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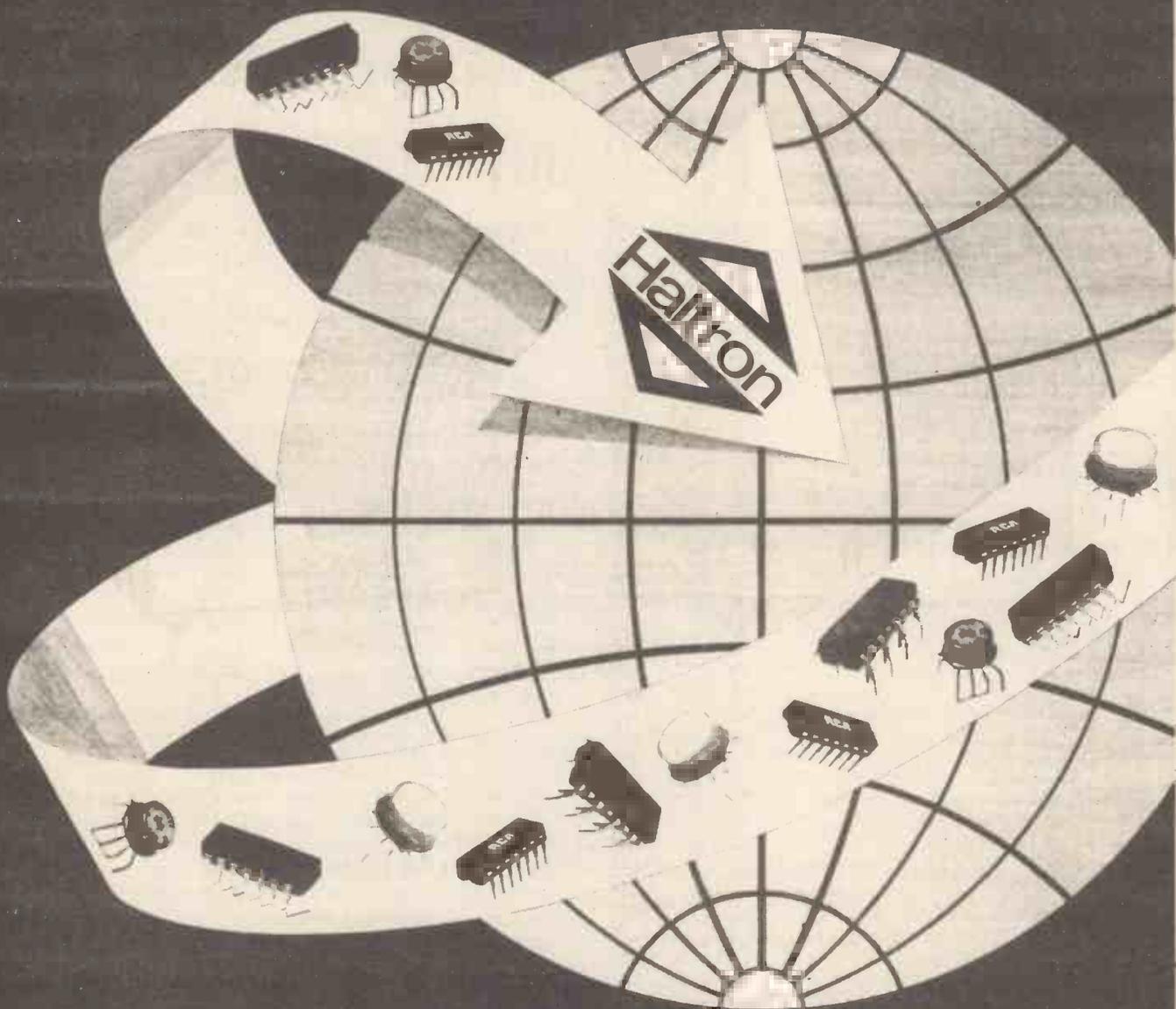
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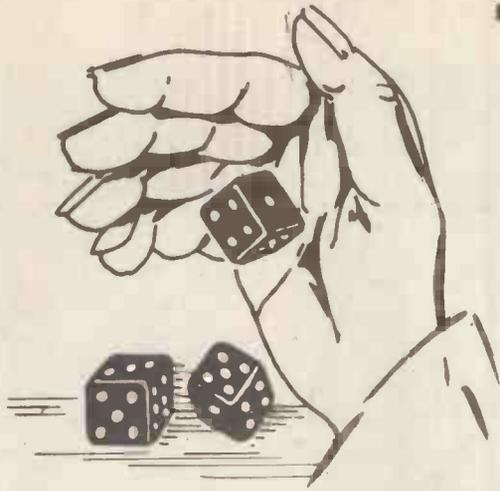


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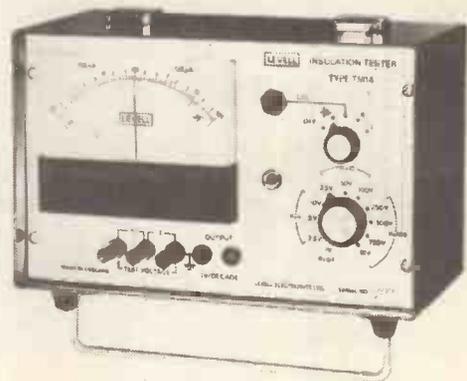
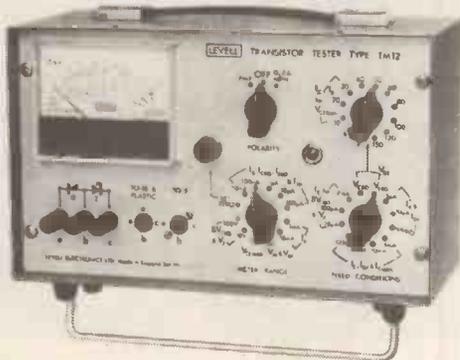
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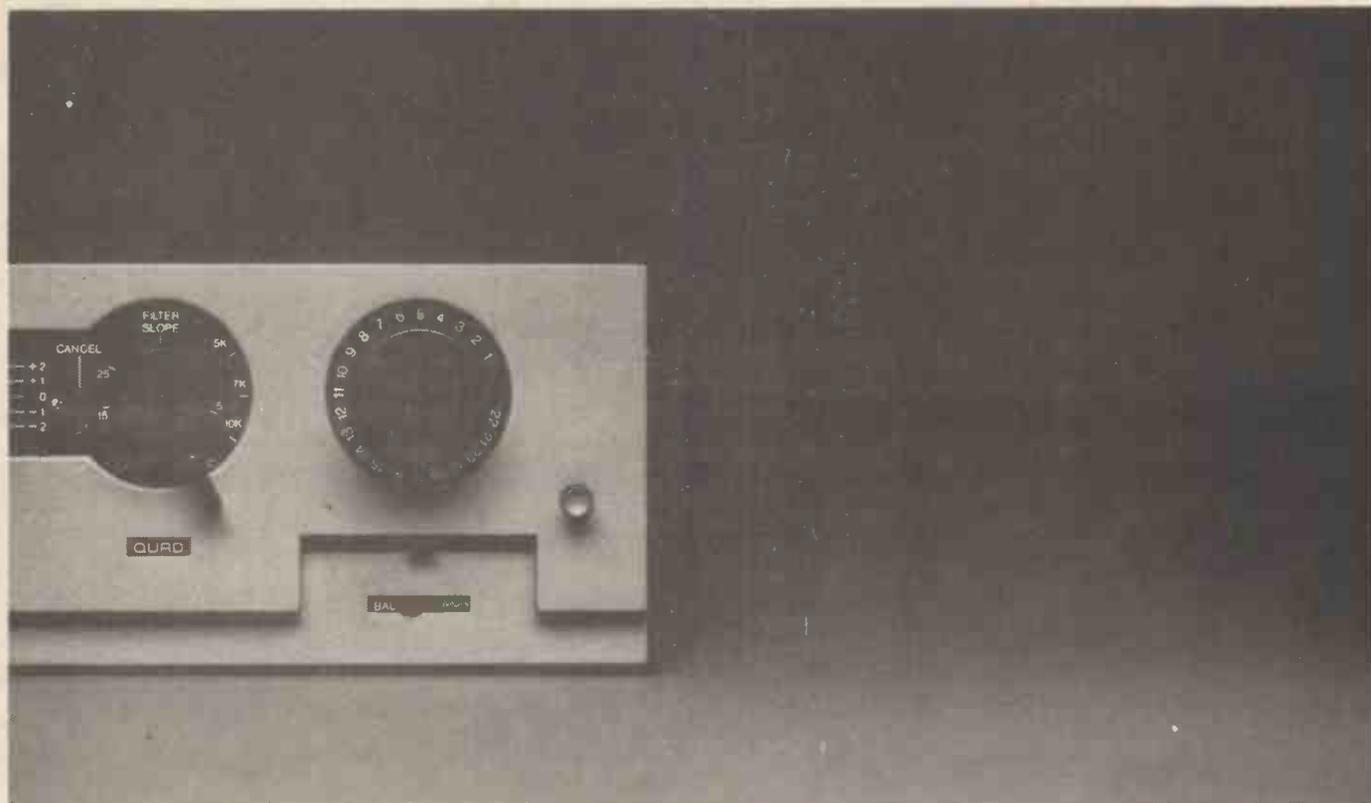
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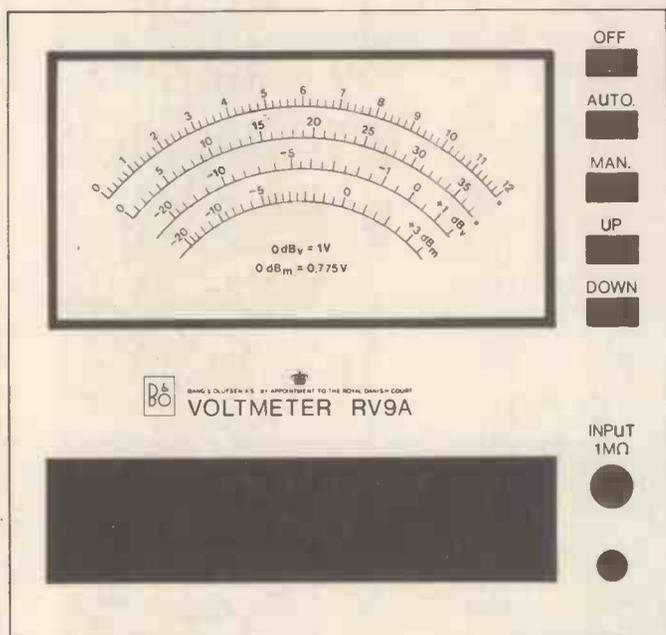
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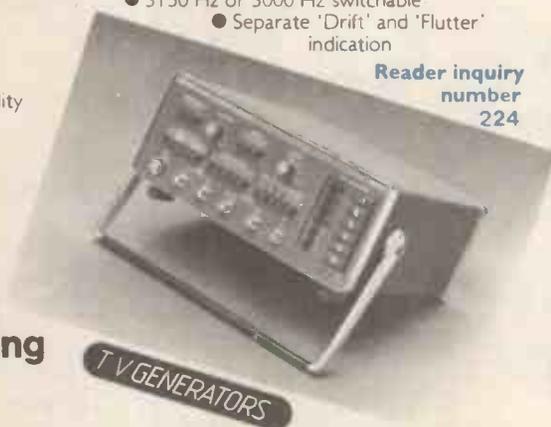
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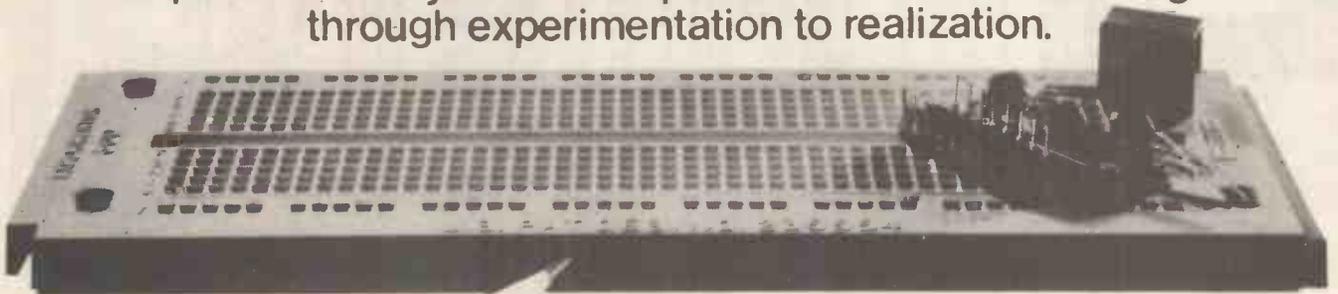


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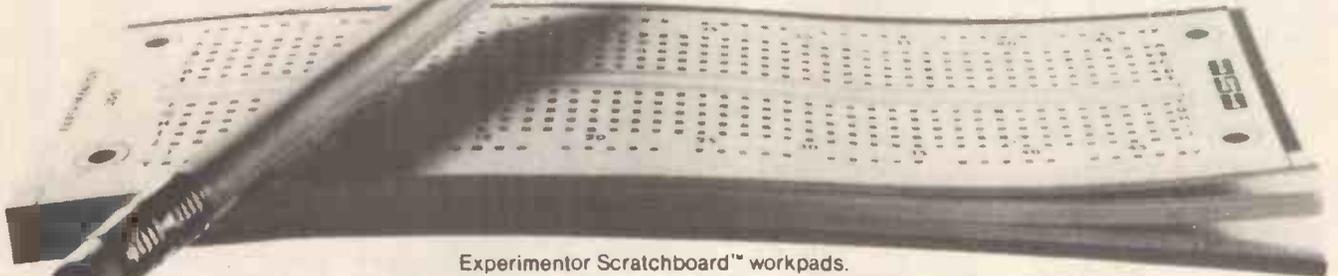
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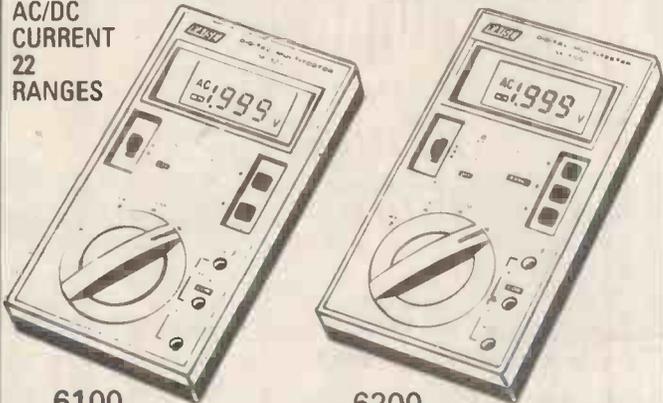
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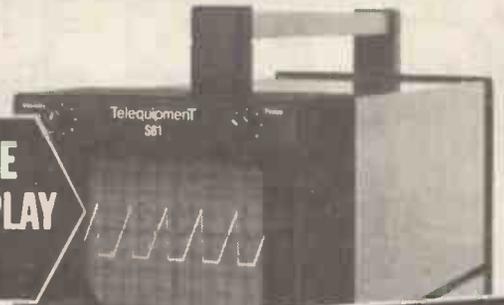
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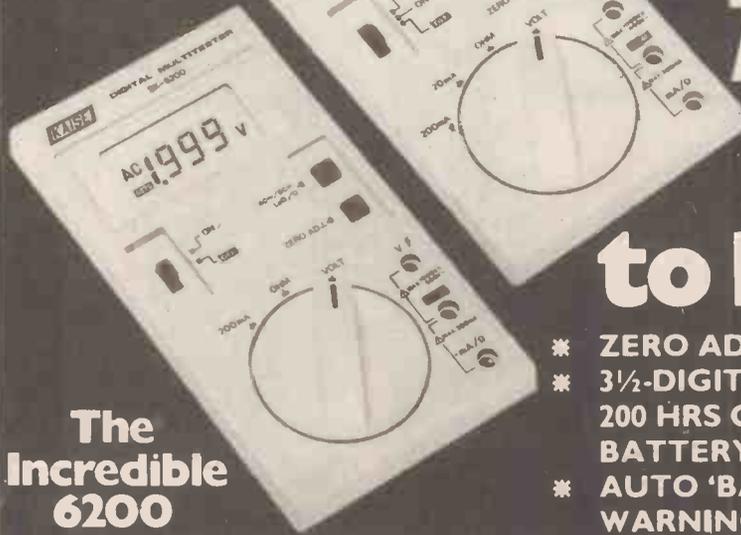
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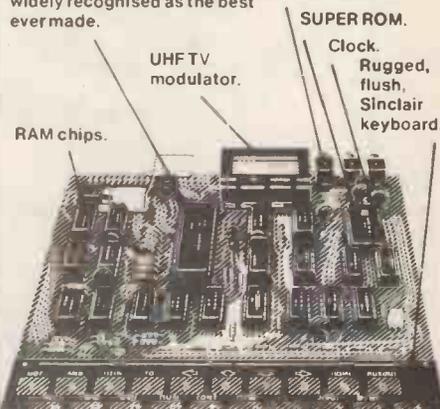
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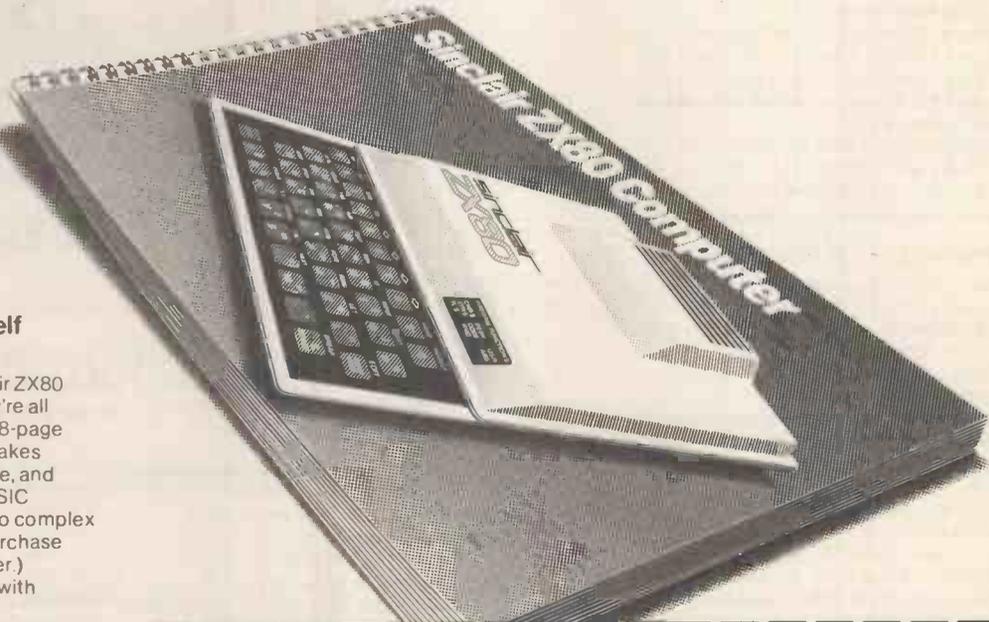
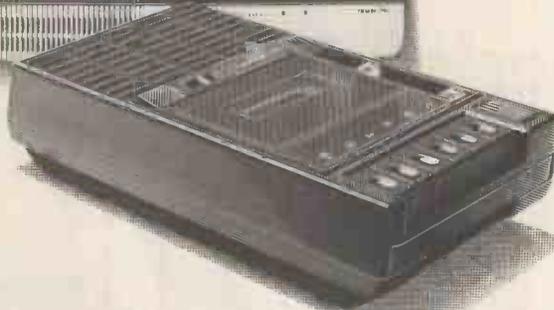
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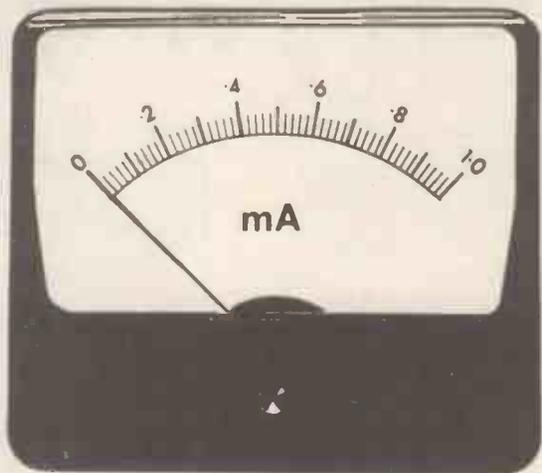
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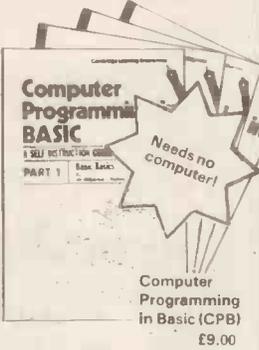


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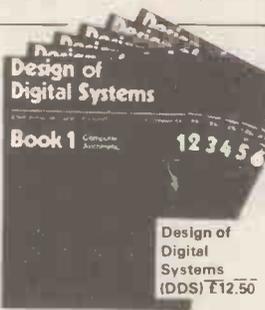
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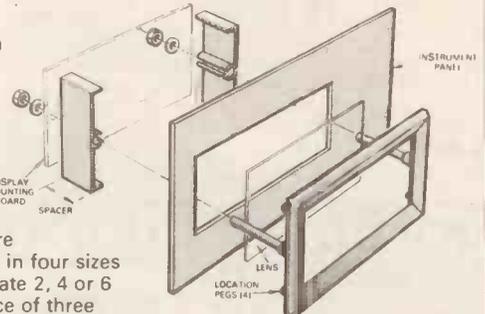
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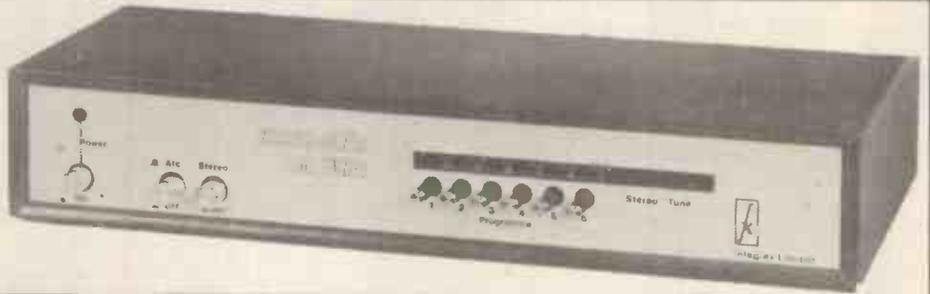
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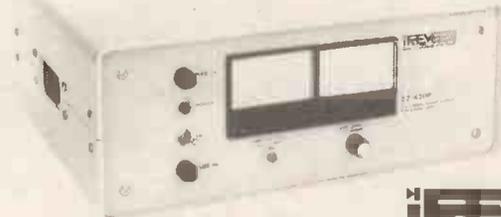
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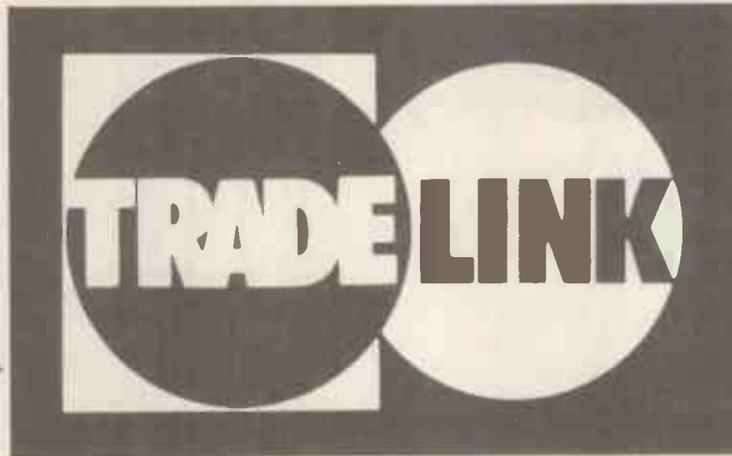


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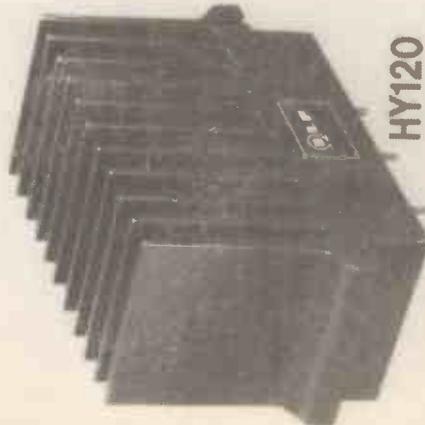
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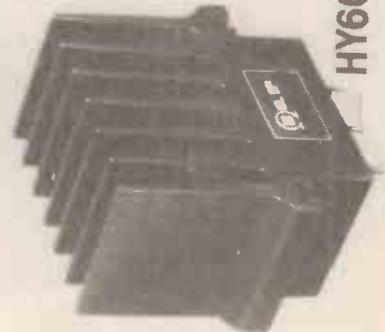
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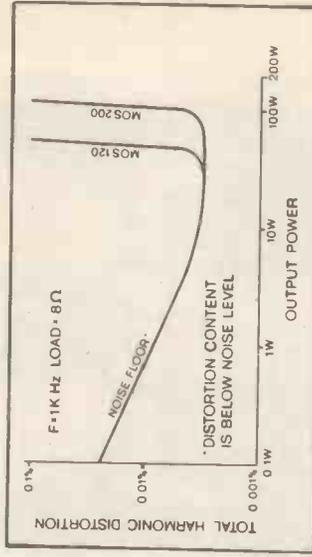


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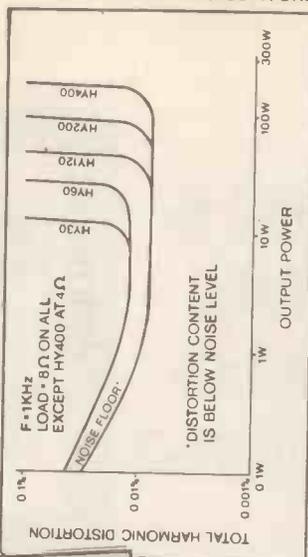


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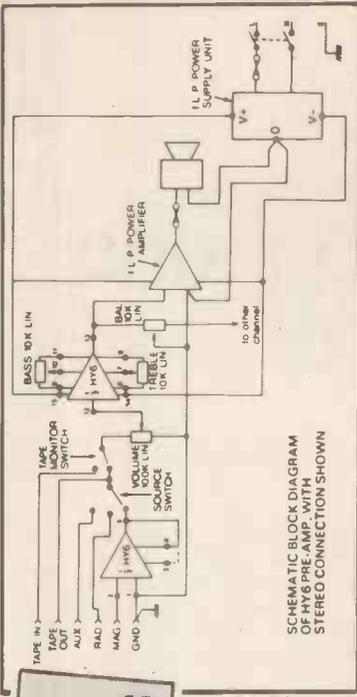
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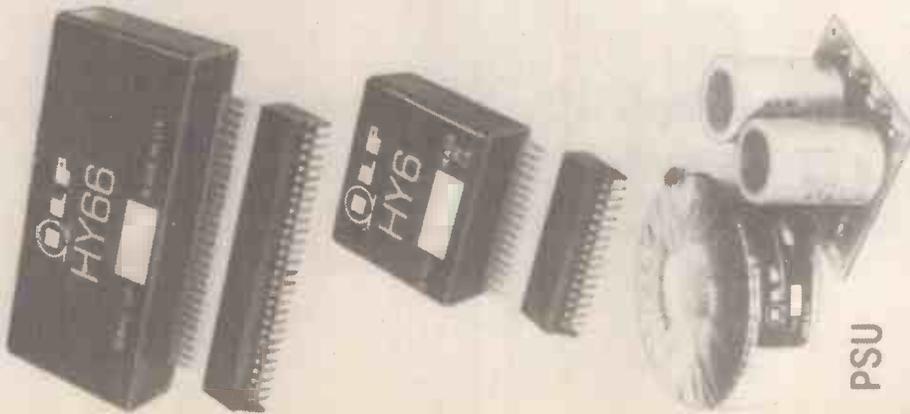
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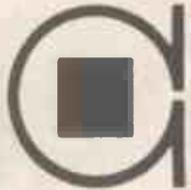
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These restrictions may be intended as a temporary measure but they will permanently impair public service broadcasting relative to commercial broadcasting in Britain. For example, on the engineering side the BBC has had to postpone the development of studio centres, local radio stations, teletext and v.h.f. sound transmitters. The damage done on the programme side is well known. But apart from these actions the present government has further increased the financial imbalance between public service and commercial broadcasting by handing over the fourth tv channel to the IBA (as we write the Broadcasting Bill is just about to be enacted). For years the BBC has been contending with the growing strength, professionalism and revenues of commercial broadcasting. This may well be the final blow. From the position where it now finds itself the BBC can move in only two directions: it can either retire into a minority service,

like public service broadcasting in the USA — a move which the commercial broadcasters would of course welcome — or it can compete for large audiences on the terms set by commercial broadcasting — a process which has already started — and so become virtually indistinguishable from that type of service.

Which of these alternatives do we, the public, want? The answer must be a resounding *Neither!* British life will be impoverished without a good, strong-voiced public service broadcaster, independent of the state, creative and risk-taking, with the kind of standards and values which the BBC has maintained throughout its fifty-odd years' life. And if we want such a public service we must be prepared to pay for it, at the proper rate for the job. Let us not be misled by the polite euphemism "independent" used to disguise commercial broadcasting. It is not independent at all, but closely *interdependent* with trading activity, stimulating sales of food, drink and toilet-rolls and drawing its revenues from the proceeds, which come out of our pockets. It does not even sell programmes directly to the public, in the manner of theatres or book publishers, but, with the money from advertisements, produces the programmes it calculates will get the largest possible audiences for those advertisements and the quickest possible sales of the products. It is in the game for profit, and the service it provides is incidental, a means to that main purpose.

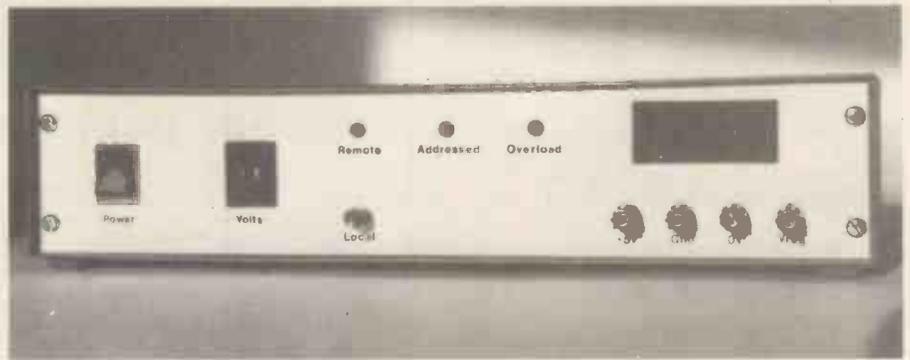
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# Programmable power supply

Digital control via the IEEE-488 General Purpose Interface Bus

by J. Summers, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Inst. P.

The General Purpose Interface Bus, defined by IEEE Std 488 (1978) and IEC 652-1, provides a facility whereby electronic instruments can communicate using a standard for the hardware circuits and recommended practice for the data and software protocol. This article describes an interface for a programmable power supply which can be used as a listener/talker via the GPIB.



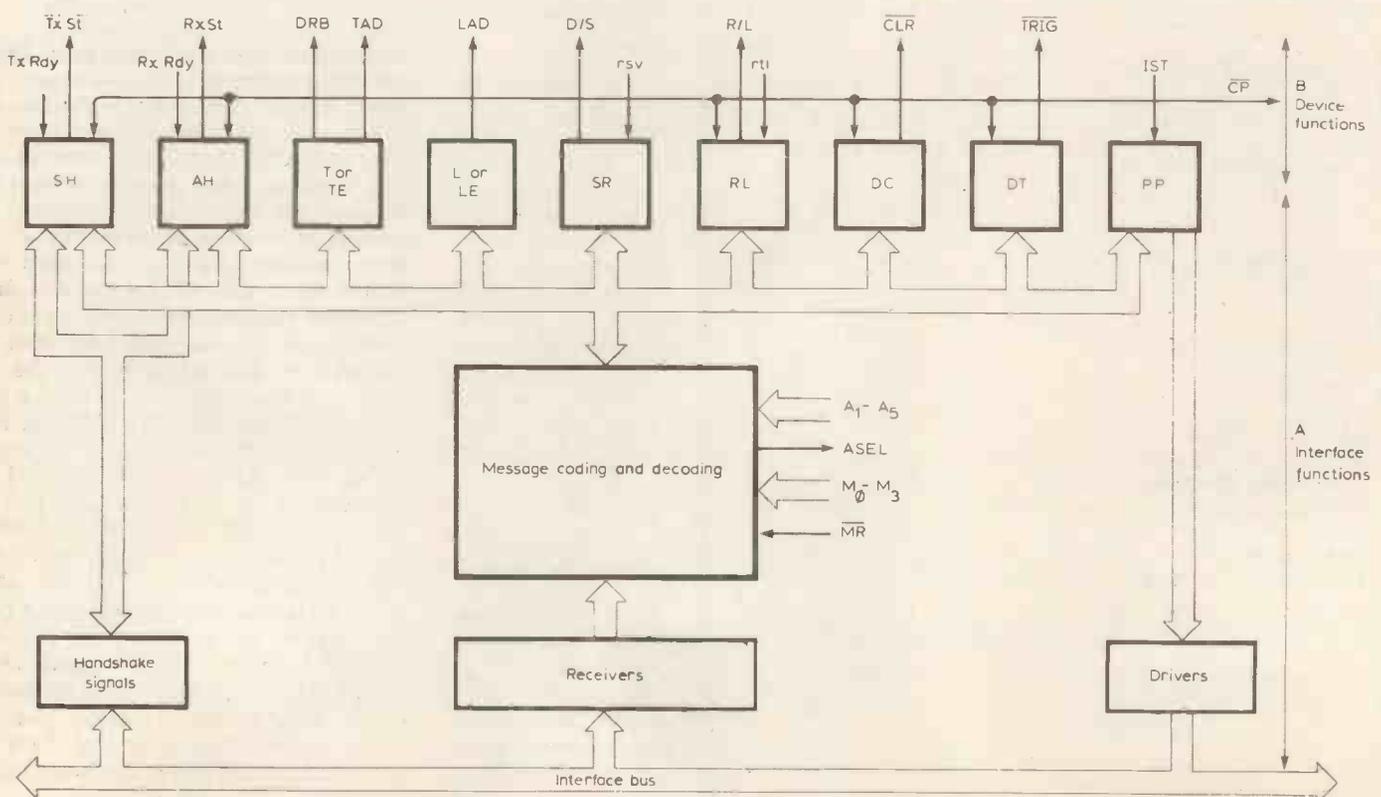
The heart of the GPIB interface contains a 96LS488 low-power Schottky l.s.i. device, see Fig. 1, which is dedicated to interpreting the bus commands and messages outlined in Fig. 2. The remaining logic decodes ASCII digits from the bus and stores the b.c.d. numbers which are converted to a binary format and then passed to a d-to-a converter as shown in Fig. 3. The d-to-a output is amplified and current-boosted to provide the appropriate power supply output. Additional features include thumbwheel-switched programming for manual operation, an overload detection circuit which signals the fault to the bus controller, and a remote reset facility

which allows the controller to set the power supply voltage to zero and clear any overload condition by a single command message. In this design the power supply operates in the listener/talker mode with single-byte addressing. During the Listener Active State (LACS) the interface automatically receives data transmitted over the GPIB by a talker and, in particular, recognizes and stores two ASCII-coded decimal digits. The message is terminated by an ASCII carriage return which, if the power supply manual controls are disabled by the controller, passes the received digits to the d-to-a converter.

At switch on, the interface is in the offline initialized state, the data registers are cleared and the power supply is in the manual mode. If the GPIB controller sends a listen address which corresponds to the d.i.p.-switch programming, the "addressed" l.e.d. is illuminated. The "remote" l.e.d. is also switched on if the front panel "local" switch is not pushed and the controller is continuously sending the Remote Enable (REN) message.

If the remote l.e.d. is on, the power

Fig. 1. 96LS488 functional block diagram.



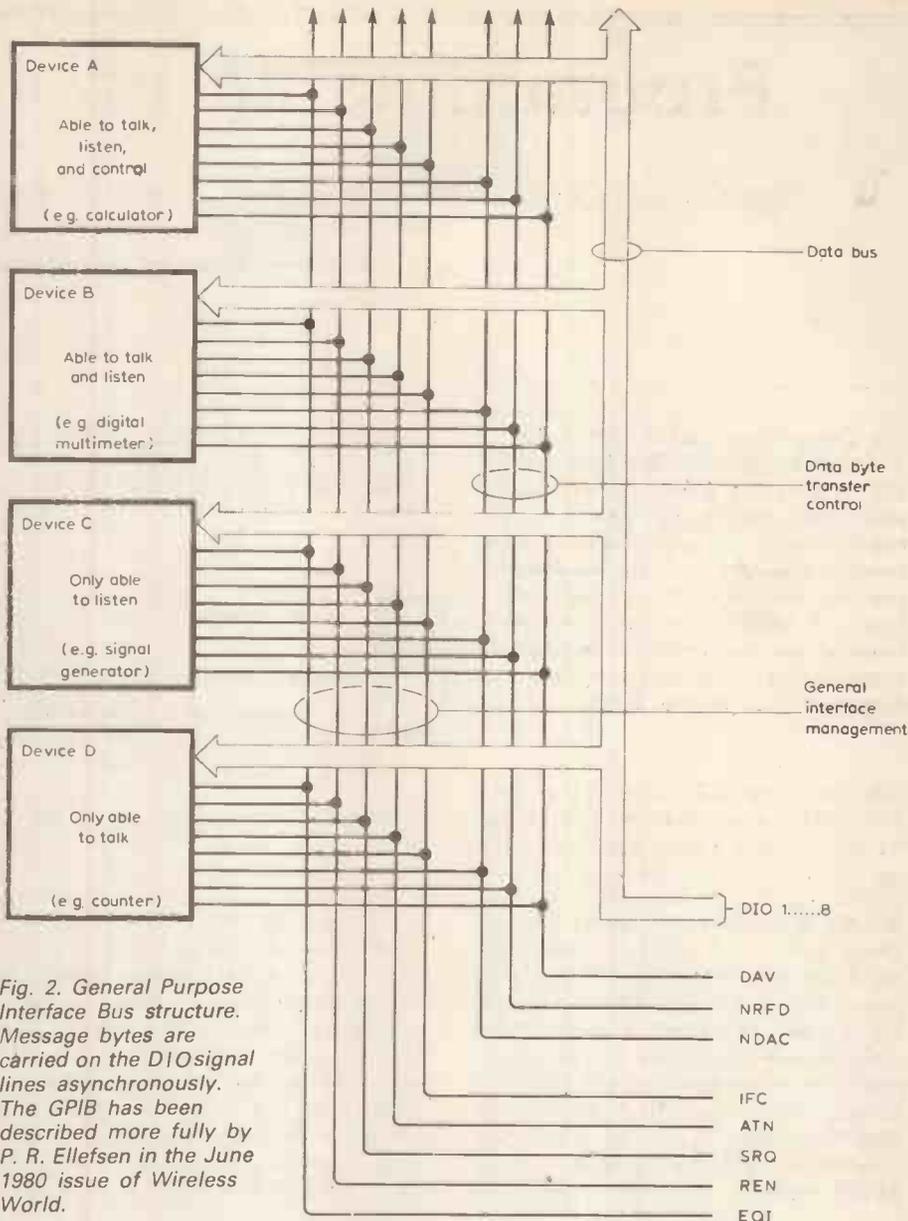
**Table 1. The programmable power supply responds to the following GPIB remote interface messages.**

MLA	My Listen Address, set by d.i.l.-switch. On receipt goes into Addressed state.	
DAB	Data Byte. ASCII digits and Carriage Return (CR).	
DCL	Device Clear message, may be received at any time. Sets the remotely programmed voltage to zero and clears the overload condition if active.	
SDC	Selected Device Clear (only when Addressed). Function as DCL.	
LLO	Local Lockout, prevents the operator returning the supply to the local control state.	
GTL	Go to Local. The GPIB controller allows the supply to be programmed locally by the operator.	
REN	Remote Enable. If this message is true, then receipt of MLA sets the supply in the remotely controlled state.	
MTA	My Talk address. Used by the controller to set the supply interface in the Talker mode to send a status byte(s). Used to transmit the overload condition.	
SPE	Serial Poll Enable. Used in conjunction with MTA.	
SPD	Serial Poll Disable.	
IFC	Interface Clear	} Reset the GPIB interface logic.
UNT	Untalk	
UNL	Unlisten	

The supply will send the following GPIB messages.

SRQ	Service Request, in response to overload condition (rsv=request service).
RQS	Requested Service, transmitted as bit 7 (D107) of the status byte in response to the MTA and SPE messages. RQS will be active if rsv was active. The remaining bits of the status byte have no meaning and are transmitted passive false.
PPR <sub>n</sub>	Parallel Poll Response n, programmed by the GPIB controller. The local message "individual status" (ist) is in this case hard-wired to the overload condition signal. An active Parallel Poll response in PPAS therefore indicates an overload condition if ist=1, or no overload if ist=0.

GPIB	interface function subsets incorporated in the power supply.
SH1	Source Handshake.
AH1	Acceptor Handshake.
T6	Talker.
TE0	No Extended Addressing.
L4	Listener.
LE0	No Extended Addressing.
SR1	Service Request.
RL1	Complete Remote/Local.
PP1	Parallel Poll with Remote Configuration.
DC1	Device Clear.
DT0	No Device Trigger Capability.
C0	No Controller Capability.



**Fig. 2. General Purpose Interface Bus structure.** Message bytes are carried on the DIO signal lines asynchronously. The GPIB has been described more fully by P. R. Ellefsen in the June 1980 issue of *Wireless World*.

supply output voltage will be zero because the data register is empty. Pushing the local switch restores the unit to manual control. However, the controller may issue a Local Lockout (LLO) message which prevents the user from returning to manual control. This facility allows an automated program to remotely set a voltage and prevent interference by accidental button-pushing. The power supply may be unaddressed by the Unlisten (UNL) command or by the system command Interface Clear (IFC), either of which will leave the unit in the remote state. If the controller sends the REN message false, the supply will revert to the manual mode.

The programmed voltage can be altered by the controller re-addressing the supply and sending two digits followed by a carriage return. Alternatively, the voltage may be set to zero by a Device Clear (DCL), or Selected Device Clear (SDC) command which is functional only on listener-addressed instruments. The "clear" messages also clear the overload latch. If the supply output is overloaded, the condition is detected and a latch is set

which illuminates a warning light, forces the d-to-a output to 0V, activates the "request service" (rsv) input to the bus interface, and passes the overload signal to the "individual status" (ist) input of the bus interface. Under manual control, the operator can try to clear the overload by pressing the overload reset switch. If the fault condition disappears, the supply will return the output to the previous programmed voltage. If the fault condition persists, the overload latch will remain in the set state. The 96LS488 relays the rsv input to the controller via the Service Request (SRQ) message. The SRQ line is a wire-OR of all the service request messages on the bus, and the controller should be programmed to conduct a serial poll of instruments on the bus to determine which have requested service. To perform a serial poll on the power supply, the controller issues the talk address (which is in this case the same as the listen address) and the Serial Poll Enable (SPE) command. During a serial poll the 96LS488 in the power supply outputs the Requested Service (RQS) signal, which is bit 7 of the 8-bit data byte. In this design the other seven

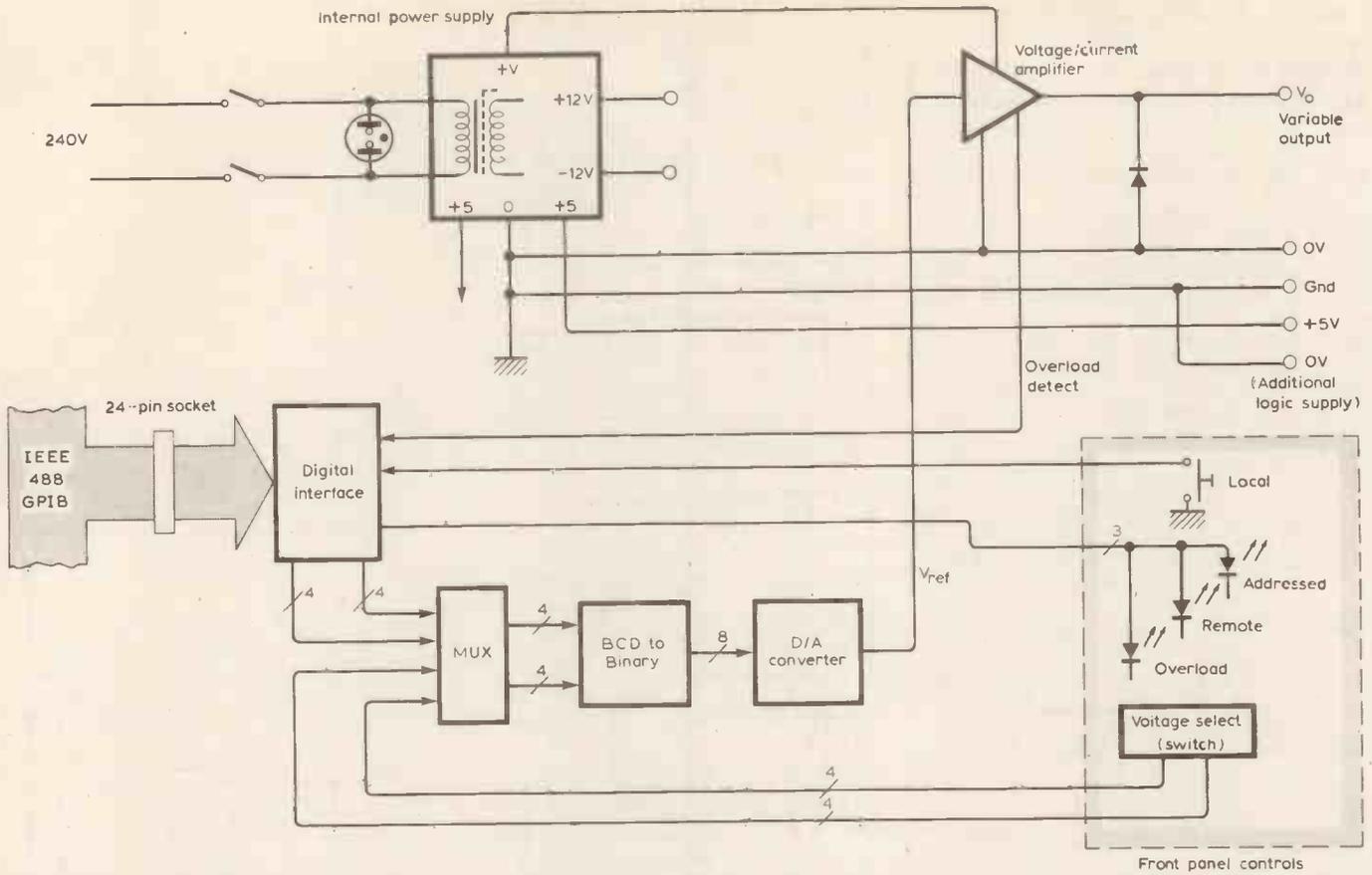


Fig. 3. Programmable power supply block diagram.

bits are unused and will be received as zeros. In a more complex instrument the seven bits can be transmitted as useful information in a Status Byte (STB), the RQS message reflects the rsv input. In this case, RQS is transmitted as a one if an overload condition exists. The controller should take some action to remedy the problem, such as issuing the Clear command and resetting the output voltage. The 1st message input to the parallel poll function allows the controller to determine the state of the overload latch at any time.

