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S	 TELEVISION FLYBACK CIRCUITRY a) Flyback transformers b) Deflection yokes c) Correction coils—to improve sawtooth linearity 	3C 3C 3C	U-Core Ring segment Slug	
	 2 RADIO RECEIVERS a) 1 F Transformers b) R F Tuning Coils i) fixed L ii) permeability tuning c) Antenna cores 	Depends upon Frequency 4B	Slug Slug Rod	
10	3 TELEPHONY (Voice Frequency and Carrier) a) Interstage transformêts b) Transformer for matching to co-axial cable c) Loading coils d) Filter circuits (not limited to telephony) e) Delay limes (not limited ta telephony)	3C 3C Special grade Special grade Special grade	E-Core E-Core Pot-Core Pot-Core Pot-Core	
	 PULSE NETWORKS AND TRANSFORMERS a) Signal-shaping b) Power—to feed magnetron directly—built up from Ferroxcube rods c) Low-power—e.g., in computer applications 	Depends upon Pulse width Special grade	Simple closed magnetic circuit	
	 5 MODULATION APPLICATIONS a) Use of loss effects to achieve AM without FM in modulating Klystron output 	4B	Rod	
	 APPLICATION OF NON-LINEAR EFFECTS—e.g., in saturable core reactors a) Permeability tuning of diathermy apparatus b) Pulse generation from sine waves c) Magnetic amplifiers and saturable core reactors 	4B	Toroid or rod with saturating circuit	6
	7 RECORDING HEADS			
	8 IGNITION COILS a) Automotive b) Aircraft			-
	 MAGNETOSTRICTION APPLICATIONS a) Band-pass filters b) Transducers 			
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	230	1.2	0-230 0-270	4	5.2 4.0	1 2 3	V-10H V-10HM V-10HMT	34.00 36.50 41.00		
	115	3.	0-115 0-135	20	26.0 20.0	4	V-20M	55.00		
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r	115	.17	0-115 0-135	1.0 1.0	1.5 1.0	200-B	\$ 12.50	Uncased, with terminal strip.	-
	115	.86	0-115 0-135	5.0 5.0	7.5 5.0	V-5 V-5M V-5MT	18.50 20.50 25.00	Uncased, with terminal strip. With case and terminal strip. With case, terminal box, line cord, plug and switch.	
	115	1.5	0-115 0-135	10.0 10.0	13.0 10.0	V-10 V-10M V-10MT	33.00 35.50 40.00	Uncased, with terminal strip With case and terminal strip. With case, terminal box, line cord, plug and switch.	
	115	3.	0-115 0-135	20.0 20.0	26.0 20.0	V-20M	55.00	With case and terminal box.	
	115	5.	0-115 0-135	40.0 40.0	45.0 40.0	50-A	140.00	With case and terminal box.	
	115	6.	0-115 0-135	40.0 40.0	52.0 40.0	V-20G2	126.00	2-Gang for Windings in parallel. Requires one 50-P1 Choke (\$12)	
	115	9.	0-115 0-135	60.0 60.0	78.0 60.0	V-20G3	182.00	3-Gang for Windings in parallel. Requires one 50-P1 Chapter (\$12) and one 50 P2 Chapter (\$12)	
	115	10.	0-115 0-135	80.0 80.0	90.0 80.0	50-AG2	310.00	2-Gang for Windings in parallel. Requires one 50-P1 Chube (\$12)	
	115	15.	0-115 0-135	120. 120.	135. 120.	50-AG3	460.00	3-Gang for Windings in parallel. Requires one 50-P1 Chobe (\$12) and any 60 B2 Chile (\$12)	-
	230 115	.60	0-230 0-270 <i>0-270</i>	2.0 2.0 1.0	2.6 2.0 1.0	V-5H V-5HM V-5HMT	21.00 23.00 27.50	Uncased, with terminal strip. With case and terminal strip. With case terminal box line cord blug and emitch	
Single Phase	230 115	1.2	0-230 0-270 <i>0-270</i>	4.0 4.0 2.0	5.2 4.0 2.0	V-10H V-10HM V-10HMT	34.00 36.50 41.00	Uncased, with terminal strip. With case and terminal strip. With case, terminal box, line cord, plug and switch.	
	230 115	1.7	0-230 0-270 <i>0-270</i>	5.0 5.0 2.5	7.5 5.0 2.5	V-5G2	49.00	2-Gang for Windings in series. Cannot be used with grounded load.	
	230 115	2.4	0–230 0–270 <i>0–270</i>	8.0 8.0 4.0	10.4 8.0 4.0	V-20HM	55.00	With case and terminal box.	
	230 115	3.	0-230 0-270 <i>0-270</i>	10.0 10.0 5.0	13.0 10.0 5.0	V-10G2	79.00	2-Gang for Windings in series. Cannot be used with grounded load.	
	230 115	4.8	0-230 0-270 <i>0-270</i>	16.0 16.0 <i>8.0</i>	20.8 16.0 <i>8.0</i>	V-20HG2	126.00	2-Gang for Windings in parallel. Requires one type 50-P1 Choke (\$12).	
	230 115	6.	0-230 0-270 <i>0-270</i>	20.0 20.0 10.0	26.0 20.0 10.0	V-20G2	126.00	2-Gang for Windings in series. Cannot be used with grounded load.	
	230 115	7.	0-230 0-270 <i>0-230</i>	20.0 20.0 10.0	31.0 20.0 <i>10.0</i>	50-B	140.00	With case and terminal box.	
	230 115	14.	0-230 0-270 <i>0-230</i>	40.0 40.0 20.0	62.0 40.0 20.0	50-BG2	310.00	2-Gang for Windings in parallel. Requires one type 50-P1 Choke (\$12).	
	230 115	21.	0-230 0-270 <i>0-230</i>	60.0 60.0 <i>30.0</i>	93.0 60.0 <i>30.0</i>	50-BG3	460.00	3-Gang for Windings in parallel. Requires one type 50-P1 Choke (\$12) and one 50-P2 Choke (\$12).	
	460	1.2	0-460 0-540	2.0 2.0	2.6 2.0	V-5HG2	54.00	2-Gang for Windings in series. Cannot be used with grounded load.	
	460	2.4	0-460 0-540	4.0 4.0	5.2 4.0	V-10HG2	81.00	2-Gang for Windings in scries. Cannot be used with grounded load.	
	460	4.8	0-460 0-540	8.0 8.0	10.4 8.0	V-20HG2	126.00	2-Gang for Windings in series. Cannot be used with grounded load.	
C	460	14.	0-460 0-540	20.0 20.0	31.0 20.0	50-BG2	310.00	2-Gang for Windings in series. Cannot be used with grounded load.	
(230(e)	1.	0-230 0-270	2.0 2.0	2.6 2.0	V-5HG2	54.00	Open Delta Circuit.	
	230	2.	0-230 0-270	4.0 4.0	5.2 4.0	V-10HG2	81.00	Open Della Circuit.	_
	2.30	3.	0-230	5.0	7.5	V-5G3	68.50	Wye Circuit. Overvoltage connection not recommended.	
Three	230	4.	0-230 0-270	8.0 8.0	10.4 8.0	V-20HG2	126.00	Open Delta Circuit.	
Phase -	230	5.	0-230	10.0	13.0	V-10G3	113.00	Wye Circuit. Overvoltage connection not recommended.	
	230	10.	0-230	20.0	26.0	V-20G3	182.00	Wye Circuit. Overvoltage connection not recommended.	
	230	12.	0-270	20.0	20.0	50-BG2	310.00	Open Della Circuit.	
	230	18.	0-230	40.0	45.0	50-AG3	460.00	Wye Circuit.	
	460	2.	0-460	2.0	2.6	V-5HG3	76.00	Wye Circuit. Overvoltage connection not recommended.	
	460	4.	0-460	4.0	5.2	V-10HG3	116.00	Wye Circuit. Overvoltage connection not recommended.	
	460	8.	0-460	8.0	10.4	V-20HG3	182.00	Wye Circuit. Overvoltage connection nol recommended.	
L	460	25.	0-460	20.0	31.0	50-BG3	460.00	Wye Circuit. Overvoltage connection not recommended.	

(a) KVA as listed = normal input line voltage x maximum output current.
(b) Maximum output voltage = line input voltage, for "Line Voltage" output connection.
(c) Rated current (amps) should not be exceeded for the overvoltage connection. Output KVA for overvoltage connection = output voltage x reled current.

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If the adoption of this policy had been announced as a frank concession to political expediency, it would have been quite understandable. There may very well be votes, lots of them, in a policy which purports to protect the income of a large group against loss through the price inflation caused by the defense program.

A case might even have been made for a policy of approving escalator clauses on grounds of production expediency. The leaders of some three million organized workers now covered by such clauses have indicated that they would fight to the limit to keep them and thus maintain "real wages," that is, wages measured by their purchasing power. The leaders of other organized groups have indicated they would fight to get the benefit of such clauses. Denial of them might mean serious strikes.

Justified "in Fairness"

However, the policy of approving escalator clauses was not based on these relatively low grounds of expediency. It was justified on high moral grounds, on grounds of "fairness." In the words of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, "maintenance of real wages during inflation cannot in fairness be disallowed."

That proposition is false.

It would be truthful to say, "maintenance of real wages during inflation cannot in fairness be allowed."

The truth of the corrected proposition becomes evident immediately when you take a look at the basic nature of the inflationary problem created by defense mobilization.

We are devoting a large share of our national production to defense. The share is now scheduled to hit about 20% in 1952.

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in addition to civilian needs, that means a cut in the supply of goods and services that is available for civilian consumption. But the money paid out for the production of defense materials is added to that which is available to buy civilian goods.

Thus, more money is put into the hands of the people to buy less goods. So prices go up. That is inflation.

If one group of people then is granted enough additional money to offset the price increases — and that is the purpose of an escalator clause — and thus can continue to buy as much as they have been buying right along, less goods will be left for other consumers who are not getting this advantage. That is palpably an unfair distribution of the sacrifices necessitated by defense mobilization. In fairness, therefore, maintenance of real wages in inflation cannot be allowed.

Organized workers were not the first, of course, to get the benefit of an automatic adjustment to take account of the increased cost of living. The farmers got theirs first. The price parity formula is, in essence, an escalator clause. The federal government underwrites increases in the prices of the things farmers sell in order to match increases in the prices of the things they buy.

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With the present line-up of pressure groups in Washington, protection for the principal victims of inflation — those who have saved for a rainy day only to find inflation has blown away the roof — is obviously an extremely difficult business. But to have even temporary insulation against inflation granted to powerful groups in the name of fairness should be offensive to the nostrils of a nation that presumes to assert the moral leadership of the Western World.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

Production Potential of electronic equipment manufacturers in the Los Angeles-San Diego area is very substantial, according to a report prepared by the local Inspector of Naval Material and forwarded to the Electronic Production Resources Agency in Washington.

The report lists 236 active manufacturers of end equipment, subassemblies and component parts, having a total of 6,710,168 sq ft of floor space and 45,020 employees. The letter of transmittal points out that many of the companies listed are not using their full manufacturing facilities and that they have ample trained personnel to handle many military equipment contracts. Very few are, however, represented at any procurement location, so they are frequently overlooked.

It so happens we will be in California on an editorial trip within a week after this is written and will have an opportunity to see some of this productive capacity at first hand, not only in the section mentioned but also in the San Francisco area. We're looking forward to it with interest.

Presidential Directive to government departments and agencies says that to the greatest extent practicable certificates of necessity, allocation of critical materials for construction purposes, emergency loans growing out of defense production and defense contracts should go to manufacturers meeting satisfactory standards of plant dispersal.

Comforting to many in the field of electronics who wonder how rigorous the standards will be in view of the threat of atomic bombing are the following excerpts from an approved National Security Resources Board planbook: "This ..., program ... is designed to disperse new industry and expanding industry, not to move established industry." Dispersion of facilities is suggested "within your local marketing area", with space, "perhaps only several miles", between manufacturing facilities.

The plan does not contemplate mass shifts of manufacturing facilities from any one section of the country to any other.

Wright Field advises that increased use of electronic equipment in military aircraft has required revamping of the training program to provide men adept in the handling of instruments required by modern speeds and allweather flying. Ellington Air Force Base, in Texas, is the first to institute the new observer training plan.

Department Of Army invites us, through the mails on their Form 49-R275 in duplicate, to bid on resistors destined for delivery at the Lexington Signal Depot. We are indeed flattered to be identified so closely on Army's mailing list with manufacturers of electronic equipment whom we serve, but must decline.

Our business is publishing ELEC-TRONICS magazine, and it keeps us plenty busy.

TV License Applications on hand at the FCC total 400, according to chairman Wayne Coy, who thinks at least this many more may be expected when the freeze is lifted.

Coy believes it would take a year to get the average new station on the air, and says consideration will first be given to areas with no facilities and second to heavily populated areas with only one station. He estimates that there will be 1,500 tv stations in operation within five years and perhaps 2,500 within 10, with a probable limit of about 3,000.

Definition going the rounds: CBS-Color Belongs to Stanton.

TV Picture Tube Sales to manufacturers dropped 20 percent in the first six months of 1951 as against the corresponding period of 1950, according to RTMA. Sales



SYLVANIA PLUGS THE 16,000 MC GAP

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Sylvania adds another to the world's widest Silicon Crystal Mixer line - the 1N78 for 16,000 mc, one of the newest SHF bands. This new diode is the latest product of Sylvania's continuing exploration into frequency conversion in microwave regions.

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Sylvania Silicon Mixer Diodes						
Туре	Construction	Design Frequency (Approx.)				
1N25	Cartridge	1000 mc.				
1N21B	Cartridge	3000 mc.				
1N23B	Cartridge	10,000 mc.				
1N78	Coaxial	16,000 mc.				
1N26	Coaxial	24,000 mc.				
1N53	Coaxial Miniature	Above 30,000 mc.				



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These mountings utilize air damping to minimize shock of aircraft landing and taxiing and to limit excursion so there is no snubber contact, even at resonance



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"Ruggedized" Barrymounts are available in both the air-damped type and the ALL-METL type. Airdamped Type 770R covers load ranges between ¼ lb. and 9 lbs. Air-damped Type 780R covers load ranges between 4 lbs. and 35 lbs. ALL-METL Type 6600R covers load ranges between 4 lbs. and 35 lbs. Type M-112R covers ranges between 2 and 10 lbs.



"Ruggedized" mounting bases, equipped with Barrymounts of the above types, are available in standard JAN sizes (JAN-C-172A) and in special sizes to meet customers' requirements. A conspicuous advan-tage of these "ruggedized" Barry bases is the gain in strength of the base framework itself — beyond JAN requirements - achieved with very little increase in weight for loads up to 60 lbs. by design modification of standard JAN bases. For greater loads, the "ruggedized" Barry bases are of stainless steel instead of aluminum. Write for data sheet. See our advertisement in Electronic Buver's Guide poges 240.241

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

totaled 2.552,757 as against 3,171,-660 units.

(continued)

Tubes sold in the first six months of 1951 were valued at \$66,546,932. Some 86 percent of them were rectangular in form, and 92 percent were 16 inches or larger in size.

American Gas & Electric is going in heavily for industrial television. The Tidd generating station has four units, Sporn has six and is adding two more, Tanners Creek has two and is adding two, Twin Branch has two and two new generating stations now under construction will each have four units.

Bogota, Colombia, has just ordered a Marconi television transmitter, with the Municipal Bank of Bogota doing the financing. British manufacturer E. K. Cole has simultaneously been given an order for receivers using the American 525-line standard. The sets will be rented.

West German Officials are seeking Washington's advice on whether to start commercial television service in black and white or in color. We hope we eventually get to see what should be a very interesting reply.

Quotable Quotes from a speech by Edwin T. Gibson of DPA before the RTMA:

"Of the total money available during fiscal '51 for electronic gear, \$2,482,000,000 had been obligated as of May 1, and the backlog of orders as of that date, including some long-lead-time material going back to fiscal 1950. amounted to \$2,784,000,000.

"The expected rate of deliveries will be \$881,000,000 worth during the fourth quarter of this year, with much much more to come in 1952."

Electronic equipment manufacturers are being called upon to produce at "a rate approximately equal to 85 percent of the peak production in World War II. . . .

"About 86 percent of the price of a typical 17-inch television set is represented by purchased materials and components, labor and

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engineering representing the balance. For a modern airborne firecontrol equipment, only 49 percent represents materials...."

Germanium Diode Production is currently in the neighborhood of 4,000,000 units a year, and the units are now standing up well. The National Bureau of Standards eastern automatic computer (SEAC) uses 16,000 of them and after 2,500 hours of service only 5.4 percent of those originally installed had to be replaced, most of the replacements being for backcurrent drift or creep. The rejection rate for several thousand diodes purchased in the last six months of 1950 was less than 2 percent.

Many Products that one would not ordinarily think of as being saleable to electronic equipment makers find a market in our field. Fibre-glass erasers, for example, are being used to reduce the value of resistors in certain printed circuits.

Life lists total investment by advertisers in ten top media for the six months period between January and June 1951 as follows:

Life	\$43.089.969
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NBC Radio	30,000,036
NBC TV	26,739,532
ABC Radio	17,344,512
CBS TV	17,069,328
Time	14,229,834
Ladies Home Journal	11,484,173
Better Homes & Gardens	11,413,731

Radio and tv figures are for network time only. The italics are ours.

Positions of a two-point switch in a circuit diagram currently being edited are intriguingly labelled. In television as in many other fields of endeavor, apparently, one must still *Synch* or *Skim*.

Editor O'Brien, planning some scientific experiment the nature of which remains a mystery, returned from lunch the other day with a white mouse in a cardboard box. The box rested on top of a copy of our September issue overnight and by morning the rodent had gnawed his way down to page 132.

No one, it seems, can digest a copy of fact-packed ELECTRONICS in one session.



LINK OR KINK

If it is true that a sensitive relay is an ordinary design in which common principles and dimensions have been "squeezed" in order to gain performance, it logically follows that even as features of merit are accentuated, so also will be an occasional weakness.

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CROSS TALK

► TV POWER . . . As we write, the FCC has granted power increases to 42 television stations, ranging from 1.02 times for KPIX, San Francisco, to 11.4 times for WTVJ in Miami, amid shouts of joy from just about everyone concerned. Before the boost these stations had a combined effective radiated power of 546 kw; now the combined power is 896 kw, an average increase of about 64 percent. This 64 percent is a nice juicy bit, as measured by the timesalemen's pitch and even as measured in the electric light bill. But in good old decibels it ain't much, only 2.2 db, which is an amount the eye can just barely detect by looking at the image. All of which goes to prove that a mere scratch has been made on the surface of this power increase business. Some stations, those having high towers and high-gain antennas, have done very well. Others only think they have.

The moral of the story is that the broadcaster who soaked a lot of money into a high tower, plus a lot of antenna gain, when he built his station, is now reaping the harvest. The ground rules of the recent power-boost authorizations allow him to turn his final amplifier up to its maximum rating, whereas the old rules required him to turn down the power, the higher his tower and the more gain stacked into his array. The new rules also allow him to put in more antenna gain, but this takes time, and, if the Empire State story is any criterion, plenty of bucks.

So a free hand with the stockholders' money is rewarded again, as is only right.

This is, of course, only a preliminary step, a partial derogation of the freeze allowed by an enlightened (repentant?) government body which shall be nameless. Much more is in the offing. Postfreeze power increases of the order of 5 to 10 times above the present average level are promised. Then we'll have decibels of improvement in substantial, rather than liminal, numbers. For which praise be to Allah!

► EDUCATIONAL . . . The educational-tv argument is in the doldrums at the moment, so we'll give it a kick to keep it alive. Our stand: Television needs educational institutions, their facilities and personnel, as fulltime program sources if it is to serve the people fully. We need now, and even more we'll need later, a leaven for a program fare geared principally to the channels of trade. But television will never get such educational support while we, and that's us, take a parsimonious stand on educational expenses in general. Every time a taxpayers group in your town or mine gets up to oppose increases in teachers' salaries or better school facilities, the forces against educational tv can be seen at work. Broadcasters who want channels may relax so long as this goes on. But it's bad nonetheless. More money, much more, is needed for primary and secondary schools. If we wake up

in time, we may have some takers for educational channels, and we'll all be the richer for it.

► STATESMAN ... President Truman could not have picked a better man as his Telecommunications Adviser than Haraden Pratt. The job, suggested in the report of the President's Communications Policy Board, has been filled with a man who combines knowledge and experience with an ability to inspire confidence to a degree unmatched in the profession of radio engineering. A chairman of the FCC, under whom Pratt had served at an international conference, called him "an honest man, absolutely straight"; and from this particular chairman that statement was the accolade.

In noting the departure of industry figures for government service we try to avoid the style of an obituary notice. Nevertheless we cannot avoid the statement that Haraden will be missed, badly missed, by his associates. The nature of his new job requires his resignation as secretary of the IRE, a position he has held since 1943 and from membership on JTAC, in whose work he has served as principal moderator since its inception. Good luck has not figured as a prominent explanation of his past achievements. But, such being the responsibility of bringing order out of the present chaos in the administration of civil and military radio, he's going to need it from now on. Good luck!

Selecting an INDUSTRIAL

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SELECTION of a trade symbol is most important in the field of electronics. If advertising funds are to be expended, they should be used for a symbol which is capable of legal protection. If a trademark is selected in a haphazard fashion, the business or promotion campaign based on it will be founded on a symbol having little value and the symbol will not be easily retained as exclusive property of the company.

Trademark Categories

Trademarks and service marks as used in modern trade generally fall into the following categories:

Coined Designations: Coined designations are very desirable from a legal viewpoint. Trademarks such as "Kodak" and "Philco" are readily protected. The inventing or coining of trademarks has been studied by A. H. Cousins and H. E. Wadsworth in "Trade Names... a Guide to Their Invention, Protection and Use", published by Harlequin Press Co., Ltd., London, England.

Picture or Motif: The dog and phonograph of RCA, the musical clef of Emerson radio and the cat of the National Carbon Company are familiar examples of valuable picture trademarks. By choosing such a mark, the following advantages are gained: perfect export use identification, personalization of the product, a source of interesting themes for advertising, and symbolic representation which lends itself to television promotion.

Sounds: Sound trademarks have been popularized by radio. One good example is the NBC chimelike notes (trademark registered April 4, 1950, No. 523,616).

Letters and Numerals: The mark "GE" is an excellent example of letter type marks. Brevity is their virtue.

Descriptive: Descriptive trademarks should be avoided. The U.S. Patent Office will not register them nor will courts normally protect them. The word "Telecolor" has been refused registration as descriptive of television apparatus. The mark "Kwickstart" has been refused registration for storage batteries. The word "Sightmirror" was held as descriptive of mirror screens for television receivers. Sufficient use is required to create distinctiveness. After this, the trademark may acquire a secondary meaning which can be protected.

Color: Color, as a trademark, should be avoided since color-type trademarks are not normally capable of protection. For example, the light and dark vertical stripes for Burgess batteries was refused registration as a trademark. Also, a circular red area for phonograph record labels was ruled not a valid trademark.

Others: Other trademark categories frequently used are geographic names, historical names, literary references, family names and laudatory titles. The latter are not too wise to select as they can be protected only with great difficulty.

Searching Sources

Once a desirable expression has been selected for a trademark, it is a good plan to do preliminary search screening to be certain that the expression is clear or available. Search facilities which are available to the business men are as follows.

RTMA Trade Directory: This directory is the most obvious search source in the radio and television fields and provides a rough screening. The members of the RTMA list their trade names in the directory.

U. S. Patent Office—Trademark Register: The Patent Office Register in Washington contains files arranged alphabetically and by product and service classes. There are also available published notices of pending applications and special classified files of registered trademark pictures and symbols.

Forty-Second Street Library— Engineering Section (New York City); Files of alphabetically arranged trademarks are provided up to the year 1947. Files are not of registered trademarks but only those which were published for opposition.

Private Search Services: There are a number of private search facilities. Three typical ones are Thomson and Thomson, 80 Federal St., Boston, Mass.; Trade-Mark Service Corp., 253 Broadway, New York, N. Y. and U. S. Printing and Lithograph Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. Such organizations maintain files of registered trademarks as well as files of unregistered trade names

FUNCTIONS OF A TRADEMARK

In choosing a trademark, the three functions performed by such a symbol should be kept in mind. These functions are as follows:

- (1) As an advertisement, the trademark helps sell the product
- (2) As a guarantee of the quality of a product, the trademark vouches for the company's integrity
- (3) As an identification of the manufacturer, the trademark indicates the source of a product

TRADEMARK

Cautious approach to the choice of a trademark for use in the field of electronics will result in fewer headaches and less wasted money. Proper procedure is discussed together with some of the more common pitfalls to avoid

collected from trade periodicals.

Slogan Searches: Among important search sources for slogans are U.S. Trade-Mark Association, 522 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. and Printer's Ink Clearing House of Advertised Phrases, 205 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y. The book "American Slogans" by William Sunners, published in 1949 by The Paebar Co., New York, N. Y., has an excellent classified slogan collection.

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Controlling Trademarks

Every trademark involves an initial and continuing investment in creating and defending the mark. The expense of these items multiplies with the number of marks.

The initial investment comprises many items including selection, advertising and marking of products. In addition, one or more trademark registrations are usually required in each country, according to the variety of merchandise upon which the mark is used or is likely to be used. The cost of obtaining trademark registrations is substantial.

The continuing investment includes renewals from time to time at a cost generally equal to that of the original registration. Further, most successful trademarks are encroached upon either inadvertently or intentionally. Much time, effort and expense are required to trace and stop imitations.

Every additional mark used duplicates the initial and continuing investment and expense and the expenditures are further multiplied by the number of countries in which trade is conducted.

A word of warning is perhaps in order. Do not go in for mass trademark, slogan and name usage. District Judge Tuttle once had this to say about an advertising man's "vice". "... It is like the monkey of the fable who reached into the jar to get nuts. The monkey was so greedy and grabbed so many that he couldn't get his hand out of the jar and he lost them all. The plaintiff has attempted to adopt so many alleged trademarks, trade names,

REQUIREMENTS FOR A GOOD TRADEMARK

Experience has shown that certain requirements for a trademark will insure its value to a company. Of primary importance is the consulting of available search material (see text) to reveal legal clearance over trademarks in the same competitive field. In addition, the trademark should be:

Easy to remember Easy to read and speak Brief and striking Creative of proper association A selling idea for the product Unrestricted to one line of goods Suitable for export use Pictorial in nature

trade slogans and trade configurations that, if one were to understand this fully and speak intelligently about all of the baits, slogans, boasts and names that have been used, it would be necessary to prepare a dictionary of substantial size. . . A manufacturer cannot build a business up around a thousand slogans. . . . He cannot take a thousand words out of the dictionary and build a business around all of them . . . because the plaintiff has used so many different things that the public has never come to associate its goods with any of those things."

Before selecting a trade symbol, the owner of a new business or the merchandise director of a new promotion campaign should first acquire an understanding of the nature and function of a trademark. A simple rule to follow is a commercial adaptation of the Golden Rule. Don't select a trade symbol that you would not want a competitor to select. If this rule is followed, the average business man will see why the trade symbol to be selected should be unique, not a part of the public reservoir of words or pictures, not deceptive and above all nonconflicting.

When in doubt about the availability of a trade symbol it is the best policy to contact the owner of the adverse symbol. A simple and frank statement of the facts will more often than not clear up any doubts as to the right to use a selected trademark. A wise rule for the business man and his counsel to follow is that when in doubt about a selected symbol leave it alone. It is not worth the expenditure of promotion funds.

HORN ANTENNAS For Television

Eight-foot equilateral bisectional horn antenna provides over 14-db gain on channel 13 compared with isotropic source antenna. Same performance can be obtained for transmission. Antenna matches commercially available 300-ohm line

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Experimental modified horn antenna made from wood scraps and chicken wire. High directivity makes rotator a very desirable adjunct to system



FIG. 1—For reception of channels 2 through 13, where channel 2 is not especially weak, the most practical dimensions are W = H = B = 8 feet. and $\theta = 60$ degrees

OST of the transmitting and M receiving antennas in use today for television and communication are of the linear or standingwave variety. Examples include the dipole, dipole-reflector-director combinations and multiple stacked arrays of all sorts. In general, these types are characterized by comparatively narrow frequency bandwidth and concomitant matching problems. Power gains of 10 db are possible only with large structures which by their nature become more critical toward bandwidth as the gain increases.

Another type of antenna finding moderate use where space will permit, is the traveling-wave antenna. This category includes the terminated long wire, the V and the rhombic. These types, however, in addition to requiring a large space. require more than one supporting pole; changes in directivity are difficult; many minor lobes exist; and feed impedances are generally undesirably high (400 to 800 ohms). Bandwidth in the traveling-wave types is often in excess of 3 to 1, which is entirely adequate for most receiving and transmitting conditions

The antenna shown in experimental form in the photograph offers several advantages over both of the types mentioned above. It has not, however, found very wide application for tv and communication on the lower frequencies, except by a few. This antenna will be recognized as a modified horn type. Since horizontally polarized waves are of primary importance (for the reception of television and

f-m signals) two of the usual four sides of a horn may be omitted, and the resulting two-sided horn may be fed by direct excitation.

A drawing of this antenna is shown in Fig. 1. This design consists of only two vertical side sectors of the horn. The feed line is connected at the apex of the horn, one conductor being connected to each sector. There are no metallic ties between sectors.

Attenuation to transmission transition being gradual, the approximate cutoff is determined when

$W_c = 0.5 \lambda_c$

If true unidirectional characteristics are wanted, the flare angle θ should be small. However, a small θ would necessitate a long horn. A good compromise angle of 60 degrees may be used. In this case the dimension *B* is given by

$$B_{c} = \frac{W_{c}}{2\sin\theta} = 0.5 \lambda_{c}$$

The height of each sector H is made equal to the mouth width W, so

$$H_{e} = W_{e} = 0.5\lambda_{e}$$

Resistive and reactive components of an equilateral bisectoral horn antenna of the type described are shown in Fig. 2. It will be noted that the resistance approaches 377 ohms at infinite frequency. The reactive component similarly approaches zero.

Line Match

Since both 300-ohm and 400-ohm line are commercially procurable,



FIG. 2-Universal impedance curves show resistance approaching 377 ohms and reactance approaching zero ohms as frequency increases

2 METER TOFF -35 ŝ 12 -30 CUTOFF 10 -25 20 CAIN GAIN GAIN VOLTAGE POWER 80+15 CUTOFF 31 6 -10 2 -5 C Jn 130 190 210 230 2fc STC FREQUENCY IN MEGACYCLES CUTOFF 1.5fc 3.56

FIG. 3—Curves show calculated gain characteristics (over isotropic point source) for 8-foot 60-degree modified horn antenna

it follows that an ideal match may be secured over a wide band of frequencies with this antenna. In the case of 300-ohm line, the mismatch is only 2 percent in power or 0.8 db in addition to the published attenuation loss of the line, when perfectly matched. At cutoff frequency the loss increases to 0.25 percent in power or 1.22 db. Below cutoff the loss increases rapidly due to the decrease in resistance. The use of 400-ohm line would decrease these losses quite a bit from the infinite frequency down to cutoff (being an ideal match at three times cutoff, or channel 7 and 8).

Dimensions

The actual dimensions used will depend upon the individual problem. For most practical vhf-tv reception, cutoff can be taken as 57 megacycles. For this value of cutoff, $W_c = B_c = H_c = 8.6$ ft. With these dimensions the power gain at 213 mc over an isotropic source is 14.7 db.

