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(54) **APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SENSOR RELAYS FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF INFORMATION VIA A MOVEMENT DEVICE AND OUTPUT DEVICE**

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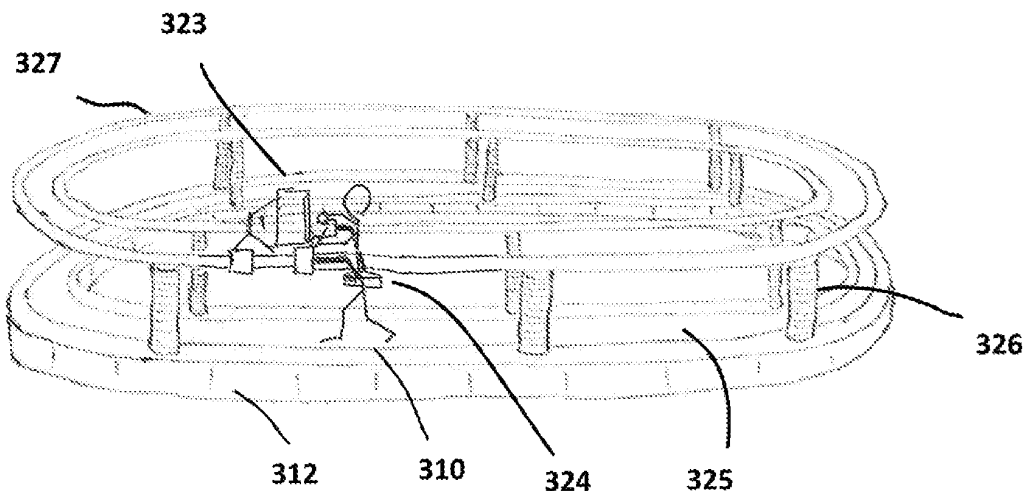
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present disclosure contains embodiments of an apparatus, system and method designed to facilitate learning or efficient multitasking involving movement while one or more user's or users' movement devices process or respond to different stimuli to facilitate users moving while learning, working, or participating in a simulation. In some embodiments this may be accomplished with the aid of a circular treadmill, spherical walkway, or combinable modular track-pads that may be linked to allow a user to lay the apparatus in a path suited for a plurality of environments. The embodiments of the disclosure involve the user moving while processing information (via: learning; creating through typing, moving, talking; or being entertained) and receiving feedback, assistance related to that movement, processing, or any combination thereof while combining the motion of the movement device with the feedback loop sent from sensor relays a user may receive an optimal experience for learning while moving.

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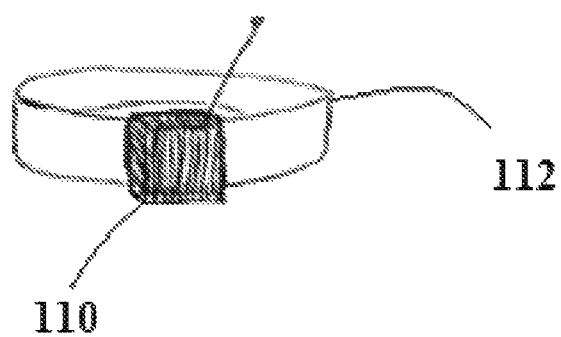


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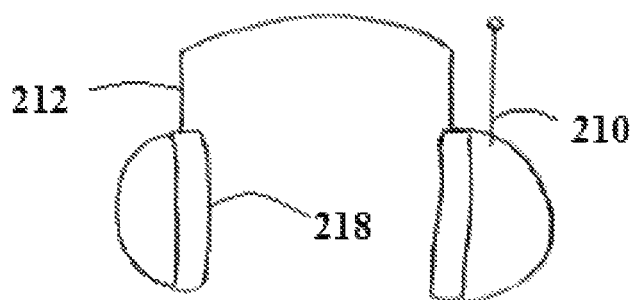


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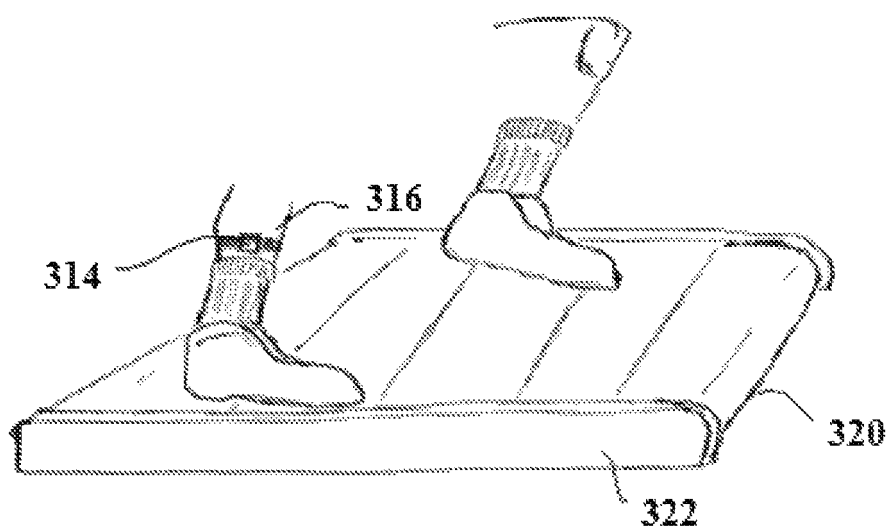


