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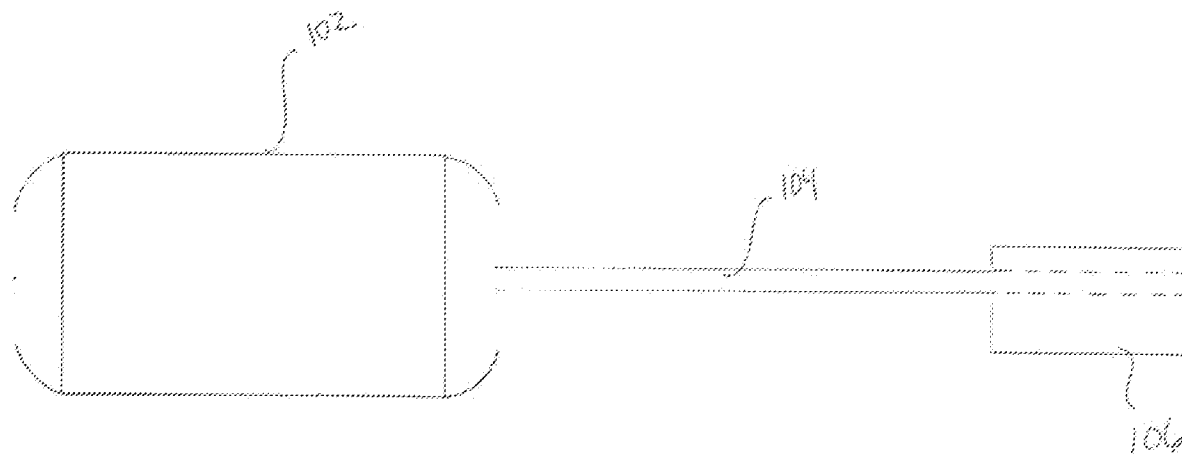


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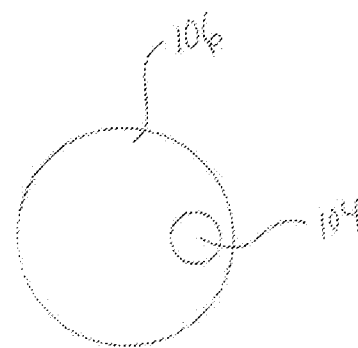


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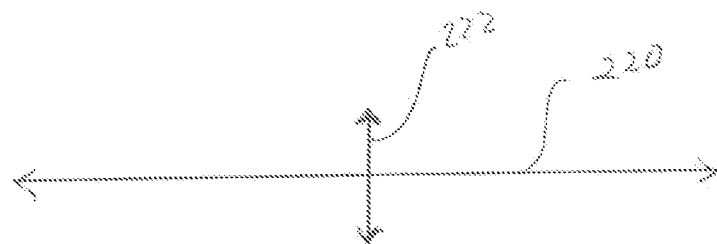
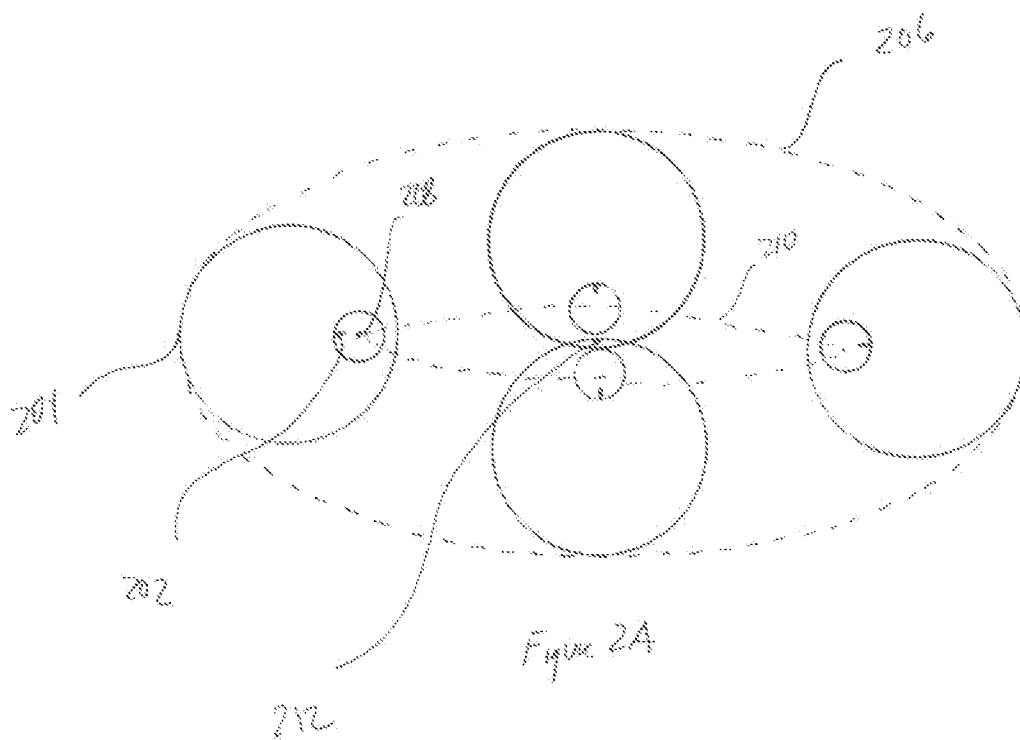


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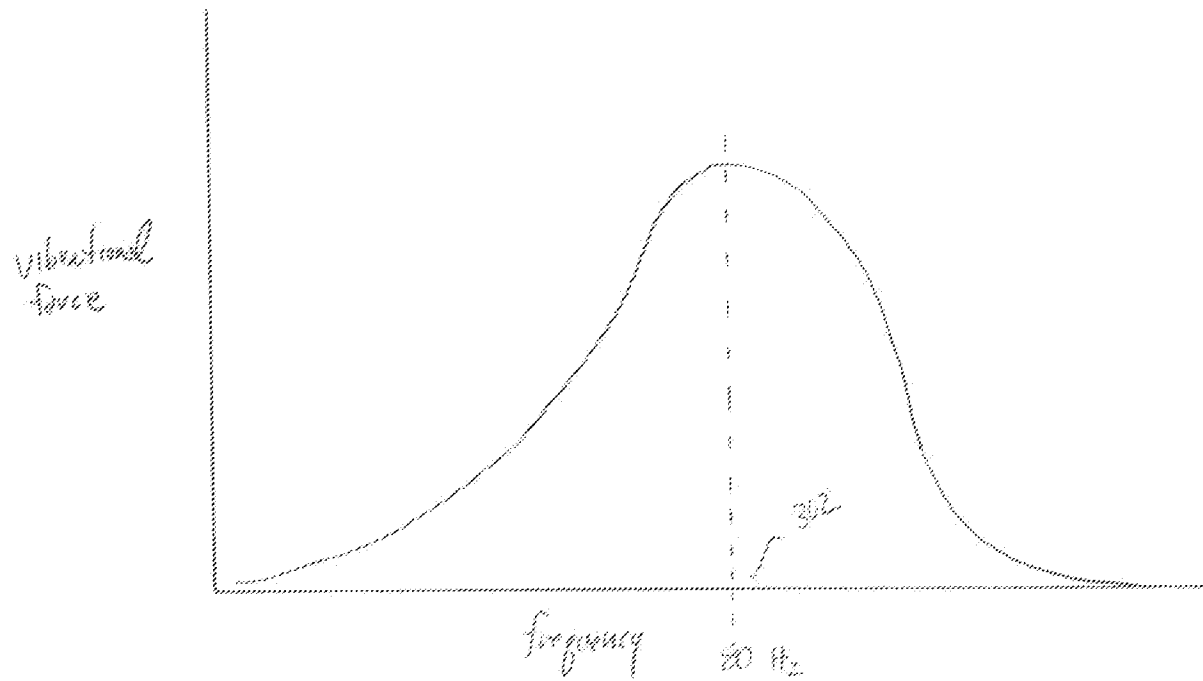
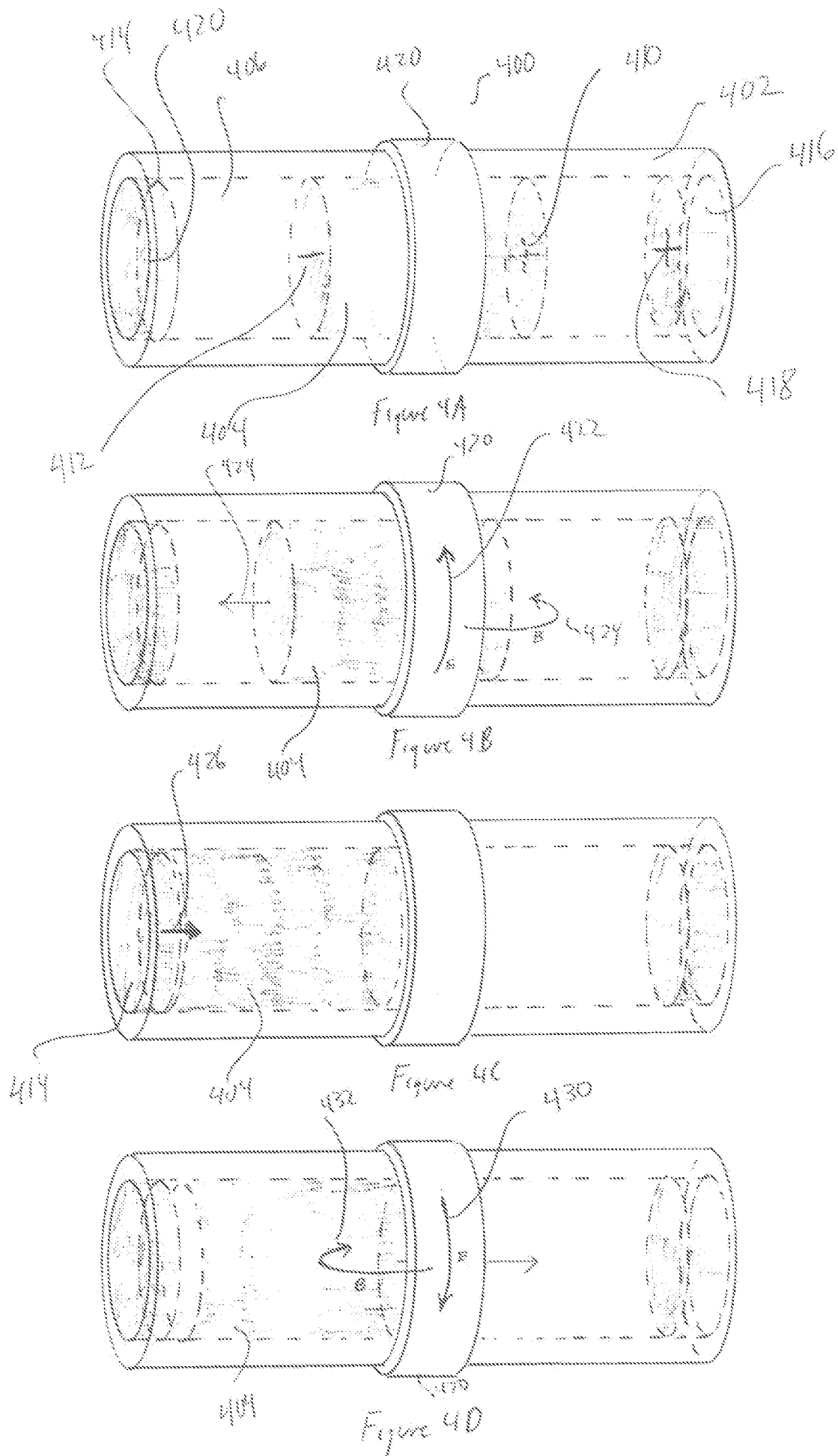


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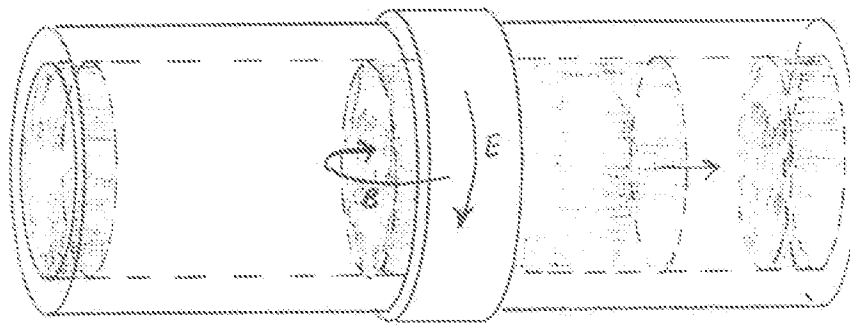


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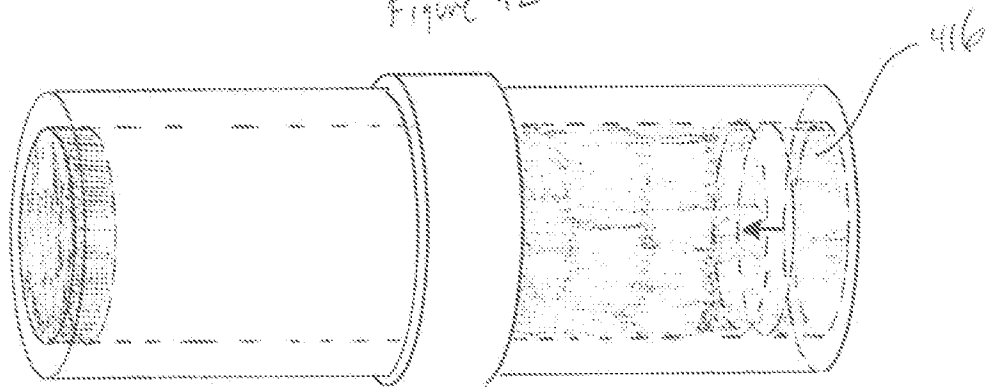


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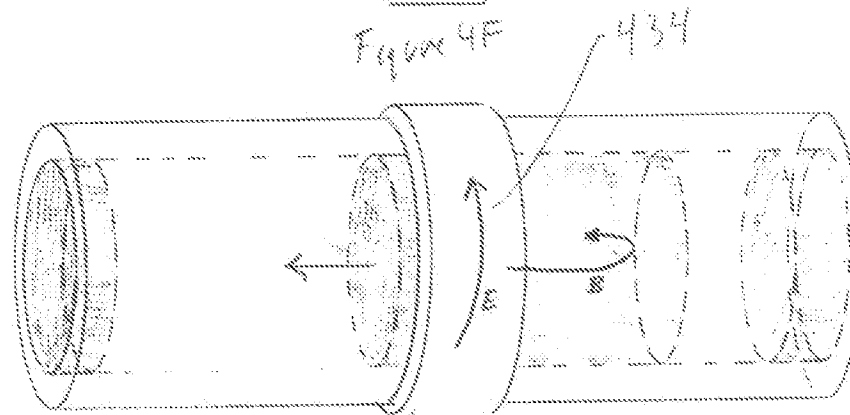


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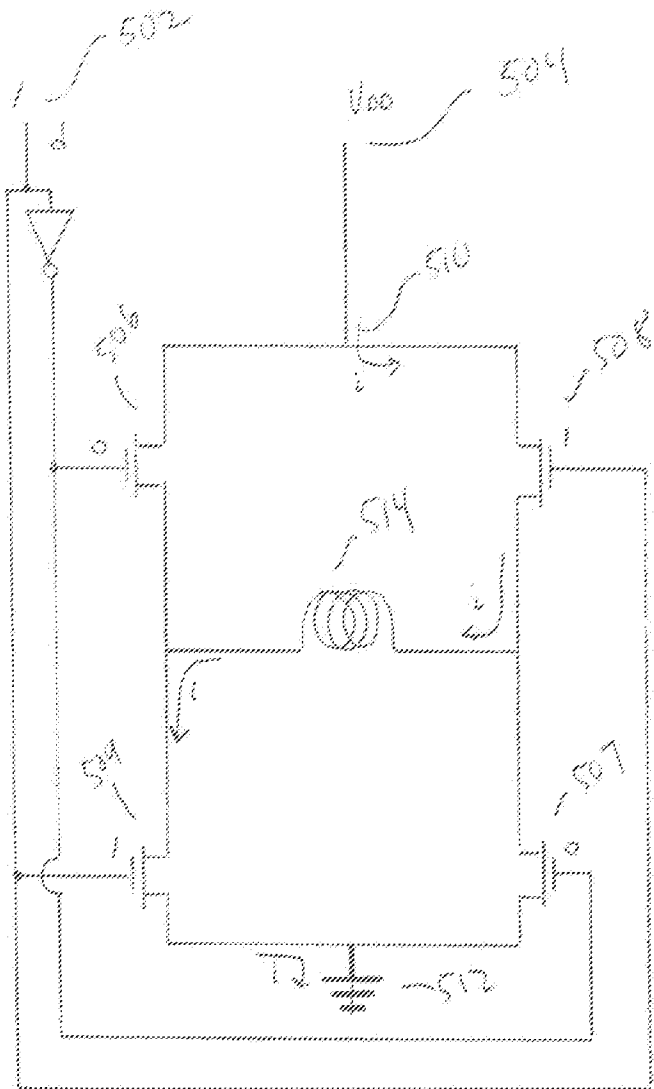


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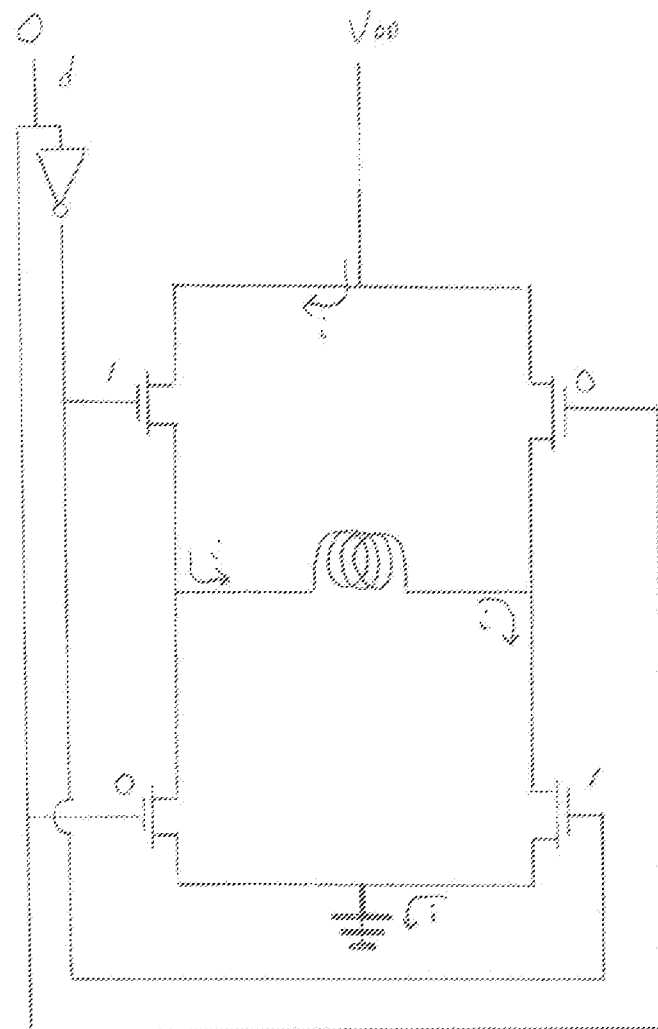
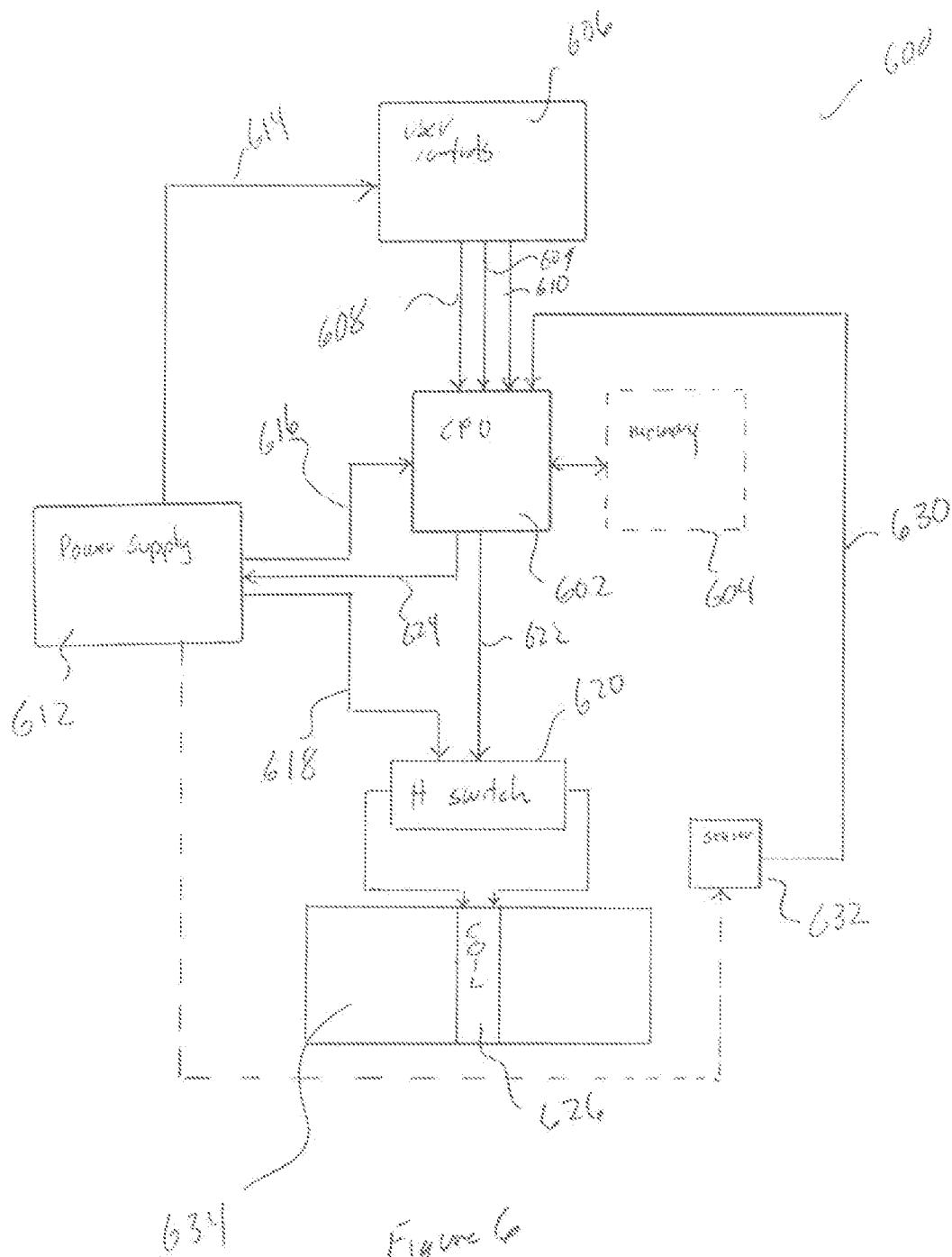


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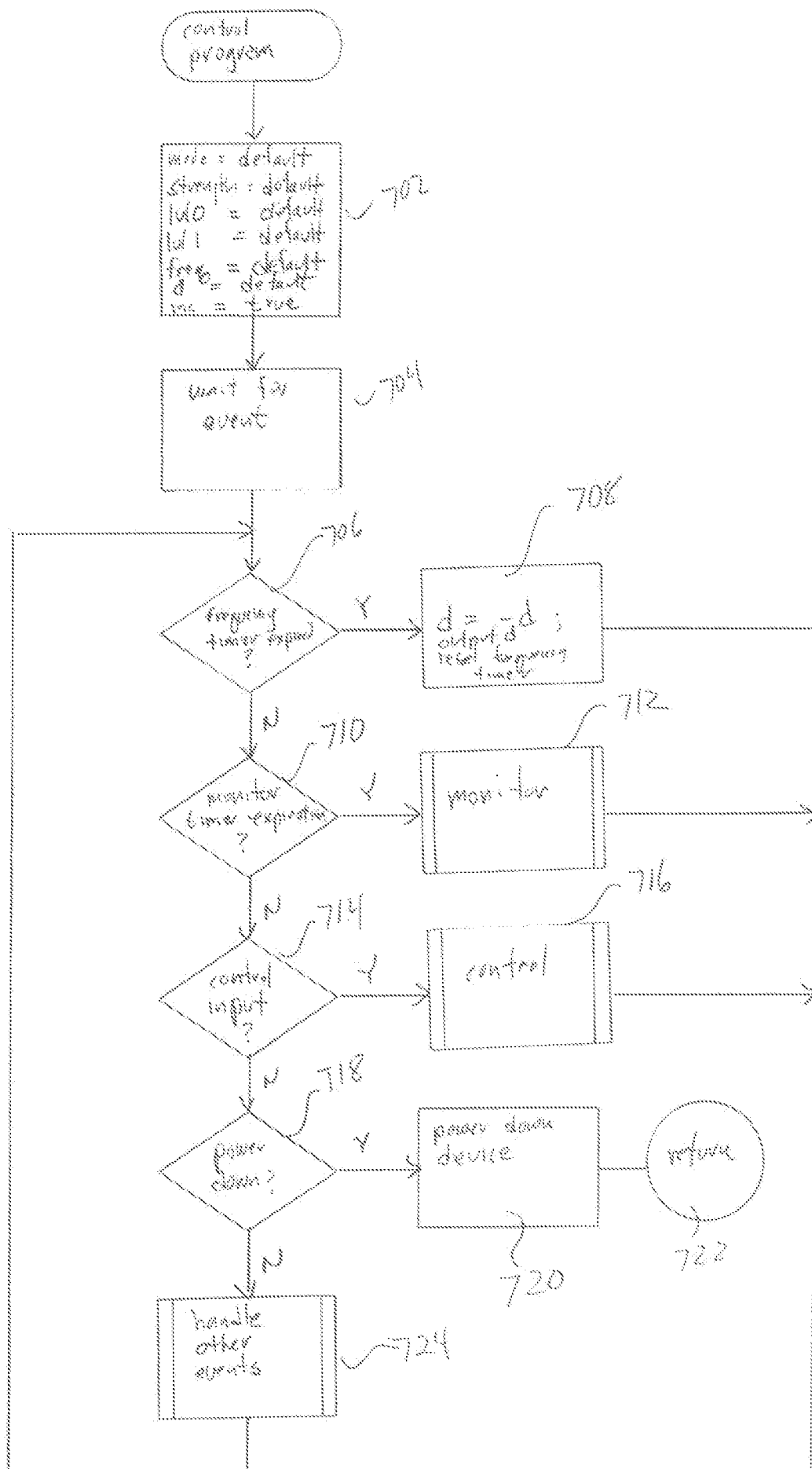


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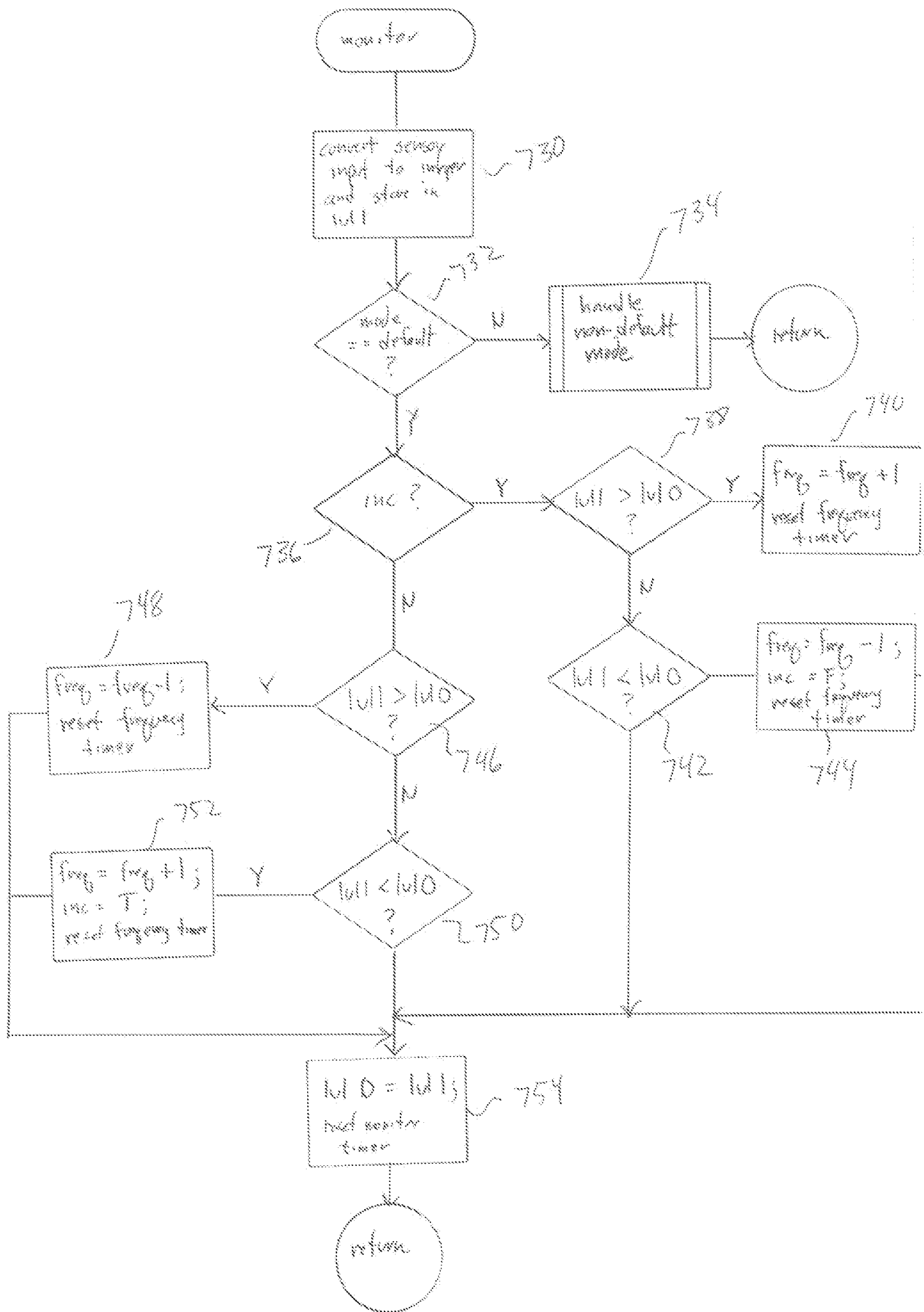


