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## News Scope

## F-111 delights Air Force; Navy calls it overweight

What's good for the Air Force may not be good for the Navy. Particularly if it happens to be the F-111B. But the fourth version of the F-111B aircraft, recently flown for the first time, is lighter than its developmental predecessors and has been redesigned for high lift.

The F-111 is the outcome of Secretary Robert McNamara's plan to save $\$ 1.5$ billion in development costs by designing one aircraft for both the Air Force and the Navy.

The Air Force is delighted with its new plane, the F-111A, but Navy officials have been grumbling for months that their $\mathrm{F}-111 \mathrm{~B}$ is a number of tons too heavy for landing on aircraft carriers. Reports place its overweight at from three to seven tons above the prescribed optimum for a landing deck.

Grumman Aircraft, builder of the F-111B under a contract from General Dynamics, states that the F-111B number 4 is lighter than earlier development models. A spokesman for General Dynamics places the weight reduction at "several thousand pounds."

Even Congress has found time to ponder the weighty problem of the F-111B. Representative Robert Sikes (D-Fla.) told the House recently: "At this stage the F-111B is a lemon and the Navy knows it. The Navy is stuck with its version of the TFX. This aircraft is costing a great deal more than was antici-


Some say, "Too heavy to fly .
pated. It is far behind schedule. It is too heavy to use on carriers, and the things that will be sacrificed to make it work will probably result in a second-rate aircraft."

Rep. George Mahon (D-Tex.) termed the consolidated approach "a very noble idea." "But," he added, "it may be like many other ventures in defense: it may turn out to be a failure."

The Secretary of the Navy, Paul Nitze, when asked for his comments on the $\mathrm{F}-111 \mathrm{~B}$, said: "We must make it work."

## NASA should state post-Apollo aims

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's silence about what follows Apollo is unsettling the whole U.S. aerospace industry. It should tell Congress by Dec. 1 just what the next step in space will be after a manned landing on the moon has been achieved.

This is the gist of a report shortly to be released by the House Manned Space Flight Subcommittee. Chairman Olin E. Teague (DTex.) claims that the nation's present space manpower force of 400,000 will dwindle to 200,000 by next year and 100,000 by 1968 if NASA sets no new goal.

## Ford and Comsat vie for space

The Ford Foundation has come forward with an ambitious plan to tie profitable TV and radio broadcasting to an educational TV network.

The proposal was presented to the Federal Communications Commission by foundation president McGeorge Bundy. It would plow the profits from an $\$ 80$ million domestic
satellite system distributing radio and TV shows into paying the costs of the educational network. It is likely to have strong appeal both to the general public and to educators.

But it has also brought the foundation face to face with the Comunications Satellite Corp., which contends that Congress intended it alone to supply satellite service.

Ford's proposal was made in response to an invitation issued by the FCC some months ago, after the American Broadcasting Co. had asked to be allowed to launch its own satellite. The scope of Ford's plan, however, completely overshadows others made since the FCC asked for further proposals.

The FCC has given until Oct. 1 to receive comments on all the plans that have been put forward. It will then, presumably, either rule on Comsat's claim to have monopoly rights or pass the issue back to Congress.

## Comsat and NASA sign satellite launch accord

NASA will launch two commercial communications satellites for the Communications Satellite Corp. this fall.

The two satellites, each $2-1 / 2$ times more powerful than Early Bird, will be put into synchronous orbit, one over the Pacific Ocean, one over the Atlantic. Early Bird, launched over the Atlantic in April, 1965, is providing the first commercial satellite communications between the U.S. and Europe.

Under an agreement signed by NASA and Comsat, NASA will supply launching and all associated services for the new satellites on a reimbursable basis. Cost per launch is estimated at $\$ 3.57$ million. Like Early Bird, the two new satellites will be owned by the International Telecommunications Satellite Consortium, of which Comsat is the U.S. partner.

## New solar cells heal themselves

A solution to the problem of making solid-state electronic components radiation-resistant appears to be at hand. A new development uses lithium atoms to plug gaps shot in semi-

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conductors by high-speed radiation.
A "self-healing" solar cell, said to be 50 times more resistant to nuclear radiation damage than conventional cells, is the first practical device based on this significant materials discovery. The principle promises reduction or even elimination of the threat of radiation damage to electronic components in spacecraft caused by their passage through the Van Allen radiation belt.

The new solar cell was developed at RCA's David Sarnoff Research Center, Princeton, N.J. under contract to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

The self-healing property is derived from the presence of minute quantities of lithium diffused throughout the cell structure. The lithium atoms, smaller than silicon atoms, do not enter into a chemical bond with the silicon in the solar cells. Instead they roam freely

"Self-sealing" solar cell uses lithium atoms to plug radiation damage.
throughout the crystal structure within the cell and are available to "patch" damage done by radiation.

Radiation damage occurs when high-speed electrons, protons or gamma rays burst into the orderly rows of silicon atoms and knock them out of position, thus rendering the device useless.

According to Joseph Wysocki of the RCA Laboratories, the lithium present in the new cells moves in to fill the gaps created by the radiation.

This action prevents electron "traps" which reduce the flow of current in conventional solar cells. At the present time transparent shields made of quartz or sapphire are used to shield conventional solar cells. Wysocki said that the weight of this shielding can be reduced by as much as 90 per cent if the new cells are used.

RCA scientists report that the technique used to make the new solar cells may serve to achieve similar radiation resistance in other silicon components such as transistors, diodes, and ICs.

## Surveyor prepares for posthumous portrait

One of Surveyor I's last acts was to prepare to have its picture taken. In response to commands radioed from Earth, it summoned its ebbing strength to position its solar array and high-gain antenna so that they cast as large a shadow as possible when Lunar Orbiter passes overhead.

NASA has changed Lunar Orbiter's flight plan so that it may take high-resolution photographs of Surveyor on two consecutive orbits. These will yield stereographic pictues of the late, great Surveyor with a resolution down to three feet. The "launch window" for Lunar Orbiter is Aug. 9 through 13.

Surveyor, which landed June 2 in the Moon's Ocean of Storms, exceeded all expectations by sending back many thousands of pictures of the Moon's surface before it finally succumbed to the rigors of the lunar climate.

## RCA gets big voice in New York transit

New York City Transit Authority has awarded RCA a $\$ 4.2$ million contract for the world's largest pub-
lic transportation two-way mobile radio system.

RCA will supply 4,734 radio units over the next 18 months to be installed in buses and other vehicles, and 21 base stations.

A master control station will be set up in East New York, and other, completely transistorized stations will be located at garages throughout the city. The solid-state, Super-Fleetfone-type mobile radios will enable bus drivers to communicate instantly with garage dispatchers or curbside traffic controllers carrying portable two-way units.

The system will be used to gauge the flow of buses to passenger needs and to reroute buses around obstructions. Loudspeakers on the buses will enable the drivers to keep passengers informed of what is happening. The system will also be useful in crime deterrence and control.

## Washington eyes scientific policy

The major policies, plans, goals and programs in science and technology of both government and nongovernment agencies may in the future come under annual Congressional scrutiny.

Sen. Gordon Allott (R-Colo.) has introduced a bill to set up a Joint Congressional Committee on Science and Technology. If adopted, the President would have to submit a report each year to the committee. The proposed committee would function on the lines of the Joint Economic Committee that reviews the President's annual Economic Report.

## Night-light satellite to be investigated

The Westinghouse Defense and Space Center is to make a 90 -day feasibility study of the possibility of developing an earth-orbiting, light reflection system for night military operations.
N.V. Petrou, general manager of the Center's Aerospace Division, said: "The study may pave the way for an eventual design of an orbiting satellite with a reflective, mirrorlike surface to provide a light source over land masses at night."

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# Challenge to transistors in logic circuitry 

## Magnetic thin-film devices can give higher density with a reduction in power and manufacturing costs.

Neil Sclater<br>East Coast Editor

At first glance they look like doodles on the back of a postage stamp. A new series of magnetic, thin-film logic devices, using phenomena known as domain-tip propagation logic (DTPL), are challenging the eminence of transistors in digital circuitry.

Minute regions in a magnetized metallic film can be reversed in polarity and forced to migrate in specific directions in response to externally applied fields. By control of the direction of these "domain tips" and their mutual interaction, all of the usual logic elements may be produced.

The concept was discovered by scientists at the Laboratory for Electronics, Boston, under contract from the Air Force Cambridge Research Labs., Bedford, Mass.

The logic elements fabricated by thin-film deposition require lower power than their transistor counterparts, and they can be manufactured at lower cost. They also have non-volatile memories. In some configurations, the logic elements can be packaged at far higher densities than possible with transistors.

Domain-tip propagation occurs in thin films (approximately $0.1 \mathrm{mi}-$ cron) of permalloy. Initially the nickel-iron-cobalt alloy film is magnetized in one direction, like an ordinary bar magnet. Selective magnetic fields applied in the opposite direction cause regions of the film to reverse their directions of magnetization. These regions of reversed magnetization can be steered across the permalloy layer in long thin spikes or tips at speeds on the order of $10^{55} \mathrm{~cm} / \mathrm{s}$.

Experimental work has shown that deposition of aluminum on the glass substrate, prior to the deposition of the permalloy layer, inhibited the change in direction of magnetization by increasing its coercive force. It has been found that channels cut or etched through the aluminum result in low coercive force paths, which permit easy passage and control of the domain tips under the influence of the applied magnetic field.

The direction of domain-tip movement depends upon the magnitude and direction of the applied field and the interactions between neighboring tips. The propagation can be directed to one side or the other of
the so-called easy axis depending on the direction of the drive field. The easy axis coincides with the direction of initial magnetic saturation of the permalloy film.

Domain tips which grow in the same easy-axis direction have a net charge of the same sign, while the charge of tips growing in directions opposite to the easy axis are of opposite sign. Domain tips propagated in the same direction were found to repel each other and those propagated in an opposite direction were found to attract each other.

These properties are used, in designing the channel geometry, to form shift registers and the usual logic elements, including AND, OR, NAND and EXCLUSIVE OR.

Information can be transferred without loss in a virtually unlimited number of converging channels. As a result, the power requirements are low ( $10-20 \mu \mathrm{~W} /$ element).

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## Shift register first devised

The first successful DTPL configuration was the shift register. This device used in computers stores information in the form of bits and, under the influence of an external signal, shifts them serially. (The shift register in Fig. 1 ap-


1. Thin-film magnetic shift register operates by domain-tip propagation logic, DTPL. Bit densities are 100 per inch, making $10^{5}$ bits/ $\mathrm{in}^{3}$ feasible. Zigzag channels are etched on aluminized substrates prior to permalloy deposition. Inset above is enlarged view of connected parallel series of channels.

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pears as a zigzag pattern.)
The transfer of an information bit already stored in the register is accomplished in four steps (Fig. 2) :

1. Application of a uniform field to cause growth of the reversed domain from the existing domain tip (black oval) along the channel segment. The direction is determined by the direction of the applied field. (Domain-tip propagation would have been to the left if the field direction had been opposite.)
2. Restoration of the unswitched state of magnetization in the upper portion of the channel by application of a field whose strength decreases toward the lower portion of the zigzag channels. This leaves the small contracted version of the reversed domain at the lower intersection.
3. Application of a second switching field similar to that of Step 1 but with the field applied to favor propagation to the upper right. This causes the tip to propagate toward the upper boundary with a shift to the right.
4. Application of a field to contract the domain back around its upper junction location, to complete the shift.

Information once shifted along the entire length of the zigzag channels can be returned along adjacent, parallel channels. The informationbearing domain, on reaching the end of a zigzag path, can be shunted along a channel segment and thus begin returning the stored information back to the origin along many parallel folded channels.

DTPL shift registers with linear bit densities of 100 bits per inch have already been built, according to Robert J. Spain, project manager of the Laboratory for Electronics. These have been operated with 300ns clock pulses, he said. With the use of these elements densities of $10^{\circ}$ bits per cubic inch are feasible.

## Thin films used as logic elements

Experimental work has shown that the forces of attraction and repulsion can be used to perform DTPL logic. Films have been provided with channels appropriate to the logic functions desired.
The simplest practical logic cir-

2. Section of zigzag DTPL shift register. Applied magnetic field causes domain tip to travel to right (1). Domain is contracted at lower junction (2). Another field restores domain to upper junction (3), where it is again contracted (4).

3. Schematics of three versions of DTPL. (a) A simple switch. (b) An AND gate, showing new domain creation as a result of the presence of two tips. (c) A fan-out element which can be used as an OR gate.
cuit is the switch. It uses the forces of attraction and repulsion to perform the logic operation. Channels are formed in the film in close proximity to one another, as shown in Fig. 3a. If a tip is in the left-hand channel, no tip may pass by in the right-hand channel. Thus control over the passage of informationbearing domains is achieved.

Another elementary but useful logic circuit is an AND gate formed when two input channels are placed close to a third channel. This circuit is illustrated in Fig. 3b.
The fields from the channeled domain tips, in combination with driving fields, create a new domain in the third adjacent channel. The presence of only one or none of the two input tips is insufficient to create a new domain in the third channel. Each tip is considered to represent a bit of stored information (1) and the absence of a tip is

4. DTPL NOR and AND gates on approximately 2 . by $2-\mathrm{in}$. glass substrates. Many other logic modules are possible by application of DTPL phenomena and selection of logic conventions.
considered to be 0 . With the presence of two tips, $A$ and $B$, a new domain $C$ is created. Thus the circuit performs the logic $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{A} \cdot \mathrm{B}$.
The channel configuration shown in Fig. 3c is a fan-out element. The junction provides fan-out-the ability of the domain to segment into more than one connected channel. It can be used to perform OR logic.
By the use of junction channels, adjacent channels and combinations of the two, a wide range of circuits can be formed. Examples of DTPL logic gates are shown in Fig. 4.
The assignment of prearranged values and the introduction of domains into the circuitry prior to the start of logical operations permit the performance of inverted logic.

In reviewing practical prospects for the devices, Spain said: "Their most immediate applications appear to lie in the field of list memories, buffers, scalers and counters." - -

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The curtain went up at $8: 30$ p.m. and was not finally rung down until two in the morning. The gala event featured both current Metropolitan stars and famous soloists of the past. In fact, there were so many recording companies whose contracted singers were taking part that it was an impossible task to record the concert formally. Tickets for orchestra seats, such as the one from which the concert was taped, were sold officially for $\$ 200$.

The tapes were recorded on Uher 4000-L Report recorder with a lapel microphone. The Audio Times reports the tapes of "reasonably high quality" even though they were recorded at a transport speed of only 3-3/4 ips.

In Lincoln Center's Philharmonic Hall, New York, concert listeners have made tapes in two interesting ways. One member of the audience brought in a Panasonic stereo recorder and taped the concert with a single stereo microphone. And another ingenious method of heightening the stereo effect involved three persons. Two bought seats on opposite sides of the hall. Each carried a wireless FM microphone that broadcast its signal to a third person stationed outside the hall with two FM receivers and Roberts stereo recorder. ■ -

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# IC activities filling gap between IF and microwave 

## Inductive transistor and silicon-on-sapphire circuits spur speculation about higher-frequency ICs.

Mark B. Leeds<br>Technical Editor

Significant strides toward using IC components at or near microwave frequencies were made public at the recent St. Louis Microelectronics Symposium. Notable among these reports were one on an "inductive transistor" and one on batch-fabricated, silicon-on-sapphire devices.

This "simulated" inductance, generated by a microcircuit-compatible transistor, produces $Q s$ of 36 at 2 MHz . Among the silicon-on-sapphire (SOS) units were diode structures for microwave harmonic generators and a vertical-junction transistor capable of operating near X-band ( 5.2 GHz ) frequencies.

## Composite unit irons-out $L$ needs

As reported by Gopi R. Jindal, research engineer at Sprague Electric's North Adams, Mass., facilities, "all transistors show something of an inductive effect, but composite designs must be turned to if working $Q$ values are to be realized." In a paper co-authored by

Sprague associate Walter Fischer, Jindal described a unit, transistor type 3 N 90 , which features $15 \mu \mathrm{H}$ of inductance at 2 MHz . This device, the focus of their investigation of single and cascaded inductive transistors without carrier multiplication, had these characteristics:

- A current transfer ratio very near unity.
- A large ratio of forward-to-reverse transfer admittances.
- A retarding drift field in the base.
- A minimum capacitance at both the emitter and collector junctions due to small geometries and widedepletion layers at both junctions.
- A matching of the base transit time to the frequency of operation, such that the collector current lags the emitter current.

Jindal anticipated that "off-theshelf integrated circuits with simulated inductances will be made available within a year." He added: "This approach to obtaining microcircuit $Q$ s is cheaper and less spaceconsuming than the present tech-
nique-multistage $R C$ phase-shift networks and amplification."
"Inductance values approaching $100 \mu \mathrm{H}$ may be realized in $1-1 / 2$ years with composite designs utilizing homogeneous-base devices like the $3 N 90$," he predicted. When used to replace coils in IC-hybrid, tuned-IF circuits, tuning is achieved by varying the IC supply voltage. Typifying these applications was a selective amplifier (see photo) developed by Jindal and Fischer. One drawback of the inductive transistor is its rather high, positive-temperature co-efficient, which must be compensated for by external circuitry in some applications.

## SOS helps lower IC capacitances

Junction capacitances of less than 0.005 pF and storage times of less than 1.0 ns were characteristic of the thin-film structures batch-fabricated by the SOS technique (see figure). Individual step-recovery type diodes and diode matrices (arrays) were constructed.

As reported by Robert Downing, research engineer at the Autonetics Div. of North American Aviation.


Transistors exhibiting a strong inductance property may solve the need for tuned elements in integrated circuits. Co-authors Gopi Jindal (left) and Walter Fischer show the use of 3N90s used as inductors in a selective amplifier.


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Slemmons also showed how the MD could be used to make complementary stages and add precision resistors to ICs. Slaughter added: "The cost per circuit drops to $\$ 12$ in quantities of 50 or more with the Master Dice approach."

## More computers, biophysics soon

The theme of the conference, held July 18-20, was "Microelectronics in Transition." C. Lester Hogan, vice-president and general manager of Motorola Semiconductor Products, Phoenix, Ariz., delivered the keynote address.

Dr. Hogan made a five-year projection for the IC discipline and submitted that "the areas of biochemistry and biophysics and the increased application of computer control and processing to our way of life will occupy the major portion of the electronic spotlight in the next few years." He maintained that "integrated circuits are the keys to these endeavors" and advised engineers to "look forward to an emerging consumer market for ICs and further advances in large-scale-integration activity."

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# Reliability integrates with design 

## Educators and industry join forces to prepare engineers to design with an eye on reliability.

## Maria Dekany <br> Technical Editor

The days of the special reliability engineer are numbered, says $R$. A. Brenan, of the Hughes Aircraft Co., Microwave Tube Div., Los Angeles.

His place is likely to be taken by design engineers who are also experts in reliability, he says. They will blend design and reliability without leaning on others for guidance. The reliability specialist, according to Brenan, will end up in the ranks of management, where he will check to see that the designer has done a good, complete job.

Brenan, now head of a group of reliability engineers at Hughes, is not alone in his thinking. Educators in engineering schools are calling for a broadening of the curricula to teach all prospective engineers the basic concepts of reliability.

The present role of the reliability engineer, Brenan notes, is that of a consultant to the designer. The designer performs the reliability analysis with the aid of the reliability engineer as the design progresses from the idea stage to the manufacturing.
"Fundamental to any reliability program," he says, "is the thorough knowledge of all possible failure modes during the initial design. The ultimate reliability of the system is usually determined by decisions made at the initial design phase. Changes in the later stages of the development program cost

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money and time and result in a patch-up job."

## Teach reliability to engineers

Many educators are appalled by engineers' general lack of knowledge and appreciation of reliability.
"There is not enough reliability in engineering education," says Cdr. Donald M. Layton, Assistant Professor of Aeronautics, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. He recommends that all engineering schools should offer reliability training. Not only would this relieve the reliability engineer from the time-consuming task of explaining the ways and hows to the designer, says Layton, but the knowledge of the principles of reliability is as important to product success as Ohm's Law or beam theory.

To achieve the desired knowledge, it is necessary to teach not only the underlying principles but also the ultimate purpose of reliability, adds Layton.

Others share Layton's opinions. Dr. Paul H. Zorgen, of Vitro Laboratories and American University, Washington, D. C., sums up the challenges and objectives that must be met to satisfy the demands for reliability as follows:

- Qualifying standards must be set up for reliability personnel.
- Educational opportunities must be created for qualified personnel.
- The colleges must integrate reliability and maintainability into

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1. The degree of crimp of taper pins must be closely controlled to provide reliable wire-to-taper pin connection. Overcrimping (a) deforms the strands; undercrimping (b) allows the movement of the wire relative to the taper pin.
the curricula.
Dr. Zorgen's recommendations are supported by Dr. Dimitri Kececioglu, Professor of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, University of Arizona, Tucson: "From an estimate of the present need for upwards of 5000 qualified reliability engineers, efforts in the educating and training field should certainly be substantially boosted." Professional societies, he adds, should increase the number of tutorial sessions at reliability conferences. He criticizes the lack of centralization and co-ordination of information on reliability engineering and recommends establishment of a separate society for this end.

Other recommendations, aimed to help reliability studies, include the setting up of a computerized information center on qualified parts. However, the general feeling among engineers is that companies would be reluctant to give information on their parts, qualified in-house, either to avoid unfavorable comparison or to protect proprietary data.

Most educators agree that reliability engineering should be an integral part of the basic undergraduate training of all design engineers. However, there are some dissenting voices. Dr. Kececioglu feels that, in view of the depth and breadth of the courses a qualified reliability engineer must have, a separate curriculum and degree may be justified. Also, he says that the present trends toward specialization and

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## (Reliability, continued)

specialized degrees lend further support to his recommendation.

## Industry takes the lead

These comments from educators indicate that there will be a change in the future in the education of engineering students. The fruits of such a change, however, may not be available for several years. Till then, industry has to make shift with the reliability problem and the lack of qualified reliability engineers.

There is plenty of evidence that industry is well aware of the need for a systematic approach to reliability at all stages of the design.

The first instance in which a fullscale reliability program was applied to an aircraft, for example, was in the design of the XB-70 developed by North American Aviation, Inc.

According to William H. Hatton, Principal Scientist, during the conceptual design stages, alternative system concepts were analyzed from the reliability standpoint to

3. Fractured pin of a male connector on a modular printed circuit assembly may result from excess stress during the forming operation.

4. Insufficient "wicking" of the solder from the bottom to the top of the wiring board or fracture of the joint due to movement of the lead before solidification are perpetual sources of intermittency.
provide design trade-offs. During the manufacturing and testing phases, success and failure data were used to monitor the demonstrated reliability. The procedure for conducting a quantitative reliability analysis, says Hatton, involved four steps:

- Defining success and failure for the system.
- Defining the failure modes of the system.
- Determining the failure rates for the components and equipment.
- Deriving and solving the mathematical reliability model.


## More reliable components

The great improvement in the reliability of traveling-wave amplifiers, making possible their use in space communication equipment, is the result of close cooperation between designers and reliability specialists at Hughes Microwave Tube Div., according to Brenan. Reliability is designed into the TWT through failure-mode analysis of all parts. A failure-mode chart has been drawn up that helps pinpoint areas where system requirements demand components to operate near their maximum, and redundancy may be needed. The program resulted in TWTs that combine ruggedness, minimum weight and cost with a failure-free life of more than 800,000 hours, says Brenan.

Computers are a great help in the analysis of components. At Bell Helicopter Co., Fort Worth, Tex., reliability data on the Model UH1D helicopter were fed into a computer. The reliability analysis program uses a storage tape that keeps tab on the number of times that

5. Elementary circuit detects intermittent connections. An insulated rod is used to tap the connection. The resultant stress on the intermittent part modulates the loop current through changes in the resistance. The current variation is transferred to the amplifier and appears as an audio signal.
each component is used and the number of times each fails, explains George E. Knudsen, Supevisor, Reliability Data Group. The program then computes the failure rate, the mean time between failures and the reliability values. Provisions in the program and the data files, points out Knudsen, permit the analysis of primary failures, selected time intervals and other limitations. The analyses identify the components that have a record of frequent failure and the data listings present the failure mode of these components, he says.

## Better testing methods

New testing techniques for reliability are emerging as a result of designers' increased awareness of reliability.

The detection and location of intermittent electrical connectors in digital monolithic circuits is one area where rapid progress is being made, according to Paul H. Welshinger, Manager, Test and Evaluation Dept., UNIVAC, St. Paul, Minn. His department devised test setups for digital logic modules and for logic modules using monolithic circuits. The most frequent sources of intermittent connections are loosened welded contacts on stitch boards; over- or undercrimped taper pins (Fig. 1) ; trapping of salts from the plating solution between the male and female pin-type connectors causing the contact resistance to increase beyond the accepted limits (Fig. 2) ; fractured connector pins (Fig. 3) ; and marginal solder joints that cause neither a short nor an open circuit but attenuate the pulse current (Fig. 4).

Resistance changes due to these intermittent conditions, Welshinger points out, can easily be observed with the elementary circuit of Fig. 5. As a stress is applied to the intermittent connection, the loop bias current will be modulated by the change in resistance. The technique has only two restrictions: (1) the dc bias current must flow through the internal loops, and (2) the amplifying system must have sufficient gain to allow detection of current variations. Background noise limits the sensitivity of the system, he warns, and shielding of the transformer and wiring to the amplifier is necessary. ■

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## U.S. and industry join hands on auto safety

The automobile will continue to hold Washington's attention long after the new safety-devices law has gone into effect and the traffic safety R\&D program has settled down to routine. At least two agencies-the Federal Communications Commission and the Bureau of Public Roads-anticipate roles in General Motors' electronic safety aids development project. And agencies and committees ranging from the Commerce Department and National Science Foundation to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and the Senate Public Works Committee are already laying the groundwork for an expected federally sponsored effort to revive the electric automobile as an air-pollution abatement measure.
General Motors' project-Driver Aid, Information and Routing System (DAIR)-will soon be tested on Detroit's John C. Lodge Freeway. Testing the system, which resembles the Ford-Philco roadside warning system in purpose but not in operation, will require 100 cars equipped with Citizens' Band transceivers.

The GM Research Laboratories at the company's Warren, Mich., Technical Center have developed DAIR over the past nine years (see ED 18, Aug. 2, p. 26). It has five main parts, each independent of the other, which may be added one at a time to help spread the motorist's costs. The first test will involve erection of highway aid and information centers to radio advice to stranded drivers and about accidents. The centers will also give route information as it is requested over the standard mobile transceivers. This part of the DAIR system would be the first to be adopted by any state highway commission and used by the regular driver.
The other parts of the system are more sophisticated and involve roadside tape recorders and buried magnets. In the event of an accident obstructing an expressway, for example, "traffic central" would activate roadside tapes well ahead of the site of the accident. The car's receiver would be activated
by roadside magnets and pick up the taped warning of an accident ahead. The Ford-Philco system (see Electronic Design, Aug. 30,1965, p. 6 ff.) would do the same thing but the tape, prerecorded with dozens of messages, would be carried in the car's trunk and set off by a coded signal to play the proper message through the car radio.

GM plans to petition the FCC to set aside a large portion of the Citizens' Band for DAIR use. The package has been demonstrated at the GM proving ground. Now Commerce Department Bureau of Public Road officials are anxious to watch the first phase tested on the Lodge Freeway. They expect to be inundated by state authorities' requests for evaluation. They also expect the states and Congress to call on them for a comparison of the GM system vs the Ford system. Observers believe that Congress will soon require the Secretary of Commerce or Secretary of Transportation to select one or other system as an official U.S. standard. A Maryland highway official summed up most authorities' thinking when he said that standards would have to be set soon to prevent highway communications and electronic safety methods from becoming a hodgepodge. There is concern lest private communications firms or each state set up separate systems that would be incompatible with each other.

## The electric car resurges

The rebirth of interest in electric-powered automobiles (see ED 13, May 24, 1966, p. 17 ff.) is more than just industry chatter. The House Science and Astronautics committee and a retiring Federal Power Commissioner have both recommended that electric cars be developed as a partial answer to the air pollution problem. Now the Senate Public Works Committee has made a strong plea for electric cars and electrified mass transportation. The Committee, in a report on amendments to the Clean Air Act, pointed to the
interrelationship between urban planning and air pollution caused by internal combustion engines. It called on the Administration to form an interdepartmental task force "to investigate means of reducing air pollution by use of new methods of transportation not involving the internal combustion engine."
The Committee declared: "A variety of projects deserve more detailed scrutiny and study. Electrification of mass transit, use of battery-operated delivery vehicles and autos, and prospects for fuel cells to run individual passenger cars-all suggest new research possibilities. The Federal government should ensure that research, development and demonstration work in this area is carried on at maximum levels consistent with orderly progress."

It recorded that 15 Federal agencies were now financing no less than 86 projects in battery research. It also noted that the Electricity Council of Great Britain predicts that within 10 years one million battery-driven cars will be on the U.K.'s roads.

## Accident sensing system made public

The government has described the accident sensing and surveillance system developed for the Bureau of Public Roads at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. It can record on video tape the events leading up to and occurring in an automobile collision at a city intersection. It consists of two almost independent subsystems. One is a detectiondiscrimination system, which identifies sounds associated with car crashes while disregarding other sounds common to city streets. The other is a surveillance-storage system, consisting of a pair of continuously operating, narrow-bandwidth television systems and two magnetic tape units. The video signals are continuously recorded on one tape loop. When a "detect" signal is received from the detection-discrimination system, the information is read from the tape loop and re-recorded on a permanent storage tape for later analysis. The report
is available from the Commerce Department's Clearinghouse, Springfield, Va. 22151, at $\$ 3.00$, or $75 \phi$ on microfiche. It is No. PB-170 602, "Accident Sensing and Surveillance System."
Another Clearinghouse report dealing with the broadening role of electronics in auto safety is "Surveillance of Accident Locations by Electronic Data Processing Methods" (PB-169 $821 / \mathrm{SZZ}$ ). The 68 -page report, priced at $\$ 3.00$ ( $75 \phi$ in microfiche), describes the California Highway Division's use of EDP to identify, rate and analyze problem locations.

One of the most widely awaited reports, and one that will likely settle many arguments over whether modern technology can help to speed emergency aid to an accident scene faster than patrols and telephoned reports from motorists, is PB-169 858/RZZ, "Effect of Television Surveillance on Police Response Time to an Urban Freeway Incident" ( $\$ 2.00,50 \phi$ in microfiche). In a nutshell, the answer is "yes."
The test was made by the National Proving Ground for Freeway Surveillance Control and Electronic Traffic Aids and was supported by 12 states, the city of Detroit and Wayne County, Mich. Surveillance by 14 TV cameras covered 96 per cent of a three-mile section of the Lodge Freeway and resulted in an average saving of 2-1/2 minutes in the police or wrecker's response time to an accident.