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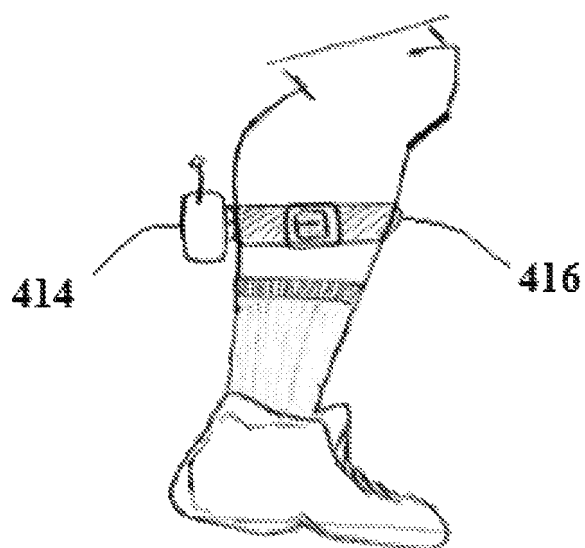


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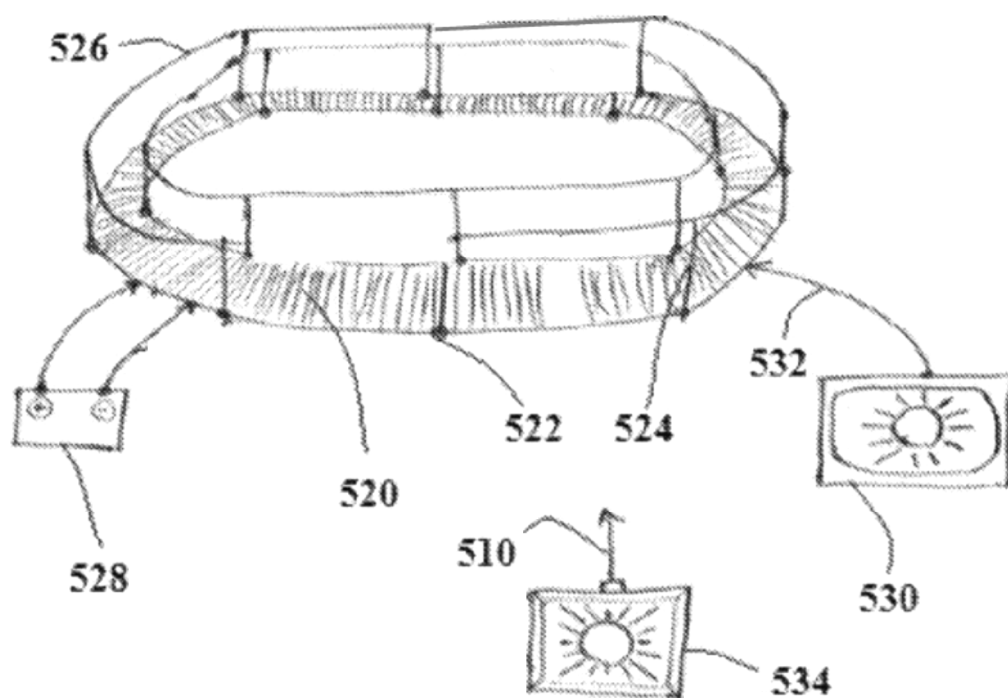


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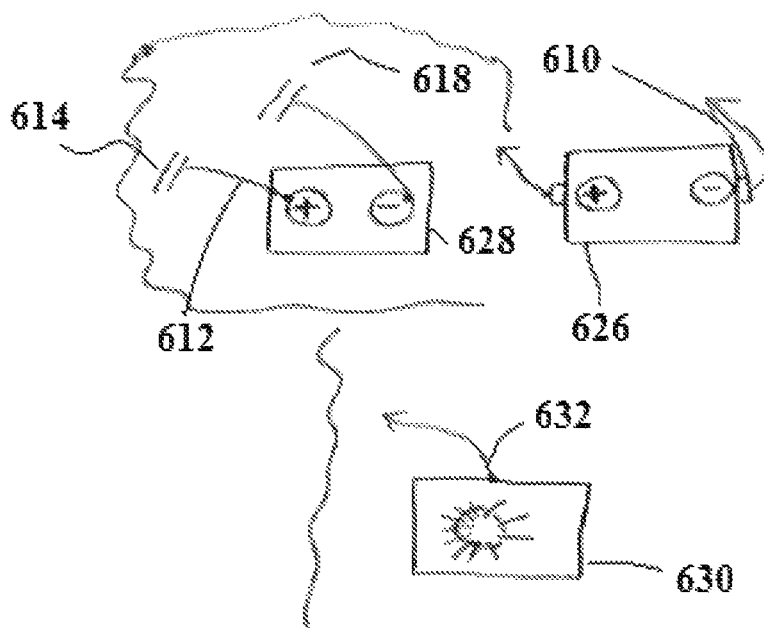


