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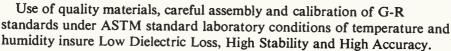


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1422-M Et, \$255	0 to 105 0 to 10.5	=0.03% or =0.08pf* =0.03% or =0.02pf*	1422-CD, \$280	0.5 to 11 0.5 to 1.1	±0.03% or ±0.04pf* ±0.03% or ±0.008pf*
1422-N, \$250 (For R-F Use)	lacy may be	$\pm 0.03\%$ or $\pm 0.6pf^{\circ}$ greater; correction cha obtained from precision	i calibration chart v		hishaat eeeu

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Decade-Capacitance Boxes 1419-A Polystyrene, \$205 1419-B Polystyrene, \$262 1419-K Silvered Mica, \$315 1419-M Paper & Molded Mica, \$145	1419-A, K, M: 1.110µf total, in steps of .001µf 1419-B: 1.1110µf total in steps of .0001µf	Type 980 Decade-Capacitor Units in metal cabinet.
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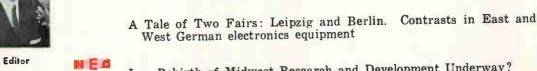
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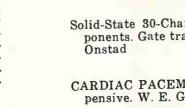
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Output: Multitap, 75 to 100,000 ohms

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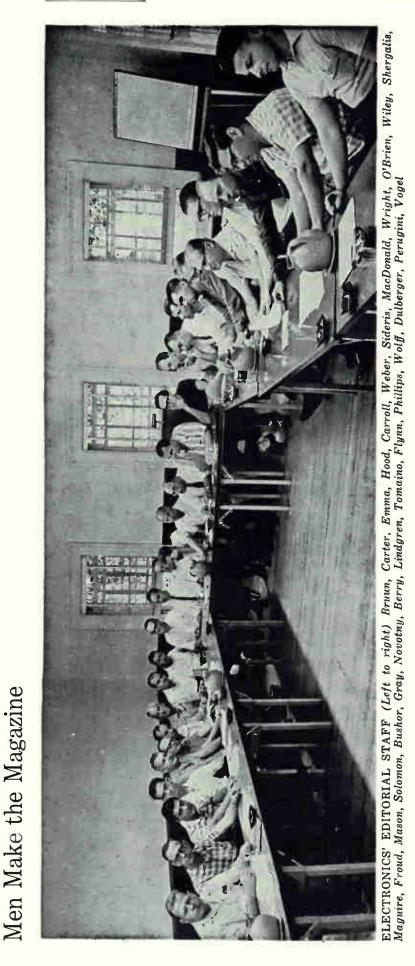
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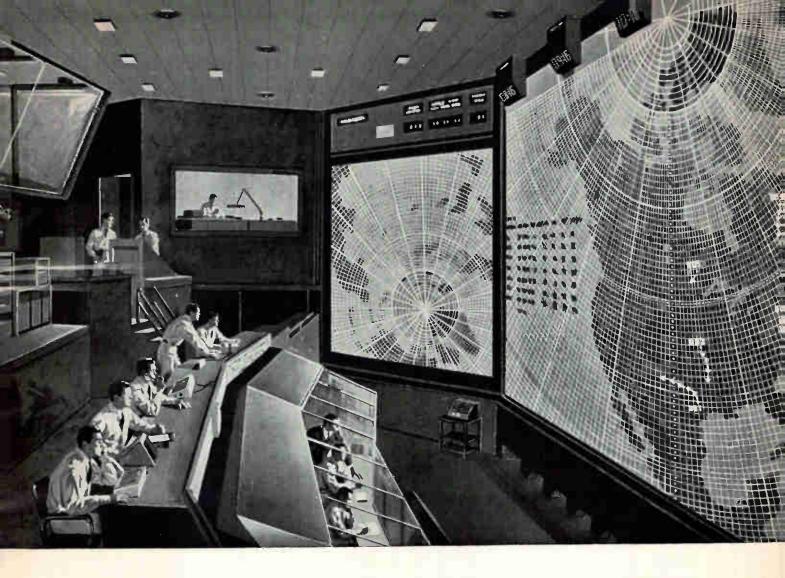
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### COMMENT

#### **Oceanographic Instrumentation**

This is in reference to the Washington Outlook column in the September 1 issue of ELEC-TRONICS (p 14) regarding the first government-industry oceanographic instrumentation symposium held recently.

You stated that 42 companies have already requested reports on the symposium. Would you please let us know where we can get these reports.

D. R. FEWER

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The Government-Industry Oceanographic Instrumentation Symposium was sponsored by the Instrumentation Panel of the Interagency Committee on Oceanography. The ICO was established by the Federal Council for Science and Technology and is responsible for coordinating the U.S. National Oceanographic Program, as it involves federal agencies having an interest in this subject.

Government agencies participating included: Department of Defense, U.S. Navy (Hydrographic Office, Office Naval Research, Bureau of Ships, Bureau of Weapons); National Science Foundation, Commerce Dept. (U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Weather Bureau); Department of Interior (Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Geological Survey, Bureau of Mines, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wild Life); and Atomic Energy Commission.

Chairman of the ICO in charge of meetings was Donald L. McKernan, Director of Bureau of Commercial Fishery, Department of Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

#### **Microwave Band Letter Codes**

Your publication of "Letter Code Designations for Microwave Frequency Bands" (June 2, p 58) reminds me of my disappointment over the failure of any U.S. group to adapt the British designation VHFI, which is short for Very High Frequency, Indeed.

J. KENT THOMPSON BAY VILLAGE, OHIO

#### **Electronic Cane**

The blind man featured on the cover of your June 23 issue, in connection with Part IV of your Medical Electronics series (p 43), is Norman Hayes, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Hayes has been employed by the Molded Insulation Company since January 30, 1961.

Incidentally, much of the development work on this "electronic cane" (a radio-frequency guidance device) was done in our plant in cooperation with the Franklin Institute.

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We're glad to have our coverman identified, and several copies of the cover have been sent to him.

#### A-C Measurement Talks

In reference to your coverage given to North Atlantic Industries, Inc., in the Sept. 1 issue (p 9), I would like to bring to your attention that the a-c measurement talks are being sought for the 1962 IRE, not WESCON.

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Please give credit for Figure 1B of my article, "Electron Beam: A Versatile Tool and a Mushrooming Technology," (July 28, p 39), to the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada.

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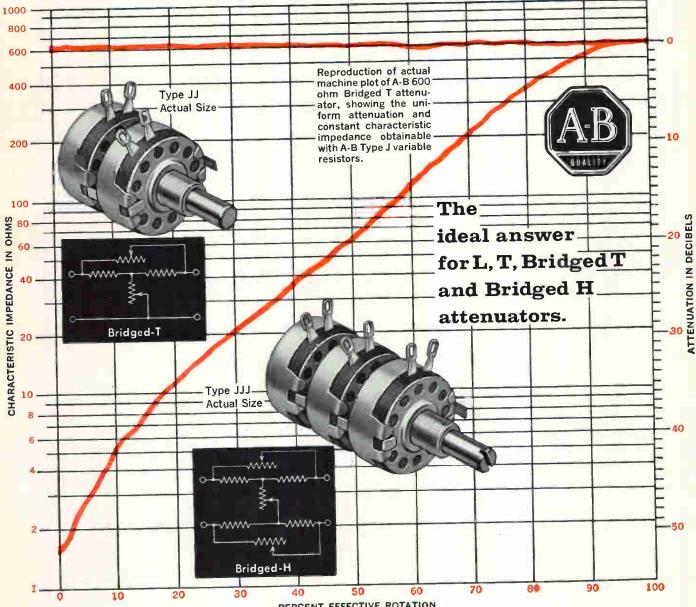
Thank you very much for your excellent story on our Access system (Aircraft Communications Electronic Signaling System) which appeared in Washington Outlook in the Sept. 8 issue (p 14).

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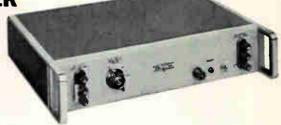
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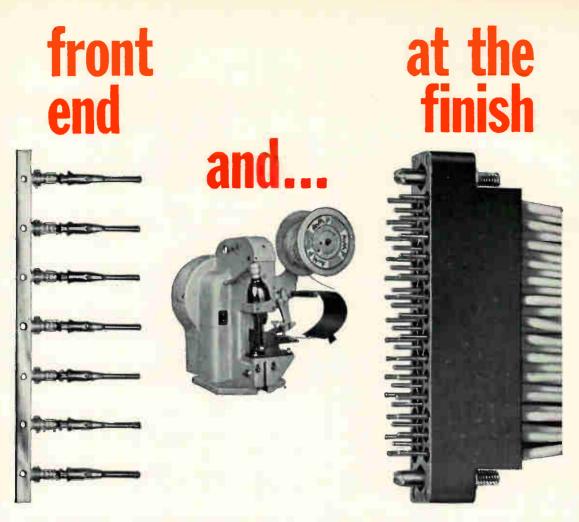
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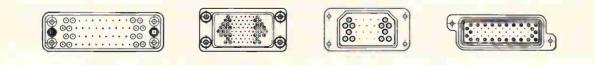
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### ELECTRONICS NEWSLETTER

### Superconductivity Makes Powerful Magnet

SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNET has been built by a Westinghouse Electric research team headed by J. K. Hulm. The company says the magnet is for its size and energy consumption "the most powerful ever built."

It weighs one pound, draws a few watts from a storage battery (to overcome lead wire losses) and develops a flux density of 43,000 gauss. The field is twice as strong as that created by an electromagnet weighing 20 tons and drawing 100,-000 watts.

Hulm says that superconducting magnets will make possible crucial scientific experiments, brighten chances for direct generation of electric power, increase the possibility of thermonuclear power and make more feasible some of the "far-out" methods proposed for space travel.

Key developments were methods of forming brittle niobium-zirconium alloy into 10-mil wire. The twoinch solenoid is made of 5,000 turns of this wire. Immersed in liquid helium, the wire carries 20 amperes. Processing of other materials with better magnetic properties is under study, the company said.

### Ion Engine Will Get Space Trail in 1962

HUGHES RESEARCH LABS last week showed newsmen the first of a series of ion propulsion devices which may someday drive interplanetary craft at speeds of two million miles a day. Exhaust velocity is potentially 30 times that of chemical engines.

Working prototype ionizes cesium atoms, accelerates the ions by electrodes and neutralizes the positive ion beam by injection of electrons. Ions are formed into a thin, hollow beam.

First flight test unit, with thrust estimated at 0.1 pound, will be boosted to an altitude of 5,000 miles by a Scout rocket late next year. Follow-on systems of clusters of engines with concentric beams are expected to attain thrusts of 10 pounds and to operate continuously for several months. The first nuclear-electric system is tentatively scheduled for flight test in 1965.

M. R. Currie, associate lab director, says that techniques were spawned by work in microwave tubes and electron optics. Future problems are similar to those found in super-power tubes—better optics with higher compression guns, greater beam densities and larger emitting surfaces. Initial development costs of \$460,000 were paid by NASA.

### Brainwave Retarder Relaxes Insomniacs

CHICAGO — Relaxing machine for electro-hypnotic treatment of insomnia and other mild mental disorders will be displayed at the National Electronics Conference by the newly-formed Electronic Polyphase Ionic Corp.

Reportedly redesigned from a Russian invention of the early 30's, Electroson passes a pulsed 5-ma current from eye-socket electrodes, through the brain to base of the skull. The pulses stimulate brain cells, reducing the flicker frequency which indicates the brain's level of excitability, the company says.

Device has been classed as a clinical tool, for sale to medically qualified persons only. Early models will use vacuum tubes, but a transistor unit is in the prototype stage.

### Line Transmitter Turns Radar Picture into Tv

LOW-COST METHOD of relaying radar pictures over telephone lines was unveiled last week at the Canadian IRE Show by Raytheon Canada.

Called slowed-down video, the system is expected to stimulate simultaneous routing of radar results. It was developed under a contract from the Canadian Department of Transport. The technique can be used with all types of radar presentation. Among expected applications are visual hand-on control of planes from one air traffic control center to the next and monitoring of ship traffic in the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The system feeds radar signals into a scan-converter which stores the information and converts it to a form suitable for telephone lines. At the receiver, the signals are reconverted and can be viewed on a conventional ty receiver. Bandwidth of the transmitted signals is less than 3 Kc, about 500 times less than the base band for microwave relay or coaxial cable.

### Broadband Discriminator Uses Passive Components

CHICAGO—Multiple radio and radar signal frequencies in the space communications and electronic warfare bandwidths of 500-12,000 Mc can be directly identified without tuning by a receiver under development by Hallicrafters.

Accuracy is reported as one percent over an octave of bandwidth, with intercept probability 100 percent. The broadband frequency discriminator employs passive sections and diode detectors instead of active r-f devices. In strip line, the discriminator weighs 0.1 pound. Received frequencies are shown as angular lines on a crt.

Applications are seen in electromagnetic reconnaissance satellites, electronic warfare alarms that would guide tuning of convventional receivers and jammers, and in rocket-borne expendable jammers that would provide electronic cover for troop movements.

Basic approach of using reactive transmission line elements for frequency sensing was suggested by Stanford Electronics Laboratory.

### Estimate 6 Million Tv Set Sales This Year

CHICAGO — More than six million television sets will be sold this year, Joseph S. Wright, Zenith president, told the Chicago Investment Analysts Society last Thursday. His own company anticipates 1961 will be its third straight million-plus tv set year.

Wright said color tv should add considerable impetus and dollar volume, but he sees no hope for an early breakthrough that would permit color tv prices to drop under two or three times black and white prices. In five years, a million color sets will be sold annually,

Second set and replacement market will also increase steadily during the next five years, he said, adding 20 percent to unit sales. Dollar volume will rise more, because of color. Subscription tv will help color sales, Wright said, and will stimulate interest in large screen devices for wall display.

### Simulation Lab to Study Air Traffic in the 1970's

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CORP. will launch a detailed study of air traffic control problems in the post-1970 era. A simulation model is under construction at the company's new \$3 million systems simulation research lab in Santa Monica. The model will be based on actual conditions in the San Francisco-Oakland terminal complex and on predictions of the air environment and technological developments likely to exist during the next decade.

The complex simulated is 100 by 130 nautical miles in area and four miles high, has both terminating and overflight traffic and two jet transport airports. A computer has been programed to generate and move simulated aircraft, maintain displays, provide conflict-prediction information at fixes and sequence information for aircraft at runways, and to reduce and record system performance information.

The laboratory, which will stress the study of man-machine relationships, will also be used for research in system training and theory, medical data processing and automated teaching.

### Phased Array Radar Is Controlled by Computer

PHASED ARRAY radar system is being given evaluation tests at Sylvania's laboratories in Waltham, Mass. The work is part of the Army's Project Defender research into ballistic missile defense. Sylvania's part, called Codiphase, for Coherent Digital Phased Array, is financed by some \$2 million in Army contracts.

The experimental system incorporates new signal processing and beam forming techniques designed for simultaneous search and tracking of multiple targets, improved ranging accuracy, countermeasures resistance, lower cost and greater flexibility. Digital computer circuits are used to process and control the radar signal returns.

### Superconducting Sheets Give Compact Memories

CONTINUOUS SHEET superconductive memory cell under development by RCA is reported to promise high packing densities and lower costs. Trapped flux phenomenon is used to "punch" normal areas in a continuous film and thus store a persistent current. Use of a continuous plane is said to eliminate edge effects which limited uniformity and reproducibility of two-hole cryoelectric cells.

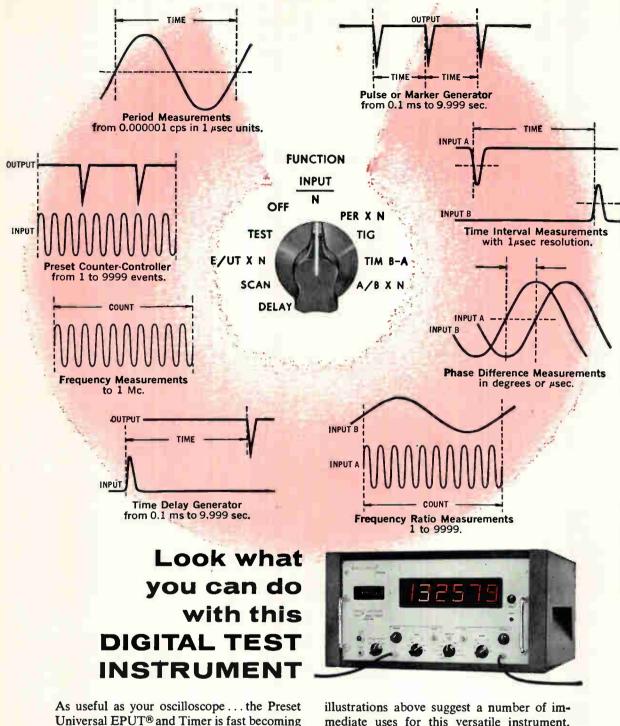
RCA group working under Lesley L. Burns has made planes of 100 cells and stored information in a cell in less than three nanoseconds. The sheets can use x-y selection, but have no delta noise because of shielding by the superconducting plane. Packing density of  $10^7$  per cubic inch is reported possible.

### Soviets Bid for TV Business in Morocco

TELEVISION task force from the Soviet Union is making a bid for Morocco's television business. Official sources say that the Moroccan minister of information is conferring in Rabat with a group of engineers led by the Soviet vice minister of communications. The USSR approach reportedly combines financial and technical knowhow. Earlier this year, Morocco's government indicated it would install a government-owned network.

### In Brief . . .

- University of Wisconsin's Orbiting Astronomical Observatory will be built by Cook Electric, under a NASA contract. Satellite will carry five telescopes focused by ground command.
- Crashproof recorder of cockpit conversations will be developed for FAA by United Data Control. Recordings, to be used for accident analysis, are to be made snoopproof.
- Kollsman Instrument has received a \$9 million contract from Autonetics for astro trackers and spares for Hound Dog missiles.
- Navy has awarded Motorola \$6.3 million in sonobuoy contracts.
- Boeing is buying \$1 million in transistors—mostly silicon planar devices—from Fairchild Semiconductor, for Minuteman.
- Air Force contract of \$950,000 given Technical Operations for Project Omega will cover computer simulation of air warfare.
- Philco is buying \$3.6 million of ferrite core memories from Ampex.
- Avien reports \$685,000 in military and space contracts, including multiband tracking, telemetry and command antennas for Tiros IV satellite.
- Consolidated Electrodynamics has a \$375,000 contract for Polaris Instrumentation recorders, from Interstate Electronics.
- Lufthansa German Airlines will install Collins doppler navigation units on all its jet airliners. Order is for 22 units, with options for 20 more. Collins also got a \$190,559 Navy contract for navigation equipment.
- NATO receives bids in Rome October 11 for a \$1.3 million radio center.
- Westland Aircraft, England, orders \$633,000 in Ryan Doppler navigators for its helicopters.



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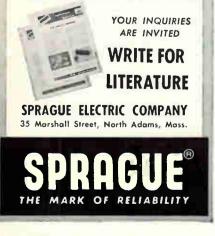
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### WASHINGTON OUTLOOK

MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR space contracts to be let in the next few months will mean millions of dollars in subcontracts for the electronic industry. Coming up are some of the basic contracts for putting a three-man astronaut team on the moon by 1967-69. Overall cost of the moon program is put at \$20-\$40 billion.

Contracts to be awarded include production of the 1.5-million-pound thrust S-1 booster that will be first stage on the Saturn C-1. Production will run to 30 or more of the big boosters, to be built at the governmentowned Michoud Ordnance plant near New Orleans. Cost of each S-1 runs around \$6 million with cost of complete C-1 with upper staging \$12-\$15 million. A follow-on version of the S-1 booster, the S-1-B, will be contracted for by the end of the year. It will produce three million pounds of thrust in the first stage.

MULTI-BILLION contract to develop and build the three-man Apollo capsule will be made in the next month or so. Some \$160 million will be pumped into the project this year just to get it started.

Construction of facilities to produce and test the space vehicles will call for million-dollar electronic contracts, too. Launching facilities will be built on a newly acquired 80,000 acre tract of land at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Cost of building a half dozen launching pads plus support laboratories is estimated at \$3-\$5 billion before a lunar manned mission is attempted. Building the new manned space flight center near Houston, Tex. will cost an initial \$160 million with the long range cost put well above this figure.

Still to be selected is a test center where the big boosters can be static tested before shipment to Cape Canaveral. This will be located near the Michoud Production Plant, probably in Texas along the Intercoastal Waterway.

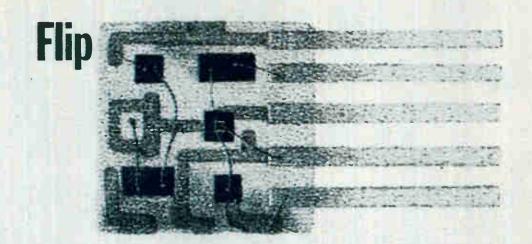
FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY'S plan to make a start next year toward automating air traffic control has faltered. A special purpose digital computer, built to FAA's specifications by the Librascope Division of General Precision Inc., will not be installed in the New Boston Air Traffic Control Center early in 1962 as originally contemplated. The computer, which is to be the heart of a traffic data processing and display system, is still under evaluation by FAA.

The system not only is behind schedule, but its whole future is under a cloud. A presidential task force which has been evaluating air traffic control plans will make a formal report soon. Advance word is that it will propose using only part of the data processing system and that it will recommend against adoption of Sage air defense computers for FAA use. It will suggest increased reliance on radar and wider use of transponders or automatic altitude reporting.

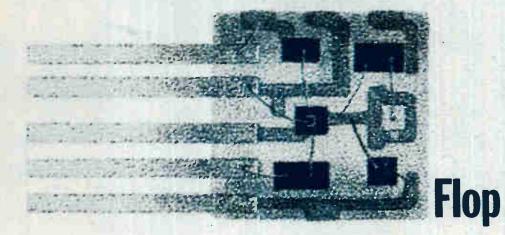
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S move to increase available ty channels by pushing uhf tv broadcasting faces rough sledding. Opposition in the broadcasting industry and in Congress is tuning up. Already, FCC has postponed the deadline for comments from this month until January 8.

By the time FCC gets around to a final decision, therefore, it may have a reading on whether uhf will work in big cities. The crucial test of uhf feasibility in cities gets underway in New York this fall. FCC is committed to try to make the best use of the 82-channel uhf-vhf spectrum. To do this, FCC wants to "deintermix" eight markets by pulling out their single vhf assignments, and leaving them with only uhf. Congressmen representing these areas are seeking legislation to block the move, claiming it will leave the cities with inadequate programming.

