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A-4:

Flat-Panel Display Measurements and Standards

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Summary

Display metrology as applied to flat-panel displays (FPDs) will be discussed. Topics include the importance of proper set-up, expected measurement uncertainty vs. repeatability, and problems in making accurate light measurements. The role played by measurement diagnostics is considered, and encouragement is given to employ such diagnostics routinely. A review of the status of international display standards will be provided.

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Flat Panel Display Measurements and Standards

Because of the explosive growth of the demand for electronic displays and competition within the display industry, there is an increasing need for well-defined display metrology. Good metrology is needed to level the playing field, so to speak, not only within a particular display technology, but also across technologies. For example, we want to be able to compare the contrast of one display with the contrast of another display in a meaningful way and not wonder how the measurement was made. The parameters that characterize the display should not depend upon who measures the display (to within the limits of the uncertainty of the measurements). Those who incorporate displays into their equipment need to be able to specify what they want in such a manner that there will be no argument as to whether a display meets the specifications or not. Nobody wants surprises, and companies that do a good job of manufacturing should have the metrological backing to prove the quality of their products. All these concerns require unambiguous metrology. In this seminar, we discuss several aspects of display metrology. We then provide a list of many of the associated standards activities for your further reference.

Display Metrology

Characterization of the display depends upon how the display is configured. How the display is configured depends upon the task for which it is to be used. How well the measurements are made depends upon how well the measurements *can* be made in addition to the methods, equipment, and skills employed. Good metrology depends upon a realistic expectation of the instrumentation performance, a sensitivity to diagnostics, and an understanding of the limits of the measurement apparatus.

Display Standards

Display standards can contain several categories of specifications. They can specify what to measure, how to measure, how to check or correct the measurement, and the compliance limits of acceptability of a measurement result. Many standards concern themselves with having displays meet a certain minimum of performance. These are performance or compliance standards, and they often must deal with ergonomic and psychophysical results to set the criteria of acceptance. Often standards avoid a thorough discussion of how to measure parameters and how to establish a confidence in the measurement result. In the following pages we provide a partial listing and contact information for display standards and related activities.

A final note: The Video Electronics Standards Association (VESA) has undertaken a project to compile a comprehensive document to address the needs of the specification of quality display metrology. The VESA Flat Panel Display Measurements Standard (FPDM) document attempts to fill the gaps where other standards may have less to say. Much of the document specifies how to make measurements and how to diagnose the measurements you make. All of the material of this seminar plus a great deal more is contained within the FPDM. It contains numerous diagnostics in the Metrology Section. The Technical Discussion Section contains tutorial information on photometry, colorimetry, and other topics.

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Certain commercial equipment, instruments, materials, systems, and trade names are identified in this paper in order to specify or identify technologies adequately. Such identification is not intended to imply recommendation or endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, nor is it intended to imply that the systems or products identified are necessarily the best available for the purpose.

ANSI — American National Standards Institute

http://www.ansi.org/

ANSI HFES-100

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES)

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ANSI Projection Standards IT7.227 and IT7.228

Photographic and Imaging Manufacturers Association, Inc. (PIMA) IT-7 Committee Leon Shapiro, Chairman, NIDL, (609) 734-2527, lshapiro@sarnoff.com

Some other standards that may be of interest:

ANSI/SAE ARP 1782 Photometric and Colorimetric Measurement Procedures for Airborne Direct View CRT Displays

ANSI/SAE ARP 4102 Flight Deck Panels, Controls, and Displays (core document) ANSI/SAE ARP 4102/7 Electronic Displays

ANSI/SAE ARP 4102/8 Flight Deck, Head-Up Displays

ANSI/SAE ARP 4032 Human Engineering Considerations in the Application of Color to Electronic Aircraft Displays

ANSI/SAE AS 8034 (R1989) Minimum Performance Standard for Airborne Multipurpose Electronic Displays

ANSI/SAE ARP 1068A Flight Deck Instrumentation, Display Criteria, and Associated Controls for Transport Aircraft

SAE ARP 1068B Flight Deck Instrumentation, Display Criteria and Associated Controls

ANSI/SAE ARP 1874 Design Objectives for CRT Displays for Part 25 (Transport) Aircraft

ANSI/SAE ARP 4067 Design Objectives for CRT Displays for Part 23 Aircraft

ANSI/SAE ARP 571C Flight Deck Controls and Displays for Communication and Navigation Equipment for Transport Aircraft

ANSI/SAE ARP 4155 Human Interface Design Methodology for Integrated Display Symbology

Publications of interest:

ANSI/NCSL Z540-2-1997 U.S. Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement, (American National Standards Institute/National Conference of Standards Laboratories), first edition, October 9, 1997.

