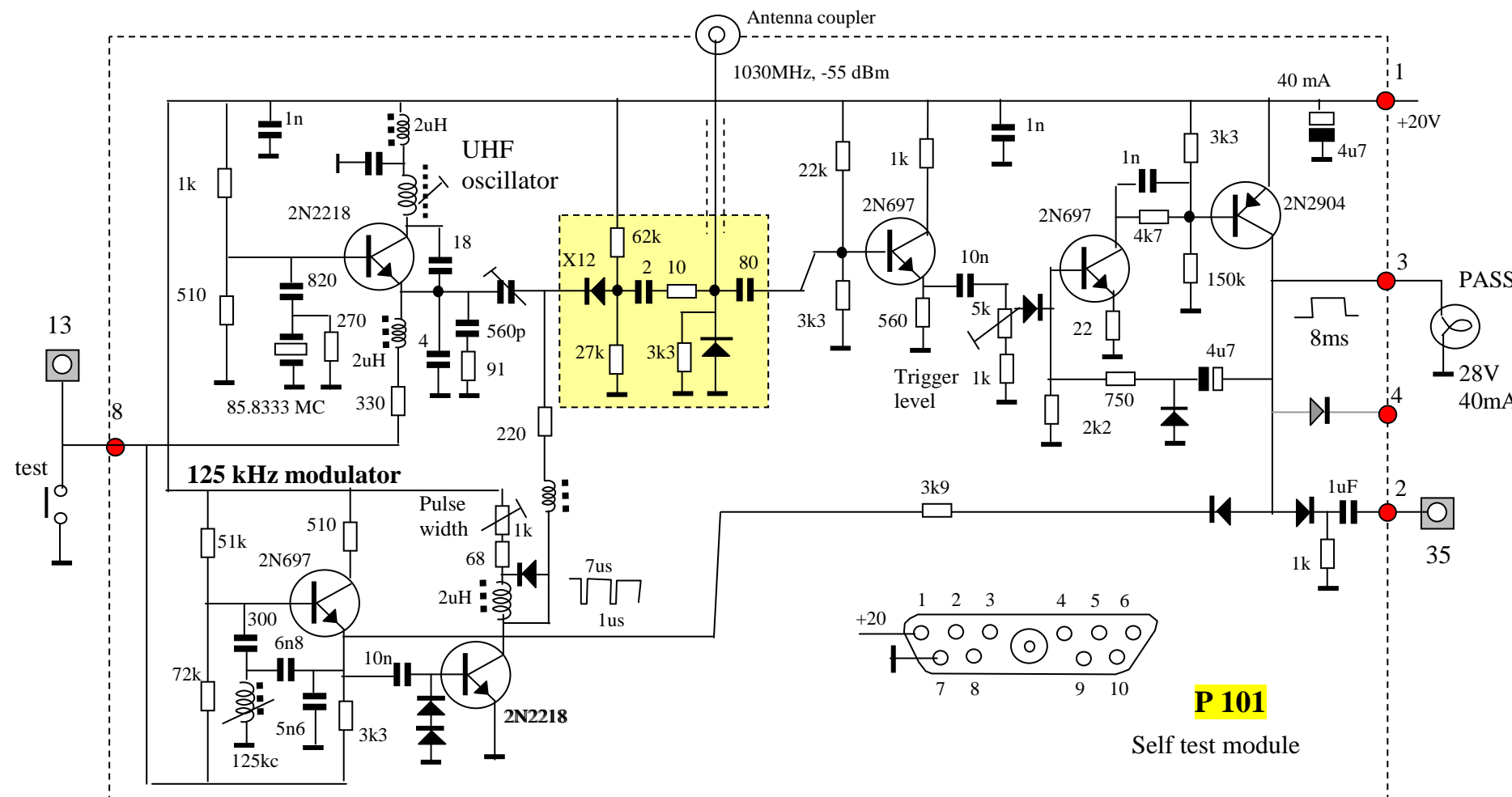


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There are several modes of interrogation, each indicated by the difference in spacing between two transmitter pulses, known as P1 and P3. Each mode produces a different response from the aircraft. A third pulse, P2, is for sidelobe suppression and sent 2us after P1 with an omnidirectional antenna at a higher level than the sidelobe, but lower than the main lobe. If P2 is higher than P1, the transponder should not respond.

