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Equal Pay for Women

CONGRESS is again considering legislation to require employers to pay women wages equal to men if they do equal work. Whether HR 3861 or S 910 or some combination of the two is adopted is of great concern to the electronics industry. We depend heavily on women to staff our production lines.

Of course we favor equal pay for equal work, just as we oppose sin and defend motherhood. But does everything have to be written into law and draped with red tape? Laws that tell an employer how to treat his employees should be adopted only when flagrant and socially unacceptable abuses need correction, as was the case with child labor.

We defy any lawyer to draft a formula that will tell an employer when his male and female employees are of equal value to him. Men are men and women are women and the two sexes have different—different, not greater or lesser abilities. That's not male chauvinism, that's biology.

There are jobs in the electronics industry that are usually done by women and rarely done by men. For example, some of the fine hand work required in semiconductor device assembly. This kind of work cannot be equated against work that requires broader technical experience and judgment.

There is no denying that the average woman is paid less than the average man in the electronics industry, but the average male employee is generally worth more, long term, to an employer than the average female employee. That is also a result of biology. Most men are committed to industry as a career, because of their role as breadwinners. Most women can and many frequently do exercise the option of becoming homemakers rather than factory employees.

It is the rare employer who has not invested substantial training costs in an employee. An employee most likely to stick with the company is a more valuable employee. Further, if an employee invests his or her own time and money in technical education that also makes the employee more valuable. Men frequently do this, women infrequently.

So much for the average.

In a minority are women who don't fit into the general pattern. We mean women who make a



career of industrial employment and who leap the biological barriers because of exceptional talent or ambition. These women are of greater value than the average male employee, should be paid accordingly, and usually are. The employer who cannot appreciate the worth of an exceptional woman is a dolt, but equal pay legislation won't correct his stupidity.

ELECTRONICS AND THE CONSUMER. If, like many electronics engineers, your contact with consumer electronics is now limited to adjusting your tv set or fiddling with a hi-fi, you'll be pleasantly surprised to find just how sophisticated consumer electronics is becoming.

The design of consumer products has kept up well with recent advances in electronics. In a three-part series on consumer electronics, beginning in this issue on p 49, Assistant Editor Gray reports, for instance, on a tiny hearing aid with an integrated amplifier circuit, a doppler security alarm the size of two table-model radio receivers, a microwave oven that heats in six seconds, and a model train control that uses silicon controlled rectifiers to separate the controlling r-f frequency from the a-c track voltage.

This week, the subject is entertainment, from tv receivers to f-m multiplex. Next week, we get into electroluminescence, silicon controlled rectifiers and their many applications, and auto ignition. In the third article, the topic is appliances and housewares, from thermoelectric cooling to an electronic telephone dialer. We think you'll be interested, not just as a consumer, but as an engineer.



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Dynamic Null

In reference to the article, New Method for Measuring Equipment Performance (p 78, March 15), I do not believe that the method outlined by the author can be said to be a new one. An examination of p 280 of the 1962 Radio Amateur's Handbook will reveal that author Haynes has modified a well-known and widely used method which differs but little from the one discussed in the article.

RICHARD R. SLATER Oklahoma State University Stillwater, Oklahoma

Author Haynes replies:

I was unable to locate a 1962 Radio Amateur's Handbook, but did find a 1963 edition. The method therein described (pp 283-4) is, as Mr. Slater states, well known and probably adequate for checking out ham gear. It would be virtually useless, however, for evaluating instrumentation equipment. Even assuming the oscilloscope vertical and horizontal amplifiers to have identical (or negligible) distortion and phase shift, the measurement is limited by the resolution of the scope trace to about two percent. Using the Dynamic Null method, measurement of errors is limited only by the sensitivity of the vertical amplifier. Errors of 0.02 percent are easily measured in a 10volt signal. This is the essence of a null form of measurement.

JOHN L. HAYNES Redwood City, California

Government Patent Policy

I note with renewed frustration and alarm, under Washington This Week (p 12, March 29) that presidential adviser Jerome Wiesner, in a message to Congress, has struck a middle ground between NASA's and the Defense Department's policy relative to "who gets the patents."

Here, as in the past, the intellectual and creative rights of employed inventors are given not the slightest consideration, yet only they can create the innovations which both the government and corporate contractors would claim. All the gold in Ft. Knox cannot create anything; neither can the great governmental or corporate showplace laboratories, or their project teams. Creativity, wherever one finds it, in science, in engineering, or in the arts, always has been and must still be the product of a single human mind. But present patent practices, and those now proposed, can only strangle its productivity for the very simple and obvious reason that no incentives or rewards exist for it.

The patent productivity in Europe and Russia, per million of population, exceeds our own by factors as high as ten or more. The obvious reason for this lies in their laws, even now being strengthened, which provide compulsory, realistic remuneration for employed inventors.

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Thermocouple Circuit Tester

In my Research and Development article, Tester Checks Out Thermocouple Circuits (p 102, March 15), two slight editor's revisions were made in the original which I feel should be corrected in the interest of complete clarity and accuracy.

In the first sentence, the tester is said to "check out thermocouple installations . . . without *causing* any temperature change on the thermocouple junction." The word "causing" loses the sense of the statement, which should read ". . . without applying any temperature chang . . ."

The third sentence, as it appeared, states "The resistance, per 100 feet, of 28-gauge wire at 68 deg F varies from 6.489 ohms for copper to 266 ohms for Chromel-P." The inference here is that copper and Chromel-P are used together, which is not the case. The various combinations of wires used, and their resistance differences, should be expressed as "copper, 6.489 ohms and constantan, 184.0 ohms; iron, 37.63 ohms and constantan, 184.0 ohms; Chromel-P, 266 ohms and alumel, 110.8 ohms.

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SAC Head Wants Space Command Station

DALLAS — Renewed charges that the military's space program is floundering were made last week at the Manned Space Flight meeting here, cosponsored by NASA and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Gen. Thomas S. Power, commander of the Strategic Air Command, warned that the nation's survival would be at stake if the U.S. is confronted with a "space Cuba." He said men should be trained to operate a deep-space command station.

Courtland D. Perkins, of Princeton's aeronautical engineering department, said the "rambling and largely unsupported" R&D program of the Air Force needs to be brought into focus. He urged support of the X-20 Dyna-Soar and Blue Gemini programs, with the possible addition of a manned military space station and dual-launch space plane system.

The military is "groping around for better state-of-the-art, better concepts, and better arguments" to develop military space missions in all fields except surveillance, Perkins charged.

Other officials warned that "go" decisions must be made now if systems and techniques are to be developed in time to land men on Mars during 1973-75. Mars will be in a favorable position then for interplanetary travel. It won't be again until 1984.

NASA reported that the arc jet, resistojet, contact ionization and electron bombardment ion engines are moving into engineering phases. Snap-10A, a 500-w nuclear system, has shown "some success" and is "expected to be integrated with the nuclear system this year, with flight tests within two years."

California Site Bounces Microwaves to England

THE MOON was the middle link last week in what is believed to be the

COLOR COVER PHOTO SENT BY RELAY

First successful satellite transmission of a full-color photograph by facsimile was accomplished April 25 by ELECTRONICS with the cooperation of NASA Headquarters, Goddard Space Flight Center, RCA Communications, Inc., RCA, ITT and American Cable & Radio.

The photograph will appear on our May 24 front cover. Three color separations, used for preparing the color printing plates, were transmitted via NASA's Relay satellite from Nutley, N. J., to the Goonhilly Downs station in England. Polaroid blackand-white photos of the experiment were also transmitted late in the same satellite pass.

An article in our May 24 issue will detail the color transmission technique employed.

At the same time, neighboring channels transmitted an electroencephalogram from Burden Neurological Institute, Bristol, England, to the Mayo Clinic for readout at Minneapolis, Minn.

longest direct microwave hook-up ever achieved-5,333 miles from Camp Parks, Pleasanton, Calif., to the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, England. Camp Parks, point of origin for the Xband transmissions, is a MIT Lincoln Laboratory field site. Its cassegrainian antenna system, using a 60-foot paradoloidal reflector, was designed primarily for Project West Ford. Transmission was at the standard 60 wpm teletype rate. Special design features of the receiver combat smearing in the doppler shift and in relay.

How Do Missiles Affect Radiation?

CAPE CANAVERAL—The Air Force wants to find out if the presence of missiles affects the amount of radiation found at high altitudes. Under Project Hi-Tab, it will launch a large number of Aerobee rockets from Walker Cay in the Bahamas to get a thorough mapping of natural background radiation.

Launches will be made under all weather conditions. Flight altitudes will be about 135 miles. When this program is completed, similar rockets will be fired in conjunction with missile launchings here to measure any differences in background radiation. This part of the the project is known as Tabstone, for Target and Background Signal-To-Noise Experiment.

Japan Starting to Make 16-Inch Color Tv Sets

TOKYO—Japanese tv makers hope to popularize color tv by October, 1964 —in time for the Olympics here. Unable to agree on a standard 16inch color tube, the size they think is most likely to win wide acceptance, manufacturers will soon start production of 16-inch color sets using three different types of 3-gun shadow mask tubes.

The main differences between the tubes will be in deflection angle and size of front faceplate. First sets using these tubes are expected to go on sale around the end of August. EIA-Japan was unsuccessful in its attempts to persuade set makers to settle on a standard tube and now hopes that the customers will display a marked preference for one type, forcing the others to adopt it.

Space Tracker



48 - INCH spectrometric telescope built by MIT Lincoln Laboratory will probe the thermal, electrical and aerodynamic phenomena that occur when a space vehicle reenters the earth's atmosphere. Located at Arbuckle Neck, Va., the telescope can lock onto the faint tiny glow from a fast-moving target. The radiometer (right), measures light intensity in the near infrared region

nounced it will waive commodity taxes on transistor tv sets until March 31, 1966. This is expected to cut domestic prices about 10 percent. The resulting increase in production should mean an eventual cut in export prices too.

Long-Life Plasma Claimed by Russians

MOSCOW—The Kurchatov Atomic Energy Institute has produced a plasma with a period of retention of "hundredths of parts of a second," Pravda claims. A "magnetic field of an intricate geometric form" was used. The temperature was said to have been 40 million C and density approximately 10 billion particles per cc.

Reportedly, the installation was built on the principle that "one of the peculiarities of employing a magnetic system is that the power of the field increases on all sides from the sphere occupied by the plasma."

"Plasma occupying a volume of several dozen liters in a vacuum chamber does not reveal those ordinary types of instability which were earlier considered irremovable," the newspaper said. Soviet scientists now hope to raise plasma temperature to 200 million degrees and increase density a thousand-fold, Pravda said.

A-Blast Detection Puzzle: Where's the Epicenter?

WASHINGTON—Epicenter location is still the bugaboo of scientists trying to identify nuclear tests by remote instrumentation. Locating the depth of a disturbance is little better than two years ago when instruments were "recording" explosions 1,200 feet underground as being as much as 30 miles in the air. Since most earthquakes occur 3 to 12 miles down, where nuclear tests are not feasible, epicenter location within a 1,000-yard tolerance is seen as a crucial factor to identifying tests.

DOD Aide Urges Use Of Microcircuits

DALLAS—The space industry should use microelectronic circuits wherever possible, James Bridges, director of electronics in the DOD's Office of Defense Research, said at the Manned Space Flight meeting here last week. He said that microcircuits offer the best hope for obtaining the reliability levels needed for manned space flights.

Tunnel Diode Used In Computer Memory

IBM HAS INSTALLED for study purposes a tunnel-diode memory unit in the Stretch computer at its Poughkeepsie development labs. Company says this is the first time such a unit has been used in an operating computer. One possible application is as a buffer.

In Stretch, the memory has a storage-retrieval cycle time of 600 nsec and has reached 200 nsec in tests—three times the speed required by any existing computer, IBM says. Capacity is 17 words of 74 bits each.

In Brief . . .

- NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE gave its backing last week to a proposal that would establish a National Academy of Engineering (p 3, Oct. 5, 1962).
- NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS has obtained interference fringes over a 200-meter path using a laser light source. Work is now under way to stabilize the laser for interferometric calibrations of length-measuring devices.
- TOP EXECUTIVES of the nation's space projects deserve higher salaries, says Charles W. Frick. He resigned from his \$20,000-a-year job as head of Project Apollo to return to private industry.
- STOCKHOLDERS of Beck's, Inc. have been asked to approve the sale of the firm to Control Data Corp.
- AIR REDUCTION CO. sees future uses in welding of light gauge metals and chemical synthesis for its new 9-w, c-w laser.
- TOSHIBA will supply tv sets to Sears Roebuck for sale under Sears' trade names.
- GE IS ADDING a new computer, the GE-235, to its medium-range line. Typical cost is \$475,000.
- YOKOGAWA will form a joint venture company in Japan with Hewlett-Packard to produce instruments.
- GOVERNMENT MARKET for simulation systems totaled \$250 million in fiscal year 1962, according to Smith, Winters, Mabuchi.
- SOLION TETRODE produced by Self-Organizing Systems, Inc. is used as the analog memory element in a machine called Child (for Chemical Hybrid Intelligent Learning Device) being built by the Air Force.
- PROPOSED MERGER of Baird-Atomic and Allied Research Associates, Inc. has been called off.
- A TITAN II launched from an underground silo last week hit a target more than 4,000 miles away.
- 30 RCA 301 computers will be installed at 10 key sites of the Air Force Logistics Command to replace over 500 pieces of punched card equipment.

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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT proposes wide-ranging changes in the Armed Services Procurement Regulations dealing with proprietory data —long a source of controversy. Industry complains of excessive military demands for contractors' trade secrets and inadequate protection of proprietory data from commercial competitors.

On May 7, industry representatives will discuss with Pentagon officials proposed changes that are both liberalized and more restrictive. On one hand, they would allow acquisition of unlimited proprietory data in formally advertised contracts. This would primarily involved follow-on production contracts for items developed at military expense and "broken out" for competitive bidding. EIA opposes this change.

On the other hand, DOD also proposed to broaden its recognition of proprietory data. Aim is to discourage so-called "reverse engineering" by protecting proprietory data "not readily disclosed by inspection or analysis." In effect, the change in definition expands the volume of protected proprietory data.

DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY will award contracts soon for program definition of a military communications satellite system. The time goal to get an R&D system in orbit is two years following contract awards, roughly around 1965.

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ELECTRONICS is getting new emphasis in Department of Commerce efforts to improve the overseas position of U.S. products. Officials are conferring with industry to identify possible areas of concentration. Trade center shows of advanced components are being planned for London and Frankfort this winter. In light of European competition, advanced components are seen as the best initial area of emphasis. Also, the instrument and lab apparatus promotion now in Tokyo will go to England and Germany later.

SENATE CONFIRMATION of the 14 board members of the new Communications Satellite Corporation frees the group to get on with the job of establishing a commercial satellite communications system. The next big step for the corporation is to issue stock to the public and communications carriers, probably within another year. Manpower requirements, R&D needs and anticipated use by carriers, which will determine amount of stock issued, are now being studied.

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Will Lasers Protect Our Cities Against ICBM's?

Laser experts find radiation weapon possible, but difficult

By LEON H. DULBERGER Associate Editor **DEVELOPMENT** OF a laser radiation weapon for use in antimissile defense is possible, according to laser experts interviewed by ELECTRONICS. But they say that many thorny engineering problems must be surmounted to produce a working system. Materials research is one area requiring much investigation—both for laser operation and target damage knowledge.

DOD will only say that it is investigating the possibility of anti-ICBM lasers, along with other avenues of ICBM defense, in an orderly scientific fashion. Details are classified.

Scientists at Raytheon's Surface Radar and Navigation Operation are doing analysis and experimental work on a definition of laser weapon system design parameters. Raytheon acknowledges that the small beamwidth and possibility of high target-spot energy density suggest weapons possibilities. Raytheon has a commercial 350-joule ruby laser that can cut through $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch steel.

A Russian military publication has alluded to possible use of lasers for locating and destroying space vehicles. But while it mentioned U. S. work on this, it did not mention any Soviet efforts. Khrushchev, however, has said he believes his scientists are ahead of the U. S. in general laser work. Last year, he showed a visiting American a steel ruler supposedly perforated by a laser beam.

