Author (GRA)
N72-32126# Army Foreign Science and Technology Center, Charlottesville, Va.

MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTION PRODUCED BY MAGNETIC FIELDS
(AD-742513; FSTC-HT-23-349-72) Avail. NTIS CSCL 06/18

The author presents a literature survey on the biological action of magnetic fields and the results of experimental-morphological investigations, carried out at his laboratory. As demonstrated, direct magnetic field, 7,000 oersted in intensity, and an indirect on (50 cycles per sec.), 200 oersted in intensity possessed a marked biological effect. In the mentioned physical conditions and an equal exposure (6 1/2 hours) the indirect field proved to be more active. Direct and indirect magnetic fields proved to induce disturbance of hemodynamics and lymph circulation. Histological investigations demonstrated a pericentral dilatation of capillaries. Edema of the lungs and of the testicles. Dynamic investigations pointed to normalization of morphological picture 30 days after the field action. The magnetic fields (direct and indirect) failed to depress the regeneration. Author (GRA)

N72-32127# Pennsylvania Univ., Philadelphia. School of Medicine.

Myron Yanoff Apr. 1972 9 p refs
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Information was obtained on the biologic effects of the argon laser on the retina. In addition, the biological retinal effects of other lasers (ruby, gallium arsenide, neodymium and carbon dioxide) were carried out. The pigment epithelium was the most sensitive area of the retina exposed to threshold argon and ruby laser energies. The photoreceptor and outer nuclear layers were the next most sensitive retinal areas exposed to argon radiation. The inner layers of the retina seemed to be relatively unaffected by the argon laser at threshold energies, and all layers except the retinal pigment epithelium were relatively unaffected by the ruby laser at threshold energies. Author (GRA)

N72-32128# School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Tex.

DEVICE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE STABILITY OF STANCE AND THE FINE ADJUSTMENTS TO BODY EQUILIBRIUM
A. B. Venediktov, Yu. V. Terekhov, and M. I. Tishchenko 1972 11 p refs Transl. into ENGLISH from Russian Language Article
(AD-741265; SAM-TR-R-1116-0472) Avail. NTIS CSCL 06/16

The stabilograph was used to study the stability of stance of a group of healthy subjects. Based on this study the following parameters were found to be most important: frequency of fluctuation of the center of gravity of the human body in the sagittal and frontal planes, mean amplitude of these fluctuations, mean maximum fluctuation amplitude, and the ratio of the mean fluctuation amplitude with the eyes closed to the mean amplitude with the eyes open. The obtained data represents the first steppingstone toward the utilization of the stabilographic technic in clinical practice. Author (GRA)

N72-32129# Monitor Labs., Inc., Rockville, Md.

DEVELOPMENT OF DATA ACQUISITION FACILITIES AND DATA ANALYSIS SERVICES APPLICABLE TO EXPERIMENTAL HYPERBARIC PHYSIOLOGY Final Report
Paul E. Wilkins 10 Apr. 1972 8 p
(Contract N00014-71-C-0026)

Facilities for data acquisition and analysis were expanded and improved at the Bethesda, Md. Naval Medical Research Institute. These facilities are used as a research tool in studies of the hyperbaric physiology of human and animal subjects. Author (GRA)

N72-32130# Human Engineering Labs., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

ANALYSIS OF PILOT'S EYE MOVEMENTS DURING HELICOPTER FLIGHT
John A. Barnes Apr. 1972 137 p refs
(AD-742276; HEL-TM-11-72) Avail. NTIS CSCL 05/10

Eye movement data from the 21 maneuvers flown during the tactical utility helicopter information transfer study were analyzed to determine the scanning patterns, link value, dwell times and dwell fractions. These data and data from the major eye movement studies conducted since 1944 are presented in the same numerical format. The dwell fractions and mean dwell times for similar maneuvers are compared and the link diagrams for these maneuvers are given when the data was available. The aircraft which were flown or simulated in these studies include the U.S. Navy NH-1 (Howard DGA-15), PBV-5-A, and the U.S. Air Force C-45, T-33, and F-102; the U.S. Army Uh-18; the Boeing 707, the McDonnell-Douglas D.C-8, and the Lockheed L-188. Author (GRA)