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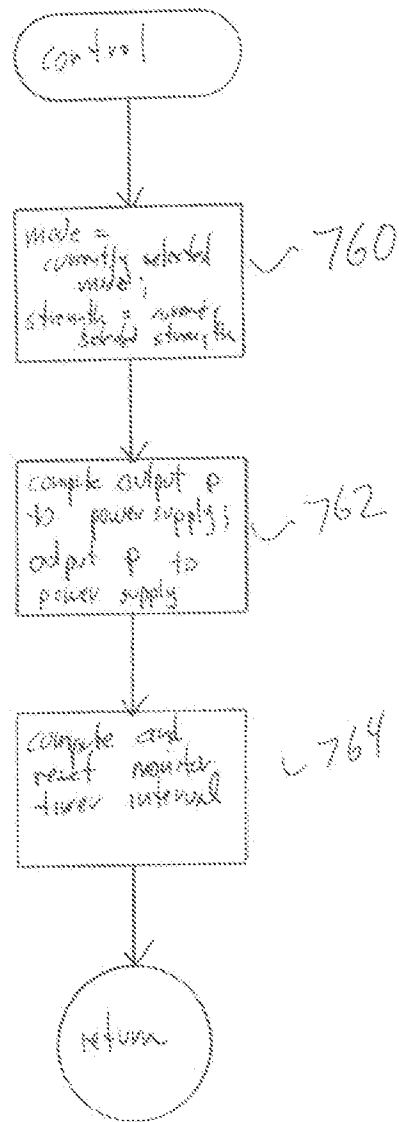


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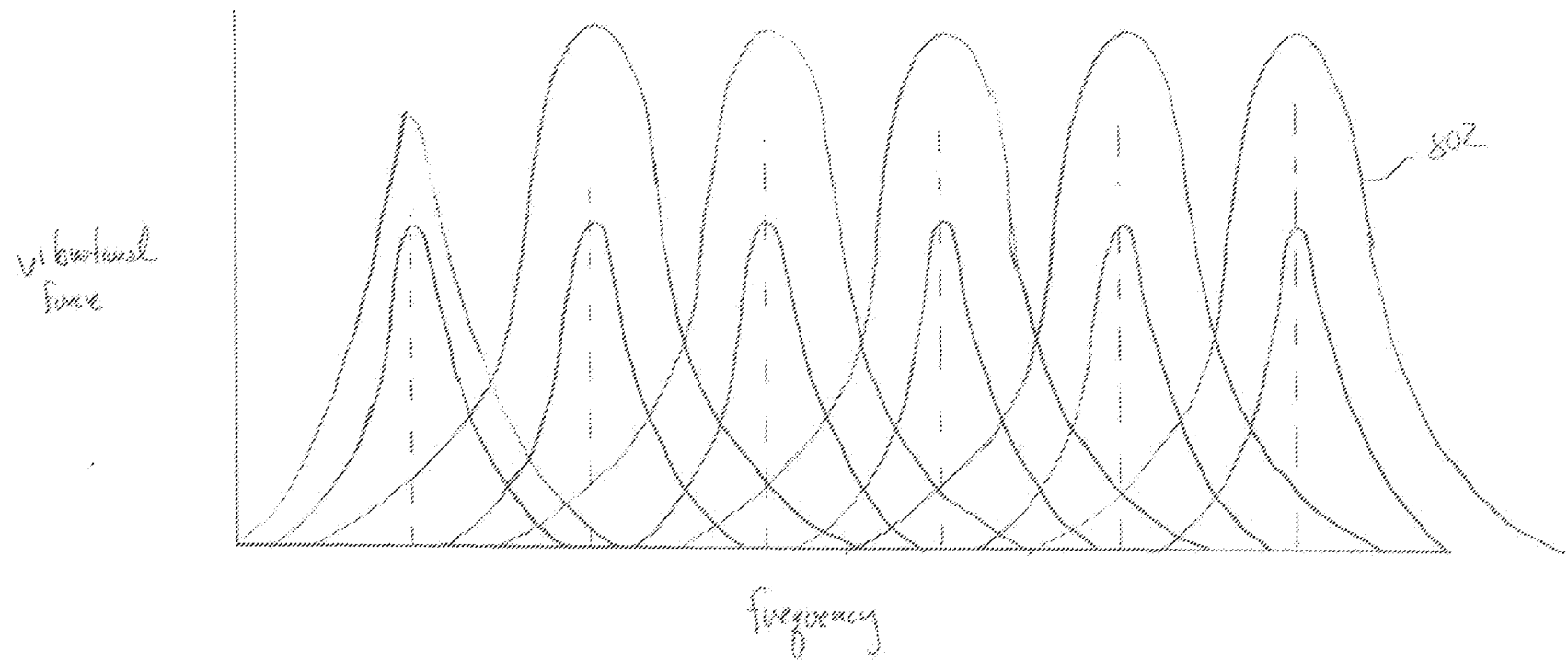


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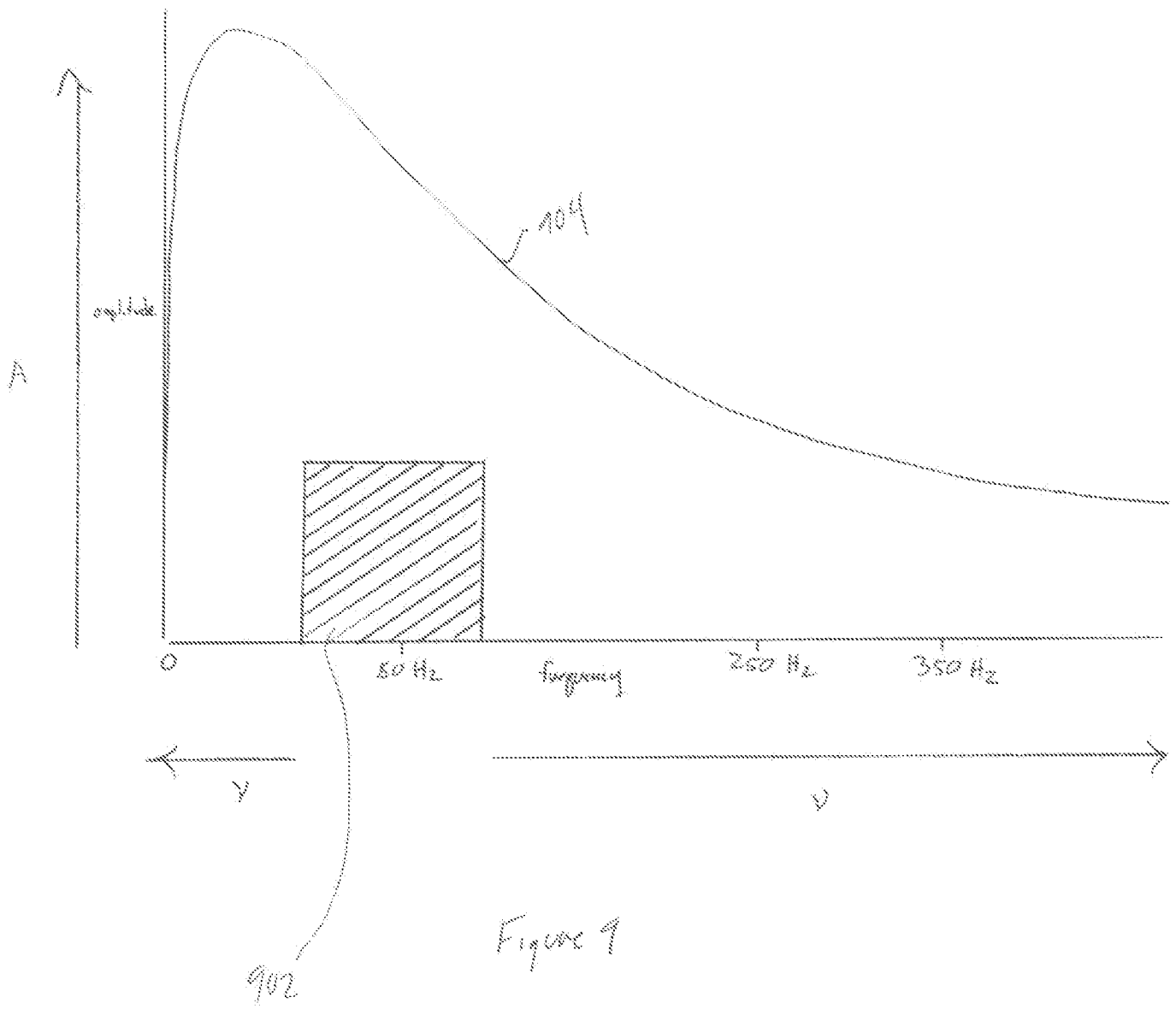


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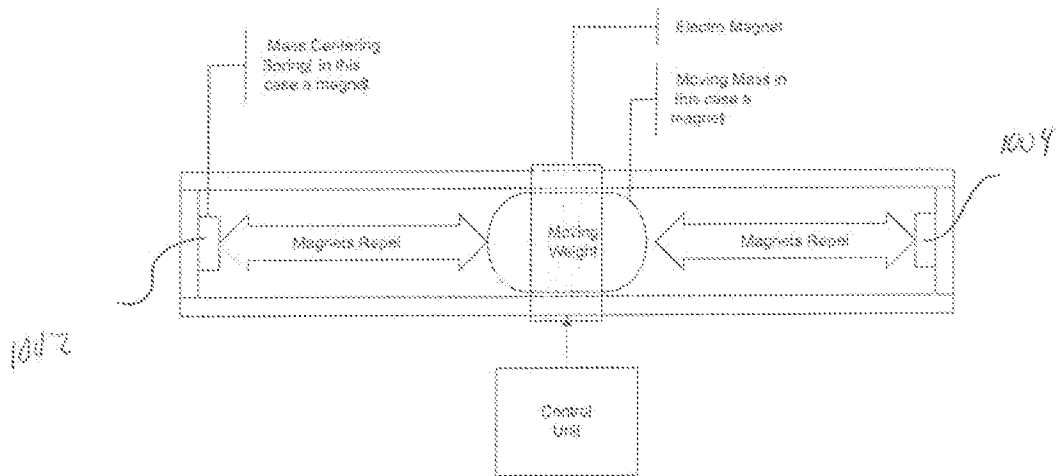


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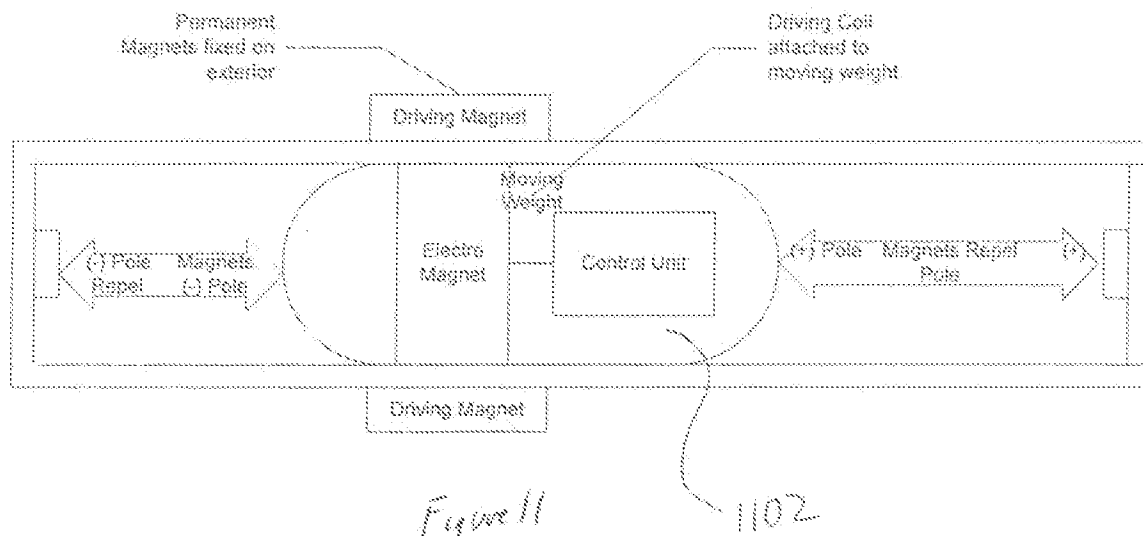


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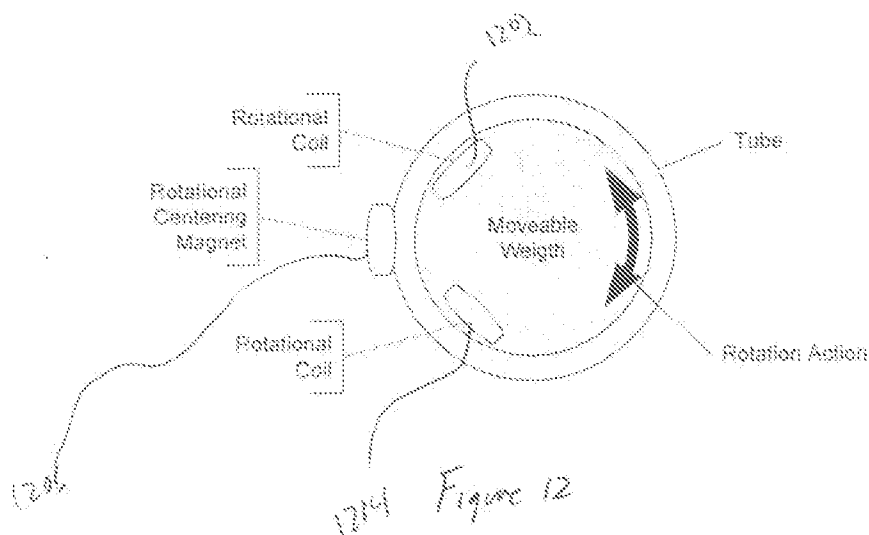


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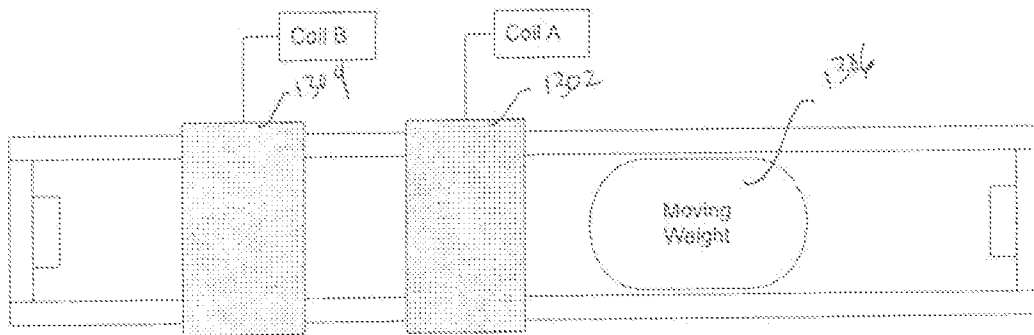


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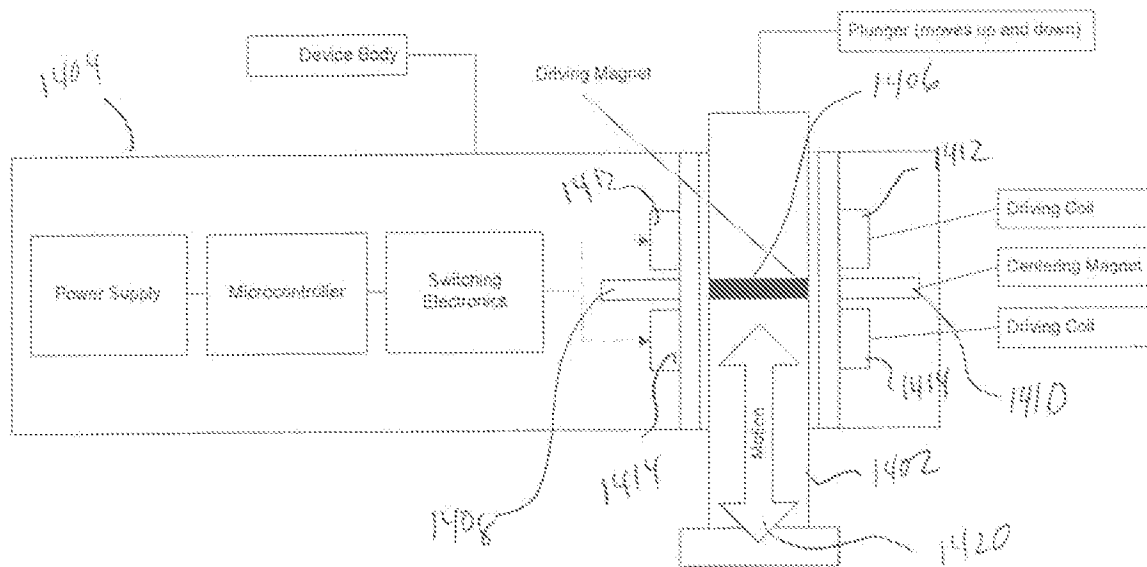


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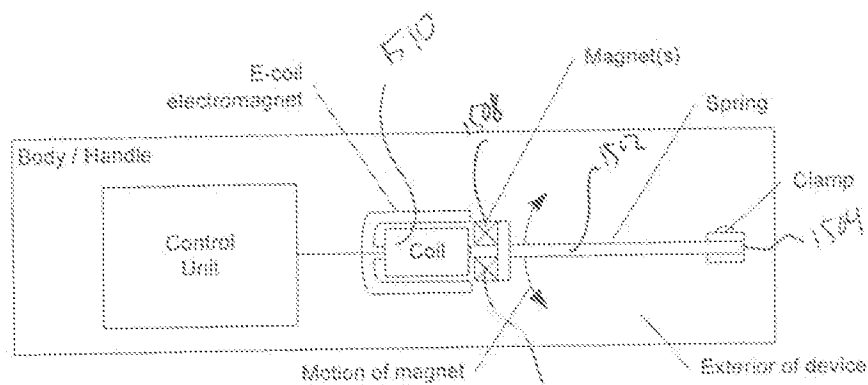


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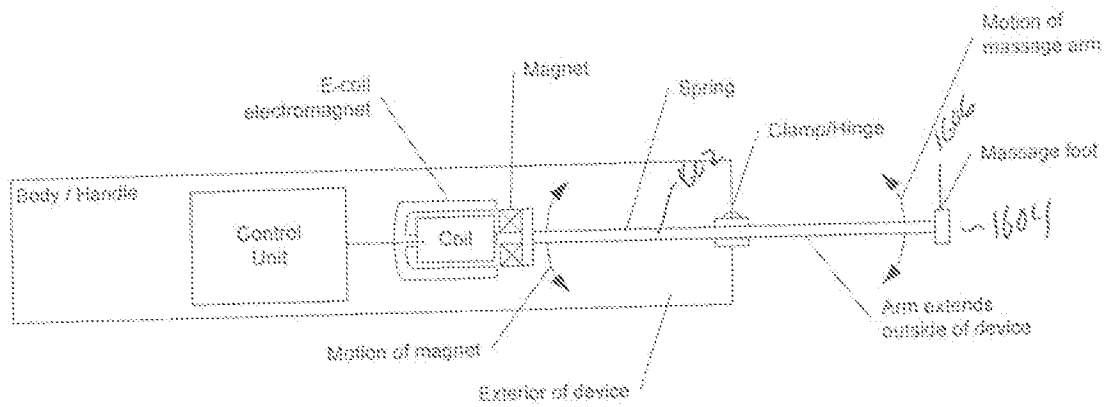


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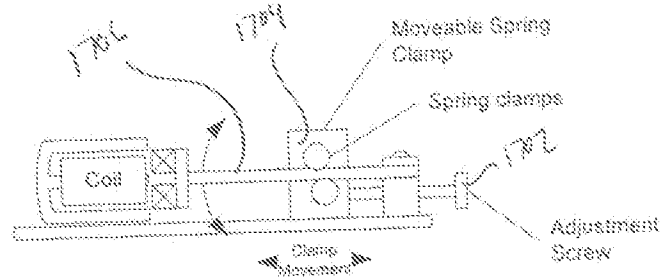


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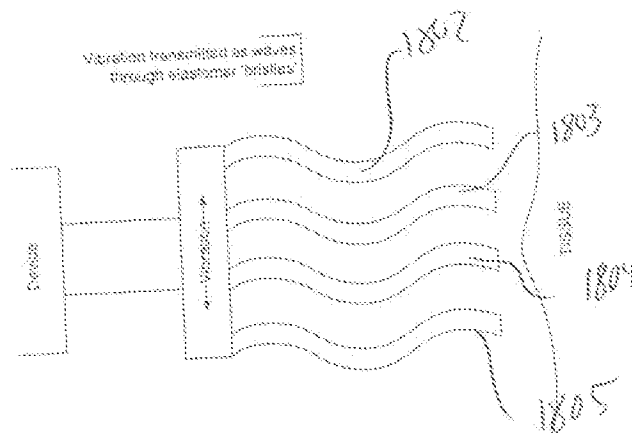


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LINEAR-RESONANT VIBRATION MODULE

CROSS-REFERERNCCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application
5 No. 61/179,109, filed May 18, 2009.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention is related to vibration-generating devices and, in particular, to vibration modules that can be incorporated into a wide variety of
10 different types of electromechanical devices and systems to produce vibrations of selected amplitudes and frequencies over a wide range amplitude/frequency space.

BACKGROUND

Vibration-inducing motors and mechanisms have been used for many
15 years in a wide variety of different consumer appliances, toys, and other devices and systems. Examples include vibration signals generated by pagers, vibration-driven appliances, such as hair-trimming appliances, electric toothbrushes, electric toy football games, and many other appliances, devices, and systems. The most common electromechanical system used for generating vibrations is an intentionally
20 unbalanced electric motor.

Figures 1A-B illustrate an unbalanced electric motor typically used for generating vibrations in a wide variety of different devices. As shown in Figure 1A, a small, relatively low-power electric motor 102 rotates a cylindrical shaft 104 onto which a weight 106 is asymmetrically or mounted. Figure 1B shows the weight
25 asymmetrically mounted to the shaft, looking down at the weight and shaft in the direction of the axis of the shaft. As shown in Figure 1B, the weight 106 is mounted off-center on the electric-motor shaft 104. Figures 2A-B illustrate the vibrational motion produced by the unbalanced electric motor shown in Figures 1A-B. As shown in Figures 2A-B, the asymmetrically-mounted weight creates an elliptical oscillation
30 of the end of the shaft, normal to the shaft axis, when the shaft is rotated at relatively high speed by the electric motor. Figure 2A shows displacement of the weight and shaft from the stationary shaft axis as the shaft is rotated, looking down on the weight

and shaft along the shaft axis, as in Figure 1B. In Figure 2A, a small mark 202 is provided at the periphery of the disk-shaped end of electric-motor shaft to illustrate rotation of the shaft. When the shaft rotates at high speed, a point 204 on the edge of the weight traces an ellipsoid 206 and the center of the shaft 208 traces a narrower and smaller ellipsoid 210. Were the shaft balanced, the center of the shaft would remain at a position 212 in the center of the diagram during rotation, but the presence of the asymmetrically-mounted weight attached to the shaft, as well as other geometric and weight-distribution characteristics of the electric motor, shaft, and unbalanced weight together create forces that move the end of the shaft along the elliptical path 210 when the shaft is rotated at relatively high speed. The movement can be characterized, as shown in Figure 2B, by a major axis 220 and minor axis 222 of vibration, with the direction of the major axis of vibration equal to the direction of the major axis of the ellipsoids, shown in Figure 2A, and the length of the major axis corresponding to the amplitude of vibration in this direction. In many applications, in which a linear oscillation is desired, designers seek to force the major-axis-amplitude/minor-axis-amplitude ratio to be as large as possible, but, because the vibration is produced by a rotational force, it is generally not possible to achieve linear oscillation. In many cases, the path traced by the shaft center may be close to circular. The frequency of vibration of the unbalanced electric motor is equal to the rotational frequency of the electric-motor shaft, and is therefore constrained by the rate at which the motor can rotate the shaft. At low rotational speeds, little vibration is produced.

While effective in producing vibrations, there are many problems associated with the unbalanced-electric-motor vibration-generating units, such as that shown in Figure 1A, commonly used in the various devices, systems, and applications discussed above. First, unbalancing the shaft of an electric motor not only produces useful vibrations that can be harnessed for various applications, but also produces destructive, unbalanced forces within the motor that contribute to rapid deterioration of motor parts. Enormous care and effort is undertaken to precisely balance rotating parts of motors, vehicles, and other types of machinery, and the consequences of unbalanced rotating parts are well known to anyone familiar with automobiles.

machine tools, and other such devices and systems. The useful lifetimes of many devices and appliances, particularly hand-held devices and appliances, that employ unbalanced electric motors for generating vibrations may range from a few tens of hours to a few thousands of hours of use, after which the vibrational amplitude produced by the devices declines precipitously as the electric motor and other parts deteriorate.

A second problem with unbalanced electric motors is that they are relatively inefficient at producing vibrational motion. A far greater amount of power is consumed by an unbalanced electrical motor to produce a given vibrational force than the theoretical minimum power required to produce the given vibrational force. As a result, many hand-held devices that employ unbalanced electric motors for generating vibrations quickly consume batteries during use.

A third problem with unbalanced electric motors, discussed above, is that they generally produce elliptical vibrational modes. Although such modes may be useful in particular applications, many applications can better use a linear oscillation, with greater directional concentration of vibrational forces. Linear oscillation cannot generally be produced by unbalanced electric motors.

A fourth, and perhaps most fundamental, problem associated with using unbalanced electric motors to generate vibrations is that only a very limited portion of the total vibrational-force/frequency space is accessible to unbalanced electric motors. Figure 3 shows a graph of vibrational force with respect to frequency for various types of unbalanced electric motors. The graph is shown as a continuous hypothetical curve, although, of course, actual data would be discrete. As shown in Figure 3, for relatively low-power electric motors used in hand-held appliances, only a fairly narrow range of frequencies centered about 80 Hz (302 in Figure 3) generate a significant vibrational force. Moreover, the vibrational force is relatively modest. The bulk of energy consumed by an unbalanced electric motor is used to spin the shaft and unbalanced weight and to overcome frictional and inertial forces within the motor. Only a relatively small portion of the consumed energy is translated into desired vibrational forces.

Because of the above-discussed disadvantages with the commonly employed unbalanced-electric-motor vibration-generation units, designers, manufacturers, and, ultimately, users of a wide variety of different vibration-based devices, appliances, and systems continue to seek more efficient and capable vibration-generating units for incorporation into many consumer appliances, devices, and systems.

SUMMARY

Various embodiments of the present invention comprise linear-resonant vibration modules that can be incorporated in a wide variety of appliances, devices, and systems to provide vibrational forces. The vibrational forces are produced by linear oscillation of a weight or member, in turn produced by rapidly alternating the polarity of one or more driving electromagnets. Feedback control is used to maintain the vibrational frequency of linear-resonant vibration module at or near the resonant frequency for the linear-resonant vibration module. Linear-resonant vibration modules can be designed to produce vibrational amplitude/frequency combinations throughout a large region of amplitude/frequency space.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A-B illustrate an unbalanced electric motor typically used for generating vibrations in a wide variety of different devices.

Figures 2A-B illustrate the vibrational motion produced by the unbalanced electric motor shown in Figures 1A-B.

Figure 3 shows a graph of vibrational force with respect to frequency for various types of unbalanced electric motors.

Figures 4A-G illustrate one particular LRVM, and operation of the particular LRVM, that represents one embodiment of the present invention.

Figures 5A-B illustrate an H-bridge switch that can be used, in various embodiments of the present invention, to change the direction of current applied to the coil that drives linear oscillation within a linear-resonance vibration module ("LRVM").

Figure 6 provides a block diagram of the LRVM, illustrated in Figures 4A-G, that represents one embodiment of the present invention.

Figures 7A-C provide control-flow diagrams that illustrate the control program, executed by the CPU, that controls operation of an LRVM that represents
5 one embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 8 represents the range of frequencies and vibrational forces that can achieved by different implementations of LRVM and LRVM control programs that represent embodiments of the present invention.