Major Gen. D. F. Ostrander, Commander, Air Force Office of Aerospace Research, said this at a laser symposium: "As a professional military man, I am naturally excited about the practical applications of these revolutionary devices (lasers) in the fields of military communications, and possible disruption of matter by high energy density of radiation, and so on."

Laser beam attenuation studies are being made for Air Force at Ohio State University. A 50-foot chamber is fitted with reflectors to simulate approximately a 1-mile path. Propagation and attenuation of beams from various lasers is explored under varying atmospheric conditions. Effects of altitude and space are included. Air Force won't comment on specific goals for this research beyond saying it is designed to study the atmosphere in relation to laser beams.

WEAPONS POSSIBILITIES

Some of the possibilities, problems,

and progress are:

• One laser could attack many targets. Discrimination against decoys should be unnecessary since slewing speeds could be high and laser bursts should be readily repeatable. However, at present highpower lasers usually require four or five minutes between bursts to allow energy storage and cooling the laser.

• One possible ICBM-defense system is an orbiting space station equipped with detecting and tracking radar, and lasers pumped by direct sunlight. One big problem would be making the platform stable enough for accurate target tracking. Also the laser would have to focus on the target long enough to destroy it, implying an extremely fast slewing servo. Techniques to focus enough energy density on the target pose formidable problems.

• An interceptor rocket could be launched to areas not protected by space stations. Its laser weapon could be controlled from earth and chemical flash powders used to pump the laser.

• A space platform would not be needed to field-test laser weapons concepts. Testing could be done in the thin air on mountain peaks in clear weather. Helicopters with ceilings of 25,000 ft are available to supply test teams. Mountains in the continental U. S. reach heights of over 14,000 feet in the western portion of the nation and some exceed 6,000 feet in the east. Alaska has peaks to 20,000 feet.

 Countermeasures against laser radiation weapons might include laving smoke screens in beam's path to disperse and attenuate it. Or, the beam could be deflected by highly reflective surfaces on targets such as nuclear warheads. Reflection techniques now being researched to protect men and equipment against nuclear bomb blast temperatures up to 3,000 F may lead to protective devices against laser beams. However, any tarnishing on the surface of a polished reflector would soon be cumulative and destroy protective qualities finally allowing damage.

SOLAR PUMPING—Energy levels in the millions or even billions of joules will be required for anti-ICBM lasers. These high-energy, high-power lasers might be directly pumped with sunlight. A large tracking reflector could gather solar energy and direct it through a mirror system to the laser material whether it be crystal, gas, liquid, plastic or glass. Direct sun pumping would eliminate conversion to electricity and back again to light, to pump the laser.

Some of the work now being done in industry and at universities may lead to extremely high-power lasers. Nuclear Research Associates, Inc., of New York, is working on a laser intended to deliver 1 billion joules of energy from a laboratory-size generator. The firm has at least one Air Force contract for highenergy laser development. They plan to use unorthodox pumping and lasing techniques in a solidstate laser. While the exact guantum mechanical operation to be emploved in such lasers is not easily spelled out scientists do not preclude their final development.

HOW DO LASERS BURN?— Burning or destroying material with a laser beam at great range is a real problem. In space it is many times more difficult than in a lab. A study of the interaction between energy and materials is required.

One scientist believes that laser cutting action resembles a localized explosion. For example, if a 1-joule laser beam is focused on carbon paper, the laser only chars the paper when the pulse width is long. When a 1-microsecond pulse is employed, a distinct snap—caused by gases trying to escape—is heard as the beam strikes the carbon paper. In metal cutting, long pulse widths allow heat dissipation on the target surface, reducing cutting action. A rapid, high-peak-power pulse vaporizes part of the target surface in an explosive fashion.

Therefore, it may be possible to damage a reentry warhead by relying on the shock wave effect to extend the initial destructive effect.

Thin-film deposition technique work at the University of Rochester has posed this question about laser action in heating: Is material actually vaporized by a laser or does it come off as finely divided debris from a miniature explosion? Clearly, laser damage demands much research and even the concept of "radiation pressure" is suggested as the active effect.

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SINGLE PHYSICAL antenna generates two sheet beams, oriented in space to form the required V configuration, in a new three-dimensional military air defense radar. The transportable equipment, designed by Sperry Gyroscope Co. begins operation with the U. S. Marine Corps this spring. The Corps will receive twenty systems —two every month.

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V-BEAM — Two independent microwave horns produce separate vertically oriented and slant oriented sheet beams which rotate as a unit and afford V-beam coverage. The vertical sheet beam, aided by the slant beam, searches. The slant, combined with the vertical beam, affords altitude information.

Solution of the V-beam geometry provides altitude information. The angle of rotation between the vertical and slant sheet echoes are measured electronically as an angle identified as the turn angle. Along with target range it is used to solve for target height. Dual modulators couple through highvoltage-pulse slip rings to dual transmitters mounted on the rotating antenna assembly, and then to the antenna reflector feed horns.

Targets are isolated by gating the receiver channels of the two beams. Measurement to vertical and slant beam centers provides turn-angle accuracy. Angular interval is measured by digitally counting pulses obtained with a magnetic pickoff which senses teeth on a ferromagnetic gear rotating with the antenna. A func-

3-D RADAR

tion-generator technique solves the height equation by approximating straight-line segments.

The height-finding operation may use height-smoothing equipment to improve output data through averaging a series of height readings and rejecting spurious signals.

COMPUTER—An automatic computer solves the V-beam equation and computes target heights after an operator manually selects the target. An automatic digital computer system may be added to provide 3-D coordinate data on all targets within the illumination and detection area.

The radar, designated AN/ TPS-34 and developed by Sperry's Surface Armament division, is reportedly a quarter of the size of a two-radar installation. It can be transported by helicopter, cargo aircraft, truck and amphibious vehicle and be ready for operation in eight hours. An inflatable radome with dual walls eliminates entrance air locks and protects the equipment from antenna and weather. Possible application to airtraffic control and long-range 3-D air-route surveillance is envisioned. Additionally, 3-D air-corridor safety surveillance for missile test ranges is possible using the radar.

High-Resolution Scope Reported Easier to Work

CLEVELAND — Time-sharing digital oscilloscope was introduced by Fred Katzman, of Du Mont, at the Cleveland Electronics Conference last month. The cro has realizable resolution of over 1,000 lines and readout precision to half percent.

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British Report Latest Measuring Techniques

One new instrument is a frequency meter that needs no sampling period

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND— Several measuring techniques—including one for continually displaying frequencies—were introduced at a British IRE conference April 16 to 20.

The dynamic frequency meter, described by P. Wood, of Plessy, Ltd., gives a continuous 6-digit display of frequencies between 250 cps and 16 Kc without the normal sampling period.

The unknown frequency input is converted to a pulse train that is fed to the add input of a reversible counter. The subtract input is obtained from a binary rate multiplier comprising a binary scaler to which is applied a fixed-frequency pulse train. Scaler outputs are fed to gates controlled by the counter stages. Combined, the gate outputs give a pulse train whose mean rate equals the product of the fixed frequency and the contents of the counter. When the mean rates applied to the add and subtract inputs. become equal, the number held by the counter represents the input frequency. Jitter is eliminated by a digital filter.

E. Harrison and P. F. Roach, of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy



LIQUID conductivity is measured without electrodes by nulling transformer output

Authority, reported on a system that continuously measures conductivity of radioactive liquids without electrodes and with 1-percent accuracy. A liquid loop couples two toroidal transformers (see diagram). A second coupling induces an antiphase signal that is adjusted by a servo-driven series potentiometer to null the transformer output. At balance the potentiometer value is proportional to the liquid conductance.

A simple three-dimensional numerically controlled die-making machine has been designed by P. Burgess, of Wickman Ltd., and R. Duthia, of Parmeko Ltd. A magnetic tape programmer records movements of a zero pressure stylus over a model. Stylus position is determined by the onset of a spark discharge between the stylus and the model's conductive material.

What Happened to Project Bambi?

AIR FORCE project to intercept enemy ballistic missiles during their boost phase from a rocketcarrying satellite seems dead.

Testimony released last month from the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings during February quote Defense Secretary Mc-Namara:

"(Bambi) was an Air Force project, but it was never developed with any effectiveness up to the present time. We spent practically nothing on it. It has been a study project phase. We have not held it back for lack of expenditures, but we have not found a way to expend funds effectively on that project."

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Nonlinear Effects Convert Laser Beam, Amplify Light

Physicists also report low-current energizer of superconducting magnets

By WARREN KORNBERG McGraw-Hill World News

WASHINGTON—Laser beams can now be tailor made in any frequency from the infrared through the long-sought blue-green into the far ultraviolet.

A series of breakthroughs in exploiting the nonlinear effects of molecularly symmetrical liquids and piezoelectric crystals on coherent light culminated in two developments reported at last week's American Physical Society meeting both by a team from Ford Motor Company Scientific Laboratory.

Robert W. Terhune, a leader in the rapid development of laser harmonics since 1961, reported both the tailor-making of laser frequencies almost without limit and the development of a parametric amplifier for light—both the result of the nonlinear optical effects.

He said the nonlinear effects make it possible to do with light anything that can now be done in the microwave frequency ranges.

Terhune's results are being

called "remarkable" and "unexpected" by other laser scientists at the APS meeting and the simultaneous National Academy of Sciences meeting.

CONVERSION — Several laboratory teams have harmonically stepped laser beams into previously unavailable frequencies.

But the emissions in the harmonic multiples of the 7,000-Å ruby emission were weak.

Terhune this year applied megawatt power. Rather than the expected 100 watts of power in the "second harmonic" blue beam, he got 200 Kw—20 percent.

Even more recently, scientists at the University of Michigan are getting 10 Kw of green light out of a 300-Kw neodymium laser.

Others are reportedly exploring other green and blue-green frequencies applicable to highly classified Navy work in submarine detection and communication areas. Terhune's contribution, said one scientist, "is raising a number of naval personnel to a highly excited state."

Terhune says that, by proper selection of nonlinear materials—molecularly symmetrical liquids like benzyne or nitrogen in which to focus the red beam and ADP or calcite crystals to pass the resulting beams through—he can add or subtract frequencies to get results anywhere in the visible spectrum.

The liquid has the effect of creating beams at two relatively close frequencies—6,940 and 8,000 Å for example. The crystal's nonlinear effect then is to recombine them in a predetermined way—either to add them or subtract them into the desired frequency, up to the second or third harmonic of the input.

The new light loses none of the coherence of the original beam.

AMPLIFICATION — The second nonlinear effect Terhune reported —and this work is less than two weeks old—is that suggestive of parametric amplification.

Laser light passing through liquid nitrogen, he said, results in a series of rings of coherent light on multiples of the laser frequency, surrounding the core of original red light. The rings around the red run from yellow to blue.

He explained the effect as a fourphoton process in which two photons of the laser beam are annihilated and simultaneously two new photons are created — displaced equally above and below the laser frequency by some multiple of the molecular vibration frequency of the liquid nitrogen.

The liquid, he explained, can serve as the parametric amplifier



for a light signal passing through it and drawing amplifying power from a selected "displaced" photon from the laser beam.

"As with microwave parametric amplifiers," he said, "the insertion of energy at either the signal or idler frequencies triggers the creation of additional photons in both frequencies."

MAGNETICS—A method of energizing superconducting tape-wound magnets without massive hot leads and high currents—by hemstitching normal "holes" in the material's superconductivity — was described by Avco Everett Research Laboratory scientists at the APS meeting.

Ethan D. Hoag and Z. J. J. Stekly say the electromagnetic "energizer" "is especially adapted to superconducting magnets using large currents, since it eliminates the large power supply required to energize such magnets."

Using an inch-wide niobium-zirconium superconducting strip and a 20-amp input to the energizer, they built a 4,000-gauss field in 90 minutes in the experimental model.

They expect to be able next to build a 33-kiloguass field in 10 minutes in a magnet of 5-inch i-d.

The energizer is essentially a small C-shaped electromagnet, wound with either normal or superconducting wire. The superconducting strip is placed, in its liquid hydrogen bath, between the cusps.

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has accumulated the desired field. Reversing the process removes field force.

By arraying electromagnets across the strip and triggering them in sequence, Hoag says, he can link the force rings around the strip without any moving parts.

THERMOELECTRICS — In another development out of the Ford lab, L. L. Van Zandt and A. W. Overhauser reported on a theoretical explanation of giant thermoelectric effects in dilute paramagnetic alloys. This contributes to understanding of a variety of apparent anomalies in alloys containing impurities of chromium, manganese, titanium, cobalt, nickel and the like, and may open thermocouples and other thermoelectric devices to greater control. Van Zandt built on Overhauser's earlier description of spin density waves—periodic areas of "up" and "down" spinning electrons.

The introduction of the impurities to create the dilute alloys, Van Zandt told an APS session, intensifies the wave effect in the region of the impurity, creating anomalies of temperature and magnetism.

He said the effect was one of unbalancing the electron drift in the metal carrying an electric current. Impurity atoms can act as a "bank" for electron energy.

Since thermoelectric power is very sensitive to slight changes in the energy current, he said, at low temperatures the "change in the thermoelectric power can be as much as a thousand times what would be expected if there were no spin density wave present."

School for Key Engineers

New study center to update education of engineering managers

NEW YORK—New kind of engineering education program was launched last week by a \$5-million grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MIT will establish a Center for Advanced Engineering Study. At the center, engineering managers, technical group leaders and engineering professors will take updating courses in relatively new scientific and engineering fields such as modern atomic, nuclear and solid-state physics and engineering, information theory and advanced communications, computers and their application in engineering analysis and design.

Dean Gordon S. Brown, of MIT's School of Engineering, pointed out that "there are thousands of engineers now in their late 30's and 40's who studied what was essentially a pre-World War II curriculum. Many of them have had little or no opportunity for sustained advanced study in the scientific fundamentals of new areas of engineering." The plan is to begin in the fall of 1964 offering specialized and broad courses, ranging from a week to a year in length. During the first three years, the center will be experimenting with the programs offered.

Since one of the major purposes is to make engineering managers more effective in directing the applications of new scientific advances in industry, the center's sponsors are hopeful that employers will underwrite the expenses of those attending the Center.

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As an engineer, you know that no two design groups ever produce exactly the same instrument for a specific purpose. Experience and backgrounds differ. Approaches differ. Even basic concepts differ. Then, too, each group has its own view of the needs of the user. In a complex design, one approach will favor sensitivity over bandwidth, or, perhaps, cost over durability. We all must draw the line somewhere, in reaching each design decision. In an RI/FI meter, there are dozens of such decisions. The final "mix" of characteristics is, at best, an intelligent compromise . . . never the ultimate.

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INTERVIEW WITH GPL DIVISION, GENERAL PRECISION AEROSPACE, ON TESTING OF AN/ASQ-28 DOPPLER RADAR EQUIPMENT



Screen photo shows versatility of the SB-15a: (1) FM display measures dynamic deviation; (2) and (3) are AM and SSB signals, respectively, with sine wave modulation.

"We have one chronic complaint about spectrum analyzers," said the project engineer. "There aren't enough of them."

We were standing in a busy corner of GPL's test section in Pleasantville, N. Y., where this Division of General Precision Aerospace produces, among other electronic gear, advanced Doppler Radar Systems under Navy and Air Force contracts.

"Take this set-up," he continued, indicating a test in which one of the Model SB-15 PANORAMIC Ultrasonic Spectrum Analyzers was connected to a GPL-designed Doppler Radar Signal Simulator. "There's really no other way to do it. It's interesting that the accuracy of the simulator signal we're testing here must be at least an order of magnitude greater than the airborne system we will test with it."

He switched out the sweep rate derived from the RC-3a Recorder and selected the more rapid sweep rate of the SB-15 for a "quick-look" analysis.

"That's a complicated audio signal," said our host, pointing to the screen trace. "It's generated and then shaped to simulate the signal received by our airborne navigation system. Right now we're measuring signal-to-noise ratio. However, at any time we may want to run a whole program of qualitative tests on the same signal. PANORAMIC analyzers give us the needed flexibility and resolution."

He demonstrated this point with a series of quick manipulations of the continuously variable center frequency and scan-width controls.

