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- 8 switch-controlled standard outputs with time base stability, for local standard applications.
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CHECKING OUT the three-ton Stratoscope II telescope. Its optical system can distinguish two objects 30 inches apart at 1,000 miles. The system developed by Perkin-Elmer for Princeton University will be lofted 80,000 ft over Texas by an unmanned balloon this month. See p 47

PROJECT APOLLO'S MISSION: Get Two Americans to the Moon. Here's how it will be done: after Mercury, rendezvous and docking techniques and equipment needed for the moon flight will be tried out in Gemini. This report outlines the equipment being bought to do the job

COUNTERMEASURES Equipment Eyes Cuba. Atlantic Missile Range and Air Force planes joined the hunt for missile sites in Cuba and probably served as spotters for camera planes. Indications are that this surveillance is still continuing

COMPUTER PROCUREMENT Is Revamped by Air Force. New EDP Equipment Office will now select computers for user commands. Another procurement shift will be purchase, not rental, of "off-the-shelf" computers

OPTICAL TECHNIQUES Will Steal the Show at Paris. In an interview with ELECTRONICS, the chairman of the scientific program for the Quantum Electronics Conference points up the shift to optical research. The clue to many practical devices, he predicts, will be nonlinear optics

MORE ATOM-SMASHERS Wanted. Three more big accelerators are under consideration—one might have beam energies up to 1,000 Bev. These huge machines are expected to stimulate developments in high-power electronics

AIMING A THREE-TON TELESCOPE As It Hangs From a Balloon. Servo system responds to radio signals and points telescope at chosen stars. Three axis servo system with coarse and fine correction stabilizes target image in photographic film within 0.02 second of arc. By E. R. Schlesinger, Perkin-Elmer

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How to Improve Testing

THERE ARE FEW INDUSTRIES that do more testing and evaluation than the electronics industry. And there are few industries that waste so much time and money in these activities. An important reason is that electronics engineers generally have yet to appreciate fully the value of statistical techniques in setting up and evaluating experiments.

Although electronics engineers working in information theory or applications of quantum physics are indeed well versed in statistics, the average engineer has little appreciation of these very useful methods for coping with the inherent contrariness of nature. Thus some engineers will work out their circuits, carefully take readings with their trusty vtvms and then wonder why the circuits don't work next time they plug them in. Many circuits are not designed to cope with even slight changes in operating conditions.

More than forty years ago agricultural experiment stations began using statistically designed experiments to determine the effects of applying certain fertilizers, plowing to different depths or both. These and many other experiments have contributed in no small measure to our present-day agricultural-product surpluses that are the wonder of the rest of the world. At least twenty years ago, chemical engineers started to use statistical techniques with similar success in plastics and petrochemicals. Life scientists also have made good use of statistically designed experiments in developing new vaccines.

Many of the more vexing problems of the electronics industry—reliability of equipment and components, manufacture of microcircuits with uniformly high performance and good yield, more dependable communications—might be solved by intelligent application of modern statistical techniques.

Parameter-point estimation, tests of hypotheses, confidence limits, analysis of variance, correlation and regression, factorial designs, response surfaces and even nonparametric techniques are all powerful tools that belong in the electronics engineer's bag of tricks.

We are no longer fiddling around breadboarding relatively inexpensive equipment items. In the missile and space business particularly, experiments such as launching interplanetary probes or building huge and complex antenna systems are far too expensive for us not to get all the useful information possible out of every test.

MINIATURIZATION has been a continuing goal of electronics engineers since the earliest days of our industry. As we all know, however, with the growth of solid-state technology the trend has accelerated in recent years so that now we are faced with a whole new technology of microelectronics.

We ran the first comprehensive technical report on this new art in our issue of November 25, 1960, and have since carried many articles on important developments in microelectronics.

Next week, we take another broad look at the field. We think you will find, as we did, that remarkable progress has been made. For one thing, some people didn't expect microelectronics to show up so soon in major equipments. Furthermore we found a wide awareness that success in this field will call for some new thinking by management and working engineers. For example, the device physicist and the circuit designer will no longer be able to remain separate.

On the technical front we found many significant trends, such as the stress on field-effect devices and phenomena. Next week's article highlights the new techniques, applications, design problems and research trends. We think you will find it "must" reading.
**COMMENT**

**Electronics Markets**

I want to congratulate you and your associates on the splendid wrap-up of the electronics industry's outlook for 1963 (Electronics Markets, p 43, Jan. 4).

The succinct yet complete analysis of the industry's prospects will, I am sure, prove most helpful to all those who look to ELECTRONICS magazine for assistance in their planning and projections.

**Jack Galub**

Robert Mullen, Inc.  
New York, New York

**How To Win Students?**

In reference to your Dec. 14, 1962, Crosstalk editorial (p 3), I agree the engineering curriculum is tough, but my biggest problem has been classroom semantics.

I've yet to get an instructor who knows how to put himself across to the students (E.E. classes at a local university). I'm impressed by their brilliance but certainly not by their grasp of basic teaching and psychological principles.

We need smaller, shorter classes and instructors versed in Dale Carnegie, or, at least, with some personality.

**Larry Osterman**  
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Cameras Over Cuba**

I read with interest your article, Electronically-Controlled Cameras Watch Cuba (p 20, Nov. 30, 1962). Unfortunately there was no discussion of the camera's electronic controls, the stabilized camera mounts that allowed the cameras to make extremely sharp photographs while flying at treetop level.

These mounts are installed in every major reconnaissance aircraft, including the U-2 and the RF-101 Voodoo, which are most probably the aircraft used in the reconnaissance missions recently flown over Communist Cuba.

The function of these mounts is to maintain the camera absolutely steady while the photographs are being taken. Vertical gyros and Schuler tuned earth's-rate pendulums provide position reference and sensitive servo systems maintain camera steadiness in roll, pitch and yaw.

The LS-19 Schuler tuned vertical reference, made by Aeroflex Laboratories Inc., senses verticality to within ±1.5 minutes of arc rms, with a slow 84-minute period of oscillation. During camera exposure, this error causes a camera motion of only one or two seconds of arc, barely enough to disturb even the best photographic resolution.

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**Sunflower Optics**

In the article, Sunflower Optics: A New Concept in Color TV Display (p 33, Dec. 14, 1962), a theoretical illustration was given (p 36, top) of the fact that the luminance of a projection color display can be greater than that of an equivalent direct-viewed display. The following corrections should be made:

- Delete π in Eq. 1 and 3.
- Multiply the right side of Eq. 2 by Q and of Eq. 3 by 1/Q.
- In place of “The ratio of luminances ... projection” (following Eq. 3), substitute: “Typical approximate luminance ratios follow from Eq. 3. For a single-gun color display, Q = 0.163. This Q is the product of losses in luminance due to back-excitation of the phosphor (0.65), the duty ratio of the phosphor strips (0.5), and the lowered phosphor efficiency (0.5) necessary to achieve white balance. The ratio of projection to direct-viewed luminance is then 3.0 in favor of color projection. For aperture mask color displays, Q = 0.11. This Q is the product of aperture mask transmission (0.17) and back excitation (0.65). The luminance ratio is then 4.4 in favor of color projection. For monochrome, Q = 0.65 and represents the loss in luminance due to back-excitation.”

In the second paragraph of column 2 of the box, delete “same” in “The same result ...” and delete S in Eq. 4.

On p 37, under Luminance, change “1.5” to “3 to 4.”

On p 35, first column, change “200” to “18.5 watts” to “2.200” and “42” to “42 watts” for a 23.6-inch diagonal screen. The mean wattages are 3 to 5 watts.

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How To Select An RI/FI Meter

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As an engineer, you know that no two design groups ever produce exactly the same instrument for a specific purpose. Experience and backgrounds differ. Approaches differ. Even basic concepts differ. Then, too, each group has its own view of the needs of the user. In a complex design, one approach will favor sensitivity over bandwidth, or, perhaps, cost over durability. We all must draw the line somewhere, in reaching each design decision. In an RI/FI meter, there are dozens of such decisions. The final “mix” of characteristics is, at best, an intelligent compromise . . . never the ultimate.

We believe that the two instruments described on this page represent by far the best “mix” of performance, economy, and versatility for the majority of applications. You don’t buy an RI/FI meter every day. Once you buy it, however, you may use it every day, for many years. Therefore, we urge you to consider the “mix” carefully. Limited range or restricted utility may seem tolerable now, but what about next month, or next year? Initial cost may dominate your thinking now, but how much does an extra man-hour a day (or one questionable result a week) cost . . . over five years?

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Stalemate Strategy May Level DOD Budgets

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary McNamara last week underscored a shift in U.S. strategic thinking—that a state of mutual or stable deterrence is emerging. This could mean a leveling off new defense contracts in the near future.

He told Congress that “even if we were to double or triple” the size of U.S. strategic forces it could not “ensure the destruction of any very large portion” of Soviet nuclear striking power.

McNamara said military spending has reached a point of “diminishing returns”—another tip-off that some Pentagon officials see at least a plateau, perhaps even a downslide in new defense business in two years or so.

Military electronics procurement is leveling off in fiscal 1964 (p 18, Jan. 25), primarily because of the phasing out of bombers and completion of the Atlas and Titan missile programs and the early-warning radar lines.

The new strategy is reflected in decisions not to produce any more manned bombers, to cancel Skybolt and not to expand Polaris and Minuteman production beyond last year’s goals. Contracts to complete the 41-vessel Polaris force will be awarded in fiscal 1964. Final Minuteman production is scheduled for fiscal 1965—150 more will be made in fiscal 1964.

The big question marks in the military electronics outlook are decisions still to be made on anti-ICBM’s, antisubmarine warfare, military space, Army modernization and the Navy’s ship modernization program.

If funds saved by trimming strategic retaliatory forces are diverted to these programs, the rapid rise in military electronics contracting will be resumed.

The new budget, McNamara explained last week, places a new emphasis on anti-ICBM development with a push for the Nike X system (see p 12), expands ASW efforts (funds are provided for a prototype of a new class of ASW destroyer escorts), and acceleration of Army modernization.

However, military space R&D continues at what Air Force considers to be very low gear and Navy’s ship modernization program is deferred again.

Laser May Find New Role in Navigation

NEW TYPE of laser, apparently suitable for gyro applications, was to be demonstrated yesterday by Sperry Rand scientists. It is reportedly a radically new “closed-circuit” laser in which counter-rotating light beams are used to measure rate and degree of rotation of a vehicle. The Sperry group is predicting that the laser will provide a new method for stabilizing and navigating aircraft and space vehicles, missiles and ships.

Sensor Problems Sent Midas Back into R&D

WASHINGTON — Technical difficulties with infrared sensors were what forced the Air Force to return its Midas early-alert satellite system back to the research stage (p 7, Feb. 1).

The sensors are to pick up blastoff heat signals from Soviet missiles to give the U.S. a 30-minute alert. The sensors are supposed to scan a wide sector of the ground as the satellite orbits across Soviet territory, locking on to any “hot spots” detected, according to sources close to the project. The sensors occasionally picked up the “hot spots,” but have not locked on.

Air Force’s Midas budget for fiscal 1964 is cut to some $30 million for further sensor research. The service is not expected to spend all of the $100 million appropriated for fiscal 1963.

Tracking Ship Troubles Delay Syncom Launching

DELAYS in checking out electronic equipment aboard the new tracking ship USNS Kingsport have postponed for one week the launching of Syncom I (p 28, Oct. 27, 1961; p 30, Aug. 17, 1962). It is now set to go up by Feb. 13 at the earliest.

Syncom, developed by Hughes, will mark the first U.S. attempt to place a satellite into 22,300-mile-high synchronous orbit. Unlike later models, the satellite will not appear to hover over one spot on the earth but will move in an elongated figure-8 pattern about 30 degrees north and south of the equator.

Syncom is designed for two-way voice, teleprinter and facsimile transmissions. Starting about five

Optical Computer Slated for Command Systems?

MILITARY command and control systems may be the first large-scale applications for computers using lasers and optical fibers. Command and control systems must handle large quantities of data rapidly. Extremely high speeds have been predicted for optical computers (p 7, Dec. 7, and p 30, Nov. 9, 1962).

Scientists and engineers working on laser computers stress that principles and effects are under study now, that hardware is still in the future. Much of this work is being done for Air Force.

Conventional lasers are being used in the feasibility studies, but injection diode lasers will be considered for systems because of their small size and low power requirements.
days after launch, Army personnel will attempt to use Syncom—to relay messages between the Kingsport, anchored at Lagos, Nigeria, and Lakehurst, N.J.

System Will Tune Out Telemetry Interference

CHICAGO—Self-adapting communications system being tested at Purdue University promises to tune distortion and interference out of telemetry channels.

Purdue's 7090 computer will be used to break up and process composite signal from a transmitter at Collins Radio, 290 miles away at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The computer measurements will automatically tune the campus receiver to near optimum reception. Purdue's transmitter will report channel distortions and interference back to Collins' receiver. Collins' transmitter will modify its subsignal patterns to compensate for the distortion or interference and thus will trigger a new cycle of even finer adaptive tuning. The system operates at 900 to 1,000 Mc.

The team, headed by John Hancock, which developed the composite signal theory is also working on anti-jamming techniques.

