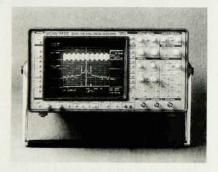
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FFT Package for High-Performance Scopes

A fast-Fourier-transform package for performing real-time spectrum analysis is now available for LeCroy's line of digital oscilloscopes. The package's design is said to permit calculation of 1000-point fast Fourier transforms in less than 80 msec. The "live" display updates as the signal changes its frequency content. An advanced cursor system gives instanteous information on frequency, magnitude, power



and phase. The package provides 80 dB of dynamic range and a frequency resolution that is adjustable between $20\mu{\rm Hz}$ and $50~{\rm MHz}$. It allows simultaneous time and frequency displays of $350{\rm \cdot MHz}$ -bandwidth signals. Frequency information can be transferred to computers via high-speed GPIB ports. The package is standard on LeCroy's Model $7200~{\rm oscilloscope}$ and optional for the portable models $9420,~9424~{\rm and}~9450.~LeCroy,~700~Chestnut~Ridge~Road,~Chestnut~Ridge,~New~York~10977-6499$

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Atomic Transition Data on Iron-Group Elements

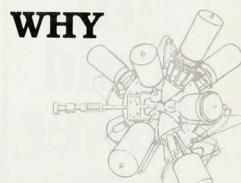
The US Department of Commerce is offering astrophysicists, combustion and fusion engineers, laser-systems designers and plasma physicists a new compilation of data on the transition probabilities for atoms and ions of all iron-group elements. Developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technolgy, the new reference source should be of use in analyzing the properties of plasmas and the performance of hot gaseous systems. The new computerized data file can be stored on a personal computer.

NIST Standard Reference Database 24, Atomic Transition Probabilities Data File, Scandium Through Nickel, contains the numerical data for eight transition metals-atomic numbers 21-28—as published in supplements 3 and 4 to volume 17 (1988) of the Journal of Physical and Chemical Reference Data. The database holds two types of files: numerical files containing the atomic transition probabilities and spectral identification data, and files of literature references pertaining to the numerical tables. The transition-probabilities file is available on a $3\frac{1}{2}$ or $5\frac{1}{4}$ -inch floppy disk for \$215. It can be stored on the hard disk of any AT- or XTclass PC, and will occupy 4.9 megabytes. The data-file package will include search and retrieval capabilities when these features become available. Standard Reference Data Program, A323 Physics Building, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899

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Near-Infrared Recording Spectrophotometer

Optometrics's RS-1250 modular near-infrared recording spectrophotometer is intended for spectral analysis in the 750-nm to 1700-nm wavelength range. The unit is said to combine the specifications of a research instrument with the flexibility of modular system. The analysis is "of" some sample "in" that range.



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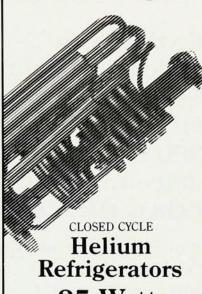
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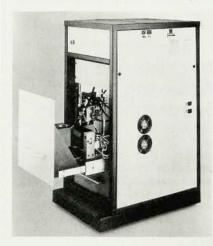


The optical module incorporates an Optometrics scanning digital Mini-Chromo monochromator with an 830groove/mm grating, a germanium detector, a 20-W source and a sample compartment with 90° and 180° detector ports. The spectral resolution of the RS-1250 is 1.5 nm over its entire range. Other monochromators, detectors and sources from Optometrics can be exchanged for the standard modules. A PC, XT, AT or compatible computer is required. Optometrics USA, Nemco Way, P.O. Box 699, Ayer Massachusetts 01432-0699

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Hall Systems for III-V and II-VI Research

Keithlev Instruments has introduced the new Model 925 Hall-effect system and Model 926 Hall-effect profiler. Both are designed for testing the purity of GaAs, III-V and II-VI composites or other samples by measuring carrier concentrations and mobilities. These values are calculated by taking resistivity measurements (using the van der Pauw technique) and Hallvoltage measurements of the bar or wafer samples. Both systems measure 24 points during each cycle, with up to 100 cycles possible per sample. The cycle consists of eight resistivity measurements and four Hall measurements at the positive magnet



pole, followed by eight resistivity and four Hall measurements at the negative pole. Testing in a light-tight chamber protects the sample from photogenerated effects.

The Model 925A is a room-temperature Hall-effect system, whereas the 925B works at both room temperature and 77 K. The Model 926A offers programmable etching capability. The Model 926B additionally offers room temperature and 77K temperature capability.

