



# Classical Radionics Today

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## *Radionics: Concept and Definitions*

Radionics is a distant healing modality in which the practitioner utilises instruments<sup>1</sup> and coded information (numerical rates or symbolic representations) in order to analyse the health state of an individual (represented by a witness<sup>2</sup>), as well as to assess which factors and locations are relevant in this context. In doing so the practitioner will make use of his/her (trained) radiesthetic ability and focus his/her mind with the help of the instrument while following a standardised protocol for both analysis and broadcasting (or treatment)<sup>3</sup>. This is expected to assist in alleviating the individual's health concerns.

The current definition proposed by the Radionic Association (RA) in the UK<sup>4</sup> reads: *“Radionics is a distant healing technique in which our natural intuitive faculties are used through dowsing to discover the energetic disturbances underlying illness and to encourage the return to health.”* With this definition, the RA supports radionic practice as a distant healing modality where information on the client's condition is gathered by the intuitive mind utilising dowsing techniques. However, nothing is said about other relevant issues that characterise modern radionics: a) the implementation of well-defined protocols to support guided dowsing, b) the interplay between a

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1 Instruments can perform one or more of the following functions: analysis, treatment and remedy synthesis.

2 In radionic work a patient's witness is employed, usually in the form of a lock of hair. However, anything representing the vibrational pattern of the patient can be utilized: a dried blood spot, a picture, a recorded voice sample or even a signature by hand. The witness can be seen as a unique identifier for the patient.

3 The whole process requires intensive intuitional and intentional but also rational / logical mental activity that can prove to be extremely demanding on the practitioner.

4 [www.radionic.co.uk](http://www.radionic.co.uk)

rational understanding of the objective facts observed during the analysis and the information obtained *via* radiesthesia and c) the utilisation of instruments during broadcasting of corrective vibrational patterns so as to encourage self-healing.

Radionics assumes the existence of an underlying (complex and subtle) energy (or force) field which supports and vitalises the physical bodies of living creatures. When the quality and/or condition of the aforementioned energy field, as well as its connection to physical structures is altered, a deviation from the state of perfect health would result. Therefore, disturbances in the subtle realm can be seen as the originating cause of physical/psychological symptoms and conditions (Tansley, 1972; Tansley, 1977a).

Energy fields can be altered by external and internal factors. Radionics works on the principle that such disturbances can be corrected (e.g. balance restored) and consequently, physical symptoms alleviated or eliminated. To accomplish this task a specific methodological portfolio is available to trained practitioners; the ultimate goal is to impact positively on client's health (Tansley, 1977b; White, 1993).

The therapeutic approach suggested by radionics encounters some conceptual challenges, particularly when it comes to provide an explanation on how analysis can be conducted and treatment broadcasted, at a distance – without physical contact between patient and practitioner. One can propose the existence of a universal information field<sup>5</sup> that operates outside the space-time boundaries normally accepted in Newtonian physics. If this is accepted, then the practitioner could be seen as obtaining information from such field (analysis) and manipulating the field to achieve a desired outcome<sup>6</sup> (treatment) (Franks, 2012).

In relation to analysis, the practitioner's mind has to be prepared to obtain information from disciplined dowsing and the formulation of well-designed questions. Radiesthetic inquiry can be supported by other means e.g. a rubbing plate or a white-noise generator. In the digital age the latter represents a convenient and fast method for analysis although the meaningful interpretation of the so-gathered information is still a critical function of the practitioner (Franks, 2012).

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5 The information field is accessible *via* radiesthesia but is not measurable by current scientific methods.

6 The practitioner can utilise pre-existing energy patterns (e.g. vibrational essences or homeopathic remedies) or produce them in the form of therapeutic commands.

In relation to treatment, radionic instruments can behave as sample-and-hold devices which allow the practitioner to broadcast a precisely tuned intention for periods of time as long as desired. The radionic codes<sup>7</sup> (rates or cards) employed in such instruments will attempt to evoke and entrain selected and unique energy patterns (or vibrational quanta corresponding to vibrational remedies or commands) from a supra-physical reality – where the (also unique) energy pattern of the patient (*via* the witness at hand) is also present (Tansley, 1977b; Russell, 1997; Franks, 2012).

### *From Radiesthesia to Radionics*

The first step in any approach to healing is a thoughtful analysis of the case under study. The inability to identify the principal causes of energetic imbalances which putatively translate into physical symptoms will impede any effective form of treatment. Dowsing has been employed since long as a tool to access subtle energetic fields (McCready, 1966; Wethered, 1979; Chow, 2005).

In the field of complementary medicine there is an individualized approach to client's health and disease manifestation that trust the practitioner's ability to apply intuitional procedures to sense subjective illness qualities in each individual. For example, oriental medical traditions make use of pulse reading, tongue examination or forms of divining as diagnostic aids (Brennan, 1988).