Figure 9 shows a plot of the amplitude/frequency space and regions in
10 that space that can be operationally achieved by unbalanced electrical motors and by LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention.

Figures 10-17 show a variety of different alternative implementations of LRVMs that represent different embodiments of the present invention.

Figure 18 illustrates an enhancement of the embodiment of the present
15 invention shown in Figure 16.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Embodiments of the present invention include various types of linear-resonant vibration modules ("LRVMs") that can be used within a wide variety of
20 different types of appliances, devices, and systems, to generate vibrational forces. The LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention are linear in the sense that the vibrational forces are produced by a linear oscillation of a weight or component within the LRVM, rather than as a by-product of an unbalanced rotation, as in the case of currently employed unbalanced electric motors. The linear nature of
25 the LRVM vibration-inducing motion allows the problems associated with unbalanced-electric-motor vibrators, discussed above, to be effectively addressed. An oscillating linear motion does not produce destructive forces that quickly degrade and wear out an unbalanced electric motor. A linearly oscillating mechanism is characterized by parameters that can be straightforwardly varied in order to produce
30 vibrations of a desired amplitude and frequency over a very broad region of amplitude/frequency space. Combining a linearly oscillating vibration-inducing

mechanism with feedback control, so that the frequency of vibration falls close to the resonant frequency of the LRVM, results in optimal power consumption with respect to the amplitude and frequency of vibration produced by the LRVM. Clearly, linear oscillation within a LRVM translates into highly direction vibrational forces produced
5 by an appliance or device that incorporates the LRVM.

Figures 4A-G illustrate one particular LRVM, and operation of the particular LRVM, that represents one embodiment of the present invention. Figures 4A-G all use the same illustration conventions, next discussed with reference to Figure 4A. The LRVM includes a cylindrical housing 402 within which a solid,
10 cylindrical mass 404, or weight, can move linearly along the inner, hollow, cylindrically shaped chamber 406 within the cylindrical housing or tube 402. The weight is a magnet, in the described embodiment of the present invention, with polarity indicated by the "+" sign 410 on the right-hand end and the "-" sign 412 on the left-hand end of the weight 404. The cylindrical chamber 406 is capped by two
15 magnetic disks 414 and 416 with polarities indicated by the "+" sign 418 and the "-" sign 420. The disk-like magnets 414 and 418 are magnetically oriented opposite from the magnetic orientation of the weight 404, so that when the weight moves to either the extreme left or extreme right sides of the cylindrical chamber, the weight is repelled by one of the disk-like magnets at the left or right ends of the cylindrical
20 chamber. In other words, the disk-like magnets act much like springs, to facilitate deceleration and reversal of direction of motion of the weight and to minimize or prevent mechanical-impact forces of the weight and the end caps that close off the cylindrical chamber. Finally, a coil of conductive wire 420 girdles the cylindrical housing, or tube 402 at approximately the mid-point of the cylindrical housing.

25 Figures 4B-G illustrate operation of the LRVM shown in Figure 4A. When an electric current is applied to the coil 420 in a first direction 422, a corresponding magnetic force 424 is generated in a direction parallel to the axis of the cylindrical chamber, which accelerates the weight 404 in a first direction 424. When the weight reaches a point at or close to the corresponding disk-like magnet 414, as
30 shown in Figure 4C, a magnetic force due to the repulsion of the disk-like magnet 414 and the weight 404, 426, is generated in the opposite direction, decelerating the

weight and reversing its direction. As the weight reverses direction, as shown in Figure 4D, current is applied in an opposite direction 430 to the coil 420, producing a magnetic force 432 in an opposite direction from the direction of the magnetic force shown in Figure 4B, which accelerates the weight 404 in a direction opposite to the direction in which the weight is accelerated in Figure 4B. As shown in Figure 4E, the weight then moves rightward until, as shown in Figure 4F, the weight is decelerated, stopped, and then accelerated in the opposite direction by repulsion of the disk-like magnet 416. An electrical current is then applied to the coil 420 in the same direction 434 as in Figure 4B, again accelerating the solid cylindrical mass in the same direction as in Figure 4B. Thus, by a combination of a magnetic field with rapidly reversing polarity, generated by alternating the direction of current applied to the coil, and by the repulsive forces between the weight magnet and the disk-like magnets at each end of the hollow, cylindrical chamber, the weight linearly oscillates back and forth within the cylindrical housing 402, imparting a direction force at the ends of the cylindrical chamber with each reversal in direction.

Clearly, the amplitude of the vibration and vibrational forces produced are related to the length of the hollow chamber in which the weight oscillates, the current applied to the coil, the mass of the weight, the acceleration of the weight produced by the coil, and the mass of the entire LRVM. All of these parameters are essentially design parameters for the LRVM, and thus the LRVM can be designed to produce a wide variety of different amplitudes.

The frequency of the oscillation of the solid, cylindrical mass is determined by the frequency at which the direction of the current applied to the coil is changed. Figures 5A-B illustrate an H-bridge switch that can be used, in various embodiments of the present invention, to change the direction of current applied to the coil that drives linear oscillation within an LRVM. Figures 5A-B both use the same illustration conventions, described next with respect to Figure 5A. The H-bridge switch receives, as input, a directional signal d 502 and direct-current ("DC") power 504. The direction-control signal d 502 controls four switches 506-509, shown as transistors in Figure 5A. When the input control signal d 502 is high, or "1," as shown in Figure 5A, switches 508 and 509 are closed and switches 506 and 507 are

open, and therefore current flows, as indicated by curved arrows, such as curved arrow 510, from the power-source input 504 to ground 512 in a leftward direction through the coil 514. When the input-control signal *d* is low, or "0," as shown in Figure 5B, the direction of the current through the coil is reversed. The H-bridge switch, shown in Figures 5A-B, is but one example of various different types of electrical and electromechanical switches that can be used to rapidly alternate the direction of current within the coil of an LRVM.

Figure 6 provides a block diagram of the LRVM, illustrated in Figures 4A-G, that represents one embodiment of the present invention. The LRVM, in addition to the cylindrical housing, coil, and internal components shown in Figure 4A, includes a power supply, a user interface, generally comprising electromechanical buttons or switches, the H-bridge switch, discussed above with reference to Figures 5A-B, a central processing unit ("CPU"), generally a small, low-powered microprocessor, and one or more electromechanical sensors. All of these components are packaged together as an LRVM within a vibration-based appliance, device, or system.

As shown in Figure 6, the LRVM 600 is controlled by a control program executed by the CPU microprocessor 602. The microprocessor may contain sufficient on-board memory to store the control program and other values needed during execution of the control program, or, alternatively, may be coupled to a low-powered memory chip 604 or flash memory for storing the control program. The CPU receives inputs from the user controls 606 that together comprise a user interface. These controls may include any of various dials, pushbuttons, switches, or other electromechanical-control devices. As one example, the user controls may include a dial to select a strength of vibration, which corresponds to the current applied to the coil, a switch to select one of various different operational modes, and a power button. The user controls generate signals input to the CPU 608-610. A power supply 612 provides power, as needed, to user controls 614, to the CPU 616 and optional, associated memory, to the H-bridge switch 618, and, when needed, to one or more sensors 632. The voltage and current supplied by the power supply to the various components may vary, depending on the operational characteristics and

requirements of the components. The H-bridge switch 620 receives a control-signal input *d* 622 from the CPU. The power supply 612 receives a control input 624 from the CPU to control the current supplied to the H-bridge switch 618 for transfer to the coil 626. The CPU receives input 630 from one or more electromechanical sensors
5 632 that generate a signal corresponding to the strength of vibration currently being produced by the linearly oscillating mass 634. Sensors may include one or more of accelerometers, piezoelectric devices, pressure-sensing devices, or other types of sensors that can generate signals corresponding to the strength of desired vibrational forces.

10 Figures 7A-C provide control-flow diagrams that illustrate the control program, executed by the CPU, that controls operation of an LRVN that represents one embodiment of the present invention. Figure 7A provides a control-flow diagram for the high-level control program. The program begins execution, in step 702, upon a power-on event invoked by a user through a power button or other user control. In
15 step 702, various local variables are set to default values, including the variables: (1) *mode*, which indicates the current operational mode of the device; (2) *strength*, a numerical value corresponding to the current user-selected strength of operation, corresponding to the electrical current applied to the coil; (3) *lv0*, a previously sensed vibrational strength; (4) *lv1*, a currently sensed vibrational strength; (5) *freq*, the
20 current frequency at which the direction of current is alternated in the coil; (6) *d*, the control output to the H-bridge switch; and (7) *inc*, a Boolean value that indicates that the frequency is currently being increased. Next, in step 704, the control program waits for a next event. The remaining steps represent a continuously executing loop, or event handler, in which each event that occurs is appropriately handled by the
25 control program. In certain implementations of the control program, events may be initiated by interrupt-like mechanisms and stacked for execution while, in more primitive implementations, certain events that overlap in time may be ignored or dropped. In the implementation illustrated in Figures 7A-C, two timers are used, one for controlling the change in direction of the current applied to the coil, at a currently
30 established frequency, and the other for controlling a monitoring interval at which the control program monitors the vibrational force currently produced. Rather than using

a formal timer mechanism, certain implementations may simply employ counted loops or other simple programming techniques for periodically carrying out tasks. When an event occurs, the control program begins a series of tasks, the first of which is represented by the conditional step 706, to determine what event has occurred and appropriately handle that event. When the frequency timer has expired, as determined in step 706, the value of the output signal *d* is flipped, in step 708, and output to the H-bridge switch, with the frequency timer being reset to trigger a next frequency-related event. The frequency-timer interval is determined by the current value of the variable *freq*. Otherwise, when the event is a monitor timer expiration event, as determined in step 710, then a routine "monitor" is called in step 712. Otherwise, when the event corresponds to a change in the user input through the user interface, as determined in step 714, the routine "control" is called in step 716. Otherwise, when the event is a power-down event, as determined in step 718, resulting from deactivation of a power button by the user, then the control program appropriately powers down the device, in step 720, and the control program terminates in step 722. Any other of various types of events that may occur are handled by a default event handler 724. These events may include various error conditions that arise during operation of the device.

Figure 7B provides a control-flow diagram for the routine "monitor," called in step 712 of Figure 7A. In step 730, the routine "monitor" converts the sensor input to an integer representing the current vibrational force produced by the LRVM and stores the integer value in the variable *h//*. Next, in step 732, the routine "monitor" determines whether or not the LRVM is currently operating in the default mode. In the default mode, the LRVM uses continuous feedback control to optimize the vibrational force produced by the LRVM by continuously seeking to operate the LRVM at a frequency as close as possible to the resonant frequency for the LRVM. Other, more complex operational modes may be handled by various more complex routines, represented by step 734 in Figure 7B. More complex vibrational modes may systematically and/or periodically alter the frequency or produce various complex, multi-component vibrational modes useful in certain applications, appliances, devices, and systems. These more complex modes are application dependent, and are

not further described in the control-flow diagrams. In the case that the operational mode is the default mode, in which the control program seeks to optimize the vibrational force generated by the device, in step 736, the routine "monitor" determines whether the local variable *inc* is set to TRUE. If so, then the control program is currently increasing the frequency at which the device operates in order to obtain the resonance frequency. When *lv11* is greater than *lv10*, as determined in step 738, then the vibrational force has been recently increased by increasing the frequency, and so the routine "monitor" increases the frequency again, in step 740, and correspondingly resets the frequency timer. Otherwise, when *lv11* is less than *lv10*, as determined in step 742, then the control program has increased the frequency past the resonance frequency, and therefore, in step 744, the control program decreases the frequency, sets the variable *inc* to FALSE, and correspondingly resets the frequency timer. In similar fashion, when the variable *inc* is initially FALSE, as determined in step 736, and when *lv11* is greater than *lv10*, as determined in step 746, the routine "monitor" decreases the value stored in the variable *freq*, in step 748 and resets the frequency timer. Otherwise, when *lv11* is less than *lv10*, as determined in step 750, then the routine "monitor" increases the value stored in the variable *freq*, sets the variable *inc* to TRUE, and resets the frequency timer in step 752. Finally, the value in *lv11* is transferred to *lv10* and the monitor timer is reset, in step 754.

Figure 7C provides a control-flow diagram for the routine "control," called in step 716 in Figure 7A. This routine is invoked when a change in the user controls has occurred. In step 760, the variables *mode* and *strength* are set to the currently selected mode and vibrational strength, represented by the current states of control features in the user interface. Next, in step 762, the routine "control" computes an output value *p* corresponding to the currently selected strength, stored in the variable *strength*, and outputs the value *p* to the power supply so that the power supply outputs an appropriate current to the coil. Finally, in step 764, the routine "control" computes a new monitor timer interval and resets the monitor timer accordingly.

The control program described with reference to Figures 7A-C is one example of many different implementations of the control program that can be carried

out, depending on requirements of the LRVM, the parameters and characteristics inherent in a particular LRVM, the types of control inputs received from a particular user interface, the nature of the power supply, and the types of operational modes that are implemented for the LRVM.

5 Figure 8 represents the range of frequencies and vibrational forces that can achieved by different implementations of LRVM and LRVM control programs that represent embodiments of the present invention. Figure 8 has the same axes as the graph shown in Figure 3. However, unlike Figure 3, Figure 8 includes many different curves, such as curve 802, each representing the vibrational forces and
10 frequencies that can be obtained from a particular LRVM implementation. Again, the LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention generally have a resonant frequency that is characteristic of the geometry and weights of various components of the LRVM, and each LRVM is naturally operated at a frequency close to this resonant frequency in order to achieve maximum vibrational force. Thus,
15 rather than being restricted, over all possible implementations, to a relatively narrow range of frequencies and vibrational forces, as in the case of unbalanced electrical motors, LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention can be designed and implemented to produce desired vibrational forces over a wide range of vibrational frequencies, and desired vibrational frequencies over a wide range of
20 desired vibrational forces. The contrast is perhaps best seen in Figure 9. Figure 9 shows a plot of the amplitude/frequency space and regions in that space that can be operationally achieved by unbalanced electrical motors and by LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention. Unbalanced electric motors can be implemented to produce amplitude/frequency combinations roughly within the cross-hatched square region 902 within amplitude/frequency space. By contrast, LRVMs
25 can be designed and implemented to produce amplitude/frequency combinations underlying curve 904. Thus, LRVMs can achieve much higher operational frequencies and much lower operational frequencies than can be practically obtained by unbalanced electric motors, and can produce much higher amplitudes and
30 vibrational forces than can be achieved by relatively low-powered unbalanced electrical motors used in hand-held appliances and other commonly encountered

devices and systems. Furthermore, when larger vibrational forces are needed, balanced electrical motors are generally impractical or infeasible, due to the destructive forces produced within the electrical motors.

Figures 10-17 show a variety of different alternative implementations of LRVs that represent different embodiments of the present invention. Figure 10 provides a schematic illustration of an LRV similar to that discussed above with reference to Figure 4A. Note that, in place of the end magnets 1002 and 1004, mechanical springs may alternatively be used. These may be traditional helical springs made from metal or springs made from a compressible and durable material or mechanical device that seeks to restore its initial shape when depressed or compressed. Note that the weight and chamber may be cylindrical, in cross section, as discussed above with reference to Figure 4A, or may have other shapes, including rectangular or hexagonal cross-sections.

Figure 11 shows a similar implementation in which the control unit and power supply are incorporated into the moving mass 1102. In this implementation, the relative masses of the moving mass 1102 and remaining components of the LRV is maximized, thus maximizing the vibrational forces produced at a given level of power consumption.

Figure 12 shows yet an alternative LRV embodiment of the present invention. In this alternative implementation, additional coils 1202 and 1204 are incorporated in the moving mass, and a centering magnet or coil 1206 is positioned in a fixed location on the housing so that, when the direction of the current applied to the coils 1202 and 1204 is alternated, an oscillating rotational force is generated to cause the movable weight to oscillate both in a plane perpendicular to the axis of the chamber as well as linearly oscillating the direction of the chamber.

Figure 13 illustrates an embodiment in which multiple electromagnetic coils are employed. In Figure 13, two coils 1302 and 1304 are placed in two different positions on the housing. The first coil 1302 may be used to drive linear oscillation of the moving mass 1306, while the second coil may be activated in order to shorten the length of the chamber within which the moving mass linearly oscillates, essentially serving as a second repelling magnet. In this implementation of the LRV, the

LRVM, the moving mass may linearly oscillate with at least two different amplitudes, depending on whether or not the second coil 1304 is activated to repel the moving mass. Additionally more complex patterns of current reversal in the two coils can be employed to produce complex multi-component vibrational modes of the moving mass.

When the housing is fully enclosed, air within the chamber serves to dampen oscillation of the moving mass. This dampening may be minimized by providing channels, on the sides of the moving mass, to allow air to pass from one side of the moving mass to the other, by channels through the moving mass, or by providing openings in the housing to allow air to be forced from the housing and drawn into the housing. Additionally, different fluids or liquids may be employed within the chamber to change the dampening effect produced by displacement of the fluids and gasses as the moving mass linearly oscillates.

Figure 14 illustrates an alternative LRVM embodiment of the present invention in which a plunger linearly oscillates to produce a vibration. The plunger 1402 is oriented orthogonally to a main housing 1404 of the LRVM that includes the power supply, microcontroller, and other control components. The plunger is girdled by, or includes, a driving magnet 1406 that is attracted to, and seeks to be positioned in alignment with, a centering magnet 1408 mounted within the housing. Applying current to one of two driving coils 1412 and 1414 forces the driving magnet away from the equilibrium position shown in Figure 14. By rapidly switching the direction of current applied to the driving coils, the microcontroller can control the plunger to linearly oscillate in an up-and-down fashion, as indicated by arrow 1420.

Figure 15 shows yet another LRVM embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment of the present invention, a spring-like member 1502 is clamped at one end 1504 to the housing. Driving magnets 1506 and 1508 are fixed to the spring-like member 1502, and when current is rapidly reversed in a coil 1510, the spring-like member 1502 is induced to vibrate at a relatively high frequency.

Figure 16 shows an alternative embodiment of the present invention similar to the embodiment shown in Figure 15. In this embodiment, the spring member 1602 is extended to provide an external massage arm 1604 that extends out

from the housing to provide a linearly oscillating massage-foot member 1606 for massaging human skin or some other substrate, depending on the application.

Figure 17 shows a mechanical vibration adjustment feature that can be added to either of the embodiments shown in Figures 15 and 16. An adjustment screw 1702 can be manipulated to alter the position of a movable spring clamp 1704 that acts as a movable clamping point for the spring-like member 1706. Moving the movable spring clamp 1704 leftward, in Figure 17, shortens the length of the spring-like member and thus tends to increase the vibrational frequency at a particular power-consumption level. Conversely, moving the movable spring clamp rightward, in Figure 17, lengthens the spring-like member and decreases the vibrational frequency.

Figure 18 illustrates an enhancement of the embodiment of the present invention shown in Figure 16. In this embodiment, the massage foot is enhanced to include elastomer bristles 1802-1805 to transfer the linear oscillation of the massage foot to human skin or another substrate.

Although the present invention has been described in terms of particular embodiments, it is not intended that the invention be limited to these embodiments. Modifications will be apparent to those skilled in the art. For example, as discussed above, LRVMS can be designed to produce desired vibrational amplitudes and frequencies over a wide region of amplitude/frequency space by varying various different design parameters and characteristics, including the amplitude of a moving mass that linearly oscillates within the LRVM, altering the dimensions of the LRVM and internal components of the LRVM, altering the weight of the moving mass and other components of the LRVM, changing the ratio of the moving mass to the ratio of the remaining components of the LRVM, increasing or decreasing the number of turns in the coil or coils used to drive linear oscillation, increasing or decreasing the current supply to the coils, altering the dampening produced by displacement of fluid or gas by the moving mass within the LRVM as well as by various additional frictional forces, altering the strength of the end-cap magnets or mechanical springs used to facilitate reversal of direction of the moving mass, and by changing any of various additional parameters and characteristics. Any

of various different microprocessors and other microcontrollers can be used in alternative embodiments of the LRVM, as well as different power supplies, current-switching devices, and other components. The control program executed by the LRVM can be implemented in many different ways by varying any of many different design parameters, including programming language, control structures, data structures, modular organization, and other such design parameters. The components of the LRVM, including the housing, moving mass, fixed magnets, and electromagnets, can be fashioned from many different types of materials, from polymers and plastics to metals and alloys in various composite materials. LRVMs may contain one, two, or more electromagnets and/or permanent magnets in order to produce linear oscillation of a moving mass or spring-like mass, and various different control programs can be implemented to produce many different types of single-component and multi-component vibrational modes, some of which may regularly or erratically change, over time, to produce a wide variety of different types of vibrational characteristics. An additional housing made from a material with a relatively large magnetic permeability can be added to various embodiments of the present invention to concentrate and increase the linear magnetic forces produced by the various coils.

The foregoing description, for purposes of explanation, used specific nomenclature to provide a thorough understanding of the invention. However, it will be apparent to one skilled in the art that the specific details are not required in order to practice the invention. The foregoing descriptions of specific embodiments of the present invention are presented for purpose of illustration and description. They are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed. Many modifications and variations are possible in view of the above teachings. The embodiments are shown and described in order to best explain the principles of the invention and its practical applications, to thereby enable others skilled in the art to best utilize the invention and various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated. It is intended that the scope of the invention be defined by the following claims and their equivalents:

CLAIMS

1. A linear resonant vibration module comprising:
 - a housing including a chamber;
 - 5 a magnetic weight that moves linearly within the chamber;
 - a first end magnet oriented to repel the magnetic weight, closing a first end of the chamber;
 - a second end magnet oriented to repel the magnetic weight, closing a second end of the chamber;
 - 10 a driving electromagnet, fixed to the housing; and
 - control components that apply current that periodically alternates, in direction, to the coil to linearly oscillate the magnetic weight within the chamber in order to produce vibrational forces.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Various embodiments of the present invention comprise linear-resonant
5 vibration modules that can be incorporated in a wide variety of appliances, devices, and
systems to provide vibrational forces. The vibrational forces are produced by linear
oscillation of a weight or member, in turn produced by rapidly alternating the polarity of one
or more driving electromagnets. Feedback control is used to maintain the vibrational
frequency of linear-resonant vibration module at or near the resonant frequency for the linear-
10 resonant vibration module. Linear-resonant vibration modules can be designed to produce
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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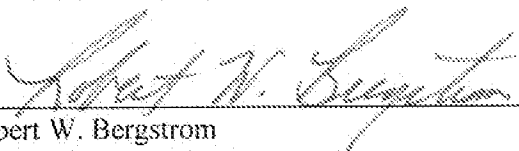
The first above-identified paragraph has been amended to correctly identify Reference No. 419 in Figure 4A and the second above-identified has been amended to clearly identify Reference No. 424 in Figure 4B.

The application is clearly in order for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

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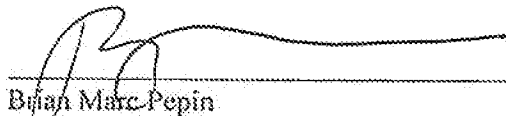
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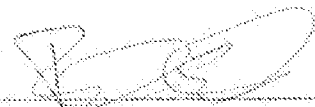
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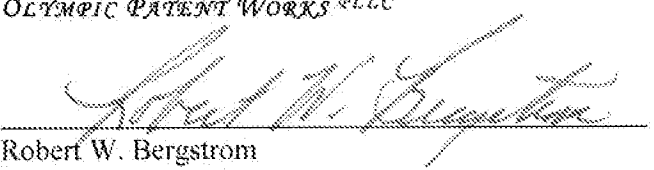
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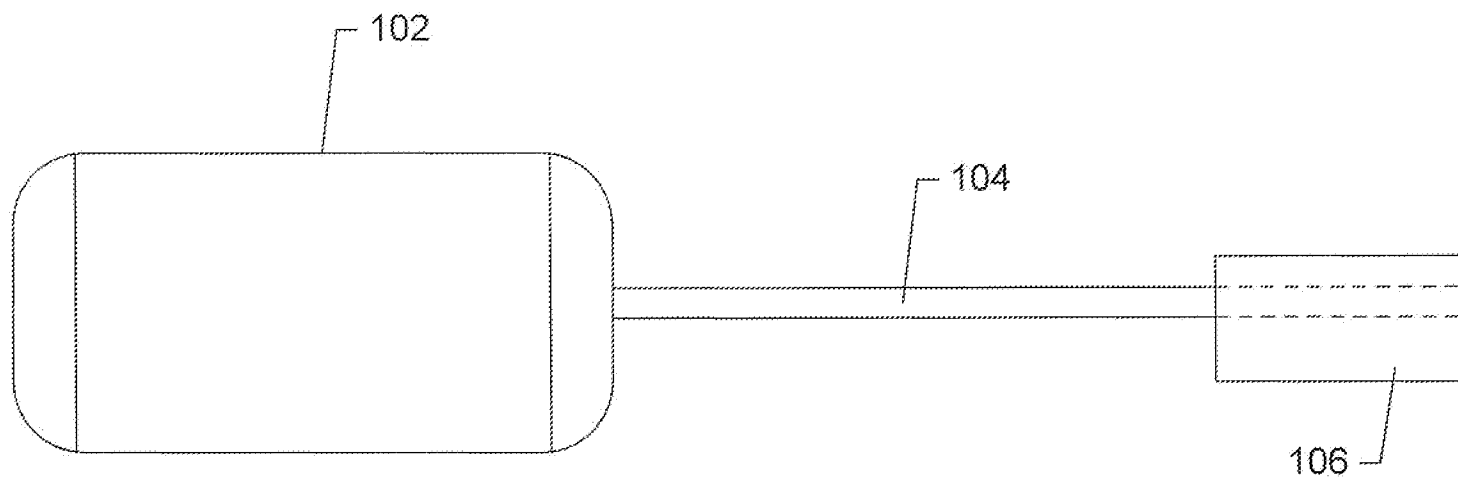


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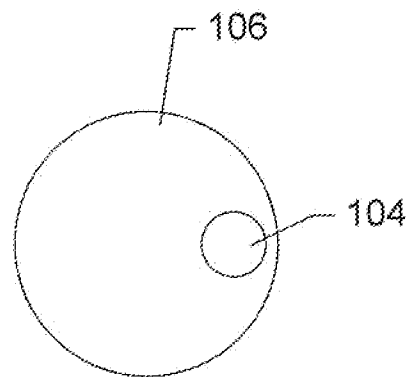


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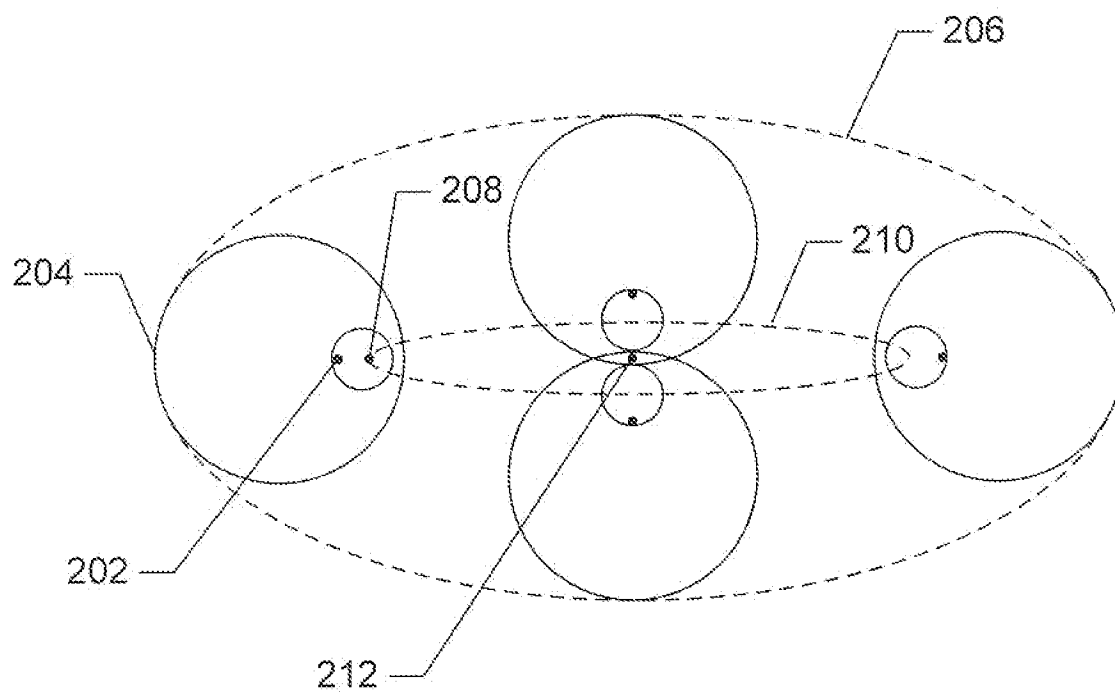


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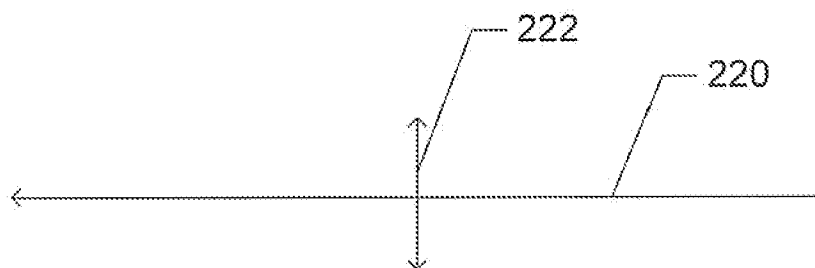


