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- **THE IMPACT OF MICROELECTRONICS.** This week, electronics engineers of every stripe gathered in Chicago to hear industry and government leaders tell what lies ahead because of the microcircuit revolution. They spoke at a conference held jointly by ELECTRONICS and Armour Research Foundation (now ITT Research Institute). Here's what they had to say
- **NEW PARAMETRIC AMPLIFIER** Approaches Noise-Figure Minimum. Completely packaged solid-state unit operates at S-band using a Ku-band pump. Noise reduction is better than four-to-one over early amplifiers. Combining the latest design techniques optimizes the circuit.
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# One Customer Isn't Enough

**SWEEPING** and sometimes unpredictable changes in Pentagon procurement policies and practices make it more and more apparent that it is unhealthy for electronics engineers and electronics companies to place too great a reliance on military contracting as a source of work and profit.

The present administration is becoming more selective about the number and kinds of contracts it awards, and seems bent on setting new records for speed of cancelling contracts on going projects it wants to drop.

In the abstract, these are praiseworthy trends, but they are creating serious problems for companies and men heavily committed to military contracting. The descent from the pinnacle can be swift, the climb back slow.

Military electronics dominates our industry. It is our mainstay. Military R&D provides technical advances and income, military production is a prime source of profit. But it is the prospect for the individual company that the individual company must be concerned with, not this generality.

In military R&D, opportunities are being narrowed by such developing practices as:

• Limiting competition on a project to just a few companies "best technically qualified." If a company doesn't win that title early, will it ever be able to compete? Can it maintain its competence without substantial military R&D funds?

• Breaking down R&D into shorter program stages. This has many advantages, but contract security is not one of them.

• Rapid disclosure and rapid dissemination of technical advances. This may be good for the military in general, but it decreases a major attraction of military R&D—getting a leg up, technically, on competition.

• Increasing use of military and not-for-profit R&D shops to plan, manage and build system prototypes. Even when these jobs are given to industry, the company is often barred from subsequent hardware contracting.

Military production contracting, too, is becoming more chancy:

• Equipment needs change rapidly today; military concepts and world politics are in flux. Only one major program need be cancelled to bring hard times to a cluster of contractors.

• Technology can take a radical turn, as it is now doing with microelectronics, and unprepared



companies can quickly go in the ditch.

• System complexity and the "best technically qualified" criterion can lead to more prime contracting by fewer companies. If microelectronics forces radical consolidation of systems and components manufacturing—as some believe it will in the next five to ten years—more and more small supplier will be in difficulty.

• Profits are less sure. The trend is away from fixed-fee toward fixed or incentive contracts, and from negotiated to competitive procurement. This means more risks for the contractor.

For each of these negatives, a positive can of course be found. Certainly the electronics industry should not curtail its military electronics support. But it becomes increasingly obvious that companies, also, must be more selective in the military contracts they seek. And they must channel more effort into civilian electronics, too.

Civilian electronics has its ups and downs and competition. But the trends toward more automation in industry and toward greater use of all types of consumer and professional electronic equipment are long-term, with fewer hazards than a munitions industry faces.

Even if peace never breaks out, a more balanced mix of civilian and military electronics is necessary for greater stability and growth for the electronics industry and the men and companies which comprise it.

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## COMMENT

#### **Spare That Meter**

In your April 19 issue, in an article titled, Building A Simple Transistor Tester (p 56), author Montgomery has included a rather clever range-changer switching circuit. However, since banging the pointer against the stop-pin in any meter is a function that is normally shunned by those of us who must finance our own efforts and equipment, I would like to suggest that he change the meter portion of one switch referred to, so that the shunt resistor is in the circuit while the button goes down, and out when the switch bottoms. In this way the high-current range is within the first function of the switch, and the low-current range is arrived at in the second position. Thus the meter is spared abuse. Alteration of the switch is simple, with the meter portion being changed to a closethen-open arrangement.

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#### **Reliability Testing**

This year's IEEE International Convention presented particularly interesting exhibits. The accent appeared to be more on applications and improvements in already familiar instrumentation.

An impressive exhibit by Du-Pont Company demonstrated the "inertness" of their new cleaning and degreasing agent, Freon-TF. This exhibit consisted of an operating television receiver chassis completely submerged in a transparent tank filled with Freon-TF. As this agent has the appearance of water, it was impressive to note that all electrical connections were immersed in this liquid with no evidence of electrical leakage.

Another point of interest regarding this exhibit, was the thin stream of bubbles arising from certain components. Evidently, these components generated heat, which vaporized the Freon-TF and formed the stream of bubbles.

Understandably, heat is usually an unwanted by-product in an electronic device. However, a circuit designer cannot always predict localized hot-spots in an electronic chassis. These hot-spots may require a design modification or more likely, may be an indication of an approaching component failure.

After viewing this demonstration, it seems to me that this technique, when used as a test procedure, can be a powerful tool for reliability, testing of electronic equipment. This procedure may be used as a final test in a production line, or as an aid in determining the reliability of a new circuit design. W. P. CZERWINSKI

Shrewsbury, New Jersey

An interesting idea that may find applications. Infrared inspection is already in use for manufacture checking. For more on ir inspection, see the Production Techniques articles on p 62, June 14, 1963 and p 72, July 6, 1962.

#### Edwin, not Edward

In the article, New Digital Conversion Method Provides Nanosecond Resolution (p 55, May 3), of which I am co-author, my name was spelled wrong.

Thank you for the excellent presentation of my article.

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It may come as a surprise to author Johnson that his name is given as Edward on the manuscript we received.

#### Laser Modulation

In the article, Field Modulates Laser (April 26), you quote on p 26 some of our results (center column, bottom). There is an error. For 100-percent a-m with a few hundred megacycles bandwidth, only a *few watts* (not a few hundred watts!) are required. Furthermore, the paper presented at the Symposium on Optical Masers is co-authored by K. Gürs, rather than by myself alone.

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# Red Tape Slows Up DOD Contracts

WASHINGTON—Barraged by industry complaints, the Pentagon has admitted that the volume of prime contracts will not come up to expectations for the fiscal year ending June 30. The slowdown was much discussed by representatives of the electronics industry at an EIA meeting here last week. Some firms reported layoffs because of the failure to land expected contracts.

The Pentagon says the awards will be several hundreds of millions of dollars less than the rate scheduled for the year, but insists "there are no policy reasons behind the delay." It attributes the lag to "mechanical reasons." DOD plans had called for placement of over \$31billion worth of new orders, about \$2 billion more than last year.

One big reason for the delays, the Pentagon says, is the organizational overhaul the Army procurement agencies have been undergoing in the past year. The technical services were relieved of contracting responsibilities last year and a new Army Material Command set up to do all the Army's buying.

The Navy is also lagging. One reason may be Defense Secretary McNamara's decision to postpone building a \$300-million aircraft carrier authorized in the fiscal 1963 budget. The Air Force, however, is pretty much on schedule, according to Pentagon experts.

## Tungsten Bulb Pumps C-W Laser

C-W LASER pumped only by a tungsten bulb has been developed by RCA for the Air Force. Input power to stimulate the laser is only 15 w. The system has also been pumped continuously by the sun, Air Force said. The dysprosium-doped calcium-fluoride crystal can be as small as  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch in diameter and one inch in length and can operate in either a liquid neon or liquid nitrogen atmosphere. To modulate the beam, a single crystal of cuprous-chloride is used (p 12, March 1). It is capable of 100-percent modulation of calcium fluoride crystal emission at 2.36 microns. Internal modulation of the energy levels within the crystal has also been accomplished using a very small magnetic field (p 26, April 26). The laser beam has been used as a carrier for audio frequency signals. The cuprous-chloride crystal and the magnetic field modulation technique were employed.

# NYU Study Gives Hope Of Cancer Prevention

RESEARCH with organic semiconductors that last week was reported to be providing clues to causes of cancer (p 7, June 21) may also show the way to prevention of the disease. Dr. Walter Brenner, who heads the NYU group conducting the study, told ELECTRONICS that if a solid-state conduction process is involved in the start of cancer then

## Self-Service Credit Card



TELEMEMORY punched-card control system installed by Motorola at automated Gulf Oil terminal makes sure right truck driver picks up right load, verifies credit and, with data-processing equipment, handles record-keeping and billing

it may be possible to take advantage of another theory.

This holds that the semiconduct-

## Learning Machine Winning Favor

EVANSTON, ILL.—Scientists are turning toward the learning-machine concept because of a growing realization that digital computers, with their dependence on precise and determinate programming, won't be able to handle in economic fashion highly complex tasks such as rapid interpretation of hundreds of thousands of photographically recorded 'events' taken from a cloud or bubble chamber, speech-handwriting conversions or translations.

Some feel that attempts to use digital computers as pattern recognizers is comparable to the engravers' trick of making a picture out of thousands of tiny dots. However, the cost of providing more and more 'dots', or memory cells, begins to rise exponentially as more and more information is required.

These were the impressions gained from speeches, both public and private, at a Computer and Information Sciences Symposium at Northwestern University here.

"The digital computer is too centralized in its concept; even if it works in nanoseconds it can accomplish only one computation at a time," said W. Ross Ashby of the University of Illinois. "There is no need to tolerate this type of organization when there is work to do calling for a simultaneous approach."

ing carcinogenous dyes used in the experiments prefer to form charge transfer complexes with substances other than living tissue and that it may be possible to introduce such substances into the tissue. The carcinogens would then not affect the tissue protein. At the Pasadena Foundation of Medical Research in Pasadena, Calif., scientists have found that living cellular tissue painted with a vinyl dye of low concentration is destroyed by laser beam radiation. Transparent cells are unaffected. Future applications in cancer treatment and research are indicated, researchers say, although the treatment has not yet been applied to humans.

## Nuclear-Powered Missile Program Given A Push

DALLAS—Ling-Temco-Vought says it has been awarded a \$10-million contract by the Air Force for "continuation of the technology for development of a nuclear-powered low-altitude supersonic vehicle (LASV)." This is "part of the AF's LASV program which includes consideration of both nuclear and chemical propelled vehicles," LTV says.

LTV has been working on a nuclear-powered ramjet project since 1958, and initiated studies on a project called SLAM (Supersonic Low Altitude Missile). It had invested some \$3 million of its own in this program, but for the past 18 months or so, the project has been wrapped up in security—even the name SLAM was taboo.

## Superconductive Memory Is 0.00012-Inch Thick

NEW YORK—Experimental, highspeed memory 120 millionths of an inch thick with a storage capacity of 16,384 bits was shown here this week by RCA's Sarnoff Research Center. Designed for computer and EDP applications, the memory has layers of tin, lead and silicon oxide deposited by evaporation on a 2-square-inch glass plate. Between the three layers are two conducting grids made up of 128 hair-thin strips of lead deposited at right angles to each other. A film of tin is deposited between the grids and the insulator.

## Plasma Metal Junction Generates 29th Harmonic

PLASMA METAL junction harmonic generation is producing microwave outputs at frequencies of 1,015 Gc from a 35-Gc drive input. Even higher microwave frequencies than the 29th harmonic are expected to be produced in the next few months when the drive frequency is doubled.

Heart of the technique, developed by K. Froome of Britain's National Physical Laboratory, is a gaseous plasma in contact with a metal surface. Plasma density is such that it behaves electrically as a wire so that microwave energy fed in is conducted to the junction of the plasma and the metal electrode. By applying a d-c field to the region of intense positive ion space-charge at the actual point of contact, an electron emitting area -the cathode spot of a cold cathode arc—is formed, the electrons being extracted by field emission. Under simultaneous application of the d-c field and a microwave field, the cathode spot acts as a microwave rectifier generating harmonics. The microwave drive input power level is around 10 w at 35 Gc with a superimposed d-c current of 400-500 ma.

# Talking Bird Stands By On Kennedy European Tour

WASHINGTON—C-97 "Talking Bird" stratocruiser plane carrying a complete radio station and 18 communication specialists was sent to Dublin this week as a backup for the President's radio link with the Pentagon Command Post here. The plane, a unit of the Oklahoma National Guard, is equipped with a Collins ARC-58 ssb 28,000-channel transmitter and receiver as well as uhf and vhf, teletype, cryptographic, coding and decoding and telephone switchboard equipment.

# In Brief . . .

- HOUSE Government Operations Committee has approved a bill providing for centralized management of government ADP (automatic data processing). It is claimed the plan would save \$100 million yearly.
- TV SET manufacturers are stepping up the tempo of their changeover to all-channel TV receivers, EIA says. Industry estimates indicate that 20 percent of black-andwhite sets produced this year will receive both vhf and uhf.
- COMPUTER SYSTEM with a capacity of 800 million characters of data is scheduled for installation in late 1964 at Randolph AFB.
- IN A SECOND TRY, Relay I was used to transmit signals from the U.S. for the automatic setting of type in England (p 7, June 21).
- CONTROL DATA Corp. and Itek have signed an agreement under which Control Data will produce principal digital elements for Itek's Digigraphic system. Control Data will also market the device.
- GENERAL DYNAMICS, North American and Douglas have each been awarded a \$500,000 Air Force contract to study a new piloted space plane. AF also wants Boeing to quote schedules and costs to develop pilot control of the Dyna-Soar booster.
- LEAR SIEXLER has received a contract from NASA to study a system that would sense and record the various physical functions of an astronaut and his vehicle. First step will be development of a system mounted in the pilot's garment and headgear.
- HAROLD S. GENEEN, president of ITT, has flatly opposed a suggestion by General Sarnoff, RCA chairman, that all international voice and record communications facilities be merged and placed under control of Communications Satellite Corp.
- RUSSIAN SATELLITE was launched October 4, 1962 and decayed October 29, NASA says. Later reports indicated that 23 other pieces of the same unannounced spacecraft decayed between then and February, 1963.



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Camera or eye can be as much as 5%wrong unless able to view every part of a scope trace from directly in front of the graticule line. Wideangle viewing in conventional scopes is distorted by separation between internal trace and external graticule. With an *internal* graticule, in the same plane as the trace, parallax is non-existent. Check the 175A.

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When you depend on scope photography, the comparison is simple: See the problems caused by black-andwhite photo limitation, trace and graticule both white on black (top), especially as opposed to photo gradations, where trace, graticule and background are clearly separated (bottom). The 175A permits photos with trace, graticule and background of clearly different values:



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# WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

CHANGING GROUNDRULES in military procurement were again spotlighted by the Senate inquiry into the X-22 VTOL plane contract award (ELECTRONICS, p 12, June 21). Though a Navy source selection board picked Douglas Aircraft, Bell Aerospace got the contract because of "past performance and relevant experience." Bell is experienced in vertical lift research, Douglas has not been active in the field.