Logic operation

The 96LS488 is assumed to be a black box with only the named pins in Fig. 4 connected to the circuit - the Acceptor Handshake RxSt (output) RxRDY (input), the Listener Addressed (LAD) Remote/Local (R/L), and Clear (CLR) outputs, and the Source Handshake pins Status Strobe (StSt) and Ready (St RDY). Inputs from the power supply are the Return to Local (rtl) and Request Service (rsv) signals. Other necessary connections are the mode pins (M0 to M3), used to maintain the bus interface in the listener/talker (addressable) state, and the switcheable address inputs (A1 to A5) which provide 31 talk and listen addresses. A reset pin (MR) initializes the clock and the interface at power-on. The i.c. can use a crystal oscillator on the Xtal and CP pins but, because there is no critical timing within the power supply, a relaxation oscillator running at about 10MHz is adequate. When the 96LS488 is in the Listener Active state, the LAD output is active low and drives the addressed i.e.d. The bus data uses negative logic so the 74LS240 inverting buffer provides positive logic sig-

nals within the supply. The message format is <nn CR> where n is an ASCII digit and CR is ASCII carriage return. The strobe signal (RxST) is active high when valid data are present. Referring to Fig. 4, RxST is the clock input to two 4-bit 74LS173 registers (positive clock) and one half of a 74LS73 JK flip-flop (negative clock). Initially the JK is reset so Q is low, which enables the clock to the units latch (E1). Because Q-bar is high, the clock enable of the tens latch is high and the clock is ineffective. If an ASCII digit is present it is detected by the three gates connected to the second clock enable (E2) of both latches. The code for an ASCII digit is 011xxxx, where xxxx is the b.c.d. representation of the number. Therefore, the clock will only be effective when a digit is present. This ensures that only b.c.d. digits can be loaded into the registers. The 74LS73 is clocked on the trailing edge of RxST, Q goes high which disables the units latch and enables the tens latch. If the second data byte received is an ASCII digit, it is clocked into the tens latch by the next positive edge of RxST. Therefore, the two sequential ASCII digits are stored as b.c.d. data in the two registers. RxST is inverted and fed back to the RxRDY input of the 96LS488, which causes the Acceptor Handshake function to cycle synchronously with the local clock. The power supply does not hold up the three-wire handshake because the 96LS488 is probably the fastest interface adaptor connected to the bus. The RxST signal is taken with the buffered bus data to an ASCII carriage return decoder comprising a 74LS27 NOR gate and a 74LS138 eight-way demultiplexer. Output 07 of the demultiplexer goes active-low when an AS-

CII CR is present and RxST is active, denoting valid data. The detection of CR is terminated when RxST goes inactive.

Carriage return has two functions, it sets the J input of the 74LS73 to zero so that the falling edge of RxST clocks the flip-flop to the reset state. Secondly, the positive edge of 07 clocks the 74LS273 8-bit intermediate register. The two b.c.d. digit output of the octal register is used as the input to the b.c.d.-to-binary and binary-to-analogue circuits. The purpose of dual-rank registers is to prevent spurious variations in the power supply output before a carriage return message delimiter has been received from the bus.

The logic is expandable to more digits by replacing the JK flip-flop with a binary counter and adding further data registers. The flip-flop in this system operates as a counter to identify the two ASCII digits. By using an n-bit counter with fully-decoded states, 2^n digits can be stored in an equivalent number of registers. A diagram of this system is shown in Fig. 5. Further possible enhancements include the recognition of remote programming parameters such as V for volts preceding the ASCII digits. Delimiting the data string at each end has the added benefit of increased data protection because the supply will only respond to a remote message comprising <Vnn CR>. An alternative delimiter such as A for amps can be used to load a different set of register if, for example, a current-limit control is included.

The two b.c.d. digits in the 74LS273 are multiplexed with the b.c.d. data on the

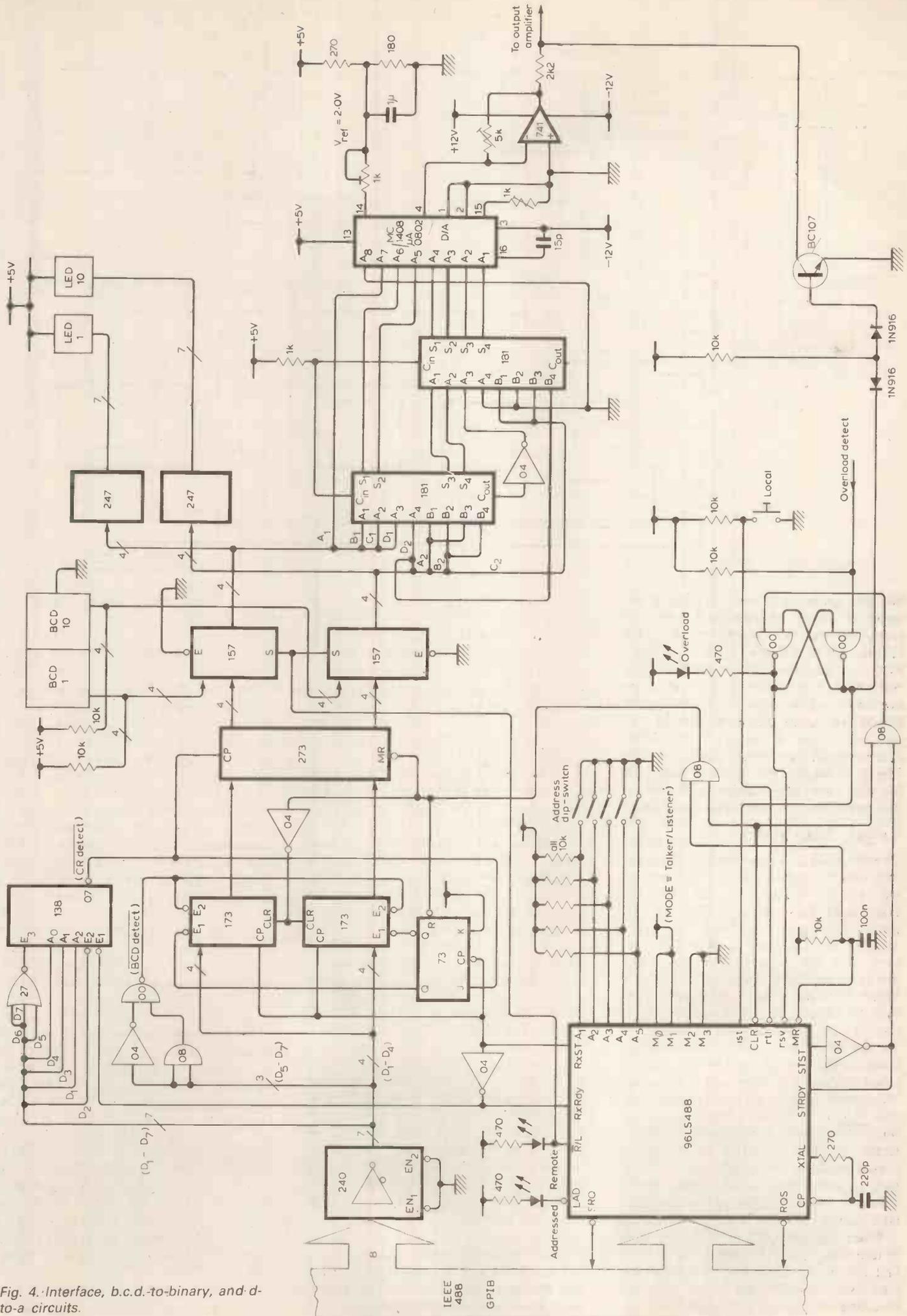


Fig. 4: Interface, b.c.d.-to-binary, and d-to-a circuits.

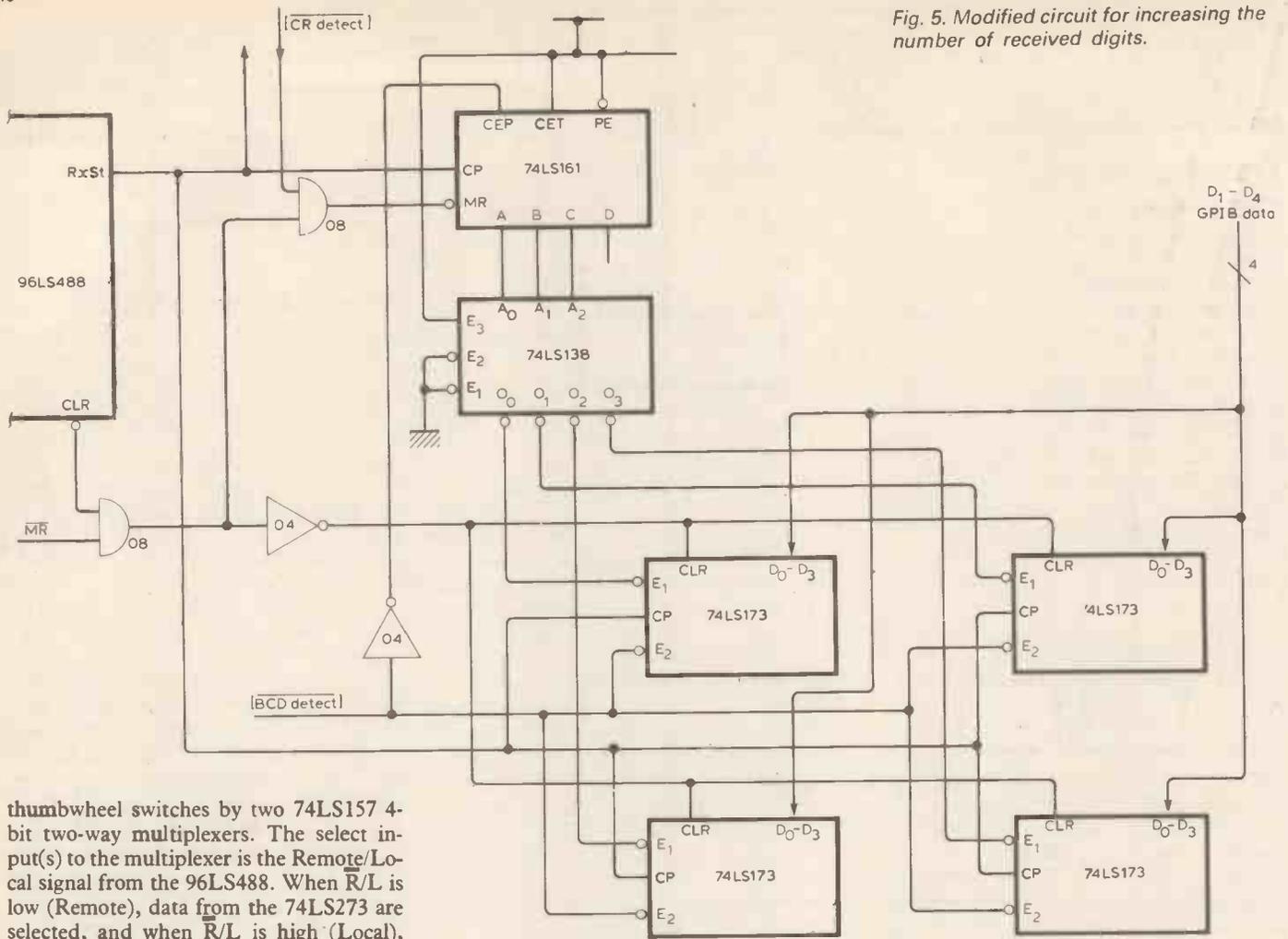


Fig. 5. Modified circuit for increasing the number of received digits.

thumbwheel switches by two 74LS157 4-bit two-way multiplexers. The select input(s) to the multiplexer is the Remote/Local signal from the 96LS488. When R/L is low (Remote), data from the 74LS273 are selected, and when R/L is high (Local), data from the front panel are selected. The d-to-a converter uses a binary-coded digital input. The two b.c.d. digits are converted to a binary equivalent by two 74LS181 4-bit adders. This technique, which can be expanded for more than two digits, allows for the binary weighting of each bit in the b.c.d. digits. The conversion takes place by adding the appropriate weighting to each decimal line. Therefore, the units digit contains the weighting values  $2^0, 2^1, 2^2, 2^3$ ,

A <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>0</sup>		
B <sup>1</sup>		2 <sup>1</sup>	
C <sup>1</sup>			2 <sup>2</sup>
D <sup>1</sup>			2 <sup>3</sup>

and the tens digit contains weighting values  $2^1, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, 2^5, 2^6$ , summed as shown below.

A <sup>10</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>		2 <sup>3</sup>	
B <sup>10</sup>		2 <sup>2</sup>		2 <sup>4</sup>
C <sup>10</sup>			2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>
D <sup>10</sup>				2 <sup>4</sup> 2 <sup>6</sup>

If more digits are required, more adders can be included to sum the binary weightings of higher order digits.

The Master Reset (MR) input to the 96LS488 and data registers is active at power-up to initialize the bus interface and clear the data registers. MR is gated with the Clear (CLR) bus message output from the 96LS488 so that the bus controller can re-initialize the power supply and clear the data registers at any time. The overload-

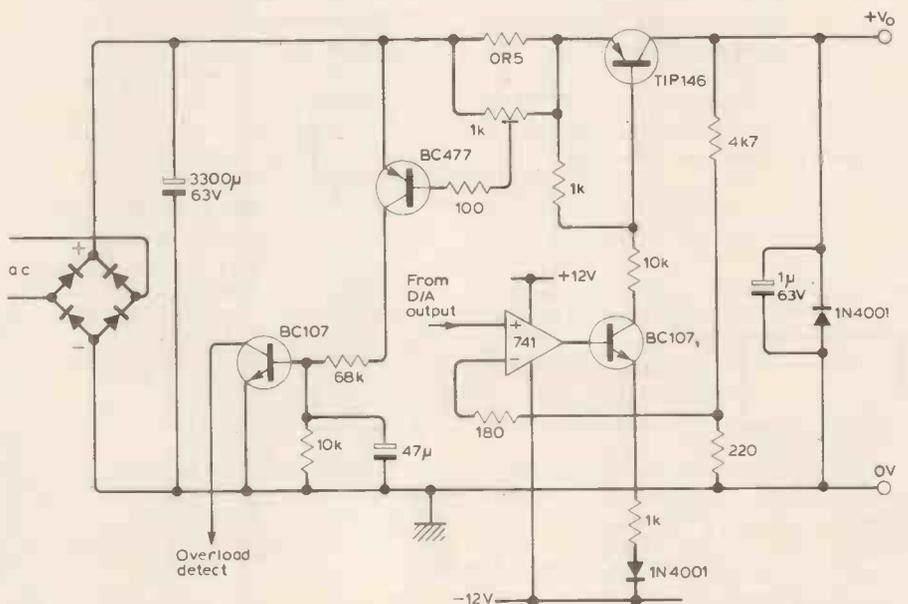


Fig. 6. Output amplifier and current trip. This circuit can be modified to provide alternative outputs.

detect signal from the analogue circuit is fed, via an RS latch, to the bus interface as the request service (rsv) interrupt. The overload-detect latch also drives the overload i.e.d., and is cleared by the operator, by a bus Clear message or by a Serial Poll, which causes the Source Handshake signal Status Strobe (STST) to pulse active high.

### Analogue circuits

The d-to-a converter is referenced to +5V by a simple resistive divider, which is adequate unless a highly stable and accurate

output is required. The output is buffered and normalized to one quarter of the supply output voltage by a 741 op-amp as shown in Fig. 6. The output buffer provides a voltage-gain of four and a current capacity of two amps. A current-limiting circuit detects excessive current and signals this overload condition to the logic

# WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO

## Transhorizon microwaves

Transhorizon propagation on frequencies above 30MHz is generally considered an unwanted, anomalous phenomenon by telecommunications and broadcast engineers, causing interference to carefully planned systems. But for the enthusiast such conditions are the very essence of his endeavours to work over ever longer distances with low power, no matter how fleeting and unpredictable may be the contacts. The results of experiments carried out over several years by British Telecom (Post Office) are thus likely to be more welcome to amateurs than to professionals, (papers by M. T. Hewitt and A. R. Adams presented at URSI Commission F Symposium, Canada, May 1980). For they show that measurements made over 1300 hours on 11GHz signals received at Martlesham, Suffolk from Rockonje, Netherlands, a mostly sea path of 191km, indicate some degree of signal enhancement due to ducting for no less than 10 per cent of the total time, with a daily maximum occurrence around 1800GMT, apparently due to the presence over the path of air originating on the mainland during the warmest part of the day. Very long events (over 64 hours) have been recorded when an air flow around an anticyclonic system produces a drift of warm air from the mainland over the cooler sea air, producing ducts that can extend over several hundreds of kilometres. Good results have been achieved in identifying periods of advection from temperature and humidity data while subsidence inversions can be identified from radiosonde levels. British Telecom are also carrying out research into 17GHz transhorizon propagation.

Martlesham and Ipswich amateurs won the RSGB's 1980 VHF National Field Day with equipment that included a solid-state 120W 70MHz transmitter (two BLY90 transistors in final amplifier); 144 and 432MHz equipment based on transmitters using 4CX250B valves; and a 1.3GHz transmitter producing 200W output from four 7289 valves. Their receiver front-end devices included SD306 (70MHz), BFT66 (144MHz), NE21935 (432MHz), NE64535 (1.3GHz).

## EMC and domestic equipment

The problems of operating transmitters in close proximity to domestic electronic equipment (i.e. electromagnetic compatibility or e.m.c.) continue to occupy the thoughts of those concerned with the regulatory aspects of amateur radio. The IARU Region 1 Bureau has recently released a report covering replies to a questionnaire on e.m.c. matters sent to its member societies. This shows that attitudes towards

radio-frequency interference by different licensing authorities differ considerably, ranging from those that are sympathetic to the amateur and recognise that the problem stems basically from the poor immunity of many domestic equipments, to those holding the amateur responsible for any interference not only to broadcast reception but even to non-broadcast equipment such as electronic organs, record-players, etc. The Sierra Leone society was in the happy position of being able to reply that "there has been no report on record of interference by amateur radio".

In a number of countries (Poland, Cyprus etc.) all cases of interference are referred to the national society. Norway insists that equipment showing insufficient immunity is modified by the manufacturers or importers fitting any necessary filters. In Denmark the official attitude is generally favourable to the amateur operator but cases can involve delays during which he has to cease operation at those times when interference may be caused. The Swiss authorities are very helpful to the amateur but there is an unofficial recommendation that equipment should not be expected to provide immunity at levels above 1V/m (which does not cover all circumstances) and efforts are being made by the USKA society to raise the immunity level to 5 or 10V/m. Dutch amateurs complain that they cannot persuade their authorities to admit that "an electronic organ is not a radio receiver" and this makes it difficult for the VERON society to co-operate with the PTT licensing authority (Dutch amateurs seem to be particularly badly placed). The Swedish manufacturers supply, free upon request, highpass filters and/or mains filters; radio dealers are authorised by the Swedish Electrical Testing Authority (SEMKO) to make minor modifications to equipment to increase their immunity to radio-frequency interference.

## Licence delays

The annual autumn bulge in applications for new amateur licences has been resulting in delays of up to about 8 weeks. With over 2500 "passes" at the May Radio Amateurs' Examination, and with all signs pointing to an unusually large number of candidates for the December exam, the Home Office licensing section is also having to cope with the public response to the invitation to comment on the "Open Channel" proposals. This may be one reason why the Home Office is not showing any enthusiasm towards the proposals for the introduction of a British "novice" licence.

It is not widely known that while the Home Office accepts RAE "pass slips" from licence applicants, it issues an "Amateur Radio Certificate" to persons who have passed both the RAE and the Post Office Morse Test but who do not wish to

take out their own station licence: this certificate permits operation of amateur stations under the direct supervision of the licence holder.

## Around the bands

Further experiments aimed at establishing 144MHz "meteor scatter" contacts across the Atlantic during the summer came near to success. A group of British amateurs, using the callsign G4DGU/P, set up a temporary station in North Devon with a 400-metre-long rhombic aerial erected on four 8-metre poles. Positive identification of signals from this station were made by Andy McLellan, VE1ASJ in St John, New Brunswick, Canada, but no two-way contacts proved possible. It is hoped to hold further tests during the August 1981 Perseids meteor shower.

Stewart Perry, W1BB, long-time 1.8MHz enthusiast, is proposing a "gentleman's agreement" for 1.8MHz long-distance operation in which 1800 to 1810kHz is reserved for c.w. only, 1810 to 1825kHz for s.s.b./c.w. and 1825 to 1830kHz ("the dx window") for c.w. only. Band-planning problems should be eased when the 1979 WARC allocations come into effect since these will include a common international allocation whereas at present different countries impose different band limits.

The Radio Amateur Invalid and Blind Club has reminded its members that it is possible to take an oral or written Radio Amateur's Examination at home, provided that application, with a doctor's certificate, is made in good time to the City and Guilds of London Institute (Mrs S. Conacher).

The Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society now has more than a thousand members, membership having risen to 1084 of whom 575 are life members. . . . Attempts are being made to raise £40,000, half of the estimated cost of replacing the OSCAR "3A" satellite lost last May. A further Ariane launch opportunity may occur in early 1982. . . . A v.h.f. repeater operated by the Amateur Radio Association of Bahrain on 144MHz channel R6 enables amateurs on vessels in the Arabian Gulf to work over distances of up to about 300 miles. Since it is regularly used by only four local A9X amateurs, other amateurs sailing in the Gulf are welcome to make use of this repeater which has an output of 20 watts from an aerial height of 220 feet above sea level. . . . The death has been reported of Patrick Conway, E13Z a veteran Irish amateur and long-time reader of the IRTS's Sunday morning 3.5MHz news bulletins. . . . West Germany has introduced a new form of transitional licence (prefix DH) providing limited facilities for c.w. and rty operation between 3520 to 3600kHz and 21090 to 21,150kHz.

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# Intermodulation at the amplifier-loudspeaker interface

## Part 2: Causes/how to avoid it/measurements on four types of amplifier circuit

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The effect described is but one of the numerous phenomena affecting the quality of low-frequency sound reproduction. It does not seem probable that its distortion could be dramatically higher than the measured SMPTE – intermodulation distortion of the amplifier, unless protection circuitry malfunctions. However, the theory presented may explain some of the subtle differences in the sound quality between different circuit topologies having otherwise equal standard measurement data. Noting that most valve amplifiers have basically a high open-loop output impedance and employ moderate amounts of feedback (the situation is the inverse for many solid state amplifiers), the theory may also explain some of the audible differences of these amplifiers.

The analysis of part 1 shows that the loudspeaker reflects back to the amplifier signal which may be of the same order of magnitude as the original drive signal. The situation is worse when the open-loop output impedance of the amplifier is comparable to, or greater than, the specified load impedance.

Inside the feedback loop, the amplifier must now handle two simultaneous large signals – the original drive signal and the loudspeaker reaction signal. If the amplifier has any internal non-linearities, these two signals may interfere and produce intermodulation components with each other. As the input signal is normally composed of a full frequency spectrum, but the loudspeaker-generated reaction consists predominantly of frequency components near the cone resonances and crossover filter resonances, the nature of this distortion is to add coloration to the sound. In addition, the positive maxima shown may cause unwanted clipping near amplifier maximum output power.

The basic reasons for the distortion are that (a) the loudspeaker does not simply consume energy; it also stores and returns it. (b), Although the closed-loop output impedance of the amplifier is apparently very low, it is not a true physical impedance as it has been generated by feedback. The feedback, in turn, forces the loudspeaker reactive current to cause a corrective signal which circulates around

the feedback loop. (c) In the internal non-linearities of the amplifier this signal will intermodulate with the forward signal to produce a change in the spectral composition of the distortion products.

The two basic characteristics affecting the magnitude of this distortion are the open-loop output impedance and the amount of feedback. The dependence is fundamental, i.e. if one or both of these characteristics is brought to zero, interface intermodulation will not occur. The effect increases with feedback if the feedback is small or moderate say, below 20 dB. Above that, increasing feedback will no longer increase distortion. Also, it is generated in the internal non-linearity of the amplifier. As it is basically a low-frequency effect, the stage where the non-linearity is situated in the forward path is immaterial.

The above analysis requires sufficient linearity from the amplifier for the transforms to be valid. In high-quality audio amplifiers this condition is usually met in the normal operating range of the unit. However, a large reaction signal can cause the amplifier to enter a region of severe non-linearity when operated in the vicinity of its maximum output power. The need of a non-linear analysis is indicated in this case.

We propose the following general definition

*Interface intermodulation is a form of distortion in a feedback two-port network, caused by non-linear interaction between*

*the input signal of the two-port and a signal externally injected to the output port propagating into the input via the feedback network.*

This general definition is specifically used in sound reproduction equipment to denote the distortion caused by the energy stored or generated in the loudspeaker system re-entering the output of the power amplifier.

### Measurement

It is possible to measure interface intermodulation by using normal distortion measurement methods. In this case the standard output loading resistor is replaced with a simulated reactive load or with a real loudspeaker. In many cases the measured distortion is increased and the spectral composition of the distortion products changes. However, in the real-world situation, a set of standardized loudspeaker loads would be needed and, because of the frequency dependencies of these loads, it would be necessary to resort to swept CCIF-type difference tone measurements. This tedious procedure can be replaced by a simpler universal method described below. The loudspeaker reaction can be simulated by letting the amplifier operate on a forward signal, while injecting a backward signal to its output. If interface intermodulation is generated, it will manifest itself through intermodulation products between the two signals appearing at the

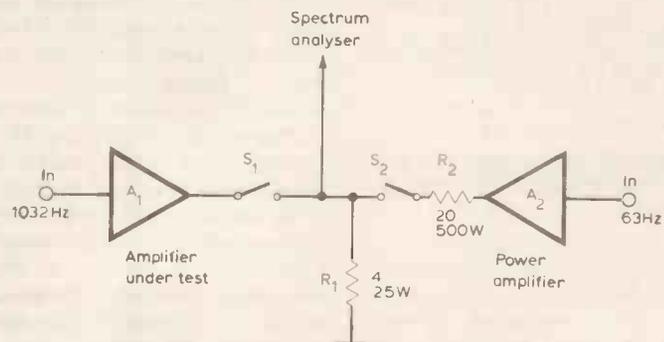


Fig. 8. Measurement setup for interface intermodulation. Amplifier under test  $A_1$  is fed by audio frequency signal while high-quality high-power auxiliary amplifier  $A_2$  delivers a low-frequency signal. By alternately closing switches  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  both signals are adjusted to have same power level in load resistance  $R_1$ . After closing both switches, intermodulation products are measured with a spectrum analyzer and referenced to the audio frequency signal. Numerical values shown are for the tests detailed in text.

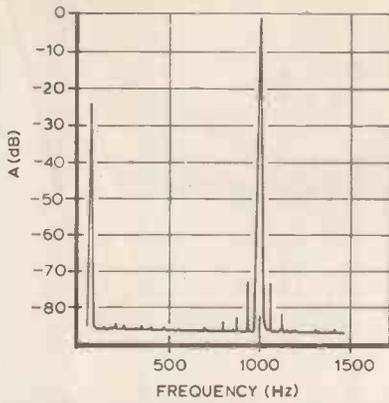


Fig. 9. Typical measurement result from high-quality commercial power amplifier using the method described in text. Note how the 63 Hz signal has been attenuated 24 dB by the feedback. Interface intermodulation in this case was 0.038%.

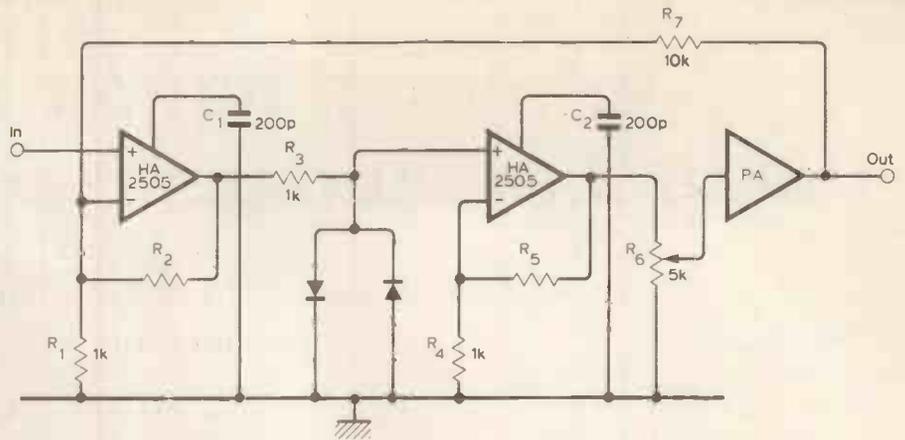


Fig. 10. Circuit used in the distortion measurements. Operational amplifiers HA2505 form the driver stages, and diodes constitute the dominant non-linearity. Various output sections PA are shown in Figs 11 to 14.

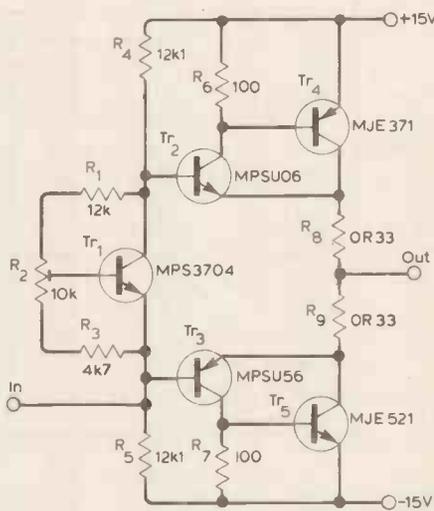


Fig. 11. Compound-stage circuit (A). Quiescent current 100 mA, open-loop output impedance 0.9 ohm.

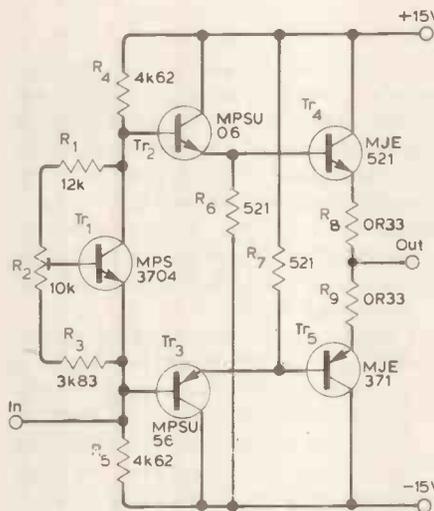


Fig. 12. Complementary double emitter-follower circuit configuration (B). Quiescent current 500 mA, open-loop output impedance 1.2 ohm.

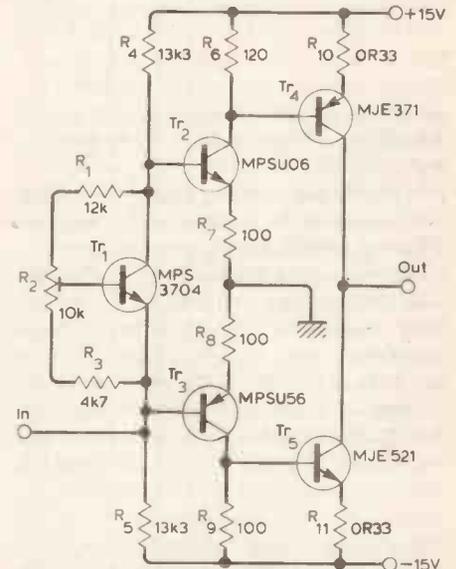


Fig. 13. Quasi-complementary power amplifier circuit (C). Quiescent current 100 mA, open-loop output impedance 2.7 ohm.

output. The measuring procedure is thus a variant of the two-tone difference-frequency method. In real life there is a dependence between the forward and backward signals. In this method, these signals are independent, to facilitate measurement. However, as far as the generation of intermodulation in the amplifier is concerned, this does not change the physical phenomenon considered.

A proposal for a measurement method is depicted in Fig. 8. The procedure is

1. Switch  $S_1$  is closed and  $S_2$  opened. An audio-frequency sinusoidal signal is connected to the input of the amplifier under test  $A_1$  and is adjusted to yield a desired output level to a specified load resistance  $R_1$ .
2. Amplifier  $A_1$  output is disconnected from the load  $R_1$  by opening switch  $S_1$ . A low-frequency sinusoidal power source  $A_2$  is connected to the load by closing switch  $S_2$  and is adjusted to yield the same output level across load  $R$  than in step 1. Note: power source  $A_2$  has to have sufficient internal resistance  $R_2$  so as not appreciably change the apparent load of  $A_1$  when switch  $S_1$  is closed. This

power source must also have sufficient power output. A safe rule is that the rating of the power source is five to ten times greater than that of the amplifier under test.

3. Both switches  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are closed, with both output signals being fed simultaneously to the load. The intermodulation products between the two signals are measured across the load by using a spectrum analyser or an intermodulation distortion analyser.
4. The r.m.s. sum of all intermodulation products (i.e. neglecting all harmonic components of the primary signals) is calculated and the distortion indicated as a percentage, referenced to the audio-frequency signal at the output of  $A_1$ .

The test frequencies used are in most cases not critical and can be selected to minimize the effect of such external disturbances as mains frequency hum. Their frequency ratio may be optimized so that the harmonic frequencies of the low-frequency signal do not coincide with the frequencies of the intermodulation products. Various frequencies and load resistances may be used in different countries,

depending on mains frequency and standard loudspeaker impedances. The results reported were obtained using a load resistance of four ohms and frequencies of 63 Hz and 1032 Hz. A typical measurement result is given in Fig. 9, which shows the intermodulation spectrum generated.

### Comparison of amplifier circuit topologies

The theory developed predicts that the amount of interface intermodulation distortion depends primarily on three basic power amplifier characteristics: Open-loop output impedance, amount of feedback, and closed-loop non-linearity of the circuit. The first two properties especially vary considerably among amplifier circuit topologies. To make a valid overall comparison of different topologies, all the circuits should have

- the same closed-loop gain
- equal closed-loop distortion, and
- same output damping factor, i.e. closed-loop output impedance.

These rules represent the market place reality of various commercially competing

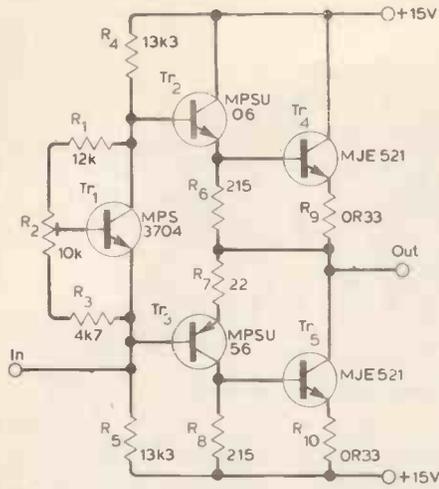


Fig. 14. Grounded-emitter complementary output circuit (D). Quiescent current 100 mA, open-loop output impedance 60 ohm.

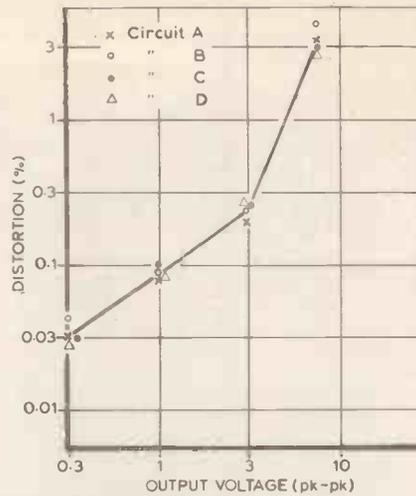


Fig. 15. Measured closed-loop intermodulation distortion for the various amplifier topologies after adjustment detailed in text.

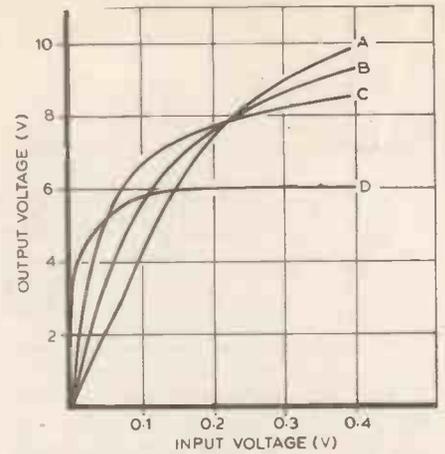


Fig. 16. Measured open-loop transfer characteristics of the various circuits after adjustment discussed in text.

amplifier designs having similar overall specifications, irrespective of basic topology.

The first rule is based on the assumption that amplifiers of equal output power and equal input sensitivity are compared.

The second rule is based on the fact that commercial amplifier designs are limited by a fixed budget. The number of active devices and thus their total gain-distortion quotient is therefore fixed in competing designs of comparable price. Local feedback and overall feedback can then be used in various proportions, but in otherwise optimal designs the total closed-loop intermodulation distortion tends to be the same irrespective of topology, especially at low frequencies which are of interest in the case of interface intermodulation.

The third rule is dictated by the commercial necessity of having a reasonable or comparable damping factor specification, irrespective of topology.

The circuit shown in Fig. 10 was used for the comparative measurements. Diodes 1 and 2 create an artificial non-linearity, the magnitude of which can be adjusted by changing values of  $R_2$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$ . The same resistors also set the open-loop gain and thereby the amount of overall feedback and damping factor.

In the measurements four different out-

put stage configurations were used for the section PA in Fig. 10. Circuits representing popular topologies found in commercial power amplifiers are shown in Fig 11-14. The operating characteristics of the four circuits to be compared were set up as follows.

- Open-loop gain was increased until the r.m.s. closed-loop output impedance decreased to  $0.20\Omega$ .
- Closed-loop total intermodulation distortion was adjusted to 0.2% r.m.s. at an output voltage of 3V pk-pk. By injecting two signals of equal amplitude (63Hz and 1032Hz as in previous case) to the input of the amplifier, the r.m.s. distortion at the output was measured using a resistive  $4\Omega$  load and referencing the distortion to the 1032 Hz signal.
- These two were repeated several times in iterative fashion, as a change in the open-loop non-linearity affected the effective amount of feedback and thereby the output impedance.

In all the measurements, it was made certain that the intrinsic non-linearities of the various output circuits were negligible, as compared to the logarithmic non-linearity of  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  in Fig. 10.

Figure 15 shows the measured closed-loop intermodulation distortion of the

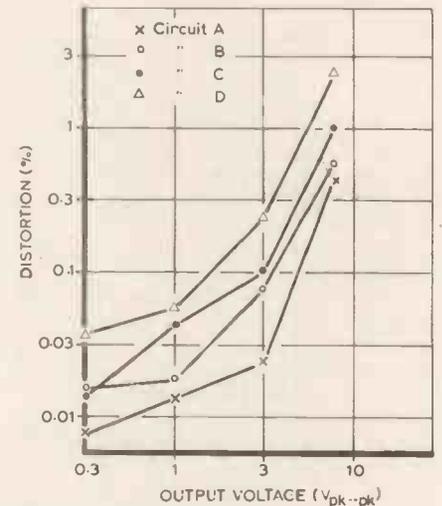


Fig. 17. Measured interface intermodulation distortion for the various amplifier circuit topologies. Results indicate clearly the roles of open-loop output impedance and feedback.

various circuits, while Fig. 16 shows the measured open-loop transfer characteristics of the circuits. After adjustment of the circuits, intermodulation measurements were carried out following the procedure outlined earlier. The main results are summarized in the table. Fig. 17 shows the measured values of distortion as functions of the output level. The results are in agreement with the theory presented. They also coincide accurately with earlier results measured for the same circuits using a constant value of feedback in the comparisons<sup>2</sup>.

The results demonstrate clearly the role of the open-loop output impedance of a power amplifier in the generation of interface intermodulation distortion, the various amplifier topologies differing with each other by almost two decades. However, you must not draw far-reaching conclusions of the general usefulness of the various output circuits tested. There may exist ingenious ways to modify any of the topologies so that they will satisfy criteria for low interface distortion. Furthermore, the circuits seem to differ considerably in

Summary of measurement results and conditions

	A compound	B grounded collector	C quasi- complementary	D grounded emitter
Interface distortion at 3V [%]	0.005	0.01	0.1	0.2
Open-loop output impedance [ $\Omega$ ]	0.9	1.2	2.7	60
Open-loop gain [dB]	33	36	43	70
Feedback [dB]	13	16	23	50
$R_2$ [k $\Omega$ ]	1	1.5	3.2	1000
$R_5$ [k $\Omega$ ]	42	36	32	13

General conditions for circuits: closed-loop gain 20dB; closed-loop output impedance  $0.2\Omega$ ; closed-loop intermodulation distortion (CCIF) 0.2%; interface intermodulation distortion shown at output level of 3V pk-pk.

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# NEWS OF THE MONTH

## Japanese giants begin war for home video standard

Early in July, Sony unveiled its Video Movie unit, which represents the hardware end of its professed aim to establish a home video standard format, similar in scope to the 8mm world-wide film standard. This is based on the Sony XCI c.c.d. camera, 13 of which were supplied to Nippon Airways in January.

Blaupunkt, Eumig and Kodak are rumoured to be in the act of producing similar machines but Sony seems to have got in first, if only with non-production samples.

Most of the cameras will feature, as do the Sony and Hitachi, "dubbed sound" which can be added during or after filming.

The challenge, according to Sony, has been to develop a colour video camera and video recorder in the same box which could rival the portability of 8mm film cameras. Although the unit was demonstrated at the recent Photokina Exhibition in Cologne, Sony say they "don't want too much said about it at the moment, because it will not be available to the public for about five years." Even so, many interested parties have been provided with technical material.

Whatever the reason for this reticence it seems that the Video Movie, which uses a flat 1×1.2cm charge-coupled device image sensor and 8mm metal particle tape as well as featuring "fast search" and "still-frame playback", is likely to suffer stiff competition, especially from Hitachi, who demonstrated the "Mos Camera" in Tokyo in September. Hitachi say their camera will be ready for production early next year, complementing the company's "Mag Camera," which appeared simultaneously.

It seems that all these units will depend upon a portable electro-optical system which replaces the conventional vidicon-based camera and offers advantages such as the capacity to deal with 100 times more light than the vidicon type without "blooming" or producing a "burn-in," which appears as a black spot on the face of the tube.

However, there are some notable differences between the Sony and Hitachi cameras including 12.7mm wide tape in the Hitachi and a difference in weight, with the Hitachi at 7.5lb and the Sony at 4.4lb. While the Hitachi runs for 2 hours the Sony runs for 20 minutes, but since no details of tape speed have been given for the Hitachi camera (Sony unit runs at 2cm/s) it's difficult to make a direct comparison.

The self-contained v.c.r. in the Sony unit employs the helical scan, slant-azimuth technique used in the company's highly successful Betamax video system and although it is by no means certain that identical principles are used in the Hitachi version, the description "Mag Camera - portable v.c.r. camera combination" suggests a common circuit approach. Power consumption of the Sony unit is 4W, with

energy supplied by rechargeable cells (replay, editing and/or format transfer units are mains powered) and the camera slots into the replay unit where it is wound back before being viewed on the user's TV receiver. During filming, exposure control is automatic.

Sony's apparent hurry to get the public interested in the Video Movie is presumably an

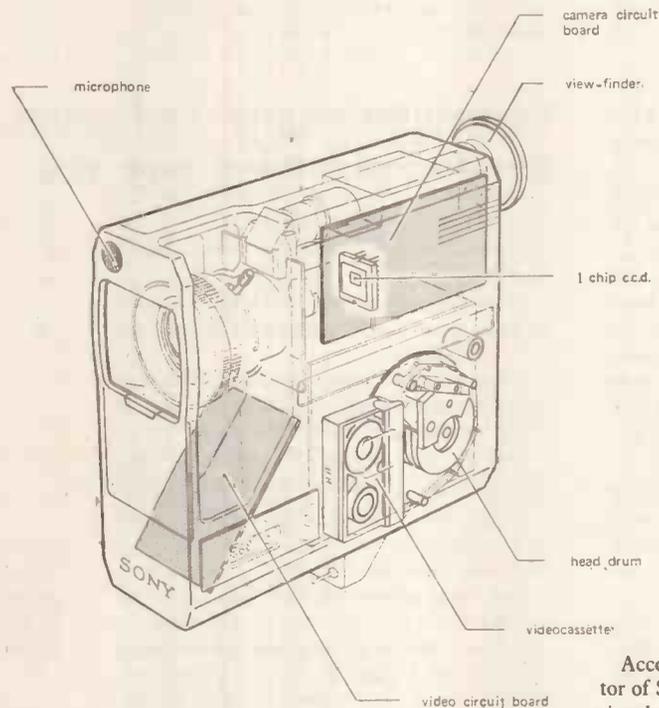
attempt to bring commercially advantageous order to the currently chaotic state of the home video market place, where three incompatible systems are fighting for ascendancy, each with little chance of breaking through to be come an accepted world standard system. Clearly, the companies in the field, including Sony and Hitachi at the front line, are preparing to exploit

to the full potential of new devices, without threatening (if possible) the conventional home video range of products - this could account for Sony's apparent ambivalence in not wanting too much said. The public reaction to the sudden partial redundancy of several relatively bulky units already purchased (the hardware of the VHS, Betamax and V2000 systems) may well be a matter of acute concern to the home video marketing men.

Matsushita has also demonstrated a prototype machine, using what it calls "charge priming transfer," reputed to combine the dynamic range of m.o.s. devices with the very low noise of c.c.d. devices and this unit is expected to go into production within two years.

The price of all such video camera units is likely to be close to £700, which is the figure predicted for the Hitachi machine at its introduction to the Japanese market in Spring 1981.

According to Howard Steele, managing director of Sony Broadcast Ltd, it is only a matter of time before a domestic c.c.d. camera/recorder is developed for ENG (electronic news gathering) in television broadcasting.



## Computer servicing course at Slough College

A unique course designed to educate and train people with backgrounds in engineering, science, or computing, and to fit them for employment as customer service engineers in the computer industry, began this year in Slough.