## Satellites for auto safety?

Official comment by the Commerce Department NASA and Comsat on a recent statement by Henry Ford, 2nd boils down to: "We don't know what he is talking about, but whatever it is, it may not be a bad idea." "It" was the Ford Motor Company board chairman's statement that he would soon present to the government a scheme for a nationwide traffic control system using satellite reconnaissance. Ford, in a New Orleans speech, admitted that it may seem "fantastic" but added that "we believe such a system will be technically feasible and economically sound" (see ED 18, Aug. 2, 1966, p. 13).
The only demurrer came from a Commerce Department spokesman who said: "I think GM's scheme to take attention away from the auto safety bill-their radio gimmicks-makes more public relations sense than Mr. Ford's satellite; those car makers have been trying to figure out how to use satellites for advertising since 1958."
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| Coercive Force $\left(\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}\right)$ | Oersteds | 3100 |
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| Curie Temperature |  |  |
| Temperature Coefficient of Flux <br> Density at $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{r}}$ | $\% /^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -0.20 |
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## Roger Kenneth Field <br> News Editor

There may come a time when a small boy will pick up his baseball g!ove and bat and go home to practice music on his computer.
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Dr. Mathews' notation system gives the composer enormous flexibility. With great effort he could, of course, translate well-known pieces for string ensemble (or even the entire orchestra) into this notation for the computer. But the real strength of electronic music lies in its ability to fabricate completely new sounds-sounds that couldn't possibly be produced on any mechanical musical instrument. Here the composer isn't limited by the agility of the performer, by the tone color of available instruments or traditional meters and rhythms.
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It takes a light touch to be a 20th-century Beethoven


At left: Dr. Max Mathews of Bell Laboratories and a programer, Lawrence Rosler, compose music the new computer way. Instructions are written as a series of "frames" with a light-pen on a cathoderay tube. Right: An actual music pattern, or frame, as seen on the tube face. The markings on the right vertical scale refer to the musical terms pianissimo (PP), or very soft; mezzoforte (MF), or medium loud, and fortissimo (FF), or very loud. These markings are used in conjunction with the amplitude curve (AMP 120 , in which " 1 " tells the computer that one instruction number-namely " 20 "-follows, and the " 20 " tells it that this amplitude pattern covers 20 beats). Similarly FRE stands for frequency, or pitch

in music; DUR for duration of each note, and GLI for glissando, a term that indicates a slide up to a note. The markings along the left vertical scale represent the frequencies of notes-in this case, the note C. The B in the upper lefthand corner is a letter used to identify this particular frame. Instructions to the computer in the lower lefthand corner mean: PLA (play) 3 (three numbers to follow) 21 (waveform number 21) 0 (starting at beat 0 ) 20 (ending on the 20th beat). TER 11 simply tells the computer to stop when it has finished. Two or more frames like this can be played simultaneously. This frame required about two minutes of time on an IBM 7090.


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## Nuvistors in preamps are popular idea

Sir:
I read G. C. Kuipers' design idea ["Nuvistor and bipolars form lownoise preamplifier," ED 15, June 21, 1966 , pp. $108 \& 110]$ with considerable interest. The application of a nuvistor input in a hybrid preamplifier for low noise and high input impedance is, indeed, a popular idea; in fact, our company has been using it for years.

The diagram (see below) shows the preamplifier of our infrared spectro-photometer. It is a typical circuit, used with slight modifications in a number of our products. The circuit diagram speaks for itself; gain and stability are somewhat better than Kuipers' figures, due to a higher feedback factor in the transistor section. The 13CW4 nuvistor was found superior to other types in all respects at low frequency ( 10 Hz ), and the feedback loop around the input stage ensures much higher input imped-
ance and gain stability.
A. D. Boronkay

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## Author's reply:

A. D. Boronkay's remarks and interest are greatly appreciated. My amplifier design was intended and used in a power-limited, extremely lightweight optoelectronic device in which the entire correla-tion-receiver-type signal process, including readrout display, consumed less than 900 milliwatts. As mentioned in the second paragraph of the article, "in powerlimited" applications, half-power, half-size Nuvistors, such as the A15274B with rated filament power of 400 milliwatts (the $13 C W 4$ is rated at 810 mW ), enable use of a Nuvistor first stage at least to be
considered as a trade-off for noise figure when compared with monoor bipolar solid-state devices.

Attractive compromises which evidently possess inferior noise characteristics but which have been used by others are the low-noise audio types A15466 and A15460 which consume 630 milliwatts of filament power.

The preamp employing two Nu vistors, four transistors, and dual feedback loops presented by Boronkay as typical in several of his firm's instruments is, as he points out, obviously superior with respect to stability and input impedance at the expense of additional power. The output is not buffered, which evidently was not required for his application.

George C. Kuipers
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## Siemens and hertz: pro and con

Sir:
I was astonished to read an attack by Thomas W. Parsons [ED 10. Apr. 26, 1966, pp. $35 \& 38$ ] on the siemens and hertz, especially as he commits the common technician's error of neglecting to consult the history of technology before writing: "Who was Siemiens, any-
way; what did he do?" Objectivity and concern for facts are not evident in his continuation: "I have not yet found anyone who knows." This is all the more regrettable since U.S. universities have courses in the history of technology that are the envy of the present writer, since there are no similar courses in

Denmark.
A European is also surprised to read that "Siemens does not belong in the company of Faraday, Henry and Ohm." Research in Denmark and other European countries reveals that there is precisely one book about Henry and the British
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Museum Library possesses the only copy, as far as I know. The U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen was unable to procure a single book about this man, although they had copious literature about other American research workers in electronics. It is therefore not unreasonable to ask: "Henry? Who was he?" If Parsons could give me the necessary literary references, I should be delighted to spread knowledge of this man, who is known to us only as a footnote to accounts of Morse and Vail!

As for siemens vs ohm, the latter designation is exclusive to the U.S., for siemens is used throughout Europe. One siemens was defined as the conductivity of a column of mercury $1 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ in cross section and one meter long at a temperature of $\mathrm{O}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. This unit was established in 1860 , provisionally accepted by the Paris Electrical Congress of 1881 and (please note, Mr. Parsons) approved in principle by the Chicago Congress of 1893, whose only modification was in the method of measuring to be employed.

Let me sketch in the career of Werner von Siemens in order to show why we feel there is reason to honor him:

Werner von Siemens (1816-1892) invented in 1845 the electromagnetic pointer-telegraph with automatic switching (later used by the railroads) and the rubber-coated underground cable. In 1847 he was asked to install the first underground cable from Berlin to Grossbeeren. He used gutta-percha as the insulating medium; this was used later for the first submarine cable. The same year he made the first commercial electromagnetic telegraph using a new type of cable and thus laying the foundation of a later, great cable industry. In May that year he patented a typewriter to be used in connection with his telegraph. In 1848 he put together the first telegraph relay, which became one of the features of the underground line he laid from Berlin via Halle, Erfurt and Kassel to Frankfurt am Main. He invented a fire-alarm system, which, by the way, also came into use in the U.S. In 1854 he discovered how to make telephone calls by the so-called
differential method. He wrote an article on the capillary galvanometer for resistance measurements in 1874, and the next year he built one of the first selenium cells. He made very important improvements in the Bell system, and in 1878 discovered the principle of the electrodynamic telephone, on which modern loudspeakers are still based. In other technical fields Siemens' name is connected with naval mines, cable machines, ozone valves, electric railways and so on.

Finally, a word or two about Heinrich Hertz, since Parsons cannot understand why we commemorate him by using his name for a unit of frequency.

Heinrich Hertz (1857-1894) was the first to investigate the physical basis of Maxwell's mathematical discoveries. This made possible the generation of electromagnetic vibrations and consequently the whole of wireless telegraphy. He built a transmitter and a receiver and devised the tuning principle for transmitting maximum power. Hertz was, in fact, the first to carry out radio transmission, and it was on the basis of his work that Marconi became world-famous. Hertz was the physicist, Marconi the technician and businessman.

Europeans consider Siemens and Hertz to be great men in the history of electronics and with the siemens (S) and hertz ( Hz ) we honor their work as we do that of Ohm, Ampere and Volta, and indeed-Henry.

Mogens Boman

## Lecturer

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Sir:
We Americans change the names of things at times, too. We have been known to change the name of a dam, an airport, a cape, etc. to Kennedy. Herren Lickfeld, Olfs, Neumann and Niemeyer [ED 15, June 21, 1966, pp. $50 \& 54]$ and Muschler [ED 16, July 5, 1966, p. $33]$ all argue eloquently for us to change the name of the mho to siemens. Perhaps, using the same logic, they could accept changing the name of West Berlin to Rooseveltstadt in honor of that grand old gentleman who did so much to make it what it is.

In the U.S., scientists, engineers and optometrists have been using
the metric system for decades. Since the English word for cycle is almost the same as both the German and French counterparts, the recent change of name for frequency still "hertz." But now that Europe has had its way, perhaps in recompense they could accept a new international monetary unitthe dollar.

## R. Cameron Barritt

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## Social progress needs economy, efficiency

## Sir:

Vladimir Kenn made a statement in the June 21, 1966, issue of Electronic Design [ED 5, p. 65], that engineers "would make social and political 'progress' in a negative direction" if they as a group became active. He concludes that this is so because engineers have been trained to be conservative, economical and efficient.

Obviously, he believes that the opposite is required-that the answer for social problems is to be liberal, uneconomical and inefficient. That is the unfortunate story of the "Great Society."

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## Accuracy is our policy

In "3-stage pulse limiter has short recovery time," ED 13, May $24,1966, \mathrm{pp} .86$ and 88 , errors were made in the schematic. The $+3-\mathrm{V}$ supply was shown tied to ground; it should have gone to the common collectors of Q2 and $Q 3 . R 1$ and $R 2$ were shown as potentiometers; they are in fact fixed resistors. A corrected diagram is shown below:


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# The UFO puzzle: time for a technical evaluation 

In recent years there have been puzzling, persistent reports in this country and elsewhere of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). People who have told of sighting them are agreed on some common characteristics: the objects are shaped like saucers or cigars and frequently have lights that change color.

Most people haven't seen UFOs; so most people have been inclined to scoff at the reports. But the matter is not lightly dismissed. For one thing, the reports are fairly widespread. For another, responsible people have told of seeing UFOs-policemen, pilots, astronomers, even some engineers.

One original skeptic, John Fuller, a columnist for the Saturday Review, decided to check a UFO report to its source. He thought it might make an interesting column for the magazine. He ended up writing a book (Incident at Exeter [New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1966]). Fuller visited Exeter, N. H., where two policemenone a former flier-had seen a lighted, metallic "saucer" hover over a field. Before he was finished, he had tape-recorded more than 60 interviews with reputable citizens, all of whom had seen UFOs in the area.

Fuller raises some interesting questions in his book.
Are UFOs a mass hoax, perpetrated on the public by practical jokers? The Government evidently doesn't think so. The Air Force has been looking into and analyzing UFO reports for years (at the Foreign Technology Div., Air Force Systems Command, WrightPatterson AFB). But, according to Fuller, the Air Force has offered no meaningful explanation for many of the sightings by trustworthy observers, despite extensive efforts to have such information released.

Is there some relationship between the electromagnetic field around power lines and the presence of UFOs? Many UFOs have been reported in the vicinity of power lines. Power failures and electrical disturbances are sometimes preceded by UFO reports in the area. Minutes before the great Northeast Blackout last fall, UFO reports were received from upstate New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

One thing is certain: somebody is seeing something. And the Government has yet to issue a full technical report on its investigations.

We believe that the public has a right to be informed of whatever data have been gleaned so far. Then, a careful study program. using electronic instrumentation, might be in order. Much could be learned, or disproved, by a detailed study of the electromagnetic characteristics of these objects.

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# Listen to what the speakers will say 


#### Abstract

With 23 contributed sessions, special invited sessions and an extra "last minute dividend" session on Surveyor 1, the Wescon technical program this year covers a diversity of topics of interest to the design engineer. Electronic Design's editors have taken a representative sample of the technical sessions and have summarized the major points of interest to the designer.


## Up-to-date high-frequency amplifier design discussed

High-frequency amplifier design raises several basic questions: Where and when is it best to apply each of the major semiconductor types? What's the best approach to design? What tradeoffs should be made to yield over-all optimum circuit performance?

The answers are covered in Session 22, a symposium on semiconductor devices as applied to amplifiers operating at 0.5 MHz to 5.0 GHz . A panel of six specialists focuses on bipolar transistors, junction FETs, MOSFETs and varactors.

The frequency interval 0.5 to 1.0 GHz is analyzed by Richard Q. Lane of Fairchild Semiconductor Research and Development Laboratory, Mountain View, Calif. He judges the design and relative performance of bipolar, junction-FET and MOS small-signal amplifiers according to the following criteria:

- Maximum stable gain and stability factor, $k$ (reciprocal of Linvill's critical factor, $c$ ).
- Noise figure.
- Ease of gain control.
- Overload distortion.

Lane concludes that when the first three criteria dominate, the bipolar transistor is superior to other small-signal devices. But if overload distortion in the form of cross-modulation is an overriding consideration, FETs or MOSs are best.

## Large-signal circuits considered

Broad advice on handling solid-state power in large-signal circuits is given by Roy C. Hejhall, of Motorola Semiconductor Products, Phoenix, Ariz. With stress on varactors and silicon bipolar transistors, he considers device capabilities and circuit design at power levels above 1 W . Among
the points he covers:

- Transistor performance from the standpoint of efficiency and linearity.
- The step-recovery type of varactor, which yields the highest power outputs in multiplier circuits.
- The large-signal impedance method of amplifier design.

Hejhall says that at the higher frequencies varactors out-power other semiconductors.

## A broad look at the FETs

FETs-both junction and MOS-are explored in separate papers by J. B. Compton, of Siliconix, Inc., Sunnyvale, Calif., and Paul E. Kolk, of KMC Semiconductor Corp., Long Valley, N. J.

Compton shows that the desirable high-frequency and vhf performance characteristics of vacuum tubes- -such as low cross-modulation, reverse agc and low noise figure-are available in FETs. Based on a wide range of FET applications in vhf circuitry, he says, a triode vacuum tube can be replaced by a FET in many RF applications, with changes in supply voltage and some retuning.
According to Kolk, the MOSFET is advancing rapidly toward microwave performance. The high-frequency performance of MOSs, he says, is predictable from the geometry and the transconductance characteristics and is a function of gate voltage. The latter, he notes, dictates the performance of the device for improved intermodulation, cross-modulation and spurious response effects.

The MOSFET, Kolk adds, has a large dynamic range and operates over an extremely broad temperature range. It is essentially insensitive to bias voltage and current variations. In designing a circuit with MOSs, Kolk says, the engineer can use the high-frequency techniques applicable to existing bipolar transistors. He can even, he suggests, use techniques applicable to vacuum-tube circuit


Photomask, used by IBM in the development of monolithic integrated circuits, was designed with the help of a computer. In the background are the color layouts for the different masks for a single, complete monolithic chip (paper $1 / 4$ ).


Availability of high-power and high-frequency overlay transistors is giving impetus to the development of all-solid-state mobile communication equipment, according to RCA engineers (paper 8/1).


Array of seven flip-flops, manufactured by Texas Instru ments, Inc., forms Johnson Counter on a 135 - by 135 -mil chip (paper 20/6).
designs at high frequencies.

## Advice on noise and trade-offs

The matter of noise in microwave amplifiers is dealt with by George D. Johnson of Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas. Germanium microwave transistors have been developed that have useful power gain to 4 GHz , he reports, and noise figures of 4.5 dB have been measured at 3 GHz .

Hints on design trade-offs are offered by $R$.

Minton of RCA Electronic Components and Devices, Somerville, N. J. Both circuitry and deviceparameter trade-offs are considered in his paper, with focus on the overlay transistor as a representative bipolar for high-frequency amplifiers.

Session 22 has been organized by Electronic Design. It will be held in the Biltmore Music Room on Friday, Aug. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The chairman is Dr. John Moll of the Electrical Engineering Department of Stanford University, and the audience is invited to participate in a "test your design knowledge" quiz before, during and after the session.

## Spectacular growth foreseen for plastic semiconductors

"Since their acceptance a little over three years ago, plastic semiconductors have experienced a growth rate unrivaled by any other product innovation in the already fast-growing semiconductor industry." The words are those of George Berryman, Semiconductor Components Div., Texas Instruments, in one of the Session 18 papers. This basic theme and the reasons behind it are covered in detail in the four papers that make up Session 18, "Plastic Transistors-Their Impact on the Industry."

## Rosy future predicted

Both the existing and the new markets that are opening for low-cost plastic semiconductors are explored by James H. Bockhaus of General Electric in paper 18/1, "Economy SemiconductorsTheir Future." According to Bockhaus, both the economy and performance capabilities of plastic devices are convincing responsible design engineers of their value in consumer, military and industrial applications. And as the market expands, the large variety of plastic semiconductors it engenders will give ample opportunity to the designer to optimize his equipment designs for the particular market served.

The cost savings of the new devices, says Bock-
haus, can be tremendous. Most of the plasticencapsulated transistors sell for at least $10 \phi$ less than their hermetically sealed counterparts, and on many the savings are as much as 30 to $40 \phi$ per unit. At this rate a yearly usage of $3,000,000$ units would produce a savings of at least $\$ 300,000$. Asks Bockhaus: "If your competitor is using plastic encapsulated semiconductors, can you really afford not to use them?"

The author estimates that the switch to transistorization in the full spectrum of consumer electronics will create a potential demand approaching $600,000,000$ plastic units. This consumer volume coupled with increased use of plastic semiconductors in industrial and military markets is the driving force that is leading several semiconductor manufacturers to set up large-volume production capacity. Typical of the companies already in the market are Bendix, Continental Devices, Fairchild, General Electric, Motorola, Signetics, Sprague Electric and Texas Instruments.

## How reliable are plastic semiconductors?

"A great deal of skepticism regarding reliability was to be found when plastic encapsulation was in its early stages, some of it justifiable. Even


A variety of plastic transistors are now on the market. Representative of these are the devices made by General Electric (left), Bendix Semiconductor (center) and Texas Instruments (right).

today doubt exists in the minds of many and the question is often asked of plastics, 'How reliable are they?' While a great deal of data is yet to be isolated on hermetic-seal types, current data generated at Texas Instruments indicate that plastic devices are capable of meeting military specifications and are as reliable as their counterparts in metal cans tested under the same conditions." So says Berryman in paper 18/2, "The Reliability Impact of Plastic Encapsulated Semiconductors."

In describing the results of reliability testing conducted by Texas Instruments, Berryman points out that for plastic semiconductors the areas of reliability most frequently queried are:

- Moisture and humidity resistance.
- Package stability (effect of plastic on wafer).
- Effects of thermal shock.
- Effects of physical shock.

In all these areas the plastic devices have recorded acceptable results. But despite the extensive data already compiled, much more are needed to predict accurately their failure rate over long periods of time-five years or more. And to do this, acceleration factors must be developed that can be used with confidence. One example of the work being done in this area, according to Berryman, is Texas Instruments SILECT Reliability Program, which when completed will have accumulated more than 50 million transistor hours.

## Consumer industry leads the way

The impact of plastic semiconductors on the consumer industry is explored in paper $18 / 3$ by John S. MacDougall, of Fairchild Semiconductor.

According to the author, Fairchild, in 1962, made the decision to enter the consumer elec-
tronics field with low-cost "fallout" silicon transistors. Now, only four years later, the company makes and sells several million plastic-encased silicon transistors per month at an average selling price of under $30 \%$. This huge increase in the consumer area may be credited mainly to the recent acceptance and use of transistors in television, radio and audio applications. Other consumer market areas, such as appliances and automobiles, have yet barely started to use solid-state devices. But it is expected that as a result of the advantages they afford, a similar and perhaps greater impact will eventually be felt on the automotive and appliance industries.

One significant reason for the consumer industry's acceptance of plastic semiconductors, says MacDougall, is that they are developed for a specific application and intended to be sold only for that application. As the author puts it: "A particular device is intended for a specific socket in the FM receiver market. Although this requires a considerable amount of circuit applications work on the part of the manufacturer, the resulting customer acceptance of the devices fully justifies it."

## Power units becoming available

"Plastic encapsulated power semiconductors will open new potential markets to the electronic industry," according to Hy Newman, of Bendix Semiconductor Division, in paper 18/4, "Silicon Power Plastic Transistor."

After describing the fabrication and testing techniques presently used for the Bendix B5000 power transistor, which is encapsulated in a silicon molding compound, the author asserts that the future of the plastic power transistor is tremendous. They make possible, he says, highervoltage and higher-current devices to form building blocks for power-switching modules. In addition, high-voltage devices for TV and automobile applications, which are basically switching devices, can now be fabricated and manufactured at realistic price levels.

The plastic power transistor is also discussed in paper 18/1. In it James Bockhaus says: "The market for a low-cost silicon power transistor is waiting anxiously to be served and many manufacturers are rushing to fill the vacuum. Power ranges from about 4 to 25 watts are now available, and within the next 24 months the circuit designer can expect a range of plastic silicon power transistors ranging from 100 mA to 3 or 4 A and a voltage selection ranging from 50 to about 400 V . Designers can expect the plastic transistors to sell in the $35 ¢$ and $\$ 1.50$ price range, with currenthandling capability playing a large role in price determination." - -
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## Semiconductor devices: trends and accomplishments discussed

Solid-state devices and integrated circuits are the subject of Session 2-a tutorial meeting organized by the IEEE Group on Electron Devices. Metal semiconductor Shottky-barrier diodes, unpackaged devices, trends in advanced integrated electronics technology and ultra-lowpower microwave linear circuits are discussed.

## Bright future for Shottky barriers

Many new devices based on the Shottky-barrier concept are now in various stages of laboratory development and will soon become available. Among these are current limiters, high-voltage high-frequency rectifiers, low-voltage high-speed switching elements, $10-20 \mathrm{GHz}$ photodiode detectors and photomultipliers.

In one paper, M. M. Atalla, H. P. Associates, Palo Alto, Calif., reviews the current state of the art in the field and assesses the future of Shottkybarriers and their applications as discrete devices and in integrated circuits.

Considerable progress has been made during the past five years in the technology and engineering of metal semiconductor Shottky barriers and devices. Because the devices are substantially free of minority-carrier injection and related storage effects, they are already in use in many high-frequency applications such as microwave sampling, mixing and detecting.

Atalla predicts that, in addition to their use as discrete circuit elements, Shottky-barrier devices will soon be incorporated in many integrated circuits for various applications. Among these are high-speed diode and transistor logic circuits, diode arrays for high-speed memory, and photo diode arrays for imaging.

## Ever more complex arrays

Major trends in advanced integrated electronics technology are:

- The broadening of the integrated-circuit concept to a large class of circuit functions.
- The processing of more complex circuits within relatively small chips of silicon.
- The processing of very large electronic functions on complete slices of silicon.

The latter trend, array technology, is developed in some detail in a paper by R. L. Petritz, Texas Instruments, Dallas. He also briefly compares the processes by which circuits are fabricated by means of discrete devices with those used for integrated circuits, and discusses the key prob-
lems which must be solved in order to develop an array technology.

The author identifies three avenues of direction for today's dominant trends.

The first is the application of the integratedcircuit concept to a much wider variety of functions, and the application of these functions to all electronic markets. While the primary impact of the first-phase integrated-circuit technology was to logic circuits in the military markets, today's developments are affecting linear, microwave, infrared, and power integrated circuits, penetrating the industrial and consumer market as well as the military market. In addition to silicon, compound semiconductors and other materials will be important in expanding the scope of integrated circuits. Advanced devices such as those based on the Gunn effect will enlarge the technical base. Molecular concepts, such as the use of optoelectronic phenomena for coupling, will play an important role.

A second trend is the processing of more complex circuitry within relatively small chips (e.g., $50 \times 50 \mathrm{mils}$ ) that are then scribed out of the slice of silicon.

More complex circuits are being processed without increasing the size of the basic chip because smaller devices are being used. The improvement in photolithographic techniques is a major contribution to this advancement. But at the same time, in some cases the basic chips are becoming somewhat larger. Fundamental optical problems are encountered in attempting to achieve very small geometries over a single large area. Step-and-repeat techniques are used to achieve simultaneously high resolution over relatively small regions (e.g., $50 \times 50$ mils) and at the same time utilize effectively a large slice area (one to two in. in diameter).
The third, and in many aspects the most dramatic, trend of integrated electronics technology is toward fabricating very large electronic functions on complete slices of silicon. This technology has been given several names : computer on a slice, large-scale integration, or array technology. A basic tenet of array technology is the interconnection of an array of unit cells into a logically powerful electronic function. The unit cell may be a simple NAND-NOR gate, occupying, for example, an area $10 \times 10$ mils on the slice, or a rather complex circuit function consisting of 20 to 40 gates occupying $100 \times 100$ mils. Determination of the unit cell size depends on a number of consid-


Spotting the best device to use for semiconductor high-frequency amplifiers will be an easier task for attendees of Wescon Session 22. Bipolars, junction-FETs. MOS-FETs (like this geometry) and varactors will be considered. The topic is high-frequency amplifier designwhich devices should be used, why and how they are to be used, and which circuits they are best suited for.


Multiple-emitter bipolar transistors (like this one) as well as various other semiconductors, all as applied to the
design of high-frequency amplifiers, are covered in depth in Session 22.


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erations including the optical restrictions mentioned earlier. The step-and-repeat process allows for repetition of the basic unit cell over the entire slice of silicon.

## Submicropower circuits on the way?

The need for ultra-low-power or micropower circuits in portable military communications and surveillance equipments has taken on increasing importance in recent years.

According to J. D. Meindl and P. H. Hudson, U.S. Army Electronics Command, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.: "The quiescent power requirements of today's low-frequency, wideband, tuned, and lownoise amplifiers as well as oscillators, mixers and
detectors often can be lowered by more than an order of magnitude."

In their paper, the authors discuss optimum design techniques with which the power consumption of linear and quasi-linear circuits can be lowered. This, they say, can be accomplished by:

- Using transistors having the largest maximum gain-bandwidth product. Frequently, a large power saving can be achieved by using an extremely small geometry microwave transistor at a frequency well below its maximum capability.
- Selecting circuit configurations which demonstrate superior low-power performance. A "cir-cuit-oriented power saving" in excess of 10 times may often be achieved in low-power linear circuits.
- By describing the quiescent power requirements of each circuit in terms of its primary small-signal design constraints. - -


## Rapid transit rides into Wescon with computers blazing

As automobile traffic in the metropolises of America grinds almost to a halt, city planners around the country have begun to realize that the ubiquitous and seemingly omniscient computer can be of great assistance. Already it is at work in Syracuse, N. Y., and Tampa, Fla., giving orders to signal lights that control automobile traffic. And starting in the autumn, section after section of New York City's traffic signals will consult sectional computers before they blink at pedestrians and motorists. Wasted time costs money, and city fathers realize that they must provide modern equipment to speed constituents to their destinations.

A number of leaders in the electronic industry recognize the potential for growth into the automotive field. Electric power is clean, cheap and quiet, and electronic controls are, by their nature, best suited to regulate this power.

At Session 16, two papers describe the rapid transit innovations in the San Francisco Bay area. One paper gives a broad view of the problem of transporting people about a city.

## Take an automatic train to your electric car

John Beckett, government relations manager, Hewlett-Packard Company, takes a long-range look at the role of electronics in urban transportation during the coming decades.

Plans for the development of future transportation systems should not offer the traveler merely a choice of private auto or mass rapid transit. Rather, the commuter should be able to select his mode of travel from a number of alternatives.

These could include a variety of rented vehicles, such as electric taxis, rented electric cars, rapid transit vehicles operating on exclusive rights of way with electronic controls. The public's choice could then be made with regard to convenience, comfort, speed and cost.

Beck ctt suggests that a single charge card could apply to many or all of these services. Each person could be billed at the end of the month. In fact, urban transportation could be treated much like a utility.

The two essential ingredients for fast, dependable, clean and silent transportation about our big cities, says Beckett, are the computer and the electric car. Automatic billing, two-way communications, electronic safety devices and automatic control systems would accompany these two developments.

## BART experiments on a large scale

Deane Aboudara, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, describes the alternatives, problems, decisions and goals of the largest expermental program in modern rapid transit in the United States.

Aboudara gives an account of the power distribution system of BART* (Bay Area Rapid Transit), its propulsion system, its automatic control system, the evaluation of possible fare collection methods, and some design considerations that are peculiar to rapid transit, such as headway, braking to a station and wheel-wear compensation.


One man can dispatch all the traıns at the new BART transit system for the San Francisco Bay Area. Computers

At this time, BART is experimenting with dc motors that use SCRs to control the flow of ac current as well as frequency-controlled ac motors powered with dc. Similarly, computers aboard the moving cars are being compared with computers located at wayside sites. And fare tickets with imbedded ferrite slugs are being judged against tickets with iron oxide coatings.

## Some trains have brains

C. William Woods reports on the contribution of Westinghouse Air Brake Company (WABCO) to the BART experiment. WABCO's automatic control system places a good deal of the control equipment aboard each vehicle. This enables the vehicles on the track to continue to operate even
are located aboard the trains and at the wayside. This experiment evaluates four systems.
if some of the central equipment malfunctions. Woods stresses that there is a big difference between moving people and moving materials, trains or equipment: Goods and unladen trains can stand idle indefinitely, whereas people have limited patience.

The movement of people must take place on schedule in utter safety, and Woods feels that this can best be accomplished with control and safety equipment located on each vehicle. Woods' paper discusses a method by which a wire-carried signal can alert a motorman to dangers up the track and even control the spacing and speed of the vehicles along the track. Its analog signals are continuously evaluated by a central DDP-24 digital computer made by Computer Control Company. - -

## Mobile radios turn to overlay transistors

Within five years, all mobile communications equipment will be solid-state and the most favored device for the job is the overlay transistor. So say RCA engineers in five papers due for delivery in Session 8. And the reason that they give is that the overlay transistor has high current gains at high radio frequencies, and high power dissipation and current-handling ability.

They also discuss the extended frequency and
power ranges of the overlay transistor. These create special design problems in such basic building blocks as straight-through amplifiers, oscillators, amplifier-multipliers and oscillator-multipliers.

The transistors must be designed, or selected, to satisfy the very special properties of mobile transmitters. These include the operating voltage that may be 24 to 28 or 12 volts, breakdowns that may
occur during tune-up or sudden changes in the load, and the need for adequate cooling.

The design of transistor power circuits operating at microwave frequencies involves two steps: (1) the determination of the load and the input impedances under dynamic operating conditions and (2) the design of filtering and matching circuits for optimum performance, according to Hon C. Lee, of RCA Somerville Division. He points out that the lack of large-signal representation of microwave transistors prevents an analytical design approach to power circuits. The dynamic input and load impedances are difficult to calculate, since the transistor's parameters under large-signal operation differ considerably from small-signal values. The power levels, too, affect the parameters. Therefore the designer is better off using experiments to find out the dynamic impedances, says Lee. He recommends the slottedline measuring technique since the test setup can also be used to evaluate the transistor's power output, power gain and efficiency.

The choice of common-emitter or common-base configuration is the next decision the designer has to face, continues Lee. The decision must be based on the dual consideration of performance and stability. With regard to performance, commonbase amplifiers provide higher gains and commonemitter circuits yield higher output powers while the bandwidth and collector efficiencies are about comparable.