Harold Brown, director of defense research and engineering, shed some light on the latest Pentagon view of contract proposals. Asked by Senator Goldwater why Bell's design proposal had been rated lower, Brown said the connection between a proposal and a contractor's capabilities is often "loose." This comment reflects growing DOD concern that too much industry resources and brainpower are going into salesmanship—the effort to get new contracts—rather than into actual development work.

As for the "relevant experience" emphasis in new contract awards, observers sec serious deficiencies. The argument against this is that it would maintain the dominance of experienced companies and tend to discourage other firms from expanding into new fields of military technology.

LIKE THE CAVALRY, the Soviet space twins arrived in the nick of time for NASA. U.S. space officials had \$500 million and a year's free rein riding on the male and female nose cones. The feat put an exclamation point on NASA's contention that its \$5.7-billion budget request is a bare minimum to keep the U.S. in the space race.

House budget watchers had determined on a 10-percent slash, were increasingly critical of the \$50-million electronics lab assigned to Massachusetts. The Senate has NASA's free-wheeling methods under fire.

Congress has now moved from carping at the growing cost of the moon race to less cutting issues. House members are taking exception to the personal frictions which led to the resignation of D. Brainerd Holmes (he gives other reasons, see ELECTRONICS, p 22, June 21). The Senate complains it wasn't consulted on minor program changes.

Still in trouble, though, is a \$55-million item for space communications research. Clinton P. Anderson, Senate Space Committee chairman says the work should be done by the Communications Satellite Corp. NASA says most of the money—\$40 million—is for the Syncom satellite, a research project, not a "working system" like Telstar.

HOUSE HEARINGS on the defense budget, just released, confirm that the Defense Department has halted feasibility studies on the Bambi satellite-based anti-ICBM system (ELECTRONICS, p 26, May 3) and has sharply reduced work on the Midas early-warning satellite (p 7, May 31).

Jack Ruina, outgoing ARPA director, said to implement a Bambi system would cost \$50 billion a year and require major advances in reliability, interceptor accuracy, discrimination of target signals from sunlit clouds and target assignment control. Bambi was to detect and intercept ICBM's during their launch phase.

Harold Brown said that about half the \$423 million spent on Midas development was "wasted on premature system-oriented hardware." On his recommendation, Air Force's \$190-million budget proposal was slashed 80 percent and the Midas project will move along more slowly next year.

EXPERIENCE— NOT A BETTER PROPOSAL— WINS CONTRACT

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Washington and Moscow agree on duplex

HOT LINE: For

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WASHINGTON — Radio Moscow simply said, "This line is to be used in case of emergency." And a U.S. spokesman added, "We hope it never gets used."

Both were talking about the hot line—a constantly open link between the two nuclear capitals. The agreement signed in Geneva last week is the first concrete result of the disarmament talks there.

The accord, signed by Charles C. Stelle, for the U.S., and Semyon K. Tsarapkin, of the USSR, calls for a full-time duplex teleprinter cable circuit between Washington and Moscow backed up by a radio circuit. Brig. Gen. George P. Sampson, deputy director of the Defense Department's Defense Communications System, handled technical details with Ivan Kokov, Soviet Deputy Minister of Communications.

Washington terminal of the line will be the National Military Command Center in the Joint Chiefs of Staff area of the Pentagon. From Pentagon to President existing techniques will be used, depending upon where the chief executive is located. Telephone will not be used. The Moscow terminal has not been announced but the Soviet end of the circuit would probably be handled through the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs.

NO SATELLITES—Standard communications procedures can still be glamorous in an age of communications satellites, as is pointed up by details in the agreement's technical annex. Although much of the hot line's significance is political, symbolizing a mutual concern for accidental military action, the 24-hour operation of the line must be foolproof. So, engineers batted down exotic recommendations and are sticking to circuits that are already available or in daily operation.

WHAT COMPANIES?—Routes for the cable circuit are spelled out as Washington, London, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Moscow, and circuits over these routes do exist. What companies will be involved was not officially revealed at press time.

Long Lines officials of AT&T, for example, indicate that they are in the overseas telephone business, but that channels in their cables leased to others could be put to any use without their knowledge. Ruling out AT&T as an active participant, those companies remaining who use identical New York-London Western Union. facilities are American Cable and Radio, and Communications. Western RCA Union spokesmen denied knowing the choice, but communications people feel Western Union will get the nod.

Existing circuits from London to Moscow via Helsinki are identical for all services and it is expected that those of the Finnish-operated Great Northern Telegraph Co. will complete the loop.

# Space Area Code Sorts

**CAPE CANAVERAL** — When the Tiros 7 weather satellite went up last week to joint its long-lived brother, Tiros 6, it made the sky a bit crowded. NASA asked RCA to build Tiros 6 for a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -month mission requirement, but it is still transmitting after  $9\frac{1}{2}$  months.

Both satellites use the same command frequency. The problem of a mixup in transmission, however, is being solved by command discrimination gear—something like the area code in telephony. With telemetry frequencies becoming overworked, this technique will probably become a much more common practice.

The launch marked approximately the mid-point in the Tiros program. The next move, starting with Tiros 8, will be the use of Apt (Automatic Picture Transmission Cameras) and the use of numerous ground stations to receive televised weather pictures. Apt transmits in real time.

Some 45 Apt stations, each costing \$30,000, will be operating around the world when Tiros 8 goes up this fall. They are being bought by NASA, the Weather Bureau, the military, and other agencies and will later be offered to foreign countries.

Apt stations, built by Fairchild Stratos, consist of a 12-db gain antenna that can cover 35 degrees while stationary, and 136-Mc and facsimile receivers.

Tiros 9 will have two cameras, one an Apt, rotating on a wheeltype configuration to take alternate

COMPONENTS of a Tiros are displayed at RCA plant



teleprinter for emergency use

# Cool Nuclear Decisions

Official announcement specifies a duplex radiotelegraph circuit via Tangier. RCA Communications has such a circuit in full-time operation serving both Tass, the Soviet news agency and the Soviet delegation to the United Nations.

In good position to furnish the backup circuit is RCA Communications.

LANGUAGE AND SECRECY — The language barrier will be partially overcome by having the Soviet Union send its messages in Russian and the U. S. in English. Sets of teleprinter equipment will be exchanged for installation at the far end of each circuit. Another sticky problem, that of not washing one's diplomatic linen on a public circuit, has apparently been solved by agreement of the U. S. to sell the Soviets four encrypting machines that use what is known as a one-time tape. The code is used once and then the tape is destroyed. The Russians will send us tapes showing which of our coding arrangements they are going to use, we slip these on our decoders and the Washington machine then spells out straight Russian text. We'll furnish decoding tapes to the Russians. Deadline goal for the hookup is 60 days.

# **Commands for Satellites**

pictures (ELECTRONICS, p 7, May 31). Tiros 10 and 11 will provide information on possible synchronous-orbit weather satellites. Number 12 will go back to the wheel configuration and have an Apt and a picture-storing recorded. The last three will be regular types. They'll be used if earlier R&D types fail.

Then the Nimbus series of satellites will begin. Nimbus will not replace Tiros. Tiros is more flexible and will continue to be used to supplement the Nimbus program. Chief feature of Nimbus is that it will take larger-area pictures and continually look at earth.

One of the Nimbus development problems is that the organic bonding materials used in the lenses are fogged by radiation. The satellite will have to pass through the artificial radiation belts.

A Nimbus-type infrared recorder is being carried by Tiros 7, the first Tiros to make infrared measurements in space.

NEXT CONFIGURATION for Tiros is a wheel, so cameras alternate in taking and transmitting pictures. Nimbus follow-on is sketched at right











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Sperry Gyroscope Co. is developing the receiver with support from the Navy Bureau of Weapons. Containing more than 25,000 components and occupying 0.47 cubic foot, it is one of the first complete electronic subsystems designed specifically for microcircuits.

**INTEGRATED CIRCUITS** — The package is made up of an antenna coupler, receiver and control indicator. Ninety-five percent of the receiver circuits are silicon integrated circuits while the remainder (r-f amplifier, power supply and magnetostrictive delay line) are cordwood.

Sperry expects the digital ARN-76 to be an airborne replacement for bulkier analog Loran-C receivers in use on ships and planes since 1958. The ARN-76 will be one-fifth the size and weight.

Receiver reliability is being hiked by using only five different types of microcircuits, and eliminating gears, motors, fans, and synchros, Sperry says. First tests



ENGINEER Robert Hudelson points out readout display on mockup of ARN-76 control indicator. Below are antenna coupler and receiver, at left is Sperry's operational airborne Loran-C receiver

weighing more than 100 pounds

of the microcircuits have shown that receiver mtbf will be more than 1,500 hours.

The five basic circuits are flipflops, NAND gates, AND gates, dual AND gates and dual NAND gates. They can handle 1-Mc clock rates and are mounted in banks of 100 or more on postcard-size plug-in cards.

APPLICATIONS — ARN-76 has been in development for over a year and is intended for use where size, weight, operational simplicity and minimum power consumption are critical considerations. Range is 2,500 miles. Where existing receivers have a fix accuracy of 1,000 ft at 1,000 miles from the nearest transmitter, ARN-76 has an accuracy of 600 ft  $(0.1 \ \mu sec)$ .

In contrast to previous systems the 2.4-pound control indicator is the only component that has to be in the cockpit—remainder of the equipment can be located up to 100 feet away, permitting installation in small single-seat aircraft. Operator controls have been reduced from 29 to 5; operators can be trained in 15 minutes. A simplified time-difference display provides quick numerical readout in in-line decimal form. Fully automatic search of less than one-minute duration under signal-to-noise conditions of 1:1 or better is provided. Automatic receiver operation can be maintained under s/n of 1/10, and also with c-w interference up to 35 db greater than the received Loran-C signal.

Other specs are: receiver sensitivity, nominal signal level  $5\mu v$  at antenna; agc and gain balance range, 132 db; antenna, effective height less than 15 inches and capacitance of 100 pf minimum; input power, 155 watts.

Designed by Sperry several years ago as a world-wide radio navigation system, Loran-C now covers the sea-land areas of the North Atlantic, North Pacific and Arctic Oceans and Bering and Mediterranean Seas.

Position fixes are calculated with the aid of the receiver which measures the time interval between the arrival of 100-Kc pulses broadcast from chains of strategically-located transmitters. Matching these measurements to special Loran map coordinates, the navigator then pinpoints his position.

The ARN-76 is expected to be used in long-range patrol aircraft, photo reconnaissance, counter-insurgence aircraft and antisubmarine warfare. Research is underway to evaluate its capability for tracking missiles and satellites. Sperry is also working on a microcircuit shipboard unit.



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# Here's That New Color-Tv Tube

# This week, dealers see eight sets with 23-inch, 92-deg rectangular tube

#### By CLETUS M. WILEY Midwest Editor

CHICAGO—Hottest news at the IEEE's Chicago Spring Conference on Broadcast and Television Receivers last week was the extracurricular leak of Motorola's plans for introducing the 23-inch rectangular, 92-degree color tube, under development for the past two years.

An RCA representative commented "that 92-degree deflection will be a neat trick, if they can manage it."

Admiral board chairman Ross Siragusa provoked chuckles as he welcomed others to enter the color field where "profit margins offset lower averages from portable B & W sets." Just last month Siragusa's company cut the price of its basic color model to \$399.95.

**COLOR TUBE**—Motorola's longawaited color set was to be introduced to dealers in New York and Chicago this Tuesday, June 25 with prediction "tens of thousands of them will be placed in consumer homes by the end of the year."

Eight of Motorola's color introductions use the newly developed rectangular tube, allowing sets to be nearly six inches shorter than other color models. Three use RCA's 21-in. round, 70-deg tube.

Price of the rectangular tube models starts with a \$650 consolette, round-tube sets at \$450.

Advances in technology over past two years—while company's investment increased from more than \$100,000 to \$4 million—has mainly been in refining tolerances, assuring reproducibility and tooling up for production with supplier, National Video Company, tv engineer Garth Heisig told ELECTRONICS.

New rectangular tube still starts with a basic black-and-white type shell. Special deflection coils have been developed with Advance-Ross, Burlington, Iowa, to fit the smaller 1§-inch neck of this tube. Convergence circuits have been adapted for smaller color guns. A "dynamic pincushion" circuit straightens arcs at edges of the raster and a precision lens has been developed for the "lighthouse" which controls

# Oiling Montreal the Easy Way



TIME WAS when ice blocking the St. Lawrence River prevented tankers from delivering oil to Montreal when it was most needed. So pipelines were built from Portland, Me., to Montreal. Four pumping stations are now run by remote controls installed at the Portland terminus, above, by Foxboro Co.

masked deposition of color dots.

First of the new rectangular tube sets are expected to start reaching dealers in August, with "some sort of rationing appearing inevitable."

Company says it has not even started to think of making its new tube available to other firms.

**TRANSISTOR TV**—Cost crossover will make silicon transistors for consumer applications within the next couple of years, predicted L. A. Weldon, of Philco. Non-hermetic passivated packaging will help lower costs and will be adequate for consumer applications.

Transistor tv will never achieve large, efficient volumes until both price and performance compare with existing tube receivers, reported R. A. Santilli, of RCA. San-

# Wireless Mikes

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1**, the Federal Communications Commission is relaxing Part 15 of its Rules and Regulations, to let wireless microphones operate anywhere in the 88 to 108-Mc f-m band. By the same action, the band is also opened up to telemetering.

No licenses will be required, but manufacturers will have to have their equipment type-approved. The microphone or telemetering signal must stay within a 200-Kc band. Power will be limited to a field strength of 50  $\mu$ v/meter at 50 feet. Custom-built devices for experimental use by educational institutions need not be type-approved, but the nearest FCC field office must be notified and the user must certify compliance with technical regulations.

Since there are plenty of inexpensive f-m broadcast receivers, the new service can be expected to prove popular with the public.

**BROADCAST PROTEST** — The FCC action is expected to displease broadcasters and manufacturers of wireless microphones and telemetry equipment now operating under more stringent rules.

National Association of Broadcasters filed objections to the protilli and C. F. Wheatley cited circuitry from a 19-inch 114-degree line-operated all-transistor tv to illustrate development of two families of low-cost transistors. These included a germanium dot diffused mesa with low feedback capacity for tuner, picture, sound and i-f amplifiers, and a high-voltage diffused-collector graded-base power transistor for horizontal driver and vertical and audio output.

Glen Snyder, of GE, introduced a high-production flat-sided epoxyhoused silicon transistor for a-m radio and audio. It is designed to meet germanium competition.

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# Get F-M Band

posal, but will sit back to see what interference develops. They are happy that at least two-way conversations are forbidden and say maybe it won't be as bad as the Citizen's Band (at last count, 430,-124 CB authorizations were issued, not counting limited-power kid-CB sets).

Because of the capture effect, whereby the desired, stronger, signal takes complete control of an f-m receiver, it is expected that a minimum of mutual interference will occur between the new service with its weak signal—and f-m broadcasting. If there is trouble, the wireless mike must go off the air.