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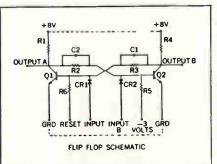


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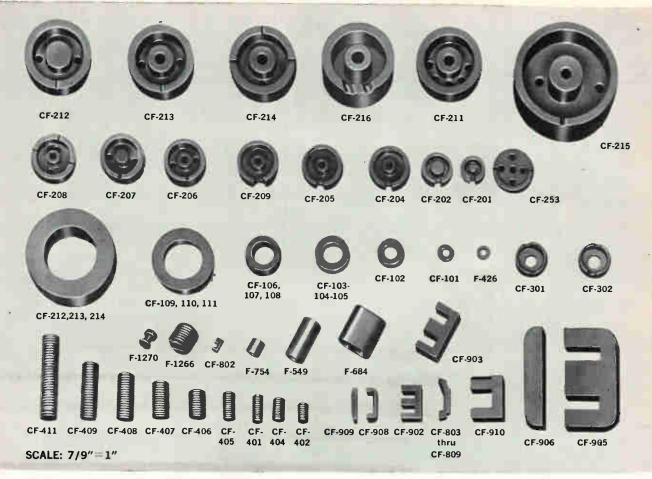
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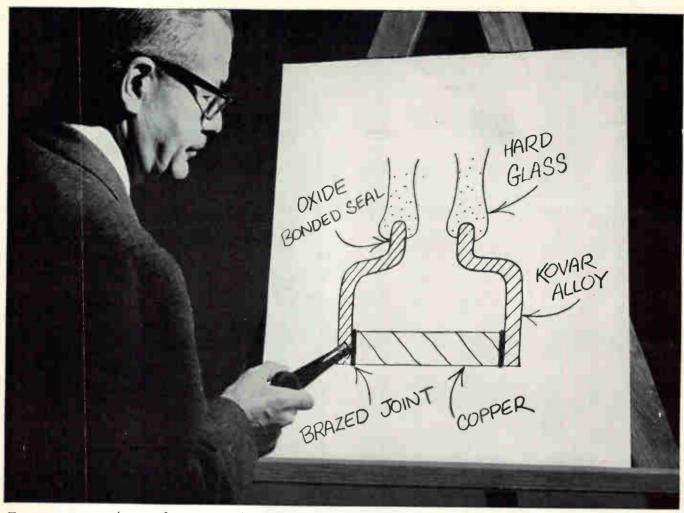
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Ohio State's Bolz— "Terman missed the research leaders."

Michigan's Von Tersch— "I brought Terman in to speak."



#### By CLETUS M. WILEY Midwestern Editor

CHICAGO—OUTSIDE of the Chicago metropolitan area, interest in electronics R&D ranges from fevered activity in Minneapolis-St. Paul to apathy in towns like Milwaukee and Cincinnati. Universities such as Purdue, Michigan and Ohio State are actively working with industry to improve the climate for R&D in their areas.

"Electronics certainly does lag, generally, throughout the Midwest," Prof. William Dow, chairman, University of Michigan electrical engineering department agrees, "but not in southern Michigan.

"The University of Michigan is the Midwest's center of research." Prof. Dow declares. "Electronic research activities here total about \$9.7 million annually."

The community around Ann Arbor has also been expanding its research activities. Public and private sources invested more than \$20 million in new research facilities during the past two years. Ten of the 18 firms in Ann Arbor's new research park are electronic or electronics-oriented.

Four formed or located there within the past year and a half and still another major electronics firm is expected to announce purchase of space there momentarily. "The nation's first state-supported program for space research is advancing edu-

Ann Arbor's research park. University of Michigan is teamed up with 18 industrial companies, foundations and agencies in \$50-million development



cation and encouraging development of space technology at the University of Michigan's Institute of Science and Technology (former Willow Run Labs.). Bendix research, Burroughs, General Motors and Ford have set up research labs in the Detroit area."

The Minneapolis area is conceded by some to be the fourth largest electronics center in country, according to William Shepherd, head, University of Minnesota electrical engineering and chairman of a governor-appointed state Electronics Industry Committee.

The number of Twin Cities' electronics companies has nearly doubled over past five years—from 86 to 140—including more than 20 new companies started since January 1, 1961. Employment is up from 26,000 to 40,000 in the fiveyear period. The industry produced \$720 million in annual sales during 1960, according to Chamber of Commerce figures.

Success of Control Data and other young companies of the same type inspired dozens of aggressive young Twin Cities engineers to spin off from large corporations. They initiated their own ventures in a sort of contagion, catalyzed by demand for products in dollar volumes that would not interest the larger corporations, Shepherd explains.

Trending toward industrial electronic products and applications, the most significant direction of Twin Cities growth is in specialized digital systems, peripheral equipment and industrial and commercial production. But military products still account for a large share of the volume.

Extra attraction is a still-unnamed research and development institute to be initiated this fall or early next year as a nonprofit, university-connected center for work in electronics, R&D and economic studies.

Dr. Lawrence Von Tersch, Michigan State head of electrical engineering, comments "I was the one,

### NEW RESEARCH ACTIVITY

as president of NEC, who brought Terman in to speak. But his talk has done more good at other universities and in other states than it has here."

"The general electronic situation is even worse in the Midwest and in Michigan than Terman said it was," Von Tersch continued. "People in our state who are in a position to influence development of electronics are not aware they should be doing anything different. Unless we stop losing our best electrical engineering graduates, Midwest electronics will be a secondrate operation." John Ryder, dean of engineering, agrees "only stronger research activity and the addition of more electronic research to this area will remedy our loss of intellectual power."

Purdue reasserted scientific leadership with the recent announcement that its Research Foundation has signed its first tenant to occupy the first building on the first six acres of the 100-acre McClure Research park to be developed a mile and a half from the campus. The foundation will sell or lease land on which companies may erect their own buildings or will build and lease to them.

"McClure will provide near-university employment for the inventive genius, the potential entrepreneur and the fertile minds who might otherwise go elsewhere," says Professor Tom Jones, electrical engineering head. "No more than 15 percent of Midwestern Ph.D.'s have stayed here, up to now, and these have gone into the teaching profession almost to a man. Our new R & D environment will cause a significant portion of our Ph.D.'s to choose permanent locations here-some will even return to Lafayette as result of it," Jones predicted.

Purdue's sponsored electronics research program has grown over the past three years from \$20,000 annually to a current \$600,000. Rate of electronic Ph.D. production has expanded during the same period from 6 a year to more than 20, with an annual electronic Ph.D. goal of more than 30 a couple of years from now.

At Iowa State, Dr. George Town, dean of the engineering college, reports the new Instrumentation Research Lab, ready for occupancy around January 1, has enrolled 13 graduate students for the 1961-62 academic year.

Ohio State failed in its attempt to get \$15 million enabling legislation enacted this summer for setting up just such a center on the periphery of its campus.

With Columbus industry Ohio State is eyeing NASA plans to utilize more research in universities and other nonprofit institutions and suggesting closer cooperation between Case, Western Reserve and the University of Cincinnati pointing out that research activities of the kind sought typically develop industries within a 150-mile radius.

Dean Harold Bolz of Ohio State's College of engineering says "Terman failed to point out Midwest research leaders such as Ohio State, the University of Illinois, ARF, National Cash Register and Battelle are contributing more significant and original developments to their field than his general indictment of Midwest universities and industries would indicate."

Midwest "anti-intellectual" concern with profitable refinement, production and marketing of existing products is blamed by Prof. James Yocum, associate director of Ohio State's bureau of business research, as an important factor in the Midwest areas present electronics lag.

University of Illinois could use electronics production facilities as a cross-tie for students studying electronics, Dean William Everitt commented.

However, Illinois is already deeply involved in the new electronics, with a \$5 million annual research program, which makes the university one of the largest electronic research centers; including a Coordinated Scientific Lab, physics and computer labs along with a \$5½ million program by the Atomic Energy Commission and additional solid state and nuclear engineering programs.



Electronics in Midwest. Stars show industry centers; dots show new R&D



Uhf antenna consists of two bow-tie dipoles; plastic hood makes antenna into lamp (Telefunken)



All-transistor East German computer uses 650 transistors, 1,500 diodes. Speed is 5 microsec for addition, 280 for multiplication



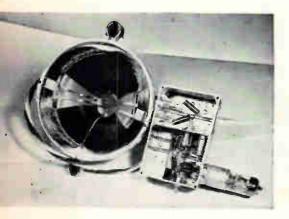
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### A TALE OF TWO FAIRS: Leipzig

West Germans stress radio and tv. East Germans show desk-sized computer



Lineless tv attachment: Telefunken magnets (top) make raster dots eyg shaped; Grundig wobbler uses 13.56-Mc crystal oscillator coupled to secondary winding of sweep unit (below)



#### By JIM MORRISON, McGraw-Hill World News

BONN—STRIFE-BOUND BERLIN was given a fleeting air of normality last month when after an absence of 22 years West Germany's radio and television industries staged their annual show. Since 1949 the shows have been held alternately in Frankfurt or Dusseldorf.

Two days of time and 100 miles of high-speed autobahn separated the autumn exposition in Sovietcontrolled Leipzig. The show displayed consumer goods predominently with heavy emphasis on radio, tv and similar equipment.

In Berlin, 160 West Gorman exhibitors occupied more than 600,-000 sq ft of covered space. Average attendance at the 10-day show was 45,000 a day.

In Leipzig, the whole might of East Germany's radio-tv industry was concentrated on three small floors of a state-operated store occupying a pre-war building on one of the city's side streets.

Radio production in West Germany reached 4.6 million in 1960 with sales of \$190 million. Production in the first half of 1961 increased 4.1 percent although manufacturers see a flattening out with major sales emphasis on transistor portable and auto radios.

Already 87 percent of 18.5 West German households have one or more radios. Last year 43 percent of radio production was exported with one fourth going to U. S. Target for this year is 48 percent.

German manufacturers report that rising labor costs have opened the door to low-cost Japanese transistor portables that sell for as little as \$18. By contrast, this year's German radios sell from 10 to 15 percent higher than last year's with little improvement.

During 1960 2.3 million tv sets with a value of \$350 million were made. Production in the first half of 1960 totaled 988,400 sets worth \$168 million. Presently only 28 percent of West German households are tv-equipped; this year manufacturers look to 40 percent.

West Germany seems to be ahead of U.S. in uhf tv. The Federal Post Office is now operating 82 transmitters in the uhf band.

Ninety-five percent of tv sets made this year have 23-in. screens; some portables use 19-in. screens. There is widespread use of 19 and 23-in. square-cornered screens. One year ago, 68 percent of West German tv sets used 21-in. screens.

Most tv makers are offering remote control. Twin-tone and tripletone ultrasonic devices permit channel changing, solume control or picture adjustment. One model has an automatic light meter connected through a resistor to the picture tube. The arrangement automatically adjusts brightness or contrast to meet changing ambient light.

Three manufacturers showed socalled lineless tv. These sets get rid of the raster lines at distances of 10 ft or more. However, the resulting images often appear murkey and to have lost definition.

Telefunken attaches a \$4 magnetic device to the picture tube that draws normally round raster dots



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into egg shapes. Grundig uses a wobbler circuit that staggers the dots of the raster out of a straight line; it turns the normally straight line of dots into a saw tooth. Saba puts a transparent plastic screen sheet over the picture-tube screen. The plastic sheet has many fine dots milled into it.

Stereo does not seem to be catching on in Germany. Out of two million record, players made in 1960 only 18 percent were stereo. Less than seven percent of records pressed in Germany are stereophonic.

Unveilings at the Leipzig autumn fair included a transistor computer about the same size as an office desk and the first transistor portable radio of East German manufacture.

At the simultaneous show of radio and tv equipment, one statesubsidized firm showed a tape recorder said to be the first East German consumer product to use printed circuits.

Stereo hi-fi was also in the spotlight although there is only one stereo record available in East Germany: a Bach cantata. A couple of the newer tv receivers use 28-in. tubes imported from West Germany. In fact, 30 percent of all components used in East German electronic equipment come from West Germany.

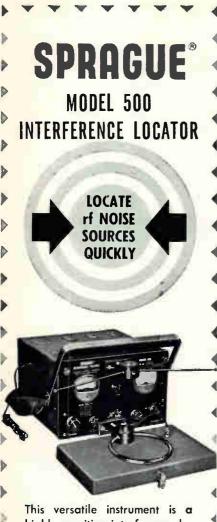
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### Is a Rebirth of Midwest

CHICAGO—AT LAST YEAR'S NEC Dr. Frederick E. Terman, vice president and provost of Stanford University dropped a verbal atom bomb when he chided Midwest electronics, on its home grounds, for failure to provide the creative content necessary to retain its brighter electronic engineering graduates. The beneficial fallout from this blast is still with us.

On the eve of the 17th annual National Electronics Conference, local business and academic sources agree that aggressive planning, industry-university cooperation and a modicum of financial backing can bring about an R&D rennaissance in Midwest electronics.

Here are a few developments of the past year:

• Small new electronics companies such as those springing up in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area are proving the commercial value of advanced science and technology.

• Electronics parks are under construction on the borders of Michigan, Ohio State and Purdue campuses.

• A depth survey is underway to demonstrate the exact rate of decline (or growth) of 75 electronics companies in the Chicago area. Results will lay a foundation for action recommendations and will be presented to the NEC on Monday, Oct. 9 by Professor Albert Rubenstein of Northwestern, survey chairman.

• Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago is giving top priority to electronics development with a twomonth-old committee including more than 100 business, industrial and civic leaders.

One plan for a Midwest R&D rennaissance is proposed by John Kennedy, president of James Electronics and chairman of the subcommittee on electronics of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry. He proposes formation of a Regional Research and Development Company—Company X. The company would concentrate on systems management and would mobilize the resources of the Chicago area. One ambitious project selected for the proposed company would be development of an electronic deterrent to nuclear war.

The association subcommittee goes on to point out some business problems facing the Chicago-area electronics industry today.

One cause of frustration is the relative lack of government contracts in the area.

Chicago still leads the nation with \$900 million worth of electronic consumer products; 45 percent of the business in radios, ty sets, phonographs, organs and other consumer electronics.

However, this consumer market is expected to grow only half a billion—to a total of \$2½ billion by 1965.

In the government electronics market, growth to \$7<sup>‡</sup> billion is anticipated by 1965. Last year Chicago's share was only 2.7 percent —\$150 million—in the national total of \$5<sup>‡</sup> billion, according to figures reported by the electronics subcommittee of Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.

In industrial electronics growth to a national market of \$3½ billion is anticipated by 1965.

The Chicago area accounted for only about 5.6 percent—\$98 million worth—of the nation's total output of \$13 billion worth of industrial electronics during 1960, according to the subcommittee's figures.

On a population basis, Chicago's 1960 share of government electronics business should have been more than three times the actual 4.7 percent, reported by the association's subcommittee. Tax-wise, the Chicago area got back only 18 cents in government business for every dollar collected in taxes for electronic work. California received \$2.86 in contracts for each of these dollars paid in taxes.

Chicago and the Midwest have many more electronic firms than

### R&D Underway?

#### MIDWEST R&D SCORECARD

CHARGES that Chicago-area companies lag those on the East and West Coasts will be answered during the National Electronics Conference at a roundtable Oct. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room of Chicago Stockyard Inn.

Professors Terman and Rubenstein will be there. Also Admiral Rawson Bennett, former Chief of Naval Research, now with Sangamo Electric; Daniel Noble of Motorola; and Dean William L. Everett of University of Illinois. A. A. Mac Donald chairman of the committee on NEC Electronic Research and Development will moderate

the West Coast; Illinois alone has 550 such companies, compared to 650 in 11 Western states. But West Coast has been getting more than half of the government's missile business.

University of Illinois' Dean William Everett contradicts charges that Midwestern universities have failed to produce their share of electronic scientists with figures showing Illinois produced 100 electronics Ph.D.'s over the past six years compared to Stanford's 128, and 21 Ph.D.'s compared to Stanford's 24 for 1960.

Northwestern is preparing to make its 105 acre golf course available as a regional research and development center of the Company X type, according to W. F. Kerr, vice president.

"Our mission is to do basic and fundamental research and to develop the corps of research personnel industry needs," says Dr. Harold Gottas, dean of Northwestern's Technological Institute.

Majority of Chicago area companies report that favorable earnings result from the stable volume offered by consumer markets. But scores of firms have contributed research talent and products to parts of the Mercury man in space program. However, experts add that most Chicago companies still have much to learn about how to bid for a prime weapons-system contract. Volt-Second Calibrator for Magnetic Core Testing

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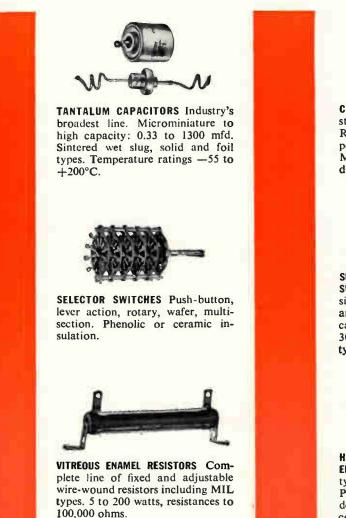
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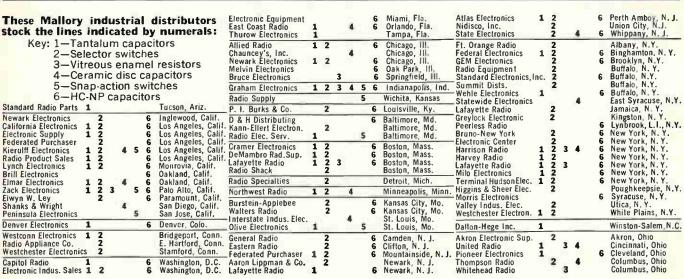
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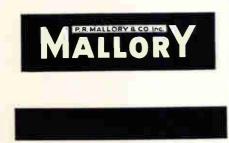
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WARNING came this week to manufacturers of private microwave systems that they should not expect much volume in business over the next two or three years. Commoncarrier competition and the need for customer education were seen as stumbling blocks.

The admonition was made in a 198-page report by eight graduates of the Harvard Business School. Titled "Microwave Communications: Commercial Possibilities in the 60's", the document is the result of a six-month study on the impact of the Federal Communications Commission decision in 1959 opening frequencies above 890 Mc to private users.

The report says that private microwave thus far has been characterized by bitter competition and adds that profits from the private market were negligible.

The report urges manufacturers to concentrate now on markets such as railroads, petroleum companies, gas pipelines and the military. But by 1966 the maximum growth rate of the market will be reached. The researchers anticipate a market plateau by the end of the decade.

One change in outlook urged is that communications men play a more important role in overall systems development so that they may assume a more significant role in data transmission and applications of microwave radio other than voice communications.

High speed data transmission is seen as the most important growth area for private microwave. This will put emphasis on data processing, telemetering and remote control.

The study says the greatest contribution manufacturers can now make to market growth is in customer education and marketing.

### Instant Circuits May Speed Space Hardware

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TELLURIC AND GEOMAGNETIC Field Variations, URSI, Univ. of Texas, ONR; Student Union Bldg., Austin, Texas, Oct. 20-21.

AERONAUTICAL & NAVIGATIONAL Elec., East Coast Conf., PGANE of IRE; Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 23-25.

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AEROSPACE NUCLEAR PROPULSION Internat. Symp.; Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 23-26.

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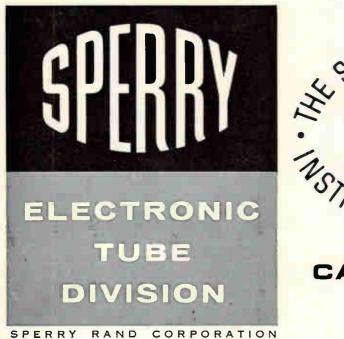
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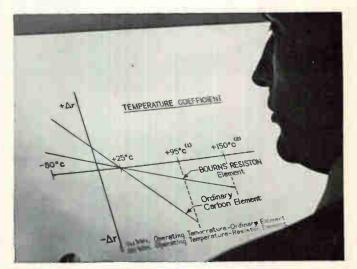
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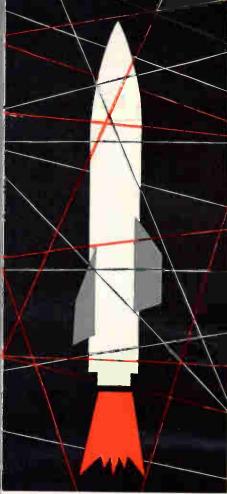
### New developments in TEFLON® 100 FEP speed use in wire and cable insulation



### New ML jacketing gives increased reliability to thin-wall constructions

The wire and cable industry is finding exciting new uses for TEFLON 100 FEPfluorocarbon resin. This new melt-processible member of the family of TEFLON resins is being extruded in long, continuous lengths of wire insulation ... and as jacketing for wire and cable.

One new development promises to extend the usefulness of FEP still further, especially in applications where miniaturization is important. This is the use of ML Wire Enamel to provide FEP insulations that have greatly increased resistance to mechanical abuse. This is accomplished with only a thin coating of ML. Hence, mechanical reliability is increased without appreciable change in the insulation thickness, and with no effect on the thermal and nonflammability properties of FEP. Nor are the outstanding electrical properties of TEFLON 100 affected significantly. (ML Wire Enamel is a new Class H insulating material supplied by Du Pont's Fabrics and Finishes Department.)



### MIL-W-16878D inclusion of FEP permits new design in military hook-up wire

The recently issued "D" revision of Bureau of Ships MIL-W-16878 specification for hook-up wire includes FEP as insulation for continuous service up to 200°C. Construction covered in the new specifications are:

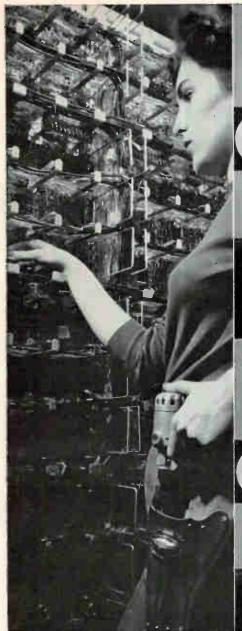
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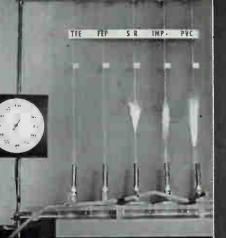
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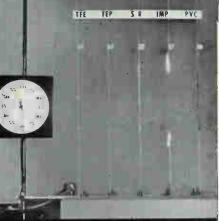
Thus, FEP joins the older members of the family of TEFLON fluorocarbon resins, the TFE resins, as specified insulations under MIL-W-16878. Only TFE and FEP resins are permitted for thin-wall constructions under this spec.

Another military application utilizing FEP resin is covered in MIL-C-17C—jacketing material for coaxial cable.





Vertical flame test 5 seconds after ignition of burners. No indication of burning on either "Teflon" FEP or TFE resins. Other insulations flame vigorously.



