NASA PATENT ABSTRACTS BIBLIOGRAPHY

A CONTINUING BIBLIOGRAPHY

Section 1 • Abstracts

Annotated references to NASA-owned inventions covered by U.S. patents and applications for patent that were announced in Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR) between July 1982 and December 1982.
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INTRODUCTION

Several thousand inventions result each year from the aeronautical and space research supported by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The inventions having important use in government programs or significant commercial potential are usually patented by NASA. These inventions cover practically all fields of technology and include many that have useful and valuable commercial application.

NASA inventions best serve the interests of the United States when their benefits are available to the public. In many instances, the granting of nonexclusive or exclusive licenses for the practice of these inventions may assist in the accomplishment of this objective. This bibliography is published as a service to companies, firms, and individuals seeking new, licensable products for the commercial market.

The NASA Patent Abstracts Bibliography (NASA PAB) is a semiannual NASA publication containing comprehensive abstracts and indexes of NASA-owned inventions covered by U.S. patents and applications for patent. The citations included in NASA PAB were originally published in NASA's Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR) and cover STAR announcements made since May 1969.

For the convenience of the user, each issue of NASA PAB has a separately bound Abstract Section (Section 1) and Index Section (Section 2). Although each Abstract Section covers only the indicated six-month period, the Index Section is cumulative covering all NASA-owned inventions announced in STAR since 1969. Thus a complete set of NASA PAB would consist of the Abstract Sections of Issue 04 (January 1974) and Issue 12 (January 1978) and the Abstract Section for all subsequent issues and the Index Section for the most recent issue.

The 234 citations published in this issue of the Abstract Section cover the period July 1982 through December 1982. The Index Section references over 4000 citations covering the period May 1969 through December 1982.

ABSTRACT SECTION (SECTION 1)

This PAB issue incorporates the 1975 STAR category revisions which include 10 major subdivisions divided into 74 specific categories and one general category/division. (See Table of Contents for the scope note of each category under which are grouped appropriate NASA inventions.) This new scheme was devised in lieu of the 34 category divisions which were utilized in PAB supplements (01) through (06) covering STAR abstracts from May 1969 through January 1974. Each entry in the Abstract Section consists of a STAR citation accompanied by an abstract and a key illustration taken from the patent or application for patent drawing. Entries are arranged in subject category in order of the ascending NASA Accession Number originally assigned in STAR to the invention. The range of NASA Accession Numbers within each issue is printed on the inside front cover.

Abstract Citation Data Elements: Each of the abstract citations has several data elements useful for identification and indexing purposes, as follows:

- NASA Accession Number
- NASA Case Number
- Inventor's Name
- Title of Invention
- U.S. Patent Application Serial Number
- U.S. Patent Number (for issued patents only)
- U.S. Patent Office Classification Number(s) (for issued patents only)

These data elements in the citation of the abstract are depicted in the Typical Citation and Abstract reproduced on the following page and are also used in the indexes.
Variable camber actuator assemblies broaden the range of speeds at which lift to drag performance is maximized for slotted flap wings. Lift is improved by varying wing camber with rotational flap movements that do not introduce wing slots and induced drag. Forward flaps are secured to forward flange links which extend from, and are a part of, forward flap linkage assemblies. The forward flaps rotate about flap pivots with their rotational displacement controlled by variable camber actuator assemblies located between the forward flaps and the forward flange links. Rear flaps are held relative to the forward flaps by rear flap linkage assemblies which may act independently from the forward flap linkage assemblies and the variable camber actuator assemblies. Wing camber is varied by rotating the flaps with the variable camber actuator assemblies while the flaps are in a deployed or tucked position. Rotating flaps in a tucked position does not introduce significant wing surface discontinuities, and reduces aircraft fuel consumption on most flight profiles.
INDEX SECTION (SECTION 2)

The Index Section is divided into five indexes which are cross-indexed and are useful in locating a single invention or groups of inventions.

Each of the five indexes utilizes basic data elements: (1) Subject Category Number, (2) NASA Accession Number, and (3) NASA Case Number, in addition to other specific index terms.

Subject Index: Lists all inventions according to appropriate alphabetized technical term and indicates the related NASA Case Number, the Subject Category Number, and the NASA Accession Number.

Inventor Index: Lists all inventions according to alphabetized names of inventors and indicates the related NASA Case Number, the Subject Category Number, and the NASA Accession Number.

Source Index: Lists all inventions according to alphabetized source of invention (i.e., name of contractor or government installation where invention was made) and indicates the related NASA Case Number, the Subject Category Number, and the NASA Accession Number.

Number Index: Lists inventions in order of ascending (1) NASA Case Number, (2) U.S. Patent Application Serial Number, (3) U.S. Patent Classification Number, and (4) U.S. Patent Number and indicates the related Subject Category Number and the NASA Accession Number.

Accession Number Index: Lists all inventions in order of ascending NASA Accession Number and indicates the related Subject Category Number, the NASA Case Number, the U.S. Patent Application Serial Number, the U.S. Patent Classification Number, and the U.S. Patent Number.

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(1) Using Subject Category: To identify all NASA inventions in any one of the subject categories in this issue of NASA PAB, select the desired Subject Category in the Abstract Section (Section 1) and find the inventions abstracted thereunder.

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(3) Using Patent Classification Index: To identify all inventions covered by issued NASA patents (does not include applications for patent) within a desired Patent Classification, (A) turn to the Patent Classification Number in the Number Index of Section 2 and find the associated invention(s). and (B) follow the instructions outlined in (2)(B), and (D) above.
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Inquiries concerning the NASA Patent Licensing Program or the availability of licenses for the commercial use of NASA-owned inventions covered by U.S. patents or pending applications for patent should be forwarded to the NASA Patent Counsel of the NASA installation having cognizance of the specific invention, or the Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters, Code GP-4, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C. 20546. Inquiries should refer to the NASA Case Number, the Title of the Invention, and the U.S. Patent Number or the U.S. Application Serial Number assigned to the invention as shown in NASA PAB.

The NASA Patent Counsel having cognizance of the invention is determined by the first three letters or prefix of the NASA Case Number assigned to the invention. The addresses of NASA Patent Counsels are listed alongside the NASA Case Number prefix letters in the following table. Formal application of license must be submitted on the NASA Form, Application for NASA Patent License, which is available upon request from any NASA Patent Counsel.
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PATENT LICENSING REGULATIONS

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

14 C.F.R. Part 1245

Licensing of NASA Inventions

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Interim regulation with comments requested.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is revising its patent licensing regulations to conform with P.L. 96-517. This interim regulation provides policies and procedures applicable to the licensing of federally owned inventions in the custody of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and implements P.L. 96-517. The object of this subpart is to use the patent system to promote the utilization of inventions arising from NASA supported research and development.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1981. Comments must be received in writing by December 2, 1981. Unless a notice is published in the Federal Register after the comment period indicating changes to be made, this interim regulation shall become a final regulation.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John G. Mannix, (202) 785-3954.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PART 1245—PATENTS AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

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Subpart 2—Licensing of NASA Inventions

§ 1245.200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes the terms, conditions, and procedures upon which a NASA invention may be licensed. It does not affect licenses which (a) were in effect prior to July 1, 1981; (b) may exist at the time of the Government's acquisition of title to the invention, including those resulting from the allocation of rights to inventions made under Government research and development contracts; (c) are the result of an authorized exchange of rights in the settlement of patent disputes; or (d) are otherwise authorized by law or treaty.

§ 1245.201 Policy and objective.

It is the policy and objective of this subpart to use the patent system to promote the utilization of inventions arising from NASA supported research and development.

§ 1245.202 Definitions.

(a) "Federally owned invention" means an invention, plant, or design which is covered by a patent, or patent application, plant variety protection, or other form of protection, which is in the public and Federal interest and which results from supported research and development conducted by or for NASA.

(b) "Federal agency" means an executive department, military department, Government corporation, or independent establishment, except the Tennessee Valley Authority, which has custody of a Federally owned invention.

(c) "NASA Invention" means a Federally owned invention with respect to which NASA maintains custody and administration, in whole or in part, of the right, title, or interest in such invention on behalf of the United States Government.

(d) "Small business firm" means a small business concern as defined at section 2 of Pub. L. 85-536 (15 U.S.C. 632) and implementing regulations of the Administrator of the Small Business Administration. For the purpose of these regulations, the size standard for small business concerns involved in Government procurement, contained in 13 CFR 121.3-8, and in subcontracting, contained in 13 CFR 121.3-12, will be used.

(e) "Practical application" means to manufacture in the case of a composition or product, to practice in the case of a process or method, or to operate in the case of a machine or system; and, in each case, under such conditions as to establish that the invention is being utilized and that its benefits are to the extent permitted by law or Government regulations available to the public on reasonable terms.

(1) "United States" means the United States of America and its territories and possessions, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

§ 1245.203 Authority to grant licenses.

NASA inventions shall be made available for licensing as deemed appropriate in the public interest. NASA may grant nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or exclusive licenses thereto under this subpart on inventions in its custody.

Restrictions and Conditions

§ 1245.204 All licenses granted under this subpart.

(a) Restrictions. (1) A license may be granted only if the applicant has supplied NASA with a satisfactory plan for development or marketing of the invention, or both, and with information about the applicant's capability to fulfill the plan.

(2) A license granting rights to use or sell under a NASA invention in the United States shall normally be granted only to a licensee who agrees that any products embodying the invention or produced through the use of the invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States.

(b) Conditions. Licenses shall contain such terms and conditions as NASA determines are appropriate for the protection of the interests of the Federal Government and the public and are not in conflict with law or this subpart. The following terms and conditions apply to any license:

(1) The duration of the license shall be for a period specified in the license agreement, unless sooner terminated in accordance with this subpart.

(2) The license may be granted for all or less than all fields of use of the invention or in specified geographical areas, or both.

(3) The license may extend to subsidiaries of the licensor or other parties if provided for in the license but shall not be assignable without approval of NASA, except to the successor of that part of the licensor's business to which the invention pertains.

(4) The license may provide the licensee the right to grant sublicenses under the license, subject to the approval of NASA. Each sublicense shall make reference to the license, including the rights retained by the Government, and a copy of such...
sublicense shall be furnished to NASA.

(5) The license shall require the licensee to carry out the plan for development or marketing of the invention, or both, to bring the invention to practical application within a period specified in the license, and to continue to make the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public.

(6) The license shall require the licensee to report periodically on the utilization or efforts at obtaining utilization that are being made by the licensee, with particular reference to the plan submitted.

(7) All licenses shall normally require royalties or other consideration.

(8) Where an agreement is obtained pursuant to § 1245.204(a)(2) that any products embodying the invention or produced through use of the invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States, the license shall recite such agreement.

(9) The license shall provide for the right of NASA to terminate the license, in whole or in part, if:

(i) NASA determines that the licensee is not executing the plan submitted with its request for a license and the licensee cannot otherwise demonstrate to the satisfaction of NASA that it has taken or can be expected to take within a reasonable time effective steps to achieve practical application of the invention;

(ii) NASA determines that such action is necessary to meet requirements for public use specified by Federal regulations issued after the date of the license and such requirements are not reasonably satisfied by the licensee;

(iii) The license has willfully made a false statement or willfully omitted a material fact in the license application or in any report required by the license agreement; or

(iv) The licensee commits a substantial breach of a covenant or agreement contained in the license.

(10) The license may be modified or terminated, consistent with this subpart, upon mutual agreement of NASA and the licensee.

(11) Nothing relating to the grant of a license, nor the grant itself, shall be construed to confer upon any person any immunity from or defenses under the antitrust laws or from a charge of patent misuse, and the acquisition and use of rights pursuant to this subpart shall not be immunized from the operation of state or Federal law by reason of the source of the grant.

**Types of Licenses**

§ 1245.205 Nonexclusive licenses.

(a) Availability of licenses. Nonexclusive licenses may be granted under NASA inventions without publication of availability or notice of a prospective license.

(b) Conditions. In addition to the provisions of § 1245.204, the nonexclusive license may also provide that, after termination of a period specified in the license agreement, NASA may restrict the license to the fields of use or geographic areas, or both, in which the licensee has brought the invention to practical application and continues to make the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public. However, such restriction shall be made only in order to grant an exclusive or partially exclusive license in accordance with this subpart.

§ 1245.206 Exclusive and partially exclusive licenses.

(a) Domestic licenses.

(1) Availability of licenses. Exclusive or partially exclusive licenses may be granted on NASA inventions: (i) 3 months after notice of the invention's availability has been announced in the Federal Register; or (ii) without such notice where NASA determines that expeditious granting of such a license will best serve the interests of the Federal Government and the public; and (iii) in either situation, specified in (e)(1)(i) or (ii) of this section only if:

(A) Notice of a prospective license, identifying the invention and the prospective licensee, has been published in the Federal Register, providing opportunity for filing written objections within a 60-day period;

(B) After expiration of the period in § 1245.206(a) (1)(iii)(A) and consideration of any written objections received during the period, NASA has determined that:

(1) The interests of the Federal Government and the public will best be served by the proposed license. In view of the applicant's intentions, plans, and ability to bring the invention to practical application or otherwise promote the invention's utilization by the public;

(2) The desired practical application has not been achieved, or is not likely expeditiously to be achieved, under any nonexclusive license which has been granted, or which may be granted, on the invention;

(3) Exclusive or partially exclusive licensing is a reasonable and necessary incentive to call forth the Investment of risk capital and expenditures to bring the invention to practical application or otherwise promote the invention's utilization by the public; and

(4) The proposed terms and scope of exclusivity are not greater than reasonably necessary to provide the incentive for bringing the invention to practical application or otherwise promote the invention's utilization by the public;

(C) NASA has not determined that the grant of such license will tend substantially to lessen competition or result in undue concentration in any section of the country in any line of commerce to which the technology to be licensed relates, or to create or maintain other situations inconsistent with the antitrust laws; and

(D) NASA has given first preference to any small business firms submitting plans that are determined by the agency to be within the capabilities of the firms and are equally likely, if executed, to bring the invention to practical application as any plans submitted by applicants that are not small business firms.

(b) Conditions. In addition to the provisions of § 1245.204, the following terms and conditions apply to domestic exclusive and partially exclusive licenses:

(i) The license shall be subject to the irrevocable, royalty-free right of the Government of the United States to practice and have practiced the invention on behalf of the United States and on behalf of any foreign government or international organization pursuant to any existing or future treaty or agreement with the United States.

(ii) The license shall reserve to NASA the right to require the licensee to grant sublicenses to responsible applicants, on reasonable terms, when necessary to fulfill health or safety needs.

(iii) The license shall be subject to any licenses in force at the time of the grant of the exclusive or partially exclusive license.

(iv) The license may grant the licensee the right of enforcement of the licensed patent pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29 of Title 35, United States Code, or other statutes, as determined appropriate in the public interest.

(b) Foreign licenses.

(1) Availability of licenses. Exclusive or partially exclusive licenses may be granted on a NASA invention covered by a foreign patent, patent application, or other form of protection, provided that:

(i) Notice of a prospective license, identifying the invention and prospective licensee, has been published in the Federal Register, providing opportunity for filing written objections
within a 60-day period and following consideration of such objections:

(ii) NASA has considered whether the interests of the Federal Government or United States industry in foreign commerce will be enhanced; and

(iii) NASA has not determined that the grant of such license will tend substantially to lessen competition or result in undue concentration in any section of the United States in any line of commerce to which the technology to be licensed relates, or to create or maintain other situations inconsistent with antitrust laws.

(2) Conditions. In addition to the provisions of § 1245.204, the following terms and conditions apply to foreign exclusive and partially exclusive licenses:

(i) The license shall be subject to the irrevocable, royalty-free right of the Government of the United States to practice and have practiced the invention on behalf of the United States and on behalf of any foreign government or international organization pursuant to any existing or future treaty or agreement with the United States.

(ii) The license shall be subject to any licenses in force at the time of the grant of the exclusive or partially exclusive license.

(iii) The license may grant the licensee the right to take any suitable and necessary actions to protect the licensed property, on behalf of the Federal Government.

(c) Record of determinations. NASA shall maintain a record of determinations to grant exclusive or partially exclusive licenses.

Procedures

§ 1245.207 Application for a license.

An application for a license should be addressed to the Patent Counsel at the NASA installation having responsibility for the invention and shall normally include:

(a) Identification of the invention for which the license is desired, including the patent application serial number or patent number, title, and date, if known;

(b) Identification of the type of license for which the application is submitted;

(c) Name and address of the person, company, or organization applying for the license and the citizenship or place of incorporation of the applicant;

(d) Name, address, and telephone number of representative of applicant to whom correspondence should be sent;

(e) Nature and type of applicant's business, identifying products or services which the applicant has successfully commercialized, and approximate number of applicant's employees;

(f) Source of information concerning the availability of a license on the invention;

(g) A statement indicating whether applicant is a small business firm as defined in § 1245.202(c);

(h) A detailed description of applicant's plan for development or marketing of the invention, or both, which should include:

(1) A statement of the time, nature and amount of anticipated investment of capital and other resources which applicant believes will be required to bring the invention to practical application;

(2) A statement as to applicant's capability and intention to fulfill the plan, including information regarding manufacturing, marketing, financial, and technical resources;

(3) A statement of the fields of use for which applicant intends to practice the invention; and

(4) A statement of the geographic areas in which applicant intends to manufacture any products embodying the invention and geographic areas where applicant intends to use or sell the invention, or both;

(i) Identification of licenses previously granted to applicant under Federally owned inventions;

(j) A statement concerning applicant's best knowledge of the extent to which the invention is being practiced by private industry or Government, or both, or is otherwise available commercially; and

(k) Any other information which applicant believes will support a determination to grant the license to applicant.

§ 1245.208 Processing applications.

(a) Applications for licenses will be initially reviewed by the Patent Counsel of the NASA installation having responsibility for the invention. The Patent Counsel shall make a preliminary recommendation to the Director of Licensing, NASA Headquarters, whether to: (1) grant the license as requested, (2) grant the license with modification after negotiation with the licensee, or (3) deny the license. The Director of Licensing shall review the preliminary recommendation of the Patent Counsel and make a final recommendation to the NASA Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters. Such review and final recommendation may include, and be based on, any additional information obtained from applicant and other sources that the Patent Counsel and the Director of Licensing deem relevant to the license requested. The determination to grant or deny the license shall be made by the Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters based on the final recommendation of the Director of Licensing.

