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Indian wins prestigious US science award

India Abroad News Service San Francisco: An Indian scienlist has been honoured with the most prestigious award in the field of electronics science in the United States.

The medal of honour was given to Dr C Patel, widely known as the inventor of the carbon diox-ide laser, by the institute of electric and electronic engineering (IEEE) at a specially held func-tion here. Dr Patel is currently the executive director of the research, materials science of AT and T Bell laboratory in New Jersey. As a result of his invention, these lasers have now be-

come workhorses in industrial national academy of science come workhorses in industrial cutting, drilling and welding, scientific research such as spectroscopy, non-linear optics and pumping of far infra-red and X-ray lasers, laser surgery in the areas of otolaryngology, gynaecology and tumor removal, remote probing applications including, pollution, detection including pollution detection and ranging.

In 1976, Dr Patel had received the IEEE's Lamme medal'. He has also been honoured by the Optical Society of America and the Laser Institute of America. He is also a member of the

and the national academy of engineering and is a fellow of the Indian National Science Academy In 1985 he was elected an honorary member of the American society for laser medicine and surgery.

Out of two hundred fellows of LEEE, as many as 23 are of Indian origin. By receiving the prestigious award from IEEE, Dr Patel has joined the company of such giants like Charlie Townes, Ed Ginyton, John Pierce, Nico Bloembergen, John Whinnery and Cal Quate.

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Without a continuous review and updating of their education, electrical engineers are prone to end up on technical scrap heap. Engineers represent a valuable resource which tends to depreciate rapidly unless they maintain and update their knowledge and skills. Life long learning and continuing education are the weapons for fighting the danger of obsolescence of the engineers.

Continuing education is the primary service of every section. Members join IEEE mainly for this opportunity to stay current in their fields. Universities and industries in our section do not offer flexible short courses to maintain/update the knowledge and skills of working electrical engineers. The IEEE's continuing educational products are beyond the reach of individual members in our section where incomes of members are 1/10th of the members in U.S.A. The IEEE Hyderabad section therefore desires to provide this basic service at an affordable cost and in a convenient way by innovative methods like section arranged video taped courses, library of video tapes, books, journals, ILPs, live presentation of short courses by experts. A Section level continuing education centre is being established to deliver this service. We have recently purchased a 532 sq.ft. hall in the centre of our city at a cost of Rs 1,44,000 (viz about \$ 9000) for this purpose. Our continuing education centre will be located here. We now intend to purchase chairs, tables, lights, fans, VCR and T.V. receiver, and procure video taped courses/tutorials from various sources.

During the visit of the then IEEE President Dr R E Larsen to Madras around 1981, a press report said that "a centre for continuing education for engineers is likely to be set up in Madras with the cooperation of the IEEE". This however did not materialise. Bruno weinschell 1986 IEEE present during visit to our section told that "it might be possible to make available the educational materials provided there was a permanent address for IEEE in India". The IEEE Hyderabad section is the first section in India and perhaps in Reg 10 to have its own hall for establishing a continuing education centre at the section level. The continuing education centre project needs / deserves the support of the IEEE Project Fund Committee and the IEEE Educational Activities Board and the various IEEE societies. The benefits of the project are summarised as:

- 1. Members can get more, affordable, flexible application oriented continuing education.
- 2. It will attract non members to become IEEE members and to retain the existing members.
- 3. It fulfils the objectives of the IEEE, its RAB, and its Hyderabad Section.
- 4. Most of our Section Executive Committee meetings can be held here.
- 5. It can act as a section level IEEE information centre.

C Satish Section Chairman



THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS, INC. HYDERABAD SECTION

is pleased to invite you to

A Lecture on

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

Integrated circuits in Historical perspective

by

Dr Emerson Pugh 1989 IEEE President

On Monday, November 27, 1989 at 5-00 p m

at Ritz Hotel, Hyderabad

Name

Emerson W Pugh

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IBM T J Watson Research Center Yorktown Heights, New York 10598

Biography

Dr Pugh received his PhD in physics from Carnegie Mellon University where he served as assistant professor of Physics before joining IBM in 1957. He managed the development of the thin film memory array used in the top-of-the-line 360/95 computer and has held a number of research and development positions including Group Director of Operational Memory and Director of Technical Planning for the Research Division. He is an author of Principles of Electricity and Magnetism, Addison Wesley, 1960 and 1970; Memories that shaped an Industry - Decisions leading to IBM System / 360, MIT Press, 1984; and IBM's early Computers, MIT Press 1986. Dr Pugh has served as President of the IEEE Magnetic Society, and 1989 President of the IEEE. He is a Fellow of IEEE. His Fellow citation is "for contributions to information storage technology for digital computers "

Lecture / Abstract

An account is given of the evolution and use of the "minimum-line width method" for assessing competing integrated circuit technologies, including it use in evaluating thin magnetic-film memory devices during the 1960s, semiconductor versus magnetic bubble devices during the 1970s, and semiconductor versus Josephson junction devices in the early 1980s. From this account, general rules are derived for conducting successful technology assessments. The account also illuminates significant trends in solid state computer technologies.