The first meeting to discuss the proposed course was held at Slough College of Higher Education in March 1978 and was attended by several computer manufacturers, representatives of the Manpower Services Commission and college lecturers. A working party including manufacturers and lecturers was set up and the result was a completely new course, which duly received approval by the Technician Education Council (TEC) as being suitable for the award of a Higher Technician Certificate in Computer Technology. At the same time a moderator was appointed, who visits the college at regular intervals to check progress.

In February 1980 the first full-time one-year course began for students who had been carefully selected by the three manufacturers responsible for their periods of industrial training (Data General, Digital Equipment and Hewlett Packard), also by the Manpower Ser-

vices Commission (offering support under the TOPS scheme) and by computing and engineering lecturers at Slough.

The industrial training slot (ten weeks during the Easter and summer vacations) ensures that students will be skilled in aspects additional to those presented at the college. Hewlett Packard has lent a HP 2100 computer to the college to provide training in the use of disc systems and programming techniques and they, along with the other companies involved, have given lectures on specialist subjects.

Recruitment for the sixteen TOPS-supported places for the next course, which runs from January 1981 to December 1981, has begun. Some previous work experience is essential, the course having been intended for people who want to be re-trained for the computer industry, and initial qualifications can be wide-ranging.

Further details of entry requirements and the course structure are available from Dr E. Huzan, Head of Computing Division, Slough College of Higher Education, Wellington Street, Slough SL1 1YG, Berks. Telephone Slough 34585, ext. 37.

## European drive on microelectronics

Because individual European electronics companies, left to themselves, are obviously unwilling to compete with the Americans and Japanese in integrated circuits, the European Communities Commission says there is now an urgent need for concerted action within the Common Market group of countries. If one of the Commission's proposals goes through this could mean that, from January 1981, up to fifty per cent of the cost of R&D in the manufacture of devices using sub-micron technology could be paid for directly out of public funds. This aid would include the development of prototype equipment intended to come on the market by 1985. It would also include up to 50 per cent of the cost of the lease or purchase of the prototypes by users, as well as engineering work to be carried out by them and by the equipment suppliers to bring the equipment to the required performance.

Conditions for aid, however, would require commitment from a number of Community companies to use the prototypes from a particular manufacturer and to invest their resources in the necessary engineering work. The number of companies would vary according to the type of equipment concerned and would be settled type by type. The Commission suggests that approved projects should be nationally financed within a co-ordinated framework of commitment and that, where at least three Community countries are participating, governments of member countries could be reimbursed by the Community up to half the cost of the support they are providing. Such a financial method would be a compromise designed to combine the advantages of using national resources and mechanisms quickly, with the Community providing a coherent framework and incentive subsidies when the project had a true Community dimension.

The ECC is worried by the fact that the Community lags behind the USA and Japan in both the production and the application of microelectronic devices. It notes that it is 65 per cent dependent on imports of integrated circuits and has a far higher dependence on the most advanced digital i.cs. The weakness of European production (under 10 per cent of the total today) is the more unfortunate because this is a growing world market, expected to reach some \$70 billion in 1980-84, and the USA and Japan are the only major competitors. They, however, have invested millions in well planned strategies, while the Community market remains fragmented.

To try and change this situation the Council of Ministers in September 1979 asked the Commission to submit proposals for specific joint projects at Community level with a view to encouraging the Community to take a leading role in developing this technology. The Commission has now produced its proposals for a Community strategy for 1985, based on discussions with governments and industry and unanimous agreement on technical objectives that need to be achieved if European industry is to be competitive with the USA and Japan in 1985.

The strategy includes a co-ordination of national programmes. The Commission is proposing to set up a data bank and arrange for systematic distribution of information (taking confidentiality into account) to interested governments of the member countries. In addition research into new concepts is thought to be needed, and a committee has identified four major areas of work covering chip architecture, device modelling, language and data structure,

and testing. This could be undertaken by universities and research institutes in close co-operation with industry.

The strategy also identifies the need to promote a European equipment industry. The Commission sees this as the weakest Community sector. Production knowledge and equipment has generally been licensed or purchased from the USA, when it is usually already out of date. There is need for investment and close collaboration between prospective European users of the equipment and the equipment manufacturers if the Community is to make headway in this field, but national markets alone are too small and resources inadequate for development on the scale needed.

The proposals to help European microelectronics are in fact part of a much larger initiative on "telematics" (a word derived from "telecom-

munications" and "informatics") – the combination of telecommunications and computers which is becoming known as information technology. The ECC says that Europe is losing out in the "telematics revolution" to its competitors in the USA and Japan. Even though today, within the European Community, national governments are spending millions of pounds to support the new technology, the fragmentation and lack of standardisation in the Community market hinders development. If the Community is not increasingly to rely on external suppliers for the most dynamic growth industries of the latter part of the century, says the ECC, there must be greater co-ordination of national plans and cross-frontier co-operation in research, development and marketing of products. Given a determined strategy, thinks the Commission, with its population of 260m the Community can catch up where it is now lagging seriously behind. "But it will have to act fast."

A strategy to deal with information technology has been decided and the principles were approved by heads of government at their European Council summit in November 1979.

## Communications and computing should be controlled under one roof, says ACARD

The main recommendation of a report published in September by ACARD, the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development, is that one minister and one government department should be responsible for organising what it calls information technology (IT).

These initials have been coined to cover the wide range of technical activities which fall under the headings of communications and computing, covering conventional radio communication, the use of word processors, digital telephone exchanges, electronic mail, viewdata systems and other aspects of digital information propagation and processing including optical fibre networks.

The report surveys the developments which are likely in IT, the possible applications in different sectors of the economy and contrasts (as does the Labour Party's report entitled *Microelectronics*, also reviewed in this issue) the absence of coherent government policies in the UK with the developed and developing French strategy for exploitation of the technology.

A further important recommendation is that the Post Office (or its successor) should "have the mandate to provide a world-competitive UK communications network and should have sufficient finance for procurement and installation, whether from private or public sources."

Further recommendations include modification of the copyright laws to cover information held in forms other than paper, thus giving protection to users of IT. Perhaps more important, they urge the government to bring forward proposals for data protection legislation immediately, i.e. to implement the recommendations of the Lindop Committee.

The failure of the government to act upon such recommendations, taken with strident criticism in the technical press *New Scientist* equates the work of a commission with "wise monkeys", playing on the keys of a typewriter long enough to write all of Shakespeare's plays) must give pause for thought about the usefulness of numerous reports which are seldom, if ever, acted upon by government.

Sir Monty Finniston, whose report on the engineering profession was published in April and which has largely been ignored by the present government, said last year that in the course of his work he had read upwards of 30 such reports produced since 1852 – none had

been acted upon! The Finniston Report cost £401,000 and, as reported in *Wireless World* (October 1980), although not completely ignored by the government, it has not been implemented in the way Finniston recommended.

● It seems very odd that British taxpayers and engineers continue to tolerate this gigantic waste. Quite as serious is the fact that little is done to point out to the non-technical decision-makers in government that, for example, the electronics industry and its offshoots are least likely of all western industrial processes to fall apart. After most of the UK's heavy industry has disappeared, the electronics/communications industries will be thriving and yet the British government and people do not see it (i.e. the need to invest both cash and initiative) and the British engineer does not shout loud enough about it.

The most extraordinary aspect of the subject is the utter docility of those who are both British tax-payers and engineers – to deny status simultaneously with ignoring the economic importance of the industry and the engineer's personal contribution would probably result in continuous lobbying of M.P.s in many Continental countries, but in the UK it is left to the press and dedicated people like Finniston to harangue impotently an apathetic and ignorant legislature.

Even when fundamental financial action is clearly imperative, as in the case of Inmos, where the government stalled over providing the essential second payment, the obsession with saving cash holds sway over more intelligent acts of enterprise.

It is amazing that the frustration of engineers has not turned into an angry demand reverberating through the institutions.

*Information Technology* is available from HMSO or on order from booksellers, price £3.30.

## News in brief

Creative Strategies International, a California-based market research firm, predicts that the world-wide market for teleprinters in 1985 will exceed \$1 billion, reflecting a compound annual growth rate of 21%. Most of the increase is likely to be due to the extension of business-based data communications networks and automatic mail systems.

## The BBC's money

*Background to this month's editorial:* According to a participant in a "Man Alive" BBC television programme last May the independent television companies had a total income of £385 million in the year 1978/79 to run their one television network, whereas in the same year the BBC received £315 million to run its two television networks and the whole of its sound broadcasting services. In 1980 both of these figures can be expected to be higher, in excess of £400 million. The Home Secretary, William Whitelaw, stated in a *Radio Times* interview (4 October, 1980) that the BBC's "net income for this financial year and the next one together should be about £1000 million." For ITV, the new franchises for programme companies, due to be announced on 28 December, have been reported to be worth about £560 million p.a.

It is well known that a large number of engineers in the IBA and the ITV programme companies have been recruited from the BBC. Another participant in the "Man Alive" programme mentioned that about 70% of applications for engineering jobs in ITV were received from BBC staff. The salary differences that could account for much of this drift have been substantial. For a particular senior engineering job in ITV the maximum salary in 1979 was £8,600, whereas the BBC maximum for the equivalent job was £6,480. In general the salary differences at that time ranged from 25% to 33%. At present the BBC is not losing many engineers to ITV. They say they are having no difficulty in recruiting staff now that they are reducing the number of available jobs and there is much unemployment anyway.

The engineering economies which the BBC has made in response to Government pressure have been in both jobs and capital spending. General policy has been to arrange the cuts to have the least possible effect on programme production. Consequently the Corporation has not done anything to impair the operation of its transmitters and communications systems. Staff

levels in engineering training have also been maintained since this training has to continue to keep the programmes going out.

On capital projects (studios, transmitters, buildings etc) staffs are being kept at a level matching the capital spending which the television, radio and external broadcasting corporations are able to budget for. Without the present restrictions staffs in these departments would have had to be increased.

Other engineering departments have in general suffered a 15% cut in permitted expenditure. Very largely this has meant a 15% cut in jobs, amounting to about 130 in the whole of the Engineering Division. This is being achieved by natural wastage rather than by redundancies. In

research and design work this has meant a corresponding reduction in the range of projects which can be pursued. In engineering information there is a slowing in rate of response to demand for transmitter surveys and investigation of reception problems, and also a reduction in the range and amount of published technical information and participation in exhibitions. Fewer technical manuals are being produced for maintenance engineers and others.

In capital spending there has been a deferment of new developments, such as studio centres in the regions, additional local radio stations, regional extension of Ceefax services and a new radio production centre in Central London. There has also been a slowing down in the re-development of the radio v.h.f. transmitter network. Capital spending is being concentrated on the replacement of worn-out plant.

## G.I. to expand its Scottish base

A new plant, fully supported by government grants and costing £8.5 million, is to be built by General Instrument Microelectronics (a subsidiary of the US General Instrument Corporation) at its establishment in Glenrothes, Scotland.

This expansion, due for completion in 1985, follows a previous grant to the company by the Department of Industry to aid the completion of a non-volatile memory production unit on the

same site under the Microelectronics Industry Support Scheme.

G.I. is the only company manufacturing r.o.m. chips in Europe at present and in addition produces a wide range of devices for operation in microcomputer systems, telecommunications equipment and entertainment systems and games. When complete, the workforce at Glenrothes is expected to be twice its present size.

## News in brief

The ubiquitous microprocessor finds yet another (general) application with the introduction by the National Physical Laboratory of a counselling service for manufacturers of measuring equipment, gauges, and other forms of measuring tools, generally grouped under the heading of "metrology." The NPL can provide teams which specialise in measurement techniques and combine this expertise with a

knowledge of computing methods to produce simplified measurement practice, giving faster and more accurate methods to those small firms which constitute the major company element in the measurement and scientific instrument industries. Full details of the service can be obtained from Mr A. Williams, Division of Mechanical and Optical Metrology, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0LW, telephone 01-977 3222, ext. 3031.

New regulations governing the control of human exposure to lead come into force on 18 August 1981. It has been estimated that 10,000 people in the UK are "significantly" exposed to lead and the new requirements will extend the scope of the 1961 Factories Act, which was largely industry-based. Copies of The Control of Lead at Work Regulations 1980 are available from HM Stationery Office, price £1.40.

A plague of fleas at Plessey's telephone equipment factory in Beeston, Nottingham, led to a walk-out of more than 100 shop floor workers early in October. They returned to work a few days later after the factory had been fumigated.

After holding meetings throughout the UK to test public opinion of current IBA day-time TV programmes, the corporation is to interview 43 contenders for the 15 commercial TV franchises which come up for renewal by Christmas 1981.

A microprocessor-controlled fuel injection system for diesel engines is to be developed jointly by Lucas and TRW, the American conglomerate with interests in optics and semiconductors. The sensors, actuators and other hardware will be manufactured by Lucas and the system is expected to be ready for production by mid-1983. Oddly enough, economy of fuel use is not a major objective and a spokesman for Lucas points to the US Environmental Protection Agency's exhaust emission requirements as the main purpose of the unit's use.

*The BBC's tape reclamation equipment which was recently brought into service for radio and external services in London, is being used here to make tapes suitable for re-use, no matter what their previous recording function. The service is expected to be extended to regional departments fairly soon.*



## Microelectronics and Labour

The Labour Party's discussion document entitled *Microelectronics*, published in September, apart from one or two howlers such as that on page 1, where we learn that "semiconductors are popularly known as 'chips'" (!) contains a wealth of depressing conclusions about the state of the British microelectronics industry, as well as some worrying international comparisons in technical education and management.

At the same time it emphasises (predictably) the need for far more national involvement and ownership of companies in the field, with special reference to GEC, which it describes as playing "a particularly malign role in British microelectronics." The need for more national investment is stressed by quoting Sir Arthur Knight's conclusion (as the new chairman of the NEB) that the private market does not provide enough capital for the sector and that even under the last Labour government, it was not enough to ensure success."

The document refers to what it sees as Sir Keith Joseph's "political attack" upon the Post Office, through the break-up of the monopoly, at least where the supply of terminal equipment is concerned and comments that "The combined effect of these measures will certainly be to reduce the profitability of the new Telecommunications Authority by allowing private companies to cream off the most lucrative business and so put their major investment programme at risk." At the end of this section, the point is made that such action could lead to increased imports of telecommunications equipment, to the detriment of the major UK suppliers and the workers employed by them. . . . "In accordance with party policy these powers and activities will be restored to public ownership and control by the next Labour government."

The comparisons between, for example, the French and British telecommunications programmes are in some aspects startling, by mentioning that the French are committed to increasing the number of telephone subscribers from 14 million to 34 million by 1992, the provision of a free viewdata terminal to each subscriber (to permit the eventual replacement of telephone directories) and the introduction of a direct broadcast telecommunications satellite for business use.

Comparisons are also made between the level of state aid in the two countries, the example of Inmos being used, where the amount of aid is less than the total provided by the French government to three small-company projects in France. The conclusion is drawn that large sums of money must be spent if progress is to be made - "where private industry does not or cannot spend, government must - a point accepted by the government of every advanced economy but our own."

The discussion document refers to research policy in a manner which suggests that bodies such as ACARD (see news report in this issue) are little more than toothless bulldogs. "The new microtechnology clearly throws up a need to fill (the) gap which ACARD (attached to the cabinet office and composed largely of employers' representatives and academics) does not meet." Apart from these criticisms, the document notes the need for legislation to protect personal privacy, in the face of the power provided to organisations such as the police by computers and other interconnected data systems.

In a section called "Wider Horizons," the idea of a better use for "own time" is mooted but not developed. The possibilities offered by

technological change in the development of leisure activities seem to emerge as a pretext for a puffing piece of political dogma, uncharacteristic of the document as a whole.

The main recommendations, however, are linked with the main areas of criticism, covering research and development, where private industry funds only about 30% (this, the document says, should be extended by harnessing the expertise of public corporations, universities and government laboratories), public purchasing, telecommunications and public investment.

In the two latter subject areas, the report says that the development of optical fibre transmission systems and the extension of System X must not be restricted by the imposition of strict cash limits. "Britain needs to match the political and financial commitment that the French have shown towards their telecommunications system." In the section on public investment, the activities of the NRDC and NEB are provided as examples of methods of filling the "equity gap."

The final points concern Labour's objectives for the application of new technology, where the point is made that this necessarily differs from the approach of private enterprise in that the profit motive should not be the major consideration, where at present resources are put into entertainment systems rather than medical electronics, into broadcasting rather than personal communications and into missiles rather than computer aids for education.

Perhaps the most damning comment, which occurs earlier in the document, is in the section dealing with education, science and research, where Britain's failure to respond properly to the challenge of the chip is emphasised and one important factor isolated - that we have "consistently undervalued practical technological understanding and this in turn has produced generation after generation of decision-makers in our society who do not have it."

## More jobs lost to recession

Within the next 18 months, another 3,800 jobs will be lost in the radio and tv manufacturing industry. The £10 million Rank-Toshiba link-up, formed two years ago and crowned by a £3 million modernization programme as well as saving many jobs in Rank's Plymouth and Redruth factories, has fallen foul of the strong pound and the cheap goods challenge from the Far East, according to Rank.

About 2,700 jobs, many of them re-deployed after the closure of the Stoke plant by Rank, are currently in danger. Meanwhile, Philips has announced the closure of its tv manufacturing plant in Lowestoft, with the loss of 1100 jobs, the actual closure being planned for mid-1982. This factory has been making domestic radio and tv sets for 30 years and all future production will be transferred to the company's remaining factory in Croydon.

Another British-Japanese consumer electronics business in trouble is the GEC-Hitachi joint venture colour tv plant at Aberdare, Wales. A GEC spokesman told the *Observer* (19 October): "There is a lack of consumer demand and the pressure on margins is continuing . . . if there is no improvement in the future then its lack of viability will have to be faced."

Data Recording Heads at Egham, Surrey, has had to lay off 97 of its 295 employees because of "crippling recession". The managing director has said: "We have no choice . . . the cutbacks are to ensure the survival of the company."

## News in brief

The prizes offered by the Department of Industry to secondary schools participating in a competition launched in April and reported in our June/July 1980 issue, have now been awarded. Schoolchildren were asked how a microcomputer would benefit their school and the range of suggestions included the development of a school teletext system, programming of new dance movements(?) and the running of the school's administration. Winners were selected from 650 entries and 117 microcomputers were eventually awarded (100 planned) with six "star" prizes being awarded by Sir Keith Joseph to schools in Renfrewshire, C. Armagh, Uttoxeter, Mid-Glamorgan, Ewell and Camberley. The idea behind the competition was to act as a catalyst in a national effort to spread computing experience quickly into education. Several companies and organisations, including Shell, GEC, Plessey and the Post Office have made major financial contributions and are offering individual schools continuing help.

On the heels of Teac and Marantz, who recently introduced cassette recorders using DBX noise reduction circuits, Matsushita has now made an agreement with DBX, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the UK company BSR, to market cassette recorders using the system under its Technics brand name. DBX claims that its noise reduction technique offers the best signal to noise ratio available and that it "virtually eliminates tape hiss." Distribution will begin in Japan at first, followed by world-wide distribution.

The 7th European Conference on Optical Communication will be held in Copenhagen from September 8 to 11 1981. A call for papers has been issued in relation to the conference and further details are available from the Secretary of 7th ECOC, M. Danielsen, Electromagnetics Institute, Technical University of Denmark, DK-2800 Lyngby, Denmark.

Zaerix Electronics has acquired the Rochester-based Mazda radio valves and tubes marketing business from Thorn Brimar Ltd. The complete valve stock, as well as the testing facilities, have been taken over by Zaerix and customer service and quality control procedures will be maintained at the company's headquarters at 46 Westbourne Grove, London, W2.

Background information on legislation and current safety standards relating to electrical equipment exported to the US has been published by the British Standards Institution. The document surveys the most widely used certification schemes and details are given of organisations which test and certify electrical products. The survey, called *Electrical Equipment Certification in the USA* has been prepared by the BSI's

Technical Help to Exporters service and costs £24 to THE members or £30 to non-members. It is available from THE Sales Office, British Standards Institution, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ.

Inmos will be opening its first large-scale production factory in Newport, Gwent during the summer of 1982. The factory will manufacture v.l.s.i. products. Production samples of 16k static r.a.m. devices are now available from the company's Colorado Springs unit.

# Darkroom exposure meter and enlarger timer

Measures print exposure time and controls enlarger

by G. G. R. Rutter

The unit described will measure the required exposure for a black and white print, giving a digital readout in seconds and tenths; it will then time this exposure. The meter may also be used as a ten minute process timer to count minutes and seconds. Two such meters have now been in use for over a year, and have proved to be accurate, stable, and convenient to use.

The circuitry is constructed from easily available components, largely using c.m.o.s. logic, at a cost of about £30, which is less than commercial units offering much inferior performance.

Most of the circuitry of the meter/timer is in one box, which provides control of manual exposure setting, 'on' and 'off', 'expose' and 'time', together with a paper-speed adjustment. The sensor is contained in a separate small box, with the 'measure' switch, used for the meter-set exposure time.

## Circuit operation

The circuit diagram of the sensor is shown in Fig. 1.  $D_1$  is the sensing photodiode, a Siemens LD57C, which is intended by the makers for use as a l.e.d., but which is used here as a blue-green sensitive photodiode because of its ready availability. Its sensitivity to orange safelight is very low, probably roughly equivalent to printing paper. The 'C' suffix denotes the high-output type.

The current from  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  is integrated by  $IC_1$ ,  $Tr_1$ , the output of which feeds a Schmitt trigger ( $Tr_{2,3,4}$ ). Feedback to the integrator is via  $D_2$  and  $D_3$ , both small, red l.e.d.s,  $D_2$  being used as a photodiode — an arrangement which provides excellent isolation of the sensitive input of the integrator. The output of the Schmitt trigger is in the form of negative pulses, whose length is inversely proportional to the current through  $D_1$ , or the incident light, and directly proportional to the required exposure.

The specified input leakage current for the CA3140 ( $IC_1$ ) is 10pA, but this seems to be much reduced by operating the inputs at earth potential, and nine out of ten samples leaked considerably less than this. It is thus possible, with selected devices, to resolve currents of  $10^{-16}$ A. In normal operation,  $D_1$  gives a current of at least 1pA, and although this sounds an excessively small current for accurate mea-

surement, it does not give rise to problems if the circuit is constructed on good-quality, glass-fibre p.c. board. The integrating capacitor is very small (about 1pF), and must have a very low leakage; I found that two lengths of 1-2cm 30s.w.g. enamelled wire, twisted together, perform better in this application than commercial capacitors, and, furthermore, can be trimmed to size.

The Schmitt trigger,  $Tr_{2,3,4}$ , has a temperature-sensitive hysteresis, to compensate for the increased sensitivity of  $D_1$  with temperature rise.

The output of the Schmitt is taken to the logic circuit which is given in Fig. 2. When measuring exposures,  $IC_{2,3,4}$  are used to count pulses from a v.c.o., which is controlled by the paper speed potentiometer, during the negative periods of the output of the sensor circuit. At the completion of each count, the measured exposure is transferred to  $IC_{5,6,7}$  and displayed. If the count runs overrange, the 'carry' output triggers  $IC_{14}$ , and the count stops at 000.

Manual setting of exposure time can be accomplished using four buttons, providing fast and slow, up and down counting. The frequencies (10 and 100Hz) are derived from the rectified 50Hz mains waveform via Schmitt trigger  $IC_{9d}$ . Switching is by two latches ( $IC_{8a,8c}$ ) to abolish contact bounce. Each pulse, in addition to clocking  $IC_{2,3,4}$  also sets  $IC_{5,6,7}$ .

After either manual or sensor-determined setting, the exposure time is left in  $IC_{2,3,4}$ .  $IC_{5,6,7}$  may then be used as a timer without losing this information. In this mode, after initial setting to zero,  $IC_5$  is clocked by 1Hz pulses from  $IC_{13}$ .  $IC_6$  is reset at a count of 6, so that  $IC_7$  counts minutes.

For timing exposures,  $IC_{2,3,4}$  count 10Hz pulses down to zero, the exposure time being set into  $IC_{5,6,7}$  before counting starts. On reaching zero, the carry output goes high, terminating the exposure, and setting the counters again for repeat exposures. An exposure may be terminated early by pressing the "Off" button.

The display circuit in Fig. 3 includes a separate voltage regulator ( $D_4$  and  $Tr_6$ ). This is because the LM723 ( $IC_{17}$ ) was found to give inadequate regulation for the v.c.o. when loaded by the display l.e.d.s. Also included in the display circuit is the variable mark-space ratio strobe oscillator  $IC_{18}$ , which may be omitted if a variable brightness display is not needed.

The voltage-controlled oscillator in Fig. 4 deserves special mention. For convenience, the paper speed control is logarithmic: a linear potentiometer is used, to control a log. v.c.o.  $IC_{16}$  is a CA3046 transistor array, used as a temperature-controlled log. voltage-to-current converter. This i.c. consists of five n-p-n transistors on a single chip, the transistors therefore being accurately matched, and having close thermal coupling. Four are used as a thermostat: set to about 40°C, the oscillator is stable to better than 2%, and settles in 15 seconds. The reference voltage for thermostat and log. converter is derived from the 7.15V reference of the 723 regulator.  $IC_{15}$ , an NE555, is the oscillator, whose capacitor is charged rapidly by the 1kΩ resistor, and discharged relatively slowly by the log. converter; thus, the frequency is closely proportional to the discharge current.

As shown, the adjustment range on the speed control is approximately  $\times 10$ , a further preset adjustment of  $\times 10$  being provided by the 1kΩ preset. The range

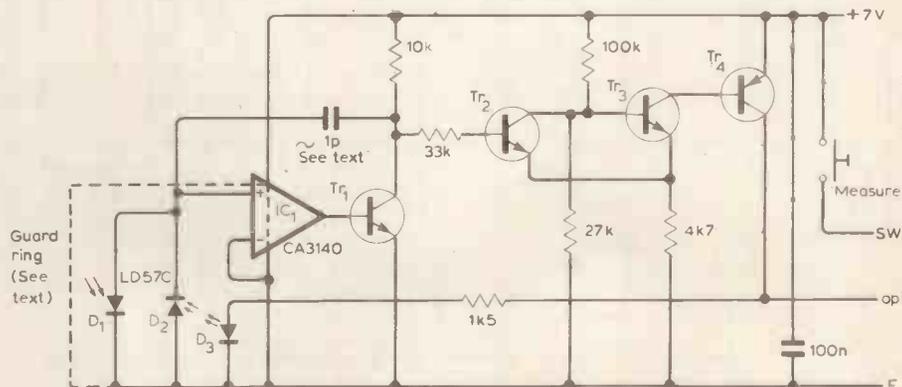
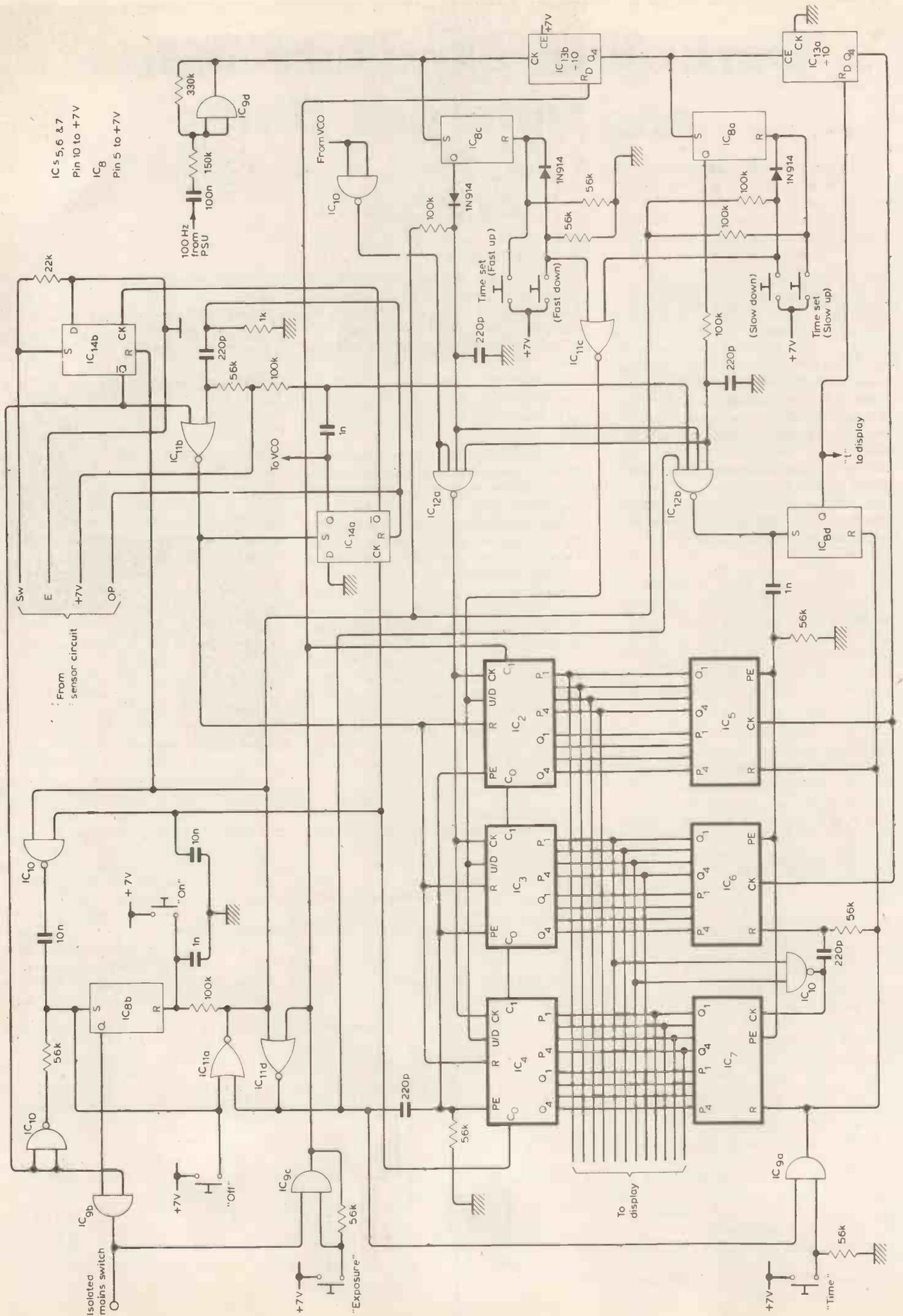


Fig. 1. Photoelectric sensor unit. Width of negative-going pulses at output depends on amount of light from enlarger — the brighter the light, the narrower the pulse.





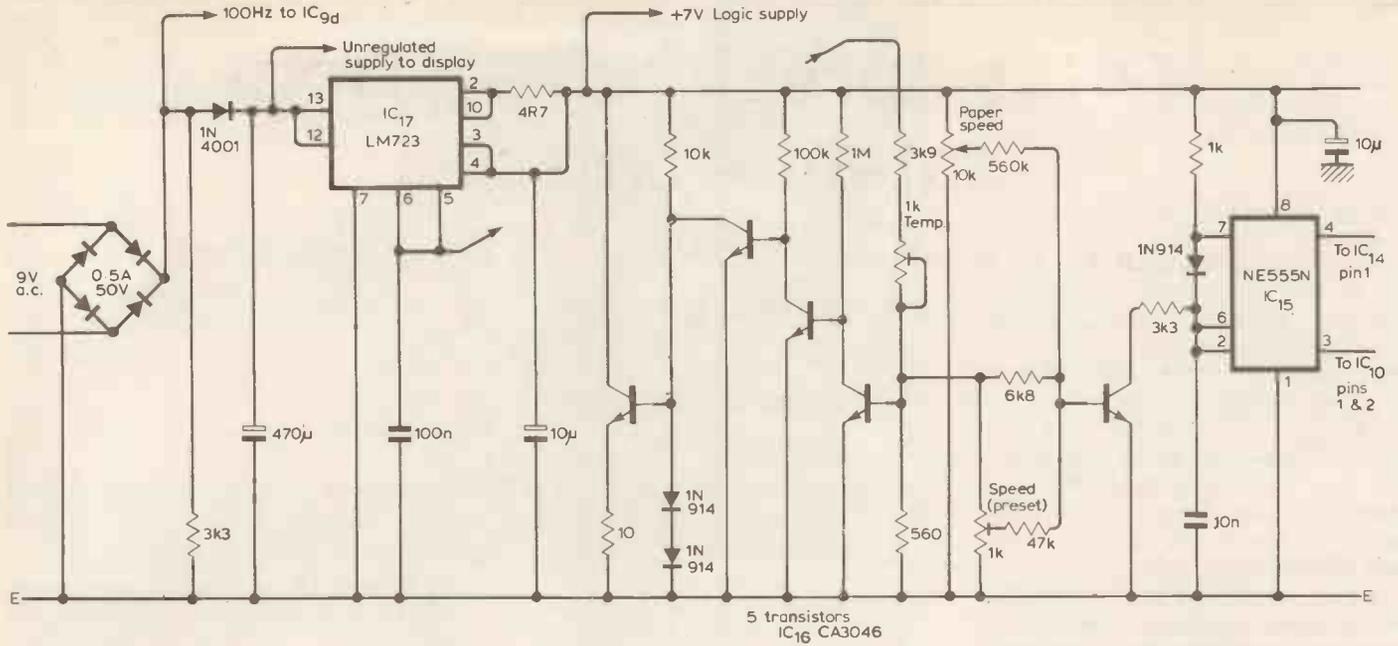


Fig. 4. Voltage-controlled oscillator and p.s.u. Four transistors of CA3046 on left form thermostat.

**Setting up**

After checking the circuit and supply voltages, the first thing to set up is the log. converter, whose temperature should be set to about 40°C: this is not, however, critical. Assuming an ambient temperature of 20°C, one method is as follows: set the 1kΩ "temp" preset to minimum resistance, and check that no current flows in the 10 ohm resistor of the heater transistor. Connect a 56kΩ resistor across the 3k9 resistor, and the 1kΩ preset, raising the base voltage of the temperature-sensing transistor by about 40mV. The 1kΩ preset can now be adjusted until current just begins to flow in the 10 ohm resistor. Removing the 56kΩ resistor now reduces the base voltage by 40mV; a rise in heating current should now be seen which reduces over about 30 seconds to a value sufficient to maintain the temperature.

The sensor circuit should now be checked. In light corresponding to a long exposure of about 100 seconds, the negative output pulses should be approximately 2 seconds long. In total darkness, these

pulses should be at least 10 times longer; if not, try another 3140. Adjustment of the output pulses is by trimming the 1pF capacitor (made of twisted wire). The paper speed preset is adjusted to give a suitable span on the panel mounted control, calibration being by trial and error, with test strips. Paper manufacturers do not usually quote a speed, so each box needs to be tried, and the appropriate speed setting noted down.

**Using the instrument**

In measuring exposures, a piece of ground glass, or other diffuser is placed under the lens, and the sensor placed on the printing frame directly under the lens, before pressing the "measure" button on the sensor box. The display should now show a stable reading, and the enlarger should be on. Moving the iris should alter the exposure reading accordingly. Upon releasing the button, the enlarger will turn off, and the exposure will be held on the display. Pressing the "expose" button will turn the enlarger on for the displayed time. The

"on" and "off" buttons are to control the enlarger for focussing, etc.

The manual setting buttons should cause the display to count up or down, fast or slow. Pressing "time" causes the decimal point to move one digit left (to between the left and middle digits), sets the display to 0.00, and starts it counting seconds and minutes. This is cancelled by any other function except "on" and "off", and the previous exposure time is recovered.

**Component list**

- Integrated circuits**  
 1 CA3140  
 2-7 4510 (b.c.d. up/down counter)  
 8 4043 (quad. 3-state Nor R/S latch)  
 9 4081 (quad. 2-input And gate)  
 10 4011 (quad. 2-input Nand gate)  
 11 4001 (quad. 2-input Nor gate)  
 12 4012 (dual, 4-input Nand gate)  
 13 4518 (dual, b.c.d. up counter)  
 14 4013 (dual, D flip-flop with R/S)  
 15 NE555  
 16 CA3406  
 17 LM723  
 18 4001 (quad. 2-input Nor gate)  
 19-21 4511 (b.c.d.-to-7-segment latched encoder/driver)  
 23 TIL111

**Transistors** Triac 3A, 400V

- 1-3 ZTX109  
 4 BC214  
 5 BC107  
 6 BFY52
- Zener diodes**  
 4 BZY88 C8V2  
 5 BZY88 C6V2

**L.e.d.s**

- 1 LD57C (Marshall's, Kingsgate House, Kingsgate Pl., London NW6 4TA)  
 2,3 TIL209, DL 704

Passive components as in circuit diagrams. Resistors 1/8W, carbon film, presets miniature carbon

Transformer 9V, 150mA

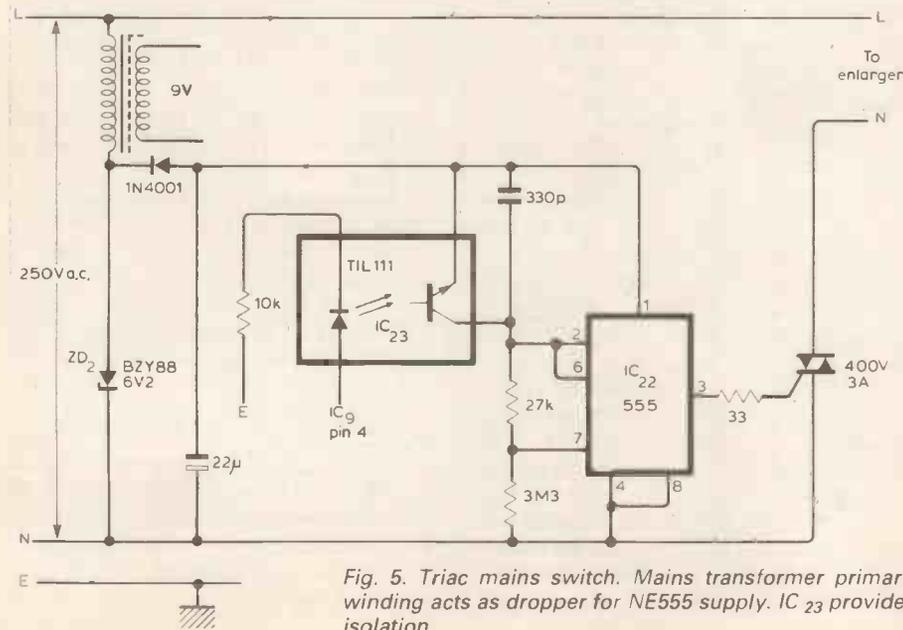


Fig. 5. Triac mains switch. Mains transformer primary winding acts as dropper for NE555 supply. IC 23 provides isolation.

# Orbit predictions from satellite images

Calculating orbit predictions using scanning-radiometer pictures

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Images from polar orbiting satellites, such as those from TIROS-N and NOAA-6, can be used by the amateur to make reasonably accurate orbit predictions. This article describes a method which has enabled a.o.s. (acquisition of signal) time to be predicted to within a half a minute for up to a fortnight. After this period, some updating of data is required if the accuracy is to be maintained.

A significant problem encountered by amateurs receiving images from polar orbiting satellites such as TIROS-N and NOAA-6 is the need to maintain reasonably accurate orbit predictions. The degree of accuracy needed depends on the level of automation, and if the station is fully automatic it is often necessary to keep errors to less than half a minute in time and one degree of equator crossing longitude.

The simplest solution is to obtain a reference orbit from an outside source, and, using the orbital period, calculate successive orbits either manually or by using a simple computer program. It soon becomes apparent that without occasional updates the drift of the prediction is intolerable. Further data can be obtained from outside, but this is not always easy to obtain, and sometimes can be quite inaccurate because of the long term nature of their production. It is very difficult even using large professional computer systems to produce accurate long-term predictions because the magnitude of the drag on a satellite in a low-orbit depends on the outer atmosphere, which is affected to a large extent by solar activity. The level of solar activity is difficult to predict and hence errors can reach tens of minutes over a period of months.

It is therefore necessary to update both reference orbits and orbital parameters regularly; say every two weeks or so. Assuming that the amateur wishes to be independent, some direct observational method must be used. The most obvious is to use an astronomical telescope to observe the satellite, and provided it is well calibrated, these observations will give the required data. There are several disadvantages to this method:

- the capital outlay in equipment is large.
- It requires some expertise to use it.
- Observations are restricted to a time when the sky is dark but the satellite is

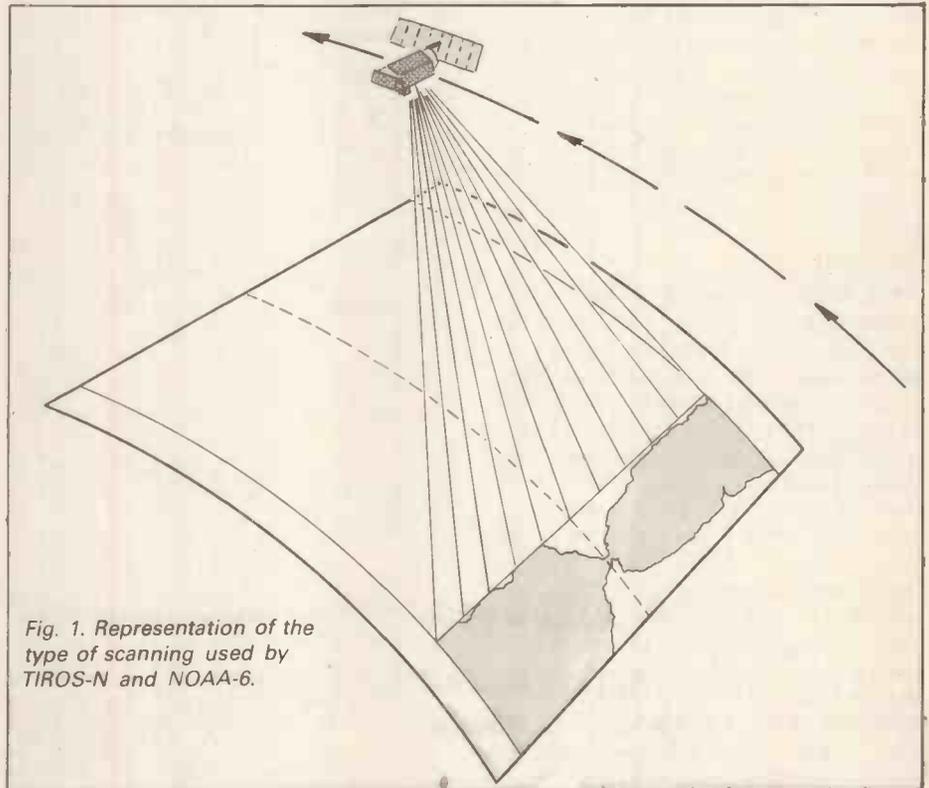


Fig. 1. Representation of the type of scanning used by TIROS-N and NOAA-6.

not in the earth's shadow.

- It must be known approximately where to look and when.
- It is dependent on the weather.

In most cases this method would, apart from radar observation, be the only available solution, but the earth imaging satellites are sending pictures looking down at the Earth, and it is possible to use these to find out where the satellite is at a given time. The scanning-radiometer pictures from TIROS-N and NOAA-6 lend themselves easily to this. Fig. 1 shows this type of scanning. It can be seen that as the imaging is sent in real-time, the pixels (picture elements) representing the point directly below the satellite (the sub-satellite point) are sent at the time the satellite was directly over this point.

Fig. 2. represents the satellite image from the v.h.f. scanning radiometer signal and the line *ab* is the satellite track. The satellite passes directly overhead all points on the line *ab* at different times during the pass. The exact latitude and longitude of one point on the line must be measured and this is obtained from the physical detail on the image. It is also necessary to

determine the exact time that the pixels representing this point were sent. The accuracy with which this information is extracted from the image has an important effect on the final accuracy of the method.

## Latitude and longitude extraction

It is essential that the line *ab* is drawn down the exact centre of the image section of the picture. This section does not include sync, grey-scales and timing-marks. When the centre-line has been drawn, the features visible on it are examined for something that can be readily identified - a particular shape on a coastline or a lake for example. If the centre-line passes only over sea or cloud it is not possible to use that particular image. Once a point has been selected it must be re-identified on an atlas map, and the exact latitude and longitude measured. In order that the longitude may be measured most accurately a point near to the equator should be used, where the longitude lines are widest apart. It is not possible to identify a random point in order to measure the longitude of the

centre-line because even after processing on board the spacecraft the image scale is not linear.

### Time extraction

The v.h.f. signal also contains timing marks down one side of the image (Fig. 2.) These are short horizontal lines set one minute apart. In order to measure time exactly these marks must be referenced against an outside time standard. This must be done in real-time, and if a tape recording technique is used for printing it must be done as the picture is recorded. In the prototype, which in fact also prints the pictures in real time, a small white line is added every ten minutes. This ten-minute marker can be readily identified on the image, and from an approximate starting time the minute markers referenced. This technique is also shown in Fig. 2. which illustrates the construction lines. The accuracy of time measurement also has a significant effect on the final accuracy of the method.

### Calculation of the result

This sections deals with calculations relevant to an ascending orbit, Fig. 3(a), and the formulae used are based on spherical geometry. For a satellite in a circular orbit with period  $P$  minutes and orbital inclination to the equator  $\phi$  the sub-satellite latitude is given by

$$\text{lat} = \sin^{-1} \left[ \sin \left( \frac{360t}{P} \right) \sin \phi \right] \quad (1)$$

$t$  minutes after it crosses the equator. The value for the inclination is well published and varies only slowly with time. Using the value for  $\text{lat}$  ( $L_{\text{obs}}$ ) from the observation, and an approximate value for  $P$ , which is also well published, the value of  $t$  can be calculated by rearranging the equation

$$t = \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin L_{\text{obs}}}{\sin \phi} \right) \right] \left[ \frac{P}{360} \right] \quad (2)$$

The time of the observation is known, so

$$t_{\text{eq}} = t_{\text{obs}} - t$$

where  $t_{\text{eq}}$  is the time the satellite crossed the equator. This is the required result.

The longitude of the satellite is given by an equation consisting of three parts

$$LG = \cos^{-1} \left[ \left( \cos \frac{360t}{P} \right) + \cos L_{\text{obs}} \right] + \frac{t}{4} + L_{\text{eq}} \quad (3)$$

where  $LG$  is the longitude and  $L_{\text{eq}}$  is the longitude at which the satellite crossed the equator. The first part of the equation is the actual movement of the satellite, the second is to take account of the Earth's rotation, and the third the starting longitude. All the variables in the equation are known except for  $L_{\text{eq}}$  which is required.

$$L_{\text{eq}} = LG_{\text{obs}} - \cos^{-1} \left\{ \left[ \cos \left( \frac{360t}{P} \right) \right] + \cos L_{\text{obs}} \right\} - \frac{t}{4} \quad (4)$$

This gives the equator crossing longitude which, together with the time, represents a reference orbit.

