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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
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SYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY**

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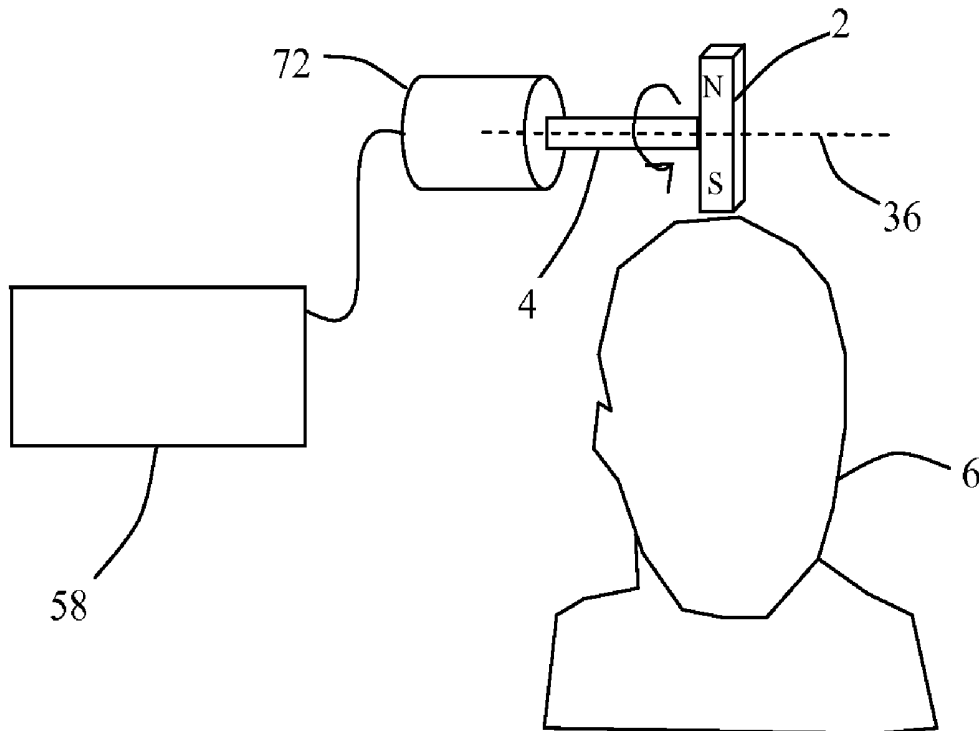
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Described are methods, devices, and systems for a novel, inexpensive, easy to use therapy for treatment of coma, post-traumatic stress disorder, Parkinson's disease, cognitive performance, and/or amblyopia. Described are methods and devices to treat coma, post-traumatic stress disorder, Parkinson's disease, cognitive performance, and/or amblyopia that involves no medication. Methods and devices described herein use alternating magnetic fields to gently "tune" the brain and affect symptoms of coma, post-traumatic stress disorder, Parkinson's disease, cognitive performance, and/or amblyopia.



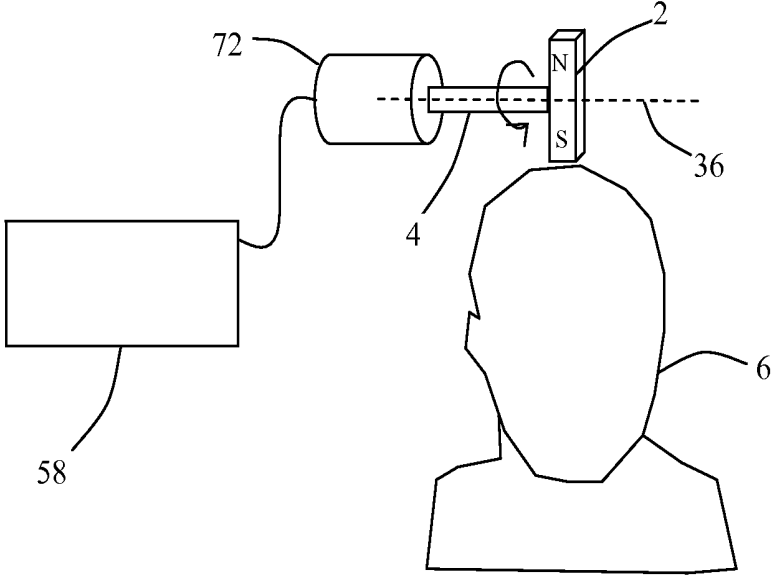


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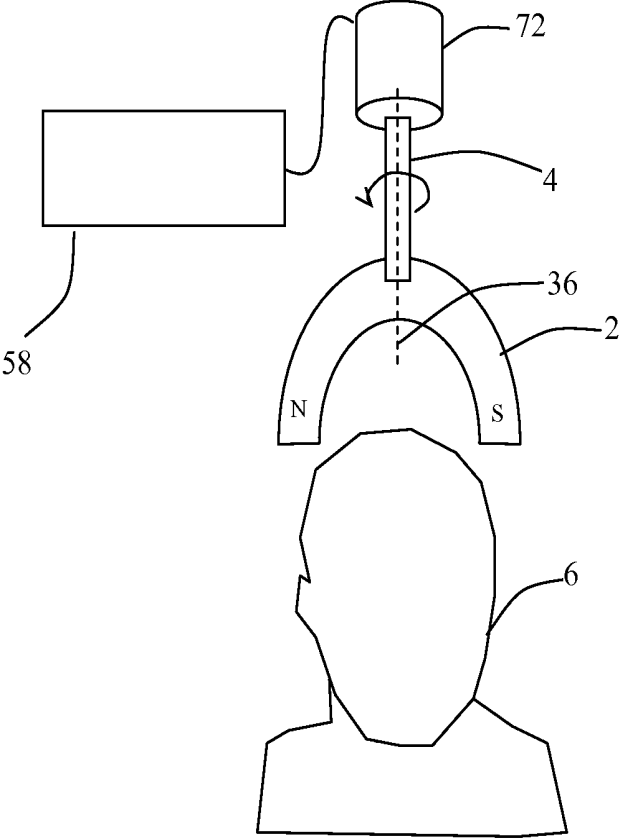


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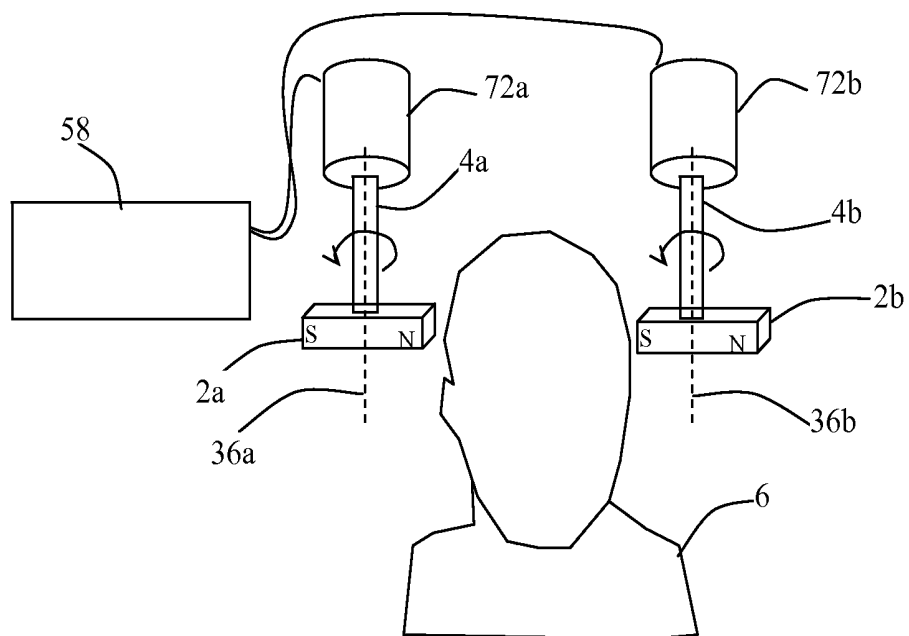


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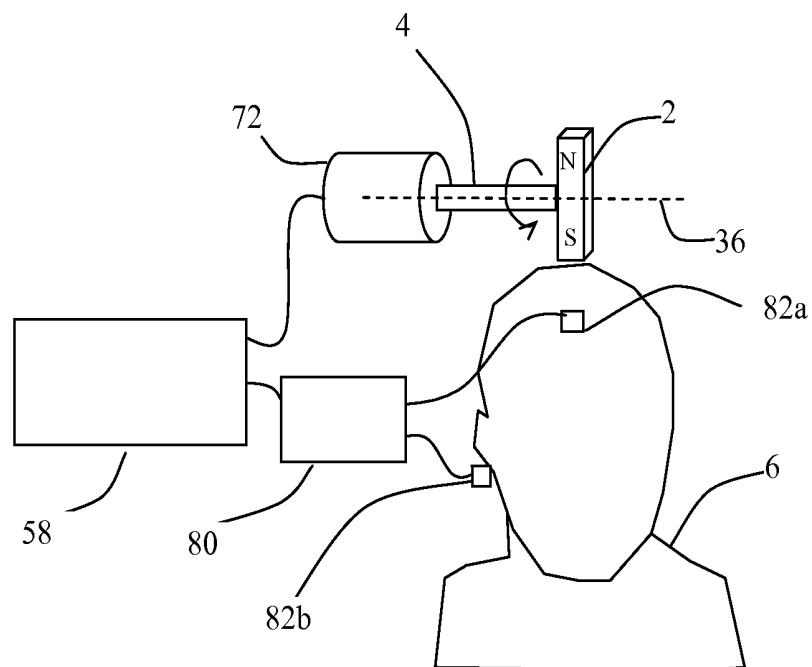


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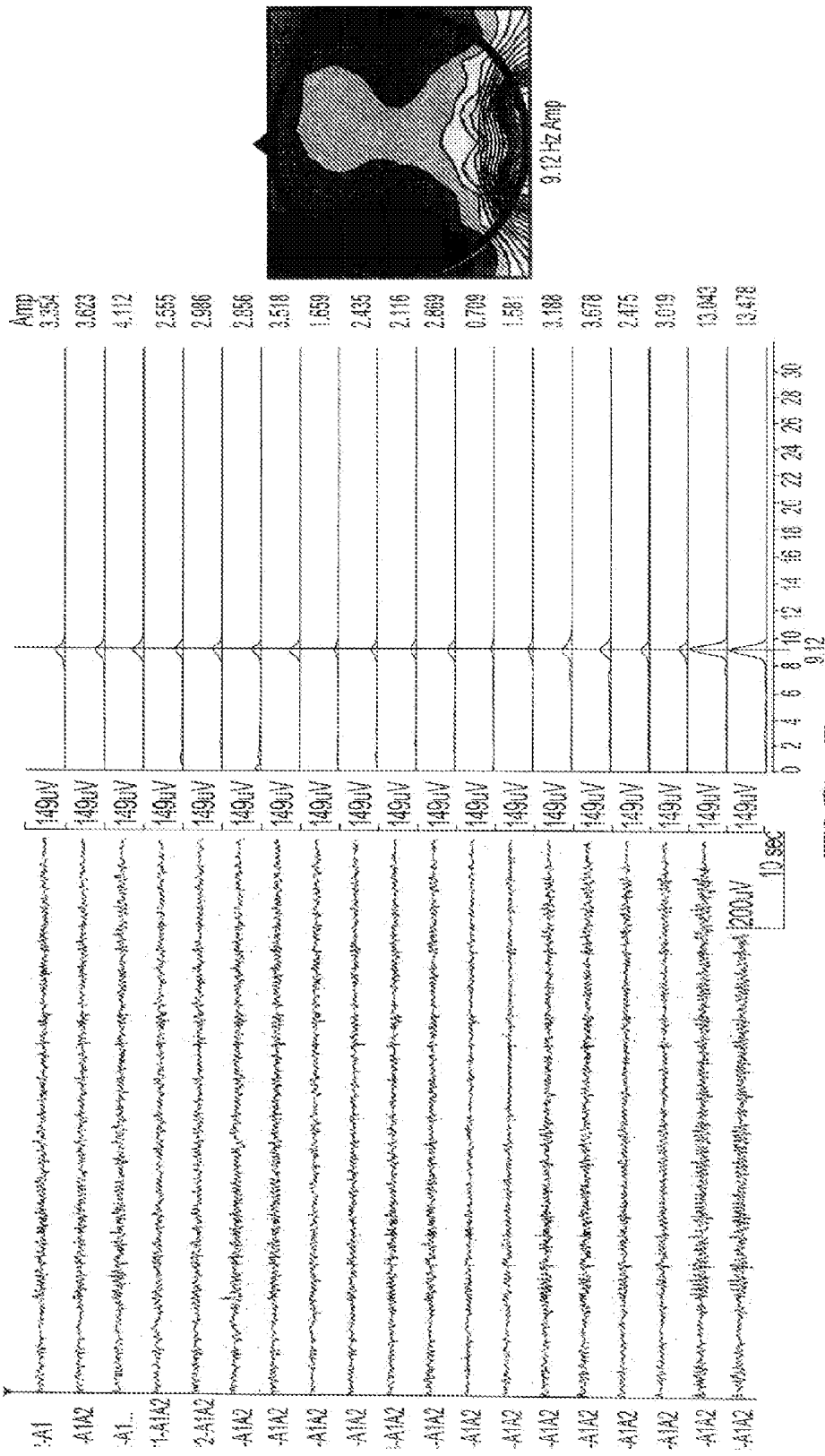


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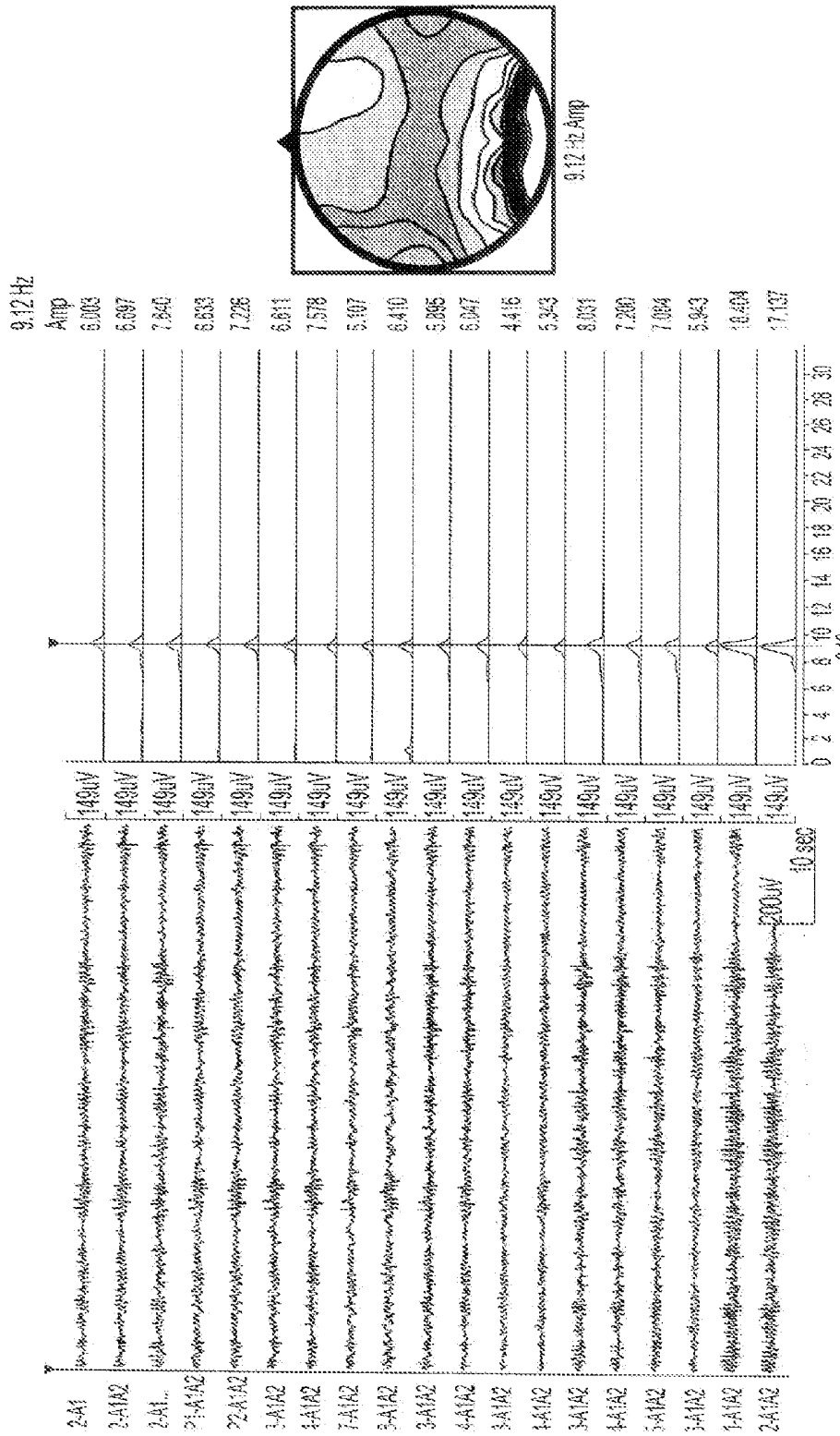


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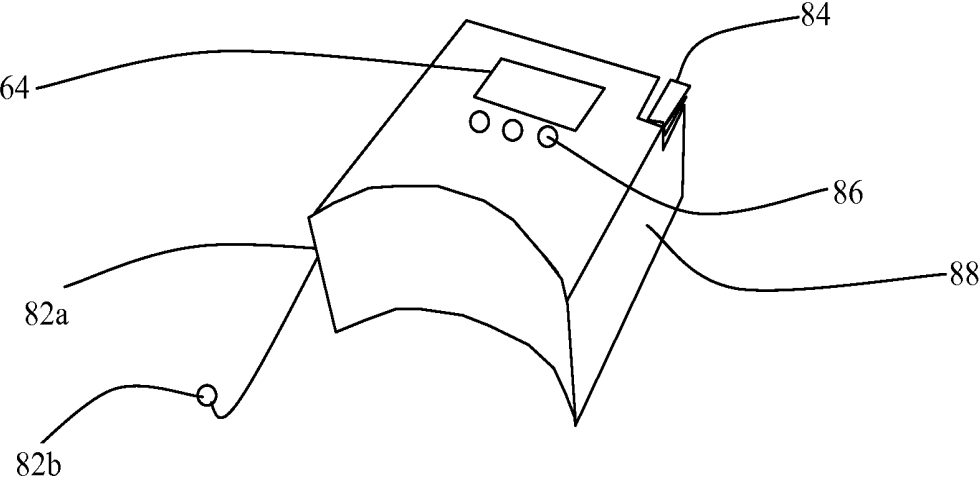


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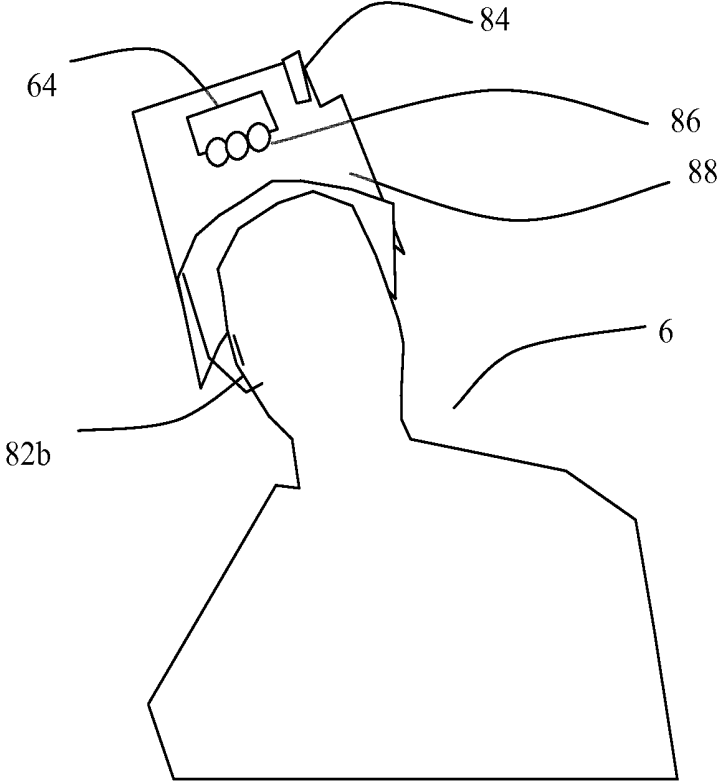


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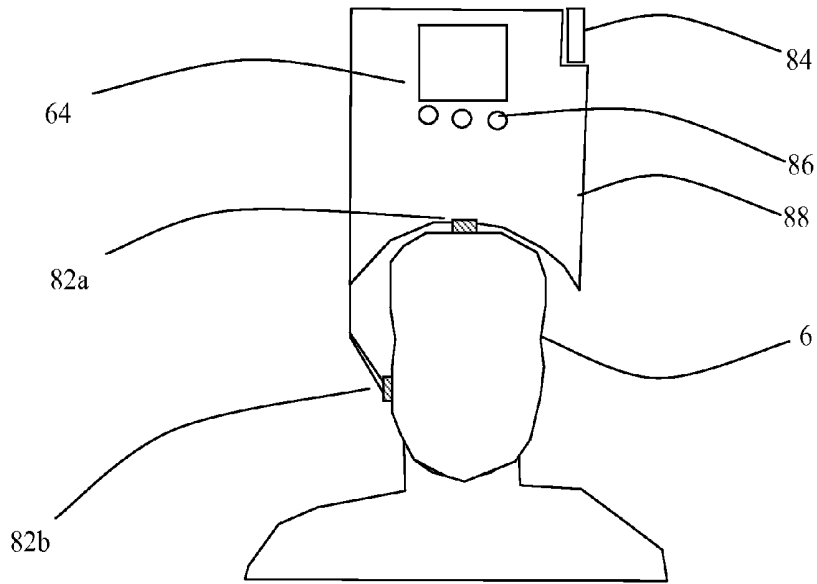


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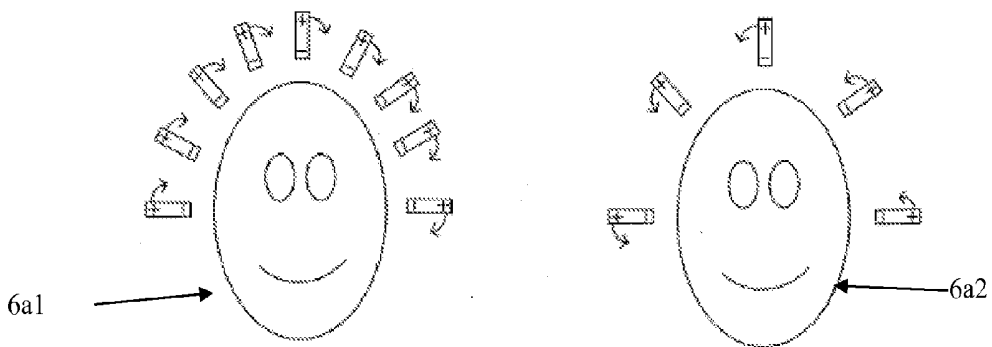
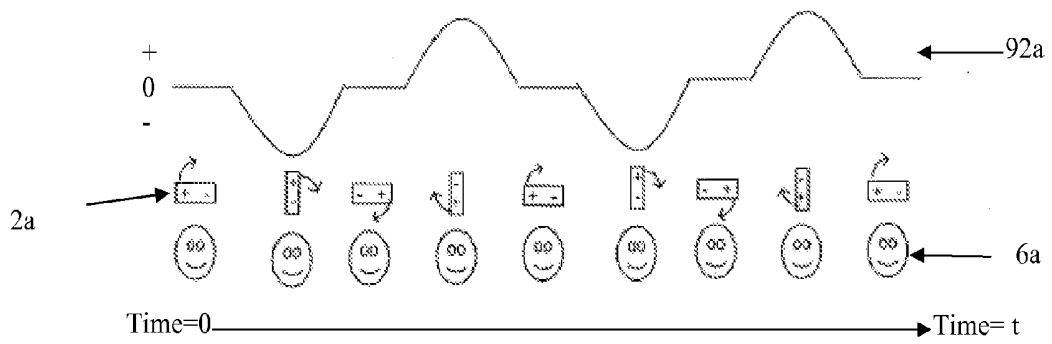


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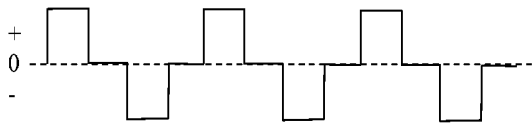


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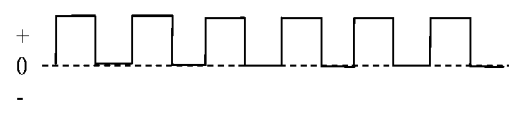


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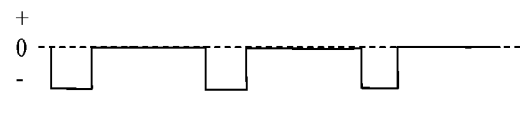


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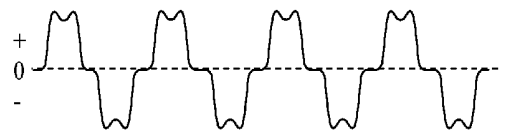


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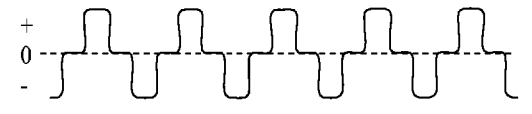


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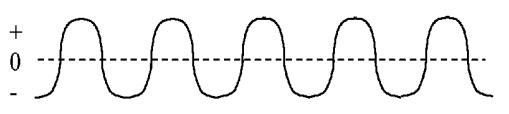


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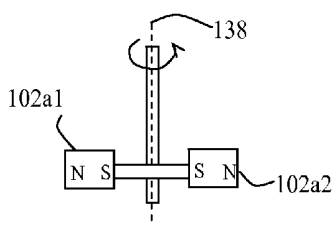


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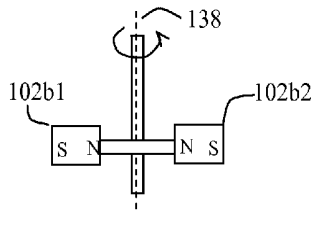


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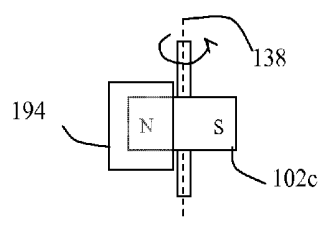


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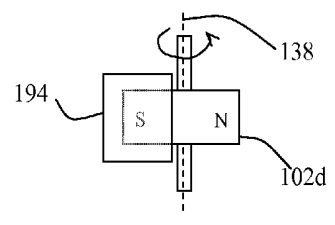


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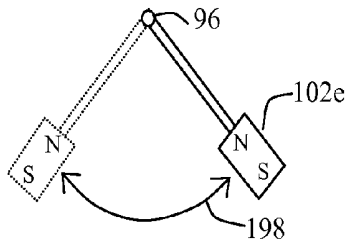


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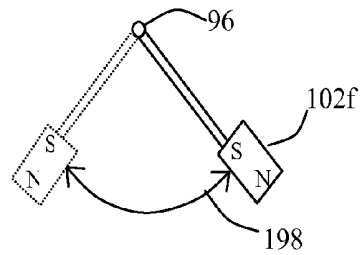


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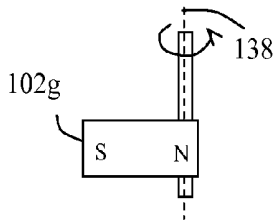


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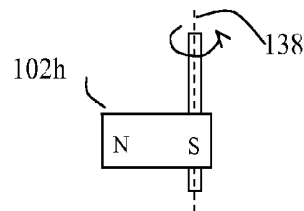


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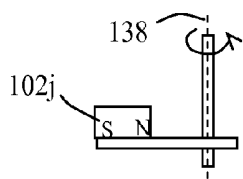


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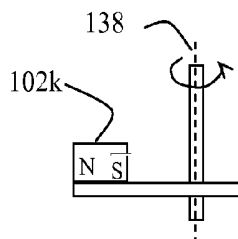


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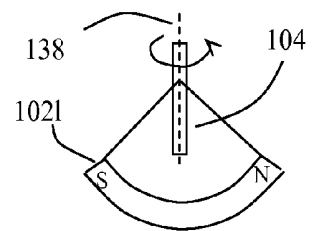


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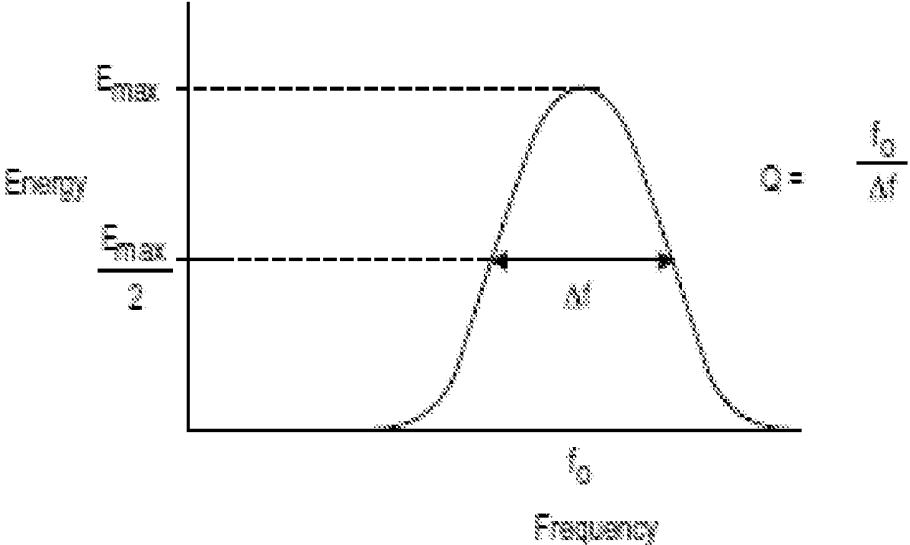


