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It has been suggested by Dr. F. E. Jones, managing director of Mullard, that the electrondiscovered by J. J. Thomson 74 years ago-is an ageing particle and that although there is still tremendous momentum in the world's electronics industries we are now very much in an era when the chances of major technological advances are becoming much reduced. Despite this outlook there is still a vast sum of money being spent both by industry and the Government on electronics research. The big question is, are we getting value for money?

At a conference* in Liverpool a few months ago on the subject of value for money in R \& D it was stated that "the rate of economic growth of Great Britain is quite out of keeping with the amount spent on R \& D". Many figures have been published showing how unfavourably the $\mathrm{U} ; \mathrm{K}$. compares with other countries in this respect. In terms of gross national product, for instance, the U.S.A. and the U.K. spend roughly the same proportion on R \& D, but a forecast g.n.p. per head for 1975 is greater for the U.S.A. by a factor of 2.6. For Japan, which spends proportionately less than a half of the amount we in the U.K. spend, the forecast shows Japan will by then overtake us by a factor of 1.6. Even Italy, spending proportionately one ninth of our R \& D expenditure will approximately equal the U.K. figure by 1975.

There are two areas concerned-curiosity-oriented $R \& D$ and economicallyoriented R \& D. The two are quite different and there is a tendency to write off the 'basic' research as a necessary investment for the future, mainly because it is difficult, if not impossible, to measure its effect, and to make the other economic in the sense that some measurable return is expected. Some argue that technology-in the sense of applied R \& D, design, production-depends on science, that the one follows the other as part of a logical sequence.

Some of Britain's shortcomings in R \& D are often put down to qualified manpower difficulties - loss of personnel to other countries, inadequate training and education, and a general shortage of the right kind of people. Some say this shortage arises because the system is not turning out what industry needs, others that many bright people tend to stay at university on curiosity research which means there are fewer available for applied R \& D. Professor J. E. Flood, of Aston University, notes a lack of enthusiasm in industry for higher degree holders. He comments "if the enthusiasm of most of industry for M.Sc. courses is lukewarm the attitude to Ph . D. research in universities is almost hostile. Many firms place no value on Ph.D training and some even consider it positively harmful". This is in complete contrast to the U.S.A. where staff for R \& D jobs usually have higher degrees, and Bell Telephone for instance recruit only physicists and chemists with Ph.D. degrees. They recruit engineers with first degrees only if they agree to take a master's degree course. There is a widespread feeling that university courses do not relate to the problems of the real world. And there does seem a good case for equipping people with the necessary abilities to handle real problems, to communicate and to work with others. Many feel there is a strong case for a critical look at the Ph.D. mill.
To return to the question of value for money, analysis of a large number of technically based companies producing complex systems showed, according to J. R. Pollard of Plessey Telecommunications, that to spend below $4 \%$ of turnover on $R \& D$ "is likely to be insufficient to support reasonable company expansion in a technically fairly demanding environment and expenditure in excess of $12 \%$ is likely to be unremunerative in the sense of producing comparable profits in the future".

But whatever proportion is spent, it can be argued that a company should be increasing R \& D expenditure when earnings per employee fall, and not the converse. It does seem reasonable to suppose that when efficiency falls, something must be increased to maintain the situation. Taking this argument to its logical conclusion suggests that because Britain is less efficient than other countries, spending on R \& D should be proportionately greater to offset this. So how do we square this with expected future cuts in R \& D spending?

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# The Search for Intelligent Machines 

## Do we want them, and can we build them?

by R. Baker*, B.Sc., M.Sc.

The basic ideas of logic circuits have by now diffused throughout the electrical engineering world. An ever-increasing number of digital systems, made up from these logic circuits, are finding applications in almost every aspect of modern life. Sometimes special-purpose digital machines are adequate; in other cases the versatility of the digital computer is needed. But, tremendously useful as these machines are, they do have some very distinct limitations. These arise out of the fact that everything that a digital machine can do must be carefully worked out beforehand, and this must be built into the machine by the designer or fed in by computer programmers. Because everything must be planned in this way the data which are to be processed must be presented to the machine in a very wellorganized manner. In practice this means that if a machine is to be connected 'online', then it must be connected only to very 'tidy', well organized systems. Unfortunately that rules out the majority of real-life problems, because in these the data are more-or-less disorganized. Problems of this kind are still solved (or more often, left unsolved) by human operators. Alternatively the data can be carefully sifted by data-preparation staff. And in any case human designers and programmers are still needed to tell the machine how to solve each kind of problem. With the everincreasing demand for data-processing, and new faster computer circuits, the human operators are rapidly becoming the weak links in the system. To help improve this situation work is in progress towards getting better man/machine communication; for example, by using programming languages which are more like everyday language, and by using interactive computer graphics. At the same time as this work has been going on, various research workers have been playing a very long shot, in the same general direction. They are assuming that at some time in the future it may be possible to build machines that act intelligently. This will be in distinct contrast with today's generation of machines.

[^3][^4]noticing. Just how deep will be apparent when we remember that the description 'intelligent' has traditionally been reserved for human beings, and more recently to some animals. We are making a complete break with tradition when we take the description over to non-living systems. We shall have to produce a good case for doing so, and we shall have to be very careful how we do it. Even when applied only to humans, the term 'intelligence' is embarrassingly hard to define or describe, as educationists are acutely aware.
If we want to carry over the idea of intelligence from man to machine, we shall do best to define human intelligence in terms of what a person does in a difficult situation -how he reacts to problems. By considering intelligence in this active way, we can take the idea over to machines quite easily, because we can talk about how machines would react to problems. If we can design a machine to react to a range of problems in the same way that an intelligent person would, we should not say the machine is unintelligent (at least not if it's listening). So far as human intelligence is measured, we generally try to disregard routine skills, however impressive; we are more looking for things like the ability to spot regularities in apparently confused situations, to learn from experience, and generally to take on a wide range of problems even if we have not been taught how to deal with them. Presumably we are looking for the same capabilities from intelligent machines, and that rules out machines such as fixed programme computers with their routine skills, but leads towards pattern recognizing and other adaptive machines.

The hope is that 'intelligent' machines would be able to organize their own input data, and be able to look for their own solutions to problems. If such machines can ever be produced, not only will they be able to take over a whole new range of practical tasks, but they may also give us a clearer idea of our own mental processes. One hopes, too, that they would be able to attempt some of the problems which still baffle human beings. On the other hand we must not overlook the fact that (as has happened with many other worthwhile discoveries) they may be used for antisocial purposes. Nor can we completely disregard those who claim that we are wasting our time trying to make intelligent
machines. 'Intelligence' they say is the prerogative of the human brain; and that has capabilities which go beyond anything a machine could do'. Of course they may be right, but we are not going to find out by giving up before we start. Although we are not even within sight of making intelligent machines, a modest start has been made, and research is continuing. The name of studies leading in this direction is 'artificial intelligence' or 'machine intelligence'.

## Which way to intelligent machines?

There are two schools of thought on how we ought to set about making intelligent machines. Both of them are based on the idea that we should try to get as much information as we can from the working of real brains. We could call the first approach the software approach; the idea is to use conventional computers with programmes which make them act intelligently. The proponents of this method point out that we know little of the precise operation of brain cells, or of how they are actually connected to make a working system. So instead of trying to copy something we don't understand anyway, we will do better to use conventional computers, which we do understand; then try to programme them to act intelligently, using any observations we can of our own and other people's mental processes. On this basis a start has been made in getting computers to reproduce some simple aspects of intelligent behaviour. The sort of things computers are doing is controlling a robot vehicle which learns to find its way around in an obstacle-filled room, and being able to recognize and manipulate objects when seen from different angles and distances. More formal tasks include proving theorems in logic and mathematics, and of course playing a good game of chess.

The other approach, which is going to receive more attention in this article, is through the use of so-called adaptive logic. According to the proponents of this approach we have a better chance of getting a 'brainlike' machine if we make at least some attempt to build it with circuits copied from brain cells. In particular, if an intelligent machine is to operate in real-life situations it will have to get visual information about them through TV cameras or the like. Now these visual signals are
characterized by large amounts of parallel data, much of it redundant or even downright misleading. This will demand parallel arrays of logic circuits acting as patternrecognizers. Being able to respond to spoken and written information will also be a big help, and these are also recognition tasks. (Digital computers approach jobs in an essentially step-by-step method, and this serial working is going to be slow and inefficient).

## What are we trying to copy?

The human brain appears to be made up from about $10^{10}$ inter-connected nerve cells or neurons. These neurons come in many shapes and sizes, and Fig. 1 shows some of the main features of a typical example. On the left are the input branches, of which there may be many thousands; these are called dendrites. These merge into the central body (or soma) of the cell. From this comes the relatively long axon. Very complex chemical and electrical processes take place within the neuron, and these are not yet fully understood. Streams of low-


Fig. 1. A typical neuron showing connection with another neuron at a synapse.
level electrical pulses can be detected passing through the neurons. These pulses appear to convey pulse-rate-modulated information. It is presumed that the neurons are acting as data-processing elements (virtually logic elements) to this information. The dendrites collect pulses from previous stages, and after some attenuation these arrive at the soma. Here they are summed up (across the inputs and over short periods of time). If this combined sum exceeds a certain threshold value, the soma generates a pulse which travels down the axon, which distributes it to following stages. The neuron is ready to fire again after a short recovery period. Connections between stages are made through small structures called synapses which form junctions between axons and dendrites. It is thought that these synapses might be modifying the performance of the neurons by acting as variable-gain devices. Some of the neuron inputs are actually inhibitory, and signals on these reduce the neuron's sensitivity. Quite a lot of effort has been devoted in the past to designing circuits which exactly reproduce the electrical characteristics of neurons. But so much hardware is taken up reproducing just one neuren like this that it is hardly practical
to test large networks, which is really the aim of the operation.

## Simplified models

What must be done is to produce a very much simplified electronic model of the neuron, and hope that even after this simplification some of the neuron's essential data processing properties will remain. If we conveniently forget the time-factor in the summing process, and replace the


Fig. 2. Threshold gate.
modulated pulses with binary signals, we find ourselves with an ordinary threshold logic gate. Such a gate is shown in Fig. 2; for the sake of symmetry the logic levels are set at +1 and -1 . The performance of the gate can be adjusted by altering the amplifier gains $a_{1}, a_{2}$ etc. through the range $x(+1)$ to $x(-1)$. The threshold level $T$ can also be altered. The output switches if:

$$
a_{1} \cdot I_{1}+a_{2} \cdot I_{2}+\ldots \geqslant T
$$

Because the gate performance can be changed or adapted just by altering certain parameters, it is an example of adaptive logic.

The first breakthrough in this direction was made in 1943 by McCulloch and Pitts. They were able to prove theoretically that virtually any logical or mathematical function could be produced by a suitable network of simple threshold gates. Their classic paper marked the beginning of an era. But it left unsolved the problems of
actually designing and constructing networks to carry out useful tasks.

One of the early attempts to build a useful system was the Perceptron, described in 1958 by Frank Rosenblatt. This was a pattern-recognizing device based on the supposed nerve connections coming from the eye. An input pattern was projected onto an array of photocells. Each photocell had the output +1 or -1 , depending on whether or not it is illuminated. This matrix fed a 'preprocessor', consisting of a parallel array of threshold gates with fixed weights of +1 or -1 . This array fed a single, adaptive output gate, consisting of a threshold gate with variable weights. The idea will be explained by a simple Perceptron which is shown in Fig. 3. This simple Perceptron is to be taught to distinguish between two patterns. Each preprocessor gate sees a small random portion of the matrix. The two patterns are shown alternately. Some of the gates will switch over when the patterns change; we could call these 'useful' gates. Others will remain in one state; these are 'useless' in discriminating between the patterns. The Perceptron is now trained to distinguish the patterns by adapting the gains (weights) of the output gate. The gains in the paths from 'useful' gates are turned up; the 'useless' gates are shut out by turning the corresponding gains towards zero. The gains are adjusted auto matically during this training phase. After training, the Perceptron is able to respond also to patterns which are slightly different from the training patterns. This valuable property is called generalization. (This is essential, if distorted or 'noisy' versions of the pattern are to be recognized.) Much more complicated Perceptrons are possible, and they give correspondingly more sophisticated performance. But there are two basic weaknesses in the Perceptron concept. The fixed preprocessing layer may actually tend to disorganize the input data. Also it is quite possible that for a given problem, all the preprocessor gates might happen to be 'useless'. Since the preprocessor logic is fixed, the Perceptron will fail in this case.


## Adeline and Madeline

The problems of the preprocessor were solved by drastic surgery. The fixed logic was eliminated, and the adaptive gate was connected directly to the input pattern. Even the threshold level was made adaptive. Adeline (adaptive linear neuron), devised by Bernard Widrow, works this way. And to obtain better performance, parallel arrays of Adelines were set up, giving Madelines (multiple Adelines). Madeline arrays have been tested, with some degree of success, on a range of problems including speech recognition, weather forecasting, electrocardiogram analysis, and dynamic control.

Having got this far, we should look at the circuit problems involved in actually building an adaptive threshold gate. The logic is straightforward; it is the weights which pose an unpleasant problem. We need either a variable-gain amplifier or else an electronically variable resistor; the snag is that the gain or resistance-value must be stored between adjustments. The first solution, used in the Perceptrons and similar systems, was a motor-driven potentiometer. But this of course gives a bulky, unreliable and expensive system. More recent devices have employed magnetic components. The signal is modulated at r.f. and put through a transformer. The transformer output is adjusted by varying the magnetization of the core, using control windings. Another useful device is the Memistor. This consists of a metal film resistor immersed in electrolyte. Its resistance is varied by plating on or off it, via a third electrode. But to simulate large nerve networks we need a reliable, compact and cheap adaptive circuit. And systems containing vast numbers of analogue storage devices do not look too promising at present. If only we could use purely digital circuits we could take full advantage of modern microelectronics techniques.

## Breaking away from threshold circuits

To get clear of these rather unsatisfactory analogue storage devices, Igor Aleksander decided to make a clean break with the threshold gate model of the neuron. Instead, in 1966 he proposed a completely digital model, based on a 'universal gate'. Now any logic circuit can be specified by its truth table. An ordinary logic circuit has just one truth table. But a universal gate can be adjusted to have any truth table. By supplying extra circuitry to set up a truth table to suit the task in hand we get an adaptive universal gate. Although universal gates are farther away from the observed performance of neurons than are threshold gates, this is compensated by the fact that universal gates are much more general. (A universal gate can give any Boolean function of its inputs, but a threshold gate can give only a small fraction of all those possible.) Fig. 4 shows a universal element with two inputs. An AND gate is provided corresponding with each possible entry in the truth table. Connecting the AND gate gives a ' 1 ' in the corresponding line of the truth table; disconnecting it gives a ' 0 '. For simplicity, links are shown for these
connections. In practice electronic switching circuits are used. In Aleksander's SLAM (stored logic adaptive module), the AND gates are switched in or out of service according to the states of storage bistables. The states of these bistables are actually set up during a training session. This consists of showing the SLAM some typical examples of the patterns it is to recognize, at the same time energizing a 'teach' terminal. Afterwards it responds to the training patterns, even without the 'teach' signal. In practice parallel arrays of SLAMs were used, and these have generalizing properties. For example, after being trained with some typical examples of a handwritten letter, SLAM arrays can recognize slightly different versions of the letter, which they have not seen before.

Feedback of data is known to be a feature of brain activity. Now Dr. Aleksander has incorporated it into SLAM arrays. Binary patterns are shown to SLAM arrays and the resulting transformed patterns are delayed and fed back to the input. This has led to improved recognition. Some quite new
right through to that sophisticated specimen, homo sapiens. This method is evolution, and its essential features are supposed to be the generation of random variations in offspring, together with a process described as 'survival of the fittest'. It is obviously a very powerful method, but equally clearly it is very slow. Could we simulate evolution electronically, so as to get some of the advantages, but within a reasonable time-scale? According to Laurence Fogel and his colleagues the answer is 'yes'. According to Fogel, the mark of an intelligent being is the ability to look at the past states of a real-life system and from that to predict a future state. If we code these states into a sequence of numbers, we are looking for a machine which after being shown a number-sequence will output a predicted future term in the series. Fogel used computer-simulated sequential logic machines to attempt these predictions. (Sequential machines are made up from logic gates and delay elements.) The


Fig. 4. Universal gate with adaptation circuits.
properties have alsocome out. These include a short-term memory of patterns seen previously, the ability to recognize sequences of patterns, and the ability to give attention to certain situations. SLAM circuits are in fact available from Integrated Photomatrix Ltd.

## Improved performance through evolution?

The work described so far concerns attempts to model brain activity using special computer programmes, or by arrays of adaptive logic circuits. The design of these models is obtained by a combination of analysis, experimentation and intuition. But nature, using none of these methods, has achieved vastly more spectacular results. Nature's method has led from simple one-celled organisms
states and connections of the machines were randomly modified, one at a time, simulating mutation. The modified machines were either retained or destroyed, depending on whether the modification gave improved prediction. Presumably the effectiveness of the method on real systems will depend on just how successfully a system can be modelled by a sequential machine.

The author has also proposed an evolutionary machine, but this time using an array of universal gates made up in hardware. It was tested on a simulated vehicle-routeing problem. The idea was to simulate in a simple way the twofold adaptation which goes on in nature. Learning processes in an individual correspond to short-term adaptation. The evolution of a species is a long-term adaptive process. In the author's system
short-term adaptation was simulated by systematically modifying the universal gates. Evolution was simulated by randomly inserting extra gates into the array, retaining only those which gave improved system performance.

## The future

This brief guided tour will indicate that 'artificial intelligence' is still in its infancy. A number of quite different approaches have been investigated, and in some of these useful progress has been made. And research continues. The results are certainly not spectacular. The search for intelligent machines will be long and difficult, but it presents a unique and fascinating challenge.

Finally, in fairness to the researchers past and present in this field, the author points out that the work of only a few has been described, and that only briefly. For those who want to read further, the first book listed below is a very digestible text covering the work on Perceptrons, Madelines and much else and the second a good introduction to SLAM circuits.

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## Circuit Ideas

## Dry cell charger

The circuit shown has proved suitable for charging dry cells. It is pointless (and dangerous) to attempt to charge cells


which have discharged over several months. The charge lost ( $+10 \%$ ) should ideally be replaced immediately, but weekly topping up is satisfactory. The necessary conditions for recharge are thus like those for leadacid accumulators. The $2.2 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ polyester capacitors act as current limiters. This charger can be used for batteries up to 18 V . K. W. Mawson,

Bradford.

## Multivibrator with switched mark ratios

The circuit shown below was devised to provide a multivibrator which can have its mark period varied in fixed ratios (here 1:3:5:7:9) by a switch $S_{1}$, whilst allowing for variation of the absolute periods (by $R_{2}$ ) without upsetting these ratios. This idea has been used in a multivibrator also incorporating a previous circuitidea ('Large space-mark ratio multivibrator', K. D. Cliff, April 1969), and in which the 'space'
periods are also variable. The circuit formed the heart of a windscreen wiper control. Intermittent operation of $1,2,3,4$ or 5 wipes can be selected by $S_{1}$. The $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor $C_{1}$ was added to provide the unbalance needed to start the multivibrator at switch-on.
J.H.J.Dawson,

Sheffield.

## Pulse and voltage level indicator

Trouble-shooting a board holding many digital i.cs is tedious when using a 'scope and probe. The simple circuit shown here lights up a bulb when a pulse or a level above 0.7 V is found. The input impedance is high and there is no significant loading of normal digital circuits. A level detector $T r_{1}$ has the same threshold $(0.7 \mathrm{~V})$ as r.t.l. logic 1. If this level is exceeded $T r_{1}$ turns on triggering a 1 ms monostable pair

( $T r_{2}$ and $T r_{3}$ ) lighting the lamp momentarily. Steady in puts above 0.7 V hold the lamp on. The circuit can be housed in $\frac{3}{8}$ in diameter plastic tube with a'probe attached.
J. M. Firth,

Ottawa.


# Alternatives to the Teleprinter 

## A survey of noiseless high-speed methods

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The teleprinter has been a familiar device as a communication terminal for a long time. It is an electrical typewriter in which a pulse code decides waich character should be printed. Decoding and type actuation is electro-mechanical, giving rise to considerable noise in operation. A typical operating speed is 10 characters per second although machines operating at higher speeds are available.

Recently 'electronic' teleprinters have appeared. In these decoding is performed by solid-state electronic circuits in place of moving parts. The printing process however still involves impacting a type face against paper with its attendant limitations of speed and noisy operation.

In addition to its use as a communication terminal, the teleprinter is finding an increasing application as a computer peripheral and the conventional teleprinter is now commonplace as a man-machine interface connected over a telephone line to a central processor. When used as a print-out connected directly to a computer, the machine takes the form of a line printer in which a number of characters can be printed simultaneously at speeds approaching 1,000 lines per minute. This is slow compared with the capability of the computer, resulting in the total processing time being limited by the printer speed.

The teleprinter used for communication purposes is also slow compared with the information rate which could be transmitted over telephone lines, so there is a potential need for a machine with greater speed capability. If this can be achieved together with an improvement in reliability and reduction in noise level so much the better. If the mechanical printing action could be replaced by some non-mechanical process, higher speeds and quieter operation become a possibility and it is interesting to consider how printing can be performed without a mechanical printing process.

## Photographic methods

If an image of a character is projected onto a light-sensitive emulsion, subsequent development results in a permanent visual record of the character. This is exploited

[^5]in photo-typesetting machines in which the 'fount' consists of a dise containing within its periphery transparent images of the characters required. The required character is selected by rotating the disc until the character is positioned behind a projection system which produces the image on the photo-sensitive emulsion. $\dagger$

The disc can be replaced by a cathode-ray tube on which visual images can be formed. The use of silver halide photographic material for teleprinter copy would however be prohibitively expensive and a more economic solution is to use xerography ${ }^{1}$ which has a familiar application in office copying-machines. In this process a selenium-coated drum is electrostatically charged in darkness by corona discharge. A visual image is projected onto the drum. The resistivity of selenium varies with the amount of light falling upon it and in consequence the charge leaks away in the bright portions of the image. A latent electrostatic image is accordingly formed on the surface of the drum. An electrostatically charged toner powder is then applied to the drum adhering to the charge areas and making the image visible. The powder image is next transferred to paper and fixed by melting a resin contained in the toner powder.
A variation of this process uses paper coated by zinc oxide ${ }^{2}$. The zinc oxide functions in a similar way to the selenium drum and enables the image to be formed directly on the paper and eliminates the transfer process between the drum and the paper. A simpler machine is therefore


Fig. 1. Electrostatic printing can be achieved by applying an electric field across dielectric coated paper.
possible but with the penalty of a requirement for special paper.

Printers in which the characters are formed on the surface of a cathode-ray tube and printed by the photographic methods described are too elaborate and expensive to be seriously considered as an alternative to the teleprinter.

## Electrostatics

The examples considered so far entail creation of a visual image before the electrostatic image can be produced. Processes have been invented in which the intermediate light stage has been eliminated. In one case the screen of a cathode-ray tube is replaced by a line or matrix of closely spaced pins which conduct the electrons from the beams through the glass onto the surface of paper bearing an insulating coating. If characters are formed on the face of the tube in a conventional way an electrostatic image is formed on the coated paper and this can be made visible with powder as before. Although the optics of the previous system have been eliminated the tube is expensive and machines using this system have found only limited application.

If a high voltage is applied between two electrodes separated by an air gap, one of which is pointed, a steam of ions will pass across the gap (Fig. 1). If dielectric coated paper is now placed between the electrodes a charge will be deposited on the dielectric. This phenomena can be used to create an electrostatic image of a character on paper. The paper can be arranged to travel under a row of closely spaced pins situated at right-angles to the direction of paper travel. The incoming message in the form of a pulse code is first stored line-by-line in a memory. From this stored information the necessary pulses are derived to produce lines of electrostatic characters which are subsequently processed to become visible.

Machines are available based on this principle but with the variation of a print head actually contacting the paper coating. The voltages needed to print are lower than those required with ionization printing.

The memory can be eliminated if the characters are actually printed character-by-character. This can be achieved by
using a matrix of pins situated above the paper at each character position. The incoming code is processed by a translator which energizes appropriate pins of each matrix in turn to form the character. Fig. 2 shows a stack of four such heads each consisting of a matrix of $5 \times 7$ pins of $25-u$ m diameter on $25-\iota \mathrm{m}$ centres.

Fig. 3 shows a message printed at the rate of 500 characters a second on an experimental electrostatic tape printer. The paper tape is transported at 125 cm a second in contact with a backing electrode and separated from the printing head by 25 to $50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. The voltage is applied to the appropriate pins in the form of $30-\mu \mathrm{s}$ pulses. which means that printing can take place on continuously moving paper. In the page-printer form 60 heads similar to that illustrated would be situated across the width of the paper, each head being energized in turn to print sequentially across the paper.


Fig. 2. In the electrostatic method, a matrix of pins can be used to print character by character. The matrix head shown has $5 \times 7$ matrices with 25 um dia. pins spaced at $25-\mu m$ intervals. A page printer might comprise 60 such heads across the width of paper.

The quality of print produced by a $5 \times 7$ matrix of dots is adequate for most purposes. If a greater variety or higher quality of character is required a $7 \times 10$ matrix can be used.

## Electromagnetism

By using magnetic recording techniques it is possible to 'write' a magnetic image onto suitable material and this image can subsequently be made visible by the application of ferrous powder. As in the case of the electrostatic printer, a magnetic image of the character can be formed by
means of a matrix of magnetic recording heads packed into the areas occupied by one character. In place of the voltage pulse demanded by the electrostatic system a current pulse through the appropriate heads is needed and as the coating of paper with a magnetic medium is an expensive procedure, recording takes place on a magnetic drum. Powder is then applied to the drum and subsequently transferred by pressure to paper. An experimental machine using this principle has been demonstrated ${ }^{4}$ but such a device has not yet been marketed.

## Steered ink jet

If one considers ink issuing from a very small jet physically vibrated along its axis, the liquid will break up into a series of droplets. If these droplets carry an electrostatic charge and are made to traverse an electric field they will be deflected in a similar manner to electrons in a cathode-ray tube. This principle was applied to the design of an oscillograph recorder ${ }^{3}$ in 1964 (Fig. 4). In this case droplets of ink are formed by a $25-\mu \mathrm{m}$ diameter nozzle, vibrated by a crystal transducer operating in the region of 45 kHz . Each droplet passes through a hole in a charging electrode to which the voltage waveform to be recorded is applied. Each droplet leaves the charging electrode with a charge proportional to the voltage applied at that instant and then passes through a transverse electrostatic field producing a deflection proportional to the droplet charge. The paper moves continuously at right angles to the deflection of the droplets, producing the other axis of the deflection.

Fig. 5 shows an experimental rig in which droplets of water issuing from a jet are deflected in this way. A pulse voltage waveform is applied to a ring electrode causing the stream of droplets to be deflected in sympathy. The deflection of the droplets is too fast to be seen by the naked eye so the photograph was taken under stroboscopic light synchronized with the droplet frequency. To make the deflection assembly visible a second exposure under steady illumination was made resulting in the solid line from the jet superimposed on the photograph of the droplets.

It is not convenient to turn the ink stream on and off so the same effect is achieved by arranging for the ink to be intercepted by a device which returns the ink to the reservoir at zero voltage; at other voltages the ink is deposited on the


Fig. 4. To avoid using special paper a charged ink jet can be used, deflected electrostatically. Pulsed operation is achieved by attaching a transducer to the ink feed pipe.
paper. If the deflection of the jet and the movement of the paper is used to form a raster scan, a matrix of dots is deposited on the paper. This matrix can be arranged to fill the area occupied by one character in which case any character can be printed by suppressing the appropriate dots. This is achieved in the electronic character translator by arranging that when the stream is at the appropriate position zero voltage is momentarily applied to the charging electrode to ensure that the droplet is intercepted.

This type of printer can operate on wide range of uncoated paper and has the advantage that the characters become visible the moment they are printed. The jet has to be very small (typically $25-\mu \mathrm{m}$ dia.) and precautions have to be taken to avoid blockage in operation.

Two printers operating on this principle are now available from U.S. sources.

The printing methods described so far constitute the major candidates for supremacy at the present time. There are other methods, for example thermal printing, which offer advantages over impact printing but require relatively expensive paper and lack the speed potential of electrostatic or electromagnetic printing.

## Costs

It has not been demonstrated that it is possible to market a machine at a price which will compete with teleprinters currently available. The results of


Fig. 5. Ink jet photographed under stoboscopic illumination. A second exposure under steady illumination was made to show the deflection assembly, which accounts for the continuous ink stream.
increased operating speed must be judged in relation to increased capital cost and such disadvantages as the inability to print simultaneous copies.

The cost of paper becomes significant when dealing with high-speed machines. A 300 -character-per-second machine operating for three hours per day for a five-day week will cost $£ 200$ p.a. for paper. If the machine requires specially coated paper this cost could at least double implying an additional running cost of $£ 200$ p.a. or more. The choice could well arise between a relatively simple and reliable machine using special papers and a more complicated machine in which a wide range of papers can be used.

There is at the moment a tremendous world growth in communications. The transmission of the written word is placing an ever increasing demand on available systems. Postal services are finding difficulty in coping with an ever increasing volume of paper. In what sphere the high-speed printer will find its greatest application is not yet clear but without doubt such devices will become an integral part of the communication network of the future.

