

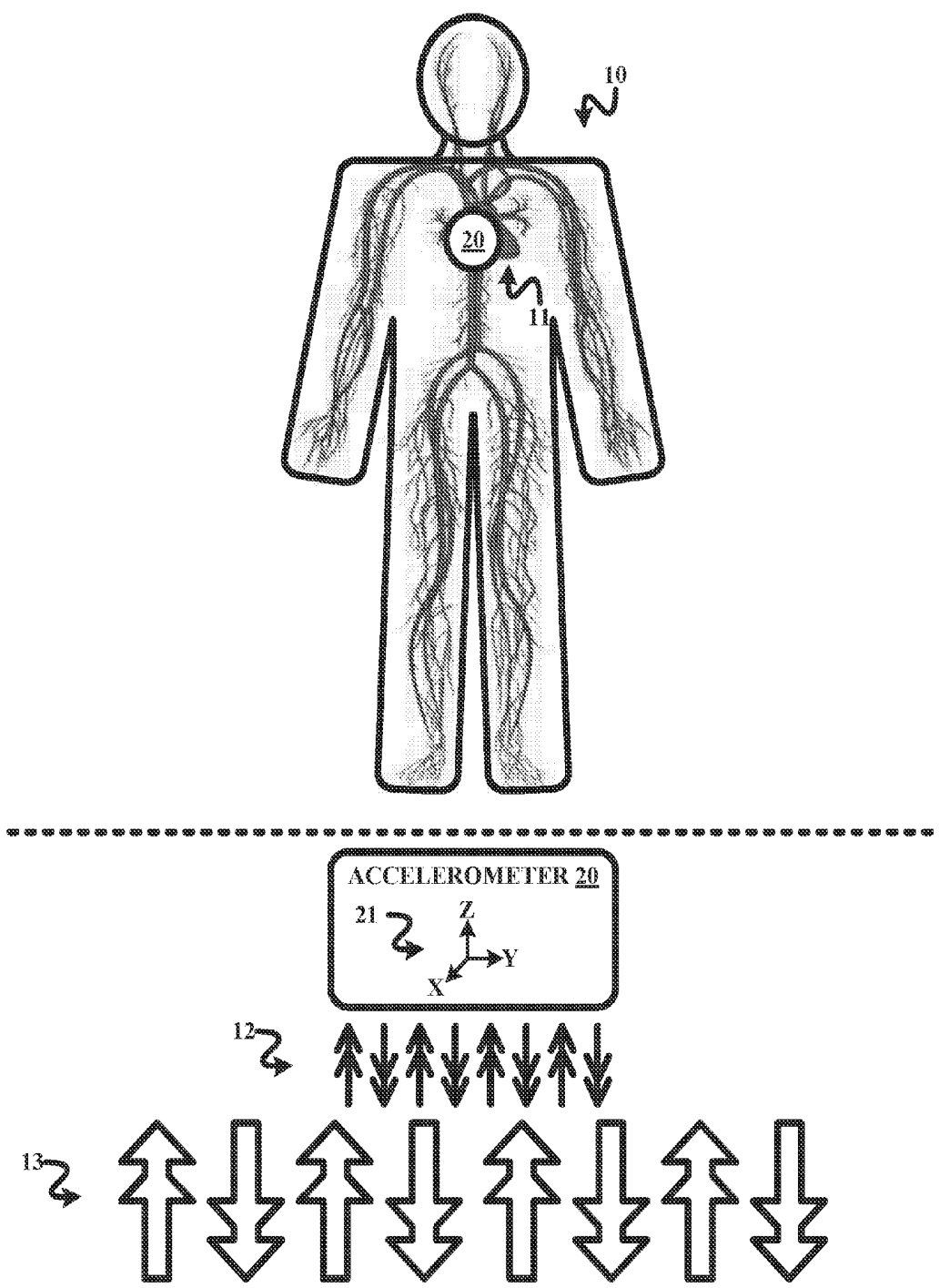


FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

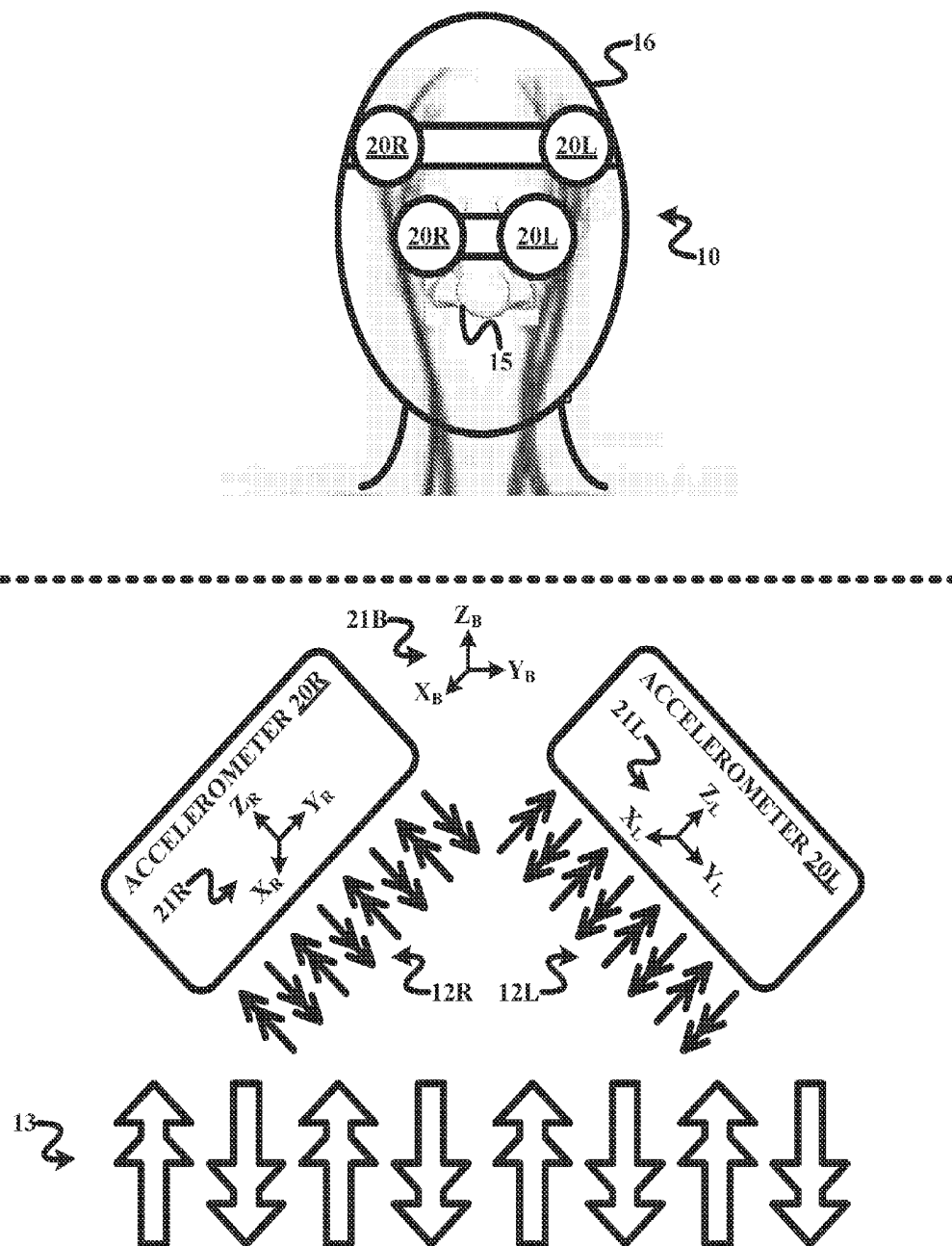


FIG. 2

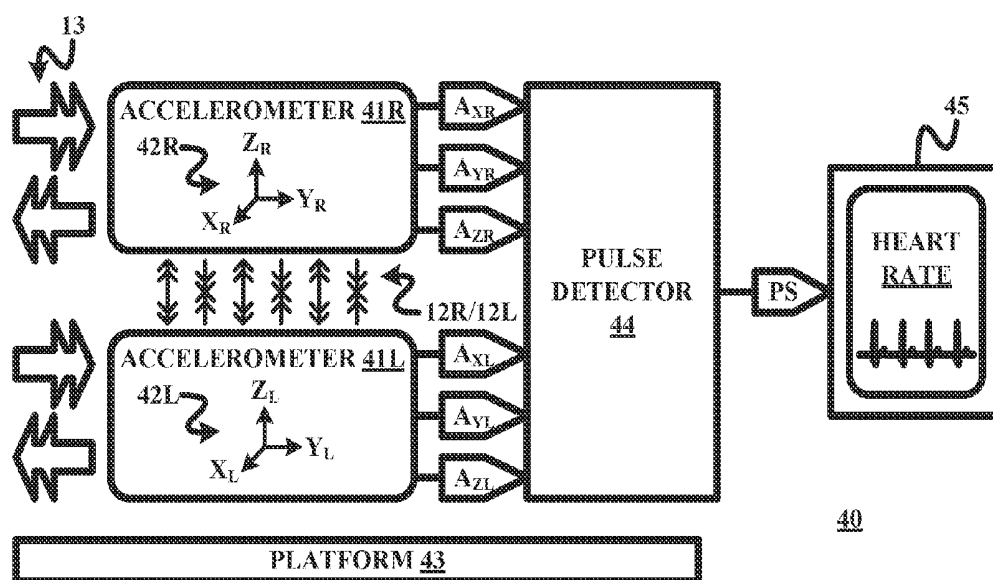


FIG. 3

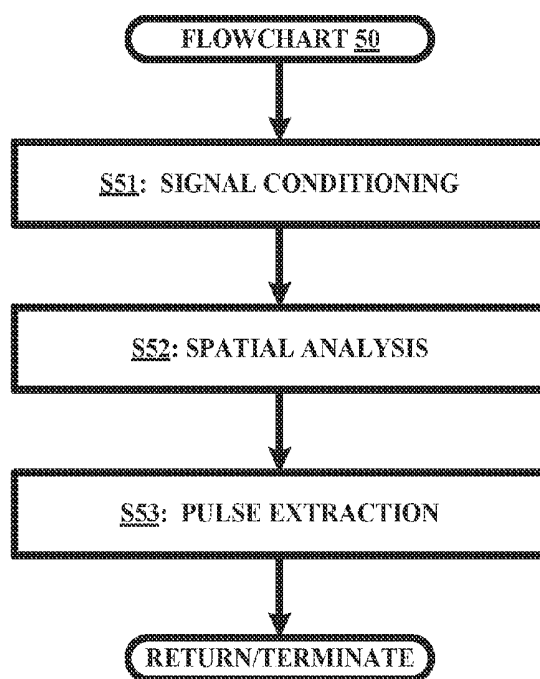


FIG. 4

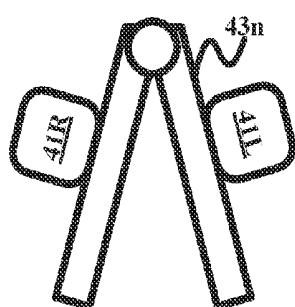


FIG. 5

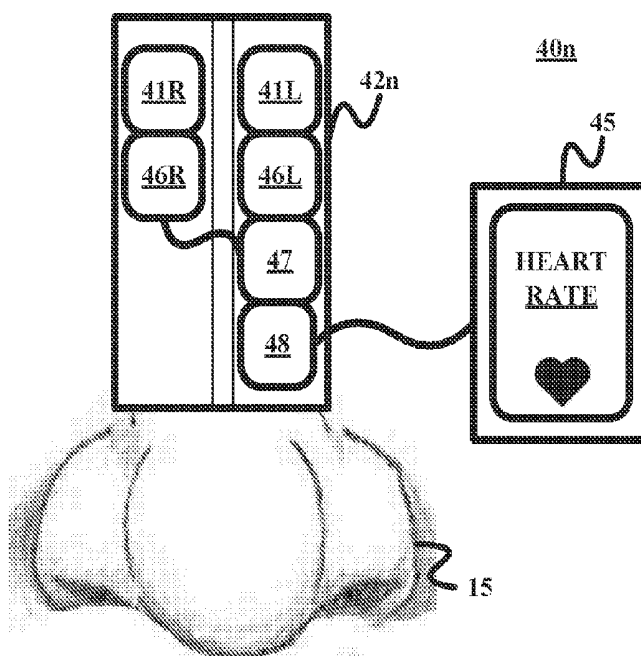


FIG. 6

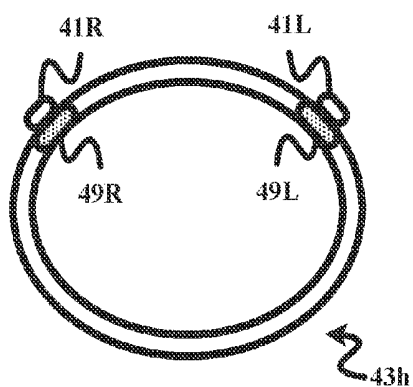


FIG. 7

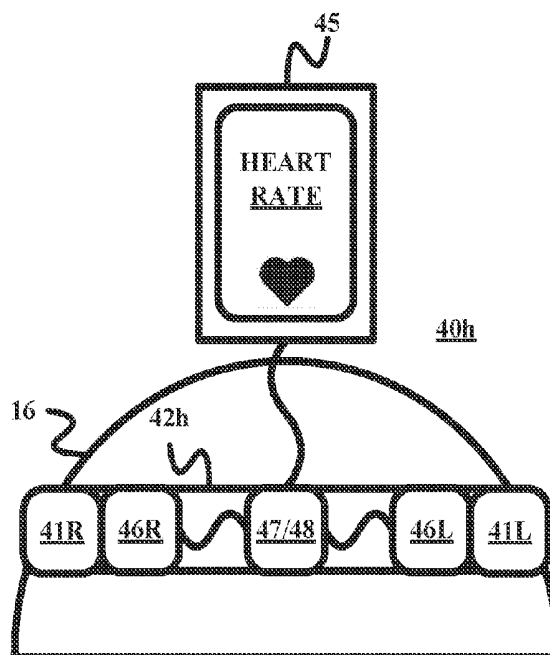


FIG. 8

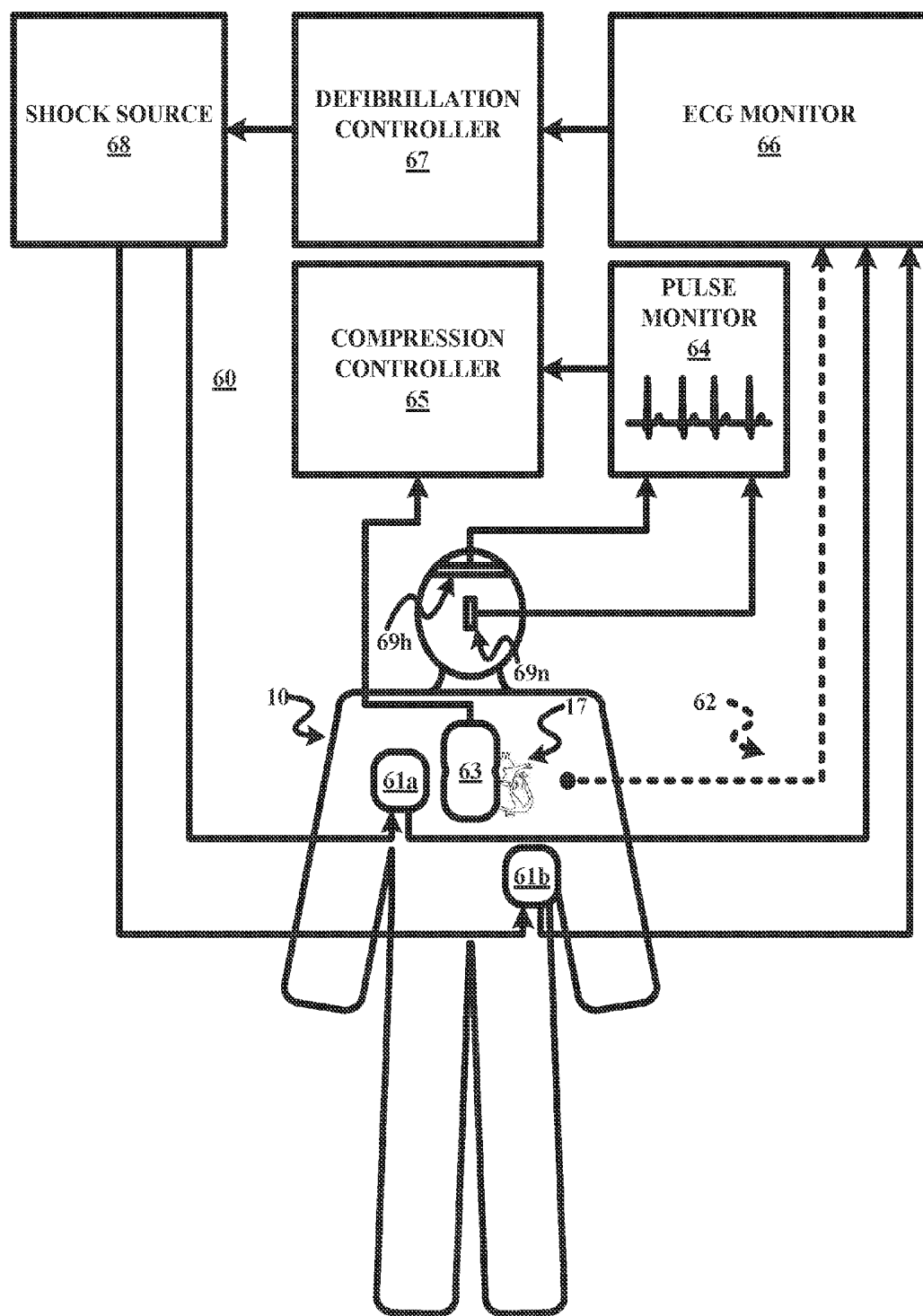


FIG. 9

OPPOSING ACCELEROMETERS FOR A HEART RATE MONITOR