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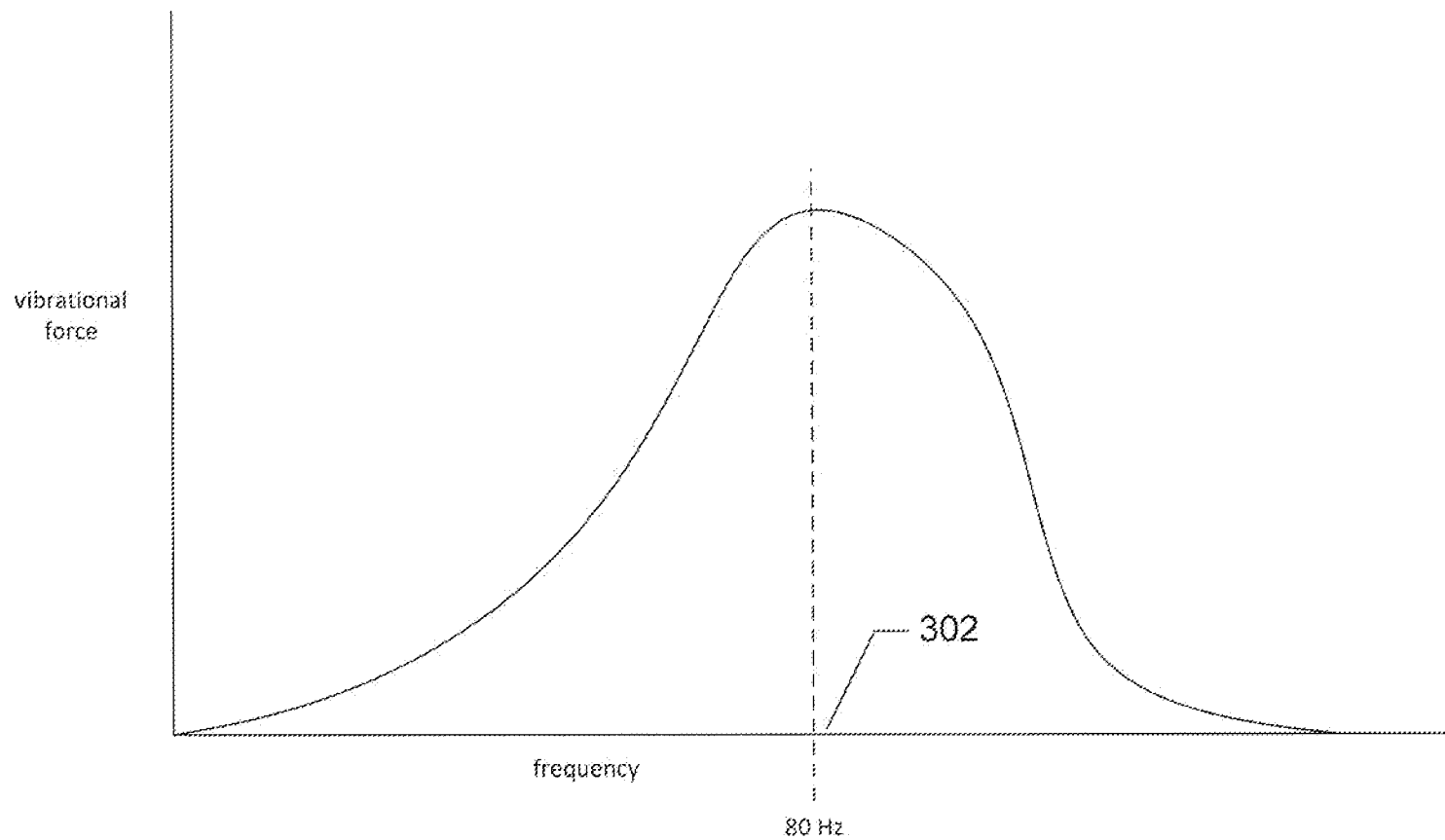
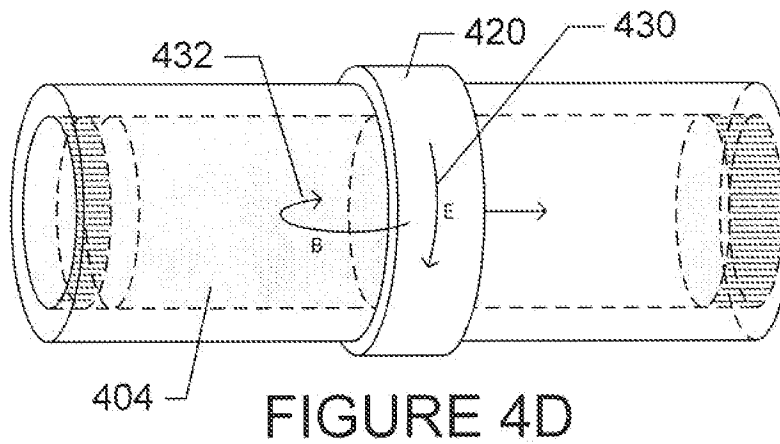
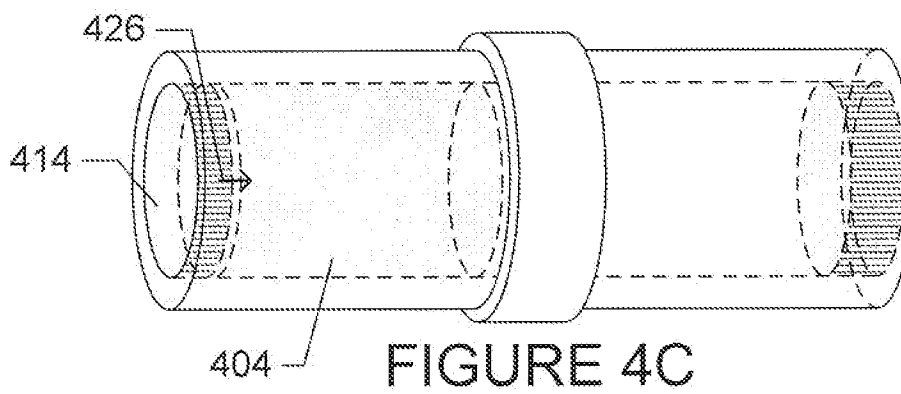
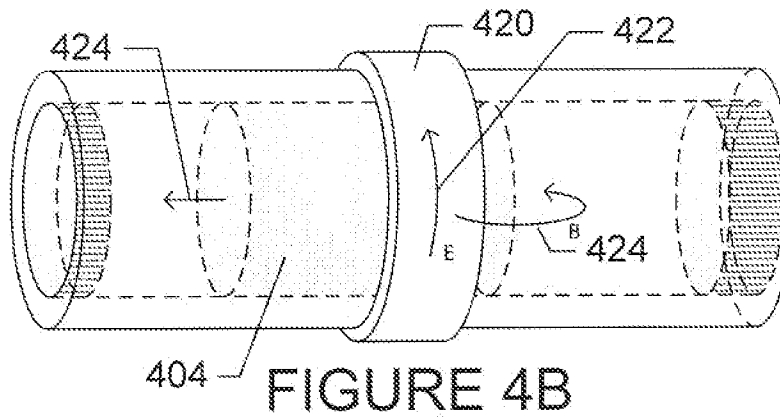
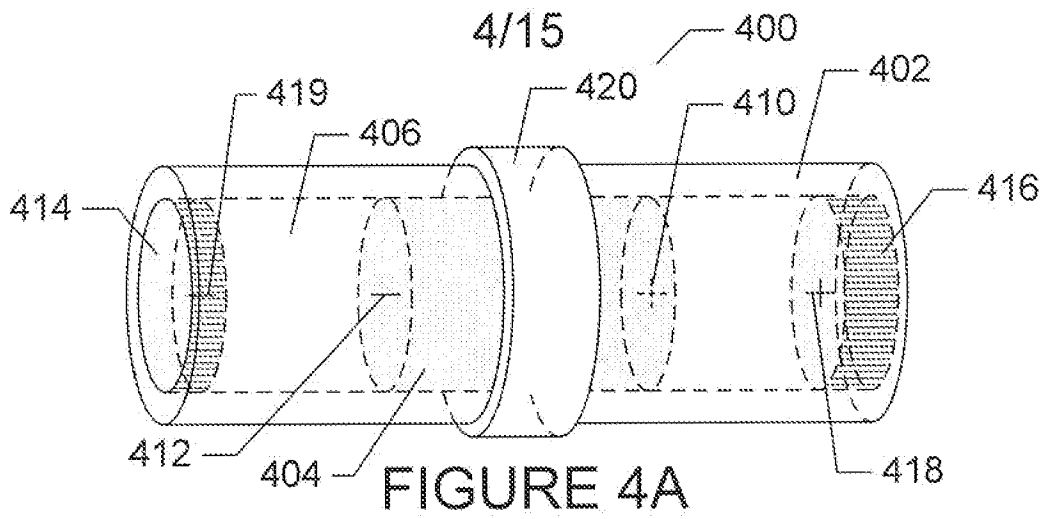


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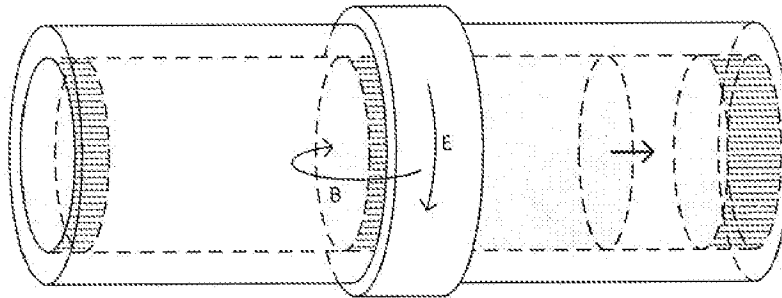


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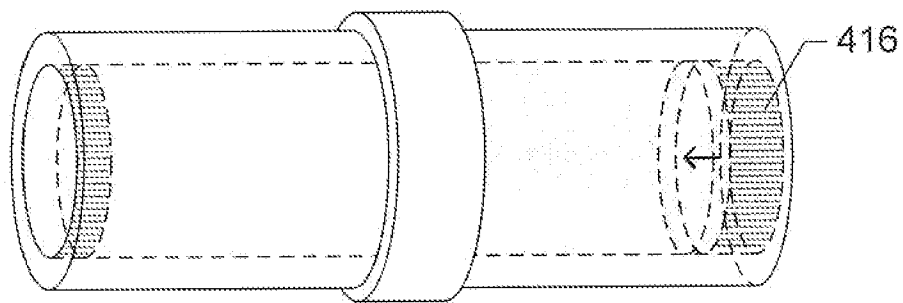


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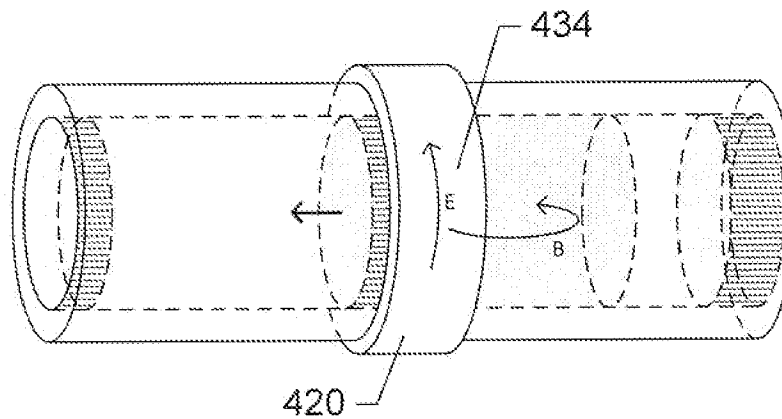


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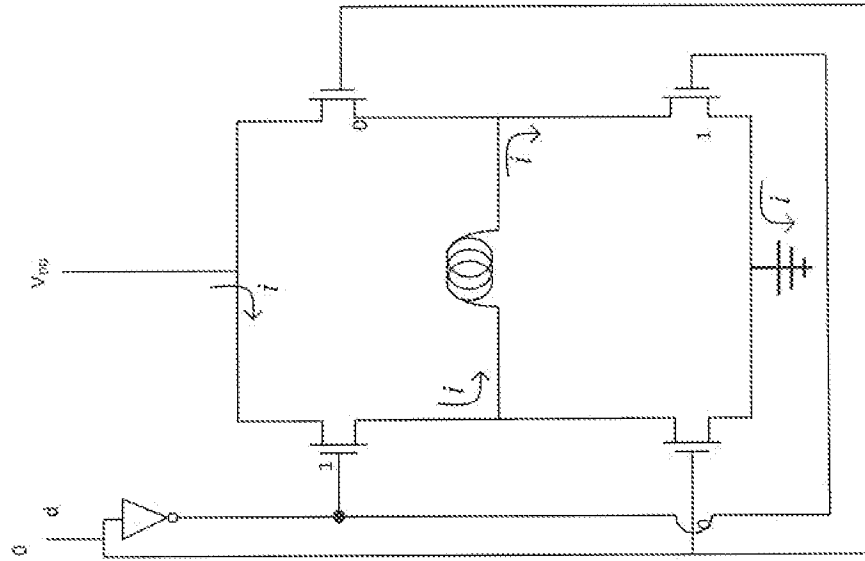


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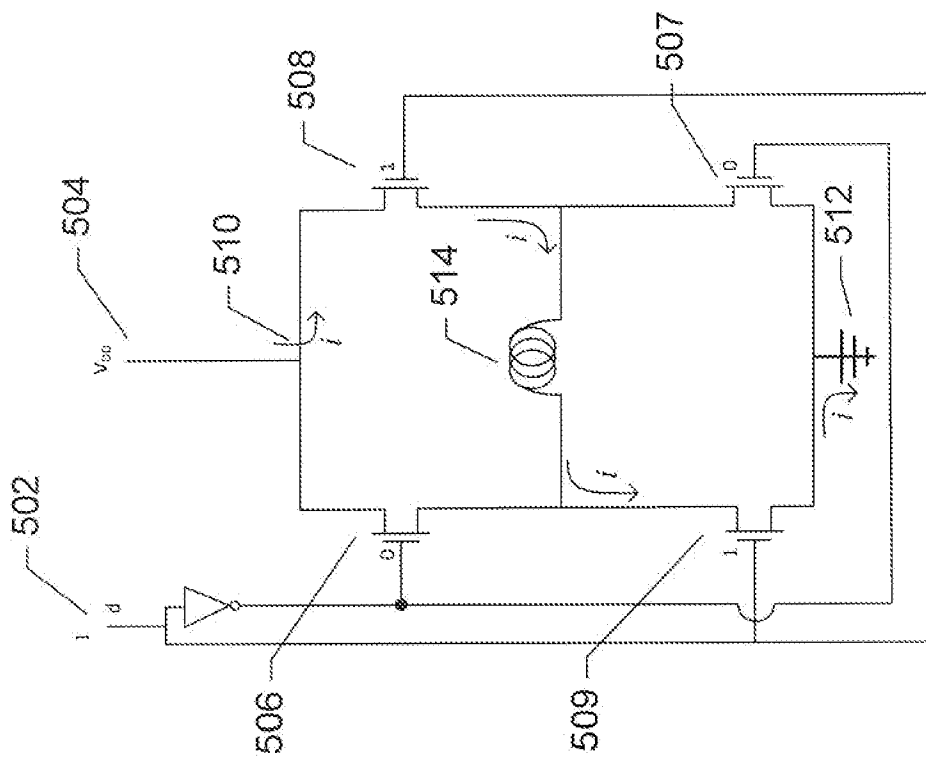


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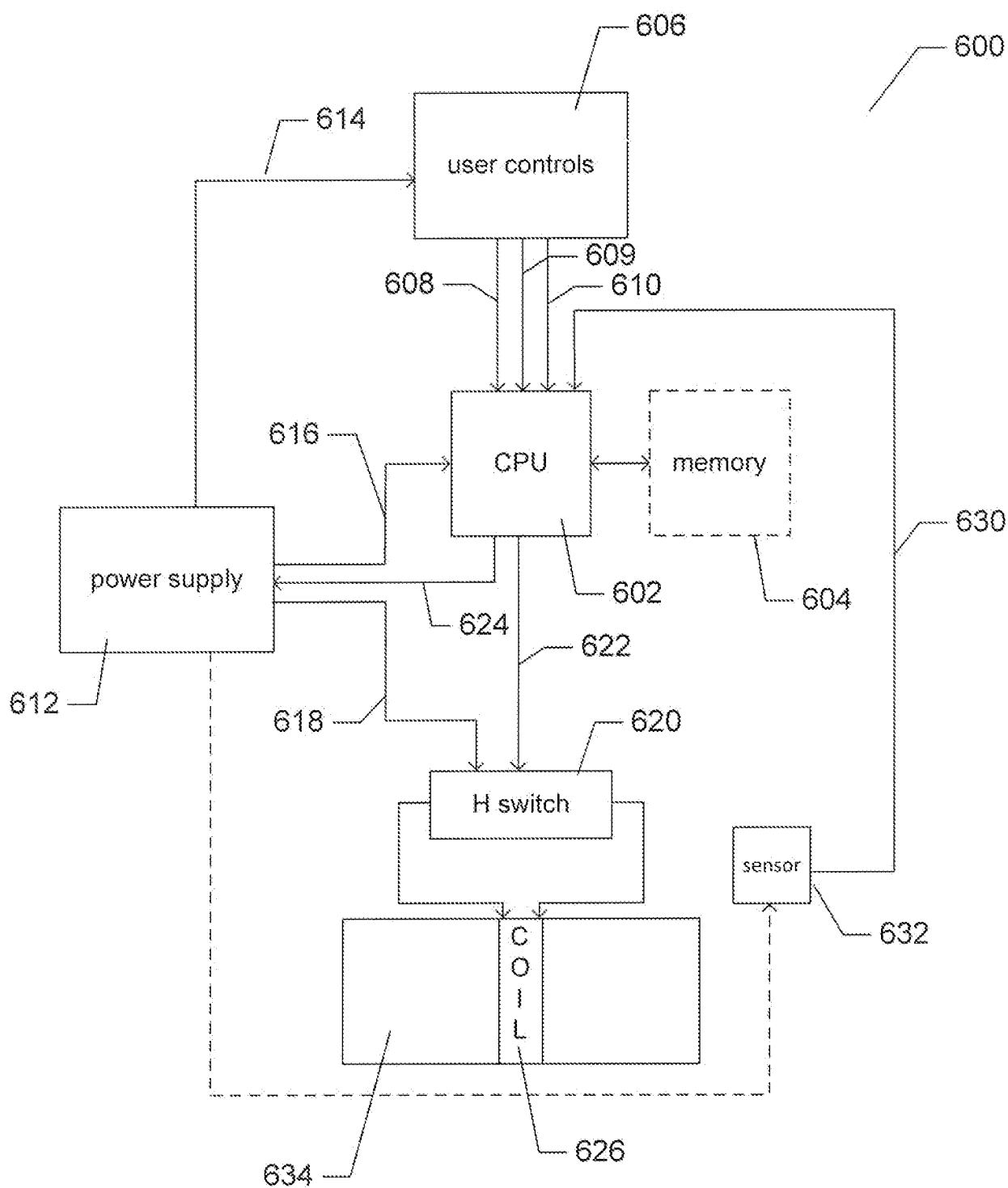


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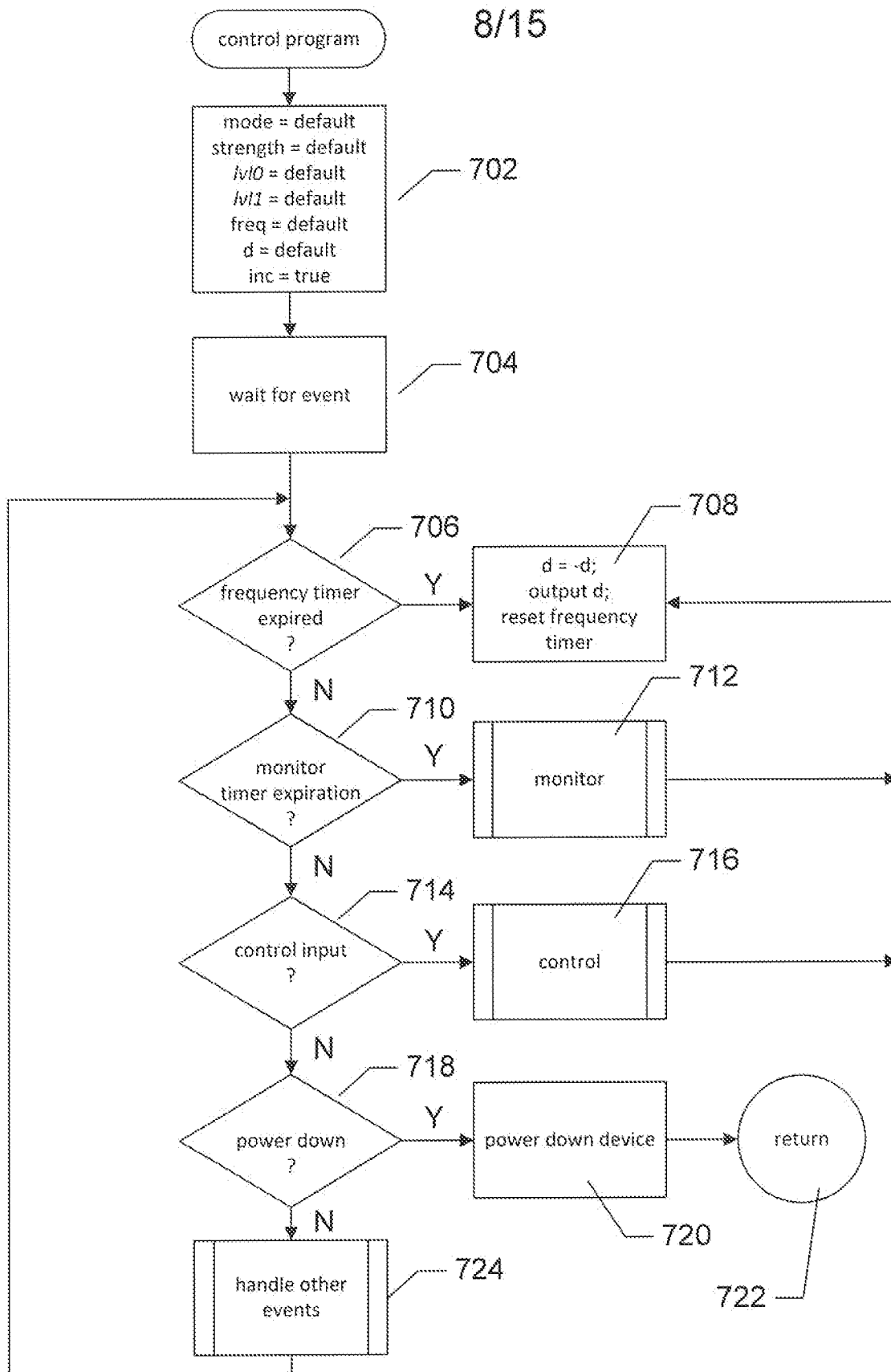


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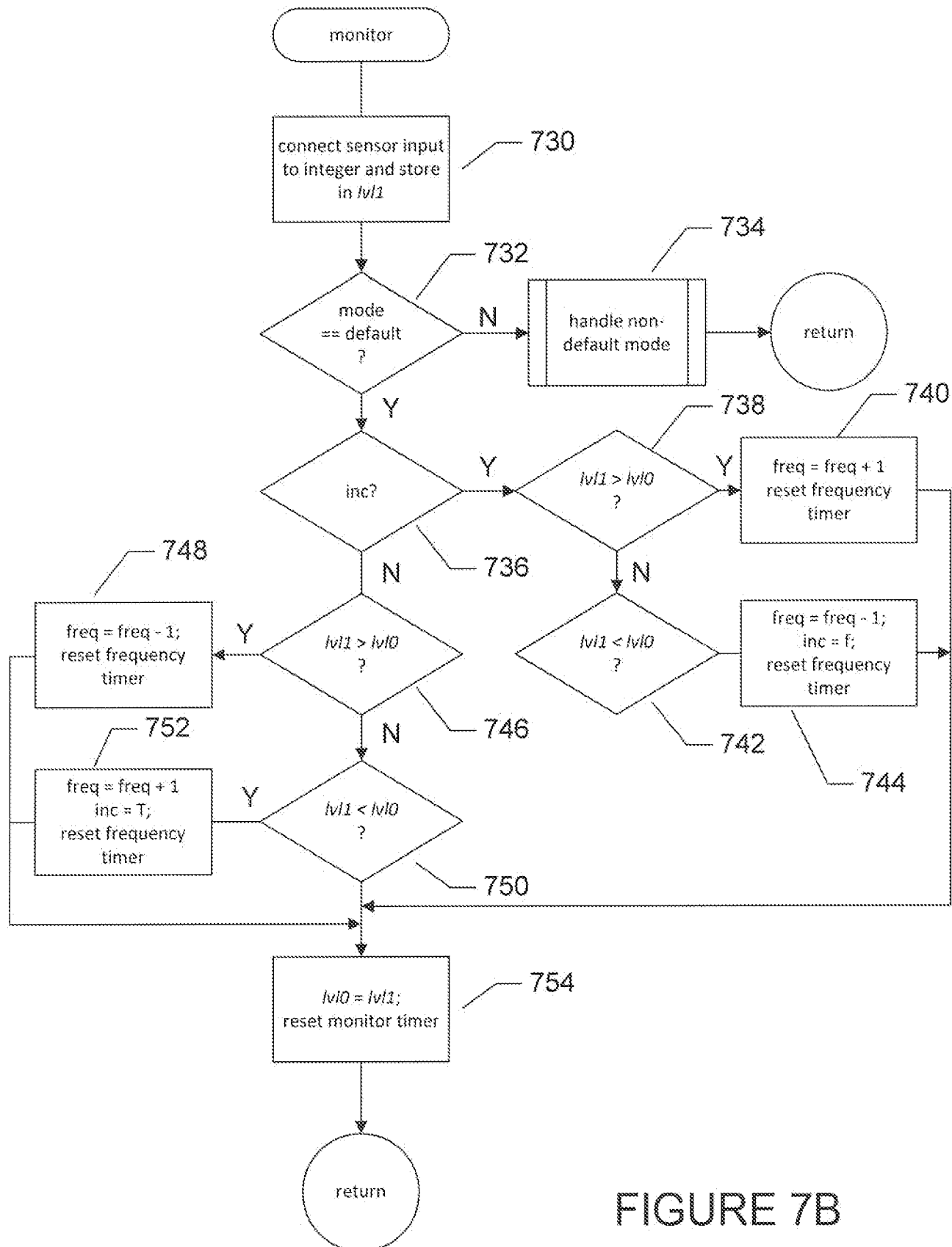


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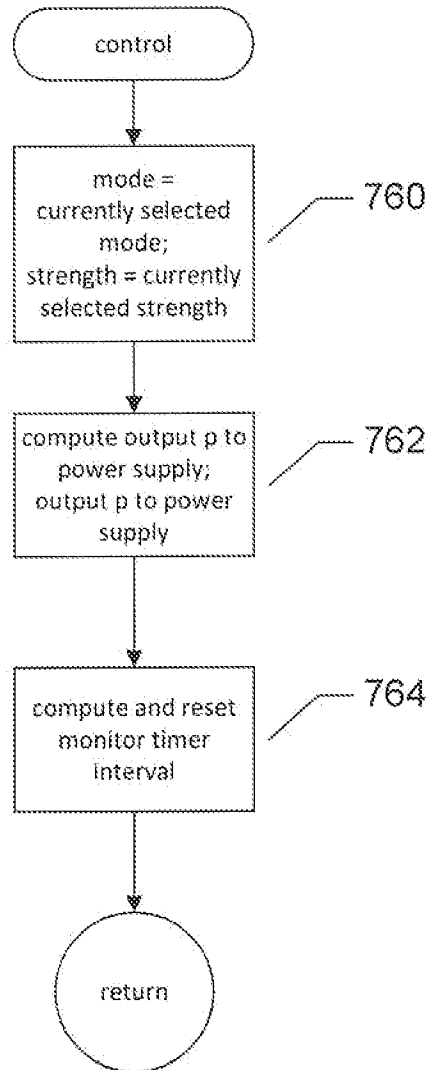


