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**DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A C-BAND
SINGLE ANTENNA POLARIMETRIC ACTIVE
RADAR CALIBRATOR**

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ABSTRACT

This report serves as a documentation of the design parameters and performance characteristics of a C-band single antenna polarimetric active radar calibrator (SAPARC) developed for JPL and NASA at the University of Michigan's Radiation Laboratory. The device is one of four which are currently being constructed for future JPL/NASA Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) missions. The report includes details of the SAPARC's RF and digital / analog electronics design, as well as test results from a number of anechoic chamber measurements. Application notes and suggestions are also included throughout.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Active and passive radar calibrators are often used in conjunction with airborne and space borne polarimetric imaging SAR platforms. When strategically placed, these devices serve as ground-based calibration targets with specified radar cross sections (RCS). Trihedrals / corner reflectors are by far the most common type of calibration device used; however, their physical size and weight make them undesirable for field deployment. The drawbacks associated with trihedrals are two-fold. First, an actual deployment of the device can be physically awkward and inconvenient. Trihedrals can be as large as 12 ft by 12 ft by 12 ft, and they can weigh up to 300 pounds. In addition to their cumbersome size and weight, trihedrals tend to act like large rain and snow collectors, thus complicating the chances of performing an accurate calibration.

The second drawback is a bit more subtle, but just as significant. The accuracy of an external calibration of a radar system directly relies on the knowledge of the scattering matrix of the calibration target. Although it is possible to estimate the elements of the scattering matrix of a calibration target analytically, manufacturing tolerances may leave a fair amount of uncertainty in the estimated values. Therefore, it is necessary to measure the calibration targets against a precise calibration target, such as a metallic sphere. This reveals the second drawback of passive calibrators with large physical dimensions, namely that the far field condition and uniform illumination criteria are difficult to meet in the laboratory. Hence, it becomes difficult to accurately define the performance characteristics of passive calibrators of this size and type.

Polarimetric active radar calibrators (PARCs), on the other hand, tend to be much smaller and easier to handle than their passive counterparts. A PARC also yields better calibration measurements since its SAR image can be translated over a dark background, thus providing a higher signal to background ratio. As a result of these advantages,

PARCs are rapidly becoming the calibration device of choice for future space borne missions.

As a final point, PARCs traditionally are designed with two antennas which can cause severe degradation in their performance, as will be explained later. Here a new design for the C-band PARC is used which requires a single antenna.

The purpose of this report is to outline of the theory, design, and implementation of the C-band single antenna PARCs developed for NASA and JPL at the University of Michigan. The content of this project reflects the modifications and improvements made to previous PARC and SAPARC units (specifically, an L-band SAPARC prototype built by Sarabandi and Oh for the University of Michigan's Radiation Laboratory [1]). Currently, the C-Band SAPARCs are tentatively planned for field deployment in October 1993, where they will be used as calibration devices for NASA's SIR-C (Shuttle Imaging Radar -C) mission.

CHAPTER II

PARC THEORY / DESIGN CRITERIA

In its simplest form, a PARC consists of a receive antenna, an amplifier, and a transmit antenna (see Figure 2.1). With this configuration, the PARC merely acts like a repeater, whereby an incoming radar signal is received, amplified, and re-transmitted back to the SAR platform. Variations on this simple design do, however, lead to a variety of merits.

Figure 2.2 depicts the modifications which are employed in this project's SAPARC units. The most notable difference is the addition of a delay line along with an orthogonal mode transducer (OMT) / single antenna implementation. The device now serves as a specialized type of repeater, where the signal is captured with respect to one polarization and re-transmitted via its opposite polarization. The pre-amplifier and power amplifier ensure the proper amplification of the signal, while the delay line electrically delays the signal for reasons which will be given later. As a final note, the switches provide the attenuation needed for applicability to SIR-C as well a JPL AIRSAR missions.

2.1 PARC Radar Cross Section

The fundamental equation defining the radar cross section (RCS) of a PARC is given by

$$\sigma = G_{Loop} \frac{G_T G_R \lambda^2}{4\pi} \quad [2]$$

where G_T and G_R are the transmit and receive antenna gains, and G_{Loop} is the net loop gain associated with the gains and losses from the system's amplifiers, switches, and delay line. Generally speaking, a larger RCS is more desirable. Hence, the driving

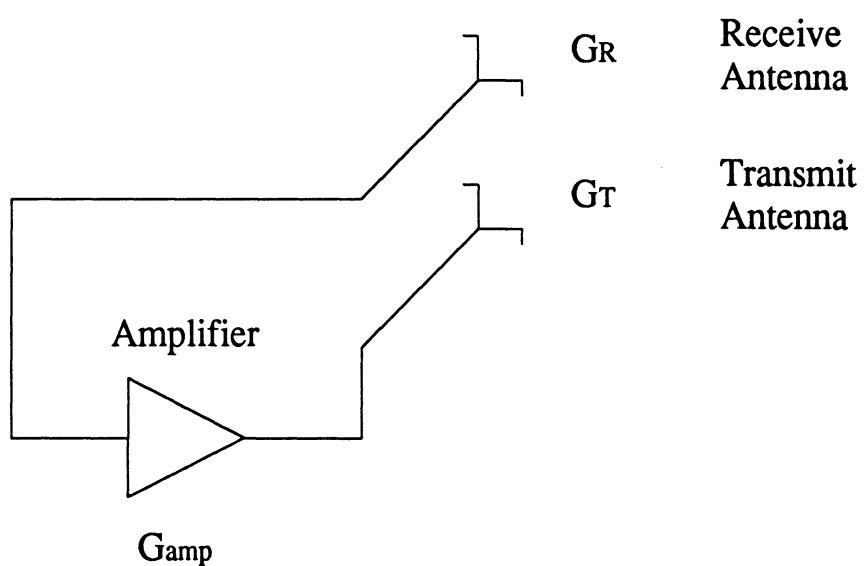


Figure 2.1: Basic PARC Configuration

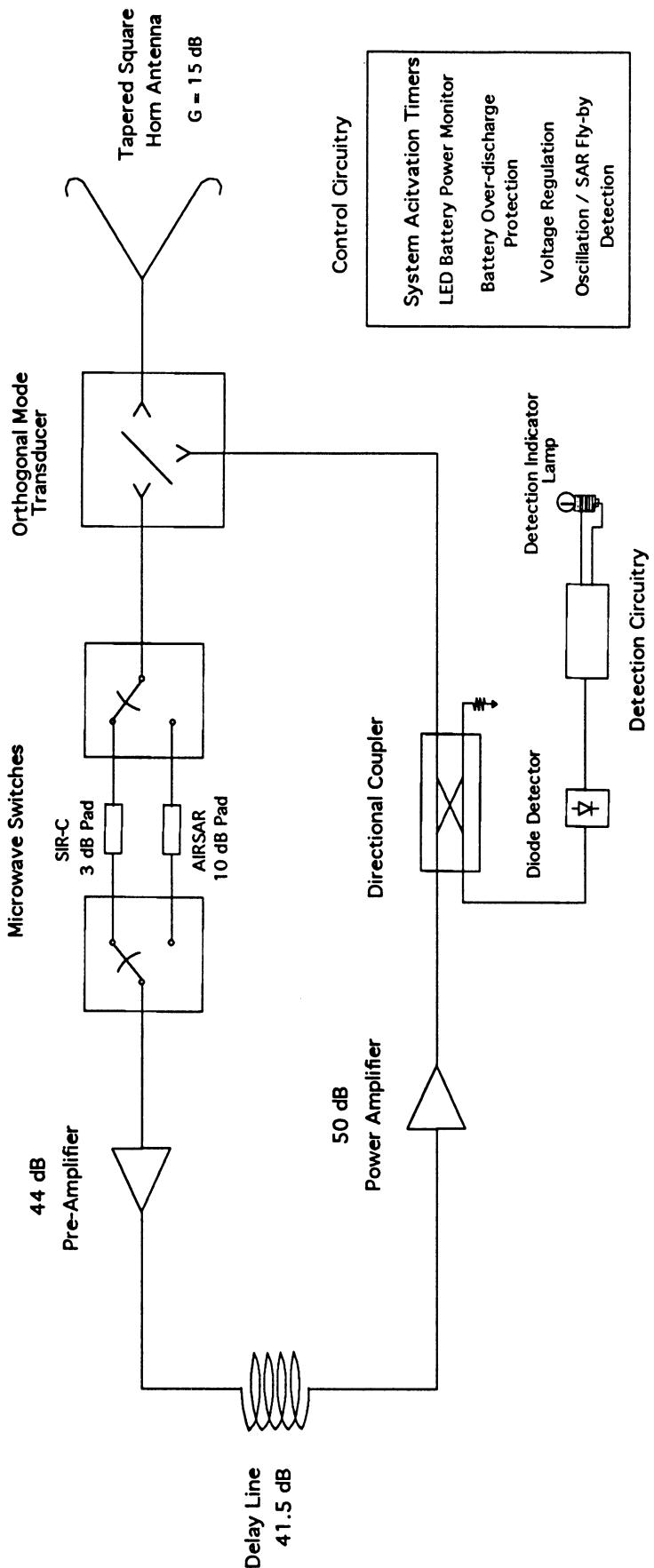


Figure 2.2: C-Band SAPARC Block Diagram

impetus behind most PARC designs is the maximization of G_{Loop} , G_T , and G_R . These parameters, in turn, are limited by beamwidth requirements, transducer isolation performance, and physical size and weight considerations. The following sections address each of these parameters in more detail.

2.2 Antenna Design

In the design of early PARC systems, two antennas, one for transmit and one for receive, were employed to achieve the necessary isolation between the receiver and transmitter modes of the PARC. The transmit and receive antennas were placed in close proximity to one another to meet the compactness requirement of the PARC design. However, since the antennas are in the near field of each other, the RCS pattern of the PARC becomes asymmetric and causes ripples in the phase and amplitude responses which tend to mar the PARC's performance [1] (see Figure 2.3). In order to counter these setbacks and yet to meet the compactness requirement, a single antenna PARC was considered. In this design, the PARC employs a dual polarized horn antenna with a very good polarization isolation and low return loss for both polarization channels. Wide bandwidth and beamwidth with high cross polarization isolation can be achieved through the implementation of an OMT (Orthogonal Mode Transducer) in conjunction with a piecewise tapered square horn.

The geometry of a piecewise tapered horn is shown in Figures 2.4a, 2.4b, and 2.4c. The waveguide discontinuity at a flared intersection excites higher order waveguide modes which are proportional to the flare angle. Since the waveguide is square, the higher order modes can couple energy into the orthogonal channel (TE_{10} to TE_{01} , for example). It was noticed that when the flare angle is less than 5° , the energy transfer from between the orthogonal channels is minimized. However, in order to get the desired aperture over a reasonable length, the square horn can be flared (with angles less than 5°) at many points along its length, thereby simulating an exponential taper. Note that the length of each section should be longer than the wavelength.

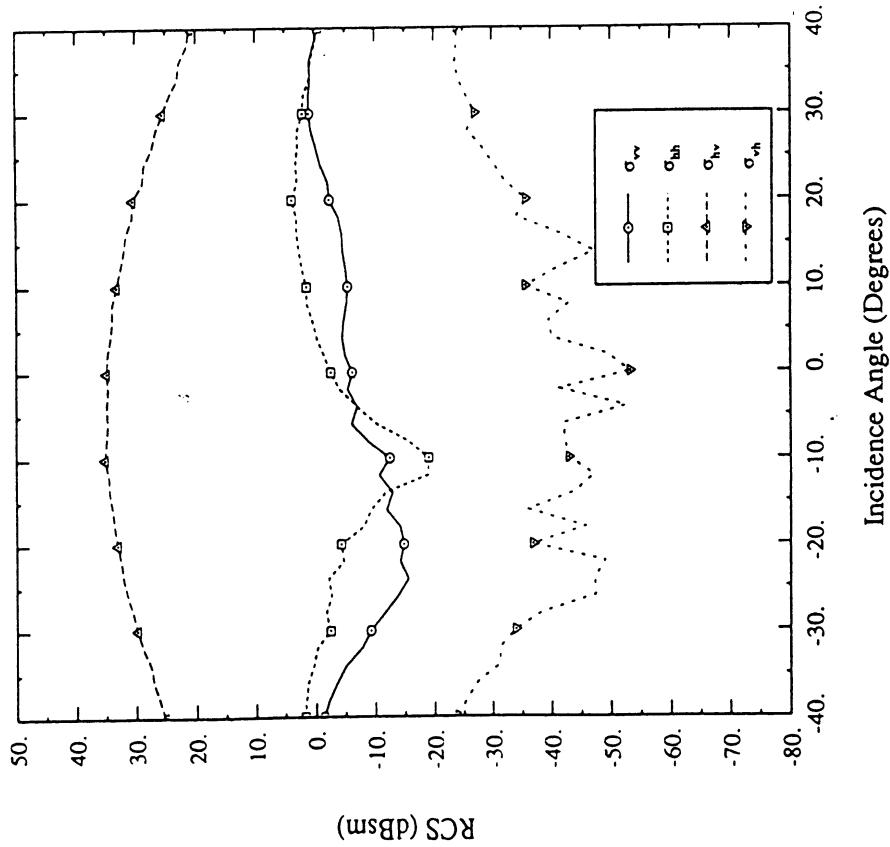
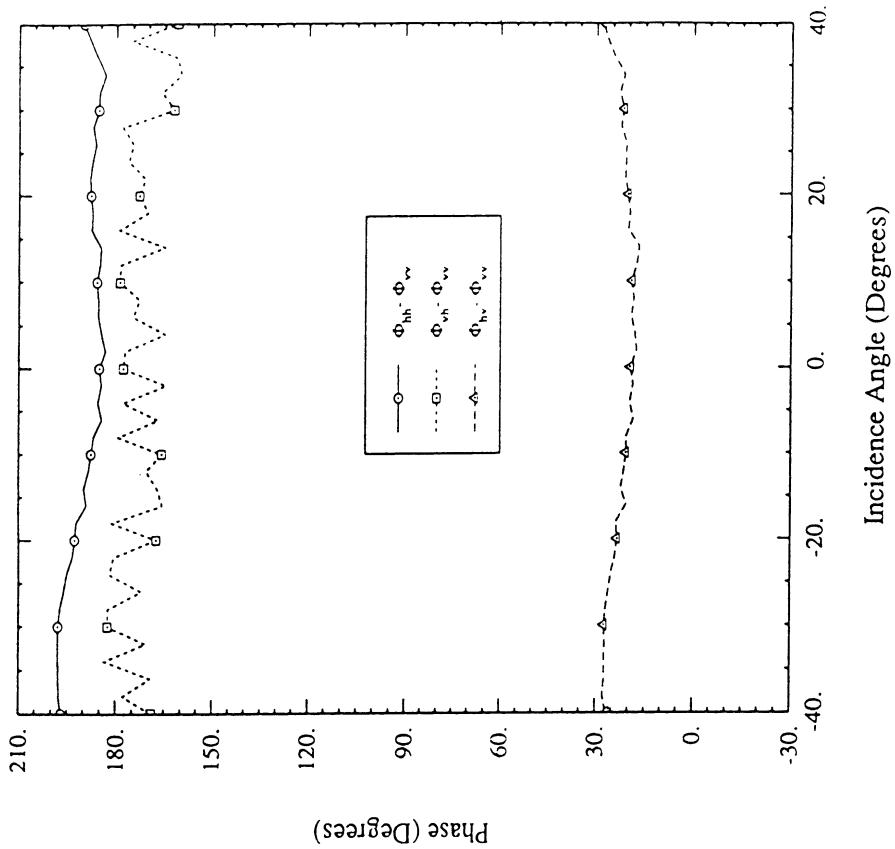
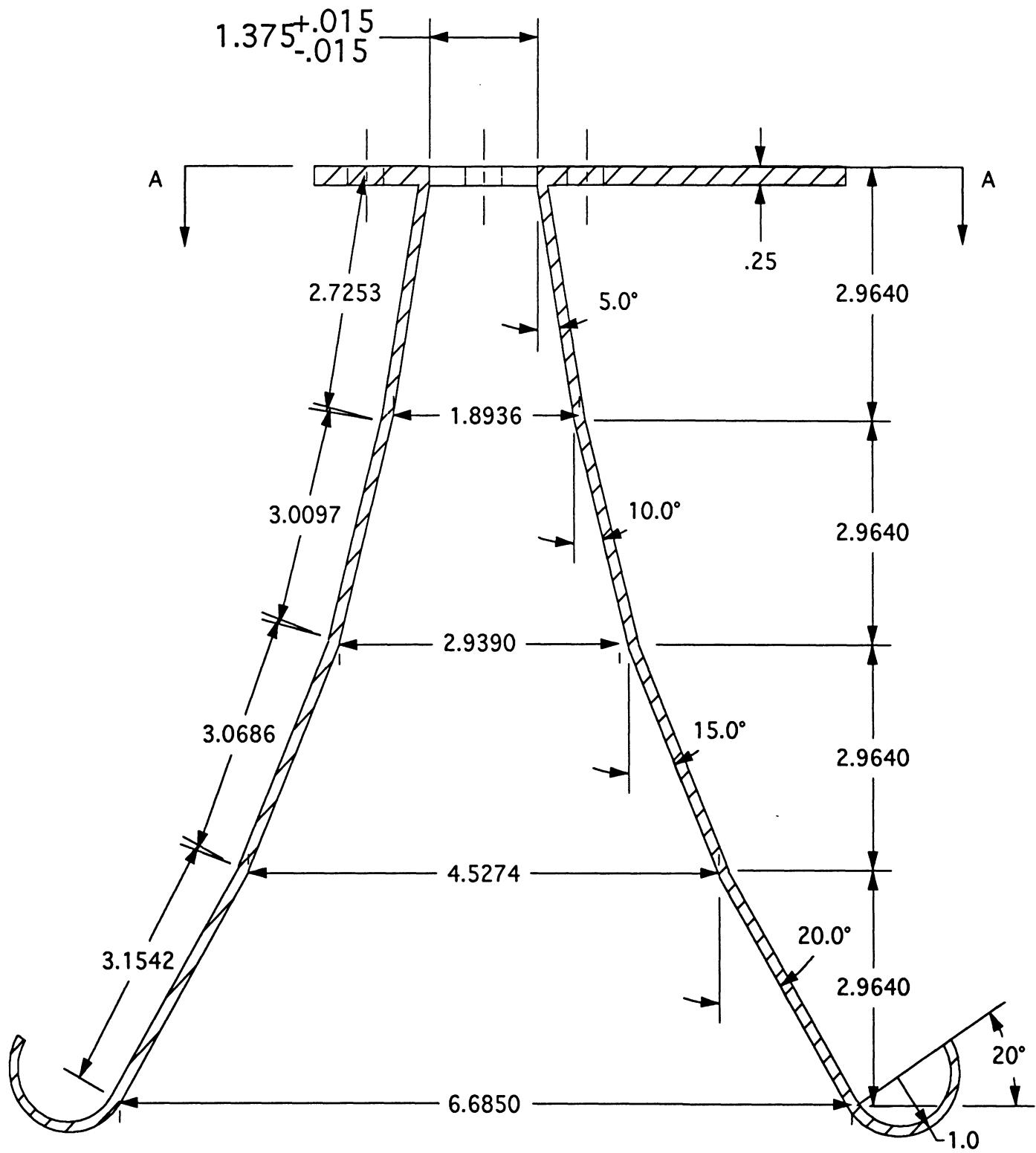


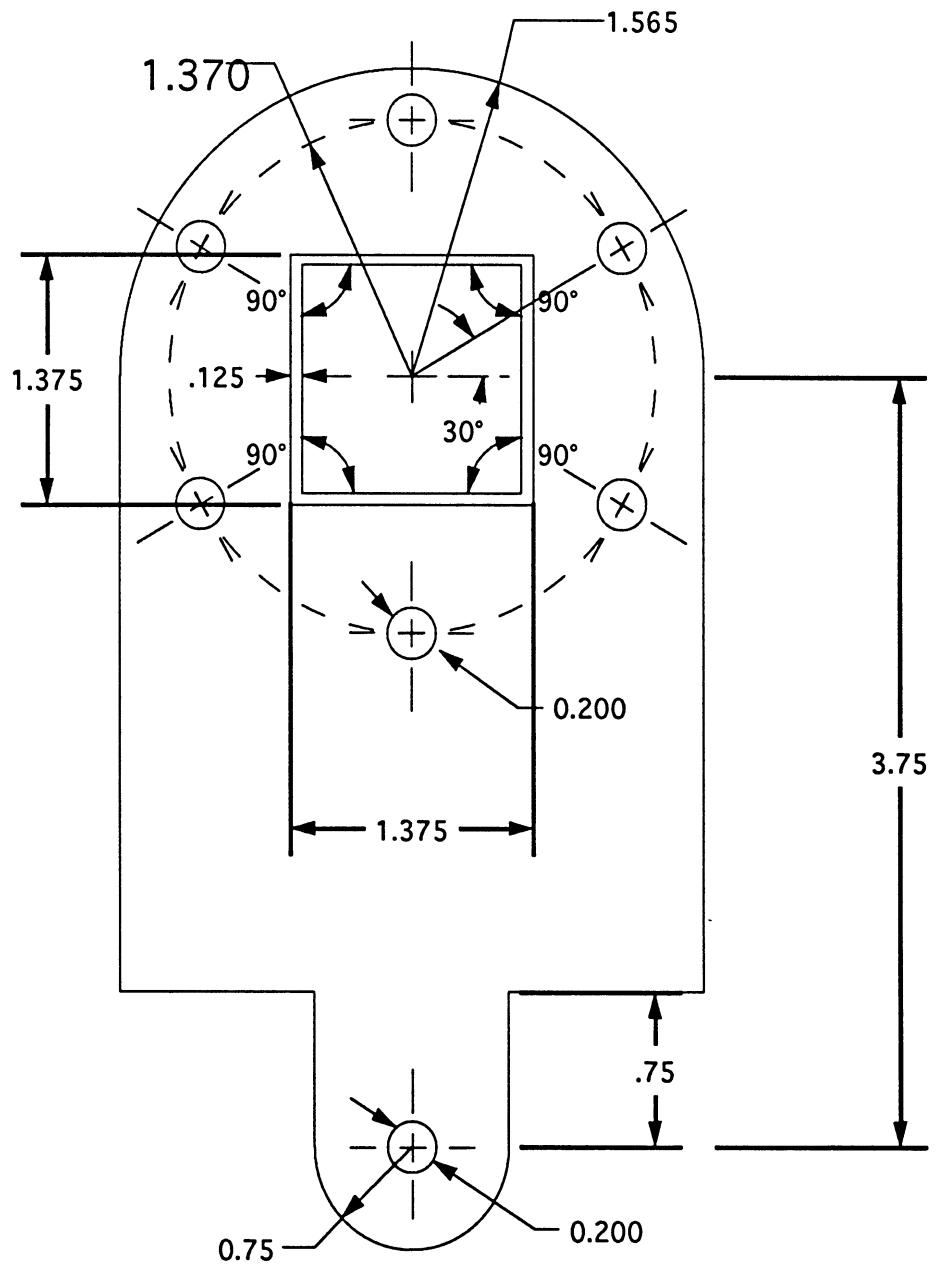
Figure 2.3: Magnitude and Phase Patterns for a
Two Antenna PARC System



- All tolerances ± 0.03 inches (unless noted otherwise)
- All angle tolerances ± 1.0 degrees
- All dimensions are in inches and all values pertain to inner dimensions as shown

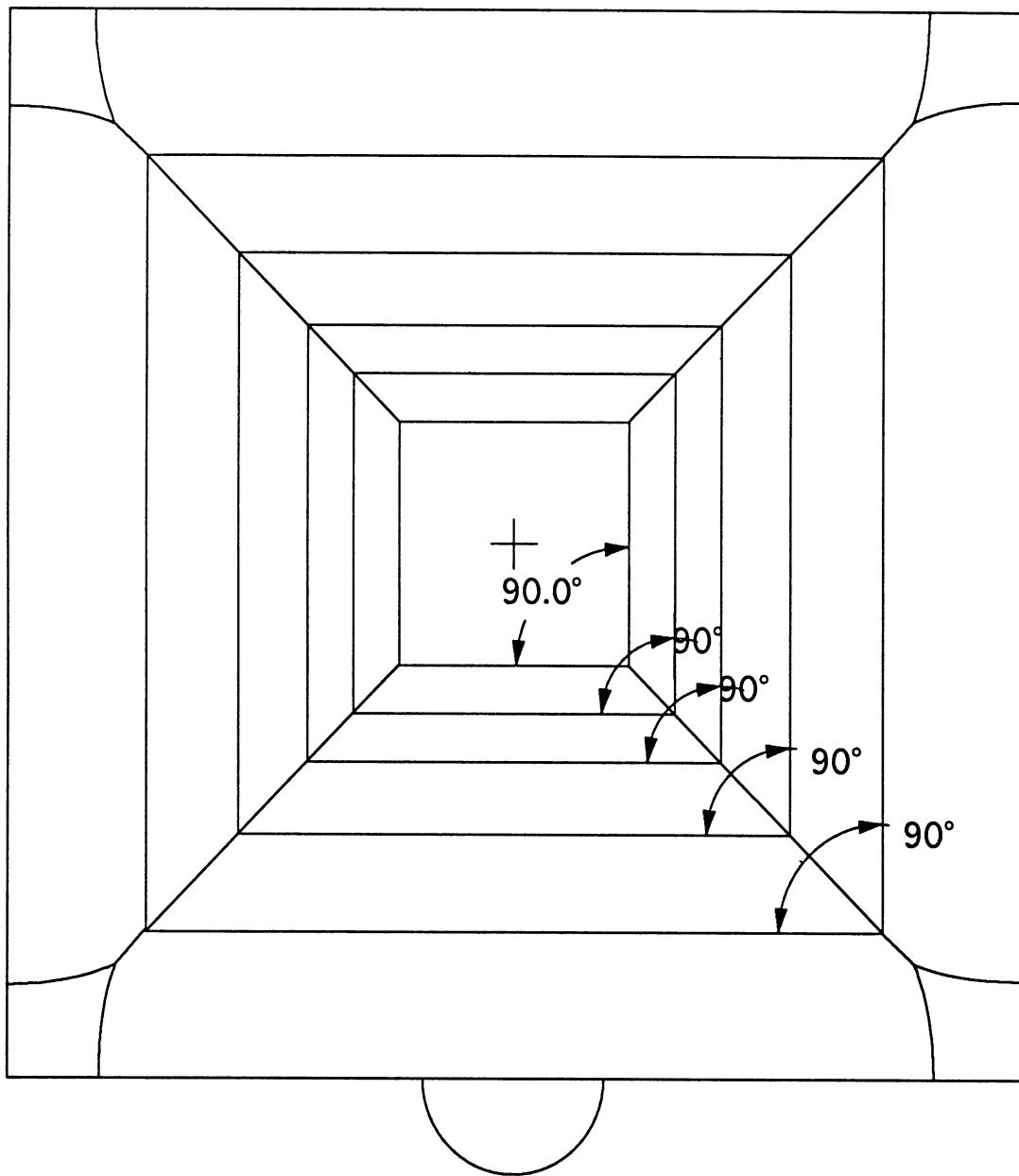
Figure 2.4a: Side View of the C-Band Tapered Square Horn Antenna

View A-A



- All dimensions are in inches
- All tolerances ± 0.03 inches
- All angle tolerances ± 0.5 degrees

Figure 2.4b: Adapter Flange for the C-Band Tapered Square Horn Antenna



- All angle dimensions
+-0.5 degrees
- All pertinent dimensions
given for side view

Figure 2.4c: Frontal View of the C-Band Tapered Square Horn Antenna

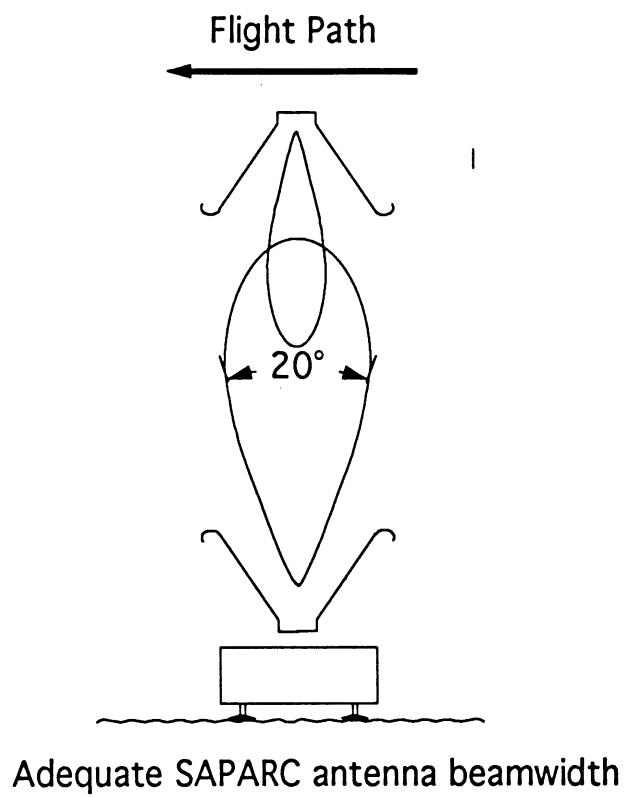
2.2.1 C-Band Antenna Specifications

The goal of the SAPARC's antenna design is to reduce the RF mismatch and cross-talk (i.e. cross polarization generation) while at the same time providing adequate gain, beamwidth, and bandwidth. For the C-band SAPARC, the primary concern of the design was the trade-off between the reciprocal parameters of antenna gain and beamwidth. Physical size and weight were not major factors due to the relatively small wavelength of the C-band system.

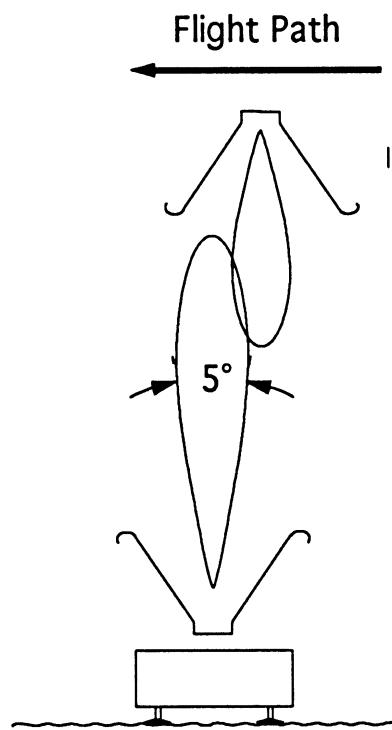
From a practical point of view, the scattering matrix of the SAPARC must be rather insensitive to orientation angles, i.e. a SAPARC should be immune to possible pointing errors). Thus, one of the design goals is to achieve a two-way antenna beamwidth of around 20°. Note that the relatively large beamwidth ensures a successful calibration even if the SAPARC is not directly within the line of sight of the SAR platform. Figure 2.5 demonstrates pictorially the importance of having a wide antenna beamwidth.

A secondary goal was to reduce the sidelobes radiating from the aperture, thereby minimizing the effect of multipath reflections to and from the SAPARC's ground-based position. Multipath contributions yield inaccurate RCS responses since unwanted electromagnetic energy is effectively being collected by the SAPARC antenna system (see Figure 2.6). The nominal RCS response, however, is measured within an anechoic chamber where multipath contributions are negligible. Hence, measurements taken within anechoic chamber and field environments may differ considerably. Using an antenna with small sidelobes is advantageous in that multipath contributions will be reduced; thus, measurements taken during actual field deployment conditions will more closely resemble measurements taken within the chamber environment.

One of the project's early prototypes incorporated the use of a corrugated horn with a square aperture. Note that corrugated horns generally offer improved performance since they reduce the sidelobes in the antenna pattern. Unfortunately, this prototype yielded a high degree of co-polarized mismatch and extremely poor cross polarization isolation. The concept of employing a dielectric lens was also tried; however, the costs of



Adequate SAPARC antenna beamwidth



Inadequate SAPARC antenna beamwidth

Figure 2.5: Depiction of Adequate and Inadequate Beamwidths for the Tapered Square Horn

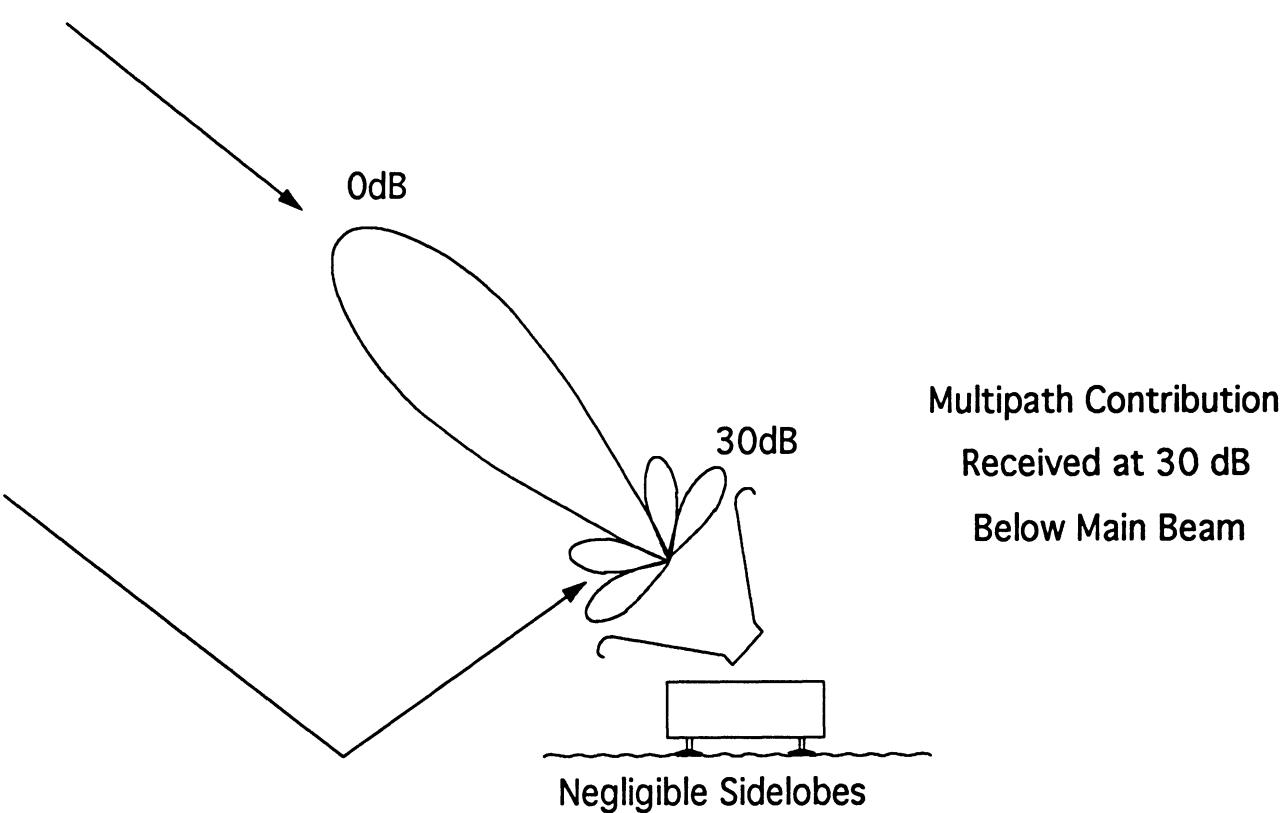
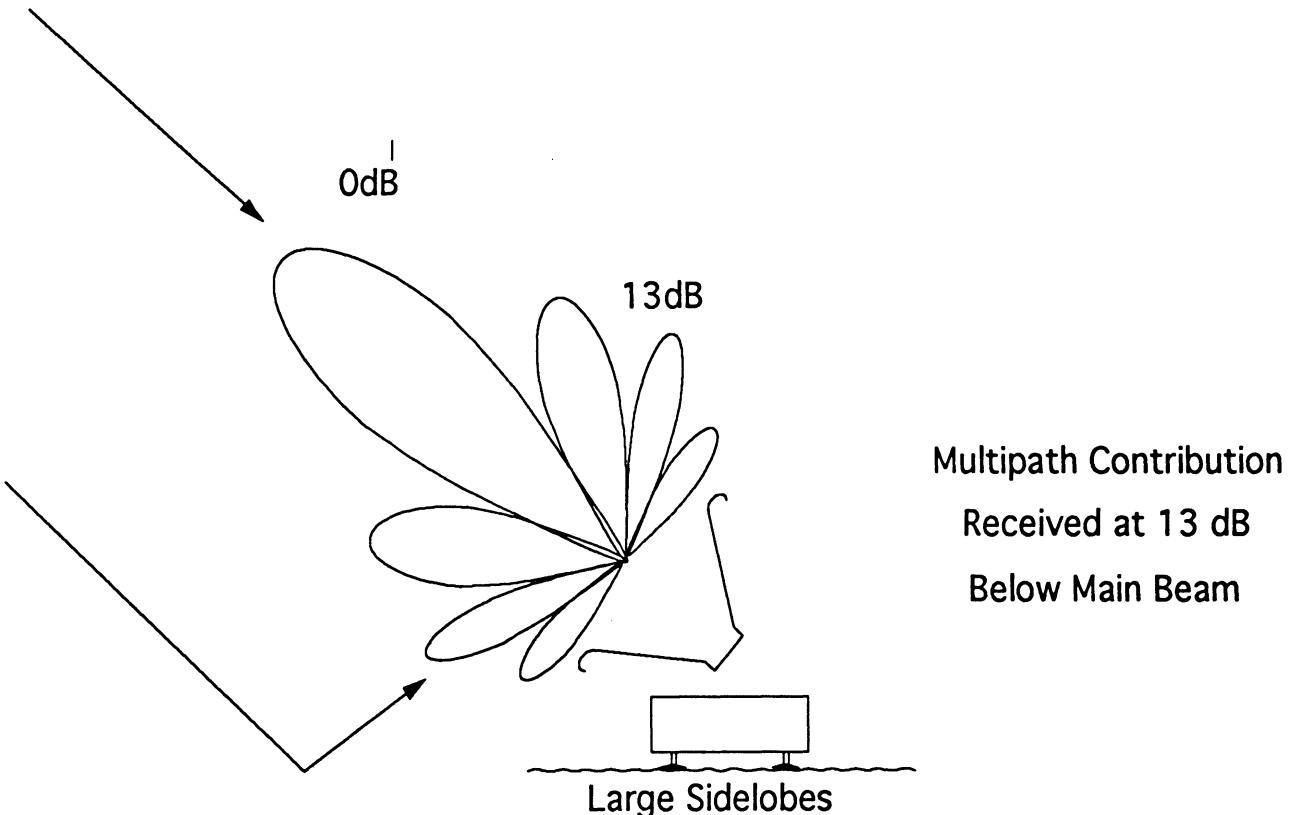


Figure 2.6: Multipath Contribution Scenarios for Horn Antennas With and Without Significant Sidelobes

constructing adequate lenses or custom made corrugated horns became much too prohibitive. Therefore, it was decided that the most economically feasible design would forego the multipath considerations.

