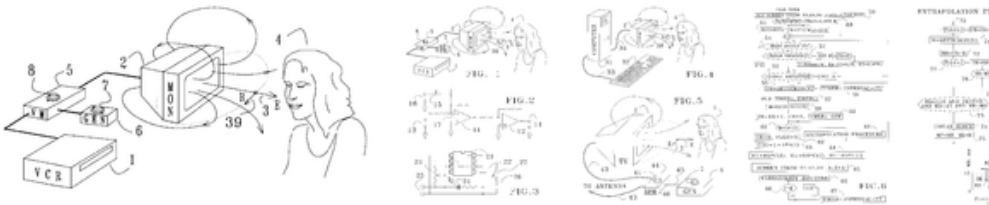


Nervous system manipulation by electromagnetic fields from monitors

Abstract

Physiological effects have been observed in a human subject in response to stimulation of the skin with weak electromagnetic fields that are pulsed with certain frequencies near 1/2 Hz or 2.4 Hz, such as to excite a sensory resonance. Many computer monitors and TV tubes, when displaying pulsed images, emit pulsed electromagnetic fields of sufficient amplitudes to cause such excitation. It is therefore possible to manipulate the nervous system of a subject by pulsing images displayed on a nearby computer monitor or TV set. For the latter, the image pulsing may be imbedded in the program material, or it may be overlaid by modulating a video stream, either as an RF signal or as a video signal. The image displayed on a computer monitor may be pulsed effectively by a simple computer program. For certain monitors, pulsed electromagnetic fields capable of exciting sensory resonances in nearby subjects may be generated even as the displayed images are pulsed with subliminal intensity.

Images (10)



Classifications

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Claims (14)

I claim:

1. A method for manipulating the nervous system of a subject located near a monitor, the monitor emitting an electromagnetic field when physical display process, the subject having a sensory resonance frequency, the method comprising:
 - creating a video signal for displaying an image on the monitor, the image having an intensity;
 - modulating the video signal for pulsing the image intensity with a frequency in the range 0.1 Hz to 15 Hz; and
 - setting the pulse frequency to the resonance frequency.
2. A computer program for manipulating the nervous system of a subject located near a monitor, the monitor emitting an electromagnetic field when physical display process, the subject having cutaneous nerves that fire spontaneously and have spiking patterns, the computer program comprising:
 - a display routine for displaying an image on the monitor, the image having an intensity;
 - a pulse routine for pulsing the image intensity with a frequency in the range 0.1 Hz to 15 Hz; and

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a frequency routine that can be internally controlled by the subject, for setting the frequency;

whereby the emitted electromagnetic field is pulsed, the cutaneous nerves are exposed to the pulsed electromagnetic field, and the spiki frequency modulation.

3. The computer program of claim 2, wherein the pulsing has an amplitude and the program further comprises an amplitude routine for the subject.

4. The computer program of claim 2, wherein the pulse routine comprises:

a timing procedure for timing the pulsing; and

an extrapolation procedure for improving the accuracy of the timing procedure.

5. The computer program of claim 2, further comprising a variability routine for introducing variability in the pulsing.

6. Hardware means for manipulating the nervous system of a subject located near a monitor, the monitor being responsive to a video stream when displaying an image by virtue of the physical display process, the image having an intensity, the subject having cutaneous nerves with spiking patterns, the hardware means comprising:

pulse generator for generating voltage pulses;

means, responsive to the voltage pulses, for modulating the video stream to pulse the image intensity;

whereby the emitted electromagnetic field is pulsed, the cutaneous nerves are exposed to the pulsed electromagnetic field, and the spiki frequency modulation.

7. The hardware means of claim 6, wherein the video stream is a composite video signal that has a pseudo-dc level, and the means for modulating the video stream comprise means for pulsing the pseudo-dc level.

8. The hardware means of claim 6, wherein the video stream is a television broadcast signal, and the means for modulating the video stream comprise means for frequency wobbling of the television broadcast signal.

9. The hardware means of claim 6, wherein the monitor has a brightness adjustment terminal, and the means for modulating the video stream comprise means for connecting the pulse generator to the brightness adjustment terminal.

10. A source of video stream for manipulating the nervous system of a subject located near a monitor, the monitor emitting an electromagnetic field when displaying an image by virtue of the physical display process, the subject having cutaneous nerves that fire spontaneously and have spiking patterns, the source of video stream comprising means for defining an image on the monitor, the image having an intensity; and

means for subliminally pulsing the image intensity with a frequency in the range 0.1 Hz to 15 Hz;

whereby the emitted electromagnetic field is pulsed, the cutaneous nerves are exposed to the pulsed electromagnetic field, and the spiki frequency modulation.

11. The source of video stream of claim 10 wherein the source is a recording medium that has recorded data, and the means for subliminally pulsing the image intensity comprise an attribute of the recorded data.

12. The source of video stream of claim 10 wherein the source is a computer program, and the means for subliminally pulsing the image intensity comprise a routine.

13. The source of video stream of claim 10 wherein the source is a recording of a physical scene, and the means for subliminally pulsing the image intensity comprise:

light source for illuminating the scene, the light source having a power level; and

modulation means, responsive to the voltage pulses, for pulsing the power level.

14. The source of video stream of claim 10, wherein the source is a DVD, the video stream comprises a luminance signal and a chrominance signal, and the means for subliminally pulsing the image intensity comprise means for pulsing the luminance signal.

Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to the stimulation of the human nervous system by an electromagnetic field applied externally to the body. A neurologist

fields has been mentioned by Wiener (1958), in a discussion of the bunching of brain waves through nonlinear interactions. The electric field direct electrical driving of the brain". Wiener describes the field as set up by a 10 Hz alternating voltage of 400 V applied in a room between c (1992) describes in U.S. Pat. No. 5,169,380 an apparatus for alleviating disruptions in circadian rhythms of a mammal, in which an alternating across the head of the subject by two electrodes placed a short distance from the skin.

A device involving a field electrode as well as a contact electrode is the "Graham Potentializer" mentioned by Hutchison (1991). This relaxati and sound as well as an alternating electric field applied mainly to the head. The contact electrode is a metal bar in Ohmic contact with the t the field electrode is a hemispherical metal headpiece placed several inches from the subject's head.

In these three electric stimulation methods the external electric field is applied predominantly to the head, so that electric currents are induc manner governed by electrodynamics. Such currents can be largely avoided by applying the field not to the head, but rather to skin areas aw cutaneous receptors may then be stimulated and they would provide a signal input into the brain along the natural pathways of afferent nerv indeed, physiological effects can be induced in this manner by very weak electric fields, if they are pulsed with a frequency near $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz. The ol of the eyelids, relaxation, drowsiness, the feeling of pressure at a centered spot on the lower edge of the brow, seeing moving patterns of dai with the eyes closed, a tonic smile, a tense feeling in the stomach, sudden loose stool, and sexual excitement, depending on the precise freq to which the field is applied. The sharp frequency dependence suggests involvement of a resonance mechanism.

It has been found that the resonance can be excited not only by externally applied pulsed electric fields, as discussed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,782 and 6,167,304, but also by pulsed magnetic fields, as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,935,054 and 6,238,333, by weak heat pulses applied to the Pat. Nos. 5,800,481 and 6,091,994, and by subliminal acoustic pulses, as described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,017,302. Since the resonance is excitec it is called a sensory resonance. In addition to the resonance near $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz, a sensory resonance has been found near 2.4 Hz. The latter is charc certain cortical processes, as discussed in the '481, '922, '302, '744, '944, and '304 patents.