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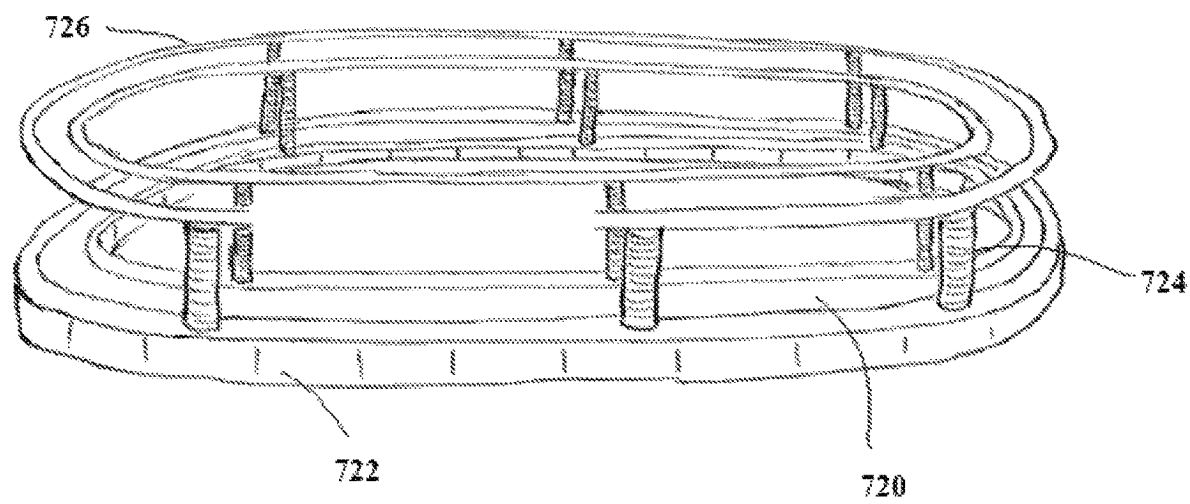


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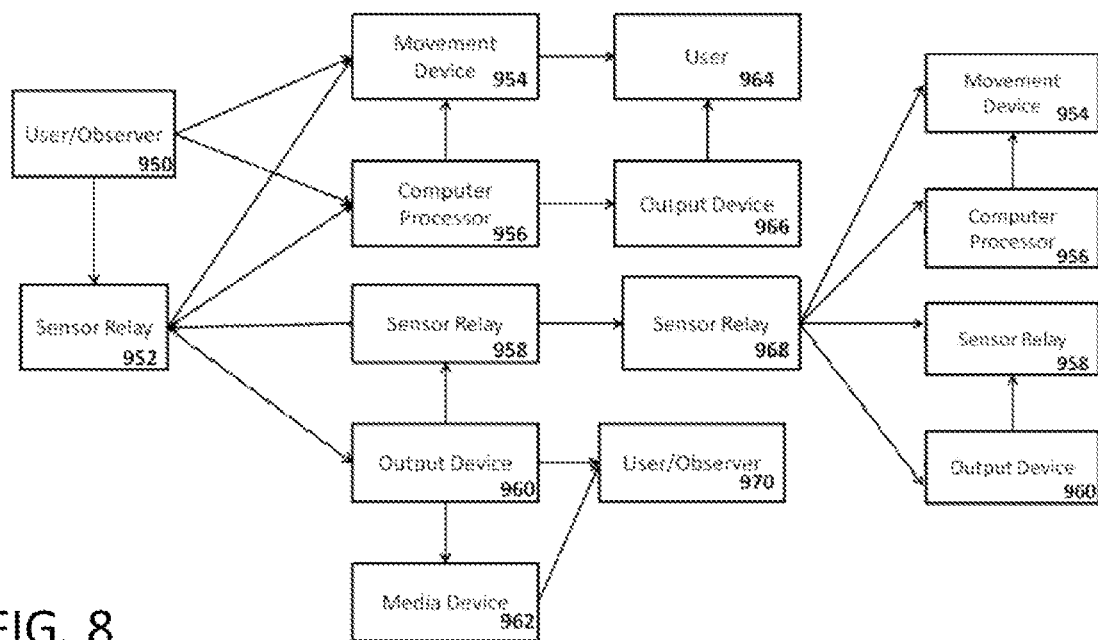


