

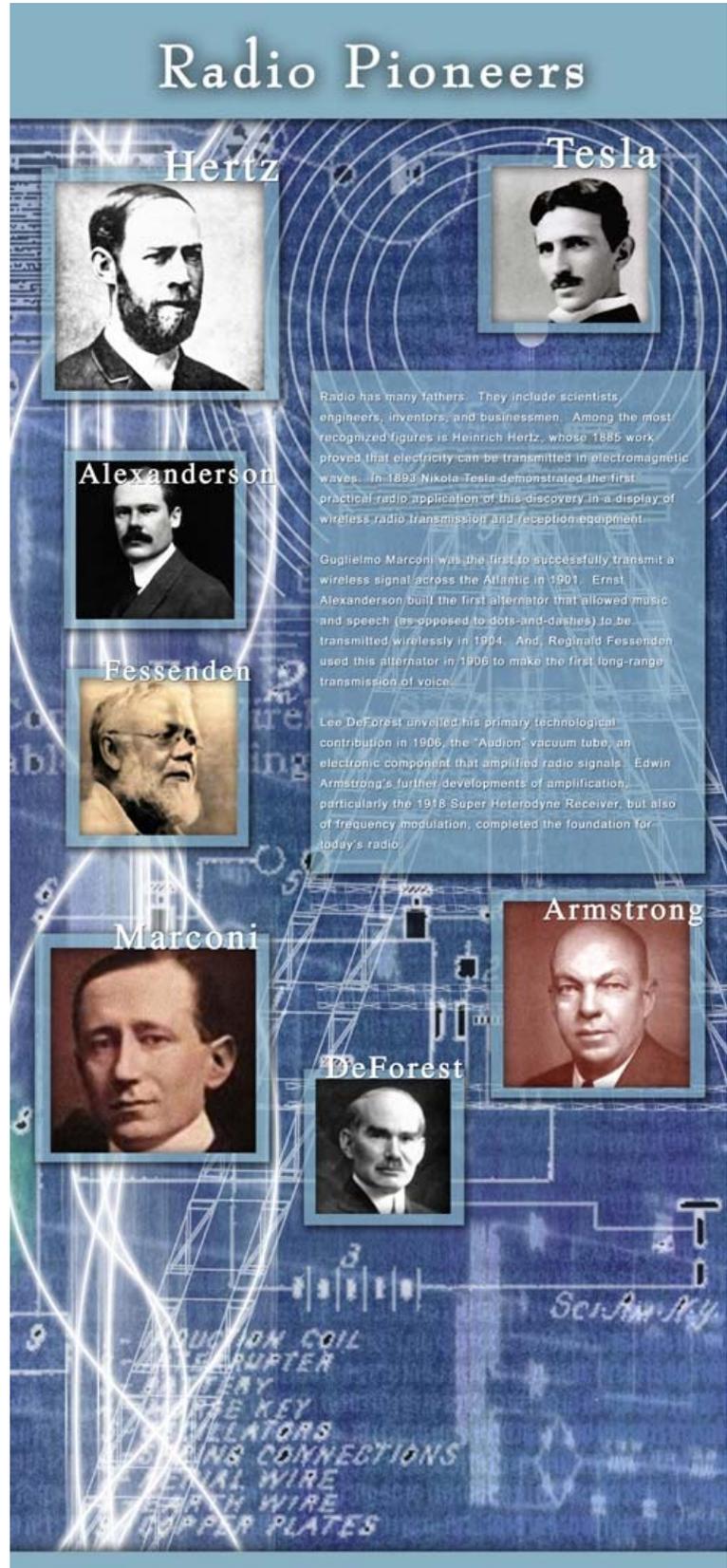
Radio Pioneers and Core Technologies Lobby Panels

Radio Pioneers

Radio has many fathers. They include scientists, engineers, inventors, and businessmen. Among the most recognized figures is Heinrich Hertz, whose 1885 work proved that electricity can be transmitted in electromagnetic waves. In 1893 Nikola Tesla demonstrated the first practical radio application of this discovery in a display of wireless radio transmission and reception equipment.

Guglielmo Marconi was the first to successfully transmit a wireless signal across the Atlantic in 1901. Ernst Alexanderson built the first alternator that allowed music and speech (as opposed to dots-and-dashes) to be transmitted wirelessly in 1904. And, Reginald Fessenden used this alternator in 1906 to make the first long-range transmission of voice.

Lee DeForest unveiled his primary technological contribution in 1906, the "Audion" vacuum tube, an electronic component that amplified radio signals. Edwin Armstrong's further developments of amplification, particularly the 1918 Super Heterodyne Receiver, but also of frequency modulation, completed the foundation for today's radio.



