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## CROSSTALK-

#### **Telemetry Tomorrow**

**THIS WEEK'S** feature on telemetry (p 31) points up advances the art has made in meeting today's complex aerospace and civilan demands. A good portion of present techniques, however, will become history by 1970, the year when most telemetry users will have had to swing over from the present 215 to 260-Mc vhf band to new uhf assignments between 1.435 and 1.535 Gc or 2.2 to 2.3 Gc.

The coming of the uhf telemetry allocations has important technical and financial implications.

One aim of the switchover, ordered by FCC and the Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) of the Office of Emergency Planning, is to improve telemetry. For example, a broader telemetry spectrum will permit a greater number of experiments in a given space shot, since more data channels can be employed. This adds up to more data with fewer space vehicles, plus an added bonus of increased reliability. Moreover, such requirements as obtaining positional data will become easier to meet. At uhf, tracking data may be obtained from telemetry alone, reducing the need for radar beacons.

Uhf equipment is markedly different than vhf gear. In transmitters, for example, output circuits will employ cavities rather than simple LC circuits or tuned lines. Receivers will require lower-noise front ends, additional frequency conversion and perhaps remote preamplification to do away with losses incurred between the antenna and receiver. The r-f

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portions of the telemetry link will require the greatest amounts of new thinking and redesign since they exhibit little similarity at 200 Mc and at 2 Gc.

Reinstrumentation of r-f equipment will undoubtedly require modification or replacement of large amounts of vhf equipment. Doing the technical job is not a major stumbling block since the problems from both operational and equipment viewpoints are well understood. Ingenuity and practical operational analysis will probably dictate the changeover designs.

While many in the telemetry business agree that the frequency shift will be a good one, there is some concern as to where the money is coming from and when. If, as some suggest, funding does not appear until 1969 or 1970, a crash program may be forced upon both suppliers and users.

This prospect is one that should be countered, while there is still plenty of time, by more substantial government funding of redevelopment in the next few years. The government military and space programs are, after all, the largest users of radio telemetry, and have the most vital interest in making the changeover with a minimum of debugging at the last moment.

QUESTIONNAIRE—On page 89 of this issue of electronics, you will find a form similar to our reader service card. We ask you to fill in the form and mail it to us. The more we know about your needs the better we can serve you.

#### -COMMENT-

#### **KEEPING ABREAST**

The May 24 issue contained an article, Can Synthetic Sleep Save Time? (p 20), which aroused my interest...

As a Canadian Air Defense Command Advisor, I find your magazine to be the only way to keep abreast of new developments and techniques. I've been a subscriber for almost two years now, and I look forward to each week's issue.

Ville LeMoyne, Quebec Canada

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LOUIS G. ESPOSITO

#### TRANSISTOR SYMBOL

The recent Crosstalk article entitled Defeat in Venice (p 3, July 12), expressed an interesting, but distressing viewpoint. The symbol controversy should be given thought by all electrical engineers, not just by our committee members.

The Swedish symbol seemed to be a radical idea when I was introduced to it several years ago. It has proven itself to me in practice, and I now use it almost exclusively.

The Swedish symbol is not, as you have stated, "a giant step backwards" to a symbol resembling a vacuum tube, but a step forward. The classical symbol was derived from the physical configuration of the now obsolete point-contact transistor, whereas the Swedish symbol does in fact more closely resemble the modern junction transistor.

This alone would be far from sufficient to justify the new Swedish symbol. The circuit diagram itself is the best justification. Below I have drawn two diagrams of a simple flip-flop, one with the conventional symbol, and the other with the Swedish symbol. Which diagram appears neater, easier to draw and easier to read?



I encourage you to try this test on any circuit you wish. I fear that much of the support the classical symbol receives is due to lack of knowledge of the new symbol, rather than a true preference. I was surprised to find that a majority of the

engineers I have shown the symbol to, had never seen it before. Are we right and are all the Europeans who have jumped on the bandwagon wrong? Are they merely being impulsive? Perhaps the European trend should be given more serious thought, not only by our committees, but by each and every engineer who will be using the symbols.

ROBERT L. HERRMANN

West Lafayette, Indiana

#### **NEGATIVE RESISTANCE VIII**

Since the interpretation of the expression "negative resistance" is a repeatedly discussed subject in Comment, I want to point out that the negative resistance is not a recently introduced concept. To prove this point, I enclose photocopy extracts from my patent 1,920,569, filed in the United States on November 11, 1929.

L. L. KOROS

Cherry Hill, New Jersey



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## Easy as ABC

#### Easy as ABC

**Clean operation...** As familiar as you are with your present highfrequency scope, it doesn't seem like much of a chore to operate it. But then the wife didn't think she was working too hard on Mondays before the washer-drier came into being. But here's a real test on just how easy your scope operation is:

Take a novice, someone who hasn't used your kind of high-frequency scope. Give him the instruction manual and ask him to get a signal on the crt. Time him. Then do the same with the hp 175A Oscilloscope. (You can try the 175A first, if you like... the results will be the same.)

Try getting a spot. With many scopes you have to put one hand on the horizontal position control, the other on the vertical position control ... and play. If the intensity control happens to be turned down, you won't find anything. On the 175A you push a button ... the beam finder ... and there's the spot. You can see where it comes from; you know immediately which way to turn the position controls—no fiddling here.



So you have a spot. Try focusing. With the conventional scope you focus, you set intensity and then, when you try a sweep, you find that astigmatism hinders the measurement. You adjust the astigmatism control, then focus, then astigmatism, then...

Not so with the 175A, which has no front-panel astigmatism knob — because it doesn't need one. (Our 12 kv crt is so sensitive that deflection defocusing is history — no more jockeying between focus and astigmatism control to get a meaningful picture of the important trace.)

Now the controls. The 175A uses concentric controls...fewer, at that, than the conventional scope. They're concentric for a *reason* (they relate to related functions), and they are color-coded to front panel legends, so you can't miss. What's more, they're logically arranged—you don't spend half the time looking for an engraved or silk-screened legend that isn't where it *really* belongs. Next (and you don't have to check your novice for this one), look at the triggering controls. How many modes are indicated on the triggering switch of your present high frequency scope? Then check this:



We've incorporated tunnel diode triggering circuitry, more sensitive, vastly easier to set — and the 175A is the only scope in its price range to offer this feature. We have fewer triggering modes, none of them bandwidth-limited, and trigger slope and level are a snap to set. Your check-out will prove it.

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## Gains in ASW Surveillance

Multiplication of sensor techniques may leave subs no place to hide

#### By LEON H. DULBERGER Associate Editor

**THE MUCH-SOUGHT** antisubmarine-warfare (ASW) sensor breakthrough is still unrealized. Until it is, surveillance undersea will not be as easy as radar penetration of the skies. However, gains in sonar and magnetic anomaly detectors (MAD) plus promising new sensing methods are making it increasingly difficult for enemy submarines to remain undetected.

Latest sensor techniques in use or possibly under study include: detection of heat in a submarine's wake with airborne infrared scanners, ultraviolet inspection of dead microbiological life trailing a sub, inspection of snorkel exhaust traces in the atmosphere with a nuclei detector, check of nuclear radiation imparted to water by passage of an atomic submarine, possible use of detection gear to measure voltage caused by dissimilar metals in water, and possible exploitation of lightning-generated radio waves that penetrate water.

**SONAR'S LIABILITIES**—So far, sonar remains the chief technique for long-range penetration of water because sound travels readily through the medium. But bending of sonar rays at temperature interfaces in water—thermoclines—may shield submarines from detection or distort surveillance patterns preventing accurate location of targets. Additionally, active sonar, which is used to fix target location gives away the searcher's location.

Radar, useful against surfaced or snorkeling submarines, has limited usefulness against modern nuclear subs that remain submerged for extended periods. The Communist bloc has roughly 450 submarines in service, some of them atomic-powered. Our military experts point out that the submarine's ability to rain missiles on American mainland targets while submerged, or when surfacing briefly off our coast lines, represents one of the gravest threats to our security.

Sonar advances include ability to operate beneath thermoclines through use of deep-dipping sonar operated from helicopters or surface ships. Also called variable-depth sonar, it is finding extensive ASW application.

Project Artemis, an extremely high-power, long-range active sonar system under test in the Atlantic uses a transducer ship, and hydrophones to pick up echoes that are sent to data-processing gear on an island laboratory. The system may lead to an active sonar early warning net. Project Caesar, now being expanded, uses many hydrophones in a listening network off America's shores.

Sonobouys, deployed from air-

craft or ships, are a mainstay of Navy's ASW and are being improved.

Presently they lower a transducer beneath thermoclines and radio back data by a transmitter operating on the surface. A chemical explosive charge set off underwater near a pattern of several passive sonobouys provides location information on submarines hidden in the area. Development work on a sonodiver which records sound, temperature and other data while hovering beneath the surface may possibly find ASW applications.

MAD ADVANCES — Magnetic anomaly detectors used for years by the Navy, are undergoing improvements to increase range. MAD is helpful in identifying targets discovered by sonar through recording of variations in the earth's magnetism. Submarines and sea creatures are readily differentiated. It also provides an accurate fix on targets. MAD systems may presently be using proton free-precession magnetometers for increased sensitivity. This is thought possible as such devices are finding extensive use in oceanography and treasure hunting, and in the Thresher search in the Atlantic. Proton magnetometers respond to minute distortions in the earth's magnetic field.

**INFRARED**—Temperature measurement of water by airborne ir scanners, and also by *in situ* sensors drawn through the water, may be

DESTROYERS drop depth charges during ASW exercises

## **Threaten Subs' Invulnerability**

designed to reveal the 0.5 to 1degree change in temperature caused by a submarine's passage. Airborne equipment using infrared radiometers, some with low-noise maser amplifier inputs, are finding growing application in hydrographic work. Infrared scanners able to measure sea surface temperature with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.2$  degree C over a range of -2 to +35 degrees C are being tested in hydrographic research from airborne platforms and may find ASW applications. Thermistors spaced along chains towed behind surface vessels have been used in oceanographic work for charting thermal currents with high accuracy. If used in ASW surveillance, thermistor chains may allow penetration to depths where today's deep-running submarines lurk.

SIDE-LOOKING RADAR-Radar using high resolution side-looking techniques could be operated from aircraft to detect submarine snorkels from the background clutter of waves with a minimum of signalprocessing circuits. Side-looking airborne radar produces a readily definable target against random motion waves and spray when recording the steady motion of submarine snorkels. It may also prove possible to detect the rise in the ocean's surface caused by passage of a submarine beneath it, using radar techniques.

Condensation nuclei detectors are used to track conventional snorkeling or surfaced submarines from the air by inspecting the nuclear structure of the atmosphere, which is affected by engine exhaust.

Radioactivity imparted to water by the passage of a nuclear-powered submarine presents another possible means of locating submerged submarines.

**MARINE ORGANISMS**—Microbiological life present in water is affected by the movement of submarines, and techniques to discover the dead organisms are under study. These may possibly include ultraviolet inspection of the water with airborne sensors to detect the bioluminescence of marine organisms, and also *in situ* tests by taking samples in bottles at extended depths for study.

Dissimilar metals immersed in seawater produce a voltage, and may possibly form the basis for an ASW sensor. The technique is being used in the search for the sunken *Thresher* lost in the Atlantic. It may prove important in locating enemy subs at rest.

**LASERS**—Optical techniques underwater continue to receive attention. They include the possibility of a laser-operated, three-diamensional scanning system for positive target identification at short ranges. A 3-D system might use a scanning technique, and an intense blue-green coherent, narrow-band laser as a light source, when it is developed. Synchronized scanning of the target would reduce backscatter due to

suspended particle matter in the water. Only a small portion of the target and water adjacent to the beam would be illuminated, with the optical receiver designed for narrow band pickup.

Low-frequency radio signals are known to be transmittable through water and presently provide communication to submerged submarines on ulf bands. Because worldwide, lightning-generated, long-wave signals occur many times a second, it may be that they will form the basis for an ASW surveillance technique in the future.

Other surveillance techniques under consideration include a magnetically operated device that locks onto passing submarines and transmits a beacon signal to implement tracking.

**SEA FORECASTING**—The high complex. Signal processing and data processing systems are being developed to process and display sensor information in a manner that permits rapid target identification and deployment of attack weapons.

Another factor in the use of future ASW surveillance systems is the operation of an oceanographic, sea-condition forecasting net, Asweps, to tell ASW commanders what to expect from their equipment at a given time, in various theaters of operation. It would also allow routing convoys around areas of bad ASW-operating conditions, to allow best ocean environment for defense and attack by ASW commanders.



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More typical  $\triangle R$  data is presently being collected as part of another test program in which samples are being taken from standard production lots. Data will be available after sufficient time has elapsed.

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		2000 HRS. "ON-TIME"		3000 HRS.		4000 HRS.		5000 HRS.			
	"ON-TIME"	NO. DF UNITS	AV. %AR	NO. OF UNITS	AV. %AR	NO. OF UNITS	AV. % AR	NO. OF UNITS	AV. % AR		
995-1A	409	1,304,000	409	0.447	284	0.536	101	1.051			
995-3A	768	8,055,000	768	0.868	155	0.999	373	1.397	206	0.876	
995-5A	346	1,131,000	346	0.633	89	0.687	175	0.662			
995-5B	281	1,124,000	281	2.109		1977 -	281	2.740			
995-10A	438	1,609,000	438	0.733	146	0.780	238	0.891	37	0.974	
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995-5A§	5	0.313	0.922	1 to 30,000
995-5B	5	0.203	0.938	1 to 25,000
995-10A†	10	0.313	1.781	1 to 51,000

NOTE: Standard lead length is 1½". \*Also in MIL style RW69V (991-3). §Also in MIL style RW67V (991-6.5). †Also in MIL style RW68V (991-11). ‡Tolerance, +.015 -.005.

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#### **Investment Abroad Rising**

NEW YORK—Electrical-electronics firms plan to invest \$60.9 million this year to begin operations in Europe's Common Market—about \$9 million more than last year and \$57 million more than five years ago. To that they'll add, \$39 million for plants, property equipment elsewhere in Europe, reports McGraw-Hill's fifth annual survey of overseas capital investment.

In two years, electrical and electronic companies expect to spend \$76.8 million just in the Common Market.

In other European nations the 1962 figure was \$44.1 million, the poll says, and this year's seems \$39.1 million. Next year they anticipate pumping in \$30.7 million; in 1965, \$23 million. Will it diminish? Eighty percent of firms responding said "no." Those saying "yes," like other businesses, gave one major reason: projects abroad are now or would soon be completed.

The report also disclosed that gains felt in Europe take their toll elsewhere—mainly Latin America, until now a prime area for outside-U.S. investing. Countries there garnered a quarter of all overseas outlays five years ago. This year, electrical-electronics people are sinking only \$2.9 million into Latin America, forecast only \$6.4 million in 1965.

Finally, the survey predicts that subsidiary sales will continue outstripping exports, at least for two years, as firms forecasted in all four earlier studies. While electrical-electronics exports might rise 5 percent during 1963-64, subsidiary sales should show a gain three times that.

#### **Japanese Tv-Price Floor Near Approval**

TOKYO—Last week the Japanese Television Exporters Council officially applied to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) for approval of their agreement to fix floor prices for tv sets destined for U.S. markets (p 8, Aug. 30; p 7, Aug. 2).