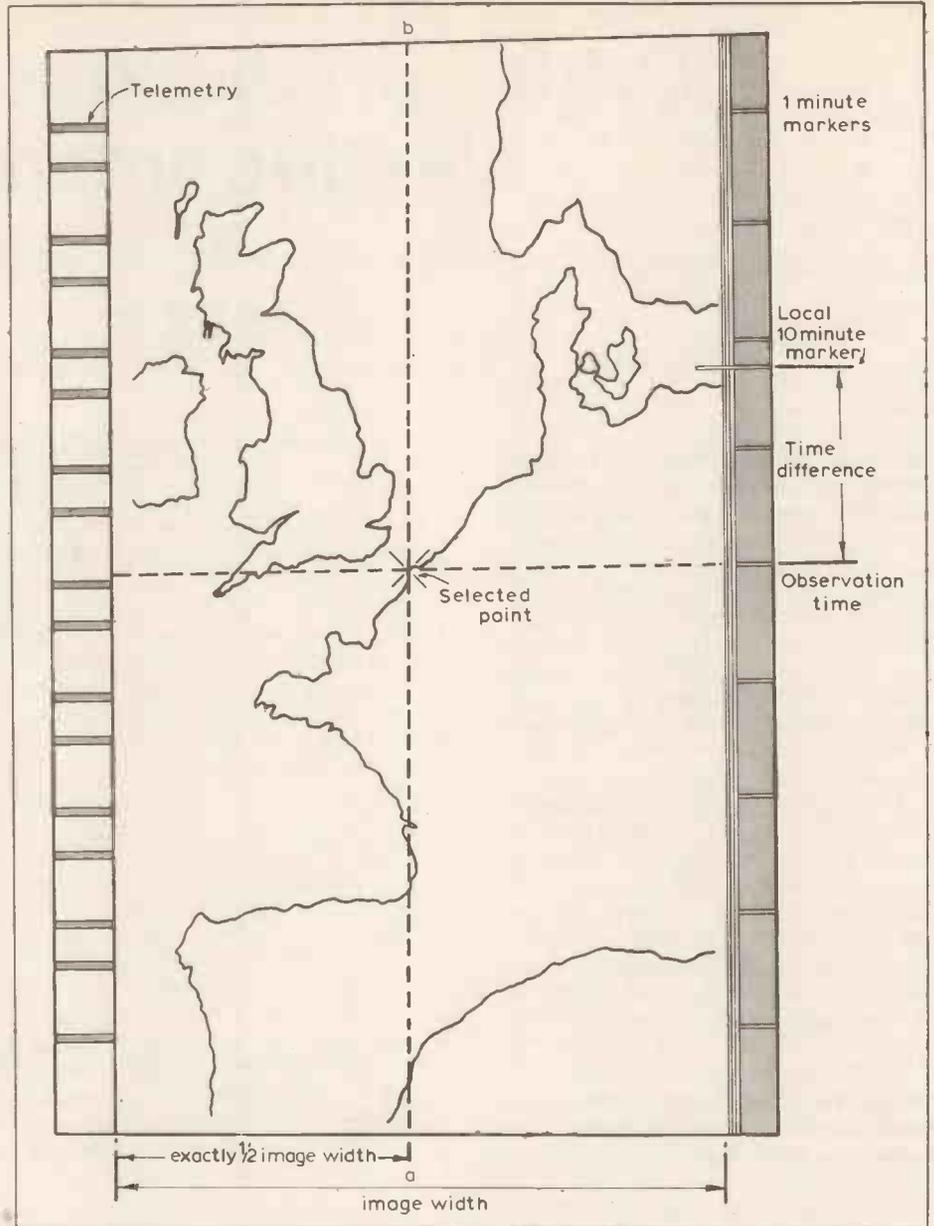


Fig. 2. Typical compilation of a scan received from the satellite. The horizontal line has been chosen to cross  $ab$ , the satellite path, at a point on the coast to enable accurate determination of latitude and longitude from a map.

A more accurate value of period is required for longer term prediction, and this can be calculated from two observations taken some days apart and the total number of minutes between the two calculated. This is divided by the approximate value of period. Obviously the result should represent an integral number of orbits, so it is rounded up to the nearest integer and the total number of minutes divided by that. This gives the orbital period. The procedure can be repeated regularly to keep the value of period accurate.

### Descending orbits

The equations given above are valid for ascending orbits only, i.e. those that cross the equator into the observer's hemisphere

on the same side of the Earth as the observer. This type of orbit is shown in Fig. 3(a). Half the usable passes a day result from orbits crossing the equator on the other side of the Earth, coming over the Pole and into the user's view, and then crossing the equator into the other hemisphere. This type of orbit, a descending orbit, is shown in Fig. 3(b). If the observation is made on a descending orbit, the existing equations must be modified. At the point when the orbit goes over the Pole, the equations go through a discontinuity thus becoming useless. A convenient solution is to imagine the orbit to be inclined to the equator in the opposite sense,

$$\phi' = 180 - \phi$$

Using equation 2, the value of  $t$  can be calculated using the modified value  $\phi'$ . This produces the time taken for the satellite to reach the equator crossing into the other hemisphere. Therefore the equator crossing into the observer's hemisphere was half an orbit before, i.e.  $P/2$  minutes, so:

$$t_{\text{eq}} = t_{\text{obs}} + t - \frac{P}{2}$$

In order to calculate the equator crossing

longitude equation 4 must be modified. For inclinations of less than 90° the sign before the first part of the equation must be reversed. ( $\phi'$  will now be less than 90° if  $\phi$  was greater than 90°). As the equation is being used in reverse the sign before the  $t/4$  term must be reversed due to the fact that the earth is rotating in the opposite direction. The equation now becomes

$$L_{eq}' = LG_{obs} + \cos^{-1} \left\{ \left[ \cos \left( \frac{360t}{P} \right) \right] \div \cos L_{obs} \right\} + \frac{t}{4}$$

This value of  $L_{eq}'$  is the equator crossing-longitude passing from the observer's hemisphere. To calculate the value of the crossing-longitude half an orbit before, 180° plus a correction for the rotation of the earth must be subtracted.

$$L_{eq} - L_{eq}' - 180^\circ - \frac{P^\circ}{8}$$

This, together with the time, represents another reference orbit.

### Source of errors

Several assumptions are made during the calculation of reference orbits. There are two main ones:

1. The satellite radiometer looks directly downwards, i.e. the scanning plane is at right-angles to the axis of motion.
2. The orbit is perfectly circular.

The results using this method are reasonably accurate indicating that the errors resulting from these assumptions are quite small. It is also assumed that the observer is not located very close to either the North Pole or South Pole. Errors involved with the measurement of time depend to a large extent on the user. If a suitable method is used, the contribution to the total error is small.

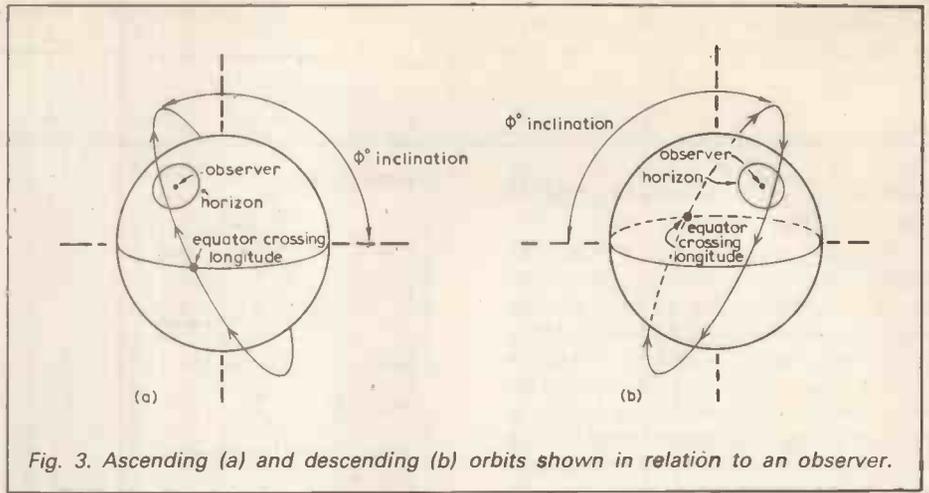


Fig. 3. Ascending (a) and descending (b) orbits shown in relation to an observer.

The two main areas of significant error lie in the identification of a selected point, its transfer to the atlas map and conversion to latitude and longitude. The size of the image has a large effect on the first of these, and the quality of the atlas has an effect on the second. Both these errors will be reduced with practice. In order to reduce errors generally it is best to use a point as near to the equator as possible.

### Use of a computer

It is very much easier to calculate the result by means of a computer program. This method was developed using Fortran-4 routines on a mainframe computer, but it could easily be implemented on a microcomputer, using Basic. The computer also makes the generation of longer term predictions easier, using a simple looping program based upon parameters and reference orbits obtained from this method. If a computer is used, care must

be taken to prevent longitudes from being negative. This was achieved by using Fortran-4 IF statements for results either side of zero longitude. All longitudes were expressed as degrees west.

### Conclusions

The results achieved using this method have enabled orbit predictions to be held better than half a minute for a.o.s. The equator crossing longitudes are used by an antenna tracking computer which has also proved most satisfactory. It has been found necessary to update the reference orbit approximately once every two weeks, and the value of period every month. If a greater error could be tolerated, only occasional updating would be necessary.

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their distortion behaviour close to clipping. Although these questions would be of great interest, they are not discussed as the purpose of this article is only to illustrate the basic theory.

The analysis and measurements show

- a loudspeaker, being reactive by nature, is capable of storing much of the energy it receives from the amplifier.

- this stored energy will be reflected back to the amplifier output terminals.

- the closed-loop output impedance of an amplifier is normally very low, but the open-loop impedance may be several ohms. To damp the reflected signal, feedback will generate a correction signal within the amplifier.

- the signal in the forward path of the amplifier thus consists of two components; the original input signal and the loudspeaker reaction signal, both of the same order of magnitude.

- these two signals may interact in the non-linearities of the amplifier, generating intermodulation products between the two.

- this distortion, termed interface intermodulation, will be most prominent at low frequencies where the loudspeaker reactive load is largest.

#### Amplifier design rules to avoid interface intermodulation

The output should provide a low open-loop output impedance to adequately attenuate the loudspeaker reaction signal so that the need for a feedback-generated damping is minimized.

Heavy overall feedback should be applied with caution.

- the susceptibility of the amplifier to interface intermodulation can be measured by using a modified difference-tone method, where one of the signals is injected to the input and one to the output of the amplifier. To create conservative worst-case test for this effect, the latter signal may be increased to equal in power the rated output power of the amplifier.

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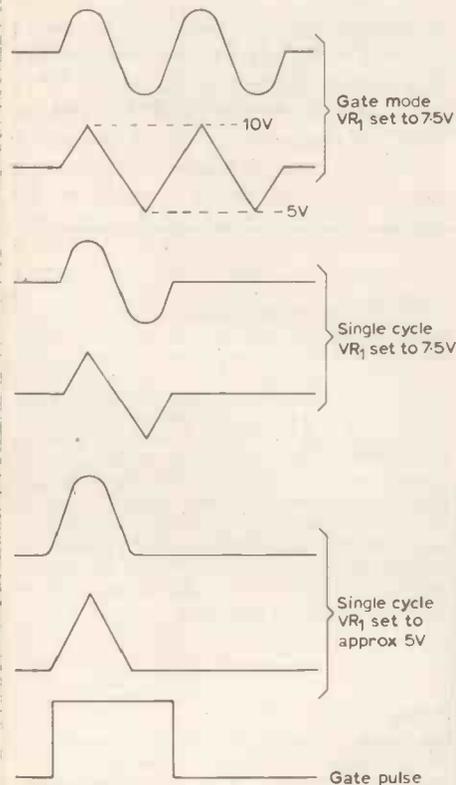
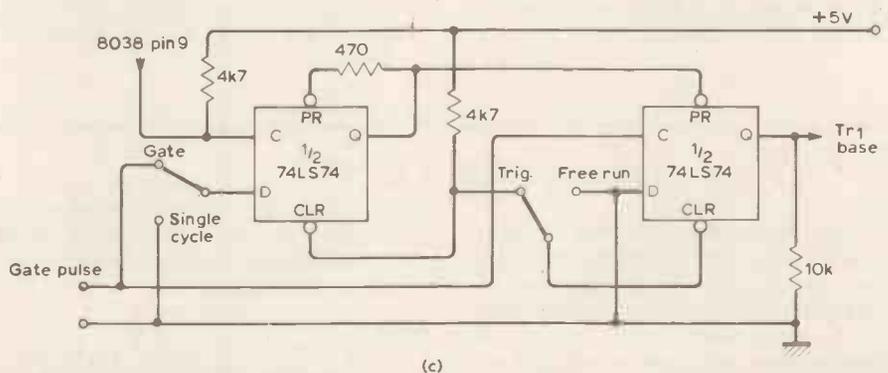
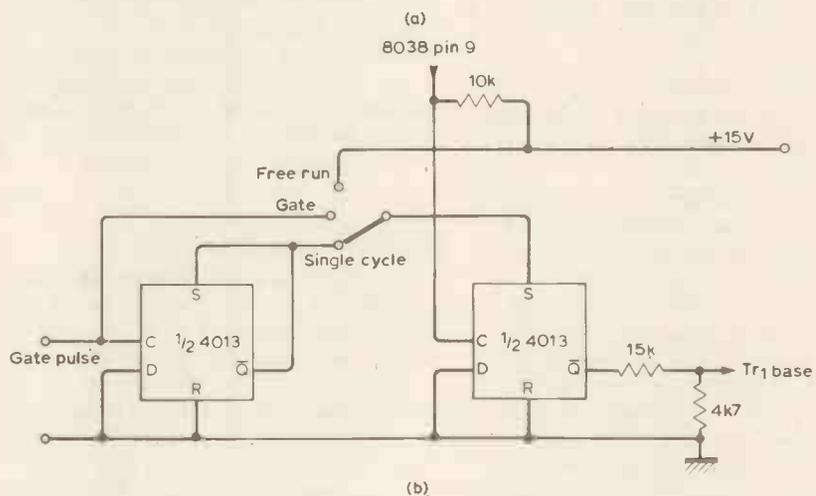
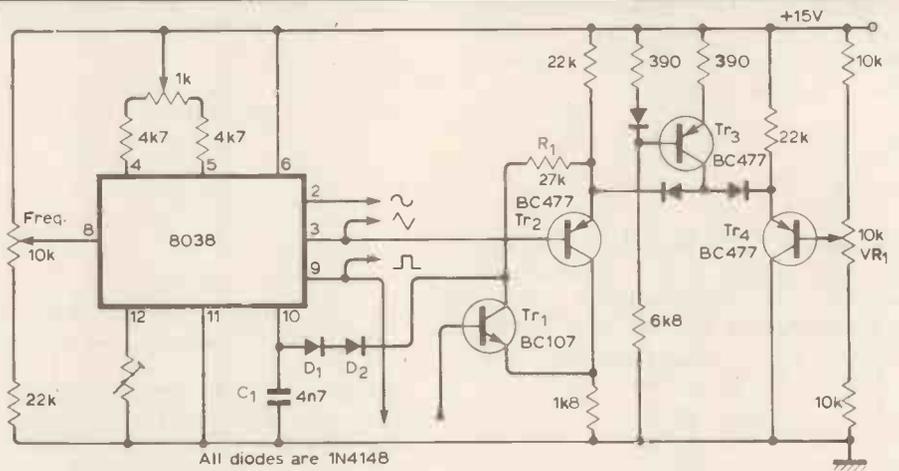
# CIRCUIT IDEAS

## Waveform gating with the 8038

In Fig. (a), Tr<sub>1</sub> to Tr<sub>4</sub> form a unity gain Voltage-follower which prevents oscillation by balancing the positive current source in the 8038, and feeds C<sub>1</sub> with an equal but opposite current from Tr<sub>1</sub> via D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>. The voltage-follower is disabled by a gating pulse which removes the bias to Tr<sub>1</sub> and allows its collector to rise about 0.7V above the voltage on C<sub>1</sub>. This reverse biases D<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>2</sub> and allows normal operation of the 8038.

When the logic enables Tr<sub>1</sub> at the next positive transition of the 8038 square-wave output, D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> are still reverse biased and waveform generation continues until the triangle waveform reaches the voltage set by VR<sub>1</sub>. At this point D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> become forward biased and the oscillation stops. In the single-cycle mode, the gating signal produces a short pulse on its rising edge which allows one full cycle of oscillation. Fig. (b) shows a c.m.o.s gating circuit and Fig. (c) illustrates a faster t.t.l. version.

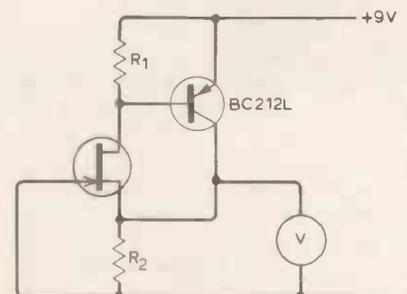
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## F.e.t. tester

Because the pinch-off voltages of f.e.t.s of the same type vary considerably, it is often necessary to test them before use. This simple circuit reveals the bias required for a given current. Resistor R<sub>1</sub> is chosen to equal 0.6/I so that the bipolar transistor provides sufficient current to produce the required bias across R<sub>2</sub>, which is measured by a voltmeter. The value of R<sub>2</sub> should be less than the reciprocal of the f.e.t.'s mutual conductance at zero bias, and for most devices 150Ω is suitable. The meter does not need a high impedance, and for accurate matching, a d.v.m. can be used.

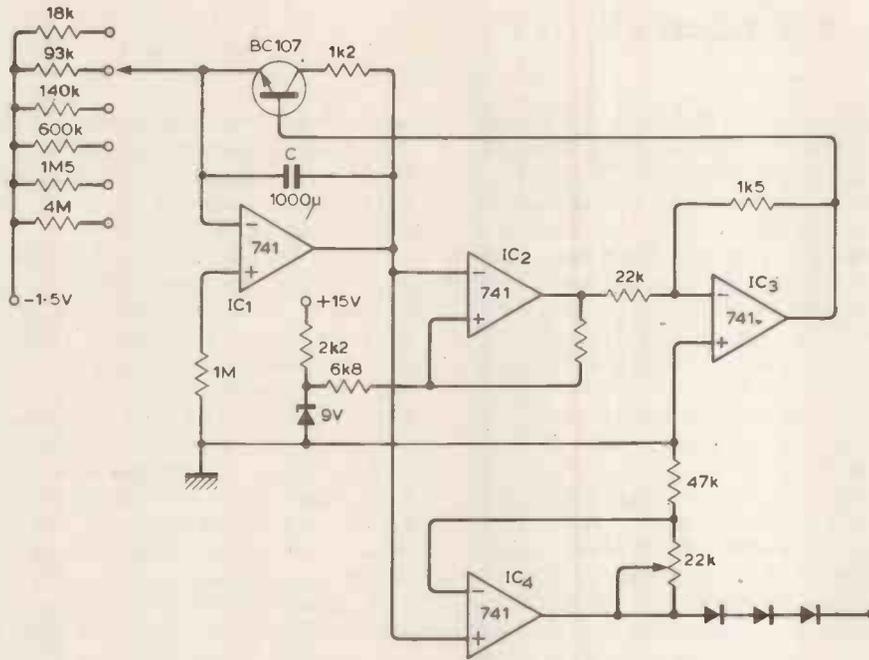
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## Time-base generator

Components IC<sub>1</sub> and C form an integrator with time constants controlled by the range resistors. Schmitt trigger IC<sub>2</sub> controls the discharge of C through IC<sub>3</sub> attenuator and the transistor. IC<sub>4</sub> is a buffer with a gain control to change the output amplitude.

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## Programmable power supply

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board. The overload latch then sets to zero the input voltage to the output amplifier. The voltage is maintained at zero until the overload condition is cleared and the reset command is received.

Maximum output voltage of the circuit is dependent on the transformer rating and the voltage/current rating of the series pass transistor. The prototype used a 100VA transformer rated at 40V/2A. However, with two decimal digits of programming, the potential output is 99V with suitable modifications.

The current-limit sense amplifier is conventional and allows variation of the trip current with a preset potentiometer. An unusual feature of this circuit is the use of a t.t.l. i.c. in the power-down feedback loop.

A wholly digital interface would permit further improvements in the power supply. For example, if the d-to-a converter is driven by optically coupled devices, and the overload-latch is also optically-coupled, the analogue section of the supply can be electrically floating. This system retains the features of remote programming but does not need complex linearization feedback networks normally necessary in optically-coupled analogue circuits.

A very accurate power supply with four significant digits of programming could incorporate digital correction of the output signal by monitoring the analogue output with a digital voltmeter and comparing it with the programmed voltage present at the d-to-a converter input. The difference between the two values is added to the binary signal to correct the analogue output. Such a system provides very accurate outputs with excellent long-term stability. □

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explained in Table 6, two controller commands have to be altered, 1D63 to write the complete track, and 1E47 to delete the attempt to verify the head position after the seek operation, as presumably the track is being re-formatted because it is impossible to verify on that track.

Re-formatting is accomplished by

proceeding as with a standard Write operation, giving the start of the block as a source and dummy data, say 1, 1 and 1 for the track, sector and number of sectors. The head should move in, load itself and write the track. After this has occurred and the head has released, the computer should be manually reset using the Reset key or, preferably, Control Z. □

**Table 7. Sequence for a DRQ interrupt. Note that interrupts can be accepted during LD, SP, HL, in which case the HALT will not be executed, but instructions up to and including LD, SP, HL are always executed unless NMI occurs.**

(Mode 2 Interrupt)	9½ µs	
IN A,1D	5½ µs	Data read in
CPL	2 µs	Data inverted to true
LD (DE),A	3½ µs	Stored in memory
INC DE	3 µs	Move to next location
EI	2 µs	Enable interrupt
LD SP,HL	3 µs	Pull back SP
HALT	2 µs	Halt for interrupt
	30½ µs	

# Tone filters for electronic organs

## Part 2: design procedure and practical problems

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This article derives frequency responses of tone filters for four organ tones, whose acoustic spectra were given in part one. It completes the design procedure, discusses the number of filters needed per stop and the combining of tone colours, and various other practical points.

The frequency response of the required filter is obtained by subtracting the sawtooth spectrum from the relevant organ pipe spectrum. In practice this merely means that the numbers in Table 2, representing the individual harmonic amplitudes, are subtracted one by one from the corresponding numbers in Table 1. The resultant four series of values are presented in Table 3, and graphically in Fig. 5. (In all cases the frequency response is represented on a scale that does not indicate absolute frequency but is normalized to the frequency of the first harmonic or fundamental of the original spectra. To implement a real filter circuit one needs to first convert the frequency scale back to true frequency values, which immediately begs the question of which design frequency is chosen for the filter, a subject treated later.

Also shown in Fig. 5 by the full lines are the frequency responses of four actual filters intended to simulate the frequency responses suggested by the discrete points on the four graphs. (The circuit diagrams of these filters are given in Fig. 6 and they are more fully discussed later.) It is, of course, permissible to draw the frequency response of a real filter as a continuous curve as the filter has a defined gain/loss at all frequencies in contrast to the experimentally derived points of Table 3, which exist at harmonic frequencies only. An additional feature in Fig. 5 is the presence of broken lines corresponding to Bode plots used in the filter design process. This is discussed later, but for the present a short qualitative discussion of the form of these responses follows as this leads naturally onto filter implementation. It is necessary that the reader is familiar with the amplitude versus frequency response of simple

filter sections and (where appropriate) their equivalent Bode plot representations. Particularly important are first, second and third-order passive RC networks, and parallel resonant (LC) sections.

The claribel flute filter is characterized by a rapid increase in attenuation for the first six or seven harmonics, Fig. 5(a), after which the attenuation remains roughly constant at about 35dB below the value at the fundamental frequency. After the 15th harmonic no further experimental data are available. The nature of the experimental points in this diagram shows why flutes are among the most difficult tones to emulate. It is difficult to discern a simple trend from the available information, though an interesting feature is that the attenuation at the first few even harmonics is consistently higher than at the adjacent odd harmonic frequencies. This suggests that the flute stop in question consisted of

Fig. 5. Filter frequency response curves for the tones in Fig. 2. Dots represent values of the required response at the harmonic frequencies as in Table 3. Full lines are measured frequency responses of actual filters, broken lines are Bode plots. Responses calculated assuming a sawtooth driving waveform.

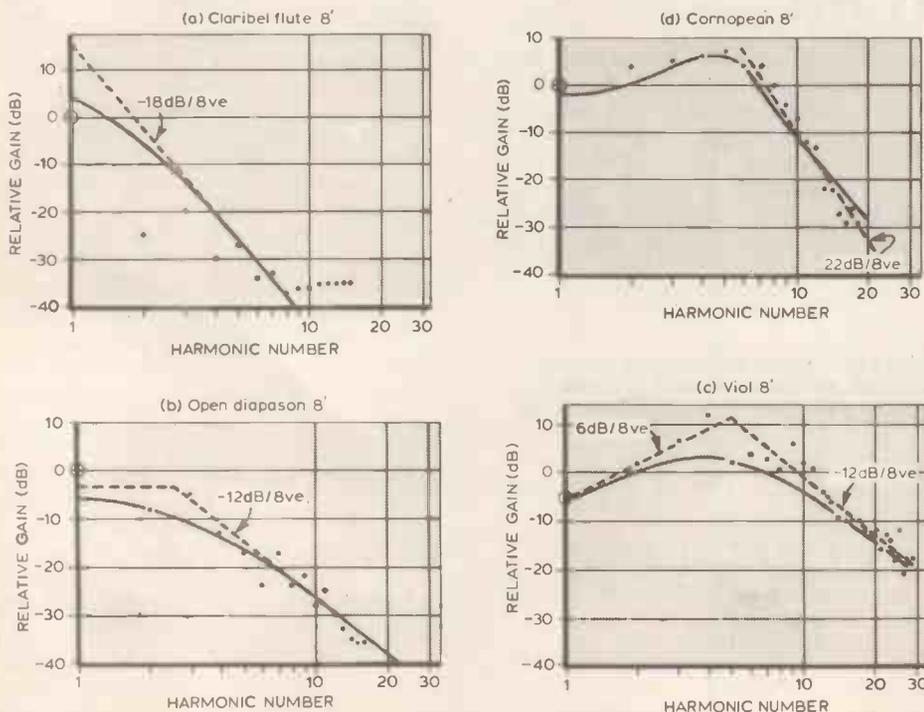


Table 3. Normalized frequency responses in dB of tone filters for four organ tones assuming a sawtooth drive waveform corresponding to Fig. 5.

harmonic	organ stop name			
	claribel flute	open diapason	viol	cornopean
1	0	0	-5	0
2	-25	-8	2	4
3	-20	-5	7	5
4	-30	-13	12	6
5	-27	-17	2	7
6	-34	-24	4	4
7	-33	-17	3	4
8	-37	-24	1	0
9	-36	-22	6	-4
10	-36	-28	2	-7
11	-35	-25	1	-12
12	-35	-30	-4	-13
13	-35	-33	-6	-22
14	-35	-35	-9	-22
15	-35	-36	-10	-27
16	-	-36	-10	-29
17	-	-	-10	-26
18	-	-	-12	-29
19	-	-	-13	-
20	-	-	-12	-
21	-	-	-16	-
22	-	-	-13	-
23	-	-	-14	-
24	-	-	-18	-
25	-	-	-12	-
26	-	-	-21	-
27	-	-	-18	-
28	-	-	-18	-
29	-	-	-	-
30	-	-	-	-

stopped pipes, though it was not possible to confirm this by an examination of the interior of the organ. Whilst a stopped construction is unusual for claribel flutes, this assumption enabled a filter response to be chosen that was based on the first four or five odd harmonic frequencies only; even harmonics were ignored. This filter consisted of a third-order passive RC network whose breakpoint was the fundamental frequency. Driven with a sawtooth wave, a reasonably satisfactory flute resulted though the effect when using a square wave was not satisfactory. (This is at odds with the strong suggestion from the filter response that odd harmonics ought to predominate.) It seems that the relative proportions of odd to even harmonics are critical for flutes, and experiments with other filter configurations in which particular harmonics were selectively reinforced confirmed this. The simple filter just described makes no attempt to emulate the part of the frequency response suggested by frequencies above the tenth harmonic. Even though such high-order structure may be crucial to the production of a good flute tone as previously discussed, it was found difficult to derive a straightforward way of doing this that also yielded subjectively good results.

Turning now to the open diapason, the response fits a second-order Bode plot very nicely, with the break point occurring at a frequency equal to 2.6 times the fundamental. The actual response of such a filter (full curve) fits the experimental points well, with only a few reaching a maximum divergence of 6dB. Subjectively this simple diapason filter produced entirely acceptable and realistic sounds that were hard and bright rather than dull and woofy. A complete diapason chorus, from a 16-foot double diapason to a three-rank mixture, was built up using a total of 32 such filters and the effect had something of the tonal excitement of a similar flue chorus on a pipe organ.

The experimental points for the viol filter suggest a bandpass characteristic, and they are again well approximated by the Bode plot illustrated in the diagram. This consists of a 6dB/octave rise changing to a 12dB/octave fall, the transition between the two being at the fifth harmonic of the fundamental. Such a filter has the true response indicated by the full curve. The subjective verdict on this filter was again favourable, though it was too stringy for some tastes. This is possibly due to the fact that this filter was derived from Boner's data<sup>2</sup>, in which measurements were made in a free field with the microphone close to the pipe. In an organ, a viol rank would be placed well inside the organ case and almost certainly inside a swell box (a large box equipped with movable shutter to enable the volume to be varied). Therefore significant high frequency attenuation would result, with the tone of the pipe sounding less stringy to a listener in the auditorium.

Finally, the cornepean data are again strongly suggestive of a bandpass characteristic. In this case the filter was implemented using a parallel resonant circuit

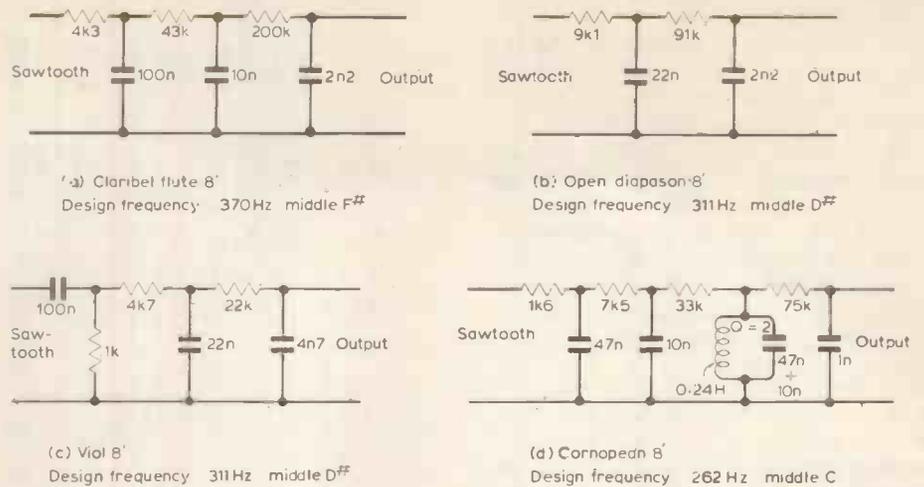


Fig. 6. Filter circuits giving the frequency responses of Fig. 5. Inductor in (d) can be realised electronically.

tuned to the fifth harmonic with a Q of about 2. To achieve the asymmetry of the response, which rapidly falls above resonance, a third-order RC filter was also used breaking at the eighth harmonic. The reasons for using this particular bandpass filter configuration instead of one akin to the viol are given in the next section. For the present the actual response is seen to fit the experimental values closely. The effect of this filter was a convincing bright reed tone, definitely typical of a cornepean or a trumpet rather than of a close-toned tromba or tuba. Again, a family of such filters was built with worthwhile results. The unique tone of an organ reed pipe seems, in part at least, to be due to an harmonic structure that is relatively constant in amplitude up to an harmonic order between the fifth and tenth, depending on the particular tone. After this frequency the amplitude falls off rapidly; this falling characteristic is reflected in the filter response. It is therefore essential to copy the "asymmetrical resonance curve" of the filter, as without the rapid attenuation above resonance the effect is completely synthetic and quite unlike the original.

### Hardware realisation

Filter response need not be matched exactly to the calculated values at each harmonic frequency of the driving waveform. These points originate from experimental measurements in which a large number of variables, most of them uncontrollable, affect the results such that divergences of a few dB can be neglected provided they are random rather than noticeably systematic.

Flue pipe tones can nearly always be well approximated by the use of a simple passive RC filter

- flutes generally need a third-order lowpass system
- diapasons generally need a second-order lowpass system
- strings generally need a bandpass system.

Circuit examples of these types of filter are given in Fig. 6(a), (b) and (c).

Reeds can nearly always be well approxi-

mated by implementing the asymmetrical bandpass characteristic previously described. It is usually found that the Q of the hump in this bandpass is significantly greater than unity for reeds, whereas for strings (which also require a bandpass) the Q tends to be less than this. Therefore, whilst a simple RC passive bandpass filter can be used for strings as noted above, a resonant circuit or its equivalent is usually necessary for reeds. If a parallel LC circuit is used, as in the example in Fig. 6(d), the rapid rolloff on the high frequency side of the resonant peak can be achieved by using an additional passive RC network. In Fig. 6(d) this network is of third order.

The majority of organ tones are best derived from a sawtooth wave, or one that has both odd and even harmonics. However, there are some important exceptions where a waveform containing only the odd harmonics (e.g. a square wave) is preferable if not actually essential. A partial list of stops where odd harmonics predominate might have names such as stopped diapason, lieblich gedackt, bourdon (all stopped flue pipes), and clarinet, vox humana, cromorne (reed pipes with cylindrical resonators).

These design guidelines just given apply to the filter circuits in Fig. 6. For flue pipe tones, the Bode plot of an appropriate passive network is first matched to the experimental points and then the corresponding filter is implemented. This procedure requires a certain amount of experience and judgement; for the first example turn to the open diapason frequency response in Fig. 5(b). The Bode plot best suited to the experimental data appeared to be a second-order system in which there is first a horizontal line (zero slope) followed by a line of slope  $-12\text{dB/octave}$ . The breakpoint is the frequency at the point of intersection of the two line segments. The  $-12\text{dB/octave}$  part of the response was drawn so that it fitted the slope of the experimental data as well as possible as judged by eye, then the breakpoint was adjusted bearing in mind that the actual response at this frequency will be 6dB less in amplitude. A

breakpoint of 2.6 times the fundamental frequency resulted. The frequency response of the filter is given by the full line in Fig. 5(b) and Fig. 6(b) gives the circuit. This corresponds to the particular form of the Bode plot in that the two sections have the same time constant (RC product) and they are arranged such that they do not mutually load each other. (It is usually possible to avoid buffer amplifiers by choosing the component values to avoid mutual interaction). The circuit was designed for a fundamental sawtooth frequency of 311Hz, so that each section has a time constant of

$$RC = \frac{10^6}{2\pi \times 311 \times 2.6}$$

where R is in kohm and C in nF. The question of how to choose the design frequency of the filter is deferred until later as it raises some important practical issues.

The flute filter of Fig. 6(a) was designed in exactly the same way, though in this case the frequency response data of Fig. 5(a) offered less precise guidance as to the form that the Bode plot should take. A third-order system was used, matched to the first few odd harmonics for the reasons stated previously. The three time constants were again equal and the three RC sections were again buffered. The breakpoint was chosen to be the fundamental frequency which in this case was 370Hz. There would have been little point in using a breakpoint lower in frequency than the fundamental; this would merely have resulted in greater overall insertion loss with little effect on the tone quality.

For the viol frequency response, Fig. 5(c) there were two segments clearly indicated, forming a Bode plot with slopes  $1/26$ dB/octave and  $-12$ dB/octave. The breakpoint turned out to be at the fifth harmonic. This is a simple bandpass filter formed from three RC sections in which one is highpass and the other two lowpass. The particularly simple form of the Bode plot means, again, that the time constants are all equal and that the sections must not interact. Such a circuit is shown in Fig. 6(c) and was designed for optimum operation at 311Hz.

Reed tones generally require bandpass characteristics with Qs not less than 1.5 and often more, which implies the use of circuits such as LC resonant sections. The higher the Q, the more "reedy" the tone and the smaller the frequency range over which the circuit is effective. A Q in excess of three or four is seldom required for the imitation of organ reeds. The corneopan frequency response in Fig. 5(d) has a clearly defined resonance peak at the fifth harmonic, and a Q of about 1.5 is implied by the locus of the experimental points below resonance. To achieve the rapid attenuation above resonance, an additional rolloff of about  $-22$ dB/octave starting at the eighth harmonic is also indicated. This result was obtained after a certain amount of juggling with ruler and pencil on the original graph points. The filter constructed used a resonant circuit with a Q of 2 rather than 1.5 because it sounded better and a  $-18$ dB/octave rolloff instead of

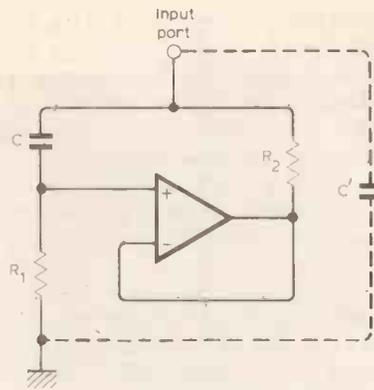


Fig. 7. Simple electronic inductor realisation using op-amp where C' is the tuning capacitor.

$-22$ dB/octave, for practical reasons. A version of this circuit designed for a 262Hz sawtooth is shown in Fig. 6(d), and its frequency response is the full curve in Fig. 5(d). The first two and the final RC sections produce a slope of  $-18$ dB/octave at the eighth harmonic, and the central LC section is responsible for the resonant characteristic. A parallel tuned circuit has to be driven and terminated so that its Q is not significantly affected by the adjacent circuitry. The terminating impedance can simply be a sufficiently large resistor which in this case is also used as an element of one of the low-pass sections. The source resistor feeding the resonant circuit must then be chosen according to the following conflicting criteria. It must not appreciably load the preceding RC section nor must it reduce the Q of the resonant circuit. Hence its value must be as high as possible. The insertion loss of the complete filter is influenced by the value of the source resistor because the effective resistance of the LC section at resonance equals  $Q^2R$ , where R is the equivalent resistance of the inductor. Hence the source resistor and the LC section itself form a potential divider that controls the amount of signal handed on to the rest of the circuit. For this reason the value of the source resistor should be as low as possible.

The circuit in Fig. 6(d) thus contains a certain amount of compromise, though mainly in the interests of economy. If total component cost is of no account, the various sections of the filter can be buffered using active devices thereby easing the design process. Such a course seems scarcely worthwhile when it is possible to

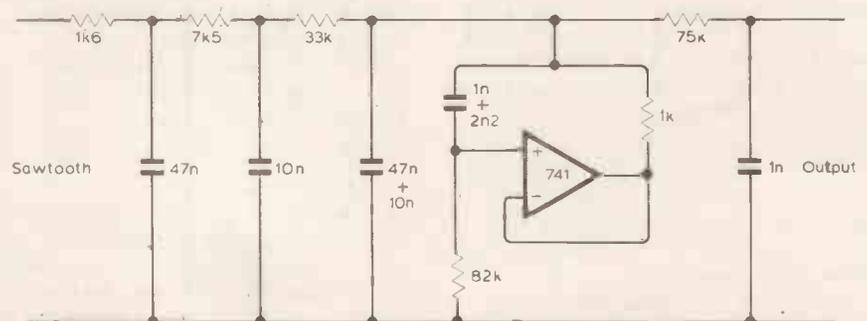


Fig. 8. Corneopan reed filter using synthesized inductance as alternative to circuit of Fig. 6(d).

approximate to the desired response as well as is indicated by Fig. 5(d).

In the interests of simplicity it had been implied that the resonant circuit was constructed with a wound inductor. This was not the case since an electronic inductor was synthesized using a simple circuit, Fig. 7. The advantages are that the filter can be readily adjusted until a subjectively optimum effect is produced; it is much cheaper than its wound counterpart, consisting only of two resistors, a small capacitor and a cheap operational amplifier; and it is much less bulky.

Design equations are as follows:

$$L = \frac{QR_2}{2\pi f}$$

where  $f$  is the resonant frequency

$$C = \frac{L}{R_1R_2}$$

(Suitable values for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are  $82\Omega$  and  $1\Omega$  respectively.) The value of the parallel capacitance  $C$  required to tune the circuit to  $f$  is

$$C' = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 f^2 L}$$

The final version of the corneopan filter using an electronic inductor based on the above is in Fig. 8.

Qualitatively at least, Fig. 5(d) is suggestive of a Q-enhanced Sallen and Key active filter response, though in practice this alone would not achieve the rate of attenuation required above resonance and additional sections would be required. Nevertheless, the use of this type of circuit is a distinct possibility instead of the parallel LC circuit used, and design information is available from many sources for those wishing to experiment. Linsley Hood<sup>6</sup>, for example, describes a related system for achieving high frequency pre-emphasis in his cassette recorder instead of using coils.

## How many filters per stop?

A single tone filter, implemented at one design frequency, will not produce the same tonal effect across an entire keyboard which (in the case of five octaves) might represent a frequency range of 32:1. Yet there is evidence in favour of using single filters when cost is paramount: the single filter approach often produces subjectively reasonable results. In my experience this statement is true for flue pipe tones that

6. Linsley Hood, J.L. Low-noise, low-cost cassette deck, *Wireless World* May, June & August 1976 and Feb. 1978.

are simulated using simple low-pass filters (flutes and diapasons), where an effective range of three or four octaves can be obtained without difficulty. Beyond this, these tones begin to sound unnaturally stringy in the bass and too characterless in the treble, and in addition there is an overall reduction in amplitude when going from low to high frequencies. This last problem can be mitigated by grading the isolating resistors that are nearly always found in the keying system.

There are two reasons why a single low-pass filter has such a large effective frequency range. First, it is easy to show that if the filter characteristic and the source waveform spectrum both approximate to linear slopes, not necessarily numerically identical, over a sufficiently large frequency range then the relative harmonic proportions in the output signal remain constant over this range. There is also an overall amplitude variation that can be dealt with as previously described. These approximations are valid for the claribel flute filter and the sawtooth spectrum already discussed, and also for the open diapason though to a lesser extent. The second reason why a single filter is usable in these cases is that to achieve a uniform acoustic output, the pipes in a real diapason or flute stop are scaled so that they have a relatively larger proportion of higher order harmonics in the bass than in the treble. This effect is the same as that produced by driving a single flute or diapason type filter over a wide frequency range.

With other tones (strings and reeds) an effective range of only two octaves or less is usual because of the more selective frequency response of the filter networks. Beyond this range the effect is artificial, particularly in the bass, where the stops sound "sizzly" and thin. There is little that can be done in these cases except to use multiple filters for each stop, each one designed to operate over a particular segment of the keyboard. The limiting extreme, of course, is to employ one filter per note, a tour-de-force that has certain advantages in spite of the enormous component count. The advantages stem from

supplied with a sawtooth wave at the same amplitude as the existing one but at three times the frequency, i.e. at the interval of a twelfth above the note being keyed. The twelfth corresponds to  $2\frac{2}{3}$ ' in footage quote results can be achieved using different filters for each half-octave; indeed even this is usually an overkill. I have built a classical instrument of 36 speaking stops, all of which employ only four filters and the result is most satisfactory, especially with regard to such features as the sound of reed choruses at the bass end of the keyboard. The method used to combine the outputs of the filters comprising one stop is illustrated in Fig. 9. Each is terminated in a resistor  $R'$  that can be used to regulate its amplitude. Judicious variation of the relative amplitudes is useful in hiding the breaks between each pair of filters, yet another psychoacoustic feature of the auditory system that works in our favour. Overall gain variation is provided by making part of the negative feedback resistor  $R$  variable.

### More practical points

All of the filters discussed here must be driven from a low impedance source, in practice a few tens of ohms, and terminated in a high impedance, at least five times greater than the impedances involved in the final stage of the filter. Straightforward operational amplifier techniques are suitable here.

A pronounced change can be imparted to particular tones if only one or two harmonics are selectively augmented. For example, increasing the level of the third harmonic in the claribel flute Fig. 2(a) changes the tone to that of quite a good lieblich gedackt. Similarly, diapasons and flutes can be distinctly brightened by augmenting the second harmonic. In each case this can be done by borrowing the appropriate sawtooth wave from the multiple keying system that usually exists in which several frequencies are switched simultaneously for each note. The additional frequencies are combined in the filter simply by providing more input resistors, as in Fig. 10. This shows the claribel flute filter together with an additional input which is

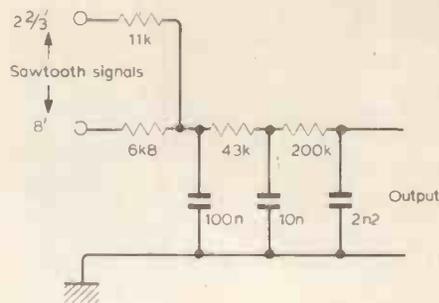


Fig. 10. Converting the claribel flute into a lieblich gedackt by augmentation of the third harmonic.

the ability to regulate the tone quality and loudness on a note-by-note basis, and the audible "breaks" between filters that can be troublesome when a lesser number is used do not exist. However, entirely ad-nomenclature if the stop is of eight foot pitch. Three points to remember:

- It is important that the impedance of the sawtooth wave sources should be low, otherwise incorrect summation will result.

- The parallel combination of the various input resistors must approximate to the resistance calculated for the original filter.

- It is not necessary that the frequency relationships between the fundamental and the augmented harmonics be mathematically exact. This makes it possible to borrow the required harmonics from an equally-tempered tone generating system. Such borrowing can only be done to a limited extent; some intervals will be grossly out of tune, though in the case of the twelfth the effect is not serious. For all octavely related intervals, of course, this is irrelevant. A certain amount of trial and error is required to achieve the desired results by this means.

Many organs use a single generator system from which all tones are derived. This means that all stops of the same footage are fed with the same waveform when a given key is depressed, and the various signals emerging from the tone filters are then usually electronically recombined before being amplified and fed to a loudspeaker system. Take care that filters do not introduce inadvertent phase shifts due to the indiscriminate use of inverting amplifiers within the filter itself. Such amplifiers might have been used for buffering purposes. Without first designing the tone forming system as a whole and taking account of detailed points such as this, the ability to add stops one to another will be adversely affected. Buffers are therefore best implemented using non-inverting amplifiers, for example, voltage followers. The problem of combining tone colours is further considered below.