"We use the analyzer for trouble shooting, too," he continued. "If a Simulator signal looks wrong, we work back through its audio circuitry with the SB-15 and find the cause."

We asked about reliability.

"Very rugged," was the answer. "This particular PANORAMIC unit was here four years ago when I joined the section. We have several. Some are the newer Model SB-15a. This one is a special 400-cycle power line job that's been pulled out of the lab and used in a number of actual flight tests. Aside from our own checks and routine trips to our calibration lab, it's almost constantly in use."

We commented on what seemed a large amount of gear for an air navigation project. "Oh, this is all test equipment," our guide explained. "For instance, our AN/APN-153 Doppler Navigation unit itself is only one cubic foot in size and weighs under 50 pounds. We're very proud of that."

Had he any general comments about the equipment?

"Well..." He thought a moment. "In my judgment, for anyone requiring rapid analysis of sonic or ultrasonic signals, the spectrum analyzer is an absolute necessity."

DESCRIPTION

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Microcircuits Go Aloft

Integrated circuits will soon be operational in Navy's airborne systems

WASHINGTON — Introduction of microcircuits into Naval avionics equipment appears to be moving ahead rapidly. Col. Arthur C. Lowell, director of the Bureau of Naval Weapons' Avionics Division, told ELECTRONICS last week that most microelectronics fabrication problems have been solved and 1-Mc digital circuits can be implemented now with existing devices, while 3 to 5-Mc circuits will be achievable with off-the-shelf microelectronic devices by December.

Production of h-f communications sets with no moving parts and Mtbf's greater than 1,000 hours also appears feasible, he said.

MEETA T—All phases of Navy's MEETA T (Maximum Improvement in Electronic Effectiveness Through Advanced Techniques) program are presently being implemented. Under phase I significant numbers of silicon integrated circuits will be introduced in June or July into airborne digital computer that Litton is building for BuWeps, Col. Lowell said.

Phase I calls for substituting microcircuits directly for conventional circuits, while phase II has the development of a maintenance module as its object (ELECTRONICS, p 18, Dec. 7, 1962).

In phase III, which calls for developing complete equipments using microelectronic circuits, Col. Lowell cited the following developments:

• Sperry's Loran-C receiver has now been adequately demonstrated. Hardware fabrication is 60 percent complete and a qualified receiver will be delivered to BuWeps in December.

• Naval Air Development Center has a functioning breadboard of a one-way microelectronic data link that will be test flown this month.

• Westinghouse has built a working ecm receiver.

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INDUSTRY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE

Electronics industry this year will be spending less but expecting more than U. S. manufacturers as a whole.

Electronics producers have earmarked 8 percent more for new plants and equipment this year than they spent on these items last year. But the increase is 1 percent less than the increase for manufacturers generally.

Other manufacturers see unit sales rising only 4 percent this year while electronics firms are predicting an 8 percent jump. Between now and 1966 firms generally are hopeful of an 18 percent increase but those in electronics are expecting a whopping 29 percent.

Electrical machinery manufacturers, with whom some electronics firms are grouped, are anticipating a 7 percent climb in sales this year and a 23 percent rise by 1966, according to the annual survey of business plans conducted by the McGraw-Hill Department of Economics.

Manufacturers generally said they consider 22 percent of their stock of plants and equipment technologically outmoded. The figure was only 11 percent for the electrical machinery industry.

All business now plans to spend a record \$40 billion on new plants and equipment this year, a 7 percent increase over 1962. Of this amount, manufacturing firms alone account for \$16 billion







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These equipments use silicon integrated circuits. Hybrid thin-film circuits are being used in a personnel transceiver being built by Sylvania.

SYSTEMS — Complete microelectronic systems currently envisioned (phase IV) are an integrated helicopter/VTOL avionics system and an integrated light attack system. Request for bidders for seven items that make up a communications and navigation IFF package for naval aircraft went out last week.

As emphasis turns to applying microcircuits to operational hardware, Col. Lowell said the major problem now lies in making the design engineer aware of the new design techniques and how to apply them. Some pitfalls he warned against: putting *pnp* and *npn* characteristics into a single chip in cases where it would be better to separate them, trying to put too many functions into a single chip, and attempting to get components in a silicon chip that should be in discrete or thin-film form.

Overall MEET AT program encompasses use of microcircuits, digital data processing, visual fault location, modular construction, majority-type redundancy, and reliability and maintainability testing.

Polaris Navigator



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By WESLEY PERRY, JR. McGraw-Hill World News

MEXICO CITY—For an hour each weekday evening during the past two months, curious viewers have crowded around 28 storefronts here to peer at the first color-television broadcasts south of the border.

The experimental receivers project two primary colors instead of the three of the NTSC system.

According to the inventor, Mexican station XHGC-TV owner Guillermo Gonzalez Camerena, color tv's success in Latin America will be determined more by the availability of low-cost receivers than by equaling the NTSC color capacity.

Color quality of his system is around 9 percent below the U.S. system, but he feels they have equal entertainment value. He says receiver cost is half of U.S. set.

In the receiver, the color r-f, color video amplifier and regulated power supply are replaced by their less expensive black and white equivalents. Only a synchronized

pulse generator is added. There is

TV TEST Uses

pulse generator is added. There is no color burst, so no such modulation is necessary. Only black-andwhite controls are needed.

The system repeats 60 vertical exploration fields a second, alternating colors, to form 30 interlaced frames and 30 pairs of bichrome views a second.

CAMERA—Three interchangeable techniques are being used in experimental broadcasts.

In one, two optical filters and four image-splitting mirrors (see diagram A) project two images onto a vidicon or image orthicon.

The vertical-sweep speed is doubled so that both red and blue-green images are displaced alternately during one normal sweep time.

Second, (diagram B) the camera has two image pick-up tubes that operate with simultaneous horizontal and vertical sweeps. The optics direct the images through complementary color filters. One tube is set back further from the aperture, so the images match.

The switching circuits alternately amplify each video signal. Mixing tubes are switched by a square-wave multivibrator. Time base is adjusted to 30 cps, 60 polarity changes per second.





Two Colors

RECEIVER—The receiver can be either the common NTSC three-gun type, or black and white sets with a three-gun chromatic kinescope. A synchronized key-pulse generator (diagram C) produces alternate square waves of negative polarity. One output eliminates red brilliancy of the screen with each key pulse. The other dulls green and blue.

The system's persistence-flicker problem was solved by selecting a picture tube with relatively long red and green persistence. The type preferred is 21CYP22.

The time base of the input for vertical sync pulses is adjusted so that each pulse coincides with each field. When the key pulses are alternated the complete frames in color are integrated.

The generator is composed of two sections: a conventional multivibrator that gives the time base synchronized to the vertical synchronism pulse, and an amplifying section that elevates the potential of the key pulses, for required polarity.

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JAPANESE EXPORTS Keep Climbing

By CHARLES COHEN, McGraw-Hill World News

One-fifth of country's electronics production is shipped overseas

TOKYO—Electronics exports from Japan rose much faster than production during 1962. This year, the trend will be the same but exports will not rise so rapidly, according to statistics from the Finance Ministry and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

Exports in 1962 increased 26 percent over 1961 to \$317 million. During 1962 production totaled \$1.607 billion, an increase of 14 percent. Japan's Electronics Industries Association predicts that this year's exports will increase about 16 percent. Production will again increase about 14 percent.

EIA-J estimates that in 1963 Japanese electronics plants will produce 16.75 million radios, 5 million tv sets, 1.77 million tape recorders, 237.6 million receiving tubes and 270 million transistors.

In 1962, entertainment electronics such as radios, tv sets and tape recorders, made up 54 percent of all electronics production. Largest single item was tv sets—4.89 million sets worth \$527 million. Next to the U.S., this is the largest such production figure in the world.

But growth has leveled off and efforts are being made to develop new types that will stimulate sales. Last year many companies concentrated on expanding their production of transistor tv. Production will continue to expand this year.

This year, there is a concerted effort to make color tv a paying proposition in Japan. Major effort is development of inexpensive receivers using square-corner 16-inch 70 and 90-degree deflection color tubes developed in Japan. An industry standard tube type (either 90 or 70-degree) would help achieve lower costs, but sets using both types have been announced. It will be difficult now to achieve standardization because the companies using the rejected size will lose face.

Production of components for both entertainment and industrial electronics also increased in 1962. Increases in production of tubes and semiconductor devices ranged from 20 to 23 percent; production of components rose over 16 percent.

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS-

Many companies feel that the future of the Japanese electronics industry lies in the industrial electronics field. Biggest gain in the group in 1962 was in computers, whose production was twice that of 1961. Production of most other items went up 20 to 30 percent.

There is great hope for a rapid rise in industrial electronics exports.

In the charts, miscellaneous wireless equipment is wireless equipment not used for communications. Miscellaneous electronic equipment includes nonwireless electronic equipment not included in the other categories, such as computers.

Detailed production statistics for 1960 and 1961 were reported in ELECTRONICS, p 18, June 22, 1962.

PLAN FOR 1967—Electronics production will total 1,146,280 million yen (approximately \$3.2 billion) in 1967, according to MITI's new fiveyear plan. This is 171 percent of the value of 1962 production. Production increased 300 percent during the previous five-year period, from 1957 to 1962.

MITI says electronics here will change from primarily a consumer-oriented business to an industry-oriented one. Consumer production is expected to increase



1962 ELECTRONICS PRODUCTION



only 32 percent in value, mainly because of the leveling off of the demand for tv sets. Commercial and industrial production is seen rising 184 percent.

The plan envisions 1967 production as: entertainment electronics, \$1.16 billion; communications equipment and noncommunications wireless equipment, \$770 million; miscellaneous electronic equipment, \$248 million; electric measuring and industrial instruments, \$155 million; electron tubes and semiconductor devices, \$341 million; other components, \$508 million. MICROTRON, microwave power source for electronic food preparation units, featuring a CW magnetron from our line of microwave tubes and display devices. San Carlos, California. In Europe, Box 110, Zurich 50, Switzerland. ELECTRON INDUSTRIES ELECTRON TUBE DIVISION



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Small-screen tv is back with vigor, color tv sets will be smaller and imported ones will be sold here, a new type of electronic organ is coming out, and this year should be the best yet for tv, radios, phonographs and tape recorders

By STEPHEN B. GRAY, Assistant Editor

ELECTRONICS FOR ENTERTAINMENT will have its biggest year in 1963, even if only half the predictions come true. The makers of color sets are sure that tinted tv will bring down the house this year, and U.S. black-and-white receiver makers are getting in on the small-screen money. Also, rapidly decreasing microelectronics prices may soon permit using thin-film and integrated-circuit electronics for tv, radio and phonographs.

TINYVISION—Several tv companies are predicting that 6 million black-and-white sets will be sold this year. Estimates on how many small-screen sets will be sold run from 100 to 200 thousand. The Japanese small sets are selling well, despite the fact that U.S.made small-screen tv, from 8 to 14-inch, got a lukewarm reception in 1956 and 1957. However, those sets were vacuum-tube types, and although the screen was small, the set was not. The size of the Japanese sets has made them popular for their novelty and portability, and some of the more expensive ones have become status symbols. If it were not for the competition, the pioneering Sony Corporation might well have left the price of their $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch 8-pound transistor model at \$230, instead of bringing it down to \$190.

Not to miss out on the microtelevision market, General Electric and Admiral will bring out 11-inch vacuum-tube models this summer for \$100.

THE LATEST TV RECEIVER by Zenith is a 16inch portable which, to provide a rugged assembly, has a superstructure attached to the chassis for mounting the tuner and loudspeaker at the top (see photo). According to Zenith, the chassis is "horizontal, handwired, handsoldered and handcrafted."

The circuits are almost identical to those of Zenith's 19-inch 114-degree table model sets, except that the power transformer has been eliminated to reduce weight. A 13J10 tube, which combines the 6BN6 audio detector and an audio pentode similar to the 6AQ5, was used to save space.

This receiver uses a 16AVP4 picture tube incorporating the new low-drive high- g_m gun developed by the Rauland Corporation, a Zenith subsidiary, which provides a much higher brightness for a given amount of video drive, by designing for a greater amount of available beam current when the grid-to-cathode voltage approaches zero during peak white video information.

Even though a much larger amount of beam current is available when it is needed (during highlights), the design provides that the beam current is greatly restricted when the tube accidently loses its bias or the set is turned off. This eliminates the

PAST PERFORMANCE

Last year was the best since 1956 for tv, and the best ever for radio sales, according to EIA. Nearly 5 million phonographs were sold in 1962, almost a million more than previous year, with stereo outselling monaural almost 3 to 1



STEREO TAPE RE-CORDER, model 605 by Concertone



PORTABLE TV receiver with 16-inch screen, by Zenith

hazard of screen spot burn without complicated external circuits. The new gun is also used in all Zenith 19-inch tubes and most of the 23-inchers.

The 16-inch portable tv receiver has the automatic fringe-lock circuit that is on all Zenith tv sets. On previous receivers, the degree of noise immunity was determined by the adjustment of a fringe-lock control in the noise-gating grid of the agc and sync clipper tube, which was set by the serviceman to suit local signal conditions. In some instances, where both strong and weak signals exist, the noise protection of the weak signal had to be compromised so that a "paralysis" or "split-phase" condition would not occur when switching to a strong-signal channel.

The automatic fringe-lock circuit uses a varistor instead of an adjustable control (Fig. 1). As the signal level to the detector decreases, the video screen decreases in potential. Since the varistor is connected to the video screen, less potential is applied across the varistor. This action is the same as adjusting the fringe-lock control.

THE "COOL CHASSIS" contruction that Philco has featured for the last three years in their blackand-white console tv sets was extended last year to their 19-inch portables, and is now used in the 16-inch Courier portable.

This ventilation design features extra openings in the chassis, all components mounted on top of the chassis, heat barriers to isolate high-heat components, and elimination of heat traps. Philco claims a heat reduction of, for instance, as much as 24 percent in operating temperature in the sync separator area, equivalent to 15 deg C.

The Courier black-level circuit (Fig. 2A) d-c couples a signal reference level from the video output stage to the crt cathode. This reestablishes a uniform d-c signal level, which is relatively unaffected by the changing picture information. The d-c reference level is taken from the plate of the video output stage, and is applied to the crt cathode through peaking coil L_1 and resistor R_1 . With the d-c level once established, the video information is then fed to the cathode through the contrast control and capacitor C_1 .

In the Courier, a varistor limits the maximum vertical pulse amplitude before applying it to the vertical output transformer (Fig. 2B) and adjusts vertical drive in compensation for slight component-value changes that occur as the set warms up. Pulse limiting is required to prevent damage to the vertical output transformer by the high-amplitude vertical spike. During pulse time, capacitor C_1 , which is connected to the plate of the vertical output stage, charges through variator R_1 , causing a high potential to appear across the varistor. Varistor resistance decreases, causing C_1 charging current to increase. Thus, the amplitude of the vertical pulse is reduced or damped by the C_1 and R_1 shunt load. However, during the time between pulses, the reverse situation exists. The potential across C_1 and R_1 is low, which increases the varistor resistance, and thus the effect of the C_1R_1 shunt path is lessened, resulting in no appreciable loading or damping of the sweep voltage during line time.

For regulation of the vertical output-stage bias, a negative potential is developed across the varistor in proportion to the pulse amplitude. The bias path is from the junction of R_1 and C_1 , through the vertical size control to the grid of the vertical output stage. If there is an increase in yoke impedance during warm-up of the set, the vertical sweep decreases, and the resulting lower-amplitude vertical pulse that appears across C_1 and R_1 causes the varistor resistance to increase, the charging current through C_1 to decrease, the negative potential across the varistor to decrease, the negative potential at the R_2 end of the vertical size potentiometer to decrease, and the negative grid bias on the vertical output stage to decrease. Thus, vertical output conduction is increased, which increases vertical scan.