(b) When notice of a prospective exclusive or partially exclusive license is published in the Federal Register in accordance with § 1245.206(a)(1)(ii)(A) or § 1245.206(b)(1)(ii), any written objections received in response thereto will be considered by the Director of Licensing in making the final recommendation to the Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters.

(c) If the requested license, including any negotiated modifications, is denied by the Assistant General Counsel for Patent Matters, the applicant may request reconsideration by filing a written request for reconsideration within 30 days after receiving notice of denial. This 30-day period may be extended for good cause.

(d) In addition to, or in lieu of requesting reconsideration, the applicant may also appeal the denial of the license in accordance with § 1245.211.

§ 1245.209 Notice to Attorney General.

A copy of the notice provided for in §§ 1245.206(a)(1)(ii)(A), and 1245.206(b)(1)(ii) will be sent to the Attorney General.

§ 1245.210 Modification and termination of licenses.

Before modifying or terminating a license, other than by mutual agreement, NASA shall furnish the licensee and any sublicensee of record a written notice of intention to modify or terminate the license, and the licensee and any sublicensee shall be allowed 30 days after such notice to remedy any breach of the license or show cause why the license should not be modified or terminated.

§ 1245.211 Appeals.

(a) The following parties may appeal to the NASA Administrator or designee any decision or determination concerning the grant, denial, interpretation, modification, or termination of a license:

(1) A person whose application for a license has been denied;

(2) A licensee whose license has been modified or terminated, in whole or in part; or

(3) A person who timely filed a written objection in response to the notice required by §§ 1245.206(a)(1)(ii)(A) or
1245.206(b)(1)(i) and who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of NASA that such person may be damaged by the Agency action.

(b) Written notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days (or such other time as may be authorized for good cause shown) after receiving notice of the adverse decision or determination; including, an adverse decision following the request for reconsideration under § 1245.206(c). The notice of appeal, along with all supporting documentation should be addressed to the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546. Should the appeal raise a genuine dispute over material facts, fact-finding will be conducted by the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board. The person filing the appeal shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of the appeal. The Chairperson of the Inventions and Contributions Board shall prepare written findings of fact and transmit them to the Administrator or designee. The decision on the appeal shall be made by the NASA Administrator or designee. There is no further right of administrative appeal from the decision of the Administrator or designee.

§ 1245.212 Protection and administration of inventions.

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James M. Beggs, Administrator.
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N82-23231* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif.

SUN SENSING GUIDANCE SYSTEM FOR HIGH ALTITUDE AIRCRAFT Patent

A sun sensing guidance system for high altitude aircraft is described. The system is characterized by a disk shaped body mounted for rotation aboard the aircraft in exposed relation to solar radiation. The system also has a plurality of mutually isolated chambers; each chamber being characterized by an opening having a photosensor disposed therein and arranged in facing relation with the opening for receiving incident solar radiation and responsively providing a voltage output. Photosensors are connected in paired relation through a bridge circuit for providing heading error signals in response to detected imbalances in intensities of solar radiation.

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N82-25240*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

LEADING EDGE FLAP SYSTEM FOR AIRCRAFT CONTROL AUGMENTATION Patent Application

A leading edge flap system for aircraft control augmentation is described. This system is intended to provide an additional control surface to improve roll control at high angles of attack.传统的滚转控制装置如扰流板、操纵面或开裂器在高攻角下效果不佳，因为边界层分离使得控制失效。独立展开的上翼面偏航襟翼用于扭转中心位移，产生用于控制在高攻角下飞行的侧滑力矩。角攻角增大，侧滑力矩也随之增大。}

The invention relates to devices which vectorially sum the output signals from two magnetometers on an aircraft to produce a signal which is indicative of the error in the heading of the aircraft. This error in heading signal is used either by the pilot or an automatic control system to correct the heading. The device for generating a signal indicative of the difference between the actual heading and the selected heading of a vehicle is described.

Traditional roll control systems such as ailerons, elevons or spoilers are least effective at high angles of attack due to boundary layer separation over the wing. Independently deployed leading edge flaps on the upper surfaces of vortex stabilized wings are used to shift the center of lift outboard. A rolling moment is created that is used to control roll in flight at high angles of attack. The effectiveness of the rolling moment increases linearly with angle of attack. No adverse yaw effects are induced.
In an alternate mode of operation, both leading edge flaps are deployed together at cruise speeds to create a very effective airbrake without appreciable modification in pitching moment. Little trim change is required.

Strakes hinged along the fuselage to avoid violent control degradation in the post-stall flight regime are described. Hinged strakes are deflected from the conventional position coplanar with wings to an anhedral setting to increase controllability at high angles of attack by decreasing projected plan area and altering vortex flow characteristics. As a result, effective lift on wings can be maintained at higher angles of attack than is possible with conventional strakes. The hinged strakes are retracted flush against the fuselage in high speed cruise flight to avoid drag effects. In an alternate mode of operation, strakes can be asymmetrically deployed to create a rolling that enhances roll control, and a side force that counters aircraft nose-slice and directional divergence.
rigidly attached near the tip of each wing, which is moved by an actuator located in the aircraft fuselage. As changes in the aerodynamic loads on the wings occur, the torque tube is rotated to compensate for the induced wing twist.

FAMILY OF AIRFOIL SHAPES FOR ROTATING BLADES Patent Application

A rotor blade used primarily for a helicopter which has airfoil sections and an overall configuration of a particular shape is described. The upper surface of the airfoil section is shaped such that there is a general reduction in the surface slope from the leading edge to the maximum ordinate at approximately 35% chord. Behind the termination of positive slope, the upper surface slope is negative and decreases continuously to a position of about 70% chord, at which point the surface slope increases continuously to the trailing edge. From the point the lower surface leading edge fairs into the lower surface, the lower surface slope is negative and increases continuously to approximately the 44% chord. The lower surface slope is positive and increases continuously to about the 65% chord, after which the positive slope decreases continuously to about the 75% chord. The positive slope then increases continuously from 75% chord to the airfoil trailing edge. The rotor airfoil is shaped to maintain desired values of pitching moment coefficient over a wide range of lift coefficients and increase the drag divergence Mach number, resulting in increased power efficiency and blade stability.

HEADS UP DISPLAY Patent Application

A heads up aircraft display which allows the pilot to view the display without diverting his attention from the scene ahead is disclosed. The display is designed for use on propeller driven aircraft comprised of a radially disposed row of lamps embedded in the rear surface of a propeller. Measurements of flight data are made by conventional means and converted into digital signals. These digital signals are applied to graphic generators which control lamp drivers which in turn control lamps through slip ripples. The lamps are lit at the appropriate times during each revolution of the propeller to display the flight data in graphic form to the pilot. The combination of graphic generators and radially disposed lamps embedded in an aircraft propeller enables the pilot to view the display without diverting his attention from the scene ahead.

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N82-26293* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio
THRUST REVERSER FOR A LONG DUCT FAN ENGINE Patent
Everett A. Johnston (GE, Cincinnati) and Edward W. Ryan, inventors (to NASA) (GE, Cincinnati) Issued 14 Jul 1981 9 p
Filed 30 Mar 1979
A bypass duct outer cowl includes a fixed cascade disposed between axially spaced fixed cowl portions and a translatable cowl sleeve and blocker doors movably disposed on the respective radially outer and inner sides of the cascade. Actuation and linkage structure located entirely within the outer cowl provides for selectively moving the cowl sleeve rearwardly and rotating the blocker doors to a position across the bypass duct to cause the fan airflow to pass through the cascade in a thrust reversing manner. Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

N82-26294* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio
REAL TIME PRESSURE SIGNAL SYSTEM FOR A ROTARY ENGINE Patent Application
William J. Rice, inventor (to NASA) Filed 19 Feb 1982 21 p
Apparatus for developing a signal which is a composite of the pressures at four different points in the chamber of a rotary type engine is disclosed. The composite signal can be read by an IMEP meter or displayed on an oscilloscope. The physical arrangement of a Wankel engine and the correlation embodying the invention is shown. The profile of the inner surface of a Wankel engine housing and the profile of a three lobed rotor together with the positions of the transducers are also shown. The timing diagrams depicting the active regions of the transducers and timing signals used in the correlator circuitry are illustrated.

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Includes aircraft handling qualities; piloting; flight controls; and autopilots

N82-24206* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va
HYDRAULIC ACTUATOR MECHANISM TO CONTROL AIRCRAFT BOILER MOVEMENTS THROUGH DUAL INPUT COMMANDS Patent
Stephen C. Irick, inventor (to NASA) Issued 9 Jun 1981 5 p
Filed 17 Aug 1979 Supersedes N80-11065 (18 - 02, p 0148);
An aircraft flight spoiler control mechanism is described. The invention enables the conventional, primary spoiler control system to retain its operational characteristics while accommodating a secondary input controlled by a conventional computer system to supplement the settings made by the primary input. This is achieved by interposing springs between the primary input and the spoiler control unit. The springs are selected to have a stiffness intermediate to the greater force applied by the primary control linkage and the lesser resistance offered by the spoiler control unit. Thus, operation of the primary input causes the control unit to yield before the springs, yet, operation of the secondary input, acting directly on the control unit, causes the springs to yield and absorb adjustments before they are transmitted into the primary control system.
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screen with the simulated color image of the airport runway thereon, and observe a very real simulation of actual conditions of a runway as it would appear through actual fog and/or rain.

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N82-29330* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
John F. Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, Fla.

METHOD FOR REFURBISHING AND PROCESSING PARACHUTES Patent
Russell T. Crowell, inventor (to NASA) Issued 2 Feb. 1982
(NASA Case-KSC 11042-1; US Patent 4,313,291;
US Patent 4,244,810; US Patent Appl-SN 14663;

A system and method for refurbishing and processing parachutes is discussed including an overhead monorail conveyor system on which the parachute is suspended for horizontal conveyance. The parachute is first suspended in partially open tented configuration wherein open inspection of the canopy is permitted to remove debris and inspect all areas. Following inspection, the parachute is transported by the monorail conveyor to a washing and drying station with the parachute canopy mounted on the conveyor in a systematic arrangement which permits water and air to pass through the ribbonlike material of the canopy. Following drying of the parachute, the parachute is conveyed into an interior space where it is finally inspected and removed from the monorail conveyor and laid upon a table for folding. Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

N82-29331* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
John F. Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, Fla.

INFIGHT IFR PROCEDURES SIMULATOR Patent Application
Lloyd C. Parker, inventor (to NASA) Filed 11 Jun. 1982 22 p
(NASA Case-KSC 11218-1; US Patent Appl-SN 387649) Avail:
NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 14B

An in-flight trainer designed to train students in a conventional aircraft is disclosed. The trainer generates simulated signals and commands to conventional instruments provided in the aircraft that correspond to the normal signals a pilot receives during instrument flight rule (IFR) flights and landing and departure procedures. Results of studies conducted using apparatus which demonstrated the concept indicate that the concept is feasible. Also, students trained using only the In-flight IFR Simulator were more proficient in skills development than those trained using table-top simulators and in aircraft in the conventional manner.

J.M.S.

N82-22472* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.

HIGH ACCELERATION CABLE DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM Patent
Thomas N. Canning, Christopher E. Barns, James P. Murphy, Bobby Gin, and Robert W. King, inventors (to NASA) Issued 9 Jun 1981
6 p Filed 23 Apr 1979 Supersedes N79-23432
(NASA Case-ARC 11256; US Patent 4,271,761;

A deployment system that will safely pay one cable from a ballistic forebody when the forebody is separated from an afterbody (to which the cable is secured and when the separation is marked by high acceleration and velocity) is described.

N.W.
Apparatus for allowing remote control of undocking and redocking of a space experiment vehicle to a supporting spacecraft is described.

**16 SPACE TRANSPORTATION**

Includes passenger and cargo space transportation e.g., shuttle operations; and rescue techniques.

For related information see also 03 Air Transportation and Safety and 85 Urban Technology and Transportation.

**HEMISPHERICAL LATCHING APPARATUS FOR PAYLOAD RETENTION Patent Application**


An apparatus for securing payloads in a space vehicle such as the Space Shuttle is described. The apparatus includes many latching assemblies carried by a platform on the vehicle and a like number of latching elements carried by the payload and adapted to mate with the latching assemblies. The novelty of the invention is believed to reside in the use of complementary hemispherical elements which automatically align and engage with one another. This enables a simple but effective mode of operation and avoids the need for hinged linkages and similar moving parts.

**18 SPACECRAFT DESIGN, TESTING AND PERFORMANCE**

Includes spacecraft thermal and environmental control; and attitude control.

For related information see also 05 Aircraft Design, Testing and Performance and 39 Structural Mechanics.

**PREPARATION OF PERFLUORINATED 1,2,4-OXADIAZOLEs Patent**

23 CHEMISTRY AND MATERIALS (GENERAL)


Fluorinated alkyl or alkyether 1,2,4 oxadiazole compounds are prepared by cycling the corresponding alkyl or alkyether imidoyl amidoximes in vacuo or in an inert atmosphere at a temperature within the range of 40 C to 100 C for a period of 8 to 144 hours in the presence of an acid compound which can accept ammonia to form a salt. The imidoyl amidoximes usable in this process are either polymeric or nonpolymeric. The products, when polymeric, have excellent heat, chemical and solvent resistance.

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N82 29358* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

METHOD FOR FORMING PYRRONE MOLDING POWDERS AND PRODUCTS OF SAID METHOD Patent

The formation of pyrrone resins of the ladder or semiladder structure is described. The technique involves initial formation of fully cycled prepolymer having an average degree of polymerization of about 1.5, one with acidic terminal groups, another with amine terminal groups. Thereafter the prepolymer is intimately admixed on a 1:1 stoichiometric basis. The resulting powder mixture is molded at elevated pressures and temperatures to form a fully cycled resin.

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N82 25324* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

GRAPHITE/POLYIMIDE STRUCTURAL APPLICATIONS Patent Application

An article of manufacture comprising a stabilized graphite/polyimide composite preform and the process for making same is disclosed. Sheets of graphite/polyimide prepreg are layered in a desired orientation and stacked in an air circulation oven, under modest vacuum pressure and temperature to reduce the solvent content therein to less than one percent and to convert at least 25% of the resin to the oligomer form. The resulting preform is stable and may be stored under ambient conditions for an extended period of time without losing its desirable physical property characteristics. The preform may then be placed in the mold cavity of a preheated tool and shaped to desired contour by platen press-type curing methods. The preforming process stabilizes the fiber/polyimide prepreg and eliminates the need for the immediate use of prepregs as they are formed to prevent deterioration.

N82 26384* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

FUSELAGE STRUCTURE USING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FIBER REINFORCED COMPOSITES Patent

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Includes laminates.

N82 24296* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif.

SUPERPLASTICALLY FORMED DIFFUSION BONDED METALLIC STRUCTURE Patent

A metallic sandwich structure particularly suited for use in aerospace industries comprising a base plate, a cover plate, and an orthogonally corrugated core is described. A pair of core plates formed of a superplastic alloy are interposed between the base plate and the cover plate and bonded. Each of the core plates is characterized by a plurality of protrusions comprising square-based, truncated pyramids uniformly aligned along orthogonally related axes perpendicularly bisecting the legs of the bases of the pyramids and alternately inverted along orthogonally related planes diagonally bisecting the pyramids, whereby an orthogonally corrugated core is provided.

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A fuselage structure is described in which the skin is comprised of layers of a matrix fiber reinforced composite, with the stringers reinforced with the same composite material. The high strength to weight ratio of the composite, particularly at elevated temperatures, and its high modulus of elasticity, makes it desirable for use in airplane structures.

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The tensile strength of commercially available boron fibers produced by the chemical vapor deposition of boron onto tungsten wire substrates is increased by treating the fibers in an oxygen plus inert gas (argon) atmosphere to about 880 °C. High temperature oxidation increases the residual compression of each tungsten core by forming a thin boron oxide coating on the fiber surface so that the fiber contracts axially. This increases the intrinsic strength of the fiber by raising the tensile strength level required for core initiated fracture. After cooling to room temperature the fibers are chemically polished to reduce their diameters by 0.2 mils to 0.8 mils. The reduction in diameter removes both original and oxidation induced surface flaws. The strengthened fibers are intended to be utilized as reinforcement in composite materials. Such materials may be boron/aluminum or boron/epoxy.

N82-26389# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. ION BEAM TEXTURED GRAPHITE ELECTRODE PLATES Patent Application

A specially textured surface of pyrolytic graphite exhibits extremely low yields of secondary electrons and reduced numbers of reflected primary electrons after impingement of high energy primary electrons. Electrode plates of this material are used in multistage depressed collectors. An ion flux having an energy between 500 eV and 1000 eV and a current density between 1.0 mA/sq cm and 6.0 mA/sq cm produces surface roughening or texturing which is in the form of needles or spines. Such textured surfaces are especially useful as anode collector plates in high efficiency electron tube devices.
24 COMPOSITE MATERIALS

A gap filler used between the tiles on the space shuttle comprises a high temperature, flexible, insulating fabric of closely woven heat resistant fibers having silicon carbide dispersed through the fabric and bonded to the fibers with an emulsifiable polyethylene wax. Suitable fibers include silicon fibers having a diameter of 1 micron to 3 microns, and alumina borosilicate fibers having a diameter of 10 microns to 12 microns. The woven fabric of such fibers can be impregnated with the following typical composition: butyl alcohol (82% by weight), silicon carbide (12% by weight), and emulsifiable polyethylene wax (6% by weight). The butyl alcohol acts as a carrier and is evaporated off. The silicon carbide imparts a high temperature emittance, and the wax enables the fabric to retain its integrity and flexibility.

NASA 28358S National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

THERMAL PROTECTION SYSTEM Patent Application

A cure-in-place ablative composition is described. The composition can be mixed, applied, and cured under the ambient conditions encountered in outer space. The cured composition functions both as an adhesive and an ablator. The composition consists essentially of a resin mixture of a methyl phenyl polysiloxane and tetraethyl orthosilicate with gamma-amino propyl triethoxysilane as the catalyst. The composition also contains minor amounts of silica compounds as fillers.