Switch Reportedly Uses Dielectric Semiconductor

LONDON—Switching device said to employ a new dielectric-semiconductor material was unveiled here last week by Energy Conversion Laboratories, Detroit, and its British and Canadian licensees. Its properties closely resemble those of conventional back-to-back SCR's and pnpn switches.

Intended primarily for a-c power switching, the experimental unit is reportedly capable of switching up to 150 watts in microseconds. It can be triggered at a fixed threshold by an external triggering source, or in series with its load, by a rise in the a-c voltage. Resistance is said to be 100,000 megohms in the nonconducting state and 1 ohm in the conducting state.

At the press conference, little or no details were given on its construction (a wafer of the material between conducting plates), threshold levels, what prevents it from switching off during each cycle when the a-c voltage falls below the threshold, the dielectric switching action, nor the hysteresis characteristic.

British solid-state experts expressed surprise at claims made for the device. One said that field emission effects could account for the change in state, but that more facts are required for assessment.

Ikara ASW Missile

Eyed by U. S. Navy

MELBOURNE—An unofficial source here says that the new antisubmarine missile, the Ikara, will compete with Asroc (p 28, July 8, 1960) for U. S. Navy use. It's adoption as a standard weapon by the British and U. S. navies is likely, he said. Range is reportedly 15 miles.

Officially, the Australian Defence Ministry has said the U. S. contributed $4 million to Ikara's development, that Ikara could deliver the U. S. Mark 44 torpedo and have twice the range of any known similar weapon.

The missile is guided by radar in helicopters, surface ships and submarines. Ikara will go on 3 new Australian destroyers. Ikara has passed its land tests and will be sea-tested within six months.

Stable Plasma Raises Fusion Reactor Hopes

NEW YORK—Stable plasma has been achieved at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, raising hopes for controlled fusion reactors. However, the other necessary condition, raising plasma temperature to about 100 million deg C, still requires much more work, Arthur H. Snell reported at the first meeting of the IEEE last week.

In the experiment, headed by R. A. Dandl, a foot-long copper cavity was placed between two mirror coils (p 47, July 14, 1961) and 5 Kw of power at 10 Gc was fed in through a waveguide. A visible ball of plasma was seen after deuterium gas was bled in a 10⁻¹ torr. X-ray and 8-mm noise measurements gave evidence of plasma stability.

In Brief . . .

AIR FORCE is inviting industry proposals to develop medium-altitude communications satellite system development. A number of identical satellites would be placed in polar orbits. Proposals are due March 11.

TWO NEW COMPUTERS were introduced last week, the GE-215, a general purpose computer that can use programs of the larger GE-225, and the Minneapolis-Honeywell 1400, a business and scientific system. Monthly rentals are from $2,390 for the GE-225 and from $10,000 for the 1400.

TAIWAN will start exporting transistor radios this year, chiefly to Southeast Asia.

RICE UNIVERSITY has established a department of space science.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORP. received its certificate of incorporation last week.

ALLIED RESEARCH ASSOCIATES and Baird-Atomic are planning to merge. Two subsidiaries of Allied Research are Araccon Laboratories and Mark Systems.

STANDARD KOLLSMAN has acquired The Grigsby Company.

NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR and Clark Semiconductor Corps. plan to merge.

BRAZIL'S RCA Victor has begun exports to Latin America Free Trade Area countries with a shipment of 20,680 tubes to Mexico.

MEMBERSHIP of the IEEE's Electronic Computer Group has reached 10,000. Group sees 20,000 membership by 1970.

IMPROVED Ship's Inertial Navigation Systems (SINS) will be put aboard 6 more Polaris submarines by Autonetics.

NASA'S Deep Space Network is getting a new 210-foot-diameter antenna that will permit communications with future Voyager spacecraft to the edge of the solar system, a factor-of-10 improvement in the net's capability. Rohr will install the antenna at Goldstone, Calif., for $12 million.
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X amp: 5 sc/s to 2 Mc/s, sensitivity 3 V pp/cm.

C.R.T.: 7 cm tube, 1.6 kV accelerating voltage.

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Time base: sweep speeds 0.5 µs/cm to 200 ms/cm, acc 3%, magnification 5 x.

X amp: DC to 300 kc/s, sensitivity 1 V pp/cm.

C.R.T.: 10 cm tube, 3 kV accelerating voltage.

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Time base: sweep speeds 2.5 µs/cm to 1 s/cm, acc 3%, magnification 5 x.

X amp: DC to 300 kc/s, sensitivity 1 V pp/cm.

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cathode follower probe 0.5M Ω// 6pF.
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1s/cm, magnification 2x, 5x.
X amp: DC to 1.8Mc/s, sensitivity
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WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

HERE IS THE BACKGROUND on the Pentagon’s decision to push development of the Nike X anti-ICBM system:

The Office of the Director of Defense Research & Engineering found that four major improvements could be made in the Nike Zeus system within the state of the art: (1) using Zeus discrimination radar as a high-volume, lower-accuracy target tracker; (2) modifying the Zeus missile to reduce the minimum intercept altitude; (3) developing a new higher-acceleration missile, Sprint (ELECTRONICS, p 12, Dec. 21, 1962), to increase available discrimination time, and (4) developing a new advanced radar to simultaneously acquire, evaluate and track numerous objects.

These major alternatives were considered: (1) continue development and test of the present Nike Zeus system and do limited development of the new radar, or (2) proceed with all four major improvements and deploy a system initially incorporating only the first two improvements. Both plans were scrapped. It was decided to skip the first two improvements and proceed on an “urgent basis” with development of Nike X—incorporating Sprint and advanced radars—and again deferring decisions to deploy the system and begin component production.

NEW DEFENSE BUDGET allots funds for what Defense Secretary McNamara cryptically describes as “enhancing our detection and tracking capability against submarine-launched missiles.” So far, Pentagon officials are mum about details.

MILITARY PROCUREMENT officials will soon be authorized to use a new “multiple-year buy” procedure. Purpose is to assure contractors of long production runs, so they can quote lower unit prices.

It will apply to fixed-price hardware (such as communications and electronic end items) bought competitively and produced essentially in contractor-owned facilities. It will not apply normally to spare parts procurement or when, for strategic reasons, the military wants multiple sources of supply.

Potential suppliers will be asked to submit two prices—based on a one-year production run and on a three-year run. The latter bid will include “maximum ceiling charges”—that is, termination payments for cancellation of production after one or two years.

The Pentagon assumes that the long-term unit prices would be lower since the contractor could amortize his tooling and other investment over three years without fear that a competitor would be selected after the first year for follow-on buys.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT has decided to go ahead with construction of an underground “post-attack command and control center” at an undisclosed site. Staffed by top-echelon officials and crammed with communications and computer equipment the center would function if a nuclear attack on the U. S. knocked out major military command and control installations. It would augment the airborne post-attack command and control system, KC-135 command aircraft and B-47’s equipped as communications relay planes.
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PROJECT APOLLO’S MISSION:

Get Two Americans to

Here are the latest details on electronic equipment to be used

By MARVIN REID
McGraw-Hill World News

HOUSTON—As early as 1967 or 1968, a huge Saturn rocket will lift off its launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla. Riding on the tip of this fireball, in an 80,000-lb spacecraft, will be three astronauts off on the most hazardous and expensive space journey ever undertaken by Americans. Their mission will be to go to the moon, make a landing and return home.

Here at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC), the success of this manned lunar excursion is the single major goal.

Electronics will play a major role, both in preliminary flights and in the big one.

There are two major programs leading to manned lunar flight: Project Gemini will test theories, systems and hardware; Project Apollo will conduct more tests, then make the big shot.

LUNAR MISSION—For the manned lunar mission, a lunar orbit rendezvous (LOR) technique is planned (ELECTRONICS, p 22, Aug. 3, 1962). A three-element spacecraft will first orbit the earth, then go to near the moon and orbit 100 miles above the lunar surface.

The spacecraft will consist of a lunar excursion module (LEM), propulsion module and command module. The astronauts will make the trip to lunar orbit in the command module. Two astronauts will land on the moon in the LEM while one continues in orbit in the mother craft. The two astronauts will explore the moon for one to four days, then relaunch the LEM, rendezvous with the main vehicle, and rejoin the third astronaut for the trip home.

Before such a mission is undertaken, much must be learned about rendezvous and docking, deep-space navigation and communications.

Experience in these requirements will be gained in Gemini flights, scheduled to start early next year. Equipment and other requirements for Gemini have been established, but some equipment decisions for Apollo are still not made.

Gemini, operating on a $700-million budget, is the intermediate step between Mercury and Apollo. One MSC official says: “If Gemini equipment will do the job for Apollo, much of it will be used.”

Plans call for 12 flights of the two-man Gemini spacecraft, mostly in 1964 and 1965. The first will be unmanned to check out equipment. Others will be manned. Flights will range from 2 to 14 days.

For rendezvous and docking, an Agena D target vehicle will be launched separately into earth orbit.

ENVIRONMENT—Gemini spacecraft will resemble Mercury capsules, but will be twice as heavy and 20 percent larger.

Most instrument packages will be housed in space between the crew compartment and the external surface. There will be more electronic gear on board to do more jobs than in Mercury, but not the complete redundancy of Mercury gear.

“We learned with Mercury,” says Scott Simpkinson, technical advisor to the Gemini project manager, “that electronic systems are reliable if properly checked out.”

Gemini astronauts will have much greater control of the flights. There will be less automatic control because Mercury proved man can do it.

Gemini will have a fuel cell to function normally in space flights.
the Moon

supply power, a guidance system, computer, radar unit, and a sophisticated communications system. The fuel cell, to be supplied by GE, can lose half its power and still supply the spacecraft's needs.

Cooling will have to be provided for the fuel cell and all electronic equipment will have to be mounted on cold plates. Gemini will also carry a 1.5-orbit-capability storage battery to supply power to get the craft home if the fuel cell fails.

COMPUTER—Another innovation will be an automatically programmed electronic computer that can be fed manually if necessary.

This 65-lb, general-purpose, binary, serial, fixed-point computer, being developed by IBM, can be programmed with 159,744 bits of information. It will have a 500-Kc clock rate, 250-Kc memory cycle, take about 1 cu ft of space outside the crew compartment, and will function on less than 100 watts.

The computer is primarily for rendezvous missions, but it can also determine at any time a reentry impact point and what flight corrections are needed to land at a desired point.

During rendezvous and docking the computer will figure the amount, direction and timing of thrust needed to automatically or manually guide the spacecraft toward the Agena D target vehicle.

After retro-firing during reentry, an external sensor will feed data so the computer can supply landing site information. The computer will be preprogrammed to continually work out retro-fire and landing data. However, variables can be fed into it manually through a keyboard.

RADAR—Gemini radar will have a range of up to 250 miles.

This 2-cu-ft, 60-lb, 100-watt unit will be used in rendezvous and dock-
capacity and playback, Simpkinson says. It will be a pulse-code-modulation system accurate to 0.4 percent, able to handle 300 parameters and with greater range than telemetry used on Mercury.

Collins Radio was a communications contractor for Mercury, also has Gemini and Apollo contracts.

CHECKOUT — A computer controlled check-out system for equipment and systems will be all new.

Simpkinson says this will be semiautomatic with an operator in control. The system will have 900 test parameters, and will "tell what part or what black box is bad."

A video cable will hook-up the capsule to the computer check-out system. The computer complex will be 10 miles away. Actual checkout will be done from a blockhouse viewing room. The system will have a 20-crt display system.

MSC says Gemini check-outs should require a little over 2½ months. Mercury often took 6 or 7 months.

The computer control check-out system will carry over into the Apollo program. Apollo check-out tests will start in the factory.

APOLLO—Apollo will draw heavily on Gemini flight experience, but will be a much bigger and more complex program. Equipment delivery will begin around mid-1965.

MSC officials, such as David W. Gilbert, chief of guidance and control for Apollo, say they are remaining flexible at this stage to take advantage of any breakthroughs.

Deep-space navigation, Gilbert says, "is the only thing we will have to do on Apollo that hasn't been done before," in guidance and control.

Astronauts on the lunar mission will have to make navigational measurements in flight, then feed the information into their computer so it can automatically make mid-course guidance correction maneuvers.

Apollo's optical instruments, such as space sextants and telescopes will be servo driven, but can also be operated manually.

Gemini equipment scheduled for Apollo includes the fuel cell, airborne computer, inertial guidance platform and radar. Most will be in both the command module and the LEM.

Apollo capsules will have more system redundancy than Gemini, although Gilbert says the number of spares is not yet determined.

Nor has it been decided just how much ground control will be provided Apollo missions. Chances are considerable ground control backup will be provided, but mission success will still depend substantially on functioning of on-board systems.

There will be an evolutionary series of tests on Apollo before its big mission—including both unmanned and manned rendezvous and docking practice with the LEM while in earth orbit.

PROCUREMENT: $20 BILLION-PLUS

HOUSTON—Putting two Americans on the moon will cost $20 billion to $40 billion. The Procurement Section at MSC, headed by D. W. Lang, handles the major contracts—most of which will have been placed by 1964.

There are six major buying groups: Apollo, Mercury/Gemini, Control Systems, General Research, Center Facilities and Construction, and Support.

The latest major contract is the $30-million one now being negotiated with Philco to develop and equip the $50-million mission control center. IBM is providing the computer complex, presently funded at $3 million.

