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How will you choose your next portable scope ... on faith, or on fact?

Forget everything you ever knew about portable scopes; today's portables are something else entirely. In the last year, both major scope manufacturers have brought out completely new lines. So, choosing a new portable on "blind faith" in your old make is about as sensible as marrying a girl you've never met, just because her second cousin was Miss America in 1967.

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A strong labor group urged for engineers

About your editorial: "Wanted 20 years' experience. Older men need not apply" (ED 23, Nov. 11, 1971, p. 41), I meant to write two months ago, but lots of unpaid overtime postponed my effort. The title was a winner. The editorial led very logically to the question: "What do we do with our 20 years of experience?" Then it fell on its face with the advice of Chairman Mao: "We've got to work harder." You don't have to tell us to work harder. We engineers are being ground into the dust by our efforts to stay employed.

After that advice, you continue with the thought that we should go after the tough, challenging new technologies. Picture a 45-year-old, unemployed semiconductor engineer applying for a job in the tough challenging new technology of laser engineering. He'd never even get a reply. Now picture the same engineer employed and taking a course in laser engineering. He applies for the same job, and he still doesn't get a reply. Now picture him employed and going to his boss with a request to enter the company effort in laser engineering. His boss answers, predictably, that he's needed where he is. But when the semiconductor assignment runs out, he's laid off.

Your editorial leads readers to think that they have significant control over their careers. If we have any control at all, it simply amounts to this: we must stay constantly alert for the end of the contract. When the end approaches, we send our 20 resumes. If we're lucky, we get one answer, and it's from a company in Biloxi that ran a blind ad. But at least we have someone interested. The only way we'll get more control over our jobs is to form a strong professional association. If we fail to do that, we'll just run in and out with the tide.

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Featured a/d converter available off the shelf

We were delighted to read Jim McDermott's article "Power Needs Cut Dramatically for Ocean-Floor Monitor System" (ED 2, Jan. 20, 1972, p. 28). Delighted, that is, until we discovered that while credit had been given to the designers of the unique ultra-low-power-drain converter, there was no indication in the article that it is being manufactured by Analog Devices, Inc., and is available as the ADC-12QL, a standard product.

If any of your readers liked the idea of an a/d converter that works from a single +12 V battery, needs less than 600 µW of quiescent battery drain, 15 mW at a conversion rate of 200 Hz, and has 12-bit resolution, they'll love the idea that they can buy it off-the-shelf.

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Wrong price given

In the new product announcement of Fairchild's doppler radar module, the DM (X)100 (ED 1, January 6, 1972, p. 142), the price was mistakenly given as $13. The correct price is $130.

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Also, moisture and humidity have no effect on glass-filled nylon. No effect means no malfunctions for you to worry about. No current leakage, either.

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We didn't forget the solder.

We use a solderless splice. That's because solderless splice connections are sure-fire protection against the coil going open under temperature changes, stress, or electrolysis.

A solderless splice is more expensive to produce, so it's usually found only on the most reliable relays. AE is the only manufacturer to use this method on all of its relays.

Finally, we wrap the whole assembly with extra-tough, mylar-laminated material. A cover is not really necessary here; but why take chances?

Springs and other things.

We don't take any chances with our contact assembly, either. Even things like the pileup insulators (those little black rectangles) get special attention. We precision mold them. Other manufacturers just punch them out.

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Then there are the contact springs. Ours are phosphor-bronze. Others use nickel-silver. Our lab gave this stuff a thorough check, but found nickel-silver too prone to stress-corrosion. Atmospheric conditions which cause tarnish and ultimately stress corrosion have almost no effect on phosphor-bronze.

Two are better than one.

Our next step was to make sure our contacts give a completed circuit every time. So we bifurcate both the make and break springs.

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Etc. Etc. Etc.

There's a lot more to tell about what makes our Class H relay reliable. Now we're waiting to hear from you. GTE Automatic Electric, Industrial Sales Division, Northlake, Illinois 60164.


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One design idea leads to another

While Horace Jones' Idea for Design ("Build a Dual-Voltage Regulator for $11," ED 26, Dec. 23, 1971, p. 70) does point out the versatility of a dual op amp, I couldn't let this issue go by without pointing out that a Silicon General SG3501 dual regulator IC will do his job for $7.50 (single-piece price). In addition to replacing 14 components with one, the SG3501 will provide more input voltage capability, better line and load regulation, and short-circuit protection.

I don't mean to detract from Mr. Jones' idea, because I know it is tough to keep up with all new information.
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developments in this industry, but I feel that your readers should be aware of all the alternatives open to them.

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New use found for water

In the Feb. 17 issue we described a Hewlett-Packard 9100 calculator that was retrieved from a local mud-hole where it had been resting for a number of months. After a single transistor was replaced the calculator worked beautifully (See ED 4, “Crabby calculator,” Feb. 17, 1972, p. 10).

Now in line with this trend to instrument immersion, HP has developed an oscilloscope that operates underwater. It's HP's Model 1700E, which the company says can be used on shipboard, in dusty environments or any place there is a corrosive atmosphere—or, as the photo shows, even underwater. Actually, if dropped in water, the scope would float since the amount of water it displaces is greater than the 35 pounds it weighs.

Yes. The mermaid is an HP employee. Interested?

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With Monolithic Six-Bit
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In the MC1406L, Motorola is bringing you the guts of an ideal six-bit digital-to-analog converter — at a very gutty price.

For a 100-up cost of $3.95, you get the basic unit you need for your converter application including a diffused resistor ladder network and all the switching circuitry necessary for six bits. Add only the regulating and amplifying components you need to achieve your design requirements. Why pay for performance you can’t use?

For operation at room temperature, provide a simple reference by using a zener diode. Or choose the exact IC you need for a regulated reference over the 0 to 75°C range.

To provide a voltage mode output, pay for only as much sophistication in an op amp as the speed, accuracy, and output range your particular application requires.

Hang any components on this D/A that the performance of your system dictates and you’ll still pay less — much less than for any comparably performing hybrid or monolithic converter now available.

The accuracy of this inexpensive unit is 0.78% of full-scale current, typical power dissipation is low at 95 mW, the settling time is a fast 200 ns (typical), and its six digital inputs are TTL and DTL compatible.

Applications possibilities abound for the MC1406L. Use it as a feedback element in an A/D converter, as the digital to analog decoder in a high speed data modem, in digital transducers, and in display applications like CRT character generation, meters, and waveform analyzers.

This D/A converter is also appropriate for some digital-analog multiplying applications since it will accept a varying reference. The magnitude of its output is directly proportional to the product of the reference voltage and the digital input.

MC1406L is packaged in the black ceramic 14-lead dual-in-line TO-116. Ample quantities are available now from distributors and Motorola sales offices. Use it anywhere you need an output current that’s a linear product of an analog input voltage and a six-bit digital word — but use it!

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McMOS Quietly Masters Voice Of Other Types

If you’ve heard but one voice in CMOS land — listen carefully now — Motorola McMOS outperforms RCA complementary MOS!

Motorola’s noise-immune MC14000 series McMOS logic family has been expanded and given a new look . . . including direct pin-for-pin replacement for RCA CMOS and providing several unique Motorola features that makes McMOS more useful.

Several original designs have also been added to increase the system design utility of the line. $V_{DD}$ power supply upper limits are 18 V for the AL and 16 V for the CL types compared to just 15 V for all RCA units. A uniform output drive specification assures maximum simplicity of the design job. All devices in the mil-grade, AL series are directly compatible with low power TTL.

Improved system level speed and simpler system design is also possible with the MC14000 AL and CL series, thanks to a uniform propagation delay specification for all gates. The complete McMOS supply voltage range is now 3.0 V to 18 V or 16 V, compared to the former spread of 4.5 to 18 V.

Check the benefits provided by these outstanding McMOS logic family features:

- Lowest quiescent power dissipation of any logic form — 10 mW/per gate
- Excellent noise immunity — 45% of $V_{DD}$ (typ)
- Low output impedance — 750 ohms (typ)
- 25 ns basic gate delay
- High fanout — > 50
- Diode protection on all inputs
- Single supply operation — positive or negative
- Virtual immunity to any power supply variation from 3 to 18 V
- Full power supply output voltage swing

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Store Large Tables In New MOS ROMs

A 4096-bit static MOS ROM for large table or small increment continuous function storage heads a sizable list of additions to Motorola’s standard high threshold memory complement. Five basic mask programmable ROMs have been announced, with standard options programmed for look-up table, code conversion, and character generation. Maximum access times for the family range from 500 ns (MCM1130L) to 800 ns (MCM1140L) All use the 24-pin dual in-line ceramic package.

The MCM1140L is the mask programmable version of the 4096-bit memory, offering a choice of either 512 words of 8 bits or 1024 4-bit words. It offers two output buffer options for easy interfacing with either TTL or MOS external circuitry. A single mask change at the gate oxide stage of manufacturing provides the memory program, output buffer configuration, and programmable chip selects. The MCM1141L is an 1140 pre-programmed as a 512 x 8 sine look-up table.

Medium-sized table and conversion applications are the tour de force of the 2048-bit MCM1110L and its pre-programmed 256 by 8 Hollerith to ASCII code converters, the MCM1111L and MCM1112L. Bipolar systems require the MCM1112 version, while the McM-

A 4096-bit capacity enhances the mask-programmable versatility.

1111 is MOS compatible.

A choice of 256 x 10 or 512 x 5 organizations is available with the MCM1150L, a mask programmable 2056-bit ROM which like the others offers a choice of output logic levels. The MCM1151L is a 256 x 10 ASCII to Selectric converter.

MCM1120L and MCM1130L are the mask programmable 2240-bit memories on which the familiar MCM1121-1122 and MCM1131-1132 USASCII character generators are based. Both series are organized with 64 characters of 35 (5 x 7) bits, but the MCM1130 types are also available in a 32 x 70 (5 x 14) organization. The TTL or MOS compatibility choice is offered by both series, as is a 28-pin package option.

Prices in 100-999 quantity range from $14.60 to $20.00. The MCM1110L series, MCM1120L series, and MCM1130L series are all at the $14.60 level. The MCM1140L and MCM1141L are $20.00, and the MCM1150L and MCM1151L are $15.50. A one-time mask charge applies to all mask programmable types.

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In the eight chips of the MCBH7601 Crosspoint Switch, the frequency characteristics of lateral PNP transistors provide a good match for those of dielectrically isolated SCRs.

Swinging SCRs Successfully Serve Space Shrinking Solid State Silicon Switch

Some applications demand a combination of the best features of several technologies. And that's just what Motorola achieved in the MCBH7601—a hybrid, two-wire, four-by-four crosspoint switch that successfully integrates multiple SCRs and lateral PNPs on its eight chips.

An inspired meld of dielectric isolation with beam lead and silicon nitride techniques has produced this wide-band switch that can be employed for many uses beyond that of voice grade communications. Try it in your critical digital switching applications, or as a current switch.

Conceived as a solid-state replacement for the reed relays normally used in voice switching, the MCBH7601 can really compress the space required by your switching system. And provide a quantum jump in reliability.

Each chip in the hybrid represents two of the 16 crosspoints in the 4 x 4 matrix, containing four PNP transistors, four silicon controlled rectifiers, four diodes and four diffused resistors. Although two crosspoints exist on each device, potential crosstalk is prevented through the use of dielectric isolation and, in the bargain, intercomponent capacitance reduced and efficiency improved over conventional transistor types.

For long system life, silicon nitride hermetically seals the MCBH7601's eight chips making them impervious to moisture and handling contamination. Beam leads make possible an array of crosspoints with closely matched characteristics and—a bonus—the chips can be replaced after beam bonding.

Give your system technology's best. Let the MCBH7601 make your connection.

Control Systems And Costs With Versatile, New MHTL Functions

More low-cost ways to control numerical, supervisory and computer-peripheral systems with noise-immune, high-threshold logic are yours with 4 new Motorola MHTL series.

The latest entries—a decade counter, dual J-K flip-flop and 2 hex inverters—combine high input threshold voltages with slower response time, enabling them to excel in both internal and external electrical noise rejection, compared with other logic families. MHTL also provides better noise immunity at the power supply and ground leads, in addition to the signal leads.

MC684, the decade counter, consists of four J-K flip-flops plus additional gating to accomplish the counter function. The flip-flops change state on the negative transition of the clock pulse. An asynchronous master reset clears all flip-flops, regardless of the state of the clock. Each flip-flop is provided with an individual set input which enables it to be set regardless of the state of the clock.

The MC688 dual J-K flip-flop is based on the master-slave principle and is triggered on the negative edge of the clock pulse. Each flip-flop is provided with a separate direct set input and a separate direct reset input. Each flip-flop may be set or reset by applying a low level to that particular input. The J and K inputs are inhibited when the clock is low and enabled when the clock is high.

The hex inverter MC689, featuring open collector outputs, is designed to drive low current lamps, interface with discrete components, and interface high-level logic to any logic level from 4.0 V to 20 volts.

MC690 is the other MHTL hex inverter and utilizes an active pull-up to minimize output impedance. As with the MC689, the input diode has been eliminated to allow the circuit to be expanded to any number of additional inputs.

The high 15-volt power supply voltage of MHTL allows easy interface with discrete components.

For systems operating in high noise environments, Motorola's High Threshold Logic provides the highest noise immunity of any bipolar family.

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New MINIODE Zeners Deliver Maxi-Performance/Reliability

If you’re a designer using miniature glass zeners, you can now get 400 mW Surmetic 20 performance at low cost in an improved, smaller, cavityless glass package. The MZ70 MINIODE series devices use the same, dependable, oxide-passivated chips encapsulated in a new, hermetic, axial-lead package half the size of the D0-7.

You can obtain these mini-zeners in the hard-to-get 2.4 to 6.8 voltage ratings as well as in the higher 7.5 to 200 V range. Prices range from 38¢ to 93¢, 1000-up. All 60 MINIODES are supplied in both standard tolerances of 5% and 10% corresponding to suffix A and B, respectively, on the type number. Thus, MZ70-2.4 A designates a 2.4 V diode of ±5% tolerance. With excellent capability and maximum limits specified on six electrical parameters, the MZ70 MINIODES meet MIL-S-19500 specifications. And, because no solders are used in their construction, they are able to withstand high storage temperatures.

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MZ70 MINIODE zener diode chips are all scribed by laser. Chips scribed by the laser method have smooth, straight, perpendicular edges. Cracked or crumbled edges are virtually eliminated.

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A free evaluation sample and a Designers data sheet on the MZ70 MINIODES will be sent at your request.

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300 Volt Powerhouse Leads Case 199 Takeover Of Metal-Device Sockets

Line-operated power supplies were never easier — or more economical — to design than now with the MJE2160 Thermopad silicon power transistor doing all the high-voltage work!

Priced at just $1.35, 100-up, the device provides V_CE(on) of 300 V and can readily replace two comparable types handling less than its 1.5 A maximum IC rating.

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For details, circle 217
In the MOC1000 Optoelectronic Coupler, die spacing is carefully controlled to provide a minimum of 1500 volts of dielectric isolation for your critical, man-rated applications.

**Lightly Switch On With Optoelectronic Couplers**


Consisting of a gallium-arsenide infrared LED optically coupled to a silicon phototransistor, the new MOC1000 coupler offers an impressive array of switching advantages: nearly perfect input/output isolation . . . 100 billion ohms; 1,500 V minimum dielectric isolation; 300 kHz typical frequency response; 60% typical input-output current transfer ratio and low 1.3 pF typical coupling capacitance.

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Complete specs and applications information are available on the data sheet. Write for it.

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In no time at all, reduced power losses, increased switching speeds and savings in space and weight are yours . . . with 9 new, fast-recovery rectifier series!

Complementing the most comprehensive line of fast-recovery devices in the industry — now totaling 73 — Motorola's newest introductions include 3 A plastic types, 5 A "buttons," 6, 12, 20, 30, 40 and 50 A metal stud series.

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Use them in computer, industrial and military equipment.

Now's the time to go with them — faster!

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FCC's proposed EMI rules stir anxiety in industry

New rules on rf emission proposed by the Federal Communications Commission have raised fears in the electronics industry of increased costs and delays in the manufacture of equipment.

The EIA, EIA-Japan, IEEE and manufacturers such as AT&T, Sylvania and Collins have filed objections to the FCC regulations, covered in Docket 19356. The FCC is studying all of the comments, and expects to decide by the end of the year on a final version of the new rule.

Herman Garlan, chief of the FCC's Radio Emergency Devices Branch, says the changes are needed to control spurious emissions by electronic equipment and subsequent interference with communications. The proposed rules affect two parts of the FCC's statutes. These are Part 15 covering incidental and restricted radiation devices, such as walkie-talkies, wireless microphones and radio-controlled garage door openers—and Part 18, which covers industrial, scientific and medical equipment, such as rf welders and heaters and diathermy machines. The new rules, Garlan says, would limit the manufacture, shipment and sale of devices that emit unwanted electromagnetic interference.

Manufacturers are objecting to the following:
- Elimination of a self-certification procedure by users and, in its place, a rule requiring FCC certification before the equipment is marketed.
- On-site certification requirements.
- Lack of maximum time delay provision which would allow manufacturers to assume that the device had been accepted if the FCC did not reply within 14 days.
- FCC inspection of sales and marketing records.
- A rule allowing public disclosure of all technical information about a product once the FCC has approved it. Manufacturers say this could give competitors an unfair advantage in cases where the marketing of a product did not immediately follow with its certification by the federal agency.

In the past the FCC has provided for a self-certification procedure for most equipment operated without individual license under Parts 15 and 18. Self-certification merely required the user to perform certain engineering tests on the device and to attach a label to it certifying that it had been tested and had been found to comply with FCC regulations.

This system, Garlan asserts, has not proved satisfactory from the standpoint of controlling electromagnetic interference (EMI). The FCC proposes that equipment be certified by it prior to marketing.

Florida paper to set up electronic newsroom

Video typewriters for newsmen will soon be available, thereby completing the development of the so-called "all-electronic newsroom." And the first such setup has already been sold to a daily in Florida.

While typewriters will cost around $5000 each, the entire system, which can include as many as 32 typewriters, will cost from $200,000 to $600,000, depending on size, says its developer, the Harris-Intertype Corp., in Cleveland.

The rest of the system, which is already operational, consists of a disc storage, an electronic editing terminal and a computerized phototypesetter that turns out photographic galley proofs.

The Gannett Co., publisher of 53 dailies, has bought Harris-Intertype's first complete system for its 50,000-circulation daily Today in Cocoa, Fla. Costing $250,000, it will be installed by the end of this year.

Other potential customers, says Harris-Intertype's president, Richard B. Tullis, include 300 to 400 of the nation's 1750 daily newspapers, with circulations ranging from 40,000 to 250,000.

These initial candidates alone, Tullis says, represent a market that may hit $100-million over the next five to 10 years.

The Harris 1500 Editorial Input Terminal, about the size of a standard electric typewriter, is equipped with a typewriter keyboard and a 5-by-10-inch CRT display. No paper is required, and there is no carriage return or noise. Striking over an incorrect letter or word erases it. Paragraphs can be moved to a new sequence. And words can be inserted, deleted and changed.

The finished copy goes to a disc storage, and from there to an electronic editing terminal.

RCA kicks off sale of electronics to China

The first large sale of American electronic equipment to the People's Republic of China—a satellite communications earth station—has been made by RCA Global Communications, Inc.

Under a $2.9-million contract with China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation, RCA has installed the station near the Shanghai Airport in cooperation with the Chinese Telecommunications Administration.

During President Nixon's visit to China the station relayed pictures of the Presidential party and its activities to the United States. In addition to television, the facility can handle telephone, leased-channel, telegram and facsimile traffic, according to Howard R. Hawkins, president of RCA Globalcom.

The earth station is transmitting to and receiving from the new Intelsat IV satellite, which is in a geostationary orbit 22,300 miles above the Pacific. The normal operating path is between Shanghai and an earth station in Jamesburg.
Special site now checks accuracy of ship sonar

Checking the accuracy of sonar has always been a tedious, time-consuming and not terribly accurate chore. Bearing and range accuracies have been checked with some success on known targets in the open sea, but this has not been possible for the receiving sensitivity and source-level. Now, an electronic setup has been devised to check all four factors in port, under controlled conditions, in about two days. The solution appears obvious but it was not tried before because skeptics felt that nearby objects in a port would cause spurious returns. A group at the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center in San Diego has disproved this notion. The group built a facility, called the Sensory Accuracy Check Site, at Long Beach, Calif. Other facilities are planned for a number of ports that the Navy uses throughout the world.

“We are already working on a site for Charleston, South Carolina,” says Allen G. Menke, operations manager of the facility at San Diego.

The electronics equipment in each site costs approximately $200,000, much of it off-the-shelf. A minicomputer with a variety of peripherals, television equipment, frequency generators, counters, digital voltmeters, oscilloscopes and some interfacing electronics make up the bulk of the electronics package.

All data are processed in a control room at the site with a Varian 620-1 minicomputer, which prints out the sonar’s performance record in real time.

Cruise vessels getting computerized radar

A computerized, anticollision radar plotting system, already successfully operating on cargo ships, has been installed on its first cruise ship.

Built by Iotron Corp. of Bedford, Mass., the system, called Digiplot, helped guide the new Norwegian cruise ship M/S Island Venture on her maiden voyage from New York to the Caribbean and back last month.

Using a Lockheed MAC-16 central processing unit, Digiplot analyzes data from three radars. It monitors continuously 200 targets, and it displays, tracks and plots the 40 most threatening within a 17-mile radius.

Although the cruise market looks good, James Coolbaugh, Iotron vice president, says that the cargo market is bigger. There are more than 4000 tankers and freighters in the world, with 300 more joining the fleet every year.

Laser communications to be tested by NASA

NASA has asked the aerospace industry to submit proposals for a space-ground laser communications system that could pave the way for an earth communication system that would use low-orbiting satellites to relay line-of-sight links.

The plan is to develop a visible laser communication experiment to fly on the ATS-G (Applications Technology Satellite) in mid-1975. More than two dozen companies have been invited to submit their ideas.

Proposals are due at the Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., by March 24, and work is expected to begin in July. The winner will design, build and test the laser experiment and operate a mobile ground station over two years.

The laser system will consist of one laser source aboard the 22,000-mile-high satellite and another at a ground station, with each aimed at the other.

The satellite will carry a helium-neon laser with a wavelength of 0.6328-µm. The ground station will be equipped with a doubled neodymium YAG laser with a wavelength of 0.53 µm.

The satellite’s laser will illuminate a 1000 foot-diameter circle on earth, although information will be collected from only six feet within this circle. The output power of the satellite laser will be 5 mW.

The ground-station laser will have 1 W of output power.

NASA has several objectives. It wants to:

- Determine the effects of the earth’s atmosphere on laser propagation.
- Prove the feasibility of wide-angle acquisition, precision pointing and tracking between optical terminals.
- Establish an optical communication link with a capacity of 30 million bits of information per second, which would ultimately result in a communication network that used low earth-orbiting relay satellites.

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N-channel technology invading semiconductor memory field

The use of n-channel technology to obtain an increase in speed in semiconductor memories has been talked about for some time, but the realization of the technique has always been put off till next year. From the papers presented at the 1972 IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference, held in Philadelphia, it appears that “next year” has finally arrived.

In a paper on “A 4096-Bit Dynamic MOS RAM,” Joel Karp, a member of the MOS Engineering Dept. of Intel Corp., Santa Clara, Calif., described a semiconductor memory that uses n-channel silicon-gate technology to achieve smaller cell size and lower threshold voltages and power consumption.

At the same session Michael McCoy, manager of advanced product development for Electronic Arrays, Inc., Mountain View, Calif., described a semiconductor memory that uses n-channel silicon-gate RAM that uses a novel gated capacitor to provide self-refreshing of stored data.

The 4-k memory is constructed on a $137 \times 167$-mil chip and, according to design engineers at the conference, will become another industry standard, like the 1-k bit 1103.

According to Karp, the new memory was designed for easy use. Unlike the 1103, however—which uses three clocks whose signals must overlap in a precise manner—the new RAM requires only a single 12-V clock, from which all other timing signals are internally derived. In addition all other inputs to the memory are TTL-compatible, a feature that is missing in the 1103.

The memory cell of the 4-k array is composed of three minimum-geometry transistors and occupies less than 2 square mils of area. One reason for the small cell size is its novel configuration, which results in a cell that requires only 2-1/2 interconnect lines—row select, column select and a ground line that is shared by two adjacent columns of cells.

In operation, a row selection line activates a row of cells for both reading and writing. The row voltage is a tristate signal gated onto the row select line by the row decoder. Reading of the cell is accomplished during the intermediate level of this signal, and writing or refreshing the cell is done during the high level of the signal. To conserve power, the high level is terminated as soon as proper information is gated to the cell.

The column-select line allows transfer of information into or out of the cell. This line is connected to the column amplifier, which is used to sense the information in the cell or write new information into the cell.

Data are stored as charge on the parasitic capacitance associated with each cell. Since the information is stored dynamically in the cell, it must be refreshed periodically by cycling through each of the 64 row addresses.

The Intel device is targeted for introduction sometime between September and November, with a price per bit about 1/3 that of the 1103, says a company spokesman. However, target dates and initial estimated prices are not always met, he cautioned.

As for the future, Karp predicted he would be back in two years with a 16-k chip. Engineers at the conference tended to believe him.

The 1-k bit memory described by McCoy integrates refresh circuitry into the basic cell, eliminating the need to cycle through addresses to achieve refresh. The memory is fabricated on a $116 \times 128$-mil chip, and, like the new 4-k Intel memory, it uses n-channel, silicon-gate technology. But unlike
the 4-k memory and the 110 3, which both have access times of about 300 ns, the Electronic Arrays EA 1500 memory has an access time of less than 75 ns.

This, says McCoy, along with the price advantages of MOS, should give us a big advantage in competing with bipolar memories.

The self-refreshing cell in the EA 1500 memory eliminates the need for excess control logic and is one reason why the new memory has such a low access time.