[0001] The present invention generally relates to a heart rate monitor employing an accelerometer as a basis for detecting a pulse of a patient. The present invention specifically relates to a heart rate monitor employing multi-axis accelerometers in an angular orientation that facilitates a distinction of a pulse of a patient from motion artifacts derived from extraneous motion of the patient.

[0002] Heart rate monitors as known in the art execute a measurement of a patient's heart rate in real time. In particular, for emergency care directed to triage and guidance of cardiac therapy, heart rate monitors are designed to be simple to use, noninvasive and reliable for pulse detection purposes. To this end, as shown in FIG. 1, current heart rate monitors are known to employ a multi-axis (XYZ) accelerometer **20** strapped to a chest of a person **10** over any of several easily accessible arteries of person **10** to thereby sense undulating physiological motion **12** of person **10** generated by a circulatory system **11** of person **10** as a basis for detecting the pulse of person **10**. However, XYZ axes **21** of accelerometer **20** experience acceleration derived from a totality of motion of person **10**. Thus, while pulses of person **10** produce measurable physiological motion **12**, motion sources extrinsic to person **10** may produce larger motion artifacts from larger undulating extraneous motion **13** that conceals physiological motion **12** of person **10** (e.g., cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") efforts on person **10**, transportation/movement of person **10**, etc.). Consequently, the motion artifacts limit the applicability of accelerometer **20** as strapped to the chest of person **10** for pulse detection.