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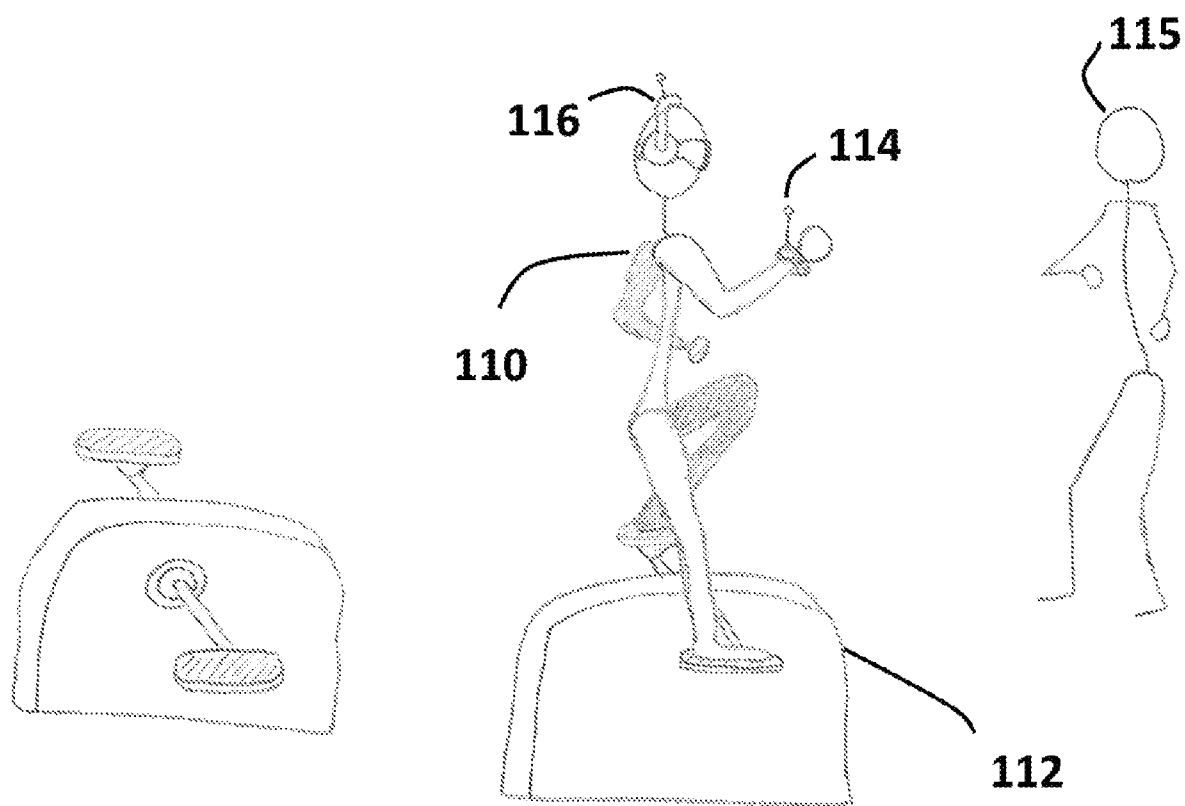


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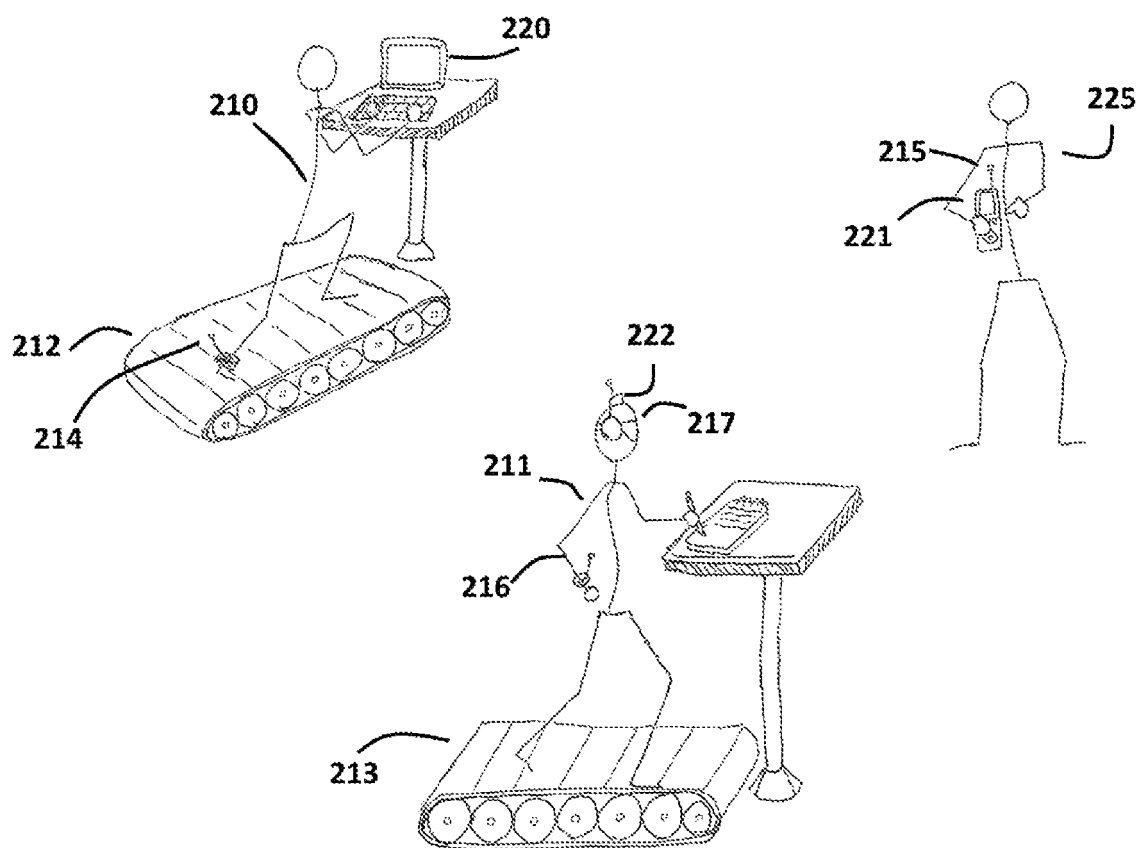