THE DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT DURING EMERGENCY DESCENT OF HIGH ALTITUDE/MULTI-MACH TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT Interim Report
Harald J. VonBeckh and Siegfried J. Gerathewohl 30 Dec. 1971 28 p refs
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Eye movement data from the 21 maneuvers flown during the post decompression emergency descent the occupants will be subjected to deceleration induced inertial loads in the direction of the flight path. According to the selected flight path the aircraft's attitude angle will fluctuate and may reach or exceed minus 10 degrees. The resultant G vector will therefore be increased and shifted forward, i.e. the resulting G-load will tend to displace the forward facing occupant forward-downwards. Experiments with chimpanzees has shown that the recovery from the decompression and subsequent hypoxic stress is faster for subjects in semi-supine position, as compared with those in seated position. It is suggested to simulate both, the atmospheric and dynamic events in centrifuge experiments, comparing the behavioral and physiological reactions of forward as well as aft facing subjects. The results could serve for a reassessment of the value of aft-facing versus forward-facing passenger seats.

N72-32132# Air Force Inst. of Tech., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

A DIGITAL SIMULATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL CORRELATES OF A MODEL OF THE HUMAN VISUAL SYSTEM M.S. Thesis
William O. Ragsdale Mar. 1972 66 p refs
(AD-742431; GE/EE/72-72) Avail. NTIS CSCL 05/10

The purpose of this investigation is to establish psychological correlates for a transform model of the human visual system and to determine the model's ability to exhibit Gestalt grouping principles and visual illusions. Psychological correlates were obtained by comparing human visual performance to the computer model's performance; the correlation factors were high. Patterns containing Gestalt grouping principles and various visual illusions were presented to the filtered transform model to determine its ability to exhibit them in reconstructed images after low-pass filtering. Reconstructed images clearly show these characteristics. Author (GRA)


FUNCTION OF THE ORGAN OF EQUILIBRIUM AND
MOTION SICKNESS
Motion sickness, or as it is used to be called, seasickness, can develop in passengers on any form of transportation when there is angular or linear acceleration which can adequately stimulate vestibular receptors. This sickness is most often observed and is most severe in air and sea travel by persons with heightened excitability of the vestibular analyzer. The monograph presents data on the role of higher sections of the central nervous system in the development of vestibular symptoms which are a form of motion sickness. The report also describes rigorous vestibular tests the author and co-workers developed. These tests are in the form of an otoletic reaction, a test with cumulative otoletic stimulation and study of vestibular sensitivity to Coriolis acceleration, e.e., tests modeling actual situations when traveling in the air. 
Author (GRA)

Operant conditioning techniques were applied to the study of how human looking behavior is controlled by what is seen. In a standard vigilance setting, gaze at three illuminae volt meters was monitored by a Mackworth television eye camera with automatic recording capability. Gaze at a given meter produce illumination of the meter, and signals (deflections of the needle on the meter) were programmed as intermittent consequences of this response. Looking behavior was thus placed under the control of concurrent variable ratio, DRL and fixed interval schedules in normal adult volunteers. The effects of 24-hour sleep deprivation on this schedule control were studied in a set of normal and abnormal terminal approach situations. Their level of assurance was determined from their detailed knowledge of each situation, measured by stop-action quizzes, and the ability to detect conflicts. Work-load or the degree of difficulty the pilots experienced in acquiring relevant information about the situation was also regarded as a component of assurance. Specific problem areas emphasized in the test scenarios were simultaneous approaches to closely-spaced parallel runways, blunder detection and resolution, and providing a picture for the pilot when discrete address data links replace current ATC party-line communications. As defined above, pilot assurance was found to increase markedly when a traffic situation display was available. 
Author

The operation and maintenance procedures are described for the development model of the fire rescue air pack (FRAP) voice amplifier assembly, including the battery charger. Operational instructions include a general description of the assembly, specifications, and installation and operation. Maintenance instructions include theory of operation, preventive maintenance, repair, adjustment, and a parts list. The FRAP is intended to permit fire rescue personnel to enter a smoke-filled, toxic or oxygen depleted environment carrying their own source of breathing air. The voice amplifier assembly permits the wearer to communicate by voice with other persons in the vicinity. The battery charger assembly provides a means of keeping the amplifier batteries fully charged. 
Author

N72-32136# Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough (England). ERGONOMICS AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FIGHTING VEHICLES

The psychophysical, and mechanical aspects of man's adaptability to the military technological environment are discussed in terms of arranging the tasks in a fighting vehicle to the capabilities of the soldier. The driver's compartment in a fighting vehicle was chosen for consideration. The following items are discussed: body dimensions, seat design, pedals, steering, levers, instruments, switches, and fighting space.
F.O.S.