Major Apollo contracts include: MIT, navigation and guidance; AC Sparkplug-GMC, ground support equipment, inertial guidance unit and integrating gyro, power servo assembly, and systems assembly and test; Raytheon, computer; Sperry Gyro, plus integrating pendulum for guidance, and Kollsman Instruments, optics. Fiscal 1963 funding for these contracts totals about $18 million. These are contracts handled at MSC.

Prime contracts for spacecraft are: McDonnell Aircraft, Gemini; North American Aviation, Apollo command and propulsion modules, and Grumman Aircraft, the LEM. Total funding for fiscal 1963 is $334 million.
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Countermeasures

Equipment Eyes Cuba

Atlantic Missile Range and Air Force planes hunt for missile sites

Electronics learned last week that electromagnetic analysis and countermeasures equipment used in Atlantic Missile Range operations and by the Air Force's Tactical Air Command (TAC) definitely were used for electronic surveillance of Cuba during the crisis last fall.

The information bears out previous indications (Electronics, p. 20, Nov. 30, 1962) that data developed through electronic reconnaissance helped pinpoint the missile sites in Cuba for the camera planes.

Although a security lid has been placed over present operations, indications are that electromagnetic surveillance of that troubled island is still being continued and more equipment is being moved into the area.

Officials decline to comment on present operations. However, at his press conference two weeks ago, President Kennedy indicated that "daily" intelligence checks of Cuba are being made.

Missile range and TAC spokesmen have revealed to Electronics the standard ECM and analysis equipment that they use. More sophisticated equipment is in the works and is presumably being put to use as surveillance continues.

CAPE CANAVERAL — This sprawling test site and the whole Atlantic Missile Range (AMR) played an important but heretofore unsung part in the electronic reconnaissance and monitoring of Cuba.

Just how big a part AMR played is unknown, since officials are bound by security regulations.

AMR operations in such reconnaissance is headed by the Frequency Control and Analysis (FC&A) Branch, which monitors the r-f spectrum to detect any emissions which might interfere with missile testing at the Cape and along the 6,000-mile range.

Equipment operated by FC&A in normal missions is the same type of instrumentation used in electronic reconnaissance.

EQUIPMENT — This equipment includes the APR-9 electronic countermeasures receiver, capable of monitoring the electromagnetic spectrum from 1 to 10 Gc, and a companion unit, the APR-14, which covers 30 to 1,000 Mc.

Pulse analyzers are also used on the range. Although specific types were not revealed, there is a strong indication that the APA-74 pulse analyzer, a confidential piece of equipment, is in use by FC&A. The ALA-6 direction finder is also part of FC&A’s operating gear.

There are two roving vans and one fixed station in operation at Cape Canaveral. The only downrange equipment admittedly in operation is a van at Antigua containing equipment “like” the APR-14 and APR-9.

When asked what “like” meant, an AMR official said: "Well, it's classified ECM equipment and all I can say is 'like' the APR-14 and APR-9.”

The Antigua receiver goes to 10.7 Gc. Some of the equipment has been modified by the use of traveling-wave tubes in the front end and with parametric amplifiers. All equipment operates within about 4 to 6 db.

In addition to the ground stations, FC&A has five range aircraft at its disposal that are outfitted with the same equipment as the ground stations. Some of the latest passive ECM equipment is being used on the range.

DATA GATHERED — The type of information derived from incoming signals by the pulse analyzers probably includes: bandwidth, signal-to-noise ratio, antenna polarization and beamwidth, and modulation type as well as percent amplitude modulation, f-m derivation, duty cycle, analog determination of pulse repetition frequency, number of frequency multiplex channels, pulse width, pulse repetition frequency, pulse intermodulation and pulse group count.

As one range official put it: "You can practically see the equipment transmitting the signal.”

AIR RECONNAISSANCE — Tactical Air Command uses a number of the equipments employed by AMR. Confirmation that TAC aircraft also participated in the Cuban reconnaissance operation was received last week, but TAC will dis-
cuss present operations only in
general terms.

The Douglas-built RB-66C De-
stroyer is the workhorse of TAC's
9th Tactical Reconnaissance Squad-
ron electronic reconnaissance mis-
sions. Other versions of the plane
are also used for photo and weather
missions.

The RB-66C carries four elec-
tronic warfare officers (EWO) in
addition to the basic three-man
crew. Each EWO monitors a spe-
cific frequency band. EWO's are
generally navigators with added, in-
tensive training in electronic de-
tection.

Their primary mission is to mon-
itor, ferret and pinpoint the loca-
tion of hostile radar and other elec-
tronic systems.

Ferreting equipment on RB-66C's
includes the APR-14, APR-9, ALA-6,
APA-74, and the ALA-5 pulse analyzer
and the ANH-2 wire
recorder.

With the equipment, such infor-
mation as type of radar, frequency,
range and use can be obtained. An-
alyzed and plotted on map overlays,
the information becomes the basic
source of intelligence for estab-
lishing and maintaining an up-to-date
hostile electronic order of battle.

AIRLIFT — During the Cuban
 crisis Rome Air Development
Center airlifted electronic equip-
ment to the crisis area. RADC air-
crew and maintenance personnel
remained on the alert during the
Cuban quarantine and made many
additional flights to crisis areas.

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CHICAGO—Flameless lighters and
portable mixers, as well as cord-
less electric shavers, were the new-
est consumer products powered by
nickel-cadmium batteries at the
Chicago housewares show.

The lighter, introduced by Gulton,
is said to light 3 packs of cig-
aretttes on one charge. Similar bat-
teries will power an a-m—f-m tran-
sistor radio the company plans to
introduce this summer.

A battery pack built into Sun-
beam's portable Mixmaster is re-
ported to be rechargable for the
normal life of the appliance.
Air Force Revamps

Computer Procurement

Selection of edp systems centralized in new office

BEDFORD, MASS. — The computer industry's biggest single customer—USAF—is revamping its shopping habits.

From now on, choosing computers to fill Air Force needs, domestic and foreign, will be centralized at the new EDP Equipment Office, Hanscom Field.

Expected to be operational in March, the office will have a staff of 46. Computer manufacturers will be briefed on the office February 27.

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Optical Techniques Will

Scientific program chairman comments on conference's new look

BOSTON—That major emphasis in quantum electronics has moved into the optical region will be driven home next week at the Third International Conference on Quantum Electronics, in Paris.

MAN AND CRYSTAL. One of the pioneers in the solid-state maser, Prof. Nicolaas Bloembergen is now investigating the properties and behavior of crystals in maser beams.

"This shift to the optical area is the most significant feature of the 1963 program," Prof. Nicolaas Bloembergen, chairman of the scientific program, told ELECTRONICS. There are some review and systems application papers on microwave, reported the Harvard physicist, but microwave "is really in the realm of technical operations."

NONLINEAR OPTICS—The only double session at the conference (for program details see the accompanying report from Paris) will be on nonlinear optics. The advent of coherent light sources has focused more attention on this field.

Are Masers Going Out of Style?

Here's a quick preview of Quantum Electronics Conference highlights

PARIS—The maser will be practically old hat to speakers at the Third Quantum Electronics Conference, to be held next week at UNESCO House here.

The 150-odd papers screened by the conference scientific committee point to an overwhelming emphasis on the laser.

In addition to these papers, conference goers—estimated at more than 700—will hear nearly 50 state-of-the-art lectures by world-ranking experts. They will sum up quantum electronics theory as it stands today, plus potential applications. Two lectures on phonon masers, the coherent-sound branch of the maser-laser family, should attract considerable attention.

LASERS—Much of the work to be reported is directed at developing practical radar and communications hardware using the laser. This accounts for a strong accent on nonlinear optics, key to demodulation of coherent light.

Among demodulation techniques that conference goers will hear about are second-harmonic and third-harmonic generators based on crystals such as calcite and cadmium sulfide.

One paper, for example, describes third harmonic generation in calcite from 0.2-joule/30-nanosecond output pulses from a ruby laser. Still another paper reports the development of f-m/a-m optical frequency converters with traveling-wave phototubes as key components.

RECEIVERS—Several reports cover superheterodyne optical receivers. Underlying principle—mix modulated coherent light with a local laser oscillator to get a microwave beat frequency suitable for a conventional microwave receiver. Beat techniques have also made possible single far-infrared (160-micron wavelength) pulses from a laser, a British paper indicates.

Along with modulation and demodulation, methods for propagating coherent light will come in for a lot of attention. A variety of light pipes will be described.

DIODE LASERS—Third principal field of interest at the conference is research in new laser materials.

Here, theory dominates but nevertheless some devices using semiconductor materials for direct conversion of d-c into coherent light should turn up. A French research team, for one, hopes to have an indium arsenide laser operating by the time the conference starts.

RUSSIAN WORK—A paper on inverted population in semiconductors has been invited from Russia. Researchers at the Academy of Sciences in Moscow, have also reported advanced work with gallium arsenide, but apparently had not yet achieved laser action.

One of the contributed-paper slots, on Friday, is reserved for post-deadline papers of exceptional interest. It should provide the setting for some late announcements on gallium arsenide and other semiconductor lasers, since the first successes with these in U.S. labs came after the conference paper deadline.

Immediately after this session, the conference will close with a summing up, by C. H. Townes, of MIT.
Star at Paris

Bloembergen emphasizes the possibilities of developing nonlinear optical devices that run the gamut of r-f and microwave devices.

"How many of these devices will be practical and useful is another matter," Bloembergen said. "But the general theory supports the existence of nonlinear processes in the optical as well as other parts of the spectrum."

"Modulators, demodulators, harmonic generators, subharmonic generators, parametric amplifiers of all kinds—these can be built in the light region."

If light waves are to be used for communications, nonlinear elements will have to be engineered and the propagation of light waves in various media explored, he pointed out.

Exploring the nonlinearity of light waves is also important scientifically, he adds. His special area now involves the properties and behavior of crystals in the intense light fields produced by optical maser beams.

Bloembergen will be speaking at the Paris conference on the interaction between light waves in nonlinear media.

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The biggest to date is Stanford University's two-mile, $114-million, 20-Bev linear accelerator, scheduled for operation in 1966. Excavation is underway, reported R. B. Neal at the American Physical Society meeting here, and component installation should start in about 14 months. It will have 240 klystrons, each with average power of 22 Kw and peak power of 24 Mw. Going to 960 klystrons would double beam energy.

J. P. Biewett, of Brookhaven National Laboratory, described a design study for a 300-Bev to 1,000-Bev proton accelerator, scaled up from the 33-Bev alternating gradient synchrotron at Brookhaven. Estimated cost is about $1 million per Bev—about 20 percent of which would be for the electronics. A typical 600-Bev accelerator (see sketch) would require rapid-tuning, high-power transmission tubes, isolators capable of handling several megawatts and other 200-Mc parts.

Funds Asked—An AEC and President's Scientific Advisory Committee panel is reviewing Brookhaven's request. Requests by University of California and Midwestern Universities Research Association, for 100-Bev and 10-Bev machines, are also under study.

National Science Foundation is calling for a doubling of federal support of low-energy nuclear structure research in the next five years. Federal support of unclassified basic research in nuclear structure physics has risen to $40 million in the past five years.

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ELECTRONIC MARKETING CONFERENCE, Electronic Sales—Marketing Association; Americana Hotel, New York City, Feb. 11-13.


ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT EXHIBIT, ERA, FBC; Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colo., Feb. 18-19.


PACIFIC COMPUTER CONFERENCE, AIEE; California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif., March 15-16.

BIONICS SYMPOSIUM, United States Air Force; Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio, March 18-21.

IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; Coliseum and Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y., March 25-28.

ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS SYMPOSIUM, IRE-PGNS, AIEE, IAS, University of California; UCLA, Beverly, Calif., April 10-11.

OHIO VALLEY INSTRUMENT-AUTOMATION SYMPOSIUM, IIE, et al; Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 16-17.

CLEVELAND ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE, IRE, AIEE, Case Institute, Western Reserve University, IEE; Hotel Sheraton Cleveland, April 16-18.

INTERNATIONAL NONLINEAR MAGNETICS CONFERENCE, IRE-PGEC, PGIE, AIEE; Shorham Hotel, Washington, D. C., April 17-19.

ADVANCE REPORT
CIRCUIT THEORY SYMPOSIUM, University of Wisconsin, U of W, Madison, Wis., May 6-7. March 15 is the deadline for submitting papers to: T. J. Higgins, Chairman, Arrangements Committee, Sixth Midwest Symposium on Circuit Theory, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

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- MIL-STD-202B, Method 204, 10G

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- MIL-STD-202B, Method 202, 50G

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- 10,000 cycles

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Servo system responds to ground signals and points telescope at chosen stars; resolution of resulting photographs approaches theoretical limit. Night temperatures make operating environment more severe than an earth satellite's.

By E. R. SCHLESINGER
Senior Staff Engineer,
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Norwalk, Conn.

ONE of the most serious limitations to astronomical research has been the earth's atmosphere, which limits the astronomer in several ways, including (1) the atmospheric transmission loss, which is a function of wavelength and contains relatively narrow spectral windows; (2) air turbulence, which limits the resolution obtainable with even the best of equipment.