Due to the high costs involved, first a prototype horn (made from copper plated printed circuit board material) was constructed and found to yield a one way 3 dB antenna pattern beamwidth of 26° . The physical dimensions of the prototype horn was chosen to be 28 cm in length with a square aperture of 17.6 cm by 17.6 cm (3.11λ by 3.11λ). Based on these promising results, a final design was implemented using four equi-length sections flared in 5° steps. As shown in Figure 2.4, the overall length of the horn is 30.11 cm with an aperture of 16.98 cm by 16.98 cm (3λ by 3λ). This final design also incorporated rounded aperture edges which, in theory, reduce the diffraction effects inherent with the abrupt edges of a typical horn [3]. For the center frequency of 5.3 GHz, the radius of curvature for the rounded edge was chosen to be 2.83 cm, which corresponds to a $\lambda / 2$ radius of curvature.

As a final point, the C-band SAPARC's design employs an OMT purchased from Atlantic Microwave (model # OM1370). This device provides cross polarization isolation of better than 50 dB with a VSWR smaller than 1.5 over the frequency range of 5.2 - 5.9 GHz. A VSWR of 1.07 to 1.08 is the typical value for this OMT. See Appendix A for the detailed OMT test specifications. Figure 2.7 depicts the completed horn and OMT combination.

2.2.2 C-Band Antenna Performance

The results from the final design varied from fair to excellent. The largest disappointment came in the form of the narrow 3 dB beamwidths demonstrated in Figures 3.24 and 3.26 (0° and 45° Orientations). As shown in these pattern measurements, the antenna provides two way beamwidths of 15° for both orientations. Although these beamwidths are relatively narrow, the overall capabilities of the SAPARC will not be degraded.

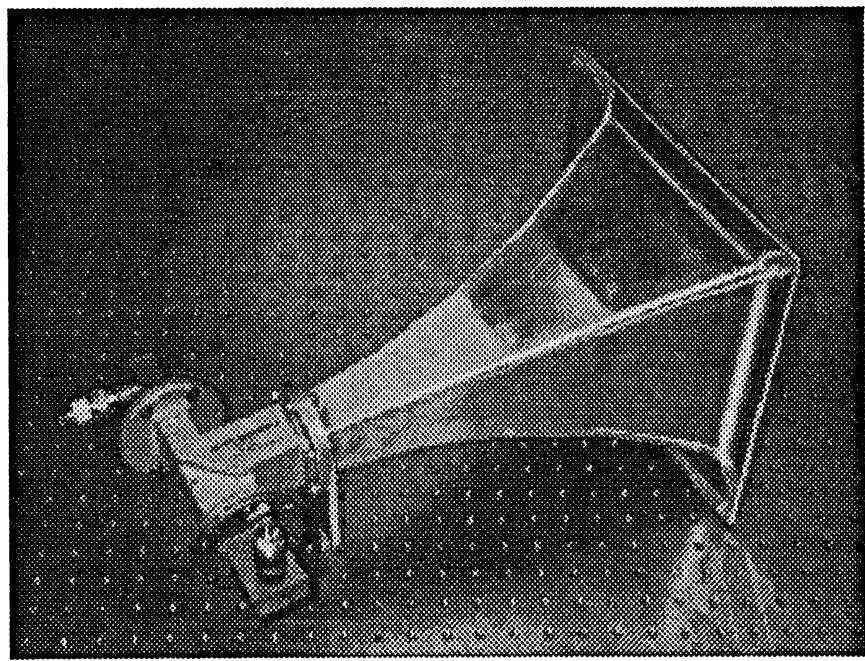


Figure 2.7: C-Band SAPARC Antenna System

The horn design does, however, provide exceptional cross polarization isolation between the receive and transmit ports. Appendix D outlines the steps taken in measuring the horn's cross polarization performance. These measurements were conducted within the UM Radiation Laboratory's anechoic chamber, as shown in Figure D.1. Figures D.2 a - h reflect the time and frequency domain responses taken with a Hewlett Packard 8510 network analyzer. Note that the frequency domain plots incorporated time gating and background subtraction over a frequency range of 5.0 - 5.6 GHz.

From the plots given in Figure D.2, we can deduce that the antenna system (horn and OMT combination) yields a cross polarization isolation exceeding 42 dB. This quality of the horn is instrumental in providing the SAPARC's 38 dB of overall cross polarization isolation (Figure 3.24) and relatively high G_{Loop} gain. Note the 4 dB discrepancy between the system's RCS cross polarization isolation and the isolation resulting from the antenna system alone (measured independently). One possible explanation is that the system's RCS cross polarization isolation was measured in conjunction with another horn and OMT combination (i.e. the radar's antenna system) which similarly possesses a finite isolation capability. The antenna system isolation measurements, on the other hand, used a metal sphere which theoretically acts like a perfectly pure reflective polarizer, i.e. the sphere cannot de-polarize incident electromagnetic waves (as can an imperfect horn antenna). Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that the 4 dB discrepancy is due, at least in part, to the imperfections of the radar's antenna system. Other sources of calibration error may contribute to the discrepancy as well.

Finally, it should be noted that the maximization of G_{Loop} is dependent upon the level of isolation between the receive and transmit ports on the antenna. Refer to Figure 2.1. From this simple diagram, one can see how a feedback scenario results whenever a small fraction of energy is coupled from the transmit antenna to the receive antenna. The coupled electromagnetic wave is then repeatedly amplified as the energy continues along the feedback loop. Eventually, the coupled energy will increase to a magnitude which saturates the amplifiers. For obvious reasons, this situation cannot be tolerated for a PARC design. Therefore, the antenna system's cross polarization isolation must be large enough to prevent the occurrence of a feedback loop.

2.2.3 Summary of Horn Performance

<u>Physical Characteristics</u>	<u>Electrical Characteristics</u>
Aperture Size: 16.98cm X 16.98cm	Gain: 15.93 dB
Length: 30.11 cm	2-Way 3 dB
Weight: 3.5 lbs.	Beamwidth: 15°
Material: Aluminum	Cross Polarization
Manufacturer: Midwest Enterprises	Isolation: 42 dB

Table 2.1: C-Band Antenna System Characteristics

2.3 G_{Loop} Design

2.3.1 Delay Line

At the heart of any PARC system is the G_{Loop} component of the RCS. As mentioned above, a PARC can enhance a calibration measurement by translating its SAR response over a dark background (i.e. a background with a specular surface, such as an airport runway or a large body of water -- See Figure 2.8). This technique is easily implemented by adding a low loss delay line between the receiver and transmitter, as shown in Figure 2.2.

When calculating the length of the delay line, a number of system parameters had to be incorporated in order to insure an adequate SAR delay. The slant range resolution, r_y , is given as 6.67 m for JPL's AIRSAR. As shown in Figure 2.8, the SAPARC should "appear" as if it is situated directly over a body of water. The quantity Δp corresponds to the distance between the physical location of the PARC and its desired SAR image position. An acceptable Δp is approximately 10 pixels (i.e. 10 range bins); therefore,

$$\Delta p = 10r_y = 66.7m$$

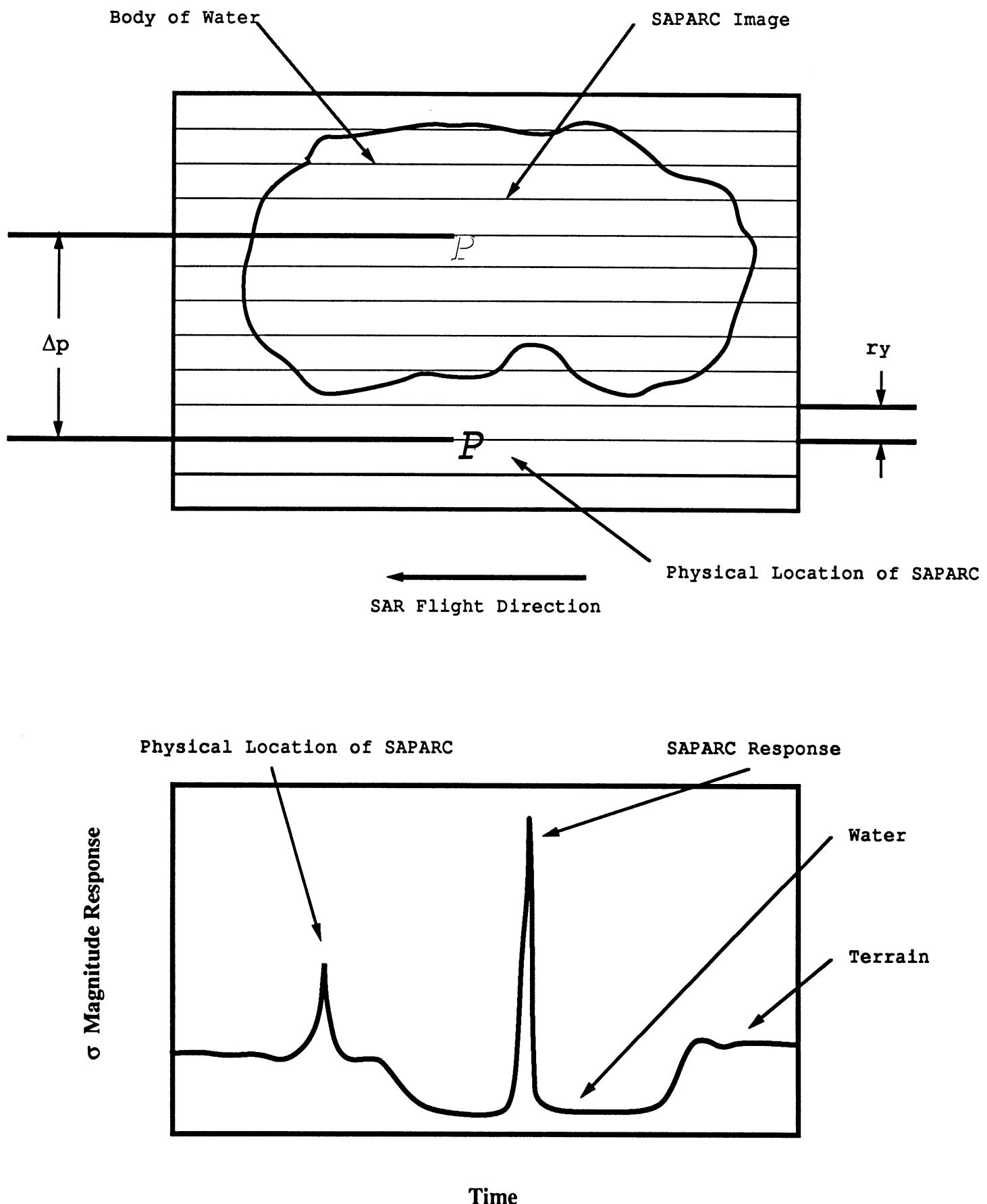


Figure 2.8: The Effects of Placing a Delay Line Within the PARC System

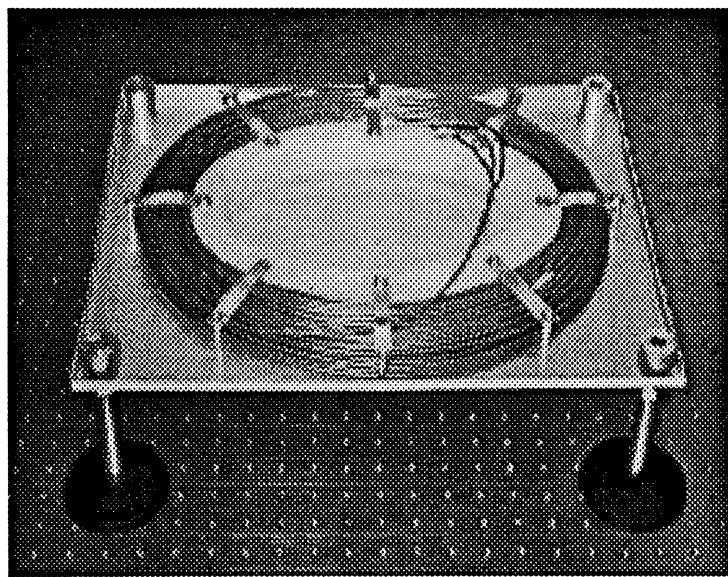


Figure 2.9: C-Band 0.141 Inch Semi-rigid
Microporous Coaxial Delay Line

Figure 2.10: S₁₁ Time Domain Response of the C-Band Delay Line

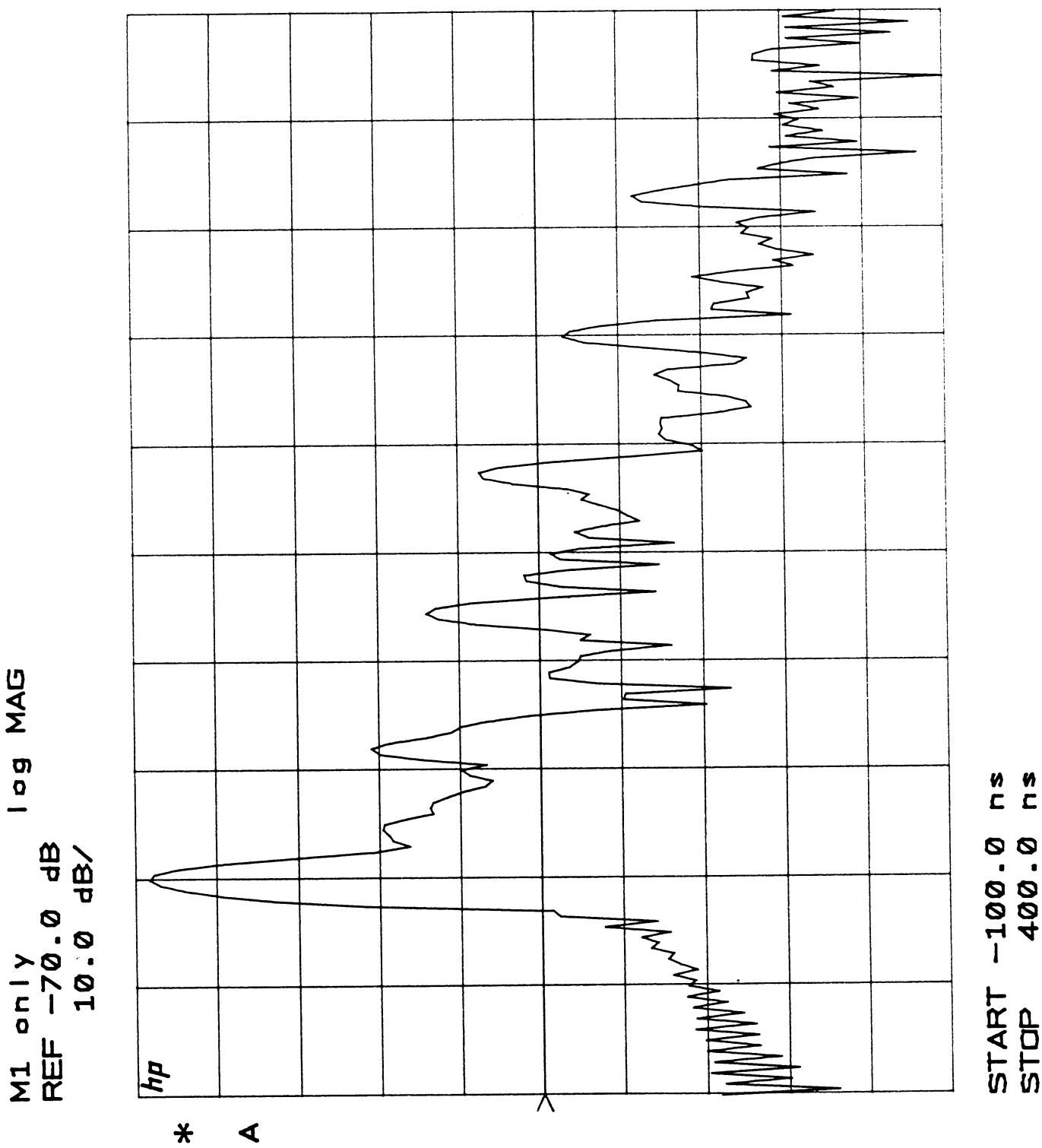
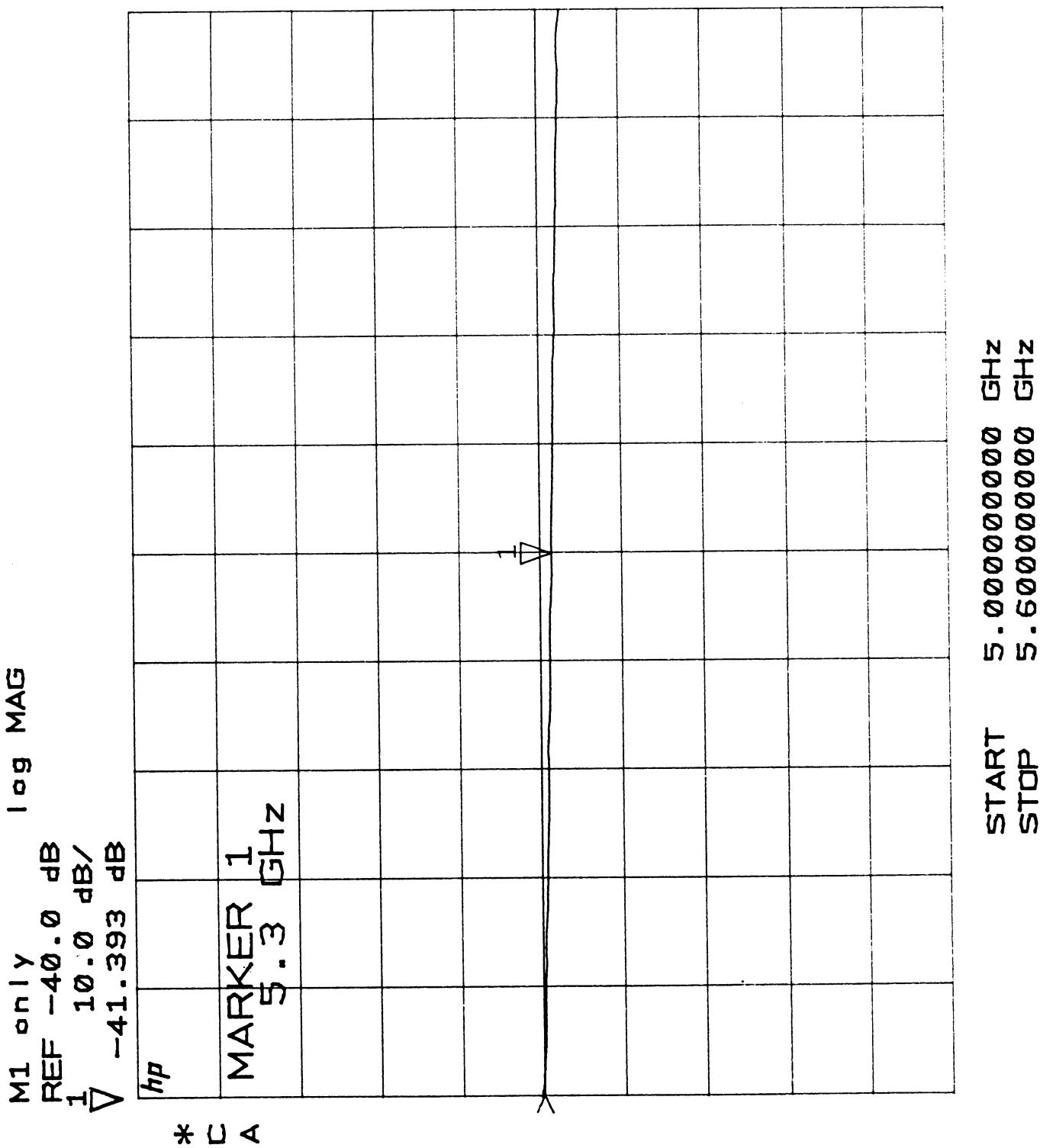


Figure 2.11: S₂₁ Frequency Domain Response of the C-Band Delay Line



With Δp now known, the delay D can be found through the simple relationship

$$D = \frac{\Delta p}{c}$$

where c is the speed of light in free space. L_{\min} , the minimum length of line needed, is

$$L_{\min} = Dv_{coax} = \frac{\Delta p(0.69c)}{c} = 46.02m = 150.99ft$$

Note that v_{coax} is the velocity of the wave within a coaxial medium. The minimum length of line required is approximately 151 feet, yet in actuality, all of the L- and C-band SAPARCs developed for this project use line lengths of 200 feet (therefore guaranteeing a sufficient delay). Figures 2.9 and 2.10 show the coil of delay line and its corresponding S_{11} time domain response for the C-band SAPARC.

At C-band frequencies, the losses associated with any delay line tend to be quite severe. These losses were minimized by using 0.141 inch semirigid microporous coaxial cable (manufactured in 25 ft-long pieces by Precision Tube, Inc.). The total attenuation resulting from the eight 25 ft-long sections was measured with a Hewlett Packard 8510 Network Analyzer, and was found to be approximately 41.4 dB (see Figure 2.11). Note that the measured loss and the losses quoted by the manufacturer, namely 22 dB, differed by almost 20 dB. It is assumed that this difference results from the losses associated with the 16 connectors.

2.3.2 Amplifiers

The role of amplification in a PARC is to increase the RCS of the antenna system and to compensate for the losses associated with the PARC's delay line and other passive components. The amplifier gain of a SAPARC system must be chosen such that the amplifier operates in the linear region. Amplifier saturation may occur for two reasons: 1. saturation due to high levels of input power received from the SAR platform, and 2. saturation due to feedback oscillations. The latter of the two results from a finite receive

and transmit channel isolation (determined by the performance of the OMT and horn antenna).

2.3.2.1 Input Power Calculations

In order to insure that the amplifiers would not be saturated by the received RF, a number of preliminary calculations were made using the Friis transmission formula and known system parameters for JPL's AIRSAR and NASA's Shuttle Imaging Radar (SIR-C). Tables 2.2 and 2.3, respectively, summarize the JPL AIRSAR and NASA SIR-C parameters.

Peak Power	$P_t = 1 \text{ kW (60 dBm)}$
Average Power	$P_t = 19 \text{ W (42.79 dBm)}$
Wavelength	$\lambda = 0.0566 \text{ m}$
Antenna Gain	$G = 23.3 \text{ dB}$
Altitude	15,000 - 40,000 ft (4,572 - 12,192 m)
Incidence Angles	$20^\circ - 70^\circ$
Pixel Resolution	3.03 m or 12.01 m (1 or 4 Look Azimuth) 6.67 m (Slant Range)

Table 2.2: JPL AIRSAR Parameters

Peak Power	$P_t = 2.2 - 2.25 \text{ kW (63.42 - 63.52 dBm)}$
Wavelength	$\lambda = 0.0566 \text{ m}$
Antenna Gain	Unknown (Assume $G \approx 20 \text{ dB}$)
Altitude	200 - 225 km
Incidence Angles	$15^\circ - 55^\circ$
Pixel Resolution	10 - 60 m Range Resolution

Table 2.3: SIR-C Parameters

For JPL's AIRSAR system, the following Friis transmission calculations are applicable. Figure 2.12 depicts the geometry of a typical fly-by, where h is the height of the platform and R is the corresponding range (i.e. distance between the SAR and the calibration unit). The values used in this calculation are for the "worst case" scenario with respect to possible amplifier saturation. Therefore, the dimensions correspond to the case where the maximum amount of power will be received by the SAPARC.

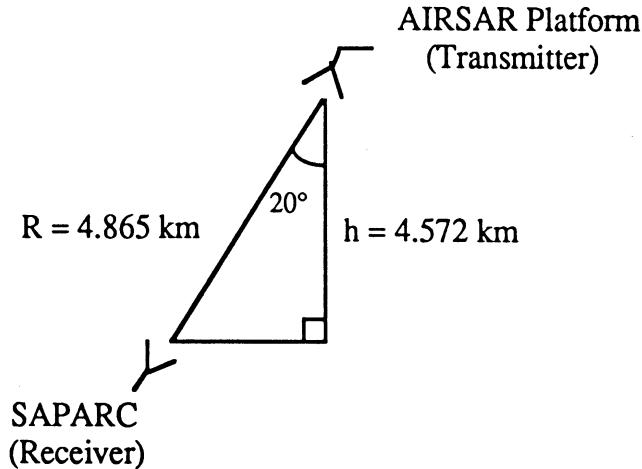


Figure 2.12: JPL AIRSAR Fly-by Geometry

The general form of the Friis transmission formula is

$$P_R = P_T \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^2 G_T G_R \quad [4]$$

whereas

$$R = \frac{h}{\cos(\theta)} = 4.8654 \text{ km}$$

$$P_T = 1 \text{ KW} = 60 \text{ dBm}$$

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{0.0566 \text{ m}}{4\pi(4.8654 \text{ km})} \right)^2 = -120.67 \text{ dB}$$

$$G_T = 23.3 \text{ dB}$$

$$G_R \approx 15 \text{ dB}$$

Therefore, the maximum input power received by the first stage amplifier will be

$$P_R = 60 + 23.3 + 15 - 120.67 = -22.37 \text{ dBm}$$

Similarly, NASA's SIR-C system, shown in Figure 2.13, will yield the following results.

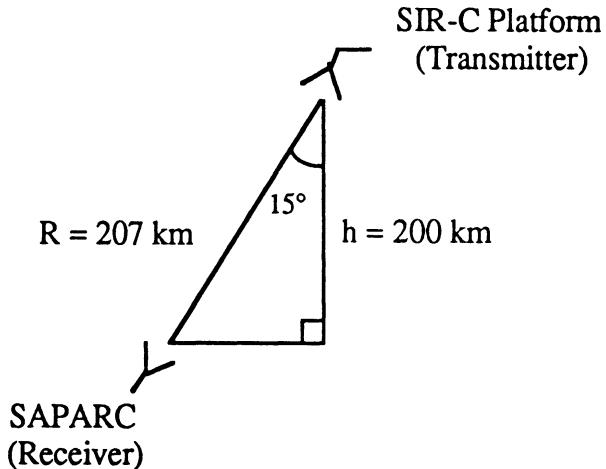


Figure 2.13: NASA SIR-C Fly-by Geometry

The Friis transmission formula gives

$$P_R = P_T \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^2 G_T G_R \quad [4]$$

whereas

$$R = \frac{h}{\cos(\theta)} = 207.05 \text{ km}$$

$$P_T = 2.25 \text{ KW} = 63.52 \text{ dBm}$$

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{0.0566 \text{ m}}{4\pi(207.05 \text{ km})} \right)^2 = -153.25 \text{ dB}$$

$$G_T \approx 20 \text{ dB}$$

$$G_R \approx 15 \text{ dB}$$

Therefore, the maximum input power received by the first stage amplifier will be

$$P_R = 63.52 - 153.25 + 20 + 15 = -54.73 \text{ dBm}$$

The gain of the first stage amplifier (i.e. the pre-amplifier) is at most 44 dB (see Appendix B). Hence, the first stage amplifier must be capable of producing the following output power levels in order to insure operation within the linear range of the amplifier.

$$\text{AIRSAR } P_{out} = P_R + G_{preamp} = -22.37 \text{ dBm} + 44 \text{ dB} = 21.63 \text{ dBm}$$

$$\text{SIR-C } P_{out} = P_R + G_{preamp} = -54.73 \text{ dBm} + 44 \text{ dB} = -10.73 \text{ dBm}$$

As shown in Figure 2.2, an additional attenuator of 10 dB was added to the front end of the pre-amplifier as an extra precaution to deter possible saturation during AIRSAR calibrations. Note that the 1 dB compression point for this amplifier is approximately 15 dBm.

Adding an attenuator "in front" of the amplifier degrades the signal to noise ratio; however, in this case, the signal level is much higher than the thermal noise, thus the effect of the additional attenuator is negligible. As will be pointed out in the next section, the noise inherent within the loop can lead to internal oscillations. Therefore, minimizing the noise will theoretically lead to a maximization of G_{Loop} . Yet, in light of the seriousness of amplifier saturation, it was agreed that the benefits resulting from this potentially lower noise performance could not outweigh the assurance that the pre-amplifier is operating within its proper linear range.

2.3.2.2 Feedback Oscillations

An equally serious problem can arise when the system is driven into a state of feedback oscillation. Section 2.3.2.1 alluded to the fact that noise inherent within the system can be amplified just as easily as any incoming RF signal. Oscillations result whenever the amplified noise exceeds the isolation of the antenna system. For the C-band SAPARC design, the net G_{Loop} gain must not exceed 42 dB (the antenna system's cross polarization isolation).

Since G_{Loop} must be less than 42 dB, it follows that

$$G_{Loop} = G_{Amp} + L_{Line} < 42 \text{ dB}$$

Rearranging this equation gives

$$G_{Amp} < G_{Loop} + L_{Line} = 42 \text{ dB} + 42 \text{ dB}$$

Therefore

$$G_{Amp} < 84 \text{ dB}$$

Due to the relatively high loss of the delay line, a second amplifier is needed to help boost the signal before it is transmitted back to the SAR platform. As was done with the preamplifier, care must be taken to insure that the second stage amplifier is not driven into saturation. For this reason, the 1dB compression point of the power amplifier was chosen to be 29 dBm.

2.3.3 Attenuation Switches

The principle goal of the attenuation switch (see Figure 2.2 and Appendix C, pg. 6) is to reduce the loop gain thereby allowing the SAPARC to be used for both JPL AIRSAR and NASA SIR-C missions with the maximum allowable RCS. As pointed out in Section 2.3.2.1, JPL's AIRSAR, which flies at significantly lower altitudes than SIR-C, has a correspondingly higher risk for saturating the SAPARC's amplifiers. Conversely, an excessively large G_{Loop} can lead to the saturation of the SAR platform's own receiver.

The original goal was to insert (via the microwave switches) a 10 dB pad within the G_{Loop} path for AIRSAR calibrations. This pad could then be "switched out" for SIR-C applications; however, it was found that the system would occasionally slip into a feedback oscillation mode whenever the 10 dB pad was out of the G_{Loop} line. These oscillations occurred most prevalently whenever the amplifiers were not warmed up, thus implying that the loop gain was right on the fringe of its maximum limit (the amplifiers can exhibit a 1-2 dB drift in gain between initial turn-on and steady state / room temperature operation). Reducing the loop gain by 3 dB eliminated this problem altogether for operating temperatures of 20° C and greater. (See section 3.3 for cold

weather operation). Hence, for SIR-C usage, the Mini-Microcircuits switches insert a 3 dB attenuator into the loop, whereas a 10 dB attenuator is inserted for the JPL AIRSAR calibrations.

The Miteq pre-amplifier and power amplifier tandem provide approximately 96 dB of gain, which is well above the limit shown above in Section 2.3.2.2 (see Appendix B). Hence, this explains why an attenuator must be added in front of the first stage amplifier since doing so makes G_{Loop} less than the cross polarization isolation of the antenna system. It would appear as if a 13 dB (i.e. $96\text{dB} - 13\text{ dB} = 83\text{ dB} < G_{amp\ max} = 84\text{ dB}$) attenuator is required; however, a trial and error approach showed that a 3 dB attenuator is sufficient to prevent feedback oscillations.

Note that the results shown throughout this report reflect the SAPARC's operation within the SIR-C mode. Similar results can easily be found for the AIRSAR case by simply subtracting 7 dB from the overall SIR-C RCS measurements.

2.4 Control and RF Detection Circuitry

The control and RF detection circuitry serves a two-fold purpose. First, it provides the necessary switching and timing functions for the various power loads; secondly, the circuits display the operating status of the entire system, thereby alerting the user of changes in battery capacity and calibration readiness. The system is comprised of three major components: the Control Printed Wiring Assembly (PWA), the Detection PWA, and the Control Panel. A more detailed description of each of these subsystems is given in the following sections.