The excitation of sensory resonances through weak heat pulses applied to the skin provides a clue about what is going on neurologically. Cu receptors are known to fire spontaneously. These nerves spike somewhat randomly around an average rate that depends on skin temperatu delivered to the skin in periodic fashion will therefore cause a slight frequency modulation (fm) in the spike patterns generated by the nerves other sensory modalities results in similar physiological effects, it is believed that frequency modulation of spontaneous afferent neural spik well.

It is instructive to apply this notion to the stimulation by weak electric field pulses administered to the skin. The externally generated fields ir in the underlying tissue, but the current density is much too small for firing an otherwise quiescent nerve. However, in experiments with adap crayfish, Terzuolo and Bullock (1956) have observed that very small electric fields can suffice for modulating the firing of already active nerv occur in the electric field stimulation under discussion.

Further understanding may be gained by considering the electric charges that accumulate on the skin as a result of the induced tissue curre thermodynamics, one would expect the accumulated polarization charges to be confined strictly to the outer surface of the skin. But charge excess in positive or negative ions, and thermal motion distributes the ions through a thin layer. This implies that the externally applied elect short distance into the tissue, instead of stopping abruptly at the outer skin surface. In this manner a considerable fraction of the applied fie some cutaneous nerve endings, so that a slight modulation of the type noted by Terzuolo and Bullock may indeed occur.

The mentioned physiological effects are observed only when the strength of the electric field on the skin lies in a certain range, called the eff There also is a bulk effect, in that weaker fields suffice when the field is applied to a larger skin area. These effects are discussed in detail in

Since the spontaneous spiking of the nerves is rather random and the frequency modulation induced by the pulsed field is very shallow, the s the fm signal contained in the spike trains along the afferent nerves is so small as to make recovery of the fm signal from a single nerve fibe of the field over a large skin area causes simultaneous stimulation of many cutaneous nerves, and the fm modulation is then coherent from the afferent signals are somehow summed in the brain, the fm modulations add while the spikes from different nerves mix and interlace. In t increased by appropriate neural processing. The matter is discussed in detail in the '874 patent. Another increase in sensitivity is due to invo mechanism, wherein considerable neural circuit oscillations can result from weak excitations.

An easily detectable physiological effect of an excited $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz sensory resonance is ptosis of the eyelids. As discussed in the '922 patent, the p closing the eyes about half way. Holding this eyelid position, the eyes are rolled upward, while giving up voluntary control of the eyelids. The p determined by the state of the autonomic nervous system. Furthermore, the pressure exerted on the eyeballs by the partially closed eyelids activity. The eyelid position thereby becomes somewhat labile, as manifested by a slight flutter. The labile state is sensitive to very small shi ptosis influences the extent to which the pupil is hooded by the eyelid, and thus how much light is admitted to the eye. Hence, the depth of th subject, and can be graded on a scale from 0 to 10.

In the initial stages of the excitation of the $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz sensory resonance, a downward drift is detected in the ptosis frequency, defined as the stirr maximum ptosis is obtained. This drift is believed to be caused by changes in the chemical milieu of the resonating neural circuits. It is thou causes perturbations of chemical concentrations somewhere in the brain, and that these perturbations spread by diffusion to nearby resona called "chemical detuning", can be so strong that ptosis is lost altogether when the stimulation frequency is kept constant in the initial stage stimulation then falls somewhat out of tune, the resonance decreases in amplitude and chemical detuning eventually diminishes. This caus shift back up, so that the stimulation is more in tune and the ptosis can develop again. As a result, for fixed stimulation frequencies in a cert

cycles with a frequency of several minutes. The matter is discussed in the '302 patent.

The stimulation frequencies at which specific physiological effects occur depend somewhat on the autonomic nervous system state, and pr as well.

Weak magnetic fields that are pulsed with a sensory resonance frequency can induce the same physiological effects as pulsed electric field: the magnetic fields penetrate biological tissue with nearly undiminished strength. Eddy currents in the tissue drive electric charges to the ski distributions are subject to thermal smearing in much the same way as in electric field stimulation, so that the same physiological effects de in the '054 patent.

SUMMARY

Computer monitors and TV monitors can be made to emit weak low-frequency electromagnetic fields merely by pulsing the intensity of display. It has been shown that the 1/2 Hz sensory resonance can be excited in this manner in a subject near the monitor. The 2.4 Hz sensory resonance can be excited in a similar fashion. Hence, a TV monitor or computer monitor can be used to manipulate the nervous system of nearby people.

The implementations of the invention are adapted to the source of video stream that drives the monitor, be it a computer program, a TV broadcast, or a digital video disc (DVD).

For a computer monitor, the image pulses can be produced by a suitable computer program. The pulse frequency may be controlled through software so that the subject can tune to an individual sensory resonance frequency. The pulse amplitude can be controlled as well in this manner. A program written particularly suitable for use on computers that run the Windows 95(R) or Windows 98(R) operating system. The structure of such a program that produces periodic pulses requires an accurate timing procedure. Such a procedure is constructed from the GetTimeCount function available in the Application Programming Interface (API) of the Windows operating system, together with an extrapolation procedure that improves the timing accuracy.

Pulse variability can be introduced through software, for the purpose of thwarting habituation of the nervous system to the field stimulation, when the sensory resonance frequency is not known. The variability may be a pseudo-random variation within a narrow interval, or it can take the form of a free-running pulse. The pulse variability may be under control of the subject.

The program that causes a monitor to display a pulsing image may be run on a remote computer that is connected to the user computer by a network that belongs to a network, which may be the Internet.

For a TV monitor, the image pulsing may be inherent in the video stream as it flows from the video source, or else the stream may be modulated to produce pulsing. In the first case, a live TV broadcast can be arranged to have the feature imbedded simply by slightly pulsing the illumination of the video source. This method can of course also be used in making movies and recording video tapes and DVDs.

Video tapes can be edited such as to overlay the pulsing by means of modulating hardware. A simple modulator is discussed wherein the luminance signal is pulsed without affecting the chroma signal. The same effect may be introduced at the consumer end, by modulating the video stream at the video source. A DVD can be edited through software, by introducing pulse-like variations in the digital RGB signals. Image intensity pulses can be introduced in the composite video output of a DVD player by modulating the luminance signal component. Before entering the TV set, a television signal can be modulated to cause pulsing of the image intensity by means of a variable delay line that is connected to a pulse generator.

Certain monitors can emit electromagnetic field pulses that excite a sensory resonance in a nearby subject, through image pulses that are susceptible to manipulation. This is unfortunate since it opens a way for mischievous application of the invention, whereby people are exposed unknowingly to manipulation for someone else's purposes. Such application would be unethical and is of course not advocated. It is mentioned here in order to alert the public to the covert abuse that may occur while being online, or while watching TV, a video, or a DVD.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates the electromagnetic field that emanates from a monitor when the video signal is modulated such as to cause pulses in a subject who is exposed to the field.

FIG. 2 shows a circuit for modulation of a composite video signal for the purpose of pulsing the image intensity.

FIG. 3 shows the circuit for a simple pulse generator.

FIG. 4 illustrates how a pulsed electromagnetic field can be generated with a computer monitor.

FIG. 5 shows a pulsed electromagnetic field that is generated by a television set through modulation of the RF signal input to the TV.

FIG. 6 outlines the structure of a computer program for producing a pulsed image.

FIG. 7 shows an extrapolation procedure introduced for improving timing accuracy of the program of FIG. 6.

FIG. 8 illustrates the action of the extrapolation procedure of FIG. 7.

FIG. 9 shows a subject exposed to a pulsed electromagnetic field emanating from a monitor which is responsive to a program running on a computer.

that involves the Internet.

FIG. 10 shows the block diagram of a circuit for frequency wobbling of a TV signal for the purpose of pulsing the intensity of the image display.

FIG. 11 depicts schematically a recording medium in the form of a video tape with recorded data, and the attribute of the signal that causes image to be pulsed.