One of the first major steps in overcoming these problems was the construction of Stratoscope I, an unmanned balloon-borne 12-inch-diameter solar telescope, built under the direction of Professor Martin Schwarzschild of Princeton University. This telescope was flown at an altitude of 80,000 feet (above approximately 96 percent of the earth's atmosphere) in 1957 and provided photographs of the sun with record detail. The success of this and subsequent flights led to the construction of Stratoscope II, an unmanned balloon-borne 36-inch-diameter astronomical tele-
How's the View?

Although we wouldn't get along too well without the earth's atmosphere, astronomers don't regard it in the same benevolent light because it upsets their observations of the universe. To have an unobscured look at the stars, the observatory must be hoisted above the earth's atmosphere, or at least above 90 percent of it. Using a balloon to lift a three-ton telescope and its control equipment aloft is no mean task, especially when the telescope must be kept on-target within 0.1 second of arc throughout photographic exposure. Since observations are made at night, all equipment experiences extreme cold unrelieved by the "nights" and "days" which enable an earth satellite to warm up periodically.
scope motions. The fine guidance servo, however, keeps these excessive $E_x$ and $E_y$ errors from degrading photographic quality. The method used is explained by Fig. 1 (right), an optical diagram of the telescope. Light enters the main tube from the left, strikes the primary mirror and is reflected toward the secondary mirror, directed by the secondary mirror towards the following flat, passes through the field lens and is brought to a focus at the f/50 focal plane by the transfer lens. When the telescope is correctly pointed at the target, an image of the target is formed on the optical axis of the instrument. Outside the target area (approximately 2 min x 2 min arc) and within the 50-minute diameter field of view, will be the images of stars, two of which are used for stellar guidance. One of the two star images strikes the apex of a four-way reflective beam splitter (or retrodivider). The light division is such that the energy reflected to each of four multiplier photo tubes is equal indicating correct telescope pointing. If the telescope develops an $X$ or $Y$ pointing error, the light division becomes unequal. The four multiplier phototube output signals are processed to derive electrical error signals proportional to the mispointing. Such signals drive the transfer lens off axis in a direction to return the star image to the apex of the retrodivider. This action fixes the image of the guide star with respect to the retrodividers in spite of $E_x$ and $E_y$ errors. Several other advantages are provided by this guidance scheme.

The transfer lens, being relatively low in mass, allows a high frequency capability (20 cps) without the huge expenditure of power required to similarly move the whole telescope.

**AQUISITION**—Without the fine guidance servo, multiplier phototube sensed errors would be proportional to pointing errors over a range of approximately ±0.1 second of arc. The acquisition problem would be extremely difficult since error rate damping would not be highly effective. The fine guidance servo, however, can rapidly move the transfer lens off axis to capture the star image and track it over a range of ±1 minute of arc. Signals proportional to off-axis distances (or pointing error) allow damping over a range approximately 600 times larger. Although the star image could be defocused to similarly increase the linear sensing zone, signal to noise ratio would be reduced.

Optical focus quality can be checked by introducing a small fixed amplitude dither signal to the servo amplifier. At best focus, the star image is of minimum diameter and the sensed transfer lens excursions (or rates) will become minimum as the secondary mirror is axially moved to the correct focus position.

Figure 3 is a single axis block diagram of the fine servo system. The nonlinearities provide a constant high slewing speed when large errors exist and a high static gain with good damping around null. The servo thus displays rapid star image acquisition followed by good tracking performance.

The other guide star is used in similar fashion to sense rotation errors $E_z$, but the electrical error signal is simply amplified and fed to the coarse guidance servo.

The guidance electronics is transistorized except for the eight multiplier photo tubes, and contains many interesting circuits. Noteworthy among these are the multiplier phototube preamps, and the error-rate compensation amplifiers.

The multiplier phototube circuit Fig. 2 (left) uses a conventional bleeder string arrangement modified to include a static modulator circuit (connected to pin 14). Capacitor $C$, and resistor $R_n$ phase-correct the incoming 26-v, 400-cps signal applied to the primary step-up transformer $T$. The secondary of $T$, feeds the zener diode $D_1$ (110 v) through $C_n$. These latter two elements clamp the dynode voltage during alternate half cycles, to the normal voltage determined by the bleeder string elements. On the other half cycles, the dynode voltage is driven by the trapezoidal

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modulator voltage to the voltage existing at one of the adjacent dynodes. This causes the gain of the multiplier phototube to be varied in square-wave fashion between nominal gain and approximately 1 percent of nominal gain. Signal conversion to a-c is thus accomplished without the use of optical chopping mechanisms whose vibration might shake the telescope and cause photographic degradation.

The preamplifier receives the a-c signal from the multiplier phototube $V$, and amplifies it by a factor between $0.2 \times 10^2$ and $1.2 \times 10^2$ volts/ampere, depending upon the setting of $R_1$. The gain is set to achieve an overall transfer factor of $0.6 \times 10^2$ volts rms per input lumen. The 3-db passband of the amplifier, 130 to 800 cps, reduces the output noise caused by the multiplier-phototube shot effect and by the higher harmonics of the otherwise square-wave output signal.

Transistor $Q_1$, is operated with a low collector voltage, approximately 4 volts, and a collector current in the microampere region to achieve a preamplifier noise contribution negligible when tracking dimmest stars (ninth magnitude). The d-c collector voltage of $Q_1$ is nominally at signal ground to allow the large output signals which prevail when tracking the brightest stars (fifth magnitude).

The error rate compensation amplifier, Fig. 2 (left), contains the lead-lag compensation network for servo-system stabilization, plus components for manual and inflight adjustment of gain. The signal output is restrained by nonlinear feedback from exceeding 5 v peak; a requirement dictated by servo performance considerations. Resistors $R_m$, $R_n$ and $R_s$ give the desired nominal gain while presenting equal input and output impedances of 10,000 ohms. The load on the preceding 400-cps demodulator filter combination is thus constant while the 10,000-ohm output impedance is used as part of the lead lag network that follows. This network provides the chopper modulator with a d-c signal that is 3.5:1 lead corrected with $C_1$ and $C_2$.

The chopper output to transformer $T_1$, provides a signal modulation prior to subsequent amplification. Transistor $Q_1$, receives the $T_1$ output and furnishes it at high impedance level to the base of $Q_1$. The base of $Q_1$ acts as the amplifier summing point and also receives the feedback signal. A motor driven potentiometer, $R_m$, allows in-flight gain adjustment over a range of $\pm \sqrt{3}$ about the nominal gain setting. A maximum nominal gain of 2.73 v. rms per volt d-c is achieved with less than 5 percent gain variation over the temperature range of $-65$ to $+50$ C. Components $D_s$, $D_e$ and $R_s$ provide the feedback to accomplish 5 v clamping, while $D_e$ and $D_s$ block the small feedback signal through the capacitance of $D_s$ and $D_e$ prior to zener conduction.

**COMMAND SUBSYSTEM** — Remote control of the various portions of the telescope is accomplished by two normally operative parallel command rf links and associated equipment. The subsystem receives on-off commands from operator-controlled switches, and produces corresponding airborne relay closures. The relays provide d-c bipolar on-off signals to the decoder, which routes these signals to the loads. Complete control of the telescope, with added burden on the ground operator, is also possible with only one rf link operative.

**TELEMETRY SUBSYSTEM** — This subsystem provides the ground operator information on telescope reactions to the transmitted on-off commands and other data such as

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**MULTIPLIER PHOTOTUBE** has gain switched between maximum and one percent values by 400-cycle modulating input (left), error-rate compensating amplifier (right) uses zeners $D_s$ and $D_e$ to anchor output within 5-volt peaks—Fig. 2
temperatures and battery voltages. Telemetry input signals, in proportional voltage form and between ±2 v d-c in amplitude, can be reproduced on the ground with accuracy and frequency response of approximately one percent and ten cycles respectively. Two sixty-four channel multiplexers simultaneously receive up to 60 input signals from the sources directly, from each of two sequentially sampling stepping switches, and from the three command stepper pairs.

Each multiplexer is a solid-state scanning commutator operating at a clock rate of 4,000 cps to achieve a 62.5 cps sampling frequency for each input channel. The input signals are sequentially sampled to obtain the composite PAM signal required to frequency-modulate the transmitter. The transmitter is a precision multivibrator forced to deviate in frequency by the PAM input signal, followed by frequency multiplier and power output stages. The transmitter output signal is routed to the antenna through the polyplexer.

RECEIVER—The Nems Clarke receiver high sensitivity-crystal controlled unit, receives the transmitted signal and produces an output PAM signal proportional to the multiplexer output signal. A tape recording of this signal during flight allows later playback to reenact the flight history with reduced accuracy. The oscilloscope displays the PAM signal directly in bar graph form for display of the less critical data transmitted on channels 33 through 64. Provided on the scope is a photographic negative mask through which the bar presentation is viewed and upon which appear the individual bar presentations. Since certain of these bars represent known reference voltages, the scope gain controls can be used to calibrate the display.

The demultiplexer, also receiving the PAM signal, synchronizes its internal clock frequency on a 2.5-v reference pulse transmitted over channel 1 and adjusts its internal scale factor and clamps the composite signal at the d-c reference level by data transmitted on three other channels.

The composite signal, so processed and amplified, is used to drive thirty-one box-car detectors, each provided with gating pulses time referenced to the synchronizing pulse. Thirty of the demodulated output lines are equal to given transmitted signals and are primarily used to drive associated meters calibrated in terms of the original quantities. The other demodulated output is derived from a box car whose input gate is pushbutton selectable and so can provide, in demultiplexed form, any one of the 64 original input signals.

The sequential data, derived through the one-second airborne steppers, is normally recorded on paper tape by a strip-chart recorder. Each of these two steppers generates an easily recognized signal pattern, when passing over several consecutive known positions, to form a decoding reference. In addition, a ground command is provided with which stepping can be halted at any position for closer inspection of a desired signal.

CONCLUSION — The scientific package has been modified, for the first flight, to perform the nonphotographic mission of measuring the infrared spectra from the planet Mars and possibly Venus with similar measurements of the Moon spectra planned as controls for the Martian observations. Later flights will be devoted to photographic missions with Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, gaseous nebulae of our galaxy, globular clusters, and the center of the Andromeda galaxy representing a few of the many possible targets.

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TO LOCK OR NOT TO LOCK

When receiving phase-modulated signals, as in telemetry, demodulators having acquisition thresholds less than -150 dbm often lock on to first and higher order sidebands. It is usually impossible to assure carrier lock until the signal level exceeds the information channel threshold when the extreme distortion-at- tending sideband lock is apparent. By using f-m discriminator type techniques in an a-m detector, it becomes possible to cancel the effects of the sidebands until necessary for use.

New Phase-Tracking Demodulator
Will Not Lock on Sidebands

While the tracking loop is automatically searching for signals around the i-f frequency, an antisideband circuit rejects sideband locking. After signal acquisition, the device provides both p-m and a-m demodulation.

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IN RECENT YEARS, a number of tracking filters and demodulators using phase-lock techniques have been developed for use with telemetry and related signals. Although sophisticated in design, these devices suffered from difficult or time-con- suming changing of carrier frequency with associated narrow frequency range, inability to distinguish between a carrier and associated

OUTPUT of a telemetry receiver is fed to the phase-tracking demodulator that scans the i-f frequency for a signal. The antisideband circuit prevents locking on any associated sidebands—Fig. 1.
sidebands and the necessity of separate receivers of other auxiliary equipment.

CIRCUIT — To minimize incidental phase jitter, the receiver first and second local oscillators must be crystal controlled.

As shown in Fig. 1, receiver 5-Mc output is applied to a double-tuned, 5-Mc amplifier having 100-Kc bandwidth. Besides increasing signal amplitude, it also provides additional age and at least 60-db attenuation of image frequency.

TRACKING LOOP — The tracking loop is also supplied with a 455-Kc, crystal-controlled reference frequency.

The phase detector is a balanced or multiplying type that generates an error voltage proportional to the cosine of the phase difference between the 455-Kc reference signal and a locked received signal \( E_r = K \cos \Delta \phi \). At \( \Delta \phi = 90 \) degrees, the error voltage is zero and at phase angles near 90 degrees the detector output is approximated by \( E_r = K (90 - \Delta \phi) \). In the unlocked condition, the output of the phase detector consists of the beat frequency between the received signal and the reference signal and contains no d-c component.

The error voltage output of the loop-phase detector is applied to the loop filter. This is an active circuit using a highly-stable, solid-state operational amplifier with open loop gain in excess of 20,000. Feedback circuits give the loop the overall transfer function \( H(S) = \phi_{vs} / \phi_{ix} = 1 - (\sqrt{2}/\omega_s) S/1 + (\sqrt{2}/\omega_s) S + (1/\omega_s) S' \) where \( \omega_s = 2\pi f_s \) = loop natural frequency, \( 2B_{r.o} = 1.06 \omega_s = \) loop bandwidth at threshold and

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\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(S)|^2 \, ds = \text{equivalent noise bandwidth.}
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The d-c output of the loop filter is applied to a voltage-variable capacitor in the frequency determining elements of the vco. When the loop is phase-locked on a received signal, the frequency of the vco, determined by capacitor voltage, is such that the frequency difference between the received signal and the vco input to the mixer equals the frequency of the 455-Kc reference oscillator. In addition, if other than a 90-degree phase difference exists between the received signal applied to the phase detector and the reference signal, the error voltage will drive the output voltage of the loop filter in a direction to reduce phase error. This operation is shown in Fig. 2. With a constant frequency shift with respect to center frequency, the phase error and the error voltage from the phase detector will be zero and the output of the loop filter will be constant. Also, a constant rate-of-change of frequency will produce a constant phase error, error voltage and a linearly changing output.