Among the latest innovations in Philco tv receivers is the extended use of frame-grid tubes in tuners, i-f and video stages. A new circuit often requires that changes be made elsewhere: the reduction of B-plus voltages for longer life of, and less stress on, components required the development of low-voltage, high-efficiency sweep tubes, high- G_m picture tubes and a frame-grid video tube. The use of high- G_m picture tubes necessitated new production techniques for gun alignment and spacing jigs. The introduction of modular construction for i-f circuits required development of a system to provide built-in capacitances and inductances in etched-circuit subassemblies. The use of d-c coupling in video stages required new developments in contrast controls. Other recent innovations are: introduction of toroid vertical deflection coils in the yoke, for greater efficiency in the vertical circuit, and use of varistors as regulating devices for sweep circuits.

COLOR TELEVISION—Predictions on 1963 sales of color tv run from 250 to 700 thousand sets. Last year, 400,000 color receivers were made, but only half that many ended up in homes, mainly because of price. The GE base price for a color set is \$495, unchanged from last year. RCA is so optimistic over the color market that after this year they will no longer supply their color chassis to other users, claiming they will need the entire production for their own sets.

The current producer of all picture tubes for color sets, RCA, will have competition shortly. This fall, National Video Corporation plans to market a 23inch 90-degree rectangular color picture tube, which will permit color tv sets to be reduced more than 20 percent in depth from the present 27-inch front-torear bulk. A Zenith subsidiary, Rauland Corporation, will shortly begin production of a 21-inch 70degree color tube, the same size as the RCA tube.

A Japanese 14-inch color set that weighs 70 pounds will be sold here in June for \$369 by Delmonico International, along with a 17-inch color receiver for \$429. Unlike previous Delmonico receivers, which had a U.S.-made color tube on a Japanese chassis, both these sets feature Japanese color tubes.

TAPE RECORDERS—Over half a million tape recorders were sold in 1962, with a rising rate of increase that may result in 50 percent more sales for



AUTOMATIC fringe-lock circuit for tv receivers, by Zenith-Fig. 1



BLACK-LEVEL circuit (A) and vertical compensation circuit (B), both featured in Philco Courier 16-inch portable; half of stator-plate tone generator (C) used in Electro-Voice electrostatic organ—Fig. 2



AMPLIFIER, one of five in multichannel chassis for do-it-yourself Artisan organ-Fig. 3



F-M MULTIPLEX receiver, partial schematic, by Admiral—Fig. 4



REAR VIEW of Artisan build-it-yourself organ, Imperial model, with over 250 independent oscillators and 30 preamplifiers

1963 over last year. It is expected that an increasing number of manufacturers will incorporate tape decks in consoles, one reason being that a tape recorder goes well with f-m stereo in a console. The current mixture of recorders sold is 50 to 60 percent complete monaural; 30 percent stereo playback and monaural record; 15 percent full stereo; and about 5 percent component decks.

The 44-pound Concertone model 605 stereo recorder (see p 50) has a double-gap ferrite-core erase head. With a bias frequency of 100 Kc, nickel alloys get hot due to eddy-current losses, but ferrite at that frequency operates with virtually no heat. Thus the tape can remain stationary while the machine is in record mode without burning or warping. The double gap erases the tape twice, in effect, and permits an erasure of 65 to 70 db. The play head is completely shielded with Mu-metal to help eliminate reversechannel crosstalk when four-track heads are used: the flux on the tracks not being played is shorted across the Mu-metal front. By holding the play head gap to 0.0001 inch, a 15-Kc response at $7\frac{1}{2}$ ips results. The entire head assembly can be unplugged and replaced with other head combinations, for full-track, two-track or four-track recording.

The Norelco 4-track stereo recorder, model Continental 401, features four speeds, including $\frac{14}{16}$ ips for up to 32 hours of recording on a 7-inch reel, using half-mil tape and one track at a time. Using a 0.0001-inch head-gap, the reported frequency at ± 3 db at this speed is 60 to 4,500 cycles.

ELECTRONIC ORGANS—A new type of organ will be introduced by Electro-Voice in the latter part of this year, based on electrostatic pickup of organ tones from physical analogs of the complex waveforms.

Pipe organs of outstanding timbre were recorded, and the recordings converted to circular waveform patterns (Fig. 2C) on a six-inch stator plate. The organ contains 24 of these plates, two for each different note of the octave, with each pair providing all the various voices in the different octaves for that note. The outer waveforms are for the top octave; pedal notes are in the center. A synchronous motor rotates over the waveform plates, producing a variable capacitance that is fed to a stator connector which carries only that one waveform signal.

The Electro-Voice organ has only four basic units: stator-plate tone generator, key switches, power amplifier and loudspeakers. The amplifier of the integral audio system has three tubes, and three more are in the power supply. Tone cabinets have been developed that will include loudspeakers such as the 30-inch woofer, to produce fundamental base frequencies down to 15 cps. These low frequencies are felt physically as well as heard.

The Wurlitzer Company introduced their first all-transistor organ this year. Previously, their organs were either of the vacuum-tube or amplifiedreed types. The new organ uses 87 diodes and 84 transistors, in a two-keyboard configuration with a 13-note pedalboard and 22 tone-controls tabs. An earphone plug permits silent playing. Twelve tranA recent Artisan build-it-yourself vacuum-tube organ is the three-manual Imperial model (see p 52), with a 32-note radiating pedalboard. It features the theater-type horseshoe console, which is becoming more and more popular. The Allen Organ Company is now building four theater-type models.

Optional accessories for the Artisan organs include chimes, glockenspiel and band box. The Imperial has booth theater and concert-type voices. Artisan feels that "although several organ firms have gone over to transistor oscillators, the tone quality of the transistor does not compare with that of the vacuum tube, and the cost factor offers no advantage either."

The latest Artisan transistor 5-channel amplifier has a variator control circuit that allows one or more amplifiers to be controlled by a single line from the volume pedal. Each channel (Fig. 3) has its own volume, bass and treble controls, for flexibility in voicing the stops with which each amplifier is used.

The two-transistor preamplifier circuit was chosen because of its inherent low-noise characteristics, temperature stability and economy. The driver circuit, which uses full negative feedback and therefore has no effective voltage gain, supplies the base currents to the output transistors with the required phase relationships to drive the power-output halfbridge circuit.

The half-bridge variator circuit was chosen because it introduces the least noise into the amplifier circuit and can provide the desired level control. The shot noise produced by a thyrite seems to be most active during the period when the bias voltage is applied, and is usually reduced noticeably within 15 or 20 seconds.

F-M STEREO—A transistor f-m multiplex receiver will be introduced this month by Admiral, with noise squelch, automatic stereomonaural switching and an incandescent-lamp multiplex beacon.

Noise squelch is obtained between stations by using transistor Q_1 (Fig. 4) as an r-f controlled 19-Kc amplifier. With no signal to the receiver, Q_1 is cut off by a small positive voltage from the ratio detector, developed by noise. The combination of capacitor C_1 and diode D_1 senses the presence of a signal and develops a bucking voltage sufficient to turn on Q_1 , activating the subcarrier regenerating channel. Because this activating point is at a level approaching quieting, effective noise squelch between stations is accomplished.

The Q_z circuit is a switched 38-Kc amplifier. In the absence of 19-Kc information to D_z and D_s , no bias is developed between the base and emitter of Q_z , thus

cutting off the amplification of this stage. When 19-Kc signal is applied to these diodes, they act as a full-wave rectifier, doubling the frequency and developing a d-c component that turns on Q_2 .

Simultaneously, resistors R_1 and R_2 adjust the operating conditions for the multiplex decoding diodes D_4 and D_5 . When Q_2 is not amplifying (in the absence of a 19-Kc multiplex sub-carrier), there is no voltage drop across R_1 as a result of Q_2 collector current, and thus D_4 and D_5 are forward-biased through R_2 to allow undistorted transfer of the monaural signal through the diodes. When Q_2 receives subcarrier information, it passes current through R_1 , which in turn lowers the voltage at the junction of R_1 and R_2 , to reduce the bias for D_4 and D_5 for proper stereo operation.

The d-c current change through Q_2 is also passed through R_3 to control the stereo indicator light. Transistor Q_3 acts as an emitter follower, turning the light on when voltage is developed at the base of Q_3 , and turning it off when there is no voltage.

Supplementary carrier authorization (SCA) rejection is performed by a filter network that attenuates the entire SCA service band while passing the sum and difference information and adjusting the delay between the two for proper detection at D_4 and D_5 . This removes commercial f-m services.

SPEAKERS—The recently developed Matsushita MF-800 loudspeaker and amplifier combination features what the manufacturer calls a variable acceleration-velocity type of motional feedback (MFB) system. This system obtains adjustable damping and frequency response in the low-frequency range of the speaker by a differential circuit in the feedback loop.

Motional feedback refers to feedback of a voltage in proportion to the vibration of the MFB speaker cone, to the driver stage of the amplifier (Fig. 5A). The source of the voltage pickup is an electromechanical device in the loudspeaker. Previous systems fed back the voltage in proportion to the velocity of the loudspeaker cone; this system feeds it back in proportion to the acceleration of the loudspeaker cone, to the driver stage of the audio amplifier. The results are, according to Matsushita, an extended reproduction range and reduced distortion.

When the velocity-type MFB is applied to a conetype loadspeaker mounted in an infinite baffle or in an enclosed box, the response characteristics will change as shown in Fig. 5B. The lowest response frequency does not change; rather, the sharpness Q of the resonant point of the loudspeaker movement changes. Therefore, as the velocity feedback increases, the low-range response will be lowered proportionally and tends to become overdamped, requiring preemphasis in the preamplifier circuit.

When acceleration-type MFB is applied to a conetype loudspeaker, the axis of the frequency response changes, as shown in Fig. 5C. The apparent lowest resonance frequency will be lowered and the resonance sharpness is increased, resulting in an expansion of the reproduction range at low frequencies. There is less distortion in the acceleration-type MFB than in the velocity type, according to Matsushita, because there is no decrease of feedback even in the high-frequency range. When the feedback of the accleration type increases, the sharpness of the resonance Q at the lowest resonance frequency becomes wider, and the value of Q changes. Therefore, the combination of velocity and acceleration types gives a more flexible method of changing the response at the low-frequency range.

The MF-800 picks up the voltage in proportion to the velocity of the loudspeaker cone by a pickup coil moving in the magnetic field, and feeds back this voltage change in proportion to the acceleration, through a differential circuit. The phase shift of the feedback voltage increases in the high-frequency range, and unless acceleration feedback is reduced, an unstable feedback system may result. Also, less acceleration feedback will cause an increase in gain.



MOTIONAL FEEDBACK: feedback loop, with partial schematic of amplifier (A); effect of velocity-type MFB (B) and of acceleration-type MFB (C) in loudspeaker-amplifier system by Matsushita—Fig. 5



ANALOG-TO-DIGITAL converter (A) and one of the sampling circuits (B)-Fig. 1

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This analog-to-digital converter uses a bank of 8 sampling circuits that simultaneously receive a signal but fire at different levels to quantize the signal

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ANALOG - TO - DIGITAL conversion systems usually consist of an analog storage device (delay line, capacitor, pulse-stretcher) ramp generator, coincidence circuits, and digital clock or scaler. These circuits record the number of clock pulses between a start pulse and the coincidence between the height of a ramp function and the unknown stored analog signal. The delays inherent in such systems (scaler resolution, data address, etc.) usually limit time response to 10⁻⁵ to 10⁻⁴ sec. Faster time response may be achieved by using one analog storage device per data point.

A new method of analog-to-digital conversion that lends itself to much shorter resolving times is the parallel sampling of an unknown input signal at predetermined levels and time intervals. Figure 1A is a block diagram of a system that employs parallel sampling to provide nanosecond analog-to-digital conversion. A signal source such as a scintillator-photodiode converts a nuclear signal to its electrical analog and transmits it to the height sampler. The number of height samplers determines the number of binary bits



MEMORY PACKAGE used in the analog-to-digital converter has storage capacity of 160 eight-bit words

per digital word. The input voltage signal is sampled and digitized by comparing it with known discrete levels. It is then coupled to a gating circuit (time quantizer) where time information is added which results in an output of digital-pulse-height per unit of time. The sampling and gating circuits, contained on one circuit board, consist of eight 4-transistor difference amplifiers and 8 tunnel diode gating circuits.

SAMPLING CIRCUIT—One of the sampling circuits is shown in Fig. 1B. The input impedance of this



Fig. 2

circuit is 50 ohms; however, the use of balanced emitter followers Q_1 and Q_i increases the apparent input impedance seen by the input and reference signals to greater than 10,000 ohms. The input signal is compared to the reference signal in the emitters of Q_2 and Q_3 . In the quiescent condition Q_3 is conducting and generates a current I_3 . The voltage $I_3 R_2$ keeps Q_2 cutoff until the emitter current I_2 through Q_2 is greater than I_3 . Then Q_3 is driven to cutoff and Q_2 is turned on. Between cutoff and saturation both Q_2 and Q_3 act as amplifiers whose voltage gain is a function of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and the beta of Q_2 and Q_3 . A positive output signal is generated across R_3 . These currents have 1-nanosecond switching and 4-nanosecond delay time.

Eight of these sampling circuits are connected in parallel and divide the input signal at each point in time into eight basic levels. A change in the absolute value of the reference voltages does not effect the ratio between any two levels. Sampling may be accomplished on input signals ranging from millivolts to 10 v and in a linear (2 decades) or logarithmic manner (3 decades). Figure 2 shows the results of sampling a fast rising pulse.

GATING CIRCUIT — The signals from the sampling circuits are connected to one input of the fast tunnel diode gating circuits (Fig. 3).



ONE INPUT of this fast tunnel diode gating circuit receives signals from the sampling circuits—Fig. 3

A 100-Mc clock pulse is connected to the other input and a coincidence between the signals occurring at the two inputs quantizes the signal being analyzed in time. A pulse occurring at the same rate as the clock pulse but delayed by 4 nanoseconds resets the tunnel diodes. This type of tunnel diode gating circuit is also referred to as analog threshold logic circuit. The current through R_3 holds tunnel diode D_3 in the low voltage state. An input to E_1 from the height samplers causes the current through D_3 to increase from 5 to 8 ma. If this input is coincident with a clock pulse at E_2 , an additional 3-ma current flows through D_3 causing D_3 to switch from the low voltage state to a high voltage state. Low voltage state is 60 mv, high voltage is 400 mv. Diodes D_1 and D_2 isolate the inputs from each other and R_i limits the current through D_4 when D_3 is in the high voltage state. Diode D_4 passes current when D_3 is in the high voltage state. The switching time of this circuit is better than 1 nanosecond. The output of the

A/D CONVERTER USES

Extremely fast analog-to-digital conversion of singly occurring transients or randomly occurring pulses can be achieved with this analyzer. It can also sense a zero slope per unit time and in this mode it can be used as a multichannel pulse height analyzer with a dead-time dependent only on the rise of pulses it is analyzing gating circuits is digital-pulseheight per unit of time.

Amplifier circuits (Fig. 4) provide sufficient current gain to store the digital information from the gating circuits in the memory. This wideband amplifier consists of four class A common emitter a-c coupled cascaded amplifiers with negative feedback at every second stage. The amplifier has a voltage gain of 12 and a bandwidth of 100 Mc (upper 3 db point). The rise time of the circuit is 3 nanoseconds; pulse pair resolution is 5 nanoseconds. The signal-to-noise ratio is better than 100 to 1 for input voltages from 0 to 200 mv. The drive circuits produce currents in the word and information lines of the memory during the read or write mode and develop 4 and 2 amp in their associated lines.

MEMORY-The memory package (see photo) has a storage capacity of 160 eight-bit words. It is connected for parallel input and access. It consists of a work-oriented, current-coincident, thin, magnetic film memory. Each 8 by 20 memory plane is fabricated by vacuum deposition of the thin film in a strong magnetic field. The work lines are parallel to the hard direction and generate a field parallel to the preferred direction. The sense lines are located between the information conductors and reduce the capacity between the sense and information lines. Pulses of 5 nanoseconds width with 1-nanosecond rise time occur-



ALL Q's 2N917 (4th CASE LEAD ON EACH GOES TO GROUND)

WIDEBAND AMPLIFIER provides sufficient current gain to store digital information from gating circuits in the memory-Fig. 4

ring at a 100 Mc rate have been stored in the existing memory.