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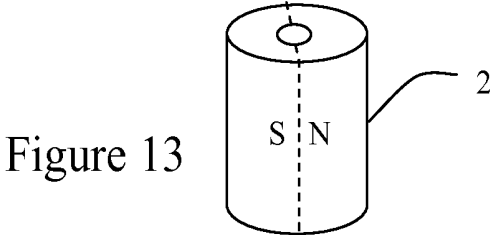


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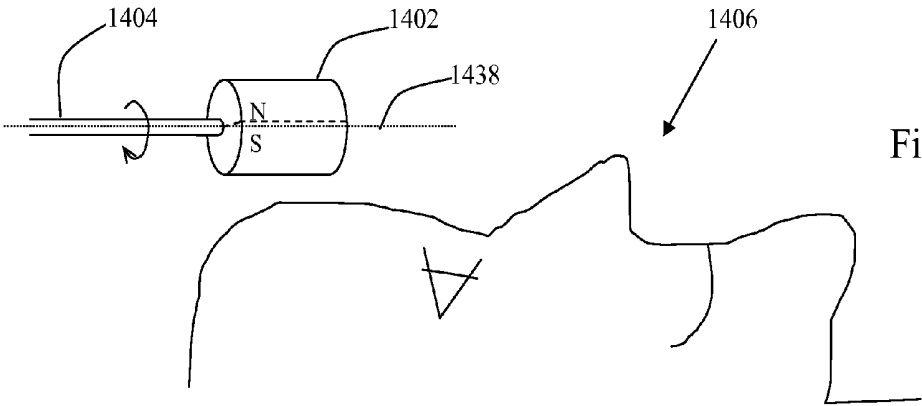


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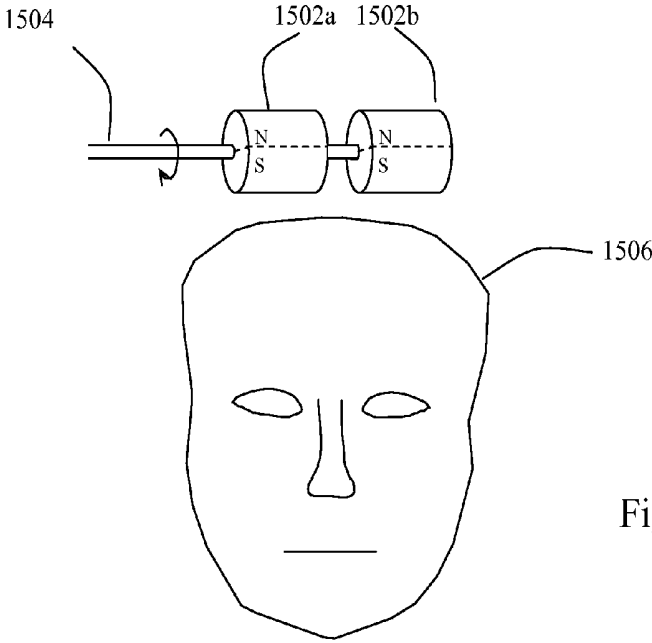


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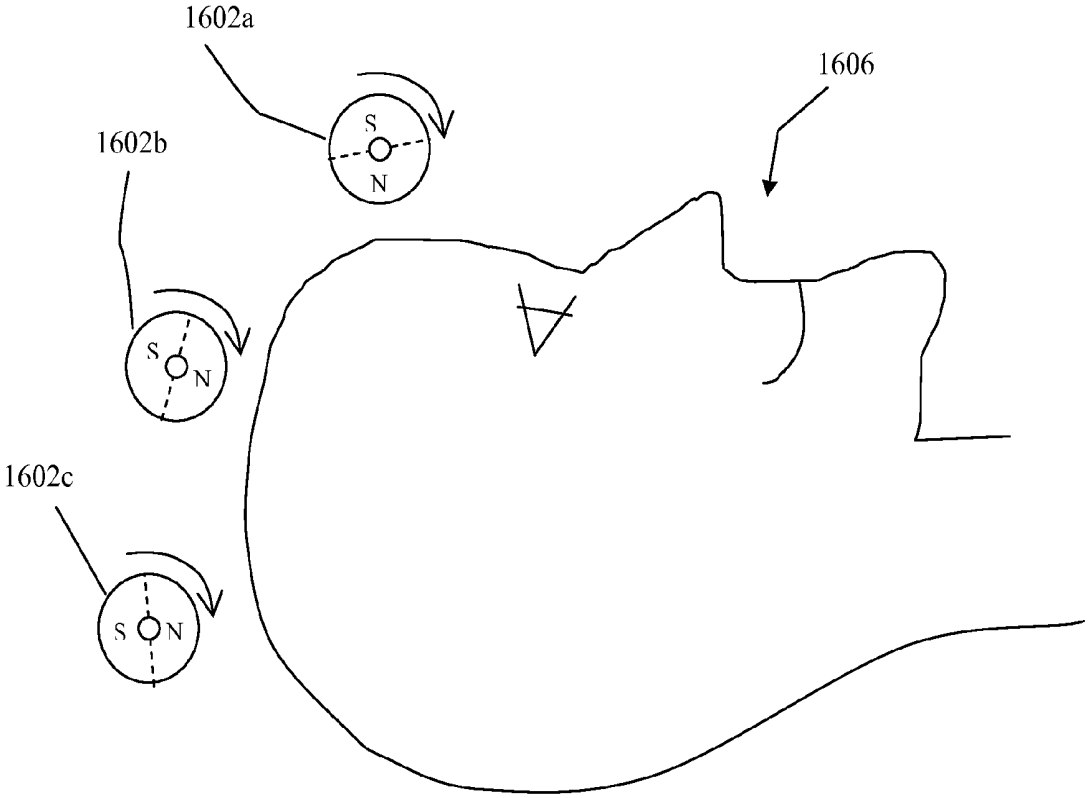


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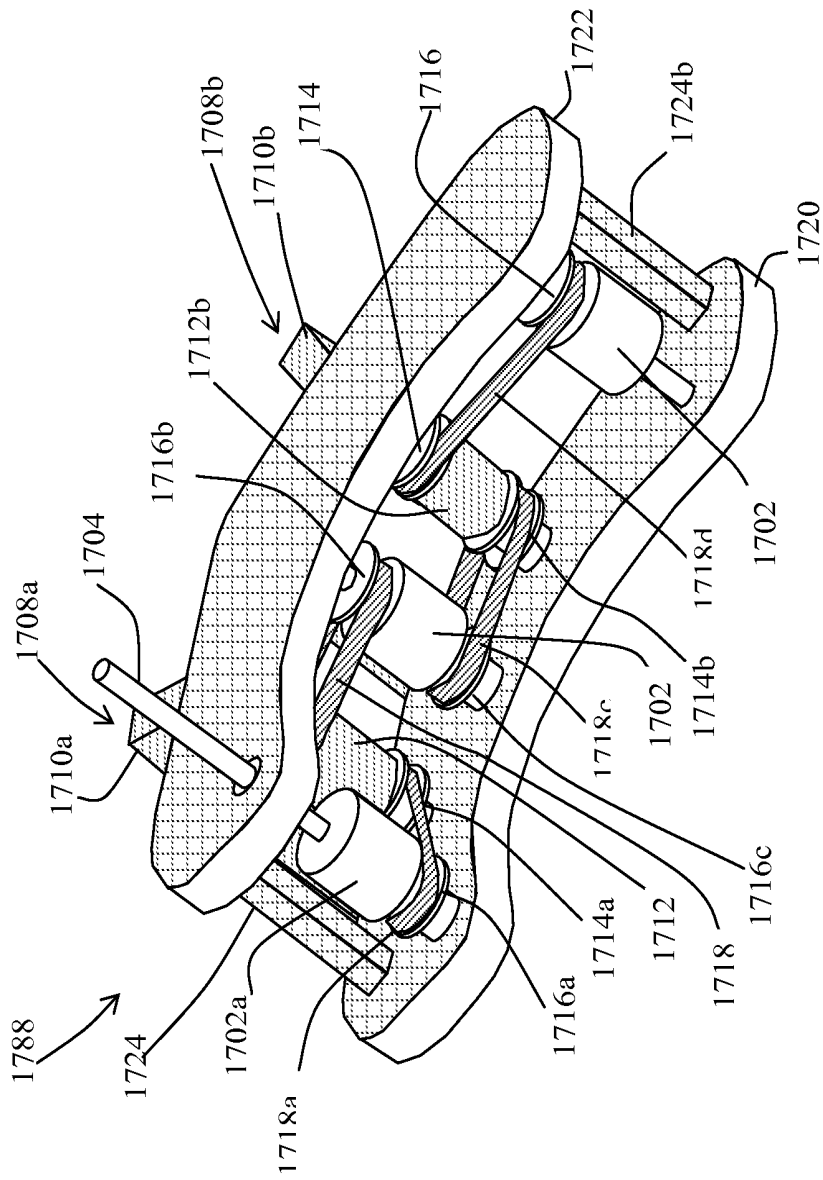


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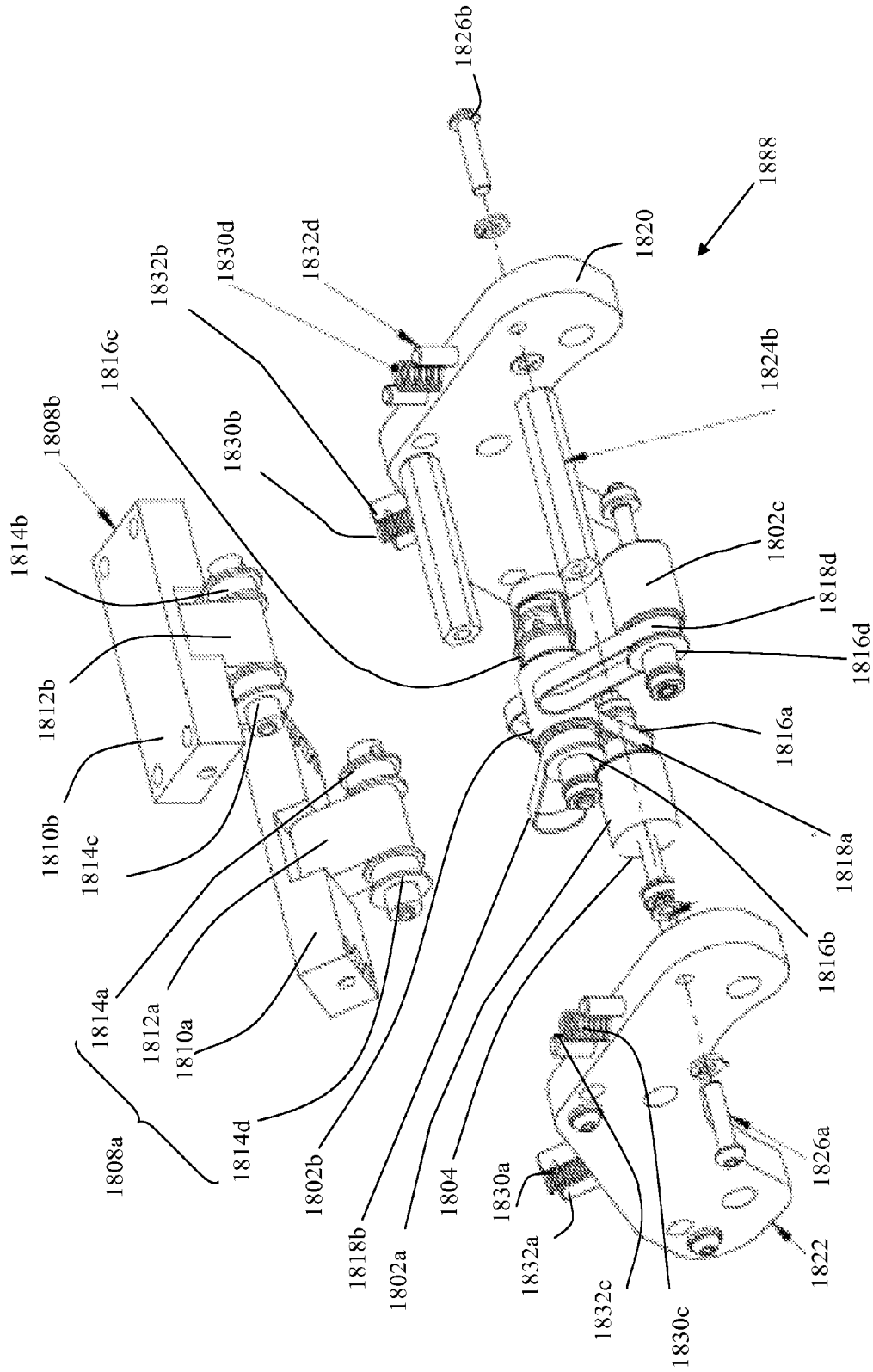


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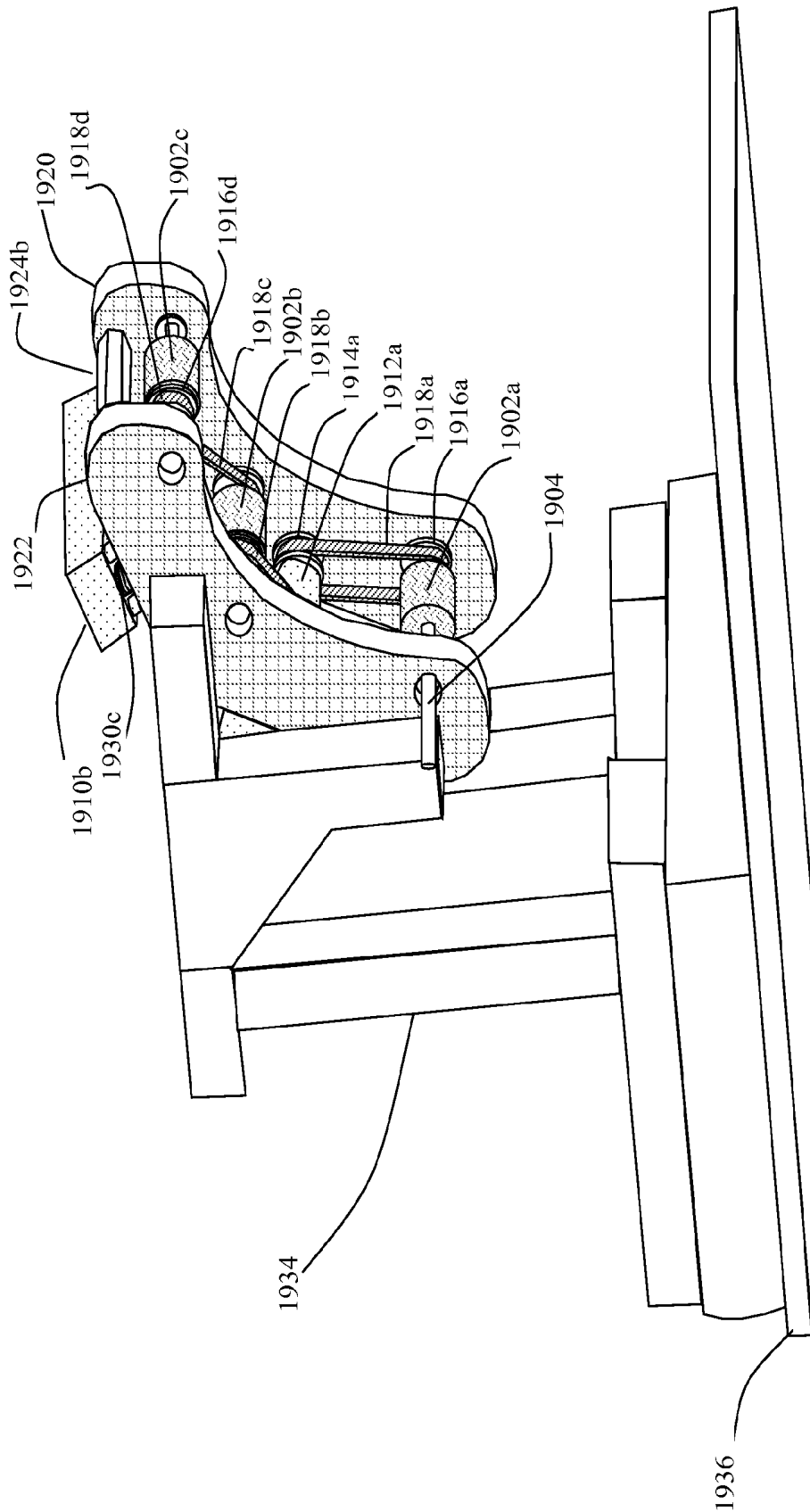
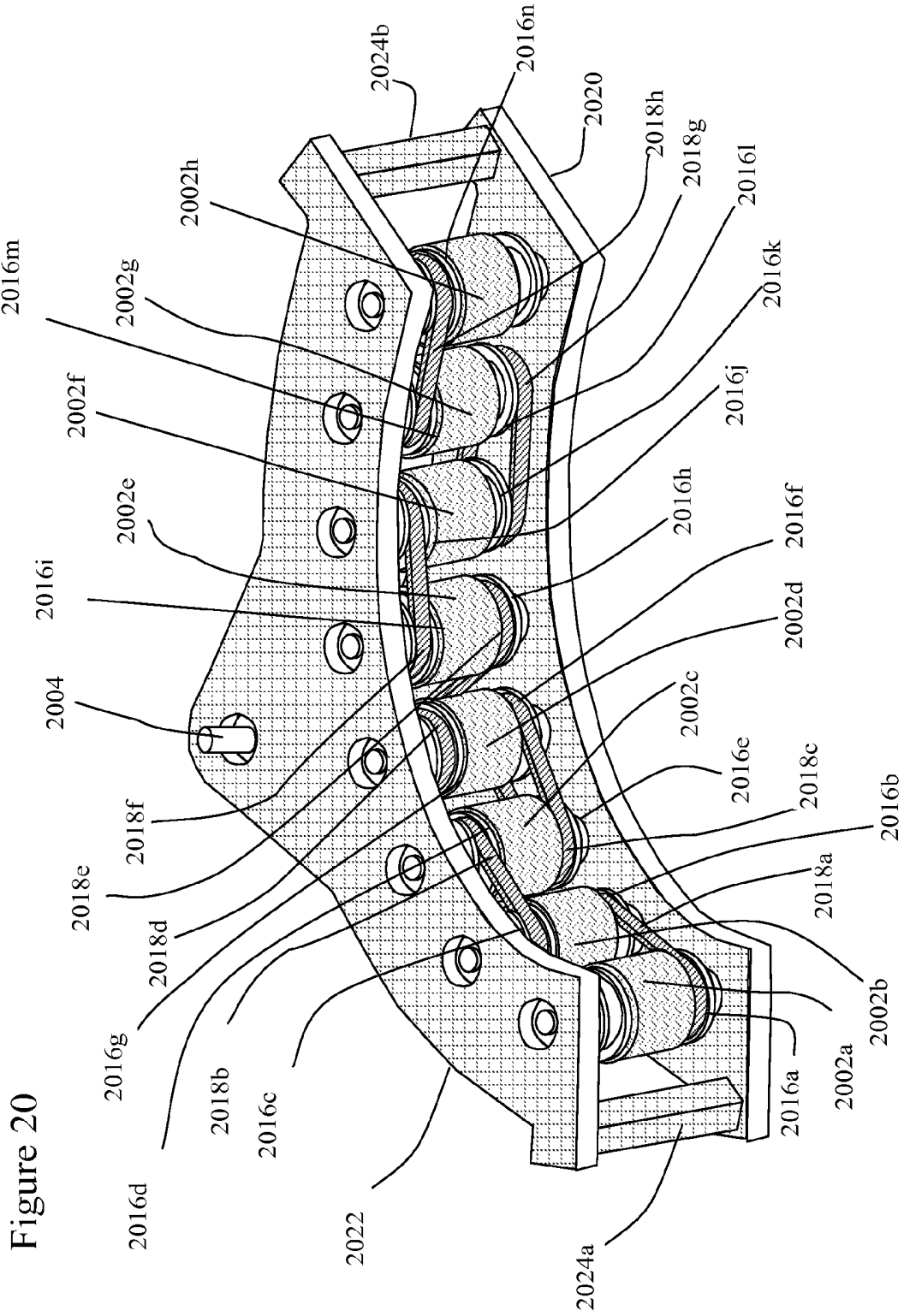


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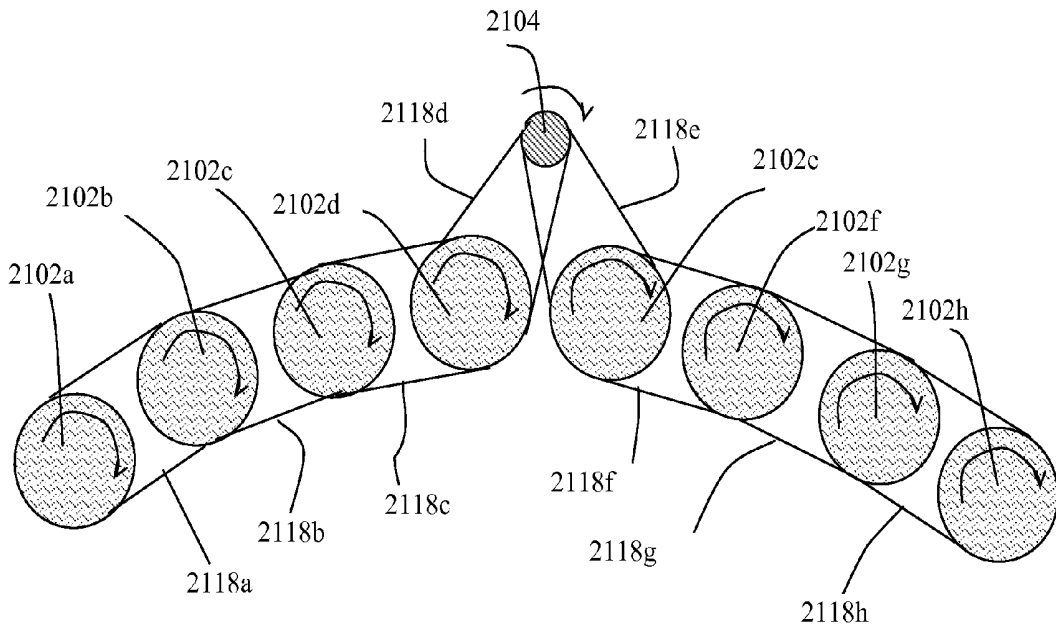


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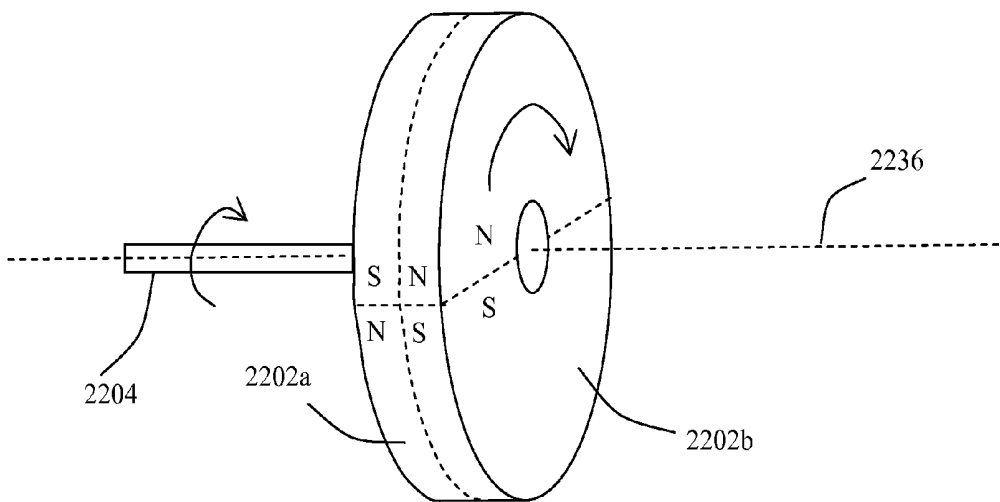


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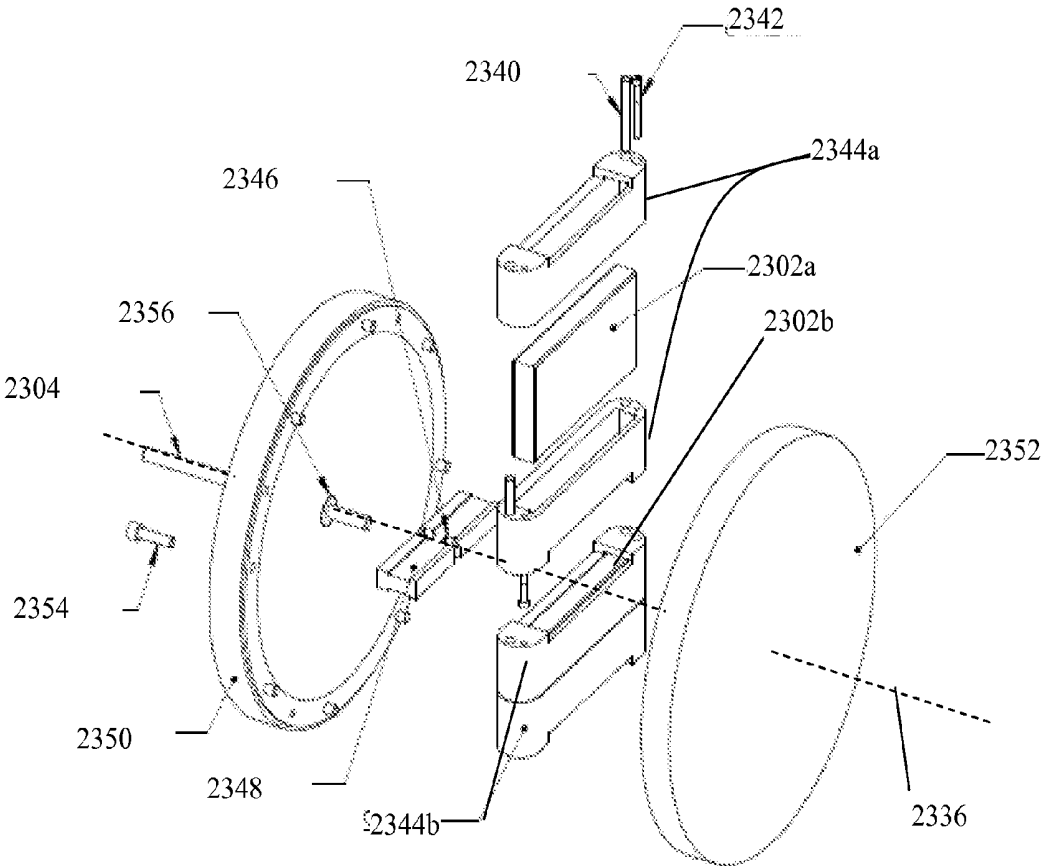


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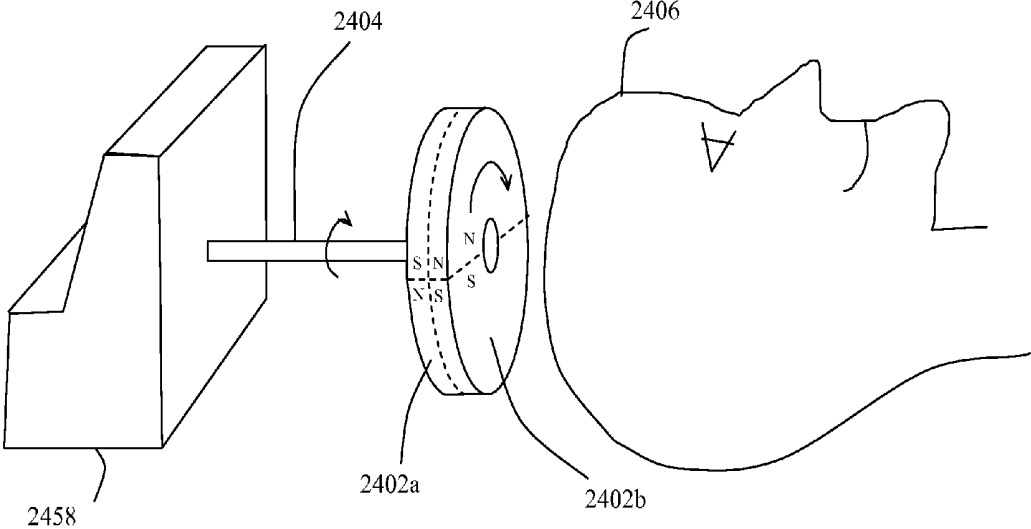
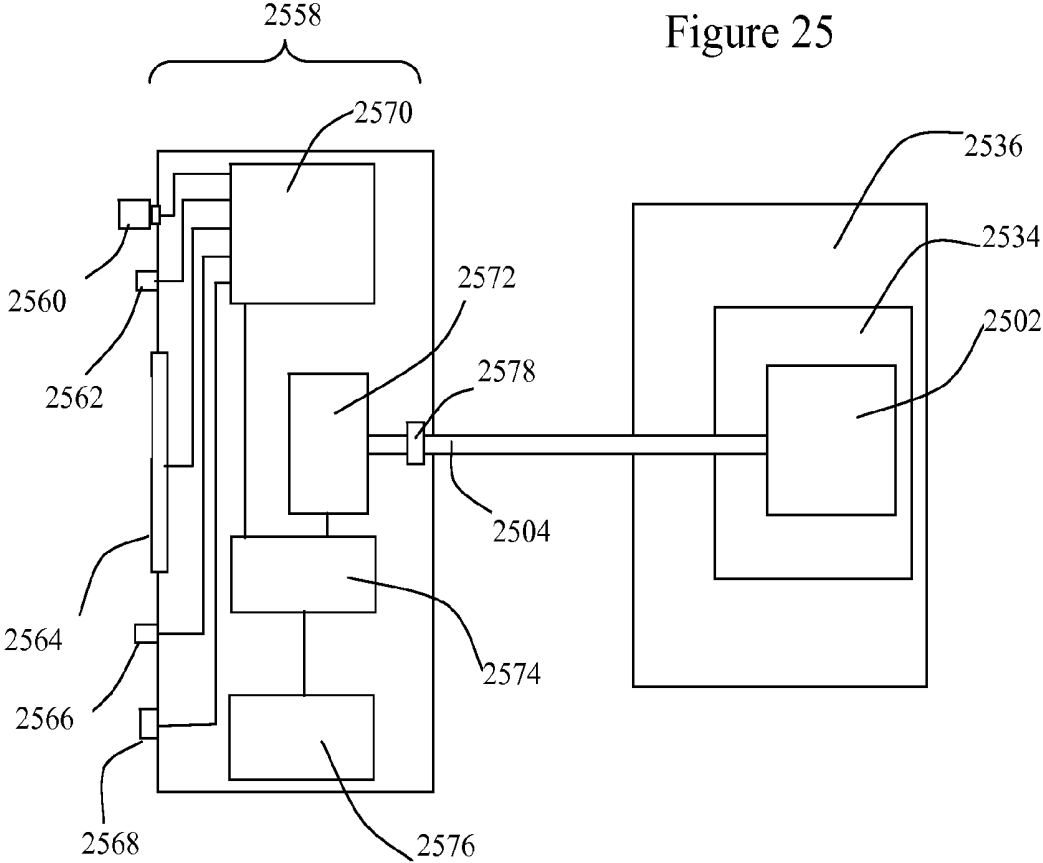


