

George R. Stibitz

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA:

Born: York, Pennsylvania; April 30, 1904
Married
Citizenship: U.S.A.

EDUCATION:

Ph.B., Denison University, 1926
M.S., Union College, 1927
Ph.D., Cornell University, 1930

EMPLOYMENT:

Research Mathematician, Bell Telephone Laboratories, 1930-41
Technical Aide (Fire Control) Division 7, National Defense Research
Council of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, 1941-
1945
Consultant in Applied Mathematics, 1945-1964
Research Associate in Physiology, DMS, 1964-1966
Research Associate in Physiology with the rank of Professor Emeritus,
1970-1974.
Professor of Physiology, Emeritus, 1974-

COMMITTEES:

National Research Council, Committee on Large Scale Computers, 1945
National Research Council, Committee on Tables and Aids to Computers,
1946
Institute of Radio Engineering, Vice-Chairman, Committee on Electronic
Computers, 1949
Institute Math Statistics, Committee on Computing Aids, 1950
Joint Army and Navy Research and Development Board Working Group on
Fire Control, 1948

HONORS:

Harry Goode Award of the American Federation of Information Processing
Societies, 1965
Sc. D. (Hon.) Denison University, 1976
Emanuel Pione Award Inst. Electrical and Electronic Engineers, 1977
SCD (Hon) Keene State College, 1978
National Academy of Engineering, March 1, 1981
National Inventors Hall of Fame, February 13, 1985
Computer Pioneer, Electrical and Electronic Engineers, 1982
Sc.D. Dartmouth, June 8, 1986

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PROJECTS

Invented Bell Telephone Laboratories Relay Computer Circuits, 1938, 1940, 42, 43.

Designed major circuits and supervised design of Complex Number Relay Computer, 1939-40 for Bell Telephone Lab.

Designed major circuits and supervised design of relay interpolator for National Defense Council, 1942 (Now at Naval Research Lab.)

Supervised design of Relay Ballistic Computer for NDRC 1943-44. Original model now at Fort Bliss, Texas, and copy at NRL (Mk 22 Error Computer).

Consulted in design of large relay computers, now at National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (Langley Field) and Aberdeen Proving Ground, 1944, sometimes called "Stibitz Computers"

Invented and supervised design and construction of Tape Dynamic Tester Model I for NDRC, 1940, Fort Bliss.

Invented major components and devised theoretical methods for determining stability and performance of Tape Dynamic Tester Model II. Copies now at NRL, and Navy Inspection, General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass. 1944-45.

Proposed method and circuits for large Secret Army Device.

Devised automatic recording equipment for degaussing measurements. Built by Western Electric 1941.

Proposed and investigated "Stibitz" stereo-tracer method used by both Army and Navy for certain tracer tests, 1943.

Invented and supervised construction of "Data Recorder" for printing synchro data in digit form on tape, for NDRC, 1944. Three units built by Western Electric.

Invented Film Slide Rule for triangulation in fire control tests, 1943-45. Several units built for NDRC.

Invented and developed Function Units, sparetime 1944-45 intensively 1946-date. Some units in use by Navy.

Invented electronic computer for commercial application, 1947.

Invented relay multiplying circuit. Sold to large business machines firm, 1947.

Invented electrical device for finding complex roots of polynomials, 1938.

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Projects (Cont.)

Designed multiplying and integrating circuits for nitrogen washout computer, 1963.

Devised pump for augmenting flow in intact superficial blood vessels, 1962.

Proposed and analyzed feedback fail-safe injection system for muscle-relaxant drugs in anesthetized patients, c. 1958.

Designed multi-compartment analog for calculating flow of anesthetic under arbitrary programs on anesthesia, 1962.

Designed, analyzed and built "thermal bridge" for direct reading null-type measurement of blood flow in extremities, 1963.

Proposed optical simulator for calculation of radiation dosage in a plane section, 1964.

Outlined computer program for isodose calculations in radioactive implants, 1964.

Devised method of calculating stresses in urethra wall from urethrogram, 1963.

Advised project on ballisto cardiograph data analysis, 1962.

Calculation of diffusion through slits in capillary walls, with R. Gosselin, 1975.

Calculated effect of open-closed capillary sphincter on rate of clearance from tissue.

Simulation of passive electrical properties of membrane of heart cells.

Design of Constant-pressure Plethysmograph.

Calculations of Wall drag by computer solution of difference equations.

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- Stibitz, G. R.: An application of number theory to gear ratios. Am. Math. Mon. 45:22-31, 1938
- Stibitz, G. R.: Potentials in curved surfaces. Phil. Mag., Ser. 7, 25: 783-785, 1938
- Stibitz, G. R.: Relay computers. National Defense Research Council: Applied Math. Panel. Memo 171.1R, 1945.
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- Stibitz, G. R.: The organization of large scale computers. Annals of the Computation Laboratory, Harvard University, 16:91-100, 1946.
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- Stibitz, G. R.: Film slide rule. Mathl. Tabl. Natn. Res. Coun., Wash. 2:325, 1946-1947.
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- Stibitz, G. R.: Progress report on Edvac computer. Math. Tabl. Natn. Res. Coun., Wash. 3:379-380, 1949.
- Stibitz, G. R. and N. L. Walbridge: Meteorological data computing techniques. Signal Corps Contract No. W36-039, SC 38194, May 20, 1949.
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- Stibitz, G. R.: A mathematical model of the urethra. Bull. Math. Biophys. 27:407, 1965.
- Stibitz, G. R.: Mathematics in Medicine and the Life Sciences. Chicago, Year-Book Publishers, 1966.
- Stibitz, G. R.: Substance uptake in variable systems with special reference to the use of the Fick Equation. Respiration Physiology, 2:118, 1967.
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- Stibitz, G. R.: Bistable mathematical and mechanical models related to the urethra. Bull. Math. Biophys. 29:57, 1967.
- Stibitz, G. R.: The relay computers at Bell Labs. Datamation, April, 1967, p. 35.
- Stibitz, G. R.: F. W. Lane, Jr. and R. K. Shaw. A computer technique for intracavitary radium dosimetry. Am. J. Roentgenology, Rad. Ther. & Nuclear Med. C:870, 1967.
- Stibitz, G. R. and D. Rytand: On the path of the excitation wave in atrial flutter. Circulation, 37:75, 1968.
- Stibitz, G. R.: Random gate computer for in-line biomedical applications. Med. Res. Eng. Second Quarter, 1968, p. 36-38.
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