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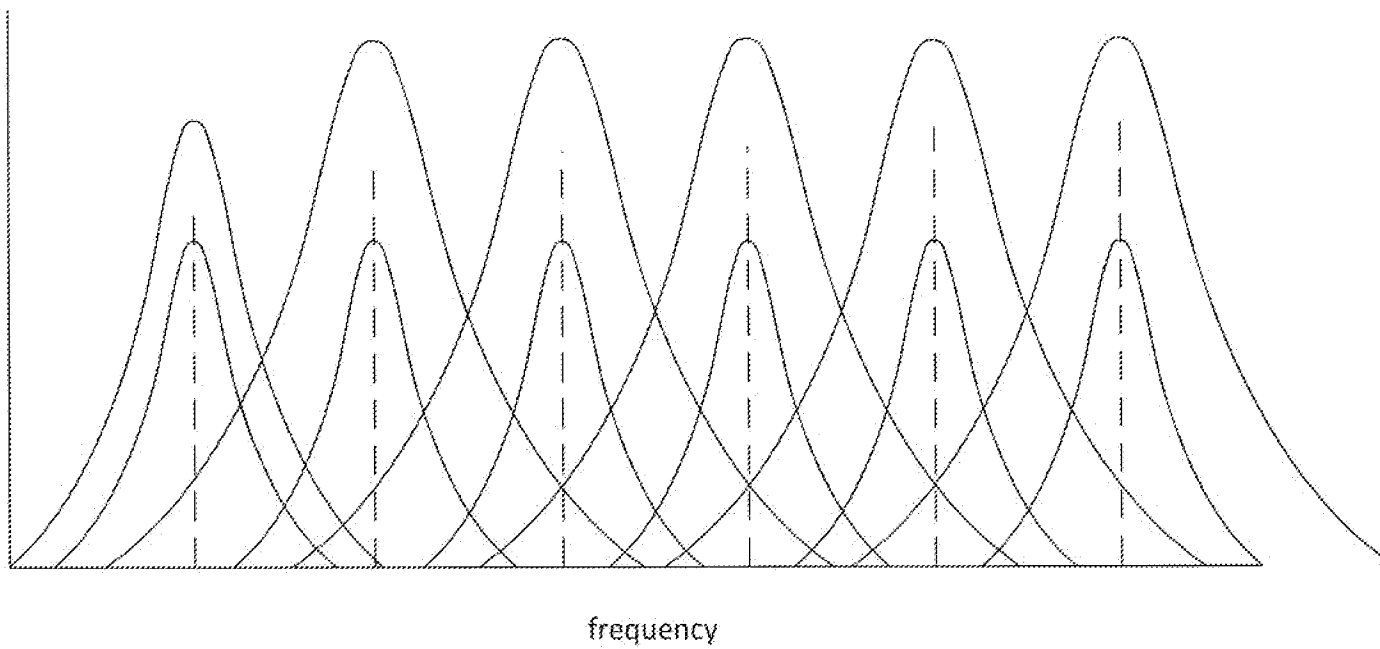


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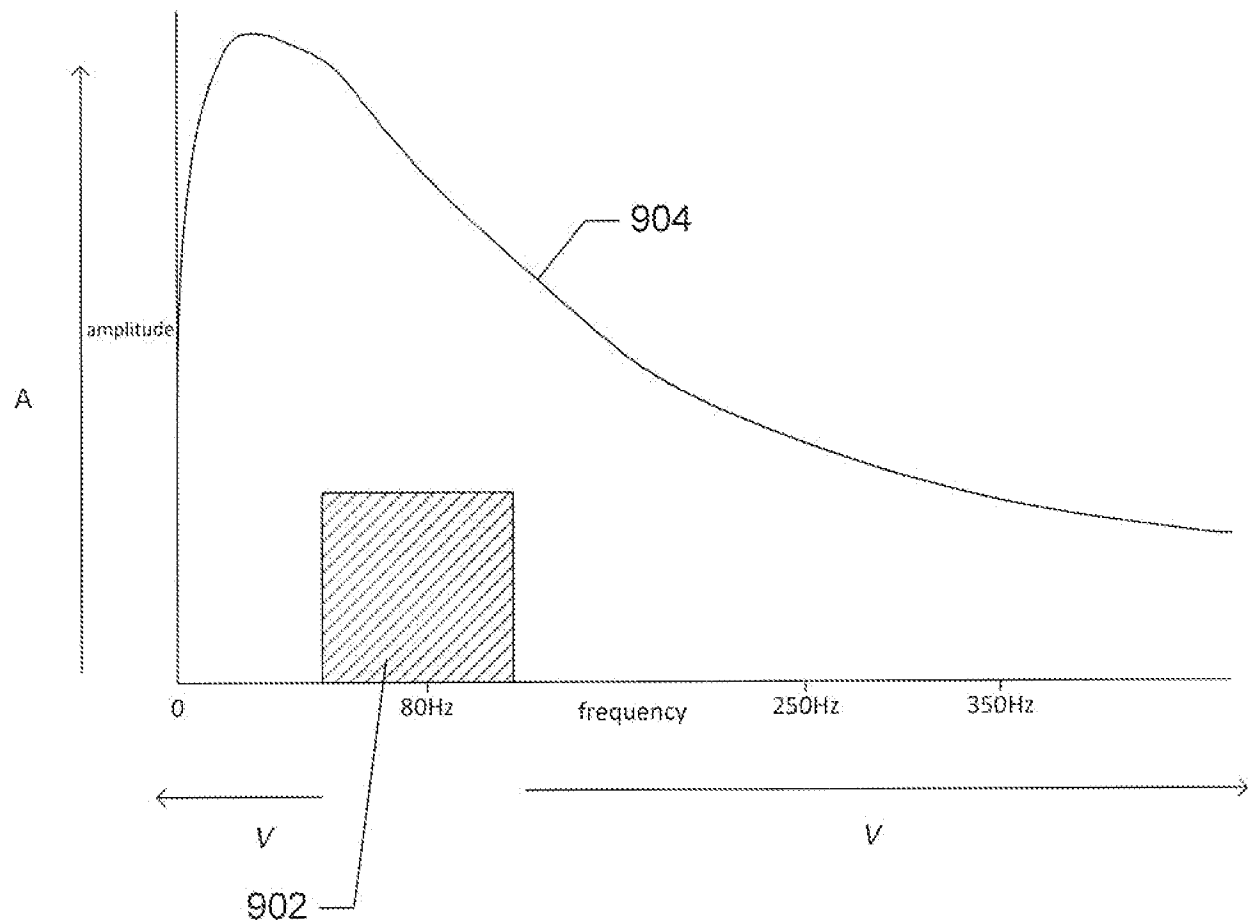


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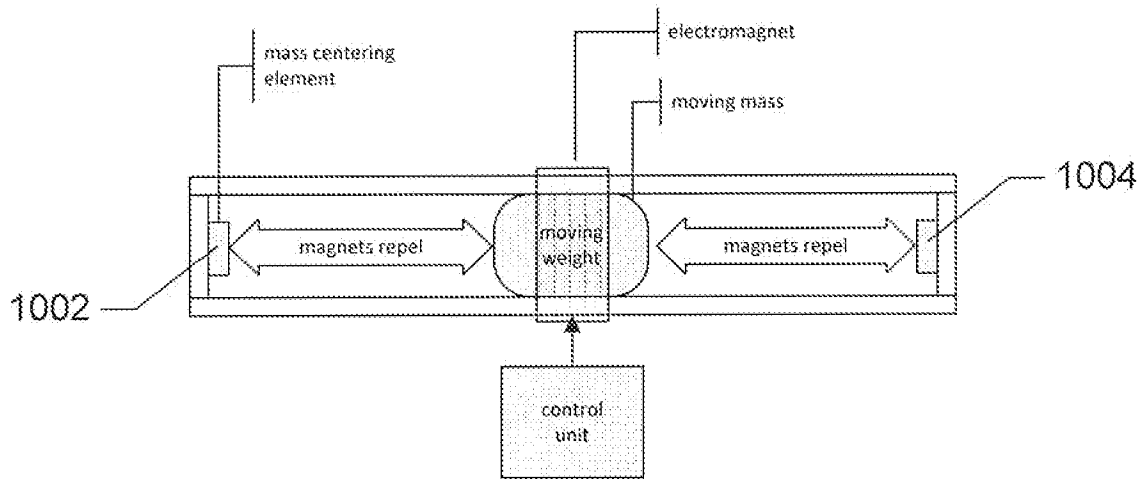


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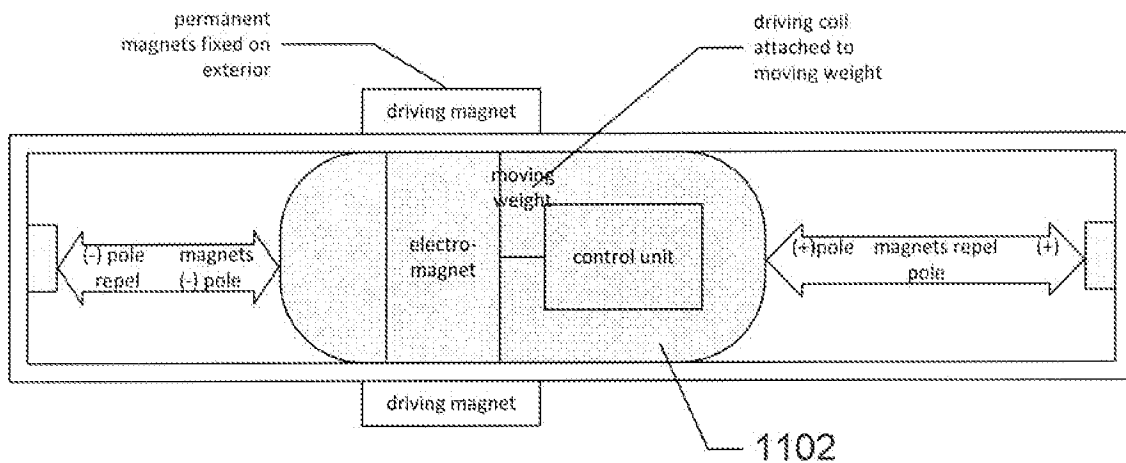


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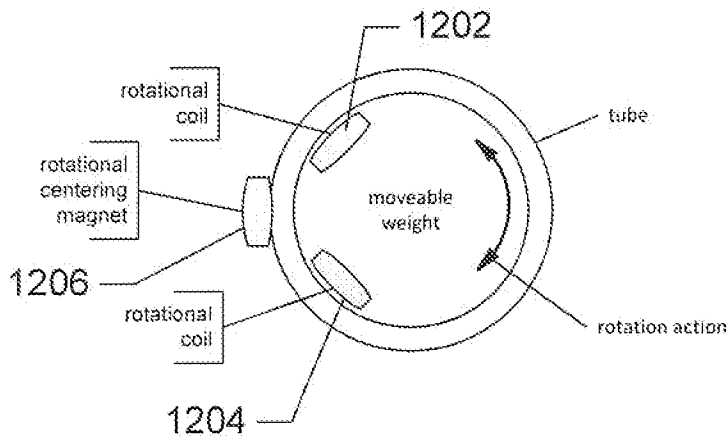


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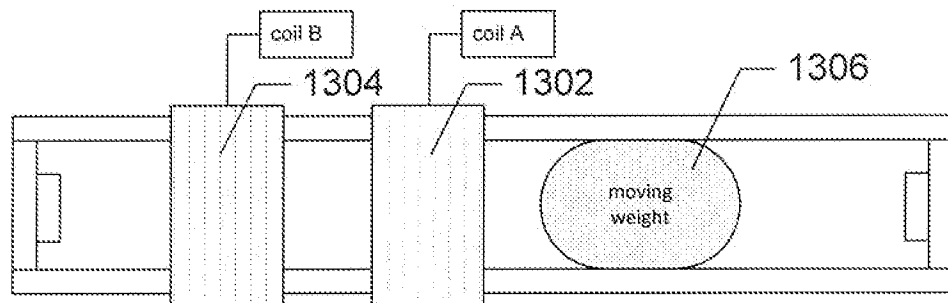


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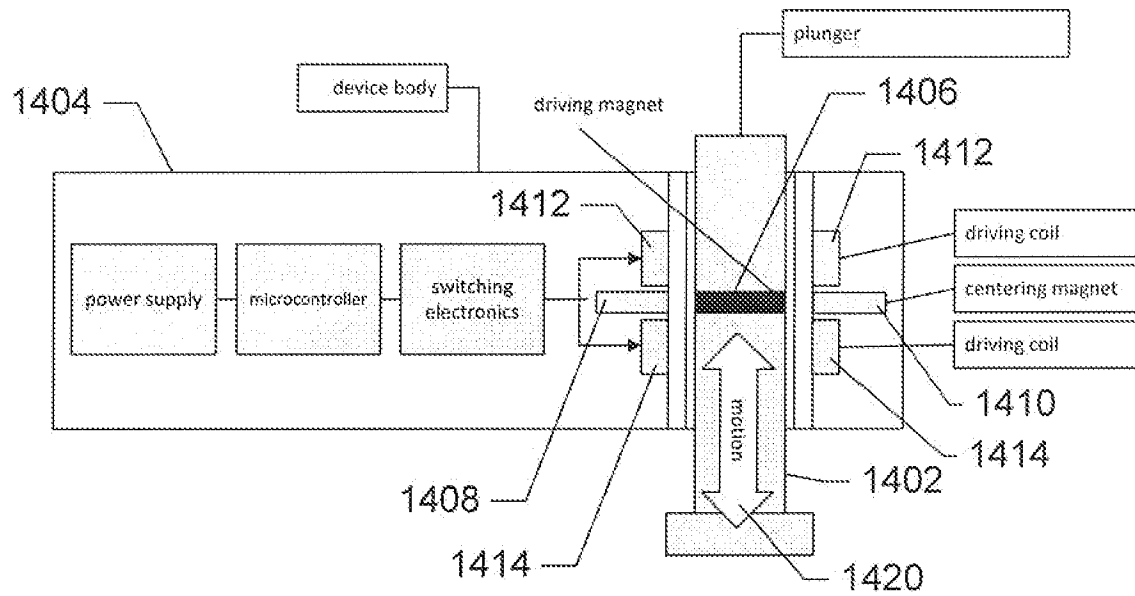


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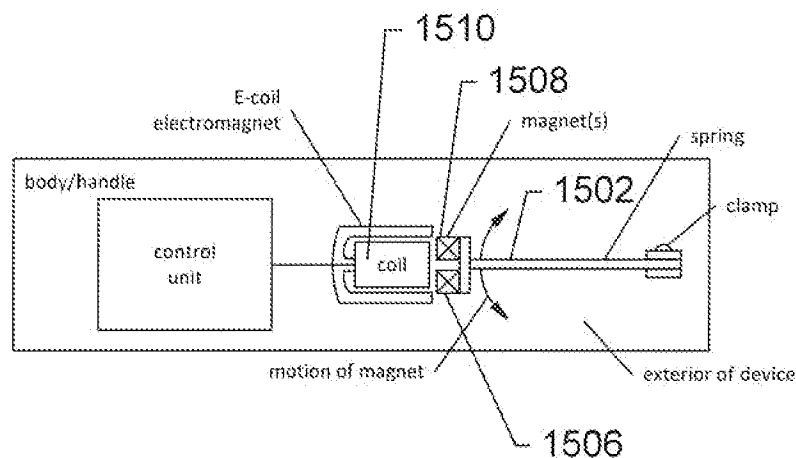


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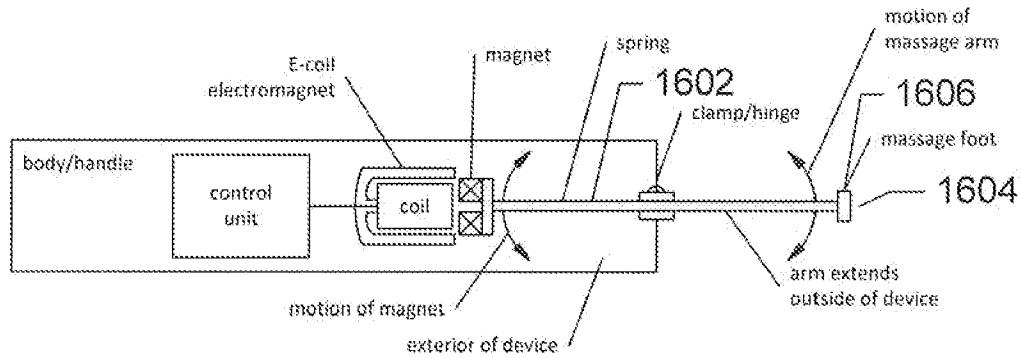


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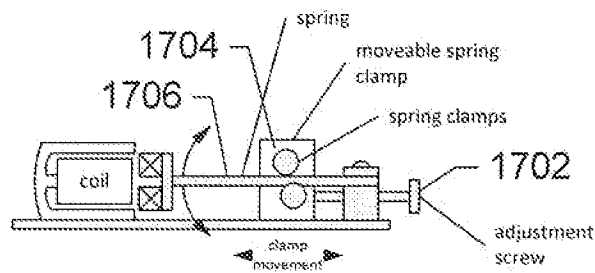


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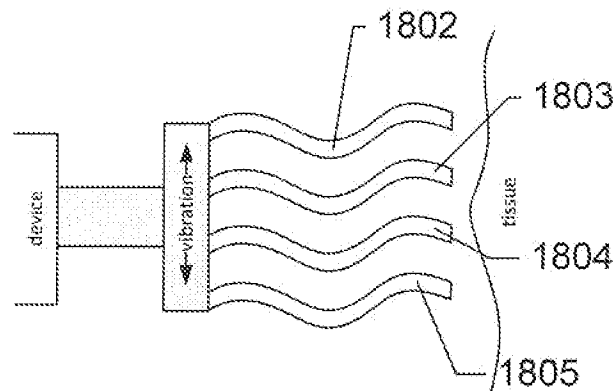


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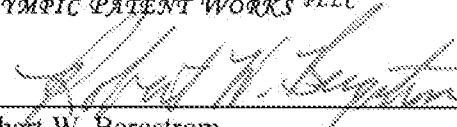
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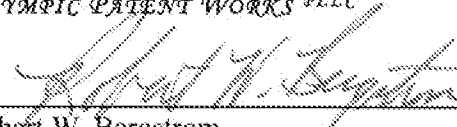
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 6, line 6, as follows:

Figures 4A-G illustrate one particular LRVM, and operation of the particular LRVM, that represents one embodiment of the present invention. Figures 4A-G all use the same illustration conventions, next discussed with reference to Figure 4A. The LRVM includes a cylindrical housing 402 within which a solid, cylindrical mass 404, or weight, can move linearly along the inner, hollow, cylindrically shaped chamber 406 within the cylindrical housing or tube 402. The weight is a magnet, in the described embodiment of the present invention, with polarity indicated by the "+" sign 410 on the right-hand end and the "-" sign 412 on the left-hand end of the weight 404. The cylindrical chamber 406 is capped by two magnetic disks 414 and 416 with polarities indicated by the "+" sign 418 and the "-" sign ~~420~~ sign 419. The disk-like magnets 414 and 418 are magnetically oriented opposite from the magnetic orientation of the weight 404, so that when the weight moves to either the extreme left or extreme right sides of the cylindrical chamber, the weight is repelled by one of the disk-like magnets at the left or right ends of the cylindrical chamber. In other words, the disk-like magnets act much like springs, to facilitate deceleration and reversal of direction of motion of the weight and to minimize or prevent mechanical-impact forces of the weight and the end caps that close off the cylindrical chamber. Finally, a coil of conductive wire 420 girdles the cylindrical housing, or tube 402 at approximately the mid-point of the cylindrical housing.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 6, line 25, as follows:

Figures 4B-G illustrate operation of the LRVM shown in Figure 4A. When an electric current is applied to the coil 420 in a first direction 422, a corresponding magnetic force 424 is generated in a direction parallel to the axis of the cylindrical chamber, which accelerates the weight 404 ~~in a first direction~~ in the direction of the magnetic force 424. When the weight reaches a point at or close to the corresponding disk-like magnet 414, as shown in Figure 4C, a magnetic force due to the repulsion of the disk-like magnet 414 and the weight 404, 426, is generated in the opposite direction, decelerating the weight and reversing its direction. As the weight reverses direction, as shown in Figure 4D, current is applied in an opposite direction 430 to the coil 420, producing a magnetic force 432 in an opposite

direction from the direction of the magnetic force shown in Figure 4B, which accelerates the weight 404 in a direction opposite to the direction in which the weight is accelerated in Figure 4B. As shown in Figure 4E, the weight then moves rightward until, as shown in Figure 4F, the weight is decelerated, stopped, and then accelerated in the opposite direction by repulsion of the disk-like magnet 416. An electrical current is then applied to the coil 420 in the same direction 434 as in Figure 4B, again accelerating the solid cylindrical mass in the same direction as in Figure 4B. Thus, by a combination of a magnetic field with rapidly reversing polarity, generated by alternating the direction of current applied to the coil, and by the repulsive forces between the weight magnet and the disk-like magnets at each end of the hollow, cylindrical chamber, the weight linearly oscillates back and forth within the cylindrical housing 402, imparting a direction force at the ends of the cylindrical chamber with each reversal in direction.



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- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

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- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 May 2010 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Drawings

Figure 1A-1B, 2A-2B and 3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the coil" in the second and third lines from bottom.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

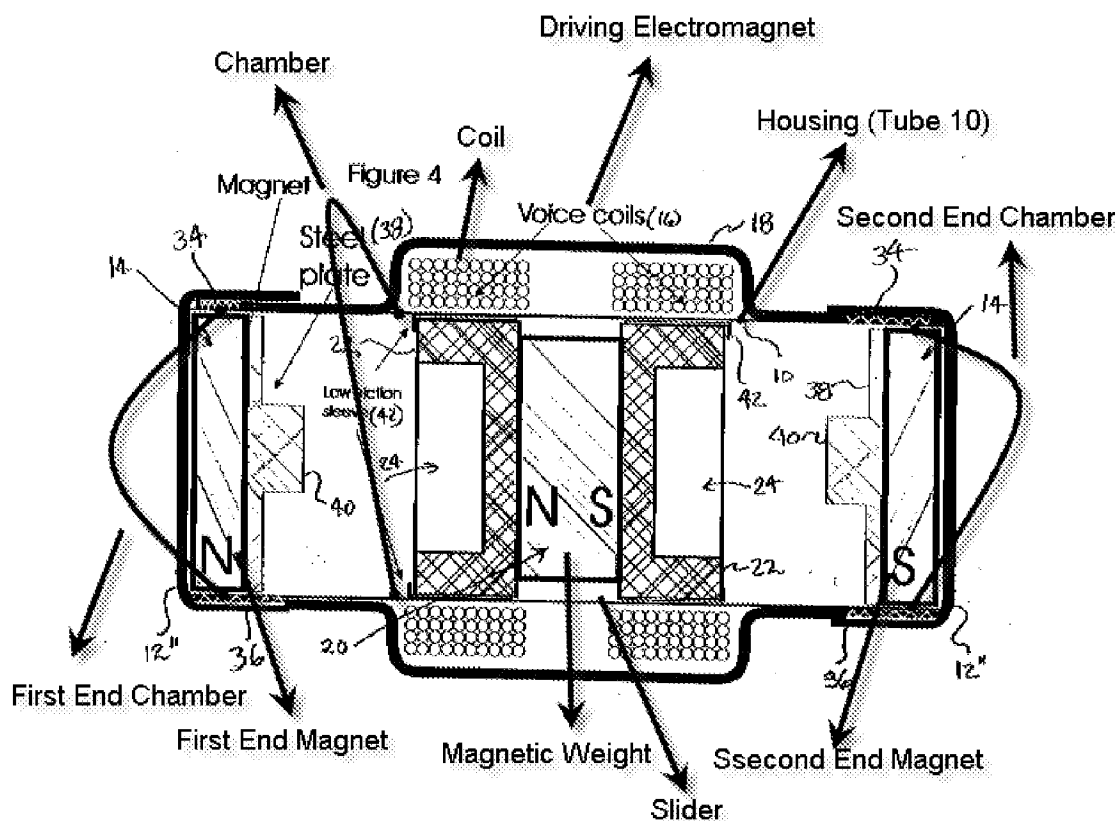
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sahyoun (US PG Pub 2006/0208600) in view of Zhang (6,326,706).

As to claim 1, Sahyoun teaches a linear module comprising: a housing (tube 10 including a chamber (inherent to tube 10 in which magnetic weight resides, see annotated figure 4): a magnetic weight (see annotated figure 4) that moves linearly within the chamber: a first end magnet (14) oriented to repel (inherent due to N pole of 14 and N pole of the magnetic weight 20, see annotated figure 4), closing a first end of the chamber (see annotation in figure 4); a second end magnet (14) oriented to repel (inherent due to S pole of 14 and S pole of the magnetic weight 20 see annotated figure 4), closing the second end of the chamber (see annotation in figure 4); a driving electromagnet (magnetic weight 20 & 18), fixed to the housing (tube 10) as shown in figure 4 and a driving signal apply to the coil to linearly oscillate the slider (include the magnetic weight 20, see annotated in figure 4) in order to produce vibrational forces (Column 6, Line 4-16).

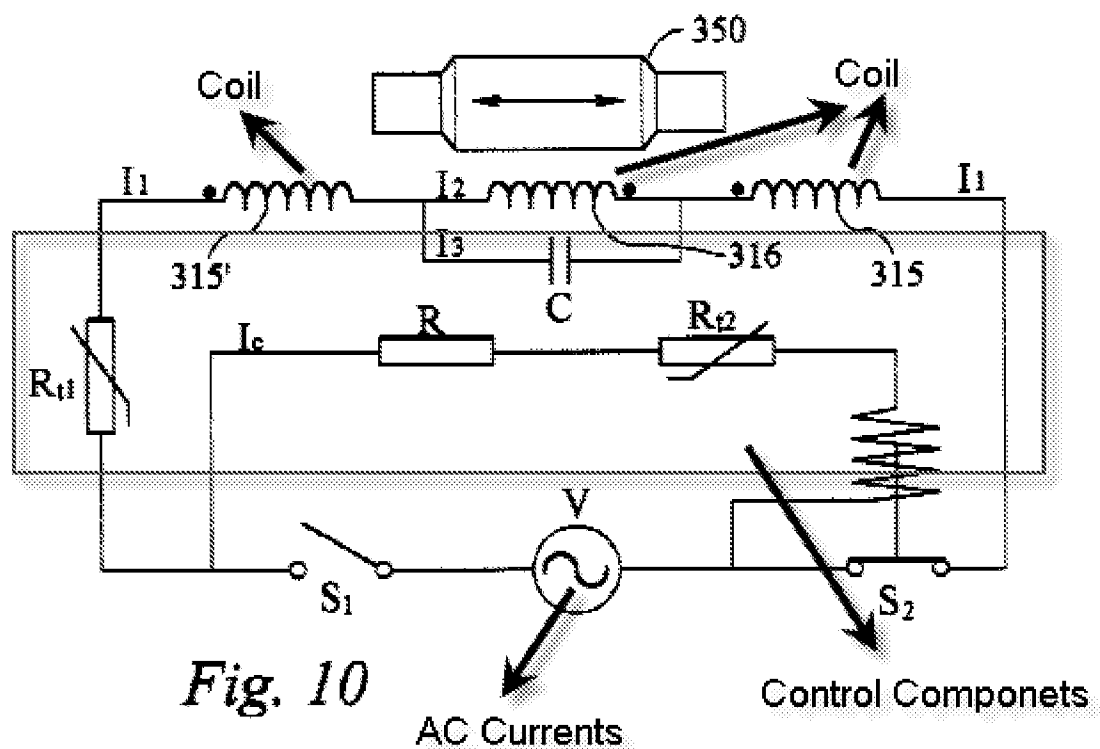


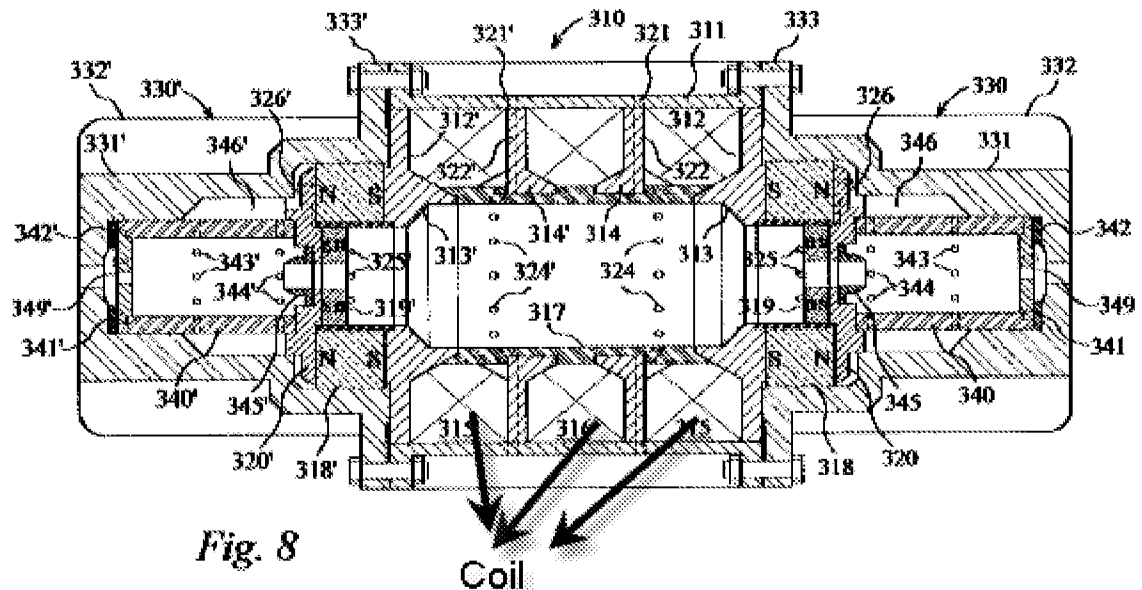
of the slider from the center (rest) position. As the driving
 5 signal on coils 16 changes direction, the direction of travel of
 the slider also changes. The movement in the changed direc-
 tion is then resisted similarly to that in the opposite direction
 as the slider approaches magnet 14 at the opposite end of tube
 10 10. The relationship in either direction is totally proportional
 to the movement of the slider and therefore the movement or
 vibration is a mirror of the signal applied to coils 16. During
 15 oscillation, end magnets 14 can be designed to offer just the
 right amount of resistance to help repel the slider back to its
 original center position (part of that force comes from the
 15 electromagnetic field reversal provided when the signal direc-
tion is reversed in coils 16). End magnets 14 offer the center-

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However Sahyoun fails to disclose control components that apply current that periodically alternates AC current, to the coil.