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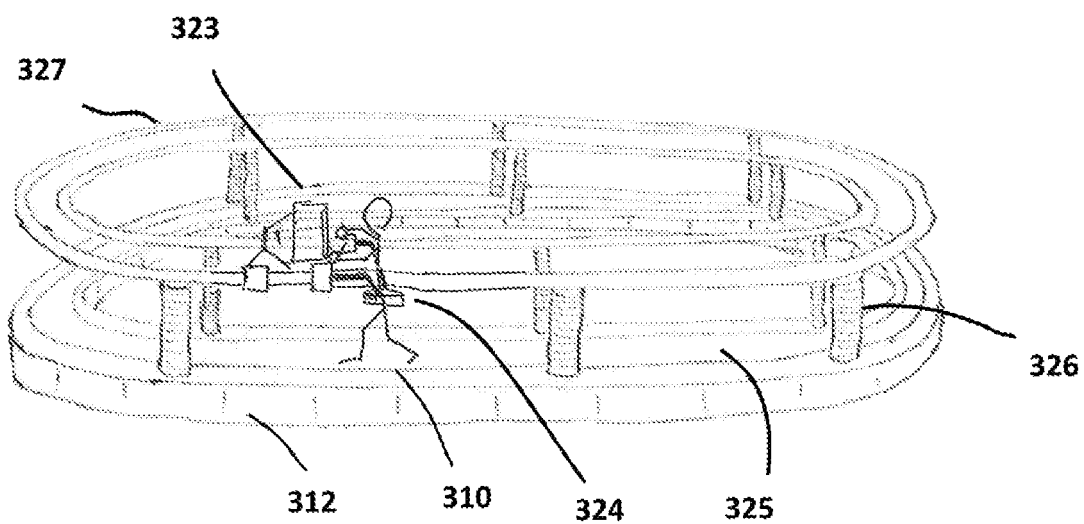


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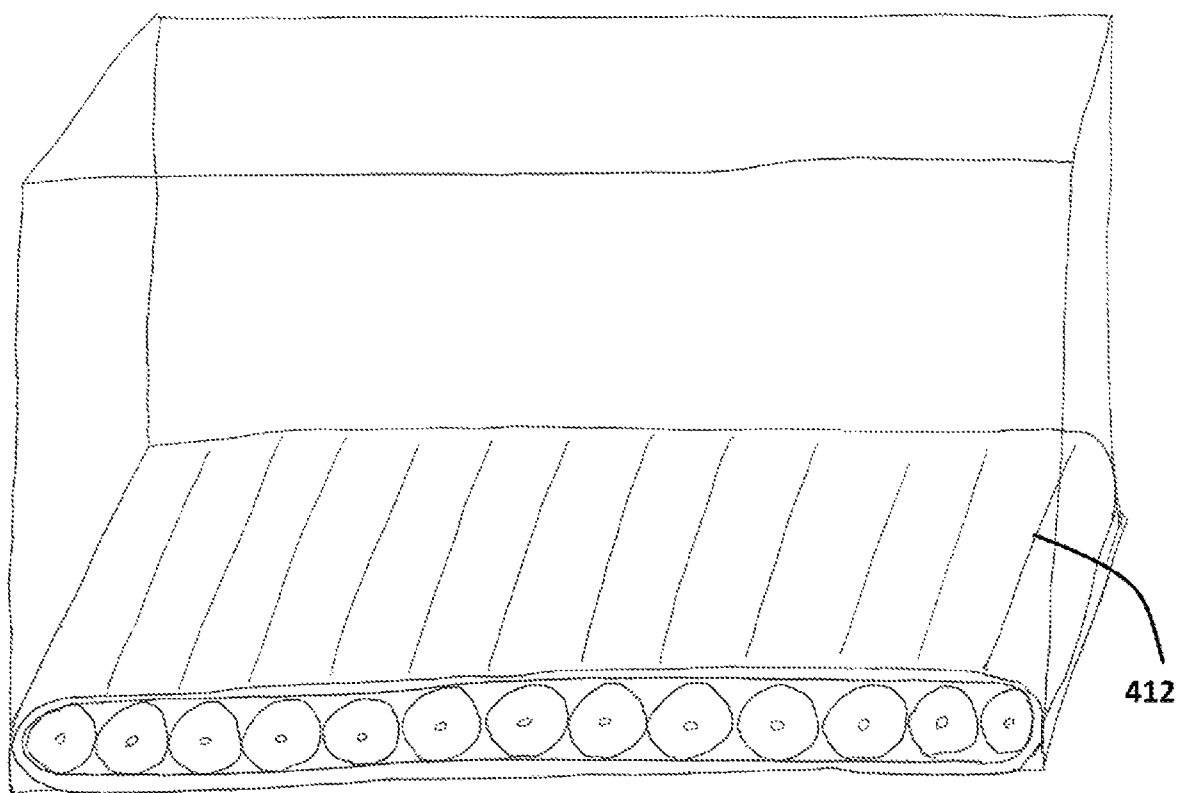


