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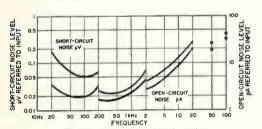
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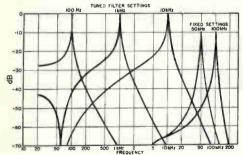
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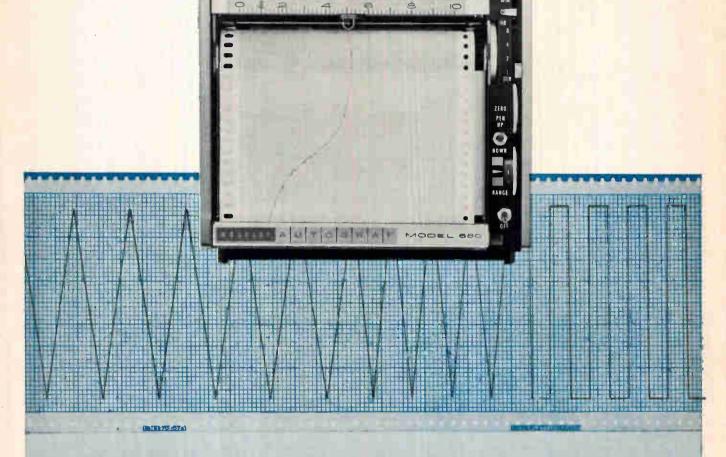
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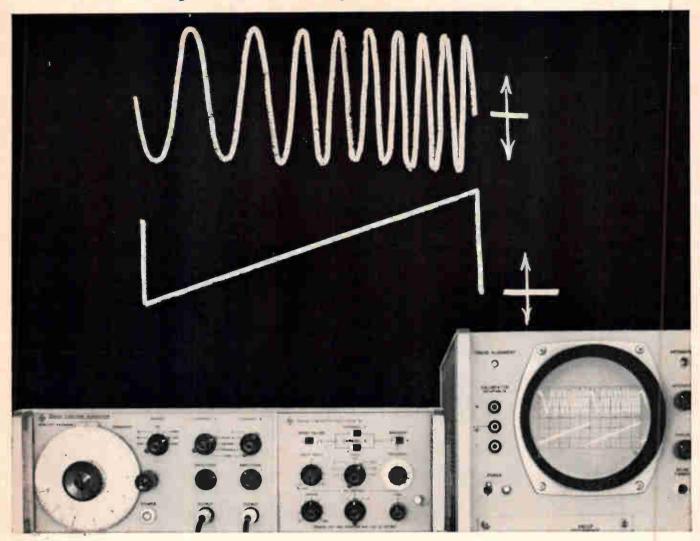
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Readers Comment

Transient protection

To the Editor:

The article "Voltage transients tamed by spark-gap arresters" [April 18, p. 109] describes very well the advantages of gas-filled surge voltage protectors over conventional protection methods. I would like to emphasize that such gas-filled spark gaps are not only of great interest to the telephone industry but also, increasingly, to the electronics industry to protect solid state circuitry.

In the past, little attention was paid to this problem, partly because engineers had not fully realized the danger of transients to semiconductors and partly because suitable spark gaps were not available.

A protector for this kind of application should meet certain requirements with regard to the breakdown voltage, the breakdown speed and the size. These requirements are now met with newly designed gas-filled surge voltage protectors which have just been introduced. The breakdown voltage is only 90 volts and a high breakdown speed is assured by incorporating radioactive isotopes into the protector. Its size (.38 inch diameter and one-quarter inch long) is such that the unit can easily be used in printed circuit boards.

In the telephone industry, until just recently, one difficulty in using gas-filled spark gaps was that the installation of these devices in existing hardware presented some difficulty. New designs of holding devices for protectors, however, have also solved this problem satisfactorily.

G. Zappe

Telecommunications Division Siemens America Inc. New York

Light-gathering

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The new product story, "Cathode-ray tube displays fast transients," [April 18, p. 165], contains some serious technical errors indicating the editor's knowledge of optics is not equal to his probable

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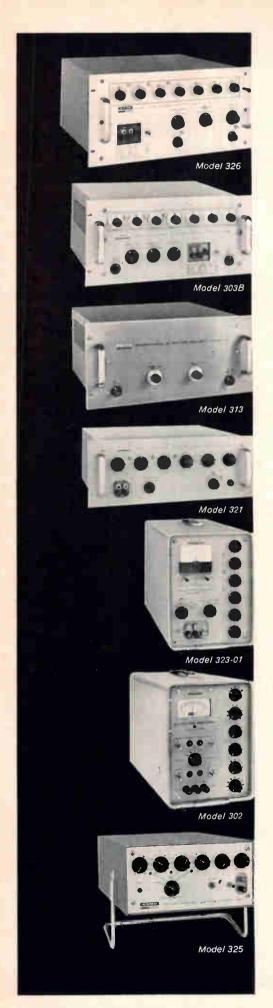
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No doubt the greatest gain comes from using a more concentrated electron beam, and perhaps some additional gain from the use of a faster film for the recording.

Oran E. Miller

Photographic Technology Division Eastman Kodak Co. Rochester, N. Y.

The author replies:

Oran Miller is in error in his remarks concerning the greater light-gathering power of a fiber bundle compared to a lens of a speed of f/1.0. The working speed of f/1.0 was not intended; the ratio of focal length to diameter was meant.

The theoretical gain of the fiber bundle over that of an f/1.0 camera lens is 9 times. However, the gain is generally greater for all practical purposes, since a camera lens is seldom perfectly clean. Therefore, the gain indicated in the article is essentially correct.

The equivalent lens speed of the fiber optic display should be f/0.5, an apparent typographical error or a misinterpretation when the in-

formation was checked over the telephone.

Robert Koppelon

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Stills are still adequate

To the Editor:

In your editorial "School market waits." [May 16, p. 23] you rightly state that engineers may be too sophisticated in their learning system design.

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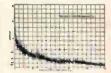
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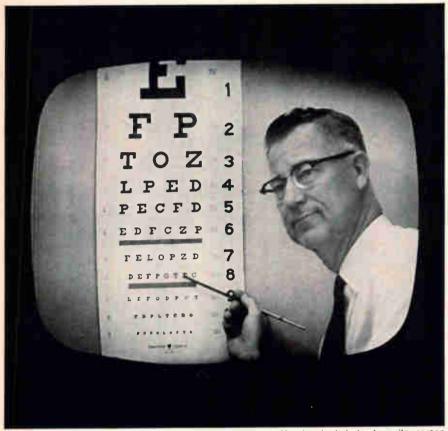


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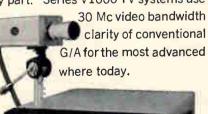
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there, he will be applying his experience in computer-operated display systems to the field of education.

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systems better than the systems they replace) and the reshuffling of the Defense Department's in-house laboratory organization. Next month, Sherwin will move to the Commerce Department. His title there will be deputy assistant secretary for science and technology and there's little doubt he'll bring his spirit of innovation with him.

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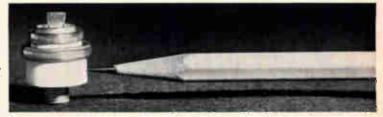
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efforts of the National Bureau of Standards, the Patent Office and the Environmental Science Service Administration. He says he will continue his search for the "mechanism" for translating science and technology into useful systems.

"The civilian areas," Sherwin adds, "are where the logical expansion of the nation's scientific and technological efforts ought to

be."

Garth Heisig, a 44-year-old electronics engineer, has been named assistant to the chairman at Mo-

torola, Inc. The job is tanta-mount to the post of chief technical adviser, providing Motorola chairman Robert Galvin a bridge between the



technical and financial sides of the

company.

Heisig has been with Motorola for the past 21 years. His latest post was group director of consumer products engineering. Before joining Motorola, Heisig was a researcher at the Radiation Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

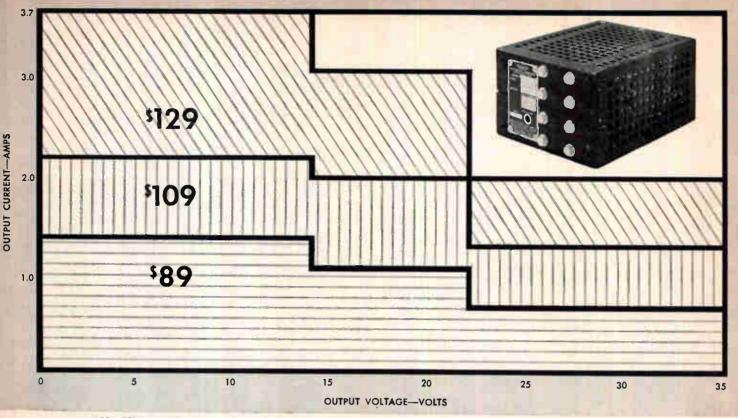
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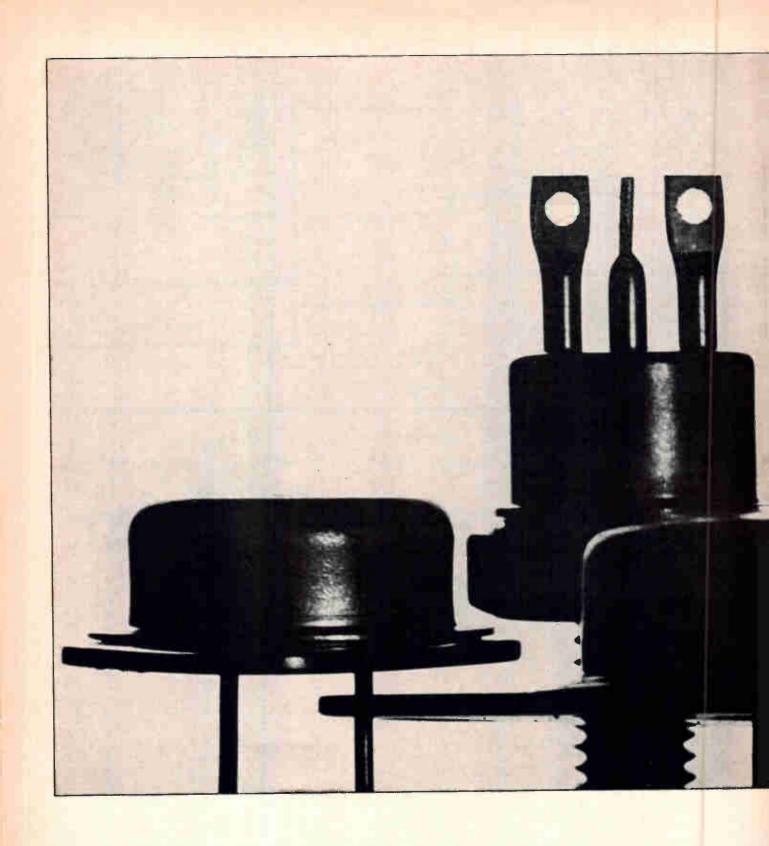
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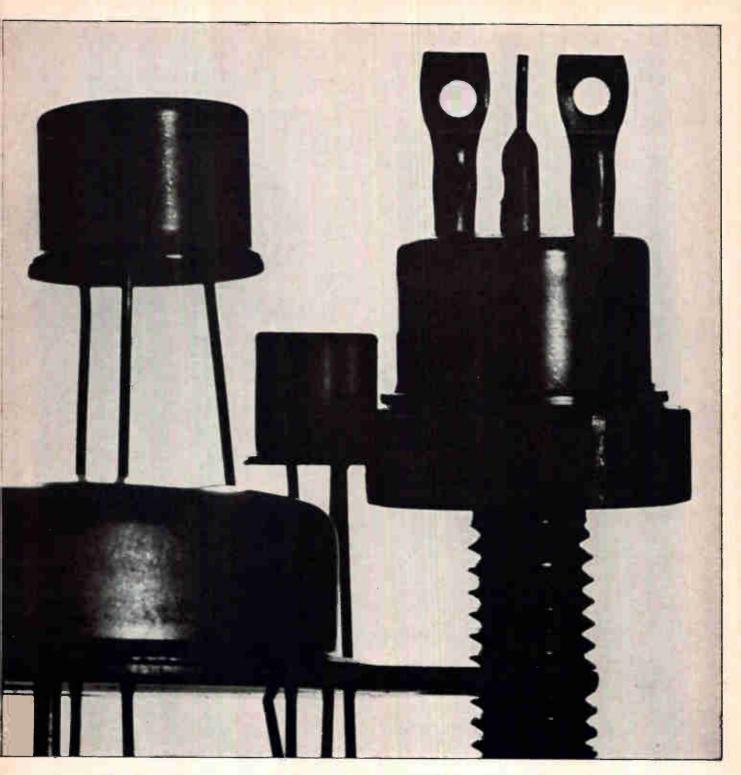
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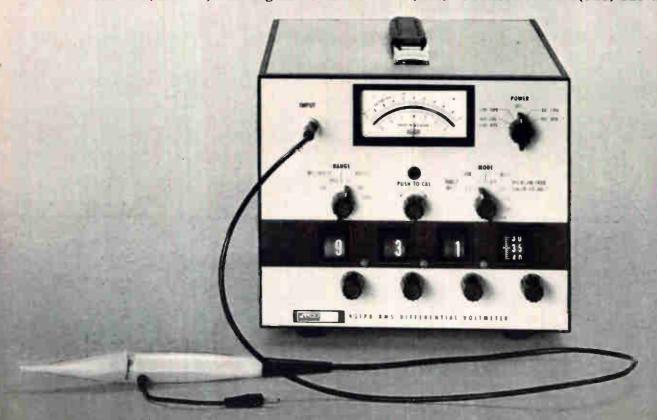
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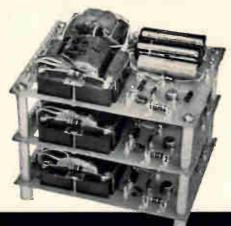
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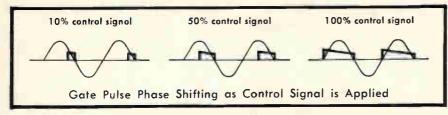


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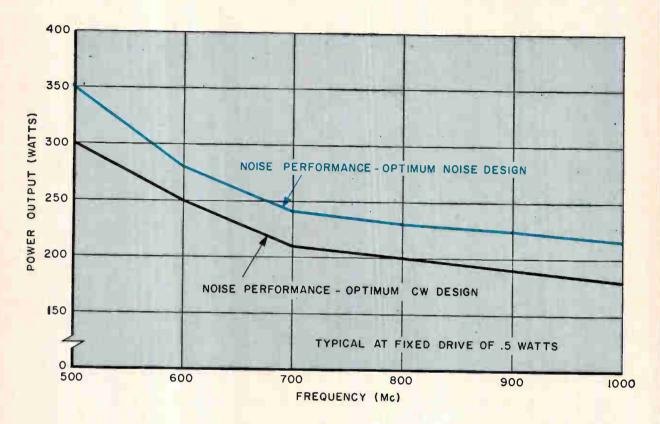
Management of electronics systems in space vehicles will be discussed at a joint meeting of all four groups. Fran Gardiner, lunar excursion module (LEM) project manager for the Radio Corp. of America will moderate a panel in which the participants will be George Stoner, a Boeing Co. vice president and manager of its space division; Joseph Gavin, a vice president of and LEM project manager for the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., Thomas Roger, deputy director for electronics and information systems in the Defense Department, and Leonard Packham, deputy chief of the electronics lab at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Manned Spacecraft Center.

Satellite talk. Experiments in maintaining continuous voice communication with airplanes via satellites will be the subject of a panel to be led by William Carnes, manager of avionics engineering, Annapolis Science Center.

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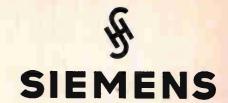
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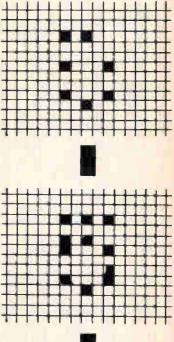
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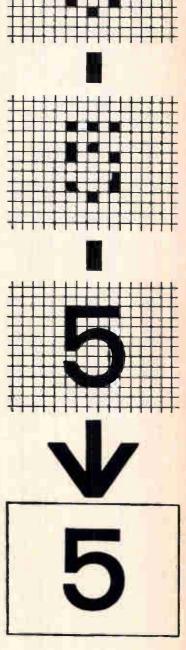
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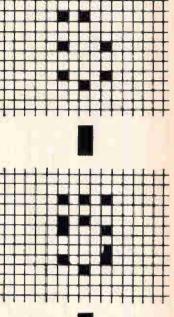
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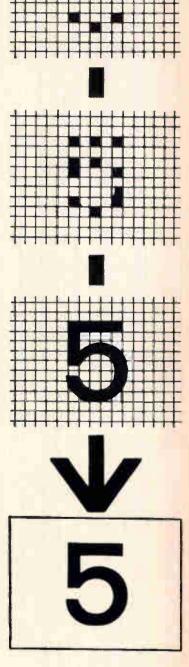
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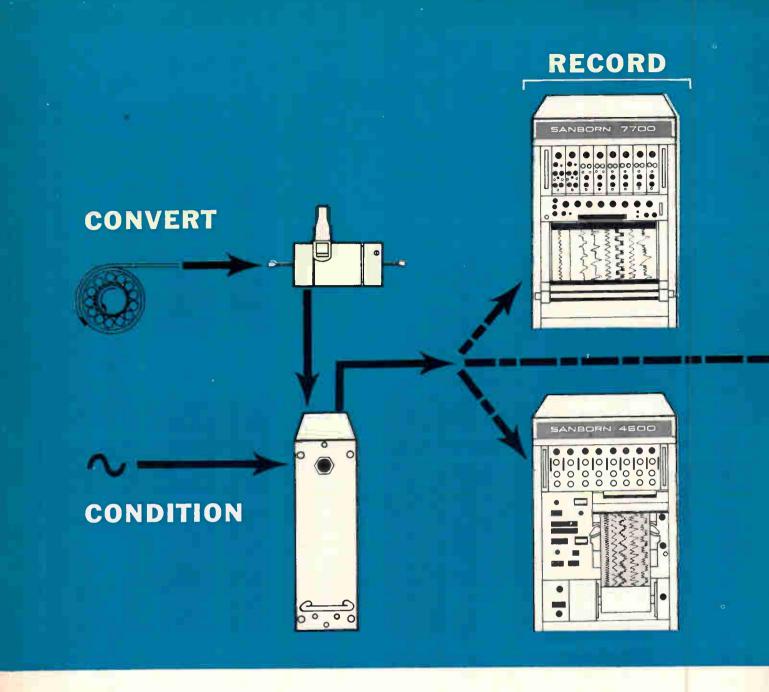
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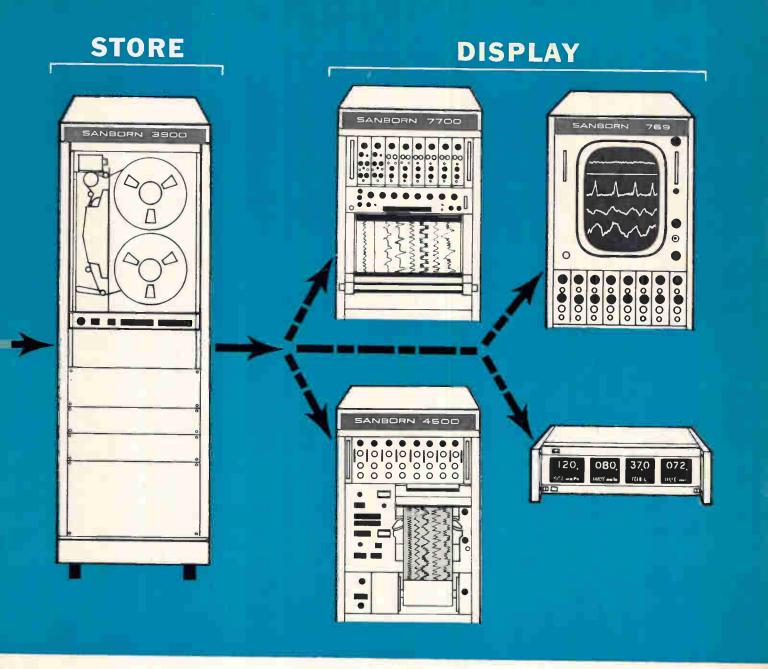
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Editorial

The fear of obsolescence

According to the recruiters, many engineers over the age of 30 suffer from a serious handicap: their technical knowledge is obsolescent. These engineers, say the personnel men, can't handle such technical problems as packaging integrated circuit equipment, working with computer-aided design or exploiting bulk-effect phenomena to generate microwaves. Thus, in spite of a serious engineering shortage, many engineers in the United States are rated unhirable at a time when they should be approaching their technical prime.

"The fast pace of technology is making engineering knowledge obsolesce quickly," explained a recruiter, as he prepared to hop from

city to city looking for new talent.

More and more people, however, are concluding that obsolescence is not an inevitable concomitant of technical knowledge. On page 142, Gerd Wallenstein, an engineering executive who has practiced his craft all over the world, examines the subject of technical obsolescence from that point of view.

According to Wallenstein, there is a natural tendency to give heightened importance to new developments. He claims we can evaluate such developments properly only after a certain amount of time has

elapsed.

This, he says, explains why many companies frantically search for young specialists in narrow slices of the technology, yet paradoxically hire 60- to 65-year old engineers as consultants because the older men have broad experience.

Some educators have plotted curves to show how fast technical knowledge is growing. Examining these curves leads to the conclusion that the engineering graduate of 1970 will find his knowledge obsolete

before he receives his diploma.

That piece of nonsense should be the tip-off that something is wrong with such reasoning. Wallenstein urges engineers to acquire engineering fundamentals—knowledge that does not change drastically—like network and feedback theory, mathematics or an understanding of the properties of materials. And he believes that engineers should read copiously, both technical and nontechnical material. According to him, readings in Shakespeare and Kafka are as important to flesh out an engineer's knowledge as articles on laser modulation and integrated circuit design.

In brief, what Wallenstein is saying is that an engineer soundly equipped with fundamental knowledge and an inquiring mind will

always find a good place in industry.

Though Wallenstein's argument is sound and rational, its tenets are being ignored by most of the companies searching for engineers. The recruiters' orders—and you have only to read the help-wanted advertisements to see them—are to bring in the narrow specialist, the instant expert, the engineer who is already doing this job for a competitor.

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Electronics Newsletter

June 13, 1966

Comsat to propose
U.S.-to-Europe
circuit rate cuts

The fight over providing additional communication service to the Puerto Rico-Virgin Islands area is heating up. Oddly, the size of an expected rate cut for transatlantic satellite communications may hinge on the outcome.

The Communications Satellite Corp. has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for permission to build a \$6-million satellite ground station on St. Croix, V.I. Apparently to sweeten the petition, Comsat will shortly file a request to cut transatlantic rates by between 16% and 20% if the ground station bid is approved by the FCC. On the other hand, Comsat expects to seek only a 4% rate cut if its request is rejected.

Competing with Comsat are the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. The carriers want to lay a new type of 720-channel underwater cable, the first cable developed that can transmit good quality television signals. ITT says there is enough potential business to warrant both the cable and the ground station; its Virgin Islands affiliate is joining AT&T in pushing for the cable while a Puerto Rican affiliate has asked to build and operate a satellite ground station. Either ground station would serve to hook up the entire eastern Caribbean area with the global satellite network proposed by Comsat.

The new Comsat rates are being filed in conjunction with the launching later this year of its latest satellite, 303-A. The present charge by Comsat for one channel per year via one of Early Bird's 240 circuits is \$50,400 between the U.S. and Europe.

ELDO threatened by British stand

Great Britain seemingly has quashed chances for an ambitious Europewide effort in space communications. The Labor Government has announced it would pull out of the European Launcher Development Organization, formed four years ago to develop the Europa-1 rocket, unless Britain's 40% share of costs in the \$500-million project were slashed. ELDO countries met late last week in Paris to decide Europa 1's fate.

There's a strong chance, some observers think, that French President Charles de Gaulle will pick up enough of Britain's tab to keep the project alive. An ELDO collapse would leave the potentially lucrative communications satellite launcher business to the United States—and de Gaulle is violently opposed to that prospect.

Problems slow IBM production, but record is hit

The International Business Machines Corp. is turning out a record number of computers despite yield problems in the production of hybrid microcircuit modules. Presumably these problems have caused IBM to slip behind its production schedule for System 360 computers. In the past four months IBM has produced 1,000 computers.

There are delays of two to three months in building the first model 90's, the largest of the series, which were to have been installed early next year. Similar delays were announced last fall in shipping dates for the first of the smaller models in the series.

On another matter IBM will announce this month or next a line of low-cost airborne computers aimed at the commercial market. IBM's Federal Systems division will build the computers, which represent commercial spin-off from its work in systems for military and aerospace projects.

Electronics Newsletter

NASA picks microwave radar for Apollo

The space agency has selected microwave radar, rather than an optical tracker, for the rendezvous system that will guide the Apollo lunar module from the moon surface to the orbiting mother ship. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has ordered the Radio Corp. of America to continue development of a radar system, which is similar to the one used in Gemini rendezvous missions. The RCA contract is estimated at \$58.5 million.

The Hughes Aircraft Co., contractor for the optical tracker, has been ordered to continue its work—but at a reduced rate—for possible experimental tests on an earth-orbiting lunar module. The Hughes contract is now estimated at \$29.8 million.

Traffic light counts for safety

Count-Down Signal Manufacturing, Inc., of Abilene, Texas, is marketing a traffic light that tells a motorist how soon the green light will change. The amber portion of the traffic light displays, by means of flashing 12-inch numbers, the last nine seconds before the green light changes. When the countdown reaches zero, the green signal light goes off and the amber stays on for an additional three seconds before the light turns red. The system is composed of a solid state control box and 18 light bulbs arranged inside the amber lens. City officials in Abilene say the light helped reduce accidents by 48% at one intersection in the past nine months.

U.S., Japanese firms compete on contract for Air Force job

An updated military microwave communications network will be built in the Kanto Plains area of Japan. The job is known as subsystem B of Project Wet Wash, the Pacific area communications system. The Air Force has invited cost bids from the Federal Electric Corp., Paramus, N.J., and from the Nippon Electric Co. of Japan. Federal Electric is a subsidiary of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

Honeywell's target: industrial computers

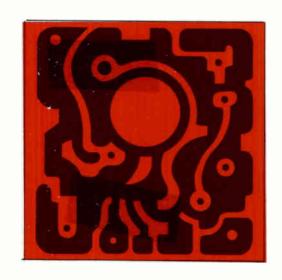
Honeywell, Inc., is aiming at a bigger stake in computer-run industrial process control. The acquisition of the Computer Control Co. of Framingham, Mass., "has given us a base for a substantial expansion of our activities in industrial process control computers," says Honeywell chairman, James H. Binger. Benjamin Kessel, president of Computer Control before its acquisition last month, becomes a Honeywell vice president and general manager of the newly formed Computer Control division. The control systems department, at Fort Washington, Pa., until now a part of the industrial division, becomes a part of Kessel's computer division.

The prime mover in Honeywell's steady march into data processing is Walter W. Finke, who moves up to group vice president heading the new Computer Control division as well as his own creation, the Electronic Data Processing division in Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Electronics sales to hit high in '66

Factory sales of electronic products are expected to rise 11.5% to a record \$19.3 billion in 1966 from \$17.3 billion in 1965, the Electronic Industries Association told its members at its annual convention this month. The biggest rise will occur in the consumer electronics industry, which will show a year-to-year boost of nearly 21% to \$3.7 billion. Spending for electronics by the government will climb 7% to \$9.5 billion.

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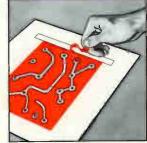


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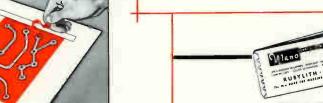
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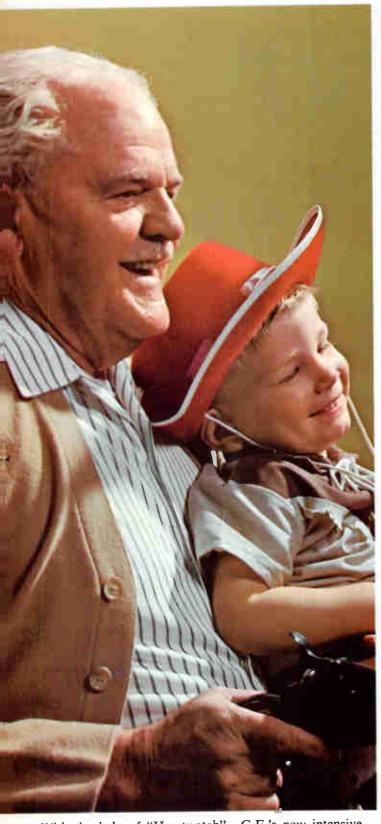
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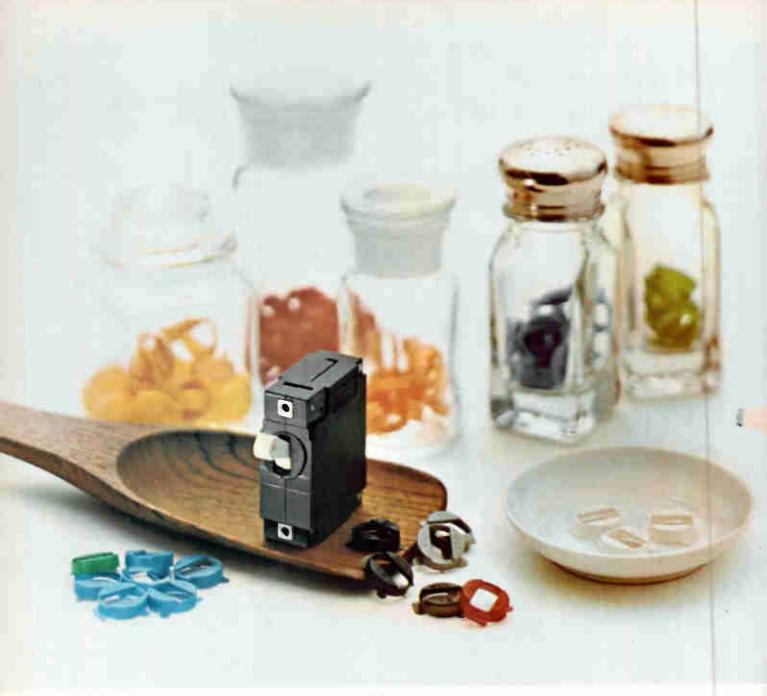
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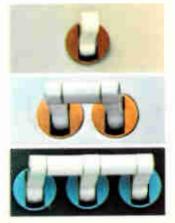
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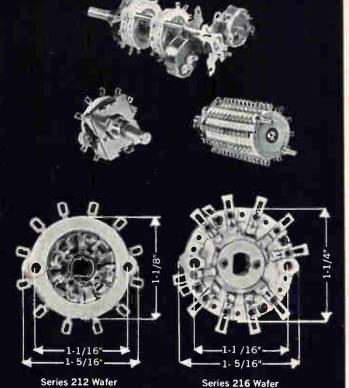
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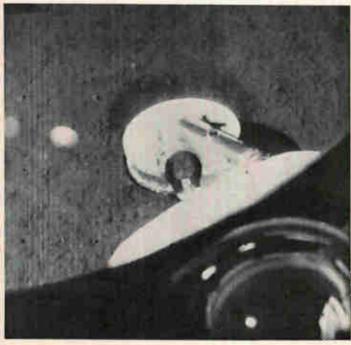
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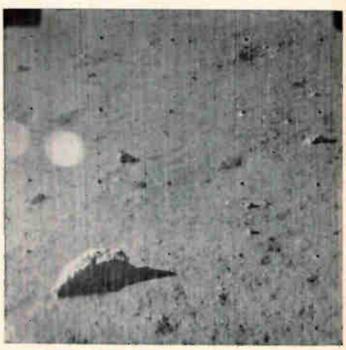
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Surveyor tv camera shoots landing foot resting on lunar surface six feet away.



Lunar surface, smooth except for pebbles and a 6- by 12-in, rock, as televised to earth.

Space electronics

Triumphant Surveyor

On the morning of June 14 the sun will set on a flat lunar plain called Ocean of Storms and on a space-craft sitting near the crater Flamsteed. Later on—probably 10 to 30 hours after sunset—the —250°F cold and darkness of the lunar night may silence America's first "soft lander." But not until Surveyor 1 has performed its complex mission flawlessly.

It was the United States' first try at soft landing and radioing back television pictures from the moon's surface—and no one had expected a completely successful mission. But Surveyor, which only last year had been called by Congress the "least orderly, most poorly executed" of any space agency projects, landed without scratching its gold plating and was sending back large batches of photos of the lunar

countryside.

Scientists who were so sure earlier that Surveyor I would not last through the frigid lunar night, are now hedging. The craft is proving so rugged there is a chance it will continue to operate indefinitely. Surveyor was reported in better shape after a week on the moon, and ultimately may have to be shut off somehow from earth.

Late and expensive. It was nearly three years late and it was costing 10 times more money than anticipated, but Surveyor made heroes out of project personnel at the Hughes Aircraft Co., the builder, and at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the manager. What the first three-legged insect-like craft accomplished was supposed to have taken four or five launches—perhaps all seven of the engineering models.

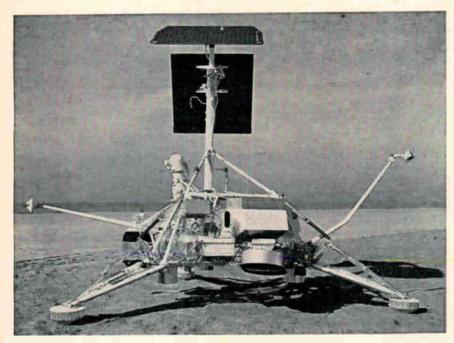
In accomplishing all of its primary and secondary goals, Surveyor 1 "put us at least a year ahead of where we would have

been had the program proceeded as expected," one jubilant National Aeronautics and Space Administration official declared.

While Surveyor's success won't cut a day from the already tight Apollo program, it brought sighs of relief from Bethpage, N. Y., where the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp. is putting together the first flight model of the Apollo Lunar Excursion Model (LEM). This is because LEM will employ practically the same type of softlanding system when it lands two astronauts on the moon by 1969.

The Surveyor landing system had worked only twice before, and only on the New Mexico desert just last month. But it put the 620-pound craft down on the moon at a gentle 7 to 8 miles per hour, slowing it down from 6,000 mph.

Two radars in the closed-loop system determined how high the spacecraft was and how fast it was dropping. This data was fed to gyros and gating logic to control



Research version of Surveyor 1 with extended directional antenna and solar cell array sits on a California beach.

the three vernier engines which slowed the craft's speed during the last 25 miles. The radars, a beefedup version of a helicopter navigation set, were built by the Ryan Aeronautical Co.

No surprises. Surveyor's snooping camera found that the lunar surface was about what scientists had expected and hoped for—firm enough for LEM to land on and man to walk on, at least at this site.

Surveyor's electronics worked like a charm. Except for an omnidirectional antenna that temporarily didn't unfold, no problems were encountered. On-board electronics were complex—the craft could respond to 256 commands and some 300 flight control people were needed at IPL.

One prospective manned landing site has been found and follow-on Surveyors will take a look at other likely spots. Now undergoing final tests at Hughes is Surveyor B, which will be ready to go by August. This is the last Surveyor to be launched this year. It's too early to say whether Surveyor 1, by accomplishing so much, will have any effect on remaining flights.

Besides the seven engineering models, NASA is planning to order the final three heavier, operational spacecraft next month. But these three, which will carry equipment for five additional experiments and another camera, can't be launched until mid-1968. NASA could decide not to fly all the Surveyors or not to buy the last three.

The propaganda race. In rocky highlands some 600 miles from where Surveyor landed is the Soviet Union's Luna 9, which sent back the first tv photos from the moon's surface four months ago. Beyond this feat, however, the crash-proof, uncontrolled capsule was clearly outdistanced by the bigger, more sophisticated Surveyor.

NASA scientists say Luna 9 did not make a true soft landing and was similar to the U.S. Ranger Block 5 series, which was canceled to save money. Luna 9 sent back only a handful of pictures since its batteries gave out after a couple of days. It had no solar cell array to recharge its batteries, such as Surveyor carries.

Qualified success

Although gremlins plagued the Gemini 9 mission from start to finish, the mission could hardly be considered a failure: it provided three experience-packed days that added to America's flight time in space.

Far from delaying the Apollo man-on-the-moon program, last week's Gemini mission went a long way toward sharpening the skills needed for rendezvous in space. Although troubles with two docking vehicles barred the astronauts from docking in space, the more difficult task of rendezvous—something the Russians have yet to demonstrate—was performed three times with the augmented target docking adaptor.

More delays. The first of the many problems occurred when the expensive Agena target vehicle veered off course and plunged into the Atlantic—delaying Gemini's lift-off for two days. Then, before the next launch opportunity, electrical problems in the Atlas resulted in a second scrub. Another two-day delay occurred when two \$5 digital logic modules, out of 2,500 in a ground-based inertial guidance system, failed after the stand-in docking craft was lofted.

Finally, after a 16-day delay, the Gemini lifted off into its planned orbit. And problems continued. After two successful rendezvous, Lt. Col. Thomas Stafford began to doubt the figures being cranked out of his onboard computer. During his third rendezvous attempt, he pulled out pencil and paper and calculated his own rendezvous figures by hand.

A record two-hour-and-nineminute walk in space was marred when Lt. Cmdr. Eugene Cernan did not disconnect the 25-foot umbilical cord and operate independently with a 166-pound back pack. Stafford vetoed the first attempt at using the maneuvering unit because communications were breaking up between the craft and Cernan's uhf radio, and moisture fogged Cernan's helmet visor.

... on the other hand

The space agency needs all the breaks if it is to meet its ambitious schedule of putting man on the moon sometime in late 1968 or 1969. But this tight Apollo sched-

ule may have been dealt a blow by an explosion on May 28 that damaged the only test stand capable of ground testing the second stage of the Saturn 5—the booster that will propel astronauts to the moon.

It was particularly worrisome to National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials since the S 2 second stage, being developed by North American Aviation, Inc.'s Space and Information division, has been described as the pacing item on the entire Apollo program.

Dual role

The space agency is planning a more versatile weather eye in the sky. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has awarded the Radio Corp. of America an \$800,000 contract to design the satellite, which will be launched in 1968.

The two weather eyes that are currently operational, Essa 1 and 2, are limited in the way they transmit photos to the earth. Essa 1 stores a series of pictures taken at rapid intervals and "dumps" them only on order from a ground station. Hence, a composite weather map of much of the world can be built up at a single station. Essa 2, on the other hand, does not store the pictures; it continuously transmits what it sees in real time and the photos are picked up only by stations within range of the orbiting craft; thus the weather pictures picked up by any one station cover the area in its general vicinity. The new craft will be able to do both jobs.

It will weigh nearly 500 pounds and be 5 feet tall and 4½ feet in diameter. The earlier satellites were 2 feet tall by 3½ feet in diameter.

Better aim. Improvements call for stabilizing the new craft in pitch, yaw and roll so that it always points toward earth. A flywheel and magnetic attitude control system will be used for this job. The present satellites are spin-stabilized; their cameras pointing away from the earth much of the time.

With the new stabilization, the

satellite can be outfitted with infrared radiometers for reporting on night cloud cover and cloud heights and temperatures.

Once developed, the new satcllite will be operated by the Commerce Department's Environmental Science Services Administration—origin of the Essa acronym. The agency is exploring a plan with the International Business Machines Corp. and the Communications Satellite Corp. for high-speed world weather exchange via satellite.

In August, the agency hopes to begin launching its weather satellite from the West Coast—where it's easier to achieve polar orbits for better earth coverage. A complex dogleg maneuver is necessary from Cape Kennedy.

By 1969, the agency wants to begin putting its meteorological satellites into synchronous orbits, 22,300 miles high, so each will continuously monitor the same area of the world.

Advanced technology

Absorbing memories

A reversible photochromic reaction, characteristic of two common chemical compounds, may prove to be the basis of relatively simple, high-speed memories with large storage capacity and infinite lifetime.

While computers are shrinking in size and increasing in problem-handling ability, the problem of memory size and access time is still a serious limitation to system design. Conventional core memories are reasonably fast, but with their driving electronics they are quite bulky when large storage capacity is required. Thin-film memories are fast, too, but they aren't as economical as cores.

Joseph Rennert, an assistant professor of chemistry at the City College of New York, now believes that the organic compounds he has been studying can be used to form small, highly dense memories with access times of nanoseconds.

Light change. One compound, cinnamic acid, is a colorless solid material that is readily available commercially. It has the property of being highly absorptive to radia. tion in the near ultraviolet portion of the spectrum, but on exposure to such radiation, the material changes its molecular structure and becomes another compound called alpha truxillic acid. In this form, the optical properties of the material exhibit a marked change from those of the starting material, and it becomes highly absorptive to radiation at a different frequency. The process also is reversible, and the reaction time is limited only by the lifetime of the excited molecules. which is about a nanosecond.

Rennert speculates that one possible memory arrangement would take the form of a substrate disk on which is deposited a layer of cinnamic acid. The disk would be mounted on the face of a cathoderay tube with the phosphor of the tube selected to emit radiation at the desired absorption wavelength. Ultraviolet phosphors are readily available, Rennert points out.

Writing would be performed by selectively irradiating locations on the disk with the electron beam of the crt. For readout, a detector would be mounted in front of the memory. Its output would be fed into a second crt, the sweep of which is synchronized with that of the first crt. In the read mode, the radiation from the faceplate of the first crt would be reduced to a low intensity—too low to effect a chemical change of the deposited layer. Readout would be nondestructive.

Dense memory. The deposited layer of cinnamic acid has a potential theoretical density of 10¹⁴ bits per square centimeter, according to Rennert. This would be reduced a bit by the width of the beam.

According to the chemist, another material exhibiting the effect—but with reduced speed and sensitivity—is a yellow solution of naphthoquinone, which, when irradiated with visible violet light, becomes colorless and shifts its absorption properties into the ultraviolet portion of the spectrum. This might be useful, Rennert says, in

small low-cost memories for processing control that do not require the density of the other type. Memories could be formed from small capsules of the solution arranged in arrays.

Communications

Up in the air

The Federal Communications Commission, with a major assist from private industry, is trying to get an adequate and efficient public airplane telephone service off the ground.

The problem has been in the laps of the FCC and industry for a long time. When the demand for a public air-ground service arose, the commission permitted use of the marine radio service and public coast stations—designed for use by ships at sea. But the growth of private boating after World War II overloaded these facilities.

Between 1958 and 1963, the FCC authorized, for experimental and developmental purposes, construction of 10 separate ground stations for air-ground service, using an f-m system with six channels. This proved inadequate. And, about a year ago, the commission asked industry to come up with a new approach employing a single-sideband system providing for at least 60 two-way voice channels.

Standard-setter. A special committee of the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics, headed by E.O. Hart of the Bendix Corp.'s Radio division, drew up the technical specifications and standards for the proposed system. These, designed to be flexible enough to permit innovation and broad development, were adopted by the FCC last month as an amendment to its original rule-making proposal.