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## Announcements

The I.E.E. Vacation School at University College, Bangor, on electric circuit theory, which was to have taken place from 22 March to 2 April 1971 will now be held from 5 to 10 July.

STC are negotiating with Chelton (Electrostatics) Ltd of Marlow, Bucks, for the acquisition by Chelton of the technical information and know-how needed for the manufacture and exclusive world-wide marketing of all STC aircraft aerials (excluding only h.f. notch aerials) and engineering services.
J. Grant and Taylor Ltd are to take over STC's closed-circuit television business which includes Grundig and Conrac agencies. STC will continue to market low light level cameras.

Telemotive U.K. Ltd, Albany House, 32 Southfields, East Molesey, Surrey, has acquired from STC their business in 'Telemotive' radio remote control of cranes and other industrial machines.

Pye Unicam Ltd, of Cambridge, are to start leasing scientific equipment. All the financial arrangements for this service will be carried out by Communication Services Ltd, a company jointly owned by Pye and Philips.

An agreement to grant manufacturing rights on an instrument landing system has been concluded between Thomson-CSF (France) and Texas Instruments (U.S.A.).

Cossor Electronics Ltd, Harlow, Essex, have received a large order from the Australian Department of Civil Aviation to supply secondary surveillance radar equipment to be installed throughout Australia.

An exclusive U.K. marketing agreement has recently been negotiated between the Tokyo based NF Instrument Co. and Takmar Electronics Ltd for the NF range of test instruments. Their test instruments include function generators, an auto-ranging a.c. voltmeter, low-distortion oscillator and distortion analysers.

Wilmex Ltd have undertaken distribution of Stax Audio Products in the U.K.

ITT Semiconductors U.K. and Intermetall Hableiter Der Deutsche ITT Industries GmBh Germany, who together form ITT-SC-Europe, have signed a contract with American Micro-Systems Inc. appointing ITT-SC-E as exclusive sales representative and distributor for AMI products in Europe.

Radiatron Components Ltd have taken over as sole U.K. representatives for the complete Irion \& Vosseler IVO range of impulse counters and associated equipment.

Seatronics (U.K.) Ltd, a new second source of supply of electronic components, becomes the first organization to exclusively market own-brand components, initially resistors, capacitors and electro mechanical parts manufactured in Asia. Headed by Peter Webber, previously marketing manager of Morganite Resistors, Seatronics will specialize in standard passive components manufactured in such areas as Singapore and Japan.

Radiall Microwave Components Ltd are now sole U.K. agents for the Cable Division of Thomson Houston, France.

Onkyo, of Osaka, japan, who manufacture audio equipment, have appointed J. Parkar \& Company (London) Ltd, Parkar House, I Paul Street, London E.C.2, sole distributors for their products.

Redifon 'Ltd have purchased the marine radio interests of Cosalt Ltd.

Industrial Control Systems have recently introduced a semiconductor burn-in service at their Northampton factory, for major semiconductor manufacturers, equipment manufacturers and other large volume users of semiconductor components.

Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd has won an order worth over $£ 180,000$ from British Rail for a 960 -circuit, 4 MHZ , coaxial cable telephone link between British Rail Marylebone headquarters and four London stations. The stations involved are Eust on, Liverpool Street, Waterloo and Paddington.

Radiatron Components Ltd are now sole U.K. representatives for the range of electromechanical and electronic components manufactured by ERNI \& Co., Zurich.

Under the name, Raytheon-TAG Components Ltd a U.K. office, which will operate frm 1st June at Shelley House, Noble Street, London E.C.2, is being opened by Transistor AG, Zurich.

A range of function generators made by Interstate Electronics Corporation, of Anaheim, California, is now available in the U.K. through Euro Electronic Instruments Ltd, Shirley House, 27 Camden Road, London N.W.1.

Pye Ether Ltd and Georg C. K. Withof GmbH have concluded an agreement to cover development, production and marketing of their combined ranges of process control instrumentation.

Harlech Television are buying three Marconi Mk. 8 automatic colour television cameras as part of their re-equipment programme in an order worth $£ 80.000$ placed with Marconi Communication Systems Ltd.

Dage (Great Britain) Ltd, Haywood House, High Street, Pinner, Middx, have been appointed sole U.K. distributors for the range of glass-sealed flat packages for integrated circuits manufactured by PhilcoFord of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

## Books Received

Electronic Measurement Techniques by D. F. A. Edwards. The author's preface states that 'the main object of this book is to provide in one volume practical information concerning the latest techniques in electronic measurements. Another justification for the present work is the fact that many people take up electronic or communication engineering as a career with a good working knowledge of the theory involved but with little idea of how to adapt and use the appropriate measuring instruments'. The chapters, averaging twenty pages each, cover basic electronic measurement (resistance, current, voltage, etc.), the general use of various instruments (including meters, oscillographs and oscilloscopes), and many techniques of measurement (resonance methods for $L, C, R$, and $Q$; various methods for power, frequency etc; null procedures). The last two chapters describe standards and the measurement of non-electrical quantities with reference to electronically linked servo-mechanisms. The author uses SI units throughout and the book includes worked examples and questions from B.Sc., I.E.E. and City and Guilds examination papers, for which the answers are also given. Pp. 377 including index. Price $£ 4.20$ cased, and £2.80 limp. Butterworth \& Co (Publishers) Ltd, 88 Kingsway, London WC2B 6AB.
Field-Effect Electronics by W. Gosling, W. G. Townsend, and J. Watson. The opening historical review, referring back to 1925 , is followed by an up-to-date introduction to junction and insulated gain f.e.t. operation including that relevant to III-V compound semiconductors and Schottky and silicon gate fabrication. A chapter is devoted to noise and the remainder of the book to the applications of f.e.t. devices. Pp. 364 including index. Price $£ 8$. Butterworth \&. Co (Publishers) Ltd, 88 Kingsway, London WC2B 6AB.

# 200-W Linear Amplifier 

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#### Abstract

An amplifier is described which will provide 200 W at frequencies between 3.5 and $\mathbf{2 8 M H z}$. The article also describes the construction of the high-power valve employed and briefly mentions how it can be used as a 200 W a.f. output stage.


Before describing the actual amplifier a few words on the valve employed would not go amiss. The valve is type TT 100 and was originally developed from the earlier type TT21 for use in shipborne s.s.b. equipment. It has an anode overload dissipation of 2.7 times the maximum anode dissipation for five minutes allowing for the effect of a possible large aerial mismatch when, for instance, the aerial is broken or 'down on the deck'. The high thermal

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capacity of the anode is achieved without the use of an expensive carbon block anode. The valve uses a B12F cathode-ray tube base which allows multiple leads to the electrodes resulting in a low electrode lead impedance. To meet the electrical demands, and at the same time to keep the cost down to a reasonable level, two cathode assemblies, complete with grids and screen grids, are employed and surrounded by a massive anode. This means that standard large electrode structures are used and there was no need to design a


## Component details

| $R_{1}$ | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega, 3 \mathrm{~W}$, carbon |
| :--- | :--- |
| $R_{2}$ | $10 \Omega$ (two off) |
| $R_{3}$ | $100 \Omega$ over-wound with a single |
|  | turn of $18 \mathrm{~s} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{g}$. enamelled copper <br>  <br> wire |
| r.f.c | 2.5 mH pi-wound choke |
| r.f.c | see text |
| r.f.c | 2.5 mH pi-wound choke |

$C_{12} \quad 10 \mathrm{nF}, 500 \mathrm{~V}$, disc ceramic
$C_{3} \quad 30 \mathrm{nF}$, three 10 nF capacitors in parallel
$C_{4}{ }_{6}{ }_{10} 2.5 \mathrm{nF}, 2.5 \mathrm{kV}$, mica
$C_{7} \quad 9-300 \mathrm{pF}$, variable (Jackson)
$C_{8} \quad 500 \mathrm{pF}, 2.5 \mathrm{kV}$, mica
$C_{9} \quad 40-500 \mathrm{pF}$ variable (Jackson)
500 mA f.s.d. meter
$L_{1,2} \quad$ see text


Fig. 1. Circuit of the linear amplifier capable of producing 200 W up to 30 MHz .
special electrode assembly for the valve. This dual-electrode construction leads to easy connection of anti-parasitic components.

When using the valve it is essential to ensure that the glass bulb does not exceed $270^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ by using some sort of cooling system. Two methods come to mind. The first, and more obvious, is to ventilate the enclosure in which the valve is installed and then to use either a simple fan to stir the air adequately (this method is illustrated in the amplifier described), or a small extractorfan.

Alternatively, a more elegant method is to use a close fitting heat shield having good contact with the bulb allowing the heat to be transferred from it to the chassis. The heat can then be conducted to a suitable heat sink attached to the back of the equipment.

## The amplifier

Of the various anode circuits which may be used for linear amplifiers to cover a wide range of frequencies, none is more convenient than the standard 'pi-coupling' where with suitable components a relatively wide range can be matched into the load.

In the grid circuit, the passive arrangement is probably the most satisfactory, provided that a reasonably high value of loading resistor, such as $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, is used. With this circuit feedback is unlikely if the socket wiring is properly arranged; it does, however, call for somewhat higher drive power than would be the case using a tuned-grid circuit. At the same time a more constant load is provided into which to operate the drive.

The circuit of the amplifier is given in Fig. 1. $R_{1}$ is the grid loading resistor and $\boldsymbol{R}_{2}$ the anti-parasitic resistor (in fact there are two of them, one being connected to each control grid, pins four and nine). The screen grids are decoupled by the use of three 10 nF disc ceramic capacitors in parallel connected from pins six and seven to earth.

All the input and socket connections are made below the chassis; the arrangement of the various components is shown in the lay-out diagram Fig. 2. It is important to note that all the earth connections are made to a common point to reduce chassis circulating currents. The connections of the


Two views of the completed prototype. In the left-hand photograph the h.t. decoupling capacitor can be seen in the top left-hand corner
four cathode pins should be as short as possible and made from thick wire or copper strip.

The anode circuit is a conventional shunt-fed pi-coupling, the variable components being the anode tuning capacitor $C_{7}$, the tapped inductor $L_{1}, L_{2}$ and the output matching capacitor $C_{9}$.

These main components should be built effectively as a unit using capacitors with insulated end plates and the earth connections to their rotors made by a single piece L-section copper strip ( $75 \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) bolted to the chassis (this can be clearly seen in the internal view of the amplifier). A copper strip connection from the output socket


Fig. 2. Under-chassis layout of components.
should also be returned directly to the common earth strip of the tuned circuit. This arrangement will reduce the chassis circulating currents to a minimum.

## Coil winding

The anode inductor comprises two parts, $L_{1}$ for the higher frequencies connected in series with $L_{2}$ to make the complete coil. $L_{1}: 9$ turns of 3 mm diameter copper wire, the turn spacing being 1.5 mm . The internal diameter of the coil is 38 mm . Taps are made at 3 and 5 turns from the anode end for the 28 and 21 MHz amateur bands respectively. The whole coil is used for the 14 MHz band.
$L_{2}$ : 21 turns of 2.5 mm diameter copper wire wound on an epoxy resin former 38 mm in diameter, turns are spaced to occupy a winding length of 70 mm . A tap is made at 9 turns from the connection to $L_{1}$ for operation at 7 MHz . Selection of the taps on the inductor is by the high voltage ceramic switch.

Anode feed r.f. choke: This choke(r.f.c. ) has to have high impedance over the whole frequency range at which the amplifier is to operate, since it is effectively in parallel with the tuned circuit. In this case a simple single-layer coil is used consisting of 100 turns of 24 s.w.g. enamelled wire close wound on a 12.5 mm diameter ceramic former (winding length 64 mm ). The choke is mounted horizontally below and at. right-angles to the anode inductance to minimize inductive coupling.

## Construction

This may be of any convenient form to suit individual requirements. The unit illustrated is a small amplifier contained in
a cabinet $260 \times 200 \times 165 \mathrm{~mm}$. A simple fan to provide adequate air circulation is fitted to the rear panel. No detailed drawing is needed for a unit of this type; all the relevant data can be obtained from the photographs.

One point that needs mentioning is that the meter, being close to the considerable r.f. field, must be shielded and its connections by-passed to chassis. The h.t. feed line should also be screened as near as possible to the actual supply socket. It is also by-passed at the h.t. supply socket as can be seen in the front view photograph (top left-hand corner of the rear panel).

## Performance

The performance of the amplifier illustrated is summarized in the table of results and the curve, Fig. 3. The power output is substantially constant over the frequency range 3.5 to 28 MHz .

Tests carried out at a very much lower frequency give similar results; the operating conditions and performance quoted may


Fig. 3. Performance in terms of output and input power against frequency.

TABLE 1 Amplifier performance

| frequency | 3.5 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | MHz |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| anode voltage | 850 | 850 | 850 | 850 | 850 | V |
| screen voltage $\dagger$ | 216 | 216 | 216 | 216 | 216 | V |
| grid voltage | -50 | -50 | -50 | -50 | -50 | V |
| anode current (no sig.) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | mA |
| anode current (max. sig.) | 375 | 375 | 375 | 375 | 375 | mA |
| screen current (max. sig.) | 35 | 20 | 26 | 17 | 33 | mA |
| grid current (max. sig.) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | mA |  |
| Power output (in load) | 195 | 200 | 205 | 195 | 190 | W |
| power input (drive) | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2 | W |

†voltage stabilized using two QSI206 glow discharge stabilizers in series.
Valve data: type TT100
single tone

| anode voltage | $V_{0}$ | 600 | 800 | 850 | V |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| screen voltage $\dagger$ | $V_{g 2}$ | 216 | 216 | 216 | $v$ |
| grid voltage* | $-V_{g 1}$ | 42 | 48 | 50 | V |
| anode current (no sig.) | fa(0) | 150 | 110 | 100 | mA |
| anode current (max. sig.) | fa | 300 | 350 | 375 | mA |
| screen current (no sig.) | $l_{g} 2(0)$ | - 5 | 3 | 2.5 | mA |
| screen current (max. sig.) | $\mathrm{f}_{g 2}$ | 25 | 28 | 30 | mA |
| grid current (max. sig.) | $p_{i}$ | - | 1 | 2 | mA |
| grid voltage (pk crest) | $V_{g 1}$ | 42 | 49 | 52 | V |
| power output (load) | $P_{L}$ | 100 | 180 | 200 | W |
| anode impedance | $z_{a}$ | 1100 | 1400 | 1400 | $\Omega$ |
| two tone\# |  |  |  |  |  |
| anode current (max. sig.) | $1 a$ | 225 | 245 | 250 | mA |
| screen current (max. sig.) | $i_{g 2}$ | 15 | 15 | 16 | mA |
| grid current (max. sig.) | $p_{1}$ | - | 0.1 | 0.25 | mA |
| power output (p.e.p.) | $P_{L}$ | 100 | 180 | 200 | W |
| power output (mean) | $P_{L}$ | 50 | 90 | 100 | W |
| intermodulation $\#$ | IM | 42 | 28 | 26 | dB |

+Voltage stabilized using two QSI206 discharge stabilizers in series.
*Adjusted to set anode current at no signal
\# Two signals of equal amplitude spaced 2 kHz in frequency.
$\ddagger$ Intermodulation distortion products at any level of the drive voltage relative to either tone
therefore be applied to audio amplifier applications as well.

For audio amplifiers (push-pull pair) anode-to-anode load impedance should be $2460 \Omega$. The $400-\mathrm{W}$ output can be obtained with an anode supply of 850 V and a grid current of 2 mA or at 1 kV with no grid current (class AB1).
It will also be seen that the drive power rises with increasing frequency. This is largely due to circulating current through the valve's input capacitance ( 37.5 pF ) dissipated in the anti-parasitic resistors.

The drive can be computed from the following formula:

## $a=$ power in load resistor

 $=V_{\text {in (peak })} /(R \times 2)$ where $R$ is the anti-parasitic resistor $R_{2}$.$b=$ power in anti-parasitic resistors. See Table 2.
$c=$ power in valve $=$ peak drive voltage times peak fundamental grid current. Total drive power is equal to $a+b+c$.

The amplifier as described is suitable for operation with an input that can be matched to the effective input impedance but if the amplifier is to be driven by an exciter/driver designed itself to feed into a $50-75 \Omega$ output with only a limited range of loading capacitance, it will be necessary to provide a

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 TABLE 2| $\boldsymbol{f}$ | $\boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{C}_{\boldsymbol{m}}$ | $\boldsymbol{I}_{\text {in }}$ (peak) | Input power <br> $\mathbf{M H z}$$\Omega_{\mathbf{W}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 3.5 | 1200 | 0.046 | 0.005 |
| 7 | 580 | 0.095 | 0.02 |
| 14 | 306 | 0.186 | 0.08 |
| 21 | 200 | 0.28 | 0.18 |
| 28 | 120 | 0.46 | 0.5 |

The input current is that flowing in the input capacitance via the two anti-parasitic resistors in parallel.
suitable matching coupling to step up the impedance to a suitable value or a tuned input circuit.

## Books Received

Measuring ©scilloscopes edited by J. F. Golding. This compilation of contributions by Marconi Instruments engineers has been made primarily for oscilloscope users. The accent is laid on methods and principles-circuits are only included to illustrate this approach. The discussion is limited to general purpose real-time oscilloscopes, and does not deal with techniques for measuring very fast transients (or very high frequencies) such as are employed in sampling and travelling-wave oscilloscopes. Chapter titles are-construction and operation, getting the signal to the oscilloscope, the $Y$ co-ordinate, the $X$ co-ordinate. the display, the complete oscilloscope. and oscilloscope applications. Pp 236 including index. Price $£ 4.20$. Iliffe Books. Butterworth \& Co. (Publishers) Ltd. 88 Kingsway, London WC2B6AB.

Transistor Audio Amplifiers by P. Tharma This book is based on work done at the Mullard Central Application Laboratory. The first nine chapters are analytical, describing transfer characteristics for large and small signals in junction transistors, small signal stages and output stages, noise, thermal stability, negative feedback, and distortion. The remainder of the book, chapters ten to seventeen. describes practical circuits for highand low-power audio amplifiers, tape recorder circuits and power supplies. An extensive index is provided. Pp. 413. Price £6. Iliffe Books, Butterworth \& Co (Publishers) Ltd, 88 Kingsway, London WC2B 6AB.

# Conferences and Exhibitions 

Further details are obtainable from the addresses in parentheses

## LONDON

June 7 \& $8 \quad$ Royal Lancaster Hotel Materials Control \& Economics
(B.C.E., Mercury House, Waterloo Road, London S.E.1.)

June 8-10
Savoy Place
Aerospace Antennas
(I.E.E., Savoy Place, London WC2R OBL)

June 21-25
Royal Lancaster Hotel
Film '71
(B.K.S.T.S., 110-112 Victoria House, Vernon Pl., London WC 1B 4DJ)

## SUNBURY

June 1 \& 2
Holbrook Hall
Acoustic Testing Facilities
(Sound Research Labs.. .Holbrook Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk)

## OVERSEAS

June 1-3
Ottawa
Electrical \& Electronic Measurement \& Test Instruments
(I.E.E.E., P.O. Box 252, Richmond, Ontario)

## June 2-4

Genoa
Satellite Communications
(Instituto Internazionale delle Comunicazioni, 18 Viale Brigate Partigiane, 16129, Genoa)

## June 2-4

Washington
Laser Engineering \& Applications
(D. R. Herriott, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill. N.J. 07974)

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Vancouver
British Columbia International Trade Fair
(D. Kenneth Brown, British Columbia International Trade Fair 1971, Suite 1100, 475 Howe St., Vancouver, B.C.)

## June 7 \& 8

White Plains

## Applications of Ferroelectrics

(Dr. A. W. Smith, IBM Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights. N.Y. 10598)
June 7\& 8
Chicago
Broadcast \& TV'Receivers
(D. Ruby, Zenith Radio Corp., 6001 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60639)
June 12-17
Paris
Automatic Contro-I.F.A.C. Congress
(Intl. Fed. of Automatic Control, Graf-Recke-Str. 84, P.O.B. 1139, Düsseldorf, Germany)

June 14-16
Montreal
World Communications Conference
(I.C.C., P.O. Box 201, Station H, Montreal 107)

## June 14-19

Lille
International Electronics Week
(Soc. pour la Diffusion des Sciences et des Arts, 14 Rue de Presles, 75-Paris 15 ème)

June 17-27
Geneva
Telecom 71 Exhibition
(I.T.U., Place des Nations, Geneva)

| June $21 \& 22$ |  | Baden Baden <br> Properties of $\quad$ Electric-conductive <br> Magnetic |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Materials |  |  |
| (Int. Electrotechnical $\quad$ Commission, 1 | Rue de |  |
| Varembe, Geneva) |  |  |

## News of the Month

change over will take place on January 1972.

The change will affect only users of precise frequency generators and time keeping equipment, who probably will have to adjust their equipment or operations. These users include radio and television stations, scientific laboratories, electric-power companies, manufacturers of electronic equipment and perhaps the makers of navigation and radar equipment. Groups which use precise timing instruments for the sole purpose of synchronizing their activities will not necessarily be affected.

## 1971 Queen's Awards for technical innovation

Six companies in the electronics field received the Queen's Award for technical innovation. AEI Scientific Apparatus received the honour for their EM7 millionvolt microscope which is the only electron microscope with a resolution of $0.0005 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. The microscope is about 6 m high and to date ten have either been installed or are being manufactured to order. Decca Radar received the award for their type 71 doppler radar for helicoptors and for the type 72 for fixed-wing aircraft and for their solid-state marine radar. This latter item contains a step recovery diode local oscillator that took three years to develop, an all-semiconductor modulator and auto-follow tuning. Transmitter power is only 3 kW . Decca Survey received the award 'for technical innovation in the radio position fixing system Hi-Fix'. Hi-Fix is a portable h.f. position fixing system. This employs three shore-based transmitters working on the same frequency and can determine a ship's position 200 miles away
to within a few metres. Hi-Fix was used to find the hydrogen bomb which was lost when a U.S. aircraft crashed near Palomares in Spain some time ago. There are now well over 100 Hi -Fix chains in operation.

International Computers were granted the award for technical innovation in a computer integrated design and production system for the ICL 1906A computer.

Marconi Instruments manufactured a range of r.f. power meters which are the first to be commercially available using thin film techniques. For this range they received the Queen's A ward.

In the semiconductor field one cannot get very far without very high quality raw materials. In this field the Queen's technical innovation Award was conferred on Metals Research, for a crystal pulling system for the production of single gallium phosphide crystals. The company also received the award for an image analysing computer.
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## Change to bring G.M.T. in line with atomic time

Greenwich Mean Time (G.M.T. or U.T.C.-Co-ordinated Universal Time) will be slightly altered soon to eliminate the present offset from atomic time. This offset consists of a continuous retardation of 30 parts in $10^{7}$ plus step adjustments of 0.1 seconds to keep U.T.C. or G.M.T. within 0.1 second of a time scale based on the rotation of the earth.

The need for the change arises from the fact that today's atomic clocks are very constant and provide a time reference that is much more uniform than the scale provided by the earth's rotation. In fact, a time scale based on the earth's rotation will vary almost a second per year. That much variation cannot be tolerated by many technical and scientific projects, and so atomic clocks are used today.

With the new system the atomic clock rate will not be slowed down at all, and instead of adding or subtracting a whole second every few months, everyone will
add or subtract a whole second once in 12 to 18 months. Naturally, if your clocks lose or gain more than one second in a year, you won't have to worry about these tiny adjustments.

The one-second adjustment, or leap-second, is very similar in concept to adding an extra day during leap-years. The standard time and frequency radio stations maintained by various countries will co-operate with the International Time Bureau in broadcasting the new time scale and in making the adjustments simultaneously, preferably on January 1st or July 1st. To provide a traditional service to navigators and astronomers, who need earth related time these stations will broadcast information concerning the difference between the transmitted time and the astronomical time. The difference will not be more than 0.7 second, and will probably be broadcast with a resolution of 0.1 second. The

## Colour TV deliveries increase

Television deliveries for the first quarter of $1971(542,000)$ were $9 \%$ up on the same period of $1970(496,000)$, according to the Economic and Statistical Division of the British Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association. This was due to the continued increase in deliveries of colour sets which reached 146,000 for the three months this year, compared with 86,000 in 1970, whilst monochrome fell slightly from 410,000 in 1970 to 396,000 for the first quarter this year.

During March itself 53,000 colour sets and 134,000 monochrome sets were delivered, as compared with 31,000 and 138,000 respectively in March 1970.

A slight fall in record players from 115,000 for January-March 1970 to 109,000 this year is seen as an indication more of a swing towards the growing audio separates market, rather than a decline in deliveries of record playing equipment. During March itself 39,000 players were delivered compared with 40,000 in March 1970.

## U.H.F. radio-telephone service

Christopher Chataway, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, recently inaugurated a new u.h.f. radio-telephone service, called 'Readycall'. Subscribers to the service, operated by Burndept Electronics (ER) Ltd, will have a u.h.f. radio-telephone installed in their cars. They will then be able to make calls, via the Readycall operator and the public telephone network, to anyone they wish; in a like manner they can also receive calls. Although the equipment could be linked directly to the telephone network this is not the case at present and the operator acts as a go-between to relay information.

Burndept have been granted two licences by the Minpostel for the system. The first allows them to use the frequency band 450 to 470 MHz and the second
covers the break in the Post Office's monopoly.

The system employs 5 W transmitters, 25 kHz channel spacing and phase modulation with a peak deviation of 5 kHz . A selective call method is employed to ensure privacy. Each vehicle installation has an individual 'address' set by a plugin decoder and can be switched to the receive mode only if the correct sequence of tones is transmitted. A three-tone sequential system is used. the tones being between 540 and 3180 Hz . As soon as the correct tone sequence for a particular radio-telephone is received a lamp on the instruments' front panel illuminates. This warns the subscriber he has been called (should he be away from his car) so that he can call the operator on his return.

At present the system is in use only in London which is served by two transmitters covering an area bounded by Enfield, London Airport, Croydon and Dartford. At the inauguration Wireless World heard the system operating in a coach driving round London and in spite of the built-up area and dense traffic the freedom of fading and noise was quite remarkable.

Subscribers to the system pay a rental charge of $£ 16$ per month and the system is in operation between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays only.

## Another Japanese <br> PAL receiver

An imported colour television receiver which claims to avoid infringement of Telefunken PAL patents is announced by Teleton, European marketing organization for the Japanese Mitsubishi combine. First rumoured in these pages in 1969, the set follows introduction of PAL receivers by Hitachi--by agreement with Telefunken —and by Sony, who also claim to avoid patent infringement. Unlike the Sony 33 cm set using the single-gun Trinitron c.r.t., the Teleton set uses a shadow mask tube scaled down to 30 cm and works on the simple PAL basis. It uses a patented subcarrier switching technique first used in an NTSC set-described in Electronics, 31st May 1965-and modified for $180^{\circ}$ switching. The set is a single-standard u.h.f. receiver priced at $£ 179.50$.

## Heart monitoring by 'phone

Patients with heart complaints recovering at home can be monitored for cardiac irregularities over regular telephone lines. A portable, wireless monitor that permits a patient to move around freely has been tested at Beth Israel Medical Centre in New York City. In the test 19 patients were monitored for total of 194 hours. The
combined system consists of a small, low-power, radio transmitter carried by the patient; a receiver in the patient's room tuned to the portable transmitter; and a unit linking the radio receiver to the patient's telephone. All the equipment required for remote monitoring can be carried in an attache case.

Heart performance data collected by electrodes on the patient's body is sent by the transmitting unit to the nearby receiver. Bell Labs have co-operated with the Beth Israel Medical Centre in the project.

## Stereo radio network extension

Work is being carried out to adapt the v.h.f. Radio- 3 transmitter at Rowridge, Isle of Wight, to stereophonic broadcasting. Programme material will be received direct from the transmitter at Wrotham, Kent, and will be retransmitted. It is expected that Hampshire, Dorset, South Wiltshire, South Berkshire, South-west Surrey and West Sussex will have sufficient signal strength for stereo reception from the Rowridge transmitter aerial. Many listeners will have to fit improved aerial systems if they are to benefit fully from the new service, as a good aerial is essential for good stereo reception.

## U.S.-Canada satellite agreement

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration of America and the Canadian Department of Communications today signed an agreement for a co-operative experimental communications technology satellite. The agreement provides for the launch of the Canadian satellite in a geostationary orbit by N.A.S.A. in 1974. It will be designated Co-operative Applications Satellite C (CAS-C).

Specific objectives of the project are to conduct communications experiments with ground terminals operating at extremely high frequencies ( 12 GHz ) and to develop and flight test a high efficiency power source (more than $50 \%$ efficiency at a minimum output of 200 W . The satellite will also test solar power cell arrays which will have an initial power output of over 1 kW .
These experiments are intended to develop techniques for providing services to small villages, including TV two-way voice communications, data links and facsimile, which would have potential in the outlying northern areas of Canada. The 12 GHz experiments will help to open
the frequency spectrum above 10 GHz which is urgently needed for communications, broadcasting, and educational television.

## STAR Aerosat contract

The British Aircraft Corporation Space Systems Group, Bristol, have been appointed prime contractors by the European Space Research Organization in a definition study contract awarded to the STAR (Satellites for Telecommunications, Applications and Research) Consortium. The contract is for an aeronautical communications and surveillance satellite (Aerosat), which will monitor and control aircraft over long distance routes and entails the study of suitable satellites and launch vehicles, as well as the characteristics of aircraft and ground stations.