RARE EVENT-IEEE PRESIDENT IS VISITING US

Dr Emerson W Pugh, 1989 IEEE President accompanied by Mrs Pugh will be in Hyderabad on Monday 27th November, 1989. His primary reason for coming to our Section is to learn from us about activities, interests and aspirations of the IEEE Members in the Hyderabad Section. An informal meeting of the members with the President is arranged in the evening at 7-00 p m on 27th November, 1989 at Ritz Hotel, Hyderabad.

It will be followed by dinner. I request every member to participate in this get-together. It is a rare opportunity for us to exchange views with the President. Don't plan any other engagement on 27th November, 1989 evening. Keep it for IEEE.

REMINDER

MEMBERS INVITED TO SPEAK AT COLLEGES

Student branches are asking Section Members to visit their colleges and give lectures to the students. To encourage the members, Section Executive Committee has decided to fund from 1989 the First Class Train or Bus Fare for the members who are willing and are invited by the student branches. The local hospitality expenses will also be reimbursed where it is not provided by the student branches. An amount is earmarked for this programme in this year's Section Budget. Members are urged to undertake these tours. Those who are willing may give the topics with abstracts in brief and number of hours of the lecture or seminar to the Section Secretary. The interaction between working engineers and students will be mutually beneficial. Also getting away from daily routine and the chance to see Lord Venkateswara, the incomparable temple art museum at Tirupati, visiting the grandeur of Ramappa temple sculpture near Warangal or the Alampur temple sculpture and the idvllic forest air and greenery around Mahanandi near Kurnool or relaxing on the beautiful beaches of Vizag will give tranquillity and aesthetic pleasure to you.

A somewhat similar invitation was published in our April 1989 newsletter. Only 3 members responded. I request more members to come forward. Write to me or to the Section Secretary soon so that we can launch this program. Also I request the student branch Counsellors and Chairman to go through the Section Membership Directory and suggest names of those members whose background serves the student branch requirements. Student branches in our Section are located at Warangal, Tirupati, Cuddapah, and Vizag.

C Satish

IEEE VIDEO-TAPED SEMINAR ON COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING

The above program was presented by the Section on 15th September, 1989 from 6-00 pm at CMC Ltd., Secunderabad. About 12 persons viewed it with the help of the beautiful blown-up video projection system of CMC Ltd. We must thank our Section Secretary & CMC Ltd for that. The program lasting about 4 hours covered the theoritical foundation, architectural models and case studies from Westinghouse Elec. Corp's CIM system implementation Mr C S Snead of Westinghouse was asked to justify the heavy investments on CIM system. His answer was the alternative to avoiding the investment will be going out of business for any industry today. Members who missed the video program can see it as it is going to be repeated at IETE hall on 21-10-89. (see announcement on page 13).

We have another video-taped seminar on "New Technologies in Biomedical Engineering". We have just received the following video-taped seminars in PAL system —

- 1. VLSI Its impact on your career
- 2. Fibre Optics Technology & Applications
- 3. Applications of Artificial Intelligence
- 4. Data Communications Systems
- 5. Expert Systems and Prolog

We have video-taped tutorials in PAL system on -

- 1. Role of A.I. in manufacturing
- 2. Power System fault calculations

We have a package of Individual Learning Program on "Spread Spectrum Techniques". The 1987 IEEE Membership Directory containing names and address of IEEE members world wide is also available in our Section.

Section members are requested to inform the availability and sources of affordable video-taped courses. The prices of such tapes produced by U S Universities and Companies are beyond our reach.

VIDEO SEMINAR/TUTORIAL AT VIZAG

We are planning to present the following programs at Vizag. Members in Vizag can contact Prof G Madhusudan Rao, Dept of ECE, A V College of Engineering.

1. Data Communication Systems

Video Seminar 4 to 5 hours

2. The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing

Video Tutorial 2 hours

A MESSAGE TO TAG READERS



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TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

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Dear TAG Reader:

The international technology transfer equation is expected to change substantially as a result of the profound socio-economic changes which will occur in Europe in 1992. A unified European economic community will create new opportunities for our colleagues in Europe and new challenges for our colleagues worldwide.

A united Europe is a positive and welcome development. A divided Europe has in the past created frictions within the continent that had profound worldwide consequences. Both world wars started in Europe and expanded far beyond its borders. A unified Europe is one more step toward a unified world.

Electronics technology, particularly communications, is bringing people closer together. Thanks to electronics, people can increasingly follow events without the need to rely on parochial, and often distorted, interpretations. Therefore, it is becoming more difficult for politicians to control the educated among their peoples, as well as to survive without them. Thus, greater intellectual freedoms must be provided to technical scholars who play a strong role in the economic life of a community. As we approach 1992, industrial centers in Europe, Asia and the Americas must be ready for mutually beneficial and multilateral trade relations, or risk trade wars in the 21st Century as intense as the military conflicts of the 20th Century. These economic relationships must have strong technology transfer commitments to avoid such conflicts.

If we are to shrink the world further, through electronics technology, we must continue to strive for greater global understanding and cooperation. IEEE, as a transnational organization, should continue doing its part in promoting multilateral technology transfer and fair trade practices through its many conferences for the betterment of humankind.