Using a slightly reduced size (8 ft) this gain is reduced to 14 db. This is comparable to the gain from 10 dipoles and reflectors in a stacked array, or 20 elements with their added complexity.

Figure 3 is a calculated plot of power gain, db gain and voltage gain. These curves are based on the 8-ft dimension, or a cutoff frequency of 61.2 mc. Figure 4 shows the horizontal and vertical pattern of a scaled model at 28.7 cm, which had an aperture of slightly less

than 3 times cutoff. Rear radiation is of the order of 1 percent.

#*60°

Bc +Wc +Hc +8 FEET

Performance

During the course of the experiments, a 12-ft model was erected at Skaneateles. New York. Good pictures and sound were obtained on channels 4 (Buffalo and Schenectady), 5 (Syracuse), 6 (Rochester), 8 (Syracuse), 12 (Binghamton), and 13 (Utica). Other high-gain types failed to produce



FIG. 4-Directivity patterns for 28.5-cm model (antenna rotated for verticallypolarized signal)

a usable picture on any channel except 5. This particular location is down in a valley with hills of 100 ft or more an all sides.

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The 8-ft model is almost as good as the 12-ft version, but the lower channels were inferior. Also, channel 6 could not be enjoyed when channel 5 was on the air because of adjacent-channel interference caused by broadening of the beam.

It should be pointed out that the modified horn type of antenna makes an excellent harmonic radiator when used in transmission work. Experiments show that the presence of a metal supporting pole does not affect operation, and the planes may be constructed from wire mesh (chicken wire variety shown in photograph), spline-type construction, woven wire or flat sheets.

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New UHF RESNATRON

Recent resnatron developments include uhf amplifier operation with high power output, and greater bandwidth and gain. Experiments indicate suitability of resnatrons for uhf television transmission and certain military applications

The RESNATRON PRINCIPLE was originally developed¹ in 1938, by W. W. Salisbury, D. H. Sloan, and L. C. Marshall at the University of California, in an attempt to find a solution to the problem of obtaining high power outputs at frequencies in excess of 100 mc. Previous designs had always suffered from transit time effects, and from difficulties inherent in the necessarily finite inductance of the leads to the external terminals of the tube.

In the resnatron, (the theory of which has been discussed by Dow^{2, 8}) interelectrode spacings are so chosen with relation to the operating voltages on the various elements of the tube that the transit time ceases to be a disadvantage. In general, this demands rather high plate and screen grid voltage. These are not objectionable, however, since one of the objectives of design is a tube capable of extremely high c-w power outputs. Complete electron bunching is employed and the phase delay caused by the transit time is augmented by a controllable phase shift in the cathode circuit to bring the cathode and anode resonating elements into the proper phase relations for oscillator operation.

Early models of the resnatron solved the lead inductance problem by adopting the simple, yet revolutionary, approach of placing all resonating circuits inside the evacuated envelope of the tube. Supply leads, therefore, are not a part of the resonating circuits, and their inductance has a negligible effect on the operation of the system.

These principles of operation may

be more clearly understood by reference to Fig. 1, which is a diagram of a resnatron amplifier tube. Without describing the operation of this tube in detail, it may be pointed out that the resonant circuits consist of two concentric three-quarterwave coaxial lines, with the active elements of the tube, including the cathode, control grid, screen grid anode, located one-quarter and wavelength from the shorted end. Standing waves are set up along these lines, with voltage peaks at the location of the active elements. There are no leads between the active elements and the resonant circuits, as the former are built into, and continuous with, the latter.

It may be observed from Fig. 1 that the interelectrode spacings in the tube are quite large, particularly in the output cavity, and in the screen-grid-control-grid section, where high d-c supply voltages might cause breakdowns if critical



FIG. 1—Cross section of uhf resnatron of the grounded-cathode type

dimensions were involved. Later developments have made it possible to operate resnatron tubes with external tuning elements.

Wartime Development

Several years after the original conception of the resnatron principle, an urgent need arose. in connection with the radar countermeasures program being directed by Terman at Harvard's Radio Research Laboratory, for vacuum tubes capable of generating high c-w power output levels (20 kilowatts to 100 kilowatts) at frequencies in the range from 350 to 650 mc. There was no particular requirement for frequency stability or low noise level. Self-excited oscillators were, therefore, known to be satisfactory for the purpose. It was immediately evident that the resnatron would be entirely suited for this application, and a program was, therefore, established, under the sponsorship of Division 15 of NDRC, C. G. Suits, Chairman, for the development of resnatron oscillators designed for c-w power outputs in excess of 50 kilowatts in the frequency range centering at 500 mc.

This program finally culminated in the development of the Model 4 resnatron oscillator. This oscillator has been operated with c-w power outputs as high as 85 kilowatts, a figure which could probably have been increased to 100 kilowatts if an adequate power supply had been available. The tuning range is from 350 to 650 mc, requiring a minor change in the cavity geometry near the middle of the range. Its efficiency is high, measuring from 40 to 70 percent, depending

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Designs and Applications

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upon the modulation bandwidth required. Plate voltages of the order of 15 kv are employed for maximum power output.

The problem of modulation of the resnatron was studied in great detail with the result that, at the end of the war, noise-modulated outputs, having bandwidths in excess of 4 mc, had been achieved. This type of equipment (called "Tuba") was used in connection with the jamming of airborne interceptor radar equipment carried by German night fighters over the English Channel. In all, three models of the Tuba transmitter were delivered to the operational theater.

Resnatron Amplifiers

Following the war, resnatron equipment was used for propagation study. When it became evident, in 1947, that it would be necessary to assign uhf channels for television broadcast purposes, due to a shortage of vhf channels, consideration was given to the possibility of adapting the resnatron for television transmitter purposes. It was known that, due to the high frequencies involved, television transmitters for the uhf band would require much higher power output ratings than those previously employed in the vhf band. It was, in fact, estimated that radiated powers of the order of 200 kilowatts would be necessary to produce adequate coverage in an average service area. Power levels of this order could be obtained with the resnatron assuming reasonable antenna gains. No other known tubes were, or are, capable of such c-w power outputs with reasonable efficiency.



Partially assembled resnatron shows tube parts, including output waveguide (right). The screen grid is visible in gap between upper and lower housings. Vacuum pumps are not shown

Another requirement for uhf television transmitters was a high degree of frequency stability. It was also evident that, for commercial operation, efficiency was a matter of paramount importance.

These considerations, studied accumulatively, led to the conclusion that the prime requirement for satisfactory uhf television transmitter operation was the development of a high-power uhf amplifier tube capable of being driven by a highly frequency-stable oscillator system.

First Design

In view of these circumstances, a program was instituted by W. W. Salisbury, then Director of Research of the Collins Radio Company, for converting a resnatron oscillator tube to operate as an amplifier.

In the first tube converted for amplifier operation, shown in Fig. 1, the cathode was operated at ground potential, a high positive voltage being placed on the anode.

It was found that the principal problem involved in converting to amplifier operation was the design of an input circuit capable of feed-

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ing energy into the input cavity with good effectiveness. Due to the small dimensions of the cathode cavity, it was not possible to introduce a conventional coupling loop of any sizable area. A considerable amount of experimentation, carried on under the supervision of S. G. McNees, developed the fact that one method of obtaining optimum coupling involved the use of a metallic connection from the center conductor of the input coaxial line to the inner wall of the cathode cavity. By varying the point at which this connection was made, an adequate match, resulting in an acceptable standing-wave ratio, could be obtained without undue complication.

Using a resnatron oscillator as a driver, a tube converted to amplifier operation in this fashion was operated at 570 mc, with c-w power outputs of 20 kw, a power gain of 10 to 1, and an efficiency in excess of 75 percent.

Further experimentation succeeded in broadening the bandwidth of the tube to 6 mc. This was achieved principally by eliminating standing waves in the input coaxial line. The structure of the input seal was, of course, sufficiently rugged to withstand standing waves of considerable amplitude, and when the first amplifier tests were made, no particular effort was exerted to avoid standing waves in this section of the system, the standingwave ratio in the input waveguide. beyond the input seal, being reduced to a satisfactory level by adjusting the tuning plungers at the input seal. It was found, however, that the coaxial line in the input seal had a sufficiently high Q so that, if standing waves were permitted to exist in this section of line, the bandwidth was narrowed to an unsatisfactory extent.

By further adjustment of the point at which a connection was made at the inner wall of the cathode cavity, it was found possible to eliminate standing waves in the input section and produce bandwidths in excess of 4 mc. Having reached this point, it was found that the Q of the output circuit became controlling; additional manipulation of the output seal circuit resulted in broadening the over-all bandwidth beyond 5 mc.

Difficulty was experienced on account of radio-frequency leakage. It was found, under operating conditions, that as much as 5 to 10 kilowatts of output power leaked out of the output cavity without entering the output seal, causing undesirably high leakage field strengths in the vicinity of the tube, and wasting power output. Since the anode cavity was isolated from ground, shielding was inadequate in the section of the tube carrying the highest power. It was concluded that it would be necessary to ground the anode to remedy this fault completely.

Improved Version

A revised design of the tube, incorporating the necessary changes, is shown in Fig. 2. In this design, which is the result of the joint efforts of S. G. McNees, W. J. Armstrong, and Roger Borne of the Research Division Staff, the anode is operated at ground potential, a high negative potential being applied to the cathode. Under these conditions, the elimination of leakage fields due to the anode cavity is greatly facilitated, as the output



FIG. 2—Grounded-anode resnatron makes better shielding of high-power cavity possible

coax can be tied down solidly to the anode cavity without employing external chokes. Special arrangements must be employed in the input feed to isolate the external parts of the feed from the high voltage applied to the cathode, but any chokes used in this section of the system are operated at relatively low power levels, and any leakage fields which may exist may, therefore, be expected to be relatively low in power.

Employing tubes of this general design, a crystal-controlled uhf propagation transmitter for service at 500 mc is now being constructed under the general direction of R. L. McCreary, head of the Vacuum Tube Design Section of the laboratory. A prototype of the power amplifier stage of this transmitter, consisting of two resnatron amplifiers in cascade, operates at a c-w power output of 75 kw, when driven with an input driving power of 100 watts derived from a crystalcontrolled driver. No appreciable leakage is observed and the bandwidth has been found to be about 3 mc, without any attempt having been made to widen it.

As may be inferred from these results, it has been found that when resnatron amplifiers are operated with low driving powers, gains as high as 70 to 1 are obtained. As the power input is increased, a condition is reached where the input feed is no longer matched. At a certain point, which may coincide with the point at which the grid begins to be driven positive, the power output flattens off, and very little increase in output power is obtained with further increase in driving power. This effect, again, is evidently due to an imperfect match which starts to take effect as soon as the load impedance of the cathode circuit becomes low.

Further work in this program will, therefore, concern itself principally with the problem of designing an input feed which will satisfactorily match the impedance of the cathode cavity when the grid is driven positive. It is anticipated that even higher gains and power outputs can easily be obtained through judicious design of the input system.

Characteristics

Figure 3 shows the static characteristics of a resnatron amplifier. It should be noted from this figure that the calculated transconductance of this tube is approximately 15,000-micromhos at a plate voltage of 10 kv and a plate current of 3 amperes.

In connection with all aspects of the amplifier development program, emphasis is being laid on tunability. The original oscillator tubes function satisfactorily over a tuning range from 350 to 650 mc. Amplifier tests so far made have concentrated principally on certain spot frequencies, as the particular applications for which these amplifiers are intended have not required tunability.

Tests made for informational purposes outside the bands specifically required for these applications have, however, indicated that the broad tunability of the original oscillator tubes will also be obtained without difficulty. This aspect of the matter will be borne in mind during the progress of the work, and it is intended that any amplifier tubes produced will have broad tuning ranges.

200-Mc Resnatron Amplifier

The Research Division of the Collins Radio Company is also en-

gaged at present in the design of an extremely high power resnatron amplifier for linear accelerator applications, at a frequency of 202.5 mc. This work will be done under a sub-contract with the University of Minnesota, which is operating under a prime contract with the Atomic Energy Commission for the development of a large proton linear accelerator of the Alverez type. This accelerator will include four accelerating tanks, driven by four resnatron power amplifiers, which will deliver, respectively, 1.2, 8.5, 8.5, and 8.5 megawatts, to the tanks with which they are associated. The power will be delivered in pulses about 160 microseconds in length.

Higher Frequency Tubes

The usefulness of the resnatron is not confined to the uhf range. Tubes of the axial flow type, in which the electron stream travels in a direction parallel to the axis of revolution of the tube structure, may be expected to reach much higher frequencies. Some work along these lines has been done at Collins, and L. C. Marshall and D. H. Sloan, at the University of California. have also undertaken a program for the development of high-power resnatron oscillators and amplifiers designed for operation at a frequency of approximately 3,000 mc. Theoretical considerations indicate that the resnatron principle should still be effective at frequencies as high as this, and the work of Sloan and Marshall has resulted in the construction of models which promise to produce the desired results.

Other Tube Types

Only three types of tubes are known which are capable of generating or amplifying c-w power at the levels (20 to 100 kw) required for satisfactory operation in the uhf band. These are the resnatron, the magnetron, and the klystron. Of these tubes, the magnetron would not seem to be a permanently satisfactory solution to the problem, since it is not an amplifier, although proposals for magnetron amplifiers have been made, and, if such amplifiers can be developed. the magnetron might be found to

have all of the necessary characteristics for satisfactory system operation

Both klystrons and resnatrons may be operated as amplifiers. Klystrons capable of high power outputs and utilizing extremely high electron stream currents (100 amperes) have been built. The power gains obtainable with tubes of this type have also been determined to be adequately high, and they possess important manufacturing advantages over the resnatron. Their development is also further advanced in that sealed-off klystrons have been constructed. Nevertheless, the klystron, at least in its present state of development, possesses an important drawback: its efficiency is low. The electron stream efficiency under present operating conditions is limited to 57 percent, and this figure must, of course, be multiplied by the circuit efficiency in determining the over-all efficiency of the tube. In practice, klystrons are seldom operated with over-all efficiencies higher than 25 percent. It is possible that the development of multicavity power klystrons, or changes in the operating parameters might result in some improvement in electron stream efficiency, but it seems doubtful whether efficiencies as high as those obtainable from triodes and tetrodes of the type now generally used in low-frequency transmitter operation will ever be obtainable. From a commercial standpoint, this characteristic of the klystron is an extremely important consideration since, in the applications, discussed herein, the power outputs are large, and power dissipated due to low efficiency is excessive and costly.

The resnatron, in its present



FIG. 3-Static characteristics of a resnatron amplifier. Calculated transconductance is about 15,000 micromhos at 10 kv and anode current of 3 amperes

state of development, already possesses excellent efficiency characteristics. Efficiencies as high as 80 percent have been obtained in normal operation at ultra-high frequencies. This high efficiency is due to the fact that in the resnatron the density of the electron stream may be completely modulated, while in the klystron it can be modulated only downward and upward from an average current value which, in itself, contributes nothing to the useful output power and results merely in power dissipation. A resnatron operated on a class-C basis is entirely similar to other class-C amplifiers, the plate current being entirely cut off during the passive part of the driving cycle.

Resnatrons, like high-power klystrons, have also been demonstrated in actual practice to be comparatively noise-free. Noise measurements were made in connection with the tests of a resnatron amplifier when it was being driven by a frequency-stable oscillator system. It was found that the noise level observed at the output of the detector of a receiver monitoring the signal was more than 60 db below the d-c level of the carrier, as determined by measuring the direct current in the detector circuit. Resnatron class-C amplifiers may, therefore, be expected to have noise characteristics fully as satisfactory as those of conventional tubes now in use.

Summarizing the situation, it thus appears that the resnatron is best able to fulfill the requirement for a high-power, high-gain, highefficiency, ultra-high-frequency amplifier having a low noise figure. This conclusion is subject to modification in the light of any new developments which may be made. The traveling-wave tube, for example, shows promise of being able to operate at fairly high power levels. As yet, however, such tubes have not been developed as high-power amplifiers.

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Sound Waves Test Cylinder Heads

Fast, precision testing of tolerances in production is accomplished by translating differences in natural sonic frequencies of standard cylinder-head cavity and unknown to differences in volume. Rate of inspection is 180 six-cylinder heads per hour

TNDUSTRIAL TESTING of cylinderhead tolerances in automobile manufacturing has been speeded up considerably through the application of an electronic volume comparator known as the Cavitometer.

The underlying principle of volume measurement by the instrument is that all cavities within a certain type of throat opening have a natural resonant frequency. If a master cavity of known volume is used for comparison with an unknown cavity and the two cavities are made to resonate at their natural sonic frequency with the frequencies opposing each other, then the difference in frequency may be interpreted in terms of difference in volume as compared with the master cavity. The volume varies as the reciprocal of the square of the frequency.

The difference in sonic frequency may be translated into a difference in electrical frequency and used to deflect a pointer on a dial which is calibrated in terms of volume. Any change in ambient temperature or humidity affects equally the natural resonance period of both the cylinder head being tested and the master cylinder-head cavity.

Principle of Operation

If a cavity is connected to an open tube of small cross-section as compared to its length and the volume of the tube is very small compared to the cavity, then the air contained in the volume of the tube can be considered as a piston. Because of the minute displacements of the air piston, it moves as a whole. The cavity volume, whose diameter is large compared with its depth, will suffer compression and expansion which will set up a sonic wave. The principle is similar to a weight hanging on a coil spring.

A source of sound, such as a transducer energized by an oscillator, placed just outside the tube or



FIG. 1—The closed oscillatory system operates at the resonant sonic frequency of the cavity. The discriminator translates the resonant frequency into direct current proportional to volume differential as compared with a master volume

air piston and driven at resonant frequency will cause the cavity to resonate. If a microphone is imbedded in the cavity wall, then its output will experience a sharp rise when the cavity resonates. If two cavities, one of known volume, are opposed, as described previously, the volume of the unknown cavity can be measured.

Automotive Application

In the use of the volume comparator for automotive application, each engine block head slides upside down on hardened slides on to a fixture table. The engine head slides into a predetermined location adjacent to a master cylinder head. Pushing a button on the control panel energizes an electric air valve and loads a hydraulic piston which clamps the head against transducer plates, thus cutting off the cavities.

The setup for testing an individual cavity is shown in Fig. 1. The transducer plates are made of steel. Imbedded in the plates opposite the center of each cylinder-head depression are adjustable-length sonic piston throats, 4, 6 or 8 as required. Back of each piston throat is a transducer encased in a sound-absorbing housing. Adjacent to the sonic piston throats are microphones also imbedded in the transducer plates. Either 4, 6 or 8 microphones are used depending on the number of cylinders in the head. A stepper selector switch com-



Volume comparator in use on the assembly line of the Rocket engine plant of the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. Cylinderhead cavities are held to a tolerance of plus or minus one cubic centimeter

pares the sonic resonant frequency of each cylinder-head cavity in turn against the sonic resonant frequency of the master cylinder-head cavity. The difference in frequencies, if beyond tolerance, is indicated by HIGH or LOW lights supplemented by a dial indication in terms of some deviation from master cylinder-head cavity volume.

Operating Procedure

To start the operation of the comparator, a start button is depressed which causes the selector switch to connect the master cavity to the oscillator assembly. This operation permits a zero adjust of the instrument.

After a period of about two seconds, automatic operation starts for comparing each cylinder cavity in turn with the master cavity. Within one-half to one second, the discriminator circuit compares the frequency of the voltage from the cylinder being tested to that of the master cylinder. If the difference is within tolerance, the selector switch automatically moves on to the next cylinder head to be tested. The operation is repeated until all the cylinder heads have been tested or until one is found beyond volume tolerance. A signal light shows which cylinder head is being tested at the moment.

If a particular cylinder head is beyond tolerance, a sequence of operations takes place. The selector switch automatically stops. The signal light, indicating excessive negative or positive tolerance as the case may be, lights. An indicating meter automatically indicates the amount \mathbf{of} excess volume tolerance. The entire system remains in standby position until the inspector makes the decision about the particular cylinder head and restarts the system by pressing down on the ADVANCE button.

After a cycle of operation is completed, approximately eight seconds total time for six cylinders if they are within tolerance, the selector switch stops at its original position and is ready for zero checking before inspecting another engine head.

In the event there is a production

requirement involving double tolerances, one tolerance between any two cavities in a given head and a second tolerance between the cavities of any two different heads, an electronic memory circuit may be added. In this case, when either tolerance requirement is violated, the system remains in standby until the inspector restarts the system by pressing the ADVANCE button.

The instrument can be stopped or moved on to any cylinder position to let the indicating meter indicate the actual difference in volume as compared with the master cylinderhead cavity by holding a MANUAL button until the desired cylinder cavity is connected.

The Cavitometer, manufactured by Poole Manufacturing Engineers of Dallas, Texas, will inspect cylinder heads at about two seconds per cylinder if they are within tolerance. Six seconds are required for the operator to take a cylinder head off the rack and place another one on. Six-cylinder heads can be inspected at the rate of about 180 per hour—R.K.J.

Modified Butterfly



Photograph of uhf-tv converter tandem oscillator-mixer and dial drive. Complete converter contains components shown plus appropriate shielding and power supply, and cascode amplifier for converted i-f signals



FIG. 1—Block diagram of uhf converter. Present FCC allocation plans indicate desirability of using vhf channel 5 or channel 6 for first i.f

T HE POSSIBILITY of an eventual opening of uhf television channels in this country has stimulated a number of research programs seeking new and better techniques for adapting present-day vhf receivers for uhf reception. One such program resulted in the development of the continuous tuning converter to be described.

Figure 1 shows a block diagram of a complete uhf tuner. The three essential portions of the tuner are the oscillator circuit, the mixer circuit and the i-f amplifier. A developmental 7-pin miniature-based version of the 6F4 (since designated as type 6AF4) was chosen as the most likely usable oscillator tube to be available and commercially practical for use in this tuner. The only practical mixer for the uhf range was considered to be a germanium crystal diode. Triode mixers are generally inferior to crystals at frequencies above about 500 mc.

No r-f amplifier is included because of the lack of a satisfactory tube for commercial use. If such a tube should become available, it might then profitably be incorporated into the tuner design.

Tuned Circuit Design

The primary requirements of a tuned circuit design are range and



FIG. 2 —Typical solid-rotor semi-butterfly (left) and modified version (right) used in converter to increase the frequency range to cover the 470 to 890-mc uhf-tv band

UHF-TV Converter-

Converts uhf signals to vhf for reception on existing television receivers. Modified butterfly tuned circuits provide good tuning linearity with low noise figure and excellent high-frequency oscillator stability over 470 to 890-mc uhf-tv frequency range

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stability. Both of these factors are more critical for the oscillator circuit than for the mixer.

The oscillator tuned circuit range is important because the oscillator tube has a lower resonant frequency than the crystal diode, and because the high-impedance tube must be connected to the highimpedance points of the oscillator circuit while the crystal, representing an impedance of two to three hundred ohms, is tapped down on the mixer circuit. The wide range required makes both inductance and capacitance variation desirable.

Since the i-f bandwidth is much less than the r-f bandwidth, the stability of the oscillator circuit is more important than that of the mixer. Stability, both thermal and mechanical, in a unit of this type is a function both of the basic design of the circuit and of the materials of which it is made. Electrical and mechanical design cannot be considered separately.

It was early decided to use widerange continuously-tuned noncontacting resonators. The maximum obtainable inductance variation is desirable to minimize mixer bandwidth variations. The familiar semibutterfly approach was used.

A typical solid rotor semi-butterfly is shown at left in Fig. 2. The rotor is a solid metallic semicylinder. The stator consists of a cylindrical metallic ring with a slot near the top plus two end plates at each end as shown. The rotor revolves inside the stator with a small clearance between the ends of the rotor and the end plates attached to the stator. The points of connection to the circuit are at the top of the stator across the slot.

In the low-frequency position the rotor is turned upward. A capacitance exists from each side of the stator to the rotor through the small air gap between the rotor and the stator loop and between the rotor and the end plates. These two capacitances in series form the tank capacitance. The inductance of the circuit is essentially that of the lower portion of the stator loop since the upper portion is magnetically shielded by the rotor and the end plates. In this position the inductance and capacitance are both at their maximum values. As the rotor is turned somewhat, as shown in Fig. 2, the effective capacitance area is decreased, decreasing the total tank capacitance. The total circuit inductance is decreased because the rotor now



FIG. 3—Complete assembled oscillator unit



FIG. 4—Disassembled view of oscillator, Stator consists of silvered area on inside of glass-bonded mica housing



FIG. 5—Assembled view of mixer used in uhf-tv converter

obstructs the magnetic field of the inductance loop portion of the stator. The upper portion of the stator is still magnetically shielded by the end plates to some degree. At the highest frequency, with the rotor in its lowest position, the inductance loop of the stator is completely shielded by the rotor for minimum inductance, capacitance also being at a minimum.

A slight modification of the semibutterfly will serve further to increase the inductance variation, as shown at right in Fig. 2.

By removing the portions of the inductance loop shown, the lowfrequency inductance is substantially increased, while the capacitance is not affected. In the high-frequency position, due to the shielding effect of the rotor, variations in the width of the stator inductance loop have only a secondorder effect if the gap between rotor and stator is small.

The stator in the modified version is a thin shell. The rotor, however, instead of being essentially semicylindrical is a solid cylinder with a single transverse slot. No end plates are used. Inductance variation is obtained in much the same manner as previously. In the low-frequency position the slot on the rotor, which is somewhat wider than the narrow inductance loop, is adjacent to that loop. Because there is sufficient space between the slot and the loop, the rotor causes little reduction in inductance of the loop. The capacitance is essentially that from the upper portion of the stator through the air gap to the rotor. In the high-frequency position the inductance of the loop is reduced as be-

fore, but because the upper portion of the stator is largely obstructed by the solid rotor, its inductance is low. The high-frequency capacitance is less than that at the lowfrequency end because with the slot in the upper portion the effective capacitance area is less. Capacitance variation, though, is less than that of the units previously described, and the inductance variation is greater. This is basically the type of resonator that has been used in the units to be described.

Resonator Materials

As was previously mentioned, one of the most important factors affecting the operation of the resonator is the nature of the materials of which it is made. For reasons both of stability and producibility, it was decided to make rotor and stator of a glass-bonded mica material with silvered conducting surfaces. Figure 3 shows an oscillator unit made in this manner. Figure 4 is a disassembled view of the same oscillator unit. As can be seen, the stator electrically consists of the silvered areas on the inside and the top of the glass-bonded mica stator. The rotor consists of a slotted glassmica cylinder entirely bonded silvered, and with a shaft inserted in place.

Figure 5 shows a mixer unit made in the same manner. The glass-bonded mica has several advantages over other materials which might be used. One is stability. It has a low moisture absorption and low thermal coefficient of expansion-approximately that of steel. This means, for example, that in addition to the degree of stability expected from such a low coefficient, shafts and inserts may readily be molded in These materials can be place. molded to close tolerances— ± 1 mil is obtainable. If closer tolerances or shapes which cannot be molded are required, the material can readily be machined.

The conducting surfaces were applied by means of an air-drying conductive silver paint which may be applied by conventional printed circuit techniques. Firingon paints were unsatisfactory because the glass-bonded mica would

not withstand the required temperatures. The best air-drying paints encountered to date have been found to have conductivities of the order of 0.1 to 0.05 of that of pure silver. Consequently, a further coating of silver was electroplated for improved conductivity. Conventional plating techniques could not be used because the usual acid-copper bath attacked the glassbonded mica base, and because the high current densities ordinarily used in silver plating produced a blistering of the silver paint. Consequently, silver was directly plated onto the conductive paint from a cyanide bath at low current densities, with excellent results.

One important problem encountered in the design of these units was that of getting a suitable wearresistant, rigid and accurate bearing. One approach that was tried was the use of a steel or bronze sleeve inserted into the glassbonded mica end cap, but a much more accurate and durable means was found. Although the glassbonded mica is abrasive, it machines smoothly. Reamed holes in the glass-bonded mica end caps, with the steel rotor shafts running through them, were found to produce excellent bearings. For example, when an attempt was made to life-test an oscillator unit with a motor-driven rotor and an arm



FIG. 6—Calibration and warm-up curves for converter

attached to the shaft actuating a counter, after 130,000 revolutions the metal counter-actuating arm wore through, stopping the test. When the oscillator unit was disassembled and carefully inspected no wear whatsoever was noticeable on either the shaft or the reamed bearing hole.

Oscillator Circuit

The oscillator unit is basically a conventional balanced Colpitts circuit. The plate blocking capacitor is formed by a sheet of mica under the plate contact mount. The grid return is taken from a low-impedance point to minimize loading effects. The required range of the oscillator is 861.75 to 775.75 mc plus whatever overlap and trimming range is desired. At the highfrequency end of the range the major portion of the oscillator circuit is within the tube, which means that the resonator structure itself must have a very much greater unloaded range. A typical tuning characteristic is shown in Fig. 6A. More linear curves are readily obtained at the expense of range. For example, for 50 mc less range an almost linear curve may be obtained.

The thermal coefficient of frequency of these units has been found to be essentially constant over the tuning range. This means that thermal drift is a problem proportional to frequency. Thermal coefficients of frequency of 25 parts per million per deg C have typically been obtained. A typical oscillator warm-up drift characteristic measured in the upper part of the range is shown in Fig. 6B. This curve was measured with the oscillator unit in a large enclosure maintained at a constant temperature. The drift therefore is that of the oscillator unit alone. The effect of enclosure may be determined from this drift and from the temperature coefficient and the rise in temperature of the oscillator enclosure.

The mechanical stability of these units has been found to be excellent. This has been most vividly shown by the remarkable freedom from microphonics. For example, when a complete tuner was placed in a vhf receiver with a separate



FIG. 7—Closeup photograph of oscillator injection transformer (left), i-f take-off coil (center), and antenna balanced-to-unbalanced transformer (right)

sound i-f, slight microphonic effect was observed. This, however, was no greater than that of the vhf tuner of the receiver itself. In one instance the speaker was placed directly on top of and actually touching the uhf tuner with no microphonic effect. Of course a test made in a nonintercarrier receiver is far more stringent than one made in an intercarrier re-



FIG. 8—Uncompensated injection characteristic

ceiver since any frequency modulation of the uhf local oscillator in the latter will affect sound and picture carrier equally and hence have no significant effect on the sound output.

When a complete tuner was connected to a frequency calibrator and the frequency calibrator adjusted for zero beat with the local oscillator, it was found that pounding on top of the unit produced some frequency modulation but it still remained within a low audio beat.

Mixer Circuit

The tuning range required for the mixer circuit, if this circuit is tuned to a frequency between picture carrier and sound carrier, is approximately 472 to 886 mc. This

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range, being different from that of the oscillator, calls for different dimensions than those of the oscillator resonator, but similar shapes.

Since the crystal mixer is a lowimpedance device of the order of 200 to 300 ohms, a tap down on the high-impedance tuned circuit is required. The structure (Fig. 5) is generally similar to that of the oscillator. The capacitive tap-down circuit consists of three capacitors printed on a sheet of mica. This sheet of mica can be seen underneath the two metal plates to which the antenna coupling transformer is connected. One end of the crystal is connected to the lug shown, which, with a small piece of mica underneath it, forms the diode load capacitor. The other end of the crystal connects to a lucite block, the purpose of which is described later.

The antenna is coupled to the mixer by a balanced-to-unbalanced transformer shown at the right of Fig. 7, consisting of two bifilarwound coils. Each bifilar winding may be considered as a coiled-up transmission line with a characteristic impedance of 100 ohms.