Tests were run on a transport cockpit simulation facility to evaluate the pilot assurance value of airborne displays used as traffic situation monitors in high-density terminal airspace. The twenty professional pilots employed as subjects were exposed to a set of typical normal and abnormal terminal approach situations. Their level of assurance was determined from their detailed knowledge of each situation, measured by stop-action quizzes, and the ability to detect conflicts. Work-load or the degree of difficulty the pilots experienced in acquiring relevant information about the situation was also regarded as a component of assurance. Specific problem areas emphasized in the test scenarios were simultaneous approaches to closely-spaced parallel runways, blunder detection and resolution, and providing a picture for the pilot when discrete address data links replace current ATC party-line communications. As defined above, pilot assurance was found to increase markedly when a traffic situation display was available. 
Author

The design and verification tests for the biomedical ground lead system of Apollo biomedical monitors are presented. Major efforts were made to provide a low impedance path to ground, reduce noise and artifact of ECG signals, and limit the current flowing in the ground electrode of the system. 
E.H.W.

The particular sensations associated with space flight, as well as changes in body functions and blood composition are discussed. The OFO-A experiment is described in detail. 
Author

Exposure data for radium patients is presented. Radiation dosage distribution and effects were considered. 
K.P.D.
models of cognition, education, and information retrieval is discussed. An alternative to conventional retrieval systems is described. Formal studies in description and four-dimensional perception are proposed. Theoretical results in neurophysiology and program analysis are presented. To information theory is contributed a new measure of diversity. Experimental work in sampling techniques is advanced, and its application to medicine and speech synthesis described. Author (GRA)


USING A GROUND TRAINER IN A JOB SAMPLE APPROACH TO PREDICTING PILOT PERFORMANCE

Ronald A. Goebel, David R. Baum, and William V. Hagn

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The report documents a novel application of the job sample approach to screening candidates for Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training. The job sample approach consists of obtaining work samples during early training or simulating work situations prior to training and deriving measures of performance from either for use as predictors of future job success. Two specially instrumented and slightly modified Link GAT-1 trainers (General Aviation Trainer for single engine, propeller driven aircraft) were used to present incoming students with two types of tasks: tracking tasks and aircraft maneuvers. Several classes of data, (e.g., tracking measures, maneuver measures, GAT-1 instructor pilot grades, were generated. Criterion data were check ride grades. Three important findings emerged: The concept of job sampling for screening purposes appears to be valid and should be vigorously pursued; the T-41 continues to predict subsequent performance in jet pilot training; and the ground trainer is a useful vehicle for predicting pilot success and should be given further study to assess its proper role in jet pilot screening.

Author (GRA)


CHOOSING AMONG ALTERNATIVE DISTRIBUTIONS OF REWARDS

Lawrence A. Messe

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Men can live together because they develop norms, or rules of conduct, which guide their interpersonal relations. Such rules can only serve their purpose to the extent that members of the group are willing to conform to them. The present research indicates that the norm of fairness, manifested in role symmetry, has the power to affect behavior. Author (GRA)


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Investigations into linguistic interactions and logic are summarized. The application of those and related concepts to


PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF BRUSHITE CRYSTALS Patent

Bernard Rubin and James D. Childress, inventors (to NASA)


A description is given of the preparation and a process by which a calcium phosphate salt may be deposited on the surface of a tooth. The calcium phosphate is prepared using a gel medium process and deposited through gel diffusion. The use of the salt in repairing and strengthening damaged or weak teeth is discussed.