If such a system can be developed—it's still mostly in the minds of a few engineers—the FCC will allocate for its use 454.675 to 455 and 459.675 to 460 megahertz on the spectrum. It also will authorize construction of at least 80 ground stations in the U.S. to receive and transmit radiotelephone calls for aircraft.

Because the standards were formulated by an industry group, the commission-which has given interested parties until Oct. 3 to comment-expects no serious objec-The committee expects implementation of the system beginning in 1971.

Controversy. But this target date may be more than a little optimistic. There was considerable controversy within the committee over the relative merits of the f-m and single-sideband systems. Motorola, Inc., supported in part by the General Electric Co., General Motors Corp., and American Telephone and Telegraph Co., says that an improved f-m system may prove superior and more stable than single sideband.

AT&T went even further: "In our opinion, based on theoretical studies conducted by our laboratories, there is substantial reason to doubt the feasibility of developing a commercially workable single-sideband air-ground system meeting the design criteria specified by the commission. How far the present state of the art and accompanying economic considerations would permit approaching these design criteria could only be determined by an extended development program requiring an estimated three to five years. In our opinion, the chances of achieving the major objectives specified are not sufficient to warrant launching such a program at this time."

Others represented on the industry committee were the Collins Radio Co., Amp, Inc., the National Business Aircraft Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and Aeronautical Radio, Inc.

television community antenna (CATV) and pay-tv. First, a federal court in New York ruled that a CATY firm cannot intercept a motion picture televised over the air without first paying a royalty to the film's producer. Then, California's attorney general asked the United States Supreme Court to rule whether a referendum can outlaw pay-tv.

The CATV decision bodes well for pay-tv, because the increased cost of operating CATV stations would make pay-ty more competitive with CATV. But the growth of pay-ty might be stunted if the Supreme Court decides that the people of a state can ban pay-tv by a referendum.

The CATV case, in litigation for about six years, involves the American Cable Vision Co., which is almost certain to appeal, and United Artists Associated.

Ban the ban? The California case dates back to a state referendum in November, 1964, which banned pay-tv. Last March the state Supreme Court declared the ban unconstitutional. It is this ruling that the California attorney general has asked the nation's highest court to overturn.

Caught by surprise by the appeal was Subscription Television, Inc., which had operated a pay-tv network in California until the referendum, and has since made tentative plans to resume operations. Ironically, on the same day that California motion was recorded by the U.S. Supreme Court, a Subscription Television officer reported to stockholders at the annual meeting: "We're fairly confident the California attorney general won't appeal, but if he does, we'll fight it vigorously."

Consumer electronics

Critical reviews

Two legal actions last month have made the future uncertain for both

Industrial electronics

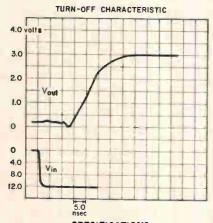
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the first to employ direct digital control," says Worth Loomis, a vice president of the Medusa Portland Cement Co. The decision: direct digital controls.

"Aside from the technical advantages," he adds, "the system will save us about \$150,000 because it uses less peripheral equipment than an analog system.

For the electronic hardware, Medusa turned to the Foxboro Co. of Foxboro, Mass., and ordered a PCP-88 multiple-computer system and supporting electronics that controls the cement-making operation from mixing the raw materials to shipping the finished product. The cost of the system is estimated at about \$750,000. The plant at Charlevoix, Mich., will have a capacity of four million barrels a year when completed in mid-1967.

Analog systems. In the United States alone, there are about 15 cement plants that currently use analog systems to control production operations. Such systems require both an analog and a digital computer; the analog computer picks up analog signals from the sensors and converts them into digital signals for a supervisory digital computer. [Electronics, Aug. 10, 1964, p. 34].

The Medusa system will continuously scan signals from about 150 sensors and adjust almost 50 valves, motors and kiln dampers. Foxboro's PCP-88 has two digital computers: a master-which supervises the production and calculates whether any of the operating set-points must be changed-and the slave—which contains the direct digital control process.

His master's voice. In the event the slave should fail, the master halts the control functions and takes over operation of the plant. In analog system, if either computer fails, the entire production

operation shuts down.

Also, the use of two digital computers-rather than one digital and one analog-eases the language problem. Since analog computers can't operate on the same language as digital computers, engineers working with analog control systems must be familiar with two computer programs. Furthermore, making changes in a program with dual languages is considerably more difficult than with a single language.

The Medusa system will use Fortran, a relatively easy language to master, Loomis explains, so that the engineers and chemists who experiment with the cement-making operation will be able to do their own programing to develop the most efficient production proc-

Medical electronics

Heartprint

"I've been listening to heart sounds for years, trying to make sure of the differences," says Dr. Mortimer L. Schwartz. "Now I can see them in distinct patterns.'

He was viewing two spectral maps from the outputs of a sound spectrograph which had analyzed two sound-alike heart murmurs, one in the aortic area and the other in a pulmonary artery.

The \$12,500 spectrograph has been widely used to help law enforcement agencies identify people from their "voiceprints," and it is now being applied to a variety of medical research areas.

Turn to medicine. At the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, Jersey City, the inventor of the spectrograph, Lawrence G. Kersta, is putting the device and the technique to work to aid heart research by Dr. Schwartz. Kersta, who developed the machine while at Bell Telephone Laboratories, retired this spring to form his own company, Voiceprint Laboratories, in Somerville, N.J.

Usually, a heart specialist decides whether he is dealing with an aortic or a pulmonic murmur by studying electrocardiograms and by listening through a stethoscope. If he is still undecided, it may be necessary to probe the heart area with a catheter. The new technique promises to provide valuable heartprints—like fingerprints—by analyzing recordings made from an electronic stethoscope. By comparing the patterns with those from known conditions, it may be possible to eliminate the need for catheterization.

At Will Rogers Memorial Hospital, Saranac Lake, N.Y., the sound spectrograph is exploring ways of measuring the severity of emphysema in patients. At the research laboratories of a drug company, the technique is measuring the changing emotional levels of a schizophrenic. When emotional disturbance increases, the pitch frequency of the voice rises and syllabic rate changes as well as other characteristics of speech.

Police role. "The possible medical applications are my principal interest," says inventor Kersta. But police and investigative projects have kept him hopping, both when he was with Bell Labs and since.

Early this month, his testimony before a Los Angeles grand jury helped indict an 18-year-old suspect on charges arising out of the Watts area riot. The youth's voiceprint matched that on the tape of a television network documentary in which an anonymous youth boasted details of arson and vio-

The voiceprint technique also played a role in a court-martial at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., when a serviceman was convicted of making obscene telephone calls. Last April, voiceprint evidence was admitted at a perjury trial in White Plains, N.Y.

Some law enforcement agencies are beginning to compile tapes and spectral patterns of individuals, according to Kestra. All investigative agencies of the federal government are actively planning projects along this line, he says. A dozen of the machines have been purchased by government agencies, including the Defense Department.

In addition to probing medical applications, Kersta is working on computer classification and matching of sound spectrograms to replace trained human observers. 'No computer system today has either the hardware or the soft-

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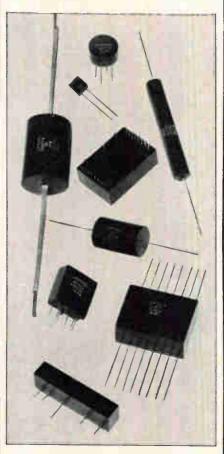
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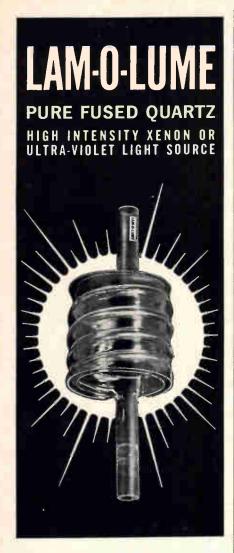
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ware to make a unique identification," says Kersta. "It's part of the over-all problem of pattern recognition by machine."

Narrow the search. As in fingerprint identification, however, computers can narrow the scope of search. Kersta told the Acoustical Society of America at its national meeting in Boston earlier this month. For automated search, the sound spectrograms are classified by a 10-digit binary code. This is based on commonly used words that are picked out of a conversation and scanned. The acoustic signals are converted into electrical signals and these are recorded on a contour map that plots time, frequency and intensity, or loudness.

The sound spectrograph thus produces a contour voiceprint for each cue word selected. This voiceprint is fed into a computer, which assigns it to a 10-digit signature determined by the contour characteristics in 10 segments of the spectral pattern.

For matching, the computer searches its memory file and prints out the index number of each classification code that agrees with that of the unknown voice. A trained person makes the final identification from among the possibilities selected by the computer.

Beating time

Pacemakers help many victims of heart block lead fairly normal lives but the battery doesn't last and must be replaced surgically about every other year.

Now the Atomic Energy Commission has awarded a contract to the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corp. to design and develop a new pacemaker—one that will make life a lot easier for heart patients.

The new model—about twothirds the size of a cigarette pack —would operate for a minimum of 10 years. The pacemaker's fuel is plutonium-238, which provides the heat for thermoelectric conversion. The radioisotope generator produces 162 microwatts of power.

Safety first. Two problems had to be solved in the design. The first was safety—the device had to be

made so the patient would not be subjected to dangerous amounts of radiation. Bert Schwartz, Nuclear Materials' assistant to the president, said the design of the radioisotope generator exposes the patient to less radiation than the five milliroentgens-per-hour limit set by the AEC.

The second problem was to prevent the nuclear fuel from escaping from its container in case the patient was involved in an accident. The company will put the plutonium-238 in a triple-walled capsule—the outer wall of titanium, the middle wall of Hastalloy-C, and the inner wall of tantalum alloy. Schwartz says this capsule design can withstand a direct hit with a bullet from a high-powered rifle, temperatures greater than 1,200°C or even an acid bath without releasing the radioactive fuel.

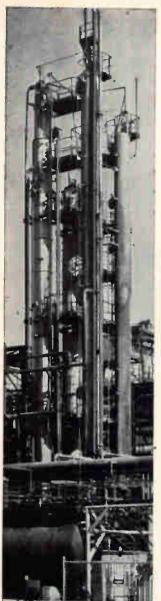
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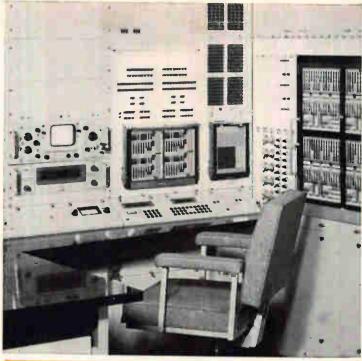
Two-pound radar

The Radio Corp. of America has developed a radar that weighs only two pounds and is attempting to sell it to the Army for use in Vietnam. The radar detects a man at 300 meters and a vehicle at 1,000 meters and can zero in on an area so small that it is able to aim machine guns and bazookas. RCA says it has also developed a new output stage modulator for the unit that promises to increase the radar's detection range to 1,500 meters for men and more than a mile for vehicles.

The radar, developed by RCA's Missiles and Surface Radar division, Moorestown, N.J., was demonstrated at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association meeting in Washington, June 7 to 9.

Although portable radars are under development, none is as light as the RCA unit and none is currently being used in Vietnam. The lightest system now in Vietnam weighs 140 pounds. The Marines are testing a unit built by General Instruments Corp. which weighs 10 pounds. The General Dynamics









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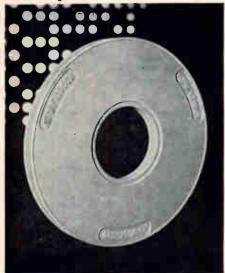
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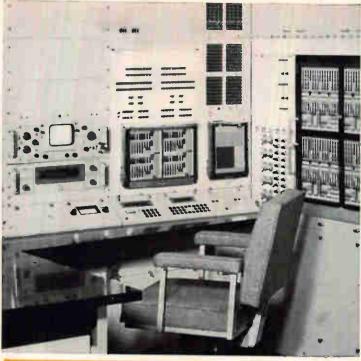
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The Pentagon, on occasion, has upset these lineups once the prime contractor has been selected, by insisting that subcontracts be opened for competition. It touched off a flurry of industry controversy when it required the competition in subcontracts for the Manned Orbiting Laboratory and the C-5A transport plane.

Smaller companies that normally act as subcontractors protested on the ground that the policy creates a kind of double jeopardy. The companies go to the trouble and expense of drawing up a proposal, getting on one of the teams and sweating out the months and sometimes more than a year required for the review and selection. Then, if their team is fortunate enough to be a winner, they suddenly find their participation is not assured and they must fight for position again in a competitive round.

Two sides. Industry is divided on the question. Some companies—particularly the larger ones that are usually prime contractors—assert there is no inherent guarantee to a subcontractor that an original team position exempts him from competition to revalidate his proposal.

The Pentagon policy acknowledges that "there are times when it may be desirable—both from government and industry standpoints—for industry organizations to enter into a team arrangement." The objective should be "to complement the unique capabilities of each team member and to offer the Defense Department the optimum combination of capabilities to achieve the desired operational performance, cost and schedule of the system being procured."

However, the Pentagon made it clear that "in any such proposal, the prime contractor will still be fully responsible for the performance of the contract."

Furthermore, the Pentagon says it will retain the right to:

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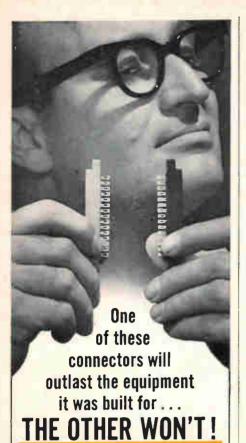
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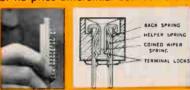




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But the meeting was told that collision avoidance equipment is almost within reach. And suddenly a race is on to provide it.

Three companies are involved, and ironically none of them is a traditional airline supplier. Development has reached the stage where the FAA is drawing up specifications for test equipment, and probably will put out a formal request for proposals before the summer is out. At stake: possibly \$100 million to equip airline, military and civilian planes.

The McDonnell Aircraft Corp. appears the front-runner now [Electronics, April 4, p. 26]. Mc-Donnell already has an operational time-frequency system that it is using to keep its own planes from colliding on test flights. And the company almost had an FAA contract—but pulled out,

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But from a business point of view, the winner may not take all. The contract the FAA will offer presumably would require which ever company provides the tes. equipment to license other manu facturers to use its patents. This would give traditional electronics airline suppliers a crack at the production contracts. And in the race to sell and service known customers, the traditional suppliers would have the head start.

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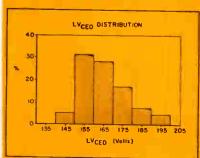
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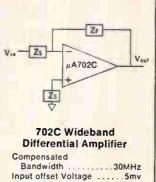
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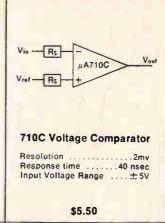
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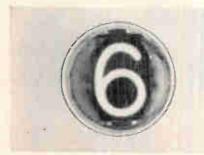
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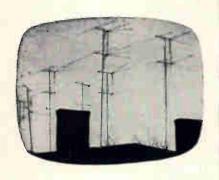
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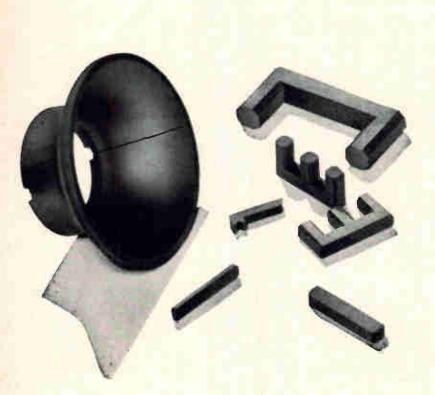
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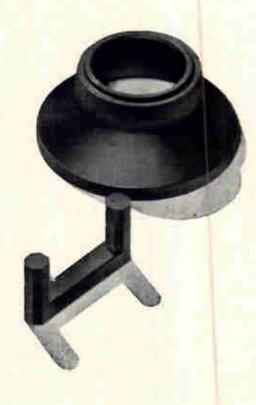
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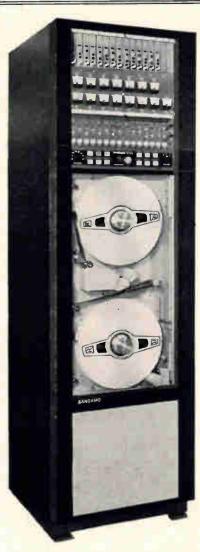
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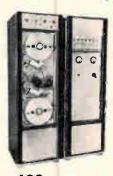
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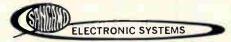
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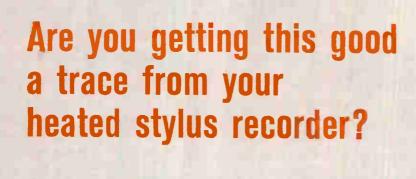
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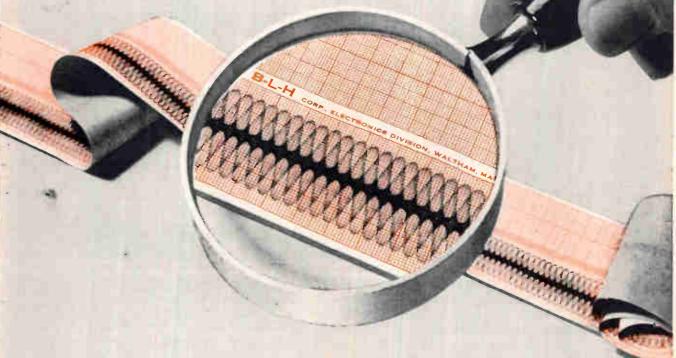
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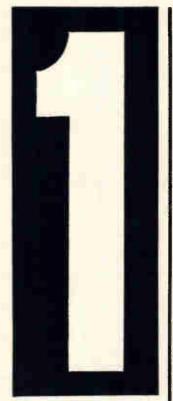
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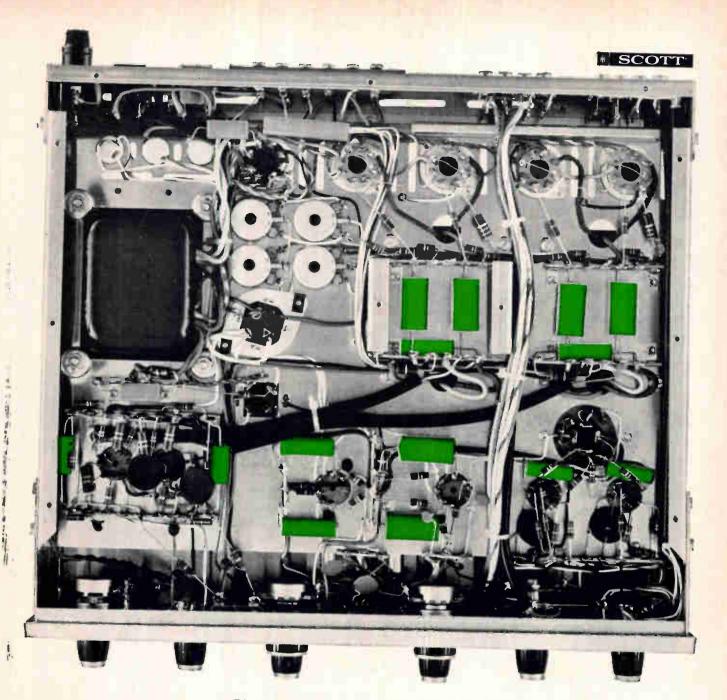
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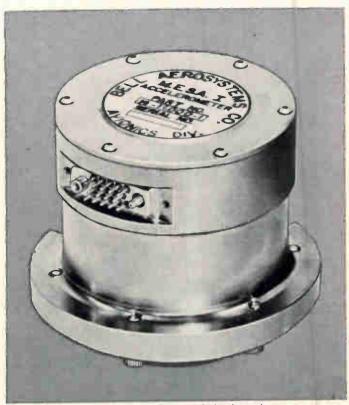


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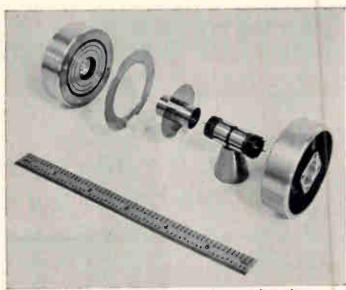
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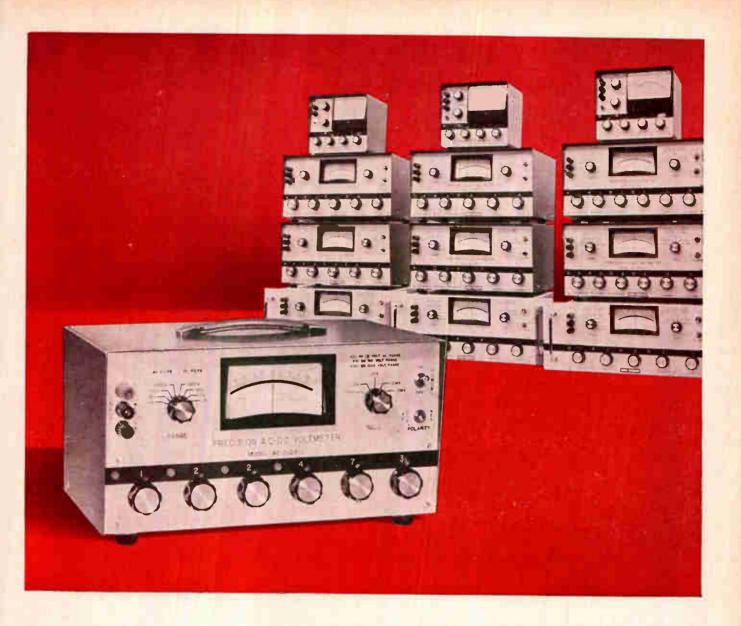


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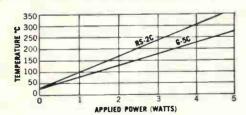
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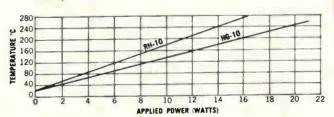


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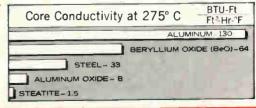


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TRW gambles: satellite started despite dispute

The State Department is entering a dispute between the Communications Satellite Corp. and the Federal Communications Commission over the wisdom of spending some \$40 million for six 1,200-channel communications satellites [Electronics, May 30, p. 149]. The FCC has withheld approval of a contract between Comsat and TRW, Inc. The agency contends that the six satellites seem inadequate to meet the burgeoning demand for domestic and international service. The FCC claims that Comsat may save money and serve its customers better in the long run if it went directly to a 6,000-channel satellite system.

There have been repercussions from the committee that represents the International Telecommunications Satellite Consortium. The group has passed a resolution accusing the U.S. government of delaying development of the global satellite communications system. Because of the delicate international situation, the State Department is holding meetings with the FCC, but so far the FCC has refused to back down.

Meanwhile, TRW is letting the storm rage and is taking a calculated risk by using its own money to fund the project.

Acting FCC Commissioner Rosel H. Hyde is reported to have told the State Department that if the parties involved are unhappy with the FCC's action, then they should take it up with Congress, which passed the Communications Satellite Act in 1962.

It is more likely, however, that White House intervention will seek to move FCC in the direction of the international view, probably eliminating the need for an appeal to Congress for new legislation.

Build Nike X now, say Joint Chiefs

Newly released congressional testimony emphasizes the sharpness of the split between Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara and the Joint Chiefs of Staff over production of the Nike X antimissile system.

Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, told the House Armed Services Committee that the Joint Chiefs favor production of a full-scale system capable of defending against a Russian threat. "And now—starting now," he emphasized.

But McNamara said, "I seriously question whether it is wise to proceed with an antiballistic-missile defense against the Soviet Union. Among other reasons, I question it because I do not believe the American public—or the American Congress—will accept the prerequisite for such a defense, which is a full fallout-shelter program."

McNamara repeated his assertion that a less sophisticated system capable of coping with a Chinese missile threat seems desirable. But he believes the threat is sufficiently distant to allow a year to pass before a decision is needed.

Both Senate and House Armed Services Committees have approved \$170 million to tool up for deployment of Nike X. But they did so without attempting to define the type of deployment or its scope—nor did they provide funds for fallout shelters.

Air Force hopes bomber blueprint will unleash funds In July the Air Force expects to tell the Pentagon chief exactly what it wants in a new manned bomber. The Air Force hopes the proposal will spur a go-ahead for contract-definition competition.

In the complicated dispute over the need for a new bomber, McNamara

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has so far denied funds to start contract definition on the ground that the Air Force has never presented a "clear" proposal on the bomber. Gen. John P. McConnell, Air Force chief of staff, and Air Force Secretary Harold Brown, while agreeing on need for a bomber, have differed in the past on its general concept.

Now they are moving toward a united recommendation. And, in anticipation of a stronger case by the Air Force, both Senate and House Armed Services Committees have voted \$11.8 million for contract definition.

However, the Air Force must still convince McNamara. He feels the present bombers—the late model B-52's and the bomber version of the F-111—will provide a bomber-missile mix into the mid-1970's. After that he anticipates missiles alone will provide all the capability needed.

McNamara says: more for MOL if need is proved Defense Secretary McNamara says the Air Force will get more money for the Manned Orbital Laboratory (MOL) if it needs it. The Air Force originally sought \$395 million for the coming fiscal year. McNamara cut this to \$159 million because the program had fallen behind schedule. The Air Force agreed that because of the schedule delay it could not justify its original request. But Air Force officials and McNamara are still \$85 million apart in estimates of what will be needed.

McNamara told Congress he will get the money from his emergency fund or by reprograming "if I prove in error." He heartened MOL advocates by saying: "This is a project I initially strongly recommended . . . and I'm just as anxious as the Air Force that it proceed expeditiously. But I don't want money to be spent that can't be spent properly."

Prime contractor for MOL is the Douglas Aircraft Co. The Westinghouse Electric Corp. will build the craft's experiments packages.

FCC may gain fresh controls over r-f pollution

The House is expected to approve—but not till late in the session—a Senate bill giving the Federal Communications Commission the power to regulate the manufacture of devices that can interfere with radio reception. The FCC already has power to regulate the use of such devices; the new authority will permit rulings on manufacture, sale or shipment of garage-door openers, electronic heating devices, diathermy machines, welding devices, and even radio and television receivers that may inadvertently radiate interference because of poor design.

Military shifts several officials in electronics field Brig. Gen. Walter E. Lotz, the assistant chief of staff for communications and electronics for the U.S. command in Vietnam, is being transferred to the Pentagon to become the Army's chief of communications and electronics. He will succeed Maj. Gen. David P. Gibbs.

Lotz will be replaced in Vietnam by Air Force Brig. Gen. Sam L. Huey, commander of the Tactical Air Command communications region of Air Force Communications Service, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Holzapple, director of the Defense Department's weapons systems evaluation group, will become Air Force deputy chief of staff for research and development, effective Sept. 1. Holzapple succeeds Lt. Gen. James Ferguson who is becoming commander of the Air Force Systems Command.

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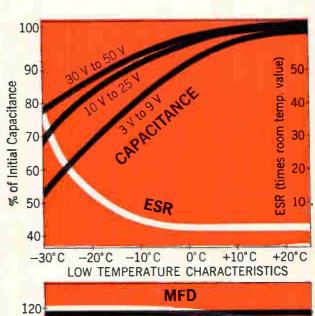
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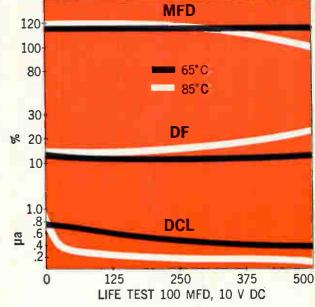
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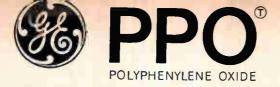
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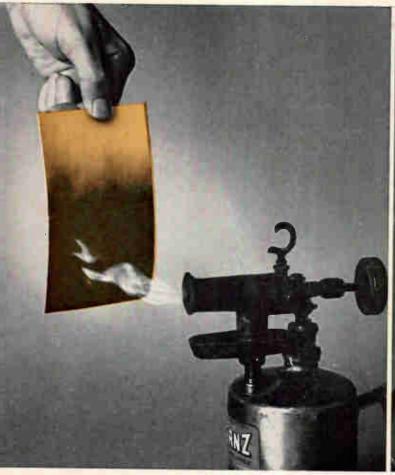
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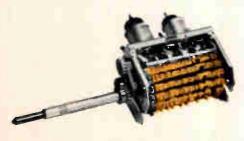
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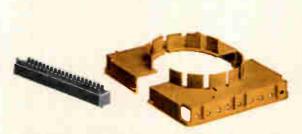
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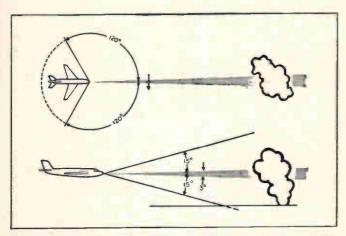






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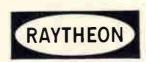
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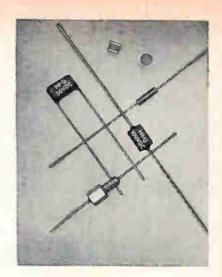
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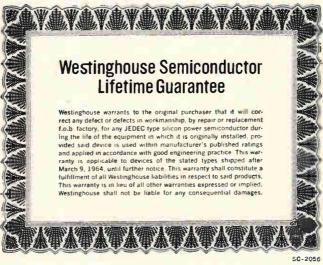
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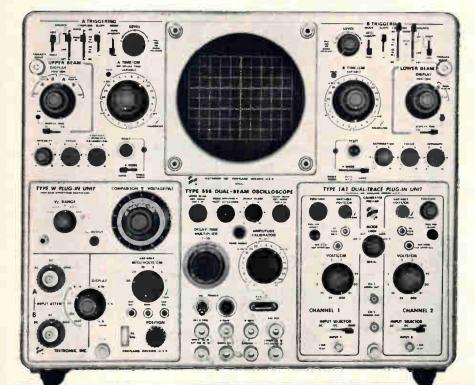
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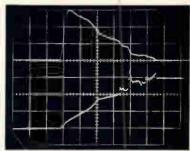
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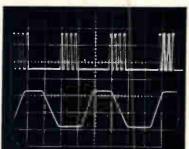
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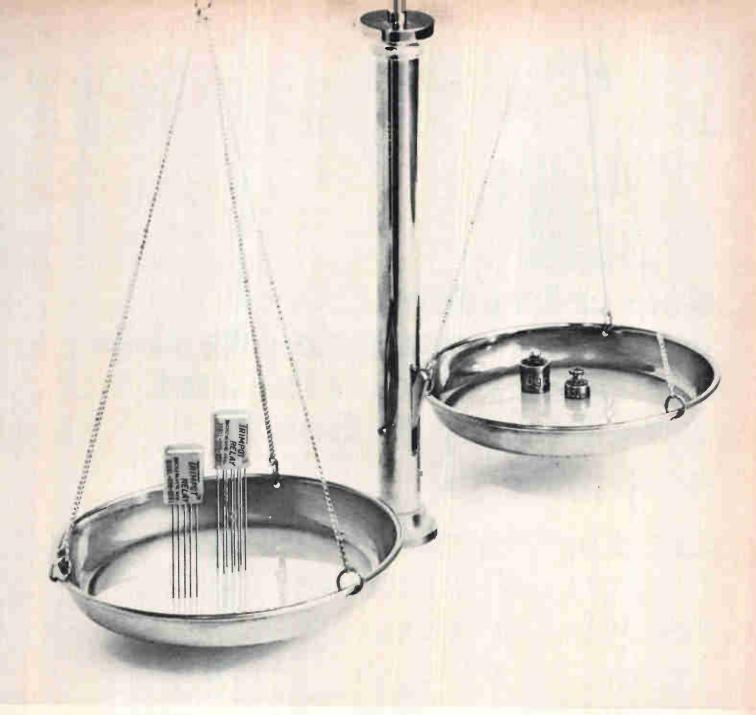
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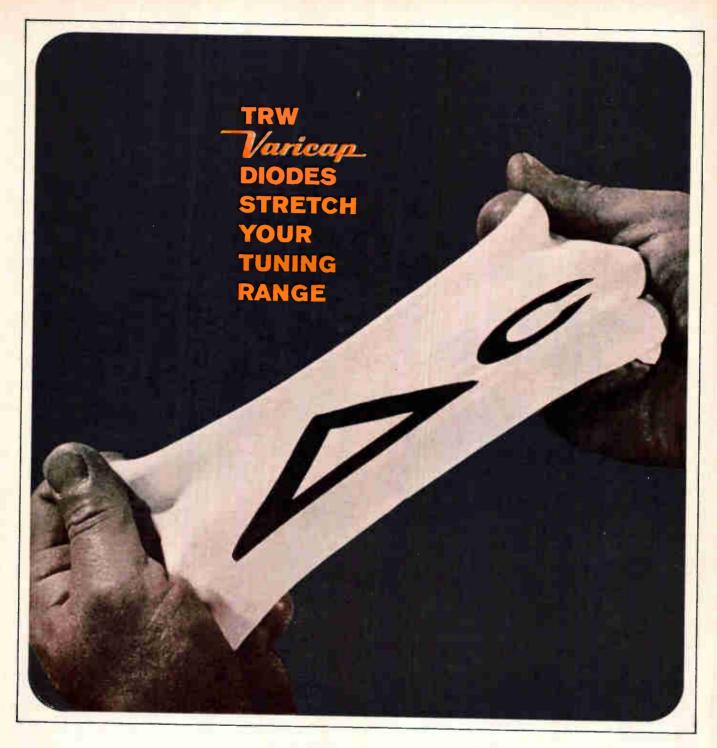
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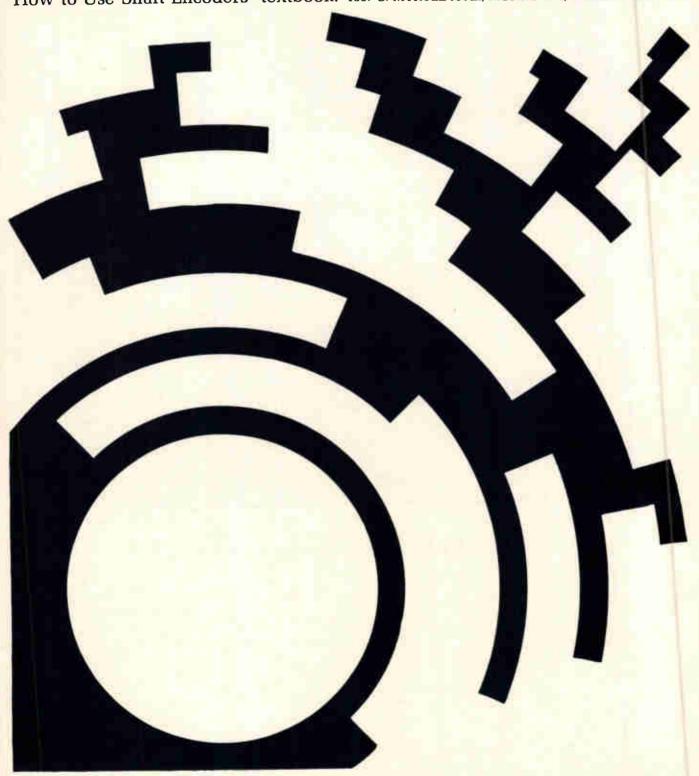
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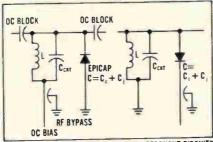
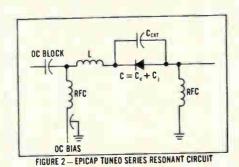


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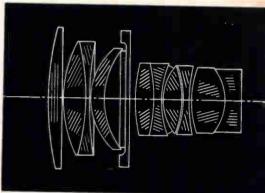
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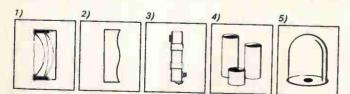
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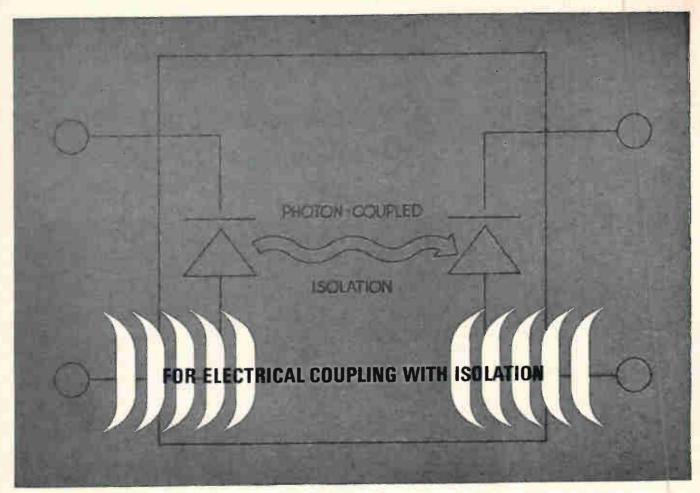


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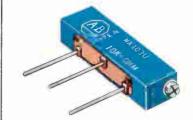






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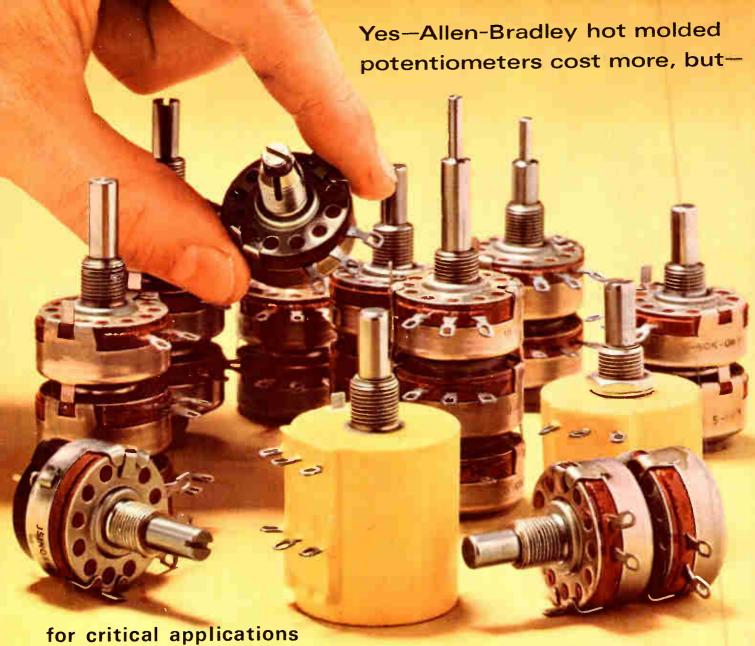
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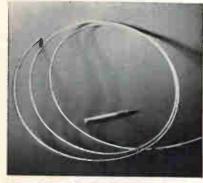
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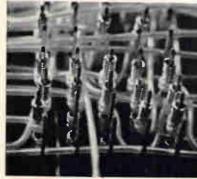
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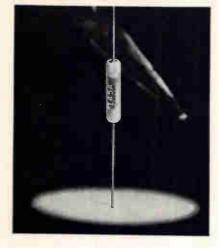
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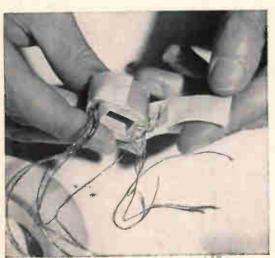
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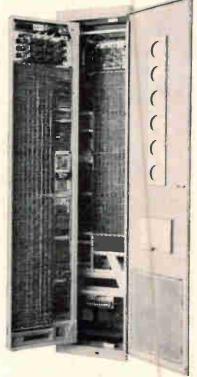
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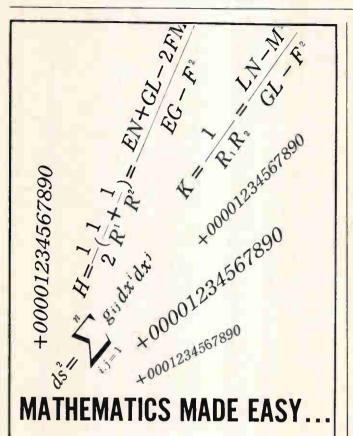


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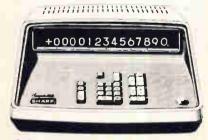


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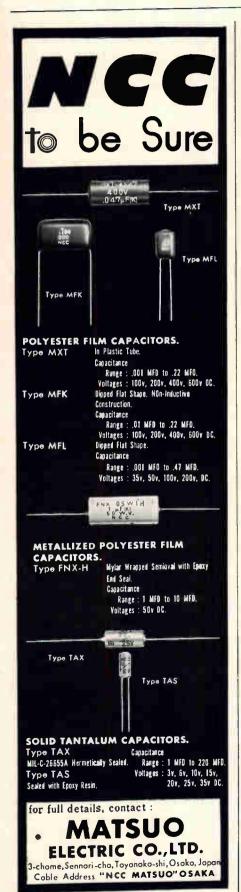
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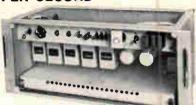
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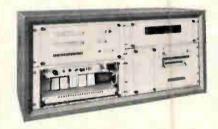
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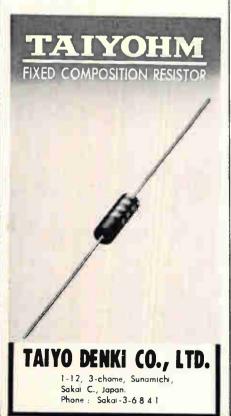
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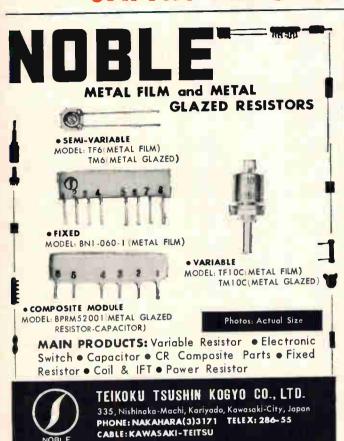
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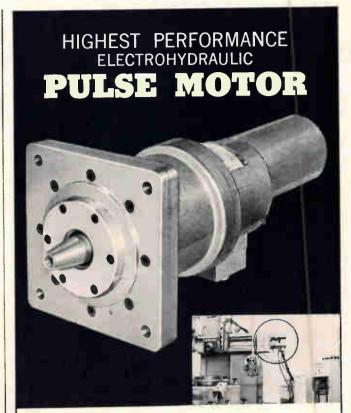
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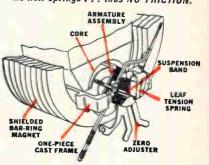




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Technical Articles

Vortexes stir up superconductors: page 100

Tiny whirlpools of magnetic flux in superconductors have been postulated for years to explain some of the properties of superconductors. Recent work has indicated that control of these vortexes could lead to new types of d-c motors and generators, computer memories, logic elements and other magnetic devices.