ASTM — American Society for Testing and Materials

http://www.ansi.org/

Publications of interest:

ASTM Standards on Color and Appearance Measurement, Fifth edition, 1996. Sponsored by Committee E-12 on Appearance. This is a wonderful reference to have.

E284-95a Standard Terminology of Appearance

E1392-90 Standard Practice for Angle Resolved Optical Scatter measurements on Specular or Diffuse Surfaces.

There are some newer versions available:

- ASTM E1455-96a Obtaining Colorimetric Data from a Visual Display Unit Using Tristimulus Colorimeters
- ASTM E1336-96 Obtaining Colorimetric Data From a Visual Display Unit by Spectroradiometry

ASTM E1682-96 Modeling the Colorimetric Unit Properties of a Visual Display

CIE — Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage

(International Commission on Illumination) http://www.cie.co.at/cie/

TC2-42 Colorimetry of Displays

CIE Division 2 Web: http://nml.csir.co.za/~cie2 Dr. Andrew R. Hanson, Chair, also liaison officer to IEC/TC 100/PT 61966

Publications of interest:

CIE Publication No. 69, Methods of Characterizing Illuminance and Luminance Meters

CIE Publication 17.4, International Lighting Vocabulary (1989)

CIE Publication No. 44, Absolute Methods for Reflection Measurement

CIE Publication No. 46, A Review of Publications on Properties and Reflection Values of Material Reflection Standards

CORM — Council for Optical Radiation Measurements

http://www.corm.org

EIA — Electronic Industries Association

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EIA JT-6 Committee on Color CRTs

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EIA JT-31 Committee on Optical Characteristics of Display Devices

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Standards previously within the purview of the inactive JT-20 committee have been transferred to JT-31).

Here are some older CRT documents:

EIA TEP105 Series, Industrial Cathode-Ray Tubes Test Methods (Feb., 1981) TEP116-C Optical Characteristics of Cathode Ray Tube Screens (Feb., 1993) EIA TEB25 A Survey Of Data-Display CRT Resolution Measurement Techniques (June, 1985) EIA TEP192 Glossary of Cathode-Ray Tube Terms and Definitions (Sept., 1984) EIA TEB27 Relating Display Resolution and Addressability (Sept., 1988) EIA TEB 24 Effect of Pulse Shape in Raster Dot Alpha-Numeric CRT Presentation on Spot

Luminance and Luminance Distribution

EIAJ — Electronic Industries Association of Japan

www.eiaj.or.jp

Measuring Methods for Matrix Liquid Crystal Display Modules See: www.eiaj.or.jp

IEC — International Electrotechnical Committee

http://www.iec.ch/

IEC/TC 100 Audio, Video and Multimedia Systems and Equipment SC100C Audio, Video and Multimedia Subsystems and Equipment

WG6 Video imaging equipment and systems

PT 61947 Electronic Projection

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PT 61966 Colour Measurement and Management in Multimedia Systems and Equipment Hiroaki Ikeda, Convener/Project leader, Chiba University Email: ikeda@hike.te.chiba-u.ac.jp, Web: http://w3.hike.te.chiba-u.ac.jp/IEC/100/PT61966

IEEE — Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

www.ieee.org

IEEE 1140-1994 IEEE Standard for the Measurement of Electric and Magnetic Fields from Video Display Terminals (VDT) from 5 Hz to 400 kHz

ISO — International Organization for Standardization

United States Technical Advisory Group to the ISO Subcommittee for Ergonomics of Human System Interaction, Jim Williams, Chair US TAG to ISO/TC159/SC4, Bellcore, Piscataway, NJ, phone 732-699-5491, fax 732-336-2605, ergojim@earthlink.net
http://www.iso.ch/
If it is difficult to connect to above site, try: http://133.82.181.177/ikeda/ISO/home.html

ISO documents are ordered through the member bodies for each participating country. For example, in the USA people would use ANSI (American National Standards Institute), 11

West 42nd Street, 13th floor, New York, N.Y. 10036, Telephone: + 1 212 642 49 00, Telefax: + 1 212 398 00 23, Internet: info@ansi.org.