These windings are connected in parallel at the unbalanced 50-ohm input end, and in series at the balanced 200-ohm end of each coil; due to the high unbalanced inductance the impedance at the 200ohm end is essentially balanced.

The oscillator injection was obtained by using a tapered balanced-to-unbalanced transformer to couple from the high-impedance oscillator circuit to low resistance in series with the crystal. This resistance, which is approximately 30 ohms, is printed on the previ-



FIG. 9—Schematic diagram of oscillator-mixer circuit



FIG. 10—Intermediate frequency amplifier. Substituting newly-developed 6BQ7 for 12AT7 provides circuit with noise figure of approximately 6 db

ously mentioned insulating block, which also serves as one of the crystal mounts.

transformer, The injection shown at the left of Fig. 7, is similar to the previous one, except that instead of each bifilar winding having a constant characteristic impedance, the two wires are wound with slightly different pitches, causing the characteristic impedance to vary along the length. The windings are so arranged that the transformer impedance is approximately 600 ohms at the highimpedance series end and about 30 ohms at the low-impedance parallel end. Because of the high unbalanced inductance, balance is not a problem at either end.

The transformer is coupled to the oscillator by the small capacitance between its mounting and the oscillator structure and is connected at the other end to the resistance in series with the crystal.

An uncompensated injection characteristic is shown in Fig. 8. This curve, which has a range of 5 to 1, shows a cyclical variation which should be amenable to correction. The absolute value of the injection can readily be varied by changing the capacitance from the injection transformer to the oscillator.

The i-f take-off from the mixer presented a problem, since with the mixer arrangement shown neither side of the crystal was grounded for either r-f or i-f. The solution was to use a bifilar-wound coil which acts as an unbalanced choke at r-f and a short length of transmission line at i-f. This length of line and an adjustable series inductance at the bottom of the coil form are the inductance elements in the double-tuned bottom capacitance-coupled i-f input circuit. This coil is shown in the center of Fig. 7.

Integrated Tuner

The r-f circuit schematic is shown in Fig. 9. The oscillator circuit is shown at the top and the mixer circuit at the bottom. Between the two is the representation of the tapered injection transformer, showing the method of connection of the windings. The antenna-to-mixer unbalanced-to-balanced transformer is shown at the left of the mixer tank and the i-f output circuit directly below the crystal.

Figure 10 is the schematic of the driven grounded-grid or cascode i-f amplifier. A 12AT7 has been used in this work, but the newly developed 6BQ7 which is designed specifically for use in a circuit of this type is apt to have a noise figure of two or three db less. The output circuit is a double-tuned bottom capacitance-coupled circuit. The primary purpose of the lowpass filter in the output of the i-f amplifier is to eliminate the vhf receiver local oscillator frequency and its harmonics from the mixer circuit, where small amounts of such extraneous signals would produce spurious responses.

The purpose of the high-pass filter, shown between the antenna and the r-f transformer in Fig. 1, is to get added rejection to undesired low-frequency signals, such as those of vhf stations, beyond that rejection due to the selectivity of the mixer circuit and the essentially broad-band r-f coupling transformer.

Performance

With the unit as described, noise figures of approximately 22 db have been obtained. With a somewhat modified design having a broadband r-f circuit, noise figures of approximately 17 db were obtained.

The 12AT7 i-f circuit has been found to have a noise figure of approximately 8 db. The use of a 6BQ7 in place of the 12AT7 may be expected to reduce the i-f noise figure by about 3 db and the overall noise figure by about 2 db.

Due to the fact that only one tuned circuit was used ahead of the oscillator in this tuner, local oscillator radiation has been a problem. The obvious solution and one which eventually will be required is the use of a double-tuned resonator in the mixer circuit.

In a unit of this type a doubletuned input circuit can readily be built in one mechanical assembly to replace the present single-tuned input circuit. It is expected that the use of this arrangement will give satisfactory oscillator radiation performance.

In this paper it has been attempted to describe several new techniques useful in solving the problems of uhf operation. We have attempted to indicate the advantages of these methods, and have described a completed tuner which has been built incorporating them.

Multiplexed Broadcast Facsimile

Ultrasonic system now used by Rural Radio Network permits relaying facsimile newspaper from New York to Ithaca audience on same f-m channels that provide audio programs up to 15 kc. Subcarrier channel has also been successfully tested with ordinary voice modulation for Civil Defense commands

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C^{OMMUNICATION} by facsimile and document duplication by the use of facsimile scanning have progressed to an advanced state of utility and reliability, but the growth of facsimile broadcasting has been stunted by a number of factors.

Although the Federal Communications Commission, and their predecessors, have for many years provided frequencies for experimental facsimile broadcasting, it was not until July 15, 1948 that commercial facsimile broadcasts were authorized, for extremely limited periods, in place of audio programs on f-m stations. Providing there was no degradation of the audio below 10 kc, multiplexed commercial facsimile programs were permitted for three hours during normal listening periods¹.

Effective June 13, 1951, multiplexed facsimile became available to f-m broadcasters for commercial programs on an unlimited time basis. The modern development demonstrated before the FCC in December 1949, and which influenced the recent ruling, is described below.

The idea of putting both audio and facsimile on the same radio-frequency channel is not new and was originally demonstrated at 5 square inches a minute by Armstrong², but it is not likely that the techniques of the earlier days would satisfy present requirements. Although

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the 1948 rule of the FCC specified no degradation of the audio below 10 kc, it was felt that a truly satisfactory service could be rendered only by a system that allowed the full 15 kc of audio without impairment by facsimile on the same carrier.

Various schemes, including low percentage amplitude modulation of the radio carrier, had been suggested. Some had been tried successfully in the laboratory but the complication and potential high cost discouraged further development. It was then decided to investigate the possibilities of a very simple system using an ultrasonic facsimile-modulated subcarrier to frequency-modulate the radio trans-



FIG. 1—Equipment used to multiplex facsimile with f-m broadcasting



General Electric type 417A radio receiver used in the type FR-1 combination for sound and facsimile

mitter in the normal manner. It was felt that the low inherent distortion and wide frequency range of f-m modulators and detectors of conventional types might make such operation possible with a low percentage of radio carrier modulation. If a relatively low facsimile level could be used, the loss in the audio could be kept to negligible proportions in this double modulation scheme.

Standard broadcast facsimile receiving equipment designed for operation with a 10-kc double-sideband amplitude-modulated subcarrier was tested with subcarriers in the range between 20 and 30 kc and satisfactory results were obtained. Since it appeared that little except complication could be gained by altering the type of modulation, a subcarrier of 25 kc with doublesideband amplitude modulation was selected for the system. Laboratory tests were conducted using a Measurements Corp. Model 78 f-m standard signal generator as a simulated broadcast station. Audio program signals received on a Pilotuner at the laboratory from WQXR-FM were amplified, highfrequency pre-emphasized and lowpass filtered to a top of approximately 16 kc. These audio signals were combined with the facsimilemodulated 25-kc subcarrier in a simple resistance mixing pad after the facsimile signals had passed through a bandpass 20-to-30-kc filter. The combination output of the mixing pad was used to modulate the f-m signal generator.

At the receiver, the output of the discriminator (before the de-emphasis network) was fed to a highpass filter and amplifier and thence to the regular facsimile recording equipment. Various relative audio and facsimile levels were tested. Satisfactory facsimile recordings were made with full-black radiocarrier facsimile deviation as low as 400 cycles and with simultaneous audio deviation of 75 kc. Facsimile black deviations as high as 10 kc could not be audibly detected in the output of standard f-m radio receivers.

Field Tests

Bench demonstration having worked out successfully, the first field tests of the system were conducted over Station WQXR-FM in New York in September 1948. A full-black facsimile deviation of 5 kc was used, simultaneously with a peak audio deviation of 70 kc. Observations on approximately 120 f-m receivers of more than 20 makes scattered throughout the city revealed no trace of the facsimile signals in the audio output of the receivers. Furthermore, no report of any interference was received from the critical WQXR-FM audience. Other field tests were conducted, with similar results, over stations WFIL-FM in Philadelphia, WEAW, Evanston, Ill., and WMAQ-FM in Chicago.

The complete system for single station operation is shown in the block diagram of Fig. 1. The transmitting multiplexer is shown in greater detail in Fig. 2. The facsimile preamplifier provides for facsimile full-black (peak-level) input as low as -50 dbm. This input signal is received as a standard amplitude-modulated 10-kc subcar-

rier, which is fed over a wire line or STL from the facsimile program originating location or studio. In all cases, the multiplexer is located at the radio transmitter. It will be noted that audio as well as the facsimile signal are fed through the multiplexer unit. Sufficient noise, distortion and direct audio components in the 20-to-30-kc region exist in the output of the best of audio equipments to necessitate the use of the low-pass audio filter. Highfrequency pre-emphasis of the audio can be accomplished before feed to the multiplexer, or in the unit itself, since both standard preemphasis and flat plug-in networks are provided for the audio amplifier. Pre-emphasis after combination with the facsimile signal is not advisable since pre-emphasis characteristics beyond 15 kc are not normally specified.

Upon installation, the audio section of the multiplexer is adjusted to a gain of approximately unity so that it can be cut in or out of the transmitter-input circuit by means of patch cords or keys without disturbing the audio level. After initial installation adjustment, no further attention by the transmitter operator is required.

The principal requirement for multiplexing with the equipment described is that the transmitter be capable of being modulated properly in the 20-to-30-kc region. It is desirable for the output of the multiplexer to feed the grid of the modulator tube directly. Any intervening amplifiers introduce the possibility of intermodulation distortion, causing interference.

The only equipment required to



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FIG. 2—Essentials of multiplex transmitting amplifier used to combine facsimile and sound

FIG. 3—Circuit diagram of adapter amplifier used between f-m receiver and standard facsimile recorder

adapt a standard combination sound-and-facsimile receiver to multiplex operation is the adapter amplifier shown in Fig. 3. The unit is designed to plug into a connector on the back of a GE 417A radio receiver used in the type FR-1 combination sound and facsimile receiver illustrated. The adapter amplifier operates successfully with other receivers, its output circuit being completed through a 3,000ohm resistor in the RA-3 facsimile recorder amplifier used to supply the marking current. Total power required from the 417A receiver for the single miniature tube is 0.3 ampere at 6.3 volts and 2 to 5 milliamperes at 100 to 300 volts.

Filter Construction

The band-pass input filter (18 to 32 kc) is assembled from available radio-frequency chokes and 20-percent tolerance mica capacitors. Acceptable units are flat within ± 1.5 db from 22 to 28 kc and down at least 40 db at 15 kc. It was discovered early in the development that it is of the utmost importance to provide a high-pass or band-pass filter directly at the output of the discriminator in the radio receiver. Any amplifier, even a cathode follower, ahead of the filter results in sufficient intermodulation with the relatively high-level audio signals to make subsequent clean separation impossible with any type of filter. The result is noisy sounddegraded facsimile copy. The filter shown opens-up at lower frequencies so that loading of the discriminator tends to become negligible in the audio region.

Practical Applications

Satisfactory equipment having become available, regular operation of multiplexed facsimile is increasing. A multiplexer installed at station WELD, Columbus, Ohio, in 1949 is in use on a predetermined schedule. A similar installation was made in the summer of 1950 at WMC-FM in Memphis, Tenn. The latter is used to disseminate information from a private weather service to planters in the rich Mississippi Valley cotton-growing region at distances up to more than 100 miles from the f-m radio transmitter. In all cases, it has been

found that satisfactory facsimile can be recorded at any point at which good quality audio can be received, when a facsimile-black deviation of 3 to 5 kc is employed. Major E. H. Armstrong and his staff have confirmed this observation by means of tests from his experimental station KE2XCC at Alpine, N. J., to receivers located at such points as Poughkeepsie and West Hampton, Long Island, N. Y.

Relayed Multiplex

The possibility of satisfactory radio relay multiplex operation inspired further laboratory experimentation and field tests in the latter part of 1950 and early 1951. Two multiplexer units similar to the type described were constructed, but with the heterodyning modulator and oscillator eliminated and a good 20- to 30-kc band-pass filter designed to work out of a radio receiver discriminator substituted therefor. Using three type 78 f-m signal generators and two REL model 646 radio receivers for relaying, two-hop-and-broadcast relay operation was achieved in the laboratory. An audio program was relayed simultaneously with the facsimile transmission. Thus encouraged, an experimental field test was arranged with Major Armstrong and the Rural Radio Network. This network uses radio relay with frequency-modulation broadcast stations for audio program distribution throughout New York State and northern Pennsylvania. During the experiments programs from the Columbia University campus were sent by 900-mc STL to KE2-XCC, Alpine, N. J. Multiplex facsimile signals on 93.1 mc from Alpine were picked up by WQAN-FM in Scranton, Pa., and rebroadcast multiplex on 92.3 with the regular WQAN-FM audio program. These signals were received by WHCU-FM in Ithaca, N. Y. and there rebroadcast multiplex on 97.3 mc with the regular WHCU-FM audio program. Despite the marginal reception caused by the long hops (Alpine to Scranton is 90 miles and Scranton to Ithaca is 95 miles), satisfactory facsimile copy was recorded in the Ithaca region a good part of the time.

After these initial tests, com-

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mercial broadcast station WOR-FM operating at 98.7 mc in North Bergen, N. J. replaced KE2XCC. This change necessitated another link, since WOR-FM could not be received satisfactorily in Scranton because of adjacent-channel interference. The fourth station was WHVA-FM on 104.7 mc in Poughkeepsie (transmitter at Beacon), New York. The final network includes a wire line that handles the 10-kc amplitude - modulated subcarrier to WOR-FM.

An MTA-2 multiplexer at the WOR-FM transmitter converts the subcarrier to 25 kc. The facsimile signals are passed on by MTA-3 (relay-type) multiplexers from Beacon through the rest of the net. All links except the New York-to-Beacon hop are still in the marginal class. Reception is satisfactory a large percentage of the time, despite this serious handicap.

The program material prepared by supervised students at the Columbia School of Journalism is actually a miniature four-page to eight-page newspaper consisting of the news-in-brief, together with weather and market information of importance to the Rural Radio Network audience in New York and northern Pennsylvania. Each page is $9\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ in. in size and the four pages are transmitted in a period of 15 minutes. Photographs and typewritten and typeset printing are pasted on make-up sheets together with late weather maps supplied by the U.S. Weather Bureau. These made-up pages are wrapped around the drums of the dual-scanner FT-3 facsimile transmitting console and the scanners are operated alternately, in the same manner as dual-record turntables, so that there is no reloading pause between pages.

The possibility of using the multiplex relay net with audio rather than facsimile has been suggested for Civil Defense and similar applications. The laboratory relay setup was tested with a voice channel and results indicated that such operation is perfectly feasible.

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Schematic diagram of pulse delay unit. Output pulse has a width of one µsec and a peak value of 70 volts. Delay is variable from a few µsec to several milliseconds

Variable Pulse Delay

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A lthough there are several methods for obtaining variable pulse delays, many of them become impractical where a number of general requirements must be met. It is possible to design a multivibrator-type delay¹ for periods extending from a few microseconds



FIG. 1-Basic sawtooth time delay

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up to several milliseconds. These delays are entirely satisfactory for applications not requiring high stability or calibration accuracy.

For short periods of fixed delay, both real and artificial delay lines are generally satisfactory. Other methods of creating pulse-type delays may be considered such as the phantastron,^{1,3} mercury delay lines,⁸ and other types wherein an ultrasonic delay⁴ may be accomplished.

One of the requirements of such a delay unit may be to establish pulse delays of the order mentioned above while maintaining a calibration accuracy which is independent of the repetition rate of the reference input pulse. A system which may be made reasonably insensitive to repetition rate is that used considerably in the past several years as a means of creating a pulse delay.⁵

This article is based on a paper presented at the 1950 National Electronics Conference. The Conference paper will appear in the NEC Proceedings. A brief review of the general function of such a system is as follows: A delay reference input pulse is made to trigger, simultaneously, a sine-wave oscillator circuit and a sawtooth generator. The oscillator feeds a 0 to 360-deg variable phaseshifting circuit, the output of which feeds a pulse generator. The pulse generator output consists of pulses, one for each cycle of the sine-wave oscillator. These pulses are superimposed upon the sawtooth circuit and appear as shown in Fig. 1.

By making the sawtooth generator trigger itself after it reaches a predetermined peak value, sawtooth plus superimposed pulse, and by using this peak trigger voltage to develop an output pulse, a time delay is realized. The time delay is essentially equal to the period of the total sine-wave oscillations represented by the pulse spacings on the sawtooth.

By changing the point at which the sawtooth generator triggers itself, it is possible to create a delay



Delay unit chassis in one position of the double-hinged relay rack. Servo system and helipot are in black case at right



Delay unit chassis in alternate position showing counter in center, fine and coarse servo autosyns and gear assembly

for Radar Ranging

Accurate, continuously-variable or fixed pulse delay unit may be used in radar ranging, navigation, propagation studies and other similar techniques. Delay is obtained locally or remotely with range from a few microseconds to several milliseconds with a maximum error of 0.3 microsecond

which is adjustable in steps, each step equal to one cycle of the sinewave oscillator. By virtue of the phase shifter following the pulse sine-wave oscillator circuit it is possible to superimpose upon this sawtooth, pulses equally spaced by one cycle of the sine-wave following the first pulse.

The first pulse at the base of the sawtooth will be spaced a period from the start of the sawtooth by a 0 to 360-deg value depending upon the setting of the phase shifter. By suitably adjusting the sawtooth stopping point and by setting the phase shifter it is possible to superimpose any number of pulse spacings plus any part of a pulse space on the sawtooth. If the sawtooth cut-off point is made to increase in synchronism with the corresponding sine-wave phase shifter, the delay period as indicated will be continuously adjustable. Since this is accomplished in practice by a mechanical linkage, the unit is referred to as an electromechanical pulse delay unit.

In a unit designed on the foregoing basis the total pulse delay accomplished is the same as a number of individual delays, all of which are not immediately apparent. One of the general sources of such individual delays results from the existing condition in all pulsed timing equipments that any pulse must necessarily have a finite rise period. The designer should make all pulses in the delay chain have as short a rise period as possible and the amplitude should be generous in all cases to reduce the total delay in any system and the triggering action sensitivity to amplitude variations. Sensitivity of this sort is often responsible for a type of annoying pulse phase modulation generally referred to as jitter. Long term variations of the same type result in reset inaccuracies.

The total delay effected by a unit of this type must take into consideration the delay introduced by the character of the delay reference input pulse and by the effect of the



FIG. 2—Input and output waveforms for autosyn phase shifter. Resulting distortion is not dissipated until the end of the first two cycles



FIG. 3—Relationship between electrical error and mechanical error due to the gear train of the counter







FIG. 5—Total calibration error of a typical delay unit over a range of 3714.6 microseconds plotted at each autosyn revolution except for the two points indicated. The two delay-error points shown were plotted from more frequent readings



FIG. 6—An automatically traced error curve for a carefully balanced and adjusted unit over a 500 to 2,500-microsecond delay

delayed output pulse characteristic upon the circuit to which the unit is connected. The total unit delay in microseconds for a given control setting may be expressed as $D = d + k + m + 10^{\circ}/360f (0 + \varepsilon)$ where

- d is the delay in microseconds due to the character of the input pulse, the effect of the output pulse on the driven circuit and the delay caused by triggering characteristics within the circuit θ is the phase angle due to sine-
- wave oscillator phase shifter ρ is the total degrees of sine-wave
- oscillator duration between second and last pulses on sawtooth, (see Fig. 1 and 5.)
- f is the sine-wave oscillator frequency in cycles
- k is the additional delay, positive or negative, created by waveform distortion of the initial cycles following triggering of the sinewave oscillator, (see Fig. 2 and 6.)
- m is the delay due to errors in the mechanical system

As shown in Fig. 2, the oscillator output is clean and harmonic free following the initial time t, and should have a total harmonic distortion of less than 1%. The sharp wave front caused by starting the sine wave creates a waveform distortion following the autosyn phase shifter that is not dissipated until after the first two cycles at least, also shown in Fig. 2. Depending upon the adjustment of the phase shifter, the total delay adjustment for delays less than the first two cycles will not have correct angular agreement and k will either be a plus or a minus value. A linear calibration cannot be made for delays appreciably less than 360 μ sec, although the unit is capable of about a 30-µsec minimum delay. A variation in the phase balance of the 90-deg phase shifter by a value of 1 deg will create an error of ± 0.4 µsec. For delays extending beyond the region of distortion shown in Fig. 2, kmay be neglected.

Design Limitations

There are some obvious limitations to the arrangement as described. The method requires a very stable sine-wave oscillator and a faithful sine-wave phase shifter.⁶ The method also requires a rigid means of developing pulses from the sine-wave oscillator which are phase locked to the sine-wave oscillator. Increasing the delay period accentuates these requirements.

A limitation is presented by the maximum amplitude of linear sawtooth that may be generated. This maximum amplitude determines the minimum sawtooth pulse spacing which may be accommodated on the sawtooth without danger of ambiguous pulse selection. This in turn determines the frequency of the sine-wave oscillator.

For the unit described here, the sine-wave oscillator operates at 8,076.2 cycles resulting in a voltage separation on the sawtooth of approximately 3.5 volts. This represents a peak sawtooth voltage of 3.5×40 or 140 for the maximum delay of 40 pulse spaces and is the condition for a delay of approximately 5,000 μ sec. The delay is readily accomplished with miniature vacuum tubes and low supply voltages.

Sine-Wave Oscillator

The sine-wave oscillator shown in the circuit diagram is a pulsed Hartley type. It is rendered operative by removing the impedance of a cathode-follower-type clamp from across its tank circuit as soon as a reference input pulse is applied to the unit. The oscillator feedback network is adjusted to maintain a sine-wave oscillation at the peak direct voltage determined by the energy stored in the inductance at the time of release. The oscillator is made inoperative by replacing the oscillator clamp across it at the end of the delay period.

To obtain both short and longterm stability the oscillator is arranged to include a high-Q inductor, well shielded and rigidly mounted within a magnetic shield. Temperature compensation is provided. The 90-deg phase-shifter circuit is utilized primarily because it requires only one R and one C and is less critical to adjust.

The variable 0 to 360-deg phase shifter is the familiar autosyn." Many phase shifters of this sort utilize a rotating capacitor." By the use of the autosyn, a low impedance results at the sine-wave oscillator frequency plus relatively high-level operation. These characteristics are desirable in order to reduce the total tube requirements. The phase accuracy of the arrangement can
be made to be of the order of 10 minutes.

Use of the Multiar

In order to phase-lock the pulses to the sine-wave output of the autosyn phase shifter, a form of multiar' is used. The multiar has the advantage of being regenerative for voltage increments of one sign and insensitive to those of opposite sign. This creates a situation where, as the sign of the voltage changes through zero, the circuit becomes immediately operative.

In the multiar circuit shown, the conduction which triggers V_{100} is obtained when the sinewave input is going from positive to negative with respect to ground.

The method described performs well enough to be satisfactory. The multiar output pulse drives a conventional pulse generator which functions to maintain both a constant level output and a low-impedance pulse source to feed the pulses to the sawtooth generator.

The sawtooth generator utilizes a single feedback follower to provide a linear charging current for the sawtooth capacitor. The linearity resulting is of the order of one-tenth of one percent. Precision resistors and capacitors are used in the circuit.

A triode may be used instead of a selector diode. There is a greater stability in the cut-off characteristics of a biased diode which reduces the hazards of pulse skipping.

A second conventional paralleltriggered blocking oscillator type of pulse generator provides an output pulse. The pulse is shaped and made available as either a positive or negative pulse to feed a 90-ohm line.

To provide rigid synchronization of the triggered functions in the circuit, an Eccles-Jordan bistable type of biased multivibrator^s is rendered conducting in one direction by the delay reference input pulse. This is referred to as a gate circuit and it remains conducting until one delay period has been completed. The output pulse resulting from the delay function triggers the Eccles-Jordan circuit back to its original position to await the next delay reference input pulse. The gate circuit control to the sinewave oscillator and sawtooth is accomplished by means of a cathode follower to minimize loading effects on the gate circuit.

The smallest disturbance to any part of the circuit is likely to affect the stability and hence the accuracy. Since in order to operate and calibrate it is necessary to observe circuit functions, two follower tubes are built into the unit as nonloading test connections. The follower tubes allow examination of the sawtooth and the 8,076.2-kc derived blocking-oscillator output pulse.

Unit Construction

The chassis is mounted in a temperature-controlled oven so that all thermosensitive components associated with the accuracy of the delay are kept at a constant temperature. To improve the uniformity of component temperature, a small air circulator is incorporated within the oven.

The unit uses 16 miniature-type vacuum tubes and is arranged to provide complete accessibility as a relay rack-mounted unit.

The front panel hinges outward exposing first the vacuum tubes and adjustments. The component side of the chassis and the oven is available by hinging back the oven cover. Complete hinge-out of the chassis and dust cover makes the cable connectors accessible.

By utilizing a counter and suitable gearing, it is possible to arrange a means of directly reading the delay period to which the unit is adjusted. Accuracy of the reading depends upon the accuracy of the gearing between the counter indicator and the delay control shaft. The accuracy is excellent with precision gearing. The error curve for a 120-µsec section of the total delay range is shown superimposed upon the gear error in Fig. 3. The long-period cyclic gear error as indicated by the dotted line may be attributed to a large gear in the mechanical part of the system. The short-period cyclic error may be attributed to a smaller gear and other mechanical errors.

The linearity of the unit as a function of the position of the control shaft is degraded by the "run out" in the gearing driving the in-

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dicator but is a minor factor. By careful balancing of the 90-deg. phase shifter, the measured results shown in Fig. 6 may be obtained. Here, the gear-train error becomes predominant.

Remote Control

The unit may be operated remotely by a servo system comprising a coarse and fine autosyn system which is designed as an integral part of the unit. The error curve of Fig. 3 does not take into account the errors in the servo system. These errors must be added algebraically to the results obtained with direct control of the unit.

Units of the type described are applicable in radar ranging, navigation, propagation studies, coding, and other similar techniques. A novel application is the use of two such units to trigger each other to form a very stable pulse generator as shown in Fig. 4. In this arrangement the pulse output period is equal to $D_1 + D_2$ and may be varied by changing the period of either or both of the delays. It is necessary to start the action by causing either of the units to generate a pulse. If either of the units fail to deliver a pulse, the oscillation ceases. The probability of failure during normal operation is so remote as to be insignificant.

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FIG. 1-Schematic of thyratron circuit

FIG. 2-Block diagram of synchronized stroboscope

Precision Measurement of Shaft Speeds

Accuracy within a fraction of one percent is obtained when measuring shaft speeds by use of 440-cycle tone from station WWV as standard. Audio oscillator is synchronized to submultiple of 440 cycles and used with thyratron to trigger stroboscope

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RESEARCH PROJECT concerned A with the design of exit nozzles in a hot-air heating system required the precision measurement of the speed of a cage-type fan providing the air pressure for the system. Measurements of the nozzle velocities were being conducted to a high degree of accuracy and long-time variations in the velocity were suspected as being due to the d-c motor-driven fan.

Ordinary integrating tachometers are averaging instruments by nature and were considered not suitable for high-accuracy shaft speed measurements or for disclosing the nature of any variation. The d-c generator type of tachometer cannot be more reliable than the meter readability or accuracy, therefore not much better than one percent. The ordinary stroboscope is not accurate to better than this: thus it appears that most conventional speed-measuring techniques are not suitable for high precision work.

Time Standard

A search for an accurate time standard with which to compare the unknown shaft speed indicated that the Bureau of Standards station WWV was the most convenient and accurate standard available. The 440 and 600-cycle audio tones transmitted on alternate 5-minute intervals are accurate to one part in 50 million.

The first attempt using WWV to take the audio signal was

through a low-pass filter to a type 5663 thyratron, as shown in Fig. 1, and use the thyratron as a switch across the contactor terminals of a standard stroboscope. The flashing light of the stroboscope would then monitor a chalk mark on the fan pulley. An arbitrary adjustment of the d-c motor speed to obtain stationary chalk mark positions allows any drift in speed to be determined quickly.

The system as described has two faults: fading of the signal results in faulty firing of the stroboscope and the flashing rate is much greater than the shaft speed giving closely-spaced multiple images of the chalk mark on the fan pulley. For example, a 1,200-rpm pulley speed and a 600-cps flashing speed



Arrangement of equipment used for measuring shaft speed of a cage-type fan

would result in 30 chalk mark images on the wheel. This ambiguity makes reading difficult.

An audio oscillator and an oscilloscope were added to the system to overcome these two faults. The audio oscillator provides the flywheel effect during signal fading and the oscilloscope, through the medium of Lissajous figures, provides a convenient count-down system. The resulting circuit arrangement used is shown in Fig. 2. Here the receiver audio output signal is fed through the low-pass filter to the Y input of the scope, while the audio oscillator is used to drive the thyratron contactor control and the X input of the scope.

Operating Procedure

As an example of operation, the 440-cycle WWV tone is fed from the receiver to the oscilloscope and a 44-cycle signal comes from the audio oscillator. A 10 to 1 Lissajous pattern is obtained on the oscilloscope and is adjusted to stability by synchronizing the audio oscillator manually for the proper Lissajous ratio. The thyratron bias control is adjusted for best operation of the stroboscope. The stroboscope flashing rate is then $44 \times 60 = 2,640$ flashes per minute.

A pulley wheel rotating at 880 rpm will have three images of the peripheral chalk mark appearing at equal angular intervals. Assuming a speed change of 0.1 percent, the marks would creep 0.88 part of a revolution in one minute. The ability to keep the audio oscillator manually synchronized with the WWV tone should be much better than this. A frequency drift of one part in 4,400 is represented by the coincidence of wave crests of the Lissajous patterns at 10-second intervals. Manual adjustment within these limits is feasible with a stable audio oscillator; thus speed stability measurements and precise speed measurements are possible.

This system could be considerably simplified by the attachment of a small permanent bar magnet to the rotating pulley and the use of a coil of wire placed near the magnet path. This coil would have a pulse of voltage developed in it which could be applied directly to the scope Y input. The WWV audio tone could then be applied directly to the X input. The shaft speed would need to be 26,400 rpm for a pulse to appear on each complete excursion of the trace along the X axis. Should the shaft speed be 440 rpm, the pulse would appear

only once in 60 traversals of the sweep. This limitation may be overcome by constructing a 60-tooth wheel and placing the pickup coil on a U-shaped magnet, the span of which is equal to the slot span of the toothed wheel.

Another system is to feed the coil pulse voltage to the Y plates in series with the 440-cps tone and establish a stable Lissajous pattern with 44 cps applied from the audio oscillator to the X plates. A drift of one rpm in pulley speed would cause the voltage pip to move three times around the X traversal per minute. Since the X sweep is actually moving at the rate of 2,640 traversals per minute and the pickup feeds in pulses at 880 ppm, there would be 3 traversals per pulse.

Interpolation

Interpolation of the speeds using these techniques may be done by allowing the chalk mark image to drift and timing the rate of drift with a stop watch over long enough intervals to minimize the operator error on the stop watch. This method is applicable to narrow speed ranges about those stable image values obtained as an integral submultiple of the 440 and 600cycle tones.

R-F Amplifier for

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TN THE DESIGN of head-end tuners for television receivers, there are two important reasons why an r-f amplifier stage is usually included. The first reason is to improve the receiver's noise figure, or ability to pick up weak signals. The second is to isolate or shield the local oscillator from the antenna.