15 seconds after removal of flame (30 seconds after ignition), FEP and TFE show only slight discoloration. Other insulations (at right) are still burning or are badly charred. These insulations are silicone rubber, irradiated modified polyethylene and polyvinyl chloride, respectively.

## FEP used in computer-wire insulation

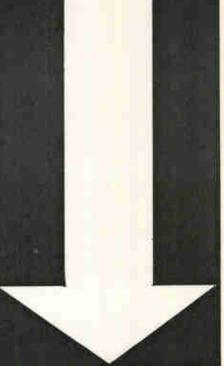
Within its brief commercial life, Du Pont TEFLON 100 FEP resin has been accepted as primary insulation for hook-up wire by major manufacturers of data-processing equipment. Modern high-speed circuits demand uniform low capacitance. This is provided by FEP, whose low dielectric constant is unaffected by frequency or temperature. New wirewrap techniques, including high-speed automatic wire-wrapping, require high resistance to cut-thru. Here the combination of a primary insulation of TEFLON FEP with a jacket of "Zytel" nylon resin has proved outstanding. Also important to the computer industry is the availability of insulated wire in unlimited lengths, with tinned or silverplated conductors . . . and the exceptional toughness and flexibility of FEP insulation.



#### FEP insulation does not burn

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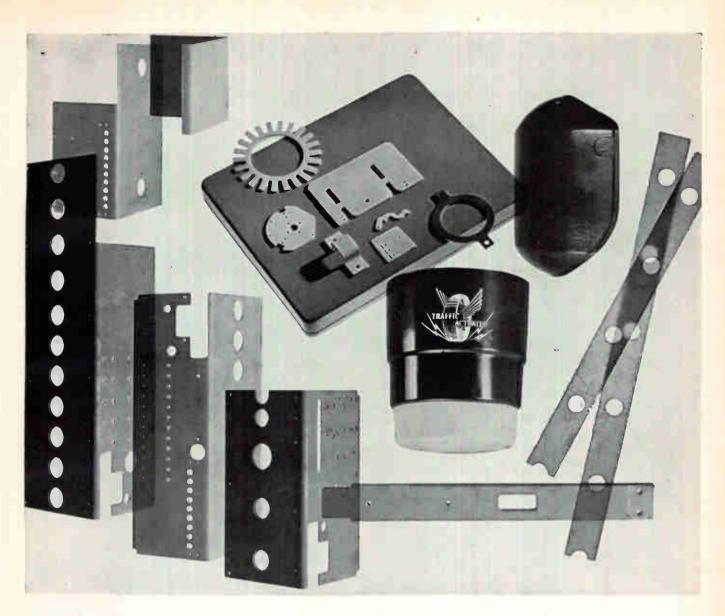
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The EBPA system consists of a quadrupoleamplifier tube operating in a magnetic field, an RF pump generator, and a power supply. Within the tube, the signal is coupled onto an electron beam and amplified by the action of the quadrupole structure, using energy from the RF pump generator. The power supply furnishes voltages for the tube electrodes, solenoid, and RF pump generator.

#### PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Noise Figures Obtainable: From 0.6 to 1.5 db, as measured with broadband noise source. No cryogenic apparatus is required. Singlechannel noise figure depends on antenna and application-typically, 2.5 db. Mixer noise is negligible because of high gain.

Range of Center Frequencies: 350 to 1800 Mc (tubes of higher frequency are in development).

Phase Stability: Better than 1°.

Amplitude Stability: ±0.05 db has been measured.

Gain: Usually operated at 25 db; gain up to 45 db has been obtained.

Bandwidth: Up to 10 per cent of operating frequency.

#### OPERATING FEATURES

The EBPA not only provides low-noise performance, but also offers characteristics unattainable with other low-noise systems, such as:

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System Protection. The EBPA tube not only withstands large amounts of incident overload power but also reflects most of it. In radars, this characteristic means that TR tubes can be eliminated. In addition, the EBPA protects mixer crystals from "spikes," and eliminates need for harmonic filters and shutters; also, down time and maintenance are reduced.

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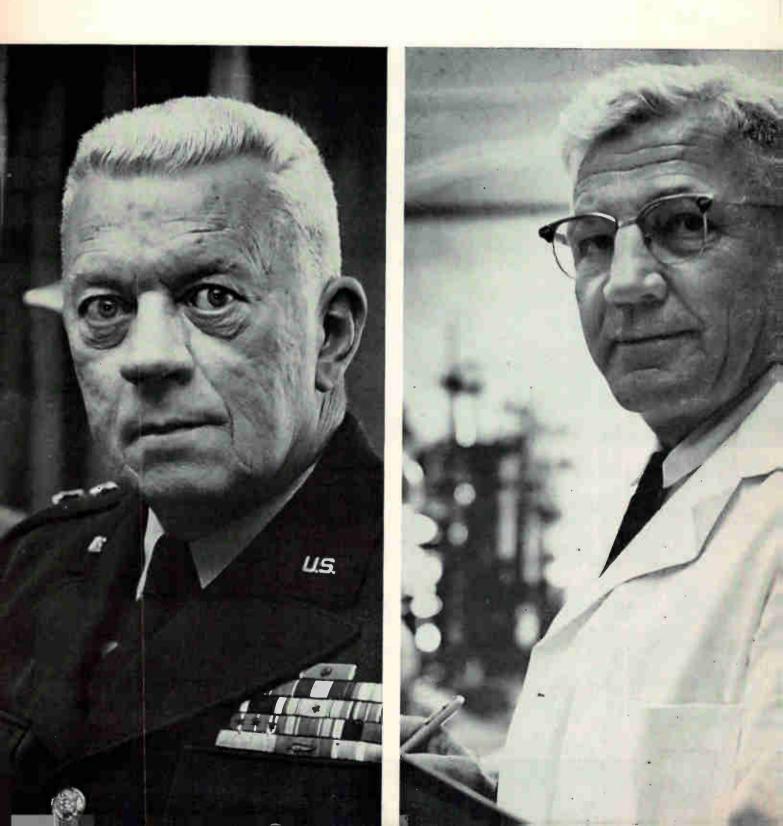
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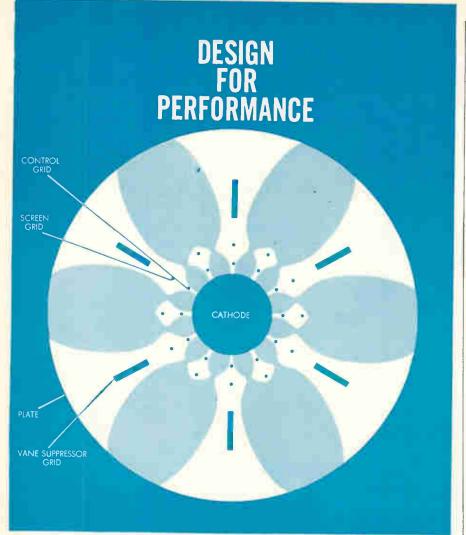
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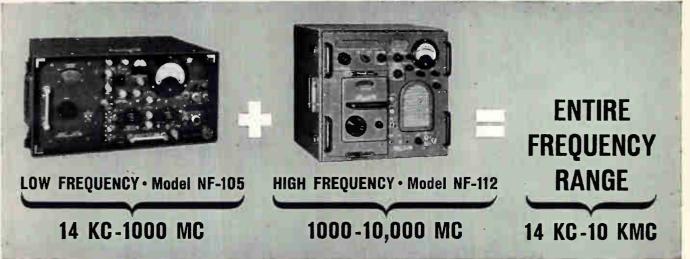


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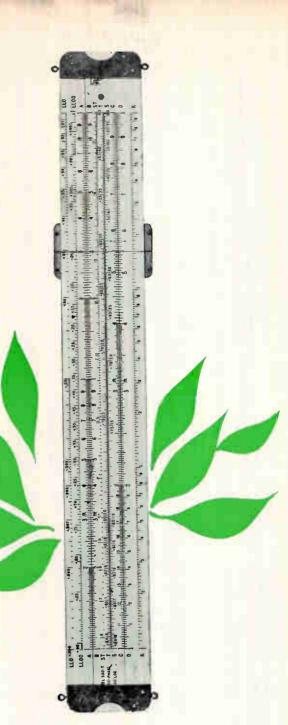
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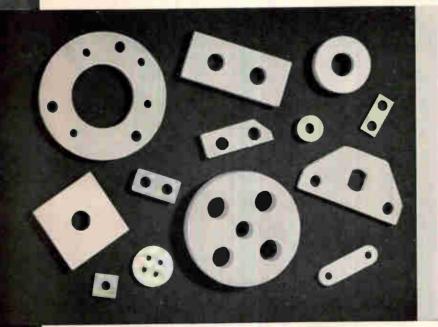
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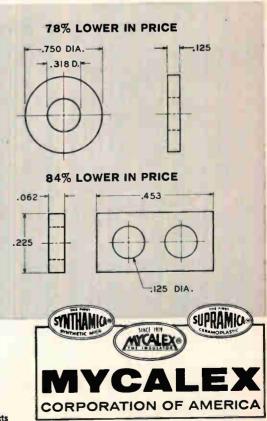
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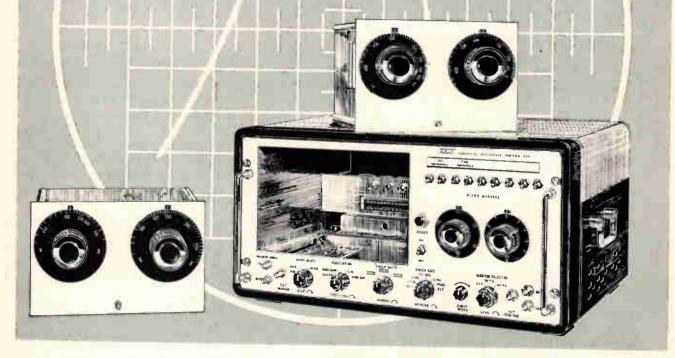
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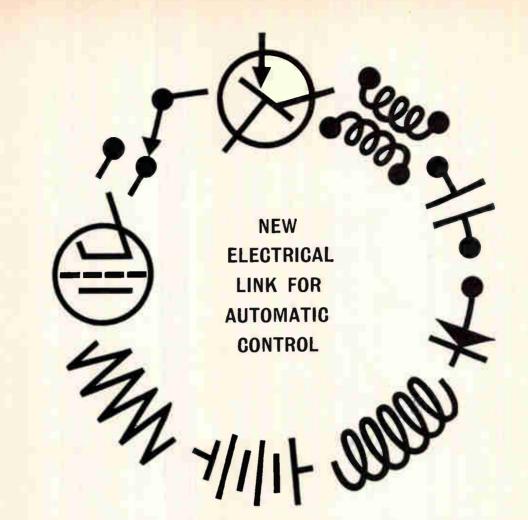


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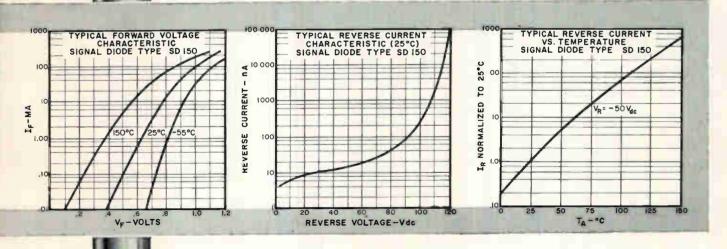
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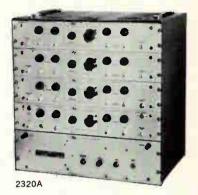


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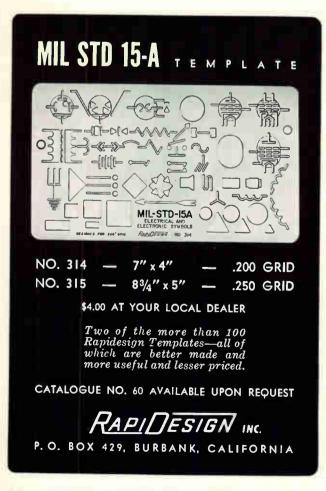
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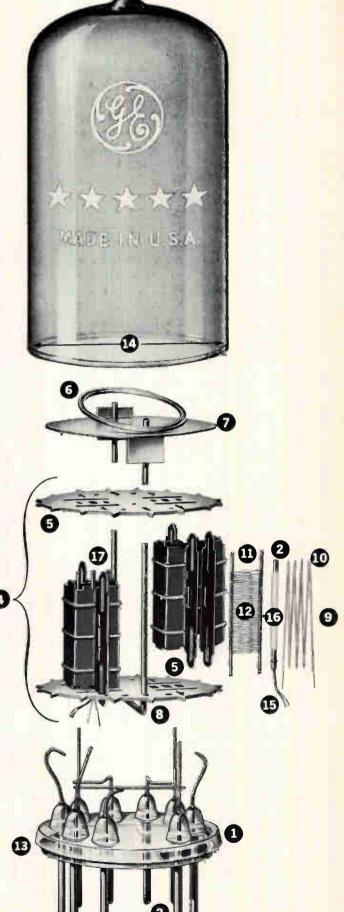
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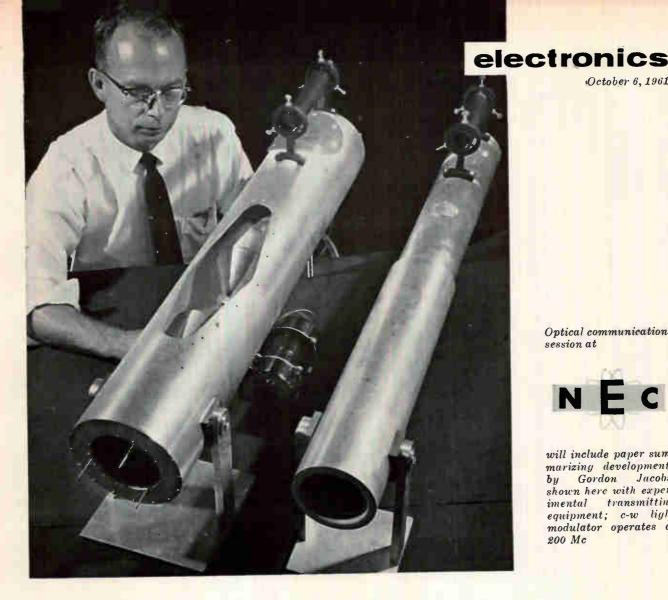
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# BIONICS ON PROGRAM AT Midwest's NEC

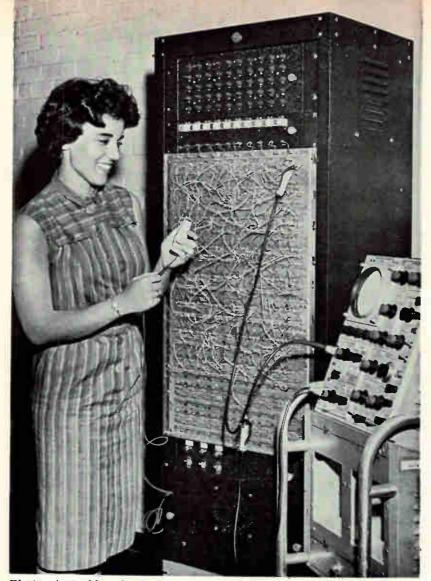
Bionics, optical communications and a panel on synnoetics are a few of the areas to be covered at the 17th annual National Electronics Conference.

> By CLETUS M. WILEY, Midwestern Editor

CRITICAL look at Midwest Electronics-its development, its progress and especially its futurewill be the theme of the three-day National Electronics Conference opening in Chicago's International Amphitheatre on Monday, October

The region has been buzzing for past year over the controversial charge of Frederick Terman of Stanford at the 1960 NEC. He had stated that Midwestern emphasis on relatively slow-growing consumer electronics causes top native engineering and scientific talent to leave home to find more challenging and rewarding jobs.

At the Monday afternoon engineering management session, reports will be made of a year-long study of R&D status in the Midwest launched by IRE, sponsored by NEC and supported by contributions from more than 25 Chicago electronics companies, and on "Relative Activity of (all types) Research in the Midwest." "New Products and Diversification" will be discussed by research and industry panelists Monday evening, and Wednesday afternoon a panel dis-



Electronic cochlea developed at RCA in step toward speech-controlled equipment duplicates characteristics of biological systems

greater than that of individual components. Duplicate morning and afternoon workshop sessions covering structure and programming of digital computers, operational components and problem setup of analog computers, as well as detailed examples of problem solving on both should permit most of the 12,000 delegates to attend workshops in special Amphitheatre area without missing conference papers. Several commercial computer systems will be demonstrated continuously throughout exhibit hours.

Lloyd Berkner, IRE president, will discuss "Electronics, Nerve System of Industry" at the Monday Luncheon. On Tuesday, Brig. Gen. David P. Gibbs will comment on "NORAD Communications and Electronics," and Robert W. Galving, president, Motorola, will speak on "Electronics Unlimited" at the final Wednesday luncheon.

Nearly 1,000 high school science leaders and their teacher guests will have a series of lectures, discussions and exhibit tours arranged to encourage youthful interest in science and engineering. Delegates will be offered afternoon guided tours of Argonne, Cook Research

cussion will be held on "Re-evaluating Electronics Research and Development in the Chicago Area." Not only will Dr. Terman be returning for this session, but the participants will include Admiral Rawson Bennett, former chief of Naval Research, survey's director and Northwestern professor Albert Rubenstein and other Chicago electronics leaders like Daniel Noble, executive vice president, Motorola.

Computers will get extensive coverage with conference-long workshops focused on everyday needs of engineers (including elementary engineering mathematics) A Monday morning panel will cover "Synnoetics"—a new philosophy embracing composite systems of persons, mechanisms, plant or animal organisms and automatasharing ability to invent, create or reason using total "mental power"

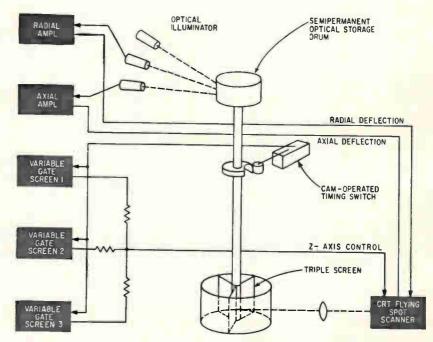


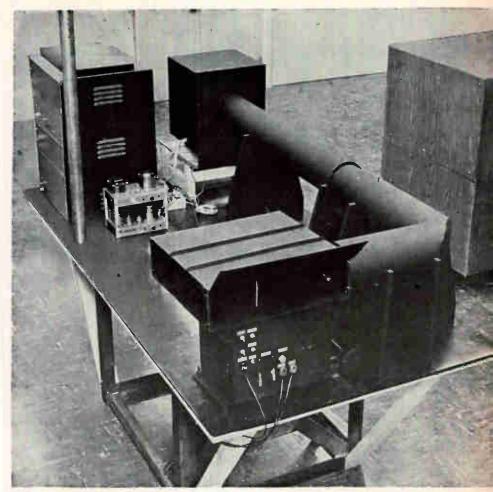
FIG. 1—Three-dimensional display system at left was made by Chrysler Missile Division to verify concept. In proposed system at right light is

and Armour Research Foundation on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as part of the program, which includes more than 80 technical papers arranged in 20 sessions.

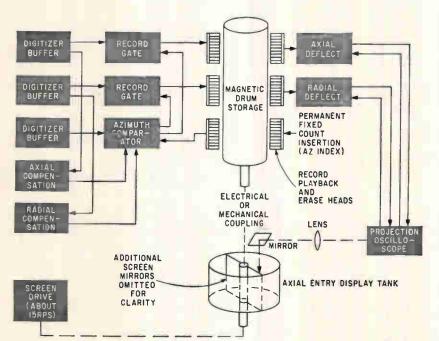
Optical communications is expected to be one of the best attended technical sessions at the NEC. Invited papers from four authorities will be featured, according to Clarence Novy, Motorola chairman.

The state of the art in optical communications will be summarized by Gordon Jacobs of GE. He will show how 350 watts of primary power used in a ruby-laser burst-communications system can provide a range of 10,000 nautical miles at 400 bits per second or a mercury-arc system with 150 watts primary power could provide about 750 miles range at about 800,000 bits per second.

In an experimental equipment GE used a KDP (potassium dihydrogen phosphate) crystal to continuously modulate a light source at 200 Mc for optical communication. The cell is mounted between heavy aluminum cones that serve as both heat sinks and carriers of large charging currents. The cones are



Laboratory model of electronic three-dimensional display system was developed by Chrysler Missile Division to determine feasibility



directed from projection oscilloscope axially into viewing space by lens and mirror

part of a double re-entrant cavity that is resonant at 200 Mc. The light to be modulated enters and leaves through the center of the hollow cones. The fixed iris of a conventional two-lens telescope receiver confines the field of view to three milliradians. The image of a distant transmitter was focused on the face of a multiplier phototube in experiments exploring feasibility of wideband ground-toground optical communications. Measurements were made of the effects of backgrounds, such as rain, in a near-ground path.

An optical range finder using a ruby laser will be described by Lawrence Goldmuntz, Technical Research Group, Inc. It is accurate within 25 ft at ranges to 15,000 ft. A pseudo-correlation technique is used in which the intensity of the range sweep on a crt is reinforced many times by the reflections of

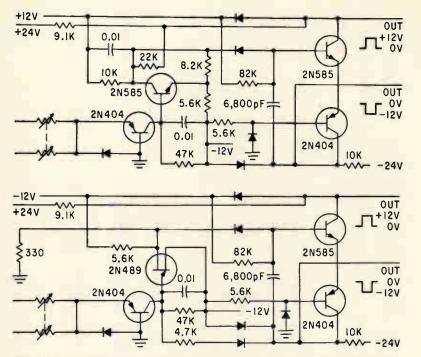


FIG. 2—Improved transistor neuron models by RCA include receptor type at top with integrator quench circuit which is omitted from logic type below

transmitted light pulses, eliminating the effects of randomly occurring reflections.

R. J. Collins of Bell Labs will discuss the Fabry-Perot interferometer for geometric form-mode selection in an optical maser multimode cavity. He will also describe experiments demonstrating the unique character of light emitted by optical masers.

Helium-neon will be considered by A. Javan, also of Bell Labs, as an amplifying medium for the c-w optical maser using gaseous discharge for oscillations in the near infrared (about  $2 \times 10^{14}$  cps).

Three-dimensional display systems will be discussed in a paper by C. K. Auvil and C. W. Gattas of the Chrysler Corporation Missile Division. One of two basic types produced the display on the front cover. The electronic-type display systems in the block diagrams in Fig. 1 are a laboratory feasibility model and a newer system proposed on the basis of greater experience.

The display systems accept computer inputs and show objects, concepts and phenomena dynamically in three axes. A wide variety of military, industrial and commercial applications are possible, including air-traffic control and military coordinating functions.