ISO 13406 Part 2: "Ergonomic Requirements for the Use of Flat Panel Displays,"

ISO/TC 159/SC 4/WG 2, to be published (becoming a DIS at the time of this writing).

ISO 9241 series: Ergonomic requirements for office work with visual display terminals (VDTs) Contact ISO: www.iso.ch/infoe/guide.html for specific ordering information. Here are the three of interest to display metrologists (TC 159 / SC 4):

ISO 9241 Part 3 – Visual display requirements

ISO 9241 Part 7 - Requirements for display with reflection

ISO 9241 Part 8 - Requirements for displayed colours.

The following may be of some interest:

ISO 8341:1989 Photography, Slide projectors and filmstrip projectors -- Illumination test

ISO 9767:1990 Photography, Overhead projectors -- Methods for measuring and reporting performance characteristics

ISO 11314:1995 Photography, Projectors -- Image size/projection distance calculations

- ISO 2910:1990 Cinematography, Screen luminance for the projection of motion-picture prints in indoor theatres and review rooms
- ISO 12608:1996 Cinematography, Room and surround conditions for evaluating television display from telecine reproduction

Publication of interest:

ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement, (International Organization for Standardization), 1995.

NIDL — National Information Display Laboratory

NIDL Publication No. 171795-036, Display Monitor Measurement Methods Under discussion by EIA Committee JT-20.

Part 1: Monochrome CRT Monitor Performance, Draft Version 2.0, July 12, 1995. NIDL Publication No. 171795-037, Display Monitor Measurement Methods under Discussion by

EIA (Electronic Industries Association) Committee JT-20.

Part 2: Color CRT Monitor Performance, Draft Version 2.0, July 12, 1995.

SAE — Society of Automotive Engineers

400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 http://www.sae.org/PRODSERV/STANDARD/standard.htm

ARP4260 — Photometric and Colorimetric Measurement Procedures for Airborne Flat Panel Displays.

Subcommittee of the SAE A-20 Aircraft Lighting Committee http://www.sae.org/PRODSERV/STANDARD/standard.htm

SMPTE — Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers

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Web: http://www.smpte.org/

SMPTE Standard 170M-1994 "Television – Composite Analog Video Signal – NTSC for Studio Applications"

Other SMPTE standards that may be of interest: SMPTE RP 12-1997 Screen Luminance for Drive-In Theaters SMPTE RP 185-1995 Classification of Projection Depth of Focus SMPTE RP 167-1995 Alignment of NTSC Color Picture Monitors SMPTE RP 145-1994 SMPTE C Color Monitor Colorimetry SMPTE RP 166-1995 Critical Viewing Conditions for Evaluation of Color Television Pictures SMPTE RP 27.1-1989 Specification for Operational Alignment Test Pattern for Television SMPTE RP 38.1-1989 Specifications for Deflection Linearity Test Pattern for Television SMPTE RP 27.5-1989 Specifications for Mid-Frequency Response Test Patterns for Television SMPTE RP 133-1991 Specifications for Medical Diagnostic Imaging Test Patterns for Television Monitors and Hard Copy Recording Cameras SMPTE RP 94-1993 Gain Determination of Front Projection Screens SMPTE RP 95-1994 Installation of Gain Screens SMPTE 196M-1995 Motion -Picture Film -Indoor Theater and Review Room Projection -Screen Luminance and Viewing Conditions SMPTE RP 98-1995 Measurement of Screen Luminance in Theaters SMPTE RP 51-1995 Screen Luminance and Viewing Conditions for 8-mm Review Rooms SMPTE RP 59-1995 Color and Luminance of Review Room Screens for Viewing Motion-

Picture Materials Intended for Slides or Film Strips

VESA — Video Electronics Standards Association

www.vesa.org

FPDM — Flat Panel Display Measurements Standard

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VESA has been working on several FPD interface standards that may be of interest.