Zhang teaches control components that apply current that periodically alternates AC current, to the coil to linear motor (See Title) as shown in figure 10 and 8, for the advantageous benefit of not damaging the system efficiency; instead it improving the overall efficiency (column 11, Line 40).





It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Sahyoun by employing control components that apply current that periodically alternates AC current, to the coil, as taught by Zhang, to improve the overall efficiency system.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Cheung et al. (6,809,427) and Erixon et al. (US PG Pub 2008/0174187) teach using a housing including a chamber with a first end magnet and

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second end magnet to oriented to repel the magnetic weight, wherein the first end magnet and second end magnet closing the chamber.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSE A. GONZALEZ QUINONES whose telephone number is (571)270-7850. The examiner can normally be reached on 1 st week Monday to Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM and 2nd week Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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VIBRATION GENERATOR

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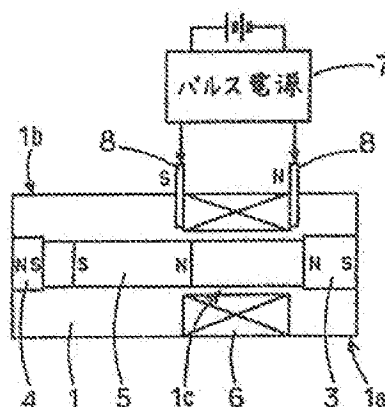
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Abstract of WO 9819383 (A1)

An inexpensive vibration generator which does not consume much electric power and has a small size and a long service life is provided with fixed permanent magnets (3 and 4) fixed to both ends of a cylindrical enclosure (1), a mobile permanent magnet (5) housed in the hollow section (2) of the enclosure (1), and a driving coil (6) which is provided on the outer circumference of the enclosure (1) to generate magnetism when the coil (6) is energized with electric power from a pulsative power source (7). The generator vibrates when a driving force generated by the changes of the magnetism generated from the coil (6) and magnetic fluxes from the fixed permanent magnets (3 and 4) and mobile permanent magnet (5) is applied to the mover (5) of the mobile permanent magnet (5) to allow the magnet (5) to make reciprocating motions in the hollow section (2) of the enclosure (1).



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Publication date: 1998-06-19

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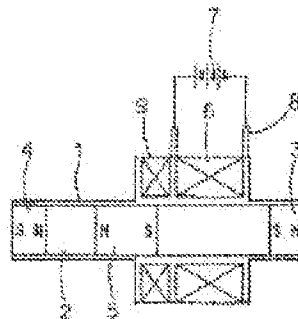
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Application number: JP19960315828 19961127

Priority number(s): JP19960315828 19961127

Abstract of JP 10164809 (A)

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a vibration generator which is small in size, long in life and low in cost. **SOLUTION:** Fixed permanent magnets 3 and 4 are provided on both the ends of a housing 1. A permanent magnet mover 5 is housed in the inner hollow part 2 of the housing 1. A 1st coil 6 to which a current is applied by a DC power supply 7 to induce a magnetic field and a 2nd coil 9 which is provided near the 1st coil 6 are provided on the outer circumference of the housing 1. The permanent magnet mover 5 is moved reciprocally, i.e., made to vibrate, in the inner hollow part 2 by the attractive force between the magnetic field induced by the 1st coil 6 and the permanent magnet mover 5, and by the repulsive forces between the permanent magnet mover 5 and by the fixed permanent magnets 3 and 4. The attractive force between the permanent magnet mover 5 and the 1st coil when the permanent magnet mover 5 is moved in the reverse direction is cancelled by the magnetic force of the 2nd coil, to make the permanent magnet mover 5 vibrate fully in the inner hollow part 2 to ensure the vibration region efficiently.



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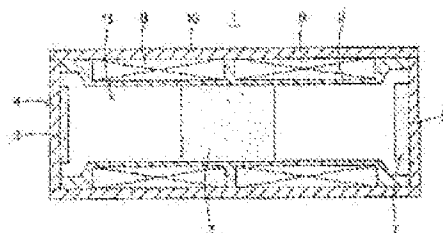
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Priority number(s): JP19970168404 19970625

Abstract of JP 11018395 (A)

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED. To provide a vibration generator whose production process is simple and which can be manufactured at low costs.

SOLUTION: A vibration generator is composed of a tube 2, a moving permanent magnet 3 which can be moved back and forth inside the tube 2, of fixed permanent magnets 6, 7 which are installed at both ends of the tube 2, a vibration part 13 which comprises coils 8, 9 to be wound on the tube 2 and of a shielding plate 10 which covers the circumference of the vibration part 13 and which prevents magnetism from being leaked to the outside. In the vibration generator, the fixed permanent magnets 6, 7 are sintered to the shield plate 10 at the inside of the tube 2 at lid parts 4, 5, and it is integrally formed in advance.



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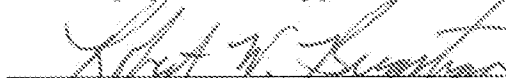
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AMENDMENTINTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2010, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on March 9, 2011. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

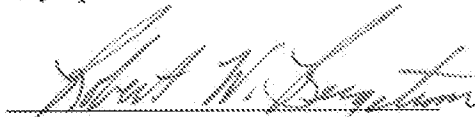
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REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the current application. In an office action dated November 9, 2010 ("Office Action"), the Examiner requested changes to Figures 1A-B, 2A-B, and 3, rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, and rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sahyoun, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0208600 ("Sahyoun") in view of Zhang, U.S. Patent No. 6,326,706 ("Zhang"). Claim 1 has been cancelled in the above amendment. Newly added claims 2-20 are written to more clearly claim and particularly point out that which Applicants consider to be their invention. In particular, both newly added independent claims 2 and 19 include a control component that includes a microprocessor. In addition, claim 3 and 19 claim linear resonant vibration modules that represent embodiments of the present invention that are controlled by a microprocessor-based control component that includes feedback control. Applicants' representative can find no mention of a microprocessor-based control component in either Zhang or Sahyoun, and no mention of feedback control in these references for optimizing operational control parameters. For this reason, Applicants' representative believes that the current claims are both novel and non-obvious with respect to references previously cited by the Examiner.

In Applicants' representative's opinion, all of the claims remaining in the current application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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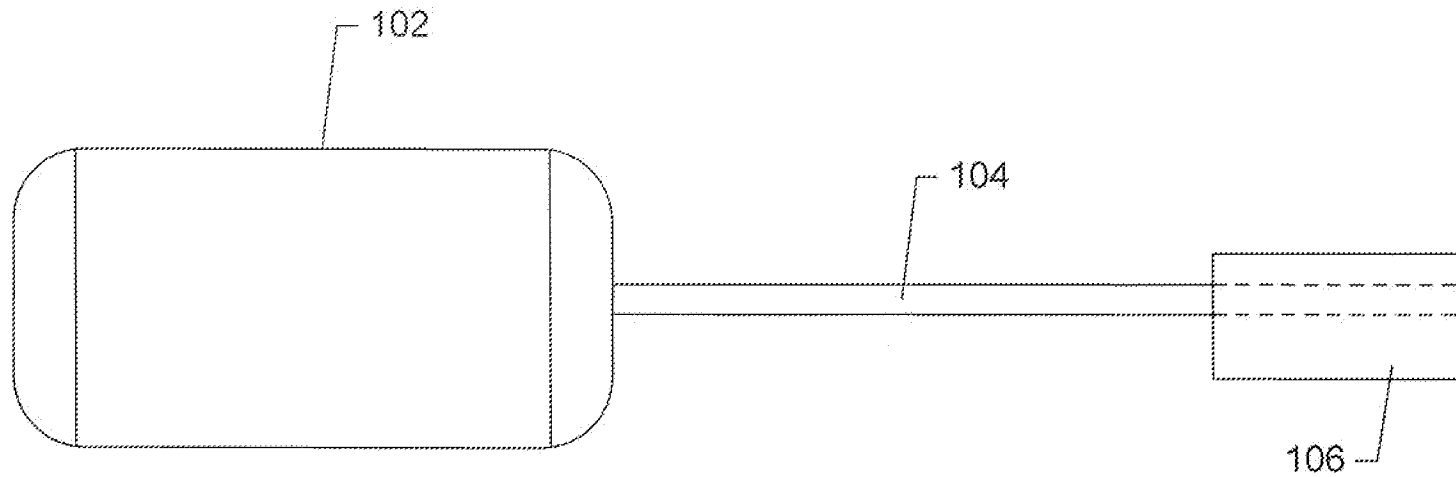


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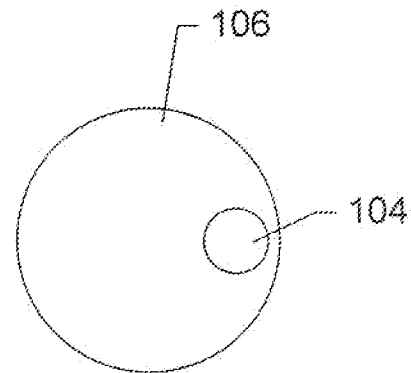


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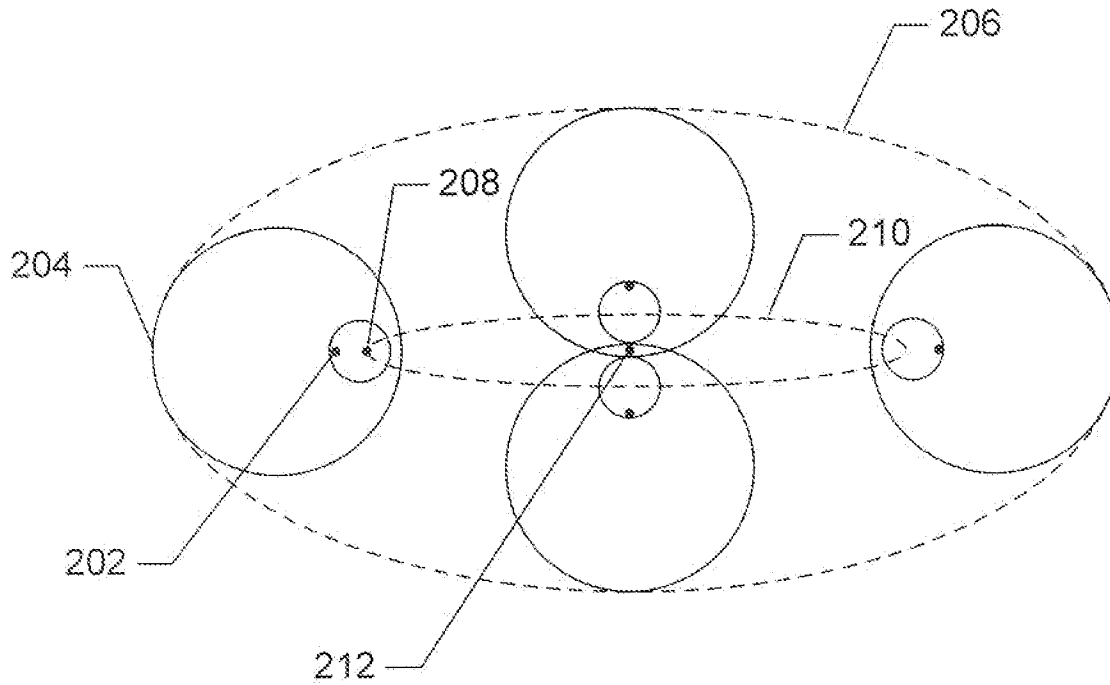


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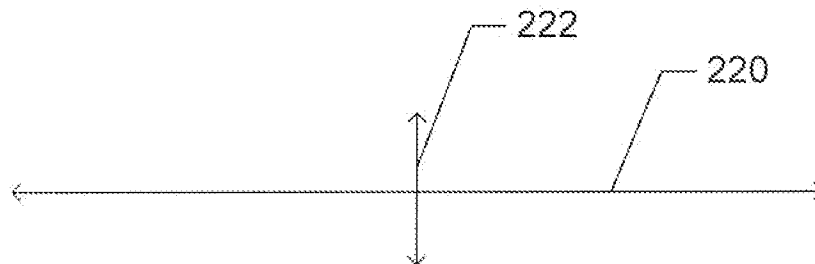


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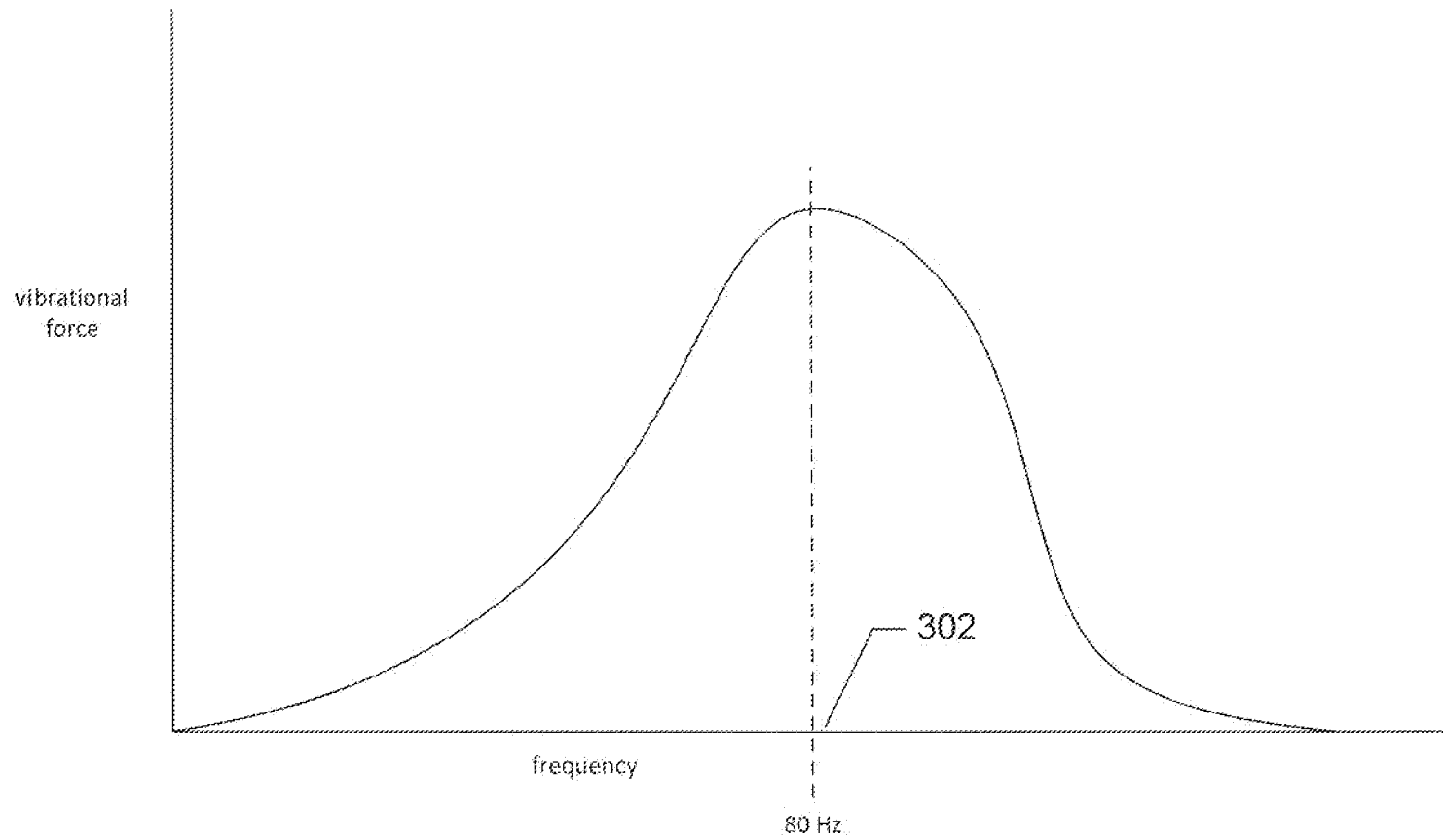
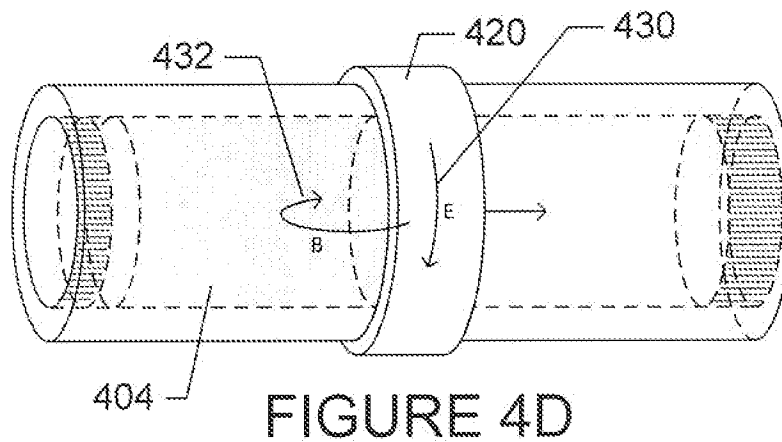
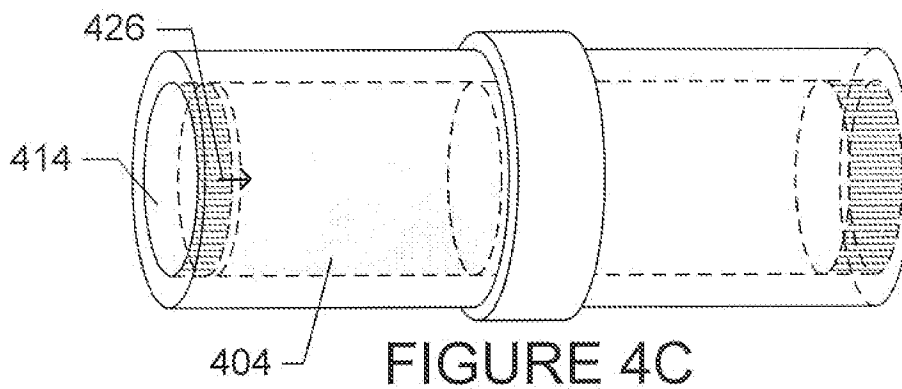
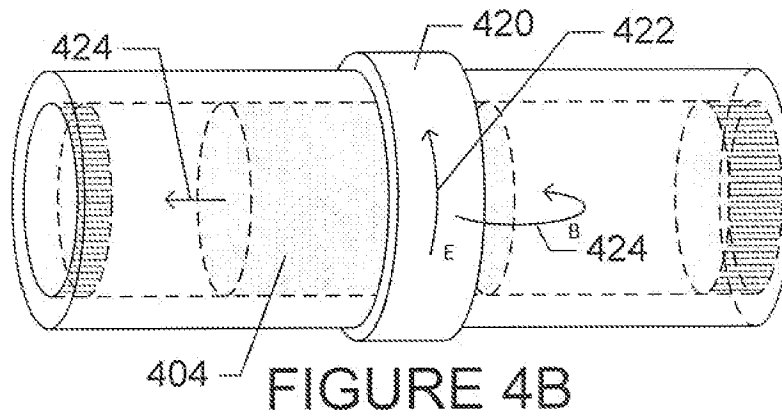
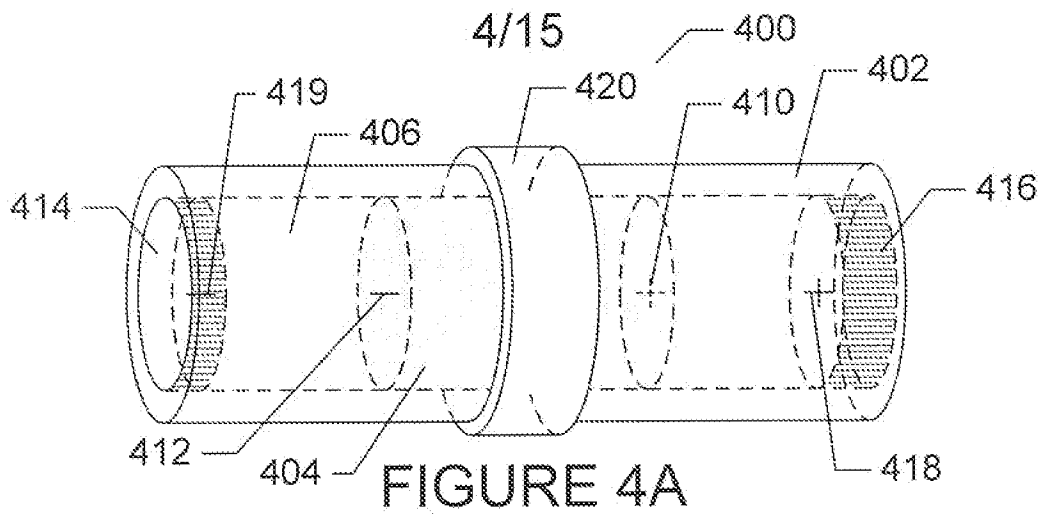


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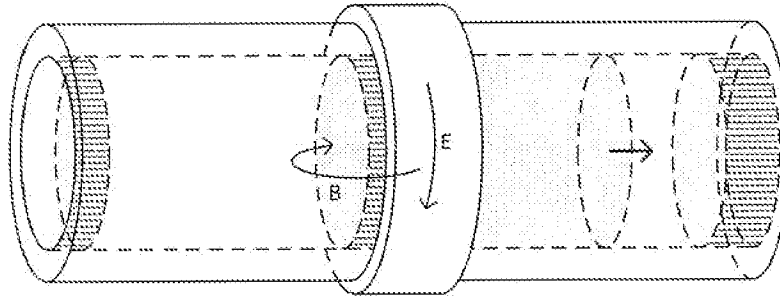


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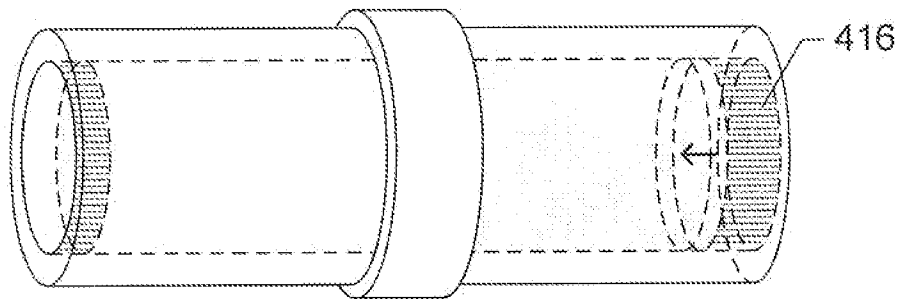


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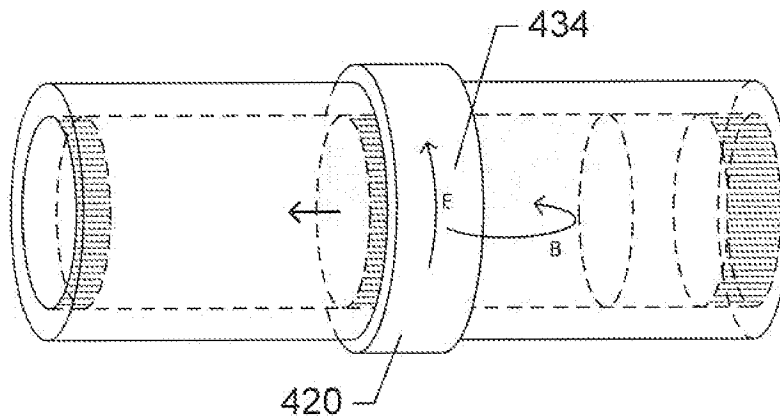


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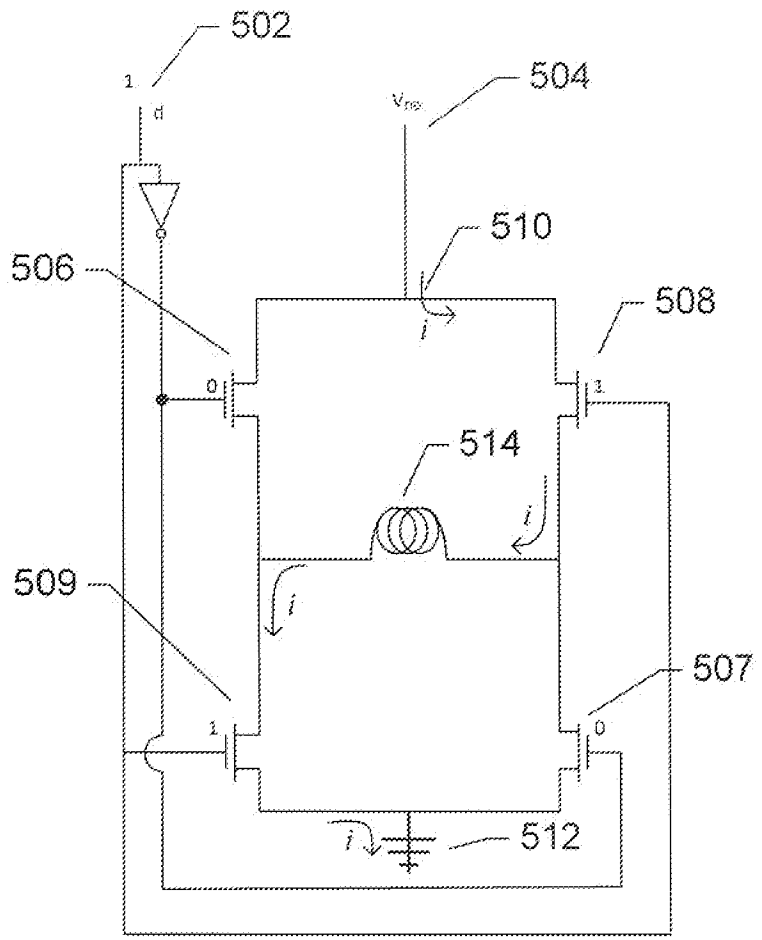


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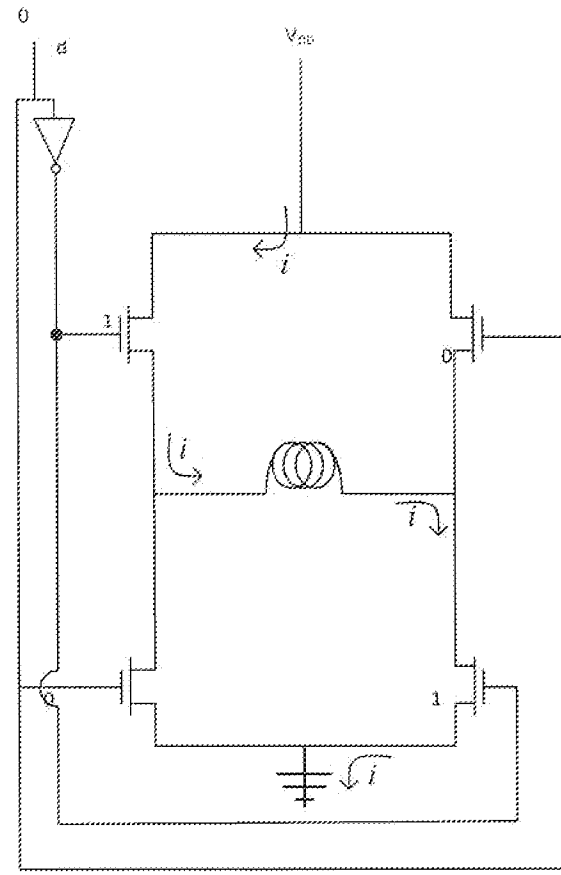