In the electronic systems, light is directed at a screen rotating around a vertical axis at 15 rps rendering it invisible. When a pencil beam of light is projected into the display volume through which the screen sweeps, a line is generated. A ribbon beam generates a surface.

By synchronizing light generation and the relative positions of the projected beams and the screen, all or part of the display can be repeated during each revolution to form a continuous image. With combinations of beam entry, curved and sloping screens, simultaneous forward and reverse memory readout and other techniques, many images can be shown simultaneously. The past history of objects can be displayed with fixed references and identifying codes, such as aircraft in landing patterns.

The older gel-type system uses a stylus to deposit an ink trace in a transparent solution to form images like that on the cover. A servo system drives the stylus in three axes within the volume of the tank containing the gel. Possible applications of the system include satellite and space-rendezvous tracking antimissile and trajectory plotting, airport stacking-pattern control and machine-tool control

Bionics, another new session for NEC, is made up completely of invited papers. They will cover current efforts to create electronic models of the nervous system and consider whether the same type logic applies as in computers.

Speech-controlled equipment using frequency discrimination, pitch extraction and masking effects used to help neural networks determine true speech invariants will be discussed by Putzrath and Martin of RCA. A model cochlea (ear labyrinth) combines the digital and nonlinear analog functions of biological systems using a series of low-pass filters each having a successively lower cut-off frequency.

Improved transistor neuron models, like those shown in Fig. 2, will be described by E. P. Mc-Grohan of RCA. Outputs are combined from 100 or more circuits so that experiments can be repeated consistently. Improved performance is achieved with only small increases in complexity. Drawing identical performances from a wide range of transistor parameters, the simulator overcomes the difficulties inherent in other neuron models by obtaining its properties statically and with minimal interaction. Catastrophic failure is avoided should outputs inadvertently become shorted to ground.

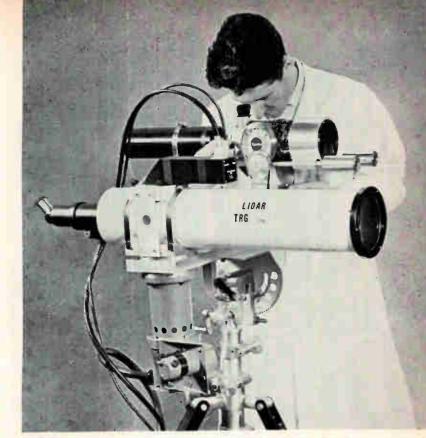
An adaptive component using electroluminescent and photoconductive elements for the neuron circuits and multihole magnetic devices for time-stable analog memory elements will be described by T. E. Bray of GE. More than 40 analog multipliers and 20 analog memory elements occupy 2.5 cubic inches. About one-half watt is consumed in processing 20 analog signals through multipliers to provide one analog output in a unit currently under evaluation. The transflux or magnetic memory element is wound with only 150 turns for both control and readout, also reducing power and volume requirements.

Four-layer switching diodes and conventional diodes are the only active components in a compact audio amplifier that will be introduced by Michael J. Cudahy of Cozzens and Cudahy during the solid-state session. The amplifier concept is said to produce nearly distortion-free power amplification in the frequency range from d-c to 15,000 cps or higher.

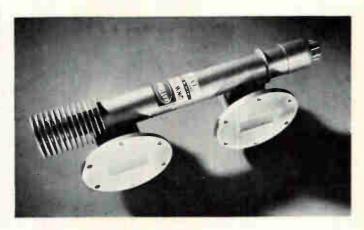
One section consists of a pulse modulator using two four-layer diodes in two relaxation oscillators. One positive-going and one negative-going sawtooth is provided by the modulator to switch a bistable multivibrator in the second section to produce a symmetrical squarewave output. Audio input alters the phase relationship of the two sawtooths and therefore symmetry of the multivibrator output. By shifting the zero line of the audio signal, peak audio output can be made nearly equal to d-c input.

Currently available four-layer switching diodes are rated at 20 to 200 volts with current capabilities from 50 ma to 5 amp. These make possible the matching of semiconductor devices to almost any load from 2 to 30,000 ohms to many points in the circuit with different impedances without using an output transformer. Practical applications of the amplifier could include high-power p-a systems, transmitter modulators, servo systems, instrumentation amplifiers, vibration table exciters, sonar or high-fidelity audio amplifiers, according to Cudahy.

Electron-beam parametric amplifiers will be evaluated as low noise system components by William S. Van Slyck of Zenith. The increased sensitivity of the electron-beam parametric amplifier produced a 68 percent increase in range for TACAN when it was inserted between the preselector cavities and the normal ground-receiver input. Use of these amplifiers makes possible lower powered aircraft transmitters, reducing volume, weight and power consumption. High sensitivity of this type amplifier also produced a 560 percent increase in range of RAWIN, the 1,700-Mc balloon-tracking system. Operating gain was improved 20-25 db in the 28-foot radiotelescope at Cornell Aeronautical Labs operating at 915 Mc using in-passband pumping to improve minimum discernible signal. In-passband pumping also produced 70 percent increases in the range of eight L-



Pseudo-correlation technique is used to display range on crt of Technical Research Group, Inc. optical range finder



Long-life twt (above) suitable as a microwave repeater station amplifier and backward-wave oscillator that can be used as a swept local oscillator will be introduced by Raytheon





Molten-salt process is used at Lockheed to metalize titanium film on inorganc substrate. Electroplating another metal on substrate develops terminations and photoetching converts selected areas to resistive or dielectric materials to form all passive electronic components

band installations. Vectorial addition of the information in the idler channel to that in the signal channel results in an operating singlechannel noise figure almost equivalent to the broadband noise figure.

The ebpa, probably the only lowlevel amplifier doubling as a t-r device, by eliminating the gas tube, betters noise performance, reduces recovery time, eliminates harmonic filters and mechanical shutters, and protects semiconductors from the radar. The device can cope with heavy overloads (15-watt average, 10-Kw peak input) to protect the mixer crystal. The paper reports that a metal-ceramic version is in the final development stages. Low induction leads to the quadrupole and couplers project radially through the ceramic envelope. A simple 200-Mc bandtuning mechanism avoids built-in tuned circuits and permits construction of tunable amplifiers.

An experimental transducer capable of measuring blood velocity in animals without opening the arteries will be described by Fred Johanson of Jaeger Labs. Relatively large drive requirements can be met with either of two exciter circuits. They drive any one of several different sized transducer implants which allow for different arterial diameters. A pair of monostable blocking oscillators supply magnetizing force up to 2,000 ampere turns at a repetition rate of 400 pps or less. Reset flux of the square loop cores controls pulse duration. Pulse excitation and zero exciting current during the gating interval improve sensitivity and long term stability of system, which promises to eliminate many problems associated with presentday flowmeter transducers.

Titanium thin-film circuits which permit improvements in reliability. reproduction versatility, product range, size reduction and economy, will be discussed by W. D. Fuller of Lockheed. A molten salt process metallizes an inorganic substrate with a thick film of titanium. Terminations are developed by electroplating another metal on the substrate, and all passive electronic components are fabricated in one continuous pattern by photoetching. An anodic process converts selected areas into resistive or dielectric material; the electrolyte and parameters of the electrical process determine the resulting material. A jig restricts the electrolytes to a selected area.

A dynamic control process measures the electrical parameters, R, C, or dissipation factor. Further anodizing or mechanical operations are used to trim R individually to precise values. The addition of counterelectrolyte to the dielectric pattern is used to form C. Active components are attached to the thin

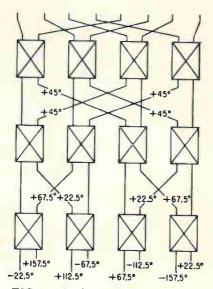


FIG. 3—Multiple-feed system for eight-element antenna developed by Aero Geo Astro for satellites provides eight beam positions

film by spot welding, thermal compression bonding or soldering. The process is practical for application now and can be adapted to meet evolutionary requirements by integrating new and improved active semiconductor devices as they are developed.

Recent progress with ceramic filters in solving the frequencyshift problem at high temperatures will be brought to the NEC by Curran and Koneval of Clevite, who describe an unusual approach to ceramic filter design at higher frequencies. Their paper will discuss independent activation of discrete portions of a ceramic Uniwafer to form a ladder filter within a single two-dimensional structure. Design parameters and performance data are for the 10-Mc range.

Erectable scanning antenna suitable for space vehicles will be described by Kelleher and Coleman of Aero Geo Astro. Electronic scanning permits antenna directivity to be changed, minimizing the problem of vehicle attitude control. A Schmidt lens configuration permits a 90-degree scan angle of the one-degree beam.

An unusual switching method, using a combination of transmission lines to provide the multiple inputs corresponding to different beam positions, permits microsecond switching of the feeds with gas tubes or diodes. Compact stripline techniques are used in the feed networks with one or more printed circuit panels for hybrid interconnection with coaxial lines. A multiple hybrid junction and phase shifters in the network provide beam positions equal to the number of array elements. An experimental model of the array provides eight beam positions with about half power crossover. An eight-element feed system is shown in Fig. 3.

Techniques for microwave diagnostics of solids will be described by Morris Brodwin of Northwestern. A small powdered sample placed in the center of microwave junctions indicates excitation of arms as a function of static magnetic field. Line width and electron spins are measured for ferrites and paramagnetic materials.

As a follow-up to a 1960 NEC paper on antennas, Baker and La Grone, Southern Methodist University, will describe a method for calculating mutual impedance between any two thin linear centerfed antennas having sinusoidal current distribution.

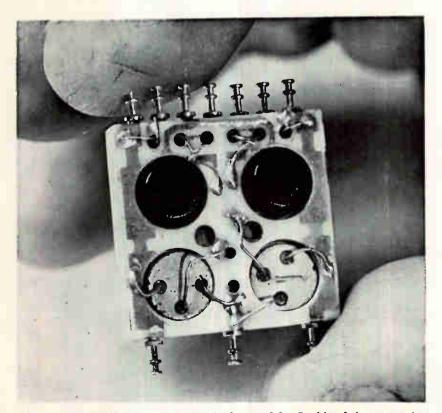
Among the more than four hun-

dred exhibits, a serial memory capable of storing 1,600 bits at input rates as high as 16 megabits a second will be introduced by Computer Control. A newly developed fused-silica acoustic delay line that obviates temperature control requirements will also be shown. Pulse delays range from 20 to 100 microseconds at operating frequencies from 8-16 Mc.

Punched-tape transmission and reception can be combined with voice communications over telephone circuits in a 100-characterper-second, 1,000 word-per-minute system that will be shown by Teletype Corp.

The Industrial Components division of Raytheon plans to announce a 10,000-hour life warranty on electron tubes. It provides OEM's ten times the previously offered protection and includes full coverage against catastrophic failures within 1,000 hours.

A new low-cost, long-life traveling-wave tube designed as a power amplifier will be introduced by Raytheon for microwave relay repeater stations in systems operating in



Titanium thin-film integrated circuit designed by Lockheed for computer function can accommodate new active elements as they are developed

the 5,925-7,125 Mc range. With coaxial fittings, the range can be extended to 4.000-8.000 Mc for test equipment. Two new rugged Kband backward wave oscillators will be announced extending frequency coverage to 26.5 Gc. They can be used as swept local oscillators for space, airborne and ground-based receivers and test equipment, and the high power output makes them suitable for furnishing pump power to parametric amplifiers. The same company will show double-ended subminiature germanium transistors, germanium epitaxial mesa transistors offering lower saturation voltage for high-speed logic circuits, a 36-volt transistorized power supply and a high-voltage Raysistor isolator to control x-ray power supplies.

An exceptionally wide-band transfer voltmeter to be introduced by Ballantine can be used in standards laboratories to calibrate r-f sources, as an r-f voltmeter for frequency-response measurements in amplifiers and other devices and to measure unknown a-c voltages with high accuracy in terms of d-c voltage. Impedance of the probe is flat from 25 cycles to 30 Mc.

Radio-frequency interference suppressor that attenuates interference at the point of origin will be introduced by Relcoil affiliate of Hi G, Inc., for switching circuits. The manufacturer says that one unit replaces both the usual load and power-supply filters. Decreases in weight and cost result from eliminating the need for additional shielding of the suppressor and leads, while reduced arcing is claimed to increase contact life up to 400 percent.

Conforming Matrix Corp. is offering powdered resin coater to increase production rates of axiallead components. Coating thicknesses are variable from 5 to 15 mils.

An automatic resistor sorting system that can evaluate 500 components an hour will be shown by Electro Scientific Industries. The calibrated console uses four terminal measurements to sort resistors into  $\pm 0.01$  percent or  $\pm 0.1$ percent ratings. An indicator lamp shows the tolerance in use and illuminates the resistor container.

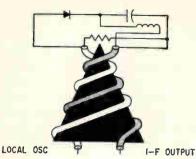


FIG. 1—Antennaverter on conical spiral antenna showing circuit

Combining semiconductor mixer and r-f devices within the antenna structure produces a lightweight, maintenance-free receiving system that has few component parts and excellent electrical performance

## Design of Antennaverters and

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ANTENNAVERTERS and antennafiers are antenna-receiving system combinations in which part of the receiver circuit has been integrated into the antenna. The antennaverter combines the antenna and converter into a single unit while the antennafier combines the antenna and r-f amplifier into a single unit. Antennaverters and antennafiers are practical with presently available solid-state devices such as the tunnel diode. Advances in solid-state circuits and molecular electronics should soon make practical the integration of an entire receiver (except perhaps for output display) into the antenna structure.1

The use of semiconductor devices in antennaverters and antennafiers should make them maintenancefree, with the ability to operate reliably in severe environments, while printed circuits, solid-state devices, and molecular electronics make it practical to place lightweight circuits in what would normally be wasted space in the antenna.

Integration of receiver circuits into antenna structures should not degrade the performance of the receiving system as a whole, and in many instances should improve the overall performance. For example, the matching problems between a broadband antenna and its corresponding receiver may be materially reduced by designing the receiver as part of the antenna. In another example, the effects of transmission losses between elements of large receiving arrays can be reduced to insignificance by using an antennafier for each element. In such a system, an effective amplitude taper might be obtained by adjusting the gain of each antennafier element.

One of the simplest types of integrated receiving systems is the antennaverter, or integrated antenna and heterodyne converter. The antennaverter used for detailed measurements was built into the feed terminals at the tip of a conical spiral antenna, as shown in Fig. 1. This type of antenna was chosen because of its broadband capability: typically a 10:1 ratio of frequencies or more.<sup>2</sup> The arms, or radiating elements of the spiral antenna, were the outsides of the two coaxial cables while the cables themselves were used as transmission lines for i-f and local oscillator signals. The diode mixer element can be either a conventional mixer diode or a tunnel diode.

The radiation pattern of the conical spiral antenna is a single, broad, circularly polarized beam directed off the tip of the cone.<sup>a</sup> The downconverter circuit does not affect the radiation properties of the antenna.

Where the tunnel diode is used

for the converter element, the d-c bias current is introduced through the i-f cable. Conversion power gain can be realized in the tunneldiode down converter, whereas a conventional diode mixer can give a theoretical limit of 3 db conversion loss at best. A block diagram of the tunnel-diode down converter is shown in Fig. 2A. In place of tuned circuits, filters having the property of appearing as pure resistances in their passbands, and as short circuits outside their passbands are used.

An analysis of the tunnel-diode down converter may be done with a midfrequency equivalent circuit and an approximation of the tunneldiode I-V characteristic. If the tunnel diode is d-c biased at a point on the positive conductance portion and near the peak of the curve as shown in Fig. 2B, the relationship

$$I = G_o V - p V^2 \tag{1}$$

may be assumed, where  $G_{\circ}$  and p are chosen to approximate the I-V characteristic in the region of the bias point.

The midfrequency equivalent circuit shown in Fig. 2C is obtained by using Eq. 1 and the properties of the filters. Conductance  $G_{\circ}$  appears across each of the filters because the three passbands do not overlap. The circuit parameters are:  $\omega_{\circ}$  is signal frequency,  $\omega_{\circ}$  is localoscillator frequency,  $G_{\circ}$  is loss conductance of filter No. 1,  $G_{\circ}$  is loss

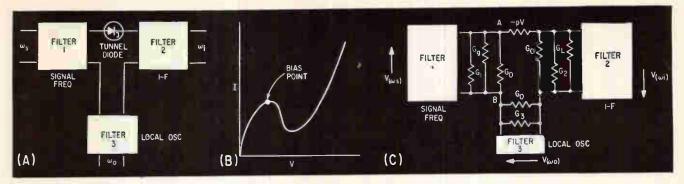


FIG. 2-Tunnel-diode down converter (A), tunnel-diode characteristics (B) and down converter equivalent circuit (C)

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conductance of filter No. 2,  $G_s$  is loss conductance of filter No. 3,  $G_r$ is load conductance and  $G_r$  is the generator (or antenna) conductance.

Because detailed analysis is lengthy, only the solution for conversion power gain will be given. The additional details of the derivation are available.<sup>4</sup>

Conversion gain may be written

 $g_e = \frac{4 p^2 V_o^2 G_L G_g}{\left[ (G_o + G_2 + G_L) (G_o + G_1 + G_0) - p^2 V_o^2 \right]^2}$ (2) where V<sub>o</sub> is the peak value of the pump (or local-oscillator) voltage.

This gain equation reveals that the denominator can go to zero for some value of pump voltage, so the gain may be made arbitrarily large. It is implied however, that the loss conductances of the filters and the generator and load conductances are not so large as to require excessively high pump voltages, which would exceed the assumed smallsignal characteristic of the tunnel diode.

In practice, only limited gain is necessary to mask the noise contribution of the i-f amplifier, so instability problems inherent in highgain negative-resistance amplifiers can be avoided. This conversion gain is in contrast to a conventional crystal mixer in which the conversion loss usually makes the i-f amplifier noise appear as a major portion of the total noise output of the system.

In a typical coaxial configuration of the downconverter using a 1N2939 tunnel diode, a stable conversion gain of 9 db has been measured, with an overall two-channel noise figure of approximately 7 db in the uhf range.

Figure 3A shows the test setup used for measuring the antennaverter. At the top is shown a conventional receiving system used as the standard of comparison. The

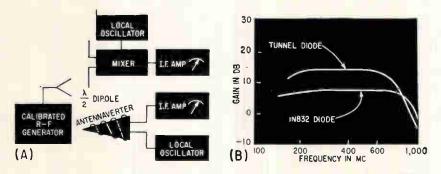


FIG. 3—Antennaverter test setup (A) and performance compared with a conventional dipole and coaxial mixer (B)

half-wavelength dipole was matched into a coaxial mixer, and the intermediate frequency was fed into the i-f amplifier and detector. For each measurement the transmitter output was adjusted to give receiver signal output equal to noise output.

The antennaverter has its own built-in mixer so it only needs to be fed local-oscillator signal, and its output is the intermediate frequency. The operating frequency of the antennaverter is exactly the sum or difference of the local-oscillator and intermediate frequencies, and frequency scan over the entire bandwidth of the antenna may be accomplished by adjusting the local oscillator.

The two diodes used in the antennaverter for these tests were the 1N832 X-band mixer diode and the 1N2939 tunnel diode.

Figure 3B gives the results of measurements over the full bandwidth of the spiral antenna used. Zero db corresponds to the sensitivity of the standard dipole system with the coaxial mixer.

The lower curve shows that the antennaverter has 8-db gain over the standard, and since that closely represents the spiral-antenna gain over a dipole, it must be concluded that the noise figure of the 1N832 diode was about the same as that of the coaxial mixer.

The upper curve shows that use of the tunnel-diode downconverter provides significant improvement over a conventional diode, in this

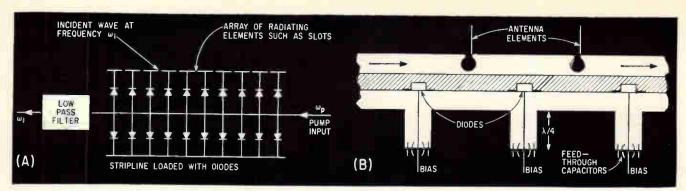


FIG. 4—Traveling-wave parametric antennafier (A) with diode-loaded transmission line (B)

case about 7 db. Careful designing and improved diodes could increase this significantly.

A more complex example of the integration of receiver components into the antenna structure is the antennafier, in which the radiofrequency amplifier and the antenna become a unified structure.<sup>6</sup> In a traveling-wave antenna the amplifier may be a traveling-wave parametric or traveling-wave tunnel diode amplifier, with signals coupled into or out from the radiating portion of the structure, usually at periodic intervals. Alternatively, the r-f amplifier consists of amplifier elements distributed throughout the antenna structure, or the antenna may be used as a bandpass filter in a lumped circuit amplifier.

Figure 4A shows an antennafier. Here the idea of locating a preamplifier close to the antenna has been carried to the limit by distributing the amplification through the antenna structure itself. Some thought has been given to controlling the radiation pattern of such a structure by adjusting the gain of each amplifying element.

Such a system has extremely low noise potential because amplification occurs immediately at the point of signal reception before any transmission losses occur in the antenna. The amplifying elements themselves would be inherently lownoise.

The traveling-wave amplifier may use variable-capacitance diodes or tunnel diodes. Amplification can be made to be undirectional for the variable-capacitor amplifier; however, in the tunnel diode travelingwave amplifier amplification is bidirectional and ferrite isolators are generally used to suppress the backward-traveling wave caused by mismatch, which could otherwise create instability. In the tunnel-diode antennafier this backward wave is radiated from the antenna structure, and the isolation problem is eliminated or greatly simplified.

Tunnel-diode antennafiers may be designed as shown in Fig. 4B. Here a diode-loaded transmission line uses  $\lambda/4$  shunt stubs to provide isolation from the bias source. Radiating elements may be coupled into the line. Individually biasing the diodes would control the gain and thereby determine the radiation pattern. A 4-element research model has produced 3 to 4-db gain per stage with stable operation.

Figure 5 shows a resonant halfwave dipole with a gamma-match arrangement for adjusting the impedance seen by the tunnel diode. Because of the wide range of adjustment possible with the gammamatch, this antennafier can be made to oscillate at the dipole resonant frequency and usable modulated signals have been radiated. When used as an oscillator the device has been tentatively called an antennamitter, since it is a unified antenna and transmitter.

If the gamma-match is adjusted so that oscillations do not occur, the antennafier resembles a conventional tank-type tunnel-diode amplifier. Arrays of such elements may form highly directive antennas. A practical supergain structure could be built with the necessarily violent amplitude distributions obtained by adjusting the gains of the individual antennafier elements.

Parasitic array excitation is also being studied, as well as the application of the gamma-match to the wide-band log-periodic dipole-array antennafier. The gain of an amplifier is by no means a measure of its quality. It must also have a low noise figure if it is to be used for an r-f amplifier in any of the antennafiers discussed above. The noise figure of a conventional two-port amplifier may be measured easily by connecting a calibrated noise source to its input and measuring the signal-to-noise ratio at its output.