[0003] To overcome the drawback of accelerometer **20**, the present invention as shown in FIG. 2 involves a placement of two (2) multi-axis (XYZ) accelerometers **20R** and **20L** on a body surface of person **10** at an angular orientation whereby respective XYZ axes **21R** and **21L** of accelerometers **20R** and **20L** individually sense physiological motions **12R** and **12L** generated by circulatory system **11** and equally sense motion artifacts generated from extraneous motion **13**. Specifically, respective vertical axes Z_R and Z_L are normal to the body surface of person **10** to individually experience acceleration primarily, if not entirely, derived from respective physiological motions **12R** and **12L**. Conversely, respective longitudinal axes X_R and X_L and respective lateral axes Y_R and Y_L are parallel to the body surface of patient to commonly experience acceleration primarily, if not entirely, derived from extraneous motion **13**. For example, as will be further described herein, accelerometers **20R** and **20L** may be mounted to a nose **15** of person **10** as shown in FIG. 2 or strapped to a head **16** of person **10** as shown in FIG. 2 to individually sense respective physiological motion **12R** and **12L** and to commonly sense extraneous motion **13**. Knowledge of the angular orientation of accelerometers **20R** and **20L** facilitates a mathematical rotation of XYZ axes **21R** and **21L** of accelerometers **20R** and **20L** to a baseline XYZ axes **21B** that permits cancellation of extrinsic extraneous motion **13** and reinforcement of physiological motion **12** due to the difference in the orientation of the forces exerted by the totality of motion sensed by accelerometers **20R** and **20L**.

[0004] One form of the present invention is a method for pulse detection of a person by a heart rate monitor including a plurality of multi-axis accelerometers. The method involves the accelerometers generating differential mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometer of

physiological motion of the person relative to acceleration sensing axes, and the accelerometers generating common mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometers of extraneous motion by the person relative to the acceleration sensing axes. The method further involves the heart rate monitor generating a pulse signal as a function of a vertical alignment of the acceleration sensing axes combining the differential mode signals and cancelling the common mode signals.

[0005] For purposes of the present invention, the term "physiological motion" is broadly defined herein as any motion of a body or a portion thereof generated by a circulatory system of the body to any degree, whether natural (e.g., a pulse from a self-regulated heartbeat) or induced (e.g., a pulse induced by a CPR chest compression), and the term "extraneous motion" is broadly defined herein as any motion of a body or a portion thereof resulting from an application of a force from a source external to the body.

[0006] A second form of the present invention is heart rate monitor for detecting a pulse of a person that employs a platform, a plurality of multi-axis accelerometers and a pulse detector. In operation, the multi-axis accelerometers are adjoined to the platform to generate differential mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometers of physiological motion of the person relative to acceleration sensing axes and to generate common mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometers of extraneous motion by the person relative to the acceleration sensing axes. The pulse detector generates a pulse signal as a function of a vertical alignment of the acceleration sensing axes combining the differential mode signals and cancelling the common mode signals.

[0007] A third form of the invention is a cardiac therapy system (e.g., an automated external defibrillator or an advanced life support defibrillator/monitor) employing the aforementioned heart rate monitor and a pulse monitor responsive to the pulse signal to monitor the pulse of the patient.

[0008] The foregoing forms and other forms of the present invention as well as various features and advantages of the present invention will become further apparent from the following detailed description of various embodiments of the present invention read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. The detailed description and drawings are merely illustrative of the present invention rather than limiting, the scope of the present invention being defined by the appended claims and equivalents thereof.

[0009] FIG. 1 illustrates an exemplary placement of a multi-axis accelerometer on a body surface of a patient as known in the art.

[0010] FIG. 2 illustrates exemplary placements of two (2) multi-axis accelerometers on a body surface of a patient in accordance with the present invention.

[0011] FIG. 3 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a heart rate monitor in accordance with the present invention.

[0012] FIG. 4 illustrates a flowchart representative of an exemplary embodiment of pulse detection method in accordance with the present invention.

[0013] FIG. 5 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a nose clip in accordance with the present invention.

[0014] FIG. 6 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a heart rate monitor incorporating the nose clip shown in FIG. 5 in accordance with the present invention.

[0015] FIG. 7 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a headband/head strap in accordance with the present invention.

[0016] FIG. 8 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a heart rate monitor incorporating the headband/head strap shown in FIG. 7 in accordance with the present invention.

[0017] FIG. 9 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a cardiac therapy device incorporating a heart rate monitor in accordance with the present invention.

[0018] To facilitate an understanding of the present invention, exemplary embodiments of a heartbeat monitor of the present invention will be provided herein directed to a stand-alone monitor and an incorporation of the heartbeat monitor of the present invention into a cardiac therapy device (e.g., an automated external defibrillator or an advanced life support).

[0019] Referring to FIG. 3, a heartbeat monitor 40 of the present invention employs a pair of multi-axis (XYZ) accelerometers 41R and 41L, a platform 43, a pulse detector 44 and a display 45.

[0020] Accelerometer 41R structurally configured as known in the art for generating a longitudinal acceleration sensing signal A_{XR} , a lateral acceleration sensing signal A_{YR} , and a vertical acceleration sensing signal A_{ZR} responsive to a sensing of motion force(s) acting upon an XYZ axes 42R.

[0021] Accelerometer 41L structurally configured as known in the art for generating a longitudinal acceleration sensing signal A_{XL} , a lateral acceleration sensing signal A_{YL} , and a vertical acceleration sensing signal A_{ZL} responsive to a sensing of motion force(s) acting upon an XYZ axes 42L.

