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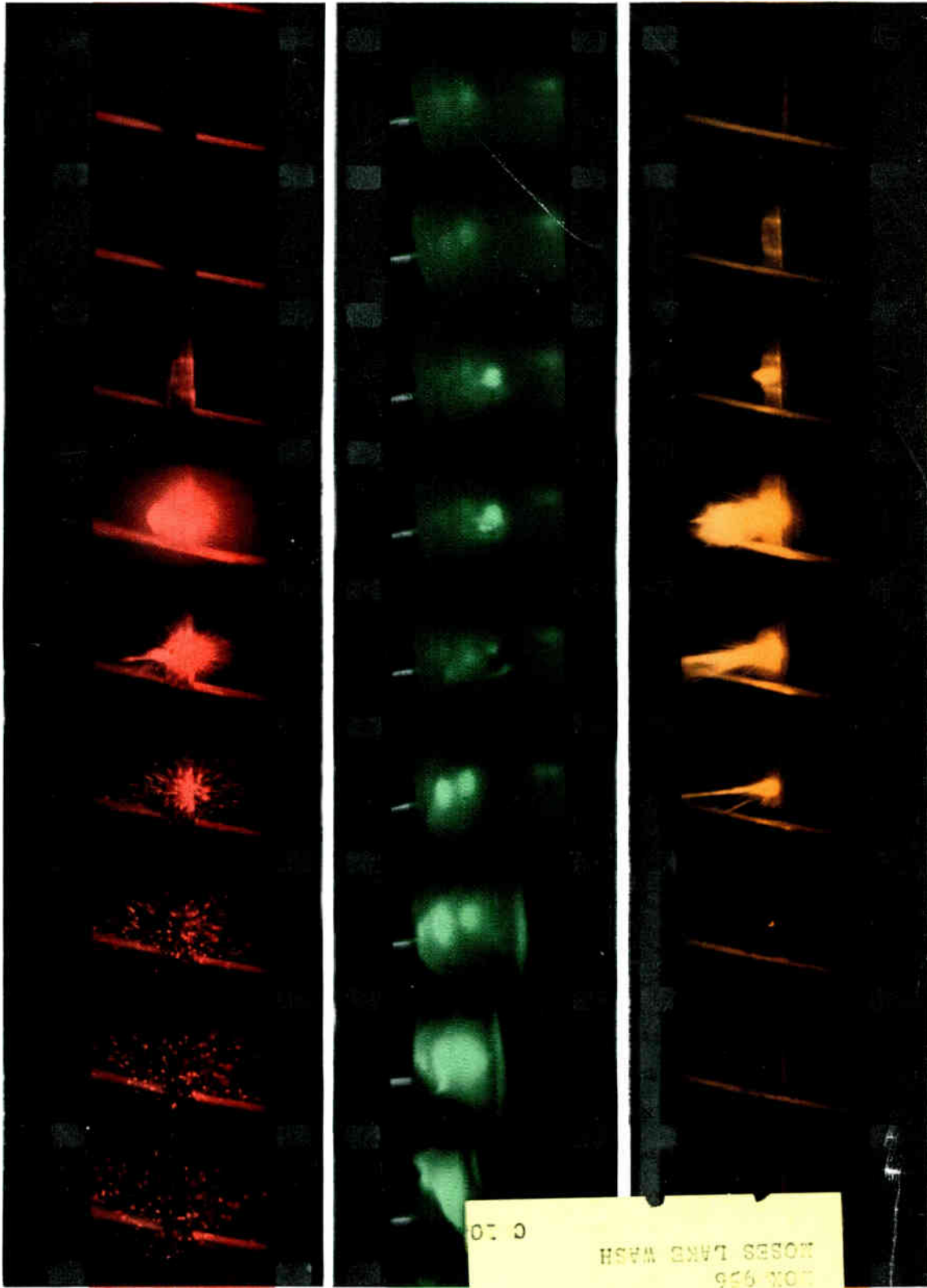
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What Shortage?

THERE IS NO SHORTAGE of engineers, and there is no such thing as a design engineer. There is, rather, a shortage of good technicians and a shortage of good engineers, just as there is a shortage of good architects, good physicians or good any other kind of professional man.

As for the so-called "design" engineer: there are two jobs here, one for the engineer who essentially creates new devices, circuits and systems and the other for the man who is a high-grade technician regardless of his academic pedigree, and who handles the electrical and mechanical details of a new device, circuit or system. Not many men successfully perform both functions long term.

The difference between an engineer and a technician is one of task emphasis: the engineer emphasizes the theoretical, although he must also be knowledgeable about the practical side of his work, while the technician emphasizes the practical side and must, similarly, possess theoretical knowledge. Educators understand this, and the relative course content of the better engineering schools and technical institutes demonstrates it. The top engineering schools teach subjects such as transform analysis, fields and waves, solid-state and electrical discharges. The technical institutes teach radio, television, microwave equipment and industrial electronics.

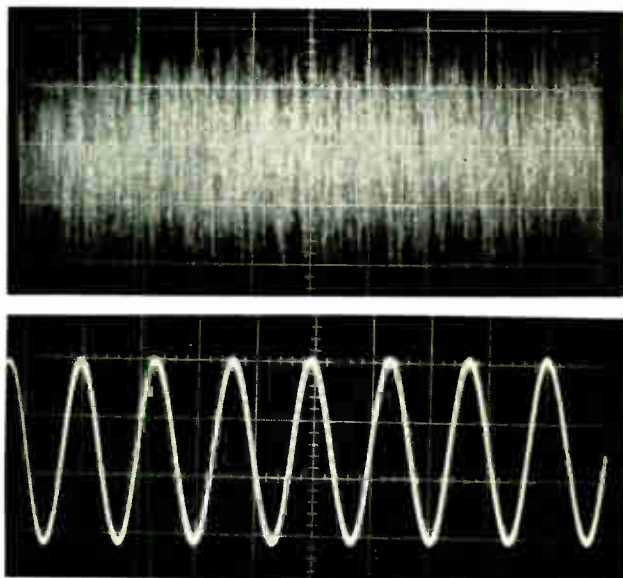
The prevailing practice, in the electronics industry, of putting a young engineer on the test bench or using him as a wireman is a waste of trained manpower. It guarantees mediocrity in design of the company's products because by the time the engineer advances from the test bench, drawing board or model shop to truly creative engineering work, he has often forgotten most of what he learned in college. Or it is out of date.

It is high time this industry recognized that it really takes two or even three kinds of technically trained men to make the wheels go round. First, the truly creative engineer, well grounded in theory and up to the minute on the very latest advances in the field. Second, the good technician, a man who can take the engineer's schematic and whip up a breadboard that works, convert it to a chassis or circuit board that can be repetitively manufactured, handle the testing and debugging and perhaps even take care of installation, maintenance and repair.

Finally, we need the businessman who under-

stands technical electronics. For him, there should be developed concentrated survey courses so that he can concentrate his major academic effort on specialized fields such as marketing, finance and management.

Let's hire technicians to do technician's work and businessmen to do businessmen's work and stop inflating the requirements of engineering schools so they can get down to their primary job of training engineers.



THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF. Human sense organs are usually regarded as remarkably versatile since they can encompass an amazingly wide range of intensity in what they sense. The ear, for example, spans some 130 db from the threshold of hearing to a painful noise level.

Yet when it comes to interpreting what it hears, picking out signals from a noisy background, say, the ear is way behind modern electronic techniques. Could you listen to a symphony on your portable hi-fi set (70 db) while operating a pneumatic drill at full blast (110 db)?

Robert D. Moore, of Princeton Applied Research, this week describes a sophisticated receiver lock-in amplifier that, in effect, can do just that. The system will dig out a useful signal 40 db below the noise.

The illustrations give some qualitative idea of the receiver's performance. The upper scope photo shows a typical noisy signal input. A 4-Kc signal is buried in this noise spectrum at a level of approximately 6 mv peak-to-peak. The lower photo shows that 4-Kc signal, on an expanded vertical scale.

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22247	10 db	112.10	3.05 ± 0.04	X	3.0 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	
22428	20 db	228.40	X	X	3.0 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	

Serial Number	Nominal Value	DC Resistance in Ohms				Insertion Loss			
		Female To Male	Male To Ground	Female To Ground	DC	4 EMC	1.0 EMC	10.0 EMC	
22129	3 db	37.18	3.11 ± 0.04	3.11 ± 0.04	3.1 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	
22610	6 db	72.69	3.15 ± 0.04	3.15 ± 0.04	3.1 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	
22717	10 db	112.69	3.10 ± 0.04	3.10 ± 0.04	3.1 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	
22430	20 db	228.20	3.12 ± 0.04	3.12 ± 0.04	3.1 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	0.2 ± 0.1	

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COMMENT

Ultrasonic Delay Lines

I feel that the solutions given for Equation 2 in the article, Ultrasonic Delay Line Equation Is Evolved, by H. Mack Thaxton, (p 80, April 27), are in error even after the typographical error in the solution of Eq. 4 is corrected.

[Editor's note: To make Eq. 4 parallel with Eq. 3, an x should be inserted in Eq. 4, just before the slash-bar preceding the last C , so that the last part of the equation reads $\rho \exp - C^2 \omega^2 x / C_0^2$.]

Perhaps author Thaxton or the editor would be willing to give me a reference to the "standard methods" alluded to.

JAMES D. EASTON

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Author Thaxton replies:

Below are a few of the basic techniques which are applicable to mathematical problems involving

variable cross section delay lines. The present state of this art, excluding highly classified projects, requires no particular ingenious devices of either a mathematical or physical type. Such techniques, therefore, as those of the outline below, will adequately solve the problems encountered in this work.

Listed here are only a few of the techniques which may be applicable. Our specific problems involving this subject have not required the use of other techniques.

The methods listed here, one may say, are the elementary straightforward techniques. Techniques required in applying Laplace transformation theory, Fourier transformation theory, operational analyses and analytic continuation processes are numerous. These techniques may be simple and much more elegant than the straight-forward techniques presented below.

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Method 1:
$$d^2y/dx^2 = Y \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \int Y dy + c \tag{2}$$

$$x = \int dy / (2 \int Y dy + c)^{1/2} + c_1 \tag{2}$$

Method 2: Let $d^n y/dx^n = f(d^{n-1} y/dx^{n-1})$ $\tag{3}$

If $z = d^{n-1} y/dx^{n-1}$

$$dz/dx = f(z) \tag{4}$$

$$x = \int dz / f(z) + c$$

If $z = \psi(x, c)$,

then $d^n y/dx^n = \psi(x, c)$

Example: suppose: $(ad^2y/dx^2)(d^3y/dx^3) = \sqrt{1 + (d^2y/dx^2)^2}$
Let $d^2y/dx^2 = z$

Then $azdz/dx = \sqrt{1 + z^2}$

$$\text{or } x = a \sqrt{1 + z^2} + c \tag{5}$$

$$\text{and } z = d^2y/dx^2 = \sqrt{(x - c)^2 - a^2}/a$$

$$\text{or } y = \sqrt{(x - c)^2 - a^2}/aD^2$$

$$\text{and } dy/dx = \int az^2 dz / \sqrt{1 + z^2}$$

Hence, $y = a^2z^2/6 - (a^2 \sqrt{1 + z^2}/2) \log(z + \sqrt{1 + z^2}) +$

$$a^2z/2 + ac_1 \sqrt{1 + z^2} + c_2 \tag{6}$$

Eliminating z from (5) and (6) gives the solution.

Method 3: $d^2y/dx^2 + f(x)dy/dx + F(y)(dy/dx)^2 = 0$ $\tag{7}$

Integrating once, neglecting the last term, gives

$$dy/dx = ce^{-\int f(x)dx}$$

Let c vary with y , then

$$d^2y/dx^2 = (dc/cdy)(dy/dx)^2 - f(x)dy/dx$$

and (7) becomes:

$$dc/cdy - F(y) = 0$$

Thus, the general solution is:

$$\int e^{\int F(y)dy} dy = B \int e^{-\int f(x)dx} dx + E \tag{8}$$

Method 4: Equations of the form:

$$[f(x)D^2 + (a + bx)D + (c + dx + ex^2)]y = 0 \tag{9}$$

are reducible to a solvable form:

$$[f(x)D^2 + (g + hx)D + k]z = 0 \text{ by } y = ze^{ax}e^{\beta x^2/2}$$

Method 5: Equations of the form:

$$P(p, q, r, s, t) = (rt + s^2)^n Q(x, y, z) \quad n > 0 \tag{10}$$

Let $q = \psi(p)$, then

$$s = \psi'(p)r \quad t = \psi''(p)s = [\psi''(p)]r^2 \tag{11}$$

Substituting (11) in (10) gives an equation in p , $\psi(p)$, and $\psi'(p)$, which, when integrated gives a relation between p and q and an arbitrary constant. Integrating the last equation gives the solution.

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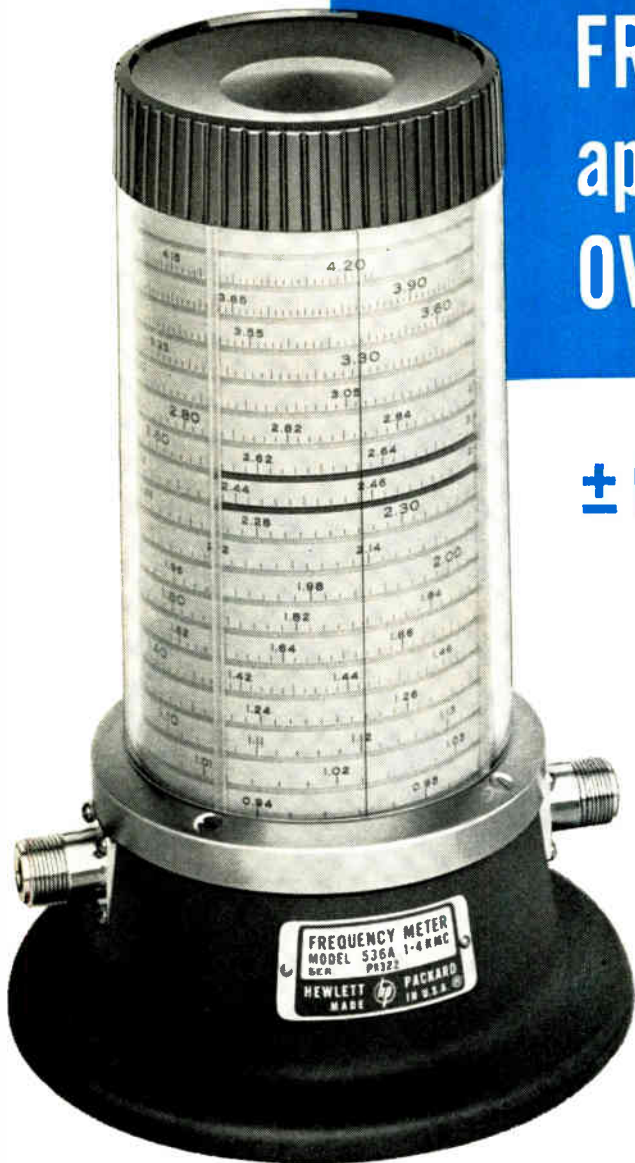


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Washington Rejects Transistor Import Quota

WASHINGTON—The Office of Emergency Planning last week announced rejection of the 2½-year-old request by the Electronic Industries Association for import quotas on Japanese transistors to protect U. S. defense production capability. E. A. McDermott, OEP director, said the petition was rejected after long study because the U. S. industry appears capable of meeting defense requirements for the foreseeable future.

EIA, acting in behalf of several U. S. transistor manufacturers, had applied for a ruling in September, 1959. McDermott's report admitted that there has been a considerable increase in transistor imports, especially in the small radio field, but said that the U. S. industry was rapidly expanding anyway. U. S. electronics producers will continue to get the lion's share of defense contracts and the industry seems in good condition to fulfill these and any future orders that might come from an emergency, the report said.

Digital Process Control Computer Line Introduced

PITTSBURGH — Westinghouse Electric and Sperry Rand's Univac division have teamed up to produce a new line of digital industrial process control computers, called the Prodac 500 Series. Univac makes the central computer and some peripheral equipment. Westinghouse supplies the system, installation and related services.

The computers feature a priority interruption system permitting simultaneous off-line computation and on-line process control. The 510 is for single-process systems, data logging, monitoring and computation. The 580 has more flexibility and capacity. Core memories range from 4,096 to 16,384 18-bit words, drums hold 32,768 or 65,536 words. Access time is 1.8 μ sec and cycle time, 4 μ sec. Input-output capabilities include 2,048 analog inputs and 1,024 digital inputs and outputs.

Gulf States Paper has ordered a 580 to control a pulp digester. Another will go to Arizona Public

gap. Which of the two effects occurs depends on the concentration of impurity atoms within the band gap that can be achieved by the state of the art, the spokesman said.

Russians Want Japanese Transistor Plant Gear

TOKYO—Informed sources here report that a USSR trade delegation is attempting to purchase equipment or plants to manufacture transistors for radio and television sets.

One Russian indicated that some Japanese companies do not wish to sell. Some companies promise catalogs, but never send them. Others have agreements with U. S. companies which prevent sales to the USSR.

Among purchases the USSR has made in Japan are electron microscopes and automatic recording type spectrometers. The USSR purchasing office in Tokyo is staffed by about 30 people.

Court Rejects Plea to Keep Incentive Profits

WASHINGTON—U. S. Tax Court has rejected again Boeing's appeal from a Renegotiation Board ruling on excessive profits (ELECTRONICS, p 12, May 18). The court affirmed that \$13 million of Boeing's earnings on Air Force contracts in 1952 must be repaid to the government.

Over 80 percent of Boeing profits that year were derived from incen-

Service as part of an automatic digital dispatch and processing system that will include a solid-state analog circuit to regulate generators, and telemetry.

Double Tunneling Might Lead to Decimal Diodes

SECONDARY TUNNELING, recently observed and controlled in experimental diodes at RW division, Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, could lead to a decimal diode, with 10 stable states permitting computers to operate directly in a decimal code. The experimental diode, dubbed a "camel diode," has a double-humped I-V characteristic.

According to an RW spokesman, conventional tunnel diode theory postulates a forbidden energy gap, through which the passage of electrons cannot be controlled. RW found that by diffusing the impurity atoms in this forbidden gap, empty states were created which enhanced tunneling either through the intermediate states to the valence band or directly through the empty states created in the band

Tokyo Tightens Foreign Technology Screening

TOKYO—The Science and Technology Agency last week decided to establish tighter screening criteria for introduction of foreign technology, to protect domestic industries from electronics to manufacturing instant coffee. Screening had been relaxed recently in anticipation of foreign trade liberalization.

The agency is expected to refuse approval of applications to introduce foreign technology in the following cases:

When production has started on the basis of similar domestic technology; when foreign technology is likely to obstruct development of similar domestic technology expected to be adopted for commercial production; when the company seeking approval will be unable to develop the technology; when terms for introduction are considered unreasonable, unduly unfavorable or less favorable than terms for introduction of similar technology

tive contracts. The use of such contracts is being expanded under a new Pentagon policy. In its appeal, Boeing argued that the board's recapture of incentive profits would undermine industry confidence in this type of procurement.

The Defense Department denied this, claiming that the new type of incentive contracts will differ from those awarded Boeing in 1952. The new policy, the Pentagon says, will stress the establishment of more precise target cost estimates, on which incentives will be based, and will reward quality of product and accelerated delivery schedules as well as cost control.

Varying Voltage Scans Radar Antenna Array

WORKING MODEL of an electronically scanned, circular antenna array that permits a radar beam to be pointed in any direction has been developed by James D. Tillman, Jr., and associates at the University of Tennessee. The concentric array consists of 12 quarter-wave monopole elements in an outer circle, 8 in the next, 4 in an inner circle, and one in the center. Beam direction is controlled by a d-c control voltage that varies voltage output amplitudes of two amplifiers connected to each ring. Funded by the Air Force, the system will be demonstrated next month at the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory.

Nonlinear Interactions Point to Laser Advances

BOSTON—Availability of optical masers as an intense light source is spurring research into nonlinear interactions at optical frequencies. At a meeting of the New England section, Optical Society of America, Perry A. Miles, of MIT, reported on a neodymium glass optical maser with primary output of 1.06 microns and harmonic generation at 0.53 micron. At power level of only a few microwatts, little significance is seen for applications at this stage, but experimentation is expected to yield important information about nonlinear processes in crystals. Nicolas Bloembergen,

of Harvard, said that the theory of interaction between light waves in nonlinear media predicts not only harmonic generators but mixers, modulators and demodulators, limiters and "all the things which radio engineers have done at radio and microwave frequencies."

Storage Tubes Provide Stop-Motion Television

ROCHESTER—Television system employing storage tubes is being used by Eastman Kodak as a portable monitor for checking operation of high-speed manufacturing processes.

The last 12 frames of the picture taken by a tv camera are stored by 12 Raytheon storage tubes. During normal operation, the frames change at the frame speed. If the process breaks down, the monitor stops and holds the last 12 frames, allowing Kodak engineers to analyze what happened just before the breakdown.

Japanese Transistors Sought by Hong Kong

TOKYO—The British embassy here warned the Japanese Foreign Office last week that the Japanese embargo of transistors to Hong Kong be lifted or imports of Japanese cotton cloth will be shut out.

The Crown Colony Authority is said to be sympathetic with the Chinese manufacturers on the issue because electronics is now a growth industry in Hong Kong. At the same time, Hong Kong textile manufacturers are now being restricted in their exports to the U. S.

With an export trade council scheduled for mid-June, MITI, the trade ministry, will soon send a mission to Hong Kong to talk things over with the Chinese manufacturers and ask them "to make some kind of adjustment" in their transistor radio exports to the U. S. similar to that of the Japanese.

MITI last week suspended temporarily transistor exports to Hong Kong and Okinawa on the ground that they are exporting six-transistor radios to the U. S. \$6 cheaper than those of the Japanese.

In Brief . . .

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY is centering materiel and contracting functions, formerly dispersed among several facilities, in a new Installation and Materiel Service office.

LATIN AMERICAN Free Trade Area members are meeting in Montevideo to coordinate development of the electronics industry in Latin America.

NASA and the Swedish Committee on Space Research have agreed on a cooperative space research program. Four Nike-Cajun sounding rockets will be launched from the Vidsel Range, in Sweden, to investigate noctilucent clouds and energetic particles.

TROPSCATTER f-m radio transmitters providing hops of 393 and 341 miles have been delivered by Radio Engineering Labs to Western Electric under a \$5.6 million contract. The three-station net will be used by the Air Force in the outer Aleutians.

FOUR GE 225 computers have been ordered by NASA for engineering analysis of the Saturn booster. One has a special input-output buffer to scan 1,000 gages on the vehicle at a rate of 0.1 msec.

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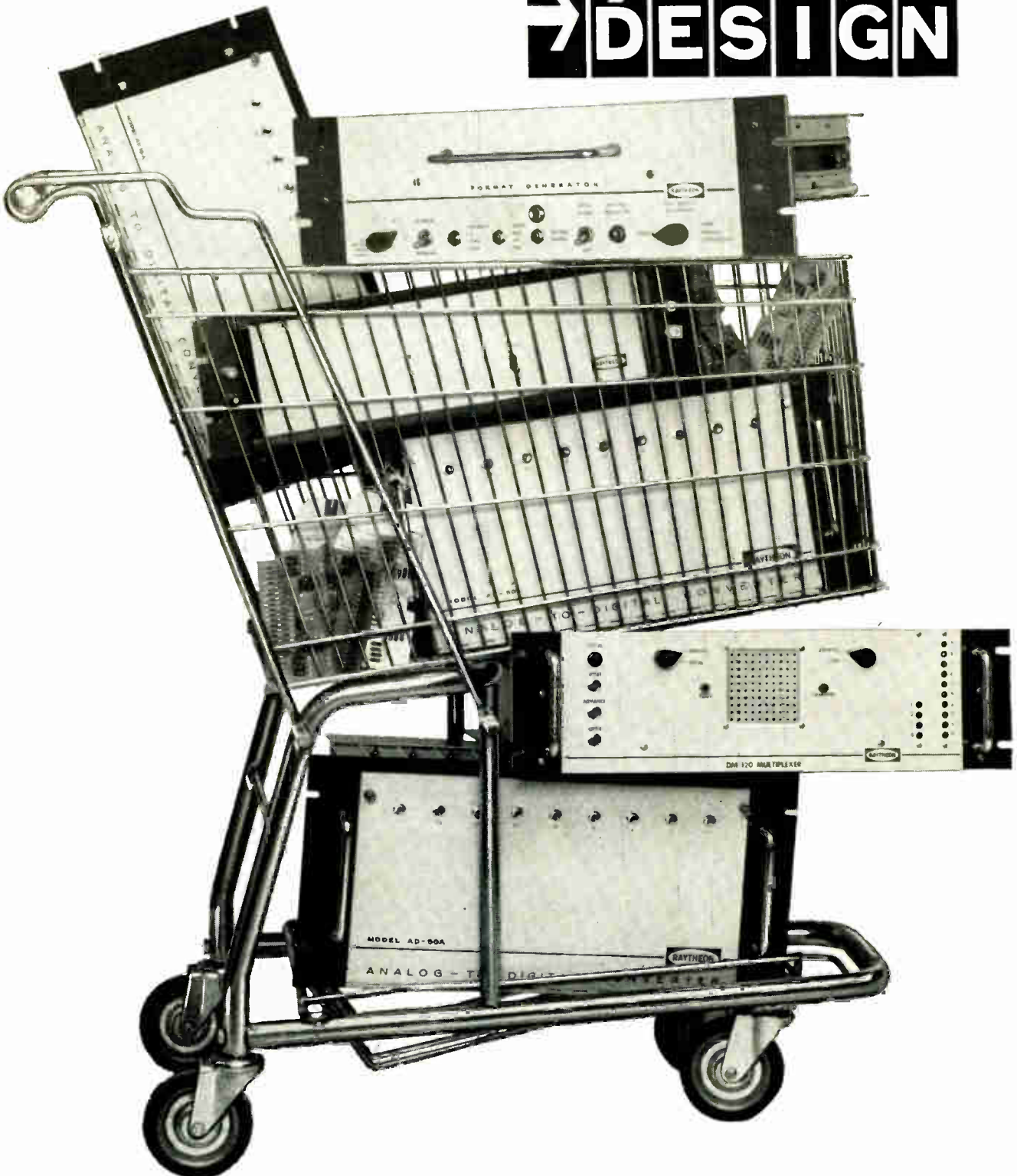


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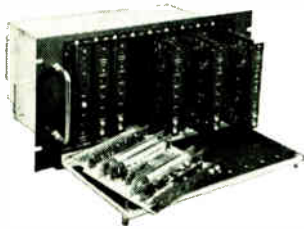


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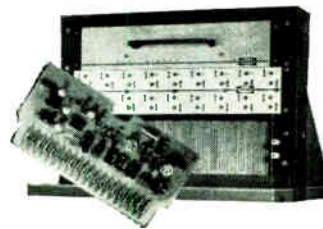
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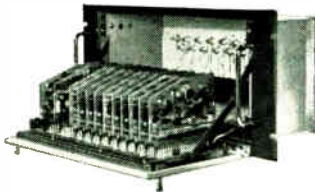
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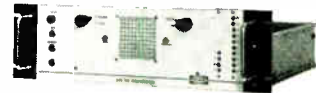
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DEFENSE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL is being formed by the Pentagon as a single, formal, industry-Pentagon forum to discuss pending changes in procurement regulations and other matters of concern to defense industries. Up to 25 representatives of a wide range of military contractors will meet periodically with Defense Department officials. Secretary McNamara and his top aides are annoyed by what they consider excessive demands on their time in sitting down to discuss such matters with at least seven different trade associations, including EIA.

TAXPAYERS TO FINANCE SATELLITE PROFITS?

INTEREST OF BIG INVESTORS in the proposed communications satellite system is puzzling—and worrying—some officials.

This is what they fear: many small investors will be lured by the aura of government sponsorship. If government aid through minimum-cost boosters and access to technology isn't enough to make the system pay during a long shakedown period, political pressure on Congress to vote dividends could develop. Its insistence on public participation would put the administration in an embarrassing position.

To large investors, the possibility of small stockholder pressure for early returns adds to the stock's luster as a long-term proposition.

Officials who believe Kennedy should have let common carriers own the system claim its immediate earning potential is overrated, no matter how bright its long-term prospects. Satellite tv, for instances, faces varying time zones; overseas cable communications is today a relatively small market. There is still fear that limitations on common carrier participation in the satellite system will crimp their incentive to shift traffic quickly from cable to satellite.

FCC AIDES TO DECIDE RADIO CASES

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION has hopefully established a short-cut procedure to deal swiftly with routine radio cases. A four-man staff review board headed by Donald J. Berkemeyer, chief of the opinions and review office, will make final decisions.

The commission can still review cases raising policy questions, but normally contests of review board decisions will go directly to federal courts.

Chairman Minow and other commissioners expect the board to relieve them of time-consuming routine actions, giving them more time for policy planning and major regulatory problems. Broad delegation of commission duties was authorized by Congress last year.

ARMY WILL CENTRALIZE BUYING

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J., has been designated as headquarters for the Electronics Command of the New Army Materiel Command. Maj. Gen. Stuart S. Hoff, now chief of R&D in the office of the Army's Chief Signal Officer, will head the new agency.

The Electronics Command will be responsible for both R&D and procurement of Army communications equipment, electronic warfare systems, combat surveillance systems, automatic data-processing equipment, and radar. It will absorb the Army's Signal R&D Agency and Signal Materiel Support Agency, already at Fort Monmouth, Signal Materiel Management and Procurement Agency in Philadelphia, Air Defense Engineering Agency at Fort Meade, Md., and the electronic test ranges at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and White Sands, N. M.

