system is subjected to a rotation about the sink axis. Case rotation about this axis imparts a tangential component (relative to fixed coordinates) to the radially flowing fluid. Since angular momentum is conserved, a free vortex is generated, increasing the angular velocity of the fluid and resulting in an appreciable value at the sink relative to that at the wall. Tangential pitot tubes located near the center of rotation sense the dynamic pressure caused by the increase in tangential velocity of the fluid over the tangential velocity of the case. Both the sense and the magnitude of the input angular rate are contained in the pressure measurement.

In making a comparison between these two types of fluidic angular rate sensor the following conclusions are apparent. The jet unit has the advantage of simplicity, smaller size, smaller flow, smaller power requirements, and a much higher signal-to-noise ratio. The vortex type rate sensor must have a large diameter since gain is proportional to diameter and it also requires a precision machining effort. The vortex type rate sensor has gone through approximately nine years of extensive development both by industry and by government as a rate sensor that is useful in fluidic systems. However, its limited dynamic range, high power requirement, and large size have limited its use to the all-fluid systems.

Development of the jet fluidic angular rate sensor continues in both theoretical and experimental areas to establish the performance capabilities and limitations of the basic sensor. It is expected that the sensor will find its way into shipboard systems and other applications where frequency response does not limit its usefulness.

**ADDRESSES**

Principal recent addresses made by APL staff members to groups and organizations outside the Laboratory.

The following four addresses were given at the 1968 Fall Meeting of the American Physical Society, Miami Beach, Florida, November 25-27, 1968:

- R. Turner and T. O. Poehler, "Far-Infrared Laser Diagnostics of Transient Plasma;"
- W. R. Powell, "Spectroscopic Measurement of Electron Concentration;"
- H. M. Stainer, "Some Consequences of Rotation in a Model Theta Pinch;"
- C. S. Leffel, Jr., "Ion Analysis of a Theta-Pinch Gun;"


The following three addresses were given at the American Physical Society, Philadelphia, March 24-27, 1969:

- F. J. Adrian, E. L. Cochran, and V. A. Bowers, "ESR Spectrum and Structure of HNO_2 in KCl;"
- F. J. Adrian, E. L. Cochran, and V. A. Bowers, "CN Stretching Vibration in HCN;"
- J. Bohandy, J. C. Murphy, and A. N. Jette (APL) and D. O'Shea and C. M. Wilson (The Johns Hopkins University), "Raman Scattering in X-irradiated KCl-Ag Crystals;"


K. Moorjani, "Elemental Amorphous Semiconductors," Physics Department, University of Maryland, College Park, April 17, 1969.

The following five addresses were given at the International Scientific Radio Union (URSI) Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 21-25, 1969:

T. A. Potemra and A. J. Zmuda, "The Effect of Dumped Particles on the Nighttime D-Region;"


The following five addresses were given at the American Geophysical Union Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 21-25, 1969:

C. O. Bostrom, "Evidence for Magnetospheric Control of Polar Cap Structure in Low Energy Proton Intensities;"

M. L. Dwarkin, A. J. Zmuda, and W. Radford, "Magnetic Field Oscillations at Near Synchronous Altitude;"

S. M. Krimigis and J. A. Van Allen, "Solar Particle Observations with Mariner 5;"

S. M. Krimigis, "Initial Observations of Alpha Particles and Protons with Injun V;"


K. Moorjani, "Elemental Amorphous Semiconductors;"" Physics Department, Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, April 24, 1969.

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