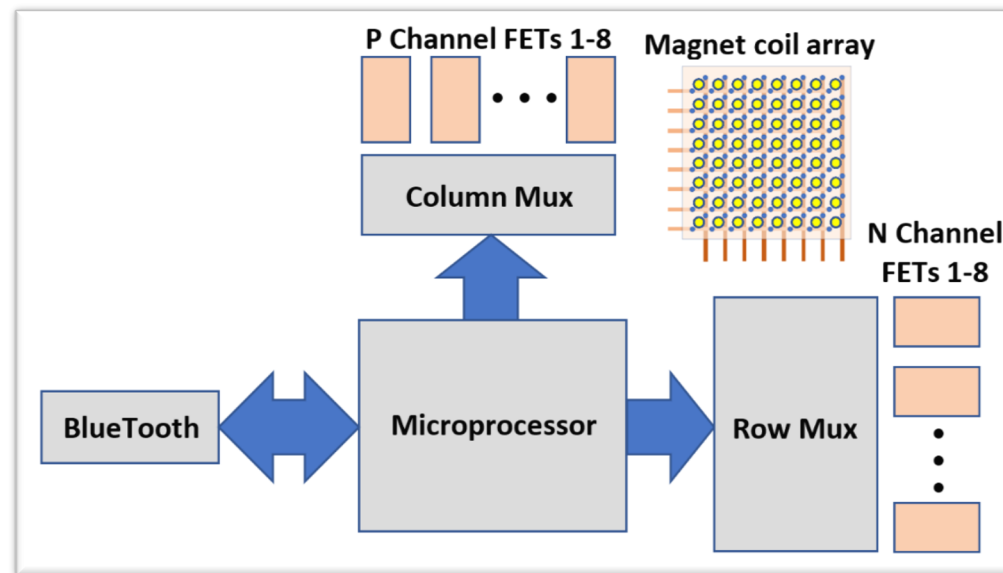


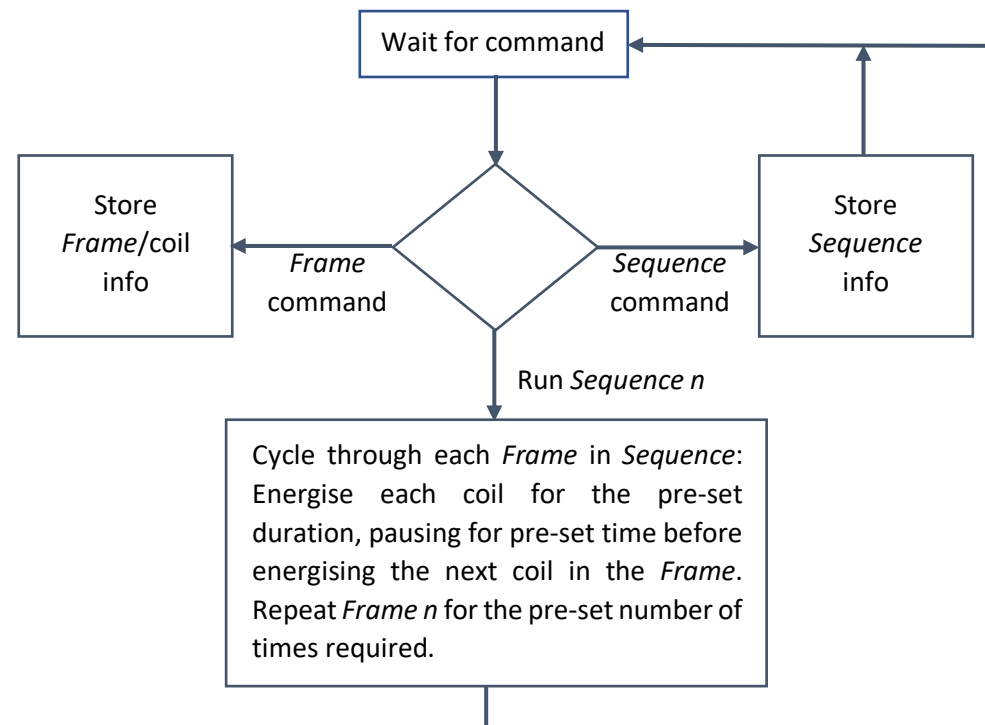
This system comprises of several units



- Bluetooth module      Communication to / from a mobile phone or tablet
- CPU      To coordinate communications with mobile phone or tablet, and to store and control the flow of signals to the 8x8 magnet array
- Column/Row Mux      These units take a 3-bit binary address each to address 1 of 8 columns or rows, such that only a single coil is energised at any one time
- Magnet coil array      8 x 8 coils, with the “end 1” of each coil in a column connected to a P channel MOSFET (per column), but with each coil “end 2” having its own individual diode at the “row” output, prior to the N channel MOSFET, present to ensure no current can slow back up a secondary coil on the same row