Other Publications of Interest:

- Günter Wyszecki and W. S. Stiles, *Color Science: Concepts and Methods, Quantitative Data and Formulae*, 2nd Edition (1982, John Wiley & Sons). This is a classic reference work packed with information.
- Peter A. Keller, *Electronic Display Measurement: Concepts, Techniques, and Instrumentation* (John Wiley & Sons in association with the Society for Information Display, 1997).
- Flat-Panel Displays and CRTs (Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, 1985) Lawrence T. Tannas, Jr., editor,

Yoshihiro Ohno, *Photometric Calibrations*, NIST Special Publication 250-37, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, July 1997. This publication

contains the details on how calibrations are made in photometry and describes the subtleties in the use of the instrumentation with a complete uncertainty analysis.

- Barry N. Taylor and Chris E. Kuyatt, *Guidelines for Evaluating and Expressing the Uncertainty* of NIST Measurement Results, NIST Technical Note 1297, 1994 Edition.
- Barry N. Taylor, Guide for the Use of the International System of Units (SI), NIST Special Publication 811, 1995 Edition.

Some Abbreviations & Acronyms Associated with Display Industry:

Some web sites for finding acronyms:

http://www.onelook.com/

http://www.mtnds.com/af/

http://www.ict.etsi.fr/abrev.htm

http://www.techweb.com/encyclopedia/

http://www.ucc.ie/info/net/acronyms/acro.html

http://www.sematech.org/member/division/its/acronyms/acr menu.htm

http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~oheiabbd/veramain-e.cgi

http://www.sbri.com/a.htm

To find a national laboratory in most countries see: http://www.nist.gov/oiaa/national.htm

ACATSAdvisory Committee on Advanced Television Service (advisory committee created by the FCC in 1987)

AEAAmerican Electronics Association

- ALARA.....as low as reasonably achievable
- AMLCDactive matrix liquid crystal display

ANSIAmerican National Standards Institute

ARPAAdvanced Research Projects Agency (formerly DARPA)

ASTMAmerican Society for Testing and Materials

ASSSwedish Nation Board of Occupational Safety and health

- ATSCAdvanced Television Systems Committee
- ATTCAdvanced Television Test Center (created by broadcasting companies and industry organizations in1988 to test proponent advanced television transmission systems. Alexandria, VA)
- ATVadvanced television
- B-ISDNBroadband Integrated Services Digital Networks
- BIPM......Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (International Bureau of Weights and Measures)
- BRDFbidirectional reflectance distribution function
- BSDFbidirectional scattering distribution function
- BTDFbidirectional transmittance distribution function
- CATV.....cable TV
- CCDcharge coupled device

CCIRInternational Radio Consultative Committee (an organ of the International Telecommunication Union charged with studying technical and operating questions relating to radio services, including broadcasting, and issuing recommendations on the questions)