The noise figure of the amplifier in an antennafier is not so easily measured, however, because its input terminals are distributed throughout the antenna and are not accessible. The parameter which can be measured is the fieldstrength sensitivity of the receiving system.

Field-strength sensitivity is defined as the field strength of the electromagnetic wave in which the antenna must be immersed to provide signal output equal to noise output. This implies an electric field strength, but it is more convenient to deal in terms of power density. That is,

$$FSS = P \bigg]_{S_o = N_o} \tag{3}$$

where P is the magnitude of the Poynting vector of the incoming wave (assumed to be from the direction of the beam maximum),  $S_{\circ}$ is signal power output of the receiving system and  $N_{\circ}$  is the noise power output of the receiving system, with the effective temperature at the input equal to the IRE standard noise temperature of 290 K.

By measurement of field-strength sensitivities, the noise figure of the amplifier may be deduced. The fieldstrength sensitivity is measured on the test range by adjusting the power level of the transmitting source so that the signal output of

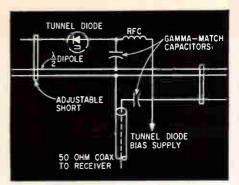


FIG. 5 - Driven element for gamma-match antennafier

the receiving system is equal to its noise output. This transmitter power may be on an arbitrary db scale because it will be necessary to know only the relative field strength of two different measurements, and the absolute power level is unimportant.

Assume amplifier gain G and the receiver noise figure NF, can be measured with reasonable precision. The signal-to-noise power ratio at the input to the amplifier will be denoted by  $S_i/N_i$ . The signal power at the output of the amplifier is  $GS_i$ , but noise power is  $GN_i + EN_i$ , the amplified input noise plus the excess noise. The field strength sensitivity of the antennafier may now be written in terms of the effective aperture

$$FSS = \frac{S_i}{A} \bigg]_{S_o = N_o} = \frac{N_i + (EN/G)}{A} \quad (4)$$

The amplifier noise figure is defined by

$$NF_{o} = \frac{S_{i}/N_{i}}{S_{o}/N_{o}}$$
$$= \frac{S_{i}/N_{i}}{GS_{i}/(GN_{i} + EN)} = 1 + \frac{EN}{GN_{i}}$$
(5)

where the effective input noise temperature also must be 290 K. Hence,

$$FSS = (N_i/A)NF_a$$

(6)

Since the available noise power is frequently written kT,B where kis Boltzmann's constant,  $T_{\bullet}$  is 290 K and B is the bandwidth,

$$FSS = (kT_eB/A)NF_a \tag{7}$$

This demonstrates that the fieldstrength sensitivity of a receiving system is directly proportional to the operating noise figure.

Two measurements of fieldstrength sensitivity are sufficient to determine NF... For the first measurement, the amplifier should be removed or disabled in the antennafier so that the antenna connects  $FSS_1 = (kT_*B/A)NF_r$ (8)

The second measurement is with the antennafier ahead of the receiver. It is necessary to account for the noise contribution of the receiver as well as that of the antennafier. This is done by including the quantity  $(NF_r - 1)$  in the expression for noise power at the output of the amplifier. This last expression is the excess noise power of the receiver referred to the receiver input terminals. The fieldstrength sensitivity becomes

$$FSS_2 = \frac{k T_* B}{A} \left[ NF_* + \frac{(NF_r - 1)}{G} \right]$$
(9)  
The ratio of these two terms is

 $=FSSR = \frac{NF_{a} + (1/G) [NF_{r} - 1]}{NE}$ (10) FSS2 NF. F.S.S.

Thus the noise figure of the amplifier in the antennafier may be deduced from the field-strength sensitivity ratio, provided the gain of the amplifier and the noise figure of the receiver are known. The effective aperture of the antenna need not be known, if it is not altered by addition of the amplifier, but it is assumed that the effective temperature  $T_{e}$ , which includes background or sky temperature and antenna losses, remains 290 K for both measurements. Variations in T. from 290 K will have little effect on the measurements except in extremely low-noise systems.

This method was developed for use with antennafiers, but has also been extended for use with antennaverters in which the output frequency is different from the input frequency. Then it is no longer possible to disable the active portion of the antennaverter for the measurement of FSS<sub>1</sub>. Instead, it is necessary to use an identical antenna (or the same antenna with the down converter removed), and a separate mixer circuit whose characteristics are known.

Since it is necessary for the effective noise bandwidth to be the same for both measurements (usually the effective bandwidth of the i-f amplifier), the bandwidth of the separate mixer circuit must not be smaller than the remainder of the system.

The conversion gain or loss of the separate mixer must be known accurately. This may be measured on the bench at any signal level sufficiently far above the noise level for linear operation. The local oscillator drive should be adjusted for the same level that gives optimum performance in the receiving system, and the r-f signal power input to the mixer for an arbitrary reference output of the i-f amplifier should be measured. With the mixer removed, an i-f signal generator should be connected to the amplifier and the power level required to give the same reference output level should be measured. The ratio of these two signal power inputs is by definition the conversion gain (or loss) of the mixer.

The noise figure of the separate mixer may be measured in the usual fashion with a broadband noise source, and substituted for the term  $NF_r$  in the equation for fieldstrength sensitivity ratio. The quantity  $NF_a$  then would become the noise figure of the mixer or down converter built into the antennaverter.

These techniques are not limited to integrated system designs. They should find application for evaluating overall system performance wherever low-noise preamplifiers and/or mixers are compared. In particular, the behavior of negative-resistance devices such as parametric amplifiers and masers may be studied while functioning as part of the complete receiving system.

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# PLASMA GUIDE COUPLERS

Feasibility of using a plasma guide selective coupler for controlling microwave transmissions

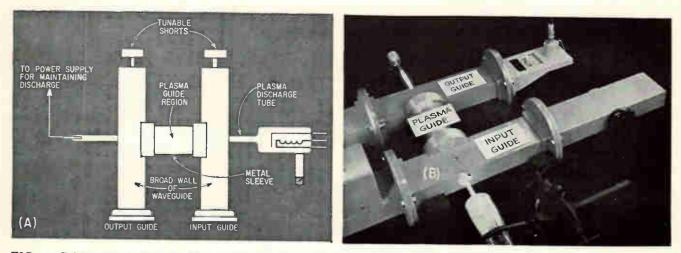


FIG. 1-Schematic of plasma guide microwave selective coupler (A), and experimental model of S-band coupler (B)

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SPACE CHARGE WAVES that propagate along the plasma column of a gas discharge can control and switch microwave power at both Sband and X-band.

Because of the propagating nature of microwaves, there are two methods of electronically controlling energy transferred along a transmission system. These are: (1) localized switching, where a lumped-constant element, such as an open or short circuit, is introduced at a point of the transmission system; and (2) distributed switching, where the transmission characteristics of a length of transmission line or waveguide are altered. Examples of the first method are the transmit-receive tube and switching diode. This article presents results of a preliminary investigation of a type (2) switch-the plasma guide selective coupler.<sup>1</sup> Coupling of microwave power has been varied over a greater range than 30 db, by varying the current in a low pressure mercury-vapor discharge tube, both in c-w and pulsed operation. Switching times were on the order of 2 to 5  $\mu$ sec.

The amount of energy coupled by the plasma guide coupler is controlled by varying the propagation characteristics of a coupling tube that links two waveguides, as in Fig. 1A. This tube is composed of a cylindrical discharge, surrounded by a coaxial region of vacuum or dielectric, and an outer metal cover. The discharge, called the plasma, is contained by a glass tube, although this is not requisite.

Analysis<sup>2, 3</sup> shows that the coupling tube has the properties of a waveguide, and that the transmission characteristics are controlled by the properties of the plasma. There are, however, these differences between this plasma guide and the ordinary hollow waveguide: (1) In a hollow metal waveguide, the propagated energy is all carried by the electromagnetic field. In transmission of microwave power by the plasma guide, only a part of the energy resides in the electromagnetic field; the rest in kinetic energy of oscillating plasma electrons. (2) In the hollow guide, nearly loss-free transmission can occur only if the applied frequency is higher than the cutoff frequency.

In a plasma guide containing a plasma of a fixed electron density, transmission occurs chiefly at signal frequencies lower than a cutoff frequency.

It is common to characterize the electron density of a plasma by the quantity  $f_p$ , the plasma frequency. For an electron density of N electrons per cubic centimeter,  $f_p \approx 9,000 N^3$ .

For the plasma guide, the cutoff frequency is

$$f_{co} = f_p (1 + K_e)^{-1/2}$$

Here  $K_{\star}$  is the dielectric constant of the material immediately adjacent to the plasma. Transmission will occur through the coupling tube at frequencies below  $f_{co.}$ Note that  $f_{co}$  is independent of the physical dimensions. Conversely, for a given signal frequency  $f_{so}$ , propagation occurs only if the electron density exceeds the number N given by

### $N_{co} = (f_{e}/9,000)^{2} (1 + K_{e})$

Density N in the plasma is controlled externally from below to above the cutoff value  $N_{co}$ . A simple method is a change of anode voltage, which changes the discharge current and thereby the electron density. When a plasma guide is a coupling guide between

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# CONTROL MICROWAVE POWER

### has been demonstrated at S-band and X-band. Switching times, 2 to 5 µsec

two ordinary waveguides, as in Fig. 1A, it can become an electronically controllable microwave switch.

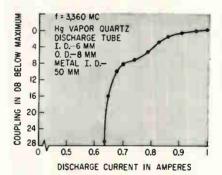
Although a hollow tube waveguide propagates energy just above cutoff, the signal is, nevertheless, attenuated rapidly by ohmic losses. A similar situation exists for the plasma guide when the density is just above the value needed for propagation. When operated with a variable anode voltage in this region of densities, the coupler therefore becomes an electronically controllable variable attenuator. As the density is increased beyond this region, the losses decrease correspondingly.

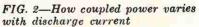
As the density in the coupling tube is increased to higher and higher values, the operation of this tube approaches that of a coaxial waveguide with metal center conductor. For efficient high density coupling, the outer metal conductor must be large enough to allow the appropriate coaxial mode to propagate. If transmission is in the angularly symmetric mode, there is no dimension restriction. But if, as in Fig. 1A, transmission is in the mode with angular variation, the diameter of the metal sleeve must be chosen large enough. However, to prevent coupling at low or zero currents, the diameter must be small enough to prevent conduction in a circular waveguide mode. Therefore, although dimensions did not enter into the low density cutoff expressions, they are important in practical coupler design.

Experimental models of the plasma guide coupler have been built and tested at both S and Xbands. The S-band device is shown in Fig. 1B. A mercury-vapor quartz discharge tube was used to produce the plasma column. The discharge tubes were 5 mm inside and 7 mm outside diameter or 6 mm inside and 8 mm outside, and of various lengths. The inner diameter of the

metal sleeve must be large enough to allow a coaxial TE<sub>11</sub> mode for good coupling at high densities. The diameter was made 50 mm at S-band. Length of the plasma guide region is not critical and was made 12 cm.

Figure 2 shows the response of the S-band coupler as a function of the discharge current. The coupling between input and output guides could be varied electronically from -11 db to less than -40db. The X-band coupler had a similar response with a maximum coupling of -8.5 db. Probing of the fields along the plasma column indicates that the maximum coupling is determined by impedance matching and not by losses along the column. Better matching between the rectangular guide and the plasma guide should increase the





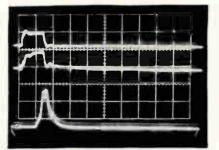


FIG. 3-Switching of c-w microwave power with plasma coupler. Upper trace is switching voltage pulse, center is pulse of discharge current, and lower is coupled microwave power. Time scale: 2 µsec/ major division

maximum coupling.

The switching operation is shown in Fig. 3. Low level c-w microwave power at 3,360 Mc is fed into the input guide while a  $3 \mu s$ , 23 volt pulse is applied to the anode of the discharge tube. The upper trace is the switching voltage pulse, the center trace is the discharge current, and the lower trace is the resultant pulse of coupled microwave power. The quiescent discharge current was set at 0.16 amperes. Observed switching time is 2 µsec.

The coupler can be used with low level c-w microwave signals or medium level pulsed signals. High level input microwave power can increase the plasma density in the column sufficiently to make the switch always conducting. The experimental X-band switch could handle 128 watts of pulsed microwave power.

The plasma guide coupler could find many applications in the electronic control and switching of microwave power. The device offers the advantages of distributed switching over point switching and requires no magnetic fields as do ferrite devices.

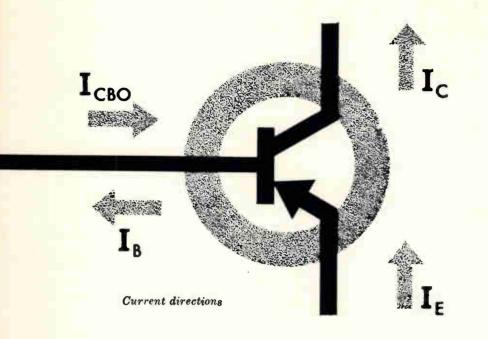
Problems for further research: plasmas whose densities can be well-controlled must be obtained; better broad-band impedancematching elements between rectangular and plasma guides are needed; for vhf applications, high density plasmas are needed.

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# CALCULATING "WORST-CASE"



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EVALUATION of worst-case leakage current in transistors is often oversimplified. Leakage current is easily determined by direct measurement. When using a large quantity of transistors in a complex of equipment, individual measurement is usually not feasible. The magnitude of the leakage current is not a constant parameter but is subject to variation by environment, aging, applied voltage levels, and by the manufacturing process.

The approach to evaluation of leakage current considers the problem as applied to equipment in which large quantities of transistors are used. The technique also applies to a single isolated transistor circuit when certain simplifications in the analysis are made.

Evaluation of transistor leakage current yields a numerical quantity which is the total leakage current that can be expected to flow in the collector-to-base diode junction and which allows for the worst-case conditions of circuit operation. The solution involves determining: (1) most elevated junction temperature; (2) leakage current contributed by the thermal component; and (3) leakage current contributed by the surface component.

The first source of data normally encountered is the transistor specification sheet. Most sheets list the  $I_{eno}$  and the  $I_{eno}$  leakage currents that exist at 25 C (sometimes referred to as  $I_{co}$  and  $I_{Eo}$ ). A third leakage current that may be encountered is  $I_{CEO}$ . To clarify which leakage current is applicable to the design problem, the three leakage currents are defined thus:  $I_{cno}$  is the collector current that flows in a transistor when the emitter is open-circuited and the collector-tobase diode is back-biased;  $I_{\mu\mu}$  is the emitter current that flows when the collector is open-circuited and the base-to-emitter diode is backbiased;  $I_{ceo}$  is the collector current that flows from the collector through the emitter when the base is open-circuited and normal bias is applied to the collector.

Current  $I_{CBO}$  is actually the leakage current that flows within the collector-to-base diode and is composed of two leakage components. One is thermal leakage which is the result of diode action and which varies exponentially with temperature. This leakage component is relatively independent of the collector-to-base voltage  $(V_{CB})$ . The other is surface leakage which results from surface contamination and is directly proportional to the collector-to-base voltage. This component is also affected by temperature but not to the degree that the thermal component is. An increase in temperature will usually increase the surface leakage component although the rate of increase varies widely for different transistors.

Leakage current  $I_{EBO}$  is similar to  $I_{cao}$  and is caused by the baseto-emitter diode action. It is also composed of two components: one caused by thermal characteristics of base-to-emitter diode action and the second by the surface contamination (in the normal operating region). Leakage currents  $I_{cno}$ and  $I_{E^{HO}}$  are often of comparable magnitudes. Current  $I_{EBO}$  is important in switching circuits where the emitter-to-base diode is commonly reverse-biased. In the general case of small-signal applications, the base-to-emitter diode is forward-biased and  $I_{EBO}$  is not applicable.

Leakage current  $I_{CBO}$  is not as easily explained. The explanation which is given in "Transistor Kinks" will be followed. Consider a transistor with the base opencircuited, the collector-to-base diode reverse-biased and the base-toemitter diode forward-biased. The  $I_{cso}$  leakage current that normally flows in the collector-to-base diode is not able to flow in the base lead. since the base is now open-circuited. A compensating current must be visualized. This current will flow in the emitter and is equivalent to the base current that would flow if the base were not open-circuited, but the emitter were open-circuited. Since the base current that would flow is normally  $I_{cno}$ , an expression can be developed for the emitter current that does flow, to give a corresponding operating point.

Leakage current  $I_{cno}$  would like to flow from base-to-collector for the *pnp* transistor shown in the figure. Since the base is opencircuited, the  $I_{cno}$  cannot flow from the base. An imaginary current  $I_n$  can be postulated which flows in a direction opposite to that of  $I_{cno}$ in the base. The two currents can-

# TRANSISTOR LEAKAGE CURRENT

cel in the base lead, which satisfies the condition of an open base. An emitter current is required to produce imaginary current  $I_B$ . This emitter current is given by:

$$I_E = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} I_B. \tag{1}$$

(2)

This expression involves the current gain (a) from the cmitter to the collector. The collector current is composed of two components.

$$I_{c} = \alpha I_{B} + I_{CBO}$$

 $I_{c} = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} I_{cB0} + I_{cB0} \qquad (3)$ 

 $I_{c} = (\beta + 1) I_{cBO} = I_{cBO}$  (4)

From Eq. 4 it is seen that the leakage current  $I_{CEO}$ , which flows when the base is open, can be very much larger than that which flows when there is a low-resistance circuit path between the base and emitter.

This large value of collector leakage current frequently causes thermal runaway in transistors operated with the base open or with large values of resistance inserted between the base and emitter.

The transistor specification sheet often gives the values of  $I_{CRO}$  and  $I_{ERO}$  at two different voltage operating points ( $V_{CR}$  or  $V_{BR}$ ). This enables the surface leakage component to be segregated from the thermal leakage component. If there is only one value of  $I_{CRO}$  or  $I_{ERO}$  given, actual physical measurements will be required to segregate the two leakage components.

The increase in the thermal leakage component with temperature can generally be determined by using the rule of thumb that the thermal leakage component doubles for every 10 deg C rise in junction temperature from that given in the specification sheet. (The ambient temperature given on most specification sheets is 25 C.)

It has previously been indicated that the surface leakage component is directly proportional to the applied voltage ( $V_{e_B}$  or  $V_{E_B}$ ). The voltage dependent magnitude is therefore a straightforward calculation; that is, if the applied voltage in the circuit is twice as great as that stated on the transistor specification sheet, the surface leakage component is doubled. The temperature dependency of the surface leakage component is difficult to estimate. A pessimistic rule of thumb is<sup>2</sup>: the increase in the surface leakage component with temperature can be considered as one-half the increase of the thermal leakage component.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the data available on most transistor specification sheets represent zero life time parameter values. To use the value of  $I_{cso}$  or  $I_{BRO}$  directly from the specification sheet, without allowing for the inevitable increase due to aging, could greatly contribute to decreased equipment reliability. A realistic figure for  $I_{CBO}$  or  $I_{EBO}$  that allows for life degradation is best obtained by actual accelerated life measurements on an acceptable sample lot of the transistor. If this information is not available it is recommended that at least a 40-percent increase in the total calculated leakage current be allowed. Many older and poorer specifications allow an end limit of 2 (100-percent increase) at a poor 4-percent AQL for a 1,000-hour life test.

Theoretically, the thermal portion of the leakage current in silicon transistors increases at a faster rate than in germanium transistors. However, actual measurements indicate that the rate of increase is for all practical purposes the same. The equations to be presented can be used for both silicon and germanium transistors.

The problem states that the maximum elevated junction temperature must be known before calculation of the leakage current.

The junction temperature will be influenced by the following factors: (1) Maximum ambient temperature stated in the performance specification of the equipment. (2) Internal rise of temperature of the equipment due to its own power dissipation. The occurrence of possible hot-spots within the equipment should be allowed for. (3) The power dissipation within the transistor involved.

Finally the circuit designer should take into account the worst-

case parameter fluctuations of the power source and the compensating circuit.

### Total junction temperature is:

 $T_J = T_A + T_E + \Delta T_{PD}$ (5) where  $T_{4}$  = maximum ambient temperature given in the performance specification,  $T_{E} = \text{maximum}$ expected rise in temperature due to the power dissipation within the equipment,  $T_{J} = \text{total maxi-}$ mum temperature of the collector junction, and  $\Delta T_{PD} =$  increase in junction temperature over ambient due to heat generated by power dissipation in the collector junction. The term  $\Delta T_{PD}$  in Eq. 5 is a linear function of the dissipated power in the transistor.

$$\Delta T_{PD} = K \times PD \tag{6}$$

where K = thermal resistance factor in deg C per mw, and PD =total transistor power dissipation.

The constant K is a measure of the thermal resistance between the collector junction and the case of the transistor or heat sink. This constant is given on most transistor specification sheets. Where K is not given, the specification sheet will usually give sufficient information so that the constant can be calculated. Two pieces of information are required for this calculation: (1) maximum allowable junction temperature,  $T_{i}$  (max), and (2) maximum allowable power dissipated at a specified temperature,  $PD_{sr}$ . From these, the constant is:

$$K = \frac{T_J (\text{max}) - T_{specified}}{PD_{ST}}$$
(7)

The total power dissipation required for the solution of Eq. 6 is:

 $PD = V_{CE}I_C + V_{BE}I_B$ (8) The PD may also be expressed as:

$$PD = Ic\left(V_{CB} + \frac{V_{BF}}{h_{FB}}\right) \qquad (9)$$

where  $V_{cB} = d$ -c collector-to-emitter voltage,  $V_{cB} = d$ -c collector-to-base voltage,  $V_{BB} = d$ -c base-to-emitter voltage,  $I_c = d$ -c collector current,  $I_B = d$ -c base current, and  $h_{FE} = I_c/I_B =$  the d-c current gain of the transistor in the common emitter configuration ( $h_{FE}$  is frequently referred to as the d-c beta).

Having determined the most elevated junction temperature, the designer is now prepared to calculate the worst-case value of leakage current. The thermal and surface components are first segregated from the value of  $I_{cB0}$  or  $I_{EB0}$  leakage current stated on the transistor specification sheet. This can be done by actual measurements or by using the data on the specification sheet in the event that the  $I_{CB0}$  or  $I_{EB0}$  is given at two different readings of  $V_{CB}$  or  $V_{EB}$ .