MARKETS—Potential users include clergymen, public speakers, nightclub entertainers and others who must talk or sing and move about unrestricted by wires. Telemetering devices should get a play from both industry and professions like medicine.

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# For Command & Control: Paper Prototypes Next

Future systems will be designed with Adam, a new programming concept

AIR FORCE command and control (C&C) systems will be designed more quickly in the future. They will cost less. And they will be capable of changing themselves as they operate, in response to any new user need that might emerge.

Responsible for this progress is an Advanced Data Management system called Adam, devised by the Mitre Corp. at Bedford, Mass. Using a 7030 Stretch computer, one computer program will serve as the experimental prototype system for future C&C L systems. In the past, each new L system required its own prototype.

The 7030 and its auxiliary equipment will be installed in the new System Design Laboratory (SDL) at Hanscom Field, the Air Force Systems Command's Electronic Systems Division. It will be operational by December.

An early version of Adam, developed in conjunction with Mitre's 473L Experimental Air Transport Planning Model, has already proved its usefulness by permitting Mitre to go into experimental operation of its 481L Paccs (Post-Attack Command and Control System) development with the same program used for the 473L model. The 481L model in Adam was in operation approximately one year earlier than a new computer program to do the same job could have been.

SYSTEM FUNCTIONS - Adam will consist of data-management functions common to almost all C&C systems plus an evolutionary capability of modifying itself while it is operating. With these capabilities it will be able to change

dynamically to meet the specific requirements of many C&C experimental models.

Functions common to almost all systems include: planning, maintenance of forces, drills, alerts, force commitments, monitoring of activities, replanning and recommitment. These common command functions, in turn, can be equated to a limited set of data-management functions, including: creating and updating a collection of data, querying these data, processing messages, reporting, displaying and controlling formats. Adam generalizes these common data management functions by performing them as functions, independent of the data form or content specific to an individual system.

SYSTEM MODELS — Because Adam can modify itself, it can accept the specifications for data form and content for a particular system and operate with them, thereby modeling the system. As the specs change, additions can rapidly be made to Adam. It provides for user specification of input and output data formats, reports and displays, for changes in message processing, and for inserting computer routines for calculations or processing specific to a particular system being modeled.

The design of Adam comprises data-structures, a pseudo-program technique, operator language, and dynamic computer-storage allocation.

Adam will be used for experimental modeling and design of C&C systems at Mitre. Design proposals and decisions for a system, rapidly inserted into Adam long before the system acquisition has begun, can be verified, changed and restudied under experimental operation. Adam will also be used to study Adam techniques for application to operational systems.

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# Look at What Optical Semiconductors Do Now

Logic switching, chopping. amplification, oscillation, latching and rectification

#### By MICHAEL F. WOLFF Senior Associate Editor

EAST LANSING, MICH.—New developments in optoelectronics indicate this 10-year-old field may soon assume a significant role in solid-state circuit design. Several papers at the Solid State Device Research Conference (ELECTRON-ICS, p 24, June 21) revealed both new optical devices and circuit applications of optical coupling.

It's a good bet that this is only the top of the iceberg—a lot is going on that is not talked about.

**DIODE DOMES**—Three applications of gallium-arsenide diodes to integrated circuits were described by E. L. Bonin, of Texas Instruments, Inc. These are four-terminal, multichip devices that use 30-mil-diameter gallium-arsenide hemispherical domes placed a short distance above a semiconductor device in a single header. The diodes convert an electrical input to an infrared output with 2 to 3 percent efficiency at room temperature.

First application is the four-



NEW SEMICONDUCTOR oscillator developed at Electrotechnical Laboratory, Tokyo

terminal transistor shown. It uses a silicon phototransistor and has unity current gain with currents typically exceeding 7 ma. Transistor rise and fall time is 6  $\mu$ sec and the device is considered a useful building block for logic circuits. OR fan-ins exceed 100 (even at elevated temperatures), AND fan-ins are about 30, and fan-outs greater than 10 can be obtained. Various logic configurations have been demonstrated, including a two-input EXCLUSIVE-OR circuit. Advantages in logic circuits include flexibility of inputs and ability to perform parallel logic.

Second application is to use the



BASIC FOUR-TERMINAL transistor developed at Texas Instruments is shown with its V-I characteristics at left. At right is circuit for measuring the switching characteristics, and waveforms for input and output current

diode with a double-emitter transistor as a transformerless miniature chopper. For a 100-ma bias on the light source, transistor offset voltages are less than 1  $\mu$ v, impedance between the emitters is approximately 60 ohms and the maximum chopping current is 1 ma. Speed is determined by total circuit impedance: for 1 K it exceeds 5 Kc.

Power rectifiers and flexible small-signal logic elements are considered feasible if the gallium-arsenide diode is used to trigger a silicon pnpn switch. Forward standoff voltage of the switch can be reduced from several hundred volts to a few volts with less than 10 ma diode current. On special headers these transistors can switch currents approaching 1 amp.

These four-terminal devices are considered to be possibly the most promising application for semiconductor light sources. In emphasizing their potential for c-w operation at room temperature with high efficiency and power, Bonin reported that with 1-ampere bias c-w outputs of 10 to 20 mw had been obtained from experimental power diodes. These diode domes have 72-mil-diameter bases with 20-mil mesa pn junctions.

**OPTICAL TRANSISTORS**—Construction of a three-terminal optical transistor using  $pp^{\circ}n$  galliumarsenide diodes (ELECTRONICS, p 88, April 12) was reported by R. S. Levitt, K. Weiser, A. E. Michel and E. J. Walker, of IBM Watson Research Center. The device is constructed as illustrated;  $p^{\circ}$  represents a *p*-type region with excess carriers (in this case holes) frozen out onto manganese acceptors.

Typical current gains are five percent, and collector capacitance is 1 pf. This compares to 43 pf for the *pnp* optical transistor previously reported (ELECTRONICS, p 82, March 22). The low capacitance is


OPTICAL transistor reported by IBM has 1 pf collector capacitance

due to the wide  $p^{\circ}$  region (40 microns) and would suggest a potential for faster operation. However, nothing definitive can be said about speed until the internal effects in the transistor are evaluated. Currents on the order of 1 ma can be switched.

When the collector is forward biased the device will switch currents on the order of hundreds of milliamperes and then latch, switching back only when bias is removed.

Both devices operate at 77 K. Thus they might eventually find application in circuits required for space environments. Similarly operating devices could be developed for room temperature operation.

THE SOGICON—Light can trigger a new type of solid-state plasma device called the Sogicon (Semiconductor Oscillation Generator by Injection and Constriction). This semiconductor oscillator (see illustration) was described by M. Kikuchi and Y. Abe, of the Electrotechnical Lab., Tokyo.

The oscillator is a germanium device in which a voltage pulse above approximately 100 v will cause the current measured across the resistor to break into a coherent and stable oscillation. Frequency of oscillation ranges from several hundred to several thousand kilocycles and amplitude modulation can exceed 50 percent.

This oscillation can be enhanced by illuminating the channel with visible light at point A; that is, the light will cause it to oscillate when the pulse input is just below oscillating strength.

These effects occur at room temperature, and oscillation is enhanced by raising 10 deg above room temperature. At present, only pulsed operation is possible but it is hoped that an understanding of the operating processes will lead to ability to use the device as a d-c to



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THE FLEXODE—Light can also control switching in the flexode. Operating mechanism of this reversible semiconductor rectifier (ELECTRONICS, p 16, Aug. 24, 1962) was explained by J. Blanc, J. O. Kessler and M. S. Abrahams, of RCA Labs, They said its ability to convert from a resistor to a rectifier when heating current is applied is due to field-controlled lithium precipitation. Lithium is used to dope the *p*-type germanium and particles in the lithium precipitate move to short out the junctions when the electric field varies.

Switching time from resistor to rectifier is on the order of minutes; however, light can cause it to switch in the reverse direction in approximately 1 sec. Light generates an increase in saturation current which heats the device and allows large currents to pass.

### Navy Pushes Microcircuits, Reason: Technician Shortage

**COLUMBUS, OHIO**—Systems effectiveness will be the controlling element in future Navy contracts, Col. Arthur Lowell, of the Bureau of Naval Weapons, told the ninestate Great Lakes Navy R&D Clinic at Ohio State University June 13 to 15.

A comprehensive plan defining systems effectiveness — composed of maintainability, reliability and serviceability—will be issued by BuWeps in the next three months.

Explaining Navy's interest in microelectronics to boost systems effectiveness, Lowell said eight F4H's are required today to keep two operating at all-weather capability.

### SHORT ON TECHNICIANS -

With electronics maintenance requirements escalating 5 to 6 percent a year, Navy is now getting only half the technical skill levels it needs, he said. Only 10 to 30 percent of skilled technician requirements are expected to be available to the service by 1965 he said.

MEETAT (Maximum Improvement in Electronics Effectiveness Through Advanced Techniques) Program (ELECTRONICS, p 37, May 3) emphasizes solid-state reliability and go-no-go indicators at malfunction points for operators with minimum skills. Micromodules with fewer interconnections, redundant and disposable units are expected to save from \$1 billion to \$10 billion over the next 10 years.

**NEEDED EQUIPMENT**—Among Navy's most urgent needs listed by Rear Adm. E. E. Fawkes, assistant chief for research, development test and evaluation, were:

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### Micropower Devices Are Going to Nanopower Level

Speakers in NATO's road show see cuts of 10 to 100 in power levels

PARIS-NATO's nine-man team of micropower missionaries pinned down the state of the art and pulled back the curtain slightly on possible future developments at the team's first stop in the Agard (Advisory Group for Aeronautical Research and Development) sponsored four-country tour (ELECTRONICS, p 22. June 14).

More than 100 French engineers and scientists attended.

Digital circuits dominated the conference, chairmanned by American Bosch Arma's Edward Keonjian, pioneer in what he termed the fight against tyranny of power.

Already the fight is far enough along to allow CBS Laboratories' W. W. Gaertner to report on analogto-digital converter integrated circuits requiring less than 10 µw each (ELECTRONICS, p 8, June 21). Gaertner predicted that technology improvements would one day cut consumption by a factor of anywhere from 10 to 100 compared to today's levels in micropower equipment. As a potential solution to the problem of stray capacitance -a concern that popped up often throughout conference-he suggested three-dimensional filamentary geometry.

A. T. Watts, of England's Mullard Radio Valve Company, told how a digital integrator using 1,000 transistors had its power appetite tamed from 1.8 w to less than 50 mw by refinements in the directcoupled-transistor-logic circuit (p 8, June 21). The module is  $2 \times 3$ cm, with passive elements evaporated on a glass substrate and transistors mounted in holes cut out of plass.

A shift from germanium to silicon transistors shaved consumption to 600 mw for the three-channel integrator, which operates at a 100-Kc clock rate and has a package size of 17 cu in.

FIELD EFFECT DEVICES—The conference highlighted the bipolar junction transistor's advantages in micropower digital circuits. But a spate of other devices is forthcoming. G. E. Moore reported on insulated-gate field-effect semiconductors under development at Fairchild Semiconductor. The device acts as a planar silicon diode with no gate voltage. So standby power runs only 1 mw per stage. Switching time is 10 nsec.

Arrays of insulated-gate devices point the way to nanowatt memories, Moore said. As many as 2,500 memory units could be diffused into a wafer 1 inch square. Although Fairchild Semiconductor still has not fabricated one, integrated circuits based on the devices are possible. In fact, Moore maintained, interconnections between wafers is a bigger problem than developing devices themselves. No one dissented.

J. W. Moll, of Stanford University, discussed problems and limitations in micropower transistors. He described 100-Kc field-effect devices operating at 10  $\mu$ w, feels devices can do 100 times better than people are now getting for low power levels at highly repetitive frequency rates.

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- ADVANCED CONTROL THEORY AND APPLI-CATIONS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; at MIT, Cambridge, Mass., July 8-19.
- ANTENNAS & PROPAGATION INTERNA-TIONAL SYMPOSIUM, IEEE-PTGAP; National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colo., July 9-11.
- MEDICAL ELECTRONICS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, IFME, University of Liege, Liege, Belgium, July 22-26.
- ELECTROMAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS & STANDARDS SEMINAR, National Bureau of Standards; NBS Laboratory, Boulder, Colo., July 22-Aug. 9.
- AEROSPACE SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBIT, IEEE, ASME; Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., Aug. 4-9.
- INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS CIRCUIT PACKING SYMPOSIUM, University of Colorado, et al; at the University, Boulder, Colo., Aug. 14-16.
- WESTERN ELECTRONICS SHOW AND CON-FERENCE, WEMA, IEEE; Cow Palace, San Francisco, Calif., August 20-23.
- AUTOMATIC CONTROL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, International Federation of Automatic Control; Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 27-Sept. 4.
- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ANA-LOG COMPUTING, AICA; Brighton College of Technology, Lewes Rd., Brighton, England, Sept. 14-18.
- PHYSICS OF FAILURE IN ELECTRONICS SYMPOSIUM, Armour Research Foundation and Rome Air Development Center, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Sept. 25-26.

#### ADVANCE REPORT

ULTRASONICS SYMPOSIUM, IEEE-PTGUE; Marriott Motor Hotel, Washington, D. C., Dec. 4-6. Aug. 15 is the deadline for submitting 3 copies of 200-word abstracts to: T. R. Meeker, Technical Program Chairman, Bell Telephone Laboratories, 555 Union Boulevard, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Contributed papers are sought in any of the various specialized areas of ultrasonics with microwave ultrasonics receiving particular attention.

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# THE IMPACT OF MICROELECTRONICS

Some call it revolution, others evolution, but almost everyone agrees that microelectronics will profoundly affect our traditional way of doing business DEEP AND LASTING changes in the electronics industry are slated to take place in the next decade as a result of the growth of microelectronics. That was the consensus of industry leaders gathered in Chicago this week to discuss the "Impact of Microelectronics" at a conference sponsored by ELEC-TRONICS and the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

The extent of the changes is still under dispute, but opinion appears unanimous that the influence of the new technology will be felt across the board, and



BRIDGES: "A comforting thought ... "

will affect the industry's traditional way of doing business, not only with its biggest customer, the government, but eventually all purchasers of electronic equipment, large and small. Specific areas certain to be changed in scope and technique are:

- Circuit and system engineering
- Product specification and standardization
- Marketing methods

• Recruitment and training of technical people Thus, virtually the entire economic structure of the industry may be overhauled in response to changes in the product and in the market place.