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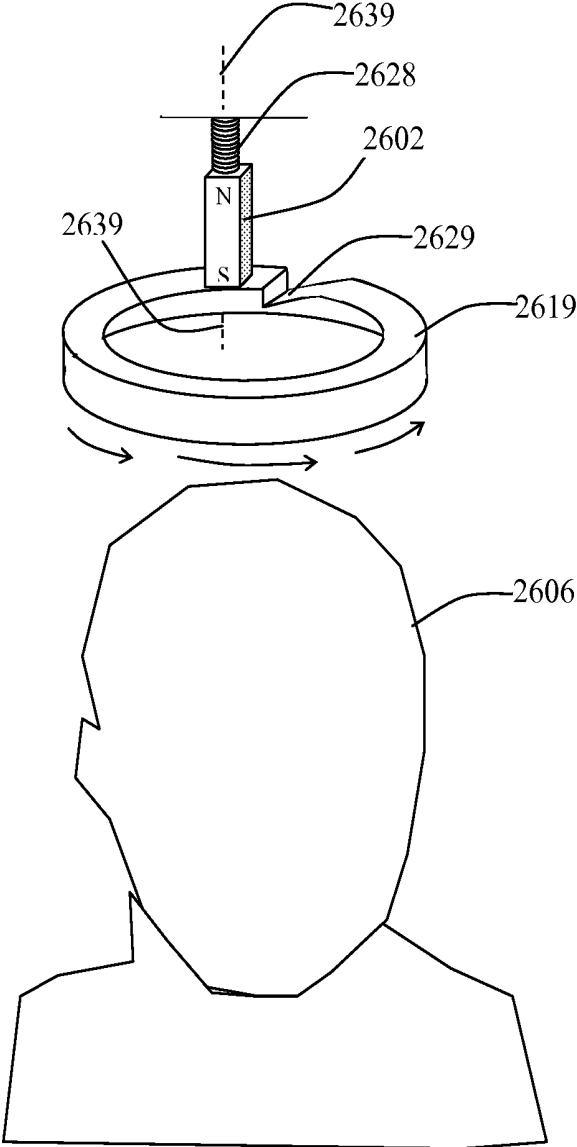


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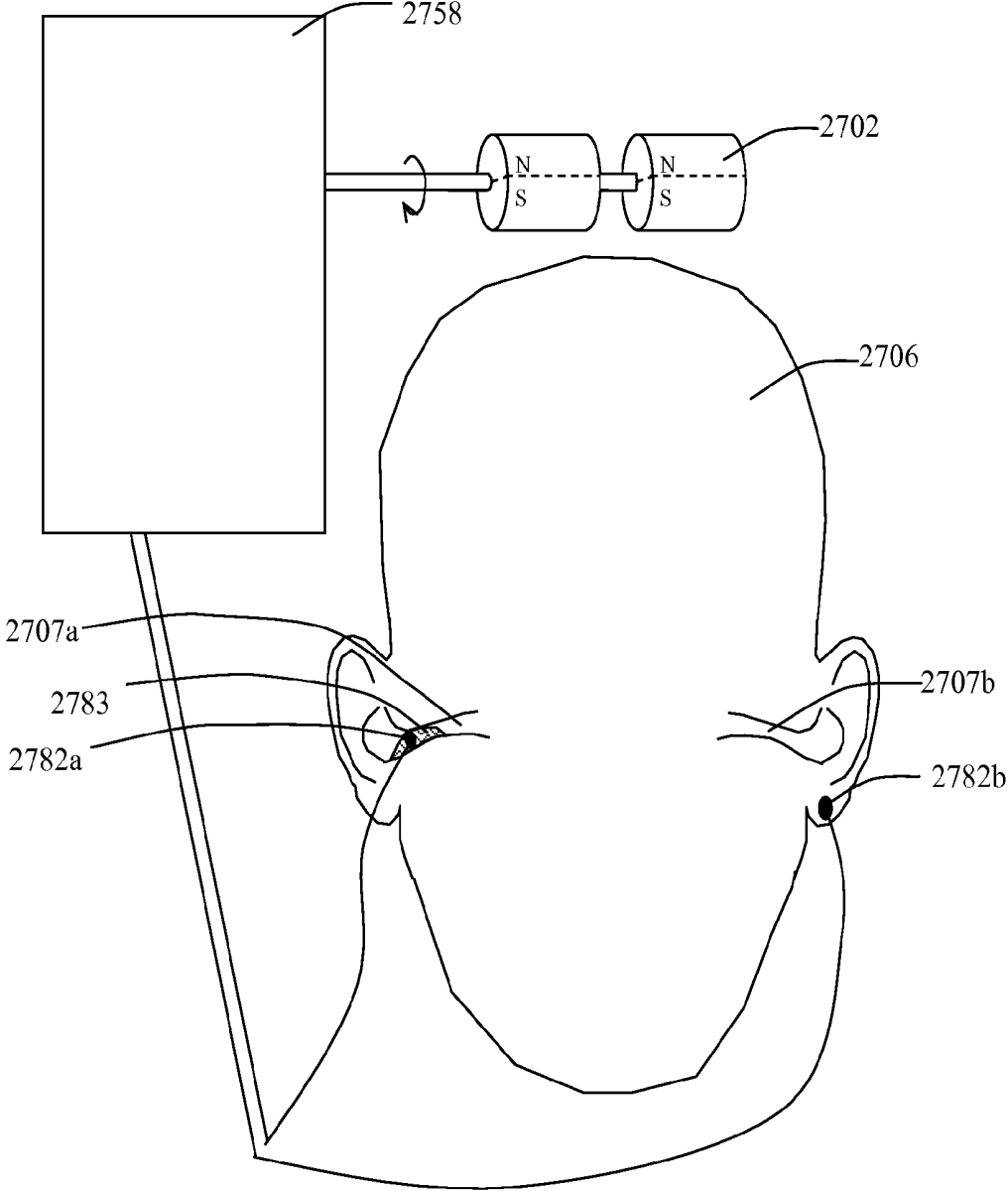


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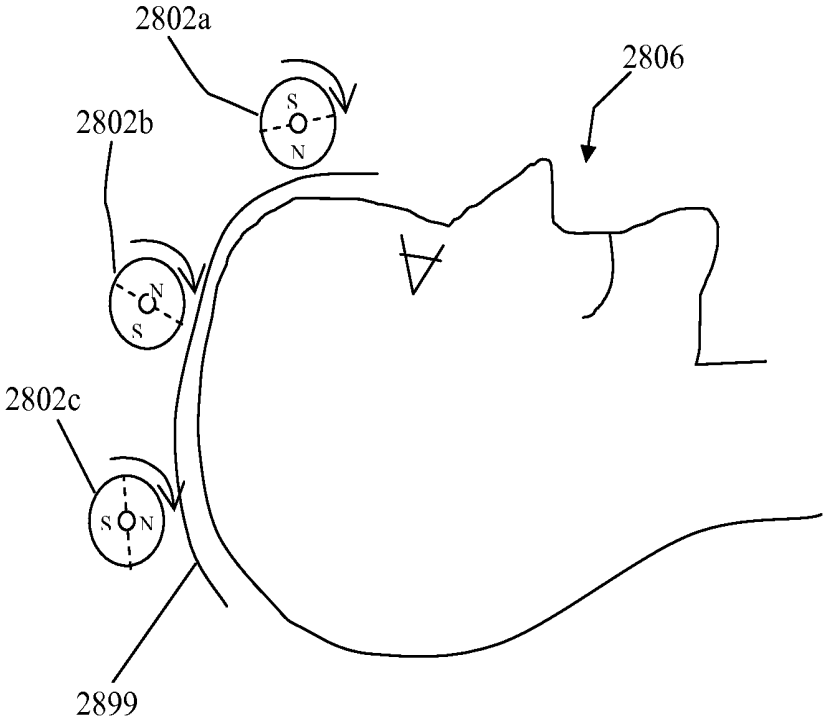


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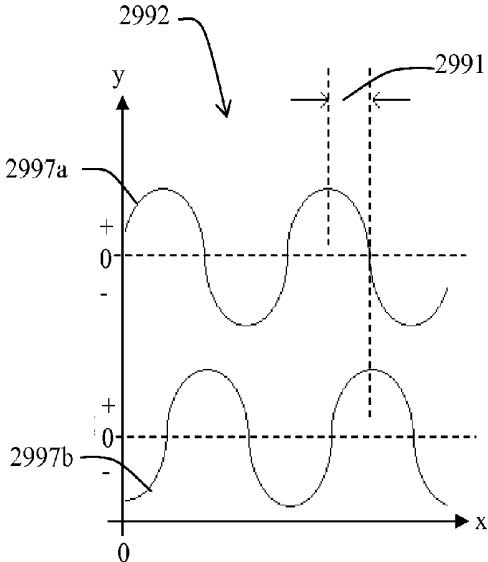


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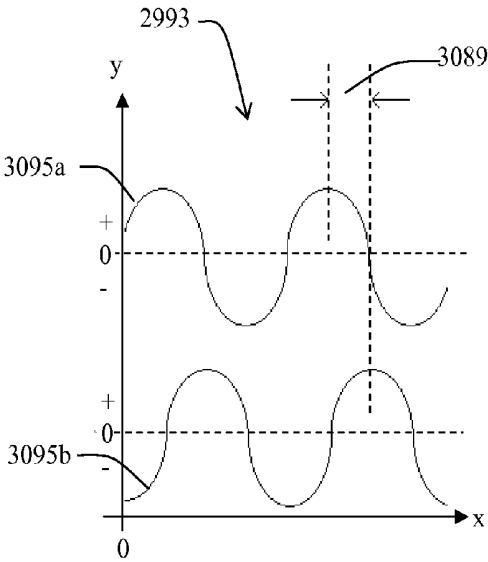


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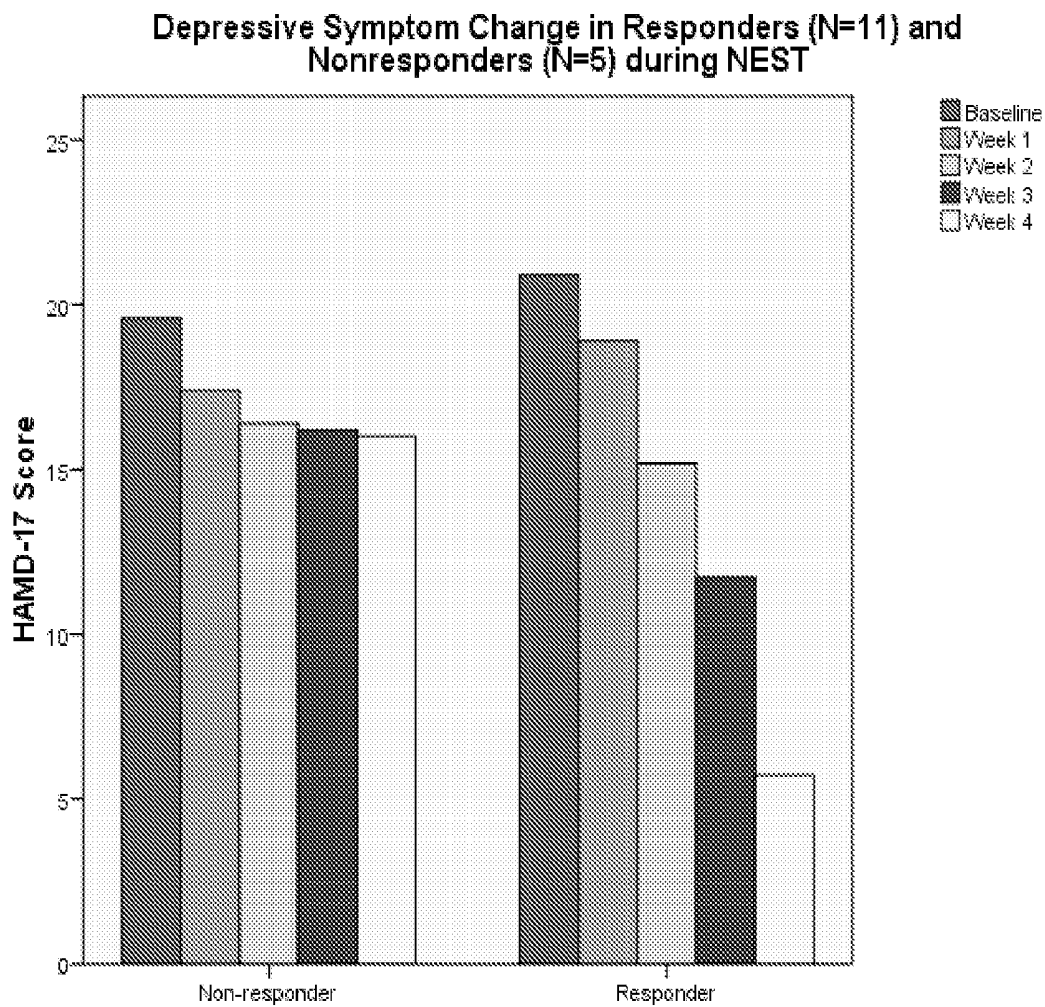


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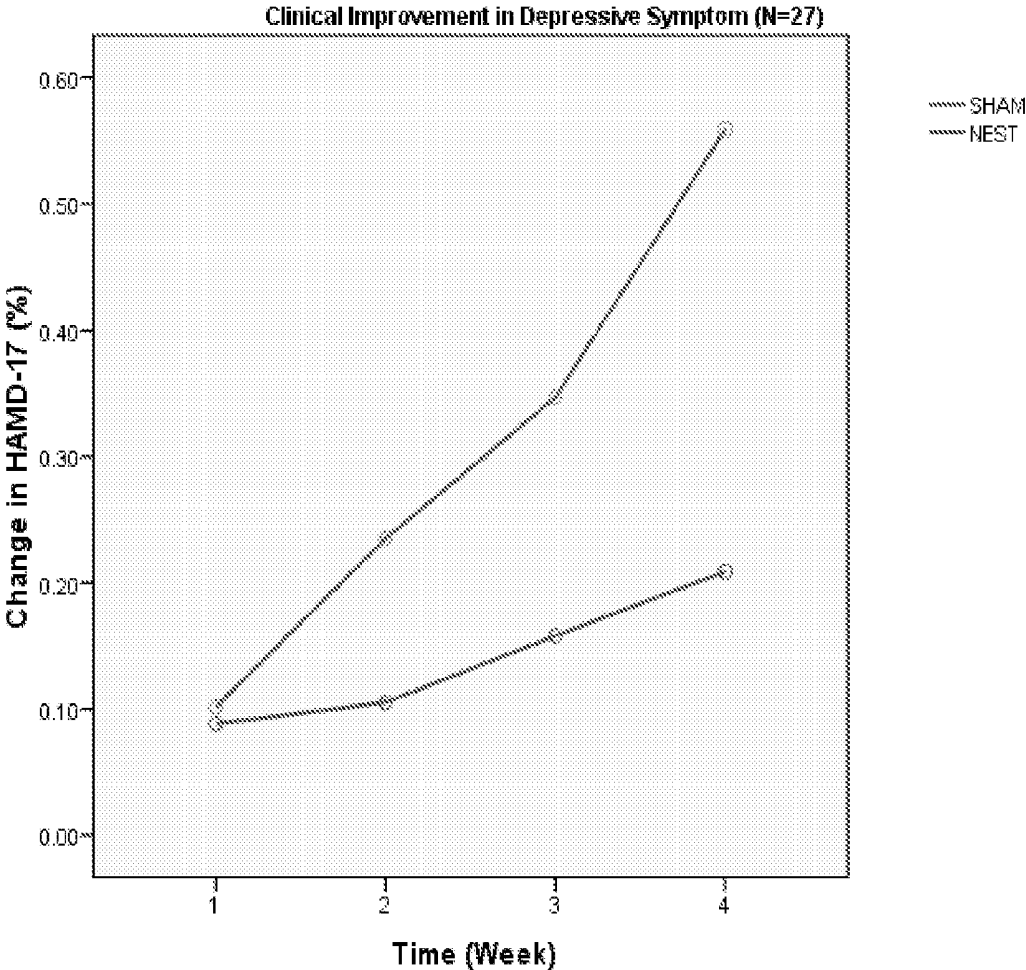


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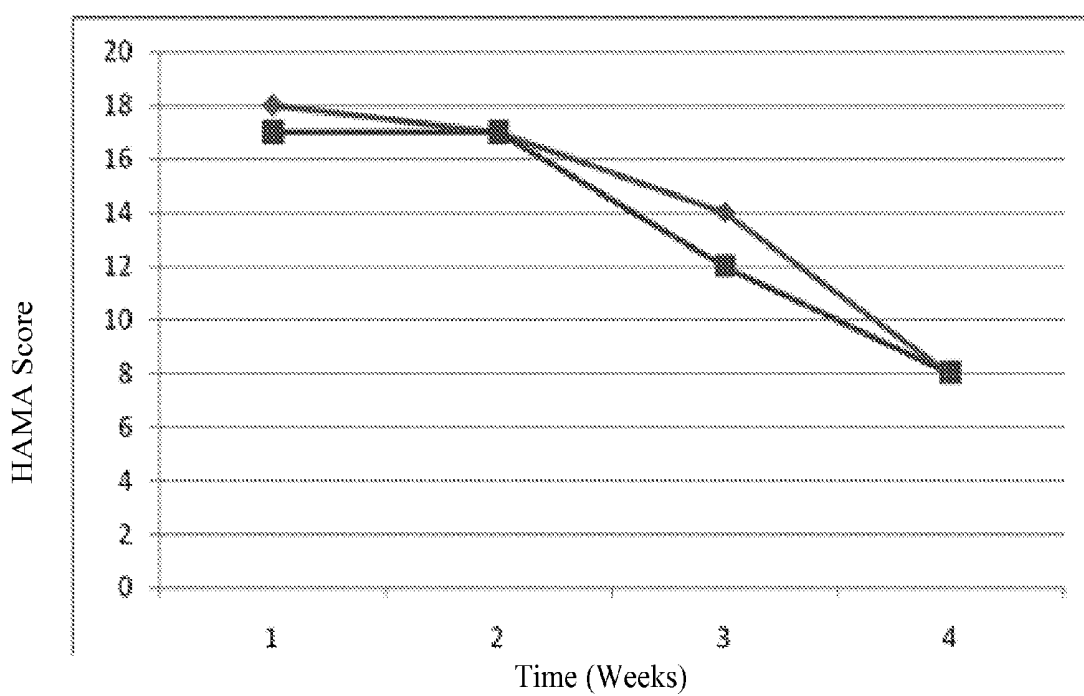


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**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
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SYNCHRONIZATION THERAPY**

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATIONS AND CLAIM TO PRIORITY**

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/893,171, filed May 13, 2013, entitled “systems and methods for modulating the electrical activity of a brain using neuro-EEG synchronization therapy”, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/850,547, filed Aug. 4, 2010, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional patent application Ser. No. 61/231,928, filed Aug. 6, 2009, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] A neurological disorder generates serious problems for the affected subjects, their families, and society. Currently, psychiatrists and neurophysiologists treat these disorders with a variety of medications, many of which have significant negative side effects.

[0003] Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) uses an electromagnet placed on the scalp that generates a series of magnetic field pulses roughly the strength of an MRI scan. Some studies have shown that rTMS can reduce the negative symptoms of schizophrenia and depression under certain circumstances. To generate low frequency magnetic field pulses using an electromagnet such as in rTMS requires high current. Over time, this high current results in significant heat that must be actively dissipated.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0004] Described herein, in certain embodiments, are methods and systems for modulating the electrical activity of a brain. Described are methods and devices for modulating the electrical activity of a brain that involve no medication. Methods and devices described herein gently “tune” the brain and affect mood, focus, and cognition of human subjects. Methods and devices described herein gently “tune” the brain and affect mood, focus, and cognition of subjects.

[0005] In one aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject toward a target intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0006] In another aspect are methods of altering an intrinsic frequency of a brain of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) determining the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band; (b) comparing the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average intrinsic frequency of a control group; (c) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting down the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject; and (d) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than

the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting up the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia or Parkinson’s disease).

[0007] In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor, a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band, of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0008] In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band of the subject; comparing the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning down the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a plurality of frequencies or with a single target frequency close to a head of the subject; and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning up the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a target frequency to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia, or Parkinson’s disease).

[0009] In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject

[0010] In another aspect are methods adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value comprising: determining the coherence value of the intrinsic frequencies among multiple locations throughout a scalp of the subject; comparing the coherence value from step (a) to an average coherence value of a control group; if the coherence value from step (a) is higher than the average coherence value of the control group, lowering the coherence value of the subject by applying at least two asynchronous magnetic fields close to a head of the subject; if the coherence value from step (a) is lower than the average coherence value of the control group, raising the coherence value of the subject by applying at least one synchronized magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having

a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia, or Parkinson's disease).

[0011] In another aspect are methods of using a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device for influencing an intrinsic frequency of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing EEG frequency, Q-factor, or coherence by repetitive firing of a magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject;

[0012] In some embodiments, a method is provided for treating post traumatic stress disorder in a subject, comprising tuning the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein the magnetic field comprises at least one of (a) a single frequency; (b) a plurality of frequencies within a specified EEG band; and (c) an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to treat post traumatic stress disorder.

[0013] In some embodiments, a method is provided for treating coma in a subject (and/or treating a subject in a coma), comprising tuning the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein the magnetic field comprises at least one of (a) a single frequency; (b) a plurality of frequencies within a specified EEG band; and (c) an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to treat coma.

[0014] In some embodiments, a method is provided for treating amblyopia in a subject, comprising tuning the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein the magnetic field comprises at least one of (a) a single frequency; (b) a plurality of frequencies within a specified EEG band; and (c) an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to treat amblyopia.

[0015] In some embodiments, a method is provided for treating Parkinson's Disease in a subject, comprising adjusting an intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein the magnetic field comprises at least one of (a) a single frequency; (b) a plurality of frequencies within a specified EEG band; and (c) an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to treat Parkinson's Disease.

[0016] In some embodiments, a method is provided for improving performance in a subject, comprising tuning the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein the magnetic field comprises at least one of (a) a single frequency; (b) a plurality of frequencies within a specified EEG band; and (c) an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to improve performance. In some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to improve military performance. In some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to improve athletic performance. In

some embodiments, any of the devices described herein may be used to improve academic performance.

[0017] In another aspect are methods for modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG phase of the specified EEG frequency; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0018] In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is lower than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is any EEG phase lower than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is higher than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is any EEG phase higher than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is an EEG phase of a control group. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia, or Parkinson's disease). In some embodiments, the methods comprise measuring EEG data of two sites in the brain of the subject, and calculating the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of a subject. The specified EEG frequency may be an intrinsic frequency as described herein. The specified EEG frequency may be a target frequency as described herein. The target frequency may be an average intrinsic frequency of a control group within a specified EEG band.

[0019] In another aspect are methods for influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising: (a) determining the EEG phase the between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; (b) comparing the EEG phase from step (a) to an average EEG phase of a control group; and (c) applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject wherein applying the magnetic field influences the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia, or Parkinson's disease).

[0020] In another aspect are methods for using a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device for influencing an EEG phase of a subject of a specified EEG frequency, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0021] In some embodiments, the magnetic field results from a first magnetic source and a second magnetic source. In some embodiments, the first magnetic source and the second magnetic source are out of phase relative to each other. In some embodiments, the amount that the first magnetic source and the second magnetic source are out of phase relative to each other is called the magnetic phase.

[0022] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the step of applying the magnetic field is

for a pre-determined cumulative treatment time. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is from about 0.5 Hz to about 100 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is from about 1 Hz to about 100 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 50 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 30 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 20 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 10 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is greater than about 3 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is greater than about 1 Hz. In some embodiments, of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is up to about 25 Hz. As used herein, the term “about” when referring to a frequency can mean variations of 0.1 Hz to 0.2 Hz, 0.1 Hz to 0.5 Hz, 0.5 Hz to 1 Hz, or 1 Hz to 5 Hz. In some embodiments, applying of the magnetic field is to the motor cortex of the subject.

[0023] In some embodiments, the target and/or target intrinsic frequency is chosen from a plurality of intrinsic frequencies in the specified EEG band. In some embodiments the target and/or target intrinsic frequency is chosen from a plurality of intrinsic frequencies across a plurality of EEG bands. In some embodiments the specified EEG band is the Alpha band. In some embodiments the specified EEG band is the Beta band.

[0024] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the methods further comprise the step of measuring EEG data of the subject before the applying step. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, said higher frequency is not greater than about 50 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, said higher frequency is not greater than about 30 Hz.

[0025] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the varying frequencies (e.g. hopping frequencies) are moving average frequencies based on a pre-determined frequency around an intrinsic frequency within a predetermined frequency range. In some embodiments, the varying frequencies are randomly selected within a predetermined frequency range. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the varying frequencies are moving average frequencies within a specified EEG band of a control group. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia, or Parkinson's disease).

[0026] In some embodiments, the moving average frequencies change from an initial frequency to a target frequency within a specific amount of time. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the varying frequencies are frequencies hopping around within a pre-

determined frequency range. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the varying frequencies are frequencies hopping around an intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band of a control group. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target frequency is an average intrinsic frequency of a control group within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target frequency is an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band.

[0027] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the methods further comprise the step of measuring EEG data of the subject after the applying step. In some embodiments, further comprising the steps of:

[0028] (a) adjusting frequency of said magnetic field based on the EEG data of the subject; and

[0029] (b) repeating the applying step with an adjusted frequency.

[0030] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the applying of the magnetic field is continuous, in that it does not consist of discrete pulses separated by significant sections in which no magnetic field is applied. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the magnetic field is continuously applied. A magnetic field that is continuously applied may alternate between a positive and negative field and include one or more neutral field(s), or alternate between a positive field and a neutral field, or alternate between a negative field and a neutral field, or some other combination of magnetic fields. It is continuous in the sense that it has a repetitive pattern (waveform) of charged fields (whether positive, negative, or a combination thereof) and uncharged fields. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the applying of the magnetic field applies the magnetic field to a diffused area in a brain of the subject.

[0031] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the magnetic field is generated by movement of at least one permanent magnet. In some embodiments, said movement comprises rotation of at least one said permanent magnet. In some embodiments, said movement comprises linear motion of at least one said permanent magnet. In some embodiments, said movement comprises curvilinear motion of at least one said permanent magnet. In some embodiments, said movement comprises at least one of rotational motion, linear motion, and swing motion. In some embodiments, the strength of the at least one permanent magnet is from about 10 Gauss to about 4 Tesla. In some embodiments, the distance between the at least one permanent magnet and the subject is from about 0 inches to about 12 inches, from about $\frac{1}{2}$ inches to about 12 inches, from about $\frac{1}{16}$ inches to about 5 inches, or from about 1 inch to about 5 inches. As used herein, the term “about” when referring to distance between the at least one permanent magnet and the subject can mean variations of $\frac{1}{64}$ inch, $\frac{1}{32}$ inch, $\frac{1}{16}$ inch, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, or 1 inch.

[0032] In some embodiments where the step of applying the magnetic field is for a pre-determined cumulative treatment time, said pre-determined cumulative treatment time is at least 5 min. In some embodiments where the step of applying the magnetic field is for a pre-determined cumulative treatment time, said pre-determined cumulative treatment time is from about 5 min to about two hours.

[0033] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the methods further comprise repeating the

applying step after an interval of treatment. In some embodiments, the interval of treatment is from about 6 hours to about 14 days.

[0034] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method improves an indication selected from sports performance, academic performance, and any combination thereof. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method improves Parkinson's disease. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method improves symptoms of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method revives a subject from a comatose state (a subject in a coma). In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method improves the symptoms of amblyopia in a subject. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method improves the cognitive performance of a subject. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method improves a characteristic selected from the group consisting of peripheral visual response, attention span, immediate reaction time (IRT), movement time (MT), simple perceptual reaction time (SPR), conflict perceptual reaction time (CPR), and any combination thereof. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method provides an improvement as measured using the Unified Parkinson's Rating Scale. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method provides an improvement as measured using a modified Unified Parkinson's Rating Scale. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method uses a Permanent Magneto-EEG Resonant Therapy (pMERT) device (alternatively called a Neuro-EEG Synchronization Therapy (NEST) device). In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method uses a device as described in any of claims 44-88, and/or as described herein. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the method does not use a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device.

[0035] In another aspect are devices comprising,

[0036] (a) at least one permanent magnet; and

[0037] (b) a subunit coupled to the magnet;

wherein the subunit enables movement of at least one said magnet at a frequency between about 0.5 Hz and about 100 Hz.

[0038] In another aspect are devices comprising,

[0039] (a) at least one permanent magnet; and

[0040] (b) a subunit coupled to the magnet;

wherein the subunit enables movement of at least one said magnet at a frequency between about 2 Hz and about 20 Hz.

[0041] In another aspect are devices comprising a means for applying a magnetic field to a head of a subject; whereby the means for applying the magnetic field is capable of influencing an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band.

[0042] In another aspect are devices comprising a means for applying a magnetic field to a head of a subject; whereby the means for applying the magnetic field is capable of influencing a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band.

[0043] In another aspect are devices comprising a means for applying a magnetic field to a head of a subject; whereby the means for applying the magnetic field is capable of

influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band.