The work will be concerned with frequencies in the u.h.f. L-Band (1540 to 1660 MHz ). Thomson-CSF of France have been appointed prime sub-contractors for the communications and surveillance aspects of the system.

This is the second contract gained by the STAR consortium since it was formed in December last year. The first, which was mentioned last month in this section, was to define a European telecommunication satellite system.

## How to present a technical lecture

A discussion meeting on how to present a technical lecture will be held on Wednesday, 2nd June 1971, at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, at 5.30 p.m.
An introduction, in the form of a playlet, will illustrate the right and wrong ways of verbal and visual presentation. There will then be an opportunity for the audience to put views to a panel chaired by Mr. J. A. Lawrence, telecommunication consultant with the Plessey Telecommunications Group, together with Dr A. V. M. Coombs, Senior principal scientific officer, P.O. Research Department, Mr. G. Eric Evans, consultant designer and Mr. Aubrey Singer, Head of Features, B.B.C.

The meeting is organized by the Engineering Writing and Speech Chapter of the U.K. and Republic of Ireland Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

## More Birthday Celebrations

The Wireless World '60th birthday' amateur station GB3WW, operating from Dorset House during the month of April, made nearly one thousand contacts with stations in more than 50 countries and in all continents. Contacts were made on the $3.5,7,14,21$ and 28 MHz bands, though most were on $3.5,14$ and 21 MHz . Because of the limited operating times (evenings and Saturdays), few stations in Oceania were worked-but an exception was KR6IX in Okinawa; all other continents were well represented. Despite severe ionospheric disturbances around the Easter period, the call signs of many long-distance stations found their way into the GB3WW log: FG7AB (Guadaloupe); MP4TDA (Trucial Oman); MP4BHL and MP4BHM in Bahrein: 9Y4CR (Trinidad): 5 Z 4 LW and 5 Z 4 LI in Kenya; TI2LA (Costa Rica); CR6MK (Angola); VP2EEL (Anguilla): 9M2WM (Malaysia), several ZS stations in South Africa and JA. JH and JR stations in Japan-and many, many others. Distance seemed annihilated during such 'openings' as a 20 -minute spell on 14 MHz s.s.b. when four

Californian amateurs were contacted in succession.

On 3.5 MHz , considerable numbers of British stations were worked---one was that of Ken Alford (G2DX) whose 1914 station TXK was illustrated in our April 'birthday' issue. Another pioneer station was F8DR in the South of France who was licensed in 1923. DA2XX/P concealed the identity of J. Cooper. G3DPS, and until recently general secretary of the Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society. One of the GB3WW operators made contact with an amateur with whom he had shared his first Army billet in 1941 and whom he had neither seen nor contacted since!

Many British and Overseas amateurs sent birthday greetings to $W . W$., with large numbers of Americans showing familiarity with the journal. 60th birthday greetings were mutually exchanged with GB3ERD operating during the opening of the 60 -year anniversary exhibition of the Derby and District Amateur Radio Society.
A number of American 'novice' stations
were worked cross-mode (s.s.b. out, c.w. in) on 21 MHz . Operation was divided between s.s.b. and c.w. At least one American station was using only an indoor dipole-another 40 watts of a.m.

Bulk of the work-load fell on the KW2000B transceiver used in conjunction with the KW linear, though the high performance of the 'first reserve' receiver-one of the new Eddystone 1830/1 all-semiconductor receivers-was fully explored by most operators. Despite one or two minor problems, the equipment showed clearly that extremely effective world-wide communication can be achieved today with a minimum of installation time and even without the use of beam aerials (a KW trap dipole was used throughout, though it had the advantage of the height of Dorset House).

Our thanks to all the hundreds of amateurs whose co-operation made operating GB3WW an event to remember-also to Minpostel for the licence, and to KW Electronics, Eddystone, Shure and D. R. Bowman (G3LUB) for the loan of equipment.

In the event, the team of operators included F. C. Ward, G2CVV; D. A. Findlay, G3BZG, R. S. Roberts, G6NR; B. M. Johnson. G3LOX: D. R. Bowman. G3LUB; G. M. C. Stone, G3FZL; S. H. Andrews, G3OGY: and Pat Hawker. G3VA.

Mullard, who recently celebrated their Golden Jubilee, presented us with a magnificent birthday cake at a luncheon held in honour of Wireless World's 60 th birthday. The photograph shows Harold Barnard, the editor, and Charles Marshall (right), of Mullard, who made the presentation. The cake carried a reproduction of the front cover of our April birthday issue.


The photograph shows a mock-up of a 1911 to 1913 amateur radio station set-up at the Derby and District A mateur Radio Society's exhibition to celebrate their Diamond Jubilee. The Wireless World birthday station, GB3WW, was pleased to exchange greetings with the Derby Society's Jubilee station GB3ERD


## Items of interest seen at Alexandra Palace

## Helical linear motor

A prototype helical reluctance linear motor, demonstrated by University College North Wales, allows accurate control on open loop. Developed at Bangor this new linear actuator is based on the principle that components of a magnetic circuit attempt to move so that a condition of minimum reluctance is attained where there is maximum mag-neto-motive force. The geometric construction of the motor is such that rotation of the magnetic field in the stator is converted directly into linear motion of the armature. The motor assembly has no racks, pinions or screw threads, and may be used either in a stepping or continuous mode. In the stepping mode it becomes particularly appropriate to use direct digital control. Step sizes are typically 0.2 mm and in continuous mode the resolution is typically 0.2 mm . The available force depends on machine size and has been recorded at 30 kg . Stiffness has been recorded as high as $600 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{mm}$, and a speed of $100 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{s}$ has been achieved.

## Pseudo-random quantization for p.c.m. television

One of the early applications of p.c.m. television may be for transmitting Viewphone signals between towns and cities. An exhibit comprising a 6 megabits/second system constructed as part of the Post Office research programme into methods of minimizing the digital data rate required to transmit television was shown.

A 319-line television system with a bandwidth of 1 MHz was used to demonstrate the subjective aspects of transmission by p.c.m. At the input to the p.c.m. system the signal is sampled at 2 MHz and each sample is quantized into one of eight levels. The value of each level is coded into three binary digits and the p.c.m. signal is transmitted to the decoder unit at a rate of $6 \mathrm{Mb} / \mathrm{s}$. Here, the eight level signal is reconstituted, passed through a low-pass filter and displayed on the picture monitor.

Because of the three bits/sample coding the displayed picture can have only eight levels of brightness. However, instead of keeping these fixed, which would cause severe 'contour' distortion of the image,
the coder and decoder are 'dithered' by a pseudo-random signal which causes the brightness represented by each coding level to change frame by frame and point by point within each frame.

The quantizing distortion therefore appears as random noise. Adding the pseudo-random signal to the video signal before coding disperses the quantizing contours as random noise but the total noise power in the displayed image is now equal to that of the inherent quantizing noise plus that of the dither. The signal-to-noise ratio of the image is maximized if the dither is subtracted again after the contours have dispersed. Identical, synchronized pseudo-random dither generators are therefore provided at each end of the digital link. the dither signal itself has been designed to minimize the visibility of the pseudo-random quantizing error by exploiting the way in which the subjective visibility of noise falls with frequency.

## Flat display

A flat gas discharge display is under development by Mullard Research Labs. The cathode-ray tube is not necessarily the cheapest form of display when only a few lines of characters are needed, and the device shown had a capacity of four lines of 14 characters. Each device is formed by a $5 \times 7$ cell matrix, $0.75-\mathrm{mm}$ square and spaced at $1.5-\mathrm{mm}$ centres. Cells in each of 83 columns have their cathodes connected together to form one set of cross bars; anodes connect to an orthogonal set of 34 cross bars.

In the demonstration of this tube', rows were addressed sequentially and
columns addressed in parallel from a row store. A buffer store recirculated data via a 64 -character generator to the row store to refresh the panel at 500 Hz . Generator was a standard 2240 -bit m.o.s. read-only memory and the buffer store used six recirculating 64 -bit m.o.s. shift registers. The display demonstrated is shown in Fig.1.

## Self-aligned molybdenum-gate m.o.s. transistors

Using the conventional m.o.s.t. technology, source/drain and gate areas, and gate conductors are defined by successive photomechanical masking steps, where essentially photographic images are aligned visually onto the pattern produced at the previous stage of processing. The alignment obtainable from this system is limited by the accuracy of the aligning equipment; for a typical system sequential patterns can be aligned to within $\pm 3 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. Thus for a high frequency device of channel length say $3 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ the gate conductor must be made $9 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ wide to ensure that the gate covers the channel completely. The resultant gate overlap onto source and drain regions gives rise to parasitic input capacitance, which degrades high frequency performance.

With the advent of l.s.i. m.o.s., several techniques to produce auto-registered structures have been investigated to give better performance and higher packing densities. The most commonly used systems are the silicon gate m.o.s. and the ion implanted m.o.s. both of which require quite complex processing.

An attractive alternative, the molyb-

Fig. 1. The flat gas-discharge alpha-numeric display shown by Mullard.


Fig. 3. Mask used for shift register.
Fig. 2. Molybdenum gate m.o.s. shift register.
denum gate m.o.s. has been investigated in the Electronics Department of Southampton University. This maintains the advantages of self alignment, but also results in simpler processing.
In this technique a layer of molybdenum is deposited onto the oxidized slice, and the metal and underlying oxide removed in the required diffusion areas to define gate conductors and source/drain regions. The slice is then diffused, the gate conductor acting as a diffusion mask, to produce source and drain areas that register exactly with the gate conductor. Gate overlap is now defined solely by diffusion depth. For the devices made at the University the diffusion depth is of the order of $0.4 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, giving gate overlap of around 0.2 to $0.3 \mu \mathrm{~m}$, an order of magnitude reduction over conventional processing.
Fig. 2 shows a shift register produced by this process which has a propagation delay of 10 ns per stage, and is t.t.l. compatible.

The mask used, shown in Fig. 3, was cut by a computer controlled laser-beam machine, also developed in the Electronics Department.

## Matrix for addressing displays

A different way of coding information for solid-state displays uses a programmed coding matrix. Normally, character generation is done with m.o.s. read-only memories. The coding matrix shown by STL is simple to manufacture and its current handling capacity is compatible with GaAsP light emitters.

A matrix can be made with conducting rows and columns on a silicon slice, p -n junctions being diffused at appropriate intersections. Thus the matrix distributes current from input lines or terminals to a certain combination of output connections. Normal thickness silicon slices- $250 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ are inconvenient because to minimize crosstalk between adjacent diodes they must be well separated, resulting in a large matrix area. Also input and output connections.
have to be on the same side. But with very thin slices- $20 \mu \mathrm{~m}$-input and output conductors can be put on opposite sides and the diode-to-diode distances can be reduced. The slices, $2.5-\mathrm{cm}$ diameter, are lapped and polished conventionally. Thickness monitoring below $25 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ is made easy because the slices become transparent to red light. Diodes are produced by diffusing boron to a depth of $10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ into an n -type slice. Metal contacts $50-\mu \mathrm{m}$ wide and spaced at $75-\mu \mathrm{m}$ intervals are deposited and wired using the beam lead technique. A matrix with 40 top and bottom contacts measures $5 \times 5 \mathrm{~mm}$.

## Locked demodulator for Gunn devices

A new technique for frequency demodulation may lead to a simple Gunn oscillatordemodulator for short-range radio links at X-band. Experiments at the University of Sheffield by G. S. Hobson have shown that controlled variation of frequency in a c.w. X-band Gunn oscillator causes variations in bias current, which can be used to directly demodulate f.m. signals when the oscillator is locked to an incoming signal. When the oscillator is locked, detected current and frequency deviation


Fig. 4. The constant voltage bias circuit used so that the current could be monitored.
show a linear relation. An efficiency in the range 0.1 to $1 \mathrm{~mA} / \mathrm{MHz}$ is achieved-constant up to 1 MHz -with a lock-in bandwidth of 1 MHz . In the experiments the Gunn diode was mounted in a coaxial cavity and connected to a constant-voltage bias circuit so that current could be monitored (see Fig. 4). Outputs between 1 and $10 \mathrm{mV} \mathrm{pk}-\mathrm{pk}$ have been obtained with a $50 \Omega$ current-sensing resistor, with very little dependence on incoming power. For a $1-\mathrm{MHz}$ bandwidth, detector sensitivity is comparable with junction diode detectors. The trouble is the sensitivity to ambient temperature changes-it is not possible at present to get drift down to less than the 1 MHz required under all temperature conditions.

## Scanning doppler guidance system

The phenomenon known as doppler shift has been used for many years in navigational systems. Basically, an aircraft can transmit a pulse of r.f. at some known frequency and receive the resulting reflection from the ground. The received signal will differ slightly from the transmitted signal by an amount proportional to the speed of the aircraft. By measuring this doppler, or frequency, shift it is possible to compute the aircraft's ground speed-not to be confused with air speed which can be very different. Several transmitters and receivers are often fitted to one aircraft so that drift can be calculated. Drift is the 'sideways' movement of the aircraft over the ground relative to its heading caused by wind. Doppler ground speed and drift measuring systems are often used as a reference for inertial navigation equipment. The outputs of the inertial equipment being compared with the doppler outputs so that error signals can be computed.

Standard Telecommunications Laboratories Ltd announced work they had been doing on a new way of harnessing the doppler effect to provide an aircraft with positional, instead of speed and drift, information which employs equipment both on the ground and in the aircraft.

On the ground a transmitter transmits a continuous signal (at the moment in the L-band) which is made to physically move at a known rate. A receiver in the aircraft measures the doppler shift of the signal due to the movement of the transmitted signal. This shift is proportional to the sine of the aircraft's bearing on the transmitter relative to the aircraft's heading, or more correctly track.

To make the transmitted signal move STL employ a multiple aerial array. The output of the transmitter is switched to each aerial in turn and the result, as far as the receiver is concerned, is very similar to a continuously moving aerial.

The doppler shift that would be extracted by the receiver from the equipment just described would be very small indeed and would be masked by receiver and transmitter drift. To overcome this problem a second r.f. signal is also radiated to provide a steady reference locked to the moving signal. Both signals
are received by the aircraft and both contain the same error components but only one is subjected to the doppler shift due to the movement of the signal source. Comparison of the two signals yields only the doppler shift proportional to the bearing of the transmitter and the error components are eliminated.

In practice the frequency of the reference signal is slightly offset from the bearing signal although they are both ultimately derived from the same r.f. oscillator. The output of the receiver is the beat note between the two signals. This is of fairly low frequency so the doppler shift, which is contained in the beat note becomes relatively large and easy to measure very accurately using digital counting methods.

This basic arrangement can be used to solve a number of navigational problems. A single horizontal array of aerials will provide the aircraft with azimuth (track) information, a vertical aerial array will give information on the aircraft's elevation. Two such arrays mounted at right angles will form an omni-range beacon. Three arrays mounted orthogonally will give a three dimensional service anywhere in a straight line from the transmitter. If two such orthogonal systems (six aerial arrays) are employed at different sites the aircraft equipment can display position over the earth's surface in three dimensions.

Applications do not end with navigation; the scanning doppler system can be used to replace the airfield localizer and glide path transmitters, used for instrument approaches and automatic landing,
with advantage. This would be particularly valuable for vertical and short take-off aircraft.

STL say that although they have been working in the L-band they are now extending operations into the C -band. They have calculated that a C-band system would be accurate to about 0.02 degree r.m.s.

## Measuring the tides

A printed circuit digital tide gauge, capable of accurately recording mean wave height in open water was demonstrated by the Institute of Coastal Oceanography and Tides. The sensor is a 13 m long plasticcovered multi-layer printed circuit which stands vertically in the water. Elements are spaced at 2 cm intervals and capacitance changes produced by the fluctuating water level are measured. The associated electronic circuitry provides Gray code binary information, and finally a pulse train is developed in which a pulse rate is proportional to the instantaneous water level. In the presence of waves the sampling procedure provides an accuracy of 1 mm in the total range of 13 m .

## Adaptive delta modulator system

Shown by Southampton University, the exhibit concerned an adaptive version* of the basic delta modulator employing fullwidth pulses and $R C$ integration. A digital
*Betts, J. A. and Ghani, N., 'Adaptive delta modulator for telephony', I.E.E. Electronics Letters, Vol. 6, No. 11, 28th May, 1970, pp. 336-338.
technique is used to sense the level of the input signal and to control the amplitude of the pulses applied to the $R C$ network in the feedback loop. Subjective testing with speech signals and a modulator clock rate of 56 kilobits/s has shown that a useful volume range of 40 dB is available with commercial telephony-grade performance. At a clock rate of 19.2 kilobits/s which is common in military communications, a signal-to-quantization noise ratio of 16 dB has been obtained over a dynamic input range of 20 dB for an 800 Hz sine wave.

The level sensor consists of a J-K bistable, a combination of NOR gates as shown in Fig. 5 and an averaging circuit having a 20 ms time constant. The output from the exclusive NOR circuit is high whenever adjacent pulses in the output from the delta modulator are of the same polarity, and the averaged value is approximately a constant level $V_{\text {so }}$ for any sine wave input. $E_{m a x} \sin \omega_{m t}$ satisfying the limiting condition of nonoverloading of the basic delta modulator

$$
E_{\max }=\frac{V}{1+\omega m^{2} T^{2}}
$$

where $T$ is the time constant of the feedback network and $V$ is the amplitude of the digital output. That is to say,

$$
V_{w} \approx k E_{\max } \sqrt{1+\omega m^{2}} \overline{T^{2}}
$$

$$
\approx k \omega m E_{\max }, \text { where } \omega m>1 / T
$$

For sine wave inputs having peak amplitudes $E<E_{\text {max }}$ the level sensor output $V_{s}$, is given by
$V_{s}=k \omega m T E$.
These characteristics form the basis of the adaptive system. The feedback loop is arranged to keep the output from the level sensor at $V_{s o}$, i.e. the modulator is


Fig. 5. Adaptive delta modulator using full width pulses.
made to function at the limit of nonoverloading over a wide range of input conditions.

A novel application of the adaptive delta modulator known as the Adaptifon $\dagger$ system has also been developed in which the compression and expansion circuits of Lincompex are realized by the delta modulation technique. Speech is transmitted in analogue form at constant amplitude which together with an f.m. syllable-rate channel occupies the conventional 3 kHz bandwidth. The receiving system has the capability of removing fading from signals transmitted over an h.f. path. The system has two advantages over Lincompex, namely the use of a digital shift register for delay equalization and its compact lightweight size which makes it suitable for mobile applications.

## Fire detection by laser beam

The Fire Research Station, at Boreham Wood, has found a good use for a lowpower laser. The outbreak of fire in a closed room results in a mushroom of hot gas. If a laser beam is passed through the gas layer just below the ceiling the refractive index gradient due to the temperature gradient causes the beam to be deflected downwards. For a temperature gradient of $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{m}$ deflection of the beam is about 3 mm for a 40 m path through the hot gas. Turbulence in the gas flow moves the spot about irre gularly. The detector is a photocell with a chequer-board mask. The holes in the mask are roughly equal in area to the laser-beam spot. Capacitatively coupling the photocell to an amplifier results in a signal whenever the spot moves quickly, but there is no output for the slow drive that might result from building movements or changing ambient temperature. Optimum discrimination between fire and normal sources of heat is achieved by amplifying the photocell's output in the range 40 to 70 Hz .

## Reducing noise in photodiode arrays

With a rectangular array of silicon photodiodes additional noise over a single diode or a linear array is produced which is greater than the random noise generated by the elements themselves. Called spatial noise, it results from the element-to-element differences in output level due to variations in quantum efficiency, cell dimensions, leakage current, and output off-set of associated m.o.s. amplifiers. A signal processing system which can improve signal-to-noise ratio has been developed at the Allen Clark Research Centre. With no illumination, output from each of 100 photodetector elements in the array is stored in a shift register. When an image is focused on to the array, the stored information is subtracted from its output so that the variations causing the spatial noise are eliminated. To obtain sufficient accuracy, the output from each detector element is converted into a 10 -bit code.

[^6]Although the system demonstrated used a small $10 \times 10$ photodiode array, it had sufficient bandwidth for use with an array of $10^{4}$ detector elements scanned at 16 frames per second. By expanding the digital store it is possible to generate flicker-free displays even when the detector array is scanned at very low rates.

## Measuring distortion using an oscilloscope

The University of Sheffield laid on a simple oscilloscope demonstration of the effect of negative feedback. Of particular interest was a discussion of an oscilloscope technique for estimating the amount of second harmonic distortion present in a sine wave. The procedure is to estimate the upper and


Fig. 6. Demonstrating the effect of negative feedback.
lower turning points for a line making equal intercepts with the waveform-as shown in Fig. 6.

It is easily shown that:

$$
\frac{V_{2}}{V_{1}}=\frac{V_{g}-V_{b}}{2\left(V_{a}+V_{b}\right)}
$$

and
$2 V_{1}=V_{a}+V_{b}$
This last point illustrates that the amplitude of the distorted signal is the same as that of its fundamental component.

## Microwave biased photoconductor

A fast response photoconductor operated with a high-frequency bias provided by a microwave field, gives a photodetector with a large gain-bandwidth product. The system, which was shown at the exhibition, is at present under development at Plessey's Allen Clark Research Centre (for the Ministry of Aviation Supply) and is designed to work at $1.06 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ and uses germanium as the photo-conductor. The noise equivalent power is $5 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{~W}$ in a 10 MHz electrical bandwidth and the 10 $90 \%$ rise time is 80 nanoseconds. The 10 GHz bias is applied to the photoconductor by mounting it in the high-field region of a re-entrant microwave cavity. The change in conductivity of the photoconductor, which is caused by the absorption of amplitude modulated light, results in a change in the reflection coefficient of the microwave cavity. The resultant change in microwave power reflected by the cavity is detected, amplified
and displayed. The amplitude fluctuations of the output are a reproduction of the amplitude fluctuations in the incident light beam. The bandwidth of the system is limited by the bandpass of the microwave cavity.
This detector will be suitable for use in optical communications systems, laser radar and imaging systems. It is worth noting that once the microwave system has been developed, operation at any desired wavelength can be obtained by insertion of an appropriate semiconductor sample in the photoconductor cavity. The system under development has been operated with silicon, germanium and indium arsenide and work is in progress to extend the operating wavelength to 10.6 microns.

## Safety for miners

The presence of gas in mines is one of the greatest hazards of the mining profession as events of not too long ago have emphasized. The Safety in Mines Research Establishment have been doing work to find ways of detecting the presence of dangerous gases and have come up with a solution employing a semiconductor sensing element. An example shown at the exhibition was designed to detect methane. It consists of a bead of zinc oxide which is doped with platinum and is formed on two $25 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ platinum wires held $50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ apart. A current is passed through the bead to heat it up to a temperature of $600^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a voltmeter is used to register the voltage drop across the sensing element so formed.

If methane is present it is absorbed by the zinc oxide and results in a change in the electrical characteristics of the bead and a change in the reading on the voltmeter.

The sensing element will measure methane concentrations in air over the entire range ( 0 to $100 \%$ ) and up to $5 \%$ methane concentration it is accurate to $\pm 0.1 \%$.

## Short items

- Class D amplifiers with power output up to 2.5 kW are being made by E. M. Wareham (Measuring Systems) Ltd. Designed in conjunction with U.K.A.E.A., Culham, they can be paralleled to give powers up to 20 kW . Model shown had an output power of 500 W from d.c. to 1 kHz . Working from two 24 -volt batteries, energy is returned to the battery when used with inductive loads.
- $R C$ oscillator type TG200 made by Levell Electronics Ltd, uses single-track potentiometer for frequency control in a two-integrator circuit. It is designed so that varying the gain of an amplifier varies frequency. Instrument covers 1 Hz to 1 MHz with an amplitude of 0.2 mV to 7 V .
- By illuminating an S1 photocathode with an infra-red gallium arsenide emitter through a light guide, 20th Century Electronics aim to develop an electron emitter as an alternative to the thermionic cathode. Photocathode has a current density of $5 \mathrm{~mA} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$.


## Letters to the Editor

The Editor does not necessarily endorse opinions expressed by his correspondents

## M.W. broadcasting

It would seem that around 1955 , the B.B.C. gave up trying to provide a decent a.m. service to its listeners on the grounds that an adequate v.h.f. service would be provided. The results are that in the evening Radio 1 suffers from appalling distortions which presumably arise from operating too many transmitters on the same wavelength. Radio 2 is virtually unobtainable in many areas (particularly Scotland) and Radio 4 appears to have ceded its officially allocated 330 m and 434 m wavelengths to unauthorized, but well muscled, East German transmitters.

Now that the B.B.C. monopoly has been breached and a wavelength re-shuffle is imminent I would like to make a plea that the B.B.C. Engineering Dept. face up to the realities of life in the 70s. First, to accept that 15 years of poor service and propaganda have failed to drive the average listener from the medium and long waves. Secondly to acknowledge that future commercial competition means that some priority will have to be given to the bulk audience i.e. Radios 1 and 2. Thirdly to come to terms with the fact that the Copenhagen Plan died when the two Germanys recovered strength in the early 1950s. Let us have a determined attempt to provide a good, truly national, three channel, day and night a.m. service. If frequencies are the trouble why not take some. What, for example, is wrong with 155 kHz and 254 kHz as reinforcements for Radio 2? Similarly, if interference is the trouble, why not follow the trail blazed by the Foreign Office at Crowborough and turn up the wick? To achieve parity with the noisy Continentals requires 1 MW on 200 kHz .
C. Higham,

South Croydon,
Surrey.

## Loud and clear

Having been engaged in the audio field during what Mr. Devereux, in his evocative article 'Loud and Clear' (April p.156), calls 'the first golden age of high-quality sound', I feel it would be right to couple with the name of P. G.A.H. Voigt those of H. A. Hartley and P. K. Turner. They too
produced equipment that was unusual, for those days, in being good enough to disclose transmission defects and to allow enjoyment of the 'good things which for years the B.B.C. had been wasting on the desert air'.

Perhaps Hartley-Turner also rate a mention in an anniversary issue of Wireless World on the strength of Hartley's mordant advertising copy, which was for a few years a regular feature of the journal; in its way it was as far ahead of its time as certain of the firm's products and I well remember people saying that the $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{T}$ advertisement was the first thing they turned to.

## Claud Powell,

New Malden,
Surrey.

## C-D ignition

I have recently built the C-D ignition system described by R. M. Marston, (W.W. Jan. '70) and incorporating all the modifications later recommended.

On installation in my six cylinder car it was found that severe misfiring occurred from mid-range r.p.m. onwards, a problem that other constructors have experienced (W.W. May '70).

Investigation showed this was due to a rapid fall in the 400 -volt supply to $C_{1}$, which in turn was due to a large difference in peak current through $\operatorname{Tr}_{1}$ and $T r_{2}$. In my case it was 1.4 amps and 2.5 amps respectively and results from the spread of $h_{f e}$ between transistors.

Unless matched pairs of 2N3055 transistors are purchased it would seem that some form of setting-up procedure should be adopted.

In my case it was as follows:-
(1) After initial wiring and functional checks, short-circuit $\operatorname{Tr}_{1}$ emitter/base. Connect $250 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor between emitter and collector.
(2) Monitor the voltage across $R_{6}$ and adjust the value of $R_{7}$ until 2.5 volts are read.
(3) Remove the short-circuit and capacitor from $T r_{1}$. Short $T r_{2}$ emitter/base and connect the $250 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitor between the emitter and collector. Adjust the value of $R_{8}$ until, again, the voltage across $R_{6}$ is 2.5 volts.
(4) Remove the short-circuit and capacitor.

After this setting-up procedure the unit worked perfectly.

I apologize for writing on an article published 18 months ago but feel these comments may be of use to other constructors in similar trouble.
R.C. LOCKWOOD,

Harlow,
Essex.

## Stereo decoder using sampling

In his letter in the May issue about the performance of the sample and hold network of his decoder, Mr Waddington has contradicted himself-by charging me with 'relying entirely on theory' on the one hand, while producing 'excellent spectrum photography' on the other, in spite of the spectrum photograph using the sample and hold network of his decoder.

I thought my letter made it clear that the results obtained in practice closely followed predicted theoretical performance-i.e. a $(\sin x) / x$ response for a narrow sampling interval. The photograph clearly shows a loss of about 2.4 dB at 15 kHz , this being supported by theory.

I therefore do not agree with Mr Waddington's estimate of the -3dB frequency of close to 15 MHz , rather than the predicted 17 kHz .

I also do not agree with his terminology of the sample and hold network as a 'gated peak detector', because it does not detect peaks but merely samples-and therefore multiplies-and holds, a random input signal for a fixed interval.

I must stress again that audible noise reduction may be effectively accomplished only by either pre-filtering or reducing the sampling signal mark-to-space ratio. T. Portus, Derby.

## Pickup self-capacitance

While musing on the design of the rumble filters included in two pre-amplifiers of Mr. J. L. Linsley Hood intended for use with ceramic pickup cartridges (Fig. 5 page 308 Wireless World July 69 and Fig. 4 page 208 May 1970) it became obvious that the design as published would not be satisfactory with all pick-ups owing to the effect of the pickup self-capacitancé. Each of the two pre-amplifier designs uses the same basic design system for its rumble reduction-a $12 \mathrm{~dB} /$ oct. . active filter eircuit giving a slight hump near the cut-off frequency together with an input circuit $C-R$ combination to flatten the hump, and to provide a further $6 \mathrm{~dB} /$ oct.