2.4.1 Control Circuitry / Control Panel

The single antenna PARCs developed through this project feature custom made control and detection circuits. The features of the control circuitry are as follows:

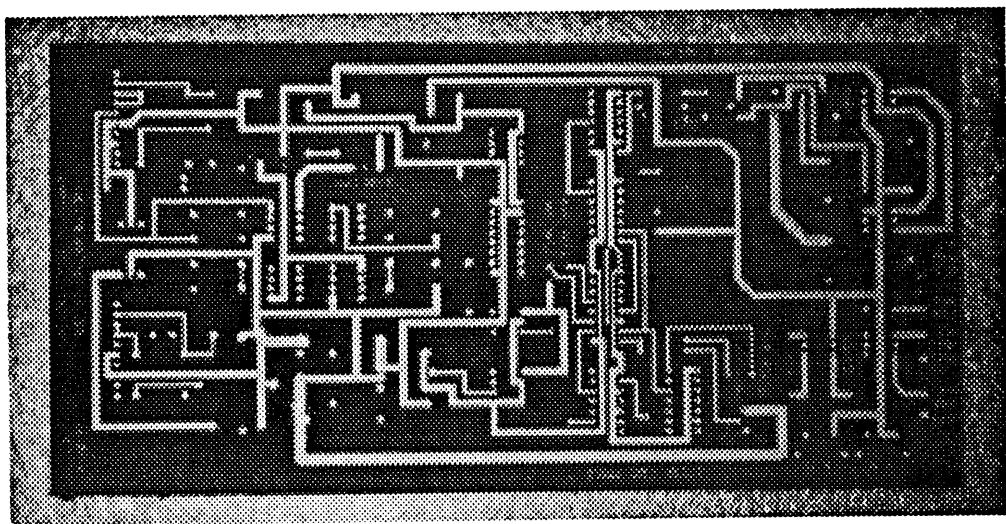


Figure 2.14: SAPARC Control Printed Wiring Assembly
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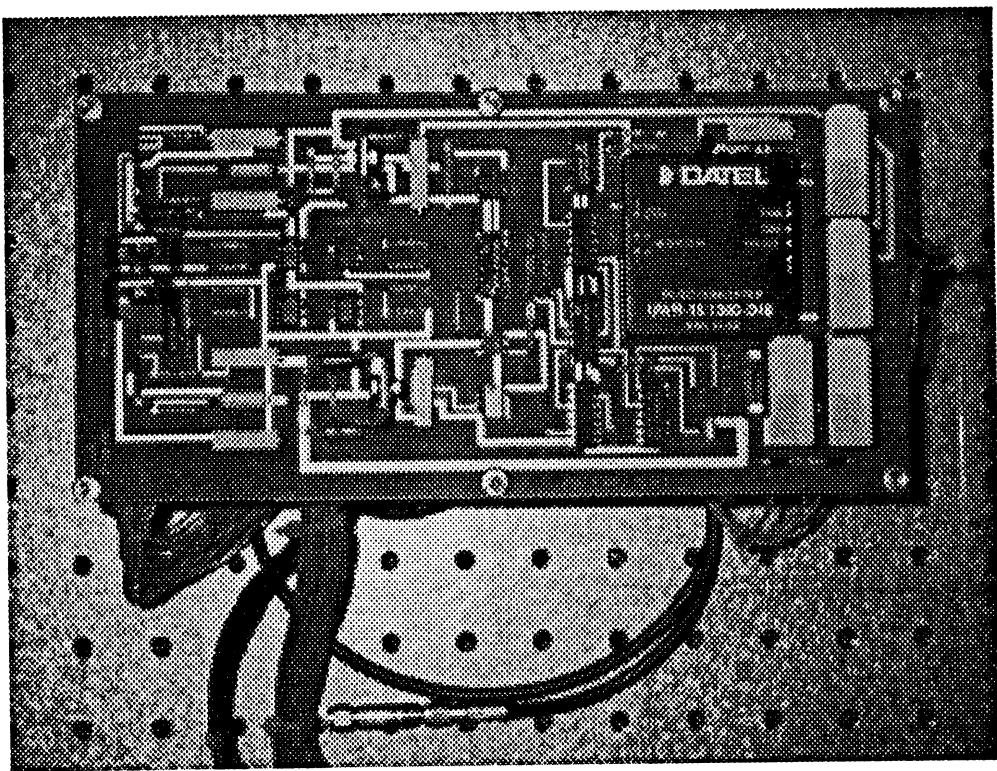
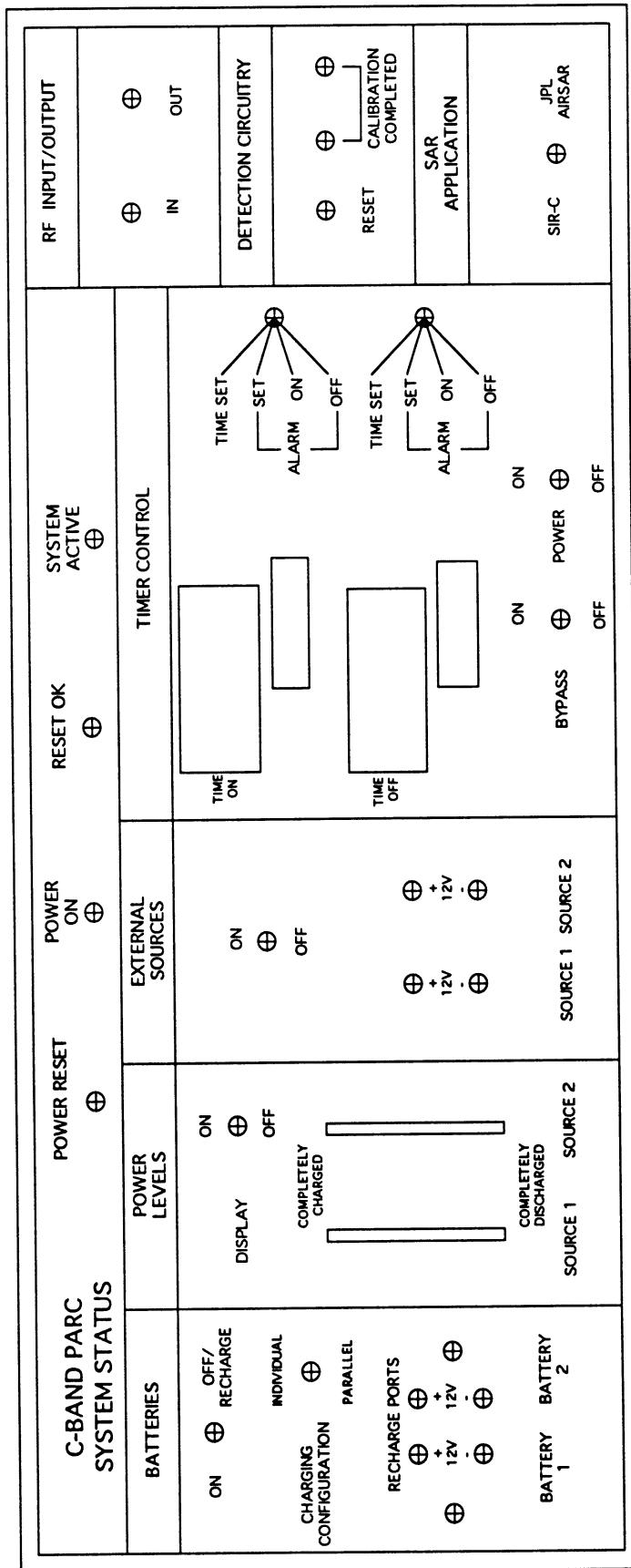


Figure 2.15: SAPARC Control Printed Wiring Assembly
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Figure 2.16: Blueprint of the SAPARC Control Panel



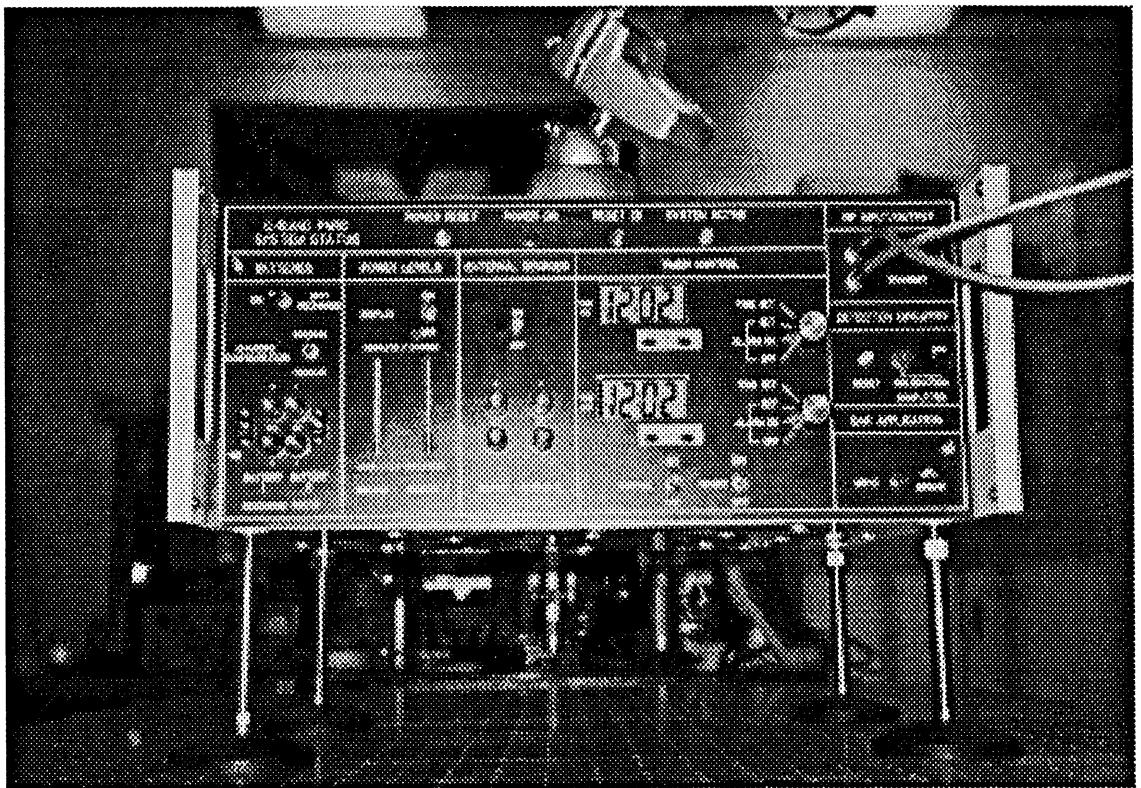


Figure 2.17: SAPARC Front Control Panel

- LED Battery Power Monitor
- Battery Over-discharge Protection
- Automatic System Activation Timers
- Voltage Regulation
- Auxiliary Switching Capability
- External Source Hook-up
- Recharge Ports for Internal Sources
- Easy Detachability for Maintenance

Most of the circuitry (for the functions listed above) is mounted on the Control PWA. This board was designed with EE Designer, a PWA layout software package which can be run on most IBM pc's. The PWA was then manufactured by L. Ross industries in Ann Arbor. (See Figures 2.14 and 2.15).

As a final note, the entire Control PWA / Detection PWA combination can be removed from the system chassis by disconnecting the 50 - pin connector. Before doing so, however, it is advised that the user first disconnect the internal supplies by removing the 7A fuses; the "BATTERIES" switch must then be turned on, and the "POWER RESET" button depressed (for 10 seconds) so that all residual charge held by the internal capacitance of the system can be safely discharged. (See Figure 2.16 and 2.17, both of which depict the front control panel).

2.4.1.1 LED Battery Power Monitor

The LED display mounted on the control panel is driven by a differential amplifier circuit which monitors the gradual drop in voltage of each separate lead acid battery (see Appendix C, pg. 3). Preliminary tests showed that this drop is a linear function of time, whereby the safe operating range exists between $10V \leq V \leq 12.5V$ (refer to the battery operating curves given in Figures 3.12, 3.13, and 3.14). The entire system becomes fully loaded whenever the LED display is activated, thus yielding a more accurate measurement of the battery's remaining capacity. Note that under room temperature conditions, the Yuasa 7 A·hr 12V batteries can operate for up to 5.5 hours (under a full load of 1.2A) before the lower operating voltage threshold is reached. Colder temperatures will significantly limit this capacity; at $-10^{\circ}C$, the system can only operate for 4.5 hours before the same lower threshold causes the system to shut down.

The LED display is currently set to measure a voltage range of $10.5V \leq V \leq 12.5V$ for each supply. This range can be adjusted for supplies 1 and 2 by tweaking the potentiometers R8 and R17, respectively.

2.4.1.2 Battery Over-discharge Protection

In conjunction with the LED bar graph display, the discharge protection circuitry similarly monitors the supply voltages through the use of comparitors (see Appendix C, pg. 4). When the lower voltage threshold is reached (i.e. 10V), power to the entire system will be shut off, thus protecting the lead acid batteries from excessive discharging. (The battery's capacity is severely degraded whenever this lower voltage threshold is exceeded for extended periods of time.) This lower threshold can be easily adjusted by tweaking potentiometers R3 and R15 (for supplies 1 and 2, respectively).

2.4.1.3 Automatic System Activation Timers

The system's built-in activation timers can control the operation interval for the SAPARC. In almost all practical situations, the SAPARC needs to be on for a relatively short period of time which can be programmed using the activation timers, thus prolonging the SAPARC's use by conserving battery capacity (see Appendix C, pp. 5-6). Two separate clocks are used: one for activating the high load components, and one for deactivating the entire circuit. The wiring design consists of a number of buffers and opto-isolators which connect the output of the timers (i.e. piezo-electric connections) with the rest of the control circuitry. Note that these connections were made with shielded 20 gauge wire; the first prototype, which did not use shielded wire, experienced occasional transient responses resulting from the switching of the high load components (e.g. amplifiers, heater, etc.). Proper shielding and the use of opto-isolators eliminated this problem altogether.

The timer activation mode can be bypassed for manual operation as well. In the manual mode, the system loads are all activated for immediate and constant operation, thus making this mode ideal for testing purposes. When deploying the SAPARC within a field environment, one should use the bypass in order to insure that the system cannot be

driven into a feedback state. Feedback oscillations will occur whenever an object is placed within the SAPARC's antenna beam pattern. Hence, a low-lying tree branch or other similar object may drive the system into an oscillation state. Using the bypass allows the user to "see" if any objects are within range of causing such problems. If the system can operate correctly in the bypass state, then the user will have confidence that the SAPARC will also work while in the automatic mode.

As a last note, the activation timers are independently powered by small cell 1.25V batteries. These cells can be easily replaced by removing the top cover on the SAPARC chassis. A small plastic cover on the clock units must also be removed in order to gain access to the battery compartments.

2.4.1.4 Voltage Regulation

The various subsystems within the SAPARC require supply voltages of $\pm 15V$, $\pm 8V$, and $+5V$. The $+5V$ and $\pm 8V$ regulation is performed by basic 7800 series regulators, whereas the $\pm 15V$ modes are supplied from DC-DC converters (one on the Detection PWA, and the second on the Control PWA - see Appendix C, pp. 3,4, and 7). The $+15V$ DC-DC converter possesses an efficiency of greater than 80%; hence, the converter outperforms conventional voltage regulation by a considerable margin (i.e. in terms of efficient power use). It should also be noted that conventional regulators cannot supply the relatively large amount of current which is required for the operation of the amplifiers and other possible auxiliary loads.

2.4.1.5 Auxiliary Switching Capability

As mentioned above, the Control PWA is configured so that additional loads can be added (and thus controlled) as the user sees fit (see Appendix C, pg. 2). The voltage output for these auxiliary ports includes $\pm 15V$ and $+24V$. Possible loads include recording devices which can monitor the RF power levels received during SAR fly-bys, thereby providing a means for measuring the pattern of the SAR's illuminating footprint.

The Detection PWA does provide a correlation between detected RF and a specific DC output voltage. This capability may be utilized for use with recording devices. Heaters can also be connected to this circuit; however, testing has shown that their use is of little value for reliable temperature stabilization. (See section 2.5).

2.4.1.6 External Source Hook-up

The user can bypass the internal battery supplies by employing the use of the external hook-up jacks located on the front control panel (see Figures 2.16 and 2.17, as well as Appendix C, pg. 1). If external sources are to be used, simply flip the "EXTERNAL SOURCES" switch to the ON position. Hit the "POWER RESET" pushbutton and continue the system operation in the normal fashion. As a final note, **DO NOT CONNECT THE GROUNDS FROM THE EXTERNAL BATTERIES TOGETHER.**

2.4.1.7 Recharge Ports

The user can also recharge the internal batteries via the recharging ports located on the front control panel (see Figures 2.16 and 2.17, as well as Appendix C, pg. 1). Two different port types are provided for the support of varying recharging devices. When recharging, have the "BATTERIES" switch in the OFF / RECHARGE position. The "CHARGING CONFIGURATION" switch permits the user to charge the batteries individually or together in a parallel mode.

2.4.2 Detection Circuitry

The Detection PWA was acquired from an existing two-antenna PARC system developed by Applied Microwave (see Appendix C, pg. 7). This subsystem monitors the power levels which exist at the output of the power amplifier. The threshold for this detection has been set low enough ($P_{\min \text{ detection}} = -48.6 \text{ dBm}$) so that oscillations as well as SAR fly-bys can be recorded. In the original circuit design, a detection would illuminate a

small red bulb; in addition to this, a .25A circuit breaker switch (which serves as a permanent recording device) has been added to signal the user that a successful calibration is complete. Note that the circuit breaker takes approximately 60 seconds to trip once a detection is made.

When deploying the SAPARC, the user must be certain that feedback oscillations will not occur during the calibration. Therefore, one must always monitor the detection lamp during final setup preparations. (Recall that the SAPARC system is extremely sensitive to adjacent objects which may reside within the antenna's beamwidth. These objects include nearby bushes, tree limbs, etc.). If a feedback scenario is present, simply press the RESET to clear the Detection PWA circuitry. Continue to re-position the SAPARC as needed so that no errant detections are made.

2.5 Temperature Stabilization

During the initial design phase, one of the primary goals was to develop a system which was insensitive to changes in the ambient temperature. It was assumed that the most sensitive devices would be those which are active, namely the preamp and power amp. To this end, a 24W hybrid heater had been placed on the amplifier combination. Unfortunately, the temperature stabilization tests showed that the most sensitive device was the passive delay line, and not the amplifiers as first suspected. The following test results demonstrate this fact:

<u>Component</u>	Ambient Temp (20° C) <u>Measurement</u>	Lower Extreme (-10° C) <u>Measurement</u>	Difference in <u>Measurement</u>
Power Amp Gain (with heater)	51.12 dB	50.46 dB	0.66 dB
Preamp Gain (with heater)	43.33 dB	42.67 dB	0.66 dB
Delay Line Loss	42.53 dB	39.39 dB	3.14 dB
Total Line Loss (without amps) (with 10dB pad)	53.94 dB	49.67 dB	4.27 dB

Table 2.4: Thermal Variations of Key SAPARC Components

As shown above, temperature stabilization would require either a number of high power heaters or a variable attenuator / gain feedback circuit. The former of these alternatives is somewhat impractical since it would require excessive amounts of battery power. Similarly, the latter option is too expensive for a practical implementation.

An acceptable solution requires a mapping of the G_{Loop} component of the RCS as a function of temperature. Such a mapping is shown in Section 3.3. The goal, then, is to accurately record the system's temperature during an actual field test. The temperature (recorded as a function of time) will then be compared to the G_{Loop} vs. Temperature chart from Section 3.3. Hence, an accurate description of the system's total RCS can be calculated for the exact fly-by time of the SAR platform.

An automatic measurement is obtained through the use of a Dickson 24-hour Temperature Recorder. This device is nestled within the delay line loop located at the base of the SAPARC chassis. For an actual field deployment scenario, the user must activate the temperature recorder while noting the exact time of initial operation. Once this is done, the user is free to leave the deployment area while the rest of the equipment remains in its automated mode.

2.6 Assembled Prototype

Figures 2.18 a-c show the SAPARC in its completed state. Note how the horn antenna is detachable for quick and easy transport of the device.

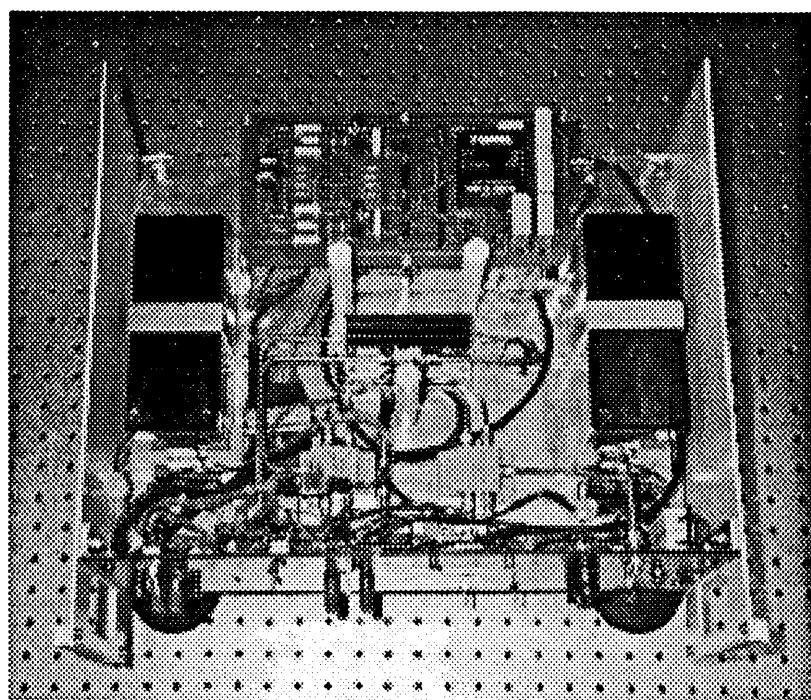


Figure 2.18a: Internal Components of the C-Band SAPARC

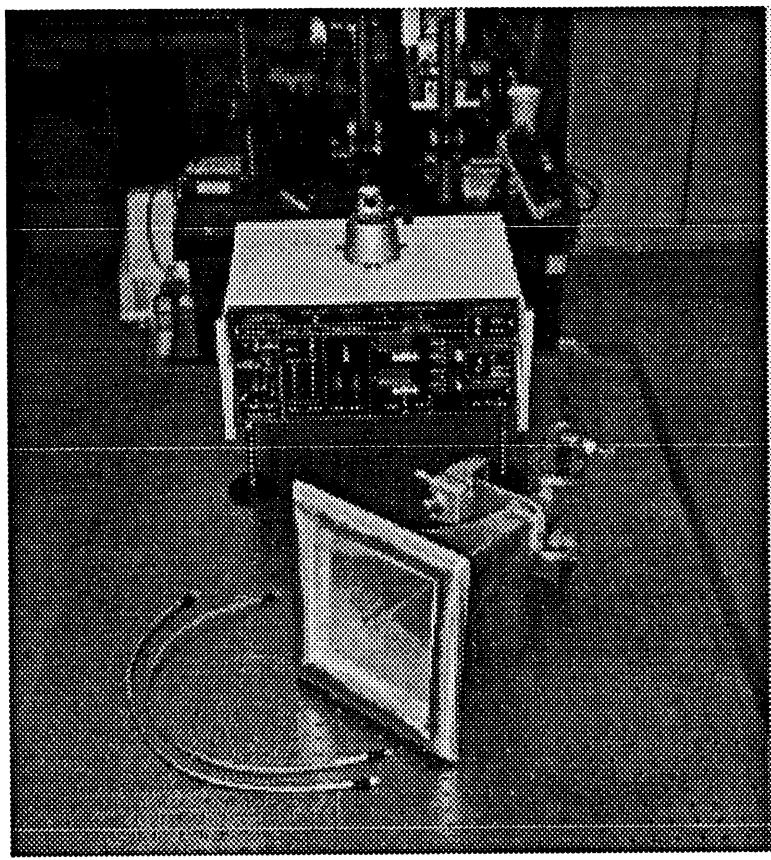


Figure 2.18b: C-Band SAPARC Disassembled For Transport

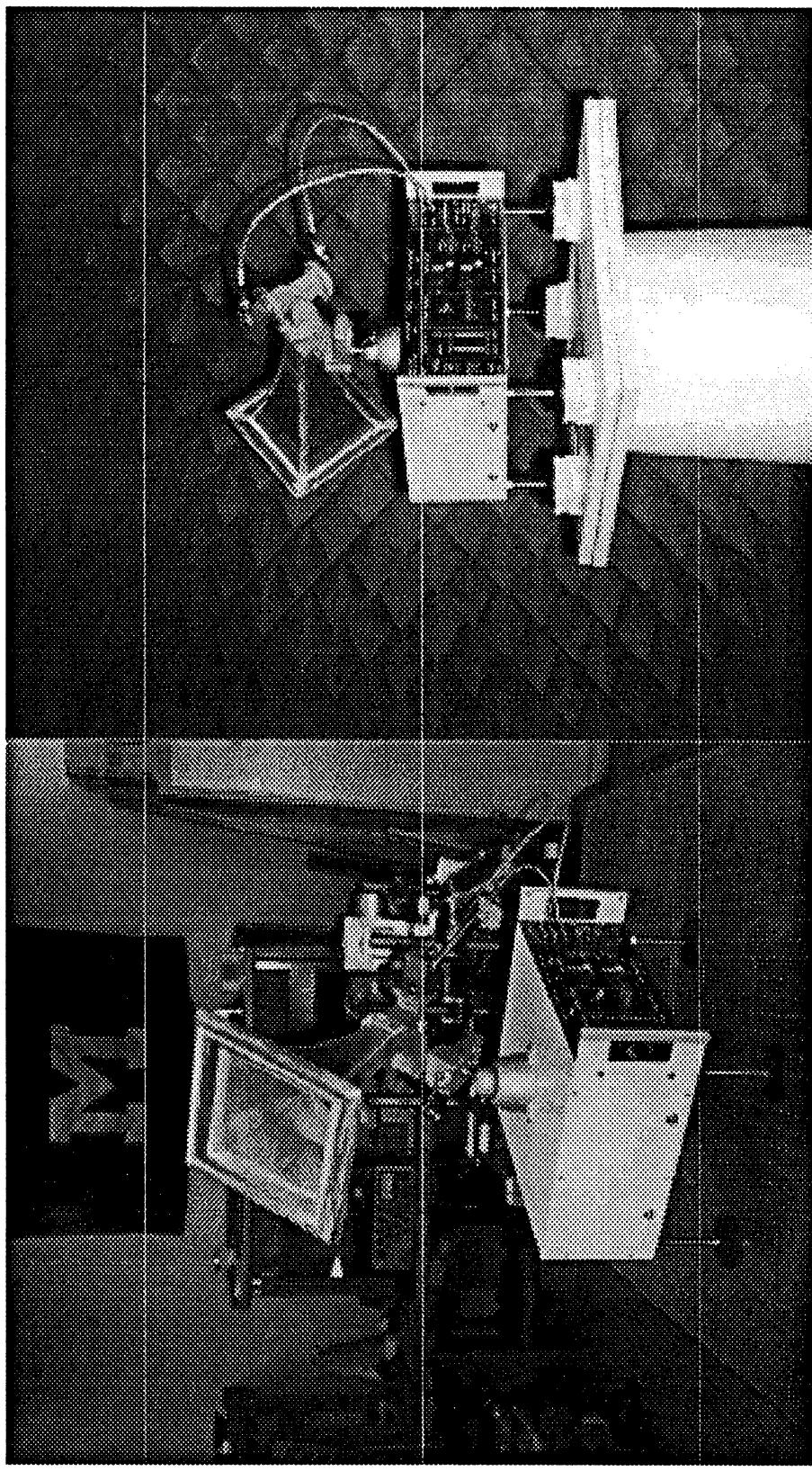


Figure 2.18c: Fully Assembled C-Band SAPARC

CHAPTER III

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

As mentioned in Chapter 1, the accuracy of a SAR calibration is highly dependent upon the measured performance of the calibration device. Hence, the measurements taken in accordance with this project must adhere to the following goals:

- Accurate measurement of the scattering matrix for the 0° and 45° antenna orientations.
- 0.2 dB accuracy in the mapping of the thermal gain variations.
- Overall characterization of SAPARC performance with respect to field deployment conditions, including extremes in temperature, all-weather performance, and battery capacity.

3.1 G_{Loop} Measurements

Figures 3.1 and 3.2 depict the S_{21} frequency responses of G_{Loop} for room temperature operation (22° C). For this measurement, a 50 dB attenuator was placed on the receive channel of the SAPARC in order to prevent amplifier saturation. The frequency response for this attenuator is similarly shown in Figure 3.3. From these measurements, G_{Loop} is found to be 44.08 dB. However, as section 3.3 will show, G_{Loop} is highly dependent upon the SAPARC's operating temperature. To find the correct value of G_{Loop} for each SAR calibration, one must refer to the thermal variation chart shown in Figure 3.14.

The SAPARC anechoic chamber tests were performed at room temperature

(approximately 22° C). Figure 3.9 (SAPARC RCS for the 0° Orientation) shows that the maximum achievable value for the RCS is 40 dBsm. Using this data in conjunction with the theoretical equation given in section 2.1, the gain of the C-band antenna system is found to be 15.93 dB. The following calculations demonstrate this result.

$$\sigma = G_{Loop} \frac{G_T G_R \lambda^2}{4\pi}$$

where

$$\sigma \approx 40 \text{ dBsm}$$

$$G_{Loop} = 44.08 \text{ dB}$$

$$G_T = G_R = G_{Antenna}$$

$$\frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} = \frac{(0.0566m)^2}{4\pi} = -35.94 \text{ dB}$$

Rearranging the equation gives

$$G_{Antenna} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{G_{Loop} \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi}}} = \frac{1}{2}(40.0 \text{ dBsm} - 44.08 \text{ dB} + 35.94 \text{ dB})$$

$$G_{Antenna} = 15.93 \text{ dB}$$

The equations above demonstrate how the user can easily find the RCS of the SAPARC for any given operating temperature. In other words, when the operating temperature is known, the corresponding value of G_{Loop} will also be known, and hence so will the RCS of the SAPARC unit. The equations are similarly applicable to the 45° SAPARC orientation. For this case, simply subtract the 6 dB difference from the 0° orientation antenna results described above.

3.2 Anechoic Chamber Tests

The University of Michigan Radiation Laboratory maintains a fully equipped 60-foot-

long, tapered anechoic chamber which is used for conducting antenna pattern measurements and for measuring the scattering characteristics of man-made and natural targets. This chamber is ideal for making accurate measurements of the SAPARC's RCS within a relatively noise-free environment.

A major component of the Radiation Laboratory's polarimetric radar measurement facility is the LCX POLARSCAT system. The parameters of the C-band subsystem are as follows:

Center Frequency	5.3 GHz
Frequency Bandwidth	0.5 GHz
Antenna Type	Dual Polarized Pyramidal Horn
Antenna Gain	25.3 dB
Beamwidth	8.0°
Far Field ($2d^2 / \lambda$)	5.8 m
XPOL Isolation	45 dB
Calibration Accuracy	± 0.3 dB
Measurement Precision (N>100)	± 0.4 dB
Phase Accuracy	± 3°

Table 3.1: C-Band POLARSCAT Parameters

A large percentage of this system consists of Hewlett Packard components, including an HP 8753 Network Analyzer and HP 9000 Computer with an additional disc drive. Using computer control, polarimetric measurements of the phase and magnitude responses can be taken with respect to changes in target elevation and azimuth angles (Figure 3.4).

The chamber experiments required a center frequency of 5.3 GHz with a 600 MHz bandwidth. Calibrations were performed by using a 14" metallic sphere in accordance with a calibration technique developed by Sarabandi [5] (See Appendix E). Time gating was also employed, whereby a gate span of 10 ns (centered on the target's response) provides an automatic subtraction of background scatterers.

Figure 3.1: Frequency Domain Response of GLoop

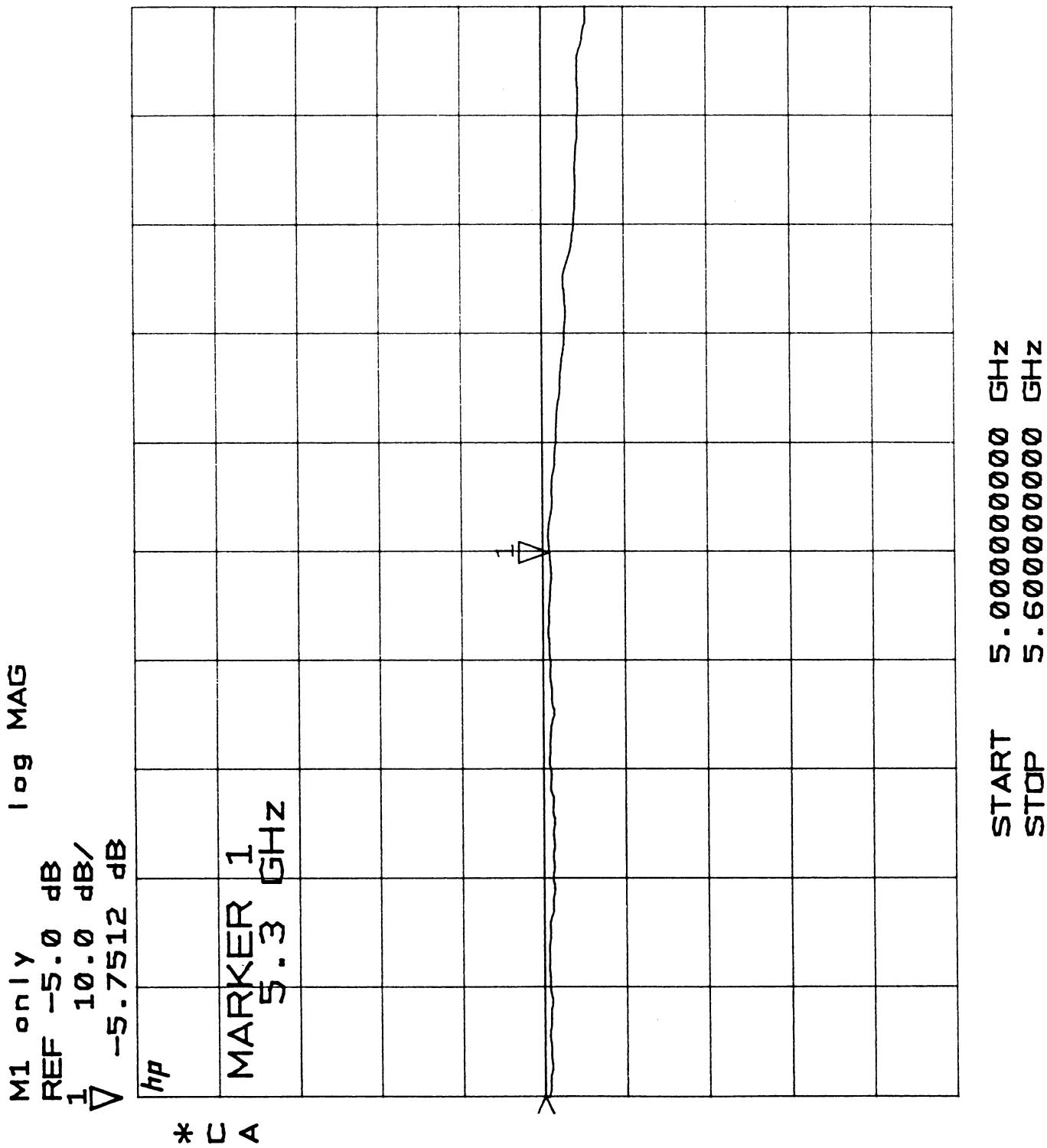


Figure 3.2: Detailed Frequency Domain Response of GLoop

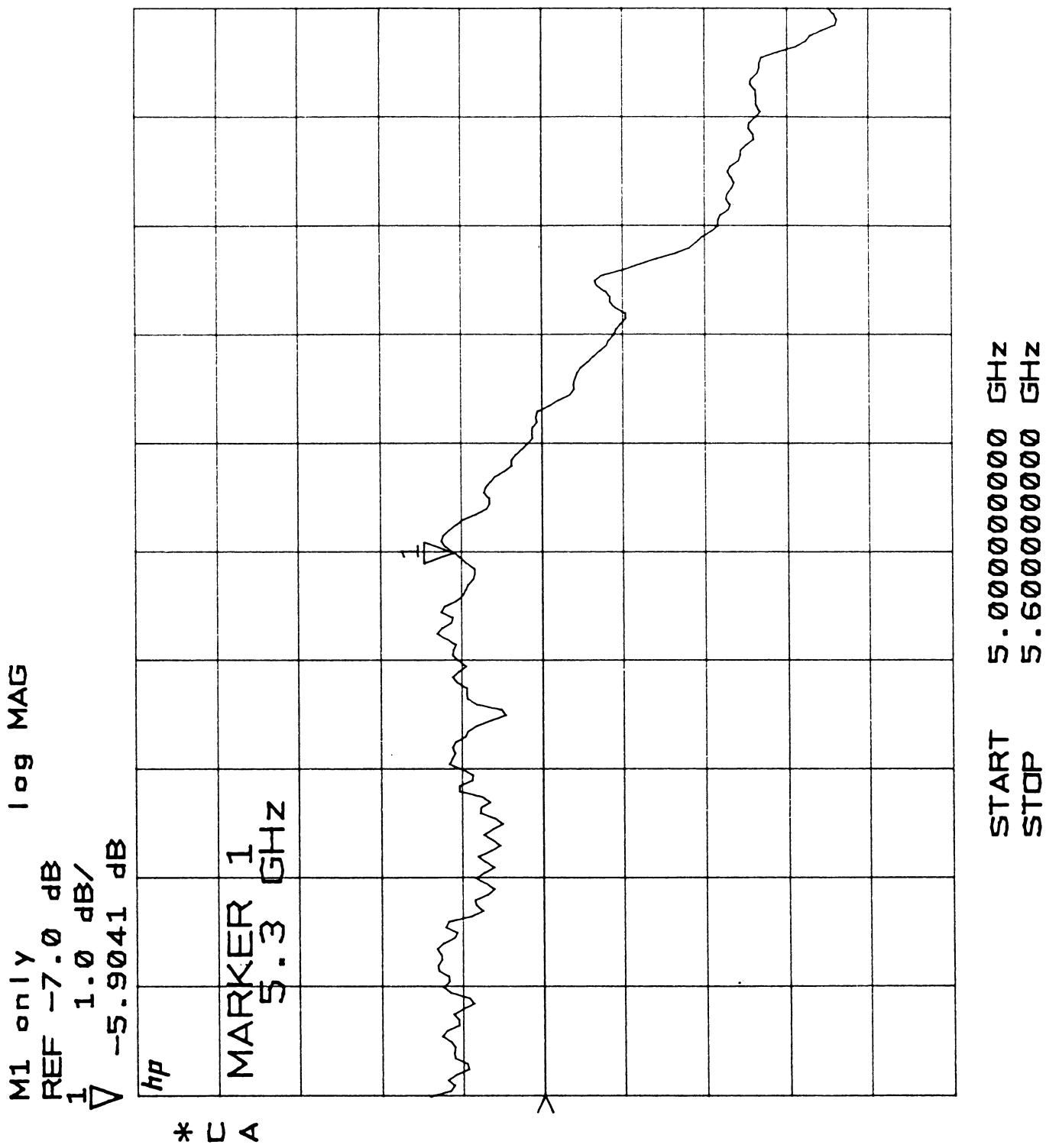
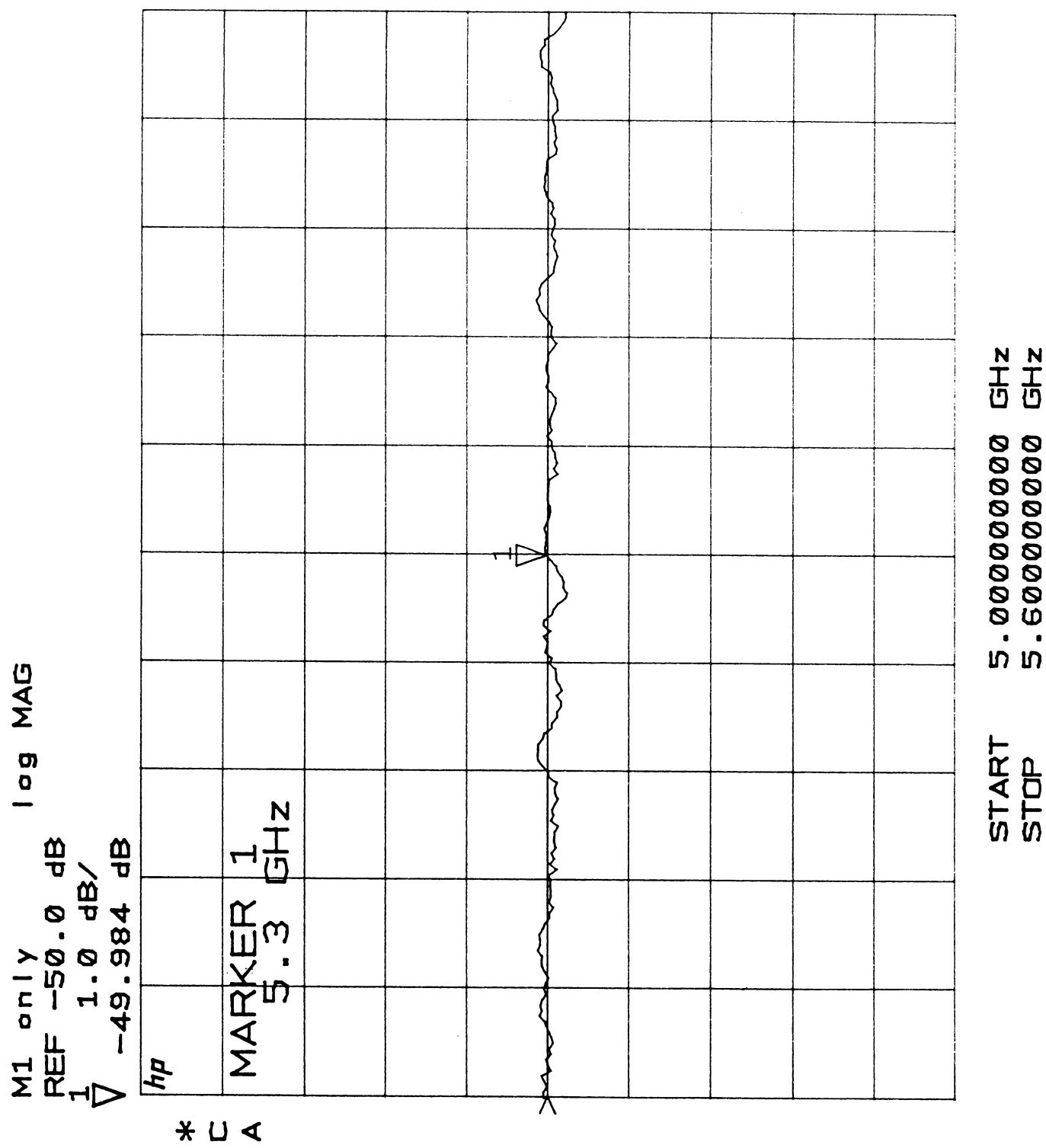


