

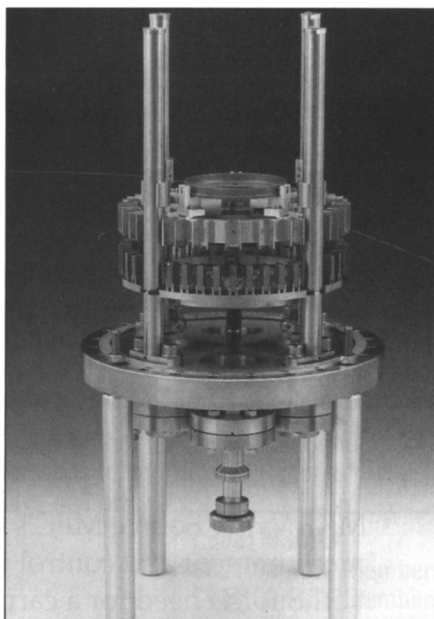
*A summary of new products and services
for materials research...*

Modular Thermal Imaging: Each system in Mikron Instrument's TH3100 Series is both a portable system and a unit suitable for printed circuit performance and R&D. The series includes three detector units for various levels of temperature and resolution application. Each of the three models uses a 12 bit A/D conversion of user-suppressible temperature spans, 12 VDC operation, and elimination of a dedicated image processing computer. Each system consists of a small detector unit with a close focus, telephoto, or wide angle lens, and a control unit with a 3.5-in. (8.89-cm) display. A plug-in DIF board permits use with a PC for fixed applications.
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Thin Film Deposition Rate Monitor: The ATOMICAS from Intelligent Sensor Technology uses the principle of atomic absorption spectroscopy for *in situ* monitoring and real-time control of the atomic vapor flux in PVD processes. The optical design corrects long-term baseline drift problem normally caused by window coating and other factors. ATOMICAS can monitor and control depositions in reactive evaporation or sputtering processes where conventional deposition rate monitors become ineffective either from lack of material specificity or because the sensor cannot function at high gas pressure. Deposition rates of 0.01 nm/s can be detected and controlled.
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Silicon, Germanium, and Tin Compounds: Gelest's 432-page catalog offers information about silicon, germanium, and tin compounds, as well as metal alkoxides, metals, diketones, and silicones. Included are materials for optical and conductive coatings, photolithography, synthetic organic chemistry, ceramics, catalysis, monomers, polymers and polymer synthesis, coupling agents, and superconductors.
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Cutting Tool Stress Relief System: The FluxaTron[®] U-105 from Magnetic Processing Systems uses a pulsed magnetic treatment process to induce magnetostriction and to relieve residual stresses in tools that are developed during the sharpening, coating, or manufacturing process. The device strengthens the cutting edge by reducing the amount of chipping, cracking, or fracturing of the edge. Applications include tool steels such as HSS, cobalt, and carbide.
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Diode Array Spectrometers: LabSphere's DAS multichannel analyzers designed for real-time spectral analysis are available in four models for applications covering the wavelength region from 390 to 760 nm and 350 to 1,050 nm. Users may choose either an uncooled or TE-cooled detector. "Virtual instrument" files facilitate spectral data acquisition, pixel-to-pixel wavelength conversion, radiometric calibration, and CIE color calculations. Data acquisition and signal processing are achieved when interfaced with National Instrument's LabVIEW[®] software.
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Switching Handbook: Keithley Instruments' third edition of the *Switching Handbook* is an application guide to signal switching in automated test systems. More than 200 pages of information on the theory and practice of automated switching in low-level measurements are provided. The book covers stimulus/response functions, switching components, system topologies and specifications, hardware selection, scanning versus multiplexing, voltage and current switching methods, and settling time considerations.
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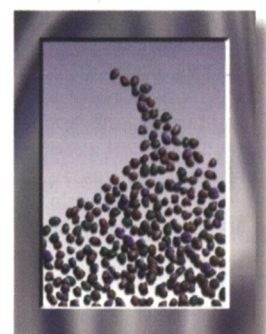
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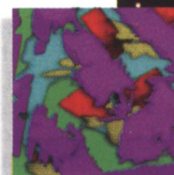
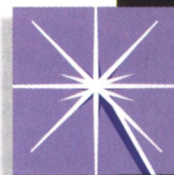
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