The processor selected for this project is MicroChip's PIC47J53, an 8-bit microcontroller, comprising of 64 kByte of FLASH memory, primarily used for program storage, and 3.8 kByte of RAM. This device is driven by a 22.1184 MHz crystal, chosen to allow high serial communication BAUD rates, configured for 115,200 BAUD, permissible via the attached HC-05 serial Bluetooth module. Two batteries are used; one of large capacity used to deliver current through the coils, and the other for the CPU/control electronics. Two batteries are used as, if the larger battery was used to both dump current through coils, and for the control circuitry, there is the chance that its voltage may drop below that required for the voltage regulator and cause a reset. Dumping current through the coils, one at a time, is achieved by switching on 2 transistors (MOSFETS), effectively "shorting" the battery to itself for the briefest of moments.

At power on, the system clears its internal pattern buffers ready to receive data from the user. Several commands are used to assign parameters that dictate which coils will be energised in a *frame*, and in which order, how long current is allowed to flow through them, one at a time, the pause duration after one coil is switched off, before the next is switched on, and how many times an individual coil is toggled on/off, before progressing onto the next. A *sequence* can then be defined, comprising of one or more *frames*, repeated *n* times. These *frames* and *sequences* are uploaded in a matter of seconds from the user's mobile phone or tablet. The user then instructs the device to execute a *sequence of frames*.



The current flowing through a coil is the order of several amperes (battery capacity / charge dependent), for the briefest of moments, typically sub-millisecond. This duration is more than enough to “kick” the two magnets residing inside each coil. Also, as each coil is on for less than one millisecond, several other coils in the 8x8 array can then be energised, with the selected coils energising in a cyclic fashion at up to 40 Hz, or possibly more. This high level of control on how much current flows through a coil (timewise), and how often this occurs per coil, allows for a varying degree of sense of “strength” when the magnets are touched by the hand or fingers. With the microprocessor running at 22 MHz, this allows for a fair degree of precision regarding the timing of the coils. The pause time between energising coils is defined “per millisecond”, while the coil “on-time” is “per 100 microseconds”. No higher resolution was deemed necessary but is certainly possible should it be required.

Estimated field strength per coil can be estimated with a well-known equation:

$$B = \mu n I$$

Where

$\mu$  is the permeability; for neodymium magnets, this is approximately  $1.32 \times 10^{-6}$  H/m

$n$  is the number of turns in the coil per metre, or the “turns density” N/L; for this device, approximately 24 turns per 4 mm

$I$  is the current flowing in the coil, A

Therefore, the magnetic field strength is of the order of 24 mT

### **PIC18F47J53 (PICBASIC3)**

Include "modedefs.bas"

#CONFIG

```
CONFIG XINST = OFF
CONFIG WDTEN = ON
CONFIG WDTPS = 512
CONFIG ADCSEL = BIT12
CONFIG RTCOSC = T1OSCREF
CONFIG OSC = HSPLL
CONFIG CLKOE = OFF
CONFIG CFGPLLEN = OFF
CONFIG CP0 = ON
CONFIG IESO = ON
CONFIG SOSSEL = LOW
CONFIG CPUDIV = OSC1
```