Nippon Electric Company is the only major manufacturer abstraining. A spokesman stated the company's first task was to settle the lawsuit brought by Symphonic Electronic Corp.

(Symphonic contracted to buy receivers from NEC. A Symphonic customer, the Spieged mail-order house, advertised the sets at \$30 below the going market. Upon request, Spiegel agreed to readjust prices in their next catalog. According to the lawsuit, NEC and the Japanese tv industry then refused to sell tv sets to Symphonic.)

There has been some concern that the price-fixing agreement is illegal under the U.S. antitrust law. Both the council of tv manufacturers and MITI pointed out, however, that if tv price agreement violates U.S. laws, so do 126 other similar agreements now in existence.

#### Silicon-Carbide Laser Emits Blue Light

LOW-POWER c-w injection laser that emits blue light at room temperature has been developed by Tyco Laboratories in Waltham, Mass. The device is a silicon-carbide structure with molybdenum electrodes; it is fabricated by a crystal-growing technique known as the traveling solvent method.

Use of silicon carbide has allowed achieving very low threshold current densities (120 amp per sq cm) at room temperature. Thus, the device is considered particularly promising for applications requiring ruggedness.

Emission is at 4,560 angstroms in the visible blue-region of the spectrum. Tyco Laboratories' president Arthur J. Rosenberg told ELECTRONICS that this emission exhibits constructive interference and that the spacing of the interference lines implies that the emitted radiation comes from an aperture that agrees precisely with the actual physical dimensions of the diode t-njunction.

Coinventors are L. B. Griffiths and A. I. Mlavsky. They were assisted by G. Rupprecht, P. H. Smakula and M. A. Wright. The Norton Co. is licensed to manufacture and sell the device.

#### Big Advances Predicted in Computer Technology

FUTURE ADVANCES in computers as significant as the transition from the vacuum-tube to the solid-state type were predicted last week by William C. Norris, president of Control Data Corp. They would include new concepts of machine organization and new wiring and packaging schemes. Norris was keynote speaker at the 18th annual conference of the Association for Computing Machinery in Denver.

Norris predicted development of a "second generation of input-output equipment" within the next 10 years. These would include cathode ray tube "visual techniques" for realtime problems, wider use of film to store information and the develop-

#### IN BRIEF

- JAPANESE plan two industrial trade fairs in Communist China this fall. Some \$400,000 in equipment, including electronics, will be shown in Peiping during October and Shanghai in December. The British are also planning an industrial show in Peiping, in November.
- ECONOMICAL production capability for cesium-beam tubes (time and frequency standard) is goal of \$262,-500 Army contract awarded National Company.
- MICROWAVE altimeter for unmanned helicopters has been developed for Navy by Sylvania. It will permit helicopters like the Dash ASW system (p 18, April 19) to maintain present altitudes to 1,000 ft.
- VIDEO tape recorders, made by Precision Instrument, will be sold as accessories to Westinghouse x-ray and fluorescope systems. Recordings will provide alternative to x-ray movies.
- JOSEPH H. McCONNELL, of Reynolds metal, formerly with RCA and NBC, will head U. S. delegation to Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference of ITU Oct. 7 to Nov. 8. He will have the rank of ambassador.
- UNDERSEA CABLE link between Guam and Philippines will permit allcable communications between U. S. and Philippines in late 1964. AT&T will lay the cable, a joint project with overseas companies.
- SWEDISH Army demonstrated a new 15-lb manpack transistor radio transreceiver with range of 15 miles. It will replace sets now used.
- GENERAL PRECISION is denying reports it will merge with Magnavox. Reports were heard last week after Frank Freimann, Magnavox president, said his company was considering a "sizable" acquisition.
- **CLEVITE** and Kokusan-Denki, of Japan, are jointly developing a piezoelectric ignition system for internal combustion engines.
- NASA is now hoping to flight-test in late. 1965 or early 1966 a passively oriented, passive-communications satellite (for earlier story, see p 24).
- MAGNAVOX's \$12.4-million award for solid-state, f-m, vehicular communications systems brings total to \$34.4-million.
- BACHE & CO. has installed first of Ultronic Systems' Lectrascan system. It displays stock ticker tape reports on alphanumeric tubes.



TECHNIQUE for drawing perspective movies frame-by-frame on a crt was among several programming methods described last week at the ACM meeting. Example above, from Bell Telephone Labs, simulates motion of satellite orbiting earth

ment of audio communication equipment for both input and output. He also called the use of standard languages such as Cobol, Algol and Fortran as "absolute necessity."

At the conference, ACM announced a special education program to train the blind as computer programmers. ACM said computers can be programmed to print out data in a special kind of braille.

#### Negative-Resistance May Improve Lasers

DAYTON, OHIO—Upgraded lasers may result from negative-resistance experiments with cadmium sulfide reported last Wednesday by Donald Reynolds, aerospace research labs, Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Negative resistance in semiconductors is important because of its apparent connecton with junctionlaser action, Reynolds said. He also suggested applications to light integration and other monitoring or measuring devices of light quanta and particle emission.

Resistivity of CdS crystals has been changed up to 10 orders of magnitude and kept at any level within a chosen range, after crystals were cooled to liquid nitrogen temperatures. Red light beyond the 6,900 —A wavelength or 1.75-ev photon threshold appears to excite electrons up to a conduction band, while trapping holes.

Negative resistance seems to result from double-carrier injection of electrons at an indium electrode and of holes at a silver electrode, Reynolds reported. Crystals apparently pump themselves up to a higher level of stimulation by absorption of their own recombination radiation.

Infrared radiation destimulates the crystal, by exciting trapped holes to valence bands, where recombination with trapped electrons radiates green light.

#### Quantum Transitions Multiply Frequencies

SAN FRANCISCO-Kane Engineering Labs (KEL) are using multiple quantum transition techniques in frequency-conversion devices to multiply X-band frequencies to obtain K-band frequencies. Outputs up to 80 watts have been obtained with 250-kilowatt inputs. KEL has also achieved fifth harmonic conversion -from C-band to K-band frequencies. They are also researching the adaptation of optical techniques for creating millimeter and submillimeter waves via multiple quantum transitions. KEL is looking for suitable materials to provide the proper atomic or molecular conversion system.

#### Are the Russians Using Laser Space Speedometer?

VIENNA—Design for a laser doppler system that can measure relative velocities of two rendezvousing spacecraft is described in the Russian journal, Znaniesila, according to the Czech publication, Priroda a Spolocnost.

(The report did not make clear whether the system is actually being used. Similar systems have been proposed in the U.S.)

Output from the transmitting laser is split into two beams by a semitransparent mirror. One beam is projected onto a photocell in the

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first spacecraft and serves as a frequency reference. The other beam is reflected from a mirror on the second spacecraft.

Doppler shift in the returning beam is directly indicated as relative velocity of the two craft, according to the report. The system is said to be able to measure velocities of 8 km/sec to 0.03 mm/sec (4.97 mi/sec to 0.0118 in./sec).

#### UK Urged to Adopt NTSC Color-Tv System

LONDON-In choosing a common color system for European tv, it would be "folly" if any other than the U. S. National Television System Committee (NTSC) method were adopted-according to Dudley Saward, managing director of the Rank-Bush Murphy Group. He went on to urge that Britain should take the lead in color ty as it did in black-and-white since one person in four in the UK has a ty set as compared to one in ten in the Common Market countries. He pointed out that the NTSC method has been operating in the U.S. for 10 years and for 8 years in Britain, while transmitting and receiving experience with the French SECAM and the West German PAL (p 22, Aug. 2) is less than a year.

#### AFCRL Drops IR Detectors Through Titan II Plumes

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—Two separate infrared instrument packages were dropped through ballistic missile tail plumes on August 21 in an experiment by Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory. The experiment, revealed last week, is reportedly the first of its kind. It was designed to examine missile thrust and fuel efficiency and to study the characteristic signature of exhaust plumes as an aid to missile identification.

The instruments, designed and built by Block Engineering, Inc., were injected into the exhaust stream of a Titan II rocket; one at 300,000 feet, the other at 600,000 feet. The 13 instruments, including complementary devices on the missile, reportedly all operated successfully. The packages telemetered the data to earth.

#### Magnetic Tape Market Gets Two New Entries

PHILADELPHIA—Eastman Kodak's Durol magnetic sound-recording tape will be marketed by International Resistance Co. starting this month. The cellulose triacetate tape is reported to have—in addition to professional quality—low-stretch characteristics that prevent curling if the tape is broken. There are to be two types of tapes, a low-print tape with an output comparable to a good general-purpose tape, and a high-output tape with low printthrough characteristics.

#### How Do You Find Water on the Moon?

DALLAS—Texas Instruments will evaluate geophysical methods for finding water on the moon under a \$105,926 Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories contract. Theoretical studies to identify the best techniques and equipment will be made. Techniques which, at present, appear to hold particular promise include infrared measurement, electrical resistivity methods, nuclear logging, and seismic profiling.

#### MEETINGS AHEAD

- MILITARY ELECTRONICS NATIONAL CON-FERENCE, IEEE-PTGMIL; Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., Sept. 9-11.
- ANNUAL ISA INSTRUMENT-AUTOMATION CONFERENCE-EXHIBIT, ISA; McCormick Place, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9-12.
- ELECTRICAL INSULATION CONFERENCE, IEEE, NEMA; Conrad-Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Sept. 10-14.
- JOINT ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT CON-FERENCE, IEEE, ASME; Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Sept. 12-13.
- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ANALOG COMPUTING, AICA; Brighton College of Technology, Lewes Rd., Brighton, England, Sept. 14-18.
- INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS ANNUAL CONFER-ENCE, IEEE, ISA; Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., Sept. 18-19.
- NATIONAL POWER CONFERENCE, IEEE, ASME; Netherland-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 22-25.
- INTERNATIONAL TELEMETERING CONFER-ENCE, IEE, IEEE, ISA, ARS, IAS; London, England, Sept. 24-27.
- PHYSICS OF FAILURE IN ELECTRONICS SYM-POSIUM, Armour Research Foundation and Rome Air Development Center, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Sept. 25-26.

- ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY FALL MEET-ING, ECS; New Yorker Hotel, New York, Sept. 29-Oct. 30.
- CANADIAN ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE, IEE REGION 7; Automotive Bldg., Toronto, Ont., Canada, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.
- SPACE ELECTRONICS NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, IEEE-PTG-SET; Fontainbleu Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., Oct. 1-3.
- ELECTROMAGNETIC RELAYS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, IEEE, ICER, IEE, Tohoku University, Science Council of Japan; Sendai, Japan, Oct. 8-11.
- ELECTRICAL ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE, Aerospace Electrical Society; Pan Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 9-11.
- NATIONAL AEROSPACE CONFERENCE, National Society of Professional Engineers; Lafayette Hotel, Long Beach, Calif., Oct. 10-11.

#### **ADVANCE REPORT**

ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS CONFERENCE, EIA, IEEE; Marriott Twin Bridges Motor Hotel, Washington, D. C., May 5-7, 1964; Nov. 1 is deadline for submitting 500-word abstract, 3 copies, to Dr. John J. Bohrer, Technical Program Chairman, International Resistance Co., 401 North Broad St., Philadelphia 8, Pa. Some invited topics: fixed and variable resistors, capacitors, printed wiring, thin film devices, microminiaturization (excluding silicon integrated devices), reliability and testing techniques, conductors and cables.

## WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

Congress Cuts NASA Budget \$362 Million **CONGRESS** has slashed \$362 million from NASA's \$5,712-million authorization request for fiscal 1964—a compromise between a \$509-million cut by the House and a \$201-million cut by the Senate. The trimming amounts more to a congressional admonishment to the space agency to present better-justified budgets in the future than a roll back of the space program. By and large, reductions made are for long-lead-time items and for requests not adequately supported with details on just how and when money would be spent.

There were few specific cuts in electronics. Those made include: \$13.2 million from the \$231.5-million request for tracking and data acquisition; \$6.7 million from a \$90-million request to equip three new instrumentation ships; and \$28 million out of \$153 million requested for integration and checkout programs. Congress pared \$1.1 million from the \$5 million for a new electronics center in Boston. NASA must submit new site selection surveys to Congress before it can proceed with the facility. Virtually no one expects NASA to shift the center's location.

#### Tariff Break Sought by EIA

**ROBERT C. SPRAGUE,** chairman of the Electronic Industries Association's Electronic Imports Committee, has asked the President's special representative, Christian A. Herter, to separate electronic equipment from electrical machinery in lists prespared for 1964 tariff negotiations under the Trade Expansion Act. Electronic products are distinguished from electrical machinery by high skilled-labor content—and, therefore, high value-to-mass ratio, Sprague said. He added that the rise in electronic imports indicates an accelerating invasion of the domestic electronic product market.

#### Probe to Weigh Buying Changes

**ECONOMIC** implications of shifts in defense spending are being studied in Washington these days with unusual seriousness. There is considerable disagreement among government and other economists over the urgency of the problem, reflecting opposing opinions on the effects of military spending on the economy: whether it is a "drag" or a stimulus.

The focal point of this controversy will probably be a series of hearings by the Senate Subcommittee on Manpower and Employment, scheduled for October or November. The inquiry, headed by Sen. Joseph Clark (D.-Pa.) will be a farreaching look at what would happen to the economy if defense spending is reduced and at proposals for easing the adjustment.

#### TFX Electronics Off-the-Shelf

**AIR FORCE** will supply the IFF transponder, instrument landing system, uhf radio, intercommunication system, TACAN and omni-range navigation equipment as "government-furnished" equipment to the prime contractor on the F-111 (TFX) tactical fighter aircraft. Air Force Secretary Zuckert says, "to a large extent, these will be off-the-shelf items". First flight test for the F-111 has been scheduled for January, 1965.



## Testing Integrated Circuits? reduce test time and cost

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VARIETY OF CONFIGURATIONS of passive communications satellites have been proposed. Goal is larger reflective surface, lighter weight

PASSIVE ORIENTATION Lenticular Satellite (Poles) designed by General Electric uses two-axis gravity-gradient stabilization

Passive comsats offer multiple access, are jam-proof and durable By JOEL STRASSER, Assistant Editor

WASHINGTON—Although active communications satellites are in the limelight now, much thought is being devoted to advanced types of passive satellites, Donald P. Rogers, Echo project director for NASA, told ELECTRONICS last week.

Passive satellites can have advantages over active; they are not frequency sensitive, are ideally adaptable for multiple access by using different frequencies and can have extremely long lifetimes. Significantly, the fact that they are difficult to jam makes them particularly attractive to the military.

Passive comsats can be made to do almost anything their active counterparts can do. Depending on the balloon diameter, antenna diameters, altitude and power required, passive satellites can even transmit television. For example,

## After Echo II: What

one tv channel can be accommodated on a passive satellite balloon 427 feet in diameter at a 2,000-mile altitude using 100-kw ground transmitter with an 85-foot diameter antenna. Frequency would be 6 Gc and receiver noise temperature, 100 K. Ground stations would need twenty times more power than if a comparable active satellite were used, but it can be done.

**NEW CONFIGURATIONS**—Beyond Echo II, the two most attractive configurations being examined by NASA are a larger, lightweight spherical balloon, and a lenticular (lentil-shaped) type using gravitygradient stabilization (ELECTRON-ICS, p 16, Aug. 23). Both types would provide a larger diameter, thus greater r-f reflectivity.