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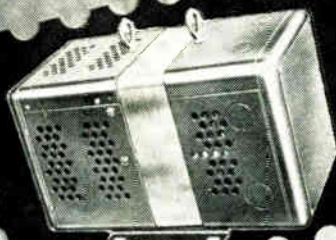
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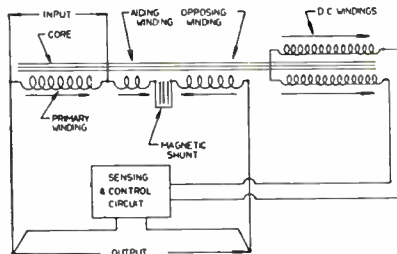
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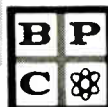


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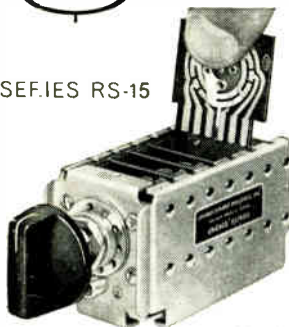
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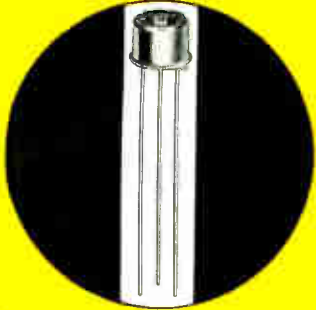
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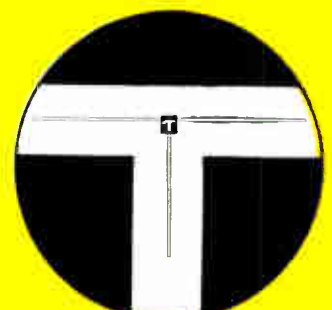
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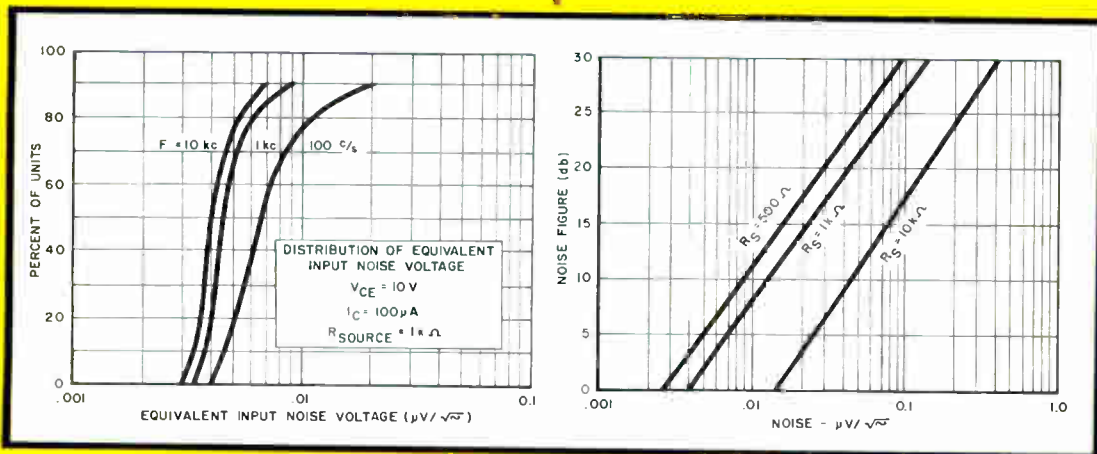
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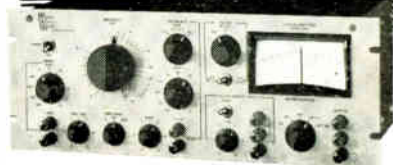
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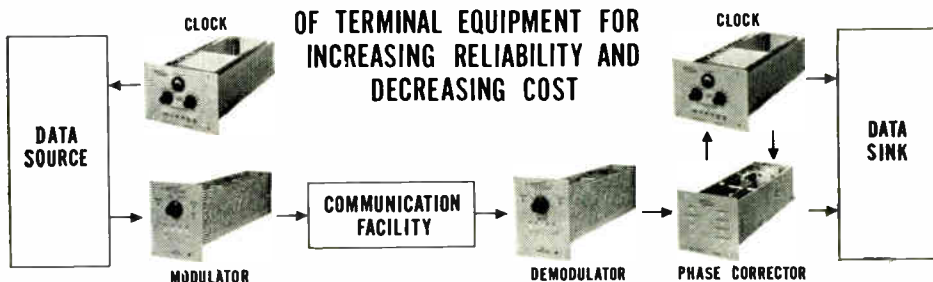
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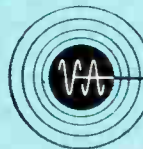
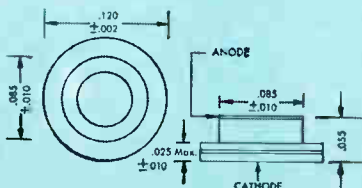
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Self-Organizing Systems Near Hardware

By CLETUS M. WILEY
Midwest Editor

CHICAGO—More blackboard than breadboard, self-organizing system theory is only beginning to evolve into hardware, according to 26 invited papers presented at a conference on self-organizing systems, cosponsored by the Office of Naval Research and Armour Research Foundation.

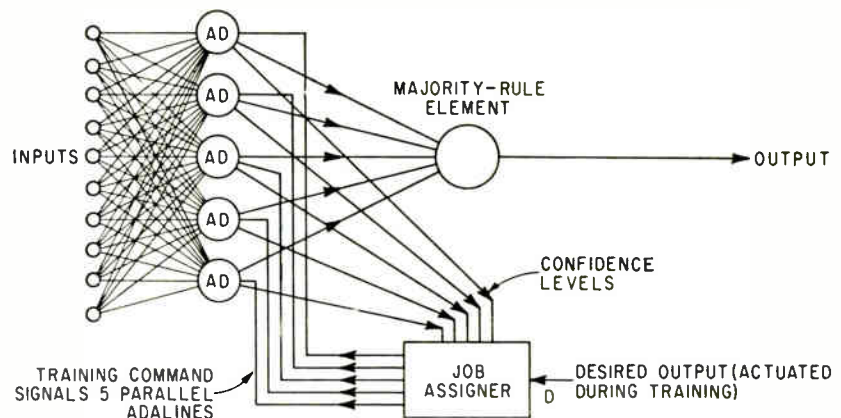
"We now appear somewhat closer to successful creation of useful artificial self-organizing systems," ONR's Marshall Yovits told the international group of more than 300 scientists and engineers from industry, government and foundations. It is still too early to expect significant applications, he said, but hopes are strong that some feeling for these will emerge from the examination-in-depth of progress made during the three years since the last conference.

Exploitation of connecting pathways for storage between elements was urged by D. M. MacKay, University of Keele, England, to increase versatility and enhance reliability of self-organizing circuits.

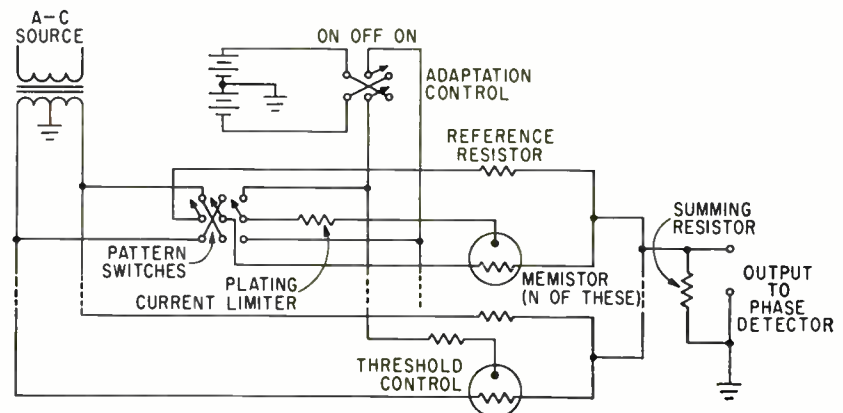
MacKay suggested using capillary tubes, or narrow grooves, as paths for silver nitrate in readily mass-produced network links. Impedance could be varied continuously by electrolytic growth of conducting paths. The combination of such variable transmission lines with nonlinear or metastable elements could serve as a detector of temporal coincidence, he said. Delay line network paths could provide transient storage for running analyses and short term correlations.

Control of propagation speed could cause radical changes in activity without altering surface connections. Different specific responses could be elicited by specific input rhythms through built-in sensitivity to temporal pulse patterns. Temporal coded broadcasts of signals over a wide area could be tuned out of a welter of other activity by subsystems alert to them.

Use of the entire element, adding enormous amounts of interconnect-



Madeline configuration of five Adalines with parallel-connected inputs. This system could be trained by adapting Adalines (AD) until majority-rule element output is the desired response



Circuit of a memistor Adaline. Memistors are electrochemical cells in which information is stored as thickness (resistance) of metal film plated or stripped by d-c. A-c is used for nondestructive sensing

ing pathways and eliminating more lumped constants, could easily reduce the scale of machines by a whole order of magnitude, MacKay suggested.

Bernard Widrow brought conferees up to date on work at Stanford University on adaptive linear neuron systems called Adaline, using electrochemical cells called memistors (ELECTRONICS, p20, Sept. 15, 1961). Unlike conventional computer systems, these generalize. Information is stored diffusely and the system can be trained to react to stimuli.

Madeline 1, containing six independently adaptable Adalines, has just been put under control of an IBM 1620 computer. The computer stores patterns and desired responses and controls neuron train-

ing. This combination, Widrow said, is three times faster than digital simulation of the same neurons on the computer alone.

A larger Madeline is being planned. When connected to the 1620, it will be faster at neuron simulation than an IBM 7090, he said. On this scale, a neuron simulation facility is 10 times cheaper than an all-digital simulation facility, he added.

Widrow said the objective of the program is to develop an adaptive computer that can be taught by men to solve the problems of men in the environment and language of men, not with a machine language. One application for such a system is a quick-learning, self-adapting industrial process controller.

Oliver Selfridge, of MIT Lincoln

Lab, said people should be included as components in experiments with self organizing systems. "Automate every function we know has to be, and by observing the adaptation that people perform with what is left, we shall be in a better position to automate that adaptation as well," he suggested.

One move in a similar direction was discussed by James Miller, of University of Michigan. The Mental Health Research Institute there is working on the adjustment prob-

esses that living systems use against information overloads.

Frog fibers simply stop responding to every input when rates increase above critical levels, Miller reported. Some of the fibers skipped, some responded only to every third or fourth impulse and others failed for long periods, after which they again fired repeatedly.

Human subjects using an Information Overload Testing Apparatus (Iota), which presented information at variable rates on a

ground glass screen, responded with similar queing, omissions allowing for a fresh start, more queing and finally more omissions.

Addition of components to an information processing system apparently lowers channel capacity, Miller concluded, summing up additional experiments. The necessity to recode at the border between components inevitably results in some loss of information, he said, and no channel can be faster than its slowest components.

Satellite Communications in a Few Years?

By RAY BLOOMBERG

McGraw-Hill World News

SEATTLE — Intercontinental and worldwide satellite communications were discussed at length during the IRE Seventh Regional conference here. Such systems are seen as operational within the next few years.

So imminent is satellite communication that Great Britain is said to have abandoned plans for a submarine cable project scheduled to start in 1964. Prospects are that the United States, Russia, and the British Commonwealth will each have a system.

Robert T. Haviland, of General Electric, said three families of satellite systems will be needed: polar random, equatorial ring and synchronous systems. Synchronous systems will employ three satellites, an equatorial ring eight to 12 and a polar group 30 to 50.

Haviland said a study based on a 10-satellite ring indicated the heaviest traffic load, at noon over the North Atlantic, would use about 1,000 4-Kc channels in 1970-1975. Another 1,000 channels would serve the rest of the world. Data traffic is expected to increase faster than telephone traffic.

Of the three use classes of systems—relay, broadcast and distribution—Haviland saw the greatest traffic gain in intercontinental relay. Traffic increase was conservatively estimated at 10 to 20 percent a year, with the original system soon loaded to capacity.

There is not yet enough power available for high-quality tv broad-

casts, but he thinks worldwide tv will be possible in the 1970's. Broadcasts could now be made over a restricted area, such as South America. Distribution satellites would handle weather and perhaps airways traffic.

Communications satellite projects programmed by NASA and the Department of Defense were reviewed by Victor F. Evans, of DOD.

Evans said DOD believes satellites will make important contributions in these three areas of communications:

- Long-haul, point-to-point links providing few circuits to remote areas of the world having light

traffic loads. Transportable ground equipment would establish new circuits on short notice.

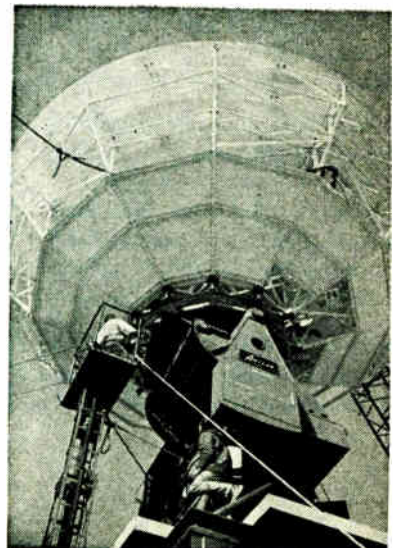
- Fixed, long-haul, point-to-point trunks providing many circuits between major traffic nodes, such as those on the U. S. east coast, Europe, North Africa or the Middle East, and from points on the west coast to Hawaii, the Philippines and Japan.

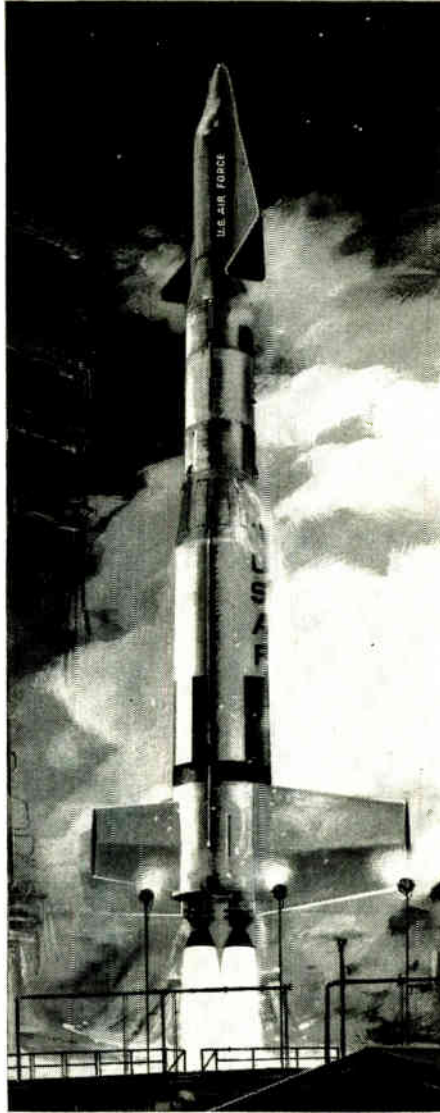
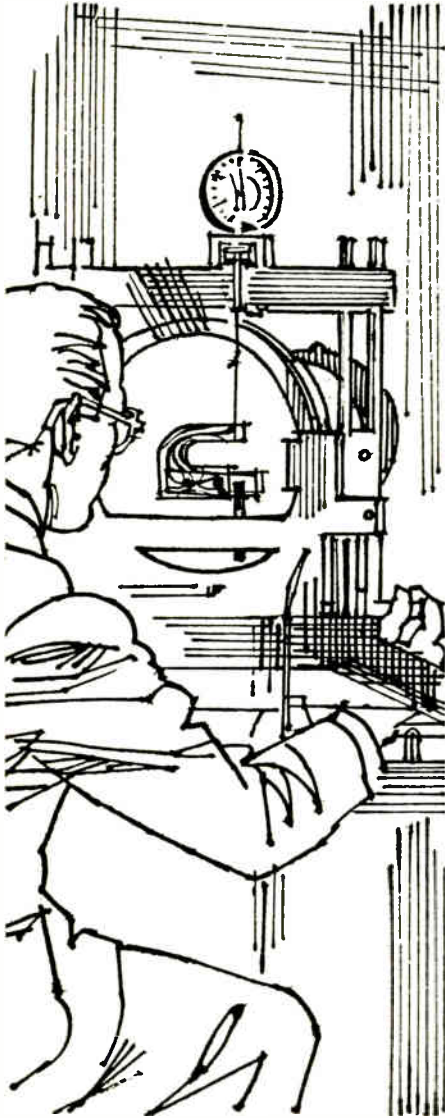
- Mobile communications between fixed points and mobile stations, or between mobile stations.

Evans said most systems will employ satellites in high-altitude synchronous orbits, or in subsynchronous orbit.

Test Ship's Missile-Tracking Antenna

Thirty-foot C-band radar antenna with Cassegrain reflector is placed atop tower at Sperry Gyroscope's mile-long antenna range for tests and boresighting. It will go aboard Mobile Atlantic Missile Range ship (ELECTRONICS, p 22, July 28, 1961) as part of integrated L-, X- and C- band system that can gather data on three targets at once. All-aluminum antenna is designed not to distort more than 0.06 inch from heat, wind and ship motion. Sperry Rand is instrumenting two Mars ships under \$60 million in Air Force contracts. The ships will be stationed in the Indian Ocean to track missiles fired 10,000 miles from Cape Canaveral. Communications, telemetry, inertial navigation, computer, meteorological and operations control systems will also be installed on the ships





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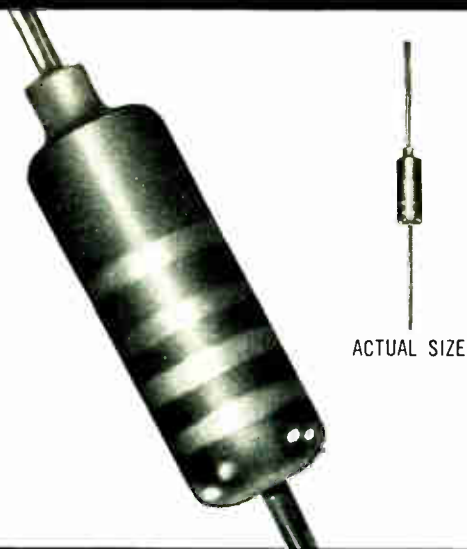
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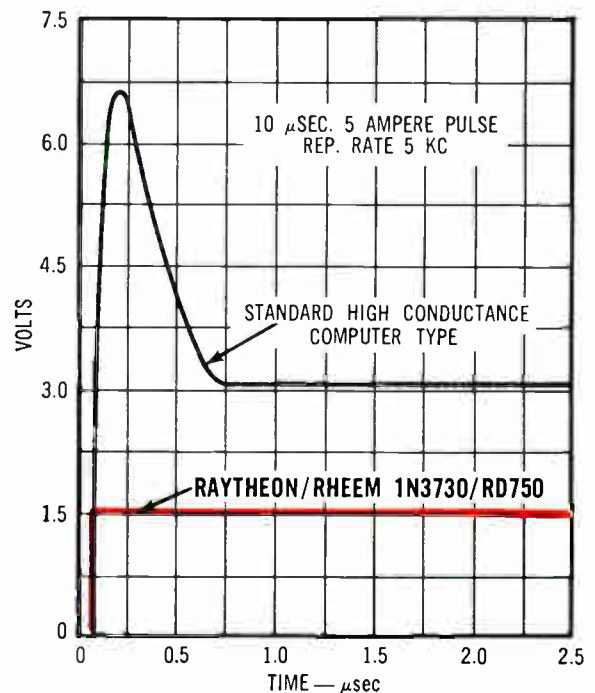


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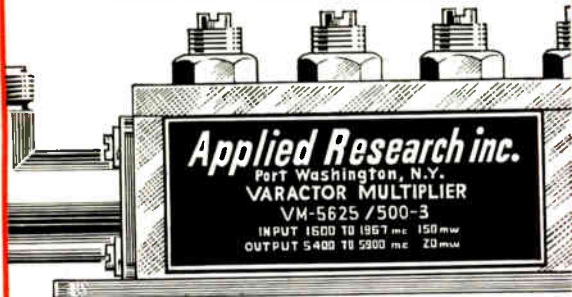
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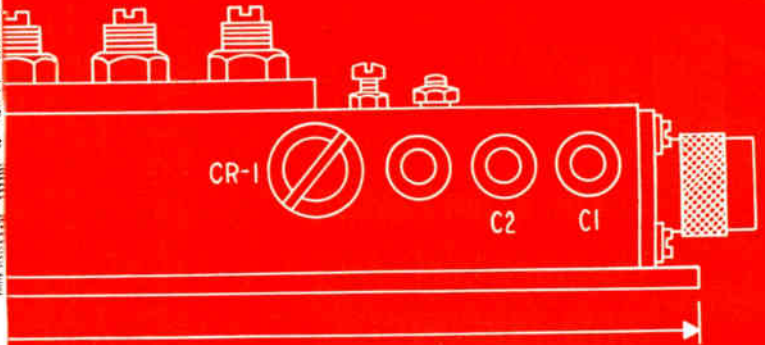
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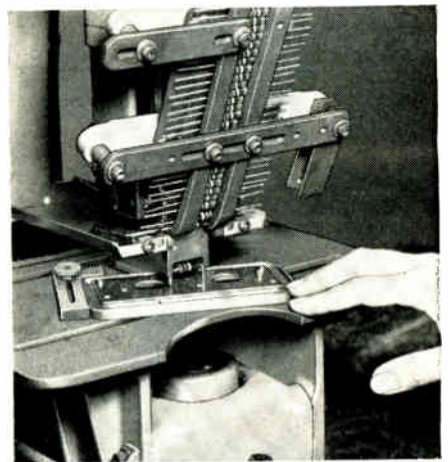
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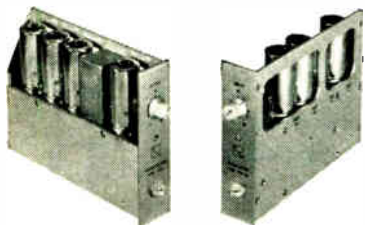
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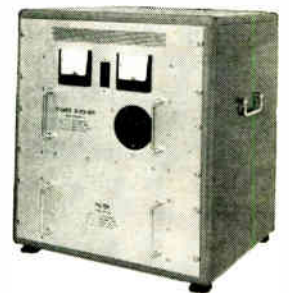
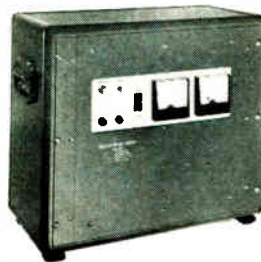
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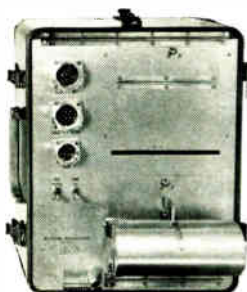
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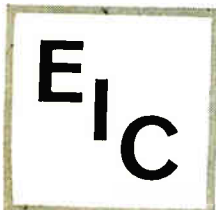
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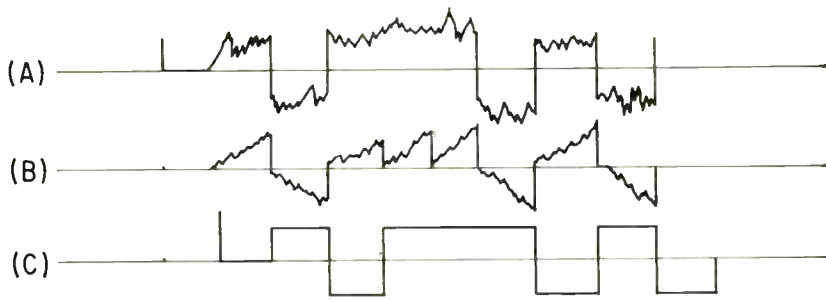
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Waveforms in a pcm bit synchronization system showing typical signals with noise (A), the integrator output determining presence or absence of a pulse (B) and the detected output signal (C), inherently delayed by one bit

What to Do with All That Telemetry Data?

By LAURENCE D. SHERGALIS
Associate Editor

WASHINGTON—One of the most annoying problems facing telemetry designers is what to do about processing the volumes of magnetic tape recorded during a missile or space flight.

Vanguard III, for example, produced 6,000 2,400-foot reels of tape in its first three months of flight. All of it had to be converted into curves and other readable data. Goddard Space Flight Center is reportedly putting up new buildings to store tapes expected from future space flights.

A favored solution is processing data in the satellite before transmitting it to ground. Transmitting only essential data reduces telemetry system requirements as well as data processing effort.

One technique discussed at the

National Telemetry Conference late last month is compressing bandwidth, then reconstructing the data on the ground. Another method is to process data on-board and transmit the actual curves. Reducing bandwidth by reducing data rate will also conserve the frequency spectrum.

Adaptive digital telemetry systems offer another way to filter out irrelevant material. Bernard Harris and Robert Sommer, of New York University, described a decision feedback system that notifies the transmitter when the information received is sufficient to decide on the actual message. Much redundancy is eliminated.

An adaptive system also permits control of the telemetry transmitter's power output, depending on the prevailing signal-to-noise ratio. An adaptive system in which the telemetry format may be modified is

also considered possible.

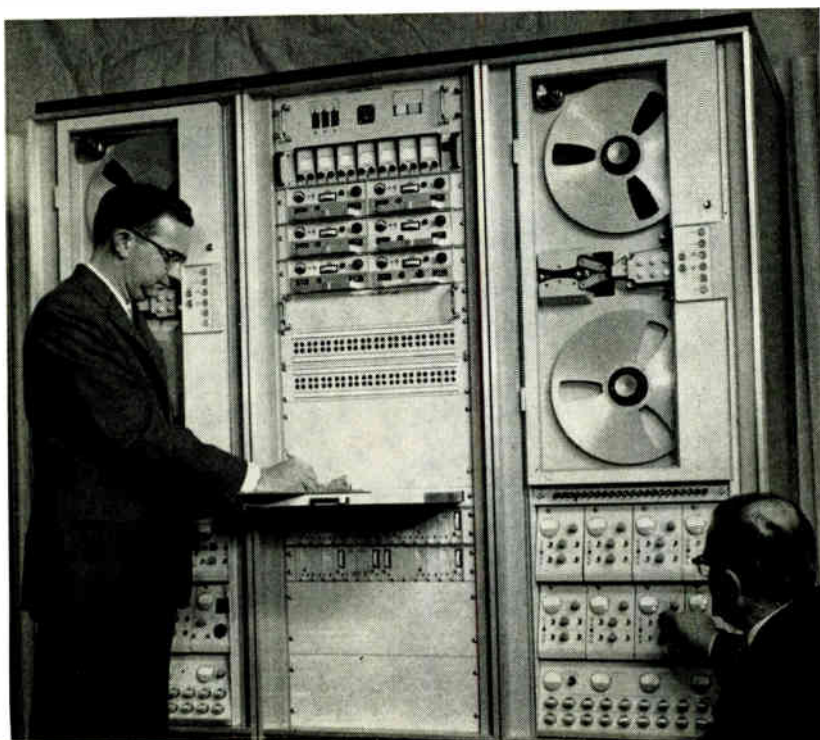
At present, almost all telemetry systems use pcm because its bit rate may be varied over an extremely wide range. Benn Martin, of Jet Propulsion Labs, claims bit rates in pcm may vary 1,000:1.

However, because pcm systems have been designed around extremely small error rates, reliability becomes a major problem to designers. Herman LaGow, of Goddard, says reliability requirements have gone up at least two orders of magnitude since Vanguard. And designers of spacecraft equipment face a unique problem—how do you get reliability statistical data from one or two samples? Essentially, equipment is one of a kind.

Two solutions are suggested: to overtest, or to put more emphasis on environmental testing and test to much higher specifications.

Consensus of many engineers at the meeting was that the major reliability problem areas include: using failure rates that are too optimistic; inaccurate derating figures, especially in load-sharing or redundant applications; ignoring interactions between subsystems; ignoring switching applications in standby applications, and ignoring transients and their effects on the systems.

One major environmental problem that tends to be overlooked is the effect of acceleration forces on satellite components. A 20-inch diameter satellite spinning at 600-rpm subjects components at the



Data-Control Systems' predetection recording equipment records i-f signals on wide-bandwidth magnetic-tape recorder. Any type of telemetry signal can be handled on similar equipment

S-BAND TELEMETRY WAITS ON HIGHER FREQUENCY COMPONENTS

WASHINGTON—A sampling of manufacturers at the National Telemetry Conference indicates that little progress is being made toward making equipment generally available for the coming move of telemetry bands to S band (ELECTRONICS, p 32, March 30).

Engineers indicated that efficient and reliable components for those frequencies are still not within the state of the art. While some equipment is being produced on special order, several firms said they have no plans at present to produce lines of S-band transmitters or receivers

outer edge to 20 g.

Predetection recording techniques are receiving more attention from system designers because wide bandwidth tape recorders are available. Ampex exhibited its FR-700, a 4-Mc wideband recorder. In the demonstration, the spectrum from 535 Kc to 4 Mc was recorded on tape without bandsplitting. One advantage of predetection recording

is its ability to handle many types of data transmission with a minimum of recording equipment. According to Owen Ott, of Data-Control Systems, pam f-m and pacm f-m may be accommodated without special recording equipment or techniques. The disadvantage of predetection is the large amount of tape used during a typical run.

Data-Control Systems introduced a bit rate synchronizer that detects the presence or absence of a pulse in high noise. The device uses the integrate-and-dump technique in which the entire bit interval is integrated. If the result is positive, a pulse is present; if negative, a pulse is not present. Bit synchronization reportedly improves bit error rates.

New Power Sources Emerging from R&D

By MICHAEL F. WOLFF
Senior Associate Editor

ATLANTIC CITY—Advances toward practical hardware in fuel cells and thermal energy conversion systems (ELECTRONICS, p 35, April 6) highlighted the recent 16th Annual Power Sources Conference sponsored by the Army Signal R&D Lab.

Ion-exchange membrane fuel cells are beginning to prove practical, claimed E. A. Oster, of GE. Present programs include furnishing the Air Force 25-w batteries with 170-hour life for orbital tests, 2-Kw batteries for Gemini (p 8, May 18) and studies of fuel cells as motive power sources for submarines.

Radioactive regenerative fuel cells are potentially a long-life power source. J. Yaeger, of Union Carbide, said a prototype in which gamma radiation is applied to a ferrous sulphate solution has been built for Navy. The 5-w unit's efficiency is three percent.

A methanol-air fuel cell battery was discussed by B. L. Tarmy, of Esso Research and Engineering. Other soluble carbonaceous fuels may be used. D. H. Archer, of Westinghouse, described a cell using a ceramic electrolyte of zirconia containing 15 percent calcium

oxide as an anion conductor. Electrodes are porous platinum. The cell can operate on a variety of fuels and has a nominal circuit voltage of 1.2 v.

Biochemical fuel cells, producing power with bacteria and other organisms, were surveyed by G. H. Rohrback, of Magna Corp. He reported operating a urea battery and a multiwatt magnesium sulfate cell designed for ocean use.

P. A. O'Riordan, of Navy Bureau of Ships, said that specific power of 7 w/lb has been demonstrated in portable thermoelectric generators and that efficiencies of engine-generator systems are being approached. Efficiencies of five percent and 24 w/lb could be achieved in a 300-w to 500-w generator if junction resistance can be cut to one-tenth its present value. After several hundred hours operation, power output fell 28 and 40 percent in propane-fired generators delivered to the Navy last July.

A 45-w thermoelectric generator being developed for USASRD L was described by Melvin Barmat, of General Instrument. It will have a 12-hour gasoline supply, weigh 10 lb and provide 50 w-hr/lb. Goal is a 1,000-hr front-line system.