The lobby panel is a vertical display with a blue background featuring a circuit board pattern and glowing light trails. At the top, the title "Radio Pioneers" is written in a white, serif font. Below the title, there are seven portrait photographs of key figures in radio history, each with their name written above it in a white, serif font. The portraits are arranged in a roughly circular pattern. The names are: Hertz, Tesla, Alexanderson, Fessenden, Marconi, DeForest, and Armstrong. At the bottom of the panel, there is a list of components and parts of a radio receiver, including: "INDUCTION COIL", "RECEPTOR", "BATTERY", "MORSE KEY", "AMPLIFIERS", "WIRING CONNECTIONS", "INTERNAL WIRE", "GROUND WIRE", and "COPPER PLATES". The text is in a white, serif font and is partially obscured by the glowing light trails.

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Alexanderson

Fessenden

Marconi

DeForest

Armstrong

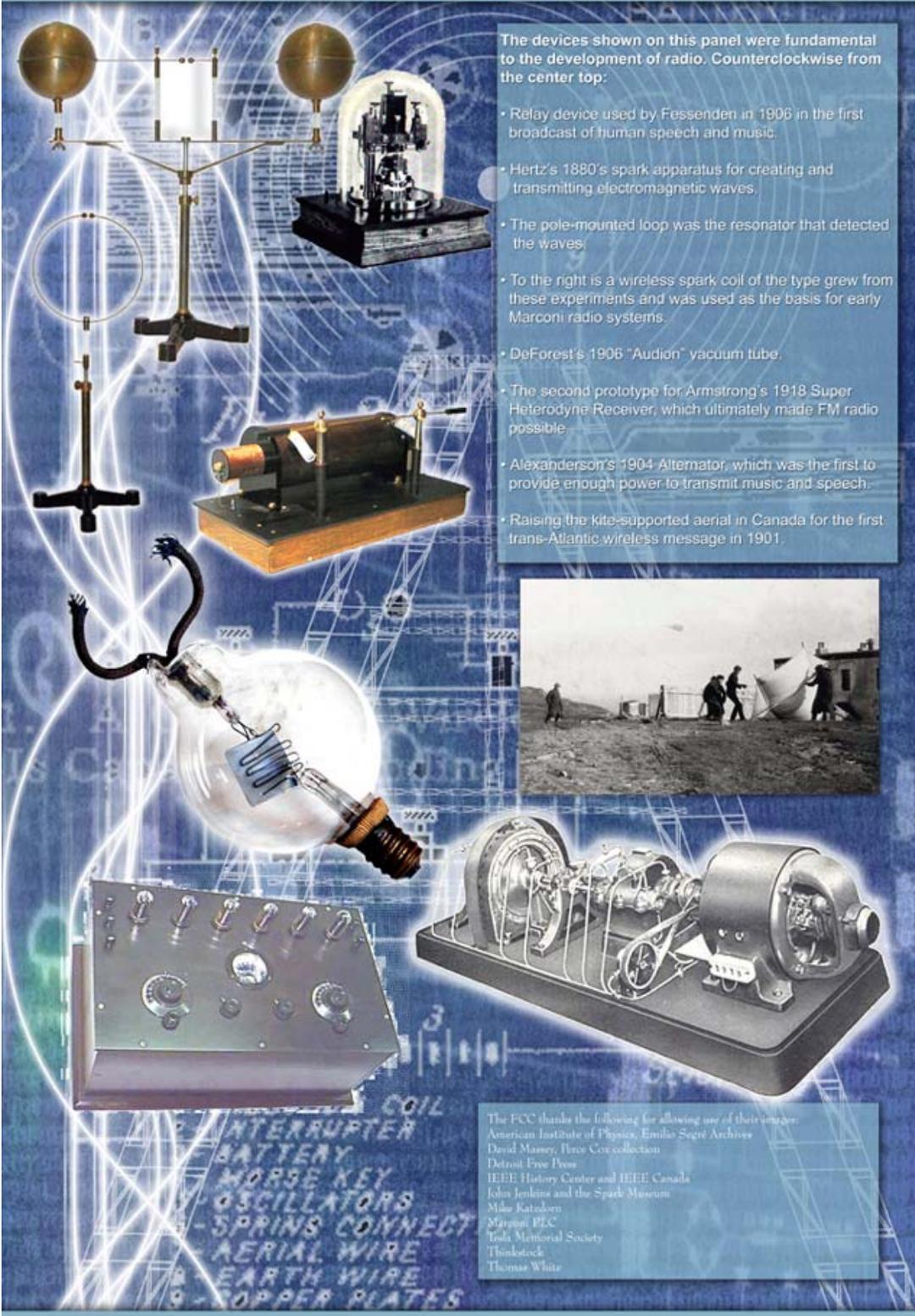
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Core Radio Technologies

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- Hertz's 1880's spark apparatus for creating and transmitting electromagnetic waves.
- The pole-mounted loop was the resonator that detected the waves.
- To the right is a wireless spark coil of the type grew from these experiments and was used as the basis for early Marconi radio systems.
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