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Section 1

PURPOSE

Photovoltaic conversion of solar energy for auxiliary power in space vehicles is, at present, the most practical source of auxiliary power of this type and is, essentially, the only proven method. Current space programs rely almost exclusively on photovoltaic conversion by silicon solar cells for all but the shortest of space flights. Similarly, silicon cells can also be employed for the conversion of solar energy to electrical energy in earth-bound applications.

In general, our purpose is to improve the design of silicon cell power systems by improving the dependability and performance and by reducing the cost. The following three factors contribute to the efficiency of conversion of solar radiant energy to electrical energy by silicon solar cells:

1. the performance characteristics of the silicon solar cell,
2. the radiation incident on the solar cell, and
3. the heat transfer environment of the silicon solar cell.

The photovoltaic cell performance "characteristics" refer to curves showing electrical power, current, and voltage output data as functions of:

1. the total intensity of the incident radiation,
2. the spectral distribution of the incident radiation, and
3. the cell temperature.

The incident radiation can be described in terms of the total intensity, the spectral distribution, and the angle of incidence upon the photovoltaic cell assembly. The heat transfer environment of the photovoltaic cell is important since there is considerable reduction of solar cell conversion efficiency with increasing cell temperature.
This particular program is concerned with the use of concentrated and filtered solar radiation on silicon photovoltaic cells in solar power systems. The application of concentrating mirrors can, under certain conditions, contribute significantly to the reduction of weight and cost for photovoltaic solar energy conversion systems. Since the major problem encountered with the application of concentrating mirrors in photovoltaic conversion devices is that of temperature control, optical coatings can be of great importance in a unified design of a concentrating photovoltaic conversion system. It is anticipated that the filtering produced by such coatings will afford important increases of power output per cell by rejecting radiations which mostly heat the cells and by accepting only the radiations which most advantageously yield power output. Thus, the investigation and development of spectrally selective multilayer interference filters to provide optimum-reflection bandwidth coatings for concentrator surfaces is of primary importance.

Optimum coatings for concentrator systems will, to a large extent, depend upon the system configuration and the properties of cells. Therefore, in addition to the development of coatings for concentrators, this effort will include cell and system studies directed towards the integration of the coatings into actual concentrating systems, including investigations of thermal and insolation effects on silicon cell conversion efficiency and consideration of design parameters for an optimum concentrating photovoltaic solar energy conversion system.

In order to arrive at the optimum spectral characteristics for coatings to be used for solar concentrating systems, it is necessary to accurately determine thermal and current degradation of solar cells. Recent data indicates that the latest cells may be improved in these respects as compared to early cells and moreover that at high insolation the thermal effects may be different from those at lower levels of illumination.
The results of these investigations will be used to determine the optimum temperatures and concentration ratios for silicon solar cells. The spectral responses of the latest cells at this elevated temperature will be used to determine the ideal system spectral characteristics. Experimental mirror filters approaching these idealized characteristics will then be fabricated and tests will be made to evaluate the results, within the limits of test capabilities in the laboratory and on Table Mountain.

As previously stated, application of concentrators to photovoltaic solar energy conversion systems can, when properly designed, result in savings in two important system parameters, cost and weight. Since the efficiency of presently available photovoltaic energy-converting devices is decreased by highly concentrated insolation, a reduction in the subtended area of the system will not be simultaneously achieved. However, further development effecting changes in the efficiency characteristics of such devices may permit the achievement of subtended-area reduction in the future.

The power output from a solar auxiliary power system is determined by the overall converter efficiency and the intercepted radiative flux. For the same insolation (near Earth), the area of the concentrator photovoltaic system will be greater than for the conventional arrangement, both because of collection and reflection losses in the concentrating optics and the greater thermal and series resistance degradation in the conversion devices.

A reduction in cost can, however, be realized if an essential decrease in the number of solar cells applied can be achieved, so that the savings in solar cell costs will outweigh a potential additional cost of the reflecting surfaces. A reduction in the weight of this system may also be obtained, since the reflecting surfaces can be of lightweight materials and design. This advantage is particularly important for systems.

operating in strong radiation fields, where heavy quartz or glass must be used for shielding. On the other hand, a concentrator system requires orientation, although such orientation need not be close because of the relatively low concentration ratios. Thus, in order to design the solar cells, filters and concentrators in a photovoltaic cell solar power system and to evaluate the cost and performance of the system, it is necessary to consider the entire power system.

The performance studies of the entire solar power system of the first six months of the contract work period will lead to the formulation of specifications for reflecting, or mirror, filters; such filters can be fabricated by depositing spectrally selective optical coatings on glass substrates. In accordance with the contract statement of work, samples of such filters will be fabricated and evaluated.
SECTION 2

ABSTRACT

The use of concentrated and filtered solar radiation on silicon photovoltaic cells in solar power systems was investigated as a method of improving the performance and of reducing the weight and cost of such systems. In connection with this study, the development of spectrally selective multilayer interference filters was undertaken. Since optimum coatings for concentrator systems will depend upon the system configuration and the properties of the silicon solar cells, in order to conduct a performance analysis of a system with concentration and filtering, it was first necessary to study the performance of the entire system as well as the performance characteristics of solar cells and filters. The investigation indicated that the efficiency of concentration obtainable with a reflection filter depends strongly upon the spectral properties of the filter. On the basis of these studies, elementary conditions of system design for optimum performance were established. Also a basic plan was outlined for fabrication of a prototype solar system with concentration and filtering.

Following these analyses, filter performance characteristics were evaluated and specifications were formulated for suitable experimental mirror filters which might be fabricated to provide the desired concentration and filtering. Experimental mirror filters were then fabricated and data was obtained on the effect of such mirror filters on solar power system performance.

It can be concluded from this investigation that the use of concentration and filtering can afford valuable improvements in the cost and weight of solar power systems by increasing the power per cell.
SECTION 3

PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS AND CONFERENCES

The following publications, reports and conferences have resulted directly from research and development by Spectrolab under Contract No. DA 36-039 SC-87449 during the report period 1 June 1961 through 10 September, 1962. (There were no lectures resulting from this work.)

Publications and Conferences.

A paper "Photovoltaic System Using Concentrators" was presented by J. O. Leisenring at the Sixteenth Annual Power Sources Conference at Atlantic City, N.J. This conference was held 22-24 May 1962 under the sponsorship of the Power Sources Division, U.S. Army Signal Research and Development Laboratory of Fort Monmouth, N.J. The paper will also appear in the "Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Power Sources Conference" scheduled for publication in October, 1962.

Reports.

Monthly Letter of Progress reports for the report period have been submitted as follows:

Reports No. 1 - 7 for June, 1961 through December 1961, respectively;
Reports No. 8 - 15 for January, 1962 through August, 1962, respectively.

Also, two semi-annual reports were submitted, i.e. Technical Summary Report No. 1, 1 June 1961 through 30 June 1961 and Technical Summary Report No. 2, 1 July 1961 through 31 December 1961.
Section 4
FACTUAL DATA

Task A. Performance Studies of Solar Power System Using Silicon Cells

Phase 1. An Elementary Study of Solar Cell Performance with Radiation Concentration and Filtering.

The analysis of this section is based upon cells which are typical of those in production during 1960. The particular cell which is the subject of this study will be designated "1960 non-gridded red cell". The spectral sensitivity of this cell is shown in Fig. 1. The cell was covered with a Solakote "A" filter for the improvement of its emissivity and absorptivity. The spectral emissivity of the "1960 non-gridded red cell" with Solakote "A" filter is shown in Figure 2. The performance of the "1960 non-gridded red cell" for conditions of deep space under air-mass-zero insolation (see Fig. 1) was determined using the following simple approximations of the radiative heat transfer properties of the cell and panel surfaces:

- Cell surface-area utilization: 0.90
- Coated-cell emissivity: 0.87
- Coated-cell solar absorptivity: 0.91
- Effective emissivity of non-active front panel surface: 0.65
- Effective absorptivity of non-active front panel surface: 0.20
- Rear panel surface emissivity: 0.90
- Thermal conductance from front panel surface to rear panel surface: $\infty$

The relative performance of this cell as a function of temperature is shown in Figure 3.

Under the above-described conditions, the equilibrium
temperature would be 317°K at unity concentration ratio for cells having an efficiency of ten percent. Fig. 4 compares the curve of equilibrium temperature as a function of incident energy for ten-percent efficient bare cells with the same data for Solakote "A" coated cells of ten-percent efficiency. Also, using the aforementioned approximations, curves of the equilibrium temperature, the thermal degradation (i.e., the relative efficiency) and the relative output of 1960 non-gridded red cells having Solakote "A" filters were obtained as functions of the incident energy and are shown in Figure 5. The saturation effect of high irradiation on the performance of silicon cells was neglected in computing these curves. The relative output curve indicates that the cell output rises rather slowly with incident energy and reaches a broad peak at approximately 310 mw/cm² incident energy, at which point the equilibrium temperature of the cell is 387°K. At incident energies exceeding 310 mw/cm², the output decreases with increasing irradiation.

The performance curves shown in Fig. 6 as functions of incident energy, but at constant cell temperature, indicate that output efficiency will be further degraded at high illumination levels. As will be indicated later, this is due to cell series-resistance.

In Fig. 5 it is shown that for an achromatic concentrator, a maximum output gain of only about 28 percent is achieved at an energy concentration ratio of 310/140 = 2.2, and an area concentration ratio of 2.2/\(r_a\), where "\(r\)" is the concentrator reflectance and "\(a\)" is the area utilization factor. Since the solar cell has varying spectral sensitivity and an approximately constant absorptivity over the spectral range of the incident radiation, an additional gain can be achieved by concentrating only the part of the spectrum which is most active in producing...
electrical power and by eliminating the regions for which the thermal
degradation predominates.

It is clear from basic considerations that under the conditions
described, the maximum output for such a cell array (using 1960
non-gridded "red" cells) would result from monochromatic irradiation
at a wavelength of about 820 μm and an intensity of about 310 mW/cm²
(ignoring saturation effects). For truly monochromatic light, this
would require an infinite concentration ratio. Fortunately,
suitably reducing the concentration ratio does not greatly affect
the output.