The construction of analogue filter circuits for most purposes usually involves close-tolerance components, and the free use of resistors from the E24 range in the tone filters illustrated in these articles might imply that the same applies in this case. These values were used simply be-

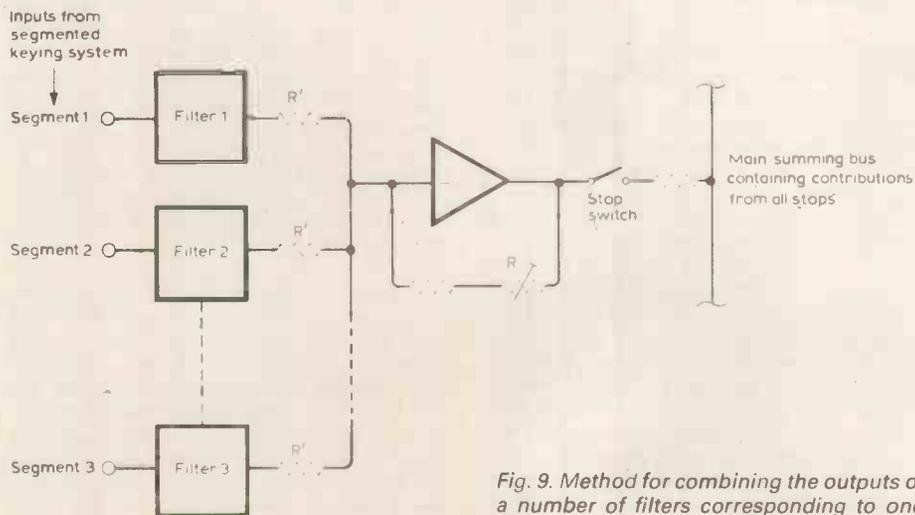


Fig. 9. Method for combining the outputs of a number of filters corresponding to one stop.  $R'$  controls the regulation of the stop across the keyboard,  $R$  controls the overall amplitude of the stop.

cause they were available; for most purposes resistors from the 5% E12 range should be adequate. Capacitors in active filters, e.g. the synthetic inductor circuits, should be at least 5% but elsewhere 10% should prove satisfactory. The object is not to produce a highly precise scientific instrument but to reproduce musical effects in a context where 3dB in amplitude (around 30%) is fortunately of little significance.

## Combining stops

Regardless of deliberately introduced phase inversion filters normally produce a certain amount of phase shift, usually frequency dependent. With a common generator system, in which the same waveform is split into several paths through various filters before being recombined and amplified, there is bound to be a degree of emphasis or attenuation of particular harmonics in the final signal. This has the practical effect that the result of adding stops will be the production of a composite sound that is not necessarily the subjectively expected result of adding the individual tone colours. The effect is most noticeable for stops of the same footage, and if the problem is troublesome then various remedies can be used. The best technique is to have a multi-rank generator system in which there are as many ranks as stops that are likely to be combined. The various ranks are not phase locked to each other but must run independently. Whilst there are various technical problems inherent in this approach, not to mention cost, the chorus effect of the result can rival that of a pipe organ and it is worthwhile if economics allow. The other method, less effective but still expensive, is to retain a single generator system but only allow recombination of the filter outputs to occur acoustically through the use of a multiplicity of sound channels. Electronic "chorus" can also be judiciously applied to each channel to enhance the effect.

The combining problem is sometimes exaggerated, and a cost-effective compromise is obtainable at minimal expense simply by applying a few artistic guidelines when developing the specification (stop list) of a new instrument. In normal pipe organ registration, that is the art of selecting stops to achieve a particular tonal effect, it is preferable to minimize the number of stops of the same footage that are used. Even with the pipe organ, which has the ultimate in chorus effects owing to its huge variety of non-synchronized tone sources, it is inartistic to pile tone on tone when one or two carefully chosen stops would suffice. When major tonal build-ups are required, this should be achieved by adding stops of different footages, and exactly the same guidelines apply to an electronic organ of whatever sort though particularly if it only has a common generator system. In this case, the addition of a 4' stop to an 8' one introduces a new harmonic series that only interferes, in the technical sense, with half as many harmonics in the basic 8' tone as would be the case if a second 8' stop had been added. The

resultant tone is much more realistic in general. The only expense involved in following this principle is that the single generator rank has to be extended upward by the appropriate number of octaves to cater for the extra upperwork present in the stop list, and the keying system is also made correspondingly more complex.

It might be thought that adjustable filters can be used in the filter design process to quickly arrive at a subjectively satisfactory result simply by twiddling knobs. A useful configuration, it might be argued, would be a resonance filter module as used in synthesizers in which the tuned frequency and Q are independently variable through the use of state-variable techniques. This approach has been eschewed as it represents a return to the total empiricism that negates the design methodology outlined. If it is possible to calculate a frequency response, then the starting point should be a filter that approximates this response in a reasonably cost-effective manner. This does not disallow small changes to the prototype circuit to secure a better result, but too much dabbling will quickly lead the ear in a false direction that becomes all too obvious if an A-B comparison is subsequently attempted. If it is impossible to achieve a satisfactory simulation of the desired sound, then the original experimental data should be suspected as being unreliable, and an attempt to obtain new data should be made. □

## Audio gain controls — corrections

In Part 1 of this article by Peter Baxandall in the October issue, the figure shown as 2 in the p. 59 footnote should be  $\sqrt{2}$ . In Fig. 16, the secondary of the microphone input transformer should, of course, be connected to the control-grid of the valve. In Fig. 1 caption "Two small gain controls" should read "Two simple gain-control arrangements". Fig. 3 caption should read "Dotted line shows noise variation . . .". Fig. 6 caption should end "— varying emitter resistance and varying collector load resistance." For "equivalent" in Fig. 8 caption read "approximately equivalent". The caption given for Fig. 14 is, of course, equally applicable to most of the other circuits! The Fig. 15 caption should read "Curves showing calculated performance of Fig. 14 circuit for two values of  $R_b$ ". The simplified circuit diagram of the BBC OBA9 microphone amplifier shown in Fig. 17 should have been acknowledged as taken from "Studio Engineering for Sound Broadcasting" by J. W. Godfrey. BBC Eng. Training Manual, pub. by Iliffe & Sons, 1955.

# Literature received

Intelligent v.d.us, namely the BH912 and BH920, are the subjects of two new publications which are available on request from Burnt Hill Electronics. They illustrate the terminals and provide data on operating features, together with keyboard layouts and dimensions etc. Burnt Hill Electronics, Holder Rd, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 4RH.

A folder containing a selection of data sheets on analogue monolithic i.cs has been sent to us by Pascall. Analog Systems, who manufacture the products described, seem to specialize in making devices with "out of the ordinary" specifications such as an audio op-amp with a t.h.d. of typically 0.0002% and a wide-band op-amp with a 1.5GHz gain bandwidth product. Application notes are included on the sheets and some of the other products available through this distributor are described on the actual folder. Price list and "short-form" data list were also included in the package. Pascall Electronics Ltd, Hawke House, Green St, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx TW16 6RA.

Full data for the range of fixed frequency and tunable quadrature oscillators manufactured by Frequency Devices Inc. is available in catalogue form from their UK representatives, Lyons Instruments Ltd. A series of modular power supplies is also described in the catalogue which is available free of charge from Lyons Instruments Ltd, Hoddenson, Herts.

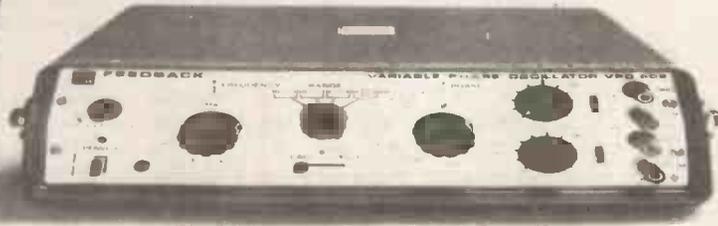
Twelve articles are included in volume eight of the series of Chromatography Newsletters from Perkin-Elmer Ltd. These regular publications feature articles on advanced technology applications in both liquid and gas chromatography, the latest of which can now be obtained from Perkin-Elmer Ltd, Post Office Lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks, at no cost by requesting order number CHN-15.

Solid-electrolyte tantalum chip capacitors for use in hybrid circuits are described in an "Engineering Bulletin" received from Hy-Comp Ltd. This two-page leaflet gives full data for the Type 194 Midget series and is available from Hy-Comp Ltd, 7 Shield Rd, Ashford Industrial Estate, Ashford, Middx TW15 1AV.

Details of Evershed & Vignoles' stepping motors based on three different design principles, namely permanent magnet, variable reluctance and hybrid types, are given in a six-page brochure. Specifications provided include holding torque, maximum pull-out torque, no-load pull-in rate, rotor inertia and physical dimensions. The company's range of unipolar RL and bipolar chopper drives are also described in the brochure, copies of which are available from Evershed & Vignoles Ltd, Acton Lane, Chiswick, London W4 5HJ.

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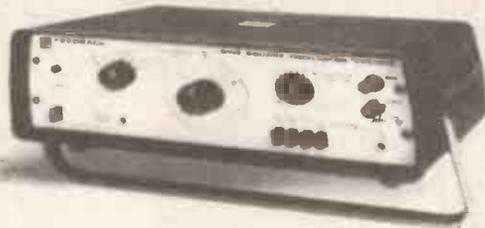
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# Developments in air traffic control

Royal Signals and Radar Establishment looks ten years ahead

An expected huge increase in the number of aircraft using UK airports and airspace (between 50% and 100% over the next two decades) would overload existing air traffic control equipment and procedures to an impossible degree, causing greatly increased delays in handling aircraft and consequent increases in fuel consumption and engine hours. The kind of display a controller uses means that he needs to carry some kind of mental picture of the position, height and direction of flight of many aircraft and attempt to predict the situation as far ahead as possible. Currently, two to three minutes is as far as he can go.

Since the late 1960s, the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment at Malvern has been working on several projects to alleviate the pressure on controllers. On behalf of the Civil Aviation Authority, scientists at RSRE have evolved a system known as ADSEL, which is Address-Selective secondary radar. They also have some novel ideas on ways to avoid aircraft being inadvertently directed to fly too close to each other, and on methods of smoothing out the flow of traffic on arrival at and departure from airports.

## ADSEL

For many years, secondary surveillance radar has been the mainstay of air traffic control. Its shortcomings have been

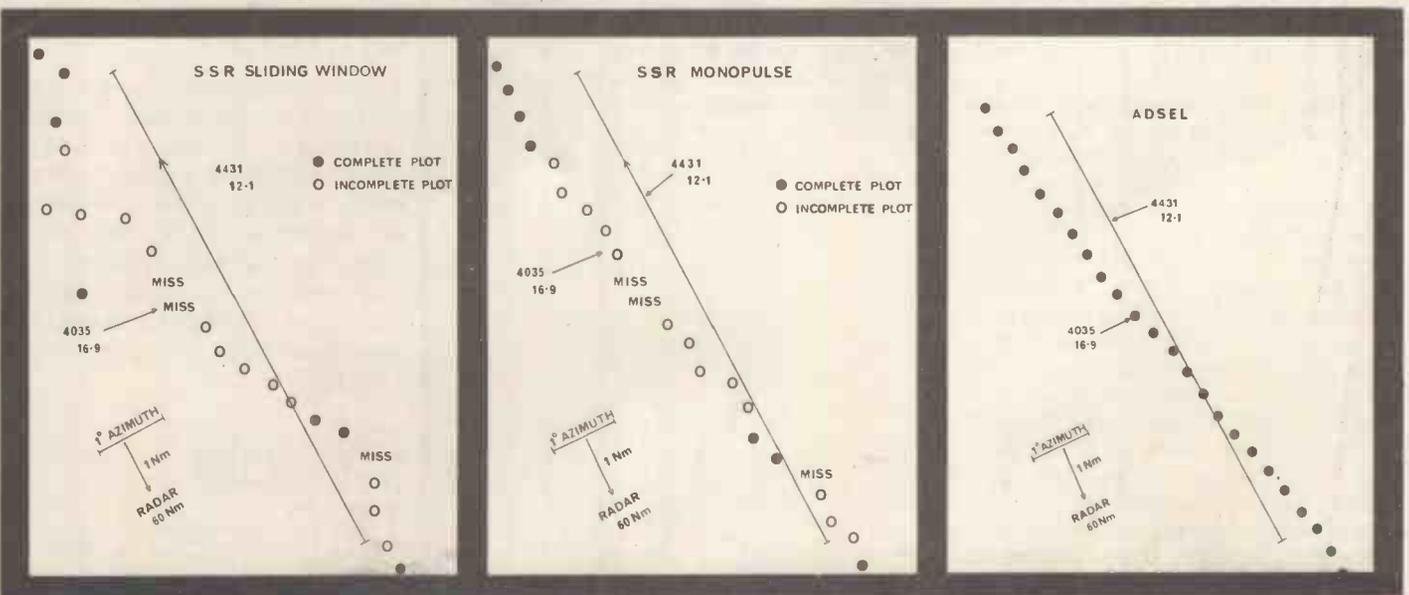
accepted in the past, but a growth in the number of aircraft may make it unacceptable: ADSEL is suggested as an alternative.

Secondary radar relies on the aircraft under control carrying a transponder, which receives pulses from the ground at 1030 MHz when the aircraft is in the beam, and immediately responds with a series of pulses at 1090 MHz to form a 12-bit code for identification purposes. (In primary radar, the transmitted pulse is reflected from the aircraft which, incidentally, necessitates a much more powerful ground transmitter.) During the time the aircraft is in the beam, it receives and responds to around 30 interrogations. Range is easily measured, since it corresponds to the time taken for the aircraft's response to be received, or the distance from the centre of the controller's plan position indicator (p.p.i.) tube to the brightened-up, coded group of responses. Bearing is more difficult, since the group of responses is as wide as the beam, and is undertaken by a computer plot extractor, which attempts to find the 'centre of gravity' of the group by a 'sliding-window' technique. In a perfect set of replies, the centre would be aligned with the aircraft and would correspond to the bearing, but missed responses would mean that the plot extractor would determine a false 'c.of.g.' and give a wrong bearing, or even misread the imperfect set as two aircraft.

Missed responses, perhaps due to the aircraft banking and obscuring its aerial or trying to reply to two ground stations and not succeeding with either, are not the only problem. If two aircraft are on roughly the same bearing and are at about the same slant range from the transmitter, their groups of replies overlap, rendering them unreadable, or 'garbled'. There is also the condition known as 'fruit', which is the reception at the ground station of replies to interrogation by other transmitters. These are not synchronous and are not, therefore, as serious a fault as garbled replies but, nevertheless, constitute a lowering in readability of the display.

ADSEL, which is being developed in parallel with a very similar American system, called Discrete-Address Beacon System (DABS) because the Americans refer to s.s.r. as 'beacon', avoids most of the above trouble by selecting the aircraft the controller wishes to respond. In ordinary s.s.r. two pulses are transmitted (actually three, but that is irrelevant to this discussion) all aircraft being thereby commanded to respond with their codes. In contrast, after first interrogating all aircraft (all-call), ADSEL's computer determines each aircraft's position at the next scan and transmits a uniquely coded interrogation when it is next in the beam, ensuring that only one replies, after which all-call is locked out. If a subsequent reply is lost, the interrogator reverts to the all-

Comparison of displays of one aircraft (4035) overtaking another (4431), using ordinary s.s.r. with 'sliding window', ordinary s.s.r. with a monopulse receiver and aerial and ADSEL. ADSEL suffers no misses due to garbling and the monopulse technique used in ADSEL produces a greatly increased bearing accuracy. The track of 4431 is shown idealized.



call mode. Garble is thereby avoided and, since only a single reply is received per scan for each aircraft, the number of redundant responses on the display is much reduced. Up to four repeat interrogations are transmitted in the event of a missed response.

The interrogation and reply include message bits, which could be used to pass instructions and the transponder to send information on airspeed, rate of turn, air temperature, etc. Interrogations carry a 24-bit parity/address field, which ensures a very low probability of undetected error in the presence of s.s.r. interference.

To complete the set of data, the target's bearing must be determined using the single reply which, since the bearing of the target is indeterminate to an extent depending on the width of the transmitted beam, dictates on extremely narrow beam. A technique known as monopulse is the answer here. Instead of a single transmitter aerial, a split type is used in an interferometric configuration. As the beam tracks across the target, its return signals at the two halves of the aerial vary in phase; only when the aircraft is exactly on the bore-sight (centreline) are the two signals exactly in phase. On reception, both halves of the aerial are used, in such a way that sum and difference signals are combined. Separate, logarithmic i.f. amplifiers are followed by a circuit which subtracts the log. sum from the log. difference. Since the ratio of the two is the same at any bearing, the video amplitude is the same at all ranges. The position of any aircraft within the beam can be measured to an accuracy of 5 minutes of arc.

The increased bearing-determination accuracy of the monopulse technique means that the track of an aircraft is not a somewhat irregular succession of returns on the controller's screen, but a smoothed-out, almost perfectly regular train of dots. (The final appearance of a target on the screen is not the 'raw' response, but a computer-manipulated symbol composed of a dot with the aircraft's identification and height.) Indeed, the CAA and RSRE take the view that the use of monopulse alone would improve the quality of the display enough to cope with expected traffic increases until 1990.

## ICR

The current jargon for the process of using a computer to stop aircraft hitting each other is Interactive Conflict Resolution (ICR). The use of a computer to generate the annotated dots on the controller's screen is being taken further by RSRE to predict the future by up to 15 minutes. He will be provided with a 'rolling-ball' control to allow him to advance the state of play and to see which aircraft are likely to come into a state of conflict if they are not given alternative instructions. A 'menu' of possible changes in flight plan is displayed on the screen, the ideal being to choose one which disturbs the pilot's chosen flight profile by the smallest amount, since large changes in speed or height consume extra fuel and wear engines. The controller can 'try out' any of the possible changes and

the computer will indicate whether the alteration would resolve the conflict. If not, he tries another possibility until the computer indicates "no conflict for this aircraft", whereupon he returns to real time and instructs the pilot accordingly. The computer will also warn automatically of impending conflicts.

## Terminal control

Computers and v.d.u.s are also of use in the scheduling of aircraft on the ground, using data from other a.t.c. centres to ensure that flights are not allowed to take off if, by doing so at that particular time, they are likely to arrive at a 'pressure point' (a congested sector of airspace) at the same time as another. The computer shows all such aircraft at the correct times at each pressure point, the display changing minute by minute, and allows the controller to determine when a flight can be allowed to leave without possible conflict en route.

RSRE and CAA are at pains to point out that the work described is in the experimental stages. ADSEL is well advanced, several sets of equipment having been evaluated successfully, but even so, it will not be in service for two or three years, chiefly for economic reasons — it requires aircraft to carry updated transponders and ground stations to instal new interrogators. Re-equipment will take time and, since a.t.c. is international, ICAO will need to agree ADSEL/DABS before it can be used although it is compatible with s.s.r. and can be introduced gradually. ICR is in the early stages and may not be in service for ten years, although equipment working in a shorter time frame may be introduced sooner than this.

The ICR system, and other applications of computers to activities which involve safety, are responsible for a certain amount of psychological questioning. Some controllers who have used ICR in simulations of actual air activity have noticed a tendency in themselves to rely rather too much on the computer. If it indicates 'no conflicts', they find themselves a little too ready to believe it: they do not care for the feeling they have of losing part of their control of the situation. The University of Aston and the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine are working with CAA and RSRE to investigate the effects this kind electronic 'assistance' can have on people. P.R.D. □

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Designed to familiarize the complete beginner with microprocessors, this small unit with hex keyboard and six-digit display nevertheless has enough facilities to become a useful tool later on. The circuitry contains 9 i.c.s on one double-sided p.c.b. with storage of 4Kbytes of e.p.r.o.m. and over 1Kbyte of r.a.m.

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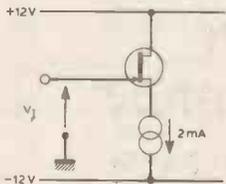
Multiple-choice quiz for students and circuit designers

by R. W. Ellingham and B. L. Hart North East London Polytechnic



1. A low power bipolar junction transistor operates at a temperature of 26°C in the forward active mode at a collector current of 1.5 mA. The mutual conductance in mS is approximately

(a) 20  
(b) 40  
(c) 60  
(d) 80.



2. The junction f.e.t. shown has an ideal square-law mutual characteristic with  $I_{DSS}$  4 mA,  $V_P$  (pinch-off voltage) -4 V. The f.e.t. enters the pre-pinch-off state when  $V_i$ , in volts, reaches

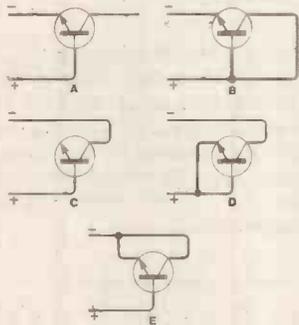
(a) 6  
(b) 8  
(c) 10  
(d) 12.

3. Assertion: When a bipolar junction transistor is operated in the saturated mode the magnitude of the collector-emitter voltage must always exceed zero, because

Reason: the operation of a bipolar device depends on the existence of two polarities of carrier.

- (a) both assertion and reason are true statements and the reason is a correct explanation of the assertion
- (b) both assertion and reason are true statements but the reason is not a correct explanation of the assertion
- (c) the assertion is true but the reason is a false statement
- (d) the assertion is false but the reason is a true statement
- (e) both assertion and reason are false statements.

The figure shows five ways in which the leads of a monolithic integrated circuit transistor can be connected to obtain a diode type volt-ampere characteristic.

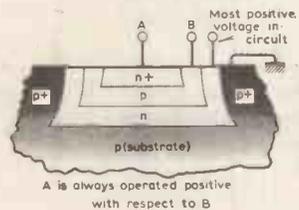


4. For medium and high current levels the highest forward conductance is exhibited by connection

(a), (b), (c), (d) or (e).

5. For a given forward current and specified reverse current the connection exhibiting the smallest minority carrier storage time is

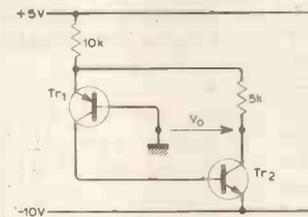
(a), (b), (c), (d) or (e).



6. The diagram represents a cross-section of a monolithic integrated circuit structure. The element between the terminals A and B is designed to function primarily as a

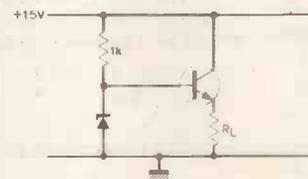
(a) resistance  
(b) diode

(c) capacitance  
(d) silicon controlled rectifier  
(e) lateral transistor.  
A is always operated positive with respect to B.



7. For the circuit shown the transistors both have  $h_{FE} > 100$ . Assuming that the forward voltage drop of the base-emitter junction of a conducting transistor may be taken as zero volts, the approximate value of  $V_o$ , in volts, is

(a) +5  
(b) +2.5  
(c) -2.5  
(d) -5  
(e) -10.



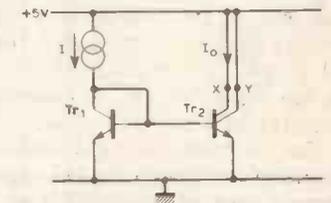
8. The circuit arrangement of a simple voltage stabilizer is shown. For the 200mW zener diode  $V_Z$  is 5V and for the transistor  $I_C/I_B=10$ . The maximum current in the load  $R_L$ , in mA, for

which the load voltage is stabilized is

(a) 90  
(b) 100  
(c) 110  
(d) 150  
(e) 165.

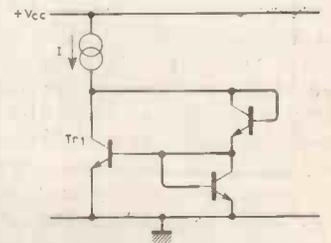
9. In the voltage stabilizer circuit a load current in  $R_L$  of 99 mA is switched on for 1 ms and off for 1 ms continuously. The mean power is dissipated in the zener diode under these conditions, in mW, is approximately

(a) 55  
(b) 50  
(c) 27.5  
(d) 25  
(e) 22.5.



10. The circuit shows two monolithic transistors in a current mirror configuration. The emitter area of  $Tr_1$  is A units, whereas the emitter area of  $Tr_2$ , which has two separate identical collector regions with output terminals at X and Y, is 3A units. The current  $I_o$  at terminal X, neglecting transistor base currents, is

(a)  $I/3$   
(b)  $I/2$   
(c)  $2I/3$   
(d)  $I$   
(e)  $3I/2$ .



11. Assume the monolithic transistors are identical. For each device the d.c. behaviour is completely specified by  $|I_C| = \alpha |I_E|$ . In terms of  $I$ , the collector current of  $Tr_1$  is

(a)  $\frac{\alpha I}{1 + \alpha}$

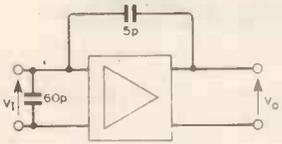
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- (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{(1+\alpha)}$
- (d)  $\frac{\alpha}{2}$
- (e)  $\frac{2\alpha}{(\alpha+2)}$



12. The amplifier shown has a voltage gain  $A_v = V_0/V_1 = 9 \angle 180^\circ$ . The effective input capacitance  $C_i$ , in pF, is

- (a) 20
- (b) 65
- (c) 100
- (d) 105
- (e) 110.

13. An amplifier of nominal gain  $A=1000$  has negative feedback applied so that the gain with feedback  $A'$  has a nominal value of 100. The feedback is constant. If  $A$  increases to 1500,  $A'$  is

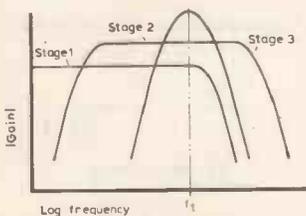
- (a) 103.4
- (b) 105
- (c) 125
- (d) 133.3
- (e) 150.

14. An amplifier consists of three identical stages in cascade. Each stage has a voltage gain  $G$  at any frequency  $f$  (MHz)

$$G = -\frac{10}{1+j10f}$$

A real positive fraction  $\beta$  of the output voltage is fed back to the input circuit to reduce the overall gain at low frequencies. The value of  $\beta$  required to provide a gain margin of 12 dB is

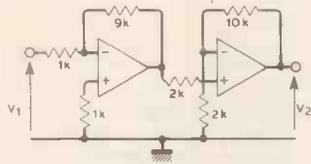
- (a) 0.001
- (b) 0.002
- (c) 0.004
- (d) 0.008
- (e) 0.016.



15. The frequency response of each of three cascaded amplifier stages is shown. The asymptotes to the response slopes increase or decrease 6 dB/octave and each stage introduces a phase inversion at the frequency  $f_1$ . Overall feedback (real positive feedback fraction) is introduced. As the feedback fraction is progressively in-

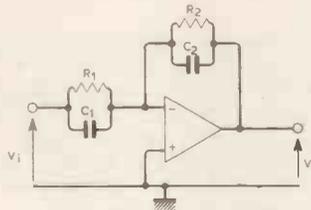
creased the three-stage amplifier will

- (a) remain unconditionally stable
- (b) oscillate at a frequency  $f_1$
- (c) oscillate at a frequency less than  $f_1$
- (d) oscillate at a frequency greater than  $f_1$
- (e) oscillate at frequencies less than and greater than  $f_1$



16. Assuming each of the operational amplifiers to be ideal, the ratio of the incremental voltages,  $V_2/V_1$ , in the circuit arrangement shown is

- (a) +54
- (b) +45
- (c) -45
- (d) -50
- (e) -54.



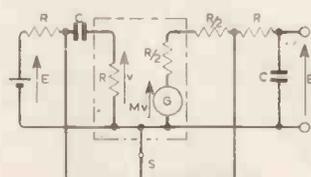
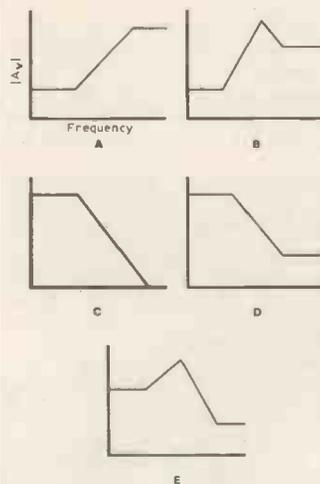
17. The operational amplifier in the circuit arrangement shown is ideal and

$$\frac{C_2}{C_1} > \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$

The frequency response

$$|A_v| = \left| \frac{V_0}{V_i}(j\omega) \right|$$

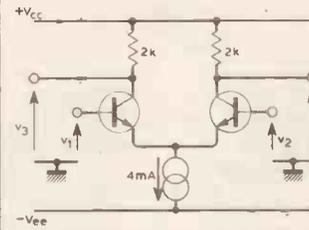
approximately as shown at A, B, C, D or E.



18. In the basic circuit of a chopper amplifier shown, if  $CR \gg T$ , where  $T$  is the period during which the contacts of the switch  $S$  are open or closed, the output voltage  $E_0$  is approximately

- (a)  $\frac{ME}{9}$
- (b)  $-\frac{ME}{9}$
- (c)  $\frac{ME}{4}$
- (d)  $-\frac{ME}{4}$

Perfectly matched bipolar junction transistors are used in the emitter-coupled amplifier shown and  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v_4$  denote incremental voltages. Assume  $KTq=25$  mV, where  $K, T$  and  $q$  have their usual meanings.



19. If  $v_1 = -v_2 = 0.5$  mV the differential output voltage  $v_3 - v_4$ , in mV, is approximately

- (a) 0
- (b) 80
- (c) -80
- (d) 160
- (e) -160.

20. If  $v_1 = v_2 = 1$  mV the differential output voltage  $v_3 - v_4$ , in mV, is approximately

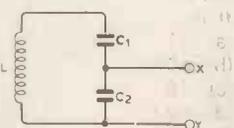
- (a) 0
- (b) 160
- (c) -160
- (d) 320
- (e) -320.

21. If  $v_1 = 1$  mV and  $v_2 = 0$  the single-ended output voltage  $v_4$ , in mV, is approximately

- (a) 0
- (b) 80
- (c) -80
- (d) 160
- (e) -160.

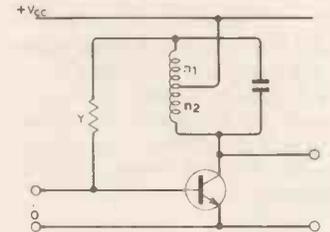
22. An emitter-coupled amplifier has a differential gain magnitude of 1000 and a common-mode rejection ratio of 100. For input voltages of 1.1 mV and 0.9 mV a possible value for the magnitude of the differential output voltage, in mV, is

- (a) 200
- (b) 210
- (c) 220
- (d) 400
- (e) 420.



23. In the parallel tuned circuit shown the capacitors are loss-free and the effective parallel loss resistance of the inductor  $L$  is 90 k $\Omega$ . So that the connection of a load resistor, resistance 10k $\Omega$ , between  $X$  and  $Y$  results, in a resonant circuit  $Q$  factor of one half of the unloaded value, the ratio of the capacitance of  $C_1$  to the capacitance of  $C_2$ , is

- (a) 1/3
- (b) 1/2
- (c) 2
- (d) 3.



24. For the transistor used in the single-stage narrow-band tuned amplifier shown

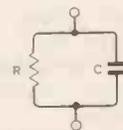
$$y_{11} = (0.6 + j7.2) \text{ mS} \quad y_{12} = j0.2 \text{ mS}$$

The coil is tapped at  $2n_1 = n_2$  turns. For neutralization of the stage the value of the admittance  $Y$ , in mS, is

- (a)  $0.6 - j7.0$
- (b)  $j0.1$
- (c)  $-j0.1$
- (d)  $j0.4$
- (e)  $-j0.4$ .

25. The mean square open-circuit thermal noise voltage generated between the ends of a resistor  $R$  at absolute temperature  $T$  in a bandwidth of 1Hz is directly proportional to the product of  $R$  and  $T$ . The thermal noise power dissipated in two equal resistors in parallel at temperatures of 300 K and 330 K exceeds that in the two resistors at the same temperature of 300 K by

- (a) 1%
- (b)  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$
- (c) 5%
- (d) 10%
- (e) 15%.



26. In the circuit arrangement shown the resistance of  $R$  is doubled, the capacitance of  $C$  is halved and the temperature of both components is unchanged. The r.m.s. value of the noise voltage developed across the terminals will

- (a) increase by a factor of 2
- (b) increase by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$
- (c) not change
- (d) decrease by a factor of 2
- (e) decrease by a factor of  $\sqrt{2}$

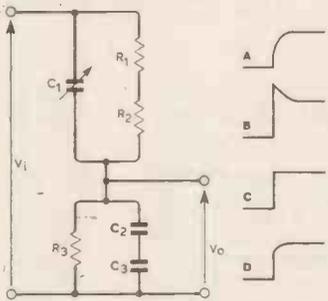
27. An amplifier is matched to a signal source of purely resistive

internal impedance. If the only noise generated within the amplifier is thermal noise in the input resistance the noise figure of the amplifier, in dB, is approximately

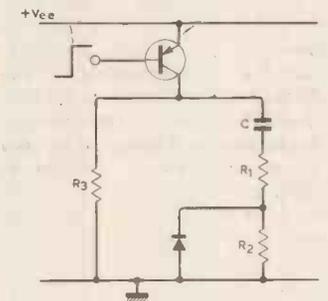
- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) 2
- (d) 3
- (e) 6.

28. In the amplifier of the previous question the internal resistance of the signal source is decreased without change to the signal e.m.f. The effect on the signal-to-noise ratio at the output of the amplifier is

- (a) an increase
- (b) no change
- (c) a decrease
- (d) indeterminate.

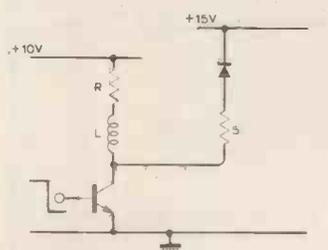


29. If  $v_i(t)$ , for the circuit shown, is a positive-going voltage step and  $C_1$  is adjusted for the condition  $C_1(R_1 + R_2) = (C_2 + C_3)R_3$ , then the shape of the output voltage waveform  $v_o(t)$  is most closely represented by A, B, C or D.



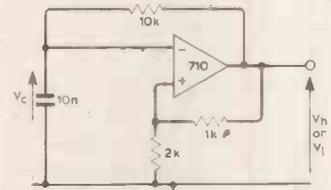
30. Assume the transistor and diode have the characteristics of perfect switches. When the transistor is abruptly switched off, from a state of saturation, the initial current in the diode decays with a time constant

- (a)  $CR_3$
- (b)  $C \left( R_3 + \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$
- (c)  $C(R_1 + R_3)$
- (d)  $C \left( R_2 + \frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3} \right)$



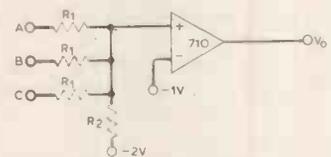
31. The saturated transistor maintains a steady 0.5 A in the relay coil till the transistor is abruptly cut off. Ignoring carrier storage and depletion layer capacitance effects, and assuming the voltage drop across the diode when conducting, is constant at 1 V, the minimum collector-emitter voltage rating to prevent breakdown is

- (a) 16.0
- (b) 18.5
- (c) 21.0
- (d) 28.5.



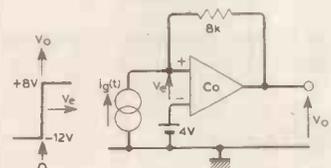
32. The type 710 comparator used in the astable circuit arrangement shown has  $V_h$  3.3V and  $V_i$  -0.6V. The amplitude of the voltage waveform  $V_c$ , in volts, is

- (a) 0.9
- (b) 1.3
- (c) 1.8
- (d) 2.6
- (e) 3.9.



33. In a majority logic gate, circuit arrangement as shown, each input A, B, C can be either 0 V or 5 V. The maximum ratio  $R_1 : R_2$  to ensure  $V_o$  is high when any two inputs are at 5 V is

- (a) 18
- (b) 13
- (c) 12
- (d) 6
- (e) 5.



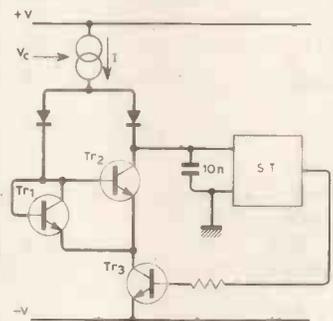
34. The Schmitt trigger circuit shown includes an integrated circuit comparator,  $C_o$ , which has the d.c. transfer characteristic given. Neglecting the input current to the comparator, the upper trip current level in mA on the waveform  $i_g(t)$ , is

- (a) -1
- (b) +1.5
- (c) +2
- (d) +3.

35. Referring to the previous question, the lower trip current level, in mA, on the waveform  $i_g(t)$  is

- (a) -1
- (b) -0.5
- (c) 0
- (d) +0.5
- (e) +1.

In the voltage-controlled oscillator circuit shown, transistors  $Tr_1$  and  $Tr_2$  are closely matched. The conducting state of the saturating switching transistor  $Tr_3$  is controlled by the output of the Schmitt trigger circuit, ST. The controlled current source is variable over the range  $200\mu$  to 2mA and the upper and lower trip levels of ST are 3V and 1V respectively.

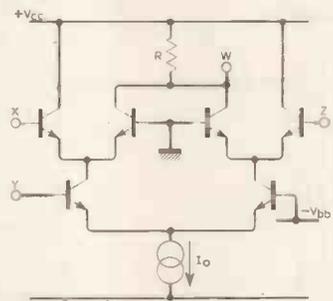


36. The maximum frequency of oscillation, in kHz, is

- (a) 5
- (b) 10
- (c) 25
- (d) 150
- (e) 100.

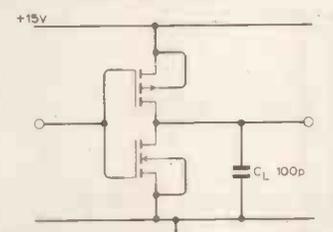
37. The minimum frequency of oscillation, in kHz, is

- (a) 5
- (b) 10
- (c) 25
- (d) 50
- (e) 100.



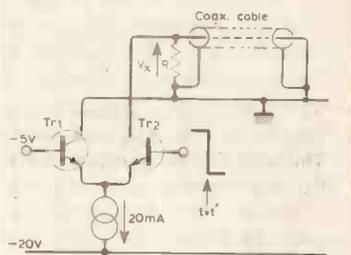
38. For the integrated-circuit current switching logic scheme shown the input voltage logic swing is  $\pm 0.5$  V about the reference potential applied to the base of the associated transistor of a long-tailed pair. Using the positive logic convention the output,  $W$ , in terms of the inputs  $X, Y, Z$ , is

- (a)  $W = \overline{X}Y + \overline{Y}Z$
- (b)  $W = XZ + Y\overline{Z}$
- (c)  $W = XY + \overline{Y}Z$
- (d)  $W = \overline{X}Y + Y\overline{Z}$



39. A c.m.o.s. inverter stage is shown in which device leakage currents may be ignored and inter-electrode capacitances are negligible compared with the load capacitor. The power dissipation in the stage, in  $\mu W$  when the input switches between 0 and  $V^+$ , at an operating frequency of 10 kHz, is approximately

- (a) 56
- (b) 113
- (c) 225
- (d) 450.



40. Transistor  $Tr_2$  is on,  $Tr_1$  is off, and d.c. conditions prevail. At  $t=t'$ ,  $Tr_2$  is assumed to switch off instantaneously following the application of a suitable step voltage at its base. Assertion: If the collector-base capacitance of  $T_2$  is ignored  $v_x$  does not change when  $T_2$  switches off, because Reason:  $v_x=0$  for  $t < t'$  and there is no collector current in  $Tr_2$  for  $t \geq t'$ .

- (a) both assertion and reason are true statements and the reason is a correct explanation of the assertion
- (b) both assertion and reason are true statements but the reason is not a correct explanation of the assertion
- (c) the assertion is true but the reason is a false statement
- (d) the assertion is false but the reason is a true statement
- (e) both assertion and reason are false statements.

Solutions will be published in the April issue.



# Designing with microprocessors

## 6 – Illustrating a test-and-skip system

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The previous article in the October issue described step-by-step procedures for the design and implementation of microprocessor-based systems using the test-and-skip mode. The authors now go on to illustrate these steps by means of a fully worked out example of a printing operation. The implementation assumes either the Intel 8080 or the Motorola 6800 microprocessor.

The problem chosen for illustration is to design and implement a test-and-skip system that would allow the programmer to produce a hard copy of data, which is stored in consecutive memory locations. The problem requires the use of an action/status printer and either the Intel 8080 or the Motorola 6800 to implement the design.

### Solution

Our first three design steps are independent of the microprocessor, and therefore are common to both solutions.

**Step 1: aim of the design.** The aim of the design is to expose the inexperienced reader to uncomplicated procedures for designing and implementing microprocessor-based systems using the test-and-skip mode.

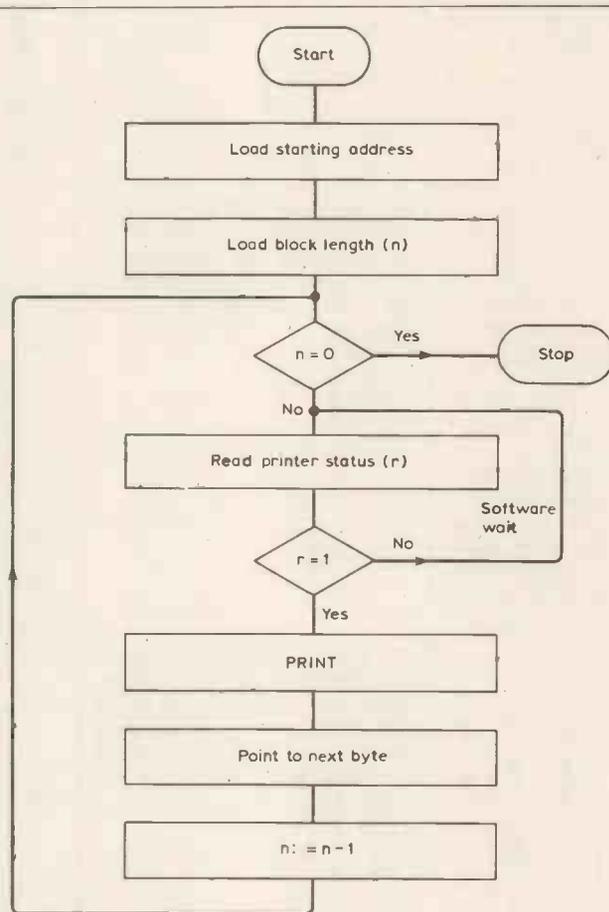


Fig. 1. Step by step operation of a test-and-skip system used to PRINT.

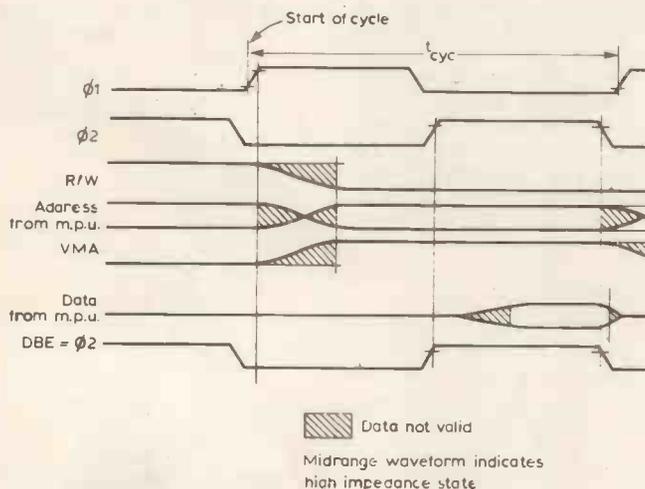


Fig. 2. Read data from memory or peripherals – M6800.

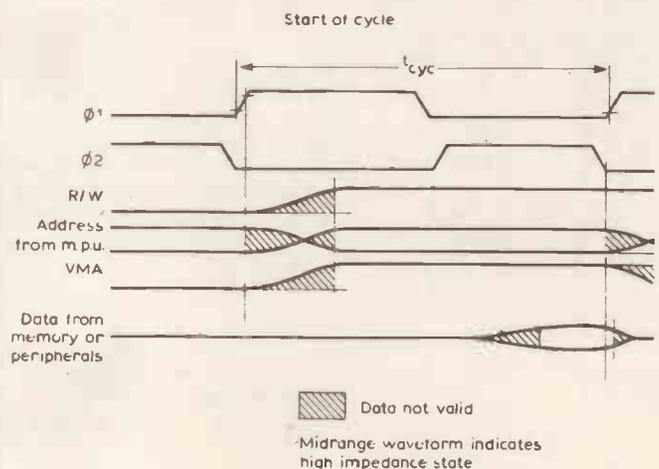
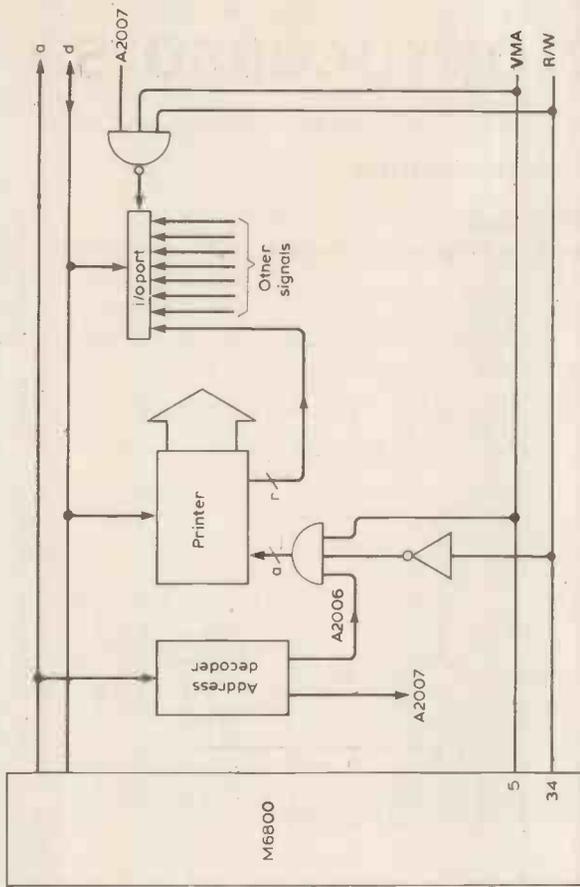


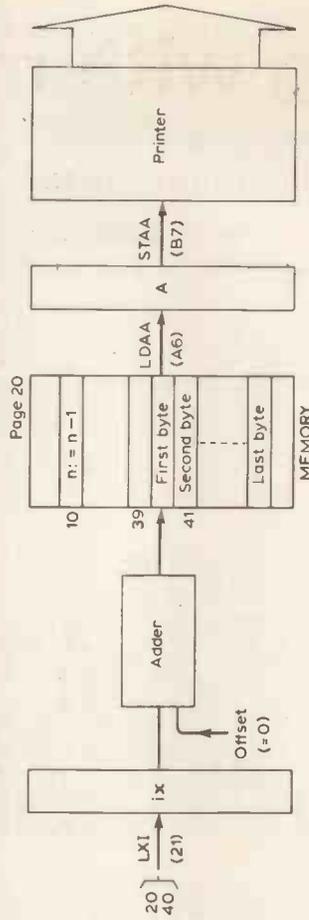
Fig. 3. Write data in memory or peripherals – M6800.