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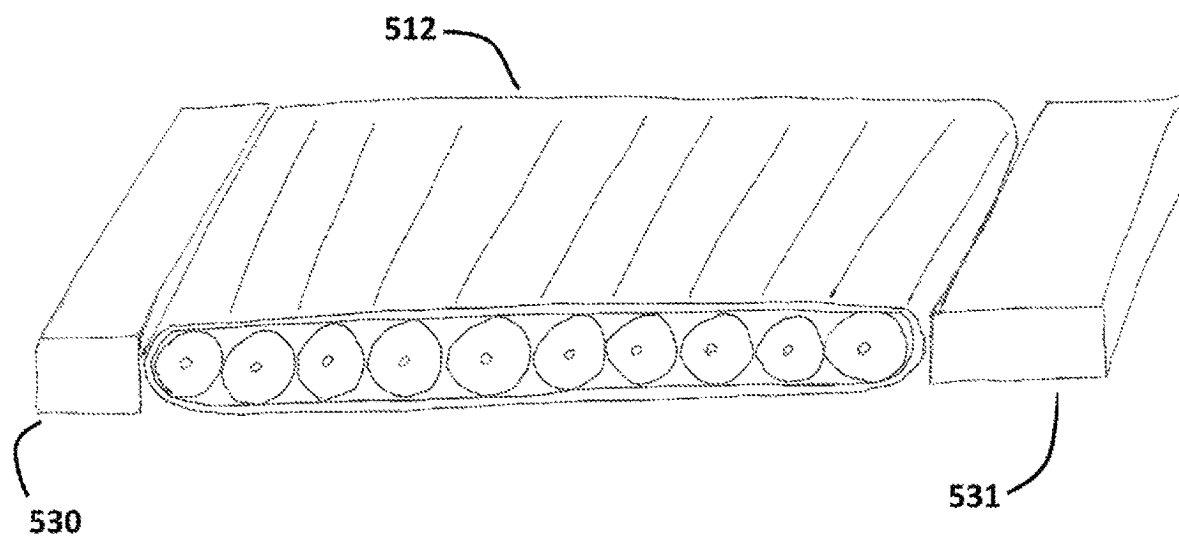


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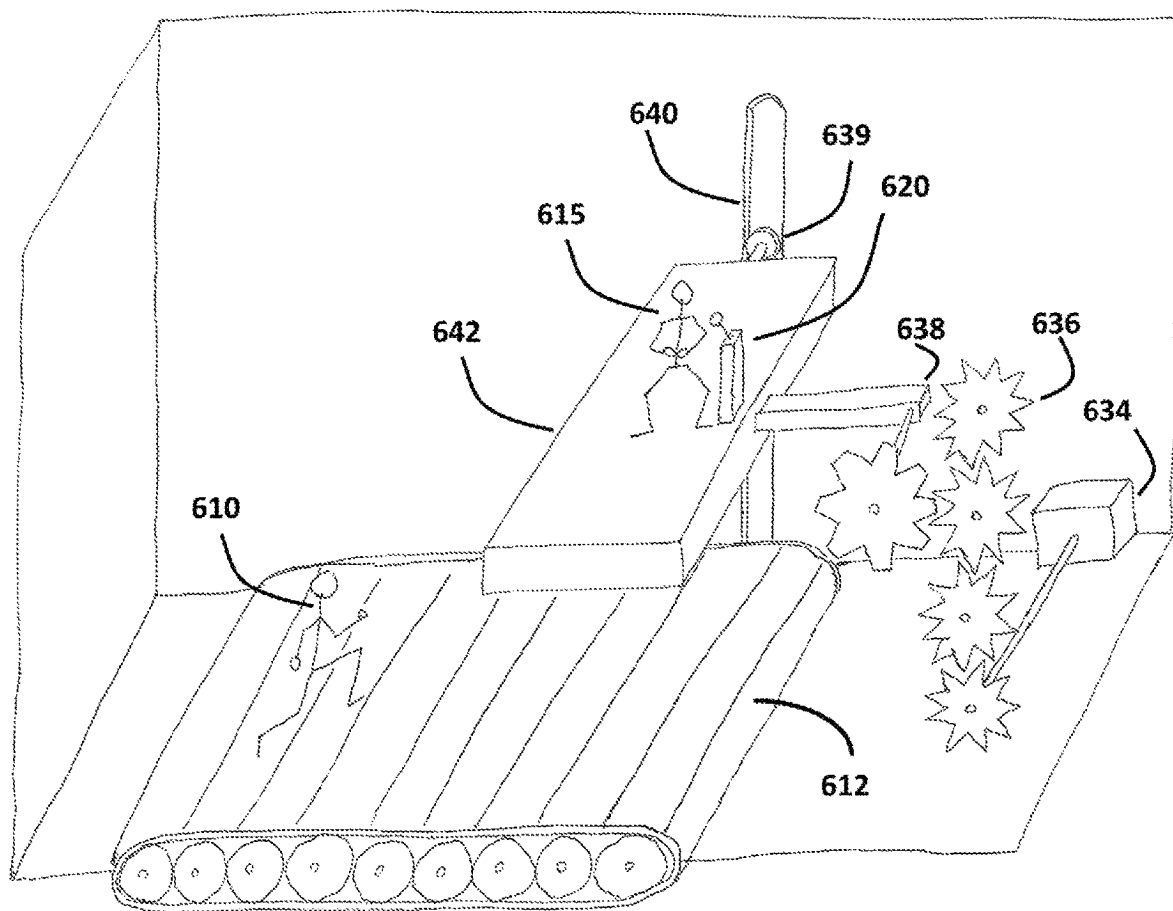