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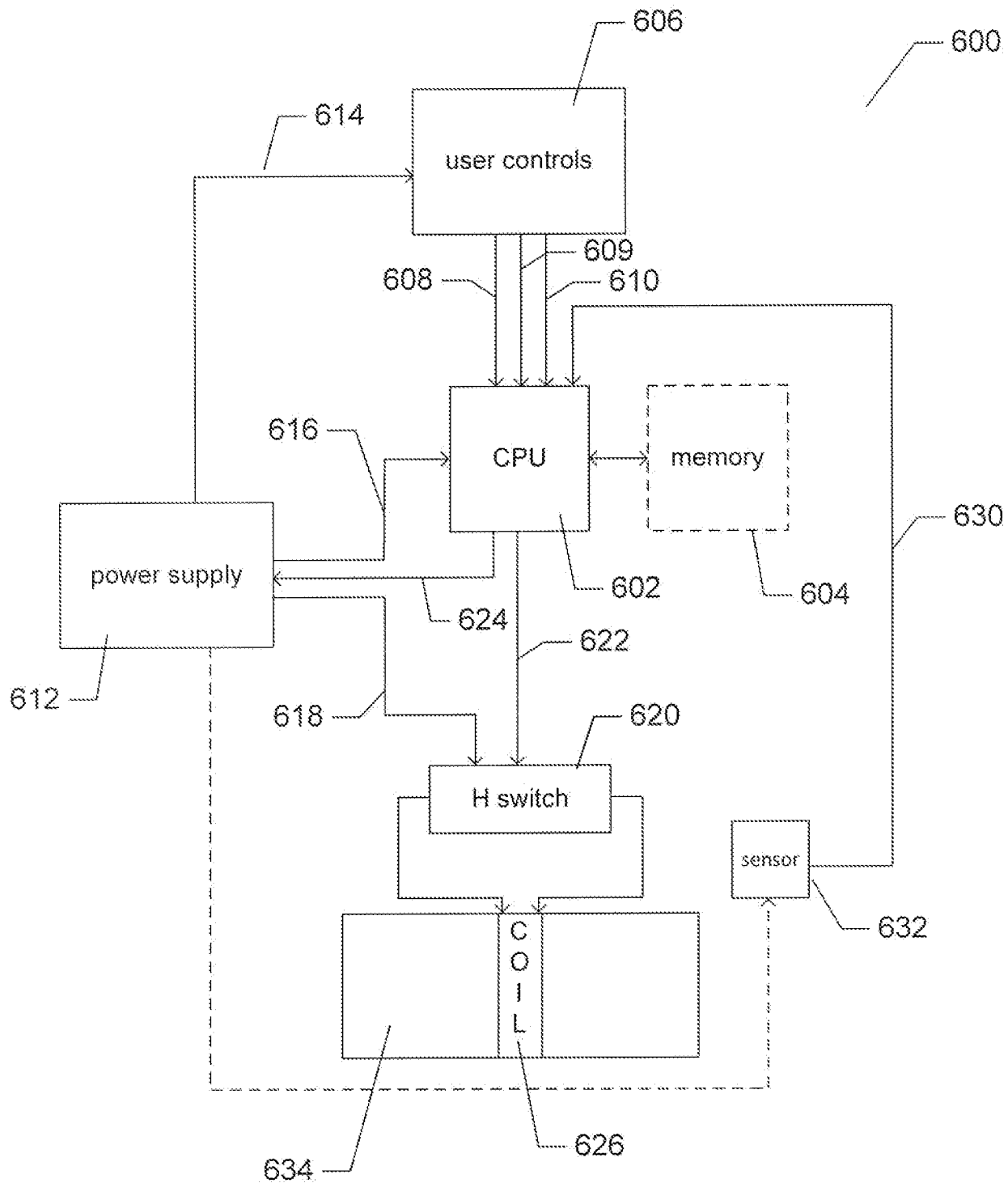


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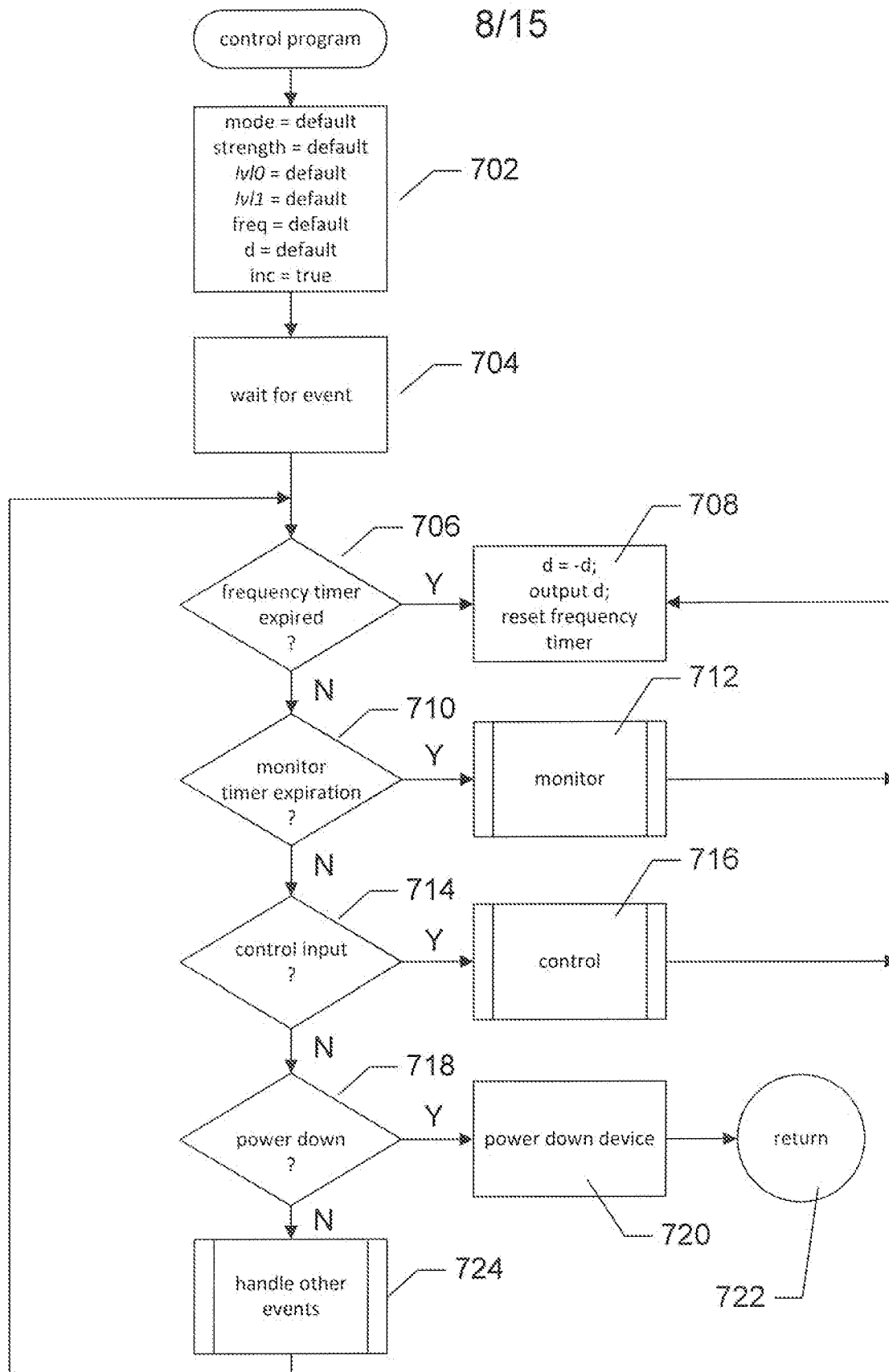


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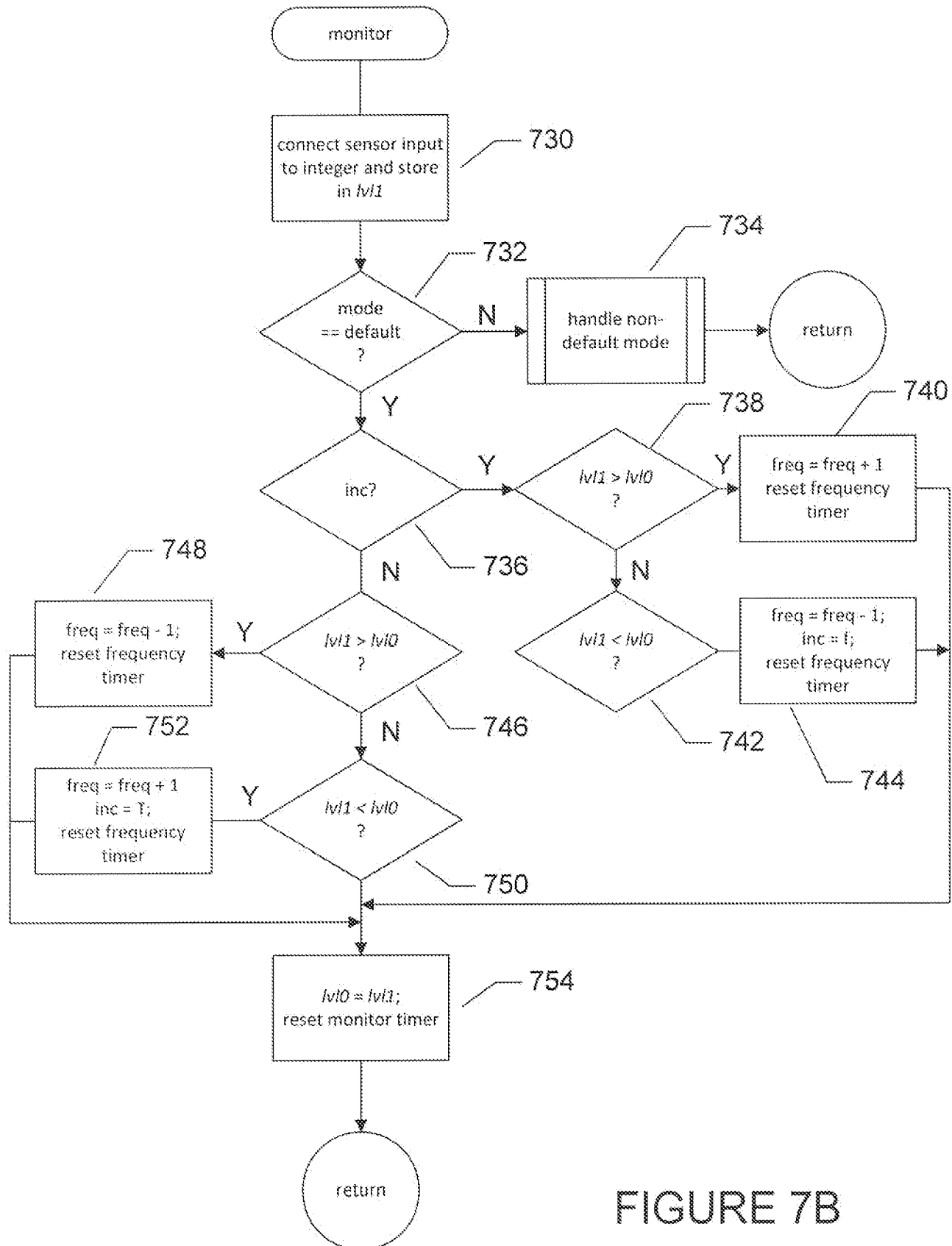


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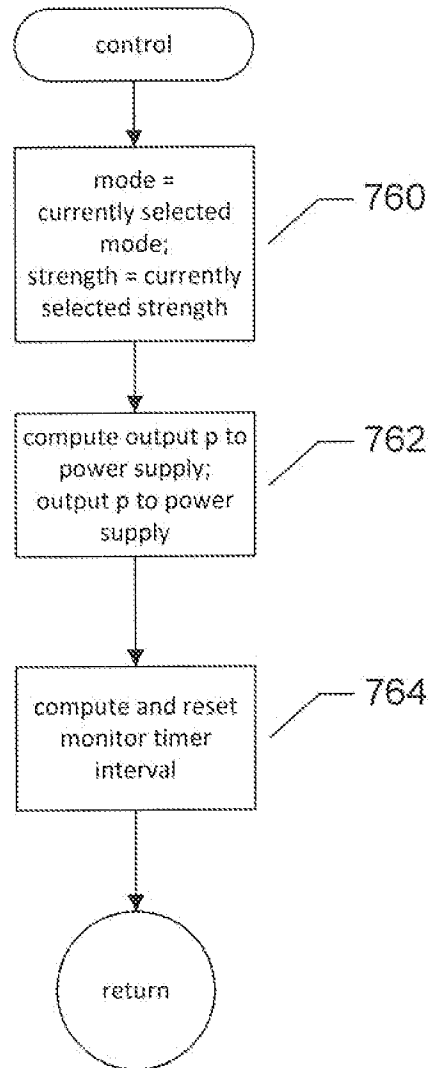


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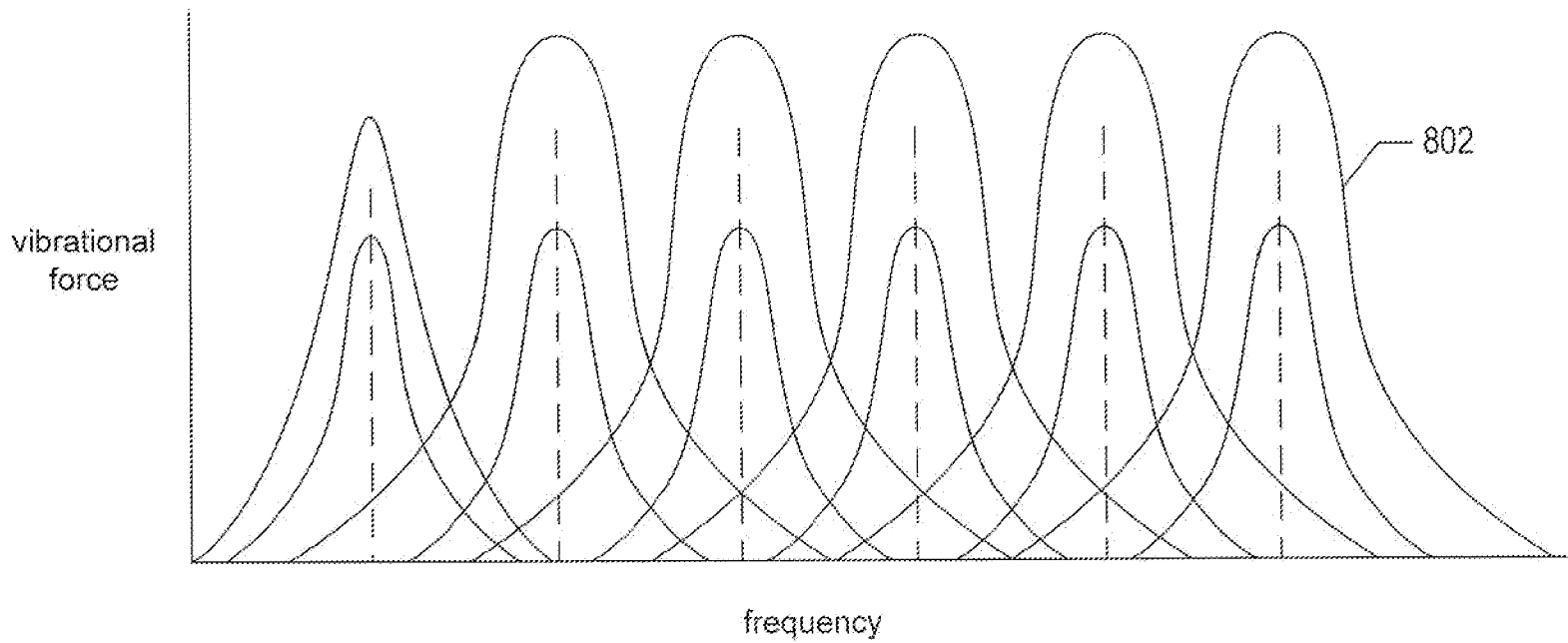


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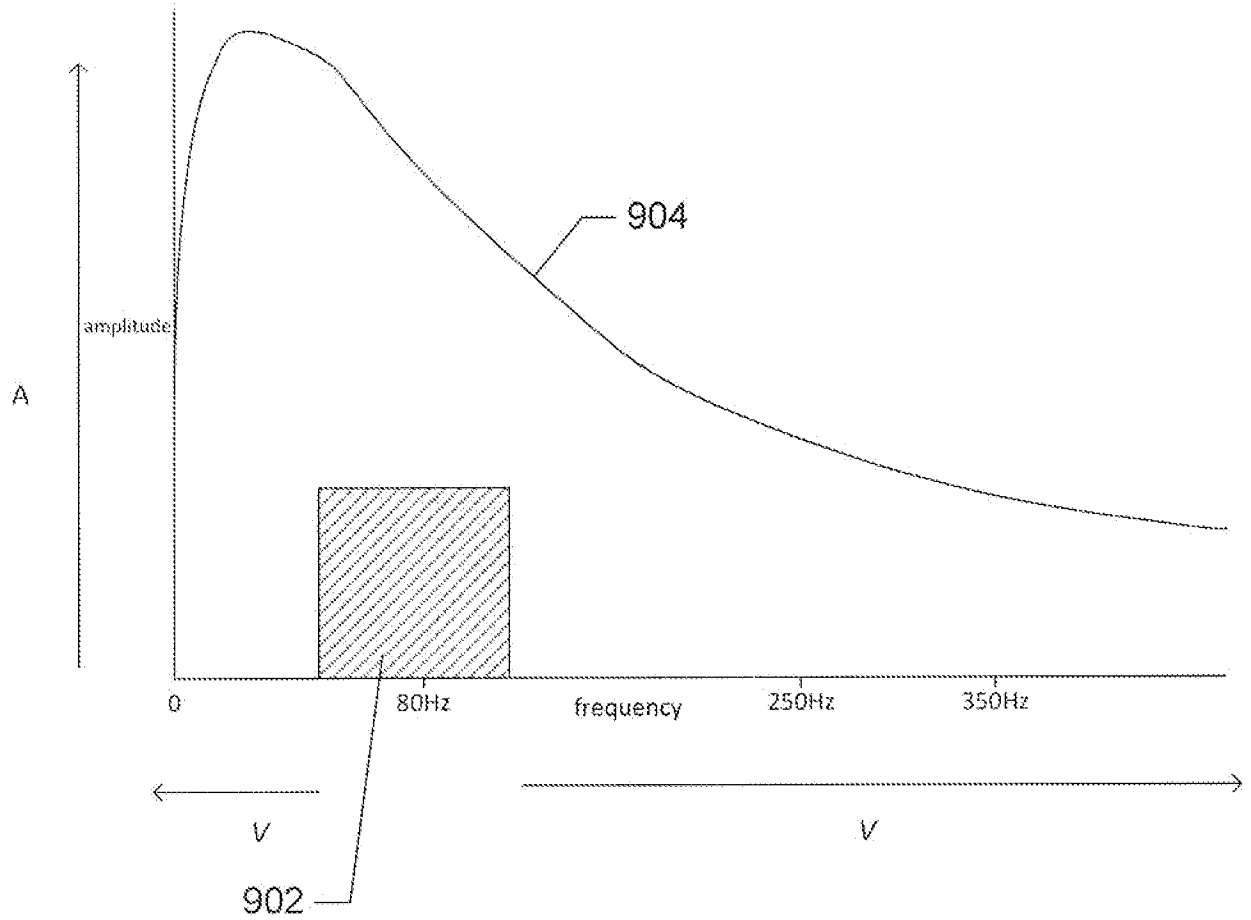


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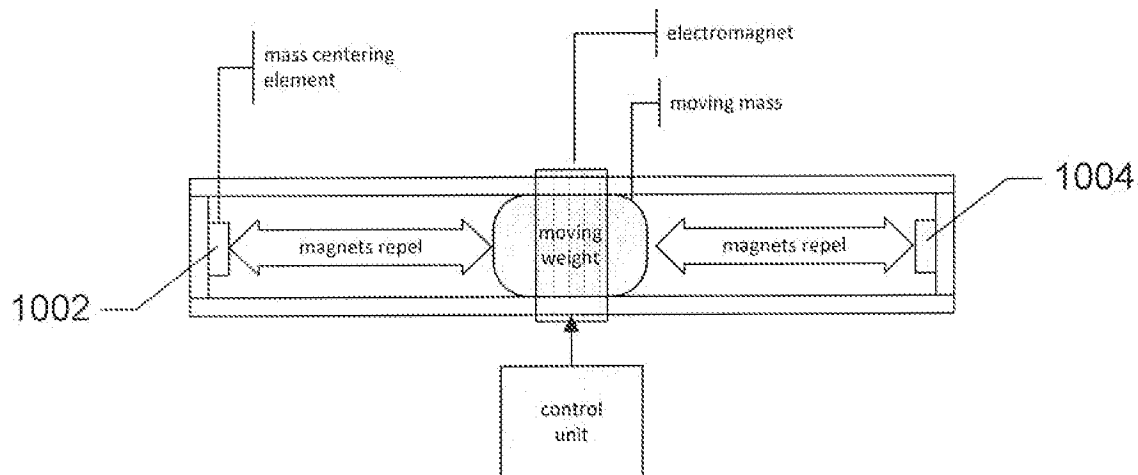


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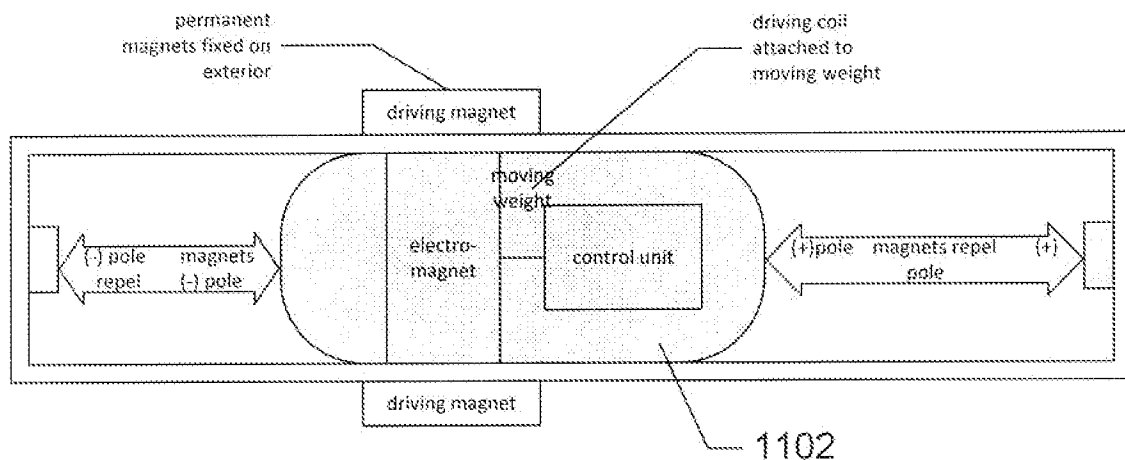


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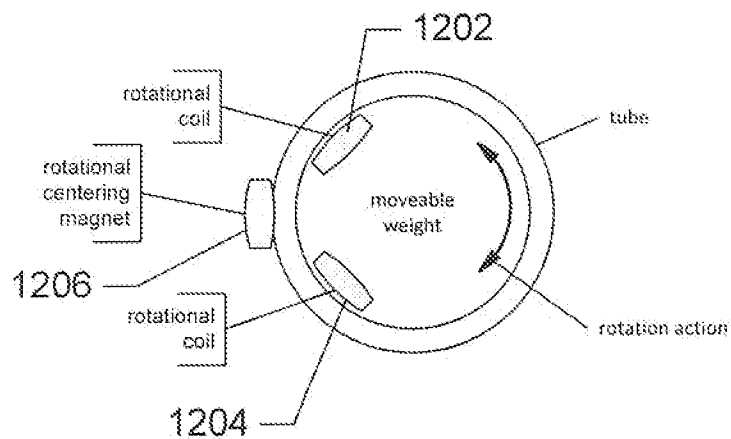


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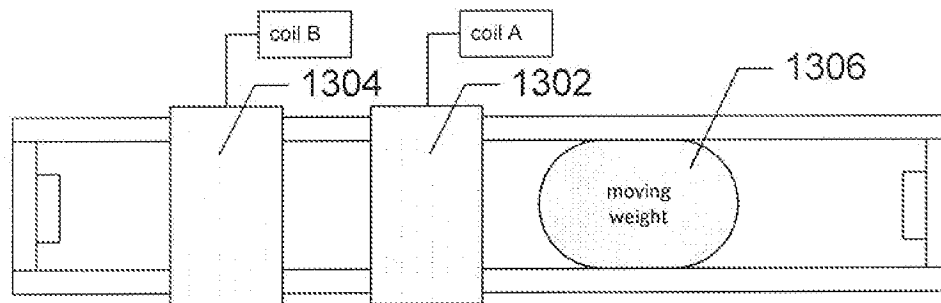


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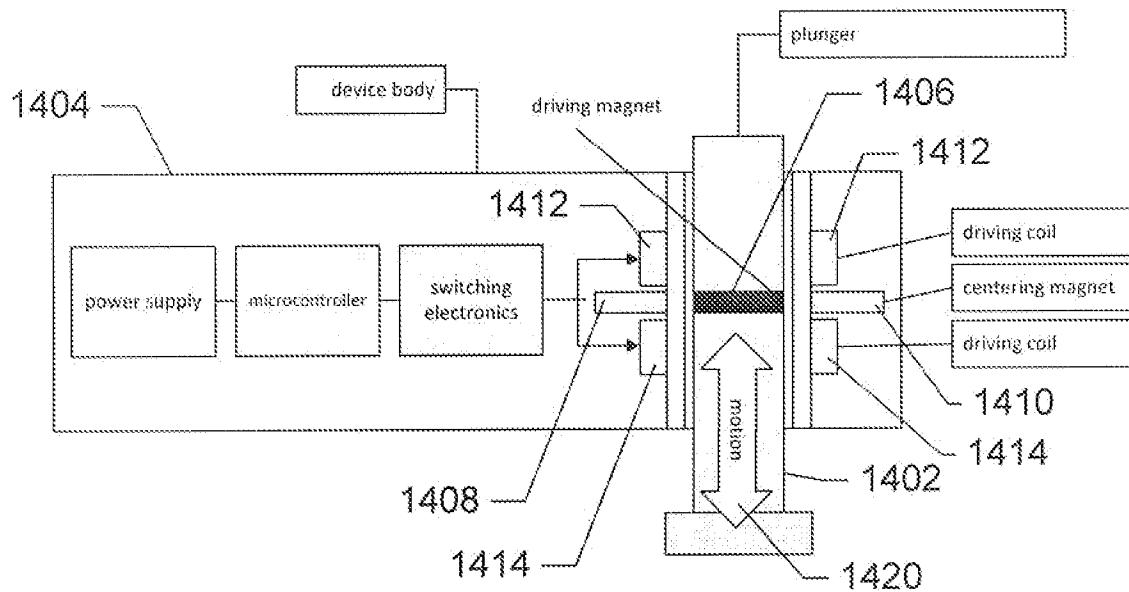


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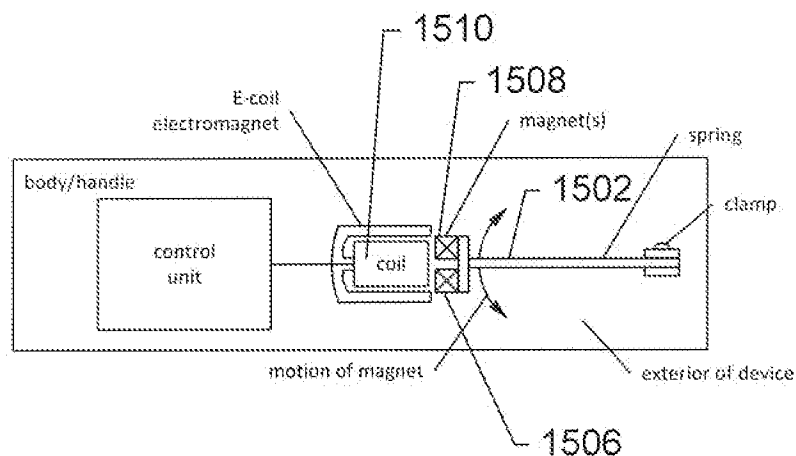


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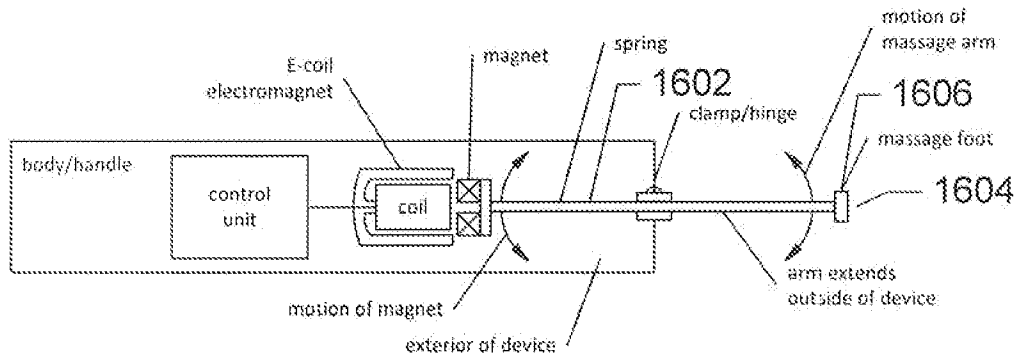


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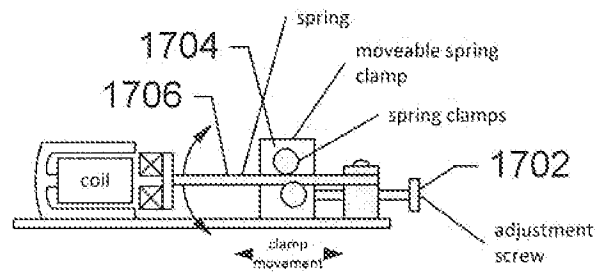


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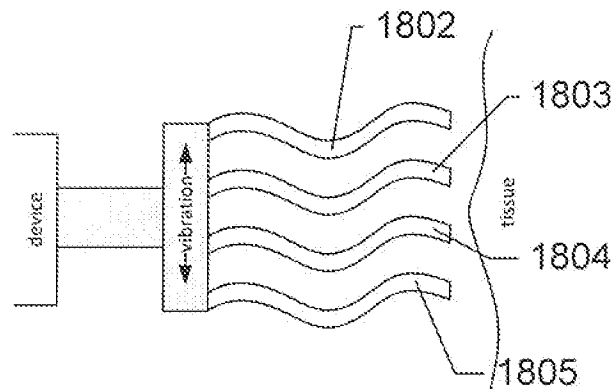


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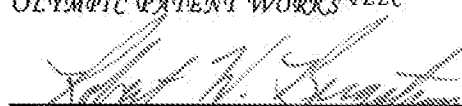
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on Page 12, line 5, as follows:

Figure 8 represents the range of frequencies and vibrational forces that can be achieved by different implementations of LRVM and LRVM control programs that represent embodiments of the present invention. Figure 8 has the same axes as the graph shown in Figure 3. However, unlike Figure 3, Figure 8 includes many different curves, such as curve 802, each representing the vibrational forces and frequencies that can be obtained from a particular LRVM implementation. Again, the LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention generally have a resonant frequency that is characteristic of the geometry and weights of various components of the LRVM, and each LRVM is naturally operated at a frequency close to this resonant frequency in order to achieve maximum vibrational force. Thus, rather than being restricted, over all possible implementations, to a relatively narrow range of frequencies and vibrational forces, as in the case of unbalanced electrical motors, LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention can be designed and implemented to produce desired vibrational forces over a wide range of vibrational frequencies, and desired vibrational frequencies over a wide range of desired vibrational forces. The contrast is perhaps best seen in Figure 9. Figure 9 shows a plot of the amplitude/frequency space and regions in that space that can be operationally achieved by unbalanced electrical motors and by LRVMs that represent embodiments of the present invention. Unbalanced electric motors can be implemented to produce amplitude/frequency combinations roughly within the cross-hatched square region 902 within amplitude/frequency space. By contrast, LRVMs can be designed and implemented to produce amplitude/frequency combinations underlying curve 904. Thus, LRVMs can achieve much higher operational frequencies and much lower operational frequencies than can be practically obtained by unbalanced electric motors, and can produce much higher amplitudes and vibrational forces than can be achieved by relatively low-powered unbalanced electrical motors used in hand-held appliances and other commonly encountered devices and systems. Furthermore, when larger vibrational forces are needed, balanced electrical motors are

generally impractical or infeasible, due to the destructive forces produced within the electrical motors.