	CCITTInternational Telephone and Telegraph Consultative Committee (an organ of the International Telecommunications Union charged with studying and issuing recommendations on technical, operating and tariff questions relating to telecommunications services other than radio communications services)
	CCPRConsultatif Comité de Photométric et Radiométrie (Consultative Committee of Photometry and Radiometry)
	CCT correlated color temperature
	CD committee draft (solution) admont DB ni poppingana popriori
	CEN Comité Européen de Normalisation (European Standards Committee)
	CENELEC European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization
	CGPMConférence Générale des Poids et Mesures (General Conference of Weights and
	Measures)
	CIECommission Internationale de l'Eclairage (International Commission on
	Illumination) (DBRC) to youthode J yalgalC boils mobile lenonset.
	CIPMComité International des Poids et Mesures (International Committee for Weights and Measures)
	COHRS Committee on High Resolution Systems
	CORMCouncil for Optical Radiation Measurements
	CSFcontrast sensitivity function
	CSL
	DAB
	DARPA Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
	DIN
	DIS draft international standard
	DPI dots per inch
	DSRC
	DUT
	EC European Community
	EEC. European Economic Community (often use EC above as substitute)
	EFTAEuropean Free Trade Association
	EIAElectronic Industries Association
	EIAI Electronic Industries Association of Japan
	ELelectroluminescent display
	ESFedge spread function
	FED
	FCCFederal Communications Commission
	FPD
	FPDM Flat Panel Display Measurements Standard (VESA)
	HDTV high definition television
	HRI high resolution imaging
	HRIS high resolution information systems
	IEEE Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers
	IEC International Electrotechnical Commission
	ISO International Organization for Standardization
	IS&T Society for Imaging Science and Technology
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INDjust noticeable difference
JTjoint technical committee
LCDliquid-crystal display
LMDlight measuring device (in VESA FPDM)
LSFline spread function
MACMultiple Analog Component (the family of standards proposed by the EC for
television transmission in EC member countries)
MPCDmean perceptible color difference
MPRSwedish National Board for Measurement and Testing
MTFmodulation transfer function
MUSEMultiple Sub-Nyquist Sampling Encoding System (Japanese HDTV system)
NABNational Association of Broadcasters
NIDLNational Information Display Laboratory (at DSRC)
NISTNational Institute of Standards and Technology (USA)
NPLNational Physical Laboratory (UK)
NRCNational Research Council (Canada)
NRLMNational Research Laboratory of Metrology (Japan)
NTIANational Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTSCNational Television System Committee
OSTPOffice of Science and Technology Policy (part of the Executive Office of the
President)
OTFoptical transfer function
PIMAPhotographic and Imaging Manufacturers Association
PDplasma display
PSFpoint spread function
PTproject team
PTBPhysikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (Federal Physical Technical Institute
[Germany])
SAESociety of Automotive Engineers
SISystème International d'Unités (International System of Units)
SIDSociety for Information Display
SMPTESociety of Motion Picture and Television Engineers
SPIEInternational Society for Optical Engineering (Society of Photo-Optical
Instrumentation Engineers)
SSISwedish National Institute of Radiation Protection
STNsuper twisted nematic (liquid crystal)
TAGtechnical advisory group
TCtechnical committee
TEPACTube Engineering Panel Advisory Council (for EIA)
TEBTEPAC Engineering Bulletin
TEPTube Engineering Panel and the second sec
TFTthin film transistor
TNtwisted nematic (liquid crystal)
USDCUnited Sates Display Consortium
USNCUS National Committee of the IEC
VESAVideo Electronics Standards Association (vee'-suh)

VDTvideo display terminal VDU.....video display unit WG.....working group

Other Websites of Interest:

http://www.osa.org/ Optical Society of America International Society for Optical Engineering http://www.spie.org/ http://optics.org/ Photonics Resource Center (SPIE) http://www.imaging.org/ Society for Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T) http://www.sid.org/ Society for Information Display Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers http://www.ieee.org/ http://www.nist.gov/ National Institute of Standards and Technology http://physics.nist.gov/Divisions/Div844/div844.html Optical Technology Division, NIST http://www.boulder.nist.gov:/div815/ Optoelectronics Division, NIST http://www.eeel.nist.gov/811/eitg/eit_docs/fpdlab.html

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Display Standards

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FPD Measurements and Standards

Display Metrology

- Task Dependent Setup
- Measurement Expectations
- Measurements and Diagnostics
- Tips & Things

Display Standards

- Partial Listing & Contact Information
- VESA FPDM

Where possible the information contained in this seminar is linked to the FPDM via brackets and section number, e.g., [FPDM A102].



Task-Dependent Setup, Cont.

Setup conditions should remain fixed.

During series of measurements the task-specific setup conditions should not be changed to improve any single measurement, unless the task calls for such changes. [FPDM 301-2E, 305-3]

Warm-up time may be needed.

During the warm-up of the display is a good time to examine the display for defects and problems. Try out many different patterns and images suitable to the intended display task. [FPDM 301-2D]















Measurement Expectations, Cont. Measurement Uncertainty vs. Repeatability, Cont.