Tuners for the uhf band of 470 to 890 mc will probably employ crystal mixers which intrinsically have quite good noise performance. However, where the service range may be limited by low transmitter powers, small receiving antennas and inefficient transmission lines, an improvement in noise figure by the use of an r-f amplifier would be most welcome. Also, local oscillator excitation power required for optimum conversion in crystal mixers is relatively low, but the radiation might still be high enough to interfere seriously with other television receivers or other services.

Design of R-F Amplifier

In order to investigate these points and solve the circuit problems of covering the wide tuning range of the uhf band, an r-f amplifier using a Sylvania type 5768 disk-seal planar triode in a grounded-grid circuit was designed and built. The physical construction of this tube, shown in Fig. 1A, results in extremely low lead inductances and interelectrode capacitances. The grid connection at the center is in the form of a disk or flange completely encircling the tube, so that a low-impedance connection to ground may be made and the shielding between input and output maintained. The cathode and plate leads on either end are 0.2-inch-diameter rods which continue right in through the glass, coming up close to the flat mesh grid. The ends of the rods act as the effective cathode and plate sur-The grid-cathode input faces. capacitance and the grid-plate output capacitance are only slightly over 1 $\mu\mu f$ each and the platecathode capacitance has a maximum value of 0.015 $\mu\mu f$. The tube also features high g_m and low power consumption. A g_m of 6,500 micromhos is obtained with 8 ma of plate current. The low platecathode capacitance and high g_m , together with the high mu of 100, are all desirable characteristics for grounded-grid amplifier operation.

The small physical size of the 5768 and its double-ended construction make it readily adaptable to concentric line circuitry. Operation at frequencies as high as 2,500 or 3,000 mc is possible, so a relatively simple circuit arrangement is capable of producing good results in the 470 to 890 mc range.

First, let us look at the input

impedance of the tube under the conditions shown in the simplified circuit of Fig. 1B. Assuming the output load impedance Z_L equal to the plate resistance, and neglecting loading due to transit time, the input admittance is given by:

$$Y_{in} = \frac{g_m}{2} + j\omega \left(C_{ok} - \frac{\mu}{2} C_{pk}\right)$$

Substituting the values of $g_m =$ 6,500 micromhos, $\mu = 100$, C_{μ} = 1.6 $\mu\mu$ f, and C_{pk} = 0.015 $\mu\mu$ f, and taking a frequency of 700 mc near the middle of the uhf band gives an input admittance of 5 /50° mil-Here C_{gk} is assumed limhos. slightly higher than the rated value to allow for the unavoidable increase due to stray capacitanse. The input impedance is therefore 200 ohms at a phase angle of -50° . This impedance is so low that it was decided to feed the cathode input directly from the 50-ohm antenna transmission line. The resulting mismatch loss is quite low, between 1 and 2 db. With a direct input connection, the mechanical complexities of providing a tuned input matching transformer are avoided without appreciable loss.

The input circuit is untuned, as shown in the complete amplifier circuit diagram of Fig. 1C. The input blocking capacitor and the heater and cathode bypass capacitors are all $100-\mu\mu f$ mica buttons. The cathode and heater feed chokes



FIG. 1—Dimensions of Sylvania type 5768 triode, simplified circuit used in measuring its input mismatch loss, and circuit of r-f amplifier using tube for uhf television

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UHF Television Tuners

Design and performance of concentric-line **r**-f amplifier circuit using disk-seal planar triode with grounded grid. Ahead of typical crystal mixer, amplifier gives gain of 12.5 db over entire uhf range of 470 to 890 mc, improves overall noise figure by 3 to 4 db and reduces radiated local oscillator power 500 times. Chief drawback is high cost of tube



Setup used to measure noise figure of amplifier. Noise generator, beeding into amplifier, is at upper left; output of amplifier feeds into crystal mixer and i-f amplifier at right, which also provides operating voltages



Complete concentric-line whi r-f amplifier, with covers lifted off to show inner construction. Tuning push-rod is at left; input jack is on small cover at right; output jack with coupling loop is on longer cover

are 7 turns of No. 22F wire wound $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long.

In the plate circuit of the amplifier, a half-wave type of concentric line is used as the tuning element. Since the gain-bandwidth product of an amplifier is limited by total circuit capacitance and the capacitance of a concentric line varies inversely with its characteristic impedance, the impedance of the line is made as high as physically The highest practical possible. ratio of outer-conductor effective diameter to inner-conductor diameter is about 9 to 1, giving a line impedance of approximately 130 ohms

Tuning of the line over the band is achieved by sliding a movable telescoping section of the inner conductor into a fixed hollow section connected to the plate rod. The amount of fixed line external to the tube is determined by the highest desired frequency of 890 mc. This external length is not a full halfwavelength at 890 mc because of the equivalent length of line within the tube itself. The length of the plate rod of the tube itself is approximately 2.8 cm. For a line impedance of 130 ohms the grid-plate output capacitance of 1.05 µµf corresponds to a line length of 3.5 cm. At 890 mc a half-wavelength equals 16.8 cm. Subtracting the 6.3 cm due to the tube leaves an external length of 10.5 cm available for the telescopic tuning action.

The lowest tunable frequency is determined by the line length at full extension of the telescoping section. Allowing $\frac{1}{2}$ cm of overlap, there are 20.5 cm of line external to the tube, plus 6.3 cm in the tube, or a total of 26.8 cm. A half-wave line this long resonates at 560 mc and the lower frequency limit of 470 mc has not been reached. To overcome this difficulty, a small length of grounded tubing was arranged

so that the sliding inner conductor forms a cylindrical capacitor with it at the low-frequency end of the range. This capacitive loading extends the coverage down to 470 mc.

Construction Details

The physical construction of the amplifier is shown in Fig. 2. The tube is mounted with its grid disk firmly grounded between the ends of the input and output shield boxes. The cathode input connections are made as short as possible. One side of the input blocking capacitor is soldered directly to the cathode connector, while the other side carries the center pin of the type N input jack. The long shield box acts as the outer conductor of the plate circuit tuning line. The fixed portion of the line is supported by a small insulating block near the output jack. The movable portion is driven by an insulated push rod. The ground side of the low-frequency loading capacitor is soldered to the end shield plate. The plate circuit r-f choke is connected to the tuning line at the point of minimum voltage for the center of the range. This results in least disturbance to the plate circuit. The choke is the same as those used in the cathode circuit, and the bypass capacitor is another $100-\mu\mu f$ mica button.

Gain and Bandwidth

Output power is taken from this amplifier at an impedance level of 50 ohms by means of a small loop coupled to the tuned line. The magnetic field intensity along the length of a half-wave resonator varies sinusoidally, rising to a maximum at a quarter-wavelength from the open ends. Loop coupling is essentially electromagnetic so that the amount of coupling is a function of the position of the loop



FIG. 2-Construction details of grounded grid r-f amplifier for 470 to 890-mc tv band

along the line. Maximum coupling occurs at the region of maximum field intensity, resulting in greatest amplifier bandwidth at this point. This is not necessarily the point of maximum gain, which only occurs when the output impedance of the tube is matched. These effects were explored at several frequencies in the band by cutting a longitudinal slot in the outer conductor of the line so that the position of the loop could be varied.

The curves of Fig. 3 show how the amplifier's gain and bandwidth depend on the loop position. Examination of the 700-mc bandwidth curve, for example, shows that the



FIG. 3—Effect of output loop position on gain and bandwidth

bandwidth increases to a maximum of 17.5 mc with the loop about 8.5 cm from the grid plane and then falls off again. The point of maximum bandwidth at 8.5 cm is the maximum coupling point for 700 mc, but the gain curve shows that the 8.5-cm point gives the lowest gain. The gain rises on either side, reaching a maximum when the loop position is about 14.5 cm from the grid plane. This is the point where the tube impedance is matched, while the 8.5-cm point is actually the point of greatest mismatch. The curves at other frequencies show similar effects except that the gain and bandwidth maxima and minima come at different loop positions because of the change of wavelength.

Observation of the variation in gain and bandwidth with loop position at different frequencies throughout the uhf band enables one to choose the best fixed position of the loop. If the loop is placed 11 cm from the grid plane, the bandwidth is 7 mc at 500 mc, rises to 12 mc at 700 mc, and then decreases again to 6 mc at 900 mc. The corresponding power gains are fairly constant, ranging between 17 and 23 times. Any other choice of a fixed coupling position would result in greater departures from uniformity of either gain or bandwidth over the tuning range.

The table in Fig. 4 lists the final measurements of gain and bandwidth with the coupling loop fixed at 11 cm from the grid plane. The gain is quite constant in the neighborhood of 12.5 db, with the 3-db bandwidth ranging between 6 and 12 mc.

Noise Figure

The noise figure of this amplifier was measured at several frequencies in the uhf band by the setup shown in Fig. 4. The amplifier feeds a crystal mixer which is followed by a 3-db attenuator, a 44-mc i-f amplifier and an output meter. The crystal mixer section also includes a local oscillator and a cascode-connected i-f preamplifier. To measure the overall noise figure, NF_{12} , the diode noise generator at the input is turned off, the 3-db pad is switched out of circuit and the noise output observed on the output meter. The 3-db pad is now switched in and the noise input from the generator increased until the same output reading is obtained. This means that the generator is producing noise equal to that of the apparatus under test. The ratio of this noise to that produced in the 50-ohm antenna resistance gives the noise figure. The measured overall noise figures range between 11.0 and 11.6 db across the uhf band.

The noise figure of the mixer used in these tests was measured by the method outlined above and found to be 15 db. Therefore, use of the r-f amplifier gave an improvement of 3.4 to 4 db over the noise figure of the mixer alone.

The equation under the block diagram gives the overall noise figure of two networks in cascade in terms of their individual noise figures and the gain of the first. In the case discussed here, the amplifier is the first network and the mixer is the second network. Having measured the overall noise figure NF_{12} , the

FREQUENCY	GAIN		BANDWIDTH	N.F.	NF.
IN MC	POWER RATIO			DB	DB
500	17.5	12.4	7.0	11.0	10.3
600	16.5	12.2	10.3	11.1	10.4
700	17.0	12.3	12.0	11.4	10.8
800	19.0	12.8	10.6	11.5	11.0
900	23.0	13,6	6.0	11.6	11.2
	1	2		$NF_{12} = NF_1 + \frac{NF_2}{G}$	$\frac{-1}{1}$; NF ₂ = 15
DIODE NOISE ENERATOR	R-F AMPLIFIER	CRYSTAL	3- DB AT TENUATOR	44-MC I-F AMPLIFIER	OUTPUT METER

FIG. 4—Performance data for amplifier, and circuit arrangement used for obtaining noise figure data

noise figure of the mixer NF_2 and the amplifier gain G_1 , it is possible to compute the noise figure NF_1 of the amplifier alone. The computed values of NF_1 range between 10.3 and 11.2 db over the band.

Oscillator Radiation

An attempt was made to measure the local oscillator power coming out of the antenna terminal of the amplifier in the same setup which was used for noise measurements. However, the level was so low that reliable measurements could not be obtained. Another method was tried, with the r-f amplifier turned around and inserted between a c-w signal generator and a uhf receiver. The signal generator output simulates the local oscillator power entering the plate circuit side of the amplifier. The uhf receiver picks up the simulated local oscillator power which gets through the amplifier, and an output meter indicates the strength of the signal. A 6-db pad was used ahead of the uhf receiver to smooth out any impedance irregularities in its input. In the tests, the amplifier plate circuit was tuned to the generator frequency so the attenuation measured is that due to the shielding effect of the tube alone. Under those conditions, the measured reduction in local oscillator feed-through is 500 times in power or 27 db. The measured values were about the same throughout the entire band.

It is interesting to estimate the local oscillator radiation field strength from a receiver using this r-f amplifier. Assume that 1 milliwatt of local oscillator power is available to the plate circuit of the amplifier and that the oscillator runs at 44 mc above the signal frequency. At a frequency of 700 mc near the center of the uhf band, the amplifier 3-db bandwidth is 12 mc. Therefore, at 44 mc off resonance, the circuit selectivity will introduce about 17 db attenuation to the local oscillator. This, added to the 27 db due to the shielding effect of the tube, makes a total of 44 db. The power available for radiation is therefore 44 db below 1 milliwatt or 0.04 microwatt. Assuming that there are no other radiation paths from the local oscillator and that there is no attenuation in the antenna line, a half-wave dipole radiating 0.04 microwatt in free space would create a field strength of 45 microvolts per meter at a distance of 100 ft.

Conclusions

The r-f amplifier described uses a tube type which may be too costly for application in competitive receiver designs. However, the results obtained show the possibilities of improving tuner performance in the uhf television band. Use of this amplifier ahead of a typical crystal mixer improves the overall noise figure by 3 to 4 db and reduces the radiated local oscillator power by 500 times. Circuit design techniques have been presented which are simple and straightforward and should prove useful in future work.

Miniature Traveling-Wave Tube

Gain per unit length and noise figures are good for miniature broad-band amplifier tubes operating at frequencies between 100 and 1,000 mc. Operating voltages and currents are no larger than those required for other small tubes

THE TRAVELING-WAVE tube to be described is a wide-band lownoise low-level exponential amplifier for frequencies between 100 and 1,000 megacycles. The tube stands midway between conventional miniature tubes used at the lower end of this frequency range and traveling-wave tubes built for much higher frequencies.

Perhaps the most powerful tool for controlling electrons is the oldfashioned grid; it seems promising to use this well-known mechanism in traveling-wave tubes. This paper describes one possible approach.

Tube Constructions

The arrangement shown in Fig. 1 is a model in which the various functions are neatly separated; it is not a practical tube. Two helices are shown. One helix is wound around a cathode so that one of its surfaces acts like a control grid; the other one forms an anode. The two helices are so thoroughly coupled with each other that they constitute two parallel branches of a

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single transmission line. This is indicated in Fig. 1 by the four coupling capacitances between corresponding points on the two helices. Actually, these capacitances should be uniformly distributed and very large so that no potential difference can exist across them.

A generator on the left sends a wave traveling along both helices simultaneously toward a load on the right. Corresponding points on the two helices are in phase with each other; the cathode serves as ground return.

Electrons leave the cathode in accordance with the instantaneous potential distribution along the grid helix. If the frequency is so low that electron transit time can be neglected, each short section of the tube acts like a triode with feedback directly from plate to grid. A resistance load appears between the helices and ground and the signal is attenuated. This remains true if generator and load are interchanged. For low frequencies, the tube merely acts like a lossy transmission line.

If the frequency is increased until the electron transit angle becomes one-half cycle and the electron trajectories are kept straight, then in each short section of the tube, the half-cycle transit time reverses the phase of the feedback. A negative resistance load appears everywhere. Again, interchanging generator and load has no effect. The tube has a negative attenuation constant in both directions and becomes unstable.

But now let the electron trajectories be deflected toward the left in the manner shown in Fig. 1. This is done by a magnetic field perpendicular to the plane of the paper. The amount of deflection is chosen so that for a wave traveling from right to left, an electron leaving the cathode while a positive voltage peak passes through the



FIG. 1—Schematic diagram of a theoretical tube







FIG. 3—Setup for measuring spacecharge coupling

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In the miniature traveling-wave tube, uhf signals enter through button base, travel through helix to the top

grid helix next to it, will rejoin the same positive peak upon reaching the anode helix.

For waves traveling from right to left, the bend in the electron trajectories wipes out the effect of transit time. No matter what the frequency, the point on the anode helix where an electron lands has the same phase which its take-off point under the grid helix had. The phase shift caused by the finite speed of wave travel cancels the phase shift caused by electron transit time. Each section acts like a triode with feedback from plate to grid. The resulting attenuation remains the same irrespective of frequency.

The case is different for wave travel from left to right. With the electrons swerving against the direction of wave travel, the two phase shifts no longer cancel; instead, they add up. At a frequency where it takes the electrons onequarter cycle to reach the anode helix, the point where they land is one-quarter wavelength closer to the generator. The phase at that point is one-half cycle different from what it was on the grid helix at take-off. A negative resistance load now appears across each section of the tube, producing gain for signals traveling from left to right.

HELIX END

SECOND FOCUS

ACCELERATOR

CATHODE

Gain Considerations

Full gain is only obtained for the frequency at which the two phase shifts—electron transit and wave travel—add up to one-half cycle. At other frequencies, the phase angle of the apparent feedback in each short section varies in proportion. Fig. 2 illustrates the resulting performance. The maximum forward gain is numerically equal to the constant loss in the reverse direction. There is no need for additional damping to insure stability.

The gain per unit length at the optimum frequency may be found as follows: The apparent resistance between line and ground is one-half the characteristic impedance Z_o . The voltage increase in a short section of transconductance Δg_m is thus $\frac{1}{2}Z_o\Delta g_m$. Over many such sections the voltage increases exponentially; the voltage gain is e = 2.718 or 8.6 db over a length for which $\frac{1}{2}Z_o g_m$ is unity. The gain of the entire tube is $4.3Z_o g_m(db)$, where g_m indicates the total transconductance.

A g_m of 1,000 micromho per cm length is not unusual and a helix with turns closely spaced to make a good control grid may have $Z_{\circ} = 1,000$ ohms. Therefore, gains of the order of 4 db per cm or 10 db per inch may be expected. Much higher gain is possible if a higher g_{m} per unit length is assumed.

MICA STRIPS

CERAMIC SPACER

Cross-sectional view of the construction of the miniature traveling-wave tube. Tube is

true traveling-wave type in which energy is carried from input to output **clong a** transmission line with the signal increasing exponentially along the way

CHANNELS

FIRST FOCUS

HELIX TURNS

It was mentioned before that the double-helix model of Fig. 1 does not represent a practical tube. This is true because when waves travel along a pair of mutually intercoupled helices, two separate modes of wave propagation appear.¹ They may be described as the push-pull and in-phase modes. Here, the interest is in the in-phase mode. Unfortunately, the push-pull mode also exists on the same helices and analysis shows that it would tend to render the tube unstable.

Two separate helices were needed because a grid and an anode must carry different d-c potentials. If a mechanism were available which would permit the same potential on control grid and receptor electrode, a single helix could be used for both functions. Fortunately, such a mechanism does exist; it reaches its greatest efficiency in the range of a few hundred megacycles. It is the effect known as space-charge coupling.

Figure 3 shows how this effect can be observed with a simple



FIG. 4—Two sections through an early model of a traveling-wave tube

tetrode. An electron stream leaves the cathode, is subjected to intensity control by the first grid, accelerated by a positive electrode which may be a screen or, better, a solid plate with an opening for the beam, and then again retarded by a receptor electrode at cathode potential. After approaching the receptor electrode, the electrons turn around and are eventually absorbed by the positive electrode.

In the vicinity of the receptor electrode a concentrated negative space charge is set up which varies in accordance with the signal voltage on the control grid. Electrostatic induction generates a corresponding charge in the receptor electrode and a charging current flows through the tuned load circuit back to the cathode.

The charging current increases with frequency and reaches a maximum when the electron transit angle from the positive electrode to the receptor electrode is 180 deg. The transconductance for space charge coupling is then slightly higher than the conventional transconductance, measured with the receptor electrode strongly positive.

A 90-degree phase advance is the trade mark of space charge coupling; it is maintained at all frequencies. To match the output phase of a triode amplifier with a 90-deg transit angle, a space-charge coupled amplifier must have a 180-deg transit angle. A substantial part of the total transit time may be taken up by the trip from the positive electrode to the receptor electrode, so that the condition for optimum transconductance is almost realized.

Figure 4 shows two sections



FIG. 5—Gain-loss characteristics for tube of Fig. 4

through an early model of a traveling-wave tube designed to utilize space-charge coupling in a single helix. The helix is wound on a frame of square cross section in such a manner that its top and bottom surfaces remain exposed. The bottom surface forms the control grid; the cathode runs alongside below this surface. A simple flat screen grid is positioned inside the helix. Electrons pass through grid and screen, approach the top surface of the helix which acts as the receptor electrode of a space-charge coupled amplifier, and finally return to the screen.

A weak magnetic field is directed across the tube to deflect the electron trajectories. The effect of the field is best visible on the left in Fig. 4.

The electron paths are so bent that at the frequency for which the transit angle is an optimum—180 deg from cathode to receptor electrode—the displacement of the turning point from the starting point corresponds to one-quarter wavelength. With these relations, maximum gain is obtained for wave travel from left to right; simultaneously, a corresponding loss appears for waves traveling in the opposite direction.

Gain-Loss Curves

Figure 5 shows gain-loss curves for such a tube. Compared to Fig. 2, the useful band is narrowed. At low frequencies, both forward gain and reverse loss vanish. At frequencies above twice the design frequency, gain seems to exist in both directions so that one might expect instability. In practice, factors arise which prevent oscillation.



FIG. 6—Tube construction virtually free from parasitic effects

The wavelength along the helix becomes too short compared to the transverse dimensions of the helix. Scattering of electron trajectories also helps to destroy undesired gain.

Tubes built according to Fig. 4 proved the existence of the soughtfor effect. They also showed a wide variety of parasitic phenomena, traceable to the poor accuracy with which electron paths were defined. The two trajectories shown on the right in Fig. 4 may be highly desirable but many others are possible. A large number of electrons pass the screen again on their return trip, induce signals on the grid and some may even go back and forth several times.

Experience gained in the development of the gated-beam tube had shown that multiple return trips can be almost entirely eliminated if the screen is replaced by a solid electrode with a narrow slot through which an electron sheet is focused. This approach led to a tube virtually free from parasitic effects, shown in section in Fig. 6.

This is an experimental construction. Two auxiliary focusing electrodes are used to provide maximum freedom of adjustment. The first focusing electrode, formed by two parallel wires located closely adjacent to the grid surface, is held negative in order to direct the entire beam through the narrow slot in the accelerator. The second focusing electrode, a wider slot, is strongly positive. It accepts the bulk of the return current. The outgoing beam misses it completely. The two channels, supporting mica strips on which the helix is wound, are operated slightly positive.

In the range from 300 to 400 mc,



FIG. 7-Single-ended version of miniature traveling-wave tube

such tubes give gain of the order of 6 to 8 db over a band 40-mc wide and some gain over about 100 mc. With such short tubes, the gain is hardly high enough to be useful. The tubes are strictly of experimental value.

To operate in this frequency range, 100 to 150 volts are applied to accelerator and second focus. The combined drain of the electrodes is about 4 ma for a tube with 2-cm active length. For longer tubes, proportionately more current is needed, at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ ma per db maximum gain. The transverse magnetic field is only about 10 to 15 gauss.

The magnetic field intensity required depends on the dimensions of the tube but not on the frequency for which operating voltages are selected. This comes about because the electron transit time across the helix and the amount of deflection produced by a fixed magnetic field both vary the same way—with the inverse square root of the potential.

With tubes providing about 8 db of gain, followed by a triode mixer, noise figures of 10 and 12 db have been measured at 320 and 370 mc. It is interesting to note that the helices in these tubes had 100 turns per inch. It would be rather difficult to obtain noise figures of the same order in conventional triodes with such coarse grids.

Other Tube Forms

It may be of interest to review some alternative forms of the tube. Figure 7 shows a single-ended version in which both sides of the cathode are used, so that the active length of the tube is doubled. Because the electrons in the two



FIG. 8—Drawing of a tilted helix form of traveling-wave tube

helices travel in opposite directions, a transverse magnet field of proper polarity produces gain from left to right in one helix and from right to left in the other. With this construction, at least 20 db of gain can probably be obtained in a singleended miniature tube. The frequency response might be flattened by making the two halves slightly different (stagger-tuning).

Figure 8 shows a form of the tube in which the tilt of the electron trajectories is replaced by an opposite tilt in the turns of the helix. The double arrow indicates the position of one turn. The principle of operation remains unchanged. The design is of interest because it requires no magnet field to develop directional properties. It bears a superficial resemblance to tubes described by L. M. Field early in 1950². The mode of operation, however, is quite different and the two types should not be confused.

The combination of grid control and space-charge coupling is not the only known means for operating a control element and a receptor element at a common d-c potential. Another combination consists of a pair of beam-deflector electrodes followed by a pair of push-pull anodes, both pairs operating at a common positive potential. The transconductance of a beam-deflection system is inferior to that of a grid but a factor of two, gained from push-pull operation, makes up for part of the loss. Application of this principle leads to surprisingly simple designs as shown in Fig. 9 and 10. Such tubes have been built successfully. Because of their inherently low gain, their value remains in doubt.



FIG. 9—Cross section of a beam-deflection system for tube



FIG. 10—Simplified version of the tube shown in Fig. 9



Measured transmission characteristics for typical adjustment of tube. Curve marked cold shows imperfections of termination, curve marked hot is with tube biased off, forward curve is normal operation and reverse curve is for normal operation with magnetic field reversed

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Experimental oscillator chassis. Top view shows Thyrite resistor network mounted on strip with thermistor between binding posts

WIDE-RANGE Sweeping Oscillator

Wobbled audio output or variable single tone is obtained over a 20-to-1 frequency range by means of Thyrite or Varistor elements in a modified Wien-bridge circuit. A thermistor stabilizes bridge amplitude

THE variable-frequency audio oscillator described uses a modified Wien network with silicon carbide nonohmic resistors as part of the frequency-determining element. By controlling direct current through the nonlinear resistors the frequency of oscillation can be varied through a range of better than 20 to 1. A nonlinear thermistor element in the bridge stabilizes the amplitude of oscillation and insures good sinusoidal waveform. Although the equipment was designed for telemetering, it can be applied wherever large frequency deviations are required.

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A number of articles ^{1, 2, 3} have described various methods, most of which are incapable of large deviations or lack amplitude stabilization. Without amplitude control poor waveform may result, because distortion will adjust the loop gain to unity. Vacuum tubes have been used as variable-impedance elements but do not allow simple circuit configurations and are limited in the range of nonlinearity.

Basically all schemes consist of an amplifier, feeding back regeneratively through a variable phaseshift network. The circuit oscillates at a frequency at which the loop phase shift is zero and the loop amplification is unity. The phase shift network must be modulated so as to vary the phase shift and so the frequency. Since the phaseshift network may also change its attenuation with frequency, the loop gain will have to readjust itself automatically. The phase-shift network described is found to have



FIG. 1—Modified Wien phase-shift network used for frequency control



FIG. 2—Static and dynamic resistance as a function of voltage for GE 8399401G1 Thyrite

a constant attenuation and is readily phase modulated.

Phase-Shift Network

Figure 1 is the a-c equivalent of the phase-shift network used. Resistor A is necessary for modulation purposes and resistors R are actually silicon-carbide nonohmic resistors called Thyrite by General Electric and Varistor by Western Electric⁴. The frequency at which the network produces zero phase shift is

$$\omega_0 = -\frac{1}{RC} \left(1 + \frac{2R}{A}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{1}$$

and the voltage attenuation at this point is

$$\frac{V_0}{V_1} = \frac{1}{3 + R/A}$$
(2)

The modulating resistor A will change the attenuation as Rchanges; the minimum attenuation is $\frac{1}{3}$. Since R has a usable upper limit the presence of A increases the lowest frequency obtainable. These limitations can be eliminated by making A another Thyrite element identical to the other two. The equations are then

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{3/RC} \tag{3}$$
and

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 $V_0/V_1 = 1/4$

The frequency varies inversely with R and the attenuation is a constant of 0.25 providing the individual Thyrite elements track one another.

(4)

The resistance R is actually the dynamic resistance at the static operating point for the Thyrite. Although the dynamic resistance changes with voltages, keeping the phase-shift network at a low voltage amplitude point in the feedback loop minimizes the harmonic generation. Thyrite is a voltage sensitive nonlinear element. Its voltampere characteristic is very closely of the form

$$V = kI^n \tag{5}$$

where n is generally between 0.2 and 0.4. The static resistance is

$$R_s = V/I = kI^{n-1} \tag{6}$$

and the dynamic resistance or slope of the volt-ampere characteristic is

$$R_d = dV/dI = knI^{n-1} = nR_s \tag{7}$$

It can be seen that the dynamic resistance is n times the static resistance. The dynamic resistance is the resistance to be used in the frequency equations since it represents the a-c impedance at the operating point. Figure 2 is a plot of the experimentally - determined static and calculated dynamic resistance as a function of d-c voltage. For the Thyrite used (GE 8399401-G1) the static characteristic was very closely $V = 80 I^{0.27}$. An applied voltage of 20 volts will dissipate the rated power of 0.1 watt and it would appear that the usable dynamic resistances can vary from

1,000 ohms up to infinity. Actually because of the modulation scheme the maximum voltage was about 16 volts and the minimum 2 volts. Two volts corresponds to a current of about 4 microamperes flowing through the Thyrite ($R_d = 130$,-000) and is the best cutoff condition for the modulator tube ($e_r =$ -10 volts). This very large variation of resistance will allow corresponding frequency changes.

The three Thyrite elements are connected in series with the supply voltage and a triode modulator tube as shown in Fig. 3. The same direct current passes through all three elements and it was observed that the d-c voltage drops followed one another within 5 percent. Negative voltages applied to the grid of the modulator will reduce the current flowing through the Thyrite, increase the dynamic resistance, and so decrease the frequency.

Amplitude Stabilization

Since the nonlinear elements do not track perfectly, the attenuation can change from the theoretical value of 0.25. Amplitude stabilization will keep the oscillation level constant and insure good waveform. For a simple approach, a nonlinear bridge is used. Referring to the circuit diagram, the bridge consists of two 1,000-ohm arms, a thermistor and a comparison resistor of 470 ohms. The bridge is fed through a phase inverter. Initially the cold thermistor resistance is high and the bridge



FIG. 3—Complete circuit diagram of the oscillator. Range is changed by choice of capacitors (C). See Fig. 5 for frequency characteristics

is unbalanced, resulting in a high loop amplification. Oscillations build up, increasing the power dissipated in the thermistor, decreasing its resistance, and bringing the bridge closer to balance. At the stable operating point the loop amplification is unity. Any tendency for the amplitude to increase or decrease will be offset by the bridge output decreasing or increasing, respectively.

The mechanism can be further explained by referring to Fig. 4, which shows the bridge characteristic as experimentally determined. It is plotted in terms of output voltage as a function of applied voltage. It requires about 3.35 volts to balance this particular bridge. The thermistor operates in its negativetemperature-coefficient and negative-differential-resistance region and reduces its resistance as the power dissipated in it increases. The remaining loop amplification, which is the product of the amplifier gain and loss in the phase-shift network, is superimposed as a straight line of slope equal to the reciprocal of loop amplification. The common intersection is the operating point resulting in the bridge being sufficiently unbalanced to produce an output of 0.22 volt. As the loop amplification varies, the bridge output, as well as operating amplitude, will change to a much lesser degree depending on the slope of the bridge characteristic at the operating point. A greater slope and higher loop amplification result in greater stability. The rapidity with which the amplitude stabilizes depends on the thermal time constant of the thermistor. Elements such as lamps with positive temperature coefficients can be used if the positions of the comparison resistor and nonlinear element are reversed.

However, elements with negativedifferential-resistance regions result in bridges with better stabilization properties. If the loop gain were not to change with frequency there would be no readjustment in amplitude necessary and correspondingly no limit to the rate of frequency modulation. It should be noted that the bridge nonlinear element is really linear at the frequency of oscillation and is nonlinear only to average amplitude or



FIG. 4—Amplitude stabilizing bridge characteristic with superimposed loop amplification. The bridge operates at the common intersection with an output of 0.22 v and applied voltage of 2.8 v



FIG. 5—Frequency versus control-grid potential for two different phase-shift network capacitances

power instead of instantaneous amplitude as in the case of Thyrite.