Sincerely,

Irving Engelson

Irving Engelson
Technical Activities

RESTRUCTURING IEEE

IEEE defines its purposes as 1. "Scientific and Educational" and "Professional". Some members in U S A are seriously debating the second purpose. Some say IEEE is concentrating more on this purpose and diluting the first purpose. A restructuring of IEEE by IEEE concentrating on the first purpose and developing or reinforcing units like IEEE - U S A to concentrate on the second purpose is being considered. Units like IEEE - U S A will serve the professional interests of U S members with greater freedom. There is a fear that this could lead to drifting away from the transnational character of IEEE. Members like Feerst have been pleading that the IEEE must be a U S professional society. Major changes are being considered by IEEE Board of Directors in its November 89 meeting on these issues. The consequences of these changes are far reaching. The reasons for the changes and how these changes will bring the desired results are not spelled out. For instance IEEE is considering whether there should be a Vice President, International Activities without telling us how this is going to help. A few months back, an IEEE transnational office was set up in the headquarters. The scope of this office is very vague. Its program is not known. What will it do with the \$ 80,000 alotted to it this year? Whether it is a V P for International Activities or a Transnational office how will they serve their stated purpose of meeting the needs of overseas members. On August 21, 1989 IEEE Board of Directors considered major changes in the IEEE's voluntary organisation structure. The objectives is to strengthen the international focus to enable the IEEE to serve its global function better by giving up many of the functions relevant to U S members to the care of IEEE - U S A

The IEEE plans, and the BOD resolutions are reproduced below. The views of a few IEEE Educational Activities Board members are given on the following pages. I feel strongly that the issues merit your attention. I invite you to express your views through our Region 10, Director Mr M V Chauhan, Visram Motors, 3 Thiru-Vi-Ka Road, P. Box 725, Madras 600 006 so that he can influence the Board of Directors in its November 1989 meeting.

October 05, 1989

C Satish Section Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

The committee endorses and encourages expansion of the IEEE role in both its international and national character. Without a dissenting voice, the committee provides the following proposals:

- In an effort to strengthen the international focus, the national activities presently associated with the Regional Activities Board, Educational Activities Board, United States Activities Board, and Standards Board would be transferred into an entity known as "IEEE-USA". This configuration enables the formation of other national entities. The ultimate authority still resides with the IEEE Board of Directors.
- Headed by its own President, the IEEE-USA will
 have substantial fiscal autonomy and control and
 will be spokesman for all US National issues. Included in the functions of this body will be US
 standards, accreditation, and all professional func-

tions presently managed by the United States Activities Board. It is expected that the bylaws of the IEEE-USA would make provision for a Board of Directors composed of a VP Professional Activities, VP Accreditation Activities, VP Standards Activities, Secretary/Treasurer, the six US Regional Directors and an Executive Director; and chaired by the President of the IEEE-USA. Interface with the IEEE Board of Directors is through the bylaws and the representation by the US Regional Directors who sit on both the IEEE BoD and the IEEE-USA BoD. This new organization allows for significant independence of the national entity, as well as providing a template for establishing other entities of like nature in the future.

 It is now feasible for the IEEE to attain a truly International stature without the stricture of national and professional activities. The IEEE Board of

Recommendations of The Ad Hoc Committee - continued

Directors would be composed of the President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary/ Treasurer, VP Regional Activities, VP Technical Activities, Executive Director (all of whom would also be members of the Executive Committee), as well as the ten Regional Directors and ten Technical Directors. The President Elect would coordinate activities of the Publications Board, Educational Programs Board, and Awards Board, all of which have global impact on the membership. This also allows for the President Elect to become familiar with the broad range and complexities of IEEE activities before assuming the office of President. The experience and wisdom of the Past President would be retained in the role of chair for the Strategic Planning Committee.

4. Three Boards would be required to meet the various global needs of the membership in addition to Technical and Regional Activities. These are:

PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Needed to maintain the quality, availability and delivery of all published materials distributed worldwide.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BOARD

Needed to meet the education needs of our members worldwide. Educational programs for members of

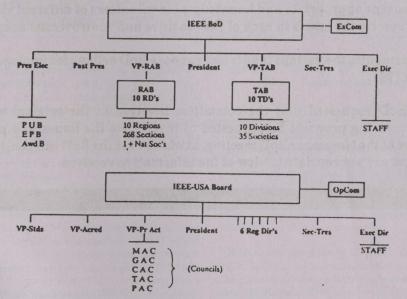
IEEE must remain an integral part of the global function; having a separate Board provides the vehicle for continuing education for all members worldwide.

AWARDS BOARD

Needed to recognize outstanding individuals without regard to national boundaries.

- 5. The committee reaffirms the proposal that accreditation is a national function. Recognizing that there may be questions regarding accreditation activities, the IEEE-USA Accreditation entity would act as a resource for inquiries from other national accreditation agencies.
- All responsibility for maintaining the liaisons with other national and international standards organizations will be retained by the Standards Board under the aegis of IEEE-USA.
- The committee believes that the suggested recommendations reinforce, and are consistent with, the internal changes being proposed within RAB and TAB.

