

LASER PLOTTER

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There seems to be no reason why laser printer techniques should not be used in a laser plotter - or why, in a laser printer, the characters etc should not be smoothly drawn instead of made up of a dot matrix.

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Why is a phrase spoken in a regional accent much easier to understand than one spoken in a foreign accent? Perhaps it is because the rhythm/intonation/pause structure is different for the foreign accent (being based on that structure ~~which~~ is the foreign ~~accent~~ language).

~~Geo~~ ANALYSIS

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The Earth gives off heat. It is quite probable that this heat, in the form of infrared radiation, is modulated by the materials it passes through; it could then be analysed by its spectrum to determine the surface [and perhaps deeper underlying] materials. Landolt satellites could be used on the night side - deeper materials may show up ~~by~~ on long-term spectra rather than instantaneous spectra. Neutrons passing right through the Earth may also be ultimately analysable for material detection.