From the stability point of view, Lee contends that the widespread assumption that commonemitter circuits are more stable is not quite valid for microwave and uhf operations. The reason for this assumption stems from linear analysis of transistors without taking into account parasitic elements. For high-power operation at uhf and microwave frequencies, the parasitics must be treated together with the intrinsic transistor, he explains. Moreover, RF transistors must be con-
sidered nonlinear devices rather than four-terminal linear devices.

## Mobile transmitters complicate design

When these high-power, high-frequency amplifiers are designed for mobile transmitters, other problems rear their heads. The low-voltage supplies (either 24 to 28 or 12 volts) and the required high-power levels result in small impedances and hence large RF circulating currents, according to Stanley Matyckas, also from RCA, Somerville, N. J. The peak current may be as high as 20 A for a supply voltage of 12 V and an output RF power of 60 W , since the collector load impedance must be about 1 ohm . "In view of these factors," he says, "the well-proven vacuum-tube techniques become practically useless." Because the collector-to-base capacitance of the overlay transistor depends on the voltage, the neutralization of large-signal amplifiers is impractical, Matyckas asserts.
To improve the performance of large-signal transistor amplifiers in mobile transmitters, Matyckas recommends output-matching circuits that present a high impedance to the harmonic currents generated at the collector. The more widely used circuits are shown in Fig. 1.
Impedance problems become more apparent when several transistors must be paralleled to increase the available output power. Matyckas points out that with transistors the bases cannot be tied together directly as with vacuum tubes. Each transistor should have a base input coil that permits the adjustment of the drive levels, and the connection should be made through these base coils. The collectors may be tied together except when the supply voltage is 12 V . In that case, he recommends that the connection should be made through individual collector coils for higher impedance levels.

## How to suppress instabilities

Instabilities in transistorized vhf amplifiers can take several forms. Commonly these occur at frequencies far below the operating frequency,


1. Typical matching networks for transistor power amplifers for the input (a), interstage (b) and output (c) sec-
tions. The output matching circuit should present a high impedance to the harmonics generated at the collector.
where the gain increases rapidly, according to Matyckas. He points out several remedies as shown in Fig. 2:

- Because the base-emitter junction is highly capacitive, at low frequencies a resonant circuit can be formed with the addition of a choke ( $R F C$ ). The formation of this resonant circuit can be avoided with a low- $Q$ ferrite-type choke or a wire-wound resistor in place of $R F C$.
- The emitter bypassing should be done with two capacitors to cover the low frequencies.
- The dc power wiring should have adequate bypassing at both the operating and the low frequencies to shunt out stray inductances.
- The output matching circuits should use a coil. Its inductance is usually lower than that of selfresonant RF chokes, resulting in lower reactances at lower frequencies.


## How to use instabilities

Oscillations occuring at or near the operating frequencies when the input power is removed are usually caused by the parasitic elements of the package, says Lee. A useful harnessing of such oscillation is possible with circuits like the one in Fig. 3. It is a fundamental-frequency oscillator using an RCA overlay transistor which is still in the development stage. The circuit operates from 1.5 to 2.2 GHz and can deliver 150 mW at the upper frequency limit.

Mobile radio applications place severe requirements on the transistors. The two major considerations are the so-called second breakdown and the need for adequate cooling, according to Nicholas G. Richards et al., RCA, Meadow Lands, Pa. Second breakdown results in a collector-to-emitter short circuit and is caused by sudden changes in the load or by improper tuning. Richards points out that the transistor must handle not only increased dissipation but also sudden energy surges that can

2. Simple precautions with the components indicated with the circled numbers can prevent oscillations at low frequencies.

3. Fundamental-frequency oscillator operates from 1.5 to 2.2 GHz and puts out 150 mW at 2.2 GHz with a develop. mental RCA overlay transistor. The efficiency is $20 \%$ at a collector supply voltage of 25 V .
destroy it in a matter of microseconds. The heat conduction problem may be solved with an aluminum die-cast chassis that has a large radiating surface area, he explains. Matyckas adds that as an extra precaution, a thermostat can be mounted on the heat sink to reduce the transmitting power if the temperature becomes excessive.

## FET popularity continues to grow

To judge by the attention given to FETs at the show, FET manufacturers can look forward to a continuing healthy market.

An exhaustive and informative examination of the devices, their importance and applications is offered at Session 11, "Field-Effect Transistors." The program is well worth while to all interested in a refresher course on FET basics or in acquiring an initial exposure to these tube-like semiconductors.

A general perspective of the whole area is given by Donald L. Wollesen, Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc., Phoenix, Ariz. Wollesen's paper,
"FET vs Bipolar Transistor Characteristics," uses audio amplifying applications as a basis for comparison. He attempts to show where the FET is preferable to the bipolar, and vice versa, and how to recognize their respective advantages.

James S. Sherwin then takes over on the use of the FET in amplifiers. He shows why to use the devices, where to apply them, and how to go about designing FET amplifiers.

Shewing, Manager of FET applications at Siliconix Inc., Sunnyvale, Calif., concentrates on those areas where FETs outperform bipolar transistors. In particular, he touches on high-frequen-
cy circuits, including a $200-\mathrm{MHz}$ amplifier and a $45-\mathrm{MHz}$ RF cascode arrangement.

The third paper studies fundamentals in "The FET as a Switch." Presented by Carroll Perkins, application engineer for Raytheon Semiconductor's Mountain View, Calif., facility, his dissertation focuses on the IGFET type of field-effect devices. Perkins discusses both analog and digital switching applications.

A comprehensive review of such high-frequency FET applications as RF and IF amplifiers, mixers, oscillators and discriminators is contained in the next paper, "Circuit Simplification with MOSFETs." Delivered by George C. Luettgenau, Research Manager, TRW Semiconductor, Lawndale, Calif., it goes into the theoretical reasoning
and advantages in using "versatile" FETs in these circuits.

Luettgenau also treats the basic physical and electrical properties of MOSFETs. Luettgenau maintains that "we will soon have MOS devices which are duals of the traditional multifunction vacuum tubes," and that this will lead to complete system building blocks fabricated en irely with MOS techniques."

Michael Dix, Application Engineer at Philco's Microelectronic Div., Santa Clara, Calif., gives the last paper. He deals with the basic considerations involved in designing with MOS-arrays. This newer generation of field-effect units is becoming ircreasingly popular and is competing well with conventional digital integrated circuits in complex switching applications.

The session itself is the second organized by EEE magazine, of New York, and will be chaired by its editor-in-chief, George Rostky.

## Advice given on the selection of microwave receiver devices

Session 19 is devoted to reporting the state of the art in practical, commercially available, micro-wave-frequency devices. Because of continuous improvements, low-noise, traveling-wave amplifiers (LNTWAs) and backward-wave oscillators (BWOs) are retaining their share of systems assignments, despite serious inroads by their solid-state equivalents. A report is given on the improvements in quality and size reduction in YIG devices, and application advice is given to systems engineers on ferrite devices.

## Low-noise TWTs improving

The LNTWA is still unsurpassed for low-noise


Low-noise, traveling-wave-tube amplifier with integral power supply operates across the 8 to 12 GHz band. Improvements in packaging and decreases in noise figure with retention of high gain and output power are recent development trends.
microwave preamplification. According to Drs. B. P. Isruelsen, K. B. Niclas and Mr. C. C. Billat, of Watkins-Johnson Co., Palo Alto, Calif., the LNTWA offers the best combination of properties for low-noise microwave amplification compared with tunnel diodes, transistors and parametric amplifiers.

Among the other advantages cited for LNTWAs by the authors are instantaneous frequency coverage, high saturated power output, wide dynamic range, gain compactness, reliability, simplicity of opera+ion, and low cost per operating hour.

The Palo Alto engineers say that recent developments in specialized amplifiers, including matched channel combinations, multiple-octave amplifiers and more efficient units will mean a wider choice and improved special characteristics for the prospective user.

## BWOs still strong

The backward-wave oscillator, BWO, long an important electronically tuned microwave oscillator, is holding its own against formidable competition from other devices.

It is still the best tunable source for frequencies above 4 GHz , according to A. T. Isaacs and B. Kaiser of Watkins-Johnson Co., Palo Alto, Calif. In their joint paper they also say that even below 4 GHz the BWO is, in most respects, the favored choice. This has been the result of concerted R\&D efforts to increase bandwidth while retaining low tuning voltages and improving packaging. - -

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## Computers aid electronic circuit design and analysis

Computer-aided electronic design is no longer a pipe dream. It's here to stay. Any doubt about this is erased by the papers that make up Session 1, "Circuit Engineering by Digital Computation."
The amount and diversity of information presented at Wescon this year gives a good indication of just where design-by-computer is headed. Ranging from network analysis to control system simulation and synthesis-heretofore a specialty of the analog computer-the design tasks that have been successfully performed by the digital computer point to a bright and expanding future for this still very young design tool.

The Wescon papers, four in all, deal with IC mask design, linear system analysis, servosystem design, and RLC network analysis-all computeraided.

## LISA offers simpler language

In the paper entitled "LISA-a program for Linear Systems Analysis," K. L. Deckert and E. T. Johnson of IBM's Systems Development Division, San Jose, Calif., describe LISA, an experimental program designed for circuit analysis. LISA is an integrated package of 7090/94 FORTRAN IV programs that is capable of analyzing linear systems using La Place transform techniques. Networks, two block control systems, or a system of linear equations having polynomial elements in its coefficient matrix can be analyzed.

The user can describe his problem to the machine by using any one of several approaches: topological circuit description, transfer function, matrix equation or block diagram. Outputs, in either listing or graphic-plot form, can be either root locus, sensitivity, poles and zeros, or frequency and transient response.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of LISA is its ability to accept data in free format form. This means that the user can place input words and data anywhere on a card separated by commas.

## Computer used for RLCT analysis

Transient and complex frequency analysis by computer is also treated in a paper delivered by K . Lock, also of IBM's Systems Development Division. Rather than describing a program, however, Lock presents a mathematical method for use in describing RLCT (i.e., RLC plus ideal transformer) networks.

Lock's method involves network description completely in node-pair voltages, which allows
transformer constraints to be handled in a manner similar to Kirchoff's voltage equations. Analysis can be performed either by considering the network as a whole or by partitioning it into a number of subnetworks which are then sequentially analyzed.

## Computer analyzes, simulates servosystem

Starting with a method of analyzing a servosystem's linearity, D. B. Gaisch, of the same IBM division, proceeds to a complex statistical analysis and simulation of the system.

A portion of Gaisch's paper is devoted to problems related to the computer simulation and analysis of a dynamic system. Describing the method as applied to two different dynamic systems, the author tells how: (a) each system was mathematically described before actual construction; and (b) how the mathematical description was used as basis for digital computer simulation of both systems. Using the print-out and graphic output data resulting from the computer's analysis, the author was able to synthesize both systems.

## Computer designs IC masks

Integrated circuit mask design by digital computer is well represented at Wescon. A method for checking and making monolithic integrated circuit masks is described in a paper by D. M. Sheppard, W. T. James, M. E. Harris and A. M. Barone of IBM's Component Div. in Hopewell Junction, N. Y.

The authors describe the techniques they developed to aid the chip designer in developing an efficient layout procedure, checking the logic against the layout and converting the layout diagram into master artwork for etching or screening. The "master slice" concept was used as the basis for the computer program. With this approach, a fixed set of circuit elements is arranged on the wafer and then the desired circuits are determined by the interconnection pattern. This approach offers the advantage of having a single set of diffusion masks serve a number of different functional chips.

Wire-routing information can be fed to the computer by a mechanical $X-Y$ digitizer or by drawing the wiring diagram on the console of a visual display unit and storing it in memory. The authors believe that the visual display method offers greater potential accuracy and when time shared, will offer cost advantages over the mechanical digitizer. - - COUNTERS

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## Technical program

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## 1 Circuit Engineering by Digital Computation

(Tues./a.m./B)
Chairman: D. W. Cooper, IBM Systems Development Div.

1/1 A Computer-Oriented Method for Analyzing Networks with RLC Elements and Ideal TransformersK. Lock, IBM Systems Development Div.

1/2 LISA-A Program for Linear Systems Analysis-K. L. Deckert and E.T. Johnson, IBM Systems Development Div.

1/3 Computer-Aided Design of Two Servosystems-D. B. Gasich and R. H. Friesen, IBM Systems Development Div.

1/4 A Computer-Aided Method for Checking and Making Monolithic Integrated Circuit Masks-D. M. Sheppard, et al, IBM Components Div.

## Code to abbreviations

The abbreviations used within this index are as follows: a.m.-Morning sessions p.m.-Afternoon sessions All sessions will be held in the Biltmore, as follows:

B-Biltmore Bowl
Ba -Biltmore Ballroom
G-Biltmore Galeria Room
M-Biltmore Music Room
R-Biltmore Renaissance Room
Numerals refer to sessions and to papers within a sessionfor example, $4 / 1$ is paper 1 in session 4.

## 2 Solid-State Devices and Integrated Circuits

(Tues./a.m./Ba)
Chairman: P. Myers, Bunker-Ramo Corp.

2/1 Metal Semiconductor Shottky Barriers and Devices-M. M. Atalla, Hewlett-Packard

2/2 Unpackaged Devices-J. M. Goldey and J. M. Early, Bell Telephone Lab.

2/4 Micropower Linear CircuitsJ. D. Meindel and P. H. Hudson, U.S. Army Electronics Command

2/4 Micropower Linear Circuits-J. D. Meindel and P. H. Hudson, U. S. Army Electronics Command

## 3 Piezoelectric Ceramic Devices and Applications

(Tues./a.m./M)
Chairman: O. M. Steutzer, Sandia Lab.

3/1 Improved Ceramics for Piezoelectric Devices-G. H. Haertling, Sandia Lab.

3/2 Switching Properties of Polycrystalline Ferroelectrics- $R$. $\quad H$. Plumlee, Sandia Lab.

3/3 The Theory of Linear Multi-electroded Piezoelectric Plates-R.W. Holland, Sandia Lab.

3/4 Ferroelectric Ceramic Logic and NDRO Memory Devices-D. $\quad$. Schueler, Sandia Lab.

3/5 Small-Signal Applications of Monolithic Multiport Piezoelectric Devices-C. E. Land, Sandia Lab.

## 4 Satellite Communications

(Tues./a.m./R)
Chairman: F. Druding, Litton Mellonics, Systems Development Div.

4/1 Communications Satellite System Operations-G. D. Dill, Communications Satellite Corp.

4/2 Multiple Access-A Survey of the State-of-the-Art-R. R. Cagnon, TRW Systems

4/3 Evaluation of Techniques for Scheduling Satellite Communications Systems-M. D. Lenske, Litton Mellonics, Systems Development Div.

4/4 "Mascot," A Military Air Transportable Satellite Communications Terminal for Crises ManagementJ. M. Rosenberg, et al., Philco Western Developments Labs.

4/5 Satellite for TV DistributionsP. S. Visher, Hughes Aircraft

## 5 Recent Advances in Non-Digital Applications and Interconnection Aspects of Integrated Electronics

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5/1 Laser-Induced Resistivity Changes in Film Resistors-S. J. Lins and R. D. Morrison, Univac
5/2 Thin-Film Memory Sense Amplifier Using Linear Integrated Cir-cuits-J. W. Staubus, Univac

5/3 Laminate Printed Circuit Interconnection of Integrated CircuitsJ. A. Kimlinger, Univac

5/4 Packaging Monolithic Integrated Circuits in the Univac 1824 Aerospace Computer Central Processor $-R$. A. Beck and E. I. Moore, Univac

5/5 Some Future Aspects of Microe-lectronics-V. Uzunoglu, Arinc Research Corp.

## 6 Electron Devices

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Chairman: W. R. Luebke, Eimac Div., Varian Associates

6/1 High Power Linear Beam Tubes -T. Moreno, Varian Associates

6/2 Recent Advances In Beam-Plasma Amplifiers- $P$. Chorney, Microwave Associates

6/3 Television Cathode-Ray Display Tubes-F. Townsend, Westinghouse Electric

6/4 Solid-State Switching DevicesV. Sundra, Transitron Electronics

## 7 The Application of StateVariable Techniques in Communication and Radar

(Tues./p.m./M)
Chairman: H. L. Van Trees, Department of Electrical Engineering and Research Lab. of Electronics, M.I.T.

7/1 Detection and Continuous Estimation Theory-H. L. Van Trees, M.I.T.

7/2 The Use of State-Variables and Markov Processes to Problems of Analog Communication-D. Snyder, M.I.T.

7/3 Maximum a Posteriori Interval Estimation-A. Baggeroer, M.I.T.

7/4 Signal Optimization for Additive Noise Channels with FeedbackJ. K. Omura, Stanford Univ.

7/5 A Modern Approach to Signal Design-F. Schweppe, Michael Athans, M.I.T.

## 8 Recent Advances in High Frequency Solid-State Transmitter Systems

(Tues./p.m./R)
Chairman: E. E. Spitzer, RCA
8/1 R/F Transistor ConsiderationsS. Matyckas, RCA

8/2 Application of Overlay Transistors to Solid-State Mobile Equip-ment-N. Richards, RCA Broadcast Communications Div.

8/3 Microwave Transistors- $H$. C. Lee, RCA Industrial Semiconductor Operation Dept.

8/4 High Power Microwave Varactors and Varactor MultipliersJ. Collard, RCA

8/5 Microwave Solid-State Multipliers for Space Systems- $W$. Dodds, RCA Microwave \& Power Tube Operations

## 9 Advanced Spaceborne Computer Concepts

(Tues./p.m./G)
Chairman: W. Semon, Burroughs Corp.

9/1 Spaceborne Multiprocessing Or-ganizations-T. E. Burke, NASA Electronics Research Center

9/2 Associative Memories for Space Applications-D. Gunderson, Honeywell Systems and Research Div.

9/3 Logic Design Techniques for Er-
ror Control-J. Goldberg, Stanford Research Institute

9/4 A Systems Approach to the Voice Insertion of Data- W. Brodey, NASA Electronics Research Center

## 10 Large Scale Integration

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Chairman: D. E. Rosenheim, T. J. Watson Research Center

10/1 Systems Consideration for L.S.I. -M. G. Smith, T. J. Watson Research Center

10/2 Design Automation for L.S.I.H. Freitag, T. J. Watson Research Center
10/3 Discretionary Wiring Approach to Large-Scale Integration-J. Kilby and J. Lathrop, Texas Instruments lnc.

10/4 A New Dimension in Microelectronic Systems-A. C. Lowell and T. Mitsutomi, Autonetics

10/5 Micromatrix Approach to MOS Complex Arrays-L. Vadasz, Fairchild Semiconductor

## 11 Field Effect Transistors

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Chairman: G. Rostky, EEE-The Magazine of Circuit Design Engineering
11/1 FET vs Bipolar Transistor Characteristics-D. L. Wollesen, Motorola Semiconductor Products
$11 / 2$ The FET as an AmplifierJ. Sherwin, Siliconix
$11 / 3$ The FET as a Switch-C. Perkins, Raytheon Semiconductor

11/4 Circuit Simplifications with FETs-G. Luettgenau, TRW Semiconductor

11/5 Considerations of the FET in Complex Arrays-M. Dix, General Microelectronics

## 12 Millimeter Wave Techniques and Applications

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12/1 Solid-State Millimeter Wave Power Generation and Amplifica-tions-R. Rafuse and D. Steinbrecher, Research Lab. for Electronics, M.I.T.

12/2 Some Applications of Millimeter Waves in Atmospheric ResearchR. L. Mitchell, Aerospace Corp.

12/3 Millimeter Wave Radio Astrono-my-D. Thornton, Space Science Lab., Univ. of California

12/4 Millimeter Spectroscopy and Applications to High Temperature and Unstable Molecules-J. J. Gallagher, Martin-Marietta

12/5 Solid-State Millimeter Wave Re-ceivers-J. Kirwan and C. Abronson, Space-General Corp.

## 13 Theory, Design, and Testing of Error-Correcting Devices

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Chairman: A. E. Fein, Westinghouse Defense and Space Center

13/1 Forced Erasure Decoding-R. $M$. Heller and R. G. Marquart, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

13/2 Design and Test of a Simple Error-Correcting Coding SystemJ. M. Van Horn, Codex Corp.

13/3 Design and Performance of a Time Spread Coder-L. E. Hayden and A.E.Fein, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

13/4 Evaluation of Error Correction Block Encoding for High-Speed Data-L. Brayer and O. Cardinale, The Mitre Corp.

## 14 Effective Utilization of GridBased Interconnection Systems

(Wed./a.m./G)
Chairman: S. V. Worth, Elco Corp.
14/1 Effective Utilization of GridBased Interconnecting SystemS. M. Paulson, Interstate Electronics Corp.


Technician examines enlarged com-puter-produced interconnection pattern for an array of circuits. The actual array is shown in the foreground (paper 10/2).

14/2 Design Parameters for Programed Machine Wiring-D. $P$. Brouwer, Gardner-Denver

14/3 Design Criteria for Metal-Plate Connectors-B. Sheingold, Elco Corp.

14/4 Tolerance Specification by Multiple Alignment Statistics-L. Nanis, Institute of Direct Energy Conversion, Univ. of Pa.

## 15 Engineering Education for Student and Professional (Panel)

(Thurs./p.m./B)
Chairman: D. J. M. Pettit, Stanford Univ.

Panel members: Dr. F. E. Terman, Foundation for Science and Engineering, Southern Methodist Univ.

Dr. T. F. Jones, Jr., President, Univ. of South Carolina

Dr. R. E. Samuelson, Motorola, Inc. Military Electronics Div./Western Center

Dr. R. W. Kulterman, IBM Corp.
Dr. F. K. Willenbrock, Associate Dean of Engineering, Harvard Univ.

## 16 Electronic Systems for Urban Rapid Transportation

(Thurs./a.m./Ba)
Chairman: R. C. Wigger, Advance Data Systems Div., Litton Industries

16/1 Engineering Tomorrow's Transit Today for BARTD-D. $N$. Aboudara, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

16/2 Computer Control of Transit Cars-C. W. Woods, Westinghouse Air Brake Co.

16/3 Urban Rapid Transportation and Automatic Revenue ControlR. Silver, Litton Advance Data Systems

16/4 Application of Electronics in Urban Public Transportation Sys-tems-J. C. Beckett, Hewlett-Packard Co.

## 17 Design and Performance Capabilities of Solid-State HighFrequency Linear Amplifiers

(Thurs./a.m./M)
Chairman: R. S. Engelbrecht, Bell Telephone Labs.
17/1 Comparative Appraisal of HighFrequency Solid-State Linear Am-plifiers-R. S. Engelbrecht, Bell Telephone Labs.

17/2 Analytical and Experimental Design Procedure for Microwave Tunnel-Diode Amplifiers-C. $S$. Kim, General Electric Co.

17/3 Field Effect Transistor Am-plifiers-P. D. Stark, Bell Telephone

17/4 Microwave Transistor Am-plifiers-P. D. Stark, Bell Telephone Labs.

## 18 Plastic Transistors-Their Impact on the Industry

(Thurs./a.m./R)
Chairman: J. E. Harrison, Bendix Semiconductor Div.

18/1 Economy Line Semiconductors -Their Future-J. Bockhaus, General Electric Co.

18/2 Market Impact of Plastic Semi-conductors-G. Berryman, Texas Instruments

18/3 The Technical Aspects of Pro-duction-J. McDougall, Fairchild Semiconductor

18/4 Silicon Plastic Power Transistor -Its Introduction to the MarketH. Newman, Semiconductor Div., Bendix

19 Parameters to be Considered in Choosing Sophisticated Microwave Devices in the Design of New Microwave Receiver Systems
(Thurs./a.m./G)
Chairman: B. Kaiser, Watkins-Johnson Co.

19/1 State-of-the-Art Advances in Ultra-Low-Noise TWT's and Their Applications-B. P. Israelsen and C. C. Billat, Watkins-Johnson Co.

19/2 New Advances in the Design of BWOs: Their Applications and Relative Merits-B. Kaiser and A. T. Isaacs, Watkins-Johnson Co.

19/3 YIG Devices: Their Technology, Application, Advantages and Disadvantages in the Design of Sophisticated Microwave Receiver Systems -L. B. Fletcher and R. W. Peter, Watkins-Johnson Co.

19/4 Application of Ultra-Miniature Ferrite Devices for Advanced Receiver Systems-V. E. Dunn, et al, Watkins-Johnson Co.

## 20 Power and Control Integrated Circuits

(Fri./a.m./B)
Chairman: M. J. Hellstrom, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

20/1 A Monolithic Voltage Regulator -J. Jennings, N. Oppenheimer, Westinghouse Molecular Electronics
Div., and E. A. Karcher, ITT Semiconductors

20/2 A Logic-SCR Driver Integrated Circuit-M. Oppenheimer, Westinghouse Molecular Electronics Div.

20/3 An Integrated Amplifier-Firing Circuit-M. Hellstrom and C. Laughinghouse, Westinghouse Molecular Electronics Div.

20/4 Low Power Solid-State Inverters for Space Applications-P. Vergez, V. Glover, Texas Instruments, and B. Willis, NASA Astrionics Lab.

20/5 Power Devices for a Solid-State Inverter-D. Manus, et al, Texas Instruments

20/6 Monolithic Integrated Circuit Arrays for a Solid-State InverterP. S. Newcomb, Texas Instruments

## 21 High Availability Computer Systems

(Fri./a.m./Ba)
Chairman: W. C. Carter, IBM Corp.
21/1 Criterion for Assessing the Reliability of Total Computer Systems -W. E. Marshall, Control Data Corp.

21/2 System Effectiveness as a Generalization of System AvailabilityS. W. Leibholz, Auerbach Corp.

21/3 Monitoring Reliability Requirements by Total System Specification

## Surveyor 1

An extra session, designated Session X and devoted to Surveyor 1 , was added to the technical program in light of the widespread interest in the successful Surveyor mission.

## X Surveyor 1

(Thurs./p.m./B)
Chairman: S. C. Shallon, Hughes Aircraft Co.
X/1 Surveyor 1 Telecommunication and Command Subsystems-R.J. Rechter and F. K. Rickman, Hughes Aircraft Co.
$\mathrm{X} / 2$ Tracking and Data Acquisition System for Surveyor 1-Dr. N. A. Renzetti, Jet Propulsion Lab.

X/3 Surveyor 1 Terminal Descent System-Dr. H. D. Marbach, Hughes Aircraft Co.
X/4 Surveyor 1 Lunar Survey Tel-evision-T. B. Horne and F. J. Wolf, Hughes Aircraft Co.
X/5 Scientific Information Obtained from Surveyor-T. $H$. Bird, Jet Propulsion Lab.
and Design-R. Thomas, Jr., Defense Communications Agency

21/4 Design and Use of a Fault Simulator for Saturn Computer Design -F. J. Hardie and R. J. Suhocki, 1BM, Federal Systems Div.

21/5 System Design for High Availa-bility-C. M. Davis, IBM Systems Development

21/6 Modular System Approach to High Availability-T. S. Stafford, IBM Systems Development

## 22 High-Frequency Amplifier Design

(Fri./a.m./M)
Chairman: J. Moll, Department of Electrical Engineering, Stanford Univ.

22/1 Small-Signal Design (Systems Handling Less Than 1 Watt)Speaker to be announced from Fairchild Semiconductor

22/2 Large-Signal Design (Systems Handling More Than 1 Watt)R. Hejhall, Motorola Semiconductor Products

22/3 Junction-FET High-Frequency Amplifiers-J. B. Compton, Siliconix

22/4 MOS-FET High-Frequency Am-plifiers-P. E. Kolk, KMC Semiconductor

22/5 Designing for Low-Noise-G. Johnson, Texas Instruments Semiconductor Components Div.

## 22/6 Design Trade-Offs-R. Minton, RCA Electronics Components and Devices

23 The Impact of Ultra-Wideband Sampling and Associated Developments on Electronic Instrumentation
(Fri./a.m./R)
Chairman: B. M. Oliver, HewlettPackard

23/1 The Ultra-Wideband Sampling Gate-An Analysis, Characterization and Application DiscussionD. Howard, Hewlett-Packard

23/2 Sampling Based Phase-Locked Loops-G. Alonzo, Hewlett-Packard

23/3 Sampler-Based Instruments for Complex Signal and Network Anal-ysis-R. W. Anderson, HewlettPackard

23/4 Random Sampling-A Statistical Measurement ApproachJ. Boatwright, Hewlett-Packard

## 24 Array Antennas for Space Applications

(Fri./a.m./G)
Chairman: L. C. Van Atta, NASA/Electronics Research Center


Plastic semiconductors, such as this germanium FET of Texas Instruments, are having a jolting effect on the electronics industry (Session 18).

24/1 Antenna Requirements for Interplanetary Communications- $R$.
D. Kodis, NASA/ERC

24/2 Recent Advances in the Theory and Practice of Array AntennasB. L. Diamond, MIT, Lincoln Labs.

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24/5 An Electronically Scanned KBand Phased Array for a Spaceborne Radiometer-M. E. Louapre, Space-General Corp.

## Special invited sessions

## A Information Management: A Technology Amplifier

(Wed./p.m./Ba)
Chairman: R. M. Hayes, Univ. of California

A/1 An Overview of the Information Retrieval Field-R. M. Hayes, Institute of Library Research, UCLA

A/2 Available Hardware for Information Storage and Retrieval-J. C. R. Licklider, T. J. Watson Research Lab., IBM

A/3 The Chemists' Approach to the Information Problem-H. R. Koller, Research and Development, U. S. Patent Office

A/4 Developments in the Improvement of Scientific and Technical Information Exchange-M. Day, Scientific and Technical Information Div., NASA

A/5 A Plan for Technical Society Information Retrieval and Exchange $-M$. Rubinoff, Univ. of Pa.

B On-Line Computing-Capabilities, Constraints, and Challenges
(Thurs./p.m./Ba)
Chairman: R. H. Wilcox, Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy

B/1 On-Line Educational Techniques -D. Bitzer, Univ. of Illinois Coordinated Science Lab.

B/2 Uncommon applications-L. C. Clapp, Computer Research Corp.

B/3 Command and Control Applica-tions-W. D. Wilkinson, BunkerRamo Corp.

B/4 An Electrical Engineering Ap-plication-Speaker to be announced from Project MAC

C The Characteristics of Electricity Supplied from Electrical Power Systems
(Fri./p.m./Ba)
Chairman: To be announced


Seismic survey crew from Litton Industries' Western Geophysical Division is shown setting off a marine seismic blast (Science Film Theater)

## Science film theater

Again this year the Wescon Science Film Theater will present timely science and engineering motion pictures each day of the show. The theater is located at Hollywood Park and is free to all show-goers. The following are the films that will be presented:

## I General

1. Ideas Sylvania, Sylvania Electric Products.
2. Footprints in the Sea, U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station
3. Dept. of Defense Documentatation Center, DOD
4. Facts of Life Cycle Cost, Martin Co.
5. Eclipse '65, Douglas Aircraft 6. Treasures of Earth, Litton Industries
6. Shape of Aerospace Marketing, Aviation Week
7. Road to 4 Corners, Martin Co.

## II Electronics

1. Accelerometer Calibration for Flight and Laboratory, Endevco Corp.
2. Microelectronics, Key to Tomorrow, Boeing Co.
3. Laser Research at NEL, Naval Electronics Lab.