#ENDCONFIG

```
DEFINE OSC 20 ' 20MHz oscillator (22.1184MHz)
DEFINE HSER_RCSTA 90h ' Enable serial port & continuous receive
DEFINE HSER_TXSTA 20h ' Enable transmit, BRGH = 1
DEFINE HSER_CLROERR 1 ' Clear overflow automatically
DEFINE HSER_SPBRG 11 ' 115200 Baud @ SPBRGH = 0
```

```
BAUDCON.3 = 1 ' Enable 16 bit baudrate generator
```

```
command          var byte[4]
frame_pointer     var word[100]
frame_sequence_repeats var byte[500]
frame_data        var byte[1500]
frame_sequence_data var byte[1000]
frame_sequence_ptr var word[100]
frame_sequence_f_f_pause var byte[100]
command_ptr       var word
search_bearing    var bit
command_value     var byte
```

```

command_go          var byte
define_frame_point_x  var byte
number_of_coils_in_frame  var byte
frame_started       var byte
coil_on_time        var word
coil_coil_delay     var byte
data_mode           var byte
cnt                 var word
cnt2                var byte
cnt3                var byte
max_frame_defined   var byte
frame_frame_delay   var byte
ser_spd             var byte
frame_number        var byte
frame_sequence_num   var byte
frame_seq_started   var byte
max_sequence_defined var byte
frame_sequence_frame_counter var byte
repeat_frame        var byte
coil_num            var byte
verbose             var byte

trisa.3             = 0 ' !mux_en
trisd               = 0 ' set all portd = output

```

```

mux_en              var lata.3

```

```

col_dat             var latd.6
row_dat             var latd.7

```

```

col_add0            var latd.0
col_add1            var latd.1
col_add2            var latd.2

```

```

row_add0            var latd.3

```



```

row_add1      var latd.4
row_add2      var latd.5

data_mode      = 0
coil_coil_delay = 0
coil_on_time   = 0
frame_started  = 0
number_of_coils_in_frame = 1
define_frame_point_x = 0
command_go     = 0
max_frame_defined = 0
max_sequence_defined = 0
frame_sequence_frame_counter = 0
frame_sequence_num = 0
verbose        = 0

mux_en        = 1    ' !mux_en = mux's disabled

low col_add0
low col_add1
low col_add2

low row_add0
low row_add1
low row_add2

high col_dat   ' all columns off
high row_dat   ' all rows on

low mux_en

T2CON          = %00000000    ' Turn off timer2
INTCON.7       = 0            ' Disable interrupts.
PR2            = 255          ' PWM frequency.
T2CON          = %00000100    ' Timer2 ON + 1:1 prescale

```

```
Serial_in      var portc.7
green_led      var portb.1
red_led        var portb.0
yellow_led     var portb.2
key_press      var portb.7
Serial_out     var portc.6
```

```
intcon         = 0
intcon2        = %11110101
intcon3        = %00000000
```

```
trisb.3       = 0
trisa.1        = 0
trisa.2        = 1
'trisa.3       = 1
```

```
command_ptr    = 0
frame_number   = 0
```

main:

```
  gosub clear_arrays
```

```
  HSerout [$d,$a,"Coil array"]
```

```
  high green_led
```

```
  command_ptr = 0
  pause 200
```

```
  high green_led
```

```
  low yellow_led
  pause 100
  low green_led
```

```
    pause 50
```

```
pp:
```

```
    HSerout [$d,$a,"Waiting for instruction", $d,$a]
```

```
    command_go = 0
```

```
    high green_led
```

```
    gosub listen_for_commands
```

```
    gosub execute_commands
```

```
    low yellow_led
```

```
    goto pp
```

```
end
```

```
listen_for_commands:
```

```
    while command_go = 0
```

```
        hserout [$d,$a,dec frame_number," > "]
```

```
        hserin [wait("$"),str command\4]
```

```
        hserout ["$",str command\4]
```

```
        command_value = (command[1] - 48) * 100 + (command[2] - 48) * 10 + (command[3] - 48)
```

```
        if command[0] = 100 then ' sequence array dump                d
```

```
            for cnt = 0 to 50
```

```
                hserout[$d,$a,"PTRs: ",dec cnt," ",dec frame_sequence_ptr[cnt]]
```

```
            next cnt
```

```
            for cnt = 0 to 50
```

```
                hserout[$d,$a,"data: ",dec cnt," ",dec frame_sequence_data[cnt]]
```

```
            next cnt
```

```
            for cnt = 0 to 50
```

```
                hserout[$d,$a,"rpts: ",dec cnt," ",dec frame_sequence_repeats[cnt]]
```

```
            next cnt
```

```
        endif
```

```
        if command[0] = 76 then ' list stored data                L
```

```
HSerout [$d,$a,"List stored commands"]
```

```
for cnt = 0 to max_frame_defined
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a,$a,"Frame #",dec cnt]
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a,"Time-on ",dec frame_data[frame_pointer[cnt]+2]]
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a,"Coil-coil time ",dec frame_data[frame_pointer[cnt]+1]]
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a,"Number of coils in frame ",dec frame_data[frame_pointer[cnt]+0]]
```

```
  for cnt2 = 0 to (frame_data[frame_pointer[cnt]+0] - 1)
```

```
    hserout[$d,$a,"Coil X:",dec cnt2," = ",dec frame_data[frame_pointer[cnt]+3 + cnt2]]
```

```
  next cnt2
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a]
```

```
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to (max_sequence_defined - 1)
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a,$a,"Sequence #",dec cnt]
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a,"Number of frame sets in this sequence ",dec frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[cnt] + 0]]
```

```
  for cnt2 = 0 to (frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[cnt] + 0] - 1)
```

```
    hserout[$d,$a,"Frame set #",dec cnt2," = Frame #",dec frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[cnt] + 1 + cnt2]," repeated #",dec
```

```
frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[cnt] + 1 + cnt2]," times"]
```

```
  next cnt2
```

```
  hserout[$d,$a]
```

```
next cnt
```

```
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 67 then ' clear stored data
```