Please amend the Paragraph beginning on Page 15, line 3, as follows:

Figure 17 shows a mechanical vibration adjustment feature that can be added to either of the embodiments shown in Figures 15 and 16. An adjustment screw 1702 can be manipulated to alter the position of a movable spring clamp 1704 that acts as a movable clamping point for the spring-like member 1706. Moving the movable spring clamp 1704 leftward, in Figure 17, shortens the length of the spring-like member and thus tends to increase the ~~vibrational~~ resonant frequency at a particular power-consumption level. Conversely, moving the movable spring clamp rightward, in Figure 17, lengthens the spring-like member and decreases the vibrational frequency.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. Cancelled.
2. A linear resonant vibration module comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a moveable component;
 - a power supply;
 - a driving component that drives the moveable component in each of two opposite directions; and
 - a control component that includes a microprocessor and that controls supply of power from the power supply to the driving component to cause the moveable component to linearly oscillate.
3. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the control component receives output signals from sensors within the linear resonant vibration module during operation of the linear resonant vibration module and adjusts one or more operational control outputs of the control component according to the received output signals from the sensors.
4. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the control component adjusts the one or more operational control outputs of the control component according to the received output signals from the sensors in order that subsequent operation of linear resonant vibration module produces desired outputs from the one or more sensors corresponding to one or more operational control parameters.
5. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 4
 - wherein the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component; and

wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component dynamically adjusting the power supplied to the driving component to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module.

6. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 4

wherein the one or more operational control parameters include both a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and a current operational mode; and

wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a control output that determines a current supplied by the power supply to the driving component and a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate.

7. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 4 wherein the control components include:

the microprocessor;

a control program, stored in one of a separated electronic memory or within the processor, that is executed by the microprocessor, to control operation of the linear resonant vibration module; and

a switch that receives a directional signal d from the processor and that selects a corresponding direction of the two opposite directions in which the driving component drives the moveable component.

8. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 7 wherein the switch comprises:

a directional-signal d input;

a voltage input;

a directional-signal splitter/inverter that generates two complementary internal signals, d and $\bar{d}$, corresponding to directional-signal d ; and

two pairs of solid-state switches, a first switch of each pair controlled by internal signal d and a second switch of the pair controlled by internal signal $\bar{d}$, that apply the input voltage in a first direction to the driving component when the d is in a first voltage state and that apply the input voltage in a second direction to the driving component when the d is in a second voltage state.

9. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 8
wherein the linear resonant vibration module further includes a vibration sensor;
and

wherein the control program continuously monitors output from the vibration sensor in order to adjust the frequency at which the control program changes the voltage state of the directional signal d .

10. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 8
wherein the control program receives user input from one or more input features, including one or more of buttons, dials, switches, and other user-input features.

11. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 10
wherein, when the control program receives user input directing a change in vibration strength, the control program changes the current provided from a power supply to the driving component; and

wherein, when the control program receives user input directing a change in vibration frequency, the control program changes the frequency at which the control program changes the voltage state of the directional signal d .

12. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the driving component comprises one or more electromagnetic coils that generate magnetic fields parallel to the directions in which the moveable component is driven by the driving component.

13. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein the housing is a linear tube, capped at both ends by moveable-component-repelling components selected from one of mechanical springs and magnets;

wherein the moveable component is a magnet shaped to slide within the linear tube; and

wherein the driving component is an electromagnetic coil.

14. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein the housing is a linear tube, capped at both ends by moveable-component-repelling components; and

wherein the moveable component includes an electromagnetic-coil driving component and microprocessor.

15. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 further including rotational driving components that induce rotational motion of the moveable component in addition to translational motion induced by the driving component.

16. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the linear resonant vibration module further includes two or more driving components, each, when activated, driving the moveable component to linearly oscillate with an amplitude particular to the activated driving component.

17. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein housing includes a power supply, the microprocessor, and a moveable-component track orthogonal to a long axis of the housing;

wherein the moveable component is a plunger that moves a first direction and a second direction opposite from the first direction within the moveable-component-track; and

wherein the driving component comprising two electromagnetic driving coils and a centering magnet.

18. The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein the moveable component is a clamped mechanical arm to which two magnets are attached; and

wherein the driving component comprising an electromagnetic coil that, when opposite currents are applied at a particular frequency to the electromagnetic coil, causes the mechanical arm to vibrate.

19. A method for applying a vibrational force to a target surface, the method comprising:

applying a linear resonant vibration module to the target surface, the linear resonant vibration module comprising a housing, a moveable component, a power supply, a driving component that drives the moveable component in each of two opposite directions, and a control component that includes a microprocessor and that controls supply of power from the power supply to the driving component to cause the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component monitoring sensors within the linear resonant vibration module during operation of the linear resonant vibration module to adjust one or more operational control outputs of the control component to seek to optimize one or more operational control parameters; and

activating the linear resonant vibration module to produce a vibrational force that is transmitted to the target surface.

20. The method of claim 19

wherein the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component; and

wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component dynamically adjusting the power supplied to the driving component to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. Cancelled.
2. (new) A linear resonant vibration module comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a moveable component;
 - a power supply;
 - a driving component that drives the moveable component in each of two opposite directions; and
 - a control component that includes a microprocessor and that controls supply of power from the power supply to the driving component to cause the moveable component to linearly oscillate.
3. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the control component receives output signals from sensors within the linear resonant vibration module during operation of the linear resonant vibration module and adjusts one or more operational control outputs of the control component according to the received output signals from the sensors.
4. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the control component adjusts the one or more operational control outputs of the control component according to the received output signals from the sensors in order that subsequent operation of linear resonant vibration module produces desired outputs from the one or more sensors corresponding to one or more operational control parameters.
5. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 4
 - wherein the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component; and
 - wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control

component dynamically adjusting the power supplied to the driving component to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module.

6. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 4

wherein the one or more operational control parameters include both a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and a current operational mode; and

wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a control output that determines a current supplied by the power supply to the driving component and a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate.

7. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 4 wherein the control components include:

the microprocessor;

a control program, stored in one of a separated electronic memory or within the processor, that is executed by the microprocessor, to control operation of the linear resonant vibration module; and

a switch that receives a directional signal d from the processor and that selects a corresponding direction of the two opposite directions in which the driving component drives the moveable component.

8. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 7 wherein the switch comprises:

a directional-signal d input;

a voltage input;

a directional-signal splitter/inverter that generates two complementary internal signals, d and $\bar{d}$, corresponding to directional-signal d ; and

two pairs of solid-state switches, a first switch of each pair controlled by internal signal d and a second switch of the pair controlled by internal signal $\bar{d}$, that apply the input voltage in a first direction to the driving component when the d is in a first voltage

state and that apply the input voltage in a second direction to the driving component when the d is in a second voltage state.

9. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 8

wherein the linear resonant vibration module further includes a vibration sensor;
and

wherein the control program continuously monitors output from the vibration sensor in order to adjust the frequency at which the control program changes the voltage state of the directional signal d .

10. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 8

wherein the control program receives user input from one or more input features, including one or more of buttons, dials, switches, and other user-input features.

11. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 10

wherein, when the control program receives user input directing a change in vibration strength, the control program changes the current provided from a power supply to the driving component; and

wherein, when the control program receives user input directing a change in vibration frequency, the control program changes the frequency at which the control program changes the voltage state of the directional signal d .

12. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the driving component comprises one or more electromagnetic coils that generate magnetic fields parallel to the directions in which the moveable component is driven by the driving component.

13. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein the housing is a linear tube, capped at both ends by moveable-component-repelling components selected from one of mechanical springs and magnets;

wherein the moveable component is a magnet shaped to slide within the linear tube; and

wherein the driving component is an electromagnetic coil.

14. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein the housing is a linear tube, capped at both ends by moveable-component-repelling components; and

wherein the moveable component includes an electromagnetic-coil driving component and microprocessor.

15. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 further including rotational driving components that induce rotational motion of the moveable component in addition to translational motion induced by the driving component.

16. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2 wherein the linear resonant vibration module further includes two or more driving components, each, when activated, driving the moveable component to linearly oscillate with an amplitude particular to the activated driving component.

17. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein housing includes a power supply, the microprocessor, and a moveable-component track orthogonal to a long axis of the housing;

wherein the moveable component is a plunger that moves a first direction and a second direction opposite from the first direction within the moveable-component-track; and

wherein the driving component comprising two electromagnetic driving coils and a centering magnet.

18. (new) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 2

wherein the moveable component is a clamped mechanical arm to which two magnets are attached; and

wherein the driving component comprising an electromagnetic coil that, when opposite currents are applied at a particular frequency to the electromagnetic coil, causes the mechanical arm to vibrate.

19. (new) A method for applying a vibrational force to a target surface, the method comprising:

applying a linear resonant vibration module to the target surface, the linear resonant vibration module comprising a housing, a moveable component, a power supply, a driving component that drives the moveable component in each of two opposite directions, and a control component that includes a microprocessor and that controls supply of power from the power supply to the driving component to cause the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component monitoring sensors within the linear resonant vibration module during operation of the linear resonant vibration module to adjust one or more operational control outputs of the control component to seek to optimize one or more operational control parameters; and

activating the linear resonant vibration module to produce a vibrational force that is transmitted to the target surface.

20. (new) The method of claim 19

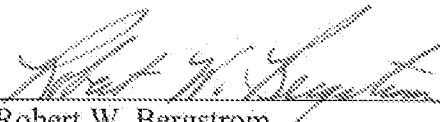
wherein the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component; and

wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component dynamically adjusting the power supplied to the driving component to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module.

REMARKS

Applicants' representative has amended the claims so that each claim has now been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim can be identified.

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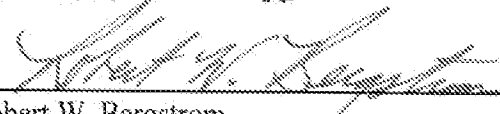
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2011.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 and 12-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 February 2011 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
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 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 20 , 2011, is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

.Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In this case a moveable component track is not described in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0231045) in view of Orr et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0275508).

As to independent claim 2, Oba et al. teaches a linear resonant vibration module comprising;

a housing (3);

a moveable component (2);

a power supply (8) ;

a driving component (1) that drives the movable component (2) in each of two opposite directions; and

a control component (5) and that controls supply of power from the power supply (8) to the driving component (1) to cause the moveable component (2) to linearly oscillate as shown in figure 1.

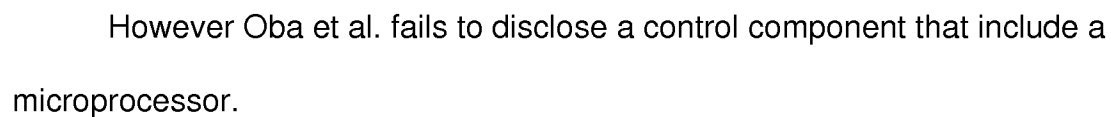


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As to claim 3/2, Oba et al. teaches wherein the control component (5) receives output signals from sensors (6, detector) within the linear resonant vibration module (see annotated figure 1) during operation of the linear resonant vibration module (see annotated figure 1) and adjusts one or more operational control outputs of the control component (5) according to the received output signals from the sensors (6, detector) as shown in figure 1 and Paragraph [0039].

Claims 4-6 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0231045) and Orr et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0275508) as applied in claim 2 above, and further in view of Amaya (5,955,799).

As to claim 4/2, Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. has been discussed above except wherein the control component adjusts the one or more operational control outputs of the control component according to the received output signals from the sensors in order that subsequent operation of linear resonant vibration module produces desired outputs from the one or more sensors corresponding to one or more operational control parameters.

Amaya teaches wherein the control component (5) adjusts the one or more operational control outputs (50 and 55) of the control component (5) according to the received output signals from the sensors (39) in order that subsequent operation of linear resonant vibration module produces desired outputs from the one or more sensors (39) corresponding to one or more operational control parameters (50 and 55) as shown in figure 4, for the advantageous benefit of determining the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation (column 2, line 30-35).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. by using the control component adjusts the one or more operational control outputs of the control component according to the received output signals from the sensors in order that

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subsequent operation of linear resonant vibration module produces desired outputs from the one or more sensors corresponding to one or more operational control parameters, as taught by Amaya, to determines the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation.

As to claim 5/4, Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. has been discussed above except wherein the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and

wherein the one or more operational , control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control componet dynamically adjust the power applied to the driving component to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module.

Amaya teaches wherein the one or more operational control parameters (50 and 55) is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component (2) and

wherein the one or more operational (50 and 55), control outputs is a frequency at which the control component (5) drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component (5) dynamically adjust the power applied to the driving component (11) to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component (2) at a

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resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module as shown figure 4 and figure 7, for the advantageous benefit of determining the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation (column 2, line 30-35).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. by using the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and wherein the one or more operational , control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component dynamically adjust the power applied to the driving component to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module, as taught by Amaya, to determines the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation.

As to claim 6/4, Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. has been discussed above except wherein the one or more operational control parameters include both a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and a current operational mode; and

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wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a control output that: determines a current supplied by the power supply to the driving component and a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate.

Amaya et al. teaches wherein the one or more operational control parameters (50 and 55) include both a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component (2) and a current operational mode (56); and

wherein the one or more operational control outputs (50 and 55) is a control output that determines a current supplied by the power supply (column 1, line 43) to the driving component (11) and a frequency at which the control component (5) drives the moveable component (2) to linearly oscillate as shown figure 4 and figure 7, for the advantageous benefit of determining the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation (column 2, line 30-35).

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. by using one or more operational control parameters include both a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and a current operational mode; and wherein the one or more operational control outputs is a control output that: determines a current supplied by the power supply to the driving component and a frequency at which the control component

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drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, as taught by Orr et al., to determines the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation.

As to claim 12/2, Oba et al. teaches wherein the driving component (1) comprises one or more electromagnetic coils (10) that generate magnetic fields parallel to the directions in which moveable component (2) is driven by the driving component (1) as shown in figure 1.

As to claim 13/2, Oba et al. teaches wherein the housing (3) is a linear tube, capped at both ends by moveable-component-repelling components selected from one of mechanical springs (4) and magnets (20);

wherein the moveable component (2) is a magnet (20) shaped to slide within the linear tube (3); and

wherein the driving component (1) is an electromagnetic coil (10) as shown in figure 1.

As to claim 14/2, Oba et al. teaches wherein the housing (3) is a linear tube, capped at both ends by moveable-component-repelling components (4 and 20); and wherein the moveable component (2) includes an electromagnetic coil driving component (1) as shown in figure 1,

However Oba fails to disclose microprocessor.

Orr et al. teaches a processor (36) as shown in figure 2, providing one or both of attenuated and varied vibration intensity response (paragraph [0008].

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. by using microprocessor, as taught by Orr et al., to provide one or both of attenuated and varied vibration intensity response.

Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0231045) and Orr et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0275508) as applied in claim 2 above, and further in view of Sahyoun (US PG Pub 2006/0208600).

As to claim 15/2, Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. has been discussed above except further including rotational driving components that induce rotational motion of the moveable component in addition to translational motion induced by the driving component.

However Sahyoun teaches including rotational driving components (stator, coil) that induce rotational motion of the moveable component (slider) in addition to translational motion induced by the driving component (stator , coil) Paragraph [0055], for the advantageous benefit of designing with a slider that moves linearly with respect to the stator in both directions (paragraph [0011].

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[0055] With tube 10' having the shape of an arc the electromagnetic motor of this embodiment is capable of producing vibration as well as a twisting motion of tube 10'. When small signal impulses are applied to coils 16 only vibration, produced by short travel distances of the slider, is experienced by the user since the internal rotation of the slider is very small and practically undetectable. With longer signal impulses applied to coils 16, the stator travels rotationally within tube 10' producing vibration of tube 10' as well as transferring a rotational component to tube 10'.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. by using rotational driving components that induce rotational motion of the moveable component in addition to translational motion induced by the driving component, as taught by Sahyoun., to designed with a slider that moves linearly with respect to the stator in both directions.

As to claim 16/2, Oba et al. teaches wherein :the linear resonant vibration module further include two or more driving components (1), each, when activated, driving the moveable component (2) to linearly oscillate with an amplitude particular to the activated driving component (1) as shown in figure 1 and Paragraph [0040].

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0231045) and Orr et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0275508) as applied in claim 2 above, and further in view of Zabar (6,323,568).

As to claim 17/2, Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. has been discussed above except wherein housing includes a power supply, the microprocessor, and a moveable component track orthogonal to a long axis of the housing

wherein the moveable component is a plunger the moves a first direction and a second direction, opposite from the first direction within the moveable component -track; and

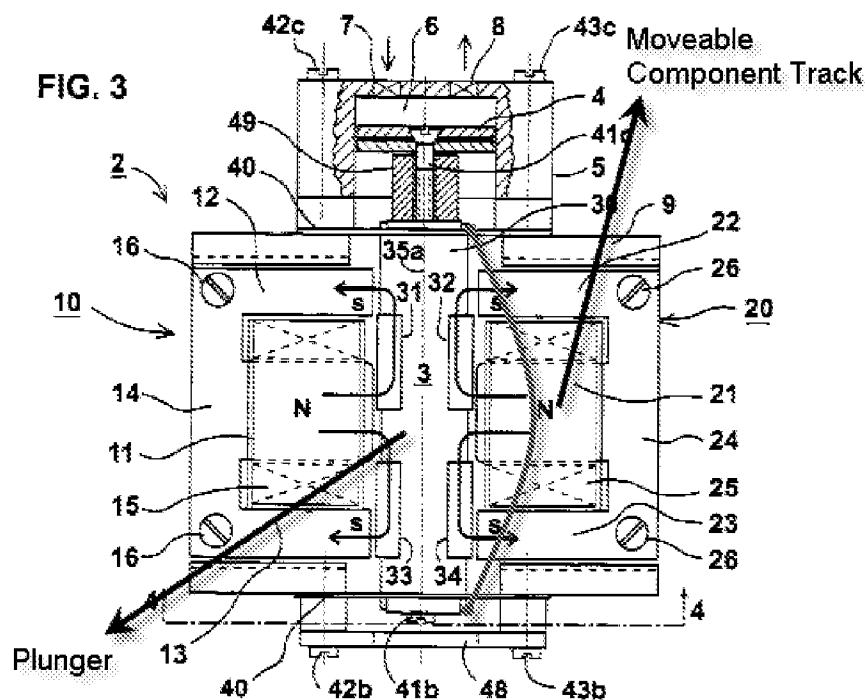
wherein the driving component comprising two electromagnetic driving coils and a centering magnet.

Oba et al. teaches an moveable component track (2) orthogonal to a long axis of the housing (3) as shown in figure 1.

Orr et al. teaches wherein housing (34) includes a power supply (52), the microprocessor (36) as shown in figure 2.

However Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. fails to disclose wherein the moveable component is a plunger the moves a first direction and a second direction, opposite from the first direction within the moveable component -track .

Zabar et al. teaches wherein the moveable component is a plunger (3) the moves a first direction and a second direction, opposite from the first direction within the moveable component –track (see annotated figure 3), for the advantageous benefit of providing a novel electromagnetic vibrator which can be constructed as a universal drive (column 1, line 34-36).



It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. by using the moveable component is a plunger the moves a first direction and a second direction, opposite from the first direction within the moveable component -track, as taught by Zabar et al., to provide a novel electromagnetic vibrator which can be constructed as a universal drive.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0231045) and Orr et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0275508) as applied in claim 2 above, and further in view of Kim et al. (US PG Pub 2006/0138875) .

As to claim 18/2, Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. has been discussed above except

wherein the movable component is a clamped mechanical arm to which two magnets are attached and,

wherein the driving component comprising an electromagnetic coil that, when opposite current are applied at a particular frequency to the electromagnetic coil , causes the mechanical and to vibrate.

Kim et al. teaches wherein the movable component is a clamped mechanical arm(60) to which two magnets(40) are attached and, wherein the driving component (30) comprising an electromagnetic coil (50) that, when opposite current are applied at a particular frequency to the electromagnetic coil (50) , causes the mechanical and to vibrate as shown in figure 7, for the advantageous benefit of a simplifying ventilation structure increases a ventilation efficiency (Abstract).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. by using wherein the movable component is a clamped mechanical arm to which two magnets are attached and, wherein the driving component comprising an electromagnetic coil that, when opposite current are applied at a particular frequency to the electromagnetic coil , causes the mechanical and to vibrate, as taught by Zabar et al., to simplify ventilation structure increases a ventilation efficiency.

Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0231045) in view of and Orr et al. (US PG Pub 2005/0275508) and Amaya (5,955,799).

As to independent claim 19, Oba et al. teaches a method for applying a vibrational force, the method comprising: applying a linear resonant vibration (see annotated figure 1) module to the target surface, the linear resonant vibration module (see annotated figure 1) comprising a housing (3), a moveable component (2), a power supply (8), a driving component (1) that drives the moveable component (2) in each of two opposite directions, and a control component (5), that controls supply of power from the power supply (8) to the driving component (1) to cause the moveable component (2) to linearly oscillate, activating the linear resonant vibration module (see annotated figure 2), to produce a vibrational force that is transmitted to target surface as shown in figure 1.

However Oba et al. fails to disclose a control component that include a microprocessor and the control component monitoring sensors within the linear resonant vibration module during operation of the linear resonant vibration module to adjust one or more operational control outputs of the control component to seek to optimize one or more operational control parameters.

Orr et al. teaches a control component (50) that include a microprocessor (68) as shown in figure 2, for the advantageous benefit of providing one or both of attenuated and varied vibration intensity response (Paragraph [0008].

Amaya teaches the control (5) component monitoring sensors (39) within the linear resonant vibration module (see abstract) during operation of the linear resonant vibration module (see abstract) to adjust one or more operational control outputs (50 an 55) of the control component (5) to seek to optimize one or more operational control

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parameters (50 and 55) as shown in figure 4, for the advantageous benefit of determining the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation (column 2, line 30-35).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. by using a control component that include a microprocessor and the control component monitoring sensors within the linear resonant vibration module during operation of the linear resonant vibration module to adjust one or more operational control outputs of the control component to seek to optimize one or more operational control parameters, as taught by Orr et al. and Amaya, to provide one or both of attenuated and varied vibration intensity response and determine the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation.

As to claim 20/19, Oba et al. in view Orr et al. and Amaya has been discussed above except wherein the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and

wherein the one or more operational , control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control componet dynamically adjust the power applied to the driving component to produce

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linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module.

Amaya teaches wherein the one or more operational control parameters (50 and 55) is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component (2) and

wherein the one or more operational (50 and 55), control outputs is a frequency at which the control component (5) drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component (5) dynamically adjust the power applied to the driving component (11) to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component (2) at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module as shown figure 4 and figure 7, for the advantageous benefit of determining the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation (column 2, line 30-35).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Oba et al. in view of Orr et al. and Amaya by using the one or more operational control parameters is a strength of vibration produced by the linear oscillation of the moveable component and wherein the one or more operational , control outputs is a frequency at which the control component drives the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component dynamically adjust the power applied to the driving component to produce linear oscillation of the moveable component at a resonant frequency for the linear resonant vibration module, as taught

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by Amaya, to determines the existence of a condition that renders the detection system non-functional, and drives the vibration system at a prescribed frequency when it is determined that the condition exists, during a back-up mode of operation.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Note claims 8-11 depends on claim 7.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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AMENDMENTINTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 22, 2011, please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 6 Cancelled.

7. (currently amended) ~~The linear resonant vibration module of claim 4~~ A linear resonant vibration module comprising:

a housing;

a moveable component;

a power supply;

a driving component that drives the moveable component in each of two opposite directions; and

a control component that includes a microprocessor and that controls supply of power from the power supply to the driving component to cause the moveable component to linearly oscillate, the control component including, in addition to the microprocessor,

a control program, stored in one of a separated electronic memory or within the processor, that is executed by the microprocessor to control operation of the linear resonant vibration module, and

a switch that receives a directional signal d from the processor and that selects a corresponding direction of the two opposite directions in which the driving component drives the moveable component,

the control component receiving output signals from sensors within the linear resonant vibration module during operation of the linear resonant vibration module and adjusting one or more operational control outputs of the control component according to the received output signals from the sensors in order that subsequent operation of linear resonant vibration module produces desired outputs from the one or more sensors corresponding to one or more operational control parameters

~~wherein the control components include:~~

~~—— the microprocessor;~~

~~—— a control program, stored in one of a separated electronic memory or within the processor, that is executed by the microprocessor, to control operation of the linear resonant vibration module; and~~

~~—— a switch that receives a directional signal d from the processor and that selects a corresponding direction of the two opposite directions in which the driving component drives the moveable component.~~

8. (previously presented) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 7 wherein the switch comprises:

a directional-signal d input;

a voltage input;

a directional-signal splitter/inverter that generates two complementary internal signals, d and $\bar{d}$, corresponding to directional-signal d ; and

two pairs of solid-state switches, a first switch of each pair controlled by internal signal d and a second switch of the pair controlled by internal signal $\bar{d}$, that apply the input voltage in a first direction to the driving component when the d is in a first voltage state and that apply the input voltage in a second direction to the driving component when the d is in a second voltage state.

9. (previously presented) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 8

wherein the linear resonant vibration module further includes a vibration sensor;
and

wherein the control program continuously monitors output from the vibration sensor in order to adjust the frequency at which the control program changes the voltage state of the directional signal d .

10. (previously presented) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 8

wherein the control program receives user input from one or more input features, including one or more of buttons, dials, switches, and other user-input features.

11. (previously presented) The linear resonant vibration module of claim 10

wherein, when the control program receives user input directing a change in vibration strength, the control program changes the current provided from a power supply to the driving component; and

wherein, when the control program receives user input directing a change in vibration frequency, the control program changes the frequency at which the control program changes the voltage state of the directional signal *d*.

12-20 Cancelled

REMARKS

Claims 2-20 are pending in the current application. In an office action dated June 22, 2011 ("Office Action"), the Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba et. al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0231045 ("Oba") in view of Orr et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0275508 ("Orr"), rejected claims 4-6 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba and Orr in further view of Amaya, U.S. Patent No. 5,995,799 ("Amaya"), rejected claims 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba and Orr in further view of Sahyoun, U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0208600 ("Sahyoun"), rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba and Orr in further view of Zabbar, U.S. Patent No. 6,323,568 ("Zabar"), rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oba and Orr in further view of Kim et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0138875 ("Kim"), and rejected claims 19 and 20 as being unpatentable over Oba in view of Orr and Amaya.

Applicants do not agree with the Examiner with regard to the above-mentioned claim rejections. However, in the interest of obtaining an issued patent in timely fashion, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims in the above amendment and have rewritten claim 7 to include all of the limitations of claims 2, 3, and 4. Applicants' representative has changed the order in which certain of the limitations are recited, so that the amended claim 7 reads logically, but has included all limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants request that claims 2-6 and 12-20 be cancelled without prejudice to subsequent filing and arguments, including continuation and continuation-in-part applications. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of rewritten claim 7 and claims 8-11 that depend from claim 7.

In Applicants' representative's opinion, all of the claims remaining in the current application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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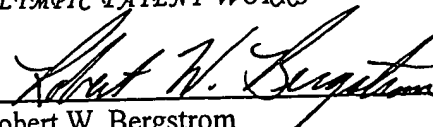
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Title: LINEAR-RESONANT VIBRATION MODULE

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