[0044] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the subunit comprises a rotating mechanism. In some embodiments, said rotating mechanism comprises:

[0045] (a) a motor;

[0046] (b) a power source capable of powering the motor; and

[0047] (c) a rotating element coupled to the motor and coupled to the magnet.

[0048] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, said device comprises at least one permanent magnet. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the strength of the at least one permanent magnet is from about 10 Gauss to about 4 Tesla. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the magnetic field is an alternating magnetic field.

[0049] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the magnetic field is generated by movement of at least one permanent magnet. In some embodiments, the movement of the at least one said magnet is at a frequency between about 0.5 Hz and about 100 Hz. In some embodiments, the movement of the at least one said magnet is at a frequency between about 2 Hz and about 20 Hz.

[0050] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, said movement comprises rotation of at least one said permanent magnet. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, said movement comprises linear motion of at least one said permanent magnet. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, said movement comprises swing motion of at least one said permanent magnet. In some embodiments, said movement comprises at least one of rotational motion, linear motion, and swing motion.

[0051] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, said movement generates an alternating magnetic field. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the magnetic field is continuously applied. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the magnetic field covers a diffused area in a brain of a subject. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the device is a Permanent Magneto-EEG Resonant Therapy (pMERT) device. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the device is a Neuro-EEG Synchronization Therapy (NEST) device. As used herein, the terms Neuro-EEG Synchronization Therapy (NEST) device and Permanent Magneto-EEG Resonant Therapy (pMERT) device may be used interchangeably.

[0052] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that controls the frequency to be any frequency between about 2 and about 20 Hz in increments of about 0.1 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that controls the frequency to be any frequency between about 2 and about 50 Hz in increments of about 0.1 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that automatically changes the frequency in response to EEG readings of a subject before and/or during treatment. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that allows a user to set duration of a treatment before said treatment. In some

embodiments, the user may be, for non-limiting example, a patient, a therapist, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a neurologist, a family doctor, a general practitioner, a another medical professional, or a person treating a patient. In some embodiments, the user is not a patient.

[0053] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices comprise a white noise generator.

[0054] In some embodiments, the devices further comprise a coupling to at least one of an internet line and a phone line. In some embodiments, at least a portion of the coupling to the internet line or to the phone line is wireless. The device may further comprise a smart card for storing and transferring information.

[0055] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that calculates information from EEG data collected from the subject within a specified EEG band, wherein said information comprises at least one of items listed below:

[0056] (a) at least one intrinsic frequency;

[0057] (b) Q-factor of the at least one intrinsic frequency;

[0058] (c) a coherence value of intrinsic frequencies;

[0059] (d) an EEG phase; and

[0060] (e) any combination thereof.

[0061] In some embodiments, the devices further comprise logic that uploads said information through at least one of an internet line and a telephone line to an EEG data analysis service capable of storing said information. In some embodiments, said EEG data analysis service is capable of associating the said information with an identification associated with the subject.

[0062] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that uploads EEG data collected from the subject to an EEG data analysis service, wherein the EEG data analysis service is capable of validating information uploaded from the device, wherein said information comprises at least one of items listed below:

[0063] (a) at least one intrinsic frequency;

[0064] (b) Q-factor of the at least one intrinsic frequency;

[0065] (c) a coherence value of intrinsic frequencies;

[0066] (d) an EEG phase; and

[0067] (e) any combination thereof.

[0068] In some embodiments, said information comprises at least two of the listed items. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, further comprising logic that downloads a treatment dosage quota. In some embodiments, the treatment dosage quota is chosen by a user treating the subject based on a diagnosis of the subject. In some embodiments, the treatment dosage quota is chosen by a user who is charged for requesting a download of a cumulative treatment time based on a diagnosis of the subject. In some embodiments, the user is charged by a billing service before, during, or after the download of the dosage quota.

[0069] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that uploads a subject's EEG data through at least one of an internet line and a phone line to an EEG data analysis service. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that records usage information for using the device. In some embodiments, the device further comprises logic that ceases to deliver treatment after a treatment dosage quota is

depleted. In some embodiments, the billing service is a vendor of the device. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the devices further comprise logic that allows a user to establish a user account.

[0070] In some embodiments, the device comprises at least two permanent magnets. In some embodiments, the device comprises a helmet to be used for a subject's head. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the device comprises a communication subunit for coupling to an internet line. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the device comprises a communication subunit for coupling to a phone line. In some embodiments, the device comprises a memory subunit for storing information during a treatment.

[0071] In another aspect are methods for ordering a therapeutic dosage quota through internet, comprising,

[0072] (a) receiving a request from a user to access a user account through internet for ordering the therapeutic dosage quota;

[0073] (b) allowing the user to select at least one desired therapeutic dosage quota; and

[0074] (c) allowing the downloading of a therapeutic dosage quota into a device comprising a means for applying a magnetic field to a head of a subject.

[0075] The user may be allowed, in some embodiments, to download the therapeutic dosage quota. In some embodiment, the methods further comprise the step of establishing a user account based on a request from a user for ordering a therapeutic dosage quota.

[0076] In another aspect are methods for uploading EEG data associated with a subject through internet, comprising,

[0077] (a) creating a database for storing a user account associated with a user;

[0078] (b) storing the user account in the database,

[0079] (c) receiving a request from the user to access the user account;

[0080] (d) allowing said EEG data to be recorded into a device comprising a means for applying a magnetic field to a head of the subject;

[0081] (e) determining from said EEG data at least one of an intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band, Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency, an EEG phase, and a coherence value of intrinsic frequencies; and

[0082] (f) allowing the uploading of at least one of the EEG data, the intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band, the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency, the EEG phase, the coherence value of intrinsic frequencies, and any combination thereof.

[0083] In some embodiments, allowing the user to upload may include allowing the user to move data from a device as described herein to a database. The method may comprise receiving a request from the user to access the user account through at least one of an internet line or a phone line for access to said database. The method may comprise allowing the user to upload at least one of an intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band, Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency, an EEG phase, and a coherence value of intrinsic frequencies. The data may include at least one of the EEG data, an intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band, Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency, a coherence value of intrinsic frequencies, or any combination thereof.

[0084] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the device is any device of claims **44-88**. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the user account comprises

[0085] (a) user information;

[0086] (b) user access information; and

[0087] (c) based on each individual and each therapeutic dosage quota administered to each individual, fields for storing at least one of

[0088] (1) EEG data of the subject,

[0089] (2) intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band of the subject,

[0090] (3) Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject

[0091] (4) an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency of the subject,

[0092] (5) a coherence value of intrinsic frequencies of the subject,

[0093] (6) treatment information of the subject, and

[0094] (7) device usage information for the subject.

[0095] In some embodiments, the user information excludes identifying information (e.g. user names).

[0096] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the methods further comprise the step of charging at least one of the user, the subject, and an insurance company associated with the subject a fee for use of the device based on the dosage quota ordered in at least one of the user account and the device.

[0097] In another aspect are methods for administration of treatment of subjects, comprising,

[0098] (a) storing data in a device of a subject individual during treatment using the device, wherein the device comprises a means for applying a magnetic field to a head of the subject;

[0099] (b) retrieving the data of said individual from said device; and

[0100] (c) updating a database for the subject with the data, through at least one of an internet line and a phone line.

[0101] In some embodiments, said data of said subject comprises at least one of EEG data of the subject, at least one intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band of the subject, Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject, a coherence value of intrinsic frequencies of the subject, an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency of the subject, treatment information of the subject, and device usage information for the subject. In some embodiments, the retrieving and updating steps occur upon the subject's visit to a psychiatrist, a therapist, a treatment provider, and/or another type of medical professional. In some embodiments, the retrieving and updating steps occur prior to a subject's visit to a psychiatrist, a therapist, a treatment provider, and/or another type of medical professional. In some embodiments, the retrieving and updating steps occur following a subject's visit to a psychiatrist, a therapist, a treatment provider, and/or another type of medical professional.

[0102] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the methods or devices use a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device.

[0103] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting an output current of an electric alternating current source for influencing an intrinsic frequency of an EEG band of a

subject toward a target frequency of the EEG band; and applying said output current across a head of the subject.

[0104] In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject.

[0105] In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject.

[0106] In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to the target frequency.

[0107] Provided herein is a method comprising determining the intrinsic frequency of the EEG band of the subject; and comparing the intrinsic frequency to the target frequency of the EEG band, wherein the target frequency is an average intrinsic frequency of the EEG band of a control group, wherein if the intrinsic frequency is higher than the target frequency, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject, and if the intrinsic frequency is lower than the target frequency, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, or Parkinson's disease).

[0108] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting an output current of an electric alternating current source for influencing a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of an EEG band of a subject toward a target Q-factor; and applying said output current across a head of the subject.

[0109] In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises varying a frequency of the output current.

[0110] In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject.

[0111] In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject.

[0112] In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to the target frequency.

[0113] In some embodiments, the method further comprises determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the EEG band of the subject; and comparing the Q-factor to the target Q-factor, wherein the target Q-factor is an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequencies of the EEG band of a control group, wherein if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency is higher than the target Q-factor, the step of adjusting the output current comprises varying a frequency of the output current, and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency is lower than the target Q-factor, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In

some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, or Parkinson's disease).

[0114] In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include influencing harmonics of the target intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band. In some embodiments, the target intrinsic frequency is a harmonic of the peak intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, influencing the target intrinsic frequency includes applying harmonic frequencies of the target intrinsic frequency. In some embodiments, the varying frequencies comprise harmonic frequencies of a single frequency. The single frequency may comprise the target intrinsic frequency.

[0115] In some embodiments, a device as described herein is operable to influence an intrinsic frequency of the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band. A device as described herein may be operable to influence a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band. A device as described herein may be operable to influence a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band.

[0116] In some embodiments, a device as described herein further comprises a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity; and a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal, wherein the first electrode is located on the subject in at least one of: an area of low electrical resistivity on a subject, and an area with substantially no electrical impulse interference on a subject, and wherein the second electrode is located on the subject. In some embodiments, a device as described herein further comprises a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity; and a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal, wherein the first electrode is located on the subject in at least a portion of the ear canal of the subject, and wherein the second electrode is located on the subject.

[0117] In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the method or methods may comprise locating a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity on the subject in at least one of an area of low electrical resistivity on a subject and an area with substantially no electrical impulse interference on a subject. The method or methods may further comprise locating a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal on the subject. The method or methods may further comprise determining the intrinsic frequency from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode and the reference signal detected by the second electrode. In some embodiments, determining the intrinsic frequency may comprise removing the reference signal detected by the second electrode from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode. The method or methods may further comprise determining the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode and the reference signal detected by the second electrode. In some embodiments, determining the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band comprises ascertaining the Q-factor from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode and the reference signal detected by the second electrode.

[0118] In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the method or methods may comprise locating a first

electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity on the subject in at least a portion of the ear canal of the subject. The method or methods may further comprise locating a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal on the subject. The method or methods may further comprise determining the intrinsic frequency from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode and the reference signal detected by the second electrode.

[0119] In some embodiments, a device as described herein is operable to influence an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency. The device may comprise a second permanent magnet, wherein the subunit is coupled to the second magnet, and wherein the subunit enables movement of the second magnet at a frequency between about 0.5 Hz and about 100 Hz. The subunit may enable movement of the second magnet at a frequency between about 2 Hz and about 20 Hz. The first permanent magnet may have a first rotational orientation relative to a treatment surface of the device and the second permanent magnet may have a second rotational orientation relative to the treatment surface of the device. The device may be operable to move the first permanent magnet at the same frequency as the second permanent magnet. The first rotational orientation relative to a first portion of a treatment surface of the device may be between at least about 0 degrees and about 360 degrees different from the second rotational orientation relative to a second portion of the treatment surface of the device. The first rotational orientation relative to a first portion of a treatment surface of the device may be at least one of: between at least about 0 degrees and about 180 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 90 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 45 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 30 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 15 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 10 degrees, at least about 5 degrees, at least about 10 degrees, at least about 15 degrees, at least about 30 degrees, at least about 45 degrees, at least about 60 degrees, at least about 90 degrees, at least about 120 degrees, at least about 180 degrees, at least about 240 degrees, and at least about 270 degrees different from the second rotational orientation relative to a second portion of the treatment surface of the device. The specified EEG frequency may be an intrinsic frequency as described herein. The specified EEG frequency may be a target frequency as described herein. The target frequency may be an average intrinsic frequency of a control group within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia, or Parkinson's disease).

[0120] In some embodiments, a magnetic field results from a first magnetic source and a second magnetic source. In some embodiments, the first magnetic source and the second magnetic source are out of phase relative to each other. In some embodiments, the amount that the first magnetic source and the second magnetic source are out of phase relative to each other is called the magnetic phase.

[0121] In some embodiments, the first portion of the treatment surface is the portion of the treatment surface approximately closest to the first permanent magnet, and wherein the second portion of the treatment surface is the

portion of the treatment surface approximately closest to the second permanent magnet. In some embodiments, the first portion of the treatment surface is the portion of the treatment surface closest to the first permanent magnet that is intended to be approximately tangential to the head of the subject nearest that treatment surface, and wherein the second portion of the treatment surface is the portion of the treatment surface approximately closest to the second permanent magnet that is intended to be approximately tangential to the head of the subject nearest that treatment surface.

[0122] In some embodiments of the devices disclosed herein, the difference between the first rotational orientation and the second rotational orientation results in a magnetic phase when the first permanent magnet is moved at the same frequency as the second permanent magnet. The magnetic phase of the device may be operable to influence an EEG phase between a first site and a second site in the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band. The first site generally aligns with the first permanent magnet, and the second site generally aligns with the second permanent magnet of the device.

[0123] Provided herein is a device comprising,

[0124] (a) a means for applying a first magnetic field to a head of a subject; and

[0125] (b) a means for applying a second magnetic field to a head of a subject;

[0126] whereby the means for applying the first magnetic field and the means for applying the second magnetic field are capable of influencing an EEG phase between at least two sites in a brain of the subject of a specified EEG frequency.

[0127] The magnetic fields (first magnetic field, and second magnetic field) may be of the same frequency, but out of phase with each other. Additional magnetic fields may be provided by additional means for applying such magnetic fields. These too may be out of phase with each other, or with any of the magnetic fields. Nevertheless, the magnetic fields in some embodiments may have the same frequencies. The devices may be a Permanent Magneto-EEG Resonant Therapy (pMERT) (i.e. a Neuro-EEG Synchronization Therapy NEST device) as described herein. The specified EEG frequency may be an intrinsic frequency as described herein. The specified EEG frequency may be a target frequency as described herein. The target frequency may be an average intrinsic frequency of a control group within a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature. In some embodiments, the control group is a control group set of subjects not having a neurological disorder disclosed herein (e.g., Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, coma, amblyopia, or Parkinson's disease).

[0128] In some aspects, is a device for use in modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device; whereby the means for applying the magnetic field is capable of influencing (a) an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band; (b) a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band; (c) a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band; or (d) a combination thereof.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

[0129] All publications and patent applications mentioned in this specification are herein incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0130] A better understanding of the features and advantages of the systems and methods provided will be obtained by reference to the following detailed description that sets forth illustrative embodiments and the accompanying drawings of which:

[0131] FIG. 1 shows an exemplary device in which the magnet rotates so that the plane of rotation is perpendicular to the surface of the scalp.

[0132] FIG. 2 shows an exemplary device in which a horseshoe magnet is positioned such that the plane of rotation is parallel to the surface of the scalp.

[0133] FIG. 3 shows an exemplary device which two bar magnets are rotated synchronously to provide a more uniform phase for the magnetic field in the brain.

[0134] FIG. 4 shows an exemplary device in which the magnet rotates so that the plane of rotation is perpendicular to the surface of the scalp and a pair of electrodes is used to record the EEG of the patient.

[0135] FIG. 5 shows a sample EEG segment for a subject before therapy is delivered. The block on the left shows a time series EEG while the subject is sitting at rest with eyes closed. The block in the center shows the energy across the frequency spectrum for the sampled EEG. The vertical line drawn through the peaks is at 9.1 Hz, the subject's intrinsic alpha frequency. The circle at the right shows the distribution of EEG energy at the intrinsic alpha frequency throughout the scalp, looking down on the top of the subject's head. In the circle representation, the majority of the EEG energy at the alpha frequency is concentrated at the back of the brain.

[0136] FIG. 6 is similar to FIG. 5, except the EEG was sampled immediately following therapy. In this, it can be seen that the energy associated with the intrinsic alpha frequency has increased significantly. From the circle representation on the right, it can be seen that the distribution of energy at the intrinsic alpha frequency throughout the head is more uniform, though the majority of energy is still concentrated at the back of the brain.

[0137] FIG. 7 shows an exemplary embodiment of the pMERT or NEST device. In this embodiment, a button EEG electrode is located on the concave surface of the device and a second reference electrode extends via a wire from the side of the device. The display and control buttons are located on top of the device to provide information and allow the user to adjust parameters and enter patient data. A USB port is located at the top rear of the device, to allow it to be connected via a USB cable to a PC, allowing uploading of data and downloading of a dosage quota.

[0138] FIG. 8 shows the pMERT or NEST device from FIG. 7 in which a subject is lying with the head against the concave surface. At least one moving magnet is unseen inside the pMERT or NEST device in order to deliver therapy to the subject. The subject's head is pressed against the button EEG electrode, with the second electrode attached to the subject's right ear.

[0139] FIG. 9 shows an alternate angle of the subject receiving therapy from the pMERT or NEST device as described in FIG. 8.

[0140] FIGS. 10A through 10G show some exemplary embodiments for various movements of at least one permanent magnet.

[0141] FIGS. 11A through 11K show additional exemplary embodiments for various movements of at least one permanent magnet.

[0142] FIG. 12 shows an example of the Q-factor as used in this invention. The figure shows a sample graph of the frequency distribution of the energy of an EEG signal. It can be seen that a frequency range, Δf can be defined as the frequency bandwidth for which the energy is above one-half the peak energy. The frequency f_0 is defined as the intrinsic frequency in the specified band. The Q-factor is defined as the ratio of $f_0/\Delta f$. As can be seen, when Δf decreases for a given f_0 , the Q-factor will increase. This can occur when the peak energy E_{max} of the signal increases or when the bandwidth of the EEG signal decreases.

[0143] FIG. 13 shows an example embodiment of a diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnet for use in a NEST device.

[0144] FIG. 14 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having a diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnet rotating about its cylinder axis and applied to a subject.

[0145] FIG. 15 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having two diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets rotating about their cylinder axes and applied to a subject.

[0146] FIG. 16 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets rotating about their cylinder axes and applied to a subject.

[0147] FIG. 17 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets configured to rotate about their cylinder axes.

[0148] FIG. 18 shows an exploded view of the example embodiment of the NEST device of FIG. 17 having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets configured to rotate about their cylinder axes.

[0149] FIG. 19 shows the example NEST device embodiment of FIG. 17 having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets configured to rotate about their cylinder axes and including a frame and base for mounting the NEST device.

[0150] FIG. 20 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having eight diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets configured to rotate about their cylinder axes.

[0151] FIG. 21 shows the magnet rotation of the example NEST device embodiment of FIG. 20 having eight diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets configured to rotate about their cylinder axes.

[0152] FIG. 22 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having two axially polarized half-disc magnets that rotate about a common rotation axis.

[0153] FIG. 23 shows an exploded view of an alternate embodiment of an example NEST device embodiment similar to that of FIG. 22 having two rectangular magnets that rotate about a common rotation axis.

[0154] FIG. 24 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device similar to the embodiments depicted in FIGS. 22

and/or 23 having two magnets rotating about a common rotation axis applied to a subject and showing the controller subunit.

[0155] FIG. 25 shows block diagram of an example embodiment of a NEST showing the elements of the NEST device and its controller subunit.

[0156] FIG. 26 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having a single bar magnet that moves linearly along its north-south axis once each time the supporting ring is rotated, providing a pulse-type alternating magnetic field at the frequency of rotation.

[0157] FIG. 27 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having an EEG electrode located in the subject's ear canal, and a reference EEG electrode located on an earlobe of the subject.

[0158] FIG. 28 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device applied to a subject, wherein the NEST device has three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets rotating about their cylinder axes having a magnetic phase between at least two of the magnets that is not zero.

[0159] FIG. 29 shows the magnetic field strengths of two magnets moving at the same frequency at the same time, but having a magnetic phase relative to one another (out of phase relative to each other).

[0160] FIG. 30 shows a theoretical EEG electrode readings measured at two locations on a subject's head within a single EEG band when the two locations are exhibiting similar (or the same) frequency, but are out of phase relative to each other, i.e. displaying an EEG phase.

[0161] FIG. 31 is a comparison of change in the HAMD score of Responders versus Non-Responders.

[0162] FIG. 32 is a comparison of the change in HAMD scores Subjects receiving NEST therapy versus Subjects receiving SHAM (i.e. control) therapy.

[0163] FIG. 33 shows the change in HAMA score of two patients over a period of three weeks.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0164] While certain embodiments have been provided and described herein, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that such embodiments are provided by way of example only. It should be understood that various alternatives to the embodiments described herein may be employed, and are part of the invention described herein.

[0165] Since brain activity is a distributed phenomenon, conventional high-energy pulses used by rTMS that focus on a specific area of the brain are not optimal for influencing the overall frequency of the brain. Instead of using short high-energy pulses at the desired frequency, it is possible instead use a sinusoidal or near-sinusoidal magnetic field (likely with lower energy) to generate a similar effect. To affect the brain with a lower energy magnetic field, the stimulation may need to be applied for a longer period.

[0166] In some embodiments, described are methods and devices that provide low frequency sinusoidal or near-sinusoidal transcranial magnetic stimulation therapy by rotating one or more permanent magnets in close proximity to a subject's head. As used herein, "subject" means a mammal, preferably a human mammal. The term "subject" does not require the oversight (either continuous or intermittent) of a medical or scientific professional (e.g., a physician, nurse, physician's assistant, clinical research

associate, orderly, and hospice worker); however, the term does not preclude the oversight of a medical or scientific professional.

[0167] Described herein, in certain embodiments, are methods and systems for modulating the electrical activity of a brain. Described are methods and devices for modulating the electrical activity of a brain that involve no medication. Methods and devices described herein gently “tune” the brain and affect mood, focus, and cognition of human subjects. Methods and devices described herein gently “tune” the brain and affect mood, focus, and cognition of subjects. In one aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject toward a target intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0168] In another aspect are methods of altering an intrinsic frequency of a brain of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) determining the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band; (b) comparing the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average intrinsic frequency of a control group; (c) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting down the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject; and (d) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting up the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject.

[0169] As used herein, a “control group” means a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature (e.g., a certain level of cognitive performance); or a set of subjects not having a neurological disorder mentioned herein. In some embodiments, the control group comprises at least two subjects.

[0170] In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor, a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band, of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band of the subject; comparing the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning down the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a plurality of frequencies or with a single target frequency close to a head of the subject; and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning up the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a target frequency to a head of the subject.

[0171] In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject

[0172] In another aspect are methods adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value comprising: determining the coherence value of the intrinsic frequencies among multiple locations throughout a scalp of the subject; comparing the coherence value from step (a) to an average coherence value of a control group; if the coherence value from step (a) is higher than the average coherence value of the control group, lowering the coherence value of the subject by applying at least two asynchronous magnetic fields close to a head of the subject; if the coherence value from step (a) is lower than the average coherence value of the control group, raising the coherence value of the subject by applying at least one synchronized magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0173] In another aspect are methods of using a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device for influencing an intrinsic frequency of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing EEG frequency, Q-factor, or coherence by repetitive firing of a magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject;

[0174] In another aspect are methods for modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG phase of the specified EEG frequency; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0175] In another aspect are methods for influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising: (a) determining the EEG phase the between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; (b) comparing the EEG phase from step (a) to an average EEG phase of a control group; and (c) applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject wherein applying the magnetic field influences the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group.

[0176] In another aspect are methods for using a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device for influencing an EEG phase of a subject of a specified EEG frequency, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

PTSD

[0177] As used herein, “posttraumatic stress disorder” or “post-traumatic stress disorder” or “PTSD” means a neurological disorder that develops after exposure to a traumatic event. The diagnostic criteria for PTSD are: (a) exposure to a traumatic event (i.e.; the person experienced, witnessed, or was confronted with an event or events that involved actual or threatened death or serious injury, or a threat to the physical integrity of self or others; and the person’s response

involved intense fear, helplessness, or horror); (b) persistent re-experience of the traumatic event; (c) persistent avoidance of stimuli associated with the trauma; (d) persistent symptoms of increased arousal (e.g. difficulty falling or staying asleep, anger and hypervigilance); (e) significant impairment in social or occupational functioning; and (f) duration of symptoms is for more than 1 month.

[0178] In some embodiments, the brain waves of a subject suffering from PTSD are primarily characterized by periods of complex and chaotic firing (i.e. low Q-factor), and occasional periods of more rhythmic firing (i.e., high Q-factor). In some embodiments, adjusting the brain waves of a subject with PTSD to increase the rhythmic-ness of the waves results (partially or fully) in a decrease in the symptoms of PTSD.

[0179] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by altering an intrinsic frequency of a brain of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) determining the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band; (b) comparing the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average intrinsic frequency of a control group; (c) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting down the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject; and (d) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting up the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor (i.e., a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band) of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, the Q-factor is adjusted (or tuned) up. In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band of the subject; comparing the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning down the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a plurality of frequencies or with a single target frequency close to a head of the subject; and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning up the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a target frequency to a head of the subject.

[0180] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a

target coherence value; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value comprising: determining the coherence value of the intrinsic frequencies among multiple locations throughout a scalp of the subject; comparing the coherence value from step (a) to an average coherence value of a control group; if the coherence value from step (a) is higher than the average coherence value of the control group, lowering the coherence value of the subject by applying at least two asynchronous magnetic fields close to a head of the subject; if the coherence value from step (a) is lower than the average coherence value of the control group, raising the coherence value of the subject by applying at least one synchronized magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0181] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by using a TMS device to influence an intrinsic frequency of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing EEG frequency, Q-factor, or coherence by repetitive firing of a magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject;

[0182] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG phase of the specified EEG frequency; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0183] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising: (a) determining the EEG phase between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; (b) comparing the EEG phase from step (a) to an average EEG phase of a control group; and (c) applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject wherein applying the magnetic field influences the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group.

[0184] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating PTSD by using a TMS device to influence an EEG phase of a subject of a specified EEG frequency, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

Coma

[0185] As used herein, "coma" means a neurological disorder characterized by a profound state of unconsciousness. Subjects in a comatose state (i.e., in a coma) do not have sleep-wake cycles, cannot be awakened, fail to respond to stimuli (e.g., pain or light), and do not take voluntary actions. In certain instances, a subject will emerge from a coma in varying levels of consciousness (e.g., vegetative to fully conscious). In some embodiments, stimulating the area of the brain responsible for arousal results (partially or fully) in a subject emerging from a coma. In some embodiments,

a subject in a coma displays slow sinusoidal brain waves. In some embodiments, stimulating a subject's brain waves at their alpha frequency results in the subject emerging from a coma. In some embodiments, stimulating a subject's brain waves at or near their alpha frequency results in the subject emerging from a coma. In some embodiments, stimulating a subject's brain waves at 9.6 Hz results in the subject emerging from a coma. In some embodiments, as the subject regains consciousness, the frequency used to stimulate the subject's brain waves is adjusted. In some embodiments, as the subject regains consciousness, the frequency used to stimulate the subject's brain waves is adjusted to a frequency closer to their alpha frequency. As used herein, "alpha frequency" means a type of brain wave predominantly found to originate from the occipital lobe during periods of waking relaxation. In certain instances, alpha waves are attenuated during periods of sleep.

[0186] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by altering an intrinsic frequency of a brain of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) determining the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band; (b) comparing the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average intrinsic frequency of a control group; (c) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting down the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject; and (d) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting up the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the subject's alpha frequency is increased. In some embodiments, the subject's coherence is increased. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor, a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band, of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, a subject in a coma has a Q factor at or near zero. In some embodiments, the subject's Q factor is increased. In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band of the subject; comparing the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning down the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a plurality of frequencies or with a single target frequency close to a head of the subject; and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning up the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a target frequency to a head of the subject.

[0187] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In certain instances, there is high coherence between different regions of the brain. In certain instances, in a coma, the subject has almost no neural activity (e.g., poor coherence). In certain instances, in a coma, the subject has a nearly sinusoidal EEG waveform (e.g., very high coherence). In some embodiments, the coherence of a subject is adjusted such that it falls between poor coherence and high coherence. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value comprising: lowering the coherence value of the subject by applying at least two asynchronous magnetic fields close to a head of the subject. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value comprising raising the coherence value of the subject by applying at least one synchronized magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0188] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by using a TMS device to influence an intrinsic frequency of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing EEG frequency, Q-factor, or coherence by repetitive firing of a magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject;

[0189] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG phase of the specified EEG frequency; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0190] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising: (a) determining the EEG phase the between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; (b) comparing the EEG phase from step (a) to an average EEG phase of a control group; and (c) applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject wherein applying the magnetic field influences the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group.

[0191] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating a coma by using a TMS device to influence an EEG phase of a subject of a specified EEG frequency, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

Amblyopia

[0192] As used herein, “amblyopia” is a neurological disorder characterized by poor or indistinct vision in a physiologically normal eye. In certain instances, the disorder results from no transmission or poor transmission of visual images to the brain for a sustained period of time. In some embodiments, subjects with amblyopia display asymmetric activity in the occipital lobe. In some embodiments, increasing the symmetry of activity in the occipital lobe decreases the symptoms of amblyopia. In some embodiments, applying a magnetic field at the alpha frequency across the whole brain improves the coherence. In some embodiments, increasing coherence lessens the effects of the amblyopia.

[0193] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating amblyopia by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, increasing the coherence of the subject increases the symmetry of the subject’s brain. In some embodiments, increasing the symmetry of the subject’s brain increases the activity in the affected visual cortex. In some embodiments, increasing the coherence of a subject’s brain decreases the symptoms of amblyopia.