Practical Circuit

In the circuit of Fig. 3, a triode voltage amplifier with a gain of 52 drives the amplitude-stabilizing bridge through a phase inverter. The bridge contains two electrolytic capacitors in order to eliminate d-c and keep the bridge balanced. The bridge and phase inverter offer a low impedance to the phase-shift network whose impedance level can vary considerably. The modulator tube is bypassed so as to put the shunt Thyrite element at a-c ground potential. After the phaseshift network, the loop is closed. It is important that the amplifier proper have negligible phase shift for the variable frequency range so

that all phase shift takes place in the frequency-determining network. Voltages measured at various points in the circuit for a frequency of 1 kc were as follows: input to V_{i} , 0.051 v; output V₁, 2.66 v; bridge output, 0.208 v; phase-inverter cathode, 1.48 v. The gain of the amplifier is therefore 52.2, the phaseshift network attenuation is 0.245 and the bridge is operating close to the point described in Fig. 4. Frequency curves are shown in Fig. 5 for the control voltage variations between 0 and -10 volts. At low grid voltages, the Thyrite resistance is changing at a lesser rate and below -8 volts cutoff is approached gradually. In the center region the frequency variation is logarithmic. By self-biasing the control tube, the curve can be made to start at any convenient frequency. Like the capacitors the curves represent a 10-to-1 ratio down to low frequencies where the amplifier phase shift becomes a limiting factor.

The waveform is excellent at all times and the amplitude never changes by more than 2 percent in these typical frequency ranges. Frequency stability depends on the power-supply regulation and the temperature coefficient of the Thyrite which is about -0.5 percent per degree centigrade. The particular circuit described was used up to 100 kc and with better highfrequency amplifier characteristics the range can undoubtedly be extended. Other nonlinear elements can provide a variety of frequency characteristics.

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High-Power UHF-TV KLYSTRON

Two-stage klystron provides power gain of 250 with bandwidth of 5.6 mc between 1-db points in uhf television band. Special bombardment cathode design permits replacement of worn out cathodes to extend life of tube almost indefinitely

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E XPANSION of present television broadcasting facilities to include the uhf band is imminent. One of the main stumbling blocks lying in the path of uhf-tv has been the lack of power tubes capable of operating at these frequencies and having other properties necessary for the final amplifier of a television transmitter.

Conventional tubes designed for uhf operation require small sizes and spacings, requirements inconsistent with high power. Transit time becomes a major problem, and low gain per stage adds complexity in both construction and operation. A successful final amplifier tube should combine high power capability with high power gain and bandwidth. The klystron has proved to be capable of such performance.

High-power uhf klystrons have been built. In 1939, John Woodyard of Stanford University built a two-cavity oscillator that had a power output of 250 watts continuous at 750 mc. A three-cavity amplifier tube with two kilowatts output at 750 megacycles was used in a c-w radar, type TPS-7, in 1943. A 5-kw tube for 500 mc was designed and built independently by R. Warnecke in the Research Laboratories of the Compagnie Generale de Telegraphie Sans Fil in Paris at about the same time that the work described below was initiated but no data are available concerning the performance under field conditions.

General Design

The tube to be described was developed by Varian Associates to specifications provided by General Electric. It is now part of the GE uhf-tv transmitter described in the June 1951 issue of ELECTRONICS.

As a starting point in the adaptation of the klystron for television transmitter service, the following specifications were set up: (1) 5 kw c-w output, (2) power gain of 100, and (3) bandwidth of 6 mc between 1-db points. The proposed power output and gain were chosen to take advantage of conventional 50-watt driver tubes of the lighthouse and planar electrode types.

Other important requirements were linearity and freedom from noise and spurious modulation. In both these respects the klystron has inherent advantages. The output of a klystron varies with the input as a Bessel function of the first order. For low levels this is exactly linear, and it does not depart

much from linearity until the out-



Amplifier, complete with cavities, is shown ready for shipping



Five-kilowatt uhf-tv klystron is shown installed in transmitter

put is approximately 80 percent of the maximum power. Even this last 20 percent of power need not be wasted, however, since only the synchronizing peaks occur at this level, and these can be predistorted to give the desired output shape. Thus, in the range where linearity is needed for picture clarity, the klystron is inherently linear and the full peak power can be utilized in a transmitter.

Random noise and spurious modulation present no problems in a klystron operating at transmitting power levels. Since the grids have been eliminated, there is no partition noise. All the tube structures are big and rugged, making the tube insensitive to vibration. The heater for the cathode is at one end of the tube, far removed from the interaction space, so the alternating current in the heater can produce no hum. The greatest source of spurious modulation appears to be the power supply ripple, but even the simplest filtering reduces this to a point more than 60 db below the carrier.

In connection with the power supply, there is another advantage of a klystron amplifier to be noted. Since the current drain from the power supply is independent of the r-f level, a regulated or low-impedance power supply is not required to handle modulation peaks.

Development of a klystron at the low end of the uhf band (instead of at a higher frequency such as 800 or 900 megacycles) was a case of attacking the harder problem first. To klystron designers, 500 mc is a very-low frequency rather than an ultra-high frequency and presents special problems. Cavity sizes at



FIG. 3—Response curve shows bandwidth of amplifier

this frequency tend to become excessive. Tubes similar to the one described here have produced more than 5 kilowatts of c-w power at over 1,000 mc. Thus it is clearly practical to produce an amplifier with more than 5 kilowatts output at any frequency between 500 and 1,200 mc.

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of the new tube, showing how the design problem reduces to three separate and distinct parts. First, there is the problem of producing a direct-current beam of electrons of suitable size and density. This is accomplished by the cathode assembly. Second, there must be structures for the radio-frequency







FIG. 1—Schematic of triple-cavity (two-stage) klystron amplifier shows inherent simplicity and straightforward arrangement of elements

interaction with the beam. These are the cavities. Finally, the disposal of the residual energy of the electrons is accomplished in the collector.

In the triple-cavity or cascade klystron, the first stage, as shown in Fig. 1, can be likemed to a voltage amplifier and the stage between the second and third cavities acts as a power amplifier. The efficiency of the cascade klystron is about the same as the conventional two-cavity (single-stage) klystron, but the gain is much higher, being approximately the product of the gains of two single-stage klystrons. The electrons are actually used twice to obtain a very high gain from a given expenditure of power.

Cathode Structure

Expected efficiency, r-f considerations and physical convenience determine the diameter and length of the drift tube as well as the voltage and current of the beam. For this tube, the figures came out to be 2 amperes and 10,000 volts to pass through a tube 1 inch in diameter and 24 inches long. A cathode design to produce such a beam is straightforward, using the so-called Pierce gun techniques. A magnetic field of approximately 200 gauss, produced by coils outside the resonators, is used to keep the beam from spreading to the walls of the drift tube.

The physical design of the cathode is interesting, in that it departs from the usual oxide emitting surface. One of the prime requirements of the amplifier is long life, and since practically everything else except the cathode consists of



Disassembled view shows components of cathode structure

heavy copper machined parts with essentially infinite life, the limiting factor on tube life is the cathode itself. To eliminate the troubles associated with oxide cathodes, our engineers developed a form of what is called a bombarded cathode. The schematic diagram of Fig. 2 illustrates such a cathode.

The emitting surface of the cathode is a piece of tantalum sheet 0.1 inch thick, supported by tabs from the end of a molybdenum tube. The moly tube, is supported in a kovar-to-glass ring seal. A focussing electrode is similarly supported at this point on another cvlinder. Behind the tantalum cathode button is mounted a heater of tungsten wire. Radiation from the heater is insufficient to heat the tantalum to an emitting temperature, so a direct voltage is applied between the heater and the cathode. This causes a current to flow, as in a diode, and the electron bombardment of the back of the cathode button heats it to an emitting temperature.

Bombarded cathodes have been used in several klystrons, and they give long, trouble-free life. The limiting factor on life seems to be the evaporation of the tungsten heater, but if the heater is operated somewhat temperature limited (in the bombarding diode) life approaching 10,000 hours can be achieved. An advantage of this type of cathode is that it does not poison. The tube can be let down to air for repairs and repumped without damage to the cathode.

The usefulness of this tube is not limited to the 10,000-hour life of the cathode. Even though all possible care has been taken in designing both cathode and filament, failure in one or the other must occur eventually. When this happens, it is not necessary to scrap the entire tube structure since the cathode mount has been so arranged that it can be easily removed and replaced with a new assembly. This operation costs approximately one-sixth the original value of the tube. A tube which has been fitted with a new cathode is literally as good as new. The operation can be repeated, and there is no apparent limit to the number of times the cathode can be replaced.

In connection with cost considerations, it is important to realize that the klystron reaches the user completely fitted with its tank circuits. The klystron is actually a complete final amplifier requiring only the connection of power supply voltages and cooling water to put it into operation.

Collector

The collector is cooled by a stream of water flowing at approximately 5 gallons per minute. It is insulated from the body of the tube by a glass seal for the purpose of metering the relative currents lost to the drift tube and reaching the collector. Both the body of the tube and the collector are at ground potential (both d-c and r-f) since the cathode is operated below ground. This provides the maximum safety to operating personnel and avoids the usual troubles of electrolysis and of insulation for d-c and r-f potentials in the water hoses.

Complete cathode assembly

The bandwidth of a cascade klystron is approximately the same as that of a single-stage klystron. It can be increased beyond that corresponding to the Q's of the cavities either by loading the cavities to reduce their Q's or by stagger tuning. Stagger tuning is generally a preferable way of trading gain for bandwidth. The three cavities are tuned to different frequencies in such a manner that the band over which gain is obtained is increased, but gain is reduced.

Test results for the tube have shown that satisfactory performance can be obtained by an appropriate stagger tuning scheme in which there is no external loading on the center cavity. This permits an appreciable simplification of construction of the tube since the need for a coaxial line coupled to the center cavity is eliminated. In addition, the radio-frequency power which inevitably would have been lost in the band-widening load on the center cavity is conserved.

An actual measurement of the response curve shows a bandwidth of 5.6 mc between 1-db points. This curve is plotted in Fig. 3. The power gain corresponding to this curve was about 24 db or 250 times. This can be considered a typical performance for a cascade amplifier klystron in the uhf television band. The adequacy of this performance for television purposes was demonstrated by the General Electric Company when they actually used the klystron to amplify a television picture. The quality of the picture was essentially unchanged by its passage through the klystron amplifier.



FIG. 1—Cross-section of compressiontype accelerometer having self-generating piezoelectric element



FIG. 2—Free vibrations of compressiontype unit when excited by a transient applied force



FIG. 3—Vibration system of accelerometer and equivalent electrical circuit having output voltage E

SELF-GENERATING

Characteristics and advantages of compression and bender-type accelerometers using piezoelectric barium titanate elements. Useful range of typical unit is from 0.022 g to 600 g; corresponding voltage output range of 1 mv to 27 v is readily measured conventionally

THE PIEZOELECTRIC principle is particularly suited for accelerometers used in industrial vibration studies ranging from machinery balancing to performance testing of guided missiles because the reaction force of a vibrating body is proportional to its acceleration. A relatively new ceramic piezoelectric is essentially composed of polycrystalline barium titanate, which combines sufficient piezoelectric sensitivity, high capacitance and good electrical stability.

The voltage sensitivity of the ceramic is not as high as that of Rochelle salt, which exhibits the highest sensitivity of all known materials. This disadvantage, however, is outweighed by a number of desirable features. The conversion characteristic is hardly affected by temperature and humidity. The mechanical strength is greater than that of Rochelle salt crystals. The dielectric constant is higher, which gives the transducer a larger electrical capacitance. This makes it easier to match its electrical output to the input of electrical measuring equipment and permits the use of a long cable between transducer and equipment. Finally, the material can be manufactured easily in any desired size and shape. No precisely made cuts, as in the case of a single crystal, are necessary.

Ceramic barium titanate already had been used for microphones and phonograph pickups. It was believed that the characteristics of the material could be utilized to an even larger extent in applications where adverse atmospheric and temperature conditions were encountered. The use of the material for electromechanical transducers was studied by the Signal Corps. The investigation resulted in the development of several types of barium titanate accelerometers.

Accelerometer Design

These instruments may be designed in different ways, depending upon the kind of stress to which the piezoelectric element will be subjected. Figure 1 shows a com-The pression-type accelerometer. base plate of the instrument is rigidly attached to the vibrating body The ceramic element under test. has silvered plane parallel surfaces, the bottom surface resting on the base plate. A weight is pressed against the top surface by means of a spring. The output terminals are connected to the two surfaces of the element.

If the vibrating body moves with

a given acceleration, the weight will also be subjected to this acceleration, and the accelerating force is thereby transmitted through the ceramic element. Thus a compressional force, proportional to the acceleration, is exerted upon the element. Because of the piezoelectric properties of the material, the compressional force generates a charge at the terminals of the accelerometer which can be measured.

From a general viewpoint, the accelerometer represents a springmass system having a spring constant which is mainly determined by the stiffness of the ceramic element. The theory of such systems shows that the force which is exerted upon the spring element is proportional to the acceleration of the base plate, provided the natural frequency of the spring-mass system is high compared with any of the frequencies at which accelerations are to be measured. The electrical output of the device is proportional to the force applied to the element and, therefore, is a true indication of the acceleration of the base plate, if the above conditions can be maintained.

Since the natural resonant frequency of a compression-type accelerometer is very high, such a de-



FIG. 4—Variation of sensitivity with frequency for two Gulton compressiontype accelerometers



FIG. 5—Attenuation characteristic of two-stage low-pass filter used to avoid resonant-peak errors



FIG. 6—Amplitude characteristic of Gulton type A-403 accelerometer, showing linearity up to 600 g

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vice can measure accelerations correctly up to high exciting frequencies. The magnitude of the resonant frequency can be evaluated from Fig. 2, which gives the electrical output of a compression-type accelerometer when subjected to a transient blow with a lead hammer. The output voltage of the accelerometer was recorded on an oscilloscope having a pulse-triggered sweep. Since a vibrating system which is excited by a single pulse continues to oscillate at its resonant frequency, the above method is a convenient way of finding such resonant frequencies. It can be seen from Fig. 2 that the natural frequency of this particular unit is higher than 6,000 cps.

The existence of such a high resonant frequency is explained in Fig. 3A. Here the vibrating system is reduced to its essential parts the mass M, the biasing spring K_1 and the ceramic element of stiffness K_2 , where K_2 is determined by the dimension of the element and its elastic modulus. Figure 3B gives the analogous electrical circuit for the mechanical system. Masses are represented by inductances and springs by capacitors, the capacitance C being related to the spring constant K as C = 1/K. Since C_2 is small compared with C_1 , the resonant frequency is determined by M and C_2 and is barely affected by C_1 .

Initial Pressure

The spring is only an auxiliary element in the basic function of the accelerometer. If the acceleration to be measured never exceeds that of gravity (1 g), the weight exerts sufficient pressure upon the mass to insure close contact at all times (provided the unit is always used in a vertical position) and no spring is needed. For the measurement of an acceleration greater than 1 g, an initial pressure is necessary which must be equivalent at least to the maximum acceleration force encountered in the sig-The spring is a convenient nal. means for obtaining this pressure.

It has been possible to obtain natural frequencies ranging between 5,000 cps and 25,000 cps with the compression-type accelerometer. This is due to the high spring constant of the ceramic element, which is of the same order as that of a solid piece of metal. For this reason, it is possible for the mass and elasticity of the housing to introduce parameters which will affect the output of the accelerometer, and particular attention must be paid to the construction of the accelerometer.

A compression-type accelerometer constructed by the Gulton Manufacturing Corp. for Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories has a sensitivity of 45 millivolts per g and a capacitance of 1,500 $\mu\mu f$. The natural frequency surpasses 6,000 cps, as shown by Fig. 2, which was obtained with this ininstrument.

The frequency characteristic (open-circuit voltage versus frequency) of these accelerometers can be expected to be flat from the lowest frequency up to one-half the resonant frequency. In Fig. 4, the results of measurements made on two compression-type accelerometers are presented and show a very flat characteristic. The measurements were carried out with an electrodynamic vibrator. No attempts were made to damp the resonant peak. In normal applications, the frequency range of interest for the investigator seldom exceeds 1,-000 cps, which is far below the resonance frequency.

If desired, an electrical low-pass filter can be inserted in the measuring circuit to eliminate errors caused by the resonant peak. A circuit diagram and frequency characteristic of such a filter are given in Fig. 5. It can be seen that the filter attenuates the frequencies above 2,500 cps. By the use of low-Q coils and resistors inserted in the circuit, resonant frequencies of the filter itself are damped and no ringing of the filter will occur.

The amplitude characteristic of the accelerometer is linear as long as the elastic limit of the elements and other components is not exceeded. Another condition for linearity requires that the voltage generated in the element should always be small compared with the polarizing potential as otherwise the remanent polarization could be affected. Both linearity requirements can easily be met by proper design. Figure 6 shows the amplitude characteristic as obtained with an impact-type shock tester.

The temperature characteristic of the compression type units compares very favorably with any other type of accelerometer. Figure 7A gives the results of measurements where the accelerometer was excited mechanically with a constant amplitude of 60 cps and its output voltage observed at different temperatures. The deviations between 20C and 80C were very small. The units should not be used above 100C because the barium titanate employed in the elements has a Curie point at 125C. At this temperature, the crystalline structure changes and the material loses its piezoelectric property. At low temperatures, a decrease of sensitivity can be expected but the instruments are usable to approximately -50C.

Amplifier Requirements

In considering the overall characteristics of any transducing device, one must consider the equivalent electrical circuit as seen by a recording device. The equivalent circuit of a piezoelectric transducer is given in Fig. 7B. The transducer is represented by a constant-voltage generator in series with its internal capacitance C_A . The transducer is connected by means of a shielded cable, which itself has the capacitance C_c , to an indicating ininstrument such as a vacuum-tube voltmeter, cathode-ray oscilloscope or recorder preceded by a vacuumtube amplifier. If the resistive load into which the accelerometer feeds is too low to obtain proper matching at the low-frequency end, the amplifier input may be shunted with the matching capacitor C_{M} . The lower half-power frequency f_o will occur where the impedance of $C_M + C_A + C_c$ equals the input resistance of the amplifier. For R = 1 megohm and $f_o =$ 10 cps, the matching capacitor bebecomes $C_{\rm M} = 0.02 \ \mu f$. This value is much larger than the source capacitance of the generator and a decrease of sensitivity will result. The voltage E_A applied to the input of the amplifier is related to the generated voltage E_{g} by $E_{A} = E_{g} C_{A}/$ $(C_A + C_{\sigma} + C_M).$

To obtain a high sensitivity and a good response at low frequencies, it is desirable to employ an amplifier having a high input resistance. Figure 7C shows the circuit diagram of a cathode follower amplifier which uses a grid leak resistance of 15 megohms and provides, due to the cathode follower action, an input resistance of about 100 megohms. When a transducer with 1,500-µµf capacitance is connected to its input, a flat frequency characteristic (3-db loss point) down to 1.2 cps is obtainable. In cases where extremely good amplitude and phase characteristics at low frequencies are desired, a matching capacitor can be employed. When $C_{\rm M}\,=\,0.02\,\mu{
m f}$ is used, the 3-db point is decreased to 0.08 cps and a 5degree phase deviation will occur at 0.9 cps.

The low-frequency response can be extended considerably in this manner, so that all requirements for normal shock and vibration work can be met easily with this type of accelerometer. No static measurements can be made, however, since a piezoelectric transducer has no d-c response.

Bender-Type Accelerometers

In a bender-type accelerometer, a strip of phosphor-bronze is clamped at one end of a solid structure which is connected to the vibrating body, as shown in Fig. 8A. Due to its inertia, the beam vibrates and generates stresses in the barium titanate element attached to the beam. The two surfaces of the element are connected to the output terminals. The element can be made very thin, in the order of 1/100 of an inch, and hardly affects the flexibility of the beam.

The natural frequency of such an arrangement is normally several hundred cycles. Figure 8B shows the fundamental resonance frequency of a 0.1-inch phosphorbronze cantilever beam plotted against its length. The graph indicates that the natural frequency of such bender systems is much lower than for compression-type devices. A means of damping the system, such as with silicone oil, should therefore be provided.

Many variations may be employed in the construction of a bender-type accelerometer. The dimensions of the beam and the sensitive element can be changed. Small weights may be attached to the end of the beam. Clamping may be provided in the center or at both ends. The ceramic element itself



Compression-type accelerometer having resonant frequency of 12,000 cps, capacitance of 1,500 $\mu\mu$ f and sensitivity of 10 mv per g, and individual parts used in its construction

may be used as a beam.

It is not possible, however, to employ a homogeneous piece of barium titanate. In the latter case, the upper portion of the beam would be in compression and the lower portion in tension, or vice versa. The charges generated in these two parts would have opposite polarity and would cancel each other. This difficulty is overcome by using a laminated element. For example, the beam may consist of two sheets of barium titanate, each



FIG. 7—Temperature characteristic of compression-type accelerometer, block diagram of complete transducer system, and cathode-follower amplifier circuit suitable for matching a piezoelectric accelerometer to electrical measuring equipment

0.01 inch thick, which are soldered to a 0.003-inch copper armature. The natural frequency of such a laminated beam is also plotted in Fig. 8B.

The temperature characteristic of bender-type accelerometers is not as good as for compression-type units. A decrease in sensitivity of about 0.5 percent per degree C was observed with rising temperature. This effect is probably caused by the bond between element and armature. Another temperature effect is introduced by the damping fluid.

Bender Applications

Despite these facts and the very satisfactory performance of the compression-type units, it can be expected that bender-type accelerometers will be helpful in applications where special requirements must be met. Such requirements are:

(a) High capacitance to obtain very low frequency response with an indicating device having only medium input impedance. It has been possible to build benders with a capacitance as high as 0.1 μ f.

(b) High sensitivity but a limited frequency range. A cantilever beam, with small weights attached to its end, was built for this purpose. A sensitivity of about 200 millivolts per g was obtained. The frequency characteristic of an experimental model of such a unit is given in Fig. 8C.

(c) Very small dimensions. One accelerometer designed to this spe-

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FIG. 8-Bender-type accelerometer construction, relationship of its natural frequency to cantilever beam length, and frequency characteristics of two different bender units

cification measures only 11 x 1 x 1 inches. Its laminated barium titanate element operates as a bender. The sensitivity is 8 mv per g and the natural frequency approaches 3,000 cps. Silicone fluid is used as a damping medium. The miniature-unit curve in Fig. 8C shows the frequency characteristic of this unit.

(d) Capability of measuring extreme high accelerations, of the order of 10,000 g. By using a bender type for such an application, it is possible to obtain a design where a sturdy armature takes the full impact of the shock. The ceramic element, which can be made very thin and light, is attached to the armature and measures its deformation.

Conclusions

A very desirable feature of all barium titanate accelerometers is the extremely wide range of acceleration which they can indicate. One model can withstand 600-g shocks which will generate an output voltage of 27 volts. On the other hand, for measurement of small accelerations, it is possible to read an output of about 1 millivolt, because this voltage is still above the noise level of normal measuring equipment. Consequently, an acceleration range from 600 g to 0.022 g (27,000 to 1) can be covered; this is an excellent figure for a measuring instrument. Another desirable feature is the fact that the accelerometers are self-generating, which makes their output independent of external supply voltages. Barium titanate accelerometers have already been used in many tests in the laboratory and in the field. The instruments have operated satisfactorily under all conditions and have shown reliability and ease of handling.

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Automatic BROADCAST



FIG. 1—Basic circuit of the automatic monitor used for comparing signals at two points geographically close

Program monitor compares recovered audio from transmitter signal with that from studio monitor and sounds alarm if it detects undue noise or distortion. For remote comparison, a processed information signal is sent out on same lines with audio but at higher frequency

T N ENGLAND, the British Broadcasting Corporation produces some ten different sound programs that are fed over wire lines to nearly 100 transmitters. Monitoring is required at the several pickup points, as well as at intermediate points to insure maintenance of level and quality of program. The equipment to be described provides automatic monitoring at the intermediate points so that the technical staff can be freed for other duties.

The automatic monitor compares program characteristics at two separate points in the transmission chain. When the two programs differ by a predetermined amount, the monitor sounds an alarm. Often, the programs to be compared are available in the same building. In other cases, it is necessary to convert the information to a signal that can be sent back and compared with the characteristics of a similarly processed signal. The simple comparison equipment is known in the BBC as "automatic monitor minor" and the remote comparison system as "automatic monitor major."

Since the major monitor, not yet in general use, is based upon the equipment that is used in the minor monitor, the latter will be described first. Both types are designed to operate an alarm on an arbitrary magnitude of defect with respect to: transmission equivalent (including complete break); background noise (including crosstalk); frequency-amplitude response; and overload or nonlinearity.

By a comparison measurement, all these defects may be recognized in terms of amplitude. For instance, a falling-off in response at the upper frequencies will be discerned as a reduction in amplitude of the top notes of music or the sibilants in speech. In the lowvolume passages or gaps in program, noise will also appear as an amplitude difference. Such amplitude comparison is the basic principle on which these monitors are designed.

The transmission circuit may include a long line or several amplifiers. In either case the envelope

PROGRAM MONITOR



Automatic monitor equipment in rack

of the signal is likely to be distorted by phase change, and such systems differ in this respect only by the degree of phase change. As long as the phase or delay distortion is within the rather wide limits that the ear cannot detect, no correction for this is normally made.

The automatic monitor must compare two envelopes, one of which is distorted, and show a balance so long as no defect is aurally noticeable. In this respect it must contend with a time delay in the arrival of a pulse of signal and a distortion of the envelope of the pulse. An instantaneous comparison of the amplitude of the signals is not possible. There must be integration over a period long enough to negate the error due to phase-delay distortion.

If the integration period is too long, however, the automatic monitor will be insensitive to the distortion it is intended to disclose. Although many periods of amplitude distortion apparent to the listener will be of short duration, there will be a number lasting several milliseconds at least. If the integration period does not exceed about ten milliseconds, such periods occur often enough to give reasonable operation of the monitor on fault conditions.

Although the rms value of the wave might give an ideal comparison, it is more practical to use rectifiers with suitable time constants. The discharge time has been made longer than the charge time, so that comparison of amplitude difference may be delayed until both program-pulses approximate their maximum values. This method of measurement normally produces good monitor balance on fairly short transmission circuits if there is no audible distortion between the points at which the program is being compared.

Bridge-Balance Detector

Voltages from the reference signal supply one arm of the bridge shown in Fig. 1 and those of the compared signal feed another arm. The output of these arms is applied to the tubes of a differential detector. Detector output (zero if both voltages are so nearly alike as to produce no appreciable unbalance) operates a relay that actuates a buzzer or bell. Thus, a warning is given when the compared signal suffers a predetermined amount of deterioration, owing to any of the factors mentioned.

The whole volume range of reference or compared signal is not needed to detect defects. Signals in the larger volume levels give indications of overload and defects in frequency response and transmission equivalent. The lowvolume levels disclose the faults mentioned but show noise rather than overload distortion. Intermediate volume levels are not required, for they convey no information not given by the others.

The requirement for an amplifier with two different gains inspired the development of the volume-folding-and-limiting amplifier (VFLA). This apparatus receives voltages resulting from the whole range of volume levels. For a fault just serious enough to mar reception by the average listener it must have the same output whether the indications are conveyed by the high-volume of low-volume portions of the signal. Overall response of the VFLA must approximate that of the ear of the average listener. It must be able to gloss over faults (such as brief overloads) that would not distress the listener, but it must be infallible in calling attention to defects that annoy him.

The term "volume" applies here

Broadcasting in the United Kingdom is different in several respects from that to which engineers in the United States and Canada are accustomed. Among others, the American engineer is accustomed to feeding an audio program at a certain maximum level into a telephone line and having it come out at the other end, often many hundreds of miles away, with predetermined level and characteristics. The problems of maintaining the standard of transmission have been paid for according to Telephone Company rates previously approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

In Greats Britain, where the British Broadcasting Corpora-

tion operates all broadcasting on funds collected by the government from receiver owners, the Corporation must in many cases maintain long-line audio levels and quality. In addition, the BBC is allowed to operate remote, unattended transmitters in a manner not permitted in the States by the FCC.

Automatic monitoring equipment of the type used by the British and described here may find interesting applications in the fields of telemetering, microwave relay, and remote control of satellite f-m broadcast transmitters, in addition to the application for which the system was devised

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to signal indicated by the peak program meter used at the BBC. This measures the rectified peak value of signal with a charge time-constant of 2.5 milliseconds and a discharge time-constant of 1 second.

The two different gains at which the VFLA operates are selected by the amplitude of the applied input signal. This is accomplished by diodes D_s and D_4 (Fig. 1) in the negative-feedback path of the amplifier section of V_1 and V_2 . The diodes are back-biased from the high-voltage supply so that, below a predetermined signal amplitude, they do not conduct.

When they are not conducting, the gain of the amplifier is approximately $1 + R_1/R_3$ where R_3 is the resultant cathode-to-ground resistance. When the applied input signal is large enough to cause the diodes to conduct, the gain of the amplifier is reduced to approximately $1 + (R_1R_2)/R_3(R_1 + R_2)$. The amplifier formed by V_1 and V_2 has approximately a linear inputoutput law at low-volume input and represents an amplifier of less gain above the volume at which the diodes operate.

The differential detector operates when a certain output-voltage difference between the two VFLA's is reached or exceeded. This value of voltage is to be attained for the same input volume difference, whether this occurs at low or high volumes. The critical value of voltage difference for operation is fixed by the volume at which noise should cause operation and that at which the diodes in the feedback path of the amplifier containing V_{\perp} and V_{\perp} switch to reduce gain. This is seen more clearly by the following example:

Let the volume at -40 db give the 6-volt output necessary for the detector to operate. Let a 3-db difference (or an excess of this difference) between the reference program v_1 and the compared program v_2 be required to cause the detector to operate. The gain of the amplifier must be reduced at that critical volume above which a change of 3 db in input gives more than a 6-volt change in output.

> 20 log $v_2 / v_1 = -3$ db $v_1 - v_2 = 6 v$

$v_1 = 21$ v (approximately)

This output voltage corresponds to an input volume of about -29 db and this is the point at which diodes D_3 and D_4 operate.

The effective ratio between the gain of the amplifier with the diodes operated and that without the diodes operated will determine the higher volume at which a 3-db difference between v_1 and v_2 will again provide 6 volts in output. Above such a volume there must again be a reduction in gain, or this 3-db sensitivity will be exceeded. In the automatic monitor, this reduction is provided by rectifiers 1 and 2. These are back-biased so that they conduct at, and above, this second critical volume and place a shunt across the amplifier input containing V_1 and V_2 .

Maximum Gain Reduction

A further and final reduction in gain occurs at the maximum input level to be experienced, or zero volume. At this level, diodes D_1 and D_2 conduct and almost short-circuit the input of the amplifier. This



FIG. 2—Overmodulation-alarm suppressor prevents warning on occasional peaks but allows alarm to operate if they are frequent

final limiting of the sensitivity of the monitor to the maximum value of signal that can be handled by the transmitter reduces its monitoring sensitivity to overload distortion at such volumes. This reduced sensitivity is compensated by an auxiliary device.

The amplitude input-output law of the VFLA unit has been described without regard to the frequency of the input signal. If the monitor is to correspond in its operation to the audibility of defects, it must be suitably graded in sensitivity with respect to frequency. The predistortion network determines the lowest volume with respect to frequency at which the VFLA gives sufficient rectified output to operate the differential detector. Its response is designed so that operation of the alarm corresponds approximately to aural sensitivity at noise volume.