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STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF ULTRASONIC WAVES ON THE REPRODUCTIVE INTEGRITY OF MAMMALIAN CELLS CULTURED IN VITRO

Bambino Isidonio Martins

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The effects of monochromatic ultrasonic waves of 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 and 3.3 MHz frequency on the colony-forming ability of mammalian cells (MG-1, V79, Chang’s and T-1) cultured in vitro have been studied to determine the nature of the action of ultrasonic energy on biological systems at the cellular level. The combined effect of ultrasound and X-rays has also been studied. It is concluded: (1) Ultrasonic irradiation causes both lethal and sublethal damage. (2) There is a threshold dose rate for lethal effects. (3) The effectiveness of ultrasonic waves in causing cell death probably depends on the frequency and the amplitude of the waves for a given cell line, indicating a possible resonance phenomenon.

Author

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LYMPHOCYTIC TRANSFORMATION IN VITRO OF BLOOD LYMPHOCYTES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STUDY OF REPEATED SPONTANEOUS ABORTIONS

D. Alcalay, J. Choukroun, and P. Morin


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Non specific placental extracts failed to induce hypersensitivity reactions in pregnant and nonpregnant women. The isolation and culturing of the lymphocytes were performed using the technique of Brandt.

Author

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BEHAVIORAL CHANGES FROM CHRONIC EXPOSURE TO PESTICIDES USED IN AERIAL APPLICATION: EFFECTS OF PHOSDRIN ON THE PERFORMANCE OF MONKEYS AND PIGEONS ON VARIABLE INTERVAL REINFORCEMENT SCHEDULES

Mark F. Lewis, Henry W. Mertens, and Jo Ann Steen

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PLANETARY QUARANTINE MEASURES FOR AUTOMATED SPACECRAFT
Edward J. Bacon 15 Oct. 1972 16 p refs
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N72-33077*# Exotech, Inc., Washington, D.C.
TWO PATHWAYS FROM PYRUVATE TO ACETYL-COENZYM E A IN YEAST
(Contract NASW-2037)

N72-33078*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Manned Spacecraft Center. Houston, Tex.
PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF HYPOKINESIA
(Contract NAS8-24513)

N72-33079*# Brussels Univ. (Belgium).
MEDICAL ATLAS OF RADIONUCLIDES USED IN MEDICINE, BIOLOGY, INDUSTRY, AND AGRICULTURE
S. Simon 1971 374 p refs In FRENCH
(EUR-4606) Avail: AEC Depository Libraries; EUR FB 300
This atlas of radionuclides is intended for small and medium sized users of radioactive substances. For each of the chemical elements, grouped according to the Mendeleev classification, it supplies the documentation necessary for the use of their various radioisotopes currently employed, while guaranteeing adequate protection of workers. For each nuclide and for its various possible radioisotopes the atlas supplies the radiophysical characteristics, the biological behavior in man in relation to the

(Contract NAS8-24513)

N72-33081*# Exotech, Inc., Washington, D.C.
The feasibility of using formaldehyde-liberating synthetic resins or polymers for the sterilization of potting compounds, mated and occluded areas, and spacecraft surfaces was demonstrated. The detailed study of interrelated parameters of formaldehyde gas sterilization revealed that efficient cycle conditions can be developed for the sterilization of spacecraft components. It was determined that certain parameters were more important than others in the development of cycles for specific applications. The use of formaldehyde gas for the sterilization of spacecraft components provides NASA with a highly efficient method which is inexpensive, reproducible, easily quantitated, materials compatible, operationally simple, generally non-hazardous and not thermally destructive.

N72-33082*# Exotech, Inc., Washington, D.C.
THE EFFECT OF INDOLE IN NASA C-160 AND C-167 ANIMALS
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THE COMPOSITION OF BONE SUPPORT SUBSTANCE
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standard man, with details of the critical organs and modes of elimination, the protection measures, with details of radioactivity and the maximum doses prescribed in the Euratom Standards for radiological protection, together with methods of disposal of waste. For industrial doctors responsible for radiation protection the atlas provides documentation dealing with specific decontamination measures, together with methods of detection when these extend beyond the scope of conventional dosimetry.

Author (NSA)

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STUDY ON DATA PROCESSING APPLIED IN MEDICINE [STUDIE UEBER DIE ANWENDUNG DER DATENVERARBEITUNG IN MEDIZIN]


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Proposals concerned with a support of research, technological development, and demonstration projects which will produce an innovation and general application of data processing in the general health service are presented. The development of special peripheral units, dedicated data processing systems, and integrated modular constructed information systems are found to be necessary.

