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Opening remarks to session 3

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I should like to amplify the title of this session. The papers we shall hear deal with the principles of the connection between measurement on the one hand and computer control on the other—on the assumption that the measuring subsystems are *accurate* and *reliable*. The programme committee realises the importance of measurement *per se*, but has considered the subject too large to be included in this symposium.

It is often the case that the output of a measuring subsystem is a fairly strong function of variables other than the one that the system is intended to measure, a fact that should be kept in mind.