Consistent with these recommendations, the following organizational charts for the revised IEEE Board of Directors and the new IEEE-USA Board are proposed.



Resolution of August 21, 1989, Pittsburgh, PA.

Plans for Reorganization of the Volunteer Structure

The BoD, with the objective of increasing and strengthening international cooperation with sister organizations and promoting increased worldwide participation in the Institute, is considering organizational changes that would better achieve these objectives.

Thus, the BoD received the report of the Volunteer Restructuring Committee and approved the concept of creating, where desired, geographic area-specific entities within IEEE and restructuring the IEEE Board of Directors to strengthen its international character.

The intent is to:

- a. Immediately instigate communications through all of our media channels with IEEE members on the concept, objectives, benefits to be derived, and proposed schedules.
- b. Encourage discussions at all levels (Regions, Divisions, Societies, Committees, etc.) and invite comments from all interested parties and groups.
- c. Convene appropriate and knowledgeable volunteers of different viewpoints to resolve the issues in each of the sensitive and controversial areas:
- d. Harmonize the various inputs and propose BoD actions for implementation by 1991.

The BoD requested that the committee involved in the original volunteer restructuring proposal be requested to investigate the issues and provide a report at the November BoD meeting, at which time the BoD will consider what actions are appropriate in view of the information received.

The IEEE in a Global Economy

- Jerrier A. Haddad

The IEEE is the only existing international professional society. That is to say that it has full members from all over the world regardless of nationality or location. The overarching purpose of the IEEE is technical communication and the improvement of the technical knowledge and education of its members. Since progress in technology is ever faster as time progresses, and as it is becoming more and more necessary to understand the laws and cultures of our competitors and our foreign markets in this global economy, the international nature of the IEEE becomes ever more valuable. It is indeed laudable that the IEEE Board seeks to maximize the IEEE effectiveness in international affairs. We are to be envied by other engineering societies since we are much further down the road of internationalism than they are.

However, when we change things, we must take care that the objectives of that change are not inadvertently compromised. Any fundamental change in the structure of the IEEE should be tested and discussed in detail, with candor and completeness. There are some issues that I think could work against the objectives almost as likely as they might work for the objectives.

One example is that to the present, the IEEE operates on the basis of <u>consensus</u> rather than <u>contention</u>. My concern is that if we organize on the basis of national interest groups, it will be inevitable that the national interests of these groups will throw them into contention. This may or may not be bad. However, when there is contention, there should be a means of resolving

those contentions. At a minimum, there should be a way that will allow the technical activities and educational programs of the IEEE to be undisturbed by the contentions. The membership should discuss, debate, and consider whether or not we will become a confederation of national electrical engineering societies rather than a single international electrical engineering society.

I happen to believe that there are very few issues that affect electrical engineers that don't affect engineers in other disciplines. In fact, there are some, but few, issues that affect engineers in general that don't affect the general population. On the other hand there are many issues of difference between nations that are of a commercial or political nature that could breed animosity between IEEE units. We should not hide from these realities, but neither should the IEEE seek to remedy these issues at the price of endangering our technical mission and agenda.

While organizational structure is important, even more important is the style and thrust of the leadership of an institution. Without changing the structure, a new leadership can affect the manner in which an institution operates. The membership should consider whether the proposed new volunteer structure will achieve the stated goals or whether it may work against those very goals. It would be nice if we could design a test to ascertain this before anything irrevocable is done.

"Don't Make The IEEE Something That It Wasn't Meant, And Isn't Fit, To Be" - Anthony Ephremides

The IEEE was founded and has flourished as a scientific organization. Its unique reputation and its appeal to members worldwide was achieved precisely because it was perceived as "the organization" that rose above national boundaries to foster the science and technology of electrosystems for the benefit of mankind. Its means have been technical and educational. As such, it developed publications and established conferences that have carned the respect of a vast world audience. Its reach stretches beyond its membership.

In the meantime, many of our US members have been experiencing the frustration of professional problems without the assistance of a national organization that could represent them effectively before the legislative and executive branch of the government and other bodies in Society. Naturally, they appealed to the IEEE as the organization that might fulfill the role of the lacking national organization. Thus, the United States Activities Board (USAB) was formed. Financed through assessments of the US members only, it has pursued the goals of professional representation that had been lacking in the USA (unlike other countries where strong national societies have existed with their primary goal being exactly this professional rep-

resentation). The history of USAB's performance shows that it has fulfilled its function quite well for US members.

At the time of debate about the formation of USAB, many members were opposed to it because they felt that its creation within IEEE would jeopardize the Institute's scientific/technical status and international character. They feared that this step was the first in a process of transforming the IEEE to a purely US, and mainly non-technical, organization. For several years now USAB has functioned successfully and in harmony with the remaining IEEE mission. Recently, however, the fears of those who saw in USAB's formation a threat to IEEE's character, seem to be coming true.

Under strong advocacy by USAB for the expansion into other IEEE activities such as accreditation and standards, and under the guise of creating a truly international umbrella organization, the Board of Directors of the IEEE has proceeded with unprecedented haste to approve the key feature of the committee report, i.e., the creation, where desired, of national entities. The committee recommendations are presented in full in this newsletter. The committee work was completed over the sum-

mer within a few weeks. I participated, of course, in the Board's deliberations and realized that many Board members approved the concept with serious reservations and with the earnest hope that any further action toward its implementation will take place only with the greatest caution and after considerable feedback from the various units of the Institute.