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```
  HSerout [$d,$a,"Clear stored commands"]
```

```
max_frame_defined = 0
```

```
max_sequence_defined = 0
```

```
frame_started = 0
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 2999
```

```
  frame_data[cnt] = 0
```

```
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 99
```

```
    frame_pointer[cnt] = 0
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 499
    frame_sequence_data[cnt] = 0
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 499
    frame_sequence_repeats[cnt] = 0
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 29
    frame_sequence_ptr[cnt] = 0
next cnt
```

```
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 77 then ' set data mode                M
    if frame_started = 1 then
        HSerout [$d,$a,"Data mode = ",dec data_mode]
    else
        HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start a frame definition with $Fxxx"]
    endif
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 68 then ' set coil - coil delay        D
    if frame_started = 1 then
        if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Frame #",dec frame_number," coil-to-coil delay = ",dec command_value]
            coil_coil_delay = command_value
            frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_number]+1] = coil_coil_delay
        else
            HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start a frame definition with $Fxxx"]
        endif
    endif
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 86 then ' set coil - coil delay        D
```

verbose = command\_value

hserout [\$d,\$a, "Verbose mode = ",dec verbose]  
endif

if command[0] = 80 then ' set coil on-time x100 us                      p  
  if frame\_started = 1 then  
    if verbose = 1 then HSerout [\$d,\$a,"Frame #",dec frame\_number," on-time = ",dec command\_value]  
    coil\_on\_time = command\_value  
    frame\_data[frame\_pointer[frame\_number]+2] = coil\_on\_time  
  else  
    HSerout [\$d,\$a,"Please start a frame definition with \$Fxxx"]  
  endif  
endif

if command[0] = 84 then ' terminate frame definition                      T  
  if verbose = 1 then  
    if frame\_started = 1 then  
      HSerout [\$d,\$a,"Frame #",dec frame\_number," ended"]  
    endif  
  endif  
  if verbose = 1 then  
    if frame\_seq\_started = 1 then  
      HSerout [\$d,\$a,"sequence ",dec (frame\_sequence\_num - 1)," ended"]  
    endif  
  endif  
  frame\_started = 0  
  frame\_seq\_started = 0  
  
endif

if command[0] = 70 then ' Define frame number                      F  
  if frame\_started = 0 then  
    frame\_number = command\_value  
    define\_frame\_point\_x = 0

```

if frame_number > max_frame_defined then max_frame_defined = frame_number

frame_started = 1
if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Frame definition started #",dec command_value]

if frame_number == 0 then
    frame_pointer[0] = 0
else
    frame_pointer[frame_number] = frame_pointer[frame_number - 1] + frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_number - 1]] + 3 ' previous frame start
+ number of point + 3 vars: coils, delay and on-time
endif
else
    HSerout [$d,$a,"Please end current frame definition"]
endif
endif

if command[0] = 78 then ' define number of coils in current frame      N
if frame_started = 1 then
    if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Frame #",dec frame_number," number of coils = ",dec command_value]
    number_of_coils_in_frame = command_value
    frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_number]] = number_of_coils_in_frame
else
    HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start a frame definition with $Fxxx"]
endif
endif

if command[0] = 83 then ' start to define a frame sequence      S
if frame_started = 0 then
    frame_sequence_num = frame_sequence_num + 1
    frame_sequence_frame_counter = 0
    frame_seq_started = 1
    max_sequence_defined = max_sequence_defined + 1

    if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"frame_sequence_num: ",dec frame_sequence_num]
    if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 2]]: ",dec
(frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 2]])]

```