According to George T. Jacobi, Assistant Director of Electronics Research at ARF (now IIT Research Institute), the depth of the changes can be appreciated by considering the present relationship between the electronic component vendor and purchaser. "Under the present system," says Jacobi, "a purchasing agent is provided specifications by his engineering group. The quantities needed are determined by sales and issued by manufacturing control. The buyer now shops around for a vendor who can meet the specifications. They are based on price, delivery date and quality assurance. The final decision on purchase involves engineers, inspection personnel, quality control and cost accountants."

Under the present system, this procedure, involving systematic documentation of component performance, in brochures, catalogs, spec sheets, purchase orders and the like, works well. But in the era of microelectronics, Jacobi points out, no manufacturer will have such detailed data available, nor list prices for the more complex and perhaps lower volume items which replace conventional components.

"If the traditional vendor-buyer relationship were maintained, systems design would almost literally originate in the office of the buyer," states Jacobi.

But the traditional relationship is not likely to survive. Under strong pressure from government procurement agencies, more and more companies are becoming committed to microelectronics. And these NOYCE: "Five times the money you think you need . . "



organizations are definitely not limited to those with a background of semiconductor manufacture. They include conventional component manufacturers, systems and equipment manufacturers, and a relatively new development, the small company devoted exclusively to microelectronics. With this new lineup, systems suppliers are bolstering their component manufacturing research and facilities, component manufacturers are seeking entry into the systems and subsystems fields, while the microelectronic specialist company must also fight for its place in the sun.

**PREDICTS REDUCTION**—Jacobi foresees a reduction in the number of companies able to participate in the electronics market, particularly in the area of military electronics. He predicts that the survivors will have in common an expansive R and D program, large sales volume and a modest return on the sales dollar.

According to James M. Bridges, Director of the Office of Electronics, Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, just such a "shakedown" in the industry may be necessary in order to realize the potential reductions in integral circuit costs.

While the advantages of microelectronics in reliability, and reduction in volume and weight of complex systems are cited most often as justifying the

#### SPREADING THE WORD

The conference on "The Impact of Microelectronics" held this week in Chicago resulted from the deeply held conviction on the part of ELECTRONICS staffers and Armour Research Foundation scientists that, while the technological aspects of microelectronics were being adequately exposed in the literature and



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feverish activity in this field, the substantial reduction in costs potentially afforded by the new technology is a prime mover in obtaining government support for microelectronics. Bridges likes to quote statistics from an industry source which estimate that by 1970 the government will be buying annually some \$10 billion worth of electronic equipments and systems. Of this, about one quarter, or \$2.5 billion, involves electronic circuits that could employ microelectronics. If microelectronics can be produced for one-half the cost of present electronics, the government would save \$1.25 billion in its electronics bill. "A comforting thought," says Bridges, "and I suspect that it may be reasonably true. Let me point out, though, that these reductions in integral-circuit costs will probably not be realized unless their production is concentrated in a few companies so that it will be economically feasible for them to spend the sums of money necessary to develop the methods and processes and purchase the automatic machinery needed for low-cost manufacture."

A reduction in manufacturing costs is by no means the total possible savings that are intriguing government procurement agencies. According to Bridges, even more important will be the savings from lower logistics and maintenance costs.

**SPARE PARTS**—Equally significant will be the impact on the traditional system of stocking spare

parts for electronics equipment, lucrative for the contractor, often a headache for the agency. Bridges looks forward to the day when all spare modules needed for the life of an equipment will be furnished as an integral part of the equipment when it is originally produced.

"Some calculations recently made by a contractor for the Air Force, reveal some interesting results," Bridges says. "If an equipment must have a life of, say, 10,000 hours of continuous operation (more than a year) and it has, say 10,000 circuits of 500 different types, each having a failure rate of 0.0001 percent per 1,000 hours, then there is a 99 percent probability that no failure will occur—so no spares would be needed." The required failure rate has not yet been achieved, Bridges is quick to point out, but he says there is every reason to believe that it will come about as more is learned about failure mechanisms and process controls.

Despite this emphasis on reduced stocking of spares, Bridges is firmly opposed to standardization of microelectronics, and he appears to be speaking for the Department of Defense, in this matter. "Many of us in Defense and in industry who have carefully studied microelectronics in relation to Defense applications are firmly convinced that any effort to bring standardization into microelectronics now would be premature, with the possible exception of early standardization of descriptive terms and common testing methods and characteristic methods."

Bridges holds that the characteristics of microelectronics make the values of standardization objectives used in conventional electronics quite different. These traditionally have been to limit the numbers of different types in the supply system, increase the quantities of each item produced to reduce costs and improve reliability, and to provide uniformity in military equipment design. But with the advent of microelectronics, it appears that the cost and the reliability are going to depend on the development of manufacturing processes and automatic production machines and the manufacture of large quantities of similar circuits rather than large quantities of the same circuit.

Bridges is emphatic on this point. "We just will not know the answers to these questions until we gain more experience with microelectronics. Until that happens, we feel strongly that we should oppose any kind of standardization."

The government is deeply conscious of the impact on industry of microelectronics, according to Bridges. "It is evident that this impact will depend

at technical meetings, little attention was being devoted to the possible changes that might be wrought in the industry itself by the "new circuits". These changes could affect all of us, from the most highly placed decision maker, to the freshman entering engineering school. The conference was designed to provide a forum to discuss the problems sure to accompany these changes. This article was derived in part from comments made by participants in the conference, and in part from interviews conducted by ELECTRONICS editors in the field. Coordinated by Senior Editor Samuel Weber in New York, contributions were made by Midwest Editor Cletus Wiley, New England Editor Tom Maguire and Ed Addeo of the McGraw-Hill San Francisco News Bureau to a considerable extent upon the policies of the government, particularly with respect to such things as specifications, standards, and the support of manufacturing facilities. For this reason, the government must be most careful in developing those policies," he says.

Dr. E. R. Jervis, of ARINC Research Corporation agrees that the impact of microelectronics on maintenance and logistics will be very great if the potential reliability figures of a mean time to failure in the region of  $10^4$  to  $10^5$  for even relatively simple equipments of 100 or fewer components is achieved. "In fact," says Jervis," this is the dream come true of all people struggling with the present problems of maintenance and logistics; that of an equipment that outlasts its useful life and on the average, does not need replacement, while the few equipments that break down don't require maintenance but can be disposed of."

However, Jervis points out that most equipments still are electromechanical and mechanical components, and the reliability will be limited in the final analysis by these. Moreover, more complex equipment, operating for longer time will still require maintenance. He therefore supports as an intermediate step (between present logistic methods and the ideal no-spares no-repairs condition) the logistic selfsupport method, which depends on each equipment carrying sufficient replacement parts for the expected life of the equipment. This plan has many advantages, according to Jervis, including the minimization of replacement problems due to mismatching of equipment, a relaxation of the need for strict specifications and standardization of replacement parts, standardization of circuits within the equipment with consequent simplicity of design, and adaptability of equipment to self-healing systems in which failing components are automatically switched out of the system and new components replaced. "But successful development of these concepts will require a broad knowledge of failure modes and failure rates of the various components used," Jervis cautions.



**INDUSTRY'S VIEW**—What do industry leaders think will be the impact of microelectronics on the market and on the industry as a whole? Robert N. Noyce, general manager of Fairchild Semiconductor, agrees with some recent studies which project the microelectronics business in the next five years into the hundreds of millions of dollars range. "Right now we're in the tens of millions category, so microcircuitry will continue to grow much faster than transistors did," he told ELECTRONICS.

"The big point to consider, though, is that the near future in this field will bring the opportunity for many firms to realign themselves as more and more firms dig into the market and claim their own chunks. Each firm's share of the market will surely change, some more, some less. Each manufacturer must watch the market closely in the next few years and be ready to realign himself to his best advantage."

Here is another allusion to the coming structural change in the industry. But Noyce doesn't think integrated circuits will drive out the conventional components business, either his own or the industry's as a whole. "Conventionals still have their own purpose," he says, and it will be quite a while before microcircuitry gets into all applications."

Is Fairchild concerned about its own conventional components business? "Well, microcircuitry is effecting our own business, yes, but then it's our policy here to consider microcircuitry over and above what we would be doing otherwise. Microcircuits have had less than a 10 percent effect on our conventional sales, so we're not worried about that point at all."

There will be definite shifts in personnel, Noyce predicts. "There will be more emphasis on fabrication personnel, as opposed to assembly personnel," he says. "This will come about in a gradual upgrading of the type of personnel required for microcircuitry, in terms of experience and training, because this business has an ultra-sensitivity to error. The yield factors because of all the individual steps involved, are fantastically high. You need almost 100 percent in all stages, or else you'll get nothing out at the end

### PROJECTED SALES OF ELECTRONIC PARTS AND GROWTH RATES

	(in \$ m	illions and	d in perc	ent)		
		Growth Rate		Growth Rate		Growth Rate
	1962	1959 - 62	1967	1962-67	1972	1967-75
	(Actual)	(%/yr.)	(Proj.)	(%/yr.)	(Proj.)	(%/yr.
Discrete Active Ele-					-	1 12 12
ments. Discrete Passive Ele-		10.9	\$1,490	3.5	\$1,755	3,3
ments	897	9.5	1,205	6.1	1,455	3.8
Filters and Networks.	47	16.4	95	15.1	170	12.3
RCL Modules	16	9.9	23	7.5	30	5.5
Functional Assemblies Microelectronic Circuits:	37	19.8	125	27.6	200	9.9
Thin-film	5		75	71.9	200	21.7
Semiconductor	10		225	86.4	800	28.9
	\$15		\$300	82.1	\$1,000	27.2
Electrochemical and						
other parts	1,076	9.4	1,432	5.9	1,835	5.1
Total Circuit Parts	3,340	10.2	4,670	6.9	6.445	6.6
TV Picture Tubes Antennas, Loud-	175	(0.9)	205	3.2	265	5.3
speakers, etc	195	(0.2)	235	3.8	290	4.3
Grand Total	\$3,710	8.8	\$5,110	6.6	\$7,000	6.5

GALVIN: "Component makers should effervesce ..."

of the production line."

On custom versus standard modules, Noyce thinks that as advance systems come into being, they will probably become standard right away. "Most customs from here on will probably be retro-fit jobs, jobs to re-fit systems that have already been designed." Fairchild's business now is about 50-50 in dollars, but about 75-25 (standards to custom) in unit volume. This is because there is a one-to-three ratio in price.

Noyce doesn't look for much competition from new firms coming into the market. "The innocents have vastly underestimated the difficulties of getting into this business successfully," he says. There are probably four things needed to make it: five times the money you think you need; a reasonably healthy knowledge of the semiconductor industry; lots of experience in very tight control of manufacturing, and some good research behind you. And after five years, I'd list them in reverse order."

**COMPONENTS CHANGES**—In some quarters, microelectronics has been regarded as the death knell for the components industry as we know it today. Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Sprague Electric Company emphatically disputes this view. At the Chicago conference this week, he explained some of the reasons why he believes that the radical changes in relationships among companies in the electronics industry, as forecast by some observers, may not come about. According to Sprague, people outside the components industry tend to look upon the components maker as a fabricator of bits and pieces by essentially very simple processes.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," says Sprague. "We are essentially in the materials processing business, in such fields as electrochemistry, metallurgy and solid-state physics; we use a wide variety of highly sophisticated processes such as controlled etching and plating, film deposition, diffusion, pressing and sintering and many others, most of which require very heavy capital investments." Sprague's implication is clear-who else is better prepared to meet the challenge of microcircuitry than the old-line components maker? In his view, for the component maker who has a broad base in all the important technologies of electronic circuits, assembled or integrated, the opportunities to share in the future growth of electronics are very good indeed. "To do this, however," Sprague told the conference, "he will have to be in a position to spend substantial sums of money on development work covering the entire spectrum of electronic materials and processes, and he will have to know enough about circuit design to work intelligently with the circuit developers in the systems field."

Sprague's own firm is heavily involved in microcircuits now, with 64 engineers and technicians directly involved in microelectronic circuitry R&D. But based on the projected figures derived by his market researchers, there will continue to be a market for discrete components for many years to come. (See Table) These figures show that the projected growth of microelectronics is part of a continuing



VAN POPPELEN, JR: "The custom vendor is a subcontractor ..."

evolution in the components area, and that while microelectronics will increase rapidly in volume, they will still not represent the dominant part of the total ten years from now.

**INTEGRATION**—Sprague disagrees with those who say either that the major systems supplier will have to integrate downward in order to avoid complete loss of his design prerogatives, or that the component manufacturer will have to integrate upward to the systems level. "I believe present well-established working relationships between the systems manufacturer and his suppliers will be maintained to the advantage of both, what ever physical form the circuit elements may take. I say this with confidence, because such relationships are already being established between my own company and certain system suppliers."

He looks upon the specialized supplier active in the field of microelectronics as a special kind of component maker, facing the same requirements for successful operation as the broad-based components maker, including the large investment needed in highly skilled personnel and elaborate processing facilities.

Robert Galvin, youthful president of Motorola, agrees with Noyce and Sprague that microelectronics will have little effect of consequence on conventional component manufacturers in the next five years. But he looks for new kinds of discrete conventional components—preserving the advantages of simplicity, low price and high volume—within ten years.

Galvin told ELECTRONICS, "A lot of component makers are going to be disturbed within the next ten years unless they can 'effervesce'—through parallel development of improved conventional components.



BARDEEN: "Countermeasures against becoming obsolete ..."

For those who can, a big chunk of the market should remain. The general market should increase absolutely."

According to H. Gunther Rudenberg of Arthur D. Little, Inc. these parallel improvements in conventional components may be "forced" by the potential high reliability and low cost of microelectronics.

"Just as transistors forced improvements in tubes," he says, "They've become better and smaller and cheaper and use less power since transistors came in."

The advent of microelectronics, says Rudenberg, has already forced changes in the point of view of circuit designers. "Microminiaturization has shown them how to get rid of large expensive capacitors. Under its impact, some designers have designed ingenious circuits within the framework of conventional electronics to reduce size, improve reliability, lower costs, and in general use components more imaginatively."

CUSTOM VS. STANDARD—As vice president for marketing of Signetics, one of the few smaller firms specializing in semiconductor integrated circuits, F. J. Van Poppelen, Jr. holds that the buyer-vendor relationship depends on whether marketing of microelectronics goes one of three ways, which in his classification include the custom circuit, the customized circuit, and the standard circuit. He defined these as follows:

(1) The custom circuit—designed to the buyer's unique specifications starting from circuit analysis and proceeding through all stages of development, mask fabrication, diffusion, metalization and the rest.

(2) The customized circuit—a design to the buyer's circuit but based on a configuration of diffused components already being used by the vendor in the fabrication of his standard circuits.

(3) The standard circuit—an off-the-shelf circuit designed by the vendor to a set of specifications that represent his own best judgment on what circuit or circuits will find the greatest acceptance and widest application.