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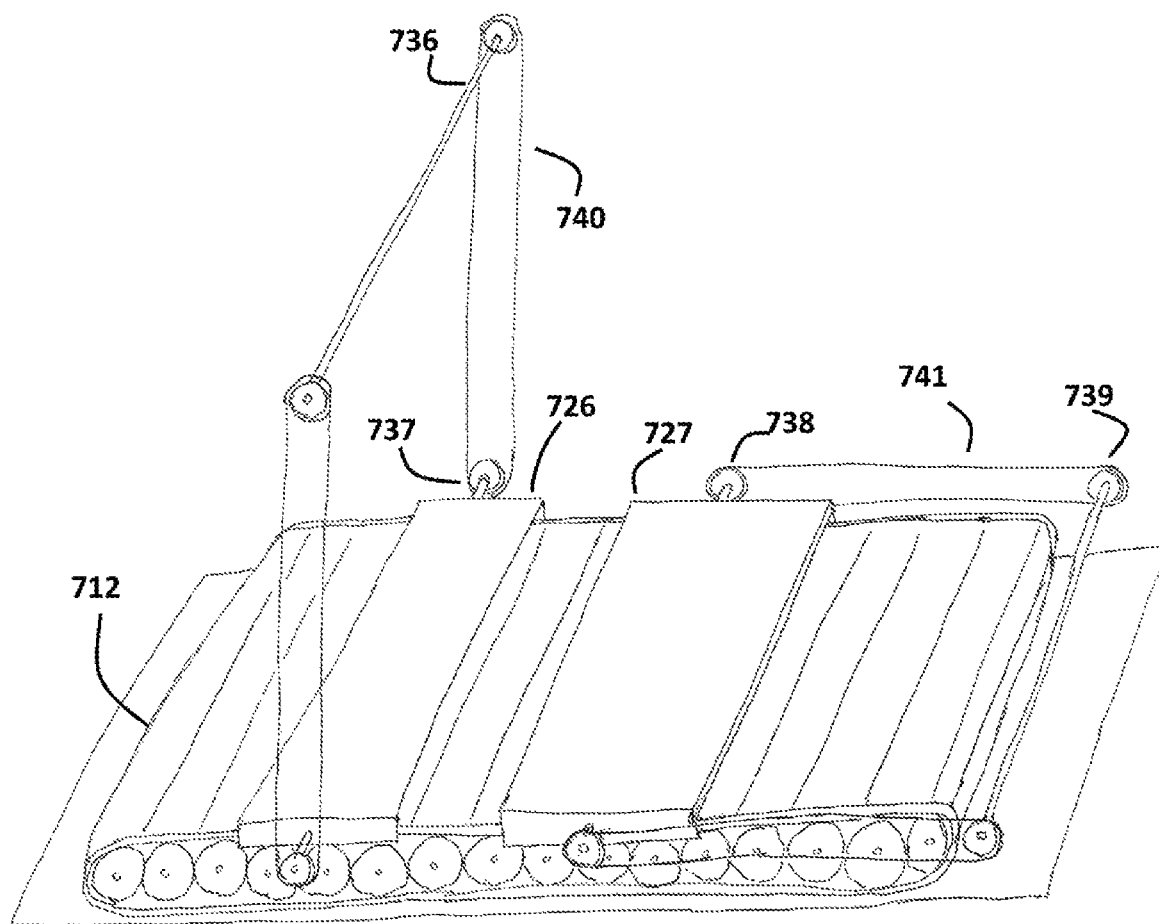


