

Capabilities and Accomplishments

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Introduction/History

- Started business in 1995
 - Initial focus on engineering consulting to help other companies:
 - » RF system design / modeling
 - Prior experience with GE Aerospace Electronics Systems Department in Radar, EW, ECM Systems
 - » Computer automated RF test software
- 2005 started building custom RF/microwave hardware
 - Front end simulators for submarine EW/Comms systems
 - Automated test stations (and software)
- 2008 deliver custom equalizers and amplifiers for wide bandwidths
 - Surface mount RF/microwave design
- 2010 design/build Microwave Tuners (Down Converters) and Up Converters





Consulting Services

RF System Design Expertise

- Flow Down from top level system requirements to component designs
- Specification Development
- RF Path Analysis

RF/Microwave Circuit Design Modeling

- Very accurate circuit design model and optimization
- MUSTAG

3-D Mechanical Modeling

SolidWorks





RF Path Analysis Spreadsheet



2-18 GHz equalizer model and measured data



- Initial experience with automated RF Test Software on B1 program in 1980's using HP Basic
- Realized the significant advantage of automated test software to reduce actual test time, create reports, file results
- We have developed a suite of Automated Test Software (LabVIEW) to perform many types of RF, DC and Analog tests
 - Tests can be created with text-based script files no programming required
 - One button "Start" to "Finish"
 - Software supports all product lines and equipment setups





Front End Simulators

- Front End Simulators simulate the RF characteristics of on-board installed hardware to reduce system integration/test time and cost
 - Noise Figure, Gain, Dynamic Range, Noise Levels
 - Multiple RF Channels





Simulators

- Front end simulators for various masts and subsystems
- Frequency ranges from 3 kHz to 40 GHz
- Capability to terminate inputs







Automated Test Systems

- Progressed from Automated Test Software to Automated Test Systems (Racks)
 - Software capability
 - Custom hardware capability
 - Test fixtures
- Expertise in automated sensing and measurements
 - RF Measurements
 - » Signal generators
 - » Spectrum analyzers
 - » Network analyzers
 - DC Control
 - Digital Inputs/Outputs
 - Analog Inputs/Outputs



Custom designed Test Interface Box



Developed with funding from Navy ManTech SEWIP Block 2 Improvements Project



Automated Test Systems - Crane NSWC

- 2 unique Automated Test Stations delivered to NSWC Crane
- State of the Art 10-Port Network Analyzer and Real Time Spectrum Analyzer
- Custom designed RF Interface/Load Panels and LabVIEW SW drivers



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Automated Test Systems – SRC/SRCTec

- Developed automated test software for testing 7 unique RF modules for Crew Duke program
- Designed and built Test Interface Units (32)
- Designed and built Complete Test Systems (18)



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In Appreciation Of



- Designed ultra-wideband amplifiers not available in industry (5 kHz to 3 GHz)
- Started designing custom equalizers to offset cable and amplifier slopes
- Equalizers use surface mount components (resistors, capacitors, inductors
 - Available quickly off the shelf
 - Components have been characterized for self resonances and parasitics up to 20 GHz
 - Over 200 designs available!
 - 4-6 week delivery best in industry











Microwave Tuners

- We have moved into designing and producing higher level microwave Tuners and Up Converters
- Designed from the ground up for high dynamic range, low phase noise, wide instantaneous bandwidth
- We are currently in production for quantities of 114
- These products leverage all our previous strengths
 - Surface mount RF design (10 RF SubAssemblies)
 - Computer automated testing
 - RF system design / mechanical modeling







Down and Up Converters

- Have built matching Up and Down Converters for ECM application, covering 6-18 GHz
- Leveraged existing Tuner (Down Converter) design to develop Up Converter
 - Same mechanical packaging, re-layout inside packages
 - Many similar components







Wideband RF Boards Using Surface Mount Assembly Processes

- We work directly with Trenton Technologies, a board manufacturer, on the first floor of our building, for surface mount RF boards
 - We work very closely with them for process improvements, work instructions, feedback on builds
- A2 RF Surface Mount Board Example:
 - 870 parts assembled to each board using pick and place machinery, at a cost of \$80.00 per board
 - 95% of these parts are low cost surface mount parts purchased on reels at <6 cents each
 - These parts have been characterized up to 20 GHz for self resonances and parasitics so we can use them in wide bandwidth microwave applications
- Simple package designs
 - Machined packages
 - Simple aluminum plate covers
 - Much simpler assembly compared to chip and wire assemblies
- This is the future for low cost RF/microwave designs!



A1A17 RF SubAssembly provides LO signals up to 15 GHz





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Goal:

 Improve performance, manufacturability, ease of assembly, and unit cost by combining discrete components into single surface mount subassemblies, which can then be manufactured using an automated pick and place machine.



- Re-design of the current A1A17 Comb Generator Conditioner subassembly
- After ManTech 1.75"x1"



Miniaturization Possibilities

- A2A15 Dual Converter Package •
 - Board assembled with pick and place surface mount assembly at **Trenton Technologies**





Dual Converter Block Diagram



Miniaturization Possibilities

Create highly complex filter structures using ٠ surface mount inductors, capacitors and resistors

A2A13 MUX





RF component sizes



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- We designed and built a DF Antenna Subsystem (6 Months)
- Capability to provide amplitude and phase DF between antenna pairs
- 360 degree angular coverage
- Low cost, universal design (can be used with many different receivers)
- Low noise figure RF front end (~3.5-4.0 dB) for Receive, and Transmit Path
- Calibration injection to calibrate receiver amplitude and phase
- Wide frequency coverage (500 MHz to 3 GHz), high dynamic range
- Digital Compass for DF Antenna Assembly pointing information





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Navy Submarine Hardware





- Quality •
 - 2nd Party certified to ISO 9001:2008 by Lockheed Martin
- ESD
 - MIL-STD-1686 Certified Compliant
- Security •
 - Personnel have SECRET clearance, SECRET container storage

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Team of Awesome People!

- We have highly talented people working for us
 - ✓ RF Circuit / System Design Expertise
 - ✓ Automated Test Software
 - ✓ Test Station Experience
 - ✓ Superb Assembly Capability
 - ✓ RF Test and Troubleshoot Expertise
 - ✓ Awesome production management
 - ✓ Configuration control
 - ✓ Mechanical Modeling
 - ✓ Quality control
 - ✓ Purchasing, Administration
- We continue to impress our customers
 - Quality Products
 - On-time deliveries
 - Develop new products
 - Expand surface mount technology into higher frequencies, wider bandwidths
 - Keep our costs low
 - » Help keep our customer's costs low