The circuit to be monitored may contain about a hundred miles of cable. In such circumstances, the rectified outputs of VFLA units will not synchronize, and will provide momentary amplitude differences. The action of the differential detector is therefore delayed by C_2 of Fig. 1. Although programs are monitored at their source, so that compression of peaks at the transmitter is kept at a reasonable minimum, the frequency of compression on some types of program is relatively high. It is not desirable that the automatic monitor should give alarms on such defects unless they become abnormal. Silencing of the alarm by action of D_1 and D_2 brings an integrator into operation so that, if this kind of defect is too frequent or persistent, the alarm is sounded. The circuit used if a transmitter is included in the chain is shown in Fig. 2.

Overmodulation-Alarm Suppressor

The program is amplified and rectified to provide opposing bias to a back-biased detector. At a critical volume of program, the current in the anode of the detector operates a relay, the contacts of which are interconnected with the alarm circuit in the differential detector unit. When this relay operates, the differential detector alarm is sup-



FIG. 3—Automatic monitor used to compare signals separated by long telephone lines. Essential information is encoded by modulator

pressed. A time delay in the relay operation in the differential detector circuit is provided for this purpose. If, however, this plate relay operates with undue frequency of persistency, the capacitor in the grid-plate circuit of the integrator (final stage of Fig. 2) has its standing charge sufficiently disturbed to operate its plate-circuit relay, giving an alarm. A supervisory lamp indicates the nature of the fault.

When a radio link returns the program to be compared, it is desirable to prevent static from operating the monitor alarm. A second receiver fed from the monitoring receiver antenna is tuned to a nearby wavelength on which there is normally no appreciable background signal. The audio output of the static receiver is connected to a circuit similar to that of the overmodulation-alarm suppressor. Incoming static will thus operate a relay and suppress the monitor alarm, but an integrator circuit is again included, so that persistent or unduly frequent suppression from any cause sounds the alarm.

Automatic Monitor Major

The major monitor has been designed to perform a function similar to that of the minor, but uses specially derived signals rather than regular program for its monitoring function. In practice, both program and a low-level reference signal are sent over the program line. The block diagram of a representative major monitor system is shown in Fig. 3. The program is sent out on the line through a low-pass filter and at the same time through a pair of phase networks into two VFLA units similar to those used in the minor monitor system.

The combined rectified outputs are fed into a modulator that converts the signal into an a-m carrier between 7 and 8 kc. Bandwidth of the resultant signal is about ± 150 cycles. The processed signal is fed onto the program line through a band-pass filter at a level some 20 db below that of the program. At the transmitter end, the program as picked up on a monitor receiver is similarly processed, put through a delay network and compared with the incoming processed signal. Any marked discrepancies of quality cause the differential detector to operate the alarm.

To keep the reference signal stable and avoid the effects of transmission-equivalent drift a special form of automatic gain control with a long time constant is employed. This agc provided by the reference signal keeps the balance constantly adjusted. It is made to operate only at low volume and so does not mask defects that need correction.

Another problem of some magnitude is that if the program signal contains two frequencies such that $f_{2} \pm nf_{1}$, a low-frequency amplitude modulation may be produced in the reference signal. This is counteracted by making the processed signal the sum of two signals with a phase shift between them of $\pi/2$. It is for this reason that pairs of VFLA's are used in major monitor systems for dealing with both reference and compared signals.

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Universal Direct-Coupled



FIG. 1—Basic amplifier and examples of present uses



FIG. 2-Equivalent circuit of isolation amplifier without sign inversion

D^{IRECT-COUPLED} negative-feedback amplifiers are commonly used in analog computers and elsewhere to obtain a constant closedloop gain and a low output impedance. One of the more basic characteristics of this type of circuit is the fact that the gain is negative. Whereas the necessity to accept this sign inversion is frequently undesirable, it heretofore has been considered an inevitable feature of feedback circuitry.

This paper presents a universal amplifier that may, with or without sign inversion, attain a constant closed-loop gain and low output impedance. Some of the mathematBy LEONARD GOLDBERG Reeves Instrument Corp. New York, N. Y.

ical operations made possible through the use of this circuit are listed and described. Circuit properties are derived, and test data is given for an actual circuit.

Basic Amplifier

The circuit herein described consists of a basic direct-coupled amplifier with two input terminals and one output terminal, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The manner in which the input and overall loop feedback are connected determines the function the amplifier is to perform. This type of circuit is currently employed to perform a limited number of its potential functions, as illustrated by the block diagrams in Fig. 1. This paper extends the use of this valuable basic circuit to include several new applications.

As used in this paper, the definition and requisites of a basic amplifier are that it be direct coupled and use a differential first stage with both grids thereof accessible. The gain to the output is positive from input grid g_1 and negative from input grid g_2 . The output voltage is sensitive only to the difference between the two inputs and not to their absolute level relative to ground. The circuit will be analyzed for three different operating conditions, wherein the closed-loop gain is +1, greater than +1 and less than +1.

Closed-Loop Gain = +1

To attain a gain of one so that $E_s = E_1$, simply connect the grid of V_2 directly to the output, as in Fig. 2. No additional resistors are required. To calculate the closed-loop gain G without external load, assume that load resistance R_L is

 ∞ and that grid current I_1 is 0, so that $E_{g_1} = E_1$ and $E_{g_2} = E_0$. The basic circuit equation is $(E_{g_1} - E_{g_2})$ $A = E_0$, where A is the open-loop gain of the basic amplifier. For unity gain, this becomes $(E_1 - E_0)$ $A = E_0$. The closed-loop gain is then $G = E_0/E_1 = A/(A + 1)$. If A is made sufficiently large, this figure closely approximates 1.

To calculate output impedance Z_o , assume only that $I_1 = 0$, so that $E_1 = E_{o1}$. Then $(E_1 - E_o) A = E_a$, and $E_o = E_a R_L / (R_L + Z_o)$. This gives the exact expression

$$\frac{E_o}{E_1} = \frac{R_L}{(Z_o/A) + \frac{R_L (A+1)}{A}}$$
(1)

If A is made sufficiently large, the term [(A + 1)/A] approximates 1 and the equation becomes

$$\frac{E_o}{E_1} = \frac{R_L}{\frac{Z_o}{A} + R_L} = \frac{R_L}{Z_o + R_L}$$
(2)

This shows that the closed-loop output impedance is equal to the openloop output impedance divided by the open-loop gain of the amplifier, or $Z_c = Z_o/A$. This value is very low, which is characteristic of negative-feedback amplifiers.

In the amplifier under consideration, Δ is the drift referred to the grid; in other words, with one input grid grounded, it is the voltage necessary at the other input grid to maintain $E_{\alpha} = 0$, to accommodate for drift due to such factors as power supply variations, temperature and aging. Δ_1 is the drift referred to the input, or the voltage necessary at the input to a closedloop circuit to maintain $E_o = 0$. Δ_o is the drift referred to the output, or the voltage variation at the output of a circuit, where the input is grounded.

Differential Amplifier

Analysis of basic circuit capable of providing constant closed-loop gain and low output impedance, with or without sign inversion, for applications requiring a high-gain differential amplifier. Mathematical uses in analog computers are summarized

Then $\Delta_u = G \Delta_1$. The designation d refers to a change; thus, I_{ud} means the change in I_2 .

The total drift (zero shift) of the circuit of Fig. 2 (Δ_a and Δ_1) is equal to the sum of the drifts contributed by grid current in the first stage, and by Δ (where Δ is an independent variable not affected by external circuitry).

To calculate the drift due to Δ , observe that since the input signal is fed directly in g_1 , to which point Δ is referred, Δ_1 of necessity is equal to Δ and $\Delta_g = \Delta_1 = \Delta$.

To calculate the drift due to grid current, observe that: (a) I_2 will cause no zero shift, as g_2 is connected to E_{\circ} which is a source of low impedance; (b) I_1 will cause a constant zero shift of amplitude I_1R_s , which effect may be completely nullified by the setting of a manual zero adjustment within the amplifier; (c) I_{2d} will cause no zero shift for the same reason as in (a); (d) I_{1d} will cause a zero shift referred to the input equal to $I_{1d}R_s$, hence it is desirable that the source impedance be kept to a minimum; (e) should the source impedance vary by an amount R_{sd} , it will cause a zero shift equal to I_1R_{sd} . It is therefore desirable that the grid current in the first stage be kept to a minimum.

The total drift of the amplifier from all causes is $\Delta_o = \Delta_1 = \Delta + I_1 R_{.d} + I_{1d} R_{.}$, which for most actual circuits is approximately Δ .

Since the input is fed onto a grid whose only ground return is through the source itself, the input impedance Z_1 is infinite, excepting the effects of grid current which may in most cases be considered negligible. An infinite input impedance is of particular advantage where the source impedance is variable, for the gain is completely independent of the value of the source impedance and therefore of any change in source impedance.

Summarizing these results, the characteristics of the circuit of Fig. 2 are: (a) Function is that of an isolation amplifier, where accuracy and output impedance requirements will not allow for the use of a cathode follower; (b) gain G = A/(A + 1); (c) output impedance $Z_{\circ} = Z_{\circ}/A$; (d) drift $\Delta_{\circ} = \Delta_{1} = \Delta + I_{1} R_{*d} + I_{1d} R_{*}$; input impedance ance $Z_{1} = \infty$.

Closed-Loop Gain > +1

To attain a gain greater than one, two precision resistors are required, connected as in Fig. 3A. The exact expression for gain in this case is

$$\frac{E_o}{E_1} = \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_4 + \frac{R_3 + R_4}{A}}$$
(3)

If A is made sufficiently large,

$$\frac{E_o}{E_1} \cong \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_4} \tag{4}$$

Observe that the amplifier will always adjust itself such that $E_{g1} \cong E_{g2}$. Utilizing this information as a tool for calculation, Eq. 4 and many other circuit properties may be less rigorously calculated with greater ease.

To calculate Z_{c} , which is dependent upon open-loop gain, a more rigorous approach is needed. Figure 3B represents the equivalent circuit when closed-loop gain Gwithout external load is greater than 1, where R_{L} is the total load from E_{c} to ground. Here the exact expression for gain is

 $\frac{E_o}{E_1} = \frac{G R_L}{(Z_o G/A) + R_L (A + G)/A}$ (5)

If A is made sufficiently large, the



FIG. 3—Circuit connections and equivalent circuit giving gain greater than one



FIG. 4—Amplifier connections giving gain less than one, with attenuation at output and with attenuation at input



FIG. 5—Circuit action for integration of instantaneous, pulse and step functions

equation becomes

$$\frac{E_o}{E_1} \cong \frac{G R_L}{(Z_o G/A) + R_L} = \frac{G R_L}{Z_o + R_L}$$
(6)

from which it is determined that the closed-loop output impedance is equal to the open-loop output impedance divided by the ratio of open to closed loop gain, or $Z_o = Z_o G/A$. For G = 1, this value is identical to that previously derived.

To calculate Δ_1 (drift referred to the input), the same reasoning may be applied as for the case where G= 1, with almost identical results, the only difference being in the case of grid current in V_2 . As before, any steady grid current I_2 may be counteracted by the manual zero adjustment, whereas the zero shift due to I_{2d} is simply I_{2d} times the parallel impedance offered by R_3 and R_4 . Because R_3 and R_4 must be precision resistors to maintain constant gain, it may be safely assumed that no zero shift is to be expected from their change. However, in the event of any change, the zero shift is $I_2 [R_3R_4/(R_3 +$ R4)] d.

The total drift of the amplifier from all causes is

$$\Delta_1 = \Delta + I_{1d} R_s + I_1 R_{sd} + I_{2d} \left(\frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \right) + I_2 \left(\frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \right)_d \quad (7)$$

Then $\Delta_{\bullet} = G \Delta_{i}$, which for most actual circuits is approximately $\Delta_{i} = \Delta_{i}$.

Closed-Loop Gain < +1

Two methods of attaining a gain of less than one are illustrated in Fig. 4. Because of its low drift factor, the circuit of Fig. 4A is recommended for all cases where R_L is constant, since any change in R_L alters the output voltage accordingly; here $E_o = E_1 R_L / (R_L + R_s)$. The circuit of Fig. 4B is recommended for use with a variable load.

For the same overall gain G, the circuit of Fig. 4A yields better performance in terms of drift and input impedance, whereas the circuit of Fig. 4B is better in terms of output impedance. The applicable circuit must therefore be chosen to fit individual requirements.

Some of the operations made possible through the use of this type of amplifier are listed in Table I, along with pertinent equations. A wider variety of functions may be had by using more complex external circuitry. The book "Electronic Time Measurements", Radiation Laboratory Series, p 292-293, contains an unusually long list of functions made available through use of the conventional inverse gain amplifier. The universal amplifier may be used to yield all of these functions by grounding input grid g_1 , plus at least an equal number of functions by ungrounding g_1 and feeding an input signal thereto.

Mathematical Operations

Table I, example 1 is the conventional feedback circuit as illustrated in Fig. 1C. It yields any desired inverse gain.

Examples 2, 3, 4 and 5, all previously described, yield any desired gain without sign inversion.

Example 6 is the general case of subtraction of two variables, each with its own constant of multiplica-

Table I—Partial List of Mathematical Operations Made Available Through Use of Universal Amplifier

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Ņ	AATHEMATICAL FUNCTION	CIRCUIT	MATHEMATICAL FUNCTION AND CIRCUIT EQUATION	CIRCUIT
(1)	MULTIPLICATION BY A NEGATIVE CONSTANT E ₀ =-GE ₂		(7) SPECIAL CASE OF EXAMPLE 6 $E_0^{-}(G+1)E_1^{-}GE_2$	
(2)	MULTIPLICATION BY A POSITIVE CONSTANT LESS THAN ONE E ₀ = GE ₁		(8) SIMPLE SUBTRACTION $E_0^{=}E_1^{-}E_2$	
(3)	MULTIPLICATION BY A POSITIVE CONSTANT LESS THAN ONE E ₀ = GE ₁		(9) MULTIPLICATION OF A VARIABLES, EACH BY A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE	
(4)	MULTIPLICATION BY ONE E ₀ = E ₁	е,	CONSTANT $E_0^{=}(G_1E_1+G_2E_2+\dots G_nE_n)$ $-(G_kE_a+G_pE_p+\dots G_kE_k)$	
(5)	MULTIPLICATION BY A POSITIVE CONSTANT GREATER THAN ONE E ₀ = GE	E, CAMP E O (G-I)R	(IO) INTEGRATION $E_0 = E_1 + \frac{1}{RC} \int_{-\infty}^{+} [E_1(t) - E_2(t)] dt$	$E_{1} \xrightarrow{P \to C} AMP \xrightarrow{E_{0}} E_{0}$
(6)	MULTIPLICATION OF TWO VARIABLES, ONE BYA POSITIVE CONSTANT AND ONE BY A NEGATIVE CONSTANT $E_0 = G_1 E_1 - G_2 E_2$	$ \begin{array}{c} E_1 & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{R} & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{D-C \text{ AMP}} & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{E_2} \\ \begin{pmatrix} G_1 \\ G_2 - G_1 + I \end{pmatrix}_{R} & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{R} \\ \xrightarrow{\qquad \ \ } & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{R} \\ \xrightarrow{\qquad \ \ } & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{R} \\ \xrightarrow{\qquad \ \ } & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{R} \\ \xrightarrow{\qquad \ \ } & \overbrace{\qquad \ \ C}^{R} \\ \xrightarrow{\qquad \ \ } \end{array} $	(11) DIFFERENTIATION $E_0^* E_1^+$ $RC \frac{d}{dt} \left[E_1(t) - E_2(t) \right]$	



FIG. 6—Universal direct-coupled negative-feedback differential amplifier circuit used to verify the mathematical analysis



FIG. 7—Curves showing zero shift at various input levels for three combinations of tubes

tion. The equation is valid only when G_1 is less than $(G_2 + 1)$. When it is desired that $G_1 = (G_2 + 1)$, the input-shunting resistor becomes infinite, and the circuit is transformed into the special case illustrated as example 7.

In order to make G_1 greater than $(G_2 + 1)$, the inputs must be reversed and resistors adjusted accordingly. The sign of the output will then be inverted.

Example 8, for simple subtraction, is merely a special case of example 6 where $G_1 = G_2 = 1$.

Example 9 is the most general example of subtraction, wherein any number of inputs may be multiplied, each by its own constant, and mutually added and subtracted. The same limitation for gain is valid for this circuit as for example 6.

Example 10 yields either positive or negative integration, or, using two inputs as shown, integration as a function of the difference between two variables. Grounding input E_1 , a conventional negativegoing integrator is obtained, with both E_1 terms dropping out of the equation.

Grounding input E_2 , the E_2 term drops out and the circuit equation is no longer a case of simple integration. Circuit action under this condition is shown in Fig. 5. Note that as an integrator, the output remains constant at whatever voltage it happens to be whenever the input is zero.

Example 11 yields either positive or negative differentiation, or using two inputs as shown, differentiation as a function of the difference between two variables. If input E_1 is grounded, both E_1 terms drop out of the equation. Similarly, with E_2 grounded the E_2 term drops out.

Test Results

Figure 6 shows the circuit of an amplifier which was constructed and thoroughly tested, and which gave results according to theory. Open-loop gain A = 10,000; $I_1 = I_2 = 10^{-10}$ amp; $I_{1d} = I_{2d} = 10^{-11}$ amp; $Z_o = 12,000$ ohms; Δ as a function of variation of the +300-v supply $= \pm 0.4$ mv per v; Δ as a function of variation of the -300-v supply $= \pm 0.35$ mv per v; Δ as a function of variation of the filament supply $= \pm 5$ mv per v; Δ as a function of variation in ambient temperature $= \pm 0.1$ mv per deg C.

The zero shift as a function of the level of the input signal (common mode effect), when connected for G = 1, is shown in Fig. 7. Observe that the amplifier operates over an input range of from -50to +50 volts. Curve A shows the theoretical input-output curve when A = 10,000 and tubes V_1 and V_2 have identical characteristics. Curve B shows the actual results of the amplifier using a random 12AX7 in the first stage, while curve C shows the corresponding results using the same tube in reverse position. The deviation of curves B and C from curve A is caused by tubes V_1 and V_2 not having identical characteristics throughout the operating range of the first stage.

Note, however, that the amplitude of the zero shift for input signals of ± 30 volts is only 2, 10, 17, or 25 millivolts in Fig. 7; this is at worst an error of less than 0.1 percent.

The primary purpose of presenting a particular circuit with test results is to make clear the fact that no trick circuitry is required, and that it is a simple matter to construct a reliable, low-drift amplifier.

Conclusion

In essence, the new circuit design lies in the use of a differential first stage wherein both grids are employed to receive input signals, rather than grounding one grid as is conventional in inverse gain circuitry. Since it is a basic openloop amplifier, the circuit is capable of great versatility, and may be operated to perform any one of a multitude of functions by the proper choice of external circuitry. Some of the functions available are addition, subtraction, multiplication by a positive or negative constant, positive or negative integration or differentiation, and when connected open-loop, a high-gain differential amplifier.

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Temperature-Compensating Capacitor Nomograph

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Gives directly with one setting of a celluloid triangle the capacitance values required when two temperature-compensating capacitors are paralleled. Solves problem of compensating a tuned circuit when a single capacitor having the required temperature coefficient is not available



O NE of the most common ways of compensating for the effect of temperature coefficients of coils or capacitors on the frequency of a tuned circuit is by the use of ceramic capacitors of large negative coefficient in parallel with the normal mica or air-spaced capacitor. The values of these components are usually estimated by proportion and trial and error to get an overall temperature coefficient of zero. The accompanying chart gives these values directly.

To use the chart, set a triangle or set square to join two known values on two parallel scales. Then move the triangle back or forward along the line of intersection until its right-angle edge cuts the third value on the other scale. The unknown value is then read off where this edge cuts the remaining scale; i.e., each side intersects two values. A setting of three values on one edge is not valid.

The algebraic sign of an unknown value obtained from a vertical scale will be the same as that of the known value on the other vertical scale.

The range of the chart can be readily extended by multiplying the scales by factors of ten in any of the following four ways: all four scales, two parallel scales, top horizontal and right vertical or lower horizontal and left vertical pairs of scales.

Example 1

A fixed-frequency oscillator is tuned by a $400-\mu\mu$ f capacitor to 2 mc. The coil has a temperature coefficient of +40 parts per million per degree C, and it is required to compensate this to zero drift. Capacitors rated at (Continued on page 134)

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+20 ppm and -220 ppm are available. What are the values required?

Solution. $C_T = C_A + C_B$. $T_T = -40$ ppm, $T_A = +20$, $T_B = -220$ and $C_T = 400$, so that $T_A - T_T = +60$ and $T_A - T_B = +240$.

With one of the right-angled sides of a set-square or triangle on the nomograph, join the point 60 on the $T_A - T_T$ scale with 240 on the $T_A - T_B$. Now advance the perpendicular edge of the setsquare until it cuts the C_{T} scale at 400 $\mu\mu$ f, still keeping the other two points intersected, and read the required value of C_B as 100 $\mu\mu f$ at the intersection on the C_B scale. The required values are thus a 100- $\mu\mu$ f capacitor with -220 ppm temperature coefficient and a 400 - 100 =300 $\mu\mu f$ capacitor with +20 ppm coefficient, connected in parallel.

Example 2

In a particular wave analyzer, the low-frequency waveform is heterodyned by an oscillator working between 500 and 550 kc, and the harmonic components of the modulated wave are separated by a crystal filter. It is desirable to have this oscillator free from frequency variation due to changes in ambient temperature. The tuning capacitor to be used has a range of 50 to 300 $\mu\mu f$ with the low-temperature coefficient of +20 ppm. The coil is wound on a ceramic form and has a coefficient of +80 ppm.

Since only a 10-percent frequency sweep is required, it will be necessary to pad out the capacitor to reduce the capacitance sweep to 20 percent; at the same time this capacitor can be used to provide temperature compensation. A 950- $\mu\mu$ f unit in parallel with the variable capacitor gives a sweep of 1,000 to 1,250 $\mu\mu$ f providing slight overlap at the ends of the scale. Exact temperature compensation is to be provided at the center of the band, which is $1,125 \ \mu\mu f.$ Solution. Let $C_T = 1,125 \ \mu\mu f, \ C_A = 950 \ \mu\mu f, \ C_B = 175 \ \mu\mu f, \ and \ T_B = +20.$

The overall coefficient of the capacitor combination to compensate for the +80 ppm of the coil will be given by $T_{\tau} = -80$, and therefore $T_{\tau} - T_{\mu} = -100$.

Multiplying scales C_{τ} and C_{A} by a factor of 10, with 112.5 $\mu\mu f$ on the C_r scale joined to 95 $\mu\mu f$ on the C_A scale by one edge of a right-angle triangle, the other edge is advanced to intersect 100 on the $T_T - T_B$ scale, whence $T_A - T_B$ is read as 118. (Note that since the scales are logarithmic, the signs of the products of the right and left hand scales will be the same; thus T_{\star} $-T_{B} = -118$ since $T_{T} - T_{H} =$ -100. Should the corner of the triangle fall between the scales, as happens in this case, the perpendicular edge can be extended by bringing a rule or another triangle up to it. Scales C_A and $T_T - T_B$, and scales C_B and $T_{A} - T_{r}$ may only be used together, otherwise incorrect results will be obtained.)

Now $T_A - T_B = -118$, so that $T_A = -98$ ppm, which is the required coefficient for the 950- $\mu\mu$ f capacitor.

It is interesting to check the total drift at the two ends of the band. When $C_{\tau} = 1,250 \ \mu\mu f$, $C_{\star} = 950 \ \mu\mu f$ and $T_{\star} - T_{\pi} = -118$ and from the nomograph $T_{\tau} - T_{\mu} = -90$ and $T_{\tau} = -70$ ppm. When $C_{\tau} = 1,000, \ C_{\star} = 950$

when $C_T = 1,000$, $C_A = 350$ $\mu\mu f$, $T_A - T_B = -118$ and from the chart $T_T - T_B = -114$ and $T_T = -94$ ppm.

Therefore, adding these values to the +80 ppm of the coil, it is seen that the drift varies over the band from -14 to +10 ppm, being zero at the center frequency. Frequency drift would be half these figures.

A $950-\mu\mu$ f capacitor with a negative coefficient of 98 ppm is not readily available, so this again will have to be another parallel combination of two capacitors. Since a silvered mica capacitor is generally a more stable component than a ceramic capacitor, it will be better to use a large mica capacitor with a low positive coefficient and a small ceramic with as large a negative coefficient as is available. Assume this to be -680 ppm, and that of the silvered mica to be +20 ppm. Then $T_A - T_B = 700$ and $T_{\star} - T_{\tau} = 118$, and from the nomograph $C_B = 100 \ \mu\mu f$ (ceramic) and $C_{4} = 950 - 160$ $= 790 \ \mu\mu f$ (mica).

Appendix

Considering the incremental change in capacitance of two capacitors in parallel having different temperature coefficients, the following relationship holds: $C_A = nC_B = [n/(n + 1)]$ C_T , where $n = (T_B - T_T)/(T_T - T_A)$. By taking logs and putting $x = \log C_T$, $y = \log (T_A - T_B)$ and $z = \log C_B$, four simultaneous equations of the form Ax + By + Cz + D = 0 are obtained, which in determinant form are

1	0	$0 - \log C_T$
0	1	$0 - \log (T_A - T_T)$
0	0	$1 - \log C_B$
1 -	1	$-1 - \log (T_A - T_B)$

These can be converted into

$\log (T_A - T_B)$	1	1	1	
$\log (T_A - T_T)$	0	1	1	
$\log C_T$	1	0	1	
$\log C_B$	0	0	1	
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and are now in standard determinant form

f(a)	g(a)	1	T		
f(b)	a(b)	1	1		
f(c)	q(c)	0	1		
f(d)	a(d)	ň	ĩ		
J(a)	9(4)	U	-		

satisfying the conditions of colinearity of the coordinates of any four variables a, b, c and dto permit the construction of a set-square nomograph. The second determinant can thus be interpreted as two vertical pairs of logarithmic scales spaced unit distance apart, in the x, y and jx, jy planes respectively. Service Beyond The Sale:



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A-C Null Indicator

By JOSEPH C. FROMMER Electronic Consultant Cincinnati, Ohio

Earphone null indicators provide an audible signal from low power but tie the operator to the apparatus. Speakers are more convenient in use but neither speakers nor earphones indicate phase or direction of the unbalance and the presence of uncancellable harmonics often makes it difficult to locate the exact null with the minimum of sound. The advantages of observing the output of a-c-bridges on a cathoderay tube were recognized early. To obtain information on the phase and the direction of the unbalance, the deflecting signal has to be synchronized with the bridge input. Figure 1 shows a block diagram of synchronized deflection. If the bridge input voltage is applied un-



FIG. 1—Block diagram of setup used to obtain synchronized deflection of crt

changed as a deflecting signal, without being altered by the deflection circuit, the pattern on the crt screen assumes the shape of an ellipse.

To get full advantage of synchronous deflection, the phase shift of the amplification of the signal to the horizontal plates has to be made equal to the phase shift of the signal to the vertical plates of the crt. With such an arrangement. the ellipse degenerates into a straight slanting line when the bridge output is in phase with the bridge input or when the bridge is properly balanced for phase and needs adjustment for ratio only. The principle axes of the ellipse are horizontal and vertical when the bridge output is 90-deg off phase, then the bridge is properly adjusted for ratio and needs readjustment only for phase.

Sketches al to a5 of Fig. 2 show



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HE PRECISELY FABRICATED test-equipment items shown were developed and produced by the Polytechnic Research and Development Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., for use in the design and testing of the waveguide components of microwave radar and communications systems. The smallest units, operating in the so-called millimeter region of the electromagnetic spectrum, find additional use as components of microwave spectroscopes for the detection of molecular resonances.

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the patterns obtained when the sine wave shown in sketch a is applied both to the bridge input and to the horizontal deflection. Sketch a, as well as sketches b and c, is drawn with a vertical time axis; the various bridge outputs are shown on sketches 1 to 5 with horizontal time axes. The patterns in the body of the figure are obtained by horizontal projection of points of the bridge output curve and vertical projection of the points of the deflecting signal curve pertaining to the same instant.

Sketch al shows the pattern ob-

tained when the bridge is substantially off balance both for ratio and phase; a2 shows the pattern after balance of ratio is obtained without balance of phase; a3 shows the balance of phase without the balance of ratio; a4 shows a position very close to balance and a5 shows perfect balance.

The ultimate zero does not show up as sharply as could be desired, because the slightly slanting line a4 is very little different from the perfectly horizontal line a5, and a slight movement of the crt with respect to the graduated screen in front of it may cause a corresponding error in zero reading.

To obtain an unmistakable sharp indication of zero, the patterns al to a5 may be "folded over" into those of b1 to b5 by inverting the polarity of one half of the deflecting signal a as shown in sketch b. Any slight unbalance as shown in b4 shows up clearly against perfect balance, b5. Patterns b1 to b4 however give no information on the polarity of the unbalance, in other words in which direction adjustment has to be made to approach balance. Such information speeds up the operation of the bridge, especially if it is desired to apply age to the vertical amplifier or if it is impossible to balance the bridge perfectly and interpolation has to be made between the two nearest values.

To obtain information on the direction of the unbalance it is necessary to tell one leg of the pattern from the other. This can be (Continued on p 156)



FIG. 2—Patterns obtained on cathoderay tube. Explanation is given in text
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Checking Calibration of Loop Antennas

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FIELD-INTENSITY instruments, with loop antennas, are generally calibrated out in the open where field distortion is certain not to introduce error. A laboratory method of checking calibration, where loops are involved, developed in the General Engineering Laboratory of the General Electric Company has proved very satisfactory.

The usual laboratory calibration of field-intensity instruments using dipoles is satisfactory if the dipole signal output is simply replaced by a low-impedance signal generator output through a dummy impedance to obtain the gain of the instrument. The known dipole factor is then multiplied into this signal generator figure. The dipole is checked visually for change or damage. In the case of loops the loopcoupling transformer and associated circuits generally require an overall check of the calibration. Since an overall check including the loop normally involves a loop setup



FIG. 1-Spaced loop arrangement

out in the open rather than in the confined copper-lined space of the laboratory, such a check is often omitted unless thought to be absolutely necessary.

The National Bureau of Standards uses the spaced-loop method to establish a standard free-space quasi-static magnetic field, Fig. 1, with a single turn transmitting loop of a 10-cm radius wherein the current is measured by means of a





thermocouple. Loops are in parallel planes at right angles to axis through loop centers. This calibrating setup is made in a cleared space where a distance of at least three times the spacing between the loops exists to the nearest metal wall or large metal object.

The following expression is used to give field intensity at the receiving loop:

$$E = \frac{60 \pi N_1 r_1^2 I_1}{(D^2 + r_1^2 + r_2^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{2 \pi D}{\lambda}\right)^2}$$
(1)

E = equivalent free-space electric field,

where



FIG. 3—View of typical 12-inch diameter receiving loop showing temporary jig-mounted primary coil at approximate center

in microvolts per meter, (effectively at the receiving loop),

- at the receiving loop), = radius of transmitting loop, in meters. To keep a uniform current in the transmitting loop make $r_1 < 0.02 \lambda_2$
- 2 = radius of receiving loop, in meters. If receiving loop is rectangular use equivalent radius of circle having same area,
- D = spacing between loops, in meters,
- I_1 = transmitting loop current, in microamperes.
- N_1 = number of turns in transmitting loop, and
- λ = wavelength, in meters.