Summed scr outputs boost transmitter power: page 119 Getting high r-f power at low frequencies usually dictates a brute force approach—huge tubes, inherently unreliable, hooked up in parallel. Now the silicon controlled rectifier provides an efficient source of 150 kilowatts in a compact solid state transmitter operating in the low and very low frequency bands.

Welding IC modules automatically: page 128



Although welded construction is inherently reliable, it has been a costly method of integrated circuit assembly. A new module design that allows numerical control equipment to weld and test interconnections and even coordinate the electrical design, makes welding competitive. Key to the module design is the use of punched nickel foil laminations for signal wiring between IC

flatpacks. The foil-punching equipment, now producing Apollo computer modules at the Raytheon Co., was photographed for our cover by Robert A. Johnson.

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Vortexes are creating a stir in the superconductor field

Researchers are developing new types of memories, transformers and logic devices by controlling the magnetic-field penetration of superconductors

By Judea Pearl*
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For years physicists have been intrigued by the effects of vortexes—tiny cylinders of normal (non-superconducting) metal that pass magnetic flux through superconductors. Superconductors, which have practically no resistance to current at or near absolute zero, are usually a barrier to magnetic flux.

Control of vortexes could mean development of new types of direct-current generators, motors and transformers, computer memories and logic elements. Revolutionary devices analogous to the transistor could spring from this peculiar magnetic excitation.

Vortexes are quantum mechanical in nature, localized in space and can maintain their identity indefinitely. Variations in the applied magnetic field can make vortexes appear and disappear, move, and annihilate each other.

Computer memories that would exploit vortexes in superconducting storage mediums have been under development for several years.¹ Studies indicate potential for a faster, more compact, random-access computer memory that could store up to a billion bits of information, about 100 times the capacity of present memories. Switching would be accomplished by forming pairs of vortexes of different polarities, which can be made to move in *Now with Electronic Memories, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif.

The author



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prescribed ways by applying current.

Controlling the relocation of vortexes that represent information bits could enable both storage and logic operations to be performed at the same location in a superconducting memory.

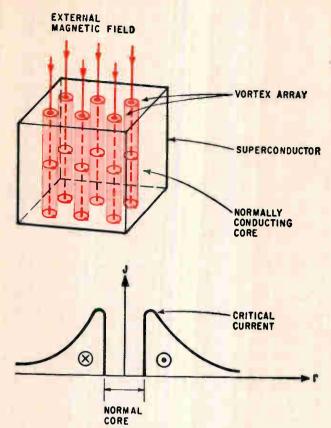
A device analogous to a drum memory is another possible application. Bits in the form of vortexes would be written onto a drum with pulses and would travel around the drum's circumference while the drum remained stationary.

A d-c generator that takes advantage of vortex motion has been built. It has no brushes and operates at cryogenic temperatures with an efficiency of about 9%.

Superconductive vortexes behave like charged particles in many respects. For example, while the transport of electrical charges produces a steady magnetic field, the transport of vortexes is analogous to a current of magnetic monopoles and produces a steady electric field. Electric charges accelerate along the electric field lines, while vortexes accelerate along the magnetic field lines (produced by the transport currents). Superconductors seem to be the first known medium in which the similarity between electric and magnetic charges has found a physical embodiment. This similarity could be exploited by engineers to yield devices like the vacuum tube and the transistor, operating by transport of magnetic monopoles instead of electrons.

The mixed state

Besides complete loss of electrical resistance, a basic property of superconductors is their ability to expel magnetic fields from their interior. This phenomenon is known as the Meissner effect.² Ordinarily magnetic fields cannot penetrate a superconductor. However, if the field is raised above a

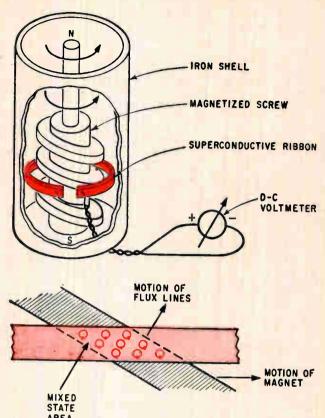


Abrikosov's vortex model, showing partial field penetration through cylindrical volumes, or flux tubes, of normal material, in color, within a superconductor. The structure of an individual vortex, directly above, shows spatial distribution of circulating currents around a normal core whose radius is a few hundred angstroms.

certain level, it will drive the superconductor into the normal state, and immediately penetrate it.

Certain metals, on the other hand, do not exhibit this effect, but are partially penetrated by magnetic fields even while in the superconducting state. At first, partial penetration was attributed to defects and impurities in the metal, but investigation³ shows that the Meissner effect is incomplete in certain metals and would remain incomplete in a highly pure and defect-free state. These materials were named type II superconductors; the designation type I characterizes superconductors that exhibit a complete Meissner effect.

How magnetic fields partially penetrate superconductors was analyzed by A. A. Abrikosov in 1957. According to his model, shown above, external magnetic fields can penetrate type II superconductors in the form of a periodic array of flux tubes, or vortexes. A vortex's cylindrical core of normally conducting metal has a radius, r, of about a few hundred angstroms. The magnetic flux is sustained in a vortex by persistent currents that circulate around the core, shown above, where J is the density of the superconducting current. Vortexes are also believed to exist in thin films of type I superconductors in perpendicular fields, where the geometrical shape of the film forces a premature field penetration.

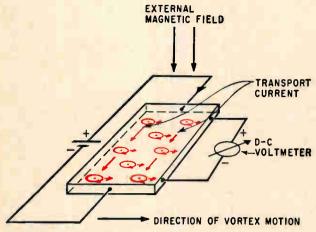


Experimental arrangement which could be used as a generator. Magnetized screw rotates inside coil of superconducting ribbon, in color, producing a d-c voltage across the ribbon as the lines of flux are cut. A magnified view of a portion of superconductive ribbon shows motion of the mixed state area, in color, and motion of the flux lines.

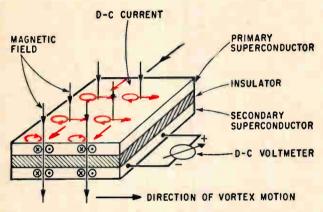
Fact or theory?

Abrikosov's vortex model of the mixed state (partially superconducting and partially resistive) of superconductors has a wealth of experimental verifications. Among the most significant of the experiments are magnetization measurements, neutron diffraction,⁵ and experiments on microscopic geometries.⁶

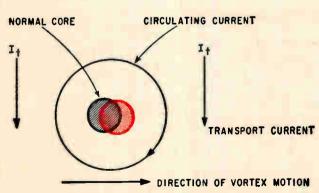
While Abrikosov's theory successfully explained equilibrium properties of superconductors, it has been difficult to apply it to dissipative processes. Since most of a superconductor in the mixed state is still superconducting, it should be able to transport electric currents with no resistance. Surprisingly, superconductors in the mixed state do exhibit a little resistance, or dissipation of power, even for very low densities of vortexes. The motion of Abrikosov's vortex lines appeared to account for this phenomenon. 7.8 When transport currents pass through a superconductor, a force is exerted on the vortexes that causes them to move uniformly at right angles to the current flow, top of page 102. The continuous motion of flux lines cutting the sample should produce an induction type of electromotive force in a direction perpendicular to the vortex motion. So, the voltage appearing across the sample was not considered an ordinary ohmic



Model of magnetic flux flow explains why resistance appears when portions of a superconductor are superconducting. The voltage across the superconductor sample is an induced back emf due to flux cutting. Vortexes and their direction of motion are shown in color.



Direct-current electrical energy can be transferred from the primary to the secondary circuit as in an ordinary transformer. Because the vortexes in the two strips, in color, are magnetically coupled, current-induced motion of vortexes in the primary results in motion of vortexes in the secondary, demonstrated by the appearance of a d-c voltage across its length. Such a transformer could be used to charge superconducting magnets.



Vortex motion can be explained by examining the critical transitions at the core boundary. The vortex position shifts because the transport and circulating currents add at the right of the core, driving more material there into the normal state. Some of the material at the left reverts to the superconducting state. The net effect is motion of the vortex to the right. The shifted position is shown in color.

potential drop but was believed to be an induced back emf due to flux cutting.

This flux-flow model⁹ explained a number of dissipative phenomena of the mixed state. However, the basic ideas were repeatedly criticized, and the question of whether vortex motion did cause dissipation remained unanswered. The model was difficult to accept because there is no apparent explanation for the driving force (called the Lorentz force). Exact calculations of the magnetic interaction between the transport current and the vortex currents do not yield the force given by the flux-flow model. Second, the induction of a d-c voltage in a stationary circuit that encloses a constant magnetic flux appears to be incompatible with the fundamental laws of electromagnetic induction.

Experimental proof

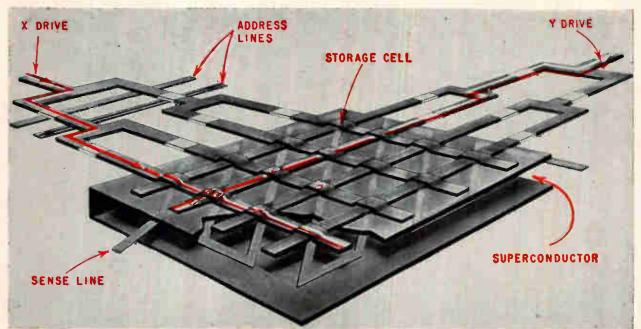
An experiment was needed to prove or disprove the validity of the flux-motion model. The model can be tested¹⁰ by causing a continuous motion of flux lines in a currentless superconductor and then searching for a d-c voltage across it. Only when the superconductor carries no current can the induced voltage be attributed to motion of vortexes with the certainty that it is not ordinary ohmic voltage. Two experiments proved the theory.

In one,¹¹ the vortexes were moved by rotating a magnet near a superconductive ribbon as on page 101. A permanently magnetized screw is coaxially inserted in a coil made of 150 turns of the ribbon (only one turn is shown in the figure). A cylindrical iron shell provides an easy return path for the magnetic lines, and forces the magnetic field at the ribbon to assume a radial direction. This arrangement is actually a superconductive version of a d-c generator.

At regions of high field intensity, the magnetic field penetrates the ribbon and forms a mixed-state area aligned with the spiral threads, lower right figure, page 101. As the screw rotates, the mixed-state area tends to stay aligned with the threads, since this constitutes the lowest energy state for the vortexes. The vortexes follow the screw motion because a force is exerted on them in the direction of the energy gradient. The vortex motion has a component transverse to the length of the ribbon, and so, a continuous motion of flux lines is established across the ribbon.

A unique feature of the spiral magnetic arrangement is that vortexes are forced to move while the mixed-state area extends across the entire width of the strip. Also, there is no change in the total flux linking the coil, since the ribbon is wrapped symmetrically around the screw.

These are also the conditions in the flux-flow model used to measure resistance, shown at the top. According to this model, there should be a d-c voltage across the ribbon. Rotation speeds ranging from one to five revolutions per second were used, and d-c voltages roughly proportional to speed and as high as 100 microvolts were observed. The polarity of the voltage agreed with that predicted



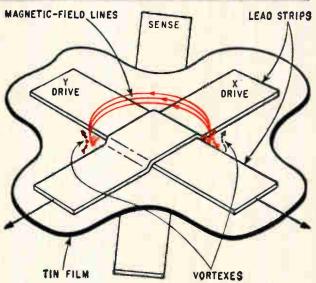
Superconducting memories could store up to a billion bits of information. This model consists of a continuous sheet of superconductor with two perpendicular grids of lead drive lines. Switching consists of the annihilation or creation of vortexes at the x-y intersections. In color are the x and y drive lines through which current is sent to initiate switching. At the right is a single memory cell showing vortexes, in color, formed by the magnetic field at the drive lines' intersection.

on the basis of the flux-flow equations and could be reversed by reversing the direction of rotation. As the temperature increased to the point where the vortex structure disappeared, the induced voltage also vanished.

According to the flux-flow model, if current were passed through the ribbon, a force would be exerted on the vortex lines which could cause them to move and drag the magnet into continuous rotation. This would correspond to operating the generator in the top right figure, page 101, as a d-c motor. With proper modification of the design, motor action can be demonstrated.

Another experiment^{12,13} combines the motor and generator actions to form a d-c transformer. Two superimposed superconducting strips, separated by a thin insulating layer, are placed in a perpendicular magnetic field—the middle figure on page 102. When d-c current is applied to the primary, a d-c voltage is induced in the secondary. The vortexes in the secondary strip are magnetically coupled to those in the primary, so current-induced motion of vortexes in the primary exerts a force on the vortexes in the secondary. When this dragging force overcomes the pinning forces due to defects, the vortexes continuously move in the currentless secondary, and a d-c voltage is induced across the length of the secondary.

The two experiments show that the vortexes move, but not why. Nor do they explain what mechanism is responsible for generating a d-c emf along the superconductor when the vortexes move.



That a vortex cannot remain stationary in the presence of transport currents is demonstrated in the graph at the top of page 101. The boundary of the normal core remains stationary when the current density at the boundary does not exceed the critical current density of the superconductor. Therefore, the current density at the core boundary is just below its critical value.

However, if a transport current I_t is superimposed on the circulating vortex current, bottom of page 102, the vortex will move. The two current components will add on the right side of the vortex and oppose each other on the left side. The sum of the current I_t and the circulating current is sufficient to drive a small area at the right of the core into the normal state. At the same time, the current density at the left edge of the core is reduced below the critical value, and therefore drives a small portion at the left edge of the core from its normal state to its superconducting state. The

net effect of the transport current is to cause the whole vortex, with its currents and fields, to move

to the right, as indicated by the arrow.

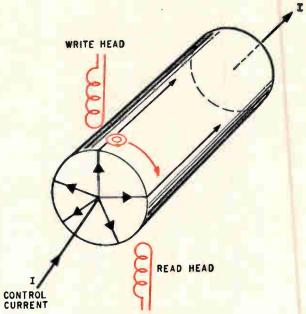
This picture of vortex motion can be used in more complicated configurations to predict where motion should occur. To find the magnitude of the driving force a simplified hydrodynamic approach can be used, and the difference in hydraulic pressure on both sides of the vortex can be calculated. According to Bernoulli's law, the pressure in a fluid decreases as the square of the fluid velocity. The pressure on the right side of the vortex (see the figure at the bottom of page 102), which carries a high current density, is lower than the pressure on the left side, where the current density is low, and consequently the vortex will tend to move to the right. This effect is similar to the tendency of rotating bodies to move sideways when immersed in a moving fluid,14 a phenomenon first noted by a German scientist named Magnus about a century ago. The calculated magnitude of the Magnus force for superconducting vortexes is identical with the Lorentz force predicted by the flux-motion model.

A similar model explains the origin of d-c emfs induced by vortex motion. When a rotating cylinder is moving in a stationary fluid, a pressure difference develops because of the difference in fluid velocity on both sides of the cylinder, tending to pump the fluid in a direction perpendicular to the cylinder motion. In superconductors, the fluid consists of charged particles, and the hydraulic pressure is manifested as voltage. The voltage direction is such that the resulting electric current slows down the vortex motion. The magnitude of the induced voltage, when computed on the basis of the pressure due to the Magnus force, is again identical with the prediction of the flux-flow model where the voltage was incorrectly attributed to Faraday induction.

Applications of vortex motion

The ability to produce and detect a controlled motion of vortex lines in superconductors has great potential applications to energy conversion and computer devices. The arrangement at the top of page 101 could be used as a high-current, d-c generator and motor. Its current-carrying capacity is determined by the critical current of the superconductor used. Excess load current tends to slow down the motion of the vortexes and thus reduces the output voltage. Its equivalent internal resistance is just the flow resistance of the mixed state. Initial calculations show that such a generator would run with an efficiency of about 16%. Taking into account the energy required to refrigerate the system, the efficiency reduces to only 9%. However, it would require no brushes or commutators.

An immediate use of these generators would be charging high-current superconducting magnets, where the heat-conducting, high-current leads could be replaced by a single rotating shaft. A greater economy could be achieved when the moving magnetic field shown in the lower figure at the top



Shift register or nonrotating drum memories could be developed as an application of vortex motion. The control current causes the vortexes, in color, to rotate continuously around the cylindrical surface of the drum, while the drum remains stationary.

of page 101 is produced by a stationary circuit carrying alternating currents in a three-phase arrangement. An alternate way of avoiding the need for rotating parts is to use the d-c transformer, middle of page 102, to step up a d-c current for charging a superconducting magnet. Current step-up is achieved by constructing many pairs of the type shown in the figure, with all the primaries connected in series and all the secondaries in parallel.

The use of these devices in other high-power, energy conversion applications is still limited. Cost and size of the refrigerating system still overshadows the merits of their simplicity. However, in naturally cold environments like those encountered in space missions, large-scale superconducting energy-conversion devices might be used to advantage.

Superconductive memories

In its simplest form, a continuous-sheet superconductive memory consists of the arrangement in the figure on page 103 with the structure of a

single memory cell below it.

There are two orthogonal grids of lead drive lines above a thin superconductive tin sheet. The arrangement is similar to a bit-organized, coincident-current core memory with destructive readout. The selection of a single element in this array is made by sending current pulses in one of the x drive lines and one of the y drive lines simultaneously. The current level of one drive line is not sufficient to cause flux switching. When the combined field of the x and y pulses is higher than the critical field, it causes switching at the appropriate x-y intersection. A zigzag sense line links all the memory cells, and the appearance of a sense signal at its terminals indicates that switching has oc-

curred at the addressed location.

The selection of the appropriate x line is performed by a tree-type network of cryotronsswitches that change from the superconductive state to the resistive state in the presence of a magnetic field. The currents flowing in the address lines provide the magnetic field that controls the superconductive state of the cryotrons, which determines the path of the current flow. Each binary combination of the address line currents corresponds to only one superconductive path that is chosen to carry the drive current to the selected memory location.

Recent experiments on the magnetic flux distribution on the surface of a superconducting film explain the switching, storage and readout action of the memory. When the drive currents terminate, some flux remains trapped along the diagonal of the intersection area as shown in color in the diagram of the cell. The building blocks of the memory cell apparently consist of microscopic superconductive vortexes (or bundles of vortexes). Switching occurs when the magnetic field beneath the drive lines' intersection is sufficient to cause the formation of pairs of equal and opposite vortexes. The current flowing at the memory plane drives the vortexes along the diagonal toward the opposite corners of the intersection area. When the driving currents terminate, the two vortex groups are attracted to each other but are prevented from moving together by pinning forces. Pinning forces arise from defects in the film and from the diamagnetic nature of the drive lines themselves. Thus, the vortexes are stored in the

When the memory cell is interrogated, the currents are applied to the drive lines in opposite directions. A driving force is exerted on the stored vortexes which enhances the mutual attraction between the two groups. When the combined attraction force exceeds the pinning force, vortexes from the two opposite groups begin to enter the intersection area and approach each other at high speeds. Since the polarity of the magnetic field (and of the angular momentum) is opposite in the two vortex groups, when vortexes meet at the center of the intersection area they annihilate each other until all the stored flux vanishes. During this process a voltage pulse is induced in the sense line. The polarity of the pulse depends on the relative direction of the stored flux.

From this model one can see that all the important characteristics of the memory cell such as critical currents, switching speeds, disturbs (the noise caused by a current passing in a drive, insufficient to cause switching) and sense-signal amplitude depend on the dynamics of moving vortexes in superconducting films.15 Better understanding and control of such films are essential for better superconductive memories.

Storage and logic

It is also apparent that information bits could

be moved from one location to another in a controlled way in superconducting films. Thus, both storage and logic operations could be performed at the same location.

The next example demonstrates some of the hidden possibilities of this form of vortex dynamics16. In the structure on page 104, a superconductive sheet forms the surface of a cylinder. Vortexes may be excited on the cylindrical surface by applying current to the write head and may be detected by voltages induced in the read head.

If a vortex is established near the write head and a direct control current I is applied to the surface in a direction parallel to the axis of the cylinder, the vortex will continuously circulate around the cylinder. When the vortex passes under the read head, its magnetic lines of flux induce a read voltage in the read head. The output is an alternating current; its frequency is proportional to the amplitude of the control current I, since that determines the circulation rate.

The device can operate as a shift register. Binary bits may be written along the cylindrical surface by applying pulses to the write head. The binary bit 1 may be represented by the presence of a vortex, while the binary bit zero may be represented by the absence of a vortex. The back and forth shifting of the vortex string may be controlled by the magnitude and polarity of the control

If there are many write and read heads along the length of the cylinder, a device analogous to a drum memory can be constructed. Binary digits are written onto the cylindrical surface by applying pulses to the write heads, while the control current I remains constant. This causes the bits being written onto the stationary drum to circulate along their respective tracks around the drum circumference at a fixed speed proportional to the control current. This is analogous to the physical rotation of the drum. This is the first time that currentcontrolled motion of storage patterns in a stationary medium has been achieved.

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Circuit design

Designer's casebook

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One-megahertz flip-flop saves standby power

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A complementary flip-flop with a power dissipation of less than two milliwatts at one megahertz has been designed for use aboard space vehicles. This dissipation level represents an improvement by a factor of five over presently available integrated circuits. Required standby power of 150 microwatts is 50 times less than required by IC's.

The complementary-pair concept of flip-flop design has long been recognized as a means of conserving power. The circuit below does not use collector resistors, hence power dissipation occurs only in the saturated transistors and the resistors supplying the "turn-on" base drive. As the

transistors are switched through the active region, instantaneous power dissipation increases. The average power dissipation is given by the empirical expression:

 $P \simeq 150 + f (1.55)$

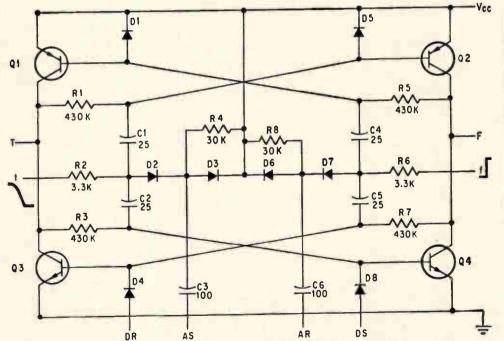
where P is in microwatts, f is the trigger rate in khz, and $0 \le f \le 1,000$.

The circuit consists of two interconnected flipflops, sharing a common diode steering network at the input. Diodes D₁, D₄, D₅ and D₈ protect the emitter-base junctions from breakdown and also increase switching speed by clamping the backbias levels at the base of the transistors.

In the packaging schemes used, the anodes of D_4 and D_8 are not connected internally, but were brought out for d-c set and reset purposes. The table to the right of the circuit diagram describes the function of various circuit points. A current pulse of 10 microamperes sets or resets the flip-flop.

When operated as a scaler, DS and DR are connected to ground. Similarly, the resistors R₂ and R₆ are not connected internally to the output, thus providing a shift register function capability.

In the quiescent state, only about 12 µa is sup-



One megahertz flip-flop is designed for binary operation, as a scaler or shift register. The complementary-pair design achieves the low power dissipation.

POINT	FUNCTION
Vcc	6٧
T&F	OUTPUT
t 8. f	CONNECT TO T AND F FOR BINARY OPERATION
DS	DC SET
DR	DC RESET
DS & DR	CONNECT TO GROUND FOR BINARY OPERATION
AS	AC SET
AR	AC RESET

1. Q1 & Q2: SELECTEO 2 N3251.

2.Q3 & Q4: COMPLEMENT TO 2N3251

3. D1-D8: IN3206 OR IN914

Parameters for selection of transistors.

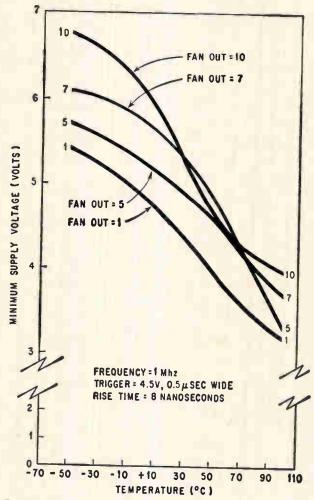
Characteristic (T = 25°C unless note		Limits in Ma	x Test Conditions
h _{FE}	40		$V_{CE} = 5V$, $I_{C} = 10 \mu a$
h _{FE}	80	240	$V_{CE} = 5V$, $I_{C} = 100 \mu a$
h _{FE} (-55°C)	15		$V_{CE} = 5V$, $I_{C} = 100 \mu a$
h _{fe}	1.25		$I_{C}=500 \mu a, V_{CE}=1V$
			f=100 Mhz
BV _{CBO} (volts)	40		$I_c=10 \text{ ma}, I_B=0,$
			300 μs pulse at
			1% duty cycle
BV _{CBO} (volts)	50		$I_{\rm C} = 10 \mu a, I_{\rm E} = 0$
BV _{EBO} (volts)	5.0	7	$l_{\rm E} = 10 \mu a, l_{\rm C} = 0$
С _{ов} (pf)		6	V _{CB} =10 V,
			f=100 khz
V _{ce} (sat) (volts)		0.25	$l_c=10$ ma, $l_B=1$ ma
V _{BE} (sat) (volts)		0.90	$l_0=10$ ma, $l_B=1$ ma

plied to the bases of the saturated transistors. Thus, the transistors must have good low-level characteristics. The table above lists the salient parameters selected from the 2N3251 family. Both npn and pnp devices are individually packaged in a TO-46 case.

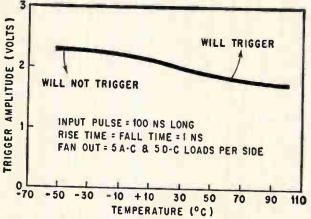
A fan out of 7 at 1 megahertz is obtained over the temperature range -10° C to $+100^{\circ}$ C for a power supply tolerance of $\pm 5\%$. A fan out of 10 is possible at 200 khz from -50° C to $+100^{\circ}$ C at a $\pm 5\%$ power supply tolerance. Fan out as a function of temperature and minimum supply voltage is shown in the graph at the right.

Two different circuit packages were developed. An unencapsulated polyester film "cordwood" package is used where volume and weight are not primary considerations. In the hybrid package the resistors and capacitors are deposited thin films, on a miniature printed-circuit board, on which the semiconductor active elements are mounted. The total package weighs less than two grams. The circuit has not been made in monolithic form because diffusing four transistors on one chip, with the required low-level performance, results in very low yields. Added to the yield problem is the problem of depositing high-valued resistors on a small surface area. Since this circuit requires a total resistance of about 1.7 megohms, a large surface is required. About half the 5/8- x 1/2-inch thin-film substrate is used for the resistor pattern, the remainder bearing the capacitor and conductor pattern.

Performance testing indicates a noise immunity exceeding 1.5 volts for a one-nanosecond rise time over -50° to $+100^{\circ}$ C. Results are shown in the graph at the right. Transistors with high values of f_t and h_{FE} were used to give pessimistic results. The devices used had an f_t of about 150 Mhz at 150 μa and h_{FE} of 150 at 100 μa .



Fan out varies as a function of the minimum supply voltage and the temperature. When the ambient temperature is lowered, the supply voltage must be increased in order to drive the same number of flip-flops that are driven at higher temperatures.



Curve shows noise immunity in excess of 1.5 volts for temperature range -50° C to $+100^{\circ}$ C. A d-c load is defined as 75,000 ohms returned to +6 volts; a-c load is 3,000 ohms in series with 100 pf to ground.

Circuit protects meter from periodic current spikes

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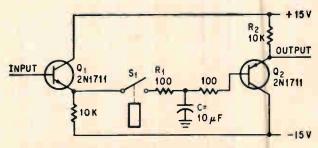
In instrumentation setups, where a transducer must be pulsed, it is desirable to isolate the readout so that a "spike" produced by the pulsing current does

not appear at the meter.

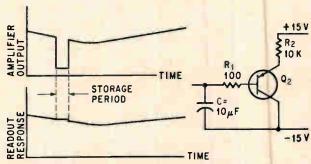
The circuit at the right makes an output meter insensitive to disturbances at the input during a predetermined period of time. In effect, the circuit stores the transducer output while the transducer is momentarily disconnected during the pulse period. A relay drive circuit, operating coincidentally with the transducer pulse drive, opens relay S₁ to provide the isolation between the operational amplifier output and the meter voltage. When S₁ is opened, the meter voltage is stored by capacitor C during the pulse period.

Between pulses, S_1 is closed and no storage occurs. The output of the system's operational amplifier, a voltage proportional to the transducer current, is conducted to the meter with a gain of approximately one and is displayed as an indication of the current. During this period, the response time of the circuit, $T_R = (r_{b1}/B_1 + R_1) C = 1.5$ milliseconds, where B_1 is Q_1 's short-circuit current gain, A_1 , A_2 , A_3 is its base resistance, A_3 , A_4 , A_4 is a resistor added to reduce the effects of magnetic induction if A_3 is a magnetic device.

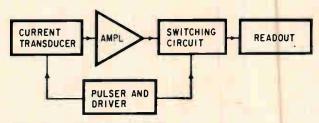
When S₁ is opened and the storage cycle begins, the output theoretically should not change. Actually, C continues to charge toward +15 volts with



Capacitor C stores the voltage when relay S1 opens.



Charging of C increases readout voltage during storage.



Driver opens switching circuit.

time constant, $T_s = B_2R_2C = 40$ (10 K) (10) = 4 seconds as shown above. Since the storage time constant is more than 1,000 times greater than the response time, the increase in output voltage shown in the characteristic response curve above, is negligible during the storage period.

Low-drift current generator compensates for temperature

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The temperature-compensated current generator on the facing page solves the problem of obtaining sufficient input base current in circuits where common-mode voltages are applied at the input terminals. The solution is based on the fact that matched transistor pairs—as used in differential

amplifiers and precision voltage comparators—have base-current temperature coefficients which are predictable as a function of operating current.

The base-current temperature coefficient of matched pairs, at collector currents from 10 to 50 microamperes is approximately 0.8% per degree centigrade of I₀, where I₀ is the base current at 25°C. Therefore, a generator whose output changes with temperature at the same rate is needed. Resistor networks cannot provide the high commonmode input impedance required to maintain accuracy with changes in common-mode voltage.

The current generator circuit diagramed presents 1,000 megohms of output impedance while supplying up to 200 nanoamperes of temperature-compensated current. The allowable range of common-

mode voltage is +6 to -25 volts. The three 1N695 germanium diodes D_1 , D_2 and D_3 provide the necessary compensating network. They operate at 1.3 milliamperes and are closely controlled for a forward drop, V_f of 0.3 volt and a temperature coefficient of 1.95 millivolts/°C. Therefore,

$$V_x = 3 V_f - V_{BE1} = 3 (0.3) - 0.55$$

= 0.35 volt

where $V_{\rm BE1}$ is the base to emitter voltage of Q_1 . The temperature coefficient at V_x ,

$$\frac{dV_x}{dT} = 3 (1.95 \text{ mv/}^{\circ}\text{C}) - 2.75 \text{ mv/}^{\circ}\text{C}$$
$$= 3.1 \text{ mv/}^{\circ}\text{C}$$

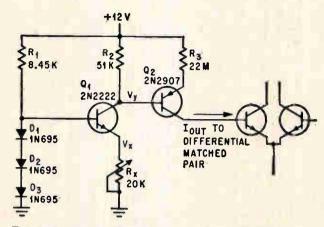
where 2.75 mv/°C is temperature coefficient of Q1.

$$V_{y} = \left(\frac{51 \text{K}}{\text{R}_{x}}\right) (V_{x}); \text{ therefore,}$$

$$\frac{\text{d}V_{y}}{\text{d}T} = \frac{51 \text{K}}{\text{R}_{x}} \left(\frac{\text{d}V_{x}}{\text{d}T}\right) = \left(\frac{51 \text{K}}{\text{R}_{x}}\right) (3.1 \text{ mv/°C})$$

The percentage change in V_y per degree centigrade is the same as that of V_x . At 25°C this equals

$$\frac{\text{dV}_x}{\text{dT}} = \frac{0.0031}{0.35} (100\% / \text{°C}) = 0.90\% / \text{°C}$$



Temperature-compensated current generator's output changes at the same percentage per degree centigrade whatever the output current, set by adjusting R_{x} .

With an output current of 100 nanoamperes, $V_{\rm BE}$ —the base-to-emitter voltage of Q_2 —drifts in a direction opposite to $V_{\rm x}$ and $V_{\rm y}$ at a rate of 0.1%/°C. The net reduction in voltage across R_3 is 0.8%/°C and the output current is reduced at the same rate.

The output-current drift of the generator when combined with an operational amplifier will be as low as 0.1 nanoamperes/°C from 10°C to 55°C.

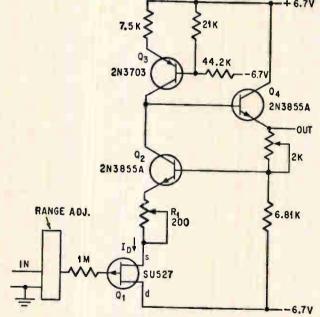
Direct-coupled amplifier cuts cost of d-c voltmeter

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High input impedance and low drift can be achieved at low cost in a d-c voltmeter by a modification of conventional techniques. The new circuit is based on the familiar technique of using a d-c amplifier to drive the voltmeter. Usually the amplifier is chopper-stabilized, but this adds to the cost of the instrument. A direct-coupled d-c amplifier is used because it reduces the cost and achieves high input impedance and low drift, either with a vacuum tube differential input or with hybrid circuits having high gain and large amounts of feedback.

The circuit at the right is a direct-coupled amplifier with approximately unity gain. It is comprised of three bipolar transistors and one field effect transistor (FET) yielding high input impedance and low drift at low cost. It is suitable for a d-c voltmeter with a low range of 0.1-volt full



Direct-coupled amplifier has unity gain and achieves high-input impedance and low drift using FET.

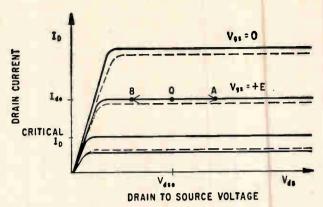
scale. FET Q₁ is biased, as illustrated in the curves on page 110, to obtain the required impedance conversion and to balance the effect of temperature

on bipolar transistor base-emitter voltages.

The drain current for Q1 is supplied from the constant current source Qa, which, along with the power supply voltage, sets the FET operating point -designated in the curves as point Q. This point is at the intersection of I_{do} and V_{dso} on the V_{gs} +E characteristic. Since Ido is constant and independent of the d-c input, the FET load line is along this characteristic at ambient temperature. E is the d-c voltage drop from gate to the source of the FET and is approximately one volt.

For a positive d-c input referenced to ground, operation shifts on the load line in the direction of A. For a negative d-c input, the operating point moves toward B. Since the voltage drop from gate to source remains unchanged, the unknown input signal from the high impedance gate is converted to the low impedance of the source; after going through the slightly-greater-than unity gain amplifier, it is fed to the low impedance point at the output from which the meter is driven.

As the temperature changes, Ido will not change appreciably; however, V_{gso} will change if I_{do} departs from the value of the critical drain current. This makes it possible to choose a value of Ido so that $V_{gso} = +E$ —(the FET load line)—has a temperature coefficient equal in magnitude but opposite in sign to the temperature coefficient of the rest of the amplifier. The drift of the bipolar part of this amplifier comes mostly from the base-emitter junction of Q2. Accordingly, the temperature co-



Bias curves show the FET load line as $V_{gs} = +E$ at ambient temperature. Dotted lines show how Vge shifts to compensate for temperature variations.

efficient of Vgs of Q1 for the values given is approximately -2.7 millivolts per degree centigrade. This value sets Ido remote from the critical values of drain current and where the temperature coefficient of Vgs is primarily dependent upon FET mobility carrier variations. Mobility varies little with temperature between FET's.

With precision components, the over-all temperature coefficient of this amplifier is less than 0.5 my/°C in the range 0°C to 50°C if the input is shunted by less than one megohm. The maximum

drift over this range is 30 mv.

The variable resistor R₁ balances the small amplifier drift at very high and low temperatures.

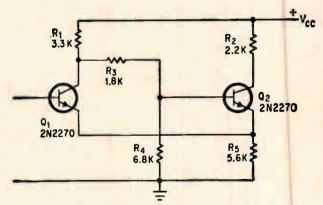
Diode and resistor increase input resistance of Schmitt

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A slight modification of the conventional Schmitt trigger circuit significantly increases its input impedance, permitting the preceding circuit to drive many more stages. Since the modified circuit no longer loads the driving stage, the driving voltage may be used to trigger simultaneously several circuits requiring different turn-on voltages. A single stage can drive 12 modified Schmitt circuits.

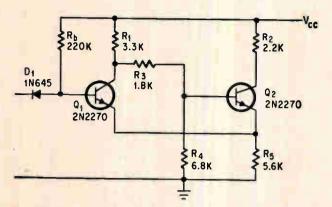
In a conventional Schmitt trigger circuit, at the right, when the input exceeds about 6.5 volts, Q1 is turned on and the input signal remains clamped to this level. As a result, the input signal cannot drive any additional circuits which may have higher trigger levels. The approximate load seen by the driving circuit when Q1 is on is about 1,680 olims



Conventional Schmitt trigger circuit clamps input signal level and prevents driver from triggering other stages requiring higher trip levels.

and consists of R₁ in parallel with R₅ and R₃ + R₄. Adding R_b and D₁ to the modified trigger circuit significantly reduces the loading. Resistor R_b is selected to saturate Q1 with no input.

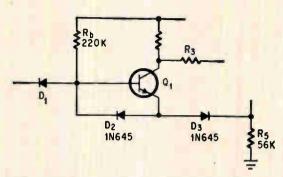
When the input voltage exceeds the trip point, which is still about 6.5 volts, D1 is reverse-biased. The only loading of the input signal is the leakage



Modified Schmitt trigger includes diode D_1 and resistor R_b to prevent the input signal from being clamped.

current of diode D_1 above the trip point and R_b , and the base leakage current of Q_1 below the trip point. Since R_b is much larger than R_1 or R_5 , the modified circuit exhibits a much higher input resistance than the conventional circuit.

The figure, above right, shows an additional modification for circuits in which the Veho rating of



Two diodes can be added to the modified circuit to prevent reverse breakdown of Q₁'s emitter-base junction.

 Q_1 is exceeded when Q_1 is turned off. (V_{ebo} is defined as the reverse emitter-base voltage measured with the collector open.) When the input voltage falls below the trip point, the emitter of Q_1 is clamped to its base through D_2 . This prevents breakdown of Q_1 's base-to-emitter junction. Diode D_3 is reverse-biased, and the input unloaded.

Control is accurate to 0.01°C

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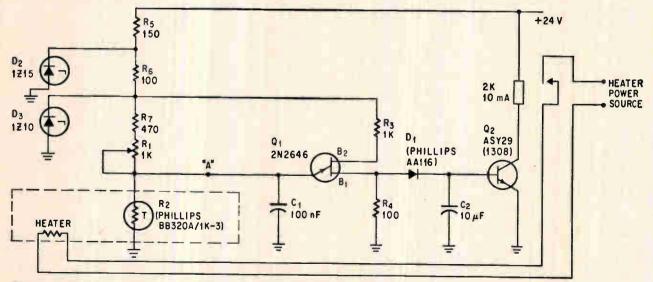
An economical thermostat, designed to maintain the temperature of a liquid bath to within 0.01° from 15 to 35°C.

The operation centers around thermistor R₂, which has a linear temperature coefficient of -6% per degree centigrade over the desired range. The

thermistor is one element in a relaxation oscillator consisting of unijunction transistor Q_1 , capacitor C_1 , and resistors R_3 and R_4 and R_1 .

When the temperature falls below the calibrated setting on R_1 , the resistance of thermistor R_2 increases. The voltage on the emitter of Q_1 increases and oscillations begin. Oscillations on base B_1 of transistor Q_1 are rectified and filtered by R_4 , D_1 and C_1 . After amplification by Q_2 , the d-c voltage actuates the relay, closing the heating circuit.

The relay opens when the voltage at point A is decreased by about 1.4 millivolts. The result is a temperature sensitivity of about 0.01°C.



Thermistor temperature sensor is part of unijunction transistor oscillator that controls heater.

Charting the bandwidth of isolating r-f chokes

To suppress troublesome currents on the surface of coaxial cables, a toroidal choke is an effective device. A chart helps design by establishing usable choke bandwidth

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Cable chokes, devices consisting of flexible miniature coaxial cable wound on a ferrite core¹, furnish a new approach to radio-frequency isolation between points on a conductor. When measuring the electrical characteristics of small antennas, particularly at high and very high frequencies, accuracy may be affected by currents flowing on the surface of the braided outer conductor of the coaxial feed cable that usually connects the antenna to the measuring equipment. The currents are a source of additional losses and can produce extraneous fields that contribute to the antenna's radiated field.

Cable chokes can suppress the currents by providing a high r-f impedance between opposite ends of the outer conductor, as illustrated in the sketch at the top of the facing page.

This concept for providing broadband r-f isolation is new. Traditionally, a tuned circuit consisting of an inductor shunted by a variable capacitor is resonated. Although it works well, the approach is frequency-dependent, necessitating a retuning of the capacitor with every operating-frequency change. Obviously, this can be inconvenient. Furthermore, the inductor may be easily detuned by changes in environment such as temperature, espe-

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cially if it is in a high-Q circuit.

The new approach depends on operating the choke within a band centered at its self-resonant frequency, the frequency at which the inductor resonates with its own capacitance between turns and any additional stray capacitance. To so operate a choke the absolute value of its admittance must be below some specified value over the required frequency band.

Assuming the electrical length of the winding is much shorter than a half wavelength at the highest operating frequency, the equivalent circuit of a coil consists, to a first approximation, of an inductor L shunted by a capacitor C. This circuit is true for most ferrite core inductors, particularly for a toroidal inductor wound on a ferrite core, and designed for use in the h-f band.

The conductance, representing the conductor's ohmic losses and the magnetic losses in the ferrite material, is in parallel with both the susceptive elements L and C. The susceptance of the coil is

$$b = \omega C - \frac{1}{\omega L} \tag{1}$$

If b_o , the maximum acceptable susceptance for isolation purposes, is assumed to be much larger than the conductance at resonance, then the frequency limits for which $b=\pm b_o$ is found by

$$f_{1,2} = \frac{\pm b_0}{4\pi C} \left[1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{4C}{b_0^2} L} \right]$$
 (2)

The plus signs correspond to the upper frequency limit f_2 , and the minus signs correspond to the lower frequency limit f_1 . The useful bandwidth is

$$f_2 - f_1 = \frac{b_0}{2\pi C}$$
 (3)

Throughout this band, the susceptance, and therefore the absolute value of the admittance, will be less than bombos.

A convenient method for determining the bandwidth is derived from a technique devised by W.P. Czerwinski for obtaining the dynamic characteristics of parallel resonant circuits². An example is provided by considering a toroidal inductor formed from a core of Q-1 Ferramic, available from the Electronics division of the Indiana General Corp., wound with 16 turns of RG-196/U miniature coaxial cable. The chart at right, center, is a plot of capacitance derived from measurements made with a Wayne Kerr model B801 admittance bridge, and presented as a function of the inverse frequency squared.

In the graph, the value of L is determined from the slope of the straight line joining the experimental data values. The value of capacitance C is read as the intercept of this line with the vertical axis. In the example, L = $59.2~\mu h$ and C = 1.9~pf. Assuming a reasonable working value for b₀ of 0.2 millimho, and substituting in equation 2, the limiting frequencies are found to be $f_1 = 8.8~Mhz$, $f_2 = 25.6~Mhz$. The admittance bandwidth of this inductor is therefore 16.8 Mhz. Throughout this frequency band, the admittance will remain less than 0.2 millimho.