FIG. 12 illustrates how image pulsing can be embedded in a video signal by pulsing the illumination of the scene that is being recorded.

FIG. 13 shows a routine that introduces pulse variability into the computer program of FIG. 6.

FIG. 14 shows schematically how a CRT emits an electromagnetic field when the displayed image is pulsed.

FIG. 15 shows how the intensity of the image displayed on a monitor can be pulsed through the brightness control terminal of the monitor.

FIG. 16 illustrates the action of the polarization disc that serves as a model for grounded conductors in the back of a CRT screen.

FIG. 17 shows the circuit for overlaying image intensity pulses on a DVD output.

FIG. 18 shows measured data for pulsed electric fields emitted by two different CRT type monitors, and a comparison with theory.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Computer monitors and TV monitors emit electromagnetic fields. Part of the emission occurs at the low frequencies at which displayed image intensity is pulsed. For instance, a rhythmic pulsing of the intensity of an image causes electromagnetic field emission at the pulse frequency, with a strength proportional to the image intensity. The field is briefly referred to as "screen emission". In discussing this effect, any part or all of what is displayed on the monitor screen is called "image". A cathode ray tube (CRT) type has three electron beams, one for each of the basic colors red, green, and blue. The intensity of an image is here

$$I = \int j \cdot dA, \quad (1)$$

where the integral extends over the image, and

$$j = j_r + j_g + j_b, \quad (2)$$

j_r , j_g , and j_b being the electric current densities in the red, green, and blue electron beams at the surface area dA of the image on the screen. In the distributed electron beam model, where the discreteness of pixels and the raster motion of the beams are ignored, and the beams are thought to be irradiated by diffuse electron beams. The beam current densities are then functions of the coordinates x and y over the screen since we are interested in the electromagnetic field emission caused by image pulsing with the very low frequencies of sensory resonances, while the much higher horizontal and vertical sweep frequencies are of no concern. For a CRT the intensity of an image is expressed in milliamperes.

For a liquid crystal display (LCD), the current densities in the definition of image intensity are to be replaced by driving voltages, multiplied by device constants. For an LCD, image intensities are thus expressed in volts.

It will be shown that for a CRT or LCD screen emissions are caused by fluctuations in image intensity. In composite video however, intensity is the primary signal feature, but luminance Y is. For any pixel one has

$$Y = 0.299R + 0.587G + 0.114B, \quad (3)$$

where R , G , and B are the intensities of the pixel respectively in red, green and blue, normalized such as to range from 0 to 1. The definition (CIE Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage (CIE), in order to account for brightness differences at different colors, as perceived by the human eye. In video the hue of the pixel is determined by the chroma signal or chrominance, which has the components $R-Y$ and $B-Y$. It follows that pulsing image intensity while keeping the hue fixed is equivalent to pulsing the pixel intensity, up to an amplitude factor. This fact will be relied upon when modulating a video image intensity pulses.

It turns out that the screen emission has a multipole expansion wherein both monopole and dipole contributions are proportional to the rate of change of image intensity (1). The higher order multipole contributions are proportional to the rate of change of moments of the current density j over the image, but since they fall off rapidly with distance, they are not of practical importance in the present context. Pulsing the intensity of an image may involve different phases for different parts of the image. Any or all of these features may be under subject control.

The question arises whether the screen emission can be strong enough to excite sensory resonances in people located at normal viewing distance. This turns out to be the case, as shown by sensory resonance experiments and independently by measuring the strength of the emitted electromagnetic field, comparing the results with the effective intensity window as explored in earlier work.

One-half Hertz sensory resonance experiments have been conducted with the subject positioned at least at normal viewing distance from a computer monitor driven by a computer program written in Visual Basic(R), version 6.0 (VB6). The program produces a pulsed image with uniform luminance on a computer screen, except for a few small control buttons and text boxes. In VB6, screen pixel colors are determined by integers R , G , and B , that range from 0 to 255, representing their contributions to the pixel color made by the basic colors red, green, and blue. For a CRT-type monitor, the pixel intensities for the primary colors are in a nonlinear manner that will be discussed. In the VB6 program the RGB values are modulated by small pulses ΔR , ΔG , ΔB , with a frequency

by the subject or is swept in a predetermined manner. In the sensory resonance experiments mentioned above, the ratios $\Delta R/R$, $\Delta G/G$, and $\Delta B/B$ than 0.02, so that the image pulses are quite weak. For certain frequencies near $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz, the subject experienced physiological effects that are excitation of the $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz sensory resonance as mentioned in the Background Section. Moreover, the measured field pulse amplitudes fall within a narrow window for the $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz resonance, as explored in earlier experiments and discussed in the '874, '744, '922, and '304 patents. Other experiments with sensory resonance can be excited as well by screen emissions from monitors that display pulsed images.

These results confirm that, indeed, the nervous system of a subject can be manipulated through electromagnetic field pulses emitted by a monitor which displays images with pulsed intensity.

The various implementations of the invention are adapted to the different sources of video stream, such as video tape, DVD, a computer program, through free space or cable. In all of these implementations, the subject is exposed to the pulsed electromagnetic field that is generated by the monitor image intensity pulsing. Certain cutaneous nerves of the subject exhibit spontaneous spiking in patterns which, although rather random, conform at least in the form of average frequency. Some of these nerves have receptors that respond to the field stimulation by changing their average spiking patterns of these nerves acquire a frequency modulation, which is conveyed to the brain. The modulation can be particularly effective near a sensory resonance frequency. Such frequencies are expected to lie in the range from 0.1 to 15 Hz.

An embodiment of the invention adapted to a VCR is shown in FIG. 1, where a subject 4 is exposed to a pulsed electric field 3 and a pulsed image 1 emitted by a monitor 2, labeled "MON", as the result of pulsing the intensity of the displayed image. The image is here generated by a video cassette recorder "VCR", and the pulsing of the image intensity is obtained by modulating the composite video signal from the VCR output. This is done by a video modulator "VM", which responds to the signal from the pulse generator 6, labeled "GEN". The frequency and amplitude of the image pulses can be adjusted by frequency control 7 and amplitude control 8. Frequency and amplitude adjustments can be made by the subject.

The circuit of the video modulator 5 of FIG. 1 is shown in FIG. 2, where the video amplifiers 11 and 12 process the composite video signal through input 13. The level of the video signal is modulated slowly by injecting a small bias current at the inverting input 17 of the first amplifier 11. This current is supplied at the modulation input 16, and can be adjusted through the potentiometer 15. Since the noninverting input of the amplifier input 17 is kept essentially at ground potential, so that the bias current is not influenced by the video signal. The inversion of the signal by the second amplifier 12. The gains of the amplifiers are chosen such as to give a unity overall gain. A slowly varying current injection causes a slow shift in the "pseudo-dc" level of the composite video signal, here defined as the short-term average of the signal. Since the pulse signal section determines the luminance, the latter is modulated by the injected current pulses. The chroma signal is not affected by the slow pseudo-dc level, since that signal is determined by the amplitude and phase with respect to the color carrier which is locked to the color burst pulses and color bursts is of no consequence either if the injected current pulses are very small, as they are in practice. The modulated composite video signal at the output 14 in FIG. 2, will thus exhibit a modulated luminance, whereas the chroma signal is unchanged. In the light of the foregoing discussion, it follows that the modulator of FIG. 2 causes a pulsing of the image intensity I. It remains to give an example how the pulse signal may be obtained. FIG. 3 shows a pulse generator that is suitable for this purpose, wherein the RC timer 21 (Intersil ICM7555) is hooked up to produce a square wave voltage with a frequency that is determined by capacitor 22 and potentiometer 23. The timer 21 is powered by a battery switch 27. The square wave voltage at output 25 drives the LED 24, which may be used for monitoring of the pulse frequency, and also serve as a pulse output may be rounded in ways that are well known in the art. In the setup of FIG. 1, the output of VCR 1 is connected to the video input 14 is connected to the monitor 2 of FIG. 1.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the image intensity pulsing is caused by a computer program. As shown in FIG. 4, monitor 2, labeled "COMPUTER", which runs a program that produces an image on the monitor and causes the image intensity to be pulsed by input to the computer through the keyboard 32 that is connected to the computer by the connection 33. This input may involve adjustments of the pulse amplitude or the variability of the image intensity pulses. In particular, the pulse frequency can be set to a sensory resonance frequency of the subject exciting the resonance.