Sense amplifiers have been developed to read the information stored in the memory. An amplifier (Fig. 5) amplifies the small signals stored in a desired memory location while simultaneously rejecting noise appearing from partially selected bits on the same sense line. It consists of a completely isolated differential amplifier operating from a low impedance source.

If the converter is to be used as a pulse height analyzer for rapidly occurring random voltage pulses, a height logic card is provided. This logic circuit senses the maximum pulse height of incoming signals and causes the information to be stored in the memory as a function of pulse height.

Temporary storage circuits provide buffer operation and circuit time compatibility between the fast memory and a slower digital-toanalog converter and furnish binary-to-decimal data to Nixie tubes for visual readout. The parallel-toserial converter transfers serial word data to a telemetry unit for space and field operation.

CONCLUSION — This analyzer provides extremely fast analog-todigital conversion of singly occurring transients or randomly occurring pulses. It senses a zero slope per unit time and in this mode can be used as a multichannel pulse height analyzer with a dead-time which is dependent only on the rise of pulses it is analyzing (pulse pair resolution of 10⁻⁷ sec for random pulses with a 0.1 μ sec time is possible).

It has a 160 eight-bit word storage capacity and is limited to 10 nanosecond sampling time by the available memory devices. Silicon transistors and a thin film memory in modular design provide temperature stability and physical rigidity of the entire system.

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SENSE AMPLIFIER used to read information stored in the memory—Fig. 5

Frequency Septupler Provides



EQUIPMENT can be operated from three-phase (A) or singlephase (B) power—Fig. 1

Standard 400-cps equipment can be operated from either single-phase or three-phase 60-cps lines. This frequency multiplier requires fewer transformers, and output voltage remains constant despite large variations in supply voltage

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STATIC 60-to-420 cps frequency multiplier provides constant square-wave voltage despite large variations in supply voltage. The highly reliable septupler can be used to operate 400-cps equipment from either single-phase or threephase 60-cps lines. Since the output terminals can be permanently short-circuited, the multiplier protects itself and the quipment it supplies from overloads.

Seven saturable transformers are used in the frequency multiplier. The multiple primary windings are series-star connected and the secondaries are series-aiding connected. The use of capacitors and linear reactors in the primary circuit permits operation from a single-phase source as well as providing excellent stability in the output voltage.

The possibility of using saturable-core transformers as static frequency multipliers has attracted interest since the beginning of the century.1 Recent developments, particularly in the fields of magnetic amplifiers and flux-gate magnetometers, have revived interest in methods of producing even or odd-harmonic multiples of power supply frequency. The phase-multiplier type stabilized 60-to-420 cps frequency transformer² has increased in importance for operation of standard 400-cps equipment from 60-cps lines.

Conventional frequency multipliers operating from three-phase supplies at frequency ratios of n =



VECTORS show relationship of seven phase-displaced currents (A). Idealized waveforms (B) show voltage across one secondary and across all secondaries in series—Fig. 2

Stable 420-Cps Voltage

5, 7 or 9 require additional transformers for deriving n saturablereactor supply voltages.³ By providing multiple primary windings in this multiplier, the need for these additional phase-changing transformers is eliminated. By combining the primary circuits of the seven saturable transformers with three power-factor correcting shunt capacitors and three series-connected linear reactors, excellent stability of the output voltage is obtained.4 Thus this magnetic frequency multiplier has the properties of ordinary ferroresonant constant-voltage transformers.

Only minor modifications are needed to operate this three-phase frequency multiplier from a singlephase supply.⁴ By using a single linear reactor instead of three separate linear reactors, the seven saturable-core transformers with three shunt capacitors function as a phase converter, establishing a substantially symmetrical threephase system.

A stabilized 60-to-420 cps frequency multiplier providing output power up to about 40 watts was required for several laboratory projects. Two similar prototype designs have been developed using these basic concepts. The threephase design operates from a source in the range of 180 to 220 volts, while the single-phase design operates in the range of 100 to 140 volts. Measured total efficiency (watts out divided by watts in) of both multipliers is about 60 to 70 percent with a purely resistive load.

PRINCIPLE—The magnetic frequency septupler in Fig. 1A is a special form of the phase-multiplier frequency transformer.^{2, 4} With an odd-harmonic frequency ratio, n, a substantially sinusoidal magnetizing current is produced by suitably interconnecting n saturable transformers into an n-phase group from which the nth harmonic voltage is filtered by a polygon-winding connection. Frequency multiplication ratio n may be an odd number, generally 5, 7 or 9.

Actual magnitude of the square-



BREADBOARD model is three-phase type frequency multiplier that provides up to 40-watts output power

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A FREQUENCY MULTIPLIER

Power for developing and testing 400-cps equipment can be provided in a variety of ways. However, an ideal power source for this application is difficult to realize. Many of the required characteristics are common to most electronic equipment: reasonable original cost, limited maintenance requirements and high reliability. The frequency converter should also operate from either single-phase or three-phase 60-cps power lines. This frequency multiplier does. It also provides stable output voltage

wave output voltage of a frequency n times supply frequency f_p can be maintained nearly constant by the saturated magnetic cores. Thus, the circuit also serves as a constant-voltage transformer. Power-factor correction is achieved by shunt capacitors and series-connected linear reactors. Also, capacitive compensation of the inductive impedance of the multiplier can be used.

The frequency septupler in Fig. 1A has n = 7 saturable transformers with the indicated percentage of turns in the multiple primary windings and series-connected secondary windings. The corresponding star-connected groups of primary windings are supplied with three substantially sinusoidal currents I_{R} , I_{S} , I_{T} displaced 120 degrees apart and derived from the three-phase, three-wire supply R, S, T.

In the three-phase circuit in Fig. 1A, shunt capacitors C_1 , C_2 and C_3 and series-connected linear reactors L_1 , L_2 and L_3 are used to obtain constant output voltage E_L despite large variations in power supply voltage E_P . These stabilizing and power-factor correcting components are connected between power supply terminals R, S, T and inner terminals R', S', T' of the frequencytransforming system.

In the single-phase version in Fig. 1B, only linear reactor L_P is required. Power supply voltage E_P is injected to only two of the inner group terminals (such as R' and S'). The saturable transformers function as phase converters, establishing a symmetrical three-phase system. The three line-to-line voltages across inner terminals R', S', T' are made equal by the same voltage-controlling process that stabilizes output voltage against variations in power supply voltage.

A small voltage at the fundamental frequency appearing in output voltage E_L can practically be eliminated by suitable adjustment of capacitors C_1 , C_2 and C_3 . In the two branches not connected directly across the single-phase supply leads, phase angle must lead by 60 degrees in one branch and lag 60 degrees in the other. To obtain these phase angles, it is necessary only to overcorrect phase angle slightly in one branch and undercorrect it in the other.

CURRENT VECTORS—To derive seven primary ampere-turns, AT_1 through AT_7 displaced 360/7 degrees apart from the three 120-degree displaced supply currents, several properly rated ampere-turn components are added or subtracted vectorially. The relationship between the currents is shown in Fig. 2. In the phase-transforming circuit in Fig. 1A, the three currents are used to produce seven ampereturns displaced 51.4 degrees apart to excite the seven transformers. The phase relationship between the seven-legged star that forms the seven-phase magnetic-flux system and the three-phase primary-current system is irrelevant in principle. However, some circuit symmetry is desirable.

The preferred distribution of the multiple primary windings over the three star-connected phases is that



CURRENTS (A) and output voltage (B) are shown for three-phase multiplier. Currents (C) and voltage (D) are shown for single-phase multiplier with magnetic-amplifier load—Fig. 3

	Three Phase	Single Phase	
AT_1	$+400 \times I_R$	$+ 230 \times I_R$	
AT_2	$-360 \times I_T + 68 \times I_R$	$-207 \times I_T + 39 \times I_R$	
AT ₃	$+$ 314 \times I_S $-$ 136 \times I_T	$+180 \times I_s - 78 \times I_T$	
AT_4	$-$ 260 $ imes$ I_R $+$ 200 $ imes$ I_S	$-150 \times I_R + 115 \times I_S$	
AT_5	$-260 \times I_R + 200 \times I_T$	$-150 \times I_R + 115 \times I_T$	
AT_6	$+$ 314 $\times I_T$ $-$ 136 $\times I_S$	$+180 \times I_T - 78 \times I_S$	
AT ₇	$-360 \times I_S + 68 \times I_R$	$-207 \times I_S + 39 \times I_R$	

which results in the most suitable phase range of ampere-turns that can be produced with the greatest economy (least copper resistance of primary windings) by each pair of 120-degree displaced phase currents. In the actual arrangement corresponding to Fig. 2, circuit symmetry is achieved by choosing saturable transformer 1 in the axis of current I_{R} so that it is excited by only one phase current. In the remaining six transformers, two currents contribute to the exciting ampere turns. The number of primary turns in transformer 1, associated with phase current I_R , serves as a reference for designing the other units. The relationship among the primary ampere-turns is indicated in Fig. 1 and 2.

Series-connected secondary windings N_1 through N_7 have the same number of turns. By selecting this number in accordance with the actual load impedance, optimum operating conditions can be obtained. A capacitor can be connected in series with the load to obtain capacitive compensation of the inductive internal impedance of the multiplier.

WAVEFORMS — Generally, any phase-symmetrical distribution of *n* distorting elements connected to a three-phase system of sinusoidal supply voltage eliminates from the three-phase input current all harmonics of any order below $2n \pm 1$. This elimination of harmonics occurs because of mutual cancellation of harmonic currents in parallelconnected branches or by mutual cancellation of harmonic voltages in series-connected branches. For this reason, the series-star connection to guide the nearly sinusoidal phase currents through the multiple windings is essential.

Analysis of this type frequency multiplier shows that with n seriesexcited cores in symmetrical phase sequence, only one core is taken out of saturation at any time. Also, at this instant, the core taken out of saturation generates a counter emf opposing the instantaneous values of any of the three line-toline voltages in its primary windings. Conversely, any one of the three line-to-line voltages can be considered as cut up in block sections that are displaced 180/n degrees in phase and that vary in height by a sine-law distribution depending on the numbers of turns involved.

All of these sections must be approximately rectangular so that a counter emf is always generated in at least one core at a time and so that the counter emf fits into the pattern of all three line-to-line voltages at the same instant. Because of the deviation between applied voltage and the generated counter emf, it also follows that ripple currents of the predominating order, $2n \pm 1$, are generated in the threephase input current. With n = 7, the resulting deviations from the precise sine wave therefore consist of the 13th and 15th harmonics.

Since the voltage waveform is cut up into approximately rectangular blocks of the same width (180/n)degrees), the voltage per turn generated during each zero passage of primary ampere-turns is the same in all cores. The idealized waveform of the individual secondary voltages, appearing across winding N_1 through N_7 , corresponding to the zero passage of primary ampereturns is shown in Fig. 3. The individual contributions of the seven transformer units to square-wave output voltage E_L at frequency $7f_P$ is also shown.

WINDING DATA—The threephase design in Fig. 1A provides up to 40 watts output power with a 60-cps input of 180 to 220 volts. The toroidal transformer cores are made of 2-mil Orthonol tape in 180 wraps. Tape width is 1 inch, inside diameter is 1.5 inches and outside diameter is 2.5 inches. The number of ampere-turns in the primary windings corresponding to the vector diagram in Fig. 2 is shown in the table.

Secondary windings N_1 through N_7 are each made of 230 turns of No. 25 wire. Linear reactors L_1 , L_2 and L_3 have MoPermalloy powder cores and are Arnold type A-438,-281-2 with an inside diameter of 0.95 inch, outside diameter of 1.84 inches and are 0.71 inch high. Each reactor has 1,000 turns of No. 26 wire (9 ohms). Nominal permeability is 125 and nominal inductance is 0.281 henry.

The same toroidal transformer cores are used in the single-phase design in Fig. 1B, which operates from a 60-cps input of 100 to 140 volts. The primary windings are made of No. 18 wire, and the number of ampere-turns for the singlephase system is also shown in the table. The secondary windings are again formed of 230 turns of No. 25 wire.

Linear reactor L_P , has two stacked MoPermalloy powder cores and are Arnold type A-899,142-2 with an inside diameter of 1.938 inches, outside diameter of 3.063 inches and are each 0.5 inch high. The reactor has 600 to 1,200 turns of No. 20 wire (2 to 4 ohms) and



WAVEFORM at top is for resistive load and below is for magneticamplifier load-Fig. 4

is adjustable with taps. Nominal permeability of these cores is 125. and nominal inductance of the two stacked cores with a 1,000-turn winding is 0.284 henry.

RESULTS—The three-phase system in Fig. 1A with the symmetrical input circuit has been designed for a nominal supply voltage of 208 volts and requires three relatively small capacitors. The single-phase system in Fig. 1B requires considerably larger capacitors. However, this system can be used where a three-phase, 208-volt supply is not available. For example, this frequency multiplier can be used with small 400-cycle magnetic amplifiers operating from single-phase, 120volt, 60-cycle supplies.

The satisfactory stabilization achieved is indicated by the per-

formance characteristics obtained in the three-phase system and shown in Fig. 4A. The rms values are shown of primary winding current I_w (one of the phase currents I_R , I_S or I_T), capacitor current I_C and linear reactor current I_P . Also, output voltage is shown across resistive loads of 300, 500 and 10,000 ohms.

Similar characteristics in Fig. 4B for the single-phase system are for the special case of a load consisting of two magnetic instrument amplifiers connected in parallel. These push-pull type two-stage amplifiers, which supply a two-channel ink recorder, present a substantially constant inductive load of about 40 volt-amperes. In this application, a 3-microfarad capacitor was connected in series with the load for capacitive compensation of the inductive impedance in the output circuit. The measured rms values shown in Fig. 4B are primary current I_w , input current I_P through linear reactor L_P and load voltage E_{L} , which is the 420-cps power supply voltage of the magnetic amplifiers.

The output voltage waveform of the three-phase system with a purely resistive load of 300 ohms is shown at the top of Fig. 5. Output of the single-phase system with the magnetic amplifier load is considerably distorted from the rectangular waveform, as shown at the bottom of Fig. 5. However, this distortion was found not to affect operation of the magnetic amplifiers

A breadboard model of the singlephase system is shown in the photograph. All the components can be contained in a portable case about 12 by 10 by 6 inches. This system, which offers the advantages of ordinary constant-voltage transformers such as ruggedness, reliability and almost unlimited life, does not require servicing.

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Four-layer diodes alone, or with transistors or vacuum tubes, form a pulse-modulation technique to produce variable pulse lengths at high repetition rates with rapid rise and fall times



SERIES-resistor modulator uses four-layer diodes to produce 350-v 1-ampere pulses—Fig. 1



TIME

TRANSISTOR and diode modulator can produce up to 5 µsec pulse width at high prf—Fig. 2

THREE NEW APPROACHES

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PULSE MODULATION THE NEW WAY

The three circuits covered in this article use various combinations of four-layer diodes, transistors and vacuum tubes to produce low prf pulses with any length, high prf pulses with widths up to 5 μ sec and pulses of any length with close spacing between pulses. They can be used to modulate a twt or in any application where fast-rise, flat, variable-width, ampere-pulses are required for repetition rates to 300 Kc

MANY high-power traveling wave tubes are gridded, enabling the output to be controlled by a relatively low-power modulator. Some of these have an over 10 Kw output, yet are controlled by grid pulses of 500 v with grid interception of 0.6 amperes or less.

The three modulators described here can modulate two tubes in parallel, or may be used in other applications wherever fast-rise, flat, variable-width, ampere-pulses are required at repetition rates up to 300 Kc. Pulse width is variable from 0.1 to 5 μ sec for all circuits, and two circuits will produce millisecond pulses at low prf. The circuits were designed to operate between -250 volts and +250 volts, but may be altered to operate between other limits.

The circuits described are on-off types in which the B+ is switched on by a trigger to charge the inherent load capacitance (twt gridto-cathode plus strays) of up to 50 pf in less than 20 nsec. The pulse remains flat until a second trigger returns the load to the negative bias, discharging circuit capacitance in 15 to 50 nsec, depending upon the circuit design chosen.

Triggers required to pulse the modulators may be obtained by differentiating the output of a commercial low-voltage pulse generator, except in the third design where a higher voltage is required.