The self-refreshing of data is accomplished by making use of the two parasitic capacitances C_A and C_B (see figure). Capacitor C_B is the source of the refresh current. In the read mode, all the cells in the memory that contain a logic ONE have charged capacitor C_B to a voltage that is very close to V_DD. When the read line returns to ground and the write line goes to a ONE level, transistor T_2 is turned on and charge is transferred from node E to node A.

The EA 1500, unlike Intel's 4-k chip, is now available and its price ranges from $37.50 for a single unit to $15 a unit in lots of 1,000.

McCoy reported that Electronic Arrays planned to introduce by the third quarter of this year a self-refreshed 2-k memory, and, by next year, a 4-k self-refreshed chip.

Random-access memories are not the only ones using n-channel technology. Three other papers, all presented by representatives of Japanese companies described n-channel technology in electrically reprogrammable ROMs.

Two approaches were taken in the design of these nonvolatile ROMs. In the first, the electrically reprogrammable memory was constructed with an avalanche injection mechanism. To program, electrons are injected by avalanche breakdown of the drain p-n junction. This causes a floating gate to become negatively charged. To erase, holes are injected by avalanche breakdown of the n-p junction near the source. This discharges the floating gate.

The second method used to design the reprogrammable ROMs is characterized by a shift in the initial gate threshold voltage. The device is programmed by applying a positive pulse that is above a certain critical voltage. This changes the threshold voltage. To erase, a negative voltage is applied to the gate to return it to the initial threshold voltage.

An electrically reprogrammable 256-bit ROM is available from the Nippon Electric Co., Ltd., Kawasaki, Japan for about 3 to 5 cents a bit. Sony is also working on these ROMs for in-house use and plans to incorporate them in automatic dialing telephones to replace the magnetic cards that are presently used, in desk calculators to provide a nonvolatile memory to store calculations and in television receivers that will have a digital clock to allow the consumer to program all of his TV viewing for a week. Once programmed, the TV will automatically turn on, tune in the desired program and then shut off when the program is completed.

Charge-coupled devices await mass application by industry

What are the prospects for off-the-shelf charge-coupled devices? For the long range, they'll probably be in ample supply, a panel at the Solid-State Circuits Conference indicated. But for the immediate future, they'll be scarce, the panelists went on.

Manufacturers simply aren't interested in making them unless they can get large orders, the panel — "The Impact of Charge-Control Technology"—reported.

Only one company—Amperex—is offering a charge-coupled device at present: the M31, a 32-stage bucket brigade.

The economic problem was outlined by Dean Collins of Texas Instruments, Dallas. While it is true that, with the right masks, bucket-brigade devices can be fabricated on standard MOS production lines, manufacturers are not interested in producing these devices unless they can offset the cost of the masks with, say, a $100,000 order, Collins reported.

Another panelist, G. F. Amelio of Fairchild Semiconductor, Palo Alto, Calif., noted that over the last three years the efficiency of charge-coupled devices had increased from 99% to 99.99%.

Other advances mentioned by Amelio include increases in the fre-
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quency at which they operate, the
number of elements strung to­
gether and the density on chips.

Typical areas of application for
charge-coupled devices discussed by
the panel included memories, vari­
able audio and video delay lines, imaging and filters.

Collins maintained that memo­
ries were a tough area for invas­
ion by charge-coupled devices be­
cause there are so many competing

technologies. But William Engeler
of General Electric, Schenectady,
N.Y., disagreed. Engeler pointed
out that with charge-coupled, ran­
dom-access memories, manufactur­
ers don't have to dig down and
make contact with the silicon—a
process that eats up a lot of chip
real estate. Charge-coupled devices
also offer first-in, first-out regis­
ters and can easily perform bit
sorting, Engeler noted.

In the technical sessions on
charge-coupled devices, several de­
vices and their applications were
described. Michael Tompsett of Bell
Telephone Laboratories, Murray
Hill, N.J., told of an n-channel,
linear three-phase device that is
used as an analog delay line for
video signals. F.L.J. Sangster of
Philips Research Laboratories,
Eindhoven, The Netherlands, de­
scribed a bucket-brigade device
that uses a new tetrode structure
to improve signal-to-noise ratio
and high-frequency response.

At a session on memories, Nor­
bert G. Vogl of IBM's Components
Div., Essex Junction, Vt. presented
a paper on an experimental charge­
coupled-device buffer memory.

The basic building block of the
buffer memory is a silicon chip
that contains two 480-bit shift
registers. Six of these chips in in­
dividual cans, together with sup­
port circuit modules, were mount­
ed on a card to provide a total
memory capacity of 5,760 bits.
The card was designed for an
existing small machine and was
used as a direct replacement for an
existing card.

The whole purpose of this exer­
cise, Vogl said, was to prove what
people have been saying for years
—that charge-coupled devices can
be used in computer memories.

Bipolar logic forges ahead:
More speed, less dissipation

The IC logic race between MOS
and bipolar technologies aroused
new levels of excitement at this
year's Solid-State Circuits Confer­
ence. While n-channel MOS threat­
ened to close the speed gap (see
"N-Channel Technology Invading
Semiconductor Memory Field," p.
26 in this issue) a bipolar circuit
described at the conference was
way out front into the subnanos­
cond region. Other papers described
bipolar logic circuits with speed­
power products of less than a pico­
joule, thus proving that fast
circuits don't have to be power­
hungry.

In addition to mentioning the
speed and dissipation improve­
ments, most of the bipolar logic
papers reflected a trend toward
simpler cell structures that occupy
less real estate and require fewer
processing steps. This may help bi­
polar circuits combat the tradi­
tional MOS advantages of low cost
and high circuit density.

The front runner in subnanosec­
ond logic was described in a paper
co-authored by Kenji Taniguchi
and four other engineers from Hi­
tachi's Central Research Labora­
tory in Tokyo. The modified ECL
circuit has yielded cascaded-gate
propagation delays of 400 ps and
typical raw-circuit gate delays as
low as 300 us, the authors said. The
power-speed product was 16 pJ.
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speed product is higher than those for some of the slower circuits described at the conference.

The Japanese engineers achieved the high speed by using a self-aligned etching technique to reduce significantly the base area of the transistors. (A similar technique has been developed independently by engineers at Hewlett-Packard.) The Hitachi team also employed a different type of base-voltage supply circuit for the current-source transistors in the ECL cell. This approach avoids the problems of temperature drift and supply-voltage dependence that occur with ECL circuits that have resistor current sources. The Hitachi circuit allows the transistors to be operated at low supply voltages, thus offering lowered dissipation and increased yield.

To demonstrate the feasibility of the new circuit in practical logic arrays, the Hitachi engineers built a nine-bit parity checker circuit. The MSI circuit contained 29 of the new ECL gates. The total input-output delay (five cascaded gates) was reported typically as 2 ns. The output rise and fall time was less than 0.5 ns, and the total power dissipation 1.2 W.

Lowering the dissipation

Two other papers described circuits with low power-speed products. An IBM circuit was reported to have achieved a tangential slope of around 0.35 pJ, while a Philips circuit yielded a slope of 1 pJ.

The IBM circuit was developed at the company's laboratories in Boeblingen, West Germany, and was described in a paper by Horst H. Berger and Siegfried K. Wiedman. Using a technique called merged-transistor logic (MTL), the IBM engineers produced compact circuits that should be reproducible at low cost. A half adder occupies a chip area of only 11 square mils, while a shift register occupies only 6.3 square mils per bit. The technique uses fewer process steps than the usual buried-collector circuits. Power-speed product is externally adjustable and ranges from 0.35 pJ (for delays over 100 ns) to 0.7 pJ (for a 16-ns delay).

In the MTL approach, minority carriers are injected directly into switching transistors that are operated in the inverted mode. The name MTL stems from the fact that complementary transistors are merged into a single structure. This approach avoids the usual device-isolation problem and reduces the process complexity to that of single planar transistors. Further chip-area savings result from the complete elimination of diffused resistors.

The second paper emphasizing low power-delay product was by Kees Hart and Aram Slob of Philips Research Laboratories in The Netherlands. They described a technique called integrated injection logic, in which multi-collector transistors are fed by carrier injection. The technique allows simple direct coupling and avoids the need for load resistors. Carrier injection also eliminates a large number of interconnections for power-supply rails, and thus maximizes chip utilization by the active devices.

The Philips paper described one version of the circuit that requires no power-supply connections at all—carrier injection is achieved by irradiating the chip with light. This technique may not prove very practical, however; to achieve constant and uniform operating speed, the light source must provide constant and uniform chip illumination.

A second version of the circuit includes a central p zone in the structure to provide carrier injection from an electrical source. This version requires one power-supply rail on the chip. The speed vs power tradeoff can be externally adjusted by controlling carrier injection. The delay-versus-dissipation curve yields a power-speed product of 1 pJ over the straight-line portion.

But you can't buy it

Though conference papers described some impressive bipolar-IC laboratory developments, it's still impossible to buy production quantities of fast low-dissipation logic circuits. The fastest ICs on the market are still the rather power-hungry MECL III series from Motorola. These have data propagation delays of around 1 ns. Michael Callahan of Motorola Semiconductor Products, Phoenix, Ariz., pointed out in a panel discussion, it is unlikely that manufacturers will invest in production capacity for subnanosecond logic until they see a larger potential demand and until a consensus on packaging requirements emerges. Potential manufacturers and users are now locked in a classic chicken-and-egg standoff, where nobody will make the first move. There are no large orders, and there is no quantity production. Callahan did predict, however, that one or two sample subnanosecond arrays would be in pilot production before the end of the year. This will allow engineers to experiment with high-speed logic to see whether they really want it in volume.

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the choice of a suitable low-cost package. Though participants in the panel discussion were able to define the problems, they could not agree on a common solution.

Hitachi's Taniguchi favored packages similar in appearance to existing MSI packages, but with smaller dimensions so they could be mounted on PC boards with suitably fine grid spacing. This approach seemed to offer potentially lower cost than other methods that were suggested, but it offered no solution to the cooling problem for complex systems.

David Dewitt of IBM, East Fishkill, N.Y., pointed out that his company had a large investment in automated assembly and test systems for ceramic-substrate hybrid modules, and therefore was not likely to accept a completely incompatible packaging scheme for subnanosecond logic arrays.

Richard Robrock of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Holmdel, N.J., favored beam-led circuits mounted on multilayer ceramic substrates, with finned heat sinks for convection cooling where necessary. He admitted that this approach was probably more expensive than the simple scheme proposed by Taniguchi. He pointed out, however, that though telephone companies were starting to manufacture large numbers of data terminals that require high-speed logic circuits, the actual proportion of subnanosecond logic would be a fairly small part of the total system. Therefore, Robrock said, it would not make sense to sacrifice reliability for the tiny cost savings yielded by less satisfactory packaging schemes.

Several panelists and audience members pointed out during the discussion that there are important applications right now that require moderately high quantities of subnanosecond arrays. Some particular areas mentioned included telephone systems (for data and Picturephone transmission), radar-signal processing, large switching computers, satellite communications and optical-character recognition equipment. Therefore, the speakers reasoned, some standard packages for subnanosecond logic should soon evolve.

Those companies that require special packages will probably roll their own, as they have in the past. One company that couldn't wait for commercial subnanosecond logic is Hewlett-Packard. Merrill Brooksby of HP, a panel member, said that his company processed about 24 wafers of logic each year for use in high-performance test equipment. As one wit suggested during the panel discussion, perhaps the only way you can get really fast logic today is to buy a $2,000 counter and tear out the parts.

New communication possibilities flowing from IC optoelectronics

The application of solid-state integrated-circuit technology to the design of optical and optoelectronic components and devices is creating a new generation of optoelectronic elements—some with new capabilities, others with their performances substantially improved over those of existing devices. Chief among the new elements reported at the Solid-State Circuits Conference are integrated optical circuits that have a potential for manipulating laser light as though it were a current in an electronic circuit. E. G. H. Lean, manager of the acoustical physics group at the IBM research center in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., sees widespread application of these circuits in high-capacity communication systems, as well as in computers.

The usefulness of the optical IC's, which has been demonstrated in the laboratory, results from the ability of thin, optical films to guide optical radiation, much like optical fibers do, says Lean, who was the author of a Session II paper, "Integrated Optical Circuity."

The guided optical waves, Lean explained at the conference, are trapped inside a thin film that has a higher index of refraction than either the substrate, air or other medium on its outer surface. Most of the optical energy coupled into the thin-film layer is confined within the film, and consequently its intensity can be 30 or 40 times as great as the original beam.

For single-mode operation, the optical film thickness is about one wavelength of the optical radiation piped into it. The phase velocity of the guided waves is controllable by varying the thickness of the film or the propagation mode. Interest in integrated optics has been high recently because efficient methods of coupling the laser beam into a thin-film optical guide have been devised, including a prism-film coupler, tapered-film coupler and a grating coupler. A portion of the incident beam is diverted by the grating on the thin-film surface to enter the optical guided wave area.

One application of the grating coupler is as an acousto-optic switch (see figure). In this device the optical wave is deflected by acoustic surface waves. The acoustic source is the interdigital transducer. The acoustic surface waves are radiated through the glass film to an alpha quartz crystal, which acts as a sink.

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Using the technology involved in microwave integrated circuits, some laboratories have fabricated such integrated optics elements as waveguides, filters, directional couplers, and beam splitters.

It is also possible, Lean said, to apply thin-film laser sources, as well as detectors and other elements, to the same substrate to produce a complete functional optical IC system on one chip.

Optoelectronics helps the blind

Another new development in optoelectronic ICs is a 3-by-8-element MOS image-sensing array for an optical-to-tactile converter—a portable device that gives a blind reader touch images of the printed characters being scanned. The MOS array was developed at Stanford University to reduce the battery drain of a lamp that illuminates the character being scanned and of the circuitry itself.

The new array has several advantages over its bipolar counterpart, said James D. Plummer, research associate at Stanford and co-author of a Session II paper, "A Low-Light-Level Self-Scanned MOS Image Sensor." The MOS array is substantially more sensitive. Blackbody radiation levels below 1-\(\mu\)W/cm² at room temperature have been reliably detected, Plummer said. Photodiode currents at these radiation levels are 10 to 20 pA.

The MOS array is self-scanning, whereas the bipolar array requires external scan circuitry, Plummer points out. This reduces both device size and circuit power drain.

A new array-scanning technique eliminates switching transients, one of the principal contributors to "fixed pattern noise," which Plummer described as the peak-to-peak variation in array-element outputs under uniform light.

The photodetector elements in the array are operated in the charge-storage mode, Plummer said, in which each element integrates the light falling on it over a single frame time.

The array, as he describes it, is fabricated on a 1.8-by-2.5-mm chip, the cell size being 150 by 200 \(\mu\)m. The scanning shift registers on the chip are two-phase dynamic circuits that take less than 0.1 mW per stage.

The row switching transients are removed by a new scanning technique in which the row scanning timing is modified. Photodiode information is temporarily stored in a parasitic column capacitance. The charge on the first row of diodes is then transferred to the column capacitance.

The switches in Row 1 are then turned off, removing the transient switching charge from the column capacitance before the bit switches are energized.

The bit-switching transients are removed by strobing the output of a charge integrator.

A new gallium-arsenide-phosphide optical IC isolator for digital circuit applications was reported by Richard H. Maitz, R & D section manager for the Hewlett-Packard Co., Palo Alto, Calif. The new TTL-compatible device has a response of 5 MHz, compared with 40 kHz for a typical gallium-arsenide isolator, Haizt pointed out. In addition, the new unit has an isolation of 6.5 kV, compared with 1.5 kV for gallium arsenide units.

Optically coupled isolators with gallium-arsenide emitters and conventional phototransistors have a low gain-bandwidth product, Haitz explains, because of the long penetration depth of the infrared radiation into silicon—namely 45 and 70 \(\mu\)m for 90% absorption of the radiation of gallium arsenide.

The deep photon penetration prevents separation of the large photodetector capacitance from the feedback, or collector-to-base capacitance, of the gain transistor.

The feedback capacitance was reduced from 20 pf to less than 1 by separating the photodiode from the gain transistor with monolithic epitaxial isolation techniques. The detector was processed to provide an 8-\(\mu\)m detection depth, which drops the efficiency to less than 33% when the detection is used with the gallium-arsenide emitter.

For better response, a gallium-arsenide phosphide emitter radiating at 0.7 \(\mu\)m was used as the emitter for the new combination.

IC manufacturers have yet to tap a vast consumer-goods market

New markets for solid-state circuitry, such as automotive electronics, await penetration and development. And established markets, such as radios, TVs and hi-fi, remain to be converted from discrete-component circuitry to integrated circuitry.

In outlining the potential for IC expansion in consumer electronics, speakers at the Solid-State Circuits Conference noted that excessive circuit costs were still the major barrier. In general, the speakers agreed that IC costs could be lowered by better circuit design with smaller chips, as well as by the production of standardized circuit building blocks.

The outlook for electronics in the automotive industry was appraised by Giovanna Villa, director of the Electronics Div. of Fiat in Turin, Italy. He predicted that by 1980, about 10% of the value of the average car would consist of electronics systems.

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ed, a wheel-speed pickup can supply signals to several systems, such as a tachometer an antiskid system or a speed control.

While analog devices and circuits are used today, because they cost less than their digital equivalents, Villa said that digital devices will be ultimate ones for integrated systems. He also predicted the expanded use of LSI and MSI. Single-ended MOS circuits are a favorite, he said because of their relative immunity to voltage supply variations.

Villa strongly believes in the building-block approach to automotive electronic systems. He pointed to a circuit—a combination timer and trigger circuit—that could have broad general application (see figure).

The IC building-blocks were also favored by Roland W. Russell, a linear consumer circuit designer for Motorola Semiconductor Products, Phoenix, Ariz. A new generation of ICs must be designed, Russell pointed out, because the circuits available today are generally not suitable for use with the 12-V battery supply used in cars or are too sensitive to the transients in the automobile battery line. Also, today's typical ICs are generally overdesigned and too expensive for the automotive field, he noted.

In car systems, Russell said, ground is the essential reference.

Consequently the operational amplifiers or comparators used as building blocks require an input common-mode voltage that includes ground level.

An automotive electronics building block recently developed by Motorola—a precision monolithic time-delay generator—was described by William F. Davis. The 14-pin, dual in-line device was designed for control of fuel injection in the engine. The basic function of the new circuit, Davis explained, is to sense a reference spot on the distributor shaft and to produce a time delay with an accuracy of 1% over a -40 C to 125 C temperature range.

TV IC rejects intercoupling

Graham G. Baskerville, senior designer with the Plessey Co., Ltd., Swindon, Wilts, England, reported on the conversion of a complete TV i-f system from three chips to one.

A major problem, he said, was control of the spurious feedback caused by common coupling of amplifier elements to the substrate.

To isolate the video i-f amplifier, the amplifier input connections and resistors were screened by a buried diffusion connected to the decoupled AGC line. This technique reduced capacitive coupling with the substrate by 30 dB.

Interference in the video channel from harmonics of the sound i-f was reduced, Baskerville said, by deposition between the sound and video sections of a large substrate conductor across the entire chip. The conductor provided a shunt path of 10 Ω from substrate to ground.

Independent bonds connecting the sound and video supply pads to the main supply voltage pin reduced the common impedance by one-half at 40 MHz, thereby further reducing interaction between the amplifiers.

Signals to let deaf 'hear' TV tested

A National Bureau of Standards development—the encoding of time signals on TV transmissions—may revolutionize the way deaf people watch television.

The signal system was designed originally to give a precision time readout to TV viewers whose receivers were equipped with decoding circuits (see "What Time Is It? Your TV Set May Tell," ED 19, Sept. 16, 1971, p. 24). But the same system, transmitting at 60 characters per second, can send up to 600 words a minute, according to Richard Davis, electronics engineer in the National Bureau of Standards Time and Frequency Div.

In a recent test, subtitles for the ABC-TV production "Mod Squad" were transmitted in the Washington, D.C., area to a hundred deaf students at Gallaudet College. Millions of other TV viewers in the area were unaware of the special transmission because their sets did not have decoding circuits.

The signals are encoded in a 22-bit format, with each line containing two ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) characters. The decoder converts the incoming data from serial to parallel, and the parallel data are fed to a character generator and applied to the video channel of the receiver.

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Far-IR sensor detects objects by noting 0.5-C variations

The Army has added to its new line of far-infrared surveillance devices a sensor for detecting personnel and vehicles and small enough to be carried by hand. The services are shifting to the far-infrared region of the spectrum because it permits the use of more versatile, passive systems than those in the near-infrared.

Weighing six pounds, the new Thermoviewer is handled like a pair of binoculars. It is powered by a 6-V, rechargeable battery that is mounted on the operator's belt. The battery weighs five pounds and is capable of 12 hours of operation.

Like its larger counterparts—and unlike near-IR systems—the Thermoviewer operates in total darkness or in daylight. It presents images of people or objects that are shielded by foliage and camouflage, light fog or haze.

The Army's far-infrared devices, operating in the 3-to-15-micron range, see in the dark because they respond solely to heat emitted by the target. Unlike near-infrared devices, in the 0.8-to-1.2-micron range, they do not depend on auxiliary illumination. The near-infrared Sniperscope, for example, requires an infrared light source to bathe a target with invisible light before the target can be viewed. The Thermoviewer detects heat differences as slight as 0.5 C.

The far-infrared device is able to see through fog, haze and foliage because it detects wavelengths that are long enough to flow past particles in the air and through holes between leaves—enough in many cases to reveal an outline of a man or vehicle concealed behind brush.

Basic principle not new

The principle on which the Thermoviewer was designed has been known for some time, says Donald J. Looft, deputy director of the Army's Night Vision Laboratory in Alexandria, Va., where the device was developed. "But earlier thermal sensors," he explains, "were large, extremely complex and sometimes required as much as 20 minutes to create a visible image. Also, for good sensitivity, the devices had to be cooled to an extremely low temperature."

The cooling was done, he says, by surrounding the detector elements with liquid nitrogen, contained in a vacuum bottle built around the detector assembly. The thermal detectors of the Thermoviewer also require cooling, but this is done by a thermoelectric cooling system.

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"This detector-cooler module was the key to making the hand-held viewer," Looft says. "Except for increasing the sensitivity of the detector materials, there was no single breakthrough that enabled us to build the Thermoviewer; there were a number of factors.

"We increased the sensitivity of the detector by learning how to process the lead selenide material better; how to lay it down without getting cross-talk between the detectors and yet still maintain sensitivity; how to avoid surface defects which increase noise and reduce signal, and how to avoid having the material migrate from one state to another. Then, instead of using a single detector, we used an array of 56."

Other factors that made the small device possible, Looft says, "were simply good engineering, good packaging and miniaturizing the mechanical and optical parts."

Besides the Thermoviewer's obvious military applications, it is also being tested by the Bureau of Mines for detecting loose rocks behind apparently solid mine walls and in supporting pillars. The air around loose rocks is often 2 degrees different from rocks not surrounded by air.

The Federal Aviation Administration is interested in testing the device to enable pilots to see runways concealed by fog.

Thermal sensors may also help highway engineers and engineering geologists define wet zones of potential mud slides in excavations during highway construction. And it may help doctors locate potentially malignant tissue beneath the skin, or may detect thermal pollution in lakes and streams and determine the level of liquid in oil and water tanks.

The Phillips Broadcast Equipment Co. of Mahwah, N.J., is building 20 models for the Army and civilian agencies to test. In volume production, the thermal viewers could be built for $8000 to $10,000 each, Looft says.

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Coming: Atom pacemaker

A nuclear-powered pacemaker has moved one step nearer to reality with the completion of the first batch of electronic circuitry modules that will go into the device. Raytheon's Co.'s Industrial Components Operation at Quincy, Mass., built the modules, which consist of transistors, diodes, resistors and capacitors "chosen for reliability to meet the stringent testing and packaging requirements of Mil Standard 883, normally used for aerospace work."

The modules now go to Arco Nuclear of Apollo, Pa., a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield, which is building the experimental pacemakers for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Because conventional pacemakers with mercury power sources fail in less than two years and have to be removed surgically and replaced, the AEC decided to develop a pacemaker that would last at least 10 years. Already tested in animals, the nuclear-powered device is to be implanted in humans early next year.

A pacemaker using a battery that can be recharged by induction of rf energy from outside the body will be tested in humans before May. Developed by the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, this device is being built by Electro-Catheter Corp., Rahway, N.J.

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A new type of data-transmission link, operating in the as-yet unexploited 20-GHz microwave band, is being developed by the British Post Office, in collaboration with industry. The data link will be comprised of small transmitter-receiver units mounted on poles no higher than conventional roadway lighting and spaced 5 to 10 km apart. The compact, solid-state transmitter-receiver links will have a 500 Mbit/s data rate. The data will be transmitted by advanced pulse-code-modulation techniques. The Post Office also is to develop an 11-GHz, 11 Mbit system suitable for 30-km hops.

A photodiode and integrated-circuit combination for regulating camera exposure time has been developed by Philips Research Laboratories at Eindhoven, The Netherlands. The integrated circuit measures the short-circuit current in the photodiode. This current is virtually independent of fluctuations in supply voltage and temperature. A novel feature of the circuitry is a memory element that retains the setting just prior to exposure. This is particularly useful in a through-the-lens reflex camera. During the moment of exposure—when the shutter exposes the film and simultaneously obscures the viewing lens and light meter—the iris is automatically held at the correct setting. The current drawn from a 4-to-6-V supply is 10 mA. The circuit is sensitive down to 0.01 lux.