Van Poppelen is betting on the standard circuit as having the major short term impact in microelectronics because he believes the standard product approach is the most economical in terms of cost and customer engineering. "Where custom circuits are concerned," he says, "the vendor is essentially a subcontractor—not a component supplier—and the preparation of a responsible bid on a custom integrated eircuit is costly. It involves preliminary design and process evaluation, and may tie up a considerable amount of engineering time and talent so much, indeed, that there is an increasing reluctance to bid on custom circuits for which the production potential is either small or indeterminate." The major weakness in the custom circuit approach, he feels, is the shortage of engineers competent in both circuit design and diffusion technology.

The customized circuit offers concrete advantages over the custom circuit in terms of cost, because the final product uses the same masks and diffusion steps as the vendor's standard product line up to the metallization step.

"Where time and volume production are concerned," says Van Poppelen, "the outlook for custom integrated circuits is quite favorable. But until process improvements are made, the short term solution to the buyer's need for small quantities of custom circuits lies in the customized circuit."

But the customized circuit still demands a cost premium and extra customer and vendor engineering time to achieve the optimum interconnection design. That's why Van Poppelen feels that the vendor with a good, extensive line of standard circuits will be in an advantageous position over the next two or three years.

EDUCATION—One of the chief effects of microelectronics on the engineering curricula will be a trend toward more basic science education for engineers—even at the expense of some current state-ofthe-art courses. This was outlined to ELECTRONICS by Prof. John Bardeen, Nobel Laureate, co-inventor of the transistor, and now at the University of Illinois. The advent of microelectronics also emphasizes need for more interdisciplinary training for engineers and for closer interaction between industries and universities, according to Bardeen. "These would be countermeasures against becoming obsolete amid fast-changing technologies," he says.

Engineers in successful companies of the future will have to move knowingly among biological sciences, optics, physics, nucleonics, physical chemistry and metallurgy as well as in electronics, Bardeen predicts. Evolution of microelectronics is making materials research one of the most significant new trends in engineering promising growth potential for a whole new electronic generation over the next quarter century. "Understanding the nature and composition of materials has proved to be an essential foundation for breakthroughs in technology particularly in electronics."

Bardeen calls for closer cooperation between industry and educational institutions to meet the demands imposed by the new technology. He suggests that updating should probably be a joint undertaking over the next decade, resulting in closer association between industrial and university research, including the exchange of information between both groups. SOLID-STATE amplifier of unitized construction bolts directly to heat sink



## S-Band Paramp Approaches Noise-Figure Minimum

Combining latest techniques produces better than four-to-one noise reduction over early parametric amplifiers and more than two-to-one improvement at 3 gigacycles over recently developed equipment. Amplifier also has a stable 2-percent bandwidth

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**PARAMETRIC AMPLIFIERS** under development in several divisions of the Radio Corporation of America have been described in the literature<sup>1-9</sup>.

Signal-frequency amplification in the present developmental paramp is conventional. The device conforms basically to the classical three-frequency nondegenerate model in which an r-f signal frequency and an r-f pump frequency are applied to a varactor in a circuit structure that also supports a difference or idler frequency across the varactor. A signal frequency of 3 gigacycles is used, a pump frequency of 17 gigacycles, and an idler frequency of 14 gigacycles. Because both idler and pump fre-

#### IMPROVEMENTS ADD UP

Noise figures are not reduced by quantum jumps—not even in parametric amplifiers! Improvements generally come in a series of small steps. Early parametric amplifiers had noise figures from 4 to 5 db at S-band, owing to lossy circulators, inadequate varactors and excessively complex circuits. Reproducible noise figures in the range 2.5 to 3.5 db resulted from circuit-design and component improvement. The developmental parametric amplifier described here further reduces the operational noise figure to the 1.5-2 db range at 3 gigacycles—close to theoretical minimum. Such performance, achieved over substantial bandwidths, is obtained with a low forward-loss garnet circulator and a Ku (17 gc) band pump, optimum circuit design, and excellent coupling to the varactor at signal, idler and pump frequencies quencies are in Ku band, the circuits use Ku-band waveguide. The signal circuit at 3 gigacycles uses a coaxial-line structure.

Excluding the pump-circuit power supply, the structure is suitable for installation in an enclosure only 6 by 6 by 11 inches. The pump circuit includes a klystron, immersed in an oil bath on which the parametric amplifier is mounted.

The general circuit of the amplifier structure is shown as a block diagram in Fig. 1. The pump circuit includes a Ku-band klystron, a Ku-band isolator, an attenuator, directional coupler and crystal used to measure pump power. The pump filter and transducer couple the pump to the varactor. The idler circuit comprises a 14-gigacycle cavity resonator and tuner. The varactor is positioned at an optimum match point to enhance transmission of the pump signal through the cavity to the varactor.

A FOUR-PORT CIRCULATOR of special design is included in the in-



LOW NOISE AND STABLE BANDWIDTH are accomplished through a combination of improved techniques shown in block diagram—Fig. 1

put-signal circuit. The amplifier is coupled to the second port of the circulator through an impedance transformer and pump filter. The circulator includes a d-c block that allows bias voltage to be applied to the varactor. The circulator has a forward insertion loss in the order of 0.1 db. This low-loss performance, together with high reverseinsertion loss, is an important factor in the ultralow-noise characteristic of the parametric amplifier.

The input-signal circuit includes a coaxial low-pass filter described by Cuccia and Hegbar<sup>7</sup> and by S. Cohn<sup>8</sup> during the 1940's. This filter comprises a disk-loaded coaxial line with a cutoff frequency sufficient to prevent leakage of idler and pump energy into the input signal circuit. The use of this filter in association with the varactor in a parametric amplifier, shown in Fig. 2, was first proposed by R. Kurzrok<sup>e</sup> at the RCA Surfcom Laboratories in 1959.

A ten-turn vernier dial tunes the idler cavity to change the frequency of amplification. This adjustment is the only tuning required.

VARACTOR DIODE replacement is facilitated by a large knurled knob opposite the coaxial input line. When the knob is unscrewed, the diode and its spring-chuck mounting can be removed. The parts are designed to insure positive seating and locking. The entire amplifier structure is bracketed together for rigidity, and can be bolted to a heat-transfer surface

### NOISE FIGURE IS A TOTAL

Forward insertion loss of input port to	
the paramp port of circulator	0.15 db
Excess idler noise (from equation)	0.85
Input filter loss	0.10
Idler cavity wall loss (approximate)	0.05
Varactor resistive loss (approximate)	0.05
Miscellaneous connector losses in input circuit	0.05
Total (paramp theoretical noise figure)	1.25 db

DISK-LOADED COAXIAL LINE prevents leakage of idler and pump energy into input signal circuit. Chuck permits rapid insertion of varactors—Fig. 2

that is in contact with the flanged bottom of the oil bath.

The parametric amplifier requires only the klystron power supply for stable, reliable operation at ultralow-noise figures substantially below 2 db at 3 gigacycles. Design of the amplifier permits operation at other frequencies in the range from 1 to 5 gigacycles.

**OIL-BATH IMMERSION** of the klystron, which operates at approximately 17 gigacycles with a power output of less than 50 milliwatts, stabilizes klystron frequency and power to the extent indicated by the graph in Fig. 3.

VARACTORS with extremely high cutoff were not required. This fact was evident after the design had been optimized and excellent matching to the varactor had been achieved in the signal, idler, and pump circuits of the parametric amplifier. Double-ended cartridge-type varactors that were used had cutoff frequencies in the order of 70 gigacycles at zero bias and capacitances of approximately 0.8 pf.

NOISE FIGURE of a parametric amplifier depends upon the insertion losses of the circulator and input circuit and also the noise contributed by the varactor and idler circuit. These losses, in the order of one db, add to the fundamental minimum theoretical noise figure established by the ratio of idler frequency to signal frequency.

The lowest noise figure, NF that a parametric amplifier can provide when operated at ambient room temperature and with a lossless input circuit, circulator, and idler cavity can be calculated from the equation

$$NF = 1 + \frac{W_s}{W_i}$$

where  $W_s$  and  $W_I$  represent the signal and idler frequencies, respectively. For a signal frequency of 3 gigacycles and an idler frequency of 14 gigacycles, the noise figure of the lossless parametric amplifier has the value

$$NF = 1 + \frac{3}{14} = 1.214 \ (0.85 \ db)$$

This value is the excess idler noise. For a practical parametric amplifier circuit, the losses and noise that contribute directly to the noise figure are listed in the box.

Thus, the 1.3-to-1.9-db noise figures measured for the parametric amplifier, when the varactor is at room temperature, approach the theoretical optimum.

**PERFORMANCE** of the amplifier was measured with the three different varactors listed in the table. Gain measurements were made with a swept-frequency system in which the gain-frequency characteristics were displayed on the calibrated face of an oscilloscope.

Noise figure was measured in a circuit in which the parametric amplifier was used to drive an S-band low-noise traveling-wave tube. The traveling-wave tube was operated at substantial gain to minimize noise-figure deterioration in the stage following the parametric amplifier and to provide the amplifier with a stable load. Noise-figure was measured with a Hewlett-Packard Model 340E noise-figure meter operated with a calibrated noise source. The test setup was calibrated with ultralow-noise traveling-wave tubes having noise figures accurately determined by the hotcold load method.

With the signal and idler circuits single-tuned, bandwidths in the 45to-70 megacycle range were meas-

### **OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR THREE VARACTOR TYPES**

Varactor Number*	Center Frequency in gc	Bandwidth in mc	Gain in db	Noise Figure in db	Varactor Bias in volts
685	3	53	17	1.9	+0.7
710	3	45	17	1.5	+0.7
709	3	60	17	1.5	+0.5
		Klystron		Pump	Pump
Varactor	Bea	m	Reflector	Frequency	Power
Number	volts	ma	volts	in Gc	in mw
685	570	52	175	17.05	40
710	570	52	175	17.05	40
709	570	51	175	17.05	15

\* Manufactured by Semiconductor Devices, Inc., Newport Beach, Calif.

ured. The bandwidth was extremely stable for normal operating temperatures of 40 C. With the amplifier heated to 70 C, no gain change was observed, and the shift in center frequency was less than 3 megacycles. During repeated tests of several models of the amplifier, valid single-channel noise figures as low as 1.3 db were measured under highly stable operating conditions with the amplifier operated for many hours.

When double tuning was used in the signal and idler circuits, bandwidths as great as 100 megacycles were observed without increase in noise figure, and bandwidths as large as 200 megacycles were measured with the noise figure still in the 2 db range. The latter measurements, obtained with a pill type varactor, indicate the capability of the amplifier.

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KLYSTRON FREQUENCY STABILITY is insured by oil bath-Fig. 3

# TUNNEL DIODES Part III Mixer and Converter Circuits

Here tunnel diodes enter the highly competitive fields of mobile communications, t-v systems and related uses. Advantages of using tunnel diodes lie in the compactness of their circuits, wide operating temperature range, plus months of useful life from flashlight batteries

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**TUNNEL DIODE** oscillator and amplifier function's may be combined and the device used as a frequency converter.

The amplifier section (Part II) shows that if the tunnel diode oscillates or is externally driven, its "time-average" or "large signal" conductance is made considerably smaller than its small signal value. Thus the converter gain will in general be smaller than the amplifier gain. As a result one cannot expect to obtain as low a noise-figure in the converter as in the amplifier, but at best, one can hope to approach the amplifier noise figure.

There are several ways to use the tunnel diode as a frequency converter, each having its distinct advantages and disadvantages. These configurations are

• Self-oscillating (autodyne) converter.

• Positive input-impedance driven-mixer.

• Negative input-impedance driven-mixer.

• Passive driven-mixer.

SELF-OSCILLATING — Needing only one active device, the self oscillating converter is the least expensive of the converter circuits. All other approaches use two active devices, one for the local oscillator the other for the mixer.

The tunnel diode, when biased in its negative conductance region, can

oscillate, mix, and amplify simultaneously, and can therefore operate as an autodyne (self-oscillating) converter with gain. Frequency conversion is achieved by the nonlinearity of the g-V characteristic with the diode biased at points A, B, C, or D, Fig. 1A. The requirement of self-oscillation, however, eliminates bias point Asince the diode must be biased in the negative conductance region to oscillate. Furthermore, since the slope of the region A-C is steeper than C-D, greater conversion gain and better oscillator stability can be obtained at point B than at point D. Operation at C yields a great deal of second harmonic output, hence this point is generally chosen for harmonic conversion.<sup>1</sup>

As the diode oscillates at the localoscillator frequency, it swings over a large part of its nonlinear nega-

tive conductance characteristic. Mixing can thus take place if an r-f signal is fed into the circuit. Remarkably, while the diode oscillates at the local oscillator frequency, it can simultaneously amplify at both the r-f and i-f frequencies. Furthermore, since the tunnel diode conductance is "timeaveraged" by its oscillator swing, small signal amplification can be accomplished more stably this way than in the straight tunnel-diode amplifier. However, frequency-stable conversion is the prime objective and amplification can therefore be kept small.

A single tunnel diode can provide stable performance in the simultaneous functions of r-f amplifier, local oscillator, mixer and i-f amplifier.

Mathematically this imposes certain requirements<sup>1</sup> on the relation-

### WHY A TUNNEL DIODE CONVERTER

Parametric amplifiers may have poor noise figures in "down converter" circuit; tunnel diodes work fine whether converting downwards or upwards. To detect high-frequency signals in the gigacycle range beyond reach of vacuum tubes, a crystal mixer is usually provided with output from a klystron or travelingwave-tube local-oscillator. Tunnel diodes can do all this in one unit. The same tunnel diode acts as the local oscillator and mixer and throws in a little overall gain for good measure. Its noise figure is good too. Specially constructed tunnel diodes, known as backdiodes, offer very low forward resistance making them ideal for low-level and video detectors



TUNNEL DIODE characteristic curves are used to determine best bias conditions for frequency conversion (A), generalized tunnel diode circuit pertaining to converter operation (B), derivation of bias circuit components from characteristic curve and operation conditions (C)—Fig. 1

ship of the external circuit to the equivalent circuit of the tunnel diode as seen in Fig. 1B.

Table I shows that the converter circuit will generally consist of three tank circuits resonating at the i-f, r-f and l-o frequencies respectively. The real termination or loading of these tank circuits must be satisfied in the following manner.

• At the l-o frequency the real part of the circuit admittance Re (Y), (including the parasitic parameters C,  $L_s$  and  $R_s$  of the tunnel diode) must be equal or smaller than the absolute value of the negative tunnel diode conductance at the bias point  $(-g_{dt})$ .

• At the r-f frequency, the real part of the circuit admittance, Re  $(\mathbf{Y})$ , (including the parasitic diode parameters) must be larger than the time average negative conductance of the tunnel diode  $|g_0|$ .

• At the i-f frequency, the real part of the circuit admittance Re  $(\mathbf{Y})$ , (including the parasitic diode parameters) must be larger than the time average conductance  $|g_0|$ .