Mode		Distance between P1 - P3	mode description
military	civil		
1		3 (± 0.2) μ s	<u>Military Identification</u> Military mode 1 is used to support 32 military identification codes (although 4096 mode 1 codes could also be used). Normally, the 32 codes could be used to indicate role / mission / type. However, this mode itself is not in common use in a normal peacetime environment.
2		5 (± 0.2) μ s	<u>Military Identification</u> Military mode 2 provides 4096 ID codes for military use (as for mode A). Normally used to identify an individual aircraft airframe.
3	A	8 (± 0.2) μ s	<u>Civil / Military Identification</u> Provides 4096 ID codes for civil / military use. The commonly used mode
	B	17 (± 0.2) μ s	<i>not used</i>
	C	21 (± 0.2) μ s	<u>Civil, Pressure Altitude Extraction</u> mode C is used to extract the pressure altitude mode C value (or true altitude if below the transition altitude).
	D	25 (± 0.2) μ s	<i>not (never) used</i>



Module 1 Self test

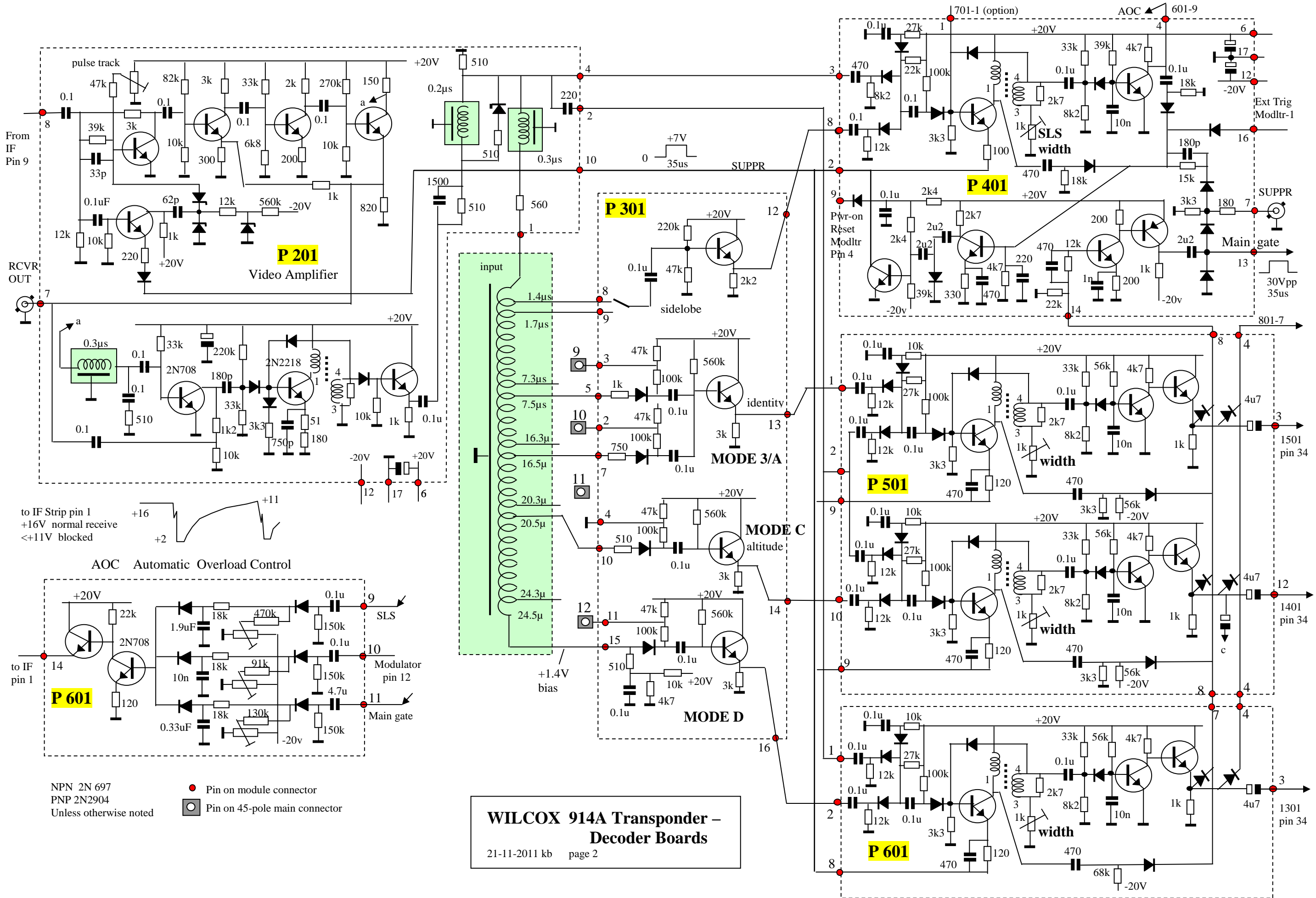
This module (P101) is mounted optionally in the Wilcox 914A transponder.