From a European historical perspective Germany is normally considered the origin of modern dowsing but France<sup>8</sup> has been signalled as the pioneering country in the practice of medical dowsing: the French biologist Armand Viré (1869-1951) is credited with the idea of using dowsing in the field of medicine. This discipline was further extended by members of the Catholic Church e.g., Father Jean Jurion, Abbé Alexis Bouly, Father Jean-Louis Bourdoux, and Abbé Alexis Mermet (Mermet, 1987).

Alexis-Timotheé Bouly (1865-1958), founded *l'Association des Amis de la Radiesthésie* in Lille in 1929, becoming the association's first president. The word *Radiesthésie* was proposed at the time from the synthesis of the Latin root for radiation with the Greek root for perception thus indicating *radiating perception*. Bouly's fundamental goal was to provide the art of dowsing with credibility by systematic testing and application of the method. In 1933, Armand Viré, former director of the underground biology laboratory of the

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7 However, rates or cards are imperfect means and thus, cannot be considered an absolute and total representation of the true vibrational pattern they intend to evoke.

8 Ramsey, M. Alternative medicine in modern France. *Medical History* (1999), **43**:286-322.

Museum of Natural History in Paris, became president of the association. Alexis Mermet (1866-1937), who was well-known at the time for his book *Comment j'Opère* (published in 1932) succeeded Armand Viré in 1935. In Mermet's words<sup>9</sup> [radiesthesia] "is an adequate expression which responds to the object of a science which wants to deal with the waves and radiation of bodies".

Jean Jurion developed his work ca. 1939. In his book *Thérapeutiques Naturelles: la Radiesthésie Médicale - Homéopathie* (re-published 1975) proposes the use of radiesthesia as a way to select homeopathic remedies. It is interesting to note that in Jurion's work both homeopathy and radiesthesia are seen as sharing a similar theoretical foundation, i.e. an energetic or vibrational basis of health. These ideas have persisted over time and today, several healing modalities bring forward the hypothesis that animated and unanimated bodies alike emanate some sort of subtle energy (Franks, 2000). The latter can manifest in the human body through science-accepted mechanisms such as **coherence**<sup>10</sup> and **entrainment**<sup>11</sup>. In modern France, medical dowsers have gained official recognition by the French Ministry of Labour as a professional group, the Union of Medical Dowsers<sup>12</sup>.

The initial development of radionics is traced back to Dr. Albert Abrams (1863-1924), who also believed in the existence of an energy field that could be unconsciously sensed. In an article published by J. Chow<sup>13</sup> (Georgetown University, Washington DC), the developments concerning radionics are summarised as follows:

"Radionics originated from Dr. Albert Abrams' theory of energy medicine or *Electronic Reactions of Abrams* (ERA). An American physician, Abrams believed the human nervous system reacted to the energy field of external elements. Using stomach

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9 <http://www.lesamisdelaradiesthesie.fr/notre-histoire-1-2/>

10 Herbert Frölich's theory (1960) indicating that according quantum physics, the body produces coherent vibrations. Such vibrations can occur at different frequencies thus conveying information. For each constituent of the living matrix there is an ideal resonant frequency to maintain optimal function.

11 Entrainment refers to the coupling of electrical and mechanical vibrations of similar frequencies. Energetic healing modalities propose that "entrainment" can be established between the naturally occurring earth geo-magnetic field, the client's brain waves where the pineal gland serves as a magnetoreceptor, and the healer-projected bio-magnetic fields.

12 <http://www.snradiesthesistes.fr/formations.html>

13 Pendular Diagnosis: From Dowsing to Diagnostic Methodology? Chow, J. *Seminars in Integrative Medicine* (June, 2005). DOI: 10.1016/j.sigm.2005.04.002

reflex points for energy measurements, the change in energy resulted in a diagnosis and then the proper homeopathic remedy could be prescribed. Soon afterward, a chiropractor, Ruth Drown, came up with improvements to the ERA diagnostic instruments that could standardize vibrational *rates* for the various manifestations of energy that were expressed by the pendulum. These rates represented an analysis of the substance's energetic network in the form of a frequency. Machines called electrodiagnostic machines were constructed to measure these rates. Any deviations from the *perfect rate*, or the rate measured during normal function, would indicate the presence of disease. Later these perfect rates were expanded upon by a prominent English dowser, Malcom Rae, to include measurements for not only human organs, but for meridians, chemicals, synthetic drugs, etc. Subsequent treatment included conveying the perfect rate back to the patient to correct any deviations. After promoting her *Radionic Broadcasting* ideas, or dowsing from a distance, Ruth Drown became most known for the Drown Trial of 1951 that made practicing Radionics in the United States illegal."