A nationwide mobile telephone service is being completed in Sweden. When finished, it will be possible for a motorist to be connected to any subscriber in the country—at a fixed land point or in another vehicle. By dialing one of four special exchanges—the first has just been opened in Orebro—a subscriber can be put through to motorists. Subscribers to the new system will fit either 16 or 21-channel radio systems in their car. The scheme has been drawn up by the National Swedish Telecommunications Administration Government Buildings, Stockholm, Sweden.
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Dulles Airport testing British landing system

The latest improvement in all-weather landing systems has been installed at Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C. The new system—for what the Federal Aviation Administration calls Category 3A landings—will enable pilots to descend to 100 feet in bad weather to make a landing decision. The new equipment also decreases the requirement for forward visibility along the runway from 1200 feet to 700 feet. Called Stan 37/38, the system was built by Standard Telephone and Cables Ltd. of England. It is on two-year loan for evaluation, with an option to buy. All components are solid state and have triple redundancy. The localizer, which provides horizontal guidance, uses a 24-element antenna array with a 165-foot reflector, assuring excellent course structure, the FAA says. The glide slope is created by highly directional antennas in a null-reference configuration. Centerline illumination has been upgraded to 2000 candlepower, and a third transmissometer has been added to the mid-runway position. The FAA plans to install an identical system at its test center in Atlantic City, N.J.

FCC gears up for continued AT&T investigation

Dean Burch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, has told a Senate Government Operations subcommittee that his agency will scrounge up some $1.2-million to kick off the second phase of its investigation of AT&T. Burch said that about 20 new positions would be added to the commission staff. Among other things, the FCC plans to look at the profits and prices of the Western Electric Co.

Congressional committee checking OTP role

Congressional investigators are looking into the makeup and role of the Office of Telecommunications Policy. The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, headed by Rep. Thadeous Dulski (D-N.Y.), has assigned staff investigators to a two-month study of the new White House office. Hearings may be scheduled if there is sufficient evidence to support the fears of some Congressmen that the OTP is moving into the realm of the Federal Communications Commission.

Last month FCC Commissioner Nicholas Johnson decried the influence of the OTP on his agency's decision on cable television. The decision allowed CATV operators to "import" a limited number of broadcast...
signals from out of town in competition with local broadcasters. The FCC originally wanted more liberal importation of signals, but the OTP successfully opposed this. Also of concern to the House investigators is the size of the new federal office—69 employees with an average salary of $20,000 a year.

Two-continent aeronautical satellite plan held up

An ambitious, two-ocean aeronautical communications and surveillance satellite program, under study by the Federal Aviation Administration and NASA since 1966, has been sent back to the drawing board by the Office of Telecommunications Policy. After three months of study the OTP called the plan unworkable and told the FAA to start renegotiations with the European countries involved.

Basically the plan would have let the FAA own and operate half of the system, with the European Space Research Organization owning and operating the other half. The OTP, however, wants the FAA to lease the system from private industry—something the Europeans do not want. The federal office also feels that the entire system must be leased—that is, that the European half, as well as the U.S. half, must be furnished by private industry. U.S. airlines have continually opposed the FAA plan as being too much too soon.

Supreme Court to rule on software patents

The United States Supreme Court has decided to rule on whether computer software is patentable. Lawyers for the Justice Dept. and the U.S. Patent Office asked for review of a case that involves programming devised by Bell Telephone Laboratories to help make dial telephones. Computer manufacturers have long held that programming is nonpatentable and that to issue patents constitutes restraint of trade.

Capital Capsules:

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, in his “posture” statement to Congress, reveals that the Defense Dept. telecommunications operation involves about $5.6-billion in capital investment and $2.6-billion in annual appropriations. . . . The FAA is expected to issue in the next month or so an industry RFP for something new in the way of bomb and weapon detectors. It will ask for brand new ideas, not just improvements on magnetometers, X-rays, sniffers and dogs. . . . The long-haired, bicycle riding FCC Commissioner, Nicholas Johnson, is not expecting his term to be renewed when it runs out next year and is making noises like he wants to be a U.S. Senate candidate from his home state of Iowa. Throughout his term Johnson has been an outspoken foe of the Establishment. . . . Rohr Industries has received a $5-million contract from the Dept. of Transportation to build a 60-passenger tracked air cushion vehicle. The vehicle would operate on an air cushion over a concrete guideway at speeds up to 150 mph. It would be powered by a linear-induction motor. Delivery is scheduled for early next year, with tests to be conducted at the Dept. of Transportation facility near Pueblo, Colo. . . . Control Data Corp. is now in process of installing a computerized electronic voting system in the House of Representatives. The $950,000 system will store voting records, as well as statistical data, to help Congressmen make decisions on complex measures. The system has been under study for five years.
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We live in an age of specialization. Job functions are defined, categorized, compartmentalized and automated. Which is great when machines are the workers. But is it the best way to get creativity from an engineer? American corporations that appear to operate on this theory might ponder the case of the fledgling Israeli electronics industry.

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Israeli electronics companies know that if their industry is to take a great leap forward, they must encourage engineers to create. And creativity recognizes few boundaries.

In most respects, the Israeli engineer is like his American counterpart (see "Profile of the Israeli Engineer," ED 4, Feb. 17, 1972, p. 67). He is well-educated, tends to favor the pragmatic approach, keeps up with the latest technology and is proud of his profession and achievements. But he has something else, too. He appears to possess qualities of resourcefulness, a spirit of independent inquiry, a healthy skepticism and an informality to adapt to changing situations.

These qualities are often stifled in American designers. As a result, their capabilities aren't used to the fullest, and they never reach their full potential. They lack the flexibility to tackle design projects in allied engineering areas. Even their authority on specialized design projects is sometimes not clearly defined.

In Israel, where the designer may be called upon to work above his educational and skill levels, specialization is an engineering luxury. The engineer is assigned a project and left alone to come up with the answer. He adapts. He innovates.

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Or is it in this land of plenty?

Ralph Dobriner
Managing Editor
Today’s engineer, more than ever, needs to learn about developments outside of his particular sphere of interest. This proposition is reflected in the theme of the 1972 IEEE International Convention and Exposition in New York City—“New Horizons for Engineering.”

Despite optimism implied in the show’s theme, all is not well with the annual affair, to be held March 20-23 at the Coliseum and New York Hilton. Only 30,000 visitors are expected to view the 250 exhibitors’ booths. This compares with 48,000 visitors and 589 exhibits in 1970.

In an effort to boost the sagging attendance, this year’s show has a new Science/Technology Center, which occupies the entire fourth floor of the Coliseum. It has exhibits of research and development projects by such companies as United Aircraft, General Telephone and Electronics, General Electric, Ford Motor Co., Grumman Aerospace and Magnavox.

A total of 55 regular technical sessions are being offered at the Hilton. These cover such subjects as trends in logic design, miniaturized filters, microprogramming and minicomputers, and 3D displays. In addition 24 special applications sessions at the Coliseum are zeroing in on everyday problems. The subjects being covered include industrial applications of lasers, the economics of automatic testing, and problems in testing digital modules.

This year the IEEE exhibits are dominated by instrument manufacturers. Particularly evident is a continuing trend to automated test equipment and the growing use of LED readouts in instruments. Major semiconductor manufacturers have dropped out of the show, as have practically all of the major computer hardware concerns.
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IEEE '72 The technical sessions

Components: Tiny filters and ferrites dominate

What's significant in components? Miniaturized filters. And ferrite components for the microwave region, IEEE is devoting a session to each.

Interest in miniaturized filters for frequency-selective networks runs high at this time because voice and data communications are among the fastest growing areas in electronics. And since microcircuits are being used in communications so extensively, filters must also be compatible in size.

Intended for the engineer who designs filters and the engineer who uses them, Session 2B brings both up to date on the status of three filter types that can be successfully produced in high volume. Two of the miniaturized filters are of the noninductive type—the active RC and the digital—while a third, a crystal filter is inductive.

Miniaturized active RC filters are discussed by G. S. Moschytz and C. F. Kurth, both of Bell Telephone Laboratories in North Andover, Mass., although at present Moschytz is on leave of absence from Bell to the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Crystal filters are described by D. F. Sheahan of the GTE Lenkurt Electric Co., San Carlos, Calif., and miniaturized digital filters by S. A. White of North American Rockwell Microelectronics Co., Anaheim, Calif.

"The speakers are not going to tell you exactly how they build their filters," says the session chairman, S. K. Mitra, professor of electrical engineering at the University of California.

Digital filter from North American Rockwell Microelectronics consists of five serial/parallel multipliers and two shift-register/adders mounted on a PC board. The scope simulates the filter output (session 2B.3)
Kurth and Moschytz give some design details of their active RC filter and also explain how to use it in a system. Monolithic filters, Moschytz says, are still not a reality and won’t be in the near future. The alternative for small filters with stability has been to combine thin-film passive components, such as tantalum resistors and capacitors, in monolithic silicon integrated op amps in a hybrid integrated circuit form that has the necessary temperature stability. That stability, Moschytz says, “is much higher than that of the passive inductor-capacitor LC network.”

Enumerating the advantages of active filters, Kurth says “that whether they are built with thin or thick film, they are smaller than passive filters and, in large-volume production, cost less. Another advantage, Kurth points out, is that active filters offer gain—“it’s like a gift”—whereas passive filters do not.

Active filters should find ready application, Kurth says, in data transmission below 30 kHz—because of the size and cost advantages they provide—and in voice communication systems using frequencies of 3.4 kHz or below.

Miniaturized crystal filters for telephone systems have been sold and shipped out for the last six months from GTE Lenkurt Electric Co.’s plant in San Carlos, Calif., Sheahan reports. The filters are used in telephone multiplex systems, which are the backbone of long-distance networks. They operate in the 60-kHz-to-108-kHz region.

GTE’s design differs from that of Bell Laboratories in that Bell uses a monolithic approach, while GTE’s technique is polyolithic. “We use more than one piece of quartz,” Sheahan says. “By using four pieces of quartz, we realize the same frequency response characteristics that Bell does with one piece of quartz.”

The polyolithic form has an advantage of flexibility over the monolithic form, because it allows other elements, such as single resonators, to provide finite frequency attenuation poles. A further advantage is the fact that smaller pieces of quartz can be used, and the technology for cutting and lapping such pieces has been well developed.

Still another advantage, Sheahan says, is cost: “The crystal filter is cheaper than either the active RC or the digital. And the crystal requires no power, whereas both the active RC and the digital filters do.”

Miniaturized digital filters are now being offered for on-line hardware by North American Rockwell Microelectronics. The company is not offering complete laboratory systems, White explains, “but little chips that you can hook up to your system.”

“The user supplies the power supply and the box,” White continues.

“He has to know what he wants it to do, and I provide him with design information for taking his transfer function and making a filter out of it with these chips.”

The multiplier costs $50. “With fairly large orders the price can come down to about $10,” White says.

The devices are used in voice and data communications, in digital-control systems and in servos. “We’ve even made little special computers out of them,” White says. “Because they can do a wide variety of arithmetic functions. They can be used for many applications.”

The advantages of a digital filter, White says, include stability and the ability to time-share, change the coefficient of the filter and even the configuration. The filter is small and uses little power.

Mitra says the main obstacle to more widespread use of digital filters is a lack of training. “People must be trained to think digitally,” he says. “Digital filters are more accurate than analog filters, and they give the operator more control.”

New devices for microwave radar

“Advanced Ferrite Components for Reliable Microwave Systems” are described in three papers at Session 6B. Intended strictly for the design or systems engineer working in the microwave region, particularly radar, the session considers the present status of microwave ferrite devices.

It focuses on latching ferrite devices and ferrite limiters—both relatively new and the materials that are used to make microwave ferrite components. Latching devices require a signal pulse of energy to change the operating func-
tion. Nonlatching devices, on the other hand, require continuous energy to maintain the device in a given state. Latching ferrite phase shifters and circulators are important because they are providing a new measure of system flexibility and adaptability in radar systems.

These advances are described by J. Pippin of Electromagnetic Sciences, Inc., Atlanta.

The evolution of ferrite limiters, which are replacing the gas TR tube for alternately switching a radar transmitter and receiver to a common antenna, is outlined by R. A. Kalvaitis and H. S. Maddix, designers with Varian Associates, Inc., Beverly, Mass. Several devices developed by the two engineers have already been sold, one of which is used in the Hughes Aircraft airborne radar designed for the AWACS airborne warning and control system.

The Varian system is a perpendicularly pumped subsidiary resonance limiter that consists of a series of polycrystalline YIG rods mounted on the side wall of a waveguide and magnetically biased but not magnetically separated.

The rod design, the developers believe, provides a structure in which critical physical parameters can be readily varied to obtain optimum coupling between the rf field and the ferrite. With improved coupling, the length of the device can be minimized for a given degree of limiting. Thus a complete ferrite-diode limiter, able to withstand 10 kW of peak power and operating over a 10% bandwidth at X-band, is only three inches long. An 80-kW, X-band device has been constructed with a total insertion length of 5-1/2 inches. Previous devices of this kind were approximately 12 inches long.

Ferrite diode limiters, using the ferrite rod approach, have also been developed for Ku and S bands by scaling down the rod diameters.

The advantages, Maddix says, are a limiter with longer life—the 2000 hours of previous limiters has been increased to 10,000 hours—and shorter recovery time—reduced from 1 µs to 0.1 µs.

The session ends with a paper by R. G. West and A. C. Blankenship of Trans Tech Inc., Gaithersburg, Md., describing how the materials in ferrite devices can be tailored for specific applications. The paper deals mainly with the electrical properties that are of interest to the engineer. "We tell how, within a given system, you can tune up a ferrite device for a certain bandwidth, a certain power-handling capacity and insertion loss," West says.

Tradeoffs between major tailoring methods are also described. If temperature stability is of the utmost importance, for example, a penalty must be paid in higher insertion loss. Also, the processing costs of applying the various methods depend on the degree of control sought.

"Given reasonable time and support," West says, "the material scientist can generally alter or tailor commercial materials so that a much superior microwave device can be realized. Much of the success depends on a close and coordinated joint effort between the material scientist and the device designer." ••

![Miniaturized crystal filter, produced by GTE Lenkurt, is used in telephone networks. It has a passband of 3.25 kHz in the 8-MHz range (Session 2B.2).](image)

**Microelectronics: Circuitry at a significant power saving**

Microelectronics sessions at this year's IEEE meeting are focusing on a significant trend: the design and development of micropower circuits, which use orders of magnitude less power than other circuits that perform the same functions. The trend is widespread, says Dr. P. H. Hudson, electronic engineer at the Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J., and chairman of Session 1G on micropower integrated circuits.

As proof, he points to the variety of applications being presented in the session papers. One is an unusual application of CMOS in the linear
circuits of a micropower phase-locked loop. Another is the use of triple-diffused, vertical pnp transistors in complementary micropower circuits for high-performance operational amplifiers. A third is the use of micropower logic as the building block in an associative memory processor, while yet another is an implanted monolithic micropower receiver for turning power to implanted biomedical telemetry systems on and off.

G. W. Steudel, a designer of micropower circuits at RCA, Somerville, N.J., and author of a paper on the CMOS phase-locked loop circuitry, agrees that the trend to micropower design is here. The higher-powered, emitter-coupled logic circuits are less in favor today, he says, and device manufacturers are now featuring low-power versions of TTL logic.

There are several reasons for the swing to micropower. Many applications naturally require the lowest power drain, including portable instrumentation, communication and biomedical equipment and computers for aircraft.

Even with more conventional earthbound computers, the trend is to reduce power sharply and to lower the cost of the power supply. Also, for high current drains, the supply lines to the various circuits must be decoupled in the power supply—an expensive and bulky proposition because of the large filter elements needed.

With the substantially reduced currents of micropower circuits, the power supply is much smaller and less expensive. In addition decoupling problems are almost negligible.

A phase-locked loop design

A microwave phase-locked loop circuit designed by Steudel uses RCA’s CMOS in linear operation, instead of the digital operation for which the CMOS was originally created. Steudel contrasts the 10 to 15 mA required by off-the-shelf phase-locked ICs, when they are used as a demodulator, with the 100 µA at 6 V of the CMOS circuit—a power reduction of 160 times, he says.

More and more systems are being designed with phase-locked loops for low-frequency synchronization, Steudel points out, and it is here that the CMOS micropower version has advantages.

The loop’s voltage-controlled oscillator, unlike that of conventional phase-locked IC counterparts, is a square-wave oscillator with a 50% duty cycle over its range of 100 Hz to 1000 kHz. As a result, it is admirably suited for a digital phase comparator, such as for comparing a sine-wave input against the square wave of the voltage-controlled oscillator.

A prime advantage of the RCA digital phase converter is that it locks only on the fundamental, whereas the conventional phase-locked ICs can lock onto harmonics. In this respect, the CMOS phase reference with respect to the input signal is always zero degrees. If this phase relationship is disturbed by strong noise, Steudel says, the circuit locks again on the input signal when the noise vanishes.

This characteristic makes it ideally suited for applications like the digital communications pocket pager. In this case the CMOS phase loop locks onto the incoming clock signal and synchronizes an internal pager clock with it.

The CMOS phase-locked circuit has the lowest dissipation of any phase-locked circuit today, yet it provides the highest possible demodulation gain, Steudel says.

Op amp has high performance

Micropower operational amplifiers for battery-operated systems have been available. But with conventional IC fabrication techniques, the low power drain is obtained at the cost of undesirable low slew rate and narrow bandwidths. Consequently this approach is unsatisfactory for many instrumentation systems.

W. R. Harden, design engineer at the Westinghouse Defense and Electronic Systems Center, Baltimore, describes a Westinghouse process that has produced a micropower operational amplifier with fast slew rates and high bandwidths.

In this process the use of added diffusion steps creates high-frequency nnp and pnp transistors on the same monolithic block. In contrast to conventional diffusion methods, these transistors have a high frequency response and a high beta at microampere levels.

Harden points out that the typical F_s at collector currents of 100 µA is 180 MHz for the npn transistors and 120 MHz for the pnp.

An operational amplifier with externally adjustable parameters was the first application of the Westinghouse technique, says Harden. Positive slew rates of plus or minus 5 V/µs have been measured at a power dissipation of 1 mW. The bandwidth is commensurately wide. Slew rates of these orders at low power are possible, Harden says, only because the base transit time of the vertical diffusion pnp’s far exceeds that of conventional lateral-diffusion pnp transistors.

Micropower computer uses CMOS

To minimize the power requirements of a general-purpose associative processor memory for avionics applications, RCA, under a contract from the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, has developed a basic CMOS building block for the memory. Described in a paper, “A Micropower Associative Processor Building Block”—authored jointly by H. W. Kaiser, engineering
leader of RCA's signal processing group at Camden, N.J., and T. L. Collins, electronic engineer at the Naval Research Laboratory—the basic block is a four-bit array.

It contains, says Kaiser, 63 standard cells and a total of 608 MOS transistors. The array—115 by 161 mils—is mounted in a 40-lead DIP package. Operating from a single 10-V supply and a single-phase, 10-V clock, the four-bit array has static power dissipation that is less than 500 µW.

The associative logic and memory machine, now being developed at the Naval Research Laboratory, may use up to 2000 of these CMOS building blocks, says Collins. And in the final version, he adds, it may be possible to reduce the power dissipation further by a factor of 10.

A way to extend battery life

The use of battery-operated, implanted telemetry systems for experimental biomedical instrumentation is growing rapidly, says session chairman Hudson. But operating life is severely limited by the total battery energy. One answer to the problem is described by Hudson in a paper, "A Monolithic Micropower Command Receiver." It is a novel micropower receiver that can be implanted along with a telemetry package. The receiver, upon external radio command, disconnects the telemetry battery when the system is not in use.

The command receiver, says Hudson, consists of an rf amplifier, an AM detector and an audio amplifier. It has a sensitivity of better than 100 µV at 500 kHz, and total power dissipation is less than 15 µW. Operating from a 1.35-V mercury cell, the receiver is fabricated on a single silicon chip. The only off-the-chip components are a small antenna and the battery.

For low power drain, Hudson points out, it was necessary that both the operating frequency and voltage gain of the receiver be low. The operating frequency of 500 kHz was chosen as a compromise between minimum power requirements and a small, efficient antenna.

With an rf voltage gain of 10, the receiver sensitivity was 100 µV at a signal-to-noise ratio of 12 dB.

A two-stage amplifier, or "gain cell," was used as the basic building block of the receiver, Hudson explains. By selecting appropriate load resistor and coupling capacitors, it functions as a 500-kHz amplifier, an AM detector and the audio amplifier.

Special features were designed into the gain cell, Hudson notes. The cell employs a diode biasing technique that avoids the need for high-value resistors. It uses low-value monolithic capacitors because of the high circuit impedance levels. Its midband gain is relatively insensitive to resistor variation. Essentially no power is wasted in the biasing networks. And two stages of amplification are obtained with the use of only three isolation wells.

Computers: Large-scale ICs rising in use, falling in cost

The expanding role of large-scale integrated circuits in computer memories and other functional computer elements is reflected in the papers at the computer sessions of the IEEE convention.

J. C. Logue, a fellow at IBM, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and chairman of Session 5F—"Trends in Computer Hardware"—says that IC devices with new capabilities are appearing, along with reduced costs. As an example, he points to a new microprocessor on one chip—a MOS device that has all the processing capability of a small general computer of the 1960s.

Dr. Robert Noyce, president of Intel Corp.,
Santa Clara, Calif, the company that developed the microprocessor, describes the potential of the device. He says it is a complete central-processing unit, requiring only an added memory to become a full-fledged microcomputer that can do the job of a minicomputer.

The principal limitation of the microprocessor is its slow speed, since it is a MOS device, Noyce says. But this is not a serious drawback, he argues, because minicomputers are typically too fast for 90% of their applications.

Noyce sees the microprocessor being used in a range of mass applications where a slow processor is adequate. These include data terminals, mechanical equipment controllers, medical applications and navigational computers for light aircraft. The processor is particularly adaptable for converting analog control and computation systems to their digital counterpart.

Two versions of the microprocessor have been developed, Noyce says. The first, which has been available for a short time, has 900 gates and processes four-bit words. Special RAMs and a programmable control ROM have been developed to provide a complete microcomputer.

The second version, an eight-bit microprocessor now in the sampling stage, has 1200 gates on the chip. With the addition of TTL interfacing circuits, this processor can tie in with any of the standard semiconductor memories.

Sharp price cuts foreseen

For the four-bit processor, the price is now $100 for one, and for the eight-bit processor, $200. Quantity prices are 25% of these. However, Noyce points out that the potential for cost reduction of these devices is so great that he sees microprocessor ICs selling for a dollar or two before 1980.

A direct comparison between the microcomputer and existing computers is hard to make, Noyce says, because the microprocessor uses microprogramming for its complete operation. To execute the same amount of data manipulation that a single instruction produces in a minicomputer may take two or three microprogrammed steps, he explains.

One microinstruction takes about 10 ms, and consequently it may take from 10 to 50 times as long to do the same job as it would with a fast minicomputer.

In comparing the new microprocessors with competing technology, Noyce feels that the bipolar equivalent of this system is lagging by only two years. But he makes an important point: Both the MOS and bipolar devices can be expected to double in capability every year to the end of this decade.

It has been over a year since the first large-capacity, dynamic MOS storage arrays were introduced, notes J. R. Brown Jr., semiconductor memory product manager for Burroughs Electronic Memory Systems, Piscataway, N.J., and chairman of Session 5A, "Main Memory Technologies Through the 70s." While MOS memories are now firmly established, he points out, high-capacity bipolar devices for large memory systems are now appearing in sample quantities.

However, he feels that bipolar memories will never be as cheap as MOS. Bipolar will always cost more in this game of "catch up," he says, but will deliver a higher performance with a lower capacity.

While the rapid growth of semiconductor memories has placed core memories in the background, cores will not be outmoded by their semiconductor counterparts, says Arthur L. Friedman, R&D manager of the Electronic Memories and Magnetics Corp., Hawthorne, Calif. The author of a paper, "Core Memories in the 70s," he says LSI will help core memories to become faster.

Advanced techniques in the sharing of circuitry and the multiplexing of functions will be provided by the use of LSI with cores, he insists. And this, he says, coupled with lower costs and other benefits of the LSI technology will provide the lowest over-all cost for the electronics portion of the core memory in large systems.

As an example, Friedman points to his company's Micromemory 6000, an advanced sharing concept in large card memories. The cost of the electronics portion of the memory is reduced 40% per cent in comparison with a system without sharing.

MOS memory revolution predicted

On the other hand, Dr. G. E. Moore, executive vice president of the Intel Corp. and the author of "MOS Storage—a Revolution in Main Memory," is convinced that even though present dynamic MOS storage elements have made significant inroads as main memory devices, the next MOS generation will displace other technologies.

Second-generation MOS main-memory storage circuits—the standard 1024-bit array—are now being developed, Moore notes. But they will, in general, be tailored for particular applications, he says. Some designs will emphasize speed, others low power, still others ease of use and some lowest cost per bit.

For speed, n-channel circuits of 1024 bits, operating at less than 100-ns access time, have been fabricated, Moore points out. These devices can be produced at MOS-bit costs, he says, but they give performance at speeds heretofore attainable only with bipolar circuits.

Requirements for low power are emerging in...
many application areas. For high operating speed with negligible standby power, Moore points to the use of CMOS. However, the relatively high cost may inhibit its use in mainframes.

Easy-to-use, newer-generation circuits will find their way into small memories and distributed mainframe storage, Moore believes. He sees the development of static 1024-bit, n-channel circuits that look like TTL building blocks. They will use 5 V only, he says, and all input and output levels will be compatible with TTL.

A higher functional density and more bits per chip will be a feature of the second-generation devices designed for lowest bit cost. A 4096-bit chip with less than 2 square mils per chip—more than three times as dense as present MOS—has already been fabricated by Intel. With this approach, Moore predicts that costs of 0.1 cent per bit by 1975 can be conservatively predicted.

Bipolar future uncertain

Henry Bloom, manager of digital circuit design at the Intersil Corp., Cupertino, Calif., and the author of a paper on "Bipolar Memory—the Technology for the Future," sees MOS circuits being more widely used than bipolars in main memories for some time to come.

MOS manufacturers are concentrating on two processes, he says—metal gate and silicon gate—whereas bipolar memory manufacturers are diluting the impact of their product with a wide diversity of fabrication. For example, he notes that the bipolar field is using diffused resistors, epitaxial resistors and film resistors, as well as diffused bases and epitaxial bases for dielectrically isolated structures. As a result, he feels that it's not possible to predict at this time which process will dominate by, say, 1975.