The structure of a computer program for pulsing image intensity is shown in FIG. 6. The program may be written in Visual Basic(R) version 6 graphics interface familiar from the Windows(R) operating system. The images appear as forms equipped with user controls such as command buttons together with data displays such as text boxes. A compiled VB6 program is an executable file. When activated, the program declares variables from a dynamic link library (DLL) that is attached to the operating system; an initial form load is performed as well. The latter comprises settings specified by integers R, G, and B in the range 0 to 255, as mentioned above. In FIG. 6, the initial setting of the screen color is labeled as 50. A routine is the computation 51 of the sine function at eight equally spaced points, $i=0$ to 7, around the unit circle. These values are needed with integer numbers. Unfortunately, the sine function is distorted by the rounding to integer RGB values that occurs in the VB6 program. The image is of the screen area as possible, and it has spatially uniform luminance and hue.

The form appearing on the monitor displays a command button for starting and stopping the image pulsing, together with scroll bars 52 and adjustment of the pulse frequency F and the pulse amplitude A. These pulses could be initiated by a system timer which is activated upon the next interval. However, timers in VB6 are too inaccurate for the purpose of providing the eight RGB adjustment points in each pulse cycle. An improvement is using the GetTickCount function that is available in the Application Program Interface (API) of Windows 95(R) and Windows 98(R). The GetTickCount system time that has elapsed since starting Windows, expressed in milliseconds. User activation of the start button 54 provides a tick count that sets the timer interval to TT milliseconds, in step 56. TT was previously calculated in the frequency routine that is activated by changing the scroll bar 52.

Since VB6 is an event-driven program, the flow chart for the program falls into disjoint pieces. Upon setting the timer interval to TT in step 56

background while the program may execute subroutines such as adjustment of pulse frequency or amplitude. Upon elapse of the timer interval **57** starts execution with request 58 for a tick count, and in **59** an upgrade is computed of the time TN for the next point at which the RGB values step 59 the timer is turned off, to be reactivated later in step 67. Step 59 also resets the parameter CR which plays a role in the extrapolation condition 60. For ease of understanding at this point, it is best to pretend that the action of **61** is simply to get a tick count, and to consider condition 60 while keeping CR equal to zero. The loop would terminate when the tick count M reaches or exceeds the time TN for the next point. The program should adjust the image intensity through steps **63-65**. For now step 62 is to be ignored also, since it has to do with the actual extrapolation increments to the screen colors R1, G1, and B1 at the new phase point are computed according to the sine function, applied with the amplitude in step 53. The number I that labels the phase point is incremented by unity in step 65, but if this results in I=8 the value is reset to zero in **66** reactivated in step 67, initiating a new 1/8-cycle step in the periodic progression of RGB adjustments.

A program written in this way would exhibit a large jitter in the times at which the RGB values are changed. This is due to the lumpiness in the GetTickCount function. The lumpiness may be studied separately by running a simple loop with C=GetTickCount, followed by writing the results that C has jumped every 14 or 15 milliseconds, between long stretches of constant values. Since for a 1/2 Hz image intensity modulation the 250 ms apart, the lumpiness of 14 or 15 ms in the tick count would cause considerable inaccuracy. The full extrapolation procedure 61 is designed to diminish the jitter to acceptable levels. The procedure works by refining the heavy-line staircase function shown in FIG. 8, using the slope RR to accurately determine the loop count 89 at which the loop controlled by **60** needs to be exited. Details of the extrapolation procedure are shown in FIG. 8. The procedure starts at **70** with both flags off, and CR=0, because of the assignment in **59** or **62** in FIG. 6. A tick count M is obtained; MR to the next phase point is computed in **72**. Conditions **77** and **73** are not satisfied and therefore passed vertically in the flow chart, so that the assignments 75 are executed. Condition 60 of FIG. 6 is checked and found to be satisfied, so that the extrapolation procedure is reentered until the condition **73** is met when the remaining time MR jumps down through the 15 ms level, shown in FIG. 8 as the transition 83. The control logic flow to the assignments 76, in which the number DM labeled by **83** is computed, and FLG1 is set. The computation of DM is required for the straight-line element 85. One also needs the "Final LM" **86**, which is the number of loops traversed from step 83 to the next downward step where MR=0 axis. The final LM is determined after repeatedly incrementing LM through the side loop entered from the FLG1=1 condition **77**, which was set in step 76. At the transition 84 the condition 78 is met, so that the assignments 79 are executed. This includes computation of the slope **85**, setting FLG2, and resetting FLG1. From here on, the extrapolation procedure increments CR in steps of RR while skipping tick counts until violated, the loop is exited, and the RGB values are adjusted.

A delay block 74 is used in order to stretch the time required for traversing the extrapolation procedure. The block can be any computation or repeated calculations of tangent and arc tangent functions.

As shown in step 56 of FIG. 6, the timer interval TT is set to 4/10 of the time TA from one RGB adjustment point to the next. Since the timer arrangement provides an opportunity for execution of other processes such as user adjustment of frequency or amplitude of the pulses.

The adjustment of the frequency and other pulse parameters of the image intensity modulation can be made internally, i.e., within the running control is to be distinguished from the external control provided, for instance, in screen savers. In the latter, the frequency of animation can be changed only after having exited the screen saver program. Specifically, in Windows 95(R) or Windows 98(R), to change the animation frequency requires saver execution by moving the mouse, whereafter the frequency may be adjusted through the control panel. The requirement that the control program be apart from so-called banners as well.

The program may be run on a remote computer that is linked to the user computer, as illustrated in FIG. 9. Although the monitor 2, labeled "MONITOR COMPUTER 31", labeled "COMPUTER", the program that pulses the images on the monitor 2 runs on the remote computer 90, labeled "REMOTE COMPUTER 90" connected to computer 31 through a link 91 which may in part belong to a network. The network may comprise the Internet 92.

The monitor of a television set emits an electromagnetic field in much the same way as a computer monitor. Hence, a TV may be used for the purpose of nervous system manipulation. FIG. 5 shows such an arrangement, where the pulsing of the image intensity is achieved by induced shift in the frequency of the RF signal that enters from the antenna. This process is here called "frequency wobbling" of the RF signal. In FM modulation of the RF signal produces a pseudo-dc signal level fluctuation in the composite video signal, which in turn causes a slight intensity fluctuation displayed on the monitor in the same manner as discussed above for the modulator of FIG. 2. The frequency wobbling is induced by the wobbler "RFM", which is placed in the antenna line 43. The wobbler is driven by the pulse generator 6, labeled "GEN". The subject can adjust the frequency of the wobble through the tuning control 7 and the amplitude control 41. FIG. 10 shows a block diagram of the frequency wobbler circuit that includes the variable delay line 94, labelled "VDL". The delay is determined by the signal from pulse generator 6, labelled "GEN". The frequency of the pulses can be adjusted. The amplitude of the pulses is determined by the unit 98, labelled "MD", and can be adjusted with the amplitude control 41. Optionally, the signal is routed through a preprocessor 93, labelled "PRP", which may comprise a selective RF amplifier and down converter; a complementary up converter performed on the delay line output by a postprocessor 95, labelled "POP". The output 97 is to be connected to the antenna terminal of the TV.