Figure 3.3: Frequency Domain Response of the 50 dB Attenuator



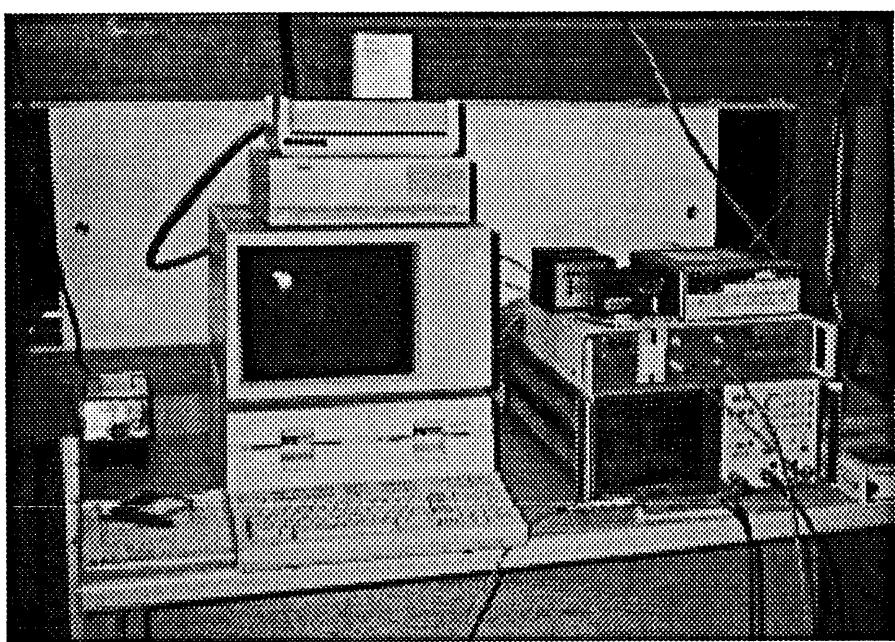


Figure 3.4: C-Band POLARSCAT Test Equipment

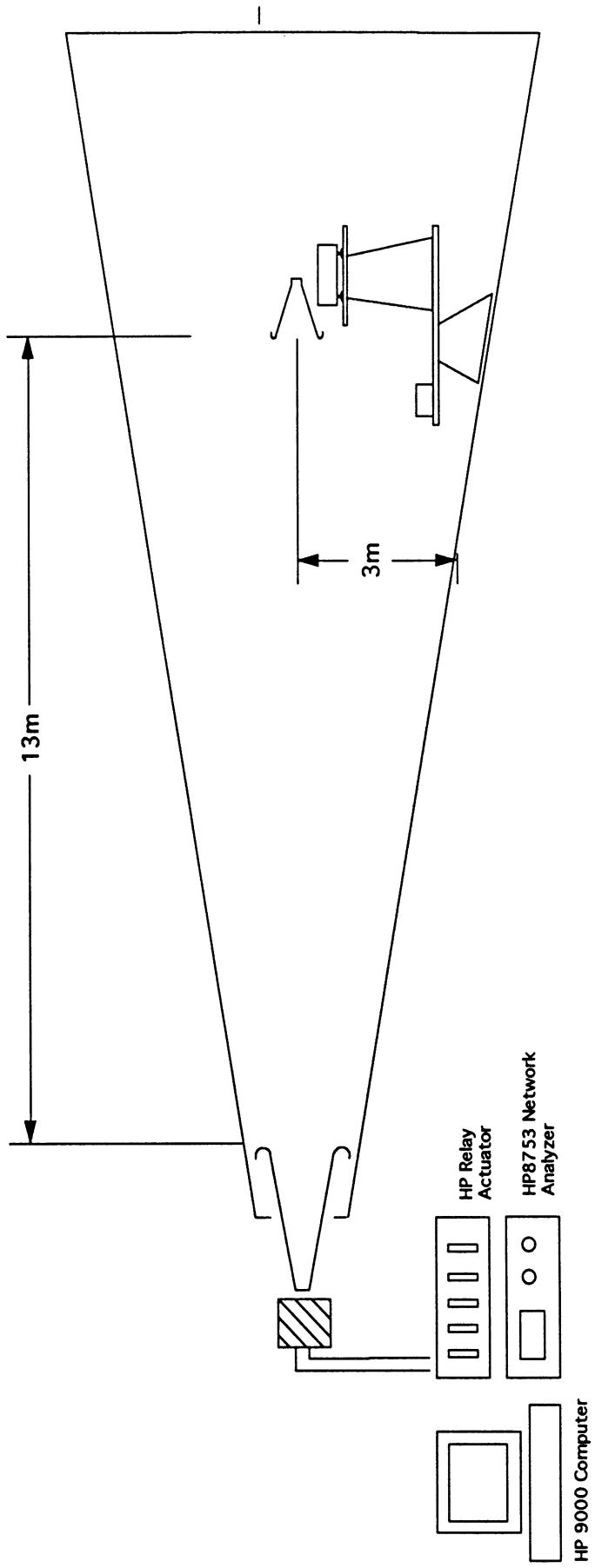
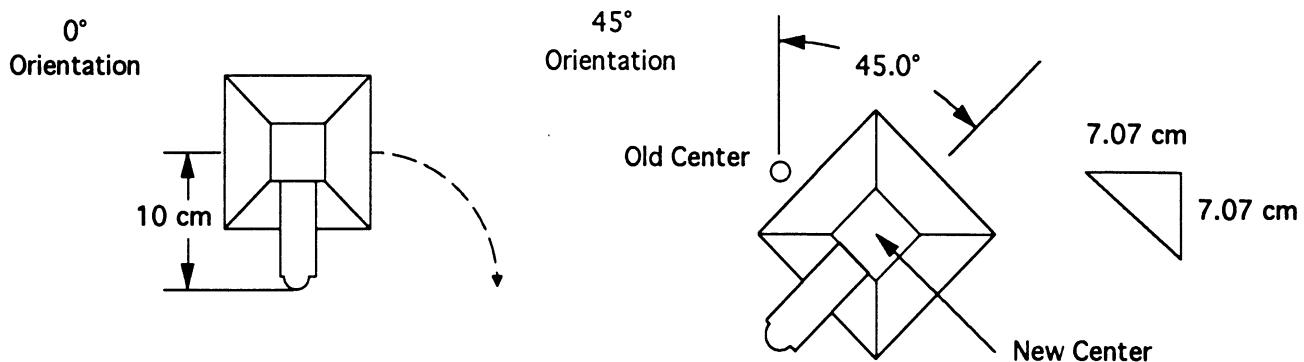


Figure 3.5: Anechoic Chamber Measurements at the University of Michigan's
Radiation Laboratory



Note : SAPARC must be moved up by 7.07 cm and mounted to the left by 7.07 cm

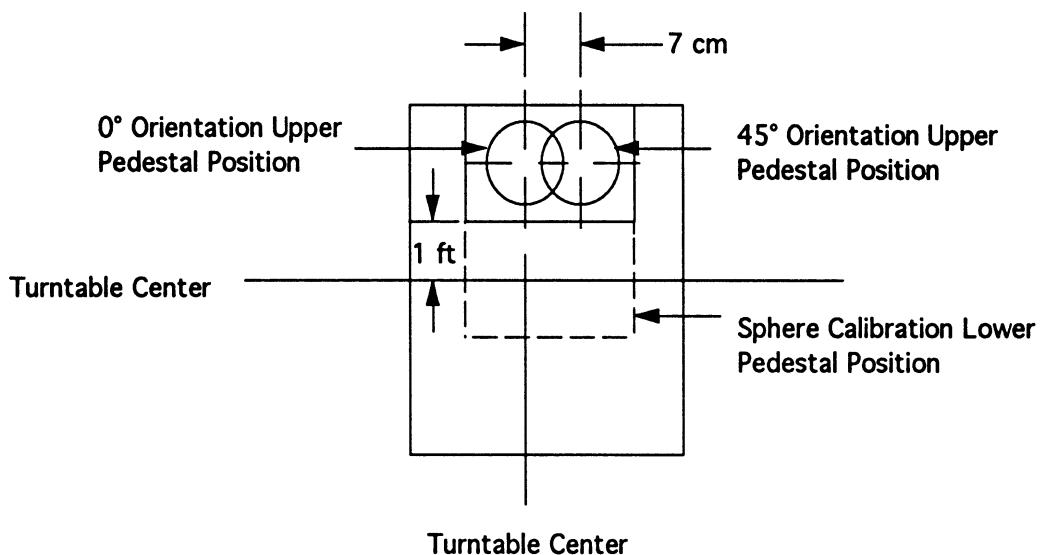
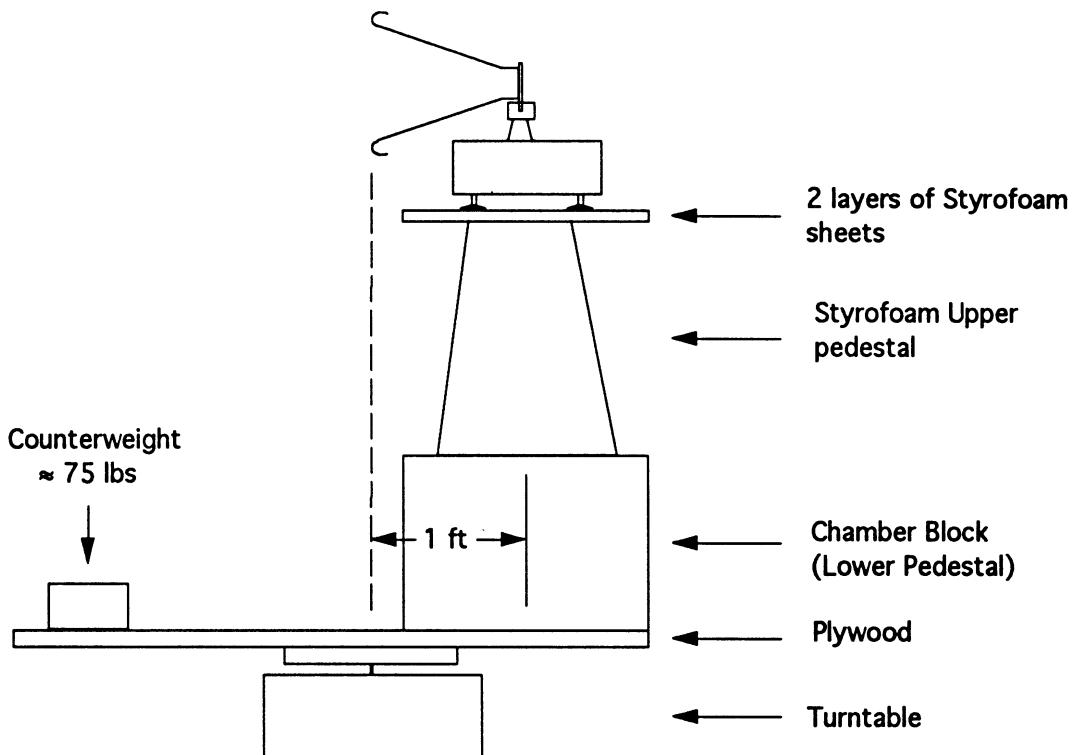


Figure 3.6: 0° and 45° Orientation Modifications

A block diagram of the measuring facility is given in Figure 3.5. Figure 3.6 shows the configurations used for the 0° and 45° Orientation tests.

3.1.1 SAPARC Time Domain Response

Section 2.3 mentioned that a SAR calibration can be enhanced by time shifting the PARC's radar response so that it appears to originate over a dark background (refer to Figure 2.8). Recall that a 200 foot delay line is incorporated into the SAPARC design to accomplish such a feat. The effect of this delay is clearly shown in Figure 3.7, the time domain response of the C-band SAPARC system. As an addendum, Tables 3.2 and 3.3 provide an identification and quantification of the five markers given in Figure 3.7.

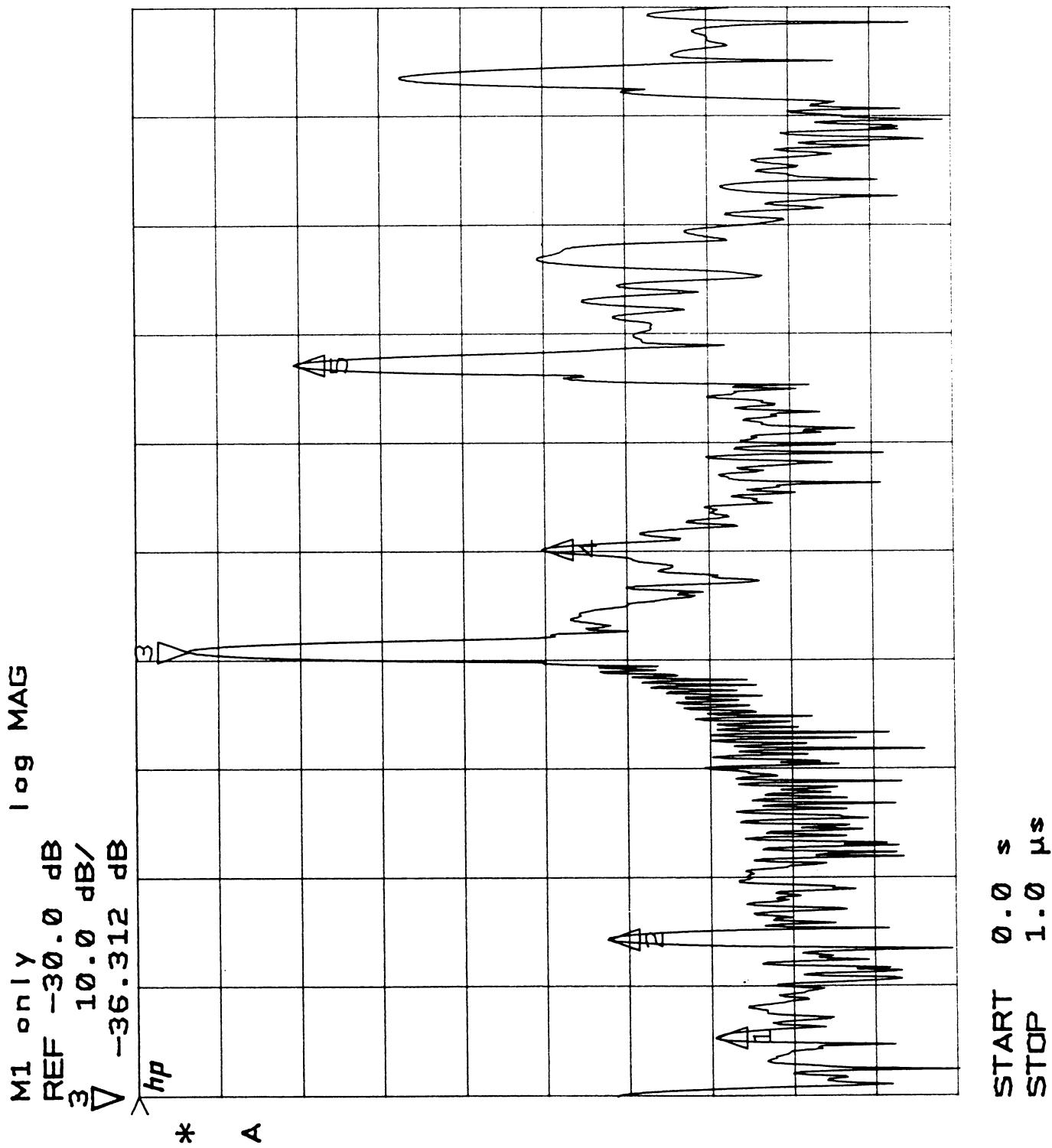
<u>Marker</u>	<u>Identification</u>
1	Leakage (i.e. cross talk) between the receive and transmit horns used in the measurement
2	Backscatter from the SAPARC's antenna and chassis (physical location of the SAPARC)
3	Primary time-delayed SAPARC response
4	First delayed multipath reflection
5	Response due to the <i>ringing</i> of the SAPARC unit

Table 3.2: Marker Identification for Figure 3.2

<u>Marker</u>	<u>Magnitude (dB)</u>	Time Delay (ns)		Electrical Distance (m)	
		<u>Measured</u>	Referenced to <u>Marker 1</u>	<u>Measured</u>	Referenced to <u>Marker 1</u>
1	-100.39	53.75	0.00	16.11	0.00
2	-87.40	143.75	90.00	43.10	26.99
3	-36.31	408.75	355.00	122.54	106.43
4	-79.59	502.50	448.75	150.65	134.54
5	-49.37	672.50	618.75	201.61	185.50

Table 3.3: Magnitude and Position Values for the Markers Shown in Figure 3.2

Figure 3.7: SAPARC Time Domain Response



The values given in Tables 3.2 and 3.3 lead to a number of important conclusions. First, the electrical length of the delay line is found to be the difference between markers 2 and 3, namely 265 ns. This, in turn, corresponds to an electrical length of 79.44 m; hence, the SAPARC's SAR response has effectively been translated by nearly 80 m (i.e. approximately 260 feet). Also note the ringing effect (marker 5) where a replica of the original SAR response is periodically repeated every 263.75 ns, or 79.1 m. The subsequent replicas are a product of the limited isolation of the OMT. During the transmission of the first SAR response, a small amount of leakage RF makes its way through the SAPARC loop where it is amplified, delayed, and re-transmitted as another SAR response. Figure 3.7 shows how each of the recurring responses will decay by approximately 13 dB; hence, this process continues until the net amount of leakage becomes negligible. When processing the imaging data, the ringing effect inherent with each SAPARC allows for easy identification and location of the calibration system, thus providing another advantage over passive calibration devices.

Marker 4 shows the delayed response of the first multipath reflection. The distances between markers 1 and 2 and markers 3 and 4 are virtually identical; therefore, it is believed that the response labeled by marker 4 corresponds to a component of the original signal which experienced multiple reflections from the SAPARC horn / chassis and the receive / transmit antennas on the radar platform. In other words, this signal originally reached the SAPARC unit where it was then reflected back towards the radar platform. Once reaching the platform, the signal was then reflected back again towards the SAPARC. Upon reaching the SAPARC for the second time, the signal was received, delayed, amplified, and re-transmitted back to the radar platform. Similar multipath signals are shown throughout Figure 3.7.

As a final point, the SAPARC provides an exceptional signal to noise ratio (SNR). The difference between the SAR response (labeled as marker 3) and the anechoic chamber's noise floor is over 70 dB. A 50 dB signal to clutter ratio (i.e. the difference between markers 2 and 3) is also shown to be quite extraordinary. These relatively large values of SNR will prove to be very beneficial for actual SAR calibrations.

3.1.2 0° Orientation Test

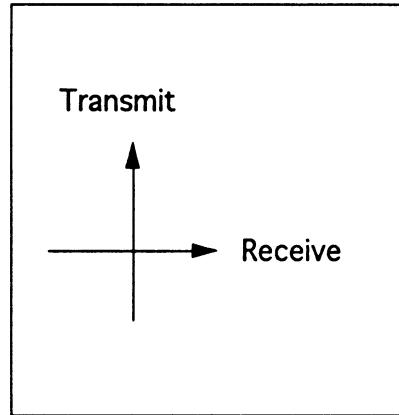
The 0° orientation of a SAPARC refers to the case when there is no polarization mismatch between the radar's antenna and the SAPARC antenna. In this mode, the SAPARC provides a calibration of σ_{hv} , where a received vertically polarized signal is amplified, delayed, and transmitted back to the radar with a horizontal polarization. The phasor polarizations are given in Figure 3.8.

Figure 3.9 demonstrates the measured azimuthal pattern response for this orientation. As shown, the SAPARC yields a maximum RCS response of 40 dBsm with a 15° half-power beamwidth (for the σ_{hv} case). (Note that the traditional convention of listing the target's polarimetric RCS as σ_{xy} , where x and y refer to the received and transmitted polarizations, respectively, is used.) A cross polarization isolation of 38 dB exists between σ_{hv} and σ_{vv} , σ_{hh} , thereby giving credence to the excellent cross polarization isolation performance of the horn / OMT design described in section 2.2.

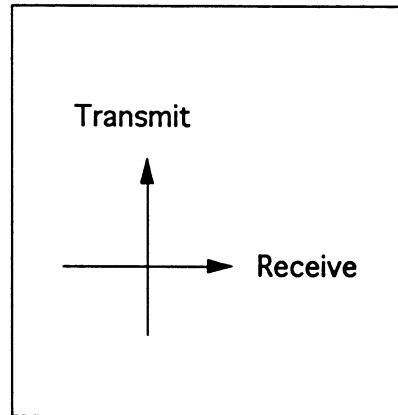
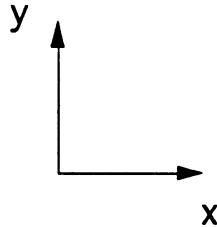
As a final point, the σ_{vh} response reveals the "noise floor" inherent with this measurement. This RCS response is characterized by a 100% polarization mismatch for both the radar and SAPARC antennas, and hence the extremely low RCS response of -40 to -60 dBsm is expected.

3.1.3 45° Orientation Test

The 45° orientation is accomplished by rotating the SAPARC horn as demonstrated in Figure 3.10. Doing so allows a complete calibration of the Scattering Matrix since each transmit and receive combination, namely σ_{vv} , σ_{hh} , σ_{hv} , and σ_{vh} , yields the same RCS azimuthal pattern response with a half-power beamwidth of 15°. Figure 3.11 depicts the RCS azimuthal pattern response for the 45° orientation. Note how each trace is symmetric and virtually equal over a 40° beamwidth, as expected. Also note how the peak RCS of 34 dBsm is exactly 6 dB below the 0° orientation response of 40 dBsm. Again, this result is in excellent agreement with the theoretical expectations (the two 45° polarization mismatches, one for transmit and the second for receive, correspond to a total loss in power of $1/2 \cdot 1/2 = 1/4 = 6$ dB).



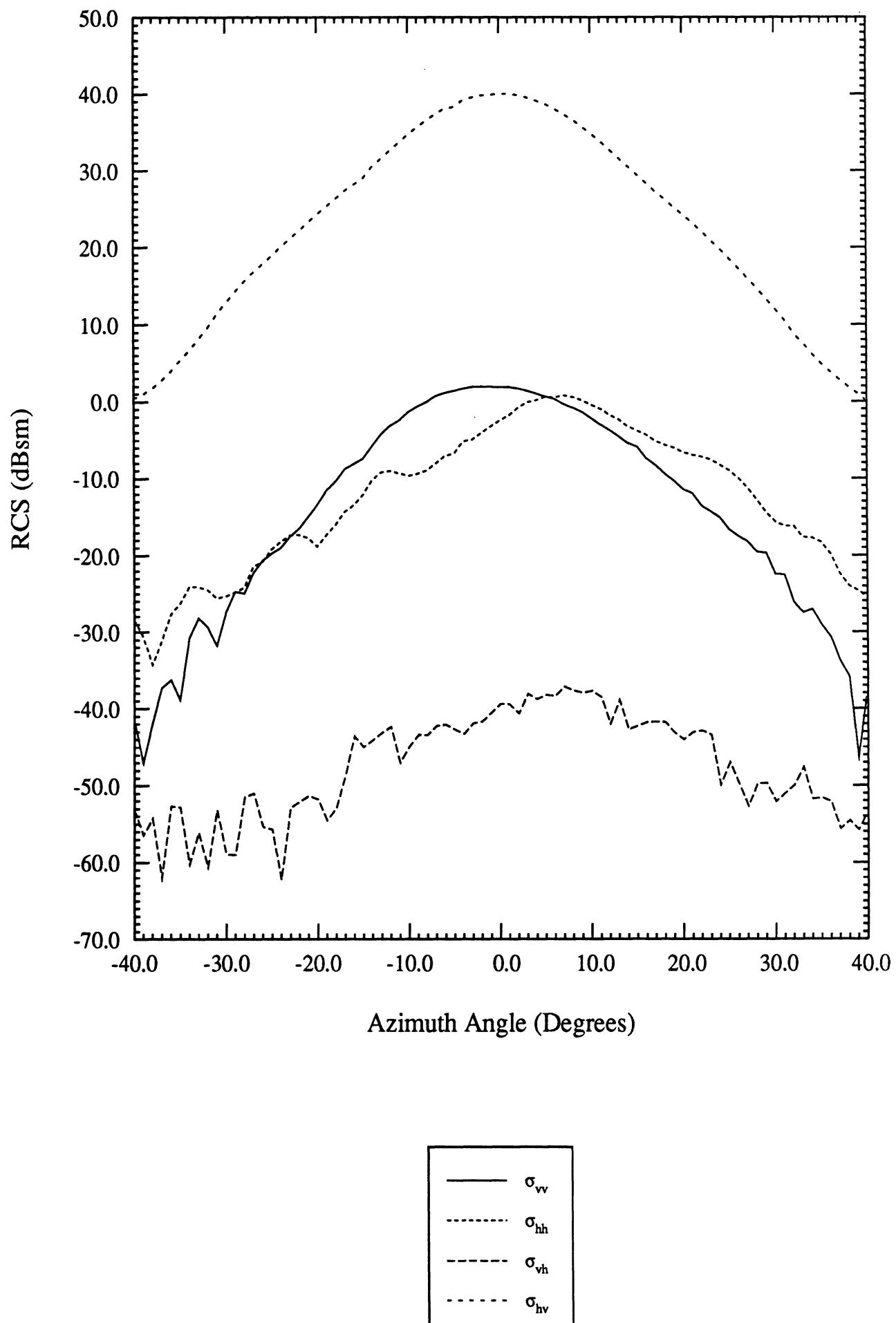
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Polarizations

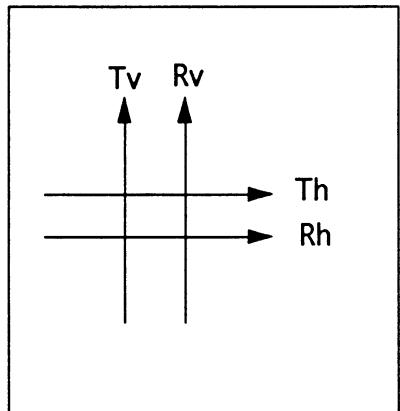


SAPARC Antenna
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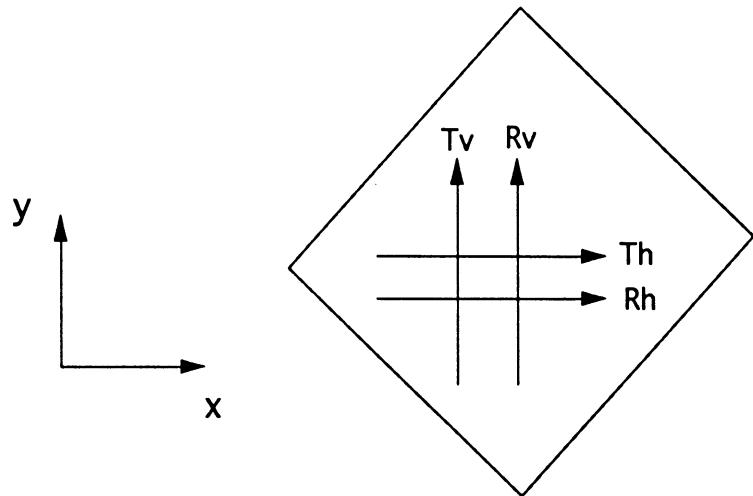
Figure 3.8: SAPARC 0° Orientation Phasor Polarizations

Figure 3.9: SAPARC 0° Orientation RCS Azimuthal Patterns (SIR-C Mode)





Radar Antenna
Polarizations



SAPARC Antenna
Polarizations

Tv : Transmit Vertically Polarized Wave Component

Rv : Receive Vertically Polarized Wave Component

Th : Transmit Horizontally Polarized Wave Component

Rh : Receive Horizontally Polarized Wave Component

Figure 3.10: SAPARC 45° Orientation Phasor Polarizations

Figure 3.11: SAPARC 45° Orientation RCS Azimuthal Patterns (SIR-C Mode)

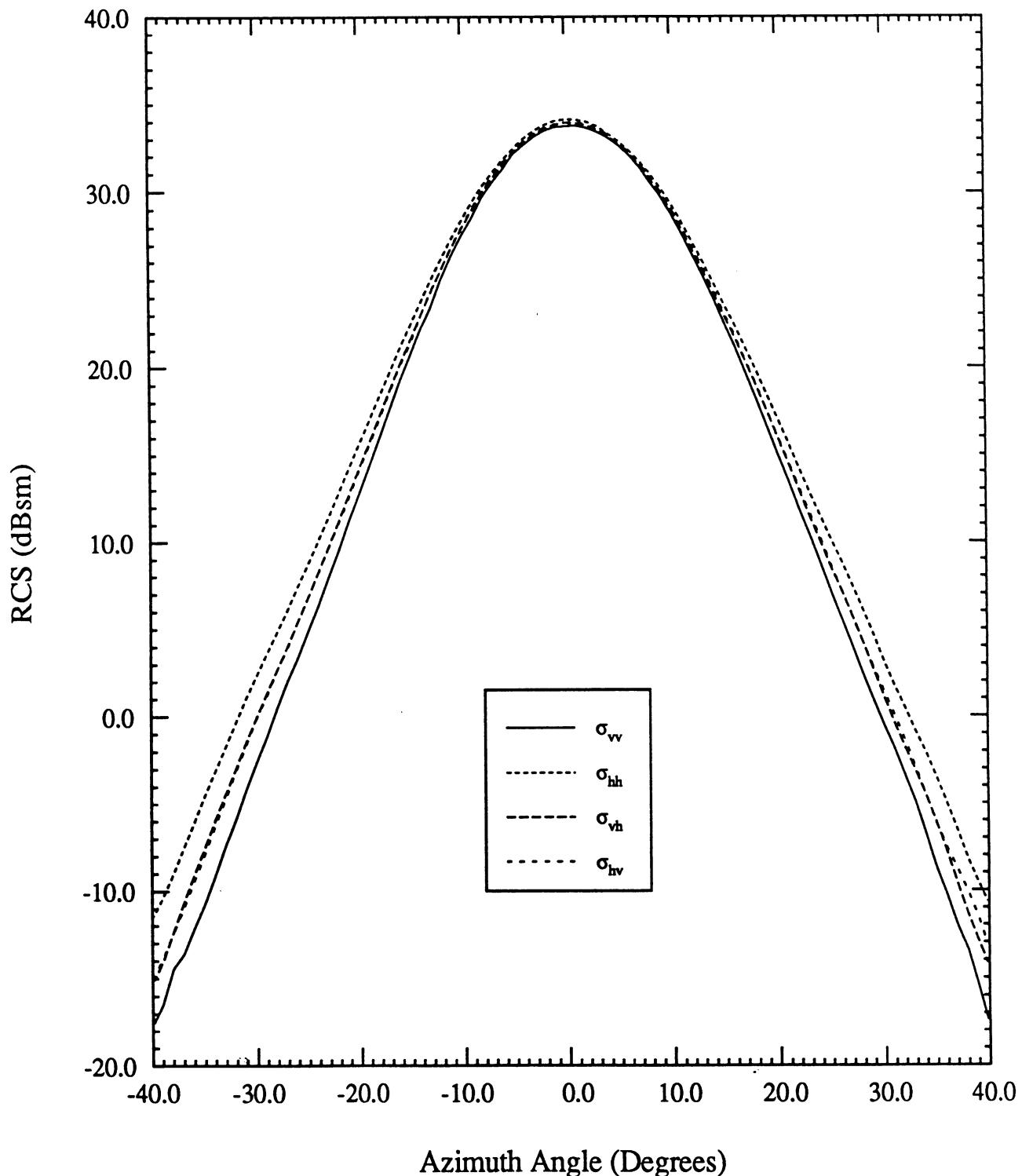
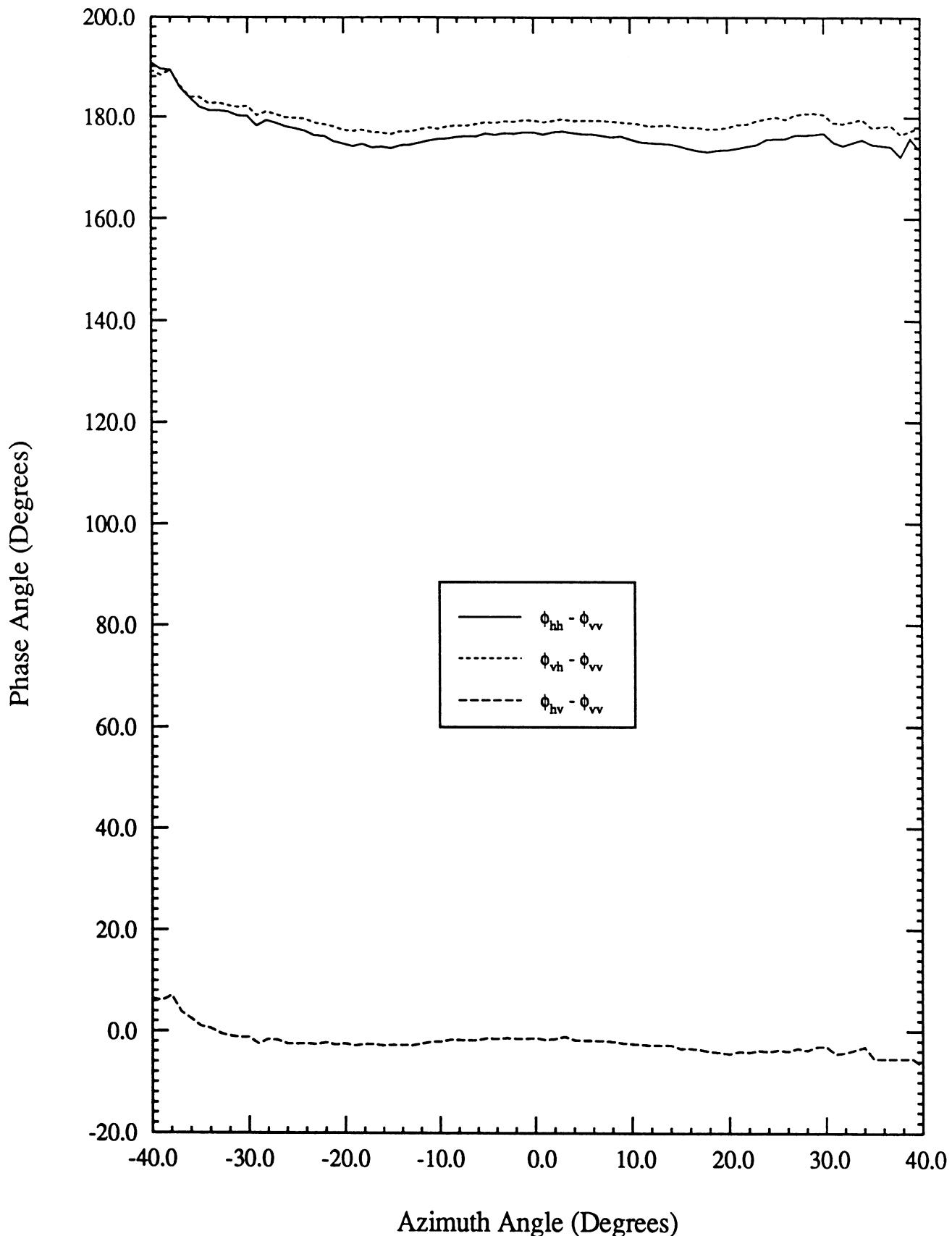
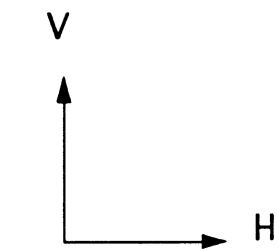
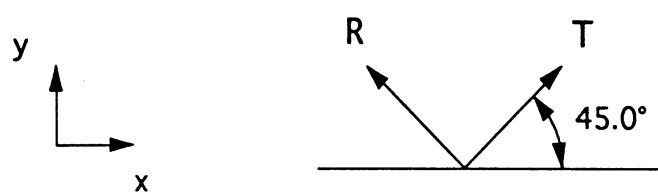


Figure 3.12: SAPARC 45° Orientation Phase Patterns (SIR-C Mode)



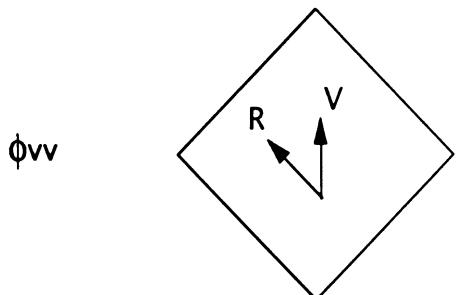


Radar Antenna

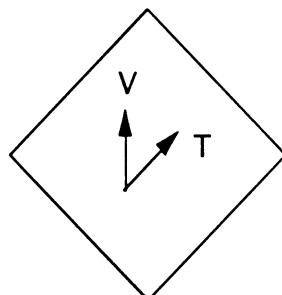


SAPARC Antenna

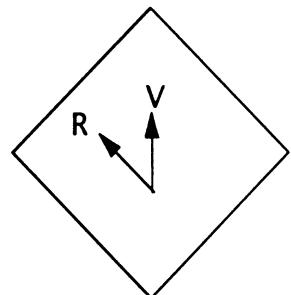
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SAPARC Transmit



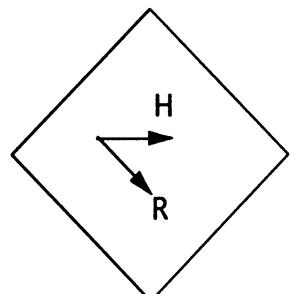
ϕ_{hv}



$$\phi_{hv} - \phi_{vv} = 0^\circ$$

R Component In Phase
T Component In Phase

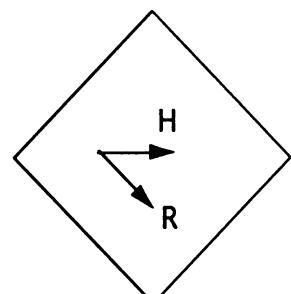
ϕ_{vh}



$$\phi_{vh} - \phi_{vv} = 180^\circ$$

R Component 180° Out of Phase
T Component In Phase

ϕ_{hh}



$$\phi_{hh} - \phi_{vv} = 180^\circ$$

R Component 180° Out of Phase
T Component In Phase

Figure 3.13: Phasor Diagrams for the 45° Orientation

The phase responses shown in Figure 3.12 are also noteworthy. Theoretically, we expect

$$\phi_{hv} - \phi_{vv} = 0^\circ$$

$$\phi_{hh} - \phi_{vv} = \phi_{vh} - \phi_{vv} = 180^\circ$$

over an 80° beamwidth. The phase diagrams in Figure 3.13 help to explain these results.