Although Drown's instruments are no longer in use, her rates are still being used on modern radionic instruments today (Fellows 2013). Virtually anything can be represented by a radionic rate, including the homeopathic *Materia Medica*, substances too dangerous to handle, or substances that are not yet discovered (Franks 2000); remedies can even be "potentised" by subjecting unmedicated carriers, such as lactose, to certain radionic rates without the requirement of the original substance (Tansley 1977b; Rae 1977; Copen, 1992).

George Laurence founded the Psionic Medical Society in 1969 in the UK<sup>14</sup>. Laurence was a disenchanted physician and surgeon who, under the inspiration provided by the influential dowser and holistic medical doctor Aubrey Thomas Westlake (1893-1985), incorporated his interpretation of the dowsing phenomenon into a new medical modality, the so-called *Psionic Medicine*. The latter is based on the recurrent idea that vibrations are omnipresent and that trained dowsers can use their ability to sense vibrational changes using tools such as pendulum dowsing (Huttunen et al. 2012).

### *The Subtle Body Framework in Radionic Healing*

The total energy field of the human being is supposedly composed of a number of interpenetrating energy layers or levels, also called bodies.<sup>15</sup> This

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<sup>14</sup> <http://www.laurencesociety.org/>

<sup>15</sup> These form the basis for the subtle anatomy of man. It is important to point out that this "life-force" is different from electro-magnetic force fields that are measurable utilising

subtle energetic construct is referred to as “Subtle Anatomy” (Judith, 2004; Dale, 2009). These subtle fields are dynamically integrated with the physical body proper (including anatomical and physiological aspects) but also with the psychological, emotional and mental functions of the individual<sup>16</sup>. The various subtle bodies can be impacted by a number of external or internal factors. This can result in observable physical symptoms and/or experienced mental and emotional conditions. Important to radionics, the information derived from the subtle domain is made available to the universal information field and thus, it can be accessed by the practitioner employing radiesthetic methods of analysis. This includes both the state of the subtle bodies *and* the factors impacting on them. Following this line of thought, Malcolm Rae introduced a particular type of radionic routine (the Location-Factor System) by which the practitioner attempts to qualitatively ascertain what part of the subtle anatomy is deviated from normal function, all in view of the possible stressors impacting on the location involved<sup>17</sup>. It is interesting to note that information on the history of causation is also available from the universal field and thus, the practitioner can attempt to neutralise causative factors in a reverse-order to that sequence – prioritising the most significant cause of imbalance. Of course, the practitioner would then institute treatment and follow-up on the patient by encouraging the patient reporting back to him/her and by continuing taking readings on treatment efficacy.

In the West, subtle anatomy is akin to the “energetic model” which has become a distinct component of what we can call “New Age Spirituality”. The New Age community is typically concerned with the flow of energies and with considerations related to energy transmutation into matter. Within this movement, the prevailing mode of healing is consequently referred to as “energy healing”. A current view is that the domain of the subtle energies is the Aura, seen as the product of the emanation from all the layers of the subtle bodies. Alice Bailey described these bodies to be the Etheric, the Astral and the Mental. This does not necessarily reflect the ancient Hindu teachings nor the Theosophical and Anthroposophical tenets (Karagulla and van Gelder-Kunz, 1998; Bailey, 2016a; Bailey 2016b).

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16 This includes the conscious and unconscious domains of the psyche as described by Sigmund Freud and also, the collective unconscious as described by Carl Jung. Other psychic influences could potentially be observed by the dowser.

17 Malcolm Rae introduced radionic coding in the form of magneto-geometric cards in lieu of standard rates. Rae also proposed the concept of remedy simulation: a vibrational pattern is typically encoded in saccharose globuli for oral administration.

In relation to the energy centres or chakras described in both Eastern and Western traditions, our modern understanding more closely resembles the original Tantric teachings. The existence of seven major chakras is normally accepted. However, there is some dispute on the definition of a “Spleen” chakra. This centre was proposed by Leadbeater<sup>18</sup>, but most likely resembles the meaning attributed to the spleen in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Nevertheless, the Spleen chakra has been incorporated into current chakra theory (White, 1993; Karagulla and van Gelder-Kunz, 1998; Judith, 2004; Simpson, 2005).

The review article provided by J. Chow (previously cited) summarises these developments as follows:

“A major alteration to the philosophical basis of Radionics came when one of its biggest proponents, Alice Bailey, wrote *Esoteric Healing* to describe a model of spiritual reality that incorporated seven planes of energy. She believed that health meant a continuous flow of energy through the seven planes and that any disturbances of the energy would manifest in mental, emotional, or physical symptoms. Radionic diagnosis would then be used to identify the energy disturbance and treat it accordingly. Today, the practice of radionics is a combination of the mechanistic approach introduced by Drown’s electrodiagnostic machine and a foundation in the belief of an energetic basis of reality. The use of the more subjective pendular diagnosis is incorporated into the practice of those whom Bailey’s ideas resonate with. Those looking for more objective diagnostic methods favour Drown’s standardized measurements. It is believed that (gifted) individuals can sense such subtle differences of energy that they can identify bacterial pathogens without the use of an amplification tool or pendulum. However the diagnosis is determined, the results are used to either evaluate a homeopathic remedy or to *broadcast* the correct frequency back to the patient to restore energetic balance.”