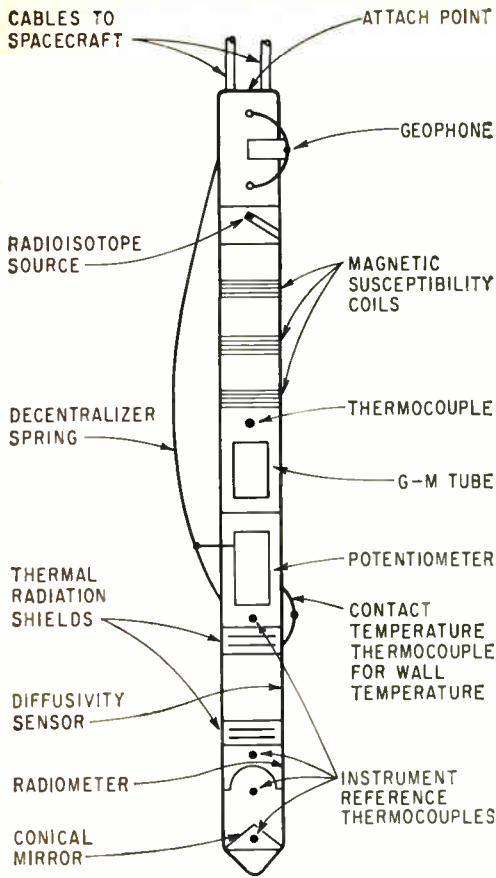
Similar requirements were reported by W. R. Martini, of North

American Aviation, for gasoline-powered thermionic converters. While these face high-temperature problems, they would be very light. A 100-w system with five percent efficiency would have half its weight in the fuel supply. He expects to demonstrate two-percent efficiency in a converter with 1,400 C cathode temperature.

Thermo Electron Engineering is designing a 45-w portable cesium-diode thermionic generator for USASRD L. Overall efficiency is now two percent, target is four percent and system weight of 10 lb. G. N. Hatsopoulos reported that percent efficiency of the gasoline burner, now 23, may be raised to 30 or 40.

Electrochemical couples are reversible in molten salt secondary batteries, according to E. F. Uhler, of RCA. He said they could be used in space systems. The theoretical performance of these systems is 500 w-hr/lb.

In a panel discussion of radiation-resistant solar cells, J. Mandelkorn, of USASRD L, reported that *n* on *p* cells from 10-ohm-cm silicon have at least twice the resistance of the best 1-ohm-cm material. F. M. Smitz, of Bell Labs, said that annealing was observed in *n* on *p* silicon cells after several days proton bombardment.



Well-Logging Technique to

By **LEON H. DULBERGER**
Assistant Editor

WASHINGTON—Instrumentation for measuring ionized interplanetary gas, lunar surface texture, vlf propagation in space, and an X-band radar for space rendezvous were among the equipment and techniques reported late last month at the Instrument Society of America meeting.

K. W. Linnes, of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, discussed techniques

Subsurface geophysical probe under development at JPL for lunar measurements. Case is 21 inches long and one inch in diameter

for measuring the moon's surface texture. Equipment being developed will analyze surface composition and such surface and subsurface properties as density, acoustic velocity and penetrability.

A drill boring into the surface will give texture data from drill rate as a function of thrust, acquire samples for composition analysis and also provide a hole for measuring subsurface temperature.

An instrumentation package now being breadboarded at JPL combines several measuring devices in a small-diameter probe that can be lowered from spacecraft (see illustration) into a hole.

The decentralizer spring, mechanically coupled to a potentiometer, will press the probe against the hole wall and measure hole diameter as a function of spring compression. Backscattering from a gamma ray source, measured by a g-m tube, will provide density information. An infrared radiometer and thermocouples for temperature measurement, and a geophone to determine the velocity of sound from a distantly fired squib are also included.

Satellite instruments for investigation of ionized interplanetary gas were described by R. H. Baker, of MIT Lincoln Laboratory. The detectors and instruments can measure direction, speed, density and temperature of plasma with laboratory accuracy, he said. One solid-state instrument uses a modulated Faraday cup mounted flush with the satellite skin and open to the space environment. The preamplifier at the cup employs a feedback-stabilized design so it will operate at the temperature extremes resulting from solar heating of the cup.

Among several magnetometers, was a spin-precession type reported by J. T. Arnold, of Varian Associates. It uses optical detection. Resonance radiation is supplied by a lamp and a photocell is used as a pickup. Arnold said the system can detect phenomena occurring from 20 cps to r-f and that it gives good

Defense Contracting Shifts to Incentives

CHICAGO—Department of Defense spokesmen told Electronic Industries Association members that incentive contracts for development work will be much more prevalent soon. The philosophy—expressed in a seminar at the EIA annual convention—was “something for something, nothing for nothing.”

Air Force wants to “make our procurement in a highly competitive market,” said Major Raymond Staley, USAF, “and we want to give our development work to the low bidder. Unfortunately we can't always use that simple method.”

Staley said Air Force is now asking bidders to propose incentive contracts. The goals set in proposals will be used as ceilings in future negotiations; in effect bidders are asked to set their goals.

A Navy procurement official, Milton Jones, said cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts will be restricted to work “so nebulous that DOD can't fix concrete goals. Other work will be done on incentive contracts negotiated with risk taken into account.”

“With the new incentive con-

tracts,” said Emanuel Kintisch, of Army, “the renegotiation board takes into account the contractor's efficiency when considering performance.”

The board says it understands the objectives of the incentive program is to reward efficiency and penalize inefficiency. In its reports to the renegotiation board, DOD will highlight superior—or inferior—contractor performance, Kintisch said.

“Don't promise the government anything in your proposal that you aren't willing to be pinned down to,” Staley said.

Jones added that contractors should propose goals which they think are reasonable and as precisely defined as they can be at the time. Goals will be pinned down during negotiation. Incentive proposals are to be much more definitive and not nearly so broad as fixed-fee proposals.

Present DOD thinking indicates that incentive development contracts will be over \$1 million and run more than 18 months.

Probe Moon

sensitivities down to 10^{-7} oersteds, even with small samples.

Propagation experiments in space vehicles at 3 Kc to 30 Kc were discussed by L. H. Rorden and L. E. Orsak, of Stanford Research Institute. Absorption, time delay and other variables affecting operation in the D and E regions have been measured. The authors described receivers with sensitivity of 10^{-7} gamma (in free space, three gamma equal $1 \mu\text{v}/\text{meter}$) and dynamic range of 90 db. Antenna impedance in space was measured with a complex Z bridge.

D. C. Enemark, University of Iowa, told how radiation in the inner portion of the Van Allen belt was measured by scintillation and solid-state detectors activated by a magnetometer sensing the earth's field. The instrumentation covers the electron energy range from 500 Kev to 1.2 Mev and proton energy from 1 Mev to 60 Mev. The work, conducted for communications satellite studies, included solar cell deterioration checks.

Several symposium speakers stressed the need for 100 percent tests of components used in space instrumentation. Many designs employ redundant subsystems within a complete major system and provide for automatic switching or doubling up of signals to an operating subsystem if a unit fails.

An orbital rendezvous guidance and control system using X-band, f-m—c-w radar was described by F. Blitzer, G. C. Bonelle and B. A. Kriegsman, of Raytheon's Missile and Space division.

A manned space ferry would be guided to boarding position alongside an orbiting space station by a radar and transponder system. The ferry, from a position ahead of the space station, would automatically decrease its speed until it is close to the station and traveling at the same speed. Among reasons for choosing an X-band radar is its ability to see through the ferry's exhaust flame.

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Multiplex broadcasting—claiming nearly 100 stations on the air this spring, with another 200 expected by next fall—was again a major influence this year. Emphasis has shifted from tuners and adapters to improved outdoor antennas to compensate for the estimated 20-percent decrease in signal strength which follows the shift to multiplex broadcasts in fringe areas.

An omnidirectional, electrically-switched antenna introduced by All Channel Products is said to be comparable to nine highly directional tv antennas, plus nine full wave f-m antennas. B & G division of Dynascan Corp. exhibited an omnidirectional, seven-element, horizontally polarized antenna for multiplex. Cornell-Dubilier offered a 46-Kc ultrasonic remote control of antenna rotation, for distances up to 30 feet.

Clear Beam Antenna Corp. has developed a vertically linear arrangement of seven stacked dipoles providing high gain with flat response for f-m multiplex reception. Parabolic dish inspired by the Midwest Program for Airborne Tv Instruction (Mpati) can also be used for all-channel uhf reception. A single dipole eliminates phasing losses, according to Clear Beam.

Technical Appliance subsidiary of Jerrold also offered uhf parabolic dishes for the 800-Mc to 890-Mc Mpati translator range. Jerrold exhibited new uhf preamplifiers, antenna splitters and converters.

Jensen Manufacturing division of the Muter Company introduced a private earphone stereo system featuring right-to-left and left-to-right electrical cross feed with frequency and phase adjusted to simulate presence of conventional stereo. RCA introductions included a stereo, high-fidelity, multiplex receiver amplifier with a Nuvistor f-m tuner and a 90-mw citizens band transmitter.

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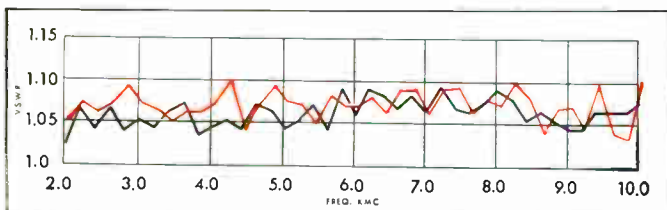
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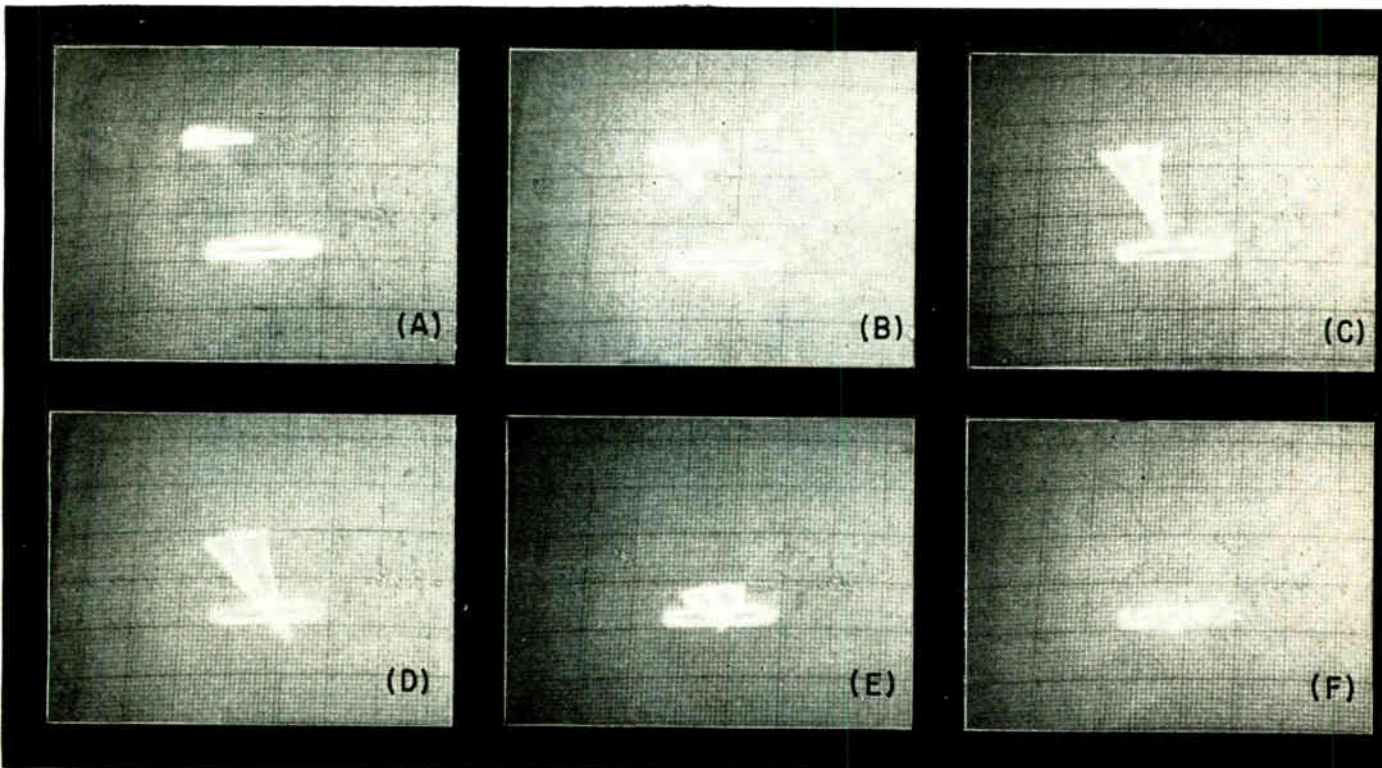
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ADVANCE REPORT

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Control of a vehicle using a predictor instrument. Ellipse defines desired position; predictor symbol defines predicted position of vehicle for next five seconds, assuming control is returned to center. This vehicle is so unstable that it is uncontrollable with normal instrumentation. Photos show: level flight above and to the left of desired position (A); begin dive (B); dive and turn in progress (C and D); leveling off (E); straight and level "on target" (F)

Piloting Nuclear Submarines

WITH CONTROLS THAT LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

Predictor gives an operator information about the future of the variable he controls by extrapolating present conditions into the future. Applications are in planes, ships, submarines or any dynamic system with a measurable response that can be simulated

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AS AN EXAMPLE of the problems of manual control, when a submarine commander orders a quick dive to a certain depth, the usual method is to move the controls to the maximum dive angle, pull out before the desired depth and try to level off as soon as possible. The result is usually an oscillation type of submarine motion, above and below the

desired depth.

A new predictor instrument allows the operators of a submarine, or any other vehicle or system requiring such control, to predict their future motion, and to see when to start leveling off, thereby minimizing overshoot and oscillation.

Semiautomatic control systems

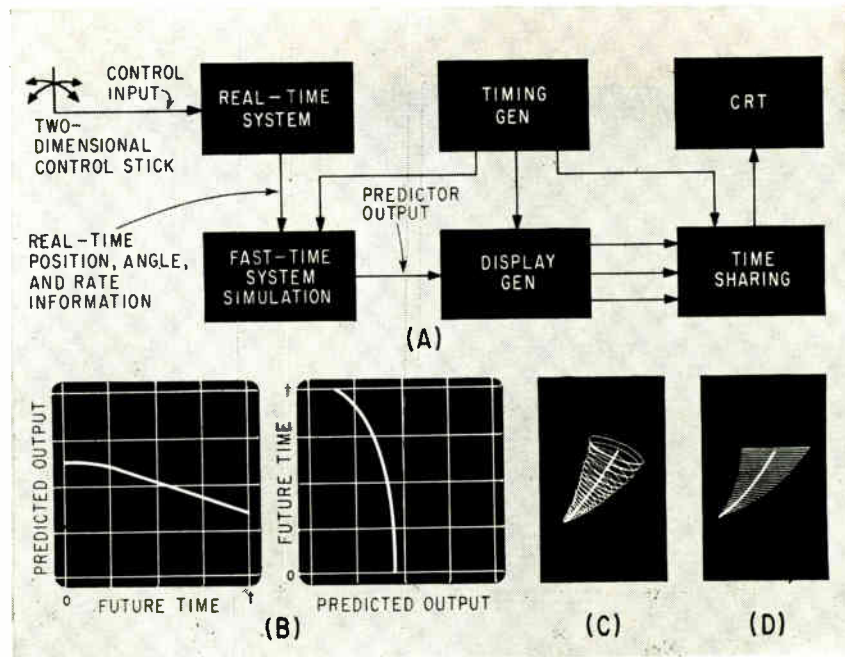


FIG. 1—Predictor instrument and associated equipment (A); display 1 (B); spiral predictor display (C); road-type predictor display (D)

can program a submarine to perform a dive along a projected trajectory, but at a sacrifice of flexibility. Using the predictor, an operator is not held to the trajectory, and can change it at will.

The predictor instrument is a display for manual control of a vehicle or other high-order system. It is an application to manual control of a concept developed originally for automatic systems.¹ The predictor provides the operator with an extrapolated future value of the variable under control, which is generated by a high-speed electronic model of the system. Operating repetitively, the model is set to correspond to conditions in the real-time system at the start of each cycle of its operation. As the model then predicts, a programmer generates an assumed control action by the operator during the prediction period; for example, that he returns his control to zero. The prediction signal therefore consists of real conditions extrapolated into the future by a fast-time model as constrained by the program. This prediction signal is displayed to the operator on a cathode-ray tube or other presentation.

The operator controlling by a predictor instrument interprets his prediction as follows: "This display shows what is going to happen if I move my control according to the program, such as returning it to zero." The operator using a predictor instrument moves his control to modify continuously what is predicted into what is desired of the system.

An article has appeared detailing the predictor instrument concept and describing the improvements in control and the reductions in training time that result from its use.² This article describes circuits used in laboratory versions of the instrument. The circuits are the result of combining equipment on hand, mainly analog computer components, with constructed electronic accessories. The results were satisfactory, although the techniques were not elegant. Such things as the time-sharing and reset circuits and their pulse generators could well have been used as special-purpose equipment. However, the circuits used work well.

The equipment generates a number of displays that predict the future motion of an observer-

controlled real-time vehicle. The discussion concerns the method of obtaining these displays for this two-dimensional predictor instrument. All displays for the predictor instrument are generated with the same vehicle circuits and are controlled for display by the same time-sharing devices. Differences between the displays are in the method of modulating the vehicle information (Fig. 1A).

A number of displays of the future motion of the vehicle are used at different times during the testing period. Display 1 (Fig. 1B) is a two-line display that graphically predicts vehicle position using separate plots of the vertical and horizontal courses. A 17-inch cathode ray tube face is divided into two areas, the left area presenting the vertical information and the right area presenting the horizontal information. The vertical information is a line indicating present position vertically at its left extremity and future position along a horizontal time axis with time increasing toward the right. The horizontal information indicates present position horizontally across the bottom and future position along a vertical

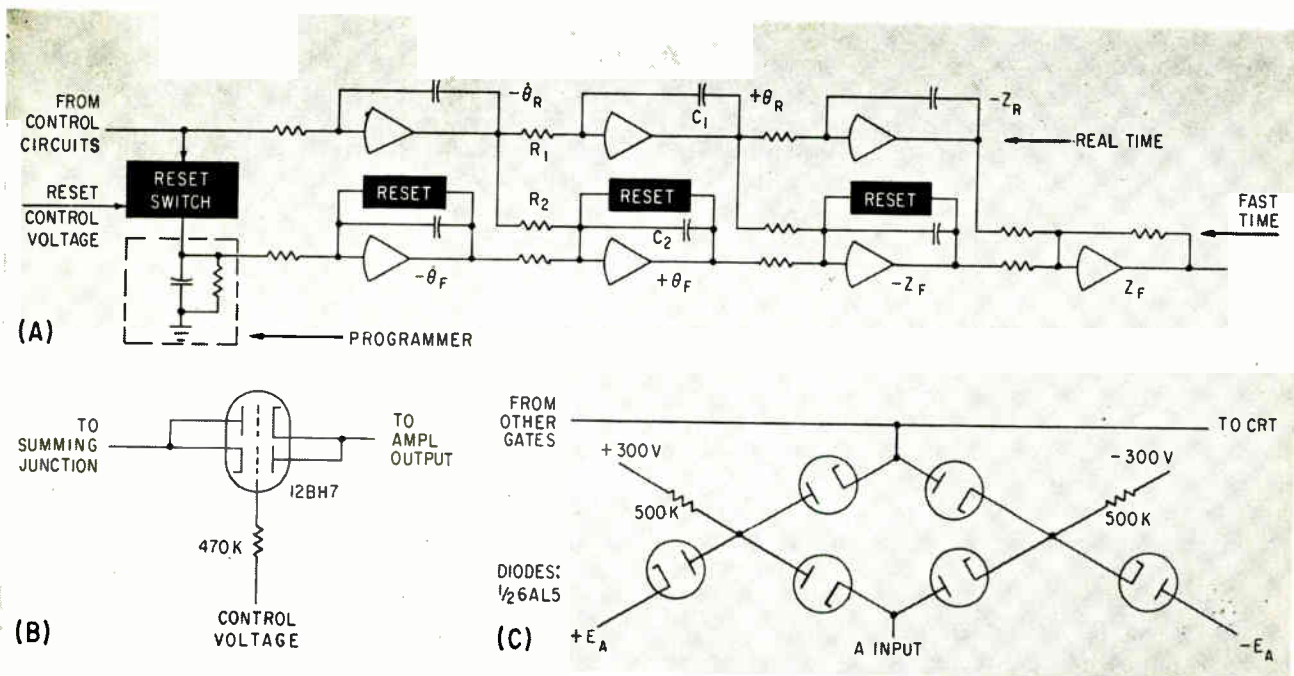


FIG. 2—Simplified single dimension of predictor vehicle (A), in which R_1C_1 is nominally 200 times R_2C_2 . The reset switch is a diode gate as shown in Fig. 2C. Reset device (B) for resetting fast-time integrators; display switching circuits (C), single dimension shown

time axis, with time increasing toward the top.

Display 2 (Fig. 1C) presents the same information in a combined fashion with a different pictorial scheme. Vertical and horizontal positions are indicated by distances vertically and horizontally on the cathode ray tube face. A spiral-cone symbol indicates present position at its large end and future position along its length to the limit of prediction at its pointed end. In addition, a line is presented that indicates the exact predicted course extended along the locus of the centers of the circles generating the cone shape. This line is accentuated at its present-position end by a bright dot.

Display 3 (Fig. 1D) is identical to display 2 except for the omission of the vertical axis of the superposed spiral. Thus, a flat road is presented with present position at its large end. Again, the exact predicted course is shown as a single line extending along the center-line. The road has the advantage of permitting a third dimension, such as roll, to be coded into the display. Both the spiral and the road are compatible with aircraft and sub-

marine contact-analog displays, which show the operator a picture of a simulated environment analogous to what he might see through a port or a wind screen in contact flight.

One of two dimensions of the circuit employed to simulate the vehicle and its fast-time model is shown in Fig. 2A. Such things as sign changers, damping and other feedback terms, and the geometric operators required to convert from body axes to fixed coordinates are omitted to illustrate the principle. The real-time vehicle is a combination of the usual integrator simulator circuits with voltages available to represent angular rate, $\dot{\theta}_R$, angle, θ_R , and present position, Z_R . The fast-time model is constructed analogously using faster time constants. Time accelerations of 100, 200, 400 and 800 are used at various times.

The resistors and capacitor at the input to the first fast-time amplifier of Fig. 2A form the programmer for many predictor instrument studies. The capacitor is charged to equal the control voltage at the start of each cycle, at which time the reset switch closes momentarily.

This capacitor discharges exponentially through the resistor during the operating cycle. The program thus generated assumes that the operator's control is returned to zero through a lag determined by the values of R and C chosen. In some cases the circuit, including the integrator it feeds into, is omitted entirely, and the program assumes zero control action or the instantaneous return of the control signal to zero. For many applications this provides a fully adequate predictor signal.

For predictor purposes, the fast-time model requires that the integrators representing the various angular and position parameters shall start each prediction cycle at the initial voltage representing the real-time parameters. Since an initial voltage on an integrator is a starting point for an integration whose change of output would be the same regardless of the initial voltage, simplifications can be made. If initial voltages are added to the output of an integrator initially reset to zero, the net output voltage is the same as where the integrator is started at the initial voltage. This was done to allow integrators

to be reset to zero.

An example of this is the fast-time angle term, θ_F , illustrated in Fig. 2A. Nominally, disregarding sign changes

$$\theta_F = \int_0^t (K_1 \dot{\theta}_R + K_2 \theta_F) dt + \theta_R$$

where θ_R would be the initial condition of the θ_F integrator. This sum would be presented as an input to the next integration stage. The same results are obtained eliminating the θ_R initial condition and resetting the θ_F integrator to zero when the θ_R term is an input to the next integrator, as shown in Fig. 2A.

Each integrator is started at an initial zero voltage, and both the integrator output and the real-time initial voltage are inputs to the succeeding stage. At the start of each cycle of the fast-time model, all fast-time integrators are reset to zero. Due to the speed of this repetition, no switching is needed on the real-time inputs, since these are effectively constants over the computing period. (In Fig. 2A, the three upper amplifiers are Philbrick type USA-3; the four lower amplifiers are Philbrick type K2W.)

Fast-time integrators are reset to zero using a reset device (Fig. 2B) composed of two triodes in parallel, with the plates tied to the cathodes. One end of this combination is connected to the summing junction, and the other end to the output terminal of the amplifier. Both grids are tied together and to a control voltage. The control voltage is made negative during the computing cycle (tubes cut off) and positive during the reset cycle (either tube conducting). A resistor protects the grids from excessive grid current. Thus this circuit acts as an electronic relay presenting an open circuit during the computing period and a low resistance during the reset period. One of the triodes will conduct during reset, depending upon the polarity of the output voltage. The plate resistance of the triode is low enough, compared to the input resistors, to reduce the output voltage

to essentially zero.

Displays 1, 2 and 3 (Fig. 1B to 1D) consist of two symbols presented in rapid alteration. In display 1 the symbols are the vertical and horizontal prediction lines. In displays 2 and 3 the symbols are the cone and the cone center-line. Since one-gun cathode-ray tubes are used, a time-sharing circuit is necessary. The display is switched by alternate acting gates, each composed of six diodes (Fig. 2C). These gates have a gain approaching unity, and are satisfactory.

The control voltages for the time-sharing gates and the fast-time vehicle reset circuits are generated as shown in Fig. 3A. A sinusoid of frequency f (Fig. 3B) is input to a saturating amplifier, yielding square waves (Fig. 3C). These are differentiated (Fig. 3D), and the negative pulses (Fig. 3E) are applied as inputs to both stages of an operational amplifier flip-flop, thus producing voltage E_1 (Fig. 3F) at frequency $f/2$.

These voltages are added with d-c biases in saturating operational amplifiers (Fig. 3G) to produce control voltages that are positive during a quarter of the whole cycle, and which control the time-sharing gates. Voltage E_2 resets the fast-time integrators, and this occurs twice each cycle for a quarter-cycle each.

Figure 3H is a time chart for display control, showing the result. Note that two time periods are available for displaying prediction information, as well as two time periods for present position information. These latter display times are used in displays 2 and 3 to enhance the present-position point, the start of the prediction line.

Display 1 is generated by using the vehicle (fast-time) output for one dimension and a ramp voltage (sweep) for the other dimension (Fig. 4A). The vertical and horizontal predictions are displayed at alternating periods (D and B) by switching in the proper vehicle dimension and alternating the sweep input direction. Bias voltages are added to these voltages to place the

displays at the proper position on the screen. The display shown in Fig. 1B resulted.

Display 2 is generated by multiplying a high-frequency sinusoid by a ramp function which starts large and decreases during each cycle, thus modulating the amplitude of the high frequency sinusoid into a decreasing triangular shape. This is then phase-shifted to yield two decreasing sinusoids 90 degrees out of phase, thus producing a spiral when the voltages are connected to the horizontal and vertical deflection plates of a cathode ray tube. These separate sinusoids are then added to the proper outputs of the fast-time model of the vehicle, and the resultants displayed, forming the curving conical spiral shape (see Fig. 1C and 4B). This is displayed during the D time period.

The second portion of this display, the locus of the center of the conical shape, is displayed during time period B by using the predicted vehicle path without modulation.

Time period C displays present position, thus enhancing the initial (present) position of the above line by creating a bright dot.

Time period A presents a dot (not shown) at the center of the display to indicate the true electrical center of the system.

Display 3 (Fig. 4C) uses the same inputs as display 2 with the omission of the vertical conical modulation. The result is a road display (Fig. 1D).

These circuits yield a stable, clear display. Negligible flicker resulted with basic switching frequencies of 60 to 120 cps, using a 17-inch crt with a P7 phosphor.

One final refinement consists of brightness modulation by an input to the cathode circuit of the crt. Brightness modulation was employed for three purposes: blanking the scope during unused portions of the display cycle, and eliminating display clutter during switching; reducing the brightness of the prediction symbols in proportion to future time; and con-

trolling the length of the prediction span of the display. The first of these is accomplished using the control voltages of Fig. 3G during unused portions of a display cycle, as when only two or three of four possible displays are shown. A 5-percent blanking period during the transition between displays is added for displays 2 and 3 to eliminate some visible switching noise or clutter.

A sawtooth synchronized with the predict cycles of Fig. 3G is employed for brightness modulation on the spiral and road displays (Fig. 1C and 1D), reducing brightness toward the small end of these symbols. Unless this is done, the symbols are brighter at their smaller end, because the trace has a lower velocity there, describing shorter distances in equal times. By adjusting the sawtooth modulation, this effect is reversed. It is desirable that these symbols decrease in brightness as they decrease in size, because the smaller size represents the part of the prediction more distant in time, and the decreasing brightness combines with the decrease in size to provide an effective perspective coding to the symbols.

The third brightness modulation, that controlling the prediction span displayed, is accomplished by the same sawtooth that modulates brightness. The length of the prediction cycle times the time acceleration determines the maximum length of prediction that could be displayed, but the sawtooth brightness modulation adjustment permitted as much of the symbol as desired to be erased from the scope. Thus, any length prediction under the maximum could be selected.