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NASA 29362S National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

ABSORBENT PRODUCT TO ABSORB FLUIDS Patent

A multi-layer absorbent product for use in contact with the skin to absorb fluids is discussed. The product utilizes a water pervious facing layer for contacting the skin, overlayered by a first fibrous wicking layer, the wicking layer preferably being of the one-way variety in which fluid or liquid is moved away from the facing layer. The product further includes a first container section defined by inner and outer layer of a water pervious wicking material between which is disposed a first absorbent mass. A second container section defined by inner and outer layers between which is disposed a second absorbent mass and a liquid impermeable/gas permeable layer. Spacecraft applications are discussed.

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NASA 31450S National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

PIEZOELECTRIC COMPOSITE MATERIALS Patent Application

A laminated structural device that has the ability to change shape, position and resonant frequency without using discrete motive components is described. The laminate may be a combination of layers of a piezoelectrically active, non-conductive matrix material. A power source selectively places various levels of charge an electrically conductive filaments imbedded in the respective layers to produce various configurations in a predetermined manner. The layers may be electrically conductive, having imbedded piezoelectrically active filaments. A combination of layers of electrically conductive material may be laminated to layers of piezoelectrically active material.

NASA 32417S National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

MULTIWALL THERMAL PROTECTION SYSTEM Patent

Multiwall insulating sandwich panels are provided for thermal protection of hypervelocity vehicles and other enclosures. In one embodiment, the multilaminate panels are formed of alternate layers of dimpled and flat metal (titanium alloy) foil sheets and beaded scarfed edge seals to provide enclosure thermal protection up to 1000 F. An additional embodiment employs an intermediate fibrous insulation for the sandwich panel to provide thermal protection up to 2000 F. A third embodiment employs a silicon coated columbium waffle as the outer panel skin and fibrous layered intermediate protection for thermal system protection up to 2500 F. The use of multiple panels on an enclosure facilitate repair and refurbishment of the thermal protection system due to the simple support provided by the tab and clip attachment for the panels.

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25 INORGANIC AND PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Includes chemical analysis, e.g., chromatography; combustion theory; electrochemistry; and photochemistry.

For related information see also 77 Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics.

N82-22329* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.
deaerator/mixer for liquids Patent Application
A liquid degassifier including a containment vessel, a liquid pump, and a header assembly within the containment vessel is described. The pump draws from a reservoir and outputs to the header assembly, the latter being constructed to return the liquid to the reservoir in the form of a stacked plurality of vertically spaced, concentric, conical cascades via a series of orifices. The vacuum source which provides a partial vacuum in the containment vessel to enhance the degassing process is also described.

N82-23282* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Pasadena Office, Calif.
Crude oil desulfurization Patent
High sulfur crude oil is desulfurized by a low temperature (25-80 C.) chlorinolysis at ambient pressure in the absence of organic solvent or diluent but in the presence of water (water/oil = 0.3) followed by a water and caustic wash to remove sulfur and chlorine containing reaction products. The process described can be practiced at a well site for the recovery of desulfurized oil used to generate steam for injection into the well for enhanced oil recovery.

N82-24312* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.
The 1,1,1-triaryl-2,2,2-trifluoroethanes and process for their synthesis Patent
New 1,1,1-triaryl-2,2,2-trifluoroethanes in which the aryl radicals carry one or more substituents were prepared by condensation of trifluoracetophenones with substituted phenyl compounds in the presence of catalytic quantities of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid. The reaction can be carried out under reflux in toluene or, for strikingly better results in certain cases, reactants are simply stirred at room temperature for about 24 to 48 hours.

N82-25336* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.
Method for treating wastewater using microorganisms and vascular aquatic plants Patent Application
An invention relating to waste water treatment is described. The waste water is subjected to anaerobic settling for at least six hours, the resulting effluent passing upward through a filter cell in which the effluent is first subjected to the action of an aerobic and facultative microorganisms and then to aerobic microorganisms and the roots of a vascular aquatic plant. Details of the processes are given. The novelty of the invention resides in the combined use of microorganisms and aquatic plant roots in a filter bed. This enables removal of phosphorous, ammonia and potassium impurities which are not normally removed by bacteria alone.
N82.28398* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va

ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE PALLADIUM CONTAINING POLYIMIDE FILMS Patent

N82.28397*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif

EPITAXIAL THINNING PROCESS Patent Application
Clifford M. Siegel, inventor (to NASA) (JPL California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena) Filed 6 Apr 1982 15 p
(Contract NAS7-100)
(NASA-Case-NPO-15786-1: US-Patent-Appi-SN-366103) Avail; NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 07D

A method is described for thinning an epilaxial layer of a wafer that is to be used in producing diodes having a specified breakdown voltage and which also facilitates the thinning process. Current is passed through the epilaxial layer, by connecting a current source between the substrate of the wafer and an electrolyte in which the wafer is immersed. When the wafer is initially immersed, the voltage across the wafer initially drops and then rises at a steep rate (from 56 to 58). When light is applied to the wafer the voltage drops (from 60 to 62), and when the light is interrupted the voltage rises again (from 56 to 68). These changes in voltage, each indicate the breakdown voltage of a Schottky diode that could be prepared from the wafer at that time.

N82.28388* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif

THERMOCHEMICAL GENERATION OF HYDROGEN Patent

The direct fluid contact heat exchange with H2SO4 at about 320 C prior to high temperature decomposition at about 830 C in the oxygen release step of several thermochromical cycles for splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen provides higher heat transfer rates, savings in energy and permits use of cast vessels rather than expensive forged alloy indirect heat exchangers. Among several candidate perfluorcarbon liquids tested, only perfluoropropylene oxide polymers having a degree of polymerization from about 10 to 60 were chemically stable, had low miscibility and vapor pressure when tested with sulfuric acid at temperatures from 300 C to 400 C.

N82.28370* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md

AQUEOUS ALKALI METAL HYDROXIDE INSOLUBLE CELLULOSE ETHER MEMBRANE Patent
Howard E. Hovis (Borden, Inc., New York) and Helmuth L. Pfleuger, inventors (to NASA) (Borden, Inc., New York) Issued 6 May 1969 3 p Filed 6 Apr 1965 Sponsored by NASA

A membrane that is insoluble in an aqueous alkali metal hydroxide medium is described. The membrane is a resin which is water-soluble C2-C4 hydroxyalkyl cellulose ether polymer and an insolubilizing agent for controlled water sorption, a diatonic and electrolytic membrane. It is particularly useful as a separator between electrodes or plates in an alkaline storage battery.

N82.28371* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif

COAL DESULFURIZATION BY AQUEOUS CHLORINATION Patent
A method of desulfurizing coal is described in which chlorine gas is bubbled through an aqueous slurry of coal at low temperature below 130 C, and at ambient pressure. Chlorination converts both inorganic and organic sulfur compounds into sulfuric acid. The media is separated after chlorination and the coal dechlorinated at a temperature of from 300 C to 500 C to form a non-caking, low-sulfur coal product.

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Includes physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of metals, e.g., corrosion, and metallurgy.


A method for coating substrates using lasers is described. Metal substrates, preferably of titanium and titanium alloys, were coated by alloying or forming TiN on a substrate surface. In the process a laser beam strikes the surface of a moving substrate in the presence of purified nitrogen gas. A small area of the substrate surface is quickly heated, without melting, and reacts with the nitrogen to form a solid solution. This process of alloying or forming TiN, which occurs by diffusion of nitrogen into the titanium, is reviewed.


The adhesion, friction, and wear properties of sputtered refractory coatings on substrates of materials that form stable nitrides is improved by placing each substrate directly below a titanium carbide target of a commercial radiofrequency diode apparatus in a vacuum chamber. Nitrogen is bled into the system through a nozzle resulting in a small partial pressure of about 0.5% to 2.5% during the first two minutes of deposition. The flow of nitrogen is then stopped, and the sputtering ambient is reduced to pure argon through a nozzle without interrupting the sputtering process. When nitrogen is deliberately introduced during the crucial interface formation, some of the titanium at the interface reacts to form titanium nitride while the metal of the substrate also forms the nitride. These two nitrides atomically mixed together in the interfacial region act to more strongly bond the growing titanium carbide coating as it forms on the substrate.

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A thin sputtered film is discussed which exhibits improved adherence to a substrate and has improved friction and wear characteristics. Each substrate is placed directly below a titanium carbide target of a commercial radiofrequency diode apparatus in a vacuum chamber. Nitrogen is bled into the system through a nozzle resulting in a small partial pressure of about 0.5% to 2.5% during the first two minutes of deposition. The flow of nitrogen is then stopped, and the sputtering ambient is reduced to pure argon through a nozzle without interrupting the sputtering process.

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N82-31505* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis
Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

NICRAL TERNARY ALLOY HAVING IMPROVED CYCLIC OXI-
DAISON RESISTANCE Patent
Charles A. Barrett (NAS-NRC, Washington, D.C.), Carl E. Lowell
(NAS-NRC, Washington, D.C.) and Abdus S. Khan (NAS-NRC,
Supersedes NB1-12211 (19 - 03, p 0322) Sponsored by NASA
(NASA-Case-LEW-13339-1; US-Patent-4,340,425;
Office CSCL 11F

NICrAl alloys are improved by the addition of zirconium. These
alloys are in the Beta or gamma/gamma' + Beta region of the
ternary system. Zirconium is added in a very low amount between
0.06 and 0.20 weight percent. There is a narrow optimum zirconium
level at the low value of 0.13 weight percent. Maximum resistance
to cyclic oxidation is achieved when the zirconium addition is at
the optimum value.

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N82-31508*

VARIABLE ANODIC THERMAL CONTROL COATING Patent
Application
Charles S. Gilliland and Roy J. Duckett, inventors (to NASA) Filed
9 Apr. 1982 13 p
(NASA-Case-LAR-12719-1; US-Patent-Appl-SN-367134) Avail:
NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11F

This invention relates to a process for providing a variable
anodic thermal control coating to aluminum surfaces for use as
the external surface area of space vehicles to passively control
the temperature of the vehicle when exposed to a spatial
environment. In a specific embodiment, a 0.001 inch thick aluminum
surface is cleaned by immersion in a metal cleaning bath (160 F
to 200 F for ten minutes); rinsed in room temperature water;
deoxidized in a chromic acid and sulfuric acid mixture; rinsed again
with water and dried under forced, filtered air. After the chromic
acid coating is applied, the surface is removed from the chromic
acid, rinsed in a sealing bath of clear water at 170 F to 200 F for
ten minutes, and dried with forced, filtered air at ambient tempera-
ture. The novelty of the invention appears to reside in a process
for providing a thermal control solar stable surface coating for
aluminum surfaces adapted to be exposed to solar radiation
wherein selected values within the range of 0.10 to 0.72 thermal
emittance and 0.2 to 0.4 solar absorptance are reproducibly
obtained by anodizing the aluminum surface area in a chromic
acid solution for a selected period of time.

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Includes physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of
plastics, elastomers, lubricants, polymers, textiles, adhesives,
and ceramic materials.

N82-24339*

ADJUSTABLE HIGH EMITTANCE GAP FILLER Patent
Application
Daniel B. Leiser (Stanford Univ., Calif.), David A. Stewart, Marnell
Smith, Carlos A. Estrada, and Howard E. Goldstein, inventors (to NASA) Issued 29 Dec. 1981 7 p Filed 7 May 1980
Supersedes NB0-23454 (18 - 14, p 1822)
(NASA-Case-ARC-11310-1; US-Patent-5,308,308;
US-Patent-Class-102-289; US-Patent-Class-244-121;
US-Patent-Class-244-158A; US-Patent-Class-244-160;
Office CSCL 07C

A flexible, adjustable refractory filler is disclosed for filling
gaps between ceramic tiles forming the heat shield of a space
shuttle vehicle, to protect its aluminum skin during atmospheric
entry. The easily installed and replaced filler consists essentially
of a strip of ceramic cloth coated, at least along both its
longitudinal edges with a room temperature vulcanizable silicone
rubber compound with a high emittance colored pigment. The
filler may have one or more layers as the gap width requires.
and a rubber compound with silicone tetraethoxysilane as the emittance
agent and finely divided borosilicate glass containing about 7.5%
B2O3 as high temperature binder. The filler cloth strip or tape

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is cut to proper width and length, inserted into the gap, and fastened with previously applied drops of silicone rubber adhesive.

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A device for inductively heating and fusing thermoplastics is discussed. It includes an alternating current passing through a tank circuit, the inductor member of the tank circuit being wrapped around a curved pole piece of a ferromagnetic material. The magnetic flux arising within the inductor coil member flows to the ends of the pole piece and into a screen placed between the materials to be joined. The flux induces a current in the screen, and heat is generated to melt the thermoplastics together. Because only 30 to 150 watts of power are passed through the tank circuit, a wire which will remain cool under operational wattage may be selected, making air or fluid cooling unnecessary.

N82-25384* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

ELASTOMER TOUGHENED POLYIMIDE ADHESIVES Patent Application
Anne K. St Clair and Terry L. St Clair, inventors (to NASA) Filed 2 Oct 1981 14 p

A rubber-toughened addition type polyimide composition having excellent high temperature bonding characteristics in the fully cured state and improved peel strength and adhesive fracture resistance is discussed. The process for making the improved adhesive involves preparing the rubber containing amic acid prepolymer by chemically reacting an amine-terminated elastomer and an aromatic diamine with an aromatic dihydride with which a reactive chain stopper anhydride has been mixed, and utilizing a solvent or mixture of solvents for the reaction.

N82-26460* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

HIGH TEMPERATURE EMISSANCE COATINGS AND COATING COMPOSITIONS Patent Application
Lunert J. Leger, Jerome F. Kuminetz, and D. Caston, inventors (to NASA) (Northrop Services, Inc., Houston, Tex.) Filed 26 Jan 1982 9 p

A composition consisting essentially of finely divided particles of silicon carbide dispersed in an alky alcohol and containing a minor amount of an emulsifiable polyethylene wax is used to deposit a coating of silicon particles on the surface of insulating articles in order to impact high temperature emissance to the surface. The coating can be applied under the ambient conditions of space to repair insulated surfaces of aerospace vehicles such as the tiles on space shuttle orbiters.
Hollow spheres with precisely concentric inner and outer spherical surfaces are formed by applying vibrations to a nonconcentric hollow sphere while it is at an elevated temperature at which it is fluid or plastic. The vibrations produce internal flows which cause the inner and outer surfaces to become precisely concentric. Concentric spheres can be mass produced by entruding a material such as glass or metal while injecting a stream of gas into the center of the extrusion to form a gas filled tube. Vibrations are applied to the extruded tube to help break it up into bodies tending to form spherical inner and outer surfaces by reason of surface tension, and the continuing application of vibrations causing these surfaces to become concentric. NASA


A package assembly for precisely positioning a charge of hot melt adhesive onto an attachment pad or point of use is described. The adhesive is heated to softening or melt temperature (280 F to 325 F) and thereafter cooled to resolidifying temperature. A single sided pressure sensitive polyvinyl film tape serves with another film strip to protect the sandwiched adhesive strip until use and to hold the adhesive in precise position until it is thermally bonded to its point of use. Tab ends serve as aids in stripping the tapes from the adhesive charge. Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office


A class of high temperature structural resins is obtained by utilizing ethynyl and phenylethynyl groups as a means of rigidizing polymers. These polymers are synthesized from the reaction of aromatic bis(o-diamines) with aromatic bis(alpha-diketones) and aromatic bis(ethynylphenyl-alpha-diketones) or bis(phenylethynylphenyl-alpha-diketones). The stoichiometry can be altered to control the amount of pendant ethynyl or phenylethynyl group and, accordingly, the crosslinked density. As the amount of these groups is increased, the temperature necessary to induce the crosslinking reaction is lowered and the final use temperature of the polymer is raised. The resins obtained have elevated and stability use temperature capabilities. NASA


Perfluoroether triazine elastomers having improved properties are prepared from oligomeric imidoylamidines that were, in turn, prepared by the process of reacting a perfluorodinitrile with liquid ammonia to yield a perfluorodiamidine, isolating the perfluorodiamidine, reacting the isolated diamidine with a perfluorodinitrile to yield a perfluorotrimidoylamidine dinitrile, and then repeating the steps to sequentially grow an oligomer of desired molecular size. The isolated amidine and nitrile intermediates are also disclosed. NASA
Hollow glass spheres are shaped by the effects of surface tension acting on bubbles of glass in its molten state. A downwardly flowing stream of air accelerated at a one-G rate of acceleration is established through a drop bubbles on molten glass are introduced into the stream of air and frozen and as they are accelerated at a one-G rate of acceleration.

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N82-29451* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

GLASS COMPOSITIONS WITH A HIGH MODULUS OF ELASTICITY


Glass compositions comprising silica, alumina, and magnesia plus substantial quantities of an uncommon oxide such as lanthana, cerna, and yttria provide a formulation containing no toxic elements and capable of fiberization to produce filaments having a high modulus of elasticity.

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N82-29452* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

HIGH MODULUS INVERT ANALOG GLASS COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING BERYLLIA Patent


Glass compositions having a Young's modulus of at least 15 million psi and a specific modulus of at least 110 million inches consisting essentially of, in mols, 10-45% SiO2, 2-15% Li2O, 3-34% BeO, 12-36% of at least one bivalent oxide selected from the group consisting of CaO, ZnO, MgO and CuO, 10-39% of at least one trivalent oxide selected from the group consisting of Al2O3, ZrO2, La2O3, Y2O3, and the mixed rare earth oxides, the total number of said bivalent and trivalent oxides being at least three, and up to 10% of a tetravalent oxide selected from the group consisting of ZrO2, TiO2, and CeO2.

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N82-29453* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

FULLY PLASMA-SPRAYED COMPLIANT BACKED CERAMIC TURBINE SEAL Patent


A seal having a high temperature abrasion-resistant lining material encircling the tips of turbine blades in turbomachinery is disclosed. The minimum operating clearances between the blade tips and the lining of a high pressure turbine are maintained. A low temperature easily decomposable material, such as a polymer, in powder form is blended with a high temperature oxidation resistant metal powder. The two materials are simultaneously deposited on a substrate formed by the turbine casing. Alternately, the polymer powder may be added to the metal powder during plasma spraying. A ceramic layer is then deposited directly onto the metal polymer composite. The polymer additive mixed with the metal is then completely volatilized to provide a porous layer between the ceramic layer and the substrate.