An analysis of cell output as a function of area concentration ratio,
assuming 310 mW/cm² incident energy on the cell, was made by varying
the bandwidth transmitted to the solar cell. The results of this
analysis presented in Fig. 7 show that by spectral selection and
concentration it is possible, in an ideal sense, to increase the
cell output from 1.28 to 3.04 times that of a coated, oriented,
non-concentrated and, substantially, non-filtering system. Thus,
the relative output is reduced by only 4 percent for a reduction
in concentration ratio from infinity to 10. Therefore, the physical
factors with respect to size, weight, tracking accuracy, and
mechanical and optical design (to provide uniformity) which are
associated with large concentration ratios, and which contribute
to some of the major advantages of photovoltaic solar conversion
as compared to other solar energy power sources, are still valid
for a photovoltaic system with filtering and concentration which is
associated with a low concentration ratio.

There are negligible gains, and in fact, disadvantages for area con-
centration ratios greater than 10. However, the relative output falls
off rapidly as the area concentration ratio is reduced below 10. For an area concentration ratio of 7, the relative output is down to 2.64, 13 percent below the maximum. The desirable concentration ratio for a given problem would be the result of a compromise obtained by evaluating numerous factors, e.g., complexity, reliability, orientation requirements. For the particular cells and heat transfer environment used in the analysis, the optimum concentration ratio will lie between 2.2 and 10. The results of this preliminary and elementary analysis are summarized in Table 4-I. An important conclusion from these results is that the maximum silicon solar cell output obtained with radiation filtering and concentration, in the deep thermal environment, is about three times the output obtained without filtering and concentration. This maximum of power output under these conditions is due to the opposite effects of the increase of power due to illumination and the degradation of power by cell heating. Of course, if by some means this cell heating is limited as the cell illumination is increased, the maximum silicon solar cell output is much higher and will be limited most probably by cell series-resistance.

It should be emphasized that the foregoing conclusions apply to the "1960 non-gridded red cell", for which the cell series-resistance has been neglected. In addition, these conclusions are based on the heat transfer environment of deep space. In ground applications of solar power systems it is necessary to also consider radiative heat transfer from the sky and terrain as well as heat transfer by convection to the atmosphere, in determining photovoltaic cell temperatures.
Phase 2. Further Studies of Solar Cell Performance with Radiation Concentration and Filtering.

(a) System Configuration.

For these studies, the solar power system is a Cassegrainian configuration of primary and secondary mirrors with an array of silicon solar cells as shown in Figure 8A. The system is assumed to be operating in deep space. The performance of this system has been investigated for various silicon cells and reflection filter designs. (The heat transfer environment is the same in all cases and such that the cell temperatures are determined by the data in Figures 9 through 13).

(b) Solar Cell Array Equilibrium Temperature Analysis.

The following analysis relates steady-state cell temperature to: (a) the incident energy to the cell, (b) the cell conversion efficiency, and (c) the reflector-array geometry for a Cassegrainian reflector system.

The following assumptions were made:

(1) All radiant flux incident on the cell is either absorbed as thermal energy or converted into electrical energy. (Present day cells have high absorptivity characteristics. This characteristic is particularly valid for reflector-filtering concentrator systems since reflection of filtered energy by the cell degrades system overall efficiency.)

(2) All solar energy reflected by the primary reflector is uniformly distributed upon the secondary reflector of the Cassegrainian system.
(3) Emissivity of non-reflective surface (back surface) of primary reflector is 0.95, attainable with coatings.

(4) Emissivity of reflective surfaces is 1.0. (Present reflective coatings have emissivities of approximately 0.95.)

(5) Emissivity of shaded surface of Cassegrainian array is 0.95, attainable with coatings.

(6) The surface properties of the directly sun-lighted surface of the Cassegrainian secondary reflector are:

\[ \alpha = 0.09, \quad \epsilon = 0.90 \] (coating properties anticipated in the near future).

(7) Uniform distribution of reflected flux upon the array. (Departure from this assumption is small for the D/d values considered.)

(8) Absorptivity of the reflective surface of the secondary reflector is 0.05 for the Cassegrainian system. (This is presently attainable for selective wavelengths.)

(9) The paraboloidal reflector rim-focal point angle (illustrated below) is 50°.
(10) Thermal gradients within the array as well as within the primary and secondary reflectors were neglected. (These gradients are minimal due to weight and thermal distortion considerations.)

(11) Planetary effects such as albedo and surface radiation were neglected.

The following nomenclature was used to define the heat transfer environment of the Cassegrainian solar power system:

\[
\begin{align*}
A_{proj} & \quad \text{Projected area} \\
A & \quad \text{Surface area} \\
\alpha & \quad \text{Surface solar absorptivity} \\
S & \quad \text{Solar flux} \\
d & \quad \text{Array and secondary reflector diameter} \\
D & \quad \text{Primary reflector diameter} \\
P_e & \quad \text{Emissivity factor} \\
P_A & \quad \text{Configuration factor} \\
\sigma & \quad \text{Stefan-Boltzmann constant} \\
T & \quad \text{Temperature (K)} \\
S_i & \quad \text{Flux incident to cell} \\
\beta & \quad \text{Percent cell conversion of incident energy into electrical energy}
\end{align*}
\]

Subscripts:

\[
\begin{align*}
pl & \quad \text{Reflective surface of primary reflector} \\
p2 & \quad \text{Non-reflective surface of primary reflector} \\
al & \quad \text{Surface of secondary reflector} \\
s2 & \quad \text{Other reflector surface (relative to } al) \\
e1 & \quad \text{Photovoltaic cell side of array} \\
e2 & \quad \text{Other surface of array (relative to } e1) \\
sp & \quad \text{Space}
\end{align*}
\]
(c) Analysis:

Cassegrainian Flux Concentration Reflector System

A heat balance for a Cassegrainian flux concentration reflector system can be expressed, in terms of flux incident to the cell, by the following three equations:

\[ \frac{A_p}{\lambda_p} \left[ \alpha_p S - \left( \frac{2h}{\pi - \alpha} \right) \frac{4B}{\sin \alpha} \right] = \left[ F_{\text{a}} - \frac{F_{\text{a}}}{S} - \frac{F_{\text{a}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + E_{\text{a}} - \frac{E_{\text{a}}}{\sin \alpha} - \frac{E_{\text{a}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right] \sigma T_e^4 - \frac{F_{\text{a}}}{S} - \frac{F_{\text{a}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - \frac{E_{\text{a}}}{\sin \alpha} - \frac{E_{\text{a}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - T_e^4. \]

\[ \frac{A_{\lambda_e}}{\lambda_e} \left[ S \lambda_e + \frac{S \lambda_e}{\sin \alpha} \right] = \left[ F_{\text{e}} - \frac{F_{\text{e}}}{S} - \frac{F_{\text{e}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + E_{\text{e}} - \frac{E_{\text{e}}}{\sin \alpha} - \frac{E_{\text{e}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + F_{\text{e}} - \frac{F_{\text{e}}}{S} - \frac{F_{\text{e}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - \frac{E_{\text{e}}}{\sin \alpha} - \frac{E_{\text{e}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right] \sigma T_e^4 - F_{\text{e}} - \frac{F_{\text{e}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - E_{\text{e}} - \frac{E_{\text{e}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - T_p^4. \]

\[ (1 - \rho) S_i - \left[ F_{\text{i}} - \frac{F_{\text{i}}}{S} - \frac{F_{\text{i}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + F_{\text{i}} - \frac{F_{\text{i}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + E_{\text{i}} - \frac{E_{\text{i}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - E_{\text{i}} - \frac{E_{\text{i}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \right] \sigma T_e^4 - F_{\text{i}} - \frac{F_{\text{i}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - E_{\text{i}} - \frac{E_{\text{i}} \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - T_p^4. \]
The resulting cell temperatures (to the fourth power) are shown as Figures 9 to 13 for various concentration ratios, $C_R$, as functions of flux incident to cell and percent cell conversion of incident energy. The results in these figures are based on complete absorptivity of flux incident to the cells. Thus, for systems incorporating flux filtering by the cell, or for systems incorporating low-absorptivity cells, the results will have to be modified.

Performance Analyses.

The power output of a solar cell may be increased by increasing the intensity of the light impinging on it with a solar concentrating-mirror system. However, as previously demonstrated, a point is reached at which an increase in light intensity produces more thermal degradation of the cell than increase in power output. Figure 14 contains a curve of a typical temperature characteristic of an experimental gridded "red" silicon solar cell. A similar curve for a "blue" cell is shown in Figure 15. Also, the response of the cell varies with wavelength and does not best match the solar spectrum in space. If spectrally selective filters are used on the surface of the mirror, the wavelengths of the solar spectrum that contribute more to the heating of the cells than to the power output may not be reflected by the mirror but may instead be transmitted by it, and thus be removed from the working beam finally reaching the solar cells. With this control over the spectrum and temperature of the cells, we may choose our operating
conditions to maximize the power output for each
physical concentration ratio, that is, \( C_R = \left( \frac{D}{A} \right)^2 \). In the study of this design and performance problem the following cases are considered:

1. Experimental 1960 gridded "red" cell with its maximum power-temperature characteristic used with ideal concentrator filters.

2. Heliotek gridded "blue" cell with the "red" cell maximum power-temperature characteristic used with ideal concentrator filters.

3. Experimental gridded "red" cell with its maximum power-temperature characteristic used with realizable filters.

4. Heliotek gridded "blue" cell with the "red" cell maximum power-temperature characteristic used with realizable filters.

5. Heliotek gridded "blue" cell with its maximum power-temperature characteristic used with ideal filters.

6. Heliotek gridded "blue" cell with its maximum power-temperature characteristic used with realizable filters.

The assumptions of the performance analyses are:

1. The ideal filters used have 100-percent reflectivity in the band-pass region and zero-percent reflectivity in the band-stop region.

*"Realizable" is used in the sense that, given sufficient time and effort, it should be possible according to previous experience to produce such a filter, although such filters are not within the present production capability.
(2) The spectral reflection and transmission characteristics of the realizable* concentrator filters are shown in Figures 16, 17 and 18.