The action of the variable delay line 94 may be understood as follows. Let periodic pulses with period L be presented at the input. For a fixed delay T, pulses emerge at the output with the same period L. Actually, the time delay T is varied slowly, so that it increases approximately by LdT/dt between consecutive pulses at the device output. The pulse period is thus increased approximately by

$$\Delta L = LdT/dt. \quad (4)$$

In terms of the frequency f, Eq. (4) implies approximately

$$\Delta f/f = -dT/dt. \quad (5)$$

For sinusoidal delay $T(t)$ with amplitude b and frequency g , one has

$$\Delta f/f = -2\pi g b \cos(2\pi g t), \quad (6)$$

which shows the frequency wobbling. The approximation is good for $gb \ll 1$, which is satisfied in practice. The relative frequency shift amplitude is very small compared to unity. For a pulse frequency g of the order of 1 Hz, the delay may have to be of the order of seconds to accommodate such long delay values, the delay line may have to be implemented as a digital device. To do so is well within the present art. In choose digital implementations for the [pulse generator 6](#) and the [pulse amplitude controller 98](#), either as hardware or as software.

Pulse variability may be introduced for alleviating the need for precise tuning to a resonance frequency. This may be important when sensor frequency is not precisely known, because of the variation among individuals, or in order to cope with the frequency drift that results from chemical detuning. A field with suitably chosen pulse variability can then be more effective than a fixed frequency field that is out of tune. One may, for example, treat seizures, by interfering with the pathological oscillatory activity of neural circuits that occurs in these disorders. Electromagnetic fields with a narrow spectrum of frequencies around the frequency of the pathological oscillatory activity may then evoke nerve signals that cause and quench the oscillatory activity.

Pulse variability can be introduced as hardware in the manner described in the '304 patent. The variability may also be introduced in the control setting [FLG3 in step 68](#), and choosing the amplitude B of the frequency fluctuation. In the [variability routine 46](#), shown in some detail in [FIG. 47](#), whereupon in [steps 48 and 49](#) the pulse frequency F is modified pseudo randomly by a term proportional to B , every 4th cycle. Optionally intensity pulsing may be modified as well, in similar fashion. Alternatively, the frequency and amplitude may be swept through an adjustable suitable schedule, in a manner known to those skilled in the art. The pulse variability may be applied to subliminal image intensity pulses.

When an image is displayed by a TV monitor in response to a TV broadcast, intensity pulses of the image may simply be imbedded in the pre-recorded video signal. If the recording medium is a recording medium, the means for pulsing the image intensity may comprise an attribute of recorded data. The pulsing means of a video signal from a VCR, the pertinent data attribute is illustrated in [FIG. 11](#), which shows a video signal record on part of a [video tape 2](#). The segments of the video signal in intervals belonging to lines in three image frames at different places along the tape. In each segment, the [chrominance short-term average level 29](#) represented as a dashed line. The short-term average signal level, also called the pseudo-dc level, represents the average chrominance level of pixels. Over each segment, the level is here constant because the image is for simplicity chosen as having a uniform luminance over the screen. The level may vary from frame to frame, illustrating a luminance that pulses slowly over time. This is shown in the lower portion of the drawing, where the short-term chrominance signal average is plotted versus time. The graph further shows a gradual decrease of pulse amplitude in time, illustrating that amplitude variations may also be an attribute of the recorded data on the video tape. As discussed, pulsing the luminance for fixed chrominance pulses image intensity.

Data stream attributes that represent image intensity pulses on video tape or in TV signals may be created when producing a video rendition of a scene, simply by pulsing the illumination of the scene. This is illustrated in [FIG. 12](#), which shows a [scene 19](#) that is recorded with a [video camera 20](#). The scene is illuminated with a lamp [20](#), labeled "LAMP", energized by an electric current through a [cable 36](#). The current is modulated in pulse amplitude by a [pulse generator 6](#), labeled "MOD", which is driven by a [pulse generator 6](#), labeled "GENERATOR", that produces [voltage pulses 35](#). Again, pulsing the luminance amounts to pulsing the image intensity.

The brightness of monitors can usually be adjusted by a control, which may be addressable through a brightness adjustment terminal. If the displayed image intensity may be pulsed as shown in [FIG. 15](#), simply by a [pulse generator 6](#), labeled "GEN", that is connected to the [brightness control 2](#), labeled "MON". Equivalent action can be provided for digital brightness controls, in ways that are well known in the art.

The analog component video signal from a DVD player may be modulated such as to overlay image intensity pulses in the manner illustrated in [FIG. 10](#), where the [DVD player 102](#), labeled "DVD", with analog component video output comprised of the luminance Y and chrominance C . The overlay is accomplished by pulsing the luminance with a voltage pulse from [generator 6](#), labeled "GENERATOR". The generator output is applied to [modulator 106](#), labeled "SHIFTER", which, when pulsed without changing the chrominance C , the image intensity is pulsed. The frequency and amplitude of the image intensity pulses can be controlled by the [tuner 7](#) and [amplitude control 107](#). The [modulator 105](#) has the same structure as the modulator of [FIG. 2](#), and the [pulse amplitude controller 15](#) of [FIG. 2](#). The same procedure can be followed for editing a DVD such as to overlay image intensity pulses, by processing the video signal through an analog-to-digital converter, and recording the resulting digital stream onto a DVD, after appropriate compression. Alternatively, the digital data can be edited by electronic reading of the signal, decompression, altering the digital data by software, and recording the resulting digital stream onto a DVD, after appropriate compression, all in a manner that is well known in the art.

The mechanism whereby a CRT-type monitor emits a pulsed electromagnetic field when pulsing the intensity of an image is illustrated in [FIG. 16](#) by an [electron beam 10](#) which impinges upon the [backside 88](#) of the screen, where the collisions excite phosphors that subsequently emit light. The electron beam deposits electrons [18](#) on the screen, and these electrons contribute to an [electric field 3](#) labeled "E". The electrons flow along the screen to the terminal [99](#) which is hooked up to the high-voltage supply [40](#), labeled "HV". The circuit is completed by the ground connection [97](#), labeled "VA", and its connection to the cathodes of the CRT. The electron beams of the three electron guns are collectively shown as [electron beams 10](#). The electric current J flowing through the described circuit induces a [magnetic field 39](#), labeled "B". Actually, there are magnetic fields along which the electron beam current is returned to the CRT cathodes, since on a macroscopic scale the [conductive back surface 88](#) of the screen is a return path from the beam impact point to the high-voltage terminal [99](#). The magnetic fields induced by the currents along these paths partially

resulting field depends on the location of the pixel that is addressed. Since the beams sweep over the screen through a raster of horizontal lines, the induced magnetic field contains strong peaks at the horizontal and vertical frequencies. However, the interest here is not in fields at those frequencies but in emissions that result from an image pulsing with the very low frequencies appropriate to sensory resonances. For this purpose a diffuse electron beam in which the pixel discreteness and the raster motion of the electron beams are ignored, so that the beam current becomes diffuse and fills the displayed image. The resulting low-frequency magnetic field depends on the temporal changes in the intensity distribution over the displayed image. Estimates show that the low-frequency magnetic field, although quite small, may be sufficient for the excitation of sensory resonances in a viewing distance from the monitor.

The monitor also emits a low-frequency electric field at the image pulsing frequency. This field is due in part to the **screen electrons 18** that are deposited by the electron beams **10**. In the diffuse electron beam model, screen conditions are considered functions of the time t and of the Cartesian coordinates on the screen.