## III Electron Applications and Manufacturing

1. Auto Production of Vacuum Deposit Thin-Films, Sloan Insti-

## tute

2. New Era in Cooking, Microwave Cooking Food, Litton Industries
3. Rush Hours, Space Age, Litton Industries
4. Overlay Transistor, RCA

## IV Nuclear Energy

1. Snap 10A, First Nuclear Reactor in Space, Atomics Int'l., Div., North American Aviation 2. Plowshare, AEC \& Lawrence Radiation Lab.
2. Reaching for the Stars, General Dynamics

## V Space Exploration

1. Log of Mariner 4, J. P. L.
2. Build Me a Mountain, TRW Systems
3. Aerospace Biotechnology, Douglas Aircraft
4. Ranger 9 Photos of Moon

VI Satellites for communication and Nuclear detection

1. Yardstick for New Age, Cubic Corp.
2. Sons of Zeus, TRW Systems
3. Live via Early Bird, Douglas Aircraft

VII Computers and data management

1. Control Data at CERN
2. Mark of Man
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## Power ICs and computer design dominate sessions

## Rene' Colen <br> Microelectronics Editor

If the Wescon program is an indication, it won't be long before integrated circuits infiltrate the hallowed ranks of discrete-component power systems. The belief that monolithic integrated circuits are limited to only low-power applications will soon be revised. Focus at the microelectronics sessions will be on two series of papers. One describes a number of integrated power devices; the other covers a power inverter system that uses integrated circuits to accomplish drastic reductions in size and weight.

Circuit designers, with an eye on the practical, and perhaps immediate, will find the series of papers on Power and Control Integrated Circuits (Session 20) quite interesting. System designers, and those with an eye toward the future, will want to attend the session on Large-scale Integration (Session 10). Session 5, Interconnection Aspects of Microcircuits, emphasizes the continued growth of computer and automation techniques for microelectronic circuit design and manufacture.

## Power ICs appear feasible

The encroachment of IC devices on power applications is described in three papers presented by staff members from the Westinghouse Molecular Electronics Division. The monolithic voltage regulator (paper 20/1) is built on a silicon block that is 140 by 120 mils (a rather large size) and contains three transistors, a reference diode, and one resistor. Two of the transistors, connected in a Darlington configuration, serve as the series control element; the other transistor, with the reference diode in the emitter line and the resistor in the collector line, acts as the feedback amplifier.

When it operates at a nominal input voltage of 18 V and an output voltage of 11.9 V , regulation was found to be better than $0.2 \%$ for a $\pm 20 \%$ input voltage variation and over a 0.5 - to 2.5 ampere load current range. To achieve this performance, however, the amplifier's collector resistor has to be returned to a constant current source, rather than to just the unregulated input voltage. Only two discrete components are required to complete the circuit: a variable resistor
to pick off and adjust the feedback voltage, and a capacitor, at the output of the feedback amplifier (a terminal is available), to suppress any internal oscillations due to the high gain in the feedback loop.

A linear SCR trigger circuit is described by Mel Hellstrom (paper $20 / 3$ ). The circuit, shown in Fig. 1, is quite complex and includes a gain stage, a Darlington-connected differential amplifier, a temperature-compensated constant-current source, a complementary-transistor pulse detector, an internal power supply regulator, and the SCR itself. The SCR charactieristics are, in part, a 0.5 to 0.7 amperes steady-state current capability, a breakdown voltage of more than 50 volts, a holding current of 1 to 2 milliamps, and a currentpulse capability as high as 5 amp . The 50 -by- $60-\mathrm{mil}$ chip is shown in Fig. 2.
The third Westinghouse paper (paper 20/2) describes a logic-SCR driver circuit. A three input AND gate has its output connected to an SCR. The circuit was developed to act as an interface between standard logic circuits and power output functions. The circuit operates at 3 volts, with the SCR handling one ampere. The three transistors, two npns and one pnp, are in a differential ampli-


1. Monolithic, linear, SCR trigger circuit has good temperature stability and high sensitivity, all in small size.
fier arrangement, with the complementary pair feeding the SCR gate.

## Digital IC arrays used in power inverters

In a series of three papers, all in Session 20, staff members from Texas Instruments Inc. and NASA-Huntsville describe the development of static power inverters using integrated circuitry. The system (paper $20 / 4$ ) uses various complex array counters to generate a series of properly phased pulse signals. These signals feed the power amplifiers that switch currents in the primaries of the three-phase output transformer. The output signal consists of a summation of the square-wave voltages, and appears as a sine wave made up of small, discrete voltage steps. A 75 VA unit, now in development, provides a $400-\mathrm{Hz}, 3-\phi$, sine-wave signal with an efficiency of $60 \%$, and less that $5 \%$ distortion. Final weight of the complete package will be under 16 lbs.

Naturally, all of the digital circuitry is integrated (paper $20 / 6$ ) and appears as four separate packages. Each package contains a single silicon chip. Three of the packages, $\div 256, \div 12$, and $\div 10$ counters, use the same manufacturing masks, except for the final, metal interconnection mask. The fourth package, a 12 -bit Johnson counter, uses a much more complex circuit as the basic design unit and thus a different set of masks. Each of the counters is packaged in a modified version of TI's Industrial Series 16 -pin package. The Johnson counter, for example, is approximately 300 times smaller than an interchangeable discrete-component counter also built by TI.

But integration of this inverter system did not stop with the low-power digital circuits. The power amplifiers-there are six of them in the systemare also integrated. Paper 20/5 describes the circuit, its characteristics, and a major consideration that had to be evaluated: second-breakdown effects. The amplifier unit consists of two Darling-ton-connected stages with a single diode across the emitter-collector of the output units. It is not, however, a monolithic circuit; placed in a special stud package, the power amplifier is actually made up of two discrete chips, each having two transistors and a diode diffused on to it.

## LSI still with us, only more so

Large-scale integration remains high on the interest list with an entire session devoted to this topic. The first paper (10/1), presented by Merlin Smith of the IBM Watson Research Center, provides an over-all view of present and future problems in this still-new field. Starting out with the definition of large-scale as meaning more than 50 circuits per chip, he delves into the many advantages and disadvantages of LSI.

2. Monolithic chip is only 50 - by 60 -mils, and contains all the circuitry shown in Fig. 1 to form SCR trigger circuit.

One of the biggest problems is that of the "impact of change," which should be reduced in order to reduce cost. Essentially, this means providing an extremely fast turn-around time. To this end, IBM has been working on design automation techniques which are described in paper 10/2. Called the Programed Interconnect Process, it is essentially a discretionary wiring procedure. A processed wafer, holding an array of some basic logic element and possessing no interconnections between elements, is electrically tested. The results are stored in a computer and a computer routine then designs an interconnection pattern that uses only the good circuits. The output of the computer, the interconnection pattern, is then fed to an automatic exposure apparatus which produces the desired pattern directly on the wafer.

On a research basis, arrays with as many as 80 circuits have been made. The array described in this paper has 4 -input NOR gates as the basic logic block, with field-effect transistors as the basic circuit element. The channel spaces that separate each logic block are used for the interconnecting runs. Where cross-overs occur, previously diffused-in connecting lines, located at each channel junction and also between circuits, are used.

The automatic exposure apparatus consists of a fixed, intense light source that focuses a 2 -mil light spot on the wafer. The wafer is then digitally stepped in the $x$ and $y$ directions according to the computer's instructions and forms the interconnect pattern on the wafer's sensitized surface.

This system is slightly different from the one described by Lathrop of Texas Instruments Inc. in paper $10 / 3$. TI's Multilevel Interconnect Generator (MIG), uses a high-resolution cathoderay tube with a fiber-optic face-plate and contactprints the interconnect directly on the wafer. - -

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FET scope probe measures response of high-frequency ( 30 MHz ) amplifiers with no loss of circuit's gain.


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A FET operating at uhf? For mixers and amplifiers, this silicon planar field-effect is reportedly operable up to 800 MHz .

# Sampling plug-ins add real-time features, thrust scopes into X -band and beyond 



Sampling scope sports delayed sweep, automatic trigger


1. Scope sweep is triggered on single pulse (a) for jitter-free display (c). Choosing faster sweep allows display of actual jitter (b).

With operation and performance nearly parallel to that of real-time scopes, this $1-\mathrm{GHz}$ sampling system boasts delayed sweep and automatic triggering capabilities previously unknown to sampling scopes. Totally compatible with Hewlett-Packard's 140 A and 141A (variable persistence/storage) scope main frames, the samplers should prove ideal for fast waveform studies.

Delayed sweep capabilities are of greatest value in pulse train studies (see Fig. 1). The observer moves a bright dot along a pulse train, and the touch of a switch expands the pulse selected. The scope sweep can be triggered on the chosen single pulse after the delay period for a display free of input rate jitter (1c). Or, the faster sweep may be chosen immediately at the end of the delay interval to actually show the extent of the jitter present (1b).

The vertical amplifiers have builtin delay lines to initiate automatic triggering on a variety of signals to 1 GHz from either of the two inputs. Thus, the leading edge of any waveform is completely displayed. A small portion of the input is fed to the horizontal plug-in (sweep generator) to start the sweep. The major portion of the sig-
nal passes through the delay line to the sampler and is displayed. Thus, the input signal serves not only to drive the sampler, but the trigger pick-off circuit as well. Sensitivity at 1 GHz is $1 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{cm}$.

High-Z probes containing the samplers take scope measurements directly to the circuit of interest. $50-\Omega$ terminated operation results by plugging either probe (or both) back into the amplifier's chassis.

Plug-ins have been designated model 1410A (vertical amplifier) and 1425A (delayed sweep generator). Automatic triggering in the delayed sweep generator provides a base line in the absence of signal and locks in at the signal's start for quick trace set-up. For high timeresolution, calibrated sweeps to 10 $\mathrm{ps} / \mathrm{cm}$ may be selected. A front panel pushbutton returns the sweep to X 1 magnification for a "quick look" at the source and identity of the expanded trace. Single scans are possible if storage of drifting, changing or multiple traces are desired.

P\&A: $\$ 1600 ; 8$ to 12 wks. (1410A and 1425A).

## . . . . . . to X-band and beyond

An external sampler chassis, a two-channel vertical amplifier plugin and the sweep time.base just described take the same main frames up to X-band for direct cw observation. Sampling heads are attached to the amplifier with an umbilical cord to permit measurements to be made at the signal source. Pulse carriers can be viewed directly without waveshape degradation (crystal detectors are eliminated). Time domain reflectometry is extended: The manufacturer's 20-ps rise time pulse generator and the $28-\mathrm{ps}$ scope response time gives a combined TDR system rise time of less than $40-\mathrm{ps}$. Discontinuties spaced millimeters apart can be resolved.

Basic sampler design is shown in Fig. 2. The trigger from the horizontal sweep generator causes the sampling pulse generator to turn


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the sampling gate on and opens the stretcher gate. Voltage on the sampling capacitor is then amplified and stored in the stretcher for display. Stretcher output is fed to the capacitor via the feedback attenuator so that the voltage across the capacitor equals the input voltage at the time of the last sample. Thus, only input voltage differences are sampled and the gain of the vertical amplifiers is a function of the feedback attenuator, not the forward gain.

Sampler design is aimed at making optimal use of the high-speed switching diodes. The two-diode feedthrough sampler has no internal termination. Input and output are $7-\mathrm{mm}$ airlines. The input line passes through a modified $50-\mathrm{ps}$ biconical cavity. Impedance of the dielectric filled cavity is maintained at $50 \Omega$. Within the cavity, a fast rise pulse from a step-recovery diode turns the sampler on. This switch-on arises from a controlled reflection of the switch-off pulse against the short-circuited end of the cavity. The reflected wave, in cancelling the forward wave, determines the length of time that the sampling diodes are conducting. Diode capacity remaining, which has not been masked out by the dielectric, is utilized in a low-vswr filter section.

There are three samplers. Model 1430A is optimized for flat pulse response with 28 -ps risetime. Model 1431 A , optimized for flat frequency response from dc to 12.4 GHz and low vswr. Model 1432 A is a $4-\mathrm{GHz}$, $90-\mathrm{ps}$ risetime unit. The 1425A time base has been described previously. A less costly unit without a delay generator (model 1424A) triggers beyond 5 GHz .

A single vertical amplifier, model 1411 A , functions with any of the samplers. The 2 -channel amplifier has recorder outputs and an $A$ vs $B$

## Programable oscillator

Designed for automatic frequency selection and optional automatic amplitude selection, this programable signal standard covers 0.1 Hz to 99.99 kHz . Required programing time is 5 ms min. Harmonic distortion is $0.01 \%$, frequency response is $\pm 0.01 \mathrm{~dB}$, amplitude calibration is $\pm 0.25 \%$ and amplitude stability is

2. Time constant of the sampling gate conductance, source impedance and sampling conductance exeeds sampling time. Thus, voltage across the capacitor after the sample is taken is a fraction of the input voltage. Attenuator maintains sampling efficiency as sensitivity is changed.
mode for X -Y scope presentations. A rise time control allows for optimal overshoot, noise and rise time trade-offs.

For TDR applications, the 1105A 20-ps pulse generator has a flat pulse output. Accessories include the 1106 A tunnel diode mount which may be triggered to produce a 20 ps pulse. The 1105A triggers the mount through a length of coax to generate the pulse as near to the circuit as desired.

An $18-\mathrm{GHz}$ countdown supply (1104A) functions with the mount to produce a $100-\mathrm{mV}, 100-\mathrm{MHz}$ counted down signal for synchronized triggering of the sampling base from 1 to 18 GHz .

Amphenol GPC-7 connectors, specified to 18 GHz , are used throughout.

P\&A: $\$ 3000$ (1430A and 1431A), $\$ 1000$ (1432A) ; 8 to 12 wks., $\$ 700$ (1411A) ; 8 to 12 wks., $\$ 1200$ (1424A); 5 to 6 months, $\$ 200$ (1104A) ; 12 to 14 wks., $\$ 200$ (1105A) ; 2 to 4 wks., $\$ 550$ (1106A) ; 2 to 4 wks. HewlettPackard, 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 326-7000. Booth 305 (HP) Circle No. 260 $\pm 0.01 \% / \mathrm{hr}$. The relay-operated oscillator meets signal standard requirements in terms of frequency response, sine wave purity and stability of a calibrated output amplitude.

P\&A: $\$ 1335$ to $\$ 2325$; October. Krohn-Hite Corp., 580 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. Phone: (617) 491-3211.
Booth 151 (HP) Circle No. 511


## Deviation thermometer

This direct reading thermometer measures deviation from fixed temperatures in crystal holders to a resolution of $0.01^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. It has two ranges: a $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ band selected from a span of $-100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $500^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and an expanded scale range of $1-0-1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ scale $\pm 0.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ accuracy and the $1-0-1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ scale has $\pm 0.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ accuracy. The unit also has a 0 tn 43-W recorder output. The probe contains a miniature platinum resistance element.

P\&A: \$600; December. Radio Frequency Labs., Boonton, N. J. Phone: (201) 334-3100.
Booth 255 (HP) Circle No. 308


## Ac voltmeter

With a linear dB scale on each range, this ac voltmeter has a 100 $\mu \mathrm{V}$ full-scale range, and $10-\mathrm{M} \Omega$ input impedance. Full-scale range is 1000 V max. A built-in amplifier produces 1 V rms ac for full-scale deflection. On the $100-\mu \mathrm{V}$ range, the amplifier has $80-\mathrm{dB}$ gain with 5 $\mu \mathrm{V}$ max noise. Frequency ran~e is 20 Hz to 4 MHz . Accuracy in $100-$ Hz to $1-\mathrm{MHz}$ range is 0.2 dB .

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## Phase and time detector

Measuring phase angle and time delay from 1 to 8.2 GHz , this detector has accuracy better than $0.1^{\circ}$ or $1 \%$ over the 0 to $360^{\circ}$ range. Readability is better than 0.05 ps and resolution is infinite. As a null indicator, minimum input signal requirement is 0.1 V rms . The ratio of the two input signals can be varied from 1:1 to $10: 1$. Error due to harmonics and noise is zero for even harmonics and inversely proportional to the order of odd harmonics.

P\&A: $\$ 2386$; stock. Ad-Yu Electronics Inc., Passaic, N. J. Phone: (201) 472-5622.

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## Thermopile detectors

Wirewound thermopile detectors have a signal speed ranging from 0.05 to 0.8 s . Sensitivity is typically $0.1 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{mW}$ and impedance is typically $200 \Omega$. The thermopile is linear up to intensities of $300 \mathrm{~mW} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$.

Eppley Laboratory Inc., 12 Sheffield, Newport R. I. Phone: (401) 847-1020.

Booth 424 (HP) Circle No. 305


## Slotted-line system

Slotted-line vswr measurements from 2 to 18 GHz are implemented with this swept slotted-line system. It consists of a slotted line and a swept slotted-line adapter with two matched, untuned detectors and a simulated section of slotted line. One sampling detector levels the associated microwave sweep oscillator and the other is used on the slottedline carriage for readout.

Hewlett Packard, 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 326-7000.
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## FM signal generator

Covering the FM band from 86 to 108 MHz , this generator has frequency deviation response within 1 dB from dc to 75 kHz and less than 3 dB down at 200 kHz . The output system is a mutual inductance attenuator with $50-\Omega$ source impedance providing low vswr. Output voltage is metered and continuously variable from 0.1 to $100,000 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ $(-128,-8 \mathrm{dBm})$ across $50 \Omega$.

Price: \$585. McGraw-Edison, Measurements Div., Boonton, N. J. Phone: (201) 334-2131.
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## Standards calibrator

Type 9000 is a self-contained system of measuring and calibrating standards. A 2- or 4-terminal resistance measuring system is incorporated with a range of $1.1 \mathrm{M} \Omega \max$ and resolution of $1 \mu \Omega \max$. Temper $\lrcorner$ ate measurements have an accuracy and resolution of $\pm 0.001^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A 111V direct-reading dc pot provides additional ranges of $11,1,0.1$ and 0.0 V at $\pm 5 \mathrm{ppm}$ accuracy. A 10-decade 4 -terminal variable resistor is temperature/controlled to $\pm 0.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

P\&A: $\$ 9700 ; 6$ to 8 wks. Hallmark Standards Inc., 145 Library Lane, Mamaroneck, N. Y. Phone: (914) 698-8460.

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## Spectrum display

In conjunction with a frequencyselective voltmeter this unit displays signals in a selected frequency band on a CRT. Frequency accuracy is $\pm 1 \mathrm{kHz}$ for $120-\mathrm{kHz}$ sweep width. Frequency coverage and total dynamic range equal that of the voltmeter. Sweep width is 120 or 12 kHz . Stability for $120-\mathrm{kHz}$ sweep width is $\pm 2500 \mathrm{~Hz}$. Flatness and level stability at 0 dB are $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~dB}$.

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P\&A: $\$ 12,000 ; 90$ days. Microdot Inc., 220 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. Phone: (213) 7999171.

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## Vibration monitor

Control of sinusoidal vibration tests from up to six acceleration inputs or from the phase-insensitive average of input magnitudes is provided by this unit. Control in transfer mode maintains acceleration at each input at a preset 0.1 to 100 G . Average mode operation provides control from the weighted average of input magnitudes. An optional arrangement allows each channel to operate in either mode.

Unholtz-Dickie Corp., 2994 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Conn. Phone: (203) 288-3358.

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## 18-GHz sweep analyzer

Swept frequency over the 20 MHz to $18-\mathrm{GHz}$ range is provided by this phase, amplitude and impedance analyzer. A test signal varying in power over a $60-\mathrm{dB}$ range can be measured. The unit can be used on both cw and pulsed signals. For impedance plotting, the resolution is $1 \%$ allowing a 1.02 -vswr measurement or a $40-\mathrm{dB}$ return loss. For measurement of insertion loss, accuracy is $0.5+0.1 \mathrm{~dB}$ for each 10 dB up to 50 dB .

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## Selective voltmeter

Signals from 10 kHz to 32.1 MHz are measured by this frequency-selective voltmeter. Signal components of $1 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ min in bandwidths of 250 or 3100 Hz can be measured. The main tuning dial is phaselocked in $100-\mathrm{kHz}$ steps or continuously tuned from 0 to 32.1 MHz . The incremental dial covers -10 to 100 kHz with scale markers every 500 Hz . Measurement accuracy is $\pm 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 1 MHz .

Philco, Sierra Electronic Div., 3885 Bohannon, Menlo Park, Calif. Phone: (415) 322-7222.
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Microdot Magnetics Inc., 5960 Bowcroft St., Los Angeles. Phone: (213) 870-7491.

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## Ac-to-dc converter

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P\&A: $\$ 395$; 4 wks. Anadex Instruments Inc., 7833 Haskell Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. Phone: (213) 7829527.

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## Sweep log analyzer

A sweep log analyzer system is designed for insertion gain or loss, return loss (vswr) or gain, absolute power or reflection coefficient measurements. The $60-\mathrm{dB}$ dynamic range allows using internal analog electronics to compensate for crystal performance above the square-law region. A built-in RF signal generator provides calibration for power level measurements to an accuracy of $\pm 0.3 \mathrm{~dB}$ at +20 dBm and $\pm 0.6$ dB at -40 dBm .

Price: $\$ 1250$. Alfred Electronics, 3176 Porter Dr., Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 326-6496.
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Differential null detector
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P\&A: \$575 (transistor test jig), $\$ 295$ (bias tee), $\$ 5300$ (resolver), $\$ 4200$ (electronics unit); 10 wks. Wiltron Co., 930 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, Calif. Phone: (415) 3217428.

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## Lab test console

This standards laboratory console contains four matching units: A precision pot for voltage measurements from 0 to 2222 V , a high-resolution null detector with $20-n V$ sensitivity, interchangeable volt boxes and a constant current power supply. The potentiometer has 20 ppm calibrated accuracy, four ranges from 0 to 11.11 V and thermal emf or less than $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~V}$. The null detector has guarded differential input for bipolar operation and high $\mathrm{Z}_{\text {バ }}$.

Honeywell Inc., Test Instruments Div., 4800 E. Dry Creek Rd., Denver, Colo. Phone: (303) 771-4700.
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## Bridge indicator

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Lockheed Electronics Co., 6201 E. Randolph St., Los Angeles. Phone: (213) 722-6810.

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## True rms voltmeter

A true rms voltmeter operates from a rechargeable battery or a $115 / 230-\mathrm{V}, 50-$ to $400-\mathrm{MHz}$ source. Voltage range is $300 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to 330 V , with null indicator range of 100 to $300 \mu \mathrm{~V}$. Frequency band is 10 Hz to 20 MHz and accuracy is $2 \%$ of reading from 50 Hz to 10 MHz . The 5 -in. voltage scales are logarithmic. Model 323 is useful in measurements of sine waves, distorted sine waves, random noise, square waves or 0.1$\mu \mathrm{s}$ pulses having a duty cycle as low as 0.04 .

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Circle No. 282


## Impedance/phase meter

Over a $500-\mathrm{kHz}$ to $108-\mathrm{MHz}$ range, this $R F$ vector impedance meter gives impedances from 10 to $100,000 \Omega$ and phase angles from 0 to $360^{\circ}$ simultaneously. A sampling agc loop maintains the current constant at $4 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. Voltage response is detected and read out in impedance. Resolution is better than $2^{\circ}$. Model 4815A may be swept by an external sweep oscillator up to 1 MHz . The front-panel monitor delivers 150 mV min into $50 \Omega$. The instrument measures capacitances up to $0.1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ and inductances up to 10 mH .

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## Wheatstone bridge

An 11-position switch dial covering a multiplier range of $10^{-5}$ to $10^{5}$ is employed by this Wheatstone bridge console. The switch contacts appear in the detector branch and in series with either a $10-$ or $100-\mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor. With a contact resistance of $0.001 \Omega$, the maximum ratio error introduced by contact resistance is 0.1 ppm . Accuracy is $0.01 \%$. The unit has a range of $0.1 \Omega$ to $11,111 \mathrm{M} \Omega$.

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Instead of producing a minimum of four base steps and using a potentiometer for increments, the base drive allows selection of the first and last steps in order to display only specific curves of interest. Single steps alone may also be displayed. By use of the combination of selectable base steps and continuously variable increments, the parameter $\mathrm{h}_{F E}$ may be measured at exact collector current and voltage. $\mathrm{I}_{G F}$ (gate firing current) and $V_{G F}$ (gate firing voltage) of SCRs can also be determined. If a single step for display is selected and its amplitude varied, the pinch-off voltage of a junction FET or the gate threshold voltage of a MOSFET may be evaluated.
The generator supplies from 10 to 35 V directly in 10 steps ( 1 to 11 multiplier range). Current steps are as low as 100 nA . Thus, a complete family of MOSFET or UJT
curves may be displayed. Continuous sweep duty cycle is $100 \%$.

In the pulse mode, the base generator's drive is applied for $800 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ at the peak of each sweep from the collector generator. This results in a $10 \%$ duty cycle in the test device for nondestructive small-signal work.

The collector sweep generator has sweep ranges of 0 to 1000 V at $100 \mathrm{~mA}, 0$ to 200 V at 500 mA and 0 to 20 V at 5 A . All ranges are at twice the power line frequency. Collector series resistance is selectable in 11 steps from $3 \Omega$ to $1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$.

The characteristics of $1000-\mathrm{V}$ devices may be displayed, and gain and saturation measurements made with continuous or pulse operation.

To make the unit programable, $30-\mathrm{Vdc}$ reed relays are added. The modified unit ( $6200 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{P}$ ) programs five functions:

- Vertical and horizontal display sensitivity.
- Collector dissipation resistance.
- Collector sweep generator range.
- Collector sweep generator polarity.
- External base input.

In order to activate any of these functions, $30-\mathrm{Vdc}$ must be supplied to the correct pin at the rear panel. A programer (3509B) is available
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Vertical display sensitivity extends from $1 \mu \mathrm{~A} /$ division to 500 mA /division directly while the horizontal display goes directly to $100 \mathrm{~V} /$ division. Two inverting switches orient the display into any quadrant of the CRT. Thus, pnp and p-channel FET curves may be viewed from the lower left corner in a left-to-right direction.

Circuitry of the curve tracer is all plug-in PC board with all-silicon, planar transistors.

P\&A: \$1495, \$1995 (programable unit), $\$ 995$ (programer); stock. Fairchild Instrumentation, 475 Ellis St., Mountain View, Calif. Phone: (415) 962-2011.
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## Ultrasonic epoxy bonder

This bonder features operator control for pilot line production and automatic ultrasonic epoxy transistor assembly. A 6-in. stamped or chemically etched strip with several transistors is fed through the die and wire bonds in a magazine strip carrier. Magazines average 1000 to 1500 units. After the operator aligns the wires to the target area on the die, the machine moves each tool to the corresponding post section of the strip, ultrasonically bonds the wire to the post and severs the wire.

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The compensating amplifier operates in two modes. With the $50-\Omega$ load resistor switched out, a $50-\Omega$ external load is necessary, and a 3in., $50-\Omega$ cable extends the $50-\Omega \mathrm{Z}_{\text {o }}$ from the connector to the output transistor. With the load resistor switched in for use with high-Z inputs, the $3-\mathrm{in}$. cable acts as an $8-\mathrm{pF}$ internal-load capacitance.

Input resistance of the probe consists of a $10-\mathrm{M} \Omega$ shunt resistor. Input capacitance consists of the

FET's capacitance plus the environmental capacitance of the $10-\mathrm{M} \Omega$ resistor, the gate protection circuit and the nose of the probe. Total is about 4 pF .

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## Resonant reed decoder

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# Why IEE rear-projection readouts make good reading 

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it affects readability. The background is constant, but the brightness increases from left to right. You can draw your own conclusions, armed with the fact that IEE readouts give you up to 90 foot lamberts of brightness. Brightness, however, isn't the sole factor in judging readability. Background contrast is equally important-a fact we've simulated below, reading from left to right.
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Obviously, brightness without contrast or vice versa, doesn't do much for readability. A balanced ratio of both gives you the crisp legibility of IEE readouts.


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## Stepping motor

Converting dc pulses into a rotary output of 10 discrete increments per revolution, this stepping motor consists of a solenoid, a spring-loaded armature and a rat-chet-and-pawl actuator that drives an output drive element. Torque output is 0.1 in .-lb. Lateral shaft movement compensation is unnecessary because there is no axial thrust motion. Nominal stepping speed is 500 operations per minute. The unit can be supplied to operate on 6,12 , 24,48 or 110 Vdc or on 24,115 , or 240 V full-wave rectifier-produced dc. Power consumption is 6 W . The 10 -step operation lends the device to uses in visual read-out counters, rotary switches and other light-duty decimal applications. Gearing can be provided to give counts in units other than 10.

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## Induction motors

Rated up to 24 oz-in. full load torque at 3200 rpm , these induction motors operate from 15 or 208 Vac , $60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1$ or 3 phase. Input is 95 W max for a unit rated at 24 oz-in. and 3200 rpm , and lower for motors with lower torque ratings. Meeting MIL specs, these 5 - lb motors measure $3.75 \times 3.843 \mathrm{in}$.

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## 8-channel recorder

The basic recorder of this thermal write/record system has driver amplifiers and power supply. Varying ac and dc signals can be conditioned by an attenuator, medium gain and medium low gain preamp. Driver amplifiers provide compensation and damping to the stylus motors. The amplifiers have signal limiting adjustable to $125 \%$ of fullscale deflection. Sensitivity is 25 mV to 500 V full scale, linearity is better than $1 \%$, frequency response is dc to 150 Hz and calibrated zero suppression is $\pm 100 \mathrm{~V}$ max.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| P.M. $90^{\circ}$ Step Angle | 5 | . 2 | 270 | 4.9 | $\begin{array}{r} 160 \\ 600 \\ 180 \\ 450 \\ 200 \\ 65 \end{array}$ | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & .7 \\ & 1.5 \\ & 1.5 \\ & 2.9 \\ & 2.9 \\ & 8.0 \end{aligned}$ | CJO 0191750 CM4 0191007 CM4 0191012 CRO 0191750 CR4 0191002 <br> CT4 0191001 | C70 3531301C70 3531001C70 3531301C70 3531001C70 3531302C70 3531302 |
|  | 8 | . 6 | 320 | 5.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 8 | . 6 | 320 | 4.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11 | 1.8 | 220 | 7.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11 | 2.0 | 250 | 7.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 15 | 4.5 | 125 | 13.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| P.M. | 11 | 1.5 | 400 | 7.1 | 220 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.0 \\ 8.0 \\ 13.0 \end{array}$ | CRO 0193750 СТО 0193750 CVO 0193750 | $C 703531001$C70 3531302C70 3531302 |
| Step | 15 | 3.5 | 220 | 13.0 | 60 |  |  |  |  |
| Step | 18 | 6.0 | 270 | 13.0 | 60 |  |  |  |  |
| V.R. $15^{\circ}$ <br> Step Angle | 8 | . 5 | 1000 | 6.3 | 250 | 1 | 1.5 | CM4 0192001 | C70 3531104 |
|  | 11 | 1.1 | 700 | 7.1 | 220 | 3 | 2.9 | CRO 0192750 | C70 3531201 |
|  | 11 | 1.6 | 600 | 7.1 | 110 | 4 | 2.9 | CR4 0192001 | C70 3531402 |
|  | 15 | 6.5 | 660 | 17.0 | 90 | 1 | 8.0 | CTO 0192750 | C70 3531103 |
|  | 18 | 8.5 | 600 | 23.0 | 70 | 1 | 13.0 | CVO 0192750 | C70 3531103 |

NOTE: Operating voltage for all units is 28 volts dc. Temperature range for all motors is $-54^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+165^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (ambient + temp. rise). Duty for all units is continuous.