In the UK, the Radionic Association (established in 1943) – and its training arm the School of Radionics – has created a blend of the various currents of thought present in modern radionics and established professional standards of practice thus acting as the leading worldwide body representing qualified radionic practitioners in modern times. The Association aims to promote the practice of radionics as an honourable and skilled profession, to foster research into the science of radionics and to provide a centre for the collection and dissemination of information.

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<sup>18</sup> [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Webster\\_Leadbeater](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Webster_Leadbeater)

### *Chakras and Radionics: David Tansley and the Centre Therapy*

Ancient beliefs, as well as many traditional cultural or religious expressions, make reference to a subtle or “invisible” manifestation of human existence. According to eastern teachings, this subtle body is composed of defined structures, which in turn present a defined relationship with physical organs and tissues—and their known normal physiological functions and pathophysiology. The underlying concept is to consider the tangible physical body as an outward expression of internal “energies” (Tansley, 1972; Tansley, 1977a/b).

As a simplified approximation to a rather complex matter, human existence is considered to manifest in the forms of spirit, soul (“higher self”) and body (“lower self” or “personality”). The lower self is said to comprise the mental (or ideation) body, the astral (or emotional) body, the etheric (or para-physical) body and the (dense) physical body proper. Subtle bodies can be considered as “energy webs” or “force fields”. It has to be duly noted that the most important vehicle of human beings is the so-called physical-etheric unit (Tansley, 1972; Tansley, 1977a/b).

Of special interest is the etheric body, as an archetype upon which the physical structures are formed. Following the preceding ideas, the etheric body can be seen as an energy (or force) field that mimics every physical structure and sub-structure down to the molecular level. Moreover, the etheric body is considered to interpenetrate every physical structure and to extend beyond the human body in the form of an “aura”. The etheric body is also claimed to present energy centres or “chakras” and a well-defined network of energy channels or “nadis”. Therefore, the etheric body is postulated to receive, transform and transmit energies; its harmonious and balanced functioning is required for good health and well-being. However, imbalance may occur generating energy congestion or over-stimulation in the etheric or lack of coordination between the etheric and other subtle vehicles or between the etheric and the physical bodies<sup>19</sup> (Tansley, 1972; Tansley, 1977a/b).

Energy centres or chakras are found on the surface of the etheric body; they are located in relation to the physical body in a dorsal position, alongside the spinal column. Chakras emerge as rotating energy vortexes that are formed at the crossing points of energy threads. For example, the seven main chakras are formed where energy lines cross each other twenty-one

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<sup>19</sup> There are objective factors (miasms, toxins, diseased locations) and subjective factors (i.e., related to blockages at the chakra level) that can impair the energy flow to physical structures and organs or tissues.



times<sup>20</sup>. Chakras function as focal points for the reception and transmission of energy flows<sup>21</sup> one of their functions being to vitalize the physical body. Chakras externalise themselves as physical endocrine glands (White, 1993; Judith, 2004; Simpson, 2005).

There are seven major spinal chakras which are said to externalise into specific endocrine glands, as follows: Crown (Pineal), Brow (Pituitary), Throat (Thyroid), Heart (Thymus), Solar Plexus (Pancreas), Sacral (Gonads) and Base (Adrenals). These energy centres also govern specific parts of the physical body (see below) (Tansley, 1972; White, 1993; Simpson, 2005).

The Centre Therapy approach to radionics<sup>22</sup> postulates that when chakras work in a balanced manner, incoming primary energy is assimilated and transformed into secondary energies that stimulate the nadis. Nadis are considered to be associated with and to cause the (peripheral) nervous system to respond<sup>23</sup>. This, in turn, would stimulate endocrine locations (glands). Gentle dovetailing and coordination of the nadis, nerves and endocrine glands is therefore considered as a prerequisite to attain physical health. Consequently, it is also postulated that any deviation from proper chakra functioning will eventually result in organic disease (Tansley, 1997b; Franks, 2012).

For a discussion of our current scientific understanding of the neuro-endocrine correlate the reader is advised to explore the open literature<sup>24</sup> on the subject.

Figure 1 depicts the location and attributions of the major seven chakras. There are other chakras of practical significance including the Spleen and Alta Major centres. The mentioned seven major chakras (and the spleen centre) are found not only in the etheric body, but also in the astral and mental bodies. However, the Crown, the Throat, and the Heart chakras in the mental are forming part of the “lotus of the soul” (Tansley, 1972; Tansley, 1977a/b; Karagulla and Gelder-Kunz, 1998).