Thus, the phase-lock loop performs a double integration on phase-error voltage, the first integration taking place in the vco and the second in the loop filter. Phase tracking loops have been designed using a third-order loop transfer function that is three integrations. However, a second-order loop is the best compromise between acquisition of a signal in the presence of noise and maintaining lock on a weak signal.

The voltage-controlled oscillator incorporates a second voltage-variable capacitor controlled by a 10-turn potentiometer to vary the center frequency of the vco approximately \( \pm 15 \) Kc with respect to the nominal frequency of 5.455 Mc. This range is sufficient to accommodate tolerance in the transmitter and receiver crystals. A vernier adjustment is the manual sweep control.

SWEEP CIRCUITS — When the unit is switched to the automatic sweep mode and before a signal is acquired, vco frequency is continuously swept \( \pm 5 \) Kc with respect to the center frequency. Sweep is accomplished by applying a step function to the input to the loop filter (integrator). The output of the integrator will be a linear ramp function applied to the loop voltage-variable capacitor in the vco. This voltage is also sampled by a limit detector which reverses the polarity and changes the amplitude of the step function when a voltage corresponding to the high- or low-frequency limit is reached. The sweep rate is determined by the amplitude of the step function. The band is swept from the high-to the low-frequency end at three selectable sweep rates, 75, 250 and 500 cps per second. Sweep retrace is approximately 5,000 cps per second.

As the unit is about to acquire a signal in the search band, a d-c voltage is produced by an a-m synchronous detector and applied to a threshold detector. This circuit removes sweep voltage from the input to the loop filter and allows the loop to lock on the signal. A panel light is also energized. If the signal drops below the locking threshold, the sweep function will be resumed after a delay of approximately three seconds.

DEMODULATORS — The modulated signal from the i-f amplifier...
is applied to both the a-m and p-m synchronous demodulators. The 455 Kc reference signal is applied to each demodulator through an adjustable phase-shifting network. The a-m demodulator consists of a balanced phase detector to which the received signal and the reference signal are applied in phase, producing an output proportional to the product of the two signals. This type of a-m demodulation is free from threshold effects associated with envelope detectors.

AGC—The agc voltage for the 5 Mc amplifier and earlier stages of the receiver is obtained from a diode detector and stabilized d-c amplifier connected to the output of the 4-Kc filter to reduce the agc threshold considerably below that of the modulated signal. With 90-degrees phase deviation from locking on to sidebands of the carrier frequency will equal 458 Kc. The asymmetrical spectrum applied to the discriminator generates an error signal which overrides the loop phase detector voltage and continues the search sweep voltage.

The output signal from the 455 Kc i-f amplifier is applied through a 4-Kc double-tuned band-pass filter to emitter follower Q, as shown in Fig. 3. The filter lowers the threshold level of the discriminator (as well as the age detector) well below that of the information channel, thus assuring carrier lock at the information threshold. The emitter follower drives the first limiter and Q, which in turn supplies signal to the discriminator and loop phase detector. Two stages of limiting are necessary for satisfactory operation with a-m signals.

The discriminator consists of emitter followers Q, and Q, each driving a series-tuned circuit and diode detector. The tuned circuit resonant frequencies are 5 Kc above and below 455 Kc. The d-c output of the two detectors are opposite in polarity and the circuit is tuned so the two voltages cancel at the base of emitter follower Q, when the input frequency is 455 Kc. For off-tune frequencies, the resulting difference voltage is applied to a logic circuit that produces a constant positive output voltage whenever the positive or negative voltage at the emitter of Q, exceeds the breakdown voltage of the base-emitter junction of Q, or Q,, in series with diodes D, and D,. This antisideband error signal is applied to the loop filter input.

The discriminator also generates a voltage due to the off-center signal, as a carrier is approached and before lock takes place.

The output of the logic circuit will add to the sweep voltage at the loop filter input and greatly accelerate sweep rate. The diodes in Q, and Q, emitters provide a dead space of approximately ±300 cps around the center frequency where the discriminator error voltage is insufficient to produce the accelerating voltage. Thus, the sweep rate is greatly accelerated until the carrier is within 300 cps of lock, then the sweep is reduced to the normal rate. The result is that acquisition times are greatly reduced for useful signal strengths.

**PM DEMODULATOR AND RESHAPING CIRCUIT**—This circuit
PHASE DEMODULATOR has high degree of linearity with deviations as large as 85 degrees. The reshaping circuit makes output symmetrical—Fig. 4

exhibits a high degree of linearity with phase deviations as high as ±85 degrees without using transformers or tuned circuits.

The basic elements of the system are symmetrical clipping of both the received signal and reference voltages, the application of two signals 90-degrees out of phase to a coincidence circuit and the integration of the output pulses of the coincidence circuit to obtain the information.

The 453 Kc phase modulated signal from the i-f amplifier is fed to a linear amplifier Q, (see Fig. 4) where the level is increased approximately 20 db. The sine-wave output is applied to the symmetrical clipper Q, and Q,. The same d-c bias is applied to both transistors, but the base of Q, is at ground potential for signal voltage. A positive signal voltage applied to the base of Q, will raise the emitter voltage of both transistors and cut off Q,. However, the fixed bias on the base of Q, will prevent the emitter voltage from dropping below the steady-state value and, thus, a negative voltage on the base of Q, will cut it off. The result is that with peak signal voltage in excess of about ±0.5 v applied to the base of Q, one or the other transistor will be cut off and the collector current of Q, will switch between zero and some steady value. With a 10-v peak-to-peak signal applied to the circuit, a symmetrical square-wave signal is obtained at Q, collector.

The 455-Kc reference signal is passed through an adjustable phase-shift network, L, and C, and then is clipped to a square wave by silicon diode D, and the base-emitter junction of Q, with C, providing the necessary series impedance.

Phase demodulation takes place in coincidence circuit Q, and Q,. The modulated signal, after being squared by the clipping circuit, is applied to the base of Q,. The reference signal, also squared, is applied to the base of Q, and the phase-shift circuit adjusted to obtain a 90-degree phase difference between the two signals. For current to flow in the series circuit consisting of Q, Q, and load resistor R, a positive saturating voltage must be applied simultaneously to the bases of both transistors. Thus, with exactly a 90-degree phase difference between the two signals, current will flow through R, for 0, 180 cycle or 90 degrees. If the phase difference is 180 degrees, current never flows and if the signals are in phase, the current will flow for 180 cycle or 180 degrees. As the relative phase between the reference voltage and the received signal is varied (as during modulation) from 0 to 180 degrees or 90 ± 90 degrees, the length of the voltage pulse produced at the collector of Q, will be linearly proportional to the phase difference, varying between 180 degrees and zero. The pulses from the coincidence circuit are applied to the integrating network where the modulation is separated from the i-f frequency components.

The reshaping circuit consists of a low-pass filter, a symmetrical clipper and a symmetry-sensing circuit. The output of the p-m demodulator is first passed through a low-pass filter with a cutoff frequency of 4 Kc. The filter improves the signal-to-noise ratio, and the attending loss in pulse rise time is restored in the following clipper. Clipping circuit Q, and Q, functions similarly to the symmetrical clipper Q, and Q,. However, in this circuit the base voltage of Q, instead of being equal to that of Q, is derived from the symmetry-sensing circuit D, and D,. This circuit consists of two peak detectors, one for positive pulses and one for negative pulses, the polarity with respect to the d-c level at the circuit input. The network is connected so the voltage applied to the base of Q, is equal to the difference between the output of the two detectors superimposed on the d-c level at the input to the circuit. This voltage determines a reference about which clipping takes place. This maintains the clipping level symmetrically between the positive and negative peaks of the input signal independent of signal amplitude, pulse length or d-c level.

For example, if the input signal contains positive pulses twice the amplitude of the negative pulses with respect to the d-c level, the voltage applied to the base of Q, will equal the d-c level at the base of Q, plus a positive error voltage equal to the difference between the positive and negative pulses. The result is that reshaped pulse width is maintained equal to the width of the input signal at one-half the peak-to-peak amplitude and a maximum amount of noise is sliced off the information.

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When a tunnel diode operates above valley-voltage the principal current flow is diffusion rather than tunneling current. This clamp circuit reduces time delays by limiting diffusion current.

TUNNEL DIODES have three different types of current flowing throughout their I-V curves. When the tunnel diode operates above valley-voltage, the principal current flow is diffusion rather than tunneling current. This creates a problem in switching the tunnel diode to and from the high-current, high-voltage state. At high current levels, a fast increase in diffusion current is opposed by an inertial inductance, while a fast decrease in diffusion current is opposed by diffusion capacitance. The switching time is a function of the $R-C$ product, where $R$ is the negative resistance of the tunnel diode and $C$ is the capacitance measured at the valley point of the diode current-voltage characteristic. When the total switching time of a tunnel diode circuit is much greater than $R-C$, time delays due to inertial inductance and diffusion-capacitance can be neglected; however, when the switching time approaches $R-C$, reactances account for a significant portion of total switching time.

CLAMP—To prevent minority carrier-storage in the base region of transistors, Baker used a clamp as shown in Fig. 1A. The operation of this clamp depends upon the difference in forward drops between silicon and germanium diodes as shown in Fig. 1B. This method however, cannot be used for nsec speeds because of diffusion current storage in the clamp diodes.

BACKWARD DIODE CLAMP—A circuit that provides the desired clamping action is shown in Fig. 3A. The clamp has no effect until the tunnel-diode voltage rises to the clamp voltage $V_c$. The backward diode conducts above the clamp voltage and has no storage-time effects, since appreciable minority carriers are not permitted to flow. The composite load line on the tunnel diode I-V characteristic curve, is determined by $R_c$ and the backward-diode characteristics. An inductance $L$ is connected in series with the backward diode to prevent it from capacitively loading the diode. The inductance must be large enough to prevent loading the tunnel diode and small enough to permit the clamp to function.

$I_c/L$ RATIO—Since all backward diodes have a degenerate tunnel-

| Normal monostable gate (A), I-V operating trajectory (B) and output-voltage waveform (C)| Fig. 2 |
Tunnel-Diode Delays

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DIFFUSION CURRENT INCREASES TIME DELAYS
When principal tunnel-diode current flow is diffusion instead of tunneling current, a problem arises which makes switching the diode to and from the high-current, high-voltage state difficult.

Switching time is a function of the R-C product. When the total switching time exceeds R-C, time delays from inertial inductance and diffusion capacitance are negligible. When switching time approaches R-C, however, reactances account for a considerable portion of the total delay.

This clamp circuit reduces switching time by limiting diffusion current flow.

TUNNEL DIODE clamp circuit that reduces diffusion current (A) and relative magnitudes of input current with linear and nonlinear biasing (B)—Fig. 3

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High-Speed Servo Positioner

Assembling mesa transistors requires attaching a gold lead to an extremely small metalized contact assembly. This can present a serious problem in mass production. An optically controlled servo positioner and associated logic is used to control automatic thermocompression bonding.

TO AUTOMATICALLY ATTACH lead wires to the stripes of a mesa transistor, the bond location was fixed in reference to the frame of the machine and the stripes of all incoming units were referenced to this location. The positioning mechanism determines the location of the stripes and moves the semiconductor in the appropriate direction until the stripes are in position to be bonded. For high speed and simplicity, a repetitive optical scan was chosen to locate the stripes.

Maximum amount of luminous contrast between the stripes and their surroundings is obtained when the unit is illuminated from an angle approximately 45 degrees from the vertical as shown in Fig. 1. Since the unit is viewed from the vertical, the polished, specular surface of the semiconductor material appears black, while the matte surface of the stripes reflects light diffusely. Some of the light is reflected in the vertical direction and makes the stripes appear brighter than the background.

To gather as much light as possible and reduce the effects of minor imperfections, scanning spot area is made large as possible. Dimensions of the scanning spot are limited in the direction of scan by the small positioning tolerance (±0.00015 in.) and the requirement that the space between the two stripes be distinguished. To satisfy these conditions, a scanning spot 0.0002-in. in width is used. The height of the scanning spot is set at 0.002-in., limited primarily by the loss of discrimination resulting from image skew.

The characteristic pattern of variations in light intensity derived from a scan of the mesa transistor is shown in Fig. 2A. Figures 2B, 2C and 2D show variation in the pattern caused by vertically displacing the image. Between the displacements shown in Fig. 2C and 2D, the pattern caused by the mesa and stripes disappears. Two such scans, if separated by 0.002-in. as in Fig. 3A, will result in a condition where displacement of the image either up or down will cause the characteristic pattern to appear in either one or the other of the scans. When the image is correctly centered, as in Fig. 3A, the pattern will occur in both sweeps, or neither, depending on the actual length and reflectivity of the stripes. Since displacement of the image either up or down will result in the characteristic pattern occurring in one or the other of the scans, an indication of error and the direction of error can be obtained by determining which scan reveals the pattern.