Section 2.2 referred to the drawbacks encountered when using a two-antenna PARC system; more specifically, these problems include pattern asymmetry and ripples in the phase and magnitude responses. Figure 2.3 is an example of one two-antenna system tested by Sarabandi and Oh [1]. By comparing Figure 2.3 with those in Figures 3.11 and 3.12, one can easily see the notable SAPARC improvements in magnitude and phase performance.

3.3 Thermal Gain Testing

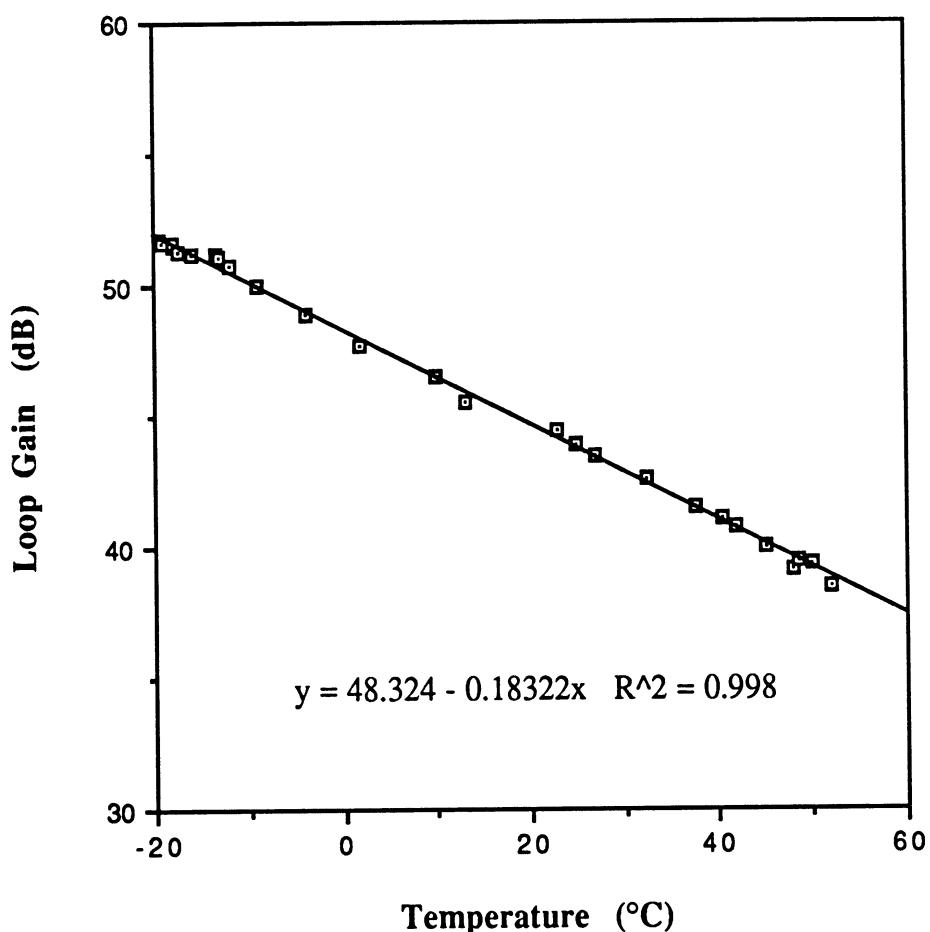
Section 2.5 alluded to the fact that PARC's are susceptible to gain variations due to changes in the ambient temperature. Countering these thermal gain variations is formidable task; therefore, it is much easier to compensate for the changes in the SAPARC's RCS by mapping the G_{Loop} dependency on ambient temperature.

The thermal gain tests were performed at ERIM (Environmental Research Institute of Michigan) where a temperature-controllable refrigerator could be obtained. Figure 3.14 reflects the results of the experiment whereby G_{Loop} is plotted over a temperature range of -20°C to 50°C .

The user of the device must remember, however, that component aging may alter the overall performance of G_{Loop} . Therefore, periodic calibrations of G_{Loop} vs. temperature is recommended.

As a final note, special precautions must be taken when operating the SAPARC in cold weather scenarios. Currently, the system is configured to provide the

Figure 3.14: C-Band SAPARC Thermal Gain Variations



maximum allowable RCS for temperatures of 20°C or greater (see section 2.3.3). However, Figure 3.14 clearly shows how G_{Loop} can increase by as much as 7 dB for temperatures below 20°C. Therefore, the user is encouraged to use the JPL AIRSAR mode of operation whenever cold operating temperatures are anticipated. Recall that the AIRSAR mode uses a microwave switch to insert 7 dB of attenuation into the loop, thereby providing the needed cold weather protection against feedback oscillations.

3.4 Field Deployment Conditions

3.4.1 Battery Capacity

The SAPARC units developed through this project require two 12V, 7 Amp•H lead acid batteries. The power demands on Supply 2 (see Appendix C, pg. 1) is given as follows:

<u>SAPARC Operating Condition</u>	<u>Current Draw</u>	<u>Power Demand</u>
Timing Circuitry On	0.37 A	4.44 W
System Active	1.09 A	13.08 W
System Active with LED Display On	1.20 A	14.40 W

Table 3.4: Power Demands on Supply 2

Figure 3.15 (1 A case) depicts the capacity performance of the Yuasa 12V battery used in the SAPARC design. Figure 3.16 shows the results for the full load case (i.e. a current draw of 1.2 A). Under full load conditions, the SAPARC can operate (at temperatures above 20°C) for up to 5.5 hours; longer operating times are achievable when using the Activation Timers.

Figure 3.17 shows the marked decrease in capacity during cold weather operation. During this test, the Yuasa 12V battery was subjected to a temperature of -10°C while providing a current of 1.2 amps. Under these conditions, the SAPARC's full load operating time is reduced by one hour; therefore, the user must take special precautions when planning to operate the SAPARC in cold climates.

Capacity Test: Yuasa 7.0 AH

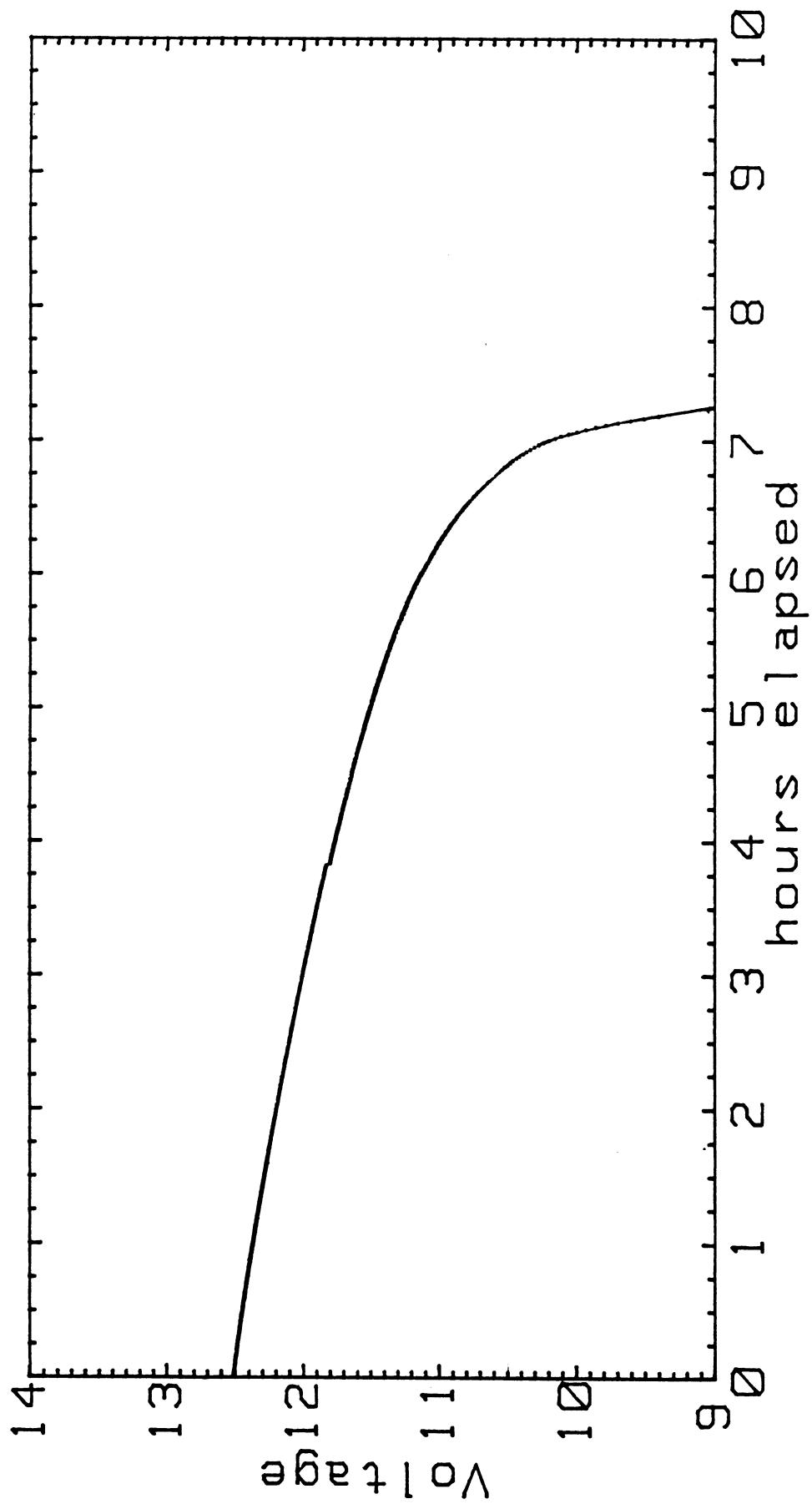


Figure 3.15: Battery Capacity Test (1.0A Load, 22°C)

Capacity Test: Yuasa 7.0 AH

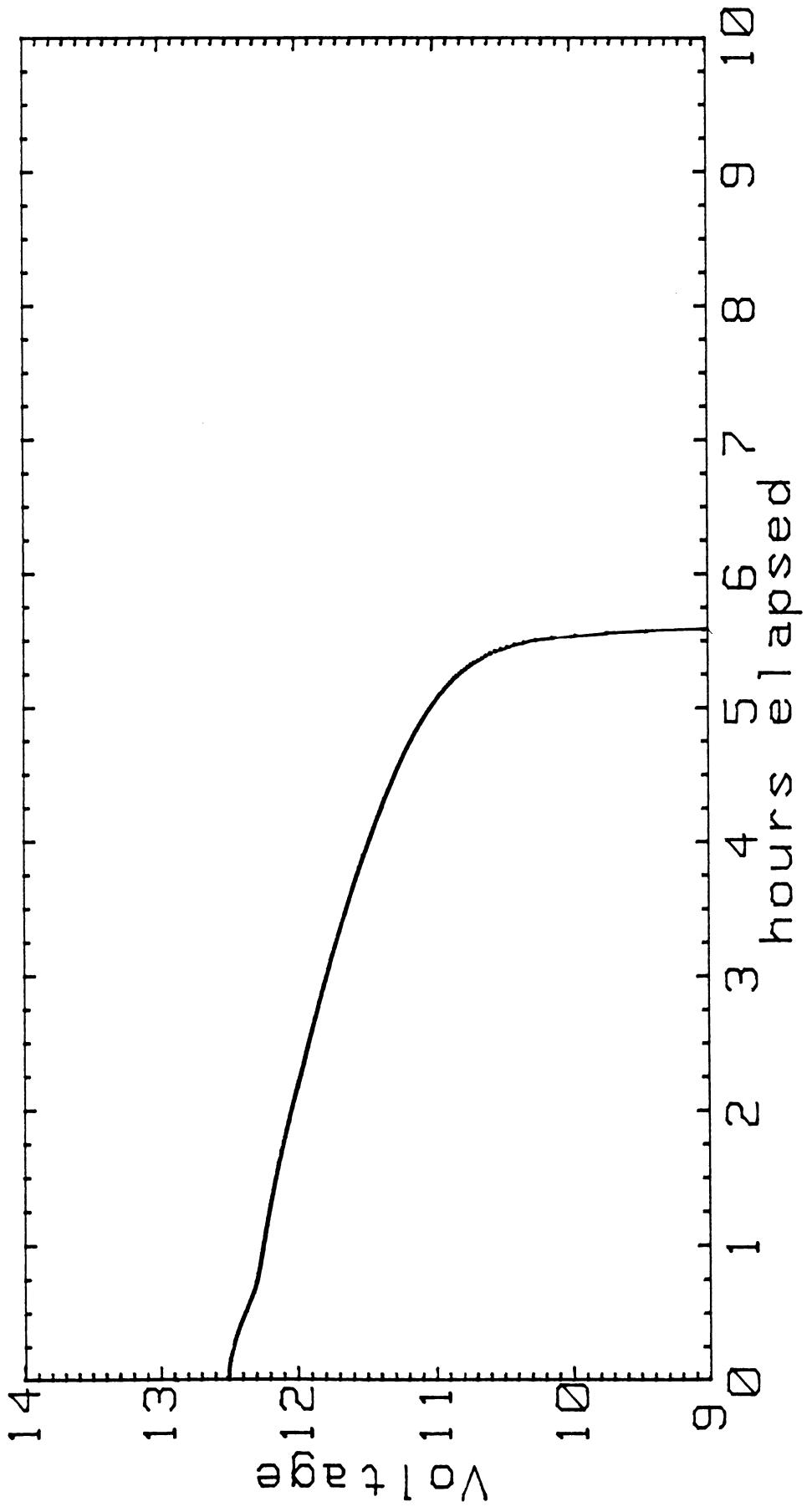


Figure 3.16: Battery Capacity Test (1.2A Load, 22°C)

Capacity Test: Yuasa 7.0 AH

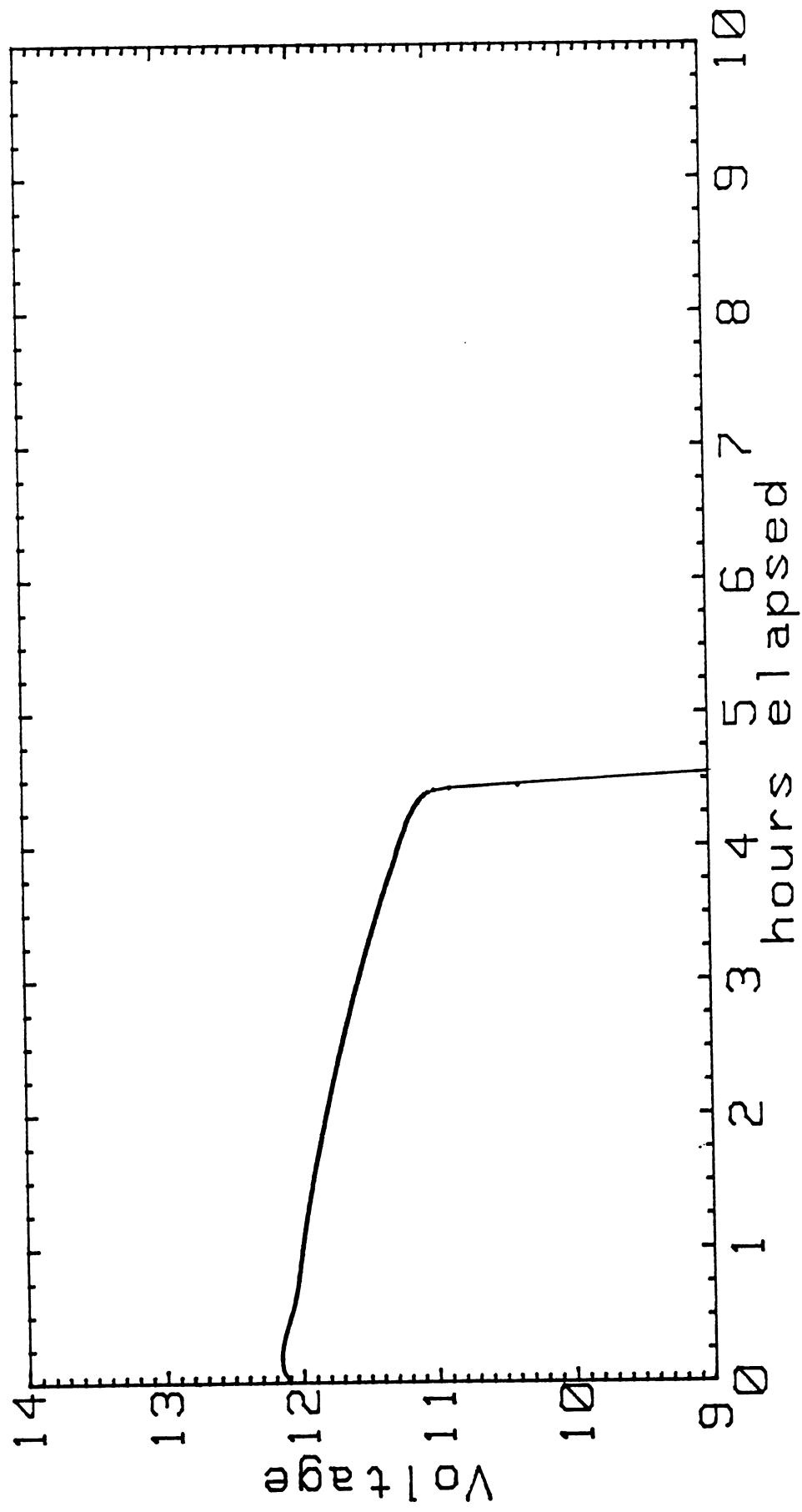


Figure 3.17: Cold Weather Battery Capacity Test (1.2A Load, -10°C)

3.4.2 All-Weather Performance

Ideally, the SAPARC can be used in all types of weather; of course, there are a number of practical limitations which concern the aperture on the horn antenna. Obviously, rain and snow can accumulate inside the horn / OMT, and thus the calibration would be ruined. In order to compensate for this occurrence, a polyethylene film (e.g. Saran Wrap) was placed over the aperture to serve as a radome. This film was very effective in keeping water out of the horn / OMT combination; however, an accumulation of water droplets on the radome eventually lead to a feedback oscillation scenario (see Sections 2.3.2.2 and 2.4.2). Therefore, applying a thin-filmed polyethylene radome is suggested for weatherproofing the horn, OMT, and waveguide adapters. Yet, do not expect the SAPARC to operate correctly in adverse weather conditions.

As a sidenote, if the rainfall ceases and the radome is allowed to dry, the SAPARC will "break-out" of its oscillation mode and return to its normal operating condition. The only notable change is that the detection circuitry will be triggered prematurely. Finally, the chassis of the SAPARC unit should be shrouded with a rain tarp to prevent excess exposure to the elements.

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The report outlines the design and performance characteristics of the first single antenna polarimetric active radar calibrator (SAPARC) prototype developed for NASA's SIR-C mission at the University of Michigan's Radiation Laboratory. In addition to this specific unit, a second C-band and two L-band versions are currently being constructed as part of a continuation of this project.

This first C-band prototype possesses a nominal RCS of 34 dBsm with a 3 dB beamwidth of 15°. One of its best attributes, however, is the fact that it can outperform conventional PARCs though its implementation of a single dual-polarized antenna. More specifically, the pattern asymmetry and phase and magnitude ripples are eliminated through the use of this design.

In addition to these RF characteristics, the prototype is also noteworthy in that it provides a number of features which accommodate prolonged operation intervals and useful system status updates. In the future, subsequent modifications to this basic design will hopefully lead to more accurate and convenient calibrations of SAR platforms.

APPENDIX A

OMT SPECIFICATIONS

CUSTOMER UNIV OF Mich
 CUSTOMER P.O. NO. N73622
 TESTED BY SLIT
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PART NO. _____
 ATL. REF. NO. 7756
 DATE 2/20/92

TEST RESULTS

ORTHOGONAL MODE JUNCTION

catalog number: C-1271

serial number	frequency in MHz	VSWR	H port	E port	ISOLA-TION
5202	A	1.10	< 1.05	1.05	50+
	B	1.11	1.06		
	C	1.06	< 1.05	1.05	
	D	< 1.05	1.06		
	E	1.06	< 1.05	1.05	

serial number	frequency in MHz	VSWR	H port	E port	ISOLA-TION
	A				
	B				
	C				
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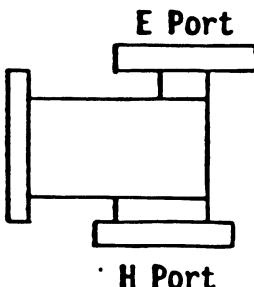
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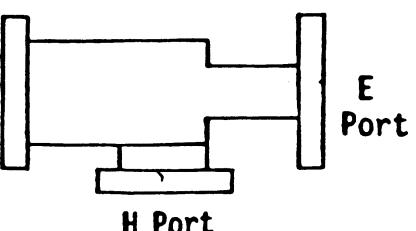
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specification limits	1.15	1.15	50 dB
	maximum	maximum	minimum



Style 1



Style 2

E-145

APPENDIX B

AMPLIFIER SPECIFICATIONS



100 Davids Drive, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788-2034

TEL: (516) 436-7400
TELEX: 6718148
FAX: 516-436-7430

PROJECT No: P38858
MODEL No: AFS5-05000560-60-8P-5
SERIAL No: 249372
CUSTOMER: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
P.O. No: F33091

IMPORTANT - MUST USE HEAT SINK IF CASE TEMPERATURE EXCEEDS 70°C

SPECIFICATIONS AT +23° C:

FREQUENCY:	5.0 to 5.6 GHz	OUTPUT POWER @ 1dB GAIN COMPRESSION:	+8 dBm
MIN. GAIN:	40 dB	VOLTAGE:	+15 VOLTS
MAX.GAIN FLATNESS:	+/- 1 dB	MEASURED CURRENT:	150 mA
MAX. VSWR INPUT:	2 :1	MAX. NOISE FIGURE:	6.0 dB
MAX. VSWR OUTPUT:	2 :1	HOUSING No:	113110

NOTE: TEST DATA TAKEN WITH CASE TEMP. OF +23°C

TESTED BY: *Doreed Maurice*
(DONALD MAURICE)

DATE: 06/02/92



Project P38859

Internal Transfer

Customer P/N _____

Model AMF-5B-5056-29P

Serial No. 249167

SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency (GHz)	5.0 - 5.4 GHz	Output Power (dBm) at 1 dB Compression	+29.0 dBm min
Gain (dB)	45.0 dB min	Voltage	+15 V _{DC}
Gain Flatness (dB)	±1.5 dB max	I _T Measured Current (mA)	826 mA
VSWR Input/Output	2.00:1 max		
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Noise Temp K	—		

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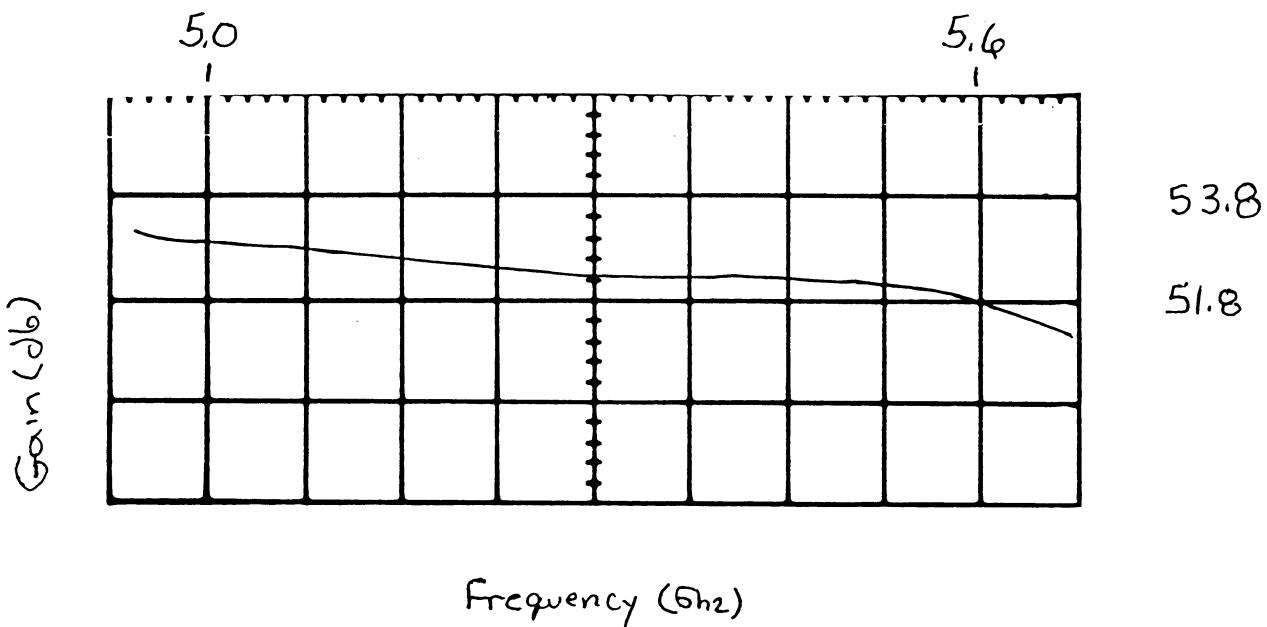
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GAIN BANDWIDTH



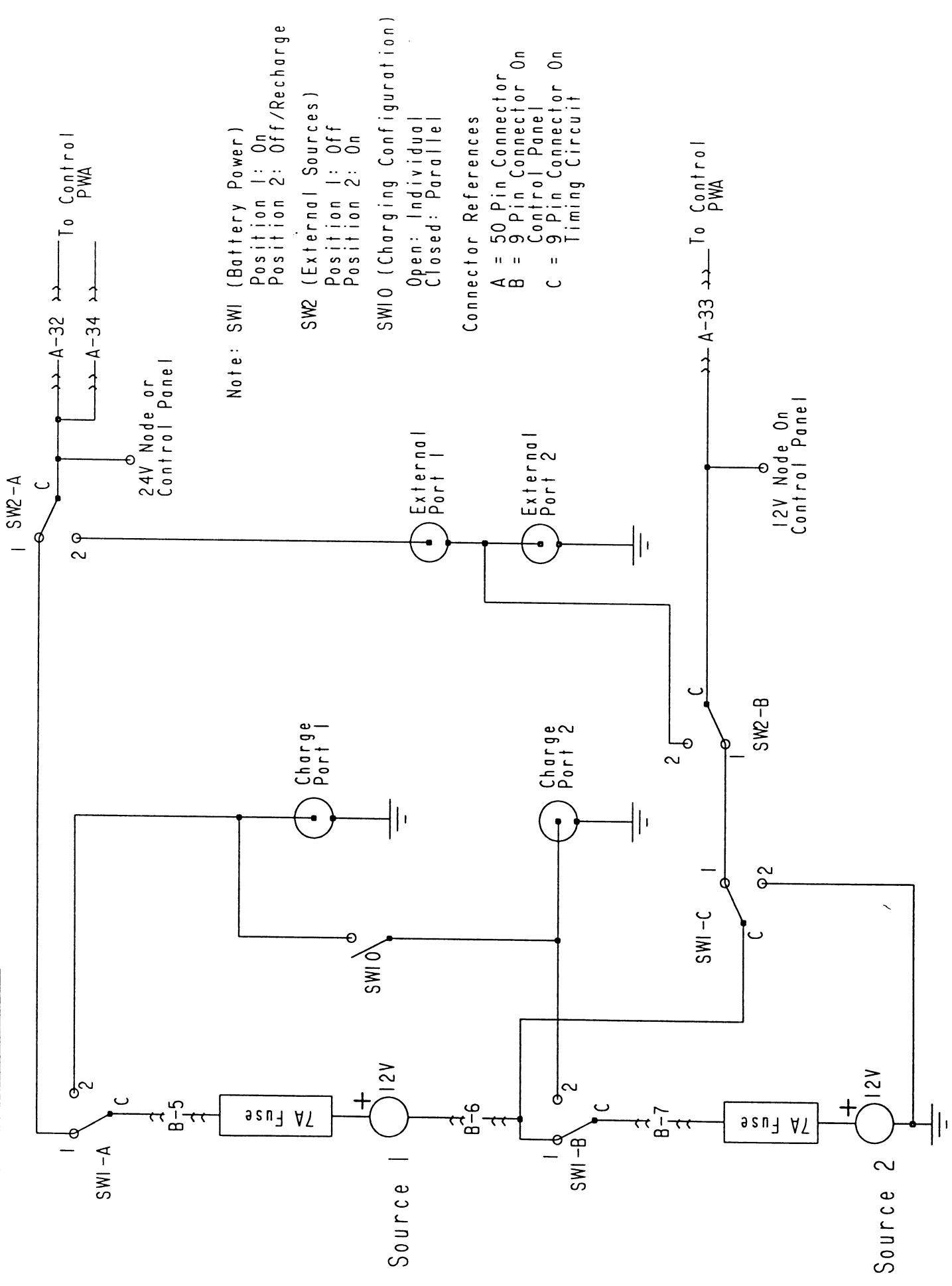
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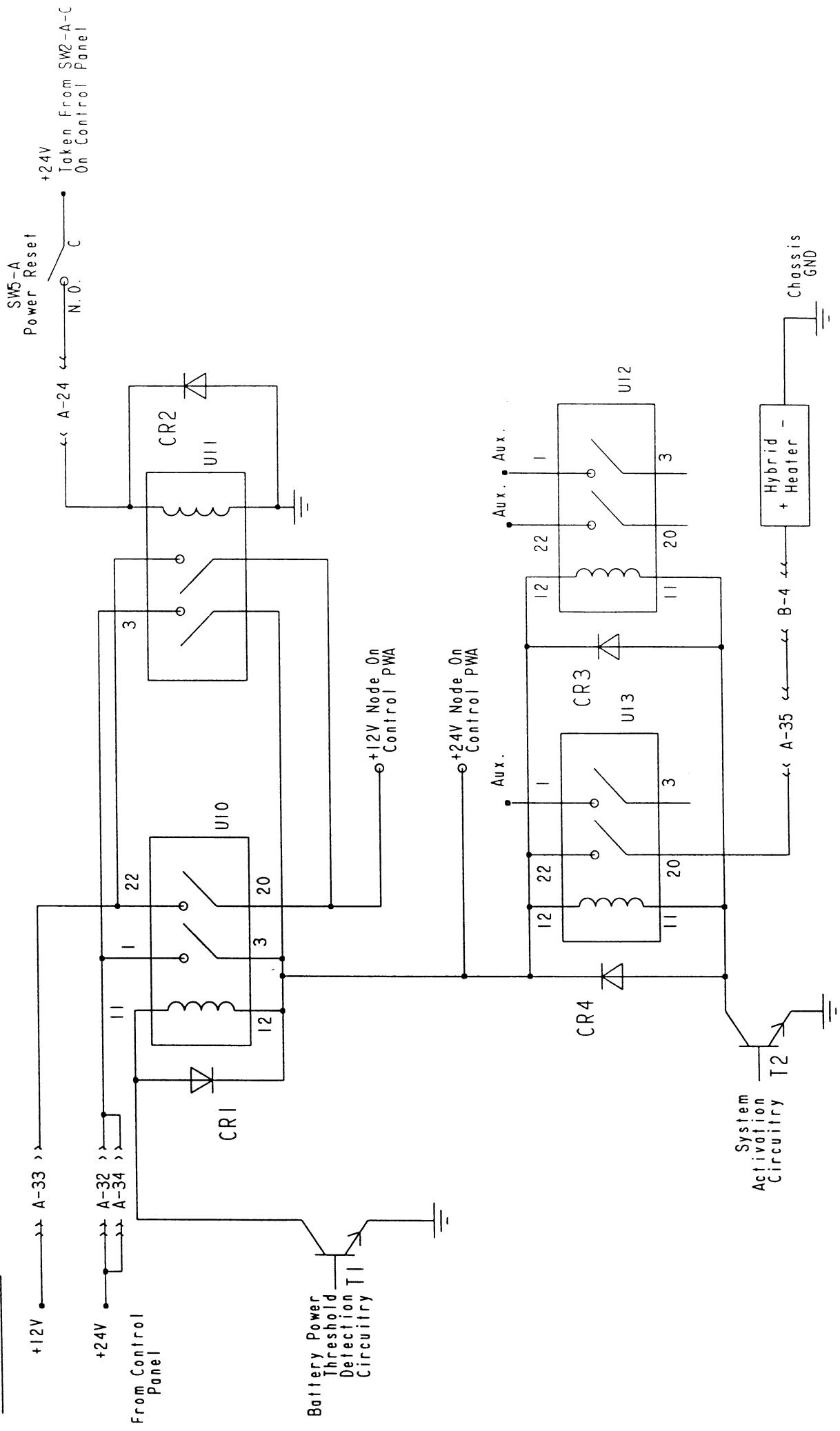
APPENDIX C