[0022] In practice, heartbeat monitor 40 may employ additional accelerometers 41.

[0023] Also in practice, heartbeat monitor 40 may alternatively or concurrently employ two (2) or more multi-axis (XY) accelerometers, and may alternatively or concurrently employ two (2) or more groupings of single-axis (X) accelerometers serving as multi-axis accelerometers.

[0024] Platform 43 is structurally configured in accordance with the present invention for positioning respective vertical axes Z_R and Z_L of accelerometers 41R and 41L normal to body surface of a person, and for positioning respective longitudinal axes X_R and X_L and respective lateral axes Y_R and Y_L of accelerometers 41R and 41L parallel to the body surface of the person. As exemplary shown in FIG. 2, platform 43 is further structurally configured to angularly orientate XYZ axes 42R and XYZ axes 42L whereby respective vertical axes Z_R and Z_L are normal to the body surface of the person to individually experience acceleration primarily, if not entirely, derived from respective physiological motion 12R and 12L, and whereby respective longitudinal axes X_R and X_L and respective lateral axes Y_R and Y_L are parallel to the body surface of patient to commonly experience acceleration primarily, if not entirely, derived from extraneous motion 13. Consequently, for purposes of the present invention, vertical acceleration sensing signal A_{ZR} and vertical acceleration sensing signal A_{ZL} are deemed differential mode signals while longitudinal acceleration sensing signal A_{XR} , lateral acceleration sensing signal A_{YR} , longitudinal acceleration sensing signal A_{XL} , and lateral acceleration sensing signal A_{YL} are deemed common mode signals.

[0025] One embodiment of platform 43 is a hinged or jointed nose clip 43n as shown in FIG. 5, which is structurally configured to flexibly affix accelerometers 41R and

41L to opposite right and left sides of a bridge of a nose of the person whereby the underlying nasal bone will rigidly maintain the angular orientation of accelerometers 41R and 41L with respect to one another and the nose of the person. More particularly, dorsal nasal arteries of the person are intimately connected via the ophthalmic artery to the internal carotid, and thus to the blood supply of the brain. A pulse at the bridge of the nose is preserved, if it is preserved anywhere in physiological distress, and in particular it is not subject to peripheral shutdown common in patients needing emergency care. Consequently, respective vertical axes Z_R and Z_L (FIG. 3) of accelerometers 41R and 41L will experience physiological motion from pulsation of the dorsal nasal arteries primarily normal to the plane of the temporal bone, and respective longitudinal axes X_R and X_L and respective lateral axes Y_R and Y_L will experience motion artifacts of the nose of the person primarily along the plane of the nasal bone.

[0026] Another embodiment of platform 43 is a headband/head strap 43h as shown in FIG. 7, which is structurally configured with hardened surfaces 49R and 49L to respectively affix accelerometers 41R and 41L to opposite right and left temples of the person whereby surfaces 49R and 49L will rigidly maintain the angular orientation of accelerometers 41R and 41L with respect to one another and the temples of the person. As with the dorsal nasal arteries, the temporal arteries is substantially preserved and not subject to peripheral shutdown common in patients needing emergency care. Consequently, respective vertical axes Z_R and Z_L (FIG. 3) of accelerometers 41R and 41L will experience physiological motion from pulsation of the temporal arteries primarily normal to the plane of the nasal bone, and respective longitudinal axes X_R and X_L and respective lateral axes Y_R and Y_L will experience motion artifacts of the temples of the person primarily along the plane of the temples.

[0027] Referring back to FIG. 3, pulse detector 44 is structurally configured with hardware, software, firmware and/or circuitry for executing a pulse detection method of the present invention as represented by a flowchart 50 shown in FIG. 4.

[0028] A stage S51 of flowchart 50 encompasses pulse detector 44 implementing technique(s) for conditioning acceleration sensing signals X_R , Y_R , Z_R , X_L , Y_L and Z_L as needed for accelerometers 41R and 41L. Examples of the known signal conditioning include, but are not limited to, signal amplification and analog-to-digital conversion.

[0029] A stage S52 of flowchart 50 encompasses pulse detector 44 implementing technique(s) for spatially analyzing an angular orientation of XYZ axes 42R and 42L relative to a baseline axes (e.g., one of XYZ axes 42R or XYZ axes 42L, or a distinct baseline XYZ axes such as 21B shown in FIG. 2). In one embodiment, gravity acceleration vectors of XYZ axes 42R and 42L are used as excitation field to determine a tilt angle between accelerometers 41R and 41L or to a distinct baseline axes (e.g., baseline XYZ axes 21B shown in FIG. 2) to facilitate a mathematical rotation of XYZ axes 42R and 42L in all three dimensions to align vertical axes Z_R and Z_L whereby individual physiological motion vectors, common motion artifact vector and the gravity acceleration vectors are identifiable by pulse detector 44.