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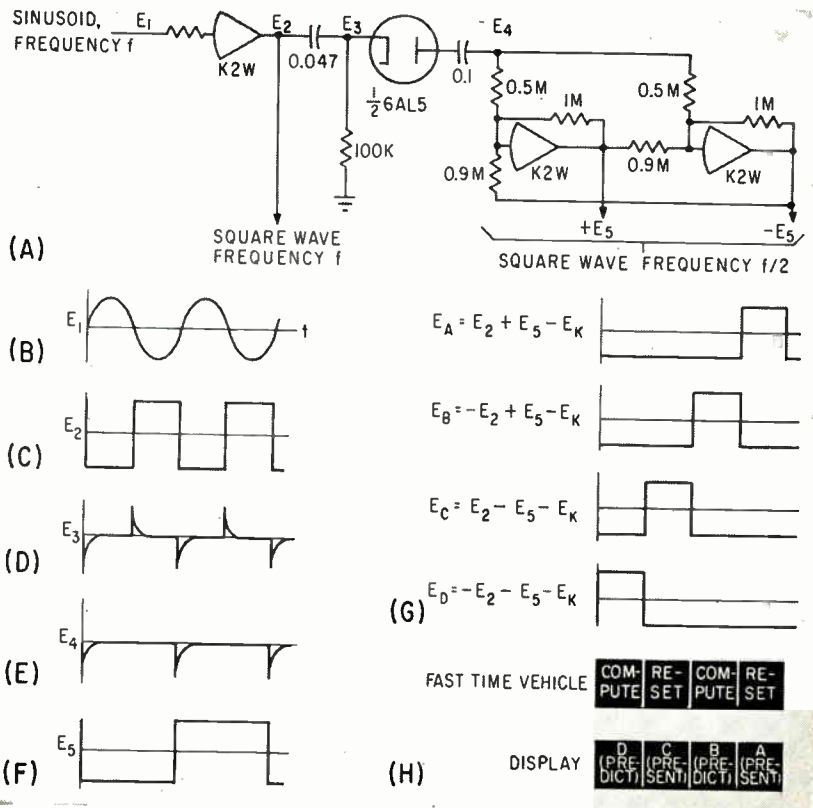


FIG. 3—Generation of control voltages (A); control voltages (B to F); gate control voltages (G), where E_K is bias voltage; time chart (H)

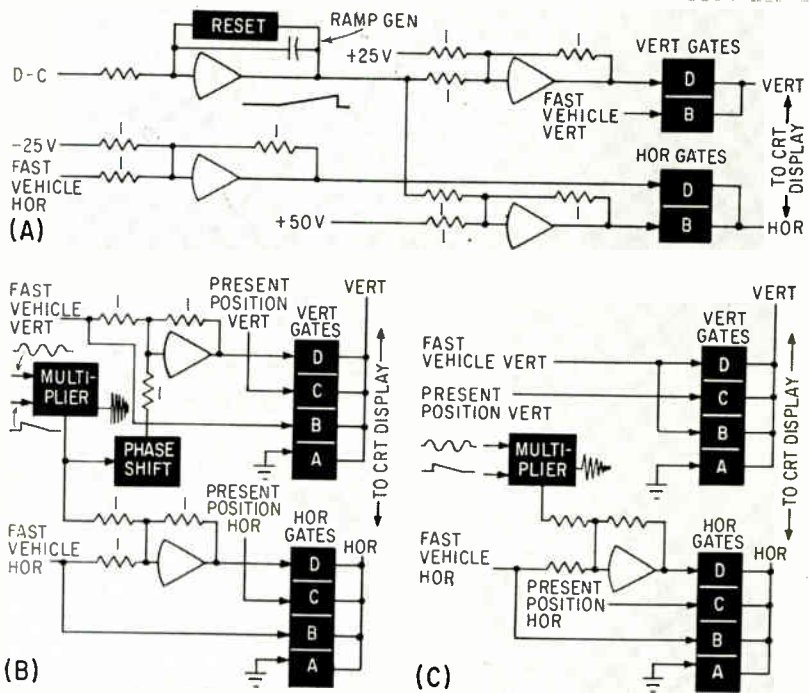


FIG. 4—Circuit for display 1 (A), in which the bias voltages shown are merely representative; circuits for display 2 (B) and display 3 (C)

Lock-in Amplifiers for

Phase sensitive detector followed by low pass filter is heart of lock-in amplifier. Signals 40 db below the input noise level of a microwave receiver can be recovered with lock-in technique; oscillators can be checked to high precision quickly

SIGNAL INTENSITY measurements can be made where noise would otherwise rule them out by using a lock-in amplifier. Applications to date include radio astronomy, nuclear magnetic resonance and solid state investigations.

A lock-in amplifier is essentially a narrow band detection system in which a signal is beat with a reference signal of the same frequency, giving a d-c output. The heart of the lock-in amplifier is a phase sensitive or synchronous detector, essentially a balanced mixer. The

upper side band derived from the mixer is of no interest and is stopped by a low pass filter. The lower side band (d-c) is passed by the low pass filter, the band width of which determines the band width of the amplifier. Sometimes the lock-in amplifier is operated with the reference frequency differing from the signal frequency by as little as 0.1 cps with difference frequency output recorded directly on a strip chart recorder.

While the detector elements that function as the mixer in a syn-

chronous detector are basically non-linear, the mixer itself functions as a linear device; for purposes of transient response or noise rejection the narrow bandpass achieved in the low-pass filter is completely equivalent to a corresponding bandwidth before mixing. Thus noise rejection with this technique is excellent.

Assume a balanced mixer is followed by a filter with a pass band from 0 to 10 cps, and that the reference frequency is 1,000 cps. If the signal frequency is between

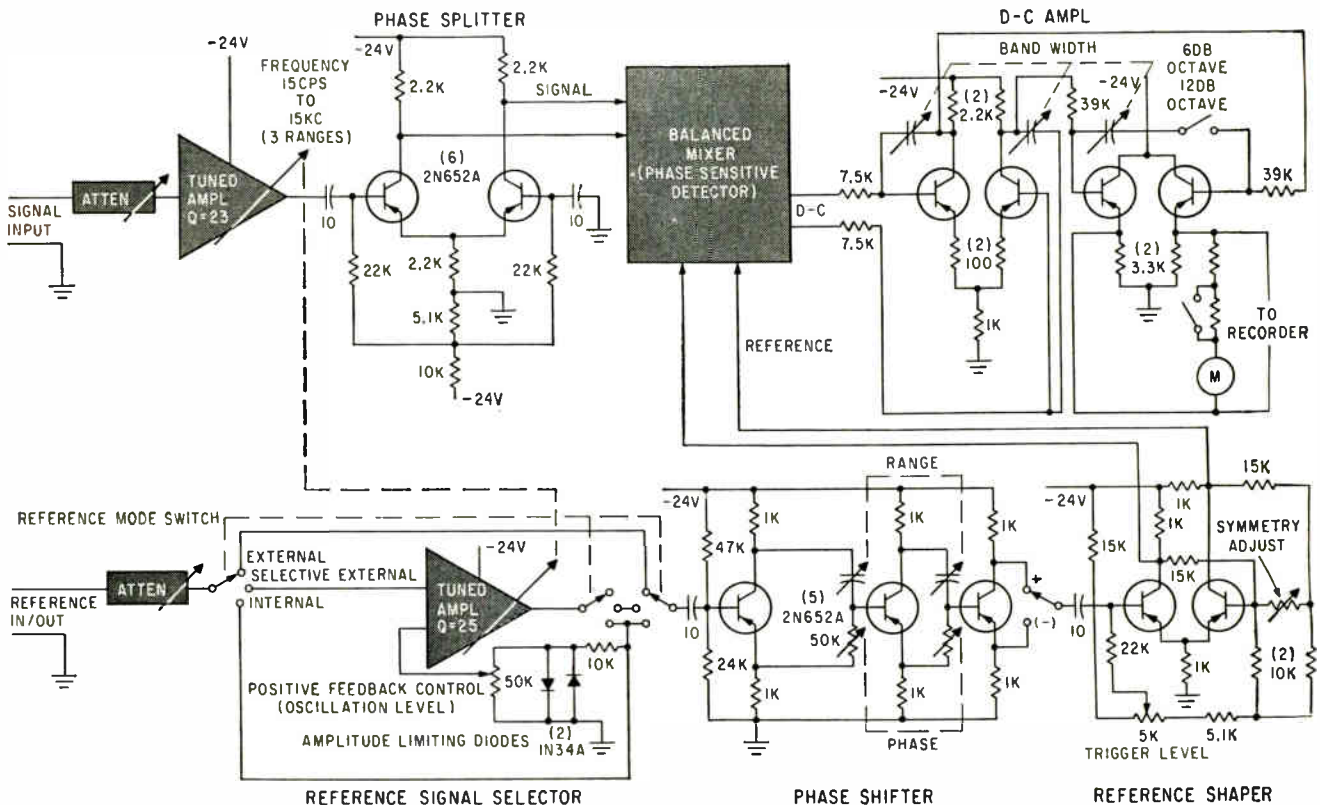


FIG. 1—Heart of lock-in amplifier is phase-sensitive detector or balanced mixer. The reference signal channel can accept an external reference or be used as a local oscillator to provide both reference and signal frequencies

Signals Buried in Noise

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990 and 1010 cps, an output signal is obtained; signals outside this band are attenuated by the low pass filter. Regardless of how the center frequency is shifted (in this example it is set at 1 Kc), the output is always the narrow band of frequencies passed by the low pass filter.

The circuit has several advantages over a conventional tuned amplifier followed by a single square law detector. First, it is easily tunable since the reference signal determines the center frequency of the pass band. Second, no matter how narrow the bandwidth of the detection system, the center of the pass band is always locked to the signal frequency if the signal is available for use as the reference. It is this characteristic that gives the lock-in amplifier its name. Since the problem of recovering a signal from noise is essentially the problem of detecting the signal with a narrow bandwidth device, the narrow band lock-in amplifier is a powerful and highly versatile tool for this purpose.

Balanced mixers are essentially nonlinear devices. Consequently, even if the reference signal $R(t)$ is sinusoidal, the function $R'(t)$ (at the same frequency but different phase) with which the signal is multiplied by the mixer in general will be nonsinusoidal. However, $R'(t)$ can be written as a Fourier series in harmonics of $R(t)$

$$R'(t) = A_0 + \sum_1^{\infty} A_n \cos n\omega t + \sum_1^{\infty} B_n \sin n\omega t \quad (1)$$

where ω is the angular frequency associated with $R(t)$. The phase of the reference signal can be chosen so that the coefficient of the $\cos\omega t$ term (A_1) in the expansion is zero, giving

$$R'(t) = A_0 + \sum_2^{\infty} A_n \cos n\omega t + \sum_1^{\infty} B_n \sin n\omega t \quad (2)$$

Assume the signal input is

$$S(t) = C \sin(\omega t + \delta) \quad (3)$$

After passing through an idealized low-pass filter with $(\sin f)/f$ frequency response and a cut off frequency much lower than ω , the output E_n will be

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{\tau}^{T+\tau} R'(u) \sin(\omega u + \delta) du \quad (4)$$

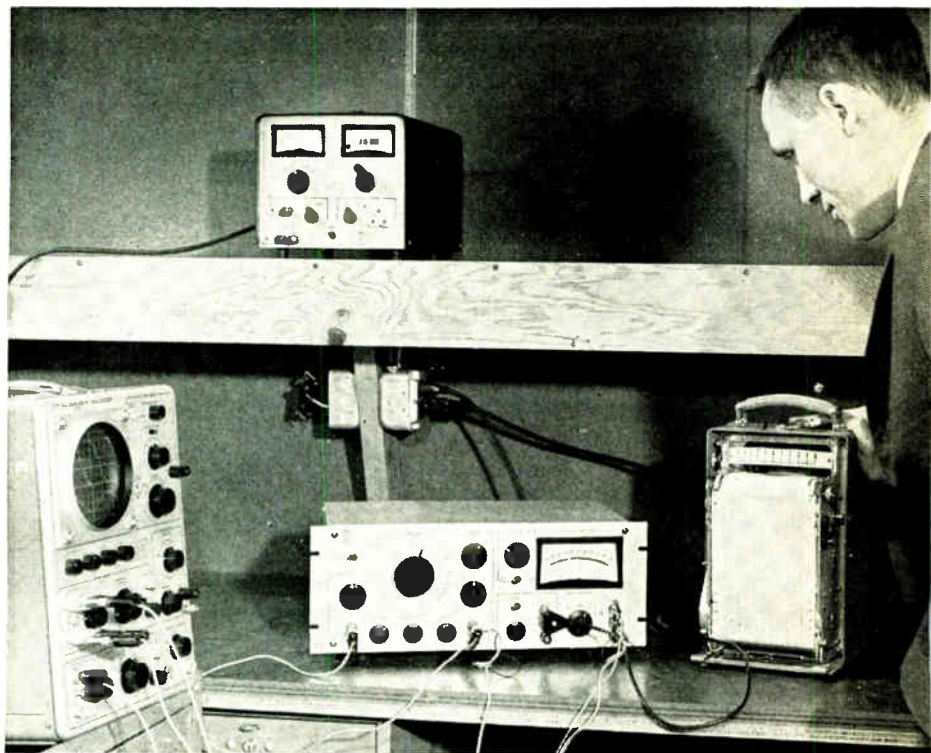
where T is the integrating time of the filter. When intergrated

$$E_0 = \frac{C A_1 \cos \delta}{2} \quad (5)$$

If δ is 0 (the signal is in phase with the reference) the output is maximum and has positive polarity. If phase angle δ is 180 degrees, the output is again a maximum but of opposite polarity. If δ is 90 degrees there is no d-c output. For any phase angle the output is a function of both the amplitude and phase of the signal and the amplitude of the fundamental component of $R'(t)$. Therefore the circuit is often called a phase sensitive detector.

A phase sensitive detector is sensitive not only to a particular frequency, but also to a particular phase component of this frequency. In lock-in amplifier applications both or either property may be exploited.

The general problem is to recover a weak signal obscured by noise. Noise arises from such statistical fluctuation phenomena as Johnson



Lock-in amplifier is being used to check oscillator to high precision in short measuring interval

noise in resistors and shot noise in vacuum tubes and semiconductors; these both produce a white noise spectrum, in which the noise power per unit bandwidth is the same at all frequencies. Another source is the so-called gain modulation or flicker effect noise associated with both vacuum tube and transistor amplifying circuits. This noise frequency spectrum varies as $1/f$; a large contribution to the total noise occurs near d-c. Interference phenomena, which are not really noise but produce the same effect in obscuring the signal one desires to detect, include power line pick up and r-f interference.

With respect to white noise, little can be gained by moving the signal frequency to a different value. However, the contribution of the white noise to the output voltage of the detection system is inversely proportional to the square root of the bandwidth, and can be reduced to an arbitrary small value by reducing bandwidth. For $1/f$ noise and interference, an operating frequency different from d-c and from interfering frequencies can be selected.

Figure 1 shows a general purpose lock-in amplifier with a tuning range from 15 to 15,000 cps and a variable bandwidth down to 0.12 cps. The front panel of the instrument is shown in the photograph. The input signal, including its associated noise, is passed through a narrow-band tuned amplifier; this initial stage, though of relatively wide bandwidth, reduces

noise signals that could overdrive the phase-sensitive detector, thus allowing a larger output before non-linearity is encountered.

Furthermore, the waveform with which the signal is mixed usually contains harmonics of the reference frequency. The tuned amplifier is useful in preventing these harmonics from reaching the detector.

If the signal is only a small percent of the input to the detector, and if its peak value (signal plus noise) is within the linear range of the detector, detector output is small but can be amplified; this is accomplished by the d-c amplifier shown in Fig. 1.

In the reference channel (also Fig. 1) a variable phase shifter controls the phase between reference and signal. The phase sensitive detector used in Fig. 1 is essentially a dpdt switch requiring a square wave drive obtained by applying the reference signal to a Schmitt trigger. The waveform applied to the input of the phase shifter must be nearly sinusoidal and thus a tuned amplifier is also provided in the reference channel; The tuned amplifier can be switched out of the reference channel when a nearly sinusoidal reference signal is available. Also, the reference channel tuned amplifier can be used with a positive feedback loop as an oscillator, simultaneously driving the phase detector and providing a sinusoidal output. Thus, the phase detector can be synchronized to an external frequency or the reference frequency can be gener-

ated internally. The amplifiers are gang-tuned over the full operating range, which is 15 cps to 15 Kc in three ranges.

The lock-in amplifier has many uses. In radio astronomy it enables stellar noise signals as much as 40 db below the input noise level of the receiver to be detected and measured. It has been used to compare the frequencies of oscillators within one part in 10^6 , in only a few minutes measuring time. It is able to detect the small change in the absorbed losses of an r-f coil used in nuclear magnetic resonance experiments. It can be used as a narrow-band spectrum analyzer to detect and measure a particular Fourier component in a signal spectrum.

The weak noise signal picked up by the antenna of a radio telescope is similar to the noise generated in the radio receiver and is indistinguishable from it. Moreover, the level of the stellar noise is much lower than the effective input noise of a typical microwave receiver. A microwave radiometer, shown in Fig. 2A, designed to apply the lock-in amplifier technique to this problem was described by R. H. Dicke in 1947¹.

The input of the receiver is alternately switched between the signal from the antenna and a laboratory noise source (a warm resistor generating thermal noise). The microwave switching device is driven by a small synchronous motor and the driving frequency applied to the synchronous motor

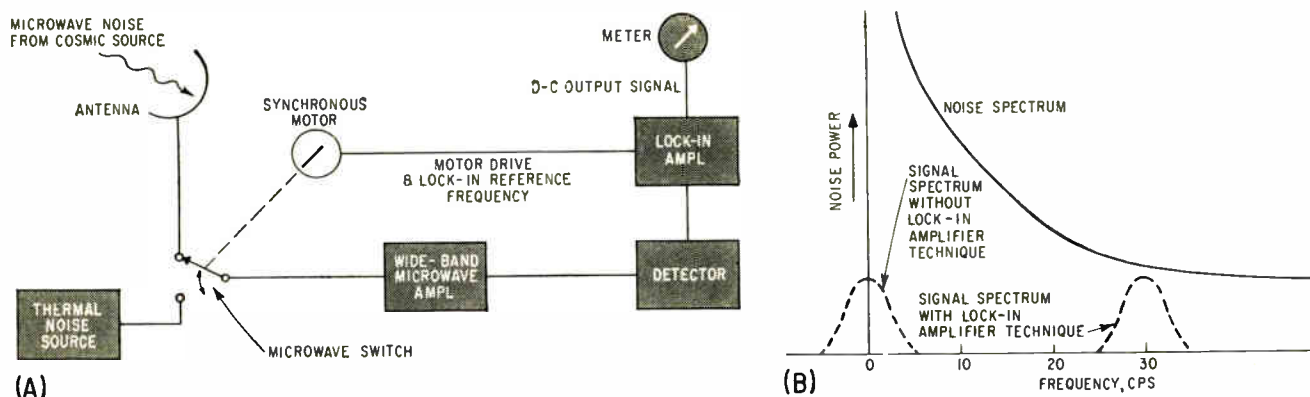


FIG. 2—Lock-in amplifier is used in radio telescope (A) to detect cosmic noise signals 40 db below the level of the wideband microwave receiver used to amplify the signals. Effect of the lock-in technique (B) is to shift the signals of interest to a less noisy part of the spectrum

is also applied to the lock-in amplifier as reference. If the level of noise from the antenna is different from the laboratory noise source, the switching produces a noise signal whose amplitude varies at the frequency used to drive the synchronous motor. This modulated noise signal is then applied to the input of the microwave receiver, which consists of a wideband amplifier followed by a detector. The output of this amplifier consists of two components: one is the modulated noise signal produced by the switch; the other, usually much larger, is the noise generated at the input of the microwave amplifier itself. This combination is applied to the detector.

Consider the output of the detector in a small interval about the frequency at which the microwave switch is driven. All the frequency components of the modulated noise signal carry sidebands corresponding to the frequency at which the switch is driven; thus all these frequency components contribute to the output of the detector. The contribution of the noise produced at the amplifier input to the output of the detector at this frequency is almost entirely due to intermodulation between the various frequency components of this noise signal. The result is, while essentially all the modulated noise signal contributes to the detector output in this frequency interval, only a small fraction of the internally generated receiver noise contributes to it. The output of the detector is then fed into the input of the lock-in amplifier.

The lock-in amplifier selects that part of the detector output lying in the frequency interval provided by the synchronous motor-driven microwave switch and converts it to an equivalent bandwidth at d-c. As has been shown, the bandwidth is determined by the low-pass filter at its output. The output of the lock-in amplifier consists of the d-c voltage due to the modulated cosmic noise signal plus fluctuations due to receiver noise. The d-c level is entirely due to, and gives a measure of, the strength of the cosmic noise source. The parameters of the system are such that

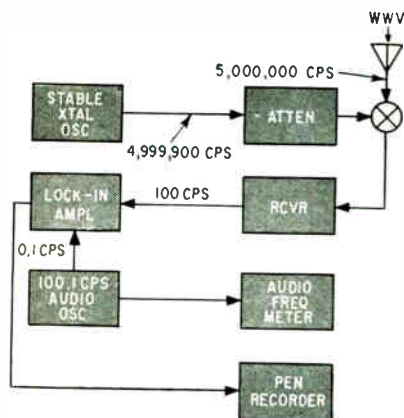


FIG. 3—Oscillators can be checked to one part in 10^{10} in five minutes using lock-in technique

cosmic noise sources that produce a level 40 db below the effective input noise level of the microwave receiver may be detected.

Another application is in the study of a particular phase component of a signal in the presence of a quadrature component. This situation occurs in making a measurement that depends on the balance of an a-c bridge. By setting the phase of the reference signal equal to the phase component of interest, the instrument will reject the quadrature component completely. In the case of balancing an a-c bridge, if one desires to deal with both the in-phase and the quadrature component, the lock-in amplifier can be used to pick up the in-phase and the quadrature components separately and allows each to be balanced separately. This usually allows the bridge to be balanced systematically and avoids the typical successive approximations approach.

An example of an application where the reference frequency is different from the signal frequency is the WWV comparison system shown in Fig. 3. The frequency of the precision crystal oscillator is offset 100 cps from WWV, to 4,999,900.0 cps if the 5-Mc carrier is used.

A small amount of the oscillator output is applied to the antenna terminals of the receiver, which is tuned to the 5-Mc signal from WWV. The result is that the 100-cps beat frequency between the oscillator and WWV appears at the audio output terminals of the

receiver; this signal is applied to the input of the lock-in amplifier. The reference frequency for the lock-in amplifier is set to 100.1 cps and the output is thus 0.1 cps, which may be recorded.

In this example the frequency of the oscillator is given by the standard WWV frequency minus the audio frequency, plus the frequency exhibited on the recorder. If a comparison is desired to one part in 10^7 (to 0.5 cps), the audio frequency need only be known to 0.5 percent and the 0.1 cps being recorded may be completely neglected provided it stays reasonably close to this value throughout the entire time of the measurement interval.

Since this technique involves measurement intervals of about twenty minutes, even inexpensive commercial audio oscillators are adequate for the check. For a high precision measurement, such as a local comparison between two stable crystal oscillators, or between a crystal oscillator and an atomic clock with an accuracy of better than one part in 10, the beat frequency should be recorded for about twenty minutes and a cycle counter and interval timer should be used to measure the time interval for about 10^6 audio frequency oscillations.

Standard commercial interval timers have a precision adequate for this application. Since the recorder allows a phase measurement at the beginning and end of the measurement interval, the accuracy of the measurement can be substantially greater than the total number of cycles in the measurement interval. If, the recorded output phase can be read to better than 0.1 radian, a comparison accurate to one part in 10^{10} can be made in an interval containing 3×10^6 cycles of crystal frequency. At one megacycle this is 300 seconds or five minutes, a short time for a measurement of such high precision.

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GLASS DISK GENERATES ANY



FIG. 1—Function generator disk can be rotated in both directions, as indicated by the cps scale

Waveform printed on rotating disk is scanned by light beam and reflected onto a phototransistor. The frequency is continuously variable from 0.005 cps to 50 cps

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MANY control functions can be reduced to electrical waveforms, but often the complexity of those waveforms make them both difficult and costly to generate. In designing a low frequency function generator (Fig. 1), the generation of unusual waveforms was much in mind. While the generator will produce the waveforms such as sawtooth, square, sine and so on, it can produce many other wave patterns. The only limiting factor is that the wave shape to be generated must be single-valued and repetitive.

Several systems for the generation of complex functions were considered. Multiphase oscillators were suitable for only sinusoidal generation, and diode-shaping devices had limitations in discrimination, as well as being elaborate and costly. The answer appeared to be in a mechanical optical system that would allow for rapid changes of function for a small capital outlay.

The conventional oscillator circuit is replaced by a rotating transparent disk scanned by a narrow light beam. The waveform or function to be generated is printed on the disk by silk screen or similar process, the area confined by the periphery of the waveform being

opaque. The light beam is concentrated on the disk providing a radial sweep as the disk rotates (Fig. 2). The light source is a bulb fed from a stabilized d-c supply (which also supplied the heaters of the d-c amplifier), thus insuring constant light intensity free from ripple. This light source is condensed into a collimated beam and focused onto the function disk as a narrow slit. Light passing through the transparent areas of the disk is reflected by a concave mirror on a phototransistor. As the disk rotates, the amount of light falling on the phototransistor will vary directly in accordance with the

opaque area of the waveform on the disc. The phototransistor converts the light into an electric signal whose amplitude is about one volt peak to peak. As the instrument operates down to virtual d-c, the following amplifier is d-c coupled throughout. The linearity of the system is such that with a sinewave output the total harmonic content is typically one percent.

Changes in output signal caused by fluctuations in the transistor collector current due to temperature variations are minimized by a compensating thermistor in the base circuits. The amplified voltage of the phototransistor is fed to the out-

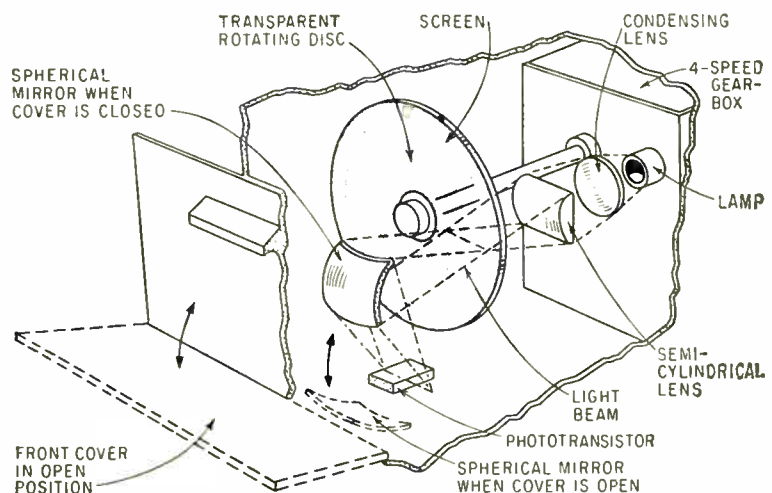


FIG. 2—Mechanical-optical scanning system of the generator

LOW-FREQUENCY WAVEFORM

put terminals through a decade attenuator.

It is essential that the motive power for the disk be accurately controlled to achieve a stable output frequency. This has been achieved by driving the disk through a four-speed gear box coupled to a servo-controlled split-field motor (Fig. 3). Both the motor and the associated tachogenerator are controlled by a velocity feedback system. The rpm., which is in fact the output frequency, is set by a precision potentiometer fed from a stabilized voltage supply, and the direction of disk rotation can be changed to reverse the time sequence of the output waveform, thus altering the sign of the differential coefficient. The disc acceleration on the two lower frequency ranges is sufficient to permit an almost instantaneous start from any predetermined point of the waveform, thus allowing effective single-stroke operation. To help in this operation, the periphery of the disk is calibrated in degrees. The frequency is continuously variable from 0.005 cps up to a maximum of 50 cps but by increasing the number of complete patterns on a disk, the upper frequency limit can be raised to several times its nominal value. The two highest ranges, 0.5 cps to 50 cps, may be swept automatically from the lowest to the highest frequency by driving the frequency control from the gearbox, permitting rapid assessment of the response of any

equipment under test. This is particularly useful in the study of the causes and effects of vibration in machinery. The sweep time for a 10:1 range of frequency is approximately two minutes, but as the gear box drives the frequency control that governs the rpm, the sweep rate is logarithmic accelerating at the high-frequency end of the scale. At the end of the sweep an automatic switch-off cuts out the motor.

Although the nominal frequency range is 0.005 to 50 cps, both lower and higher frequencies can be obtained but with decreased accuracies. The frequency dial is calibrated linearly 0 to 5 and 0 to 10 with a four-position decade multiplier $\times 10$, $\times 1$, $\times 0.1$ and $\times 0.01$. The frequency calibration accuracy is ± 1 percent of full scale. Output voltage is 200 microvolts to 20 volts peak-to-peak with an output impedance of 3,000 ohms at maximum output, selected by a five-position decade multiplier and a continuously variable attenuator. The output amplitude variation is within one db over the entire frequency range.

Of the five waveform disks, three are standard sine, square and sawtooth waveforms (Fig. 4). The fourth disc generates noise with a bandwidth ratio of about 250:1, accommodated anywhere in the frequency range 0.005 cps to 3 Kc. The fifth disk is blank, for plotting any waveform that may be required.

The function is reproduced as a

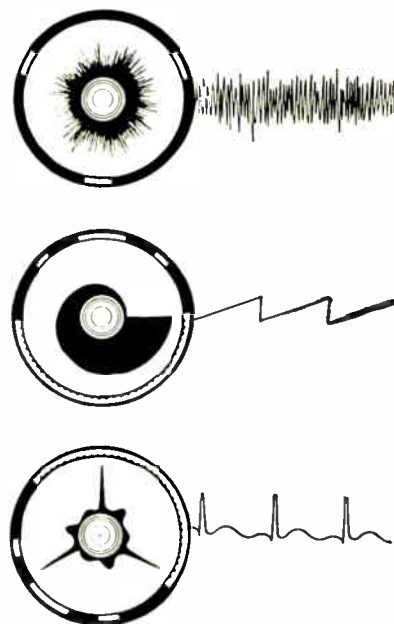


FIG. 4—Examples of disks and waveforms: noise, sawtooth, heart beat

waveform on the disk by polar coordinates. The output waveform is plotted on a linear scale to derive the true values of the Y coordinates for each cardinal angular position on the polar function pattern. This applies particularly to the waveforms that do not conform to a known mathematical equation. The polar function pattern is then plotted on a polar chart. The polar graph is subdivided into a positive and negative decade to enable a polar function pattern to be plotted direct from an equation. This eliminates the need to draw the output waveform diagram. When a square or rectangular waveform disk is used, the instrument is designed to provide a rise time of less than 5 microseconds. There is also a built-in one-inch monitor tube for checking the waveform and the output voltage level at 40 cps.

The multiplication of the basic frequency can be achieved by increasing the number of waveform cycles on the disk and is limited only by the amount of distortion acceptable by the operator. Using the sine disk with the frequency sweep enables resonance points to be noted when checking vibration in machinery, the frequency at any instant being shown visually on the frequency dial.

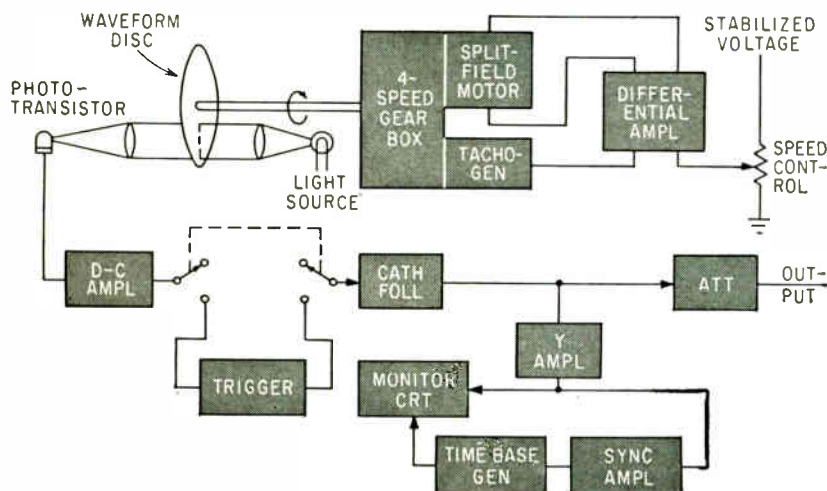


FIG. 3—Block diagram of function generator

Transient Generator Checks Missile

Transients are simulated and injected into missile system wiring to determine its

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INTERFERENCE TESTS on missile systems require a generator to simulate interference external to the missile and insert this simulated interference back into the missile wiring. Military specification MIL-I-006051B requires that the interference present in the system be no greater than half the amplitude required to cause a malfunction. This audio frequency generator produces interference at twice the measured amplitude and injects it back into the weapons system. It also functions as the operating power source for the system.