In the case of the July 1969 design this $C R$ circuit is shown as a capacitance of $680 \mathrm{pF}\left(C_{1}\right)$ and a resistance of $4.3 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ $\left(R_{1}\right)$ in Fig. 5. Likewise in the May 1970 design the $C R$ circuit is placed at the input of the pre-a mplifier and consists of 1500 pF ( $C_{1}$ ) and $2 \mathrm{M} \Omega\left(V R_{2}\right)$. These circuit values would give -3dB frequencies of 54 Hz and 53 Hz respectively, if, and only if, the


Fig. 1 Performance of unmodified pre-amplifier with three different ceramic cartridges. (a) pre-amplifier alone; (b) Sonotone 9TAHC; (c) Decca Deram; (d) Connoisseur SCUl plus 100 pF strays; and (e) Connoisseur SCU1, no strays.
pickup cartridge can be considered as a zero impedance generator. Since all pickups are capacitive sources, the pickup selfcapacitance would have to be at least 10 times the capacitance of $C_{1}$ in each case not to interfere appreciably. Of the pickup cartridges likely to be used with these preamplifiers, none has a capacitance higher than 1000 pF , and one pickup-the Connoisseur SCU1-is only 200 pF ! Thus the pickup capacitance will interfere with the design -3 dB point very considerably.

This effect would cause considerable attenuation of the bass, which therefore destroys the advantage of a high load impedance generally required to obtain good bass. The golden rule here is, never put capacitance in series with the pickup connection to the load resistor. Series capacitance means that the load resistor must be raised to obtain reasonable bass.

As an example of this effect, the actual bass response with three well known pickups is shown in Fig. 1, which is redrawn from Fig 3 in the May 1970 article. Owing to the large attenuation at rumble frequencies given by having the -3 dB

## TABLE 1I. Modifications to Linsley Hood

 pre-amplifier May 1970| Pickup cartridge | $C_{x}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| C1 (or SC5M) | 390 pF |
| CS 90/91E | 470 pF |
| 9TA HC | 560 pF |
| KS 40A | 820 pF |
| Deram | 820 pF |
| SCU1 | Not suitable |



TABLE I. Modifications to Linsley Hood pre-amplifier July 1969, Fig. 5


As an example of the suggested modifications the pickup input circuit for each channel of a Connoisseur SCUI will be as shown here.
the response will be approximately flat down to 50 Hz and then drop off at $18 \mathrm{~dB} /$ oct. at lower frequencies.

One further point; the circuit given for curve 3 in Fig. 5 of the modular preamplifier design of July 1969 is claimed to give a 12 dB lift. The circuit shown gives only 9.5 dB . However should the full 12 dB be needed, the revised values of $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$, $3.3 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ and 100 pF should be used instead of $1.5 \mathrm{M} \Omega, 3 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ and 68 pF respectively, as shown in the example circuit beneath Table I. Using these revised values the actual circuit performance is:- lift 12.5 dB , turnover frequencies, 500 Hz and 2.1 kHz (as for R.I.A.A. equalization).
B. J. C. Burrows,

Ewelme,
Oxon.

## Ganged potentiometers

Your correspondent K. J. Young (March issue) refers to the "Addashaft" scheme for supplying potentiometers and shafts separately. As the sole U.K. distributors of Addashaft controls-this was our trade name for the patented system employ-ed-our marketing experience may be of interest.

Initial interest was high in the context of single ganged potentiometers alone. Wé were offering a range of nine different shafts together with log. or linear law potentiometers, with or without mains switch. The stock reduction principle expounded by Mr. Young was thus valid. However, in time, industry usage standardized largely on 0.25 in. plastic spindles with flat, thus negating the practical effect of this principle. It is true that damage during shaft cutting was diminished. Against this, the combined cost of separate shaft and potentiometer unit was significantly higher than that of a factory assembled unit. Material savings, though offering a wider choice of shaft lengths, would have been marginal and largely offset by the smaller batch sizes of the greater variety manufactured. In the event, market interest declined to a point where the range was discontinued.

During the life of this range, prototypes were produced of dual concentric and tandem forms. The mechanical problems were more complex and aggravated, in the case of dual concentric types, by the different knob fittings and relative shaft lengths. Cost differentials and quality assessment problems would have been greater. Market research indicated a lower level of interest than for single ganged types. For these reasons no serious work was undertaken and all work abandoned at the time the single ganged range was discontinued.

While still recognizing the value to some users of this approach, we do not believe that the overall market situation has since changed to the extent that this idea could usefully be revived as an economically attractive proposition.
ROY S. GIBBONS,
Radiospares,
London E.C.2.

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# Transformer Phase Reversal? 

by 'Cathode Ray'

Here, in Fig. 1, is a simple practical problem. The transformer has identical primary and secondary windings, with $100 \%$ coupling and negligible losses. The secondary is wound around the core from $c$ to $d$ in the same rotation as the primary from $a$ to $b$ (indicated by the conventional dots as well as by the way the coils are drawn). What is the polarity from c to d relative to that from a to b ?

I said it was a practical problem. In an amplifier circuit the answer would make all the difference between negative feedback and positive feedback. And in an oscillator circuit it would make all the difference between oscillation and non-oscillation. I have heard of a batch of 200 units having to be scrapped because someone got it wrong. Yet when a certain teacher put it to a class of electrical engineering students, 11 of them said the polarity would be the same and 12 said the opposite!


Fig. 1. An ideal transformer. Is the secondary voltage in phase with the primary voltage, or phase-reversed?

Victor Mayes, of Gloucester Technical College, has made a special study of the current state of education on this point, and it seems that it is a very poor state indeed. In the circumstances the class as a whole can be congratulated for nearly half of them getting the answer right, when less than one in ten of the available textbooks was quite clear on this elementary matter. Mr Mayes looked up nearly 60 relevant books of the last 20 years, and found only five he could recommend on it, and he had reservations about some of them. The great majority used double-headed voltage arrows or in some other way failed to show which way they were jumping, but most of them spoke of a voltage phase reversal bẹtween primary and secondary
and indicated it by a phasor diagram basically as in Fig. 2. Even among the few authors whose symbolism clearly specified the directions of the windings and the relative polarities of the voltages across them, most showed a phasor diagram like this, implying a phase reversal.

What were you taught?


Fig. 2. The usual phasor diagram for Fig. 1 is basically like this.

Mr Mayes was so disturbed by this state of affairs that he sent a circular letter to all the transformer manufacturers he .could trace, asking them their answers to the question. I have seen the replies, which reveal a corresponding confusion. One or two said there was supposed to be a phase reversal but for certain purposes it was more convenient to assume there wasn't! (This is matched by at least one author who says there is no phase reversal, but because examination questions are marked on the basis that there is, he would go along with that idea!) The best way of proving that electrical (and electronic) education is an ass is, according to Mr Mayes, to try it and see, using an oscilloscope or other unambiguous indicator. Quite so, but I'm afraid I can't persuade the Wireless World management to supply such equipment to each reader with this month's issue, so I'll just have to try to make the thing irrefutably clear on paper.

Being so old, I've completely forgotten what I was taught, but I do know that because of inattention or otherwise I carried away a very hazy impression of a lot of things. In a college course there is really no time to question every little bit of information one is given, orally or by reading; the task of absorbing enough to pass the exams is sufficient. The questioning came later; often much later.

Nothing would do but to think it out for myself. The results of this cogitation were sometimes additional to-occasionally even contrary to-the usual teaching. To impress them on my mind I wrote them out and sent them along to the Editor for the time being of Wireless World, and he has been publishing them since 1934 (even earlier under another name).

One advantage of this procedure was that when called upon by a correspondent to clarify the phase relationships of transformers I was in no way affected by the regrettable state of things described by Mr Mayes. Until 1968, when he drew my attention to it, I was quite ignorant of it. The possibility of any-let alone a majority of-people clever enough to write a textbook falling into such an elementary error had just not occurred to me. I still find it hard to believe. On the other hand, as long ago as 1954, when this transformer question was put to me, I was already aware of the double-headed voltage arrows and all the other ambiguous and confusing notations and conventions applied to circuit diagrams and still more confusingly to phasor diagrams (then usually called vector diagrams) and had discarded the lot and begun again from scratch, arriving at the system used in the Wireless World article on transformers (Sept. 1954, p. 454) and described in more detail in the book Phasor Diagrams (Iliffe, 1966). This system, being unambiguous, is incapable of giving a confusing answer over a matter like this of phase relationship. Any voltage between two points can be regarded as in one phase or its opposite, depending on which is taken as the reference or zero point. So the points have to be labelled (say a and b) and the voltages labelled to correspond, either $V_{\mathrm{ab}}$ or $V_{\mathrm{ba}}$ depending on direction (or more simply $a b$ or $b a$ if such letters are known to be used for voltages, in contrast to $A B$ and $B A$ for currents). Finally the phasors have to be labelled to correspond. Arrows are superfluous, and indeed only tend to confuse.

For example, Fig. 3 shows the voltage phasors corresponding to Fig. 1. The fact that they are parallel signifies that the voltage $c d$ is in phase with the voltage $a b$. And equally, it is opposite in phase to ba. There are no double-headed arrows, like


Fig. 3. Recommended phasor diagram for Fig. 1, leaving no uncertainties.

Mr Facing-both-ways in Pilgrim's Progress, nor single-headed arrows to tell you that you must face one particular way.

Yes, you may say, but how does one know that cd must be drawn that way, and not the opposite as the textbooks say? Well, I went into that in a good deal of detail in the September 1954 Wireless World and in Sec. 7.7 of Phasor Diagrams. This time only the voltage phase relationship is in question, so we shall cut out most of the detail and confine ourselves to that one point.

We begin with a primary winding only, as in Fig. 4. The generator is giving a sine-wave voltage, which is set up between the two points a and b . It drives a current around the winding, and this current causes a corresponding alternating magnetization of the core. This in turn generates a voltage in the winding. This voltage also occurs between points a and b. And as there cannot be more than one potential difference between two points at the same time, these voltages must be equal. They are in effect one and the same voltage and can therefore be represented by the one phasor ab . What makes them equal? This condition is automatically fulfilled by just enough magnetizing current flowing to make it so.

Here now is the first place where the ordinary phasors with arrow heads can get people confused. Most books call the generator voltage $E$ and the voltage generated in the coil $V_{1}$, or some such symbols. Then if they are thinking of the two terminals a and b they may show $E$ and $V_{1}$ in phase, as in Fig. 5(a). Much more likely they will be thinking of voltages acting around the circuit, $E$ (say) clockwise at some instant, and $V_{1}$ anticlockwise, and will represent them as in Fig. 5(b). Fig. 4 is not only simpler; it corresponds to the undoubted fact, which can be demonstrated with a voltmeter, that only one voltage at a time exists between a and b . So voltages $a b$ due to the generator and $a b$ due to the coil cannot be anything but in phase. Of course if you prefer to compare voltages $a b$ and $b a$, you are


Fig. 4. Fig. 1 can be developed from this basic circuit.
entitled to say they are opposite in phase. Please yourself. All are right. There can be no argument or doubts as in Fig. 5 .

Next, no difference in principle is involved if the winding is made of stranded wire. All the strands are in parallel and all have the same voltage induced in them by the alternating magnetic flux. For simplicity let us suppose there are only two strands. There can be a very thin layer of insulation between them, not enough to upset the condition that both windings embrace the same amount of flux so have the same voltage induced in them. These two strands, if they are now disconnected at their ends, can be

(a) (b)

Fig. 5. Voltage phasor diagram (a) is sometimes seen for Fig. 4, but (b) is much commoner.
regarded as the two separate windings in Fig. 1, except that the winding connected to the terminals c and d is open-circuited. The phasor diagram, as in Fig. 6 while the strands were paralleled by connection at their ends, now becomes as in Fig. 3. This diagram shows that there is indeed a phase reversal between voltages $a b$ and $d c$. But I think most people would want to compare $a b$ and $c d$, which are undoubtedly in phase. It is confusing to say, without precise indication of winding directions and an unambiguous voltage notation, that the secondary voltage is reversed in phase compared with the primary.


Fig. 6. This phasor diagram applies to Fig. 4 when the winding consists of two strands ( $a b$ and $c d$ ) in parallel, and Fig. 3. applies when they are disconnected to yield Fig. 1.

Of course the arrowy situation of Fig. 5 is now complicated by the secondary voltage, which might be called $V_{2}$. I will spare you the varieties of 'vector' diagrams you will be able to find when there are three arrows to play about with!

Just before signing off I would however remind you that our transformer was an ideal one, with $100 \%$ coupling and negligible losses. Having got the basic action straight, one can then go on to introduce elaborations to represent winding resistances, core losses and leakage inductance.

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Effects of summer season and steadily decreasing solar activity are particularly evident on the East/West route charts. Poor working or loss of communication on low power systems can be expected when LUF is close to FOT and it can be seen that this condition exists for 8 to 12 hour periods on three of the routes.
LUFs shown are for reception in the U.K. Those for the reciprocal routes will be roughly the same shape but shifted along the time axis. This prolongs the poor working periods for two-way communication.



# New Approach to Transistor Circuit Analysis 

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In this two-part article - which forms a complete introduction to transistor amplifier theory A. J. Blundell describes a simple "voltage-control" transistor model bridging the gap between an earlier simple model and the hybrid- $\pi$ equivalent circuit. It can be applied to small-signal, large-signal and d.c. conditions and has the advantage that the ordinary circuit diagram can be turned into its own equivalent circuit by introducing a simple circuit concept called a "beta barrier". Part 1 starts with amplifier basics, and introduces the small-signal model and applies it to a common-emitter stage. A correction term used in evaluating internal emitter resistance is proposed by the author who also gives a method of optimizing voltage gain. Part 2 will apply the model to an emitter-follower stage, discuss its accuracy compared to the hybrid- $\pi$ circuit and give a d.c. and large-signal version of the model applicable to Darlington and complementary pairs. It concludes by applying this model to the well-known Lin output stage and shows how simple modifications balance the circuit.

The theory of transistor amplifiers seems to be in a bewildering state. Although accepted transistor models were laid down and their equations solved many years ago, they do not appear to be entirely satisfactory.

There are several reasons for this, perhaps the most significant being that manufacturers quote only $h$ parameters for their transistors, indeed sometimes only $h_{f e}$ is provided. Consequently only the twogenerator $h$-parameter model can be used without considerable pre-calculation.
The $h$-parameter model is not easy to handle without approximation, except for the most elementary circuits, as anyone will realize who has attempted an exact solution for the common-emitter amplifier with an external emitter resistor. Also it is not suitable when reactive circuit elements, such as transistor capacitances, become important.
Further, $h$ parameters are liable to misinterpretation because of the correlations which exist between them. The result of this is that many engineers have come to regard the transistor as a wide tolerance device and many have adopted the attitude that the only course of action is to apply plenty of feedback so that the open-loop characteristics do not matter very much. In fact the situation is not nearly so bad as this.
I have been concerned with semiconductor power devices since their early days so that when called upon to teach transistor circuit fundamentals it was assumed that I must be an expert on transistors.
Smiling cheerfully to maintain the illusion I hurried to the library to do some hard reading. The wide range of textbooks available only justified fears when, as luck would have it, I saw the article "Simplified transistor amplifier calculations" by C. H.

[^8]Banthorpe. ${ }^{1}$ This immediately rang the proverbial bell because it appeared to have a desirable attribute of any theory-its suitability for back-of-the-envelope calculations in the laboratory. In addition it was a "voltage control" rather than a "current control" approach.
The last point seems very important. From the physical point of view the transistor in its usual common-emitter connection is voltage controlled; the base current being (except for a negligible component) a parasitic effect which would be absent in an ideal transistor. (If anyone would like a fight over this one I'm game!) Further, there are influential engineers who prefer the voltage control point of view. For example P. J. Baxandall says ${ }^{2}$ : For many years I have felt that the almost universal tendency to regard transistors as "basically


Explanation of symbols. Average or r.m.s. values are indicated by capital letters; instantaneous values by lower-case letters. Capital letter subscripts indicate the total or d.c. value of a quantity; lower-case subscripts indicate the a.c. or time-varying component, taken from its average value.
current operated devices" has exerted a major retarding influence on progress in good transistor circuit design.
There are also very down-to-earth reasons for preferring a voltage description of a circuit. Most transducers are specified in terms of voltage generated or required and, because the oscilloscope is the universally used test instrument, a voltage signal is easier to measure than a current signal.
It is important to point out that the real object of amplification is to increase the power transmitted rather than to increase the signal voltage or current level. To illustrate the distinction consider the transformer which is not an amplifier but can give a voltage gain proportional to the turns ratio. The current gain however, will be the reciprocal of the turns ratio so that the power gain is unity, ignoring losses.
The essential property of an amplifier is that the output power plus the internal loss is greater than the input power. To be able to do this an amplifier needs an active element and an auxiliary power source which it can use to provide the extra signal power. The transistor is such an active element and the auxiliary power source is its d.c. supply.
Unfortunately power is not easy to measure directly so that engineers usually think in terms of a combination of source or load impedance and a voltage or current gain; which amounts to the same thing.

Having put forward arguments intended to explain motivation rather than to convince a sceptic, the following exposition presents a theory of transistor amplifiers which bridges the gap between C. H. Banthorpe's treatment and the hybrid- $\pi$ equivalent circuit, the latter being the one which allows transistor capacitances to be incorporated most easily. The starting point does not concern transistors, but amplifier theory itself, because it is often misunderstood.
Taking voltage as the main variable for measuring the signal it is necessary to examine the general problem of transferring a signal from a source through an amplifier to a load, starting first with a direct source-to-load transfer with no amplifier.

## Coupling gain

Suppose a source feeds a load as in Fig. 1(a). To aid visualization let the source be a microphone and the load a pair of head-


Fig. 1. To introduce transistor amplifier theory an understanding of voltage transfer is necessary-often misunderstood. Simplest way to find signal transfer from source to load (a) under no-load conditions ( $b$ ), is to treat the two resistances as a potential divider ( $c$ ).
phones. The specification for the microphone will give the voltage output for a certain sound power on no load which is $V_{s}$, under the conditions of Fig. 1(b). The output (or internal) resistance $R_{s}$ will also be given. The resistance of the headphones, $R_{l}$, will be given together with some reference to the signal voltage necessary to provide a comfortable level of sound.

Now the simplest way to find the signal transfer is to realize that the two resistances form a potential divider across $V_{s}$ as shown in Fig. 1 (c). Then $I=V_{s} /\left(R_{s}+R_{t}\right)$ so that the usual potential divider equation $V_{l}$ $=I R_{l}=V_{s} R_{l} /\left(R_{s}+R_{l}\right)$ results. Then

$$
G_{V}=\frac{V_{l}}{V_{s}}=\frac{R_{l}}{\left(R_{s}+R_{l}\right)}
$$

This equation acts as the defining equation for $G_{V}$ which is the overall voltage gain from specified source voltage $V_{s}$ to the load voltage $V_{l}$.

## The amplifier

Often the load voltage will not be sufficient and an amplifier is needed. The linear integrated-circuit amplifier is both the simplest to deal with and the most complicated in construction. A number of parameters are usually specified for it but only three concern the low-frequency a.c. opera-tion-input resistance, output resistance and voltage gain.

Voltage gain is specified with no load so that it is the open-circuit voltage gain. Let $\mu$ represent a gain of this type which occurs in an unconnected amplifier.

Fig. 2 shows the equivalent circuit. The microphone feeds the input of the amplifier which behaves as a simple resistor $r_{1}$. The voltage $V_{1}$ appearing across $r_{1}$ is amplified


Fig. 2. Equivalent circuit of a source-amplifier-load enables overall gain to be expressed as a product of input coupling gain (from Fig. 1), internal amplifier gain $\mu$ and output coupling gain.
by the factor $\mu$ and appears as a source $V_{g}$ which has an output resistance $r_{2}$ and is connected to the output terminals. These in turn are connected to the headphones which form the final load $R_{l}$. (Capitals represent component resistances while lower-case letters indicate the effective resistance of an amplifying device or circuit.)
This discussion is limited to a unilateral amplifier, i.e. $V_{1}$ affects $V_{2}$ but $V_{2}$ does not affect $V_{1}$.
The overall gain comprises three terms: the input coupling gain-this, as for Fig. 1, is a potential divider so that $V_{1} / V_{s}=r_{1} /\left(R_{s}+r_{1}\right)$; the internal gain of the amplifier $V_{g} / V_{1}=\mu$; and the output coupling gain which is another potential divider $V_{l} / V_{g}=R_{l} /\left(r_{2}+R_{l}\right)$. Then

$$
\begin{align*}
G_{V} & =\frac{V_{l}}{V_{s}}=\frac{V_{1}}{V_{s}} \cdot \frac{V_{g}}{V_{1}} \cdot \frac{\dot{V}_{l}}{V_{g}} \\
& =\frac{r_{1}}{\left(R_{s}+r_{1}\right)} \cdot \mu \cdot \frac{R_{l}}{\left(r_{2}+R_{t}\right)} \tag{1}
\end{align*}
$$

This equation is the basic expression for the overall voltage gain of an amplifying system in which $R_{s}$ and $R_{l}$ are known from the input and output device specifications. Of course $R_{s}$ or $R_{l}$ might be the output or input resistance of another amplifier. Equation 1 can easily be extended to multistage amplifiers, the output resistance of one stage becoming the source of the next. For two stages there will be three coupling gains and two $\mu$ s.
When working out amplifier designs the reader is strongly advised to calculate and record the three items of equation 1 separately and then multiply them together. This is because they each give information about the state of one of the three sections of the circuit not otherwise available as will be shown later.
Before going on to the transistor there is one more gain to be considered. Although $G_{V}$ is the basic quantity required, it cannot be measured directly when the system is working because the only voltages accessible are $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$. The measured voltage gain between terminals on load is the loaded stage gain defined by

$$
A_{V}=\frac{V_{2}}{V_{1}}=\frac{V_{g}}{V_{1}} \cdot \frac{V_{2}}{V_{g}}=\frac{\mu R_{t}}{\left(r_{2}+R_{t}\right)}
$$

It is the product of the open-circuit gain and the output coupling gain; the input coupling does not affect it. It is useful because it is needed when checking and making measurements on the circuit and in the past
has been regarded by many writers as the final goal of amplifier calculations (or at least this has been implied). That this is a mistaken notion is easily shown by pointing out that of two amplifiers the one with the highest $G_{V}$ may have the lowest $A_{V}$.
The next section is concerned with finding $r_{1}, \mu$ and $r_{2}$ for transistor amplifiers.

## Bipolar transistor

Fig. 3(a) shows a transistor, such as the general-purpose n-p-n BC108, with voltages applied to give normal working conditions. If $v_{B E}=V_{B B}$ is varied, $i_{E}$ will change and a plot of the resulting characteristic is shown in Fig. 3(b), this curve being similar in shape to that for a forward-biased p-n junction diode. Of course the base-emitter junction is a p-n junction but it may seem surprising that the presence of the collector does not alter the relationship. Variations in $v_{C E}$ move the curve slightly, but they do not affect its slope so long as $v_{C E}$ is greater than about one volt.

Under small signal conditions, where a low-value a.c. signal is superposed on the d.c. quantities, it is the slope of the characteristic which is important as demonstrated in Fig. 3(c). This shows an alternating voltage superposed on a $0.6-\mathrm{V}$ steady bias which produces an alternating current superposed on a $1-\mathrm{mA}$ direct current. The amplitude of the alternating current is equal to the alternating voltage divided by the


Fig. 3. To help find $r_{1}, r_{2}$, and $\mu$ in Fig. 2 and in equation 1, a model is needed in terms of simple components. To provide this the bipolar transistor (a) must be understood, in particular the $i_{E}-v_{B E}$ relationship (b) whose slope is the important thing (c), and which is approximately constant if $v_{C E}$ is greater than $1 V$.
slope of the curve, if the level of the a.c. quantities is low enough so that the curve can be considered straight over the portion used.
When connected as an amplifier $v_{C E}$ varies and the resulting movement of the curve changes the $v-i$ relationship. With most transistors the error introduced in $\mu$ is only 3 to $5 \%$ if $A_{V}$ is 200 , so that in most circuits it will be less than this. When it is realized that auxiliary component values are usually less precise-most people use 5 or $10 \%$ tolerance resistors-the error is negligible in a general-purpose analysis. Equations given in this article assume that $v_{C E}$ does not affect the base-emitter quantities.
Now the key base-emitter relationship is given, under restricted conditions, by the Shockley equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
i_{E}=I_{S}\left[\exp \left(q V_{B E} / k T\right)-1\right] \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k$ is Boltzmann's constant ( $1.3805 \times$ $10^{-23}$ joule $\left./{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{K}\right) q$ the electron charge ( $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ coulomb) and $T$ the absolute temperature in ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$. At $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, a good typical working temperature for a low-level amplifier transistor, $k T / q=0.026 \mathrm{~V}$.

Because we are only interested in forward bias above 0.1 V where $\exp \left(q V_{B E} / k T\right) \gg 1$ equation (2) can be rearranged to give $v_{B E}=(k T / q) \ln \left(i_{E} / I_{S}\right)$. The slope of the curve, which has the dimensions of $V / I$, is the differential resistance $r_{t}$ where $t$ indicates the theoretical value. It is found by differentiating the equation for $v$ giving

$$
r_{t}=\frac{k T}{q i_{E}}=\frac{0.026}{i_{E}}=\frac{26}{i_{E}(\mathrm{~mA})} \Omega \quad \text { at } 30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}
$$

Resistance $r_{t}$ is current-dependant but if the swing of $i_{E}$ is kept small then $r_{t}$ will not change much and for many purposes the steady d.c. value $I_{E}$ can be substituted giving

$$
r_{t}=\frac{k T}{q I_{E}}=\frac{26}{I_{E}(\mathrm{~mA})} \Omega
$$

This theoretical emitter resistance is given by many writers and it illustrates a virtue of the bipolar transistor: that its major characteristic should be the same for all transistors and is not a production-dependent parameter. This contrasts sharply with the situation with valves and field-effect transistors.

Unfortunately transistors are not so ideal although the difference is not large at low currents. One cause of deviation is the failure of Shockley's equation at the current values normally used; the term $k T / q$ tending towards $2 k T / q$ as the current rises. In addition there are more or less pure resistances present such as the transverse resistance of the thin base layer between emitter and collector regions. Both these effects depend on the size of the device and on manufacturing techniques.

In spite of the complexity of the situation it is possible to provide a satisfactory correction whose accuracy is acceptable as long as the correction itself is not too large a proportion of the total emitter resistance. The correction was found by making measurements of the emitter resistance on a number of groups of various types of transistor. Measurements were done for a range of values of $I_{E}$ and it was found that the values of emitter resistance fell into two groups


$$
\beta_{C}=\alpha_{O} \beta_{E}
$$

Fig. 4. Summary of transistor parameters are contained in the symbol. Numerical values are added in some positions in following circuit diagrams.
with modern low-level general-purpose transistors in the lower and older types in the higher group. The emitter resistances were plotted against $I_{E}$ and a curve drawn through at the upper ten percentile. This indicated a deviation from $r_{t}$ depending on the inverse square root of $I_{E}$ so that the true emitter resistance is

$$
\begin{aligned}
r_{e} & =r_{t}+\text { correction } \\
& =\frac{26}{I_{E}(\mathrm{~mA})}+\frac{a}{\sqrt{I_{E}(\mathrm{~mA})}} \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

where $a=3$ for modern silicon planar types and 4 for the others. This appears to hold well up to about 10 mA and with decreasing accuracy to a maximum of about 40 mA .
This range of validity is quite good because $h$ parameters are often given for only one current in the 1 to 5 mA range-taking for granted that at higher current the less accurate characteristic curves would be used.

Note that the term given here concerns base-emitter terminal voltage and emitter current. It therefore includes both the input potential divider of Banthorpe and the 2 to $5-\Omega$ emitter-lead resistance used to correct his $r_{m}$ to his $r_{t}$.

The $v_{E E}-i_{E}$ characteristic is the most important feature of the transistor in linear amplifiers and is basic to the voltage control approach. The other major feature is, of course, that nearly all (a fraction, $\alpha_{0}$ ) of the current in the emitter is deflected to the collector. If the collector current to base current ratio $\beta_{c}=\alpha_{0} /\left(1-\alpha_{0}\right)$ is not less than 50 , the collector current will differ from the emitter current by less than $2 \%$ (for the high-beta BC 108 by'less than $0.8 \%$ ), so that for most purposes $i_{C}$ can be taken equal to $i_{E}$.

In the present treatment the base-toemitter current gain is more important than the usual base-to-collector current gain $\beta_{c}$.

To save space I shall write

$$
\frac{i_{E}}{i_{B}}=\frac{i_{C}+i_{B}}{i_{B}}=\frac{i_{C}}{i_{B}}+1=\beta_{C}+1=\beta_{E}
$$

Incidentally, the $h$ parameter corresponding to $\beta_{C}$ is $h_{F E}$, thus $\beta_{E}=h_{F E}+1$.