(3) The response of the solar cell to each wavelength of solar energy is degraded by temperature in the same ratio so that the shape of the response curve remains constant and only its amplitude changes.

(4) The power output of the cell at constant temperature is a linear function of illumination. (For relatively low concentrations, this statement is true.)

(5) The load impedance matches that of the array for any operating condition.

Nomenclature with respect to the spectral characteristics of the solar radiation, relative cell response, and concentration filter reflectance:

\[ \beta \] Percent conversion of energy incident on the solar cell to electrical power.

\[ \beta_m \] The number by which the average response between \( \lambda_A \) and \( \lambda_B \) is multiplied to give the average response between a narrower band-pass region chosen between limits at an equal height on the \( R_\lambda \) curve,

\[
\beta_m = \frac{ \int_{\lambda_A}^{\lambda_2} R_\lambda S_\lambda d\lambda / \int_{\lambda}^{\lambda_2} S_\lambda d\lambda }{ \int_{\lambda}^{\lambda_B} R_\lambda S_\lambda d\lambda / \int_{\lambda}^{\lambda_B} S_\lambda d\lambda } - \]

*See footnote on Page 4 - 10.
The relative response of the solar cell to a wavelength of light, $\lambda$.

$S_\lambda$ The intensity of the solar energy at a wavelength, $\lambda$.

$\lambda$ Wavelength.

$\lambda_A, \lambda_B$ The lower and upper cut-off wavelengths of the solar cell, respectively.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ The lower and upper cut-off wavelengths of the filter, respectively.

$T$ Coefficient of temperature degradation of the solar cell.

The following calculations have been performed for two types of silicon solar cells: one, called the "experimental 'red' cell", has a spectral response curve which peaks at 0.82 micron; the other, commonly called the "Heliotek 'blue' cell", has a spectral response curve which peaks at 0.85 micron. Graphs of both are presented in Figures 23 and 24. In addition, Figures 23 and 24 include, for the red and blue cells, respectively, the cumulative solar energy and power output as a fraction of the total between $\lambda_A$ and $\lambda_B$. The data for "S" is just the Johnson Curve, the air-mass-zero solar spectrum in space near the earth, where the total flux is 140 W/cm$^2$. Of this, the red cell, having cut-off wavelengths of 0.405 micron and 1.165 microns, responds to 95.8 W/cm$^2$, while the blue cell, having cut-off wavelengths of 0.36 micron and 1.20 microns responds to 103.5 W/cm$^2$. 

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Subject to the previously stated assumptions, a necessary condition for filter optimization is that the "cut-on" and cut-off wavelengths fall at equal values of the relative cell response curve. This $R_\lambda$ designates the bandwidth used by specifying the region located between equal response heights on the response curve of the cell. The fraction of the solar energy and cell power output occurring in the region found by choosing filter band-pass limits at equal height on the response curve of the cell, is shown in Figures 21 and 22 for red and blue cells, respectively.

In addition, $(\beta_m - 1)$ is also plotted, where $\beta_m$ is the multiplier of the average absolute efficiency, at the reference temperature, between $\lambda_A$ and $\lambda_B$, necessary to obtain the average efficiency within the $R_\lambda$ limits, as defined in the nomenclature. The power output of the array for varying concentration ratios and ideal filter band-pass widths is shown in Figures 19, 20a and 20b for the red and the blue cells, respectively.

For both the red and the blue cells, it was assumed in the calculations that the average absolute value of the response between $\lambda_A$ and $\lambda_B$ at 303°K is 13.3 percent. This assumes an absolute peak response of the red cell at 25 percent and of the blue cell at only 21.4 percent. The following analysis and specific example will indicate how the curves in Figures 19, 20a and 20b were constructed.

(c) Optimization Procedure for Ideal Filters.

The first step in the optimization procedure is to determine the method for selecting the bandwidth and the center-line of the filter passband. A preliminary check shows that even for the relatively low concentration ratio of four.
it is not desirable to use the total broad-band energy since narrowing the band-pass limits a small amount, in an arbitrary manner, has the effect of increasing the power output.

Since all of the broad-band energy will not be used, the portion that is used should be chosen in a manner such that with any given amount of solar energy input, the average efficiency of converting solar energy to electrical energy will be the highest. This is done by choosing the filter band-pass limits at equal heights on the response curve of the cell. This choice has a twofold effect on increasing the power output for any energy input. First, with the highest conversion efficiency at a constant temperature, the output is highest. Second, with more of the input energy being converted to electrical energy, there is less that is being converted only into heating, and therefore less thermal degradation.

Now, it remains to use the curves herein presented to find the actual operating point of the cell. This is done in the following example for the experimental "red" cell:

(1) Choose a concentration ratio and $R_\lambda$ value. In this case, select $C_\ast = 4$ and $R_\lambda = 0.5$.

(2) The broad-band energy which, without filtering, would be concentrated on the solar-cell array is:

$$S_{conc.} = (C_\ast) \int_{\lambda_\ast}^{\lambda_o} \Phi_\lambda d\lambda = (4)(95.0) = 380 \text{ W/m}^2$$
(3) The energy in the $R_\lambda$ limit of 0.5 is found with
the help of Figure 21. From the abscissa of
$R_\lambda = 0.5$, we find the corresponding ordinate of
the fraction of:
\[ \int_{\lambda_a}^{\lambda_b} S_\lambda \, d\lambda \]
that is in that limit, or $0.534$. Thus,
\[ S_{\text{area and filter}} = 383.5 \times 0.534 = 202.5 \text{ mW/cm}^2. \]

(4) $\beta_{303^\circ K}$ can now be found. From Figure 21,
$\beta_{303} = 0.46$, or $\beta_a = 1.46$. Hence, if the average
absolute value of the response of the cell between
$\lambda_a$ and $\lambda_b$ is 13.3 percent, then
\[ \beta_{303 \circ K} = 1.46 \times 13.3 = 19.42 \text{ percent,} \]
the average absolute response in the wavelength
limits dictated by $R_\lambda = 0.5$, and at the tempera-
ture $303^\circ K$.

(5) The $\beta$ chosen above will be thermally degraded.
Therefore, the actual $\beta$ of the cell will be less.
For the first approximation, choose: $\beta = 14$ percent.
Then, from Figure 10 above the $204.5 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
abscissa, we find the (temperature) for $\beta = 14$
by interpolating between the $\beta = 10$ and $\beta = 15$ lines:
\[ T^K (\beta = 14) = 166 \times 10^8 \times t^4, \text{ or } T = 358.5^\circ K. \]

From Figure 14 we find the thermal degradation
coefficient to be:
\[ k = 0.666 \]
\[ \lambda = 19.42 (0.666) = 12.9 \text{ percent} \]
\[ \beta = 14 \]
Hence, we see that our estimate of $\beta$ was too high, so we make a new lower estimate:

$$\beta = 12.6; \quad T^b = 169 \times 10^3; \quad T = 360.6;$$

$$\beta = 19.42 \times (0.653) = 12.65 \text{ percent.}$$

The two $\beta$'s now agree as closely as can be expected with the graphical accuracies involved. The power output is then:

$$P = 0.1265 \times (204.5) = 24.8 \text{ mw/cm}^2.$$

This procedure is repeated for a number of $R_\lambda$ values for each concentration ratio until the curves in Figures 19, 20a and 20b are generated. We see that for each concentration ratio, the power output peaks at higher $R$ values for higher concentration ratios. Obviously, neglecting size and weight considerations, the greatest power output will be for $R_\lambda = 1.00, C_R = \infty$.

1) Results of Performance Analyses.

Using the methods and the thermal environment data previously discussed, the performance of three "ideal" and three "realizable" filters for use with the "red" and "blue" silicon cells was estimated. Curves for realizable filters are shown in Figures 16, 17 and 18, in the "dotted-line" curves. The "solid-line" curves are convenient approximations used in the computation. The realizable filter characteristics were determined for use with a "red" cell with peak spectral response

*See footnote, Page 4 - 10.
at wavelength $\lambda = 0.82$ micron. These filters will require from nine to sixteen or more layers. As the bandwidth narrows, the number of layers required increases. Each ideal filter has the same cut-off wavelength as the corresponding realizable filter and also has zero transmittance in the passband and perfect transmittance outside the passband, as previously defined. For both the red and blue cells, the solar insolation was assumed to be 140 mW/cm$^2$ and the broad-band efficiency (between $\lambda_A$ and $\lambda_B$) of both cells was assumed to be 13.3 percent at 303° K. This gives the red cell a peak efficiency of 25 percent, and the blue cell a peak of 21.4 percent. Thus, it is seen immediately that for equal broad-band efficiencies, and at high concentration ratio, $C_R$, the red cell performs better than the blue. However, for equal peak efficiencies, the opposite is true.

The computations and results for the ideal filters are shown in Table 4 - IV. From Figures 23 and 24, the $R_\lambda$ values corresponding to the filter cutoffs were found and tabulated. In those few cases where the "left" and "right" values of $R_\lambda$ differ by a small amount, the average is given. The concentration ratios may be checked against Figures 19 and 20 by noting which curves peak at the specified values of $R_\lambda$. Finally, the output power was read from the peak values of these curves, and tabulated in Table 4 - IV.

Table 4 - V shows computations made for the performance of the realizable filters.
It is especially important to note here that the "experimental silicon gridded 'red' cell" (with temperature coefficient of 0.0060/°C) and the "Heliotek silicon gridded 'blue' cell" are actual existing cell types. The hypothetical silicon gridded blue cell, on the other hand, is a purely hypothetical cell with the same characteristics as the existing Heliotek "blue" cell, except for the temperature power coefficient which is the same as that for the "red" cell. This hypothetical cell is included in order to demonstrate the critical importance of the temperature-power coefficient. For comparison with the results in Table 4-II, the cell power outputs at a concentration ratio of one and with no filters, except as used on the cell in all cases, are as shown in Table 4-III.