[0194] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating amblyopia by using a TMS device to influence an intrinsic frequency of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing EEG frequency, Q-factor, or coherence by repetitive firing of a magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject;

[0195] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating amblyopia by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG phase of the specified EEG frequency; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0196] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating amblyopia by influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising: (a) determining the EEG phase the between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; (b) comparing the EEG phase from step (a) to an average EEG phase of a control group; and (c) applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject wherein applying the magnetic field influences the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group.

[0197] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating amblyopia by using a TMS device to influence an EEG phase of a subject of a specified EEG frequency, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

Parkinson’s Disease

[0198] As used herein, “Parkinson’s disease” means a degenerative neurological disorder characterized by a progressive loss of motor control. In some embodiments, Parkinson’s disease results from a deficiency in dopamine levels. In certain instances, deficient dopamine levels results in the increased and uncontrolled firing of neurons. In certain instances, the cells of the substantia nigra generate dopamine. In certain instances, loss of cells in the substantia nigra (and the resulting dopamine deficiency) results in (partially or fully) the development of Parkinson’s.

[0199] A common symptom of Parkinson’s is the rhythmic tremor. In some embodiments, the rhythmic tremor results from neurons firing at a frequency of 4-5 Hz. In some embodiments, adjusting the brain waves of a subject with Parkinson’s results (partially or fully) in a decrease in rhythmic tremors. In some embodiments, applying a magnetic field at a frequency greater than the frequency of a rhythmic tremor (i.e., 4-5 Hz) accentuates the EEG frequency equal to that of the alternating magnetic field. In some embodiments, adjusting the magnetic field decreases the influence of the EEG frequency that causes the tremors. In some embodiments, shifting the subject’s alpha frequency higher or lower reduces the tremors. In some embodiments, shifting the subject’s alpha frequency results in the alpha frequency no longer a 2nd harmonic of the patient’s tremor frequency. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson’s disease. As used herein, “treating Parkinson’s disease” means an improvement as measured using the Unified Parkinson’s Rating Scale. The modified Unified Parkinson’s Rating Scale may include, for non-limiting example, measuring muscle tone and knee/arm flexibility.

[0200] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson’s disease by altering an intrinsic frequency of a brain of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) determining the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band; (b) comparing the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average intrinsic frequency of a control group; (c) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting down the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject; and (d) if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting up the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, stimulating a subject’s intrinsic frequency comprises accentuating a non-harmonic frequency in the alpha band. In some embodiments, stimulating a subject’s intrinsic frequency comprises shifting the subject’s alpha frequency. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson’s disease by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor, a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band, of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, stimulation increases the Q factor in a subject with a Q-factor below

their natural Q-factor. In some embodiments, the Q factor is shifted up. In some embodiments, stimulation decreases the Q factor in a subject with a Q-factor above their natural Q-factor. In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band of the subject; comparing the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning down the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a plurality of frequencies or with a single target frequency close to a head of the subject; and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning up the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a target frequency to a head of the subject.

[0201] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson's disease by adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value comprising: determining the coherence value of the intrinsic frequencies among multiple locations throughout a scalp of the subject; comparing the coherence value from step (a) to an average coherence value of a control group; if the coherence value from step (a) is higher than the average coherence value of the control group, lowering the coherence value of the subject by applying at least two asynchronous magnetic fields close to a head of the subject; if the coherence value from step (a) is lower than the average coherence value of the control group, raising the coherence value of the subject by applying at least one synchronized magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0202] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson's disease by using a TMS device to influence an intrinsic frequency of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing EEG frequency, Q-factor, or coherence by repetitive firing of a magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject;

[0203] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson's disease by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG phase of the specified EEG frequency; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0204] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson's disease by influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising: (a) determining the EEG phase between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; (b) comparing the EEG phase from step (a) to an average EEG phase of a control group; and (c) applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject wherein applying the magnetic field influences the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group.

[0205] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of treating Parkinson's disease by using a TMS device to influence an EEG phase of a subject of a specified EEG frequency, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

Cognitive Performance Improvement

[0206] In certain instances, cognitive performance is affected by neural firing patterns. In some embodiments, a subject displaying rhythmic neural firing patterns processes complex information quicker and more accurately than a subject with more chaotic (i.e., less rhythmic) neural firing patterns. In some embodiments, increasing the rhythmicity of brain waves results (partially or fully) in (a) an increase in the rate at which the subject learns, (b) an increase in the speed at which the subject reacts to stimuli, (c) an increase in attentiveness, (d) an increase in the ability of the subject to concentrate, or a combination thereof. In some embodiments, the brain of a subject under pressure and/or stress deviates from its natural energy to a higher energy. In some embodiments, the brain of a subject under pressure and/or stress deviates from its natural rhythmic state to a more un-rhythmic state.

[0207] In some embodiments, the subject's average alpha frequency is measured. In some embodiments, the frequency of the applied magnetic field is set to the value of the subject's average alpha frequency. In some embodiments, applying the magnetic field at a value equal to the subject's average alpha frequency brings the brain back to its natural state, which is optimal for concentration, focus, and performance in a variety of tasks. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance. As used herein, "cognitive performance" means the rate at which a subject processes information. Cognitive performance includes, but is not limited to, (a) the rate at which a subject learns, (b) the speed at which a subject reacts to stimuli, (c) a subject's attentiveness, (d) a subject's ability to concentrate, or a combination thereof. In some embodiments, improving cognitive performance improves military performance (e.g., the performance of a soldier under battlefield conditions). In some embodiments, improving cognitive performance improves athletic performance (e.g., the ability of an athlete to react to stimuli). In some embodiments, improving cognitive performance improves academic performance (e.g., the ability to perform on standardized tests).

[0208] In some embodiments, methods and devices described herein can be used to improve at least two indications from the group presented above. In some embodiments, methods and devices described herein can be used to improve at least three indications from the group presented above. In some embodiments, methods and devices described herein can be used to improve at least four indications from the group presented above.

[0209] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor, a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band, of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, the subject's

Q-factor is adjusted to its natural level. In another aspect are methods of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band of the subject; comparing the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning down the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a plurality of frequencies or with a single target frequency close to a head of the subject; and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning up the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with a target frequency to a head of the subject.

[0210] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, the subject's coherence is adjusted closer to the subject's natural coherence. In some embodiments, the subject's coherence is increased when a coherent magnetic field is applied across the brain. In some embodiments, improving coherence allows for better communication between regions in the brain. In some embodiments, improving coherence improves performance, both athletically and academically. Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance by adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value comprising: determining the coherence value of the intrinsic frequencies among multiple locations throughout a scalp of the subject; comparing the coherence value from step (a) to an average coherence value of a control group; if the coherence value from step (a) is higher than the average coherence value of the control group, lowering the coherence value of the subject by applying at least two asynchronous magnetic fields close to a head of the subject; if the coherence value from step (a) is lower than the average coherence value of the control group, raising the coherence value of the subject by applying at least one synchronized magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0211] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance by using a TMS device to influence an intrinsic frequency of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing EEG frequency, Q-factor, or coherence by repetitive firing of a magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject;

[0212] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance by modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG

phase of the specified EEG frequency; and (b) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0213] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance by influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising: (a) determining the EEG phase the between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; (b) comparing the EEG phase from step (a) to an average EEG phase of a control group; and (c) applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject wherein applying the magnetic field influences the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group.

[0214] Disclosed herein, in certain embodiments, are methods of improving cognitive performance by using a TMS device to influence an EEG phase of a subject of a specified EEG frequency, comprising: (a) adjusting output of said TMS device; (b) changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

Device

[0215] FIG. 1 shows an exemplary device having a magnet **2** coupled to and rotated by a motor **72** in which the magnet **2** rotates so that the plane of rotation is generally perpendicular to the surface of the scalp of the subject **6**, and the rotation axis **36** is generally parallel to at least a portion of the surface of the scalp of the subject **6**. The motor **72** is coupled to the magnet **2** by a drive shaft **4**, and the magnet rotation is controlled by a controller **58** (i.e. controller subunit) that can at least monitor and/or control the rotation of the magnet **2**. Control of the rotation may include, for non-limiting example, the speed of rotation, and the acceleration and/or deceleration of rotation, the time of rotation, and the direction of rotation (e.g. clockwise, counter-clockwise).

[0216] FIG. 2 shows an exemplary device in which a magnet **2** in the shape of a horseshoe is coupled to and rotated by a motor **72**, and the magnet **2** is positioned such that the plane of rotation is generally parallel to at least a portion of the surface of the scalp of the subject **6**, and the rotation axis **36** is generally perpendicular to at least a portion of the surface of the scalp of the subject **6**. The motor **72** is coupled to the magnet **2** by a drive shaft **4**, and the magnet rotation is controlled by a controller **58** (i.e. controller subunit) that can at least monitor and/or control the rotation of the magnet **2**. Control of the rotation may include, for non-limiting example, the speed of rotation, and the acceleration and/or deceleration of rotation, the time of rotation, and the direction of rotation (e.g. clockwise, counter-clockwise).

[0217] FIG. 3 shows an exemplary device which two bar magnets **2a**, **2b** are coupled to and rotated by motors **72a**, **72b**, and the magnets **2a**, **2b** are rotated synchronously to provide a more uniform phase for the magnetic field in the brain of a subject **6**. The motors **72a**, **72b** are coupled to the magnets **2a**, **2b**, respectively, by a drive shafts **4a**, **4b**, and the rotation of the magnets **2a** and **2b** about rotation axes **36a**, **36b**, respectively, is controlled by a controller **58** (i.e. controller subunit) that can at least monitor and/or control the rotation of the magnet **2a**, **2b**. Control of the rotation of the magnets may include, for non-limiting example, the speed of rotation, and the acceleration and/or deceleration of

rotation, the time of rotation, and the direction of rotation (e.g. clockwise, counter-clockwise). The rotation of a single magnet (magnet **2a**, for example), may be controlled independently from and/or simultaneously with the rotation of a second magnet (magnet **2b**, for example) by the controller **58**. Additional magnets may be similarly added to the device. In another embodiment, a single motor is coupled to a plurality of magnets, and each of the magnets may be controlled by the controller, independently or simultaneously.

[0218] In some embodiments, the magnetic field used by the methods or devices are not capable of exciting brain cells. In some embodiments, the magnetic field used by the methods or devices are below thresholds of exciting brain cells. In some embodiments, the devices described can have one or more permanent magnets mounted onto one or more rotating shafts in such a way that it creates an alternating magnetic field when the shaft or shafts are spun. In some embodiments, the speed of rotation can be set by the user or controlled using neurological feedback to provide optimal therapy.

[0219] In some embodiments, the pMERT (permanent Magneto-EEG Resonant Therapy) device (i.e. the NEST device) comprises one or more powerful magnets (>5000 G each) that rotate at a specific frequency or frequencies to bring about the desired therapy. A single, dual, or multi-channel EEG is incorporated in the device to acquire a sample EEG segment and determine the alpha frequency distribution. From this information, the device controls the frequency of rotation of the magnet or magnets to deliver therapy.

[0220] FIG. 4 shows an exemplary device in which the magnet **2** rotates so that the plane of rotation is generally perpendicular to the surface of the scalp of a subject **6** and a bio-feedback sensor and/or EEG electrode **82a** is used to control the speed of rotation about the rotation axis **36**. The rotation of the magnet **2** is driven by a motor **72** which is coupled to a drive shaft **4**, and the drive shaft **4** is coupled to the magnet **2**. In some embodiments at least two EEG electrodes, **82a**, **82b** are used to control the speed of rotation, wherein at least one EEG electrode, for example EEG electrode **82b**, is used as a reference electrode (and/or a ground electrode). The electrodes, **82a**, **82b** may be connected to an amplifier **80** which can amplify the signal received from the electrodes, **82a**, **82b**. The magnet rotation may be controlled and/or monitored by a controller subunit (controller), **58**, which may also receive, record, and/or display the signal or signals received from the EEG electrodes **82a**, **82b**. In some embodiments, the reading from a reference EEG electrode, for example EEG electrode **82b**, is subtracted and/or otherwise removed from the reading from the second EEG electrode, for example EEG electrode **82a**. In some embodiments, the bio-feedback sensor/EEG electrode is used, at least in part, to determine the subsequent treatment regimen for the subject.

[0221] In some embodiments, the EEG electrodes are used to measure the brain waves of the subject at various times, for non-limiting example, prior to applying a method of treatment as provided herein using a device described herein, during application of a method of treatment as provided herein using a device described herein, and/or after applying a method of treatment as provided herein using a device described herein. In some embodiments, the EEG electrodes are used to measure the brain waves of the subject

at various times, for non-limiting example, prior to using a device described herein, during use of a device described herein, and/or after using a device described herein. In some embodiments, the EEG electrodes are used to measure the brain waves of the subject continuously for a specified period of time. In some embodiments the specified period of time is for non-limiting example, at least about one hour, at least about 45 minutes, at least about 40 minutes, at least about 30 minutes, at least about 20 minutes, at least about 15 minutes, at least about 10 minutes, at least about 5 minutes, at least about 1 minute, at least 30 seconds, at least about 10 seconds, at least about 5 seconds, and at least about 1 second. The term “about” when referring to the specified period of time of use of the EEG electrodes to measure brain waves can mean variation of, for example, 1 minute to 5 minutes, 30 seconds to 1 minute, 15 seconds to 30 seconds, 5 seconds to 15 seconds, 1 second to 10 seconds, 1 second to 5 seconds, 0.5 seconds to 1 second, and 0.1 seconds to 0.5 second.

[0222] In some embodiments, the intrinsic frequency of the subject is an alpha frequency of a brain of the subject. In some embodiments, alpha EEG of a brain of a subject can be critical in normal cognitive processes and the desynchronization of alpha activity can play a pathophysiological role in the neurological disorders neurological disorder listed above. In some embodiments, the therapy using methods or systems described lasts for about 20 minutes, is very gentle, and unnoticeable to the subject. In some embodiments, the quantifiable change in alpha frequency can be seen clearly following the therapy session, and the patient may have an immediate reduction in symptoms. The therapy using methods or systems described can be mild enough to be used every day or as needed. The therapy using methods or systems described does not have to involve any medication whatsoever.

[0223] “Patient” and “individual” are synonyms, and are used interchangeably. As used herein, they mean any animal (e.g. a mammal) on which the inventions described herein may be practiced. Neither the term “individual” nor the term “patient” is limited to an animal under the care of a physician.

[0224] FIG. 5 shows a sample EEG segment for a subject before therapy is delivered. The block on the left shows a time series EEG while the subject is sitting at rest with eyes closed. The block in the center shows the energy across the frequency spectrum for the sampled EEG. The vertical line drawn through the peaks is at 9.1 Hz, the subject’s intrinsic alpha frequency. The circle at the right shows the distribution of EEG energy at the intrinsic alpha frequency throughout the head, looking down on the top of the subject’s head. In the circle representation, the majority of the EEG energy at the alpha frequency is concentrated at the back of the brain.

[0225] FIG. 6 is similar to FIG. 5, except the EEG was sampled immediately following therapy. In this, it can be seen that the energy associated with the intrinsic alpha frequency has increased significantly. From the circle representation on the right, it can be seen that the distribution of energy at the intrinsic alpha frequency throughout the head is more uniform, though the majority of energy is still concentrated at the back of the brain.

The pMERT Device (NEST Device)

[0226] Devices described may contain a plurality of magnets, and a plurality of magnets may be used to form an array

to produce a desired magnetic field. Such magnetic field can be a pulsing or temporally variable unipolar magnetic field where treatments are performed with a magnetic field having a specific pole.

[0227] In some embodiments of a device or devices as described herein, the device is operable to influence an intrinsic frequency of the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band. A device as described herein may be operable to influence a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band. A device as described herein may be operable to influence a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band. A device as described herein may be operable to influence a EEG phase of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band.

[0228] In some embodiments, a method of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof comprises: (a) adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor, a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band, of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and (c) applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0229] In some embodiments, devices described can comprise a substantially planar member upon which are affixed a plurality of magnets. Thus, the magnets may be oriented so as to permit application of a magnetic field having a substantially uniform polarity to a user. In some embodiments, the magnets may also be positioned on the array so that adjacent magnets have opposite polarities.

[0230] In some embodiments, the devices described may be configured so as to restrict, in one or more directions, the movement of the magnet within the devices, thereby enabling selection of the polarity of the magnetic field to which the user is individualized. For example, magnets may be placed within the devices described so that one face of the magnet is always pointing toward a head of a subject. Accordingly, the subject is individualized to a dynamic magnetic field having a specific polarity.

[0231] In some embodiments, the devices described comprise at least one rotating mechanism. In some embodiments, mechanical subunits including cams, gears and/or linkages may be utilized to move at least one magnet. These mechanical subunits may be powered through motorized means or may be connected to other devices moving in the surrounding environment which will cause the mechanical device to move the magnet. An external exciter magnet may be positioned near the devices described, where the external exciter magnet generating a sufficiently strong magnetic field to cause movement of at least one magnet contained within the devices described.

[0232] In some embodiments, magnets of the devices described can be rotated by a rotating mechanism other than a motor. In some embodiments, the devices comprise at least one orifice so that a stream of fluid such as a gas or liquid may be forced into the devices, wherein the stream of fluid being sufficiently strong so as to move at least one magnet, thus creating relative movement between the at least one magnet and a head of a subject.

[0233] While permanent magnets of any strength may be utilized for the methods and devices described herein, generally magnets having strengths within the range of about 10 Gauss to about 4 Tesla can be used. In some embodiments, the strength of at least one permanent magnet is from about

100 Gauss to about 2 Tesla. In some embodiments, the strength of at least one permanent magnet is from about 300 Gauss to about 1 Tesla.

[0234] In some embodiments, the permanent magnets for the methods and devices described comprise rare earth magnets such as neodymium, iron, boron or samarium cobalt magnets. In some embodiments, the permanent magnets for the methods and devices described are neodymium iron boron magnets. In some embodiments, ceramic magnets, electromagnets or other more powerful magnets may be utilized as they become available. In some embodiments, electromagnets may be utilized for the methods and devices described. Current can be supplied to the electromagnet by wires penetrating through the devices described and connecting to an external power source.

[0235] Described are magnetic therapeutic devices and methods for magnetic therapies where a brain of a subject is individual to at least one dynamic magnetic field having an amplitude of at least a half waveform. In certain embodiments, the treatment area is exposed to a half waveform of magnetic flux. In other embodiments, the treatment area is exposed to a full waveform of magnetic flux. Still other embodiments may permit treatment area to be exposed to either a half or full waveform. To individual the treatment area to such a dynamic magnetic field, the magnetic source may be rotated, oscillated, moved through a particular pattern, or otherwise moved relative to a head of a subject. The application area of the subject can be positioned relative to the magnetic source so that the magnetic field extends around and/or through the application area. In certain embodiments, the devices described comprise at least one magnet having a north and south magnetic pole and a pole width equal to the width of the magnet at the poles.

[0236] Three parameters of magnetic fields generated by the devices described can be manipulated:

[0237] (a) the intensity of the magnetic field at the treatment site, which can be determined by the strength of the magnets used and the distance between the magnets and the subject's head;

[0238] (b) the frequency of the magnetic field, i.e., the rate of change of the magnetic field, which can be determined by movements of at least one magnet, such as by varying the speed at which at least one magnet moved relative to the application area;

[0239] (c) the amplitude of the net change in magnetic flux (or waveform) to which the application area is individualized, and

[0240] (d) the phase of the magnetic field between two (or more) magnets (i.e. the magnetic phase) when the magnetic field frequencies of the two (or more) magnets are the same (or substantially the same).

[0241] As to the amplitude of the net change in magnetic flux, it is generally known that permanent magnets have a north pole and south pole, with north pole magnetic flux emanating from the north pole, and south pole magnetic flux emanating from the south pole. In some embodiments, the application area is individual to a "full waveform" according to the devices and methods described. For example, when a permanent magnet rotates relative to an application area, the application area may initially be individualized to a "full north pole field" where the north pole of the magnet is closest to the application area. As the north pole rotates away from the application area and the south pole rotates toward the application area, the strength of the north pole field

decreases until a “neutral field” is encountered, approximately at the midpoint of the magnet. As the south pole continues to rotate toward the application area, the application area is individualized to a south pole field of increasing intensity until the south pole is closest to the application area where the application area is individualized to a “full south pole field.” By rotating in this fashion, the object is individualized to a “full waveform.” Likewise, the application area is also individualized to a “full waveform” when the magnet rotates from the south pole to the north pole. As used herein, a south pole may also be referred to as “negative,” (−), or S, and a north pole may also be referred to as “positive,” (+), or N.

[0242] For example, FIG. 10A through FIG. 10G show some exemplary embodiments for various movements of at least one permanent magnet. FIG. 10A shows a graph of the magnetic field over time. That is, it shows a graph 92a expressing an example magnetic field experienced by a subject 6a as a magnet 2a rotation about an axis between the north pole (+) and south pole (−) of the magnet 2a. The position of the magnet relative to the subject 6a and the field strength (+ or −, amplitude can vary, depending on for example, the application, method, magnet and therapy being delivered) is shown in FIG. 10A. For example at Time=0, the subject 6a may experience no magnetic field (i.e. a neutral field) when the magnet’s north pole is equally as far from the subject 6a as the magnet’s south pole (assuming the north pole and south pole have equal strengths yet opposite polarities). As the magnet 2a spins such that the south pole of the magnet 2a is closest to the subject 6a, the subject 6a experiences a negative magnetic field, as shown in FIG. 10a, and as the magnet 2a spins further, the subject 6a is exposed to a changing magnetic field from, for example, a neutral field, to a negative field, to a neutral field, to a positive field, and so on. As further shown in FIG. 10A, an array of magnets (i.e. a plurality) may be used alternatively to a single magnet to provide a more uniform field to the subject’s brain. FIG. 10A shows a subject 6a1 exposed to an array of nine rotating magnets, as well as a subject 6a2 exposed to an array of five rotating magnets. In some embodiments, any number of rotating magnets may be used to provide a more uniform field to the subject’s brain.

[0243] Various exemplary wave forms resulting from embodiments of the devices and methods provided herein are shown in FIG. 10B through FIG. 10G. For example, FIG. 10B shows a full waveform in the form of a step function where a magnetic field cycles through a sequence wherein the magnetic field is positive (+) then neutral, then negative (−), then neutral, and repeats. FIG. 10C shows a half waveform in the form of a step function where a magnetic field cycles through a sequence wherein the magnetic field is positive (+) then neutral, and repeating this sequence. FIG. 10D shows an alternative a half waveform in the form of a step function where a magnetic field cycles through a sequence wherein the magnetic field is positive (+) then off (or neutral), remaining off (neutral) for a longer period of time than remaining positive (+), and repeating this sequence. FIGS. 10E, 10F and 10G each show example full wave forms resulting from embodiments of a NEST device having at least one magnet wherein the magnet’s, or magnets’ north pole and south pole alternatively change distances from the subject in a regular pattern. By shielding a pole of the magnets of the array, half waveforms may be

created using the same array of magnets, for example shielding as shown in FIG. 11C and/or FIG. 11D, discussed further below.

[0244] In some embodiments, the application area is individualized to a “half waveform” according to the devices and methods described. For example, an object may be individualized to a “half waveform” where the magnet rotates relative to the application area from a full north pole field to a neutral field or from full south pole field to a neutral field. In some embodiments, the “half waveform” treatment can be achieved by limiting rotation or movement of the magnets. In some embodiments, the “half waveform” treatment can be achieved by shielding the north pole or south pole of the magnet, leaving only the other pole exposed for the treatment of the application area.

[0245] To individualize the treatment area to a dynamic magnetic field by the methods and devices described herein, the magnetic source may be rotated, oscillated, moved through a particular pattern, or otherwise moved relative to the treatment area. In some embodiments, the magnetic source is rotated about an axis. In some embodiments, the magnetic source is oscillated with respect to the application area. In some embodiments, the magnetic source has a linear movement with respect to the application area. Such linear movement can be like a piston movement. In some embodiments, the magnetic source has a swing motion with respect to the application area. Such swing motion can be like a swinging pendulum movement. In some embodiments, the magnetic source has a combination of rotation, linear, oscillated, and swing movements. In some embodiments, the magnetic source has any combination of rotation, linear, oscillated, and swing movements. In some embodiments, said movement comprises at least one of rotational motion, linear motion, and swing motion.

[0246] In some oscillatory embodiments, a plurality of magnets are fixedly mounted on a supporting plate, the magnets being spaced apart from each other so that the each magnet is spaced apart from the next nearest magnets by at least one pole width. Each magnet may be positioned so that the upwardly facing pole of each magnet is the same. For example, in one configuration, the north pole face of each magnet is mounted to a supporting plate. In an alternate configuration, the south pole face of each magnet is mounted to a supporting plate. By laterally displacing magnets so arranged proximate to an application area, such area is individualized to a repeating half waveform (full north to zero to full north). In another embodiment, by reversing the polarity of the magnets proximate to the application area, such area is individualized to a repeating half waveform (full south to zero to full south).

[0247] In some oscillatory embodiments, a plurality of elongated magnetic sources are placed adjacent to each other so that a repeating pattern of alternating magnetic poles are formed, the poles being spaced apart by a predetermined distance. The oscillation of the magnetic sources by a distance equal to or greater than the predetermined distance subjects an application area to a complete reversal of magnetic flux, i.e., a full waveform.

[0248] FIGS. 11A through 11L show additional exemplary embodiments for various movements of at least one permanent magnet. FIG. 11A shows two magnets 102a1, 102a2 coupled to each other and spun about a rotation axis 138a. In the embodiment of FIG. 11A, the subject (not shown) could be positioned, for example, such that the rotation axis

138 is generally perpendicular with the scalp of the subject, or wherein the rotation axis **138** is generally parallel to the scalp of the subject, depending on the desired waveform and/or magnetic flux for the particular individual. FIG. **11B** is similar to FIG. **11A** but with the magnets **102b1**, **102b2** having opposite polarity to the magnets **102a1**, **102a2** of FIG. **11A**.

[**0249**] FIG. **11C** depicts another embodiment device having a single magnet **102c** having a shield **194** covering the north pole of the magnet **102c**. The magnet **102c** spins about a rotation axis **138** along the neutral plane of the magnet (i.e. between the north and south poles of the magnet **102c**). In the embodiment of FIG. **11C**, the subject (not shown) could be positioned, for example, such that the rotation axis **138** is generally perpendicular with the scalp of the subject, or wherein the rotation axis **138** is generally parallel to the scalp of the subject, depending on the desired waveform and/or magnetic flux for the particular individual. FIG. **11D** is similar to FIG. **11C** but with the magnet **102d** having opposite polarity to the magnet **102c** of FIG. **11C**. FIG. **11D** shows single magnet **102d** having a shield **194** covering the south pole of the magnet **102d**.

[**0250**] FIG. **11E** shows another embodiment device having a single magnet **102e** that swings with pendulum-like motion along a pendulum path **198**, the pendulum path **198** at least in part defined by the distance between magnet **102e** and the pendulum pivot **96**. In the shown embodiment, the south pole (S) of the magnet **102e** is farther from the pendulum pivot **96** than the north pole (N) of the magnet **102e**. In the embodiment of FIG. **11E**, the subject (not shown) could be positioned, for example, such that the pendulum path **198** is generally perpendicular with the scalp of the subject, or wherein the pendulum path **198** is generally parallel to the scalp of the subject, depending on the desired waveform and/or magnetic flux for the particular individual. FIG. **11F** has similar characteristics to FIG. **11E**, but with the magnet **102f** of FIG. **11F** having opposite polarity to magnet **102e** of FIG. **11E**.

[**0251**] FIG. **11G** depicts another embodiment device having a single magnet **102g** that is configured to spin about a rotation axis **138** positioned in the north pole region of the magnet **102g** (i.e. somewhere between the neutral plane of the magnet and the north pole (N) end of the magnet **102g**). The rotation axis **138** is generally parallel to the neutral plane (not shown) of the magnet **102g**. In the embodiment of FIG. **11G**, the subject (not shown) could be positioned, for example, such that the rotation axis **138** is generally perpendicular with the scalp of the subject, or wherein the rotation axis **138** is generally parallel to the scalp of the subject, depending on the desired waveform and/or magnetic flux for the particular individual. FIG. **11H** is similar to FIG. **11G** but with the magnet **102h** having opposite polarity to the magnet **102g** of FIG. **11G**, and wherein the rotation axis **138** positioned in the south pole region of the magnet **102h** (i.e. somewhere between the neutral plane of the magnet and the south pole (S) end of the magnet **102h**).

[**0252**] FIG. **11J** shows another embodiment device having a single magnet **102j** mounted a distance away from the rotation axis **138** of the device, and having the north pole (N) of the magnet **102j** closer to the rotation axis **138** than the south pole (S) of the magnet **102j**. In the embodiment of FIG. **11J**, the subject (not shown) could be positioned, for example, such that the rotation axis **138** is generally perpendicular with the scalp of the subject, or wherein the

rotation axis **138** is generally parallel to the scalp of the subject, depending on the desired waveform and/or magnetic flux for the particular individual. FIG. **11K** is similar to FIG. **11J** but with the magnet **102k** having opposite polarity to the magnet **102j** of FIG. **11J**.

[**0253**] FIG. **11L** depicts an alternate embodiment device having a single arc-like magnet **102l** (which may be, for example, a horseshoe magnet), that is coupled to a drive shaft **104** aligned with the rotation axis **138**. As the drive shaft **104** spins about the rotation axis **138**, the magnet **102l** likewise rotates about the rotation axis **138**. In the embodiment of FIG. **11L**, the subject (not shown) could be positioned, for example, such that the rotation axis **138** is generally perpendicular with the scalp of the subject, or wherein the rotation axis **138** is generally parallel to the scalp of the subject, depending on the desired waveform and/or magnetic flux for the particular individual.

[**0254**] The phrase “continuously applied” or “continuous application” refer to treatments where an application area is individual to at least one magnetic field with a full waveform or a half waveform for a period of time typically longer than 2 minutes. Such phrases are distinguished from short pulse application (typically microseconds) of a magnetic field.

[**0255**] In some embodiments, the devices described can be powered with a rechargeable battery. One battery charge can be enough for one or more therapy sessions. In some embodiments, a display can indicate battery life remaining and signal when the device should be recharged.