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20 Twenty-one minor chakras are formed at points where energy lines cross each other fourteen times.

21 Such energies can be generated on the level of the individual (i.e., physical, emotional or mental bodies) or be sourced from the collective unconscious or beyond.

22 A main contribution of David V. Tansley is, as is was defined elsewhere, the “dematerialisation” of radionics by suggesting that the subtle body is of prime importance. For an excellent review on the history of radionics please refer to Russell (1997).

23 Nadis are considered a “subtle nervous system”.

24 See, for example: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780123750976100010>

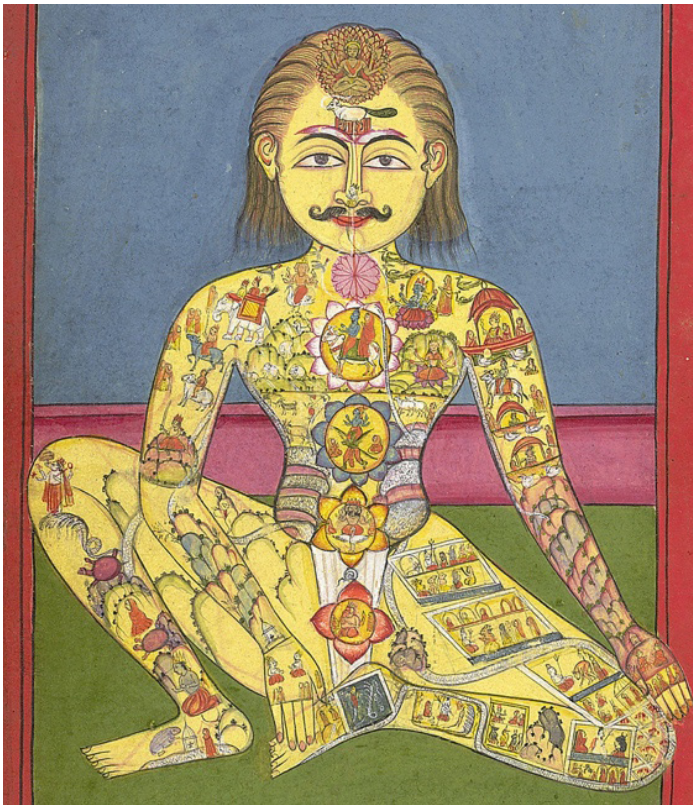


Figure 1. Seven major spinal energy centres from a Yoga manuscript in Braj Bhasa language.

[<https://commons.wikimedia.org>]

### ***Homeopathic Radionics: Malcolm Rae and the Potency Simulator***

In the 1960s usual radionic practice was based on the use of rate instruments, very much of the type introduced by Ruth Drown in the US and later on by George De La Warr in the UK<sup>25</sup>. In addition to rates, the use of colour as therapeutic vectors was also known to the practitioners. In the 1970s Malcolm Rae started looking with more detail into the relation between homeopathy and radionics. He proposed the simulation of homeopathic remedies utilising rates (or symbolic cards) to transfer the required vibrational pattern into inert carriers (e.g., water, lactose) (Tansley 1977b). To support this concept, Rae designed and manufactured a special type of instrument: the Magneto-Geometric Potency Simulator<sup>26</sup>. This dramatically increased the scope of radionics practice by introducing a modality that later became to be known as electronic homeopathy. This concept was further extended by Bruce Copen in the 1980s (Copen, 1980; Copen, 1992).

Initial attempts by Rae to generate geometric patterns representing the vibrational essence of remedies were performed following a traditional

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25 Example of rate-based instruments are the Drown's Homo-Vibra-Ray instrument, Delawarr Laboratories instruments (base 100/10), Rae's base 44 instruments and Copen's radionic computer (base 10).

26 <https://www.magnetogeometrics.co.uk/products>.

radiesthetic procedure<sup>27</sup>. This method made use of a 100 cm rule to produce a 360° cardinal-point-assessment of the potency of the remedy at hand, relative to the earth's magnetic field. This study would produce a radial pattern where balance points are indicated. Rae interpreted the balance point, as uncovered by dowsing, as the boundary between the remedy's local energy field and that of the earth's magnetic field at a defined cardinal point. In this manner, it was possible to create a geometric pattern specific for each remedy (Rae, 1977).