Press the **test button on the front or on the control panel** for a few seconds.

The self test module then continually interrogates the transponder in mode 3/A. Once an interrogation is recognized, the IF strip is cut-off, and a response is made according to the present code switch setting.

Any response from the transmitter is detected by the selftest module, and will turn-on the PASS lamp. This also happens with a regular (in flight) interrogation, however at a much lower rate as there are only a few interrogations per second.

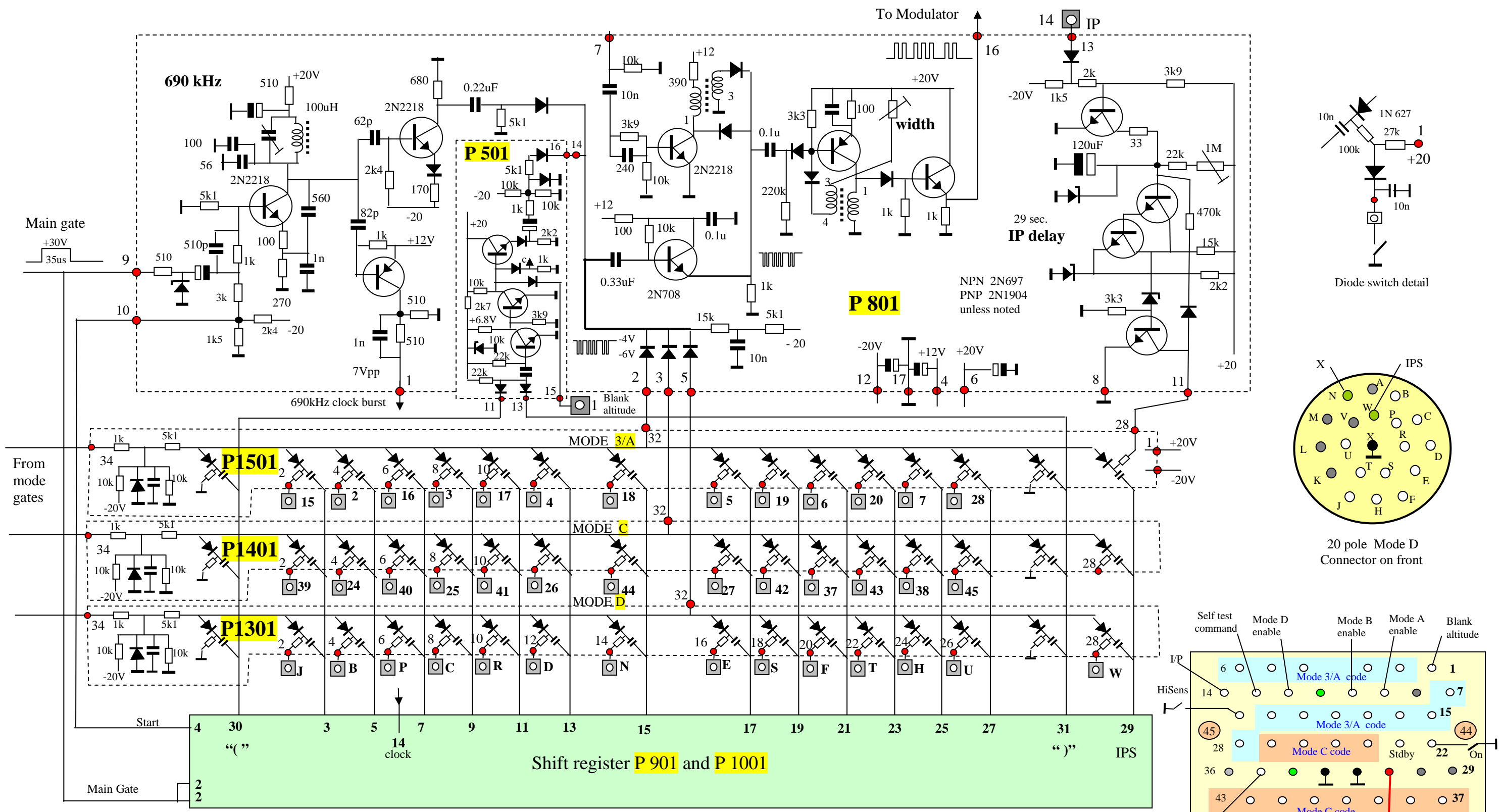
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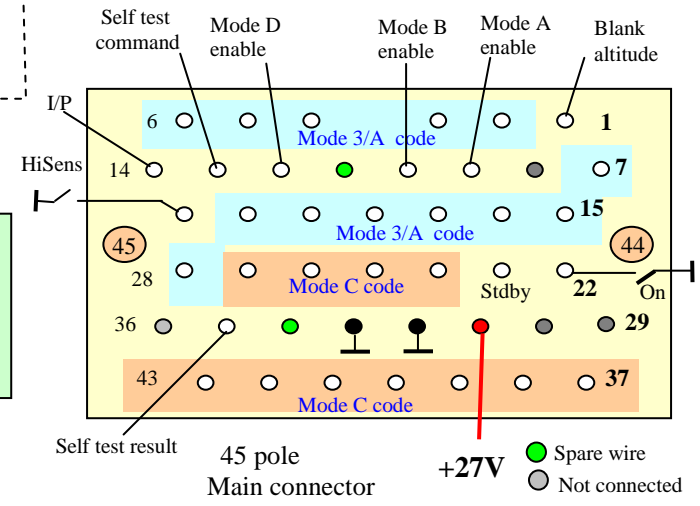
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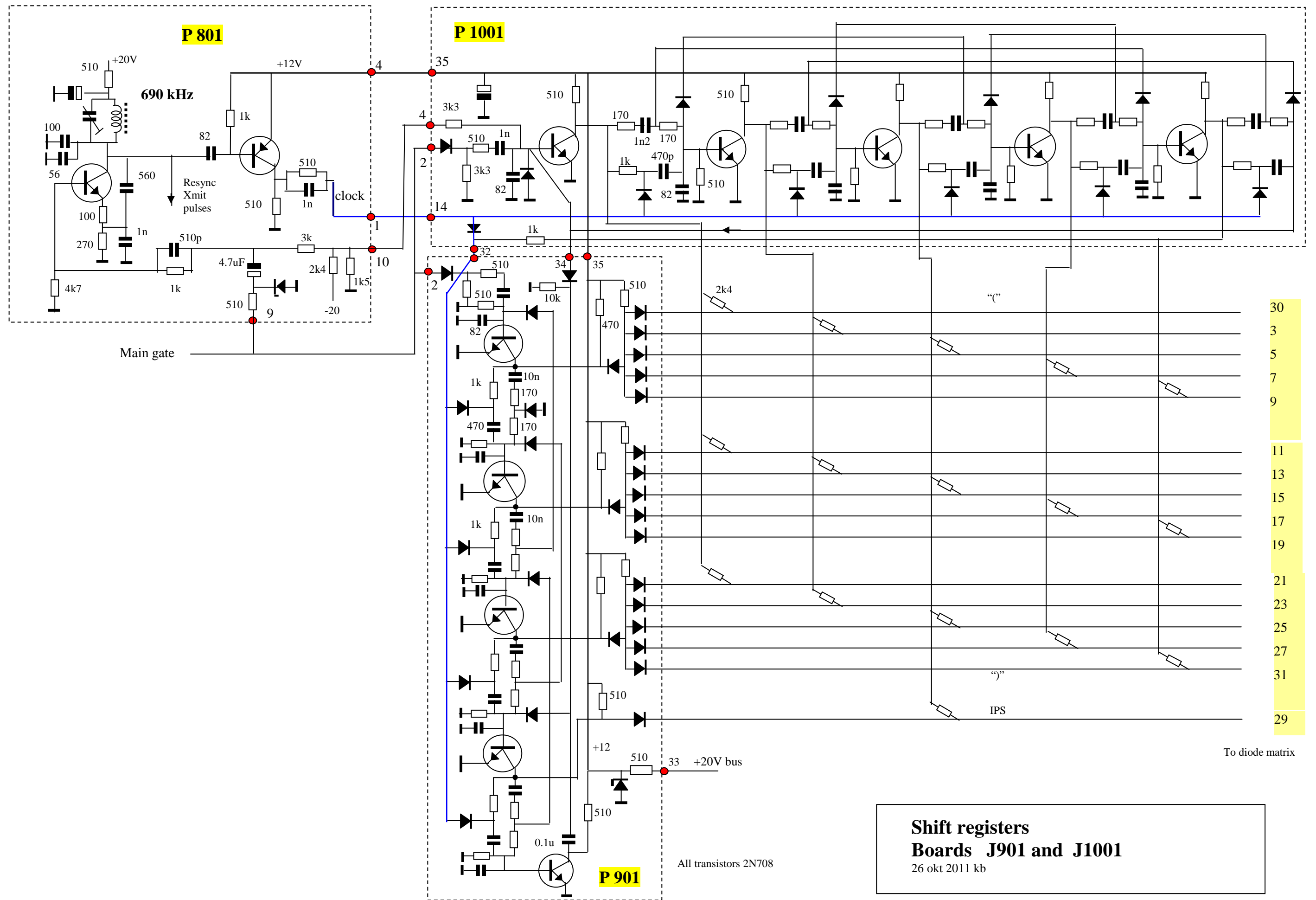
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 □ Pin on 45-pole main connector