CONTROL CIRCUITRY SCHEMATICS

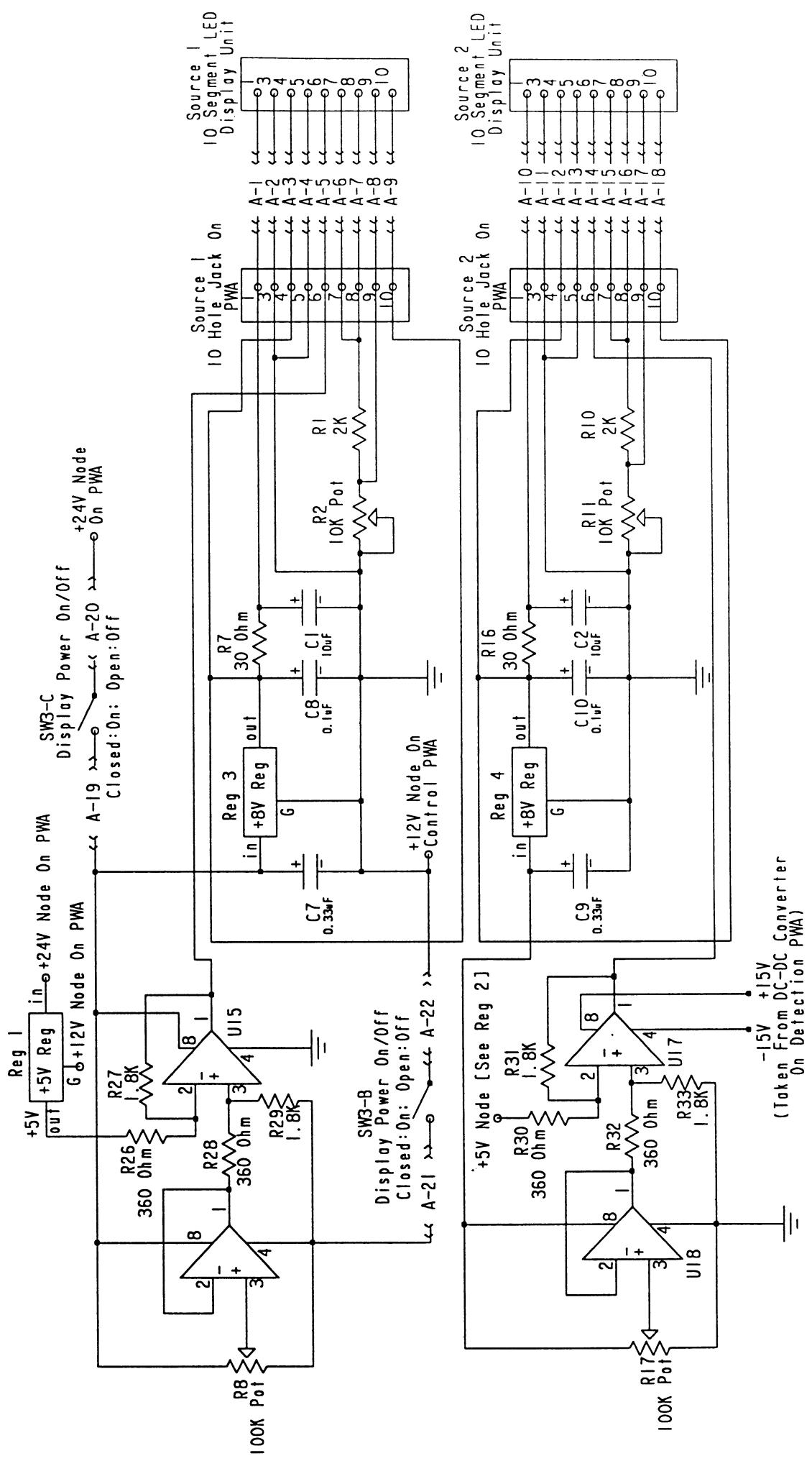
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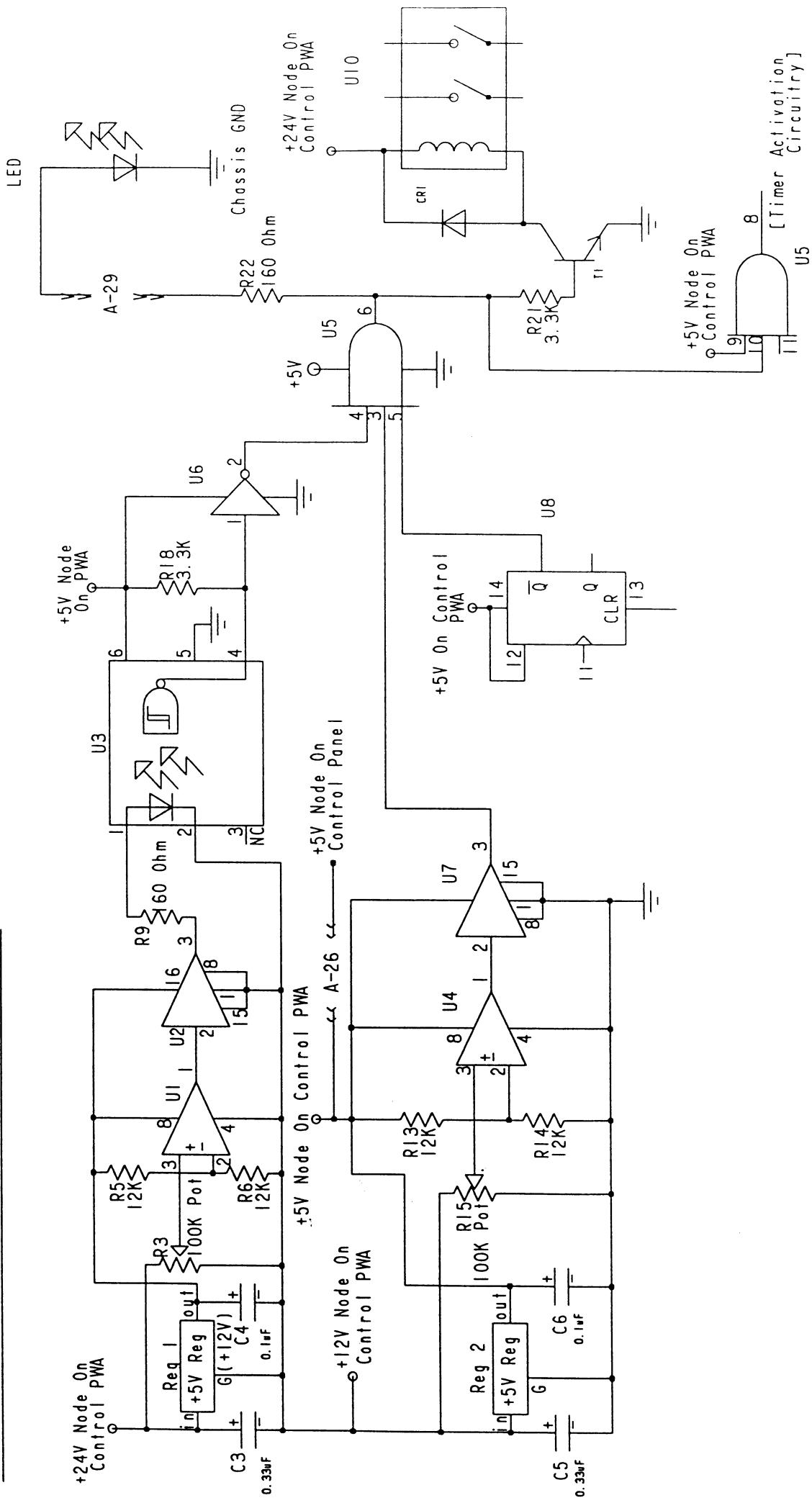
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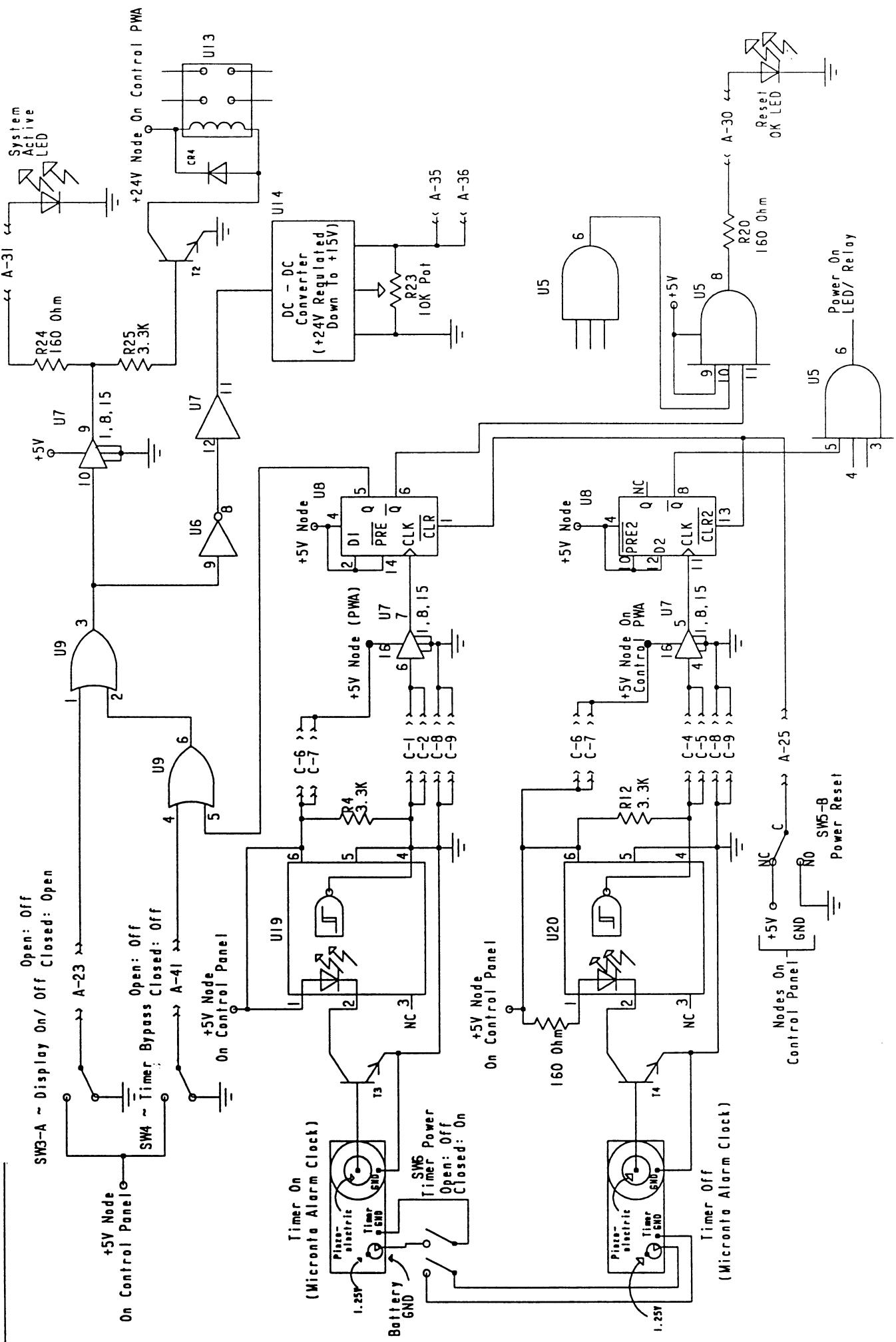
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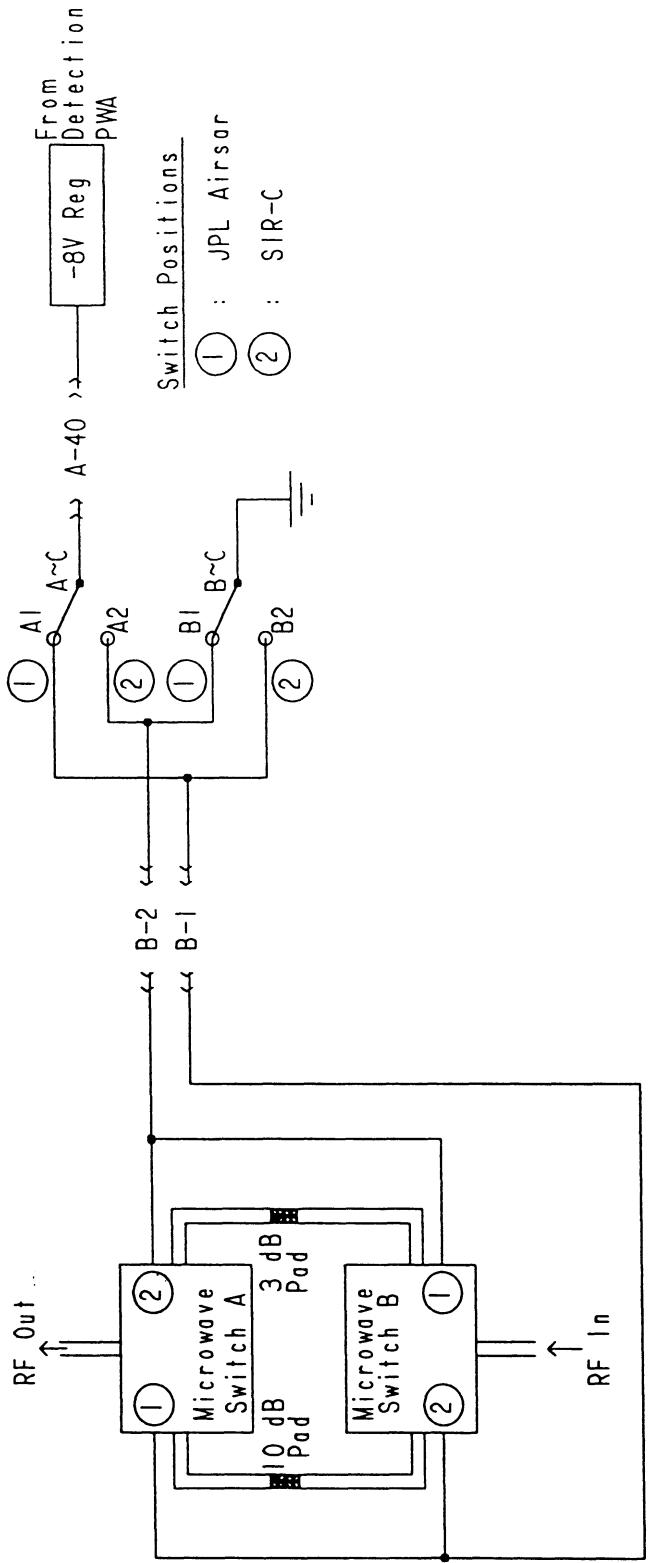


Timer Activation Circuitry



Microwave Switch Connections

SW7 ~ SAR Application



RF Amps / Heater Connections

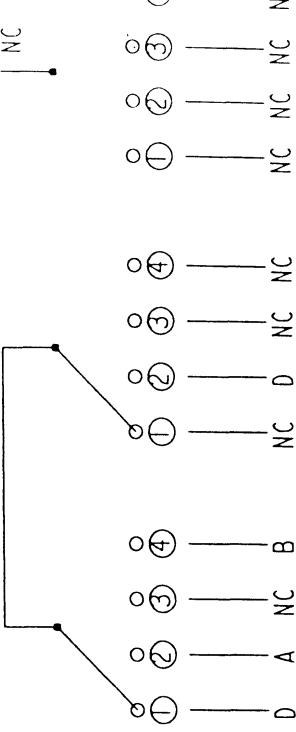
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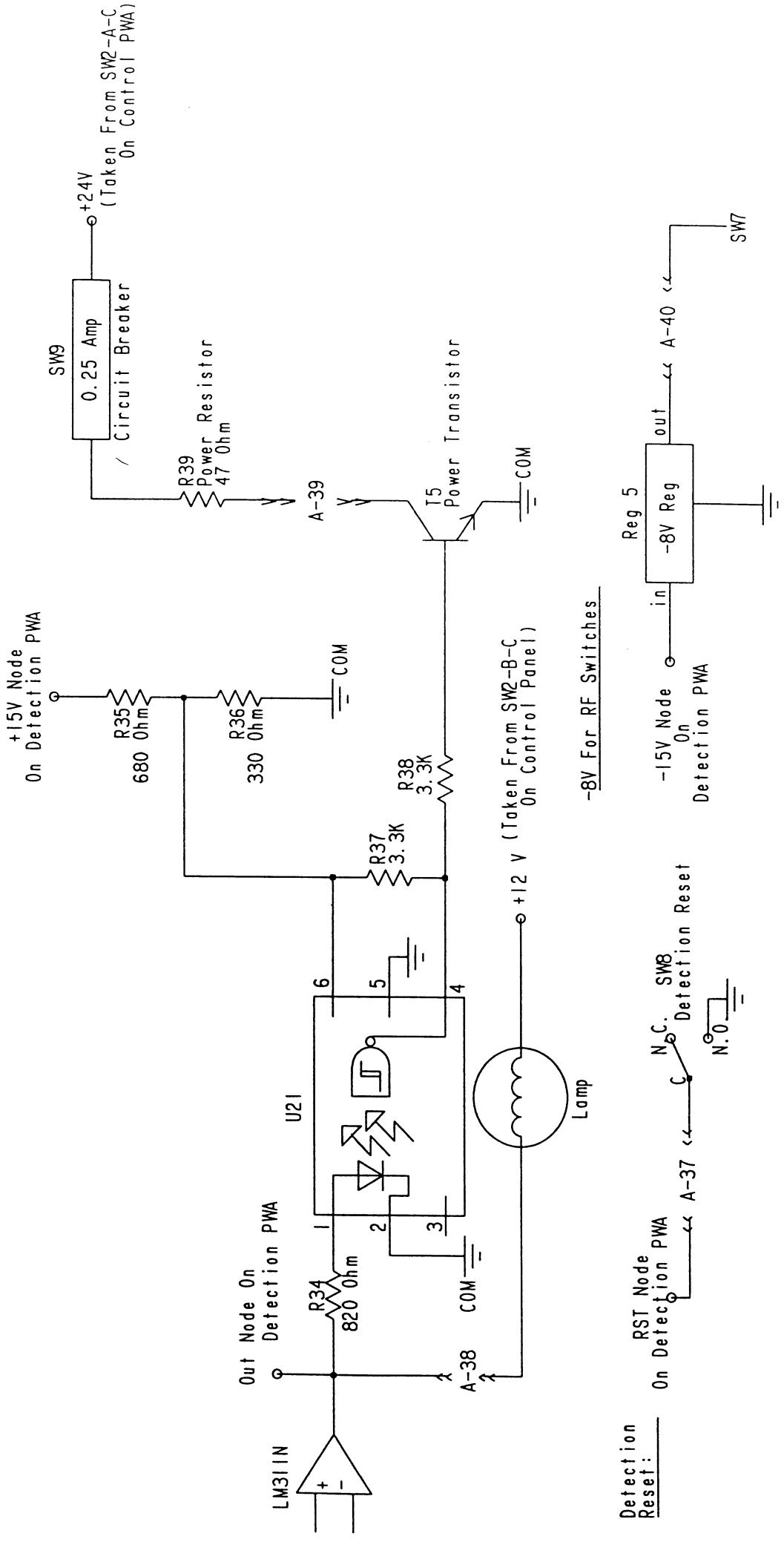
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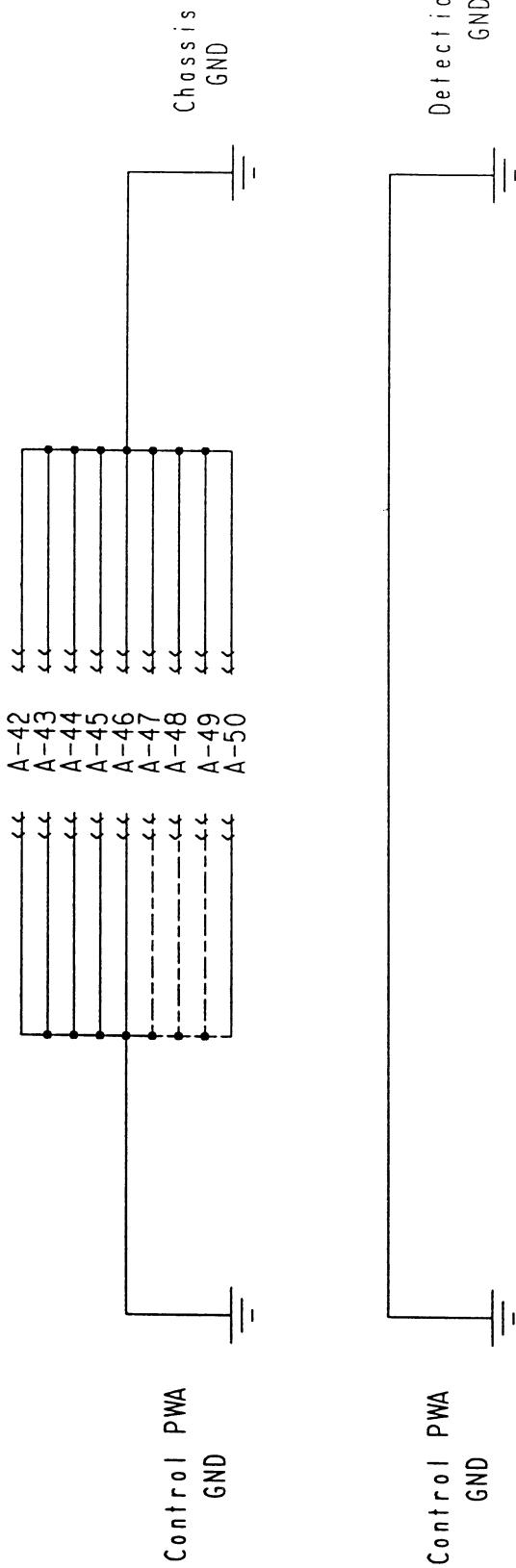
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B	NC	NC	NC	NC	Alarm Set	A, C, D	2
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D	NC	NC	NC	NC	Run - Alarm Off	B, C	4



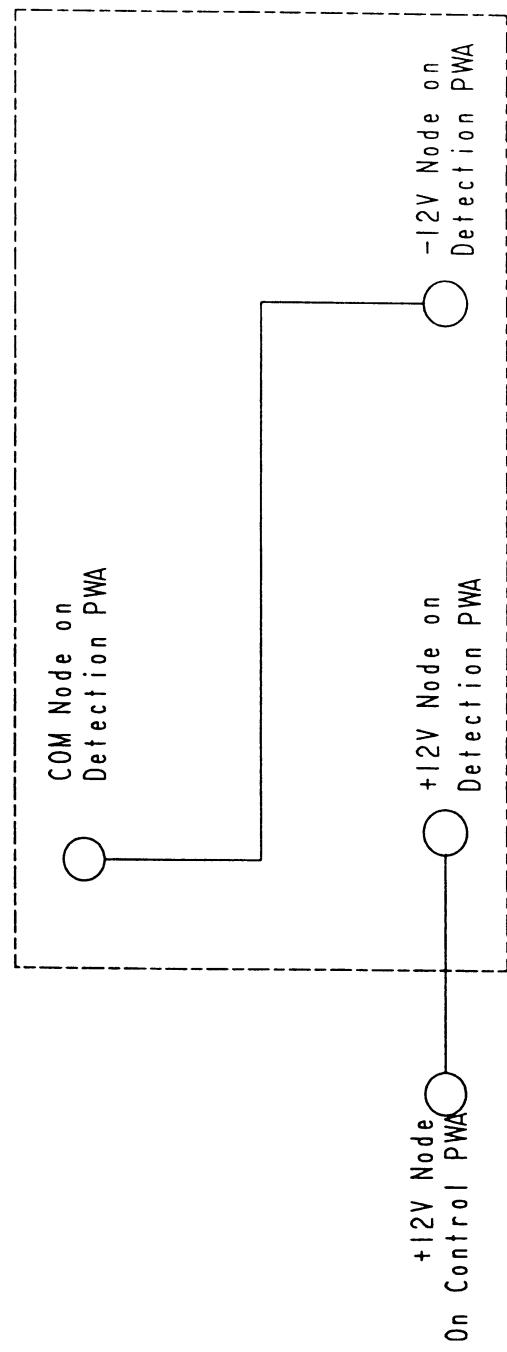
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GROUND CONNECTIONS



POWER CONNECTIONS



APPENDIX D

CROSS POLARIZATION ISOLATION TESTS

14" Calibration Sphere

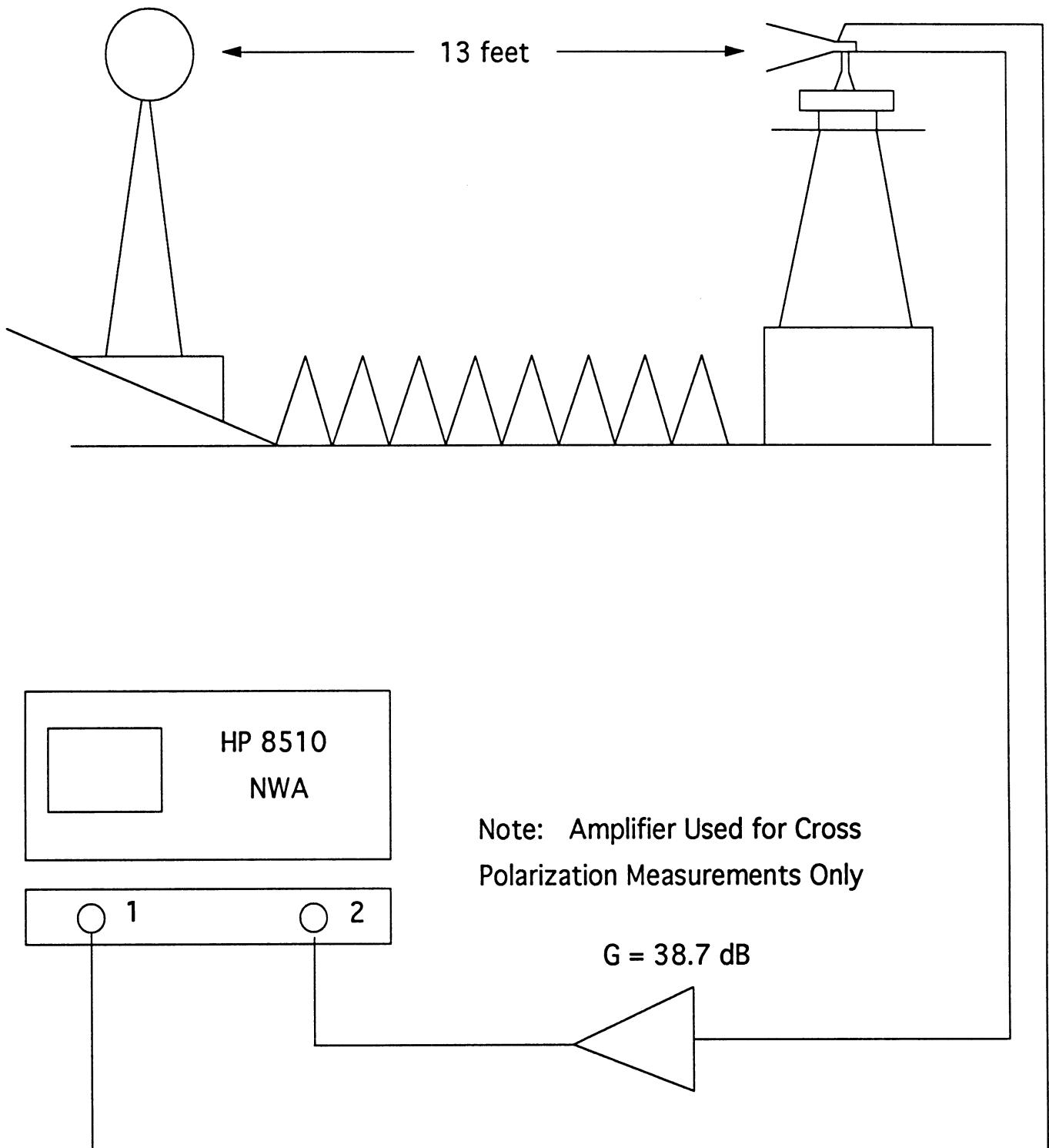


Figure D.1: Cross Polarization Isolation Test Measurements

Figure D.2a: S_{vv} Time Domain Plot of a 14" Calibration Sphere

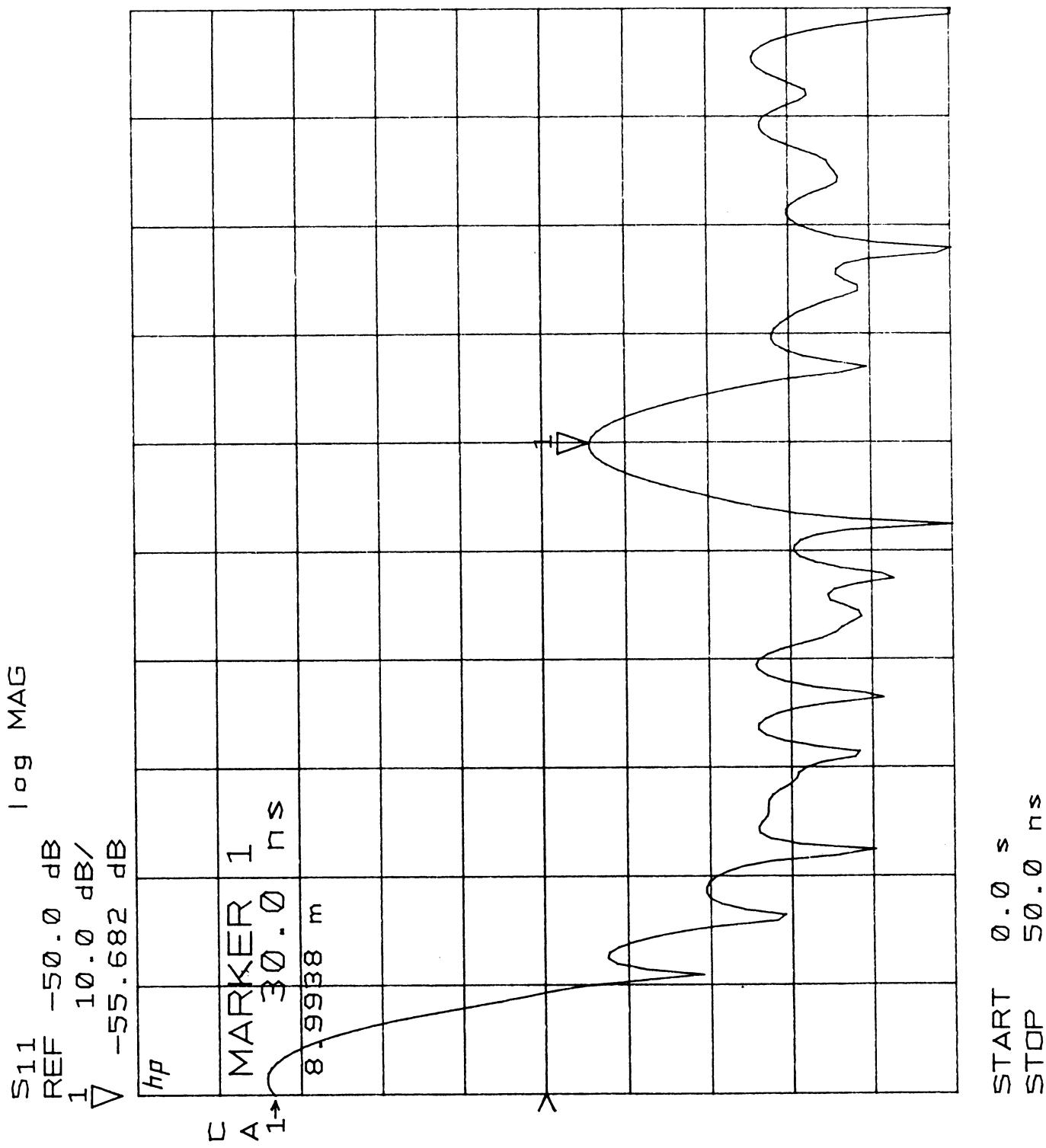


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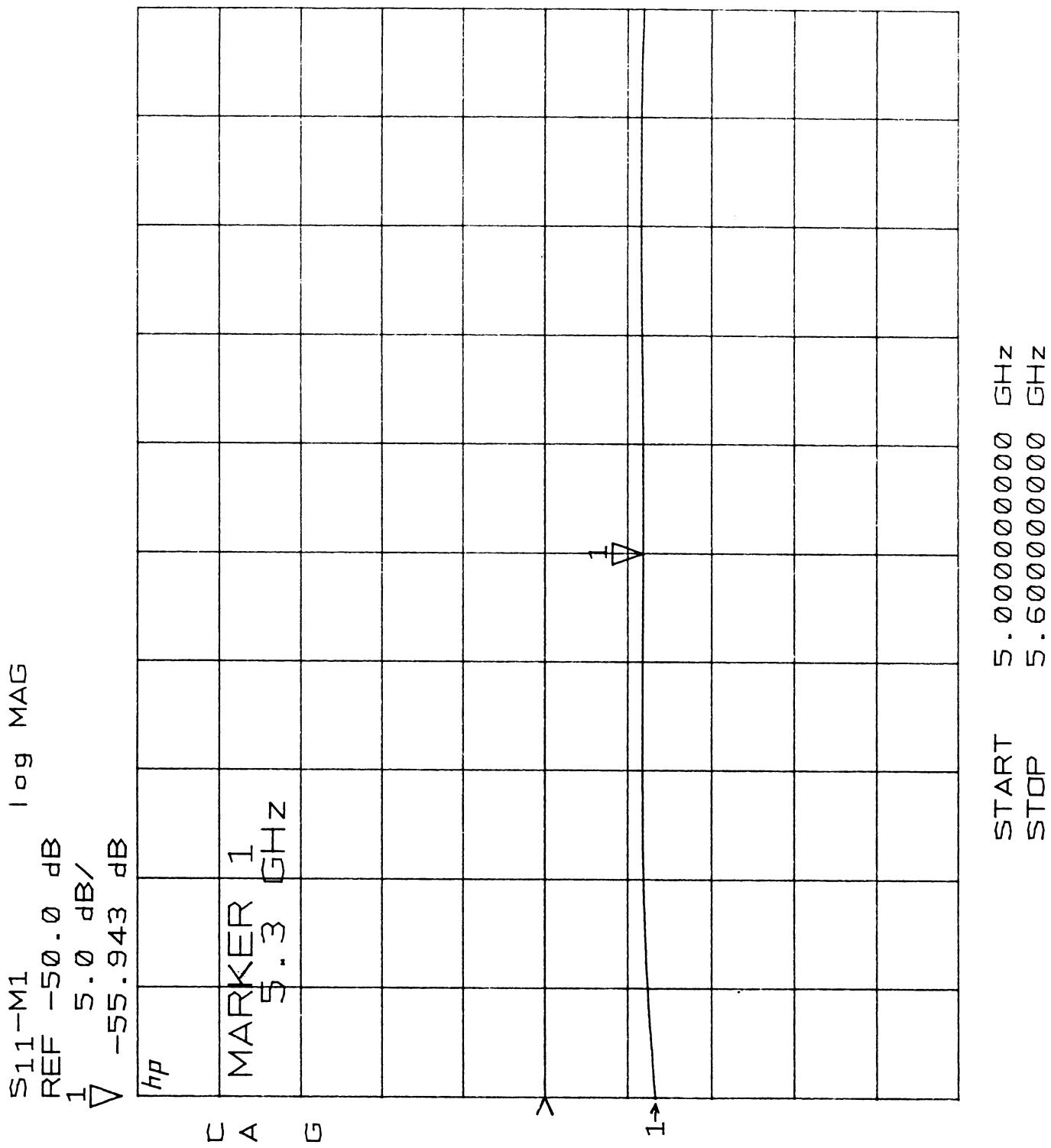


Figure D.2c: S_{hh} Time Domain Plot of a 14" Calibration Sphere

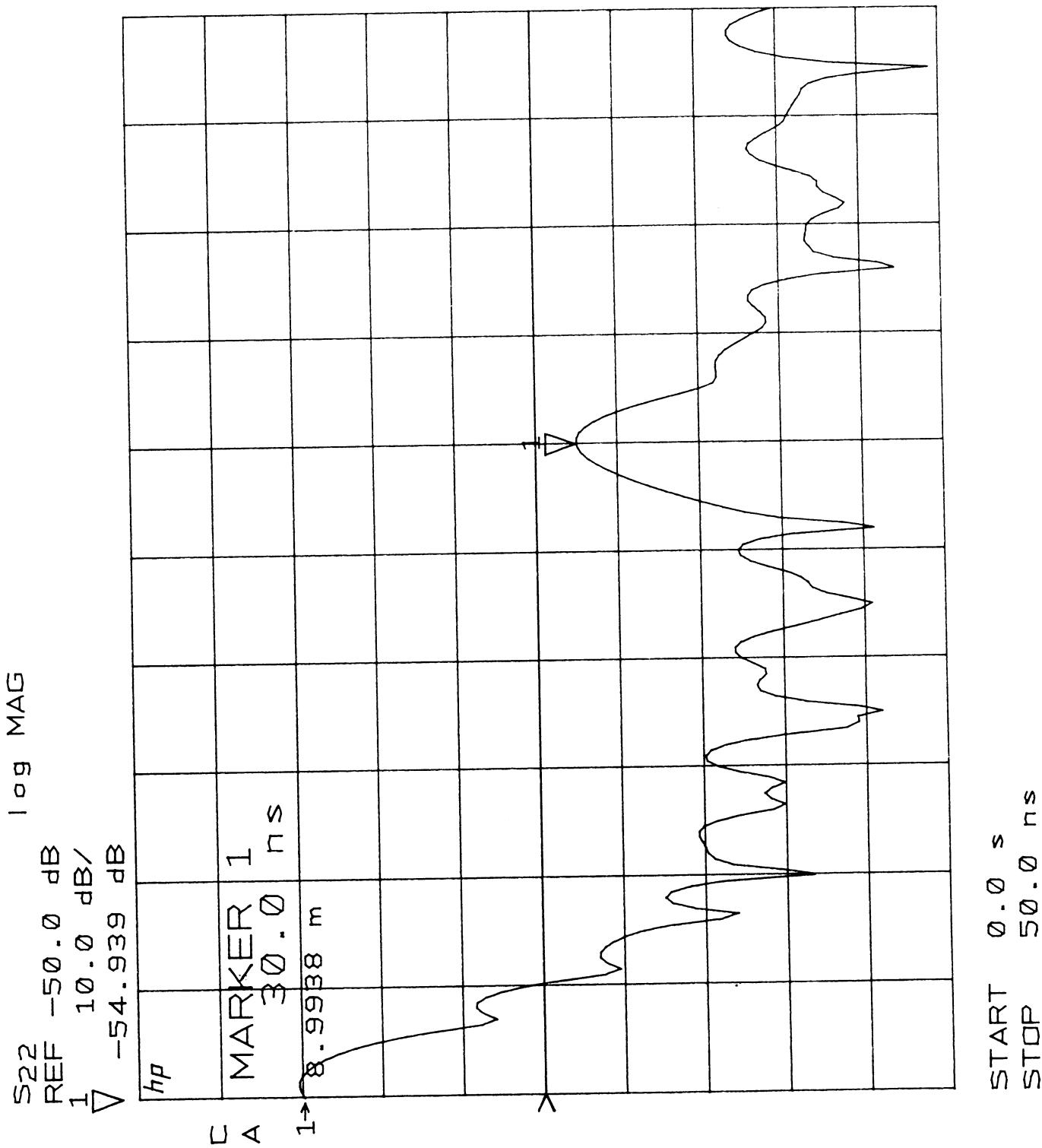


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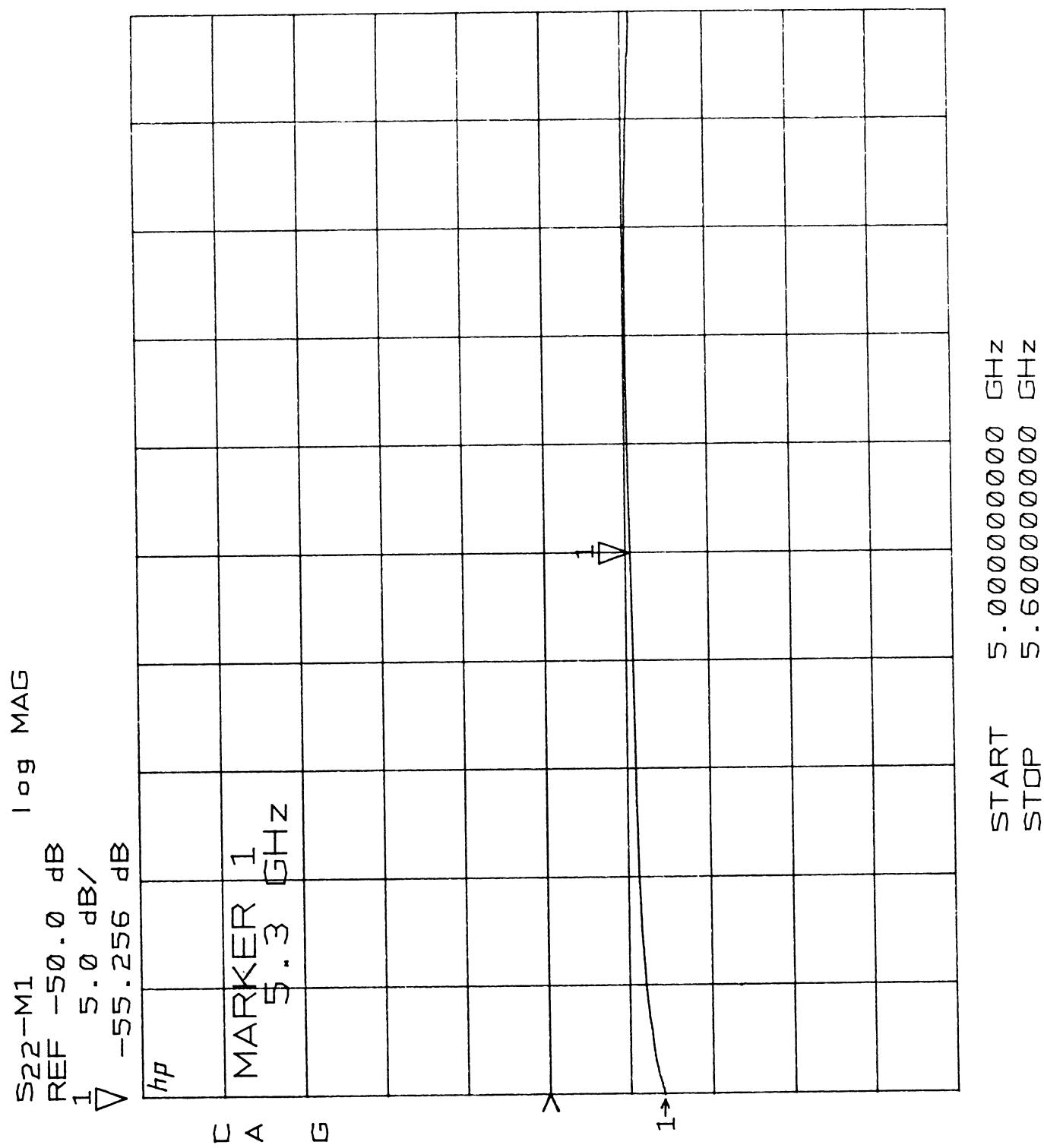