However, he points out that two standard cell sizes will be attempted in both bipolar and MOS structures. One will be less than 2 mil² per bit, with an access time of less than 300 or 400 ns. The other will be a larger cell, of 7-to-10-mil² area, with an access time in the region of 50 ns per chip.

Bloom predicts that by 1975 both bipolar and MOS technologies will have developed these cell sizes. But which will cost less is not certain.

Electro-Optics: Memories and displays with a future

Imaging and nonimaging displays, optical memories and solid-state imaging devices are highlighted in five IEEE sessions on optoelectronic components, devices and systems.

A look at the problems and possibilities of three-dimensional displays of the future is taken in Session 3A. One system is a true three-dimensional display in which the excitation of fluorescence, either in a solid material or a volume of gas, is achieved by crossing two high-power laser beams. The beams are oriented at right angles to each other, and wherever they cross, a spot is produced.

The solid fluorescent material has very limited resolution, and use of a fluorescent gas is seen as the preferred medium. However, such a gas has not yet been developed, although its composition has been proved theoretically feasible.

A three-dimension holograph information display that is generated by a computer is also discussed in Session 3A. Much work on this type of display has been done, and its use in air traffic control is considered a major application. But previous approaches have been limited by the need to compute complicated holographic diffraction patterns, requiring substantial computing time and thus limiting display changes.

The new approach to holographic data display projects line drawings of two or three-dimensional objects. It constructs the holograms by deflecting a moving pair of collimated, mutually coherent light beams to selected spots on the source and reference planes. There they are converted, by optical elements, to expanding spherical waves. By deflection of the object beam in an X and Y dimension and the reference beam in a Z direction, holograms of arbitrarily located points are constructed.

For this system, the display computer generates only the deflection control signals corresponding to the data points. With this system, holograms of complex objects can be generated in less than one second with a minicomputer.

Electro-optics stores a trillion bits

Electro-optical memories can be built with large-capacity storage systems, approaching the terrabit level. In Session 3C two optoelectronic mass memory systems, each with a different approach, are described. One is a disc memory that uses the reversible changes in the optical proper-
The geometry of Philips’ gated silicon vidicon tube, at left, shows the gate elements imbedded under the silicon dioxide insulating barrier (Session 5H.3).

The optical disc memory, says J. A. Aseltine, president of Ovonic Memories, Inc., has glass or metal discs coated with a thin layer of an amorphous semiconductor. The semiconductor is a thin-film layer a few microns thick.

When a laser beam is focused to an intense 2-µm spot, the optical transmission characteristic of the amorphous layer changes. This change is detected by passing a low-level light spot directly through the film on the glass discs, or by reflection from the metal disc.

With this system, Aseltine says, the number of tracks that can be recorded and played back is 10 times that of magnetic-disc machines. Characteristics of 4000 bits per inch and 2000 tracks per inch are realistic, he says.

The limitation of the present system is its slow access time, Aseltine points out. This is because the development model has electro-mechanical readout elements. But faster access, he says, is possible through the use of electro-optical laser-beam deflection systems, although this is still several years away.

Imaging tube controlled electronically

Solid-state imaging devices have great potential for future mass markets—Picturephones and other consumer applications. The present costs for available devices are high, and the performance of developmental designs is still on a laboratory basis. But the potential looks good, says Dr. Edward H. Stupp, senior program leader at Philips Laboratories, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

A problem with present silicon-diode array camera tubes is that their sensitivity cannot be varied electronically. Stupp reports that scientists at the Philips laboratory have developed a new tube that incorporates an auxiliary gate structure (see figure) with which the tube can be gated on or off. The development is discussed in Session 5H.

The preliminary design, Stupp says, demonstrates that gating on and off takes less than 100 µs. During the time it is on, it can receive information with maximum sensitivity, and when it is off, insensitive to unwanted signals.

“This, for example,” Stupp says, “allows us to detect laser pulses that arrive during certain periods of time, and to reject other information arriving before or after.”

In the development model, signal-handling capabilities and dynamic range are not good, he notes. “However, with what we’ve learned on this design, improvements are certain.”

Medical Electronics: Devices for tomorrow’s hospital ward

One of the most ingenious electronic switches to be developed in recent times can be operated by a fully paralyzed person with the motion of his eyes. The device incorporates two switches, each with a small infrared source and sensor, mounted on a pair of eyeglass frames. The sensors detect the difference in reflectivity between the iris and the white of the eye when the eye is rotated upwards and outwards. This difference generates a pulse, which can be used to activate any other device.

The switch, and other medical electronic equipment, is being considered in Session 2G and in a special four-day seminar, “Engineering in the Hospital,” that the IEEE is conducting at the Americana in conjunction with the annual show. For the electronics engineer interested in entering the medical instrumental field, the seminar may be just what the doctor ordered. It covers such topics as these:

- Engineers in the hospital.
- Computers in the hospital.
Severely paralyzed patients can be partially rehabilitated through the use of electronic control systems for externally powered limbs. These complex devices are discussed at Session 2G.

- The problem of manufacturing instruments for hospitals.

The unusual eye switch is discussed in Session 2G, “The Challenge of Applying Aerospace Innovations to Health Care.” Developed originally by NASA for the Apollo program but never used, the switch was intended for use by an astronaut in the event he suddenly became paralyzed. Now it is being incorporated in various control systems for handicapped people. Once the switches are set for a particular individual, they are not operated by blinking or other normal eye movements.

Another paper in Session 2G discusses “The Oximeter—An Instrument to Detect the Onset of Shock in Leukemia Patients.” And there are papers on a breath-operated switch and portable visual instrumentation.

Hospital problems outlined

To attend the special seminar, visitors must pay a $45 fee, which includes two lunches and admission to the Coliseum show.

The seminar’s first session is on “The Engineer in the Hospital.” Of particular interest is a paper by Dr. Seymour Ben Zvi and Wallace Gottlieb, both of the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York City. In discussing how the scientific and medical instrumentation department at Downstate works, they point out that all equipment is given an initial checkout as soon as it enters the hospital, because from statistics gathered on checked equipment, they have found that about 40% of the equipment is defective on arrival.

Dr. Ben Zvi and Gottlieb also discuss preventive maintenance, in which equipment is checked periodically, even if there is nothing wrong with it.

The seminar session on “Computers in the Hospital” covers present and future uses. Jerry Courtier, product manager at Digital Equipment Corp., Maynard Mass., describes some of the small, dedicated computer systems available—for cardiac catheterization, medical history-taking, patient-monitoring and the like. Present systems monitor a patient on-line and recognize limits for patient parameters. If the limits are exceeded, an alarm sounds. This is an open loop system. The ideal system of the future, Courtier says, will be a closed loop, in which the computer senses an out-of-limit condition and then administers a therapeutic agent to correct the problem.

The seminar session on “Manufacturing for the Hospital Environment” examines problems that are peculiar to medical instrumentation. Among them, says Dr. Herbert Goldberg, engineering manager for American Optical in Bedford, Mass., is the fact that the medical profession requires equipment that must be reliable.
over long periods of time—up to 10 years, in some cases.

"It is impossible to test equipment for such long periods," he continues, "and we thus must take chances. Lawyers don't like to hear this, but it's a fact of life."

The large number of deaths by electrocution caused by faulty medical equipment in hospitals has emphasized the necessity for developing isolated input devices.

The design of such a device, an isolated input electrocardiograph amplifier, is discussed in detail in a special session on "Recent Developments in Medical Instrumentation."

In his paper, "An isolated Input EKG Amplifier," William Jordan, product safety officer for Electrodyne Corp., Sharon, Mass., points out that while the problem of amplifying the low voltage differential EKG signal may appear to be easily overcome, the design problem becomes more difficult when the safety requirements of the medical profession must be met.

The most stringent of these requirements is the elimination of shock hazard from medical equipment, says Jordan. A leakage current of even a few microamperes in an electrode connected directly to the heart, is enough to electrocute a patient, he continues. There are several ways of isolating the patient from this danger, explains Jordan. One way is to use a signal chopper and an isolation transformer at the input. Another is to use optical isolation. He compares the methods used by three different manufacturers.

Other design innovations to be presented at this special session include a paper on memory refreshed waveform displays, another on the design of an automatic densitometer and also a paper on long-term electronic monitoring of respiration.

**Microwaves: Aids for cars, aviation and data-sending**

The microwave invasion of the civilian market—with instrument aids for aviation, auto safety and high-speed data communications—is under scrutiny in two of the technical applications sessions being held in the Coliseum.

Session 6CK considers "Microwave Technology in Transportation Systems." Session 7CJ is discussing "Applications of Microwave Technology to Today's Communication Systems."

Air traffic control, aircraft instrument landing systems and clear-air turbulence detection are among the applications spotlighted in Session 6CK. P. W. Hannan, J. H. Gutman and R. J. Giannini of the Hazeltine Corp., Green Lawn, N.Y., describe a new stationary beacon antenna for interrogating aircraft. It is 8 feet high, 40 feet in diameter and contains 224 columns of dipoles. Incorporated into an air-traffic-control system, the antenna provides many benefits over presently used beacon or radar systems, the authors report in their paper, "A Cylindrical Electronic-Scan Antenna for Air Traffic Control."

The benefits, they say, include fewer aircraft "missed" because of weak signals, fewer false targets because of spurious reflections and greater traffic-handling capability, the latter attributable in part to the electronic scan capability of the antenna.

**Turbulence detector a critical need**

The hunt for an instrument to detect clear-air turbulence has been particularly arduous, because the turbulence occurs without warning at high altitudes and has jolted several jetliners severely in the last couple years. The Federal Aviation Administration has been pressing for development of a detection device, and three engineers at the Dept. of Transportation Center in Cambridge, Mass., describe a solution in a paper on "A Millimeter-Wave Sensor and Detector for Clear-Air Turbulence."

The authors—G. G. Haroules, W. E. Brown and G. W. Wagner—report that their method will give a pilot enough time to avoid, or at least to minimize, the damaging effects of the turbu-
lence. They note that a temperature gradient is associated with the severe critical vertical wind shear that accompanies the turbulence. A physical property of oxygen makes it possible to detect these temperature gradients.

At high altitudes, oxygen emits electromagnetic radiation, and the intensity of the emitted flux is temperature-dependent. By measurement of the emitted signal, it is thus possible to determine the temperature of the atmosphere and hence the presence of clear-air turbulence.

Temperature gradients are located by use of simultaneous, multi-frequency radiometric measurements—at 52 and 58 GHz. The use of two frequencies provides a ranging capability, making it possible to determine the distance of the gradient from the aircraft. The sensor is presently being used in aircraft tests at altitudes of up to 40,000 feet.

**Microwaves for motoring safety**

In other transportation areas, a paper by J. B. Hopkins and F. R. Holmstrom, also of the Dept. of Transportation, discusses “Cost-Effective Microwave Systems for Railroad and Automobile Safety Applications.” Two applications are given for low-power, Gunn-diode oscillator systems.

The first offers protection for motorists at railroad-highway grade crossings. A 10-GHz, 100-mW Gunn-diode transmitter is placed about 1000 meters from the crossing. The transmitter is pulse-modulated at a repetition rate of 1 kHz and a duty factor of 1%. An approaching train changes the modulation of the transmitted signal, and this change is detected by a receiver at the grade crossing. The receiver then activates a warning device.

The second application is an inflatable-airbag automobile safety system. Most present systems under test detect a crash by the rate of vehicle deceleration. Since airbags require a deployment time of 25 ms, there is insufficient time to deploy them in high-speed crashes, the authors contend. What’s needed, they say, is a system that can detect impending collisions a moment before im-

**A novel communications advance**

An advance in communications—a novel 1-W cw Gunn oscillator for use in X-band systems—is described by A. L. Reynolds of ITT, Nutley, N.J. In his paper, “High-Power CW Gunn Oscillator for Communication Applications,” Reynolds explains that while the highest X-band power levels presently available are limited to 500 mW, it is possible to combine two or more Gunn diodes in parallel in a single resonant structure to obtain higher levels.

Reynolds goes on to caution, however, that while the idea is conceptually simple, its implementation is subject to a variety of instabilities, generally referred to as “moding” problems. He says that a simple dual diode design has overcome these problems and that an oscillator output as high as 1.2 W, with efficiencies between 1.3 and 3.2%, has been achieved.

In another paper, the investigation of atmospheric wideband digital transmission systems is described by W. H. Schwarz, R. W. Kordos and R. W. Judkins. They tell in “An 18-GHz Transmitter and Receiver for Experimental High-Speed Digital Transmission” of a transmitter that uses a 10-GHz, 200-mW Impatt diode oscillator to generate a four-phase signal. It is externally modulated by two path-length switches at a 141-MHz rate.

The four-phase receiver uses an unbalanced Schottky-barrier diode down converter and four differential phase detectors. One transmitter-receiver pair has already been installed outdoors in pole-mounted cannisters and is operating over a 2.7-mile link.

**Civionics: Ways to revive the nation’s drooping cities**

Can electronics help save the nation’s decaying cities? Electronics and society are examined as a package in two IEEE sessions.

In Session 4H the role of telecommunications in upgrading the quality of city life is discussed—more from a futuristic systems approach than a technical one. Session 6E considers automation, engineering aids to education and the social responsibilities of engineers.

Session 4H, “Telecommunications—an aid to solving urban problems,” follows relatively closely a report prepared by the Committee of Telecom-
munications of the National Academy of Engineering. Completed in June, 1971, the report is entitled, "Communications Technology for Urban Improvement."

Electronics can improve radically the city’s education, medicine, nursing homes, traffic control and law enforcement, says the session’s organizer, Alan Siegel of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. He refers to such equipment as cable television and wideband transmitter and receivers, with teleprinter and facsimile displays in homes and offices.

Greater use of phone urged

“A Systems Approach to City Communications” is described by Richard P. Gifford, vice president and general manager of the Communication Systems Business Div. of General Electric, Lynchburg, Va. He suggests making greater use of the home telephone to handle facsimile at high speeds and even interpersonal video.

“Ultimately this network [the telephone system] can handle all interpersonal mail via either teleprinter or facsimile,” he says.

A second network would permit central facilities to transmit to the home and businesses. “With home terminals,” Gifford says, “the system could be the substitute for newspapers, magazines and books and third-class mail.” It could even provide for group entertainment, including participation games, he continues.

Coaxial cable systems could be used at first—such as those now used for CATV but with more bandwidth. “With time,” says Gifford, “we may see hundreds of channels on elliptical waveguides, if we can figure out the human engineering aspect of the selection process—that is, how to cope with an almost infinite choice.” Feedback capability from the home would let customers place orders for goods without leaving the house.

Gifford also suggests two-way broadband communication between public service centers—schools, hospitals, libraries, police stations, airports, railroad and bus terminals, city halls and nursing homes.

A fourth network would consist of “sensing nerves,” all running to a central terminal. These sensors would monitor such conditions as weather, pollution, traffic, fire warning and vehicle location.

One answer to the increasing difficulties and cost in obtaining medical care is “Telemedicine for Improved Medical Care,” according to Roger G. Mark, assistant professor of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Establishing a system that permits a physician to provide medical care at a distance is not primarily a technological problem, Mark says. “In general,” he explains, “modern bio-instrumentation, computer technology, communications technology and transportation systems are more than adequate. The problem really is how best to tie them all together.” Some of the practical problems that will have to be worked out, Mark points out, are optimum bandwidth compression schemes, how to store patient histories in computers, system configuration and operating policies.

The evils of engineering

Session 6E, “The Technological Effects on Society—an Open Forum,” is organized by a University of Oklahoma professor, L. W. Zelby, and there are papers by five other professors. In a discussion of automation, Edward L. Katzenbach of the New York Institute of Technology, Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., focuses on the misuse of the computer and its ability to “dehumanize” and invade privacy. He suggests that youth should be prepared for the world of tomorrow with “courses in computers and systems thinking.”

An activist approach to engineering is recommended by Stephen H. Unger of the Dept. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Columbia University, New York City—and his suggestions are likely to be controversial. In his paper, “Personal Responsibility of Engineers for Their Work,” Unger suggests engineers evaluate the social impact of what they design and refuse to do the work if it conflicts with their consciences. He says:

“For example, if an engineer believes that American intervention in Indochina is wrong, then he cannot escape the conclusion that designing an air-to-ground missile for the American Air Force is also wrong. That he might have difficulty in deciding whether it is also wrong to
develop a radar navigation technique, possibly useful to the Air Force as well as to commercial airlines, does not justify evading the issue in the unambiguous case. In the real world, hard cases, though not rare, are also not in the majority. After establishing procedures for identifying and coping with the obvious cases, one can begin reducing the ambiguous class."

Unger concedes that an engineer may be fired for refusing to do his assigned work. He offers these alternatives: The engineer can appeal to higher authority within the company. If this fails, he might try carrying his case outside the company.

"This might be done openly," Unger counsels, "by publicly calling attention to the situation, or surreptitiously by leaking the information to a Congressional committee or perhaps to a Ralph Nader group. Where the open route is chosen, the announcement might well be accompanied by a resignation, since severance from the company is likely in any event."

Comments anyone? An open forum concludes Session 6E. ■

Communications: A high-level look at the future of CATV

The electronics industry has been flooded with predictions of a new multibillion-dollar utility in the United States—cable television. Will the forecasts come true? "CATV—What's Happening" a panel discussion in Session 2A gives the views of high-ranking experts.

For example, Paul Klein, president of the Computer Television Corp., New York City, says that the future of home entertainment lies not in video cartridges and cassettes, as some people think, but in a dial-access TV system in which the user has access to prerecorded video tapes stored in a remote library. These tapes could be of movies, Broadway shows, museum tours and educational courses, he says.

The technology for such a system is already available, Klein continues, and several hard-wire versions of this type of system have been installed experimentally in motels. By next year, Klein predicts, computer television will begin appearing in CATV systems.

Other panelists include Dr. Peter C. Goldmark, president of Goldmark Communications Corp., Norwalk, Conn.; Dr. Joseph V. Charyk, president of Comsat Corp., Washington, D.C.; Hubert Schlafly, president of TelePrompTer Corp., New York City, and Dean Burch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

The panel looks with favor on new FCC rules allowing CATV operators to carry a limited number of out-of-town broadcast signals in competition with local broadcasters. The regulations offer extensive program protection to local broadcasters in the top 50 markets. They also specify that cable operators in the largest 100 TV markets must provide, for each broadcast signal carried, an equivalent channel that can be used for non-broadcast purposes.

"After all of these years of pulling itself up by its own bootstraps, the cable-television industry finally is getting some encouragement from the Federal Communications Commission," says Schlafly.

In a talk entitled "CATV—Subscriber, Supply and Demand," Schlafly reports on two-way, interactive home terminals. In particular he discusses a subscriber response system that TelePrompTer will be testing this summer in El Segundo, Calif. The system, manufactured by Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, Calif., is a two-way, computer-controlled, data-transmission system that uses the home TV receiver with a subscriber console and interface electronics as a home terminal. This system is capable of providing such services as: channel polling, opinion polling, remote reading of utility meters and emergency alarms.

The interaction between domestic satellite systems and CATV is discussed by Charyk in "CATV Network Via Satellite." He envisions a cable TV network in which signals are received by satellites and relayed economically to 5000 cities across the nation.

An FCC decision on domestic satellite systems is pending. At present eight companies have indicated that they want to launch communications satellites and many more have requested permission to build earth-receiving stations. Comsat wants to launch the satellites and own the associated ground stations, which it will lease to those that want to use them. CATV operators, such as TelePrompTer, want to build their receiving stations. ■
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What's wrong with the IEEE show?

Engineers suggest changes to reverse attendance drop

Richard L. Turmail, Management Editor

A record 64,000 engineers attended the annual IEEE International Convention and Exposition at the Coliseum in New York City in 1968. This year, the show's sponsors expect only about 30,000. Why is attendance at the industry's largest showcase falling?

A random sampling of typical showgoers turns up a variety of complaints, including these:

- There aren't enough new products to justify a visit to the show.
- Fewer components are being shown. Instead, exhibitors are relying on blinking lights and other gadgetry to pull in the curious.
- There are few company engineers in the booth to explain the products. Too many companies rely on hostesses or salesmen to do the job, and they're obviously unqualified technically.
- Technical sessions are frequently boring and poorly organized.

Spotlight on the technical

In brief, an ELECTRONIC DESIGN random sampling shows, engineers look at the IEEE show as a solid technical production, a chance to keep abreast of trends that will help them on the job. To the extent that the show fulfills these goals, it's a hit with engineers. But to the extent that it digresses into a commercial carnival—and some engineers fear this has been the recent direction—it's a flop.

Could the decline in attendance be reversed? Possibly. If the shortcomings were remedied and the IEEE show management took steps to introduce new attractions—such as this year's Science/Technology Center on the fourth floor of the Coliseum—more engineers might attend, engineers suggest.

From eight engineers who were interviewed, the following emerges as a composite profile of the technical-minded IEEE showgoer: He is an engineer with over 11 years experience in the electronics industry. He attends the show every two years and spends about eight hours visiting 20 booths (those in his field of interest mainly). He also attends about one technical session per show. Half of those interviewed were IEEE members, two were former IEEE members and two were never members.

Here are their comments on the show:

Peter H. LaJoie, an engineering manager at Trump/Ross Controls, Inc., Billerica, Mass., has gone to the show every two years for the past 10 years. "They're showing fewer and fewer components each year I go," he says. "I know it's easier to display instruments, because they blink and move, but I need components to build systems."

Kenneth Wong, senior engineer at Loral Corp., Electronics System Div., in the Bronx, New York City, who also has averaged a visit every other year for 10 years, agrees with LaJoie. "There just aren't enough new products each year to warrant an annual visit," he says.

Jerry Pessah, a design engineer at New York Telephone in the Bronx, who visited the show two years ago, comments: "The show doesn't seem to be well organized—it seemed more like a fair than an exposition."

Jack Heaviside, R&D engineer at North Atlantic Industries, Inc., Plainview, N.Y., has visited the show faithfully every year for the past 10 years. He says: "The show is a good place to see new products and the competition, but the sponsors should come up with a better way to classify the exhibits in the guide book to help reduce the time I waste. I can find a company I'm aware of in the visitor's guide, but if I want to see all the people who make counters, for example, there's no way to find out who the new ones are unless I take the time to tour the entire exposition."

Jimmy Loy, a chief engineer at the Bogen Div. of
of Lear Siegler, Inc., Paramus, N.J., has attended every show for the past 10 years. "When the vendors stopped giving engineers free passes to the show," he says, "our company limited the number of engineers who could go. Often, too, you can get better product news from the sales reps that visit the company during the year."

Rick Spofford, an engineering manager at Analog Devices, Inc., Norwood, Mass., who has gone to the show every other year for the past 10 years, noted: "I want to see semiconductors, test equipment and passive components. Since there are fewer displays of those products each year, nothing has motivated me to go to the show on a regular basis."

Dick Tuhro, a project engineer from Computer Identics Corp. in Westwood, Mass., questions whether it's necessary to go to the show. "I must have something specific in mind to cover the show properly," he says. "When I attended the show four years ago, I found everything I needed to see in the electronic trade magazines before I went. Why go to the show?"

Morris Robison, an engineer at Teestar, Worthington, Ohio, who has visited the show for the last 16 years, adds still another thought: "It's difficult for some engineers to see this show," he says, "especially if they have to travel a long distance to attend. Often they get a bad taste of the whole trip because of heavier and heavier expenses each year, and because of other growing travel problems that aren't really related to the show itself."

Changes in the show noted

How has the show changed over the years? "The show grew from a few booths to over 700 and back down again to 300 or 400," Robison says, "At 700-plus booths, the show was too big to cover properly."

And some visitors didn't always come to see just the exhibits. "At one time," Robison notes, "the show was identified as an employment agency—it became a quasi-social employee-stealing affair, but that's tailed off the past few years."

ROBISON—He wants booth attendants who are technically qualified to discuss products.

Some attendees say that there aren't enough new products to warrant an annual visit to the show.
Wong says: “I’ve changed more than the show. When I first attended the show, it helped me greatly because I was inexperienced. I saw new products I hadn’t seen before. But the higher I get in job position, the less useful the show is to me. I think it’s geared more to the young engineer.”

Loy comments: “Recently engineers have come to town and skipped the show altogether. Rather than spend time looking at a lot of booths that are outside their interests, they go only to the hospitality suites to learn about specific product introductions and applications.”

As for show improvements, some of the engineers believe that the show’s mission of spreading information would stand a better chance for success if the exhibitors manned their booths properly, if the papers and themes at the technical sessions were reassessed and if the exhibitors would organize the handling of their product literature better.

According to Robison, the quality of booth personnel is poor.

“Three of five attendants are not qualified to discuss the details of the product,” he says. “And if only one qualified engineer has been assigned to a booth, he may well be off duty at just the time you visit his booth for information.”

Lajoie says that salesmen are often assigned to the booth. “They’ve been primed with technical information for the show,” he observes. “Many are helpful, but an engineer would be more helpful.”

Four of the engineers interviewed have never attended a technical session at the IEEE show. Two report they’ve never had the time to attend, and one said he never actually knew that the sessions were being held. Two others say that too many of the sessions are over their heads or unrelated to their work.

Spofford says that he has found that the papers are not always related to one another, nor to the theme of the session in which they are presented.

Wong says that often the sessions are uninteresting and a waste of his time.

Robison notes: “I think that sometimes the guy giving the paper is trying too hard to impress a potential employer with his technical knowledge when he should be trying to communicate with his audience.”

Robison also asserts that exhibitors sometimes fail to have the proper product literature at their booths. “Sometimes they promise to mail the information to me, but by the time I get it, if I get it at all, it’s too old to use,” he says.

Lajoie adds: “I think it would be a good idea if the IEEE polled its membership on needed show improvements.”

Suppose the IEEE show management intro-

duced improvements? Would they stimulate attendance?