**Table 1: Hex listing of the PRINT problem when implemented using the test-and-skip mode and the Motorola 6800.**

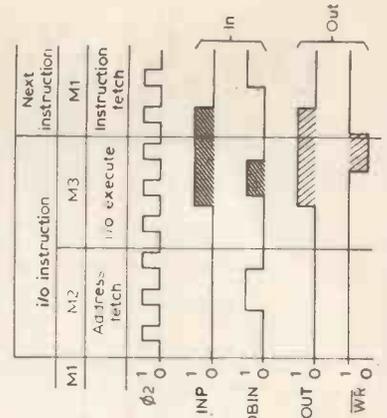
Hex address	Hex listing	Mnemonics	Comments
0300	CE	LDX	Load index register with line 40 on page 20 — location of the first byte to be printed
0301	20		
0302	40		
0303	86	LDAA	Load acc. A with block length (n)
0304	n		
0305	97	STAA	Copy acc. A (n) into memory location (line 10 page 20) to be used as a counter
0306	01		
0307	60		
0308	27	BEQ	Branch (+16) to L1 if n = 0
0309	10		
L2: 030A	A6	LDAA	Read printer status
030B	20		
030C	07		
030D	49	ROLA	Rotate left through carry
030E	27	BEQ	Branch (-6) to L2, if printer not ready
030F	FA		
0310	A6	LDAA	Copy into acc. A next byte to be printed
0311	00		
0312	B7	STAA	PRINT
0313	20		
0314	06		
0315	08	INX	Point to next byte
0316	7A	DEC	Decrement byte count (held in memory location 2010)
0317	20		
0318	10		
0319	20	BRA	Branch (-16) to L2
0320	F0		
L1: 0321	3E	WAI	Stop



**Fig. 4. Interface hardware of the PRINT problem using test-and-skip and the M6800.**



**Fig. 5. Programming model for the PRINT problem using the M6800.**



**Fig. 6. Input/output (i/o) signals of the Intel 8080.**

Table 2: Instruction set for the Intel 8080

Mnemonic	Description	D <sub>7</sub>	D <sub>6</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>0</sub>	Clock (2) Cycles	Hex Code	Notes	
ACI	Add immediate to A with carry	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	7	CE	Load immediate register pair B & C	
ADC M	Add memory to A with carry	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	7	11	Load immediate register pair D & E	
ADCr	Add register to A with carry	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	10	21	Load immediate register pair H & L	
ADD M	Add memory to A	1	0	0	0	1	S	S	S	4	86	Load immediate stack pointer	
ADD r	Add register to A	1	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	4	31	Load immediate memory	
ADI	Add immediate to A	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	06	Move immediate register	
ANA M	Add memory with A	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	7	A6	Move register to memory	
ANAr	Add register with A	1	0	1	0	0	S	S	S	4	E6	Move memory to register	
ANI	And immediate with A	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	7	66	Move register to register	
CALL	Call unconditional	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	17	6D	No-operation	
CC	Call on carry	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	11/17	D6	Or memory with A	
CM	Call on minus	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	11/17	FC	Or register with A	
CMA	Complement A	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	4	2F	Or immediate with A	
CMC	Complement carry	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3F	Output	
CMP M	Compare memory with A	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	BE	H & L to program counter	
CMP r	Compare register with A	1	0	1	1	1	S	S	S	4	4	Pop register pair B & C off stack	
CNC	Call on no carry	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	11/17	C4	Pop register pair D & E off stack	
CNZ	Call on no zero	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	11/17	F4	Pop register pair H & L off stack	
CP	Call on positive	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	11/17	EC	Pop A and flags off stack	
CPE	Call on parity even	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	11/17	FE	Push register pair B & C on stack	
CPI	Compare immediate with A	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	7	E4	Push register pair D & E on stack	
CP0	Call on parity odd	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	11/17	E4	Push register pair H & L on stack	
CZ	Call on zero	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	11/17	CC	Push A and flags on stack	
DAA	Decimal adjust A	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	27	Rotate A left through carry	
DAD B	Add B & C to H & L	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	10	09	Rotate A right through carry	
DAD D	Add D & E to H & L	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	10	19	Return on carry	
DAD H	Add H & L to H & L	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	10	29	Return on no carry	
DAD SP	Add stack pointer to H & L	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	10	39	Return on no zero	
DCR M	Decrement memory	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	10	35	Return on positive	
DCR r	Decrement register	0	0	D	D	D	D	1	0	5	0B	Return on parity even	
DCX B	Decrement B & C	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	5	1B	Return on parity odd	
DCX D	Decrement D & E	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	5	2B	Restart	
DCX H	Decrement H & L	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	5	3B	Return on zero	
DCX SP	Decremental stack pointer	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	5	F3	Subtract memory from A with borrow	
DI	Disable interrupt	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	FB	Subtract register from A with borrow	
EI	Enable interrupts	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	76	borrow	
HLT	Halt	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	7	DB	Store H & L direct	
IN	Input	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	10	DB	H & L to stack pointer	
INR M	Increment memory	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	10	34	Store A direct	
INR r	Increment register	0	0	D	D	D	D	1	0	0	5	33	Store A indirect
INX B	Increment B & C registers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	03	Set carry	
INX D	Increment D & E registers	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	5	13	Subtract memory from A	
INX H	Increment H & L registers	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	5	23	Subtract register from A	
INX SP	Increment stack pointer	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	5	33	Subtract immediate from A with borrow	
JC	Jump on carry	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	03	Store H & L to stack pointer	
JM	Jump on minus	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	10	DA	Store A indirect	
JMP	Jump unconditional	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	10	FA	Store A indirect	
JNC	Jump on no carry	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	C3	Set carry	
JNZ	Jump on no zero	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	D2	Subtract memory from A	
JP	Jump on positive	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	C2	Subtract register from A	
JPE	Jump on parity even	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	10	F2	Subtract immediate from A	
JPO	Jump on parity odd	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	EA	Exchange D & E, H & L Registers	
JZ	Jump on zero	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	E2	Exclusive Or memory with A	
LDA	Load A direct	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	CA	Exclusive Or register with A	
LDAX B	Load A indirect	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	13	3A	Exclusive Or immediate with A	
LDAX D	Load A indirect	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	0A	Exchange top of stack, H & L	
LHLD	Load H & L direct	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	16	1A		
											2A		

Notes: 1. DDD or SSS 000 B-001 C-010 D-011 E-100 H-101 L-110 Memory-111 A.  
 2. Two possible cycle times. {5/11} indicate instruction cycles dependent on condition flags.

**Step 2: device characteristics.** The terminal characteristics of our printer are shown in Fig. 6 of Part 5 in the October issue. **Step 3: system design.** The block diagram of our general solution was shown in Fig. 7 in the October issue. Its step-by-step operation is flowcharted here in Fig. 1. We shall use index addressing to retrieve each character from memory. Addressing modes have been discussed in Part 3 in the August issue.

**6800 Solution**

**Step 4: hardware design.** The i/o signals of the Motorola 6800 are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Reference to these figures shows that our In signal in Fig. 7, October issue, is generated by Anding VMA and R/W, the outputs of pins 5 and 34 of the 6800 chip. Similarly our Out signal is generated by Anding VMA with the inverted form of R/W. Note that line R/W is high during a read operation and low during a write operation. The interface hardware consisting of two And gates and an inverter is shown in Fig. 4.

**Step 5: software design.** Our programming model is shown in Fig. 5. Memory location 10 on page 20 is used as a counter, and the first byte is stored in line 40 of the same page.

By direct reference to our programming model in Fig. 5 and to the M6800 instruction set, reproduced in the previous article, we derive the hex listing of our test-and-skip software - see Table 1.

**8080 Solution**

**Step 4: hardware design.** The i/o signals of the Intel 8080 are shown in Fig. 7. Reference to this figure shows that our In and Out signals in Fig. 7 of the October issue are generated by Anding INP with DBIN and WR with OUT. The interface hardware consisting of two And gates and an inverter is shown in Fig. 7 here.

Note the similarity between the 8080 and the 6800 hardware implementations. The almost-identical nature of our solutions applies to all present-day microprocessors and to all their modes of operation, as we shall be demonstrating in future articles.

**Step 5: software design.** Our programming model in the case of the Intel 8080 is shown in Fig. 8. Microprocessor register C is assumed to be available to be used as a counter. The first byte is stored in line 40 of page 20 in memory.

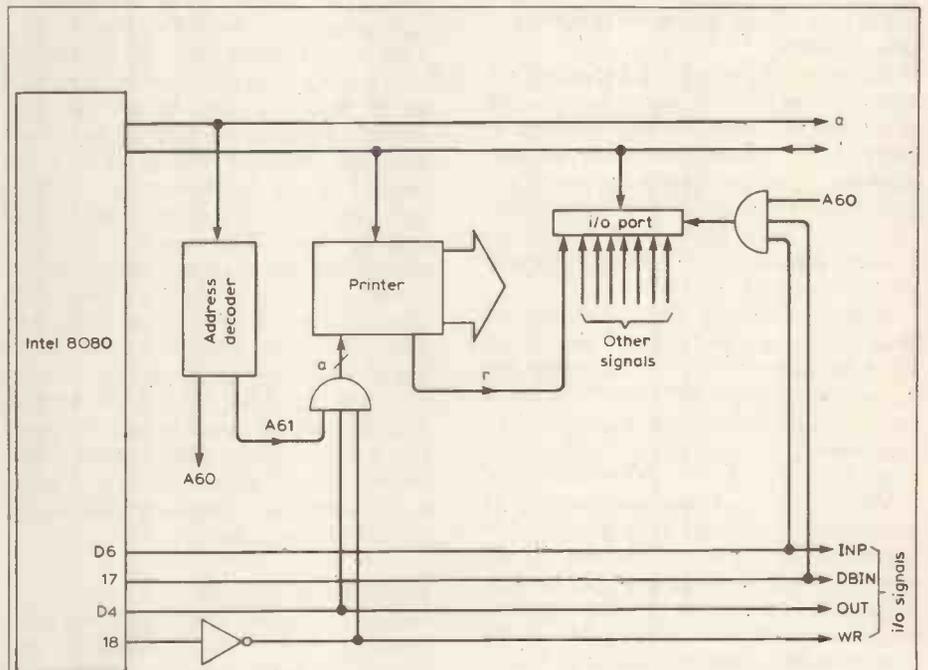
By direct reference to our programming model in Fig. 8 and to the Intel 8080 instruction set (shown in Table 2), we derive the hex listing of our test-and-skip software. It is shown in Table 3.

The next article will deal with wait/go systems.

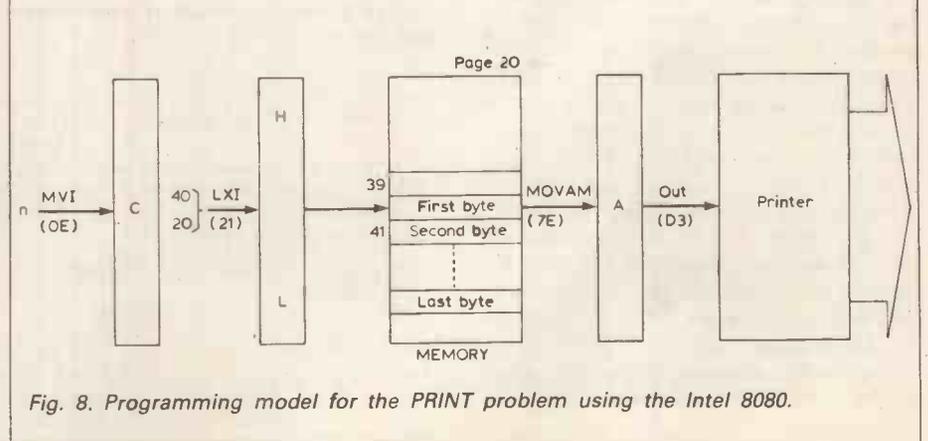
**Table 3: Hex listing of the PRINT problem when implemented using the test-and-skip mode and the Intel 8080.**

Hex address	Hex listing	Mnemonics	Comments	
1000	21	LXI HL	Set memory pointer to	
01	40		line 40 on page 20 - location	
02	20		of the first byte to be printed	
03	0E	MVI C	Load register C with block	
04	n		length (n)	
05	CA	JNZ	Jump to L1 if n=0	
06	16			
07	10			
L2:	08	DB	IN	Read printer status
	09	60		
	0A	07	RLC	Rotate left through carry
	0B	D2	JC	Jump to L2 of carry
	0C	08		flag (printer not ready) is
	0D	10		set
	0E	7E	MOV, A, M	Move into A next byte to be printed
	0F	D3	OUT	PRINT
	10	61		
	11	23	INX HL	Point to next byte in the block
	12	0D	DCR C	Decrement byte count (held in C)
	13	C3	JMP	Jump to L2
	14	08		
	15	10		
L1:	16	76	HLT	Stop

Software wait



**Fig. 7. Interface hardware of the PRINT problem using test-and-skip and the Intel 8080.**



**Fig. 8. Programming model for the PRINT problem using the Intel 8080.**

# Floppy disc system for the scientific computer — 2

## Interfacing a disc drive to the controller

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This interface has been designed to operate with the Data Recording Equipment model 7100 8in disc drive, but should be easily adapted to suit others. The main advantage of an 8in drive over a 5¼in system is its greater storage capacity, 77 tracks of 3¼Kbytes each using the IBM format described in part one, compared with 35 tracks of 2¼Kbytes each. The disadvantage is greater cost. This concluding article describes how the drive is matched to the floppy-disc controller, and illustrates the salient points to check when considering other drives.

Whichever drive is used, the length of the cable, flat or twisted pairs, between the drive and the interface must be kept as short as is reasonably possible, and separate from the power cables. Each power cable should have its own return and there must be a good connection between the frame of the drive and the case of the computer.

When considering the signals to and from the drive, their polarity and timing must be examined. Most drives use the active-low principle for their inputs and outputs, i.e. a true state is logical zero (represented by  $0 \leq V \leq 0.4V$ ) and a false input is logical 1 (represented by  $2.5V < V < 5.25V$ ). Open collector drivers are generally used for outputs, and low value pull-up resistors on the inputs provide a full 5V swing and keep the line impedance down, both of which improve noise immunity. One implication of this arrangement is that, to pull a line to zero, the driving device will need to sink the current supplied by the receiving gate and by the pull-up resistor, typically 40mA. For a logical 1, no current is required from the driving device. The controller i.c. signals are mostly active-high, so inverters are used as receivers on all inputs except IP (index pulse) and WPRT (write protect), and 220Ω pull-up resistors are used with high current-sinking, inverting, open-collector drivers on the five active outputs. If a drive with some active-high inputs is used, the equivalent non-inverting buffers, 7407, or pairs of 7406 in series must be used. Note that ordinary t.t.l. is used for driving the interface cable because the L and LS series do not have the required current-sinking capacity. Table 3 gives some timing information for the 5¼in drive, the 7100 and the WD1771 controller.

When used with an 8in unit, the WD1771 must be clocked at 2MHz, whilst with a 5¼in disc 1MHz is used. This is necessary to meet the standard data rates used for the two sizes, and results in the doubling of all pulse timings for the i.c. when used with the smaller disc. There are other timing requirements connected with the application of power and selection of the drive, but these can be allowed for in the programming of the computer.

### Stepping time

Most drives offer the option of keeping the head permanently loaded against the disc. This speeds operations by eliminating head-loading delay, but does increase wear on the head and disc. In this operating system, the head is only loaded when necessary which is usually after it has stepped to the track required. Settling time is irrelevant if it is less than the head loading time. The interval between stepping pulses is programmable by the bottom two bits of the Step instruction byte as described on page four of the data sheet. With the 7100 drive the fastest (6ms) rate can be used, whereas with the 5¼in unit, the drive can only just keep up with the slowest stepping rate. Stepping rate is probably the most critical timing factor because if a drive cannot step as fast as the controller's slowest rate, the two are virtually incompatible.

### Stepping pulse

Virtually all drives can step on the pulse provided by the 1771. However, one exception found by the author is an obsolete version of the 7100. As this unit

may still be available, the interface has been designed to operate with it and the current version.

The obsolete 7100 is most easily recognised by the absence of three d.i.l. sockets and header plugs next to the edge connector on the p.c.b., and the presence of two power resistors and three power transistors instead of one resistor and four transistors near the opposite corner to the edge connector. To allow compatibility, a monostable stretches the stepping pulse to 10µs.

### Head-loading time

Ten milliseconds after the HLD (Head Load) output of the controller becomes active (20ms for the 5¼in disc), the HLT (Head loaded test) input is sampled and when it is low the controller proceeds. If the combined loading and settling time for the head is less than 10ms, this input can be wired low. If the disc-drive electronics provide a head-loaded and ready signal, this can be connected to HLT. If neither is true, as it is for both of these drives, HLD should trigger a monostable to produce the necessary delay before HLT becomes low. Because most drives will need this monostable if they are to be used with the head normally un-loaded, it is important to establish the total delay before the head is ready for use, i.e. the loading and settling time. Note that one value cannot be inferred from the other by comparing the stepping rate figures for the two drives.

### Drive options

Most drives offer wiring options, and in this system one for direct control of head loading by the controller is used. To select this option on the current model, remove the link joining pins 13 and 14 on plug PP2 (the middle one of three referred to earlier)

Table 3. Timing information for disc drivers and the controller.

	5¼in drive	WD1771 @ 1MHz	DRE 7100 8in drive	WD1771 @ 2MHz
Track to track stepping + settling times	40 + 10ms	programmable to 12, 20 or 40ms	4 + 14ms	programmable to 6, 10 or 20ms
Stepping pulse width	1µs min.	8µs	600ns (10µs on older units min.)	4µs
Head load and settling time	75ms	HLT sampled after 20ms, therefore monostable is required	30ms	HLT sampled after 10ms, therefore monostable is required

and join pins 3 and 14 together. On the obsolete version, remove the short wire link joining the points marked HL and SI and connect a wire from HL to the pad at the end of the p.c.b. track coming from the edge connector tab numbered 18.

This change allows the controller to drive the head-load circuit through the previously unused pin 18 on the edge connector. The current and obsolete units should now be interchangeable.

### System software

The software in table 4 is not a full disc operating system, but it illustrates the basic functions required to position the head, read and write records of any length from 128bytes to 256Kbytes with error checking, and to re-format corrupted tracks. With the drive and interface connected to the computer, move the head towards the centre of the drive by turning the stepping motor by hand. Apply mains to the motor and then switch on the computer. Put a disc into the unit and close the door. If the system is working, the head should quickly step to the outermost track 00 because the charging delay, caused by the RC network on pin 19 of the controller i.c., holds that pin (master reset) momentarily low in a similar way to the circuit used on the Z80. One of the actions which takes place during the resetting sequence is a Restore command, which moves the head out in this way. If it doesn't, check that the wiring is correct. If it steps out but does not stop, check that the track 00 line from the drive to the controller functions. With the software loaded, RUN 1D00 and then READ space. In response to the prompts DESTINATION: TRACK: SECTOR: NUMBER OF SECTORS: type 8200 40 space 0 space 8 space respectively. The head should move in to track 40 and load 8 sectors (1Kbyte) of data from the disc, starting with sector 0 to computer locations 8200 to 85FF, i.e. onto the v.d.u. With the IBM formatted disc, these should appear as percentage or proportional symbols.

At the end of the read, which should take less than one second, the head should release from the disc and READY occur. If a reading error occurs, the computer will attempt to re-read the particular sector up to twenty times. A corruption should be evident by rubbish appearing on the v.d.u., the controller recognises it by computing the CRC from a permutation of the data from the sector and comparing it with the pre-recorded CRC. Each sector takes up two lines on the v.d.u. If the corruption begins in a line and keeps changing, the data is corrupted. If the reading process seems to stop at the end of a line, the controller is having trouble recognising the Ident Field for the track or sector and, therefore, the track needs to be re-formatted (described later). With an undamaged disc most reads are successful first time, but if the operation fails for the 20 times that it is attempted, the message ERROR AT TRACK XXX SECTOR XXX appears. To force an error into the system and observe this feature, try

1D00	ED 5E 3E 1D	ED 47 DD 21	E4 1D DB 65	LE 1D 3E FF
1D10	D3 A0 FB 76	76 68 76 FE	26 26 FE 68	CD C6 63 FE
1D20	12 20 21 CD	E1 02 04 65	13 14 69 6E	61 14 69 6F
1D30	0E 3A 20 1D	CD DE 03 CD	C6 03 CD FE	1D 3E E7 CD
1D40	57 1E 18 F9	FE 17 20 33	CD E1 62 13	2F 15 12 63
1D50	05 3A 20 1D	CD DE 03 CD	C6 03 CD FE	1D 3E 71 32
1D60	F3 1D 3E 57	D3 A0 FB 76	3E F5 C1 C1	CD 57 1E 18
1D70	EC 1A 2F D3	B8 13 FB F9	76 18 ED FE	6E 26 64 CD
1D80	C6 1E 79 32	A3 1D 21 66	C6 6E 28 3C	FF 23 16 FB
1D90	0E 0E 36 00	23 16 FB 3C	FC 23 6E 1A	3E FF 23 16
1DA0	FB 11 01 38	6E 1A 06 6C	3E 66 23 16	FB 3E FE 23
1DB0	72 23 36 60	23 73 23 36	66 23 36 F7	23 66 11 36
1DC0	00 23 16 FB	3E FB 23 6C	86 3C E5 23	16 FE 3E F7
1DD0	23 66 1B 3C	FF 23 16 FB	1C 6D 26 CA	6E 66 3E FF
1DE0	23 16 FB C7	FF FF FF EB	1D 2F 12 13	FB F9 76 18
1DF0	72 F9 1D E7	1D DB 1D 18	F3 DE 65 2F	C9 CD E1 62
1E00	14 12 01 63	6E 3A 20 1D	CD C6 1E DL	71 60 CD C6
1E10	63 CD 61 62	13 65 63 14	6F 12 3A 26	1D CD C6 1E
1E20	DD 71 01 CD	C6 63 CD 61	62 6E 15 6D	62 65 12 26
1E30	6F 6E 20 13	65 63 14 6F	12 13 3A 26	1D CD C6 1E
1E40	DD 71 62 CD	B9 1E 3E EB	E3 A6 FB 76	E6 18 20 F6
1E50	E5 21 00 60	39 D1 C9 32	F3 1D 66 14	3E 77 D5 D3
1E60	A6 FB 76 EC	18 28 34 D1	3E 73 16 FE	11 66 82 CD
1E70	E1 62 65 12	12 6F 12 26	61 14 26 14	12 61 63 6B
1E80	26 1D DD 7E	66 CD DA 1E	CD 61 62 26	13 65 63 14
1E90	6F 12 2D 1D	DD 7E 61 CD	DA 1E C7 C1	DD 35 62 CA
1EA0	60 60 DD 34	61 DD 7E 61	FE 1B 26 6D	LD 3E 61 61
1EB0	DD 34 66 3E	A3 L3 A6 FB	76 1D 7E 60	2F D3 B8 DL
1EC0	7E 61 2F D3	E6 C9 76 EC	6F 4F 76 FE	26 C8 EE 6F
1ED0	47 79 67 4F	67 67 81 86	18 EF C5 CD	EA 1E C6 36
1EE0	EB 76 23 71	23 77 23 EB	C1 C9 66 36	48 FE 64 38
1EF0	65 64 D6 64	18 F7 FE 6A	36 65 6C 6C	6A 18 F7 C9

Table 4. System software.

Table 5. Software subroutines.

1DF9	Used in READ and WRITE to convert the typed in track number, sector number and number of sectors from decimal to binary, and then dump them into locations 1DE4 to 6 respectively using the index register. These bytes are then sent to the controller, which is then told to step into this track and, by reading an indent field, verify that the head is over the correct track. Also, by reading the CRC, verifies that the track number has been correctly read and does not match the track register's contents by chance. The data destination/source address is transferred from HL to DE and, by clearing HL and adding SP to it, the contents of the stack pointer register are loaded into HL.
1E57	Used in READ and WRITE. On entering this routine, the A register holds a byte which is dumped at 1DF3 to be used by a DRQ interrupt as the lower part of the interrupt routine address (1DE7 for READ, 1D71 for WRITE, 1DF5 for VERIFY WRITE). 20 <sub>10</sub> is loaded into B and DE, which holds the destination/source address, is saved on the computer stack in case a re-read or -write is necessary. The controller is then instructed to read a sector of data to that and succeeding locations. After the read, at 1E63, a check is made for the correct CRC and for the existence of the track and sector. If no faults have occurred, execution jumps to 1E9B where the saved DE is discarded from the stack into BC and, using indexed operations, the number of sectors byte is decremented. If this operation sets the byte to zero, an exit is made because the READ is complete. Otherwise, the sector and, if necessary, the track number are updated for the next sector to be read, the information is sent to the controller registers and another sector is read. If the operation to read the sector fails, the starting address of the data is popped back off the stack and B is decremented. If this does not reduce it to zero, a re-read is attempted and after 20 attempts execution passes to 1E6C et al and the error message appears.
1EC6	Loads decimal data from the keyboard and converts it to binary in register C.
1EDA	Displays the contents of A, converted to decimal, on the v.d.u.
1DE7	The READ interrupt routine, called by a DRQ. This routine transfers the byte in the controller's data register to the Z80, inverts it to its true form, stores it in the location pointed to by DE, and increments DE ready for the next byte. The interrupt system in the Z80 is automatically disabled when an interrupt is accepted so that the Z80 can service the interrupting device without interference from the interrupting device itself. Standard service routines usually finish with a re-enabling of the interrupt system and then a return. To ensure that the return will occur, the Z80 does not re-enable the interrupt until it has executed the instruction after the enabling instruction F3. This service routine does not have a return, but it uses this one protected instruction after the F3, F9, to load HL into the stack pointer, SP, register. SP is increased by two when the subroutine 1DF9, which loaded HL with the SP,

ended and the return address was popped off the stack. When the DRQ interrupt was accepted, the current PC (program counter) contents were pushed onto the stack and SP decreased by two, as is normal at the calling of any subroutine. Therefore, for the first DRQ, HL and SP are the same and F9 has no effect. The next byte in the subroutine is a HALT, at which the Z80 stops and waits for the second DRQ which, when it arrives, jumps the execution back to the start of the subroutine and pushes another return address onto the stack. When the data byte is read and the F9 is executed, SP, which decremented when the second interrupt was accepted, is pulled back to where it was before the interrupt occurred. Therefore this, and all future DRQs are demoted from calls to being, effectively, simple jumps to 1DE7. Whilst each return address is written on top of the last as the DRQs progress, the first call from the main program remains unaltered one position further up the stack. When all 128 DRQs have passed and the SP has been pulled back again, the INTRQ interrupt occurs and this, having a conventional return at its end, returns execution to the first popped address, i.e. where the original "read a sector" command was given. This forms a neat method of writing the main program because it makes the controller appear as part of the main processor and, more important, it saves time. There are only 32µs during which data can be transferred from the controller to the memory, and the Z80 made ready for the next interrupt. If the sequence servicing the controller takes longer than this, data will be lost and the controller will halt the reading sequence. A conventional return takes 5½µs and the jump from this returning point to the "wait for a DRQ" point requires a further 6µs. The single F9 instruction only takes 3µs, which achieves the same purpose, but just within the 32µs limit.

- 1D71 The WRITE interrupt routine called by DRQ. This is similar to the previous routine in that the progress of the stack pointer is arrested by repetitive loading from HL. This routine differs because the first two DRQ-pushed addresses are saved, 1D68 and 1D79 respectively. When the 128 DRQs have occurred, INTRQ causes a jump to the status reading routine after which the return occurs to 1D79 at which a jump pushes execution on to the 1D68. Here the other DRQ is popped off the stack and a new vector byte, F5, is placed into the A register ready for the third type of DRQ.
- 1DF5 When checking a written sector, 1E57 is used as the reading subroutine. Because we are interested in the CRC and not the data on the disc, 1DF5 acts like 1DE7 when handling DRQs, except that it makes no attempt to store the unwanted data and just waits for the INTRQ. When this arrives, 1DF5 returns to the point in the main program where the CRC can be checked to see if the track just written has verified itself.

reading any sector track 77, which does not exist! Note that spaces are required after decimal information - the track, sector and number of sectors, but not after the hexadecimal destination address.

If the Read has worked type RUN 1D00, which should cause the unloaded head to return to track 00. Next type WRITE space, and in response to SOURCE type 0000, for TRACK: 40 space, for SECTOR: 0 space, and for NUMBER OF SECTORS 32 space. The head should move in and write to track 40, step to track 41 and continue writing, so that the first 26 sectors fill track 40 and the

final 6 fill sectors 0 to 5 track 41. The write operation is slower because after each sector is written it is read back and checked for errors. As before, up to 20 attempts are made before the operation terminates and the ERROR message occurs. Nevertheless, it should only take a few seconds to record the entire 4K monitor.

Explanations of the software subroutines are given in Table 5. To follow the main program 1D00 to 1DFC, a disassembler such as the one given in a recent computer newsletter is useful. The interrupt mode 2 is set and the I register, which is used (as described in part one) to form the top half of the interrupt addresses, is set at 1D and the IX index register is set at 1DE4. The index register is useful as a pointer to an area of memory because any indexed Z80 instructions, i.e. instructions prefixed by DD, will use a

Table 6. Floppy-disc controller commands used. The asterisked addresses are where modifications to the software are made when a track is re-formatted.

Address	Byte	Command	Function
1D0F	FF	00	RESTORE the head to track 00 and clear the track register.
1D63	57	A8	Assuming the head is to be loaded against the disc, WRITE a single record of IBM format to the track and sector specified by the respective registers, using FB as the data mark.
1E47	EB	14	SEEK the track specified by the data register by stepping the difference between it and the contents of the track register. Then, by reading an Ident Field from the track, verify that it is the correct one.
*1E5D	77	88	Assuming that the head is loaded against the disc, READ a single record of IBM format from the track and sector specified by the respective registers.
1E69	73	8C	As above, but it begins by issuing the HLD, head load, signal and waiting for the HLT signal to become active before proceeding.
1EB4	A3	5C	Load the head against the disc and then STEP IN by one track, updating the track register. Perform a verify of the track as described above.
*1D63	0B	F4	WRITE TRACK. Starting at the index pulse, data is written continuously up to the next index pulse.
*1E47	EF	10	On a badly corrupted track, it is not possible to verify the head position after a SEEK, so this version of the command omits it.

byte in the instruction to say which byte relative to 1DE4 is to be used in the instruction. In this case byte number 00 (i.e. 1DE4 itself) stores the required track number, byte number 01 (1DE5) stores the required sector number and byte 02 (1DE6) stores the number of sectors. The status and data registers are read next (not for their contents) to reset the INTRQ and DRQ interrupt lines if they are active due to the power-on sequence. Note that this unit is designed to operate with the mark III operating system, (see the scientific computer newsletter) which contains these same four bytes, DB,05, DB and 1D. They are executed in the high level so that the MMS7109 interrupts are not upset by the disc controlled conditions. 1D0E-14 illustrates the way instructions are sent to the controller. The instruction byte loads into A, in this case a Restore instruction, it is sent to the command register, the interrupt is enabled and the Z80 is halted to wait for the interrupt. When it arrives, in this case a INTRQ, the computer reads the interrupt controller byte F1, adds it to the 1D previously stored in the I register and then reads in the byte at 1DF1 and 1DF2 as the address of the INTRQ subroutine, which is 1DF9. Execution passes to this address when the status register is read and inverted back to a true state.

### Re-formatting a disc

As well as reading and writing individual sectors, the controller can read and write whole tracks using the index pulse as the start and finish of the operation. As described in part one, even before use the disc is fully recorded with ident fields and dummy data. If the ident fields become magnetically corrupted, the entire track has to be re-recorded, or re-formatted, before it can be used in the sector mode again. To do this, a block of length 5¼K bytes must be set up in r.a.m. and then recorded en bloc. Assembly of this block requires extra r.a.m. over the basic computer's memory and, given this, the operating system can synthesise the track format. I used a 32Kbyte expansion (referred to in the computer newsletter) and assembled this block at C000. To accommodate other r.a.m. locations, the byte at 1D88 must be altered. After RUN 1D00, type FORMAT space and then the track number, in decimal, to be altered. As

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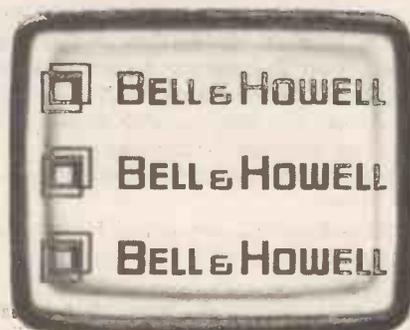
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# The death of electric current

A contribution to electromagnetic theory

by Ivor Catt CAM Consultants

**Conventionally a signal can be understood either in terms of electricity in conductors, with associated fields, or in terms of electric and magnetic fields terminating on those conductors. In this article the author steps outside the accepted dualism and proposes a mechanism of signal transmission based on Oliver Heaviside's 'energy current' without recourse to 'conductors' in their conventional role.**

A major advance in electromagnetic theory, which I shall call the transition from Theory N to Theory H, was made by Oliver Heaviside a century ago. What is proposed here is a transition from Theory H to a third theory, Theory C. It is to be hoped that the response to Theory C will be more perceptive than was the general response to Theory H a century ago, as typified by Sprague, quoted in this article. Until it was revived recently by CAM Consultants, Theory H had been ignored and then suppressed for a century. It was revived because of its great value in digital electronic design.<sup>1,2</sup>

Theory C has major implications across a whole spectrum of subjects. It could trigger an exciting renaissance in many fields of endeavour.

Whereas the conventional approach to electromagnetic theory is to concentrate on the electric current in wires, with some additional consideration of voltages between wires, Heaviside concentrates primarily on what he calls 'energy current', this being the electromagnetic field which travels in the dielectric between the wires. It has an amplitude equal to the Poynting Vector,  $E \times H$ . Heaviside's phrase, "We reverse this"; points to the great watershed in the history of electromagnetic theory — between the 'etherials', who with Heaviside believe that the signal is an 'energy current' which travels in the dielectric between the wires, and the 'practical electricians', who like Sprague believe that the signal is an electric current which travels down copper wires, and that if there is a 'field' in the space between the wires, this is only a result of what is happening in the conductors.

Oliver Heaviside announced Theory H a century ago<sup>3</sup>:

"Now in Maxwell's theory there is the potential energy of the displacement produced in the dielectric parts by the electric force, and there is

the kinetic or magnetic energy of the magnetic induction due to the magnetic force in all parts of the field, including the conducting parts. They are supposed to be set up by the current in the wire. We reverse this; the current in the wire is set up by the energy transmitted through the medium around it . . ."

The importance of Heaviside's phrase, "We reverse this;" cannot be overstated. It points to the watershed between the 'practical electricians', who have held sway for the last half century, promulgating their theory — which we shall call 'Theory N', the Normal Theory: that the cause is electric currents in wires and electromagnetic fields are merely an effect — and the 'etherials', who believe what we shall call 'Theory H': that the travelling field is the cause, and electric currents are merely an effect of these fields.

Opposition to any attempted change from the familiar Theory N to Theory H was forceful and successful for the next century. Sprague, a 'practical electrician' wedded to Theory N, with its retention of a phlogiston-like 'fluid'\*<sup>4</sup>, electricity, at the centre of the electromagnetic stage, wrote<sup>4</sup>:

"A new doctrine is becoming fashionable of late years, devised chiefly in order to bring the now important phenomena of alternating currents under the mathematical system. It is purely imaginery . . . based upon Clerk-Maxwell's electromagnetic theory of light, itself described by a favourable reviewer as 'a daring stroke of scientific speculation,' alleged to be proved by the very little understood experiments of Hertz, and supported by a host of assumptions and assertions for which no kind of evidence is offered; but its advocates now call it the 'orthodox' theory.

"This theory separates the two factors of electricity . . . and declares that the 'current', the material action, is carried by the 'so-called conductor' (which according to Dr Lodge contains nothing, not even an impulse, and according to Mr O. Heaviside is to be regarded as an obstructor), but the energy leaves the 'source' (battery or dynamo) 'radiant in exactly the same sense as light is radiant', according to Professor Silvanus P. Thompson, and is carried in space by the ether: that it then 'swirls' round (cause for such swirling no one explains) and finds its way to the conductor in which it then produces

the current which is apparently merely an agency for clearing the ether of energy which tends to 'choke' it, while the conductor serves no other purpose than that of a 'waste pipe' to get rid of this energy . . .

"This much, however, is certain; that if the 'ether' or medium, or di-electrics carry the energy, the practical electrician must not imagine he can get nature to do his work for him; the ether, &c., play no part whatever in the calculations he has to make; whether copper wire is a conductor or a waste pipe, that is what he has to provide in quantity and quality to do the work; if gutta percha, &c., really carry the energy, he need not trouble about providing for that purpose; he must see to it that he provides it according to the belief that it prevents loss of current. In other words, let theoretical mathematicians devise what new theories they please, the practical electrician must work upon the old theory that the conductor does his work and the insulation prevents its being wasted. Ohm's law (based on the old theory) is still his safe guide.

"For this reason I would urge all practical electricians, and all students who desire to gain a clear conception of the actual operations of electricity, to dismiss from their minds the new unproved hypotheses about the ether and the abstract theory of conduction, and to completely master the old, the practical, and common sense theory which links matter and energy together, . . ."

Sprague accurately described Theory N.

One of the few supporters of Theory H was J. A. Fleming, who wrote<sup>5</sup>:

"It is important that the student should bear in mind that, although we are accustomed to speak of the current as *flowing in the wire* in one direction or the other, this is a mere form of words. What we call *the current* in the wire is, to a very large extent, a process going on in the space or material outside the wire. Just as we familiarly speak of the sun rising and setting, when the effect is really due to the rotation of the earth, so the ordinary language we use in speaking about electric currents flowing in conductors retains the form impressed upon it by older and erroneous assumptions as to their nature."

## Heaviside's view

As time went by, support for Theory H gradually died out. Let us end Theory H with a long discussion by its originator<sup>6</sup>:

"Consider the electric current, how it flows. From London to Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and hundreds of other places, day and night, are sent with great velocity, in rapid succession, backwards and forwards, electric currents, to effect mechanical motions at a distance, and thus serve the material interests of man.

\* Phlogiston was a 'subtle fluid' postulated by the German chemist G. E. Stahl (1660-1734). It was thought to be combined with a 'calx' or ash in combustible materials and to be given off by these materials in the process of burning, leaving the ash behind. This hypothesis was strongly held in the 18th century but was eventually upset by Lavoisier's deductions leading to the theory of the conservation of mass. — Ed.

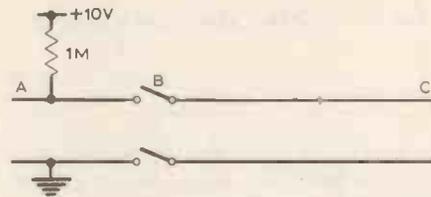
“By the way, is there such a thing as an electric current? Not that it is intended to cast any doubt upon the existence of a phenomenon so called; but is it a current – that is, something moving through a wire? Now, although nothing but very careful inculcation at a tender age, continued unremittingly up to maturity, of the doctrine of the materiality of electricity, and its motion from place to place, would have made me believe it, still, there is so much in electric phenomena to support the idea of electricity being a distinct entity, and the force of habit is so great, that it is not easy to get rid of the idea when once it has been formed. In the historical development of science, static phenomena came first. In them the apparent individuality of electricity, in the form of charges upon conductors, is most distinctly indicated. The fluids may be childish notions, appropriate to the infancy of science; but still electric charges are easily imaginable to be quantities of a something, though not matter, which can be carried about from place to place. In the most natural manner possible, when dynamic electricity came under investigation, the static ideas were transferred to the electric current, which became the actual motion of electricity through a wire. This has reached its fullest development in the hands of the German philosophers, from Weber to Clausius, resulting in ingenious explanations of electric phenomena based upon forces acting at a distance between moving or fixed individual elements of electricity.

“Return to our wire from London to Edinburgh with a steady current from the battery in London. The energy is poured out of the battery *sideways* into the dielectric at a steady rate. Divide into tubes bounded by lines of energy-current. They pursue in general solenoidal paths in the dielectric, and terminate in the conductor. The amount of energy entering a given length of the conductor is the same wherever that length may be situated. The lines of energy-current are the intersections of the magnetic and electric equipotential surfaces. Most of the energy is transmitted parallel to the wire nearly, with a slight slant towards the wire in the direction of propagation; thus the lines of energy-current meet the wire very obliquely. But some of the outer tubes go out into space to an immense distance, especially those which terminate on the further end of the wire. Others pass between the wire and the earth, but none in the earth itself from London to Edinburgh, or vice versa, although there is a small amount of energy entering the earth straight downwards, especially at the earth “plates”. If there is an instrument in circuit at Edinburgh, it is worked by energy that has travelled wholly through the dielectric, then finding its way into the instrument . . .”

If we keep to Theory H, the theory that the field  $E \times H$ , travelling along between the wires at the speed of light – what Heaviside called the ‘energy current’, is the cause, then electric charge and electric current are merely what define the *edge* of an energy current. If electric current is that which defines the side of an energy current, then we may with equal justification postulate ‘displacement current’ as that which defines the front face of a step of energy current<sup>1</sup>.

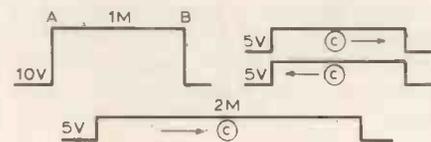
Now let us move on to Theory C, when we drop the dualism – circuit and field – that has until now been the foundation of electromagnetic theory. First we shall discuss the reed relay pulse generator, which illustrates some of the ideas underlying Theory C.

The reed relay pulse generator was a means of generating a fast pulse using rather primitive methods. A one-metre section of 50-ohm coaxial cable AB was charged up to a steady 10 volts (say) via a one megohm resistor, and then suddenly discharged into a long piece of coax BC by the closure of two switches.



A five-volt pulse two metres wide was found to travel off to the right at the speed of light for the dielectric on closure of the switches, leaving the section AB completely discharged. (The practical device lacked the second, lower switch at B, which is added in the diagram to simplify the argument).

The curious point is that the width of the pulse travelling off down BC is twice as much as the time delay for a signal between A and B. Also, the voltage is half of what one would expect. It appears that after the switch was closed, some energy current must have started off to the *left*, away from the now closed switch; bounced off the open circuit at A, and then returned all the way back to the switch at B and beyond.



This paradox, that when the switches are closed, energy current promptly rushes away from the path suddenly made available, is understandable if one postulates that a steady charged capacitor is not steady at all; it contains energy current, half of it travelling to the right at the speed of light, and the other half travelling to the left at the speed of light.

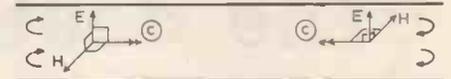
Now it becomes obvious that when the switches are closed, the right-wards travelling energy current will exit down BC first, immediately followed by the leftwards travelling energy current after it has bounced off the open circuit at A.

We are driving towards the principle that energy (current)  $E \times H$  cannot stand still; it can only travel at the speed of light. Any apparently steady field is a combination of two energy currents travelling in opposite directions at the speed of light<sup>7</sup>.

$E$  and  $H$  always travel together in fixed proportion  $Z_0$ .

Electric charge does not exist according to Theory C. The so-called electric charge is merely the edge of two reciprocating energy currents. In the case of the so-called steady charged capacitor, the electric fields of the two energy currents add but the magnetic fields cancel, so that

it has come to be thought that a charged capacitor is devoid of magnetic field.



Now let us consider a simple circuit with battery and resistor. Two conductors guide the energy current from battery to resistor. It enters the resistor *sideways*



(Kip 1962)<sup>6</sup>. ‘Electric current’ is merely the side of a wave of energy current. If a ‘conductor’ is perfect, the energy current has a sharp side; the so-called ‘electric current’ has infinite density in the outside surface of the ‘electric conductor’, which Heaviside called an obstructor.

Energy current penetrates an imperfect conductor in the same way as it enters a resistor, from the side. In this case, the region containing a variation in energy current density, the so-called ‘electric current’, widens and penetrates into the conductor; skin depth is no longer zero.

Nothing exists behind a mirror; nothing happens there. The velocity of the ‘things’ behind a mirror does not depend on the medium, or material, behind the mirror<sup>8</sup>.

As Maxwell’s equations show,<sup>9</sup> ‘electric current’ is always derivable as the gradient on the side of a wave of energy current. Unlike energy current (but like the images in a mirror), electric current contains no energy, it has no function, and it explains nothing. Electric current does not exist.

Although a cloud cannot exist without edges, the *edges* of a cloud do not exist. They have no width, volume, or materiality. However, the *edges* of a cloud can be drawn. Their shapes can be manipulated graphically and mathematically. The same is true of the so-called ‘electric current’.

In the following analogies, the sheep represent energy, the dogs electricity.

**Theory N.** The sheep are forced out of the pen by the sheep-dogs. The dogs then run alongside the sheep. There can only be a forward flow if sheep-dogs first advance on both sides of the flow of sheep, which the dogs direct and cause.

**Theory H.** The sheep rush out of the pen into the great open spaces. They will go forward regardless, but their direction is actively guided by the sheep-dogs running alongside, the front of the line of dogs always keeping level with the foremost sheep.

**Theory C.** There are no sheep-dogs. The sheep leave the pen and flow out into the great open spaces. Some of the space is rougher. (This rough space was previously thought to be the terrain preferred by the dogs.) Here fewer sheep go, and their rate of advance is slower. Some ground is very obstructive, nearly impassable for sheep.

Although it might appear that the sheep are actively guided by the rough terrain towards the smooth terrain, this is not so. Neither does a grease mark on blotting paper actively guide the ink towards the ungreasy areas. There is no active guidance mechanism; greasy paper is merely bad blotting paper with poor capillary action, passively guiding the ink.

The excision of sheep-dogs from the theory is a giant simplification. Nothing flows in the conductor; nothing happens therein. Heaviside was right to call it an obstructor. Half of the primitives in electromagnetic theory disappear, and it ceases to be a dualistic theory.  $\rho$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  disappear, becoming merely the physically non-existent results of the mathematical manipulation of  $E$  and  $H$ , with no more significance than "circularity" (Letters, June 1979 issue, p. 82).

The direct transition from Theory N to Theory C is similar to the change in combustion theory from phlogiston to oxidation, but is more difficult. Phlogiston is very similar to electricity, being a strange 'fluid' which permeates solids. But whereas the oxygen which 'replaced' phlogiston was still within the same body, the energy current which replaces electricity is not where the electricity was; it is where it was not. This is a very difficult transition. If the idea of replacing the well known phlogiston by oxygen caused mirth at High Table, we have to expect Theory C to generate widespread hilarity.

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**Appendix**

Definition of a perfect conductor:  $\epsilon = \infty$ . It follows that velocity of energy current

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}} = 0$$

Impedance  $Z_0 = \sqrt{(\mu/\epsilon)} = 0$

In an imperfect conductor,  $\epsilon$  is very high. Impedance ( $=Z_0$ )  $\rightarrow 0$

Penetration velocity is very slow.