All areas of the system under test are completely infiltrated by the test transient, eliminating the necessity for analyzing the system for the most susceptible points and monitoring only these. The possibility of overlooking some critical point is eliminated and internal modification of the equipment under test is not necessary. Assembly

of special monitoring equipment is obviated as normal operation is the only quality monitored.

The transient shape of the generator output is adjustable over a wide range and a transient power output of 400 watts is available. Assembling general-purpose test equipment to do this job would be difficult and time consuming.

Shapes of the required a-c and d-c transients have been determined by observation of the transients existing in various systems. All d-c transients observed were of one basic shape (Fig. 1A) or variations thereof. The most common deviation was a carrier, amplitude-modulated by the pulse of Fig. 1A as shown in Fig. 1B.

All the a-c transients were basically the quiescent a-c line voltage amplitude modulated by the transients of Fig. 1B (Fig. 1C).

All transients, first observed in experimentation and later in actual missile testing, were variations of the above three patterns. They varied in time duration but the shape was consistently proportional.

These shapes are to be expected when consideration is given to missile circuitry. The pulse of Fig. 1A is comparable to the output of a low-pass circuit with a square-wave input. Missile wiring offers high-capacitance paths to ground for any high-frequency transient components; that is, it acts as a natural low-pass filter.

The pulse of Fig. 1B is essentially a ringing pulse caused by exciting an inductance-capacitance circuit with a step function. Both the inductance and capacitance are easily provided by the missile wiring and circuitry.

Since the basic transient shapes were consistent, the problem is to generate these families of shapes over an adjustable range of pulse length. The shaping process is started with the pulse of Fig. 1A and accomplished by integrating, clipping, and differentiating a rectangular wave. The rectangular wave is integrated (Fig. 2A). The pulse of Fig. 2A is then differentiated and the trailing edge clipped (Fig. 2B). The resultant pulse is the desired shape. The duration and

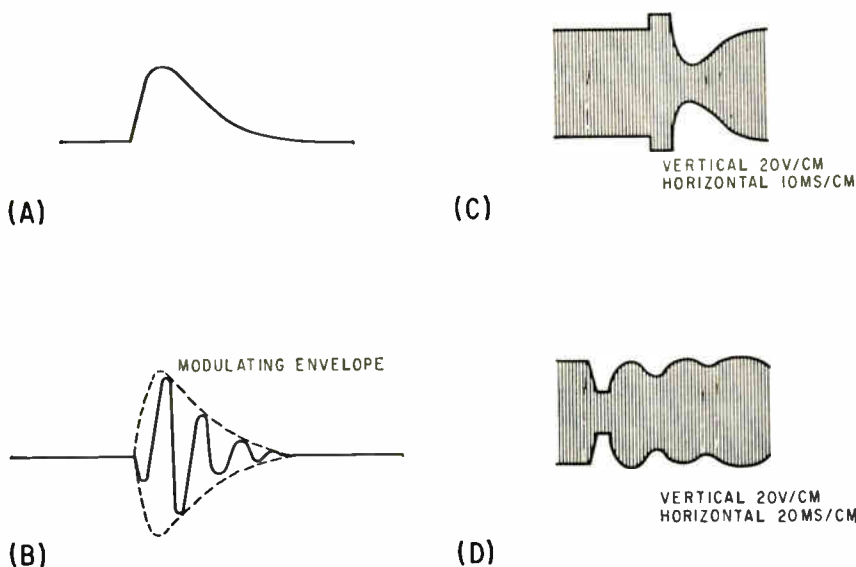


FIG. 1—Typical transient (A) and its modulating envelope (B). Generated a-c transients produced by modulating the a-c voltage with pulses (A) and (B) result in waveforms shown in (C) and (D)

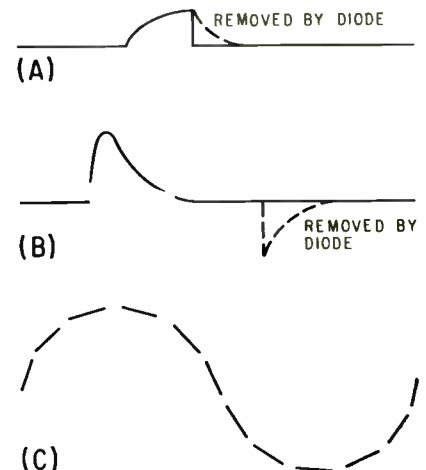


FIG. 2—Integrated square wave with trailing edge clipped (A), pulse of Fig. 2 differentiated and trailing edge clipped (B), and output of synthesizers showing conversion of triangular wave to approximate sine wave (C)

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proportion of this pulse are varied by changing the initial rectangular pulse length and by changing the time constants of the integrating and the differentiating circuits.

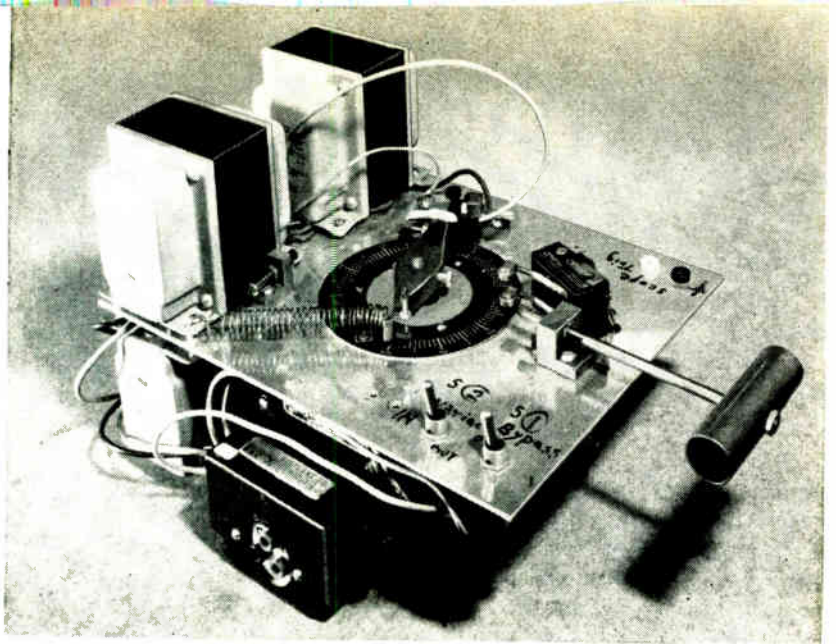
The shape of Fig. 1B can be obtained by amplitude-modulating a carrier with the pulse of Fig. 2B. The carrier is obtained from a gated, free-running multivibrator. Three carrier shapes are available; rectangular, triangular, and sinusoidal. The rectangular wave is the multivibrator output, and the triangular wave is obtained by integrating the multivibrator output, and the sine wave is approximated by putting the triangular wave through a sine-wave synthesizer. The synthesizer is a resistor-diode network that converts the triangular wave to an approximate sine wave by changing the slope of various sections of the triangular wave. The synthesizer output is shown in Fig. 2C.

The final, desired transient shape is obtained by amplitude modulating the carrier with the pulse. The amplitude modulation is accomplished by phase splitting the carrier, modulating, and subtracting the undesired frequency components. Fig. 1B is a typical transient. If desired, the pulse alone may be used as the transient shape without any modulation, giving an output similar to Fig. 1A. Typical d-c transients are shown in Fig. 3.

Transients on a-c voltages (Fig. 1C and 1D) are produced by amplitude modulation of the a-c voltage with the pulses of Fig. 1A and 1B.

Another major problem in building the transient generator was putting large transients on missile a-c and d-c power lines without lowering normal operating voltages and without damaging the transient or missile power sources.

If the transient supply is simply connected across a missile power line (Fig. 4A) the transient supply is operating into the parallel com-



Laboratory model of the transient generator unit

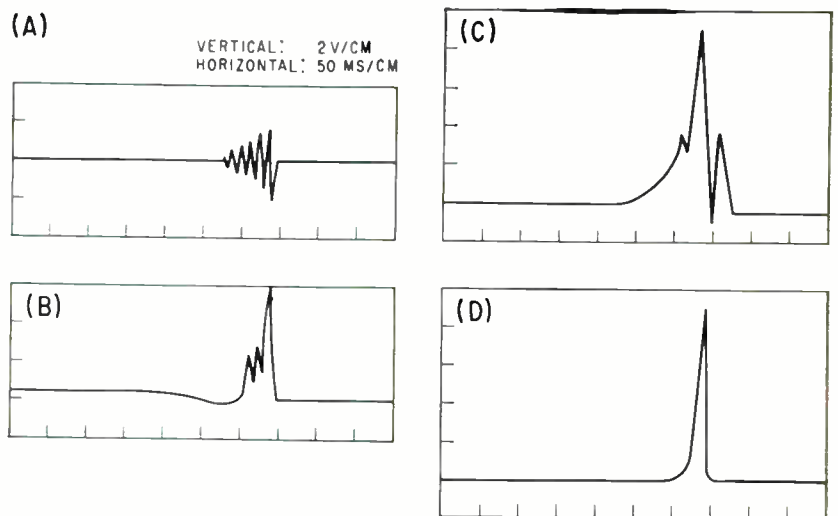


FIG. 3—Four typical generated d-c transients produced by the generator

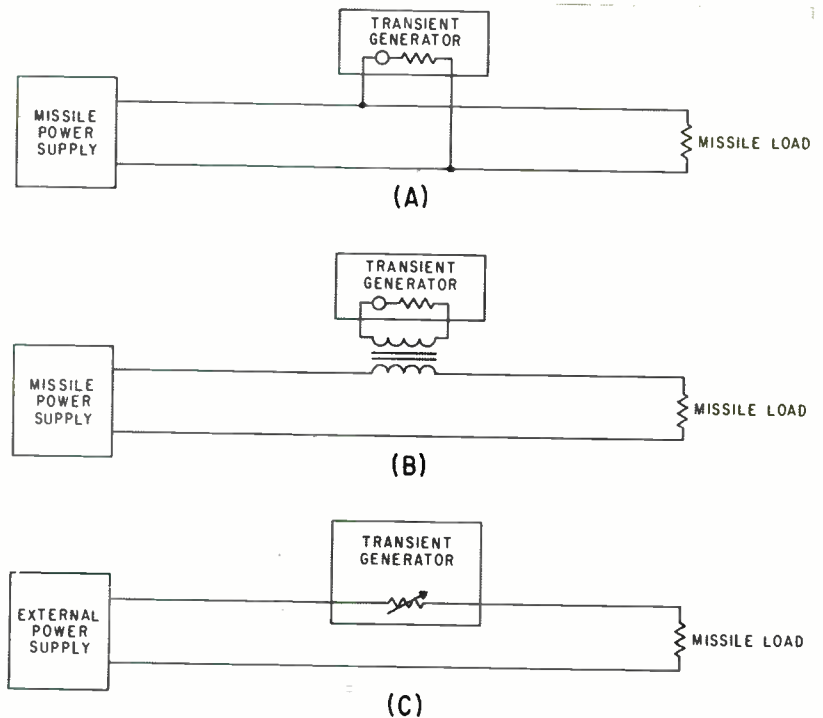


FIG. 4—Methods of putting the transients into the system showing parallel connection (A), in series with missile power supply (B) and with transient generator as passive device in series with missile load (C)

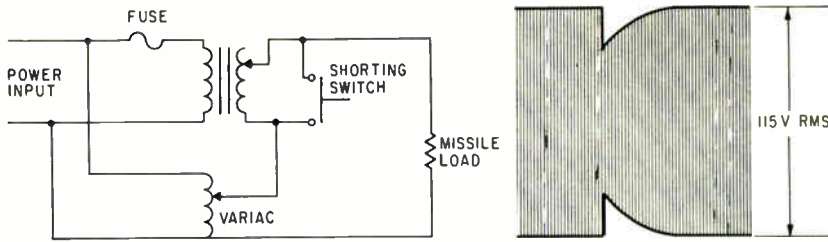


FIG. 5—A-c transient shown is generated by the circuit, left

combination of the missile load and the output impedance of the missile power supply. The low output impedance of the missile power supply makes it difficult to vary the missile line voltage without causing large currents in the missile supply, with the attendant danger of burning out the missile supply.

If the transient source is placed in series with the missile supply (Fig. 4B), the output impedance of the transient source must be kept low to maintain normal operating voltage on the missile load and to prevent the transient source from absorbing power from the missile supply.

If the turns ratio of the coupling transformer is such as to keep the output impedance low, the transient output voltage will also be low, and the magnitude of the transient that can be applied will be limited accordingly.

The system of transient application used on d-c power lines (Fig. 4C), is in essence one of supplying power to the missile loads from an

external power source through a controlled series resistance. Varying the series resistor according to the transient shape causes the voltage across the missile load to vary inversely. In terms of hardware, the series resistor is a series voltage regulator. The regulator supplies both normal operating voltage and transient voltages to the missile. In the quiescent state, the regulator supplies a constant regulated voltage. When a transient is desired, the transient shape is used to modulate the regulator reference voltage and the regulator output follows accordingly, apply the transient to the missile power line.

The series regulators are conventional circuits employing differential amplifiers operating over a wide dynamic range, allowing the regulator output voltage to follow changes in the reference voltage.

Output impedance of the regulators is less than 1 ohm. The d-c power to both regulators and their missile loads is furnished by conventional d-c power supplies.

The method for applying transients to a-c power lines differs from that used on d-c lines. In the a-c case, an a-c amplifier is used to operate the equipment under test, with an a-c modulator supplying the low-level a-c input to the amplifier. When transient shapes are put into the a-c modulator, transient modulation of the low-level a-c signal occurs. The transient-modulated signal then goes to the a-c amplifier where it is amplified and applied as primary a-c power to the item being tested.

Some loads draw more a-c power than can be supplied by readily available a-c amplifiers. A different method of generating a-c transients is used in these cases.

This method consists of operating the missile a-c load from two transformer secondaries connected in series. When a transient is desired, one of the secondaries is shorted, giving an instantaneous reduction in missile a-c voltage. The second transformer, actually a variable-power transformer, is then mechanically activated to return the missile voltage to the normal operating value. A fuse must be replaced and the device set through a reset cycle each time a transient is thus generated. The type of transient generated is shown in Fig. 5A. Figure 5B is a schematic of the system.

Figure 6 is a block diagram of the complete transient generator.

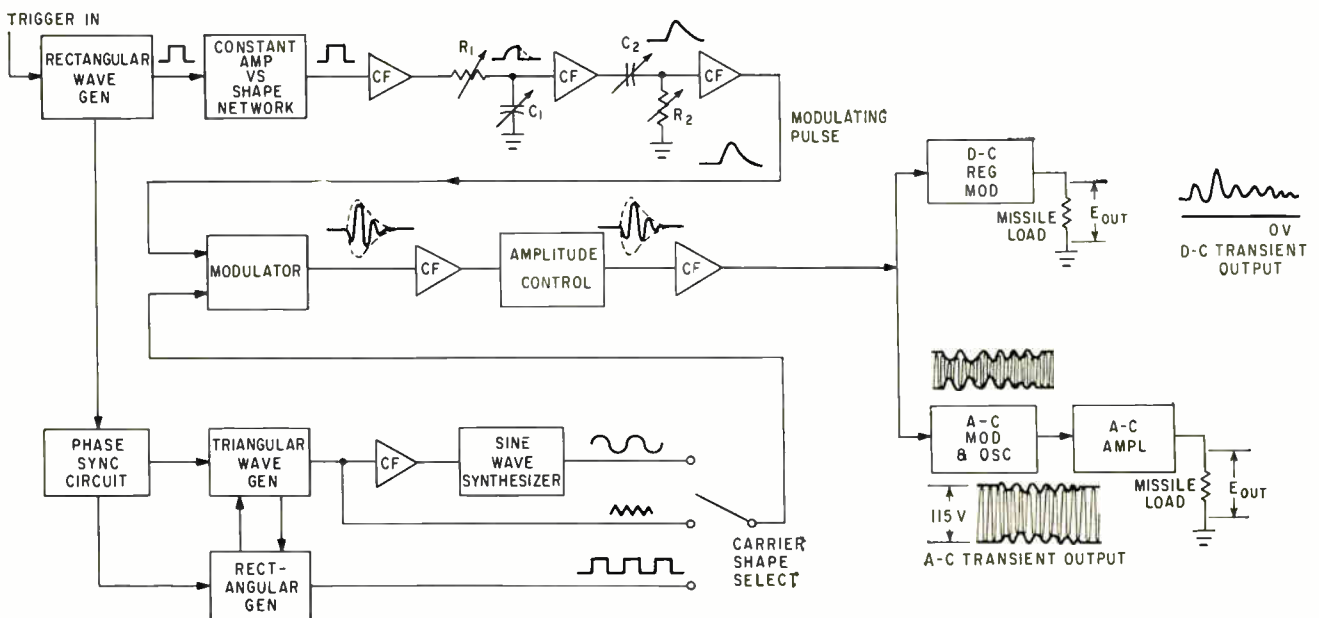
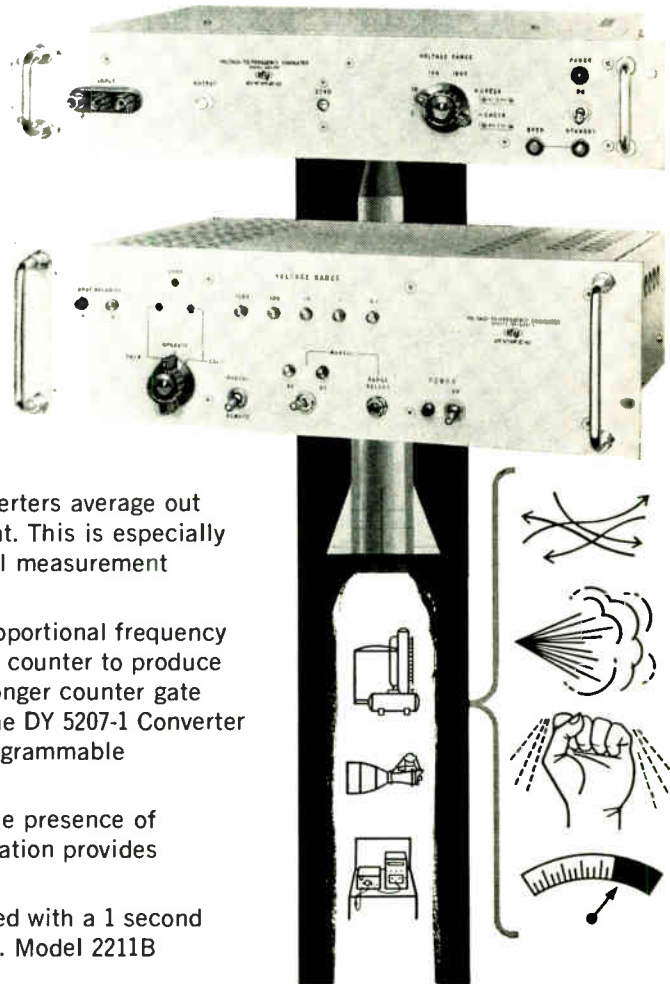


FIG. 6—Block diagram of complete audio transient generator

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Plate Dissipation Nomograph For Damper Diodes

Two nomographs give average plate current and average plate dissipation in terms of tube parameters and diode-current waveshape

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DISSIPATION in television horizontal-deflection damper diodes may be determined by a method that also lends itself to other diode circuits having similarly shaped pulses. The simplicity, speed and accuracy of this method ensure a considerable saving in engineering time.

Because an idealized damper current waveform is triangular, integration-by-parts is used to determine dissipation and average diode current.

The equation for diode current is

$$i = ke^{3/2} \quad (1)$$

where i is the diode current, k is a constant for the diode, and e is the voltage across the diode for any value of i .

This equation may be rewritten to define a new diode constant K .

$$e = Ki^{2/3} \quad (2)$$

The instantaneous power p is then given by

$$p = ie = i(Ki^{2/3}) = Ki^{5/3} \quad (3)$$

Average power P_{av} may then be expressed by

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^\tau Ki^{5/3} dt \quad (4)$$

where T is one complete cycle and τ is the conduction time of the pulse.

At any time t for the triangular cathode-current pulse, inset in Fig. 1, diode current i may be

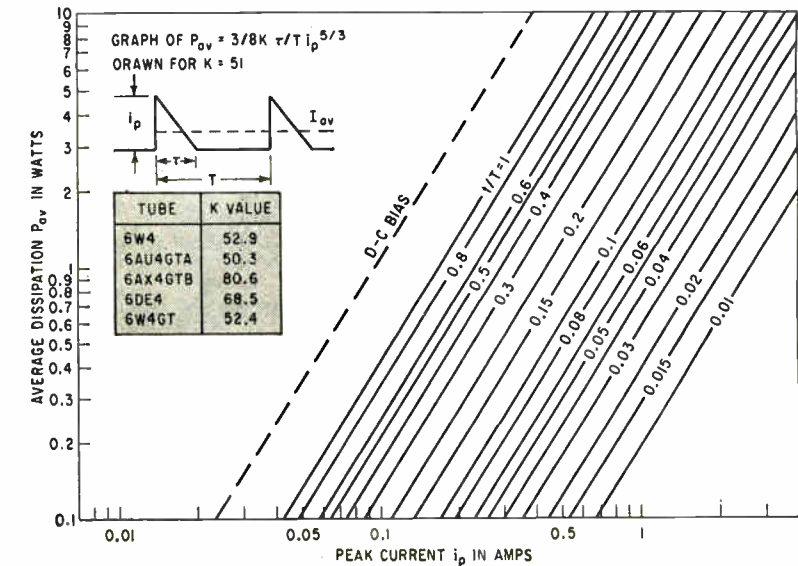


FIG. 1—Plate dissipation P_{av} is a linear function of the conduction ratio τ/T , but changes rapidly with variations in peak current i_p .

defined in terms of peak current i_p by

$$i = i_p \left[1 - \frac{t}{\tau} \right] \quad \text{for } 0 < t < \tau \quad (5)$$

When Eq. 5 is substituted in Eq. 4, the average power is given by

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^\tau K(i_p)^{5/3} \left[1 - \frac{t}{\tau} \right]^{5/3} dt \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{3K\tau}{8T} (i_p)^{5/3} \left[\left(1 - \frac{t}{\tau} \right)^{8/3} \right] \quad (7)$$

$$P_{av} = \frac{3}{8} K \frac{\tau}{T} i_p^{5/3} \quad (8)$$

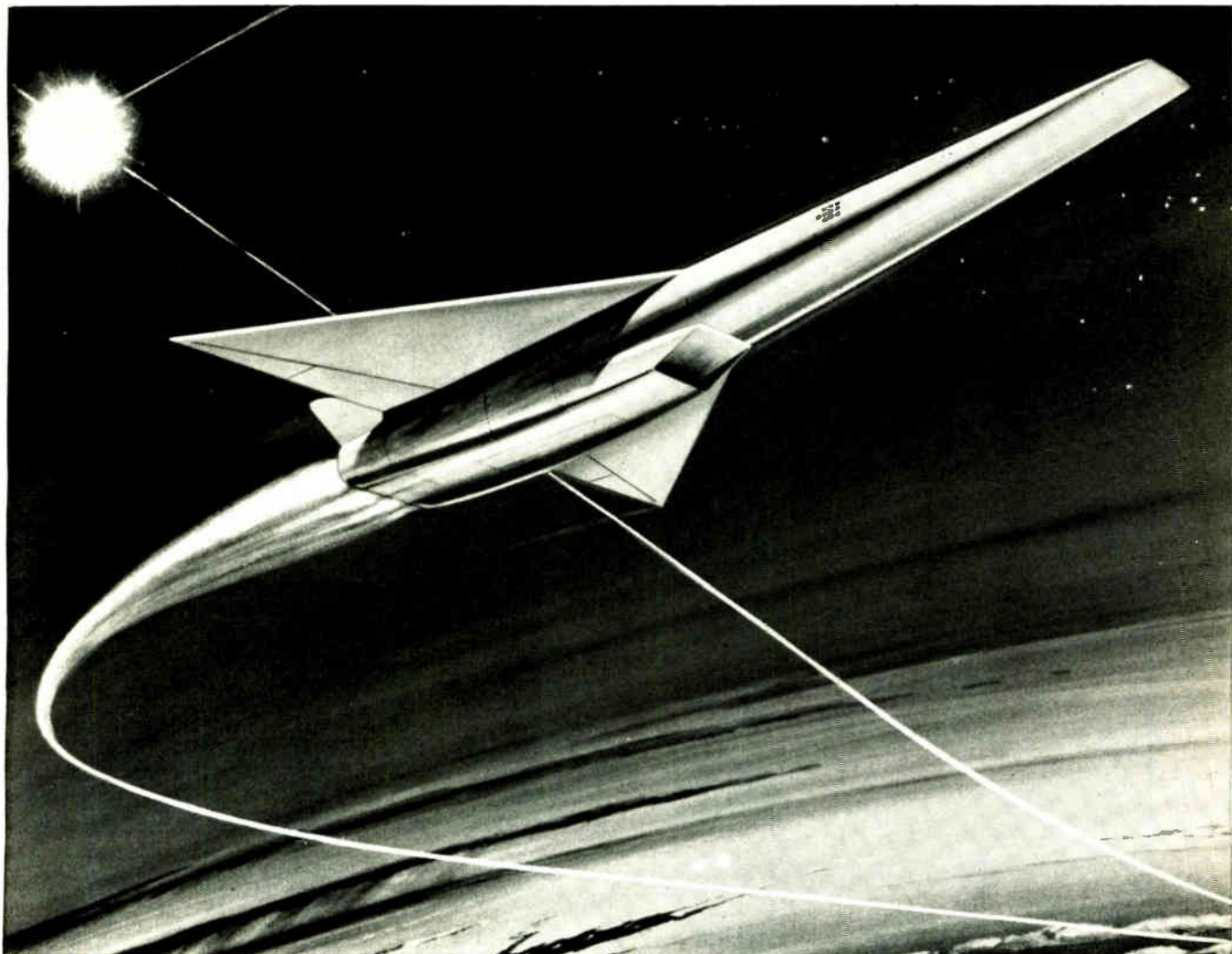
where the τ/T is the ratio of conduction period τ to the total time of one cycle T .

The table in Fig. 1 lists values of K derived with Eq. 2 from registered tube-drop information for some of the more widely

used damper diodes. Figure 1 shows Eq. 8 plotted for K of 51, which is between the values listed for the 6AU4-GTA and the 6W4-GT. The dashed line in Fig. 1 represents the bias current for the tube conducting continuously. Equation 3 determines this condition.

The graphs of Fig. 1 indicate that peak currents of less than 40 milliamperes may be neglected because dissipation is less than 0.1 watt. Similarly, peak currents of up to 700 milliamperes may be neglected when τ/T is less than 0.01.

In Fig. 2, Eq. 8 is presented as a nomograph for other values of K . Average power values are obtained from the nomograph by constructing a line from the conduction ratio on the τ/T scale,



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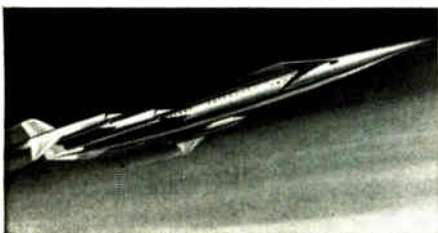
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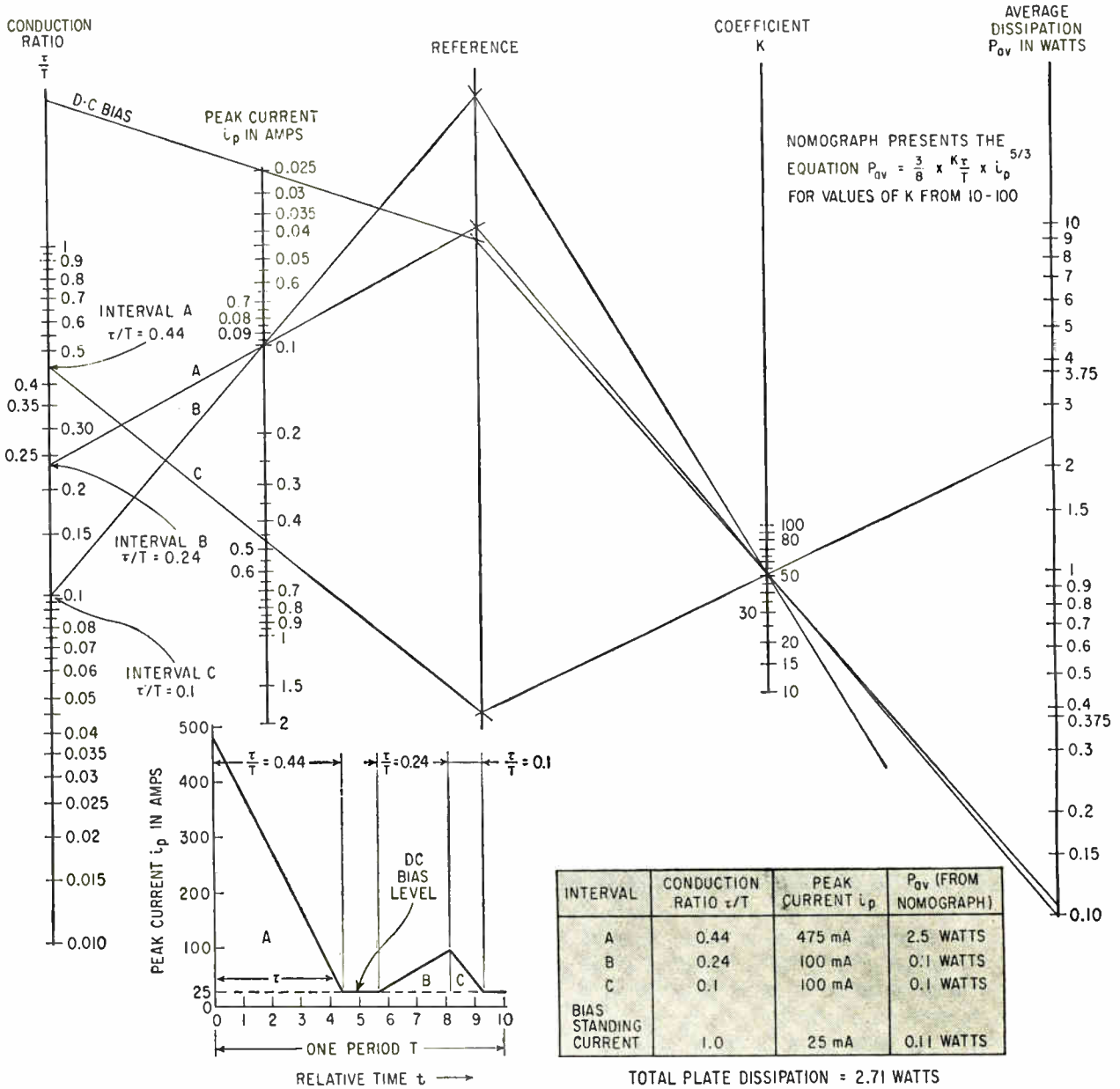


FIG. 2—Nomograph relates average dissipation P_{av} to peak current i_p , permits dissipation to be found when K is available from tube tables and τ/T from the actual circuit. Graph, inset, and its accompanying table show how the nomograph is used

through the peak current value on the i_p scale, and extending to the reference point. From the reference point, the line is drawn through the listed K value for the diode and extended until it intersects the P_{av} scale at a point that indicates average power dissipation.