```
        if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 2]]: ",dec  
(frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 2]])]
```

```
        if frame_sequence_num = 1 then  
            frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] = 0  
        else  
            frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] = frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 2] +  
frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 2]] + 1  
        endif  
        if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"PTR (",dec (frame_sequence_num - 1),"): ",dec (frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1])]  
        if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Defining sequence ",dec (frame_sequence_num - 1),". Start sending data with $nxxx for number of frame sets  
in sequence, then $fxxx for frame number followed by $rxxx for repeats of that frame. $Txxx to terminate sequence once the sets have been defined"]  
        else  
            HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start a frame definition with $Fxxx"]  
        endif  
    endif  
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 102 then ' define sequence frame                f  
    if frame_seq_started = 1 then  
        frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] + 1 + frame_sequence_frame_counter] = command_value  
        if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Sequence #",dec (frame_sequence_num - 1)," frame-in-sequence #",dec frame_sequence_frame_counter,"  
frame #",dec command_value]  
    else  
        HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start frame sequence with $Sxxx"]  
    endif  
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 110 then ' define number of sets in this sequence    n  
    if frame_seq_started = 1 then  
        frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] + 0] = command_value  
        if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Sequence #",dec (frame_sequence_num - 1)," has #",dec command_value," frame sets"]  
    else  
        HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start frame sequence with $Sxxx"]  
    endif  
endif
```



```
if command[0] = 112 then ' define frame-frame pause during repeats      p
```

```
  if frame_seq_started = 1 then
```

```
    frame_sequence_f_f_pause[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] + 0] = command_value
```

```
    if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Sequence #",dec (frame_sequence_num - 1)," frame-frame delay ",dec command_value," ms"]
```

```
  else
```

```
    HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start frame sequence with $Sxxx"]
```

```
  endif
```

```
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 114 then ' define sequence frame repeats      r
```

```
  if frame_seq_started = 1 then
```

```
    if frame_sequence_frame_counter < frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] + 0] then
```

```
      frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] + 1 + frame_sequence_frame_counter] = command_value
```

```
      if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Sequence #",dec (frame_sequence_num - 1)," set #",dec frame_sequence_frame_counter," frame #",dec
```

```
frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] + 1 + frame_sequence_frame_counter]," repeats #",dec
```

```
frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[frame_sequence_num - 1] + 1 + frame_sequence_frame_counter]]
```

```
      frame_sequence_frame_counter = frame_sequence_frame_counter + 1
```

```
    else
```

```
      if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Maximum number of frame sets define; please terminate with $Txxx"]
```

```
    endif
```

```
  else
```

```
    HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start frame sequence with $Sxxx"]
```

```
  endif
```

```
endif
```

```
if command[0] = 88 then ' about to define coil in sequece no. X      X
```

```
  if frame_started = 1 then
```

```
    if command_value < number_of_coils_in_frame then
```

```
      define_frame_point_x = command_value
```

```
      HSerout [$d,$a,"Start defining coils from ",dec command_value]
```

```
    else
```

```
      HSerout [$d,$a,"Please keep coil definitions within N-1: ",dec number_of_coils_in_frame]
```

```
    endif
```

```
  else
```

```
    HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start a frame definition with $Fxxx"]
```

```
  endif
```

endif

```
if command[0] = 69 then ' sequence through all of the coils 1 to 64
    for cnt = 0 to 63 step 1
```

```
coil_num = cnt
```

```
for cnt2 = 0 to 25
```

gosub energise  
gosub energise

next cnt2

next cnt

endif

if command[0] = 89 then ' point X (max N-1) = Y                      Y

```
if frame_started = 1 then
```

if define\_frame\_point\_x < number\_of\_coils\_in\_frame then

```
if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,"Frame #",dec frame_number," seq no. ",dec define_frame_point_x," coil = ",dec command_value," (0-63)"]
```