[0030] A stage S53 of flowchart 50 encompasses pulse detector 44 implementing technique(s) for extracting the physiological motion vectors to communicate a pulse signal

PS (FIG. 3) to display 45. Generally, pulse detector 44 extracts corresponding physiological motion vectors, motion artifact vectors and the gravity vectors from vertically aligned XYZ axes 42R and 42L by combining the differential mode signals A_{ZR} and A_{ZL} and cancelling common mode signals A_{XR} , A_{XL} , A_{YR} and A_{YL} .

[0031] Specifically for combining/cancelling the signals, particularly when vertical axes Z_R and Z_L are not pointed in opposite directions on the body surface of the person, advanced signal processing methods known in the art (e.g., Principal Component Analysis (PCA) or Independent Component Analysis (ICA)) may be utilized to extract the physiological motion vectors from vertically aligned XYZ axes 42R and 42L. For example, PCA may sort the signal components from the biggest to the smallest. The gravity acceleration vectors and common motion artifact vectors are bigger signals than the physiological motion vectors, and the gravity acceleration vectors and the common motion artifact vectors identified by PCA and removed. By further example, ICA may extract the independent components if they are linearly combined. Since the physiological motion vectors, the gravity acceleration vectors and the common motion artifact vectors are independent to each other and the recordings by accelerometers 41R and 41L are a linear sum, the physiological motion vectors may be identified from the ICA results. Furthermore, since the pulses from both sides of the bridge of nose are correlated and synchronized, the extracted physiological motion vectors by ICA should by default be the sum of the blood pulses recorded by the two accelerometers 41R and 41L.

[0032] Referring back to FIG. 3, in practice, pulse detector 44 may employ one or more modules with each module being affixed to platform 43, within a stand-alone housing or incorporated within display 45.

[0033] For example, as respectively shown for heartbeat monitors 40n and 40h in FIGS. 6 and 8, pulse detector 44 employs modules in the form of signal conditioners 46R and 46L, a spatial analyzer 47 and a pulse extractor 48 affixed to nose clip 45n and headband/head strap 45h.

[0034] Referring back to FIG. 3, display 45 is structurally configured as known in the art for visually displaying pulse signal PS or visual indications thereof and optionally providing audio information related to pulse signal PS. For example, as shown, display 45 may provide a heartbeat readout of pulse signal PS and provide a pulsating heart as an indication of pulse signal PS.

[0035] In practice, display 45 may be affixed to platform 43, within a stand-alone housing or incorporated within a cardiac therapy device. For example, as shown in as respectively shown for heartbeat monitors 40n and 40h in FIGS. 6 and 8, display 45 is provided in stand-alone housing.

[0036] Referring to FIG. 9, a cardiac therapy device 60 of the present invention employs a pair of electrode pads/paddles 61, optional ECG leads 62, a compression pad 63, a pulse monitor 64, a compression controller 66, an ECG monitor 66 (internal or external), a defibrillation controller 67, and a shock source 67 as known in the art.

[0037] In operation, responsive to an ECG signal from ECG monitor 66, defibrillation controller 67 controls shock source 68 in delivering a defibrillation shock via electrode pads/paddles 61 to a heart 17 of patient 10 in accordance with one or more shock therapies (e., synchronized cardioversion). Additionally, responsive to a pulse signal from pulse monitor 65, compression controller 66 provides audio

instructions to a user of compression pad 63 in accordance with one or more compression therapies.

[0038] As related to the pulse signal, cardiac therapy device 60 further employs a heartbeat monitor of the present invention, such as, for example, a nose clip based heartbeat monitor 69n mounted on a nose of patient 10 as shown in FIG. 9 or a headband/head strap based heartbeat monitor 69h wrapped/strapped around a head of patient 10 as shown in FIG. 9. The displays for heartbeat monitors 69n and 69h (e.g., display 45 shown in FIG. 3) are incorporated within a pulse monitor 64, and the pulse detectors for heartbeat monitors 69n and 69h (e.g., pulse detector 44 shown in FIG. 3) may also be incorporated within pulse monitor 64.

[0039] In practice, the pulse detectors (e.g., pulse detector 44 shown in FIG. 3) for heartbeat monitors 69n and 69h may concurrently or alternatively provide the pulse signal to defibrillation controller 65 and/or compression controller 66.

[0040] Also practice, monitors 64 and 66 may be combined and/or controllers 65 and 67 may be combined.

[0041] Referring to FIGS. 2-9, those having ordinary skill in the art will appreciate numerous benefits of the present invention including, but not limited to, a simple to use, noninvasive and reliable pulse detection, particularly in emergency care for triage and guidance of therapy.

[0042] While various embodiments of the present invention have been illustrated and described, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that the embodiments of the present invention as described herein are illustrative, and various changes and modifications may be made and equivalents may be substituted for elements thereof without departing from the true scope of the present invention. In addition, many modifications may be made to adapt the teachings of the present invention without departing from its central scope. Therefore, it is intended that the present invention not be limited to the particular embodiments disclosed as the best mode contemplated for carrying out the present invention, but that the present invention includes all embodiments falling within the scope of the appended claims.