The **screen electrons 18** that are dumped onto the back of the screen by the sum $j(x,y,t)$ of the diffuse current distributions in the red, green, and blue cause a potential distribution $V(x,y,t)$ which is influenced by the surface conductivity σ on the back of the screen and by capacitances. In the screen has a capacitance distribution $c(x,y)$ to ground and mutual capacitances between parts of the screen at different potentials are neglected, $V(x,y,t)$ over the screen implies a surface charge density distribution

$$q = Vc(x,y), \quad (7)$$

and gives rise to a current density vector along the screen,

$$j_s = -\sigma \text{grad}_s V, \quad (8)$$

where grad_s is the gradient along the screen surface. Conservation of electric charge implies

$$j = c(\dot{V}) - \text{div}_s(\sigma \text{grad}_s V), \quad (9)$$

where the dot over the voltage denotes the time derivative, and div_s is the divergence in the screen surface. The partial differential equation (9) is a condition for the solution $V(x,y,t)$ to be unique. Such a condition is provided by setting the potential at the rim of the screen equal to the fixed value V_0 , a good approximation, since the resistance R_r between the screen rim and the anode terminal is chosen small in CRT design, in order to keep V_0 a minimum, and also to limit low-frequency emissions.

Something useful can be learned from special cases with simple solutions. As such, consider a circular CRT screen of radius R with uniform back by a diffuse electron beam with a spatially uniform beam current density that is a constant plus a sinusoidal part with frequency f . Since the voltage V due to the sinusoidal part of the beam current can be considered separately, with the boundary condition that V vanish at the rim of the screen, it then simplifies to

$$V'' + V''/r - i2\pi f c \eta V = -J\eta/A, \quad r \leq R, \quad (10)$$

where r is a radial coordinate along the screen with its derivative denoted by a prime, $\eta = 1/\sigma$ is the screen resistivity, A the screen area, J the beam current, and $i = (-1)^{1/2}$, the imaginary unit. Our interest is in very low pulse frequencies f that are suitable for excitation of sensory resonances and for practical ranges of c and η , the dimensionless number $2\pi f c A \eta$ is very much smaller than unity, so that it can be neglected in Eq. (10).

problem then has the simple solution
$$V(r) = \frac{J\eta}{4\pi} (1 - (r/R)^2). \quad (11)$$

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In deriving (11) we neglected the mutual capacitance between parts of the screen that are at different potentials. The resulting error in (10) is small because the $i2\pi f c A \eta$ term in (10) can be neglected.

The potential distribution $V(r)$ of (11) along the screen is of course accompanied by electric charges. The field lines emanating from these charges are conducted by the conductors behind the screen that belong to the CRT structure and that are either grounded or connected to circuitry with a low impedance. The mentioned conductors must be considered grounded in the analysis of charges and fields that result from the pulsed component J of the beam current. The described electric field lines end up in electric charges that may be called polarization charges since they are the result of the polarization of the conductors by the screen emission. To estimate the pulsed electric field, a model is chosen where the mentioned conductors are represented by two perfectly conductive discs of radius R , positioned a short distance δ behind the screen, as depicted in FIG. 16. Since the grounded conductive disc is called the polarization disc. FIG. 16 shows the **circular CRT screen 88** and the **polarization disc 101**, briefly called "plates". For a uniform capacitance density between the plates of opposite polarity is nearly equal to ϵ/δ , where ϵ is the permittivity of free space. The charge distributions on the polarization disc are respectively $\epsilon V(r)/\delta + q_0$ and $-\epsilon V(r)/\delta + q_0$, where the $\epsilon V(r)/\delta$ terms denote opposing charge densities at the end of the disc. The net charge q_0 is needed as well will become clear in the sequel.

The charge distributions $\epsilon V(r)/\delta + q_0$ and $-\epsilon V(r)/\delta + q_0$ on the two plates have a dipole moment with the density

$$D(r) = \epsilon V(r) = \frac{J \eta \epsilon}{4\pi} (1 - (r/R)^2), \quad (12)$$

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directed perpendicular to the screen. Note that the plate separation δ has dropped out. This means that the precise location of the polarization disc is not important in the present model, and further that δ may be taken as small as desired. Taking δ to zero, one thus arrives at the mathematical model of pulsed circular CRT screen. The field due to the charge distribution q_0 will be calculated later.

The electric field induced by the distributed dipoles (12) can be calculated easily for points on the centerline of the screen, with the result

$$E(z) = \frac{V(0)}{R} \left\{ 2\rho/R - R/\rho - 2|z|/R \right\}, \quad (13)$$

$$E(z) = \frac{V'(0)}{R} \{ 2\rho/R - R/\rho - 2|z|/R \},$$

where $V(0)$ is the pulse voltage (11) at the screen center, ρ the distance to the rim of the screen, and z the distance to the center of the screen harmonically with frequency f , because in (11) the sinusoidal part J of the beam current varies in this manner.

The electric field (13) due to the dipole distribution causes a potential distribution $V(r)/2$ over the screen and a potential distribution of $-V(r)$, where $V(r)$ is nonuniform as given by (11). But since the polarization disc is a perfect conductor it cannot support voltage gradients, and the potential distribution $-V(r)/2$. Instead, the polarization disc is at ground potential. This is where the charge distribution $q_0(r)$ comes in; it must have a potential distribution $V(r)/2$ over the polarization disc. Since the distance between polarization disc and screen vanishes in the mathematical model, the potential distribution $V(r)/2$ is induced over the screen as well. The total potential over the monitor screen thus becomes $V(r)$ of (11), while the total polarization disc becomes uniformly zero. Both these potential distributions are as physically required. The electric charges q_0 are moved in and are partly drawn from the earth through the ground connection of the CRT.

In our model the charge distribution q_0 is located at the same place as the dipole distribution, viz., on the plane $z=0$ within the circle with radius R of the screen, the electric field due to the monopole distribution q_0 is calculated in the following manner. As discussed, the monopoles induce a potential ϕ_0 that is equal to $V(r)/2$ over the disc with radius R centered in the plane $z=0$. Although the charge distribution $q_0(r)$ is uniquely determined, it cannot be calculated easily in a straightforward manner. The difficulty is circumvented by using an intermediate result derived from Excerpts (1953), where the charge distribution over a thin disc with uniform potential is given. By using this result one readily finds the potential $\phi^*(z)$

$$\phi^*(z) = \frac{2}{\pi} V^* \beta(R_1), \quad (14)$$

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where $\beta(R_1)$ is the angle subtended by the disc radius R_1 , as viewed from the point z on the disc axis, and V^* is the disc potential. The result is used to construct the potential $\phi_0(z)$ for a disc with the nonuniform potential $V(r)/2$, by the ansatz of writing the field as due to a linear combination of discs of radii R_1 and potentials, all centered in the plane $z=0$. In the ansatz the potential on the symmetry axis is written

$$\phi_0(z) = \alpha \beta(R) + b \int_0^R \beta(R_1) dW, \quad (15)$$

$$\phi_0(z) = \alpha \beta(R) + b \int_0^R \beta(R_1) dW,$$

where W is chosen as the function $1 - R_1^2/R^2$, and the constants a and b are to be determined such that the potential over the plane $z=0$ is $V(r)$ to R , with $V(r)$ given by (11). Carrying out the integration in (15) gives

$$\phi_0(z) = \alpha \beta(R) - b \{ (1 + z^2/R^2) \beta(R) - |z|/R \}. \quad (16)$$

In order to find the potential over the disc $r < R$ in the plane $z=0$, the function $\phi_0(z)$ is expanded in powers of z/R for $0 < z < R$, whereafter the power series is continued into the half ball $r < R, z > 0$, in such a manner that the Laplace equation is satisfied. The method is due to Feshbach (1953). The "Laplace continuation" allows calculation of the potential ϕ_0 along the surface of the disc $r < R$ centered in the plane $z=0$.

potential be $V(r)/2$ with the function $V(r)$ given by (11) allows solving for the constants a and b , with the result

$$a = -V(0)/\pi, b = -2V(0)/\pi. \quad (17)$$

Using (17) in (16) gives
$$\phi_0(z) = \frac{V(0)}{\pi} \left[\left(1 + 2 \frac{z^2}{R^2}\right) \beta(R) - 2|z|/R \right], \quad (18)$$

$$\phi_0(z) = \frac{V(0)}{\pi} \left[\left(1 + 2 \frac{z^2}{R^2}\right) \beta(R) - 2|z|/R \right],$$

and by differentiation with respect to z one finally finds
$$E_0(z) = \frac{V(0)}{\pi R} \left(\frac{z}{|z|} \right) \left[4 - (R/\rho)^2 - 4\beta(R)|z|/R \right]$$

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for the electric field on the center line of the screen brought about by the charge distribution $q_0(z)$.