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N82-29454* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

NON-TOXIC INVERT ANALOG GLASS COMPOSITIONS OF HIGH MODULUS Patent


Glass compositions having a Young's modulus of at least 15 million psi are described. They and a specific modulus of at least 110 million inches consist essentially of, in mols, 15 to 40% SiO2, 6 to 15% Li2O, 24 to 45% of at least two bivalent oxides selected from the group consisting of Ca, ZnO, MgO and CuO, 13 to 39% of at least two trivalent oxides selected from the group consisting of Al2O3, Fe2O3, B2O3, La2O3 and Y2O3 and up to 15% of one or more tetravalent oxides selected from the group consisting of ZrO2, TiO2 and CeO2. The high modulus, low density glass compositions contain no toxic elements. The composition, glass density, Young's modulus, and specific modulus for 28 representative glasses are presented. The fiber modulus of five glasses are given.

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N82-29455* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

HIGH MODULUS RARE EARTH AND BERYLLIUM CONTAINING SILICATE GLASS COMPOSITIONS Patent


Glass compositions having a Young's modulus of at least 16 million psi and a specific modulus of at least 110 million inches consisting essentially of, by weight, 20 to 43% SiO2, 8 to 21% Al2O3, 4 to 10% BeO, 7 to 28% of at least one oxide selected from a first group consisting of Y2O3, La2O3, Nd2O3, Ce2O3, CeO3, and the mixed rare earth oxides, and 3 to 12% of at least one oxide selected from a second group consisting of MgO, ZrO2, ZnO and CaO are described. The molar ratio of BeO to the total content of the first group oxides is from 1.0 to 3.0.

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HIGH PERFORMANCE FILLETING SEALANT Patent

A filling sealant having high performance characteristics is disclosed. The sealant is based on NASA-patented cyano- and diamidoximine-terminated perfluoroalkylene ether prepolymer that are thermally condensed and cross-linked. The sealant contains asbestos and, in its preferred embodiments, carbon black reinforcement and a silicone or epoxy resin promoter. The sealant was extensively evaluated by Hughes Aircraft Company. In the evaluation it showed excellent resistance to fuel and other solvents and was much more resistant than Vilon. It showed no corrosive effect on the surface of titanium in long term testing at 288 deg C (550 deg F) and had good adhesion to aluminum and titanium. No deterioration of adhesive strength resulting from elevated temperature fuel aging was noted. Lap shear and tensile strength surpassed MIL specification requirements. The tensile strength and elongation of the sealant indicate a lightly cross linked system with a Tg of -30 deg C. The thermal stability by thermogravimetric analysis is excellent with onset of degradation occurring at 280 deg C.

ATTACHMENT SYSTEM FOR SILICA TILES Patent

An improved method for markedly increasing the bond strength between a rigid, porous refractory material and non-organic substrate by densifying the face of the rigid material opposing the substrate is discussed. Densification is accomplished by wetting the refractory material and then impregnating it with a composite slurry having a particle size to fill voids of the porous material.

METHOD FOR REPAIR OF THIN GLASS COATINGS Patent

A method of repairing cracks or damaged areas in glass in particular, glass coatings provided on tile. The method includes removing the damaged area using a high speed diamond burr drilling out a cavity that extends slightly into the base material of the tile. All loose material is then cleaned from the drilled out cavity and the cavity is filled adjacent the upper surface of the coating with a filler material including chopped silica fibers mixed with a binder. The filler material is packed into the cavity and a repair coating is applied by means of a brush or sprayed thereover. The repair includes borosilicate suspended in solution. Heat is applied at approximately 2100 F. for approximately five minutes for curing the coating, causing boron silicate particles of the coating to oxidize forming a very fluid boron-oxide rich glass which reacts with the other frits to form an impervious, highly refractory layer.

SURFACE TEXTURING OF FLUOROPOLYMERS Patent

A method is disclosed for improving surface texture for adhesive bonding, metal bonding, substrate plating, decal substrate preparation, and biomedical implant applications. The surface to be bonded is dusted with fine mesh particles which serve as masks. The surface texture is produced by impinging gas ions on the masked surface. The textured surface takes the form of pillars or cones. The bonding material, such as a liquid epoxy, flows between the pillars which results in a bond having increased strength. For bonding metals a thin film of metal is vapor or sputter deposited onto the textured surface. Electroplating or electronless plating is then used to increase the metal thickness in the desired amount.

N82-33520* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. John F. Kennedy Space Center, Cocoa Beach, Fl. METHOD FOR REPAIR OF THIN GLASS COATINGS Patent

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N82-33522*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
OVERLAY METALLIC-CERMET ALLOY COATING SYSTEMS Patent Application
A substrate, such as a turbine blade, vane, or the like, which is subjected to high temperature use is coated with a base coating of an oxide dispersed, metallic alloy (cermet). A top coating of an oxidation, hot corrosion, erosion resistant alloy of nickel, cobalt, or iron is then deposited on the base coating. A heat treatment is used to improve the bonding. The base coating serves as an inhibitor to interdiffusion between the protective top coating and the substrate.

N82-33523*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.
HIGH PERFORMANCE CHANNEL INJECTION SEALANT INVENTION Patent Application
Robert W. Rosser, Danute I. Basiulis (Hughes Aircraft Co.), and Darrell P. Salisbury, inventors (to NASA) (Hughes Aircraft Co.) Filed 30 Jul. 1982 21 p
(Contract NAS2-10334) (NASA-Case-ARC-14408-1; US-Patent-AppI-SN-403371) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 11A
High performance channel sealant is based on NASA patented cyano and diamidoamine-terminated perfluoroalkylene ether prepolymer that is thermally condensed and cross linked. The sealant contains asbestos and, in its preferred embodiment, Lithofrax, to lower its thermal expansion coefficient and a phenolic metal deactivator. Extensive evaluation shows the sealant is extremely resistant to thermal degradation with an onset point of 280°C. The materials have a volatile content of 0.18%, excellent flexibility, and adherence properties, and fuel resistance. No corrosibility to aluminum or titanium was observed.

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Includes rocket propellants, igniters, and oxidizers, storage and handling, and aircraft fuels.
For related information see also 07 Aircraft Propulsion and Power, 20 Spacecraft Propulsion and Power, and 44 Energy Production and Conversion.

N82-25394*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif.
AUTOCATALYTIC COAL LIQUEFACTION PROCESS Patent Application
Sheik A Qader, Principal Investigator (JPL, California Inst. of Technology, Pasadena) Filed 3 Jan 1980 32 p
An improved process for liquefying coal in which coal minerals at high content are utilized as hydrocracking catalysts is described. A slurry of 10 to 60% by weight of coal in a recycled liquified coal product containing 15 to 30% by weight of coal minerals is pressurized with excess hydrogen to a pressure of 2,000 to 4,000 psi and heated to a temperature of 450 to 550 degrees C. The coal minerals autocatalytically convert coal solids to a low viscosity liquid product and to a gas product in high yields while reducing oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur content of the coal product as compared to other coal liquefaction processes under development.

N82-25481*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif.
SUPERCRITICAL SOLVENT COAL EXTRACTION Patent Application
Leslie E. Compton, inventor (to NASA) (JPL, California Inst. of Technology, Pasadena) Filed 17 Nov 1981 18 p
Yields of soluble organic extract are increased up to about 50% by the supercritical extraction of particulate coal at a temperature below the polymerization temperature for coal extract fragments (450°C) and a pressure from 500 psig to 5,000 psig by the conjoint use of a solvent mixture containing a low volatility, high critical temperature coal dissolution catalyst such as phenanthrene and a high volatility, low critical temperature solvent such as toluene.

31 ENGINEERING (GENERAL)
Includes vacuum technology, control engineering, display engineering, and cryogenics.

N82-25401*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif.
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING CONCENTRIC HOLLOW SPHERES Patent Application
Hollow spheres with precisely concentric inner and outer spherical surfaces are formed by applying vibrations to a nonconcentric hollow sphere while it is at an elevated temperature at which it is fluid or plastic, the vibrations producing internal flos which cause the inner and outer surfaces to become precisely concentric. Concentric spheres can be mass produced by extruding a material such as glass or metal while injecting a stream of gas into the center of the extrusion to form a gas filled tube. Vibration are applied to the extruded tube to help break to form spherical inner and outer surfaces by reason of surface tension, and the continuing application of vibrations causing these surfaces to become concentric.

A hand held device having a forward open window portion adapted to be pushed downwardly into the frost on a surface, and a rear container portion adapted to receive the frost removed from the window area are described. A graph on a side of the container enables an observer to determine the density of the frost from certain measurements noted. The depth of the frost is noted from calibrated lines on the sides of the open window portion.
32 COMMUNICATIONS

Includes land and global communications; communications theory; and optical communications. For related information see also 04 Aircraft Communications and Navigation and 17 Spacecraft Communications, Command and Tracking.

N82-23376* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Pasadena Office, Calif.

ECHO TRACKER/RANGE FINDER FOR RADARS AND SONARS Patent
Nick J. Constantines, inventor (to NASA) (JPL California Inst.
(NASA-Case-NPO-14361-1; US-Patent-4,320,397;
Patent and Trademark Office CSCL 20N

An echo tracker/range finder or altimeter is described. The pulse repetition frequency (PRF) of a predetermined plurality of transmitted pulses is adjusted so that echo pulses received from a reflecting object are positioned between transmitted pulses and divided their interpulse time interval into two time intervals having a predetermined ratio with respect to each other. The invention described provides a means whereby the arrival time of a plurality of echo pulses is defined as the time at which a composite echo pulse formed of a sum of the individual echo pulses has the highest amplitude. The invention is applicable to radar systems, sonar systems, or any other kind of system in which pulses are transmitted and echoes received therefrom.

N82-27558* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

SPIRAL SLOTTED PHASED ANTENNA ARRAY Patent
Supersedes N80-29543 (18 - 20, p 2685) Sponsored by NASA
(NASA-Case-MSC-18532-1; US-Patent-4,315,266;

A flush mounting, cavity-backed, dual orthogonal slot antenna for aircraft and space vehicles is described. Improved radiation pattern characteristics are obtained by making the spiral slot pattern elliptical in the aperture plane. A cavity and a flanged aperture plate are configured such that one slot pair is orthogonal with respect to another slot pair within the aperture plate. Coaxial split-tube baluns are used to drive the junctions between corresponding slot pairs. An optional cavity dielectric is provided and a drive coupling arrangement includes a four port comparator hybrid having sum and difference ports respectively, for alternate excitation to produce a single lobe or a double lobe pattern with null. Switching apparatus is provided to connect a common terminal to either of the ports.

N82-28523* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Pasadena Office, Calif.

WIDEBAND PASSIVE SYNTHETIC-APERTURE MULTI-
CHANNEL RECEIVER Patent Application
Joseph M. Stacey, inventor (to NASA) (JPL, California Inst.
of Tech., Pasadena) Filed 5 May 1982 26 p
(Contract NAS7-100)
(NASA-Case-NPO-15651-1; US-Patent-Appi-SN-375620) Avail:
NTIS HC AQ/MF A01 CSCL 17B

The receiver is in a satellite which makes repeated sweeps over the oceans. As it travels along its track, an antenna is swept back and forth at a selected swath width. From each incremental area (pixel) of the ocean surface, \( P_x \) and \( P_z \) signals are received as a function of the sea temperature. The receiver includes a plurality of channels each tuned to a different frequency. The outputs of the channels are fed to a processor of the receiver and stored. A formula is generated for use in determining the sea temperature at each pixel, remote from the calibration areas. The receiver can be used to measure air temperature, air pressure and wind direction at each pixel.
A product code, formed from two pseudorandom sequences of digital bits, is used to encipher or scramble data prior to transmission. In one mode, the sequences are transmitted continuously with the scrambled data for synchronization. In the receiver portion of the system, the incoming signal is compared with the locally generated pseudorandom sequences until correspondence between the sequences is obtained. At this time, the two locally generated sequences are formed into a product code which deciphers the data from the incoming signal. Provision is made to ensure synchronization of the transmitting and receiving portions of the system. Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Includes test equipment and maintainability; components, e.g., tunnel diodes and transistors; microminiaturization; and integrated circuitry.

For related information see also 60 Computer Operations and Hardware and 76 Solid-State Physics.

CONTROL SYSTEM FOR AN INDUCTION MOTOR WITH ENERGY RECOVERY Patent Application

A control circuit for an induction motor powered system is described wherein a power factor controlled servo loop is used to control, via the phase angle of firing of a triac, the power input to the motor as a function of load placed on the motor by machinery of the powered system. Upon application of torque by this machinery to the motor, which tends to overspeed the motor, the firing angle of the triac is automatically set to a fixed, and relatively short, firing angle.

GLASS HEATING PANELS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME FROM ARCHITECTURAL REFLECTIVE GLASS Patent Application

A method for producing glass supported resistive heating elements is described. Electrodes are positioned in intimate contact with an outer surface of a thin electrically insulating protecting layer of architectural reflective glass. Application of a voltage of sufficient magnitude substantially destroys the insulating layer located beneath the electrodes. A subsequent application of voltage results in a passage of current through the underlying thin, light-reflective metal or metal oxide layer and in concomitant output of heat. In addition techniques are suggested for producing panels wherein the electrically heated area is readily preslected in any desired configuration.
A saturable inductor switch for compressing the width and sharpening the rise time of high voltage pulses from a relatively slow rise time, high voltage generator to an electric discharge gas laser (EDGL) also provides a capability for efficient energy transfer from a high impedance primary source to an intermediate low impedance laser discharge network. The switch is positioned with respect to a capacitive storage device, such as a coaxial cable, so that when an input high voltage pulse reaches a predetermined level, saturation of the switch inductor releases or switches energy stored in the capacitive storage device to the EDGL. Cascaded saturable inductor switches for providing output pulses having rise times of less then ten nanoseconds and a technique for magnetically biasing the saturable inductor switch are disclosed.

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A test apparatus is described for locating electrical shorts that is especially suited for use while an electrical circuit is being fabricated or assembled. A ring counter derives input pulses from a square wave oscillator. The outputs of the counter are fed through transistors to an array of light emitting diodes. Each diode is connected to an electrical conductor, such as a bus bar, that is to be tested. In the absence of a short between the electrical conductors the diodes are sequentially illuminated. When a short occurs, a comparator/multivibrator circuit triggers an alarm and stops the oscillator and the sequential energization of the diodes. The two diodes that remain illuminated identify the electrical conductors that are shorted.

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A linear magnetic motor/generator is disclosed which uses magnetic flux to provide mechanical motion or electrical energy. The linear magnetic motor/generator includes an axially movable actuator mechanism. A permanent magnet mechanism defines a first magnetic flux path which passes through a first end portion of the actuator mechanism. Another permanent magnet mechanism defines a second magnetic flux path which passes through a second end portion of the actuator mechanism. A drive coil defines a third magnetic flux path passing through a central portion of the actuator mechanism. The drive coil selectively adds magnetic flux to and subtracts magnetic flux from magnetic flux flowing in the first and second magnetic flux paths.

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A transformer for coupling AC electrical energy from a stationary element to a rotating element without the use of sliding contacts is described. The transformer is of the rotary type and includes a ferrite core and two primary windings which are stationary with respect to a secondary winding which rotates within an annular cavity adjacent an axial bore in the core. The core is comprised of two cup type core halves. Electrical connection to the secondary winding is made through a split bobbin assembly which couples to a coaxial shaft assembly located in the axial bore. The electrical coupling to the coaxial shaft assembly is made through a continuous transverse channel connecting the axial bore with the annular cavity. The transverse channel forms a single air gap, however, it is not open directly to free space but is shielded by the magnetic permeable material of the core halves.

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A method is described for forming sharp tips on thin wires, in particular phosphor bronze wires of diameters such as one thousandth inch used to contact micron size Schottky barrier diodes, which enables close control of tip shape and which avoids the use of highly toxic solutions. The method includes dipping and end of a phosphor bronze wire into a dilute solution of sulfamic acid and applying a current through the wire to electrochemically etch it. The humidity in the room is controlled to a level of less than 50%. and the voltage applied between the wire and another electrode in the solution is a half wave rectified voltage. The current through the wire is monitored, and the process is stopped when the current falls to a predetermined low level.

NASA


N82-24425* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
A direct current ballast circuit for a two electrode metal halide lamp is described. Said direct current ballast circuit includes a low voltage DC input and a high frequency power amplifier and power transformer for developing a high voltage output. The output voltage is rectified by diodes and filtered by inductor and capacitor to provide a regulated DC output through commutating diodes to one terminal of the lamp at the output terminal. A feedback path from the output of the filter capacitor through the bias resistor to power the high frequency circuit which includes the power amplifier and the power transformer for sustaining circuit operations during low voltage transients on the input DC supply is described. A current sensor connected to the output of the lamp through terminal for stabilizing lamp current following breakdown of the lamp is described.

A trigger control circuit for producing firing pulses for the thyristor of a thyristor control system such as a power factor controller is described. The control circuit overcomes thyristor triggering problems involved with the current lag associated with semiconductor transistors connected between the primary winding and a DC source or battery. A secondary winding of the transformer is connected to a rectifying and filter circuit to provide unidirectional output current. Both windings of the transformer are connected on the respective outer legs of an E-core with the center leg of the core providing a leakage reactance. This leakage reactance has the same effect as placing an inductor in series with the rectifiers in output circuit.

A general logic structure (GLS) for custom large scale integration (LSI) circuit substrates from which a plurality of negative ohmic resistance (NOR) gate logic circuits can be formed and interconnected to form more complex logic circuits is described. The GLS is formed so that a plurality of overlay masks defining cuts and contacts on the GLS transforms it into a specific custom logic circuit comprising a plurality of NOR gates. The overlay masks defining cuts and contacts can be computer generated, thereby providing a means whereby custom LSI circuits can be rapidly manufactured, tested, and reconfigured at a minimum cost.
A coupled cavity traveling wave tube with a velocity taper, which affords beam wave resynchronization and thereby enhances the distance from the electron gun, through changes in internal cavity dimensions. The required changes in cavity dimensions can be accomplished by gradually increasing the cavity radius decreasing the gap length from electron to cavity. The velocity reduction is carried out without an increase in circuit resistive losses and the upper and lower cut off frequencies are reduced in approximately the same manner.