SERIES RESISTOR MODULA-TOR-A combination of four-layer (pnpn) diodes and a series resistance makes a simple modulator that will produce an excellent pulse shape at low repetition rates. Figure 1 shows an experimental circuit that produces 350-v, 1-ampere pulses. A negative trigger produces an overvoltage on the top four-layer diode of the ON circuit causing it to avalanche and apply full voltage across the rest of the load, minus the IR drop through R_1 . Diode D_1 in series with resistance R_2 paralleled by capacitor C_1 simulates the



AUTHOR Heckman checks results of one of the semiconductor modulator circuits

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load of a twt grid for test purposes. In the test setup, a 5687 was diodeconnected to handle the one ampere pulses. The resistance and capacitance values were determined from the characteristics listed by the twt manufacturer to duplicate the grids of two tubes in parallel. When the positive spike triggers the OFF string of four-layer diodes, the voltage at the lower end of R_1 is depressed to B—. The current reverses in the ON string so the diodes turn off (recover). When capacitor C_{z} charges, current through the OFF circuit is limited by R_3 to a value below the holding current of the OFF string of four-layer diodes, and they recover. Then C_2 discharges through R_{3} , and the cycle is repeated. This circuit produces the pulses shown at the bottom in Fig. 1.

The Shockley 4G200 diodes used in the circuit require several microseconds to recover so that C_2 must be relatively large and R_3 must be a high resistance to turn off diodes that have low holding current. Thus, the circuit produces only one or two hundred pulses a second. The prf can be increased by selecting diodes for fast response and high holding currents and by replacing R_s and C_z with an *LC* network. Pulse voltage can be raised to 500 v by using an additional diode in each string.

TRANSISTOR AND DIODE MOD-

ULATOR-High prf may be realized by replacing the series resistor of Fig. 1 with transistors. To obtain rise times faster than the turn-on time of transistors, four-layer diodes are again used in series in an ON circuit (Fig. 2). The transistors are pulsed on and when the lower end of the string reaches a voltage near B+, the two on four-layer diodes avalanche, applying a fast rise pulse to the load. The pulse to the transistor bases must be maintained to hold the transistors on. At the end of the pulse, they turn off but continue to conduct due to internal delay. At the end of the delay period, the OFF string of four-layer diodes is triggered and the load is brought rapidly to B-.

Heavy surge current through the transistors reduces their turn-off fall time and when transistor current ceases, the four-layer diodes recover and the circuit is ready for another pulse. Diodes can be selected from 4G200 units that will permit 100-Kc repetition rate. Special experimental Shockley diodes, manufactured by a gold-diffusion technique resulting in faster recovery, allow three-microsecond pulse spacing.

The 2N1508 transistors were used for experimental tests under overvoltage conditions. The bases were pulsed by a special transformer with five secondaries with each secondary rated at 8 v for 80ohms load and would hold up a 5- μ sec pulse. The OFF trigger can be provided from the trailing edge of the ON pulse by reversing the transformer to work with negative pulses and by using a 50-nsec delay line to connect to the OFF circuit.

Figure 2 also shows the pulse obtained with this circuit. Note that rise time is about 20 nsec, fall is 40 nsec and the top of the pulse is virtually flat.

HYBRID MODULATOR—Voltage limitations of fast-response transistors available during this development required an impractically large number of expensive transistors. Accordingly, a hybrid circuit was developed to combine the flat pulse obtained with four-layer diodes and the current handling capabilities of tubes.

The hybrid modulator is shown in Fig. 3. Both ON and OFF triggers determine pulse width. However, both ON and OFF triggers must be about 250-v amplitude. The method of triggering the four-layer diodes is unconventional, but turns on a string of diodes faster than methods previously reported.

Tube V_1 is normally ON, operating self-biased through R_3 , and cur-

rent is returned to the reference supply to hold the cathode at about 400 volts. The four-layer diodes are switched ON by a positive pulse across diodes D_1 and D_2 supplied from 1:1 isolating transformer T_1 . These avalanche, followed immediately by avalanche of the rest of string. Increased current the through V_1 drops the cathode about 100 v, supplying the load (twt grid) at +300 volts. The grid of V_1 is held at approximately zero bias during the pulse by resistor $R_{\rm s}$. Current from the +350-v supply is limited by R_2 during the pulse. The result is a pulse that will remain flat indefinitely. The OFF trigger turns on V_2 and pulls down the grid of V_1 to cut it off, terminate the pulse and discharge the capacitance of the load. The grid of V_1 is recharged to the self-biased state through the L_1 - R_2 series combination. The inductance holds off the grid rise to allow time for recovery of the special four-layer diodes. Closest pulse spacing with this circuit is about 3 μ sec. The L_1 - R_2 cir-



HYBRID modulator produces a 550-v, 1.4-ampere pulse with rise and fall times of 15 nsec. The circuit will produce pulses of any length with close spacing—Fig. 3

cuit must be changed to increase recovery time to about 10 μ sec if 4G200 diodes are used.

The hybrid modulator produces the pulse shown in Fig. 3. Rise and fall times are about 15 nsec for a 550-v, 1.4-ampere pulse. A minor dip near the leading edge can possibly be reduced with minor circuit changes. An extra clamp may be required in some applications since the output pulse voltage is determined by the 400-volt drop through output tube V_1 . Extensive tests of clamp circuits were conducted. Semiconductor diodes were found to be superior to thermionic types in clamping the initial 100 nsec of a pulse. A string of 1N697 diodes to a positive reference will provide an excellent clamp. A series resistance of about 50 ohms should be inserted ahead of the clamp. Without the additional pulse clamp, changes over the tube life will change the pulse voltage.

All three modulators described have turn-on and turn-off delays on the order of 50 to 100 nsec. Such a delay is also inherent in vacuumtube circuits. However, extreme care is required for four-layer diode circuits to insure that the delay remains constant. Changes may occur due to variations of trigger voltage, B+ or B- voltage, ambient temperature and aging.

The first circuit (Fig. 1) presented is preferred for low prf pulses of any length. The second (Fig. 2) is preferred for high prf and pulses up to 5 μ sec while the hybrid circuit (Fig. 3) will produce pulses of any length with close spacing subject to component duty cycle.

The circuits are unique in their ability to produce fast rise time, flat pulses at high power levels. This is accomplished with a minimum of components in an efficient compact package. Newer types of semiconductors which are becoming available will allow even higher pulse repetition rates and higher power outputs. Until semiconductor breakthroughs are made, it is probable that the circuits will find application when high power, variable width pulses are required for twt modulator or similar applications.

The author is indebted to M. L. Jones for suggestions regarding the circuit designs. BASIC CIRCUIT has limited current gain, requires tapped supply, is sensitive to temperature change and susceptible to noise on the supply line (A). Balanced-bridge technique combats these disadvantages, providing greatly increased stability and precision (B)—Fig. 1



HIGH PRECISION D-C Level Shifter Reduces Output Impedance

Circuit uses balanced bridge techniques to maintain constant current through reference zeners; only one d-c supply source is needed

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THE OUTPUT SIGNAL of this circuit is a replica of the input signal but it appears at lower impedance, and shifted in d-c voltage level by a predetermined amount. The circuit is a precision one, giving high linearity and low drift. The basic circuit uses only two transistors, two zener diodes and three resistors, plus one supply line which need not be stabilized.

The circuit may be used to shift the output level from any voltage source having a moderately low internal resistance. Originally the circuit was developed as an output stage for a frequency-voltage converter of the saturating-core type, the combined circuit being used as a precision frequency discriminator. Here the output circuit was used to back-off the steady output produced by the carrier frequency, so that the demodulated sidebands produced output voltages varying about ground potential.

SIMPLE CIRCUIT—Consider the conventional solution to the problem shown in Fig. 1A. The backingoff (level shifting) voltage is provided by a chain of zener diodes D_i - D_i , biased by a constant current I supplied by transistor Q_i . The input, V_{in} , is applied at the lower end of the chain and the output voltage V_{out} , taken from the top through an isolating stage Q_2 . Transistor Q_2 is needed partly to reduce the output resistance, but mainly to ensure that changes of load current do not modify the value of I, otherwise the resulting change in Zener diode working point would result in a non-linear relationship between V_{in} and V_{out} .

This basic circuit, Fig. 1A, has a number of disadvantages. Both

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A SHIFTY CIRCUIT

Conventional solid state level-shifting techniques, using zeners as reference elements, stem more-or-less directly from vacuumtube work, where cold-cathode tubes provided the constantvoltage reference. However, fundamental improvements invariably come from a departure from tradition, and this circuit is no exception. Figure 1 caption outlines the advantages of the new level shifting circuit, while the references show how its evolution follows earlier developments described in ELECTRONICS

positive and negative supply lines are needed. The positive line voltage V_p must be high enough to accommodate maximum positive signal voltage swing on the output, plus bias requirements for zener diode D_4 , which may be an extra six volts. The single emitter-follower Q_2 has only a moderate performance. Noise on the supply bus can reach the output terminals through R_e for the positive line and through the collector capacitance of Q_2 for the negative line. The constant current Ifrom Q1 may vary with temperature, resulting in output drift if the source resistance R_s is appreciable. Also, the output resistance of Q_1 is finite, so that I may vary with output voltage, giving rise to nonlinearity.

IMPROVED CIRCUIT—The alternative circuit of Fig. 1B uses fewer components but gives a better performance. This circuit maintains a constant voltage between input and output terminals; it also provides an impedance transformation between these terminals.

Transistors Q_3 and Q_4 , Fig. 1B, are connected in a d-c negativefeedback loop. Transistor Q_4 supplies the current demanded by the bridge network R_1 - D_5 - R_2 - D_6 , while Q_3 detects any unbalance in the bridge and corrects it by changing the bias on Q_4 , thus modifying the bridge input current. The current out of the bridge is made up of two components, $I_1 = (V_6 - V_{eb})/R_1$ and $I_2 = (V_5 - V_{eb})/R_2$ neglecting Q_a base current. The zener diodes D_5 and D_6 are biased by currents I_1 and $(I_2 - I_e)$; I_1 and I_2 are fixed while I_e is small and near-constant, as will be shown shortly. The voltage between the input and output terminals of the circuit is $(V_5 + V_6 - V_{eb})$, and will thus be constant, apart from temperature effects. The temperature coefficient of the whole backing-off voltage is the sum of the coefficients of D_5 , D_6 and Q_3 emitter-base voltage. By choice of diodes, this may be set to near zero, or to a small positive or negative value.

The impedance transformation occurs as follows. Input signals are applied to Q_3 base through D_5 , and taken from Q_3 emitter through D_6 . Transistors Q_3 and Q_4 are connected as a compound emitter follower². Any change in the collector current of Q_3 changes the bias on Q_4 , so that Q_4 collector feeds back into Q_3 emitter a current which reduces the original change by a factor B_4 , where B_4 is somewhat less than the grounded emitter current gain of Q_4 . Transistor Q_3 thus behaves as if its current gain were not its normal value (say β_3), but rather $B_4\beta_3$, giving an impedance transformation of this magnitude between input and output.

The circuit can deliver an appreciable current into a load resistor. Current fed into the load is supplied directly from the collector of Q_i , and can be large assuming adequate precautions against overload. Current drawn from the load flows into the bridge network, the current supplied by Q_4 being reduced by the same amount. The maximum swing in this direction is thus limited to less than $(I_1 +$ I_2). For a current I_0 into the load, the working point of Q_a and the zener diode D_{0} change by I_{0}/B_{4} . The resulting change in backing-off voltage can be calculated on this basis and can be made small.

The minimum backing-off voltage available is that developed across two zener diodes in series. Larger voltages can be obtained by adding more such diodes in series with the input lead. The backing-off voltage can be made variable by including a variable resistor R_3 , Fig. 2A, in series with the input lead. The current $(I_1 + I_2 \text{ approx})$ in this resistor is defined, so the voltage across it will be virtually constant, and the increase in resistance seen at the output terminals will only be $R_3/B_4\beta_3$. However the temperature coefficient of the total current through R_{s} is slightly different from that of the backing-off voltage, since V_{eb} (for Q_3) occurs once each in the equations for I_1 and I_2 , but only once in the equation for the backing-off voltage.

Incidental advantages of the circuit are that it requires no separate negative supply line, and the positive line voltage need be only slightly higher than the most positive output voltage excursion. The circuit is largely insensitive to changes of supply line voltage at d-c or low frequencies. The small residual effect, which arises from the finite output resistance of Q_3 , can be cancelled by inverse feedback through a resistor R_4 into Q_3 emitter circuit (Fig. 2A). The optimum value for R_4 is best found experimentally. Figure 2A also gives circuit values.

DESIGN DETAILS — This levelchanging circuit has, in addition to its normal operating state, a second stable condition in which both transistors are cut off and no current flows. This cut off condition, which can be mistaken for circuit failure, is avoided by ensuring that the circuit output is always connected to some finite value of load resistor.

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tected against damage by short circuit across the output. If the output voltage is positive when the short circuit is applied, Q_4 (Fig. 2A) will be turned fully on, so its maximum current must be limited by a resistor R_5 in the collector circuit. Current through Q_3 is limited to a safe value by R_2 . Alternatively, if the output is negative, a shortcircuit cuts transistors Q_3 and Q_4 off, and the emitter-base junction of Q_3 becomes reverse-biased. The reverse voltage rating of this junction should preferably be large enough to withstand the largest expected reverse voltage; if this is not possible, the junction should be protected by a shunt diode D_n (a series diode would be better, but would increase the temperature coefficient of the backing-off voltage). The maximum current flowing through D_5 , D_6 and D_{μ} is then limited only by the characteristics of the source, which must be chosen appropriately.

TEMPERATURE EFFECTS—The major effect of temperature change on the circuit performance is a change in backing-off voltage resulting from the temperature coefficients of D_5 , D_6 and V_{eb} of Q_3 . Variation of temperature will also change other parameters of Q_a and Q_{4} ; the resulting changes in circuit performance can be deduced from the current-flow dia-

gram of Fig. 2B. First consider transistor Q_4 . Feedback action holds the collector current of Q_3 at an I_c value sufficient to turn-on current $(I_1 + I_2 - I_c \text{ approx})$ in Q_4 collector. An increase in the temperature of transistor Q_4 reduces its emitter-base voltage, increases I_{co} and increases B_i , the in-circuit current gain from base to collector. All three effects reduce the Q_4 base current required to turn on a given collector current in Q_4 , so as the temperature of Q_1 is raised, the current I_c falls. This affects the backingoff voltage, though only because the current through D_{6} and the emitter-base junction of Q_3 is slightly reduced. The current out of the bridge into the input terminal is also affected, being decreased by an amount I_c/β_3 .

Considering Q_3 the temperature dependence of V_{eb} in this transistor has been discussed; changes in β_{a} and I_{co} hardly affect the backingoff voltage, but modify the current flowing out of the bridge circuit as shown in Fig. 2A.

SMALL SIGNALS - The circuit constitutes a negative feedback amplifier, so for loop stability the Nyquist criterion must be satisfied. The bridge $R_1 - D_5 - R_2 - D_6$, Fig. 2A, will always give the correct sense output if $R_1 \cdot R_2 >> r_5 \cdot r_6$, where r_5 and r_6 are the incremental resistances of zeners D_5 and D_6 . This con-

dition is always satisfied in practice. Inside the feedback loop, Q_3 operates in grounded base and Q_4 in grounded emitter configuration; Q_3 should therefore be chosen to have an equal or higher cut-off frequency than Q_4 because then Q_4 will provide a dominant lag in the loop, giving unconditional stability. The closed-loop performance of the circuit should thus be constant up to about the beta cut-off frequency of Q_4 ; above this frequency, the loop gain falls off.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS-It

should be possible to improve circuit performance still further by substituting for Q_4 a compound pair of transistors as shown in Fig. 2C. The improvement in performance appears as increased isolation of the load from the input circuit; the temperature dependence of the circuit is still controlled by the bridge network. Against this improvement must be balance the extra cost and the greater difficulty experienced in stabilizing the loop at high frequencies.