The graph inset in nomogram, Fig. 2, shows the complex damper-current waveform of a 1-ohm sampling resistor in series with a 6AU4-GTA damper diode.

Part A of the waveform is typical of television applications; parts B and C result from a particular setting of the drive control. In this inset graph, the ordinate of the waveform is peak current i_p ; the abscissa is in terms of relative time: that is, one complete cycle T is divided into ten arbitrary units. The conduction period τ of part A is 0.44 units long; parts B and C have conduction periods of 0.24 units and 0.1 units respectively. The

table in Fig. 1 lists a K -value of 50.3 for the 6AU4-GTA. A d-c bias line is shown on the τ/T scale of the nomogram.

Average power dissipation P_{av} is then obtained from the table inset in Fig. 2 nomograph. Adding the four components of total dissipation: 2.5, 0.1, 0.1 and 0.11 watt, respectively, gives the tube dissipation as 2.71 watts total. Average values of plate current for sections A, B and C are derived from the three ordinate

nomograph of Fig. 3. From Fig. 3 the bias current plus the three additional current components bring the total average current I_{a-v} to 146 milliamp.

This value can then be compared with the measured average plate current to provide a good evaluation of the measurement and construction techniques.

The plate current for a 6DE4 damper diode is shown in Fig. 4; one complete cycle T occupies 10 centimeters on the oscilloscope screen. The solution of the problem is simplified when the current is divided into two triangular parts A and B to smooth out the irregularly shaped pulses. Figure 4 shows the first line drawn from $t = 0$ and $i_p = 400$ ma to $t = 3.7$ and $i_p = 0$ ma. Another line then carries the waveform on to the point $t = 8.3$ and $i_p = 100$ ma. There is no bias current in this circuit so the waveform returns to zero at both $t = 3.7$ and $t = 8.3$.

Using the nomograph Fig. 3 to relate peak-to-average current in terms of the conduction ratio τ/T , the two components of average current are derived as 74 ma and 23 ma, respectively, giving a total average plate current, $I_{a-v} = 97$ ma.

The actual damper current measured 100 milliamp, showing the close correlation between measured and calculated values of current.

The plate dissipation is next calculated by using the dissipation nomograph, Fig. 2. The two components of average power are 2.06 and 0.25 watt respectively, giving a total dissipation P_{a-v} of 2.31 watts. This figure agrees reasonably closely with the value of 2.4 watts measured by thermocouple.

Although these nomographs were developed to assist tube design engineers in evaluating performance in television circuits, they may also be used in transistor applications to determine collector dissipation in dc-to-dc converters.

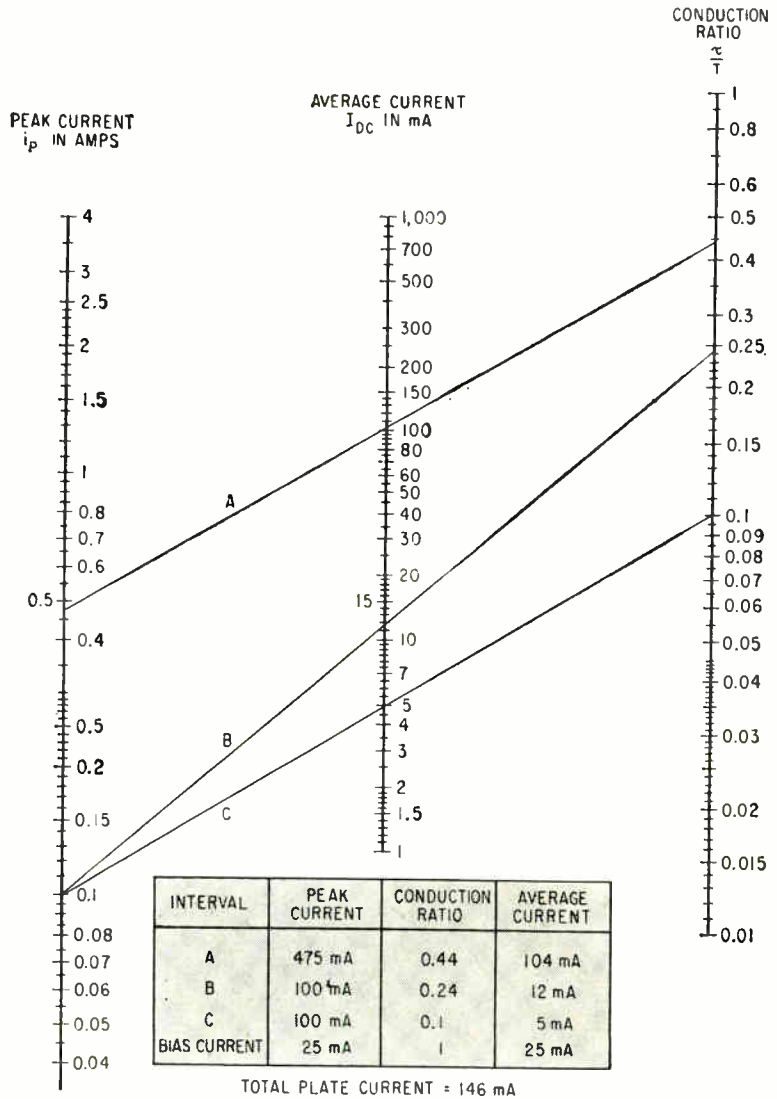


FIG. 3—Average plate current I_{a-v} is related by this nomograph to the peak current i_p , when the conduction ratio τ/T is known from circuit information

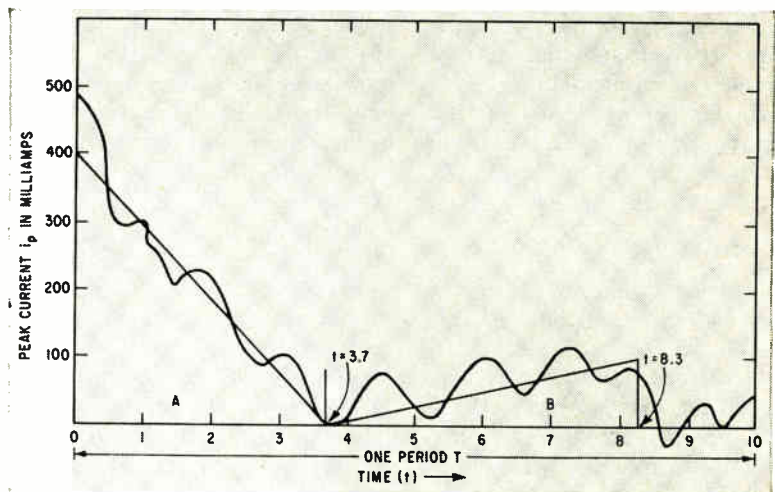


FIG. 4—Transients are ignored in this circuit-derived example; a pair of triangular pulses simulate the actual waveform with reasonable accuracy. There is no bias current in this example

Reducing Errors in Category Counters

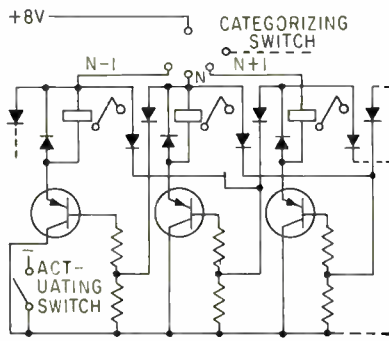
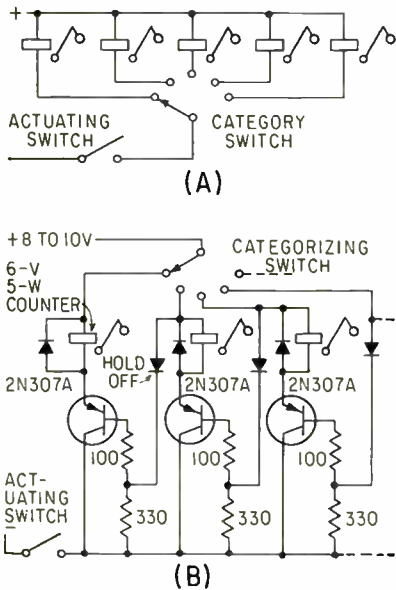


FIG. 2—Counters are disabled when adjacent contacts are bridged

FIG. 1 — Typical categorizing counter circuit (A) is improved by diodes (B) to absorb flyback and prevent sneak circuits

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MEDIUM-POWER audio transistors can prevent duplicate counts when categorized information is fed to banks of electromechanical counters. These readily available components reduce equipment costs, lower noise and virtually eliminate maintenance.

A typical categorizing circuit is shown in Fig. 1A. In an actual application, the category switch might be contact sectors of a wind vane and the actuating switch might be the contacts of an anemometer. Individual counters would store wind data in particular directions, and the basic information would be formed for plotting wind roses.

Source of Errors

If the input signal operating the category switch is continually varying, duplicate counts could be recorded if two adjacent contacting sectors of the category switch are bridged. This statistically undesirable duplication has been eliminated by banks of multiple-pole, cross-connected relays.¹ However, this expedient requires considerable space, power and maintenance. Noise from the relays can be an-

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The slight statistical error introduced by this system can be completely eliminated in circular arrays by indexing the switch arm. In linear arrays dealing with Gaussian functions, careful indexing can make the error statistically unimportant. Actuation of the lower numbered counter is possible with bridged contacts by mirror-like reversals of the hold-off circuit in

which the higher numbered counter is held off.

In Fig. 2, the hold-off circuits are cross-connected with forward diodes between contact N and the bases of transistors N - 1 and N + 1. When any two contacts are bridged, this circuit will not count.

Interpolating Counter

In a circular array, one additional circuit for each category makes possible an interpolating counter system. It provides the total number of actuations during which each pair of contacts is bridged. With a suitably proportioned categorizing switch arm, an interpolating counter enables construction of a sixteen-point wind rose from data provided by an eight-point wind vane. Considerable outside wiring is eliminated, which is particularly important when the sensor (wind vane) is remote from the recording point. An overlap signal can be obtained from a cross-connected circuit using the arrangement in Fig. 3A.

All resistors R are equal and their value greatly exceeds counter resistance. The diodes serve as isolators, preventing a system-wide network of sneak circuits. When one counter is operating, the voltage at point A is about half the transistor drop or slightly less than

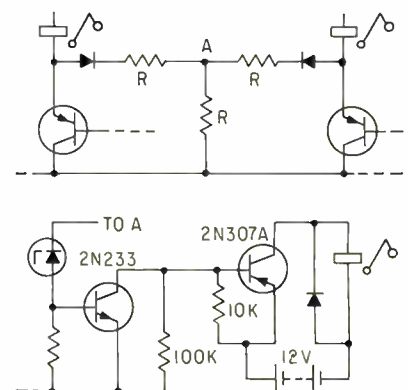
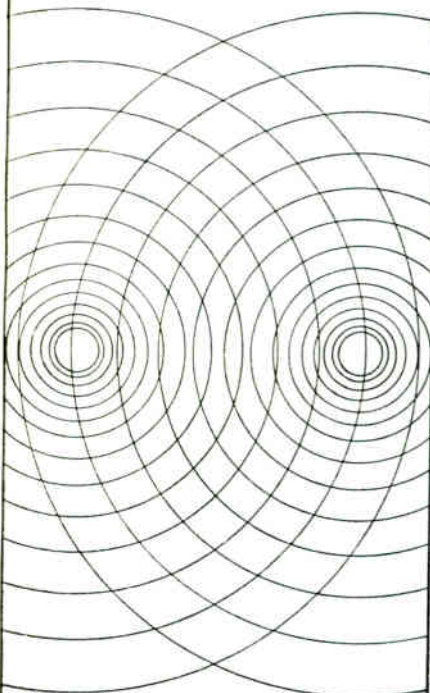


FIG. 3—Overlap circuit (A) makes possible an interpolating counter, and tap-off circuit (B) is one of many possible arrangements resulting from the wide voltage swing

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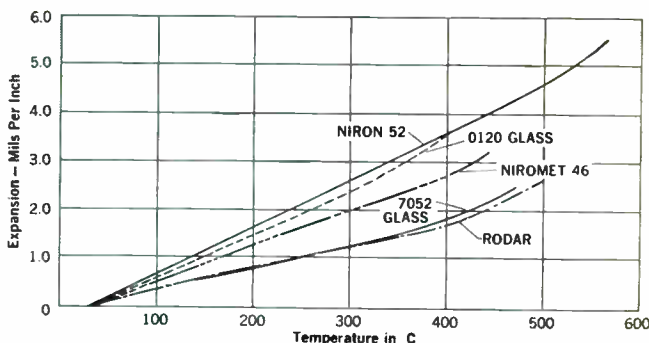
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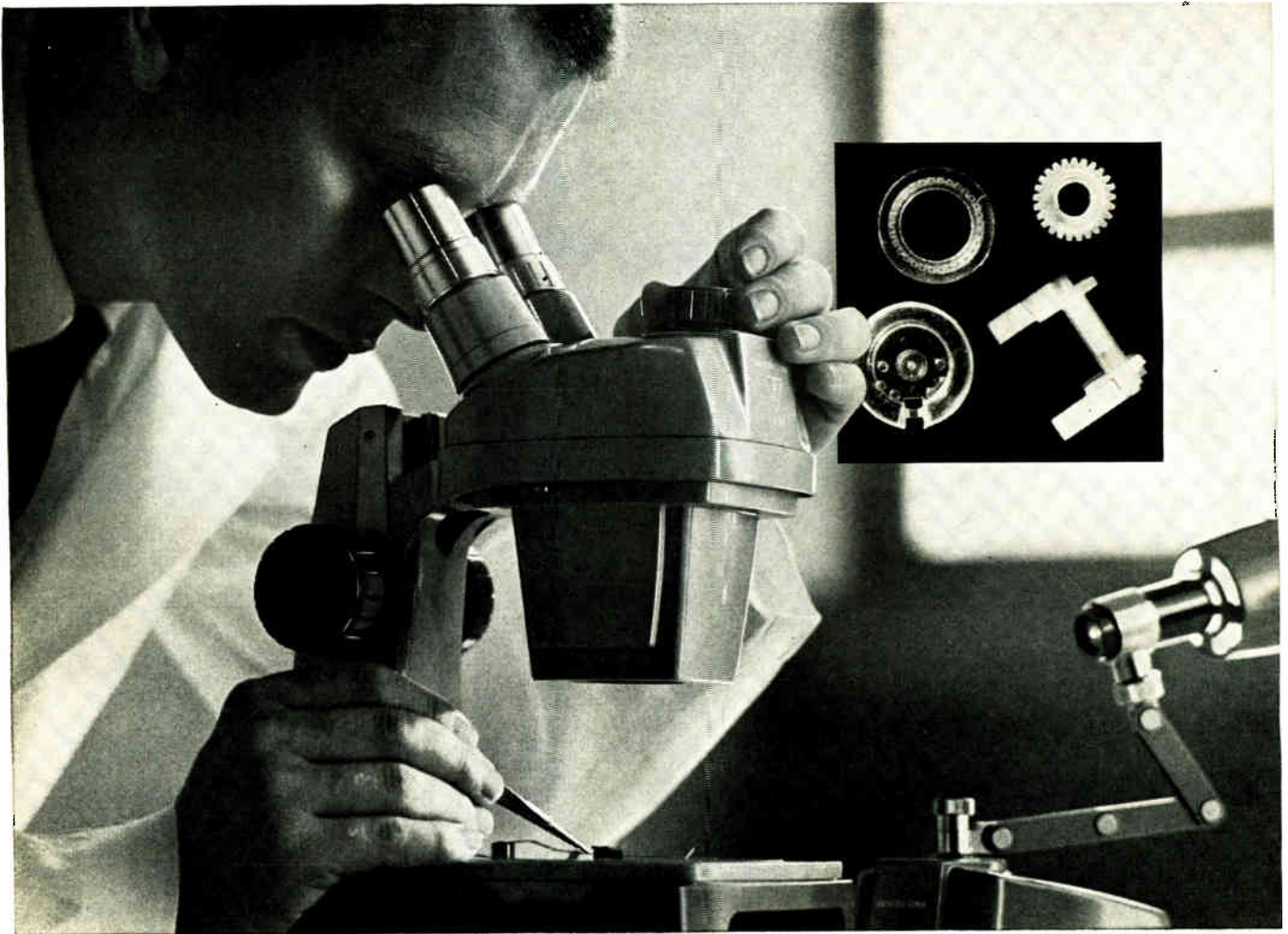
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one volt using the values in Fig. 1B. With the actuating switch closed and two contacts bridged in the cross-connected circuit in Fig. 2, voltage at A is about $\frac{2}{3}$ supply voltage or slightly less than 6 volts using the values shown in the circuit in Fig. 1B.

With a voltage swing at point A of nearly 5 volts, a variety of tap-off circuits can be used to indicate contact bridging or actuate an intermediate category counter, such as the tested tap-off circuit in Fig. 3B. Because of the wide tolerances in this circuit, stock components can be used.

Limited experience with transistorized antiduplication circuits indicates that they can provide superior performance with reduced cost, power consumption, maintenance and noise. Even greater savings appear possible by transistorizing relay-type interpolating circuits.

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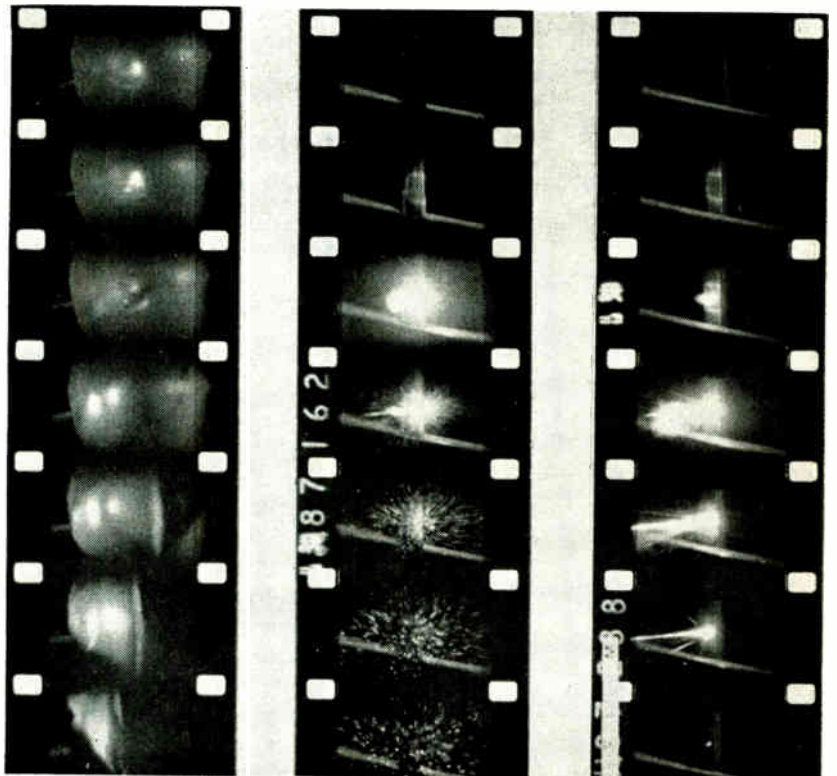
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Device Designers Eye Tellurium

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AN EXAMINATION of the interesting and potentially useful characteristics of tellurium should prove stimulating in connection with the search for new effects possible in the performance of circuit functions. (See *ELECTRONICS*, May 11, p 52)

As an elemental semiconductor, tellurium has both useful and annoying properties. Tellurium is chemically similar to sulphur, the semiconductor selenium, and the metal polonium. Similarity to sulphur has led to the use of tellurium

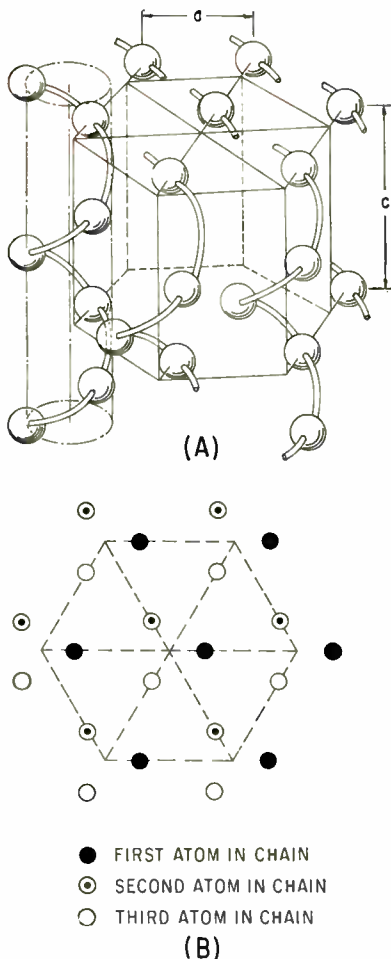


FIG. 1—Spiral-chain crystal structure of tellurium, showing a side view (A), and an end view (B)

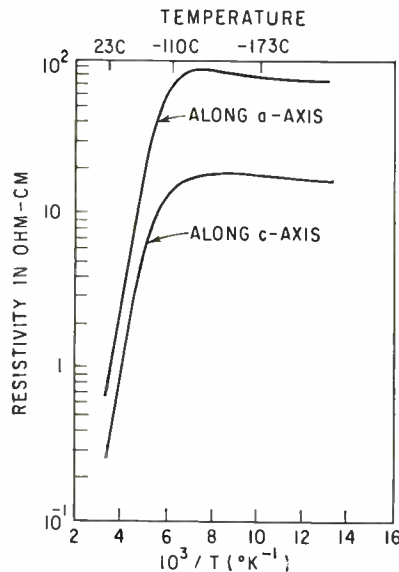


FIG. 2—Dependence of the resistivity of tellurium on temperature and direction of current

in rubber compounds, and addition of about 2 per cent will improve resiliency and abrasion resistance.

Electrical properties of tellurium are a consequence of its unusual crystal structure. Atoms are arranged in spiral chains, each spiral having three atoms per turn, Fig. 1A. The top view of Fig. 1B indicates that the fourth atom in each spiral lies directly over the first atom, the fifth one over the second, and so on. Spiral chains are arranged in a hexagonal pattern. Spirals can exist in either a right handed or left-handed form. Polarized light is rotated in one direction by a right-handed crystal and the same amount in the opposite direction by a left-handed one.¹

Tellurium crystals have been grown by the Czochralski method.² These crystals are small in diameter, a few millimeters at the most, but recently a group at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, under Pierre Aigrain, have succeeded in producing large crystals.

Tellurium is brittle and cleaves nicely in directions parallel to the hexagonal faces by merely tapping lightly with a razor blade, yielding

bright, mirror like surfaces. It is also soft, simply carrying it nested in cotton wool will scratch the surface. Highly sensitive to mechanical action, imperfections are easily introduced by merely picking up samples with tweezers and the best method of carrying tellurium is to slide it onto a sheet of paper.

Unlike silicon and germanium, tellurium is anisotropic—that is, its electrical properties in the direction parallel to the axes of the chains are different from those measured in a direction perpendicular to these axes *c*-axis and *a*-axis of Fig. 1A. Resistivity, shown as a function of temperature, indicates that the values along the two directions are different, although shapes of the curves are almost the same, Fig. 2.

Another important property of tellurium is the Hall coefficient. Figure 3 shows peculiar properties of the Hall coefficient of tellurium measured with the current along the *c*-axis.³ At low temperatures (below about -20°C), tellurium is *p*-type. When warmed up to room temperature and above, it goes to *n*-type. This is normal in a semiconductor, since heat produces electron-hole pairs, and the higher-mobility electrons determine the conduction type. No one has yet reported producing *n*-type tellurium, and although iodine is the most logical choice as an *n*-type dope—in analogy with phosphorus in silicon—the addition of this impurity has simply made tellurium more *p*-type. Hence, it is not possible at this time to make tellurium *p*-*n* junctions.

Figure 3, taken from Nussbaum and Hager³, shows also that at temperatures above about 230°C , tellurium reverts back to *p*-type. Low-temperature reversal depends on the amount of impurities present, since the more holes that are contributed by the impurities, the higher the temperature will be needed to cancel electrons.

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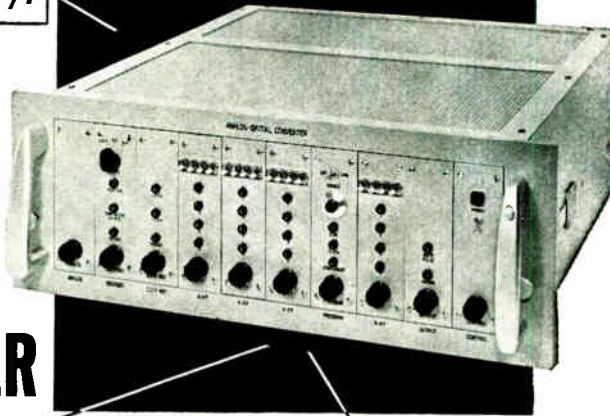
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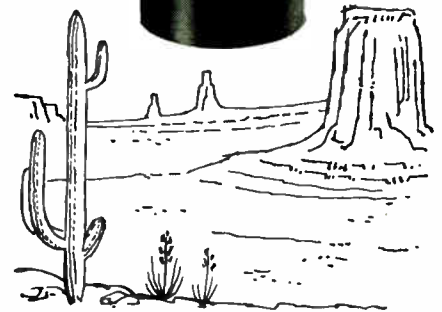
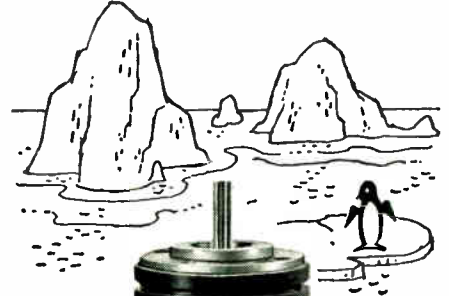


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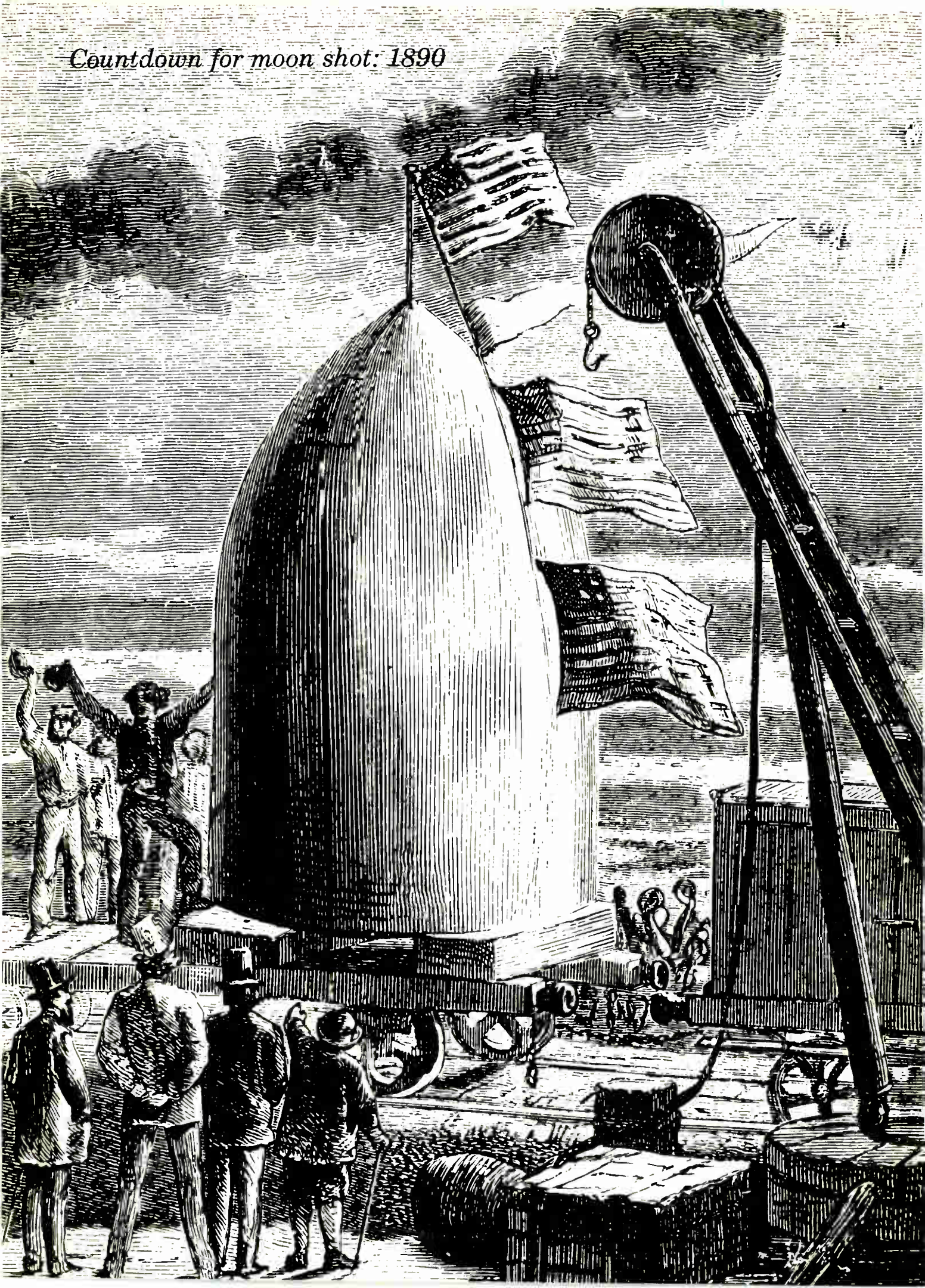
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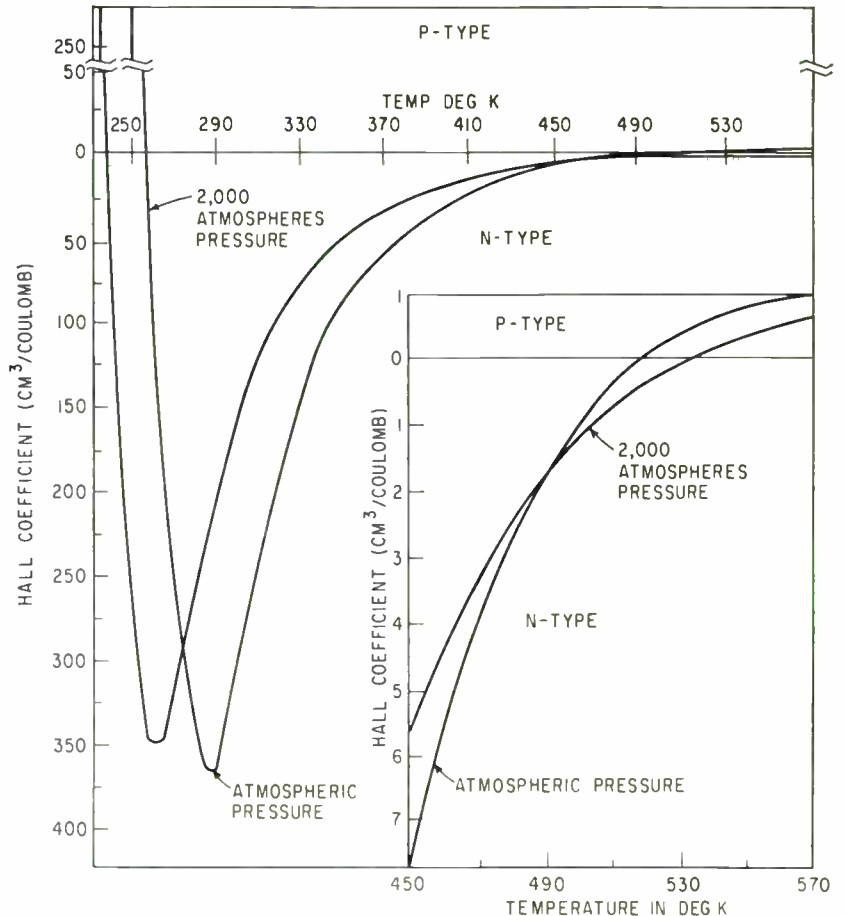


FIG. 3—Dependence of the Hall coefficient on temperature and pressure. Note double reversal from p-type to n-type and back to p-type, which is unique to tellurium

reversal, which has not been found in any other semiconductor, is that tellurium contains two kinds of holes. Normal, or slow holes are involved in conduction at ordinary temperatures, whereas fast holes, requiring a high temperature to be activated, can overwhelm the electrons at the anomalous reversal point. The graph also shows that the Hall coefficient is pressure-dependent, and the reversal temperatures are shifted away from each other under high hydrostatic pressure.