The second chart illustrates the effect of additional self-capacitance on the bandwidth and the frequency limits of the toroid in the example. Such an effect would result from placing the toroid within a container that itself contributed stray capacitance. The chart shows that the lower frequency limit decreases slightly with increasing capacitance, while the upper frequency limit decreases rapidly with additional capacitance, as does the total bandwidth.

To design a coil with a certain tolerance that allows for additional stray capacitance, the effective bandwidth should be calculated by computing f₂ with the stray capacitance omitted.

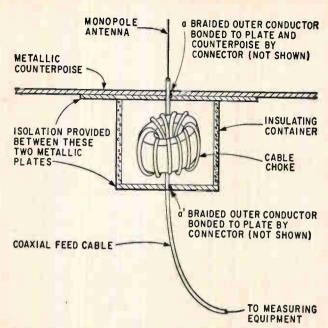
With the technique described, it is possible to design a minimum number of chokes to provide a specified isolation over a wide frequency band. The entire h-f band from 2 to 30 Mhz can be covered with only three chokes, providing 5,000 ohms of r-f isolation.

The application of this technique need not be confined to measurement, nor is it restricted to antennas. The technique may be used wherever it is necessary to suppress radio-frequency energy over a wide frequency band,

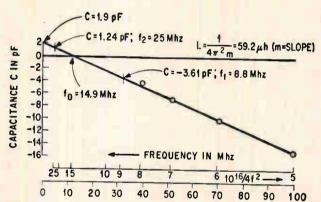
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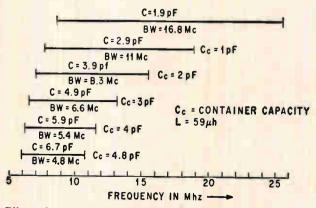
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Isolator formed from miniature coaxial cable wound over a ferrite core provides high r-f impedance between points a and a'. Spurious currents in the outer conductor of the coaxial feed cable are effectively suppressed.



Inductance and capacitance values are determined from measured admittance data plotted as a function of the inverse frequency squared. Effective bandwidth of the choke is easily calculated from the values.



Effect of stray capacitance on choke bandwidth is shown by chart. In each instance the susceptance of the choke is less than 0.2 millimho.

Six clues to nanovolt signals

Minimum detectable signal analysis provides a tool for designing systems that measure low-level signals

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The design of a low-level, low-frequency measuring system poses many questions.

To achieve maximum sensitivity, should the greatest effort be put to designing an ultralow-noise amplifier?

• Should an input transformer be placed between the amplifier and source? If so, what should be the turns ratio for maximum sensitivity?

• Is it better to match impedances or operate mismatched?

• Should the input resistance of the amplifier be 1 megohm or 50 megohms, or does it matter?

• Is the signal source resistance the sole limitation on system resolution?

• And finally, can the answers to these questions be found without resorting to intuitive reasoning?

The answer to the last question is yes. Low-level measuring systems can be analyzed quite rigorously to determine the effects of the described factors on the minimum detectable signal (MDS). The result of the following analysis is an equation for the MDS as a function of the noise of the source resist-

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ance, the short-circuited input noise of the amplifier, the input resistance of the amplifier, and the turns ratio of the input transformer. This expression enables the designer to quantitatively answer all the questions posed at the outset and to optimize the system for his own requirements.

Analyzing the problem

Most low-level, low-frequency measuring systems can be represented by the simplified diagram on page 115. The voltage source can be either a bridge circuit or any type of low-level transducer. The detection amplifier is usually a high-gain, low-noise, narrow-band device.

For purposes of analysis, the diagram can be further reduced to an equivalent circuit, where

R. = internal resistance of the source

e_{R_s} = thermal noise of the source resistance at the operating temperature and bandwidth of the amplifier

e_s = desired signal from the source

Y = ratio of secondary to primary turns of input transformer

R_{in} = input resistance of the amplifier (includes external resistors combined in parallel with tube or transistor input resistance)

e_{Rin} = thermal noise of R_{in} at the operating temperature and bandwidth of the amplifier

 R_{NA} = equivalent noise resistance of the amplifier with the input short circuited

 e_{NA} = thermal noise of R_{NA} ; measured short-circuited input noise of the amplifier

The input capacitance of the detection amplifier is assumed negligible. However, this assumption restricts the results to low-frequency use. The resistors in the equivalent circuit are noiseless and the amplifier is a voltage-controlled device. The characteristics are typical of high-impedance field-effect-transistor and vacuum-tube amplifier circuits.

For the analysis, it is assumed also that the transformer is ideal, which is a reasonable approximation of a practical case. The primary resistance is usually negligible when compared with the

source resistance; and the secondary resistance is usually negligible compared with the reflected source resistance. The circuit to be analyzed, at right, is the equivalent circuit with the source parameters reflected into the transformer secondary.

The definition of the minimum detectable signal is based on the signal-to-noise ratio at the input of the amplifier. Disagreement often arises as to how small this ratio can be made and still distinguish the signal from the noise; here a signal-to-noise ratio of unity is assumed to yield the smallest retrievable signal.

Equating the signal voltage to noise voltage at the input to the amplifier gives

$$\frac{N e_{s} R_{in}}{N^{2} R_{s} + R_{in}} = \left[\left(\frac{N e_{R_{s}} R_{in}}{N^{2} R_{s} + R_{in}} \right)^{2} + \left(\frac{e_{R_{in}} N^{2} R_{s}}{N^{2} R_{s} + R_{in}} \right)^{2} + (e_{NA})^{2} \right]^{1/2}$$

The right hand terms of this equation represent the combined root mean square voltage appearing at the amplifier's input because of the three uncorrelated noise sources, e_{R_s} , $e_{R_{in}}$ and e_{NA} .

Simplifying, the expression for the minimum detectable signal is

$$MDS = \left[(e_{R_s})^2 + \left(e_{R_{in}} \frac{NR_s}{R_{in}} \right)^2 + \left(e_{NA} \frac{NR_s}{R_{in}} + \frac{e_{NA}}{N} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$
(1)

Increasing the resolution

Equation 1 shows that the minimum detectable signal is influenced by more than just the source resistance. The first term, the noise of the source, represents the absolute low limit for the minimum detectable signal. Where the choice of source resistance is possible, the smaller the value, the better the resulting MDS. Since the last two terms contain factors normally under the designer's control, parameters are sought to cause these two terms to vanish. In practice, however, this cannot be done completely, and the remaining parameters are chosen to minimize the last two terms.

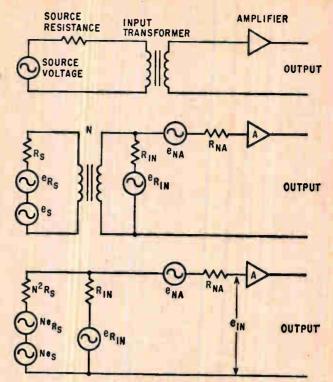
Those terms in equation 1 which contain the transformer turns ratio N provide insight into the effects of the transformer on the MDS. The last two terms of equation 1 give

$$f(N) = \left(e_{R_{in}} \frac{NR_s}{R_{in}}\right)^2 + \left(e_{NA} \frac{NR_s}{R_{in}} + \frac{e_{NA}}{N}\right)^2$$

The best turns ratio is found by expanding this equation, taking the derivative and equating it to zero to minimize it with respect to N. From this

$$N_{\text{opt}} = \left[\frac{e_{\text{NA}}}{\frac{R_{\text{s}}}{R_{\text{in}}} (e^2 R_{\text{in}} + e^2 N_{\text{A}})^{1/2}} \right]^{1/2}$$
 (2)

For specified amplifier input noise and resistance, and the source resistance and corresponding thermal noise, equation 2 gives the exact turns ratio

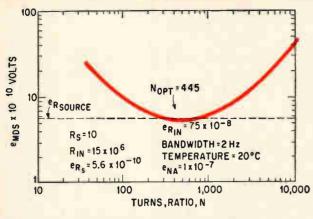


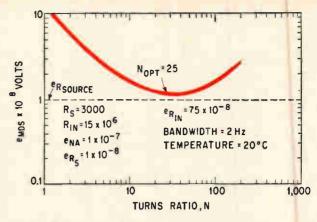
System for measuring low-level signals can be represented by the diagram at the top. For analysis purposes, it is reduced to the equivalent circuit in the center. Reflecting the source parameters to the transformer secondary yields the final form for analysis of the minimum detectable signal.

that will minimize the last two terms of equation 1, resulting in the best possible MDS. If the optimum turns ratio turns out to equal one, there is no need for a transformer. Most of the time, an input transformer is required.

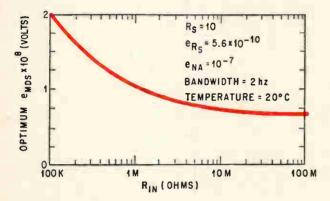
A practical example would be where the value of an unknown resistance must be determined with an a-c bridge. The problem is to choose the turns ratio for the input transformer that will yield the smallest MDS and the best bridge balance. The bridge null detector is a narrow-band amplifier. From the amplifier specifications, $R_{in} = 15 \times 10^6$ ohms, the noise bandwidth is 2 hertz and the shortcircuited input noise, $e_{NA} = 10^{-7}$ volt. The bridge output impedance is 10 ohms. The Johnson, or thermal, noise of the source e_{r_8} is calculated to be 5.6 \times 1010 volts and the noise of the amplifier input resistance $e_{R_{in}}$ is calculated to be 75 \times 10⁻⁸ volt. Substituting these values into equation 2 results in an optimum turns ratio of 445, and the minimum detectable signal, found from equation 1, is approximately 0.65 nanovolt.

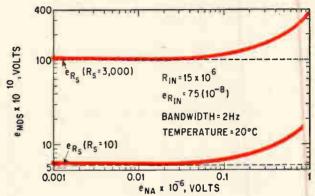
A point-by-point plot of the minimum detectable signal for different values of the turns ratio exhibits a relatively flat portion near the optimum value of N. It is quite satisfactory, therefore, to use transformers with turns ratios close to that value. If the source resistance is changed to 3,000 ohms, $N_{\rm opt}$ becomes 25. The same curve clearly shows the effect of N on system sensitivity. With no input transformer (N=1) there is achieved an MDS of 10^{-7}





Optimum transformer need not be exactly the calculated value of N. The flatness of the curve in the region of $N_{\rm opt}$ allows some latitude in this value without too great an effect on the minimum detectable signal. The MDS versus N shifts markedly with respect to a change in the value of the source resistance.





The law of diminishing returns applies when input resistance $R_{\rm in}$ is multiplied in an effort to improve system sensitivity (minimum detectable signal).

Amplifier noise affects system sensitivity. However, in one case, reducing noise below 100 nanovolts does not result in a significant gain in sensitivity.

volt, which is the noise of the detecting amplifier. If the turns ratio is arbitrarily made as large as possible, for example N=1,000, the MDS is even worse. The equation for $N_{\rm opt}$ serves as an accurate guide for selecting that input transformer which results in a system sensitivity as near the theoretical limit as possible under the conditions given.

The equation for the optimum turns ratio indicates that matched impedances do not produce the lowest possible minimum detectable signal. Though matched impedances provide the most efficient transfer of the signal to the amplifier when using a transformer, a mismatch improves the signal-tonoise ratio. With two diverging factors, some sort of compromise is needed. Equation 2 exactly defines the degree of mismatch that exists between the reflected source resistance at the amplifier input and $R_{\rm in}$ when $N=N_{\rm opt}$, and hence yields the best MDS. Because the optimum mismatch percentage is not constant for all situations, the optimum turns ratio must be recalculated whenever any parameters in the equivalent circuit are changed.

As shown in equation 1, the best value for the amplifier's input resistance, $R_{\rm in}$ is one that minimizes the last two terms in the equation, resulting in the lowest MDS. Theoretically, an infinite input resistance yields the best MDS. Actually, there is an upper limit to this resistance. A large $R_{\rm in}$ calls

for a large optimum turns ratio—often difficult to obtain in practice.

When applying this optimizing technique to highinput resistance amplifiers, the possible effect on the amplifier input capacitance should be carefully examined. The reactance of the input capacitance at the frequency of operation must be large when compared with the input resistance of the amplifier. The figure above shows how the optimum MDS varies with different values of R_{in}. The value of N_{opt} was calculated for each point on the curve.

How noise in the detecting amplifier affects system sensitivity can be demonstrated by returning to the bridge-balancing problem described, but with two amplifiers available as the detector. Except for short-circuited input noise, they are identical. The noise of one is assumed to be 100 nanovolts, the other 10. It would appear that the amplifier with less noise would result in 10 times more sensitivity than the other. But, that is not so. If the optimum transformer for each amplifier found from equation 2 is used, the resulting MDS values are 0.65 and 0.57 nanovolt. Reducing the short-circuited noise by 10 improves the MDS by a factor of 1.14.

The figure above shows that reducing $e_{\rm NA}$ below 100 nanovolts does not result in a significant gain in sensitivity. But as $e_{\rm NA}$ increases above 100 nanovolts, the sensitivity deteriorates rapidly.

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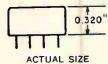
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Adding scr's to get high power means smaller transmitters

Combining the outputs of many silicon controlled rectifiers results in a small, high-power, solid state transmitter for low-frequency and very low frequency communications

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Silicon controlled rectifiers can put more punch per pound in communication and navigation transmitters operating at frequencies up to 300 kilohertz. Digitally triggered ser circuits are smaller, waste less power and are more reliable than highpower vacuum tubes.

Previously, a brute-force solution—huge transmitting tubes—was necessary to obtain the high power needed for long-range transmission. No transistors can handle the power, but solid state transmitters with outputs up to several hundred kilowatts can be built with scr's connected in a high-frequency version of a d-c to a-c inverter circuit. The scr's are used instead of vacuum tubes in a new 150-kw transmitter that operates in portions of the very low frequency (3 to 30 khz) and low frequency (30 to 300 khz) bands.

The new transmitter was designed for a Navy communications program, but is on loan to the Stanford Research Institute of Stanford University for a year. Operating in Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze, the polar research and exploration program. It is employed in the study of magnetic fields that propagate whistlers, the natural vlf signals generated by lightning. For this purpose the transmitter has been modified slightly to feed a dipole antenna that is 21 miles long.

A power output of 150 kilowatts is obtained at frequencies of 10 to 30 khz but it falls to 10 kw at 90 khz, the upper operating frequency of the system. Similar designs could produce much higher power outputs at the upper frequencies, and it is anticipated that an scr transmitter could deliver an output of 20 kw at frequencies as high as 300 khz.

The Navy's transmitter's size is 100 cubic feet,

only one-tenth the size of a comparable tube transmitter. The photograph on page 120 is an artist's version of one way the unit might be built.

The transmitter's efficiency in converting d-c to radio-frequency power reaches 86%, compared with 50% to 65% for conventional tube transmitters. Based on a cost of one cent per kw hour, this improvement is sufficient to save \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year on the cost of electrical power alone.

One of the reasons that the system is so efficient is that the scr's—there are 96 of them—operate as a high-gain power amplifier. Driven by a 30-milliwatt digital signal, the scr's achieve an effective power gain of 5 million-to-1, or 67 decibels.

Furthermore, the scr's are the type used as high-power switches for industrial control applications; such scr's can efficiently control 40 kw or more and their reliability has been proved through years of use in industry. However, in industrial applications, the scr's haven't generally been switched at frequencies above 400 hertz.

Rapid-fire switches

Employing scr's at communication frequencies requires circuitry and techniques to circumvent the scr's relatively slow switching speeds. Although an scr will turn on in a microsecond or two, it takes as long as 20 microseconds to turn off. This slow switching speed would appear to limit the scr to generating frequencies that are less than one-half the reciprocal of 20 microseconds, or specifically less than 25 khz. This is high enough for most of the vlf band (to 30 khz) but too low for the 1-f band (30 to 300 khz).

To circumvent long recovery time, the scr's in

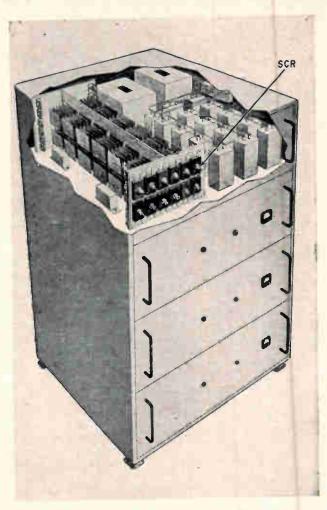
the transmitter are grouped into sections which are triggered in sequential order by precisely timed, low-power gate signals. A simplified block diagram of a four-section scr transmitter shown below illustrates the basic scheme. By the time the last section is triggered by the exciter, the first scr section has recovered and can be triggered again.

The current pulses are portions of a transient oscillation that occurs when the scr begins to conduct. By making the pulses exactly one-half cycle of the desired frequency and by combining the outputs of the four sections in a common load, the resultant waveform closely resembles a continuous wave. Filtering this signal removes the distortion components and yields the desired sine wave. Because the sequential method of firing the scr's suggests the fire-and-recover principle used in early machine guns, Westinghouse engineers refer to this triggering scheme as the gatling gun technique.

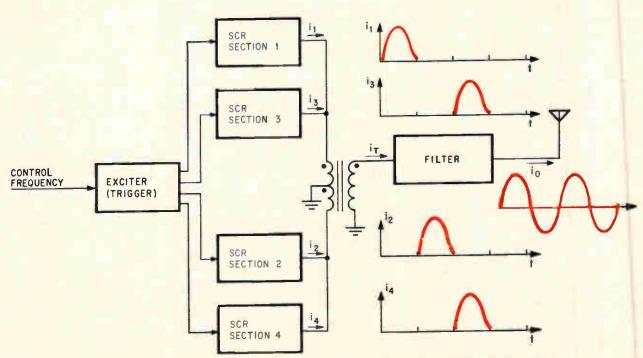
Basic circuits

The basis of the technique employed in the scr amplifier is illustrated by the simple series-resonant circuit in the top diagram on page 121. When the switch is closed, the transient current, i(t), is an exponentially decaying sine wave. The voltage, v(t), appearing across the capacitor has a similar transient, but it oscillates about the supply voltage, E.

If the switch is replaced with an scr, as in the second diagram on page 121, gating-on the scr will result in the same current and voltage waveforms. However, the scr will conduct only until the current returns to zero and attempts to reverse its direction. At this time the scr will automatically turn off. Because of the characteristics of the oscil-



Transmitter consists of four sections, each with 24 scr's mounted on water-cooled heat sinks. This is an artist's conception of a packaged transmitter.



High-power current pulses developed in each scr section are combined in the load to produce a sine wave. The trigger, or exciter circuit, controls the firing of the scr's and determines the load frequency.

latory transient, the voltage across the capacitor at this time is greater in magnitude than the supply voltage, E. This back voltage on the scr is the source of reverse current which turns off the scr.

A desirable feature of the oscillatory transient is that it produces a pulse similar to a half-sine wave which reduces the harmonics at the output. For such a transient to exist the circuit must be underdamped, requiring that

$$R \le 2 \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \text{ or } \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 \le {1 \choose LC}$$
 (1)

In this simple circuit the transient's characteristic frequency is given by

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$
 (2)

Equation 2 determines the frequency of the transients, not the transmitter frequency. That is determined by the rate at which the exciter triggers the scr's.

A single-section resonant inverter to convert d-c to a-c is formed when two scr circuits are combined as in the bottom diagram on the right in which the capacitor and load resistor are common to both resonant loops. The series-resonant loops are complementary in the sense that the back voltage placed on the capacitor by one scr is a forward voltage for the other scr. This requires that the ser's forward-blocking rating—the maximum anode-to-cathode voltage that the scr can withstand without conducting—be equal to the sum of the d-c voltage and capacitor voltage.

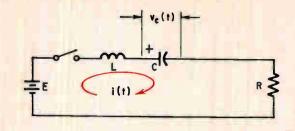
By triggering on one scr and then the other, pulses of current—corresponding to half cycles of the transients—flow through the load resistor R. It is desirable for the transient to oscillate at the transmitter frequency to improve the efficiency by maintaining a large duty cycle and to reduce the harmonic content of the combined wave. The harmonic content is reduced by making the width of each current pulse exactly half the period of the operating frequency, resulting in an output current that is nearly sinusoidal.

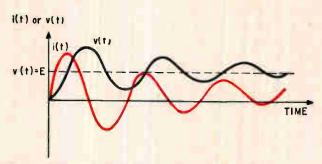
Adding inverters

The maximum frequency at which the simple resonant inverter can operate is limited by the recovery time of the scr. That is, in a single section resonant inverter, the scr must be able to recover in a time less than half the period of the desired operating frequency.

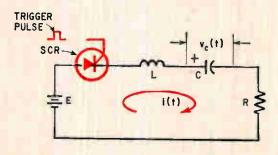
To obtain a higher-frequency of operation, additional resonant inverters are connected across the load as in the figure at the top of page 123. In this diagram of a three-section circuit, the numbers D_1 to D_6 show which ser's develop the various portions of the resultant waveform $i_T(t)$.

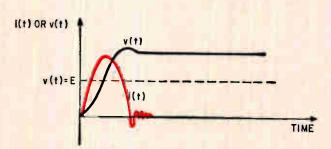
In this circuit, an scr such as D₁ is triggered only once every three cycles rather than every cycle as in the single-section circuit. This permits an scr which has a limited switching speed to be



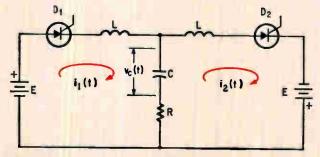


Basic concept employed in the scr transmitter is illustrated by this simple switch circuit. An underdamped series-resonant circuit causes an oscillatory current transient, in color, when the switch is closed.





The scr conducts only if the current is positive. The pulse shown in color is the resultant current waveform.



Alternately triggering the scr's in dual-scr resonant inverter produces current pulses that are summed in the load to produce the desired waveform.

Analysis of idealized scr amplifier

By assuming that the silicon controlled rectifier transmitter has high Q circuits in the ser sections, it is possible to make a relatively simple analysis that provides an estimate of the output voltage, capacitor voltage and output power. In the circuit in the diagram at the right the load is replaced by a generator that represents the voltage developed across the filter circuit. However, because the resistance of this generator is assumed to be zero, and thus in equation 2 on page 121, R/2L is zero for this circuit, the angular frequency of the current pulses is

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \tag{A}$$

It is assumed that the output has the same angular frequency, so that as one scr turns off the other scr is just turning on. Further it is assumed that the circuit has operated for a long time so that "steady-state" conditions exist, and that scr, D₁, is triggered at a reference time t = 0. Solving for the current i₁ (t) results in the solution

$$\mathbf{i}_{1}(\mathbf{t}) = \left[\frac{\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{C}}(\mathbf{O})}{\sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{L}}{\mathbf{C}}}} - \frac{\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{O}}}{2\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{t}\right] \sin \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{t}}{\mathbf{L}\mathbf{C}}}$$
(B)

where

$$0 \le t \le \pi \sqrt{LC}$$

v_c(O) = voltage remaining on the capacitor when D₂ is turned off in the previous cycle

Vo = the maximum magnitude of the output voltage

 $\pi\sqrt{LC}$ = the half period of the resonant frequency

Equation B is plotted in the top graph in the diagram on the right with the portion of the waveform corresponding to restrictions placed on the time, t, shown in color.

During the same time, the voltage $v_c(t)$ on the capacitor is given by

$$v_{C}(t) = E - \left[E - v_{C}(0) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \frac{V_{O}}{2} t\right] \times \left[\cos \frac{t}{\sqrt{LC}}\right] - \frac{V_{O}}{2} \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{LC}}$$
(C)
$$0 \le t \le \pi \sqrt{LC}$$

Equation C is plotted at the bottom of the diagram at the right. The time, t, for which equation C is valid is also shown in color.

At $t = \pi \sqrt{LC}$, when D_2 would be triggered again, the voltage across the capacitor as determined from equation C is

$$v_{\rm C} (t = \pi \sqrt{LC}) = 2E - v_{\rm C}(0) - \frac{\pi}{2} V_0$$
 (D)

Peak output voltage

During steady-state operation the two loops operate symmetrically. At the end of every half cycle the magnitudes of the capacitor voltages are equal but reversed in sign. The current in D_2 is similar to the current in D_1 but is of opposite sign

and, of course, occurs a half cycle later. Referring specifically to the first two current pulses considered, these statements imply

$$v_{c}(0) = -v_{c} (t = \pi \sqrt{LC})$$
 (E)

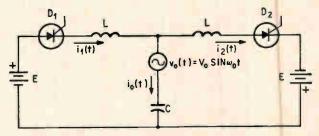
$$i_2(O) = -i_1 (t = \pi \sqrt{LC})$$
 (F)

Substituting E in D, the peak voltage across the loads is related to the source voltage by

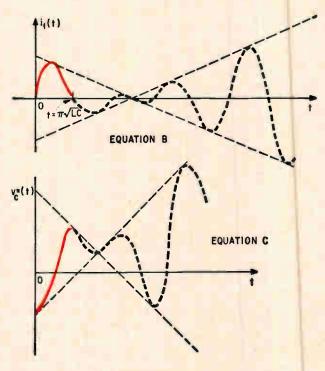
$$V_{0} = \frac{4}{\pi} E \tag{G}$$

Capacitor voltage

By requiring that the voltage across the scr be equal to or less than zero after the scr has turned off, it is possible to determine the minimum value of the capacitor voltage that is required to maintain the scr back-biased. If D₁ has just turned off, then the



Idealized lossless inverter circuit, in which the load is represented by a sinusoidal generator $v_o(t)$, is used to analyze a section of the scr transmitter. All other sections would be analyzed in a similar manner and the results added to obtain the proper waveforms.



Equations B and C are represented by the curves above. Segments in color indicate the portions of the waveforms that are valid for this analysis.

voltage across D₁ is given by the expression

$$V_{D1} = E - v_{C}(t = \pi \sqrt{LC}) - v_{O}(t) \le 0$$
valid for $\pi \sqrt{LC} \le t \le 2\pi \sqrt{LC}$

Since the output voltage will be swinging negative during this cycle

$$|\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{O}}(\mathbf{t})|_{\min} = -\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{O}} \tag{I}$$

Substituting equation I into equation H

$$v_{\rm C}(t = \pi \sqrt{LC}) \ge E + V_{\rm O}$$
 (J)

Equation J implies that the capacitor voltage at turnoff must be at least the sum of the supply voltage
and the maximum output voltage, V₀, if the scr—
specifically D₁ in this example—is not to be forward biased while D₂ is on. The reactance of L
and C are made sufficiently high compared with
the impedance of the tuned load, so that this
inequality is maintained.

Substituting equation G into equation J, the capacitor voltage may be related to the source voltage by

$$v_C(t=\pi\sqrt{LC}) \ge \left(1+\frac{4}{\pi}\right)E = 2.27E$$
 (K)

Employing equation E

$$-v_{\rm C}(0) \ge 2.27E \tag{L}$$

Power

The power delivered to the load is given by

$$P_o = -\frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{LC}} \int_0^{\pi \sqrt{LC}} i_1(t) v_0(t) dt \quad (M)$$

where v_0 (t) = $V_0 \sin (t/\sqrt{LC})$ and i_1 (t) is given by equation B. All terms in i_1 (t) and V_0 (t) have been related to circuit parameters except that v_0 (0) is given only in terms of an inequality in equation L. If equality is assumed then the integral may be evaluated as

$$P_{o} = \frac{4 V_{o} [E - v_{c}(O)] - \pi (V_{o})^{2}}{8 \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}} =$$

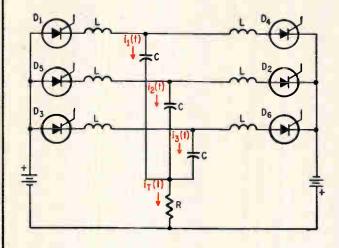
$$\frac{1.45E^2}{\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}} \tag{N}$$

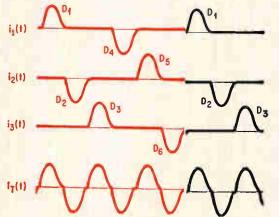
The power may be approximated by

$$P_0 = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I_{pk}}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{O}$$

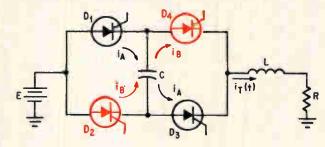
where I_{pk} is the peak current in the scr. Solving for I_{pk} and substituting equations G and N, the peak current is approximately

$$I_{pk} = 2.3 \frac{E}{\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}}$$
 (P)





High-frequency operation requires that additional scr sections be added so that one scr is being turned off while another is triggered. The curves in color represent one complete cycling of the scr section.



Improved scr section operates with one power supply. Two scr's are triggered to establish a conducting path.

used in a high-frequency circuit. Also, rather than sequentially triggering both scr's in one section and then proceeding to the next section, a single scr is triggered in each section. This insures that an scr, such as D_1 which is supposed to turn off, is not inadvertently forward biased, turning D_1 on again when D_2 in the same section is triggered. This procedure is required because each scr requires about 20 microseconds to turn off.

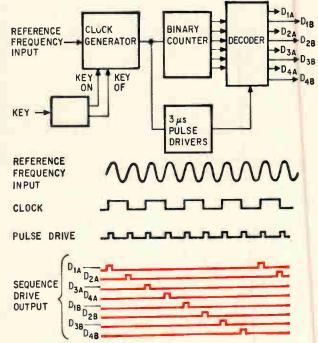
Filtered waveforms

The distorted waveform, i_T(t), is not suitable for communications and must be filtered. The filter is



Digital modules make up the exciter circuit which measures $6 \times 6 \times 8$ inches. The circuit has a frequency response extending to 300 kilohertz.

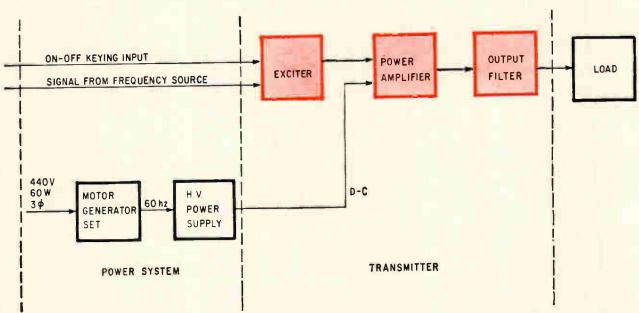
connected to the ser sections and the resistive load, and is designed to present a high-input impedance at the desired frequency and a low impedance at the harmonics. As a result, the voltage across the filter input is nearly sinusoidal for any complex, periodic-current waveform whose fundamental frequency is the same as the resonant frequency of the filter. In the analysis of the circuit presented in the panel on page 122 this fact is used to represent the load as a sinusoidal voltage source whose voltage magnitude corresponds to the actual voltage



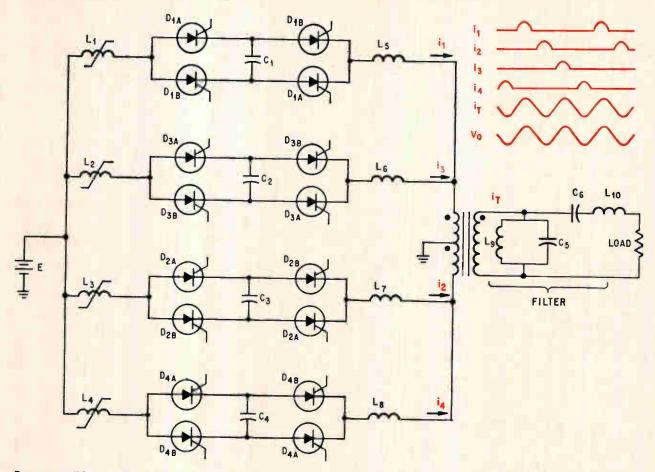
Exciter generates pulses, whose period is determined by the reference frequency. $D_{\rm 1A}$ to $D_{\rm 1B}$ correspond to the scr's in the diagram on page 125.

that would appear across the filter.

To operate with a single power supply, the actual transmitter employs sections similar to the one in the bottom diagram on page 123. In a typical condition, ser's D₁ and D₃ would conduct and D₂ and D₄ would be off. In contrast to the inverter circuits discussed above, the current through the load will be in the same direction if either D₁ and D₃ or D₂ and D₄ are conducting. This is not a problem, because in the actual circuit on the top of the next page the sections are connected on either side of



VIf/If transmitter includes a motor-generator set and power supply to generate direct current, and an exciter and scr section that are the source and power amplifier for the radio-frequency output. Frequency at the input controls the transmitter frequency. Keying input permits code to be transmitted.



Power amplifier represented by four scr sections combines the current pulses through a center-tapped transformer that inverts the pulses from the two bottom sections. Scr's are fired alternately on either side of the transformer. Saturable reactors L_1 to L_4 protect the scr's during turn-on by preventing sudden current surges that might burn out scr junctions. To obtain a sinusoidal waveform scr's are triggered in the sequence D_{1A} , D_{2A} , D_{3A} , D_{4A} , D_{1B} , D_{2B} , D_{3B} , and D_{4B} . In the actual transmitter, six scr's in series are used for every scr in the diagram.

a center-tapped transformer to obtain a polarity reversal for every other current pulse.

An operating system

The major components of the vlf/lf transmitter that is now in operation in the Antarctic include a power supply, an exciter, power amplifier, output filter and load—as in the bottom diagram on page 124. The exciter supplies the gating pulses necessary to trigger the various ser's in proper sequence. Inputs to the exciter are a sinusoidal wave from a frequency synthesizer and a keying voltage that pulse modulates the output. A water-cooled transformer matches the power amplifier to the 400-to-800-ohm impedance of the load and provides the proper phasing for combining the current pulses. The d-c power is derived from a high-voltage power supply that is driven by a motor-generator set. The final Navy system will have a 400-hertz power source rather than a 60-hertz one and will be matched to a 50-ohm load.

The radio-frequency range of the transmitter extends from 10 to 90 khz. Over the frequency range from 10 to 30 khz, which is covered in four bands, the output power is 150 kilowatts. At frequencies from 30 to 90 khz, which are covered in five bands,

the output power varies from 150 kw to 10 kw.

For each of the nine bands, the tuning inductance, L, and capacitance, C, of each resonant-inverter section and the tuning elements of the filter are changed to operate at a midband frequency, f_o. Within a bandwidth ranging from 0.8 f_o to 1.2 f_o, the transmitter frequency is changed by varying the frequency source. The filter preceding the load in the diagram above rejects frequencies above the second harmonic, reducing all harmonics to at least 50 db below the fundamental.

Transmitter power output is directly related to the d-c supply voltage. A d-c voltage of about 900 volts is required to produce 150 kw output while 750 volts is needed for 100 kw. Peak scr currents are on the order of 300 amperes for full power.

Exciter

The exciter in the photograph on page 124 is a solid state logic circuit that generates output pulses that are timed by a master clock source which operates at twice the desired transmitter frequency. In the block diagram of the exciter at the top of page 124, the numbers at the sequence-drive output designate the sequence of triggering the scr's in the power amplifier diagram on page 125.

A frequency synthesizer controls the transmitter's frequency, and at any frequency the value of the components in the power amplifier affect both the efficiency of the conversion from d-c to r-f and the phase relationship between the input source and the amplified signal. At all times the radiated frequency is half the pulse rate of the exciter. Special tests have proved that the system can generate a signal stable enough for navigational systems—another application for long-range vlf transmission besides communications.

Power amplifier

Because of the power and frequency requirements, a four-section power amplifier was employed in the actual transmitter in the diagram on page 125. For simplicity, each ser in the block diagram represents six ser's in series. There are actually 96 ser's in four parallel sections, each with 24 ser's. Additional power amplifier sections could be paralleled and their outputs summed to produce higher power than a single amplifier.

The scr's are Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s type 809M that are rated for a 600-volt forward-blocking voltage and a half-cycle surge-current of 1,000 amperes. In this circuit the maximum d-c voltage is about 900 volts, the capacitor voltage is about 2,200 volts and the peak load voltage is about 1,200 volts. In the series loop, 12 scr's must support the sum of these voltages—4,300 volts—or each scr must support 360 volts.

One reason for connecting the ser's in series rather than in parallel is to avoid current-equalization problems. If the ser's were connected in parallel, their impedance characteristics would have to be carefully matched to insure that they share the current load equally; a difficult procedure. In addition, because the maximum voltage that can be placed across the ser is limited; the power supply voltage would have to be reduced and the operating current increased to maintain the desired power output. As a result, larger components would be required to carry the higher currents.

Connected in series, each scr must be able to carry the peak surge current of the string and to share the voltage drop equally. Ser's such as Westinghouse's type 809M have the required current ratings and approximately the same voltage drops for a given current flow.

A series configuration also allows higher-inductance coils to be employed. In the series arrangement the coils, L₅ to L₈, require inductances of 10 to 50 microhenries. In parallel operation the lower circuit impedance require tuning coils of about 0.33 to 1.3 microhenries—values so low that they would be affected by lead inductance.

Saturable reactors L₁ to L₄ prevent damage to the scr's when the scr's are operating at high frequencies and at high powers.

During turn-on, conduction begins at localized areas within the junction. High currents in the localized areas could destroy the scr before the full junction area becomes effective. The saturable

reactors prevent this by delaying full current flow for about 10 microseconds after any group of 12 ser's are gated on. After it saturates, the reactor does not impede current flow. Although ser's with high switching speeds reduce the turn-on problem, saturable reactors are still required.

Versatile

In addition to transmitting continuous waves, the transmitter may operate with other types of modulation including pulsed continuous wave, frequency, phase or amplitude modulation and frequency shift keying. In a pulsed c-w system the keying circuit in the exciter circuit is opened to remove gate drive from the ser and hence momentarily stops the transmitter output. Frequency or phase modulation and frequency shift keying are produced by frequency or phase modulating the reference frequency at the input of the exciter. Since the output frequency is dependent solely on this input clock frequency, it will follow this modulating signal. By varying the supply voltage, the transmitter may be amplitude modulated.

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Strips of nickel foil automate welding of flatpack assemblies

Numerically controlled punching, welding and test equipment programed by logic-design data manufactures integrated-circuit modules for high-reliability programs requiring rapid design changes

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Welding has been kept competitive with other integrated-circuit assembly methods by a module design that allows the assemblies to be made and tested with numerically controlled equipment. The production processes are coordinated with electrical design so that the manufacturing systems are programed directly from the design data.

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The modules were developed for aerospace digital systems, an application that demands small size and high reliability. It often requires the ability to put design changes into production overnight. The welded-matrix modules accomplish all three.

A typical module construction is summarized in the diagram at the right. Two 21-flatpack subassemblies are mounted back-to-back in a connector housing about 2 inches long, 1½ inches high and ½ inch thick. Flatpack leads are welded to tabs projecting from a laminated stack of signal wiring punched from nickel foil. The connections between the stacks and the subassembly leads are welded to tabs at the rear.

A similar design is now being used in the onboard guidance computer of the Apollo spacecraft.

Welding was selected as the joining method because of its reliability advantages. Welded joints have had a failure rate of only 0.0018 × 10⁻⁶ per joint hour in modules previously made by the Raytheon Co. for the Polaris and Apollo programs. These were discrete-component assemblies of the crossed-wire matrix and cordwood type. The new modules are conceptually akin to the crossed-wire matrixes (see p. 133) and resemble cordwood modules in that the only fabricated joints are welds between component leads and wiring. However, the fabrication techniques for the integrated-circuit modules are new, as well as the design.

Matrix fabrication

The machine that punches the nickel foil has a pneumatically operated set of punches, a tape reader, a logic and timing section which actuates the punches according to directions on the tape, and feeding and takeup mechanisms for the foil. The stock material is ductile nickel ribbon that is

one inch wide and two mils (0.002 inch) thick.

The punch and wiring strips are shown on the cover and the machine is on page 130. About 50 modules' worth of strips can be punched during an eight-hour shift. The punches operate in a common die block, holding registration within one mil. A cumulative tolerance of two mils can be held over a strip length of 10 inches.

The first punch forms a universal pattern of 50-mil slots on either side of a center conductor, as in the diagram below. As the strip advances in 50-mil increments, the next three punches remove unwanted tabs and unwanted portions of the center conductor. Keying holes, to guide the laminating, are punched at the ends of the strip and the part number is printed on the strip.

The excess material at the ends and sides of the wiring serves as a handling aid and is trimmed off after the stack is laminated. Lamination consists of interleaving the wiring with insulating adhesive tape or glass fabric impregnated with partially cured epoxy. After curing, trimming and assembly of the stacks between the subassembly's spacers, the tabs projecting from the stack are bent flush with the spacers.

The subassembly, complete except for the integrated circuits, is examined for wiring continuity and resistance by a numerically controlled tester. The side of the wiring matrixes is covered with insulating adhesive tape and the flatpacks are positioned on the tape.

Automatic welder

The technique usually employed to weld flatpack leads to printed circuits, parallel-gap welding,

welds the flatpack leads to the tabs. In parallelgap welding both electrodes contact one surface of the material.

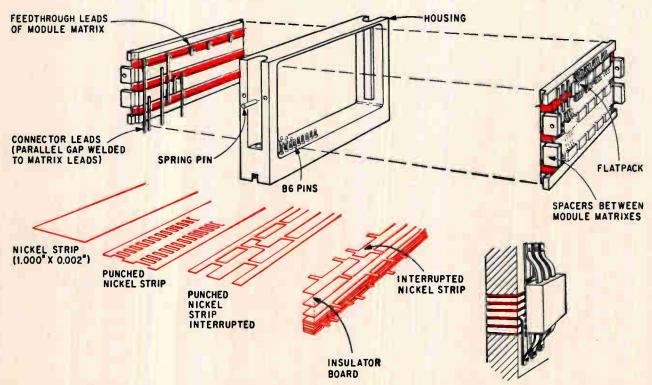
The power supplies of the welding machine, on page 130, are of a feedback-controlled type commercially available. The combination of two supplies and five welding heads allows different weld schedules (settings for weld-pulse voltage and duration, electrode gap and pressure) to be set and calibrated in advance. The buses at the rear of the assembly, which are welded on the same machine, and the lead welding require different schedules. Also, different types of IC's may require different schedules because of minor variations in lead materials and dimensions.

The tape-controlled console selects the required power supply and head combination for each weld, and moves the positioning table to locate joints to be welded under the selected heads. Positioning accuracy is five mils. The control system includes a lockout feature which detects, through the power-supply feedback control, whether the weld was made. If not, the weld operation is automatically repeated.

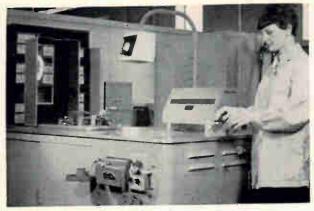
The welded assembly is examined for performance in a tape-controlled tester. The test is repeated after encapsulation. The modules are generally encapsulated with urethane foam, which can be removed by solvents harmless to the assembly if rework should be required.