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PRACTICAL CIRCUIT has stable operating mode with both transistors cut off-finite load permanently connected prevents this (A). Current flow diagram aids circuit analysis (B); additional transistor provides complementary output stage (C)-Fig. 2
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Optical Computers Approach Reality

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Subnanosecond computing elements may use fiber optics, glass lasers

A MAJOR BARRIER in speeding up the operation of computers from submicrosecond to subnanosecond range is the demarcation between circuits whose speed is limited primarily by the active component speed, and those whose speed is limited by transmission delays between elements and stray effects surrounding the elements.

New devices are needed that will have faster active elements, that will be substantially reduced in size, and that will have a minimum of energy stored in stray effects.

Promising developments are tak-

ing place in optical and optoelectronic devices. These include the invention of the laser, use of fiber optics as both passive and active transmission lines, recent advances in high-speed photodetection, and both incoherent and coherent lightemitting semiconductor diodes.

Many photon processes are inherently fast: the natural lifetime of an isolated nonmetastable atom is in the nanosecond and subnanosecond range for photons at optical frequencies (2 e.v.) and higher. Such processes are the basis of fluorescence phenomena in activated solids. Laser processes also occur at nanosecond speeds.

The size of light generators, detectors and transmission lines is competitive with today's electronic circuits. Whereas the smallest co-

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axial cables in use are about 30 mils in diameter, optical fibers in the micron range have been used successfully, and ones in the 1 to 5-mil range are commonplace. Their loss characteristics are better than those of smallest coaxial cables, and crosstalk can be either enhanced for coupling or reduced to negligible amounts for isolation.

THE STRAY REACTANCE problem does not play a significant role in the optical elements, which are photon-controlled, rather than charge-controlled as conventional electronic devices. In a laser, for instance, the bulk movement of charge has been replaced by a bulk movement of photons, thus eliminating the need for a major redistribution of relatively large-scale fields.

The ability of optical systems to process information in parallel is well known, beginning with the simple lens and including fiber optic bundles. In the slower (millisecond) optical and optoelectronic systems already developed, fan-in factors of 1,000 have been obtained.

Some of the engineering considerations and advantages of new optical devices are:

Light frequencies, of the order of 10^{14} cps, potentially provide larger bandwidth and higher information-handling rates, if suitable modulation techniques are found.

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Nanosecond phenomena have been found in the last year or so in optical devices, but have not been applied to higher speed computers.

The neuristor is an example of a continuous type of device which may be more easily obtainable in optical fibers than with electronic devices.

Glass fiber lasers, which make the

active transmission line a reality for optics, have been demonstrated and could be used to overcome any undesirable loss of signal.

There are three types of computer circuits possible using optics. The first one is the optoelectronic type circuit, which uses a combination of photons and electrons as carriers of information, such as the light-emitting diode and photodetector. Then there is the purely optical type in which photons control photons, such as the glass laser. The other type of optical logic element is the hybrid combination of purely optical and optoelectronic circuits.

The frequency spectrum of the optical elements is in the visible (4,000 to 7,500 Å) and the near infrared (7,500 to 20,000 Å), where most optical devices and components developed to date operate.

OPTICAL ELEMENTS—The principal all-optical element is the active or passive optical fiber (sometimes referred to as the dielectric waveguide). Such fibers

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(see ELECTRONICS, June 1, 1962, p. 37) vary in size down to 0.1 micron in diameter.

The passive optical fiber is an excellent means of interconnecting optical circuits where gain is not needed to overcome losses. Typical passive fibers have a loss of about 1.1 db per meter; this compares with 1.8 db per meter at 1 Gc for a specialy made 35-mil diameter coaxial cable. Losses in fibers are due to line losses and end losses. Line losses are caused along the fiber by absorption in the material and scattering at the core-cladding interface, and are analogous to attenuation losses in electrical transmission lines. End losses are a measure of the amount of light that can be injected into and removed from the fiber, and are analogous to the impedance-matching losses in electrical transmission lines.

Velocity of propagation in optical fibers is about 8 inches per nanosecond, about the same as the propagation velocity of electrical signals along coaxial cables.

ACTIVE FIBERS—If the optical fiber is doped to provide laser action, it can act as an active transmission line; it then shows a net gain. This may overcome device loss in signal transmission paths thereby becoming an extremely valuable adjunct to lumped active devices.

NEURISTOR FIBERS - It has been shown (Walter Kosonocky, RCA) that an optical computer system is possible, using only optical lasers as active elements, operating as a laser neuristor computer. Kosonocky discussed the realizability of neuristors as active transmission lines in the form of optical fibers containing activeemissive ions and saturable-absorptive ions. Analysis has shown that optical logic devices are realizable; for example, using a one-micron-diameter optical fiber with a pulse duration of 100 picoseconds at a frequency of 1 Gc, a logic device can be realized that operates at a 10-milliwatt power level.

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LASER COMPUTERS - It has been shown in principle that a laser can be used as a thresholdtriggered active element. The laser is pumped externally to just below threshold, and an input signal then applied to raise the laser above the threshold. In an all-optical system, this input signal takes the form of an aditional pump signal. In an electro-optical approach, an electrical signal induces polarization changes by the Kerr or Faraday effect, to couple more efficiently the pump power already present. At present, the former approach appears more promising, as the electro-optical effects are second order in magnitude. Considerable research remains to be done in this field.

A NOR-gate operation in a laser has been demonstrated by Koester of the American Optical Co. Here the input signal quenches the laser oscillation, thereby inhibiting the output signal.

Other potentially useful effects exist in optical fibers, such as the use of different modes of propagation to represent binary information. This may be a way to implement an optical computer which does not use the pulse-no pulse basis as the one-zero representation. Interference and coupling effects between individual fibers in either common or separate claddings may be useful in ultra-highspeed computers.

OPTOELECTRONIC ELEMENTS

—One recent development in this area is the semiconductor laser, in which a p-n junction is electrically pumped to produce an optical output. Such a device has excellent isolation between electrical input and optical output, eliminating a major source of feedback encountered in all-electronic devices. A thorough understanding of how to fabricate devices with specified characteristics is not yet well developed.

As suggested by Iwerson, Bell Telephone Laboratories, the combination of light-emitting diodes and photodiodes may make the optoelectronic relay a reality. These types of circuits should permit integration into an all-semiconductor package.

The best type of logic to be used in nanosecond computing systems has yet to be settled. Majority or threshold logic may be found convenient, or possibly multilevel or parallel logical circuits will be indicated.

Precise Pointing Control



DEVELOPMENT of a new pointing control for orientation of scientific instruments in rockets has been announced by Ball Brothers Research Corporation, Boulder, Colorado.

In a recent flight the new control, called the SPC 400, pointed a spectrographic monochromator biaxially at the center of the sun and held it there within 15 seconds of arc, for a period of about 5 minutes.

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the Science Research Center in Dallas. A working model of the neutron monitoring station has been built by Kenneth G. McCracken at SCR's Atmospheric and Space Sciences Division.

When the full-scale instrument is completed, it will weigh 40 tons, and will be placed in operation by next January 1 somewhere in the North American polar cap, close to the North magnetic pole.

Fluctuations of cosmic rays will be monitored on a minute-to-minute, hour-to-hour and day-to-day basis. Eventually a complete network of neutron monitoring stations will permit measurements from different angles.

McCracken said that the new monitor, the biggest one built, will increase by a factor of 20 the amount of neutrons counted, compared to present-day instruments.

Work on the station is supported by a \$111,100 National Science Foundation grant. The Science Research Center is temporarily housed in facilities of the Southern Methodist University; permanent facilities are being raised on a 1,400-acre campus north of Dallas.

Maser Telescope Probes Planetary Radiation

LINEAR polarization of microwave radiation received from Saturn indicates that the planet has an extensive Van Allen belt.

This was announced by a U.S. Naval Research Observatory research team, which used an 84-foot radio telescope with a maser amplifier designed at the Columbia Radiation Laboratory. The telescope was used to measure each of the vibration components of microwave radiation. It was found that polarization in one plane was much stronger than in the other.

It is thought that Jupiter's radiation is polarized by very fast electrons spinning above its equator. Jupiter's polarization would therefore be in its equatorial plane; however, radiation from Saturn is polarized in the plane of the planet's axis. This is explained by two alternative hypotheses: that Saturn's rings have modified its Van Allen belt, or that the magnetic poles of Saturn are close to the equator. QUICK, SLICK WAY TO PROTECT PRODUCTS

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Compatible Techniques for Integrated Circuits

Combined thin-film and silicon block techniques improve performance

PROGRAM to develop compatible techniques for fabrication of complete integrated circuit functions utilizing semiconductor, thin film and other solid-state technologies as required was discussed at Electrochemical Society meeting, April 17 in Pittsburgh.

J. R. Black of Motorola discussed techniques for successful integration of thin film and semiconductor techniques to produce useful circuit functions which are inherently reliable and reproducible. Main point brought out in this talk was that utilization of a wide variety of materials to construct circuit elements provides wider range of component values to closer tolerances than can be presently achieved if only one technology and material is used.

BETTER CONTROL—Black said that the component parasitic parameters such as temperature coefficients, voltage sensitivity and loss factors can be better controlled if more than one material is available to construct components. Of great importance is the electrical isolation of critical circuit elements which is achievable when thin films are combined with silicon elements. Possibility also exists of reduced manufacturing costs due to design flexibility.

A partial list of some of the bounds placed upon materials selection and processing which

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have been identified to date were outlined. Silicon is the initial substrate material. Final functions shall be capable of being stored for long periods at 300 C without degradation. Diffusion temperatures are near 1,000 C. Silicon dioxide can be thermally formed at 900 C. To provide organic free contact areas, the semiconductor block must be heated in oxygen to 550 C. After metalization of contact areas the block should not be subjected to temperatures exceeding 500 C. Due to migration, diffusion and alloving problems, use of gold shall be avoided. Aluminum metal is used for the interconnection due to its electrical conductivity and excellent adherence to metals and glass. Minimum sealing temperature should be 440 C for 15 minutes. And the use of physical masks for the delination of thin film components should be avoided.

Black said that effort was made to modify the material and processing parameters of the thin-film components to assure compatability. Thin film components and processes which have received attention at Motorola were outlined.

RESISTOR FILMS — Desirable characteristics for thin film resistor elements include materials having relatively low temperature coefficients, absence of reverse leakage parasite and reduced distributed capacitance. Tin oxide films receive attention for large value resistors by gas plating. Nichrome films are used for moderate to low valued resistors. These are deposited by vacuum evaporation.

DIELECTRIC FILMS — Capacitor considerations include materials which can provide low loss, voltage stability, and are isolated devices. Materials used are alumina silicate glass, silicon oxide, tantalum oxide and alumina. Processes for the alumina compounds are by gas plating. The others are deposited by vacuum evaporation, and also wet



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chemistry in the case of tantalum oxide.

Conductor films use aluminum, for metallizing around corners and also for interconnection patterns on ceramic or plastic for interconnecting functional electronic blocks. Black also discussed techniques for reduction of pinholes in thermallygrown silicon dioxide.

TIN OXIDE can provide high valued resistors which can be readily etched to fine patterns using KMER, according to Black. This can make stable electrical contact to silicon. At elevated temperatures, the tin oxide reacts with aluminum and can form an insulating aluminum oxide interface resulting in an open contact. A film of nickel, approximately 1,000 Å thick can provide a satisfactory stable interface between the tin oxide and aluminum.

Present effort is being devoted at Motorola to develop a 300-350 C deposition process which uses phosphorus, silicon or aluminum as a dopant. Resulting films are said to show promise in obtaining lower temperature coefficients for a given sheet resistance than do films deposited by the older processes. Furthermore, it is believed that improved aging characteristics can be achieved and better control obtained over thin film properties than is available with the higher temperature process.

The Nichrome films are seen to possess excellent long term aging characteristics as well as low and reproducible temperature coefficients. Nichrome maintains good electrical contact to silicon as well as aluminum and adhere well to silicon dioxide. Methods presently developed to accurately etch Nichrome patterns 0.001-inch wide used photoresist techniques.

Work is now directed towards improvement of reproducibility for depositing a stable mixed oxide glass system of higher dielectric strength and volume resistivity than either thermally-grown or reactively-sputtered quartz films.

Organo-aluminum compounds are being investigated which pyrolize at lower temperatures for the deposition of conductors for multilayered printed wiring interconnect boards.

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Problems are being worked on to provide compatability with silicon substrates. These include development of the second electrode which is stable with the oxide dielectric and aluminum metal. Also, development of a technique to provide a low resistance contact to the tantalum and aluminum electrode after anodization.

Work at Motorola on compatible techniques for integrated circuits was written up by J. R. Black and C. R. Madland. Program was sponsored by Wright Field.

Carrier Transport Through Thin Organic Films

UNIQUE properties of organic materials may open up a whole new range of basic insulating materials for electronic applications, according to L. C. Scala of Westinghouse Research Laboratories.

Using special techniques, organic insulating films may be prepared under conditions such that their thickness, structure and composition are subject to careful experimental control. Well defined layers of organic materials, and their ordered organic structures, facilitate analysis of thin insulating layers, less than 500 Å thick.

Scala discussed carrier transport mechanisms through thin organic films at Electrochemical Society meeting, April 18, in Pittsburgh. Metal-insulator-metal sandwich



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Powdered Silicon Forms Solid Electrolyte Capacitor

CONTROLLED purity silicon has been studied as a basic material for the production of a solid electrolytic capacitor both by Texas Instruments and Nippon Electric.

J. H. Van Tassel and R. R. Haberecht of TI described their development at Electrochemical Society meeting on April 17 in Pittsburgh. Y. Ishikawa and S. Inowaki will present a paper on what is believed to be a similar development at the Electronic Components Conference

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Texas Instrument reported on the effect of particle size, particle shape, resistivity and nature of impurities.

PELLETS—At TI, anode bodies of silicon are fabricated by pressing powdered silicon. The body is hardened by sintering in a vacuum between 1,350 C and 1,400 C or in inert atmospheres at somewhat higher temperatures. The authors discussed the effects of pressure, powder size fraction and sintering conditions upon the density of the anode body. During the entire anode fabrication procedure, the pellet is maintained in an oxygen-free atmosphere to prevent oxide doping during sintering and to insure the electrical integrity of the sintered anode.

The TI paper outlined the influence of resistivity of the starting silicon material upon the electrochemical processing steps and gave final device characteristics. The dissipation factor measured on the system was found to vary directly with the base material resistivity. Rate of anodization also increases with increasing material resistivity for equal surface areas. P-type silicon, ranging in resistivity from 0.001 ohm cm to 213 ohm cm was used in this portion of the study. Electrolytes evaluated included Nmethyl acetamide made 0.04 N in potassium nitrate, water-phosphoric acid, monoalcohol-phosphoric acid and polyalcohol - phosphoric acid.

The influence of the accepter impurity of the base material upon the dielectric film was investigated at Texas Instrument by radio-tracer techniques.

Various power application programs were discussed by TI. The current densities used were considerably higher than those normally used in the formation of anodic tantalum oxide films because of the relatively low current efficiency for the anodization of silicon.

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When carried-out manually, changes and re-changes require hundreds of man-hours. The magnetic-tape recording technique, used in a "design automation" system at IBM produces a new computer printout for every design change and provides designers with clean, original sheets for their work in a matter of minutes.

New technique and computer language developed for it are based on the applications concept of taking partial designs and combining them into bigger ones, thus being able to add more details on existing designs.

CRITERIA—Just as algebra can describe certain static conditions while calculus must be used to describe more dynamic conditions, notation language or coding for recording designs and changes is tailored to perform these recording functions. Four requirements met:

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NOTATION CONCEPT is extended to multi-output circuits using branching technique—Fig. 2

design data in a manner facilitating easy changing of design

• Other computer programs are able to read design data

DERIVATION — Language developed has a listing format that can be directly key punched for writing on magnetic tape. Bases for the new language is a combination of block diagram and parenthesis-free notation.

Conventional block-diagram approach on implementing a simple Boolean expression is shown in Fig. 1A using two-input OR's. With functional notation this single-output block diagram can be formulated as shown in Figure 1B, where p, q, r, s, t, u, v could stand for: manual control, backspace, rewind, skip forward, automatic control, in use, sample.