The base-to-emitter current gain will have two forms, the direct current gain, $\beta_{E}=I_{E} / I_{B}$, and the alternating current gain, $\beta_{e}=I_{e} / I_{b}$. The a.c. gain is defined mathematically as $d i_{E} / d i_{B}$ but in practice it is measured by applying a small alternating emitter current $I_{e}$ in addition to the standing current $I_{E}$ and dividing $I_{e}$ by the resulting a.c. component of base current $I_{b}$. The current must be small enough to avoid the effect of non-linearities.

As an aid to memory the parameters can be written into the transistor symbol as indicated in Fig. 4. This shows at a glance that $\beta_{C}=\alpha_{o} \beta_{E}$. Numerical values will normally be added in some or all of these positions in the circuit diagrams.

The action of a transistor can be summarized as follows
(a) a voltage $V_{B E}$ is applied between base and emitter
(b) a current then flows in the emitter given by the diode curve or, for small a.c. signals superposed on the d.c. level, an alternating current $V_{b e} / r_{e}$
(c) nearly all the emitter current flows to the collector
(d) a small current flows through the base due to the deflection mechanism being imperfect
(e) the collector voltage hardly affects the process.

## Transistor model

When analysing the behaviour of a complicated device a wise thing to do is to try to set up a circuit consisting of simple wellunderstood components which will do the same job.

The first attempt to do this for the above conditions results in nonsense but it is useful because it shows a reason for the current control philosophy in linear transistor amplifiers.
Items (a) and (b) lead to the circuit of Fig. 5(a), which is satisfactory for all positive values of $v_{B E}$ and $i_{E}$ except perhaps for very small currents of the order of the collector saturation current. Linear circuit elements cannot deal with the non-linear diode


Fig. 5. Partial transistor model (a) can use $r_{e}$ in place of base-emitter diode for small signals (b). Adding current generator with $I_{e}$ as control variable ( $c$ ) is invalid because it prevents input voltage appearing across $r_{e}$ and allows $V_{c e}$ to appear across $r_{e}$. It is avoided by making $I_{b}$ the control variable (d).
characteristic so the argument is limited to small-signal calculations for which the diode can be replaced by the resistor $r_{e}$ as in Fig. 5(b). This means that we are making a straight-line approximation to the diode characteristic and ignoring the d.c. offset.
The value of $\beta_{e}$ is usually reasonably constant for a useful range of current values and this suggests addition of a currentcontrolled generator to handle items (c) and (d), Fig. 5(c). Physically $I_{b}$ depends $I_{e}$ so that $I_{e}$ is the control variable and the current generator goes in the base circuit.
Unfortunately this equivalent circuit is invalid: the current generator prevents the input voltage from appearing across $r_{e}$ because the voltage across a current generator need not be zero. Also it does not account for (e) as it allows $V_{\mathrm{ce}}$ to appear across $r_{e}$.

The usual way of getting round the difflculty is to put the current generator in the collector circuit and make $I_{b}$ the control variable, Fig. 5(d). This is correct because the only requirement is a relation between the currents and, mathematically, it does not matter which really controls which. The result is a very neat solution indeed because it fulfils all the requirements (a) to (e) using only two elements. It is the basis for one of the two equivalent $T$ networks widely quoted in the past.

Unfortunately the model immediately introduces the idea that base current controls collector current and that current gain is the major parameter. An alternative solution on which this work is based is to invent new elements.

To add to the already large list of basic circuit elements seems at first sight to be rash but the benefit in ease of circuit analysis is considerable. In fact the proposed elements are similar to two already existing in advanced circuit theory.

The new elements allow d.c. and largesignal analysis as well as small-signal analysis so that we can return to total instantaneous values.

## Beta barrier

The starting point is Fig. 5(a) which is valid for the relationship between $i_{B E}$ and $v_{B E}$. A vertical line is placed across the upper connection to the diode, Fig. 6(a). This is the "beta barrier"* which acts as a semipermeable membrane to the emitter current. It ensures that $i_{B}=i_{E} / \beta_{E}$ but is itself all at the same potential so that the top of the diode is at base potential. For an n-p-n transistor it is convenient to think of deflecting the flow of electrons which is in the opposite direction to conventional current flow.

One more thing is required. The collector terminal is to take the deflected current but its voltage must not influence the voltage at the beta barrier. This is not difficult to remember but for the time being a single double-zero symbol is used-it is omitted later. Its characteristic is that any voltage may exist across it and any current may flow through it - the current not being influenced by the voltage.
Fig. 6(b) shows the complete equivalent slightly rearranged. Remember that all of

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Fig. 6. Because the circuit of Fig. 5 suggests that base current controls collector current, a new equivalent circuit is proposed. This involves two new circuit symbols: a 'beta barrier' shown at (a) which allows $i_{b}=i_{E} / \beta_{E}$ but which itself is at base potential and not influenced by the collector voltage-indicated by the 'double-zero' symbol shown in the new equivalent circuit (b) (omitted in later circuits). Similarity with standard diagram allows an ordinary circuit diagram to act as its own equivalent circuit. New circuit holds for d.c. and large signals as well as for small signals, but small-signal analysis is simplified by replacing diode by $r_{e}(c)$.
the symbol indicated by the dotted line is at the base potential, the double- 0 symbol holding off the collector voltage while allowing the current deflected by the beta barrier to flow round the collector circuit. Choice of the new elements has been made with the standard transistor symbol in mind, and the similarity is essential to the method because the aim is to turn the ordinary circuit diagram into its own, equivalent circuit. This means that calculations can be done straight from the conventional circuit diagram.
The equivalent in Fig. 6(b) is a largesignal model suitable for both signal and bias calculations. In the next section it is restricted to small-signal a.c. analysis by replacing the diode by a resistance $r_{e}$ as shown in Fig. 6(c). For clarity the d.c. collector supply is retained-an example of the need in transistor circuits to be able to mix a.c. and d.c. quantities. It is clear that the model in Fig. 6 faithfully simulates conditions (a) to (e).

## Common-emitter amplifier

The common-emitter circuit is the most important connection for voltage amplification. The signal is applied at the base and the amplified voltage appears at the collector. Of course the collector supply would
prevent the collector voltage from varying and so a collector feed resistor $R_{c}$ is added in series with the supply. This component is sometimes called the d.c. load but this term is avoided here partly to avoid confusion with the real load $R_{t}$ and partly because $R_{c}$ has a more important significance. Fig. 7(a) shows the circuit in its usual form while Fig. 7(b) gives a "transatlantic" rearrangement, better suited to analysis. The resistance $r_{e}$ has been added in the emitter as recommended for small-signal analysis.

Calculation of $\mu$ is now as follows. The input alternating signal voltage $V_{b e}$ is applied at the base and appears across $r_{e}$ giving $I_{e}=V_{b e} / r_{e}$. A fraction $\alpha_{o}$ of this current is deflected by the beta barrier and flows through the collector and through the resistor $R_{\mathrm{c}}$ to the collector supply. The alternating output voltage will be $V_{c e}=I_{c} R_{c}$ $=-\alpha_{o} I_{e} R_{c}$. Thus the open-circuit voltage gain is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu=\frac{V_{c e}}{V_{b e}}=-\frac{\alpha_{o} I_{e} R_{c}}{I_{e} r_{e}}=-\frac{\alpha_{o} R_{c}}{r_{e}} \approx-\frac{R_{c}}{r_{e}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where in the last term $\alpha_{o}$ is taken equal to unity. The equation gives the open-circuit gain needed in the expression for $G_{V}$ in equation (1).
In case the simplicity of the present model is misunderstood the calculation is repeated for the simpler diagram of Fig. 8, where the d.c. source, which does not affect $\mu$, is omitted and the approximation $\alpha_{o}=1$ has been made so that $I_{c}=I_{e}$. The major effect of applying a voltage at the base is to cause a current $I_{e}$ to circulate round the collector-emitter circuit. As the output voltage is the drop across one resistor while the input voltage is the drop across the other, $\mu$ is obviously the ratio of the two resistors. Further, the current flows up


Fig. 7. Common-emitter amplifier circuit used to calculate open-circuit voltage gain $\mu$ $\left(\approx R_{c} / r_{e}\right)$.


Fig. 8. Simpler circuit of common-emitter amplifier with d.c. source omitted and the approximation $I_{e}=I_{c}$ made so that it can be immediately seen that $\mu$ is the ratio of the two resistors, and that there is a change of polarity.
one and down the other so that there will be a change of polarity for a.c.

This is all that there is to the calculation of voltage gain, but the idea underlies all further work.

## Common-emitter stage with external emitter resistor

Fig. 9(a) shows the normal circuit and Fig. 9 (b) the new a.c. equivalent. Voltage gain is easily calculated because $R_{e}$ is merely in series with $r_{e}$ so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu=-\frac{\alpha_{o} R_{c}}{\left(r_{e}+R_{e}\right)} \approx-\frac{R_{c}}{\left(r_{e}+R_{e}\right)} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

It must be confessed at this point that the choice of the present model which concentrates attention on the base-emitter characteristic was greatly influenced by the simpli-


Fig. 9. Calculation of open-circuit voltage gain with addition of an external emitter resistor is easily done as $R_{e}$ is merely added to $r_{e}$.
city with which impedances in the emitter lead can be handled. It is gained however at the expense of having to multiply any quantity involving base-emitter to collector transfer by $\alpha_{0}$ if the current gain is poor enough for it to matter; a small price to pay for the advantages gained.

## Input and output resistances

Having calculated $\mu$, then $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ are needed before $G_{V}$ can be found. These are not difficult to obtain because so far as the input is concerned the base current is proportional to the emitter current. So the transistor behaves as if the resistors $r_{e}$ and $R_{e}$ (if present) were across the input, except that the current is only $1 / \beta_{e}$ times as large as it should be, that is it behaves as if the resistances were $\beta_{e}$ times larger, so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{1}=\beta_{e}\left(r_{e}+R_{e}\right) . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

If an alternating voltage is applied to the collector it will produce a current only in $R_{c}$ as we have agreed that the "double zero" pre-
vents $V_{c e}$ from effecting $I_{b}$ or $I_{e}$ and hence $I_{c}$, thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
r_{2}=R_{c} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

These parameters refer to the circuit including $R_{c}$ and not just to the transistor. Also, in a practical circuit there may be bias resistors across the input, in which case the effective total input resistance is simply the parallel combination of $r_{1}$ as above with the total external parallel resistance. The parameters needed to calculate $G_{V}$ are now available.

## Example

The circuit of Fig. 10 shows a BC108 transistor in the common-emitter connection between a $600-\Omega$ source representing a microphone and a $600-\Omega$ load representing headphones; d.c. bias components are ignored. What is $G_{V}$ ?

From the data sheet $\beta_{c}$ is in the range 125 to 500 , so that taking the minimum value to give a conservative result, $\beta_{e}=126$ (correction hardly necessary!). Collector current is 1 mA so that $r_{e}$ can be calculated using a constant of three as the transistor is a silicon planar of the low-level type.

$$
\begin{aligned}
r_{e} & =\frac{26}{1}+\frac{3}{\sqrt{1}}=29 \Omega \\
\mu & =\frac{5000}{29}=-173 \\
r_{1} & =126 \times 29=3650 \Omega \\
r_{2} & =5000 \Omega \\
\therefore G_{V} & =\frac{3650}{600 \times 3650} \times(-173) \times \frac{600}{5000 \times 600} \\
& =-0.859 \times 173 \times 0.107=-15.9
\end{aligned}
$$

The value of working out each term of $G_{V}$ separately becomes apparent. Of the available gain of 173 the major loss is at the output coupling where only $10.7 \%$ gets through. The condition at the input is better ; $85 \cdot 9 \%$ being transmitted.

Notice that as only $r_{1}$ depends on $\beta_{e}$, the effect of a transistor with maximum $\beta_{e}$ is


Fig. 10. Example used to illustrate calculation of voltage gain according to equation 1. This method of calculation shows that of the available gain of 173, $85.9 \%$ is transmitted by the input coupling and only $0.7 \%$ by the output coupling. It also shows that effect of using a transistor of four times the gain is an increase in voltage gain of only $12 \%$.
just to change the input coupling loss to 0.96 ; an increase in $G_{V}$ of only $12 \%$. Measured voltage gain $A_{V}$ does not of course depend on $\beta_{e}$. It is merely

$$
A_{V}=-173 \times 0.107=-18.5
$$

It is my firm opinion that drawing in the resistor $r_{e}$ to replace the arrow in the symbol is an important part of the technique; analysis is done by human beings who are invariably helped by such visual aids. The addition of $r_{e}$, together with the beta barrier idea, turns the circuit diagram into an equivalent circuit which is made suitable for large signal or d.c. analysis by replacing the resistor with a diode.
Now try adding a $50-\Omega$ emitter resistor to Fig. 10 and see if $G_{V}$ is $6 \cdot 4$ !

## Checking the value of $\boldsymbol{r}_{\boldsymbol{e}}$

So far the only item outside the scope of previous models, if suitable approximations are made, is the value of $r_{e}$. The correction term given is necessarily based on the small range of types and quantities available for measurement and its validity may well be questioned. If any reader has the time and opportunity to extend the measurements it would be a valuable contribution.

The value of $r_{e}$ can be checked, however, at any current for which $h$ parameters are available. To show this let us give the $h$ parameters for the beta barrier model. We consider the transistor only and not $R_{c}$.
$h_{i e}$ is input resistance with output shortcircuited $=\beta_{e} r_{e}$
$h_{f e}$ is base-to-collector current gain with output short-circuited $=\beta_{c}$
$h_{r e}$ is collector-to-base (or reverse) volt-
age gain with input open-circuited $=0$
$h_{o e}$ is output admittance with input opencircuited $=0$
Parameters $h_{r e}$ and $h_{o e}$ are zero because $V_{c e}$ does not affect $V_{b e}$ or $I_{c}$. The betabarrier model therefore is one in which $h_{r e}=h_{o e}=0, \beta_{e}=h_{f e}+1$ and $r_{e}=h_{t e} /$ $\left(h_{f e}+1\right)$.

As an example let us use the data published by the makers of the BC108 to find $r_{e}$. For $I_{E}=2 \mathrm{~mA}, \theta=25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, this is

|  | min. | typ. | max. | units |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| $h_{\text {ie }}$ | 1600 | 3600 | 8500 | $\Omega$ |
| $h_{\text {fe }}$ | 125 | 280 | 500 | - |
| $\therefore h_{i e}\left(h_{\text {fe }}+1\right)$ | 12.8 | 12.86 | 17 | $\Omega$ |

For $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=298^{\circ} \mathrm{K}, r_{t}=k T / q I_{E}=12.84$ and
$3 / \sqrt{I_{B}(\mathrm{~mA})}=2.1$ so that $r_{e}=14.94 \Omega$.
Unfortunately the measurements made to obtain the empirical correction factor did not include BC108s, but with those transistors measured no value of $r_{e}$ was found to be less than $r_{t}$, although a few were very near to it, while $90 \%$ were covered by the correction factor. Thus, from the measurements, the spread of $r_{e}$ might be expected to be from 12.84 to about $16 \Omega$; a range which corresponds well with the values calculated from the $h$ parameters.

## Voltage gain of transistors

Returning to voltage gain, a very interesting deduction can be made from equation (3).

The collector feed resistor $R_{c}$ cannot be freely chosen because it must carry the direct collector current and the resulting voltage drop must be less than the collector supply voltage $V_{c c}$. For a number of reasons a good choice of collector working voltage is half the supply voltage ; any other choice merely changes the resulting constant slightly. Assuming that the correction can be neglected at low currents then $r_{e}=0.026 / I_{E}$ (amps) and the drop across $R_{c}$ is $V_{c c} / 2$ so that $V_{c c} / 2=I_{C} R_{c} \approx I_{E} R_{c}$ then $R_{c}=V_{C C} / 2 I_{E}$ and

$$
\begin{align*}
\mu & =-\frac{R_{c}}{r_{e}}=-\frac{V_{c C} I_{E}}{2 I_{E} 0.026}=-\frac{V_{c c}}{0.052} \\
& \approx-20 V_{c c} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

Thus the open-circuit voltage gain of a transistor ampfier designed in the standard way is about 20 times the supply voltage! For example the usual 9-V radio battery gives $\mu=-180$.
If the half-supply-voltage principle is not adhered to, the result will not change much even if maximum output swing is not required. because there is rarely the need to drop less than $V_{c c} / 2$ across $R_{c}$ and the maximum permissible would be about $3 V_{c c} / 4$ due to the need to ensure that drift in $I_{E}$ does not saturate the transistor, i.e. does not reduce $V_{C E} \approx 0$.

At higher currents the correction factor becomes significant and the gain drops below $20 V_{c c}$ giving a reduction of $5 \%$ at $0.5 \mathrm{~mA} .10 \%$ at 1 mA and $20 \%$ at 5 mA . Equation (7) can therefore be regarded as the maximum gain of the transistor. The only way to increase the voltage gain is to increase the supply voltage!

## Optimum gain

The results of the previous section can be used to provide a basis for the selection of the direct emitter current ; a subject incompletely dealt with in most text books. First we find that the four parameters of an amplifier are not independent. (Four, because to $\mu, r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ we must add the current gain $\beta=I_{2} / I_{1}$.) For a transistor the amplifier current gain is identical to $\beta_{c}$ so that from equations (3) and (5) assuming $R_{e}=0$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{-\mu}{\beta_{c}}=\frac{\alpha_{o} R_{c}}{\beta_{c} r_{e}}=\frac{R_{\mathrm{c}}}{\beta_{e} r_{e}}=\frac{r_{2}}{r_{1}} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Although proved for the transistor amplifier this relation is true for any amplifying system and only requires the assumption that the amplifier is unilateral.

Because $\mu$ and $\beta_{c}$ are approximately constant for changes in $I_{E}$ while both $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ are inversely proportional to it, the transistor turns out to be a unique device in which the input and output resistances can be varied together while their ratio remains constant. This provides an opportunity to maximize the overall voltage gain by adjusting the emitter current to give the maximum coupling gain. It can be shown* that for maximum $G_{V}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{r_{1}}{R_{s}}=\frac{R_{1}}{r_{2}} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^10] with respect to $r_{1}$ and equate to zero.
i.e. the ratio of input resistance to source resistance should be equal to the ratio of load resistance to output resistance. Substituting for $r_{1}$ in equation (9) from equation (8) gives
\[

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{r_{2} \beta_{c}}{-\mu R_{s}}=\frac{R_{l}}{r_{2}} \text { or } r_{2}{ }^{2}=\frac{-\mu R_{l} R_{s}}{\beta_{c}} \\
& \text { Then } R_{c}=r_{2}=\sqrt{\frac{-\mu R_{l} R_{s}}{\beta_{c}}} \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$
\]

For a system $R_{l}$ and $R_{s}$ are known and $\beta_{c}$ is given for the transistor. Using the approximate value $\mu=20 V_{c c}$, a value can be found for $R_{c}$ which in turn gives $I_{E} \approx I_{C}$ $=V_{C C} / 2 R_{c}$. This value for $I_{E}$ will give the maximum overall voltage gain.

Perhaps the most important relation in this section can now be derived, for equation (9) implies that the coupling gains are equal for the maximum gain condition. Substituting for $r_{1}$ from equation (9) into the input coupling gain gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{r_{1}}{R_{s}+r_{1}} & =\frac{R_{s} R_{l} / r_{2}}{R_{s}+R_{s} R_{l} / r_{2}}=\frac{R_{s} R_{l}}{R_{s} r_{2}+R_{s} R_{l}} \\
& =\frac{R_{l}}{r_{2}+R_{l}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus the optimization can be checked by examining the coupling gains for equality: a powerful reason for working them out separately.

This leads to a very practical design procedure which does not require memorizing equation (10). One morely tries a few current values, calculating $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ and checking the ratios in equation (9). When the current appears to be approximately right $G_{V}$ is calculated and as a final check the coupling gains are compared.
For an example of the use of equation (10) the circuit of Fig. 10 will be optimized. The working is as follows. $\mu \approx 20 V_{c c}$ $=-20 \times 10=-200, \beta_{c}=125, R_{l}=600$, $R_{s}=600$. Then $R_{c}{ }^{2}=200 \times 600 \times 600 / 125$ $=676,000 \Omega^{2}$, so $R_{c}=760 \Omega . I_{E}=10 / 2 \times$ $760)=6.6 \mathrm{~mA}$.
$r_{e}=26 / 6 \cdot 6+3 / \sqrt{6 \cdot 6}=5 \cdot 1 \Omega$.
$\mu=-R_{\mathrm{c}} / r_{e}=-760 / 5 \cdot 1=-148$ (accur-
ately).
$r_{1}=126 \times 5.1=640 \Omega$. Finally
$G_{V}=-640 / 1240 \times 148 \times 600 / 1360$

$$
=-0.515 \times 148 \times 0.44=34
$$

The optimized gain is over twice the gain previously obtained. This is because the increase in output coupling gain has more than compensated for the decrease in input coupling gain. The coupling gain terms in $G_{V}$ are still not quite equal, but the maximum in the gain-versus $-I_{E}$ relation is very flat and if the coupling gains are within about $20 \%$ of each other the gain is negligably less than maximum.
With the current at its new value the current gain will have a greater effect on $G_{Y}$. This is because the input coupling term is now more dependent on $r_{1}$ which is the only thing that current gain affects. The change to $\beta_{\mathrm{c}}=500$ will increase $G_{V}$ to 53 which is a $55 \%$ increase to be compared with the previous increase of $12 \%$. If freedom from changes in $\beta_{e}$ are required then it is better to work at a lower current than optimum where the input coupling gain approaches unity. There are many reasons
for choosing a particular value of $I_{E}-\beta_{e}$ must not have fallen away from its best value, power dissipation must be within limits, frequency response and noise level must be satisfactory etc - but in the absence of such considerations optimization of $I_{E}$ will give the greatest voltage gain.

> To be concluded

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## Sixty Years Ago

June 1911. Fleming in an article 'High-frequency Alternators for Wireless Telegraphy' in the Marconigraph looked at the various ways being tried to produce high-frequency alternating current so that these waves could be used instead of spark transmitters. But he said '. . . it will be well to suspend enthusiasm for the new method until it has won its spurs by actual contest with the old established and reliable spark method in the field of everyday radio telegraphic work.' The efforts of a Dr. Goldschmidt, who was a lecturer at Darmstadt Technical College, to produce high frequency waves using an induction motor as a frequency multiplying device were described as follows:
'If a continuous current is passed through the stator of an induction motor, and if the rotor is caused to revolve by some means, the rotor circuits will be traversed by an alternating current, the frequency of which will depend on the number of poles of the stator and speed of the rotor. If the alternating current produced in the rotor is led through the stator it will produce a revolving field, which can be used to create in the rotor current of still higher frequency. These, again can be led through the stator, and in turn induce higher frequencies still in the rotor. In this manner the frequency can be multiplied up. The currents of intermediate frequency can be taken up in condenser circuits tuned to them, and the final high-frequency current be made to circulate up and down an antenna or aerial, and so create persistent electromagnetic waves of, say 10,000 or 20,000 feet in wave length. This process is scientifically and practically possible, and its success, so far as tried has resulted in a company being formed in Germany to exploit it.'

Fleming pointed out that it would take a rotor speed change of only half a per cent to throw the output of the rotor out of tune with 'the various fundamental and harmionic condenser circuits.'



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# Electronic Building Bricks 

## 13. Uses of oscillations

by James Franklin

In Part 5 we studied the oscillator and the nature of oscillations. We saw that an oscillation is a cycle of events which repeats itself indefinitely. The time taken to generate one complete cycle is called the period of the oscillation, while the number of periods that occur in a given time is called the frequency of the oscillation.

Of what use are oscillations? Their main function is to act as carriers of information in those parts of electronic systems where several sets of information-different signals-have to be transmitted through a common medium without getting mixed up. One such common medium is space (for which the oscillations are converted into radio waves) and another is the trunk cable, as used for inter-city telecommunications. Within electronic equipment we sometimes have to transmit several signals simultaneously from one 'building brick' to another by means of a single electrical circuit (Part 11 April) without the signals interfering with each other and so destroying the information.

To understand how this is done we need to look at two aspects of oscillations: (1) how they can act as carriers of information; and (2) the properties that enable oscillations to be distinguished from each other.

Since an oscillation is an electrical


(b)

Fig. 1 How a periodic change can be used to carry information: (a) by modulation of amplitude; (b) by modulation in time.
quantity periodically changing with time it offers two possibilities for carrying information: we can vary the extent by which the electrical quantity is periodically changing; and we can vary the time at which a periodic change takes place. This is illustrated in Fig. 1. At (a) the broken lines show how the extent, or amplitude, of the change could be varied; at (b) the broken lines show how the time of the change could be varied. In both (a) and (b) the process of varying a property in accordance with the information is known as modulation.
The general principle of being able to vary the timing of a periodic change can be used in several ways, to give oscillations with distinct properties. Some examples can be seen in Fig. 2. We can control the instants at which the current rises and falls in such a way that the whole current/time graph is displaced, as shown in (a). This is known as a phase difference-the broken-line square wave has a different phase from the full-line square wave. Or we can control the instants at which the rises and falls occur in such a way that the time intervals between them, the periods, are different from in (a). This is shown in (b), which has shorter periods, and (c), which has longer periods. As a result, oscillations (b) and (c) differ in frequency from those in (a).

Fig. 2 shows us two things. First, it shows us practical methods of modulation derived from the Fig. 1(b) principle, that is, phase modulation (a) and frequency modulation, (b) (c). Thus, with the amplitude modulation in Fig. 1(a), we have three methods altogether. (There are others, but all are based on the fundamental processes illustrated in Fig. 1.) Secondly Fig. 2 shows us properties by which several oscillations travelling through a common medium may be distinguished from each other, notably the properties of frequency and phase. Of these frequency is the most widely used, for example, tuning a radio receiver to stations with different radio-wave frequencies. The property of phase distinction is utilized, for example, in colour television to enable two different colour information signals to be
transmitted simultaneously, with the same carrier frequency, and yet be separated in the receiver. It is also used for trunk telecommunications in which different signals are sent as trains of pulses-each train being identified by its 'position' in time relative to the others*.

What we have discussed so far has been illustrated by square-wave oscillations. Fig. 3 shows how the principles apply to sine waves (Part 10). Oscillations (d) and (e) differ in phase although they have the same frequency. Oscillation (f) differs in frequency from (d) and (e). (Note that a difference in frequency inevitably means a difference in timing as well, but that a phase difference can exist without a frequency difference.) A sine-wave oscillation modulated in amplitude, on the Fig. 1(a) principle, is shown at (g)-the modulating information in this case being part of a signal from a microphone.


Fig. 2 Square-wave oscillations illustrating (a) phase difference, and frequency difference between (a), (b) and (c).



Fig. 3 Sine-wave oscillations differing in phase, (d) and (e), and in frequency, (d) and (f); also a sine-wave oscillation modulated in amplitude (g).

## Low-range Ohmmeter

# Linear-scaled instrument for measuring resistance of contacts and soldered joints 

J. Johnstone

Originally intended for matching the resistance of small wound components, this ohmmeter has since proved to be of general use in the laboratory, typical applications being measuring switch contact resistance and testing printed circuit boards for dry joints. A constant current is applied to the resistance under test, and the resultant potential difference is indicated on a meter. Output voltage is limited to less than one volt to protect the meter and any active devices in the circuit under test. Test current is 250 milliamps for 500 milliohms f.s.d. and 25 milliamps at 5 ohms f.s.d.

Under constant-current conditions, the series pair $T r_{1}$ and $T r_{2}$ are controlled by the current error amplifier, $\operatorname{Tr}_{4}$ and $\operatorname{Tr}_{5}$. (Transistor $\operatorname{Tr}_{1}$ should be fitted to a heatsink of 16-gauge aluminium sheet, $7.5 \times 5 \mathrm{~cm}$.) Transistor $\operatorname{Tr}_{3}$ together with $R_{2}$ and $R_{3}$ form a constant-current source for $\operatorname{Tr}_{4}$. When the amplifier is balanced-i.e. when
the voltage across $R_{9}$ and $R_{5}$ equals the reference voltage of $D_{2}$-the current through $R_{1}$ is provided equally by $T r_{4}$ and $T r_{5}$. An error signal at $T r_{4}$ base causes a collector current change of $\Delta I$ with a resulting change of $-\Delta I$ - in $T r_{5}$ collector current. This changes the bias of $\operatorname{Tr}_{3}$ by $-\Delta I \times R_{3}$, altering its collector current by - $\left(\Delta I \times R_{3}\right) / R_{2}=-\Delta I$, thus doubling the overall gain of the error amplifier.

A further advantage of this circuit is that any variation in the amplifier supply rail will have a similar effect on $R_{2}$ and $R_{3}$, and its effect is nullified. When the voltage between the output rails rises to approximately 500 millivolts, control passes to the voltage limiting amplifier.

The reference and error sensing sides of the voltage limiting amplifier must be referred to the wooutput rails. This presents a problem in that any load on the negative
rail will result in inaccurate current regulation. The emitter follower $T r_{6}$ buffers this point from the current demands of $D_{3}$. As voltage limiting occurs the voltage across $R_{9}$ and $R_{5}$ falls toward the zero volts rail, and $T r_{6}$ ceases to conduct. Diode $D_{1}$ then becomes forward-biased and supplies the current required by $D_{3}$. The maximum output voltage is preset by adjusting $R_{10}$.
If the meter is connected across the output rails the impedance of the lead between the instrument and $R_{x}$ could give rise to errors, particularly at 500 milliohms f.s.d. This is avoided by using screened wire between the instrument and the test probes. The screen carries the test current, while the inner lead is connected to the meter. The screen and inner lead are connected together at the test probe. With suitable probe tips this method gives errors of less than $1 \%$ f.s.d.