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▷ less than 50nV noise, using a dc measurement technique that avoids rectification, stray capacitance, and material time-constant errors

▷ IEEE-488 bus compatibility.

Menu-driven software (for use with the customer's own PC) is supplied with preprogammed Hall-effect routines that provide real-time plotting, control and synchronization of measurement cycles, graphics display, analysis and calculations. Keithley Instruments, 28775 Aurora Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44139

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Application-Specific Filter Sets

Optometrics has introduced a series of filter sets that are claimed to offer substantial savings for specific applications. Each set comprises nine interference filters. The total out-ofpassband radiation (stray light) is less than 0.01% from the uv to 1200 nm. All filters are 1 inch in diameter and are bonded in a ring with epoxy for protection and mounting ease. All are guaranteed for three years. Optometrics USA, Nemco Way, P. O.Box 699, Ayer, Massachusetts 01432-0699 Circle number 144 on Reader Service Card

Counting Alpha- and Beta-Active Samples

Canberra has introduced introduces a new alpha-beta counting systemthe HT 1000-to increase radioactive counting throughput. The new system is designed for applications requiring long alpha and beta counting times, where the only way to increase throughput is to count more samples at once. The HT 1000 consists of

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individual drawers, each containing multiple sample holders and detectors, stacked on top of each other. With a four-drawer system, users can count up to 16 samples simultaneously

Two sizes of sample holders are available—2 inches and 5 inches. The system's software offers pull-down menus and pop-up windows, but most operations can be performed with a single keystroke. The use of simple sliding drawers rather than a mechanical sample changer make the HT 1000 less susceptible to mechanical failure. Counting multiple samples at once allows one to count more samples at their equilibrium point. Canberra Industries, One State Street, Meriden, Connecticut 06450

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High-Purity Sputtering Targets

Materials Research's new very-highpurity sputtering targets are available in a variety of popular aluminum alloys. Designed for use in the Eclipse sputtering system, the targets are said to exhibit less than 1 ppm of total metallic impurities, superior alphaemitter characteristics and a total uranium and thorium content of less than 1 ppb. Materials Research Corporation, Orangeburg, New York 10962

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Ti:Sapphire and Nd:YAG Lasers

Spectra-Physics has introduced two enhanced versions of the Model 3900 Ti:sapphire laser. The new models, numbered 3900S-1 and 3900S-2, deliver 50% more specified output than the earlier Model 3900 and have a purgable, sealed optical cavity for less maintenance and smoother tuning. Both models tune from 675 nm to 1100 nm. Model 3900S-2 provides 750 mW of tunable ir output for a 5-W input and 3.25 W with up to 20 W of pump power.

Spectra-Physics also has introduced its Model 3800S third-generation cw Nd:YAG laser line. The new laser features a redesigned resonator that is said to provide angular and length stability for constant daylong output and mode-locked pulse-width operation. The Model 3800S can be configured in five operating modes: cw; cw Q-switched; mode locked; mode locked and Q-switched; mode locked and pulse compressed. Equipped with the Model 3225 frequency doubler, the



mode-locked 3800S produces a 1.5-W pulse of width less than 70 psec at 532nm. Optical pulse compression reduces the pulse width to less than 3.5 psec.

The Model 3800S is used primarily to synchronously pump the Model 3500 ultrashort-pulse dye laser. This configuration produces continuously tunable light from 575 nm to 880 nm. The output power is specified at 300 mW for a pulse width of less than 5 psec at the peak of rhodamine 6G. Optical pulse compression reduces the width to less than 500 fsec while retaining broad tunability. The output power is specified at 225 mW at the peak of R6G. The pulse width can be further reduced to less than 100 fsec by adding a second stage of optical pulse compression in the output of the dye laser. Spectra-Physics, Laser Products Division, 1250 West Middlefield Road, P.O. Box 7013, Mountain View, California 94039-

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Research and Pilot-Scale Accelerator

The I-10/1 research and pilot-scale accelerator from Atomic Energy of Canada is an electron-source irradiator with control of energy, exposure and beam distribution. Suitable for process development as well as research, the accelerator uses magnetron-driven short-pulsed technology. The I-10/1 features a 10-MeV electron-beam accelerator and offers treatment rates up to to 135 kg/h at 10 kGy (1Mrad). The scanned electron beam allows treatment of products up to 60 cm wide. Operation, control and monitoring can be automated by means of an included programmable industrial process controller. The accelerator has a compact high-voltage and radiofrequency power system, and includes a conveyor speed control that is linked to the beam power.

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