[**0256**] In some embodiments, the devices described use at least one connection to a computer to allow for upload of therapy information, download of software upgrades, and to order more sessions to be allowed for the device. The connection may be a USB type of connection, or another type of connection known or contemplated.

[**0257**] The speed of rotation can be critical to the specific therapy that is delivered. Therefore, in some embodiments, the speed of rotation is tightly controlled. In some embodiments, the speed setting may be set by the user or may be set by a controller that uses a biological sensor as feedback to optimize the magnetic field frequency.

[**0258**] In some embodiments, the methods and devices described use at least one bio-feedback sensor, the sensor can be an EEG lead placed on the scalp, along with a reference electrode that can be placed in an area of little sensed brain activity. When more than one EEG sensor is used, correlation information can be gained among separate areas of the brain. The EEG and reference leads can be connected through a differential amplifier to a controller module that regulates the speed of at least one motor to rotate at least one magnet above the scalp.

[**0259**] Sensing EEG with a magnet rotating in the vicinity can be difficult, since the magnet can affect the electrode. To allow proper EEG measurement, a technique may be used to subtract the pure sine wave from the sensed EEG. In some embodiments, the magnet rotation can be stopped temporarily in order to take an EEG measurement that does not include the effect of the rotating magnet.

[**0260**] Provided herein is a device operable to influence an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject **2806** within a specified EEG band, for example, as shown in FIG. **28**. Any of the devices described herein may be used to influence the EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band. The device may comprise at least two permanent magnets **2802a**, **2802b**,

wherein the subunit (not shown in FIG. 28, but shown in other figures, for example, FIGS. 1-4, 24, 25, 27) of the device is coupled to both the first and the second magnet, and wherein the subunit enables movement of the second magnet at a frequency between about 0.5 Hz and about 100 Hz. The subunit may enable movement of the second magnet at a frequency between about 2 Hz and about 20 Hz. The subunit may enable movement of the first and second magnet at the same frequencies.

[0261] FIG. 28 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device applied to a subject 2806, wherein the NEST device has three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets 2802a, 2802b, 2802c, rotating about their cylinder axes having a magnetic phase between at least two of the magnets that is not zero. As shown in FIG. 27, a first permanent magnet 2802a of a device operable to influence an EEG phase may have a first rotational orientation relative to a treatment surface 2899 of the device and the second permanent magnet 2802b may have a second rotational orientation relative to the treatment surface 2899 of the device. The device may be operable to move the first permanent magnet 2802a at the same frequency as the second permanent magnet 2802b.

[0262] In some embodiments, a magnetic field results from a first magnetic source and a second magnetic source. FIG. 29 shows the magnetic field strengths 2997a, 2997b of two magnets moving at the same frequency at the same time 2992, but having a magnetic phase 2991 relative to one another (out of phase relative to each other). The magnetic field strengths in this graph are plotted with time on the x axis, and magnetic field strength on the y axis (with two x axis, to show the relative field strengths of each magnet simultaneously). As depicted in FIG. 29, a first magnetic source and a second magnetic source may be out of phase relative to each other in order to influence the EEG phase of the subject. In some embodiments, the amount that the first magnetic source and the second magnetic source are out of phase relative to each other is called the magnetic phase 2991. The magnetic phase may be measured peak to peak (i.e. peak of the first magnet's field strength to peak of the second magnet's field strength—as shown in FIG. 29, at 2991), or trough to trough, or inflection to inflection, or any similar plot characteristic on both of the magnets' field strength graphs.

[0263] In some embodiments, the first portion of the treatment surface is the portion of the treatment surface approximately closest to the first permanent magnet, and wherein the second portion of the treatment surface is the portion of the treatment surface approximately closest to the second permanent magnet. For example, in FIG. 28, the treatment surface 2899 extends between the magnets 2802a, 2802b, 2802c and the head of the subject 2806. The first portion of the treatment surface is that portion of the treatment surface 2899 between the first magnet 2802a and the nearest portion of the head of the subject 2806. Likewise, the second portion of the treatment surface is that portion of the treatment surface 2899 between the second magnet 2802b and the nearest portion of the head of the subject 2806. In some embodiments, the first portion of the treatment surface is the portion of the treatment surface closest to the first permanent magnet that is intended to be approximately tangential to the head of the subject nearest that treatment surface. In some embodiments, the second portion of the treatment surface is the portion of the treatment

surface approximately closest to the second permanent magnet that is intended to be approximately tangential to the head of the subject nearest that treatment surface.

[0264] In some embodiments of the devices disclosed herein, the difference between the first rotational orientation and the second rotational orientation results in a magnetic phase when the first permanent magnet is moved at the same frequency as the second permanent magnet. As shown in FIG. 28, for non-limiting example, the first magnet 2802a has a rotational orientation relative to the treatment surface 2899 that is different than the rotational orientation of second magnet 2802b. The first magnet 2802a has a rotational orientation wherein its neutral axis nearly parallel (or tangential, where the treatment surface is curved) to the treatment surface 2899 nearest it, with its north pole closest to the treatment surface 2899. The second magnet 2802b has a rotational orientation wherein its neutral axis that is nearly perpendicular to the treatment surface 2899 nearest it, with its north pole only slightly closer to the treatment surface 2899 than its south pole. Relative to the treatment surface nearest each magnet, thus, the first magnet 2802a has a rotational orientation that is offset from the rotational axis of the second magnet 2802b by around 90 degrees. The first rotational orientation relative to a first portion of a treatment surface of the device may be between at least about 0 degrees and about 360 degrees different from the second rotational orientation relative to a second portion of the treatment surface of the device. The first rotational orientation relative to a first portion of a treatment surface of the device may be at least one of: between at least about 0 degrees and about 180 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 90 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 45 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 30 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 15 degrees, between at least about 0 degrees and about 10 degrees, at least about 5 degrees, at least about 10 degrees, at least about 15 degrees, at least about 30 degrees, at least about 45 degrees, at least about 60 degrees, at least about 90 degrees, at least about 120 degrees, at least about 180 degrees, at least about 240 degrees, and at least about 270 degrees different from the second rotational orientation relative to a second portion of the treatment surface of the device. The specified EEG frequency may be an intrinsic frequency as described herein. The specified EEG frequency may be a target frequency as described herein. The target frequency may be an average intrinsic frequency of a control group within a specified EEG band.

[0265] The magnetic phase of the device may be operable to influence an EEG phase between a first site and a second site in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency. FIG. 30 shows theoretical EEG electrode readings 3095a, 3095b measured at two locations on a subject's head within a single EEG band when the two locations are exhibiting similar (or the same) frequency, but are out of phase relative to each other, i.e. displaying an EEG phase 3089. The EEG readings over time in this graph are plotted with time on the x axis, and EEG readings on the y axis (with two x axis, to show two EEG electrode readings taken simultaneously at different locations on the head of the subject). As depicted in FIG. 30, a first EEG reading 3095a, and a second EEG reading 3095b may be out of phase relative to each other. In some embodiments, the amount that the first EEG reading and the second EEG reading are out of phase relative to each other is called the EEG phase 3089. The EEG phase 3089

may be measured peak to peak (i.e. peak of the first EEG reading to peak of the second EEG reading—as shown in FIG. 30, at 3089), or trough to trough, or inflection to inflection, or any similar plot characteristic on both of the EEG reading graphs.

[0266] In some embodiments, the first site in the brain of a subject may generally align with a first permanent magnet, and the second site in the brain of a subject may generally align with a second permanent magnet of the device to influence the EEG phase between those two sites. Additional sites also be measured, and additional magnets may additionally be used to influence the EEG phase between given sites toward a target EEG phase.

[0267] Provided herein is a device comprising, a means for applying a first magnetic field to a head of a subject; and a means for applying a second magnetic field to a head of a subject whereby the means for applying the first magnetic field and the means for applying the second magnetic field are capable of influencing an EEG phase between at least two sites in a brain of the subject of a specified EEG frequency. The magnetic fields (first magnetic field, and second magnetic field) may be of the same frequency, but out of phase with each other.

[0268] Additional magnetic fields may be provided by additional means for applying such magnetic fields. These too may be out of phase with each other, or with any of the magnetic fields. Nevertheless, the magnetic fields in some embodiments may have the same frequencies. The devices may be a Permanent Magneto-EEG Resonant Therapy (pMERT) (i.e. a Neuro-EEG Synchronization Therapy NEST device) as described herein.

[0269] Even a device having a magnetic phase of 0, where the magnets spin at the same frequencies, and in-phase relative to the treatment surface of the device (and/or relative to the head of the subject), may influence the EEG phase between two locations measured on the subject's head. For example, if prior to treatment, two EEG electrodes take EEG readings within an EEG band, and the frequencies are the same (or substantially so), however, the EEG readings have peaks for each electrode at different times (i.e. a non-zero EEG phase), a device as described herein may influence the EEG phase by applying a magnetic field having a magnetic phase (i.e. where the magnets move at the same frequency and in-phase with each other).

[0270] In some embodiments, a device comprises a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity; and a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal, wherein the first electrode is located on the subject in at least one of: an area of low electrical resistivity on a subject, and an area with substantially no electrical impulse interference on a subject, and wherein the second electrode is located on the subject. In some embodiments, a device comprises a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity; and a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal, wherein the first electrode is located on the subject in at least a portion of the ear canal of the subject, and wherein the second electrode is located on the subject. Such electrode placements and configurations may be part of any NEST device described herein. Alternatively, these electrode configurations (including placement and conformation) may be part of any device wherein a clearer EEG signal is desired, since these configurations result in reductions in noise and reduced resistivity from other signals (such as muscle

twitches, etc) as compared to electrodes placed on, for example, the head of a subject.

[0271] FIG. 27 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having a first EEG electrode 2782a located in the subject's ear canal 2707, and a reference EEG electrode 2782b (i.e. a second electrode) located on an earlobe of the subject 2706. Conductive gel 2783 may also be used with the first electrode 2782b. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 27, the electrodes 2782a, 2782b, couple by wires to a controller subunit 2758. The controller subunit 2758 also couples to at least one magnet 2702 operable to apply a magnetic field to the subject's 2706 brain by spinning the magnet 2702 about its axis (not shown). Other NEST devices as described herein may be used and may include the EEG electrodes as described. Other magnet, magnets, and/or magnetic field configurations as described herein may be used. Other controller subunits as described herein may be used. The first electrode may be shaped to fit the area having substantially no electrical impulse interference, for non-limiting example, a portion of the ear canal or a portion of the nasal cavity. The electrode may be shaped like a hearing aid, including, for non-limiting example, completely in the canal shaped, canal shaped, half-shell shaped, full shell shaped, behind the ear shaped, and open ear shaped. The first electrode may be conformable to the area having substantially no electrical impulse interference. The first electrode may be compliant such that it fits the specific anatomy of the subject. The first electrode may come in multiple sizes to accommodate a range of subjects' anatomy. The first electrode may be configured such that the subject may place the electrode in the area having substantially no electrical impulse interference without assistance from, for non-limiting example, a second person, a trained EEG technician, or a medical professional.

[0272] The area having substantially no electrical impulse interference may be a location having substantially no muscle activity. The area having substantially no muscle activity may naturally have substantially no muscle activity. Alternatively, the area having substantially no muscle activity may be relaxed by a muscle relaxation means such as, for non-limiting example, an injection with a substance that relaxes (and/or paralyzes) the muscles in the area, a topical application of a substance that relaxes (and/or paralyzes) the muscles in the area, and/or by an ingested muscle relaxation substance.

[0273] While an anatomical location of substantially no electrical impulse interference (but where brain activity may be measured) may provide a clearer EEG signal resulting in less noise and reduced resistivity from the skull, the first electrode may alternatively be placed on the scalp (either directly, and/or with hair between the scalp and the electrode). A single or a plurality of electrodes may be placed on the scalp for coherence measurement, phase measurement, intrinsic frequency measurement, and/or Q-factor measurement. Noise from scalp movement and/or resistivity from the skull may be filtered from the signal (or signals) received from the EEG electrodes, however, such filtering may not be necessary. Curve smoothing may be applied to the signal (or signals) received from the EEG electrodes, however, such curve smoothing may not be necessary. Using any of the EEG recording means noted herein, multiple signal recordings may be taken and combined to determine, for non-limiting example, a coherence measurement, an intrinsic frequency measurement, and/or a Q-factor measurement. An

EEG electrode cap may be used, and signals from one or more electrodes of the cap may be used as described herein to determine an intrinsic frequency, a Q-factor, or coherence.

[0274] The area of the scalp upon which the first EEG electrode (or the plurality of electrodes) is/are placed may be induced to have less muscle activity, or it may naturally have less muscle activity than other areas on the scalp. Inducing less muscle activity in the area of the scalp may be achieved in various ways. For non-limiting example, the area may be relaxed by a muscle relaxation means such as an injection with a substance that relaxes (and/or paralyzes) the muscles in the area, a topical application of a substance that relaxes (and/or paralyzes) the muscles in the area, and/or by an ingested muscle relaxation substance.

[0275] In some embodiments, the second electrode operable to detect a reference signal is a ground reference. The second electrode may be an ear clip attached to, for non-limiting example, a subject's earlobe. The second electrode may be attached to a location showing substantially no EEG activity. The second electrode may be an ear clip.

[0276] The device as described herein may be operable to measure the EEG signal from the subject's brain prior to and/or after the application of the magnetic field to the subject. The device as described herein may comprise logic (in a computer readable format—for non-limiting example, hardware, software) that receives and records the EEG signal prior to and/or following application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof). The device as described herein may comprise logic (in a computer readable format) that determines the intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject using the EEG signal prior to and/or following application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof). The device as described herein may comprise logic (in a computer readable format) that determines the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject using the EEG signal prior to and/or following application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof). The device as described herein may comprise logic (in a computer readable format) that determines the coherence of the intrinsic frequencies of a specified EEG band of the subject measured at multiple brain locations. The device as described herein may comprise logic (in a computer readable format) that determines the phase of the intrinsic frequencies of a specified EEG band of the subject measured at multiple brain locations.

[0277] Provided herein is a method of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject toward a target intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band; and applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, a NEST device, such as one of the NEST devices (pMERT devices) described herein is used to create the magnetic field of the method. In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include influencing harmonics of the target intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band. In some embodiments, the target intrinsic frequency is a harmonic of the peak intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band. In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency that can be represented in the frequency domain by an impulse function. In some embodiments, influencing an

intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency having no variation (standard of deviation around the target frequency is 0). In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency plus or minus at most 1% of the target frequency. In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency plus or minus at most 5% of the target frequency. In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency plus or minus at most 10% of the target frequency. In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency plus or minus at most 10% of the target frequency. In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency plus or minus at most 15% of the target frequency. In some embodiments, influencing an intrinsic frequency may include providing a magnetic field having a target frequency plus or minus at most 20% of the target frequency.

[0278] Provided herein is a method of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a Q-factor a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band of the subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, a NEST device, such as one of the NEST devices (pMERT devices) described herein is used to create the magnetic field of the method.

[0279] Provided herein is a method of modulating the electrical activity of a brain in a subject in need thereof, comprising adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing a coherence of intrinsic frequencies among multiple sites in a brain of the subject within a specified EEG band toward a target coherence value; and applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, a NEST device, such as one of the NEST devices (pMERT devices) described herein is used to create the magnetic field of the method.

[0280] Provided herein is a method of altering an intrinsic frequency of a brain of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising determining the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band; comparing the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting down the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject; and if the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average intrinsic frequency of the control group, shifting up the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field close to a head of the subject, wherein said specific magnetic field has a frequency higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, a NEST device, such as one of the NEST devices (pMERT devices) described herein is used to create the magnetic field of the method.

[0281] Provided herein is a method of altering a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency within a specified EEG band of a subject, comprising determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band of the subject;

comparing the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) to an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of a control group; if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is higher than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning down the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a magnetic field with varying frequencies close to a head of the subject; and if the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency from step (a) is lower than the average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the control group, tuning up the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the subject by applying a specific magnetic field with a target frequency close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, a NEST device, such as one of the NEST devices (pMERT devices) described herein is used to create the magnetic field of the method.

[0282] Provided herein is a method of improving coherence of intrinsic frequencies within a specified EEG band among multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising determining the coherence value of the intrinsic frequencies among multiple locations throughout a scalp of the subject; comparing the coherence value from step (a) to an average coherence value of a control group; if the coherence value from step (a) is higher than the average coherence value of the control group, lowering the coherence value of the subject by applying at least two asynchronous magnetic fields close to a head of the subject; if the coherence value from step (a) is lower than the average coherence value of the control group, raising the coherence value of the subject by applying at least one synchronized magnetic field close to a head of the subject. In some embodiments, a NEST device, such as one of the NEST devices (pMERT devices) described herein is used to create the magnetic field of the method.

[0283] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting an output current of an electric alternating current source for influencing a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of an EEG band of a subject toward a target Q-factor; and applying said output current across a head of the subject.

[0284] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject of a specified EEG frequency toward a target EEG phase of the specified EEG frequency; and applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0285] In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is lower than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is any EEG phase lower than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is higher than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is any EEG phase higher than the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of the subject. In some embodiments, the methods comprise measuring EEG data of two sites in the brain of the subject, and calculating the EEG phase between the two sites in the brain of a subject.

[0286] In some embodiments, the target EEG phase is an EEG phase of a control group. In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature (e.g., a certain level of cognitive performance). In some embodiments, the control group is a set of subjects not having a neurological disorder

mentioned herein. In some embodiments, the control group comprises at least two subjects.

[0287] In some embodiments, there is no target EEG phase. Rather, the method comprises adjusting output of a magnetic field for influencing an EEG phase between two sites in the brain of a subject within a specified EEG band; and applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject. The EEG phase may be influenced to be lower, or higher.

[0288] In another aspect are methods for influencing an EEG phase of a specified EEG frequency between multiple locations of a brain of a subject, comprising determining the EEG phase between at least two locations measured on the head of the subject; comparing the EEG phase to an average EEG phase of a control group; and applying a magnetic field close to a head of the subject. Applying the magnetic field may influence the determined EEG phase toward the average EEG phase of a control group. The specified EEG frequency may be an intrinsic frequency as described herein. The specified EEG frequency may be a target frequency as described herein. The target frequency may be an average intrinsic frequency of a control group within a specified EEG band.

[0289] In another aspect are methods for using a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) device for influencing an EEG phase of a subject within a specified EEG band, comprising: adjusting output of said TMS device; changing the EEG phase by repetitive firing of at least one magnetic field using said TMS device; and applying said magnetic field close to a head of the subject.

[0290] In some embodiments, the magnetic field results from a first magnetic source and a second magnetic source. In some embodiments, the first magnetic source and the second magnetic source are out of phase relative to each other. In some embodiments, the amount that the first magnetic source and the second magnetic source are out of phase relative to each other is called the magnetic phase.

[0291] In some embodiments of at least one aspect described herein, the step of applying the magnetic field is for a pre-determined cumulative treatment time. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is from about 0.5 Hz to about 100 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is from about 1 Hz to about 100 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 50 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 30 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 20 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is not greater than about 10 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is greater than about 3 Hz. In some embodiments of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is greater than about 1 Hz.

[0292] In some embodiments, of at least one aspect described above, the target intrinsic frequency with the specified EEG band is up to about 25 Hz. As used herein, the

term “about” when referring to a frequency can mean variations of 0.1 Hz-0.2 Hz, 0.1 Hz to 0.5 Hz, 0.5 Hz to 1 Hz, or 1 Hz to 5 Hz.

[0293] In some embodiments, the target and/or target intrinsic frequency is chosen from a plurality of intrinsic frequencies in the specified EEG band. In some embodiments the target and/or target intrinsic frequency is chosen from a plurality of intrinsic frequencies across a plurality of EEG bands. In some embodiments the specified EEG band is the Alpha band. In some embodiments the specified EEG band is the Beta band.

[0294] In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the method or methods may comprise locating a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity on the subject in an area of low electrical resistivity on a subject. In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the method or methods may comprise locating a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity on the subject in an area with substantially no electrical impulse interference on a subject. In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the method or methods may comprise locating a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity on the subject in an area having substantially no electrical impulse interference. In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the method or methods may comprise locating a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity on the subject in a location having substantially no muscle activity. The method or methods may further comprise locating a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal on the subject. The method or methods may further comprise determining the intrinsic frequency from: the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode, and the reference signal detected by the second electrode.

[0295] In some embodiments of the methods described herein, the method or methods may comprise locating a first electrode operable to detect electrical brain activity on the subject in at least a portion of the ear canal of the subject. The method or methods may further comprise locating a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal on the subject. The method or methods may further comprise determining the intrinsic frequency from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode and the reference signal detected by the second electrode.

[0296] The method or methods described herein may comprise applying conductive gel to the area of low electrical resistivity on a subject (i.e. the location at which the first electrode is placed). The method or methods described herein may comprise applying conductive gel to the area having substantially no electrical impulse interference on a subject (i.e. the location at which the first electrode is placed). The method or methods described herein may comprise applying conductive gel to the area having substantially no muscle activity (i.e. the location at which the first electrode is placed). Alternatively, or in addition to the applying the gel, the method may comprise shaping the first electrode to fit the area at which the first electrode is placed, for non-limiting example, the portion of the ear canal or the portion of the nasal cavity in which the first electrode is placed. The electrode may be pre-shaped to generally fit the intended anatomical location of electrode placement, or the electrode may be shaped in-situ to fit the specific individual's anatomical location of electrode placement. The method may comprise shaping the electrode to fit an anatomical location (for example, the area at which the first electrode is

to be placed). The method may comprise providing an electrode that fits an anatomical location (for example, the area at which the first electrode is to be placed). The first electrode may come in multiple sizes to accommodate a range of subjects' anatomy. The first electrode may be configured such that the subject may place the electrode in the area having substantially no electrical impulse interference without assistance from, for non-limiting example, a second person, a trained EEG technician, or a medical professional.

[0297] The method or methods described herein may comprise placing the first electrode in a location having substantially no electrical impulse interference may be a location having substantially no muscle activity. The area having substantially no muscle activity may naturally have substantially no muscle activity. The method or methods described herein may comprise relaxing the area of the subject at which the first electrode is placed by a muscle relaxation means such as by, for non-limiting example, injecting with a substance that relaxes the muscles in the area, applying a topical substance that relaxes the muscles in the area, and/or by providing an ingestible muscle relaxation substance to the subject that relaxes the muscles in the area. The method or methods described herein may comprise paralyzing the area of the subject at which the first electrode is placed by a muscle paralysis means such as by, for non-limiting example, and/or injecting with a substance that substantially paralyzes the muscles in the area, applying a topical substance that substantially paralyzes the muscles in the area.

[0298] While an anatomical location of substantially no electrical impulse interference, and/or a location having substantially no muscle activity (but where brain activity may be measured) may provide a clearer EEG signal resulting in less noise and reduced resistivity from the skull, nevertheless, the methods provided herein may comprise placing the first electrode on the scalp (either directly, and/or with hair between the scalp and the electrode). The methods provided herein may comprise placing a plurality of electrodes on the scalp for coherence measurement, intrinsic frequency measurement, and/or Q-factor measurement. The methods provided herein may comprise filtering from the signal (or signals) received from the EEG electrodes noise from scalp movement and/or resistivity from the skull. The methods provided herein may comprise smoothing the signal curve received and/or determined from the EEG electrodes. The methods provided herein may comprise determining from multiple signal recordings: a coherence measurement, an intrinsic frequency measurement, and/or a Q-factor measurement using any of the EEG recording means noted herein. An EEG electrode cap may be used, and signals from one or more electrodes of the cap may be used as described herein to determine an intrinsic frequency, a Q-factor, or coherence.

[0299] The area of the scalp upon which the first EEG electrode (or the plurality of electrodes) is/are placed may be induced to have less muscle activity, or it may naturally have less muscle activity than other areas on the scalp. Inducing less muscle activity in the area of the scalp may be achieved in various ways. For non-limiting example, the methods may comprise relaxing the area where the first electrode is placed, for non-limiting example, by injecting the area with a substance that relaxes (and/or paralyzes) the muscles in the area, applying a topical substance that relaxes (and/or para-

lyzes) the muscles in the area, and/or by providing an ingestible muscle relaxation substance that relaxes the muscles in the area.

[0300] In some embodiments, the method comprises placing a second electrode operable to detect a reference signal, wherein the second electrode is a ground reference. The method may comprise attaching an ear clip electrode to, for non-limiting example, a subject's earlobe. The ear clip may be removable. The method may comprise attaching the second electrode to a location showing substantially no EEG activity.

[0301] Measuring the EEG signal from the subject's brain (i.e. measuring EEG data of the subject) may be done prior to and/or after the application of the magnetic field to the subject. The method may comprise receiving the EEG signals (i.e. receiving the reference signal from the reference electrode and receiving the brain activity from the first electrode) prior to application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof). The method may comprise recording the EEG signals prior to application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof). The EEG signals (i.e. receiving the reference signal from the reference electrode and receiving the brain activity from the first electrode) received and/or recorded prior to application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof) may be used in determining at least one of the intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject, the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject, the phase of the intrinsic frequencies of a specified EEG band of the subject, and the coherence of the intrinsic frequencies of a specified EEG band of the subject measured at multiple brain locations. The method may comprise receiving the EEG signals (i.e. receiving the reference signal from the reference electrode and receiving the brain activity from the first electrode) following (or after) application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof). The method may comprise recording the EEG signals (i.e. the reference signal from the reference electrode and the brain activity from the first electrode) following or after application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof). The EEG signals received and/or recorded (i.e. the reference signal from the reference electrode and the brain activity from the first electrode) following (or after) application of the magnetic field to the subject's brain (or a portion thereof) may be used in determining at least one of the post-treatment intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject, the post-treatment Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of a specified EEG band of the subject, the post-treatment phase of the intrinsic frequencies of a specified EEG band of the subject, and the post-treatment coherence of the intrinsic frequencies of a specified EEG band of the subject measured at multiple brain locations. Determining the intrinsic frequency may comprise removing the reference signal detected by the second electrode from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode. Determining the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of the specified EEG band comprises ascertaining the Q-factor from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode and the reference signal detected by the second electrode by removing the reference signal detected by the second electrode from the electrical brain activity detected by the first electrode and calculating the Q-factor from the intrinsic frequency f_0 and the Δf as shown in FIG. 12.

rTMS Therapy

[0302] Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) refers to uses of a magnetic field administered in very short grouped pulses (microseconds in length) to a patient's head to achieve a constant train of activation over brief periods of a treatment session. These brief magnetic fields can stimulate small areas of the brain non-invasively. During a single session, about 3,000 magnetic pulses can be given over an interval of about 30 minutes.

[0303] The short pulses of magnetic energy generated by rTMS devices can stimulate nerve cells of the brain, often at frequencies close to thresholds of exciting brain cells. Magnetic fields generated by rTMS devices can pass through the skull and into the cortex without being distorted. The result is a very focal type of stimulation, minimizing stimulation of brain tissue not intended to be stimulated.

[0304] The magnetic pulses generated by rTMS devices are generally believed to induce electrical charges to flow. The amount of electricity created in the brain is very small, and can not be felt by the patient. These flowing electric charges can cause the neurons to fire or become active under certain circumstances. Typically, an objective of rTMS Therapy is to stimulate (or activate) brain cells.

[0305] Jin Y et al. Therapeutic effects of individualized alpha frequency transcranial magnetic stimulation (alphaTMS) on the negative symptoms of schizophrenia. *Schizophr Bull.* 32(3):556-61 (2006 July; Epub 2005 Oct. 27), which is incorporated by reference in its entirety, described four stimulation parameters that require optimization for rTMS:

[0306] (a) Frequency—Higher frequencies (>10 Hz) are believed to increase cortical excitability;

[0307] (b) Intensity—As a percentage of the threshold at which motor activity can be elicited (~1-2 Tesla);

[0308] (c) Duration—Pulse trains are brief (1-2 seconds), and intertrain intervals can be 30-60 seconds; and

[0309] (d) Site of Stimulation—Depending on patient population or specific brain functions.

[0310] In some embodiments, the severity of a neurological disorder is assessed with PANSS, Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS), Barnes Akathisia Rating Scale (BARS), and Simpson-Angus Scale (SAS), as described by Jin Y et al. above. In some embodiments, the severity of a neurological disorder is assessed with the Hamilton Anxiety Scale (HAMA), the Hamilton Depression Scale (HAMD), or any methods known in the art. In some embodiments, efficacy in clinical ratings can be evaluated by using analyses of variance (ANOVA) as described by Jin Y et al. above. In some embodiments, raw EEG data can be edited offline by an experienced technician who is blind to the treatment conditions to eliminate any significant or apparent artifact as described in Jin Y et al. above. In some embodiments, multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) with repeated measures can be used to determine the main effect interactions as described in Jin Y et al. above.

[0311] Since EEG changes can be direct consequences of treatments using the methods or devices described herein, in some embodiments, the EEG changes are used to clinically correlate improvement in the symptoms of a neurological disorder or improvement in cognitive performance. Improvement in symptoms can include positive symptoms and negative symptoms. In some embodiments, the EEG changes after using the methods or devices described cor-

related to both positive symptoms and negative symptoms. In some embodiments, the EEG changes after using the methods or devices described correlated to only positive symptoms. In some embodiments, the EEG changes after using the methods or devices described correlated to only negative symptoms. In some embodiments, correlations between EEG changes and improvement in negative symptoms are only significant in the absence of positive symptoms. In some embodiments, correlations between EEG changes and improvement in positive symptoms are only significant in the absence of negative symptoms.

[0312] In some embodiments, negative symptoms include, but not limited to, loss of motivation, anhedonia, emotional flattening, and psychomotor retardation. These negative symptoms can be associated with patient's cognitive deficits and poorer clinical prognosis, and often resistant to antipsychotic medications. See Gasquet et al., Pharmacological treatment and other predictors of treatment outcomes in previously untreated patients with schizophrenia: results from the European Schizophrenia Outpatient Health Outcomes (SOHO) study. *Int Clin Psychopharmacol.* 20: 199-205 (2005), which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

CES Therapy

[0313] Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation (CES) is a method of applying microcurrent levels of electrical stimulation across the head via transcutaneous electrodes. Provided herein is method including applying an electric alternating current (AC) across a head of a subject, and adjusting and/or varying the frequency of the AC current to effect cognitive performance or a neurological disorder as described herein. In some embodiments, the AC current is a microcurrent.