Rae also proposed that the obtained radial (geometric) pattern could be used to imprint a vibrational essence into a vial containing an inert carrier. However, critical to effective energetic imprinting was the correct cardinal alignment of the geometric pattern on paper. To create a more straightforward routine, Rae went into designing convenient cards of defined proportions where the radial pattern was printed with magnetic ink to preserve the magnetic component within the system. Moreover, said cards were orientated in the vertical position and utilised in combination with a specially designed instrument that was able to replace the earth's magnetic field with a small permanent magnet. The instrument also allowed for the selection of a precise potency for the remedy to be imprinted within a cylindrical vial container, known as the well. The Magneto-Geometric Potency Simulator was born (Rae, 1977).

For the first time, a remedy of a desired potency could be selected by calibrating a knob. A standard potentiometer served as a potential divider that controlled the energising effect of the permanent magnets. It is important to realise that this scale only indicated the relative potency energy field of the various potencies and that conceptually has no relation with the original homeopathic potency scale that reflects on the number of stages of dilution /succussion involved (Rae, 1977). In spite of this, Rae reported similar clinical effects for potentised remedies as compared to those prepared by the Hahnemannian method (Rae, 1977). Details on the classical procedures to prepare homeopathic remedies can be found elsewhere<sup>28</sup>. To distinguish between potencies obtained according to Hahnemann from potencies obtained by radionic simulation, best practice is to label remedies obtained with the latter procedure with the symbol R (Example: 30CR instead of 30C).

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27 The procedure is well described by Vernon D. Wethered in his book *Medical Radiesthesia and Radionics*. Combination of the rule-method with rate instruments is sometimes observed in the literature.

28 <https://echamp.eu/our-sector/manufacturing/quality/raw-materials>

It is important to note that Rae cards, even if presented in the contemporaneous simplified-and-standardised format, were still obtained employing a laborious radiesthetic procedure. In the now classical design observed for such cards, each remedy vibrational pattern is represented by a maximum of six partial radii of constant length and thus a remedy pattern is defined by i) the number of radii displayed and ii) the angular distance between them (Rae, 1977). Figure 2 depicts an example of a Rae card. This is in contrast to a widespread practice observed nowadays where a myriad of cards are obtained by computational methods, as a simple geometric representation of known rates. Moreover, unqualified individuals seem to utilise such representations as normal ink printouts on standard paper. This appears to violate all the original Rae's recommendations and to counter the very nature of the simulation method developed by him. The best case scenario is that these new reprints can be regarded as yet another way to express conventional radionic rates in a graphic representation.

Malcolm Rae (Rae, 1977) was particularly enthusiastic about his method of potency simulation on account of several well-recognised advantages during practical implementation. Some of these are: the consistent and

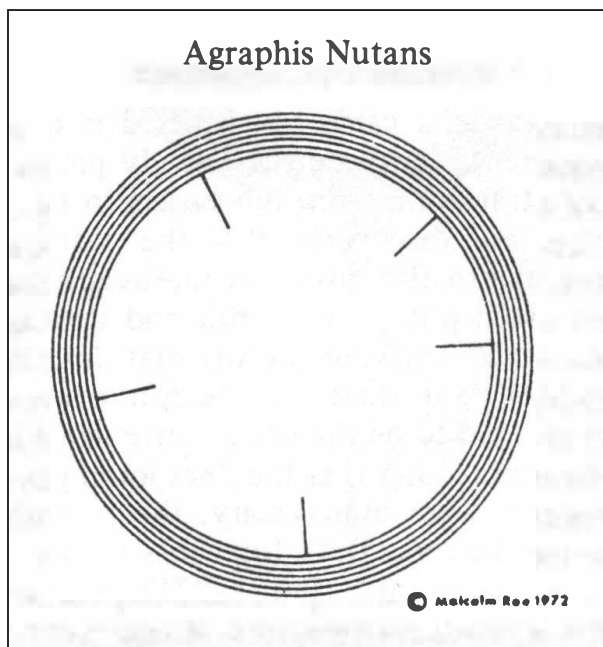


Figure 2. Example of a Malcolm Rae Card for remedy simulation and broadcasting.

[Taken from: Dimensions in Radionics, see references]

rapid preparation of remedies, minimisation of mother tincture stocks, enhanced availability without logistic difficulties, reduced cost thus making remedies accessible to those in need. Moreover, potency simulation allows for the preparation of combination and multi-potency remedies in a single step. The mentioned advantages have helped spread Rae's proposition to countries like India and South Africa.

For a discussion on the nature of homeopathic remedies and their putative mode of action, the reader is referred to the literature (Milgrom, 2002; Milgrom, 2005; Milgrom, 2007).

## Other Contributions to Classical Radionics

### *Bruce Copen and the New Homoeopathy*

Bruce Copen (Copen, 1980; Copen, 1992) revitalised the connection between radionics and homeopathy by introducing the concept of “The New Homoeopathy”. He introduced an instrument called “The Electronic Vibro-Potentiser” which is based on rates<sup>29</sup>. With this system Copen attempted a simplified (electronic) form of homeopathic care and simultaneously extended the repertoire of remedies beyond the *Materia Medica* into other possibilities e.g., biochemic salts, flower essences, herbal extracts, colour remedies and an almost unlimited variety of vibrational therapies. This has resulted in an explosion of possibilities to an extent that can be confusing for the untrained or the novice.