The expression under the radical is usually neglected below 10 megacycles and is less than 1.05 below approximately 15 megacycles. This formula gives approximately onepercent accuracy up to 30 megacycles.

The first term of the expression generally is not accurate for much closer spacing than 1 meter. On the other hand the distance D appears under the radical in such a way as to make it desirable to use D as small as possible for higher frequencies.

The mutual inductance between two such spaced loops may be calculated by formula 187 of Bureau of Standards Circular 74 and then used as described later in this article to calculate the effective field intensity at the receiving loop, as an alternative in place of the procedure with Eq. 1.

Close-Coupled Loop Method

Centering the primary loop within the receiving loop, with a jig mounting, provides a convenient



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arrangement with a signal generator that can be set up in the laboratory so rapidly and easily that loop-calibration-check may be used as a routine rather than as an exceptional elaborate measurement.

This procedure, of course, depends upon whether or not such close coupling of the primary constants can be kept from appreciably influencing the receiving loop circuit constants and further on whether or not close metal wall reflection can be avoided. A high primary circuit impedance is obtained with the use of considerable primary resistance and wall reflection is found to be negligible at two or more loop diameters.

Figure 2 represents the relative proximity of the two loops and emphasizes that with this arrangement it is not necessary to use a transmitter nor a thermocouple meter. In a radio laboratory one thing above all others that must be depended upon is the signal generator. A calibrated voltmeter may also be used across the signal-generator output terminals.

The primary (the signal generator loop) does not need to transfer appreciable proportion of its constants into the receiving loop. If the receiving loop is not shielded, special precautions must be taken to avoid capacitive effect, such as

the balancing of both loops.

In the cases of primary concern here, namely where the receiving loop is shielded to eliminate antenna effect, both loops may be unbalanced with only the precaution that the primary loop should be of one turn and of approximately 6-inch diameter in the range 100 kc to 30 mc. Below approximately 100 kc the use of several turns in the primary loop does no harm.

It is well known in radio transformer design that a primary winding, placed concentrically and coaxially with the secondary, is not critical as to exactness of position. Such a primary loop may therefore be mounted with a jig for rapid placement into the center of the receiving loop for quick laboratory calibration. The jig mounting may be simple, consisting of two hooks for hanging and a stop-arm at the bottom for three-point support as shown in Fig. 3.

The basic relationship giving the effective field intensity delivered to the receiving loop by this primary loop is:

$$E = \frac{V}{H} = \frac{\omega M \ 10^{-6} I}{1.35 \ A \ N \ f} \frac{I}{10^{-11}}$$
$$= \frac{2 \ \pi \ f \ M \left(\frac{e_g}{R}\right)}{1.35 \pi r_2^2 \ N \ f} \frac{10^{-6}}{10^{-6}}$$
$$= 148,000 \ \frac{M \ e_g}{r_2^2 \ N \ R}$$
(2)

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FIG. 4-Actual performance of sample jig-mounted calibration loops shown as percent deviation from standard obtained with method of Fig. 1

$$= 23,600 \frac{V}{r_2^2 N f \, 10^{-6}}$$

where

- V = induced signal value in receiving loop in microvolts and may be measured directly thereby avoiding the use of M,
- H = effective height of receiving loop inmeters,
- = area of one turn of receiving loop A winding in square inches,
- N = number of turns in receiving loop.
- f = frequency in cycles, M = mutual inductance between transmitting loop and receiving loop in microhenrys,
- = resistance in series with primary loop, Rin ohms, = current in transmitting loop in
- microamperes, and
- signal generator output in microvolts.

Compairing Eq. 1 and 2 it is evident that in Eq. 1 the only constant of the receiving loop that must be known is the effective radius, and that value may be very approximate where the loop spacing is substantially greater.

In Eq. 2 the number of receiving loop turns must be known and this is generally available. The mutual inductance between the two loops must be calculated or measured, but once this is obtained, the measurements thereafter are extremely simple.

The disadvantages with the spaced loop method are namely: (1) the open space set up for every calibration, (2) the accurate spacing between loops, (3) the requirement of a low radiation transmitter. (4) the careful use of a thermocouple meter, all add up to more than offset the original ascertain-(Continued on p 244)

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Magnetic Sound Film Projector

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Grid Dip Meter

SYLVAN ELECTRONIC LABORATORIES, INC., Broadalbin, N. Y. Type GDO-1 grid dip meter covers the frequency range from 1.5 to 300 mc, with 7 plug-in coil ranges. The unit features a probe-type oscillator, built-in coil storage compartment, a large easily-read $4\frac{1}{2}$ -in. microammeter, internal modulation and a calibration accuracy of 0.02 percent measured at 30 mc.



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MEASUREMENTS CORP., Boonton, N. J., has incorporated the "slideback" technique in the vtvm circuit of their model 58 uhf radio noise and field strength meter. This new feature makes possible more accurate noise measurements of short pulses having a slow repetition rate, or a random variation in magnitude over a considerable period of time. The unit, covering the 15 to 150-mc range is widely used for the measurement of steady carrier voltages or fields; line loss; front-to-back ratios of directional antennas; signal-to-noise ratios of antennas; effectiveness of noise filters and for the investigation of ignition and other types of radio noise.



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Balanced-Armature Relays

ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SPECIALTIES Co., 6819 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 38, Calif., has announced a line of relays emphasizing balanced armature and available up to 3-pole

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AN OPPORTUNITY to step directly from civil life into a commission in the Air Force Reserve has been held out to men with a university degree and qualifying experience in electrical, communications, radio or electronics engineering, or who have a science degree and majored in one of the foregoing engineering fields.

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Further inquiries should be ad-

dressed to: Dept. of Military Personnel Procurement, Headquarters, First Air Force, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York.

Mobile Relay Stations

THE Federal Communications Commission has adopted final rules to govern the licensing of Mobile Relay Stations in the Industrial and Railroad Radio Services. The stations themselves will be fixed but will relay signals from one mobile unit to another. With such stations, never before licensed, it will be possible to relay messages automatically between cars or locomotives up to 50 miles apart.

In general, such relay operation will be confined to messages received on frequencies above 47 mc in special situations where the applicant for such service can show a real need. In addition, the new relay stations must, in general, select for transmission only those messages specifically directed to them.

Details of the proposed operation will be resolved after hearings for which all notices must be filed by October 15, 1951.

Tube Salvage Announced

IT is now possible to salvage used Eimac tubes, according to a recent announcement by Eitel-McCullough, Inc., San Bruno, Calif. Maximum salvage values have been listed for 54 tube types, ranging from 25 cents to 30 dollars, depending on the type.

Some of the better known types in the tube list are: 2-150D, 2C39, 3C24, 3X2500A3, 4-125A, 4-1000A, 6C21, 35T, 75TH, 100TH, 100TL, 250R, 304TH, 450TH, and 1000T.

In order that customers may get the maximum allowance for tubes returned, the company advises that (1) no salvage value is attached to the glass envelope, but metal parts must be received in good condition; (2) filaments are not repairable and hence a broken filament does not detract from the salvage value; (3) tungsten leads and supports are used and the plate may usually be reprocessed; therefore, these should be received in good condition.



These images of the opening of the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, photographd by Don Fink while on vacation in the White Mountains, represent the end of the line during the inauguration of the A. T. and T. transcontinental microwave relay system on September 4th. Involved in the transmission were 107 relay stations from San Francisco to New York, plus seven similar microwave stations from New York to Boston, plus a 140-mile direct hop on channel 7 to the Summit House atop Mount Washington (altitude 6,293 feet). The last hop was terminated in a double-V antenna (lower left) which fed a standard 17-inch table model receiver (lower right) without benefit of booster

Manpower Convocation

A CONVOCATION of engineers, educators and industrialists to discuss what must be done to maintain and increase the national supply of engineers needed both for the civilian economy and the armed services will be held September 28. The meeting has been organized by the Engineering Manpower Commission of Engineers Joint Council and will take place in Stephen Foster Memorial Hall on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Audiometer Standard Published

MANUFACTURERS and laboratories testing audiometers for general diagnostic purposes now can rely on a newly published American Standard to assure a uniform method of testing. The new American Standard Specifications for Audiometers for General Diagnostic Purposes was developed under the sponsorship of the Acoustical Society of America, and approved by the American Standards Association.

This document describes a standard audiometer and standard procedure for measuring hearing that

MEETINGS

- OCT. 2-4: Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the Communications Section of the Association of American Railroads, Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Canada.
- Oct. 4-6: Fourth Conference on Gaseous Electronics, General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y.
- OCT. 8-10: Joint Meeting of the U.S.A. National Committee of URSI and the IRE Professional Group on Antennas and Propagation, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.
- OCT. 8-10: AIEE Conference on Aircraft Equipment, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.
- OCT. 15-19: 70th Semiannual Convention of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Hollywood Roose-

will give doctors and others using such audiometers a dependable comparison with the normal threshold of audibility, as a basis for prescribing hearing aids or other remedial measures. velt Hotel, Hollywood, Calif.

- OCT. 22-24: 1951 National Electronics Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.
- OCT. 22-26: AIEE Fall General Meeting, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.
- OCT. 29-31: Radio Fall Meeting, sponsored by IRE and RTMA, King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Nov. 1-3: Third Annual Convention and Audio Fair Exhibition of the Audio Engineering Society, Hotel New Yorker, New York City.
- Nov. 12-15: NEMA Convention, Haddon Hall, Atlantic City.

DEC. 10-12: Joint AIEE-IRE Computer Conference, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, **Pa**.

The threshold values by which normal hearing is measured are based on a study made in 1935-36 by the National Health Survey. This survey contains the only authoritative data to date available on this subject.

The audiometer described in the new Standard is an electroacoustic generator with associated air- and bone-conduction receivers, and provides pure tones of selected frequencies and intensities which cover the major portion of the auditory range. The results of measurements with this audiometer determine an individual's auditory threshold as a function of frequency.

Copies of the American Standard, designated Z24.5-1951, can be obtained from the American Standards Association, 70 E. 45 St., New York 17, N. Y., at 50 cents each.

Aircraft Channel Discontinued

DESPITE the fact that use of 111.1 mc for reply to private aircraft was discontinued effective August 1, some pilots still fail to listen on the new frequency of 122.2 mc. The new channel is now in use by all interstate airways communications service stations (INSACS) that do (Continued on p 312)

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FCC ENGINEERS VIEW UHF TV



George F. Metcalf (right), manager of the GE Commercial and Government Equipment Department, explains operation of world's most powerful uhf tv transmitter operating experimentally at Electronics Park to Edward W. Allen (left), FCC chief engineer, and Curtis B. Plummer, chief of the FCC broadcast bureau, during a recent visit to the Park

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*5905	Sharp Cut-off UHF Pentode	26.5	45	26.5	26.5	2850			
*5906	Sharp Cut-off UHF Pentode	26.5	45	100	100	5000			
*5907	Remote Cut-off UHF Pentode	26.5	45	26.5	26.5	3000			
*5908	Pentode Mixer	26.5	45	26.5	26.5	1000 (ge)			
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5987	Low Mu Power Triode	6.3	450	100		1850	4.1		
*5904	Medium Mu UFH Triode	26.5	45	26.5		4700	20	0.06 (400 Mc Osc)	
6021	Medium Mu Double Triode	6.3	300	100		4800	35		
6111	Medium Mu Double Triode	6.3	300	100		4750	20		
6112	High Mu Double Triode	6.3	300	100		1850	70		
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*5647	Single Diode (T1)	6.3	150	460 peak inverse plate volts					
*5896	Double Diode	6.3	300	460 peak inverse plate volts					
*5903	Double Diode	26.5	75	460 peak inverse plate volts					
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Servomechanisms and

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By HAROLD CHESTNUT AND ROBERT W. MAYER. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1951, 505 pages, \$7.75.

THIS first volume of a two-volume series written in the interest of the Advanced Course in Engineering of the General Electric Company is an extremely worthwhile contribution to servomechanism literature. It is so definitely written as an advanced textbook, however, that it suffers severely from its interdependence with the associate volume and required instructor clarification, when considered as a possible engineering college classroom text.

This book provides an exceptionally fine presentation of the mathematics applied to servomechanisms and servo-systems, including that of La Place Transforms and the Nyquist Stability Criterion. The completeness of this presentation is greater than this reader has found in any other text or reference on the same subject.

Presentation of the subject matter is well done with many graphs and block diagrams treating several theoretical basic regulating systems and servomechanisms. However, in spite of 505 pages of comprehensive text material, this volume is inadequate in coverage or scope for use as a textbook capable of standing alone as a complete independent text for a course in servomechanisms.

The book is lacking in the definitive requirements of a text for training unpracticed engineering students in design of servomechanisms. There is no mention or explanation of the common building block components essential to such design theory, such as synchros, resolvers, rate generators and lowinertia induction motors. In short, a student taught strictly by this text would not recognize by sight or description a large majority of servomechanism components or systems in common use for the past 15 years.

This volume would have been better entitled Servomechanisms and (continued on page 320)



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achieved by brightness control of the spot so synchronized with the bridge input that one half of the pattern appears substantially brighter than the other¹. Such brightness control necessitates departure from the optimum compromise between visibility and tube life and usually detracts from the sharpness of definition for either the brighter or the dimmer portion. Optimum brightness and optimum definition can be maintained if discrimination is made by extending one leg beyond the other in the horizontal direction, as shown in sketches c1 to c5.² This is achieved by bringing one crest of the deflecting wave slightly beyond the other crest of the deflecting wave and by bringing the furrow following the first half wave slightly beyond the furrow following the second half wave, as shown in sketch c. Whether the portion extending farther to the right on patterns c1 to c4 is above or below the portion extending less far toward the right tells whether the ratio adjustment has to be done in one direction or the other. Whether the portion extending farther to the left is above or below the portion extending less far toward the left tells whether the phase adjustment has to be done in one direction or the other.

A circuit to obtain a deflecting wave as shown in sketch c of Fig. 2 is shown in Fig. 3. It comprises a 6SN7 twin triode acting as a phase splitter and a 6H6 twin diode to select one phase in one half



FIG. 3-Circuit used to obtain a deflecting wave as shown in c of Fig. 2

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FIG. 4—Vector diagram used for phase determination

period and the other phase in the other half period. Discrimination of one half wave against the other is achieved by the capacitor-resistor combination C_4 R_2 .

Terminals A and B of Fig. 3 are connected to the bridge input terminals. The network C_1 , C_2 , C_3 , P_1 and R_i provides a voltage of the same frequency but of adjustable phase between points F and G. Referring to the vector diagram shown in Fig. 4, the endpoint of the vector of the voltage at F may move along the arc AFE when P_1 is varied from zero to maximum resistance. The endpoint of the vector of the voltage at point G of the circuit would be at point D of Fig. 4 if conventional voltage halving would be done by C_1 C_2 alone. It is seen that the vector DF can turn by only less than 180 deg, so that in this way phase compensation can not be obtained for all possible phase shift angles in the vertical amplifier.

Resistor R_1 shifts the position of the endpoint of the vector of the voltage at point G of the circuit to point G of Fig. 4. When the vector endpoint F travels on arc AFE, the voltage vector between points F and G covers over 180° and allows phase balancing for all possible values of phase shift in the vertical amplifier.

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Circuit Analysis

In the circuit shown in Fig. 1, T_1 is an ordinary power-supply transformer used to charge the 80- μ f capacitor C through a full-wave rectifier to 375 volts. A resistor of at least 50 ohms is used to prevent overloading the rectifier during the charging cycle or in case C should become short-circuited.

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A capacitor may be added across terminals A-B or from terminal A to the cathode terminal of the thyratron in order to decrease the discharge time for photographic applications involving the type of transient phenomena for which a flash tube is particularly suited. With the additional capacitor added to the circuit; the discharge time is controlled by the value of the added capacitor and the resistance of the spark discharge path. The maximum voltage obtainable is reduced



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The material in this article was abstracted from an article entitled "A Synchronized High Voltage Pulse Generator" by C. F. Johnson which appeared in the July 1951 issue of *The Review of Scientific Instruments* on page 541.

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FIG. 1—Magnified view of a cadmiumsulfide crystal

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The commonly used electronic detectors of x-radiation are the gasfilled ionization chamber and the fluorescent-screen photomultiplier combination. The gas-filled chamber exhibits extremely low absorption of the radiation encountered. The fluorescent-screen photomultiplier tube is better in this respect if the phosphor layer is made thick enough. However, this system suffers from the fact that the impinging radiation must first excite light in the phosphor, this light then being used to eject the photo electrons which constitute the usable signal. Practically, the two systems described are essentially large-angle detectors in that they function satisfactorily only if a relatively large beam area is scanned. In some applications where relatively low angular resolution is needed they will serve as a satisfactory detecting unit.

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sistance when irradiated with x-rays was first noted in 1946 by a German physicist, Dr. R. Frerichs.^{*} He further noted that the current passed by the crystals is of greater magnitude than one would expect from primary ionization of the crystals by the incident x-radiation.

Natural occurring CdS in the form of the mineral, Greenockite, is so rare that crystals must be produced artificially.³ This is best done by vaporizing cadmium metal in an atmosphere of hydrogen sulfide so that CdS is produced in the vapor phase. This vapor then is caused to seed out forming hexagonal crystals shown in Fig. 1. The CdS produced by reaction in aqueous solution is of the cubic form and does not exhibit photoconductivity.

There are several advantages gained by using a solid detector of the CdS type for detection of x-radiation. The most outstanding being the high efficiency of absorption of the incident energy.

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A second factor in the conversion of incident x-ray energy to useful current is that the electrons in the case of CdS are released in the crystal itself, as compared to the several intermediate steps of the photocell combination.

The crystals have a further advantage of exhibiting a natural amplification which in many cases exceeds 10⁶. This is best illustrated by placing a crystal in the basic circuit shown by Fig. 2. With an applied crystal potential of 100



FIG. 2—Basic circuit for use of CdS crystal as a detector



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FIG. 3—Resolution of gaging station

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FIG. 4—Detecting assembly of eight crystals mounted on ½-in. centers

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The gage described in this paper was designed to indicate the level in $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. steps over a 1-in distance. Figure 4 shows the detecting assembly consisting of eight crystals mounted on $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. centers. This head is mounted with tantalum strips between the crystals to remove any scattered radiation and thus increase the resolution of the head.

The output of each crystal in the head is fed to a channel amplifier consisting of a triode and thyratron stage as shown in Fig. 5. Here again is illustrated the advantage of using the crystals having high sensitivity as the instrumentation is extremely simple.

The relay contacts for each crystal channel are used to control the filling operation to a selected height or to furnish signals to operate ejection mechanisms when previously filled containers are inspected;



FIG. 5—Circuit of an inspecting station for gage





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FIG. 6—Control equipment for liquidlevel gaging. Control box on right has eight pushbuttons for the different levels of fill desired

this is best explained by references to Fig. 6. Here the control box is seen to have eight push-button stations adjacent to indicator lamps. The height of liquid in the vessel being gaged is continuously indicated on the front panel by the illumination of the indicator lamps. In a filling operation, the push button corresponding to the level of fill desired is depressed. When this level is reached, a signal is available which will terminate the filling process.

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The size vessel that may be inspected or filled by this gage is determined by the x-ray generator used. Generally speaking, for thicknesses of vessel wall up to $\frac{1}{5}$ in. of steel or its radiographic equivalent, an x-ray generator which runs at 100 kvp is needed. For wall thicknesses up to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of steel or its radiographic equivalent, an x-ray generator capable of running to 250 kvp should be used. Should vessels having a thicker wall be inspected, a generator having more penetration will be needed.

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A typical switching function for the 6BN6 is shown in Fig. 1. The tube has about a 10-percent improvement in conversion efficiency compared to the 6SA7.

Transconductance

Since grid current in the 6BN6 is limited by the design of the tube, the bias voltage built up on the oscillator grid is very small, resulting in a higher value of peak transconductance. With low bias voltage on the oscillator grid, the magnitude of the grid resistor is not critical within limits. Also, the g_o is practically constant with changing oscillator excitation voltage after a threshold value has been reached, which in this case is about 8 volts.

At 30 mc, with 120 v on the plate and 70 v on the accelerator, the conversion transconductance was lower than anticipated. The low g_c is attributed largely to transit time since raising the plate and accelerator voltages to 155 and 90 v respectively increased the conversion transconductance to 790 µmhos. With a high-impedance input to the signal grid, some loading of the input circuit was observed, as would be expected with outer grid injection. While no input admittance measurements have been made, it would be reasonable to assume that good performance can be obtained with this tube in the lower vhf range

A typical circuit used during the course of this experimental work is shown in Fig. 2. No special precautions were found necessary, but a metal shield across the tube socket between pins 4 and 5 and pins 1 and 7 is recommended to maintain low capacitance between the two signal grids.

Since the 6BN6 may be employed as an outer-grid mixer, it may be assumed that the method described by Aske², where a tuned circuit is placed between the plate and screen, may be used to double the conversion transconductance. If desired the single tube may be used as a converter by using the number 3 grid in an outer space-current local oscillator.

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FIG. 2—Schematic diagram of the 6BN6 mixer

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If the 6BN6 is operated at very low voltages, the linearity will suffer. When grid voltages as high as one volt are necessary, the accelerator voltage should be rather high, in the order of 90 v.

Conclusion

The 6BN6 has been shown to perform well in mixer service. It is one of the very few commercially available high-transconductance tubes for outer-grid injection. The greatest advantage obtained with this tube is the reduced spacecharge coupling and low capacitance between control grids. This allows higher frequency operation with a fairly low value of i-f without resulting in excessive values of oscillator voltage appearing on the signal grid.

The tube has a conversion transconductance of approximately 800 umhos with less cathode current than that taken by many existing pentagrid tubes. In addition the 6BN6 can probably be used in the gain-doubling circuit of Aske² to further increase its utility. The 6BN6 exhibits positive input loading as do all outer grid mixers. At vhf the relatively high value of input conductance may result in a serious loss in gain. While no measurements have been made of input conductance, experimental results at 30 mc indicate little input loading.

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acteristics between different tubes. In particular, the signal-grid transfer characteristic exhibited considerable variation. This is no doubt due to the fact that this tube is not tested for this type of service. It may, therefore, be suggested that the 6BN6 could be rated for mixer or converter service by the manufacturer and a portion of these tubes sold for this purpose.

While the 6BN6 makes a very satisfactory mixer for many applications, it is thought quite possible that a gated-beam tube could be developed which would have superior characteristics for mixer applications.

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Other methods are based on circuits which automatically adjust the load coupling to maintain more or less constant load on the tube over the heating cycle. This system has not been too satisfactory because of cost and limited operating range.

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Solution of this problem is a clean low-mineral-content water system. For large tubes, a closed system using distilled or deionized water and a suitable heat exchanger is desirable. Flow switches and water-immersion thermal switches should be installed to protect tubes



FIG. 1-An example of power arc damage to a filament structure. Tube suffered approximately 100 times normal plate current during the arc period

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In the case of air-cooled tubes. the use of adequate air filters and airflow switches are of vital importance. The air filters should be located so they can be easily changed. It cannot be too highly stressed that the users of r-f heating equipment must understand the problems of such equipment and that periodic maintenance is a good investment rather than an expense.

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Figure 1 shows an example of power arc damage to a filament structure. This tube suffered approximately 100 times normal plate current during the arc period.

Line-Voltage Regulation

Variations in line voltage can, if excessive, have considerable effect on tube operation, particularly filament life. Figure 2 shows the theoretical variation of filament burnout life with filament voltage. It can be seen that a 5-percent increase in filament voltage above normal results in about 40-percent less life and a 5-percent decrease in voltage about doubles the life. These data apply only to pure tungsten filaments at constant filament voltage where the life is determined by the evaporation rate of tungsten.

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FIG. 2—Theoretical variation of filament burnout life with filament voltage



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Schematic Drawing of Escapement-Type Governor used in Haydon Direct-Current Timing Motor.

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sten filaments, the filament voltage should be operated at the rated value and line-voltage variations should not cause the filament voltage to deviate by more than ± 5 percent from this rated value. In either type of filament if the expected line-voltage variation is very great, a filament voltage regulator will give longer tube life. In all cases the filament voltage should be determined by actual measurement with a good voltmeter connected at the tube terminals.

Applications of tubes with thoriated-tungsten filaments for continuous service should not require peak plate-plus-grid currents in excess of approximately one-fourth the total peak emission available from the filament. Exceeding this ratio will often cause premature filament emission failure.

Oscillator Circuits

There are many types of oscillator circuits which have been used for r-f heating. The best circuit for a given application depends upon a great number of physical and economic factors. However, from the point of view of tube application some general guiding rules can be deduced.

The grid voltage waveform should be fairly close to sinusoidal to prevent a saddle-shaped top on the wave which results in inefficient tube operation. It is better to have the plate tank circuit isolated from the d-c supply by a blocking capacitor so that an r-f arc-over across the tank capacitor is not followed by a d-c arc.

The circuit should be stable and free of parasitics over a wide range of load variations. Each specific case has its own problems but generally designs which keep lead inductances and stray couplings to a minimum and use grid damping resistors are best. An important factor is the load Q of tank and load circuits.

As mentioned previously it is very advantageous to have some form of automatic load-matching system or plate-swing regulation to avoid too much increase in plate and grid r-f voltages with load variation. Another approach to this problem is a circuit, Fig. 3, in which the load circuit is tuned to the same

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FIG. 3-Oscillator circuit in which the load circuit is tuned to the same frequency as the plate tank circuit when loaded. Grid drive is obtained from the logd

frequency as the plate tank circuit when loaded and the grid drive is obtained from the load. When the oscillator is unloaded, the load circuit is tuned to a frequency considerably different from the oscillator frequency and the load voltage is low. Since the grid voltage is derived from the load, the grid drive voltage is also low. The result is a low drive voltage at no-load and a high drive voltage at full load. Thus the tube is operating under desirable conditions at both extremes of loading. With this circuit the grid current can be allowed to approach full rated value at full load.

Conclusion

The previous discussion has set forth a number of factors which when given careful consideration by the designer and user of electronic heating equipment, will result in a more effective utilization of electronic tubes. Proper selection and application of electronic tubes for r-f heating can be summarized in two statements: Choose the right tube for the job and keep it within its ratings under all conditions of operation. Provide a healthy environment for the tubes.

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ment of the mutual inductance for the close-coupled loop method.

Any undesirable transfer of primary loop constants into the receiving loop may be shown to be negligible by reference to the expressions for the total receiving loop constants: $R_{z'}$ and $L_{z'}$

$$R_{2}' = R_{2} + \left(\frac{\omega M}{Z_{1}}\right)^{*} R_{1} \qquad (3)$$
$$L_{2}' = \left(L_{2} - \frac{1}{\omega^{2} C_{2}}\right)$$
$$- \left(\frac{\omega M}{Z_{1}}\right)^{*} \left(L_{1} - \frac{1}{\omega^{2} C_{1}}\right) \qquad (4)$$

where the subscript 1 refers to constants in the primary loop, the subscript 2 refers to constants in the receiving loop, the R's are resistances and the L's are inductances and Z_1 is primary circuit impedance. Evidently, in both expressions the second term is small compared with the first term, where R_1 contained in Z_1 is in the order of thousands of ohms and ωM is in the order of a few ohms.

For any particular setup this should be demonstrated to be the case and if necessary the primary series resistance should be raised and the primary loop inductance should be reduced. Such demonstration is effective by receiving an independent signal and noting whether the reading is steady while bringing the primary loop into position. It is evident that if this reading remains constant, an arbitrary comparative calibration by means of such a primary loop may be obtained using a known field where the above described spaced loop method may be used to obtain the known field.

If it is desired to calibrate such a jig-mounted calibrating loop directly by means of Eq. 2, then the mutual inductance may be used. Measurement of the mutual inductance may be the most straightforward if the receiving loop is of odd shape. Otherwise calculation may be the simpler and more accurate method.

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In Eq. 2 the voltage V may be measured directly by measurement of loop output, and E, which is constant with frequency, may then be obtained by dividing V by the known effective height of the receiving loop for a given frequency. The ratio of E to e_g is constant for other frequencies and may be adjusted to unity or to a round number by the choice of R.

Coil Characteristics

Data for two sample jig-mounted calibration coils is presented in the curve of Fig. 4. For the low frequency range the receiving loop contained 36 turns with an effective diameter of 5.25 inches whereas the primary jig coil contained 25 turns of 3-inch mean diameter, a measured mutual inductance of 39 microhenrys and a series resistance of 2,320 ohms, resulting in $E = e_{g}$.

For the high-frequency range the receiving loop contained 2 turns with an effective diameter of 8.25 inches whereas the primary jig coil contained one turn of approximately 5-inch effective diameter, a measured mutual inductance of 0.15 microhenry and a series resistance of 655 ohms, resulting in $E = e_r$.

The mean deviation of the values shown in Fig. 4 for the low range loop is less than one percent and for the high range loop is less than two percent.

The signal generator was carefully checked for output voltage calibration. All resistors and associated measurements were also checked. The standard or known field of Fig. 4 was obtained by the general arrangement of Fig. 1, except that a signal generator was used in place of the transmitter and a series resistor of 122 ohms replaced the thermocouple meter. The primary loop was of one turn, sixinch diameter and of 20-mil solid enamelled copper wire.

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FIG. 1-Error functions for three deviations from ideally shaped electrodes for standard capacitor

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FIG. 2—Diagram and equations show cause and effect of fringing flux

the corresponding error functions which were derived, are briefly summarized in Fig. 1 and are essential modifications of the classical equation for the capacitance between ideal concentric-cylinder conductors:

$$C_u = \frac{0.61366}{\log_{10} \frac{b}{a}} \ \mu\mu \text{ f per in.} \qquad (1)$$

where a and b are the inner and outer electrode radii respectively.

One principal design consideration arises from the need to determine the extent and significance of the fringing flux between coaxial electrodes. Figure 2 shows an electric-field configuration for a simple coaxial-cylinder capacitor. It must be determined, for any given capacitor design, just how long the innerelectrode insertion T must be in order to guarantee an acceptable degree of capacitance linearity over a range of insertion ΔT .

An additional investigation is prompted by the need to keep the open end of the outer electrode removed from the extremity of the inner electrode. After making a large number of actual capacitance measurements using cylindrical electrodes, three empirical equations were derived which give sufficiently accurate limiting equations of the capacitance variations involved. The observed capacitance per unit length (of T) increases in



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value as T is increased, until the idealized value of C_u is reached at infinity. The observations made showed that this variation can be described by Equation 2, shown in Fig. 2, where ρ_i is the ratio of the idealized to the actual capacitance per unit length. If a value of T is chosen which will make ρ_i differ from unity by a negligible amount then the error in C_u will be negligible.

The proximity of the open end will subtract capacitance from the idealized capacitance (with decreasing values of the length W) according to the relations of Eq. 3 and 4 (Fig. 2), where C_i is the total accumulated (fringing) capacitance and is the relative amount of the total at any given value of W. With these equations, the error resulting from the use of electrodes of a finite length can be determined to a sufficient degree of accuracy.