[0314] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting an output of an electric alternating current source for influencing an intrinsic frequency of a EEG band of a subject toward a target frequency of the EEG band; and applying said electric alternating current across a head of the subject. In some embodiments of the methods, a CES therapy is used to influence the intrinsic frequency of a patient's brain toward a target frequency as measured by EEG.

[0315] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting an output current of an electric alternating current source for influencing an intrinsic frequency of an EEG band of a subject toward a target frequency of the EEG band; and applying said output current across a head of the subject. In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to the target frequency. In some embodiments, the method further comprises determining the intrinsic frequency of the EEG band of the subject; and comparing the intrinsic frequency to the target frequency of the EEG band, wherein the target frequency is an average intrinsic frequency of the EEG bands of a control group, wherein if the intrinsic frequency is higher than the target frequency, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject, and if the intrinsic

frequency is lower than the target frequency, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject.

[0316] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting an output of an electric alternating current source for influencing a Q-factor a measure of frequency selectivity of a specified EEG band of a subject toward a target Q-factor of the band; and applying said electric alternating current across a head of the subject. In some embodiments of the methods, a controlled waveform CES therapy is used to influence a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of a patient's brain. FIG. 12 shows an example of the Q-factor as used in this invention. The figure shows a sample graph of the frequency distribution of the energy of an EEG signal. It can be seen that a frequency range, Δf can be defined as the frequency bandwidth for which the energy is above one-half the peak energy. The frequency f_0 is defined as the intrinsic frequency in the specified band. The Q-factor is defined as the ratio of $f_0/\Delta f$. As can be seen, when Δf decreases for a given f_0 , the Q-factor will increase. This can occur when the peak energy E_{max} of the signal increases or when the bandwidth of the EEG signal decreases.

[0317] Provided herein is a method comprising adjusting an output current of an electric alternating current source for influencing a Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of an EEG band of a subject toward a target Q-factor; and applying said output current across a head of the subject. In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises varying a frequency of the output current. In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is lower than the intrinsic frequency of the subject. In some embodiments, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to the target frequency. In some embodiments, the method further comprises determining the Q-factor of the intrinsic frequency of the EEG band of the subject; and comparing the Q-factor to the target Q-factor, wherein the target Q-factor is an average Q-factor of the intrinsic frequencies of the EEG bands of a control group, wherein if the intrinsic frequency is higher than the target frequency, the step of adjusting the output current comprises varying a frequency of the output current, and if the intrinsic frequency is lower than the target frequency, the step of adjusting the output current comprises setting the output current to a frequency that is higher than the intrinsic frequency of the subject.

[0318] In some embodiments, the frequency of the output current has a waveform. In some embodiments, the waveform is a sinusoidal or near-sinusoidal AC microcurrent waveform (i.e. a controlled waveform). In some embodiments, the waveform is any waveform described herein, including but not limited to a half waveform and/or a full waveform. In some embodiments, the EEG band is the alpha band measured by EEG. In some embodiments, the intrinsic frequency is the alpha frequency of the patient's brain measured by EEG. In some embodiments, the target frequency is a target frequency of the alpha band as measure by EEG.

[0319] In some embodiments the target frequency is an average frequency of a control group. In some embodiments,

the control group is a set of individual having a particular trait, characteristic, ability, or feature (e.g., a certain level of cognitive performance). In some embodiments, the control group is a set of individual not having a neurological disorder mentioned herein. In some embodiments, the control group comprises at least two subjects.

[0320] It will be understood by those of skill in the art that numerous and various modifications can be made without departing from the spirit of the present invention. Therefore, it should be clearly understood that the forms of the present invention are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of the present invention.

EXAMPLES

[0321] The invention is described in greater detail by the following non-limiting examples.

Example 1

[0322] In some embodiments, described are devices that provide low frequency near-sinusoidal TMS therapy by rotating at least one permanent magnet in close proximity to the subject's head. The direction of rotation relative to the subject can vary depending on the specific therapy desired. Also, the speed of rotation can be adjusted to provide the optimal therapeutic benefit. The speed adjustment itself can come from the user of the device or from a controller that uses feedback from a bio-sensor to determine the optimal speed.

[0323] In particular embodiments, a bar magnet can be mounted at the end of the shaft with the line through the poles perpendicular to the axis of the shaft. The shaft can be rotated by an adjustable motor. The magnet can rotate so that the plane of rotation is perpendicular to the surface of the scalp. Accordingly, the positive and negative poles of the magnet can be alternately brought in close proximity to the scalp. This can create a near-sinusoidal magnetic field in the brain in which the location where the field is strongest is that which is closest to the magnet.

Example 2

[0324] In particular embodiments, a horseshoe magnet can be mounted at the end of the shaft with the poles positioned at the far end from the shaft. The shaft can be rotated by an adjustable motor, as in the previous example. The magnet can be positioned above the subject's scalp such that the plane of rotation is parallel to the surface of the scalp. Accordingly, the positive and negative poles can rotate in a circle around the scalp. This can create a sinusoidal magnetic field in the brain in which the phase of the magnetic field is dependent on where the magnetic poles are in their rotation. In general, the magnetic field under one pole will be of opposite polarity to the magnetic field under the opposite pole.

Example 3

[0325] In particular embodiments, two bar magnets can be used, each mounted at the end of a shaft. The shafts can be rotated by adjustable motors. The magnets can be positioned on opposite sides of the subject's head, and they are rotated synchronously to provide a more uniform phase for the magnetic field in the brain. When the north Pole of one bar magnet is next to the subject's scalp, the south Pole of the

other magnet will be next to the subject's scalp on the opposite side of the subject's head.

Example 4

[0326] In particular embodiments, the NEST (pMERT) device is a small, generally cube-shaped device with one side that is curved to allow contact with the top of the subject's head. FIGS. 7-9 show the NEST (pMERT) device in such embodiments, and also show the NEST (pMERT) device with a subject lying on his/her back with his/her head resting in the device to receive therapy.

[0327] FIGS. 7, 8, and 9 show an exemplary embodiment of the pMERT (NEST) device 88. In this embodiment, a button EEG electrode 82a is located on the concave surface of the device 88 and a second reference electrode 82b extends via a wire from the side of the device 88. The display 64 and control buttons 86 (device controls) are located on top of the device 88 to provide information and allow the user to adjust parameters and enter patient data. A USB port 84 (which may also and/or alternatively be at least one of an internet connection port, a power supply, a modem connection, and another type of communications means) is located at the top rear of the device 88, to allow it to be connected via a USB cable to a PC, allowing uploading of data and downloading of a dosage quota. FIG. 8 shows the pMERT (NEST) device 88 from FIG. 7 in which a subject 6 is lying with his/her head against the concave surface of the device 88. At least one moving magnet is unseen inside the pMERT (NEST) device 88 in order to deliver therapy to the subject 6. Moving magnets such as those in configurations described herein may be used in the device 88 shown in FIGS. 7, 8, and 9. The subject's head is pressed against the button EEG electrode (not shown), with the second electrode 82b attached to the subject's right ear. FIG. 9 shows an alternate angle of the subject 6 receiving therapy from the pMERT (NEST) device 88 as described in FIG. 7 and/or FIG. 8.

[0328] In these particular embodiments, the pMERT as shown in FIGS. 7-9 contains a single EEG lead (i.e. electrode) which is to be placed at the top of the subject's head. Alternatively, multiple EEG electrodes may be used in recording and/or monitoring the subject's brain waves at least one of before, during, and after the therapy is applied to the subject. The subject or nurse can prepare the EEG leads (and/or electrodes) with an electrolytic gel beforehand to lower the impedance. The reference electrode can be placed on the subject's ear. In some embodiments, the reading from a reference EEG electrode is subtracted and/or otherwise removed from the reading from the second EEG electrode.

[0329] When therapy is needed, the subject or nurse can follow the instructions on the display, which will provide a walkthrough of the EEG electrode preparation. Once complete and the patient is situated in the device, the EEG is checked by the pMERT to ensure that the electrode is placed correctly. If not, an audible tone or instruction is given to allow the patient to resituate himself/herself until proper contact is made.

[0330] Once contact is made, the patient lies still with eyes closed while the pMERT (NEST) acquires a representative EEG sample. The EEG data is analyzed and, depending on the therapy to be delivered, the magnet or magnets are rotated at the appropriate speed. The patient does not feel anything during the procedure, except for a diminution of

the symptoms of the disorder, and perhaps a feeling of calm. During therapy, the device may sample the EEG data either by subtracting out the influence of the magnet or by temporarily halting the magnet while the EEG data is sampled. The display is used to show time remaining and any other necessary status information for the device. After the therapy time, the magnet stops and a second EEG is taken, to be compared to the first EEG. Upon completion of the second EEG acquisition, an audible signal is given to indicate end of therapy.

Example 5 Purchasing Dosage Quotas and Report Generation

[0331] The methods and devices described are intended to be used by psychiatrists/therapists to treat patients with neurological disorders. Psychiatrists who take advantage of this therapy can register accounts with a vendor of the devices described and be given a username and password. When a psychiatrist sees a patient with a disorder and the psychiatrist feels that the patient could benefit from the methods or devices described herein, the psychiatrist either orders a device or selects one that has been pre-purchased.

[0332] The psychiatrist (or administrative assistant) can plug a pMERT (NEST) device into a USB port on a PC connected to an internet. Using web access and their username/password, the psychiatrist can login to the NeoSync website. The pMERT (NEST) will be automatically detected by the NeoSync website, and any necessary software upgrades will be downloaded.

[0333] The psychiatrist can then order a number of dosage quotas for a particular disorder from the website, such as 15 20-minute therapy treatment, one per day, to treat depression. An encrypted key will be downloaded to the pMERT (NEST), which will be set to allow the dosage quotas requested by the psychiatrist. Once this occurs, the psychiatrist will automatically be billed based on the number and type of dosage quotas. The psychiatrist will then bill the patient (or eventually the patient's insurance) for the procedure. The patient can take the pMERT (NEST) device to his/her home to use the device in accordance with the therapy prescribed by the psychiatrist or the patient can be treated in the psychiatrist's office.

[0334] Once the patient has used up all the dosage quotas the psychiatrist has loaded onto the device, the patient returns to the psychiatrist with the pMERT (NEST) device. The psychiatrist will connect the pMERT (NEST) device to the PC via a USB cable and will login to the NeoSync website as before. The website will detect the pMERT (NEST) and will upload all treatment information. A report can be generated with this information, giving the psychiatrist a quantitative indication of progress. The report can include for each treatment the date, start time, end time, initial EEG alpha parameters (i.e., power and Q-factor), and the final EEG alpha parameters. The psychiatrist can print the report or save it to a file to be placed in the patient's record. At this point, the psychiatrist can clear the memory of the device and use it for another patient or he/she can order more dosage quotas for the current patient.

[0335] If the psychiatrist decides that the patient should use the pMERT (NEST) for a longer period, the psychiatrist can set up an account for the patient with NeoSync, Inc. This way, the patient is able to order more dosage quotas without returning to the psychiatrist. Only the dosage quotas

approved by the psychiatrist will be allowed for the patient to order. The patient can pay NeoSync directly with a credit card or (eventually) insurance. For each session, the psychiatrist may also be paid. The psychiatrist would have access to all reports uploaded from the pMERT (NEST) via the website.

Example 6

[0336] Each patient admitted to the study is randomly assigned into one of the two study groups based on treatment using a plugged pMERT (NEST) device and sham, where a pMERT (NEST) device rotates a non-magnetic metal block instead of a magnet. Patients are kept blind to the treatment condition. Each treatment consists of 22 daily sessions during a 30-day period (and/or at least 10 sessions during a 2 week period or more). Patients' current antipsychotic treatments are kept unchanged during the study.

[0337] EEG data during treatments are recorded and individualized according to the alpha EEG intrinsic frequency (8-13 Hz). The precision of the stimulus rate can be refined to the level of 10% of a hertz. It is determined on each patient's average alpha frequency, obtained from 3 central EEG leads (C3, C4, and Cz).

EEG data during treatments are recorded from each individual in a supine position with their eyes closed throughout the testing period. Nineteen EEG electrodes (Ag—Ag Cl) are used according to the International 10-20 system and referenced to linked mastoids.

Electrooculograms (EOGs) from the outer canthus of both eyes are recorded simultaneously to monitor eye movements. At least two minutes of EEG epochs are collected and digitized by a 12-bit A/D (analog/digital) converter at the rate of 200 Hz by a Cadwell EZ II acquisition system. Sixty seconds of artifact free epochs are utilized for fast Fourier transformations (FFT). FFT window is set at 512 data points with 80% overlap.

[0338] Severity of psychosis, depression, and movement disorders are assessed with the Hamilton Anxiety Scale (HAMA), the Hamilton Depression Scale (HAMD), PANSS, Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS), Barnes Akathisia Rating Scale (BARS), and Simpson-Angus Scale (SAS), respectively. All rating scales and EEGs are administered at screening, baseline (immediately prior to first treatment), immediately following the fifth and tenth treatments.

[0339] While the technician administering the pMERT (NEST) device cannot be blinded, the evaluating physicians and EEG technicians remain unaware of the type of treatment throughout the duration of study. A priori categorical definition for clinical response is >30% baseline-to-post treatment reduction at the end of treatment on PANSS negative symptom subscale.

[0340] Patients with a baseline and at least 1 additional set of completed assessments (at least 5 treatment sessions) are included in the analysis of mean treatment effect. Efficacy in clinical ratings is evaluated by using analyses of variance (ANOVA) with repeated measure over time. The models include 2 between-individual factors of treatment and location, and 1 within-individual factors of time. Effect of concomitant antipsychotic treatment can be tested based on the categorization of typical and atypical neuroleptic medications. Grouping differences of all other measures are tested individually using the same statistical model. Using a

predefined response criterion, a contingent table analysis can be used to test the group difference in responding rate.

[0341] Raw EEG data are edited offline by an experienced technician who is blind to the treatment conditions to eliminate any significant (>3 arc) eye movements or any other type of apparent artifact. Ten to twenty-four artifact-free epochs (1,024 data points per epoch) in each recording channel are calculated by a fast Fourier transform (FFT) routine to produce a power spectrum with 0.2 Hz frequency resolution. The intrinsic frequency of alpha EEG is defined as the mean peak frequency (Fp) of 3 central leads (C3, C4, and Cz). EEG variables used in the analysis included power density (Pwr), peak frequency (Fp), Fp longitudinal coherence, and frequency selectivity (Q). See Jin Y et al. Alpha EEG predicts visual reaction time. *Int J Neurosci*. 116: 1035-44 (2006), which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

[0342] Coherence analysis is carried out between Fz and Pz in the peak alpha frequency. Recording from Cz is chosen to calculate the Q-factor (peak freq/half-power bandwidth), a measure of the alpha frequency selectivity. It is measured in the frequency domain by using a 60 sec artifact free EEG epoch and a 2,048 data point FFT with a 10-point smooth procedure. Multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) across all channels for each variable is performed to test the treatment and stimulus location effects. Change score for each variable before and after pMERT (NEST) treatment is used to correlate with the change score of each clinical measure from the same time points.

[0343] FIG. 12 shows an example of the Q-factor as used in this invention. The figure shows a sample graph of the frequency distribution of the energy of an EEG signal. It can be seen that a frequency range, Δf can be defined as the frequency bandwidth for which the energy is above one-half the peak energy. The frequency f_0 is defined as the intrinsic frequency in the specified band. The Q-factor is defined as the ratio of $f_0/\Delta f$. As can be seen, when Δf decreases for a given f_0 , the Q-factor will increase. This can occur when the peak energy E_{max} of the signal increases or when the bandwidth of the EEG signal decreases.

Example 7: Effect of NEST Device Lowering Blood Pressure

[0344] An effect of use of a NEST (i.e. pMERT) device using a method provided herein was shown to lower blood pressure in a female patient. The patient, originally using a NEST to treat anxiety, complained of a moderate tension headache and her blood pressure was taken, and read at 110/90 mmHg. A NEST device was set at a fixed specified frequency equal to an intrinsic frequency within her alpha EEG band and the magnetic field emanating from the device was applied to the patient's head (cerebral cortex). During treatment using the NEST device, three consecutive blood pressure measurements were taken at ten minute intervals, showing 110/85 mmHg, 100/82 mmHg, and 100/70 mmHg, respectively. An hour after treatment with the NEST device had ceased, the patient's tension headache returned, and her blood pressure was measured, reading 110/90 mmHg.

Example 8

[0345] In particular embodiments, a single cylindrical magnet that is diametrically magnetized (pole on the left and right sides of the cylinder) spins about the cylinder axis. The

magnet can be placed anywhere around the patient's head, and locations can be chosen based on the desire for a more focal therapy at a particular location. Alternative embodiments can include stringing two or more cylindrical magnets together on the same shaft, or along different shafts, to spin the magnets in unison to create a particular magnetic field in treating the patient. A non-limiting examples of this are found in FIGS. 13 through 15.

[0346] FIG. 13 shows an example embodiment of a diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnet 2 for use in a NEST device. FIG. 14 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device applied to a subject 1406, the device having a diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnet 1402 and a drive shaft 1404 that rotates the magnet 1402 about its cylinder axis, wherein the cylinder axis coincides with rotation axis 1438. FIG. 15 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device applied to a subject 1506, the device having two diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets 1502a, 1502b and a drive shaft 1404 that simultaneously rotates the magnets 1502a, 1502b about their cylinder axes, wherein the cylinder axes are coincident with each other and with rotation axis. In this example embodiment device, the north pole of magnet 1502a and the north pole of magnet 1502b are aligned to provide a more uniform magnetic field to the subject 1506.

Example 9

[0347] In particular embodiments, multiple cylindrical magnets can be arrayed above a patient's head so they spin in unison. These may be connected to each other by belts or gears so that they are driven by at least one motor. Non-limiting examples of these embodiments are shown in FIGS. 16 through 21.

[0348] FIG. 16 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets 1602a, 1602b, 1602c rotating about their cylinder axes and applied to a subject 1606. The poles of each the magnets 1602a, 1602b, 1602c of the shown device are aligned generally to provide a peak magnetic field to the subject 1606 that is coincident with the peak magnetic fields delivered to the subject 1606 from each of the other magnets 1602a, 1602b, 1602c. Another way of saying this is that each of the magnets 1602a, 1602b, 1602c has a neutral plane indicated by the dotted line on each of magnets 1602a, 1602b, and 1602c, and each the neutral planes is aligned to be generally parallel to the scalp of the subject 1606. This configuration provides a more uniform field to the subject 1606 than if the magnets 1602a, 1602b, 1602c are not aligned in such a manner.

[0349] FIG. 17 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device 1788 having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets 1702a, 1702b, 1702c configured to rotate about their cylinder axes (not shown). Each of the magnets 1702a, 1702b, 1702c of this example embodiment is coupled to at least one magnet drive pulley 1716a, 1716b, 1716c, 1716d. Each of the magnet drive pulleys 1716a, 1716b, 1716c, 1716d has at least one drive belt 1718a, 1718b, 1718c, 1718d wrapped at least partially about it. The device 1788 also comprises two tensioner assemblies 1708a, 1708b, each comprising a tensioner block 1710a, 1710b, a tensioner arm 1712a, 1712b, and at least one tensioner drive pulley 1714a, 1714b, 1714c each rotating about an axis going through the tensioner arm 1712a, 1712b, respectively, the axis generally being parallel to the rotation axis of the

magnets and to the drive shaft 1704 of the device 1788. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 17, each of the tensioner assemblies has two tensioner drive pulleys 1714a, 1714b, 1714c, (one tensioner drive pulley of tensioner assembly 1708 is not shown in FIG. 17—obscured by the side support 1722, but can be seen, for example, in FIG. 18). The drive belts 1718a, 1718b, 1718c, 1718d are each also wrapped at least partially about at least one tensioner drive pulley 1714a, 1714b, 1714c, (one tensioner drive pulley of tensioner assembly 1708 is not shown in FIG. 17—obscured by the side support 1722, but can be seen, for example, in FIG. 18) of the tensioner subassemblies 1708a, 1708b.

[0350] The device 1788 shown in FIG. 17 is held together by two side supports 1722, 1720 connected by a support column 1724a. In some embodiments, a second support column 1724b, a third support column (not shown) may also connect the side supports 1722, 1720. Each of the tensioner assemblies 1708a, 1708b and each of the magnets 1702a, 1702b, 1702c are mounted to (coupled to) at least one of these supports, if not both the side supports 1722, 1720. Each of the magnets 1702a, 1702b, 1702c are rotatably mounted to at least one of the side supports 1722, 1720, such that each of the magnets 1702a, 1702b, 1702c can rotate about their rotation axes (cylinder axes) without motion of either of the side supports 1722, 1720. Likewise, at least the tensioner drive pulleys 1714a, 1714b, 1714c, (and one tensioner drive pulley unshown in FIG. 17) of the tensioner assemblies 1708a, 1708b are rotatably mounted (coupled) to at least one of the side supports 1722, 1720, such that each of the tensioner drive pulleys 1714a, 1714b, 1714c, (and one tensioner drive pulley unshown in FIG. 17) can rotate about their rotation axes (not shown) without motion of the side supports 1722, 1720.

[0351] For example, drive belt 1718a wraps at least partially around the magnet drive pulley 1716a of magnet 1702a, and also wraps at least partially around the tensioner drive pulley 1714a of the first tensioner assembly 1708a. The drive shaft 1704, coupled to a motor (not shown), drives the rotation of all of the magnets 1702a, 1702b, 1702c of the shown device 1788. The drive shaft 1704 is coupled to a first magnet 1702a which, through its magnet drive pulley 1716a and associated belt 1718a turns the first tensioner drive pulley 1714a of the first tensioner assembly 1708a. The first tensioner drive pulley 1714a of the first tensioner assembly 1708a is coupled to the second tensioner pulley (not shown—obscured by side support 1722) of the first tensioner assembly 1708a, and, thus, when the first tensioner pulley 1714a is turned by the first drive belt 1718a, the second tensioner pulley (not shown) is also turned. Since the second drive belt 1718b is wrapped at least partially around the second tensioner pulley (not shown) as well as the second magnet drive pulley 1716b of the second magnet 1702b, the motion of the second tensioner pulley (not shown) moves the second drive belt 1718b and likewise drives the rotation of the second magnet 1702b. The second magnet 1702 has a third magnet drive pulley 1716c which is coupled to the second drive pulley 1716b, and the third drive

belt 1718c wraps at least partially around the third magnet drive pulley 1716c, thus, motion of the second drive belt 1718b also causes motion of the third drive belt 1718c wrapped at least partially around the third magnet drive pulley 1716c. The motion of the third drive belt 1718c, also wrapped at least partially around the third tensioner pulley 1714b of the second tensioner assembly 1708b thus drives the rotation of the fourth tensioner pulley 1714c of the second tensioner assembly 1708b which is coupled to the third tensioner pulley 1714b of the second tensioner assembly 1708b. Furthermore, since the fourth drive belt 1718d is wrapped at least partially around the fourth tensioner pulley 1714c of the second tensioner assembly 1708b, and is also wrapped at least partially around the fourth magnet pulley 1716d of the third magnet 1702c, the motion of the fourth drive belt 1718d drives the rotation of the third magnet 1702c simultaneously with the rotation of the other two magnets 1702a, 1702b.

[0352] In an alternative embodiment, the tensioner assemblies are not present, and the drive shaft drives the magnets connected only to each other using drive belts. In an alternative embodiment, only one tensioner assembly is present and is coupled to at least two magnets. In an alternative embodiment, only one tensioner assembly is present and is coupled to each of the magnets. In an alternative embodiment, the magnets are coupled to each other by gears. In an alternative embodiment, the magnets are coupled to each other by a combination of at least one gear and at least one belt. In an alternative embodiment, the magnets are coupled to each other by a combination of at least one gear and at least two belts, wherein each belt is coupled to a tensioner assembly as generally described herein. In an alternative embodiment, the magnets are coupled to each other by a rotation means, wherein the rotation means is configured to drive the rotation of the magnets simultaneously.

[0353] The tensioner assemblies in the embodiments shown in FIG. 17, FIG. 18, and FIG. 19, for non-limiting example, are configured to keep the drive belts taut during use and, therefore, ensure that the rotation of the magnets is simultaneous and generally in-phase as applied to the subject where the magnets are aligned such that each of the neutral planes of each of the three magnets are generally aligned to be parallel to the scalp of the subject.

[0354] FIG. 18 depicts an exploded view of the example embodiment of the NEST device 1888 of FIG. 17 having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets configured to rotate about their cylinder axes. Shown in FIG. 18 is a NEST device 1888 having two tensioner assemblies 1808a, 1808b. Tensioner assembly 1808a comprises a tensioner block 1810a that couples to the side support 1822 by at least one tensioner dowel pin 1832a. The tensioner block 1810a also couples to the side support 1820 by at least one tensioner dowel pin 1832b. The tensioner block 1810a floats freely along at least a portion of the dowel pins 1832a, 1832b. The tensioner block 1810a is attached to a tensioner arm 1812a which has two tensioner drive pulleys 1814a, 1814d, which couple to drive belts 1818a, 1818b (respectively) which themselves are coupled to magnets 1802a, 1802b (respectively) of the device 1888 through magnet drive pulleys 1816a, 1816b. The tensioner block 1810a exerts a force on the belts 1818a, 1818b to keep the belts taut during use, since the tensioner block 1810a is also coupled to tensioner springs 1830a, 1830b which push the tensioner

block **1810a** away from the side supports **1822**, **1820**, and thus, away from the magnet drive pulleys **1816a**, **1816b** coupled to the side supports **1822**, **1820** by center pins (not shown) that run through each of the drive pulleys **1816a**, **1816b** and the magnets **1802a**, **1802b**. When the center pin is also attached to a motor, it may also rotate the magnet and its associated magnet drive pulley(s), and it may be called a drive shaft. Nevertheless, the magnet drive pulleys **1816a**, **1816b** can rotate, and with their rotational movement the magnet drive pulleys **1816a**, **1816b** can rotate, or be rotated by, the magnets **1802a**, **1802b**.

[0355] Likewise, tensioner assembly **1808b** comprises a tensioner block **1810b** that couples to the side support **1822** by at least one tensioner dowel pin **1832c**. The tensioner block **1810b** also couples to the side support **1820** by at least one tensioner dowel pin **1832c**. The tensioner block **1810b** floats freely along at least a portion of the dowel pins **1832c**, **1832d**. The tensioner block **1810b** is attached to a tensioner arm **1812b** which has two tensioner drive pulleys **1814b**, **1814c**, which couple to drive belts **1818d**, **1818c** (not shown) (respectively) which themselves are coupled to magnets **1802b**, **1802c** (respectively) of the device **1888** through the magnet drive pulleys **1816c**, **1816d**. The tensioner block **1810b** exerts a force on the belts **1818d**, **1818c** (not shown) to keep the belts taut during use, since the tensioner block **1810b** is also coupled to tensioner springs **1830c**, **1830d** which push the tensioner block **1810b** away from the side supports **1822**, **1820**, and thus, away from the magnet drive pulleys **1816c**, **1816d** coupled to the side supports **1822**, **1820** by center pins (not shown) that run through each of the drive pulleys **1816c**, **1816d** and the magnets **1802b**, **1802c**. When the center pin is also attached to a motor, it may also rotate the magnet(s) and its associated magnet drive pulley(s), and it may be called a drive shaft. Nevertheless, the magnet drive pulleys **1816c**, **1816d** can rotate, and with their rotational movement the magnet drive pulleys **1816c**, **1816d** can rotate, or be rotated by, the magnets **1802b**, **1802c**.

[0356] Also shown in FIG. **18** are support screws **1826a**, **1826b** which attach the support columns **1824b** (other support columns are either not called-out or not shown in FIG. **18**) to the side support **1822** and/or to the side support **1820**.

[0357] FIG. **19** shows the example NEST device embodiment of FIG. **17** and/or of FIG. **18** having three diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets **1902a**, **1902b**, **1902c** configured to rotate about their cylinder axes and including a frame **1934** and base **1936** for mounting the NEST device. The embodiment shown in FIG. **19** includes a NEST device having three magnets **1902a**, **1902b**, **1902c**, each having magnet drive pulleys **1916a**, **1916b**, **1916c**, **1916d** at least partially about which is wrapped a drive belt **1918a**, **1918b**, **1918c**, **1918d** each of which is also at least partially wrapped around a tensioner drive pulley **1914a**, **1914b** (not shown) **1914c** (not shown) **1914d** (not shown) coupled to a tensioner arm **1912a**, **1912b** (not shown) of a tensioner assembly. Each tensioner assembly may include a tensioner block **1910a** (not shown) **1910b**, and a tensioner spring **1930a** (not shown), **1930c** which cooperate with at least one of the side supports **1922**, **1920** to pull the drive belts **1918a**, **1918b**, **1918c**, **1918d** taut. The magnets **1902a**, **1902b**, **1902c** are rotatably coupled to side supports **1922**, **1920**, and at least one magnet **1902a** in the embodiment shown is coupled to a drive shaft **1904** which rotates the magnet **1902a** to which

it is directly coupled, and through the cooperation of the magnet drive pulleys **1916a**, **1916b**, **1916c**, **1916d**, drive belts **1918a**, **1918b**, **1918c**, **1918d**, and tensioner drive pulleys **1914a**, **1914b** (not shown) **1914c** (not shown) **1914d** (not shown), also rotates the other magnets **1902b**, **1902c** of the NEST device such that all of the magnets **1902a**, **1902b**, **1902c** rotate simultaneously.

[0358] FIG. **20** shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having eight diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets **2002a-2002h**, configured to rotate about their cylinder axes. Each of the magnets **2002a-2002h** has at least one magnet drive pulley **2016a-2016n** coupled to it which rotates the magnet **2002a-2002h** when the magnet drive pulley **2016a-2016n** is rotated by a belt **2018a-2018h** that is at least partially wrapped around at least one of the magnet drive pulleys **2016a-2016n**. In the embodiment shown, a drive shaft **2004** has two drive belts **2018d**, **2018e** wrapped at least partially around the drive shaft **2004**. The drive shaft **2004** thus rotates all of the magnets **2002a-2002h** simultaneously through a series of drive belts **2018a-2018h** and magnet drive pulleys **2016a-2016n** all coupled to the drive shaft **2004**.