However, I am afraid that there is a need for vigilance. If the proposed concept of restructuring the IEEE is realized, the largest and, therefore, domineering National Society that will be formed will be the one in the United States; and it will not stop there. Already, USAB has stated that it won't be satisfied if under its National Society charter, nothing else other than professional activities is included. It wants all of what it calls "US-specific" activities. One wonders where the line is to be drawn. Is a conference taking place in Minneapolis a "US-specific" activity? Is a publication printed in New York a "US-specific" one? Isn't a corporation registered in the state of New York "US-specific"? You can see the problems!

Don't get me wrong! I do believe that there is a strong need for professional representation of the US engineer. There are a number of approaches possible to achieve this. One vehicle would be a strong and unambiguous Society outside of the IEEE. In the absence of such an organization, USAB has performed this task quite well within the IEEE. If USAB wishes more autonomy, it should have it. But if it wishes to take over the Institute and to weaken its scientific/technical and international character, it should not be allowed.

The proposal's language is mild and seems to be stating that its main goal is to strengthen IEEE's internationalism. But please expand your thoughts beyond the words. And also ponder the following questions: "Why is the proposed restructuring necessary?" If something "aint broke", why "fix" it?

The Institute is doing very well; leave it in peace. Make your voice heard before IEEE becomes something that it wasn't meant, and isn't fit, to be.

Internationalism and The Proposed Reorganization of IEEE Volunteer Structure - V. Thomas Rhyne

The reorganization plan, which was received and favorably considered by the IEEE Board of Directors in August, is intended, according to its authors, to strengthen the international nature of our society. In so doing, however, it creates a new, US-only sub-society, IEEE-USA. This is an interesting response to the stated concern for improved internationalism, not unlike the paradox of "fighting for peace." Further, the proposed reorganization removes two key IEEE activities, standards and education, from direct visibility at the Board of Directors level. Both of these actions are cause for concern by rank and file IEEE members.

If I assume that the new IEEE-USA is to be largely created from the current USAB, (now IEEE-US-Activities), as I believe is the proposal, then my concern is that the proposed reorganization may have negative impact on both standards and educational activities. First, however, I want to state that I am very satisfied with the work that the current USAB group has performed on behalf of the practicing electrical engineer. Their work on issues such as pensions, job security, and legislative reform has been of clear benefit to me and all other US electrical engineers. My concern over the reorganization, however, is centered around the basic incompatibility between these US-only professionalism emphases of USAB and the standardization and education activities proposed for incorporation under the new IEEE-USA. What is appropriate to USAB seems inappropriate to both the standards and educational activities of the IEEE.

For example, having been involved in IEEE and other standards activities for many years, I believe strongly that standardization is an international activity, and that effective standards creation often requires compromises that go beyond purely national interests. Nationalizing the IEEE's standards

activities will likely place a USA-only label on this key IEEE activity, significantly limiting the IEEE's role in international standards efforts where we are a recognized world-wide authority today. There is much to be lost here.

As to education, I note first that a recent IEEE member survey ranked the Institute's educational services among the most appreciated member benefits. I believe that the past effectiveness of these services is clear, and I am a strong subscriber to the philosophy that, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" By relegating education to below-Board-level, US-only status, it seems likely that the IEEE's strong educational presence will be diminished, both in the area of accreditation of electrical engincering and related programs for engineering students, and in continuing education for the IEEE's worldwide membership. I also believe that the interests of the practicing engineering professional, though well served by current USAB efforts, are in many ways quite different from the interests of the community of electrical engineers directly involved in the educational aspects of our profession. At present, volunteers are free to work in either (or both) areas of interest. If a merger is forced, however, which group's interests will dominate? As in the standards case, I can find no reason to shift the IEEE's educational activities away from visibility at the Board of Directors level and into a nationalized sub-society.

I hope that the Board of Directors will consider these and the many other concerns raised by knowledgeable IEEE volunteers before deciding whether or not to implement the proposed reorganization. I also hope that volunteers who read this will make their opinions (whether in agreement with me or not) known both to the IEEE Board of Directors and to me. This issue should be addressed by all IEEE members.

Dear Member,

I have been writing in the earlier newsletters that letters and articles from members are invited. You were urged to raise your concerns, points of view, share your knowledge, and experience. I wanted to know your suggestions about the directions you wish the newsletter, membership directory and the Section programs to take. There is no response from you to any of the above pleas. Needless to say active participation of members alone can sustain / strengthen the Section. A stronger personal commitment from each member can make the Section serve better.

Now that we have our own hall and are establishing a continuing education centre with a video library, we have to identify the topics/suppliers/experts and deliver the service.

We need several enthusiastic volunteers to share the work. Let me know your interests and needs.

C Satish Section Chairman

NEW STUDENT BRANCHES

IEEE Regional Activities Board has given approval for the formation of 3 new student branches.