Passive satellites made of wire mesh have been proposed to reduce the force of solar radiation pressure upon them. The spacings of the mesh are directly proportional to the wavelength. For a smaller wavelength, the mesh wires are closer together; a coarse mesh is used for long wavelengths. Fine mesh would be used for high frequencies. For the passive wire mesh satellite, reflection factor equals

 $\frac{1}{1 + 4s^2/\lambda^2 \log^2(s/\pi a)}$ 

where *a* is diameter of the wire in the mesh, *s* is spacing of the wires and  $\lambda$  is wavelength.

To make a wire mesh satellite erectable in space, the balloon is made gas-tight with a plastic film. Special plastic film, called a photolizable film, has been proposed which would disintegrate and evaporate under the influence of radiation leaving only the wire mesh.

Another proposal is to construct the mesh of plastic fibers coated with vapor-deposited metal to make them radio reflective. The fibers would have a "memory effect" so that mechanical energy stored in them would be released by the heat of the sun after injection into orbit, thus erecting the satellite.

Spherical segments, apart from complete spheres, are also receiving considerable attention. These range from an orbiting reflector plate to a lenticular satellite. In both cases, they would have to be stabilized to keep the reflecting surface facing the earth.



ORIENTED REFLECTOR could use either active or passive stabilization. William J. O'Sullivan, Jr. described this and other configurations at the Conference on Artificial Satellites at Blacksburg, Va. in August

## and Why?

**TWO PROPOSALS**—According to Rogers, a flight program for passive satellites will begin when planners develop a configuration that is better than Echo II by a factor of 10. To do this, designers are seeking either a spherical design 427 feet in diameter weighing the same as Echo II, or a good design for a gravity-stabilized lenticular satellite.

In the late sixties, NASA plans to test a 1,000-foot balloon at the first manned orbiting space laboratory.

Goodyear Aircraft now has a study contract for the lenticular satellite. They are working with Philco to develop a gravity-gradient stabilization system to orient the satellite toward earth.

In a parallel study, General Electric's Passive Attitude Control Group headed by Richard J. Katucki, has a \$29,000 study contract with Goddard Space Flight Center due next week for a three-axis completely passive damper approach. It would be used in the two-axis Passive Orientation Lenticular Satellite (Poles).

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stresses and permit only vertical bending stresses to be measured. Data from the strain gages were then recorded at .3 inches per second on the 14-track LAR 7460 tape system. The extremely low speed capability of the recorder permitted 40 hours of data to be recorded on a single pass of a 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch reel of tape. During the voyage, the ship's officers rewound the tape every 40 hours, permitting 160 hours of data to be recorded on a single reel of tape.

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Top trace: Stress data as recorded on ship. Middle trace: Probability distribution analyzer encoder output. Bottom trace: Probability distribution analyzer output. Work performed under NOBS Contracts: #88349, Ships Structures Committee; #88451, Office Chief of Transportation, Dept. of Army.

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# TELEMETRY TODAY

More and better methods have been developed to permit faster handling and processing of telemetry data. Here is how tried-and-true techniques and late ideas meet modern demands

By BARRY A. BRISKMAN, Assistant Editor

**TELEMETRY** fulfills one of man's basic scientific needs by transmitting information derived in a hostile environment or remote location. Dating back to the late 1800s in concept, practical use of telemetering techniques appeared in elementary form in public utilities around 1912. While growth of the field had been slow until about 1950, the advent of space vehicles, satellites and highaltitude manned flights has moved telemetry forward at a rate comparable to most aerospace endeavors.

Today, telemetry is considered a prime, if not the only means of returning scientific information from distances that range from near to astronomical. It has found wide use in commerce and industry for performing remote power measurements, securing data on weather conditions and water pressure, keeping tabs on off-shore oil facilities

MOUSE MOBILE is actually an attempt to telemeter medical data. This experiment and others have led the way to expanding biomedical telemetry applications





F-M/F-M SYSTEMS are still widely used as they are simple and reliable (A); pam and pdm, however, permit larger amounts of data to be transmitted (B). Similar basic ground equipment is used with all three techniques (C)—Fig. 1



FLEXIBILITY and high-data capacity are achieved with pcm airborne equipment (A). Fixed facilities often include predetection recording for data storage (B)—Fig. 2

and a host of other interests. Moreover, our Mariner II Venus probe has proven that the secrets of other planets may be unlocked and the data successfully returned to earth through multimeasurement telemetering systems.

Being primarily electronic, telemetry has been responsible for considerable expansion in our industry as evidenced by the increasing number of companies in the telemetry field and growing research and development funding. While aerospace telemetry represents the major portion of the industry, nonspace applications have also seen unprecedented expansion.

One survey predicts that as much as \$65 million a year will be spent for industrial telemetering by the end of 1963. Last year's figure exceeded \$55 million.

**METHODS**—The basic differences between aerospace telemetry systems lie mainly in data capacity, range of transmission and the environments in which they operate. Of these differences, capacity presents the greatest problem. The large number of measurements required and extremely high cost of r&d for high-altitude and space flight, demands that telemetry systems be capable of handling as much data as possible to obtain the greatest value from each flight. High accuracy, reduced spectrum usage, decreased weight and size and increased capacity have been the basis of intensified research.

The main telemetry techniques now in use include f-m/f-m (frequency modulation on frequency modulation), pam (pulse amplitude modulation), pdm (pulse duration modulation) and pcm (pulse code modulation). There are also numerous other schemes such as pfm, (pulse frequency modulation), ppm (pulse position modultion) and psk (phase-shift keying).

**F-M/F-M**—In f-m/f-m telemetry, a transmitter is frequency modulated by the output of one or more subcarrier, voltage-controlled oscillators that have been frequency modulated by data signals from a transducer and signal conditioner as shown in Fig. 1A. The number of subcarrier oscillators used is dependent upon the desired data-handling capacity of the system. Subcarrier frequencies<sup>1</sup> have been adopted for standardized use by the Inter-Range Instrumentation Group of the Range Commanders' Conference (IRIG). Proposed expansions to the present standards are shown in Table I. Figure 1C illustrates the ground equipment required to receive and process f-m/f-m telemetry signals.

Of all telemetry systems, f-m/f-m enjoys widest use. Called the workhorse of the field, it can provide accuracies of 2 to 3 percent and handle as many as 18 IRIG channels.

PULSE AMPLITUDE-Data handling capacity is increased by pam. Here, a commutator (switch) can rapidly sample portions of the outputs of a large number of additional transducers delivering quasistatic (slowly-varying) data. Since quasistatic signals usually vary at less than 1 cps, continuous transmission is not necessary. Hence, portions of each cycle may be selected to adequately supply data-signal definition. A multitude of sequentially sampled channels can be used with one commutator and only one subcarrier oscillator.

PULSE DURATION-This technique is similar to pam except that a keyer (pulse-amplitude-to-width converter) is inserted between the commutator and the vco as shown in Fig. 1B. Amplitude-to-width conversion results in a substantial improvement in noise figure and better accuracy of received data. The commutator required for pdm differs slightly from that used in pam systems because it must provide trigger pulses to both start the keyer and provide synchronization and timing.2 Both pam and pdm techniques are widely used where multichannel time sharing is desirable. Moreover, they can provide an increase or decrease in data-frequency response by super or subcommutation.

**PULSE CODE**—Pulse code modulation has gained wide recognition. Though under consideration for many years, reliable and practical pcm equipment has been in existence for only a short time. In pcm, a series of coded pulses is transmitted that represents a finite number of possible values of the desired data. The code may be transmitted as the presence or absence



VESTIGIAL sideband telemetry is a recent technique that shows promise. This system also can be used for voice communications—Fig. 3.

of a pulse, or a sequence of pulses. The output of the multiplexer or high-speed commutator is a series of pulses that is sent to a high-speed analog-to-digital converter where the pulses are changed to binary digits representing the magnitude of the data from which the pulse is derived. Encoding or conversion is accomplished by comparing the magnitude of the input pulse with a number of accurate reference voltages within the A-D converter and sending a group of coded pulses representing the input pulse magnitude.<sup>2</sup>

The serial train of output pulses is fed to a radio transmitter where a ONE causes the center frequency to shift in a positive direction and a ZERO causes a negative shift. With this type of transmission, near perfect reproduction of the signal is maintained as long as the amplitude of the code group is greater than the noise. When received on the ground, digital words are tape-recorded or changed in format and fed into digital computers in real time.<sup>3</sup> Block diagrams of a typical pcm airborne and ground facility appear in Fig. 2A and 2B. The bit synchronizer and signal conditioner shown in the pcm decommutator group in Fig. 2B acquires bit synchronization, generates a clock signal and determines

whether a bit is a ONE or a ZERO. One modern pcm system is shown in Fig. 9.

Other digital and analog telemetry systems have also found use. The binary pulse code modulation waveform for example, may be used to amplitude or phase modulate a primary carrier rather than to frequency modulate it. A system of this type might be designated pcm/ a-m or pcm/p-m. A pcm waveform can also be used to modulate a subcarrier that will in turn modulate a primary carrier.

In pulse frequency modulation or pfm, information is contained within the frequency of a sequential series of pulses or bursts separated by blanks or intervals. Data is electronically commutated and encoded into a series of time-multiplexed pfm bursts and blanks where the burst frequency contains the intelligence of one analog parameter or three binary bits; and the location of the burst within the telemetry sequence identifies the parameter being measured. This type of system is suited for small satellite systems because it makes efficient use of transmitter power as a function of bit rate. A practical form of a pfm system was used in the Explorer XII satellite.

Pulse position modulation, ppm,

Proposed	<b>Additions To</b>	Inter-Range	Instrumentation	Group
	(IRIG) Subo	carrier Bands	TABLE I	

BAND	CENTER FREQ (cps)	LOWER LIMIT (cps)	UPPER LIMIT (cps)	MAX. DEVIATION (percent)	FREQUENCY RESP. (cps)
19	93,000			7.5	1,400
20	124,000			7.5	1,900
21	165,000			7.5	2,500
F	93,000			15	2,800
G	124,000			15	3,700
н	165,000			15	5,000

NOTE: The entire IRIG chart as revised in 1962 can be found in IRIG Document No. 106-60

though similar to pdm, is not widely used. With ppm, the desired information is contained in the time separation between successive pulse pairs. The initial pulse in each pair corresponds to sampling time and the separation between pulses varies with modulation amplitude. Position pulses directly modulate the transmitter by amplitude modulating the r-f carrier.

Phase shift keying or psk techniques have been used in space probes such as Mariner II and Explorer VI. Permitting only all-ornone modulation of the carrier, psk is compatible with digitized data and permits continuous peak power. With psk, the carrier is shifted between 0 and 180 degrees depending upon binary data.

There are many different codes other than the binary code that may be used to describe data and transmit it by radio. One popular technique is called orthogonal. Here, data is encoded so that only a few out of many possible codes are used and many errors, not just one, must occur before one of the applied values is changed to another value. In this way, errors due to the transmission process can often be corrected.

Orthogonal systems require wider r-f spectrums than conventional pcm but will operate satisfactorily with a lower-level signal.

**VESTIGIAL SIDEBAND**—One recent ssb system is shown in Fig. 3. Called vestigial sideband frequency modulation instrumention, it is an outgrowth of a technique in use on the Saturn program. It has 16 input channels of which 15 handle data with input frequencies ranging from d-c to 3,000 cps plus one special channel that accommodates frequencies from 50 to 3,000 cps. The sixteen data inputs are combined into one complex signal by frequency multiplexing that modulates a frequency modulation transmitter.

In operation, any type of data can be fed to the airborne vestigial ssb multiplexer. After reception on the ground by conventional f-m receivers, the output can be recorded or fed directly to a demodulator. The transmission of almost 48 kc of data in 75 kc of baseband spectrum on one r-f link makes this system about 13 times as efficient as f-m systems that usually handle 4 kc of data in a 75 kc baseband.

**TRANSDUCERS**—Quantities such as gas pressure, acceleration, temperature, vibration, fuel flow, and many others may be measured by transducers and applied to the telemetry system for transmission from a vehicle fixed remote location.

A large number of transducers have outputs that range between 0 and 50 mv.<sup>4</sup> In addition, transducer outputs can take many different forms such as low-level d-c signals from thermocouples, pulses from flowmeters, low-level low-frequency signals from strain gages, and lowlevel a-c signals from vibration pickups.

For aerospace applications, transducer size, weight and reliability are of major importance. Latest developments include a growing family of solid-state transducers that meet these specifications and have reduced power consumption.

**COMMUTATORS**—A commutator sequentially samples a number of different data sources and generates



TYPICAL of trends toward compact transmitters, this unit manufactured by Conic produces 5 watts between 215 and 260 Mc—Fig. 4

MODERN telemetry receivers are a system in themselves. Modular construction as in this solid-state unit by Vitro is typical—Fig. 5


a serial train of amplitude-modulated pulses at its output. The amplitude of each pulse is equal to the amplitude of the signal on its respective data source. This process is known as time multiplexing. The advantage of time multiplexing is that it provides the capability of evenly distributing the bandwidth of the communication medium throughout a large number of data channels.

Commutators are generally classed by the level of signals they are designed to accommodate and the design differences between low and high-level devices can vary substantially. Also, low-level units<sup>2</sup> are generally more difficult to construct.

**TRANSMITTERS**—A telemetry transmitter is responsible for transmitting the data from the remote location or vehicle. Frequencies employed by U. S. aerospace facilities fall between 216 and 260 Mc; however, additional telemetry bands and frequencies are available as illustrated in Table II.

A major design problem is securing greatest output power with minimum weight and size and high reliability. Both vacuum tubes and semiconductors have been used in units with power outputs varying between 5 milliwatts and 150 watts.

Heat dissipation also poses a substantial problem to designers of telemetry r-f links. As transmitter output power goes higher, final stages with efficiencies between 35 and 75 percent generate additional heat that must be removed to protect circuits

Aerosp	ace Telemetry Bands—TABLE II USAGE
20*	U. S. and USSR ionospheric experimentation
40	USSR satellites
108	IGY satellites; minitrack beacons through 1960
136-137*	U. S. minitrack beacons since 1960
183	USSR satellites and space probes
216-260	U. S. flight tests, missiles
378	U. S. satellites and space probes
960	U. S. satellites and space probes
1,435-1,535	U. S. govt & civilian flight test & space
2,200-2,300*	U. S. flight tests & space vehicles

within the r-f equipment package.

A typical 5-watt transmitter using solid-state techniques is shown in Fig. 4. Having high reliability, this unit can be used anywhere in the 215 to 260 Mc range. Units of this type are typical of latest solid-state designs and are small and lightweight. Manufacturer also produces models with 2 and 10-watt outputs.

Present telemetry systems use many different power sources. Among these, solar cells, chemical batteries and mechanical generators powered by hydrogen-peroxide turbines or other prime sources find wide use. Atomic energy conversion devices will very likely be the power sources of the future.

**RECEIVERS**—The flexibility of telemetry receivers has been vastly increased to meet the growing complexity and sophistication of telemetry signals. For example, receivers now have plug-in r-f tuners to ac-

commodate the seven authorized frequency ranges. In addition, front panel plug-in modules readily provide the various bandwidths required for differing modulation formats. Bandwidths are determined by filter configurations and receivers include demodulators with matched characteristics to optimize linearity, sensitivity and capture capabilities. Demodulators are available incorporating latest demodulation techniques including phase lock, frequency feedback and synchronous a-m and p-m. True phase demodulators can be obtained that linearly accommodate phase deviations approaching  $\pm 180$  degrees. These synchronous techniques eliminate the threshold phenomena normally associated with wide-band demodulators.