[0359] For example, the first drive belt **2018e** is wrapped at least partially around the drive shaft **2004**, and is also wrapped at least partially around a first magnet drive pulley **2016h** of a first magnet **2002e**. A second drive belt **2018f** is wrapped at least partially around a second magnet drive pulley **2016i** of the first magnet **2002e**. The second drive belt **2018f** is also wrapped at least partially around a third magnet drive pulley **2016j** of the second magnet **2002f**. A third drive belt **2018g** is wrapped at least partially around a fourth magnet drive pulley **2016k** of the second magnet **2002f**. The third drive belt **2018g** is also wrapped at least partially around a fifth magnet drive pulley **2016l** of a third magnet **2002g**. A fourth drive belt **2018h** is wrapped at least partially around a sixth magnet drive pulley **2016m** of the third magnet **2002g**. The fourth drive belt **2018h** is also wrapped at least partially around a seventh magnet drive pulley **2016n** of a fourth magnet **2002h**. As arranged, therefore, the motion of the first drive belt **2018e** coupled to the drive shaft **2004** rotates the first magnet **2002e**, the second magnet **2002f**, the third magnet **2002g**, and the fourth magnet **2002h** simultaneously.

[0360] Similarly, the fifth drive belt **2018d** is wrapped at least partially around the drive shaft **2004**, and is also wrapped at least partially around an eighth magnet drive pulley **2016g** of a fifth magnet **2002d**. A sixth drive belt **2018c** is wrapped at least partially around a ninth magnet drive pulley **2016f** of the fifth magnet **2002d**. The sixth drive belt **2018c** is also wrapped at least partially around a tenth magnet drive pulley **2016e** of the sixth magnet **2002c**. A seventh drive belt **2018b** is wrapped at least partially around an eleventh magnet drive pulley **2016d** of the sixth magnet **2002c**. The seventh drive belt **2018b** is also wrapped at least partially around a twelfth magnet drive pulley **2016c** of a seventh magnet **2002b**. An eighth drive belt **2018a** is wrapped at least partially around a thirteenth magnet drive pulley **2016b** of the seventh magnet **2002b**. The eighth drive belt **2018a** is also wrapped at least partially around a fourteenth magnet drive pulley **2016a** of an eighth magnet **2002a**. As arranged, therefore, the motion of the fifth drive belt **2018d** coupled to the drive shaft **2004** rotates the fifth magnet **2002d**, the sixth magnet **2002c**, the seventh magnet **2002b**, and the eighth magnet **2002a** simultaneously. In an

alternative embodiment, the drive shaft has only one drive belt that drives all of the rotation of all of the magnets. Also shown in FIG. 20 are the side supports 2022, 2020 connected by at least two support columns 2024a, 2024b. The supports 2020, 2022 hold each of the magnets 2002a-2002h in place relative to the supports 2020, 2022 while allowing rotational motion of the magnets 2002a-2002h and of the drive shaft 2004 which may be driven, for non-limiting example, by a motor (not shown).

[0361] FIG. 21 shows the magnet rotation of the example NEST device embodiment of FIG. 20 having eight diametrically magnetized cylindrical magnets 2102a-2102h configured to rotate about their cylinder axes. FIG. 21 shows a side view of an embodiment of a NEST device (not showing, for example, side supports), which is similar to the embodiment shown in FIG. 20. In this embodiment, each of the magnets 2102a-2102h has at least two drive belts (for example, drive belts 2118a-2118h) coupled to it which rotate the magnet 2102a-2102h, or which are rotated by the magnet 2102a-2102h, when the drive shaft 2104 is rotated. In the embodiment shown, two drive belts 2118d, 2118e are wrapped at least partially around the drive shaft 2104. The drive shaft 2104 thus rotates all of the magnets 2102a-2102h simultaneously through a series of drive belts 2118a-2118h all coupled to the drive shaft 2104. Shown in this embodiment is an example of the direction of rotation of the magnets 2102a-2102h (indicated by arrows) resulting from a clockwise rotation of the drive shaft 2104. An opposite direction of movement is achieved when the drive shaft is rotated in a counter-clockwise direction. In the embodiment shown, the clockwise rotation of the drive shaft 2104 rotates all of the magnets 2102a-2102h in a clockwise direction due to the belt 2118a-2118h arrangement shown. Each of the belts 2118a-2118h shown is wrapped either around two magnets or around a magnet and the drive shaft.

Example 10

[0362] In particular embodiments, a disc shaped magnet that is axially magnetized (the poles are on the top and bottom faces) can be cut in half, one half turned over (aligning N of one half with S of the other half) and placed together. This disc can be spun about the center of the disc to get a magnetic field that is uniform over a large area. In a similar embodiment, two rectangular magnets having poles aligned and positioned similarly to the disc as previously described can be spun about the center of the rectangular magnets to create a similarly uniform field. An example of the disc magnet is shown in FIG. 22, and an example of the rectangular magnet similar to the disc magnet is shown in FIG. 23.

[0363] FIG. 22 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having two disc magnets 2202a, 2202b that rotate about a common rotation axis 2236. The device comprises two disc shaped magnets 2202a, 2202b that are axially magnetized (the poles are on the top and bottom faces). The north pole of the first magnet 2202a aligns with the south pole of the second magnet 2202b (aligning their neutral planes). The device further comprises a drive shaft 2204 that aligns with the center of the disc magnets 2202a, 2202b and with, therefore, the rotation axis 2236 of the magnets 2202a, 2202b.

[0364] FIG. 23 shows an exploded view of an alternate embodiment of an example NEST device embodiment similar to that of FIG. 22 having two rectangular magnets 2302a,

2302b that rotate around a common rotation axis 2336. The device comprises two rectangular magnets 2302a, 2302b that are magnetized such that the north pole of the first magnet 2302a faces away from the drive shaft 2304, and the south pole of the first magnet 2302a faces the drive shaft 2304, and the north pole of the second magnet 2302b faces the drive shaft 2304 while the south pole of the second magnet 2302b faces away from the drive shaft 2304. The poles of each of the magnets 2302a, 2302b, thus, face the top cover 2352 and the bottom cover 2350 of the device, but the magnets 2302a, 2302b, have opposite polarity. In the embodiment shown, the first magnet 2302a is held in place in the device by a first magnet holder 2344a having two pieces that are connected by a magnet holder cap screw 2342 and a magnet holder dowel pin 2340. The first magnet 2302a is placed between and at least partially within the pieces of the first holder 2344a. Likewise, the second magnet 2302b is held in place in the device by a second magnet holder 2344b having two pieces that are connected by a magnet holder cap screw (not shown) and a magnet holder dowel pin (not shown). The second magnet 2302b is placed between and at least partially within the pieces of the second holder 2344b. The two holders 2344a, 2344b are coupled together, and may have a center beam 2348 that holds the first and second holders 2344a, 2344b together. The holders 2344a, 2344b may also be held together additionally or alternatively by adhesive 2346. The drive shaft 2304 is coupled to the holders 2344a, 2344b, in the embodiment shown, by attaching to the center beam 2348, which thus couples the magnets 2302a, 2302b to the drive shaft 2304 such that rotation of the drive shaft 2304 likewise spins the magnets 2302a, 2302b within the holders 2344a, 2344b about the rotation axis 2336. The drive shaft 2304 may alternatively and/or additionally be coupled to the holders 2344a, 2344b and to the center beam 2348 by adhesive 2346. The magnets 2302a, 2302b encased in the holders 2344a, 2344b are additionally housed within a top cover 2352 and a bottom cover 2350. The covers 2350, 2352 are connected to one another by at least one cover cap screw 2354. The drive shaft 2304 fits through at a hole 2356 in at least one of the covers, for example, the bottom cover 2350. Where the cover 2350 is disc-shaped, as shown in FIG. 23, the hole 2356 is located the center of the disc cover 2350, and the hole 2356 is configured such that the drive shaft 2304 may rotate freely within the hole 2304, for example, with aid of a bearing which allows drive shaft rotation (and, thus, magnet rotation) relative to the covers 2350, 2352.

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[0365] FIG. 24 shows an example embodiment of a NEST device similar to the embodiments depicted in FIGS. 22 and/or 23 having two magnets 2402a, 2402b rotating about a common rotation axis applied to a subject 2406 and showing the controller subunit 2458 coupled to a drive shaft 2404 that rotates the magnets 2402a, 2402b. The controller subunit 2458 may contain a motor (not shown) that cooperates with the drive shaft 2404 to rotate the magnets 2402a, 2402b.

[0366] FIG. 25 shows block diagram of an example embodiment of a NEST device showing example elements of the NEST device and of its controller subunit. For example the embodiment shown depicts a magnet 2502 that is mounted by a frame 2534 to a base 2536. This allows the magnet 2502 to be held stationary as the device treats a

subject whose head may be positioned near to the magnet **2502** (within the magnetic field produced by the magnet **2502**). The magnet **2502** is coupled to the controller subunit **2558** by a drive shaft **2504**. The drive shaft **2504** may couple to a motor **2572** of the controller subunit **2558** by a coupling **2578**. The coupling may allow for various magnet arrangements to be interchanged by merely decoupling the drive shaft from the controller subunit and coupling a device having another arrangement of magnets (such as, for example, those described herein). The magnet **2502** may be controlled by the controller subunit **2558** through the motor **2572** that may be driven by a motor driver **2574**. The motor driver **2574** may be coupled (directly or indirectly) to a power supply **2576**. The motor driver **2574**, which can control, for non-limiting example, the speed, direction, acceleration, etc., of the magnet **2502** through the drive shaft **2504**, can be directed and/or monitored by controls such as, for example, a device speed control **2560**, an on/off control **2562**, a display **2564**, a random/continuous control **2566**, and a high/low control **2568**. A user can adjust each of these controls, which are coupled to a processor circuit board **2570** and thus coupled to the motor driver **2574**.

[**0367**] Alternatively, and/or additionally, the drive shaft **2504** and/or the magnet(s) may be controlled automatically based on a prescribed treatment (time of treatment, frequency of magnet rotation, etc) that is downloaded and/or programmed into the processor circuit board **2570** from a source external or internal to the controller subunit, as previously described herein. Treatments received may be stored by the controller subunit. Additionally and/or alternatively, where EEG electrodes are also present in the device and are capable of measuring the subject's brain waves, the device may adjust the treatment automatically by a biofeedback system. Additionally and/or alternatively, where EEG electrodes are present in the device and are capable of measuring the subject's brain waves, the treatment may be chosen based on the readings of the subject's brain waves prior to the treatment. Additionally and/or alternatively, where EEG electrodes are present in the device and are capable of measuring the subject's brain waves, the treatment may be chosen automatically by the device based on the readings of the subject's brain waves prior to the treatment and based on a set of rules stored in the controller subunit. Additionally and/or alternatively, where EEG electrodes are present in the device and are capable of measuring the subject's brain waves, the controller subunit is capable of storing the output of the EEG electrodes prior to, during, and/or after treatment with the NEST device. Additionally and/or alternatively, where EEG electrodes are present in the device and are capable of measuring the subject's brain waves, the controller subunit is capable of transmitting the output of the EEG electrodes prior to, during, and/or after treatment with the NEST device. This transmitting may be real-time (during measurement), or after storage of the EEG electrode outputs and during an upload or download from the NEST device.

Example 12: Effect of a Device Lowering Blood Pressure

[**0368**] An effect of use of a modified rTMS device according to the methods and device descriptions provided herein was shown to reduce the symptoms of fibromyalgia. The patient complained of chronic widespread pain and tenderness to light touch, and was diagnosed with fibromyalgia.

The NEST device was used to tune an intrinsic frequency (of the patient's alpha wave). Following treatment, the patient reported a reduction of the symptoms of fibromyalgia.

Example 13

[**0369**] FIG. **26** shows an example embodiment of a NEST device having a single bar magnet **2602** that moves linearly along its north-south axis **2639** once each time the supporting ring (or annulus) **2619** is rotated (rotation shown by arrows in FIG. **26**), providing a pulse-type alternating magnetic field at the frequency of rotation. In this embodiment, a magnet **2602** is secured against a rotating ring (or annulus) **2619** with a spring **2628**, where the ring **2619** has one or more detents **2629**. The subject **2606** is shown below the ring **2619** in FIG. **26**. When the ring **2619** is rotated, as shown with the arrows in FIG. **26**, the magnet **2602** will be thrust into each detent **2629** once per rotation. As the ring **2619** continues to rotate, the magnet **2602** will move back to its original position. This periodic thrust may generate a more unipolar pulsatile magnetic field than that generated by a rotating magnet. The width and amplitude of the magnetic pulse depends on the mass and strength of the magnet, as well as the strength of the spring, and the depth of the detent.

[**0370**] In alternative embodiments to that shown in FIG. **26**, there could be multiple detents in the ring. The ring could be non-circular. The magnet could rotate around the ring, while the ring is stationary. There could be multiple magnets and a single detent. There could be multiple magnets and multiple detents. Instead of a detent, the magnet or magnets could encounter a ridge, or multiple ridges. The magnet or magnets could encounter slopes, rather than sharp detents or ridges. The magnet could be positioned such that the north pole is closer to the treatment area than the south pole, or such that the south pole is closer to the treatment area than the north pole (such as is shown in FIG. **26**). In some embodiments, the number of detents is the same as the number of magnets of the device. In some embodiments, the number of detents is not the same as the number of magnets of the device. In some embodiments, the number of detents is a multiple of the number of magnets of the device. In some embodiments, the number of detents is not a multiple of the number of magnets of the device.

[**0371**] In an alternative embodiments of the device, the magnet may flip (or rotate) about an axis between the north pole and south pole as a ring similar to that shown in FIG. **26** rotates. The magnet may be freely rotatable about the axis between the north pole and south pole, and the magnet may be rotatable about a shaft. The shaft, in this embodiment, is not coupled to a drive source. Rather, the ring itself may drive the flipping (rotating) of the magnet by capturing a first portion of the magnet in a first detent and moving that first portion as the ring moves until a second portion of the magnet is captured by second detent of the ring which likewise moves the second portion of the magnet. In some embodiments, the first portion is associated with a first pole of the magnet, and the second portion is associated with a second pole of the magnet. In one embodiment, the first pole may be the north pole of the magnet and the second pole may be the south pole of the magnet. In another embodiment, the first pole may be the south pole of the magnet and the second pole may be the north pole of the magnet. A drive source may drive the movement of the ring which, in turn, drives the rotation of the magnet. The drive source may be motor, for non-limiting example.

Example 14

[0372] FIGS. 31 and 32 show the results of a clinical trial utilizing the NEST device and methods for the treatment of depression as provided herein. A device was used such as shown in FIG. 19, with permanent magnets arranged as shown in FIG. 16. In the method used in this trial, a magnetic field was adjusted to influence the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of each individual within the alpha-band. The magnetic field was applied close to the head of the subject. EEG readings were taken before treatment began. A Cadwell Easy 2.1 EEG system was used to take a 19-lead EEG reading. The intrinsic frequency in the alpha band (7-11 Hz) was determined using the initial EEG reading. Patients were placed in one of three groups: constant frequency, random frequency, or sham, with equal probability for each group. Patients received treatment every weekday for 30 days. EEG readings were taken after treatment at least on a weekly basis. If the patient was in the “constant frequency” group, the NEST was set to rotate the magnets at the intrinsic frequency. If the patient was in the “random frequency” group, the NEST was set to rotate the magnets at random frequencies between 6 Hz and 12 Hz, changing frequencies once per second. If the patient was in the “SHAM” group, the magnets in the NEST were replaced with steel cylinders, thereby imparting no magnetic field to a head of the patient. The patients in this group were divided into two subgroups with equal probability, with one group having the cylinders rotated at the intrinsic frequency and the other group having the cylinders rotated at random frequencies as noted above. For this clinical trial sixteen (16) subjects received treatment with the NEST device. Eleven (11) subjects responded to treatment (i.e. the Responders) and five (5) subjects did not respond to treatment (i.e. Non-Responders). Eleven (11) patients received treatment with the SHAM device.

[0373] FIG. 31 shows the percentage change in HAMD score in subjects being treated with the NEST device over the course of four (4) weeks. It is divided between subjects who responded to treatment (i.e. Responders) and subjects who did not respond to treatment (i.e. Non-Responders). Responders were classified as such when their HAMD scores decreased by 50% at least over the course of the four (4) weeks of treatment. The first bar is the average baseline HAMD score. Each subsequent bar represents the average HAMD score at the end of a week, weeks 1, 2, 3, and 4, left to right, respectively.

[0374] FIG. 32 shows the percentage change in HAMD score in subjects being treated with the NEST device versus the SHAM device over the course of four (4) weeks, as described in reference to FIG. 31 above. Baseline is not represented on the graph—it should be assumed to be 0.00. The first data point represents the average change after one (1) week of treatment. The second data point is the average change after two (2) weeks of treatment. The third data point is the average change after three (3) weeks of treatment. The fourth data point is the average change after four (4) weeks of treatment. The top line represents the average HAMD score for subjects treated with the NEST device, the bottom line represents the average HAMD score for subjects treated with the SHAM device.

Example 15

[0375] FIG. 33 shows the results of a clinical trial utilizing the NEST device for the treatment of anxiety. This trial

involved two (2) patients (subjects). Both patients received treatment with the NEST device as shown in FIG. 19, with permanent magnets arranged as shown in FIG. 16. In the method used for these patients, a magnetic field was adjusted to influence the Q-factor of an intrinsic frequency of each individual within the alpha-band. The magnetic field was applied close to the head of the subject. EEG readings were taken before treatment began. A Cadwell Easy 2.1 EEG system was used to take a 19-lead EEG reading. The intrinsic frequency in the alpha band (7-11 Hz) was determined using the initial EEG reading. Both patients were treated with a constant frequency, wherein for each patient the NEST was set to rotate the magnets at the intrinsic frequency detected for that patient. Patients received treatment every weekday for 30 days. EEG readings were taken after treatment at least on a weekly basis. The first data point is the baseline HAMA score. The second data point for each line represents the HAMA score after one (1) week of treatment for each patient. The third data point for each line represents the HAMA score after two (2) weeks of treatment for each patient. The fourth data point for each line represents the HAMA score after four (4) weeks of treatment for each patient.

Example 16: Parkinson's Disease

[0376] The effect of the use of a NEST device according to the methods and device descriptions provided herein is tested. Subjects are recruited who have Parkinson's disease with measurable symptoms, and who are willing to consent to the treatment.

[0377] The study will be a one-time test to look for improvement. The test is composed of the following:

[0378] a. The subject undergoes an examination and quantitative test to determine the extent of the symptoms. This includes a brief video interview in which the subject responds to questions about symptoms.

[0379] b. A 2-lead EEG recording is made. This EEG is examined to determine the proper settings for the device.

[0380] c. The subject lays with his/her head in the device for 30 minutes while a gentle, low energy, low frequency magnetic field is generated above the scalp.

[0381] d. When treatment is complete, an additional EEG recording is made. This is used to compare with the original recording to determine any changes.

[0382] e. The subject undergoes a second examination and quantitative test to see if symptoms have improved. This includes a second brief video interview.

Example 17: Cognitive Performance

[0383] An effect of use of a NEST device according to the methods and device descriptions provided herein was shown to improve cognitive performance. A double-blind placebo controlled study was performed with eleven volunteers. The participants took a battery of neurological tests before and after treatment. Compared to the group that received the placebo, the treated group demonstrated a statically significant improvement in executive function and social recognition.

Example 18: Coma

[0384] The effect of the use of a NEST device according to the methods and device descriptions provided herein is

tested. Subjects are recruited who are in a coma, and whose medical proxies are willing to consent to the treatment.

[0385] The study will be a one-time test to look for improvement. The test is composed of the following:

[0386] a. A 2-lead EEG recording is made. This EEG is examined to determine the subject's alpha frequency.

[0387] b. The subject lays with his/her head in the device for 30 minutes while a gentle, low energy, low frequency magnetic field is generated above the scalp. The frequency is at or near the subject's alpha frequency.

[0388] c. When treatment is complete, an additional EEG recording is made. This is used to compare with the original recording to determine any changes.

Example 19: PTSD

[0389] The effect of the use of a NEST device according to the methods and device descriptions provided herein is tested. Subjects are recruited who have a definitive diagnosis of PTSD and who are willing to consent to the treatment.

[0390] The study is composed of the following:

[0391] a. On day 0, the subject undergoes an examination to determine the extent of the symptoms. This includes a brief video interview in which the subject responds to questions about symptoms.

[0392] b. On day 0, a 2-lead EEG recording is made. This EEG is examined to determine the proper settings for the device.

[0393] c. On days 1-30, the subject lays with his/her head in the device for 30 minutes while a gentle, low energy, low frequency magnetic field is generated above the scalp.

[0394] d. When each treatment is complete, an EEG recording is made.

[0395] e. After days, 7, 14, and 21, the subject undergoes another examination and quantitative test to see if symptoms have improved. This includes a second brief video interview.

Example 20: Amblyopia

[0396] The effect of the use of a NEST device according to the methods and device descriptions provided herein is tested. Subjects have amblyopia with measurable symptoms, and who are willing to consent to the treatment.

[0397] The test is composed of the following:

[0398] a. On day 0, the subject undergoes an examination and quantitative tests to determine the extent of the symptoms.

[0399] b. On day 0, a 2-lead EEG recording is made. This EEG is examined to determine the proper settings for the device.

[0400] c. On days 1-30, the subject lays with his/her head in the device for 30 minutes while a gentle, low energy, low frequency magnetic field is generated above the scalp.

[0401] d. After days 7, 14, 21, and 28 an additional EEG recording is made. This is used to compare with the original recording to determine any changes.

[0402] e. On days 7, 14, 21, and 28 the subject undergoes a second examination and quantitative tests to see if symptoms have improved.

Example 20: Coma Treatment with a Modified TMS Device

[0403] The effect of the use of a modified rTMS device according to the methods and device descriptions provided herein is tested. Subjects are recruited who are in a coma, and whose medical proxies are willing to consent to the treatment.

[0404] The study will be a one-time test to look for improvement. The test is composed of the following:

[0405] a. A 2-lead EEG recording is made. This EEG is examined to determine the subject's alpha frequency.

[0406] b. The subject lays with his/her head in the device for 30 minutes while a gentle, low energy, low frequency magnetic field at or near the subject's alpha frequency is generated above the scalp.

[0407] c. When treatment is complete, an additional EEG recording is made. This is used to compare with the original recording to determine any changes.

[0408] The various functions or processes disclosed herein (such as, for non-limiting example, logic that performs a function or process) may be described as data and/or instructions embodied in various computer-readable media, in terms of their behavioral, register transfer, logic component, transistor, layout geometries, and/or other characteristics. The logic described herein may comprise, according to various embodiments of the invention, software, hardware, or a combination of software and hardware. The logic described herein may comprise computer-readable media, Computer-readable media in which such formatted data and/or instructions may be embodied include, but are not limited to, non-volatile storage media in various forms (e.g., optical, magnetic or semiconductor storage media) and carrier waves that may be used to transfer such formatted data and/or instructions through wireless, optical, or wired signaling media or any combination thereof. Examples of transfers of such formatted data and/or instructions by carrier waves include, but are not limited to, transfers (uploads, downloads, e-mail, etc.) over the Internet and/or other computer networks via one or more data transfer protocols (e.g., HTTP, FTP, SMTP, etc.). When received within a computer system via one or more computer-readable media, such data and/or instruction-based expressions of components and/or processes under the ICS may be processed by a processing entity (e.g., one or more processors) within the computer system in conjunction with execution of one or more other computer programs.

[0409] Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, throughout the description and the claims, the words "comprise," "comprising," and the like are to be construed in an inclusive sense as opposed to an exclusive or exhaustive sense; that is to say, in a sense of "including, but not limited to." Words using the singular or plural number also include the plural or singular number respectively. Additionally, the words "herein," "hereunder," "above," "below," and words of similar import refer to this application as a whole and not to any particular portions of this application. When the word "or" is used in reference to a list of two or more items, that word covers all of the following interpretations of the word: any of the items in the list, all of the items in the list and any combination of the items in the list.

[0410] The above descriptions of illustrated embodiments of the system, methods, or devices are not intended to be exhaustive or to be limited to the precise form disclosed. While specific embodiments of, and examples for, the sys-

tem, methods, or devices are described herein for illustrative purposes, various equivalent modifications are possible within the scope of the system, methods, or devices, as those skilled in the relevant art will recognize. The teachings of the system, methods, or devices provided herein can be applied to other processing systems, methods, or devices, not only for the systems, methods, or devices described.

[0411] The elements and acts of the various embodiments described can be combined to provide further embodiments. These and other changes can be made to the system in light of the above detailed description.

[0412] In general, in the following claims, the terms used should not be construed to limit the system, methods, or devices to the specific embodiments disclosed in the specification and the claims, but should be construed to include all processing systems that operate under the claims. Accordingly, the system, methods, and devices are not limited by the disclosure, but instead the scopes of the system, methods, or devices are to be determined entirely by the claims.

[0413] While certain aspects of the system, methods, or devices are presented below in certain claim forms, the inventors contemplate the various aspects of the system, methods, or devices in any number of claim forms. For example, while only one aspect of the system, methods, or devices is recited as embodied in machine-readable medium, other aspects may likewise be embodied in machine-readable medium. Accordingly, the inventors reserve the right to add additional claims after filing the application to pursue such additional claim forms for other aspects of the system, methods, or devices.

[0414] While preferred embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described herein, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that such embodiments are provided by way of example only. Numerous variations, changes, and substitutions will now occur to those skilled in the art without departing from the invention. It should be understood that various alternatives to the embodiments of the invention described herein may be employed in practicing the invention. It is intended that the following claims define the scope of the invention and that methods and structures within the scope of these claims and their equivalents be covered thereby.

1.-21. (canceled)

22. A device for applying a magnetic field to a head of a subject comprising:

- a) a helmet comprising a concave surface that receives a portion of a head of a subject;
- b) a first and a second permanent magnet, wherein the first and the second permanent magnet rotates synchronously about axis that are different and parallel to each other, wherein the axis are parallel to at least a portion of the concave surface; and
- c) a subunit coupled to the first and second permanent magnets comprising circuitry programmed to move said first permanent magnet and said second permanent magnet at a frequency within a specified EEG band which is greater than about 1 Hz, thereby generating the magnetic field.

23. The device of claim 22, wherein the specified EEG band is an Alpha band or a Beta band.

24. The device of claim 22, further comprising a third permanent magnet.

25. The device of claim 22, wherein the subunit is coupled to the third permanent magnet and operable to rotate the third permanent magnet relative to the treatment surface.

26. The device of claim 22, wherein the third permanent magnet rotates about an axis that is substantially parallel to at least a portion of the treatment surface and different from those of the other permanent magnets.

27. The device of claim 22, wherein the subunit is operable to rotate the third permanent magnet asynchronously with the other permanent magnets.

28. The device of claim 22, wherein the subunit is operable to rotate the third permanent magnet out-of-phase with the other permanent magnets.

29. A device for applying a magnetic field to a head of a subject comprising:

- a) a helmet comprising a concave surface that receives a portion of the head of the subject;
- b) a first and a second permanent magnet, wherein the first and the second permanent magnet rotates synchronously about axis that are different and parallel to each other, wherein the axis are parallel to at least a portion of the concave surface; and
- c) a subunit coupled to the first and second permanent magnets comprising circuitry programmed to move said first permanent magnet and said second permanent magnet at a frequency within a specified EEG band which is greater than about 1 Hz thereby generating the magnetic field,

wherein the subunit controls the frequency of the permanent magnets based on an intrinsic frequency or a harmonic of an intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band.

30. The device of claim 29, wherein the subunit controls the frequency of rotation of the permanent magnets to be:

- 1) lower than the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band if the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band is higher than a target frequency, or
- 2) higher than the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band if the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band is lower than the target frequency.

31. The device of claim 29, wherein the specified EEG band is an Alpha band, or a Beta band.

32. The device of claim 29 further comprising a third permanent magnet.

33. The device of claim 29, wherein the subunit is coupled to the third permanent magnet and operable to rotate the third permanent magnet relative to the treatment surface.

34. The device of claim 29, wherein the third permanent magnet rotates about an axis that is substantially parallel to at least a portion of the treatment surface and different from those of the other permanent magnets.

35. The device of claim 29, wherein the subunit is operable to rotate the third permanent magnet asynchronously with the other permanent magnets.

36. The device of claim 29, wherein the subunit is operable to rotate the third permanent magnet out-of-phase with the other permanent magnets.

37. A method of applying a magnetic field to a head of a subject comprising:

providing a device comprising:

- i. a helmet comprising a concave surface that receives a portion of the head of the subject;

- ii. a first and a second permanent magnet, wherein the first and the second permanent magnet rotates synchronously about axis that are different and parallel to each other, wherein the axis are parallel to at least a portion of the concave surface; and
 - iii. a subunit coupled to the first and second permanent magnets comprising circuitry programmed to move said first permanent magnet and said second permanent magnet at a frequency within a specified EEG band which is greater than about 1 Hz thereby generating the magnetic field,
- wherein the subunit controls the frequency of the permanent magnets based on an intrinsic frequency or a harmonic of an intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band.
- 38.** The method of claim **37**, wherein the subunit controls the frequency of rotation of the permanent magnets to be:
- 1) lower than the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band if the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band is higher than a target frequency, or
 - 2) higher than the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency of the subject within the specified EEG band if the harmonic of the intrinsic frequency within the specified EEG band is lower than the target frequency.
- 39.** The method of claim **37**, wherein the specified EEG band is an Alpha band, or a Beta band.
- 40.** The method of claim **37**, wherein the device further comprising a third permanent magnet.
- 41.** The method of claim **37**, wherein the subunit is coupled to the third permanent magnet and operable to rotate the third permanent magnet relative to the treatment surface.
- 42.** The method of claim **37**, wherein the third permanent magnet rotates about an axis that is substantially parallel to at least a portion of the treatment surface and different from those of the other permanent magnets.
- 43.** The method of claim **37**, wherein the subunit is operable to rotate the third permanent magnet asynchronously with the other permanent magnets.
- 44.** The method of claim **37**, wherein the subunit is operable to rotate the third permanent magnet out-of-phase with the other permanent magnets.

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