System assembly

The M3X computer, briefly described in a previous article, was built during 1965 as a test vehicle for the matrix technique and to work out



Welded-matrix modules are built with two flatpack assemblies that fit into a common housing. The flatpack leads are welded to tabs on a stack of punched-foil conductors. Conductor fabrication is shown in color.



Strip-punching machine has a solid state logic and timing section which actuates the punching mechanism according to instructions punched on tape. The punching mechanism and strip are shown on the cover.

system packaging design. The computer, on page 131, consists of 14 matrix modules—containing 850 logic gates in dual-gate IC's—plus the three discrete-component modules on page 132.

The modules plug into a master connector of female connectors terminating in pins that are spaced on 100-mil centers. These pins are interconnected by wrapped-joint wiring with a machine programed by punched cards. This interconnection method was also chosen because it permits automation, rapid design changes and high reliability. Raytheon has made more than 2½ million wrapped joints in flight systems. None of the

joints has failed. The wiring withstands severe environments when it is potted with urethane foam.

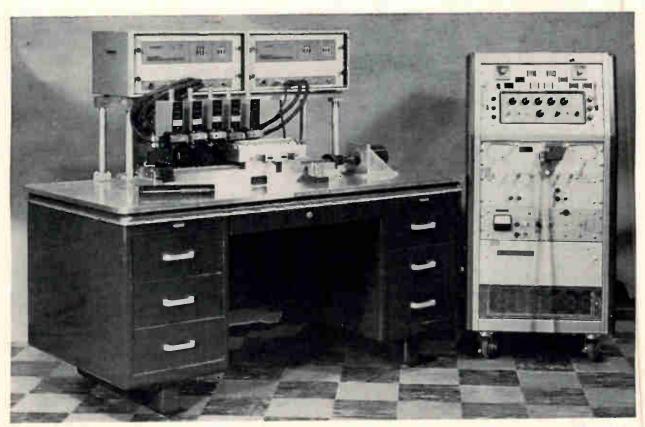
With its case, the M3X measures 2 by 6½ by 7 inches. It weighs six pounds. If a smaller, lighter assembly is needed, the master interconnection can be a welded wiring matrix, a printed circuit board or other lighter type of interconnection. The modules can also be made larger, to reduce the amount of interconnection needed.

The M3X is a serially operating, digital differential analyzer with shift-register memory. The program is wired-in—that is, the interconnection-wiring pattern determines the class of problem it solves. The welded-matrix technique is ideal for this type of system, because of the ease with which wiring changes can be put into production. The M3X and versions of it have been proposed for applications such as missile guidance and aircraft penetration-aid systems.

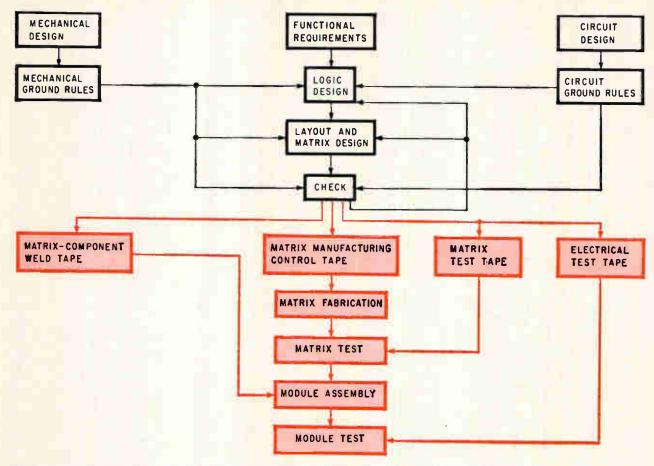
Programing the design

The meshing of the manufacturing operations with system design is outlined in the diagram at the right. The engineering steps result in logic flow and interconnection routing data on standardized layout forms. This data is rewritten as a wiring list and matrix layout. Four computer programs convert these into the control tapes for the production and test equipment.

The layout procedure is being converted to a computer program. This will provide for direct computer preparation of programs for all the



Automatic parallel-gap welder which bonds the flatpack leads to the matrix tabs. From top to bottom, the machine sections are a dual power supply, five welding heads and a matrix positioning table. The control is at right.



Welded matrix design, production and test flow. The operations shown in color have been automated. Computers will be used for layout and matrix design of large systems.

mechanized manufacturing and test equipment, inincluding system testing. Computer-assisted design procedures are becoming a necessity in digital
systems engineering because the manual layout
routines become cumbersome and wasteful of engineering manpower when the number of logic elements rises into the many hundreds—as it often
does in modern digital systems. Once computers
are employed for design, it costs little more to
prepare the machine programs.

The existing procedures already permit a significant savings in time, cost and paper work. These factors are particularly important in aerospace projects, where a development program may require frequent design changes and production runs are often short.

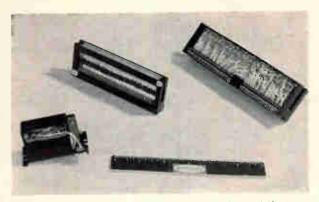
The production of printed circuits—now the most popular form of IC interconnection—can be automated at high cost, but setting up to produce a new design is a lengthy procedure. Production involves preparation of precision artwork and tool films, etching, drilling, plating and multiples of these steps if multilayer boards are being made.

The welding technique requires little or no setup and eliminates much of the conventional production documentation and diagrams. The few manual steps, such as stack lamination and the welding of the subassembly leads to the module connector, require only simple visual aids.

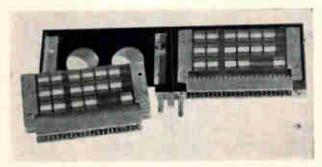
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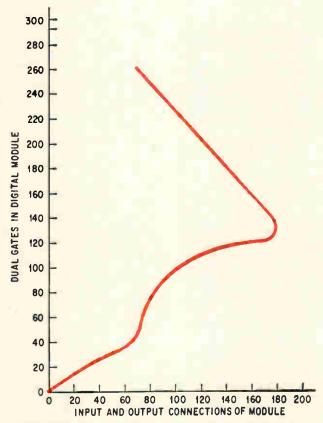
Computer built with matrix modules to prove out the packaging design contains eight logic and six memory modules with integrated circuits. The discrete-component modules at the rear and the one in the center of the computer are shown on page 132.



Discrete-component assemblies that supplement the welded-matrix logic modules are made as modules whose sizes are multiples of the matrix modules. These modules are the clock oscillator, isolation test and output modules of the miniature computer on page 131.



Side-by-side assembly of welded-matrix subassemblies was designed to improve repairability. Each section can be replaced independently. The encapsulant is semirigid urethane, which can be opened for repairs.



The same number of connector pins required for input and output to a 42-flatpack module could service one with about 270 flatpacks, if logic design is efficient.

The choice of welding

Other module-making methods were considered, including soldering or welding the flatpacks to multilayer boards, deposited-film interconnections and matrixes similar to the present design but made with etched foil. All are workable techniques, but the design selected avoids some of their short-comings and retains reliability advantages of prior welding methods.

The only joining materials are the lead materials; there are no additional materials such as soldering flux which might cause contamination. Weld heat cycles are controlled and short—a few milliseconds—avoiding damage to heat-sensitive IC's. Welded assemblies are denser and more rugged than conventional printed circuits; packaging density of the matrix modules is almost as high as small multilayer boards.

The matrix modules have few joints; there is only one joint per flatpack lead, plus the bus and connector lead joints at the rear of the subassemblies. All of these joints are external where they can be inspected and reworked if needed. Multilayer boards may have several additional joints and material interfaces buried between the layers. These hidden joints represent major quality control, repair and reliability problems. The reliability of the joints is more important in integrated-circuit systems than in discrete-component systems. As an integral component, IC's have more leads than discrete components, so the joints have a greater influence on system reliability—and cost—than in the past. Avoidable reliability hazards should be sidestepped because the IC's themselves pose reliability problems. A pyramiding of one partially reliable step after another can result in unreliability.

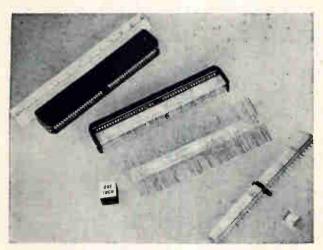
Finally, the automation of production and testing reduces the opportunities for human error as well as holding down costs.

Other design guidelines

The matrixes were scaled for flatpacks, but it was also necessary to have a module design compatible with discrete components. Flatpacks were selected because they allow the maximum reduction in system volume. Although flatpack body dimensions and lead numbers vary, most types of flatpacks can be used in the modules because lead spacing generally conforms to the 50-mil spacing of the matrix tabs.

Dimensional multiples of the matrix modules are employed for discrete-component assemblies, such as those left, above. Such assemblies, with added heat-sinking capacity, are required in most systems because IC's cannot satisfy all circuitry needs. Similar modules accept hybrid integrated circuits. In its adaptability to a variety of module sizes and types of components, the module design is similar to the Navy's module-standardization concept² and could be adapted to it with no change in the basic techniques.

The modules described above satisfy present



Earlier form of welded logic module has welded cross-wire matrixes that interconnect discrete components. The matrixes are made on numerically controlled machines.

guidelines for replacement cost in military systems. Assembly replacement cost is reduced by the style in the photo left, center, which provides a separate connector for each subassembly. If larger plug-in units and fewer interconnections are desired, the matrixes can be 10 inches long, or longer. The graph on page 132 illustrates how large modules reduce the number of connector pins.

High-speed digital systems require a wiring structure in which crosstalk noise, capacitance and delays between logic elements are small. Usually, the shorter the wiring paths, the less the problem. The small size of the matrixes and their organization within the module make them highly efficient for digital wiring patterns. If the logic is serial, the signal paths are usually no longer than the tab and lead lengths, plus the separation between flatpacks. Electrical problems can also be overcome by inserting shielding strips or special dielectric materials in the laminated stacks; or, widths and locations of the conductors can be varied by varying the punching equipment.

Origins of the techniques

The matrix techniques stem from lessons learned during prior production of cordwood and crossed-wire modules with opposed-electrode welders. This type of welding, in which the electrodes press against opposite sides of the lead materials, has also been automated. Numerically controlled machines were developed by Raytheon following crossed-wire matrix development by the Instrumentation Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Francis Associates and Raytheon.³

Nickel was selected as the matrix material because it is the most weldable conductor, with excellent chemical and dimensional stability—both critical to consistent weld quality. Kovar and Dumet, the usual semiconductor-device lead materials, are readily welded to it. Mechanically produced wiring generally has better dimensional accuracy than etched wiring, hence the matrix wiring

is punched. Etched copper circuitry rates low on the weldability scale.

However, opposed electrodes require room around the joint for placement of the electrodes and give best results when the mating materials are round, as in the case of component leads and wire. The parallel-gap type of welding, developed for welding of flatpack leads to planar wiring, is better for rectangular-to-rectangular mating sections. Backing up the joint with a smooth, rigid surface provides the pressure consistency that may be lacking in opposed-electrode welding of rectangular leads.

No special problems were encountered in applying parallel-gap welding to matrix fabrication. The technique is readily automated by having the matrix joints in line so that the electrodes can be stepped along the line.

Process and vendor control

A mixed blessing in quality control is that no simple, nondestructive test for weld strength exists. Missed or obviously bad welds are disclosed by visual examination and high resistance in electrical tests disclose improperly fused joints. But metallurgical and pull tests are required to make a precise determination of weld quality and to statistically determine the optimum weld schedules for different lots of materials and parts.

This discipline forces a perfectionist attitude on everyone involved, as well as a heavy investment in welding talent and tools. Welding machines are selected for their ability to maintain calibration, and are calibrated to within 0.01% of the specified schedule. Sample welds are pull tested before each shift and after calibration.

The weld joints between the flatpack leads and the matrix tabs have a pull strength of seven pounds per square inch. In a typical weld schedule, the weld-pulse voltage is 80 millivolts, the pulse duration is 1.2 milliseconds, the electrode gap is 0.020 inch and the electrode force is 4.5 pounds. The voltage pulse is square.

Since consistency of materials is all-important during a production run, chemical and spectrographic analyses are made during incoming inspection. This is backed up by a vendor-control program. Vendors must agree to document their critical processes and not to change them without Raytheon's approval.

Operators of opposed-electrode, hand-welding machines (used for cordwood modules and to weld the matrix-to-connector leads) are trained for two weeks, retrained if the work is deficient and retrained at intervals of three months under the normal program.

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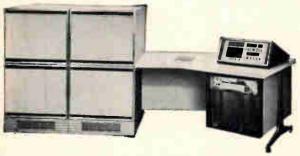


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Power switching trims digital system weight, cost

Shutting off power in a space computer at the right time reduces battery needs, cuts down on gating hardware and conserves weight, reducing circuit and launch costs

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Power consumption in digital systems can be substantially reduced simply by turning off power to parts of the system not being used. This obvious technique is not practical in most general-purpose systems because something is always happening in every major part of the system. However, power switching is most effective in special-purpose systems, where parts of the system are more likely to be used in sequence, rather than all at once.

Power switching can also eliminate some of the gating hardware that isolates subsystems from one another, because subsystems without power are effectively isolated without gating.

Power switching is attractive in aerospace applications where power must be conserved because batteries and solar cells are heavy; the cost of spacecraft launching increases steeply as the weight increases. Use of integrated circuits increases the need for power conservation because IC's—although smaller and lighter—draw more power than discrete-component circuits. For example, a typical flip-flop IC draws 3 milliwatts; a similar discrete-component circuit draws only ½ milliwatt.

All that is needed to control the power in a

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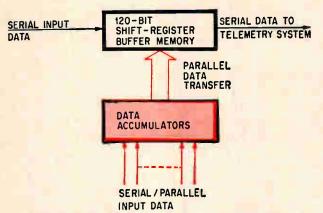
Rodger A. Cliff graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1961; since then, at the Goddard Space Flight Center, he has investigated data processing and compression methods for small scientific spacecraft. digital system is a simple series switch. Modifications can readily provide auxiliary functions such as a reset pulse, when power turns on, and a turn-off delay. A series switch has been designed for the orientation and position computer of a new spacecraft, the anchored interplanetary monitoring platform. A small spacecraft weighing about 200 pounds, the AIMP is scheduled for lunar orbit this summer. Its mission is to investigate the interplanetary magnetic field, solar plasma flux, interplanetary dust distributions, solar and galactic cosmic rays, and the magnetohydrodynamic wake of the earth in the vicinity of the moon.¹

The craft is to be spin stabilized by rotation about its axis of largest moment of inertia. It will keep track of its orientation and position with an optical aspect system that makes measurements on the earth, the moon and the sun. Measurement data will be stored in a subsystem called the optical aspect computer.

Power limitation

Because the spacecraft is small, its weight and consequently its power consumption are limited severely. Only 4.3 watts of average power are allotted for the five experiments. All of the instruments combined—including the optical aspect system—are allowed 1.3 watts average. The optical aspect system itself is allotted 950 milliwatts average, and the optical aspect computer, one-third of the optical aspect system, is limited to less than 400 milliwatts. As a frame of reference, a single Christmas tree light dissipates about 7½ watts. To meet these stringent requirements, the computer relies on power switching techniques.

It contains a 120-bit shift-register buffer memory



Optical aspect computer in anchored interplanetary monitoring platform has two modes of operation. Data may be transferred in parallel to buffer memory from data accumulator (color); or it may be transferred directly from the source. Either way it is shifted out serially to telemetry system.

and a 105-bit data accumulator as indicated in the block diagram above. Data may be collected in the accumulator, and transferred in parallel to the buffer memory; or data may be read serially into the buffer memory. In either mode, the stored data is serially shifted out to the telemetry system at the proper time.

A double saving results because the parallel data transfer between the accumulator and the buffer memory is controlled by power switching rather than by a set of gating circuits. The power that would be dissipated in the gates—320 mw—is saved, and the gates themselves—one for each of the 105 bits in the accumulator, representing a significant amount of hardware—are eliminated as shown in the table above, right, which summarizes the power savings obtained by switching.

In either mode there is a constant dissipation of about 100 mw by synchronization signal amplifiers connected to the telemetry system. The amplifiers must always be on because signals can come any time; therefore power switching is not applicable to the amplifiers.

How power switching works

In the inset diagram at the top left of the opposite page—a simple power switching circuit—when the control voltage is at ground, transistors Q₁ and Q₂ are cut off. The switched power is off and no power is dissipated in the switch or in any part of the system fed from the switch. But when the control voltage is sufficiently positive, Q₂ turns on, Q₁ becomes saturated, and power is fed to the system.

Several improvements were made to the simple series switch before it could be used in a digital system as complex as the spacecraft's—a rise-time capacitor, an automatic reset, and a power turn-off delay were added.

A rise-time capacitor was placed between the base and the collector of transistor Q₁. The capacitor slows down the rise time of the switched power, limiting it to about 100 microseconds. This

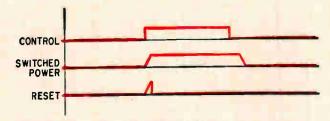
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Buffer memory	1/8	600	75	525	
Accumulator	1/4	320	80	240	
Data transfer	0	320	0	320	
gates					
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Amplifiers	1	100	100	275	
Buffer memory	3/8	600	225	375	
Accumulator	0	320	0	320	
Data transfer	0	320	0	320	
gates					
		1,340	325	1.015	
Total		1,540			

minimizes the settling time of the powered circuits.

A second improvement provides a reset pulse to guarantee that the controlled circuits will be in the proper initial state. The pulse can be generated by a transistor and diode connected to the risetime capacitor, as shown on page 137. When power is turned on, the capacitor C_R will discharge through the transistor Q_3 to the collector of Q_1 . This discharge continues as long as the output voltage is rising. When the voltage reaches its maximum value, C_R is fully discharged, Q_3 cuts off, and the reset output returns to ground. C_R charges up to $+V_{ce}$ volts through Q_1 and D_1 as power is turned off.

The usefulness of the series power switch can be further increased by adding turn-off delay to the circuit, so that control signal overlap is unnecessary. Then the same signal can turn off the power in one section and turn it on in the next section; at the same time power will be on in both sections while data is being transferred from one to the next. This simplifies the logic that generates the control signals.

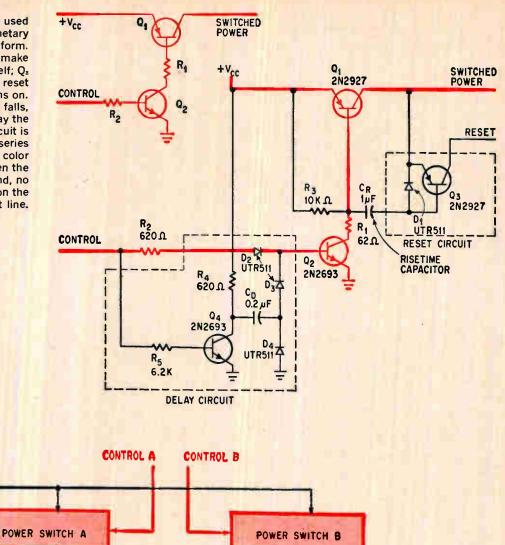
Turn-off delay is obtained in the power switch with the circuitry connected to transistor Q_4 . When the control signal is at ground, capacitor C_D is charged to $+V_{\rm cc}$ volts, but the switched power is off and no current flows anywhere in the circuit. When the control signal rises, turning on the power, Q_4 also turns on, and C_D discharges through Q_4 and D_4 . When the control signal returns to ground



Timing diagram of the power switching circuit on the opposite page.

Power switching circuit used in anchored interplanetary monitoring platform. Transistors Q₁ and Q₂ make up the switch itself; Q: generates an automatic reset pulse when power turns on. When the control signal falls, Q₄ and its circuitry delay the power turn-off. The circuit is based upon the simple series power switch shown in color at the top left. When the control line is at ground, no power is supplied on the output line.

+Vcc



RESET POWER RESET COMPUTER SECTION A COMPUTER SECTION B DATA IN DATA TRANSFER

Digital system utilizes power switching to conserve power while controlling data flow. The timing of the power switching is illustrated on the next page.

some time later, Q4 turns off and CD charges through R₄ and D₃, keeping Q₂, and the switched power, on. Q2 turns off only when CD is again fully charged. The delay time is determined by the time constant R₄C_D.

SWITCHED

The waveforms for the control, switched power and reset signals are shown in the timing diagram on the opposite page. When the control voltage rises, the switched power and the reset signal rise together, reaching a maximum in 100 microseconds. At that time the reset falls and the controlled circuits begin to operate.

After computation is complete, the control voltage returns to ground, but power stays on for about two milliseconds while data is transferred from the section controlled by this power switch into the next section. At the end of the turn-off delay, the power turns off with a fall time of four milliseconds; thereafter no more power is dissipated in the switch or in the circuitry controlled by the switch.

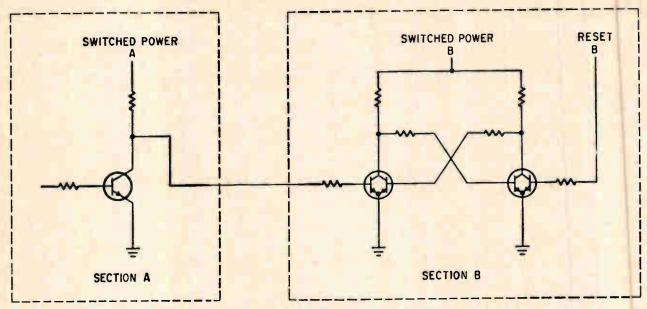
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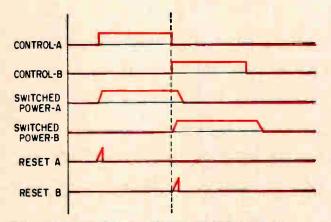
The spacecraft's computer is an example of a digital system with two sections, labeled A and B in the diagram above. Each section may have its own power switch with a separate control for each switch. The accumulator and buffer memory are examples of such sections.

When control A voltage rises, power to com-

DATA OUT



Data transfer between sections of a digital system is controlled by turning the power on and off in the various sections at the right time. No gates are required in the data path.



Timing diagram of power switching in digital system.

puter section A turns on and the section resets. Then data enters section A and computation begins. When it is complete, control A returns to ground and control B rises. Power to computer section B turns on and the section resets. The power to section A stays on because of the turn-off delay in the power switch A. The important waveforms for two such sections are shown above.

The schematic diagram at the top of the page shows how the data transfers from section A to section B through action of the power switches. In section B one stage of a register is shown. When the power to section B turns on, the reset signal resets the register to the 0 state. As soon as the reset signal falls, and if the output from section A is a 1, the register stage is set to the 1 state. At the end of the turn-off delay, the power to section A goes down and section A has no further effect on section B.

Power switching, of course, is not limited to a system with two sections. Any number of sections can be cascaded, or even connected into recirculating loops. Although apparently no large power-switching systems have been built, there is no size limit for reasons of design.

Nor is there a data-rate limit. Even if a subsystem has a duty-cycle ratio of greater than one-half, its power can be turned off when it is not working. If a new input signal appears before the input section has completed the previous input, two or more similar processors working in parallel can share the load, and still save power because gating between sections is not required.

Power switching is not usually applicable to general-purpose computers, because they are not organized to take advantage of it. [One new general-purpose computer that uses power switching—in its scratch-pad memory—is the Scientific Data Systems, Inc.'s Sigma 7; Electronics, April 4, 1966, p. 118]. But many special-purpose computers can use it.

For example, a computer in a spacecraft's scientific experiment package might include a counter for events like the number of particles registered by a Geiger counter in a specified time. Sometimes the count is transferred to a floating-point converter, where the data is logarithmically compressed before it is telemetered to earth. The floating-point conversion may be made only once every 10 seconds and it may take only 100 microseconds to perform the conversion. Nevertheless, power would generally be supplied to the converter at all times. Power switching would conserve the power in the time intervals between conversions and would reduce the amount of hardware needed.

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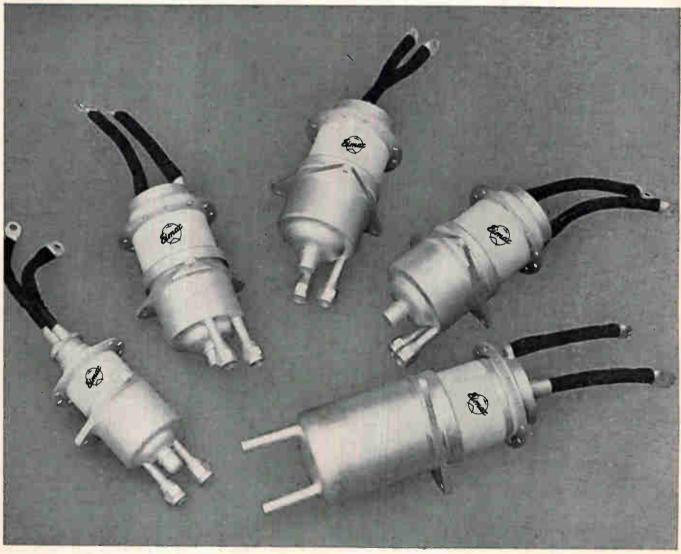
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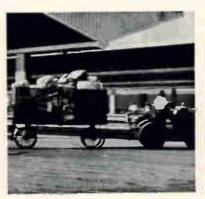








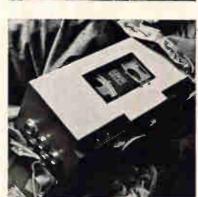












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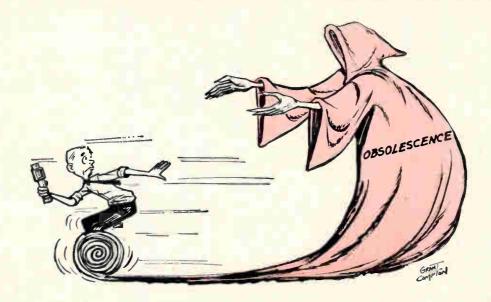
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Opinion

The myth of obsolescent knowledge

A successful engineer offers his colleagues a theory to dispel the fear of obsolescence; it's based on the premise that a certain kind of knowledge never loses its value

Gerd D. Wallenstein

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A new fear besets scientists and engineers: the fear of obsolescence. They worry that the training and skills they use today will be useless tomorrow. Every week one of our leading scientists or educators warns that knowledge acquired yesterday is depreciating today and will be permanently obsolete

The author



Gerd D. Wallenstein's interest in a broad education goes back to his high school days in Berlin when he took a classical curriculum. Though he received an engineering education at Technische Hochschule, Berlin, he still managed to study French, Spanish and Chinese languages intensively. He left Germany for China because of the

Nazi persecution and there worked as an engineer for RCA Victor of China. In 1947 he came to the United States and joined the Lenkurt Co. as an applications engineer; then advanced to chief applications engineer, vice president for product planning and finally to his present position, vice president for planning.

tomorrow. But such a fear does not make sense, because an engineer's future is built on his knowledge of the past as well as his understanding of present and future technology.

To buttress the argument that obsolescence is an imminent danger, curves have been constructed to show how rapidly the acceleration of obsolescence takes place; these curves usually follow a law of squares. The argument says that knowledge and inventions multiply at a logarithmic rate, producing equivalent amounts of progress in shortening periods of time. The duration of each period, according to this law, is approximately the square root of the length of the preceding period. When a quantitative measure of invention is plotted over a logarithmic time base, an exponential curve results,

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rising steeply, while a plot of usefulness of knowledge on the same base falls proportionately [see curve at right].

According to this reasoning, an engineering graduate of 1900 could use his knowledge for 40 years; his colleague of 1930, for only 20 years. Since the curve approaches an asymptote, we can conclude that the graduate of 1970 will be obsolete by the time the ink is dry on his diploma.

Along with the notion of accelerated obsolescence has come a demand for more people with Ph.D. degrees. The demand seems to be for the narrow specialist: the graduate with a Ph.D. in laser theory or solid state phenomenon, or digital memories. These laboriously acquired degrees, it seems, will entitle the bearer to immediate obsolescence.

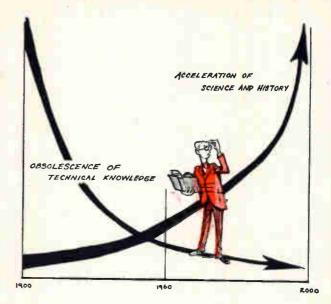
The path from vacuum tube to transistor to integrated circuit apparently confirms the law of squares. An engineer trained to design vacuum-tube circuits became obsolete with the introduction of transistors. Now, 10 years later, the transistor circuit designer is to be replaced by thin-film experts who will plan monolithic and hybrid microelectronic circuitry. Yet there is a paradox here. While this is happening, many older engineers in their sixties command large fees as consultants. What is the value of that long-obsolete knowledge they can sell so successfully? Could it be that these older scientists and engineers acquired knowledge of a more lasting kind when they were not afraid of obsolescence?

What so many people fail to grasp is that the need is for acquiring nonobsolescent knowledge. Leibnitz, Napier, Fourier and Courant (who is still living) did not and will not become obsolete for students of mathematics. In electronics, subjects such as Kirchhoff's laws, network theory, feedback theory, statistics, modulation theory and resonant circuits are nonobsolescent.

Nonobsolescent knowledge encompasses the total range of human experience, recorded and discovered, remembered and imagined. Most of this experience is timeless in value, thus educational and character-forming in any period. The human tragedies of Romeo and Juliet and Hamlet are as meaningful today as when they were written over 300

years ago. The knowledge acquired by ancient Romans to build systems for clean water supply and drainage of wastes would help many modern cities.

The theory of accelerating obsolescence is compatible with a theory expounded by Henry Adams, called the law of acceleration of scientific discovery and history. Adams despaired of mankind's ability to perpetuate humanity while climbing a vertical asymptote. Gerald Piel, publisher of Scientific American magazine, presented a modern look at this acceleration law in

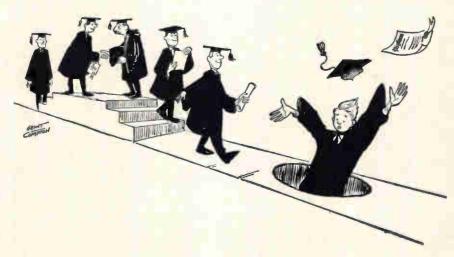


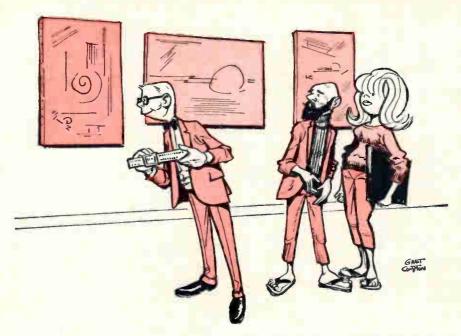
a talk at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., in 1963. Piel indicates there is a solution, fortunately for us and our descendants. Science, he says, is the ultimate source of value in the life of mankind. The implication is that we must learn to apply science beneficially at the rate demanded by the asymptote.

No wonder our educators worry. The production of a continuous flow of scientists whose knowledge would expand continuously to offset instant obsolescence is beyond their capabilities. But fortunately there are no such requirements in real life.

The asymptotes we are offered are indeed unsatisfactory and frightening, as Henry Adams felt. Only jugglers can climb a vertical line with no visible place for a foothold. The simile is more appropriate than might be expected: in Italian, juggler is prestidigitatore. And what could more aptly describe today's obsolescence syndrome than the combination of prestige and digital data, powerful forces in our technical economy?

All this scientific reasoning about obsolescence may have gone astray because the statistics used for our asymptotic achievement curves are onesided. The worriers have taken a narrow sampling





of humanity; namely, ourselves in our technical society. They record and plot scientific contributions as if these represented absolute values contributed to humanity.

But in reality, all these values are relative, compared to the total needs of all humanity including that of the nontechnical members of society. They ignore some impressive concentrations of stagnation. The nonscientific masses of places like Watts (scene of the 1965 Los Angeles riots and destruction), Leopoldville, Shanghai and Calcutta continue in squalor and suffer from malnutrition and intellectual hopelessness. The impressive increase—logarithmically—of calories afforded and kilowatthours of power generated per person in the United States is lost if one computes calories and energy on a world per capita basis instead.

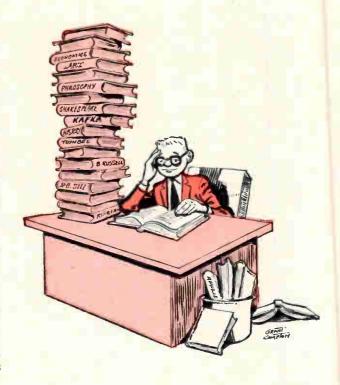
If present and future scientific contributions are to make any sense, they must be made from a knowledge of humanity and the humanities as a whole. The need is not for more technical people specialized in the new skills which are just developing, but for more people steeped in the accumulated knowledge of the past.

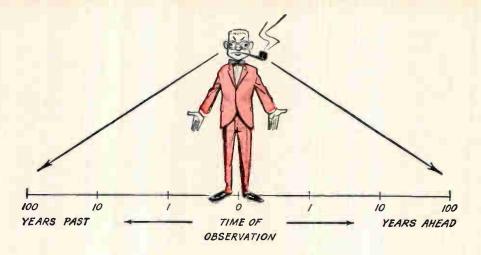
This knowledge of the past has to include a wide range of nontechnical information. The engineer needs some idea of the contributions made to our complex civilization by the ethics of the ancient Jews, the philosophy of the Greeks, the remarkably proto-American practical civilization of the Romans. His ability to cope with changing monetary values is sharpened by knowledge that during the 12th century a paper money inflation accelerated the collapse of a Chinese dynasty at war.

To develop this knowledge, an engineer need do no more than read. He could start with Bertrand Russell's "History of Western Philosophy," go on to a novel or short story by Franz Kafka ("The Trial," or "The Metamorphosis"); then try a sociological study like "The Lonely Crowd" by David Riesman. Books like scientist-manager R.G.H. Siu's

"The Tao of Science" can open unusual vistas to the engineer. This one relates ancient Chinese wisdom to the problems of modern scientific organizations.

In addition to reading, the human experience conveyed by music, painting, and sculpture represents knowledge of immeasurable value. Paintings of the Sung period, a thousand years old, convey a sense of harmony and balance which might be an inspiration for struggling electronic circuit designers. Ancient pottery of many cultures (American Indian, Chinese, Middle Eastern), in recognizable functional beauty, points the way to better functional design in our civilization suffocating in the over-ornate, the ugly clutter of short-lived,





sometimes useless products.

Only when he is thus equipped can a scientist and engineer look to the future without fear of obsolescence. His mental facilities will be sharpened by evaluating the relative merits of past discoveries which can be viewed dispassionately only in retrospect. He can understand the limits of technology by studying the clash between innovation and contemporary crafts which occurred and continues to occur when science progresses without humanism. Most importantly, he will gain perspective for his own work, and for that of his contemporaries, seeing the significance of all this work to other people in other places and at other times.

A new theory of perspective

Perspective offers an answer which is more in tune with human life. The law of squares is correct, but the error lies in applying it in only one direction and in absolute terms. According to this new theory of perspective, we project our life and thinking logarithmically in both forward and backward directions.

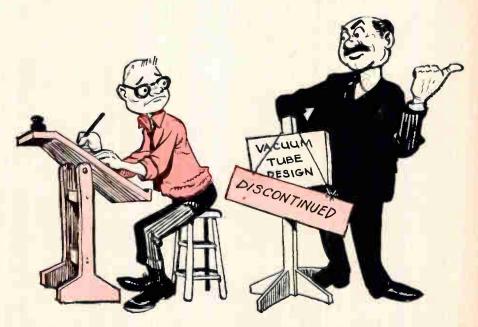
Herein lies hope, and perhaps the only rational reconciliation of acceleration laws with the realistic need for gradual progression along a nonasymptotic line. This theory tells us that the view of 1966 emphasizes the inventions, social and political happenings of the one and 10 year periods ahead by the same magnitude as it does the equivalent happenings of the corresponding past periods. And it tells us that our view in 1950 magnified the coming year in the same relative way it magnified the next 10 years.

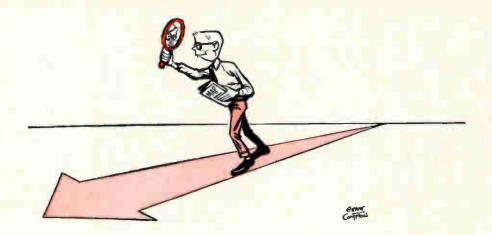
Looking in the two directions, we see the immediate year behind and the year ahead closest to our observation in equal im-

portance. The inventions and happenings of these immediate periods will have the greatest significance, but only for a time. Thus, in 1966, we think of the progress made in integrated circuits during 1965, and concern ourselves with their growing applications during the current year. But, five years ago, in 1961, we were similarly concerned with the increasing abundance of low-cost, very reliable transistor types just released the year before, and saw their application in equipment as the major technical problem of the then current year.

In 1960 we saw the vacuum-tube technology, in logarithmically receding perspective, spreading over a time longer than the transistor technology. But, another 10 years or so later, around 1970, our viewpoint will have moved both transistor and vacuum-tube technology closer together while emphasizing the newest technological development of the year just past and immediately ahead.

As the years pass, the most vital knowledge of a given year recedes in over-all significance. It is as if the engineer stood on a slowly moving train from which he watched past events gradually ap-





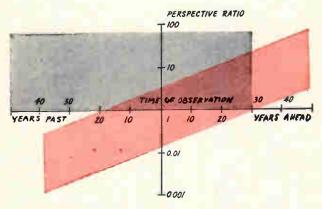
pear more and more crowded.

If to this horizontal moving point of perspective is added a vertical scale of values, the engineer can still see extraordinary past contributions rising above the perspective horizon even hundreds of years in the past. For example, to relate the total effect of inventions, social, and political happenings properly, we may plot history on a perspective line as in the graph below.

If, against a base of time, we now plot an indicator such as food calories available per living human being, or perhaps a complex factor combining food calories, living space, education and industrial power generation, the curve is a slowly rising line. Separate magnification of intervals would show the dramatic up and down departures from the trend when they occurred during certain periods.

If the engineer or scientist can orient himself by understanding the perspective of past and future, he can see a place where he can make a contribution at any time in history. We can even try to put some numbers on the learning potential, though the purpose of this representation is to establish the concept of perspective. I make no claim for numerical accuracy and an accurate computation of values would be meaningless. The numbers only help explain the idea.

In any year of graduation, from his perspective



An engineer's view changes as he grows older, according to a plot of perspective ratio that compares the value of available knowledge with the value of new specialist knowledge.

as a young graduate, the engineer values his total knowledge acquired so far at a figure somewhat less than the lifetime worth of specialist's knowledge lying ahead of him. This is expressed by the value of the perspective ratio:

1 > P > 0.1

where P is defined as:

P = Value of available personal knowledge
Value of future specialized knowledge
By applying this formula, we can say that if a
graduate values his knowledge at \$100,000, his
future specialist's knowledge will be worth \$1 million.

Perspective also tells him that he is inclined to overemphasize the endspurt of the year just past and the impressions of the first year of his professional career just ahead. Off in the future, he can see the acquisition of new knowledge increasing his store of available useful knowledge, so that the perspective ratio P becomes larger than one. The range in the curve at the left allows for wide individual variations, depending on ambition, ability and chance

Thirty to 40 years later, at the end of his professional career, his outlook will include a small contribution of new specialist knowledge to be acquired for a few more years, but mainly a solid value encompassing all available knowledge of the past. Age will not have altered his human emphasis of periods just past and ahead. He will value in great detail the projects and achievements of the year immediately past and the future year.

Equipped with this theory of perspective, the engineer can be cured of the disease of asymptotes. He knows that future acceleration of knowledge is manageable because he realizes that his view is foreshortened, and that a new foreshortened view has to be constructed at each new point of time. At the same time, educators realize that the frightening asymptotes are just another symptom of our confused groping times. Such symptoms have been experienced before in such historical periods as after the collapse of the Roman empire and during Napoleon's reign.

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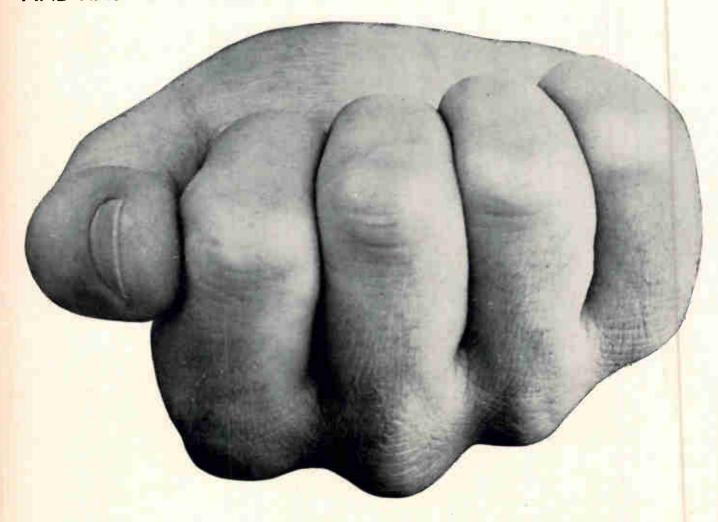
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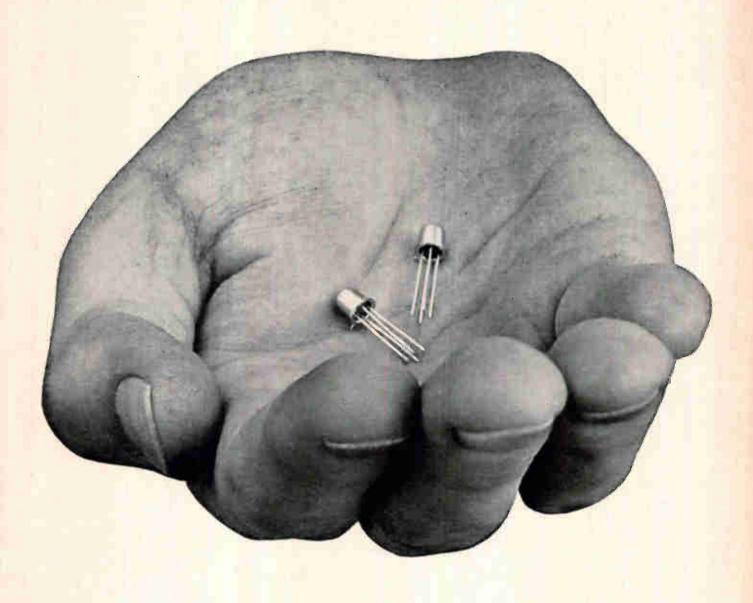
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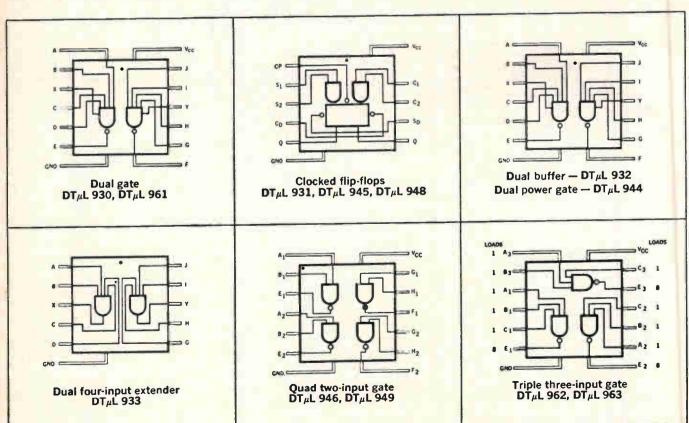
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Industrial electronics

Process control: big boom in Britain

Britain's push to automate its plants has created a huge demand for process control computers and techniques for man-machine communication, mimic design representation, and speech and character recognition

By Derek Barlow

European Editor

British industrial computer makers must be doing something right. Business is booming and the major British firms making such equipment have bulging order books. They have sold and installed approximately 100 process control computers and another 50 are either on order or almost so.