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Price: $\$ 1900$. Clary Corp., San Gabriel, Calif. Phone: (213) 2876111.

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## Photoelectric keyboard

This photoelectric keyboard has application in CRT terminals for remote inquiry stations and special computer input/output stations. The 3 -row communications keyboard generates a 5 -bit Baudot code and the 4 -row keyboard with 60 keys and a space bar generates an 8 -bit ASCII code. The 4 -bank keyboard handles any 8-bit code assignment scheme and any keytop character assignment with a max of 3 independent shift positions.

Price: from $\$ 100$. Friden Inc., 2350 Washington Ave., San Leandro, Calif. Phone: (415) 357-6800. Booth 2036 (SA) Circle No. 543


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## Event counter plug-in

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P\&A: $\$ 75$; September. Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10514 Dupont, Cleveland. Phone: (216) 541-8060.
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## Strip chart recorder

Using a 12 -in. wide strip chart, series 550 recorders have a two-position ( $30^{\circ}$ and $45^{\circ}$ ) tilt-out chart plate, a removable chart-leading mechanism and plug-in range spool cards. The amplifier is solid state and the measuring circuit is isolated and guarded. Accuracy is $\pm 0.25 \%$ of span or $\pm 10 \mu \mathrm{~V}$, deadband is less than $0.1 \%$ of span and minimum span is 1 mVdc .

The Bristol Co., Waterbury, Conn. Phone: (203) 756-4451.
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## Serial entry printers

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## Electronic calculator

This calculator has an automatic floating decimal system. The capacity of the 240SR enables it to handle computations involving two 12 -digit numbers, calculating the 24 most significant digits. With the automatic decimal, this feature gives the product register a 52 -place capacity. Computations are displayed along with the three visible working registers on a CRT.

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## Digital tape system

A number of input/output logic levels is available with this digital system. Both horizontal and vertical mountings of the transport are available. Operate time is 10 seconds max. With absolute straightline loading, the transport of the DR- 3000 operates at 200,556 or 800 bits/in. Dual capstans with positive drive preclude tape slippage and eliminate tape contact and wear in the storage area.

Consolidated Electro-dynamics Corp., 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Phone: (213) 7969381.

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Desk-top computer
Data storage registers and program storage have been added to the manufacturer's basic computer. The extended system can handle word lengths up to 24 decimal digits, and handle techniques such as branching, looping and conditional transfer. Additional elements consist of a punched card programer, patch board programer, supplemental memory unit and peripheral input keyboard. The programer provides storage for up to 512 program steps. In addition to the 72-decimal digits provided by the arithmetic registers, 648 decimal digits of storage are available.

Wyle Labs., 133 Center St., El Segundo, Calif. Phone: (213) 3221763.

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## Bidirectional counter

An internal supply for powering remote pickup heads is featured in this bidirectional counter. The CF400R accepts add/subtract information from two different sources, from the same source on separate lines or from quadrature signals. It is available with 4,5 or 6 wideangle nixie displays with polarity sign. The unit requires 105 to 125 V rms, 50 to $60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 25 \mathrm{~W}$. The internal supply affords $\pm 6$ or $\pm 12 \mathrm{Vdc}$.
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## Thermal writing recorder

Two channels of analog information are recorded from dc to 125 Hz on $50-\mathrm{mm}$-wide channels by this recorder. The $36-\mathrm{lb}$ unit with heated stylus can be used with or without attenuator plug-ins for high-level signals or with pre-amp plug-ins for low-level signals. Frequency response is dc to $70 \mathrm{~Hz} \pm 1.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 50 mm amplitude and dc to 125 Hz $\pm 2.0 \mathrm{~dB}$ at $10-\mathrm{mm}$.

P\&A: $\$ 1165$; 60 days. Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Phone: (213) 796-9381.
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## Paper tape spooler

This 1000-character/s paper tape spooler provides full proportionate servo operation of the reeling speed. Models are available with up to 10 $1 / 2$-in. diameter reels. High speed bidirectional rewind is independent of the associated reader. The unit operates on 50 to $400 \mathrm{~Hz}, 115-\mathrm{V}$ input over a range from 0 to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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Ametek Inc., Hunter Spring Div., Hatfield, Pa. Phone: (215) 8222971.

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## NBS frequency receiver

Calibration of local equipment to the accuracy of the primary time and frequency standards of the NBS radio stations WWV and WWVH is accomplished by this allsilicon transistor, crystal-controlled receiver. Units have double-shift superheterodyne, ceramic filters and $1-\mu \mathrm{V}$ sensitivity. Model WVTR measures $3-1 / 2 \times 19 \times 5$-in.

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## One micron laser system

Model 513 "Biolaser" provides a flux density on stage of up to $10^{4}$ joules $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}$. The instrument contains a high-intensity monochromatic source that produces a coherent beam which can be focused to spot sizes as small as one micron. The X-Y control permits precise positioning of the laser beam on the specimen. Spot size is varied by changing the power of the microscope objectives.

TRG Control Data Corp., Rte. 110, Melville, N. Y. Phone: (516) 531-0600.
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## Turret attenuators

From dc to $1200-\mathrm{MHz}$, these units have attenuation of 0 to 50 dB. Model ATV-50 ranges from 0 to 50 dB in $10-\mathrm{dB}$ steps with accuracy of $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~dB}$ at 1.2 GHz . Model ATV9 ranges from 0 to 9 dB in $1-\mathrm{dB}$ steps and model ATV-1 ranges from 0 to 0.9 dB in 0.1 dB steps. Typical insertion loss at 1.2 GHz is 0.1 dB $\max$.

Price: $\$ 195$ to $\$ 275$. Jerrold Electronics Corp., 401 Walnut St., Box 1467, Philadelphia. Phone: (215) 925-9870.
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## Balanced mixers

Series 20800 balanced mixers use miniature, easily replaceable diodes. Dc returns are included. The IF output capacitance is approximately 12 pF per output. Finish is gold plate. Models are available from 1 to 12.4 GHz in octave bands.

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## Coax diode limiter

A range of 0.1 to 8 GHz is covered by this coax diode limiter. The passive semiconductor device provides receiver protection over a multi-octave range with insertion loss of $1.5 \mathrm{~dB} \max$, flat leakage of 100 mW max and recovery time of 100 ns max. Peak RF input power is 20 W and average RF input power is 0.2 W . The 2 -oz receiver protector is designed for ECM, broadband tracking and navigational radar or ferrite duplexing networks.

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Videotrainer for school use contains video tapedeck, audio and video amplifiers, pop-up monitor and plenty of room for mikes, tripod, splicer and cables. Everything folds into a unit which can be secured with a single lock.

Company: Ampex Corp.
Designers: Harry K. Matsuda, Mervin W. LaRue, Edward R. Bach



Xerox Magnafax telecopier transmits via existing telephone lines. The $110 \cdot \mathrm{~V}$ ac, $46 \cdot \mathrm{lb}$ portable has its own acoustic coupler. Scanner and printer are positioned by a 322 -tooth gear synchronization clutch.
Company: Latham, Tyler, Jensen, Inc. Designer: Donald L. McFarland


Spatial filter and lens family uses "parent" filter housing to accommodate all other elements. Positioning stages remain with housing and are controlled by radial knobs ( $x$ and $Y$ ) and coax ring ( $z$ ).

Company: Spectra-Physics, Inc. Designer: Carl J. Clement


Direct access storage facility. Each section slides out providing easy access for removal of its magnet drum.

Company: IBM / Systems Development Designers: Donald A. Wood, Donald A. Moore, Eliot Noyes

Solid-state amplifier/preamp for freestanding, table-top or built-in use. Lever switches employ available rocker switch mechanisms. Back-panel alu minum casting oubles as heat sink.
Company: James B. Lansing Sound, Designer: Arnold Wolf, Lamont J. Seitz



Microcalorimeter detects changes to 5 millicalories at $\pm 3 \%$ accuracy. Twin-thermopile unit has integral programer and recorder amplifier.
Company: Beckman Instruments, Spinco Div.
Designer: Charles W. Dodse



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Company: Litton Industries/Electron Tube Div.
Designer: Harold Lakin



Dynamic microphone holds either of two coils in its barrel for high- or lowimpedance inputs. Barrel unscrews for easy access to coils.

Company: Ampex Corp.
Designers: Terrence N. Taylor, Arden Farey, Sandy Schroeder

Helium-neon laser has resonator structure decoupled from stresses via a heatshielding envelope secured through three spherical bearings. Cone-pointed set-screws at right angles to diaphragm in housing permit simple mirror adjustment.

Company: Spectra-Physics, Inc.
Designer Carl J. Clement


Electroscan 30 is a controlled voltage recorder operable in galvanostat and potentiostat modes. The unit is designed for recording at least 15 elec. trometric analytical techniques.
Company: Beckman Instruments/ Spinco Division
Designer: Industrial Design Staff


Data station transmits 8-bit ASCII at 120 characters/second. Design modularity allows system flexibility. Input/output capabilities include paper tape, punched cards, printer and key-board-teleprinter units and an optical scanning input device.
Company: Honeywell/EDP Division Designers: W. H. Harkins, J. F. Graham


Hand-held vidicon camera sports optical viewfinder and fluted grip. A single cable carries input power, audio and video outputs and provides remote control of video tape.
Company: Ampex Corp.
Designers: Donald E. Leman, Arden Farey, Mervin W. LaRue


This meter snaps on to the front of equipment. Zero-adjust is made with ball-point pen.


Company: Hewlett-Packard
Designers: Allen Inhelder, Don Pahl, Roy Ozaki, John Lark, Dale Jones

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Company: Beckman Instruments Designer: Industrial Design Staff

Susceptance standard sports sand cast aluminum base and photograph ically deposited dial artwork.

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## Computing system

Company: IBM / Systems Development Division
Designers: Donald A. Moore, Donald A. Wood, Eliot Noyes


Oscilloscope camera clusters color-coded controls on outside. The f/1.9 lens has low vignetting and high transmission. Shutter is electronically controlled. The camera has remote and parallel operating capability.

Company: Hewlett-Packard/Colo. Springs Division Designer: Andi Are

Visual analysis console has stored program logic and combined electronic / photographic CRT display. Updating, editing or adding to information in the memory is accomplished through the keyboard. A light gun and cursor complete the communications system.

## Company: The Bunker-Ramo Corp. Designer: Richard L. Ketcham

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| M | .375 | $3 / 16$ |
| M | .400 | Or |
| M | .437 | $5 / 16$ |
| LM | .500 |  |
| LM | .562 |  |

MF 1125

| STYLE | S DIM. <br> $\pm .032$ | F DIM. <br> +.01 <br> -.04 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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## Stabilize gain in a dc amplifier by making it depend solely on power supply voltage and temperature. Low input current and high collector resistance are needed.

Under certain operating conditions, the open-loop voltage gain of a transistorized differential dc feedback amplifier can be made independent of circuit parameters. The gain will depend solely on the power supply voltage and the temperature.

The amplifier's closed-loop voltage gain, which depends on the magnitude and stability of the open-loop gain, can thus be made extremely stable. Specially selected components or circuit-compensating techniques, furthermore, are unnecessary.

In the experimental circuit, Fig. 1, the open-loop gain is virtually independent of the transistors so long as the input current is low $(<\mu \mathrm{A})$ and the collector resistance is high ( $>\mathrm{M} \Omega$ ). It depends only on $q V_{1} / 2 k T$, where $q$ is the electron charge, $k$ is Boltzmann's constant and $T$ is the temperature in degrees Kelvin.

The circuit also has a low drift rate with temperature ( $\mu \mathrm{V} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), a closed-loop frequency response flat to about 100 kHz and an output impedance less than 200 ohms.

With dc amplifiers, the differential input stage is most often used when high sensitivity is needed and drift, common-mode interaction and the effect of varying transistor parameters must be minimized. ${ }^{12,3,4,5}$ A differential input keeps the drift

Charles K. Wilk, Research Electronic Engineer, Air Force Systems Command, APO, New York, N. Y.


1. Open-loop gain of this differential dc feedback amplifier approaches $q V_{1} / 2 k T$ when the input current is low ( $<1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ ) and the collector resistance is high ( $>1 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ ).
low. Closed-loop gain is stabilized by designing for a much greater open-loop gain.

Unfortunately, in the usual approach, acceptable values for both drift and gain stability call for additional circuitry or, at least, a fair amount of sophistication. The comparatively simple circuit of Fig. 1 will, under the given operating conditions, provide excellent drift and gain-stability characteristics. ${ }^{6.7}$

The ratio of $A_{\text {VOL }} / H$, where $A_{V O L}$ is the openloop gain of the amplifier and $H$ is the input voltage divider ratio ( $R 1 /\left[\begin{array}{ll}R 1 & R 2]\end{array}\right)$, is plotted in Fig. 2 with input current $I_{B A}$ as a parameter.

Not that as $R_{C A} \rightarrow \infty$ and with $I_{B A}$ small enough:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Lim}_{R_{C \Lambda} \rightarrow \infty} A_{V O L} / H=q V_{1} / 2 k T . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is a value of about 200 for the circuit values of Fig. 1 and for $T$ about $290^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$. The transistors used in the tests were unselected. (The derivation of this equation is shown in the accompanying box).

Eq. 1 is devoid of transistor parameters and op-erating-point dependence. The term $q V_{1} / 2 k T$ comes from the base-to-emitter junctions of the input differential transistors. It is however, composed solely of physical constants, a power supply voltage and a temperature.

Power supply voltages are often deliberately made small to minimize voltage-dependent noise

2. Limit of $\mathbf{q} \mathbf{V}_{1} / \mathbf{2 k T}$ for open-loop gain is approached in this experimental plot for the amplifier of Fig. 1 made under the given operating conditions.
and drift. At the same time, base current of the input stage is often held to the order of microamperes to minimize noise. Hence, the direct dependence of the open-loop gain on the magnitude of the supply voltage limits the maximum gain that is practical but does not seriously compromise drift and noise performance.

Even with moderate values of open-loop gain, the closed-loop gain can still be held stable if the open-loop gain is stable. The relative change in the closed-loop voltage gain of the circuit, $A_{V C L}$, over a temperature range and with supply voltage variations of 1, 0.1 and $0 \%$ are plotted in Fig. 3 for the case established by Eq. 1. From this equation:

$$
\begin{align*}
A_{V O L} & =-q V_{1} / 2 k T=f(T, V) ;  \tag{2}\\
\Delta A_{V C L} & =\left(\partial A_{V C L} / \partial T\right) \Delta T+\left(\partial A_{V C L} / \partial V_{1}\right) \Delta V_{1} ;
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
\left.\Delta A_{V C L}\right|_{M A X}= & \left|\left(q V_{1} / 2 k T_{o}\right) /\left(1-H q V_{1} / 2 k T_{o}\right)^{2}\right|  \tag{3}\\
& \left(\left|\Delta T / T_{o}\right|+\left|\Delta V_{1} / V_{1}\right|\right) . \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

The closed-loop gain stability for the worst case is:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left|\Delta A_{V C L} / A_{V C L}\right|_{\text {IAAX }}=\left(\left|\Delta T / T_{0}\right|+\right. \\
& \left.\left|\Delta V_{1} / V_{1}\right|\right) /\left(1-H q V_{1} / 2 k T_{0}\right) . \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

The plot in Fig. 3 is based on Eq. 5.
The change in stability with temperature, for any particular power supply tolerance, is quite small. Temperature stability improves, however, with the power supply stability and with larger feedback ratios. The feedback ratio, $H$, is the inverse of the closed-loop voltage gain, $A_{v c L}$, provided $H \gg 1 / A_{\text {voL }}=2 k T / q V_{1}$.

The circuit, with the constraints previously mentioned, can provide a gain stability better than $0.026 \% /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$ over the temperature range of 300 to $400^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$, with $H=0.10$ (or a gain of 10 ), and with a 10 -volt $\pm 0.1 \%$ power supply. - -

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## Deriving the limiting-gain equation

The circuit of Fig. A is used to calculate the open-loop voltage gain $A_{\text {voL }}$. Defining:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{V O L}=E_{o} / E_{i b}=H \cdot A_{V A B} \cdot A_{V 1} \cdot A_{V 2}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
A_{\nabla A B} & =E_{C A} / E_{i b}=-E_{C A} / E_{i A},  \tag{2}\\
A_{V 1} & =E_{C 1} / E_{C A},  \tag{3}\\
A_{\nabla 2} & =E_{o} / E_{C 1}, \text { and }  \tag{4}\\
H & =R 1 /(R 1+R 2) . \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Making use of the Giacoletto hybrid-pi equivalent circuits of Fig. B and the low-frequency approximations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
Z & \approx r_{b e}=k T / q I_{b}, \\
g_{m} & =\left(q r_{b} \beta\right) / k T,
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
1+\beta=\left(1+g_{m} Z\right),
$$

where

$$
k=\text { Boltzmann's constant }
$$

$q=$ electron charge, and
$T=$ temperature, ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$.
The stage gains may be written as: ${ }^{\text {e }}$
$A_{V_{A B}}=$

> (1)
$\overline{\left[\left(r_{b^{\prime} B}+R_{G B}+k T / q I_{B B}\right)\left(1+\beta_{A}\right) /\left(1+\beta_{B}\right)\right]} \cdots$

$$
\cdots \frac{\beta_{A} R^{\prime}{ }_{C A}}{+r_{b^{\prime} A}+R_{G A}+k T / q I_{B A}},
$$

provided that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R_{E} \gg \\
&\left.A_{b^{\prime} A}+R_{\theta_{A}}+Z_{A}\right) /\left(1+g_{m A} Z_{A}\right) ; \\
& A_{V_{1}} \propto \frac{\left[r_{b^{\prime} 2}+k T / q I_{B 2}+R_{L}\left(1+\beta_{2}\right)\right]}{\left[r_{b^{\prime} 1}+k T / q I_{B 1}+R_{E_{1}}\left(1+\beta_{1}\right)\right]} \ldots \\
& \cdots \frac{\left[-\beta_{1} R_{C_{1}}\right]}{\left[R_{C_{1}}+r_{b^{\prime} 2}+k T / q I_{B 2} R_{L}\left(1+\beta_{2}\right)\right]} ;
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{A 2} \approx \frac{R_{L}\left(1+\beta_{2}\right)}{r_{b^{\prime} 2}+k T / q I_{B 2}+R_{L}\left(1+\beta_{2}\right)} ; \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$R^{\prime}{ }_{C A}=$ equivalent impedance in collector circuit of $T_{a}$.
A number of reasonable assumptions considerably simplify the gain expressions without imposing undesirable constraints. With the above approximations, the gain expressions become:

$$
\begin{align*}
& r_{b^{\prime} 2}+k T / q I_{B 2} \ll R_{L}\left(1+\beta_{2}\right),  \tag{9}\\
& R_{c_{1}} \ll R_{L}\left(1+\beta_{2}\right),  \tag{10}\\
& \beta_{A} \approx \beta_{B} . \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

Furthermore, the case of balanced emitter currents,

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{E A}=I_{E B}, \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

is of particular significance. The balanced, or nearly balanced, condition is usually required for good temperature stability.

With the above approximations, the gain expressions become:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{V A B} \approx \frac{\beta_{A} R_{C A}^{\prime}}{r_{b^{\prime} A}+R_{G A}+r_{b^{\prime} B}+R_{\theta B}+2 k T / q I_{B A}} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

provided that

$$
I_{E A} \approx I_{E B}, \text { and } \beta_{A}=\beta_{B} ;
$$



B (a) DIFFERENTIAL STAGE

(b) COMMON EMITTER STAGE

(c) COMMON-COLLECTOR STAGE
$A_{V_{1}} \approx \frac{-\beta_{1} R_{C 1}}{r_{b^{\prime} 1}+k T / q I_{B_{1}}+R_{E_{1}}\left(1+\beta_{1}\right)} ;$
$A_{v z} \approx 1$.
And therefore, from Eqs. 1 and 13 through 15:
$A_{\text {VOL }} \approx$
$\frac{H \beta_{A} R^{\prime}{ }_{C A}}{\left\{\left[-\beta_{1} R_{C_{1}}\right] /\left[r_{b^{\prime} 1}+k T / q I_{B_{1}}+R_{E 1}\left(1+\beta_{1}\right)\right]\right\}} \cdots$
(1)
$\cdots \overline{\left\{r_{b^{\prime} A}+R_{G A}+r_{b^{\prime} B}+\overline{R_{G B}}+2 k T / q I_{B A}\right\}}$.

Note that:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{R_{C A}^{\prime}}=\frac{1}{R_{C A}}+\frac{1}{r_{b^{\prime} 1}+k T / q I_{B_{1}}+R_{E_{1}}\left(1+\beta_{1}\right)} . \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

A limitation on open-loop gain is set. If $R_{C_{A} \rightarrow \infty}$ (i.e., open circuit), then $I_{B A} \rightarrow V_{1} /$ ( $\beta_{A} \beta_{1} R_{C_{1}}$ ). Therefore:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{R_{C A A} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A_{V O L}}{H}=\frac{-\beta_{A} \beta_{1} R_{C 1}}{r_{b^{\prime} A}+R_{G A}+r_{b^{\prime} B}+R_{G B}+2 k T / q I_{B A}} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
=\frac{-V}{I_{A B}\left(r_{b^{\prime} A}+R_{G A}+r_{b^{\prime} B}+R_{G B}\right)+2 k T / q}
$$

And finally:

$$
\begin{align*}
\lim _{r_{C A} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A_{V O L}}{H} & =\lim _{R_{C A \rightarrow} \rightarrow \infty} A_{V A B} \cdot A_{V_{1}}, \\
& \leq-q V_{1} / 2 k T, \\
I_{B A} & \ll \frac{2 k T}{\left[q\left(r_{b^{\prime} A}+R_{\theta A}+r_{b^{\prime} B}+R_{G B}\right)\right]} . \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$

Deriving the closed-loop gain stability from the Nyquist equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{V C L}=A_{V O L} /\left(1-H A_{V O L}\right), \tag{a}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$A_{\text {voL }}=$ open-loop voltage gain, and
$A_{v c L}=$ closed-loop voltage gain.
And:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Delta A_{V C L}=\frac{\partial A_{V C L}}{\partial T} \cdot \Delta T+\frac{\partial A_{V C L}}{\partial V_{1}} \cdot \Delta V_{1} ;  \tag{b}\\
& \frac{A_{\nabla C L}}{\partial T}=-\frac{\partial}{\partial T}\left(\frac{A_{\nabla O L}}{1-H A_{V O L}}\right), \\
& =\frac{\partial}{\partial T}\left[\frac{q V_{1} / 2 k T}{1-\left(H q V_{1} / 2 k T\right)}\right], \\
& =\frac{-q V_{1} / 2 k T_{0}{ }^{2}}{\left[1-\left(H q V_{1} / 2 k T_{o}\right)\right]^{2}} ;  \tag{c}\\
& \frac{\partial A_{\nabla C L}}{\partial V}=\frac{\partial}{\partial V}\left(\frac{A_{V O L}}{1-H A_{V O L}}\right), \\
& =\frac{\partial}{\partial V}\left[\frac{q V_{1} / 2 k T}{1-\left(H q V_{1} / 2 k T\right)}\right], \\
& =\frac{q / 2 k T}{\left[1-\left(H q V_{1} / 2 k T\right)\right]^{2}} . \tag{d}
\end{align*}
$$

Substituting (c) and (d) into (b):
$\left|\Delta A_{V C L}\right|_{u_{A X}}=\frac{\left(q V_{1} / 2 k T_{o}\right)\left(-\Delta T / T_{o}+\Delta V_{1} / V_{1}\right)}{\left[1-\left(H q V_{1} / 2 k T\right)\right]^{2}}$,
and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\frac{\Delta A_{V C L}}{\Delta A_{V C L}}\right|_{M A . X}=\frac{\Delta T / T_{o}+\Delta V_{1} / V_{1}}{\left[1-\left(H q V_{1} / 2 k T_{0}\right)\right]^{2}}, \tag{e}
\end{equation*}
$$

$=$ Eq. 5 in the text.

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Figure 1. Circuit diagram of the SN7501 sense amplifier.

| TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Input threshold voltage level | 10.30 mV |
| "Off" output level | 3.2 V |
| "On" output level | 0.3 V |
| Input threshold offset | 2 mV |
| Input impedance | 3000 ohms |
| Propagation delay | 60 nsec |
| Overload recovery | 100 nsec |
| Common-mode rejection |  |
| SN7500 | 2 V |
| SN7501 SN7502 | $11 / 2$ |
| SN7502 Temperature range |  |

Figure 2. Series 75 sense amplifiers.


Figure 4. SN7501 incorporates flip-flop

TI linear integrated circuits mean fewer system components, less assembly and test time, increased manufacturing efficiency. In short reduced system costs. Now you get improved performance and increased reliability, too, in such circuits as the Series 75 and Series 72 amplifiers described here.

## Series 75 magnetic-core sense amplifiers

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Performance is excellent, as shown in Figure 2. Series 75 sense amplifiers are recommended for core memory applications with cycle time as low as $0.7 \mu \mathrm{sec}$.
The SN7500 is a complete monolithic sense amplifier that includes both strobe gate and pulse-shaping output circuits as shown in Figure 3. It detects low-level bipolar differential input signals, discriminates between those representing logical " 1 " and logical " 0 ", and converts them to logic levels compatible with standard integrated circuit logic, including TI's Series 54 TTL.

The amplitude-discriminating sense amplifier incorporates a threshold circuit with a narrow region of uncertainty. A strobe input is provided so the threshold detector can be activated when the signal-to-noise ratio is at maximum during the system read cycle, and is inhibited during the write cycle.

The SN7501 performs a similar sense amplifier function, but also includes an externally adjustable threshold voltage and a flip-flop output. Since the flip-flop is externally set at zero, the output pulse width can be accurately controlled. The flip-flop can be used for temporary data storage.

The SN7502 sense amplifier includes an internal one-shot multivibrator, providing a negative-going output pulse when triggered by the threshold detector. The single-ended output lends itself readily to performing DOT-OR logic.

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Series 75 circuits are available in the standard TO-84 flat pack, or the transistortype TO-100 package shown in Figure 6. The SN7500 is also available in a military version (SN5500) for operation in environments of $-55^{\circ}$ to $+125 \mathrm{C}^{\circ}$. Severe temperature versions of the SN7501 and SN7502 are also available.

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## Series 72 high-performance differential/operational amplifiers

Now you can get both discrete-component performance and integrated circuit reliability in differential/operational amplifiers from Texas Instruments. Figure 7 shows that performance of SN725 and SN726 integrated circuits are comparable to discrete-component amplifiers.
The SN725 differential amplifier features an open-loop gain of 88 dB , yet it is unconditionally stable when used with two external capacitors in the frequency-re-sponse-shaping network.
The SN726 high-performance operational amplifier features a class-B output stage to give a 10 V swing with a 600 -ohm load. A Darlington-connected transistor pair gives an extremely high input impedance.

In both circuits, transistor pairs are close together for improved differentialinput voltage offsets and temperature-drift characteristics. Improved collector saturation resistance provides high output current and voltage capability. Both amplifiers allow $\pm 5 \mathrm{~V}$ common-mode input signals before overloading, and there is no danger of latch-up from noise or output feedback.

For less demanding applications, the SN723 differential amplifier or SN724 operational amplifier may be used at a considerable saving in cost.

TI differential and operational amplifiers are available for two temperature ranges. Series 72 is recommended for $0^{\circ}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, while Series 52 covers the full military range of $-55^{\circ}$ to $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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## Choice of Packages

TI linear integrated circuits are available in either of the package types shown in Figure 6 - The time-proven TO-89 flat pack or the transistor-type TO-100 package. Both packages feature hermetic seals for high reliability in severe environments.


Figure 6. Package types for TI linear integrated circuits.

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Characteristic | SN725 | SN726 |
|  |  |  |
| Gain, Open-loop, dB | 88 | 60 |
| Input-voltage Offset, mV | 1 | 3 |
| Temp. Coefficient |  |  |
| $\quad$ Input-voltage Offset, $\mu \mathrm{V} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 5 | 10 |
| Input-current Offset, $\mu \mathrm{A}$ | 0.3 | 0.03 |
| Common-mode Rejection, dB | 100 | 80 |
| Output-voltage Swing, V | $\pm 8$ | $\pm 5$ |
| Output-current Peak, mA | 1 | 10 |
| Input Impedance, megohm | 0.1 | 2 |
|  |  |  |

Figure 7. Typical Performance of integrated differential/operational amplifiers.

Figure 8. Circuit diagram of SN725 differential amplifier.


Figure 9. Circuit diagram of SN726 operational amplifier.


# Cure switching system noise problems with this straightforward procedure for isolating switching circuits from power line noise. 

Any engineer who has worked on high-speed switching systems, such as integrated circuit computers, knows that one of the first places to look in case of noise trouble is the power and ground distribution system. This troublesome circuitry is often "designed" with a cut-and-try approach. If trouble appears, a decoupling capacitor is hung somewhere along the line and through trial and error the noise is eventually cleared up.

Why not determine decoupling requirements exactly before the system is turned on? Here's an exact procedure that you can use to determine:

- The proper type of decoupling capacitor.
- The value of the capacitors.
- The spacing of the capacitors along the power line.

The decoupling capacitors are used to simulate closely a low-characteristic-impedance powerdistribution line. This is a valuable technique when a bus-bar configuration is found to be too bulky or expensive (see Table 1). Printed-wiring boards commonly employ decoupling capacitors on the power conductors. Usually the capacitors take up less space than the wide printed conductors needed to obtain a low characteristic impedance.

## Switching time, line impedance are factors

The type of capacitor is mainly determined by the rise and fall times of the circuits. The highest frequencies on the power-distribution lines are a function of the rise and fall times, and not of the clock rate of the system. Transmitting a signal from a digital circuit with a rise time of 5 ns is approximately equivalent to transmitting a $100-$ MHz sine wave. The fact that the circuit may switch only once per hour does not change the fast rise and fall times and the interaction with the transmission line.

Curves of dissipation vs frequency, impedance vs frequency, or capacitance drop-off vs frequency should be consulted to determine if a particular type of capacitor is suitable for the rise and fall times of the circuits.

The method of determining the value of the

[^7]capacitor depends on why it is being used. There are two reasons for using decoupling capacitors:

- Capacitors may be placed along the transmission line that leads from the power supply to the circuits to reduce the line's characteristic impedance and thus reduce the possibility of voltage transients due to current changes. The lower characteristic impedance of the line will be a closer match to the low output impedance of the supply, thus eliminating reflections and "ringing" (i.e., damped oscillations) in the line.
- A capacitor may be added to the transmission line near a circuit, as in Fig. 1, to supply the highfrequency portion of the current needed when the circuit changes state. The intent is not to decrease the characteristic impedance seen by the power supply, but rather to shorten the path of the highfrequency current.

