Medical Electronics for Cardic Care High-Speed Transconductance Amplifier

Design Note #38



High-speed detection of plaque build up in veins and arteries is possible due to amplifier technology from Orchid.





"Orchid was able to rapidly provide our research team with multiple iterations of the detection system design. This greatly helped us through the proof of concept phases."

- Research Manager

Data Collection Inside the Human Body

Excited by a laser light source, this sensitive, tuned amplifier system can detect the smallest variation in florescent light levels inside the human body. Invasive data collection inside the human body is a demanding art. Detecting the fluorescence of foreign materials inside the human body is subject to a variety of competing technical challenges. The need for a reliable, highly repeatable, and accurate result is paramount.

High-Speed Transconductance Amplifier

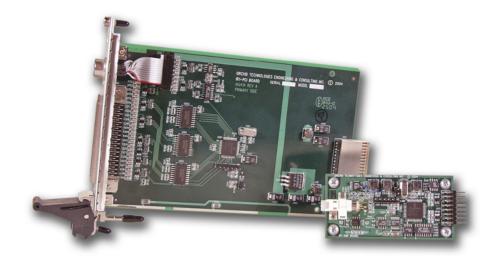
The design of high-speed sensitive tranconductance amplifiers requires experience, precision component selection, and the craftsmanship of an artist. The amplifier shown below is capable of detecting infra red light levels below –40dbm with a frequency response flat to 35KHz. Analog circuit modeling techniques, advanced on-the-bench prototyping and testing techniques, together with signal-source fixturing are critical to design success.

Rotating Data Acquisition

The front-end amplifier is positioned on the end of a rotating detector mechanism. Slip rings carry power and the encoded data signals to stationary computer equipment. Selection of appropriate slip ring and data communications technology formed a large part of the custom design work performed by Orchid Technologies. Custom encoded serial data communications protocols are used to pass data and control signals between stationary and rotating equipment.

Orchid Technologies Delivers

The development of custom electronics technology solutions for our OEM clients is Orchid's entire business. High-performance analog amplifier systems with rapid design cycles, demanding technical requirements, and unforgiving schedules set us apart. Call Orchid Technologies today. We'll put a custom medical instrument product design in your hands tomorrow!





ORCHID TECHNOLOGIES
ENGINEERING & CONSULTING INC.

147 Main Street, Maynard, MA 01754 www.orchid-tech.com 978-461-2000 Fax: 978-461-2003