- Colorimetry:
 - Chromaticity coordinates are based on ratios of tristimulus values. If detector is linear and has the proper spectral response, the chromaticity-coordinate measurements can be less uncertain than the luminance measurement
 - A ±0.005 measurement uncertainty might be expected when comparing chromaticity coordinate results (tungsten-halogen source may do better).
 - The chromaticity coordinate repeatability will probably be about ±0.002 or less.









































Measurements and Diagnostics, Cont. **Projection Display Measurements**

Accounting for Stray Light Projector should not be blamed for the less than perfect viewing conditions of the screen and room.



Measurements and Diagnostics, Cont. Projection Display Measurements, Cont.

Accounting for Stray Light in Room

Use a projection mask (wider than the lens diameter) placed from 35 cm to 60 cm from the screen. Objects in room and room walls reflect light from the white screen back into black area. This can be a serious corruption of the black even in a darkroom and even using a black screen!

PROJECTOR





Measurements and Diagnostics, Cont. Projection Display Measurements, Cont. Making Luminance Measurements Screen gain is very directional. Can avoid screen effects by using

















Tips and Things, Cont.

White Reflectance Standard

- Get the kind that can be refurbished in your lab (e.g., 220 to 240 grit water-proof emery paper using circular motion under running water).
- Make sure it is sufficiently thick (some need to be 10 mm depth or more, whatever the manufacturer states is necessary). A 50 mm diameter disk may be required.
- Over 99% reflectance (e.g. ρ_{6/d}), quasi-Lambertian... BUT watch out!!! ... What kind of reflectance is this 99% value???

CAUTION: These may not be Lambertian. The reflectance (e.g., of 0.99) is obtained under specific conditions of illumination and reflected-light measurement (e.g., p_{6Vd} illumination 6° from normal and measurement of diffuse reflected flux in a hemisphere). The reflectance will not necessarily be the same for all angles and all configurations!!! If you need to use it for a certain configuration (other than the configuration for which it was calibrated) then it must be calibrated for that special configuration. We cannot necessarily use the 99% value for just any configuration we want (blindly hoping that it will be OK). An illuminance meter might be better.











Tips and Things, Cont.

Diagnostics?

Always think in terms of diagnostics: Are you getting what you think you're getting? If you aren't sure, can you think up a way to test it out?

Whom do you trust?

Don't trust anything or anyone (as much as possible), always try to verify things you are tempted to assume, prove to yourself that everything is working properly and that you are not making inappropriate assumptions.

Tips and Things, Cont.

Look for problems, be suspicious.

A bright display can light up a dark room, are you measuring the reflection of your white shirt or the side of a lightly-colored instrument (or wall) along with the screen color? How about equipment lights and displays in the room, do they reflect in the screen being measured? Look and see. Don't assume. If you can see it, the instrument might be affected by it.

Don't Over Document!

Don't spend so much time documenting untested apparatus and data so that you can't finish the measurement—it's like polishing garbage. Take the time to document thoroughly after it is working properly.



What Is "Good Enough"?

We should not compromise good metrology in favor of tradition when that tradition might be based upon inadequate metrology.

For example, people say "Why do we have to measure it so accurately when the eye can't see it?" Well, how was that "limitation" of the eye determined? If the instrumentation used to determine the "rule" is not as good as the eye, then what can't see, the eye or the instrument? If tradition states that we only need 100:1 to adequately render a scene, how was that "rule" determined. What measurements were made? Was the instrumentation capable of an accurate measurement, how do we know? How was "adequately" defined? Be a skeptic!

P¹² —Lest We Forget Working at the Bench... Perpetrating paperwork, poppycock, plus protocol paralyzes

promising project progress producing poor products.



Display Standards, Cont. Comprehensive Document Available

- VESA FPDM Flat Panel Display Measurements Standard — Features:
 - Specification of good metrology for displays
 - Self-contained measurement procedures
 - Buffet of measurements—use what you need
 - Easy to use and read
 - Extensible—more will be added as needed
 - Adaptable—affords a variety of equipment
 - Accommodating—special needs permitted
 - Metrology Section, Technical Discussions Section Available now! VESA 408-435-8225
 - A reasonably priced document of close to 300 pages.