In order to compensate properly for characteristic impedance, its value must be known.

The general expression for the characteristic impedance of two conductors is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{Z}=(R+j \omega L) /(G+j \omega C) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $R, G, L$ and $C$ are distributed parameters of the conductors and $\omega$ represents frequency.

For high frequencies the terms $j \omega L$ and $j \omega C$ will be large in respect to $R$ and $G$. Equation (1) then becomes:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Z_{o}=(L / C)^{1 / 2} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus, the impedance of the line at high frequencies is totally dependent on the ac parameters, which in turn depend on the geometries and dimensions of the conductors.

The value of these capacitors may be calculated from Eq. 3 which is derived from the equation for characteristic impedance, $Z_{o}=(L / C)^{1 / 2}$.

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{D}=\left(L / Z_{o}{ }^{2}\right)-C_{L}, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$C_{D}=$ decoupling capacitance in farads per unit length,
$C_{L}=$ distributed line capacitance in farads per unit length,
$L=$ distributed line inductance in henries per unit length, and
$Z_{o}=$ desired characteristic impedance, ohms.

| Type | Characteristic impedance | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $Z_{0} \cong \frac{120}{\sqrt{\xi_{r}}} \log _{e} \frac{2 h}{d}$ | Has highest characteristic impedance of three types shown. |
| Single wire near a ground plane. | $z_{0} \cong \frac{138}{\sqrt{\xi_{\mathrm{r}}}} \log _{\mathrm{i}_{0}} \frac{4 h}{\mathrm{~d}}$ <br> For $d \ll h$ | Compromise between twowire and bus-bar. Can be fabricated with multilayer printed wiring. |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} Z_{0} \cong \frac{377}{\sqrt{\xi_{r}}} \frac{d}{h} \\ \quad \text { For } \frac{d}{h}<0.1 \end{array}$ | Lowest characteristic impedance of three types shown. Also the bulkiest. |

$\xi_{\mathrm{r}}=$ Dielectric constant of the material surrounding the conductors. $\xi_{\mathrm{r}}=1$ for air

The first step in the calculation of the capacitor value for this case is to determine the minimum current rise time that the power-distribution line can supply without producing reflections and voltage transients. All higher frequencies will have to be supplied by the charge on the capacitor.
Two restrictions determine the minimum rise time:

- The rise time must be larger than twice the propagation delay on the line from circuit to power supply in order to prevent reflections.

$$
\begin{equation*}
t_{m i n}>2 \mathrm{~d}_{1} / v_{p} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$t_{\text {min }}=$ minimum rise time in seconds, of current that the distribution line can supply,
$d_{1}=$ length of line from the circuit to the power supply, and
$v_{p}=$ velocity of propagation on the line in units of length per second $\left[v_{p}=1 /(L C)^{1 / 2}\right]$.

- The rise time must not produce a voltage transient across the power line greater than the


1. The decoupling capacitor, $C_{D}$, supplies the high-frequency portion of the current required when the switching circuit changes states, thus damping any transients that may appear on the power line.
circuit specifications allow. Since the rise time must be large compared with the propagation delay, the distributed parameters may be approximated by lumped parameters. The important parameter for this situation is the total series inductance of the line:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Delta v>\left(L \times d_{1}\right) \Delta I / t_{\min },  \tag{5}\\
& t_{\min }>\left(L \times d_{1}\right) \Delta I / \Delta V, \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

where
$L=$ distributed series inductance of the line in henries per unit length,
$\Delta I=$ change in current required by the circuit in amperes, and

2. Normal current supplied to a switching circuit (a) may not change level fast enough to meet change-of-state current requirements (b). A decoupling capacitor can supply the charge needed for the steeper rise time (c).
$\Delta V=$ maximum allowable voltage drop across the line in volts.
The rise time of the current supplied by the distribution network, $t_{m i n}$, must satisfy inequalities (4) and (6).

The difference between $t_{m i n}$ and the rise time of current required by the circuit, $t_{r}$, determines the charge that must be supplied by the capacitor. Figure 2 shows the two currents separately and superimposed. The shaded area between the superimposed currents (Fig. 2c) represents the charge that must be supplied by the decoupling capacitor. The equation for the charge is:

$$
\begin{align*}
& Q_{\mathrm{c}}=\int_{0}^{t_{\text {min }}} i_{\text {circuit }} d t-\int_{0}^{t_{\text {min }}} i_{\text {line }} d t,  \tag{7}\\
& Q_{c}=\quad\left[1 / 2 \times \Delta I \times t_{r}+\Delta I\left(t_{\text {min }}-t_{r}\right)\right] \\
& -1 / 2 \Delta I t_{m i n},  \tag{8}\\
& Q_{c}=1 / 2 \times \Delta I \times\left(t_{m i n}-t_{r}\right) . \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

The charge required and the maximum allowable voltage drop across the power line, $\Delta \mathrm{V}$, determine the capacitor value:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{D}=Q_{c} / \Delta V \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting Eq. 9 for $Q_{c}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
C_{D}=\Delta I\left(t_{\text {min }}-t_{r}\right) / 2 \Delta V . \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

If a decoupling capacitor is located too far from a circuit, or if the distance between capacitors on the power distribution network is too long, the effectiveness of the capacitors will be reduced, because the impedance of the connecting conductors now becomes a factor.

Decoupling capacitors can be located either on the length of transmission line between capacitors, if they are being used to reduce the characteristic impedance of the line, or on the length of

3. Calculation of propagation velocity and characteristic impedance is simplified with the test setup (a). The voltage across the $50-\Omega$ resistor (b) is monitored on a highspeed oscilloscope.
transmission line between the circuit and the capacitor, if the capacitor is being used to supply transient currents.

To calculate capacitor separation, the same two restrictions are used as were used for determining $t_{m i n}$. In this case, however, the transmitted current ramp has a rise time equal to the rise time of the circuit, $t_{r}$, and the length of transmission line is the distance from capacitor to capacitor or from the capacitor to the circuit. The following inequalities result from these two substitutions:

$$
\begin{gather*}
t_{r}>2 \frac{d_{2}}{v_{p}} \text { or } d_{2}<(1 / 2) \times t_{r} \times v_{p}  \tag{12}\\
t_{r}>L \times d_{2} \Delta I / \Delta V \text { or } d_{2}<\left(t_{r} / L\right)(\Delta V / \Delta I) \tag{13}
\end{gather*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d_{2}= \text { the distance from the circuit to } \\
& \text { the capacitor (or capacitor to } \\
& \text { capacitor), } \\
& t_{r}= \text { the rise time of the circuits in } \\
& \text { seconds, } \\
& L= \text { the distributed inductance of the } \\
& \text { line in henries per unit length, } \\
& v_{p}= \text { velocity of propagation of the line } \\
& \text { in units of length per second } \\
& \quad\left[v_{p}=(1 / L C)^{1 / 2}\right], \\
& \Delta V= \text { maximum allowable voltage drop across } \\
& \text { the line in volts, and } \\
& \Delta I= \text { change in current required by circuit } \\
& \text { in amperes. }
\end{aligned}
$$

## How to measure line parameters

The formulas developed above require that the parameters of the line be known. A relatively uncomplicated and accurate test setup that can be used to determine the velocity of propagation and

4. The design techniques described can be used to isolate the switching circuits from the power supply in this typical circuit.
the characteristic impedance is shown in Fig. 3a. The measured values can, in turn, be used to calculate the distributed inductance and capacitance.

A voltage step with a rise time much faster than the propagation times of interest is applied to a 50 -ohm coaxial cable. The unknown line is fed from the cable and the voltage at point $A$ is observed with a high-speed oscilloscope.

If the characteristic impedance of the line under test is greater than 50 ohms, a positive reflection will appear at point $A$ (Fig. 3b). If the line has a characteristic impedance less than 50 ohms, a negative reflection will occur (not illustrated) and the fraction of the applied voltage that is reflected, $\rho$, will be negative. The time interval to the reflection is twice the delay of the 50 -ohm coaxial cable. The duration of the reflected voltage is twice the delay of the transmission line under test. The fraction of the applied voltage that is reflected, $\rho$, determines the line impedance:

$$
\begin{align*}
& v_{p}=\text { length of line under test } / T_{3},  \tag{14}\\
& Z_{1}=(50 \Omega) \times(1+\rho) /(1-\rho) . \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$

The distributed inductance and capacitance per unit length can be calculated from the formulas:

$$
Z_{1}=(\mathrm{L} / C)^{1 / 2} \text { and } v_{p}=(1 / L C)^{1 / 2} .
$$

## Design example illustrates technique

Assume that power to a group of switching circuits is delivered by two 20-gauge wires (see Fig. 4). The length of wire $\left(d_{1}\right)$ to the power supply is five feet. The characteristic impedance $\left(Z_{o}\right)$ and velocity of propagation ( $v_{p}$ ) are measured to be 120 ohms and 0.57 feet per nanosecond, respectively. The maximum change in current that the circuits require $(\Delta I)$ is 50 milliamperes. The current rise time $\left(t_{r}\right)$ is 6 nanoseconds. The maximum allowable change in supply voltage $(\Delta V)$ is 0.5 volts.

The distributed inductance and capacitance per unit length of wire can be calculated from the formulas for characteristic impedance and velocity of propagation.

$$
\begin{aligned}
(L / C)^{1 / 2} & =Z_{o}=120 \Omega, \\
(1 / L C)^{1 / 2} & =v_{p}=0.57 \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{ns}, \\
L & =0.21 \mu \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{ft}, \\
C & =15 \mathrm{pF} / \mathrm{ft} .
\end{aligned}
$$

The following two checks verify that decoupling capacitance is needed:

1) Twice the propagation delay of the line, $2 d_{1} / v_{p}$ (i.e., $2 \times 5 / 0.57>6 \mathrm{~ns}$ ), is greater than the current rise time. Therefore, the line must be treated as a transmission line and the circuit sees an impedance of 120 ohms.
2) The voltage drop produced by a current change of 50 mA through 120 ohms is much larger than the maximum allowable drop (i.e., $0.05 \times 120$ $>0.5 \mathrm{~V}$ ).

In order to obtain the most effective solution we can compare the results of both decoupling techniques as follows:

Technique 1: Several capacitors are placed along the line to reduce the characteristic impedance seen by the circuit. To find the length of line between capacitors, calculate maximum separation from Formulas (12) and (13):

$$
\begin{gathered}
d_{2}<1 / 2\left(t_{r}\right)\left(v_{p}\right)= \\
1 / 2\left(6 \times 10^{-9}\right)\left(0.57 \times 10^{9}\right)=1.71 \mathrm{ft}, \\
d_{2}<\left(t_{r} / L\right)(\Delta V / \Delta I)= \\
{\left[\left(6 \times 10^{-9}\right) /\left(0.21 \times 10^{-6}\right)\right](0.5 / 0.05)} \\
=0.285 \mathrm{ft} \approx 3 \mathrm{in} .
\end{gathered}
$$

The capacitors will be placed along the line, one every three inches, making a total of 19.

To find the proper capacitance value, calculate the desired line impedance: $\Delta V / \Delta I=0.5 / 0.05=10$ ohms. Then substitute this value into Eq. (3):

$$
\begin{gathered}
C_{D}=\left(L / Z_{0}^{2}\right)-C_{L}=\left[\left(0.21 \times 10^{-6}\right) / 10^{2}\right]-15 \times 10^{-12} \\
= \\
=0.0021 \mu \mathrm{~F} / \mathrm{ft} .
\end{gathered}
$$

The value of the individual capacitors is:
$(2100 \mathrm{pF} / \mathrm{ft})(5 \mathrm{ft}) / 19$ capacitors $=$ $552 \mathrm{pF} /$ capacitor.
Technique 2: A single capacitor is placed near the circuits to supply the high-frequency portion of $\Delta I$. The length of line between circuit and capacitor is three inches. The calculations are the same as for Technique 1. To calculate capacitance value, use formulas (4), (6) and (11).

$$
\begin{aligned}
t_{\text {min }}> & >2 d_{1} / v_{p}=2(5) /\left(0.57 \times 10^{9}\right)=17.5 \mathrm{~ns}, \\
t_{\text {min }} & >\left(L \times d_{1}\right) \Delta I / \Delta V=\left(0.21 \times 10^{-6}\right)(5)(0.05 / 0.5) \\
& =0.105 \mu \mathrm{~s}, \\
C_{D} & =\Delta I\left(t_{\text {min }}-t_{r}\right) / 2 \Delta V \\
& =0.05\left(0.105 \times 10^{-6}-6 \times 10^{-9}\right) / 2(0.5) \\
& =0.005 \mu \mathrm{~F} .
\end{aligned}
$$

For this example the second technique is more efficient since a single $0.005-\mu \mathrm{F}$ capacitor provides the same simulated line impedance as a string of nineteen $552-\mathrm{pF}$ capacitors.

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Designers will surely welcome a solution to the problem of transistor failure in power-switching and amplifying circuits. If a network design is patterned according to Soar (safe operating area) principles, both questionable safety margins and the high cost of device replacement will be avoided.

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The remaining* areas of major application for power transistors are resistive and clamped inductive switching networks, unclamped inductive switching circuits and Class-B amplifiers. The areas of safe device operation will be developed through examination first of the current-voltage relationships peculiar to each application.

## Separate drive and collector networks

The first step in establishing Soar for resistive and clamped inductive switching circuits is to separate the drive and collector network portions. A Soar is easily developed for the latter circuit; the drive section is reviewed in terms of its adherence to the specified absolute maximum ratings of the parameters.

The key ratings for the drive circuit, drawn from the transistor specification, are $I_{B} M_{1}$, and $V_{\text {beo max }}$. If not otherwise specified, it can be assumed that $I_{B M A X}$ is the maximum base current in the forward direction. The reverse base

[^8]current during collector-current turn-off (stored charge) should also not exceed the value of $I_{B м \Delta x}$. The driving source voltage, $V_{B B}$, should generally be smaller than $V_{\text {BEO }}{ }^{\dagger}$

Turning to the collector circuits, the following are the governing design parameters:

- $T_{J M I N} \leqslant T_{J} \leqslant T_{J M A X}$, based on average power dissipation and $\theta_{J C}$.
- $V_{C E S}, V_{C B O}, V_{C E R}$ and $V_{C E X}$; each is used for the highest collector voltage at which a resistive load can be switched off.
- $V_{C E O \text { (st/s) }}$; this value should be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 for high-frequency devices and by 1.0 for others. The net product in both cases is the maximum clamping voltage at which the maximum collector current can be switched.

Furthermore, it is good practice to limit the maximum allowable rise and fall times: $50 \mu \mathrm{~S}$ is a


Pointing out the device under stress, an applicationsengineering associate (center) of Author Balthasar (extreme left) makes an inquiry about the Soar inverter plot.
reasonable number, one which is seldom exceeded in most designs.

## Use Soar to cut conjecture

Conclusions based on this temperature, voltage and time information compel the circuit designer to be very conservative, even though he does not actually know the safety margin of the design. To eliminate any additional guesswork, a Soar with specific conditions for derating should be used.

Figure 1 shows a safe operating area (delineated by the crosshatching) for clamped inductive switching circuits. Here the collector current has to be drastically decreased at high collector voltages for transistors exhibiting high negative resistance on their open-base breakdown characteristic. If the two test points are near the same voltage level, it is practical to test only the high-current point and simplify the Scar by using on!v the shaded area. A similar simplifintion can be achieved by switching the maximum collector-current on a resistive load line. In all other cases, both test points must be used. A high value of either $V_{c f s}$ or $V_{C E X}$ may be tolerated, providig the Soar is modified so that the load line reaches the collector leakage current at $V_{2}$ (Fig. 1b).

## Test circuit establishes Soar

Let us now go through the step-by-step proce-


1. Safe operating area (Soar) for power transistors in clamped inductive switching applications is denoted by the crosshatched portion on the $I_{C}-V_{C E}$ characteristic (a). If the load is resistive a modified Soar (b) is used-area $E$ under the triangular portion.
dure for the Soar testing of these circuits. As in Part 1 we use a typical silicon power transistor unit-the B170008. The conditions are as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{J}=\left(T_{c}+\theta_{J C} P_{C A V G}\right) \leqslant T_{J M A X}=200^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{gather*}
P_{c A V E}=\frac{1}{0.1} \tau_{J} \int_{0}^{0.1 \tau} i_{c} V_{c e} d t \leqq P_{d c} \text { at highest } \\
V_{C E(d c)}=40 \mathrm{~W}, \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{c}=f\left(V_{c E}\right)(\text { Soar Area } \mathrm{E}), \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Allowable rise or fall time, $t_{r}=t_{l} \leqq 50 \mu \mathrm{~S}$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& I_{B} \leqq I_{B M A X} \leqq 7 \mathrm{~A},  \tag{5a}\\
& I_{B R E V A X} \leqq 1 \mathrm{~A},  \tag{5b}\\
& V_{R B 2} \leqq V_{B E O}=5 \mathrm{~V} \text { and } R_{\text {source }} \leqq 5 \Omega .
\end{align*}
$$

For the resistive loadline, $L=0$ and $V_{c c}=V_{2}$ in the circuit (Fig. 2a). Note that the test circuit can be used for both clamped inductive and resistive switching. The switch itself can be a $60-\mathrm{Hz}$ mercury relay, or a transistor driven by a pulse generator as shown in Fig. 2b. Where high values of base current are required, the circuit in Fig. 2a has very high currents in the switch. Therefore the modified driver (Fig. 2c) may be used instead.

It operates as follows: When the switch is closed, forward base current is supplied and current starts to build up in the inductor. Opening the switch breaks the forward current. At the same time, the inductive current is forced in the reverse

2. Test circuit determines Soar $I$ and $V$ parameters for resistive and clamped inductive switches (a). Pulse generators may be more convenient in base-drive section (b). For high base drive values, a larger signal generator (c) is used. For tuned loads, use modified circuit (d).

3. Common resistive and clamped inductive switching networks and their associated Soars: inverter (a), ignitor (b),
relay-driver (c) and TV horizontal-output stage (d). In each case the Soar is the area bounded by the enclosed curves.

4. Unclamped inductive switching circuits (a) present a number of variables to the power device, not the least of which is an indefinite inductance. The resulting device characteristic (b) is more complex than the simple $I_{\mathrm{C}}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{CE}}$ relationship.
direction through the emitter-base diode, turning off the transistor. To verify worst-case conditions, the highest reverse base current should be used. A tuned load can be used to sweep $V_{C E}$ to $V_{3}$ of Fig. 1b. Figure 2d shows the circuit of Fig. 2a modified with a tuned load, and the resulting $I_{C}-V_{C E}$ characteristic.

The Soar procedure described in the preceding paragraphs can be fitted to a number of resistive and clamped inductive switching systems. Among the most widely used of these are inverters (Fig. 3a), ignitors (Fig. 3b), relay drivers (Fig. 3c) and TV horizontal-output stages (Fig. 3d). The $I_{C}-V_{c E}$ graph is given beside each circuit.

## Avoid unclamped L-switches

On conventional data sheets there are few guides to what kind of inductive currents can be switched successfully. This is one good reason to avoid switching unclamped inductors whenever possible. Nonetheless, such applications do crop up and Soar must be developed. The following test circuit paves the way.

5. Transistor capability is basis for establishing Soar in unclamped inductive switching networks. Collector current

6. Test circuits for measuring the Soar parameters for unclamped inductive switching circuits: common-emitter network (a) and common-collector version (b).

A $V_{C E O}$ specified at 0.5 A on full-wave rectified $60-\mathrm{Hz}$ current in the test circuit of Fig. 4a would indicate that an inductive current of half an ampere can be turned off by opening the base. It is, however, difficult to determine the exact amount of inductance. (It, in fact, varies between 0.5 and 200 mH in the circuit.)

The following estimate makes clear the problem of indefinite loads: A transistor characteristic as shown in Fig. 4b would be able to switch off 0.5 A if inductor $L$ were smaller than $t_{1} V_{\text {cé min }} / 0.5 \mathrm{~A}$. If $V_{\text {CEO MIN }}=50 \mathrm{~V}$ and $t_{1}=0.2 \mathrm{~ms}, L=20 \mathrm{mH}$.

A similar estimate could be made if either $V_{C E S}$ or $V_{C E R}$ (instead of $V_{C E O}$ ) were specified at an appreciable collector-current level. Moreover, these calculations would be just as valid. To draw any conclusions from this information for even higher collector currents and for the various base reverse-biased conditions is therefore extremely difficult. Fortunately, however, an accurate Soar can still be developed. Only four variables are of prime importance for circuits that switch an unclamped inductive load. These are:
vs inductance as functions of base resistance and base bias (a) determine the Soar curve (b).

- The current to be switched, $I_{\text {c PEAK }}$.
- The inductance of the load, $L$.
- The OFF driving base voltage, $V_{B B 2} .^{ \pm}$
- The output impedance, $R_{B E 2}$, of the driving circuit.
Figure 5 shows a transistor's capability for unclamped inductive switching. If we again use B170008 and $R_{B B z}>2.0 \Omega$, we can simplify Fig. 5 a . If the load has a series resistive component, the energy absorbed in the resistor during collector current turn-off can be subtracted from the energy stored in the inductor. However, calculating the energy absorbed by the resistor is difficult when the highest breakdown voltage of a transistor type is unknown. Within a given transistor type, the unit with the highest voltage absorbs more energy than any with a lower voltage. All specifications give a minimum but no maximum value for this voltage. Therefore, the safest procedure is to assume that all load energy must be absorbed by the transistor (Fig. 5b).


## Power pulses used in test circuit

The thermal consideration is based on power pulses with small time durations compared with the thermal time constant of the device. The following conditions apply to the Soar representation (Fig. 5b):

$$
\begin{align*}
& T_{J}=T_{c}+\theta_{J C} P_{A V G} \leqq T_{J \Psi A X}=200^{\circ} \mathrm{C},  \tag{7}\\
& P_{\Delta V G}=\frac{1}{0.1 \tau_{J}} \int_{0}^{0.1 \tau} i_{c} V_{O E} d t \leqq 40 \mathrm{~W}, \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

Two test circuits which verify that the Soar of Fig. 5b is accurate are presented in Fig. 6. Used in the testing of unclamped inductive-loaded circuits, they represent the extremes of the $I_{c}-V_{C E}$ characteristic. Note that the Soar of Fig. 5a falls

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7. Soar plots for a number of unclamped inductive switching applications include a relay driver (a), a Class-A audio amplifier with a large inductive transient (b), a TV hori-
zontal-output stage with high-voltage arcing (c), an ignition system with an open secondary (d) and a high-frequency, Class-B amplifier with the load removed (e).

8. When a Class-B stage is shorted, the current-handling capabilities of the device are severely tested. The resulting Soar (a) for a specific device (the B170008 power transistor) was established by the test circuit (b) for one class of applications-audio stages.
within the enclosed area of Fig. 6a.
Similar Soars can be developed for a host of specific unclamped inductively loaded circuits. Some of the more common systems and their representative $I_{C}-V_{C E}$ characteristic appear in Fig. 7. These are the relay-driver (Fig. 7a), a Class-A audio amplifier in which the inductive-coupling produces a transient (Fig. 7b), a TV horizontaloutput stage with high-voltage arcing (Fig. 7c), an ignition system with an open secondary (Fig. 7d) and a high-frequency, Class-B amplifier with the load removed (Fig. 7e).

## Data lacking for shorted Class-B stages

One of the questions that transistor specification sheets fail to answer directly is how much current a Class-B stage can handle under short-circuited conditions. By testing one type, we have developed a Soar from the results. The B170008 device was again used, although the shape of the Soar curve is equally applicable to all other power transistors in this application (Fig. 8a). The test circuit itself is shown in Fig. 8b.

Safe operation is guaranteed for any operation within Area F when the following conditions are met:

$$
\begin{align*}
T_{J} & =T_{c}+\theta_{J C} P_{C A V G} \leqq 200^{\circ} \mathrm{C},  \tag{11}\\
T_{c} & \leqq 100^{\circ} \mathrm{C},  \tag{12}\\
f & \geqq 20 \mathrm{~Hz},  \tag{13}\\
I_{C \text { PEAK }} & \left.\leqq f\left(V_{C E}\right) \text { (Area } \mathrm{F}\right) . \tag{14}
\end{align*}
$$

The limits of 20 Hz and $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ were chosen because they satisfy a majority of the conditions common to audio applications.

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# Check the parameters of pads graphically with a set of charts that show the errors in terms of percentage errors of the pad resistors. 

Four-pole resistance networks, or pads, are essential components in transmission circuits. If the resistors are not accurate, the pads will not provide the required impedances and attenuation, and errors will be introduced into the system.

Here is a set of nomographs that give the return loss and the error in input impedance, attenuation and insertion loss for T- and II-type pads that are due to errors in the values of their component resistors.

It is possible to calculate the parameters once the percentage errors in the resistors are known. The math, however, is tedious and time-consuming.

The charts, on the other hand, can be used to find all these parameters for symmetrical pads from 0.1 to 100 dB rapidly and easily. Knowing the required accuracy of the pad the designer can also select suitable standard resistors of known tolerances.

## Mathematics is complex

The components of a T-pad may be evaluated from the given impedance requirements:

$$
\begin{align*}
& R 1=Z 1\left(K^{2}+1\right) /\left(K^{2}-1\right)-R 3  \tag{1}\\
& R 2=Z 2\left(K^{2}+1\right) /\left(K^{2}-1\right)-R .3 \\
& R 3=2 K(Z 1 Z 2)^{1 / 2} /\left(K^{2}-1\right)
\end{align*}
$$

where:
$Z 1=$ input impedance,
$Z 2=$ output impedance,
$K=$ required attenuation ratio,
For symmetrical pads, where $R 1=R 2$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
R 1=R 2=R(K-1) /(K+1) \\
R 3=2 R K /\left(K^{2}-1\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

(It has been assumed that $Z 1=Z 2=R$ for symmetrical pads.)

The pertinent equations for a T-pad are:
Attenuation ( dB ):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{\frac{R 1(R+R 1+R 3)+R 3(R+R 1)}{R R 3}\right\}, \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Error in attenuation (dB):

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$$
\begin{gather*}
20 \log \left\{1+\frac{\left(3 K^{2}+1\right)(K-1)}{2 K^{2}(K+1)} \frac{a}{100}-\right. \\
\left.\frac{(K-1)^{2}}{K(K+1)} \frac{c}{100}\right\} \tag{5}
\end{gather*}
$$
\]

Insertion loss (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{\frac{(R+R 1)(R+R 1+2 R 3)}{2 R R 3}\right\} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Error in insertion loss (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{1+\frac{1}{100} \frac{K-1}{K+1}(a-c)\right\}, \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Error in input impedance:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\{\frac{\left(K^{2}+1\right)(K-1)}{K^{2}(K+1)} \frac{a R}{100}+\frac{2(K-1)}{K(K+1)} \cdot \frac{c R}{100}\right\} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Return loss (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{1+\frac{200}{\frac{(K-1)\left(K^{2}+1\right)}{K^{2}(K+1)} a+\frac{2(K-1)}{K(K+1)} c}\right\}, \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $a$ and $c$ are the percentage errors in the values of $R 1$ and $R 3$ respectively, and $R$ is the terminating resistance.

The similar expressions for a п-pad are: Attenuation (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{\frac{R 3(R+R 1)+R R 1}{R R 1}\right\}, \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$



[^11]Error in attenuation (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{1-\frac{(K-1)^{2}}{2 K^{2}} \frac{a}{100}+\frac{K-1}{K} \frac{c}{100}\right\} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Insertion loss (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{\frac{(R+R 1)(R R s+R 1 R s+2 R R 1)}{2 R R 1^{2}}\right\}, \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Error in insertion loss (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{1+\frac{1}{100} \frac{K-1}{K+1}(c-a)\right\} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Error in input impedance:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\{\frac{(K-1)\left(K^{2}+1\right)}{K^{2}(K+1)} \frac{a R}{100}+\frac{2(K-1)}{(K+1)} \frac{c R}{100}\right\}, \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Return loss (dB):

$$
\begin{equation*}
20 \log \left\{1+\frac{200}{\frac{(K-1)\left(K^{2}+1\right)}{K^{2}(K+1)} a+\frac{2(K-1)}{K(K+1)} c}\right\} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $a$ and $c$ are the percentage errors in the
values of $R 1$ and $R 3$ respectively, and $R$ is the terminating resistance.

The component values for the $\Pi$-pad are:

$$
\begin{gather*}
1 / R 1=\left(K^{2}+1\right) / Z 1\left(K^{2}-1\right)-1 / R 3,  \tag{16}\\
1 / R 2=\left(K^{2}+1\right) / Z 2\left(K^{2}-1\right)-1 / R 3,  \tag{17}\\
R 3=\left(K^{2}-1\right)(Z 1 Z 2)^{1 / 2} / 2 K . \tag{18}
\end{gather*}
$$

For symmetrical pads:

$$
\begin{gathered}
R 1=R 2=R(K+1) /(K-1), \\
R 3=R\left(K^{2}-1\right) / 2 K .
\end{gathered}
$$

## How to use the charts

To illustrate the use of the charts, let the required value of a T-pad be 10 dB and let the percentage errors in the values of the resistors $R 1$ and $R 3$ be +10 and +5 respectively. That is, $a=+10$, and $c=+5$. Then attenuation error can be determined from the graph of Fig. 2. Find the values of $A$ and $C$ for a $10-\mathrm{dB}$ pad, corresponding to $a=$ 10 and $c=5$. The signs of $A$ and $C$ should be the same as those of $a$ and $c$, respectively. Here $A=$ +0.081 and $C=+0.018$. In the figures, $N$ rep-
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and from the nomograph. The curves are valid for sym. metrical T-pads, balanced or unbalanced.
2. Errors in attenuation caused by percentage errors in the resistors may be read off in two steps from the graph

3. For symmetrical $\Pi$-pads, balanced or unbalanced. use this chart and nomograph to find the error in attenuation
resulting from variations in the values of the resistors due to aging or changing tolerances.

4. Errors in the insertion loss for both symmetrical T. and $\Pi$-pads are plotted here as a function of percentage errors
of the resistors. The worst-case tolerances for the resis tors may be found also.

5. Return losses or symmetrical T- and $\Pi$-pads may be checked with the aid of this chart and nomograph.
resents the required attenuation in dB .
Next, on the nomograph of Fig. 2, draw a straight line through the points $A=+0.081$ and $C=+0.018$. The point of intersection of this straight line and the middle line gives directly the error in attenuation of the pad. In this case, the error is +0.50 dB .

The error in attenuation for $\Pi$ pads may be found similarly with the aid of Fig. 3.

To find the insertion loss, let the pad ( T - or пtype) value be 10 dB . Let the percentage errors in the values of the resistors $R 1$ and $R 3$ be +15 and +5 , respectively. Hence $a=+15$ and $c=+5$.

For a T-pad, find the value of $a-c$ from Fig. 4. Here, $a-c=+10$. Corresponding to $a-c=10$, the error in insertion loss of a $10-\mathrm{dB}$ pad is 0.45 dB . The sign of the error is the same as that of $(a-c)$ thus the error is +0.45 dB .