If the general rule of thumb is used (doubling the thermal leakage component for every 10 deg C increase in temperature above the ambient temperature given in the specification sheet) a thermal constant  $M_{\tau}$  is obtained. The specification sheet ambient temperature is assumed to be 25 C for:

$$M(T) = \frac{T_J - 25 \deg C}{10} \quad (10)$$

The zero life thermal leakage component is:

$$I_{TO} = I_{TO (25 C)} \times 2^{M(T)}$$
(11)

where  $I_{\tau o}$  = the zero life thermal leakage component, and  $I_{\tau o(as c)}$  = the segregated thermal component derived from the transistor specification sheet. The surface leakage component is then calculated. Assume  $I_{cso}$  as the type of leakage current that is applicable:

$$I'_{SO} = \frac{V_{CB1}}{V_{CB2}} \times I_{SO (25 C)}, \quad (12)$$

where  $I'_{so}$  = the zero life, voltage dependent surface leakage component;  $V_{CB1}$  = the d-c collector-tobase voltage selected by the designer;  $V_{sc2}$  = the d-c collectorto-base voltage given by the transistor specification sheet; and  $I_{so(x,C)}$  = the segregated surface leakage component derived from the specification sheet.

As previously stated, a pessimistic rule of thumb that accounts for deviations in the surface leakage with temperature changes is a multiplying factor which symbolically can be shown as:

$$\frac{2^{M(T)}}{2} \tag{13}$$

The zero life surface leakage current  $(I_{so})$  can be pessimistically stated as:

$$I_{so} = I'_{so} \times \frac{2^{\mathcal{M}(T)}}{2}$$
 (14)

The total zero life leakage current

### $(I_{L_0})$ can now be determined:

$$I_{L0} = I_{T0} + I_{S0}$$
 (15)

If the additional increase in the leakage current due to aging of the transistor is not available as a result of physical measurement, an increase in  $I_{L0}$  of at least 40 percent should be considered. The new value of leakage current obtained represents the total leakage current  $(I_L)$  that must be compensated for.

$$l_L = I_{LO} \times 1.4 \tag{16}$$

The final step to insure reliable design required that the parameter tolerances, affecting the leakage current compensating networks, be accounted for. For an example, assume a constant current compensating circuit consisting of a single resistor of 5-percent total tolerance and a power source of 1-percent total tolerance. A worst-case factor of 6 percent should be accounted for by increasing the total leakage current  $(I_t)$  by this amount.

The following problem illustrates the described technique.

GIVEN: A transistor circuit that is part of a complex equipment. Assume  $I_{cnn}$  to be the applicable leakage current affecting circuit operation. The specification sheet has the following pertinent data (at an ambient temperature of 25 C unless otherwise stated):

$$l_{CBO}(Max) = 4 \ \mu a$$
 ( $V_{CB} = 2 \ v \ d-c$ )  
 $l_{CBO}(Max) = 5 \ \mu a$  ( $V_{CB} = 6 \ v \ d-c$ )

Maximum allowable junction temperature = 85 C.

Maximum allowable power dissipation at 25 C = 300 mw;  $h_{TREMON} = 5$ .

The transistor is operated under the following conditions: (This assumes worst case for d-c or low frequencies where the thermal constant of the junction is small with reference to the period of the signal being amplified.):  $V_{cn} = 10$  v d-c,  $V_{c_E} = 12$  v d-c,  $V_{u_E} = 2$  v d-c, and  $I_c = 6$  ma. The power sources have 1-percent total tolerance ratings. Resistive components have 5-percent total tolerance ratings. The equipment performance specification indicates a maximum ambient temperature requirement of 50 C. It has been determined that the rise in temperature due to the power dissipation within the equipment is 10 C.

PROBLEM: Determine the worstcase transistor leakage current. SOLUTION: Power dissipation is:

$$PD = I_{c} \left( V_{CE} + \frac{V_{BE}}{h_{FE}} \right)$$
(9)  
= 6 (12 + 2/5) = 74.4 mw,

The thermal resistance factor K is:

$$K = \frac{T_{J (Max)} - T_{apecified}}{PD_{ST}}$$
(7)

$$=\frac{85-25}{300}=0.2\,\mathrm{C/mw}$$

and

$$\Delta T_{PD} = K \times PD$$
  
= 0.2 × 74.4 \approx 15 C (6)

The junction temperature is then:

$$T_J = T_A + T_E + \Delta T_{PD} = 50 + 10 + 15 = 75 \text{ C}$$
(5)

The thermal constant is:

$$M_T = \frac{T_J - 25 \deg C}{10} = 5 \quad (10)$$

The segregated leakage components at 25 C are:

$$\frac{I_{TO (25 C)} + I'_{SO (25 C)} = 4 \,\mu a}{I_{TO (25 C)} + 3 \,I'_{SO (25 C)} = 5 \,\mu a}$$

$$\frac{2 \,I'_{SO (25 C)} = 1}{I'_{SO (25 C)} = 0.5 \,\mu a}$$

At  $V_{CB} = 2 v d$ -c,  $I_{TO(25C)} = 3.5 \mu a$ The zero life thermal leakage component is:

$$I_{TO} = I_{TO} (25 \text{ C}) \times 2^{M(T)}$$
  
= 3.5 × 32 = 112 µa (11)

The zero life voltage dependent surface leakage component is:

$$I'_{SO} = \frac{V_{CB1}}{V_{CB2}} \times I'_{SO (95 C)}$$
(12)  
=  $\frac{10}{2} \times 0.5 = 2.5 \ \mu a$ 

The temperature dependent value of the surface leakage component is:

$$I_{SO} = I'_{SO} \times \frac{2^{M(T)}}{2}$$

 $= 2.5 \times 16 = 40 \ \mu a$  (14)

The zero life leakage current is:

$$I_{LO} = I_{TO} + I_{SO} = 112 + 40 = 152 \ \mu a$$
(15)

The leakage current with a 40-percent increase to account for aging of the transistor is:

$$I_L = I_{LO} \times 1.4 = 152 \times 1.4 = 213 \,\mu a \quad (16)$$

Allowing for the tolerances of the parameters of the compensating circuit, the total worst-case transistor leakage current is:

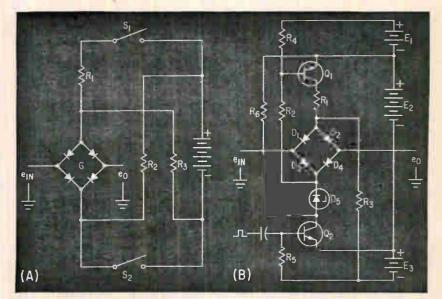
$$I_L \times 1.06 = 213 \times 1.06$$
  
= 226  $\mu a$ 

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# Solid-State 30-Channel Multiplexer

DESIGNED FOR MINIMUM COMPONENTS



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FIG. 1—Basic gate with floating supply from battery (A); transistor version (B) with transistor switches replacing the mechanical ones

Permits gate-switching-transistors to double in ring counter and control sequencing.

Static inverter provides two power supplies and ring-counter stepping waveform

IN DESIGNING a missile-borne pcm telemetry system it was necessary to provide a multiplexer having 10samples-per-second basic sampling rate for input signals within the range 0-to-5 volts, and an allowable error consistent with the resolution provided by an eight-bit pcm coder. Other desirable features included simplicity, reliability and compactness.

The final multiplexer design uses a four-diode-bridge for each gate, a single transformer-coupled floating voltage source being switched to each gate in succession by using a two-transistors switching circuit gate. In stepping conduction from one gate to the next, one of the switching transistors doubles as an element in a ring counter.

First it was determined that a four diode gate would meet the accuracy, linearity and stability requirements. However, the conventional way of enabling (operating)

the gates, using precise voltage sources requiring balancing networks with individual adjustments proved unsatisfactory. Use of an individual floating voltage source for each gate is satisfactory except that weight, size and power become prohibitive. At the required low sampling rate, separate driving transformers for each gate would be too large to be feasible. The final design enables each gate in succession from a single floating voltage source, yet completely disconnects all other gates not immediately required. Such a device has been built and proved in the lab-The floating oratory. voltage source is provided by a transformer that also has an additional winding to provide power for the pcm coder.

Figure 1A illustrates the operation of the multiplexer. The floating voltage source is represented by a battery. When switches  $S_1$ and  $S_2$  are open, gate  $G_1$  diodes are

reverse biased by potentials established across them by resistors  $R_{2}$ and  $R_3$ . Gate  $G_1$  is connected to the common output, but isolated from any other gate supplied from the same voltage source. To open a gate, switches  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are closed simultaneously to forward-bias the diodes. Resistors  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  remain in the circuit but their resistance is so high that their effect is overcome during gate conduction. The signal e, then appears across the output in response to an input signal  $e_{in}$ . Several gates may be connected to the single floating voltage source without producing noticeable crosstalk. By using transistors to switch the gates in sequence, and connecting the outputs of all the gates to a common load, the device becomes an electronic multiplexer.

Figure 1B shows how transistors can be substituted for the switches of Fig. 1A. With no positive pulse

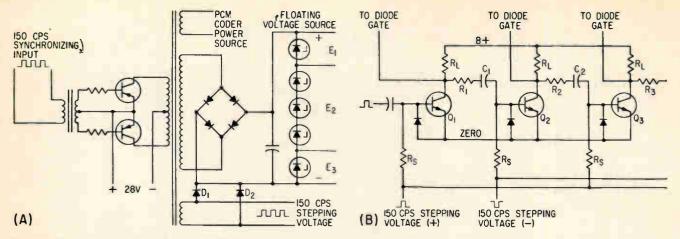


FIG. 2—Inverter provides floating voltage sources, as well as power for the pcm coder and stepping pulses for the ring counter (A); inverter transients are synchronized with the step-along interval. Alternate ring-counter stages are pulsed from opposite ends of the inverter stepping winding (B)

present at the base of transistor  $Q_{a}$ , transistor  $Q_{1}$  is reverse biased through  $R_{4}$ -connection to a positive potential. The diodes in the gate are reverse biased because  $R_{a}$  connects the upper end of the gate to a negative potential while  $R_{a}$  and  $R_{4}$  in series connect the lower end of the gate to a positive potential. The gate is thus completely isolated for all other gates supplied by the floating voltage source.

With a positive pulse applied to transistor  $Q_2$ , negative bias is overcome and Q conducts through its collector load resistor, R. Transistor  $Q_{\mathbf{z}}$  becomes saturated so that its collector potential is slightly above emitter voltage. The negative collector swing forward biases the base of  $Q_1$  through resistor  $R_2$ . Transistors  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are now both conducting, providing a forward current path to the four diode bridge thus enabling the gate. A signal,  $e_{in}$  is now transmitted by the gate and appears across the output load as  $e_{\mu}$ . By pulsing the gates in time-sequence from a ring counter having the same number of counting stages as there are gates. each input is connected sequentially to the common output as required. By incorporating transistor  $Q_2$  as an element in the ring counter, the design of the multiplexer is simplified and the number of components reduced. A disadvantage of this approach is reduced flexibility.

Battery cells would work well as a floating voltage source for the multiplexer. For a missile application, a floating supply can be provided by rectifying and filtering a-c from a transformer winding, however, the resulting ripple can introduce undesirable noise and crosstalk.

Static inverters are notorious for producing switching spikes that are impossible to completely eliminate. However, if the static inverter spikes can be made to occur only at the instant that one gate turns off and the next gate turns on, the spikes can be tolerated A static inverter is successfully used as the floating voltage source for the multiplexer. Figure 2A illustrates how a static inverter establishes the floating potential required. The inverter uses a toroid transformer with square-loop core and provides a square wave at its output. To synchronize the inverter spikes with the switching period of the multiplexer, the inverter is driven by a 150-cps square wave that is a submultiple of the main synchronizing clock signal. The 150 cps frequency is required for the inverter because the multiplexer is designed for 10 samples per second for each of the 30 data channels. The period for each sample is then  $1 \times 10^{\circ}/10 \times 30$  microsec = 3,333  $\mu$ sec, which corresponds to a frequency of 150 cps. The square wave output is full-wave-bridge rectified and filtered, uses a Zener diode string to establish the three potentials  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$  and  $E_3$ . Switching transients normally associated with a static inverter are minimized by winding the transformer for minimum of leakage inductance and by placing an r-c filter at the output of the bridge rectifier. Since

the transient spikes occur only during the short interval that one gate in the multiplexer turns off and the following gate turns on they do not affect the operation of the multiplexer.

The pcm coder is designed so that it does not encode during the switching interval, thereby permitting it to tolerate the static inverter switching-transients. The static inverter has a third winding to serve as a power supply source for the pcm coder circuits, while a fourth winding delivers the 150-cps stepping square wave to the controlling ring counter.

The rise time of the multiplexer gate is determined both by the source resistance of the gate input signal and rise time of the ring counter, as well as the capacitance between the floating voltage source and ground. This capacitance is minimized by separating the transformer windings by layers of Teflon. Filter capacitors of the floating voltage source are not returned to ground.

In explaining how transistors are used as switches in the multiplexer gate, it was stated that transistor  $Q_2$  of Figure 1A doubled as one stage of the controlling-ring counter. Figure 2B shows 3 successive stages of the ring counter portion of the multiplexer. The ring counter has one transistor per stage, while stages are interconnected by resistance and capacitance in series. The 150 cps stepping voltage is supplied by a separate winding on the static inverter transformer. This winding is connected by two diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  to the most negative end of the floating voltage source as Fig. 2A shows. One end of this winding goes through isolating resistors to all even numbered ring-counter stage while its other end connects to odd-numbered stages (Fig. 2B). Adjacent stages are thus supplied with stepping voltages of opposite polarity.

In Fig. 2B assume transistor  $Q_1$ is in the transition from conduction to nonconduction. The collector potential is rising rapidly from slightly above zero to B+ and capacitor  $C_1$  is charging towards the collector potential of transistor  $Q_1$ . The stepping voltage at  $Q_1$  is swinging negative, which aids in turning-off  $Q_1$ . Charging current from capacitor  $C_1$  causes transistor  $Q_2$ to go into conduction and holds it there. The stepping voltage at  $Q_{z}$ is swinging positive to speed up the turning on of  $Q_2$ . The diode connected between base and emitter of each transistor clamps the base potential at -0.5 volt with

respect to the emitter when the collector of the transistor in the previous stage swings negative. The time constant  $R_1$   $C_1$  or  $R_2$   $C_2$  is selected so that capacitor charging current will supply base drive to a conducting transistor for the sampling duration of 3,333 µsec. The stepping voltage on Q<sub>2</sub> occurs approximately when this conducting transistor has depleted the charge on capacitor  $C_1$  and so assists in cutting the transistor abruptly off. The positive swing of the collector of Q<sub>2</sub> occurring simultaneously with a positive swing of the stepping voltage at the base of transistor  $Q_{s}$ results in a rapid turn on of transistor Q<sub>3</sub>. The output waveform appearing at the collector of each stage is a negative square-topped pulse.

To start the first stage of the ring counter and to ensure that the stepping voltage is phased correctly, a 10 pps start-pulse is derived from the same clock that supplies the reference frequency for driving the static inverter.

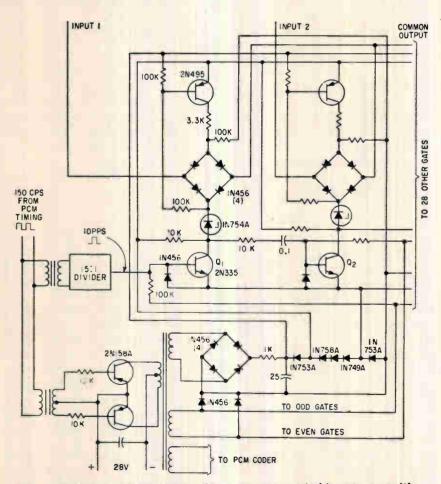


FIG. 3—Portion of final circuit shows two gate-switching-stages, with a transistor from each,  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , doubling as ring counter elements

The trailing edge of the ring counter waveform appearing on the collector falls off rapidly to halfamplitude and then falls off slowly until cut-off. In providing for rapid shutting of the diode gate, a Zener diode ( $D_5$  of Fig. 1B) is inserted between the collector of  $Q_2$ , Fig. 1B, and the lower end of the diode gate. During turn-off, the potential across diode  $D_5$  becomes less for the steep portion of the collector waveform of  $Q_2$  than its cut-off value and the gate is therefore abruptly cutoff.

In optimizing the gate design, tests were made with the basic four-diode-bridge. Gate offset or error was measured for various values of gate current for input signal levels of 0 to 5 volts and over temperatures from -20 C to 80 C. The IN456 silicon diode was selected for gate usage because of its low back current characteristics (maximum of 0.025  $\mu a$  at -25 v and 25 C). These tests showed that gate offset variation with temperature was minimum when the current supplied to the gate lay in the region 0.75 to 1.5 ma. By matching diodes the maximum gate offset can be kept within  $\pm 1$  millivolt for the temperature and input signal range.

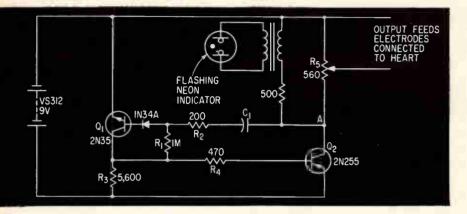
Figure 3 shows the working model of the multiplexer. Silicon transistors are used in the gates because of their superior performance at high temperatures. Packaging design is partially complete. Prototypes of printed circuit boards and potted modules of the individual gates have been built. According to preliminary estimates the multiplexer including the floating voltage source should occupy less than 50 cubic inches. The transformer is by far the largest component in the multiplexer.

Higher sampling rates have not been attempted. However, the device should operate equally well at 10 or more times the present rate. The size can also be reduced since the inverter transformer can be smaller at the higher frequency.

In applications where the unit is not required to operate above normal room temperatures, cheaper germanium transistors may be substituted for silicon.

For low-level signal applications, a transistor gate might be substituted for the four-diode bridge.

# Cardiac Pacemaker Triggers Heartbeats



Pacemaker circuit incorporates neon indicator to give visual indication of stimulation rate. Potentiometer provides amplitude control of output

Two-transistor unit produces triggering pulses that stimulate heatbeats during surgery to insure even circulation of blood

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THE MAIN DESIGN requirement of this instrument was to provide a cardiac pacemaker that used internal body-connections and was sufficiently simple to be built by anyone with a modicum of electronic skill. The cost of the parts is low —about \$10 at a minimum, and around \$18 with a miniature output control and transformer for activating a flashing neon lamp.

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The output pulse is 4 milliseconds in duration, with an 8 volt peak that sends a current of 16 ma into a 500-ohm load.

When the battery is connected (see illustration), transistor  $Q_1$  is

### WHAT A CARDIAC PACEMAKER DOES

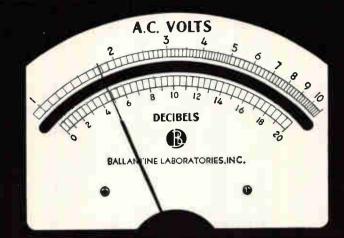
The pacemaker delivers electrical pulses to the heart so that heartbeats continue at their normal steady rate independently of erratic or defective natural hearbeat stimuli. Cardiac pacemakers are carried by persons whose hearts cannot be relied on to beat normally without external assistance in much the same way as hearing-aids are carried by the hard-ofhearing. They are also used in the operating theater during surgery where they maintain steady circulation where the heart responds less effectively to its natural drive-pulses.

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Charge on capacitor  $C_1$  is dissipated through  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_5$ , the rate being determined mainly by  $R_1$ . The 1N34A diode prevents leakage of the charge through the base of  $Q_1$ . When the capacitor is discharged sufficiently, the cycle is repeated. Repetition rate is determined by  $C_1$  and  $R_1$ , the pulse length by  $C_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and by the internal resistance of  $Q_1$ . Resistor  $R_1$  may be variable when a change in repetition rate is desirable.

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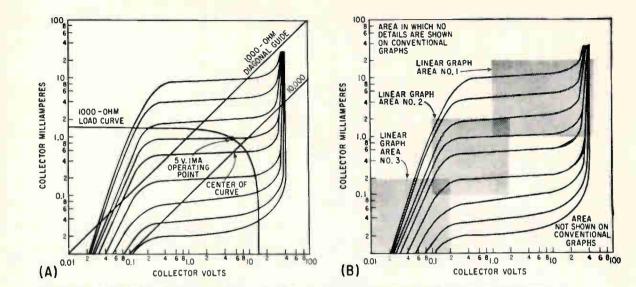
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Presenting transistor characteristics on log-log paper encompasses wide operational range

## log-log presentation of Transistor Characteristics

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Somerville, New Jersey A SINGLE GRAPH having logarith-

mic scales for both current and voltage, such as the log-log graph of transistor collector characteristics shown in (A) presents more of the useful operating range in one comprehensive plot than three or more conventional graphs. As shown in (B), the superimposed linear graphs that present transistor collector characteristics for different applications often have overlapping areas.

For example, mesa and planar transistors have low leakage currents and high breakdown voltages that permit operation at currents ranging from a few microamperes to hundreds of milliamperes over a wide voltage range; logarithmic scales make it possible to extend both current and voltage scales to include the entire operating range of such transistors.

Although the log-log plot, (B), does not include a zero point on either scale, the lowest decade of the scale provides greater detail for useful areas of operation than the comparatively small low-current low-voltage areas of the linear plots. In linear plots, the saturation curve is a nearly vertical straight line from which it is difficult to obtain accurate readings, while the region from zero current level, the first step of base current, shows little information.

The log-log plot shows the beta linearity over the total current range by a logarithmic spacing of the base current steps. Because of these continuous plots of current, the calculation of beta linearity from a log-log plot is easier than the conventional correlation of three linear graphs.

Since the load lines of log-log plots are a family of hyperbolic curves (just as the load lines on linear plots are all straight lines), a standard load-line hpperbola traced on a clear plastic template can be made to represent any load curve on the graph.

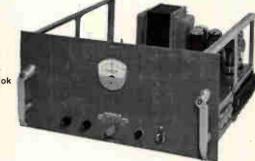
The collector characteristics of the transistor are plotted on the log-log scale from linear plots of the characteristics. The 1,000-ohm diagonal guide is then constructed by drawing a straight line through the decade points at which the collector voltage divided by the collector current equals 1,000 ohms. For example,  $V_c = 0.1$ ,  $I_c = 0.1$  and  $V_c = 10$ ,  $I_c = 10$ . The hyperbolic load curve is then obtained by transferring a linear load line point-by-point from a linear graph to the log-log graph.

The load curve and the diagonal guide (which passes through the center of the curve) may then be traced on a sheet of clear plastic and used as a standard load line. For example, when the center of the standard curve is shifted along the 1,000-ohm diagonal guide, a family of parallel load curves of 1,000-ohm resistive value is obtained. When the curve is centered on a similarly constructed 10,000-ohm diagonal guide by aligning the diagonal guide and the line through the center of the curve on the template, resistive values are 10,000 ohms.

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## Retaining Linearity in Demodulator Filters

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ADDITION of a diode and a current generator to keep it conducting can eliminate a source of nonlinearity in some demodulators using lowpass filters. The circuit modifications overcome the effects of energy storage in the filter.

In several types of data transmission systems, intelligence is contained in the power of incoming pulse trains. Examples include pulse-duration and pulse-rate modulation systems. Sometimes frequency-modulated carriers are also converted into pulse trains in which pulse rate contains the information.