Positioning in the horizontal (X) axis is accomplished by a third center scan, shown in Fig. 3B. When positioning in the Y axis is nearly complete, the characteristic pattern caused by the mesa and stripes will appear in this center scan. Since the scan proceeds in serial fashion, the light intensity pattern may be checked for conformity to a preprogrammed pattern indicative of a scan of the mesa and stripes. The pattern requirements have been fulfilled by the time the scanning slot has passed over the edge of the mesa and the emitter stripe and exposes the edge of the base stripe. At the instant of exposure of the edge of the base a recognition signal is generated. The location of the scanning slot when this recognition signal occurs thus represents the location of the base stripe.

The direction of scan is assumed as left to right in Fig. 3D and E. The desired location of the base stripe (point A) is defined by a zero timing signal occurring at the time the scanning slot is viewing point A.

ATTACHING contact leads to active elements of a mesa transistor is difficult when contact areas are 0.002 X 0.003 inches, separated by 0.0005 inch.
Bonds Mesa Transistors

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High-speed assembly of physically small items can become mechanically difficult. When such small items are further complicated because they have even smaller parts to be attached, the process can become a mechanical nightmare. To preserve sanity, electronics and a servo positioner can be used to sort out the parts, position them properly and stick ‘em together.

To determine positioning error and direction in the horizontal axis, the time of occurrence of the recognition signal can be compared with the time of occurrence of the zero signal. Recognition after the zero signal indicates that the image is displaced to the right of center (Fig. 3D) while recognition before the zero signal indicates that the image is displaced to the left of center (Fig. 3E).

SCANNING MECHANISM — The method of positioning determines design of the scanning mechanism. Scanner requirements are: an optical system to form an enlarged, real image of the transistor; a scanning mechanism to sample the light intensity across the image; a means of converting variations in light intensity to variations in an electrical signal; and a timing system to determine the location of the scanning spot.

The optical system selected consists of commercially available microscope elements. A 2× microscope objective was chosen to permit sufficient working distance between the lens and transistor. A linear magnification of 50 was chosen to prevent the positioning accuracy from being overpowered by normal mechanical tolerances. The combination of a 25× eyepiece and a projection distance of 10 inches provides the required magnification, while holding the length of the system to a reasonable dimension.

The real image formed by the lens system is limited to a 1-inch square by an aperture plate and is focused on the surface of a hollow, rotating drum. Slots cut through the surface of this drum perform the scanning function by allowing light from progressive portions of the image to pass through the drum where it is collected by a multiplier phototube as shown in Fig. 3C. The output of the multiplier phototube is the equivalent of that shown in Fig. 2A, with the light intensity axis changed to electrical current and the displacement axis changed to time. To preserve the equivalence of time and displacement, the scanning drum is driven by a synchronous motor at 1,800 rpm.

The surface of the scanning drum, shown in Fig. 4, contains eight slots equally spaced around its periphery. The slots are staggered axially along the drum in the order: center, top, center, bottom. The drum is of sufficient diameter so that only one of the slots can be within the 1-inch image area at any time.

The scanner of Fig. 4, illustrates the method of obtaining required timing information. Center slot (C-1) is ready to begin its traverse of the image. At this same instant, a corresponding center slot (C-3) 180-degrees away exposes a photodiode to the light from an incandescent lamp. The photodiode, under the stimulus of this light, emits a signal which identifies the following scan as being through the center of the image. Continued rotation of the drum brings slot C-1 to the center of the image. At this instant, another center slot (C-4) 90 degrees away exposes a photodiode to the sharply focused light from another incandescent lamp. The output signal from this photodiode defines the desired location of the base stripe in the X direction. Since reproducibility of the timing of this signal is essential for accurate positioning in the X axis,
the light is sharply focused on the drum surface. This results in a fast-rising signal whose timing is only slightly affected by aging of the lamp and variations in gain.

Since positioning in the \( X \) axis is accomplished only with the center sweep, no zero signal is required during the top and bottom sweeps. However, an indication of when these sweeps begin is necessary.

Therefore, at this time a signal is required just preceding the start of either of the top sweeps and another signal just preceding either of the bottom sweeps. These signals are obtained from the top and bottom photodiodes. When the first top slot \( T' \) is ready to start its scan of the image, drum slot \( B' \) uncovers the top photodiode. When the second top slot \( T' \) is ready to start its scan, drum slot \( B \) uncovers the top photodiode, resulting in an output signal from this photodiode preceding each of the top scans. A similar action occurs with bottom photodiode preceding each sweep.

**FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION**

The functional organization of the positioner is shown in Fig. 5. The output of the multiplier phototube is amplified and converted to signals representing two different levels of light intensity. These two signals are directed to a recognition circuit where they are examined for conformance to the preset recognition pattern. The output of this circuit consists of a single pulse beginning at the instant a drum slot exposes the edge of the base stripe and ending at the start of the next scan. This pulse is compared with the timing signals in a direction circuit. This direction circuit provides four outputs that correspond to the four possible directions of error. The top output is activated when the recognition signal occurs during the top sweep and not during the previous bottom sweep. The bottom output is energized when the recognition signal occurs during the bottom sweep and not during the previous top sweep. The left output is activated when the recognition signal occurs during the center sweep and before the zero signal. The right output is present when the recognition signal occurs during the center sweep but after the zero signal.

To prevent continual hunting in the \( X \) axis, the recognition signal is compared with a null signal generated from the zero signal. A recognition signal occurring within the time period of the null does not result in an error signal either right or left. The null represents a dead area within which \( X \) axis positioning requirements have been satisfied. The duration of the null signal is adjusted to be the equivalent of 0.0002 in. on the transistor. The above and below outputs of the direction circuit are directed to the \( Y \)-drive ring. The left and right direction outputs are applied to the \( X \)-drive ring. These rings generate the sequence of pulses that determines the direction of rotation of the drive motors. The outputs of these rings are amplified by the motor drives to provide power to the windings of the Slo-syn stepping motors.

Through a lever and cam linkage,
FUNCTIONAL organization of positioner showing logic circuits. Loop is closed through optical link between mesa transistor and scanner input. At the conclusion of the positioning cycle, a stop signal prevents further stepping and initiates a check on positioner performance—Fig. 5.

rotation of the stepping motors is converted to linear motion of the transistor in the two mutually perpendicular axes of positioning. The linkage is designed so that one step of the motors (1.8 degrees) results

TIMING—The timing circuit is straightforward. The three timing signals (top, bottom, and center) are used to set the appropriate storage triggers. Reset for the top and bottom triggers is accomplished by the center signal and reset for the center trigger is obtained by oring the top and bottom signals.

To allow fine adjustments in the X-axis positioning, the zero signal initiates an adjustable length delay. At the conclusion of the delay the zero trigger is turned on. By varying the length of this delay, the zero location can be varied according to the equivalence $13.25 \mu s$ equals 0.0001 inch. The zero trigger is reset by the top or bottom signal.

RECOGNITION—This circuit provides a standard to which scan signals are compared. The preprogram is essentially a logic train corresponding to the major features of the scan output of the mesa and stripes. Adjustment is provided in the form of delay circuits to allow for changes in the dimensions of the units. Scan outputs corresponding to the program pass through this logic train and energize a recognition trigger when the edge of the base stripe is exposed.

DIRECTION—The direction circuit gates the output of the recognition trigger to the appropriate direction trigger under control of the timing signals. A recognition signal occurring during the top sweep turns on the above direction trigger. Recognition during the bottom sweep turns on the below direction trigger. Similarly, recognition during the center sweep is compared with the null signal. If the recognition signal occurs before the null, the left direction trigger is turned on; if the signal occurs after the null, the right direction trigger is turned on. The direction triggers retain their information until a common transfer time at the conclusion of the sweep then the information in the direction triggers is transferred to four storage triggers. These triggers hold this location data until contradictory information is received.

DETECTOR OUTPUT—Storage trigger outputs are sampled by a ring-drive pulse generated from the timing signals and occurring every $81$ ms, slightly after the end of each center sweep. The logic of the sampling system is constructed such that an above output is present only if the above trigger is on and the below trigger is off. Similarly, a below signal occurs if the below trigger is on and the above trigger is off. The same rules are applied to the right and left outputs.

RETURN TO ZERO—At the conclusion of the bonding operation, the stepping motors are returned to home position to prevent accumulation of error tolerances. This operation is performed under control of cam-operated switches driven by the stepping motors.
Designing Servo Amplifiers

 Besides having higher efficiency than conventional class-B, push-pull types, these servo amplifiers eliminate the output transformer and require no centertap on the servo-motor control winding.

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SERVO AMPLIFIERS using unfiltered, rectified a-c for the collector supply voltage have higher collector efficiency than conventional class-B push-pull amplifiers.

The higher efficiency results in greater transistor reliability, smaller heat sinks or higher ambient temperatures. An additional advantage is the absence of distortion that would be caused by overdriving the amplifier. The type of clipping that occurs in conventional push-pull amplifiers when overdriven, will not occur in this amplifier and the output remains sinusoidal even if driver output is many times that required to produce full output.

OUTPUT STAGE—The unconventional output stage operation is explained in Fig. 1A. Assume input signal $V_{in}$ is in phase with supply voltage $V_s$. During the first half cycle, transistor $Q_1$ is turned on and $Q_2$ is off. Half-cycle current $I_1$ flows from $A$ through $D_1$, $Q_1$, and $R_L$ back to $C$. During the next half cycle, $Q_1$ is off and $Q_2$ is on. Half-cycle current $I_2$ flows from $C$ through $R_L$, $Q_2$, and $D_2$ back to $A$. Figure 1B shows the voltage and current waveforms versus time when $V_{in}$ is in phase with $V_s$, while Fig. 1C shows voltage and current waveforms versus time when $V_{in}$ is 180-degrees out-of-phase with $V_s$. In both cases, load current is in phase with $V_{in}$ which should be either in phase or 180-degrees out of phase with $V_s$.

2 WATT AMPLIFIER—The circuit of Fig. 2 provides 2 w output for ambient temperatures between

AT OUTPUT power of 2 w, change of gain due to temperature variations between -55 and +125 C is less than 3 db. Output distortion is about 7 percent when input is 30 db greater than that required to produce full power—Fig. 2
For High Efficiency

-55 and +125°C with output stage operation the same as for Fig. 1. To minimize crossover distortion, filter and divider network \( R_n, R_o, C, \) and \( D \), provides d-c base bias for transistor \( Q \), while \( R_n, R_o, C, \) and \( D \) provide a similar bias for \( Q \). Temperature coefficients of \( D \) and \( D \), match those of \( Q \) and \( Q \), so that correct bias is provided over the entire temperature range. Emitter resistors \( R_e \) and \( R_n \) provide temperature stabilization and distortion reduction.

Preamplifier and driver stages are direct coupled and use d-c feedback to ensure stability of bias conditions. Both positive and negative voltages (20 v) are obtained from fullwave rectifiers.

Negative feedback is applied to emitter of \( Q \) through \( R_e \) and to emitter of \( Q \), from emitter of \( Q \), through \( R_n \).

Voltage gain of the amplifier with feedback loop closed is approximately 10,000. Input impedance is 10,000 ohms and output impedance is about 150 ohms. At 2-w output, change in gain due to temperature variations is less than 3 db. Maximum power output decreases slightly with increasing temperature due to positive temperature coefficient of the saturation resistance of the output transistors. Output distortion is only 7 percent when input voltage is 30 db greater than that required to produce full power output. At rated output, efficiency is greater than 50 percent.

6 WATT AMPLIFIER—Figure 3 shows a six-watt amplifier using the same circuit concept as the previous amplifier. Here, overall efficiency is 55 percent.

DESIGN INFORMATION—Maximum power output is given by

\[
P_{\text{max}} = \frac{(0.5 \ V_d)/(R_L+R_o+R_e)}{V_d/2}\]

(1)

where \( R_L \) is the load resistance presented by the control winding of the servo motor, \( V_d \) is the rms value of the full secondary voltage from \( T_1 \) (see Fig. 2). \( R_o \) is the collector-emitter saturation resistance of \( Q \) and \( Q_o \), and \( R_e \) is the emitter circuit resistance of \( Q \) and \( Q_o \).

In Eq. 1, voltage drop across the rectifiers is neglected, and the peak value of supply voltage \((\sqrt{2} V_d)\) should not exceed transistor maximum collector-emitter voltage ratings. Peak collector current of each transistor is given by

\[
I_C(\text{max}) = \frac{(0.707 V_d)}{(R_L+R_o+R_e)}
\]

(2)

The value of \( R_o \), used in both equations should be the maximum value encountered in a production spread of the transistor type used over the temperature range for which the amplifier is designed to operate.

Peak base current to be supplied by the driver transformer is

\[
I_B(\text{max}) = \frac{I_C(\text{max})}{h_{FE}}
\]

(3)

The driver transformer must provide the peak base voltage necessary to produce peak collector current given in Eq. 2. Collector current versus base voltage characteristics are usually given on the transistor data sheets.

Peak driver transformer output voltage is given by

\[
V_d(\text{max}) = V_{BE}(\text{max}) - V_{BE} + (1 + h_{FE}) I_B(\text{max}) R_e
\]

(4)

where \( V_{BE} \) is the zero signal bias voltage developed across diode \( D_o \). Since signal current through \( D_o \) is in the opposite direction to the bias current supplied through \( D_o \), bias must be at least equal to \( I_d(\text{max}) \) given in Eq. 3. The same is true for \( D_o \).