Half of the eight engineers in the sampling said at first that they didn’t think they’d be going to the show this year. And then they were told that the show would have a Science/Technology Center this year with innovative features. The engineers’ reaction was positive to a man: “Fantastic! Sounds very interesting. Great idea!” With comments like these most said that now they would probably attend the show. ••
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A Systems Approach to City Communications-T. Gifford, General Electric, Lynchburg, Va. (4H.1 /Tues./p.m./N)

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CATV—Subscriber Supply and Demand—H. Schlaffly, TelePromPter Corp., New York, N.Y. (2A.4/Mon./p.m./RG)

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One new rf synthesizer, Model 8660B, covers a frequency range from 0.01 to 110 MHz in 1-Hz steps and has an extremely low residual FM of less than 1 Hz. Other important specifications include stability of $3 \times 10^{-6}$ per day and spurious level of $-80$ dB.

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(This offer ends June 30th, 1972)


If you’re going to buy the very popular Model 8300A, which John Fluke introduced about 2-1/2 years ago (see “Economy voltmeter and multimeter uphold performance with fewer parts,” ED 16, Aug. 2, 1969), make sure you get the new 8300A—not the old one with the same number.

For the new one, with the same three de-voltage ranges (10 V to 1000 V) costs $1195. That’s $100 less than the original price and $200 less than the recent price. Addition of the low-voltage option (100-mV and 1-V ranges) costs only $100. With the old 8300A, it was available only with an ohms option at $295.

Addition of five 4-wire resistance ranges (1 kΩ to 10 MΩ) raises the total price to $1445. That’s $245 less than the recent price.

Despite the reshuffling of options, the 8300A remains the same. It has five full digits plus a “1” for 20% overrange on the four lower ranges and 10% overrange on the 1000-V range. It includes automatic ranging, automatic polarity selection and box-in-a-box construction for full guarding as well as a switchable three-pole active filter.

Other options remain the same. For $495, one can still obtain four ac ranges, 1 V to 1 kV, with accuracy of ± (0.1% rdg + 0.005% f.s.) at 50 Hz to 20 kHz. A data-output option costs $500 and a remote-control unit costs $200.

Booth No. 2201 Circle No. 258
Two-in-one function generator calipers FM and AM


Amplitude and frequency of the three basic waveforms—sine, square and triangle—of a dramatically versatile function generator, Wavetek's Model 146, can be modulated by sines, squares, triangles or ramps from an auxiliary generator in the same box.

The auxiliary generator, which can be operated independently, has a frequency range from 4 mHz (for ramps) or 40 mHz (for all waveforms) to 10 kHz (or 100 kHz for only sines, squares and triangles). The main unit covers 500 µHz to 10 MHz.

The modulating waveforms, direct or inverted, can be applied to the main signal, whose trigger point can be moved and whose dc baseline can be offset from zero, to provide a breathtaking variety of wave shapes. Some can be extremely useful while others are useless but beautiful.

Unique caliper dials, for both amplitude and frequency, quickly show limits. Thus a user can set the main frequency dial to 500 kHz, for example, and turn the “FM Limits” knob. This moves a pair of caliper pointers away from the main pointer to show a deviation of, say, 400 kHz to 600 kHz or 300 kHz to 700 kHz. He can similarly adjust “AM Limits” and corresponding calipers on the amplitude dial will show an excursion from, say, 3 to 7 V around a 5-V, offset (positive or negative).

But a man can't go too far. If one of the caliper pointers is at the end of a dial and a user tries to move it further, the dial itself rotates to bring the calipers within its range.

Booth No. 2523 Circle No. 256

100-MHz scope plug-in extends applications


A 100-MHz vertical amplifier plug-in, the HP Model 1805A, for HP 180-series oscilloscopes, packs more measurement capability into one plug-in than any previous unit, according to the company. Chief among the plug-in's several capabilities is the switchable input impedance: a matched 50 or low-capacitance 1 MΩ. The VSWR is a maximum of 1.35. The 1-MΩ input impedance has a shunt capacitance of only 13 pF, about half that of the usual oscilloscope. Another capability is the provision for offset voltages on either or both channels. The offset voltage bucks out dc in the input signal so small deviations can be greatly magnified and brought on screen for examination. Yet another capability lies in the Vertical Output connector on the front panel. This provides an amplified version of low-level input signals for use by counters or other ancillary equipment. It also permits one channel to be cascaded into the other channel for increased sensitivity while maintaining a 50-MHz bandwidth.

Booth No. 2403-2404, 2504 Circle No. 274
DMM uses two logics, gets 20 readings/sec

Lear Siegler, Inc., Cimron Instruments EID Div., 714 N. Brookhurst, Anaheim, Calif. (714) 774-1010. $1200; 30 days.

A five-digit multimeter, Model DMM 50, employs two logics: successive approximation (SA) logic is used for speed, and integrating (INT) logic supplies the needed noise rejection. The combination is called Saint logic. The four operations of the Saint technique are: (1) automatic zero set where the most significant of the five decades is examined; (2) subtractive digit where selection of the most significant decade is accomplished by (SA) logic; (3) integrate compare one; (4) integrate compare two. This means the DMM 50 can operate at greater than 20 readings per second with a rejection rate of 60 dB at 60 Hz.

Booth No. 2101 Circle No. 328

Frequency meter and tachometer has LEDs

Electronic Research Co., 10,000 W. 75 St., Overland Park, Kan. (913) 631-6700. $360 to $400.

A 20-MHz frequency meter/tachometer features a light-emitting-diode display in an all-aluminum case. Designated the 2700 series, the standard features include automatic triggering with a sensitivity of 100 mV rms and a front panel sensitivity control; stored display; buffered and latched BCD output; and a 1-ppm crystal time base. Eight ranges are selectable providing time bases from 1 ms to 60 s for reading MHz, kHz, Hz or rpm.

Booth No. 2447 Circle No. 264

Everybody’s talking about DDC’s new A-Series synchro or resolver converters. And no wonder: You can assemble your own converter in your own way, to your own specifications, using low-cost off-the-shelf modules! And when it’s all assembled, you get a lot more:

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**INSTRUMENTATION**

**Pulse generator has rep rates to 200 MHz**


The HP Model 8008A pulse generator has repetition rates variable from 10 Hz up to 200 MHz, a speed that is needed for testing the new generation computer circuits. The new generator has two simultaneous and complementary outputs. Each output has separate amplitude controls and a separate offset control, useful for setting logic levels. Maximum output is 4 V into 50 Ω. Pulse transition times are fixed at less than 1 ns. Pulse width is selectable from 2.5 ns to 0.5 ms and delay between outputs and trigger is selectable from 25 ns to 0.5 ms. The generator can also work in a gated mode supplying pulse bursts under control of an external gate. It also works in a double pulse mode (triggered at rates up to 100 MHz) in which each trigger generates two pulses, with the time interval between each pair of pulses selected by the generator's delay control.

*Booth No. 2403-2404, 2504 Circle No. 267*

**1 and 2-channel Brush recorders introduced**


A new line of single-channel and two-channel direct writing recorders, available in both low profile and vertical models are ready to install in biomedical or industrial systems. Designated the 1101 series, the models are specified by the company as meeting American Heart Association requirements for electrocardiography. This is the first application of the exclusive Brush pressurized ink writing system to recorders for the OEM field. Pressurized ink writing at speeds up to 300 in./s is possible. Standard models include a chart speed of 25 mm/s and sensitivity of 100 mV/mm. Other single speeds and two-speed, three-speed and four-speed combinations are available as are sensitivities of 1, 10, 50 and 200 mV/division.

*Booth No. 2509 Circle No. 272*

**Photo artwork generator can be programmed**

*Superior Electric Co., 388 Middle St., Bristol, Conn. (203) 582-8561. $30,000.*

The Slo-Syn photo artwork generator is an automatic, tape controlled system for the generation of printed circuit board artwork designed to eliminate manual drafting and photo reduction. Working from a grid paper sketch, the tape can be programmed manually, by a digitizer or by computer. It produces, on film, an accurate circuit pattern to finished board size without the need for photographic reduction.

*Booth No. 1102 Circle No. 309*

**Thermistor offered in smaller version**

*Yellow Springs Instrument Co., Box 279, Yellow Springs, Ohio. (513) 767-7242.*

The Model YSI 44018 Thermistor linear thermistor composite, consisting of two YSI precision thermistors packaged together in a single sensor, measures only 0.08 x 0.15 inches max. The small size represents a 27% reduction in size of the the unit offered previously. Linearities of 2 parts in 1000 over ranges as wide as 100 °C are available. The composites have an accuracy and interchangeability of ±0.15 °C and are useable over a span of -50 to 100 °C.

*Booth No. 3102 Circle No. 327*
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*Coming soon.
**Lab power supply spans 0 to 50 V dc, 0 to 1 A**

_Systron-Donner Corp., 1200 Shames Dr., Westbury, L.I., N.Y. (516) 997-6200. $315._

Designated the PLS50-1, the SD/Trygon power supply spans the output range from 0 to 50 V dc, 0 to 1 A, which is five times the power range of comparable units. Output is selected by five 10-position rotary switches to within 1 mV. A vernier control permits resolution of less than 10 µV. The PLS50-1 can also be remotely programmed.  

_Booth No. 2532 Circle No. 330_

**Impedance comparator has accuracy and speed**

_Industrial Test Equipment Co., Inc., 369 Lexington Ave., Clifton, N.J. (201) 546-2130. $595._

An impedance comparator, the Model 1100, features an accuracy of 0.05% with a fast time response. It's possible to measure 3 Ω to 10 MΩ of resistance, 30 pF to 50 µF of capacitance, and 10 µH to 100 H of inductance. The frequency range is 1 kHz, 10 kHz or 100 kHz. Bridge supply voltage is 0.8 V, while the component voltage at balance is 0.4 V. As an option, the Model 1100 can be supplied with provisions for automatic component selection.  

_Booth No. 2109 Circle No. 268_

**Dc voltage standard for digital systems**

_Traco Inc., 509 Rolling Hills Rd., Somerville, N.J. (201) 725-5333. $47._

Two flat 9-V batteries supply the current for a constant current source in this dc voltage standard. The applications include checking and correcting of DVMs and high precision analog meters and oscilloscopes. The output voltage is 1 V ±0.05% and the internal resistance is about 250 Ω. The temperature coefficient is ±1 x 10⁻⁶/°F: noise is held to 10 µV.  

_Booth No. 2003 Circle No. 263_

**Sweep generator spans 50 kHz to 12.4 GHz**

_Wiltron Co., 930 E. Meadow Dr., Palo Alto, Calif. (415) 321-7428._

Reflection and transmission measurements are simplified with the Model 610C sweep generator. A 4 by 5-inch oscilloscope displays with a maximum resolution of 0.5 dB/div. (0.5 in.). A logarithmic level meter provides 60 dB of dynamic range with a digitally set loss offset control and accommodates i-f detector characteristics of from -40 to +20 dBm. The sweep generator is externally programmable. A reflection bridge set is available with better than 1 dB accuracy at 45 dB.  

_Booth No. 2115 Circle No. 329_

**Ac volt-amp recorder for $159**

_Gulton Industries, Inc., Municipal Airport, Manchester, N.H. (603) 623-3591. $159; 2 wks._

A recorder to measure both ac voltage and current—the Model 220—can be purchased for only $159. The model records voltages in the ranges 0 to 150 V, 0 to 300 V and 0 to 600 V with an accuracy of 3% FS. Currents in the ranges 0 to 25 A, 0 to 100 A and 0 to 300 A are recorded to an accuracy of 4% FS. Conductors up to 1 inch in diameter can be handled. Clean, inkless writing on rectilinear paper is featured. A roll of chart paper lasts a month for continuous operation at 1 inch per hour. Other speeds from 1/8 inch to 60 inches per hour are available at no additional cost.  

_Booth No. 2130 Circle No. 265_

**Testers speed reed switch checking**

_Arvin Automatic, Inc., 1384 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. (201) 256-5300._

The Models RST-310 and RST-320 reed-switch testers check the three parameters most commonly of interest during incoming inspection: operate (pull-in), release (drop-out) and contact resistance.  

_Booth No. 1418 Circle No. 325_
8-channel recorder has 1 mV/div sensitivity


The 8-channel general purpose recorder has built-in preamplifiers for a measurement range of 1 mV/ division to 500 V full scale. There are 50 divisions across each 40 mm-wide channel. The unit, with carrying case, can be used in portable or bench applications; with a special kit it can be rack mounted. The preamplifiers have differential, floating, balanced-to-guard inputs that are isolated from each other, from chassis, and from the output. Thus, they accept signal sources of any configuration without affecting accuracy or creating system noise.

Special features of the Brush 481 include pressurized ink writing for clear, crisp, dry and smudge-proof traces; rectilinear trace presentation; 99.5% linearity enforced by a servo pen positioning system; 40-Hz response at 50 divisions; and electronic signal limiters to protect pens from off-scale overloads.

Booth No. 2509 Circle No. 273

Waveform processor is fully programmable


A programmable waveform processor, the Model 1150A, is a dual-channel, 1-GHz sampling oscilloscope-like instrument for use in automatic test systems that characterize waveforms. Only six, 16-bit, bit-parallel, TTL-compatible words are required to program all ranges. Interfacing to any 16-bit computer needs only 32 data lines (16 in, 16 out) plus a flag and encode signal. Each programmable function has local storage, thus freeing the CPU from refreshing the settings.

Booth No. 2403-2404, 2504 Circle No. 323
**Compact analog-to-digital circuit performs 8-bit conversion in 100 ns**

Datel Systems, Inc., 1020 Turnpike St., Canton, Mass. (617) 828-6395. $2495 (1-9); 6 wks.

Datel Systems is well known as one of the frontrunners in the fiercely competitive market for low-cost data-conversion modules. What is less widely known, however, is that Datel also manufactures some impressive high-performance units. For example, the company’s newest module, the ADC-uH, is a 10-MHz analog-to-digital converter. The circuit can complete an 8-bit conversion in under 100 ns. Yet the plastic-cased module measures only 2 by 4 by 1 in. But this performance doesn’t come cheaply; in quantities of 1-9 the new a/d converter costs $2495.

At first glance, it seems absurd to pay such a high price for so little hardware. After all, a solid-gold block with the same dimensions would cost less. When the ADC-uH is compared with other converters of comparable performance, however, its price starts to look more attractive.

Most a/d converters intended for operation at 10 MHz or higher, are housed in bulky metal boxes which are usually intended to be rack mounted. Companies manufacturing these high-performance types include Computer Labs, American Astronics and Inter Computer. But 10-MHz a/d converters from these competing companies range in price from $6000 up to $9000 or more. Admittedly the higher-priced converters include power supplies and front-panel controls, but Datel argues that $4000 is a lot of money to pay for a power supply.

In addition to its lower cost and smaller size, the ADC-uH has much lower power dissipation than the larger types. Power consumption is only 5 W compared with upwards of 25 W for most other 10-MHz a/d converters.

In brief, Datel claims that the new converter is one-twentieth the size, one-half the cost, and has one-tenth the power dissipation of competing units. Like the larger converters, Datel’s module is repairable.

For the ADC-uH, Datel’s design engineers employed a parallel/serial conversion scheme to achieve high-speed performance with relatively compact circuitry. In a sense, the chosen circuit approach yields a favorable compromise between the performance of a parallel converter and the simplicity of a serial (successive-approximation) converter.

A straight parallel converter would need a total of 256 voltage comparators plus an elaborate decoder, for 8-bit resolution. A serial converter, on the other hand, would minimize the number of components needed; but this type of converter has a limited conversion speed (usually no greater than 1 MHz).

The Datel circuit accomplishes the a/d conversion in two stages. First, the four most-significant bits are determined by a 4-bit parallel converter. These four bits, in turn, control a very fast d/a converter whose output is subtracted from the input signal. Finally, the remainder from the subtraction is fed to a second 4-bit parallel converter which determines the four least-significant bits.

According to Datel, the serial/parallel scheme needs only 30 comparators. Yet the total of the propagation delays and settling times amounts to less than 100 ns, thus allowing 10-MHz conversion rates.

The standard version of the ADC-uH has an input impedance of 50 Ω, but other versions are available to accommodate a customer’s specific requirements. The input voltage range is zero to 5 V, with special ranges available to order.

The eight-line digital outputs are delivered by TTL registers which can drive up to eight TTL loads. Specified performance is maintained over the unit’s operating temperature range of 0 to +70 C. The temperature coefficient is ±30 ppm/°C and long-term stability is ±0.25%/yr. The circuit requires externally supplied power of ±15 V dc at 20 mA and ±5 V dc at 0.5 A.

Booth No. 2108 Circle No. 310

Electronic Design 6, March 16, 1972
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Crowbar option protects slot supplies and systems


A line of 44 “fixed-voltage” power supplies, with an unusual crowbar option, marks Hewlett-Packard’s serious entry into the slot-supply market, now dominated by Lambda.

HP’s Series 62000 supplies, with screwdriver adjustment over a range of 0.5 V or 5% (whichever is greater) around nominal output, are available in three case sizes—with widths of 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2 of a standard 19-inch relay rack. Though custom voltages are available down to 1/2 V (with the rotten efficiency one might expect of a silicon series regulator at that level) and up to 200 V, standard voltages are available from 3 V to 48 V at 17 A to 0.45 A.

Current ratings apply for 0 to 50 C ambient and lower currents are available to 71 C.

In most respects, performance of the new line is typical of fine supplies: Line and load regulation are each 0.01% or 1 mV. Ripple and noise are 1 mV rms and 3 mV pk-pk. In this case, however, the pk-pk rating is an actual measurement from dc to 20 MHz—not a misleading multiplication of an rms rating. Temperature coefficient is 0.01%/°C. Transient recovery, to within 15 mV of nominal output after a half-load swing, requires only 50 µs.

Many of the standard features of the 62000 series would be extra-cost options in lines from other vendors. There’s adjustable, foldback current limiting. There’s reverse-voltage protection. There’s a thermostatic overtemperature protector. There’s full output isolation, allowing either output terminal to be grounded. And there’s remote sensing, with load protection against opened sense lines.

A most unusual $40 option, Option 104, involves an adjustable overvoltage crowbar that generates 2 to 10 V into a 1-kΩ load for 2 to 20 µs for status indication or for triggering other crowbars. The internal crowbar, activated within 10 µs after overvoltage, can also be tripped by an 8 to 15-V pulse that can deliver 1 A for 5 to 10 µs.

Option 104 provides access to the summing point of the voltage-regulator loop. When that point is shorted—really shorted with a metallic contact—to the negative sensing line, the supply can be programmed to within 15 mV of zero. The delay can be long, however, ranging from hundreds of milliseconds to many seconds, depending on the model, load and line voltage. So this procedure should be used only for normal, on/off sequencing—not emergencies.

In small quantities, 1/8-rack modules for 0.45 to 2 A cost $89; 1/4 racks for 1 to 4.25 A cost $125; 1/4 racks for 2 to 8.5 A cost $145; and 1/2 racks for 4 to 17 A cost $195.

Booth Nos. 2403, 2504

Time delay relay features calibrated dial

MagneCraft Electric Co., 5575 N. Lynch Ave., Chicago, Ill. (312) 282-5500. $16.97 (1-9 quantities); Stock.

A panel-mounted industrial time delay relay features an adjustable calibrated dial and a solid state timing circuit. The Class 218 boasts repeatability accuracy of +2% under fixed conditions, and 10 A at 120 V ac 60 Hz may be switched.

Booth No. 1408 Circle No. 303
Lots of displays. All use gallium phosphide, the most efficient visible light emitting semiconductor with 200,000 hours typical half life. All are operable from standard low-voltage IC's. Numerals are red on an opaque black background. Choose from:
SLA-1: A seven-segment numeric display with decimal point featuring a large ½-in. character in a standard 14-pin dual-in-line package. Total power is less than \( \frac{1}{4} \) watt. Operates directly from standard TTL decoder/drivers.
SLA-1R: Similar to SLA-1 but with right-hand decimal point.
SLA-2: For use with SLA-1 or -1R seven-segment displays to indicate the overflow numeral one and polarity.
SLA-3: The largest available solid state numeric display with an 0.8-in. character height—readable at distances of over 40 feet. It features a 0.17-in. thin package with 0.100-in. spaced leads for convenient socket mounting or soldering to a p-c board.

Lots of lamps. All use gallium phosphide LED’s which emit light in all directions to provide an area light source rather than a pinpoint. All provide typical optical power output of 225 \( \mu \) watts (4.5 millilumens) at 15 mA. Choose from:
OSL-1 and -1S: Full 0.100-in. sources of light in 0.100-in. diameter packages with good visibility over 180° viewing angle. For coaxial or two-wire hookup.
OSL-2 and -2S: Provide 2.0 millicandelas at 15 mA in 0.100-in. diameter reflector packages. Recommended where high luminosity with more directional viewing is desired. For coaxial or two-wire hookup.
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At the show, North American Rockwell Microelectronics (NRM-EC) demonstrates the use of silicon-on-sapphire (SOS) 128 \times 40 diode arrays in a high-quality character generation system for CRT display. In the system ROMs are used for character storage and combinatorial logic.

SOS diode arrays offer important advantages in this application. Compared with MOS ROMs, the NRM-EC P/N 15900NA ROMs allow greater storage capacity and higher speeds.

The SOS diode ROMs have a maximum access time of 20 ns, with a power dissipation of 0.06 mW per diode. The fast switching allows the 5120-diode device to be used for high-speed logic in addition to traditional ROM storage applications.

As a general logic network, one SOS diode array can compute the value of a function of 19 variables expressed as the sum of as many as 128 products. The equivalent TTL IC implementation would require 342 ICs (assuming use of 3-input AND gates per package). Implementation with a conventional ROM would require 524,288 bits. The increase in bit capacity—by a factor exceeding 100—comes about this way: In a ROM, all possible combinations of the 19 variables must be stored. But in the diode array, ZEROs require no storage space. Each row function is an independent AND gate. A row can compute any function of the 19 variables.

The diode array is a versatile device. In the complete character-generator system, diode arrays are used in three subsystems: character logic, message store and control (see diagram). Five arrays, connected in parallel, form the basis of the character logic. Stored in the arrays are the ASCII character set, plus a few special symbols, for an average of 20 characters per device.

An SOS ROM stores the sequence of character code-names in the message store. The code-names define the message that appears on the display screen. In the control subsystem, another array is used to microprogram the system operation.

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While SPM and SRA chips lend themselves to a wide variety of applications (Table 1), they are particularly suitable for digital filters because they make for a simple design.

Any order of filter structure with any reasonable (and many seemingly unreasonable) lengths of coefficients and data-word lengths can be quickly breadboarded. Then the final design can be fabricated with the same components. Word lengths and scaling coefficients can be altered, if required, simply by changing connections to the chips.

Offhand it would appear that with only two kinds of chips for the design, it would take thousands of chips to build a filter of average complexity. It turns out that a typical filter can be built with about a dozen chips. A rule of thumb is that given a digital transfer function, the total number of chips required is approximately equal to one-half of the transfer-function order plus the number of coefficients that are other than zero or unity. A fourth-order Bessel filter, for instance, can be built with only eight chips on a single ceramic substrate (replacing five printed-circuit cards, each about 7 by 7 inches, packed with bipolar ICs).

Filter coefficients can be either hard-wired or programmed and obtained sequentially from a ROM. More versatile time-varying and tracking filters can be easily realized by setting the filter coefficients by adaptive-element computation. The adaptive element can be a special shift-register chip and an SPM.

Control logic is included and fabricated on the chips along with the arithmetic operators. There are only two required central controls: the clock (bit time) and word-timing signals. The analog-to-digital converters (ADCs), clock and word-timing generator are often combined into an integrated unit.

Let's define a digital filter

A digital filter is a specialized digital processor. Consider Fig. 1, which depicts an analog filter, two ADCs and a digital processor of some kind. Now if \( y^*(t) \) looks exactly like \( y(t) \), the upper and lower channels in the figure must be equivalent. Or the digital processor must be doing the equivalent of the analog filter, but to a digital signal.

Although this is a rather limited definition, it illustrates the point. For our purposes, we define a digital filter as a digital processor whose output is a linear combination of past and present output and input samples. Regardless of the filter configuration, its derivation method and the order and accuracy requirements, the transfer function of the filter always can be expressed as a ratio of polynomials rational in \( z^{-1} \), the unit delay operator. The discrete transfer function is thus:

\[
G(z) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{M} a_i z^{-i} \right) / \left( \sum_{j=0}^{N} b_j z^{-j} \right). \tag{1}
\]

This expression can be factored to yield
A filter of any order can be assembled by cascading the required number of basic sections. A first-order filter for real pole and zero is shown in "a", while a second-order filter for complex poles and zeros is in "b".

\[ G(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{M} \frac{1 - A_i z^{-1}}{1 - B_i z^{-1}} \]  

Each real pole can be implemented (Fig. 2a). Each complex pair of poles can be implemented (Fig. 2b). Thus the entire digital filter can be built cascading these sections.

The transfer function of Eq. 2 can also be partial-fraction-expanded into:

\[ G(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{K_j}{1 - B_j z^{-1}} \]  

This leads to a direct parallel realization of the filter.

Assembling the digital filter

A MOS/LSI digital filter is made up of SPM, SRA and ADC/DAC chips. The SPM and the SRA chip contains the elements shown here.

Table 1. Applications for SPM and SRA chips.

- Solve difference equations (digital filtering)
- Bandpass filters
- Weighting-function generation
- Transversal equalizers
- Clutter filters – Doppler MTI
- Feedback-control-system equalization
- Interpolation filters
- Digital smoothing
- Inverse function generation
- Coordinate transformation
SRA are highly versatile, multifunctional devices that can be used in many applications, (Table 2). These devices are just as basic to digital systems as resistors, capacitors and operational amplifiers are to analog systems. They were developed to optimize the tradeoff between chip versatility and capability on one hand and cost and yield problems on the other.\textsuperscript{7-8}

The SPM and the SRA chips are often called “digital-filter building blocks,” not because this is their sole purpose but because they perform exceptionally well in filters.

5. Combining three single-axis resolvers (a) into an integrated system results in a complete three-axis digital resolver (b).

An SPM multiplies a data word by a scaling coefficient. The data word is run in serially, least significant bit (LSB) first, in two’s-complement format. This data word can be of any arbitrary length, say $M+1$ bits, where $M$ is the number of bits without the sign and one bit is added for the sign.