1. A method for pulse detection of a person by a heart rate monitor including a plurality of multi-axis accelerometers, the method comprising:

mounting, via a platform, the accelerometers on a nose of the person, wherein the platform comprises a hinged nose clip structurally configured to flexibly affix the accelerometers to opposite right and left sides of a bridge of the nose of the person, whereby an underlying nasal bone rigidly maintains an angular orientation of the accelerometers with respect to each other and the nose of the person;

generating, via the accelerometers, differential mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometers of physiological motion of the person relative to acceleration sensing axes of the multi-axis accelerometers;

generating, the accelerometers, common mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometers of extraneous motion by the person relative to the acceleration sensing axes; and

generating, via the heart rate monitor, a pulse signal as a function of a vertical alignment of the acceleration sensing axes combining the differential mode signals and cancelling the common mode signals.

2. (canceled)

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of multi-axis accelerometers further comprise accelerometers for being positioned over temples of the person, the method further comprising:

mounting, via the platform, the accelerometers over the temples of the person, wherein the platform comprises one of a headband or head strap structurally configured with hardened surfaces to respectively affix the accelerometers at the hardened surfaces to opposite right and left temples of the person.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying, via a display, a pulse of the person responsive to the pulse signal.

5. A heart rate monitor for detecting a pulse of a person, the heart rate monitor comprising:

a platform;

a plurality of multi-axis accelerometers adjoined to the platform to generate differential mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometers of physiological motion of the person relative to acceleration sensing axes and to generate common mode signals indicative of a sensing by the accelerometers of extraneous motion by the person relative to the acceleration sensing axes, wherein the platform comprises a nose clip operable to mount the accelerometers on a nose of the person, wherein the nose clip further comprises a hinged nose clip structurally configured to flexibly affix the accelerometers to opposite right and left sides of a bridge of the nose of the person, whereby an underlying nasal bone rigidly maintains an angular orientation of the accelerometers with respect to each other and the nose of the person; and

a pulse detector operably connected to the multi-axis accelerometers to generate a pulse signal as a function of a vertical alignment of the acceleration sensing axes combining the differential mode signals and cancelling the common mode signals.

6. (canceled)

7. The heart rate monitor of claim 5, wherein the plurality of multi-axis accelerometers further comprise accelerometers for being positioned over temples of the person, and wherein the platform further comprises a headband operable to position the accelerometers over temples of the person, wherein the headband is structurally configured with hardened surfaces to respectively affix the accelerometers at the hardened surfaces to opposite right and left temples of the person.

8. The heart rate monitor of wherein the plurality of multi-axis accelerometers further comprise accelerometers for being positioned over temples of the person, and wherein the platform further comprises a head strap operable to position the accelerometers over temples of the person, wherein the head strap is structurally configured with hardened surfaces to respectively affix the accelerometers at the hardened surfaces to opposite right and left temples of the person.

9. The heart rate monitor of claim 5, further comprising:

a display operably connected to the pulse detector to display a pulse of the person responsive to the pulse signal.

10. A cardiac therapy device comprising:

a heart rate monitor according to claim 5; and

a pulse monitor operably connected to the pulse detector to monitor a the pulse of the person responsive to the pulse signal.

11. (canceled)

12. The cardiac therapy device of claim 10, wherein the plurality of multi-axis accelerometers further comprise accelerometers for being positioned over temples of the person, and wherein the platform further comprises a headband operable to position the accelerometers over temples of the person wherein the headband is structurally configured with hardened surfaces to respectively affix the accelerometers at the hardened surfaces to opposite right and left temples of the person.

13. The cardiac therapy device of claim 10, wherein the plurality of multi-axis accelerometers further comprise accelerometers for being positioned over temples of the person, and wherein the platform further comprises a head strap operable to position the accelerometers over temples of the person, wherein the head strap is structurally configured with hardened surfaces to respectively affix the accelerometers at the hardened surfaces to opposite right and left temples of the person.

14. The cardiac therapy device of claim 10, wherein the heart rate monitor further includes:

a display operably connected to the pulse detector to display a pulse of the person responsive to the pulse signal.

15. The cardiac therapy device of claim 14, wherein the pulse monitor incorporates the display.

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用于检测人脉搏 (10) 的心率监测器 (40) 采用平台 (43) , 多个多个轴加速度计 (41 R , 41 L) 和脉冲检测器 (44) 。多轴加速度计 (41 R , 41 L) 连接到平台 (43) 以生成差分模式信号 (A ZR , A ZL) 表示人的生理运动 (12) 的加速度计 (41) 的感测 (10) 相对于加速度传感轴 (42 R , 42 L) 并产生共模信号 (A XR , A XL , YR , A YL) 表示外来加速度计 (41 , L) 的感测人 (10) 相对于加速度传感轴 (42 R , 42 L) 的运动。脉冲检测器 (44) 可操作地连接到多轴加速度计 (41 R , 41 L) 以产生脉冲信号 (PS) 作为加速度传感轴 (42 , 42 L) 垂直对齐的函数, 组合差分信号 (A ZR , ZL) 并取消共模信号 (A XR , A XL , A YR , A <子>YR , A <子>YL <子>) 。