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A coupled cavity traveling wave tube with an output of the Hall effect device controls the power applied to the field so as to provide a well defined field and a controlled torque to the rotor which is well defined. A Hall effect device senses the field present, which would vary as a function of spacing between field and rotor. The output of the Hall effect device controls the power applied to the field so as to provide a well defined field and a controlled torque to the rotor which is well defined.

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A broadband megahertz range electrostatic acoustic transducer for use in a liquid environment is described. A liquid tight enclosure includes a metallic conducting membrane as part of its outside surface and has a means inside the liquid tight enclosure for applying a tension to the membrane and for mounting an electrode such that the flat end of the electrode is approximately parallel to the membrane. The invention includes structure and a method for ensuring that the membrane and the flat end of the electrode are exactly parallel and a fixed predetermined distance from each other.

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Failure detection circuits used to detect unidirectional failures in Triacs, particularly as used in power factor controllers for induction motors, are described. A schematic circuit diagram of a power factor controller for a motor which includes two Triacs is presented. The failure detection circuit includes an operational amplifier and associated circuitry which produces a predetermined output responsive to detecting an unbalanced load voltage signal. A comparator turns the Triacs full on in both directions in response to such an output. A second schematic is presented, which includes a pair of operational amplifiers which receive phase difference inputs from the terminals and a comparator which turns the Triacs full on in response to a predetermined output from the amplifiers. Waveforms associated with both applications are illustrated. An open circuit failure detector which turns the Triacs off in response to a predetermined output from the circuits is illustrated. The device provides failure detection circuitry for detecting failure of a Triac in either the positive or negative direction, thus improving the performance of power factor controllers in which such Triacs are used.

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N82-26573*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration

METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE POINT OF ZERO ZETA POTENTIAL OF SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS Patent Application
Benjamin Reichman (Christopher Newport Coll.) and Charles E. Byvik, inventors (to NASA) Filed 31 Mar 1982 11 p

A method for determining the potential of zero charge of an unpowdered semiconductor material is described. The semiconductor material is used as the working electrode of a standard three-electrode photoelectrochemical cell. The onset potential of the semiconductor material is measured at several different cell temperatures. The slope of the graph of onset potential versus temperature is used to compute the potential of zero charge.

NASA

N82-26574*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration

TRIAC FAILURE DETECTOR Patent Application
Frank J. Nola, inventor (to NASA) Filed 30 Nov 1981 24 p

A broadband megahertz range electrostatic acoustic transducer for use in a liquid environment is described. A liquid tight enclosure includes a metallic conducting membrane as part of its outside surface and has a means inside the liquid tight enclosure for applying a tension to the membrane and for mounting an electrode such that the flat end of the electrode is approximately parallel to the membrane. The invention includes structure and a method for ensuring that the membrane and the flat end of the electrode are exactly parallel and a fixed predetermined distance from each other.

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N82-26575*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration

ELECTRODES FOR SOLID STATE DEVICES Patent Application
Donald B. Bickler, inventor (to NASA) JPL California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena) Filed 22 Nov 1982 17 p

The invention relates to coated metal powders and to dispersions of such powders in liquid vehicles forming screenable, sinterable pastes for use in forming electrodes on photovoltaic devices. The primary nickel or copper metal particles are provided with a carrier of lower melting sintering metals such as 1-20% by weight, of a non-oxidizing metal such as lead or tin. The powdered metal systems operate on the basis of fusing together by way of eutectic alloying. As the paste is heated during firing, the organic binder is first vaporized. An eutectic of the base metal (copper) and coating (tin) forms at the intersections of the base metal grains. This eutectic dissolves the grains and as the temperature is raised above the eutectic temperature, more of the base metal is dissolved. While the temperature is held at the higher value, the much smaller amount of sintering metal disappears as the eutectic dissolves and diffuses into the base metal until the composition of the eutectic is so enriched with base metal that it no longer has the eutectic properties and it solidifies. In this high temperature solidification, the base metal grains became thoroughly alloyed together and will not separate in Triacs, particularly as used in power factor controllers for induction motors, are described. A schematic circuit diagram of a power factor controller for a motor which includes two Triacs is presented. The failure detection circuit includes an operational amplifier and associated circuitry which produces a predetermined output responsive to detecting an unbalanced load voltage signal. A comparator turns the Triacs full on in both directions in response to such an output. A second schematic is presented, which includes a pair of operational amplifiers which receive phase difference inputs from the terminals and a comparator which turns the Triacs full on in response to a predetermined output from the amplifiers. Waveforms associated with both applications are illustrated. An open circuit failure detector which turns the Triacs off in response to a predetermined output from the circuits is illustrated. The device provides failure detection circuitry for detecting failure of a Triac in either the positive or negative direction, thus improving the performance of power factor controllers in which such Triacs are used.

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plastic ring frame wall the leads are bent (typically, although not necessarily at 90°) so that they project into the interior volume of the ring frame for connection to the solid state devices

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**N82-28545**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.

**PHOTOELECTRIC DETECTION SYSTEM Patent**

James R. Curre and Raymond R. Schansman, inventors (to NASA)


(NASA Case-MFS-23776-1 US Patent 4,319,133


A photoelectric beam system for the detection of the arrival of an object at a discrete station wherein artificial light, natural light, or no light may be present is described. A signal generator turns on and off a signal light at a selected frequency. When the object in question arrives at station, ambient light is blocked by the object and the light from the signal light is reflected onto a photoelectric sensor which has a delayed electrical output but is of the frequency of the signal light. Outputs from both the signal source and the photoelectric sensor are fed to inputs of an exclusively OR detector which provides as an output the difference between them. The difference signal is a small width pulse occurring at the frequency of the signal source. By filter means, this signal is distinguished from those responsive to sunlight, darkness, or 120 Hz artificial light. In this fashion, the presence of an object is positively established.

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.

**A dc TO dc CONVERTER Patent Application**

Albert E. Willis, John M. Gould, Jack L. Matheney, and Harrison Garrett, inventors (to NASA) Filed 28 May 1982 17 p

Sponsored by NASA (NASA Case MFS-25430-1 US Patent Appl SN 383083) Avail NTIS HC A02/MA A01 CSCL 09A

A rectangular wave signal generated by a high frequency oscillator is divided down to a selected frequency by divider and then fed to a ring counter which develops six square wave signals varying in time by 30° Each of these signals is then amplified and fed to one of six output transformers. Each of which has an S(1) winding and an S(2) winding. The S(1) series set of windings are connected in series to form a second set. The two sets are connected in series in a closed loop or circle. The various phased signals are combined via a first rectifier in the form of an SCR, connected between a terminal at each two windings of the series and the direct current positive output terminal. A rectifier is connected from the same terminal point to the zero or negative terminal of the output. By varying the turn on time of the SCRs as a function of the output voltage, output voltage can be regulated.

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**N82-28549**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

**HERMETICALLY SEALABLE PACKAGE FOR HYBRID SOLID-STATE ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND THE LIKE Patent Application**


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(NASA Case MSC-20181-1 US Patent Appl SN 392093) Avail NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 09A

A light weight, inexpensively fabricated, hermetically sealable, repairable package for small electronic or electromechanical units having multi connections is described. A moulded ring frame of polyamide-imide plastic (Torlon) is attached along one edge to a base plate formed of a highly heat conducting material, such as aluminum or copper. Bores are placed through a base plate within the area of the edge surface of ring frame which result in an attachment of the ring frame to the base plate during moulding. Electrical leads, are moulded into the ring frame. The leads are L shaped gold plated copper, welded within widened portions of the side wall of the ring frame. Within the
CONTROL MEANS FOR A SOLID STATE CROSSBAR SWITCH Patent
A control system for a solid state crossbar switch which allows a plurality of switch control and interrogation functions to be implemented by time sharing related circuitry is described. The crossbar switch includes a plurality of X ports and Y ports, each X-Y port intersection designating a specific X-Y intersection latch which controls a plurality of associated switches for interconnecting one set of data lines associated with the X port to another set of data lines associated with the Y port. The control system continuously and sequentially addresses each of the X-Y intersection latches at a 10 megahertz rate. During this addressing, the control circuitry includes a capability for interrogating each intersection latch for determining which is in a set condition, ensuring that only one X-Y intersection latch is set on an X row and Y column defining that latch, resetting all of the X-Y intersection latches, and determining which of the X-Y intersection latches are in a set condition.
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FIG. 1

a frequency discriminator effect results to aid carrier resolution. Finally, after carrier acquisition, the Q-channel filter of the Costas loop is switched to a bandwidth substantially equal to that of the I-channel for carrier tracking.
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N82-30472‡ National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.
ENERGY SAVING ELECTRICAL MOTOR CONTROL SYSTEM Patent Application
An energy saving system in AC electrical motors which provides optimum control of the triac control voltage supplied to different motors with which the system is used, despite the different characteristics of such motors is described. A three phase motor, including a triac control circuit for each phase is shown. Triggering of triac is controlled by the light output of LED received by photocell resistance. Zener diode controls charging of timing capacitor for the triac regardless of the motor back EMF. The physical arrangement of LED and individual photocells are shown. An alternative embodiment using constant current diodes to provide constant current charging of timing capacitor independently of motor back EMF is used. NASA
The processing of wafer devices to form multilevel interconnects for microelectronic circuits is described. The method is directed to performing the sequential steps of etching the via, removing the photo resist pattern, back sputtering the entire wafer surface and depositing the next layer of interconnect material under common vacuum conditions without exposure to atmospheric conditions. Apparatus for performing the method includes a vacuum system having a vacuum chamber in which wafers are processed on rotating turntables. The vacuum chamber is provided with an RF sputtering system and a DC magnetron sputtering system. A gas inlet is provided in the chamber for the introduction of various gases to the vacuum chamber and the creation of various gas plasma during the sputtering steps.

A particle generating system is described which is capable of breaking up agglomerations of particles and producing a cloud of uniform, submicron-sized particles at high pressure and high flow rates. This is achieved by utilizing a tubular structure which has injection microslits on its periphery to accept and disperse the desired particle feed. By supplying a carrying fluid at a pressure of approximately twice the ambient pressure of the velocimeter’s settling chamber, the microslits operate at choked flow conditions. The shearing action of this choked flow is sufficient to overcome interparticle bonding forces, thereby breaking up the agglomerates of the particle feed into individual particles.
35 INSTRUMENTATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Includes remote sensors; measuring instruments and gages; detectors; cameras and photographic supplies; and holography.

For related information see also 06 Aircraft Instrumentation, and 19 Spacecraft Instrumentation.

N82-24470* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

HOT FOIL TRANSDUCER SKIN FRICTION SENSOR Patent


A device utilizes foil transducers with only one edge exposed to the fluid flow. The surfaces are polished producing a foil transducer that does not generate turbulence while sufficiently thick to carry the required electrical current for high temperature fluid flow. The assembly utilizes a precut layered metal sandwich with attached electrodes eliminating a need for welding and individual sensor calibration.

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35 INSTRUMENTATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

N82-24471* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbel, Md.

INORGANIC SPARK CHAMBER FRAME AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME Patent


A spark chamber frame, manufactured using only inorganic materials is described. The spark chamber frame includes a plurality of beams formed from inorganic material, such as ceramic or glass, and are connected together at ends with inorganic bonding material having substantially the same thermal expansion as the beam material. A plurality of wires formed from an inorganic composition are positioned between opposed beams so that the wires are uniformly spaced and form a grid. A plurality of hold down straps are formed of inorganic material such as ceramic or glass having substantially the same chemical and thermal properties as the beam material. Hold down straps overlap wires extending over the beams and are bonded thereto with inorganic bonding material.

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N82-24473* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Hugh L Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif.

INFLATABLE DEVICE FOR INSTALLING STRAIN GAGE BRIDGES Patent Application


A method and a device are disclosed for pneumatically forcing strain gages into seated engagement with the internal surfaces of a tubular shaft in an installation of multiple strain gages in a tubular shaft. The strain gages or other electronic devices are seated in a template-like component which is wrapped about a pneumatically expandable body. The component is then inserted into a shaft and the body is expanded pneumatically. A suitable adhesive is applied to the surfaces.

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ACOUSTIC ROTATION
surface of the aircraft skin and a pressure seal is established
SSURIZED AIRCRAFT Patent Application
Robert B. Cohn, inventor (to NASA) Filed 14 Dec. 1981
14 p
NTIS HC A02/MA01 CSCL 14B
Instrumentation is developed for sensing moisture content
of material using a transient thermal pulse and is comprised of
a sensing probe having a sensing element in the form of a
ribbon excited by a constant current pulse to increase the
temperature, and therefore the resistance, of the ribbon linearly.
Moisture in web material limits the increase of temperature
during the pulse in proportion to the moisture content. This increase
in temperature produces a proportional increase in resistivity which
is measured with a Wheatstone bridge as a change in voltage
displayed by a measurement display unit. The probe is glued in
a shallow groove of a lucite bar and connected to copper pins
embedded in the bar.

A mounting device for securing a microphone pick-up head
flush with respect to the external surfaces of the skin of an
aircraft for detecting shock waves is described. The mount includes
a sleeve mounted internally of the aircraft for capturing and
supporting an electronics package having the microphone pick-up
head attached such that the head is flush with the external
surface of the aircraft skin and a pressure seal is established
between the internal and external surfaces of the aircraft skin.

A system is described for acoustically controlled rotation of
a levitated object, which avoids deformation of a levitated liquid
object. Acoustic waves of the same wavelength are directed
along perpendicular directions across the object, and with the
relative phases of the acoustic waves repeatedly switched so
that one wave alternately leads and lags the other by 90 deg.
The amount of torque for rotating the object, and the direction
of rotation, are controlled by controlling the proportion of time
one wave leads the other and selecting which wave leads the
other most of the time.

A film advancement indicator which includes an optical sensor
that detects the rotational movement of a disc that rotates only
when the film advance is described. When the film does not
advance, an indicator light is activated. A counter is included in
the electronic circuit to determine the number of film frames
advanced.

An X-ray spectrometer for providing imaging and energy
resolution of an X-ray source is comprised of a thick silicon
wafer having an embedded matrix or grid of aluminum completely through the wafer fabricated, for example, by thermal migration. The aluminum matrix defines the walls of a rectangular array of silicon X-ray detector cells or pixels. A thermally diffused aluminum electrode is also formed centrally through each of the silicon cells with biasing means being connected to the aluminum cell walls and the centralized aluminum electrode for causing lateral charge carrier depletion between the cell walls so that incident X-ray energy causes a photoelectric reaction within the silicon producing collectible charge carriers in the form of electrons which are collected and used for imaging.

and data memories. The microcomputer calculates that fraction of charge and discharge current consumed in the generation of gas so that the actual state of charge can be determined. The state of charge is then shown on a visual display.

STATE-OF-CHARGE COULOMETER Patent Application
John J. Rowlette, inventor (to NASA) JPL, California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena Filed 9 Apr. 1982 30 p
(Contract NAS7-100)

A coulometer for accurately measuring the state of charge of an open cell battery utilizing an aqueous electrolyte is described. The coulometer includes a current meter for measuring the battery charge/discharge current and a flow meter for measuring the rate at which the battery produces gas during charge and discharge. Coupled to the flow meter is a gas analyzer which measures the oxygen fraction of the battery gas. The outputs of the current meter, flow meter and gas analyzer are coupled to a programmed microcomputer which includes a CPU and program

EXOTHERMIC FURNACE MODULE Patent Application
Richard M. Poorman, inventor (to NASA) Filed 18 Mar. 1982 12 p

An exothermic furnace module is disclosed for processing materials in space which includes an insulated casing and a sample support, carried within the casing which supports a sample container. An exothermic heat source includes a plurality of segments of exothermic material stacked one upon another to produce a desired temperature profile when ignited. The exothermic material segments are constructed in the form of an
annular element having a recess opening which defines an open central core throughout the vertical axis of the stacked exothermic material. The sample container is arranged within the core of the stacked exothermic heating material.

A brushless dc tachometer is disclosed that includes a high strength toroidal permanent magnet for providing a uniform magnetic field in an air gap opposite the magnet, and a pickup coil wound around the pole piece and adapted to rotate about the axis of the pole piece. The pickup coil is rotated by an input shaft to which the coil is coupled with the friction clip. The output of the coil is conducted to circuitry by a twisted wire pair. The input shaft also activates a position transducing potentiometer.

A strain transducer system and process for making the same is disclosed. A beryllium copper ring having four strain gages is electrically connected in Wheatstone bridge fashion to the output instrumentation. Tabs are bonded to a balloon or like surface with strain on the surface causing bending of a ring which provides an electrical signal through the gages proportional to the surface strain. A photographic pattern of a one half ring segment as placed on a sheet of beryllium copper for chem-mill etch formation is illustrated.

An apparatus and method for measuring minute quantities of moisture and other contaminants within sealed enclosures such as electronic assemblies which may be subject to large external atmospheric pressure variations is described. An array of vacuum quality valves is arranged to permit cleansing of the test apparatus of residual atmospheric components from a vacuum source. This purging operation evacuates a gas sample bottle, which is then connected by valve settings to provide the drive for withdrawing a gas sample from the sealed enclosure under test into the sample bottle through a colometric detector tube (Drager tube) which indicates moisture content. The sample bottle may be disconnected and its contents (drawn from the test enclosure) separately subjected to mass spectograph analysis.

A brushless dc tachometer is disclosed that includes a high strength toroidal permanent magnet for providing a uniform magnetic field in an air gap, an annular pole piece opposite the magnet, and a pickup coil wound around the pole piece and adapted to rotate about the axis of the pole piece. The pickup coil is rotated by an input shaft to which the coil is coupled with the friction clip. The output of the coil is conducted to circuitry by a twisted wire pair. The input shaft also activates a position transducing potentiometer.
This electronic scanning pressure system includes a plurality of pressure transducers. A means obtains an electrical signal indicative of a pressure measurement from each of the plurality of pressure transducers. A multiplexing means is connected for selectively supplying inputs from the plurality of pressure transducers to the signal obtaining means. A data bus connects the plurality of pressure transducers to the multiplexing means. A latch circuit is connected to supply control inputs to the multiplexing means. An address bus is connected to supply an address signal of a selected one of the plurality of pressure transducers to the latch circuit. In operation, each of the pressure transducers is successively scanned by the multiplexing means in response to address signals supplied on the address bus to the latch circuit.