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ACUTE TOXICITY IN RATS AND MICE RESULTING FROM EXPOSURE TO HCl GAS AND HCI AEROSOL FOR 5 AND 30 MINUTES Final Report


Rats and mice have been subjected to HCl vapor and HCl aerosol for periods of 5 and 30 minutes to determine the acute toxicity of HCl. To simulate as nearly as possible the exposure conditions at rocket engine test firing sites, HCl vapor was mixed with a saturated water droplet mist in a Longley exposure chamber to obtain HCl aerosol atmospheres. The results indicate that HCl vapor and HCl aerosol have comparable toxicity in rats and mice, respectively. The results of the present study were compared to those obtained in another study of HCl vapor toxicity in rabbits and guinea pigs, and it was found that HCl had the same degree of toxicity in mice, rabbits, and guinea pigs, while rats were considerably more tolerant to the effects of HCl.

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NOISE AND SPEECH LEVELS ASSOCIATED WITH THE F-111 A PREP AREA Final Report, May - Nov. 1970

Henry C. Sommer and Juctus F. Rose, Jr. May 1972 38 p. refs. (AD-744828; AMRL-TR-72-2) Avail. NTIS CSCL 20/1

The purpose of the study was to measure the ambient noise environment and speech reception levels associated with the F-111 A flight prep area at McClellan AFB, California; to measure noise attenuation characteristics of several ear protection devices contemplated for use in the ambient noise; and to determine maximum permissible human exposure durations based on these data. The results show that a H-133 (standard AF communication headset, microphone) in combination with a custom molded insert communication earplug would permit personnel to be exposed up to 8 hours continuously at the 70% and 85% engine power settings. These time limits decrease to 36 minutes per 8 hour day during afterburner zone 5. Even in the highest noise levels, communication capability was satisfactory with this earplug/headset combination.

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A COMPUTER SIMULATED MODEL OF VISUAL PROCESSING


The work performed concerns structural models since it proposes a neutral structure to account for a wide range of behavior and shows that the psychophysical and physiological data are compatible with the proposed structure. The model cast some doubt on the validity of feature extractors which have assumed a high degree of specificity in cortical neurons, based on physiological data alone. In pre cortical layers the neural network is a logical extension of the Hartline-Ratliff model. A convergent overlapping structure of fiber bundles is proposed in the cortex. A theoretical discussion of the anticipated behavior is presented and two mathematical constraints on the model are discussed. The practical aspects of simulating the model are reviewed and the modeling techniques are described. The model was simulated on a general purpose computer using the FORTRAN V language. The experimental results show that the model exhibits the behavior of brightness compression, contour enhancement, circular receptive fields in pre cortical layers and straight-edged receptive fields in the cortex.

Author (GRA)

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Contents: Physiology of the Limulus visual system: Development of an electronic auditory receptor model; Short-term adaptation and incremental response of auditory nerve units; Stapedius responses to pairs of tone bursts; Encoding of light intensity by single receptors in the unexculated Limulus eye; Estimation of the integration time constant in auditory receptor units; Some effects of short-term adaptation on incremental responses of auditory neurons; On loudness as a function of tone duration.

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INFRARED RADIOGRAPHY AND RELATED STUDIES: ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY


The report contains a highly comprehensive annotated bibliography of infrared radiographic studies conducted up to 1970. With the exception of a limited number of papers listed in the appendix, all papers were personally reviewed by the author. The bibliography was prepared with the hope that it would be of assistance to a wide variety of investigators in the field of infrared radiography.

Author (GRA)

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PUPIL DIAMETER VARIATION IN A VISUAL INTERPRETATION TASK M.S. Thesis

Thomas Victor Burns Mar. 1972 38 p. refs. (AD-743727) Avail. NTIS CSCL 05/10

An indirect measurement of mental effort in interpreting an aircraft instrument was made using changes in pupil diameter and the latency of dilation as measures. Significance was found in latency of dilation across levels of interpretation difficulty, while no significance was found for percent changes in pupil diameter. Results also showed a moving base-line pupil diameter for all subjects across trials suggesting arousal decrement for the first half of the experiment, with a lesser effect for the latter half of the experiment.