The resistivity of tellurium has also been found to be pressure-dependent, and this leads to the well-known piezoresistance effect. Change in resistivity with pressure is quite large, especially near the fracture point of 4×10^9 dynes/cm². These whiskers are generally obtained by accident during the growing process, when the tellurium vapor condenses on cool spots in the apparatus. With careful handling, they can be mounted and used as sensitive strain gages,

but are quite heat sensitive, as Fig. 2 shows.

Optical properties of tellurium are of the most practical importance. These also are dependent on the relative orientation of the crystal.

Comparative data for a number of common infra-red cells shows that tellurium, when cooled to liquid air temperature, falls into a "window" in the atmospheric absorption bands, and hence possesses a definite advantage over lead sulphide.

Cells made with the detector crystal mounted on a second, inactive element, have resulted in units which are quite sensitive at room temperature, and which are among the best available in the near-infrared region when cooled.⁶

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Ultrasonic Welding in Electronic Production

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ULTRASONIC WELDING appears to have a number of significant advantages in electronic production. The bond created by ultrasonic welding is a true solid state metallurgical bond and does not require melting of the base metals. Heat as such is not applied in the process; the mechanical motion imparted by the ultrasonic transducer creates the necessary conditions for the weld.

It has been known for a number of years that when two pieces of metal with surfaces sufficiently smooth and clean are brought into intimate contact, the unsatisfied bonds of atoms of the surfaces link to form a metallurgical bond. This phenomenon is the mechanism involved in ultrasonic welding.

Under normal environmental conditions, however, even a superfinished surface has peak to valley irregularities of about 5×10^{-6} cm, which is equivalent to about 200 atomic layers. In addition, metal surfaces are not clean when viewed on an atomic scale. An apparently clean, bright steel surface, for example, will typically be covered by a layer of iron oxide about 200 molecules thick. The oxide layer itself has unsatisfied bonds that attract moisture, forming another layer that depends somewhat on the relative humidity but is always 2 or 3 molecules thick. These two layers, shown in the sketch, are sufficient to prevent metallurgical bonding under normal environmental conditions.

The vibratory energy transmitted to the weld zone by the transducer (Fig. 1) produces complex tension, compression and shear stresses. When these stresses exceed the elastic limit of the materials being joined, plastic deformation occurs at the interface, dispersing adhered moisture, organic films, and surface oxides. When the

FIG. 1—Clamping force to hold weldment in place plus vibratory motion imparted by the welding tip are the essential elements in ultrasonic welding

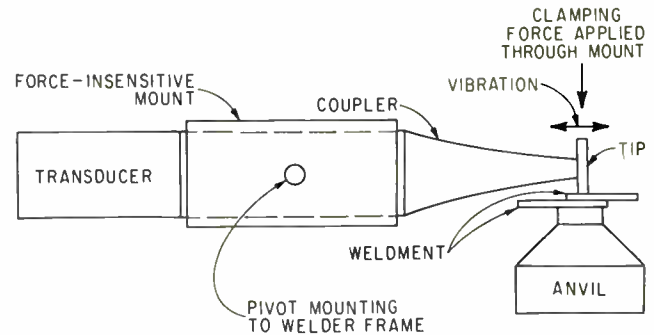
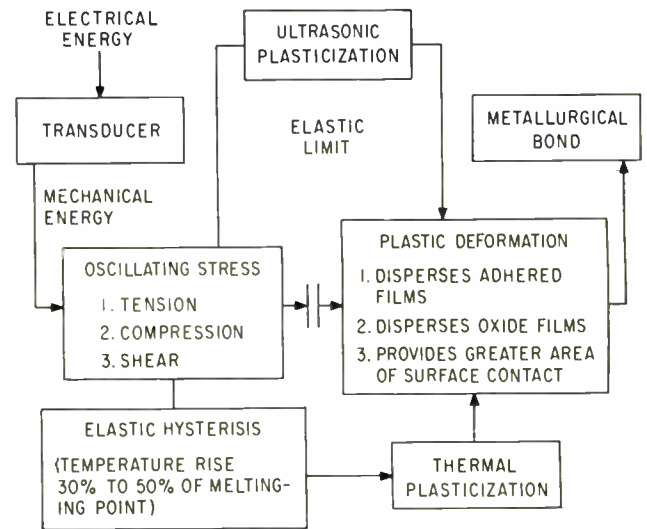


FIG. 2—Model of ultrasonic welding process indicates how energy operates on materials being welded to produce a true metallurgical bond. Many combinations of materials can be welded



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FIG. 3—Material combinations that have been joined by ultrasonic welding. Many of the blanks are not necessarily impossible but either have not been tried, required higher power than was available, or presented a transducer problem

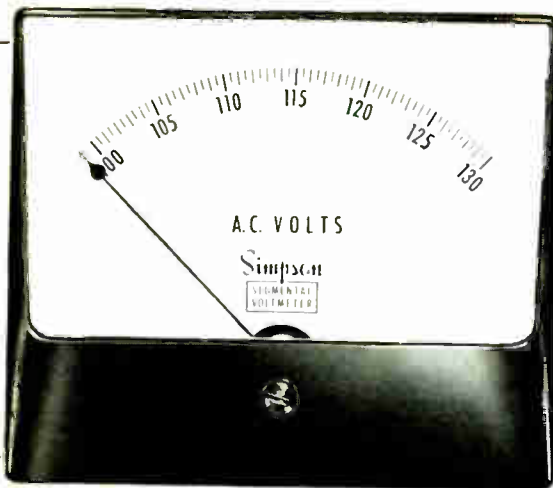
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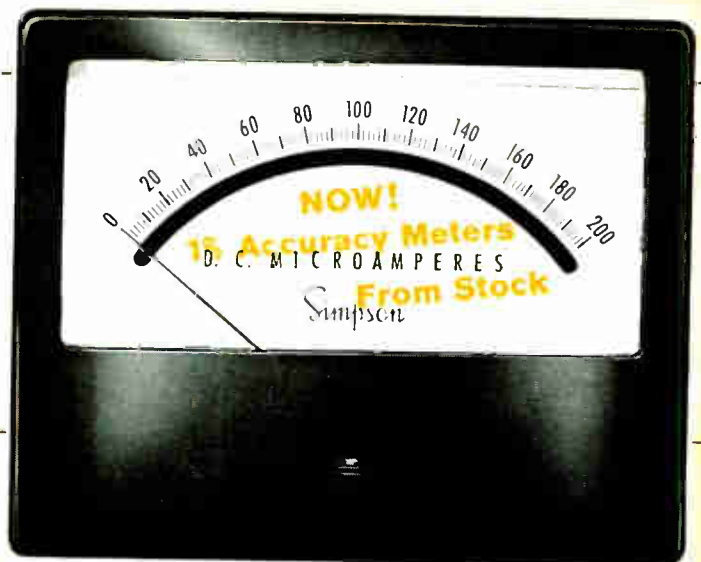
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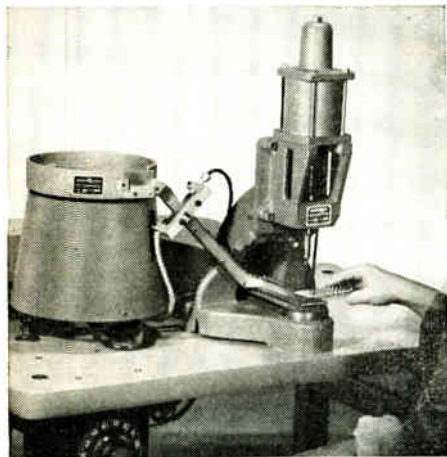
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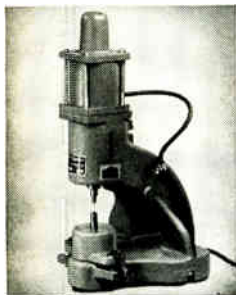


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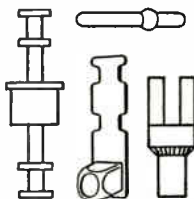
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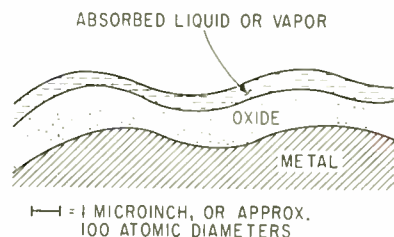


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work-piece surfaces are thus brought into intimate contact over an adequate area, a metallurgical bond is created.

A small transient temperature rise—30 to 50 percent of the melting point for like metals—results from elastic hysteresis and deformation. The plasticity of the metals is increased both by this temperature rise and by the ultrasonic vibrations themselves, as the process model shown in Fig. 2 indicates.

The creation of true metallurgical bonds without the melting of parent metals is responsible for many of the characteristics of the process. For one thing, there appears to be no lower limit to the thickness of material that can be welded. Wires as small as 0.003 inch in diameter and foils 0.00017 inch thick have been routinely welded without damage. Materials



Surface of a smooth, clean metal has peaks and valleys, an oxide layer and a film of water. The surface coatings are displaced and the peaks and valleys are plasticized in ultrasonic welding

as thin as these can be welded without burning through because heat as such is not applied and thus does not present a control problem.

Thin materials can be welded to thick materials because there is no great heat sink problem as there is in thermal welding, where the amount of heat required to melt the thick section is often enough to damage the thin section.

A wide variety of similar and dissimilar materials can be joined, as indicated in Fig. 3. Many of the blank spaces in the chart are combinations for which welding has not been attempted, or which appeared to require higher power than was available at the time, or in which the tip problem had not been solved. Aluminum, however, can be welded to glass and copper can be welded to steel.

Materials that have relatively

large coefficients of electrical or thermal conductivity require relatively large amounts of electrical energy in resistance welding, and good control is necessary to prevent burn-through and yet assure adequate melting. This limitation does not apply in ultrasonic welding. Some materials are too sensitive to heat to be welded with a thermal process; oxidation, grain growth, recrystallization and other metallurgical and mechanical effects are undesirable by-products of some thermal welding operations.

The local heat rise in an ultrasonic weld results from the combined effects of elastic hysteresis, highly localized slip, plastic deformation, etc. Although melting does not occur, at least in monometallic welds, the transient heat rise sometimes causes phase transformation, recrystallization, diffusion and other effects, depending on the materials being welded.

Bonds are Clean

An important factor is lack of contamination of the weld area. Fluxes, electrode shielding coatings and adhesives are not required in the process and thus there is no residue.

Surface cleaning is not critical prior to welding since the vibratory energy breaks down many common oxide films and disperses other surface films. Many of the more easily welded materials can be welded in the mill-finish condition, provided only that the surface lubricant is removed. It is possible to produce ultrasonic welds even through surface deposits and coatings, but the power requirements go up. Welds have been made in aluminum through 0.0001 inch anodized coatings.

Void free junctions are the rule and there is relatively little inclusion of foreign material. Thus low noise, low ohmic connections are typical, especially in joints of dissimilar metals, where the low temperature of the operation eliminates or greatly reduces the formation of brittle, high resistance intermetallic compounds.

The low temperature of the process also allows it to be used close to temperature sensitive and even volatile material. Preheating is not required so there is no danger to assemblies from thermal distortion.

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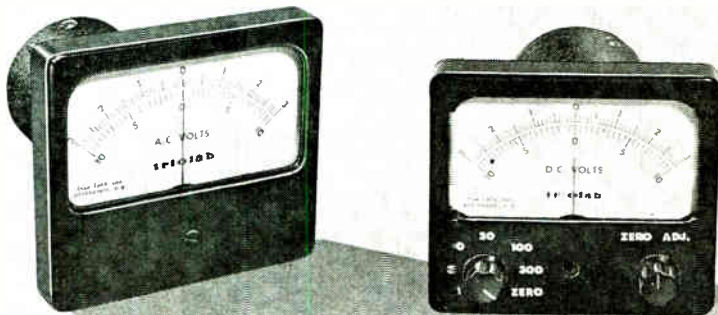
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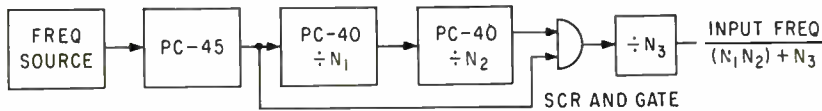


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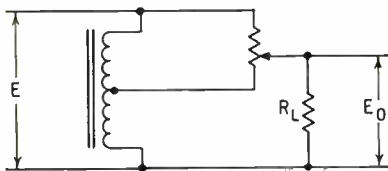
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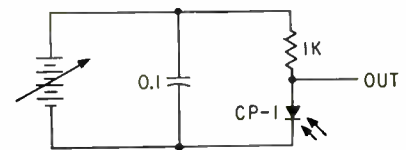
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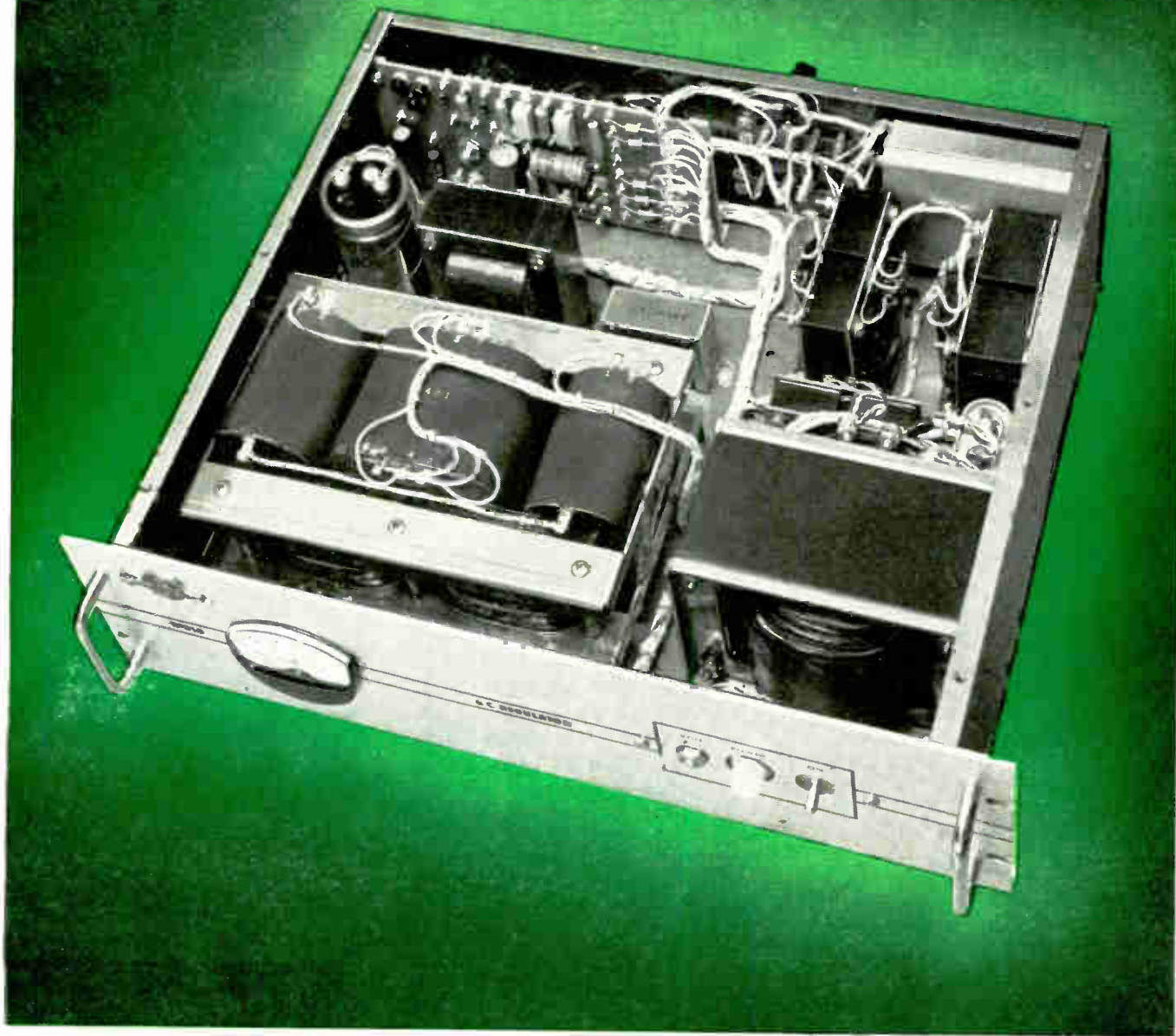
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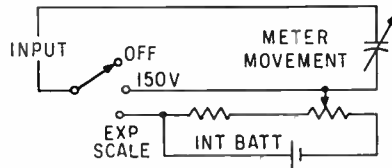
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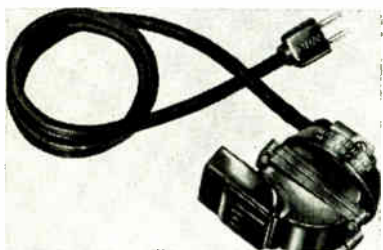
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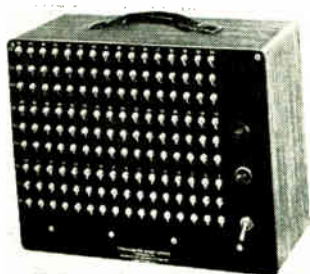


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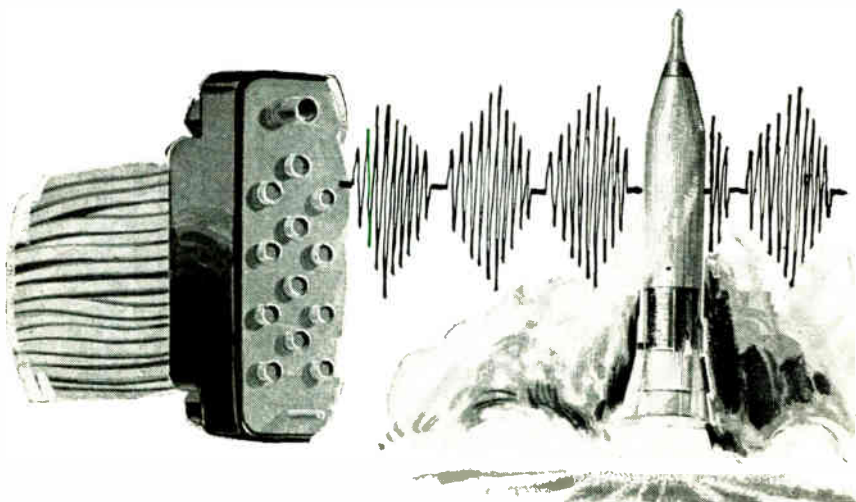
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Kearfott packaged servos combine all components (synchros, resolvers, motor-generators, amplifiers, etc.) of typical positioning servos. Available in two basic versions: BuOrd configuration with output shaft, and flat pack in-line configuration without shaft; transistorized amplifier can be built into either. BuOrd size 11 (with two size 5 components), size 15 (with up to four size 5 components), and size 18 (with up to six size 5 components). Flat pack type accommodates up to four wound components. Component complement and precision gearing in a wide range of ratios . . . to your specifications.

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CHARACTERISTICS:

Part Number Code	P1241-11A	P1240-11A	Y1240-11A		Y1241-11A	U1240-11
	Cyclic Binary		Binary Decimal			
No. of Drums	5	3	3	2	4	
Range	0-32,768 (2^{15})	(+)0 to (+)999 (-)999 to (-)0	0 to 359.9	0 to 359	0 to 359.9	
Bits per Revolution	16	20	40	40	40	
Revolutions for Total Range	2,048	100	90	9	90	

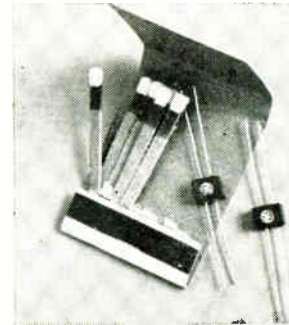
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Tunnel Diode Pairs

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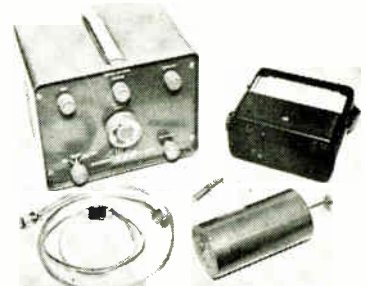
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Syracuse, N. Y., offers germanium tunnel diode pairs a-c and d-c matched over a 40-deg temperature range. They are characterized for use as high speed voltage and current comparators, as sense amplifiers and in pulse modulation and sampling systems. Models are available with peak point currents of 1 ma, 2.2 ma, and 4.7 ma. A 1-ma pair will sense a 10- μ a current change in about 10 nsec.

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Tiny Connector

AMP INC., Harrisburg, Pa., is marketing a subminiature connector for coaxial cable and shielded wire. The A-MP Coaxicon will handle RG/U cable sizes as small as 0.075 in.

CIRCLE 313 ON READER SERVICE CARD



Slotted Lines

FOR 26 TO 110 GC

TRG, INC., 400 Border St., East Boston, Mass., announces slotted lines for use at 26 to 110 Gc. The probe

has a variable depth adjustment and a built-in slide screw tuner for optimizing the r-f coupling to the waveguide. Precision linear bearings and a smooth friction wheel drive assure accurate control, and long life of the probe travel, and the travel measurement is indicated on a dial with 0.01 mm divisions.

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NO-BOUNCE

HAMLIN, INC., Lake Mills, Wis., announces the HRC-1 mercury wetted magnetic reed switch. It combines the advantages of no-bounce and unchanging contact resistance of a mercury wetted switch with the size, speed and cost of a standard 50-w dry reed switch. In relays, where coil dimensions have been designed for a standard dry reed switch, the HRC-1 fits right in place—the same as the dry reed switch—without coil changes or expensive circuit modifications.

CIRCLE 315 ON READER SERVICE CARD



Calibration Supply

HIGH-IMPEDANCE

TENSOR ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT CO., INC., 1873 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 33, N. Y. This supply, which can be used as a source of precise a-c or d-c voltage, has an output impedance of 3,000 ohm max; 0.1 ohm at 100 v. Output is continuously variable from 0 to 100 v (a-c or d-c) in four ranges. Input is 115 v (± 10 percent) 60 cps, 65 w and frequency is a built-in 60 cps and d-c. Accuracy is 0.15 percent of reading plus 0.01 percent of full scale d-c and 0.2 percent of reading plus 0.01 percent of full scale a-c.

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SIZE 11 WINDING-COMPENSATED SYNCHRO RESOLVER

Precision, lightweight, high-accuracy components with applications in analog computers and automatic control systems. The compensator winding provides feedback voltage for a resolver isolation amplifier; the feedback loop automatically adjusts to compensate for temperature and frequency variations. Function error of the R980-018 is only 0.1%. A compatible transistorized amplifier, Kearfott number S3100-01A, is available.

	Part Number	5R980-41	CR9 0980 001 R980-018
CHARACTERISTICS	Excitation: (volts) (max.)	60	26
	Frequency (cps)	400	400
	Total Null Voltage (mv)	25	10
	Max. Error from E.Z. (minutes)	5	5
	Operating Temp. Range (°C)	-55 to +125	-55 to +125

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	Part Number	S3100-01
CHARACTERISTICS	Number of Inputs	4 per channel
	Input Impedance (ohms resistive at 25°C)	100,000
	Voltage Gain	1 ± 0.0005
	Phase Shift (rotor output to input at 25°C)	less than 15 min.
	Max. Signal Output Voltage	16 volts
	Gain Stability Over Operating Temp. Range	$1 \pm 0.05\%$

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PRODUCT BRIEFS

COLOR TV CAMERA minimum of operational control. Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., Chelmsford, Essex, England. (317)

MICROWAVE PHASE & TIME DETECTOR infinitesimal resolution. Ad-Yu Electronics Lab., Inc., 299 Terhune Ave., Passaic, N. J. (318)

OSCILLOSCOPE split beam, general purpose. Cossor Instruments Ltd., Cossor House, Highbury Grove, London, N.5, England. (319)

SECONDARY PRESSURE STANDARD fused-quartz. Texas Instruments Inc., 3609 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, Texas. (320)

POWER SUPPLY constant voltage/current. Lasers and Masers Corp. of America, Hudson St., Mineola, N. Y. (321)

ZENER VOLTAGE REGULATORS temperature compensated. International Rectifier Corp., 233 Kansas St., El Segundo, Calif. (322)

SILICON RECTIFIERS in ratings to 40,000 v piv and 2.5 amp. Columbus Electronics Corp., 1000 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, N. Y. (323)

MINIATURE ACCELEROMETER high natural frequency. Giannini Controls Corp., 1600 S. Mountain Ave., Duarte, Calif. (324)

50 MA POWER SUPPLIES four models. Trans Electronics Div., Burton Mfg. Co., 8910 Winnetka Ave., Northridge, Calif. (325)

TINY SOLENOID weighs 10 grams. Rocker Solenoid Co., 140 N. Marine Ave., Wilmington, Calif. (326)

UPSIDE DOWN ELECTROLYTICS capacities from 35 μ f at 450 v to 80,000 μ f at 5 v. West-Cap Electrolytic division, 10124 Edes Ave., Oakland 3, Calif. (327)

STORAGE REGISTER 10 line input. ARA, Inc., 4130 Howard Ave., Kensington, Md. (328)

P-C CARD RACK for high density assembly. Garde Mfg. Co., Cumberland, R. I. (329)

PULSE GENERATOR variable rise and fall time. Rutherford Electronics

Co., P. O. Box 472, Culver City, Calif. (330)

COAXIAL ISOLATOR 4.0 to 11.0 Gc. E&M Laboratories, 15145 Califa St., Van Nuys, Calif. (331)

VERTICAL MOUNTS for microwave antennas. Mark Products, Skokie, Ill. (332)

TRANSIENT STORAGE OSCILLOSCOPE high speed. Calvert Electronics, Inc., 220 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y. (333)

SUBMINIATURE JACK fully molded housing. Carter Parts Co., 3401 Madison St., Skokie, Ill. (334)

METALIZED MYLAR CAPACITORS microminiature. J. M. Frankel & Co., 245, Av. Georges-Clemenceau, Nanterre (Seine), France. (335)

SCREW TERMINATION CONNECTOR flag design means space savings. Berg Mfg. Corp., New Cumberland, Pa. (336)

TRANSIENT VOLTAGE ARRESTORS and signal input connectors. Electro-Neutronics, Inc., 1401 Middle Harbor Rd., Oakland 20, Calif. (337)

ULTRASONIC GENERATORS output 250 w-2,500 w at 20 Kc. Acoustica Associates, Inc., 10400 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles 45, Calif. (338)

CONSTANT TEMPERATURE ANEMOMETER mfr'd by DISA Elektronik of Herlev, Denmark. Zitzewitz Engineering Associates, 700 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill. (339)

FLOW-TO-DIGITAL TRANSDUCER turbine type. Diginamics Corp., 2525 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis 6, Minn. (340)

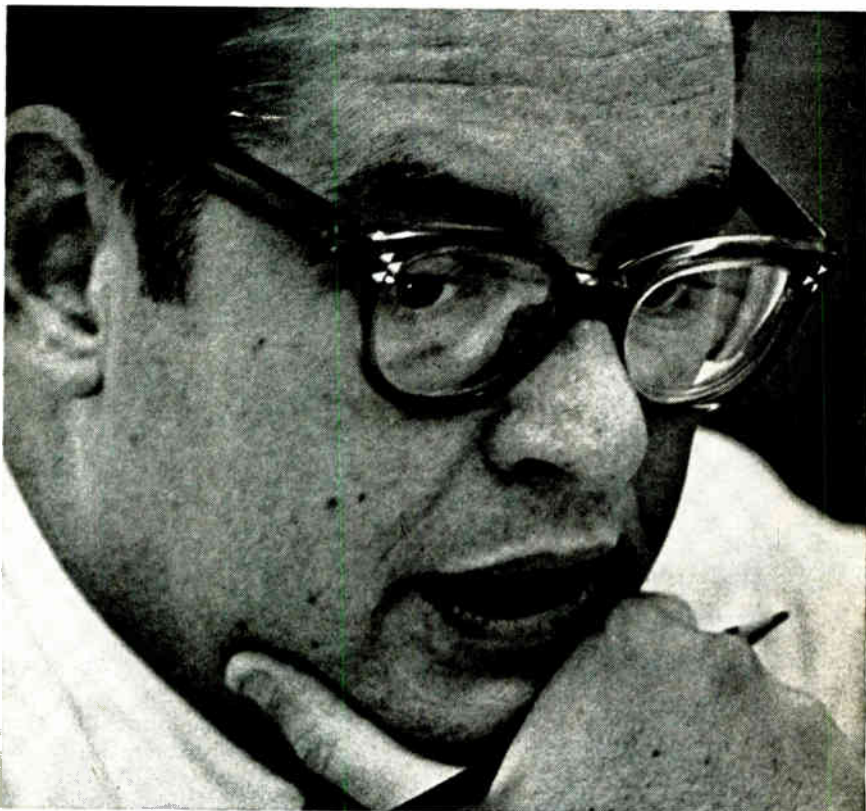
TRANSDUCERS for altitude chamber control. H. E. Sostman & Co., P.O. Box 60, Cranford, N. J. (341)