Similarly, for a $\Pi$-pad, find the value of $c-a$ from Fig. 4. If $a=+15$ and $c=+5$, then $c-a=$ -10 . Corresponding to $c-a=-10$, the error in insertion loss of the $10-\mathrm{dB}$ pad is -0.46 dB .

Thus for a T-pad, if $a-c$ is positive, the error is positive; and if $a-c$ is negative, the error is negative. Analogously, for a ח-pad, if $c-a$ is positive, the error is positive; and if it is negative, the error is negative.
To determine return loss let the pad ( T - or $\Pi$ type) value be 10 dB and the percentage errors in the values of resistors $R 1$ and $R 3$ be +10 and +10 , respectively: $a=+10$ and $c=+10$.
From the graph of Fig. 5, find the values of $A$
and $C$ corresponding to the values $a=10$ and $c$ $=10$. The signs of $A$ and $C$ should be the same as those of $a$ and $c$, respectively: $A=+5.8, C=$ +3.15 .
Then, on the nomograph, draw a straight line through the points $A=+5.8$ and $C=+3.15$. The reading at the point of intersection of this straight line with the middle line gives the return loss of the pad: The return loss is 27.3 dB .

## Graphs expedite component selection

The graphs help the designer to choose standard components instead of expensive custom-made ones. For example, could standard resistors be used in a T-pad that should have a $6 \pm 0.2 \mathrm{~dB}$ attenuation, an impedance of 600 ohms and a return loss above 30 dB ?

The calculated values of its resistors are $R 1=$ 199.3 ohms and $R 3=803.4 \mathrm{ohms}$. If we use standard resistors [i.e., 200 ohms ( $\pm 1 \%$ ) for $R 1$ and 806 ohms ( $\pm 1 \%$ ) for R3], we can see from Figs. 4 and 5 that the error in insertion loss of the pad is within $\pm 0.06 \mathrm{~dB}$ and the worst return loss is 44 dB . These values are well within the specified limits. To boot, the cost of the pad is reduced, since standard resistors can be used, instead of wirewound resistors. - -

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# Measure thermal resistances to find the maximum power that your integrated circuit or discrete transistor can handle. 

In determining power-handling capabilities for semiconductor devices, it is important to know accurately the thermal resistance of the device. Unfortunately, especially with integrated circuits, this value is often unknown. To overcome this prcblem, a simple and inexpensive test setup can be built to determine the thermal resistance of any semiconductor package.

In the test circuit, a known power pulse is applied to the selected test device for a specified length of time. When the pulse is removed, the base-to-emitter voltage ( $V_{B E}$ ) of the transistor (or one of the transistors, for an integrated circuit) is measured. Since $V_{B E}$ is directly proportional to temperature, and a calibration curve may be initially drawn for the device, it is possible to determine immediately the junction temperature ( $T_{J}$ ) resulting from a known power dissipation.
The $V_{B E}$ versus $T$, calibration chart can be plotted by :

- Placing the test device in a temperature-controlled oven.
- Supplying a limited amount of current to the base of the transistor $(100 \mu \mathrm{~A})$.
- Measuring $V_{B E}$ with a digital voltmeter.
- Increasing the oven temperature in specified steps.
Since power dissipation in the device is on the order of microwatts, the temperature of the oven is for all practical purposes the temperature of the junction. By using a thermocouple, an accurate plot of $V_{R E}$ versus junction temperature can be made. The calibration graphs for the devices described in this article are shown in Fig. 1.

Once this is done, the test circuit, consisting of a "pulser," an oscilloscope, a few batteries and a couple of meters, can be put to use.

## Pulser uses mercury relays

In the circuit shown in Fig. 2, the two 1N649 diodes allow both relays to operate only on the positive half cycle of the input voltage. The resistors are used to limit the peak coil current, and the

[^13]2-K $\Omega$ potentiometer allows slight adjustment of the duty cycle when the turn-on and turn-off operating points of relay $K_{2}$ are changed with respect to relay $K_{1}$. Relay $K_{1}$ is a Western Electric Type-275D (bridging type) and relay $\mathrm{K}_{2}$ is a Clare Type-HGP-2004 (non-bridging type). The three 1 N540 diodes, in parallel across the relay coil of $K_{2}$, act as an electronically variable capacitor. Since these are diffused, the relationship between junction capacitance and reverse-bias voltage is given by:

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\begin{equation*}
C=\frac{K}{(V)^{1 / 3}}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $K$ is a constant and $V$ is the reverse bias voltage. Hence, as the reverse bias increases, the junction capacitance decreases. As a result, the diode capacitance causes the coil current of $K_{2}$ to be initially delayed, and then to increase rapidly causing $K_{2}$ to energize quickly, with a high degree of repeatability.

The relay contact connections are shown in the


1. Knowing the base-emitter voltage of the device under test, one can quickly find the actual junction temperature by using this $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BE}}$ versus $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}$ calibration chart.
circuit of Fig. 3a. The voltage pulse across $R_{1}$ is given in Fig. 3b, as well as the sequence of operation of relays $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$. The first OFF condition is the result of the non-bridging time of relay $K_{2}$. As relay $K_{2}$ is energized, the wiper arm moves from contacts 4 and 5 to contacts 1 and 2 . During this wiper arm movement, there is a period of time that occurs in which the wiper arm does not make contact with either contacts 4 and 5 or 1 and 2. The second OFF condition is the result of relay $K_{1}$ remaining energized for a short period of time after relay $K_{2}$ has de-energized. The resulting power duty cycle for the pulse waveshape of Fig. 3 b is $94 \%$.

To achieve accuracy, only a very narrow portion of the pulse should be used for the tempera-ture-varying parameter measurement; this allows the measurement to be made before one cooling thermal time constant of the device under test has elapsed. It is also desirable to have the test device reach thermal equilibrium at high temperature during the power pulse prior to the measurement portion of the pulse. For these reasons, the $0.2-\mathrm{ms}$ OFF portion of the waveshape (Fig. 3b) is selected for measurement of the temperature-varying parameter.

The testing of discrete transistors is straightforward and power levels as high as one watt were successfully pulsed with this mercury relay pulser. However, in testing integrated circuits, the engineer must decide what transistor is to bo used for the temperature measurements. In the tests described here, for a two-transistor integrated circuit, the $V_{B E}$ of the transistor closest to the geometric center of the chip was measured.

The circuit tested was the Westinghouse WM1106, a video amplifier. The test circuit is given in Fig. 4. Switch $S_{2}$ and microammeter $M_{2}$ allow for calibration of the base current of $Q_{2}$ for the $V_{B E}$ measurement. Switch $S_{1}$ and peak-reading voltmeter $M_{1}$ allow measurement of the voltage, $V_{1-4}$. Note that:

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{1-4}=\left|V_{1-6}\right|+\left|V_{4-6}\right|, \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and that $I_{1-4}$ can be calculated from:

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{1-4}=\frac{V_{A A}-V_{1-4}}{993.5} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The total power dissipated is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{T}=\left(V_{1-4}\right)\left(I_{1-4}\right)(0.94), \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where ( 0.94 ) is the power duty cycle. With this information, the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance of the video-amplifier integrated circuit is then determined by the following procedure:

1) Measure the ambient temperature, $T_{A}$;
2) Apply power and measure $V_{1-8,}, V_{4-8}, V_{A A}$ and $V_{B E}$;
3) Calculate the power dissipation, $P_{t}$; and

2. Simple pulser unit operates from the 110 -volt line. The three diodes, across relay $\mathrm{K}_{2}$, act as a variable capacitor which initially delays the current flow through the relay and then allows it to increase rapidly. This results in fact action and high repeatability.

3. Relay contact connections illustrate how the voltage pulses are applied to the load. $\mathrm{K}_{1}$ is a bridging-type relay and $K_{2}$ is a nonbridging type. The resulting voltage pulse and its relation to the relay logic is shown in (b).

4. Thermal resistance test setup uses Tektronix 535 oscilloscope (Type Z plug-in) for $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BE}}$ measurements. Meter $M_{2}$ is used to calibrate the drive current to the base of transistor $Q_{2}$, where $V_{B E}$ is monitored.

Table 1. Test results for 2 N 1893 with and without heat sinks.

|  |  | Unit no. 1 |  |  | Unit no. 2 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vendor | Part no. | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BE}}(\mathrm{mV})$ | ${ }^{*} \mathrm{~T}_{1}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | $\Theta_{\text {JA }}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C} / \mathrm{W}\right)$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BE}}(\mathrm{mV})$ | ${ }^{*} \mathrm{~T}_{3}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | $\Theta_{J A}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C} / W\right)$ |
| No heat sink | - | 251 | 151.0 | 247 | 250 | 150.0 | 245 |
| Wakefield | 207 | 388 | 94.5 | 133 | 380 | 97.8 | 139 |
| Vemaline | 6049 | 345 | 112.0 | 168 | 355 | 108.0 | 160 |
| P.S.I. | 11 | 405 | 87.5 | 119 | 410 | 85.5 | 114 |
| Thermalloy | 1101A | 395 | 91.5 | 127 | 385 | 95.6 | 135 |
| Wakefield | X | 375 | 100.0 | 144 | 370 | 101.8 | 147 |

Note: $T_{A}=29^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{C}}=42 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{CE}}=12.5 \mathrm{~V}$, and $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{T}}=494 \mathrm{~mW}$ for all tests
${ }^{-}$From $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BE}}$ vs $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{J}}$ curve
Table 2. Test results for WM 1106 IC video amplifier.

| Junction to ambient |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unit No. | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BE}}(\mathrm{mV})$ | $\mathbf{V}_{1-4}(\mathrm{~V})$ | $\mathrm{I}_{1-4}(\mathrm{~mA})$ | $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathrm{mW})$ | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{A}}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | ${ }^{*} \mathrm{~T}_{J}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | $\Theta_{J A}(C / W)$ |
| 00929 | 625 | 8.00 | 2.70 | 20.2 | 29.0 | 35.5 | 322 |
| 00929 | 615 | 12.00 | 3.72 | 41.8 | 29.0 | 40.3 | 270 |
| 00929 | 604 | 15.18 | 4.91 | 69.7 | 29.8 | 45.5 | 250 |
| 00930 | 618 | 8.00 | 2.55 | 19.1 | 30.0 | 36.7 | 351 |
| 00930 | 605 | 12.00 | 3.53 | 39.7 | 30.3 | 42.9 | 317 |
| 00930 | 596 | 15.18 | 4.46 | 53.3 | 29.0 | 47.5 | 292 |
| Junction to case |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{B}}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ |  | $\Theta_{J-c}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C} / \mathrm{W}\right)$ |
| 00929 | 459 | 16.0 | 3.72 | 55.7 | 109.4 | 113.4 | 71.8 |
| 00930 | 478 | 16.0 | 3.62 | 54.2 | 100.8 | 105.0 |  |

-From $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{BE}}$ vs $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{J}}$ curve
4) Calculate the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance from the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Theta_{J A}=\frac{T_{J}-T_{A}}{P_{T}} . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The junction-to-case thermal resistance can be determined in a similar manner except that the device must be placed in a bath. The ambient temperature in the above equation is then replaced by the bath temperature $\left(T_{B}\right)$.

## Discrete and integrated devices are tested

Test results of junction-to-ambient thermal resistances of two 2 N 1893 transistors at $T_{A}=29^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $P_{T}=494 \mathrm{~mW}$, with and without various heat sinks attached, are given in Table 1.

Test results of junction-to-ambient and junc-tion-to-case thermal resistances of two WM1106
integrated video-amp devices are presented in Table 2. The $d V_{B E} / d T$ of units 00929 and 00930 were 2.15 and $2.05 \mathrm{mV} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, respectively. The measured values given for each of the tests in the table represent the average of five readings. To make the junction-to-case thermal-resistance tests, an agitated bath of 600 ml of Dow Corning Type DC 331 silicon oil heated to approximately $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was used. The bath was heated to this high temperature to eliminate bubble formation due to bath agitation, and to take advantage of the lower bath thermal resistance due to the lower viscosity of the silicon oil at the elevated temperature.

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# Rid mixers of spurious signals with the aid of cross-product traces that reveal the position and significance of all signals within the band. 

Unexpected spurious signals in mixers have foiled many good designs and forced engineers to come up with make-shift suppressing devices. But cross-product (C-P) traces can take the guesswork out of the design procedure.

These data, shown in the accompanying tables and plots, predict the performance limits of the design, help engineers to shape the bandwidth characteristics and pinpoint the best design approach.

The unexpected signals are usually beat frequencies, resulting from the mixing of the harmonics of the local oscillator with some unwanted but known input. Called spurious cross-products, they can be plotted as C-P Loci or traces. They have been generated with the aid of a digital computer in a form that permits identification and plotting of only those lines that are relevant to the particular mixing mode and mixing ratio.

In a typical mixer a desired signal, $F_{s}$, mixes with a pump signal of the local oscillator, $F_{p}$, to produce an output signal, $F_{o}$ (Fig. 1). A spurious signal, $F_{x}$, falling in the input bandpass, is also present. It is the multiple of $F_{z}$ that combines with a multiple of the pump frequency to produce an output at, or very near to, the desired output.
Suppose, for example, a receiver having a $30-$ MHz IF output is set to receive 150 MHz . The local oscillator operates at 120 MHz . An unwanted signal is present at the antenna at 165 MHz , and may also be present at the first mixer because of the broadness of the RF amplifier (the result of design limitations or mistuning). The second harmonic of the $165-\mathrm{MHz}$ signal beats with the third harmonic of the local oscillator's frequency to produce 30 MHz :

$$
\begin{gathered}
-2 F_{x}+3 F_{p}=-2 \times 165+3 \times 120 \\
=-330+360=30 \mathrm{MHz} .
\end{gathered}
$$

No amount of IF selectivity can discriminate against this spurious output, since it falls directly on the desired output. Hence, a remedy must be sought elsewhere. This particular odd-order crossproduct (fifth-order, determined by adding the absolute values of the coefficients of $F_{x}$ and $F_{p}$ ) is only one of many. However, it is a particularly serious one, since it is close to the desired signal, and it is likely to be about 50 dB below the desired signal against a typical military specification of -60 dB minimum. The usually stronger image frequency, which is separated from the desired

[^14]signal by a frequency equal to twice the $I F$, is often less difficult to eliminate than this close-in spurious signal.

Several courses of action are possible to reduce or eliminate this fifth-order spurious signal:

- The mixing ratio can be increased to move the response outside the RF bandpass.
- The RF bandpass can be narrowed to reduce the spurious signal before it enters the first mixer.
- A mixer can be chosen that has fewer nonlinearities above the second-order harmonic signal so that higher-order harmonics are not generated.

The fifth-order example brings up a specific spurious frequency and the measures that may reduce it. However, these measures may well accentuate a fourth-order harmonic signal. Hence the locus of each spurious signal must be known and must be plotted relative to the design signal, before an effective suppression method can be evolved. This is accomplished by the C-P trace technique.

## Two equations describe signal relations

Five readily identifiable mixer modes are available. The choice depends on whether local oscillator's frequency is above or below the desired signal and whether the output is the result of either the sum or difference of the input signals. The five mixer modes are:
low side-injection / down-converter
(LSI/DC)
difference mixing,
high side-injection/down-converter
(HSI/DC) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . difference mixing, lower sideband/up-converter
(LSB/UC) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . difference mixing, low side-injection/up-converter
(LSI/UC) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . sum mixing, high side-injection/up-converter
(HSI/UC). .sum mixing.

Each case may be quickly identified through the graphical representation of the mixer modes in Fig. 2. The rectangular blocks in Fig. 2 represent the mixer and the relative elevation of the horizontal lines indicate the frequency relationship among the various signals. The generalized mixer equation may be written:

$$
\begin{equation*}
N_{1} F_{s}+M_{1} F_{p}=F_{o}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$F_{s}=$ signal frequency.
$F_{p}=$ pump or local oscillator frequency,
$F_{o}=$ output frequency, and


1. Spurious signals in the output of mixers are crossproducts of the spurious inputs and the harmonics of the local-oscillator signals. The multiple of $F_{x}$ combines with a multiple of the pump frequency.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.N_{1}= \pm 1\right\} \text { defines the mixer mode. } \\
& \left.M_{1}= \pm 1\right\} ">"
\end{aligned}
$$

The generalized expression for spurious signals is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
N F_{x}+M F_{p}=F_{o}, \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
F_{x} & =\text { spurious frequency } \\
N & = \pm \text { integer from } 0 \text { to } R_{\text {max }}, \\
M & = \pm \text { integer from } 0 \text { to } R_{m a x},
\end{aligned}
$$

and both $N$ and $M$ cannot be negative simultaneously. $R$, the order of the spurious signal, is expressed as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
R=|N|+|M| ; \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta F_{x}=F_{x}-F_{s} . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equations 1, 2 and 4 may be combined to yield a single expression in several different ways. Two expressions for $F_{s}$ are needed, one having the output frequency, $F_{o}$, as the independent variable, and the other having the pump frequency, $F_{p}$, as the independent variable. By elementary algebra, these expressions have been derived and are:

$$
\begin{gather*}
F_{s}=\frac{M_{1} N}{N_{1} M-M_{1} N} \Delta F_{x}+\frac{M-M_{1}}{N_{1} M-M_{1} N} F_{0},  \tag{5}\\
F_{s}=\frac{N}{N_{1}-N} \Delta F_{x}+\frac{M-M_{1}}{N_{1}-N} F_{p} . \tag{6}
\end{gather*}
$$

Both expressions, Eqs. 5 and 6, are straight lines of the form $y=m x+b$, and define the loci of all spurious frequencies that satisfy Eqs. 1, 2 and 4. The general rule is that when $F_{0}$ is fixed, for example, in the case of a tunable receiver having a fixed IF as the output of the mixer, Eq. 5 should

2. Five widely used mixer modes are shown graphically. The boxes are the mixers. The elevation of the horizontal lines indicates the frequency relationship among the input, the LO pump and the output signals.
be used. When the pump frequency is fixed, as in the case of up-converting a band of input frequencies to a band of output frequencies, Eq. 6 is preferred. A more useful set of equations can be obtained by normalizing both expressions with respect to the independent variable, thereby achieving a universal set of equations:

$$
\begin{align*}
& F_{s} / F_{o}=\frac{M_{1} N}{N_{1} M-M_{1} N} \Delta F_{x} / F_{o} \\
& \quad+\frac{M-M_{1}}{N_{1} M-M_{1} N},  \tag{7}\\
& F_{s} / F_{p}=\frac{N}{N_{1}-N} \Delta F_{x} / F_{p}+\frac{M-M_{1}}{N_{1}-N} . \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

These normalized equations have been programed in a digital computer with solutions for the following parameters: $Y$-axis intercept ( $Y_{o}$ ), $X$-axis intercept ( $X_{o}$ ), and slope ( $S_{o}$ ).

The information, printed out for each value of $N_{1}, M_{2}, N$ and $M$ as $R$ ranges from 1 through 16, includes all possible cross-products through the sixteenth order, for all possible mixer modes. The computer was programed to discard all solutions which are not physically realizable or are not relevant to the particular mixer mode.

Because of space limitations, only one set of tabulated data, for the LSI/DC, is included, to illustrate the nature of such tables (Table 3). A complete set of tables that includes all harmonics up to the 16th for the five mixer modes is available. To obtain a set, please circle Reader Service number 782.

The printed data may be converted to graphs for each mixer mode, as in Figs. 3, 4, 6 and 7. In these figures only the first six orders of spurious signals are included. The circled numbers (2 through 6), appearing on the C-P traces, show the

3. Cross-product traces for low-side injection/downconverter are normalized with respect to the output frequency, $F_{0}$. These graphs are useful in systems where the output is fixed, as in tunable receivers. The relevant
spurious frequencies in a specific case are found by drawing a horizontal line at $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{s}} / \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}$ (dashed) and checking the intercepting lines. The ones closest to the X -axis are the most significant (dashed).
the signal line at a mixing ratio of 4 . It creates a spurious frequency that appears above the signal by one-half of the IF at $150+(0.5 \times 30)=165 \mathrm{MHz}$.

The image and a total of nine spurious frequencies of sixth order and below can be identified by the intersections of the C-P traces with the vertical line.

A similar vertical line $\left(F_{s} / F_{p}=150 / 120=\right.$ 1.25) may be drawn on Fig. 4 and the same spurious frequencies may be identified. It should be observed that, since the normalization is to the pump frequency, $F_{p}$, in Fig. 4, the actual spurious frequency is derived from the intersection of this C-P trace with the horizontal line of $F_{x} / F_{p}=$ 1.25. This occurs at $\Delta F_{x} / F_{p}=0.125$. Thus:

$$
F_{z}=F_{s}+\Delta F_{x}=150+(0.125 \times 120)=165 \mathrm{MHz}
$$

## Band conversion maintains constant output

Most receivers do not have just a single input frequency, as in the previous example, but are required to frequency-convert any signal within a given band. The pump is generally tracked to the input signal to produce a constant IF output.

Consider a low side-injection/down-converter. The input is at 13.5 MHz , the output is at 2.5 MHz and the frequency of the local oscillator is 11 MHz . Assume that this mixer must operate over either of the following input signal ranges: $\pm 0.5$

4. Cross-product traces, normalized to the pump frequency, $F_{p}$, are useful when $F_{p}$ is the independent variable, as in the case of up-conversion. The traces are valid
for low-side injection/down-conversion. The colored lines represent the example shown in Fig. 3. The spurious frequency is derived from the intersection of $F_{p}$ with $F_{z} / F_{g}$.

5. Bandpass plots yield parallelograms, intercepted by the spurious signals. The graphs give an instantaneous evaluation of all spurious signals and their position within
the band. Any 45 side of the parallelograms (color) represents a single frequency. The graph was plotted with the aid of Table 3 and rotated clockwise by $90^{\circ}$.

6. Bandpass parallelograms for lower-sideband/up-converter (color) compare the three possible pump frequen-
cies. (The graph is normalized to $F_{p}$ ). A pump frequency of 2800 MHz yields a clean bandpass.

7. Less spurious frequencies are encountered in a highside injection/up-converter at the pump frequencies used in Fig. 6, according to the bandpass parallelograms
(color). The graph is normalized to $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{p}}$. A comparison of the parallelograms in this figure and in Fig. 6 helps designers to choose the best approach.

Table 1. Spurious lines and intersections

| Spurious | Order | $\mathbf{Y}_{0}$ | Spurious <br> frequency <br> $F_{x}(M H z)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2 F_{x}-2 F_{p}$ | 4 | $\infty^{*}$ | 12.25 |
| $-2 F_{x}+3 F_{p}$ | 5 | 4.0 | 15.25 |
| $3 F_{x}-3 F_{p}$ | 6 | $\infty^{*}$ | 11.83 |
| $-3 F_{x}+4 F_{p}$ | 7 | 5.0 | 13.83 |
| $4 F_{x}-5 F_{p}$ | 9 | 4.0 | 14.375 |
| $-4 F_{x}+5 F_{p}$ | 9 | 6.0 | 13.125 |

- Vertical line, parallel to the Y -axis

Table 2. Uhf broadband/up converter computations

| Pump <br> $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathbf{M H z})$ | Input <br> $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{s}}(\mathbf{M H z})$ | Normalized <br> input <br> $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{s}} / \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{p}}$ | LSB/UC <br> output <br> $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{n}}(\mathbf{M H z})$ | HSI/UC <br> output <br> $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{o}}(\mathbf{M H z})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2000 | 225 | 0.112 | 1775 | 2225 |
|  | 400 | 0.2 | 1600 | 2400 |
| 2400 | 225 | 0.094 | 2175 | 2625 |
|  | 400 | 0.167 | 2000 | 2800 |
| 2800 | 225 | 0.08 | 2575 | 3025 |
|  | 400 | 0.143 | 2400 | 3200 |

MHz ( 3 dB points) centered at 13.5 MHz , or $\pm 1.5$ MHz ( 3 dB points) centered at 13.5 MHz .

The local oscillator's frequency setting is such that a $2.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ output is maintained. Note that an input band of frequencies is a separate case from "a single-frequency input which has an input bandpass." The single frequency is evaluated along a single vertical line as in the first example, whereas a band of operation results in a parallelogram, as developed below.

The $0.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band has the following $F_{s}$ values:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(F_{8}\right)_{\text {min }}=13.25 \mathrm{MHz}, \\
& \left(F_{s}\right)_{\text {max }}=13.75 \mathrm{MHz} .
\end{aligned}
$$

The $1.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band has the following $F_{s}$ values:

$$
\left(F_{s}\right)_{\text {min }}=12.75 \mathrm{MHz},
$$

$$
\left(F_{s}\right)_{\text {max }}=14.25 \mathrm{MHz} .
$$

These values are then normalized with respect to $F_{o}$. For the $0.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band, $F_{s} / F_{o}$ becomes 5.3 and 5.5. For the $1.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band, $F_{s} / F_{o}$ becomes 5.1 and 5.7.

The graphical solution requires establishment of an expanded coordinate system around the ratio, $F_{\hbar} / F_{o}=5.4$, the normalized center frequency. Plotting all possible C-P traces that appear in Table 3 is time-consuming and unnecessary. The relevant lines may be identified by scanning the $Y_{o}$ column in Table 3 and noting the intersection of spurious lines that occur near 5.4, that is, between approximately 4 and 7. These lines are readily plotted (Fig. 5) by drawing a straight line through the $Y_{0}$ value on the Y -axis at a slope equal to the corresponding $S_{o}$ value. (The slope expressed as a ratio in Table 3 enables the user merely to count horizontal and vertical squares on the graph paper in order to draw the
line). Table 1 summarizes the data obtained by extracting the $Y_{0}$ cross-overs between 4.0 and 7.0 from Table 3, graphically deriving the $\Delta F_{x} / F_{o}$ values along the vertical 5.4 line and computing $\Delta F_{x}$ from the value of $\Delta F_{x} / F_{o}$ read from the chart.

## Parallelograms show bandwidths

Plotting the bandwidth points on this C-P trace coordinate system results in $45^{\circ}$ parallelograms, as shown in Fig. 5. A moment's study of this coordinate system will show that a $45^{\circ}$ line represents a single frequency. Consider, for example, the $45^{\circ}$ line that begins with 5.1 and passes through a point opposite 5.7 at 0.6 units up. That point represents a negative delta from 5.7. This point is obviously at $5.7-0.6=5.1$, which is the same as 5.1 on the $F_{s} / F_{0}$ axis.

It may be noted in Fig. 5 that of the six spurious lines, two fall within the $0.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band and five within the $1.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band. The strongest spurious signal will be the fifth order, touching the lower corner of the $1.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band. The position of the spurious lines within the band is readily apparent. If a particular spurious frequency is suspected of causing trouble it can be scaled off or filtered out. If all spurious lines were to be avoided in this example, it would be necessary to reduce the effective bandpass to approximately one-third of the $0.5-\mathrm{MHz}$ band, or to 0.17 MHz . This would result in a smaller parallelogram that encloses the nominal center-frequency point but does not touch any of the spurious lines.

## Pick the best approach graphically

In a particular design, it is desired to up-convert the $225-$ to- $400-\mathrm{MHz}$ uhf band to S -band. An output frequency in the general vicinity of 2200 $\pm 600 \mathrm{MHz}$ is desired for this design. It is also necessary to choose between the two possible upconverting modes, that is, lower side-band/upconverter and high side-injection/up-converter. One further restriction on the system is that the choice of pump frequency is restricted to one of the following three values: 2000,2400 or 2800 MHz .

Table 2 presents a summary of the simple computations necessary to plot the parallelogram bandpass characteristics shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

With the limitations placed on this up-converter, the bandpasses of Fig. 7 intercept fewer spurious lines of sixth order and below than those of Fig. 6. It appears from the diagrams that a pump frequency of 2400 MHz or 2800 MHz with the high side-injection/up-converter would be a good choice. A pump frequency of 2800 MHz for the lower side-band/up-converter shows a bandpass free of spurious lines. However, the sixth-order line, $6 F_{x}$, touches the upper edge of the band.