Author (GRA)
A SELECTIVE REVIEW OF LISTENING RESEARCH
N. H. VanMatre and J. H. Steinenmann
May 1972 35 p refs
(PF395220020134)
(A-74-3325) Avail: NTIS CSCL 05/10

The literature survey constitutes an initial research effort designed to identify those factors which appear to be critical in auditory comprehension and which may eventually be utilized in programs to enhance the listening abilities of Navy personnel. A review of recent research was needed to assess the new and changing concepts of listening which are now available. A broad survey of listening information sources was conducted, consisting mainly of an overview of the available research literature, correspondence and personal contacts with other research groups, and first-hand evaluation of existing listening programs, equipment, and tests. The findings from the literature were discussed under three topic areas including: Elements of listening, measurement of listening, and relationships of listening ability to other variables.

LOW AND VERY LOW DOSE INFLUENCES OF IONIZING RADIATIONS ON CELLS AND ORGANISMS, INCLUDING MAN: A BIBLIOGRAPHY
Benjamin P. Sonnenblick
Feb. 1972 327 p refs
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A postflight analysis of the Apollo 14 cryogenic oxygen system is presented. The subjects discussed are: (1) methods of analysis, (2) stratification and heat transfer, (3) flight analysis, (4) postflight analysis, and (5) determination of model parameters. 

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EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONSUMABLES PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION

Alfred P. Sanders May 1972 98 p

Potential oxygen requirements for lunar-surface, lunar-orbit, and planetary missions are presented with emphasis on: (1) emergency survival of the crew, (2) provision of energy consumables for vehicles, and (3) nondependency on an earth supply of oxygen. Although many extraterrestrial processes are analytically feasible, this study has considered hydrogen and fluorine processing concepts to obtain oxygen or water (or both). The results are quite encouraging and are extrapolatable to other processes. Preliminary mass planning and sequencing analysis has enabled the programmatic evaluation of using lunar-derived oxygen relative to transportation cost as a function of vehicle delivery and operational capability. 

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THE USE OF SIMPLE INDICATORS FOR DETECTING POTENTIAL CORONARY HEART DISEASE SUSCEPTIBILITY IN THE THIRD CLASS AIRMAN POPULATION

Michael T. Lategola Jul. 1972 10 p refs
(FAA-AM-72-26) Avail: NTIS HC $3.00

Analyses were made of several Framingham heart study indicators of coronary disease in 423,330 male third class airmen. The data were obtained from current aeromedical certification records in January 1971. The distributions of resting blood pressure (BP), resting heart rate (HR) and the 400 pathology code prevalence were compiled in age versus Framingham relative weight index (FRWI) tables. In accordance with the FHS, obesity was defined as a minumum FRWI of 120.0%. Substantiating earlier findings all parameters generally increased with age and obesity. These findings are directly relevant to the mass aeromedical screening, early detection, susceptibility reversal and preventive aspects of CHD. 

Author

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MECHANICS OF MACHINES, NO. 7/8

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The principles for designing manipulators are discussed as complex bioengineering systems. The dynamics of reversible follow-up systems as elements of manipulator drives are analyzed along with the influence of discontinuities in the kinematic chain on control systems. Papers on the dynamics of machines are included.

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SOME PROBLEMS OF THE THEORY OF MANIPULATORS


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Selected problems encountered in the theory of manipulators are reviewed and formulated. Special features of modern type manipulators discussed include: manual manipulators, manipulator maneuverability, dissipative properties of manipulators, bioelectric control systems, and manipulators with automatic controls. 

F.O.S.

N72-33102* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

INVESTIGATION OF THE DYNAMICS OF A MANIPULATOR’S WORKING ORGAN

V. S. Yastrebov In its Mech. of Machines, No. 7/8 Oct. 1972 p 32-43 refs

CSCL 06B

The kinematic chain of a manipulator grasping device with seven degrees of freedom is analyzed. Lagrange equations are used to analyze the inertial loads which are considered to be functions of generalized coordinates. 

F.O.S.

