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The precise relationship required between the frequency of the accelerating voltage and the magnetic field guiding particles accelerated in a high-energy proton synchrotron presents a challenging design problem to the electronic engineer. In the University of California Bevatron, it has been necessary to develop a number of circuits whose performance follows a prescribed function to within better than one-tenth of one per cent. Control and monitoring of the acceleration cycle is carried on at a control area suitably shielded from high-energy radiation.

Construction of the Bevatron has recently been completed. Early operational experience will be discussed in the light of original design criteria.

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