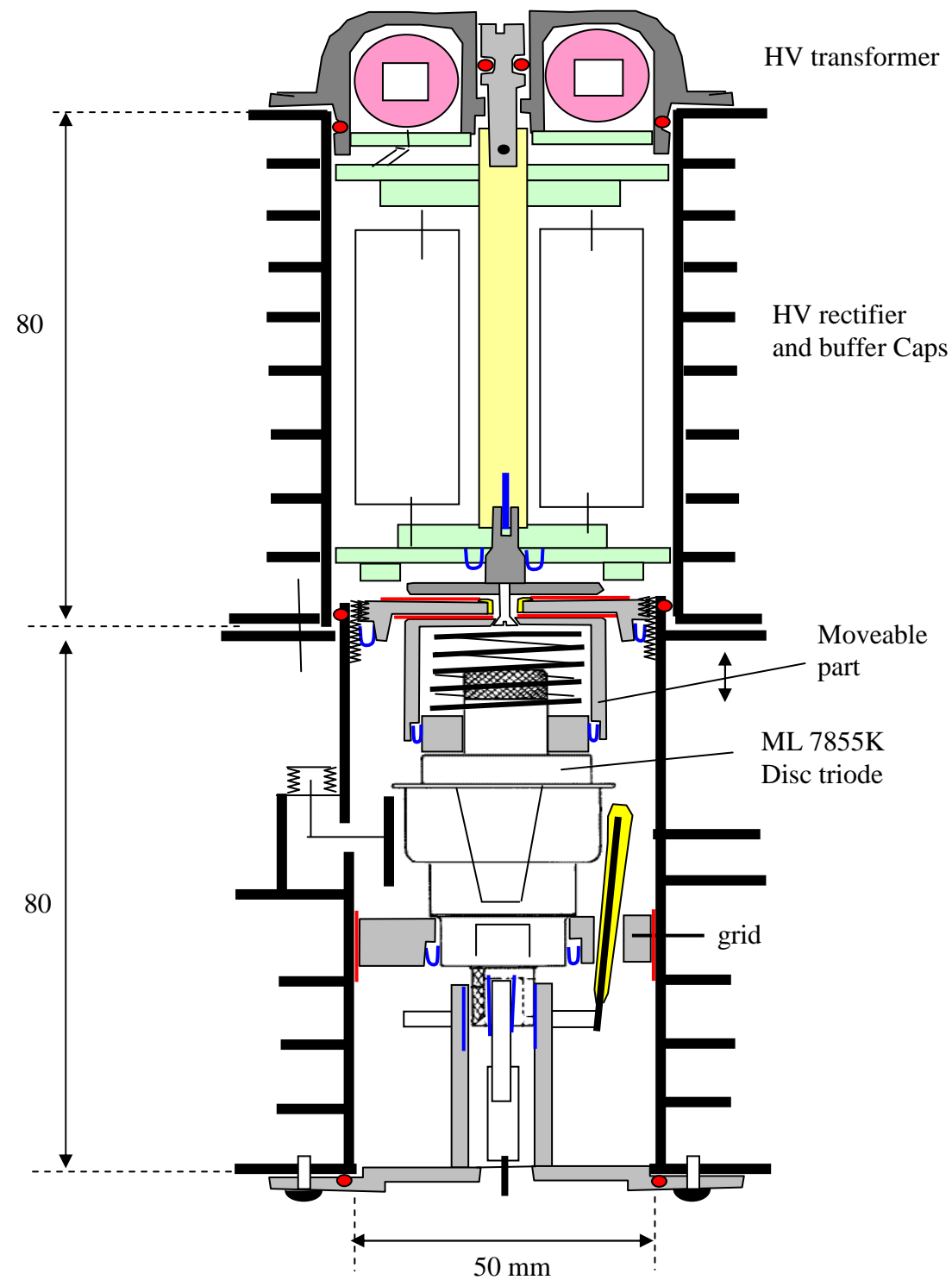


● Pin on module connector
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WILCOX 914A Transponder
Transmitter module

The transmitter

The transmitter module includes the High Voltage dc supply and the cavity with the self-oscillating planar triode ML 7855K without radiator.

Tuning is done from the front panel of the Wilcox 914A to set the frequency at 1090 MHz.

The output power is 1.5 kW pulse (0.5us wide)

HV supply

The 2kVdc high voltage capacitor (4x 0.47uF in series is 0.12uF effective capacitance) is permanently connected to the anode of the planar triode. During a transmit pulse, 2A anode current during 0.6us is drawn from this capacitor, causing a voltage drop of $3 \times 0.6\mu\text{s} / 0.12\mu\text{F} = 15\text{V}$. A series of (worst case) 15 such pulses in rapid succession gives a voltage drop of 225V, about 10% of the high voltage.

The inverter with toroid transformer and rectifier supplies about 20mA to recharge the capacitor to 2kV even with 1000 interrogations per second.

The average input is $2\text{kV} \times 20\text{mA} = 40\text{W}$, the average RF output is 15W.

Oscillator

The 2C39 look-alike triode operates in (RF) grounded grid with a tuned anode cavity and a quarter wave cathode cavity. Fingers from anode to cathode cavity provide for feed back and to start oscillation quickly.

During the transmit pulse of 0.6us width, there are only 660 cycles of the 1090MHz RF frequency.

RF output filter

The coax system from cavity to antenna has a low pass filter to reduce the second harmonic, and an isolator to protect the triode from mismatch