The center-line electric field is the sum of the part (13) due to distributed pulsed dipoles and part (19) due to distributed pulsed monopoles. screens, the results may serve as an approximation for other shapes, such as the familiar rounded rectangle, by taking R as the radius of a circle as the screen.

For two CRT-type monitors the pulsed electric field due to image intensity pulsing has been measured at several points on the screen center $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz. The monitors were the 15" computer monitor used in the sensory resonance experiments mentioned above, and a 30" TV tube. The experimental results were compared with the theory derived above. Since R is determined by the screen area, the electric fields given by (13) and (19) have as only free parameter $V(0)$ at the screen center. The amplitude of this voltage can therefore be determined for the tested monitors by fitting the experimental data. Prior to fitting, the data were normalized to an image that occupies the entire screen and is pulsed uniformly with a 100% intensity amplitude parameter fit are displayed in FIG. 18, which shows the theoretical graph **100**, together with the normalized experimental data points **103** for the 15" computer monitor and for the 30" TV tube. FIG. 18 shows that the developed theory agrees fairly well with the experimental results. From the best fit one can find pulse amplitudes. The results, normalized as discussed above, are $|V(0)|=266.2$ volt for the 15" computer monitor and $|V(0)|=310.1$ volt for the 30" TV tube. In hand, the emitted pulsed electric field along the center line of the monitors can be calculated from the sum of the fields (13) and (19). For a 15" computer monitor with 1.8% RGB pulse modulation used in the $\frac{1}{2}$ Hz sensory resonance experiments mentioned above, the pulsed electric field at $z=70$ cm on the screen center line, is calculated as having an amplitude of 0.21 V/m. That such a pulsed electric field, applied to the sensory resonance is consistent with experimental results discussed in the '874 patent.

In deriving (11), the dimensionless number $2\pi\epsilon_0 c A \eta$ was said to be much smaller than unity. Now that the values for $|V(0)|$ are known, the validity of (11) can be checked. Eq. (11) implies that $|V(0)|$ is equal to $\eta|J|/4\pi$. The sum of the beam currents in the red, green, and blue electron guns for 100% intensity modulation is 0.5 mA and 2.0 mA respectively for the 15" computer monitor and the 30" TV tube. Using the derived values for $|V(0)|$ and estimates for the screen resistivity η as 6.7 M Ω /square and 1.9 M Ω /square respectively for the 15" computer monitor and the 30" TV tube. $2\pi\epsilon_0 c A \eta$ is found to be 148×10^{-6} and 78×10^{-6} , respectively for the 15" computer monitor and the 30" TV tube. These numbers are much smaller than unity, so that the step from (10) to (11) is valid.

The following procedures were followed in preparing pulsed images for the field measurements. For the 15" computer monitor the images were generated by the VB6 program discussed above. The pulsed image comprised the full screen with basic RGB values chosen uniformly as $R=G=B=127$, with the button and a few data boxes which together take up 17% of the screen area. The image intensity was pulsed by modifying the R, G, and B value functions $\Delta R(t)$, $\Delta G(t)$, and $\Delta B(t)$, uniformly over the image, except at the button and the data boxes. The measured electric field pulse amplitude was compared with the theoretical prediction for a pulsed image that occupies all of the screen area and has 100% intensity modulation for which the image pulses between black and the maximum RGB ratios used. The image intensity depends on the RGB values in a nonlinear manner that will be discussed. For the measurements of the electric field emitted by 30" TV tube, a similar image was used as for the 15" computer monitor. This was done by playing back a camcorder recording of the image when running the VB6 program, with 40% pulse modulation of R, G, and B.

In front of the monitor, i.e., for $z > 0$, the parts (13) and (19) contribute about equally to the electric field over a practical range of distances z . Behind the monitor where z is negative the monopole field flips sign so that the two parts nearly cancel each other, and the resulting field is very small. For a CRT, errors due to imperfections in the theory are relatively large. Moreover our model, which pretends that the polarization charges are all located on the screen disc, fails to account for the electric field flux that escapes from the outer regions of the back of the screen to the earth or whatever conductive surface in the vicinity of the CRT. This flaw has relatively more serious consequences in the back than in front of the monitor.

Screen emissions in front of a CRT can be cut dramatically by using a grounded conductive transparent shield that is placed over the screen. Along the lines of our model, the shield amounts to a polarization disc in front of the screen, so that the latter is now sandwiched between two parallel plates. The shield has the pulsed potential distribution $V(r)$ of (11), but no electric flux can escape. The model may be modified by choosing the polarization disc radius ρ smaller than the screen disc, by a fraction that serves as a free parameter. The fraction may then be determined from a fit to measured field

standard deviation between experiment and theory.

In each of the electron beams of a CRT, the beam current is a nonlinear function of the driving voltage, i.e., the voltage between cathode and anode. In the normalization procedure, it was measured for the 15" computer monitor that has been used in the 1/2 Hz sensory resonance field measurements. Although the beam current density j can be determined, it is easier to measure the luminance, by reading a light meter up to the monitor screen. With the RGB values in the VB6 program taken as the same integer K , the luminance of a uniform image is proportional to K^2 . The luminance of a uniform image was measured for various values of K . The results were fitted with

$$I = c_1 K^\gamma, \quad (20)$$

where c_1 is a constant. The best fit, with 6.18% relative standard deviation, was obtained for $\gamma = 2.32$.

Screen emissions also occur for liquid crystal displays (LCD). The pulsed electric fields may have considerable amplitude for LCDs that have opposite sides of the liquid crystal cell, for passive matrix as well as for active matrix design, such as thin film technology (TFT). For in-plane switching (IPS) however, the driving electrodes are positioned in a single plane, so that the screen emission is very small. For arrangements where the electric field is closely approximated by the fringe field of a two-plate condenser, for the simple case that the image is uniform and extends over the screen with radius R , the field on the center line can be readily calculated as due to pulsed dipoles that are uniformly distributed over the screen.

$$E_d(z) = \frac{1}{2} V R^2 / (z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}, \quad (21)$$

where $E_d(z)$ is the amplitude of the pulsed electric field at a distance z from the screen and V is a voltage pulse amplitude, in which the aperture is taken into account. Eq. (21) can be used as an approximation for screens of any shape, by taking R as the radius of a circle with the same area. It applies to the case that the LCD does not have a ground connection, so that the top and bottom electrodes are at opposite potential, i.e., $V/2$.

If one set of LCD electrodes is grounded, monopoles are needed to keep these electrodes at zero potential, much as in the case of a CRT display. The situation is simpler however, as there is no charge injection by electron beams, so that the potentials on the top and bottom plates of the condenser are spatially uniform. From (14) it is seen that monopoles, distributed over the disc of radius R in the plane $z=0$ such as to provide on the disc a vertical symmetry axis a potential

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} V \beta(R).$$

Differentiating with respect to z gives the electric field on the symmetry axis

$$E_m(z) = \frac{zVR}{\pi(z^2 + R^2)^{3/2}}, \quad (23)$$

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induced by the pulsed monopoles. For an LCD with one set of electrodes grounded, the pulsed electric field for screen voltage pulse amplitude V on the center line has an amplitude that is the sum of the parts (21) and (23). The resultant electric field in the back is relatively small because the monopole field that is caused by the factor $z/|z|$. Therefore, screen emissions in front of an LCD can be kept small simply by having the ground connection.