,	Student Branch at	Counsellor	Chairman
1.	K S R M College of Engineering Cuddapah-516 003 (March 1989)	Mr G Ravindranath	Mr G Sudheer
2.	Gandhi Institute of	Dr M V Subba Rao	Srinivas Kaja
	Technology & Management Vizag-530 040 (June 1989)		
3.	Andhra University College of Engi- neering Vizag-530 003 (September 1989)	Dr G Madhusudana Rao	Mr S Sudhakar

Welcome to these IEEE student branches.

THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS.



IEEE HYDERABAD SECTION

SHORT COURSE ON "DIGITAL ELECTRONICS"

Advances in the application of digital systems to instrumentation, industrial automation, communications, scientific research and consumer products created a critical demand for working engineers to have knowledge in these fields. The above subjects were not taught in the colleges to those engineers who were in College say before 1976. It is becoming important that such engineers become familiar with the basic principles of digital electronics to enable them to analyse, design, debug and maintain digital circuits or systems. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc., and the Institution of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers Hyderabad Sections are happy to provide an opportunity to them to acquire application oriented knowledge and skills in digital electronics.

Course Content

Logic Concepts, Electronic Logic, Boolean Algebra, Combinational Logic, Binary number operations, Sequential circuits, Flip-Flops, Counting, Shift registers, Timing and Synchronising circuits, IC Data Sheet interpretation signal conditioning for digital circuits, counter analysis and Design, Digital circuit fault analysis, circuit construction & manufacturing technique, Analog to Digital Conversion, Logic design using microprocessors.

Laboratory work to supplement the above.

Course duration 6-8.15 p m, 22 November 1989 to 22 December 1989

Instructor (s) 1. Mr T V S Ramamurthy, Deputy Director, Advanced Training Institute for Electronics,

Hyderabad

2.

Text books 1. Digital Electronics - C E STRANGIO

Prentice - Hall - Rs 57

Further information Mr Narayana, Secretary, IETE, Behind O.U. Arts

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Fees for Members of IEEE / IETE Rs 200

Enrolment is Limited for Others

Rs 250

DIGITAL ELECTRONICS

Name :

Age :

Organisation:

Designation:

Address :

Telephone:

Qualifications

IEEE/IETE

Membership No.

Register before 13 November, 1989. Make cheque payable to "IEEE Hyderabad Section" and send it to IEEE, Hyderabad Section, Mr Nagaraja, Engineer. N R S A, Balanagar, Hyderabad-500 037.

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IEEE Videoconference THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS, INC. COMPUTER INTEGRATED **MANUFACTURING:**

Basic Architecture Models

INTENDED AUDIENCE: The program will be of particular value to participants whose job functions span a rather broad range of responsibilities such as those of:

- · Executives: CEO's, Administrative officers, Operations officers
- · Managers: Engineering, manufacturing, information, production, CAD/CAM, CIM
- Engineers: Design, manufacturing, industrial, systems · Analysts & Technicians: Sys-
- tems, computer
- · Academia: Engineering, technology, computer science, management information systems, business, quality assurance, marketing

KEY SEMINAR ELEMENTS:

- CIM Architecture Models
- CIM Information System
- CIM Impediments and Solutions CIM System Checklist

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1. Introduction

Oscilloscopes are required to display electrical phenomena and measured values on a CRT. In conventional oscilloscopes, such values must be obtained manually by converting the visual display using the graticule on the CRT and the panel settings. This has not only been a burden to users in terms of time, accuracy and trouble, but also, is often associated with the problem that valuable data cannot be utilized because of misreading of set values, etc.

To make oscilloscopes more convenient to users, new oscilloscopes which display the results of measured parameters (voltage, time, delay time, panel setting conditions, etc.) and waveforms on the CRT have been brought onto the market. However, these oscilloscopes are so-called high grade oscilloscopes which ordinary users can hardly afford to buy

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- (1) Sweep control system which does not easily cause asynchronism
- (2) Automatic time-base calibration system to reduce number of adjusting points
- (3) Time-base autorange function to automatically count the frequency of the input signal by the counter built into the MPU, and then to set the sweep time automatically to display waveforms of approximately 1.6 to 4 cycles on the CRT.

Among the new functions utilizing the MPU, we describe below the sweep control system and the automatic time-base calibration system which were not found in the conventional technology.

2. Development of Multiple Sweep System

2.1 Problems in Conventional Dual Sweep System

(1) These days, users more often measure repetitive waveforms for which desirable trigger signals are hard to pick up only from the amplitude such as the pulse train of the MPU. Figure 1 shows an example of measurement of complicated signals by the conventional method. When measuring such waveforms, the waveforms become asynchronous on the CRT in most cases. Because of this, oscilloscopes have been provided with trigger holdoff to trigger waveforms. However, after being triggered, the waveforms become asynchronous again when the sweep range is changed, e.g. to measure details near the leading edge of the signal.