For the higher concentration ratios the cell power outputs are much greater with the ideal filters than with the realizable filters; however, for the lowest concentration ratios the power outputs per cell are only slightly higher for the ideal filter. The reduction of power output with the realizable filters is due almost entirely to the excessive heating effect of the radiation transmitted to the solar cells by the realizable filters outside their passbands. This effect is relatively less at the lowest concentration ratio since in this case the heat transmitted to the cell outside the passband is small in comparison to that transmitted in the wide passband. With the ideal filter the maximum power output per cell occurs at the highest concentration ratio; however, with the realizable filters the maximum power output per cell occurs at an optimum concentration ratio between 9 and 4. The curves on Figure 25 are presented for better understanding of
on Figure 25 differ. For these corresponding cases, the power output of the "red" cells exceeds the power output for the "blue" cells only as the area under the solar spectral response curves within the filter passband in Figure 25 for the "red" exceeds that for the "blue" cell. The increase of power of the blue cell with its proper temperature-power coefficient, 0.0041/°C, is due to both its lower temperature-power coefficient and to the filters which are optimum for the "blue" cells.


The elementary design conditions for optimum performance of a silicon-cell solar power system which employs both filtering and concentration have been previously discussed and analyzed in this report.

Consider first the case where the greatest maximum power per cell is sought. For ideal filters, the filter passbandwidth should be small and at the wavelength of cell maximum spectral response and with the small bandwidth, the illumination concentration ratio should be so high that the combined conditions of illumination intensity and cell temperature yield the maximum power output. For realizable filters, the illumination concentration ratio will be in the range 6 to 12, depending on the filter performance, and the corresponding filter passband limits will intersect the solar-cell relative response curve at equal values on the high and low wavelength sides of the curve. As the filter performance improves, the illumination concentration ratio will become higher and the filter passbandwidth will be narrower for the greatest maximum power.
performance. For the case of the maximum power per unit area of system solar beam aperture, the radiation concentration ratio is only slightly greater than unity, even with ideal filters. With realizable filters, the greatest power per unit solar beam aperture occurs at radiation concentration ratio of unity and a concentrator filter yields little, if any, advantage. Thus, it is not to be expected that radiation concentration and filtering will yield more power per unit area of solar beam.

(h) Major Conclusions of the System Performance Analyses.

For silicon cell solar power systems operating in deep space heat transfer environment:

(1) The greatest possible power output per cell with radiation concentration and filtering is three to four times as great as the power output without concentration and filtering, depending on the cell performance characteristics.

(2) The feasible power output per cell, with presently available silicon cells and presently feasible filters, is three times greater with radiation concentration and filtering than without concentration and filtering. This power output per cell will occur at a concentration ratio in the range 6 to 12.

(3) The maximum power output per cell is critically dependent on the silicon cell and filter performance characteristics.
TABLE 4 - I

Elementary Study of Solar-Cell Output with Radiation Filtering and Concentration

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<th>Concentration Ratio, $C_R$</th>
<th>Temperature $^\circ$K</th>
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<td>2.2</td>
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<td>15.10 24.80 24.80</td>
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TABLE 4-III

CELL POWER OUTPUTS WITHOUT CONCENTRATION OR FILTERS

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## Table IV

### Computation of Solar Cell Output with Ideal Filters on One Concentrator Mirror

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9. Reflectance x fraction of solar energy in two bands: $\lambda_1$ to $\lambda_2$ and $\lambda_2$ to $\lambda_B$.

10. Reflectance x fraction of solar energy outside range of $\lambda_A$ to $\lambda_B$.

11. Sum: $(8) + (9) + (10)^*$

12. Incident flux, ideal filter,

$$(C_A)^x(8) \times \int_{\lambda_A}^{\lambda_B} S_\lambda d\lambda \quad (\text{mw/cm}^2)$$

13. Flux incident to cells with realizable filters

$$(C_A)^x(11) \times \int_{\lambda_A}^{\lambda_B} S_\lambda d\lambda \quad (\text{mw/cm}^2)$$

14. Cell temperature, ideal filter

\* K

15. Cell temperature, realizable filter

\* K

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*See footnote on preceding page.
Phase 1. The principal characteristic curves for silicon solar cells are:

1. Curves of cell current vs. cell voltage for various illumination intensities and temperatures. This data is for a constant, usually a standard, temperature and for the same spectral distribution of energy in the incident radiation. A typical silicon cell I-V curve is shown in Figure 26.

2. Cell maximum-power output. At a particular point of each I-V curve the cell output power determined by the product, \( P = VI \), is a maximum. The maximum power points are located in Figure 26. The maximum power outputs for a cell are to be identified with the same conditions as the I-V curves from which they were determined, i.e., the angle of incidence, the temperature, and the intensity and spectral energy distribution of radiation. At maximum power,

\[
P = P_{\text{max}}' \quad V = V_{\text{mp}}', \quad I = I_{\text{mp}}'.
\]

3. Temperature effects on \( P_{\text{max}}', V_{\text{max}}' \), and \( I_{\text{max}}' \). Figure 26 shows a typical set of I-V curves for various temperatures. In Figures 27 and 28 maximum power, \( P_{\text{max}}' \), voltage at maximum power, \( V_{\text{mp}}' \), and current at
I = I_{mp} (all for the I-V curves of Figure 26) are plotted as functions of temperature. The effect of temperature on cell maximum power is usually presented as relative efficiency at maximum power, as, for example, in Figures 14 and 15 which consist of the curves for an experimental gridded "red" cell and for a typical Heliotek gridded "blue" cell.

(4) Effect of illumination intensity on cell maximum power output, maximum-power-point voltage, and efficiency.

This data is plotted in Figure A-4 for experimental cells A-N-12 and A-N-16. The I-V curves for these cells are shown in Figure A-2. Also shown in Figure A-4 is the effect of increased insolation for three hypothetical cells of similar characteristics to the aforementioned experimental cells, except that the three hypothetical cells have series resistances of 0, 0.5, and 1.0 ohms, respectively.

(5) Relative spectral response.

The relative spectral response curves of an experimental gridded "red" cell and of a typical Heliotek gridded "blue" cell are shown in Figures 23 and 24. The relative spectral response is denoted by R(λ) and is defined as the following ratio:

\[ R(\lambda) = \frac{\text{Short circuit current per unit incident radiation intensity}}{\text{per unit of spectral bandwidth, at the wavelength, } \lambda} \]

Peak value of the short-circuit current per unit incident radiation intensity per unit of spectral bandwidth.
It is assumed in the performance analyses in this report that silicon-cell maximum power response to a broad spectral band of high intensity radiation is

\[ P_{\text{max}} = P_{\lambda_{\text{max}}} \int R(\lambda)S(\lambda) \, d\lambda \]  

(1)

where \( P_{\lambda_{\text{max}}} \) = solar cell maximum power per unit of spectral bandwidth and per unit of illumination intensity at \( \lambda = \lambda_{\text{max}} \) and \( \lambda_{\text{max}} \) = \( \lambda \) at which \( R(\lambda) = 1. \)

The exact extent to which Equation (1) is valid remains to be investigated and determined. In support of the supposition represented by Equation (1), it is well known that the maximum power output to broad-band illumination is, except for small effects due to cell series resistance, proportional to the total illumination, as indicated in Figure A - 3 (revised). As indicated in Figure A - 4, the maximum power voltage changes very little with illumination but, as is well known, the cell short-circuit current, \( I_{\text{sc}} \), and the cell maximum power current, \( I_{\text{mp}} \), are both for cells with acceptably small series resistance proportional to illumination intensity.

The effect of cell series resistance on \( I_{\text{max}} \) and \( I_{\text{sc}} \) as functions of cell illumination, is presented in Figure A - 3 (revised). (The series resistances of Heliotek gridded "blue" cells are in the range 0.38 to 0.68 ohm.)

(C) Silicon cell assembly spectral normal absorptive characteristics.

The spectral normal absorptance is the ratio of the energy absorbed by the surface to the energy incident upon it.
for normally incident radiation at any particular wavelength. The spectral absorptance of the cell assembly is important with respect to: (a) radiations for which the cells yield power, (b) radiations which merely heat the cells, and (c) ultraviolet radiations which may damage the cell cover adhesive. Since the silicon cells are opaque in the spectral range of interest, normal absorptance may be determined from measurements of reflectance. The absorptance and reflectance, as well as the relative spectral response, are important for angles of incidence less than 90° in some applications. The spectral absorptance of the solar cells is closely related, physically, to their spectral emittance.

Silicon-cell assembly hemispherical total emittance.

Hemispherical total emittance is defined as the ratio of:
(a) the total energy radiated at all wavelengths from a surface to the hemisphere of space surrounding the surface, to (b) the total energy radiated at all wavelengths by a black body at the same temperature. This emittance is critically important with respect to the operating temperature of the silicon cells. For solar cells with spectrally selective absorptance, the spectral emittance is also selective, and thus, the hemispherical total emittance may vary somewhat with temperature. The hemispherical total emittance of silicon cell assemblies is measured by existing techniques. An example of emittance measurements for a Heliotek gridded silicon cell covered with a Solakote "B" filter is presented in Figure 29.

In addition to the discussion of the serious effects of cell series resistance on maximum power output, the report by M. Wolf and Hans Rauschenbach, "Series
Resistance Effects on Solar Cell Measurements also includes a careful discussion of the relation of illumination intensity to the I-V curve and hence to maximum power output. This relationship is such that at constant cell temperature the I-V curves for various intensities of illumination all fit upon each other (to a good approximation) when shifted, both (a) vertically, by an increment of current due to the increment of illumination, and (b) horizontally, by a voltage drop due to the increment of current flowing in the series resistance of the cell. An example of I-V curve shifting is shown in Figure 30; the I-V curves for the solar irradiances 100, 200, and 300 mw/cm², which all fit the curve for 400 mw/cm² quite well. This method of I-V curve shifting can be used to determine the "light current" and to estimate cell series resistance.


The following characteristics of silicon photovoltaic cells are critically important to the attainment of high performance of solar power systems using concentrated and filtered radiation on such cells:

(1) Short circuit current spectral response.
(2) Temperature degradation of maximum power and voltage.
(3) Spectral normal absorptance.
(4) Hemispherical total emittance.