If the scaling coefficient (stored in a holding register) were $N+1$, the sign-corrected output word length would be $M+N+2$ bits, including a redundant sign bit. The latter is discarded, and this bit-time is used for reset. The LSB of the product appears at the output one bit-time after the LSB of the input data-word appears at the input.

Taps to the scaling-coefficient register permit the coefficient to be hard-wired or loaded in parallel. The coefficient can also be loaded serially into the SPM shift register, which then parallel-loads the coefficient-holding register.

While the length of $M$ is arbitrary, the basic SPM has $N=8$. The multiplier is tapped, so two chips can be connected to form $8<N<16$, three chips can form $16<N<24$ and so on (Fig. 3).

Each SRA contains two four-input adders,

### Table 2. Functional capabilities of SPM and SRA chips.

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### Table 3. Hardware for a single-axis digital resolver.

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*Independent of word lengths of $x, y, z$. 

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two variable-length shift registers (0-7 bits in tandem with 7 bits, in tandem with one bit) and all the timing and control logic necessary to make that section of the filter self-sufficient (Fig. 4). The SRA requires word-timing pulses synchronized with the input data and, of course, the system clock.

**SPM and SRA chips good for other jobs**

Some of the jobs that can be done with SPM and SRA chips are listed in Table 1. The linear arithmetic operations are obvious applications. Here are two nonlinear applications:

A collection of one or more chips, which may include a ROM, may operate on an input signal, x, to provide some function of x. By adding the SRA chip, you can usually obtain the inverse function. For example, an SPM chip may be used to multiply one number by another, or to raise a number to a power. Adding an SRA chip, you can invert the function—that is, divide one number by another or extract the root of a number.

A programmable digital resolver can also be built with these chips. It is based upon a table-look-up, digital, sine/cosine generator (such as can be made with the ROM 2206). Data transformations from one coordinate system to another, through resolvers, are required in most guidance and control systems. If the data to be resolved are all digital, then a digital resolver is required—in the form of special-purpose hardware or a program within a general-purpose processor.

The basic functional block of a digital resolver (Fig. 5a) performs a single Euler-angle rotation. Three such blocks are required for three degrees of angular freedom. A block diagram of a three-axis digital resolver is in Fig. 5b, and the hardware requirements for a single-axis digital resolver are given in Table 3.

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Use op amps with greater confidence
by understanding the subtleties of their parameters and how they are measured.

As the IC op amp—one of the most powerful tools in the analog designer's basket—improves in performance, it's becoming more essential than ever for designers to understand the subtleties of op-amp parameters. How does the manufacturer measure them? And in the case of lower-cost IC op amps, when the manufacturer doesn't test all the parameters, what tests should you perform? Let's find out.

As a well-informed designer, you'll be able to choose the best cost/performance tradeoff. You'll design better circuits as a result.

While op-amp parameter definitions vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, the definitions for major parameters are the same for most makers. They include:

- Input offset voltage, $V_{os}$
- Input offset current, $I_{os}$
- Input bias current, $I_b$
- Input resistance, $R_{IN}$
- Supply current, $I_s$
- Large-signal voltage gain, $A_v$
- Output voltage swing, $V_o$
- Common-mode rejection ratio, $CMRR$
- Power-supply rejection ratio, $PSRR$

With the exception of a few special applications, these parameters provide sufficient dc operational data for the design engineer.

The circuit for measuring $V_{os}$

Op-amp parameters are not measured directly. Rather, they are measured by connecting the amplifier under test (AUT) in series with a buffer op amp in a closed-loop configuration that has a certain gain (Fig. 1). The AUT parameters, multiplied by the loop gain, are reflected to the output of the buffer op amp.

Referring to Fig. 1, we have

$$V_{BUF} = A_{CL}V_{os},$$

(1)

where

$$A_{CL} = \frac{(R_1 + R_2)}{R_1}.$$  

(2)

1. Input offset voltage, $V_{os}$ is measured with the output of the op amp under test (AUT) set to zero (by setting $V_s = 0$).

Thus the desired value of the input offset voltage, $V_{os}$, is given by Eq. 1. Two things must be considered in measuring $V_{os}$, however.

First, $V_{os}$ is defined as the input offset voltage with the AUT output set at zero volts. This condition is achieved by setting the source voltage, $V_s$, to zero volts, since the $V_s$ together with its resistor divider network will force the AUT output voltage to the same value as that of $V_s$ but of opposite polarity. To understand this point better, suppose that $V_s = -1$ V dc. Since the noninverting input of the buffer op amp is at virtual ground, the current flowing through $R_4$ will be, for all practical purposes, $-1/R_4$ (the source of possible error here is the input offset voltage of the buffer op amp, but it can be nulled out).

This current must be supplied by the AUT, thus forcing the AUT output voltage to be $(+1/R_4)$ ($R_3$), or $+1$ V dc, since $R_3$ is equal to $R_4$. Thus the $V_{os}$ measuring circuit in Fig. 1 provides the means for setting the AUT output voltage to any desired value.

The second item of importance in the $V_{os}$ measurement involves the values of $R_1$ and $R_2$. These should be such that the loop current is much greater than the AUT bias current summed at their junction. Furthermore their ratio must

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be such as to provide sufficient closed-loop voltage gain (Eq. 2). The large voltage gain, $A_{CL}$, insures the accuracy of the $V_{OS}$ measurement and, since the sensed value of $V_{OS}$ is used in determining most other parameters, it is also important in other tests.

**Measuring the input offset current**

The circuit for measuring most of the other parameters requires the addition of AUT source resistors and a sample-hold-and-subtract (SHS) amplifier (Fig. 2a). The source resistors convert the AUT input currents to a voltage. The SHS subtracts the $V_{OS}$ voltage in those cases where it interferes with the measurement.

To measure the input offset current, $I_{OS}$, source resistors ($R_{S-}$ and $R_{S+}$ denote the source resistors connected to the AUT negative and positive terminal, respectively), convert the amplifier bias currents to a voltage that is subsequently reflected into the output of the buffer amplifier. For a clearer picture, let's examine the term "bias current" and what it means.

Referring to Fig. 2b, note that positive and negative op-amp inputs are connected to the bases of an npn differential pair of transistors. Thus by examining this figure, we can write

$$V_{AB} = V_1 + V_{OS} - V_2$$

If $R_{S-} = R_{S+} = R_S$, then

$$V_{AB} = V_{OS} + R_S(I_{B-} - I_{B+})$$

and, since $I_{OS} = \Delta I_B = (I_{B-} - I_{B+})$,

$$V_{AB} = V_{OS} + R_S I_{OS}$$

From Eq. 5 and Figs. 2a and 2b, we can finally write the expression that gives us the $I_{OS}$ in terms of known and measurable voltages:

$$V_{BUF} = A_{CL} (V_{OS} + R_S I_{OS}).$$

The $I_{OS}$ is measured with the circuit shown in Fig. 2a, with the AUT output forced to be zero. The $V_{OS}$ appearing across the AUT input under these conditions is considered an error voltage during the $I_{OS}$ measurement. The effects of the $V_{OS}$ are eliminated, with use of the SHS amplifier, by performing two tests, one after another.

During the first test, switch S1 is closed and both source resistors are shorted out (we are back to the circuit for measuring $V_{OS}$, see Fig. 1).
Adding two load resistors and a voltmeter converts the basic test circuit into the circuit for measuring output voltage swing.

After the \( V_{\text{BUF}} \) reaches its final value, \( S1 \) opens, leaving the capacitor, \( C \), charged to the voltage equal to \( A_{\text{CL}} V_{\text{os}} \) (Eq. 1). During the second test, the source resistors are added, and the \( V_{\text{BUF}} \) is now given by Eq. 6. Since the capacitor, \( C \), is connected to the noninverting input of an amplifier with unity gain, the output of the SHS is

\[
V_{\text{SHS}} = A_{\text{CL}} (V_{\text{os}} + R_{S}I_{\text{os}}) - A_{\text{CL}} V_{\text{os}} = A_{\text{CL}} R_{S} I_{\text{os}}. \tag{7}
\]

Both \( A_{\text{CL}} \) and \( R_{S} \) are known; therefore, the \( I_{\text{os}} \) can be easily computed.

**I_{\text{in}} is the average value**

The specified op-amp input bias current, \( I_{\text{in}} \), is defined as the average of two individual measurements. Once again, two tests and the use of the SHS are required for the measurement. During the first test (Fig. 3a), one source resistor, \( R_{s-} \), is inserted and the resultant voltage, \( V_{\text{AB1}} \), is stored in the capacitor \( C \). The value of \( V_{\text{AB1}} \) is given by

\[
V_{\text{AB1}} = I_{\text{in}} R_{S-} + V_{\text{os}}. \tag{8}
\]

During the second test (Fig. 3b), the other source resistor is inserted, so that

\[
V_{\text{AB2}} = V_{\text{os}} - I_{\text{in}} R_{S+}. \tag{9}
\]

The SHS circuit subtracts \( V_{\text{AB1}} \) from \( V_{\text{AB2}} \), yielding

\[
V_{\text{SHS}} = -R_{S}(I_{\text{in}} + I_{\text{in}}) A_{\text{CL}}. \tag{10}
\]

The factor of \( 1/2 \) required to convert \( I_{\text{in}} + I_{\text{in}} \) into an average value can, of course, be included in the constant.

**Determining \( I_{S} \) and voltage gain**

The measurement of supply current, \( I_{S} \), is carried out by measuring the current drain of one of the two \( V_{\text{cc}} \) supplies (Fig. 4), with the AUT output set to zero either by \( V_{S} = 0 \) or by grounding \( R_{4} \).

The large-signal voltage gain, \( A_{V} \), is measured in the following three steps. Initially the \( V_{S} \) is set to zero, and the resultant \( V_{\text{BUF}} = A_{\text{CL}} V_{\text{os}} \) is stored in the SHS capacitor. During the second test, the \( V_{S} \) is set to +10 V, forcing the AUT output to -10 V, and the resultant \( V_{\text{BUF}} = A_{\text{CL}} (V_{\text{os}} + V_{\text{os}}) \) is subtracted from the stored value, so that

\[
A_{V} = 10 \frac{(A_{\text{CL}})}{(A_{\text{CL}})} (V_{\text{os}}) \tag{11}
\]

where \( A_{\text{CL}} \Delta V_{\text{os}} \) is the SHS output during the second test.

During the third test, the AUT output is forced to become +10 V (by setting \( V_{S} = -10V \)), and another expression for \( A_{V} \), identical to the one in Eq. 11, is obtained.

**Basic current measures output swing**

The output voltage swing, \( V_{o} \), is defined as the guaranteed minimum voltage that will be developed across a specified load, typically 2 or 10 kΩ. Such load resistors are added directly to the AUT output (Fig. 5), and they can be switched to ground. The supply voltage, \( V_{S} \) may be programmed to control device voltage. A voltmeter connected across the load resistors reads the \( V_{o} \).

Since both AUT inputs are near ground, the op-amp common mode voltage cannot be measured directly. However, if the \( V_{\text{cc}} \) supplies are unbalanced, then the op amp’s internal reference will be the average of the two supplies. Thus the input common-mode voltage will be the difference between the internal op-amp reference and zero volts.

**Measuring CMRR and PSRR**

In measuring the common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR), we use the circuit in Fig. 6. The \( V_{\text{cc}} \) voltages differ from each other by the amount equal to the desired common-mode voltage. The \( V_{S} \) is set equal in magnitude, but opposite in sign, to the common-mode voltage, thus forcing the AUT output to the equivalent internal reference.

During the first test, the \( A_{\text{CL}} V_{\text{os}} \) voltage representative of positive or negative common-mode voltage limits is obtained and stored in the SHS capacitor. During the second test, the signs of the difference between the \( V_{\text{cc}} \) voltages and the \( V_{S} \) are reversed. This forces the AUT output to the common-mode voltage limit of opposite polarity. The output of the SHS thus becomes

\[
V_{\text{SHS}} = A_{\text{CL}} \Delta V_{\text{os}},
\]

so that
6. Common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR) and the power-supply rejection ratio (PSRR) are measured by manipulating $V_{cc}$ and $V_s$ values and polarities.

$$\text{CMRR} = \frac{\text{(common-mode voltage range)}}{V_{os}}$$  \hspace{1.5cm} (12)

measured in a similar way, except that equal $V_{cc}$ voltages are used. During the first test, low $V_{cc}$ values are used and the corresponding $A_{cl}V_{os}$ value is stored in the SHS capacitor. During the second test, high $V_{cc}$ values are used, and the SHS output becomes

$$V_{SHS} = A_{cl}V_{os}$$

so that

$$\text{PSRR} = \frac{\text{(power supply voltage range)}}{V_{os}}$$  \hspace{1.5cm} (13)

During the PSRR tests, the AUT output is kept at zero. Also, care should be taken in using Eqs. 12 and 13, since the $V_{os}$ values are different in these equations.

Some practical tips

Finally, some practical advice: When using or designing automated test equipment for checking op amps, you can cut testing time considerably with sensible programming. Several tests, for instance, can be carried out simultaneously. Thus if the $V_{cc}$ voltages during the PSRR test are minimum and maximum, then you automatically verify the $V_{cc}$ operational limits. During the CMRR test, you can also verify the common-mode or input-voltage, $V_{IN}$, limits.

The test configurations themselves suggest several op-amp uses. The basic configuration in Fig. 1, for example, is very similar to an op amp in the inverting mode with gain. The only difference is that the input resistor of the inverting amplifier is grounded, instead of being connected to a voltage source. Source resistors, load resistors and even a second closed-loop gain position can be controlled by solid-state switches.
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By modifying a FORTRAN program called RFAMP, you can simplify and speed the design of i-f amplifiers that use transistors and ICs. With the modifications, the program can do the following:

- Accept either s or y parameters.
- Generate design curves for a fixed source and variable load specified by the designer.
- Compute and print out power gain.
- Design matching networks for matched or mismatched applications.

Subroutines modify RFAMP

The new program capabilities can be installed by adding program statements to the original RFAMP1 and by adding subprograms after RFAMP’s END statement. The subprograms can be debugged separately, thereby saving time, since it’s easier to debug several subprograms individually, rather than collectively, within a large program.

The subprograms are of the FORTRAN SUBROUTINE type, and each consists of a name, a list of arguments, program statements—such as computation, printing—a RETURN statement and an END statement (see SUBROUTINE STY, program steps 51700-56700). All required outputs are defined in the subroutine list of arguments. The subprogram is brought into operation with a CALL statement, which has the name of the subroutine and a list of arguments that serve as input and output variables. For example, subprogram STY is listed: SUBROUTINE STY (PI, G11, B11, G12, B12, G21, B21, G22, B22, ZO, XK, FREQ). The corresponding call is CALL STY (PI, G11, B11, G12, B12, G21, B21, G22, B22, ZO, XK, FREQ), where PI is the input variable and G11 through FREQ are output variables.

Although the names of the arguments are the same for SUBROUTINE STY and its CALL statement, this is not essential. Each argument, however, must have a one-to-one correspondence with the other. This is essential because the arguments are used to transfer data back and forth between the main program and subprogram and for storing desired results.

The RETURN statement transfers control back to the main program from which the subprogram was called.

Convert s parameters to y for analysis

The ability to convert s parameters to y is very handy, since devices often are characterized by s parameters only. This feature is added by creating a FORTRAN SUBROUTINE STY

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### The modified RFAMP program

**Program Name**: RFAMP  
**Purpose**: Analysis of a device by its scattering parameters  
**Input**: Network parameters  
**Output**: Network parameters  
**Features**: Interactive data by load variation

#### Comments
- The program is designed to analyze a device using its scattering parameters.  
- It provides an interactive feature to analyze the network parameters.  
- The program includes comments to guide the user through its operation.

#### Source Code

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10 PRINT "ENTER ANALYSIS"
20 READ R11
30 PRINT "ENTER PARAMETER TYPE I-F"/ 
40 PRINT "PARAMETER TYPE A TO ENTER PARAMETERS"/
50 PRINT "A TO GO TO OPTION CONTINUE " 
60 PRINT "A TO STOP,"/
70 PRINT "A TO "/
80 CONTINUE
90 CALL SF(P)  
100 CALL SF(P)  
110 CONTINUE
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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A matching network design capability is particularly important for these two classes of designs:

1. Maximum power transfer (input matched to the source, output matched to the load).
2. Less than maximum power transfer (mismatched load or source terminations, or both).

For the maximum-power transfer case, ZMATCH\(^1\) is added to RFAMP as a subroutine. For designs involving less than maximum power transfer, another subroutine, DMATCH, is written for the circuit configurations in Fig. 3. The required inputs for the DMATCH are actual load (or source) resistance, \(R_L(s)\), output (or input) impedance of the device to be matched—\(R_m, C_m\)—desired transformed load (or source) resistance, \(R_p\), loaded Q and the operating frequency, FREQ. The program computes L, C and CA for the network. With these built-in matching-network subprograms, you can match stages previously analyzed in RFAMP without loading or running another program.

### Expand option control

The addition of new capabilities to RFAMP calls for an expanded option control. First, a new option list is added at the beginning of the program (steps 1200-2100). The list allows selection of the following options by typing a number, 1 to 4, when requested ENTER N by the computer:

- If a 1 is typed, s parameters enter for analysis.
- If a 2 is typed, y parameters enter for analysis.
- If a 3 is typed, the program goes to the option for matching network designs by DMATCH or ZMATCH. At this level of option control, DMATCH and ZMATCH are selected by typing 17 or 19, respectively.
- If a 4 is entered, the program STOPS.

Another expansion of the option selection is the addition of choices—17 for DMATCH, 18 for ITERATIVE DESIGN, and 19 for ZMATCH—to the original 16 options in RFAMP (steps 21400, 21500).

With this option-control flexibility, the designer can design matching networks after the two-port analysis or without such an analysis. The designer can also add new features to the program, because of the modular construction, by adding subroutines and appropriately expanding the option selection lists.

To demonstrate how modified RFAMP can be

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... (program steps 51700-56700) that accepts the following data:

- Magnitude and phase angles for the s parameters.
- ZO, the normalizing impedance (also the impedance of the s-parameter measuring setup).
- XK, the required Stern's stability factor.
- FREQ, the frequency of interest.

When the SUBROUTINE is CALLED, it converts the s into y parameters by means of conversion formulas; prints out the real and imaginary parts of the y's and then returns to RFAMP with these new y parameters, XK and FREQ for analysis.

### Generate the design-curve data

Several curves are extremely useful for mismatched designs where tradeoffs such as noise figure, power gain, stability and ease of alignment must be made for different source and load terminations. Such curves include power gain (dB), Stern's stability factor, sensitivity and others as functions of a given source conductance and a range of loads (Figs. 1 and 2). The data for these curves are generated in the modified RFAMP by entering source conductance, GS, initial and final load conductances, GLI and GLF, and the number of desired points (increments). The program steps for this modification are 900-1000, 5100-6100 and 19200-19300.

The ability to compute and print out power gain is particularly important in multistage designs, where the first stage is designed for transducer gain and all others for power gain. Power gain is easily computed (steps 16900-18200) in terms of standard RFAMP parameters.
used, let's design a two-stage i-f amplifier with an over-all transducer gain of 68.3 dB, an operating frequency of 40.884 MHz, and source and load terminal conductances of 2000 ohms.

Designing an i-f amplifier

Step 1. The first stage is designed by using the y parameters of a 2N4416 JFET in RFAMP. The program indicates that the FET is potentially unstable at 40.884 MHz. The stage is stabilized by neutralizing the FET feedback and socket capacitances (if a socket is used). By combining the neutralization and tuning-coil losses and stray capacitances with the JFET y parameters to form a new set of y parameters, and by using RFAMP's iterative design option, we generate the data for the design curves of transducer gain in decibels (Fig. 1). For source and load terminal conductances of 2000 ohms, the measured gain is within 2 dB of the calculated value.

Step 2. The second i-f stage is designed using the y parameters (s parameters are also available) for the MC1590G amplifier, an IC unit suitable for high-gain i-f applications. The program indicates that the MC1590G is potentially unstable but that high power gains with good stability can be achieved by mismatching (Fig. 2).

Step 3. By considering various factors, such as noise figure, stability and ease of alignment, and by knowing the device input and output terminal properties, we can design matching networks in RFAMP by using DMATCH. The amplifier design requires that a 50-ohm generator be transformed to a 2000-ohm source to match the input impedance of the 2N4416 (6542 ohms in parallel with 2.76 pF) and to provide a Q of 10. The circuit configuration of Fig. 3b is chosen, the DMATCH selection is made (for less than maximum power transfer), and, upon request, all the necessary inputs to calculate the matching network components are provided.

The measured 68.3-dB gain compares very closely with the computed value of 66.7 for the selected terminal conductances.

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These filters consist of the usual active and passive components in a specific configuration, but the resistance values are variable. As a result, the cutoff frequency, \( f_0 \), and damping ratio, \( \xi \)—both simple functions of the resistance values—can be selected to meet design requirements. An added feature of tuneable filters is that one filter configuration can be used to obtain Butterworth, Bessel or other functional characteristics.

Use of the noninverting circuit is suggested (Fig. 1—top). This filter features the minimum of active elements, the minimum of passive elements, the minimum offset voltage with temperature and the best passband gain accuracy of all configurations. And the filter can be used for high-pass or low-pass applications.

The two resistors in the circuit can be varied to obtain, independently, a design cutoff frequency damping ratio (Fig. 1—bottom). The amplitude response, phase response and transfer function are then determined by the formulas shown. These formulas are plotted in Figs. 2 to 4 as functions of \( f_0 \) and \( \xi \).

The sharpest attenuation (Fig. 2) is obtained with the Butterworth characteristic and \( \xi = (1/2) \sqrt{2} \). The Butterworth characteristic is convenient to implement, since \( R_1 \) equals \( R_2 \) in the low-pass case and \( 2R_2 \) in the high-pass case. Other curves shown are the Bessel curve \( (\xi = 1/2) \sqrt{3} \) and the RC curve \( (\xi = 1) \). The at-

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1. A noninverting configuration with variable resistances can be used as a tuneable active filter (top). In high-pass or low-pass applications, \( f_0 \) and \( \xi \) are independently adjustable (bottom).

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The ideal phase characteristic (Fig. 3) is obtained with the Bessel curve: phase delay vs frequency is linear in the range $0 < f < 0.6 f_c$. The ultimate phase delay becomes $\pi$ radians, or $180^\circ$, for all values of $\xi$ as $f \to \infty$ (low-pass) and $f \to 0$ (high-pass).

The step response of the Butterworth characteristic displays 4.3% peak overshoot (Fig. 4). The RC filter has zero overshoot but a relatively long response time. The best compromise, when response time and overshoot are both critical, is usually the Bessel.

A tuning range factor of 200 for the cutoff frequency and damping ratio can be readily achieved. One of the practical limitations on the range of tuning is the increase of the offset voltage with temperature because of the increase in $R_{\text{nom}}$.

An appropriate upper limit of the tuning resistance is $R_{\text{nom}} = 10 \, M\Omega$ (Fig. 5). This limit is set by the initial offset, which cannot be trimmed to zero over a range of greater than $\pm 10 C$ at this value.

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Two 2N2412s act as current sources (Fig. 2) to charge the two timing capacitors C1 and C2. The charging current, $I_E$, is related to the $V_s$ control voltage by the equation:

$$I_E = \frac{V_{cc} - 0.7 - V_s}{R_e}$$

Experimental results show the frequency of operation, $f$, to be given by the approximation:

$$f \approx \frac{I_E}{8C}$$

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In the conventional cross-coupled multivibrator, start-up cannot be guaranteed when the base current is generated from a different supply than the collectors. If the base current is applied first, both transistors saturate and the circuit will not start. This can be averted by the inclusion of four diodes, as shown in the diagram. No other departures from normal design are required, but to maintain loop gain, the collector current must be greater than five times the base current.

A stable saturated state cannot occur now; the feedback diodes will insure that the transistors do not bottom but will be held in a linear state until oscillations occur. For the circuit to work, the \((V_{ee})_{sat}\) of the transistors must be less than 0.6 V. If the \((V_{ee})_{sat}\) is guaranteed at less than 0.3 V, then the base diode may be omitted, so long as the feedback diode is a germanium gold-bonded type or, in general, if

\[ V_{be} - V_D > (V_{ee})_{sat}. \]

As a secondary advantage, base-emitter breakdown of the transistor cannot occur either, because it is protected by series diodes.

If the capacitor is connected directly to the base, then the constriction on base and collector currents no longer applies. Each transistor now saturates on switching but subsequently returns to the linear state. This change of voltage in one transistor is transmitted to the base of the other, which is prematurely triggered. This causes a discontinuity in the base current-frequency relationship.

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Circuit eliminates input offset in a common-base amplifier

Here is a circuit for maintaining the input of a common-base amplifier at ground potential. An op amp in the circuit automatically adjusts the bias of a diode (see diagram). If used in place of the usual potentiometer, the op amp guarantees that the voltage drop across diode CR1 will track the base-emitter voltage of transistor Q1 with changes in temperature or power-supply voltage. The base-emitter offset in Q1 (and hence the input offset) is cancelled. This allows the common-base amplifier to be used without introducing an offset voltage at the signal input.

Resistors R4 and R6 and the forward-biased base-emitter junction of Q1 act as a feedback path for op amp A1, forcing the voltages at the amplifier's positive and negative inputs to be within 6 mV of each other. The input voltages are nearly identical, because R4 and R5 are equal in value and because the op amp bias currents are nearly equal. For the S5556 op amp, the 6 mV offset results from the offset voltage of the op amp input. The op-amp offset can be corrected by a nulling circuit.

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vented from affecting the high-frequency response of Q1 by resistor R4. Since the 3-MΩ input impedance of A1 compares with less than 15 Ω for Q1, the op amp has no appreciable affect on the gain of Q1 at any frequency. Resistor R7 biases CR1. This allows A1 to supply sufficient current for the voltage drop of diode CR1 to cancel the base-emitter voltage drop of Q1. Resistor R6 limits the output current of A1 to its rated value. Diode CR1 prevents oscillations in Q1.