The upsurge is a result of Britain's drive to automate her plants—a drive pushed by Technology Minister Frank Cousins to help the United Kingdom compete in the world market.

One manufacturer said: "Our sales curve is rising exponentially and orders are doubling each year. The majority of these are for microminiature systems using integrated circuit components."

The boom in industrial electronics was evident at the Instrument, Electronics and Automation Exhibition in London last month. Process control computers dominated the show but there were also new display techniques for manmachine communication, for computer-aided design, for mimic diagram representation and speech and character recognition.

Why the boom. One company executive explained the industrial computer boom: "Customers now know what they are talking about in computer control. Microminiaturization is doing for the process computer industry what the second generation of business computers did for data processing. Systems are now running a year without any failures on a 24-hour-a-day basis."

Britain, however, does not have the market to herself. United States firms—such as the Foxboro Co., Honeywell Inc., Ampex Corp. and Potter Instrument Co.—already hold a major position in the industrial control market and are out to improve that position.

At the exhibition more than 50 American companies displayed their products. Business was so good that several are planning to set up plants in Britain.

To offset American competition at home, British firms are pushing their overseas sales. Eastern European countries are considered good markets for industrial controls and computer installations. English Electric-Leo Marconi Computers Ltd. has received orders for three large computer installations, one from a railroad in Czechoslovakia and the other two from a Czech steelworks.

The British have developed a profitable market in Sweden by selling American computers. Associated Electrical Industries Ltd. already has sold General Electric's Con Pac computers for use in Sweden's nuclear reactor and two other Con Pac 4040 computers—worth \$300,000—are on order. One



"Wrong wire touched. Try again," is the message the operator gets on the cathode-ray tube when her query does not make sense to the computer.

will control a Swedish paper mill and the other will direct power distribution to a paper mill complex.

I. Land, sea and air

Ferranti Ltd., one manufacturer of integrated-circuit process control computers, is producing 24 Argus 400 machines. Fifteen of these—valued at \$1.4 million—have been sold and negotiations are under way for the other nine. Installations are for applications ranging from civil air traffic control centers to ships.

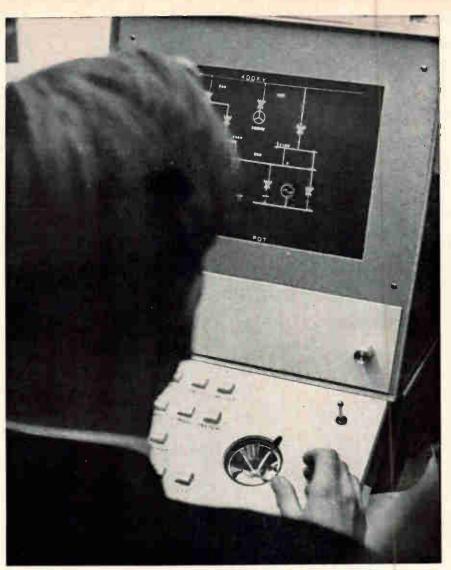
One Ferranti model is planned for the new \$75-million Cunard ocean liner, code named the Q4. The 58,000-ton vessel will be launched in April, 1967 and delivered in 1968. The Argus 400 computer will perform data logging in the engine room. It will also make life easier for the ship's purser by keeping track of food inventories and personnel records.

The Ferranti computer will be used at Jodrell Bank, Britain's radio astronomy center, to control the radio telescope and to run X-ray diffraction meters that analyze nuclear measurements.

The computer also will be put to work in coal mines. At the Longannet installation in Scotland, four coal mines are to be linked to form a single complex. The mines will supply a nearby power station with 10,000 tons of coal a day, and the computer's job will be to make sure the entire output is kept within specific limits of ash content.

British police may use a Ferranti computer to check fingerprints more rapidly. A punched tape input carries the coded pattern of a fingerprint. If the computer recognizes the print, it provides a pattern description.

A parallel version of the Argus 400, the Argus 500, is under development and already has been ordered for power station and chemical industry applications. One of Britain's biggest chemical firms will use two of the new computers for mass spectrometry analysis. Four computers, paralleled in pairs, will directly control the reactors in a direct, digital-control system at a nuclear power station due to be operational in 1970. The control equations of the reactors are included in the computer program. Control valves and actuators are



Micrologic drawing machine gives the operator complete freedom to draw any shape or diagram he wants. Drawings are then stored in the process computer.

linked directly to the computer.

II. Man talks to machine

Both Marconi Ltd. and Plessey Automation Ltd. are developing a new display technique for man-machine communication—a touchwire system. A closed-circuit television monitor is the base of the system. The display is divided into two parts—the upper part displays descriptive data while the lower portion displays the series of choices available to the operator.

The operator queries the computer by touching one of a number of wires placed on the face of a cathode-ray tube. His choice of wire is determined by the alphanumeric display characters indicated against each wire by the computer. The system works not only as a conventional display but also as a keyboard with inquiries computer-controlled and generated.

The wires are ¾-inch-long pieces of copper attached to a mask fitted in front of the cathode-ray tube. Normally, 16 wires are used but there is no limit. The wires are placed so the computer can write items of information against each one. Connections from the wires link them to one arm of an a-c bridge.

When the operator touches a wire, the bridge is unbalanced. Logic circuits set up a number corresponding to the wire touched and signal this to the computer. The computer then starts a new routine to change the display or call down more data. Antidither circuits prevent operators from repeatedly activating the display before the completion of each item of dialogue.

Keep in touch. The system was originally developed by the government's Royal Radar Establishment for air traffic control applications in which controllers can communicate with the computer.

Initially, the display lists only the call signs of the aircraft in the controller's area. These call signs are repeated against each of the touch wires. When the controller receives information from one of the aircraft, he touches the appropriate wire which calls down data on the aircraft's flight plan. At the same instant, the keyboard writing against the touch wires changes and is replaced by flight plan data such as altitude and checkpoints.

If the controller wants to change the plane's arrival time at a checkpoint, he calls down checkpoint data by touching the proper wire. The keyboard then changes to a row of digits from which the controller can update the entry.

In the displays being developed by Plessey Automation, a dot pattern generates the alphanumeric charters to provide 16 lines of 64 characters each on the type face.

III. A mechanical artist

A micrologic drawing machine soon will be available in Britain to link process control computers with a display mimic diagram of a plant being controlled. In its experimental version, the system developed by Ferranti differs from other cathode-ray tube display and drawing systems in that the operator has complete flexibility to draw any shapes or diagrams he wants. The drawings are then stored in the process computer.

There is no limit on the number of characters that can be generated. The software program permits generation of different character sizes once the character has been formed.

Computer input is controlled by a joy stick and a Teletype keyboard. Sophisticated displays can be built by using six different operating modes—one of these is a straight tabular display of lines containing 16, 32 or 64 characters per line.

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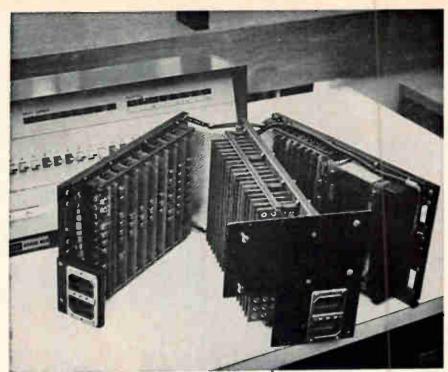
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The system's main use will be to generate diagrams in machine language form that can be employed in other process control applications. The system is connected directly to the computer store and will display mimic diagrams of any section of the plant the controller wants watched.

IV. Road to design automation

Design automation is gathering steam in Britain. Two firms, Marconi and Racal, Ltd. are approaching computer-aided design from different directions.

Racal is designing all video amplifiers with an Elliott 4100 computer. Three programs have been written to design a standard-configuration, three-transistor amplifier. Designers specify the gain, frequency range, stability margins and temperature environment. The program first determines the resistor values to insure correct bias levels and then defines capacitor values to meet the frequency response. The frequency response for both ends of the range is finally calculated and printed out. Total design time is 15 minutes.

Marconi is concentrating its efforts on the drafting room problem, the actual drawing of the design after requirements have been determined. Marconi's technicians are studying software requirements to use with its Myriad microminiature computer. Several questions still remain to be answered—how should perspective alterations be programed into the system, and should the system provide automatic dimensioning and automatic production of projection drawings? The entire operation will be a long-term one for Marconi.

V. What did he say?

Speech and character recognition are part of a long-term computer input program being conducted by Plessey Automation. Experimental techniques using autocorrelation are able to recognize spoken numerals. Speech inputs are split into 20-cycle bandwidths and are then digitized. The computer program then searches for unique patterns, sampling the input every 25 milliseconds. Plessey is now studying methods of analyzing tonal effects of the voice. On recognition of words, a Plessey spokesman says: "we are on a level with the rest."

Plessey also has developed a number recognition system as part of the Ministry of Technology's advance computer technology study. The system can read any font, or type, or number by interchanging plug-in units.

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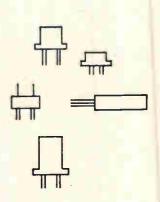
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For hard-to-diagnose faults that develop while the plane is airborne. flight engineers in a sense will consult the design engineers through an elaborate malfunction detection, analysis and recording system (Madar). For easy-to-diagnose malfunctions, the system will pinpoint automatically the unit that has stopped working properly-a hydraulic pump, for example, or a generator-and print out its identification number.

Along with its kingpin mission of inflight troubleshooting, Madar also will record data vital for scheduling preventive maintenance on major equipment like the plane's jet engines.

The Lockheed Aircraft Corp., which won a \$1.4-billion contract to build 58 of the 360-ton cargo planes, rates the malfunction detection system as one of the major innovations in electronics going into the C-5A, which will be far and away the world's largest aircraft. Madar, now near final design, goes far beyond the earlier malfunction detection recorder Lockheed developed for the Air Force. The Madrec system, used on the B-52 and B-47, tape-records malfunction data during flight for later analysis by computers on the ground. This is just one of several jobs the Madar system will do.

I. Man or computer?

In Madar, Lockheed struck a balance between the two current extremes in diagnosing malfunctions. On today's aircraft, most troubleshooting takes place on the ground. The test equipment relies heavily on manual monitoring and often

requires skilled technicians to interpret readings. On the other hand, in advanced small aircraft, the trend is toward automatic inflight diagnosis-hundreds of inputs fed to an airborne computer programed to detect and identify malfunctions. Madar combines both these approaches.

The Madar system keeps tabs on some 1,000 test points throughout the plane. About half of them are monitored manually. F. J. Overcash, deputy chief subsystems engineer of Lockheed-Georgia Co., the Lockheed affiliate building the C-5A, believes this division is the best for the mammoth cargo plane. He says striking this balance was the crucial design decision in developing the system and that the actual technology had all been tried out previously elsewhere in bits and pieces.

Stable. For quick turnaround at airports, the C-5A is designed for fast servicing and throughout the craft assemblies like pumps, motors, actuators and electronic hardware are conceived as line replacement units, LRU's. When an assembly develops a fault, the plane does not have to stay grounded during a lengthy repair; instead, a mechanic replaces the unit.

Lockheed assigned the LRU's to automatic or manual maintenance monitoring according to the complexity of the signals that tell whether or not the unit is working properly. About half of the monitored test points-hydraulic pressures, temperatures, motor currents and the like-produce signals that vary within predictable limits. Lockheed classes signals like these as stable parameters and handles them automatically in Madar to make go, no-go decisions.

However, there's not a simple one-for-one ratio between an outof-tolerance stable parameter and a faulty LRU. A data signal indicating low pressure at a pump output, for example, doesn't necessarily mean the pump has failed. The low pressure could also be caused by a faulty bypass valve, a low reservoir, or an open circuit to the pump motor. For that reason, the Madar's memory stores for each automatically monitored LRU a logic equation linking as many as six stable parameters. When the data signals from an LRU don't satisfy its equation, it's faulty.

Dynamic. Precise limits needed for automatic go, no-go malfunc-

Madar may have split personality

In the next few weeks, the Air Force, the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and the Nortronics division of the Northrup Corp. will decide whether or not

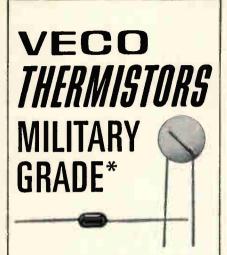
Madar will have a split personality.

Lockheed has a fixed-price contract for the C-5A and wants to keep the cost of avionics from getting out of hand. One obvious way to hold the line, without a sacrifice of the aircraft's over-all capability, would be to assign part of the computations necessary for automatic malfunction monitoring to the navigational computer.

Lockheed studies show that the calculations needed to determine engine health, which are far more complex than straight go, no-go malfunction decisions, would add only 3 microseconds to the 214-micro-

second major loop time of the navigational computer.

Nortronics, subcontractor for the navigation system, admits the computer has the time to spare for the engine health calculations. But Lockheed and Nortronics currently are bickering over what the contract revision will cost. Lockheed has designed Madar so that it could work with a single, general-purpose computer or with part of the calculations farmed out to the navigational computer.



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tion decisions, however, can't be set for complex waveforms—signals from autopilots, inertial platforms, heading servos, doppler radar equipment, radar video circuits and the like. These dynamic parameters are displayed on a cathode ray tube so the flight engineer can analyze them.

This method of determining which LRU in a subsystem is acting up has a definite drawback: ordinarily it takes a skilled avionics technician to interpret the waveforms. Madar gets around this by projecting reference waveforms alongside the cathode tube's display. All the flight engineer has to do is match the live waveform to a reference waveform. The reference display then indicates which LRU is at fault and what to do about it.

When the flight engineer uses the reference waveforms, which are stored in the equipment on 16-millimeter film, he indirectly consults the design engineers who developed the subsystem he's checking. The reference waveforms will come from analyses made by design engineers who have deliberately set up on LRU's all the possible malfunctions they can think of. As the C-5A's go into service, flight engineers will record any undefined waveforms so they can be analyzed on the ground and the film store updated.

II. Automatic mode

Critical to the automatic malfunction detection system is its data processor, essentially a general-purpose, core-memory computer that stores the limits for the stable parameters that are automatically monitored.

Data signals from 32 remote signal acquisition units throughout the plane are funneled into the data processor where they are compared with the predetermined limits. Each acquisition unit can handle up to 32 analog data channels, sampling among them at rates of 10 kilohertz.

Address and compare. The signal acquisition units are addressed and sampled through a central multiplexer adapter. Up to 20 channels are applied at one time to the multiplexer's data gates, where one is selected by decoding address bits. Data in the selected channel passes to an analog-digital con-

verter and then goes into the limitcomparison program in the computer.

It takes between 8 and 10 microseconds to sample a channel, digitize the data, make the limit comparison and store it. As many as six different parameters can be involved in one malfunction check. If the results of limit comparisons satisfy the logic equation for the LRU, the output is a go signal that triggers the automatic checking sequence for the next LRU.

If the equation is not satisfied, the malfunction check produces a no-go signal. This signal actuates the print-out unit, which identifies by number the faulty LRU. At the same time, a light on the control panel warns the flight engineer of the fault. He then has three possible courses of action: replace the faulty LRU if the job can be done in flight; radio ahead the LRU number so a ground crew can be ready with a replacement; or probe further into the fault. This he does by diagnosing it with the help of Madar's 10,000-frame troubleshooting film library.

Engine health. Along with continuous automatic checking for malfunctions in the major subsystems of the C-5A, the Madar makes a magnetic-tape record of the health of the jet engines. The tapes are analyzed by a computer on the ground to help tell when preventive maintenance and overhauls should be scheduled.

III. Diagnostic mode

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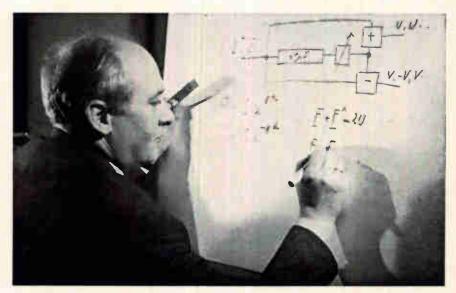
Electronics Abroad Editor

The long squabble among European countries over color-ty standards seems destined to end in a stalemate this summer.

A last attempt to settle on a single standard will be made at a month-long plenary assembly of the International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) in Oslo starting June 22. Erik Esping of the Swedish Telecommunications Authority, longtime chairman of CCIR's color-tv study group, plans to open the session with an appeal for unity. No matter how moving the appeal, though, it's doubtful the officials of Europe's government-run tv networks will be swayed. Most are heading to Oslo committed to one or the other of two competing-and incompatible -systems and are more concerned with starting color-tv broadcasts than with compromise.

French tv officials are determined to stick with their Secam system. And they have the Soviet bloc for support. The other major European countries have lined up behind the West German PAL system. Both camps are resigned to a standoff-and a double color-tv standard for Europe. Neither side can count on enough last-minute shifts of position to trigger the stampede needed for a unanimous vote and a clear-cut recommendation for one system. Instead, CCIR almost certainly will bury the issue, forwarding for approval to its parent body-the International Telecommunications Union—a recommendation that both Secam and PAL be adopted.

Contributions to this report were made by Derek Barlow, London; Paul Catz, Amsterdam; Charles Cohen, Tokyo; John Gosch, Bonn; Peter Kilborn, Paris; Robert Skole, Stockholm; Ronald Taggiasco, Milan; and Donald Winston, Moscow.



Walter Bruch of Telefunken first hit on the fundamental ideal of PAL—eliminate hue and saturation variations by alternating the phase of chrominance modulation from line to line to average out color errors,

Although delegations from some 50 countries will merely go through the motions of trying to hit on a compromise, a flurry of last-minute politicking will come as backers of the two systems seek to add to the territories they already have.

The stakes are tremendous. Maurice Ponte, head of France's largest electronics company CSF (Compagnie Générale de Télégraphie sans Fil) estimates that at least 25-million color-ty sets will be sold in Europe by 1976.

With the United States' NTSC system no longer in contention for Europe, the American delegation will boost PAL rather than Secam. PAL is an offshoot of NTSC [Electronics, March 22, 1965, p. 97]. Japan, too, probably will push PAL since it has followed the U.S. with NTSC; Japanese industry certainly will find PAL countries better export markets than Secam countries, which will need radically different receivers.

Other key items on the Oslo agenda include standards for stereo broadcasts, for mobile, marine, selective-calling systems, and for satellite communications. The U.S. has a direct interest in all three [see story on page 256].

i. PAL pushers

Unless the unexpected occurs at Oslo, the major industrial countries of Western Europe—France excepted—will start color-tv broadcasts during the next two or three years using PAL. All would have preferred a single standard. But in light of the hopelessness of the split that developed at least year's interim CCIR meeting in Vienna, no one felt it would be wise to hold off selecting a system until either PAL or Secam eventually wore down the opposition.

Eager isle. Great Britain, especially, wanted color in a hurry. With its black-and-white market saturated, British set makers clam-



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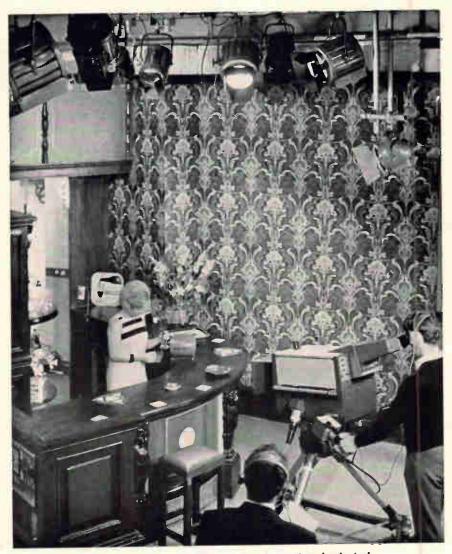
ored for color broadcasts to buoy sinking sales of receivers. To the industry's delight, postmaster general Anthony Wedgewood Benn early this year announced the networks would go on the air with color in the fall of 1967—and with PAL. As far as British electronics companies are concerned, then, the CCIR plenary session will be largely a meaningless ritual.

Because Britain wanted color as quickly as possible, she originally backed NTSC as the only thoroughly tested system of the three original contenders. But Britain switched to PAL at Vienna, largely to head off an overwhelming swing to Secam. Since then, British officials have taken a second look at PAL and found it more to their liking than NTSC for purely technical reasons.

One big factor was a reevaluation of comparative set costs. Originally, British set makers estimated a PAL set would cost 3.5% more to build than an NTSC set. They believed the difference wasn't worth PAL's big advantage—elimination of hue and saturation controls because of the error averaging obtained through alternating the phase of color information from line to line.

But the cost comparisons were first made against an NTSC set with a single 625-line standard for black-and-white reception. For a set capable of receiving both the 405-line and 625-line broadcasts current in Britain, the difference drops to just 1%. What's more, the British feel that refinements in the PAL system during the past year [Electronics, Jan. 10, p. 239] give it an added edge.

British set makers now say the first 25-inch color-tv sets they'll put on the market will retail at around \$750. Despite the price, they expect substantial sales at the out-



British manufacturers, such as the Marconi Co., have already started to cash in on color television through sales of studio equipment.

set, especially since renting, rather than outright buying, is a strong trend in Britain. Reports a spokesman for the British Radio Equipment Manufacturers Association: "All the private surveys by set makers highlighted a great customer interest in color. We hope to sell 150,000 sets in the first two years. After that we anticipate production to reach around 250,000 sets a year by the fifth year."

Along with the set makers, E.M.I. Electronics Ltd. is due for a windfall from color tv. Through its cross-licensing agreement with Telefunken AG, the West German company that developed PAL, E.M.I. has an exclusive license for Great Britain for the system. E.M.I. doesn't plan to build sets but will collect royalties on all that are built in the country.

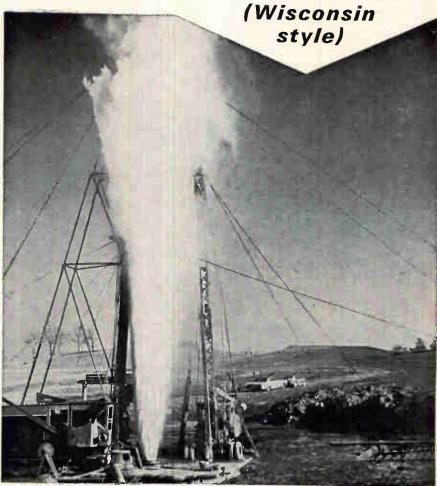
Slow start. The West German electronics industry will, of course, turn up at Oslo committed to PAL. So solidly does the industry stick to the system developed by Telefunken that plans are firm to start PAL broadcasts during the Radio, Television and Phonograph Exhibition at West Berlin in August, 1967.

Prestige, rather than profits, will be the major fallout to West Germany's burgeoning electronics industry during the first few years of color. Market forecasts put sales at between 50,000 and 100,000 sets during 1967. A year later, the market is not expected to go much beyond 150,000 sets. Market analysts are hard put to predict sales of a still-untried product after 1968, but one manufacturer thinks sales could total 500,000 sets through 1970.

The snail's pace, though, doesn't trouble set makers. They've got a booming black-and-white market going. Only 60% of the 20 million German households now have sets and the domestic sales outlook for the year is some 1.2 million receivers. Exports will boost total production to near 2.5 million.

When the color boom does come to West Germany, the General Electric Co. should find itself in a strong position. GE recently took over Kuba/Imperial, a major West German set maker. Kuba expects it will gain an edge over other producers from the know-how it will acquire building NTSC sets for the American market. The company





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Telefunken, of course, stands to collect handsome royalties from its PAL system. The company claims its fees could run up to 0.5% of manufacturer's factory price. Still to be worked out is how Telefunken would split its royalties with the Radio Corp. of America, holder of many of the patents for the NTSC system of which PAL is a variation.

Follow the leaders. In Holland, PAL has another backer which switched from NTSC. Philips Gloeilampenfabrieken N.V., the Eindhoven-based giant, pushed early and hard for the U.S. system, and actually started experimental broadcasts using it last year. But when Dutch broadcasting authorities followed the lead of Britain and West Germany, Philips adapted the transmitter and receivers and went over to PAL. Broadcasts by the government-run network should start in 1968.

By and large, all the Nordic countries lean toward PAL, although Belgium could possibly wind up as Secam territory.

Italy, too, can be counted in the PAL camp although government officials shy away from pronouncements on color tv. A casual inquiry about color usually provokes a reply something like this from a dealer: "We'll have PAL sets available some time toward mid-1967 and they'll retail for about \$640."

Italian government-run broadcasting network has pretty much promised manufacturers that nationwide, color-tv programs will begin in September next year. In fact, the network already has set up its first color studio in Rome. But Italian set makers don't see a color boom in the offing. They expect it will take five or six years for color to catch on strongly unless set prices can be lowered.

II. Color them Secam

All through the color-tv squabble, the most extensive politicking has been done by the French, who have made the Secam system a point of national pride. As the opening date for the Oslo meeting approached, salesmen barnstorming Secam turned up in Lisbon and Moscow in late May. In early June, they hit Belgrade in an effort to ward off



Henri de France spurred development of the Secam color-television system.

any trend toward color-tv independence among Soviet satellites.

These stops capped a two-year hard sell of Secam by government and industry officials who have demonstrated the system from Argentina to the Soviet Union. Secam backers have broadcast color across the Mediterranean, in the Alps, and between Moscow and Paris by satellite. Still, French officials can count on solid support at Oslo only from their own delegation and the Soviet bloc. Their wooing also may eventually bring Portugal and Spain into their camp.

The other West European countries by and large shied away from Secam because they feel it's still too untried industrially. They admit, though, that in tests the system climinates NTSC's major drawback-variations in hue and saturation caused by phase shifts in the quadrature-modulated chrominance

signals.

Politics. In fact, Soviet acceptance of Secam apparently was based more on political reasons than cold technical evaluation. For example, when RCA tried to sell Russia on the NTSC system the company came in with a team of engineers and a truckload of equipment to show how the American system had worked successfully on both short and long transmission for over a decade. The French, however, made their pitch in Moscow with experimental equipment. But for every engineer they brought, they took along a political negotiator. To clinch the deal they offered the Soviets hardware guarantees that RCA couldn't match.

Furthermore, the Soviet-French

color agreement was tied in with the bilateral trade agreement between the two countries. So when the Soviets wanted to modify Secam, switching from frequency modulation for the chrominance carrier to PAL-like amplitude modulation [Electronics, Feb. 7, p. 197], they had to back down since they were tied up with equipment deals with French firms. The Russians are eager to start color broadcasts to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their revolution next year.

The French option for Secam will make the going rough in the years to come for French receiver makers who want to make their mark in other West European markets. And although their own black-and-white market has turned listless in recent months—though it's nowhere near saturation—French manufacturers don't expect a quick lift from color-tv even though broadcasts start this fall. Some, in fact, feel the early introduction of color will depress, rather than boost, tv-set sales.

Still, the major manufacturers are geared up to get sets on the market by September, when the broadcasts will start. Two of the major manufacturers, Compagnie Française Thomson-Houston and the Philips affiliate, La Radiotechnique, say the sets will carry price tags of about \$1,000 at the outset. But they say they may well be able to halve that within two or three years if color catches on. CSF, more a producer of military and industrial hardware than consumer goods, says it may be able to turn out a set that would sell for \$800 at the outset. For set makers, then, it will be prestige rather than profits for a long time.

Rights to the Secam system belong to the Compagnie Française de Télévision (CFT), set up by CSF and Compagnie de St. Gobain, a glass and chemical producer. CFT stands to collect a substantial payoff in Secam royalties but its real money maker may be a color tube it has developed. It has the usual three guns, but a wire grid instead of a shadow mask and brighter electrodes to cut gun power [Electronics, May 3, 1965, p. 157]. If, as CFT claims, the tube can be produced at two-thirds the cost of a shadow-mask tube, CFT may be the big winner in the European color-tv sweepstakes.

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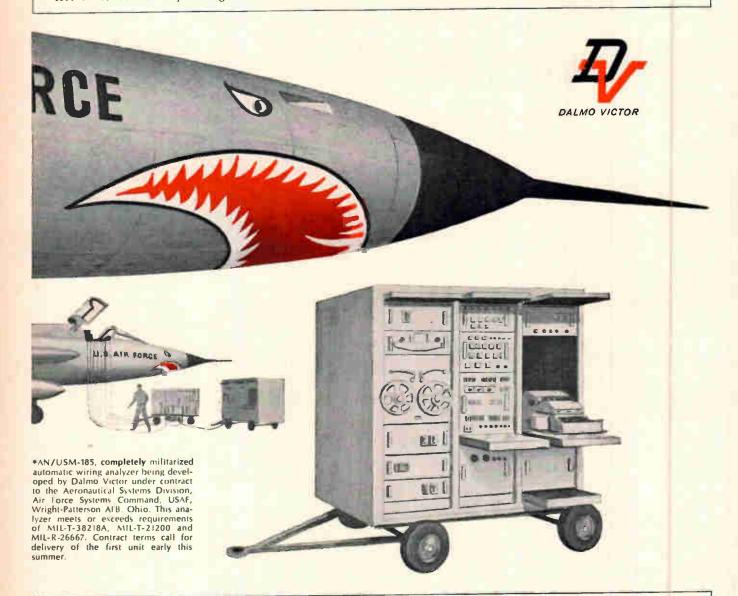
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By Walter C. Barney

San Francisco Regional Editor

The White Sands Missile Range may well be the busiest chunk of desert in the world. Operated by the Army for testing rockets for the military and the space agency, the range is a 4,000-square-mile tract of sand and sagebrush in New Mexico where some 3,000 missiles will be fired this year. It has handled as many as 61 shots a day. Keeping track of this barrage are more than 700 radars, scores of telescopes and cameras, telemetry receivers, communications links and computers. The amount of information this complex spews forth is almost too much for the range controllers to handle and the strain of scheduling, performing and reporting on so many tests is beginning to swamp the facilities at White Sands. But a \$40-million project promises to bring relief.

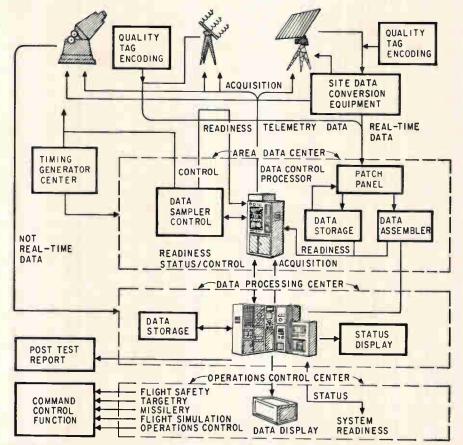
Being erected across the street from the post's headquarters, and scheduled for completion in September, is a three-story building that will house the main elements of a new control system called Artrac, which will take over many control functions and will automatically convert tracking data into commands in real time. When work began on the system in 1959. the acronym Artrac stood for "advanced real-time range control." Since then, however, the system concept has expanded to encompass additional functions, such as the preparation of a final test report, and the meaning has changed to "advanced range testing, reporting and control."

Regardless of what the letters stand for, Artrac will be the most complex control system at any of the nation's missile ranges. The reason White Sands needs the system more than the Eastern Test Range at Cape Kennedy or the Western Test Range at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., is simple—White Sands conducts more test launchings than the other two. In fact, while Vandenberg only now is getting the capability to handle two launchings at one time, Artrac, when it is operational in 1969, will handle 10 tests of varying complexity at a time.

I. Past, present, future

The \$40-million price tag for Artrac is an estimate from George Perkins, physical science administrator at White Sands. It includes some hardware the range already owns, such as timing systems, status display, and interface equipment. But most of the money will buy new equipment,

Perkins is extremely cautious about breaking down the \$40 million, because a number of contracts are still to be negotiated. However, the buildings, including the 48,000-square-foot control center under construction and several satellite structures, will account for about \$5 million. In-house design and systems engineering will cost another \$3 million. The central data processor, known as a "multi-inter-



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After the buildings are completed, the next portion of Artrac to be delivered will come from Astrodata, Inc., of Anaheim, Calif., which is responsible, under a \$7.2-million contract for three subsystems: a readiness and control system, an instrument data system and a data transmission system. The latter, a microwave link to replace existing, overtaxed equipment at White Sands, was subcontracted to the Lenkurt Electric Co., Inc., a subsidiary of the General Telephone & Electronics Corp., for \$1.8 million. Astrodata's share of the contract in the 1966 fiscal year is \$1.7 million.

Contract plum. The next contract to be awarded will be for a telemetry data center, which will consist of readouts, displays, and control consoles for data reduction. The center will either route data to the control center for real-time use, or store it until the final test report is prepared. Beckman Instruments, Inc., the International Business Machines Corp., and Radiation, Inc. are in the running for the contract, which is expected to be awarded in a few weeks.

The telemetry center will be worth at least several million dollars. Software will cost another substantial amount since the programs for Artrac will be of staggering complexity. Also, some contracts will be extended. "There is provision in the Astrodata contract," Perkins says, "for follow-on negotiations, even though the specifications for the equipment haven't been written, yet." Lenkurt expects to deliver \$3 million worth of equipment and services in the next five years.

II. A multipurpose system

What will White Sands have when Artrac is fully operational? Essentially, it will be a system capable of meeting every user requirement automatically. It will:

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Schedule the test, taking into account other range priorities and the availability of instrumentation.

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Activate and monitor a test, providing real-time control of instrument sites, computer activities, displays, recorders, and subsystems; analyzing test data to select the best for real-time solutions and distributing real-time data to the range control.

Prepare preliminary or quicklook reports and finished test re-

ports for users.

Evaluate its own performance. At present, many of these functions—particularly the scheduling of tests and the assignment of instrumentation—are carried out in daily conferences. And even when all of Artrac's hardware is assembled, Perkins says, it will be a long while before the scheduling can be fully automated.

"The problem is to know at all times what our capability is and to use that capability to meet a number of range requirements," he explains. "It's a dynamic situation—the capability changes with the demand—so I would say that it will be well after 1969 before we are able to schedule automatically."

Among the first benefits of the system will be the preparation of quick-look reports in a matter of minutes, and final reports in hours. At present, final reports take a month or more to write.

III. Data flow

Artrac's basic function is to manage data. To simplify the demands made on the data processing center, information from the sensors is routed first to their area data center. These centers are both on and off the range. There are six on the range—and several at off-range sites for shots that originate elsewhere in New Mexico and Utah. The data message is put into standard form at the sensor by site data conversion equipment. Its 120-bit

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The area data centers take care of timing distribution, data storage, data control and readiness and status distribution. Data is sent by microwave link to the data processing center, where nonreal-time data is stored on tape. The data processing center has access to all stored data on request, for use after completion of the tests.

An DDP 124 computer manufactured by the Computer Control Corp. provides pointing information for range instrumentation in Astrodata's instrument data system. The DDP 124 is called a coordinate converter controller; it will be located at the primary computer and will provide look angles for 150 instruments with a sample rate of 20 per second.

IV. Control hierarchy

Artrac's control operations are organized into a matrix of systems and missions, and further into submatrixes of subsystems and missions, so that one group of controllers can monitor up to 10 missile tests, which may be in various stages of progress, with no one man exclusively concerned with a single test. The range controller has a console that shows the status of data systems, safety, target control, weather and other systems for each test or mission. A systems controller has a similar console showing subsystem status for each mission; for data systems, for instance, the horizontal rows are for data processing, communications, electronic trajectory, telemetry and optics. The data systems controller has other consoles that permit him to isolate trouble to a single unit in the field.

Display windows on all consoles are divided into four quadrants that glow green for "go," blue for "no problem expected," amber for "trouble" and red for "hold."

The readiness control system also has a DDP 124 as a memory and logic unit which receives data from the remote sensors and distributes it to more than 20 consoles. The individual sensors are linked by telephone lines through a readiness reporting unit to a line-finder

multiplexer. Data from 64 units can be transmitted from the multiplexer to the computer, by frequency shiftkeying modulation, over a microwave link.

A timing unit updates the information on the consoles once a second and notes the changes on tape for analysis when the test is finished.

Lenkurt's data transmission equipment will be capable of sending up to 24,000 bits per second with an error rate of less than one bit per million. The microwave link will have a capacity of 1,200 voice channels.

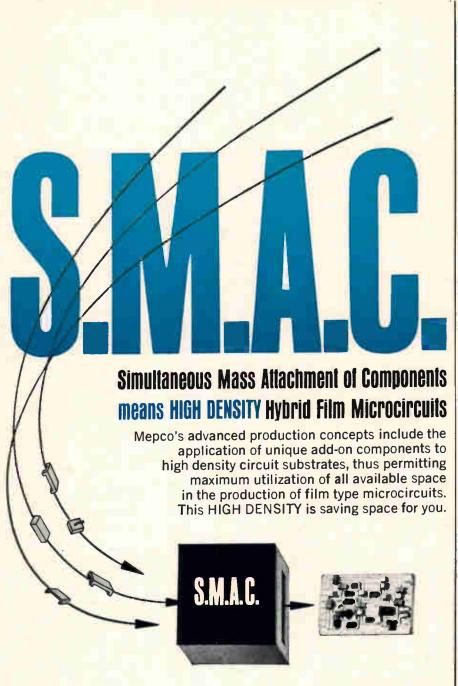
V. The master computer

Although the central data processor for Artrac is still nothing but a name—the Mic-Mc—its functions have been laid out. The Mic-Mc will receive data and readiness inputs from the area data centers, and transmit them to the operations control center. From the data, and from status and readiness information sent by operations control, it will calculate acquisition and status control data to send to the area data centers.

But the computer is more than a real-time tool for flight control; it will figure in every part of a mission, from original mission analysis and scheduling, through system check-out and preflight and postflight assessments. To handle all of these tasks simultaneously for a number of missions, the computer will use three types of programs: a master control program to coordinate the work of the entire computer complex; executive activity programs for each of the operational activities; and operating programs to perform specific computing tasks for the master control and executive programs.

Test data will enter the system at the operating program level, but all other data will be inserted through the master control program, where priorities are determined. Every scheduled operation will be assigned a time of day, and a computer routine with a clock can interrupt other master control programs to begin scheduled operations. The master control program also will allocate computer memory space.

Step by step. The computer's first job will be to analyze require-



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VI. Double check

Check-out of the range resources and all major schedule changes will be made each day. An automatic fault-analysis program will locate difficulties, which will be corrected manually or by automatically substituting backup equipment.

Preflight activity—the countdown period—includes the final preparation of the range resources called for in the measurement plan. During flight, the computer will process data in real time, selecting the best from the area data control centers by considering the location of the instrument, its quality tag and historical performance. The computer also will distribute the data to operational control consoles for conversion to command and control signals for test vehicles and instrument sites.

The computer will combine data in two ways: it will analyze all radar information, for instance, to compute trajectory; or it will take information from several types of instruments in the same area, such as radars, telemetry receivers, and optical trackers, to make the same computation. The quality of the data determines the method selected.

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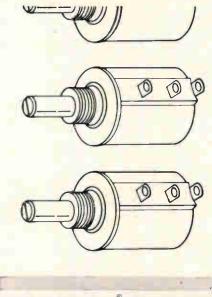
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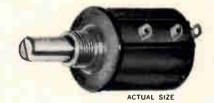
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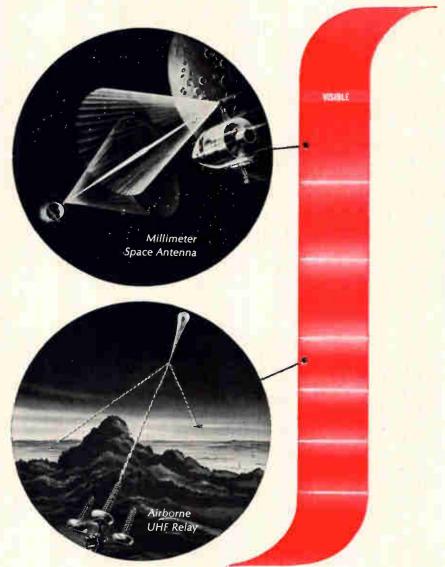
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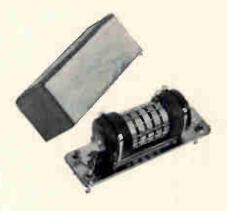
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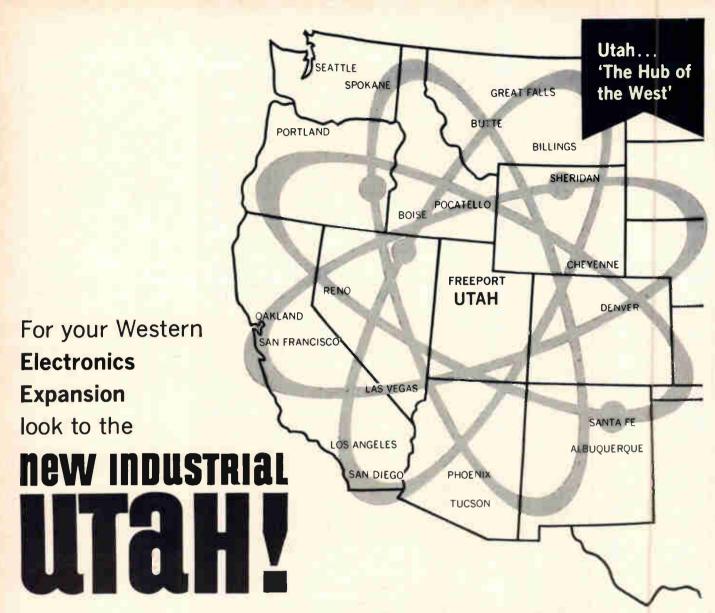
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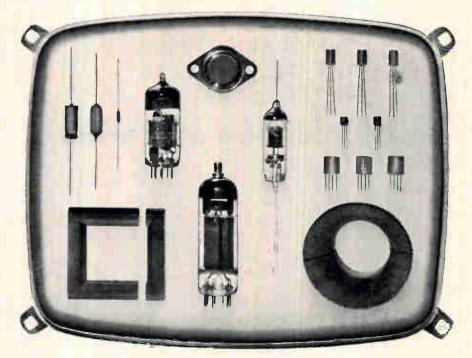
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The basic switch package consists of the sensor and a separate control unit to speed up the sensor's response time by high speed electronic shaping of the sensing pulse. The switch can withstand extreme environmental conditions and wide pressure ranges and can be used as a pressure or liquid level detector in missiles and aircraft, having been developed originally for the Air Force. In environmental tests the switch has withstood random vibrations of 2 to 2,000 hertz to 65 g's and sinusoidal oscillations of 2 to 2,000 hertz up to 100 g's. It also has survived a shock of 1,000 g's.