Of course, high maximum spectral response occurring in the spectral region of high solar irradiance and small temperature degradation of maximum power will each contribute

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to high system performance. Also, it is highly important that the series resistance of the cells be suitably small so that at high illumination intensities the response remains proportional to illumination intensity. As the power system analyses in this report show, the temperature degradation effect is a major one, especially at the high temperatures which occur at high radiation intensities. The spectral normal absorptance is of importance since it is desirable that the radiation which is converted to power be absorbed and the radiation which would merely heat the cell be reflected. Also, the hemispherical total emittance of the solar cells should be high in order that heat may be rejected by the cell at favorably low temperatures.

As a result of the foregoing solar power system analyses, more specific criteria have evolved with respect to solar-cell performance characteristics.
Task C. **Filter Performance Characteristics.**

The system performance analyses of this report consider the "idealized" filter as well as filters which are physically attainable. Ideally, the filters should permit all radiation within a particular spectral band to reach the cell faces and should prevent all radiation outside this passband from reaching the cells. Under actual physical conditions, less than this ideal will be attained. It should be possible to produce filters having characteristic curves corresponding to those in Figures 16, 17 and 18. As indicated in the performance analyses, the performance of the solar power system is critically dependent on filter performance.

Elementary considerations indicate that the best system performance will be attained in systems using both filtering and concentration by accomplishing a major part of the radiation filtering at the concentrator surfaces. Additional improvement can then be attained by means of covers on the solar cells. These covers should be designed for optimum performance specifically with respect to:

1. The protection of the solar cells from damage by contact with other materials and the atmosphere.
2. The protection of the solar cells from damage by electron bombardment in space.
3. Hemispherical total emittance.

All of the aforementioned must be attained without serious impairment of the transmission of the radiation effective in yielding power output.
The cell cover filters should reflect strongly in the spectral ranges where the concentrator reflector filters transmit strongly. On the long wavelength side, this range is approximately from 1 to 4 microns. Beyond 4 microns the cell covers must emit strongly, as 90% of the black body radiation is of wavelengths greater than 4 microns for a 1500°C surface. For higher temperatures, as may result if concentrator filters are not employed, the cell cover filters would have to emit strongly at shorter wavelengths. Such filters would be difficult to produce.

Since excellent cell filters already exist which take into account the aforementioned requirements, the studies discussed in this report were primarily concerned with the use of filters on the concentrator surfaces. Moreover, reflection filters were considered, exclusively, since this type of filter has better performance characteristics and is more suitable, physically, to the optical arrangement of the system.
**Task D. Experimental Mirror Filters**

**Phase 1. Fabrication of Experimental Mirror Filters**

a) **Mirror Filter Specifications**

   Appendix A of this report consists of specifications which were formulated, on the basis of the performance analysis, for three types of mirror filters. Figures I, II, and III are idealized filter performance curves for filter types SL 120/83, SL 200/82, and SL 350/80, respectively. (These curves correspond to the idealized "step function" type curves which are shown with engineering approximation curves in Figures 16, 17, and 18). The glass substrate dimensions for the mirror filter are shown in Figure IV.

b) **Liberty Mirror Filters**

   The Liberty Mirror Division of Libby-Owens-Ford fabricated 18 filters, six samples of each filter type, which were to meet the established specifications. Spectral transmittance data was obtained on these filters at Spectrolab using a Cary Model 14 Spectrophotometer. Table 4-VI compares the Liberty mirror filter performance data with the specification requirements. As the filters did not meet the specifications it was necessary to reject them.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Filter Type</th>
<th>Passband Center Tolerance</th>
<th>Passband Width Tolerance</th>
<th>Slope Spec.</th>
<th>Slope Actual</th>
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<td>Spec.</td>
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<td>± 10</td>
<td>+ 80</td>
<td>± 10</td>
<td>+ 240</td>
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<td>SL200/82</td>
<td>± 20</td>
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<td>+ 200</td>
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<td>SL350/80</td>
<td>± 30</td>
<td>+ 80</td>
<td>± 30</td>
<td>+ 150</td>
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</table>
c) Spectrolab Mirror Filters

Since the Liberty Mirror filters did not meet the specifications which had been formulated for the three types of reflecting filters (see Appendix A) they were rejected and Spectrolab undertook the fabrication of the required filters. Initially 18 filters were fabricated, consisting of six filters of each of the three types, i.e., SL 120/83, SL 200/82, and SL 350/80. However, since the data obtained on the first group of SL 200 type filters did not fully meet expectations, a second group of this filter type was fabricated. This second group was prepared in thinner glass, and later its thickness was built up with plain glass to facilitate handling in the mirror test apparatus.

The mirror filters fabricated for this program were based on standard configurations. Once the specifications had been determined the Vacuum Laboratory undertook a survey of available configurations to determine which were adaptable to achieving the design goals. Generally speaking, there is available a file of thin film configurations to provide reflection bands with various characteristics. These can be modified, within limits, to produce certain desirable shifts or changes of the optical characteristics. Each configuration has been determined theoretically and the sequence of layers and their optical thicknesses computed on the basis of the optical properties of the dielectric materials chosen as the optimum compatible compounds.

The configurations found most adaptable for approaching the required specifications were computed for zinc sulphide (ZnS), lead fluoride (PbF₂), and cryolite (NaAlF₆) as the dielectric compounds.
A reflection band centered at a specified wavelength can readily be established by the appropriate choice of materials having indices of refraction sufficiently disparate to provide constructive reinforcement when the materials are deposited in alternate layers of the required optical thicknesses. The other optical properties, particularly transmission and absorption, must be such as to provide the overall final optical characteristics. The intensity of the reflection is determined by the number of alternate layers deposited.

The width of the band is determined by the disparity of the indices and/or the choice of \( \frac{2}{n} \) multiples. Thus, in the case of the SL 350/80 specification, it was desired to fabricate a reflector with a bandpass of 350 m\( \mu \) centered at 800 m\( \mu \). An indicated configuration was established as being achievable by depositing alternate single quarter-wave layers of ZnS and NaAlF\(_6\). In the case of the SL 200/82 mirror filter specification, the choice was a quarter-wave layer of NaAlF\(_6\) alternated with three quarter-wave layers of ZnS; for SL 120/83, the choice was single quarter-wave layers of PbF\(_2\) alternated with single quarter-wave layers of NaAlF\(_6\).

In order to arrive at the best possible approximation to the desired specifications, numerous variations of the general theoretical approach were run. The following is a summary of certain typical variations:
TABLE 4-II
Typical Experimental Configurations
Investigated in Filter Fabrication

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Filter Type (Spec. No.)</th>
<th>Experimental Configuration</th>
<th>No. of Layers</th>
<th>Materials (alternating)</th>
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<tr>
<td>SL 120/83</td>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
<td>3/4 λ ZnS</td>
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<td>λ/4 NaAlF₆</td>
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<td>λ/4 NaAlF₆</td>
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* Typical configurations used in both SL 200/82 I and SL 200/82 II.
It is apparent that if materials are deposited to achieve constructive interference for a specified wavelength, then at points in the spectrum corresponding to other odd multiples of quarter-wavelengths there will occur other reflection bands. For intermediate points there will occur bands of partial reflection, so that a range curve of the reflection filter will show characteristic dips and peaks on either side of the desired band. In order to reduce these dips and make the transmission outside the passband reasonably smooth, it is necessary to adjust the thicknesses of the alternating layers in a systematic way. This is effectively a method of compensating to adjust the thickness at the points where the dips occur. There is an obvious limit to the practical use of this technique. However, it was used in this program to the extent that predictable sequences were available. Numerous runs were made using both glass and mylar as substrates.

From a mechanical viewpoint, mylar was not too successful. It sags and bends in the tank, and afterward the coating flakes off. In general it is difficult to work with.

Extensive refinement of present configurations, or possibly the computation of an entirely new configuration, would be the minimum requirement to establish a configuration which would achieve the practical optimum. Either choice would entail extensive use of an automatic computer and fabrication of experimental filters to check the validity of the computations.

It is felt that the reflection filters prepared and submitted under this program represent a good approximation to the established design goals within the limits determined by available configurations.
mention should be made of the fact that in addition to the theoretical limitations set by the nature of light itself and the physical properties of the materials chosen, there are also instrumental and other factors which have a direct bearing on the practical achievement of a desired configuration. Such factors are the precision to which the thickness of a dielectric layer can be measured, the reliability and reproducibility of the electronic measuring devices, etc.

The reflection filters submitted under this contract are experimental in nature and fabrication. They were prepared for laboratory and limited field evaluation. Therefore, certain precautions should be noted as regards use and handling. The film surfaces should not be handled or touched. Removal of dust will be best accomplished by gentle brushing with a soft camel-hair brush or by means of a soft paper tissue saturated with xylene drawn gently across the surface. The use of other chemicals, including water, should be prohibited.

Phase 2. Spectral Transmittance of Spectrolab Mirror Filters

Spectral transmittance data was obtained on the filters at angles of incidence in the range of $0^\circ$ to $50^\circ$ using a Cary Model 14 Spectrophotometer. Figures 31, 32, 33 and 34 are typical spectral transmittance curves at $0^\circ$ incidence for the four sets of filters. Since the mirror filters are fabricated using 1/4-in. glass substrates, the resulting displacement of the beam at angles of incidence other than zero introduced certain errors. These have been corrected by dividing the transmission curves of the filters by that of clear 1/4-in. glass in the wavelength intervals of interest.