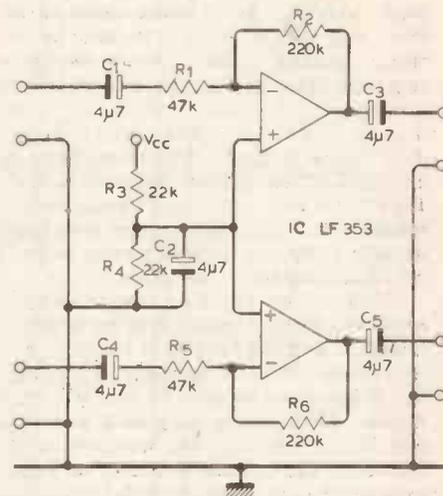
# Solid-state level meter - further notes

Several points were not fully explained in Quentin Rice's article on his level indicator in the August issue. The peak hold function was a late addition. Achieved by taking a terminal adjacent to  $R_4$  to 0V, this effectively switches off the decay voltage and is extremely useful for peak detection. Although the unit has no graduations, the author says it is a linear and accurate piece of equipment, and the user can employ whatever scaling is required. The attack time of the circuit is about 2ms f.s.d., which is well within any p.p.m. specification, but if this is felt to be too fast, increase the value of  $R_9$ .

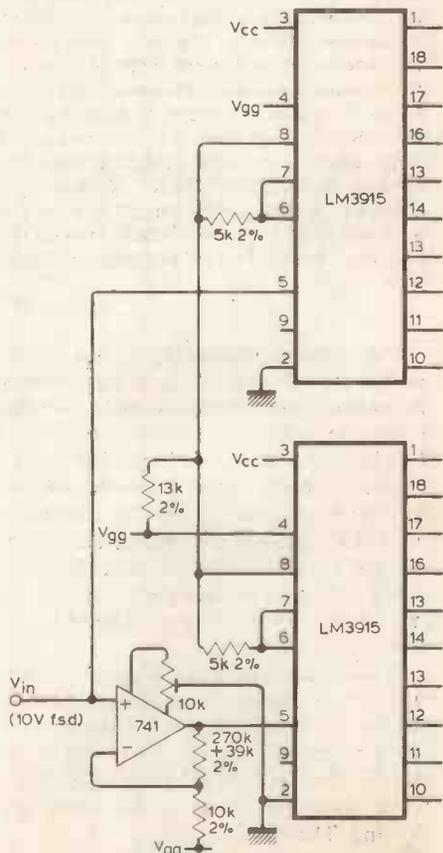
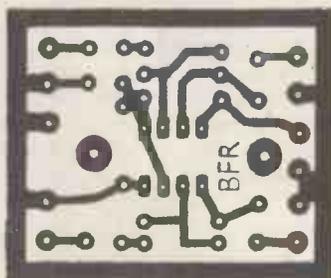
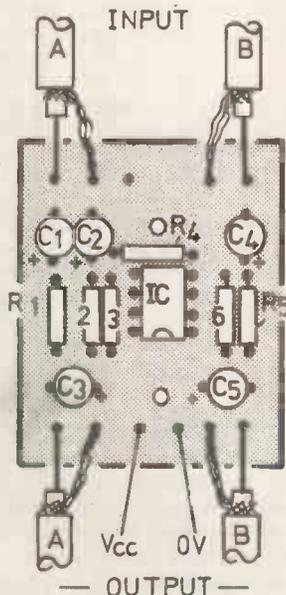
When the unit was used with an oriental cassette recorder of dubious electronic integrity (expensive but no input h.f. rolloff, and no monitoring facility), intermodulation occurred because the meter was taken directly from the medium-impedance record output. This is overcome in such cases by using a buffer to isolate the signal and to provide adequate gain to bring the signal up to a useable level. With low impedance lines, this presents no problems.

Mention was made of the LM3915 and 3916 devices. As the data are quite recent, no consideration for these was made in the original design. The LM3915 may be cascaded like the 3914, giving twenty steps of 3dB, but an extra op-amp is required to provide 30dB gain and offset. The regulator is changed for a 24V type, and  $D_6$  is

changed to 12V. It should be borne in mind that the decay is no longer linear as it follows the law of the display. The LM3916 is not cascadable, but it can be used with the LM3915 to give a mixed law display with a 40dB range, albeit with only 19 l.e.d.s and without the linear decay. In this circuit, the dot/bar mode select is difficult to implement. For further information, consult the National Semiconductor literature.



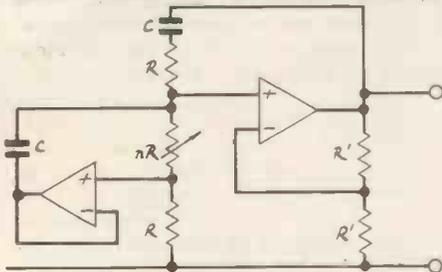
Circuit for 60dB display range, left, uses LW3915  $V_{cc}$  24V,  $V_{gg}$  12V. Buffer circuit, above, and board patterns are for use with medium-impedance outputs.  $V_{cc}$  can be 15 to 30V, unregulated. In the p.c.b. pattern on page 32 (August issue), pins b & 7 of  $IC_3$  should be linked to pins 4 & 8 of  $IC_4$ .



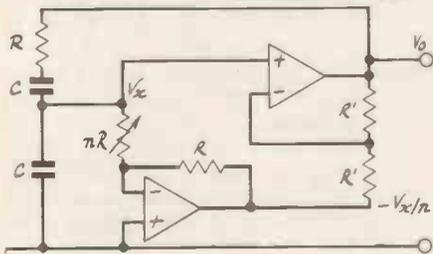
# RC oscillators: single-element frequency control

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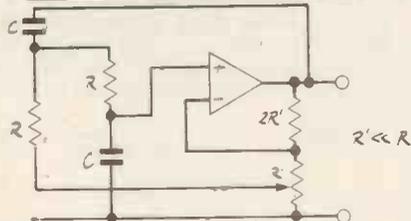
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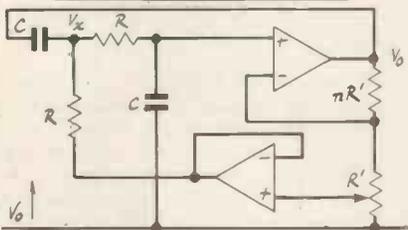
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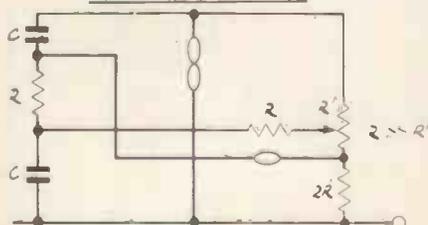
SINGLE AMPLIFIER SINGLE ELEMENT CONTROL



SINGLE ELEMENT CONTROL OSCILLATOR



NULLOR FORM: INVERTED



The best-known RC oscillator is based on the Wien network, usually in the form of a bridge activated by an operational amplifier or other high-gain equivalent. It shares with the related lead-lag and lag-lead circuits the need for simultaneous adjustment of two components if the frequency is to be varied without change in the loop gain. A number of elegant alternatives have been devised to overcome these limitations, usually at the expense of an additional amplifier. In this example the shunt capacitor of the Wien network is driven instead via a unity-gain buffer from a tapping on the resistor. By varying the resistor shown the frequency of oscillation is controlled over >100:1 range without change in the oscillatory condition (excepting second-order effects due to amplifier impedances, bandwidth etc.). This allows the amplitude to be controlled by a suitable amplitude sensing circuit with only minor shifts in the operating point of the sensing element. The ratio of resistors differs from that of the conventional bridge. At either extreme of the frequency range the distortion increases and the second-order effects shift the amplitude but good performance over a 10:1 range is readily achieved with the single variable resistance.

This circuit uses the current in the resistance path of the shunt CR network to provide a drive voltage for what would otherwise be the ground point on the feedback potential divider. Again variation of the single resistor changes the frequency of zero phase shift. At the same time the auxiliary amplifier injects a correcting signal into the potential divider to restore the gain condition. It is no coincidence that this and the previous circuit use the same components; this circuit was published first and the previous one derived from it by drawing in nullor form and manipulating the nullators and norators to produce new circuits, equivalent internally but differing for example in the point on the passive network is grounded. There are yet other practical forms but these two appear most useful each being tunable over a 100:1 range using a single variable resistor. Clearly the output of the auxiliary amplifier must vary with frequency of oscillation and the original output is the one that would normally be stabilized. Any of the stabilization methods applicable to the Wien bridge oscillators are equally applicable here.

The lead-lag and lag-lead oscillators are known to have identical transfer functions to Wien network for equal R and C values throughout. The impedance properties internal to the networks are different and there is no direct equivalent to the previous one. Another family of oscillators have been described using lag and lead networks with the addition of a second variable gain amplifier that, appropriately connected, again controls the frequency while leaving the oscillator gain condition unchanged. A simple alternative to a variable gain amplifier is a constant gain preceded by variable attenuation. In one of the configurations it is found that varying the gain from 0 to +1 gives control of frequency from its usual value of  $f = 1/2\pi CR$  toward zero. The amplifier is then a unity-gain buffer though a high input impedance stage such as a source follower is a convenient alternative. The useful frequency range in this circuit is of order 100:1 with a low distortion and stable amplitude readily achievable over more than a 10:1 range.

To reduce the number of variable components and achieve single-element control of frequency it has been necessary to introduce a second amplifier (or to permit the gain condition to vary widely placing a strain on the amplitude controlling circuitry). In the previous circuit a very simple step eliminates the extra amplifier. Because the variable-gain requirement has been reduced to variable attenuation the amplifier is being used only to buffer the lead-lag network from the potential divider. With modern operational amplifiers, particularly those with f.e.t. input stages, the ratio of the lead-lag resistances to the potential divider resistance can be large enough that the loading effect is negligible for the buffer amplifier to be omitted. In the final circuit shown,  $R \ll R'$  and oscillation can be extended to low frequencies using relatively low values of capacitance – both because R may be large and because the configuration reduces the frequency further as the tapping point on the potentiometer is increased from 0 to 100%. This circuit achieves frequency variation with a single potentiometer while requiring only a single-operation amplifier. The loading effect cannot be completely ignored but the usable frequency range though less than for the two-amplifier circuits readily exceeds 10:1.

A powerful design tool in creating these variants is the nullor. If the single amplifier circuit is re-drawn in nullor form and inverted its internal behaviour remains the same. The shift in ground point to the other end of the norator then allows a new operational amplifier form to be produced. The same component values result in the same frequency of oscillation. The differences in performance may be significant as the common mode swing at the amplifier input terminals is  $2/3$  of the output instead of  $1/3$ . An advantage of this configuration is that the resistance  $2R'$  is grounded which makes it easier to control via an amplitude sensing network. It is such practical points that make it advisable to consider alternatives to known circuits – they will not often provide dramatic improvements but each new form may have particular advantage that can be exploited in particular circumstances.

# RC oscillators: single-element frequency control

## THEORY

● In each of the first two examples the resistor ratio to give the appropriate gain condition is assumed; the frequency condition then follows simply. In the third case the analysis is fuller with no prior assumption.

Oscillator frequency corresponds to network attenuation of 0.5. Impedance of series arm is  $R + 1/sC$

$$\text{Admittance of shunt arm} = \frac{1}{(n+1)R} + \frac{n \cdot sC}{n+1}$$

$$\therefore (n+1)R = (1 + nsCR)(R + 1/sC)$$

$$s = -\frac{1}{nC^2R^2}$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}CR} = \frac{\omega_0}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{where } \omega_0 = \frac{1}{CR}$$

● The impedance convertor interpretation is not appropriate to the second form of oscillator.

$$\frac{v_o}{v_x} = 1 + Z_s Y_p$$

$$1 + (R + \frac{1}{sC})(sC + \frac{1}{nR}) = 2 + \frac{1}{n} + sCR + \frac{1}{nsCR}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{v_o - \frac{v_x}{2}}{2} = \frac{v_x}{n} \quad \text{or } v_o = v_x(2 + \frac{1}{n})$$

$$\therefore \frac{v_o}{v_x} = 2 + \frac{1}{n} = 2 + \frac{1}{n} + sCR + \frac{1}{nsCR} \quad \text{and } \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}CR}$$

● If  $v_x$  is derived (i) from the RC potential divider driving the non-inverting input (ii) by applying Millman's theorem (or superposition) and the two results equated, an equation leading to the frequency and gain conditions is obtained.

$$(i) v_x = \frac{v_o}{1+n} (1 + sCR)$$

$$(ii) v_x = \frac{v_o [sC + \frac{k}{(n+1)R} + \frac{1}{(n+1)R}]}{sC + 1/R + 1/R}$$

$$(1 + sCR)(sC + 2/R) = (1+n) (sC + \frac{k+1}{R(n+1)})$$

$$(1 + sCR)(2 + sCR) = RsC(1+n) + k + 1$$

$$2 + 3sCR + (sCR)^2 - sCR(1+n) - (k+1) = 0$$

Equating real and imaginary separately to zero

$$(1+n) = 3$$

$$2 - (k+1) = (\omega CR)^2$$

$$\omega = \frac{\sqrt{1-k}}{CR} \quad \text{where } \omega_0 = \frac{1}{CR}$$

● As  $k \rightarrow 1$   $\omega/\omega_0 \rightarrow 0$  and low frequencies of oscillation are attained without the need for large time constants. The theory is applicable to the single-amplifier circuit provided  $R' \ll R$  as then the loading effect on the potential divider remains negligible. The algebra is equally valid for the nullor equivalent circuit, its inverted form and any operational amplifier forms derived from them.

## EXAMPLES

1. The first oscillator is required to have a frequency range from 100Hz to 3kHz. Choose suitable component values, given that the available variable resistors have a contact resistance of 10Ω and that the op amp input resistance with feedback is 10MΩ.

The constraints suggest that the variable resistor has to be  $\gg 10\Omega$  to avoid significant frequency shifts due to contact resistance variation. Similarly to avoid loading by the op amp the resistance should be  $\ll 10M\Omega$ . To meet the frequency range with a dependence on  $1/\sqrt{n}$ , the resistance has to change by  $(3000/100)^2$  over the whole range i.e. 900:1. This is just possible while meeting the constraints if say  $R_{min} = 330\Omega$  and  $R_{max} = 300k\Omega$ . Then

$$R_{min} = 33 \times \text{contact resistance}$$

$$R_{max} = \frac{\text{op-amp input resistance}}{33}$$

with consequent errors of a few percent at the extreme ends of the range.

This example illustrates the difficulty of achieving wide frequency variation with a single control element — though possible it requires considerable attention to detailed design.

2. The single-amplifier single-element-control oscillator uses a thermistor for amplitude control. The thermistor has optimum performance when its p.d. is 1V rms and it is dissipating 2mW. Choosing an appropriate value for the potentiometer, select R, C values to give a frequency of oscillation of 1kHz when the potentiometer is set at its mid point.

The thermistor has to be placed at location 2R' to control the amplitude — as the amplitude increases the thermistor is heated causing its resistance to fall. This provides more negative feedback, reducing and then stabilizing the amplitude.

$$\text{Thus } P = \frac{v^2}{(2R')}$$

$$2R' = \frac{1^2}{2 \cdot 10^{-3}}$$

$$R' = \frac{10^3}{4} = 250\Omega$$

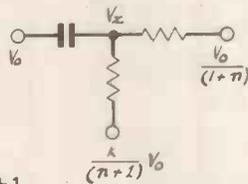
This is a standard potentiometer value and presents no problem. The R values of the lead-lag network must be  $\gg R'$  to avoid loading of the potentiometer, but should not be so high as to be loaded in turn by the op amp inputs. The latter constraint can be virtually removed by using f.e.t. input op amps, though increased susceptibility to hum pick-up can be a problem.

These considerations suggest  $R = 100k\Omega$  as a suitable compromise ( $400 \times R'$ ).

For  $k = 0.5$

$$\omega = 2\pi 10^3 = \frac{\sqrt{1-0.5}}{C \cdot 10^6}$$

$$C = \frac{0.707}{2\pi \cdot 10^9} = 1.12nF$$



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DESIGNING WITH MICROPROCESSORS

I read the letter from R. M. O'Connor in the October issue with great dismay and I suspect that it has put off a few would-be micro system designers and made them think again.

I would like to describe, as briefly as possible, a microprocessor based system that I have designed and built in just two months. I was not put off by any fears of components becoming out of date overnight. The objective was to design and make a machine, and it was achieved with great success.

My business needed a machine to off-line direct mail letter production. We already have a Research Machine 380Z but this is in full time use doing other work. The machine needed: (a) the ability to read a serial keyboard and a cassette deck; (b) between 2 and 4 kilobytes of r.o.m. and about 4 kilobytes of r.a.m.; and (c) a driver for a fast daisywheel printer. (No screen was needed; the daisywheel provides the user-machine interface.)

After browsing through several back copies of your journal I realized that the Z80 is the best and most popular processor around; also, because our Research Machines 380Z uses a Z80A, then this could be used to assemble the program which would control the new machine.

Careful scrutiny of the *WW* articles on Z80 type systems (particularly those by John Adams on the Scientific Computer) showed that there are not many ways of putting the support logic around a Z80. I therefore 'learned' how to design a system by studying these articles.

A design was made, carefully checked and improved. A printed circuit was then designed (double sided) and this was etched by a local firm. The whole was then assembled and tested. To my absolute delight it worked more or less first time. The faults were in the printed circuit tracks being fractured; there was no design fault at all.

Next, software. A book on Z80 assembly programming was purchased and studied. The program to control the machine was written and assembled on the 380Z. It was not possible to test it on the 380Z because of the way input-output was implemented. Very careful desk checking was time well spent; there was no method of tracing the program once it was on the 'new' machine. The program (approx. 1500 bytes) was burnt into two 2708 e.p.r.o.ms and the machine was tested. It worked, although not quite properly — subsequent sorting out did not take long.

To summarise: *It does help a great deal to understand how a particular microprocessor works. It is vital to understand the connections to the processor. It is futile to worry that a particular processor will become out-dated. If every designer held this view then nothing would be designed! The Z80 has been, and will be, around for many many years.*

I now have a machine that does exactly what I require and if a 32-bit machine comes along that is 500 times faster than my Z80 I will not worry one bit. I have had the satisfaction of designing from scratch, and with help from the many contributors to *WW*, a simple yet very useful machine for very little cost (£150). I now have considerable confidence in tackling further microprocessor based systems. It really is not that difficult.

Finally, and in defence of ICL, Mr O'Connor has got it all wrong about the 2900 range of machines. The majority of these machines use 'microcode' rather than hard wired instructions. This enables them to 'pretend' to be any machine, not just the ICL machine models that they replace. It is not true that they are 'very inefficient indeed'. They run at the same speed regardless of the machine they are emulating and their performance is very high. Does Mr O'Connor seriously believe that users would accept performance of the kind he describes? No, the 2900 range is one of the best in the world — the sales figures clearly demonstrate that.

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## CRANKY VIEWS

I have news for S. Frost (October letters). The millibel, to use John Stuart Mill's own words, is an absolute certainty — a concept that is probably beyond the comprehension of most modern politicians, let alone one of the greatest of the nineteenth century.

So I still stand firmly by what I said in my original letter (May issue) — that in the context of its proposed application, it was rubbish; and if, in doing so, I was impolite, that too was intentional.

My second comment ought to have been read more carefully. I would never deny the right to a platform for cranky views; good heavens, there are plenty of those around already and they are freely available on any bookstall. But is it not reasonable to plead for one oasis where rational and carefully considered ideas can be discussed? Or is it the intention of *Wireless World* to go the way of the comic papers that masquerade as technical journals?

And since, sir, we are getting into a quoting match, may I parry with one from the same source: "The liberty of the individual must be this far limited; he must not make himself a nuisance to other people".

Can we now get back to good engineering and leave political philosophy to others?

Reg Williamson  
Norwich

## ENGINEERS IN THE ARMS RACE

It is a sad day for me, having studied *Wireless World* for more than 60 years, to be reading an editorial in it openly urging civil rebellion, thereby laying itself open to a charge of treason (November issue). And on a basis of untrue and libellous statements too.

You say, in effect, that our post-war governments — Labour and Conservative — and our military and industrial leaders consist of megalomaniacs and insane persons, not amenable to reason but only to force applied by popular insurrection. I comfort myself with the thought that such a rebellion is unlikely to result from your intemperate outburst.

There is certainly a case (to which during recent months you have not neglected to give prominence in what is supposed to be a technical journal) for suggesting to readers that they

give conscientious thought to the morality of their vocations. There is also a case for asking them to take account of the fact that whereas world war II broke out 21 years after world war I, the latter ended 35 years ago and still there is no world war III in spite of the imperialistic aims of the Soviet 'Union,' and its many annexations effected by the mere threat of nuclear power. Have you in mind bringing present authority in the West to an end, thus introducing a state of chaos hitherto unknown here, and handing ourselves over to the mercies of the Soviets through the removal of the deterrent which (it is not unreasonable to argue) has extended the duration of general peace so much longer than last time in spite of at least as great aggressive intentions?

I realise that in saying this, and in failing to rally to the call to rebel, I have put myself among your demented class. Personally, instead of taking for granted that all who think, however reluctantly, that there is a case for the nuclear deterrent, are out of their minds and must be forcibly locked up, I would rather be charitable enough to give them credit for having given serious thought to the matter with the object of preventing any repetition of the dreadful scenes described in your quotation. It is very very difficult to know what to do. But of one thing I am sure, that your dogmatic and insulting attitude is unlikely to make matters any better.

M. G. Scroggie  
Bexhill  
Sussex

My son, who is a test engineer, bought a copy of the November issue of *Wireless World* yesterday and showed me the editorial on page 37 entitled "Microchips and megadeaths." My husband, son and I were all most impressed by the wording and presentation of this article. I would like to say how heartened I was to read your editorial as I sometimes get depressed by people who call me a traitor, especially as I am a perfectly ordinary middle-age woman with no strong political affiliations.

Mary Davies  
Reading  
Berks

Since the publication of my letter in November 1979, whether by coincidence or otherwise this subject has not been discussed in your magazine. I see in the September issue a letter by Peter G. M. Dawe who, in my opinion, is highly irresponsible. He says it is dangerous to have a nuclear capability. I submit that it would be suicide not to have one — and at best we would be puppets of the Russians. We need these brilliant people he suggests should be put on the dole — the designers, the constructors, the project leaders. We are also told they have serious gaps in their knowledge. As a technical person I know this to be rubbish, having known a few of these highly skilled people.

The freedoms we all enjoy today were fought for at a terrible price in the first and second world wars. Defence costs are part of the continuing price of freedom and we should therefore keep our heads out of the sand and refrain from making a third mistake.

Peter C. Gregory, G4HXV  
Ashton-under-Lyne

Your November editorial "Microchips and megadeaths" made me very proud. Thank you for printing it.

I perceive two great threats to mankind: first is the use of the ultimate weapon, second is the passive acceptance of the idea that such a weapon will inevitably exist in all futures. The second frightens me more; we have to live with its paranoia.

If sanity is left in the hands of the engineers, then surely we can perfect the megachip and the microdeath?

Philip Atkin  
Gonville and Caius College  
Cambridge

Congratulations on your editorial "Microchips and megadeaths" in the November issue. You are so right. No arms race without the active cooperation of the technical world. We need a new style of conscientious objection.

Bruce Kent  
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament  
London WC1

## E MADE EASIER

I found Mr Finlay's three-part article on  $e$  (December, February, April issues), of absorbing interest. For me, he certainly succeeded in enlivening what I recall from my student days as a rather dull subject.

Perhaps I can make a contribution by outlining another method for evaluating  $e$  on a cheap pocket calculator: a method which I suggest is easier to memorise and more accurate than most cited by Mr Finlay.

Mr Finlay showed from first principles that  $e \approx (1 + 1/n)^n$  when  $n$  is large, but this converges rather slowly. Faster convergence is obtained with the allied formula

$$e \approx \left[ \frac{n+1}{n-1} \right]^{n/2}$$

Now translate this to binary form, viz.:

$$e \approx \left[ \frac{2^n+1}{2^n-1} \right]^{2^{(n-1)}}$$

This can be applied on an ordinary four-function calculator, even without memory - provided only that it will treat the display both as multiplicand and multiplier (as most do).

For instance, select  $n = 8$ . It requires little mental effort to find  $2^8 = 256$ . Enter  $257 \div 255 =$ . Then press  $x =$  seven times. The result on my calculator is 2.7182703 - having an error, when rounded, of only one unit in the fifth decimal place.

## ODDBALL IDEAS

"Mixer", writing in the August issue, is concerned about the shops which are closed to oddball ideas. Strangely enough, we academics (not my own choice of phrase, but more apposite than 'we scientists,' which I might reasonably claim to be in the view of the lay public) find ourselves on both sides of the counter in these shops. We are, it is true, sometimes bothered by 'flat earthers', if one might coin a phrase for the kind of people that have alternative ideas that are no more useful than one's own. But equally, we also send 'original' papers to unsuitable magazines, or the editor suggests that we have simply re-invented the wheel, or his referee has written the standard text book on

the subject which is still selling well in its umpteenth paperback edition.

But what I think troubles me occasionally, and less reasonably, is the oddball letter that I find unintelligible. If a letter is couched in language that betrays an ignorance of the specific meanings of words and phrases that are commonly used in scientific and technical intercourse, then there is no way that I can be sure that I understand what the author means. Sometimes I can pass it to somebody with specialist knowledge and hope that he can discover its meaning or lack of it. Occasionally I have been referred to in my turn, and only once have I been able to say 'yes, this chap is not off his rocker, his proposal is feasible, and may be useful'. And what of the 'seeker after truth' person, who is difficult to convince of the pointless task of seeking right and wrong in physics? A physicist is more likely to 'borrow' a new idea if he thinks it useful, than to reject it on the grounds that Newton was always 'right'. But it has to be couched in standard scientific language or it doesn't even get to first base. As Heaviside discovered.

I am of course always fascinated by encounters of the Dingle-McCrea, Snow-Leavis, and now in *WW* the 'Displacement Current', kind, where the Gods are fighting it out way above my head, and cries of 'oddball' must disturb the calm of editorial offices almost daily. From the safety of my ivory tower, I can enjoy the wrangles of Tweedledum with Tweedledee for a mere 60p a month.

Desmond Thackeray  
Department of Music  
University of Surrey

## INERTIA OF THE ELECTRON

In the article on the inertia of the electron by T. B. Tang in the May issue we find references to numerical coincidences which have been used to develop some possible models for the universe. Dr Tang's interesting article could also be a plausible one and it is suitable for further development.

Just to add to the number of models, I devised another one which can be summarized by the equation:

$$G = \frac{c}{\pi h} \left( \frac{c}{2\pi} \frac{e}{2\pi} \sqrt{\alpha(2-\alpha)} \right)^4$$

where  $G$  is the constant of gravitation,  $c$  the speed of light,  $e$  the charge of the electron,  $h$  is Planck's constant and  $\alpha$  is the fine structure constant.

Of course there is a theory behind it where the electron is considered as a black hole with the result that both  $e$  and  $\alpha$  take up new dimensions, thus rendering the equation dimensionally balanced. But its real interest is that the accuracy by which  $G$  can be computed is much higher than any experimental value so far found. In fact,  $G$  comes out to be  $6,673019 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$  with a precision better than 20 parts in a million.

It is still a coincidence?

D. Di Mario  
Milan  
Italy

The author replies:

The expression given by Mr Di Mario for the gravitational constant  $G$  may indeed be interesting because, as he has mentioned,  $G$  has been measured only to an accuracy of several parts

per million whereas the four physical constants appearing in the l.h.s. of his expression are all known to better than several p.p.m. However, the resulting numerical coincidence can have no meaning when the expression is dimensionally incorrect; I fail to see how the dimension of the l.h.s. may match that of  $G$ , which is  $(\text{length})^2$  (in the system  $c=h/2\pi=1$ ). The theory mentioned in which an electron is considered as a black hole would, to me, be considered as a dark alley.

T. B. Tang

## ELECTRONIC ORGAN TONE FILTERS

Pipe organ technology is limited in its ability to imitate musical instruments but the sounds produced by combinations of organ stops are varied and pleasing. Electronic organs imitate pipe organs and current developments are concerned with perfecting this imitation (Dr Pykett's article in the October issue). Thus in general we have a good imitation of a poor imitation of a mixed bag of musical instruments - some obsolete (what were diapasons and cornepeans anyway?).

Surely it would be better to imitate electronically modern musical instruments and thus have the modern symphony orchestra sound available to the keyboard player - which was probably the goal of the original pipe organ builders in their time. (We could even see stops called "Galway Flute" or "Perlman Violin" etc.)

On a broader front, electronic musical instruments lack any way for human beings to express themselves as compared with what they can do on conventional musical instruments which can be bowed, blown or struck. This results in gimmicky and sterile music without warmth.

Perhaps the conventional forms of musical instrument expression input could be put into electronic instruments, which could then produce the sound of the best conventional instrument of that type, e.g. bowed input would give the sound of a Stradivarius violin. Of course it would also be possible to produce the best trumpet sound from a bowed input at the flick of a switch!

M. Robins  
Rugby

The author replies:

Mr Robins's assertion that the pipe organ attempts to emulate a symphony orchestra is mistaken. The organ reached its pinnacle of development as a musical instrument in Northern Europe during the Baroque era as exemplified by the works of J. S. Bach, well before symphonies or symphony orchestras appeared! The tonal design of the better modern instruments is mainly based on Baroque principles, though the presence of a few stops with "orchestral" names is a legacy (not necessarily an unmusical one) from the romantic period around the turn of the century. Therefore the organ is an instrument in its own right, and its musical literature has little connection with that of the orchestra or any other ensemble of players. Consequently there are several reasons why a good imitation of the organ is a valid pursuit, not the least of them being that the electronic version is smaller and cheaper than the real thing and thus more suited to the domestic environment.

With regard to his query concerning the names of stops, "diapason" is derived from the Greek - it has no connection with any other instruments and is peculiar to the British organ.

"Cornoepan" is probably a corruption of "cornet à pistons" and is of Victorian origin.

In widening the discussion to include other forms of electronic music we are going beyond the scope of my article, but Mr Robins's final comments call to mind the application of devices such as vocoders in modern music. His criticism that electronic instruments are unmusical is too generalised; any musical instrument is merely a machine for producing sound and the utmost in sophistication or craftsmanship cannot make good the inadequacies of an incompetent performer. A Stradivarius is indeed a wonderful instrument, but it would still sound appalling in the hands of many a beginner.

C. E. Pykett

The type of electronic organ Dr Pykett is describing in his current articles is basically identical with the Allen-Rockwell types which produced from r.o.m.-plus-d.a.c. approximations to waveforms collected from more than one organ. The largest of these belongs to the indefatigable Carlo Curley who nearly filled the Albert Hall with people, not to mention sound, in an event involving also the resident Fath Willis organ and three or four cathedral organists.

I want to suggest that there are about twenty difficulties confronting the designer of electronic organs and wish Dr Pykett every success with them. I think it was at the Great Exhibition of 1851 that an organ was powered by steam to the extent that housewives thought it was the Last Trump and knelt to pray in the streets. By the turn of the century some church organs roared very loudly indeed, nearly drowning the noise of the gas-engine driving the blower. It took Albert Schweitzer to stop people ripping out baroque organs which among other things worked at a very low pressure and had broad lines on the frequency analyser, or in other words they produced filtered noise.

Strange materials such as pure tin are used for some pipes, and the board they are set in functions as a soundboard. This all tends to the production of a very complex sound on organs. One electronic organ constructed for an English parish church used waveforms derived from bistables triggered by noise gated alternately to R and S at the fundamental frequency, to broaden the spectral lines.

Many amateur constructors seem convinced that each manual should have its own speaker system and Curley's organ has 400 speakers. This resembles the situation where rock music can be played through normal speakers but a bass electric guitar has to have a specially strong speaker. There is perhaps a problem here of occasional peaks building up. Thus if one is simulating 100 pipes at different pitches sounding at 1W each measured on the way to the speakers, with a single speaker system a 10kW capacity is needed to prevent overloading when all the peaks coincide, to provide 100 times the sound peak pressure arising from one "pipe".

I think there is room to doubt the validity of any approach which averages harmonic spectra right across the keyboard even though this is only four octaves. Piano design is based on systematic drooping of harmonic amplitudes as one ascends the keyboard; even then end-effects on the lowest strings give overtones which are not true harmonics and I would expect the same trouble with flue pipes. The point is important because it affects the choice between filtering out a tone and building it up from components, since a filter affects each note differently.

Of course organ pipes have different envelopes for the different partials and presumably this will be a residual difficulty for some time to come. But pipe organs can only get more expensive and electronic organs, *hoffentlich*, will get cheaper and better simultaneously. I recom-

mend that readers building organs simulate some reverberation, in fact a good deal of it, and turn their loft into an organ loft lit only by a small lamp over the music rack, and pretend they're the cantor of Leipzig.

Bernard Jones  
London W1

## FAILURE OF DISTRESS SIGNALS AT SEA

With reference to Mr Wiseman's letter of June 1979, although the gist of his remarks is relevant, some of his letter may prove very misleading to non-seagoing readers.

It is true that all ships compulsorily fitted with wireless telegraphy (i.e., those of 1,600 gross registered tonnage and over) carry a battery powered W/T transmitter operating on 500 kHz. This is only an emergency installation and is a back-up to the ship's main m.f. transmitter which, today, has a p.e.p. output in the region of 1.5kW.

The supply for the main installation is taken from the vessel's main distribution board fitted in the engine room. This is also covered by an emergency supply consisting of a diesel driven generator set of sufficient output capacity to provide all essential supplies should the main generators fail. This supply is so connected as to cut in automatically when the main power fails. From this it will be seen that in most emergency situations the ship's radio officer has access to his main W/T transmitter, the emergency diesel set usually being installed outside the engine room and above the water line (mainly on the boat deck).

I should not like to take up Mr Wiseman's remarks about the aerial situation. It is my experience that the loss of radiation can only be blamed slightly on deck or bulkhead feed-through insulators. The fault must lie in the practice of designing modern ships with the bridge, accommodation and engine room casing all on top of each other, leaving little room to rig a realistic aerial system. One can add to this the lack of thought which is put into using it efficiently.

Recently, while serving on board a 250,000 deadweight tonnage supertanker, I had the very disturbing experience of not being able to raise any ship carrying a doctor in what should normally have been good m.f. range. An engineering officer was suffering from second-degree scald burns and, although I knew that within help range there were at least five Russian, Polish or East German freighters or fish factory vessels (having passed a couple earlier), I could not raise one in reply to my emergency signals. In fact, a nearby British tanker, whose emergency alarm was activated by my signals, advised me over v.h.f. that my signals were just about readable at under 15 miles.

Atmospherics were normal for the tropics, humidity was a little on the high side (but no more than had been experienced in past years) but the strain aerials were neutralised by a deposit of salt from spray and carbon from funnel gases. The particular aerial layout consisted of two horizontal nine-metre lengths connected in parallel to a 13-metre downlead. This arrangement was slung between the signal mast on top of the bridge house and a 60-ft high funnel casing to the top of which it was secured at the end of a 3-ft iron bracket and held up by a wire hallyard made fast at the base of the funnel casing.

Under normal conditions one could (with the transmitter in use) expect to register 10 amps on the aerial ammeter on 500kHz but as soon as any high humidity was experienced  $I_{ac}$  dropped

to 1 amp or less. Despite dropping the main aerial on as many occasions as possible (a practice frowned on by most ship's deck officers as it interferes with the essential work of painting) to wash off carbon and salt from the strain insulators, after a couple of days the old problems showed up again after dark.

When one's main aerial was rigged between two high masts and led into the radio room using an aerial of the inverted 'L' or a 'T' configuration the problem was practically non-existent. The writer remembers the many occasions when contact was established on m.f. with Capetown radio (ZSC) using an IMR M-100a half-wave rectified main transmitter at 2,500 nautical miles, or Auckland radio (ZLD) at 3,000 miles across the Pacific with the help of a Marconi type 380 1/4-watt full-wave set.

Okay! So it was at night, and in the tropics, and conditions were good, but normally one could work within 500 miles to a shore station and over 300 miles to another ship. Today, even with the most sophisticated 1.5kW synthesized transmitter one can get a better DX on the v.h.f.

It is felt that more care should be used in the siting of modern aerial installations, or more use (certainly in British ships, where the practice seems to be frowned on) made of the 'capacitance hat' type, or the folded unipole type, of free-standing radiators. Good examples of such installations can be observed on Norwegian, German or Swedish vessels (for the use of mast radiators) or Japanese ships for conventional types of aerials.

However, when these points were raised recently (after my emergency experience) with a ship's superintendent, he raised his hands in horror at the idea of the vessel's owners being asked to foot a bill of (his figures) \$10,000 upwards for a newly designed aerial system. When tackled as to whether seafarers' lives were not considered to be worth an extra \$10,000, he refused to commit himself. I wonder what his thoughts would have been if he had been chief engineer of my ship and his engineer officer had been the man to require medical aid. Probably he would have put it down to the P.B.R/O.

If this letter only makes some of your aerial design readers think, I shall be well rewarded. However, I must admit my remarks are going to be raised with my association for consideration by it, and all other seafarers' organisations. I've only one life; I don't want it to be jeopardised by a lousy bit of wire.

John J. Boyd (Radio Officer)  
Birkenhead  
Merseyside

## LEVY ON BLANK TAPES

I learn with some misgivings that the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society is considering the promotion of a Bill to allow the levying of a surcharge on the price of blank magnetic tapes.

While I support the attempts of musicians and their agents to obtain a just reward for their labours, I do not think this is a suitable way to go about it. It sets a poor legal precedent, in that it attempts to penalise people for something they might do — akin to compulsorily levying the price of a dog licence from everyone in case they may get a dog.

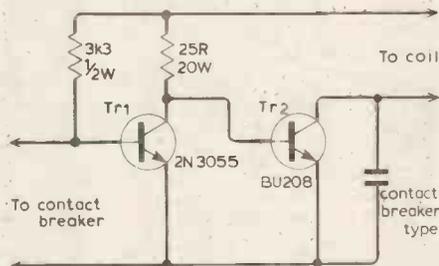
Should the Society feel compelled to persist with this proposal, I would like to have their assurance that users of magnetic tape for purposes other than the duplication of copyright material will be exempted from this levy. As a reminder, these purposes include: dictation; word processing; information storage in both

amateur and professional computing equipment; data logging; amateur recording of live music; tape 'letters'; recording of broadcast programmes for educational purposes; wildlife recording; recording of effects for amateur dramatics; recording of interviews and spoken pieces for local radio; telephone answering machines; and recording of messages transmitted by licensed amateur radio operators.

R. C. Simmons  
Chipping Norton  
Oxfordshire

## ELECTRONIC IGNITION

I have been interested to read of the problems your correspondents have been having with their electronic ignition systems. I used to have starting troubles with my car and decided to do the main switching of the coil by transistors rather than using the contact breaker directly for this purpose. The circuit is very simple and costs less than £3 to make. It has now been in use for more than three years (40,000 miles), and the points themselves are still in perfect condition. The contacts still need adjusting every 12,000 miles or so because there will be wear on the cam follower causing the gap to narrow slightly with age.



The circuit is as shown. With the contacts closed, Tr<sub>1</sub> is off, and hence Tr<sub>2</sub> is hard on. So hard in fact that the voltage drop across it is in the order of 0.3 volts. Since it is passing a current of about 4 amps, it is only dissipating just over 1 watt and has worked perfectly well without extensive heatsinking.

The contact breaker is now switching just 4mA at the most, and this is purely resistive, hence the total lack of pitting etc.

D. J. Cope  
Southport  
Merseyside

## ADVERTISEMENTS IN WIRELESS WORLD

As a regular *Wireless World* reader I think the number of full-page advertisements is excessive for the price of this otherwise interesting magazine. It would probably be true to say most readers would pay another 5p or so to reduce the full page ads that seem to increase in number every month.

The point is here that ads on ITV are free\* but in this magazine and others you pay to see them. I realize this is a large source of income but it will not be if your readership is reduced because of them. I think a better idea is to cut down on some of the ads but increase those in the appointments section. With rising unemployment this would serve a more useful purpose to help the electronics community as a whole.

"Worried"  
Haverhill  
Suffolk

\*See the current editorial on this subject - Ed.

## TV VIEWING AIDS

Mr Fred Holloway (October letters) has suggested that television sets should be provided with headphone sockets for the benefit of viewers who are hard of hearing. May I suggest that there is also a strong case for the provision of this facility for another reason? In many homes there are conflicting simultaneous demands for television sound for one or more persons and quietness for others who may wish to read, do homework or listen to the radio on phones.

A related subject is that of room lighting. Use of the conventional room lighting reduces effective luminance contrast and colour saturation, while the absence of lighting produces eyestrain. At an early Television Society lecture a manufacturer demonstrated a receiver with an illuminated area surrounding the screen. Such an arrangement would not be appropriate with today's larger screens, but I find that a 13-watt fluorescent tube fitted at the rear of a receiver provides a good "halo". (An incandescent lamp of similar brightness would need to dissipate about 60 watts and would increase the ambient temperature undesirably.)

It would be more convenient if manufacturers would provide these facilities.

Roy C. Whitehead  
Sutton  
Surrey

## TV SETS FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

In your October issue Fred Holloway of the Essex League of the Hard of Hearing recounted his difficulties in obtaining a television receiver, with earphone facility. The implication of course was that British industry was once again seen to be behind its foreign competitors. Not so - Decca produce 14in, 20in, and 22in sets all with a choice of headphones only or both loudspeaker and headphones plus tape recording and with full remote control if required. To this will be added in the autumn of this year a new range of 30AX models each with the same facilities. According to our information at least three other British manufacturers also supply sets fitted with earphone sockets.

We shall be glad to send full details to anybody interested in this particular problem.

Ian C. Rule  
Decca Radio & Television Ltd  
Willenhall  
West Midlands

Mr Holloway's letter in the October issue draws attention to the lack of headphone outputs on many tv sets, and the resultant problems for the hard of hearing. The following comments might be of interest to people in a similar position.

Several sets, mainly portable types, have a 3.5mm socket for use with a low impedance earpiece. This can be used with normal headphones and a suitable adaptor; the socket can be easily modified to stop switching of the speaker. If a socket is to be added to an existing set, an isolating output transformer is usually necessary due to the lack of an earthed chassis.

For those who do not wish to modify the set, the following are available: small battery amplifiers using a microphone placed near the speaker and a lightweight headset or phones; for those with a suitable hearing aid, similar microphone amplifiers to drive a simple inductive loop placed round the room. Several firms including ourselves make suitable models. The

RNID also issue a leaflet on the various types of "aids" available.

P. Royall  
Sarabec Electronics  
Middlesbrough  
Cleveland

## INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS

Granted that industrial robots have been successfully applied to routine repetitive tasks in the automotive industry, the question nevertheless first arises as to whether we want every motor car on the road to look and be like every other. If, as you say in September News, "the natural growth area lies in flexible manufacturing systems, where a large number of different product types will be demanded by an increasingly sophisticated market", the answer to the question seems to be definitely in the negative.

If that is so, we may not need robots to make motor cars, or indeed much else, for that matter. There might well come a time, for example, when I may not like to have my motor car designed or built by anyone or anything that cannot properly appreciate Beethoven's 4th symphony or Renoir's "Le Moulin de la Galette", i.e. that cannot clearly distinguish between good art and bad art. A high level of sophistication maybe, but one that is certainly conceivable to me.

The amount of "fast-acting tactile, visual and aural sensory devices" that you would have to build into a robot to enable it to meet this level of sophistication would certainly have to be pretty enormous. I would respectfully suggest, therefore, that one might have much better luck, or success, by endeavouring to employ some of the two million unemployed "fast-acting tactile, visual and aural sensory" individuals who are at present on the labour market.

Peter G. M. Dawe  
Oxford

## AERIAL INSULATORS AT SEA

John Wiseman, in his August letter on the subject of the distress frequency at sea, has clearly defined the necessity for thoughtful antenna design, with fewer (parallel) insulators, better shielding, and greater capacitance. Mr Wiseman also makes reference to the Admiralty Handbooks, and I would like to supplement his reference by quoting from the 1931 Edition as follows: "It is, therefore, the duty of the wireless staff to keep all these scrupulously clean, especially after heavy steaming, heavy rain or bad weather, since under these conditions the insulators will probably be covered with a semi-conducting layer of 'stokers', dirt, or dried salt."

It is the semi-conducting layer that spoils radiation, not so much a flushing of the insulators with rain or sea-water. Thus, if the insulators are cleaned regularly, as their Lordships of Admiralty once instructed, it is almost a certainty that no difficulties will be experienced except in special circumstances such as arise in areas like the Persian Gulf, where sand and spray may combine.

With the modern base insulated medium frequency antennae, the cleaning of the insulator poses little difficulty, and there is no excuse at all for it to become salt, stokers, or dirt encrusted.

Mr Venekamp's low impedance antenna (August letters) may contribute to a solution, but I don't think we should avoid cleaning it.

P. J. W. Sawyer  
Natal, Republic of South Africa

# NEW PRODUCTS

## E.p.r.o.m. programmer

A low-cost programmer for use with Intel 2716 e.p.r.o.ms has been introduced to the market by Technova Developments Ltd. After a sequence is written into the programmer, addresses can be incremented automatically. Also, addresses already entered can be selected for verification and/or alteration to allow possible errors to be corrected before the e.p.r.o.m. is programmed. Crystal control is used for the program pulse length to increase programming reliability and, at a one-off price of £475+v.a.t., the unit could be useful to development engineers who wish to program e.p.r.o.ms for prototypes, or to modify existing programs. Technova Developments Ltd, Francis House, Blofield Heath, Norwich, Norfolk NR13 4SF.

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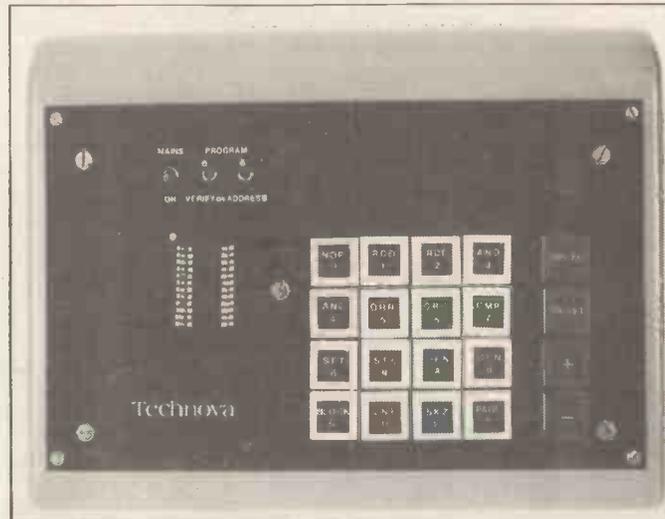
## Microwave detector

Now that microwave ovens used in hotels and restaurants must comply with the regulations of the Health and Safety at Work Act, the need for cheap, simple but effective methods of detecting microwave leakage has increased. This battery-powered "pocket" tester, the model TS256 from Bach-Simpson, gives both an audible and a visible alarm when r.f. leakage greater than  $4.5\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$  is detected, and its control is a combined on/off and "battery-test" switch. Designed for use in the ISM band, the TS256 is calibrated at 2450MHz and is said to be practically immune to failure caused by excessive field strength or physical abuse. Possible leakage is detected by simply switching the tester on and passing it around the seals of the oven, the only stipulations being that the oven is switched on at "high", and has been for a period of one minute prior to testing, and that the oven has in it a plastic vessel containing around 275ml of water. The price of the TS256 is £24.50. Bach-Simpson (UK) Ltd, Trenant Estate, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 6HD.