This instrument is intended for measuring resistances and not monitoring. No attempt has been made to compensate for the drift caused by temperature rise in $R_{9}$ and $R_{5}$. Prolonged application of the current may also cause temperature drift in $R_{x}$. Input voltage variations will result in some drift in both the current and voltage amplifiers. If this proves troublesome $R_{4}$ and $R_{8}$ should be replaced with constantcurrent sources.

The range may be adjusted by connecting a resistor of between $20 \%$ and $100 \%$ of full scale between the test probes. Resistor $R_{9}$ is then set to give the required reading. When testing for dry joints, the f.s.d. should be set to 500 milliohms. A good soldered joint will normally have a resistance of less than 50 milliohms, and a dry joint will normally exceed 500 milliohms.
 500 milliohms or 5 ohms is set by $R_{9}$. Resistors should be $\frac{1}{2}$-watt types with $\pm 5 \%$ tolerance unless shown otherwise.

## Stereo Mixer

## 2-Further circuits and construction notes

by H. P. Walker, B.A.

## Post-mixing circuits

In the prototype, the signal from the virtualearth mixer is taken to the tone-control circuit via a switchable rumble filter and the main gain fader and stereo balance controls. The signal is fed at low impedance from the tone-controls directly to external equipment or passed on to the line and metering amplifiers.

Tone-control and filter circuits. The circuit shown in Fig. 11 can conveniently be divided into two by the main gain and stereo balance controls. These controls are similar to those described for the premixing amplifiers except that the balance control does not fade either channel to zero. The author chose a $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ potentiometer for the main gain fader after finding that a $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ potentiometer caused an audible deterioration in the residual noise level when the control was set at about half full output.

Filter circuits. Prior to the stereo balance control, a switchable rumble filter attenuates frequencies below 25 Hz at about 24 dB / octave in conjunction with the built-in lowfrequency turnover, as shown in the tonecontrol characteristics, Fig. 12. The highpass filter is synthesized using emitterfollower sections which are cheap to construct and give a gain of unity in the pass-band. Low-pass filters may also be synthesized in a similar manner to give various turnover characteristics (e.g. maximally flat amplitude or linear phase) and various rates of attenuation.

Although no high-frequency filter is included in the present design, its use is definitely advantageous when gramophone records are being reproduced. The omission is partly due to the prejudice of the author who feels that only a comprehensive h.f. filter system, in which the slope and turn-over-frequency are variable, is really useful:
the best known is that on the Quad 22 and 33 control units*. The subjective affect of Butterworth (or maximally flat magnitude) low-pass filters is often to increase the noise and distortion they are intended to reduce, while the signal assumes an unpleasant 'nasal' quality due to the transient distortion. This is caused by the abrupt turnover in the amplitude response followed by a steep roll-off at $18 \mathrm{~dB} /$ octave or more, and is easily demonstrated by examining the theoretical response of such a circuit when excited by a step function ${ }^{7}$ (e.g. a square wave).

As a result, the author has never found this type of filter very useful and frequently prefers the original noise and distortion to the coloration caused by the transient
*A useful passive circuit having a fixed turnover frequency and variable slope was described by R. Williamson in Hi-Fi News ${ }^{5}$ and reproduced in a later article by B. Grossmith ${ }^{6}$.


Fig. 11. Tone-control and filter circuit. Residual noise $-98 d B$. $\operatorname{Tr}_{11}-\operatorname{Tr}_{15}$ BC109 etc.
ringing. However, if the rate of attenuation is reduced to $12 \mathrm{~dB} /$ octave this transient distortion is aurally less noticeable while tests using a Bessel (linear phase or maximally flat time delay) filter ${ }^{7}$ gave, subjectively, a quite pleasing effect even with an $18 \mathrm{~dB} /$ octave roll-off. This is to be expected from the improved transient response resulting from the more gradual turnover characteristics. A practical circuit, realizing this filter, is shown in Fig. 13 and the frequency response curve for the values shown, in Fig. 14. Changing the turnover frequency involves scaling the values of $C_{1}, C_{2}$ and $C_{3}$, but simply halving $C_{2}$ to 220 pF gives curve 2 , which, although not maintaining the true Bessel characteristics, does not seem to cause audible transient distortion.

Tone-control circuit. The shape of the tonecontrol characteristics, like those of the h.f. filter, are a somewhat subjective problem, though there are some important specifications which must be met by any proposed system:
(i) low interaction between bass and treble controls;
(ii) low distortion even at maximum boost; and
(iii) a truly flat amplitude characteristic and a good transient (i.e. square wave) response when the controls are in the 'flat' position.
The tone-control circuit of Fig. 11 is basically a virtual-earth feedback configuration in which the bass control is of the variable turnover frequency type and the treble control has a fixed turnover frequency, approximately determined by the time constant $R_{2} C_{2}$, and effectively lifts and cuts the whole of the frequency range above 2 kHz . The gain/frequency characteristics are shown in Fig. 12. The component values used in the tone control network are the result of experimental measurements and listening tests. In particular the treble control components were carefully chosen so that the control can alter the musical 'brilliance', and it gives a variation which is related to rotation, i.e. there is no 'dead band'.

The nominal signal level of 360 mV , leaving the virtual-earth mixer, is attenuated by 6 dB in the stereo balance control so that the maximum signal level entering the


Fig. 12. Characteristics of filter and tone controls.


Fig. 13. High-frequency filter. $\operatorname{Tr}_{1} \operatorname{Tr}_{2}$ BC109 etc.


Fig. 14. Characteristics of Fig. 13.
tone-control stage is about 180 mV . As the tone-control network is symmetrical, to obtain a gain of greater than one the feedback connection must be made to a tapping in the output load resistor. The gain is then given by $\left(R_{5}^{-}+R_{4}\right) / R_{4}$. For a nominal output of 500 MV r.m.s. a gain of 2.8 is required; for higher or lower outputs $R_{4}$ should be altered (e.g. to $390 \Omega$ for 1 Vr.m.s. output), remembering of course that the circuit is not designed for outputs much greater than 2Vr.m.s.

Turning to the amplifier itself, the bootstrapping circuit is used which gives a gain without feedback of 2000 and a distortion level of less than $1 \%$. This enables very low distortion to be obtained even at maximum boost. Although the effective source resistance presented by the tone-control network varies with frequency, a suitable average value for design purposes is $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, which sets the collector current at 100 uA in $T r_{14}$ for a low noise figure. $\operatorname{Tr}_{13}$ provides a low impedance drive to the tone-control network, $R_{1}$ and $C_{1}$ being included to prevent h.f. instability.
The complete circuit has low interaction between the controls and in the 'nominally flat' position the overall response is flat to within 1 dB over the audio range and the square-wave performance shows rise and fall times of about $0.5 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ with no overshoot. Harmonic distortion for an output of 500 mV r.m.s. is less than $0.02 \%$ rising to $0.05 \%$ at 2 V r.m.s. The level of residual noise at the output with the main gain control turned down is approximately -93 dB w.r.t. 500 mV when measured on a bandwidth of -20 kHz .

Line amplifiers: The mixer may often be required to feed into a $600 \Omega$ termination at a power level of several milliwatts. The line amplifiers have been designed for this purpose and single-ended and push-pull versions are shown in Fig. 15 and Fig. 16 respectively.

Both circuits have a gain of about ten, determined by the feedback components, but the single-ended stage, operating in class A , has a limited output voltage swing (at low distortion) of 2 V r.m.s. into a $600 \Omega$ load. When feeding high impedance loads ( $>10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ), such as insensitive power amplifiers, the maximum output voltage is in excess of 5 V r.m.s. at less than $0.05 \%$
distortion. Residual noise is -82 dB w.r.t. 500 mV output ( 20 kHz bandwidth). The single-ended circuit has the merit of simplicity compared with the more sophisticated design of Fig. 16.

The complementary emitter-follower, Fig. 16, operating in class B, can supply more than +20 dBm to a $600 \Omega$ load ( $8-9 \mathrm{~V}$ r.m.s.) at very low distortion ( $<0.05 \%$ ). A quiescent current of $2-3 \mathrm{~mA}$ in the output circuit, set by $R_{1}$, reduces the crossover distortion to a low level (none is detectable on the oscilloscope trace of the residual). The circuit configuration is that commonly used in power amplifiers, the a.c. and d.c. feedback loop being combined as they also are in the single-ended design. Residual noise is less than -95 dB measured as above.

Monitor ampliffer: The complete circuit is shown in Fig. 17. The clean feeds and mixed output are selected by the two-pole, six-way switch and a $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega \log$. potentiometer is used as a monitor level control to prevent loading when the individual channels are selected. The monitor amplifier is basically the same configuration as that used in the line amplifier, Fig. 16, except that a higher standing current of 10 mA is used in the second transistor and a complementary pair of power transistors, $T r_{3}$ and $T r_{4}$, make the circuit suitable for driving a loudspeaker up to about 2 W . The amplifier is, however, primarily meant for headphone monitoring and under these conditions its performance is very good, but the possibility of 1.s. operation could be useful for a talk-back facility in live recording. Needless to say the output transistors should have some form of heat sink for continuous loudspeaker operation.

The components $R_{1}, C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$ improve the high-frequency stability. The preset, $R_{4}$, is adjusted for symmetrical clipping at the output (a centre-line voltage of 10 V d.c.) and $R_{5}$ is used to set the quiescent current of 10 mA in $\mathrm{Tr}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{Tr}_{4}$. The diode, $D_{1}$, across which the bias voltage is developed, should be mounted close to the power transistors to aid thermal stability. A gain of approximately 20 , determined by $\left(R_{2}+R_{3}\right) / R_{3}$, is sufficient to cause overioad when the amplifier is driven from the clean feeds at a nominal signal level of 240 mV . Normally some resistance (e.g. 15 15 ) must be connected in series with lowimpedance headphones to protect the .phones-and also the operator's ears!

Signal-level meters: Some form of metering is essential in a mixer of this complexity if maximum signal-to-noise ratio and low distortion are to be obtained. Apart from the obvious value in setting-up procedures and in monitoring output levels, a properly calibrated built-in meter is very useful for checking pickup cartridges, tone control characteristics, channel balance and so on.

The relative merits of peak programme and VU meters are a controversial subject! ${ }^{8}$ The use of VU meters in this design does not presume any general preference for this type of metering. In the author's opinion peak programme meters are better as recording level indicators, whereas VU


Fig. 15. Single-ended line amplifier. Distortion $0.1 \%$ at 2 V r.m.s. into $600 \Omega ; 0.05 \%$ at $5 V$ into high impedance. Residual noise -82 dB w.r.t. 500 mV output $(20 \mathrm{kHz}$ bandwidth).


Fig. 16. Push-pull line amplifier. Distortion $0.03 \%$ at $+20 \mathrm{dBm}(8 \mathrm{~V}$ into $600 \Omega)$ at 1 kHz and 10 kHz , and at lower powers ( 20 kHz bandwidth). $D_{1} D_{2} 1 \mathrm{~N} 914$.
meters seem to give a more realistic indication of sound or signal level. In either case, though, the interpretation placed on meter readings depends on the experience of the user.
In the prototype the metering circuit was connected directly to the output of the tone-control stage, Fig. 11, but naturally it could be switched to read other data in the equipment. The simple one-transistor amplifier of Fig. 18 provides the required gain and any frequency compensation and isolates the meter (and its non-linear loading) from the signal circuit. The meter is the heart of the system and while it is possible to obtain satisfactory results without spending vast sums of money, the constructor should avoid 'cheap' meters which are often poorly damped and inaccurately calibrated and give quite
meaningless readings on transient signals. The meters used in the prototype were SEW MR45P, from G. W. Smith \& Co. (Radio) Ltd., which give adequate performance for the author's requirements; more expensive models would give more consistent readings. The values of $R_{c}$ and $C_{c}$ given in Fig. 18 relate to this particular meter and give a calibration accurate to within 0.5 dB at high frequencies.

## -Power supply

The advantages of a regulated power supply are-
(i) rail voltages independent of mains supply fluctuations,
(ii) mains-borne interference' partially suppressed, and
(iii) low-impedance power supply rails,
avoiding possible low-frequency instability due to interaction between circuits.
This last point is particularly relevant in circuits where emitter-follower outputs draiw currents of several milliamps. Although the author included an a.c. decoupling network ( $100-200 \Omega$ and $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ ) in series with the power supply rail to most of the individual circuits, this was avoided with the tone-control circuit because the bass-boost control would make the circuit rather sensitive to l.f. crosstalk and instability if maximum boost were used. Electronic overload protection can be built into such a supply and can prevent excessive damage under fault conditions.
The complete power supply circuit shown in Fig. 19(a) is the one used by the author for the prototype but there are several variations possible to suit different requirements. These are mainly determined by the desired output facilities. If it is intended to use the low-power loudspeaker monitoring facility (described in connection with Fig. 17) then the separate 20 V regulated supply (Fig. 19(a)) should be used since this provides isolation from the supply rails to the rest of the mixer and incorporates a peak overcurrent protection circuit, $R_{2}$ and $T r_{6}$. The moderate current swings required for headphone monitoring allow the monitor amplifier to use the same supply rails as other circuits in the mixer. For this application the series transistor regulator, shown in Fig. 19(b), should be substituted for the shunt zener stabilized circuit.

The series regulators are of conventional design. Transistors $T r_{1}$ and $T r_{4}$ are mounted on heatsinks (the metal chassis is satisfactory) and $\operatorname{Tr}_{8}$ (Fig. 19(b)) should
be fitted with a clip-on, finned, heatsink though currents of more than 50 mA are better handled by a chassis-mounted 2 N 3054 (with $R_{4}$ reduced to $2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ ). When the current drawn from the supply is sufficient to develop about 0.6 V across $R_{1}$ (or $R_{2}$ ), $T r_{2}$ (or $T r_{6}$ ) begins to conduct and removes a proportion of the current drive from the series regulator to maintain a constant current limit which is set by $V b c_{2} / R_{1}$.
It may have occurred to readers that, because the $O V$ rails of the regulator outputs will be a common signal earth, the same control voltage will appear across both $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ and consequently the current limits cannot be set independently. In passing, it should be noted that common power supply rails must be paralleled at the actual supply and not by devious routes in the mixer.

Under working conditions $R_{1}$ is between $2.7 \Omega$ and $1.2 \Omega$ and $R_{2}$, which will dominate the current limit, should not be less than $0.3 \Omega$ thus setting the peak-current limit at 2 A . When testing the mixer circuits during construction, the author found it expedient to disconnect the 20 V regulated supply and increase $R_{1}$ to a much larger value (say $10 \Omega$ ) as a safeguard against wiring mistakes. The maximum current which can be drawn from the zener-stabilized 20 V supply is determined by the value of $R_{3}$, such that $I_{\max }=10 / R_{3}$.
If, however, there is likely to be a large variation in the current required from this supply, allowance must be made for the dissipation in the zener diode and the alternative circuit, Fig. 19(b), is preferable.

Little need be said of the rest of the circuit; any type of rectifying diodes and


Fig. 17. Monitor amplifier. Tri 2N4058, 2N3702 etc; $\operatorname{Tr}_{2}$ BC109 etc, $\operatorname{Tr}_{3} \operatorname{Tr}_{4}$ AD161/162 (matched), $D_{1}$ OA95.


Fig. 18. VU-metering amplifier. $\operatorname{Tr}_{1}$
BC109 etc. BC109 etc.
transformer can be used so long as they meet the specifications.

## Earthing

Care must be taken that earth loops do not arise within the mixer or when it is connected to other equipment. When a lowresistance closed loop is formed (e.g. by a multiple earth return of busbar and chassis) a relatively large current can flow for only a small induced voltage. If this current happens to pass through the earth return to the input of a sensitive amplifier, the potential difference developed across this earth return is in series with the signal source and a background hum is produced.

The presence of both power supply and signal earth returns is a potential source of trouble and to prevent it, low-value resistors (1.2-4.7 $\Omega$ ) should be included at suitable points. Fig. 20 shows the method used by the author for earthing the sensitive input circuits and no earth-loop problems were experienced with the prototype. Note that the only low-resistance path is between the input sockets; also that 'dry-joints' in the earthing system can create low-value resistances in the signal-earth return path.

Much the same kind of arguments apply to the interconnection of equipment, namely, the mixer should not be connected to amplifiers, tape machines, etc., via both the mains and signal earths.

To facilitate 'setting-up' procedures the author fitted a switchable mixer earth return (Fig. 20) and also optional turntable earthing switches in case some strange earthing arrangement is encountered with ancillary equipment.
It is very difficult to generalize on earthing problems and although one can become quite speedy at this kind of trouble shooting, it can also be very perplexing at times. However, an intelligent and logical approach from the beginning helps enormously if trouble does occur and one should not tempt providence by placing mains transformers close to input circuits and microphone transformers. Earth loops can usually be identified by the 'edgy' character of the hum they produce (more of a 'buzz' in fact).

## Constructional details

The photographs, Fig. 21, show the front and back of unit 1 , which contains


Fig. 19. (a) Comprehensive power supply. $D_{1}-D_{4} 100 \mathrm{~V} 0.5 \mathrm{~A} . T_{1} 30 \mathrm{~V} 0.5 \mathrm{~A}$. (b) Alternative to zener diode stabilized 18 V rail.
the premixing amplifiers, channel faders and virtual-earth mixer. Interconnection between units is by one 8 -way cable carrying signal and power supplies and one 12-way cable for clean-feed monitoring signals. Unit 2 contains tone-controls, output and monitor amplifiers, metering facilities and regulated power supply. The advantages of using two units instead of one are, first, that the sensitive input circuits can be isolated physically and electrically from the a.c. mains wiring; secondly, the greater flexibility compared with the rather cumbersome single unit; and thirdly, that if one wished to use completely different
mixing facilities, unit 1 could be changed while still maintaining the facilities of unit 2 in its present form.

All the individual circuits, with the exception of the power supply, were constructed on plug-in printed circuit boards made by the author from $\frac{1}{16}$ in copper-clad ${ }^{*}$ laminated board. Input facilities of the mixer can then be changed simply by removing one board and plug-ging-in another. As all connections to a board must be made in close proximity to each other, care must be taken to keep input and output as far apart as possible particularly on high gain, 'wideband'
circuits (e.g. microphone amplifiers)
It is logical to layout a stereo pair of circuits as mirror images of one another and then the circuits will still operate if the boards are accidently inserted back to front. The outermost tabs on the edge connector for any board are the power-supply earths, and they connect via the low-value resistors to the signal earth busbar round the perimeter of the board. The positive rail enters on the innermost tabs; the different supply voltages are standardized to enter on different sets of tabs ( 18 V on the middle two and 30 V on adjacent tabs) so that even if an 18 V board were accidently plugged



Fig. 21. Front and rear views of unit 1.
into a 30 V socket, no damage could result. Signal outputs were normally placed near the edge of the board and inputs near the middle.
For obvious reasons the connections between input sockets and edge connectors should be as short as possible and properly screened. The circuits themselves are sufficiently stable for reasonable lengths of screened wire to be used in connecting them to controls and no great care was exercised in this respect when building the prototype.
So far in this article we have not mentioned the subject of crosstalk because it is a function only of layout, provided that the circuits have been designed with low output impedances to prevent electrostatic induction. For the circuitry from the virtualearth mixer input to the output, the author obtained readings of -75 dB and -66 dB (ref. 500 mV r.m.s. output) at 1 kHz and 10 kHz respectively. Crosstalk in the input circuits is very dependent on how the input of the other channel is loaded but typically the electronics will have a crosstalk 30 dB better than that of pickup cartridges and tape machines. The worst crosstalk is likely to occur with sensitive microphone inputs though here the
measured values for the prototype were considerably better than -40 dB even at 10 kHz .

## Testing

If the constructor does not own the necessary equipment to test the specification of the completed circuits, simply checking the d.c. voltage at the amplifier output (shown on the circuit diagrams) is correct can be taken as an indication that the circuit is functioning properly. This is because the direct coupling between stages requires all d.c. conditions to be right.

## Using the mixer

To obtain the highest signal-to-noise ratio at low distortion, some attention must be given to the adjustment of preset sensitivity controls and it is here that the metering facility comes into its own. The steps are as follows:-
(i) Turn-up the main gain fader to 0.75 full output and leave the main balance control at the central position.
(ii) Turn-up the channel fader to the desired working point (e.g. 0.75 full output) and then adjust the preset sensitivity
and channel stereo balance controls for maximum outputs of 0 VU when a monophonic tape or record is being played stereophonically. Repeat this procedure for all channels to be used.
The important point is to use full signal level after the channel faders without going to the other extreme of overloading the virtual-earth mixer and obtaining the maximum output of 0 VU with the main gain control turned down to low levels. Conversely if low outputs are required from the mixer (e.g. for tape recorders or sensitive amplifiers) these should be achieved by turning down the main gain fader or preferably the preset output level control and not by using a low mixing level with the main gain control turned fully up. The main stereo balance control is intended to compensate for imbalance in output equipment such as loud speakers.

Some readers may think this is stating the obvious, but the author has sometimes found a logical approach the only way of ensuring full use of the mixer when connected to a variety of input and output equipment which may also have gain controls.

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## Correction Note

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The auxiliary input sensitivity given as 230 mV in Table 1 should be $30 \mathrm{mV} . R_{3}$ in Fig. 8(a) should be 220 ${ }^{2} R_{2}$ and $R_{5}$ in Fig. 10 should be 22 k and 33 k respectively, and $C_{4}$ should be rated at 64 V not 6.4V. In Figs. 7 and 8(a) and (b), the signal-to-noise ratio is given without reference to an input signal level. For Fig. 7 a 66 dB $\mathrm{s} / \mathrm{u}$ ratio is obtained for $200 \Omega$ source resistance with respect to $45 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ at 1 kHz . For Figs. 8(a) and (b), 63.5 dB s/u ratio refers to a signal level of $100 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ on $30 \Omega$. All measurements were made on a noise bandwidth of about 20 kHz .

## June Meetings

8th. AES-Discussion on "Audio assessments and measurements" at 19.15 at Mechanical Eng. Dept., Imperial College, Exhibition Rd., London S.W.7.

10th. RTS-Lecture/demonstration on I.T.A. digital standards converter at 19.00 at the I.T.A., 70 Brompton Rd., London S.W.3.

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The circuit uses t.t.l. quad two-input gates to produce a cascade of monostables in a very economic way. A trigger pulse causes a chain of any number of pulses to be produced. Each pulse can have a different duration as set by a single resistor and capacitor. The cascade can be arranged so that it is self sustaining after the initial triggering. An auxiliary output provides a pulse with a duration equal to the sum of the durations of all other pulses in the cascade.

The principles of the circuit may be understood by looking at Fig. 1. Application of a start pulse to the AND gate ( \& 1) sends a trigger pulse to the first monostable m.sd, which produces a negative going pulse for a period $t_{1}$. At the end of this period, the output waveform from m.s. 1 returns to its quiescent level and, in doing so, itprovides a trigger for m.s. 2 and so on down the chain until the last monostable (m.s.n) is triggered. When this happens, the circuit either returns to the quiescent state at the end of the period $t_{n}$, or it is made to start the sequence all over again; depending upon the setting of the switch $S_{1}$.

With $S_{1}$ in the 'single-shot' mode, only one cascade is produced for the application of each start pulse. With $S_{1}$ in the 'repetitive' mode, the circuit is automatically retriggered at the end of each cascade by the pulse produced by the last monostable.

The second AND gate (\&2) produces an output waveform $t_{1}+t_{2}+t_{3}+t_{n}$ which is a negative going pulse with a duration equal to the sum of all the other pulses in the chain.

## Circuit description

The circuit diagram, and the waveforms are shown in Fig. 2. The monostables are formed from 74 -series NAND-gate elements, connected in such a way that any one gate (except the first) is shared by two adjacent monostables. In this way, only half the number of gates is required compared with usual circuits of this type in which two gates are required to form each monostable.

The first monostable (m.s.1) is formed from gates $G_{3}$ and $G_{4}$, its operating period ( $t_{1}$ ) being determined by the time-constant of the coupling components $C_{1}, R_{1}$. The second monostable (m.s.2) is formed from gates $G_{4}, G_{5}$, and its operating period $\left(t_{2}\right)$ is determined by $C_{2}, R_{2}$. The remaining monostables are connected in exactly the same way. To a first approximation, the
operating period of each monostable is given by $1.3 C R$ seconds, where $C$ and $R$ are the coupling components expressed in farads and ohms. To reduce the need for large-value coupling capacitors it is desirable to keep the value of $R$ as large as possible. However, the maximum value which may be used for normal-power t.t.l. (SN7400) is of the order of $500 \Omega$; the corresponding value for low-power t.t.i (SN74LOO) is $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. These values are dictated by the maximum permissible input voltage to a gate which will be accepted as a logical ' 0 ' level (approx. 0.8 V max), and the corresponding maximum input current requirements $(1.6 \mathrm{~mA}$ for normal-power t.t.1. and 0.18 mA for low-power t.t.1.). In the circuits described here, low-power t.t.l. is used throughout and the value of $R$ used is $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ with a tolerance of $\pm 5 \%$.

In the quiescent state, the output levels of gates $G_{4}, G_{5} \ldots G_{n}$ are held at a logical ' 1 ' (about 4 V ) by the resistors $R_{1}, R_{2} \ldots$ $R_{n}$; the capacitors $C_{2}, C_{3} \ldots C_{n}$ are therefore fully charged. The output level of
$G_{3}$ is at a logical ' 0 ' ( $\because \approx 4 \mathrm{~V}$ ) since both inputs are at a logical ' 1 '; the capacitor $C_{1}$ is therefore uncharged.

When a 'start' pulse is applied to the circuit, $G_{2}$ supplies a logical ' 0 ' pulse to $G_{3}$ and causes' its output to change to a logical ' 1 '. This level is transferred to $G_{4}$ via $C_{1}, R_{1}$, and causes its output to fall to the ' 0 ' level. This is fed back to $G_{3}$ to reinforce the trigger pulse, which may now be removed. The fall in level at $G_{4}$ output also causes $C_{2}$ to discharge, the discharge path being via the output and input impedances of $G_{4}$ and $G_{5}$, respectively. The circuit remains in this unstable state as $C_{1}$ charges towards the ' $f$ ' level produced by $G_{3}$; the charging path being via $R_{1}$ and the output impedance of $G_{3}$.

When the voltage developed across $R_{1}$ (due to the charging current of $C_{1}$ ) falls below about 2 V (the minimum acceptable ' 1 ' level for $G_{4}$ input), the output produced by $G_{4}$ once more reverts to a ' 1 ' level and the first monostable returns to its quiescent state; the waveform produced by this monostable is shown as $T_{1}$ in Fig. 2(b).

The return of $G_{4}$ output to the quiescent ' 1 ' state causes a logical ' 1 ' to appear (by way of $C_{2}, R_{2}$ ) at $G_{5}$ input, and hence a ' 0 ' to appear at its output. This output is fed back to the input of $G_{4}$ to reinforce the ' 0 ' level transition which occurs across $R_{1}$ during the operation of the first monostable; it also causes the discharge of


Fig. 1. Block diagram. With $S_{1}$ in the repetitive position the cascade is self sustaining.

$C_{3}$ via the output and input impedances of $G_{5}$ and $G_{6}$, respectively. The second monostable remains in this unstable state until the charging current of $C_{2}$ causes insufficient voltage to be developed across $R_{2}$ to maintain a logical ' 1 ' at $G_{5}$ input. At this point, the second monostable reverts to its quiescent state and the output from $G_{5}$ returns to a logical ' 1 '; the output waveform produced by this monostable is shown as $T_{2}$ in Fig. 2(b).


Fig. 3. It may be necessary to connect the sum output gate like this.

The remainder of the circuit continues to operate in the same way as the second monostable, each monostable being triggered by its predecessor.
When the circuit is set to operate in the single-shot mode, the cascade of waveform generation ends with the completion of the waveform produced by the last monostable. It is then necessary to apply another 'start' pulse to the circuit to initiate another cascade. When the circuit is set to the repetitive mode of operation, the cascade is automatically re-started by pulse $T_{n}$.

## Experimental results

It may be fou. ne necessary to delay the recovery of the waveforms at the inputs of \&2 in order to allow sufficient time for the leading edges of successive input waveforms to reach the logical ' 0 ' state required by the gate $G_{8}$. This may be done by means of the method of coupling shown in Fig. 3. The maximum permissible value of the resistor $R_{i}$, for low-power t.t.l. is about $2.5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. Values of $2.2 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ for $R_{i}$
and 27 pF for $C_{i}$ have been found quite satisfactory.

## Start-pulse duration

The duration of the 'start' pulse required to initiate the monostable cascade, is determined largely by the value of the timing capacitor ( $C_{2}$ ) used in the second monostable. This is because of the slowingup effect which this capacitor has on the regenerative feedback connection between the two gates $\left(G_{3}, G_{4}\right)$ which form the first monostable. For values of $C_{2}$ less than about 1000 pF , the 'start' pulse duration need not exceed 50 ns . Above this value, however, the required duration increases almost linearly with $C_{2}$, being about $10 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ for a $C_{2}$ value of $1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$.
To a first approximation, the necessary 'start' pulse duration is given by: 13 C us where $C$ is the value of the capacitor $C_{2}$, in $\mu \mathrm{F}$, and $R$ is assumed to be $4.7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$.
No attempt has been made to find out the maximum timing period, although consistently reliable operation has been observed with timing periods as high as 2.5 seconds.