Data can be recovered from these systems with a low-pass filter, which rejects frequency components higher than the upper frequency limit of the information. However, charging effects resulting from reactance of the filter can cause a loss of linearity in the demodulated output.

A method for compensating this effect can be demonstrated by a linear frequency discriminator for an f-m carrier. An electronic switching device, such as a monostable multivibrator or a squareloop magnetic switching element, can produce a pulse of constant amplitude and duration for each cycle of input signal. A low-pass filter after the switch should average current so that it is a linear function of input pulse repetition frequency.

An on-off electronic switch followed by a filter can be represented as in Fig. 1A. When the switch is closed, the shunt capacitors are charged. When the switch is opened again, voltage across the filter input does not return to zero immediately because of the time required for the stored charge to be dissipated in the load.

This difficulty would disappear if variations in impedance at the switch output were of negligible duration, which would ensure line-

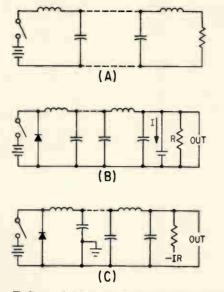


FIG. 1—Stored charge in low-pass filter (A) can be removed by diode (B) which is kept conducting by application of voltage -IR at (C)

FIG. 2—Zero output for unmodulated carrier frequency can be obtained from on-off switch (A)and magnetic switching circuit (B)

(B)

arity. Incorporating a linear amplifier between the switch and the filter would provide constant source impedance, but the advantages of using switches as circuit elements would be sacrificed.

When the switch is closed, source impedance to the filter is essentially zero. It could also be made zero when the switch is open if another switch contact were to connect the switch contact arm to ground when the switch is off. However, electronic switches other than on-off types can be inconvenient, but the alternate arrangement in Fig. 1B can be used with an on-off switch. It provides an alternate current path through the diode, which is kept conducting by the bias current source.

Current I must exceed the maximum discharge current that would flow in a grounded off switch contact to ensure that the diode conducts when the switch is open. Adding a current source in parallel with load R is equivalent to returning R to a voltage of -IR, as shown in Fig. 1C.

When the switch is closed, bias current I must be provided from

the source in addition to the current provided to develop voltage at the filter input. It is therefore desirable to provide current I at a place in the circuit where it is not added to the pulse current in the filter.

With frequency-modulated signals, it is often necessary to make output voltage zero when carrier frequency is not modulated. This can be accomplished with the circuit in Fig. 2A in which voltage to be switched and voltage -IRare both provided by zener diodes. Potentiometer  $R_1$  establishes the operating voltage level of the circuit.

If magnetic flux switching is used, only the zener diode providing voltage -IR is required and the circuit in Fig. 2B can be used. Potentiometer  $R_2$  mechanically linked to  $R_1$  limits demand on the power supply. However  $R_2$  can be replaced with a fixed resistor if the range of  $R_1$  is restricted.

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### Time of Acceleration Is Measured by Sensor

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DURATION of acceleration in a particular direction is measured by an acceleration-sensing system that provides signals at the beginning and end of acceleration. It is used for environmental tests in which systems or devices must withstand specified levels of acceleration for required periods of time.

Acceleration in more than one direction can be measured without interrupting tests if the sensor, which is attached to the device under test, is rotated to the correctly identified positions. The acceleration-sensing system is also used for tests of small experimental rockets and linear accelerometers.

The acceleration-sensitive switch in Fig. 1 can switch a counter on and off at the required times.

The unbalanced mass is mounted on a lever that is supported on a leaf spring. The position of the mass along the lever can be adjusted by a knurled thumbscrew. Mass can be added by attaching it to the original mass with screws.

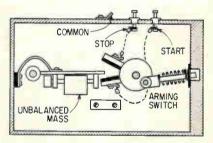


FIG. 1-Acceleration that moves mass downward operates arming switch, which returns to original position when acceleration stops

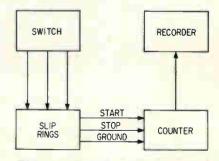


FIG. 2-Switch output applied through centrifuge slip rings is indicated on counter and recorded

If acceleration is in a direction that results in moving the mass downward in the figure, the massarm assembly forces the arming switch against its stop. The arming switch is held at this position by a spring-loaded cam. When acceleration stops, the spring-mounted arm assembly returns, which opens the arming switch again.

The arming switch is made of an insulating material of very low density to reduce inertia. If a heavier metallic switch were used, its greater inertia would oppose movement of the lever arm. The insulating material also provides d-c isolation of the start acceleration and stop acceleration signals.

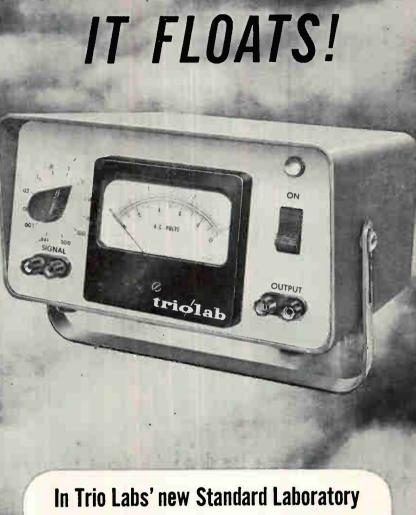
Metallic strips are mounted on the actuating arms of the arming switch, and threaded holes are provided so that the signal leads can be attached with screws. The opposite ends of the leads are connected to press-fit terminals that make the signals accessible from outside the switch case.

When the acceleration-sensing switch is used in environmental tests using a rotating centrifuge, it is attached to the device under test. The signal terminals are connected to the centrifuge slip rings as shown in Fig. 2.

When acceleration in the direction of the axis of interest starts. the arming switch provides a start acceleration signal that triggers the start circuits of the counter. Similarly, the stop acceleration signal stops the counter when acceleration stops. The duration of acceleration is indicated on the counter and a permanent record of the time is provided by the recorder.

Time delays of the start acceleration and stop acceleration signals are made adjustable for measuring acceleration time for small experimental rockets and linear accelerometers. Using adjustable contacts on the arms of the arming switch enables both of these time delays to be adjusted. In environments where an acceleration field is in the opposite direction to switch sensitivity, a small negator spring is attached to the lever arm assembly to cancel the opposing field.

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## New Ceramic Vacuum Capacitors

A GROWING MARKET for new types of vacuum capacitors with improved reliability, longer life, and greater resistance to shock and vibration has prompted Jennings Radio Mfg. Co., San Jose, Calif. to turn to ceramics for the answer.

Jennings will soon put eight ceramic vacuum capacitor configurations—four fixed and four variable —on the market alongside its established line of glass housed units.

Military requirements for small, high-powered radio transmitters, tough enough to withstand difficult assignments, are a prime impetus to development of tougher components. And looming more in the future are a variety of space applications which put a premium on toughness and long life.

Use of ceramic housing upgrades capacitor strength on all these counts, both directly and indirectly.

In preliminary tests, a prototype ceramic unit withstood 80 G's of shock for 11 milliseconds—twice the shock resistant ability of a glass housed unit. And the same unit withstood vibration of 20 G's at frequencies ranging from 5 to 2,000 cps.

There is also a direct improvement in heat tolerance; ceramic units can operate at 250 deg F, while highest ambient heat level for a glass capacitor is 180 F.

Although the ceramic capacitor was not designed for improved performance, primarily, company engineers discovered early that some palpable operational bonuses would accrue.

Because the most economical shape of a ceramic housing unit is cylindrical, a component is necessarily produced with a relatively clean angle at top and bottom of the housing. It is thus possible to locate the unit's concentric, cylindrical capacitance plates closer to the inside wall of the housing; this in turn means that more plates can be crammed into the same size capacitor, theoretically making possible a greater number of plates, but they will be of shorter length. This means that added capacitance,

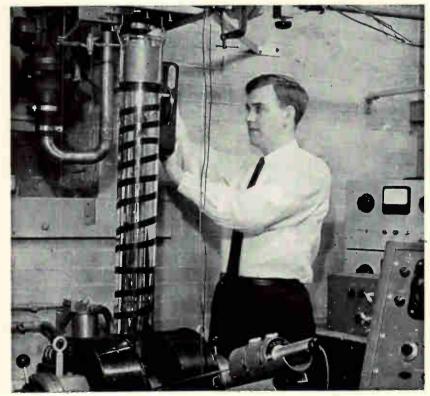


Some of the forthcoming line of ceramic vacuum capacitors. Unit at left is variable, next three are fixed. Large unit on right is original experimental component which proved feasibility of the process

in effect, will be sacrificed for greater capacitance when needed, however.

Initial tests rated on ceramic capacitor at 45 amps, in the 25-35 kv range, at 180 deg F. A compara-

### Materials Research at Brown Univ.



LIQUID helium cryostat with electromagnet, in laboratory of R. W. Morse of Brown's physics department, is but one tool used to study the electronic properties of metals. The operator is Arthur Myers, visiting research associate from the University of Leeds, England.

The recent \$3.5 million Pentagon grant to Brown for materials investigation was the largest single grant awarded among five universities. Brown scientists already have won distinction in contributing new techniques, flowing from atomic discoveries, for testing crystalline solids, metals, plastics and other substances.

Brown's intention of keeping a prudent balance between the humanities and the sciences is shown by a recent \$7.5 million award from the Ford Foundation for the pursuit of excellence in educating the whole man. Brown will draw on its alumni and the community to help it raise \$15 million in matching funds.







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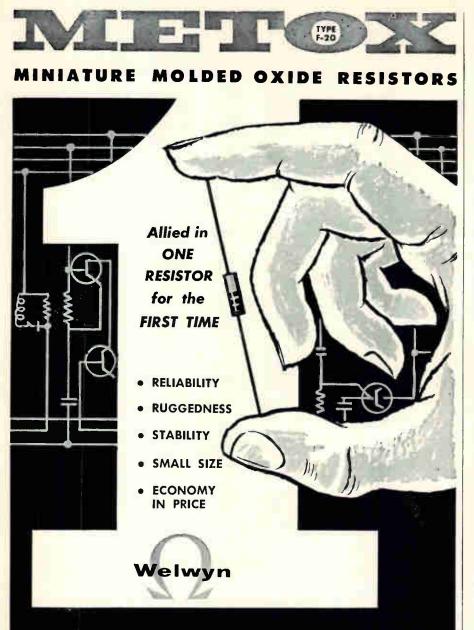
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ble glass unit rated 40 amps, in the 20-30 kv range, at the same temperature.

The degree of higher capacitance made possible by higher ambient temperature of the ceramic units has been ascertained so far as that capacitance shift against temperature change will be less than with a glass unit.

Higher vacuums are possible because ceramics have greater outgassing properties than glass that is—they give up trapped air molecules more readily under the heat of manufacture.

Although the bonding of ceramic to copper presented some formidable process problems at first, Jennings engineers later concluded that a powerful ceramic-to-copper

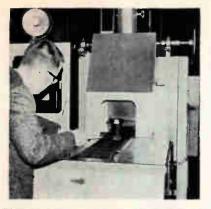


Robert W. Hansen, Jennings product engineer, demonstrates how copper subassembly and ceramic housing (on which bonding surfaces have been metalized) are put together in a baking cylinder prior to brazing

bond was no more difficult to achieve than a glass-to-copper bond. In fact, once the key process —metallizing the ceramic surface to be bonded—was solved, the manufacturing procedure turned out to be simpler in many ways than working with glass.

A physical expansion joint is utilized for the bond, the copper flange of the anode joined to the metallized ceramic surface by brazing. An additional ring of ceramic is brazed to the outer edge of the copper flange for added structural strength.

The same type of oven is used for the ceramic-to-copper braze as for the copper-to-copper brazing operation, earlier in the manufacturing



With weight on top, unit is fed into oven, where it brazes for 45 min. Moving belt automatically deposits completed unit at other end of oven. Evacuation is next

process, in which concentric capacitor plates are fixed into position.

The former operation requires higher temperature and increased atmospheres in the oven, however.

Relatively simple brazing operation—45 minutes in an oven, unwatched—contrasts sharply with the complex series of operations necessary to construct and affix glass envelopes.

Workers must carefully fire a glass bead to the metal surface to be joined, then a second worker takes over and fires the glass housing to the bead, being careful not to destroy the original glass-tocopper bond.

There are, however, some disadvantages to using ceramic housing. The cylindrical forms, which are made to precise specs, must be ordered well in advance. User is of necessity limited to fixed sizes and shapes, which in turn limits the scope of designs available. With glass, it is possible to design custom units in virtually any size or shape.

And because ceramic does not give, metal parts must be built to much closer tolerances than were previously necessary.

Indirectly tied to introduction of ceramic design, but there by virtue of expected rougher handling in store for the new units, a special mounting ring is built in.

New mounting ring also makes the units less subject to shock and vibration, once installed.

Price of the new components is expected to be the same as that of comparable glass-housed units. ... IT'S HIDING BEHIND THE ASPIRIN. Actually, we set out to build an easy-to-read tiny timer...but we first had to build an aspirin-sized motor to drive it. This assignment might have been a headache for a sorcerer, but A. W. Haydon did it. And there is something magical about these microminiature elapsed time indicators and companion events counters. 
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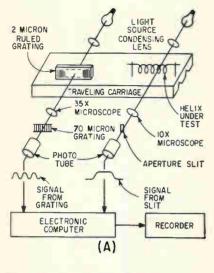
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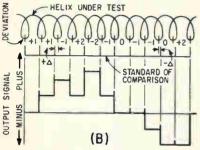
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### PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES





Microdeviometer (A) uses light and ruled gratings to check twt helixes. Turn spacing deviations from standard produce positive or negative output signals (B)

HELIX PRECISION must be high in traveling-wave tubes if amplification is to be free of distortion. Turn-to-turn deviation must be limited to a few ten-thousandths of an inch and the helix must be free of measurable repeated error. Minute imperfections, especially periodic errors, are a principal source of internal signal reflection. Internal reflections are chiefly responsible for poor performance. Variations in pitch of helical windings for traveling-wave tubes can be measured with a microdeviometer' with greater speed and accuracy than with other precision techniques. Helices and helix assemblies can be completely evaluated within five minutes. The location of turns, in helices up to six inches long, can be measured within one micron (0.000039 inch).

Western Electric's microdeviometer is a refinement, compatible with production requirements, of an instrument developed by Bell Laboratories. The measuring con-



Microdeviometer checks twt helixes quickly and accurately

# Testing Traveling-Wave Tube Helixes

By C. W. COMOH, Western Electric Co., New York, N. Y.

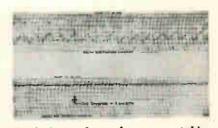
cept is shown in the drawing. A mechanical-optical system scans the helix while generating a precise measuring scale. The electronic system receives and computes the measuring information and records the deviation of each turn from a preselected ideal position.

The helix and the diffraction grating—ruled at two microns are mounted on a movable carriage. Each of these are scanned by a fixed optical system. The slotted aperture plate is mounted in the microscope's focal plane. As the shadow-edge of a helix turn moves across the slit, a rapid light-to-dark transition causes a corresponding change in the photocell's output current. This electrical information is fed to the computer with similar information from the photocell viewing the gratings.

Gratings are ruled with extreme precision to obtain one-micron measuring accuracy. Superimposing the magnified image of a twomicron grating on the 70-micron grating also assures accuracy. If both gratings were ruled at two microns, they would have to pass within a few microns of each other to prevent diffraction effects from washing out the desired light modulation.

Carriage movement is kept free of jitter by pulling it along precision ways with a weight and pulley acting against the restraining force of a metered hydraulic system. Maximum operating speed is determined by the rate the computer can accept information from the diffraction grating.

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Deviation plot of unacceptable (top) and acceptable twt helixes

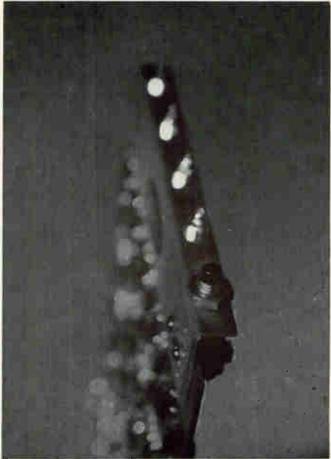


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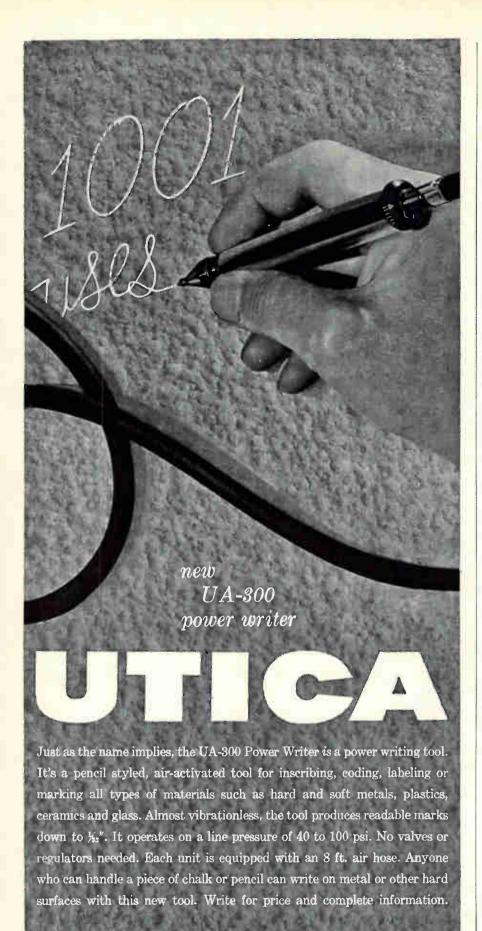
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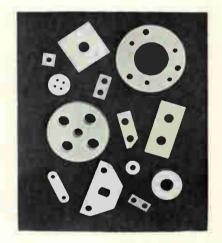
ical microdeviometer measurement records. One chart indicates periodic errors that make that helix unacceptable; other chart show an accurately wound helix. Each small chart division represents a onemicron deviation from perfect pitch.

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Improved precision molding techniques that permit large reductions in the cost of parts molded from Mycalex or Supramica have been developed by Mycalex Corp. of America. Savings on some parts run as high as 84 percent. The techniques can be employed with Mycalex 410 glass-bonded mica and Supramica 555, 560 and 620 "BB" ceramoplastics. These materials



are suitable for producing such dielectric parts as relay spacers and motor end-plates. Parts with a small amount of contouring, or with small male or female excursions in topology, can also be produced.

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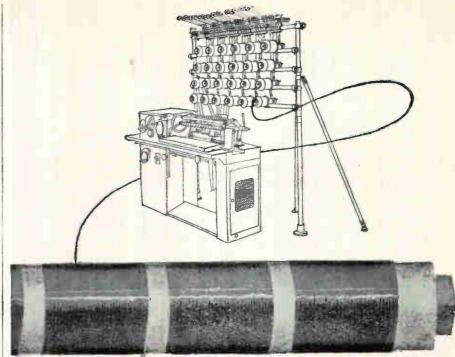


ferred to the labels by a high-speed printer. The Tabulabels then go to the wire department, which cuts the wire, winds it on spools, and fixes the labels to the spools. The advantage of the technique is that the information can be put on the labels automatically, rather than by individual typing or stamping.

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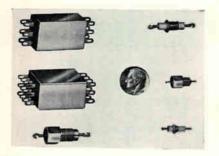
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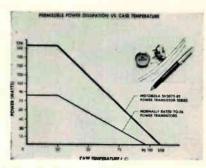


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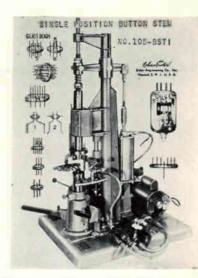
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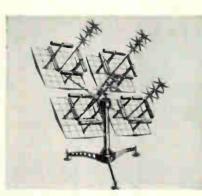
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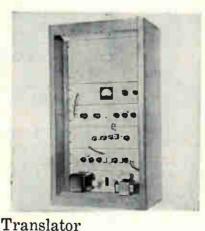
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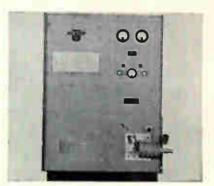
trol facility, use of standard vhf receiving and transmitting antennas. Price is \$2,100.

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### **R-F** Filters

TELONIC ENGINEERING CORP., Laguna Beach, Calif., offers a series of r-f and microwave filters with hermetically sealed adaptors for miniature connectors.

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Induction Generator CONTINUALLY OPERABLE

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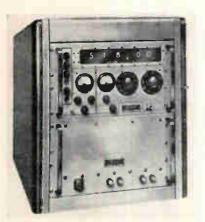
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### Broadband Isolator HIGH POWER

RANTEC CORP., Calabasas, Calif. Model IS-918 broadband coaxial isolator covers the band 2.7 to 3.4 Gc with isolation in excess of 20 db, insertion loss less than 0.3 db, vswr 1.25:1 max. Power handling capability is 150 w average with a 2:1 load vswr. The isolator is less than 3.4 in. long and operates from -55 C to +71 C.

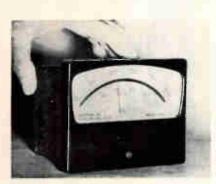
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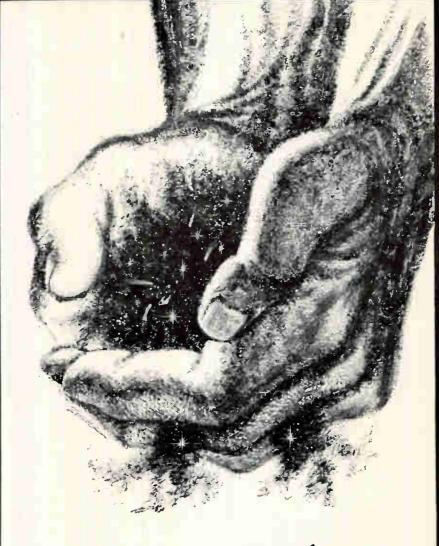
BABCOCK ELECTRONICS CORP., 1640 Monrovia Ave., Costa Mesa, Calif. The BSG-9 is a 406 to 549.5 Mc signal generator that electronically displays generated frequencies in 5-digit direct readout form. It is a self-contained uhf test generator and power supply, and features continuous tuning across the frequency band, generating continuous wave or f-m signals. Accurate to  $\pm 0.005$  percent, the r-f output signal can be modulated to  $\pm 300$ Kc by externally generated audio signals within the 300 to 100,000 cps range.