**CONVERTER DESIGN** — Basic parameters: the r-f and i-f frequencies, are established by application considerations. From these frequencies the l-o frequency is determined. If, however, the i-f frequency is small compared to the r-f, the l-o frequency would be awkwardly close to the r-f frequency.

For example, if the r-f frequency is 500 Mc and the i-f 10 Mc, then the 1-o frequency would normally be either 510 Mc or 490 Mc. In a simple circuit like the autodyne converter, tank circuits resonanting so close to each other would cause a great deal of tuning-interaction, oscillator pulling, and loss of gain. Therefore, when the r-f and l-o frequencies are too close, harmonic conversion can be used. This means that the l-o tank circuit is resonated at half its desired frequency, thereby removing it far from interference with the r-f tank circuit. The tunnel diode is then operated at its inflection point, generating a great deal of second-harmonic output for mixing with the r-f signal. After all operating frequencies are determined, the diode can be selected.

Choice of diode starts with selection of the diode package. If the converter is to operate in the microwave region, a pill-type unit with inductance in the 0.1-0.4 nh region should be selected. For frequencies at or below uhf, higher-inductance housings can be tolerated, but from a stability standpoint it is always preferable to keep this inductance as low as possible. Even an inexpensive general-purpose tunnel diode should exhibit low inductance typically: 0.5nh for an axial package and 0.1nh for a sandwich package. Choice of the tunnel diode housing will determine the shape and make-up of the mount.

Once the tunnel diode package is determined the converter design will be derived from the operating parameters. For instance, if the circuit must handle source and load impedances of 50 ohms, the negative resistance of the diode must be high enough to abide by the stability criteria in Table 1. Secondly. for stable, low-noise performance, the resistive cut-off frequency  $(f_{r_0})$  should preferably be at least three times the operating frequency. The self resonant frequency  $(f_{xo})$  should also considerably exceed the operating frequency.

When the diode is chosen, typical values and tolerances of negative conductance gd, capacitance C, inductance  $L_{s_r}$  series resistance  $R_s$  as well as  $I_p$ ,  $I_v$ ,  $V_p$ ,  $V_r$  and  $V_{fp}$ , will be defined. This knowledge permits the bias circuit to be designed.

A 1 ma tunnel diode, biased at operating point B, Fig. 1A, implies a voltage of approximately 110 mv at a current of 0.7 ma. At this operating point it exhibits a negative conductance of  $6.6 \times 10^{-3}$  mho, or negative resistance of -150 ohms, so that the parallel combination of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , Fig. 1C, may never exceed 150 ohms. The lower the series equivalent resistance the stiffer the voltage source. Unfortunately current consumption increases as this series equivalent resistance decreases. The numerical value of

equivalent resistance  $R_{eq}$  is given by  $R_{eq} = (R_1 \times R_2)/(R_1 + R_2)$  A compromise value for  $R_{eq}$  is about one third of the negative resistance.

EXAMPLE—The bias network resistors, of Fig. 1C are calculated using a tunnel diode having a negative resistance at the operating point of -150 ohms.

The next step is to design the oscillator tank circuit, with its L/Cratio selected for resonant impedance at all times larger than its effective negative resistance. (see Part I on oscillator design). The question of required frequency stability must also be considered. Is the inherent stability of the tunnel diode oscillator adequate for the application or must the oscillator be crystal controlled? The frequency stability of the simple oscillator can be made better than  $\pm 200$  parts/ million by compensation. To ensure

this or better performance, crystal control should be used.

Now the r-f must be coupled-in and the resultant i-f coupled-out. Some operating conditions are:

• Absence of appreciable reduction in oscillator stability.

• No undesirable oscillation at r-f, i-f, or spurious frequencies.

• Some stable r-f and i-f amplification.

• Lowest possible noise figure.

It was established in Part I that when the tunnel diode oscillates (or is externally driven) the resulting average conductance  $(g_0)$  and time average conductance  $(g_{dt})$  become a function of the oscillation amplitude. Therefore, in a converter circuit, the conductances seen at both r-f and i-f frequencies are a function of oscillator amplitude.

It had also been established that the magnitude of these average conductances  $g_{\theta}$  and  $g_{d(t)}$  are re-

#### CONVERTER OPERATING CONDITIONS-TABLE I

Operation	Requirements
Oscillation at fl-o	$\operatorname{Re}_{i}(Y) <  -g_{di} $
Oscillation at f <sub>1</sub> -0 Stable Amplification at f <sub>1</sub> -f	$ \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{Re} \left( Y \right) = 0 \\ \operatorname{Re} \left( Y \right) >  -g_o  \\ \operatorname{Im} \left( Y \right) = 0 \end{array} $
Mixing	Proper bias point choice and sufficient oscillator swing to provide large conductance change
Stable Amplification at f <sub>i-f</sub>	$ \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{Re}(Y) >  -g_o  \\ \operatorname{Im}(Y) = 0 \end{array} $

#### PERFORMANCE DATA FOR TUNER, FIG. 2G-TABLE II

Frequency	Sensitivity	Noise Figure	Band Width	Overload Characteristics
	20 volts p-p, 400 cps at crt			Distortion and Sync. Clipping Across 300- ohm balun
850 Mc. 820 Mc. 700 Mc. 500 Mc. 470 Mc.	10.3 μν 8.8 μν 8.1 μν 5.9 μν 6.9 μν	15.5 db 14.5 db 14.2 db 13.6 db 13.9 db	6 Mc 6 Mc 6 Mc	at 25 mv at 20 mv at 20 mv

Dynamic range to approximately -27 dbm

#### COMPARISON OF BACKDIODE CHARACTERISTICS-TABLE III

				13.	5 Gc	6	.0 Ge
	$R_{\bullet}$	C	Rb	β	M	β	M
	ohms	pf	ohms	power	Calculated	at 1 µw power	Calculated
MA408B No. 5	42	0.23	35,000	0.2	37	2.0	370
MA408B No. 6 BD No. 5	32 10	$   \begin{array}{c}     0.32 \\     0.30   \end{array} $	$20,000 \\ 730$	$     \begin{array}{c}       0.2 \\       2.7     \end{array} $	28 45	$2.0 \\ 11.0$	280 180
BD No. 7	8	0.50	880	2.4	47	7.5	145

short circuit current sensitivity of the diode
 video impedance of the diode
 equivalent noise resistance of the video amplifier

And *M* is a figure of merit, where  $M = \frac{p_{AB}}{\sqrt{R_b + R_A}}$ 

duced as the oscillator amplitude increases. Therefore the smaller the oscillation amplitude the closer  $g_0$ gets to the small signal conductance at the operating point  $(g_{di})$ . On the other hand if the oscillation amplitude is large (as can be in a driven mixer)  $g_0$  can even become positive. Thus, depending on oscillator amplitude, the r-f and i-f impedances exhibited by the tunnel diode can go from somewhat above  $r_{di}$  (normally around -150 ohms for a 1-ma tunnel diode) to infinity and even become positive.

To obtain r-f and/or i-f amplification it is necessary to match the input and output terminations to the oscillator-dependant average conductance  $g_0$ , without introducing instability. Hence, the real value of admittance must be greater than  $|-g_0|$ , when the imaginary part of Y = 0 to obtain stable gain. Unfortunately the average conductance is not given by the manufacturer as the measurement is involved and uses specialized equipment. Several papers have treated this subject.<sup>2, 8, 4, 5, 6</sup>

Basically data could be approximated from a graphical analysis of the diode characteristic. Here again, exact tunnel diode g-Vcurves are not conveniently available and it is generally more practical to derive these parameters experimentally. For a rough estimate of a g-V plot, the oscillation-amplitude and bias operating point will indicate the expected results.

Assuming a conductance  $g_0$  of -0.002 (equivalent  $r_0 = 500$  ohms) the r-f and i-f terminating impedances will have to be somewhat smaller than +500 ohms and require adjustment in the r-f and i-f transformer turns ratios to present such impedances to the diode. If the reflected terminating impedances are too high, the oscillator will switch modes from 1-o to r-f and/or i-f oscillations; conversely, if the reflected terminating impedances are too small, low gain can be expected. It is best to start from

**CONVERTER CIRCUITS**—A Civil Air Patrol converter' can be designed in a small dashboardmounted-box operated by a single flashlight cell. It is connected between the car radio antenna and the receiver and receives CAP frequencies (4.465 Mc) and converts



CIVIL AIR PATROL converter (A), performance curves (B) set against background photo; citizen's band converter (C), crystal controlled version of the citizen's band converter (D), tunnel diode "up converter" for community t-v (E), tunnel diode tuner (F), uhf tunnel diode tuner with capacitance tuning (G)—Fig. 2

them to the broadcast band. The circuit of this converter is shown in Fig. 2A, its performance in Fig. 2B and the finished converter in the background photograph.

The data, Fig. 2B, shows that 0-db conversion-gain can be obtained at close to 100-mv bias. In the range of 100 to 135-mv bias, the gain is less than unity but since this conversion loss is generally of little consequence.

Two types of citizens band converter circuits were investigated<sup>7</sup>. The first is straightforward, and by ganging the r-f and l-o circuits, the converter can be made to tune over a moderate frequency band. The second converter circuit is crystal-controlled at fixed frequency.

The simple converter uses the same design procedure as the CAP version and is shown in Fig. 2C; its performance is similar to the CAP type.

The crystal controlled converter, Fig. 2D, differs only in the oscillator section, which uses the crystal controlled circuit discussed in the oscillator section, Part I. The resonant resistance of the crystal  $R_{CR}$  reduces the oscillator amplitude, which in turn reduces the average negative resistance  $R_{do}$ . Consequently, the turns ratio on input and output coils is increased over the values shown in Fig. 2C.

FIRE DEPT. CONVERTERS — These automobile-mounted units enable volunteer firemen to get to the fire without first reporting to the station for information.

Some of these Fire Department converters operate in the 46-Mc range and thereby present an additional design problem. Operating at 46 Mc with a 1 Mc-i-f having a few kilocycles bandwidth puts a great burden on the frequencystability of the oscillator. This is especially true for converters placed in a car, since they must operate stably over wide temperature ranges. Such applications require crystal control for best results. Although the transmitters are generally frequency modulated, slope detection in the car radio yields intelligible reception.

When operating at about 10 times the frequency of the CAP converter, both L and C may be divided by 10, thereby keeping the same L/C ratio at the new operating frequency. If this makes the input capacitance too small, the L/C ratio can be slightly altered.

COMMUNITY TV-In many poorreception rural areas, community t-v service organizations provide a remote master antenna located in a suitable reception area. A master subchannel converter converts the vhf channel frequencies down to lower frequency (subchannel) carriers for cable-transmission and distribution. Wide-band amplifiers keep the signal levels up along the way. In the individual subscribers home an "up-converter" returns the signals to their former channel frequencies. One such type of circuit is illustrated in Fig. 2E.

UHF CONVERTERS — Two versions of uhf television tuners were designed<sup>e</sup> with performance approximately equal to their tube counterparts, as shown by Figs. 2F and 2G and Table II.

#### MICROWAVE CONVERTERS -

Before tunnel diodes came along, the conventional microwave converter consisted of a crystal mixer driven by an oscillator using such tubes as lighthouse or klystron types. Mixers generally exhibited less than unity gain (-6 to -10 db) and system noise figures ran in the 8 to 15 db range.

More recently, the parametric converter has provided useful gain and hence lower noise-figures. The parametric converter, however, can be an elaborate and complex circuit requiring an external oscillator (pump), refrigeration, extensive power supplies, and other auxiliaries.

The tunnel diode provides a simpler, smaller, and less expensive means of achieving conversion with gain above unity and hence reasonably low noise-figures. In the self-oscillating converter, for instance, no external pump (oscillator) is needed and the only power required is the small supply voltage and current for the tunnel diode, typically 0.15 volt and 1 to 3 ma.

L BAND CONVERTER—A 1 Gc converter, with 30-Mc i-f was designed with the following results: gain = 25 db, noise figure = 10 db, bandwidth = 3 Mc, saturation level  $\approx -30$  dbm and image rejection = 21 db.

The tunnel-diode converter gain was around 0 db but the converter assembly contained one stage of i-f with 25 db gain ( noise figure  $\approx$ 4 db). This arrangement had the added advantage that the first i-f stage served as a built-in buffer between the converter and the external i-f amplifier. The circuit is illustrated in Fig. 3A and 3B.

**CIRCUIT**—The circuit consists of a half-wave signal stripline shorted at both ends and serving as r-f pre-selector. Radio-frequency energy is coupled in at a low-impedance point A. It is then coupled by a movable arm to the open ended quarter wavelength oscillator stripline. The tunnel diode is seated at a high impedance point, such that it can oscillate stably, while the i-f

#### PASSIVE BACKDIODE MIXER

A reverse-connected tunnel diode is used primarily for the negative-conductance portion of its forward characteristic. In the reversed direction, it exhibits a large conductance much closer to the origin than any other diode. If used in this reversed direction primarily, the tunnel diode is called a "backdiode".

In mixer applications, the device is usually subjected to zero d-c bias and driven by an oscillator equally about its origin. The first such device, fully characterized in both forward and reversed direction is the 1N4090 and it will be called a tunnel mixer' in this article.

Backdiodes in general are low-current devices (below 1.0 ma) while tunnel diodes have peak currents from 250  $\mu$ a into the ampere region. Only between 0.25 and 1.0 ma do the two devices overlap. Owing to their lower peak currents, backdiodes have much smaller junction areas and are more fragile than tunnel diodes. The lower-current-concentration material is generally used to make backdiodes mechanically strong

energy is coupled out at the local oscillator null. This i-f signal is then amplified by the low-noise buffer-amplifier transistor.

**3** Gc CONVERTER — A nother converter, Fig. 3C, was designed for  $f_{r-t} = 3,150$ -Mc,  $f_{osc} = 3,090$ -Mc, and  $f_{i-t} = 60$ -Mc. The built-in i-f amplifier buffer stage had the characteristics: power-gain  $\approx 18$ -db, bw  $\approx 20$ -Mc, NF  $\approx 4.0$ -db.

The converter i-f amplifier combination had a power gain of about 13-db, BW  $\approx$  15-Mc, NF  $\approx$  11-db and an image rejection of about 10-db.

A paper on a complete solid state s-band receiver<sup>10</sup> discusses a tunnel diode circulator reflection amplifier and a self-oscillating tunnel diode converter. In this receiver, covering a range from 2.0 to 3.0-Gc, the down-converter had noise figures in the range of 12 to 15-db.

**POSITIVE IMPEDANCE**—Tunnel diodes, when biased in the positive conductance region or subjected to the large-swing oscillations (producing positive average diode conductance) can exhibit a positive input impedance. If the conversion conductance  $g_1$  is made negative at the same time, conversion gain greater than unity can be obtained.