Receivers such as the solid-state unit shown in Fig. 5 minimize size, weight and power consumption while simultaneously offering improved re-



PREDETECTION systems are being used more and more since wide-bandwidth tape recording became practical. Record mode is shown in (A), and reproduce mode in (B)—Fig. 6



TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY uses this system for telemetering electrical-load data from facility to facility and central office —Fig. 7





liability. Flexibility is achieved through complete modular construction of etched, solid-state circuits. Due to reduction in size and power consumption, additional features such as spectrum-display units or predetection up and down converters are now available as integral portions of a receiver.

### **RECORDERS-COMPUTERS**—

Until recently, most telemetry data was recorded on either a galvanometer or cathode-ray oscilloscope. With the advent of magnetic tape in the early 50s, this data could be tape recorded to preserve the signal in an electrical form that could be fed to various reduction processes and computers.

With the advent of digital systems, recorders were developed for saturation-pulse recording where serial bits from a pcm system were converted into parallel format, with each bit of a coded group recorded on a different head.

Latest and most flexible methods of telemetry recording make use of the intermediate frequency of the receiver prior to detection. Called predetection recording (preD), this technique is possible because recent advances have expanded the bandwidth of tape units. PreD has highest value since it may be used with almost all types of incoming telemetry data without banks of separate equipment for each change of incoming format.

Both record and reproduce modes of predetection recording are shown in Fig. 6A and 6B. In the record mode, the widest predetection-bandwidth capability of the system is used so that optimum bandwidth selection is accomplished during reproduction. During playback, the recorded spectrum is reconverted or translated back up to the original i-f frequency and reinserted into the receiver i-f amplifier where it is demodulated as if it were the original r-f signal.

Computers speed up evaluation of data and simplify analysis. However, various types of interface equipment must be employed to convert received data into a form suitable for computer insertion and handling.

With recent successes in videotape recording and the development of automatic data-processing equipment, data processing now includes the handling of all data after it leaves the receiver. Thus, data processing may often be considered automatic data reduction and it is the speedy performing of this and other functions that makes the use of computers so vital to modern telemetry.

**INDUSTRIAL TELEMETRY**— There are numerous telemetering methods used today by industry that are concerned with converting information into suitable form for data-link transmission, receiving at supervisory points and converting data into a usable form. Basic systems may be either analog or digital and may use f-m/f-m, pdm, pam, or pcm techniques; each has specific advantages for a given job.

A time-division multiplex system in use by the Tennessee Valley Authority provides power-system dispatchers with data formerly obtainable only by telephone. It transmits load readings of five hydroelectric plants and their total from TVA's Nashville dispatching office to their Chattanooga facility. Numerous inchannels. The load readings of interconnecting companies are totaled in Chattanooga and compared with a schedule; any deviation from the schedule is transmitted to the appropriate generating station, which automatically adjusts its output to compensate. Figure 7 shows a block diagram of the TVA system.

A solid-state digital telemetry link has been successfully used by the New York City Transit Authority in its subway system. Using wire-link coding with high-speed binary logic, it is used for both switch and signal controls and also to indicate highdensity data such as track indications, switch positions and signal aspects to a central control point. The technique used appears in Fig. 8.

In medicine, and particularly aerospace medicine, the telemetry field has seen great expansion. One paper<sup>5</sup> recently described a microwatt telemetry system for implantation in small animals. Operating around 130 Mc, the transmitter package for animal use contained an f-m oscillator, a battery and a small magnetic microphone, and was excellent for the transmit end of a simple animalborne f-m/f-m telemetry system. The complete unit mounted on a mouse is shown in the lead photograph.

**PROGNOSTICATION** — Probably the most significant change coming is the shift to the uhf range between 1.435 to 1.535 and 2.2 to 2.3 Gc. Directives have been issued that will require most telemetry application to be so instrumented by 1970. The change will undoubtedly render obsolete large amounts of presentday equipment that will require modification or replacement. Problems from both operational and equipment viewpoints are well understood. While present-day equipment evolved with experience, present knowledge will provide a basis for a more systematic development program for the future.

There are many technological problems associated with the shift to uhf. In transmitters, for example, design criteria vary drastically between 200 Mc and 2,000 Mc. Final tanks for the higher range will probably be cavities similar to those shown in the photo on the right. The capabilities and limitations of new equipment must be well understood. Ingenuity and practical operational analysis will dictate designs to provide versatility in most areas. More-



GROUND equipment can handle a variety of formats with increased speed and reliability. Systems like this TPRS-5 manufactured by Defense Electronics exemplify todays trends-Fig. 9



IMPENDING switch to the uhf range has given rise to new techniques. The cavities above are earmarked for use in new transmitters

over, the requirement for obtaining positional information from tracking systems will become easier to meet.

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### WHY THIS CIRCUIT?

Application of magnetic switching circuits has been deterred by the problem of obtaining continuous indication of the flux state in the magnetic path. Since the path is closed, a flux meter or Hall effect device is unusable. An additional winding around the magnetic path yields only transient information that must be fed through a bistable device like a flip-flop to obtain continuous indication of flux state. R-f transformers can be used to sense flux state in minor apertures of a multiaperture device. If the aperture is in the blocked state, the transformer is effectively decoupled from the primary. But other ancillary equipment is required. The tunneldiode circuit is simple and it saves parts



TUNNEL DIODE operating in its bistable mode (A) is shunt fed by a ferrite core (B) to give continuous indication of flux state—Fig. 1

# TUNNEL DIODES SAVE PARTS Continuous

Devices operating in the bistable mode save 80 percent on components and 40 percent on soldering in an analog-digital converter



LOGIC STACKS that perform the analog-digital conversion in equipment employing tunnel diodes for continuous flux sensing

**CONTINUOUS** indication of the flux-state of any closed reversible magnetic path can be shown by a tunnel diode biased in its bistable mode. Both shunt fed and series fed circuits are described.

The shunt fed circuit is given in Fig. 1. Figure 1A shows the tunnel diode voltage-current characteristic and the load line forming two stable intercepts. The load line is chosen so the low-voltage state a and the high-voltage state b are removed as far as practical from the tunnel diode peak and valley current points. This condition yields the maximum circuit stability and noise tolerance.

Figure 1B indicates the method of shunt feeding the core signal into the tunnel diode. Initially the core is in its ccw flux state and the tunnel diode is in its low-voltage state. When the core switches to cw flux state, a positive voltage with respect to ground is induced in the core winding. The induced voltage causes a transient current *i* to flow through capacitor C and series resistor  $R_1$ into the tunnel diode. This current pulse is sufficient to raise the tunnel diode current from the low-voltage point beyond its peak current value, thereby switching the tunnel diode to the high-voltage state. Since the high-voltage point is stable, the tunnel diode will remain in that state





LOAD LINE of tunnel diode (A) is shifted by a series feed from ferrite core (B) to give continuous fluxstatus indication-Fig. 2

ANALOG-DIGITAL converter module employs tunnel diode to sense change in state of core (point A) and switch binarily weighted current generator on and off (point B)-Fig. 3

# **Readout of Magnetic Cores**

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pending the core-flux reversal.

**NEGATIVE SWITCH** — When flux is switched from the cw to the ccw direction in the core, a negative voltage is induced in the winding. This voltage causes the tunnel diode current to decrease from the highvoltage point to a value less than its valley current and the tunnel diode switches to the low-voltage state. It remains in that state until the flux is again switched to a clockwise direction.

The tunnel diode may also be series fed by the magnetic path. If the circuit shown in Fig. 2 is used, the series capacitor and resistor can be eliminated. However, this circuit has the disadvantage of requiring a larger number of turns on the core, or the use of a lower bias voltage  $V_{bb}$  or both. The use of a lower bias voltage will generally yield a lower circuit stability.

In the series fed circuit the core is initially in the ccw flux state and the tunnel diode in the low-voltage state. When the core is switched to its cw flux state, a transient voltage induced in the core winding adds to the bias voltage  $V_{bb}$ . The induced voltage pulse shifts the load line from  $V_{bb}$  to a, thereby shifting the tunnel diode current to point b. As the induced voltage decays to zero the load line returns to  $V_{bb}$  and the tunnel diode is left in its stable highvoltage state.

When the core is switched to its ccw flux state, a transient voltage is induced in the winding such as to substract from the bias voltage  $V_{bb}$ . This voltage pulse shifts the load line to point c and the tunnel diode current is shifted to point d. As the induced voltage decays to zero, the load line returns to  $V_{bb}$ and the tunnel diode is left in its stable low-voltage state.

**OUTPUT POLARITY** — Any polarity combination of core winding and tunnel diode and bias polarity may be used to obtain the output signal polarity and state desired. For example, the cw flux state can produce a positive or negative output signal with the tunnel diode in either the high or low voltage state as required by other circuit considerations.

If a germanium tunnel diode is used, it may be coupled directly to the base of a germanium transistor. When the tunnel diode is driven to the low-voltage state, the transistor is cut off. When it is in the highvoltage state, the transistor is saturated.

The core-tunnel diode circuit has been used successfully in the design

of an analog-to-digital converter. All switching functions of the a-d converter are implemented using NOR, OR logic functions. The NOR, OR logic functions were generated using multiaperture ferrite devices. Transistors are used on the output of the modules to facilitate fanout and conventional wiring harness

The core-tunnel diode circuit was used to read out the flux state of a five aperture core and control the switching of binarily weighted current generators, shown in Fig. 3. Multiaperture ferrite logic effected a parts saving of 80 percent and a solder-joint saving of 40 percent over conventional diode-transistor logic circuitry.

Resistor  $R_i$  is a binarily weighted resistor used to generate a reference current. Five such current generators are used in the circuit:

$I_1 =$	1	ma;	$R_{j1}$	=	10K
$I_2 =$	1/2	ma;	$R_{j2}$	=	20K
$I_{3} =$	1/4	ma;	$R_{i3}$	=	40K
$I_4 =$	1/8	ma;	$R_{i4}$	-	80K
$I_{5} =$	1/16	ma;	$R_{i5}$	=	160K

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TV PROGRAM photographed from monitor screen showing result of dissolve wipe used with an iris shape. Transition from camera output showing girl to floral background from another video source is gradual and more artistic than sharp-edge newscast type of box wipe

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GATING PULSES, necessary for controlling video sources before they enter mixer, are derived from keying signal generator and processed through clippers and pulse amplifiers. Waveforms shown are for simple horizontal dissolve wipe—Fig. 1

# TV

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**GRADUAL TRANSITION** is produced in the tv dissolve wiper by shaping the transition region video signals of the two scenes and then overlapping them. No camera modifications are required. With the exception of operating controls on the studio console it is completely housed in a rack panel. Both the width and brightness of the transition region can be adjusted as directed by the producer.

**CIRCUITS**—The block diagram in Fig. 1 shows how the two video signals are shaped and mixed. Only a simple wipe across the scene is described for simplicity.

Heart of the tv dissolve wiper is the keying signal generator. It is similar to that of the RCA montage amplifier. The timing of the sawtooth waves from this source determines the pattern of the dissolve. For simple horizontal dissolves the output of the keying signal generator comprises sawtooth waves that start at the beginning of each horizontal sweep and rise linearly to the end of the horizontal line.

The sawtooth voltage from the keying signal generator passes through two amplifiers and two clippers that shape it into a gating signal. The first clipper removes the upper portion of the sawtooth, the second clipper the lower portion. The resultant gating signal consists of two constant voltages at different levels connected by a ramp voltage.

The circuits are so designed that the difference between the voltages at which the two clippers operate is a constant. Thus the height of the signal ramp remains constant. But the absolute value of both clipper voltages can be changed in equal increments simultaneously. As the clipper voltages are varied the ramp portion of the gating signal appears earlier or later in the horizontal line.

The gating signal is passed through a phase splitter to obtain two signals opposite in phase. The upper levels of these two signals are clipped again by transition region brightness clippers. The sig-

# **DISSOLVE WIPER**

amplifier combines scenes without sharp transition edge

### A WIPE IS RASTER DIVISION

In television broadcasting terminology, the word wipe defines the next production step beyond fading one camera off and fading a second camera on. In elementary form, as one picture was wiped sharply off the screen, another followed immediately after it. A split screen is a stationary wipe. The wipes described in this article involve even more complex forms, such as the diamond, diagonal, wedge and iris. But far from being sharp-edged, they are deliberately blurred for artistic effect. The technique is relatively simple and can be applied to any system

nals are then coupled into the gate circuits, which they control. Video signals from the two scenes are shaped in the gate circuits, as shown in Fig. 2, mixed and amplified.

The video dissolve occurs during the interval  $\Delta t$  in Fig. 2. The dissolve interval is variable from zero to *H*, the horizontal period, by controlling the gain of the keying signal amplifier. The higher the gain the steeper the slope of the ramp portion of the keying voltage and the shorter the dissolve interval.

Control of the transition region brightness clipper is adjustable over the dissolve interval  $\Delta t$ . It can be adjusted at will for a dissolve that is the same or either darker or lighter than the two scenes it divides. Brightness in the dissolved portion of the picture is proportional to the sum of the two video signals. By varying the overlap of the two signals it is possible to make total video signal amplitude in the transition region greater or less than in the undissolved portions.

Gating voltage for each video channel in the prototype equipment is a-c coupled through a capacitor to the gate circuit. A germanium diode clamp prevents the voltage at the gating circuit from rising above zero volts. Gain of the gate circuit varies almost linearly with gating voltage between zero at its cutoff voltage and maximum at zero volts. Available gating voltage is larger than necessary to cut off the gate. Under these conditions, overlap of the two video signals is small, as shown in Fig. 3A.

The transition region brightness clippers eliminate the positive portions of the two gating voltages from the phase inverter. After passing through the coupling capacitors to the gate circuits the positive levels are clamped at zero volts.

As gating signal clipping is increased, overlap of the two signals and thus total video signal amplitude in the transition region is increased. As shown in Fig. 3B and 3C brightness in the transition region can be increased until it is equal to, or greater than, brightness in the undissolved portions.

Waveforms of total video signal in Fig. 3 are only approximate. Nonlinearities in gate-circuit characteristics will cause slight variations. Variation of the transition region brightness may cause a small change in the transition region width, but not the reverse effect.

**D-C LEVEL**—Capacitor coupling is also used between stages of the tv dissolve wiper in which the gating signal is generated to insure



in undissolved regions-Fig. 3

moderately clipped gating signal (B), further clipped gating signal when overlap is increased and brightness in the transition region is greater than

WAVEFORMS of gated video signals from first and second video sources (A) and the composite mixed video signal (B)—Fig. 2

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simplicity and increased stability. Diode clamps provide reinsertion, where necessary, of the d-c level lost through capacitor a-c coupling.

No problems are caused by the use of a-c coupling except when the transition region is at the extreme left or right. This situation occurs when it is necessary to have one of the two scenes occupy the entire screen. If the producer desires to have the scene from video 1 occupy the entire screen, then the aperture between the clippers, shown in Fig. 4, will be below the negative tips.

This defect is remedied, while retaining the advantages of a-c coupling, by adding pulses from the horizontal driving pulse generator to the horizontal sawtooth from the keying signal generator. The horizontal driving pulses are the source from which the horizontal sawtooth is derived. They occur during the retrace period. Horizontal driving pulses are added to the sawtooth wave as shown in Fig. 1. When the transition region falls in the center of the screen these added pulses fall outside of the range passed by the two clippers and do not affect operation. The waveforms illustrating this action are shown in Fig. 5.