# Integrated Circuit Stereo Pre-amplifier 

## Adding an active rumble filter

by L. Nelson-Jones

In the original design of this pre-amplifier ${ }^{1}$ the low-frequency response was flat to below 20 Hz , the first limiting factor being in practice the l.f. cut-off of the power amplifier with which it was designed to work ${ }^{2}$. In use the unit has given excellent service, with the exception of occasional rumble. Some discs seem to have rumble recorded on them.

The original pre-amplifier design aimed


Fig. 1. Alternatives for incorporating the filter network: (a) in gram' input and (b) in second stage where it is effective on all inputs and reduces the $1 / f$ noise of the first stage. The $0.068 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ capacitors are $10 \%$ polyester and each should be matched with its corresponding number in the other channel. The $33 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor should be $5 \%$, or better, 0.25 W high stability carbon film or metal oxide.
at simplicity and this was kept in mind in trying to establish a suitable circuit modification. The first obvious thought was to reduce the size of the coupling capacitors, but this was not pursued, since the cut of 12 dB per octave obtained in this manner leads to a very gradual roll-off, and thus a serious loss of bass if adequate rumble attenuation is to be achieved. A parallel-T notch filter was also considered, but rejected on the grounds of complexity and the tight matching of components required. The solution eventually settled upon was to use a Sallen \& Key active filter which results in the addition of only two extra components. The filter can be added in one of two places: (a) at the input to the first stage, which has the advantage of affecting only the pickup cartridge input; or (b) between the output of the volume control and the input to the second stage, where it will also serve to attenuate $1 / f$ noise, which comes almost entirely from the R.I.A.A. compensated first stage and is the major noise component in the amplifier. On balance the author prefers the latter position.

Fig. 1 shows the way to connect the filter in these two positions, together with the extra components used. Fig. 2 shows the effect of this filter on the response curves of the pre-amplifier. The Sallen \& Key filter has the great merit of having little effect on the circuit at frequencies appreciably above the cut-off, so that it is very easily incorporated into an existing design. At frequencies above the cut-off, the resistor between the centre point of the two capacitors and the feedback point of the amplifier is effectively 'bootstrapped' since, in accordance with normal feedback theory, the feedback point closely follows the input voltage waveform in level and phase. Only near and below the cut-off does the feedback point differ from the input in amplitude and phase, and it is this shift in the feedback point relative to the input at the cut-off that gives the filter its very sharp cut-off. The effective damping factor, or $Q$, of the circuit can be adjusted by changing the values of the time constants of the filter. The values chosen give the sharpest roll-off without appreciable lift prior to this roll-off. If for instance the $33 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor is reduced to say $27 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ then there will be a slight lift at the cut-off point relative to the higher frequencies, while a


Fig. 2. Overall R.I.A.A. equalization with and without the rumble filter (either circuit).


Fig. 3. Simple modifications for different output stage gain.
value of say $39 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ will result in a more gradual cut.

## Note on gain modification to tone control stage <br> Some users requiring to drive valve amplifiers which need a larger swing have asked if the gain and output rating can be raised to make it possible to drive these amplifiers. The load resistor of the tone control stage may be modified very simply as shown in Fig. 3 to give up to about 2V r.m.s. and a gain of up to 3 .

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## Personalities

Alan Cormack, B.Sc., M.I.E.E., has been appointed general manager, Communications Division, of Redifon Ltd. He joined the company last November from Racal-B.C.C. Ltd, where he had been technical director since 1967. Before joining Racal he was tecĥ̄nical director with B.C.C. Ltd, where he was responsible for all engineering and production activities. Mr. Cormack, who is 44, served in R.E.M.E. after graduating from Manchester University at the early age of 19. Commissioned as captain, he was put in charge of basic electronic training at the R.E.M.E. Training Centre. Upon leaving the Army, he joined G.E.C., and was chief engineer, Radio Communications Division, when he left to join B.C.C. in 1965.
T. D. Towers, M.B.E., M.I.E.E., M.I.E.R.E', who is well known to readers for his contributions on semiconductors and i.cs (part 9 of his current series will be in the next issue) was recently appointed marketing director of Newmarket Transistors Ltd. He joined the company in 1958 as a circuit applications engineer. He had previously served for 18 years in the Colonial Audit Service and it was not until joining Newmarket that he took up electronics professionally. An honours graduate of the universities of Glasgow (M.A.), Cambridge (B.A.) and London (B.Sc.) Mr. Towers has successively been chief development engineer and marketing manager of Newmarket.
R. P. Henegan, Assoc. I.E.R.E., has been appointed managing director of Gardners Transformers Ltd in succession to C. J. Gardner who becomes executive-chairman. Mr. Henegan, who is 45 , joined the company as general manager in 1964 from Technograph and Telegraph Ltd, with whom he was a director and general manager. His career includes nearly 10 years with Gresham Transformers, where he was commercial manager. Mr Gardner started the business with his brother, Harold,
as a small wireless shop in 1928. Four years later the manufacture of transformers and other wound components began. The appointment of Dennis E. Wheatley, M.I.E.E., as general sales manager is also announced by Gardners. Mr. Wheatley, 42, was sales manager with Cannon Electric (GB) Ltd, and before that marketing manager in the connectors and wiring divisions of the Plessey Company.

LTH Electronics Ltd, of Luton, have announced the appointment of Ken Brown as joint managing director, and N. W. A. Le Gros (previously managing director) becomes chairman and joint managing director. Prior to joining LTH, -Mr . Brown was sales director of Pye-Ether Ltd, of Stevenage, manufacturers of control instruments, formerly known as Ether Controls. He was also on the board of other Ether Group companies.

The British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association has announced the appointment of S. L. H. Clarke, B.A., F.I.E.R.E., as chairman of the Industrial Control and Electronics Board. Mr. Clarke is a director of GEC-Elliott Automation Ltd., GEC-Elliott Process Automation Ltd., Marconi Elliott Computer Systems Ltd., and GEC-Elliott Computer Software Ltd. He is also chairman of the Instrumentation and Control Groups of the I.E.R.E. and vicepresident of the Institute of Measurement and Control.
G. Ivor Thomas has been appointed director, design and development, of A.B. Electronic Components Ltd, of Abercy on, Glamorgan. Mr. Thomas, who is 48, has been with the company for 17 years as chief development engineer, and latterly as chief product- engineer. The company also announced the appointment of Alan Sutton as sales director. An honours graduate of Bristol University in electrical engineering, Mr. Sutton was formerly
product planning manager of Solartron Electronic Group Computer Division at Farnborough. He was also at one time project manager, missile systems, at B.A.C., Stevenage. The following members of the executive staff have also been appointed associate directors: D. J. Evans, finance director; H. R. Heaven, company secretary; Lloyd C. Burton, supplies director; and R. J. Gent, production director.
P. David Glasspole, the former sales manager, has been appointed sales director, and R. J. (Dick) Virgoe, previously chief development engineer, technical director of Transducers (CEL) Ltd, of Reading, Berks. Mr. Glasspole, aged 37, joined the company towards the end of 1968 as marketing manager, before which he was on the sales staff of Leeds and Northrup where he was concerned with all aspects of the manufacturing and marketing of their instruments. Prior to this he spent three years in R.E.M.E., having previously been for eight years with the British Aircraft Corporation. Mr. Virgoe, who is 33, joined Transducers (CEL) in 1963 as a development engineer. He was previously a project leader in the Transducer Division of Ether Langham Thompson, where he was responsible for developing bonded foil-strain-gauge and semiconductor load cells and pressure transducers, strain and piezo-electric accelerometers, variable-reluctance pressure transducers and related products.

Portescap (UK) Ltd, the newlyformed subsidiary of Portescap, Swiss manufacturers of d.c. micromotors, has announced the appointment of G. Roger Swainston, B.Sc., as managing director. Prior to joining Portescap, he was marketing director of IDM Electronics and before that was sales manager (control and instrumentation division) for Ultra Electronics. He graduated in physics from London University, was commissioned in R.E.M.E. and was an instructor in servomechanisms and control equipment at the Army School of Electronics.

Bob Wise has been promoted to sales manager of the Commercial Products Division of Ultra Electronics Ltd. Previously regional sales manager, he will now be responsible for the United Kingdom sales and service operations of the division's products, with particular emphasis on the Lion radiotelephone range. Previously with Multitone, Mr. Wise has been with UEL for nearly four years. John Wood has joined the company as product manager and will be responsible for product planning and overseas
operations for the Lion range. For the past 18 years he has been with Pye Telecommunications Lid, where he was manager, spares division. Lance Horne, southern area sales manager has been appointed field sales co-ordinator. Mr . Horne has been with UEL for three years, having previously been with Storno Ltd. Jack Moseley has joined UEL as service manager, Commercial Products Division, after 16 years with Pye Telecommunications Ltd, where he was a regional service manager. Mr. Moseley is now responsible for all home and overseas service of the Lion radiotelephone range.
M. A. Stuart, B.Sc., M.I.E.E., was recently appointed managing director of the Belclere Company. F. B. Day, the retiring managing director, continues as chairman of the Board. Mr. Stuart, who joined the company as director and general manager last November, was previously general manager of the Electro-component Division of English Numbering Machines Ltd, a division of the Rank Organisation.
L. E. Q. Walker, who has edited the Marconi Review for over 30 years, has retired from the Marconi Company. He joined the company after graduating at the Imperial College of Science \& Technology in 1926. He was at one time the company's deputy chief engineer (works) but has been at the Great Baddow Research Laboratories since 1958 where, at the time of his retirement, he was special process consultant.
A. E. Bowyer-Lowe, who has been in the radio and electronics industry since 1922, has retired. After working as an apprentice in the family business making components and receivers, he joined Pye Radio in 1930 and was at one time manager of the group's Test Engineering Department. Latterly he has been senior electronics engineer in Ling Dynamic Systems, previously known as Pye-Ling Ltd.

## OBITUARY

Brigadier Sir Lionel Harris, K.B.E., M.Sc., F.I.E.E., engineer-n-chief of the Post Office from 1954 to 1960, died on 18th March aged 73. He joined the Post Office research branch at Dollis Hill in 1922 having previously spent four years with signals in the Australian Imperial Forces. During the 1939-45 war he successively commanded G.H.Q. Signals; was Chief Signal Officer, Lines of Communication; and for two years chief of General Eisenhower's Telecommunications Section. From 1949 until his appointment in 1954 as engineer-in-chief he was controller of research.

## World of Amateur Radio

## The Swedish way

For several years amateurs have been convinced that some television chassis are significantly more prone to suffer interference from nearby radio transmitters than others. But few serious attempts to make objective assessments of receiver immunity characteristics over a full range of models have ever been reported. However the current issue of Radio Communication (May) describes how the Swedish amateur society S.S.A., in conjunction with the Swedish government institute S.I.F.U., recently tested 16 different colour TV receivers on sale in Sweden (no British models). These were operated on moderately weak TV signals using an aerial only 2 metres away from a 14 MHz dipole. The sets were tuned to C.C.I.R. channel 4 (not in direct harmonic relationship with the transmitter powering the dipole). The power of the transmitter could then be increased from zero to a maximum of 100 W output.

Three of the TV receivers (Blaupunkt, Radionette and Telefunken) showed no noticeable interference on sound or vision even when the transmitter was at maximum power. Yet several models showed interference effects when the transmitter output was only 0.5 W ; still others were affected by $2,2.5,4.4$, 8.3, 12.5 and 14.5 W. Generally, it required significantly more transmitter output to interfere with sound compared with vision (but one chassis was affected on sound by 8.3 W , yet coped with up to 72 W on vision). This cross-section of Continental chassis thus showed differences in immunity to high r.f. fields amounting to over 17 dB .

It would be extremely interesting if similar tests could be carried out on British TV chassis-many of us would be extremely surprised if these did not show a very wide spread of results. Yet it is extremely difficult to convince viewers that an amateur may cause TVI through no fault of his own but as a direct result of receiver design practices. The general adoption of bipolar transistors in TV front-ends has made the performance in the presence of local transmitters a very real problem.

Could not the R.S.G.B., B.R.E.M.A., Minpostel, B.B.C. and I.T.A. co-operate in carrying out similar tests--and publishing
the results? In 1969, the B.B.C. Research Department published a report on a few sample v.h.f./f.m. radio receivers which emphasized the wide differences in performance near to unwanted local transmitters and have since demonstrated this to official organizations. But the public is left without guidance.

## Upsurge in American activity?

After several 'stand still' years, A.R.R.L. has recently reported a marked upsurge of interest by newcomers in amateur radio: membership is up by 1600 ; there has been increased sales of 'beginner publications'; a record number of visitors to the League's headquarters; an increase of $50 \%$ in the number of 'advanced class' licences. About half the newcomers are aged 20 or younger.

Fifty-eight stations have now gained the 'five-band DXCC' award, with J. Bazley, G3HCT (No 35), and Dr E. J. Allaway, G3FKM (No 42), as British representa-tives-but Europe's strongest entry is seven West German amateurs.

## Body-blow to 70 cm TV?

Only a decade ago, British amateurs, including the amateur TV enthusiasts, had the use of a full $40-\mathrm{MHz}$-wide band between 420 and 460 MHz . Today they are restricted to a split 22 MHz . Soon, as became explicit at the recent R.S.G.B. v.h.f. convention, Minpostel propose to reduce the allocation to 8 MHz ( 432 to 440 MHz ). Thus, in a few years, the band will have become a mere one-fifth of its former size. This outcome to the constant pressure exerted in recent years by the business mobile radio interests is not unexpected-and few responsible amateurs would deny that two-way radio has strong claims to more frequencies. But it represents, unless some special provisions are made, a body blow at amateur TV transmission. If the band is rigorously enforced, it will in future become impossible to transmit 625 -line d.s.b. signals. And even if v.s.b. can be achieved by amateurs, a single amateur TV signal would occupy virtually the entire band, rendering it unusable for
organized communication based on zonal band planning.

Unfortunately, this is only the latest example of the unfavourable restrictions imposed on amateurs in Region 1 when compared with the other regions. Consider h.f., North Americans (Region 2) have $3.5-4 \mathrm{MHz}$ (British only $3.5-3.8$ ) and 7 to 7.3 MHz (British 7-7.1); or, on v.h.f., the substantial American allocations at 50 and 220 MHz , and their 144 MHz band twice the size of that in Region 1. Comparisons are odious-in this case they are also extremely depressing. Why are British and European amateurs so less deserving of frequencies than those in the States and Canada and South America?

It is much to be hoped that some provision can be made for amateur TV in the 430 MHz region. The numbers of TV amateurs may be small, but they should surely be encouraged.

## In Brief

Will Badman, G2ZG, of Bath, one of Britain's oldest active amateurs, has died at the age of 91 . In 1922 he put out several local broadcast programmes on 160 and 1000 metres-but even as a youth he had charged the batteries used by Marconi during his historic Bristol Channel experiments in 1897
'Trans-equatorial tests' on 1.8 MHz are being organized this year by Rolf Rasp, daily during June from 00.00 to 00.30 g.m.t. European stations should transmit between $1825-1830 \mathrm{kHz}$ and stations in the southern hemisphere will use 1.8-1.81 MHz . Europeans are allotted the first five and then alternate five-minute periods. Last year, during similar tests, a number of 'firsts' were made by European amateurs with Brazil-this year PY1MGF and PY2BJH have increased their power to 1 kW . . . . June R.S.G.B. events include National Field Day (June 5-6), a microwave contest (June 20) for bands from 1 GHz up; 70 MHz portable contest (June 27) . . . . The Midland V.H.F. Assembly and Dinner is on June 19 at Oldbury and application forms for tickets are available from Graham Badger, G3OHC, 50 Essex Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield . . . . Pembroke 'Bucket and Spade' party at Saundersfoot on June 13 (J. Hogg, GW8DMD, 2 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Dock) . . . Anglian Mobile Rally at the Suffolk Show Ground on June 27 (D. W. Thomas, G3ZLN, 9 Bürlington Road, Ipswich) .... Longleat Park Mobile Rally on June 27, organized by Bristol R.S.G.B. Group (details G3PQE, G8AGT or G3ULD) . . . 9H1BL in Malta has successfully received 50 MHz TV pictures from Rhodesia by means of transequatorial-mode propagation . . . German and Austrian amateurs have been heard on 145.41 MHz in the U.K. while they were using a balloon-borne translator An Oscar Australis prototype translator carried in a balloon resulted in a 500 -mile $144 / 420 \mathrm{MHz}$ contact in Australia recently.

Pat Hawker, G3VA

## New Products

## Oscilloscope amplifier

An oscilloscope $Y$-amplifier plug-in module, type EM505, is announced by S.E. Laboratories for the 102 series a.c./d.c. main frames. The module is a high-gain differential amplifier, plus an additional highbandwidth channel, with input sensitivity extending from $50 \mu \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{cm}$ to $20 \mu \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{cm}$; bandwidth in all positions is greater than 0.5 MHz . The EM505 display-noise is less than $3 \mu \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{cm}$ measured tangentially. Since noise is related to bandwidth, the display noise can be reduced with a 3 dB point filter switch at $50 \mathrm{kHz}, 5 \mathrm{kHz}, 500 \mathrm{~Hz}$, or 50 Hz . Drift has been reduced to $50 \mu \mathrm{~V} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, but d.c. off-set can be applied. The range covered by this front panel control is $\pm 150 \mathrm{mV}$ c.m.r. at $1 \mathrm{kHz}, 94 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 100 kHz . The front panel provides an output to drive a u.v. galvanometer recorder. An additional $Y$ amplifier channel provides a bandwidth d.c. to 150 MHz at $10 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{cm}$, and 1 mV at 6 MHz . Price of the module is under $£ 150$. S.E. Laboratories (Engineering) Ltd, North Feltham Trading Estate, Feltham, Middx.
WW330 for further details

## Wide bandwidth oscilloscope

New Philips oscilloscope type PM3370 has a plug-in amplifier with a sensitivity of $1 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{cm}$ extending up to 150 MHz . Previous instruments with bandwidths of this order had a sensitivity of 5 or

$10 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{cm}$. Noise is kept to a low level by using two amplifiers in parallel for high and low frequencies, giving opencircuit noise of $200 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ and short-circuit noise of $100 \mu \mathrm{~V}$. There are five verticalchannel plug-in units, two new-one is the PM3372, a dual-trace $150-\mathrm{MHz}, 1 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{cm}$ amplifier and the other is the PM3379, a 10 MHz to 6.5 GHz spectrum analyser. The other three are $50-\mathrm{MHz}$ units originally made for model PM3330 oscilloscope. A 70-ns signal delay is incorporated in the Y -signal path to allow examination of leading edges of pulses. Timebase includes a 'display' switch associated with the main and delayed timebase, so that both the original trace and the intensified portion can be viewed at the same time. Sweep times cover the range $50 \mathrm{~ns} / \mathrm{cm}$ to $1 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{cm}$ and a $\times 10$ magnifier extends time to $5 \mathrm{~ns} / \mathrm{cm}$. The c.r.t., with distributed deflection plates, has a display area of $6 \times$ 10 cm . Pye Unicam Ltd, York Street, Cambridge.
WW303 for further details

## Wattmeter

The Wattavi wattmeter, available from Hartmann and Braun (UK), has a sensitive iron-cored electrodynamic movement. It has three separate field coils arranged in adjacent compartments and constructed for rated currents of 1,5 and 25 A . There are five connecting terminals on the front of the case-two for the current path and three for the voltage path. Below the scale are three switches, by means of which three current and three voltage ranges $(1,5,25 \mathrm{~A}$ and 100,200 and 500 V ) can be selected. The circuit used is that of a three-phase three-wire system, i.e. there is a single-phase movement with an artificial star point created by three star-connected resistances. A current selector permits measurements to be made with single phase a.c. on all the ranges. A wide variety of applications is possible. For instance current transformers with a secondary current of 1 A or 5 A can be inserted in the 1 A and 5 A ranges. Similarly the 100 V range of the voltage path facilitates the use of voltage transformers, the secondary voltages of which are 100 V or 110 V . Two scales marked in 50 divisions are provided,

one numbered $0-100$ the other $0-250$, from which the results can be calculated by use of a few simple constants, of which a table is included on the front of the instrument. Hartmann \& Braun (UK) Ltd, 967 Harrow Road, Wembley, Middx.
WW319 for further details

## Solid-state inductor

A solid-state inductor weighing less than 3 g and housed in a 14 -pin dual-in-line package, is available from Cambion Electronic Products. The inductance can be externally varied from 1 H to greater than


100 H . Usable below $100 \mathrm{kHz}, Q$ values in the order of 15 are obtainable at 1 Hz and below. Cambion Electronic Products Ltd, Sales Department B-02, Cambion Works, Castleton, Nr. Sheffield S30 2WR. WW325 for further details

## Instrument for comparing micro circuits

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magnifications can be used. Images from the specimen circuit and its master are combined through polarizers in the microscope head and then passed through a rotating analyser. When viewed through the binocular eyepiece the master and sample are repetitively superimposed with an approximately constant light intensity, and any points of discrepancy between the two show as a periodic change. A micrometer eyepiece allows measurements to be made down to 2.5 um . Inspection tables are motorized with automatic centralizing. Price is about $£ 5,000$. Vision Engineering Ltd, Send Road, Woking, Surrey.
WW308 for further details

## Switching transistors

High voltage n-p-n silicon planar switching transistors, types 2N3724, 2N3725, 2N4013, and 2N4014, are now available from Sprague Electric Co. (U.S.A.). Types 2N3724 and 2 N 4013 feature a 30 -volt $B V_{C E O}$, a 50 -volt $B V_{C B O}$, and a current gain of 30 at a collector current of 1 amp . $B V_{C B O}$ and $B V_{C E O}$ for 2 N 3725 and 2 N 4014 are 80 V and 50 V respectively, with a minimum current gain of 25 for a collector current of 1 amp . The devices have a gain-bandwidth product greater than 300 MHz and turn-on and turn-off times of 35 ns and 60 ns respectively at a collector current of 0.5 amp . Types 2N3724 and 2 N 3725 are available in a TO-5 package and types 2 N 4013 and 2 N 1014 in a TO-18 case. Available in the U.K. from Sprague distributors-Quarndon Electronics Ltd, W.E.L. Components Ltd, and S.D.S. (Portsmouth) Ltd. Sprague Electric Co. North Adams, Mass. 01247 , U.S.A.

WW328 for further details

## V.H.F. transceivers

The v.h.f. airmobile band ground-to-air transceivers, models 25/SS and 25A/SS from Park Air Electronics may be powered from internal batteries, from an external a.c. supply or from an external

d.c. supply. An output power of 2.5 W $85 \%$ modulated a.m. is sufficient for ranges of up to 45 miles to aircraft at 2000 ft or above, using the built-in telescopic aerial. Up to 24 channels are available on the $25 \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{SS}$ (four on the $25 / \mathrm{SS}$, which may lie anywhere in the band $118 / 126 \mathrm{MHz}$ ). A full range of accessories is available as optional extras. The complete equipment including batteries and internal charger and a.c. supply weighs only 4.6 g and measures $36 \times 12$ $\times 19 \mathrm{~cm}$. Prices: $£ 295$ for $25 /$ SS and $£ 320$ for 25A/SS (U.K.). Park Air Electronics, Red Lion Square, Stamford, Lincs. WW320 for further details

## 200 pF to 33 nF variable capacitor

A variable capacitor with a $1: 165$ range of capacitance has been developed recently by J. Briechle in Germany. It is made with a minimum capacitance of 200 pF and maximum value is 33 nF . This wide range is achieved by winding metal foil onto a reel fed bỳ two adjacent reels.

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insulation $3 \times 10^{10}(\rho$ at 20 nF
600s at 20 nF temp. coefficient $10^{-3} / \mathrm{deg} \mathrm{C}$

The main application is in the construction of variable-frequency $R C$ filters. J. Briechle, 7731 Kappel über Villingen, Schwarzwald, Federal Republic of Germany.
WW307 for further details

## Counter timer

A four-decade counter timer, type 72C-1, from Orbit Controls provides facilities for frequency measurement, interval timing, and counting. The timebase is derived from the 50 Hz mains supply and its accuracy is therefore dependent on the supply frequency, which is normally within $\pm 0.1 \%$. Two ranges of frequency measurement are provided, having gate times of 0.1 s and 1 s respectively. The measurement capacity therefore is 100 kHz . The display time is arranged to be 1 s on both frequency ranges. Three timing ranges are provided, with timing increments of $0.01,0.1$ and 1 s respectively. Start and stop is by means of a front panel switch,

or by the opening and closing of remote contacts, for which terminals are provided on the rear panel. Facilities for 2-line operation are also provided on the rear panel. The instrument provides a single counting range to 9999 . The same start/ stop switch or parallel rear panel contacts are used as in the single-line timing mode. On both single-line timing and counting, successive counts can either accumulate on the display, or restart from zero. A reset button on the front panel, again paralleled with contacts on the rear panel for remote operation, is provided to enable each successive count to restart from zero. On two-line timing, successive counts always start from zero. While the instrument has a maximum frequency indication of 100 kHz , its counting capability is in excess of 1 MHz , offering pulse discrimination better than $1 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. Input is via a b.n.c. connector on the front panel, or a parallel pair of terminals on the rear panel. Input sensitivity is 100 mV and a continuously variable input attenuator is provided. Also appearing on rear panel terminals is a +5 V d.c. supply for energizing external transducers. Price $£ 95$ in U.K. Orbit Controls Ltd, Alstone Lane Industrial Estate, Cheltenham, Glos. GL5 1 8JQ.
WW327 for further details

## Fast thyristor

The D1162 thyristor from Westinghouse Brake English Electric Semiconductors is a $55 \mathrm{~A} I_{T}$ r.m.s. ( $35 \mathrm{~A} I_{T}$ av.) device capable of turning off in 8 to $10 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Shorter turn-off time can be achieved if the current is reduced. The D1162 TB1 ( 100 V ) costs $£ 9.41$ and the TB6 ( 600 V ) costs $£ 29.41$. Intermediate voltage versions are available. Westinghouse Brake English Electric Semiconductors Ltd, Avon House, Upper Cocklebury, Chippenham, Wilts.
WW329 for further details

## Transmitter-receiver for amateurs

An improved version of the SR-400 Cyclone 2 transmitter-receiver has been introduced by Hallicrafters Co., of Illinois. Designated SR-400A and called Cyclone 3 it has increased power for single-sideband operation-550 watts peak envelope. Features of the new set include a built-in crystal calibrator, calibrated fine receiver tuning, circuit obviating need for matched power amplifier valve, six-pole crystal i.f. filter, and audio notch filter. Optional extras include an air blower for the output valves, and an 11 to 16 -volt power supply

for mobile and field operation. Price is $\$ 995$ in the U.S. Hallicrafters Co, 600 Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008.

WW302 for further details

## Precision potentiometers

The Bourns ' B -line' range of single-turn wirewound precision potentiometers for servo or bush mounting is available in $\frac{7}{8} \mathrm{in}, 1 \frac{1}{16} \mathrm{in}$ or 2 in diameters. The thin profile ( 0.6 in housing length) is claimed to fit wherever another potentiometer has been used and facilitates smaller packaging sizes and modifications.
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track angle $\quad 350^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}$
absolute minimum setting $1 \Omega$ or $0.1 \%$ total
resistance
power rating at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \quad \frac{7}{8}$ in, 1.0 W
$1 \frac{1}{66}$ in, 1.5 W
2in, 4.0W
insulation resistance $\quad 1,000 \mathrm{M} \Omega$
temperature range $\quad-65$ to $+150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
maximum no. of gangs 10


Additional gangs are easily fitted; these add only 0.2 in to the housing length. Bourns (Trimpot) Ltd, Hodford House, 17-27 High Street, Hounslow, Middx. WW324 for further details

## F.M. tuner

An f.m. tuner for sound distribution systems is made by Millbank Electronics. Tuning is by one pre-set multi-turn potentiometer. For other applications a pushbutton station selector is available. The
normal tuning range is $80-110 \mathrm{MHz}$ with absolute limits of 65 and 130 MHz . Dualgate f.e.ts are used at v.h.f., together with i.c. voltage regulators, two i.cs in the 10.7MHz i.f. amplifier and a ceramic filter unit, and a 'quadrature' demodulator-a line-up quickly becoming standard. In addition, a two-stage audio amplifier gives low output impedance at up to 3.5 V for $\pm 75 \mathrm{kHz}$ deviation. Sensitivity is $5 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ for 30 dB signal-to-noise ratio. T.H.D. is $0.2 \%$ at 1 kHz and 2 V output. Millbank Electronics, The Square, Forest Row, Sussex.
WW312 for further details

## High-power audio amplifier

Crown (U.S.A.) amplifier type D150 with a continuous output of 140 watts per channel into four ohms is sold by Carston Electronics Ltd in the U.K. The amplifier gives 90 W r.m.s. into an $8 \Omega$ load.
noise $\quad 100 \mathrm{~dB}$ below 75 watts
damping factor 200
intermodulation $0.1 \%, 10 \mathrm{~mW}$ to max.
power
power response $5 \mathrm{~Hz}-20 \mathrm{kHz}, 75$ watts

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\pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}
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price $£ 200$
Carston Electronics Ltd, 71 Oakley Road, Chinnor, Oxfordshire.
WW306 for further details

## I.Cs for f.m. stereo receivers

Standard stereo processing circuits, including a 19 kHz amplifier, frequency doubler, stereo indicator lamp, and stereo demodulator, are contained in each of four new integrated circuits for f.m. stereo receivers now in production at the Semiconductor Division of the Sprague Electric Co. The four new devices are types ULN-2120A, ULN-2121A, ULN2122A, and ULN-2128A. In addition, type ULN-2121A is provided with an emitter follower output. Both the ULN2120A and ULN-2122A have provision for audio muting and stereo/mono switching. The type ULN-2122A also provides
for adjustable stereo channel separation. The ULN-2120A, ULN-2122A, and ULN-2128A may be used as direct electrical pin-for-pin replacements for Motorola types MC1304, MC1305, and MC 1307, respectively. All four circuits are housed in 14-lead dual-in-line moulded plastic packages and are specified to operate over the ambient temperature range of -30 to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Stockists are Quarndon Electronics, WEL Components, and SDS (Portsmouth). Sprague Electric Company, North Adams, Mass. 01247, U.S.A.