* The spectrophotometer transmittance data obtained on the four sets of mirror filters is included in Appendix B of this report as Figures B-1 through B-44.
An examination of the various transmission curves shows that the most far-reaching effect on the efficiency of the filters caused by varying the angle of incidence is the variation in the cut-off wavelengths, $\lambda_1$ and $\lambda_2$. The curves of cut-off wavelength as a function of angle of incidence for the four groups of filters are shown in Figure 35. As indicated in the figure, the cut-off wavelengths decrease in value as the angle of incidence is increased from $0^\circ$ to $50^\circ$ for all three filter types. The mean transmittance of the filter types and energy fraction reflected is summarized in the following table:

**TABLE 4-VIII**

Mean Transmittance and Energy Fraction Reflected in Each Spectral Region of Spectrolab Mirror Filters

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Filter Type</th>
<th>$\lambda &lt; \lambda_2$</th>
<th>$\lambda_2 &lt; \lambda &lt; \lambda_3$</th>
<th>$\lambda &gt; \lambda_3$</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Transmittance</td>
<td>Energy Fraction</td>
<td>Transmittance</td>
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<tr>
<td>SL-120</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>SL-200-I</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>SL-200-II</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>5%</td>
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<td>SL-350</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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The variation of cut-off with angle of incidence can be minimized. However, significant improvement can be achieved only through much time spent in experimentation. The optical path difference in interference films varies as the cosine of the angle the rays make with the normal to the surface of the film. Hence the thicknesses of the film could be graded to take into account the expected angles, or in the case of a curved surface, to take into account the continuous variation in angles. The easiest way to achieve such a gradation is to produce a reflector by mechanically joining segments or zones, each of which were coated for a specific average angle. The same result may be achieved on a one-piece reflector by masking off zones and coating each one separately. This would be hazardous, however, as one stands the risk of spoiling a carefully performed, tedious task by a misapplication near the finish. Even more desirable would be to insert deflecting masks in the vacuum deposition tank to achieve the desired result. However, this would be the most difficult method to develop and would require much time and effort spent in experimentation.

Without such modifications, one could seek a reflector design which would have only a small variation in angle, as this would minimize the variation of cut-off wavelengths.

Data was obtained on the 24 experimental mirror filters fabricated at Spectrolab to determine the combined effect of the filtering and radiation concentration on solar cell performance for concentration ratios in the range from one to six. The filters were tested in four 6-sample groups: one group consisted of Type SL 120, two groups consisted of Type SL 200 (designated as SL 200-I and SL 200-II), and one group consisted of Type SL 350.

a) Experimental Procedure.

The mirror filters were tested in collimated sunlight at Table Mountain using the apparatus shown in Figures 36 through 47. Data was obtained using a four-cell module consisting of a series connection of two pairs of cells, each pair connected in parallel. The cells used were Heliotek gridded blue P/N silicon solar cells whose relative spectral response curve is given in Figure 24. As a control to evaluate the effects of the mirror filters, two I-V curves were obtained for the solar cell module for direct sunlight, i.e., without the filters. Data was then obtained in current versus voltage, light intensity, and cell temperature for each filter-type group, with the solar cells facing the filters to receive reflected light: first, a single mirror filter was used; then two, three, four, five, and the total of six. The data was taken for three values of \( i \) (the angle of incidence) i.e., for \( i = 5^\circ, 10^\circ, \) and \( 15^\circ \). The 18 data runs described were repeated for each filter group, so that I-V curves were obtained using one to six mirror filters for each of the three angles for each 6-filter group.
b) Data Reduction.

A total of 74 I-V curves were run, 18 for each of the four sets of six mirrors: SL 350, SL 200-II, SL 200-I, and SL 120; and two with the panel facing the sun. The data for each set of four runs was reduced to standard conditions of 100 mw/cm² (intensity of incident sunlight) and a standard temperature of 25°C for the SL 200-II, SL 200-I, and SL 120 filters. In the case of the SL 350 filters, a standard temperature of 45°C was selected in order to avoid the error introduced by making too great a temperature correction. Figure 40 shows the I-V curve obtained using direct sunlight on the bare cells and corrected to 45°C for comparison with the curves obtained for the SL 350 filters. Figure 59 shows a similar curve, corrected to 25°C for comparison with the other three sets of filters, i.e., the SL 200-II, SL 200-I, and SL 120 filters.

Figures 41 through 58 are the I-V curves obtained for the SL 350 reflecting filters: Figures 41 through 46 for a 5° angle of incidence and concentration ratios from one to six, respectively; Figures 47 through 52 for a 10° angle of incidence, and Figures 53 through 58 for a 15° angle of incidence. The other sets of curves are similarly-grouped and numbered, as summarized in Table 4-IX.
TABLE 4-IX

Figure Numbering System* for Reflection Filter I-V Curves

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<tr>
<th>Filter type</th>
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<td>96 - 101</td>
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* The six curves of each set were obtained by varying the concentration ratio from one to six, respectively.

c) Discussion of Results.

All of the curves obtained follow the pattern generally expected, with three exceptions. Figures 65, 82, and 83 are slightly inconsistent with the general pattern, probably due to misalignment of one mirror which would have the effect of slightly reducing the concentration ratio. Since sufficient data is presented in the remainder of the curves, reruns of these three sets of data appeared unnecessary.
A short summary of the pertinent data from the curves of a typical set (SL 350) is as follows:

**TABLE I-X**

Short Circuit Current Data for SL 350 Mirror Filters

(100 mw/cm², 45°C)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Angle of Incidence</th>
<th>Concentration Ratio (CR)</th>
<th>Short-Circuit Current, Isc (ma)</th>
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<tr>
<td>0°</td>
<td>bare cells to sun</td>
<td>107</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 = 5°</td>
<td>CR = 1</td>
<td>68</td>
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<tr>
<td>5°</td>
<td>2</td>
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It is interesting to note that each SL 350 mirror produces a short-circuit current of about 65 percent of that produced by direct sunlight on bare cells. The effect of angle of incidence is noted in the last three items in the table, where, for CR = 6, the short-circuit current drops slightly. This is due to two effects. First, the angle of incidence of reflected light on the cell increases, and cell response is proportional to the cosine of the angle of incidence for angles up to about 40° and falls off more rapidly for greater angles. Since the angle of incidence of reflected light on the cell is double the angle of incidence of sunlight on the mirrors, the cell angle of incidence varied up to 30° in these
tests. The second effect, due to the shift of the passband of the filters toward the lower wavelengths for greater angles of incidence, pushes the reflection band slightly toward the region where the product curve of relative cell response and spectral solar intensity has a higher value, thus cancelling part of the expected reduction of short-circuit current due to increased angle of incidence. However, out in space, after equilibrium temperatures have been established, the lowered efficiency due to increased temperature will have the opposite effect, and the shift toward a greater value on the product curve will produce a lessening of the maximum power.
Section 5
OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

The employment of concentration and filtering of the radiation incident on the photovoltaic cells of solar power systems will afford valuable improvements in cost and weight of solar power systems. These improvements will result from increased power per cell, but not from increased power per unit solar beam area. The available increase of power per cell will significantly reduce system cost and weight, however.

The efficiencies of concentration depend strongly on the spectral properties of the filters. The desired properties are not yet within the present production capability of the art of filter fabrication. According to previous experience, it should be possible, given enough time and effort, to improve the presently attainable filter, to the extent that their spectral properties match those herein identified as "realizable".
Section 6

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Improve filter properties and fabricate reflection filters on concentrator surfaces.

2. Develop adequate methods of performance analysis:
   (a) Use test results to define and determine a valid relative spectral response of solar cells including temperature effects.
   (b) Develop methods and obtain data for computing cell temperatures in solar power systems in deep space, in earth orbit, and, in particular, on the surface of the earth.
   (c) Establish complete, detailed mathematical methods for designing photovoltaic solar power systems which are optimum for specified performance, cost, size and weight.

3. Design and evaluate prototype solar power systems for particular applications.
FIGURE 1. TYPICAL SILICON CELL RELATIVE SPECTRAL RESPONSE
RELATIVE SOLAR SPECTRAL IRRADIANCE AND THEIR PRODUCT.
FIGURE 2. SPECTRAL PSSEVIVIITY OF TYPICAL 1950 NON-GRIDDED RED CELL WITH SULFONATE A FILTER.
Figure 3. Relative Thermal Effects on Open Circuit Voltage, Short Circuit Current, Maximum Power, and Power Into a Matched Load for Typical Silicon Solar Cell.

* Room Temperature
Figure 5. Equilibrium Temperature, Thermal Degradation Factor and Relative Output of Cell Array vs. Illumination.
(A) Solar Power System I
(Cassegrainian Mirror System)

(B) Solar Power System II

Figure 8. Solar Concentrator Configuration.
Figure 9. Solar Cell Temperature as a Function of Illumination on the Cell for $G_p = 1.0$. 

Earth Orbiting Cassgravilian Collector Configuration: Diameter Primary Reflector Diameter $D_{fp} = 1.0$.
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Earth-Orbiting Cassegrainian Collector Configuration Diameter Primary Reflector Diameter Array: 2-25
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<tr>
<th>Curve No.</th>
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<th>Intensity (mW/cm²)</th>
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<td>98.4</td>
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SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
DATE: 10-21-68
SERIAL NO.: 8 (1.833-6:5-3)
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION:
2 SL 350.23F
TEST TEMP: □ 25°C □ 45°C
SOURCE: □ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
□ COLLIMATED □ UNCOLLIMATED
□ TUNGSTEN: 2800°K, 100-mW/cm² EQUIV.
□ OTHER REDUCED DATA BY 1/2
SL 350 CP = 2 θ = 5°

FIGURE 42

CURRENT (mA x 2)

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

FIGURE 42
SOLAR CONVERTER E.I. CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 10-21-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP.
SERIAL NO. A6888-4+5B+3A.23'
CELL □ MODULE □ PANEL □ DESIGNATION □
□ 3 SOLAR
□ 135°
TEST TEMP: □ 25°C □ 45°C
SOURCE: □ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE □ COLIMATED □ UNCOLIMATED
□ TUNGSTEN - 2600°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV. □ OTHER REDUCED DATA □ BY
□ 350 CR = 3 L1 = 5°

CURRENT (mA x □)

50

40

30

20

10

0

0

0.1

0.2

0.3

0.4

0.5

0.6

0.7

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x □)

FIGURE 43
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE 10-26-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP

SERIAL NO: S(6787-15B-3A+I.B)
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION: 4 S235D 23#

TEST TEMP: 25°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
TUNGSTEN- 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV.
OTHER REDUCED DATA: BY 85%

SL 350 CR=4 θ=5°

CURRENT (mA x \(\frac{1}{2}\))

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x \(\frac{1}{2}\))

FIGURE 44
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE

SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 11-26-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP.