HIGH-GAIN ANTENNAS improve uhf reception. Technical Appliance Corp., Sherburne, N. Y. (342)

MASS SPECTROMETER for research and industrial uses. The Bendix Corp., 3130 Wasson Road, Cincinnati 8, O. (343)

SHAFT POSITION ENCODER for rugged use. Datex Corp., 1307 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, Calif. (344)

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Literature of the Week

SILICON LOGIC MODULES Packard Bell Computer Corp., 1905 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif. Brochure describes a line of silicon logic modules. (345)

PARTICULATE - SPECTRUM INSTRUMENTS Royco Instruments, Inc., 440 Olive St., Palo Alto, Calif. Folder describes 4 basic instruments for recording and analysis of the particulate spectrum. (346)

MINIATURE WHITE ROOM Ultrasonic Industries Inc., Ames Court, Engineers Hill, Plainview, N. Y. Bulletin contains specifications, features and uses for the White-Roomette. (347)

SILICON RUBBER Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Mich. Brochure 09-011 on silicone rubber is edited to assist the engineer to meet specific design problems. (348)

ANTENNA TEST SITE Technical Appliance Corp., Sherburne, N. Y. Four-page Form 2090Y describes the company's antenna evaluation facilities and capabilities. (349)

PANEL METERS Assembly Products, Inc., Chesterland, O. Bulletin 30 contains information on ultrasensitive panel meters. (350)

CROSSBAR SCANNERS James Cunningham, Son & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 516, Rochester, N. Y. Engineering bulletin covers SQ transistor driven crossbar scanners. (351)

HIGH SPEED PRINTERS Anelex Corp., 150 Causeway St., Boston 14, Mass. A 12-page booklet contains an overall cross-section of the company's high speed printers and printer systems. (352)

IMPULSE COUNTERS Landis & Gyr, Inc., 45 W. 45th St., New York 36, N. Y. A 4-page bulletin covers a line of Sodeco electromagnetic impulse counting devices. (353)

WAVEGUIDE SWITCHES Waveguide, Inc., 851 W. 18th St., Costa Mesa, Calif. Bulletin describes a line of 3- and 4-sided solenoid-driven, spdt waveguide switches. (354)

MULTIPLE CAPACITOR Gulton Industries, Inc., 212 Durham Ave., Metuchen, N. J. Technical bulletin

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describes and illustrates the Faradyne Mylar multiple capacitor series. (355)

SKEW REDUCTION Mincom Division, Minnesota Mining and Mfg. Co., 2049 S. Barrington Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif., has published a brochure entitled "Reduction of Tape Skew in Magnetic Instrumentation Recorders." (356)

VARIABLE SPEED DRIVE PACKAGE Fidelity Instrument Corp., 1000 E. Boundary Ave., York, Pa. Bulletin describes a v-s drive package with a-c induction motor. (357)

TANTALUM CAPACITORS Electra Mfg. Co., 800 N. 21st St., Independence, Kansas. Catalog describes a wide range of solid electrolyte tantalum capacitors. (358)

TRANSISTOR TESTER RD Instruments division, Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10514 Dupont Ave., Cleveland 8, O. A technical brochure describes the model 1880 dynamic beta transistor tester. (359)

SCOPE PREAMP Marbach Electronics, P. O. Box 2731, Cleveland 11, O., has issued a bulletin on a high gain, low noise, solid state a-c amplifier for scope preamp use. (360)

INSTRUMENTS Beckman Instruments, Inc., Berkeley Div., 2200 Wright Ave., Richmond, Calif. Vol. 1 No. 1 of *Criteria* describes a solid-state printer and a high resolution digital voltmeter. (361)

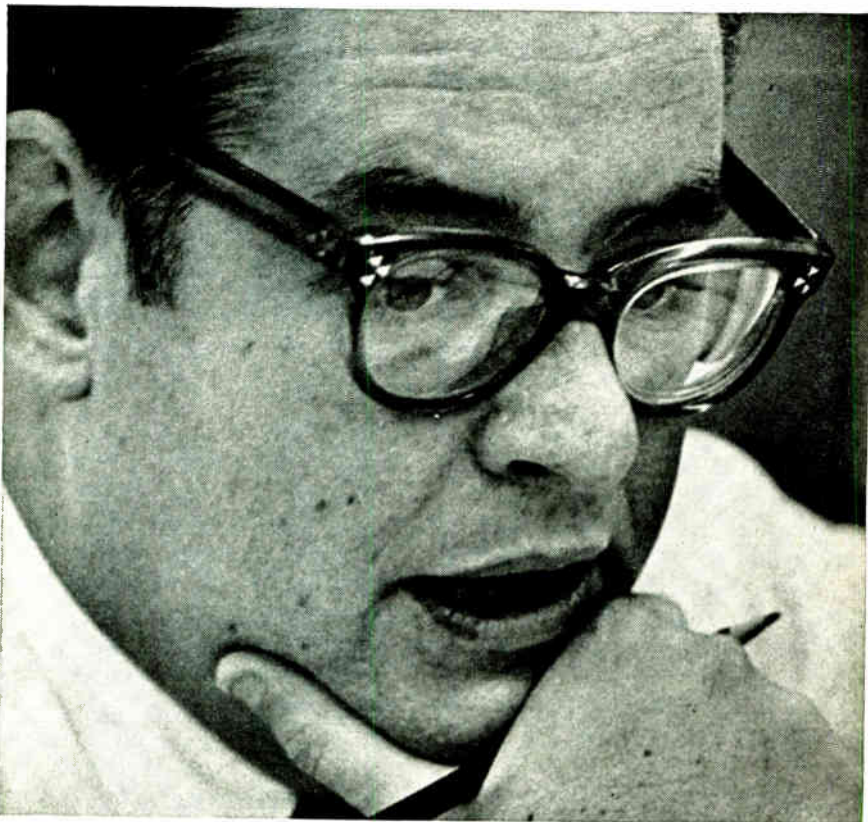
INSTRUMENTS Acton Laboratories, Inc., 533 Main St., Acton, Mass. A 4-page brochure illustrates and describes a wide variety of precision electronic instruments. (362)

ALUMINUM ELECTROLYTICS General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. GEA 6819C, 4 pages, covers computer-grade Alumalytic capacitors which feature up to 165,000 μ f in a single case size. (363)

CURRENT MEASUREMENT Elcor, Inc., 1225 W. Broad St., Falls Church, Va. A current indicator and integrator—two electronic instruments in one—is described in CAT 4-362. (364)

CURRENT REGULATOR CircuitDyne Corp., 480 Mermaid St., Laguna Beach, Calif. An 8-page brochure shows circuit diagrams for new Currector current regulator applications. (365)

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EIA Elects Officers for 1962-63

ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION brought to a close its annual convention in Chicago late last month with the election of a new president and the installation of a new board of directors.

Charles F. Horne, of General Dynamics, was named new president, succeeding L. Berkley Davis, of General Electric.

Horne, senior vice president of General Dynamics, New York, is president of G-D's Pomona and Electronics divisions. He is a retired rear admiral, having served as a communications and radar officer. He joined G-D's former Convair division in 1953 as manager of its Pomona operating division. In 1957 he became a Convair vice president.

New directors of EIA are:

Joe Friedman, Traveler Radio Corp., from Consumer Products division.

M. H. Benedek, General Instru-



Charles F. Horne

ment Corp., and R. J. Grigsby, Grigsby Co., from Parts division.

Robert C. Coon, Sperry Rand Corp.; J. J. Graham, ITT; Robert W. Galvin, Motorola; and W. E. Andries, Jr., IBM, from Industrial Electronics division.

M. W. Kremer, Sylvania Electric Products; and J. L. Hanigan, Corning Glass Works, from Tube and

Semiconductor division.

New division chairmen and vice chairmen are:

Morris Sobin, The Siegler Corp., chairman for Consumer Products division. He succeeds Edward R. Taylor, Motorola.

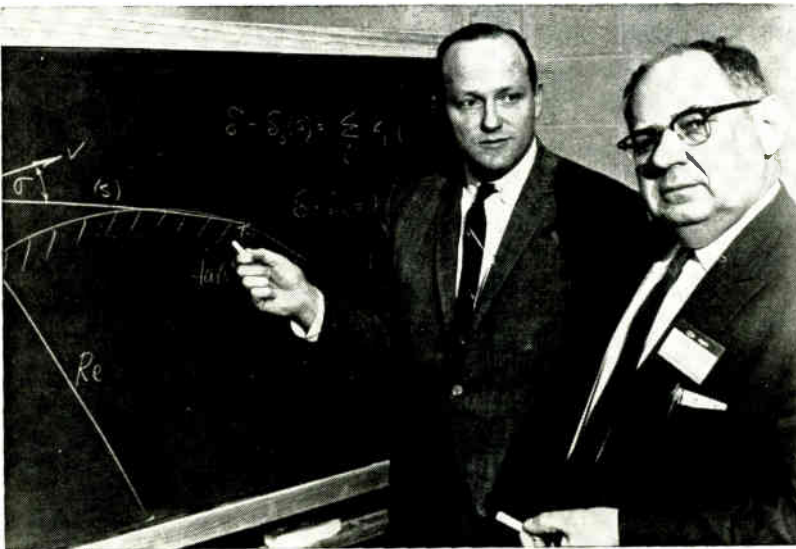
Ashley A. Farrar, Raytheon Co., chairman for Military Products division. He succeeds L. L. Waite, North American Aviation Co., who was made a new EIA vice president. Two new vice chairmen are W. Preston Coderman, Litton Industries, and Richard B. Long, Quantatron, Inc.

Grafton P. Tanquary, Litton Industries, chairman for Industrial Electronics division. He succeeds Russell Cox, Andrew Corp. New vice chairman is Ralph E. Van Hoorn, ITT.

Allen K. Shenk, Erie Resistor Corp., chairman for Parts division. He succeeds W. Myron Owen, Aerovox Corp. Owen is a vice president. Two new vice chairmen are J. A. Milling, Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., and G. B. Mallory, P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc.

George W. Keown, Tung-Sol Electric Co., continues as chairman for Tube & Semiconductor division for another year. He is an EIA vice president as well.

GPI Forms Scientific Advisory Group



General Precision, Inc., has formed a scientific advisory group consisting of outstanding scientists and engineers from universities, research institutes and the company. Purpose of the group is to guide basic and applied research of General Precision and its divisions in advanced fields of science and engineering, and to encourage the development of new programs and products to meet the needs of modern technology. Chairman of the group is Coleman duP. Donaldson (shown at left), president of Aeronautical Research Associates of Princeton, Inc., and vice chairman is Raymond L. Garman (at right), vice president and chief scientist at GPI

Doles Moves Up At Eberline

ALBERT E. DOLES has been elected a vice president and member of the board of directors of Eberline Instrument Corp., Santa Fe, N. M.

He was formerly technical director.

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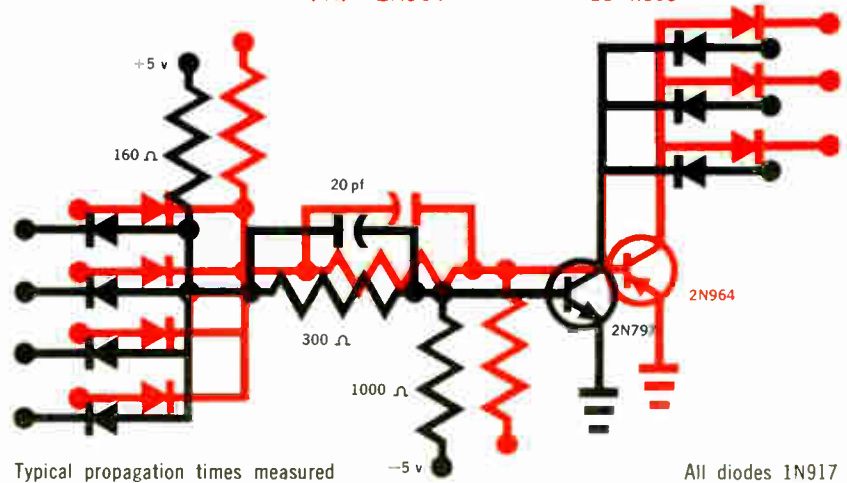
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PARAMETER	TRANSISTOR	TEST CONDITIONS	RATING
$V_{CE(sat)}$	2N797 2N964	$I_B = 0.5 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$ $I_B = -1 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = -10 \text{ ma}$	0.14 v max 0.18 v max
$ h_{fe} $	2N797 2N964	$V_{CE} = 5 \text{ v}$, $I_C = 30 \text{ ma}$, $f = 100 \text{ mc}$ $V_{CB} = -1.0 \text{ v}$, $I_E = -20 \text{ ma}$, $f = 100 \text{ mc}$	6.0 min 3.0 min
C_{ob}	2N797 2N964	$V_{CB} = 5 \text{ v}$, $I_E = 0$, $f = 1 \text{ mc}$ $V_{CB} = -10 \text{ v}$, $I_E = 0$, $f = 1 \text{ mc}$	4.0 pf max 4.0 pf max
t_{on}	2N797 2N964	$I_{B1} = 1 \text{ ma}$, $I_{B2} = -0.25 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$ $I_{B1} = -1 \text{ ma}$, $I_{B2} = 0.25 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = -10 \text{ ma}$	40 nsec max 30 nsec max
t_{off}	2N797 2N964	$I_{B1} = 1 \text{ ma}$, $I_{B2} = -0.25 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$ $I_{B1} = -1 \text{ ma}$, $I_{B2} = 0.25 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = -10 \text{ ma}$	80 nsec max 60 nsec max
V_{BE}	2N797 2N964	$I_B = 0.5 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$ $I_B = -1 \text{ ma}$, $I_C = -10 \text{ ma}$	0.30 v min 0.44 v max 0.30 v min 0.50 v max
h_{FE}	2N797 2N964	$V_{CE} = 0.25 \text{ v}$, $I_C = 10 \text{ ma}$ $V_{CE} = -0.3 \text{ v}$, $I_C = -10 \text{ ma}$	40 min 40 min
BV_{CBO}	2N797 2N964	$I_C = 100 \mu\text{a}$, $I_E = 0$ $I_C = -100 \mu\text{a}$, $I_E = 0$	20 v min 15 v min

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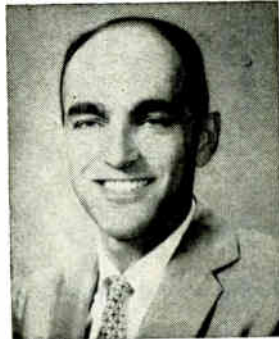
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**Endres Organizes
 New Company**

RICHARD O. ENDRES, who recently resigned as president of Rese Engineering, has formed a new company. The new organization, Computer Instrumentation Corp., has purchased the magnetics test equipment product line from Rese Engineering, and will continue design, manufacturing and sales operations of the line without interruption.

Initial operations of the new company will be in space leased from Rese Engineering in the Rese building in Philadelphia.



**General Instrument
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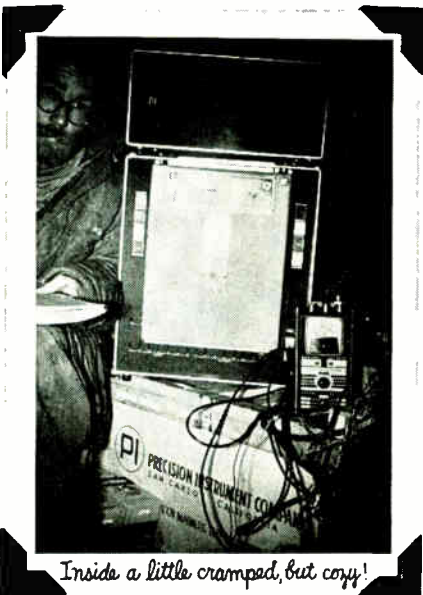
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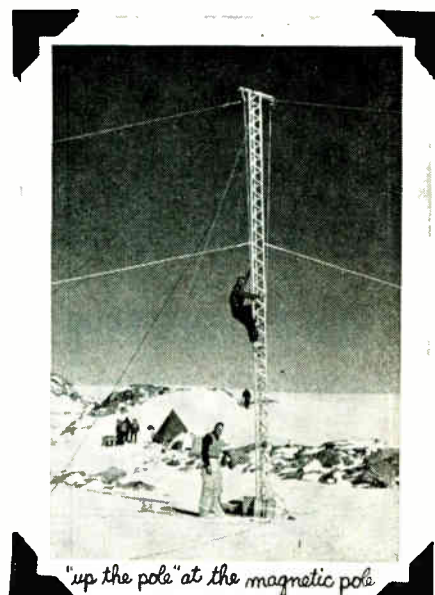
Abraham I. Dranetz, formerly v-p of Gulton Industries, Inc., has set up an independent consulting service in Scotch Plains, N. J. **Gerald M. Monroe** leaves National Data Processing to join Martin Co.'s Space Systems div. as program director, lunar systems. **Zoltan P. Szepesi**, of Westinghouse electronic tube div., appointed fellow engineer. **James B. Huffman**, ex-Hoffman Electronics, now mgr. of quality control for Electronic Communications, Inc. **Ernest H. Pallme**, previously with Palomar Scientific, named v-p engineering, by Chicago Aerial Industries. Sylvania Electric Products Inc. promotes **Gordon L. Fullerton** to v-p and g-m of the receiving tube operations of the Electronic Tube div., and **Eugene E. Broker** to g-m of the Parts div. Three members of Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. management elected v-p's by the board of directors: **Frank B. Dickey**, **Robert E. McIlvane**, and **R. Bruce Van Wagner**. **Joseph W. Auer** advances to applications engineer at Vitramon, Inc. Giannini Controls Corp. hires **Charles H. Odom**, ex-Television Utilities Corp., as senior project engineer of the Conrac div. **Phillip H. Mounts**, from Litton Industries, to Amphenol-Western Connector div. as manufacturing mgr. **Ralph S. White, Jr.**, leaves management consulting to take post of president and director of Pacific Electro Magnetics Co., Inc. Formerly attached to Clevite Corp., **Eugene Hoffman** is named mgr. of materials engineering of U. S. Sonics Corp.



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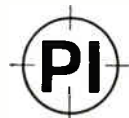
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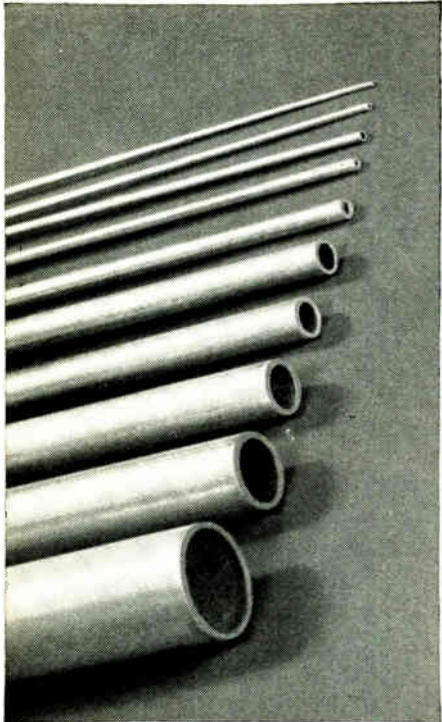
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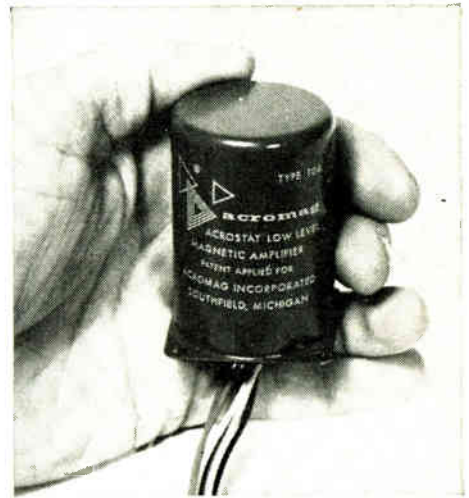


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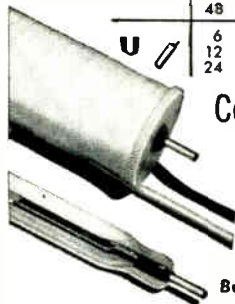
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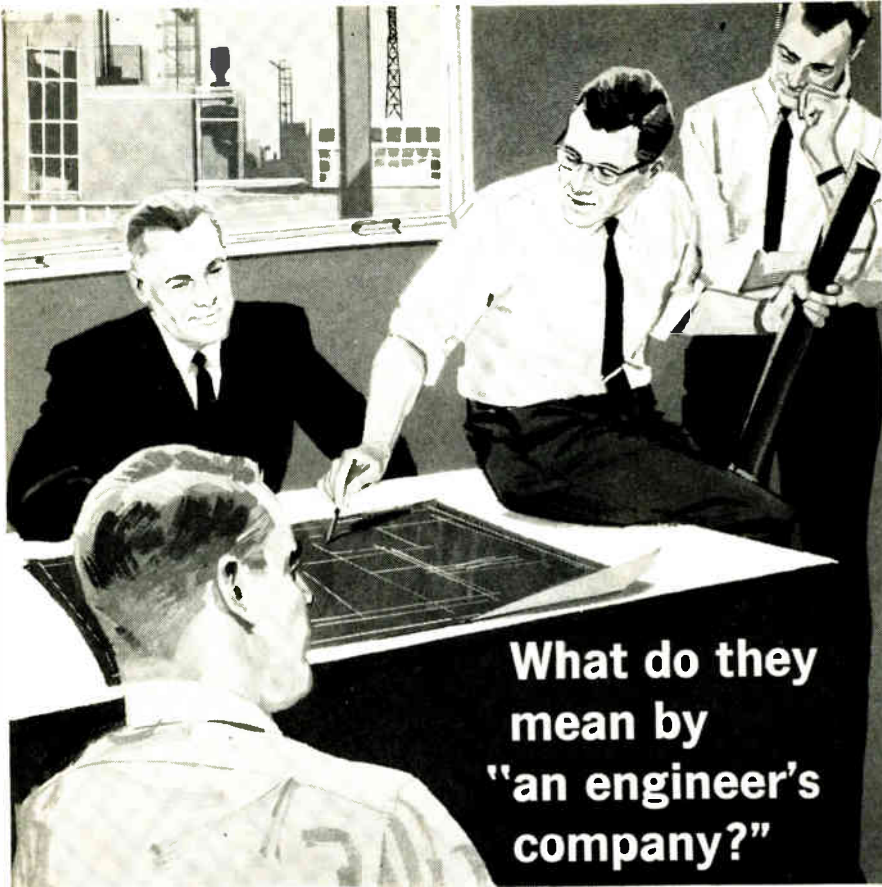
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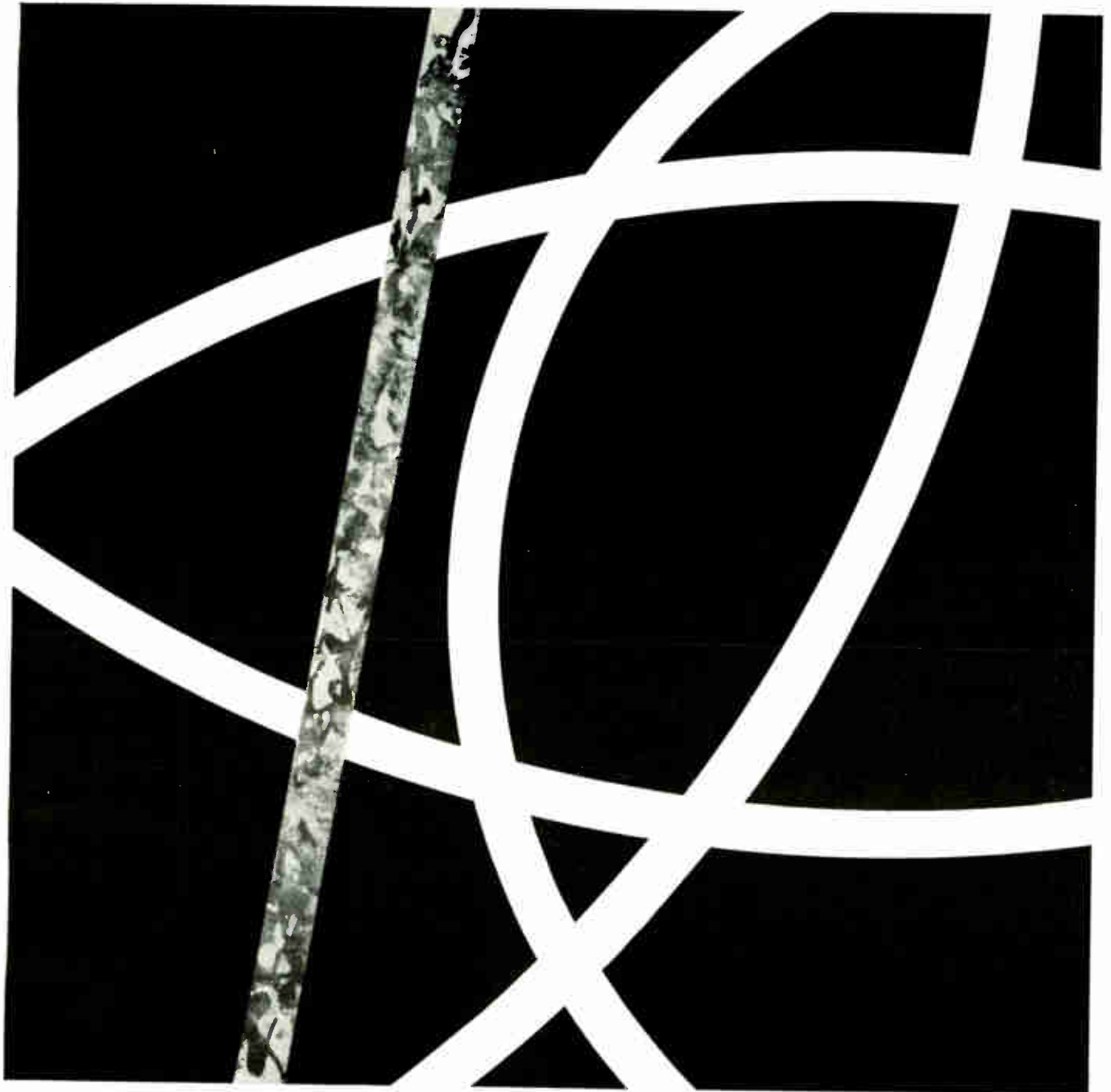
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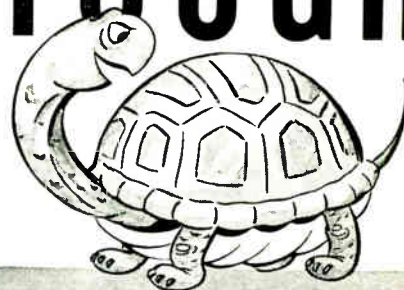
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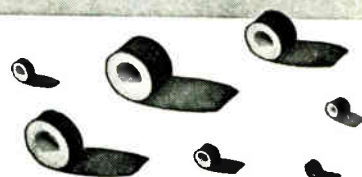
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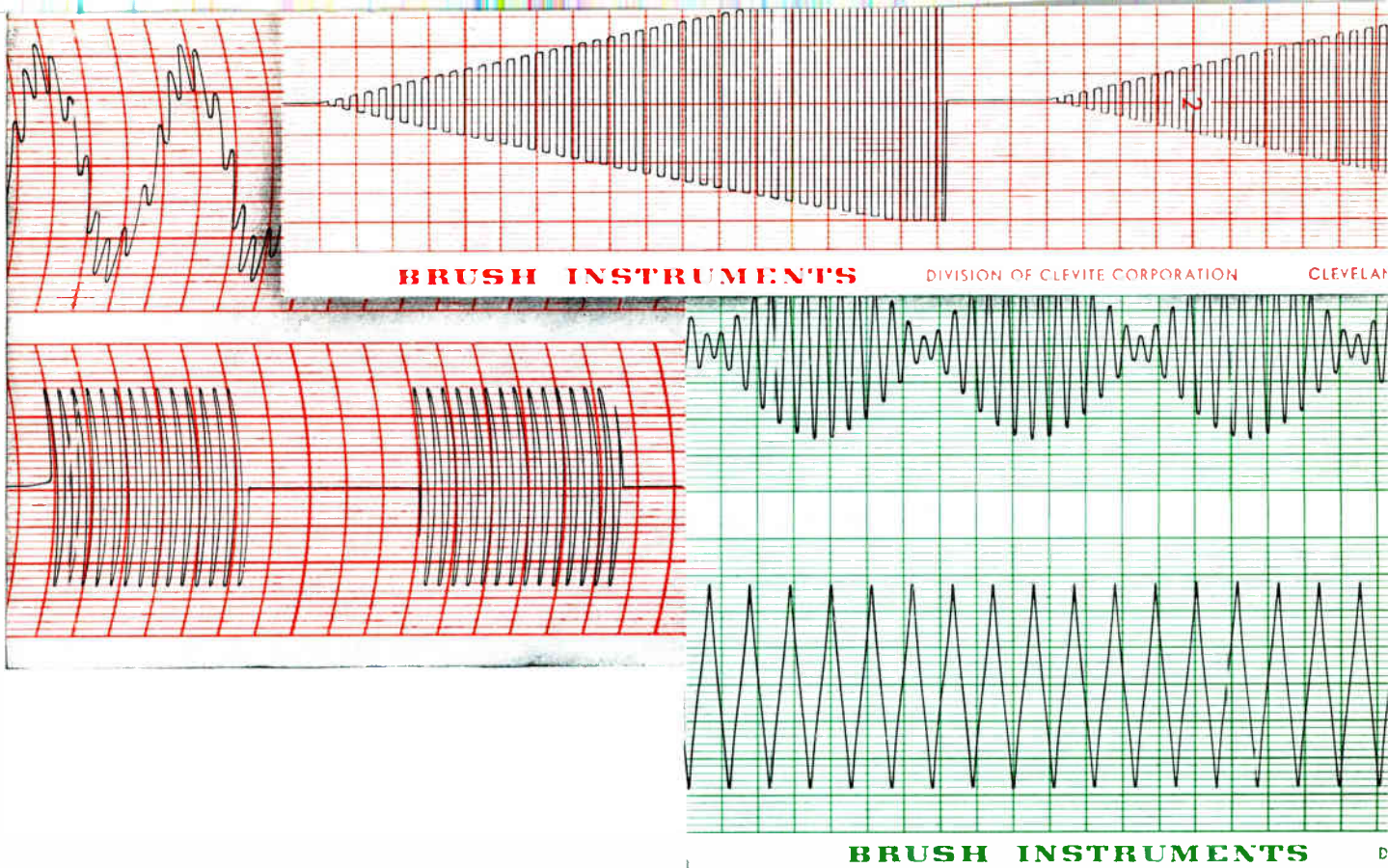
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