```
frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_number]+3 + define_frame_point_x] = command_value
```

```
define_frame_point_x = define_frame_point_x + 1
```

else

```
HSerout [$d,$a,"Coil sequence out of range. Max coils = ",dec number_of_coils_in_frame]
```

endif

else

```
HSerout [$d,$a,"Please start a frame definition with $Fxxx"]
```

endif

endif

if command[0] = 71 then ' go - execute all stored commands                    G

```
HSerout [$d,$a,"Execute sequence #",dec command_value]
```

```
gosub execute_commands
```

endif

wend

return

execute\_commands:

for cnt = 0 to (frame\_sequence\_repeats[frame\_sequence\_ptr[command\_value] + 0] - 1) ' run through all frames in this sequence

```
coil_coil_delay      = frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 1 + cnt]] + 1]
coil_on_time         = frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 1 + cnt]] + 2]
number_of_coils_in_frame = frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 1 + cnt]] + 0]
repeat_frame         = frame_sequence_repeats[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 1 + cnt]
frame_frame_delay     = frame_sequence_f_f_pause[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 0]
```

if verbose = 1 then HSerout [\$d,\$a,\$d,\$a, "Frame #",dec frame\_sequence\_data[frame\_sequence\_ptr[command\_value] + 1 + cnt]]

if verbose = 1 then HSerout [\$d,\$a, "Coil\_coil\_delay #",dec coil\_coil\_delay]

if verbose = 1 then HSerout [\$d,\$a, "Coil\_on\_time #",dec coil\_on\_time]

if verbose = 1 then HSerout [\$d,\$a, "Number\_of\_coils\_in\_frame #",dec number\_of\_coils\_in\_frame]

if verbose = 1 then HSerout [\$d,\$a, "Repeat frame #",dec repeat\_frame]

if verbose = 1 then

for cnt2 = 0 to (frame\_data[frame\_pointer[frame\_sequence\_data[frame\_sequence\_ptr[command\_value] + 1 + cnt]] + 0] - 1)

HSerout [\$d,\$a, "Coil #",dec frame\_data[frame\_pointer[frame\_sequence\_data[frame\_sequence\_ptr[command\_value] + 1 + cnt]] + 3 + cnt2]]

next cnt2

endif

if verbose = 1 then HSerout [\$d,\$a,\$d,\$a, "Begin frame #",dec frame\_sequence\_data[frame\_sequence\_ptr[command\_value] + 1 + cnt]," and repeat #",dec repeat\_frame," times"]

coil\_on\_time = 100 \* coil\_on\_time

for cnt3 = 0 to (repeat\_frame - 1)

```
    for cnt2 = 0 to (frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 1 + cnt]] + 0] - 1) ' slide through each coil
in this frame (cnt)
```

```
        COIL_NUM = frame_data[frame_pointer[frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 1 + cnt]] + 3 + cnt2]
```

```
        GOSUB energise
```

```
        pause coil_coil_delay ' ms
```

```
    next cnt2
```

```
    HSerout [$d,$a, "Pause frame-frame"]
```

```
    pause frame_frame_delay
```

```
next cnt3
```

```
if verbose = 1 then HSerout [$d,$a,$d,$a, "End frame #",dec frame_sequence_data[frame_sequence_ptr[command_value] + 1 + cnt]]
```

```
next cnt
```

```
HSerout [$d,$a, "End of sequence"]
```

```
return
```

energise:

```
col_add0 = coil_num & $1
```

```
col_add1 = (coil_num & $2) >> 1
```

```
col_add2 = (coil_num & $4) >> 2
```

```
row_add0 = (coil_num & $8) >> 3
```

```
row_add1 = (coil_num & $10) >> 4
```

```
row_add2 = (coil_num & $20) >> 5
```

```
high green_led
```

```
low col_dat ' enable coil  
pauseus coil_on_time  
high col_dat ' disable coil
```

```
low green_led
```

```
return
```

```
clear_arrays:
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 999  
    frame_data[cnt] = 0  
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 99  
    frame_pointer[cnt] = 0  
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 499  
    frame_sequence_data[cnt] = 0  
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 499  
    frame_sequence_repeats[cnt] = 0  
next cnt
```

```
for cnt = 0 to 299  
    frame_sequence_ptr[cnt] = 0  
next cnt
```

```
return
```