Figure 2 shows the block diagram of the conventional sweep control circuit of the dual time-base system. The input signal having voltage and time information be-

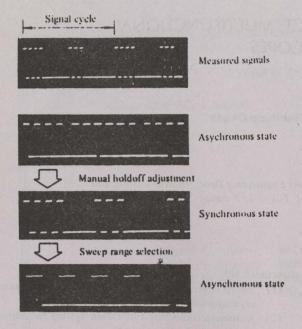


Fig. 1 Example of measurement of complicated signals by conventional method

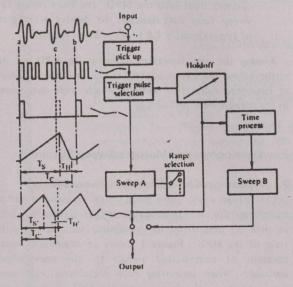


Fig. 2 Block diagram of conventional sweep control circuit of dual time-base system

comes the trigger pulse signal of a logic level containing only the time information necessary for sweep after passing through the trigger pick up circuit. The trigger pulse signal with only time information then enters the trigger pulse selection circuit which selects the pulse only to determine the cycle period of the sweep. This sweep cycle time (T_c) is determined by the sweep signal and the holdoff circuit, and the time is the sum of the sweep time (T_s) and the holdoff time (T_n) If the sweep range is changed even after the signals are triggered at point a and point b, therefore the sweep time (T_s) and

the holdoff time $(T_{H'})$ are changed. The sweep cycle time $(T_{C'})$, the sum of $T_{S'}$ and $T_{H'}$, also changes to displace the triggering point b to the point c, resulting in asynchronism.

(2) In case of delay sweep, the cycle period of the main sweep itself is determined as above. To determine the start time of the delay sweep, a sweep signal and a time process circuit which picks up the time information from the sweep signal are required. Because of this, two sweep signal generators i.e. a signal generator for the main sweep (sweep A) and signal generator for the delay sweep (sweep B), are required. This means that the signal generator for the main sweep must also operate even when only the delay sweep is displayed, and the circuit system is thus very inefficient.

(3) The start time of the delay sweep is actually determined by a comparison between the two voltages of the sweep signal and the DC level. The sweep signal itself includes noise caused by induction of the pattern of printed circuit board and variation of power voltage, so that jitters are generated. These are delay jitters which are obstacles to measurement. The abovementioned defects cannot be improved as long as the sweep signal is used as a reference signal.

2.2 Development of Multiple Sweep System

To improve the defects caused by the conventional methods, we have completely changed our way of thinking. Figure 3 shows the block diagram of our multiple sweep system. The trigger pulse selection output signal has been used only as a signal for the gate of the sweep signal generator, however, we provide a new time process circuit and treat the signal from the circuit as a reference signal to determine the cycle period of the sweep signal and the start time of the delayed sweep. As a result, in the multiple sweep system, the sweep cycle period is determined by the loop of the trigger

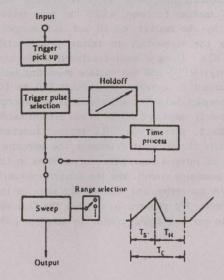


Fig. 3 Block diagram of multiple sweep system

pulse selection circuit, the time process circuit and the holdoff circuit which are provided before the sweep signal generator circuit, so that a stable trigger can be obtained regardless of the sweep range.

In addition, in conventional methods, a delayed sweep signal generator circuit is required separately from the main sweep signal circuit because the main sweep signal is a reference. However, in the new method, the time process circuit is a reference and the control signal for the delayed sweep signal can be obtained from part of the information of the time process circuit, so that only one sweep signal generator circuit is required. That is, in conventional methods, two signal generator circuits (called time base) for the reference of time operation and two circuits for the CRT output (called sweep) are required. However in the new system, one sweep circuit is sufficient. We therefore call the conventional method "Dual time-base and dual sweep circuit system" and the new system "Dual time-base multiple sweep circuit system."

3. Development of Automatic Time-base Calibration System

3.1 Conventional Sweep Circuit

Figure 4 shows a conventional sweep circuit block diagram. The sweep circuit generates sweep ramps triggered by the trigger pulses. The sweep circuit covers a wide range of 50 ns/div to 0.5 s/div with 22 ranges of 1, 2 and 5 sequences. The MPU sets the selection signals for integral capacitors and resistors in the sweep signal generator circuit, and the voltage E_D which determines the integral current I_D according to the 10-bit data using the D/A converter, and thus controls the ramp of the sweep signal.

Many high precision parts are used. Also calibration has to be carried out through adjustment of many variable components, because the ramp of the sweep signal varies according to combinations of components in the sweep waveform generator circuit and temperature

changes. Much adjustment time is needed, and further adjustment is needed, when servicing in order to calibrate the error caused after shipment.

3.2 Automatic Time Base Calibration System

In this system, the slope of the actual sweep waveform signal is measured with respect to the 10-bit data initially set by the MPU, errors are automatically processed, and the 10-bit data is reset. Automatic calibration is thus performed, the actual steps being as follows: The peak-to-peak voltage V_{P-P} of the sweep waveform signal is measured and the sweep time T is measured from the gate waveform; the ramp of the sweep waveform is then obtained according to the following expression.

Ramp of sweep waveform
$$\frac{V_p}{T}$$
 (1)

Though an A/D converter for measuring the volrage V_{P-P} and a counter for measuring the time T are necessary, we found that both the A/D converter and the counter which are built into the multifunctional single chip MPU can be used for the purpose, and so we therefore decided to adopt this system.