The horizontal driving pulses added in the second pulse amplifier



RAMP PORTION of the gating signal shifts to right or left with variation in height of aperture between two clipping levels—Fig. 4

cause rectangular pips during the retract period that extend below the negative tips of the sawtooth. Thus, when the transition region is at the extreme left, the output of the two clippers is a series of rectangular pulses. These pulses, together with their inverse generated in the phase splitter, keep video 1 on and video 2 off during the entire field. This generation of the rectangular pulses is shown in Fig. 5B.

The horizontal driving pulses applied to the first pulse amplifier cause rectangular pips during the retrace period that extend above the positive tips of the sawtooth. These serve to produce a series of rectangular pulses when the transition period is at the extreme right or left.

With the aperture below the tips of the sawtooth, no portion of the sawtooth will appear at the output of the second clipper. No gating signal will be generated and both gates will be biased for maximum gain. Signal to both gates, video 1 and video 2, will overlap across the entire width of the screen.

It might be thought that the horizontal driving pulses applied to the first two pulse amplifiers would cancel each other out. They do not. When the transition region is at the extreme left the horizontal driving pulse inserted in the first pulse amplifier, together with the entire sawtooth, is removed by the first clipper.

When the transition region is at the extreme right cancellation is prevented by properly proportioning gain and inserted pulse amplitude. Horizontal driving pulse inserted into the second pulse amplifier is much smaller than the opposite polarity pulse from the preceding stage. Slight cancellation occurs but pulse height still remains adequate.



HORIZONTAL driving pulse added to horizontal sawtooth with transition region in center of screen, addition of horizontal driving pulse has no effect on gating waveform (A). At extreme left transition there would be no gating waveform without horizontal driving pulses (B). Same condition when the transition region is at the extreme right (C). Gating waveform is a series of rectangular pulses—Fig. **5** 



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# **Reliability Slide Rule**

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**RELIABILITY** calculations for both systems and subsystems can be made quickly with the slide rule to be assembled from the accompanying illustrations. The number of tests that must be made to prove out a system or component to a given confidence and reliability is found from one set of scales. Failure rates allowable to subsystems to meet system specifications are determined from a second set of scales.

With the data obtained, estimates of project costs and ultimate capabilities can be made more realistically.<sup>1</sup> Before reading the following discussion, it may be desirable to assemble the rule (see Slide Rule Assembly). Detailed analysis of the slide rule mathematics will not be made.

**BACKGROUND**—An accepted working definition of reliability is the probability that a device will perform as intended under design conditions for a specified period of time.<sup>2</sup> After all design work is completed and prototypes of an item are produced, then—and not before—reliability must be proved. The only legitimate question becomes—how many items will work under the specified conditions?

The only applicable variables are the number of tests and the number of failures. In preliminary planning stages, the question takes another form how many items will have to be allocated for tests to demonstrate required reliability? A basic application of the so-called binominal distribution gives the required answers. Although frequently overlooked, the theorem yields demonstrated reliability in exact accord with the preceding definition.

Scales D, E, F and G on the slide rule are based on this distribution. The statistical formulations governing these scales stem from probability laws concerning the occurrence of one of any two possible outcomes. The outcome of any event (or test) is constrained to one of two values: acceptable or unacceptable. Once the boundary segregating these alternatives has been established, there can be no question about the outcome of any test; whatever its value, it falls in one of two discrete categories. The outcomes of such realistic tests follow the binominal distribution. (The popular normal, or Gaussian distribution, incidentally, serves as an approximation to the binominal for a large number of tests or items.)

To demonstrate the use of the reliability slide rule, consider a large bag with an unknown mixture of black and white marbles. From a handful of marbles, the mixture within the bag is to be inferred.

Intuitively, if we draw only two marbles from the bag and both turn out to be white, we would not be justified in saying that 100 percent of the marbles in the bag are white; but if we drew 100 marbles and all were white, we would feel more certain that there were at least a large percentage of white marbles.

What, then, is the probability that the examined handful of marbles is representative of the remainder in the bag? The larger the handful the surer we can be that it is a meaningful indicator. The term confidence is used to indicate the rigorous arithmetic analysis of the size of the handful or sample on the ability to predict the characteristics of the remainder. From the handful of 100 white marbles we can predict that any group of marbles removed from the bag will be at least 98 percent white. We can have 90 percent confidence that the prediction is correct; stated another way, the prediction will be correct at least 90 times out of 100.

Using the slide rule, the number of black marbles drawn is zero and is set up in the window of scale F for the desired confidence of scale G. In this case 90 percent; under the total number of marbles drawn, 100, on scale E, we read a reliability of about 0.977 on scale D. This means that based on our sample set of 100 tests (marbles), there would be a 90 percent chance of drawing a handful of 100 marbles with 98 or more white marbles in it. To put it another way, if we replaced each handful after it was drawn and counted, so as not to upset the ratio, 90 percent of an infinite number of handfuls should contain 98 or more white marbles.

Note that each white marble has been considered a success and each black marble a failure. Since reliability is the probability of success, we can read the white-marble probability on the reliability scale.

Logically, the likelihood of drawing 99 or more white marbles in any one handful is less than the likelihood of drawing 98, while the likelihood of drawing 96 or more is greater. A reliability schedule can readily be developed using the slide rule. Using the example of a 100-marble handful containing no black marbles, we can infer the following.

The lower-limit white-	With this confidence
marble probability is	(in percent)
0.991	60
0.977	90
0.957	99

The same reasoning applies to missile testing and other events. First a performance boundary (such as miss distance for missiles) is established. When tested, missiles falling within the boundary are counted as successes, those outside as failures. Suppose 17 *continued on p* 48



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### SLIDE RULE ASSEMBLY

Before committing the templates to use, experiment with available backing material, glue, and parts of pages from this issue.

 $1. \ \mbox{Cut}$  out templates and paste or glue to thin cardboard or plastic.

2. Cut out areas marked XX. If

transparent plastic is used as stiffener, cutouts need be made only through the templates and not through stiffener.

3. Cut two long thin strips (approximately  $7\frac{1}{4} \times 3/16$  in.) of backing or thin metal to use as spacers.

4. Match slide to one face of rule and put spacers in place. Lock spacers in place with glue or paste. 5. Set other face in place and bind to spacers.

6. Once rule is aligned, small rivets can be added to increase strength.

A clear plastic spray over the templates will help preserve readibility. Since the scales do not fold over from front to back, alignment in this respect is not critical

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TEMPLATE for body of rule should be cut along indicated line. Cutouts can be made with razor blade



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missiles are fired and 14 hits are recorded: 3 failures out of 17 tests. These tests demonstrate for 90 percent confidence, that the reliability of the missiles in the batch from which the 17 were fired is at least 0.60.

The binominal distribution reliability is not limited to one-shot items; it is equally applicable to long-term durable equipment. Consider a sampling of radar sets tested for 200 hours. The number of sets that failed during this 200-hour interval, in conjunction with the total number of sets tested, leads directly to a reliability-confidence figure. For example, 15 radars were turned on (after adequate burn-in time as determined by failure rate analysis). Fourteen were still operating at the end of the 200-hour period. Thus, for 95 percent confidence, one failure in 15 tests indicates a reliability of 0.68 for the remainder.

According to the error chart on the slide portion of the slide rule, however, 95 percent confidence figures overstate the total number of tests by two. (Continued)

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Therefore, 15 + 2 = 17 is the scale *E* value under which the reliability is found; opposite 17 is found 0.72. The slide rule is conservative if the error chart is ignored. Error chart use when the total number of tests is desired is illustrated in a following example.

**SUBSYSTEM RELIABILITY**—Scales A, B, and C apply to the failures likely to occur in the over-all system, and how these failures are to be apportioned among series connected subdivisions which are defined as subsystems. The failure of any one of these subsystems is assumed to disable or no-go the entire system.

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The reliability of any one subsystem (scale C) is related to the over-all system reliability (scale A) by the percentage of failures assigned the subsystem under question (scale B) according to the equation

 $R_k \equiv R_T{}^C_k,$ 

presented on the sliding portion of the slide rule. The derivation of this simple closed form expression is given at the end of this article, since it has not been found in previous literature.

**EXAMPLE**—The following problem is relatively complex, but it illustrates a variety of applications.

A missile is proposed. When a series of this missile is manufactured, a sample portion must demonstrate a reliability of at least 0.92, with 99 percent confidence for the remainder of the series. The reliability of certain missile sections have already been established, as follows

Warhead and fuze	0.992
Rocket motor	0.995
Airframe and power supply	0.993

The parts to be produced are the autopilot and guidance sections, so the first problem is to determine the reliability requirements for these sections.

(1) Set 0.92 on scale A under the arrow.

(2) Read off the percentages on scale B over the appropriate values on scale C for the established portions of the system. For the warhead fuse, with a reliability of 0.992, the allowed failures are 9.5 percent; for rocket motor, 6 percent; for airframe and power supply, 8.5 percent; total, 24 percent.

(3) Subtracting the sum of other section percentages from 100, leaves 76 percent. This is the portion of likely failures that will be allocated to both the autopilot and guidance sections. Suppose the guidance system is three times as complex as the autopilot, based on the number and nature of the components

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used. Apportioning the 76 percent accordingly (Z + 3Z = 76; Z = 19), we choose 19 percent for the portion of likely failures allowed the autopilot and 57 percent allowed the guidance section.

(4) With 0.92 on scale A under the arrow, read off opposite 19 percent failures a reliability of 0.984; opposite 57 percent read 0.954.

(5) Thus 0.984 and 0.954 are, respectively, the reliabilities required of the autopilot and guidance sections.

The second problem is to determine the minimum number of tests required to demonstrate the stipulated 0.92 reliability with 99 percent confidence.

(1) Set 0 (zero) on scale F in the 99 percent window of scale G.

(2) Read on scale E, opposite to 0.92 on scale D, the minimum number of tests required: 59.

(3) According to the error chart on the back of the movable slide, the answer in the step above is in error by + 2 tests (0 failure, 99 percent confidence); therefore, 57 tests are required—assuming no failures—to demonstrate a reliability of at least 0.92 with 99 percent confidence.

**APPENDIX**—The expression for the reliability associated with a specified portion of the total is easily derived.

Let  $C_k$  = decimal portion of the overall system failures allowed the *k*th subsystem

i = total number of subsystems considered

 $R_T$  = reliability of overall system R = reliability of kth subsystem

The system chain reliability expression is

$$R_T = \prod_{k=1}^n R_k$$

Then  $R_k = r^{nc_k}$  because, in accord with the definition above

 $\sum_{k=1}^{n} C_k = 1$ 

Therefore

$$R_T = r^n = \prod_{k=1}^n r^n C_k = r^{n(C_1 + \dots + C_k + \dots + C_n)}$$

and

$$R_{k} = \frac{r^{n}}{r^{n}(C_{1} + \dots + C_{k} + \dots + C_{n} - C_{k})} = r^{n}[1 - (C_{1} + \dots + C_{k} + \dots + C_{n} - C_{k})] = r^{n}C_{k}$$

Finally

$$R_k = R_T^{C_k}$$

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## DISARMAMENT WHAT CHANCE?

## If it comes, arms-control sales could not offset loss of defense contracts

#### By WARREN KORNBERG McGraw-Hill World News

WASHINGTON-Chances of real disarmament are very slim. No informed Washingtonian expects it. Yet disarmament is being discussed increasingly because of the test-ban treaty (ELECTRONICS, p 18, Aug. 2) and other signs of a cold-war thaw.

One of the many facets of the disarmament question is the potential economic impact on electronics and other industries heavily dependent on defense contracts, and whether disarmament control and monitoring equipment sales could offset reductions in defense production.

Since no realistic timetable for disarmament exists, the question is hypothetical. But the best available answers at present are negativedisarmament controls alone would not take up the slack.

CAN WE DISARM?-State Department and Disarmament Agency officials are becoming more and more concerned about the U.S. position if the Soviets agree to general and complete disarmament on our terms. The President, at a recent press conference, put it succinctly

## **Disarmament Studies Growing**

SINCE the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency was established in September, 1961, it has awarded 25 contracts and 8 grants for various study projects. Many more studies are planned by the agency and the size and number of contracts will undoubtedly grow if Congress approves the \$15 million budget the agency has asked for the 1964 fiscal year. Until now, the agency has been operating under a \$10-million ceiling.

#### Here are the major contracts previously awarded by the agency:

Bendix, \$159,900, techniques for monitoring the production of strategic delivery vehicles; Raytheon, \$125,000, progressive zonal inspection for verifying arms control agreements; Market Research Corp. of America, \$47,461, application of statistical methodology to inspection systems; Institute for Defense Analyses, \$120,000, inspection and control of disarmament agreements; Bendix, \$95,000, verification requirements for agreements; Hudson Institute, \$147,000, political and strategic implications of civil defense programs; Sylvania, \$354,000, verification arrangements on bans for placing weapons of mass destruction in orbit and restricting or halting missile flight tests.

Aerospace Corp., \$217,000, ballistic missile and military space systems developments; Bendix, \$218,500, additional studies on monitoring production of delivery vehicles; Historical Evaluation and Research Organization, \$162,-000, analysis of the historical patterns of treaty violations; Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, \$87,308, measures to strengthen the means of keeping the peace; Sylvania, \$202,000, limiting conventional arms and forces; Stanford Research Institute, \$267,688, effect of disarmament on the military balance in Europe; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$65,000, Soviet motivations and interest in arms control; MIT, \$145,000, regional arms control.

Research Analysis Corp., \$177,300, impact of arms control measures on Western and Communist Bloc ground forces: North American Aviation, \$136.-600, data collection equipment; Burroughs, \$203,999, automated data processing methods; Columbia University, \$91,000, factors affecting disarmament: Soviet attitudes on Arthur D. Little, Inc., \$159,000, ground inspectable features of Soviet armaments production; Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, \$139,000, future role of UN peace observation arrangements; Yale University, \$90,000, political trends in Western Europe.

# WHAT IMPACT?

when he named China as the major overseas threat in the foreseeable future. The power growth anticipated from a militant China could mean a more or less permanent cold war

At any rate, besides being a long way off, disarmament when and if it comes would be a long-term process. Percentage cuts woud be spread out over months and years to insure against economic disruption and serious one-shot weakening of the national security.

MONITORS-Any firm expecting to cash in on arms-control needs is in for a rude shock. The \$12-billion annual figure reported elsewhere as the disarmament surveillance equipment need is broadly discredited in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Defense Department and Electronics Industries Association.

Surveillance would depend on the kind of disarmament agreement. Considering present Soviet intransigence on inspections by teams in Russia, surveillance is expected to lean toward the more expensive, mechanized, heavily electronic devices. But even these would not cost more than \$5 billion to \$7 billion over a period of several years.

Remote sensors being considered include satellite-borne photographic, electronic and infrared scanners; rail and road traffic monitors; remote temperature, chemosensitive and radiosensitive water monitors for evaluating industrial processes by their waste products, similar airpollution monitors, and the like.

Some impetus-still small-has already been given electronics development by existing diplomatic efforts to relax tensions. The search for devices to detect and identify underground nuclear explosions geared up geophysical companies. Now the search is on for more sophisticated equipment to monitor space, air and ocean-the environments prohibited under the proposed test-ban treaty.