The sensor's capability depends on new material, which Advance Components is keeping secret. The material's resistance varies sharply when it is compressed by a diaphragm which is depressed by

either gas or liquid. The new sensor can swing from an infinite resistance at no load to less than one ohm at full load. When the switch is connected in series with a power source and the load, a predetermined pressure on the switch's diaphragm causes the resistance of the sensor to fall sharply and the load is actuated. When the pressure is removed the load is deactuated with no power loss since no current flows through the switch when the resistance is infinite. The manufacturer is offering models covering a pressure range from 0.1 to 20,000 psi. Each switch covers a discrete range of pressures and is calibrated before use to respond to a specific pressure with an error of 1/2%.

Advance Components says the load-sensitive device differs from standard load cells in that it can carry much more current, and thus requires no amplifier.

To sharpen the difference of the switch's on and off pressure, called the deadband, a transistorized control unit is provided in a separate small package. The control provides a voltage to excite the sensor. which in turn generates a voltage proportional to its own change in resistance. This voltage is compared with a pulsating voltage generated by a portion of the control circuit. When the pulsating voltage and the sensor voltage are equal, a d-c voltage from the control unit then actuates the load at some calibrated pressure.

To vary the range of pressures handled by one switch, the manufacturer changes either or both the size of the actuating diaphragm or the chemical composition of the material. There also is a mechanical adjustment on the sensor which allows the actuating pressure to be set at any level within the range determined by the particular sen-

The firm says that units with multiple switching and load capabilities above 20,000 psi are available upon request.

The switch also can be used to detect critical levels of liquids.

No price has been announced for the switch, but the firm says the complete package-sensor and control unit-is competitive with the cost of mechanical overcenter-type of pressure switches.

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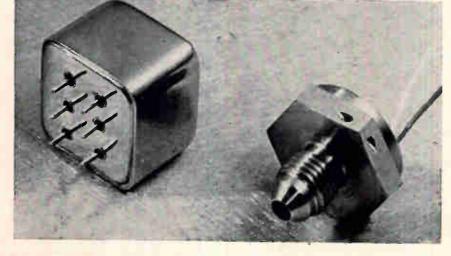
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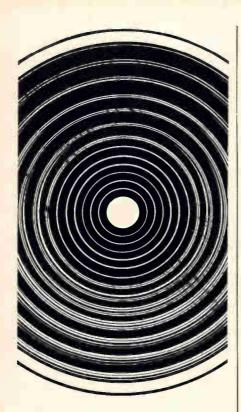
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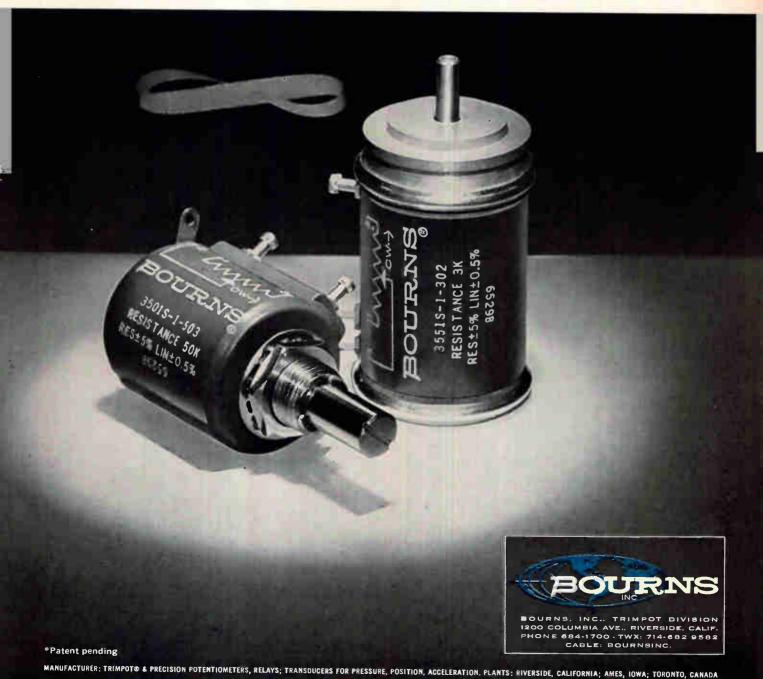
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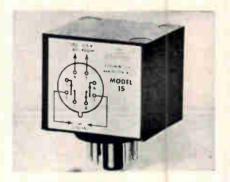
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or right-angle cable clamp and a jacketed or shielded cable adaptor, all available this fall, can be attached to the basic plug unit on the back of the connector.

Prices will not be definite until July, about a month before the first of the connectors—sizes 16 and 18—will be available. Size 16 will have 55 contacts. Sizes 14, with 37 contacts and 10, with 12 contacts, will be available in October. Size 8, with 4 contacts, will be out early next year. Amphenol estimates the price at approximately \$25 to \$30 a pair.

Amphenol Connector Division, 1830 S. 54th Ave., Chicago, III., 60650 [351]

Servo-differential solid state relay



Model 15 servo-differential relay incorporates a high-gain silicon solid state amplifier requiring a primary power source and a phasesensing signal source derived from that same primary power source. The relay output consists of individual dry reeds with a-c or d-c switching capacity of 15 watts. Current amplification factor is 108. Primary power requirements are 1 watt, $120 \text{ v} \pm 15\%$, 60 to 500 hz. Other primary voltages or frequencies are available on order.

The relay is designed for use directly with low-level transducers, such as strain gages, linear variable differential transducers, or low-resistance temperature sensors. The signal input impedance is 20,-000 ohms.

The signal sensitivity for switch pull-in is 5 mv \pm 180°. The switch drop-out is not more than 10%

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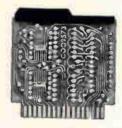
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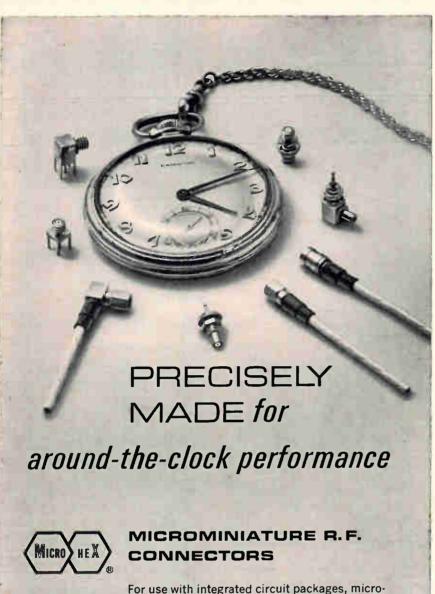
AS-330 COPPER CLAD BLANK PAC kit provides a basic μ -PAC card with 5.5 sq. in of copper plate on each side for custom etching of interconnections. PAC handle and fastener are included.

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Sensitak Instrument Corp., 531 Front St., Manchester, N.H. [352]

Miniature reed relays for printed circuits

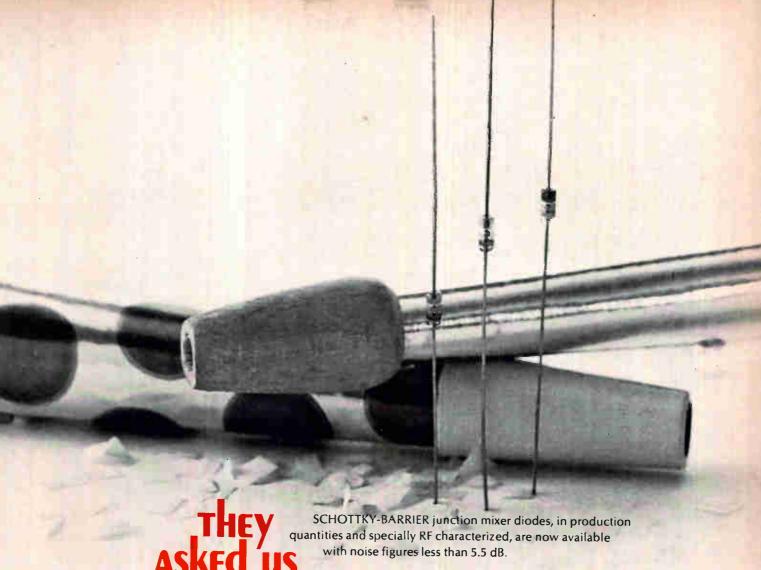


Miniaturized reed relays only % in. high—slightly higher than a conventional one-watt composition resistor—have been developed for printed-circuit applications.

Units are available in dry-reed contact configurations up to 3 pst normally open or dpdt, and in mercury-wetted contact configurations of spst normally open or dpst normally open. Virtually any coil characteristics may be specified.

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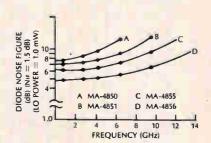
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All units case style 54.

Model Number	Test Freq. (MHz)	Max. Noise Figure (dB)	Ct @0 Volts Max. (pf)	Ir Min. @VF = IV (mA)	Z _{IF} at RF 1.0 mW (ohms)	Z _{RF} Typ. (ohms)	CW Burnout (watts)	Burnout Repet- itive Pulsing (ergs)
MA-4850	3060	9.0	1.0	50	200-400	50	1.0	20
MA-4851	3060	7.5	0.7	25	300-450	50	1.0	10
MA-4855	3060	6.5	0.5	20	350-550	50	0.5	7
MA-4856	9375	7.5	0.35	20	200-500	50	0.5	5

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Magnecraft Electric Co., 5575 North Lynch Ave., Chicago, III., 60630. [353]

Dual-gun storage tube processes video data



A high-resolution version of the dual-gun RW-5 miniature storage tube is now available for video data processing. Designated the RW-5EM, the tube is capable of resolving a minimum of 1,200 tv lines on a target of 1-in. diameter. Storage times from a fraction of a second up to a few minutes can be provided.

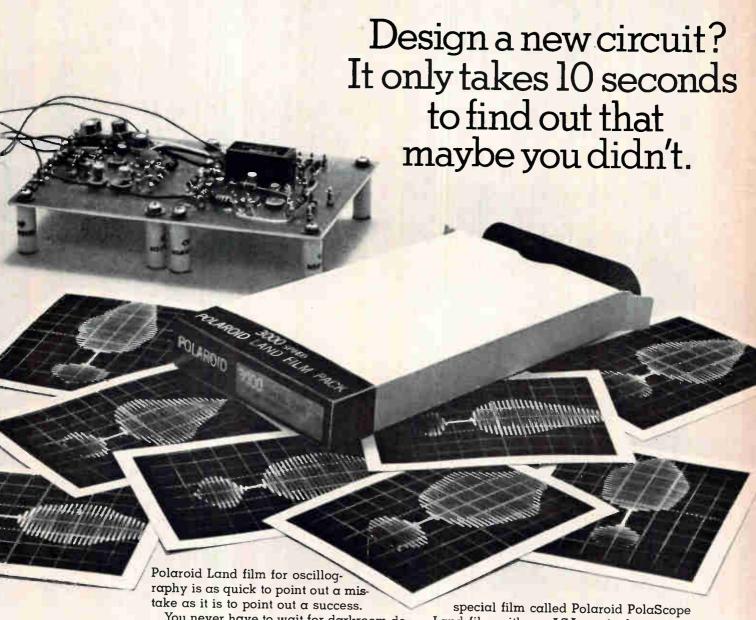
The tube uses electromagnetic focus and deflection on both write and read sides. In size and shape, it is identical to the RW-5, which the company claims has found wide acceptance as a video data processor in both ground and airborne applications. The RW-5EM meets the airborne environmental requirements of MIL-E-5400. Single quantity price is \$1,400, and deliveries can be made in 15 to 30 days

Warnecke Electron Tubes, Inc., 175 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, III. [354]

Magnetic-reed rotary switches

A complete line of versatile, magnetic-reed rotary switches consists of eight models. They are available with either form A or form C contacts, or in combination of both, and have isolated contacts, making it possible for each stack to handle up to 12 individual circuits.

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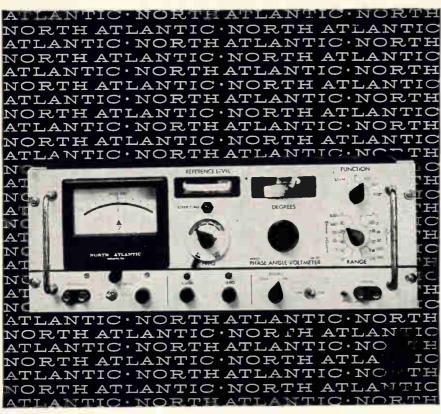
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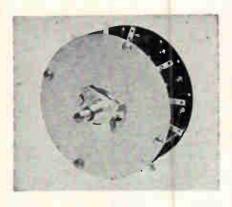
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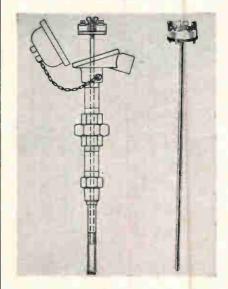
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nates contact wear. Rhodium contacts, hermetically sealed in pure nitrogen, make them ideal for hazardous locations, dry-circuit applications, and reliable operation with low contact resistance in all environmental conditions. Some models handle up to a maximum of 1,000 v and currents as high as 15 amps inrush and 3 amps steady. Contact life at rated current is 100 million operations and infinite at dry circuit.

Hart Mfg. Co., 110 Bartholomew Ave., Hartford, Conn. [355]

Platinum insets measure temperature



A resistance thermometer inset is announced for precise temperature measurement in industry and laboratories. The insets are self-contained, 100-ohm platinum sensors designed primarily for use in protection tubes or thermowells. They are installed through the connection head, and can be replaced

quickly without disturbing plant operation.

The standard insets, each consisting of a glass or ceramic element hermetically sealed into a 1/4in. D nickel tube, are spring loaded to insure good thermal contact with the bottom of the well. They are made to a 0°C tolerance of ±0.1 ohm and are recommended for use between -250°C and +850°C.

Electric Thermometers, Inc., 615 Schuyler Ave., Kearny, N.J. 07032. [356]

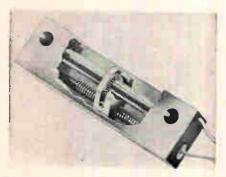
Two-pole analog switches are solid state

The 202 series of two-pole, solid state analog switches are intended for wide application in high- and low-level time-division multiplexers, commutators and chopper applications. They feature field-effect switching devices and are capable of continuous on or off operation, as well as sampling up to 50,000 samples per second.

Each two-pole unit is a solidly encapsulated 0.632- x 0.632- x 0.5-in. block with a weldable-solderable nine-lead interconnection configuration. Custom packaging and specialized performance specification inquiries are invited. Pricing on most models is less than \$50 in quantity of 100 or more. Delivery is stock to four weeks.

Scientific Control Systems, Inc., 14008 Distribution Way, Dallas 34, Tex. [357]

Ruggedly built trimming pots

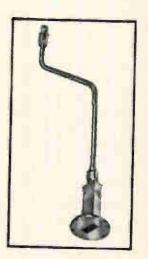


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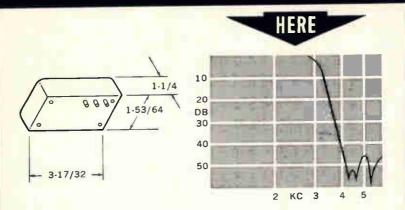
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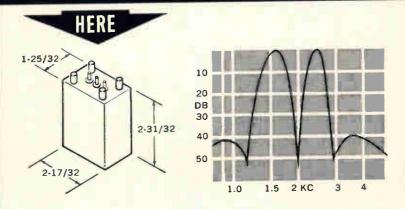
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Price is \$3.50 to \$8.46, depending on quantity and resistance. Availability is one to three weeks. The Newport Instrument Corp., 893 W. 16th St., Newport Beach, Calif., 92660. [358]

Cathode-ray tube is compact and light



A one-inch cathode-ray tube is announced for applications where compact size is required together with unusual performance characteristics for such a small tube. The KC2437 measures 1 in. in diameter, 3.2 in. in length and has a usable face of 0.8 in. in diameter. The lightweight, compact tube is designed primarily for photographic purposes.

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The manufacturer recommends the tube for special-purpose applications in airborne use or where packaging or panel-instrument density are primary considerations. DuMont Electron Tubes, 750 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N.J. [359]

Small vacuum relay can switch to 10 ky

A high-voltage vacuum relay now offered can switch up to 10 kv d-c in a package measuring ½ in. in diameter by 2¾ in. long and carries up to 4 amps. Model H-5/S-10 single-pole single-throw relay has a maximum operating time of 10 msec. Standard coil resistance is 170 ohms, and coil voltage is 24 v d-c. The unit will withstand vibration to 10 g at 55 cps and shock to 15 g at 11 msec.

Applications include radar, communications, electronic countermeasures, sonar, discharging lethal voltages, switching antenna loading coils, switching in explosive atmospheres and others.

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High Vacuum Electronics, Inc., 538 Mission St., South Pasadena, Calif. [360]

Metal glaze resistor meets MIL-R-22684

A low-cost metal glaze resistor has been designed to meet or exceed the performance requirements of MIL-R-22684.

Designated the RG07, the unit is RL07 size. The molded body construction of the versatile resistor adds mechanical ruggedness to the proven electrical stability, reliability, and precision of metal glaze.

The unit is rated ¼ watt at 70°C and is available in EIA resistance values over the range of 51 ohms to 150,000 ohms, with ±2% and ±5% tolerance.

In lots of 5,000, the price of the resistors is \$89 per thousand for ±5% purchase tolerance; delivery, three weeks.

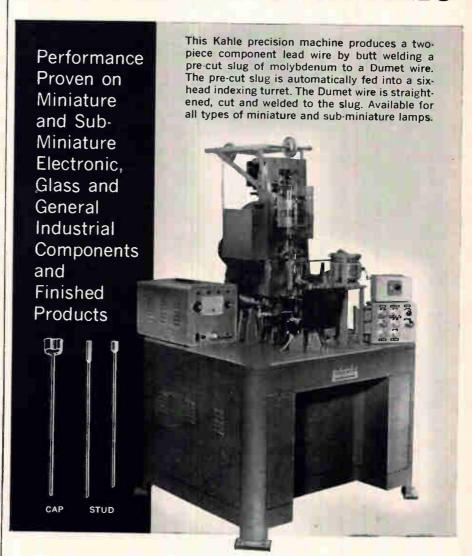
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Fairchild Semiconductor, a division of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp., 313 Fairchild Drive, Mountain View, Calif. [362]

High-voltage, silicon power transistors

A line of high-voltage, silicon power transistors has been expanded. The new transistors are 10-amp planar npn devices featuring sustaining voltages from 200 v to 300 v. They are offered in a TO-66 package with a power rating of 25 w at 100°C case temperature.

According to the manufacturer, the transistors are ideally suited for use in high-voltage inverters, converters, switching regulators, tv deflection circuits as well as all linevoltage switching and amplifier applications.

The new series is identified as the MHT 7901 through MHT 7904. Collector-to-base reverse current is less than 1 μ a; collector-to-emitter saturation voltage, less than 0.5 v at 5 amps.

Solitron Devices, Inc., 1177 Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera Beach, Fla. [363]

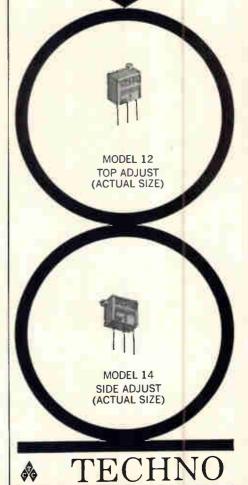
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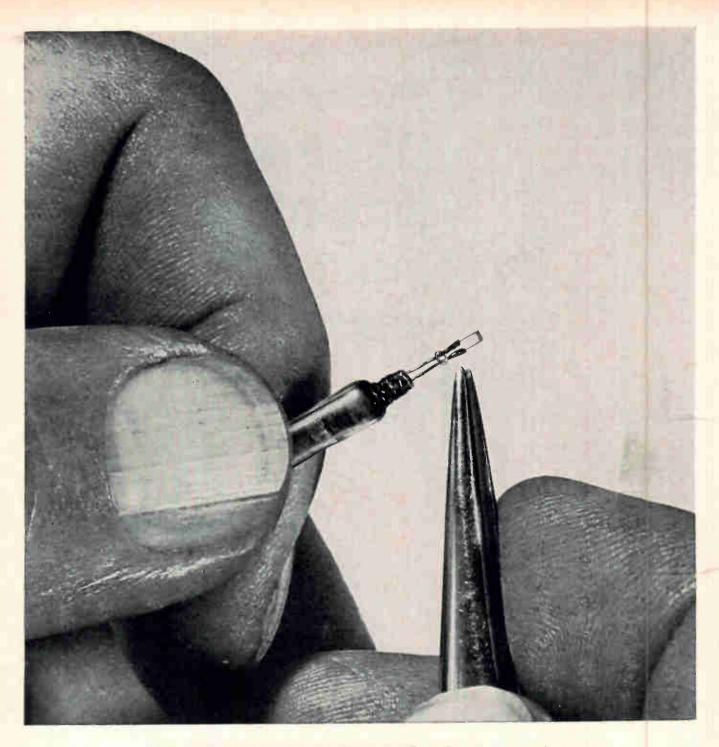
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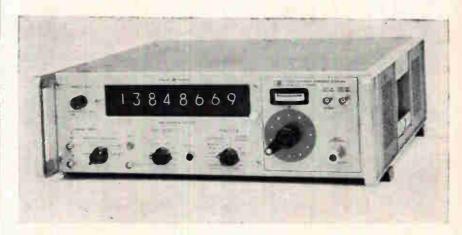
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Counter measures higher frequencies



Rapid, highly accurate measurements of continuous-wave frequencies from 3 to 12.4 gigahertz can now be made with Hewlett-Packard Co.'s model 5255A heterodyne converter, designed to fit into the plug-in compartment of company's model counter. The combination is accurate to within ± one count (± the counter's time base accuracy) and has a resolution of one hertz. The company claims the 5255A and 5245L enable c-w frequency measurements through X band to be made with greater speed, accuracy and simplicity, and at a price comparable with other methods.

Hewlett-Packard claims that the wide frequency-measuring range, in excess of four-to-one, and the top frequency of 12.4 Ghz are unique in the microwave field. The company attributes much of the instrument's capability to a newly designed tuning cavity, the details of which the firm is jealously guarding.

Despite the high frequency and wide range, the company emphasizes that the model 5255A has no spurious responses, its dial calibration is virtually linear and sensitivity—100 millivolts rootmean-square-is constant over the entire measurement range.

To take a measurement, the converter is plugged into the counter and the counter's controls are set. Then, starting from the lowest frequency, the dial on the 5255A is tuned until the first usable response is achieved. This is indicated when the pointer of a front-panel meter enters the green area on the meter face. At this time, the electronic counter gate, which was automatically inhibited during tuning by special circuits in the converter, is enabled and counting starts. In about four seconds, the counter displays a reading. This is the heterodyne difference frequency, which the operator simply adds to the converter's dial reading to determine the unknown frequency.

The heterodyne signal frequency is derived from the 5245L counter's time base. Therefore, the converter's accuracy equals that of the counter

The converter can also extend the direct reading frequency range of the counter to 200 Mhz and increase its sensitivity to 5 millivolts. This is possible since any input applied to the auxiliary input terminal is divided by four in the converter's prescaler. The unit can also be used as a receiver.

Previously, frequency measure-

converter

Specifications

Range

As a converter for H-P Model 5245L counter, 3 to 12.4 Ghz using mixing frequencies of 2.8 to 12.4 Ghz in 200 Mhz steps. As a prescaler, 1 Mhz to 200 Mhz 100 mv rms (-7dbm) as a

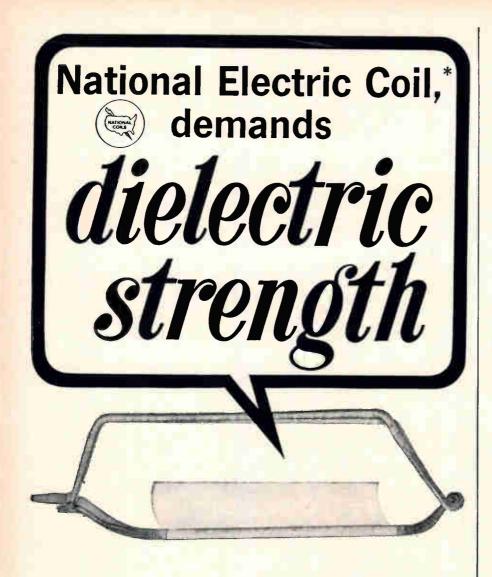
Input sensitivity

Input impedance Maximum input Auxiliary output

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ments in this range could only be made with transfer oscillators since heterodyne converters for operation beyond 3 Ghz were not available. In the older technique, the transfer oscillator is tuned until a phase lock occurs between the measured frequency and one of the oscillator's harmonics. The fundamental frequency of the transfer oscillator is then read with a suitable counter and the measured frequency determined by multiplying this reading by the harmonic number.

Hewlett-Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. [364]

Multichannel, 17-inch display oscilloscope



The DU-17 large screen, multichannel, display oscilloscope permits the display and resolution of frequency response curves and can be used with almost any frequencysweep generator. Two high sensitivity Y-amplifiers and one medium sensitivity Y-amplifier are provided permitting the simultaneous display of three frequency response curves. The display can be referenced with the aid of two adjustable reference lines; the horizontal amplifier (frequency axis) accepts without distortion sinusoidal, triangular, or sawtooth waveforms (waveforms which are normally produced by frequency-sweep generators).

Both the X and Y amplifiers are d-c coupled, so that narrow-band measurements can be carried out at slow sweep speeds. A polarity reversing switch in each input channel quickly adapts the instrument to r-f probes with either posi-

tive or negative diode outputs.

A special feature is the internal frequency marker unit, which enables the frequency marker pulses of the frequency-sweep generator to be displayed as vertical frequency-marker lines; these extend the full height of the screen, and facilitate the determination of frequencies when filters with steeply rising frequency response curves have to be measured.

The display tube has a usable area of 8 x 12 in. with a deflection linearity of 5% in the X and Y axes. The crt is a medium persistence P-7 phosphor. Physical dimensions are 19½ x 15 x 18¼ in. and weight is 72 lbs. Price is \$1,375.

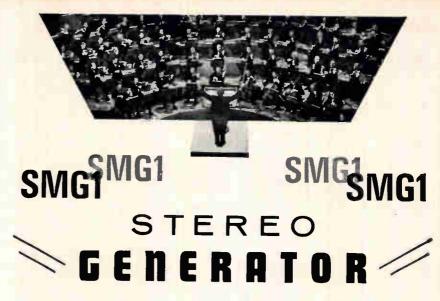
Texscan Corp., 51 South Koweba Lane, Indianapolis, Ind., 46207 [365]

Selective voltmeters offered in 2 models



Two transistorized selective voltmeters-models 3121 and 3126have been announced. Each unit incorporates a new two-speed, gear-driven dial assembly for accurate frequency adjustment and tuning. Each is also supplied with a 250-hz crystal filter for accurate measurements and a 2,500-hz crystal filter for measurement and aural monitoring throughout a frequency range of from 1 khz to 1,500 khz with a calibrated level of -78 db to +22 db (full scale readings). Accurate voltage readings are from inputs of 75 ohms, 135 ohms, and 600 ohms plus bridging (supplied on the model 3121 only).

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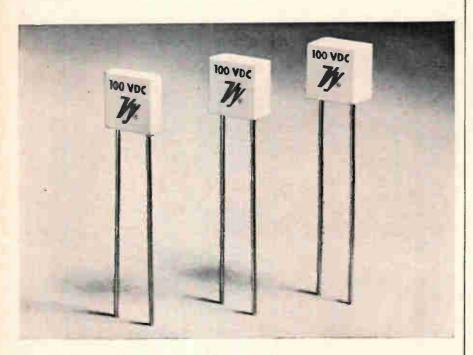
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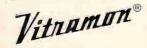
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internal calibration circuit, and carrier reinsertion circuit have been incorporated in these units.

Over-all weight is 13 lbs. Size is 11 x 934 x 7 in. with cover. Rycom Instruments, Inc., 9351 E. 59th St., Raytown, Mo. [366]

Vacuum film-thickness monitored in evaporation



A temperature-compensated film-thickness monitor has a sensitivity better than 10-9 gm/cm. The instrument measures vacuum film deposition by means of a change in the mass on the surface of a quartz crystal during the actual evaporation process. Rate measurement as well as cutoff at a given thickness is possible.

Range is ± 200 khz frequency shift. Crystal frequency is 2 Mhz to 15 Mhz in pairs. Typical loading for 10 Mhz crystals is 1% accuracy to ± 100 khz (equivalent to 0.37 to 18,500 angstroms of aluminum) and 2% accuracy to ± 200 khz (0.37 to 37,000 angstroms of aluminum).

The four models available include single-channel instruments and dual-channel monitors for alloying applications. They can be furnished with or without frequency meter display and relay cutoff circuit.

Heraeus-Engelhard Vacuum, Inc., Monroeville, Pa. [367]

Sampling recorder achieves high speed

A two-channel sampling recorder, type 1520-A, offers a sampling rate of 3 khz per channel. It achieves its high speed through a bank of 101 fixed styli, which, when energized, produce plots on electrosensitive chart paper.

The maximum recordable fre-



quency is determined by the sampling rate and the paper speed, which can be set as fast as 10 inches per second. A vertical rise time as short as 300 µsec can be determined from the chart.

Calibrated voltage ranges are 1 v to 500 v (linear) and 20 and 50 db (log) full-scale. The recorder prints its own coordinates as well as voltage and time scales. Overall accuracy of the recorder is ±1%. Price is \$2,950.

General Radio Co., West Concord, Mass., 01781 [368]

Stable generator offsets input frequency

Model 155 generates a stable output frequency that is offset by a selectable amount from an input frequency of 1 Mhz. The output frequency can be set at 1 Mhz plus or minus the desired fractional frequency offset.

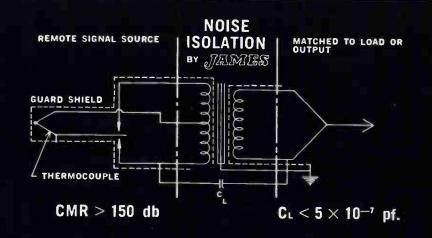
The range of offsets available is from 0 to 1,050 parts in 10⁻¹¹, 10⁻¹⁰, 10⁻⁶, 10⁻⁸, 10⁻⁷, or 10⁻⁶. Exact offsets are provided in 50 part steps, which are phase-locked to submultiples of the 1-Mhz input frequency. Over the entire range from 0 to 1,050 parts, the offset can also be phase-locked to an external signal, or it can be furnished from an internal continuously variable oscillator at moderate accuracy and stability.

The offset generator is a single self-contained unit that is optimum for making present and future conversions from one frequency standard time scale to another. Other important applications include measurements of narrow-band filters, frequency discriminators, and frequency sources, and investigations of phase-locked frequency control systems.

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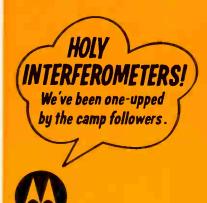


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Anyway, if you make it to the AFCEA Exhibit this June, stop by our booth for your very own Motorola BATKIT. Or write to either of our Centers and we'll send you one, along with some other data on highly sophisticated (if not high camp) radar systems.

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thesizing very small frequency increments with high precision and low noise content. The short-term stability is better than 1 part in 10¹⁰ for 1 second observation time. The construction is entirely solid state, utilizing only silicon semiconductors and integrated circuits; no electromechanical devices, such as resolvers or phase shifters, are used to generate the offset frequency.

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Parzen Research, Inc., 48 Urban Ave.. Westbury, L.I., N.Y., 11590. [369]

Signal averager displays four inputs



A compact, versatile signal averager for biomedical and nuclear research work, model 1051, uses integrated circuits and incorporates features that formerly required multiple instrumentation.

The unit has four input channels, which can be displayed simultaneously on the integral oscilloscope. Each input signal is digitized to 512 points. The digitizer produces 512 numbers which are stored in magnetic-core memory and read out on the oscilloscope. The numbers directly equal the voltage applied to the digitizer in millivolts. This readout does not depend upon sweep speed.

The instrument also features a provision for automatically stopping the signal averaging after a definite number of sweeps. Sweep speeds are 50, 100, and 200 µsec per point or factors of 10, 100, and 1,000 times these values.

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The 45-lb unit is priced at approximately \$9,500.

Fabri-Tek, Inc., Instrument division, P.O. Box 4218, Madison, Wis. [370]

Digital phase meter requires no warm-up



Digital phase meter 331 provides direct, four-digit angle reading from 0° to 360°, with 0.1° resolution. The precision transistorized instrument requires no warm-up or adjustments and is highly stable throughout the operating period.

The unit operates with inputs from 0.2 to 150 v in a range from 200 hz to 35 khz for half-degree accuracy (5 hz to 500 khz useful range). Provisions are made for addition of automatic ranging dedigital voltmeter and ratiometer, a-c digital voltmeter and printer readout for all measurement parameters.

Model 331, available in either rack-mounting or table-top versions, is suited for laboratory use, quality control, production checkout and servicing of such equipment as audio amplifiers, synchros, transformers, potentiometers, servos and communications equipment.

Controls include a function switch for selecting the various basic instrument and accessory capabilities. phase level control, phase switch, sensitivity, printer switch, and power off-on.

Acton Laboratories, Inc., subsidiary of Bowmar Instrument Corp., 531 Main St., Acton, Mass. [371]





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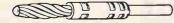
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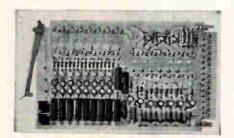
One-step data scaling saves time

Direct multiplication of analog and digital signals is now possible with a one-step digital-to-analog converter developed by Adage, Inc. The device facilitates a "quick look" at analog data in instrumentation setups and greatly speeds up function generation from digital information in hybrid computing systems.

The unit operates much like a conventional digital-to-analog converter. It uses an operational amplifier to sum fixed currents generated by a reference voltage applied across resistors in parallel. The resistors are switched into and out of the circuit by bits in the digital register so that the currents presented to the adding amplifier correspond to digital information. The Adage unit allows the reference voltage to vary with an independent analog signal and thus achieves multiplication of the digital value in the register with the varying analog signal.

Heat problems with the solid state devices and sign-changing problems with diodes in the conventional converter circuit proved to be the big design problems which had to be solved to enable the reference voltage to vary over the full scale of positive or negative input voltages and accommodate a freely varying analog signal.

The converter promises to speed up and simplify the preliminary examination of incoming analog data that has to be scaled before it is meaningful. Formerly the analog data had to be converted to digital form, scaled by digital computer, and then reconverted to analog form for presentation to a scope, meter or plotter. Now the scaling can be done in one step eliminating the analog-to-digital converter



and saving precious computer time.

In hybrid computing systems where the unit is used to convert the digital output of a computer to analog form for further processing, it can perform the additional task of function generation. Several of the units can be used together to process the data, including multiple correlations. Analog computing time is saved since the unit can generate a function much faster than conventional methods which require the setting of potentioneters. In one application a function of three variables was correlated in less than 50 microseconds.

Specifications

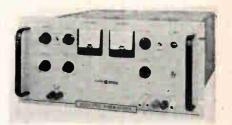
Output Resolution Updating rate Buffering

Price

100 v 12- or 15-bits 500 khz Single or double buffered 5-in. x 8-in. cards, 8 units per std. 19-in. rack \$930 to \$1150

Adage, Inc., 1079 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. [372]

Power source offers 5 modulation modes



A solid state, modulated 5-amp d-c power source has output voltage adjustable from 18 to 37 v. Model CH-50 offers five modulation modes: random noise, square wave, transient, voltage spikes and external input.

Random noise modulation from 10 hz to 100 khz is provided by an internal white noise generator. Square-wave modulation from d-c to 10 khz is accomplished by internal squaring of an external sine wave input. Modulation amplitude for these two modes is adjustable from 0 to 10 v (peak-to-peak).

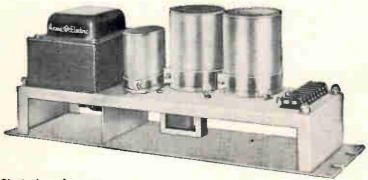
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Other features are adjustable output impedance from 0.1 to 16 ohms, 0.5% regulation, short circuit protection, voltmeter and ammeter, rack mounting (8¾ in. high x 19 in. wide x 18 in. deep). Power required is 600 w maximum at 117 v 60 hz. The unit weighs 66 lbs. Chrysler Corp., Department 4770, Huntsville, Ala., 35807. [373]

Operational amplifier sells for \$19



Engineers can use the model 105 d-c differential operational amplifier as a universal analog building block to avoid designing circuits from the ground up. The amplifier's advanced specifications save engineering time and actually improve

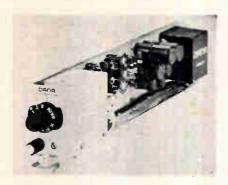
many circuits, according to the manufacturer.

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Analog Devices, Inc., 221 Fifth St., Cambridge, Mass. 02142. [374]

Broadband amplifier drives galvanometers



Model 2720 amplifier is designed for use in driving wideband galvanometers and other analog recording devices. A major feature is the ability to adjust the zero point of the amplifier output by ±10 v, which is equivalent to the instrument's full-scale output. This is accomplished by turning a frontpanel control to the left or right. The effect is to provide the operator with a method of electronically zeroing the galvanometer traces from the amplifier rack, rather than following the time-consuming procedure of mechanically zeroing each galvanometer mirror with a screwdriver adjustment.

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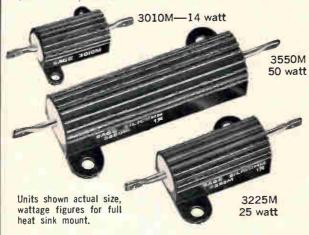


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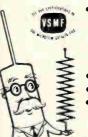


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Circuitry includes terminals for mounting resistors to match the amplifier and cable resistance with the required galvanometer damping resistance. The output impedance of the model 2720 itself is both low and stable across a broad frequency range. At 10 khz, the output impedance is less than 5 ohms,

A three-terminal, single-ended amplifier, the unit has a high degree of isolation between any terminal and the amplifier case or power ground. The isolation amounts to over 100 megohms in parallel with less than 500 picofarads.

Model 2720 is a broadband instrument, with a small-signal 3-db point or better than 50 khz. Phase shift introduced by the amplifier is less than 1 degree from d-c to 400 hz. Step-function settling time is less than 50 μ sec and the recovery time from a 500% overload is less than 200 μ sec.

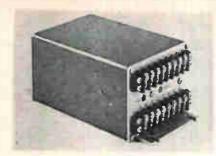
Up to eight amplifiers may be mounted in a single rack enclosure, 51/4 in. high. The enclosures supplied by the manufacturer are equipped with individual printed-circuit connectors.

Dana Laboratories, Inc., Irvine, Calif., 92664. [375]

Versatile converter for industrial use

Model PI-600 is a frequency to d-c converter designed for a wide variety of industrial applications. For example, in flow rate or speed monitoring and control, this one unit provides both regulated voltage and current outputs over a wide range of input frequencies.

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Three full-scale outputs, selected by terminal strip jumpers, are provided: 0 to 5 v, 1 to 5 ma, and 4 to 20 ma. Input of the model PI-600 is transformer coupled and the unit will accept sine wave, square wave, or pulses. It also features high common mode rejection and sensitivity of 0.01 v rms. Linearity is better than ±0.05%.

Components are housed in a flange-mounted, rugged case which also permits easy access for modification and servicing. Other features include high stability, low ripple, and excellent linearity.

The frequency to d-c converter is priced at \$350. Delivery is three to four weeks after receipt of order. Anadex Instruments Inc., 7833 Haskell Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. [376]

Servo amplifier delivers 3.5 to 10 w



A 60-liz (cycles per second) transistorized servo amplifier can deliver output power ranging from 3.5 to 10 watts. Identified as C70 3302 001, the unit delivers 3.5 to 7 watts of power at a maximum temperature of +125°C, and up to 10 watts when the operating base temperature does not exceed 100°C. Voltage gain depends on the load, varying from 2,500 at 3.5 w to 970 at 10 w.

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General Precision Inc., Aerospace Group, 1150 McBride Ave., Little Falls, N.J., 07424. [377]

Operational amplifier is chopper stabilized

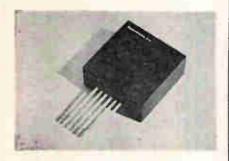


A solid state, chopper stabilized operational amplifier is announced. Designated model 140B-HV, its output is ±150 v peak at 5 ma or ±100 v peak at 50 ma. The higher voltage is suitable for 100 v rms digital-to-analog converters. The higher voltage results from a change in the output components and circuit design of the company's 140B low-cost, 100-v operational amplifier.

The new amplifier uses what is said to be uniquely compensated field-effect transistor chopper circuitry with internal drive for 2 μv /°C drift. Zero offset voltage adjustment is built in. Additional features are 10^7 open loop d-c gain and 0.5 Mhz (megacycle per second) gain-bandwidth product.

Price is \$165 in quantities of 1 to 9, and availability is immediate. Zeltex, Inc., 1000 Chalomar Road, Concord, Calif. [378]

Electronic multiplier in a tiny package

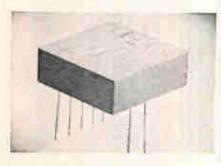


A true electronic multiplier is available in a microcircut package measuring only 1¼ in. x 1¼ in. x 0.250 in. The device is capable of accepting two electronic signals, performing a multiplication, and providing an output signal that conforms to the mathematical product of the two signals. The multiplier will operate in all four quadrants, and can accommodate input signal frequenices from d-c to 100 khz (kilocycles per second). Linearity is 0.1% and accuracy is 0.5% over a temperature range from -40° to +100°C.

The multiplier has wide application in analog computers, system simulation, guidance systems, control systems, and modulation systems. It may be employed as a squaring circuit, square root function generator, and divider.

Spacelabs, Inc., 15521 Lanark St., Van Nuys, Calif. [379]

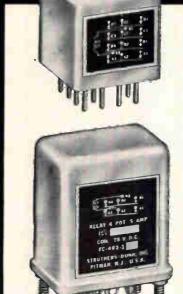
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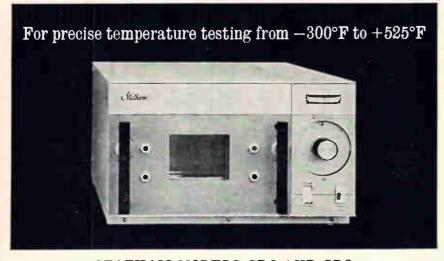
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Zeltex, Inc., 1000 Chalomar Rd., Concord, Calif. [380]

Encoding systems with added modules



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The Theta Instrument Corp., Saddle Brook, N.J., 07663. [381]

Erection amplifiers supply gyro inputs

Series C70 3184 transistorized erection amplifiers supply the T4101 vertical gyros with all necessary inputs and act as junction boxes



for all gyro interconnections. Modular construction simplifies modifications for most system applications. The C70 3184 001 operates from 115 v rms, 3 phase, 400 hz, while C70 3184 003 operates from 115 v rms, single phase, 400 hz. Both require 28 v d-c for relay excitation. The amplifiers perform four functions.

They close the loop between vertical sensing elements and control phases of pitch and roll torquers through adjustable-gain power amplifiers.