SERIAL NO. 626897-6+53E+32+26+65721

CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION:

TEST TEMP. 26°C 45°C

SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
C O U L L I M A T E D U N C O U L L I M A T E D
TUNGSTEN - 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV.
OTHER REDUCED DATA BY 1/2

SL 350 CR 3 Lx 3°

FIGURE 45

CURRENT (mA X 10)

VOLTAGE (VOLTS X 100)

GRID PAPER CO. 3/16 X 1/16 INCH 50 X 100 DIVISIONS

PRINTED IN U.S.A. ON CLEARPOINT TYPICAL PAPER, 18LB
SOLAR CONVERTER E.I. CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 76-2873-6058
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION

TEST TEMP: 25°C 45°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
- COLLIMATED - UNCOLLIMATED
- TUNGSTEN - 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUV.
- OTHER REDUCED DATA BY X

SL 350
CR = 6, Ω = 5°

FIGURE 46

CURRENT (mA x \( \frac{1}{100} \))

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x \( \frac{1}{2} \))
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 10-26-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 10 (4 MIRRORS) SL350 II
CELL, MODULE, PANEL DESIGNATION:

TEST TEMP: □ 25°C  □ 45°C
SOURCE: □ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
□ COLLIMATED  □ UNECOLLIMATED
□ TUNGSTEN - 2800°K, 100 mW/cm², EQUIV.
□ OTHER REDUCED DATA BY N
SL350 CR = 4  θ = 10°

CURRENT (mA)
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
0
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7

FIGURE 50

VOLTAGE (VOLTS × 2)
FIGURE 51

SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA

PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP

SERIAL NO. 4 (5 MIRRORS) SL350

• CELL • MODULE • PANEL DESIGNATION

TEST TEMP: □ 25°C □ 45°C

SOURCE: □ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE □ COLLIMATED □ UNCOLLIMATED
□ TUNGSTEN - 2800°C, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV.
□ OTHER REDUCED DATA BY 10%

SL350 CR=5 \( \theta = 10° \)
Signal Corp. #14 (mirror)
Corrected to 100 mW/cm², 45°C
Table Mt. Data 10-22-62
Data Reduced 10-24-62, 66
SL.350 CR = 1 ψd = 15°

Figure 53
Signal Corp 18 (5 Mirrors) 9/10
Corrected To 100 mu/cm² 45°C
Table Mt. Data 10-22-62
Data Reduced 10-26-62 AB
81 350 CR = 5 L = 15°
SIGNAL CORR. 119 (6 MIRRORS) 51.50
CORRECTED TO 100 MW/CM² 45°C
TABLE MT. DATA: 10-22°C
DATA REDUCED 10-26.4°C LB
SL 350° CR = 6 1/4 = 15°

FIGURE 58
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 2 SL 200 II
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION: 1 MIRROR 23"
TEST TEMP: 25°C 728°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
COLLIMATED: □ UNCOLLIMATED
TUNGSTEN- 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV
OTHER REduced DATA BY 30%

SL 200 II
CR = 1 Lg = 5°

FIGURE 60

CURRENT (mA x )

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x )
SOLAR CONVERTER E.I. CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
SERIAL NO. S200II
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION:
MIRRORS:
TEST TEMP.: 25°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE,
COLLIMATED Uncollimated
TUNGSTEN: 2800°C, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV.
OTHER REDUCED INT BY

SL 200 II
CR = 2 L = 5°

CURRENT (mA) X
50 40 30 20 10

VOLTAGE
0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7

FIGURE 61
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 11-1-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO.: 4, SL 200 II

CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION
3 MIRRORS 23°

TEST TEMP: [25°C, 27°C]
SOURCE: [SUN AT EARTH SURFACE, COLLIMATED, UNECCOLIMATED]
TUNGSTEN - 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV
OCT OTHER REDUCED DATA BY X-12

SL 200 II
CR = 3.11 x 3°

CURRENT (mA x 2)

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)

FIGURE 62
SOLAR CONVERTER CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 7-1 210 II
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION
CM12001B 23

TEST TEMP: 25°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
□ COLLIMATED
□ UNCOLLIMATED
□ TUNGSTEN: 2800°K 100 mw/cm² SQUIN
□ OTHER REDUCED BY 50%

SL 200 II
× CR = 6 \( x \) L = 5°

FIGURE 65

CURRENT (mA x 10)
VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA, DATE: 11-1-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 10  SL 200 II
CELL, MODULE, PANEL DESIGNATION:
AMMIRRORS II
TEST TEMP.  26°C  28°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
          COLLIMATED  UNCORMIMATED
          TUNGSTEN - 2800°K  100 mW/cm² EQUIV
          OTHER REDUCED DATA BY 20%

SL 200 II
CR=4  L=10°

CURRENT (mA x 5)

50
40
30
20
10
0

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)

0

0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7

FIGURE 69
SOLAR CONVERTER E.I. CURVE

SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 11-1-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP

SERIAL NO. 10 SL 200 II
CELL: MODULE: PANEL: DESIGNATION: AMPLR S.H.

TEST TEMP: 0.26°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
- COLLIMATED - UNCOLLIMATED
- TUNGSTEN - 2800°C, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV
- OTHER REDUCED DATA BY 2.52

SL 200 II
CR = 4, L = 70°

FIGURE 69

CURRENT (mA x \(\sqrt{\text{V}}\))

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x \(\frac{2}{}\))
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 11-13-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 9 SL 200 III

- CELL
- MODULE
- PANEL DESIGNATION
- MIRRORS 11"

TEST TEMP: □ 25°C □ 26°C
SOURCE: □ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
□ COLLIMATED □ UNCOLLIMATED
□ TUNGSTEN - 2600°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV
□ OTHER REQUESTED DATA BY

SL 200 III
CR = 5° IV = 10°

CURRENT (mA x 5/5)

50
40
30
20
10
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.6
0.7

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)

FIGURE 70
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 11-13-62
PROJECT: SDO/62-55
SERIAL NO. 9 SL 200 II

CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION:
5 MIRRORS 11" 

TEST TEMP: 0 25°C 0 5°C 

SOURCE: 0 SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
0 COLLIMATED 0 Uncollimated
0 TUNGSTEN 2800°K, 100 mw/cm², 550 nm
0 OTHER SOURCE DATE BY 

SL 200 II
CR = 5, L0 = 10°

CURRENT (mA x 5)

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)

FIGURE 70
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA, DATE: JUL 13-62
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 2 SL 200 II
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION: G MIRRORS III
TEST TEMP: 25°C 20°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
☐ COLLIMATED ☐ UNCOLLIMATED
☐ TUNGSTEN 3600°K 100 mW/cm² EQUIV
☐ OTHER REFERENCED DATA BY LIC
SL 200 II
CR = 6 θ = 10°

FIGURE 71

CURRENT (mA x \frac{1}{2})

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x \frac{1}{2})
SOLAR CONVERTER C1 CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLVAN, CALIFORNIA, DATE 11/13/82
PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION
SERIAL NO. 180-52-2001.2
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION
TEST SOURCE: CLASSIC 2020 GS
SOURCE: ☐ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE  ☐ UNCOLLIMATED
☐ TUNGSTEN, 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² SOURCE
☐ OTHER SOURCES LISTED BELOW
SL 2001
CR = 1 L = 5°

FIGURE 78

CURRENT (mA x )

VOLTAGE (Volts x )

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7

0 10 20 30 40 50
FIGURE 80
FIGURE 81
SOLAR CONVERTER E 1 CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA. DATE 6/12/62
PROJECT: "SOLAR" C-5
SERIAL NO: 476
CELL- MOBILE- PANEL DESIGNATION: CMF-1
FEST. TEMP: 00C - 250C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
P. COLLIMATED - UNCOLLIMATED
F. TUNGSTEN, 2800K, 100 MW/CM² EARTH
OTHER ESPECIALLY NOTED:

$\theta \sim 200^\circ \times CR \sim 5 \times \theta \sim \theta$.
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE

SPECTROLAB

SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA. DATE

PROJECT: SOLAR

SERIAL NO.

CELL, MODULE, PANEL DESIGNATION

TEST TEMP: 25°C ± 5°C

SOURCE: ☑ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
☑ COLLIMATED ☑ UNCOLLIMATED
☐ FUSION - 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV
☑ OTHER SPECIFIED DATA BY VENDOR

SL 200 W

XGR = 6, Ω = 5°

CURRENT (mA x \sqrt{2})

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x \sqrt{2})

FIGURE 83
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA, DATE: 11-13-49
PROJECT: GROUND C.
SERIAL NO.: 12873
CELL - MODULE - PANEL DESIGNATION:
6I45

TEST TEMP: -15°C
SOURCE: ⊗ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
⊗ COLLIMATED ⊗ UNCOLLIMATED
⊗ TUNGSTEN, 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV.
⊗ OTHER (SPECIFY) 5 PER.

SL 200±
CR = 1 2L = 10°

FIGURE 24
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT: SPECTROLAB II
SERIAL NO.: SE 2001
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION

TEST TEMPERATURE:
1. 38°C
2. 68°F

SOURCE:
1. SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
2. COLLIMATED
3. UNCOLLIMATED
4. TUNGSTEN - 2800°K, 1000 W/M², 5000 LUX
5. OTHER (SPECIFY)

5A 2001
C.P. = 2°
Δt = 15°

FIGURE 91

VOLTAGE (VOLTS X 2)

CURRENT (mA X 2)
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYNERGY, CALIFORNIA, DATE

PROJECT: SPECTROLAB CORP.
SERIAL NO.: 56-2-20-7
CELL: FIQUEL PANEL DESIGNATION: 3 MIRRORS 79-11
TEST TEMP: 36°C
SUN SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
COLLIMATED: COLLIMATED
TUNGSTEN - 2800°K, 1000 mW/cm² EQUIV.
OTHER SOURCES LISTED BY CR

FIGURE 92

I

100

90

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

0

0.7

0.6

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

0

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)

CURRENT (mA x 2)
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE

SPECTROLAB
SYLMAN, CALIFORNIA, DATE

SERIAL NO. 6-101-7
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION
6 M 1821 A 1

TEST Figs: [Diagram with grid and curves]
SOURCE: [Diagram with grid and curves]
[Grid and curves with labels and numbers]

FIGURE 95

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x \( \frac{E}{L} \))

CURRENT (mA x \( \frac{L}{E} \))
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA, DATE: 11/4/65
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP.
SERIAL NO.: 01, SL-120
CELL, MODULE, PANEL DESIGNATION:
IMAX = 3.5 A
TEST FREQ.: 50cV, 25°C
SOURCE:
☐ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
☐ COLLIMATED ☐ UNCOLLIMATED
☐ TUNGSTEN, 2800K, 100mW/cm² EQUIV
☐ OTHER DESIGNATION BY LH
SL-120
CE = 1, UI = 5°

CURRENT (MA X 10)

VOLTAGE (VOLTS X 1/2)

FIGURE 96
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE

SPECIFICATIONS

PROJECT

SERIAL No.