A low-gain tunnel diode converter<sup>\*</sup> has claims for exceptional stability with variations of input impedance. This circuit ex-hibits lower conversion losses, lower noise figures, larger dynamic range and greater resistance to burn-out than crystal-diode converters. Experimental uhf and microwave tunnel diode converters, stable with input vswr's exceeding 10:1 having 0-db conversion losses and 2.5 to 3-db noise figures are described.

While these noise figures were measured under idealized laboratory conditions with a second stage noise figure of 1.7 db, it should be feasible to attain about 6-db system noise figure in a stable fashion. It should also be possible to use another tunnel diode as local oscillator, although the oscillator drive power of several milliwatts entails the use of a high-current tunnel diode of about 100 ma  $I_p$ .

**NEGATIVE IMPEDANCE** — One design approach," uses a bias operating point just below the peak current, and has a small oscillator-swing driving past the peak current into the negative conductance region. The resulting highgain converter is sensitive to variations in input impedance and has a limited dynamic range owing to the small amplitude of oscillations. Operating in the negative conductance region, with negative values of  $q_{a}$  gives high gain and good noise performance. Unfortunately, this condition is realized only at the sacrifice of stability and dynamic range; minimum noise figure is obtained at the minimum  $I_0/g_d$  operating point.

In a 1,200 Mc converter design<sup>12</sup>

the local oscillator was set at 1,170 Mc and produced a 30-Mc i-f. The tunnel diode, a 1-ma unit, was an early version of the 1N3218A.

Several noise figure calculations were made for various points of operation about the point of maximum positive slope of the conductance curve in the negative resistance region. Best noise figures were obtained when  $V_{\circ}$  was between 100 and 200 my corresponding to the position of minimum  $IR_{d}$  product or minimum  $I/G_a$  ratio. With 50 my peak local-oscillator drive, moderate values of  $G_1$  can be obtained with large negative values of  $G_o$ . The best calculated value for the noise figure was about 4.7 db. The relative merits of a tunnel diode converter versus by a standard converter require investigation. There is no generality that may be applied: the question must be resolved for each separate application, since each application will have a different set of rules governing stability, gain bandwidth, overall noise figure, and so forth. The noise figure of the converter is in general higher than that of the amplifier. If the gain of the converter is high the system noise figure may approach, or surpass, that of the system using the negative conductance amplifier. since in the process of converting from signal to i-f there is no lossy diode mixer.

USING BACKDIODES — A September 1961 article<sup>18</sup> describes the low-noise properties of backdiodes (see editorial box) used as driven mixers. The article discusses a 13.5 Gc doppler radar mixer (i-f  $\approx$ 1 Kc) and a conventional 13.5 Gc — 30 Mc i-f system, and compares the performance of backdiodes to the best available point-contact mixer diodes in these applications.

In doppler radar systems the i-f frequencies are in the audio range. Here the 1/f noise of the mixer is an important consideration. Measurements have shown that backdiodes have much better 1/f characteristics than conventional pointcontact mixers. This is primarily due to the fact that backdiodes are made with doping levels one to two order of magnitude higher than conventional mixer diodes. A variety of experiments have indi-







TUNNEL DIODE L-band autodyne converter (A) and its equivalent circuit (B), converter for 3-Gc operation (C), backdiode uses sandwich structure to combine physical support with low inductance and capacitance (D)—Fig. 3

cated that the surface plays an important part in connection with 1/fnoise. Since for nearly-degenerate materials the relative change in surface potential is less pronounced than in the nearly intrinsic case, the backdiode's 1/f contribution should be smaller than that of the conventional mixer diode. Also, since the resistivity of the semiconductor is reduced, the thermal noise contribution from the spreading resistance may be smaller.

The 1/f noise decreases when the rectified current through the device decreases. Investigations prove that the conversion loss of backdiodes can be kept small at very low levels of local oscillator power, a phenomenon not true for conventional mixers.

In another paper on this subject<sup>14</sup> a 100-Mc balanced mixer converting to 5-Kc obtained a doublechannel noise figure of less than 7-db. This is a 30-db improvement over what would be expected from present-day mixers of the point contact variety.

Measurements were also performed from 500 to 2.000-Mc and at 8.9-Gc (with 35-Mc i-f). Noise figures obtained ranged from 5-db at 500-Mc to 14-db at 8.9-Gc.

UHF-TV-In uhf television tuners it is usual to use a vacuum tube oscillator and a diode mixer to perform the frequency conversion. Comparing the performance of backdiodes 1N4090 with conventional mixers (IN82A) at normal 1-0 levels without bias or circuit change has shown the 1N4090 to perform at par with the best 1N-82A's. The 1N4090 is a germanium "Tunnel mixer" (backdiode) with a

typical capacitance of 1 pf. Somebetter input and load what matching of the circuit to the lower impedance backdiodes might even make the latter look better than their best point-contact counterparts. Other characteristics of the 1N4090 are typical  $R_s$  of 4.5 ohms, L, of only 0.2-nh, and minimum reverse voltage of 500-mv.

OTHER TD APPLICATIONS-

Low level detectors provide an interesting c-w application for the backdiode. In a crystal video receiver, the incoming r-f signal is detected right at the antenna and the resulting video amplified by a high-gain video amplifier.

Although such a system is not very sensitive, there are applications where lower sensitivity is acceptable. Examples of such uses lie in beacon radar receivers, and instrumentation square-law detectors. Current sensitivity  $(\beta)$ of the backdiode is better than that for the conventional MA408B detector diode at both 6 and 13.5-Gc.13 The backdiode also has a wider square-law response as Table III shows. As a result the backdiode is usually more lightly doped than the tunnel diode. To combine low current and low capacitance in one backdiode unit, special packaging, designed for rugged mechanical support is needed. The sandwich structure, Fig. 3D fulfills this need. It consists of a glass layer sandwiched between two germanium wafers. The alloy dot is fused to the two germanium wafers and simultaneously adheres to the glass spacer, thereby providing mechanical strength for the tunnel junction Due to the small overall package dimensions, the parasitic housing capacitance and inductance are only around 0.1 pf and 0.1 nh respectively.

For lower frequency application the sandwich package is furnished with gold-plated ribbon leads; at microwave frequencies, two metal plates provide a pill format to which pressure contact can be made. One suggested mounting method is to mount the pill on the tip of a goldplated screw, as can be seen in Fig. 1. Part I. The resulting assembly is easy to handle, always properly polarized, can be screwed directly into a type N connector, or can be inserted into cavities and coaxial mounts.

Tunnel and backdiode low level detectors have apppeared on the market15 with their advertised features claiming the following advantages.

• Better input match for 50 ohm systems-tunnel diodes or backdiodes have low ( $\approx 10$  ohm) dvnamic input resistance, compared to 4,000 to 20,000 ohms for a typical crystal diode.

• Tangential sensitivity — minus 58 to -60-dbm from 50-Mc to 2-Gc with 0.2-Mc video bandpass. Other models are available.

CONCLUSION - There are, of course, many more cw applications for tunnel and backdiodes. Some have already been explored, others will be in the future. Some of the applications that have been examined include frequency multipliers<sup>16</sup> (harmonic oscillators), super-regenerative detectors,15 parametric motors,<sup>17</sup> pressure transducers<sup>18, 19, 20, 21</sup> radiation detectors,22 and frequency dividers (Part I).

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		Vc=-	6V	IE=1mA					
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## Waveguide Telemeters Space-Chamber Data



EXPERIMENTAL waveguide system for telemetering 3,000 channels from space vehicle in space-environment test chamber is demonstrated by feasibility model, above. Diagonal unit at right is model of waveguide network



SPACE CHAMBER connection uses waveguide and rotary joint, to achieve 3,000 test connections without cables. With antenna instead of waveguide, system could be used in space

Space telemetry system handles 3,000 channels on X-band microwave link

ACCURATE DATA transmission system that can sample and transmit 3,000 separate input signals with a transmission error of less than 2 percent has been developed by Electro-Optical Systems, Inc. in Pasadena, California.

Demonstration model has been delivered to Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center under \$133,000 contract for investigation of space-chamber data transmission problems. A fully operational model, based on this scheme, would answer an Air Force requirement for multi-sensor monitoring from a rotating test vehicle in a space chamber environment.

Using PAM/FM (Pulse amplitude modulation/frequency modulation), the system would be the first telemetry unit to operate with 3,000 separate sensors and transmit in space and radiation environments.

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## Light Beam Controls Potentiometers

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In Fig. 1, a beam from a light

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Selective illumination of the photoconductive surface can be



ROTATING SHAFT at right focuses beam onto narrow strip of photoconductor, thus effects variation of resistance—Fig. 1



LIGHT SENSITIVE potentiometer can vary resistance according to any function photographed or drawn on transparent film—Fig. 2



MOVING LIGHT focused to a fine line, projected through transparency of desired function, activates photosensitive resistor below— Fig. 3

achieved either by using a positioned optic fiber array (Fig. 2) or a focused moving cylindrical reflector (Fig. 1). In Fig. 2, light enters the input face of a flat fiber optic array, on one longitudinal face of which is deposited a coupled layer of photoconductive material such as Se, CdS, or AgSe. Since the photoconductive layer can be formed with predetermined longitudinal dimensions, the layer under control of light represents a number of selectively activated variable resistors<sup>2</sup>.

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The flexibility of functional control is shown by a potentiometer specially tailored to produce a required output function, Fig. 3. A light source is moved along guide rails, and control is accomplished by varying the intensity, or form, of the illuminated zone that acts as a potentiometer brush. By changing the image intensity along the photo-conductive layer, the conductivity of the semiconductor is varied. With a suitably graded mask or filter in the beam path, the intensity can be any desired function of the longitudinal position of



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Velocimeters are used in submarine detection and in oceanographic research to provide continuous indication of the velocity of sound in water. The first TR4's, successors to an earlier version in use by Polaris submarines, will be used by Navy's Oceanographic Office in the Antisubmarine Warfare Environmental Prediction System program.



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NEW PRINCIPLE of single reversal focused traveling wave tube is explained by General Electric's Karl B. Niclas

## TWT Uses New Focusing Concept

#### Improved performance now claimed for traveling wave tubes

**COMMERCIAL** availability of a new family of single reversal focused traveling-wave tubes may have a significant impact on the microwave industry.

The new tubes have been de-

signed to meet the increasing critical need for rugged, lighter weight and more compact traveling-wave tubes with low noise figures, a General Electric spokesman said. No other twt is presently able to meet this combination of requirements, he claimed.

Featuring a new method of beam focusing, the new tubes are expected to be especially suitable for military equipment where



MAGNETIC field, plotted along the beam axis for a single reversal field twt (top). Bottom diagram shows schematic of a single reversal field pm circuit—Fig. 1

close spacing of very low noise twt's is necessary. Applications include advanced radar, countermeasures and telemetry systems in satellites, aircraft, missiles and naval vessels. Initially, GE's Power Tube Department is introducing five X-band single reversal focused tubes. The company will shortly introduce additional Xband and C-band versions. The single reversal focusing principle is expected to apply also to millimeter tubes covering the frequency range of 12 to 40 Gc.

The new tubes were developed by Karl B. Niclas of GE's Traveling Wave Tube Products Section.

FOCUS—The new twt's use a new focusing concept. Instead of a single uniform magnetic field along the axis of the tube, the field is reversed at the center of the tube, Fig. 1. Instead of one permanent magnet, there are two main magnets and two ring shaped aiding magnets which control the focus of the electron beam. See Fig. 2 for comparison.

Although one uniform field is fine for low-noise characteristics, the flux pattern associated with one long straight magnet creates an external magnetic field which requires bulky shielding or adequate spacing between the tube and other magnetic materials or



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sources, Niclas explained. Equally important, using two magnets reduces the volume of magnetic material in ratio of 4 to 1.

Twenty fields, or magnets, have been used in the periodic-permanent-magnet type of twt. But until the new twt was developed, technological requirements were such that a single uniform field was best for certain twt applications where extremely low noise figures were very important. General Electric has a complete line of low-noise periodic-permanentmagnet focused tubes which do use a number of magnets. These reverse the magnetic field many times, and can be placed in any system without shielding or the need for air spacing. These tubes are very light weight, but their noise figures are somewhat higher than the permanent-magnet-focused twt's.

LOW-NOISE—The new single reversal tube was introduced because it retains the low noise figures of straight permanentmagnet tubes, yet is much lighter



PLOT of magnetic field along a beam axis for a permanent magnet focused twt (top) and for a periodic permanent magnet focused twt -Fig. 2

and does away with the need for shielding.

Basically, the new tubes constitute an extension of the GE product line. In many cases they will replace the straight-field pm tubes. However, ppm tubes will be required for applications where low noise is not as critical and

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Reliability of the new tubes is said to be comparable with existing tubes. Environmental test facilities are used to expose tubes to test situations corresponding to shock of 50 g's, vibrations from 5 to 2,000 cps; temperatures from -65 to 75 C; and altitudes of 100,000 feet.

At this point, costs will be comparable to the existing line of pm and ppm tubes. Ultimately, the new tubes will be cheaper, company says.

Designers are constantly seeking lighter and more compact components for advanced radar and space systems. At the same time, new applications require better performance characteristics for smaller units.

A single reversal twt with lownoise characteristics was developed in England, but it weighed 30 pounds. Although other manufacturers have done experimental work on such tubes, GE claims that their new line is the first single reversal low-noise type to be offered to U.S. system designers.

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**SEARCH** for a highly reliable technique for the hermetic sealing of miniature relays gave birth to a uniquely programmed electron beam welding process. This machine tool possesses high-production capabilities: it now seals a rectangular relay measuring 0.400 by 0.800 inch in about 6 seconds. Present operating conditions of pumpdown and loading prevent full capitalization of this capability. With a little design modification, however, the process is expected to yield as many as 250 welded assemblies per hour. Contributing to this output is a magnetic method of deflecting the beam in x-y coordinates using an especially-designed cam contour programming device.

Perusal of available welding information had not supplied a solution to the problem of getting highreliability seals on a mass-production schedule. We were sure that electron beam welding was the answer, but the complex nature of subminiature relay design with its susceptibility to heat damage, demanded extensive research and development work to develop a system that accurately and automatically controls and restricts travel of the electron beam. This may be a major step in making what is now primarily a novel laboratory tool a high-production welding machine also having great research facility: reliance placed on operator skill has previously been a drawback to mass-production operation. Several fastening as well as sealing problems in relay manufacturing are expected to be solved using the process.