WW318 for further details

## Professional tape recorder

Leevers-Rich Equipment have replaced their E5 machine with a new $\frac{1}{4}$-inch console recorder, model E200. The machine is available in full-track, twin-track and half-track versions. All the principal subassemblies are readily interchangeable, even down to spool pot assemblies and deck-control switch banks. The standard model offers speeds of 38 and $19 \mathrm{~cm} / \mathrm{sec}$ ( 15 and $7 \frac{1}{2}$ i.p.s.). Other speed ranges are readily obtained by interchanging plug-in

units. The equipment is housed in a console which occupies only four square feet of floor area. Tape speed and direction are continuously variable, and there is provision for 'inching' whilst maintaining tape contact with the replay head. Leevers-Rich Equipment Ltd, 319 Trinity Road, Wandsworth, London S.W.18.
WW313 for further details

## Silicone adhesive sealant

'Silcoset' 153 silicone adhesive from I.C.I. cures in air, with little shrinkage, to give a silicone rubber that is flexible from $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+225^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. It has good electrical insulation properties, resists corona and ozone and bonds to unprimed surfaces. It resists ageing and weathering, as well as oxidation, and stands up to many oils,
chemicals and solvents. Easily applied, it gives protection against dust, moisture, vibration and shock. 'Silcoset' 153 is supplied in a 75 cc tube; $\frac{1}{3}$-litre cartridge; 5 -litre drum and 20 -litre drum. I.C.I. Nobel Division, Nobel House, Stevenston, Ayrshire.
WW315 for further details

## Helical potentiometer

A high resolution wirewound helical potentiometer, HEL.09, is available from Reliance Controls in 3, 5 or 10 turn versions. Resistance ranges are 10 turn$25 \Omega$ to $150 \mathrm{k}!; 5$ turn- $25 \Omega$ to $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$; 3 turn $-25 \Omega$ to $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. Higher values are available. Body diameter is 22.4 mm and length 24 mm . It is available in sealed or unsealed versions. Performance data:

linearity
$\pm 0.1 \%$ or $\pm 0.2 \%$ power rating $\quad 2 \mathrm{~W}$ at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(0\right.$ at $\left.125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ temperature range $\quad-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ noise $100 \Omega$ e.n.r. Max. spindle diameter 6 mm or $\frac{1}{4}$ in

Spindle lengths from 16 to 35 mm are available. Mounting is metric bush or imperial bush. The case is diallyl pthalate and the former enamel-coated copper. The nominal weight is $28 \mathrm{~g}(1 \mathrm{oz})$. Sales Department, Reliance Controls Ltd, Drakes Way, Swindon, Wilts. WW316 for further details

## High-output op-amp

The Ancom $15 \mathrm{~A}-11$ op-amp is unusual in providing an output of $\pm 100 \mathrm{~mA}$ at $\pm 10 \mathrm{~V}$. Overdrive recovery time is $2 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. Input current offset is $\pm 10 \mathrm{~mA}$ and input voltage offset $8 \mu \mathrm{~V} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The common-mode rejection ratio is 10,000 . The amplifier measures $32 \times 32 \times 16 \mathrm{~mm}$. Price $£ 10$ (1-9), $£ 8.50$ (10-24). Ancom Ltd, Devonshire Street, Cheltenham GL50 3LT.
WW326 for further details

## Oscilloscope calibrator

An up-dated version of model 156 oscilloscope calibrator is announced by G. \& E. Bradley. The new calibrator-type 192provides a 1 -ms edge at variable repetition frequencies ( 1 s to $1 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ ) for testing $Y$-amplifier response. For $Y$-amplifier calibration, a $1-\mathrm{MHz}$ square-wave train, together with direct voltage levels accurate to $\pm 0.25 \%$, cover the range $30 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to 200 V . A time mark generator giving one pulse every five

seconds to every 10 ms allowing timebase calibration. G. \& E. Bradley Ltd, Electral House, Neasden Lane, London N.W.10. WW305 for further details

## Audio transistors

Four new audio transistors are announced by Mullard. Designed for 'driver' stages in amplifiers, they are plastic types with TO-92 cases. Types BC327 and BC328 are $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{p}$ devices and BC 337 and BC 338 are $n-p-n$. They have a dissipation of 500 mW at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ambient with an $h_{F E}$ range of 100 to 600 . Maximum $V_{C E O}$ is 45 V for BC 327 and BC 337 and 25 V for BC 328 and BC 338 . $I_{C M}$ is 800 mA . Mullard Ltd, Torrington Place, London W.C.1.

WW311 for further details

## Ten-watt p.a. amplifier

A low-cost 10 W amplifier made by Trusound for public address, gives a regulated 100 -volt output from two lowimpedance microphone inputs ( $100 \mathrm{\mu V}$ ) and a high-impedance input $(500 \mathrm{mV})$. Amplitude response is 100 Hz to 12 kHz $\pm 3 \mathrm{~dB}$. Price $£ 32$. Trusound Manufacturing Ltd, Crittall Road, Witham, Essex. WW310 for further details

## Large digital display

A recent addition to the range of apparatus by Unilab Science Teaching Equipment, for use in schools and colleges, is a t.t.1.compatible digital readout unit with 4inhigh characters. The readout can be used

up to 10 MHz . Two or more digital readouts may be linked together. Input modules available include a 1,10 and 100 kHz clock oscillator, single and dual gates and output for a frequency meter. There is also a $\times 10$, $\times 100$ and $\times 1,000$ multiplier. Unilab Science Teaching Equipment, Clarendon Road, Blackburn, Lancs.
WW322 for further details

## Slider potentiometers

A range of carbon-track slider potentiometers is available from A.B. Electronic Components. The resistance range for linear tracks is $100 \Omega$ to $10 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ and for $\log$ tracks $1 \mathrm{k} O$ to $10 \mathrm{M} \Omega$. The power rating at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ambient temperature is

0.4 W for linear controls and 0.2 W for log. The body material is glass-filled nylon. Slider travel is 58 mm . For quantities $1-9$ single units cost $£ 1.60$ and dual units $£ 2.40$ each, and for quantities of 100-249 the cost falls to 40 p and 60 p respectively. The minimum invoice charge is $£ 3$. A.B. Electronic Components Ltd, Abercynon, Glam.
WW317 for further details

## Marine s.s.b. radiotelephone

Covering 2 to 24 MHz , a single-sideband radiotelephone made by RF Communications Inc., of Rochester, N.Y., has six variants for on-board and coastal station use. The models, type RF-201M, differ in the number of channels (between 6 and 60 ) and in the simplex/duplex facility. Modes available are upper sideband suppressed carrier, upper sideband reduced carrier and double sideband. Rated power output is 150 watts (peak envelope) but this can be increased to 1 kW with an optional linear amplifier. In common with

other radiotelephones of this type transistors are used in all but the power amplifier circuits. Receiver sensitivity is $0.5 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ for 10 dB signal-to-noise ratio. Available for 12,24 or 32 -volt direct supplies, or 115 and 230 -volt alternating supplies, from RF Communications Inc, 1680 University Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14610. WW301 for further details

## Low-power heatsinks

A range of lightweight clip-on coolers, designated the NF200 series, is available from Jermyn for TO-5, TO-8 and TO-18 size transistors and i.cs. Each size is available with a choice of fin height and overall diameter and the unique fin design assures excellent natural air convection in both horizontal and vertical positions. Prices start at $£ 0.13$ (1-99 off) for the smallest (TO-18) size. Jermyn Industries, Manufacturing Division, Vestry Estate, Sevenoaks, Kent.
WW331 for further details

## P.A. acoustic 'equalizer'

A filter module designed to avoid how or acoustic feedback in p.a. systems is made by Astronic Ltd. The module is available with up to eight plug-in $L C$ filters for frequencies between 160 Hz and 5 kHz
and with a control range of $\pm 12 \mathrm{~dB}$. The filters can be used for either cut or lift in response depending on which way each filter 'card' is plugged in. The module is also useful in music reproduction systems where acoustic properties of the environment alter tonal balance. Astronic Ltd, Dalston Gardens, Stanmore, Middx HA7 1BL.
WW309 for further details

## Signal generator synthesizer

An accurate wide-range oscillator, made by Green ECE Ltd, allows frequency selection by five decade switches giving a resolution bet ween 1 in $10^{4}$ and 1 in $10^{5}$. Frequency

of the output extends from 1 Hz to 10 MHZ with an harmonic distortion of less than $1 \%$ for the range 10 Hz to 100 kHz . Squarewave output is available with a rise time of less than 20 ns . Outputs are also available at
the fixed frequencies of $10,50,100$, and 500 Hz and 1,5 and 10 kHz . Lock-on time is three seconds. Green ECE Ltd, 5 Thorold Road, London N22 4YE; marketed by Echometrix Ltd, 113 The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
WW332 for further details

## Logic pulse generator

A small mains-operated logic pulse generator has been produced by C. \& N. (Electrical). It is designed for testing and checking integrated circuit systems and its outputs-fully compatible with d.t.l./ t.t.1. levels-include simultaneous positive and negative pulses and delayed pulses. Performance characteristics are: pulse repetition frequency 1 Hz to 10 kHz pulse duration $\quad 1 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ to $500 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ delayed pulse duration 150 ns rise/fall time 20ns output typically 4V into $200 \Omega$


The unit comes in a die-cast alloy case and costs $£ 30 . \mathrm{C} . \& \mathrm{~N}$. (Electrical) Ltd, The Green, Mumby Road, Gosport, Hants. WW321 for further details

## High-power static switch

The Transipack high-power static switch from Industrial Instruments is claimed to be capable of switching the output of a static inverter over to the mains supply without any interruption of power flow -the waveform of the inverter being locked to that of the mains. Thus the failure of the inverter supplying smooth a.c. to a computer system need not cause immediate shut down. Industrial Instruments Ltd, Stanley Road, Bromley BR2 9JF, Kent.
WW314 for further details

## Flash tube

A spiral zenon-filled flash tube, type XL630, from E.E.V. is intended for use in stroboscopic applications. It is capable of producing up to 300 flashes per second. Four or five of these tubes running at a mean level of 40 W each, will provide the equivalent to several kilowatts of tungsten lighting. Anode voltage is 1400 V max. and 800 V min . Required trigger energy 4 mW . Ignition voltage (minimum) 6 kV . Overall height is 110 mm . English Electric Valve Co. Ltd, Chelmsford, Essex.
WW323 for further details

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vup, 126 Hamilton Road, London cently appointed distributors for the Jrk company Sensitron Semiconductors, have a data sheets on Sensitron power transistors

We have received the following literature from LST Electronic Components Ltd, 7 Coptfold Rd, Brentwood, Essēx.

Retail semiconductor catalogue ...... postage 5 p RCA, HM91 Hobby circuits manual; includes equivalents chart for the transistors mentioned which are not available in the U.K. price $£ 1.55$ A publication from AEG-Telefunken, D71 Heilbronn, Postfach 1042, West Germany, lists new semiconductor devices manufactured by them

Amendment sheet No. 10 is available for the technical handbook 'Semiconductors' published by Ferranti Ltd, Gem Mill, Chadderton, Oldham, Lancs.
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The following literature is available from AEI Semiconductors Ltd, Carholme Rd, Lincoln:
BS9000 scheme for semiconductors: explanation
'Thyristors and their applications' . ................................ 25 p
'Voltage regulator diodes' . . . . . . . . . . . . price 25p
'Power semiconductors-quick reference data'
Semiconductor price list ...................WW407
The National Semiconductor Corporation, 2900 Semiconductor Drive, Santa Clara, California 95051, U.S.A., have sent us the following literature: 'Tri-state logic' (TTL-5); characteristics and uses

Data sheet, LM114/115 transistor pairs. WW409
A retail semiconductor price list (No. 36) is available from Henry's Radio Ltd, Edgware Road, London, W.2.

A data sheet gives details of the type UHP-004 quad high-current core driver from the Sprague Electric Company. The sheet may be obtained from W.E.L. Components Ltd, 5 Loverock Rd, Reading, Berks.
. WW4 10
Wall chart giving details of the new 10,000 range of emitter coupled logic from Motorola Semiconductors Ltd, York House, Empire Way, Middlesex . WW411
Brochure describing the logic design services and logic card products of Jasmin Electronics Ltd, Station Rd, Quorn, Leics LE12 8BP ...... WW412
We have received a microwave semiconductor catalogue (SF-4006) from Microwave Associates Ltd., Craddock Rd, Luton, Beds. .......... WW413 Also available from the same company is a list of the semiconductor literature produced by them

PASSIVE COMPONENTS
Publication TD: 2-70 gives details of a range of encapsulated LC filters. Cambridge Thermionic Corp., 445 Concord Ave, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 , U.S.A.
The NC range of glass-tin-oxide resistors is the subject of a data sheet from Electrosil Ltd, Pallion, Sunderland, Co. Durham
A short-form catalogue from A.B. Electronic Components Ltd, Sutherland House, 5/6 Argyll Street, London W1V 1AD, lists thick film microcircuits, cermet controls, connectors, switches, potentiometers, tuners, c.c.tv. equipment, amongst other things ....................................WW417
Manual GT23 from Gardners Transformers Ltd, Christchurch, Hampshire BH23 3PN, describes a range of inductors and gives full data ......WW418 We have received a copy of a 'stock catalogue' giving details of the capacitors, potentiometers and resistors available through the distributor division of Erie Electronics Ldd, South Denes, Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk
. WW419
Miniature, metal sensing, switches ( $25 \times 10 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) are described in a leafiet from Digitation Ltd, 117 Church Lane, Rickmansworth, Herts. ..... WW421
Catalogue 102 from Cambion Electric Products Ltd, Cambion Works, Castleton, Nr. Sheffield, Yorks S30 2WR, deals with solder terminals, rf. chokes and connectors .................... WW422
Integrated circuits, connectors and thermistors are described, with data and prices, in the April 1971 edition of Sasco Electronic News. SASCO Ltd, P.O. Box 2000, Crawley, Sussex ......... WW423 Also available from SASCO is a leaflet giving data on precision thermistors manufactured by the Yellow Springs Iastrument Company of the U.S.A. WW424
The DTV Group 126 Hamilton Rd, West Norwood, London S.E.27, have published a catalogue giving details of the range of products manufactured by Omron Precison Controls of Edgware. Included are timers, switches, variable transformers and the like

## APPLICATION NOTES

Application report No. 10 from Brookdeal Electronics Ltd, Market St, Bracknell, Berks, describes the use of the boxcar detector in acoustic paramagnetic resonance measurements
We have received three application notes from SGS (U.K.) Ltd, Planar House, Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, which show how some of their complex consumer equipment microcircuits can be employed:

No. 101. TAA661, i.f/f.m. amplifier and detector
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No. 105. TAA621, audio frequency amplifier No. 106. TBA261, i.f/f.m. limiter-amplifier, f.m. detector, d.c. volume control ......... WW429
Technical Bulletin 116, 'Aquisition of shaft-angle data' discusses the three main approaches, digital shaft encoders, resolvers and synchros, and precision potentiometers. North Atlantic Industries Inc., Terminal Drive, Plainview, New York 11803, US.A. ..................................... WW430
Application notes from Hewlett Packard ( 224 Bath Rd, Slough, Bucks) show how their equipment can be used for solving particular problems. The two
latest examples we have received are:
125. 'Data acquisition'

WW43i
120. 'A new technique for pulsed rf. measurements'

WW432

## EQUIPMENT

Hewlett Packard Ltd (224 Bath Rd, Slough, Bucks) instruments and accessories price list ...... WW451 Also available from the same address, data on the HP9500 series of automatic test systems ... WW452 A logic probe (LP500/1), manufactured by EMI, is the subject of a leafiet from SASCO Ltd, P.O. Box 2000, Crawley, Sussex
Designed for use in small boats a 25 W radio telephone is described in a leaflet from RF Communica tions Inc., Marine Marketing Dept, 1680 University Ave, Rochester, New York 14610, U.SA. .WW449
A simulated three-dimensional c.r.t. display using isometric presentation is achieved on the automatic display generator from Federal Scientific Corp., 615 West 131st Street, New York 10027, U.S.A. The equipment is intended for use with the company's spectrum analyzer $\qquad$ WW450
Tempatron Ltd, 65 Milford Rd, Reading, Berks RG1 8LZ, have available literature on a range of electronic timers
Dynamic Technology Ltd, Station House, Harrow Rd, Wembley, Middlesex, have sent us the following literature:
'Equalizing video distribution amplifier 1-6'. One input, six equalized outputs, gain OdB.WW459
'Equalizing video amplifier 1-1'. As above with
one output .........................WW460
'Colour error corrector'
.WW461

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Electrical Research Association (Cleeve Rd, Leatherhead, Surrey) have set-up a vacuum technology consultation service which is described in a brochure
. . WW462
Magyar Kereskedelmi Kamara, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, Budapest 62, P.O.B. 106, have available a directory of Hungarian trade companies

The following British Standards publications are available from BSI Sales Branch, 101 Pentonville Rd, London N1 9ND:
BS4665: Part 1: 1971. 'Specification for enamelled copper conductors temperature index 180 (modified polyester base)' . . . . . . . . . . . price £1 BS4663: Part 1: 1971. 'Specification for enamelled copper conductors temperature index 220 (aromatic polymide base)' ........ price $£ 1.60$ The following publications are in the BS 9000 series and contain generic data and methods of test for parts of assessed quality:
BS9010: 1971. Transmitter tubes ....... price $£ 1$ BS9030: 1971. Magnetrons .......... price $£ 1.80$ BS9050: 1971. Cathode-ray tubes ....... price $£ 2$ BS9070: Section 4: 1971. Fixed capacitors polystyrene dielectric ..................... price 60p BS9070: Section 5: 1971. Fixed capacitors ceramic dielectric .................. price 60p BS9070: Section 6: 1971. Fixed capacitors polycarbonate dielectric and polythene terephthalate dielectric for d.c. use ................ price 60p
BS9070: Section 7: 1971. Fixed capacitors mica dielectric ........................... price 60p BS9070: Section 8: 1971. Fixed capacitors aluminium electrolytic ...............price 60p The following publications in the BS9000 series are rules for the preparation of specifications for semiconductor devices of assessed quality: BS9321: 1971. Microwave mixer diodes, pulse operation ............................ price 60p BS9322: 1971. Microwave detector diodes BS9365: 1971. Transistors (general) .... price 60

International Aeradio Ltd, Aeradio House, Hayes Rd, Southall, Middlesex, have produced a 32-page glossy brochure which describes their activities round the world
The Mullard Educational Service, Mullard House, Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HD, have published a list of the literature available from them which can be obtained by applying to the above address. Mullard also have available a 16 mm film, which can be borrowed free of charge, called 'The Electrons Tale'. It tells, in a light-hearted way, using cartoons, how the electron has revolutionized life.

## Electronic Communication with the Dead?

I don't often deal with technical matters on this page. The way I figure it is that you, having digested the hors d'oeuvre of editorial thunderings and survived the main dish of electronics theory and practice, would have to be a masochist to demand another helping of the mixture as before.

However, every rule has its exception. Free Grid's comments on metamorphosed $\psi$ waves (see page 212, April issue) reminded me of a curious incident which happened to me some years ago and for which I have never been able to find a rational explanation. When I was about fourteen years old I discovered, lying in a loft, an ancient radio of the type which I believe was known in the 1920s as a 'det-2 l.f.' This used a leaky-grid detector (a triode) with reaction applied by the old swinging-coil principle, the coils being of the plug-in type. I refurbished this museum piece and, being curious as to its DX capabilities, it became my practice during school holidays to set the alarm for 2 a.m. and to search, using headphones, for American stations.
But now we come to the curious bit. On two or three occasions over several weeks, at times when I had removed the aerial plug-in coil to change wavelength (which meant that the aerial was virtually open-circuited) a raucous voice burst the silence with a few words; it was clearly speech but so distorted as to be unidentifiable as to content. Only a few words occurred at a time, although I remember waiting for about an hour hoping to hear more, but without success. Most of the European stations had long since closed down and I was remote from anys high-power commercial transmitters, neither were any amateurs operating in the area.

I'd all but forgotten about it until reminded by Free Grid's hypothesis. Then, in the curious way things happen, I came across a newly-published book called 'Breakthrough'* which I strongly commend to your attention. The author claims that an ordinary common-orgarden tape recorder, if switched on and left to its own devices can, on playback,

[^11]be found to reproduce voices originating from the dead.

Now there are few words which are more emotive than 'spiritualism', with vehement pro- and anti-camps arising at the mere mention of it. So if you are antiand feel the hackles rising and find yourself muttering 'More mumbo-jumbo about vibrations and ectoplasm!', just hold your horses and bear with me for a few minutes more.
Personally, at the moment, I stand uncommitted. I only know what I have read. The author, Dr. Raudive, is not an electronics man, but he has apparently recorded some 72,000 of these voices and a selection of these has been put on to a gramophone record which is on general sale. What is even more important from our standpoint is that he has called in a host of independent opinions, including those from highly qualified physicists and electronics engineers, all of whom verify the claim that voices do appear on the tape, although not all are convinced that they originate from the dead. No one can offer any theory which reconciles known natural laws with the phenomena. The electronics engineers have experienced this mysterious voice production using their own equipment and have weighed in with various circuits of their own devising (this book gives diagrams) which offer improvements on the original Raudive apparatus. Incidentally, it is suggested that videotape might provide a medium for further development work.

There are, the book says, four main approaches to the recording process which have been investigated. They are:
(a) The microphone method. For this, the microphone is connected to the tape recorder in the conventional way. The tape is run in the presence of witnesses, who may talk, providing that gaps are left for the ' $x$-voices'.
(b) The diode method. A simple circuit is given. This consists of an 'aerial' wire $6-7 \mathrm{~cm}$ long, connected to one recorder input terminal via an inductance of about 0.5 mH . One side of a solid-state diode connects to the 'aerial'/inductance junction; its other side goes to the second input terminal; the input terminals are shunted with a $100 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor. The diode
 we know to have left this $\epsilon$
are on a tape which can be heard by everybody. Th cannot explain the phenomen psychologists cannot offer an e either. Scientific tests have shou Faraday cage, for example) tha voices originate outside the experin. and are not subject to auto-suggestic telepathy. Philologists have examined phenomenon and testified that, althous audible and understandable, the voices art not formed by acoustic means; they are twice the speed of human speech and of a peculiar rhythm which is identical in the 72,000 examples so far examined. " (My italics.)

It seems also that the sentences are telegraphese in character and, when the experimenter is multilingual the language may be polyglot-one word perhaps in Swedish, the next in German, the next in English, and so on. Like the messages purporting to emanate from conventional psychic sources, the accent seems to be on identification of friends and relatives who have passed over.

The sincerity of the book seems beyond question and the near one hundred pages of appendices give much technical detail of the apparatus used, as well as hypotheses regarding the cause of the phenomenon, although the translation seems to fall down in places (but not so badly as to cloud the gist). Theories involving relativity and anti-matter are among those present. One, however, which (unless I have missed it) does not seem to have been advanced is that fortuitous irregularities in the formation of the magnetic tape itself might, if put through a high gain amplifier, sound like words to anyone who (perhaps unconsciously) wanted words to be there. I put this forward with diffidence, particularly in view of the overwhelming evidence. I should be only too pleased to be proved wrong.

One thing is sure, and that is that the problem of the origin of these 'voices' cries out for investigation. I know, as well as you, that the whole thing sounds impossible. How can words be derived from a silent microphone? But don't forget that in 1901 it was theoretically impossible for radio waves to cross the Atlantic, because no-one knew of the existence of the ionosphere. By the same token there are no doubt a lot of things about electronics which so far we know nothing.


## Highfidelity Monolithic Integrated Circuit Amplifier

Two years ago Sinclair Radionics announced the World's first monolithic integrated circ」it $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ amplifier, the IC.10. Now we are delighted to be able to introduce its successor the Super IC. 12. This 22 transistcr unit has all the virtues of the original IC. 10 plus the following advantages:

1. Higher power.
2. Fewer external components.
3. Lower quiescent consumption.
4. Compatible with Project 60 modules.
5. Specially designed built-in heat sink.

No other heat sink needed.
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7. Works on any voltage from 6 to 28 volts without adjustment.
8. NEW 22 transistor circuit.

Output power 6 watts RMS continuous (12 watts peak).
Frequency Response 5 Hz to $100 \mathrm{KHz} \pm$ 1 dB .
Total Harmonic Distortion Less than $1 \%$ (Typical 0.1\%) at all output powers and all frequencies in the audio band.
Load Impedance 3 to 15 ohms.
Power Gain 90dB (1,000,000,000 times) after feedback.
Supply Voltage 6 to 28 volts (Sinclair $\mathrm{PZ}-5$ or $\mathrm{PZ}-6$ power supplies ideal).
Size $22 \times 45 \times 28 \mathrm{~mm}$ including pins and heat sink.
Input Impedance 250 Kohms nominal.
Quiescent current 8 mA at 28 volts.
Price: including FREE printed circuit board for mounting. $£ \mathbf{2 . 9 8}$ Post free

With the addition of only a very few external resistors and capacitors the Super IC. 12 makes a complete high fidelity audio amplifier suitable for use with pick-up. F.M. tuner etc. Alternatively, for more elaborate systems, modules in the Project 60 range such as the Stereo 60 and A.F.U. may be added. The comprehensive manual supplied with each unit gives full circuit and wiring diagrams for a large number of applications in addition to high fidelity. These include car radios, oscillators etc. The very low quiescent consumption makes the Super IC. 12 ideal for battery operation.

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## Sinclair Project 60



## the world's most advanced high fidelity modules

Sinclair Project $\mathbf{6 0}$ presents high fidelity in such a way that it meets every requirement of performance, design. quality and value and now that the remarkable phase lock loop stereo FM tuner is avallable, it becomes the most versatile of high fidelity systems. With Project 60, it is possible to start with a
modest mono record reproducer and expand it to a sophisticated stereophonic radio and record reproducing system of fantastically good quality to hold its own with any other equipment, no matter how expensive. Project 60 is a unique high fidelity module system where compactness and ease of assembly are combined with

|  | System | The Units to use | together with | Cost of Units |
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| MO | 1/2W | 2\% | $10 \Omega-1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| WW | iw | $10 \% \pm 1 / 20 \Omega$ | $0.22 \Omega-3.9 \Omega$ |
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VRC.19X Trans-ceiver, $150-170 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}, 2$ Channel, 20 Watts, Output $12 / 24 \mathrm{~V}$ d.c. operation. General Electric Transmitter, $410-419 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$, thin line tropo scatter system, with antennae. W.S. Type 88, Crystal controlled, 40-48 Mc/s, W. W. S. Type $\mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. C.44, Mk. II, Radio Telephone, Single Channel, $70-85 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}, 50$ watts, output, 230 V . a.c. input. G.E.C. Progress Line Tx Type DO36, $144-174 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$, 50 watt, narrow band width. A.C. input 115 V . BC- $640 \mathrm{Tx}, 100-156 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}, 50$ watt output, 110V or 230 V input. STC Tz/Rx Type 9X, TR1985; RT1986; TR1987 and TR1998, 100-156 Mc/s. TRC-1 Tx/Rx, Types T. 14 and R. 19 , ${ }^{\text {FM }}$ SB $60-90 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}$. With associated equipment available. Redifon GR410 Tx/RX, SSB, 1.5-20 Mc/s. Sun-Air Tx/Rx Type T-10-R. Collins Tx/Rx/Type 18S4A. Collins Tx/Rx Type ARC-27, $200-400 \mathrm{Mc} / \mathrm{s}, 28 \mathrm{~V}$ d.c. With associated equipment
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$2 \times 5 \mathrm{~V}$ windings @ 3 Amps each, and $5 \mathrm{~V} @ 6$ Amp and $4 \mathrm{~V} @ 0.25$ Amp. Mounted $2 \times 5 \mathrm{~V}$ windings @3Amps each, and 5 V @ 6 Amp and $4 \mathrm{~V} @ 0.25 \mathrm{Amp}$. Mounted on steel base $19^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W} \times 11^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{Hx} 14^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{D}$. (All connections at the rear.) Excellent condition e8. 50 each, carr. \&1.
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$15 \mathrm{Kc} / \mathrm{s} .100 / 250 \mathrm{~V}$. a.c. $£ 45 \mathrm{each}$, $£ 1 \cdot 50 \mathrm{carr}$.
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