CELL - MODULE - PANEL DESIGNATION

TEST TEMP.

SOURCE

SUN AT EARTH SURFACE

COLLIMATED

UNCOLLIMATED

TUNGSTEN - 2800°K, 100 mW/m² EQUV

OTHER

SL-120

COMP: 6

VOLTAGE (VOLTS X \frac{2}{3})

CURRENT (mA X \frac{1}{5})
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLVANIA, CALIFORNIA, DATE: 11/12/72
PROJECT: INT. PROJECT
SERIAL NO: 00-51-14-0
CELL, MODULE, PANEL DESIGNATION:
ML-10000
TEST DATA: 0.85°C 5.21 L/P
SOURCE: [ ] SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
[ ] COLLIMATED [ ] UNCOLLIMATED
[ ] TUNGSTEN, 2900°K, 100 mW/cm² EQU
[ ] OTHER SPECIFIED INTENSITY

SL-120
CR: 4 Li: 10°

FIGURE 105

CURRENT (mA x √)

VOLTAGE (Vols x √)
FIGURE 106

SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYRACUSE, CALIFORNIA, DATE: 11-14-70
PROJECT: SIGNAL CORP
SERIAL NO. 10, SL-120
CELL - MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION
S MIRRORS
TEST TEMP: 25°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
COLLIMATED
UNCOLLIMATED
TUNGSTEN - 2600°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV.
OTHER REDUCED INTENSITY

SL-120
CR=5° LI=10°
Solar Converter E I Curve
Spectrolab
Sylmar, California, Date: 11-14-62
Built by: SIGNAL CORP
Serial No. (x) SL-120
Cell Module Panel Designation: 1 MIRROR 0.7" (x)
Test Temp: 24°C, 75°F
Source: Sun at Earth Surface
ColliMate □ Uncollimated
Tungsten - 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² Equiv
Other Related Data by G.E.

SL-120
CR + 1 Li = 15°

Figure 108
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 1/16/62
PROJECT: R.T. 152
SERIAL NO. 17152

CELL: MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION:
MIRRORS M

TEST TEMP: 26°C 58°F

SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
C O L L I M A T E D U N C O L L I M A T E D
TUNGSTEN 2800°K, 100 mw/cm² EQUIV
OTHER DESIGNS, LUGY.

SK-120
CR = 2, L1 = 15°

FIGURE 109

CURRENT (mA x 10⁻²)

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2⁻¹)
SOLAR CONVERTER E-I CURVE

SPECTROLAB
SYLVANIA, CALIFORNIA
PROJECT: SUNRAY LASER
SERIAL NO. 120-120

CELL-CAPACITOR PANEL DESIGNATION
3 MB/RECS 10

TEST TEMPERATURE: 25°C

SOURCE: ☐ SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
☐ COLLIMATED ☐ UNCOLLIMATED
☐ TUNGSTEN 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV
☐ OTHER REDEDUCED BY...

SL = 1/20
CR = 3
L = 15°
SOLAR CONVERTER E I CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYRMAH, CALIFORNIA
DATE: 11-14-83
PROJECT: SIGNAL CIRC
SERIAL NO. 007-764
CELL MODULE PANEL DESIGNATION:
S MICROES 1m
TEST TEMP: 26°C
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
□ C Collimated □ Uncollimated
□ Tungsten - 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIVALENT
□ OTHER REPRINTED WITH BY
SL-160
CR=5, LI=15°

CURRENT (mA x 5)
50
40
30
20
10

VOLTAGE (VOLTS X 2)
0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7

FIGURE 112
SOLAR CONVERTER Eff CURVE
SPECTROLAB
SYLVANIA, CALIFORNIA, DATE: 4/11/68
MANUFACT. CORP.
SERIAL NO.: 51170.
CELL, MODULE, PANEL DESIGNATION:
CM122083-7
TEST TEMP: 38°C, 62°F.
SOURCE: SUN AT EARTH SURFACE
□ COLLIMATED □ UNCOLLIMATED
□ TUNGSTEN, 2800°K, 100 mW/cm² EQUIV.
□ OTHER REDUCED BY
SL = 120
CB = 6, B = 15°

CURRENT (mA x 1)

VOLTAGE (VOLTS x 2)

FIGURE 113
APPENDIX A

REFLECTION FILTER SPECIFICATIONS
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REFLECTION FILTER SPECIFICATIONS

1. Performance.

The idealized filter performance curves are shown in Figures I, II and III. The tolerances within which the actual filters may perform relative to these idealized curves are:

a) The reflectance passband centers shall be within 
   \( \pm 0.01, \pm 0.02, \pm 0.03 \) micron of the nominal value for 
   filter types SL 120/83, SL 200/82, and SL 350/80, respectively.

b) The reflectance passband widths shall be within 
   \( \pm 0.01, \pm 0.02, \pm 0.03 \) micron of the nominal values for filters 
   SL 120/83, SL 200/82, and SL 350/80, respectively.

c) The mean slope, defined as microns per unit of percent 
   transmittance, of the reflectance passband limit on the 
   short wavelength side shall be greater than \(-0.0003\) and on 
   the long wavelength side, less than \(0.0003\) in the range of 
   transmittance 10% to 80% for all the filter types.

d) The transmittance in the reflectance passband, in a 
   range \(0.06\) micron less than the nominal passband width 
   for each filter type, shall not exceed 3%.

e) The mean transmittance on the short wavelength side 
   between \(0.35\) micron and the short wave limit of the pass-
   band shall not be less than 90% for all filter types. 
   The minimum transmittance in this range shall exceed 83% for 
   each filter type.

f) The mean transmittance on the long wavelength side between 
   the long wavelength limit of the passband and 1.6 microns 
   shall exceed 82%, 85% and 87% for filter types SL 120/83, 
   SL 200/82 and SL 350/80, respectively. The minimum transmittance.
APPENDIX A

REFLECTION FILTER SPECIFICATIONS

1. Performance.

The idealized filter performance curves are shown in Figures I, II and III. The tolerances within which the actual filters may perform relative to these idealized curves are:

a) The reflectance passband centers shall be within + 0.01, + 0.02, + 0.03 micron of the nominal value for filter types SL 120/83, SL 200/82, and SL 350/80, respectively.

b) The reflectance passband widths shall be within + 0.01, + 0.02, + 0.03 micron of the nominal values for filters SL 120/83, SL 200/82, and SL 350/80, respectively.

c) The mean slope, defined as microns per unit of percent transmittance, of the reflectance passband limit on the short wavelength side shall be greater than -0.0003 and on the long wavelength side, less than 0.0003 in the range of transmittance 10% to 80% for all the filter types.

d) The transmittance in the reflectance passband, in a range 0.06 micron less than the nominal passband width for each filter type, shall not exceed 3%.

e) The mean transmittance on the short wavelength side between 0.35 micron and the short wave limit of the passband shall not be less than 90% for all filter types. The minimum transmittance in this range shall exceed 83% for each filter type.

f) The mean transmittance on the long wavelength side between the long wavelength limit of the passband and 1.6 microns shall exceed 82%, 85% and 87% for filter types SL 120/83, SL 200/82 and SL 350/80, respectively. The minimum transmittance.
in this range shall exceed 12% less than the nominal values for each filter type.

g) Maximum variation in filter reflectances and transmittances over the filter face shall be less than ± 3%.

2. Construction

The filters shall consist of a single filter stack on a glass substrate. For substrate dimensions and specification, see Figure IV.

3. Environmental Integrity

1. These filters shall endure use and handling outdoors by trained personnel in all atmospheres, including contaminants encountered within the continental United States of America.

2. The exposed surfaces of the filters shall withstand cleaning by light dry brushing and washing with water and a mild detergent.

3. The standard of comparison with respect to its integrity in its environment and use, shall be an aluminized front surface mirror with silicon monoxide overcoat.
FIGURE II. FILTER SL 200/82 CHARACTERISTICS
NOTES:
1. Substrate thickness = 0.236 ±0.001 in
2. All sharp edges shall be broken .010" to .020"
3. Material BSC-2 Type 517645 fine anneal optical glass or equivalent
4. Surface quality 80-50 per MIL-0-13830

Figure 11. SUBSTRATE DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS
APPENDIX B

SPECTRAL TRANSMITTANCE CURVES

for

EXPERIMENTAL REFLECTION FILTERS
Appendix B

Spectral Transmittance Curves for Experimental Reflection Filters.

This Appendix consists of 44 spectral transmittance curves for the reflecting filters fabricated by Spectrolab. The curves are photographic reductions of the data recorded by a Cary Model 14 Spectrophotometer using a tungsten light source.

Figures B-1 through B-24 are transmittance curves at 0° angle of incidence for the reflecting filters used in the Table Mountain tests. The first group of six curves (Figures B-1 through B-6) consists of data for the Type SL 350 filters, the second group (Figures B-7 through B-12) for the SL 200-II filters, the third group (Figures B-13 through B-18) for the SL 200-I filters, and the fourth group (Figures B-19 through B-24) for the SL 120 filters.

Figures B-25 through B-44 show the variation in spectral transmittance with angle of incidence for one representative filter of each type. Figures B-25 through B-29 are transmittance curves for an SL 350 filter for \( \theta_i = 0°, 10°, 20°, 30°, \) and 45°, respectively.

Figures B-30 through B-34 are similar curves for an SL 200-II filter, Figures B-35 through B-39 for an SL 200-I, and Figures B-40 through B-44 for an SL 120.
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FIGURE B-8
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