N72-33103* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

SOME PRINCIPLES OF THE DESIGN OF REMOTELY CONTROLLED MASTER-SLAVE MANIPULATORS


CSCL 06B

The operating principles of remotely controlled master-slave manipulators are described, and control systems with passive and active force reflections are discussed. Topics discussed include: kinematics and dynamics of the movement of control and manipulation organs, manipulator control systems with slave follow-up systems, and reversible follow-up systems. 

F.O.S.

N72-33104* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

STRUCTURAL AND ANALYTICAL REPRESENTATION OF REVERSIBLE FOLLOW-UP SYSTEMS

V. S. Kuleshov and N. A. Lakota In its Mech. of Machines, No. 7/8 Oct. 1972 p 59-71 refs

CSCL 06B

Using differential equations written in Laplace transforms, the structural and analytical representation of a remote elastic transmission is derived, and used to construct a reversible follow-up system (RFUS). It is shown that operation of the RFUS requires that the control signal to the slave element on the operator side be equal to the control signal to the slave element on the load side. 

F.O.S.

N72-33105* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

SOME PECULIARITIES IN THE DESIGN OF REVERSIBLE FOLLOW UP SYSTEMS


CSCL 06B

An analogy based on the similarities between mechanical forces (moments) and voltages in electrical circuits is studied in a four-terminal network. Connecting the load to the reversible follow-up system (RFUS) is considered the equivalent of connecting impedance across the output of an electrical circuit. Results of analyzing different RFUS using this method are in agreement with experimental data. 

F.O.S.

N72-33106* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

MANIPULATORS WITH PERMANENT MAGNETIC CLUTCHES

D. D. Rule Mar. 1972 104 p refs
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Selected problems encountered in the development of Manipulators with permanent magnetic clutches are reviewed. Special features of modern-type manipulators discussed include: manual manipulators, manipulator maneuverability, dissipative properties of manipulators, bioelectric control systems, and manipulators with automatic controls. 

F.O.S.
The design of manipulators with permanent magnet clutches that meet safety requirements when handling toxic or dangerous materials is discussed. Two types of magnetic clutches are considered: those with end magnetic clutches, and those with cylindrical magnetic clutches. F.O.S.

The principles of the arrangement of manual mechanical master-slave manipulators with flexible couplings are discussed. The main parts of the manipulator are control, slave, horizontal tubes rigidly connecting these parts, and a support. The master-slave movements include: forward and backward, right and left, up and down, rotation relative to the vertical axis of the controlling and slave units, gripping, and rotating the grip. F.O.S.

Laboratory investigations to define optimum process conditions for oxidation of fecal/urine slurry were conducted in a one-liter batch reactor. The results of these tests formed the basis for the design, fabrication, and testing of an initial prototype system, including a 100-hour design verification test. Areas of further development were identified during this test. Development of a high-pressure slurry pump, materials corrosion studies, oxygen supply trade studies, comparison of salt removal water recovery devices, ammonia removal investigation, development of a solids grinder, reactor design studies and bearing life tests, and development of shutoff valves and a back pressure regulator were undertaken. The development work has progressed to the point where a prototype system suitable for manned chamber testing can be fabricated and tested with a high degree of confidence of success. Author

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Progress in the development of Si(Li) and Ge(Li) detectors for use in clinical diagnostic studies is outlined. The potential medical applications discussed include activation analysis, radioassay, radioisotope scanning, X-ray fluorescent scanning, X-ray fluorescence analysis, and flow studies. 

Eye-safe levels recommended by the three services are given in terms of maximum permissible corneal irradiance. The effect of laser sources with large exit pupils on the eye-safety conditions. For formulas determining safe operating conditions are given. Six examples of eye-safety computations are given using the figures provided.

Admiral Corp., Chicago, Ill.


The report describes the results of work performed on certain modifications to the Quantitative Motion Monitor System undertaken by Admiral Corporation under a modification addendum to the original contract for the System. These additional efforts resulted in development, design, and delivery to the Air Force of four peripheral subsystems; namely, (1) an X-Ray Detector by means of which the x-radiation during an experiment can be quantified, (2) a System Synchronizer permitting remote operation of other associated equipments (i.e. Motion Picture Camera, Video Tape Recorder, etc.), (3) an Image Enhancer to provide electronic edge enhancing of weak video image signals, and (4) an Automatic Beam-Current Control subsystem for electronic control of the Image Orthicon tube; in addition, (5) a study was made of the methods by which the television portion of the system capability could be increased for experimentation by increasing its frequency response (information rate).