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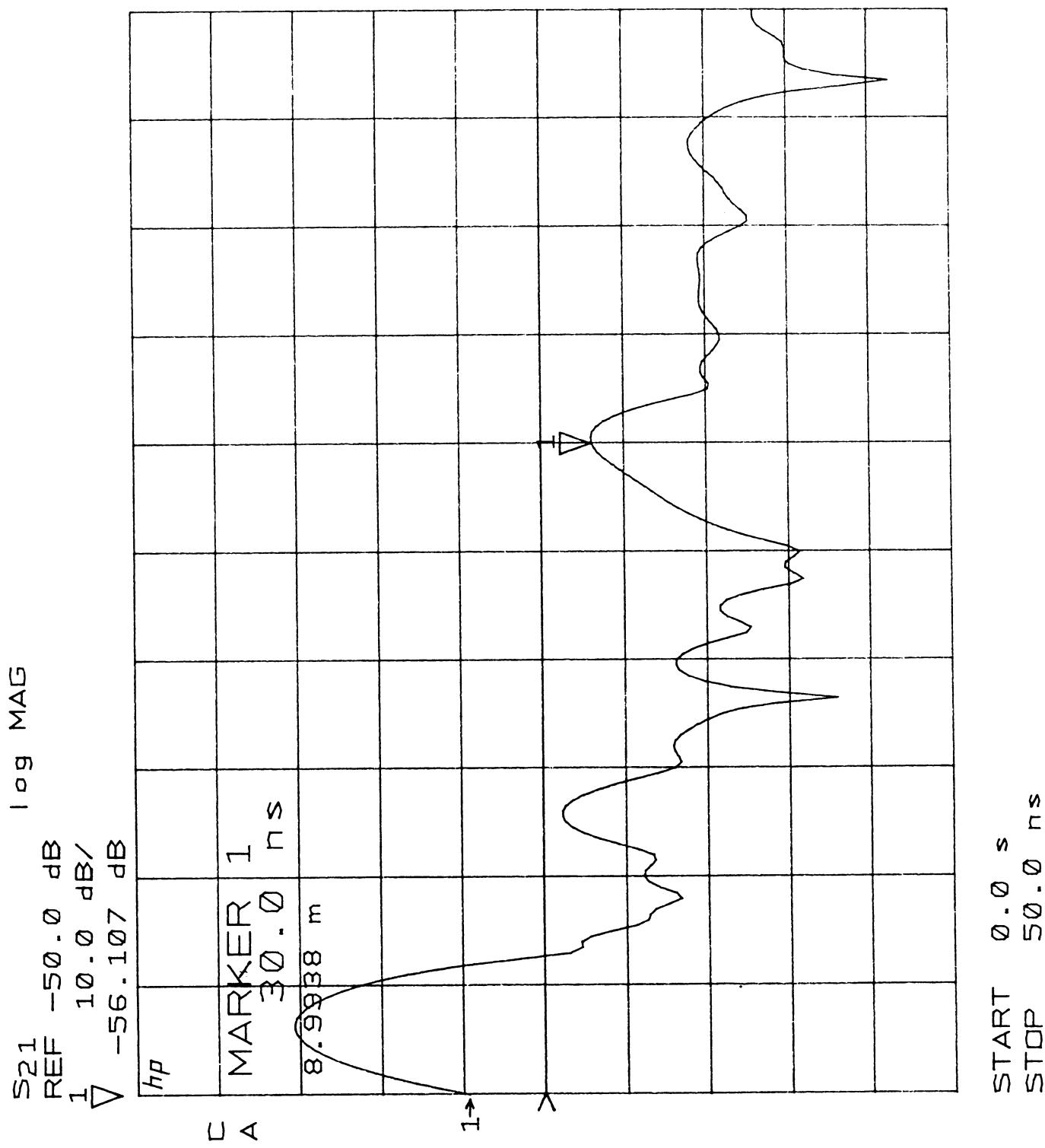


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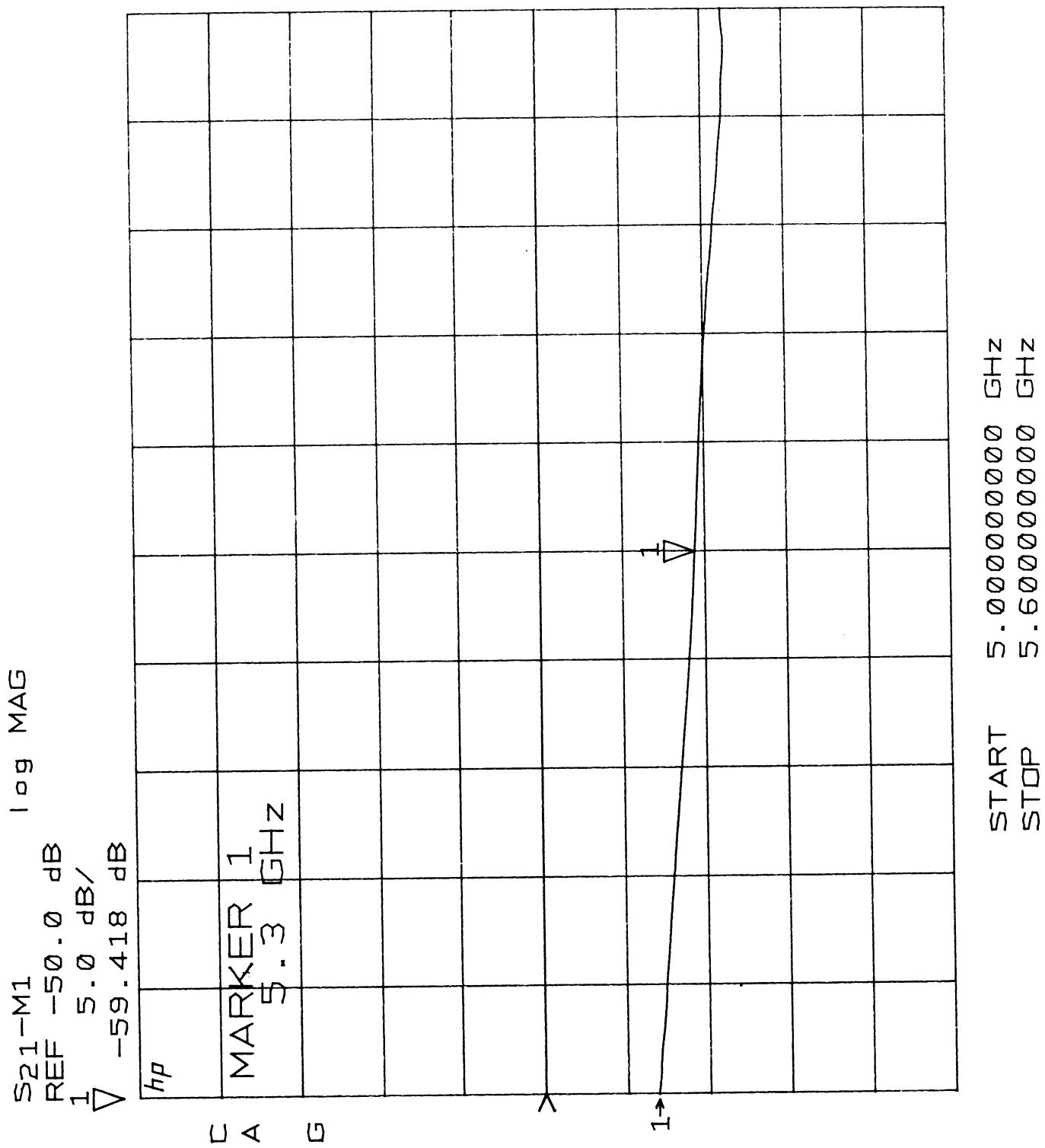


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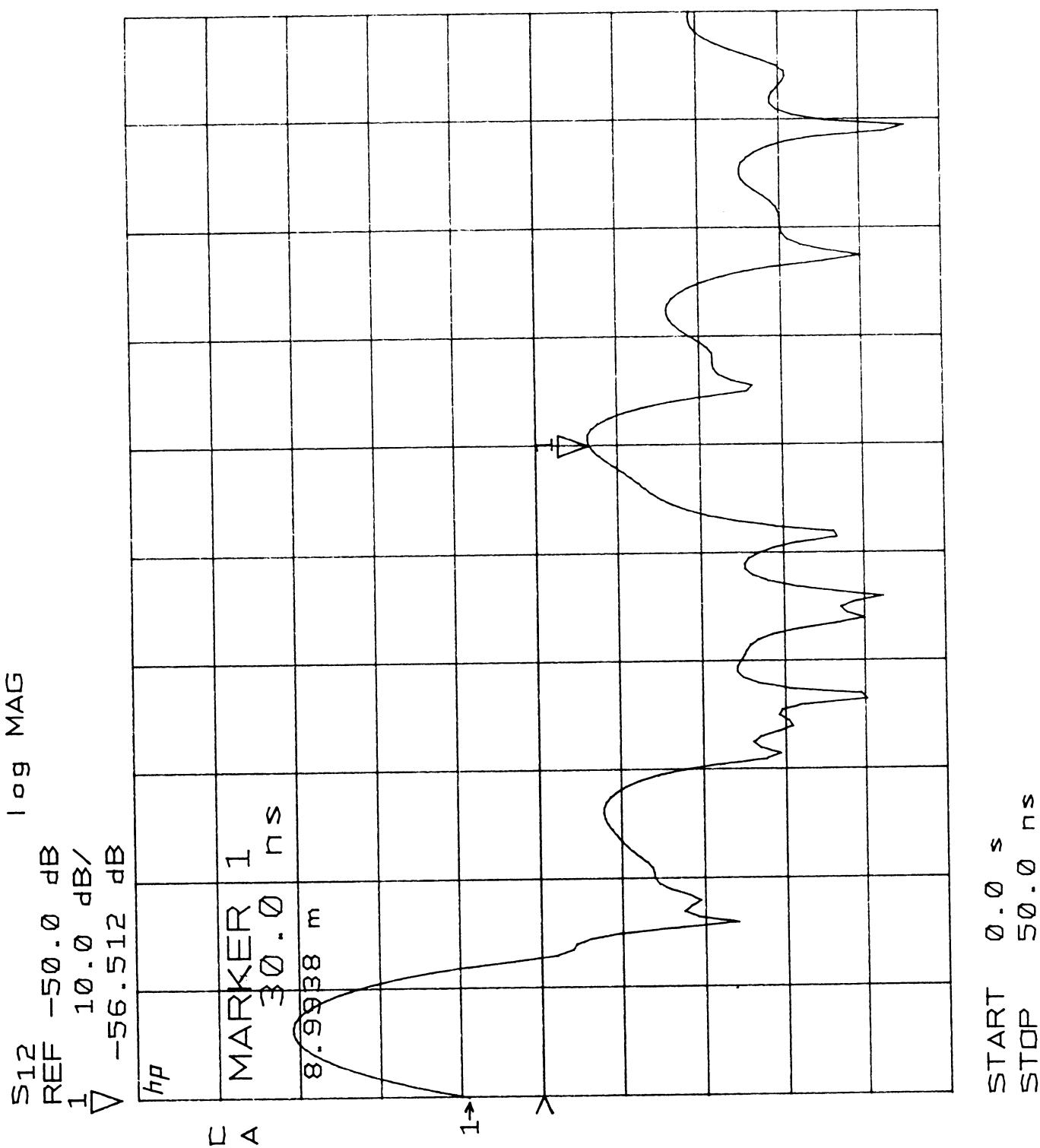
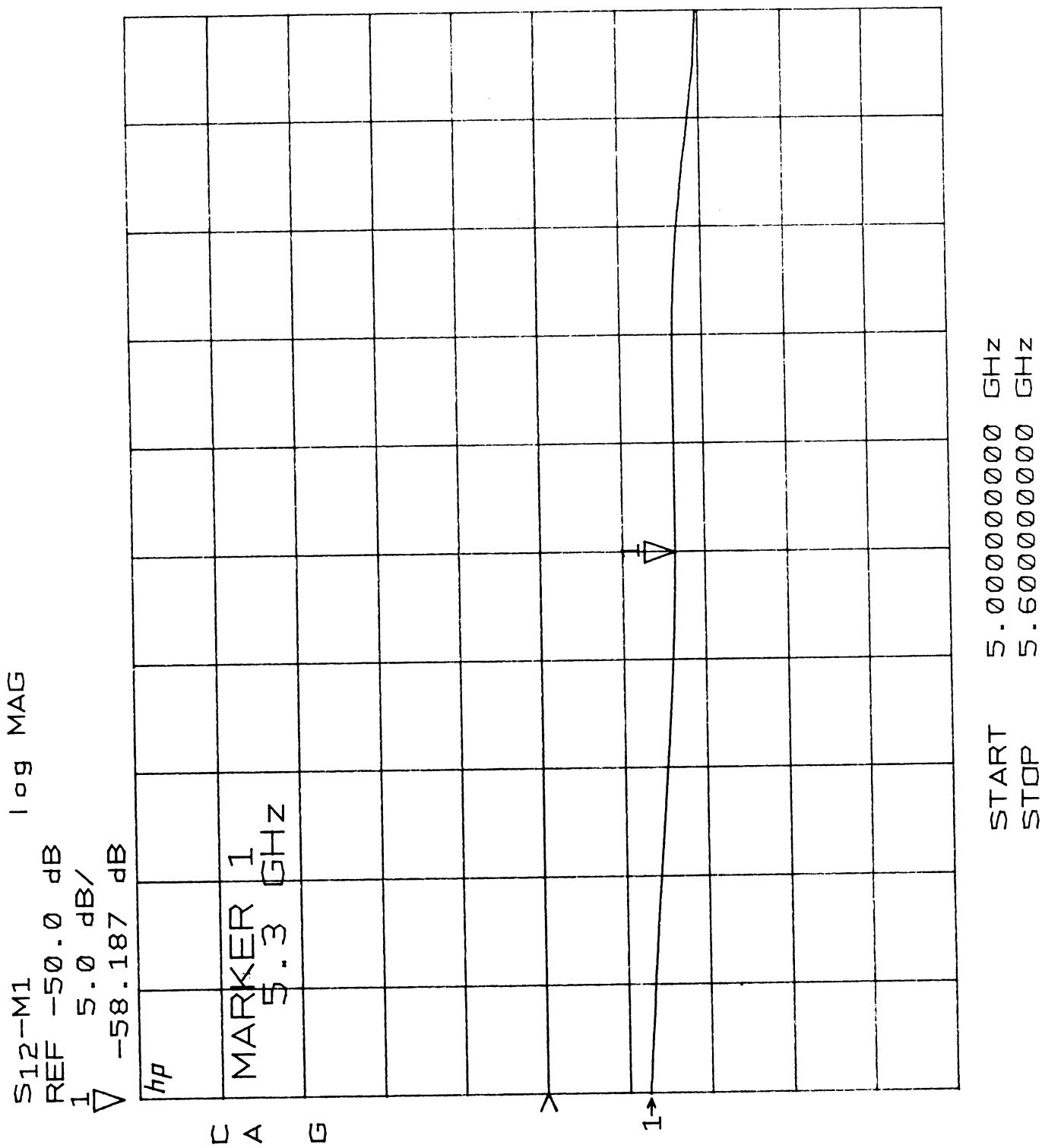


Figure D.2h: S_{vh} Frequency Domain Plot of a 14" Calibration Sphere
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APPENDIX E

MEASUREMENT AND CALIBRATION PROGRAMS

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C do itrace=-1,ntrace
C print *, 20*aalog10(cabs(evvu(itrace,4)), 
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C enddo
C
C This is a calibration based on cl=c2
C
DO I=1,NTRACE
  DO I=1,ndata
    A=EVHO(I)*EHVO(I)/EVVO(I)*EHHO(I)
    C=(1-CSQRT(1-A))/CSQRT(A)
    A11=(EVVO(ITRACE,I)/EVVO(I))*(1+C**2)*S0(I)
    A22=(EHHO(ITRACE,I)/EHHO(I))*(1+C**2)*S0(I)
    A12=(EVHO(ITRACE,I)/EVHO(I))*(2*C)*S0(I)
    A21=(EHV0(ITRACE,I)/EHV0(I))*(2*C)*S0(I)
    S12(ITRACE,I)=(A12+C**2*A21-C*(A11+A22))/(1-C**2)**2
    S21(ITRACE,I)=(A21+C**2*A12-C*(A11+A22))/(1-C**2)**2
    S11(ITRACE,I)=(A11+C**2*A22-C*(A12+A21))/(1-C**2)**2
    S22(ITRACE,I)=(A22+C**2*A11-C*(A12+A21))/(1-C**2)**2
  ENDDO
  PRINT *,ITRACE
  END
  open(15,file='cparc_sirc_am_45af')
  open(16,file='cparc_sirc_ph_45af')
C
C The variable I now sets the frequency (for 20 data points,
C use I=10 -- chooses the center frequency
I=10
C
C
  print*, 'Input psi'
  read*,psi
  psi=psi*3.1415/180.
  sig11=s11(41,10)*cos(psi)**2-sin(psi)*cos(psi)*(s12(41,10)
  +s21(41,10))+s22(41,10)*sin(psi)**2
  sig22=s11(41,10)*sin(psi)**2+s21(41,10)*cos(psi)*s12(41,10)
  +s21(41,10)+s22(41,10)*cos(psi)**2
  sig12=sin(psi)*cos(psi)*(s11(41,10)-s22(41,10))*sin(psi)**2
  s12=s21(41,10)+cos(psi)**2*s12(41,10)
  s11=s12(41,10)+cos(psi)*(s11(41,10)-s22(41,10))*sin(psi)**2
  print*,cabs(sig11),cabs(sig22),cabs(sig12),cabs(sig21)
  read*,jnk
  if(jnk .eq.0) goto 10
angmax=40.0
angmin=-40.0
print*, ntrace
dang=(angmax-angmin)/(ntrace-1)
do itr=1,ntrace
  ang=angmin+itr-1*dang
  C
  sig11=s11(itr,1)*cos(psi)**2-sin(psi)*cos(psi)*(s12(itr,1)
  +s21(itr,1))+s22(itr,1)*sin(psi)**2
  sig22=s11(itr,1)*sin(psi)**2+s21(itr,1)*cos(psi)*(s12(itr,1)
  +s21(itr,1))+s22(itr,1)*cos(psi)**2
  sig12=sin(psi)*cos(psi)*(s11(itr,1)-s22(41,10))*sin(psi)**2
  s12=s21(itr,1)+cos(psi)**2*s12(41,1)
  sig21=sin(psi)*cos(psi)*(s11(itr,1)-s22(41,10))*sin(psi)**2
  s11=s12(itr,1)+cos(psi)**2*s12(41,1)
  s22(itr,1)=s1921

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1130  ON KEY 6 LABEL " # OF TRACES " ;FNTTrap_level GOSUB Set_traces
1140  ON KEY 7 LABEL " # OF POINTS " ;FNTTrap_level GOSUB Set_points
1150  ON KEY 8 LABEL " # OF AVERAGES " ;FNTTrap_level GOSUB Set_average
1160  ON KEY 9 LABEL " QUIT " ;FNTTrap_level GOTO Quit_fast_acq
1170  GOSUB Allocate_matrix
1180  LOOP
1190  EXIT IF Exit_flag=1
1200  END LOOP
1210  GOSUB Deallocate_mtx
1220  Exit_flag=0
1230  GOTO Start_loop
1240  |
1250  Null: RETURN
1260  |
1270  |
1280  |
1290 Ref_target: ! Acquire a reference target data set.
1300  |
1310  OFF KEY
1320  Clear_crt
1330  OUTPUT @Nwa;"TIMDTRANON; LOGM; GATEOFF;"*
1340  PRINT TABXY(1,12);"Press CONTINUE when ready..."*
1350  PAUSE
1360  GOSUB Set_gates
1370  OUTPUT @Nwa;"AUTO; ELED 100NS; STAR ONS; STOP 300NS;"*
1380  PRINT TABXY(1,10);"Please point scatterometer assembly to reference target."*
1390  OUTPUT @Nwa;"TIMDTRANOFF; POLA; AVERFACT";VALS(Average_factor);;"*
1400  OUTPUT @Nwa;"AVEROON"
1410  INPUT "Enter the reference target angle: ",Ref_angle
1420  |
1430  Get the reference target response.
1440  |
1450  FOR F=1 TO 3
1460  FOR T=1 TO Ntrace
1470  IF Meas_flag(F) THEN
1480    Freq_set(F)
1490    Freq_sw(F)
1500    OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATEOFF;"*
1510    OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATECENT";VALS(Gate_cent(F));;"WAIT"
1520    OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATESPAN";VALS(Gate_span(F));;"S;"*
1530    OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATEON;"*
1540    OUTPUT @Nwa;"TIMDTRANOFF;POLA;"*
1550    FOR P=1 TO 4
1560      Pol_sw(F,P)
1570      OUTPUT @Nwa;"FORM3;NUMG";VALS(Average_factor+1);;"WAIT"
1580      OUTPUT @Nwa;"WAIT; OUTIFORM;"*
1590      ENTER @Nwa_data;Preamble,Bytes,Trace(*)
1600      MAT Target_response(P,) = Trace
1610    NEXT P
1620    Nskh=Nskip+
1630    FOR P=1 TO 4
1640      Nt=Nskh TO Npts STEP Nskip
1650      Nst=INT(Nt/Nskip)
1660      Target_data(T,P,Nst)=Target_response(P,Nt)
1670    NEXT Nt
1680    NEXT P
1690  END IF
1700  |
1710  |
1720  store_file(Target_data(*),"REF",FNTtime_stamp$,F)
1730  |
1740  | Get the reference target mount response.
1750  |
1760  BEEP

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1770  PRINT TABXY(1,10);"Please remove the reference target from its mount."
1780  PRINT TABXY(1,12);"Press CONTINUE when ready..."*
1790  PAUSE
1800  Clear_crt
1810  PRINT TABXY(1,14);"Data for the mount is being collected . . ."
1820  FOR T=1 TO Ntrace
1830  FOR F=1 TO 3
1840    IF Meas_flag(F) THEN
1850      Freq_set(F)
1860      Freq_sw(F)
1870      OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATEOFF;"*
1880      OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATECENT";VALS(Gate_cent(F));;"S;"*
1890      OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATESPAN";VALS(Gate_span(F));;"S;"*
1900      OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATEON;"*
1910    FOR P=1 TO 4
1920      Pol_sw(F,P)
1930      OUTPUT @Nwa;"FORM3;NUMG";VALS(Average_factor+1);;"WAIT"
1940      OUTPUT @Nwa;"WAIT; OUTIFORM;"*
1950      ENTER @Nwa_data;Preamble,Bytes,Trace(*)
1960      MAT Target_response(P,) = Trace
1970  NEXT P
1980  Nskh=Nskip+
1990  FOR P=1 TO 4
2000    FOR N=Nskh TO Npts STEP Nskip
2010      Nst=INT(Nt/Nskip)
2020      Target_data(T,P,Nst)=Target_response(P,Nt)
2030  NEXT Nt
2040  |
2050  END IF
2060  NEXT F
2070  NEXT T
2080  Store_file(Target_data(*),"MNTR",FNTtime_stamp$,F)
2090  Pol_sw(F,disp)
2100  Disp "Reference target mount response saved."
2110  Exit_flag=1
2120  RETURN
2130  !
2140  !
2150  ! Acq_target: !
2160  Acq_target: !
2170  !
2180  OFF KEY
2190  Clear_crt
2200  OUTPUT @Nwa;"TIMDTRANON; LOGM; GATEOFF;"*
2210  OUTPUT @Nwa;"ELED 100NS; STAR ONS; STOP 300NS;"*
2220  PRINT TABXY(1,10);"Please point scatterometer assembly at surface target."*
2230  PRINT TABXY(1,12);"Press CONTINUE when ready..."*
2240  PAUSE
2250  GOSUB Set_gates
2260  OUTPUT @Nwa;"TIMDTRANOFF; POLA; AVERFACT";VALS(Average_factor);;""
2270  OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATEOFF;AVEROON;"*
2280  |
2290  | Get the target response.
2300  |
2310  FOR T=1 TO Ntrace
2320  |
2330  | Get angles
2340  |
2350  IF T=1 THEN
2360  | Rotation_state=-1
2370  ELSE
2380  | Rotation_state=2
2390  END IF
2400  SELECT Rotation_state

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CASE =0
2410   Clear_crt
2420   PRINT TABXY(1,4); "When ready for measurement, press CONTINUE."
2430   BEEP
2440   PAUSE
2450
2460   Clear_crt(3,16)
2470   PRINT TABXY(1,4); "Collecting data..."
2480
2490   PRINT TABXY(1,4); "Current angle is ";Current_angle;" degrees."
2500   Rotate_target
2510   WAIT 1
2520   Clear_crt(3,16)
2530   PRINT TABXY(1,4); "Collecting data ..."
2540   END SELECT
2550   FOR F=1 TO 3
2560     IF Meas_flag(F) THEN
2570       Freq_set(F)
2580       Freq_SW(F)
2590       OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATEOF;""
2600       OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATECENT";VALS(Gate_cent(F));"S;""
2610       OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATESPAN";VALS(Gate_span(F));"S;""
2620       OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATEON; WAIT;"
2630       PRINT Nts,Nttrace,Ndata,Nskip
2640       FOR P=1 TO 4
2650         Pol_SW(F,P)
2660         OUTPUT @Nwa;"NUMG";VALS(Average_factor);";WAIT; FORM3; OUTPERFORM;""
2670         ENTER @Nwa_data@Preamble,Bytes,Trace(*)
2680         MAT Target_response(P,*)= Trace
2690         NEXT P
2700         Nskip=Nskip+1
2710         FOR P=1 TO 4
2720           FOR Nt=Nskip TO Npts STEP Nskip
2730             Nst=INT(Nt/Nskip)
2740             Target_data(T,P,Nst)=Target_response(P,Nt)
2750             NEXT Nt
2760             END IF
2770             NEXT F
2780             PRINT "# OF TRACES LEFT-",Ntrace-T
2790             NEXT T
2800             Store_file(Target_data(*),"GND",FNTIME_stamp$,F)
2810             DISP "Surface target data saved."
2820             BEEP
2830             Rotation_state=4
2840             Rotate_target
2850             WAIT 5
2860             BEEP
2870             OUTPUT @Nwa;"CONT;""
2880             Exit_flag=1
2890             RETURN
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2920   !-----+
2930   !-----+
2940   Freq_set: GOSUB Deallocatemtrix
2950   OFF KEY
2960   MAT Meas_flag_old= Meas_flag
2970   ON KEY 0 LABEL "
2980   !-----+
2990   ON KEY 1 LABEL "
3000   ON KEY 2 LABEL "
3010   ON KEY 4 LABEL "
3020   ON KEY 5 LABEL "
3030   ON KEY 6 LABEL "
3040   !-----+
3050   ON KEY 7 LABEL "
3060   ON KEY 8 LABEL "
3070   ON KEY 9 LABEL "
3080   LOOP
3090   !-----+
3100   EXIT IF Exit_flag=1
3110   GOSUB Set_c
3120   GOTO Store_band
3130   RETURN
3140   Set_1:
3150   OFF KEY 0
3160   Meas_flag(1)=1
3170   F_disp=1
3180   Set_c:
3190   OFF KEY 1
3200   Meas_flag(2)=1
3210   F_disp=2
3220   Set_x:
3230   OFF KEY 2
3240   Meas_flag(3)=1
3250   F_disp=3
3260   RETURN
3270   store_band: Print_banner4
3280   GOSUB Allocate_matrix
3290   Cancel_band: ! MAT Meas_flag= Meas_flag_old
3300   GOSUB Allocate_matrix
3310   Exit_flag=1
3320   RETURN
3330   Set_angle: ! INPUT "Enter measurement angle: ",Angle
3340   INPUT "Enter target type or name: ",Targets$ ; Targets=$VALS( Angle ) & CHR$(179) ; " Degree sign.
3350   !-----+
3360   !-----+
3370   !-----+
3380   Set_angle: ! INPUT "Enter target type or name: ",Targets$ ; Targets=$VALS( Angle ) & CHR$(179) ; " Degree sign.
3390   !-----+
3400   !-----+
3410   !-----+
3420   RETURN
3430   !-----+
3440   !-----+
3450   !-----+
3460   Set_target: ! INPUT "Enter target type or name: ",Targets$ ; Targets=$VALS( Targets$ )
3470   !-----+
3480   Targets=TRIMS(Targets$)
3490   Targets=Targets$RPT$(" ",30-LEN(Targets$))
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9100   !-----+
9110   !-----+
9120   !-----+
9130   !-----+
9140   !-----+
9150   !-----+
9160   !-----+
9170   !-----+
9180   !-----+
9190   !-----+
9200   !-----+
9210   !-----+
9220   !-----+
9230   !-----+
9240   !-----+
9250   !-----+
9260   !-----+
9270   !-----+
9280   !-----+
9290   !-----+
9300   !-----+
9310   !-----+
9320   !-----+
9330   !-----+
9340   !-----+
9350   !-----+
9360   !-----+
9370   !-----+
9380   !-----+
9390   !-----+
9400   !-----+
9410   !-----+
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9680   !-----+
9690   !-----+
9700   !-----+
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3690 Print_banner4
3700 GOSUB Deallocate_matrix
3710 GOSUB Allocate_matrix
3720 RETURN
3730 !
3740 !
3750 !
3760 Set_average: ! INPUT "Enter averaging factor: ",Average_factor
3770 IF Average_factor<=0 THEN
3780 Print_banner4
3790 RETURN
3800 !
3810 !-----
3820 !
3830 Allocate_matrix: ! Allocate storage space for data.
3840 !
3850 System_memory=VAL(SYSTEMS("AVAILABLE MEMORY"))
3860 Avail_traces=MIN(Ntrace,INT(System_memory-50000-3*4*16.*Npts)/(3*4*16.*Ndata))
3870 IF Avail_traces<Ntrace THEN
3880 BEEP
3890 PRINT TABXY(1,16); "Memory has capacity for only ";Avail_traces;" traces."
3900 PRINT "Press CONTINUE key to continue"
3910 PAUSE
3920 Ntrace=Avail_traces
3930 END IF
3940 ALLOCATE COMPLEX Trace(Npts),Target_response(4,Npts)
3950 ALLOCATE COMPLEX Target_data(Ntrace,4,Ndata)
3960 RETURN
3970 Deallocate_matrix: ! Return to main program.
3980 !
3990 DEALLOCATE Target_response(*),Trace(*)
4000 DEALLOCATE Target_data(*)
4010 RETURN
4020 !
4030 !-----
4040 !
4050 Set_dates: ! Set date centers and spans.
4060 FOR F=1 TO 3
4070 IF Meas_flag(F) THEN
4080   Freq_set(F)
4090   Freq_sw(F)
4100   P3_
4110   Pol_sw(F,P)
4120   OUTPUT @Nwa;"TIMDTRANON; LOGM;"
4130   OUTPUT @Nwa;"ELED 100NS; STAR ONS; STOP 300NS; WAIT;"!
4140   OUTPUT @Nwa;"FORM3; OUTPACTI;"!
4150   ENTER @Nwa;Gate cent(F)
4160   OUTPUT @Nwa;"MARKOFF;"!
4170   OUTPUT @Nwa;"CONT;"!
4180   OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATESPAN";VALS(Gate_span(F));"S;"!
4190   OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATECENT";VALS(Gate_cen(F));"S;"!
4200   LOCAL @Nwa;"KEY41; KEY59; KEY55; KEY5;"!
4210   DISP "Adjust gate center to suit, and press CONTINUE."
4220   PAUSE
4230   OUTPUT @Nwa;"OUTPACTI;"!
4240   ENTER @Nwa;Gate cent(F)
4250   OUTPUT @Nwa;"GATESPAN";VALS(Gate_span(F));";"!
4260   LOCAL @Nwa;"KEY41; KEY59; KEY55; KEY5;"!
4270   DISP "Adjust gate span to suit, and press CONTINUE."
4280   PAUSE
4290 LOCAL @Nwa
4300 DISP "Adjust gate span to suit, and press CONTINUE."
4310 PAUSE
4320 OUTPUT @Nwa;"OUTPACTI;"!
4330 ENTER @Nwa;Gate span(F)
4340 END IF
4350 NEXT F
4360 RETURN
4370 !
4380 !
4390 !
4400 Quit_fast.acq: ! End of program
4410 DISP "PROGRAM EXIT"
4420 GOSUB Deallocate_matrix
4430 LOAD KEY "EDITKEY:MEMORY, 0, 1"
4440 STOP
4450 END
4460 !
4470 !*****
4480 !
4490 DEF FNASK(Prompt$)
4500 OFF KEY
4510 DISP Prompt$;
4520 INPUT "",Yns
4530 Yns=UPCs(Yns[1,1])
4540 SELECT Yns
4550 CASE "Y"
4560 RETURN 1
4570 CASE "N", "="
4580 RETURN 0
4590 CASE ELSE
4600 RETURN 0
4610 END SELECT
4620 FNEND
4630 !
4640 !*****
4650 !
4660 DEF FNFILELOCS(File$,Dir$)
4670 INTEGER C : for the location of the ':' in Dir$ (minus 1)
4680 LET C=POS(Dir$,":")-1
4690 IF C<-0 THEN
4700   RETURN TRIM$(File$,Dir$)
4710 ELSE
4720   RETURN DIR$[1,C]&RPT$(("/",Dir$,C)<>"/");&File$&Dirs[C+1,LEN(Dir$)]
4730 END IF
4740 FNEND ! Fileloc
4750 !
4760 !*****
4770 !
4780 DEF FNTime_stamps(OPTIONAL Time_format)
4790 !
4800 DIM Time_digits$[4],Year_digits$[6]
4810 DIM Machine_times[8],Machine_dates[11]
4820 REAL Timedate_now
4830 Timedate_now=TIMEDATE
4840 Machine_dates=DATES(Timedate_now)
4850 Machine_times=TIMES(Timedate_now)
4860 Machine_time=Machine_time$[1,2]&Machine_dates[11]
4870 Time_digits=Machine_time$[1,2]&Machine_time$[4,5]
4880 Year_digits[1,2]=Machine_dates[10,11]_times[4,5]
4890 IF Machine_dates[1,1]="" " THEN Machine_dates[1,1]=""0"
4900 !
4910 SELECT Machine_dates$[4,6]
4920 CASE "Jan"
4930   Year_digits$[3,4]=""01"
4940 CASE "Feb"
4950   Year_digits$[3,4]=""02"
4960 CASE "Mar"

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5610 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8720B") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=4
5620 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8753A") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=5
5630 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8753B") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=6
5640 LOCAL @Nwa
5650 PRINT
5660 PRINT Na_1ident$S
5670 PRINT Netwrk_analyzer
5680 ! Clear_crt
5690 PRINT
5700 PRINT
5710 IF Netwrk_analyzer=0 THEN
5720 !
5730 BEEP
5740 No_na: OFF CYCLE
5750 PRINT TABXY(1,5);;"There is no active network analyzer on the HP-IB bus."
5760 PRINT TABXY(1,6);;"Please check connections, and press the RUN key."
5770 PRINT
5780 PRINT TABXY(1,7);;"If you DO NOT want to use a network analyzer, press the
5790 CONTINUE key."
5800 PAUSE
5810 END IF
5820 !
5830 Check_hpib: ! Check the rest of the bus
5840 ON TIMEOUT 7,.01 GOTO Nothing
5850 !
5860 FOR Device=700 TO 731
5870 DISP "Checking for device at address: ",Device
5880 Device_lists(Device-700)="NOTHING"
5890 ASSIGN @What_is_it TO Device
5900 OUTCOME=$POLI(@What_is_it)
5910 Device_lists(Device-700)="SOMETHING"
5920 PRINT Device,"SOMETHING HERE",";spoll: ",Outcome
5930 ASSIGN @What_is_it TO *
5940 Nothing: ! Skip to next device
5950 NEXT Device
5960 !
5970 OFF TIMEOUT 7
5980 ASSIGN @What_is_it TO *
5990 IF Device_lists(1)="SOMETHING" THEN
6000 DISP "Position the printer to Top-Of-Form and press CONTINUE . . . "
6010 PAUSE
6020 PRINTER IS PRT
6030 PRINT CHR$(27)&"<11L"; ! Set Page Breaks
6040 Printer_flag=1
6050 PRINTER IS CRT
6060 END IF
6070 DEALLOCATE Na_1ident$S
6080 DEALLOCATE Device_lists(*)
6090 ABORT @Hpib
6100 SUBEXIT
6110 SUBEND
6120 !
6130 !
6140 !
6150 !
6160 SUB HP_bus_init
6170 COM /Paths/ @Nwa,@Nwa_data1,@Nwa_data2,Netwrk_analyzer,@Hpib,@Relay
6180 COM /Sys1/ Freq_cen(*),Freq_span(*),Gate_cen(*),Gate_span(*)
6190 COM /Sys2/ Polw$(*),Polw$(*)
6200 COM /System/ System_memory
6210 COM /System/ Printer_flag,Debug_flag,Printer_lists($, Modes$, Out_types$, Soun
ds,Bells,Targets,Ref_targets
6220 !
6230 This subroutine configures the HP-IB bus and presets the HP8510.