CIRCLE No. 313

**Ideas for Design**

**Convert four-bit-binary to binary-coded decimal**

Although the sixteen states of a four-bit binary signal can be displayed using four indicators and may be read with a little practice, a decimal display is much more convenient. Gating circuitry can be used to convert the four-line binary signal to a four-line binary-coded-decimal (BCD) signal, with BCD-ten signals on a fifth line. Applications exist primarily where the binary signal is already available, since four additional integrated-circuit packages are required for the conversion, as opposed to one extra package if a BCD counter is to be used.

The circuitry is implemented by using one triple three-input NAND gate and three quad two-input NAND gates. The quad two-input NAND gates, however, are used as four two-input NAND gates, four inverters and three two-input negative-true NOR gates. The logic diagram is shown in the figure.

This circuitry will also decode a divide-by-twelve counter signal if the counter is configured in a +2, +2, -3 sequence (e.g., S8288A), so that it counts in normal binary fashion.

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Stop ac motors with triac control

A triac motor control used to drive an ac motor can also bring the motor to a dead stop in less than one revolution. The braking technique employs a timed dc pulse train to the motor field at the conclusion of the drive cycle. Since the generated locking torque adjusts to the horsepower rating, the technique will work with any size motor.

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Diodes $CR_1$ and $CR_2$ form a poor man's OR gate and also prevent circuit damage in the event that MT-2 shorts to the gate. The $M_0$ and $M_o$ drive signals are supplied from a TTL logic system. A positive $M_0$ signal causes $Q_3$ to switch a steady dc bias into $Q_i$’s gate. $Q_3$ fires over an angular range of 360°, placing an ac voltage across the motor. When $M_o$ is removed, its complement, $M_o$, triggers the one-shot to place a 0.1 s dc pulse on $Q_i$’s base. $Q_2$ then switches its half-wave supply into $Q_i$’s gate. Since this gate signal is in phase with the motor supply, it causes $Q_i$ to force a similar half-wave pulse train through the motor field which instantly locks the rotor.

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The µA735 micropower op amp (A1) has no external speed-retarding compensation circuitry. Also, a somewhat unorthodox capacitor connection between pins 5 and 8 further increases switching speed and reduces power consumption. The UC4250 op amp (A2) is connected as a voltage splitter to provide positive and negative voltages with respect to the output reference point. This arrangement assures perfect tracking.

The reverse-biased emitter junction of Q1 forms a stable, low-current zener diode for the constant-current source Q2. When input voltages down to 6 V are used, a low-voltage zener should be substituted for Q1, and R2 should be adjusted to give an I0 of 10 µA.

The output voltage is determined by varying resistor R1. Inductor L1 is a 10-mH subminiature unit with a dc resistance of 90 Ω.

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In fact, Exact's Model 7060 and a Model 144 put out by Wavetek of San Diego have shared the bulk of the high-performance waveform market to date. Interstate Electronics of Anaheim, Calif., has also been a factor with its Model F52. While the Wavetek 144 is quoted at $845, the Exact 7060 at $845 and the Interstate F52 at $795, the Microdot 511 costs only $695.

It's only fair to note, though, that the Wavetek and Exact instruments have internal sweep and the Interstate and Microdot units don't. However, Microdot is the only one to offer an output amplifier with a square wave risetime of less than 10 ns, as opposed to 20 ns for competitors. This amplifier can be used by itself through the application of a signal to the EXT IN jack on the front of the instrument. It is linear up to 50 MHz.

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All waveform generators in this class also provide a triggered gate input. This allows for tone burst generation, or for the calling of one or more cycles of any particular waveform.

In addition to the 511, Microdot is also introducing a lower-performance, 10-MHz waveform generator called the 510 and a 5-MHz waveform generator called the 501. They are priced at $495 and $395, respectively. When lined up against their respective competitors, these generators also come in at a lower price with competitive features. All three of the new Microdot waveform generators use a similar package design.

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Desk calculator features 8-digits 2x5x9-in. size


The Models 8K and 8M electronic calculators combine a standard sized keyboard with a large, bright display to give a full time desk calculator that will fit in a briefcase. The Model 8K features: four functions with floating and fixed decimal point selection; constant multiply/divide key and true credit balance. The display is an easy to read 8-digit display with overflow indicator, automatic leading zero suppression and 100,000 hour life expectancy. The unit uses single multi-function LSI chip. The Model 8M which is aimed at the mass consumer market, has the same features as the Model 8K with exceptions of having floating decimal only and no constant multiply/divide capability.

CIRCLE NO. 336
Dual-trace 10 MHz scope is portable

Tektronix, Inc., P.O. Box 500, Beaverton, Ore. (503) 644-0161.
$1650.

Model 326 oscilloscope combines dual-trace convenience and portability in a small, rugged battery-operated package measuring 3.9 in. by 8.6 in. by 13.6 in. and weighing less than 12 lbs. Bandwidth is 10 MHz at 10 mV/div, dropping to 5 MHz at 1 mV/div. Sweep rate extends to 0.1 µs/div. Signal delay allows viewing the display leading edge. Internal batteries provide up to 4 hours operation, but external dc source of 7.2 V to 32 V may be used. The 326 is manufactured by Sony/Tektronix Corp., Tokyo.

CIRCLE NO. 337

Digital panel meter has Numitron display

Electro-Numereics Corp., 2961 Corvin Dr., Santa Clara, Calif. (408) 738-1840. $200-$400; stock.

A full 4-1/2-digit panel meter, the Model 375, has a single plane display that is brighter, can be viewed at wider angles and is useful in higher ambient light levels. Its color can be changed with light filters. Both dual-slope integration and true digital storage are provided in the Model 375. The display can be tested to see that all segments are working by simply removing the bezel and shorting two traces together at the front of the printed circuit card.

CIRCLE NO. 338

Single input microwave counter handles 18 GHz


The 5340A automatically measures frequencies from dc to 18 GHz through a 50 Ω input connector. The instrument triggers on signals as low as -35 dBm to 12.4 GHz and -25 dBm to 18 GHz. The display shows eight digits with automatically positioned decimal point in units of kHz, MHz or GHz. A front-panel switch selects display resolution from 1 Hz to 1 MHz. Finer resolution at the higher frequencies is obtained by overflowing the most significant digit of the display. The counter handles signals from -35 dBm to +7 dBm. Damage level is high: typically +30 dBm ±7 V dc.

CIRCLE NO. 339

Checker tests junctions of solid-state devices

Kurz-Kasch, Inc., 1421 S. Broadway, Dayton, Ohio. (513) 223-8161. $44.95.

The JV-1505 checks the operating condition of any junction on most solid-state devices in use. The JV-1505 tests for: junction open; junction shorted; junction conducting; and direction of current flow. The tester can be directly connected in circuits of 10 µF shunt capacitance or less and 1500 Ω shunt resistance or more. The tester uses a unique digital technique that samples both forward and reverse current. Results are displayed on illuminated-diode symbols on the front panel.

CIRCLE NO. 340

Data test set measures transmission errors

Computing Devices of Canada Ltd., sub. of Control Data Corp., P.O. Box 8508, Ottawa, Canada. (613) 829-1800.

Data test set DTS-101 measures bit and block error-counts and turn-around time on data transmission facilities. A choice of 16 baud rates are selected from the front panel control. Error counts and turn-around time are indicated on a three-LED display indicating from 0 to 999 plus overflow. The unit features a selectivity of four pseudo-random word lengths, reversals, continuous spacing and continuous marking.

CIRCLE NO. 341

DPM has floating differential inputs

Analogic, Audubon Rd., Wakefield, Mass. Phone: (617) 246-0300. P&A: $95 (100 quantities); stock to 3 wks.

Analogic's new 3-1/2 digit DPM features 0.1% accuracy at low-cost. Typical stability is 55 ppm/C over 0 to 50 C. The true instrumentation-type floating differential input is available for both unipolar and bipolar inputs. Full scale including overrange is 1.999 V or 199.9 mV. The unit operates from 100 to 240 V ac and, occupying only 19.7 in.3 behind the panel, is fully serviceable from the front.

CIRCLE NO. 342

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CIRCLE NO. 343
If you've been looking for a miniature crystal-controlled clock oscillator in a 14 pin DIP package to fit standard PC board sockets, stop looking and start ordering. Get details on model K1091A from Motorola Component Products Dept. 4545 W. Augusta Blvd. Chicago, Ill. 60651. **MOTOROLA**

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CIRCLE NO. 345

Digital multimeter is frequency counter

California Instruments Co., 5150 Convoy St., San Diego, Calif. (714) 279-8620.

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Hickok Electrical Instrument Co., 10514 Dupont Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. (216) 541-8060, $780; Stock.

The DP170/3202P resistance bridge provides 3-digit resolution over its 10 decade ranges from 1 Ω to 1000 MΩ. Overranging is 100% on the eight most sensitive ranges 1 Ω to 10 MΩ. Accuracy is nominally 0.1% of reading ±0.1% of range. Maximum power to the device under test ranges from 100 nW on the 1000-MΩ range to 2.5 mW on the 1-Ω range.

CIRCLE NO. 349

Logic card tester makes field checks

Data Test Corp., 822 Challenge Dr., Concord, Calif. (415) 689-3583. $3750; 30 days.

The Model 2000, a portable digital logic-card tester, features a hand-held, high-temperature probe for inspection and diagnostic analysis. Boards are tested by plugging them into universal connector mounting hardware. Overlay templates for the matrix switch permit rapid set-up of internal circuitry. The Model 2000 tests each output or intermediate point in a digital circuit by displaying, on the probe, the number of truth table transitions occurring between the inputs and the connection probed.

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INSTRUMENTATION

Frequency meter spans 100 kHz to 105 MHz


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CIRCLE NO. 351

Digital multimeter has 10 µV resolution

Data Precision Co., Audubon Rd., Wakefield, Mass. (617) 246-1600. $680-$775; stock to 30 days.

The Series 2400 4-1/2 digit multimeter has a range of 0.10000 V full scale extending to 0.12000 V on a 20% overrange. An optional feature provides ultra-stable operation, including a six months stability of ±0.01% reading ±1 LSD, and a temperature coefficient of ±0.001% of reading ±0.001% of full scale per degree, from 0 to 50 C. The Series 2400 instruments have Tri-Phasic data conversion, Iso-Polar referencing circuitry, high common-mode and normal-mode rejection ratios, auto-ranging, external trigger and range capabilities, and isolated BCD output.

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| With calibrated and automatically leveled output, model 8654A signal generator covers the range from 10 to 512 MHz. Extensive rf shielding allows receiver sensitivity measurements at the 1-µV level. Calibrated power levels between +3 dBm and −120 dBm into a 50 Ω load are automatically held constant to ±1 dB over the entire frequency range. Internal oscillators provide AM or FM at 400 and 1000 Hz. | A temperature-humidity chamber has been added to the company's existing line of bench-top environmental test cabinets. It offers work space dimensions of five cubic feet and has a temperature range of −100 to +350 F. The chamber is furnished complete, ready for the buyer to plug into ordinary 208/230 volt single phase power. Also, no external vapor hook-up is required. | Series 2350 digital capacitance meter measures capacitance continuously and automatically with readout on a 3-1/2 digit display. The device has both analog and optional BCD outputs. Readings are unaffected by cable capacitance or stray coupling to ground. Difference or deviation measurements can be made to 0.001 pF. Series 2350 measures capacitors from 0.1 to 200 pF. With the 2351 unit, range is extended to 2000 pF.

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INSTRUMENTATION

Meter measures phase and amplitude to 13 MHz


The Model 3575A gain and phase meter has an 80-dB dynamic range from 1 Hz to 13 MHz. Input signal levels from 0.2 mV to 20 V are handled. Phase and amplitude accuracies depend upon frequency and signal level. At signal levels less than 10 kHz and 20 mV, phase accuracy is ±0.5 degrees. Amplitude accuracy, above about 2 mV and below 1 MHz is ±1 dB. Resolution of the digital readout is 0.1 degree for phase, and 0.1 dB for amplitude. Reading rate is 4 per second. With a 10:1 divider probe, signals up to 200 volts can be measured.

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Fairchild Semiconductor Components, 464 Ellis St., Mountain View, Calif. (415) 962-3816. $1.47-$3.26 (100-999).

Eight second-source SSI devices are the first Schottky TTL products to be announced by Fairchild. These super high-speed devices are designated as the 9S series and are designed as pin-for-pin replacements for 54/74 and 9N series standard TTL/SSI units. The devices have typical gate propagation delays of only 3 ns and typical power dissipation of only 22 mW per gate. The new units also offer high noise margin and fanout (more than 10 TTL unit loads) and are completely compatible with other TTL products.

CIRCLE NO. 359

MOS shift registers are bipolar-compatible

Signetics, 811 E. Arques Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif. (408) 739-7700. $3.00 (250-999); stock.

Two MOS static shift registers—one a dual 128-bit device (2521 V) and the other a dual 132-bit register (2522 V)—are designed for use in low-cost sequential access memories, static buffer memories, line storage for CRT refresh memories, in-line printers and cassette recorders. Push-pull outputs are featured in these integrated circuits, and a recirculation path for logic is included on the chips of both ICs. Typical clock rate is 2 MHz. Typical input load and clock leakage currents are 10 nA and power supply current is 28 mA during continuous operation. The data input and clock capacitances are less than 5 pF.

CIRCLE NO. 360

Transistors switch 0.25 to 10 A in 200 ns

Kertron, Inc., 7516 Central Industrial Dr., Riviera Beach, Fla. (305) 848-9606. KS6128: $18 (100 quantities); KS6130: $22 (100 quantities); stock.

High-current, fast-switching transistors have been added to the KS6100 line. The new devices, designated KS6127-30, offer increased current capability but still switch in less than 200 ns. The KS6127-8 (80 V and 40 V) switch at 15 A and the KS6129-0 (80 V and 40 V) at 20 A.

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ICs & SEMICONDUCTORS

Planar diodes have AuSi eutectic die-mounts

Solitron Devices, Inc., 1177 Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera Beach, Fla. (305) 848-4311. Stock.

A series of 5 A planar diodes feature fast recovery characteristics. The diodes, identified as the SDD500 Series and packaged in a DO-4 case, are the only ones of their type now available to the industry for hi-rel switching applications, including missiles, satellites and unmanned space flights. Features of these diodes are fast recovery (150 ns at 5 A); low leakage current (15 µA at 200 °C); $V_{BR}$ to 200 V.

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SOS/MOS device features 2 pA leakage

Inselek, University Park Plaza, 743 Alexander Rd., Princeton, N.J. (609) 452-2222. $19.50 to $36.73 (1-9 quantities).

The first MOS device with pico amp leakage and voltage matching of less than 10 mV uses silicon-on-sapphire technology. The L03 is a SOS/MOS multi-transistor featuring 2 pA leakage characteristics while at the same time offering a voltage matching capability on the order of 50 mV for the standard product. The excellent tracking between pairs of transistors in the L03 and L03M enable it to be used effectively as a high input impedance unity gain buffer in conventional op amps. The essential difference between conventional bulk silicon technology and SOS is the true dielectric isolation provided by the sapphire and the elimination of nonlinear capacitances at the input and output terminals.

Voltage comparator has monolithic form

Intersil, 10900 N. Tantau Ave., Cupertino, Calif. (408) 257-5450. 8001C, $3.00; 8001M, $11.50; 100 quantities.

A monolithic IC voltage comparator, called the 8001 Precision Comparator, comes in two versions: the 8001M for operation over a temperature range from $-55$ °C to $+125$ °C, and the 8001C for use between 0 °C and $+70$ °C. Input bias current for the 8001M at $+25$ °C is 40 nA typical, and 250 nA maximum over the entire military temperature range. Typical power consumption is 30 mW, typical response time is 250 ns. Offset voltage drift is 2 µV/C.

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235-A SCR can be used to 10 kHz

International Rectifier Corp., Semiconductor Div., 233 Kansas St., El Segundo, Calif. (213) 678-6281. $63.10 (100-999 quantities); stock.

A 600 V, 235 A rms, SCR, the Type 151RF, features high speed and high dV/dt. The turn-off time is 20 µs, dV/dt is 200 V/µs and dI/dt is 300 A/µs. These characteristics, combined with low turn-on losses, make the SCRs suitable up to 10 kHz.
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Specifying tips

The next time you order monolithics, here's a helpful hint. It's usually best to specify attenuation boundaries rather than bandwidth, since these are easily related to information transmission and selectivity requirements. We have a sheet filled with all the details that's yours for the asking. We'll also be glad to discuss design trade-offs.

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Line of 2-A transistors have gain up to 120

Kertron Inc., 7516 Central Industrial Dr., Riviera Beach, Fla. (305) 848-9606. $2-$15; stock.

A 2-A series is added to the company's planar power line. Designated KSP1300 through KSP-1396, these transistors range in gain (hfe) from 20 to 120 at 0.5 A and 5 V, and have breakdown voltages up to 300 V. There are 8 families in the KSP1300 series giving a cross-matrix of the above gain and voltage ratings along with a choice of TO-39, TO-66, or TO-3 package.

CIRCLE NO. 366

Registers contain command controls


A 512-bit recirculating, dynamic shift register, the 2524 V, and a 1024-bit version, the 2525 V, are now available in quantity from Signetics. Both registers operate at a typical clock rate of 5 MHz. Power dissipation is 150 µW per bit at 1 MHz, and clock capacitance is 80 pF in the 512-bit register, 160 pF in the 1024-bit version.

CIRCLE NO. 367

TTL shift registers operate to 30 MHz

Texas Instruments, Inc., 13500 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Tex. (713) 484-5115. $4.20-$9.72 (100 quantities).

Two dc-coupled TTL IC 4-bit shift registers, designated the SNB4/74178 and SN54/74179, are functional replacements for the 8270 and 8271 currently on the market. Closely controlled clock rise and fall times as well as external clamping of the clock input are eliminated since these two shift registers are dc coupled. Additionally, the registers provide fully buffered inputs and full 54/74 TTL fan-out of 10 compared to a fan-out of only 7 for the 8270 and 8271 when normalized to 54/74 loads.

CIRCLE NO. 368

KA-band p-i-n diode has 500 GHz cut-off

Hughes Aircraft Co., P.O. Box 90515, Los Angeles, Calif. (213) 670-1515. $50-$500; 45 days.

An ion-implanted silicon p-i-n diode, the model P3501U-H, is designed for phase shifter, switching and variable attenuation applications at frequencies through 42 GHz. The high cut-off frequency permits an insertion loss of less than 2 dB to be obtained in a 180° phase shifter circuit, and an even lower loss when used as a switch.

CIRCLE NO. 369

Isowatt package lessens triac heat problems

RCA Solid State Div., Route 202, Somerville, N.J. (201) 722-3200. 40900, 88¢; 40901, 98¢; 40902, $1.14 (1000 quantities); stock.

Three 8-A triacs use an isolated-tab package to improve heat transfer. The Model 40900, 40901 and 40902 use a plastic case with three leads that are electrically isolated from the mounting flange. This external isolation permits the triac to be attached directly to a heat sink. With the insulating layer eliminated the heat-sink size is reduced. The three triacs are designed for operation with a 24-V ac line, a 120-V ac line, or lower voltages.

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CIRCLE NO. 371

Optical switch offers 2 channels

HEI, Inc., Jonathan Industrial Center, Chaska, Minn. (612) 926-2721. $7.10 ea. (1000 quantities). Stock to 4 wks.

A dual-channel version of the optical switch has a standard configuration with an LED/photo-transistor pair. The dual channel optical switch is also available with photo-darlington transistors. The phototransistor models come with or without an amplifier and a Schmitt trigger.

CIRCLE NO. 372

Op amp features less than 1 µV/C drift

Optical Electronics Inc., P.O. Box 11140, Tucson, Ariz. (602) 624-3858. $68: (1); $62: (3-9); $56 (10-29); stock.

The Model 9815, a low-drift op amp, has less than ±0.1 µV/C input offset drift, and an initial input offset voltage of less than ±30 µV without external trimming. The 9815 approaches the ideal op amp in other respects as well, such as an input noise voltage of less than 10 mV/√Hz and an open loop gain greater than 120 dB.

CIRCLE NO. 373

Computer memory first commercial SOS type


A commercial silicon-on-sapphire (SOS) computer memory is introduced by Inselek. It is believed to be the first commercial type. The memory, a random-access type, has a capacity of 64 bits. It is organized into 16 words x 4 bits per word, and is fully compatible with TTL circuits at all inputs and outputs. Typical access time is less than 60 ns, with a read cycle of 85 ns. Power dissipation is less than 0.7 mW per bit.

CIRCLE NO. 374

Power transistor from combined processes

Solitron Devices, Inc., 1177 Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera Beach, Fla. (305) 848-4311. $10 (100 quantities); stock.

A 20 A, 200 V nnp silicon power transistor is produced by combining 3 semiconductor processes. Identified as the 2N6216 and 2N6217 series, it delivers the advantages of each process, according to the company. By combining these three processes into a single TO-3 unit, typical features include planar process for reliability, low fT speed to eliminate unwanted oscillations and fast switching with low storage time.

CIRCLE NO. 375

EIA line driver has inhibit, slew control

Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., 464 Ellis St., Mountain View, Calif. (415) 982-3816. 9616-$4.50; 9617-$3.50 (100-999 quantities). The 9616, an EIA line driver, is implemented by an AND/OR/Invert function instead of the positive NAND function used in conventional EIA drivers. This eliminates the need for external gating to perform the inhibit function. The 9616 also features internal slew rate control, which eliminates the need for an external capacitor for each driver. Slew rate is internally limited to a range of 4 to 30 V/µs.

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**415GT:** $6950; **420GT:** $7450; 30 days.

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**Planar core module has 8k x 18 bit capacity**


A planar core memory module contained on a board 7.5 x 8-in. comes in capacities up to 8k x 18 bits. Designated the EM2230, this 3-wire, 3D stack has cycle times to 700 ns and utilizes EM 18 mil extended temperature core and 8192 words per sense line.

**Microprogramming used in display controller**


A low-cost graphic display system is designed for use in process control computer-aided design, simulation, and command and control applications. Designated the ADDS/900, Model L, the basic system includes a digital display controller with microprogramming and subroutine capability, a constant-velocity vector/position generator, a 22-stroke ASCII character generator dual display channel and a 21-inch high-speed graphic CRT display capable of being operated remotely. The expandable Sanders system features up to 128 displayable characters, 16 control characters, 12 display indicator stations, and 360° character and vector rotation.

**32-bit computer claimed industry's cheapest**

*Systems Engineering Labs, 6901 W. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (305) 587-2900. $150,000 to $400,000; July 1972.*

The Systems 85 is as fast, or faster than the XDS Sigma 5 and DEC's PDP-10, but its price tag is anywhere from 20 to 40% below those systems. The Systems 85 is an 850-ns processor with core memory expandable from 8192 to 131,072 words. Memory byte parity and page protection are standard. Like its faster counterpart, the Systems 86 (600-ns), the 85 requires only one instruction to address any bit, byte, halfword, word or double-word in even the largest memory configuration.

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Keyboard entry memory programmer tests ROMs

Spectrum Dynamics Inc., 2200 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (305) 566-4467.

The only universal, keyboard entry memory programmer on the market today has a programming speed of 160 µs plus the number of bits programmed per word times the specified time per bit. Words can be verified or blanks can be checked at a speed of 100 kHz per word. Data capacity is 9 bits per word but is expandable. Address capacity is 9999 words, but is expandable to 99,999 words. Address readout is a four-digit, seven-segment display. The Model 550 will program and verify fusible-link, diode junction-shorting, electrochemical fusing, and floating gate avalanche-injection ROMs both manually and automatically.

CIRCLE NO. 381

Tailor instructions with writable control store


A writable control store (WCS) and a PROM writer allow the minicomputer user to tailor the instruction set of the HP 2100 general purpose computer to meet the unique needs of differing application areas. The control store makes possible easy expansion of HP's 2100 microprocessor-based minicomputer, allows a user to microprogram critical, time-consuming subroutines, or add custom, application-oriented instructions with a resulting increase in performance and savings of core storage. The primary advantage of writable control store is that a preliminary microprogram may be tested and debugged under actual run conditions.

A PROM writer allows a user to convert microprograms developed with writable control store to read-only memory which can then be added to the control section of the CPU. Programmable ROMs provide an economical way to reproduce debugged instruction extensions once the changeable feature of WCS is no longer required. Like WCS, the PROM writer is located on a single card which fits into an I/O slot.

CIRCLE NO. 383

Two-chip calculator is first with memory

Mostek Corp., 1400 Upfield Dr., Carrollton, Tex. (214) 242-1494. Stock.

Two MOS chips contain all the operating and logic circuitry for a complex electronic calculator including memory. This compression of complex calculator logic and operating circuitry into a pair of chips is a major industry first, rivaling Mostek's development a year ago of the first single-chip calculator. The new chips contain the total of nearly 6000 transistors in a logic circuit of over 700 gates and 400 shift register bits. The new ion-implanted MOS calculator pair, designated the MK 5013/5014 P, incorporates 12-digits and four functions with memory.

CIRCLE NO. 382

Disc pack is compatible with IBM 3330 drives

Nashua Corp., 44 Franklin St., Nashua, N.H. (603) 883-7711.

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CIRCLE NO. 385

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CIRCLE NO. 386

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Phelps Dodge Communication Co., 60 Dodge Ave., North Haven, Conn. Phone: (203) 239-3311.