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## Hard-copy unit

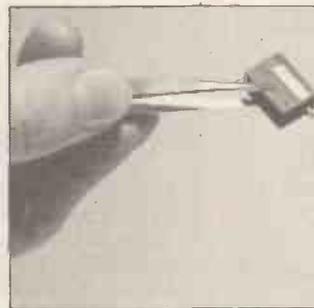
High-resolution, continuous-tone copies can be produced in a matter of seconds from raster-scan video sources using the Tektronix 4364 imaging hard-copy unit. With an image of  $15 \times 20\text{cm}$ , the copier uses a fibre-optic cathode-ray tube to record onto dry-silver paper with-



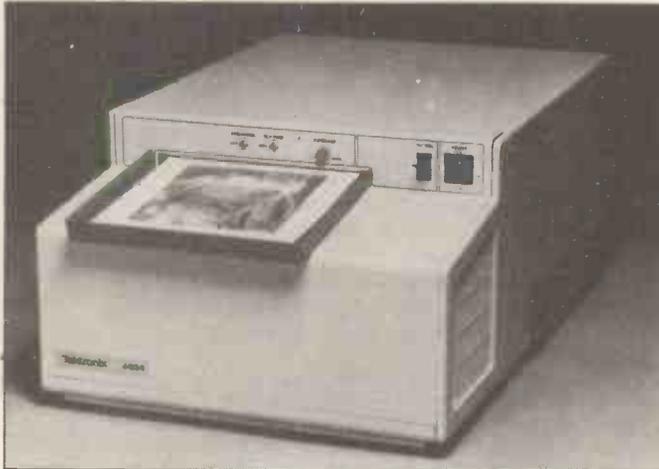
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out the use of toners or developers. Front control panel and front paper load/exit allow the unit to be unobtrusively mounted into a video system. The 4634 is self-contained, usually requires only a single cable connection and can be interfaced to most video sources whether analogue or digital. An a.g.c. circuit is included which tracks the input signal to reduce the effects of variations at the input and a grey-scale range with twelve levels is also featured. The makers say that the unit was designed to provide photo-

graphic quality images and claim it is a cost-effective alternative to other display recording devices with a similar image quality. Tektronix UK Ltd, Beaverton House, P.O. Box 69, Harpenden, Herts.

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## Miniature motor

With a supply potential of 1.2V, the 712L d.c. motor from Portescap can develop a mechanical power of 70mW although it measures only  $7 \times 12 \times 16\text{mm}$ . These

features, together with a starting torque of  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}\text{Nm}$ , a no-load speed of 11,000r.p.m. and low-inertia, are said to have been made possible by combining the use of new materials with established design techniques. Gold-alloy brushes, samarium-cobalt magnets, sintered-bronze bearings and the maker's ironless rotor are all included in the design. Portescap (UK) Ltd, 204 Elgar Rd, Reading RG2 0DD.

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## Strain meter

Field measurements can be made with the DMD20 battery powered and portable strain meter with digital readout. Hottinger Baldwin Messtechnik GmbH, represented by Carl Schenk Ltd, manufacture the instrument which provides energizing for transducers, and operates with a carrier frequency of 225Hz. Strain-gauge half and full bridge circuits with resistances from 60 to 2000 $\Omega$  can be used in conjunction with the meter to indicate strains of up to  $\pm 1999\mu\text{m}/\text{m}$  and gauge matching and balancing facilities are built in. Although primarily designed to indicate static values, the meter has an analogue output which allows the recording of low-frequency dynamic values also. The same manufacturers have also announced extensions of their range of strain gauges. Carl Schenk (UK) Ltd, Stonefield Way, Ruislip, Middx HA4 0JT.

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## Continuous coverage receiver

Any frequency in a range from 50kHz to 29.7MHz can be tuned in, using the McKay DR 33C communications receiver, distributed by Lee Engineering Ltd, which makes use of phase-locked digital frequency synthesis, with crystal control, to enable continuous and accurate coverage of the full range, and a large, six-digit, display for frequency readout. Demodulation for either a.m., u.s.b., l.s.b. or c.w. (also r.t.t.y. with an external converter) is switch-selectable, as are r.f. filtering, which ranges from four to eight kHz, and noise limiting. A high-level r.f. front end, and a double-balanced diode ring-mixer are used for good i.m. rejection and sensitivity, whilst crystal filters in the first and second i.f. amplifiers, and a ceramic filter in the third, are provided for the rejection of all undesired frequencies and good selectivity. A.m. envelope detection is carried out using a class D

configuration, which has the advantage of giving low-distortion, even at high modulation levels. Variations on the DR 33C model are available, as are an active all-wave antenna, and passive r.f. preselectors ranging from 0 to 30MHz in 9 bands. The DR 33C costs around £950. Lee Engineering Ltd, Napier House, Bridge St, Walton on Thames, Smurrey KT12 1AP.

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### Keyboard protection

Moulded rubber covers to protect keyboards can be made to manufacturers' specifications by Kea Flex Ltd. These covers make possible the use of keyboards outdoors and in dusty, humid environments such as process plants and mills. One such cover already made by this manufacturer for Racal Datacom has individual raised keypads to improve tactile response, bonded white key symbols, and is made from silicone rubber to give it mechanical flexibility and resistance to high temperatures and chemical contamination. Kea Flex say that they can provide a complete design, development, tool-making and moulding service specially geared to handle difficult customer requirements. Kea Flex Mouldings Ltd, Broxhead Works, Linford, Bordon, Hampshire.

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### 16k modem

The world's first 16,000bit/s modems to be made available commercially is the claim made by Plessey for their 16000 series. An improvement on the 16001, the first design in the series, is expected to be available in January and is designated the 16002. The second version is suitable for data communication as well as digital speech transmission and also offers improved performance on poor lines. Quadrature amplitude modulation has been chosen as the means of carrying information over voice frequency lines as it offers high noise immunity. The two carriers in quadrature are at a frequency of 1700Hz and each can have eight possible amplitudes. In order to reduce the effects of line noise which would normally cause unacceptably high error rates, a forward correction module will also be available as an optional extra. Plessey Digital and Network Systems Ltd, Taplow Court, Taplow, Bucks.

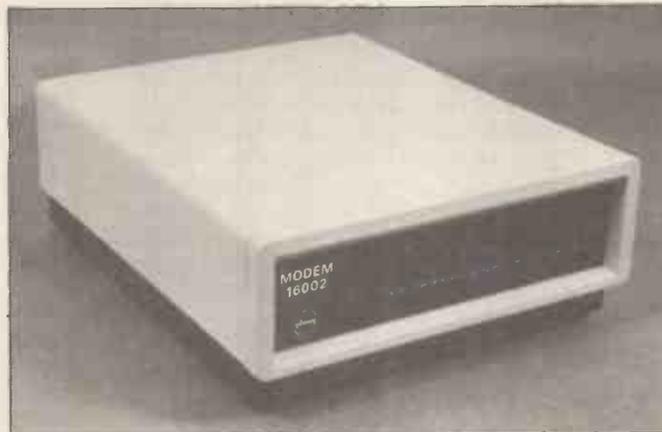
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### Humidity control switch

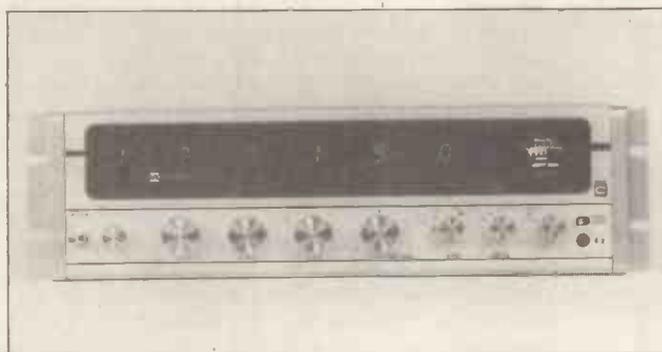
Natural hair is used as the sensing-element in this control unit, the Regin type-HR room humidistat from Appliance Components Ltd. Any desired relative humidity limit value from 30 up to 90% can be set



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using a dial on the front of the unit, and the hysteresis of the limit switching point is low at  $\pm 1.5\%$  r.h. The taut hair of the sensor stretches as the humidity of the air around it increases. This means that if the sensing-element should break, become wet or not be recalibrated after a certain period of time, the humidity of the room will tend to decrease rather than increase, an inherent safety function not found in for example cotton-type sensors which shrink with increasing humidity. Calibration of the 165x60x38mm wall-mounting unit is simple, and its control microswitch has a contact-rating of 10A at 480V a.c. into a resistive load. Possible applications of the type-HR include the control of humidity in computer rooms, air-conditioning systems and laboratories. The 100-off price is around £17.34 per unit. Appliance Components Ltd, Cordwallis St, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 78Q.

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### C.r.t. controller

Design aims of this r.o.m. programmable c.r.t. controller were to reduce the manufacturing costs of intelligent c.r.t. terminals, word processors and information display equipment produced in large quantities. The S68045 from AMI Microsystems Ltd is pin compatible with existing software programmable devices and can directly replace those such as the MC6845 and SY6545 once character fonts and display formats have been established. Two complete character and display programs are stored in r.o.m. in the S68045, which makes use of the same power supplies and clocks as the devices it is to replace. This offers, the manufacturers say, cost savings of up to 40%. AMI Microsystems Ltd, Princes House, Princes St, Swindon, Wilts SN1 2HU.

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### F-V converter

Low drift and high reliability are claimed for the Teledyne Philbrick 4736 hybrid frequency to voltage converter which is available through Technical Selling Services. With a guaranteed linearity error of less than 0.008% f.s., the 4736 can operate at frequencies of up to 1MHz and gives an output voltage which is linearly proportional to the input signal frequency regardless of the waveform used. Mounting onto a p.c.b. is simple as the hybrid-type package used has a 24 pin d.i.l. layout. Minimum and maximum input potentials are 1.6V (threshold voltage) and 12V respectively, while the maximum output voltage is 11V, and the maximum output current is 20mA. Versions are available which have undergone 100% screening similar to MIL-STD 883, method 5008. Technical Selling Services, 80a High St, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3RS.

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# SIDEBANDS

By Mixer

## All very well, but . . .

It isn't often I can report what seems to me a hopeful sign of renascent sanity, but it's all the more welcome for its rarity. If you can be bothered with the rest of the issue after reading this page, you may come across a piece by one of our hacks on air traffic control in which the said hopeful sign makes a brief appearance.

In a few year's time, it is the intention of the civil aviation people to provide air traffic controllers with all manner of computery, which it is hoped will enable them to see what is going to happen in about a quarter of an hour unless they tell the pilots to do something else. In this way, they will be able to tell whether everything will proceed in an orderly and thoroughly British manner, or whether there is going to be an almighty bang.

To the naive, this is just the ticket, and one might imagine that controllers would be absolutely delighted to exchange important parts of their anatomy for such equipment. But air traffic controllers are not noted for their naivete, and engineers rather less so, if anything, so they're all looking at the gear through noticeably narrowed eyes.

What they don't like much, they say (and the people developing the stuff quite see their point) is that the displays are so convincing that they find themselves taking the computer's word for Gospel, and they're realistic enough to insist that nothing is that perfect. Well, you can see what they mean — when a couple of airliner captains come on the air to point out that they haven't been trained for close-formation flying, and would you mind awfully making the other one go away, it is absolutely not on to explain that it's all right really, because the computer says so.

So, you see, there's hope. So long as there are some people left who can still say "Yes, but . . .", we can rest easier in our economy-class, battery-passenger cells.

## "... by any means make money"

"It is in the game for profit, and the service it provides is incidental, a means to that main purpose." Thus the editorial at the other end of this month's issue, independent television being the target.

It is just possible that there may be a couple of you out there who think the above remark is going a bit far. The programmes aren't that bad, you might think, and they have to show adverts to pay for the programmes, which are obviously the reason for broadcasting at all. They are, aren't they? Well, actually no, they're not. The programmes seem to be regarded by

the companies as a rather time-wasting and expensive way of filling the time between adverts. Admittedly, with some of the stuff they put out, I wouldn't argue with them, but for a method of propagating information as prodigal of bandwidth as television to be used by a few people to make vast amounts of money by advertising seems to me obscene.

I can vouch for the prevalence of this view of television among the companies and will illustrate it by reference to a visit I once paid to Yorkshire Television. I'd gone there to see some new equipment they'd had installed, and arrived just after a breakdown lasting some hours. I commiserated and said "How awful" and "Dear, dear" and all the usual things and was a bit taken aback when the very senior engineer I was talking to said that it hadn't been all that disastrous, really, because they'd only lost about fifteen minutes.

Apparently the loss of several programmes didn't count: it was the fifteen minutes of adverts down the drain and the consequent loss of revenue that had caused them to hop around briskly mending fuses or whatever they do. So there you are — never mind the programmes; feel the ads!

## The game of the name

The Dutch are a fine race, and I have often thought it was a crying shame they never learned to speak properly. Still, they do keep trying, and to prove it, a Dutch publisher recently sent a letter, couched in the unlikely combination of characters that I am reliably informed passes for a language over there. Words like 'wij' and 'mogelijk' abound.

Now, my adventures in foreign languages, apart from those that are dead and therefore 'useless', have been confined in the main to a discussion of extraordinary females who, for some inscrutable reason, insist on keeping a supply of pens in the garden. I am not, therefore, well prepared to decipher communications even in single Dutch. Luckily, the newest member of our editorial team has been exposed to the lingo for some years and is able to make sense of it. So I asked him to cast his eye over it and give me the gist, which he did.

It seems that two magazines, *Elektronica Hobbie* and *ELO* are to merge under a new name, which they have decided is to be *Hobbit*. It does have a hyphen — *Hob-bit* — but it is pretty clear that it has appeared in translation.

I have no quarrel with the name *Hobbit*. As names go, it is a perfectly good name. I am not sufficiently enthusiastic about it to want to read books on the subject, but it

seems harmless enough. But to call an electronics magazine after a hairy-footed denizen of Middle Earth does indicate a certain self-imposed limitation in circulation figures. We shall see, but it's going to need some very explicit covers if confusion is to be avoided. Maybe they don't read Tolkien in Holland: or perhaps *Hobbit* is spelt with a lot of 'j's and 'k's in Dutch — I wouldn't be a bit surprised.

Best of luck to *Hob-bit*, anyway.

## Real estate

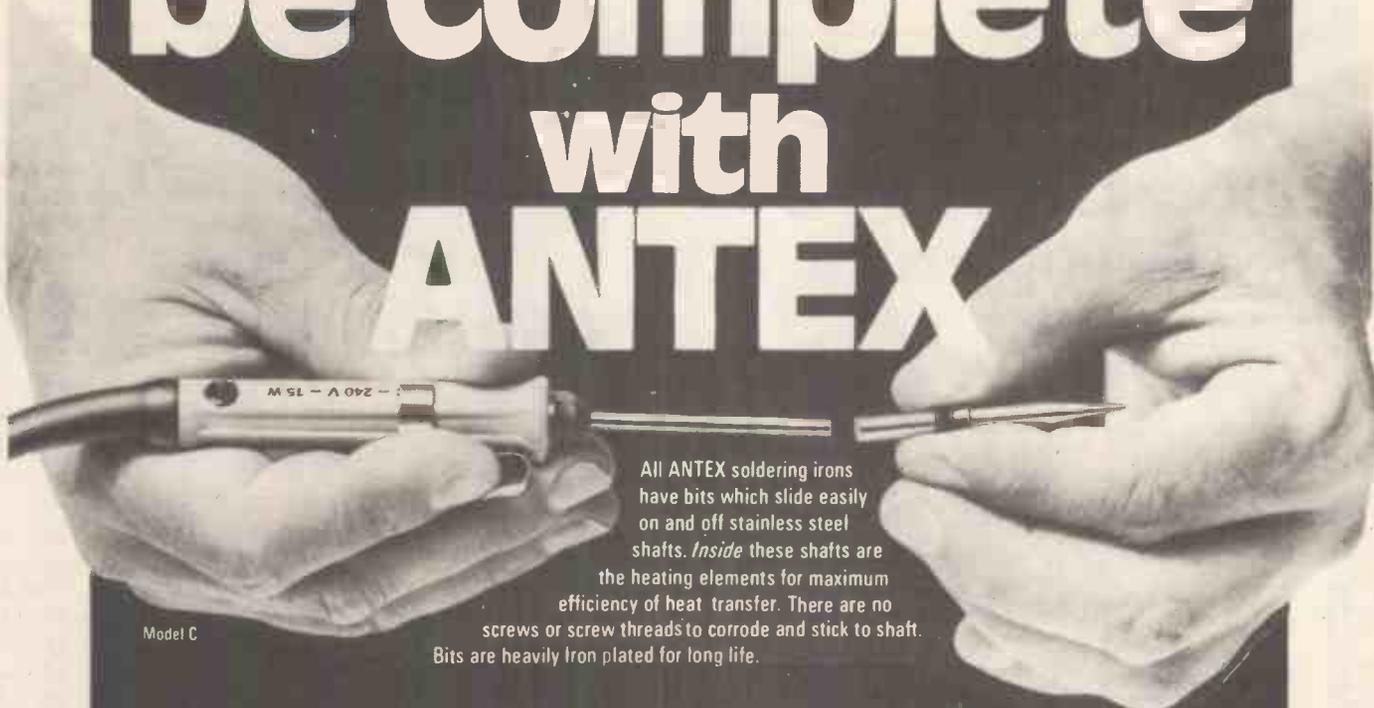
As befits a journal with a readership of *Wireless World*, the standard of letters we receive is a cut above the normal run of 'letters to the press'. I have been terribly impressed by all the erudition displayed over displacement current and electrons, and only wish I could contribute myself. But I have always thought it important to know one's limitations, and displacement current, relativity and many other rarefied subjects are well on the 'no-go' side of mine.

I do feel, however, that all this about e ought not to be allowed to go unrecognized. You never know when you might be caught short without either guessing stick or calculator, and experience an urgent need to know the value of e. I've noticed several letters offering valuable advice here, and this is an area where I do think I could be of assistance. I doubt whether many folk would be able to remember those funny sentences, such as 'In Wapping, a quantity of penguins I glowered at grumpily fled', so I've come up with another idea.

My method could be used in any circumstance, but preferably while standing in a 54.365636568 acre tract of land — a wood, or moor or whatever is to hand: one of the Ordnance Survey plans should be helpful here. Stand there until you have managed to attract the attention of twenty passers-by — more or less could be used, but the arithmetic becomes inconvenient. Now get them to distribute themselves equally over the area you have chosen (offers of money or quantities of alcohol make this easier). This done, you mark out the land by drawing lines exactly midway between people, and then you can tell them all to go away. It should be possible to do this without causing offence, but if not, you might find it necessary to feign madness — this often averts aggression. It only remains to measure one of the small areas enclosed by the lines you have drawn, which will be found to be 2.7182818284 acres.

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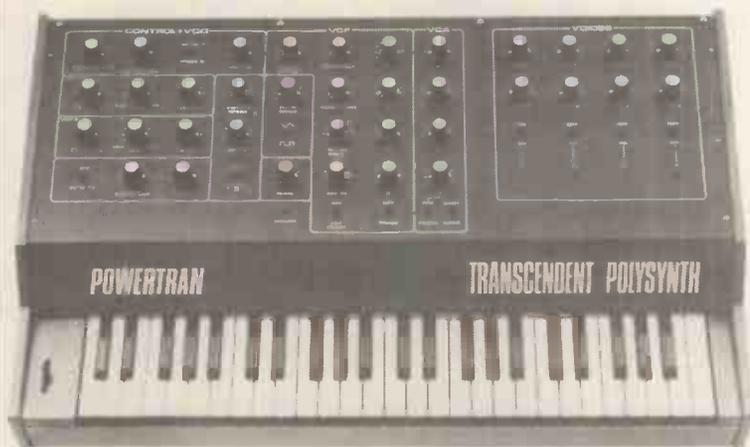
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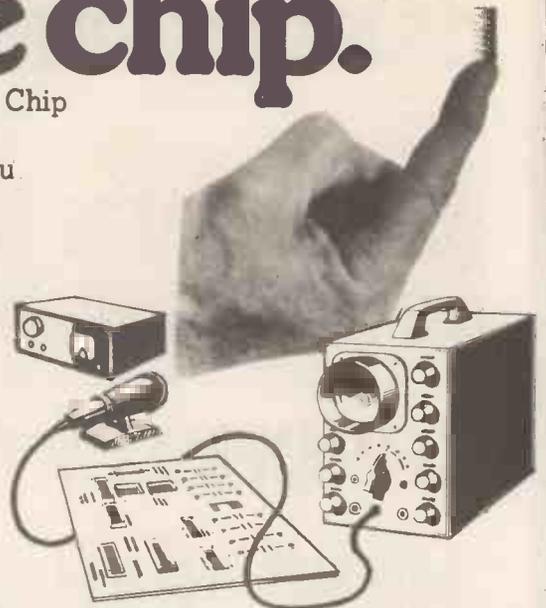
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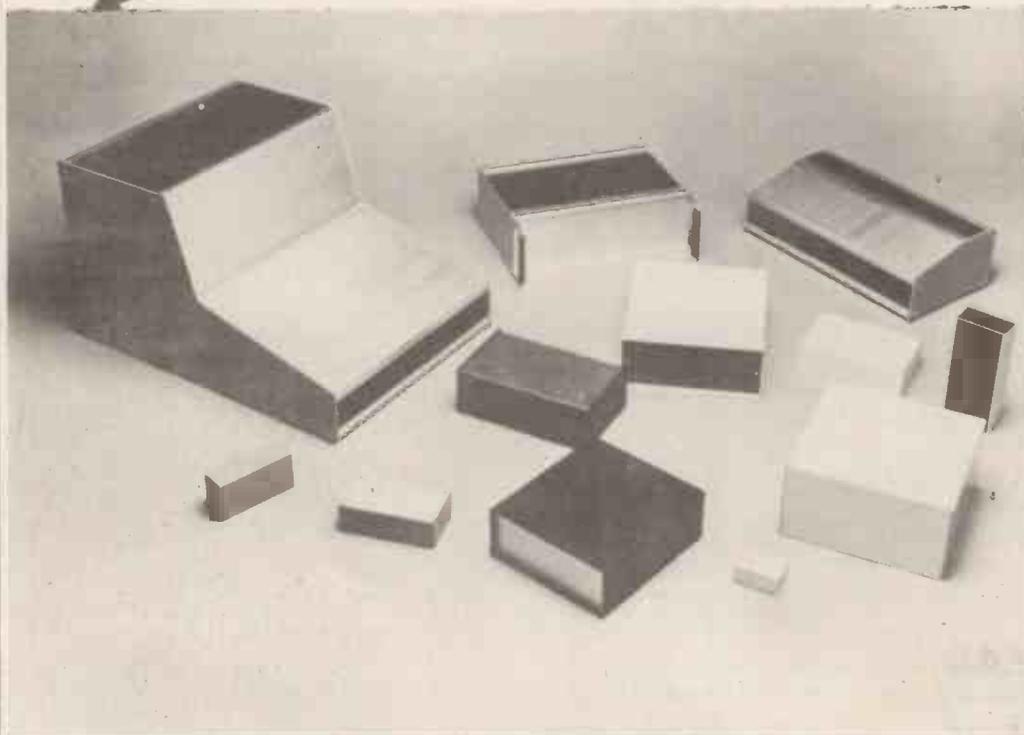
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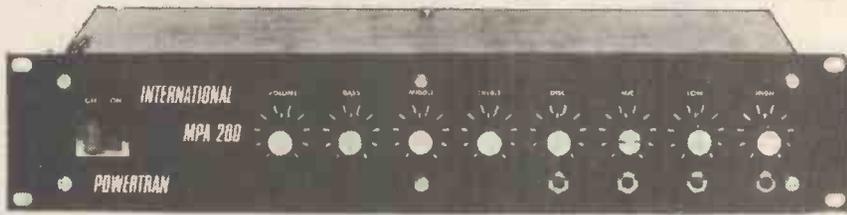
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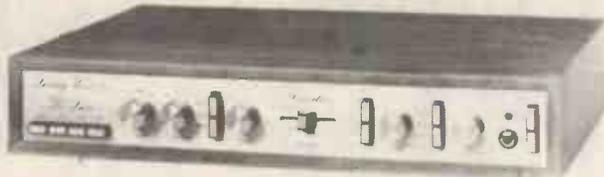


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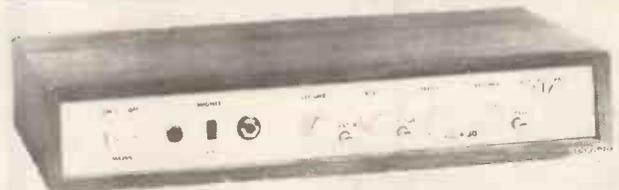
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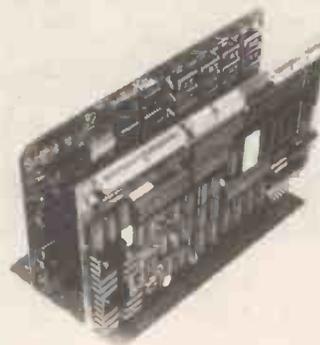
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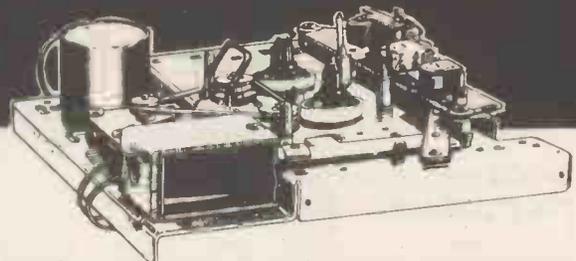
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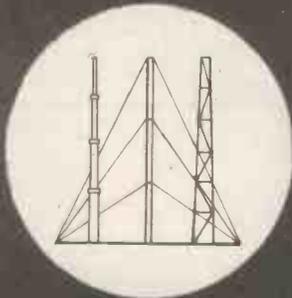


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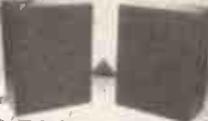
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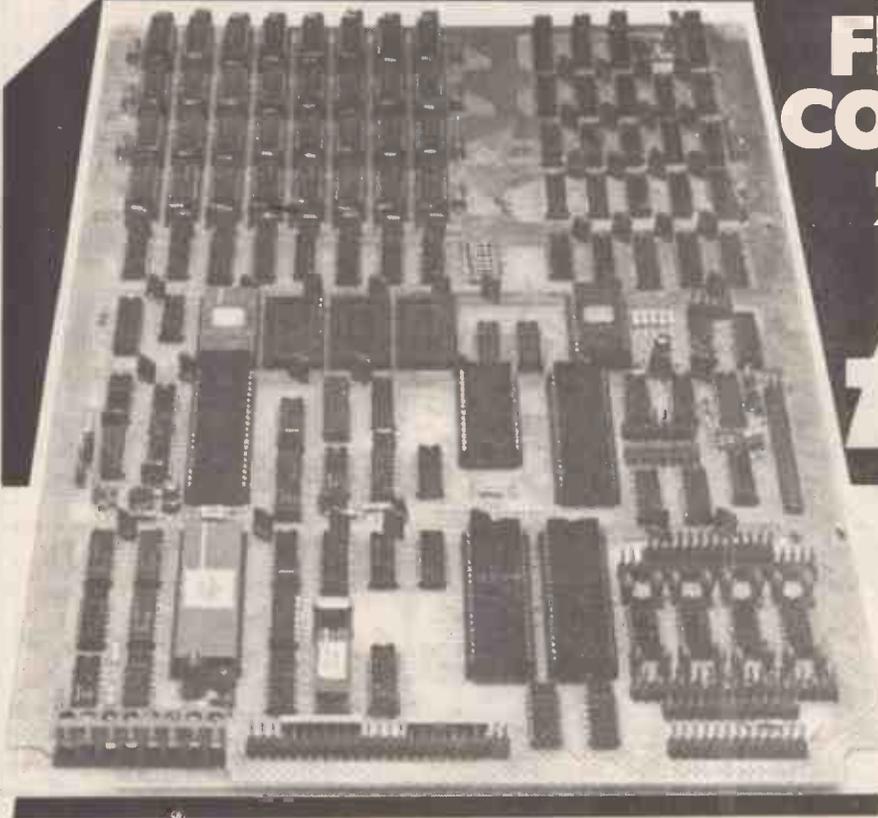
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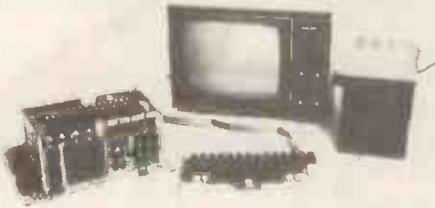
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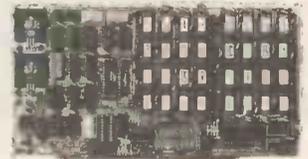
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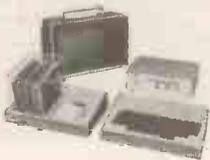
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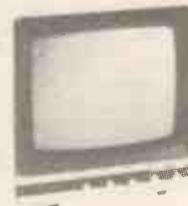
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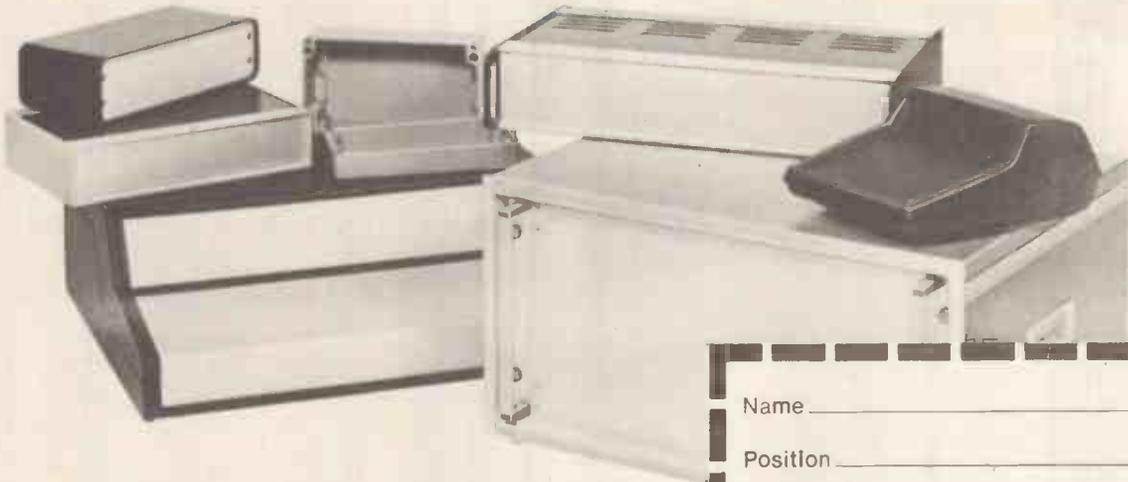


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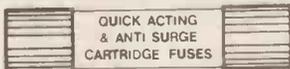
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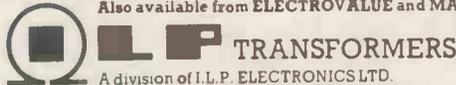
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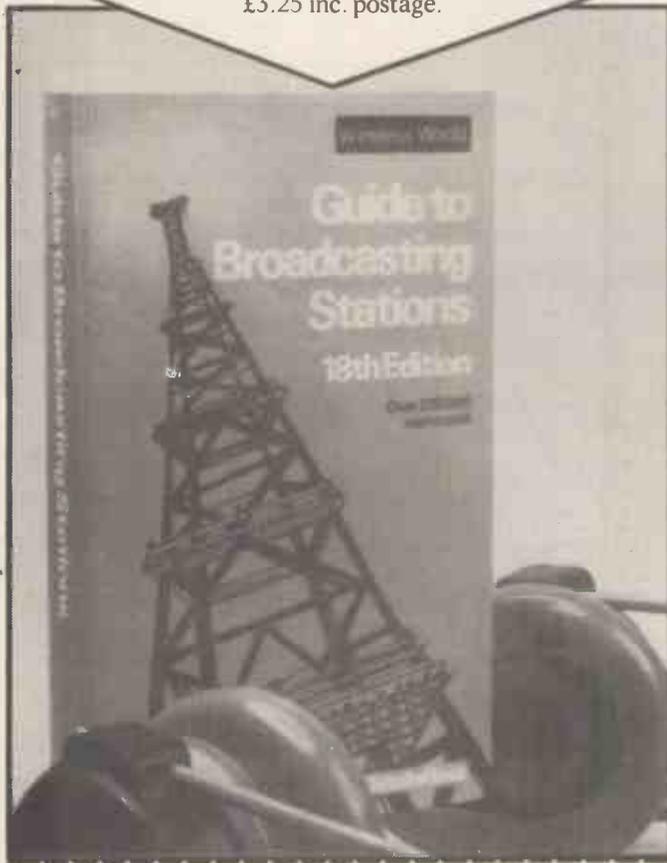
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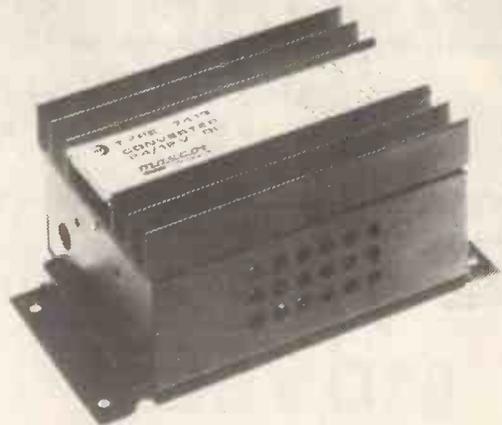
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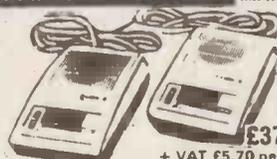
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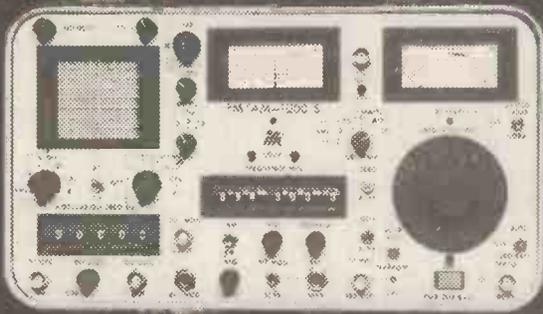
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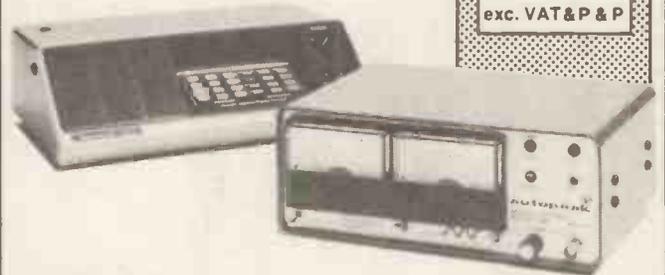
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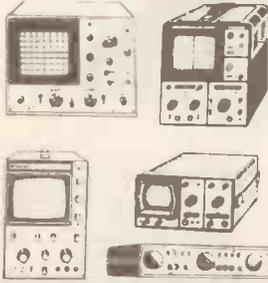
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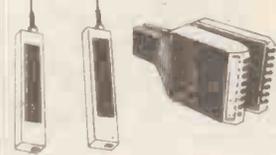
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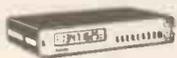
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208	1A, 1A	0-8-9-0-8-9	3.88	.90
236	200, 200	0-15-0-15	2.19	.44
239	50MA	12-0-12	2.88	.37
214	300, 300	0-20-2-20	3.08	.90
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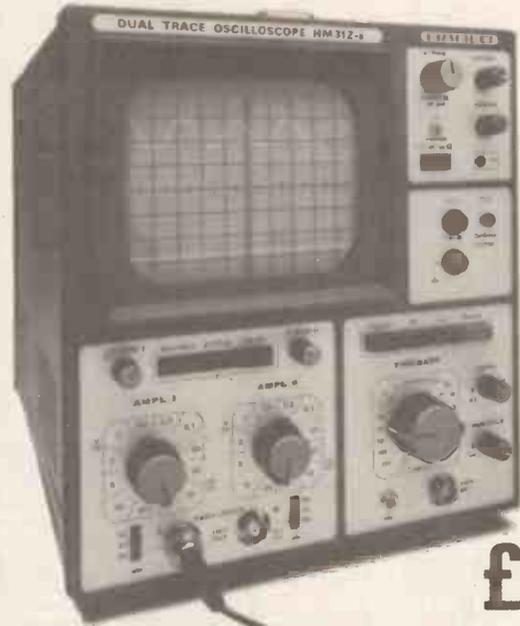
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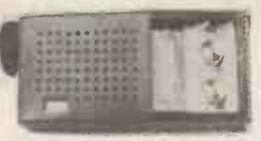
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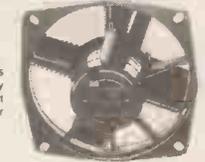


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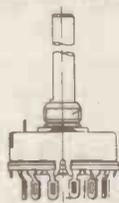
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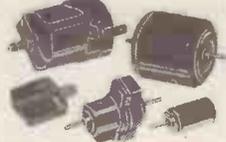
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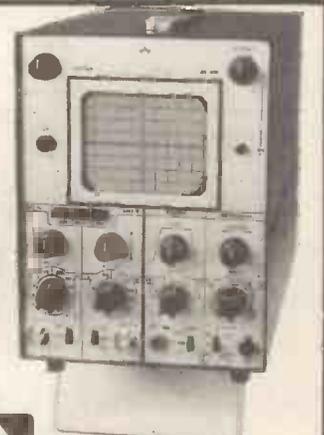
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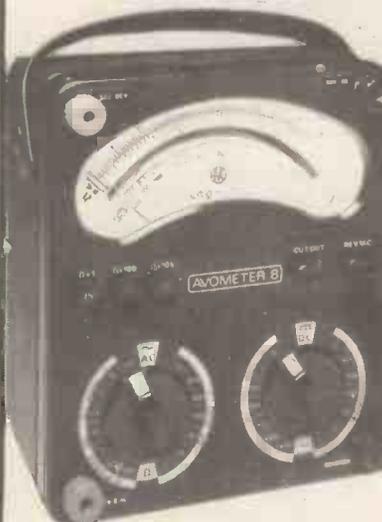
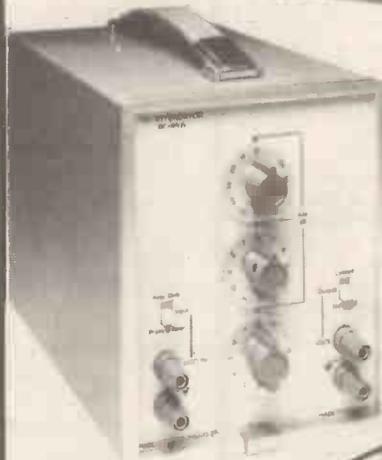
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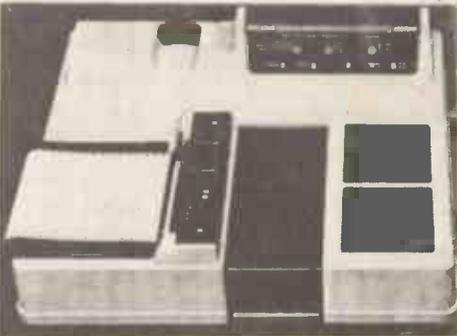
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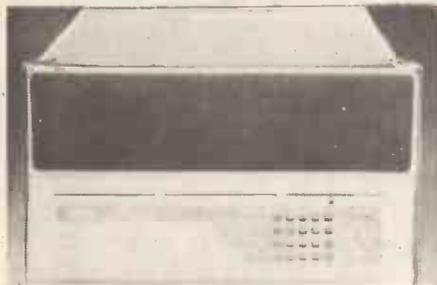
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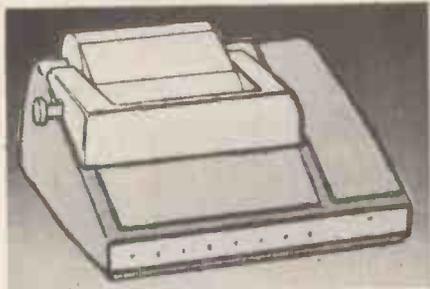
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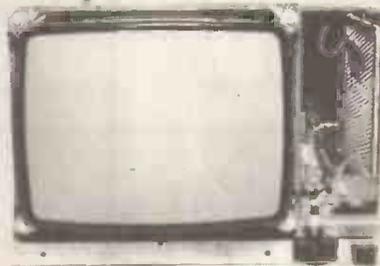
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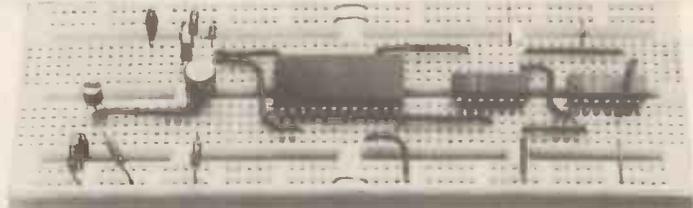
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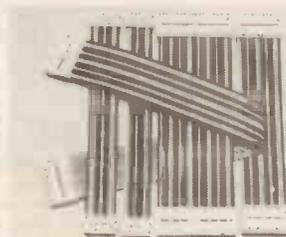
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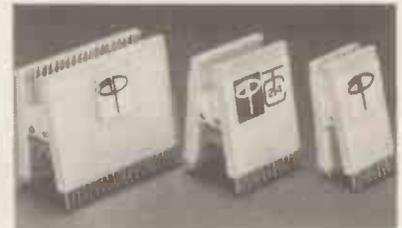


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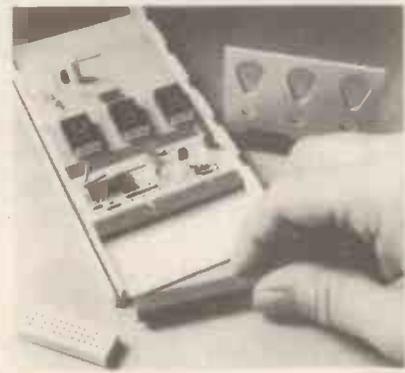
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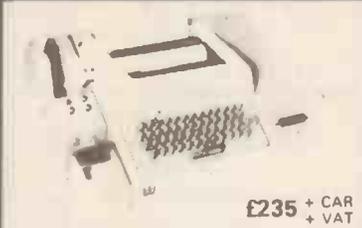
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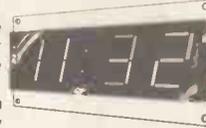
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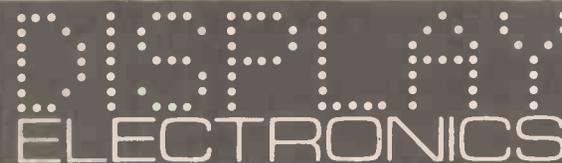
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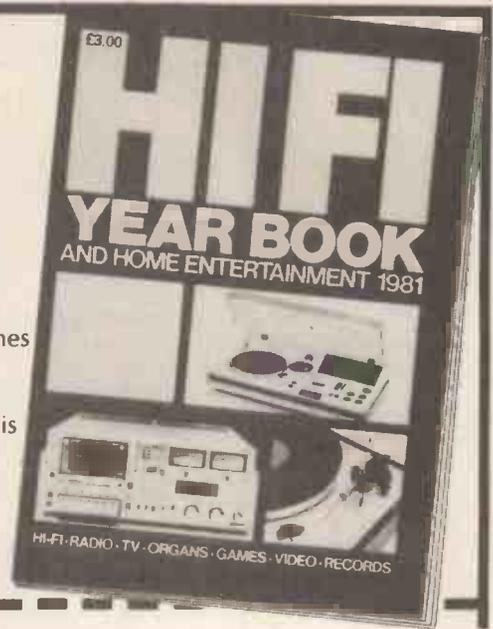
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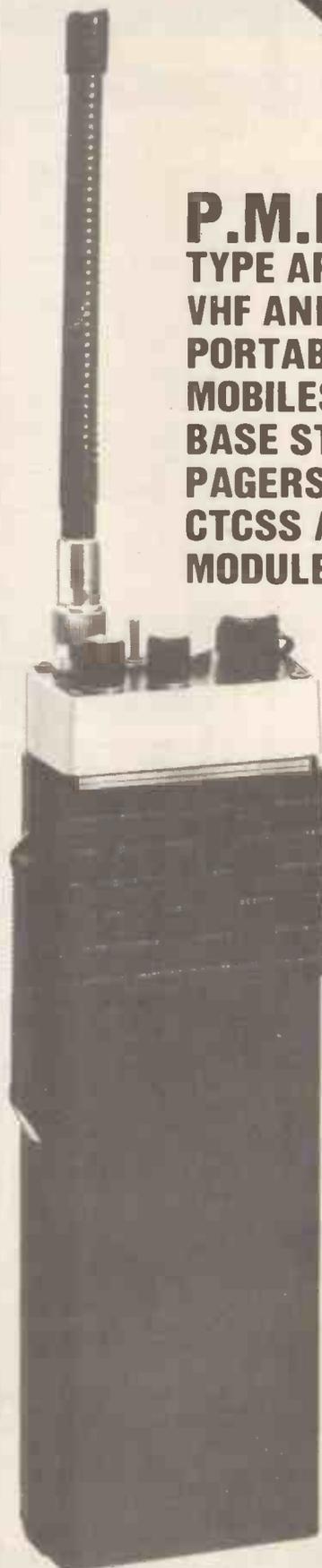
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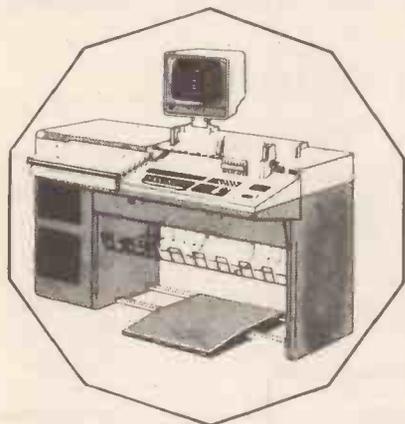
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