ADVANTAGES — One of the qualities of the electron beam suiting it for high production welding of subminiature relays is that the high energy densities at the impingement point reduces the need for heat sinking: fusion occurs with great concentration and at such a rapid pace that harmful thermal distortion has no time to develop. Heat-affected area is said to be about 1/25 that of the tungsten-and-inert gas welding process because of energy densities as high as 3.8 Kw per sq. in. for a weld

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diameter of 0.010 inch. (The Hamilton Standard electron beam machine, which was modified to perform process, is adjusted to a fine beam focus prior to welding using a target surface of pure tungsten coinciding with a plane described by weld lines.)

**BEAM TRAVEL**—Basically, two approaches could have been used to perform contour welding of relays:

• Conventional technique of guiding the work below the beam by mechanically tracing a template

• Magnetically deflecting the beam so that it follows preset path determined by programmed x-y coordinates while the work remains stationary.

The latter concept was adopted since it offered distinct advantages with respect to operational flexibility. A minimum of alterations were required to adapt the programming system to the Hamilton Standard electron beam welding machine. Two basic weld patterns have been stored in the programming system. Selection between the two is switch-controlled. Additional controls permit return to standard operator-controlled welding.

On initiation of the automatic weld cycle, the beam follows the preset pattern by being deflected from its normal vertical orientation to a variable angular orientation so that beam impinges on designated and successive x and y coordinates in the welding plane. High stability d-c signals applied to welder's magnetic deflection lenses supply the exact signal value for each point of the weld line. Power sources supplying signals are controlled by high-linearity potentiometers. They, in turn, are actuated by precision cams driven by a variable gear motor to regulate welding speed from 5 to 60 inches per minute.

Since beam deflection is an angular function, it follows that the maximum distance the beam can be diverted from its vertical path depends on height of welding surface. With the long focal length lens system in the Hamilton Standard machine, the standard focusing range can be sufficiently extended to assure that each point of the pattern will be reached with pin-point accuracy. Generally, a shallow deflection angle is desired for programmed electron-beam welding to achieve maximum pattern repeatability. A sharply angled beam is of particular help where access to weld joint is obscured.

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RELAYS shown are manufactured by electron-beam welding, tungsten-inert gas welding and soldering (left to right)

size and power by basic machine, can also be changed with the programmed deflection feature from a spot to an open circle and other shapes such as a sine wave. Circle generation—resulting in a welding motion analogous to that of a planet revolving on its own axis while circling the sun—has produced very successful welds.

Each miniature relay is placed in a specially designed holding fixture with relation to weld pattern described by beam. Fixture does this with two precisely machined locating surfaces and an indexing pin. Rotating each relay in turn to a proper position under beam, the fixture inclues a time mechanism adjusted to beam travel time. At completion of weld, fixture is automatically actuated by this mechanism to place following relay in position. Necessary time for such indexing and welding is adjustable to suit various settings and weld lengths, averaging about 6 seconds. Upon completion of each run, the operator reloads the vacuum chamber with another fixture that has received relays during previous production welding operation. He then immediately starts pumpdown cycle. The following idle period is used to inspect welded relays.

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#### Cameras

1000 A - oscilloscope camera with Polaroid 1001 B - oscilloscope recorder



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Super-orbital entry of a space vehicleone returning to earth from a planet, rather than from an earth-orbiting mission -would result in searing radiative heating in addition to the more familiar convective type. As a spacecraft nose enters atmosphere, it pushes the thin air aside. A boundary layer is formed next to the skin. Ahead of that is a compressed mass of air: fronting that, a shock wave. The air behind the shock wave becomes incandescent, ionizes, and radiates to the heat shield. Within the boundary layer, friction heats the nose cone by convection.

Lockheed scientists believe that at higher than escape speed a blunt-nosed vehicle may be unable to sustain the radiative heating. Consequently, a return to the previously discarded sharp nose is



indicated. Fluid mechanicists are calculating the heat load, determining how rapidly the nose will ablate and how to keep it sharp. Current shock tube tests are providing some clues.

Another research project in Lockheed's Fluid Mechanics Laboratories relates to the flow of buoyant fluids. A typical study program is the determination of how liquid hydrogen, stored in a tank in space, stratifies. This, in turn, determines the level of pressurization required in order to extract all of the fluid. Scientists made a mathematical model of what they think occurs inside the tank. With this as a guide, an actual tank was constructed to obtain measurements and photographs of the flow to verify their theories.

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### Literature of the Week

- PRECISION GLASS PARTS Hanibal Glass, Inc., 3025 Kilson Drive, Santa Ana, Calif., has available a 4-page catalog describing the broad range of precision glass parts it produces for the electronics industry. CIRCLE 313, READER SERVICE CARD
- LABORATORY POWER SUPPLIES Electronic Research Associates, Inc., 67 Factory Place, Cedar Grove, N. J., has available a catalog supplement covering its Magitran line of magnetic-transistor lab power supplies. (314)
- TEFLON The Modern Industrial Plastics Division of the Duriron Co., 3337 N. Dixie Drive, Dayton 14, O., offers a brochure featuring applications for Teflon and other fluorocarbon products. (315)
- RPM CONTROL & MEASUREMENT Airpax Electronics Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Catalog S1-1 describes the installation and operation of a comprehensive line of electronic tachometers developed for industrial and military use. (316)
- MICA CAPACITORS Sangamo Electric Co., Springfield, Ill., has published bulletin 2321 describing a complete line of fixed terminal, molded mica capacitors. (317)
- OSCILLOGRAPH RECORDING SYSTEMS Brush Instruments Division of Clevite Corp., 37th and Perkins, Cleveland 14, O. Brochure 1100 describes oscillograph recording systems for military, industrial, and scientific applications. (318)
- ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITORS Standard Pressed Steel Co., Box 596, Jenkintown, Pa. A 12-page brochure contains application data, construction and performance characteristics on a line of solid tantalum dry slug electrolytic capacitors. (319)
- FLAME RETARDANT EPOXY Union Carbide Plastics Co., 270 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Product data folder describes the new Bakelite epoxy resin ERSA-2450 flame retardant laminates. (320)
- BOBBINS Thermotech Industries, Inc., 1202 South Fifth St., Hopkins, Minn., offers a two-color 25<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in. by 22 in. chart suitable for wall mounting showing a complete listing of its line of molded coil winding bobbins. (321)
- TRANSFORMER DESIGNS Aladdin Electronics, 703 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tenn. Engineering bulletin No. 125 lists standard units in two new series of transformer designs. (322)
- DI-HEPTAL SOCKET Connector Corp., 6025 No. Keystone Ave., Chicago 46, Ill. Data sheet 24A covers the



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- ACTIVE FILTER NETWORKS Guillemin Networks, Inc., 381 Eliot St., Newton 64, Mass. Data sheet describes active filter networks with Q of 200 for l-f applications. (324)
- HYDROGEN THYRATRON Calvert Electronics Inc., 220 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y., has an *Application Report* on the English Electric hydrogen thyratron assembly for 75 mw pulse output. (325)
- THIN-FILM FLIP-FLOP Halex, Inc., 139 Maryland St., El Segundo, Calif. Specification sheet on model 1010FF microminiature thin-film flip-flop provides complete specifications with diagrams. (326)
- TRAVELING WAVE TUBES Sperry Electronic Tube Division, Gainesville, Fla., offers an informative technical paper entitled "Some Factors Affecting Size and Weight of Traveling Wave Tubes." (327)
- SERVO MOTORS Kearfott Division, General Precision Aerospace, Little Falls, N. J. Technical data sheet covers the CZO 9634 001 size 40 high power servo motors. (328)
- REGULATED SUPPLIES Alpha Scientific Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 333, Berkeley 1, Calif. Data sheet covers regulated power supplies for magnets and general purposes. (329)
- MAGNETIC CIRCUIT BREAKERS Metals & Controls Inc., a corporate division of Texas Instruments Inc., Attleboro, Mass. Catalog data sheet describes the Klixon 4MC series trip-free magnetic circuit breakers. (330)
- OSCILLOSCOPES Tektronix, Inc., Box 500, Beaverton, Ore., has published an 8-page brochure describing 14 types of oscilloscopes designed for rack and console service. Request on business letterhead.
- IRON CORE COMPONENTS United Transformer Corp., 150 Varick St., New York 13, N. Y., announces release of its two new 1963-1964 catalogs of iron core components. (331)
- MICROWAVES LP Associates, 11924 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 66, Calif. Brochure describes the company's design, development and manufacturing capability in microwave electronics. (332)
- REFLEX KLYSTRONS Raytheon Co., Waltham 54, Mass. Four-page, two-color brochure describes six new millimeter reflex klystrons. (333)
- VARIABLE RESISTOR CTS of Berne, Inc., Berne, Ind. Data sheet 1400 covers the  $1\frac{1}{16}$  in. diameter series 320 RV4 3-w variable resistor. (334)
- TELSTAR Bell Telephone Laboratories Inc., 463 West St., New York 14, N. Y. A color reprint of the Bell Laboratories Record contains 10 semitechnical articles about the engineering that went into the Telestar project. (335)

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### IRC Plans Advanced R&D Center



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Walter W. Slocum, president of the Philadelphia-based firm, said the laboratories will be equipped with the most modern scientific instruments for basic research and development in thin films, solid state physics and microcircuitry.

The Center will be completely air-conditioned with special filtering to provide an over-all, dustfree, clean-room environment. To facilitate this environment, laboratories will be windowless, connected by passageways to the main corridors at the front and rear glass walls of the building. All utilities will be supplied through fixed mechanical cores located in the walls forming the passageways. Special ultra-clean white rooms will also be provided.



Aeronutronic Made Division of Philco

AERONUTRONIC division of Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich., has been transferred to Philco Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ford.

Aeronutronic, which is located in Newport Beach, Calif., and employs 2,500 becomes a division of Philco Corp. John B. Lawson (picture), Aeronutronic general manager, continues in that position and has been elected a vice president of Philco

### Corning Announces Four Appointments

KARL R. WUENSCH has been named manufacturing manager of the Electronic Products division of Corning Glass Works, Raleigh, N. C. He had been plant manager of the division's capacitor plant there.

William F. Neuman, who had been manager of the Corning plant at Greencastle, Pa., was appointed to succeed Wuensch.

In other divisional apointments, Norman M. Edelson was named manager product and process development for microcircuits, and Edward A. Pagola was named production superintendent of the division's Ceramic plant in Corning, N. Y. Edelson has been plant manufacturing engineer at Raleigh, and Pagola has been a department foreman at Corning's Greenville, O., plant.



General Electric Elects Corbin

s. WELLFORD CORBIN has been elected a vice president of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

As general manager of GE's Industrial Sales Operation, Corbin heads an organization employing some 8,200 persons and selling hundreds of thousands of products.



Nieminen Takes New Hickok Post

ELECTION of Robert A. Nieminen as executive vice president of the Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., Cleveland, O., is announced.

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Pearce-Simpson Names Seiden

PEARCE-SIMPSON, INC., Miami, Fla., has announced the appointment of Stanford Seiden to the post of plant manager, electronics division.

Seiden, a 17-year veteran of the electronics industry, is former vice president, manufacturing, Crosby Electronics.



Power Designs Hires Hersh

JOSEPH B. HERSH has been named plant manager of the Power Designs, Inc., Westbury, N. Y., facility. He was formerly vice presidentmanufacturing of the Radio Receptor division of General Instruments Corp.

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### Schaevitz Engineering Appoints Mahler

RICHARD A. MAHLER, former president of Harvey-Wells Corp., has been appointed vice president of

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sales at Schaevitz Engineering, Pennsauken, N. J.

Mahler will be in charge of all sales programs at Schaevitz Engineering and its subsidiaries, including Measurement Control Devices, Philadephia, Pa.; Burrite Electronics Corp., Burbank, Calif.; Southern Electronic Engineering Co., Warner Robins, Ga.; and Triconix, Inc., Waltham, Mass.

### Woodward Takes New Philco Post

CHESTER P. WOODWARD has been named manager-technical staff of

### RCA REALIGNS DIVISIONS

On July 1, Radio Corporation of America will put into effect a reorganization of its Electron Tube and Semiconductor and Materials divisions. They'll merge into a new organization with five major operating units, headed up by Douglas Y. Smith, vice president, Electronic Components and Devices.

His new staff, providing services to all five units, includes: G. C. Brewster, manager, operations planning and support; Alan M. Glover, division vice president, technical programs; Joseph E. Kelley, division vice president, general sales.

Operating units and their executives are:

• Commercial Receiving Tube and Semiconductor: William H. Painter, division vice-president and general manager. This unit will be responsible for sale of ty picture tubes as well

• Industrial Tube and Semiconductor: C. E. Burnett, division vice president and general manager

• Television Picture Tube: John B. Farese, division vice president and general manager, engineering manufacture and marketing of color and black-and-white picture tubes

• Special Electronic Components: Lloyd R. Day, general manager; development of new and advanced components and devices

• Distributor Products: Harold F. Bersche, division vice president; sale of all RCA electronic components and devices to authorized distributors.

### TI Building 435,000-Sq-Ft Plant



ARCHITECTURAL sketch of new multipurpose building of 435,000 sq ft now under construction in Dallas where Texas Instruments will produce future Shrike air-to-surface tactical missiles. Initial occupancy is scheduled to begin in October and be complete in December



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the Advanced Technology Laboratories of Philco Corporation's Communications and Electronics division, Blue Bell, Pa.

Formerly manager-technical staff of the division's radar laboratory, Woodward will be responsible for the coordination of plans and programs within the Advanced Technology Laboratories.

### PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Harry Altman promoted to director of the Range Systems laboratory of ITT Federal Laboratories. I. J. Steinhoff, formerly with G.M. Labs., appointed g-m of the Electro-Mechanical div. of Indiana General Corp. Norton F. Hight advances to executive engineer in the Systems Engineering dept. of the Government Products div. at Adler Electronics, Inc. Sanford Brown, Cleveland engineering consultant, has joined Assembly Products, Inc., as director of quality control. William C. Hauser, previously with Aerojet-General Corp., named chief engineer of R. O. Roberts Co., Inc., Lawrence F. Punte moves up at Fairchild Semiconductor to head the Process Engineering dept. Computer Instruments Corp. ups Jack Confredo to production control mgr. for all operations. Clary Corp. raises C. A. Christoff to v-p engineering. Paul D. Leeke elevated to research projects mgr. by Mincom div., 3M Co. William P. Bartlev. with GE since 1949, named mgr. of advance engineering at the Communication Products dept. James M. Wright leaves North American Aviation Co. to join Edcliff Instruments as operations mgr. Vincent F. Procopio, from General Instrument Corp. to Platronics, Inc. as mgr. of the Hermetic Seals div. Dana K. Nance, ex-General Motors Corp., appointed chief engineer of SpaceK Corp. Donald L. Pyke leaves Systems Development Corp. to rejoin Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Inc. as asst. to the v-p, R&D. John Greksouk (Commander, U.S.N., Ret.) named mgr. of quality assurance at The Technical Material Corp. West Nyack transmitter plant.

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