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TERMINAL DRIVE, PLAINVIEW, LONG ISLAND, N. Y. present defense electronics sales. The \$50-billion fiscal 1964 defense budget contains some \$8.3 billion for electronics, mainly: RDT&E, \$2.1 billion; aircraft, \$1.4 billion; missiles, \$1.5 billion, and electronics-communications, \$1.1 billion.

Disarmament - control requirements may hold the electronicscommunications spending up, but aircraft, missiles and ship construction, and RDT&E accordingly, would be cut back sharply during disarmament stages.

Of the \$10.2 billion or so in electronics sales to the government, \$1.6 billion goes to NASA for the space program. The NASA budget should continue to climb in the next few years, even if the defense budget levels off or drops. The space budget will probably double again in 10 years. Of NASA's major items, tracking and communications are 90 percent electronics, vehicles are 50 percent electronic and spacecraft are 70 percent electronic. Anticipated growth in these areas will help take up the slack.

**CIVILIAN ELECTRONICS**—The areas reportedly being explored as additional alternate markets include surface transportation, biomedical electronics, communications and the like. Arms-control specialists, in

considering economic impact of disarmament, cite the shock-cushioning effects of industrial-commercial electronics. The release of skilled manpower, imagination and facilities, they say, will create undreamed of transformations in the economy.

Industry specialists, however, are less sanguine. They don't expect automation to become the breadand-butter market that defense is. Some new area of consumer needs, running off into the science fiction of a decade ago, is probably the ultimate answer. Nobody, however, will speculate on it.

Though the electronics industry is expected to survive any armaments cutback better than airframe and ordnance industries, government and industry observers think there would be a substantial shakeout of electronics firms, without over a period of time—substantial loss to the industry as a whole. The firms in best position to survive are seen as the old-line radio-electronics outfits which do 25 to 40 percent, or less, of their business with the government.

Several major military electronics firms are already reported as reexamining major available markets with an eye toward shifting their dependence away from government work.

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Under construction work is a five-story conical tower. One story will house the electronic equipment of the Scandinavian Telesatellite Committee, another will house equipment for measuring the volume and speed of hydrogen clouds in the milky way, while still another will contain equipment tv receiver data from space rockets.

The parabolic reflector is to be mounted in September. Made of 56 sections of perforated light metal, it is provided with a hyperboloid subreflector. When signals from space hit the big reflector they are deflected towards the subreflector and then focused towards the center of the reflector where there is a one-man receiving laboratory.

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EPITAXIAL piezoresistive devices are claimed to have the advantages of diffused strain gages plus greater process reproducibility. Skew-bridge sensor (left) and sheet-shear sensor are two of the silicon epitaxial devices described by E. G. Carson, of GE Semiconductor Products dept

## Future Keyed to MATERIALS

New devices such as lasers and semiconductors demand closer control

By MICHAEL F. WOLFF Senior Associate Editor

**BOSTON**—Successful development of the host of new devices now undergoing exploratory research will depend largely upon understanding and controlling materials properties considerably more subtle than those dealt with in the transistor era.

Concern with this problem and its possible solutions dominated the conference on advanced electronic materials, sponsored here last week by the Metallurgical Society of AIME. It was generally agreed that besides requiring more work in such basic areas as crystal growing and impurity control, institutions will have to provide an environment where the materials scientist and electronic device and circuit designer can work together almost as one man.

**FUTURE TRENDS**—A panel discussion on trends in electronic materials agreed that this interdisciplinary coupling was essential to future progress and would be leading to even more team effort. Motorola vice president C. L. Hogan pointed out that in semiconductor microelectronics you can't design a circuit anymore without going back to the basic limitations of the material, since the circuit properties are determined in the materials fabrication step.

"We need people who know materials and can specify materials," Hogan said, adding that while these people will have to invent new circuits compatible with the microelectronics technology, such circuits will, in the foreseeable future, remain based upon silicon and the processes of diffusion and epitaxy.

Materials available for such new devices as the injection laser and ultrasonic amplifier are primitive compared to what will be needed for useful applications, according to Morris Tanenbaum, director of Bell Labs' solid-state laboratory. He citied several areas that require work, including:

• Laser crystals, where optical quality is a major problem. Here it may be necessary to impose specifications on the uniformity of impurity doping several orders of magnitude more demanding than in current semiconductor technology

• Piezo-optic materials, where a similar situation exists — optical properties are sensitive to strain and



DIFFUSION-LAYER ultrasonic transducer has thin, highly resistive layer formed by diffusing copper into CdS (Bell Labs)

# PROPERTIES

losses occur from trace impurities

• Magnetoelastic resonators and delay lines, where single crystals of ferromagnetic garnets are needed that are of high quality and several times larger than are now available.

• Piezoelectric ultrasonic amplifiers, which will require fabrication techniques more sophisticated than those used in present germanium and silicon devices.

The rate at which experimental devices are converted to useful devices will depend upon the skill of the materials man in solving such problems and also in his gaining an understanding of such subtle materials properties as electron lattice interactions, Tanenbaum concluded.

Technical reports at the three-day meeting emphasized materials problems related to lasers, ultrasonic devices and thermoelectrics. Here are the highlights:

**LASERS**—Epitaxially grown GaAs laser diodes were described by Herbert Nelson, of RCA. Preliminary tests indicate these may be better than the conventional diodes using zinc diffused into *n*-type GaAs. Technique allows: 1) more freedom in choosing the dopants, 2) fabricating diodes whose *n* and *p*-type impurity distributions vary considerably from those possible with diffusion, and 3) achieving

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As temperature drops epitaxial regrowth sets in and a tin-doped n region is formed on the p-type GaAs substrate. This is then cleaved into laser diodes whose junctions will be perpendicular to the (110) cleavage planes. Junctions formed in this manner are expected to have less imperfections and therefore lower thresholds for laser action.

An example of how laser operation depends on perfect crystals was provided in a paper by M. H. Pilkuhn and H. Rupprecht, of IBM. They reported c-w operation at only 8.2 ma from an unsilvered GaAs diode with four sides cleaved and a perfectly planar junction. This was at 77 deg K in a diode whose junction area was on the order of only  $10^{-5}$  sq cm.

ULTRASONIC AMPLIFIERS— Equations to evaluate performance of piezoelectric semiconductors in ultrasonic amplifiers were presented by W. E. Newell, of Westinghouse Electric. At a power density of 10 w per cu cm the equations give maximum gains for CdS and ZnO of approximately 70 db per cm at around 50 Mc.

In a statement from the floor, G. C. Gerhard, of GE, said he felt geometry could be designed for better heat transfer so that at, say, 100 w per cu cm it might be possible to reach 155 db per cm at 150 Mc.

Latest data for a new ultrasonic transducer was reported by N. F. Foster, of Bell Labs. He said 200-Mc bandwidths at 300 Mc, and 47-db insertion loss had been measured in a CdS diffusion layer transducer (see figure). Foster is presently investigating ways to remove ripple so the device can be used as a delay line with quartz as the delay medium.

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**ROD ARRANGEMENT** and cross-section through rod (A). Basic circuits for d-c switching (B) and a-c switching (C)



CUTAWAY view of new high-power Tecnetron. Note gear-like rod arrangement

### **New Tecnetrons Switch 15 Amp**

French now planning field-effect devices to switch 50 amp

#### By ARTHUR ERIKSON McGraw-Hill World News

**PARIS**—A French-developed fieldeffect semiconductor device that can switch high d-c currents made its official debut today at the International Exhibition of Industrial Electronics held at Basle, Switzerland.

Prototype versions of the device, called the high power Tecnetron, have nominal continuous ratings of 10 amp and break capability higher than 15 amp. They handle a-c or d-c to 150 v, with forward drop less than 2 v and residual current of 20 ma or less. Peak-inverse voltage rating is 300 to 400 v.

The device switches fast, too; on time is in the order of 1  $\mu$ sec and off time is 10 times faster. And since it acts as a diode in the conducting state but as a cutoff pentode in the pinched condition, the high-power Tecnetron can be used for proportional control as well as on-off applications.

Slated to follow the 10-amp versions that will be in pilot production by early next year are 50-amp units both in germanium and silicon. The silicon units will have voltage ratings to 500 v and piv of 1,000 to 1,200 v (see table). But most important, the power-handling potential of this family of devices is practically unlimited—units can be connected in parallel directly with no special matching.

**DESIGN**—The high-power Tecnetron differs from the high-frequency communications version (ELEC-TRONICS, p 18 May 17) in structure and operation. Instead of a single *n*-type germanium rod, it has many rods sandwiched between a common base or anode plate and a cathode plate. The rods are *n*-type germanium of relatively high resistivity with a p+ layer at one end and an n+ layer at the other. A grid of p+ material surrounds the *n*-type rods over part of the height between the plates.

With a forward voltage applied between the anode and cathode plates, but no voltage applied to the grid, the device acts as a diode with carrier injection at both electrodes. But when a negative cutoff voltage is applied to the grid, it extracts minority carriers and a donor space charge develops to block carrier flow between anode and cathode.

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**SWITCHING CIRCUITS** — Basic circuit for using the high-power Tecnetron as a d-c switch is shown. The electronic switch in the grid circuit can be built around a fast low-power silicon controlled rectifier, or



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#### CHARACTERISTICS OF BIPOLAR HIGH-POWER TECNETRON

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Continuous current rating $(I_n)$	10 amp	> 50 amp	> 50 amp
Circuit break rating		> 100 amp	> 100 amp
Forward voltage drop (at $I_n$ )	$\leq 2 v$	$\leq 2 v$	$\leq 2 v$
Residual current	$0.002 I_{n}$	$0.001  I_{ m n}$	$< 0.0001 I_{\rm n}$
Grid bias $(V_{go})$ for complete pinch-			
off	60-90 v	30–60 v	30–60 v
Peak energy drawn by grid (tran-			
sient)	$\simeq I_n V_{go} 10^{-6} j$	0.5 In Vgo 10-6j	0.5 In Vgo 10-6j
Average power drawn by grid	$2 I_n V_{go} 10^{-3} w$	In Vgo 10-3w	$< I_{\rm n} V_{\rm go}  10^{-4} {\rm w}$
Peak inverse voltage	300–400 v	400 v	1,000-1,200 v
Duty voltage rating	$\simeq 150 \text{ v}$	150-200 v	400-500 v
Intrinsic OFF switch time	$\simeq 0.1 \ \mu sec$	$\simeq 0.1 \ \mu sec$	$\simeq 0.1 \ \mu sec$
Intrinsic ON switch time	$\simeq 1  \mu sec$	$\simeq 1  \mu \text{sec}$	$\simeq 1  \mu sec$

a power transistor, switched by a low-power bistable Tecnetron or a unijunction transistor.

To function properly in the grid switch, the scr must be able to pass in the conducting state during an interval of 2 to 3  $\mu$ sec a peak current equal to one-third of the load current. In the blocking state, the scr must withstand the Tecnetron's cutoff grid voltage. An scr rated for 0.5 amp and 100 v, for example, could handle a Tecnetron with 30-amp breaking capacity.

Requirements are the same for a power transistor used to switch the cutoff voltage onto the Tecnetron grid. A Texas Instruments' 2N1046, for example, would suffice for Tecnetrons with breaking capacity up to at least 30 amp.

For highly inductive loads, an R-C network is added in the grid circuit to control the speed of applying cutoff voltage to the grid. Otherwise, the inherent 0.1- $\mu$ sec off time of the Tecnetron is so fast overvoltages may develop across the load. At the same time, so that injection of minority carriers at the anode won't upset cutoff, the speed of voltage builtup across the anode and cathode must be matched to the slower breaking time by a capacitance shunt (indicated by dotted lines in the basic schematic).

A-C SWITCH—To switch a-c, the basic circuit is two Tecnetrons inverted in parallel with a common grid circuit. The grid source is connected through two diodes so that the voltage between the grid and the cathode-anode connection at each end is always at least equal to the cutoff voltage. The two diodes also isolate the grid and power circuits. No special circuit tricks are necessary for a-c switching, but the Tecnetrons must be mounted on separate heat sinks insulated from each other. An electronic switching circuit would in actual practice replace the mechanical switch shown for simplicity's sake in the grid circuit.

The high-power Tecnetron (Te for its inventor Dr. Stanislas Teszner, cnet for Centre National d'Etudes des Telecommunications where Teszner developed his original high-frequency communications field-effect devices, plus ron) was developed by a Franco-Belgian pair of electrical equipment manufacturers-Forges et Ateliers de Constructions Electriques de Jeumont and Ateliers de Constructions Electriques de Charleroi. In the United States, Atlantic Instruments and Electronics Inc. of Boston will produce and market the device under the tradename Fieldtron.

### 'Copters Try L-F Navigator

**NEW YORK**—New York Airways (NYA) is banking on becoming the first commercial helicopter service certified by FAA for instrument flight.

The airline, which runs ferry flights to airports around New York City, plans to use the short-range, British-built Decca navigation system instead of higher-frequency, line-of-sight equipment commonly used by airliners (for a comparison of systems, see ELECTRONICS, p 112, Aug. 7, 1959).

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COOLING UNIT assembly, showing the permanent magnet, top, and the bismuth-antimony element, bottom, and copper sink. Current passing through element produces cooling effect—Fig. 1



MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE differential, plotted against magnetic field for rectangular and exponentially shaped Bi (97) Sb (3) Ettingshausen coolers, at heat sink temperatures of 77, 156 and 195 deg K—Fig. 2

## New Cooler Uses Thermomagnetic Effect

Bismuth-antimony crystal with exponential shape efficiently cools at 77°K

**ETTINGSHAUSEN EFFECT,** a galvano-magnetic effect that has traditionally been obscure and considered very small, has been proved to be large in certain compounds, and points the way toward a new type of thermomagnetic solid-state cooler, one which is particularly efficient in the 77 to 200 deg K temperature range.

An experimental cooler based on the Ettingshausen effect has been built by the Research and Development Division, Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., Palo Alto, Calif. Shown in Fig. 1, the cooler uses a bismuth-antimony alloy crystal (97

and 3 percent, respectively). Current enters the device through the bus wire, flows through the cooling element and leaves through the copper heat sink. The hot side of the cooling element is electrically insulated from the heat sink by silicone grease. The performance, measured by a differential thermocouple for a number of different magnetic field values, is shown in Fig. 2. The Lockheed researchers, S. R. Hawkins, C. F. Kooi, K. F. Cuff, J. L. Weaver, R. B. Horst and G. M. Enslow achieved as much as 54 deg K of cooling with a heat sink temperature of 156 deg K and a field of 15 kilogauss.

**PRINCIPLE**—In order to use the Ettingshausen effect in a practical cooling device, it is necessary only to provide a heat sink to keep the

hot side of the element at a fixed reference temperature. This is shown schematically in Fig. 3. Since the electrodes and current leads in the picture must be good electrical conductors, they will in general have a much higher thermal conductivity than the thermomagnetic material. There are therefore two thermal losses caused by the electrode and current leads: one due to the thermal shorting through the electrode of the desired temperature gradient, the other the heat leak along the current leads.

For this reason the cooler element is made long compared to its height and width, and its principal cooling area is taken near the center, where it can be considered essentially isothermal in the direction of current flow.

Much work has been done recently on the determination of a figure of merit for thermomagnetic materials. It is now generally agreed that the material in which the Ettingshausen and Nernst effects are the largest are those with equal numbers of holes and electrons.