N82-26636 [c] National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Pasadena Office, Calif. CORRELATION SPECTROMETER HAVING HIGH RESOLUTION AND MULTIPLEXING CAPABILITY Patent Application


N82-29580 [c] National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. METHOD OF AN APPARATUS FOR MEASURING TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE Patent Application


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with the probe beam. The ratio of the two beams returned by a target, which may be particles in the gas, the gas molecules themselves or a solid or liquid reflecting surface, is obtained to cancel the common absorption and scattering effects.

**PHYROELECTRIC DETECTOR ARRAYS Patent**


A pyroelectric detector array and the method for making it are described. A series of holes formed through a silicon dioxide layer on the surface of a silicon substrate forms the mounting fixture for the pyroelectric detector array. A series of non-touching strips of indium are formed around the holes to make contact with the backside electrodes and form the output terminals for individual detectors. A pyroelectric detector strip with front and back electrodes, respectively, is mounted over the strip. Biasing resistors are formed on the surface of the silicon dioxide layer and connected to the strips. A metalized pad formed on the surface of the layer is connected to each of the biasing resistors and to the film to provide the ground for the pyroelectric detector array.

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**LOW INTENSITY X-RAY AND GAMMA-RAY SPECTROMETER Patent**


A low intensity X-ray and gamma ray spectrometer for imaging, counting, and energy resolving of single invisible radiation particles is described. The spectrometer includes a converting device for converting single invisible radiation particles to visible light photons. Another converting device converts the visible light photons to photoelectrons. A fiber optics coupling device couples together the two converting devices. An intensifying device intensifies the photoelectrons by an average gain factor of between 10 to the 4th power and 10 to the 7th power. The intensifying device is an anti-ion feedback microchannel plate amplifier which is operated substantially below saturation. A displaying device displays the intensified photoelectrons. The displaying device indicates the spatial position, number, and energy of the incoming single invisible radiation particles.

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**STRAIN GAGE CALIBRATION Patent Application**


A temporary bonding system for accurately predetermining the individual apparent strain curve characteristics of the gages is used, and subsequently employs a computer to match the apparent strain curves of the individual gages to determine which gages should be used together on transducers. The temporary bonding system requires a test block on which the gages are temporarily bonded, several thermocouples for monitoring temperature, and a data acquisition system for recording apparent strain data. Initially, a group of strain gages are attached to the test block using a bonding agent that disintegrates at high temperatures. The gages are then wired to an appropriate data acquisition system and data collected throughout a predetermined temperature excursion. Once
the data is obtained, the test block is heated until the bonding agent disintegrates, freeing the gages from the test block. The gages are then disconnected from the data acquisition system and cleaned, thereby ready for use on transducers.

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from the absorption line center of the gas, but within the spectral linewidth of the gas. Tuning that offset frequency is achieved by adding a dc value (B2) to the detected output of the either modulation before integration using a potentiometer. NASA

A laser amplification system is disclosed whereby a metallic halide vapor such as copper chloride is caused to flow through a laser amplifier and a heat exchanger in a closed loop system so that the number of copper atoms in the metastable state will not be high enough to prevent amplification in the amplifier. A molecular dissociation apparatus is provided at the input to the laser amplifier for dissociating the copper chloride into copper atoms and ions and chlorine atoms and ions. The dissociation apparatus includes a hollow cathode tube and an annular ring spaced apart from the tube end. A voltage differential is applied between the annular ring and the hollow cathode tube so that as the copper chloride flows through, it is dissociated into copper and chlorine atoms and atoms.

A molecular dissociation apparatus is provided at the input to the laser amplifier should not exceed a temperature of 3000 K. so that the number of copper atoms that will not be high enough to prevent amplification in the amplifier. The molecular dissociation apparatus includes a hollow cathode tube and an annular ring spaced apart from the tube end. A voltage differential is applied between the annular ring and the hollow cathode tube so that as the copper chloride flows through, it is dissociated into copper and chlorine atoms and atoms.
An electronically controllable apparatus is described which modulates a continuous wave laser beam so as to produce an output beam consisting of coherent pulses that are electronically controllable as to both pulse repetition rate and pulse width. The apparatus includes two acoustic devices positioned so that the laser beam passes through them in sequence, and apparatus for passing sound waves through the devices to frequency shift the laser radiation as well as to diffract it. Each acoustic device generates sound waves containing a group of frequencies which result in spaced pulses. The first acoustic device is counteracted by the second acoustic device to produce a collimated, coherently pulsed, laser beam.

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N82-32712* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.
SCANNING AFOCAL LASER VELOCIMETER PROJECTION LENS SYSTEM Patent

A method and apparatus for projecting and focusing parallel laser light beams from a laser DOPPLER velocimeter on a target area are described. The system includes three lenses. Two lenses work together as a fixed afocal lens combination. The third lens is a movable scanning lens. Parallel laser beams travel from the velocimeter through the scanning lens and through the afocal lens combination and converge, i.e., are focused, somewhere beyond. Moving the scanning lens relative to the fixed afocal combination results in a scanning of the focus area along the afocal combination's optical axis.

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Includes auxiliary systems (non-power): machine elements and processes: and mechanical equipment.

N82-22498* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.
CLUTCHLESS MULTIPLE DRIVE SOURCE FOR OUTPUT SHAFT Patent Application


A first shaft is connected to a source of rotational power and has a gear fixedly mounted on the shaft. A second gear is fixedly mounted on a gear shaft that is parallel to the first shaft. A third gear also fixedly mounted on gear shaft, meshes with a fourth gear fixedly mounted on the output shaft. The first input shaft and output shaft are rotatably mounted through a housing that is itself rotatable with respect to a support. Both shafts are coaxial and in end-to-end relationship. A second input shaft is connected to a second source of rotational power. A fifth gear, fixedly mounted on second input shaft, meshes with a sixth gear, which is fixedly mounted on rotatable housing and in coaxial relationship with first input shaft. In operation, the first drive source and gear train provide rotational power in a first direction to drive the output shaft in a given direction of rotation. The second source of rotational power may be operated either to decrease the rate of rotation imparted to the output shaft by the first source of rotational power, or to increase that rate of rotation, depending on which direction the housing is rotated by the second source of rotational power. NASA

N82-22487* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif.
ACOUSTIC BUBBLE REMOVAL Patent Application

A method is described for removing bubbles from a liquid bath, such as a bath of molten glass to be used for optical elements. Larger bubbles are first removed by applying acoustic energy resonant to a bath dimension to drive the larger bubbles toward a pressure well where the bubbles can coalesce and then be more easily removed. Next, submillimeter bubbles are removed by applying acoustic energy of frequencies resonant to the small bubbles to oscillate them and thereby stir liquid immediately about the bubbles to facilitate their backup and absorption into the liquid. NASA
A spiral wound seal for effecting a seal between two surfaces is described. The seal consists of a strip of gasket material wound into a groove machined into one of the surfaces. The gasket strip is wider than the groove is deep so that a portion of the gasket material protrudes from the groove. The seal is effected by clamping the second surface onto the first surface and compressing the protruding gasket material.

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A spray coating apparatus is provided for rotating a workpiece relative to a spray station to obtain a uniform coating of the workpiece. In a typical example, the workpiece comprises a ceramic tile which is to be coated with a ceramic coating and the tile is to be used as a reusable component of the thermal protection system for a space shuttle. The apparatus for rotating the workpiece includes a base support having a first rotatable stage for rotation in the horizontal plane and a second rotatable stage for rotation in a second plane inclined at an angle, such as 45 degrees, to the horizontal plane and the workpiece is supported on this second stage. Thus the workpiece is rotatable in both of two planes of rotation.

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A high temperature penetrator assembly with bayonet plug and ramp-activated lock is described. The penetrator assembly comprises a penetrator plug, a ramp-activated lock, a ramp-activated lock mechanism, and a bayonet plug mechanism. The ramp-activated lock mechanism is operable to rotate the ramp and the bayonet plug is operable to lock or unlock the bayonet plug mechanism. The bayonet plug mechanism is operable to move the bayonet plug relative to the ramp-activated lock mechanism. The bayonet plug mechanism includes a ramp-activated lock plug, a bayonet plug handle, and a bayonet plug handle mechanism. The bayonet plug handle mechanism is operable to rotate the bayonet plug handle relative to the ramp-activated lock plug. The bayonet plug handle mechanism includes a ramp-activated lock plug handle, a bayonet plug handle mechanism, and a bayonet plug handle mechanism mechanism. The bayonet plug mechanism mechanism includes a ramp-activated lock plug handle mechanism, a bayonet plug handle mechanism mechanism, and a bayonet plug handle mechanism mechanism mechanism.

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A penetration apparatus, for very high temperature applications in which a base plug is inserted into an opening through a bulkhead is described. The base plug has a head shape and is seated against the highest temperature surface of the bulkhead, which may be the skin of the nose cone or other part of a space vehicle intended for nondestructive atmospheric reentry. From the second side of the bulkhead at which the less severe environment is extant a bayonet plug is inserted into the base plug and engages an internal shoulder at about 90 deg rotation. The bayonet plug has an integral flanged portion and a pair of ramping washers which are located between the flange and the second bulkhead surface with a spacing washer as necessary.

A self clamping cutting tool which includes a handle attached to a C-shaped housing is described. Rotatably mounted within the housing is a C-shaped tool body carrying a set of clamping rolls, two support rolls, and an edged cutting roll (64). The support rolls are disposed to one side of the axis of a pipe and the cutting roll is disposed to the other side of a pipe axis so that these rolls contact a pipe at three circumferential points. Cutter advancing apparatus advance the cutting roll toward the support rollers. The support rolls and cutting roll are rotate independently of the C-shaped housing. A one way ratchet mechanism disposed between the C-shaped housing and the C-shaped tool body permits operation by movement in one rotational direction about the pipe axis.

A ring seal is installed in an annular recess for sealing the interface between the housing and a rotating or reciprocating shaft. The seal ring consists of a resilient and member having a metal ring wedge acting on it by a Belleville spring. The ring wedge has an elongated, annular projecting rib on each sloping side surface which projects into elongated annular slots along the sides forming the recess in the cup. The parts can be interlocked before installation in a unitary manner.
is capable of joining materials together from only one side with substantial strength in tension and shear over many reuse attachment cycles, with no special operations on the main assembly parts other than the tapering of the back end of the insertion hole.

FULLY PLASMA-SPRAYED COMPLIANT BACKED CERAMIC TURBINE SEAL Patent Application

A seal with a high temperature abradable lining material which encircles the tips of turbine blades in turbomachinery was designed. The seal is directed to maintaining the minimum operating clearances between the blade tips and the lining of a high temperature turbine. A low temperature easily decomposable material in powder form is blended with a high temperature oxidation resistant metal powder. The two materials are simultaneously deposited on a substrate formed by the turbine casing. Alternately, the polymer powder may be added to the metal powder during plasma spraying. A ceramic layer is then deposited directly onto the metal-polymer composite. The polymer additive mixed with the metal is then completely volatilized to provide a porous layer between the ceramic layer and the substrate. Thermal stresses are reduced by the porous structure which gives a cushion effect. No brazing is required by using only plasma spraying for depositing both the powders of the metal and polymer material as well as the ceramic powder.

MISSILE ROLLING TAIL BRAKE TORQUE SYSTEM Patent Application

An apparatus is described for simulating varying levels of friction in the bearings of a free rolling tail afterbody on a canard controlled missile to determine friction effects on aerodynamic control characteristics. A ring located between the missile body and the afterbody is utilized in a servo system to create varying levels of friction between the missile body and the afterbody to simulate bearing friction.

INTERLOCKING WEDGE JOINT Patent Application

An interlocking wedge joint is described comprising a male member having a tapered columnar body with an interlocking means on the end thereof, a female member having a tapered columnar body with a receptacle means therein, and a sleeve member having a tapered tubular body. To assemble the joint the male member interlocking means is inserted transversely into the female member receptacle means and the sleeve member is slid over the male member and female member interface thus locking the members into place.

SPRAY APPLICATOR FOR SPRAYING COATINGS AND OTHER FLUIDS IN SPACE Patent Application

A spray applicator was developed to provide emergency thermal protection system repair by shuttle astronauts during EVA. It is essential that such a spray applicator be self contained, suitable for one handed operation, splatter and reactive free. The spray applicator includes an accumulator, a spray gun, and a spray shield. It is formed into a rigid shell having a flexible bladder containing the liquidified coating material inserted through the adapter assembly. To pressurize the bladder, there is propellant between the bladder through an outlet passageway located in head. To assure uniform distribution one or more weighted balls are located in the bladder and to assure an uninterrupted flow.
a head includes a plurality of orifices. In the exiting accumulator, the coating material is channeled through a passageway in valve assembly which connects the accumulator to the spray gun assembly.

A method and apparatus for simultaneously slicing one or a multiplicity of silicon boules into wafers is described. One embodiment has vertical stacks of horizontal, mutually spaced, coaxially aligned juxtaposed cutting blades; a drive for simultaneously rotating the blades; and an even plurality of chucks adapted to hold axially erect silicon boules. The chucks are disposed in pairs diametrically spaced on opposite sides of the blades for synchronous translation of the boules toward and away from the blades to balance stresses imposed on the blades in slicing off the wafers. Also, a drive is used for simultaneously rotating the boules as they are positioned. Each blade is characterized by having a cutting diameter slightly greater than the cutting diameter of the blade arranged immediately above it.
suspension bearing disclosed provides long term reliability without maintenance with application to long term space missions such as the VISSR/VAS scanning mirror instrument in the GOES program.

A pair of jaw assemblies simultaneously driven in opposed reciprocation by a single shaft has oppositely threaded sections to automatically center delicate or brittle workpieces such as lithium fluoride crystal beneath the blade of a crystal cleaving machine. Both jaw assemblies are suspended above the vise bed by a pair of parallel guide shafts attached to the vise bed. Linear rolling bearings, fitted around the guide shafts and firmly held by opposite ends of the jaw assemblies, provide rolling friction between the guide shafts and the jaw assemblies. Belleville washer at one end of the drive shaft and thrust bearings at both drive shaft ends hold the shaft in compression between the vise bed, thereby preventing wobble of the jaw assemblies due to wear between the shaft and vise bed.

Epicyclic gear transmissions which transmit output at a gear ratio dependent only upon the input's direction are considered. A transmission housing envelops two epicyclic gear assemblies, and has shafts extending from it. One shaft is attached to a sun gear within the first epicyclic gear assembly. Planet gears are held symmetrically about the sun gear by a planet gear carrier and are in mesh with both the sun gear and a ring gear. Two unidirectional clutches restrict rotation of the first planet gear carrier and ring gear to one direction. A connecting shaft drives a second sun gear at the same speed and direction as the first planet gear carrier while a connecting portion drives a second planet gear carrier at the same speed and direction as the first ring gear. The transmission's output is then transmitted by the second ring gear to the second shaft. Input is transmitted at a higher gear ratio and lower speed for all inputs in the first direction than in the opposite direction.

A device for connecting, rotating and locking together a pair of structural half-columns is described. The present embodiment comprises a pair of cylindrical hub assemblies connected at their inner faces by a spring loaded hinge; each hub assembly as a structural half column attached to its outer end. Each hub assembly includes a cylindrical hub and a locking ring moveably attached around the hub's hinged end. Each locking ring has a plurality of 'L' shaped teeth projecting outward perpendicularly from its circumference and is attached around the hub subject to the force of a spring connected to both the ring and hub. Each cylindrical hub has a latch mechanism for holding each locking ring in a rotated position against the force of the spring and a hammer mechanism for disengaging the latch mechanism on the opposing hub when the hubs are rotated.
The structural half columns connected to the hinged pair of hub assemblies are stored so that the hub assemblies are rotated away from each other and are subject to the force of their spring loaded hinge. NASA

sleeve and the slider driven home with its slots latched against the slider rails and firmly held there by a compression spring and follower is cover threadedly attached to the sleeve as the basic load carrying and releasing elements. NASA

SLIDE RELEASE MECHANISM Patent Application

An explosive type disconnect device in which the force activating the device is at 90 deg to the load axis is described. This device will be used to separate the external tank starting with STS-10. The disconnect device consists mainly of a box shaped body, a guide sleeve, a slider latch, a load carrying shank, and the follower. The overall organization is illustrated. To assemble the device, the attenuator is slipped over the end of slider and the assembly is positioned in the open end of the body. The aperture in the slider is aligned with opposed apertures in the body and the sleeve is slipped through the apertures until its collar abuts the body. By rotating the sleeve until its webs line up with slider slot, the slider can be moved into the body capturing the sleeve. The shank can then be slipped loosely through the

CONNECTION SYSTEM Patent Application

The instant invention relates to a connection system applicable to composite tools, such as a socket and wrench handle, where the interconnected parts move relative to one another. Means are provided for positive control over each component part of the assembly, to prevent dropping or loss of a component part during use. This is of great importance in certain circumstances such as extravehicular activities in space, subsurface marine operations, or where dropping or loss of a component part could damage machinery or endanger personnel. The connection system comprises a receptacle in one component of the tool, and a pin on the other component matably receivable in the receptacle. A primary latch engages to retain pin in the receptacle. A lock member
on the component is operably associated with the latch to selectively maintain its engagement or permit its release by operation of an actuator which is selectively insertable into the component.

**CAM CONTROLLED RETRACTABLE DOOR LATCH** Patent Application

A latching mechanism in which there is linear movement and rotational movement is described. The umbilical doors of the space shuttle orbiter are required to be open during vehicle launch. After the external tank is released, the doors are closed. Presently, the device for maintaining the doors in an open position is mounted on the external tank and therefore has a single mission life. The latching mechanism of the invention is mounted in the orbiter and therefore is returned and has multimission capability. The latching mechanism is comprised of a pair of concentric nested, cylindrical cams and motors to actuate the cams, and latch pin all contained within a cover mounted on a support bracket carried by the substructure. A shaft having a latch pin is mounted inside the inner cylindrical cam.