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### Electronic Pyrometer PANEL-MOUNTING

METRONIX, INC., Chesterland, O. Temperatures may be measured and controlled at distances up to 10,000 ft with the model 600 transistorized pyrometer. Unit operates on signals from a thermocouple. Because of its high input resistance, it permits use of thermocouples with extremely long lead Another in a series of thoughtful observations on the topic of Time

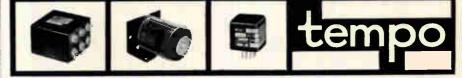


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### Volt-Ohmmeter

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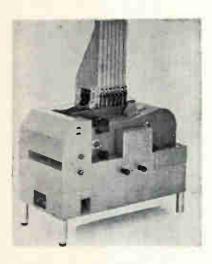
GENERAL INSTRUMENT CORP., 65 Gouverneur St., Newark, N. J. Continuous duty solid slug tantalum a-c capacitors have been developed. They operate at ambient temperature extremes ranging from -80 C to +125 C, and will operate as high as 85 C without derating. Units come in 4 case sizes (ranging from 0.155 in. in diameter and 0.600 in. long to 0.350 in. in diameter and 1.600 in. long). Capacitance range is from 1.2  $\mu$ f to 170  $\mu$ f.

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### **P-C** Connector

VIKING INDUSTRIES INC., 21343 Roscoe Blvd., Canoga Park, Calif. Connector provides two sets of twin receptacles to accommodate 1 /16 in. p-c boards.

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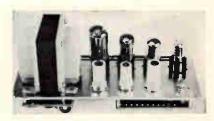
CONTROL TECHNOLOGY CO., INC., 41-16 29th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y. Model 930 will drive 3.5 w servo motors from low level 400 cps signals at ambient temperature of -55 C to 125 C. It features 250,000 ohm input impedance, 3.5 w output, gain of 8,000, and 125 C operation. It will withstand MIL-E-5272 environmentals.

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ALFRED ELECTRONICS, 897 Commercial St., Palo Alto, Calif. Current regulated supply powers focusing solenoids for microwave tubes.

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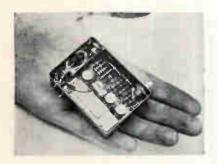
GEOSCIENCE INSTRUMENTS CORP., 142 Maiden Lane, New York 38, N. Y., announces the UNI-POL machine for fine lapping and polishing of semiconductor materials. It incorporates an 80-1,200 rpm variable speed control with a powerful semiconductor safeTcircuit  $\frac{1}{2}$  h-p d-c motor providing a constant torque at all loads. It is vibration and rollout resistant. Pan, lap, polishing wheel and cover can be changed as one unit in seconds.

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### **Regulated Supply**

PERKIN ELECTRONICS CORP., 345 Kansas St., El Segundo, Calif. Heavy-current silicon rectifier power supply has a dynamic load regulation of  $\pm$  6 v.

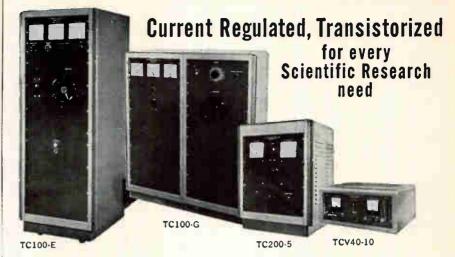
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Memory Device SERIAL TYPE

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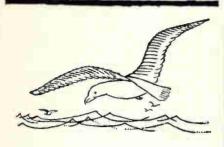
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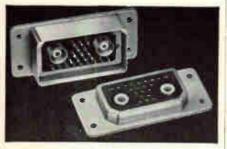
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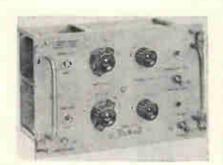
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### K-Band Klystron EXTREMELY RUGGED

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#### **Converter-Voltmeter**

HOUSTON INSTRUMENT CORP., P. O. Box 22234, Houston 27, Texas. Model HVC-30 a-c/d-c converter voltmeter provides 25  $\mu$ v resolution on lowest scale with 0.5 percent ripple down to 5 cps.

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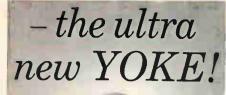
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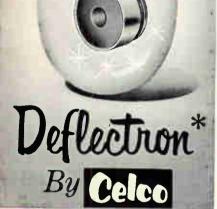
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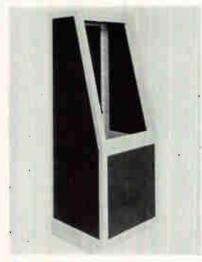
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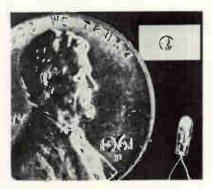
EQUIPTO ELECTRONICS CORP., 319 N. Webster St., Naperville, Ill. Sloped front vertical rack provides easier surveillance of instrumentation in large installations of meters, regulators, scopes and related equipment where easy read-out is of extreme importance.

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#### **Pre-Patch Panel**

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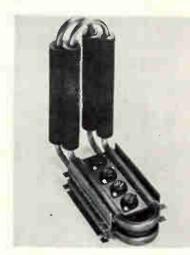
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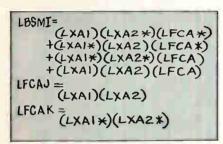
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# EAST VS. DIAGRAMS VS. EQUATIONS

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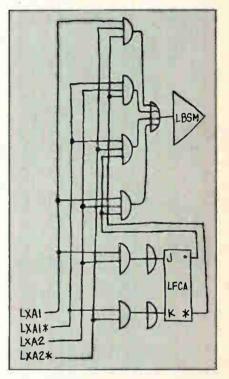
In the example illustrated here, the diagram and the equation tell us exactly the same thing. Either represents a serial full adder where the sequence of pulses at the output, LBSM, will represent a serial binary number that is the sum of two serial binary input numbers occurring at LXA1 and LXA2. (The asterisks indicate binary complements; for example, whenever LXA1 is energized LXA1° is not, and vice versa. LFCA is a carry flip-flop.) There are persuasive arguments on both sides. Eastern proponents of diagrams point out that the logical interconnections can be seen at a glance and followed through any number of stages by eye. The logical structure of an entire system can be understood from a diagram more directly and intuitively, they maintain, than from a set of equations.

The Western argument for equations goes like this. It's not true that diagrams communicate better to the viewer's intuition, except at first exposure. The human mind is highly adaptive. After working analytically with the equations for a while, the mind begins to operate intuitively in that symbology. Then the intrinsic superiority of equations over diagrams begins to make itself evident. One advantage, say the Westerners, is that equations can represent the same information more compactly and efficiently, as our illustration shows. Another is that equations lend themselves better to computer manipulation of logical design information.

As evidence of the latter advantage Westerners point to a recent achievement of some Litton Systems people: a completely mechanized procedure for translating logical designs into wiring lists, including operational simulation of the design to verify its accuracy. A procedure enormously facilitated by the computerizability of logical equations. It's easy to picture the benefits in cost, delivery schedules, reliability, price. Using only a partial development of this method Litton Systems recently brought a major computer system from concept to operation in less than a year.

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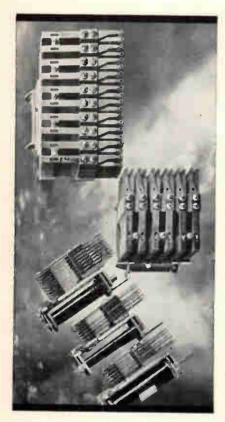
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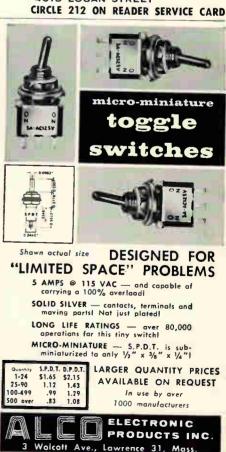






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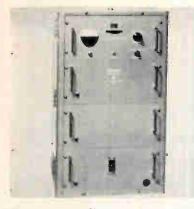
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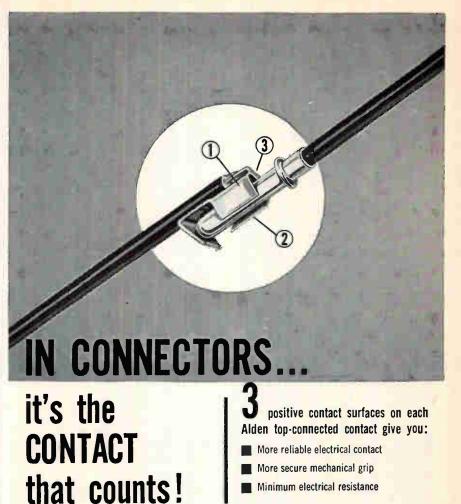
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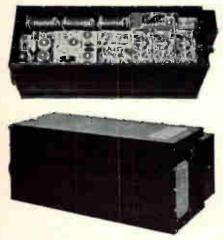




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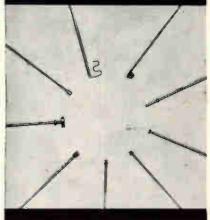
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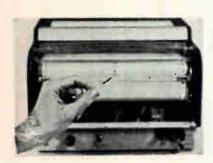
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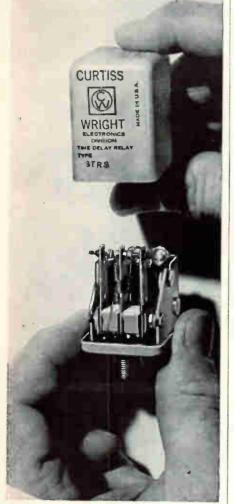


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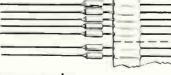
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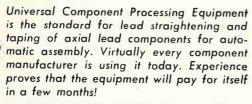
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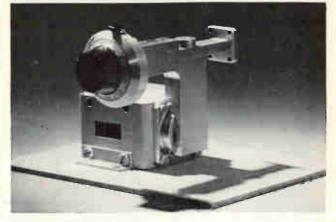


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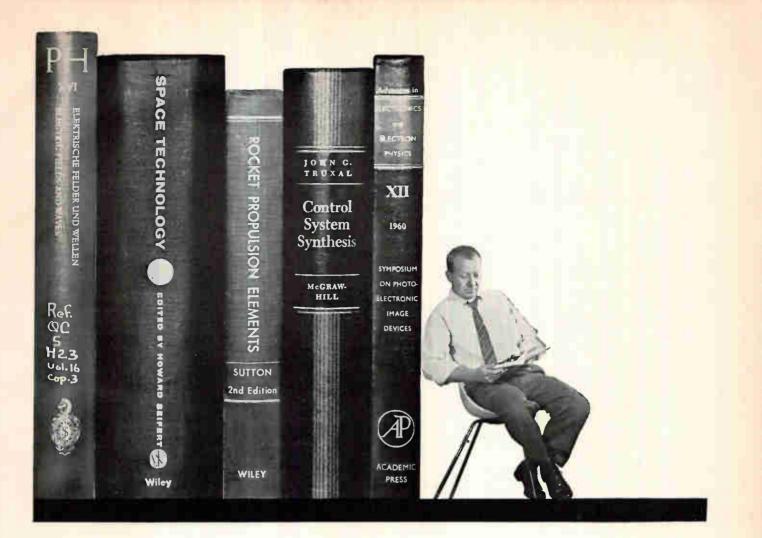
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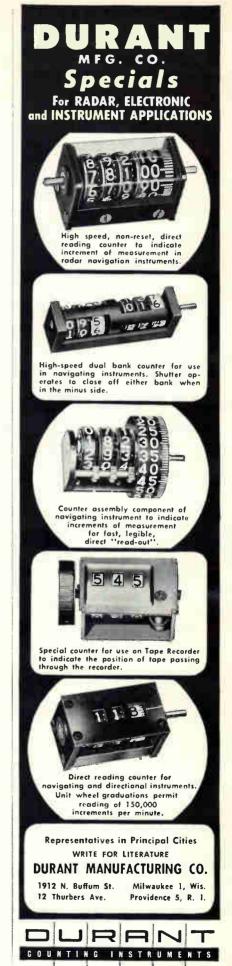
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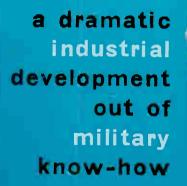
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ION GENERATOR Philco Corp., 4700 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa., announces literature describing an ion generator and ion counter. (379)

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ANECHOIC CHAMBERS Emerson & Cuming, Inc., Canton, Mass. Brochure describes 14 microwave anechoic chamber designs. (381)

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IN-LINE BLENDING Potter Aeronautical Corp., U.S. Route No. 22, Union, N. J. Data sheet SY-2 describes digital and analog blending systems. (383)

TUNING FORK OSCLLATOR Fork Standards, Inc., 1915 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago 35, Ill. Brochure describes transistorized tuning fork oscillators. (384)

PRECISION GAGES Techni-Rite Electronics, Inc., 63 Centerville Road, Warwick, R. I. Catalog features transistorized, low-cost gaging instruments. (385)

SWITCHES & THERMOSTATS Metals & Controls Inc., division of Texas Instruments Inc., 34 Forest St., Attleboro, Mass. Forty-two Klixon switch packages and thermostat packages are shown in two technical bulletins. (386)

NONCORROSIVE GLASS Servo Corp. of America, 111 New South Road, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., offers a folder on Servofrax arsenic trisulfide glass. (387)

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**FREQUENCY CHANGER** Magnetic Research Corp., 3160 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif. Two-page bulletin describes a 400 cycle solid state frequency changer. (390)

SEMICONDUCTOR POLISHING Linde Co., 270 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Technical bulletin describes in detail the production polishing of semiconductors. (391)

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ULTRASONIC CLEANING PRINCIPLE Aircraft Porous Media, Inc., 30 Sea Cliff Ave., Glen Cove, N. Y., offers an article entitled "Focused Energy Cleans Filters. (393)

CHOPPERS Solid State Electronics Co., 15321 Rayen St., Sepulveda, Calif., has available literature describing its line of solid state electronic choppers. (394)

SPECIAL PURPOSE TUBES American Elite Inc., 48-50 34th St., Long Island City, N. Y., offers a 72-page manual on a line of Telefunken special purpose tubes. (395)

DATA TRANSMISSION Lenkurt Electric, San Carlos, Calif. Volume 10, No. 8 of *The Demodulator* covers novel uses of data transmission in telecommunications. (396)

COUNTER WITH A MEMORY General Radio Co., W. Concord, Mass. Bulletin describes a digital time and frequency meter with continuous readout to 10 Mc. (397)

MULTIPLE CONNECTORS AMP Inc., Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, Pa., has published a folder describing three lines of multiple connectors, with data sheets for each. (398)

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### Exchange Plan to Expand Midwest R&D

ELECTRONICS exchange program is a new attack on the Midwest's most challenging electronics problem announced by Hallicrafter's Bob Halligan and the company he heads.

"We're too widely known as a manufacturing area only," says Halligan, youthful (35) president of Hallicrafters, long a producer of short-wave radio equipment. Company has been concentrating recent emphasis on R & D as well as production of military and communications equipment.

Hallicrafters launched its newest countermeasure to the area's general occupation with consumer electronics setting up an exchange of scientists and engineers with the University of Illinois during the past summer. The effort pins down possible inputs-from the company as well as the university-for development of future R & D contracts. A similar series of exploratory seminars is being organized with Northwestern University scientists and engineers this autumn. Several other Chicago-area universities are on the agenda for the future.

M. E. Krasnow, directs Halli-

crafter's Chicago-based R & D setup, organized last spring, to study ecm, eccm, space and industrial communications, electromedicine, education aids and other special programs. Also Halligan is convinced the time is now ripe for development of new markets for short-wave, citizens-band, civil-defense, marine and industrial communications applications.

West Point, Air Force and company trained, Halligan was recommended for his Hallicrafters presidency by an outside firm of management consultants engaged to help select a successor for his father. William J. Halligan Sr., founded the company in 1932 to produce radio sets and equipment for radio amateurs.

Still vitally interested in Chicago electronics, the senior Halligan one of more than 100 executive members appointed to a mayor's committee set up two months ago to study the area's electronics problems—recently outlined for the group his company's newest approaches to revitalizing Chicago area electronics.

Hallicrafters itself exemplifies

many of the recent changes in Chicago area electronics. Although the communications-oriented company had evolved into production of a thousand ty sets a day by early 50's it abandoned the consumer ty business entirely a few years ago to work with the Air Force on development of Quick Reaction Capability to electronic challenges in the defense program. At least one-sixth of Hallicrafters total dollar sales now come from short-leadtime research under government contract. Integration of Santa Fe University into bidding for an R & D contract for microwave communications through a plasma sheath resulted from one of the company's earlier explorations of electronics university exchange arrangements.

An articulate spokesman for a team approach to capturing more prime military awards, Bob Halligan believes military electronics demanding the scientific vitality and aggressiveness that goes with growth and leadership—is a big answer to the current lag in Chicago-area electronics.

"We're going to need even more team bidding if we're to reverse the flow of our most creative and imaginative professional scientific talent to the coasts," Halligan says. "Give a scientist a real challenge and he doesn't care where he works. Coast companies have simply been more aggressive than we, up to now, in providing such challenges."

Halligan has also suggested political action by legislators and coordination by the area's electronics manufacturers, wherever possible, to pool lab facilities and to prepare basic information for team bidding and to locate additional plants in local areas.

#### Company Announces Change in Name

RAYTRON, the trade name introduced at the IRE Show last March by George Rattray & Co., Inc., of Hicksville, N. Y., manufacturer of custom-designed precision potentiometers, has become the nucleus of a new corporate name, Raytron Electronics, Inc.

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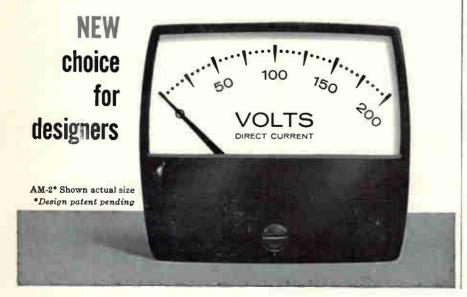
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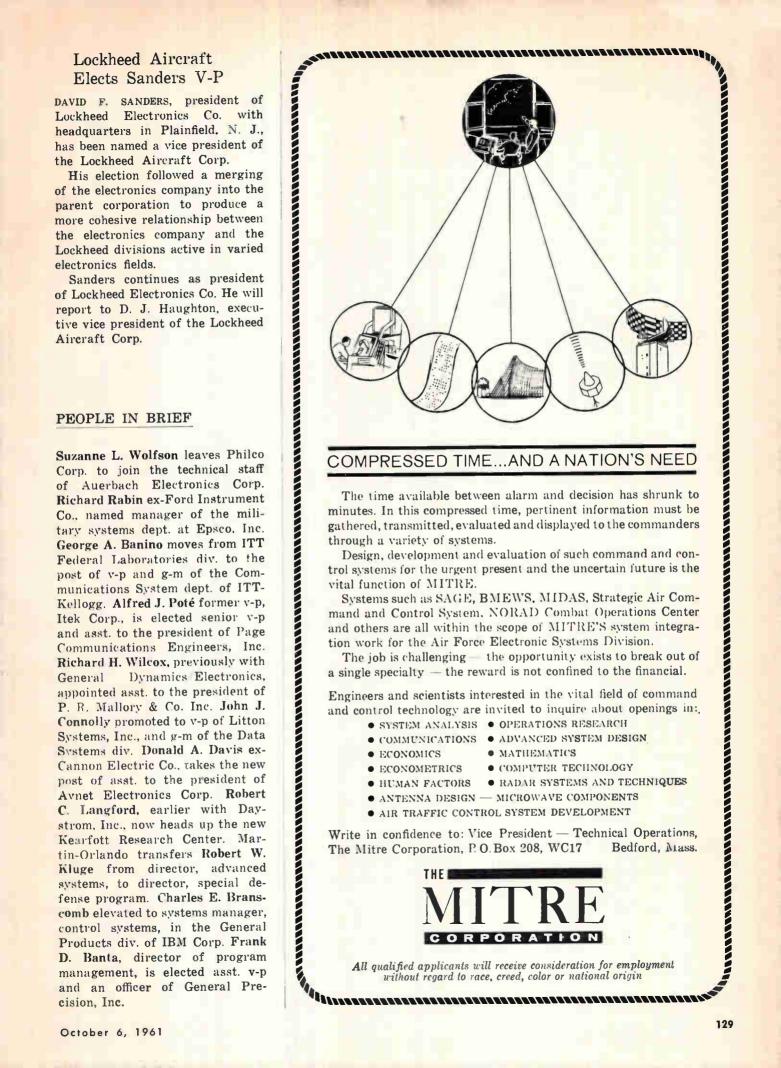
He will be chiefly responsible for the design of sophisticated synchronous rotor and stator assemblies for direct incorporation in computer memory drum motors. These motors are used for both airborne detection systems and for ground support equipment.

Cory worked for O'Keefe and Merritt and for the Bekey Division of Genisco, Inc., both of Los Angeles, before joining Hydro-Aire.



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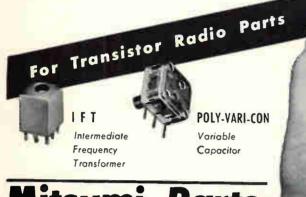
LAWRENCE I. ALGASE, chief engineer of Instruments for Industry, Inc., Hicksville, N. Y., has been promoted to director of engineering. He will be in charge of all electronic engineering projects at IFI, an independent developer of electronic countermeasure systems, amplifiers, precision potentiometers and related instruments.





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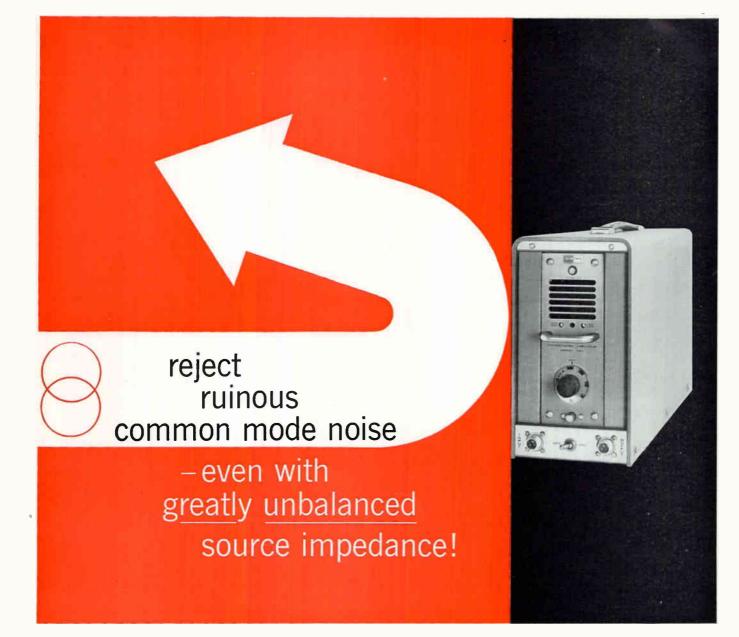
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