Refer to Fig. 4 (A), which illustrates the Ettingshausen effect in a

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SCHEMATIC DRAWING of Ettingshausen cooler shows mechanical configuration—Fig. 3

ETTINGSHAUSEN EFFECT in single and two-carrier systems showing a single-carrier system (A) and a two-carrier system (B)—Fig. 4

single-carrier system (electrons in this case). Due to the magnetic field, there is a net force on any electron given by  $F(\epsilon) = -e[v]$  $(\epsilon) \times \overline{B} - \overline{E}_{H}$ ] where *e* is the electronic charge, v is the velocity,  $E_{\mu}$ is the opposing Hall field and  $\epsilon$  is the energy. For steady-state conditions, the net current flow in the x-direction vanishes and for some suitable energy  $\epsilon$  necessarily  $\overline{F}(\epsilon) =$ 0. Thus electrons for which  $\epsilon < \epsilon$ will drift in one direction and those for which  $\epsilon > \epsilon$  will drift in the other, resulting in a net heat flow in the negative x-direction; the opposing Hall effect tends to limit this flow.

For the two-carrier system in Fig. 4 (B), thermal energy is transported by both holes and electrons, and the Ettingshausen effect is caused mainly by generation of hole-electron pairs at one side of the sample and by their recombination at the other side. In addition, transport theory indicates that if the number densities and mobilities of both holes and electrons are equal, the Hall effect and the opposing Hall field vanish; in this case the Ettingshausen effect can be expected to be large.

Thus, for maximum Ettingshau-

sen effect, the material should have a two-carrier system with equal numbers of holes and electrons (that is, it should be intrinsic or have a small overlap between the valence and conduction bands). The hole and electron mobilities should be equal; the larger their values the higher the figure of merit and the smaller the magnetic field required for operation. Also, the material should have low lattice thermal conductivity.

**MATERIALS**—The best material presently available is the bismuthantimony crystal system. Pure bismuth has a slight overlap between the conduction and valence bands, and in proper orientation both carriers have similar mobilities. Adding a small amount of antimony greatly reduces the lattice thermal conductivity, although it also decreases the energy-band overlap; the optimum antimony content is about 3 percent.

In designing a practical Ettingshausen cooler element, as with Peltier coolers, the overall coefficient of performance and  $T_{max}$  can be greatly improved by staging or cascading a number of individual units. Each successive stage must pump

#### HOW THIS EFFECT WORKS

Ettingshausen effect, one of the four galvano- and thermomagnetic effects (the others are the Hall, Nernst and Righi-Leduc effects) is the temperature difference that appears in a direction perpendicular to both the longitudinal electric current and the applied magnetic field. Up to now it was thought too small an effect for practical applications; research has shown otherwise



an amount of heat equivalent to the input heat plus the input power to all of the colder stages, and so the size and heat pumping capacity of the individual stages must increase correspondingly toward the heat sink.

This can be done by increasing the cross-section area of each element, in the direction of heat flow. If the same electrical field is supplied to each stage of the cascade, no electrical insulation is needed between stages, since the electric field is constant in each rectangular stage. Thus the cooler can be made out of a single block of material. Since there is no limit to the number of stages that can be built of a single block, it is possible to achieve, in effect, infinite staging. The optimum shaping should be close to exponential. The Ettingshausen coolers, like Peltier effect coolers, have no moving parts and a high degree of reliability. They are ideally suited for cooling very small areas, without loss of overall efficiency.

**APPLICATIONS** — One obvious application is the cooling of infrared detectors. Another is temperature control of small components, relative to a low-temperature bath. Although the Ettingshausen cooler requires a magnetic field for its operation, at 77 deg K, using Bi(97) Sb(3), maximum cooling can be achieved at magnetic field strengths that are easily obtained with small permanent magnets.

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contacts. The effect of infinite cascading can be achieved by merely shaping the cooling element appropriately, while cascaded Peltier coolers are complex multielement structures. The Ettingshausen cooler is most efficient below 200 deg K, while the Peltier cooler becomes inefficient below 200 K.

In cases where cooling to cryogenic temperatures from room temperature or temperature considerably above 200 K is desired, the combination of Ettingshausen-Peltier cooler is a good prospect. With the present state of art, cooling to temperatures below 150 K from room temperature should be possible by this method.

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HEXAGONAL structure of photoconductor material deposited on alumina. Cell contains cadmium, silicon carbide and sulphide compounds. Magnification is 1,800 times



# Thin-Film Photocells Get Brighter Faster

High density cells have rise-decay under 50 #sec. Deposits are uniform



**IMPROVED** light characteristics are claimed for photoconductive thin films, developed for optical displays.

The material and techniques for deposition on substrates were developed by Photometics Corporation, Walker Valley, New York. Performance and applications were described by Roland C. B. Beeh, company president.

The material will open up new



GHOST effect is shown on 100 element/inch solid-state electroluminescent panel. Approaches are now being considered to circumvent cross illumination

avenues for optoelectronic devices and electroluminescent solid-state display panels, Beeh says.

A mosaic of photoconductive cells is formed on a substrate by vacuum deposition. Cells are said to exhibit fast recurrent or nonrecurrent illumination. Rise and decay time of less than 50  $\mu$ sec is claimed. The photosensitive areas operate under light modulation up to 100 kc, according to reports.



SPEED of response of material is shown in lower trace. Upper trace shows 10,000 cycle input. Material obtains full brightness within 2 cycles

Characteristics of the material can be applied to visual displays for command control centers, and large panel displays for air-traffic.

A high density of photoconductive regions can be attained. Performance is uniform and the material can be deposited over large areas with uniformity of deposition within 5 percent, Beeh added.

**LATTICE**—The photoconductor has a polycrystalline structure. Cadmium, silicon carbide and sulphide compounds are tightly bonded in a hexagonal lattice. Dimension of the lattice is given as less than 5 angstroms.

The materials are vacuum deposited, purified compounds are selected by molecular beam. Ion pumping is used, instead of oil diffusion, to avoid formation of hydrocarbons. Seven elements can be evaporated at the same time. Activators are introduced by ionization at high temperature, under high



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Emphasis is placed on improving solid-state electroluminescent panels. The government needs them for visual displays—panels for aircraft cockpits, for radar, and large display boards for military situations.

Ultimately this approach may be used for television sets with a flat, solid picture screen. But it may take five years to get needed megacycle range of speed response, an image that is bright enough, and a life that is long enough.

Photoconductive cells, deposited on substrates, now have speed of response in microsecond range. Mosaic of photocells can be deposited over large areas. Photoconductive regions can be isolated, high-density deposition is now possible.

New deposition techniques and improved materials promise longer life, higher brightness. Protective envelopes are no longer necessary. Storage is provided on the screen itself. Present work now attacks cross suppression of light between lines, eliminating cross talk, and uneven illumination.

vacuum. Quartz, aluminum or sapphire substrates may be used. Presently, the method does not apply to glass, because of contamination from the glass, and its low melting point.

Dr. Beeh told ELECTRONICS that the maximum spectral response of the photoconductor lies at 4100 angstroms. The wavelength may be shifted up to 6500 angstroms, depending on the activator used. Photoconductors operate with blue, yellow, and white phosphors.

Voltage applied across the cells may range from a few microvolts up to 3,000 volts d-c, or from the 10 cycles up to 100 kc. The cells dissipate from a few milliwatts, up to 0.3 watts. Current may range from a few up to 200 milliamperes. **WRITE-IN**—The high speed of response of the material is useful when photoconductors are combined with electroluminescent cells which are turned on and off according to a binary code generated by computers.

This feature, in a display panel, allows for write-in speeds of 200 microseconds or less, per picture element. Display panels, provided with these photoconductors, can operate at frame rates of less than one-half a second, Beeh said.

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Practical electroluminescentphotoconductor panels can be constructed that contain 4 million



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The photoconductors may also be photoetched directly on the substrate to provide isolated junctions. Once deposited, the cells are not hygroscopic, and are said to have good surface hardness. Protective envelopes are not needed. This cuts the cost of fabricating a mosiac of cells. There is no need for hermetically sealing feedthrough for the lead wires.

One method looks promising for el displays. A storage would be provided on the display panel itself. A mosaic of photoconductors on the back of the panel would provide an el-pc latch. The photoconductor lowers its internal resistance when the picture element is excited by the x and y voltages. Current flows through the picture element, even though the selected electrical pulses have been removed.

The dark current characteristic



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The photoconductors operate within a range between -60 C and 150 C. Dark resistance is in the order of 800 megohms. Resistance under illumination can be as low as 4,000 ohms, depending upon application and intensity of illumination.

**GHOST EFFECT** — Suppression of illumination between the x and y drive lines has been a problem in el displays. Six x drive lines and eight y drive lines were selected in a 100-element-per-inch panel to show this effect, see photo. The ghost effect can be reduced using nonlinear resistive elements.

Layers of silicon carbide, cadmium sulphide, imbedded in epoxy, can be placed between the x and yelectrodes. However, this approach increases voltage requirements. In higher-resolution panels, this can result in cross talk and uneven illumination.

Several other approaches are being considered at Photonetics to circumvent this problem.

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By C. CICHOCKI and J. DILLON Light Military Electronics Dept., G.E. Company, Utica, N.Y.

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Rapid curing property of DAIP caused board-warping problems as variations above 0.015 inch per running inch are not tolerated. Chill blocks, heavy metal plates above and below molded boards, are used for cooling the hot board during the molding operation and is followed by post curing in ovens to stabilize board flatness. Cure completion is controlled by board surface hardness measurement after baking. However, this test is dependent on the constancy of molding plasticizer used in DAIP by vendors.

To counteract shrinkage, compensation is made in artwork used for the photoengraving process. This compensation is regulated so that after the board is removed from the mold, it shrinks to design dimensions.

A 50-percent overcharge of DAIP material in the mold is used to assure proper plastic flow to accommodate changes in circuit configurations and densities. This assures adequate quantity of DAIP for a given mold, despite normal process and material variations. Rec-



CROSS SECTION of the hour-glass shaped molded hole. Electroless deposition of thin layer of copper makes possible final electroplating of conductive surfaces

tangular bar preforms of DAIP have substantially reduced problems due to storage and lot-to-lot variability.

To eliminate small voids or porosities found occasionally in boards, minor adjustments are made in molding pressures and temperature.

**KEY**—DAIP material has been a key to process success. It is high-performance material with an impact strength of 9 ft lbs per inch notch, important in withstanding shocks. Heat distortion point of 490 F is good for limited dissipation available in process. It is resistant to organic solvents used during electroless copper deposition. Its arc resistance is 180 seconds.

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The tuning tool is an S.S. White Industrial Airbrasive unit. The nozzle projects the abrasive (S.S. White #1 aluminum-oxide powder at a flow of 10 gpm) from a distance of about 1 inch from the fork tines.

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Unit can provide 10,000 word-per-minute line at a time printing

**INTRODUCED** by Kleinschmidt Div., Smith-Corona Marchant Inc., Deerfield, Illinois, Model 311 highspeed electronic data printer is designed for operation in communication or data processing systems and permits transmission and reception of 5, 6, 7 or 8 level codes. The printer operates at speeds of 40 character-per-second using sequential or parallel signaling and contains a type drum with 64 characters around its periphery. The unit's all-transistor electronic logic module provides for 14 plug-in boards, though most conventional applications require only 9. The additional 5 boards can provide operation or control features such as character selection and answer back. The en-



tire logic module, which normally mounts on the rear of the printer, may be positioned remotely to permit a variety of installations.

According to the manufacturer, the model 311 is the first teleprinter capable of handling both standard 60 to 100 word per minute directwire communications as well as input and output for computers requiring high-speed (10,000 wpm) line-at-a-time printing. Moreover, the device requires only 25 percent of the moving parts found in conventional electromechanical printers without solid-state electronics and modular construction. Use of electronic rather than mechanical character selection permits receipt of incoming signals with as much as 45-percent distortion without error. Model 311 is self contained and weighs only 55 pounds.

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## **Recorder Withstands 100-G Acceleration**



**DESIGNED** specifically to obtain accurate data during missile reentry, launch and other difficult environments, model R-304 recorder has proved capable of operation with low wow and flutter during tests at a sustained acceleration of 100 G. According to the manufacturer, Borg-Warner Controls, Santa Ana, Calif., the device is a continuous-loop unit with a capacity of 300 feet of 1/4-inch magnetic tape. Moreover, the use of a Moebius loop permits a recording length of 600 feet with up to four data channels. Three magnetic heads provide record, reproduce and erase functions.

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#### Dummy Load Dissipates 100 KW

ANNOUNCED by Electro Impulse Laboratory, 208 River Street, Red Bank, New Jersey, r-f termination will dissipate 100,000 watts between d-c and 1,000 Mc. Unit consists of an oil-filled resistor and an oil to water heat exchanger. Oil is circulated between the dummy load and the exchanger by a circulating pump and tap or sea water running through the exchanger carries away the heat. Since water is used only in the secondary cooling system, any type of water may be used in the load. Price is \$4,500. (303)

#### Phase-Shift Modules Are Lossless

MANUFACTURED by Nilsen Manufacturing Co., P. O. Box 127, Haines City, Fla., new series of phase-shifting modules can be used for continuously shifting the phase angle of an r-f signal between 0 and 360 degrees without insertion loss. Called the Varigon series V-56A, units contain electrostatic phase



shifters with phase-splitting networks and transistor circuits that isolate and amplify phase-shifted signals. A special capacitor makes shifting possible without brushes and the units can be produced for any specified frequency and dialed manually or driven at speeds to 5,500 rpm. Moreover, they can be used to produce continuous time delays or phase variation directly proportional to dial rotation. Functional characteristics of a typical module at a frequency of 500 kc are: insertion loss of zero, 50-ohm input and output impedance, 1.1:1 typical vswr, infinite resolution and 0.5-volt rms input amplitude. Units have application in radar ranging, sine and cosine generators, fremodulators, frequency quency changers, rotary-position indicators and phase-meter instruments. Series V-56A modules weigh about 43/4 pounds and are priced at \$822.90 each. (304)

#### Instrument Measures Leakage to 1 Nanoamp

MARKETED by Texas Instruments, Inc., 3609 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, Texas, low-current unit for use with the company's transistor and component tester (TACT) makes rapid, fully-automatic current measurements from 0.999 ma through 999 picoamperes. Device provides full-scale accuracy of 0.5 percent with picoampere resolution. Total ranging speed for 6 decades is less than 2 seconds. Low-current testing

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- (1) Incompatible Plasticizers
- (2) Filler Material
- (3) Component lay-factors
- (4) Shielding

**INCOMPATIBLE PLASTICIZERS** A unique form of chemical warfare within cable materials has fouled more than one missile program. Plasticizer materials have to be added to compounds to obtain the required flexibility. These additives are seldom compatible with each other. Incompatible plasticizers used in systems in contact with each other without control may attack each other with disastrous effects. (As a prime example, additives in low temperature neoprene jackets are not always compatible with the insulating materials.)

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FILLER MATERIALS When spurious signals arrive at your display, recording or control panel, the fault could be in the improper selection of filler material. Compatibility between insulations and filler materials is of prime importance.

In the case of some plastics or rubbers, the material's "memory" can cause it to shrink disproportionately, creating undue stresses internally in the cable. This can cause kinking of the insulated conductors; electrical failures follow.