**CRYSTAL CLEAVING MACHINE** Patent

A machine is disclosed for cleaving hard crystals. A typical example of which is lithium fluoride, with precision and uniformity and includes vertical axis positioning control means for an adjustable spring tension guided hammer mechanism employed to strike an anvil. A crystal cleaving shock wave transmitted to a cleaving blade is generated having an angulated cleaving edge in contact with one corner of the crystal. Connection between the anvil and the blade is by means of a pair of vertical shafts held in substantially friction free engagement by two pairs of adjustable linear bearings. An underlying crystal holding fixture with horizontal position control means includes a zero reference stop face for the crystal and opposing spring-loaded clamping and vertical positioning elements which are precisely guided.

**APPARATUS FOR SEQUENTIALLY TRANSPORTING CONTAINERS** Patent

Apparatus for transferring and manipulating a plurality of containers in a sequence is disclosed including a mechanical manipulator arm having a gripping device which automatically picks up a container at a fixed pickup position P and transfers it to a processing station. At a processing station X, the container is loaded with silicon wafers and thereafter returned by the arm to the fixed position P at the pickup and return station Y. A plurality of the containers may be processed in sequence from the fixed pickup position by providing a movable carriage upon which container pedestal platforms are supported, at least one of which
Turbo jet engines are used to furnish the necessary high temperature, high volume medium pressure gas to provide a high vacuum test environment at comparatively low cost for space temperature, high volume medium pressure gas to provide a high vacuum test environment at comparatively low cost for space

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way by use of the variable area ratio ejectors with a pair of meshing cones are used. The outer cone is arranged to translate fore and aft, and the inner cone is interchangeable with other cones having varying angles of taper.

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Includes specific energy conversion systems, e.g., fuel cells and batteries: global sources of energy; fossil fuels; geophysical conversion; hydroelectric power; and wind power.

For related information see also 07 Aircraft Propulsion and Power, 20 Spacecraft Propulsion and Power, 28 Propellants and Fuels, and 85 Urban Technology and Transportation.

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**Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.**

**MECHANICAL END JOINT SYSTEM FOR STRUCTURAL COLUMN ELEMENTS Patent**


A mechanical end joint system, useful for the transverse connection of strut elements to a common node, comprises a node joint half with a semicircular tongue and groove, and a strut joint half with a semicircular tongue and groove. The two joint halves are engaged transversely and the connection is made secure by the inherent physical property characteristics of locking latches and/or by a spring-actioned shaft. A quick release mechanism provides rapid disengagement of the joint halves.

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**Lewis Research Center, Cleveland. Ohio.**

**IMPROVED CHROMIUM ELECTRODES FOR REDOX CELLS Patent Application**

Vinod Jalan, inventors (to NASA) Issued 28 Feb. 1982 13 p

(NASA-Case-LEW-13653-1; US-Patent-App1-SN-352821) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 10C

An improved electrode having a gold coating for use in the anode compartment of a REDOX cell is described. The anode fluid utilizes a chromic/chromous couple. A carbon felt is soaked in methanol, rinsed in water, dried and then heated in KOH after which it is again washed in deionized water and dried. The felt is then moistened with a methanol water solution containing chloroeuric acid and is stored in a dark place while still in contact with the gold-containing solution. After all the gold-containing solution is absorbed in the felt, the latter is dried by heat and then heat treated at a substantially greater temperature. The felt is then suitable for use as an electrode and is washed with water or up to two molar HCl prior to installation in a REDOX cell. The novelty of the invention lies in the use of KOH for cleaning the felt and the use of alcohol as a carrier for the gold together with the heat treating procedure.

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**National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**

**Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.**

**DIFFUSER/EJECTOR SYSTEM FOR A VERY HIGH VACUUM ENVIRONMENT Patent Application**

Kenneth E. Riggs and Carl J. Wojciechowski, inventors (to NASA) (Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., Huntsville, Ala.) Filed 19 Aug. 1982 13 p


Turbo jet engines are used to furnish the necessary high temperature, high volume medium pressure gas to provide a high vacuum test environment at comparatively low cost for space engines at sea level. Moreover, the invention provides a unique
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use in a fuel cell or battery is described. A flexible, porous, platelike plastic substrate is positioned against a diffuser together with an apertured support plate in a conduit. Flanges are clamped together on gaskets which prevent leakage of fluid from the conduit for bypassing of the substrate by the fluid. Treatment solutions are directed under pressure from a container by a pump through the substrate, diffuser and apertured support to a treatment solution collector. The treatment solutions are first a sensitizer, then distilled water, a catalyst solution, distilled water and, finally, a nickel plating bath solution.

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N82.24639* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala. AMPLIFIED WIND TURBINE APPARATUS Patent
Avail: US Patent and Trademark Office CSCL 10B

An invention related to the utilization of wind energy and increasing the effects thereof for power generation is described. Amplified wind turbine apparatus is disclosed wherein ambient inlet air is prerotated in a first air rotation chamber having a high pressure core profile increasing the turbulence and Reynolds number thereof. A second rotation chamber adjacent and downstream of the turbine has a low pressure core profile whereby flow across the turbine is accelerated and thereafter exits the turbine apparatus through a draft anti-interference device. Interference with ambient winds at the outlet of the turbine apparatus is thus eliminated. Pivotable vanes controlled in response to prevailing wind direction admit air to the chambers and aid in imparting rotation. A central core may be utilized for creating the desired pressure profile in the chamber.

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N82.24641* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.

A solar engine is disclosed in which a fluid, which is first heated and then cooled, forces a piston outward as the fluid is heated, and then draws the piston inward as the fluid is cooled. The piston is connected to a shaft and produces work as it moves outward and inward. A displacer plate moves between an absorber plate and a cooling plate to form an air space between the displacer and one or the other of these two plates for heating and cooling the fluid. The displacer plate is moved from one plate to the other by the displacer push ring as the piston nears the midpoint of its travel on the outward stroke and again on the inward stroke.

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N82.24642* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. SEPARATOR FOR ALKALINE BATTERIES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME Patent

The preparation of membranes suitable for use as separators in concentrated alkaline battery cells by selective solvolysis of copolymers of methacrylate esters with acrylate esters followed by addition of a base and to the resultant products is described. The method of making copolymers by first copolymerizing a methacrylate ester (or esters) with a more readily hydrolyzable ester, followed by a selective saponification whereby the methacrylate ester moieties remain essentially intact and the readily hydrolyzable ester moiety is supponified and to the partial or complete neutralization of the relatively brittle copolymer acid with a base to make membranes which are sufficiently flexible in the dry state so that they may be wrapped around electrodes without damage by handling is described.

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MAGNETIC HEADING REFERENCE Patent Application
A device for generating a signal indicative of the difference between the actual heading and the selected heading of a vehicle was invented. Magnetometers, demodulators, inventors, a calibrated dial, a mechanical sine/cosine mechanism, a polarized light resolver, and a printed circuit resolver comprise the principal components. N.W.

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refrigerant vapor to its liquid state, an air cooled evaporator connected with the condenser for returning the liquid refrigerant to its vapor state, and an absorber is connected to the generator and to the evaporator for dissolving the refrigerant vapor in the weak refrigerant absorbent solution, for providing a strong refrigerant solution. A pump is used to establish a pressurized flow of strong refrigerant absorbent solution from the absorber through the electric motor, and to the collector.

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EFFICIENCY OF SILICON SOLAR CELLS CONTAINING CHROMIUM Patent

Amal M. Salama, inventor (to NASA) (JPL, California Inst of Tech, Pasadena) Issued 19 Nov. 1980 Supersedes N80-32850 (18 - 23, 3 p) 3156 Sponsored by NASA

Efficiency of silicon solar cells containing about one quadrillion atoms cu cm of chromium is improved about 26% by thermal annealing of the silicon wafer at a temperature of 200°C to form chromium precipitates having a diameter of less than 1 Angstrom. Further improvement in efficiency is achieved by scribing laser lines onto the back surface of the wafer at a spacing of at least 0.5 mm and at a depth of less than 13 micrometers to preferentially precipitate chromium near the back surface and away from the junction region of the device. This provides an economical way to improve the deleterious effects of chromium, one of the impurities present in metallurgical grade silicon material.

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N82-28780* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.

SOLAR POWERED ACTUATOR WITH CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE AUXILIARY POWER CONTROL Patent Application


A solar powered system in which a load such as a compressor is driven by a main induction motor powered by a solar array, and an auxiliary motor shares the load with the solar powered motor. When sufficient power is available, power is available from the solar cell array, the auxiliary motor is driven as a generator by excess power from the main motor so as to return electrical energy to the power company utility lines.

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N82-28779* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Pasadena Office, Calif.

PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR GROWING A CRYSTAL RIBBON Patent Application

Jay W. Thornhill, inventor (to NASA) (JPL, Pasadena, Calif.) Filed 23 Apr. 1982 32 p (Contract NAS7-100)

A low cost process for growing crystalline ribbons of silicon which are well suited for use in photovoltaic cells and operate at a relatively high rate of efficiency was developed. Two edge defining members are stationarily mounted relative to a container and to each other and are partially submerged in the molten silicon held in the container. The fixedly mounted edge defining members break the surface of the melt at a predetermined distance from each other. The predetermined distance substantially corresponds to the width of the crystal ribbon to be grown. The edge defining members are made of a material such as quartz or graphite, which is wettable by molten silicon.

NASA
germanium, with crystallite sizes in the submicron range. A passivation layer may be deposited on the substrate to prevent migration of impurities into the polycrystalline germanium. The polycrystalline germanium is recrystallized to increase the crystal sizes in the germanium layer to not less than 5 microns to serve as a base layer on which a thin layer of gallium arsenide is vapor epitaxially grown to a selected thickness. A thermally-grown oxide layer of a thickness of several tens of angstroms is formed on the gallium arsenide layer. A metal layer, of not more than 100 angstroms thick, is deposited on the oxide layer and a grid electrode is deposited to be in electrical contact with the top surface of the metal layer. An antireflection coating may be deposited on the exposed top surface of the metal layer.

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sunlight wavers so it begins to fall on the faceplate, then the sunlight will melt a portion of a fuse wire and break the wire. Similarly, if there is no coolant in tubes, the wire portion will break. The wire is attached to a flange on a shutter frame, and breaking of the fuse wire allows the frame to fall. Normally, the shutter frame supports shutter elements that are held open by cam followers that bear against cams.

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N82-28784# National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Pasadena Office, Calif.
WIND AND SOLAR POWERED TURBINE Patent Application
Ivan D. Wells, JPL, Jin L. Koh, JPL, and Marvin Holmes, inventors (to NASA) (JPL) Filed 19 May 1982 24 p (Contract NAS7-100)

An efficient, cost effective wind and solar driven power generating station is described. It is well adapted for satisfying the electrical power requirements of a relatively small community located in a geographic area having favorable climatic conditions for solar and wind driven power generation. The disc shaped structure is mounted in an elevated position relative to the ground to expose it to the prevailing wind and solar radiation. The structure includes a first plurality of radially extending air passages which direct ambient wind to a radial flow turbine located in an opening in the center of the structure. A solar radiation absorbing surface which has black bodies is disposed over the first plurality of air passages.

NASA

N82-28785# National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Pasadena Office, Calif.
SOLAR CONCENTRATOR PROTECTIVE SYSTEM Patent Application
M. Kudrek Selcuk, inventor (to NASA) (JPL) Filed 25 Jun. 1982 15 p (Contract NAS7-100)

A mechanism that blocks concentrated sunlight from reaching a receiver, in the event of a tracking failure or loss of coolant is described. Sunlight is normally concentrated by a dish reflector onto the opening of a receiver. A faceplate surrounds the opening, and coolant carrying tubes, line the receiver. If the concentrated sunlight wanders so it begins to fall on the faceplate, then the sunlight will melt a portion of a fuse wire and break the wire. Similarly, if there is no coolant in tubes, the wire portion will break. The wire is attached to a flange on a shutter frame, and breaking of the fuse wire allows the frame to fall. Normally, the shutter frame supports shutter elements that are held open by cam followers that bear against cams.

NASA

N82-29708# National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio
ADVANCED INORGANIC SEPARATORS FOR ALKALINE BATTERIES Patent
NASA Case-LEW-13171-1 US-Patent 4,331,746

A flexible, porous battery separator comprising a coating applied to a porous, flexible substrate is described. The coating comprises: (1) a thermoplastic rubber-based resin which is insoluble and unreactive in the alkaline electrolyte, (2) a polar organic plasticizer which is reactive with the alkaline electrolyte to produce a reaction product which contains a hydroxyl group and/or a carboxylic acid group and (3) a mixture of polar particulate filler materials which are unreactive with the electrolyte, the mixture comprising at least one first filler material having a surface area of greater than 25 meters sq/gram, at least one second filler material having a surface area of 10 to 25 sq meters/gram, wherein the volume of the mixture of filler materials is less than 45% of the total volume of the fillers and the binder, the filler surface area per gram of binder is about 20 to 60 sq meters/gram, and the amount of plasticizer is sufficient to coat each filler particle. A method of forming the battery separator is also described.

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METHOD OF MAKING A HIGH VOLTAGE V-GROOVE SOLAR CELL Patent
Supersedes N81-16529 (19-07-0927)
(NASA Case-LEW-1340-1 US-Patent 4,335,503

A method is provided for making a high voltage multijunction solar cell. The cell comprises a plurality of discrete voltage generating regions, or unit cells, which are formed in a single semiconductor wafer and are connected together so that the voltages of the individual cells are additive. The unit cells comprise doped regions of opposite conductivity types separated by a gap. The method includes forming V-shaped grooves in the wafer and thereafter orienting the wafer so that ions of one conductivity type can be implanted in one face of the groove while the other face is shielded. A metallization layer is applied and selectively etched away to provide connections between the unit cells.

N82-29710* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

SOLVENT ELECTROLYTE CELL Patent
Supersedes N81-16385 (19-07-0907) Sponsored by NASA
(NASA Case-NPD-15269-1 US-Patent 4,331,742
US Patent and Trademark Office CSCL 10C

A solid electrolyte cell including a body of solid ionized gas-conductive electrolyte having mutually spaced surfaces and on which is deposited a multiplicity of mutually spaced electrodes is described. Strips of bare substances are interposed between electrodes, so that currents of ionic gas may be established between the electrodes via the bare strips, whereby electrical resistance for the cells is lowered and the gas conductivity is enhanced.

N82-29711* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

VERTICAL SHAFT WINDMILL Patent Application
David C. Grana and Spencer V. Inge, Jr. inventors (to NASA) filed 28 May 1982 8 p
(NASA Case-LAR-12923-1 US-Patent-Appl SN-383063) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 10A

A vertical shaft windmill that automatically controls its maximum rotational speed in high winds is disclosed. Several equally spaced blades are mounted on the vertical shaft. Each blade consists of an inboard section attached to the shaft and an outboard section hinged to the inboard section. The outboard sections automatically adjust their positions with respect to the fixed inboard sections with changes in wind velocity. When the wind reaches a certain velocity the inboard sections and the outboard sections form flat surfaces. Hence, any further increase in the wind velocity will not increase the rotational speed of the shaft. With the outboard sections in downward positions any abrupt changes in wind will move most of the outboard sections upward releasing part of the load and protecting the windmill.

N82-29713* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

SALTLESS SOLAR POND Patent Application
Edward I. H. Lin, inventor (to NASA UPL California Inst of Tech., Pasadena) File 28 May 1982 24 p (Contract NAS7-100)
(NASA Case-NPD-15808-1 US-Patent-Appl SN-383068) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 10A

A specifically-designed honeycomb structure is placed on the surface permits penetration of short wave solar radiation into the water, but efficiently insulates the resulting heated body of water from losing heat to the atmosphere by conduction, convection or infrared radiation. The honeycomb structure includes several honeycomb panels which are mounted adjacent to one another in a modular fashion to float on the surface of the water. Each honeycomb panel includes a multitude of honeycomb cells having a height-to-width or aspect ratio of at least approximately 14 to 1. The honeycomb cells effectively suppress convection of air in the panels. A radiation shield, comprising a cross-plate mounted substantially in the midsection of each cell, significantly reduces heat losses by infrared radiation.
A high voltage multijunction solar cell is provided wherein a plurality of discrete voltage generating regions or unit cells are formed in a single generally planar semiconductor body. The unit cells are comprised of doped regions of opposite conductivity type separated by a gap or undiffused region. Metal contacts connect adjacent cells together in series so that the output voltages of the individual cells are additive. In some embodiments, doped field regions separated by a gap divide the unit cells but the cells may be formed in both faces of the wafer.

A combustor or burner system in which the ash resulting from burning a coal in oil mixture is of submicron particle size is described. The burner system comprises a burner section, a flame exit nozzle, a fuel nozzle section, and an air tube by which preheated air is directed into the burner section. Regulated air pressure is delivered to a fuel nozzle. Means are provided for directing a mixture of coal particles and oil from a drum to a nozzle at a desired rate and pressure while means returns excess fuel to the fuel drum.

A pair of values connected in tandem are balanced between pressure of reactant gases supplied to a fuel cell power plant to control the pressure differences between the gases so as to maintain those pressure substantially in the proportions necessary for operation of the fuel cell.
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46 GEOPHYSICS

Includes aeronomy, upper and lower atmosphere studies; ionospheric and magnetospheric physics; and geomagnetism.

For space radiation see 93 Space Radiation.

N82-26890 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Pasadena Office, Calif.

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CALIBRATING THE IONOSPHERE AND APPLICATION TO SURVEILLANCE OF GEOPHYSICAL EVENTS Patent


The columnar electron content of the ionosphere between a spacecraft and a receiver is measured in real time by cross correlating two coherently modulated signals transmitted at different frequencies from the spacecraft to the receiver using a cross correlator. The time difference of arrival of the modulated signals is proportional to electron content of the ionosphere. A variable delay is adjusted relative to a fixed delay in the respective channels to produce a maximum at the cross correlator output. The difference in delay required to produce this maximum is a measure of the columnar electron content of the ionosphere. A plurality of monitoring stations and GPS satellites are employed to locate any terrestrial event that produces an ionospheric disturbance.