In order to manage the complexity generated by thousands of possible vibrational remedies, Bruce Copen Laboratories introduced the Electronic Encoded Card System (EECS) in 1987 and later on a computerized software (CARE C11 Software®). Other automated and/or digitalised radionic systems are known in the market. More recently, there are also open-source projects in an effort to develop a robust platform for digital radionics. Whether radionics is actually amenable to full digitalization remains an open question.

### *A.T. Mann and the Astro-Radionics Approach*

Alden Taylor Mann IV (born 1943) is a Cornell-educated Architect who developed into an astrologer, author, and educator. A. T. Mann lived in England from 1973-1991 where he had the chance to become familiar with radionics and particularly with the work of David Tansley – many of whose book’s covers were designed by Mann. Moreover, during a conference organised by Radionic Association in 1987 the idea of contrasting a ray chart *à la* Tansley and an astrological chart was introduced<sup>30</sup>.

Mann suggested that the horoscope diagram, which can be regarded as a cosmic signature and energy pattern of the individual, can actually function as a radionic witness. Moreover, the author observed that renaissance doctors such as Paracelsus used astrological talismans to treat illness – a symbolic intervention. Therefore, the Astro-radionics approach can be considered to

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29 <http://brucecopen.uk/index.html>

30 The proceedings of the conference were published in the *Radionic Quarterly* (March 1988 issue).

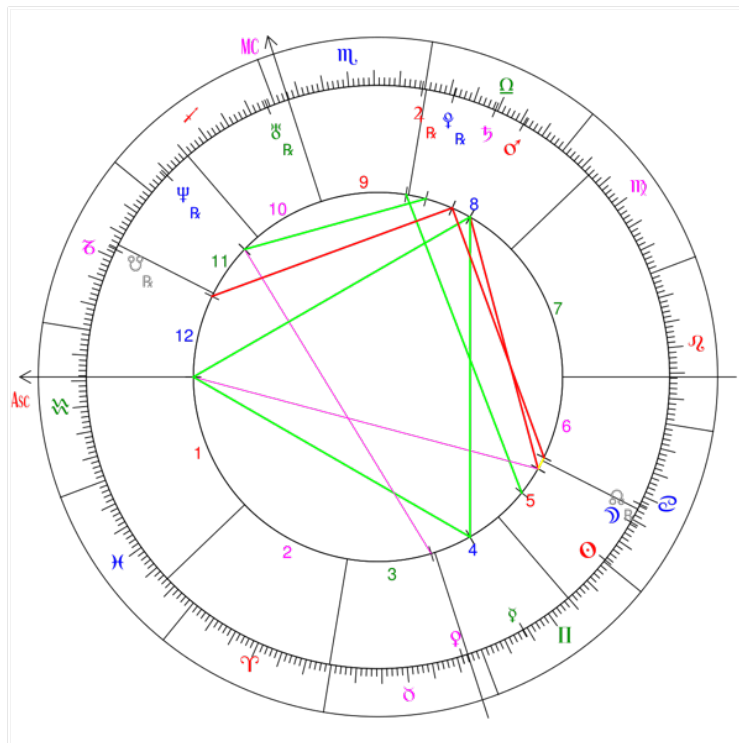


Figure 3. Example of a Natal Chart.

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have both analytical and broadcasting potential (Mann, 2004).

In 1988, A.T. Mann published his book *Astrology and the Art of Healing* where a chapter on Astro-Radionics was included. According to the author, in his present day view of affairs:

“The natal chart shows when critical health problems originate. It also provides clues to their re-balancing. When used with LifeTime Astrology the influences from conception and gestation may be discovered and worked with.” [...] “enables the astrologer to recommend therapies for work on deep seated life issues and their resultant problems” [...] “which correlates healing mechanisms with stages of the life process.”

Another interesting observation brought forward by Mann is the fact that (radial) Rae cards, which encode for the energetic pattern of homeopathic remedies, can be considered as astrological horoscopes of such remedies. In this vision, Magneto-Geometric Cards (MGC), or better said the radii displayed therein, can be correlated to the zodiac angular point in an astrological chart. Thus, MGC would describe the cosmic signatures of homeopathic and vibrational remedies and colours. Following this line of thought, it would then be possible to correlate these remedies with individual

horoscopes. Moreover, a correlation between zodiac charts and locations has been described by Reinhold Ebertin<sup>31</sup> in his book *Anatomische Entsprechungen der Tierkreisgrade* (Ebertin, 1989). Employing this kind of information, it would be possible to observe compromised (or susceptible) locations from the horoscope of the individual and to assess possible astrological causes and simultaneously to identify an effective remedy for the afflicted location.