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A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE

The McGraw-Hill Book Company has just published "Transistor Circuit Design" written by the engineering staff of Texas Instruments, Transistor Products Division. We have already given our readers one glimpse into this useful book (Electronics, Aug. 17, 1962, p 46) and now present extracts from the section on the design of high-efficiency servo amplifiers. The book itself should be of great interest and utility to all engineers concerned with the design of transistor circuits.
GET YOUR SCISSORS READY
These *electronics* pages you cut out, you don’t tear out. Dials A and B can be pasted on to cardboard stiffeners to form the front scales of the slide rule. Dial C fits back-to-back with Dial A completing the rule’s reverse side. The two front scales give noise temperature values, the back scale converts the readings to noise figure in decibels.

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two steps, the first step giving the excess noise temperature contribution $T_e$ of the receiver, a quantity widely used to describe the quality of ultra-low-noise equipment. The second step, if desired, is to convert the value of $T_e$ into the equivalent noise figure, the quantity generally used for expressing the performance of medium-low-noise equipment.

**NOISE TEMPERATURE**
Since in each of the two power measurements the power is proportional to the sum of the source and the receiver temperatures, the observed power ratio is

$$Y = \frac{T_2 + T_e}{T_1 + T_e}$$

Adding and subtracting $T_1$ in the numerator

$$Y = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 + T_e} + 1$$

or

$$T_1 + T_e = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{Y - 1} \quad (2)$$

The front side of the slide rule, outer dial A, inner B, is arranged to give the value of $T_e$ from this formula as follows

1. Locate the known difference of source temperatures ($T_1 - T_e$) on the outer scale, dial A.
2. Set the inner scale, dial B, to bring the known value of $Y$ (in decibels) to the particular ($T_1 - T_e$) point.
3. Read-off ($T_1 + T_e$) on the outer scale, dial A, at the point on dial B designated “read $T_1 + T_e$ here”.
4. Subtract the known value of $T_e$, leaving the desired temperature $T_e$.

**NOISE FIGURE**—The receiver temperature is converted to noise figure by the scales on the back of the slide rule, dial C. Locate the particular value of $T_e$ on the inner scale of dial C and read the corresponding noise figure in decibels at the same point on the outer scale. This is the noise figure and is a solution of

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to 15 db. For very noisy or very quiet receivers dial B has been extended by inner scales to 0.2 db and to 18 db. These extended values can be used, whenever needed, by making an approximate setting of dial B, to the known \((T_s - T_f)\) value on dial A.

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\[
T_e = T_{e1} + \frac{T_{e2}}{G_1} + \frac{T_{e3}}{G_1G_2} + \cdots + \frac{T_{en}}{G_1G_2\cdots G_{n-1}}
\]  

dan. (4)

QUIET EXAMPLE

Suppose that testing with an argon source and room temperature gives a \(Y\) of 13 db. Dials A and B show (\(T_s + T_f\)) to be 516 K, whence \(T_s\) is 216 K (if \(T_f\) is 300 K). Dial C converts this to a noise figure of 2.4 db.

OTHER EXAMPLES

Suppose that with an argon source and room temperature, a \(Y\) of 2.0 db was obtained. The value of \((T_s + T_f)\) is found to be 16,800 K, therefore \(T_s\) is 16,500 K. On dial C this is found to be a noise figure of 17.7 db.

For measurement equipment having \(T_s = 373 \text{ K}\) and \(T_f = 77 \text{ K}\), the difference \((T_s - T_f)\) is 296 K. Suppose that \(Y\) is 1.4 db. Dials A and B give \((T_s + T_f)\) as 780 K, whence \(T_s\) is 703 K. Dial C gives 5.4 db as the noise figure.
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Nuclear Blast Effects on Communications

Scientists interpret satellite observations of radiation effects

EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR explosions on radio communications, on satellite functioning, and on radiation fields surrounding the earth were reported in several papers at the New York meeting of the American Institute of Physics.

Nuclear effects on the Van Allen radiation belts, as detected by Telstar and Explorer XIV and XV satellites, were described by W. L. Brown of Bell Telephone Laboratories. The normal Van Allen belts, shown in Fig. 1, exhibit a natural gap between the inner and outer belts, in which little radiation is normally encountered; the reason for the existence of the gap is not known. Immediately following the Russian nuclear explosions on October 22 and 28, 1962, satellite instruments detected a 1,000-fold increase in the flux of high-energy particles in the slot, thus “filling the slot” nearly to the same intensity as the two belts; there was less of an increase of electrons in the belts themselves, see Fig. 2.

RADIATION DECAY — Within several days following the Russian explosions, the slot was again cleared of electrons; decay time constant was calculated as two days for these explosions. The U.S. nuclear shot in space, Starfish, on July 9, apparently had a similar effect on the radiation slot, with a much longer decay time; however, since no data are available prior to July 9 it is controversial how much of the radiation increase was due to natural variations rather than the Starfish blast.

Telstar, which passes through portions of both radiation belts, has telemetered radiation data from its sensors (see Fig. 2). A circuit failure on November 23 was due to radiation damage, possibly caused partially by the cumulative effect of the nuclear explosions. High-energy electrons penetrating Telstar’s skin caused a radiation level inside about 100 times as great as had been anticipated.

Brown suggested several ways in which a communications satellite can be made immune to radiation damage of this kind. One

INTERPRETING SATELLITE DATA

To date, Telstar has returned to earth about two million radiation measurements. Quantities of similar data stream in daily from other orbiting instruments; interpreting all these, relating them to each other and plotting them in a three-dimensional, continually changing sea of radiation belts is a massive scientific project.

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VLF LINKS DISTURBED—John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory scientists A. J. Zmuda, B. W. Shaw and C. R. Haave reported on the effects of nuclear explosions above 50 kilometers on vlf (3 to 30-Kc) radio communication channels. A perturbation in the velocity of propagation of a vlf signal is a result of changes in the ionosphere stemming from the nuclear burst. Measurements were made on three different vlf paths following the July 9, 1962 explosion over Johnston Island.

The lower ionosphere normally acts, with the earth's surface, as a waveguide for long-distance vlf radio; effective ionosphere height varies between 70 kilometers in daytime and 90 km at night. A daily change in propagation time results, of the order of microseconds, which is characteristic of a given vlf path. Perturbations may be superimposed by solar flares or ionospheric irregularities due to magnetic disturbances.

Ionizing agents such as x-rays, gamma rays and high-energy electrons and protons are formed in the radioactive decay of neutrons and fission fragments due to a nuclear explosion. These particles will ionize atoms at D-layer altitude, and thus disrupt any vlf path directly exposed to the high-altitude nuclear blast; this effect is almost simultaneous with the explosion. Also, a simultaneous disturbance occurs on any vlf paths that are themselves shielded from the blast by the earth's curvature, but are on the terminations of geomagnetic field lines passing through the location of the burst; in this case charged particles are channeled into the vlf path geomagnetically.

DELAYED DISTURBANCES—A third kind of disturbance caused by a high-altitude blast is a delayed perturbation, observed by John Hopkins Labs on vlf paths far enough removed from the burst that the entire path and the geomagnetic field lines terminating over the path are shielded by the earth and the atmosphere from direct radiation. These perturbations are caused by a slow drifting, from the burst to the vlf path, of particles formed in radioactive decay of neutrons and fission fragments, trapped in the earth's magnetic
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field. The particles spiral around the magnetic field lines, are then reflected back along the field lines at some altitude above the earth (the magnetic mirror point) and so oscillate back and forth between mirror points in the northern and southern hemispheres. Due to magnetic field inhomogeneity and centrifugal force, the trapped particles also drift in magnetic longitude, westward for protons and eastward for electrons.

**MIRRroring EFFECT** — Those particles that mirror at high altitudes remain trapped and form a relatively stable radiation belt; those that penetrate deeply into the atmosphere lose energy by collisions and do not remain trapped, but cause ionization at low enough altitudes to affect the vlf transmission as they drift over the vlf channel. As the trapped particles drift azimuthally from the burst point, an energy separation takes place, since the higher energy particles have the higher drift rate; also, particles of equal energies drift more rapidly at higher geomagnetic latitudes. A 1-Mev electron, mirroring at 80 km altitude, has a drift rate from 6 degrees a minute at a geomagnetic latitude of 20 deg N to about 100 deg a minute at an 80 deg N geomagnetic latitude.

A test vlf path between Balboa, Panama (NBA, 18 kc) and APL/JHU, forms a well-defined north-south boundary for marking the passage of the drifting particles. Perturbation on this path began 13 minutes after the high-altitude explosion on July 9, and peak deviation was reached between 7 and 8 minutes after the burst. John Hopkins Lab scientists attribute the onset to the arrival of electrons with energies exceeding 10 Mev, but relatively low total energy; the maximum is correlated with the arrival of 3-Mev electrons, representative of the peak in the spectrum of the total overhead energy.

Perturbations at the time of the explosion over three different vlf paths are illustrated in Fig. 3.

Radiant Cage May Smooth Heart Patients' Slumber

CHICAGO—A radiant cage, coupling r-f energy to an implanted coil, may
allow patients with artificial heart stimulators to shed their battery packs for sounder slumber, J. Schuder, University of Missouri, told the Conference on Engineering in Medicine and Biology.

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Simultaneous excitation of the external coils with 1 Kw at 422, 425 and 428 Kc transported 25 to 90 watts to monitor equipment loading the implanted coil. Artificial hearts would require 35 watts input or more, Schuder said. More than 50 watts have been transferred regularly inside one dog over the past 8 months, in experiments to evaluate tissue damage.

Superconducting Generator

MAGNETO - HYDRODYNAMIC power generator, using a superconducting solenoid to produce the necessary magnetic field, was shown feasible by Westinghouse Research Laboratories. The niobium zirconium superconducting coil operates at -452 deg F, produces 30 kilogauss. In its 1-inch hollow core, thermally insulated by liquid nitrogen, ethylene and oxygen are passed at 4,500 deg F and interact with a small component of the magnetic field (swirling action). A voltage is developed between a center electrode and a wall electrode. This type of generator is said to open possibilities as a space vehicle propulsion unit; because superconducting magnets consume no power to produce a field, they will be more efficient than conventional MHD generators.

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New 40-mm Silicon Crystals Permit Larger-Capacity Devices

Increased diameters promise higher ratings, lower cost for devices

HYPERPURE silicon has been used to make quality semiconductor devices for over six years. Improved methods for fabricating devices have greatly increased the uniformity, reliability and performance characteristics of devices. Silicon of increasing quality also contributed to improvement of semiconductor devices.

Development of new silicon production techniques have resulted in higher and more uniform purity, improving resistivity and lifetime of components. In addition, development of zone-refining techniques for silicon, pioneered by both Bell Telephone Laboratories and Siemens Schuckertwerke, have resulted in the availability of high purity crystals uniform from end to end and from center to surface.

NEW TECHNIQUE—Dow Corning now claims a major advance in silicon production with zone-refining techniques. Previously, high-quality zone-refined silicon crystals were available in maximum diameters of only about one inch or 26 mm. Now crystals can be grown routinely to diameters of 1¼ inches or 40 mm, a practical limit for present methods for slicing silicon crystals.

This new zoning technique also improves the uniformity of resistivity and dislocations in the radial direction, from the crystal center to surface. This would not be expected by extrapolation of crystal properties from previous diameters up to 1½ inches.

One application that is foreseen for the large-diameter crystals will be in manufacture of power diodes. At the IEEE meeting held in New York last week, discussion of a 50 megawatt silicon rectifier installation illustrated demand for higher current ratings. At present, these rectifier assemblies are usually made up from a group of silicon diodes with a 250 ampere rating. This is said to be the largest diode that is made in quantity. These rectifiers are made from float-zoned crystal with diameters of about ½ inch. With the larger crystal diameters, development of power diodes with current ratings up to 1,000 amperes may be expected.

RECTIFIERS—Another application for large diameter crystals would be for the manufacture of silicon controlled rectifiers. These devices, basically solid-state switches, operate in microseconds, have potential application wherever a switch is found in an electrical circuit. Silicon controlled rectifiers are highly desirable since there are no moving parts, there is no arc when the switch is opened, no fire hazard and the devices are highly reliable. With large diameter silicon crystals, increases in current ratings for silicon controlled rectifiers are expected in the same order as for power diodes.

Dow Corning's C. G. Currin pointed out that high power devices are not usually made from Czochralski crystals, which are pres-
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A typical record of this test, shown at right, was made at a record speed of 50″/second.

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Hitachi Central Research Laboratory
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**SOLUTION**—Key to the new zone-refining process centers around overcoming a surface tension problem that is normally encountered in formation of large diameter crystals. No loss of other vital semiconducting properties occur with the new technique. Currin estimates that about 250,000 dollars worth of silicon is now used in electronics. When Dow Corning entered the silicon market, about three years ago, there were about 12 suppliers of silicon. Since then there have been 7 dropouts. Still a large producer of silicones, Dow Corning now has set sights on the ever growing silicon market.
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Checking Connector Production

Techniques and equipment improve statistical check-out tests

By W. F. BONWITT
T. SHAHN AZARIAN
Burndy Corporation
Norwalk, Conn.