In this example the lower side-band/up-converter would invert the up-converted signal which, in an actual problem, may add more design constraints. $\qquad$
(continued on $p$.216)

Table 3. Low-side injection/down-converter

| Coeff. <br> of $F_{x}$ | Coeff. of $F_{p}$ | Spur. order | $F_{0}$ normalized axis intercepts |  | Slope | $F_{p}$ normalized axis intercepts |  | Slope |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $Y$ | X |  | $Y$ | X |  |
| 0. | 1. | 1 | 2.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 1$. | 2.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.11. |
| 1. | 0. | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 | -1./ 1. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $-1.000$ | -1./ 0. |
| 0. | 2. | 2 | 1.500 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 2$. | 3.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 1$. |
| 1. | 1. | 2 | 1.000 | 2.000 | -1./ 2. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -2.000 | -1./ 0. |
| 1. | -1. | 2 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.000 | $1 . / 0$. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.000 | -1./ 0. |
| -1. | 1. | 2 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -2.000 | -1./ 0 | 1.000 | 2.000 | -1./ 2. |
| 0. | 3. | 3 | 1.333 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 3$. | 4.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 1$. |
| 1. | 2. | 3 | 1.000 | 3.000 | -1./ 3. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -3.000 | -1./ 0. |
| 1. | -2. | 3 | 1.000 | $-1.000$ | 1./ 1. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 1.000 | -1./ 0 |
| -1. | 2. | 3 | 3.000 | $-3.000$ | $1 . / 1$. | 1.500 | 3.000 | -1./ 2. |
| 0. | 4. |  | 1.250 | ${ }^{\text {N* }}$ | 0.14. | 5.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 1$. |
| 1. | 3. | 4 | 1.000 | 4.000 | -1./ 4. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -4.000 | -1./ 0 |
| 1. | -3. | 4 | 1.000 | $-2.000$ | $1 . / 2$. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 2.000 | -1./ 0 |
| -1. | 3. | 4 | 2.000 | -4.000 | $1 . / 2$. | 2.000 | 4.000 | -1./ 2. |
| 2. | -2. | + | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -0.500 | 2.10 | 1.000 | 0.500 | -2./ 1. |
| -2. | 2. | 4 | N* | $-1.500$ | -2./ 0. | 1.000 | 1.500 | -2./ 3. |
| 0. | 5. | 5 | 1.200 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.15. | 6.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 1$. |
| 1. | 4. | 5 | 1.000 | 5.000 | -1./ 5. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -5.000 | -1./ 0. |
| 1. | -4. | 5 | 1.000 | $-3.000$ | 1./ 3. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 3.000 | -1./ 0 |
| -1. | 4. | 5 | 1.667 | $-5.000$ | 1./ 3 | 2.500 | 5.000 | -1./ 2. |
| 2. | -3. | 5 | 2.000 | $-1.000$ | 2.11. | 2.000 | 1.000 | -2./1. |
| -2. | 3. | 5 | 4.000 | -2.000 | $2 . / 1$. | 1.333 | 2.000 | -2./ 3. |
| 0. | 6. | 6 | 1.167 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 6$. | 7.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 1$. |
| 1. | 5. | 6 | 1.000 | 6.000 | -1./ 6. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -6.000 | -1./ 0. |
| 1. | -5. | 6 | 1.000 | $-4.000$ | $1 . / 4$. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 4.000 | -1./ 0. |
| -1. | 5. | 6 | 1.500 | -6.000 | $1 . / 4$. | 3.000 | 6.000 | -1./ 2. |
| 2. | -4. | 6 | 1.500 | $-1.500$ | 2.12. | 3.000 | 1.500 | -2./1. |
| -2. | 4. | 6 | 2.500 | $-2.500$ | 2.12. | 1.667 | 2.500 | -2./ 3. |
| 3. | -3. | 6 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -0.667 | $3 . / 0$. | 1.000 | 0.667 | -3./ 2. |
| -3. | 3. | 6 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $-1.333$ | -3./ 0. | 1.000 | 1.333 | -3./ 4. |
| 0. | 7. | 7 | 1.143 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.17. | 8.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 1$. |
| 1. | 6. | 7 | 1.000 | 7.000 | -1./ 7. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -7.000 | -1./ 0. |
| 1. | -6. | 7 | 1.000 | $-5.000$ | 1./ 5. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 5.000 | -1./ 0 |
| -1. | 6. | 7 | 1.400 | $-7.000$ | 1./ 5 | 3.500 | 7.000 | -1.1 2. |
| 2. | -5. | 7 | 1.333 | $-2.000$ | 2.13. | 4.000 | 2.000 | -2./1. |
| -2. | 5. | 7 | 2.000 | $-3.000$ | 2./ 3. | 2.000 | 3.000 | -2./ 3. |
| 3. | -4. | 7 | 3.000 | -1.000 | $3 . / 1$. | 1.500 | 1.000 | -3./ 2. |
| -3. | 4. | 7 | 5.000 | $-1.667$ | 3./ 1. | 1.250 | 1.667 | -3./ 4. |
| 0. | 8. | 8 | 1.125 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $0 . / 8$. | 9.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.11. |
| 1. | 7. | 8 | 1.000 | 8.000 | -1./ 8. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -8.000 | -1.1 0. |
| 1. | -7. | 8 | 1.000 | $-6.000$ | 1./ 6. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 6:000 | $-1.10$. |
| -1. | 7. | 8 | 1.333 | -8.000 | 1./ 6. | 4.000 | 8.000 | $-1.12$. |
| 2. | -6. | 8 | 1.250 | $-2.500$ | 2.14. | 5.000 | 2.500 | -2.1 1. |
| -2. | 6. | 8 | 1.750 | $-3.500$ | 2.14. | 2.333 | 3.500 | -2./ 3. |
| 3. | -5. | 8 | 2.000 | -1.333 | $3 . / 2$. | 2.000 | 1.333 | -3./ 2. |
| -3. | 5. | 8 | 3.000 | -2.000 | $3 . / 2$. | 1.500 | 2.000 | -3.14. |
| 4. | -4. | 8 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -0.750 | 4.10. | 1.000 | 0.750 | -4./ 3. |
| -4. | 4. | 8 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | $-1.250$ |  | 1.000 | 1.250 | -4./ 5. |
| 0. | 9. | 9 | 1.111 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.19. | 10.000 | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 0.11. |
| 1. | 8. | 9 | 1.000 | 9.000 | -1./ 9. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | -9.000 | -1./ 0. |
| 1. | -8. | 9 | 1.000 | $-7.000$ | 1./ 7. | $\mathrm{N}^{*}$ | 7.000 | -1./ 0. |
| -1. | 8. | 9 | 1.286 | $-9.000$ | $1 . / 7$. | 4.500 | 9.000 | -1./ 2. |
| 2. | -7. | 9 | 1.200 | $-3.000$ | 2.15 | 6.000 | 3.000 | -2./1. |
| -2. | 7. | 9 | 1.600 | $-4.000$ | 2.15. | 2.667 | 4.000 | -2./ 3. |
| 3. | -6. |  | 1.667 | -1.667 | $3 . / 3$. | 2.500 | 1.667 | -3./ 2. |
| -3. | 6. | 9 | 2.333 | -2.333 | $3 . / 3$. | 1.750 | 2.333 | -3./ 4. |
| 4. | -5. | 9 | 4.000 | -1.000 | 4.11. | 1.333 | 1.000 | -4./ 3. |
| -4. | 5. | 9 | 6.000 | $-1.500$ | $4 . / 1$. | 1.200 | 1.500 | -4./ 5. |

*The line does not intercept the axis, it is parallel to it.


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## Labels

Make numerals and letters simple in design, similar to Leroy lettering guides. Avoid extra flourishes.

Use capital letters for labels, but use standard capitalized and lower-case type for extended copy.

Scale numbering systems to increase from left to right or bottom to top whenever possible.

Relate the coding or labeling on the display and its control to tell which control affects which display.

Use arrows to indicate direction of operation of control.

Minimize mental translations of units and symbols on controls and dials.

## Meters and dials

Use scale graduations no finer than necessary, within the accuracy of the instrument itself.

Arnold T. Lloyd, Lockheed Aircraft Service, Ontario, Calif.

Separate indices and numerals on a dial sufficiently for accurate reading.

Design instrument pointers to reduce parallax. They should not overlap numerals or indices.

When several instruments must be read at once, orient the instruments so that the normal operating positions of all pointers are aligned, preferably at the 9 - or 12 -o'clock position.

Use similar numbering and scale progressions for dials which may appear on the same panel.

Use color code techniques to define operating and danger ranges, or to simplify check-reading.

Use scale breakdowns of units, fives or tens when possible; avoid fractions or decimals.

Orient scales to make critical ranges appear in the left or upper quadrants.

For multirevolution dials, orient the zero position at 12-o'clock.

For dials which have a noncontinuous scale, provide a definite scale break between the end of the scale and the zero position.

Avoid the use of more than two pointers on a single dial.

Provide even illumination of all parts of a dial, including the pointer.

In dial-scale design, the fixed scale with moving pointer is preferred over the fixed-index, movingscale design.

Because numeral and scale index sizes are dependent upon the reading distance, use optimum height-width ratios.

When reciprocal readings are necessary from a single pointer, make sure the two ends of the

pointer are identifiable.
Make the opening for open-window dial display large enough to permit viewing of at least two. numbers.

## Counters

Select counters in which the numbers "snap", rather than drift, into place.

Avoid counter designs which have too much space between numerals when they must be read as one value.

Mount counters close to the panel so that numbers are not obscured by bezel openings.

## Warnings

When selecting warning lights, make sure they are compatible with the ambient illumination levels expected. Use dimmer controls if necessary.

When dark-adaption is necessary, use red light only (wavelengths longer than 620 millimicrons).

Vary flash rates for flashing warning lights from 3 to 10 per second. ON-time should be at least 0.05 second.

Allow warning signals to be visible no longer than necessary to attract attention. Never design a device meant to provide a specific warning to actuate during any part of normal operations.

Isolate warning lights conspicuously from normal-operation lights for greatest effectiveness.

## Visual displays

Maintain ambient illumination surrounding a CRT display for detection tasks at about 0.1 millilambert.

Hold vibration of visual displays to a minimum. Any display movement requires higher illumination levels and longer reading time.

Provide a display to show when an instrument is not operating properly.

Design changes in visual indications to be obvious enough to be detected easily.


## Control operation

Position controls which must be located "blind" ahead of the operator rather than to the side or behind him.

Place often used controls between elbow and shoulder height.

Provide control movement in the expected direction; that is, increases should be to the right or upward.

Design control movements and locations parallel to the axis of the display motion which they affect.

Design and position cranks with respect to the speed or load that they govern; that is, small cranks at elbow height for fast action and light loads; large cranks for full arm motion for heavy loads.

Use adjustment-type knobs no more than two inches in diameter and only for very light torques.

Use round knobs for controls requiring smooth continuous movement; use bar- or pointer-type knobs for detent-type switching.

Provide toggle or bat-handle switches with at least $30^{\circ}$ throw to each side of center to give good visual indication of displacement.

## Pedals

Mount brake pedals so that the knee angle (between the upper and lower leg) of the operator is somewhere between $105^{\circ}$ and $135^{\circ}$.

Pivot pedals so that control action is similar to the limb or foot motion (near the heel of the foot for ankle action on an accelerator pedal, or above the foot for leg motion as in the case of the brake).

Design control actions to be positive without being sticky or stiff.

Allow joystick movement to be equally free in all directions. Small joysticks on table- or desk-top installations should be mounted so that the hand has a resting place for steadying the control movement.

## Panel layout

Design panel layout to be as functionally simple as possible. Trade-offs of primary position for controls and displays should be considered as a whole in order to relate functions.

Conceal beneath a lid those displays and controls which are not necessary to normal operation.

Make sure the operator cannot cover a display while manipulating a control.

Provide clear labels using standard abbreviations. Provide illumination where necessary and be consistent in placing labels either above or below controls or displays.

Avoid glossy surfaces or highly polished metals. Use anti-glare coating on transparent instrument covers when possible.

## Console dimensions

Design cabinets, racks, and consoles with the dimensional statistics of the human operator in mind. Although static dimensions are available to the designer, ${ }^{1}$ common sense may be more valuable in adjusting these figures to the dynamic situation.

Mount vertical displays 50 to 70 inches above the floor when they are to be viewed from a standing position.

Use a 30 -inch seat-to-eye height reference to locate visual displays used by a seated operator.

For a comfortable display-mounting angle, use the following rule of thumb: $60^{\circ}$ from horizontal for seated operators; $45^{\circ}$ for a combination of sit and stand; $30^{\circ}$ for a straight standing position.

Use a 28 -inch arm reach, measured from the operator's shoulder, as a limiting figure for the placement of controls which are to be used often.

## Console organization

When possible, arrange controls sequentially with respect to the expected or required order of operation. Activity for both hands should be evenly distributed.

Generally, organize control-display combinations so that visual displays occupy central areas, and controls occupy peripheral areas, to avoid hand and arm interference with visual tasks.

Emphasize functional groupings of displays and controls by using such techniques as color coding, marked outline, symmetry of grouping, and/or differential plane of mounting.

When desk positions are required, consider height of writing surface, working width and depth, knee and foot room, and elbow room if more than one operator is involved.

Design storage space with man's physical dimensions in mind ; consideration should be given to reach-distance, eye height when stored items must be seen, and depth of bin (for articles pushed to the rear).

## System layout

When men and machines are grouped for system or team operations, consider not only the individual needs but also the equitable flow of human traffic and aural and visual communication links.

When group activity demands use of a central visual display, make sure that lines of sight to the display are not blocked by poor arrangement of people or equipment.

Provide sufficient space in corridor and passageway design for people to pass each other, and
room for doors to open into passageways without hindering the flow of traffic.

Give special consideration to passageways and doorways used by personnel who are encumbered by special clothing or equipment.

## Operational environment

Good illumination should include the following considerations: (a) suitable brightness for the task at hand, (b) uniform lighting on the task, (c) suitable contrast between task and background, (d) freedom from glare from either the light source or the work surfaces, and (e) suitable quality and color for the illuminants and surfaces.

For aircraft cockpits or other specialized military applications, consult recommended lightinglevel tables for both the ambient and specialized lighting. ${ }^{1}$

Do not assume that general ambient illumination will be adequate for individual tasks. A careful analysis of the entire lighting system will prevent later make-shift remedies.

Consider the environmental conditions under which the man-machine combination must work. If these conditions cannot be controlled directly, it is necessary to provide other safeguards. Temperature, ventilation, and noise are the major considerations, and modern protective measures should be used by the designer.

## Ease of maintenance

Design and use displays that will indicate marginal or substandard performance to the maintenance technician. Although it is obvious when most equipments are inoperable, it is often difficult to determine when they are functioning poorly or below effective levels.

Consider the matter of maintenance simplification as well as operational simplification. Use modular techniques, go-no-go indicators, and disposable packages when feasible.

Follow good display and control practices when providing these functions for the maintenance technician. Poor meter display, screwdriver controls which are too sensitive, or poor use of color coding hinder maintenance.

Avoid large cumbersome back-access doors on cabinets or racks. These create a nuisance and a hazard. Use quickly removable or small doublehinged doors which do not complicate the space problem.

Avoid cable entrances on the front of cabinets.
Screwdriver calibration adjustments are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of human manipulation. Use knobs whenever possible, and if these shouldn't be disturbed except in special cases, cover them or provide a special seal or danger code.

Provide a record for adjustment controls. It is difficult to remember settings without some mark-

ing, and this record may reveal gradual deterioration in performance as settings need changing.

Mark keyways for plug-in components so that the technician does not rely on "feel" to find the proper position. Tube labels should also be oriented so they can be seen from the maintenance position.

In mounting parts on chassis and chassis in racks, allow for access to both sides of a chassis. Leave sufficient hand room for the technician to remove and replace parts without danger. Provide hand grips for lifting.

Avoid mounting parts and assemblies so that several intermediate pieces have to be removed to get to one that requires frequent servicing.

Use sturdy, smoothly operating drawer slides; make sure they will hold the unit firmly in the open position, and that the technician does not need three hands to manipulate fasteners or guide flexible cables.

Reduce the number of part types required, and use common parts where possible to simplify maintenance and storage.

Affix legible, permanent tuning instructions, calibration graphs, labeling and dial markings to cabinets: loose instructions get lost.

Provide routine check points which are available without removing the chassis from the cabinet. - -

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Another strong point of the text is the choice of problems following each of the 13 chapters. Instead of merely serving as academic exercises, these problems relate to actual design situations faced by the practicing engineer.

Transistor Circuit and Design. Franklin C. Fitchen (D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc.: New York). 412 pp, $\$ 8.50$.

> —Mark B. Leeds

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The major systems of measurement are described, analyzed and inter-related in this concise volume. It includes systems of mechanical units, units of measurement of acoustic quantities and of quantities used in molecular physics, and systems of measurement of electromagnetic radiation.

Two appendices include tables, constants and conversions for each individual system.

Units of Measurement of Physical Quantities. A. G. Chertov (Hayden Book Company, Inc.: New York). 165 pp., \$4.75.

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On-line Computation and Simulation: the OPS-3 System. M. Greenberger, M. Jones, J. Morris, Jr. and D. Ness (The MIT Press: Cambridge, Mass.). 126 pp., $\$ 4.50$ (paperback).

## Transistor design handbook

The basic techniques of circuit design are discussed and the circuits analyzed in detail to enable the reader to apply them to any circuit of a known mode of operation.

Part I explains the principle of operation of certain circuits, giving typical values of transistor parameters and specific examples of design. Part II shows synthesized designs in practical form. Part III examines some of the difficulties of design and testing and offers hints on the current testing of prototypes.

An appendix contains the mathematical justification for the expressions and approximations used in the text.

Electronic Designer's Handbook: a Practical Guide to Transistor Circuit Design. T. K. Hemingway (Business Publications Limited: London). 296 pp ., about $\$ 8.75$.

## Control systems

The application of modern control theory is discussed, including such topics as the analysis and synthesis of multiple input-multiple output control systems, application of fundamental concepts in functional analysis to control systems problems, and new topics in Lyapunov function techniques. Applications are geared to electrical, aerospace, mechanical and chemical engineers and to graduate students in those areas.

Modern Control Systems Theory. C. Leondes, ed. (McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.: New York). 486 pp., $\$ 17.50$.

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This text is primarily devoted to the use of semiconductors as switching devices in digital systems. A large part of the book involves semiconductor data, including standardization, rationalization, life-expectancy and serviceability of components. Extensive circuit and logic diagrams illustrate the text.

Transistor Electronics: Use of Semiconductor Components in Switching Operations. K. Rumpf and M. Pulvers (Pergamon Press: New York). 282 pp, $\$ 10$.


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# Universal waveform comparator uses UJT relaxation oscillators 

Even though it is more commonly employed as an oscillator, switch, or triggering source, the unijunction transistor (UJT) makes for a precise voltage comparator or level detector. This esoteric capability enables it to be used in a simple, inexpensive, universal circuit capable of distinguishing between digital, linear and nonlinear waveforms.

Few engineers realize that the UJT actually compares two voltage levels as its main function. Moreover, in a majority of cases this comparison is independent of the shape, speed or nature of the voltages placed on its base 2 and emitter terminals with reference to base 1 .

Its trigger output should be viewed as a response to these levels, one that is finite whenever the ratio of the voltages equals or exceeds some fixed proportion (see Fig. 1). This output, a pulse, can then be put to use to perform some command function-such as triggering an alarm, switching in another circuit, or effecting a change (in level, duty cycle, etc.) via a feedback connection.

The basic circuit compares two dc levels as follows: When the voltage supplied to $C_{T}$ reaches, say, 0.6 of the bias across the base terminals, an output results. Until the $60 \%$ level is reached, no output is generated. The dc signals may represent power supply levels, other bias voltages, rectified ac waveforms, etc. The output may be used to regulate or modify these levels by means of SCR phase-control or through some other triggered semiconductor power device. Moreover, even the ripple content on the capacitor supply may be sensed, for it may just bring the emitter up to the $60 \%$ level if desired.

Two UJTs are employed in the universal waveform comparator (Fig. 2a), which is basically a double version of the basic circuit. In one application a pulse train may be compared to a dc value. The former serves as the command or "tracked" level; the latter is the bias. By choice of appropriate components, pulse amplitude, width, or even duty cycle may be monitored. If the valie of any one, or any preset combination, of these three variables exceeds some predetermined level, an

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1. UJT relaxation oscillator is more appropriately a waveform comparator. When the voltage from emitter to base-1 reaches a fixed proportion of the voltage between base-2 and base-1 (typically $60 \%$ ), an output is generated. Main function of UJT is thus voltage comparison; output pulse is a result which can be put to triggering, switching or feedback-mechanism usage.
output appears across the pulse transformer in the base-1 leg of $Q_{\beta}$. The sampling here is periodic, and until the threshold is reached, each "undervalue" sample is dissipated at the termination of the pulse across the resistor in the base- 1 section of $Q_{A}$.

Here's how the level-detecting works: Just prior to the trailing edge of the pulse input, the com-mon-emitter terminal is positively biased. The voltage across $C_{T}$, however, is insufficient to fire either of the UJTs, because the $60 \%$ level has not been reached. The bias is slightly less than the tracking-level amplitude (a one-volt margin suffices) and the timing network ( $R_{T}-C_{T}$ ) is chosen to prevent $C_{T}$ from reaching $60 \%$ of the bias level. The tendency (with both signals present) is for $Q_{B}$ to always fire before $Q_{A}$. The key is the charging network. If the pulse is too short in width (or too small in amplitude) to permit $C_{T}$ to reach the $60 \%$ threshold of $Q_{B}, Q_{B}$ will never fire.

When the trailing edge occurs, $Q_{B}$ remains back-biased-it cannot fire. But the bias across $Q_{.1}$ is now rapidly approaching zero. $Q_{A}$ is then forward-biased-it fires. The capacitor discharges into $R_{\mathrm{A}}$ and is then ready for the next sample (Fig. 2b). However, if the pulse duration is long enough for $C_{T}$ to reach the firing threshold of $Q_{B}, Q_{B}$ is triggered and $C_{T}$ discharges into its base-1 section before the trailing edge nccurs.

Figure 3 displays a circuit for the comparison of two pulse trains. The fixed one (multivibrator output) serves as the bias source; the tracked waveform (variable pulse widths) is the bias for $Q_{A}$ and the charge source for $C_{T}$. Operation here

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2. Basic universal waveform comparator uses 2 UJTs (a). Here a pulse train is compared to a dc level. When pulse width is long enough to permit $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}}$ to reach $0.6 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{B}}, \mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{B}}$ fires (b). With insufficient pulse widths, capacitor voltage sample is dissipated across $\mathrm{R}_{A}$ at termination of pulse.
is the same as in the circuit of Fig. 2a, but if a decreasing pulse-width train were being tracked, these two signals would be interchanged.

This network was built and installed in a guidance system. The sources were analog representations of input data; the output was used to fire SCR power controls in a digitized subsystem. This same basic circuit was also used to compare ramps, sinusoid (half-wave), triangles, and other wave forms in additional applications.

In all cases the following design principles must be observed:

- For fast pulses, coils should be placed in the base-2 sections to prevent UJT firing upon turning on (application of input pulses).
- The power rating of the base-1 sections must be adhered to carefully. Zeners and voltage dividers


3. Pulse comparison circuit contrasts varying pulse train with a fixed pulse waveform (multivibrator output). An output appears across the pulse transformer whenever the tracked pulse width exceeds the monostable pulse width. This same circuit, with little or no modification, may be used to compare ramps, triangles, dc, rectified sinusoids and other basic waveforms. In some cases the multivibrator source and tracking signal are interchanged to fit the design need.
may be necessary to step down the capacitor source voltage.

- $R_{T}$ actually consists of a fixed resistor in series with a potentiometer for safer charging control.
- Synchronization must be employed between bias and tracking sources by use of a clock.
- The $R_{T}-C_{T}$ constant must be such as to prevent mistriggering, dual-firing, etc. For example, the $R_{\text {d }}$ output may be used as a synchronous control to prevent dual-firing.
- Since the resistance between bases of a UJT is nominally $7 \mathrm{k} \Omega$, a small de level is present at the output (base-1). Care should thus be taken to prevent coil saturation (if $T$ is used) or inadvertent SCR firing (if a resistor is the output-coupling).
- The bias level ( $Q_{B}$ source) should be lower than the $Q_{A}$ source by at least 0.5 volt.

This circuit concept has also been applied to Doppler systems with success. Incidently, it is very tempcrature-stable, largely because of the UJT parameters and its designed-in (via $R 1$, $R 2$ values) temperature compensation.

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This range may be extended by a circuit (see schematic) which produces variable-width pulses of 30 volts' amplitude to run the motor at a speed proportional to the average current. In the circuit Q1 is a UJT sawtooth generator whose output is attenuated by $R 2$ and $R 3$ to be 10 volts peak-topeak. The sawtooth waveform is clamped by CR1 to a variable dc voltage established by $R 5$.

The setting of $R 5$ determines how much of the sawtooth waveform will exceed the 12 -volt threshold established by CR2. The portion of the sawtooth exceeding this threshold saturates $Q 2$, generating a rectangular pulse which is coupled through Q3 and Q4 to the motor. Variation of R5 permits adjustment of the sawtooth from completely below the 12 -volt threshold to completely above. Maximum speed is achieved when full dc voltage is applied to the motor. Since Q4 is either cut off or saturated, the power dissipation is low and a heat sink is not required.
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## Linear width-amplifier doesn't attenuate pulses

A solution to the pulse-stretching problem associated with the tracking of narrow pulses is the linear pulse-width amplifier. This amplifier eliminates excessive attenuation, the main drawback of the commonly used low-pass filter.

The output of the linear pulse-width amplifier is the same amplitude as the input and its pulse width is a fixed multiple of the input pulse width. The pulse-width amplifier can respond to changes in input pulse width from one pulse to the next, thus it can track rapidly changing pulses.

In many phase-locked loop systems, electronic servos have to track extremely narrow pulses. Operational amplifiers associated with these electronic servos generally have narrow bandwidths for stability and memory purposes, therefore the narrow pulses have to be stretched in order to bring them within the bandwidth of the amplifiers. Pulse stretching is usually accomplished by forcing the narrow pulse through a low-pass filter. The disadvantages of this method are the tremendous attenuation in the filter and its slow response to changing input conditions.

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in Fig. 1. The letters in the waveform diagram are keyed to the indicated junctions in the circuit schematic.

Here is how the amplifier operates: Normally, the input is at zero volts. The pulse-amplitude standardizer is a level translator and high-accuracy clamp. With the input at zero volts, the output of the standardizer is a few volts negative with respect to ground. Diode D3 is conducting and holding the capacitor negative. All other diodes are cut off and the output of the zero-crossing detector is at zero volts.

When the input goes positive, the output of the pulse-amplitude standardizer goes positive and is clamped to a precise voltage. Diodes D1 and D2 start conducting, while diodes $D 3$ and $D_{4}$ are OFF. As soon as the input goes positive, D1 places a positive potential at the input of the zero-crossing detector and the output of the detector immediately goes positive. Since at this time C1 is at a negative voltage, the anode of $D 4$ is negative with respect to its cathode and $D 4$ is out of the circuit. The positive output of the pulse-amplitude standardizer starts to charge C1 positively through D1 and $R 1$. If the input voltage is high enough, the resistor will act as a constant-current source for a fraction of the charging time constant, and the capacitor voltage will be linearly proportional to the input pulse width.

As soon as the input pulse drops back to zero, the output of the pulse-amplitude standardizer goes back to its original negative level. Diodes D1 and D2 turn off, while D3 and D4 conduct. Diode


Linear pulse-width amplifier does not attenuate input sig. nal amplitudes (a). Used for tracking very narrow pulses (such as in phase-locked loop systems), the circuit is basically a pulse-stretcher. Key waveforms (top-input pulse; middle-capacitor voltage; bottom—output pulse) appear in (b).

D4 maintains the positive voltage, which is across the capacitor, at the input of the zero-crossing detector and maintains a positive output at the detector. The input impedance to the zero-crossing detector must be very high in order not to affect the discharge time of the capacitor. Timing capacitor C1 is discharged through D3 and R2. If the negative voltage toward which the capacitor is discharged is large, $R 2$ will act as a constantcurrent source. The voltage across the capacitor diminishes linearly, and when it reaches zero, the output of the zero-crossing detector drops back to zero. After crossing the zero-voltage line, it does not matter whether the capacitor discharge is linear or nonlinear.

The voltage to which the capacitor charges depends on the positive voltage to which the output of the pulse amplitude is clamped, on the input pulse width and on the R1-C1 time constant. This is expressed as:

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\begin{equation*}
V_{1}=V_{C C}-\left(V_{C C}+V_{B B}\right) e^{-t_{1}, R 1 C 1} . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The time it takes to discharge the timing capacitor depends on $V_{1}$ and the discharge time constant $R 2 C 1$, given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
t_{2}=R 2 C 1 \ln \left[\left(V_{B B}+V_{1}\right) / V_{B B}\right] . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $R 2 C 1$ is made much larger than $R 1 C 1$, then large pulse-width amplification results. The output pulse width is equal to $T=t_{1}+t_{2}$ and the pulse width amplification factor is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{p v o}=T / t_{1} \approx 1+\left(V_{C C} R 2 / V_{B B} R 1\right) . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Theoretically, there is no limit to the pulse-width amplification factor; however, nonlinearities due to very short R1C1 time constants or very wide input pulse widths will result.

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## Tunnel-diode amplifier improves emitter-follower logic

A nonlinear, tunnel-diode voltage amplifier combined with emitter-followers can be used to yield high-speed computer logic circuits. The tunnel diode overcomes the less-than-unity gain characteristic of the emitter-follower. Emitterfollowers used to perform binary logic offer a number of advantages, such as high speed, no polarity inversion, high input impedance, and current gain.*

The complete circuit is shown in Fig. 1 with the tunnel diode amplifiers inserted between the emitter-follower AND and OR gates. The resistors $R$ in the collector circuits of the input emitter-

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Operation of the voltage amplifier circuit is as follows: As the input to the amplifier is pulled more negative, the current through $R 1$ increases, adding to the bias current ( $1 / 2 I P$ ) until the peak
diode amplifiers raise common-emitter gain above unity and also provide noise immunity.
current of the tunnel diode is exceeded and the tunnel diode flips to its high-voltage state, as shown in Fig. 2b by path $A$. At the point where the peak current is exceeded, tunnel-diode impedance is suddenly increased and voltage at the output becomes more negative than at the input; thus the current through $R 1$ is reversed, allowing voltage gain. The shaded areas in Fig. 2b t'at appear on either side of the $45^{\circ}$ unity gain line indicate voltage gain for both 1 and 0 . As the input becomes less and negative (follow path $B$ in Fig. 2b), current flows from left to right in $R 1$ and passes through $R 2$ to the minus supply, taking the place of current previously supplied by the tunnel diode. If the current in the tunnel diode falls below the valley current ( $I_{V}$ ), it will revert to its low-level voltage and the current through $R 1$ will again reverse, giving the desired level regeneration.
Note that the amplifier has hysteresis, which provides good noise immunity. As indicated graphically in Fig. 2b, noise signals superimposed on the two input levels $V_{I L}$ and $V_{H}$ have very little effect on $V_{\text {oL }}$ and $V_{\text {он }}$. Although this amplifier may have a possible gain of 2 , it supplies enough gain only to re-establish two levels set by the tunnel diode, which for this requirement would be less than 1.02 gain.

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Price: $\$ 235$ ( 150 W), $\$ 325$ ( 400 W), $\$ 450$ ( 1000 W). Philco, Sierra Electronic Div., 3885 Bohannon Dr., Menlo Park, Calif. Phone: (415) 322-7222.

Booth 453 (HP) Circle No. 388


## Pulse modulator

Designed for pulse magnetrons, this solid-state magnetic pulse modulator has applications in airborne weather radar systems. RF output is $15.5 \mathrm{GHz} \pm 85 \mathrm{MHz}$. Pulse length is 1.5 ms , pulse repetition rate is $800-\mathrm{Hz}$ and input voltage is $115 \mathrm{~V}, 400 \mathrm{~Hz}$ single phase.

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## TWT X-band amplifier

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## Coaxial attenuator

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Greenpar Engineering Ltd., Station Works, Harlow, Essex, England.

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Elpac Inc., 3760 Campus Dr., Newport Beach, Calif. Phone: (714) 546-8640.

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## Terminations and shorts

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Price: \$60. Weinschel Engineering, Gaithersburg, Md. Phone: (301) 948-3434.

Circle No. 586
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#### Abstract




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## HLTTL J-K flip-flops

Charge storage flip-flops include $30-$ and $40-\mathrm{MHz}$ versions of "ENABLE OR", "OR" and "AND" input units. All are suited for arithmetic shift register applications. They are available in 14-lead flat-pack or dual-in-line packages. Fan out is 15 , noise immunity is 1 V and capacitance drive capability extends to 300 pF . Clock pulse width requirement is 12 ns .

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| Operating press. max. torr | $5 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| Length, max. inches | 4 | $21 / 2$ | $21 / 2$ |
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P\&A: $\$ 0.35$ to $\$ 0.84$ ea.; 4 to 5 wks. Augat Inc., 33 Perry Ave., Attleboro, Mass. Phone: (617) 2222202.

Booth 1643 (SA) Circle No. 319


## Latching relay matrix

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McKee Automation Corp., 7315 Greenbush Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. Phone: (213) 983-1193.
Booth 2011 (SA) Circle No. 339


## Flat-pack carriers

Accommodating short and preformed leads, these carriers facilitate marking and automatic handling of flat packs. The units have an identification of the \#1 lead position and a snap-on clip that holds the flat pack. The contacts exert a 50-gram force per lead, keeping contact resistance less than $0.01 \Omega$. Life is 50,000 insertions. The car-rier-contractor can be used over a range of -65 to $150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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| Test Conditions | $\begin{gathered} V_{F}= \\ I V \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & V_{F}= \\ & 0.4 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{R}}= \\ 10 \mu \mathrm{~A} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & V_{\mathrm{F}}= \\ & 15 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} V_{R}=0 \\ f=1.0 \mathrm{MHz} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |

*These diodes are too fast to measure in conventional circuits utilizing standard reverse recovery time measurements. Therefore, the effective minority carrier lifetime is specified as $\tau$ instead of Trr. Devices are hermetically sealed in a miniature glass package $0.160^{\prime \prime}$ long. $0.070^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter, color coded.

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