Consequently, Astro-Radionics can be presented as yet another way to transmit a healing intention through broadcasting a remedy which, in this case, corresponds to the astrological pattern of the individual. An example of such pattern is depicted in Figure 3. Alternatively, A Rae card can be produced on the basis of the horoscope to represent a vibrational pattern of the constellation which is the root cause of observed symptoms or conditions.

### *Keith Mason and the Vital Blueprint*

Keith Mason developed his own radionic system for analysis and broadcasting. He is credited with the development of Base 64 biophoton instrument (Mason, 1992).

When analysing the subtle anatomy, Mason initially employed dowsing to assess the energetic state of the nine major chakras (7 plus Spleen plus Alta Major) each taken for the three subtle bodies (Etheric, Astral and Mental). This manner of conducting an analysis contrasted with the subtle anatomy model introduced earlier by Tansley, who considered that the upper centres (i.e. above the diaphragm) would be merged in the mental plane. Also departing from Tansley's conceptualisation was the approach taken by Bruce Copen who performed radionic analysis (and eventually broadcasting) at six levels – the etheric, the aural, and four additional undefined “spiritual” levels. The latter ideas may have a partial overlap with Malcolm Rae's analysis fan chart – that indicate six subtle energetic levels: Etheric, Astral, Mental, Buddhic, Atmic and Monad. Current practice, however, favours taking readings at the first three levels since it is generally believed that the superior planes of existence are outside the reach of the practitioner.

Later on, Mason made an effort to integrate metaphysical schools of thought, particularly the Jewish Qabalah, the I Ching and Chinese medical traditions, with our modern understanding of cellular biology and quantum physics. This resulted in what he proposed as a unified model, called “the Blueprint of Life”. Mason also recognised a “mind element” and a “dimension of purpose” as important forces in the development of the individual. He

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31 English version: *Astrological Healing: The History and Practice of Astro-medicine*.

completed the picture by establishing a relationship between biochemic salts and astrological considerations – which becomes relevant within the period of gestation to birth.

In a very deterministic fashion, that probably deserves revision<sup>32</sup>, Mason states that:

“As the foetus grows and develops towards its first breath, so the total individual blueprint for life is formed. At the chosen moment when the first breath is taken a profound pattern is set. There can be no change, no going back. The life purpose of the individual is fixed, and his or her constitution, biochemic strengths and weaknesses, and tangible thought forms and attitudes are all known factors.”

On the basis of the above, the mentioned author proposed the calculation of a so-called “blueprint formula”. This is derived in the form of a ten-digit numerological synthesis of various facts relevant to the client e.g. date and place of birth, zodiac elements, consideration on the family of the newborn as well as his/her given name. The blueprint formula numerical code is then translated with help of the so-called “64 dimensions of causation” chart. The chart includes ten energy centres (Daath<sup>33</sup> is added to the nine chakras known in former approaches) and twenty-two meridians; additionally, it takes polarity into consideration (plus/minus).

Mason utilised instruments operating on the 64 dimensions framework outlined above. For broadcasting and remedy synthesis, he made use of perforated cards through which light photons were fired into a hair witness (broadcasting mode) or into an inert carrier (remedy synthesis). The said cards were encoded by a numerological representation of the remedy’s vibrational pattern and by the intention of the practitioner who would be aware of the client’s causation chart.

All-in-all, Keith Mason’s work provides an extensive exploration of many sources of inspiration for radionic work. In this context, the Qabalah and other mystical Jewish traditions warrant further attention. He also contributed to the incorporation of astrological considerations into radionic analysis, a trend already initiated by Tansley and Mann. However, Mason’s attempt to integrate esotericism with current scientific knowledge feels somewhat forced in logical terms.

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32 In Mason’s view, the purpose is fixed but personality can evolve. In a way that resembles the 7 Rays approach proposed by Tansley, it is said that conflict between purpose and personality can result in a causative factor for dis-ease.

33 An “empty slot” into which the genesis of the next level of development can be placed.



## Final Remarks

Radionics is a powerful and flexible approach to healing that has evolved for over one hundred years. This healing modality has a well-deserved place among current trends observed in modern energy medicine.

Initial radionic practice resembled more a form of orthodox medical therapy, based on what it was believed to be measurable electromagnetic phenomena. This created serious misunderstandings, that ultimately discredited the discipline and resulted in legal consequences for early practitioners. The evolution of radionics over time, as well as the modern awareness of the experimental validation of mind-over-matter phenomena created a fertile soil for the further expansion of radionics as a credible proposition.

Nowadays, radionics offers a holistic approach to human suffering which is able to integrate modern medicine with many other possible ways to understand health and disease

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