Author (GRA)

Matrix Research Co., San Mateo, Calif.

UH-1H Job Performance Tests (VNAF) Series RR-1
1 Sep. 1971 42 p refs
(Contract F33615-70-C-1550; AF Proj. 1710)
(A-D-745161) Avail: NTIS CSCL 05/9

The RR-1 test is one of a series of 10 advanced type job performance tests which were developed for an assessment of the effectiveness of the UH-1H (helicopter) job performance aids (JPA) in use by the Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF). It includes a test of ability to remove and replace the main drive shaft of the helicopter, helicopter maintenance tasks, an information sheet on the technician's experience and training, a performance test of main drive shaft removal and replacement, a performance guide, a performance evaluation sheet, and a form for evaluating test conditions.

Author (GRA)

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A Human Factors Evaluation of Cold Weather Face Masks
Carolyn K. Bensel, Richard F. Q. Johnson, and Thomas L Nichols
Apr. 1972 84 p refs
(AD-746087; USA-NLABS-TR-72-73-PR) Avail: NTIS CSCL 05/5

A human factors evaluation of three types of cold weather face mask (the Army Standard and two experimental masks) was made in a series of investigations: A visual field investigation, a psychoacoustic investigation, a personal/equipment compatibility test and an arctic chamber test. Results indicated that (a) all three masks were virtually equivalent with respect to the size of the field of vision and person/equipment compatibility, (b) acceptability of the masks varied from a psychoacoustic point of view as a function of the particular variable being measured, and (c) under simulated arctic conditions, the experimental masks offered far better protection of the wearer's skin than did the standard mask.

Author (GRA)

Matrix Research Co., San Mateo, Calif.

UH-1H Job Performance Tests (VNAF) Series RR-2
1 Sep. 1971 22 p
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The RR-2 test is one of a series of 10 advanced type job performance tests which were developed for an assessment of the effectiveness of the UH-1H (helicopter) job performance aids (JPA) in use by the Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF). It includes a test of ability to remove and replace the main drive shaft of the helicopter, helicopter maintenance tasks, an information sheet on the technician's experience and training, a performance test of main drive shaft removal and replacement, a performance guide, a performance evaluation sheet, and a form for evaluating test conditions.

Author (GRA)
The CO-1 test is one of a series of 10 advanced type job performance tests which were developed for an assessment of the effectiveness of the UH-1H (helicopter) job performance aids (JPA) in use by the Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF). It includes an aptitude test to determine a technician's ability to make an operational check of a tail rotor blade, procedures to insert faults to be corrected, helicopter maintenance tasks, an information sheet on experience and training of the technician, a tail rotor blade operational checking test, a performance evaluation sheet, and a sheet to record the conditions of test administration. GRA

The SR-2 test is one of a series of 10 advanced type job performance tests which were developed for an assessment of the effectiveness of the UH-1H (helicopter) job performance aids (JPA) in use by the Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF). It includes an aptitude test of main drive shaft servicing, helicopter maintenance tasks, an information sheet on experience, a 600-hour servicing test of the main drive shaft, servicing performance guide, a performance evaluation sheet, and a form for recording test conditions. GRA

A series of 10 advanced type job performance tests was developed for an assessment of the effectiveness of the UH-1H (helicopter) job performance aids (JPA) in use by the Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF). The 10 tests were used to evaluate the three types of JPA in use by the VNAF, namely job guidance manuals, maintenance dependency type troubleshooting aids, and fully proceduralized troubleshooting aids. Series AD-1 covers power cylinder servo value adjustment tests, helicopter maintenance tests, questionnaire on helicopter maintenance experience and training, flight control adjustment test, evaluation of technician's performance, and details of test conditions. GRA

A program was conducted to improve certain deficiencies associated with the control block of the Mark VI Mod 2 SCUBA, a semiclosed-circuit rebreather. The areas to be improved included the bypass valve, the gas metering system, and the differential-pressure gauge. After computation of flows and laboratory testing of components and orifices was performed, a prototype embodying improvement in the problem areas was fabricated and delivered to the Navy. Author (GRA)
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