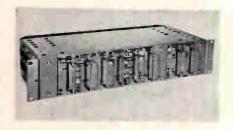
They supply 400 hz excitation voltages for vertical sensing elements, synchros, and torquer fixed phases.

They provide normal and timedelay sequencing circuits for initial, normal, and fast erection in addition to a manual erection mode of operation.

They provide for roll erection cut-out when used with a rate switch.

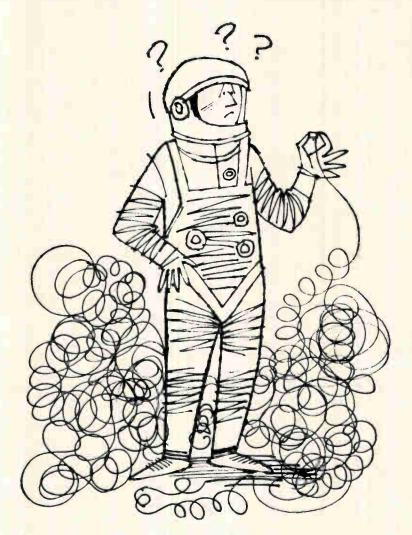
General Precision Inc., Aerospace Group, 1150 McBride Ave., Little Falls, N.J. 07424. [382]

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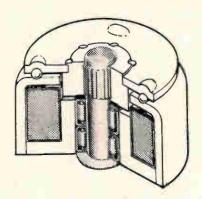
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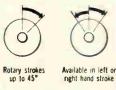
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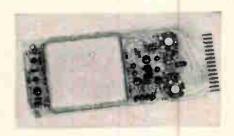
A wide choice of channels with different carrier frequencies and bandwidths is available. The series offers three frequency channels, used by some supervisory control systems for sending additional data over the same channel. The transmitter includes an optional circuit to turn the carrier off or on.

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Silicon transistors have been used in most of the circuits of the channel and tantalum capacitors are used throughout.

Radio Frequency Laboratories, Inc., Boonton, N.J. [383]

Direct-coupled silicon amplifiers



Two d-c differential amplifiers are announced. Model AD-10 output is 10 v, 100 ma; model AD-20 output is 20 v, 50 ma. Both are open-loop amplifiers suitable for connection in operational or potentiometric circuits, etc. D-c gain is 2 x 108. Unitygain, crossover frequency is 5 Mhz, for small signals; the output slewing limit is 20 v per μ sec. Input offsets are 1 µv per °C, and 2 picoamperes.

These all-silicon amplifiers are direct-coupled, free of chopper noise and intermodulation distortion. They have high input impedance even at high frequencies, and recover quickly from overload. They are stable, even with 100% feedback.

Unit price is \$200; availability, stock to 40 days.

Newport Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 2087, Newport Beach, Calif., [384]

Versatile, wide-range gate generator



The GG200 gate generator provides six outputs, including system logic and gate signals and their complements. Delayed positive and negative trigger signals at the end of each gating cycle permit use as a delay generator.

Timing is independent of rate. Gating time range is extended down to 100 nsec and up to 11 sec in eight overlapping ranges. The timing eyele may be started and stopped by ±5 v to ±50 v pulses as well as logic signals. Output gate and logic signals may be vetoed by logic signals. All outputs drive 50-ohm loads and are fully protected from overload damage. EG&G, Inc., 35 Congress St., Salem,

Mass., 01971 [385]

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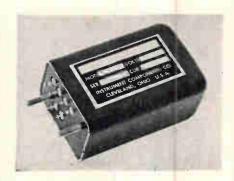
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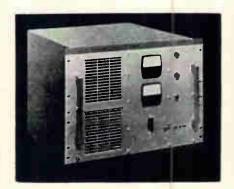
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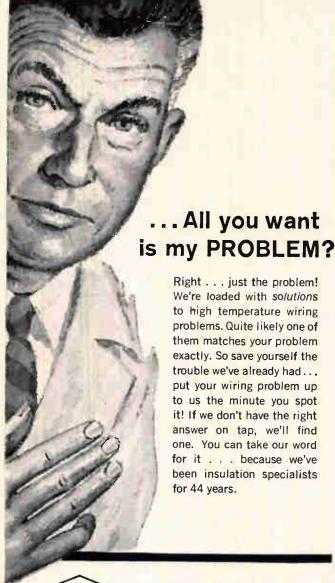
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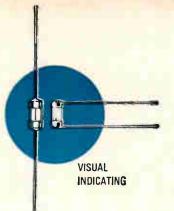
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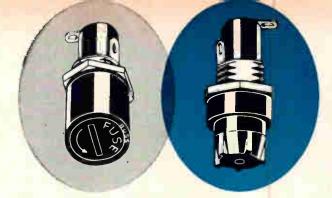
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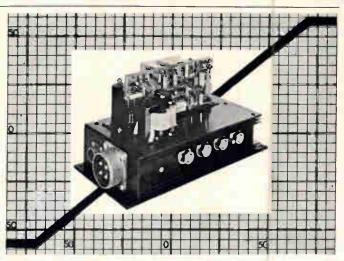
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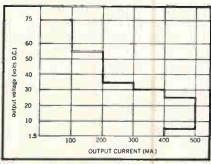
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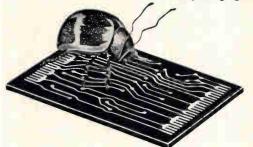
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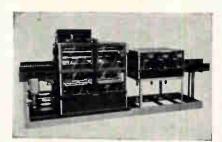
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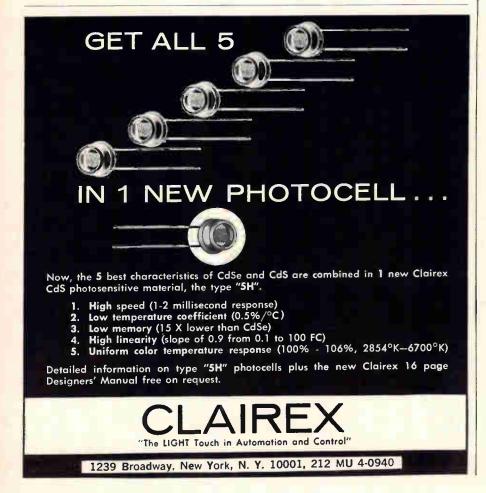
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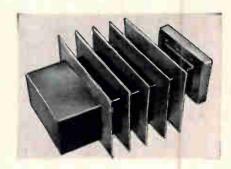
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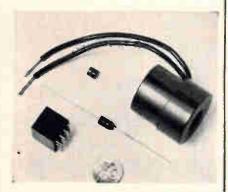
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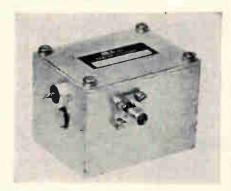
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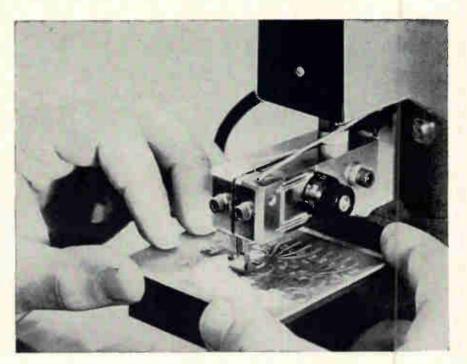
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If all the fingers have the same temperature, the current will be equally distributed through them. If one has a lower temperature than the others, its lower electrical resistance will cause more current to flow through it until its temperature stabilizes with the rest. If one is hotter, the reverse will happen. This is the key feature which makes it possible to solder different sized pads and to compensate for missing leads.

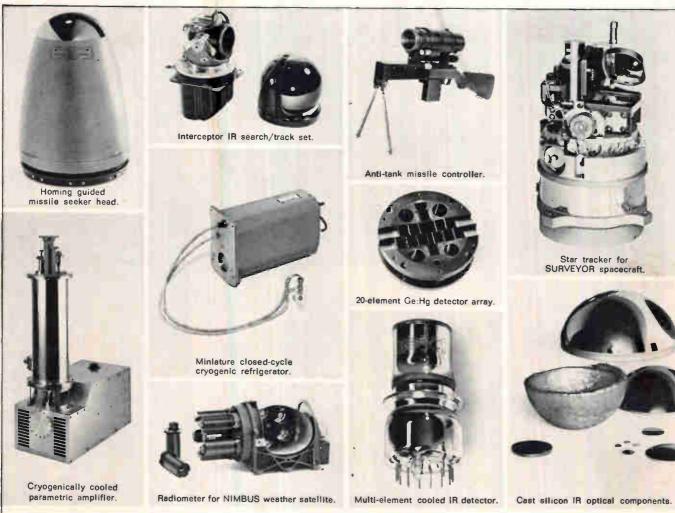
An oversized pad will draw more heat from its corresponding finger, thus pulling a larger percentage of the available current. If the pack has fewer than seven leads, the fingers corresponding to the missing leads will heat up much faster than the rest, drawing less current.

The operator sets the pulse duration—from less than 50 milliseconds to more than 5 seconds—and amplitude to produce whatever temperature is needed to do the job. The temperature of the tip is controlled by a feedback circuit which automatically compensates for differences in the mass of the solder and the leads and the terminals, and prevents thermal runaways.

With minor modifications, Hughes says, the soldering system can be used for cross-wire welding, parallel-gap welding, parallel-gap soldering or brazing and diffusion bonding. In addition, multilead soldering capabilities can

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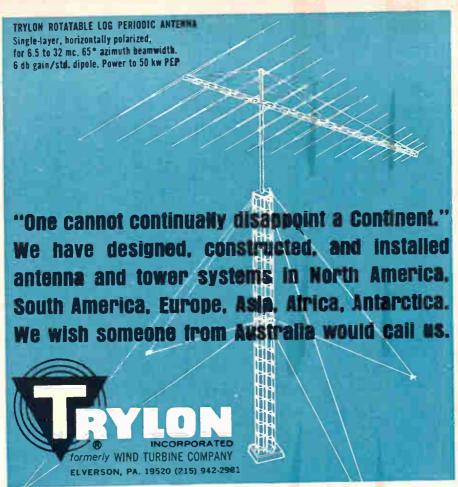
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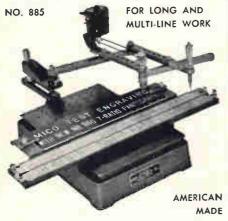
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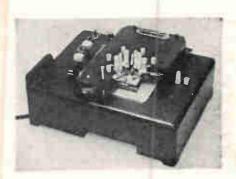
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2020 Oceanside Hughes Welders, Blvd., Oceanside Calif. [395]

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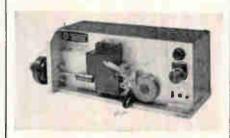
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Price of the Autopsy Probe is under \$2,000; delivery, 10 days.

Weldmatic division, Unitek Corp., 950
Royal Oaks Drive, Monrovia, Calif.

[396]

Marking machine for small connectors



A table-model marking machine automatically marks and ejects small electronic connectors with dimensions up to ¼-in. diameter and 1½-in. length. Called the model 2408, the machine has a variable speed selector that will permit marking up to 15,000 parts per hour, plus the advantage of changeable marking dies.

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Model 2408 measures 8 in. x 8 in. x 16 in., weighs 50 lbs and operates on a combination of 110 v 60 hz voltage and 80 psi air supply.

Jas. H. Matthews & Co., 6574., Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15206 [397]

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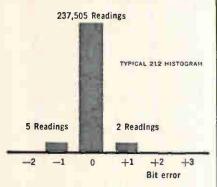
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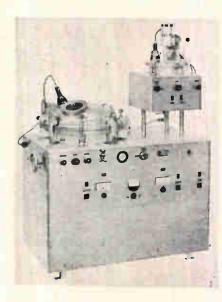
covering the range 0.1 msec to 999 seconds.

With the RT-6000, relays can be tested for time interval between any start and stop points in the relay operating cycle selected by the operator. Simple front-panel adjustments allow the operator to measure the time from application of coil power to the closing of a normally-open contact, the time between two successive contacts, or between opening of a normallyclosed contact to closing of a normally-open contact. The instrument can accommodate relays of any voltage rating, with coil currents up to 2 amperes. Facilities for printing time measurements on paper tape are available as an optional extra.

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Modular Instrument division, Astrosonics, Inc., 190 Michael Drive, Syossett, N.Y. [399]

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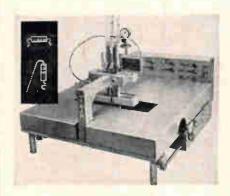
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Markem Machine Co., Keene, N.H. [402]

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Headway Research, Inc., P.O. Box 848, Richardson, Tex., 75080. [403]

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Associated American Winding Machinery Inc., 750 St. Ann's Ave., Bronx, N.Y.
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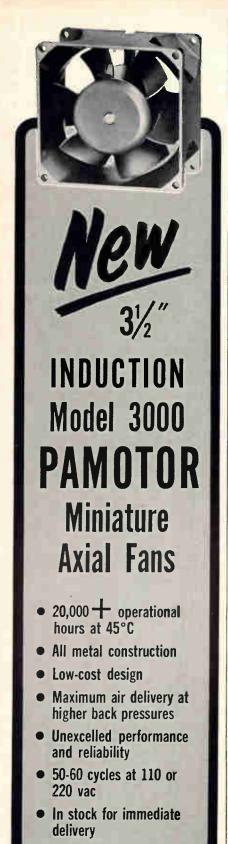


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The Union Tool Corp., Warsaw, Ind. [405]

Firing furnace ups resistor production

The IQ series of resistor firing furnaces was designed for volume production of thick film resistors and conductors. On a continuous load basis, the firing capacity of the furnace amounts to 7,000 ½-in.-square pieces per hour or 56,000 pieces per 8-hour shift. Due to their rugged construction and reliable performance, the IQ series furnaces can be put to 24-hour duty.

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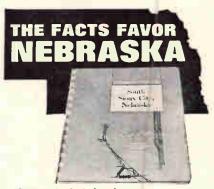
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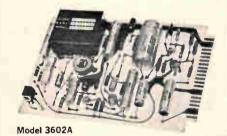
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Traveling-wave tubes

Nonlinear Electron-Wave Interaction Phenomena Joseph E. Rowe Academic Press, Inc., 591 pp., \$18

The author, a professor at the University of Michigan, and his students have gained wide recognition for their work with the theory of nonlinear interaction of electron beams and electromagnetic waves. Their research represents, with perhaps the exception of the Russians, the major effort in this field and the book is a welcome addition to the literature.

Rowe follows the usual exposition of the subject by first developing an equation which reprethe parameters of the equivalent waveguiding circuit. Next, he analyzes the influence of the electron beam and establishes relationships for the coupling of the waveguiding circuit and the electron beam. The theory is then applied to the analysis of different kinds of traveling-wave tubes, multicavity klystrons, O-type oscillators, crossed-field amplifiers, crossed-field backward-wave oscillators, traveling-wave energy converters and multibeam and beamplasma amplifiers.

In describing the effects of the beam, Euler's equations of motion, which are used in small-signal theory, are replaced by Lagrange's equation. The difference and peculiarities of the two approaches are discussed in great detail. The Lagrange formulation leads to integral equations which are solved by using Green's function. The actual solutions are calculated on a digital computer.

One difficulty with the book's exposition is that the detailed mathematical analyses are summarized by only a few graphs. There is a sudden gap, and the reader is left hanging. And one cannot find in the book the Fortran programs necessary to generate a more extensive compendium of graphs.

It would be difficult to use this book as a guide for designing a tube. Less emphasis on the mathematical approach, and more extensive examples of practical tube design would have been preferable. Although Rowe says that his analyses are not restricted to the tube field and can be applied wherever there are charged particle interactions, the book is definitely highly specialized. A series of problems would also have been useful for a text at the graduate level.

Rarely are Rowe's theoretical conclusions compared with corresponding experimental results. This may cause some readers to assume that the solutions given lead naturally to valid designs, despite the approximations used in the mathematical models and in the computations. While there is absolutely no reason to doubt that an experimental tube would follow the theory, some documented reassurance would have been welcome.

This reviewer holds that more straightforward mathematical methods based on the distribution theory of L. Schwartz are superior to the Green function approach.

P.A. Clavier National Engineering Science Co. Pasadena, Calif.

Plans for outer space

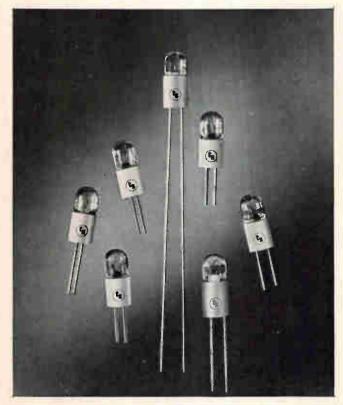
Space Research: Directions for the Future Report of a Study by the Space Science Board, Woods Hole, 1965
National Academy of Sciences—
National Research Council, 656 pp., \$7.50

Last summer 125 specialists met at Woods Hole to consider planetary and lunar exploration, the needs of astronomy in space and the role of man in space research. The three parts of their report, first issued individually, have now been compiled in one volume.

The first section, on planetary and lunar exploration for the years 1970 through 1985, recommends priority for an unmanned exploration of Mars. This should be followed by more detailed investigation of the moon's surface and unmanned exploration of Venus.

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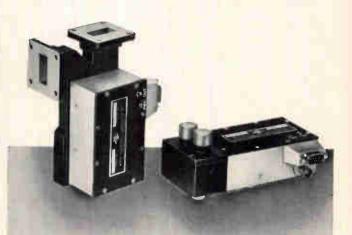
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Aerospace and Defense Research Contracts Roster, fiscal year 1965 Compiled by Frost & Sullivan, Inc. Bowker Associates, Inc., 1,285 pp., \$35

The publishers of "Who's Who" have now done for government contracts what they have been doing for important people. The new book is a compilation of 11,000 research and development contracts awarded by government agencies to companies and universities. The main index, arranged alphabetically, lists the name of the awardee with division and address. It gives the dollar amount and date of the award. name and address of the awarding agency, program name, phase and general description of the contract.

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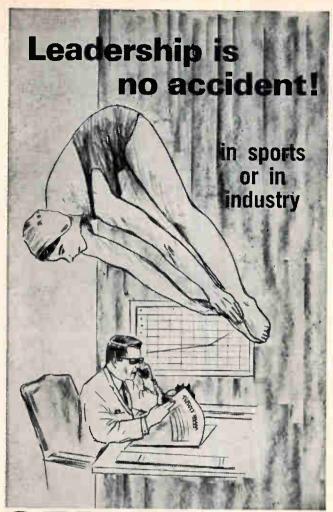
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Progress in Radio Science, 1960-1963, Vol. 6, Radio Waves and Circuits, edited by F.L.H.M. Stumpers, American Elsevier Publishing Co., 325 pp., \$24.50

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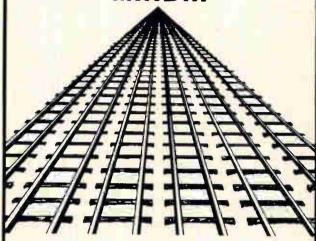
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Technical Abstracts

Low-loss filter

A tunable bandpass filter
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Ferrite-loaded, magnetically tunable, microwave bandpass filters that operate in X band (5.2 to 10.9 gigahertz) with bandwidths from 230 Mhz to 17 Mhz have been developed. The filters are tunable over more than 1.200 Mhz and have an insertion loss of only about 1 decibel. They are practically free of spurious responses and make fine preselectors.

The filter is a ferrite slab placed in a waveguide section between two obstacles. In the rejection band, the obstacles reflect the incident power giving a relatively high attenuation. In the passband, the susceptances of the obstacles tend to resonate with each other at a frequency determined by the susceptances and the electrical distance between them. Tuning is accomplished by altering a biasing magnetic field which varies the ferrite's permeability and hence the electrical length of the ferriteloaded section. The obstacle's susceptance and spacing determine the filter bandwidth.

In this paper, design formulas provide analyses and predictions of the filter's performance characteristics. The principal properties are determined from a computation of the complex transmission coefficient from a source to a termination, both matched to the empty waveguide's impedance. In an X-band filter tunable over 1,500 Mhz and having a 1.5-db insertion loss, the actual bandwidth differed from the design value by less than 10%, sufficiently accurate for most engineering purposes.

Several factors influence tunability, including the material permeability and the sample volume, and is larger for larger samples. For sufficiently large samples, a number of resonant modes exist, some of which are degenerate at critical biasing fields, where mode conversions can occur with accompanying undesirable effects on bandwidth and insertion loss. The optimum ferrite width for which

reasonable tunability is achieved without serious mode conversions is about 0.100 inch.

Presented at the International Conference on Magnetics, Stuttgart, Germany, April 20-22.

Fungicidal

Microbial deterioration of engineering materials
Oscar H. Calderon, M. Rupert Sandoval and E. E. Staffeldt
White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

A single strand of fungi, forming a barely visible bridge between components, can carry 45 volts d-c and cause electrical failure. Usually, when one strand sprouts, others follow. The degradation caused by such microorganisms has been controlled by biocides, biostats, drying methods and packaging the components in inert atmospheres. But, the authors suggest, methods that have been effective in the past may not be effective for new materials. Better methods of testing and evaluating resistance to microorganisms will be needed.

There are many thousands of species of fungi. bacteria and streptomycetes that feed on organic materials. Many of them attack wood, cellulose and leather. Some attack the newer engineering materials, including silicone rubber, epoxies and polytetrafluorethylene. The usual fungus resistance tests may make a material appear to be resistant to microorganisms, when actually the material may be degraded by another microorganism. Bacteria, for example, do more harm to neoprene than fungi or streptomycetes. In one case, a fungus growth masked a colony of bacteria that was also feeding on polyvinyl chloride.

The usual tests for resistance to microorganisms may not prove that a new engineering material will resist degradation. As the materials change, the organisms that attack the materials may also change. The attack may not be a direct one; tests show that organic acids, which are exuded by microorganisms landing on an exposed surface, corrode metals.

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Pellet resistors. Pyrofilm Resistor Co., Inc., 3 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, N.J., has released a technical data sheet on its latest development—miniature carbon-film pellet resistors. Circle 420 on reader service card.

Industrial relay. Sigma Instruments, Inc., 170 Pearl St., Braintree, Mass., 02185. A catalog bulletin describes the series 55 a-c and d-c heavy-duty industrial relay for 2-, 3-, and 4-pole switching of 15-ampere/pole resistive loads at 230 v a-c. [421]

Totalizer. United Computer Co., 930 W. 23rd St., Unit 8, Tempe, Ariz., 85281. Bulletin C6-6 covers the model PR-42 totalizer, which features counting speeds to over 1 million counts per second, extensive use of integrated circuits, and BCD and 10-line decimal electrical outputs. [422]

Modular amplifier system. Century Electronics and Instruments, a subsidiary of Century Geophysical Corp., 6540 E. Apache St., Tulsa, Okla., 74115, announces a two-page brochure describing two configurations for the model 530 single or double instrumentation amplifier modules. [423]

Cable ties. The Thomas & Betts Co., 36 Butler St., Elizabeth, N.J., 07207, offers a 20 in. x 30 in. wall chart illustrating the variety and use of Ty-Rap cable ties and other harness fabrication accessories. [424]

Varactor diodes. American Electronic Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 552, Lansdale, Pa., 19446. A six-page brochure describes a line of varactor diodes that are available in low-loss microwave packages; package design varies according to required power dissipation, package capacitance and inductance, and physical size. [425]

Millimeter microwave components. TRG, a subsidiary of Control Data Corp., Route 110, Melville, N.Y., 11749. An illustrated 20-page, short-form catalog covers the company's entire millimeter microwave component and antenna line. [426]

Digital circuit modules. Radix, Inc., 1560 Orangethorpe Way, Anaheim, Calif., 92801, has published a fourpage data sheet containing general electrical and mechanical specifications for 1-Mhz welded digital logic modules. [427]

F-m telemetry calibrator. Century Electronics and Instruments, a subsidiary of Century Geophysical Corp., 6540 E. Apache St., Tulsa, Okla., 74115. A fourpage brochure describes the theory, operation and specifications for the model 850 f-m telemetry calibrator. [428]

Proximity switch. Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, 11 W. Spring St., Freeport, III., 61032, offers a 75-page manual on proximity switches, a handbook for users as a source of reference information in 5 major sections. [429]

Microwave amplifiers. Alto Scientific Co., Inc., 4083 Transport St., Palo Alto, Calif., 94303. Catalog HLFE lists over 150 standard microwave amplifiers covering from 0.5 to 18 Ghz in octave bandwidths and power outputs from 1 w to 100 w c-w. [430]

Permanent-magnet data. The General Magnetic Corp., 10001 Erwin Ave., Detroit, Mich., 48234. A 16-page booklet contains technical data covering the effects of temperature and radiation on permanent-magnet materials. [431]

Pressure transducers. Data Sensors, Inc., 13112 Crenshaw Blvd., Gardena, Calif., announces a short-form catalog on bonded strain gage pressure transducers for aerospace and industrial applications. [432]

D-c motors. American Electronics, Inc., 1600 E. Valencia Drive, Fullerton, Calif., has published a 12-page booklet describing the design and application of miniature d-c motors. [433]

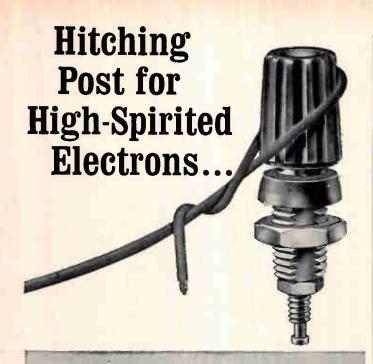
Coaxial circulators. The Raytheon Co., Special Microwave Devices Operation, 130 Second Ave., Waltham, Mass. Highpower coaxial circulators are described and illustrated in a four-page brochure. [434]

Pulse transformers. Valor Electronics, Inc., 13214 Crenshaw Blvd., Gardena, Calif., 90249. An eight-page folder displays products, facilities and capabilities of the company in the manufacture of pulse transformers. [435]

R-f connectors. The Sealectro Corp., Hoyt St., Mamaroneck, N.Y., has released a 12-page catalog describing 27 types of MicroheX microminiature r-f connectors. [436]

Photoconductive cells. The Clairex Corp., 1239 Broadway, New York, N.Y., 10001, has published a designer's guide to utilization of photoconductive cells. The 16-page manual covers photocell theory, design and properties from the application viewpoint. [437]

Photo choppers. Airpax Electronics Inc., Cambridge, Md., 21613. Bulletin PC-118 provides definitive information on photo chopper types 5510 a-c drive and 5514 d-c drive. Internal schematics and a typical application of a photo chopper in a modulator circuit are detailed. [438]



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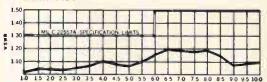
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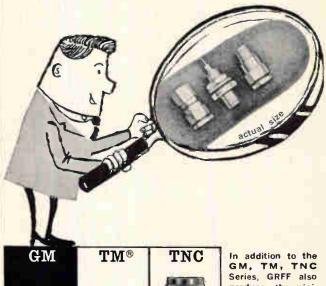
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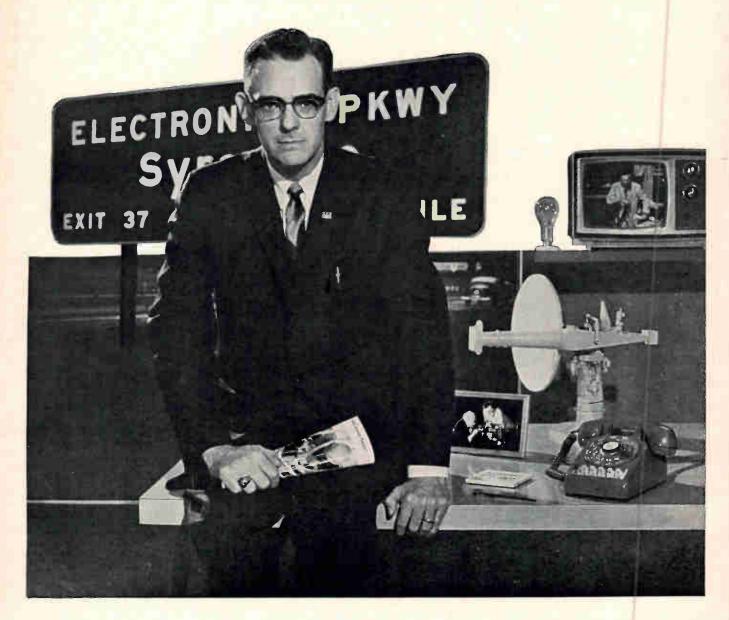
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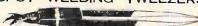
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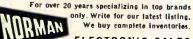
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West Germany may well recoup some of its lost stature in printing with a photographic typesetter introduced last month by the Kielbased firm of Dr.-Ing. Rudolf Hell. The machine, called Digiset, turns out 600 characters per second, or well over two million an hour.

Slower but cheaper, Hell admits that Digiset is not the fastest typesetter around. The Mergenthaler Linotype Co., a subsidiary of the Eltra Corp., will deliver later this year to the U.S. government printing office a machine called the Linotron that sets copy without error at 1,000 characters per second. Mergenthaler developed the system jointly with CBS Laboratories, a division of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Inc. Linotron installations, though, can run from \$300,000 all the way up to more than \$1 million. Digiset, by contrast, sells for as little as \$150,000.

At that price. Hell figures its machine will sell like Volkswagens. The first will be sent in a few weeks to a Stuttgart publishing house. Another will go to a Danish printer, and five more systems are slated for delivery to other European customers. "We could easily sell thirty or more units a year if we had the capacity to produce them." claims Fritz Schueller, sales manager of Hell's computer

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On the beam, Digiset combines

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The magnetic core can handle up to 16.384 sixteen-bit computer words. That works out to about 380 characters for small and medium sizes which the machine sets at a rate of 600 per second. Character capacity and setting speed are halved for larger sizes.

Texts to be set by the machine are punched into paper tape, From the information on the tape, the Digiset control unit "looks up" characters one-by-one in the core and feeds the pulses into the crt deflection circuitry. The text tape also contains instructions for starting new lines and advancing the



Type-composition machine combines computer and television techniques. Holes in the tape supply information needed to position dots that make up. characters. The information is stored in the typesetter's core memory and can be recalled and projected onto photosensitive paper to set up to 900 lines of type a minute.

paper or film drive accordingly.

Good break. The tapes for the typesetter come from a computer called the Digicom. Its input is an "idiot tape" punched by a keyboard operator-without any concern about line width-from the text.

The computer's magnetic core store adds the width of successive characters and spaces between words until they total slightly less than the preset column width. Then the computer figures out how much to adjust the spaces between words to fill out the line.

If the gaps would be too large,

the computer hyphenates the next word. To do so, it consults a logic store that includes a set of rules for breaking words and exceptions to the rules. When the computer hits upon a word that can't be split according to the stored logic, it prints out the word in full. A correction then has to be made by a proofreader but the word is added to the exceptions store so it can be split automatically from then on.

First installation of a Digicom computer (the tape it prepares can be used with conventional photographic typesetters) will be at the printing plant of a Nuremburg newspaper. The Digicom, whose cost ranges from \$62,500 to \$100,000, will take over the job from a much more expensive Siemens 3003 computer.

International

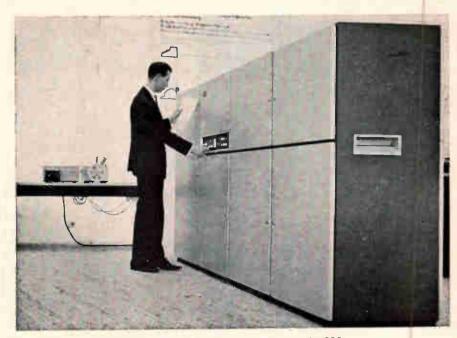
Standards time

Color tv tops the agenda for the plenary session of the International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) that starts its 30-day run at Oslo on June 22 (see story p. 161). But the delegations from some 50 countries will have other standards to wrangle over while the squabble over Secam and PAL drags on.

Three items that will test American delegates' persuasive skills are stereo broadcasting, maritime mobile norms, and satellite communications. For all three, the U.S. has proposals to push.

And the delegation will be lobbying outside the study groups that do the technical spadework in CCIR in an effort to have Jack W. Herbstreit elected director of the consultative committee. Herbstreit is currently deputy director of the Department of Commerce's Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and Aeronomy.

Left and right. At Oslo, the U.S. will plump for ratification of the American pilot-tone system for stereo frequency-modulation broadcasts as the worldwide standard.



Digieset photographic typesetting machine turns out up to 600 characters per second by "looking up" digital information stored in its memory and applying the pulses to the deflection circuits of a cathode-ray tube to trace character images.

The pilot-tone system modulates the main carrier with the sum of the left- and right-hand channel signals. Along with the main carrier, the station transmits a low-level 19-kilohertz carrier and a 38-khz suppressed carrier multiplex channel that is amplitude-modulated by a left-minus-right signal. The sum and difference signals are matrixed in the receiver to obtain separate left- and right-channel signals for two speakers.

Also in contention are a Russian system, with quadrature modulation on a 31.5-khz subcarrier, and a Swedish system that compresses the stereo signals at the transmitter and expands them in the receiver.

The U.S. and Swedish systems will be tested side-by-side at Oslo with broadcasts from a station in Sweden near the Norwegian border. No matter what the outcome of the test comparison, however, the Swedish system seems to have little chance for wide acceptance. West European countries that have gone in for stereo f-m broadcasts in a big way use pilot tone. The Russian system, though, may well get approval as an alternative standard since the 75-khz channel swing of

pilot tone brings with it interference problems for Russian stations, which have a 50-khz swing.

Calls at sea. In maritime mobile broadcast standards, the U.S. hopes to convince other countries to hold off a while before ratifying a proposal that would make a selective-calling system developed by West Germany's Siemens & Halske AG the approved one.

The Siemens system won nearly unanimous support at an interim CCIR meeting last year after it had been pitted against a U.S. and a Japanese system. Instead of voice calling of ships at sea, the Siemens system would raise a ship called from shore by a five-digit code number transmitted as a series of code tones lasting less than one second. The code signal switches on a light to warn the operator the ship is being called.

Now AMP Inc. has readied a system which U.S. officials feel would do the job much better than Siemens'. Instead of code tones, the AMP equipment transmits, in digital form, a teletype code lasting one-half second. Along with the ship's identification number, the code would identify the calling station and could also send a selec-

tion signal, say, to turn on a tape puncher to record messages when the radio operator's not on duty. AMP will demonstrate solid state hardware for this selective-calling system at Oslo. U.S. delegates hope the demonstration will create some doubts among supporters of Siemens' system.

Jockeying. In space communications, the outlook for Oslo is an agreement on slightly higher power levels for satellites and their ground stations in the 4-gigahertz and 6gigahertz channels they share with terrestial microwave links. The United States, for example, wants to wipe off the books the current restriction on satellite total power flux for f-m transmissions. The limit now is -130 decibel-watts per square meter. This would leave in effect the limit of -149 dbw/m² over any 4-kilohertz band. Proposals like this won't generate much heat in the cool Norwegian summer.

Austria

Cheap weather-watcher

Around the world there are 150 automatic picture transmitting stations receiving pictures from the weather satellite Nimbus II. That is, there are 150 official stations. To these must be added at least one unofficial station, a \$300 system at Vienna Polytechnicum.

The system was put together by a graduate student, Helmut Kindl, who had the support of the Institute for High-Frequency Technology. The station receives weather pictures which are then beamed by television to some 10 million Central Europeans, including four million people in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

Station equipment. An antenna, preamplifier, tape recorder, signal conversion unit, modified to receiver and a camera make up the low-cost station. It picks up the 136.95 megahertz transmission signals of the five-watt transmitter of Nimbus II and converts them into a ty image that is photographed

and then retransmitted by the government-run television network. The Nimbus II signal is frequency modulated over a bandwidth from 0-1,600 hertz with a 2.4 kilohertz subcarrier.

The antenna is a helical-coil type with six windings. It has a wiremesh reflector that measures 4.92 feet square. Gain is seven decibels. The signal from the antenna is fed over a 60-ohm cable to a transistorized 136-138 mhz preamplifier followed by a normal f-m stage with optimum bandwidth of 30 khz.

Both the 2.4 kliz carrier frequency and a 200 cycle reference frequency are recorded on tape. The reference frequency is used to compensate for variations in the tape speed.

Reproduction. The signal conversion unit was built at the Vienna Institute. The two recorded frequencies (2.4 khz and 200 hertz) are separated in a frequency divider since the 2.4 khz subcarrier is amplitude modulated. After amplification, the signal is fed into a rectifier to separate the side bands. The demodulated signal is fed to a video amplifier and then displayed on a 14-inch screen.

The horizontal deflection for the video circuits is derived from the 200-hertz reference frequency,

which is clipped and converted to a signal of four pulses per second. The vertical deflection comes from a monostable multivibrator that has a period of 208 seconds. Because of the low frequencies involved in the scanning, all the power amplifiers are d-c.

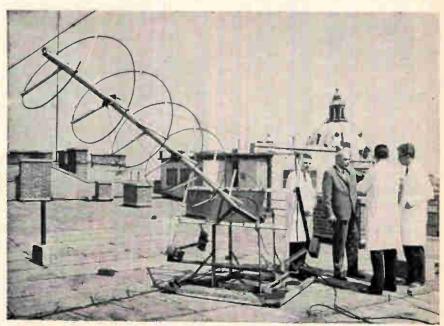
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Laser in the mill

Much to the anoyance of many a product development manager, the laser has been slow in getting out of the laboratory and into the rough and tumble of industry. Some companies, in fact, are wondering if the money they've invested in lasers ever will pay dividends.

For Britain's Decca Radar Ltd., though, the wondering has ended. The company sees big business ahead for a laser doppler system it has developed to measure the speed of moving surfaces.

Already Decca Radar has checked out an experimental laser doppler system on an extrusion press at the British Aluminium Co. In this case, switching from human estimates of the speed of the ex-



Graduate student at Vienna Polytechnicum put together for \$300 a station that produces photos from signals transmitted by Nimbus II weather statellite.

truded bar eliminated variations in production that ran as high as 20%. Bolstered by this success, Decca has two other installations in the works, both to measure the speed of hot steel plates through mills.

Accurate. Under ideal conditions, the Decca system can measure the velocity of a moving surface with an accuracy of 1 part in 100,000; this, though, requires a mirror-like surface. For the conditions generally encountered in mills the accuracy drops to 1 part in 1,000, still very high for industrial applications.

Using the laser, the measurements require no physical contact with the moving surface and they are independent of temperature.

Backscattered. Decca's doppler hardware bounces a low-power helium-neon gas laser beam off the moving surface being measured. Backscattered laser light is picked up by an optical lens system and applied, along with a part of the outgoing beam, to balanced photodiode detectors. The photodiode circuits detect the frequency difference between the two.

Doppler frequency shift depends both on the velocity of the surface off which the beam is bounced and the angle of the beam. At a laser wavelength of 6,328 angstroms, for example, a surface moving directly away from the beam generates a frequency shift of 80 cycles for each 0.001 inch of movement. With the same laser beam striking at an angle of 75° a surface moving at 20 feet per minute, the shift is 83 kilohertz.

The principle of the system, then, is relatively simple. Getting it to work, though, was another matter especially since the level of back-scattered light is low with the surfaces usually encountered in industry. Decca is closemouthed about the techniques it developed to obtain satisfactory signal-to-noise ratios for the system. However, Decca has let on that the balanced photodiode detection circuits eliminate spurious laser modes and also improve the signal-to-noise ratio by 50 decibels.

Frequency locked. Special tracking circuits allow the system to

measure speed even when the surface is intermittently obscured. No matter how good the lens system, the laser beam hits the surface at slightly different angles and the frequency output of the photodiode detectors actually is a spectrum around a mean value.

The tracking circuits work as a frequency-locked servo system generating a pure waveform at the mean frequency of the doppler spectrum. This waveform is continuously compared through a frequency discriminator against the photodiode output spectrum to keep it locked on the center frequency. The tracker's frequency output is counted down and displayed to indicate the speed of the surface being checked. That way, the count continues even when dirt, steam or the like temporarily blocks off the light.

Eased growing pains

Researchers at Britain's Royal Radar Establishment have hit on a technique that may make crystal growing—the first stage in the manufacture of solid state devices—almost as easy for gallium arsenide and indium arsenide as it is for germanium. Their idea: encapsulate the crystal melt with an inert liquid.

When it comes to GaAs and InAs, bulk semiconductor produc-



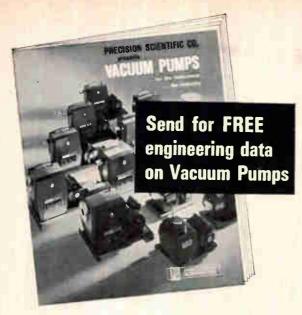
Indium arsenide crystal emerges from transparent molten layer of boric oxide.

ers have growing pains. At the melting point of the arsenide compound, usually between 1240°C and 1250°C for GaAs, the arsenide dissociates from the melt. To stop arsenide loss, the vessel in which the crystal is grown must be sealed off. It must also be kept heated to between 550° and 600°C so the vapor pressure of the arsenide inside equals the dissociation pressure. Under this condition, the arsenide stays in the melt, but the crystal has to be pulled using a magnet or a syringe.

Cover up. The Royal Radar Establishment technique seals off the melt at its surface with a onecentimeter layer of molten boric oxide. RRE settled on boric oxide for the liquid encapsulant because it is less dense than GaAs or InAs (and therefore floats on the semiconductor melt), inert, transparent, and impenetrable to volatile arsenides. With encapsulation, GaAs or InAs crystals can be pulled from the melt without resorting to a magnetic or syringe puller and with the walls of the containing vessel at room temperature. The crystal grows at the interface of the boric oxide layer and the melt; since the encapsulating layer is transparent, the operator can watch the seed grow. As the growing crystal is pulled through the encapsulating layer, a thin film of oxide remains on the crystal and prevents arsenide loss.

Several American producers of bulk semiconductors have tried pulling GaAs and InAs crystals with liquid encapsulation but apparently no one vet has come up with a commercial technique. RRE researchers, though, maintain that liquid encapsulation works on conventional machines used to pull germanium crystals and report they've already pulled GaAs crystals 3 inches long and 15 millimeters in diameter. What's more, they expect the encapsulation technique will make zone refining easier for compounds that have volatile components.

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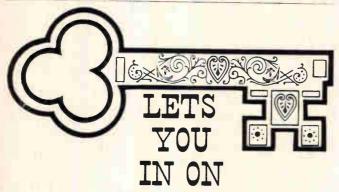
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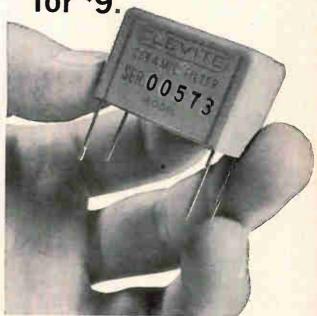
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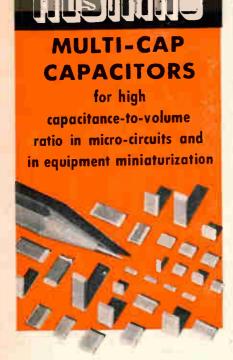
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