5100 Network_analyzer=0
5110 ALLOCATE Na_1idents[80]
5120 ALLOCATE ALPHA_PEN 4
5130 RBD LINE PEN 3
5140 KEY LABELS PEN 5
5150 Clear_crt
5160 ENTER @Nwa_data2@Na_1idents
5170 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8510A") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=1
5180 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8510B") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=2
5190 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8720A") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=3
5200 System_memory=VAL(SYSTEMS("AVAILABLE MEMORY")) ! How much memory for RAM-DISK
5210 PRINT "AVAILABLE MEMORY: ",;System_memory;" BYTES"
5220 ON TIMEOUT 7.4 GOTO No_na ! In case there is no network analyzer
5230 Is_na: OUTPUT @Nwa;"FORM4; OUTPIDEN;"
5240 ENTER @Nwa_data2@Na_1idents
5250 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8510A") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=1
5260 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8510B") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=2
5270 IF POS(Na_1idents,$"8720A") THEN Netwrk_analyzer=3

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6230   ! ASSIGN @Hplib TO 7
6240   ASSIGN @Nwa TO 716
6250   ASSIGN @Nwa_data1 TO 716;FORMAT OFF
6270   ASSIGN @Nwa_data2 TO 716;FORMAT ON
6280   ASSIGN @Relay TO 710
6290   REMOTE @Hplib
6300   ABORT @Hplib
6310   CLEAR @Nwa
6320   IF Debug_flag=1 THEN OUTPUT @Nwa;"DEBUON;"*
6330   IF Debug_flag=0 THEN
6340   OUTPUT @Nwa;"DEBUOFF;"*
6350   OUTPUT @Nwa;"TITLE ***@Freqs(2)*** BAND ***"
6360   END IF
6370   SUBEND
6380   !
6390   ****
6400   !
6410   SUB Series_Init
6420   COM /System_config/ INTEGER Printer_flag,Debug_flag,Version$,Mode$,Out_type$,Sound
$_Bell$,Targets_Ref$Targets$
6430   DIM Inputs[80]
6440   !
6450   ! This subroutine prints a header for the printout and sets the system
6460   ! date and time.
6470   !
6480   IF Printer_flag=1 THEN PRINTER IS PRT
6490   PRINT CHR$(12)
6500   Set_clock
6510   ! INPUT "ENTER MEASUREMENT SERIES TITLE",Input$
6520   ! Prefaces=""@RPT$(" ",9)
6530   ! PRINT RPT$(" ",70)
6540   ! PRINT Prefaces$&Input$
6550   ! LINPUT "ENTER OPERATOR NAME",Input$
6560   ! PRINT Prefaces$&Input$
6570   ! PRINTER IS CRT
6580   PRINT
6590   PRINT
6600   PRINT Prefaces$&MEASUREMENT_SERIES_STARTED_AT "&TIME(TIMEDATE)
6610   PRINTER IS CRT
6620   SUBEND
6630   !
6640   ! ****
6650   !
6660   SUB set_clock
6670   OPTION BASE 1
6680   INTEGER I
6690   DIM Chronos[12],Months[12][3]
6700   READ Months(*)
6710   PRINT "READ Months(*"
6720   DATA "JAN","FEB","MAR","APR","MAY","JUN","JUL","AUG","SEP","OCT","NOV","DEC"
6730   OUTPUT KBD;"SCRATCH KEY "&Exec_key$;
6740   Clear_crt
6750   PRINT "
6760   PRINT "
6770   Ask: INPUT "Enter date and time (YYMMDDHHMMss) :"Chronos
6790   IF Chronos="" AND DATES(TIMEDATE)<>" 1 Mar 1900" THEN
6800   PRINT "
6810   PRINT "
6820   END IF
6830   Years=VALS(1900+VAL(Chronos[1,2]))
6840   IF (VAL(Chronos[3,4])<-0 OR VAL(Chronos[3,4])>12) THEN
6850   BEEP
6860   PRINT "Incorrect month value."
6870   GOTO Ask
6880   END IF
6890   Years=Months(VAL(Chronos[3,4]))&"Years"
6900   Years=Chronos[5,6]&"&Years"
6910   SET TIMEDATE(DATE(Years$)
6920   IF (VAL(Chronos[7,8]))>23 THEN
6930   BEEP
6940   PRINT "Incorrect hour value."
6950   GOTO Ask
6960   END IF
6970   Days=Chronos[7,8]&"";
6980   IF VAL(Chronos[9,10])>59 THEN
6990   BEEP
7000   PRINT "Incorrect minute value."
7010   GOTO Ask
7020   END IF
7030   Days=Days&Chronos[9,10]&"";
7040   IF (LEN(Chronos)>10 AND LEN(Chronos)-12) THEN
7050   IF VAL(Chronos[11,12])>59 THEN
7060   BEEP
7070   PRINT "Incorrect seconds value."
7080   GOTO Ask
7090   END IF
7100   Days=Days&Chronos[11,12]
7110   ELSE
7120   Days=Days&"00"
7130   END IF
7140   SET TIME TIME(Day$)
7150   Clear_crt
7160   SUBEXIT
7170   SUBEND
7180   !
7190   ! ****
7200   !
7210   SUB Fix_error
7220   SELECT ERNN
7230   CASE ELSE
7240   PRINTER IS CRT
7250   PRINT "ERROR ",ERNN
7260   PRINT ERNN
7270   PRINT " PROGRAM IS PAUSED. FIX ERROR, IF POSSIBLE, AND CONTINUE."
7280   PAUSE
7290   END SELECT
7300   SUBEND
7310   !
7320   !
7330   !
7340   Clear_crt(OPTIONAL INTEGER Start_line,Num_of_lines)
7350   !
7360   INTEGER I
7370   DIM Clear_lines[80]
7380   Clear_lines=""
7390   IF NPAR=0 THEN
7400   OUTPUT KBD;CHR$(255)&CHR$(75);
7410   ELSE
7420   PRINT TABXY(1,Start_line);"";RPT$(Clear_lines);
7430   PRINT TABXY(1,Start_line);"";
7440   SUBEXIT
7450   END IF
7460   SUBEND
7470   !
7480   !
7490   !

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8750     Records_per_set=4*SUM(Meas_flag)*Ntrace
8760     IF SUM(Meas_flag)=3 THEN
8770       Suffix$="MA"
8780     ELSE
8790       FOR F=1 TO 3
8790         IF Meas_flag(F)=1 THEN
8800           Mf=F
8810         END IF
8820       NEXT F
8830
8840     Suffix$="M"&Freqs(Mf)
8850
8860     GOSUB Save_hpux
8870   1
8880     | Save_traces
8890   CASE "GND"
8900     Bytes_per_set=16*Ndata
8910     Records_per_set=Ntrace*4*SUM(Meas_flag)
8920     IF SUM(Meas_flag)=3 THEN
8930       Suffix$="GR"
8940     ELSE
8950       FOR F=1 TO 3
8960         IF Meas_flag(F)=1 THEN
8970           Mf=F
8980         END IF
8990       NEXT F
9000
9010     Suffix$="G"&Freqs(Mf)
9020
9030     GOSUB Save_hpux
9040   1
9050     END SELECT
9060     DEALLOCATE Trace(*)
9070     SUBEXIT
9080   1
9090   Save_averaged: 1
9100   Save_the_reference_data_file.
9110
9120   IF NOT Debug_flag THEN
9130     CREATE BDAT Filenames$&Drive_c$,Records_per_set,Bytes_per_set
9140   END IF
9150
9160   Base_record=0
9170   FOR F=1 TO 3
9180     IF Meas_flag(F)=1 THEN
9190       IF Debug_flag THEN
9200         ASSIGN @Disc TO PRT
9210         OUTPUT @Disc;"FILE: ",Filenames$,Suffix$
9220         OUTPUT @Disc USING Image_1;Ndata,Average_factor
9230         OUTPUT @Disc USING Image_2;Ndata,Average_factor
9240         OUTPUT @Disc USING Image_3;Ref_targets,T
9250         FOR P=1 TO 4
9260           OUTPUT @Disc USING Image_4;Pols(P),Gate_cent(F),Gate_span(F)
9270           MAT Trace= Matrix(1,P,*)
9280           OUTPUT @Disc;Trace(*)
9290
9300   ELSE
9310     ASSIGN @Disc TO Filenames$&Drive_c$,FORMAT OF F
9320     OUTPUT @Disc,Base_record+1;Versions,Freq_cent(F),Freq_span(F)
9330     OUTPUT @Disc,Base_record+1;Ndata,Average_factor
9340     OUTPUT @Disc,Base_record+1;Ref_targets,T
9350     FOR P=1 TO 4
9360       OUTPUT @Disc,Base_record+P;Pols(P),Gate_cent(F),Gate_span(F)
9370       MAT Trace= Matrix(1,P,*)
9380     OUTPUT @Disc,Base_record+P;Trace(*)

9390   NEXT P
9400   Base_record=Base_record+4
9410   END IF
9420   END IF
9430   NEXT F
9440   ASSIGN @Disc TO *
9450   RETURN
9460   1
9470   |
9480   Save_hpux: 1
9490   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9500   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9510   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9520   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9530   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
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9700   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
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9770   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9780   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9790   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9800   | ! save data in HP-UX format.
9810   | ! save the ground target data file.
9820   | ! save the ground target data file.
9830   | ! save the ground target data file.
9840   | ! save the ground target data file.
9850   | ! save the ground target data file.
9860   | ! save the ground target data file.
9870   | ! save the ground target data file.
9880   | ! save the ground target data file.
9890   | ! save the ground target data file.
9900   | ! save the ground target data file.
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9960   | ! save the ground target data file.
9970   | ! save the ground target data file.
9980   | ! save the ground target data file.
9990   | ! save the ground target data file.
10000  | ! save the ground target data file.
10100  | ! save the ground target data file.
10200  | ! save the ground target data file.

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10030 MAT Trace= Matrix(T,P,*)
10040 OUTPUT @Disc;Trace(*)
10050 NEXT P
10060 END IF
10070 NEXT F
10080 NEXT T
10090 ELSE
10100 ASSIGN @Disc TO Filenamex$&Suffix$&Drive_c$:FORMAT OFF
10110 ! OUTPUT @Disc;1;Ndata,Ntrace
10120 ! OUTPUT @Disc;1;Targets
10130 FOR T=1 TO Ntrace
10140 FOR F=1 TO 3
10150 IF Meas_flag(F)=1 THEN
10160 ! OUTPUT @Disc,Base_record1;Version$,Freq_cen(F),Freq_span(F)
10170 FOR P=1 TO 4
10180 ! OUTPUT @Disc,Base_recordP;Pols(P),Gate_cen(F),Gate_span(F),T
10190 ! MAT Trace= Matrix(T,P,*)
10200 ! OUTPUT @Disc,Base_recordP;Trace(*)
10210 NEXT P
10220 Base_record=Base_record+
10230 END IF
10240 NEXT F
10250 NEXT T
10260 END IF
10270 ASSIGN @Disc TO *
10280 RETURN
10290 !
10300 !-----*
10310 !
10320 Image_1:IMAGE ("1X,12A,5X,"FREQ CENTER: ",2D,4D,5X,"FREQ SPAN: ",2D,4D)
10330 Image_2:IMAGE ("NUMBER OF POINTS: ",5D,5X,"NUMBER OF AVERAGES: ",5D)
10340 Image_3:IMAGE ("TARGET: ",30A,"GATING TARGET TYPE: ",2D)
10350 Image_4:IMAGE ("POLARIZATION: ",2A,5X,"GATE CENTER: ",SD,14DE,/,5X,"GATE SPAN: ",S
D,14DE,"TRACE: ",3D)
10360 Image_5:IMAGE ("NUMBER OF POINTS: ",5D,5X,"NUMBER OF TRACES: ",5D)
10370 Image_6:IMAGE (5X,SD,14DE,5X,SD,14DE)
10380 SUBEND
10390 !
10400 !
10410 !
10420 SUB Freq_set(INTEGER Ifreq)
10430 COM /Paths/ @Nwa,@Nwa_data1,@Nwa_data2,Netwrk_analyzer,@Hpb, @Relay
10440 COM /Sys_1/ Freq$(*),Freq_cen(*),Freq_span(*),Gate_cen(*),Gate_span(*)
10450 !
10460 ! This subroutine sets the transmit frequency for the HP8753.
10470 !
10480 IF Ifreq=-1 THEN
10490 OUTPUT @Nwa;"POWE0"
10500 ELSE
10510 OUTPUT @Nwa;"POWE-10"
10520 END IF
10530 SELECT Netwrk_analyzer
10540 CASE -3,-4,-5,-6
10550 OUTPUT @Nwa;"TIMDTRANOFF;"
10560 CASE -1,-2
10570 OUTPUT @Nwa;"FREQ;""
10580 END SELECT
10590 OUTPUT @Nwa;"CENT "EVALS(Freq_cen(Ifreq))&" GHZ;""
10600 OUTPUT @Nwa;"SPAN "EVALS(Freq_span(Ifreq))&" GHZ;""
10610 SUBEND
10620 !
10630 !
10640 !
10650 SUB Freq_sw(INTEGER Ifreq)
10660 COM /Paths/ @Nwa,@Nwa_data1,@Nwa_data2,Netwrk_analyzer,@Hpb, @Relay
10670 SELECT Ifreq
10680 CASE 1
10690 OUTPUT @Relay;"?A2B1"
10700 CASE 2
10710 OUTPUT @Relay;"?A1B2"
10720 CASE 3
10730 OUTPUT @Relay;"?B12"
10740 END SELECT
10750 WAIT .1
10760 SUBEND
10770 !
10780 !*****+
10790 !*****+
10800 SUB Pol_sw(INTEGER Ifreq,Ipol)
10810 COM /Paths/ @Nwa,@Nwa_data1,@Nwa_data2,Netwrk_analyzer,@Hpb, @Relay
10820 COM /Sys_1/ Freq$(*),Freq_cen(*),Freq_span(*),Gate_cen(*),Gate_span(*)
10830 COM /Sys_2/ Pol$(*),Polsw$(*)
10840 !
10850 ! This subroutine sets the transmit and receive polarization by
10860 ! sending the proper command over the HPIB to the polarization
10870 ! relays.
10880 !
10890 OUTPUT @Relay;Polsw$(Ifreq,Ipol)
10900 @Nwa;"TITLE "" "&Freq$(Ifreq)&" BAND = "&Pols(Ipol)&""
10910 WAIT .1
10920 SUBEND
10930 !
10940 !*****+
10950 !
10960 SUB Rotate_target
10970 OPTION BASE 1
10980 COM /Com4/ INTEGER Rotation_state,REAL Inc_angle,Current_angle,Start_angle,Stop_ang
le,Old_home_angle,Rotation Sets_per_pos
10990 COM /Status/ INTEGER SC,Connect_flg,E_flg,Debug_flg,Responses[80]
11000 INTEGER Fs_flag,Ss_flag,Speed,Imc_Status,Confirm_answer
11010 !
11020 !
11030 Confirm_answer=1
11040 Imc_Status=0
11050 Debug_flg=0
11060 Fs_flag=-1
11070 Ss_flag=-1
11080 Clear_crt(3,16)
11090 !
11100 !
11110 SELECT Rotation_state
11120 CASE --1
11130 IF FNAsk("Do you wish to use the rotator?") THEN
11140 Connect_flg=0
11150 GOSUB Init_imc
11160 GOSUB Init_graph_pos
11170 GOSUB Manual_loop
11180 PRINT "Set Auto Mode Please....."
11190 !
11200 Rotation_state=0
11210 GCLFAR
11220 GRAPHICS OFF
11230 END IF
11240 CASE -0
11250 SUBEXIT
11260 CASE -1
11270 GOSUB Check_position
11280 GOSUB Print_angles

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11290      GOSUB Manual_loop
11300 CASE -2
11310      GOSUB Check_position
11320      GOSUB Auto
11330 CASE -3
11340      GOSUB Check_position
11350      GOSUB Manual_loop
11360      GOSUB Auto
11370      GOSUB Check_position
11380      GOSUB Go_home
11390
11400 CASE -5
11410      GOSUB Check_position
11420      Rotation_state=1 ! Switch to manual mode.
11430 END SELECT
11440 SUBEXIT
11450 !
11460 !
11470 Init_imc; ! Initialize the IMC unit.
11480      GOSUB Check_4_fault
11490      PRINT TABXY(1,3);!"INITIALIZING IMC"
11500      Clear_crt(4,15)
11510      Comm("4WB")
11520      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"WB"
11530      Comm("4EB")
11540      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"EB"
11550      Encoder_ratio=4096 ! 32000
11560      Comm("4ER"&VALS(Encoder_ratio))
11570      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"ER"&VALS(Encoder_ratio)
11580      IF FNASK("Do you wish to set home at the current position?") THEN
11590      Comm("4RS","Confirm_answer")
11600      ENTER Responses;Old_home_angle
11610      Old_home_angle=Old_home_angle
11620      Comm("4PI20")
11630      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"PIZ"&RPTS(" ",LEN(VALS(Encoder_ratio)))
11640      Comm("4PIAO")
11650      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"PIA"
11660      Current_angle=0
11670      END IF
11680      Comm("4SP100")
11690      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"SP "&RPTS(" ",LEN(VALS(Encoder_ratio)))
11700      Comm("4AC500")
11710      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"AC "
11720      Comm("4DC500")
11730      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"DC "
11740      GOSUB Check_position
11750      Rotation_state=1
11760      Clear_crt
11770 !
11780 !
11790      PRINT TABXY(1,4);!"DONE INITIALIZING IMC"
11800      PRINT TABXY(1,5);!"Turntable currently in manual mode."
11810      PRINT TABXY(1,6)
11820      Print_angles:
11830      PRINT TABXY(1,7);!"Current angle is: ";Current_angle;" degrees."
11840      PRINT TABXY(1,8);!"Starting angle is: ";Start_angle;" degrees."
11850      PRINT TABXY(1,9);!"Stopping angle is: ";Stop_angle;" degrees."
11860      RETURN
11870 !
11880 !
11890 Manual_loop:! Main activation loop.
11900 LOOP
11900 ON KEY 0 LABEL "FAST SLEW CW",FNTrap_level GOSUB Fs_CW
11910 ON KEY 9 LABEL "RETURN",FNTrap_level GOSUB Fs_ccw
11920
11930 ON KEY 5 LABEL "SLOW SLEW CW",FNTrap_level GOSUB Ss_CW
11940 ON KEY 6 LABEL "SLOW SLEW CCW",FNTrap_level GOSUB Ss_ccw
11950 ON KEY 2 LABEL "MANUAL CONTROL",FNTrap_level GOSUB Manual
11960 ON KEY 3 LABEL "TARGET GO HOME",FNTrap_level GOSUB Go_home
11970 ON KEY 4 LABEL "STOP ROTATION",FNTrap_level GOSUB Stop_turn
11980 ON KEY 7 LABEL "SET AUTO MODE",FNTrap_level GOSUB Set_auto
11990 ON KEY 8 LABEL "SET TARGET HOME",FNTrap_level GOSUB Set_position
12000 ON KEY 9 LABEL "RETURN",FNTrap_level GOTO Quit
12010 GOSUB Check_position
12020 END LOOP
12030 !
12040 !
12050 !
12060 Fs_cw!: Fast slew clockwise.
12070 IF Fs_flag<0 THEN
12080   Comm("4SP500")
12090   Comm("4SFN")
12100   Fs_flag=-1*Fs_flag
12110   Clear_crt(3,15)
12120   PRINT TABXY(1,15);!"ROTATING CW (FAST)"
12130 ELSE
12140   Comm("4ST")
12150   Fs_flag=-1*Fs_flag
12160   Clear_crt(3,15)
12170   PRINT TABXY(1,15);!"ROTATION STOPPED"
12180   GOSUB Check_position
12190 END IF
12200 RETURN
12210 !
12220 !
12230 !
12240 Fs_ccw!: Fast slew counterclockwise.
12250 IF Fs_flag<0 THEN
12260   Comm("4ST")
12270   Comm("4SP500")
12280   Comm("4SRN")
12290   Fs_flag=-1*Fs_flag
12300   Clear_crt(3,10)
12310   PRINT TABXY(1,15);!"ROTATING CCW (FAST)"
12320 ELSE
12330   Comm("4ST")
12340   Fs_flag=-1*Fs_flag
12350   Clear_crt(3,15)
12360   PRINT TABXY(1,15);!"ROTATION STOPPED"
12370   GOSUB Check_position
12380 END IF
12390 RETURN
12400 !
12410 !
12420 !
12430 Ss_cw!: Slow slew clockwise.
12440 IF Ss_flag<0 THEN
12450   Comm("4ST")
12460   INPUT "Speed?";Sp
12470   Comm("4SP"&VALS(INT(Sp)))
12480   Comm("4SFN")
12490   Ss_flag=-1*Ss_flag
12500   Clear_crt(3,15)
12510   PRINT TABXY(1,15);!"ROTATING CW (SLOW)"
12520 ELSE
12530   Comm("4ST")
12540   Ss_flag=-1*Ss_flag
12550   Clear_crt(3,15)
12560   PRINT TABXY(1,15);!"ROTATION STOPPED"

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12570      GOSUB Check_position
12580      END IF
12590      RETURN
12600      !
12610      !
12620      !
12630      Ss_ccw! Slow slew counterclockwise.
12640      IF Ss_flag<0 THEN
12650      INPUT "Speed? ",Sp
12660      Comm ("4SP"&VALS(INT(Sp)))
12670      Comm ("4SRN")
12680      Ss_flag=-1*Ss_flag
12690      Clear_crt (3_15)
12700      PRINT TABXY (1,15);"ROTATING CCW (SLOW)"
12710      !
12720      Comm ("4ST")
12730      Ss_flag=-1*Ss_flag
12740      Clear_crt (3_15)
12750      PRINT TABXY (1,15);"ROTATION STOPPED"
12760      GOSUB Check_position
12770      END IF
12780      RETURN
12790      !
12800      !
12810      !
12820      Manual: INPUT "ANGLE (IN DEGREES) -?",Inc_angle
12830      INPUT "SPEED? (~100-~500 RECOMMENDED)", Speed
12840      Comm ("4SP"&VALS(Speed))
12850      Auto:
12860      SELECT Rotation_state
12870      CASE -4
12880      GOSUB Go_home
12890      Rotation_state=2
12900      GOTO Auto
12910      CASE ELSE
12920      Angl2=INT(Angl2)
12930      IF Angl2-Angl1>.5 THEN Angl1=Angl1+
12940      ! Current_angle-Current_angle+Inc_angle
12950      Inc_angles=VALS(Angl1)
12960      Comm ("4IM"&Inc_angles$)
12970      Comm ("4RFI")
12980      END SELECT
12990      Inc_status=0
13000      Clear_crt (3_7)
13010      PRINT TABXY (1,14);"ROTATING TARGET, PLEASE WAIT."
13020      !
13030      WHILE NOT BIT(Imc_status,0)           ! Wait for motor to stop.
13040      Comm ("4RS",Confirm_answer)
13050      ENTER Response$;Imc_status
13060      PRINT TABXY (1,15);DVALS(Imc_status,2)
13070      GOSUB Check_position
13080      WAIT 1
13090      END WHILE
13100      Imc_status=0
13110      !
13120      !
13130      !
13140      Clear_crt (3_16)
13150      PRINT TABXY (1,16);"CURRENT TARGET POSITION IS ",Current_angle;" DEGREES.
13160      !
13170      WAIT 2 ! Wait for target settling.
13180      !
13190      !

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13200      !
13210      stop_turn:Comm("4ST")
13220      WHILE NOT BIT(Imc_status,0)           ! Wait for motor to stop.
13230      Comm ("4RS",Confirm_answer)
13240      ENTER Response$;Imc_status
13250      WAIT .1
13260      END WHILE
13270      Clear_crt (3_16)
13280      PRINT TABXY (1,15);"ROTATION STOPPED"
13290      GOSUB Check_position
13300      Imc_status=0
13310      RETURN
13320      !
13330      !
13340      !
13350      set_auto: Comm ("4SP500")
13360      GOSUB Check_position
13370      Clear_crt (3_16)
13380      PRINT TABXY (1,3);"Current starting angle: ",Start_angle;" degrees"
13390      PRINT TABXY (1,4);"Current increment angle: ",Inc_angle;" degrees"
13400      PRINT TABXY (1,5);"Current stopping angle: ",Stop_angle;" degrees"
13410      PRINT TABXY (1,6);"Current rotation speed: ",Speed
13420      PRINT TABXY (1,7);RPT$ (" ",80)
13430      INPUT "Rotator positioned at: ",Current_angle;" degrees"
13440      INPUT "Enter starting angle value (degrees): ",Start_angle
13450      INPUT "Enter increment angle (degrees): ",Inc_angle
13460      INPUT "Enter stopping angle (degrees): ",Stop_angle
13470      INPUT "Enter rotation speed of target (~500 recommended): ",Speed
13480      Speed=INT(Speed)
13490      Comm ("4SP"&VALS(Speed))
13500      IF ABS(Start_angle-Current_angle)>.1 THEN
13510      PRINT TABXY (1,9);RPT$ (" ",80)
13520      INPUT "Rotating target to starting angle...""
13530      Temp_angle=Inc_angle
13540      Irc_angle=Start_angle-Current_angle
13550      GOSUB Auto
13560      Irc_angle=Temp_angle
13570      END IF
13580      Rotation_state=2
13590      Clear_crt
13600      PRINT TABXY (1,20);"Turntable is in automatic mode. (press the RETURN soft
key)"
13610      RETURN
13620      !
13630      !
13640      !
13650      set_position:INPUT "LOCK IN CURRENT TARGET POSITION AS REFERENCE POSITION?", YnS
13660      IF YnS="Y" OR YnS="y" THEN
13670      Comm ("4RS",Confirm_answer)
13680      ENTER Response$;Old_home_angle
13690      Old_home_angle=Old_home_angle/93.3
13700      Comm ("4PIAO") ! Set absolute position to zero.
13710      Comm ("4PIZO") ! Set incremental position to zero.
13720      Current_angle=0
13730      !
13740      PRINT "POSITION WAS NOT SET."
13750      !
13760      RETURN
13770      !
13780      !
13790      !
13800      Go_home: IF Speed<200 THEN Speed=200
13810      Comm ("4SP"&VALS(Speed))
13820      Comm ("4AMO") ! Move to zero absolute position.

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13830 Comm ("4RN") ! Initiate movement.
13840 Comm ("4Mm") ! Make sure the move is completed.
13850 Inc status=0
13860 Clear_crt(3,15)
13870 PRINT TABXY(1,14);"ROTATING TARGET TO HOME POSITION, PLEASE WAIT."
13880 WHILE NOT (BIT(imc_status,0) AND BIT(imc_status,5))
13890   GOSUB Check_Status
13900   PRINT TABXY(1,15);"CURRENT STATUS: ";;DVALS(imc_status,2)
13910   GOSUB Check_Status
13920   WAIT .1
13930 END WHILE
13940 Clear_crt(3,16)
13950 PRINT TABXY(1,15);"TARGET AT HOME POSITION."
13960 GOSUB Check_Position
13970 Inc_status=0
13980 RETURN
13990 .
14000 .
14010 .
14020 Check_Status! Keep an eye on the Whedco controller status.
14030 Comm ("4RS",Confirm_answer)
14040 ENTER Responses$;imc_status
14050 RETURN
14060 .
14070 .
14080 .
14090 Check_Position! Get the current turnstile position in degrees.
14100 Comm ("4Rp",Confirm_answer)
14110 ENTER Responses$;Motor_position
14120 Current_angle=Motor_position/33.3
14130 .
14140 PRINT TABXY(1,16);"CURRENT TARGET POSITION IS ",;current_angle;" DEGREES."
14150 GOSUB Draw_Positions
14160 RETURN
14170 .
14180 .
14190 .
14200 Check_4_fault: ! Check the IMC for a fault condition and correct or
14210 ! notify the user if necessary.
14220 !
14230 Comm ("4Fc",Confirm_answer)
14240 ENTER Responses$;Faults
14250 SELECT Faults
14260 CASE "Power failure" ! Loss of power
14270 RETURN
14280 CASE "Force DAC" ! Force DAC command was given
14290 BEEP
14300 PRINT "Force DAC command was given..."
14310 DISP "Press CONTINUE to resume..."
14320 PAUSE
14330 RETURN
14340 CASE "Over-current" ! Over-current condition exists.
14350 BEEP
14360 PRINT "An over-current condition has been detected on the IMC."
14370 PRINT
14380 PRINT "Cycle the power to the IMC until the OV-CUR LED goes out"
14390 DISP "Press CONTINUE to reinitialize the IMC"
14400 PAUSE
14410 GOSUB Init_imc
14420 RETURN
14430 END SELECT
14440 RETURN
14450 !
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14460 !-----+
14470 !
14480 Init_graph_pos: ! Creates a graphical depiction of where the target is.
14490 SHOW 0,100,0,100
14500 GINIT
14510 GCLEAR
14520 GRAPHICS ON
14530 SHOW 0,100,0,100
14540 MOVE 90,70
14550 PEN 1 ! Draw circle
14560 POLYGON 12,360,360
14570 PENUP
14580 MOVE 90,70 ! Draw old home orientation.
14590 PEN 2
14600 DRAW 90+11*COS(Old_home_angle),70-11*SIN(Old_home_angle)
14610 PENUP
14620 MOVE 90,70 ! Draw current target orientation.
14630 PEN 3
14640 MOVE 90,70 ! Draw current home orientation.
14650 DRAW 90,58
14660 PENUP
14670 MOVE 90,70 ! Draw current target orientation.
14680 PEN 4
14690 X_pos=90+11*COS(Current_angle)
14700 Y_pos=70-11*SIN(Current_angle)
14710 DRAW X_pos,Y_pos
14720 RETURN
14730 !
14740 !
14750 !
14760 Draw_Positions: ! Draws out the angular orientations.
14770 MOVE 90,70 ! Draw old home orientation.
14780 PEN 2
14790 DRAW 90-11*SIN(Old_home_angle),70-11*COS(Old_home_angle)
14800 PENUP
14810 MOVE 90,70 ! Draw current home orientation.
14820 PEN 4
14830 DRAW 90,58
14840 PENUP
14850 DISABLE
14860 MOVE 90,70 ! Draw current target orientation.
14870 PEN -3
14880 DRAW X_pos,Y_pos
14890 MOVE 90,70
14900 PEN 3
14910 X_pos=90-11*SIN(Current_angle)
14920 Y_pos=70-11*COS(Current_angle)
14930 DRAW X_pos,Y_pos
14940 PENUP
14950 ENABLE
14960 RETURN
14970 !
14980 !
14990 !
15000 Quit: !-----+
15010 SUBEXIT
15020 SUBEND
15030 !
15040 !*****+
15050 !
15060 SUB Comm(CS,OPTIONAL INTEGER Confirm_answer)
15070 !
15080 PROGRAM MODULE: Comm
15090 !

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15100 ! PURPOSE: Modified version of the Comm module to be used
15110 ! for direct two way communication with the WHEDCO
15120 ! IMC stepping motor controller.
15130 !
15140 ! UPDATE: 3.0 Version 3.0 checks to see if the card being used
15150 ! is the HP98628A (Datacomm) or the HP98626A (Serial).
15160 ! Depending on which card is used, the appropriate
15170 ! registers are selected.
15180 !
15190 OPTION BASE 1
15200 COM /status/ INTEGER Sc,Connect_fiq,E_fiq,Debug_fiq,Responses
15210 INTEGER Baud_rate,B_Num_chars,Response_fiq,Index1
15220 DIM Inputs[256],Terms[256].Ins[256] BUFFER,From_232$(256)
15230 DIM Num_chars$[6],Num_ltrss[6],Out$(256) BUFFER
15240 DIM White_prints$[1],Crlf$[2]
15250 IF Debug_fiq THEN PRINT TABXY(1,1);"ENTERING Comm"
15260 ON ERROR GOSUB Error
15270 !
15280 !
15290 IF Connect_fiq THEN After_init
15300 !
15310 SC=30
15320 ASSIGN @Find_it TO SC;RETURN Outcome
15330 IF Outcome=0 THEN
15340 ASSIGN @Find_it TO * ! Reset RS-232 interface.
15350 CONTROL SC,0;1 ! Async link protocol.
15360 CONTROL SC,3;1
15370 CONTROL SC,0;1
15380 CONTROL SC,8;1+2
15390 CONTROL SC,16;0
15400 CONTROL SC,17;0
15410 CONTROL SC,18;0
15420 CONTROL SC,19;0
15430 CONTROL SC,20;14
15440 CONTROL SC,21;14
15450 CONTROL SC,22;0
15460 CONTROL SC,23;0
15470 CONTROL SC,34;2
15480 CONTROL SC,35;0
15490 CONTROL SC,36;1
15500 Connect_fiq=1
15510 ELSE
15520 SC=8
15530 ASSIGN @Find_it TO *
15540 ASSIGN @Find_it TO SC;RETURN Outcome
15550 IF Outcome>>0 THEN
15560 PRINT "RS-232 card not installed. Please install and reboot."
15570 ASSIGN @Find_it TO *
15580 STOP
15590 END IF
15600 ASSIGN @Find_it TO *
15610 RESET SC
15620 CONTROL SC,0;1 ! Reset the RS-232 interface.
15630 CONTROL SC,3;Baud_rate ! Set the baud rate.
15640 CONTROL SC,4;8+2 ! UART 8 bits/char. ODD parity.
15650 CONTROL SC,5;3 ! UART DTR line active.
15660 CONTROL SC,12;128+32+16 ! Disable CD,DSR,CTS
15670 STATUS SC,7;B ! Confirm speed to user.
15680 Connect_fiq=1
15690 END IF
15700 After init:
15710 White_prints$=CHR$(13)&CHR$(10)
15720 PRINT CHR$(128)&CHR$(136); ! Set up the screen.
15730

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! Set up the screen.

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15740 ASSIGN @Screen TO CRT
15750 ASSIGN @KBD TO KBD
15760 ASSIGN @RX TO BUFFER In$
15770 ASSIGN @TX TO BUFFER Out$
15780 ASSIGN @UART OUT TO SC
15790 ASSIGN @UART IN TO SC
15800 Response_fiq=0 ! Reset command acknowledge flag.
15810 Response$="" ! Null out response string.
15820 !
15830 ! ENABLE INTR SC ! Enable interrupt on card.
15840 TRANSFER @TX TO @UART_OUT;CONT ! Enable transfer buffers.
15850 TRANSFER @UART_IN TO @RX
15860 ON INTR SC,FNTRAP_Level GOSUB Read_loop ! Process card interrupts.
15870 IF CS>" " THEN
15880    GO SUB Send_com ! Send command out to controller.
15890 ELSE
15900    GOTO Quit ! If null command, exit quick.
15910 END IF
15920 !
15930 !
15940 !
15950 ! Wait_for_it: WHILE NOT Response_fiq ! Waiting for acknowledgement.
15960    GOSUB Read_loop
15970    IF NPAR=2 THEN ! We are waiting for data to be sent by the Whedco controller.
15980    LOOP
15990    GOSUB Read_loop
16000    IF (POS(Response$, "*")) THEN
16010    Responses$=Responses$(POS(Response$, "*")), LEN(Response$)
16020    END IF
16030    J
16040    Response_fiq=1 ! Notify via error flag.
16050    EXIT IF ((Response_fiq=1) AND (POS(Response$, Crlf$)))
16060    END LOOP
16070    ELSE
16080    WHILE NOT ((POS(Response$, "*")) OR (POS(Response$, "?")))
16090    GOSUB Read_loop
16100    END WHILE
16110    Index1=POS(Response$, "*")
16120    IF Index1=0 THEN ! Must be a "?" (Whedco command error).
16130    ! Must be a "?" (Whedco command error).
16140    E_fiq=1 ! Notify via error flag.
16150    Response_fiq=1
16160 END IF
16170 END WHILE
16180 END IF
16190 END IF
16200 END WHILE
16210 GOTO Quit
16220 !
16230 ! Number of characters to receive, if 0 try again.
16240 STATUS @RX,4;Num_chars ! Set up the IMAGE for ENTER.
16250 IF Num_chars=0 THEN RETURN
16260 Read_loop: ! Read in serial data from Whedco.
16270 ! Number of characters to receive, if 0 try again.
16280 ! Set up the IMAGE for ENTER.
16290 ! Transfer contents.
16300 ! Build up dialogue.
16310 ! Update pointers.
16320 ENTER @TX USING Num_chars$;from_232$ ! Set up the screen.
16330 Response$=Responses$(From_232$)
16340 RETURN
16350 !
16360 !

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