But engineers must rely on additional information: where are lines generated, where are they driven, what voltage levels are the lines capable of achieving, what are the physical location of circuits, what test points must be probed, what circuit types are involved, what is the change level at which designs are documented? To be able to include such information in the form of additional properly coded notations on each design sheet the following approach was worked out.

Each function and variable is placed as the "central field" on separate lines forming a list (Fig. 1C). Functionally, input and output notations of "list" are read as follows: Starting at the left and proceeding down and then to the right, first or circuit has two inputs, both outputs of AND circuits. One of these AND circuits has two inputs, the other three. One of two inputs to first AND is the p variable while other input is out-put of two-input OR circuit.

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TRANSCRIPTION SYSTEM makes use of keypunched data obtained from notation listing-Fig. 3

and right of logical field for indicating cross references, physical locations, circuit types, explanations of signal-line names, etc.

MULTI-OUTPUT CIRCUITS -Same notation concept is extended to multi-output circuits.

Using Fig. 2A, one function is n. Another function, m, is OR of two parts which were also used in producing n. In the functional notation, output of CONVERT block is named as a variable, say w. Similarly, output of the three-input AND block will be called x. An equation can now be produced as a function of w OR x. Relationship between m and n is illustrated in Fig. 2B.

The relationship between m and n in functional list is illustrated in Fig. 2C. Notice that each line of print bears a reference number for quick identification. Two "diamonds" are used as equal signs. Primary output of first equation is n, and primary output of the second equation is m. Secondary outputs within these equations are w and x, which, for clarity, are preceded by "extended diamonds" as equal signs.

In line 15, output of CONVERT block has two branches. One branch drives directly into OR circuit of line 14, and the other branch drives to line 27 feeding into OR circuit of line 26. This cross-referencing can be considered as a "where used" listing or net listing (because it identifies the complete set of fanouts from individual sources). Also, as shown in line 27, an input refer-





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TRANSCRIPTION — Coded notation listing is designated as "original document" or "changed document" and, as mentioned before, lends itself readily to furnishing keypunched data that can be recorded on magnetic. tape. Thus, the design-recording-change system shown schematically in Fig. 3 was developed to facilitate design and design changes during production.

Handle Test Probes Like Chopsticks

By CHARLES L. COHEN McGraw-Hill World News



CHOPSTICK technique with test probes is demonstrated by Japanese technician



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by 5 to produce 1 Mc at 1 to 2 parts in 1010 per day. The 100 Kc output of the 10:1 divider is uncorrected and represents 10 Kc + $\Delta f(t)$ where $\Delta f(t)$ is frequency change due to aging. This is reduced to zero in the correction circuit. A variable rate device anticipates required aging reduction with time and compensates accordingly. The remainder of the circuit drives a synthesizer whose output is compared with a low-frequency standards transmission. Any difference between synthesized and received signals is recorded on a strip chart.

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height analyzer, scaler, timer, h-v power supply and linear amplifier. It makes it possible to use several radioactive isotopes in a single experiment and measure each separately, to count primary radiation in the presence of scattered radiation, or to identify an isotope by its characteristic radiation. Tracerlab division of Laboratory For Electronics, Inc., 1601 Trapelo Road, Waltham 54, Mass.

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Tiny Feed-Through Features Long Lug

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Fixed-Bed	500 mw	60	2N335A	MM/2N332/M
Grown-diffused				MM/2N333/M
				MM/2N336/M
Grown-diffused	250 mw	45	2N337	MM/2N338
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set values of currents from 0 to 7.5 ma. Model 4023 contains a voltage operated duration timer which can be set from 0 to 180 sec with time delay, before voltage charge, adjustable from 0 to 50 sec. Color coded safety probes are insulated to 15 Ky with contacts sheathed at all times by spring loading to protect operator. Aerospace Electronics, Inc., P.O. Box 48-495, Miami, Fla.

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Literature of the Week

- BEARINGLESS TACHOMETER GENERATOR Vibrac Corp., Route 129, Alpha Industrial Park, Chelmsford, Mass. A 4-page brochure describes an inexpensive means to precise measurement of shaft speeds. CIRCLE 323, READER SERVICE CARD
- POWER SUPPLIES Kepco Inc., 131-38 Sanford Ave., Flushing 52, N. Y. Catalog B-631 provides a convenient guide to the selection of a wide variety of high-reliability, d-c regulated power supplies. (324)
- LASER MICROPROBE Jarrell-Ash, 26 Farwell St., Newtonville, Mass. Preliminary bulletin 45-600 describes an optical ruby laser for exciting spectral emission from analytical samples. (325)
- WIRES AND CABLES Standard Wire and Cable Co., 3440 Overland Ave., Los Angeles 34, Calif. Publication entitled "Comparison Chart" shows major characteristics of aircraft and electronic wires and cables covered by military specifications. Copies are available upon letterhead request.
- HIGH-SPEED PRINTER Potter Instrument Co., Inc., 151 Sunnyside Blvd., Plainview, L. I., N. Y. Product data sheet 3-206 describes a high-speed militarized printer. (326)
- ULTRAPURE ELEMENTS L. Light & Co. Ltd., Colnbrook, Bucks, England. Over 700 forms and compounds of 84 elements are listed in catalog M-4 now available. (327)
- WIRE AND CABLE INSULATIONS Radiation Materials Inc., 36-32 37th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. A 20page catalog describes the company's irradiated polyolefin wire and cable insulations. (328)
- ELECTRON TUBES General Electric Co., Owensboro, Ky. A 16-page booklet contains details of 22 recent developments in Compactrons, receiving tubes, ceramic tubes, photoconductive cells, and reed switches. (329)
- POWER WIREWOUND RESISTORS International Resistance Co., 401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa. High temperature power wirewound resistors featuring fireproof construction are described in bulletin P-7b. (330)
- R-F INDUCTORS Nytronics, Inc., 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, N. J. Ultrareliable shielded subminiature r-f inductors with inductances from 0.1 μ h to 180,000 μ h in 76 values are offered in a catalog sheet. (331)
- MILITARY COMPONENTS Ohmite Mfg. Co., 3640 Howard St., Skokie, Ill. Catalog of military components (50C) contains information on new rheostats and resistor styles and expanded listings of hat shape tantalum slug capacitors. (332)

- PROTECTIVE COATING Columbia Technical Corp., 24-30 Brooklyn-Queens Expressway West, Woodside 77, N. Y., offers a data sheet on Humi-Seal type 1B23, a fast drying coil dope for applications over a wide range of frequencies. (333)
- PREAMPLIFIERS Brush Instruments, division of Clevite Corp., 37th and Perkins, Cleveland 14, O. Five data sheets describe the 4200 series of interchangeable solid-state preamplifiers for use with oscillograph recording systems. (334)
- FIXED DELAY LINE Helipot Division of Beckman Instruments, Inc., 2500 Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif., has available data sheet 63437 on a miniature fixed delay line. (335)
- EXTRUSIONS Mideast Aluminum Corp., U. S. 130, Dayton, N. J. Brochure describes the company and its services for the extrusion of shapes for the electronic and electrical industries. (336)
- PRINTED CIRCUIT PROTOTYPES Rowe, Inc., 68 Union Ave., Clifton, N. J. Brochure describes the company's special facilities for printed circuit prototype development and short run production. (337)
- TELEGRAPH REKEYER Ortronix Inc., P.O. Drawer 8217, Orlando, Fla., offers a short form catalog on a transistorized, solid state telegraph rekeyer that is a 10th the size of conventional vacuum tube types. (338)
- D-C FEEDBACK AMPLIFIER Airpax Electronics Inc., Cambridge, Md. Part 2 in the series of chopper articles describes d-c feedback amplifiers and their utilization of micro-midget electromechanical choppers. (339)
- TUNNEL DIODE AMPLIFIERS Aertech, 1074 Alma, Mountain View, Calif. A technical data sheet describes S-band and C-band low noise, high gain tunnel diode amplifiers. (340)
- PRECISION MOLDINGS Gries Reproducer Corp., 400 Beechwood Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y. Brochure 1018 describes the design advantages of automatically-molded small precision thermoplastic parts. (341)
- X-Y RECORDER Varian Associates, 611 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, Calif. The all-transistor model F-80 X-Y recorder is illustrated and described in a new folder. (342)
- LINE FAULT ANALYZER Sierra Electronic Division of Philco, 3839A Bohannon Drive, Menlo Park, Calif. Model 371A line fault analyzer with its 200 mile ranging capability is covered in a 4-page folder. (343)
- DEFLECTION YOKE Constantine Engineering Laboratories Co., Mahwah, N. J. Celco bulletin Y18 details technical information concerning a new deflection yoke for direct display storage tubes. (344)
- DIGITAL DELAY LINES Microsonics, Inc., 60 Winter St., Weymouth 88, Mass., has published a bulletin dealing with digital delay lines. (345)

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H-P To Build \$2-Million Plant



DAVID PACKARD, president of Hewlett-Packard Co., has announced the company will build a new plant in Colorado Springs, Colo., for the design and manufacture of oscilloscopes.

Construction of the \$2-million plant will begin about June 15, according to Packard. He said the new facility, a single 137,500-sq-ft building on a 30-acre site, is expected to be completed within a year, and eventually employ about 650 people.

"According to our long-range plans, this building will be only the first unit of a four-building complex which will provide some 400,-000 sq ft and employ more than 2,000 people," he added.

Hewlett-Packard, headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif., is one of the largest manufacturers of electronic measuring instruments. The company already has two facilities in Colorado—a 140,000-sq-ft plant in Loveland, and a 20,000-sq-ft leased plant in Colorado Springs.



McCoubrey Heads Up Varian Solid State Unit

VARIAN ASSOCIATES has announced the formation of a new Solid State Packard pointed out that H-P has been producing oscilloscopes for only the past six years. During that time the company's oscilloscope sales have increased at an average rate of 30 percent per year.

"We anticipate that this growth will continue, and for this reason are moving as quickly as possible to expand our productive capacity," Packard said.

At present the bulk of Hewlett-Packard oscilloscopes are produced in Palo Alto, Calif. However, Packard stated that over the next 18 months the company will transfer its entire Oscilloscope division to Colorado Springs.

Hewlett-Packard and its subsidiaries now produce more than 900 different types of precision instruments which are distributed throughout the U.S. and in some 70 foreign countries. The company has a dozen manufacturing plants, including two in Western Europe. Total employment, including subsidiaries, is approximately 6,000.

Activity at its Beverly, Mass., facility.

Under the direction of Arthur McCoubrey, the new activity will be located at the Beverly site together with the Bomac division of Varian.

McCoubrey's group will take over development and production of Varactor subminiature diodes formerly produced by the Bomac division. It will also develop and introduce a new line of microwave devices useful for the generation and amplification of microwave energy, and for other purposes. The group will function as a unit of Varian's Microwave Tube Group, reporting to group vice president Emmet G. Cameron.

McCoubrey has been with Varian since 1960.

Piland Takes Over Key NASA Post

ROBERT R. GILRUTH, director of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas, has named Robert O. Piland to be acting manager of the Apollo program, with the additional responsibility as chief, Command and Service Module.

Piland was formerly chief, Lunar Excursion Module, and is being replaced in that position by James Decker.



General Capacitor Elects Biesele

R. L. BIESELE, JR., formerly manager of operations of the Palo Alto plant of the Clevite Corp., has been elected president and chief executive officer of General Capacitor Co. of Palo Alto, Calif. He has also been elected to the board of directors of the company.

General Capacitor manufactures a line of high voltage capacitors and pulse forming networks for use in high power search radars, linear accelerators, and pulsed laser applications.

Kolste Takes New Management Post

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Transitron Names Division Managers

Two major divisional appointments have been announced by Transitron Electronic Corp., Wakefield, Mass.

Roderic E. Hall, who has served as division manager-special products since 1961, has been appointed division manager-transistors.

Appointed division manager-special products was William Edgar who had previously been associated with Raytheon Company for some 15 years in semiconductor and tube departments.

Both men will report to the president.



Ford Instrument Appoints Simon

SIDNEY L. SIMON has been named vice president-engineering of Ford Instrument Company, division of Sperry Rand Corporation, Long Island City, N. Y. He was formerly chief engineer of RCA's Aerospace Communciations and Controls division.

For more than 12 years, Simon was associated with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (predecessor of NASA), earning promotion to chief, Physics of Solids Branch, Lewis Laboratory, Cleveland, O.

Honeywell Announces Management Changes

HONEYWELL has announced key management changes at two company divisions in the Boston area.

John W. Anderson, formerly vice president of engineering for the Electronic Data Processing division, was named general manager of the newly expanded Aeronautical division facility in Boston.

Succeeding Anderson at EDP is J. Chuan Chu who was named vice president for planning and engineering. Chu had been director of product planning for EDP.

Also, Robert J. Keeler was appointed director of engineering for the Boston Aeronautical facility. He had been head of the advanced product planning departments for both Boston and Florida operations.

Controls Company Promotes Barthell

JOHN P. BARTHELL has been appointed vice president and assistant general manager of Lake City, Inc., Crystal Lake, Ill., a subsidiary of Controls Company of America.

Prior to the promotion, Barthell served as operations manager of Controls Company's Chicago plant.

Lake City, Inc., manufactures synchronous motors, timing devices and automatic controls.

Appoint Lancaster Vice President

APPOINTMENT of Jess F. Lancaster as vice president, production, of Cooke Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of Cooke Engineering Co., Alexandria, Va., is announced. The firm was formerly known as Capital Capacitor Co. before its acquisition earlier this year by Cooke Engineering.

Lancaster was employed by the parent company for five years, engaged in planning and installation of communications equipment.

Announce Formation of New Company

A NEW FIRM, Micro-Beta Laboratories, Inc., has opened in Chicago, and is offering prototype and consulting services in (1) radar, navigation, and communication components and systems; (2) special consumer electronic products.

In addition to these services the company manufactures a line of r-f and microwave products.

President of Micro-Beta Labs is R. B. MacAskill, and director of engineering is H. H. Sandgathe.

Fancher Assumes New Post

H. BRAINARD FANCHER, formerly general manager of General Electric's Semiconductor Products Department in Syracuse, N.Y., has been named general manager of GE's Apollo Support Department of the Command Systems Division.

His new headquarters will be in Daytona Beach, Fla.



Polytronics Labs Names Doremus

JOHN A. DOREMUS has been named chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Polytronics Laboratories, Inc., Clifton, N.J.

Before joining Polytronics, Doremus was vice president and general manager of the Westrex division of Litton Systems, Inc.

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Beckman/Berkeley Hires Stalker

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struments, Inc., Richmond, Calif., is announced. He will be responsible for manufacturing methods, engineering standards, and facilities and equipment for the division.

The Berkeley division manufactures electronic test instruments and analog computers for industrial, laboratory and space-defense applications.

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Lothar Harzdorf, formerly with ITT Communications div. laboratories, joins Communicom, div. of Chaskin-Dimmick Corp., as chief network design scientist. James G. Houser promoted to director of advanced programs by Martin-Orlando. James W. Jones leaves Hoffman Electronics to head the Washington, D.C. office of Singer Metrics div. of The Singer Mfg. Co. Stanley Rothman and Everett Stone advance to mgr. of the special development dept. and mgr. of the satellite control dept., respectively, in the System Development Corp. Development div. G. Graham Whipple and Ray C. Stiff, Jr. move up to v-p's at Aerojet-General Corp. Motorola ups Walter P. Czeropski, Jr. to program mgr. of its Random Access Discrete Address program. Torben R. Dreyer, AMF divisional v-p in charge of Brooklyn Operations, appointed asst. group exec for mfg. of AMF's Advanced Products Group. Edward S. Goodridge, former president of Induction Heating Corp., has set up a technical counselling service in New York City. Robert W. Blucke promoted to branch mgr. of Honeywell Electronic Data Processing's New England branch. Amperex Electronic Corp. elevates John Messerschmitt to chairman, management committee, Tube div., and Irwin Rudich to chairman, management committee, Semiconductor and Receiving Tube div. Paul Smith, v-p of Esquire Radio Corp., elected to board of directors of parent company, Esquire Radio Electronics Inc. David B. 8. Medved, from GD/Astronautics to Solid State div. of Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., as mgr. of advanced concepts.



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