As a check on the theory, the pulsed electric field emitted by the 3" LCD-TFT color screen of the camcorder mentioned above has been measured on the center line of the screen, ranging from 4.0 cm to 7.5 cm. The pulsed image was produced by playing back the video recording of the 15" computer monitor while running the VB6 program discussed above, for a image intensity pulse frequency of 1/2 Hz, $R=G=B=K$, modulated around $K=127$ with an intensity normalization to a uniform full screen image with 100% intensity modulation by using the nonlinear relation (20), the experimental data were that expresses the sum of the fields (21) and (23). The effective screen pulse voltage amplitude V was found to be 2.1 volt. The relative standard deviation is 5.1%, which shows that theory and experiment are in fairly good agreement.

Certain monitors can cause excitation of sensory resonances even when the pulsing of displayed images is subliminal, i.e., unnoticed by the viewer. In checking this condition on a computer monitor, a problem arises because of the rounding of RGB values to integers, as occurs in the VB6 program. The amplitude of the sine wave is thereby distorted into a square wave, which is easier to spot. This problem is alleviated somewhat by choosing Δ such that the 8 rounded sine functions around the unit circle, multiplied with the pulse amplitude $\Delta B=2$ become the sequence 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, -1, -2, -1, -2, -1, -1, 2, 1, 2, 1, to the eye than a square wave. Using the VB6 program and the 15" computer monitor mentioned above with $R=71$, $G=71$, and $B=233$, a 1/2 Hz image with amplitudes $\Delta R=\Delta G=0$ and $\Delta B=2$ could not be noticed by the subject, and is therefore considered subliminal. It is of interest to calculate the electric field and conduct a sensory resonance experiment as well. A distance $z=60$ cm was chosen for the calculation and the experiment. Using Eq. (20) the modulation for the case is found to be 1.0% of the maximum intensity modulation. Using $R=13.83$ cm together with $|V(0)|=266.2$ V for the 15" theoretical graph 100 of FIG. 18, the pulsed electric field at $z=60$ cm was found to have an amplitude of 138 mV/m. In view of the experimental results of '874 and '922 patents, such a field, used at a pulse frequency chosen appropriately for the 1/2 Hz sensory resonance and applied predominantly to the red channel, is sufficient for exciting the 1/2 Hz sensory resonance. A confirmation experiment was done by running the VB6 program with the discussed

The center of the subject's face was positioned on the screen center line, at a distance of 60 cm from the screen. A frequency sweep of -0.1 with an initial pulse frequency of 34 ppm. Full ptosis was experienced by the subject at 20 minutes into the run, when the pulse frequency was 34 ppm. At 20 minutes into the run, the frequency sweep was reversed to +0.1% per ten cycles. Full ptosis was experienced at f=31.66 ppm. At 40 minutes into the run, the frequency sweep was set to -0.1% per ten cycles. Full ptosis occurred at f=31.44 ppm. The small differences in ptosis frequency are attributed to changes in the Background Section. It is concluded that the 1/2 Hz sensory resonance was excited in this experiment by screen emissions from a subliminal computer monitor at a distance of 60 cm. For each implementation and embodiment discussed, the image pulsing may be subliminal.

The human eye is less sensitive to changes in hue than to changes in brightness. In composite video this fact allows using a chrominance bandwidth less than the luminance bandwidth. But it also has the consequence that pulsing of the chrominance for fixed luminance allows larger pulse amplitudes in a subliminal pulse regime. Eq. (3) shows how to pulse the chrominance components R-Y and B-Y while keeping Y fixed; for the change in pixel

$$\Delta I_H = 0.491\Delta(R-Y) + 0.806\Delta(B-Y). \quad (24)$$

Luminance pulses with fixed chrominance give a change in pixel intensity

$$\Delta I_L = 3\Delta Y. \quad (25)$$

Of course, pure chrominance pulses may be combined with pure luminance pulses; an instance of such combination has been mentioned at

The subliminal region in color space needs to be explored to determine how marginally subliminal pulses ΔR , ΔG , and ΔB depend on RGB values. A condition for image pulses to be subliminal should not be phrased solely in terms of the percentage of intensity pulse amplitude. The subliminal condition considered above, where the monitor is driven by a VB6 computer program with R=G=71, B=233, and $\Delta R=\Delta G=0$, $\Delta B=2$ for full-screen images is "standard subliminal image pulsing".

In the interest of the public we need to know the viewing distances at which a TV with subliminally pulsed images can cause excitation of sensory resonance. An exploration is reported here which may serve as starting point for further work. The exploration is limited to estimating the largest distance z_{max} of the 30" TV at which screen emissions can excite the 1/2 Hz resonance, as determined by the ptosis test. The TV is to display an image which is subliminally pulsed as defined above. It would be best to perform this test with the 30" TV on which the subliminally pulsed images are produced. Since such a video was not available, the ptosis test was conducted instead with a pulsed electric field source consisting of a small grounded electrode type discussed in the '874 patent. The doublet was driven with a sinusoidal voltage of 10 V amplitude, and the center of mass of the subject was on the line of the doublet at a distance $z=z_d=323$ cm. The doublet electrodes are rectangles of 4.4 cm by 4.7 cm. At the large distance z_d there is a uniform electric field, so that the bulk effect discussed in the '874 patent comes into play, as is expected to happen also at the distance z_{max} from the 30" TV facing the "hot" electrode of the doublet, so that at the subject center the electric field was the sum of the parts (21) and (23), for positive voltage. It is important to use a sine wave, since that would be the "commercially" preferred pulse shape which allows larger pulse amplitudes without being distorted. An available sine wave generator with the required voltage was an oscillator with a rather coarse frequency control that cannot be set accurately, but was quite stable and can be measured accurately. For the experiment a pulse frequency of 0.506 Hz was accepted, although it differs considerably from the 0.5 Hz frequency for this case. The subject experienced several ptosis cycles of moderate intensity, starting 8 minutes into the experiment run. It is concluded that sensory resonance was excited, and that the stimulating field was close to the weakest field capable of excitation. From Eqs. (21) and (23), the electric field amplitude at the center of mass of the subject was found to be 7.9 mV/m. That an electric field with such a small pulse amplitude, applied to the subject, is of exciting the 1/2 Hz sensory resonance is consistent with experimental results reported in the '874 patent, although these were obtained for a distance z_{max} was determined at which the 30" TV tube with 1% image intensity pulse amplitude produces an electric field with a pulse amplitude of 7.9 mV/m at the center line of the screen. From Eqs. (13) and (19) one finds $z_{max}=362.9$ cm. At more than 11 feet, this is a rather large distance for viewing a TV. The experiment and theory discussed show that the 1/2 Hz sensory resonance can be excited at this large distance, by pulsing the image intensity. Excitation occurs as well for a range of smaller viewing distances. It is thus apparent that the human nervous system can be manipulated by subliminal TV image pulses.

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The invention is not limited by the embodiments shown in the drawings and described in the specification, which are given by way of example only in accordance with the scope of the appended claims.

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■ modifying		claims,abstract,description
■ sensory		claims,abstract,description
■ computer program		claims,abstract,description
■ method		claims,description
■ composite material		claims,description
■ Skin		abstract,description
■ stimulation		abstract,description
■ excitation		abstract,description
■ physiological effect		abstract,description
■ response		abstract,description

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