Low VSWR antenna-feed cable assemblies, factory prepared, are offered by Phelps Dodge Communication Co. Assemblies consist of cable pre-cut to length and terminated with connectors, usually type N or EIA. For frequencies between 1.7 and 2.3 GHz, peak VSWRs of 1.08 for 7/8 in. and 1.15 for 1 5/8 in. cables are guaranteed. After the connector is attached, each cable is pressurized to 5 psig with dry nitrogen. The air dielectric cable jacket is either corrugated copper or smooth aluminum.
MODULES & SUBASSEMBLIES

Clock/timer tape options expand controller uses


Two new options—a clock/timer/pacer and an incremental magnetic tape interface—expand the capabilities of the HP Model 2570A Coupler/Controller to include stand-alone data acquisition and storage under timed, paced control. Both of the new options are printed-circuit cards that plug into the standard coupler/controller mainframe. The clock/timer/pacer, Model 12811A, has three principal functions. As a clock, it provides time-of-day output to any data-logging devices which are interfaced to the coupler/controller. As a timer, Model 12811A generates time delays which may be introduced into the coupler/controller program to delay the execution of selected program steps for a preset period of time. As a pacer, it controls the frequency of execution of the entire coupler/controller program. The incremental-magnetic tape interface, Model 12812A, comes in two versions—read-write or write-only.

Power modules feature 5-28 V, 1.2-5 A outputs

TechniPower, Inc., Benrus Center, Ridgefield, Conn. (203) 438-0333. $39.75 (10 or more); stock.

A line of regulated power modules, the "practicals" are available with one to four outputs in an 8-1/2 x 3-1/8 x 2-5/8-in. package. Combined line and load regulation is ±0.5% with 10 mV ripple. Short circuit protection is included, but overvoltage protection is an extra option. Dual output models are designed for op amp applications.

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All of the above catalogs have been revised or updated in the past 7 months. To get the catalog(s) you need, free of charge, circle the product card number shown under each catalog or write, General Electric Company, Miniature Lamp Department, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio 44112.
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Industrial Electronic Engineering Inc., 7720-40 Lemon Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. (213) 787-0811. $9.60 (large quantities); 6-8 wks.

An IC driver/decoder is designed specifically for mating to Series 0340/0345 and Series 0120/0220 readouts. Referred to as Displaymates, this line of decoders has a drive-capability of up to 80 mA at 30 V, allowing use of standard 5, 12, 14 and 28 V.

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CIRCLE NO. 414

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Electronic Design 6, March 16, 1972
Power supply boasts ±0.005% line regulation

Unipower Div., Calif. Linear Circuits, 12741 Los Nietos Rd., Santa Fe Springs, Calif. (213) 698-7991. $30 to $80; stock to 4 wks.

A series of miniature ac to dc power supplies, the Series 400, measures just 1 × 2 × 3-in. and weighs only 9 oz. Accuracy is ±0.01 V dc and zero to full load regulation is 0.02% maximum. Line regulation is ±0.005%; ripple is 0.5 mV rms maximum. The power supplies feature overload and short circuit protection plus current limiting as standard.

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CIRCLE NO. 417

Dpdt miniature relays are in DIP package

Potter & Brumfield, 1200 E. Broadway, Princeton, Ind. (812) 385-5251. $8.35.

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Aries Electronics Inc., P.O. Box 231, Frenchtown, N.J. (201) 996-6200. 29¢ to $1.00; stock.

A new line of 14- and 16-pin solder and wire-wrap DIP sockets are molded with tapered, press-in buttons for rapid assembly. The socket is pushed into mating holes in the PC board. The buttons hold the socket in place prior to wave or dip soldering, thus eliminating screws, rivets or other attaching hardware.
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Designed to be wire wrapped, the Hewlett-Packard 5082-4880 series light-emitting diodes are the first offered for solderless, socketless assembly. The new series is designed with 0.7-in. long, 25 by 25 mil cross section leads which can be wire wrapped with Gardner-Denver Models 14R2, 14XL1, 14XA2 or equivalent. They can be panel or printed-circuit board mounted and the leads wire-wrapped directly without using a socket. Stiff leads are on 0.1-in. centers. A simple snap-in clip is available for panel mounting. The 5082-4880 series is available in three light levels, each with three different lenses. Light levels available are 0.5, 1.0 and 1.6 millicandles.

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Photomultiplier claims highest sensitivity

RCA, Electronic Components, 415 S. Fifth St., Harrison, N.J. (201) 485-3900. $975 (1-9 quantities); 90 days.

The Quantacon photomultiplier boasts the highest known photocathode sensitivity in the industry over the near ultraviolet to near infrared range. The RCA developmental type C31034A utilizes a GaAs photocathode, an ultraviolet transmitting glass window, and high stability copper-beryllium dynodes. The spectral response range is 200 to 930 nanometers. Luminous photocathode sensitivities of over 1000 µA per lumen have been obtained.

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COMPONENTS

CRT tube handles bandwidths to 50 MHz

The Inter-Technical Group, Inc.,
P.O. Box 23, Irvington, N.Y. (914) 591-8822

A high-performance mesh pda oscilloscope tube with a 5-1/2-in. diagonal is designed for high bandwidth oscilloscopes in the 30 to 50 MHz range. The all electrostatic tube has a pda ratio of up to 12:1 and is designed for deflection with transistor circuits. Deflection sensitivity at 12 kV is $D_v = 11$ to 14.2 V/cm and $D_y = 4.3$ to 5.4 V/cm. The D14-200 measures 405 mm (max) in length and features an ultrasquare rectangular face that offers a display area of 10 cm by 8 cm.

CIRCLE NO. 440

Miniature lamps are totally rubber encased

APM-Hexseal, 44 Honeck St.,
Englewood, N.J. (201) 589-5700.
Stock.

 Completely rubber encased T-3/4 and T-1 miniature lamps have their upper portion covered with a snug-fitting silicone rubber filter called Silikromes, which conforms to MIL-R-5847, Class III. The base is potted to prevent light leakage through the base and diluting the filter—a common problem with filtered miniature lamp assemblies. Lamp breakage problems are also reduced by the rubber jacket. These filter/lamp assemblies are in red, light blue, green, blue and yellow.

CIRCLE NO. 441

Color-illuminated rocker is protector and switch

Airpax Electronics, Cambridge Div., Woods Rd., Cambridge, Md., (301) 228-4600. $4 each single pole (large quantities); 4-5 wks.

The Series 203 electromagnetic circuit protectors feature a wide selection of color-illuminated rocker arms and combine the function of circuit protection with that of an on/off switch in a small attractive panel-mounted device. Designed for equipment protection using hydraulic inverse time delay, they provide precise trip regardless of ambient temperatures. Features include illuminated single rocker actuator for 1, 2 or 3-pole assemblies, choice of illumination (filament, neon or light emitting diodes), snap-in front panel mounting for fast economical installation (optional flush rear mounting), voltage ratings of 32 V dc, 120 V ac and 250 V ac (50/60 or 400 Hz), current ratings from 0.020 to 20 A and choice of inverse time delay or instant trip.

Booth No. 3121  Circle No. 305

Miniature rocker switches rated at 5 A

JBT Instruments, P.O. Box 1818, 424 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn. (203) 772-2220. Stock.

Rocker switches in 1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-pole, double throw models, feature terminals for solder or for solderless wire-wrap, and for right angle or direct PC board insertion. Characteristics include UL rating of 5 A inductive load (0.75 pF) at 125 V ac for most models. Rockers, pinned with heavy-duty rivets, are nylon in three standard colors: red, white, and black, with other colors and custom hot-stamped markings on special order. Bodies are green either DAP or selected phenolic. Mounted with bezel or mounting bracket 0.275-in. wide by 1.156-in. long (scored for snap-off to 0.937-in.) Compact mounting—for instance, six switches mounted side-by-side with 0.03-in. separation between rockers take less than 2-in. panel width.

Booth No. 2223  Circle No. 280
Capacitors combine Ta performance, Al price

Sakata International, Inc., 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. (312) 372-1465. $0.15 to $0.23 (1000-10,000); 5 wks.

Two lines of capacitors combine the performance, tolerances and reliability of solid tantalum units with the price of aluminum electrolytic types. The Alsicon line of aluminum sintered capacitors covers a range of 0.1 to 22 µF; the SP-CON line covers the 4.7 to 1000 µF range. SP-CON units are solid electrolytic capacitors which use an exclusive material and manufacturing process. Similar to tantalum types in their construction, Alsicon capacitors are composed of a sintered aluminum body, a dielectric layer covering the whole internal body surface, and electric contacts made of solid manganese dioxide semiconductor material.

The dissipation factors, leakage current, and operating temperature range of the new units is identical with those of tantalum capacitors, yet they are cheaper, smaller and lighter than aluminum electrolytic units.

Endless cassettes run up to six minutes

TDK Electronics Corp., 23-73 48th St., Long Island City, N. Y. (212) 721-6881. $4.75 - $5.50.

Continuous-play, endless-loop tape cassettes are designed for repeat message applications. Like all endless cassettes, the EC series units are designed to play or record in the forward direction only. Standard EC cassettes are available in three basic message lengths. The EC-1 offers one minute of record/play time, the EC-3 runs for three minutes and the EC-6 for six minutes.

Multi-turn knob has multi-colored caps

European Electronic Products, Corp., 10150 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, Calif. (213) 838-1912.

A multi-turn colored knob allows, for full turns, the coarse scale to have values 0-14. The graduated fine scale, lined with the knob, permits the precise adjustment of one turn into hundredths. The value set can be easily fixed by means of the large locking ring.

Snap-in pushbutton switches rated 3/4 A

Cutler-Hammer Inc., 4201 N. 27th St., Milwaukee, Wis. (414) 442-7800. $0.20 (100 quantities); 4 wks.

The 8423 and 8424 series single pole switches are rated 3.4 A, 125 V, and 1/4 A, 250 V, respectively. The 8419 series has dry circuit applications. Standard design features include Zytel nylon 101 buttons and shrouds; snap-in mounting, normally open or normally closed momentary circuits; screw, solder lug or 0.250-inch spade terminals; silver or gold plated contacts for dry circuit application. A myriad of colors are available, including orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, red, white and rose.

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Miniature readout boasts lowest cost


A tiny new rear-projection readout that takes advantage of a recently introduced driver/decoder to achieve sharply lower operational cost is priced in 1,000 quantities including the C58 lamps at $14.70 each. The new Series 7800 Driver/Decoder (non-memory version) costs just $9.63 for a total operational package cost of $24.33 which compares to about $85.00 for similar packages. Requiring only about as much panel space as a trading stamp, the readout packs 11 message positions, (with character height up to 0.37-in.) each complete with its own light source and optional projection system in a 2 inch long case. Designated the Series 0345, the unit employs a replaceable film mask containing all message intelligence in 11 discrete sections.

Subminiature reed switch handles lamps

Hamlin, Inc., Lake Mills, Wis. (414) 648-2361. $0.15 (large quantities); Stock.

The form A switch, designated as the MAAC-2, was developed to switch lamp or other high-inrush loads. The subminiature size permits extremely close packaging in electrical control systems. Maximum recommended lamp loads are 12 V dc at 0.21 A or 120 V ac at 15 W. Maximum switching voltage is 12 V dc, 0.1 A dc current rating, with breakdown voltage 300 V dc, minimum. Physical dimensions: 1.775-in. nominal length; 0.8-in. maximum glass length; 0.105-in. maximum glass diameter.

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Miniature pushbutton switches are oiltight
Micro Switch Div., Honeywell Inc.,
11 W. Spring St., Freeport, Ill.
(815) 232-1122.

The PW line of industrial miniature oiltight pushbuttons includes lighted and unlighted pushbuttons, indicators, selectors, selector-push devices and key-operated selectors. Elastomer panel seals assure long-term freedom from oil contamination. The industrial switches are designed for 7/8-in.-diameter panel mounting holes. The switches are claimed to be the first miniature oiltight industrial pushbuttons to have earned UL general listing.

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All-plastic capacitor eliminates leakage
PYE TMC Ltd, Capacitor Div.,
Oldmeadow Rd., Hardwick Trading
Estate, King's Lynn, Norfolk, England.

For the first time, an all-plastic capacitor introduces solid conductor insertion in capacitors. This permits connection of a stripped wire merely by pushing it into the terminal socket where a rat-trap device grips the wire securely in position. This feature provides quick, secure terminal fixing. It also conforms to modern light-fitting manufacturing techniques with savings in both assembly time and materials. The use of a special metalized polypropylene film construction eliminates the need for liquid impregnation and the potential problem of leakage. It also permits higher operating temperatures (85 C as against 70 C with impregnated types).

CIRCLE NO. 449

Trimmer resistor has T slider block design

The 20-turn 3/4-in. Spectrol Model 43 is reported to have improved setability and stability because of a unique T slider block design and brush contacts, and it is said to have an improved CRV of 3% or 3 Ω and an RT tolerance of ±10%. It has a low profile and stands only 1.4-in. above the board, is resistant to shock and vibration per MIL-R-22097, comes in a sealed case that permits board washing, and it is available in all 3 pin configurations.

CIRCLE NO. 450

Rechargeable battery believed to be cheaper
Gould Inc., Automotive Battery
Div., P.O. Box 3140, St. Paul,
Minn. (612) 452-1500.

The most economical, fully rechargeable batteries developed to date according to the manufacturer, are the Gelyte family. Incorporating a special gelled electrolyte, the three batteries in the series are priced as low as one-fifth that of nickel cadmium and up to 30% less than other domestic gelled electrolytes. The batteries are rechargeable from 100 to 300 or more full charge/discharge cycles, with up to 1000 cycles or more if not completely discharged during each cycle. The temperature rating is 68 F. Available Gelyte battery sizes include 6 V, 9 to 10 A; and 6 V, 4 to 6 A. Designated models Pbb660 and PB690, each provides 6 V nominal voltage, operation over temperature ranges of -40 F to 150 F and have a charge time of 16 hours. Model Pb 660, weighing 2.3 lb, provides 5.55 amp-hour at a 20 hour rate with charging characteristics beginning at 0.4 A and tapering to 0.1 A for a total time of 16 hours. Charge characteristics for the 3.7 lb model PB690 begin at 1.0 tapering 0.5 A for a total time of 16 hours.

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COMPONENTS

Trimmer capacitors handle 5000 to 10,000V

Polyflon Corp., New Rochelle, N.Y. (914) 636-7222. $10 (large quantities).

A family of trimmer capacitors is claimed to be more rugged than devices made with quartz or glass dielectrics and, additionally, has much lower losses. The capacitor is reported to be ideal for improving voltage ratings in communications and radar applications. The losses of the capacitors are as low as those of high-vacuum devices, while their size is comparable to that of glass and quartz units. The capacitors use electroplated Teflon and cover 0.8 to 25 pF.

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Amphenol Controls Div., 120 S. Main St., Janesville, Wis. (608) 754-2211.

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Capacitor substitutes
An interchangeability list covers designs of unique, solid-TFE capacitors with electroplated electrodes. The two-page bulletin describes the new TFE units and provides an easy cross-reference for applications presently employing vacuum capacitors and requiring full electrical and mechanical replaceability. Polyfion Corp.

CIRCLE NO. 453

Current conversions
The latest "Tech Tips" describes the peak, average or rms current conversions for half-sine and square wave forms. "Tech Tips" 1-2 provides formulas for the calculation of average and rms currents for a half-sine wave form at 60 Hz given the peak current and time or phase constants. A table gives the various conduction angle relationships for half-sine and square waves. Also included are charts which can be used to determine peak to rms, average rms, peak to average and reciprocals of the current relationships given the percent duty cycle or vice-versa. Westinghouse Electric Corp., Semiconductor Div.

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Specialty tubing reprints
A comprehensive library of how-to-do-it article reprints of articles published by leading trade publications cover such areas as selecting, purchasing and ordering seamless steel specialty tubing; machining specialty tubing; fabricating and shaping; welding and joining; how to use small OD tubing; advantages of seamless specialty tubing over bar stock in making small parts; fabricating hydraulic cylinders; tubing for cryogenic application. Committee of Seamless Specialty Tubing Producers, American Iron and Steel Institute, New York, N.Y.

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Application notes

Frequency synthesizers
ICAN-6716, "Low-Power Digital Frequency Synthesizers Utilizing COS/MOS IC's," briefly reviews digital phase-locked loop fundamentals and then discusses, in detail, practical digital phase-locked loops including the use of heterodyne down-conversion. Application of these principles to FM receiver synthesizers is discussed and implementation of the circuits using COS/MOS ICs is shown. Twenty-five figures include complete logic and circuit diagrams, as well as circuit and timing waveforms. RCA Solid State Div., Somerville, N.J.

Display storage tubes
A 52-page booklet includes background technical information on display storage tube (DST) operation and theory, applications data and a catalog of standard DST types and special tube design services. The catalog sections of the new booklet provide a listing of the standard DST phosphors available and include a DST reference chart in which the performance characteristics of all standard Westinghouse tube types are shown. Westinghouse Electric Corp., Electronic Tube Div., Elmira, N.Y.

Light emitter evaluation
A 14-page application note titled "How To Evaluate Light Emitters and Optical Systems for Light Sensitive Silicon Devices" describes design criteria for systems using photosensitive devices, such as the light-activated SCR (LASCR) the light-activated silicon-controlled switch (LASCs), the planar silicon photoswitch (PSPS), the photo-transistor, and the photo-darlington amplifier. The note describes a circuit for measuring effective irradiance, and explains how light measurements of calibrated devices can be transferred to other devices. General Electric Semiconductor Products Dept., Syracuse, N.Y.

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PC terminal board design
A four-page booklet covers all pertinent technical data on four new series of terminal strips for use with printed circuit boards. These boards, designed specifically for wave-soldering, include a wide range of sizes, numbers of terminals, and other specifications so that they can be utilized for a broad variety of applications. The booklet contains complete specifications, application information and details covering electrical ratings, materials of construction, wire sizes accommodated, accessories and ordering codes. Kulka Electric Corp., Mount Vernon, N.Y.

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Electrochemical marking

A comprehensive 24-page illustrated manual describes the basic electrochemical process for stress-free marking metal parts and covers procedures used to produce repetitive stencil-etched electrolytic marks; illustrates and describes various manual and automatic devices for production marking of tools, gauges, parts, cutlery, etc., with recommendations for use of each. Supplies, including different types of marking stencils and their applications, are covered. A two-page chart lists electrolytic current-carrying fluids recommended to mark specific metals with colors of marks produced. The Lectroetch Co., East Cleveland, Ohio.

CIRCLE NO. 462

Splicing power cable

Three instruction bulletins provide step-by-step procedures, illustrations and drawings for tape splicing, pennant termination and application of molded rubber adapters on the new UniShield power cable. In addition to cable preparation, the bulletins contain helpful information including a list of precautions, tool and material requirements, connector application, insulating, shielding and grounding procedures. A drawing provides all the basic dimensions. Anaconda Wire and Cable Co., New York, N.Y.

CIRCLE NO. 463

Serial time codes

A six-page application note entitled "Time Correlation for Instrumentation" describes serial time codes used for data correlation. A description is given of all the presently used serial time codes and the various code formats. Explanations of how time code generators, time code readers and tape search systems operate are also included. In addition, typical examples show how serial time codes and instrumentation are used in a weather data program and in studies of clear air turbulence. Chronolog Corp., Broomall, Pa.

CIRCLE NO. 464

Repairing assemblies

Application literature gives specialized techniques for the rework, repair, modification, and prototyping of microminiature electronic assemblies. The 21-page bulletin No. 700-005 gives comprehensive guide lines on how to assure the continued quality and reliability of the most advanced electronic assemblies. The rework and repair technology includes techniques for solder extraction, conformal coating removal, and component lead forming. Highlighted are applications and illustrated procedures for the removal of specific types of solder joints and conformal coatings. Pace Inc., Silver Spring, Md.

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IC line drivers


CIRCLE NO. 466

Thermocouple calibrations

A four-page Engineering Data File 2 cross-references emf output values, at various temperatures, for five popular types of thermocouple wires as manufactured in the U.S. and five foreign countries. The so-called standard emf values can vary as much as 10% from one nation's manufacture to another. Besides the U.S., national standards are compared for the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Japan, and Russia. Emf values are cross-referenced for copper-constantan, iron-constantan, chromel-alumel, platinum 10% rhodium-platinum, and platinum 13% rhodium-platinum. Engineering Data File 1, also available, specifies U.S. temperature emf tables, and correction tables, for ISA types E, J, K, R, S and T. This file also includes standard temperature and accuracy limitations. Ari Industries, Inc., Franklin Park, Ill.

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Data General catalog

A revised 20-page catalog includes the new Nova 1210, Nova 1220, and Nova 820 computers, and details new hardware options, including an 8 k, 16-bit core memory and a turnkey operator’s console. Separate sections deal with software, peripheral equipment, customer support, and the Nova instruction set. Data General Corp., Southboro, Mass.

CIRCLE NO. 468

Multichannel analyzer

ND2400 brochure describes new system for pulse height analysis, multichannel scaling and list mode data acquisition. Several novel display features and data manipulation capabilities are discussed in detail. Nuclear Data, Palatine, Ill.

CIRCLE NO. 469

Microwave devices

A 24-page catalog includes data on the firm’s full line of terminations, attenuators, launchers, resistors and dc blocks for microwave systems and general electronics applications. The brochure also includes more than 100 photographs, drawings and schematics. EMC Technology, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

CIRCLE NO. 470

Rent or buy guidelines

A 6-page brochure offers basic guidelines for use when making the rent or buy decision about expensive equipment. It outlines the benefits achieved through renting and details the firm’s Master Rental Plan. Rental Electronics, Inc., Gaithersburg, Md.

CIRCLE NO. 471

Discrete component networks

Resistor-capacitor-diode networks are described in an illustrated eight-page brochure. Advantages in design flexibility, component density and reduced PC-board space requirements are cited and parameters for the components that can be used in component networks are listed in table form and six sample circuit diagrams are shown. Corning Glass Works, Corning, N.Y.

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Microwave and rf connectors plus miniature semi-rigid cable and cable assemblies are covered in a new 72-page catalog. The literature covers PDM (SMA) connectors, SMB and SMC connectors, assembly and installation and miniature semirigid cable and cable assemblies with warranty data and full specifications and dimensional drawings. Phelps Dodge Communications Co. North Haven, Conn.

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Power transistors

A 36-page catalog showing rf and microwave power transistors from 175 MHz to 2.3 GHz and power specifications to 50 W is now available. Each data sheet has typical power curves, package dimensions, amplifier schematic and a Smith Chart in addition to the product photograph and complete specifications. Power Hybrids, Inc., Torrance, Calif.

CIRCLE NO. 475

Semiconductor packaging

Catalog CC403, 71 pages, provides details on the company’s packaging manufacturing, sealing, and finishing, as well as on the company’s plating facility. Over half the catalog is devoted to the more than 50 different types of semiconductor packages TI offers. A basic description that includes specifications, package measurements, and recommended applications is given for each package type. Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas, Tex.

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Indicator lights

A full-color 4-page brochure, features a detailed description and ordering information for a complete line of microminiature indicators. Complete electrical and mechanical data on the incandescent BRITISH-EYE, transistorized TRANS-EYE and neon GLO-EYE indicators that are available in standard or heat-resistant housings of black or white are provided. Shelly Associates, Santa Ana, Calif.

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Solid-state LED readout

Bulletin R05051 details the series 745 solid-state light-emitting diode readout. Characteristic curves, operating specifications and applications data are included in the four-page bulletin. Dialight Corp., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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NEW LITERATURE

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CIRCLE NO. 479

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A 12-page catalog, listing seven series of SCR devices ranging from 3 to 35 A, gives detailed specifications and performance curves for each product group. High speed turn-on and high dv/dt characteristic units are available for all of the basic types listed and all devices are available from 25-800 V peak forward blocking voltage. Sarkes Tarzian, Inc., Bloomington, Ind.

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Twenty-five new d/a converters are described in a file folder brochure. All specifications, performance data and applications are listed. Hybrid Systems Corp., Burlington, Mass.

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A high-performance unity-gain follower amplifier featuring input resistance greater than 1 million MΩ, input capacitance less than 0.1 pF and rise time less than 30 ns is described in Bulletin AF2. Bioelectric Instruments, Farmingdale, N.Y.

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A 228-page catalog describes the company's full line of electromechanical, dry reed, mercury-wetted relays; custom assemblies; and precision snap-action switches. Catalog '72 contains product photos, detailed dimension drawings, suggested layouts for relay and socket mounting, socket descriptions, and designator numbers. Potter & Brumfield, Princeton, Ind.

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CIRCLE NO. 484

Function modules

A new capability type short-form catalog shows state-of-the-art performance in various product categories such as operational amplifiers, logarithmic function modules, analog multipliers, etc. The model number of the product having the indicated performance is also given. Optical Electronics, Inc., Tucson, Ariz.

CIRCLE NO. 485
Instrumentation catalog

The company’s 33 products are described briefly in this 16-page brochure. They include EMI/field intensity meters, rf current probes, antennas, microwave components, FM/AM/ssb communications test instrumentation, frequency meters, signal generators, tone generators, synchroresolver test instrumentation, angle-to-digital converters, phase-angle voltmeters, ratio transformers and electrostatic voltmeters. Singer Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

CIRCLE NO. 486

Nd:YAG laser rods

New literature describes Nd:YAG laser rods, lists standard sizes available (3 mm to 1/4 in. dia., 1 to 4 in. long) with standard end configurations and coatings. Specifications and prices are included. Allied Chemical Corp., Morristown, N. J.

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Portable light beam recorder

A data sheet provides full details on the new TR-180 LB portable 18-channel light beam recorder. Information includes: full specifications on the recorder, chart of available galvanometers and their specifications, description of the controls and their operation, and a list of helpful accessories. Gulton/Techni-Rite, East Greenwich, R. I.

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Digital readout

An eight-page catalog describes the company's line of completely packaged digital display assemblies. The catalog outlines decode displays with and without memory; counter displays with and without memory; bi-directional counters; preset counters and comparators; digital clocks; digital annunciators; compatible power supplies; and frequency counters/display stop watches and includes photographs of each model and available options. Instrument Displays, Inc., Waltham, Mass.

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CIRCLE NO. 495

Keyboard encoding system

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**Brazing alloys**

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Aluminum magnet wire

New aluminum magnet wire, comprised of a Hytek 20 conductor and an Anatherm-N insulation system of polyamide-overcoated terephthalate polyester insulation, is described in a 4-page bulletin. Test data provided include typical thermal, physical, chemical and electrical properties and suggested winding tensions and procedures for termination. Anaconda Wire and Cable Co., New York, N. Y.

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