Only experience can tell a cable manufacturer how to compensate for "memory" and how to control compatibility in filler materials. Experience in areas such as this has given Rome-Alcoa its remarkable record of instrumentation cable reliability.



**COMPONENT LAY-FACTORS** Conductor kinking can also be a result of mistakes in the twisting of component conductors. Inconsistent tensions and improper sequence of lay-up can create uneven tensions in the assembled conductors.

In such cases, individual conductors may actually push through their insulations, causing electrical failures.

Obviously, these mistakes should be avoided during cabling. At this stage in cable construction careful, experienced workmanship can provide safeguards against possible trouble later on. Such careful craftsmanship sometimes costs a little more, but it can make the difference between success and failure.

SHIELDING Constructed of many ends of fine strands, shielding braids are prone to having broken and loose ends. These can break through insulations and short out component conductors. Improperly treated, they are the most common cause of shielding failures.

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linear movement that expands the low-current region of the scale. A calibrating meter for all major supplies is accurate to  $\pm 0.25\%$  at the zero and full-scale points. Four types of modulation are provided: sine wave, square wave, pulse wave and sawtooth wave. Modulation can be applied to the four grid supplies and the anode supply. Other features include overload relays on d-c supplies and cabinet, and output-connector personnel safety interlocks. The Z817B has been completely modularized for convenient maintenance, and the unit is available in both rack mount and cabinet styles. Price of cabinet model is \$2,950. FXR, 25-26 50th Street, Woodside 77, N.Y.

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#### Wave Analyzer Offers Three Bandwidths

switch selection of 3, 10, or 50 cps bandwidth is one of the many features of type 1900-A wave analyzer, a precise heterodyne voltmeter covering the frequency range



from 20 cps to 50 kc. Full-scale voltage range is 30 µv to 300 v, with 1-megohm input impedance on all ranges. Several outputs are provided: 100-kc and 1 ma d-c outputs for recording, a restoredsignal output at the frequency of the input signal, and a tracking-analyzer sine-wave output at the indicated center frequency. Availability of these outputs makes the unit a complete system for response measurements on a wide variety of networks and devices. Other features include a built-in voltage-calibrating system, a precise, linear frequency scale, and afc. Type 1900-A wave analyzer is priced at \$2150.00 and is available in both rack and bench versions. General Radio Co., West Concord, Mass. (322)



#### Transformer Gives Square Pulses to 250 Watts

FLAT-top pulses for pulse powers up to 250 watts are now attainable from a transistorized blocking-oscillator circuit. Designed for use in a two-transistor BO circuit, P-300 series BO transformers deliver pulse outputs from 50 to 600 volts and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 amp. Output pulses are unaffected by changes in load impedance. Nominal pulse widths of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20 microseconds are provided by separate units in the P-300 series. The size of the 10 microsecond-pulse width unit is 1-inch dia.  $\times$  0.6-inch high. Rise times down to 0.1 microsecond may



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be obtained. Units have applications in trigger circuits for thyratrons and microwave diodes, modulators for r-f tubes, and test circuits for pulse transformers. Polyphase Instrument Co., Bridgeport, Pa.

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#### Bandpass Filters Are Adjustable

DEVELOPMENT of four new models of adjustable bandpass filters for general lab and breadboard testing is announced. The four models cover the frequency ranges: 50 Mc to 125 Mc; 125 Mc to 250 Mc; 250 Mc to 500 Mc; and 500 Mc to 1.0 Gc. Filters are manually adjustable, and bandwidth range is 2.5% to 25%. Insertion loss is 2 db at 21/2% bandwidth; 1db at 4% bandwidth; and is reduced to only 1/2 db at maximum bandwidth. Units feature full-octave tunability and low vswr of 1.5:1. Input and output impedance is 50 ohms with power levels up to 5 watts. The standard unit has BNC connectors, other connectors are optional. Resdel Engineering Co., 990 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif. (324)



#### Proportional Controller Has Many Applications

THE NIATROL, rated at 10 amperes a-c output, but usable to 15 amperes at a 120 volt reference, is designed chiefly for precise temperature control (-60 to +280 C) with thermistors. It is also useful

with other transducers controlling from light, humidity, etc. Unit produces proportional outputs from other instruments and is also useful as a finely-adjustable power source, with or without self-regulation. A semiconductor device, the Niatrol has no moving parts, requires no maintenance and is quiet in operation. Niagara Electron Laboratories, Andover, New York. (325)



#### Spectrum Analyzer Features Log-Lin Display

SPECTRUM analyzer model LCA-1 is an extremely sensitive scanningheterodyne receiver that automatically displays the frequency and amplitude of signals from 50 cps to 600 kc. Its output can be linearly or logarithmically displayed on a calibrated cathode ray tube. Unit features 60 db displayed log range, independent or automatic optimum resolution, balanced or single-ended input, variable sweep rate of 30 sec/sweep to 60 sweeps/sec, calibrated frequency and sweep width dials and 10 kc and 100 kc markers good to 600 kc. Applications include check-out of Loran C and communications transmitters, harmonic-medical-ultrasonic spectrumfrequency band and cross-modulation studies, ultrasonic vibration measurements, filter and transmission line checks and telemetering. Probescope Co., Inc., 211 Robbins La., Syossett, N. Y. (326)



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#### Snap-Acting Switch Is All-Welded

SUBMINIATURE (0.045 cu in.), snapacting, all-welded, Class A hermetically-sealed sensitive switch operates in ambient temperature from -65 F to 650 F, weighs less than 1 gram and features vibration resistance over 75 g. Ratings of the Klixon 3AT are 2 amp resistive at 28 v d-c for 10,000 cycles minimum, or 1 amp resistive at 28 v d-c for 15,000 cycles minimum. Metals & Controls Inc., a corporate division of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Attleboro, Mass. (328)

#### Switching Diode For Logic Circuits

DIFFUSED silicon switching diode for logic circuits and h-f modulation circuits has been developed. Maxmum ratings of type 1S306 are: peak inverse current, 35 v; d-c inverse voltage, 30 v; peak forward current, 180 ma; average rectified current, 60 ma. Nippon Electric Co., Ltd., Box 1, Takanawa, Tokyo, Japan. (329)



#### Dual Power Supply Has High Regulation

ALL-SILICON-TRANSISTOR, highly regulated dual power supply is announced. A 400-cps a-c input with fixed d-c outputs from 5 to 50 v at 50 ma each, are available in a package size <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. by 2 in. by 2 in. Line regulation is 1.5 mv for 10-percent line change, load regulation is less than 2 mv from no-load to full-load. Ripple is less than 800  $\mu v$  rms. Compact size and stability of the power supply make it an ideal substitute for mercury cells, or any situation where the power unit can be placed at the load to eliminate a sensing loop. Universal Electronics Co., 1720 Twenty-Second St., Santa Monica, Calif. (330)



#### Core Memory Contains 4,096 Words

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#### Solid-State Supply Has High Stability

SOLID-STATE d-c power supply, model 313A, is capable of supplying up to 2 amp from 0 to 50 v with a calibration accuracy of 0.01 percent of its six-digit in-line readout. It has a resolution of 10  $\mu$ v (5 v range) and 100  $\mu$ v (50 v range) with a stability of 0.002 percent per hour and 0.005 percent per month. Line and load regulation are 0.0005 percent with less than 100  $\mu v$  rms ripple. Remote programming, remote sensing, and continuously adjustable current limiting are provided. John Fluke Mfg. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 7428, Seattle 33, Wash. (332)



#### Frequency Standards Are Solid-State Units

standards, models FREQUENCY 67100 (fixed frequency) and 67200 (voltage controlled), are available at any output frequency between 60 cps and 100 Mc, with 0.001percent to 0.000001-percent stability. Input: 120 v a-c, 60 cps  $\pm 10$ percent. Output: 1 v rms minimum. Load impedance: any load from 100 ohms to 1 megohm. Output wave form: sine, 2 percent max harmonic distortion. Output regulation:  $\pm 2$ percent. Greenray Industries, Inc., East Simpson Road, Mechanicsburg, Pa. (333)

#### LITERATURE OF THE WEEK

- EPOXY RESIN HARDENER Smooth-On Mfg. Co., 572 Communipaw Ave., Jersey City 4, N. J. Properties of Sonite No. 41 hardener for epoxy resins and its use in making castings and laminates are described in three technical bulletins. (334)
- SWEEPING OSCILLATOR Kay Electric Co., Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J. Mailing piece illustrates and describes Multi-Sweep 159-A, a 1- to 300-Mc sweeping oscillator. (335)
- SOLDER STRIPPER MacDermid Inc., Waterbury, Conn. Technical data sheet contains complete information on a new solder stripper for p-c boards and other electronic components and hardware. (336)
- vHF voltmeter Ballantine Laboratories, Boonton, N. J. Looseleaf-perforated bulletin illustrates and describes model 340 true-rms r-f millivoltmeter. (337)
- D-C RECORDERS Amprobe Instrument Corp., 630 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, N. Y. Catalog/specification sheet covers a line of d-c 50-mv recorders. (338)
- CIRCUIT-BUILDING TECHNIQUE AeroCircuits Co., Box 209, Fairfield, Conn. Four-page folder describes CirPlan circuit boards, which are designed to provide a quality and effective method of packaging a complete high- or lowfrequency circuit. (339)
- TUBE SHIELDING Cool-Fin Electronics Corp., 1717 No. Potrero, South El Monte, Calif. Folder of catalog sheets covers high-efficiency fin-type heat dissipating and r-f shielding for electronic tubes. (340)
- SCR FIRING CIRCUIT Lectrologic Corp., P. O. Box 4857, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Four-page folder describes model 101 firing circuit. (341)
- UHF TRIODE POWER AMPLIFIER Amtron Corp., 17 Felton St., Waltham, Mass. Catalog sheet describes model 125 uhf scr firing circuit. (341)
- P-C BOARD ASSEMBLY MACHINES Universal Instruments Corp., Binghamton, N. Y. Four-page brochure describes new automatic high-speed inserting and clinching machines for printed-circuit board assembly. (343)
- SLIDE RULE Electra Scientific Corp., Electra Way, Fullerton, Calif., offers at no charge a slide rule intended primarily for engineers involved in piezoelectric transducer design and similar applications. (344)
- TAPE TRANSPORT S-I Electronics, Inc., 103 Park Ave., Nutley 10, N. J. Data sheet describes a precision digital magnetic tape transport designed for airborne, shipboard and vehicular system applications. (345)
- MYLAR DIELECTRIC CAPACITORS The Gudeman Co., 340 W. Huron St., Chicago 10, Ill., has available a bulletin describing a new line of miniature flat and tubular Mylar dielectric capacitors. (346)

- CLUSTERED MAGNETIC SHIELDS Magnetic Shield Division Perfection Mica Co., 1322 No. Elston Ave., Chicago 22, Ill. Data sheet 163 deals with spacesaving clustered Netic and Co-Netic magnetic shields for multiple photomultiplier tube applications. (347)
- AUTOMATIC CIRCUIT CHECKOUT Digital Equipment Corp., 146 Main St., Maynard, Mass. Brochure covers a system for automatic production-line checkout of electronic circuits, controlled by the Programmed Data Processor-4 computer. (348)
- POWER SUPPLY MODULES Valor Instruments, Inc., 13214 Crenshaw Blvd., Gardena, Calif. Bulletin PS663 covers MilliPak miniature d-c power supply modules. (349)
- METALIZED TEFLON CAPACITORS Dearborn Electronic Laboratories, Inc., P. O. Box 3431, Orlando, Fla. Engineering data 4-TB-63 contains complete information on a line of metalized Teflon capacitors that offer volumetric reduction to as much as four-to-one. (350)
- NPN TRANSISTORS Bendix Semiconductor Division, Holmdel, N. J. An engineering data sheet discusses silicon Leaf planar epitaxial *npn* transistors. (351)
- BIPOLAR ANALOG COMPUTATION Applied Dynamics, Inc., 2275 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, Mich. A 16-page pamphlet describes a significant improvement in analog-computer programming through the use of bipolar operational amplifiers. (352)
- ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITORS Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass. Catalog 203B1 describes type QE aluminum electrolytic capacitors designed for high reliability and long life. (353)
- INTERCHANGEABLE WAFER THERMISTORS Gulton Industries, Inc., 212 Durham Ave., Metuchen, N. J. Bulletin describes interchangeable wafer thermistors for temperature measurement, control and compensation. (345)
- DIGITAL OPERATIONS SYSTEM Electronic Associates, Inc., Long Branch, N. J. Bulletin AC-6297 describes the series 350 hybrid computer digital operations system. (355)
- MULTI-APPLICATION CAPACITOR CTS Corp., Elkhart, Ind. Advance data sheet 8500 covers a multi-application thin-film screened capacitor which features high reliability due to the inherent stability of its inorganic construction. (356)
- DUAL TRANSISTORS Hughes Semiconductor Division, 500 Superior Ave., Newport Beach, Calif. Bulletin DX52 describes the 2N2871 and 2N2872 *pnp* silicon alloy dual transistors. (357)
- RECORDING SYSTEMS Brush Instruments, division of Clevite Corp., 37th and Perkins, Cleveland, O. A 20-page condensed catalog describes a line of recording systems for industrial, military and scientific applications. (358)

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### Sanders Enters New Facility

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Univac Elevates Retterer

**RAY W. RETTERER** has been appointed senior vice president, marketing, of the Univac division of Sperry Rand Corporation, New York City. In this newly established position, he will be responsible for all commercial, Federal Government, and defense marketing activities for the division in the continental United States.

Retterer joined Univac in 1961 as executive assistant to the vice president and general manager. Since December, 1961, he has been director of marketing.



Radiation at Stanford Appoints Leifer

**RADIATION AT STANFORD,** Palo Alto, Calif., has appointed Meyer Leifer as vice president-operations. In this position he will be in charge of the company's operating divisions, which include the R-F Systems division, Optical Systems division, Products division, Magnetic Components division, and the Production division.

Prior to joining Radiation at Stanford, Leifer was director of Sylvania's Systems Engineering and Management Organization (SEMO) in Waltham, Mass.



Culver Takes Over Top Company Post

**EUGENE S. CULVER** has been elected president of Washington Technological Associates, Rockville, Md. He succeeds Harold M. Briggs who has resigned.

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Augenblick, who will continue in his capacity as president of Microlab, will actively coordinate and direct the various activities of Bogart.



Howard Accepts New Position

APPOINTMENT of George F. Howard as manager of Blackstone Ultrasonics, Inc., Sheffield, Pa., is announced. Blackstone Ultrasonics, which was formed early this year, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Blackstone Corp., Jamestown, N.Y.

In his new position, Howard will be responsible for complete management of the company, including production and sales.

Most recently, Howard served as sales manager for General Instrument Corp., Harris A.S.W. division.

### EOS Appoints Two Senior Scientists

**EDMUND M. DIGIULIO** and Ivan E. Walenta have joined Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., Pasadena, Calif., as senior scientists engaged in advanced systems development operations and advanced systems engineering, respectively.

Digiulio was previously vice president of engineering and manufacturing at Craig Research, Inc., Los Angeles.

Walenta was formerly with Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, as chief of the space instrument systems section of the Space Sciences division.



Bridge Incorporated Elects Leas

**J. WESLEY LEAS,** formerly general manager for the data communications and custom projects department of the EDP division at RCA, has been elected vice president of Bridge Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

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### Orr Joins Tracerlab As Division Manager

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