Figure 5 shows the block diagram of automatic timebase calibration based on this system. We could not however obtain sufficient measuring accuracy for the voltage V_{p-p} in actual operation, because the resolution of the A/D converter built into the MPU is 8 bits. The system therefore measures ΔV several times with ΔT constant to obtain the average ΔV_{AVE} as shown in Fig. 6.

$$\Delta V_{AVF} = \frac{\Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2 + \cdots \Delta V_n}{n}$$

From this value ΔV_{AVE} and the value T which is actually measured by the counter, the peak-to-peak voltage V_{P-P} is obtained according to the following expression (2).

$$V_{P-P} : \frac{\Delta V_{AVL}}{\Delta T} \times T \tag{2}$$

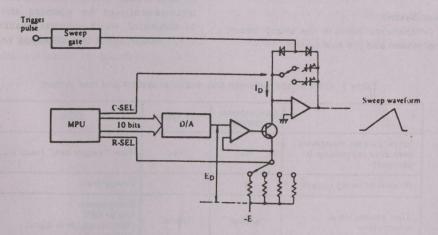


Fig. 4 Conventional sweep circuit block diagram of automatic itme-base calibration

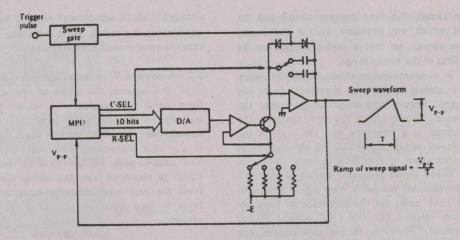


Fig. 5 Block diagram of automatic time-base calibration

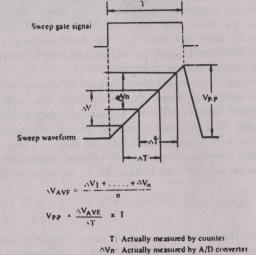


Fig. 6 Automatic time-base calibration system

4. Results and Interpretation

4.1 Multiple Sweep System

Table I gives comparisons between the sweep circuit of the conventional system and the new system:

- (1) Thanks to the dual time-base multiple sweep circuit system, a new "Trigger lock function" which maintains the synchronous state even after change of sweep range has been realized.
- (2) While two sweep signal generator circuits are necessary in the conventional system, one circuit is sufficient in this system. This contributes to making the instrument more compact, which is an objective of this development.
- (3) Digitized input information to the time process circuit allows control by the MPU, and further facilitates transition to a digital delay which is one of the conventional themes.

4.2 Automatic Time-base Calibration

Table 2 shows the effect of the automatic time-base calibration compared to conventional oscilloscopes.

- (1) The number of parts is reduced by 20%, and the number of adjusting points is reduced by 88%. In addition, the reliability of the hardware is improved by using highly reliable parts like the single chip MPU.
- (2) Since calibration can be performed by the builtin MPU every time power is switched on, accuracy of measurement can be observed and misalignment can be eliminated, which improves reliability of measurement.
- (3) Since faluts are displayed on the CRT, reliabil-

Table 1 Comparison between conventional system and new system

	Conventional system	New system	Effect
Is synchronism maintained even after sweep range is changed?	No	Yes	New "Trigger lock" function
Number of sweep circuits	2	1	Compactness
Time process input information	Analog	Digital	Compactness Use of MPU (easy transition to digital delay)

Table 2 Effect of automatic time-base calibration

	Number of parts	Adjusting points	Calibration	Calibrating method	Measures against faults
Conventional system	Approx. 130	8;	Upon user's request	Manuel Calibration and variable resistors	No measure :
Automatic colibration system	Approx 100	i	Every power-on	Buitten MPU	Display of faults on CRT
	1	1	1	1	1
	Reduction of compone Highly relial	nts	Observation and reduced	of accuracy misalignment	Detection of faults
	T		T	1	T
			Higher reliabil	in	

ity of measurement is also improved as regards trouble detection.

In addition to the above high performance, the size and weight are reduced by 40% compared to conventional oscilloscopes. The smallest and lightest oscilloscope in the world among portable oscilloscopes using a 6-inch CRT has thus been realized.

5. Conclusion

We have developed five new models in series which are provided with the following new functions and features:

- (1) A dual time-base multiple sweep circuit system and a "Trigger lock function" which retains the trigger state even after the sweep range is changed.
- (2) An automatic time-base calibration system so that the number of adjustment points can be greatly reduced, and errors in accuracy due to the time lapse can be reduced.
- (3) Reduction of the bulk and weight of the new oscilloscopes by 40% compared to conventional oscil-

loscopes.

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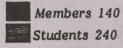
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The financial report was presented, as also the budget for the financial year 1989, by the Secretary, Hardianto Kamarga of Indonesia. Mr Emerson Pugh addressed the gathering and spoke of the introduction of CD Roms at IEEE Headquarters.

The organisers are to be commended for the hectic preparations and smooth functioning of the meeting. A group photo was also taken along with a sightseeing tour on the last evening.

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LATE NEWS

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