

A lot of people wrongly believe that color television is a recent idea. John Baird (1888–1946) is a researcher who is best remembered for inventing a mechanical television system, based on Nipkow's scanning disk idea. He created the first televised pictures of objects in motion (1924), the first televised human face (1925), color television (1928), stereoscopic television, and television by infra-red light that were presented and demonstrated before the 1930s. In actual fact, the earliest proposal for color television was patented in 1904, while in 1925 Zworykin filed his proposal for an all-electronic color television system. Actually, his work included a number of technological milestones in the history of television. Commercial broadcasting, however, started in the early 50s, a quarter of a century later.