N82-26960 National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

LIGHTNING DISCHARGE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM Patent


A system for differentiating between cloud to cloud and cloud to ground lightning discharges is described which includes an electric field antenna that senses the rate of change of an electric field produced by a lightning discharge. When the signal produced by the electric field exceeds a predetermined threshold, it is fed to a coincidence detector. A VHF antenna is also provided and generates a video signal responsive to a cloud to cloud lightning discharge, and this signal is fed through a level sensor, an inverter, to the coincidence detector simultaneously with the signal from the field detector. When signals from the electric field antenna and the VHF antenna appear at the coincidence detector simultaneously, such indicates that there is a cloud to cloud lightning discharge; whereas, when there is not a signal procued on the VHF antenna simultaneously with a signal produced by the field detector, then a strike indicator connected to the coincidence detector indicates a cloud to ground lightning discharge.

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Includes physiological factors, biological effects of radiation; and weightlessness.

N82-22875 National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

CERVIX-TO-RECTUM MEASURING DEVICE IN A RADIATION APPLICATOR FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF CERVICAL CANCER Patent


A cervix-to-rectum measuring device to be used in the treatment of cervical cancer is described. It includes a handle and a probe pivotably connected to the handle for insertion in the rectum. The measuring device further includes means for coupling the handle to an intrauterine radiation applicator when the latter is positioned in the uterine cervix and the probe is inserted in the rectum to pivot the handle about the probe. A gear is provided which is adapted to pivot with the probe. A pinion pivotably connected to the handle meshes with the gear. A pointer fixed to the pinion is displaced in response to the pivoting of the handle about the probe, and this displacement can be read from a scale on the handle, providing an indication of the cervix-to-rectum distance.

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57 MEDICAL INSTRUMENTATION

Includes heart and other physiological instruments; apparatus for preparing and measuring blood, urine, etc.

N82-26960 National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.

ABSORBENT PRODUCT AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM Patent Application

James V. Correals and Frederic S. Dawn, inventors (to NASA)
This invention replaces all former means of home dental prophylaxis, and requires no augmentation to fulfill all requirements for daily oral hygiene care.

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N82-26961* National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md

APPARATUS FOR DISINTEGRATING KIDNEY STONES Patent Application
Donald S. Friedman, inventor (to NASA) Filed 14 May 1982

A mechanical system for disintegrating urinary calculi, particularly an ultrasonic apparatus for fragmenting urinary calculi in situ is described. The useful life of the wire probe in an ultrasonic kidney stone disintegration instrument is enhanced and prolonged by attaching the wire of the wire probe to the tip of an ultrasonic transducer by means of a clamping arrangement. Additionally, damping material is applied to the wire probe in the form of a damper tube through which the wire probe passes in the region adjacent the transducer tip. Novelty is believed to reside in the combination of a grooved adjustable anvil in the transducer tip at the clamping point of the wire probe to lessen concentrated stresses in the wire and a vibrational damper system which minimizes lateral wire motion at the transducer tip while nevertheless transmitting linear motion which acts to prolong the useful life of the wire probe.

N82-26962* National Aeronautics and Space Administration Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala

PROSTHETIC OCCLUSIVE DEVICE FOR AN INTERNAL PASSAGEWAY Patent Application
John B. Tenney, Jr., inventor (to NASA) (Rochester General Hospital, N.Y.) Filed 23 Apr. 1982

A prosthetic device for occluding an internal passageway of the human body, for example, for closing the urinary canal, is described. The device includes a cuff having a backing collar and two isolated cuff chambers. The fluid pressure of one chamber is regulated by a pump/reservoir unit. The other chamber is unregulated in pressure but its fluid volume is adjusted by removing or adding fluid to a septum/reservoir by means of a hypodermic needle. Pressure changes are transmitted between the two cuff chambers via faying surfaces which are sufficiently large in contact area and thin as to transmit pressure generally without attenuation. By adjusting the fluid volume of the septum, the operating pressure of the device may be adjusted to accommodate tubular organs of different diameter sizes as well as to compensate for changes in the organ following implant without re-operation.
N82-32971* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.
DUAL PHYSIOLOGICAL RATE MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENT Patent Application
An instrument for converting a physiological pulse rate into a corresponding linear output voltage is described. The instrument, which accurately measures the rate of an unknown rectangular pulse wave over an extended range of values, comprises a phase-locked loop including a phone comparator, a filtering network, and a voltage-controlled oscillator, arranged in cascade. The phase comparator has a first input responsive to the pulse wave and a second input responsive to the output signal of the voltage-controlled oscillator. The comparator provides a signal dependent on the difference in phase and frequency between the signals appearing on the first and second inputs. A high-input impedance amplifier accepts an output from the filtering network and provides an amplified output DC signal to a utilization device for providing measurement of the rate of the pulse wave. NASA

N82-33966* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif.
HYPERThERMIA HEATING APPARATUS Patent
Electromagnetic energy is delivered to a localized area of a patient’s body in a hyperthermic treatment so that it provides a uniform distribution of electromagnetic flux lines within the localized area of the patient’s body and produces a uniform and localized heating gradient. An electrode array includes a number of electrodes which are arranged in pair, with the electrodes in each pair being spaced a particular distance apart. The array is driven by a balanced line system which is electromagnetically coupled to each pair of electrodes and which is shielded by a ground coaxial shield which itself is grounded to the body of the patient. Each electrode is embedded in a Teflon stand-off in order to move the region of strong field, from the body, produced by rapidly changing potentials. The two pairs of electrodes forming a cross-like geometry are used with the balanced line systems. The electrical power is either multiplexed among the electrodes or the second pair is driven by a potential which is sinusoidal and which is 90% out of phase with the first balanced line system which is also sinusoidal.

N82-26987* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.
PRESSURE SUIT JOINT ANALYZER Patent
A measurement system for simultaneously measuring torque and angular flexure in a pressure suit joint is described. One end of a joint under test is held rigid. A torque transducer is pivotally supported on the other movable end of a joint. A potentiometer is attached to the transducer by an arm. The wiper shaft of the potentiometer is gripped by a reference arm which rotates the wiper shaft the same angle as the flexure of a joint. Signals are generated by the potentiometer which is representative of the joint flexure. A compensation circuit converts the output of the transducer to a signal representative of joint torque. Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

N82-20002* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.
THERMAL GARMENT Patent
Electromagnetic energy is delivered to a localized area of a patient’s body in a hyperthermic treatment so that it provides a uniform distribution of electromagnetic flux lines within the localized area of the patient’s body and produces a uniform and localized heating gradient. An electrode array includes a number of electrodes which are arranged in pair, with the electrodes in each pair being spaced a particular distance apart. The array is driven by a balanced line system which is electromagnetically coupled to each pair of electrodes and which is shielded by a ground coaxial shield which itself is grounded to the body of the patient. Each electrode is embedded in a Teflon stand-off in order to move the region of strong field, from the body, produced by rapidly changing potentials. The two pairs of electrodes forming a cross-like geometry are used with the balanced line systems. The electrical power is either multiplexed among the electrodes or the second pair is driven by a potential which is sinusoidal and which is 90% out of phase with the first balanced line system which is also sinusoidal.

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An anthropomorphic thermal garment made entirely of fluid-carrying tubing, joined in such a way that the tubes form a network or mesh fabric, is described.

A heat-resistant, protective glove having a shell made of a fabric of a temperature-resistant aromatic polyamide fiber is described. The outer surface of the shell is coated with a five-resistant elastomers and a liner, generally conforming and secured to the shell and disposed inwardly of the shell, the lines being made of a felt fabric of temperature-resistant aromatic polyamide fiber.

A heat-resistant, protective glove having first and second shells which generally define the palm and back sides of the glove is described. The shell sections are made of a temperature-resistant aromatic polyamide fiber; the first, a twill weave and the second, a knitted fabric. The first liner has a flame-resistant, elastomeric coating on a surface contiguous to the inner surface of the first shell section. A second liner is located inwardly of the second shell section. The liner sections are comprised of a temperature-resistant aromatic polyamide fiber felt fabric.

The invention generally relates to hand tools, and more particularly to a device for facilitating removal of printed circuit cards from a card rack characterized by longitudinal side
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rail arranged in a mutually spaced parallelism and a plurality of printed circuit cards extended between the rails of the rack.

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N82-29013* National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.
RECONFIGURING REDUNDANCY MANAGEMENT Patent
Supersedes N80-30050 (18 (1:20. p. 2758)
A redundancy management system is described wherein input signals from a sensor are provided redundantly in parallel so that a primary control signal may be selected. Median value signals for groups of three sensors are detected in median value selectors of selection filter. The detected median value signals are then also compared in a subtractor/comparator to determine whether any of them exceed the others by an amount greater than the signal level for a failed sensor. If so, the exceeding detected medium value signal is sent to a control computer as the primary control signal. If not, the lowest level detected medium value signal is sent as the primary control signal.

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71 ACOUSTICS

Includes sound generation, transmission and attenuation.

For noise pollution see 45 Environment Pollution.

N82-27087# National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Pasadena Office, Calif.
ACOUSTIC AGGLOMERATION METHODS AND APPARATUS Patent Application
Martin B. Barmatz, inventor (to NASA) (JPL, California Inst. of Technology, Pasadena) Filed 24 Mar. 1982 16 p. (Contract NAS7-100)
Methods are described for using acoustic energy to agglomerate fine particles on the order of one micron diameter that are suspended in gas, to provide agglomerates large enough for efficient removal by other techniques. The gas with suspended particles is passed through the length of a chamber while acoustic energy at a resonant chamber mode is applied to set up one or more acoustic standing wave patterns that vibrate the suspended particles to bring them together so they agglomerate. Several widely different frequencies can be applied to efficiently vibrate particles of widely differing sizes. The standing wave pattern can be applied along directions transversed to the flow of the gas. The particles can be made to move in circles by applying acoustic energy in perpendicular directions with the energy in both directions being of the same wavelength but 90 deg out of phase.

N82-29112# National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Pasadena Office, Calif.
ACOUSTIC PARTICLE SEPARATION Patent Application
Martin B. Barmatz (JPL), James D. Stoneburner (JPL), Nathan Jacob (JPL) and Taylor Wang, inventors (to NASA) (JPL) Filed 19 May 1982 17 p. (Contract NAS7-100)
A method for separating particles according to a particular property such as size, density, shape, or magnetic or electrostatic properties is described. The particles are passed through a chamber while resonant acoustic energy is applied along a chamber dimension such as its height. The acoustic standing wave pattern urges particles toward the center of an acoustic well of the pattern, such as the center of the chamber height at 3.6. At the same time a nonacoustic force such as gravity urges the
particles away from the center of the wall. Particles are distributed within a levitation region according to a particle property. For example, with particles of the same material but different size, large particles lie in an area near the bottom of the levitation region, while the smallest particles lie in an area near the top of the levitation region.

72 ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR PHYSICS
Includes atomic structure and molecular spectra.

N82-24953# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif.
MEANS AND METHOD FOR CALIBRATING A PHOTON DETECTOR UTILIZING ELECTRON-PHOTON COINCIDENCE
Patent Application
Santosh K Srivastava, inventor (to NASA) JPL, California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena) Filed 15 Mar. 1982 17 p
An arrangement for calibrating a photon detector particularly applicable for the ultraviolet (UV) and vacuum ultraviolet (VUV) regions is based on electron photon coincidence utilizing crossed electron beam-atom beam collisions. Atoms are excited by electrons which lose a known amount of energy and scatter with a known remaining energy, while the excited atoms emit photons of known radiation. Electrons of the known remaining energy scattered in a particular direction are separated from other electrons and are sensed and counted. Photons emitted in a direction related to the particular direction of scattered electrons are detected by a detector to serve as a standard. Each of the electrons is used to initiate the measurement of a time interval which terminates with the arrival of a photon exciting the photon detector.

74 OPTICS
Includes light phenomena.

N82-24072# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Pasadena Office, Calif.
CONSTANT MAGNIFICATION OPTICAL TRACKING SYSTEM
Patent
Robert E. Frazer, inventor (to NASA) JPL, California Inst. of Technology, Pasadena) Issued 16 Mar. 1982 7 p
A constant-magnification optical tracking system for continuously tracking of a moving object is described. In the tracking system, a traveling objective lens maintains a fixed relationship with an object to be optically tracked. The objective lens was chosen to provide a collimated light beam oriented in the direction of travel of the moving object. A reflective surface is attached to the traveling objective lens for reflecting an image of the moving object. The object to be tracked is a free-falling object which is located at the focal point of the objective lens for at least a portion of its free-fall path. A motor and control means is provided for maintaining the traveling objective lens in a fixed relationship relative to the free-falling object, thereby keeping the free-falling object at the focal point and centered on the axis of the traveling objective lens throughout its entire free-fall path.

N82-24973# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
HIGH SPEED MULTI FOCAL PLANE OPTICAL SYSTEM
Patent Application
Peter O. Minott, inventor (to NASA) Filed 22 Dec. 1981 13 p
An apparatus is disclosed for eliminating beam splitter generated optical aberrations in a pupil concentric optical system providing a number of spatially separated images on differential focal planes or surfaces. The system employs a buried surface beam splitter with spherically curved entrance and exit faces which are concentric to a system aperture stop. The entrance face is located in the path of a converging light beam directed to it from an image forming objective element which is also concentric to the aperture stop.
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N82-27121* National Aeronautics and Space Administration Lyndon B Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.
TELEVISION CAMERA VIDEO LEVEL CONTROL SYSTEM Patent Application
A video level control system is provided which generates a normalized video signal for a camera processing circuit. The video level control system includes a lens iris which provides a controlled light signal to a camera tube. The camera tube converts the light signal provided by the lens iris into electrical signals. A feedback circuit in response to the electrical signals generated by the camera tube, provides feedback signals to the lens iris and the camera tube. This assures that a normalized video signal is provided in a first illumination range. An automatic gain control loop, which is also responsive to the electrical signals generated by the camera tube, operates in tandem with the feedback circuit. This assures that the normalized video signal is maintained in a second illumination range. NASA

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N82-30073* National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
DUAL APERTURE MULTISPECTRAL SCHMIDT OBJECTIVE Patent Application
A dual aperture, off-axis catadioptric Schmidt objective is formed by symmetrically aligning two pairs of Schmidt objectives on opposite sides of a common plane. Each objective has a spherical primary mirror with a spherical focal plane and center of curvature aligned along an optic axis laterally spaced apart from the common plane. A multiprison beamsplitter with burned dichroic layers and a convex entrance and concave exit surface optically concentric to the center of curvature may be positioned at the focal plane. The primary mirrors of each objective may be connected rigidly together and may have equal or unequal focal lengths. NASA

N82-30071* National Aeronautics and Space Administration Lyndon B Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex.
OPTICAL CRYSTAL TEMPERATURE GAUGE WITH FIBER OPTIC CONNECTIONS Patent
An optical temperature gauge uses a semiconductor crystal with a band-edge shift property which is temperature dependent. An external narrow band light source provides optical excitation through an optical fiber and light energy thus passed through the crystal is conveyed by a second optical fiber to a light-to-electric transducer at an external location. The crystal can be located in cryogenic or other systems, to provide remote read-out. The light wavelength is varied (scanned) in a repetitive pattern in source with the instantaneous wavelength passing over the band-edge wavelength during each cycle of the scan. The timing of the crossover is related to the temperature of the crystal by electronic means. Several alternative elements of instrumentation are disclosed. A variation in the basic measurement apparatus is also disclosed, in which the band gap voltage of a light source such as a laser diode is evaluated at the time of band-edge crossover in the crystal and converted to a temperature value. Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
A silicon dendrite is grown as a ribbon forming two silicon layers which are separated by an interface layer which contains a direct electrical current, e.g., oxygen, nitrogen, or an inert gas for at least 30 minutes to several hours, at a temperature preferably on the order of 900 to 1200°C. NASA
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for use with asymmetric dies which preferentially crystallize uncharged impurities along one side or face of the ribbon
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Includes applications of space technology to urban problems; technology transfer; technology assessment; and surface and mass transportation.
For related information see 03 Air Transportation and Safety, 16 Space Transportation, and 44 Energy Production and Conversion.

N82-33288* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, Calif.
LOW-DRAG GROUND VEHICLE PARTICULARLY SUITED FOR USE IN SAFELY TRANSPORTING LIVESTOCK Patent

A low-drag truck consisting of a tractor-trailer rig characterized by a rounded forebody and a protective fairing for the gap conventionally found to exist between the tractor and the trailer is described. The fairing particularly suited for establishing an attached flow of ambient air along its surfaces. The truck is also comprised of a forward facing, ram air inlet and duct and a plurality of submerged inlets and outflow ports communicating with the trailer for continuously flushing heated gases from the trailer as the rig is propelled at highway speeds.
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91 LUNAR AND PLANETARY EXPLORATION

Includes planetology; and manned and unmanned flights.
For spacecraft design see 18 Spacecraft Design Testing, and Performance. For space stations see 15 Launch Vehicles and Space Vehicles.

N82-25042* National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Pasadena Office, Calif.
ION MASS SPECTROMETER Patent Application
Marcia M. Neugebauer (JPL, California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena), Douglas R. Clay (JPL, California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena), Bruce E. Golstein (JPL, California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena), and Raymond Goldstein, inventors (to NASA) (JPL, California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena) Filed 24 Mar. 1982 16 p (Contract NAST-100)
(NASA-Case-NPO-15423-1; NASA-Case-NPO-15622-1; US-Patent-App1-SN-361216) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 03B

An ion mass spectrometer is described which detects and indicates the characteristics of ions received over a wide angle, and which indicates the mass to charge ratio, the energy, and the direction of each detected ion. The spectrometer includes a magnetic analyzer having a sector magnet that passes ions received over a wide angle, and an electrostatic analyzer positioned to receive ions passing through the magnetic analyzer. The electrostatic analyzer includes a two dimensional ion sensor at one wall of the analyzer chamber, that senses not only the lengthwise position of the detected ion to indicate its mass to charge ratio, but also detects the ion position along the width of the chamber to indicate the direction in which the ion was travelling.

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