Final Design

Using the above analysis of the manner in which mechanical discrepancies are reflected into capacitance errors, it becomes possible to design a precision coaxial-cylinder capacitor which will provide minute capacitance increments. For capacitor-stability studies a standard was required with 0.2 µµf per inch adjustability at radio frequencies up to 5 mc. A minimum innerelectrode diameter of A inch was chosen as a basis for design. As Eq. 1 dictates an electrode-radii ratio of approximately 1,200, an outer electrode of 225 inches (18.75 ft) would be required for a simple coaxial-cylinder capacitor to provide 0.2 µµf per inch of inner-electrode insertion. Because of this impractical electrode diameter, a



FIG. 3—Mechanical arrangement of a differential, coaxial-cylinder capacitor

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design dilemma is reached which necessitates the adoption of a new approach. The utilization of a difarrangement ferential-capacitor seems capable of satisfying the two conflicting aims; (1) to maintain a sufficiently large inner-electrode diameter for low inductance and mechanical rigidity, and (2) to provide a reasonably small maximum outer electrode diameter. Figure 3 shows the mechanical arrangement of a differential, coaxial-cylinder capacitor designed to satisfy these design criteria.

In this unit, two concentriccylinder capacitors are arranged coaxially with a common innerelectrode at ground potential. The longitudinal insertion of this inner electrode into one outer-electrode cavity removes its opposite extremity by an exactly equal amount from the second cavity. The unequal outer-electrode diameters provide two different capacitances per unit length, $(C_u)_1$ and $(C_u)_2$, so that the effective (total) capacitance per unit length is simply,

$$(C_u)_T = (C_u)_1 - (C_u)_2$$
 (5)

If $(C_u)_1$ and $(C_u)_2$ have relative errors Z_1 and Z_2 , the relative error in $(C_u)_{\tau}$ for additive errors will be Z_{τ} , where

$$Z_T = \frac{(C_u)_1}{(C_u)_T} Z_1 + \frac{(C_u)_3}{(C_u)_T} Z_3 \qquad (6)$$

The capacitance error of a constituent capacitor enters as a component of the composite error in proportion to the ratio of the corresponding capacitance to the total effective capacitance. Consequently, it is undesirable to have two differentially-coupled capacitors with large individual capacitances and small capacitance differences. As a recommended empirical relationship between the magnitudes of



FIG. 4—Assembled capacitance standard using differential principle

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A differential, concentric-cylinder capacitor of the type described has been designed and constructed. Figure 4 illustrates the completed capacitance standard. This device produces a linear capacitance-variation at the rate of 0.200 µµf per inch of inner-electrode insertion. A detailed error and calibration analysis for this capacitor shows that at low frequencies the error in capacitance per unit length C_u , is less than 1.0 percent with a residual capacitance uncertainty of 0.00015 uuf.



FIG. 5-Equivalent circuit for differential standard capacitor of the dimensions shown

Figure 5 shows the equivalent circuit of the unit. The physical dimensions are also tabulated. The efficacy of the design of this capacitor must be tested primarily on the basis of the theoretical and empirical justification of its electrode geometry. The limits of error prescribed for such a device can be satisfied in terms of the error functions given in this paper.

This resume of the errors inherent in coaxial-cylinder capacitors provides a basis for the design of a large variety of standard capacitors. The summarizing equations were derived with a view toward eliminating, as much as possible, any duplication of effort on the part of anyone interested in the design of a specific coaxialcylinder standard capacitor. Particular attention was given to the design of incremental-standard capacitors with variations of less



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A New Damper Diode

By MAX BAREISS

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MOST modern television receivers use the type 6W4GT (or 25W4GT) diode as a damper in the horizontaldeflection circuit. This tube was introduced especially for this application and features a d-c current of 125 ma with a low voltage drop, a high inverse-peak-voltage rating, and a heater-cathode voltage rating of 500 volts.

Recent circuit developments brought on a simplification of the conventional horizontal-deflection circuit, the main objective being a reduction in cost. By using a higher impedance deflection yoke, the costly deflection transformer was eliminated. However, this circuit requires the damper diode to be so connected that its cathode is essentially connected to the plate of the deflection output pentode and is therefore subjected to a high surge voltage between cathode and ground. The plate of the diode in this application receives practically only the d-c plate voltage of the deflection output tube. If the 6W4GT is used in this circuit, it is necessary to use a well-insulated transformer to supply the heater, which is connected to the cathode. In addition to the cost factor, the increase in cathode to ground capacitance is very undesirable.

Therefore, there was a need for producing a tube similar to the 6W4GT but with improved heatercathode insulation, so that its cathode could be operated with at least 3,000 volts surge above its heater, thus eliminating the need for the special heater transformer.

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FIG. 1—Enlarged drawing shows insulator that separates filament and cathode of new damper diode tube and permits greatly increased heater-tocathode voltage rating

ings of any commercial tubes made up to now are 500 volts d-c, as shown for the 6W4GT and a few other diodes. These ratings are known to be quite severe. Tests were made on some of these tubes with the wave shapes of the tv receiver, that is, a pulse of 15 percent duration of a frequency of 15,600 cycles, and breakdown occurred at about 2,000 volts after a short time of testing. The possibilities of improvement seemed to be very few. The heater core was pure tungsten, which is the best material known for this purpose. The insulation material was the purest alumina obtainable. Tests to improve its purity by prefiring at even higher temperatures showed no improvement. Increasing the thickness of the insulation coating gave only a small improvement in break-down voltage. The method of applying the coating to the core wire has been optimized by all tube manufacturers during the last 15 years, so that no appreciable gain could be expected by further refinements of coating technique.

Most present heaters are made of an evenly coated core wire folded into a bundle of more or less parallel strands. The coating at the bends chips away at bending and is often replaced with a similar material. It has been found by many tests that a coating thickness of about 0.005 inch gives best results. The number of folds to be used with a given wattage and resistance rating is not as critical as it might appear. One would expect that a larger number of strands would give a lower heater temperature and higher break-down voltage. However, more strands give poorer heat transfer from the inner strands, while the outer strands have more points of contact with



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New Heater Design

Therefore, in order to meet the demand for the radical improvement in insulation, it became apparent that a drastic step had to be taken in designing a new heater. A good possibility for a solution appeared to be the use of two insulators in series. A thin-walled alumina tube was tried, which fitted between cathode and heater of a 6W4GT, and a few tubes were made that stood up with 4,000 volts surge between heater and cathode. The difficulty was in a heating time of about 30 seconds which was undesirable not only for the user of the tube, but also it made the tubes very difficult to process during manufacture. Also, the alumina tube was of such wall thickness that there was no hope of producing it in quantity at a reasonable cost.

After many trials, however, a new form of ceramic insulator was designed which overcomes all the difficulties mentioned above. The cooperation of the Stupakoff Ceramics and Mfg. Co. was enlisted in



FIG. 2—Photograph shows completed diode and disassembled component parts



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The most essential part of the insulator is the center web. Not only does it give the necessary mechanical support, but the resulting short heating time indicates that it speeds up the heating up process by reflecting heat into the cathode sleeve. The heater proper is a multistranded coated tungsten wire which is threaded into the two longitudinal holes of the insulator. The insulator is made a little longer than the cathode sleeve as this was found to reduce the danger of breakdown at the ends. The insulator is held in place by a ceramic cement at its lower end, tying it to the heater and heater leads. In this way, heater, insulator and cathode sleeve can expand independent of each other, as required during heating and cooling of the tube.

The heating time of the cathode assembly using this ceramic is 16 sec, which is about normal for tubes not using ceramics as insulators. Thus, its successful operation when used in series heater circuits is assured.

The cathode is designed with such an operating temperature as to give good life without undue processing difficulties. The main problem for production was found to be the control of coating texture. Only tubes with just the proper cathode coating will withstand the high inverse peak voltage tests.

Plate-Cathode Spacing

Having solved the heater insulation problem, it now became clear that the cathode-to-plate spacing of the 6W4GT was insufficient to withstand surge voltages of 4,000 volts with any degree of safety. In order to allow a rating of 4,000 volts maximum design center (RTMA system) for a production type, it was considered necessary to have some experimental tubes, made



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under strict laboratory control, withstand a short test of 6,000 volts.

In order to obtain sufficiently high plate-to-cathode breakdown voltage, the plate-to-cathode spacing was increased slightly over that of the 6W4GT. When this was first considered, the possibility of having to limit the plate current rating because of the increased plate dissipation was anticipated. However, extensive tests have proven that the same current rating as that of the 6W4GT is satisfactory. The plate is made from heavy stock, bright on the inside to hold in the heat of the cathode, carbon coated on the outside to permit maximum plate dissipation. Its shape is similar to that commonly used on the 6W4, except that the ends of the plate barrel are flared out in order to reduce the field strength at those points.

The electrodes are mounted on a conventional flat press stem. The lead wires are so arranged that the cathode lead is brought out on one side of the press, while heater and plate leads emerge on the other side. The base is provided with leakage barriers both inside and outside, which makes it possible to retain the single-ended basing design of the 6W4GT. It is obvious that in connecting a socket for the new type, socket clips adjacent to the cathode connection cannot be used as tie post in the receiver. A picture of a finished tube and its component parts is shown in Fig. 2.

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FIG. 1—Circuit of control for floatingcapacitor for automatic electromechanical frequency control system

capacitance. The fluid damps the movement of the core and the floating action reduces the influence of gravity and extraneous mechanical vibrations.

Figure 1 shows the circuit used in corjunction with the floatingcore capacitor afc system. When there is no correction signal at Aor B_1 , V_1 and V_2 are just cut off, the coils L_1 and L_2 are not energized, and the core remains at rest. In case of a frequency deviation, and depending on the sign of the deviation, one of the tubes will draw current through the action of a discriminator. Thus one of the coils will be energized and the position of the core is varied until the two frequencies to be compared are synchronized.

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Induction Heater. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. Bulletin GEA-5594 deals with the type HM20L 20-kw induction heater designed for annealing, brazing, soldering and hardening. The unit described is available either with or without variable power adjustment. Chief features, dimensional diagrams and complete technical specifications are included.

Tape Recording Equipment. Magnecord Inc., 360 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., has issued an illustrated catalog to describe the versatility of its line of magnetic tape recording equipment for professional use, and to make known to a wider field its facilities for building special equipment to individual requirements. The catalog makes explicit mention of the company's conversion and adaptation equipment. All equipment is



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Nuclear Instruments. Nuclear Research Corp. 2707 Federal St., Philadelphia 46, Pa. Bulletin DU-201 fully describes two new demonstration units, known as DU-1A and DU-2A, which are inexpensive, lightweight, modern instruments to be used in demonstrating nuclear radiation processes. The instruments dealt with can be used in the detection of cosmic rays, alpha, beta and gamma particles, the inverse square law of a point source of radiation, the properties of absorbers in the presence of various types of nuclear radiation, the properties of G-M tubes and the statistical nature of nuclear radiation and its indication on a rate meter.

Tube Manual. Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Emporium, Pa., has published a revised and enlarged eighth edition of its Technical Manual in a new snap-open looseleaf format. It contains comprehensive technical data on more than 500 receiving tube types. standard tv picture tubes, as well as 84 pages of general information on vacuum-tube operation. Data on 60 new receiving tube types are included. Price is \$2.00 per copy. New data sheet pages on future receiving tube types will be issued free to manual holders.

Teflon Shapes. John L. Dore', Inc., 5406 Schuler St., Houston 6, Texas. A line of Teflon sheets, rods, tubes, packing sets, gaskets, special molded shapes and tapes are technically described in catalog No. 711. The material described is finding a variety of uses in the electrical industry including spacers for coax cables, inserts for coax connectors, and insulation for high-frequency, high-temperature and high-voltage wires and cables.

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Manufacturing Facilities. Polarad Electronics Corp., 100 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn 11, N. Y., is now distributing an eight-page illustrated booklet dealing with its development and production capabilities for measuring instruments and communication and tv broadcast equipment. Plant equipment and manufacturing accomplishments, together with engineering know-how are described.

Mercury Switches. Micro-Switch, Division of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Freeport, Ill., announces a new condensed catalog Hg-1 on a line of mercury switches. The publication covers the five most popular designs of Honeywell mercury switches, with selection and application aids, and complete electrical ratings and data for the use of these switches in both a-c and d-c applications.

Bridging Amplifier. Keithley Instruments, 3868 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio, has issued a 4-page bulletin describing the model 102 Phantom Repeater, a bridging amplifier for test instruments with an unusually high-impedance input. Complete specifications are listed, plus hook-up diagrams of several typical applications, including simultaneous measurement of voltage and waveshape inspection, connecting an oscillograph to high-impedance circuits with negligible voltage loss, and increasing the sensitivity of almost any voltmeter or cro.

Picture Tubes. Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., 750 Bloomfield Ave., Clifton, N. J., has released a 12-page publication listing the latest-type picture tubes, including the type 30BP4 30-in. Teletron. Comprehensive technical information is given for the various Tele-

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Distribution Transformers. Acme Electric Corp., Cuba, N. Y. Bulletin AC-186 gives details on a completely enclosed line of drytype, air-cooled transformers. The class B insulation used in the line of 3-phase 60-cycle transformers described gives ample protection for operation at a temperature rise of 80 C.

Carrier Dialing. Lenkurt Electric Co., Inc., 1105 County Road, San Carlos, Calif. Auxiliary equipment designed to add dial-signaling channels to existing H-1 carrier systems is described in a new folder, form H1D-P10. Besides giving a detailed description of the 83 in. high units-which provide full-duplex carrier-frequency dial signaling at 10 to 14 pulses per second-this publication includes an allocation chart showing how the dial operation utilizes frequencies not essential to H-1 voice channels. Further data is provided to show circuit arrangements, typical transmission characteristics, and various options available to accommodate particular installations.

Tape Recording. Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J. Form 2J8024 is a 16-page illustrated brochure describing new magnetic tape recording equipment for professional broadcast use. It fully describes the basic type RT-11A



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Recording Potentiometer. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Wayne and Windrim Aves., Philadelphia 44, Pa. Instrumentation data sheet 10.0-7 describes a new high-speed Electronik recorder that features a one-second pen speed specially designed to measure the rapid change variables encountered in many laboratory and test applications. The sheet describes the applicability, operating characteristics and method of operation of the instrument and contains four illustrations.

Multirange Meter. The Automatic Coil Winder & Electrical Equipment Co. Ltd., Winder House, Douglas St., London, S. W. 1, England. A four-page folder discusses the model 8 universal Avo-Meter that features a wide range of resistance measurements, ability to measure high voltages and a-c current, and provides external accessories to further extend its range. Complete technical data given include resistance, sensitivity, scaling and accuracy. Information on terminals, operation, leads and prods and accessories is included.

Electrical Resistance Testers. James G. Biddle Co., 1316 Arch St., Philadelphia 7, Pa., has available bulletin 21-85 describing three low-cost Megger electrical resistance testers: the 705-CL midget insulation tester, the CVM-type insulation tester and the 760-S and 760-B midget circuit-testing ohmmeters. Illustrations, facsimile scales, specifications and prices are shown.

Measuring Device. Institute of Inventive Research, 8500 Culebra Road, San Antonio 6, Texas, has prepared a booklet dealing with its development program on the





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Magnetic Relays. The North Electric Mfg. Co., Galion, Ohio. Temporary bulletin 1R511 gives an illustrated description of a line of magnetic relays for industrial controls. Specifications, operating characteristics, dimensional drawings, general applications and a table of available contact forms are included.

Multimeasurement Device. Mogens Bang & Co., Old Saybrook, Conn., has available pamphlet No. 525/E describing the D1SA Universal Indicator, an electronic device for measurements of both static and rapidly alternating forces, pressures, distances and vibrations. Examples of measurements are shown photographically and the device's principle of operation is completely covered.

Cartridge Directory. The Astatic Corp., Conneaut, Ohio, has published a new phonograph cartridge directory and replacement guide. It includes illustrations of all the company's cartridges and needles, together with complete performance data on each. Cartridges made by competitors are listed alphabetically and numerically, and the recommended Astatic replacement for each is indicated.

Tachometer Indicators. Metron Instrument Co., 432 Lincoln St., Denver 9, Colorado. Technical data sheet No. 42 R describes the new multiple-head, single-range, fixed installation tachometer indicators for monitoring speeds of many remotely located machines from one convenient location. Chief features, applications, installation information, servicing and ordering instructions are given.



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New RTMA Standards Published

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BUSINESS NEWS

AMPEREX ELECTRONIC CORP., Brooklyn, N. Y., is building a new 100,-000-sq-ft plant in Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., for the manufacture of advanced design electron tubes.

RAYTHEON MFG. Co., Newton, Mass., has begun construction of a new plant at Quincy, Mass., as a further expansion of its receiving tube division.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ENGI-NEERING ASSOCIATES, manufacturer of the Regency booster, recently built a new factory in Lawrence, Indiana.

GENERAL CONTROLS Co., manufacturer of automatic controls, is constructing a 24,000-sq-ft addition to its engineering building in Glendale, Calif.

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AEROVOX CORP., New Bedford, Mass., recently acquired Wilkor Products Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, as a precision resistor subsidiary.

HARMAR Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, component manufacturers, have acquired the entire surplus inventory of electronic devices, component parts and end products from Heath Co., Benton Harbor, Mich.

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA recently opened a new 136,000-sq-ft plant in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the manufacture of miniature and subminiature tubes.

BILL JACK SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT Co. will produce electronically controlled aerial cameras and electronic instruments for high-speed aircraft in initial operations at its new Anza Village plant in Riverside, Calif.

ESSEX WIRE CORP. has purchased a 200,000-sq-ft building in Birmingham, Alabama, to manufacture an entire line of bare and weatherproof ACSR strand and insulated wires.

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PERSONNEL

MARVIN HOBBS, formerly chief of the Munitions Board Office of Electronics Programs, has been named advisor to the chairman of the Munitions Board. In this capacity he will coordinate all phases of the Department of Defense planning to meet the requirements for military electronics production.

GORDON GROTH, for the past two years president of the Electra Mfg. Co., Kansas City, Mo., has been appointed executive vice-president of the Erie Resistor Corp., Erie, Pa.

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EDWARD U. CONDON, formerly director of the National Bureau of Standards, has been made director of research and development of Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y.



E. U. Condon

H. Pratt

HARADEN PRATT, formerly vicepresident of the American Cable & Radio Corp., was recently appointed to the newly created post of telecommunications adviser to President Truman.

HENRY FOGEL, previously associated with Tele-Tone Radio Corp. as chief engineer in the advanced development section, was recently appointed chief of the product engineering division of Radio Receptor Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.

DANA W. ATCHLEY, JR., formerly director of engineering of Tracerlab, Inc., Boston, Mass., has been appointed coordinator of technical research at United Paramount Theatres, Inc., New York, N. Y.

LOUIS J. KLEINKLAUS, associated with radio station WQXR since 1940, was recently appointed chief engineer of the station. At the same time Athan Cosmas was named engineer in charge of WQXR's a-m and f-m transmitters.

SOLOMON ZIMMERMAN, until recently with the product engineering division of Teletone Radio Corp., has been appointed to the development engineering staff of JFD Mfg. Co. Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Indianapolis, Ind., as assistant sales manager since December, 1950, was recently named chief engineer of that organization.

FRANCIS J. BURGER, associated with Emerson Radio & Phonograph Corp. for the past 18 years, has been appointed chief radio engineer of the company.

GARDINER G. GREENE has been appointed vice-president in charge of the Electronics Division of The Gabriel Co., Cleveland, Ohio. He was formerly president of Workshop Associates, Needham, Mass., one of Gabriel's divisions.



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C. J. BREITWIESER, formerly chief of electronics and head of the engineering laboratories at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., San Diego, Calif., has been named executive assistant to F. R. Hensel, vice-president in charge of engineering at P. R. Mallory & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.

E. W. RITTER, manager of the Electronic Tube Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named a vice-president of the corporation.

OTTO C. BINLER, previously associated with Airesearch Mfg. Co. as an electrical development engineer on aircraft and guided missile applications of special electronic equipment, has been appointed director of engineering of Magnecord Inc., Chicago, Ill.

RICHARD HODGSON, president of Chromatic Television Laboratories, Inc., and director of television development for Paramount Pictures Corp., has been named a consultant to Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Forces, on research and development.




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Due to the very comprehensive treatment of the mathematical considerations of servomechanisms, this text will find considerable more use as a more advanced reference book for the practicing engineer than it will as a classroom text. Its value as a textbook is enhanced when used in conjunction with such excellently integrated books as of Servomechanisms," "Theory which is MIT Radiation Lab Vol. 25, and "Servomechanism Fundamentals" by Lauer, Lesnick and Matson. Not one of these books is as complete in the mathematical approach as this volume, but they both are more definitely design texts.

All in all, this reader would recommend "Servomechanisms and Regulating System Design" as a worthy adjunct to any engineering reference library for the servo field. —OSCAR E. CARLSON, Servo-Tek Products Co., Paterson, N. J.

Propagation of Short Radio Waves

EDITED BY D. E. KERR. Volume 13, MIT Radiation Laboratory Series. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1951, 728 pages, \$10.00.

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The first half of the volume is concerned with phenomena of this nature. After a brief introductory chapter, the theory of the horizontally stratified atmosphere is treated in great detail, using the methods of geometrical optics and of physical optics. There is an extensive theoretical discussion of the various shapes of modified index profiles. The case of propagation under conditions of standard refraction is thoroughly treated and expressions are given for computing the field strength as a function of the various parameters involved. A number of graphs to simplify the computations are included as part of the text. These graphs are supplemented by some additional graphs in an envelope at the back of the book. These graphs are large enough to be read with reasonable accuracy.

The case of nonstandard refraction is given a brief numerical discussion. Some curves have been included to orient the reader to the magnitudes involved.

The theoretical chapter is followed by one on the meteorology of refraction. This chapter is essentially a self-contained treatment of those parts of meteorology which are pertinent to the propagation of short radio waves. Many soundings are displayed to illustrate the conditions that can be encountered. Chapter 4 summarizes the experiments on transmission phenomena and their correlation with meterological conditions. Chapter 5 con-



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siders the effect of reflections from the earth's surface in somewhat greater detail and, among other things, discusses surface roughness and errors in radar height measurements.

The latter part of the book will prove of great interest to the radar systems engineer. Chapter 6 discusses the echoing area of ships and aircraft as well as scattering from idealized surfaces. The properties of sea return and of ground clutter are considered at length. As in the rest of the book extensive experimental data have been included along with the theory.

Chapter 7 discusses meterological echoes and will be of interest to anyone who has observed a radar scope during rain or storm. The eighth chapter treats atmospheric attenuation by oxygen, water vapor and rain.

Although the phenomena of diffraction behind hills and trees have been omitted, on the whole the book under review covers its field in a comprehensive fashion. The authoritative manner in which the problems of propagation above 100 mc are treated will make this book the standard reference on the subject for some time to come.-HENRY JASIK, Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, New York.

Basic Electrical Measurements

By MELVILLE B. STOUT, Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan. Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, 1950, 504 pages, \$7.75.

IN his preface to this book, the author admits that selection of material for a book on electrical measurements is a difficult task at best. It is the type of subject that can be broken down into minute segments, any one of which could easily constitute the subject for a complete book

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a very great extent on commercial instruments which, because of the very nicety that makes them desirable or necessary, are quite expensive. This book reduces somewhat the need for working models by including photographs of all the standard pieces of equipment that comprise the widely-used old standbys in the measurements business.

An attempt has been made by the author to make his subject interesting—in the sense that a novel is interesting. The reviewer would hesitate to comment on the success or failure of this attempt, but the author deserves a medal for such a courageous effort. The material is presented in logical order, progressing smoothly from the development of units, through descriptions of experimental procedures and errors, to first basic measurements and thence to automatic bridges, high-frequency measurements, magnetic measurements and a discussion of electrical indicating instruments in general.-J.D.F.

THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

MUSICAL ACOUSTICS. By Charles A. Culver. The Blakiston Co., Philadelphia, Third Edition, 1951, 215 pages, \$4.25. Presentation of elementary laws of acoustics applying to production and transmission of musical sounds, intended primarily as a college text for a course dealing with physical basis of music. The first nine chapters cover the physics of music: Nature and Transmission of Sound; Interference; Hearing; Resonance; Pitch; Quality; Musical Intervals and Temperament; Consonance and Dissonance; Musical Strings. Four chapters deal with the basic types of instruments: Stringed Instruments; Vibrating Air Columns; Wind Instruments; Vibrating Rods and Plates. Three final chapters cover: Acoustics of Rooms; Electronic Musical Instruments; Recording and Reproduction of Music.

GAS DISCHARGE LAMPS. By J. Funke and P. J. Oranje of the Research Laboratories of the Philips Industry. N. V. Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken, Eindhoven, Netherlands, 1951, available from Elsevier Pub. Co., 250 Fifth Ave. New York, 270 pages, \$4.50. Survey of basic types of discharge lamps, with characteristics, principles, advantages and disadvantages of each. Major types covered, each with a separate chapter, are: sodium lamps; high-pressure mercury vapor lamps with natural cooling; high-pressure mercury lamps with forced cooling; low-pressure tubular fluorescent lamps; gas discharge lamps for luminous advertising; stroboscopic lamps and flash tubes. Deals primarily with Philips products, though the text includes references to developments in other countries.

THE RADIO AMATEUR'S LICENSE MANUAL. Amateur Radio Relay League, West Hartford, Conn., 27th edition, 1951, 96 pages, \$.50. Guide to preparing for PCC amateur license examinations, including details of the six classes of amateur license, scope of examinations, sample questions with answers and map of U.S. call areas.



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Nowhere in the manufacturer's brochure or in similar catalog descriptions is frequency dependence mentioned nor is there any hint that their behavior should be so different from that of other capacitors at an entirely reasonable frequency. Our attention has since been called to an article entitled "Ceramic Dielectrics" in the August 1948 issue of ELECTRONICS where frequency dependence is mentioned. Figure 4 of that article indicates that zero-temperature-coefficient capacitors are within specified tolerance only at radio frequencies. The omission of such basic information from brochure and catalog specifications is not understandable.

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Distributed Amplifiers

DEAR SIRS:

IN THEIR ARTICLE entitled "Millimicrosecond Oscillography" (July, p 106), Messrs. Yu Kallmann, and Christaldi make the statement "It is important to point out that uniform amplification with respect to frequency variation cannot be obtained in a stage of distributed amplification when the receiving end of the plate line is open." I have built several distributed amplifiers in the past few years, always leaving plate lines open at the receiving end when driving a capacitive load. The only difference in performance observable between a terminated and unterminated output is an increase by a factor of two in gain and maximum voltage swing in the latter case.

The two reasons given in the article for the statement quoted above appear to be two aspects of the same reason. It is true that the steady-state impedance seen by the plates in a line terminated only at



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one end varies from tube to tube and is a function of frequency. It does so because of the reflected wave adding to the wave being generated. This reflected wave has no effect, however, on the output since it is traveling toward the sending end where it will be absorbed in the termination. The wave propagated toward the receiving end, with each tube making its contribution in phase, depends only on the plate current variations and the characteristic impedance of the line. It is independent of the reflected wave so long as the plate resistance of the tubes is high compared to the line impedance. Voltage doubling occurs with reflection from the open end.

Another approach to the problem is a consideration of the current wave. One-half of the plate current of each successive tube is added in phase as a wave progresses toward the output. The termination sees only this current. It knows nothing of the steadystate impedance at the various plates.

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Dipole Formulas

DEAR SIRS:

IN AN ARTICLE entitled "Detecting Tramp Metal in Logs and Iron Ore", by C. W. Clapp in the March 1951 issue of ELECTRONICS it is stated that a formula for the dipole moment of a metal sphere in an alternating magnetic field has been recently found by H. Poritsky.

The solution of this problem has been given by W. R. Smythe in his book "Static and Dynamic Electricity", N. Y., 1939, and also by M. Divilkovsky in J. Physics USSR Vol. 1, 1939. The solution of the more general problem of the ellipsoid has been published by M. Jouguet in Comptes Rendus, Paris, April 12, 1943.

In Wireless Engineer for December 1946, I showed that the dipole moment can be replaced by an equivalent circuit consisting of a single ring of the same diameter as the sphere. The resistance and

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DEAR DON:

BACK in the electronic circle—Department of Defense Production after a seven year "sabbatical leave" in the Labour Department— I am speedily catching up with developments via the contents of your fact-full magazine.

Your name at the mast head brings back memories of our trip to Labrador in the Sikorsky with Commander MacMillan. There is a point connected with that trip—or was it a subsequent one?—I would like to clear up.

I believe we coined the word LORAN together on that trip. Up to that time—July or August 1942 —it was just LRN.

As I remember the situation, Commander MacMillan, Lt. Commander Harding, Joe Waldschmitt, you and I were sitting on the rocks at the site we eventually selected for number three station near Battle Harbour.

Someone observed that the point was unnamed so I suggested LORAINE from LRN. Harding said it was a bit feminine for such BACKTALK

a barren rocky spot and put forward LORAN, the masculine form of LORAINE.

To name the system and the point. I chiselled the word LORAN on a well-positioned rock. We adopted it unanimously and decided to refer to the system by that name. Harding said he would arrange this at Washington.

All I know is that LORAN was quickly adopted to name the system. I don't know if the point of land became identified on the maps by that name.

> JACK ARGYLE (Marconi Oldtimer (Marconi Giannia) and ex Lt. Cmdr. RCNVR) Ottawa, Canada

(Editor's Note: The story told by Jack Argyle is exactly correct. The official decision to adopt the word LORAN was actually taken at a meeting of Division 11 at the Radiation Laboratory sometime after the Labrador trip. Larry Harding brought forth the proposal at that time, and I think he is generally given credit for originating the term.-D.G.F.)

Electronics Quiz

LAST MONTH'S problem was submitted by J. E. Eckert of the RCA Laboratories Division at Princeton. New Jersey. It involved a plurality of 1-ohm resistors connected in square fashion, as shown in Fig. 1. The problem was to find the impedance seen across any one of the resistors. The solution, as furnished by Eckert, is as follows:

Imagine a current of 1 ampere injected into a point and flowing out of infinity, as illustrated in Fig. 2A. Remove this current and then



FIG. 1—Original quiz problem printed in September issue

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take a current of 1 ampere out of point B and flowing in at infinity as shown in Fig. 2B. According to the superposition theorem we may add these two currents algebraically, and we find that we have a total of $+\frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{4}a$ or $\frac{1}{2}a$ total flowing through the 1-ohm resistor between terminals, which gives a voltage drop of $\frac{1}{2}$ volt across the 1-ohm resistor. This means that the impedance is

$$Z = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{0.5}{1.0} = \frac{1}{2}$$
 ohm

An alternative solution is illustrated in Fig. 2C. Voltage V is impressed across A and B. It can be



FIG. 2—Two solutions for Electronics Quiz problem shown in Fig. 1

seen that the potential at point Xis equal to potential at X', and the potential at Y equals the potential at Y'. Consequently, the circuit can be folded back on itself and points X and X' can be connected together, while points Y and Y' can be similarly connected together. All symmetrical junctions can be connected so that the circuit of Fig. 2D holds true. The resistance seen looking into terminals A and B (for only a very few terms) is

$$\begin{split} R_{AB} &= \\ \frac{1 - \left[2 \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} - 2}{2 + \frac{1}{2}} \right) + \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{2}} \right) \right]}{1 + \left[2 \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} - 2}{2 + \frac{1}{2}} \right) + \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{2}} \right) \right]} \\ &= 0.54 \text{ ohms} \end{split}$$

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Eicor	ML3415-254	27.5VDC 1.5A	100VDC 150A	31/2"	51/5"	With hase plate
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Continental	DM310A	28VDC .5A	100VDC .01A	23/4 "	41/2"	No mounting
C.A.Y.	DM32A	28VDC 1.1A	250VDC .060A	23/4"	41/2"	With hase plate
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Eicor	ML-3420-90	28VDC 3.3A	400VDC 125 A	31/2 "	61/2 "	With base plate
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