CONNECTOR - RELIABILITY — measuring techniques and equipment have been developed to overcome problems generated by the sheer number of samples and measurements needed for statistical, or lot-to-lot, evaluation. Time and cost are significantly less than design-qualification testing. Deviation from qualification tests can be detected statistically.

Six test sequences (Fig. 1) are followed using three basic environments — temperature, moisture, vibration-shock. Before each sequence and after each environmental test, various connector characteristics are checked in the following order: contact retention, capacitance, probe damage, contact separation, connector separation, contact resistance, high potential, insulation resistance.

VARIATIONS — The foregoing sequential environmental testing can be improved upon. For example, one might consider monitoring contact resistance through a minimum time period of temperature, moisture, or vibration and shock. Or, one might consider exposure to simultaneous environmental affects such as moisture and vibration for a given length of time. Continuous monitoring of these will show a variable distribution of results. An accompanying graph (Fig. 2) shows that although individually moisture and vibration tests would pass contact-resistance requirements, jointly ap-

AUTOMATIC-STEPPING switches in automatic potential-drop test equipment simultaneously hook-up 20 connectors. Panel lights indicate which connectors are under test.

CONNECTOR ACCEPTANCE CHECKING

Connector manufacturers can perform stringent lot-to-lot tests to check whether high-volume production variables — material variations, operator variability, machine variability — have affected designed-for reliability. Testing program described here was formulated by Burndy and a major customer.

SIX test sequences check-out various connector characteristics measured after each environmental exposure — Fig. 1.
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system (Fig. 3) having a

connector-evaluation
test is the standard checking

method. However, a single measure-

ment has been developed to

combine the check on the retention

of a smaller weight by the socket

and the check on its inability to

lift a larger weight. A test pin is

mounted over a socket in the

connector assembly. Pin is part of a

system (Fig. 3) having a

screw drive to vertically move the

pin into the socket and a calibrated

strain gage connected to a bridge

circuit for measuring insertion

force. Screw drive rapidly inserts

the pin to a predetermined socket

depth and withdraws it at a slow,

steady rate. Bridge circuit includes

an alternating vacuum tube

voltmeter with automatic voltage

range selector within the range

observed. As the pin is withdrawn,

the maximum voltmeter value and

range are observed. A calibration

graph then provides conversion to

force. This arrangement is pre-

ferred to mechanical spring gages.

PROBE DAMAGE—Insertion of a

weighted contact pin into a socket,

followed by rotation, tests the con-

nector-socket resistance to distor-

tion by test probes of contact finge-

ers and contact spring in preserv-

ing adequate contact force. Awk-

ward rotation by hand lessens test

reproducibility. To eliminate this

factor and to increase test speed,

a fixture of cylindrical shape was

designed to mount the connector

at one end at right angles to the

rotation axis (Fig. 4). A weighted

test pin is placed in one connector

socket at a time and the cylinder

rotated through 360 degrees.

CONTACT RETENTION—Con-

tact-retention force is that force

which can be resisted by the con-

nector contacts before they are

either pushed out or dislodged. In

testing, a force is applied axially

against the tip of the connector

pin, or the entry of the socket,

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alignment and rate-of-force-increase control is inadequate. Fig. 5 illustrates an automatic device that meets the needed requirements and that also includes process reversal to unload test samples. An electrical-cycle control (timer) actuates a solenoid to let air enter at a predetermined pressure into a cylinder that provides the axial test force. When the maximum force is reached, it is maintained for a given period by a bleeder valve. At the end of this period, the timer cuts-off the solenoid valve so as to retract the cylinder's pushrod.

POTENTIAL DROP — Determining potential drop across connections has been completely automatized because of the many life-test measurements required. A transistorized test device was developed that includes eleven automatic stepping switches which provide for simultaneous hookup for 20 connectors, each with 35 connections and which can concurrently energize three connectors. Lights indicate which connectors are energized and which position is being measured. All 35 positions of each connector are wired in series through the test device. A direct current of 7.5 amperes is used with a potential drop of 45 millivolts. A mechanically programmed tensile tester engages and disengages the connectors with measurements made after every 50 such cycles. This life-cycling is continued to failure. An amplifier and a metering circuit having an indicating circuit and overvoltage trigger, measure potential drop. Set at 44.5 millivolts, the trigger circuit automatically stops the test when this level is exceeded, actuating a light and buzzer alarm. Meter is then read and test started again manually. Measurements begin after one minute of current flow when thermal stabilization is achieved. Measurement speed can be varied from 4 second to 5 seconds. This is advantageous: for example, assuming an average life of 10,000 test cycles, for 221 connectors with 35 connections each, measurements in excess of one million would be required.
QUALITY SPECS CHECKED
By Computer System

By E. F. THIBEAULT
Clevite Transistor Division
Clevite Corporation
Waltham, Mass.

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This information is recorded on individual cards and used to tabulate histograms: For example, with forward voltage, a 0.50 to 1.00 volt range is divided into 20 intervals (.50, .51, etc.). Readings falling in different intervals are used to calculate arithmetic mean and variance of the three voltage-reading distributions.

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RECENTLY announced by Princeton Applied Research Corp., P.O. Box 565, Princeton, N.J., the model CS-3.1 miniature digital voltmeter uses both solid-state devices and reed relays, floating differential input, automatic polarity indication, automatic ranging and has no stepping switches. Range is d-c from 0.001 to 999 v with voltages greater than 100 mv displayed with three significant digits. Accuracy is within 0.1-percent of reading ±1 count, input impedance is 10 meg-ohms except on lowest range where it is 1,000 megohms and common-mode rejection is greater than 100 db. Balancing time is one to three seconds depending on change of range desired and sample rate is one reading per second. Output is available with ten-line decimal code for digital print-out. Unit is 6½ x 5 x 8 inches and weighs 9 lb. The device compares a sample of unknown d-c potential with an internally-generated ramp of 1 mv steps, then displays accumulated ramp step count on in-line readout tubes. The ramp is generated by a solid-state charge pump feeding a Miller integrator. The charge pump is driven by an oscillator which also drives a three-digit decade counter. Integrator input receives quantized charge in amounts just sufficient to raise integrator output 1 mv for each oscillator cycle. Automatic ranging programs an attenuator to charge a memory capacitor which is switched between attenuator and comparator to isolate attenuator from rest of instrument.

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Converter Uses Novel Duty-Cycle Regulation

INTRODUCED by Astronetic Research, Inc., P.O. Box 397, Nashua, New Hampshire, the model ARI 168 constant-voltage power supply uses special duty-cycle regulation techniques to develop efficiencies of 85-percent over input voltage variations of two to one. Input voltage is 23.5 to 33.5 v d-c, output voltage is +28 v d-c and regulation is within 1-percent at output currents between 0.1 and 1.5 amperes. Output ripple is 0.2 v peak-to-peak, efficiency is better than 80 percent at 1.5 amperes, the unit is 6½ x 4 x 6 inches and weighs 12 ounces. As shown in the sketch, a square wave is applied to the bases of two switch transistors and a variable-width gate pulse is applied to a series emitter switch. The resulting signal across the transformer is a variable pulse-width a-c waveform whose frequency is that of the square-wave drive. The a-c waveform is rectified and passed through a low-pass filter and the average d-c value is recovered. Thus, a gate pulse whose width is inversely proportional to varying input supply voltage can be used to maintain a constant output voltage. (302)

Solid-State Data Relay Operates Within 10 μsec

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R-F Switch Combines Isolator and Diode

ANNOUNCED by Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., 1100 Main Street, Buffalo 9, N. Y., the SYS-3213 is a solid-state component for radar receiver protection in 13.26 to 13.36 GHz band doppler systems. It combines a ferrite isolator and a fast diode switch within a single unit. The diode switch prevents the pulse from entering the receiver and the isolator acts as an absorber so that the pulse is not reflected back to the transmitter. Minimum isolation is 40 db, maximum insertion loss is 1.5 db, vswr (on) is 1.5 and r-f power rating is 10 w peak and 1 w average. Switching time is 50 nsec. Power requirement is approximately 80 mw. The ferrite isolator prevents local oscillator signals from reaching the diode switch. Normally, this would not be a problem but due to high switching speed, signals of many frequencies are generated during switching cycle. If these are allowed to combine with the signal generated by local oscillator and returned to the receiver input, they would be amplified and displayed with the signal received at the antenna. (304)

MATERIAL BEING MEASURED

Transducer Measures Temperature to 1,200 F

MANUFACTURED by Trans-Sonics, Inc., P. O. Box 328, Lexington 73, Massachusetts, the T4151 alumina temperature transducer has an operating range of 0 to 1,200 F with brief transients to 1,500 F, accuracy within 2 percent, repeatability of 0.2-percent of range interval, operating current of 15 ma and a thermal time constant less than 500 milliseconds (63 percent of full range) when measured in agitated liquid. Insulation resistance is greater than 2 megohms at 100 v and room temperature, and a calibration card is supplied with each unit. The device consists of a platinum winding on an alumina card. The wire is flame-sprayed with aluminum oxide to provide a high-temperature insulation resistance. Composition of the sprayed coating may be varied to obtain thermal conductivity close to the material being measured. The unit is mounted as shown in the sketch. The transducer’s stem is sufficiently removed from the internal winding to insure that the leads will not transmit heat to or from the platinum winding thus creating a false reading. Physical size is 0.47 x 0.34 x 0.035 inches, stem is 1-in. long and the device weighs less than 0.25 ounce. (305)
UHF Bandpass Filter Uses Helical-Line Resonators

ON THE MARKET from Dorne and Margolin, Inc., 29 New York Ave., Westbury, New York, the DM F5 bandpass filter has a center frequency between 100 and 500 Mc, midband vswr of 1.30:1, impedance of 50 ohms and an insertion loss of 1 db. Bandwidth is 2 to 5 percent, rejection is 40 db at \( f_0 \pm 10 \) percent, and no spurious responses up to 4 \( f_0 \). The device uses three coupled end-loaded helical line resonators. Units incorporating additional resonators and still higher selectivity can be furnished. Unit body length is 3.90 inches and connectors extend overall length to 6 inches. Height is \( \frac{1}{2} \) inches, width is 1.31 inches and the device weighs 8 oz. (306)

Sonic Analyzer
Spans 6 Cps to 23 Kc

PROBESCOPE CO. INC., 211 Robbins Lane, Syosset, N. Y. Model SS-20L covers the frequency range from 6 cps to 23 Kc. Unit incorporates log sweep. This permits a quick analysis of all the information contained in the range of frequencies from 40 cps to 20 Kc. Incorporated in the log sweep function are three markers—60 cps, 1 Kc, 20 Kc—which

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The module is designed to plug into Nems-Clarke 1455-1456A receivers as well as the 1037 deep space probe receiver.

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Input Scanner Has Limit Control

DYMEC, a division of Hewlett-Packard Co., 395 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. The DY-2900A input scanner sequentially transfers data from a group of external sources to one set of measuring and recording equipment. It permits up to 50 single-wire or 25 2-wire inputs to be scanned at speeds up to...
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Appendices include a table of computer symbols, a general bibliography, and a good glossary of computer terms.—G.V.N.

Automatic Control Systems
By BENJAMIN C. KUO

A comprehensive treatment of the principles and techniques involved
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Some of the necessary mathematical foundations of control theory are briefly given in the appendix; a number of problems follows each chapter.

Environmental Testing Techniques For Electronics And Materials

By GEOFFREY W. A. DUMMER and NORMAN B. GRIFFIN

A broad-level text covering most aspects of environmental test and evaluation procedures with emphasis on techniques. While the book is intended for a diversified audience, it is heavy on testing aspects applicable to the manufacture of military products, in particular those with space goals.

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The text is well appended with charts, tables and diagrams and has numerous graphs for reference.

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Western Electric Opens Research Center

WESTERN ELECTRIC'S new Engineering Research Center near Princeton, N.J., where some of the company's research scientists and engineers study telephone equipment manufacturing techniques, was recently officially opened.

Work at the Center involves research into machines, systems and processes for manufacturing Bell System communications equipment. Western Electric is the manufacturing and supply unit of the system.

The Research Center staff works closely with members of Bell Telephone Laboratories technical staff to develop manufacturing processes for new products designed by the Laboratories, and with engineers from the company's own plants to translate these designs into useful applications in the plants.

The Center's three-story main building, with the administrative offices and laboratories and a one-story building, containing heavy equipment laboratories, an auditorium, the power plant, and record storage facilities, provide a total of 138,000 square feet of floor space.

The Engineering Research Center was established in 1958 when the first staff arrived to set up offices and laboratories in a building formerly occupied by the Princeton Film Center. The building (shown in background) of 23,000-square foot floor space is currently used for the company's graduate engineering training program being conducted in cooperation with the Graduate School of Engineering of Lehigh University. This program leads to the Master's degree in either solid-state physics or operations research.

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Robert Wood Takes Additional Post

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Wright Appointed Astropower President

JOHN P. WRIGHT has been appointed president of Astropower, Inc., Newport Beach, Calif., a subsidiary of the Douglas Aircraft Co.

He had been executive vice president of Electra Manufacturing Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Packard Bell Names Wendell Sell

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