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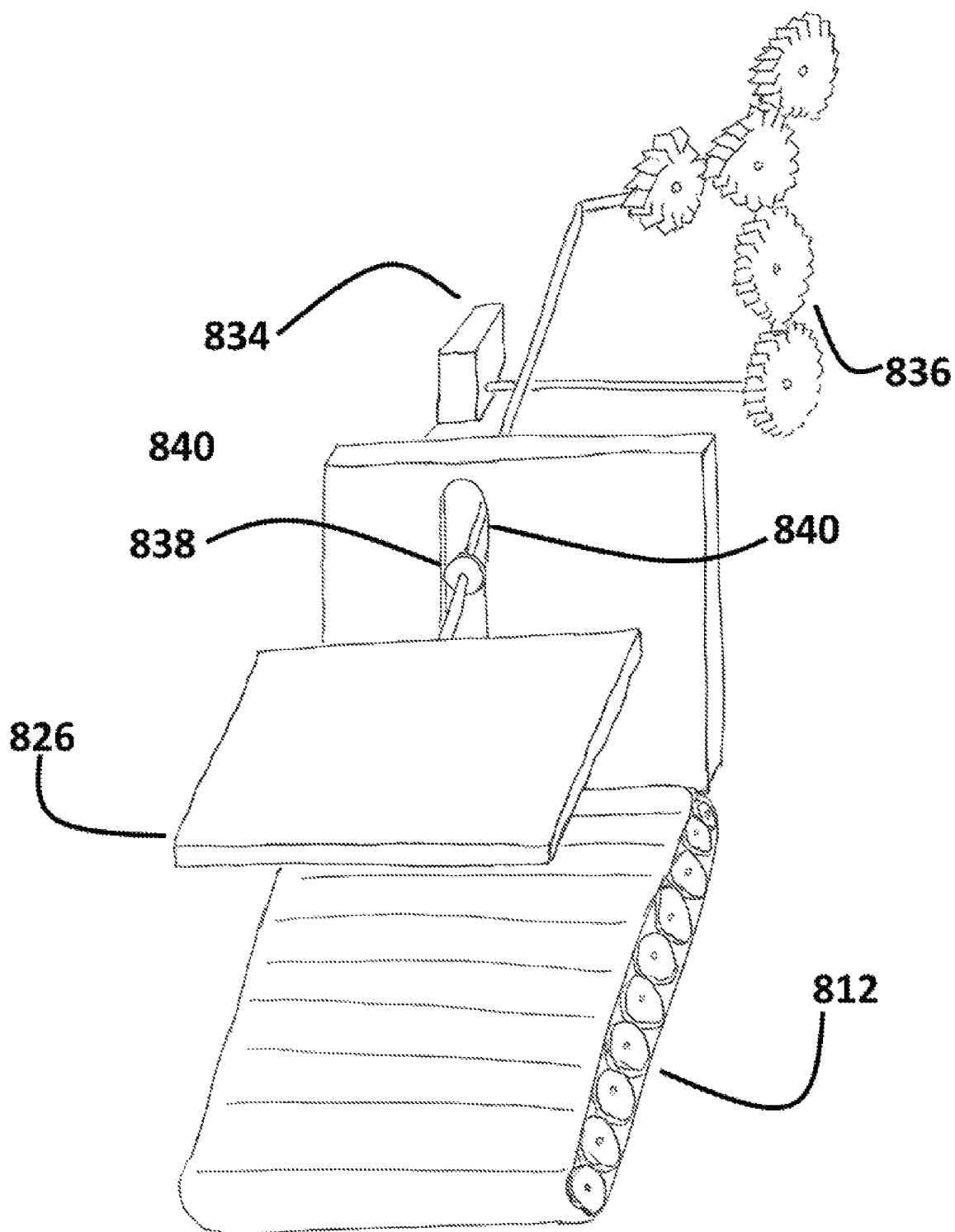


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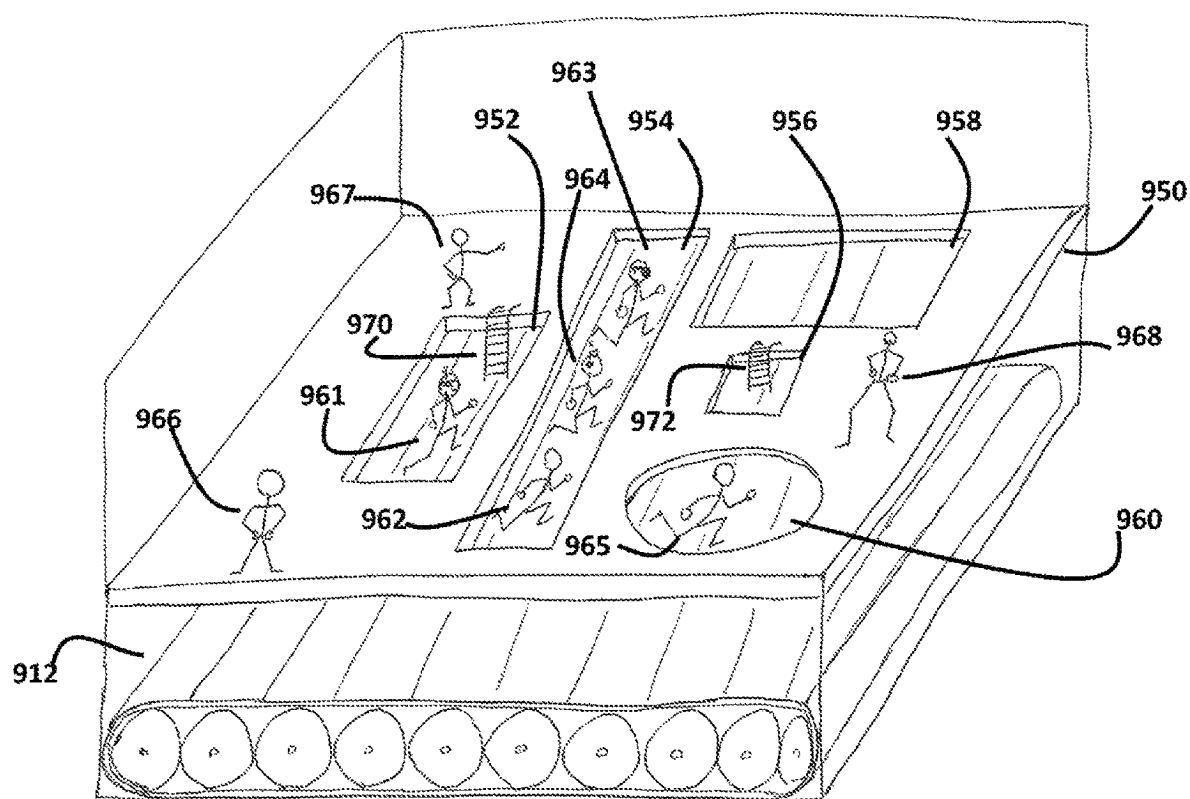


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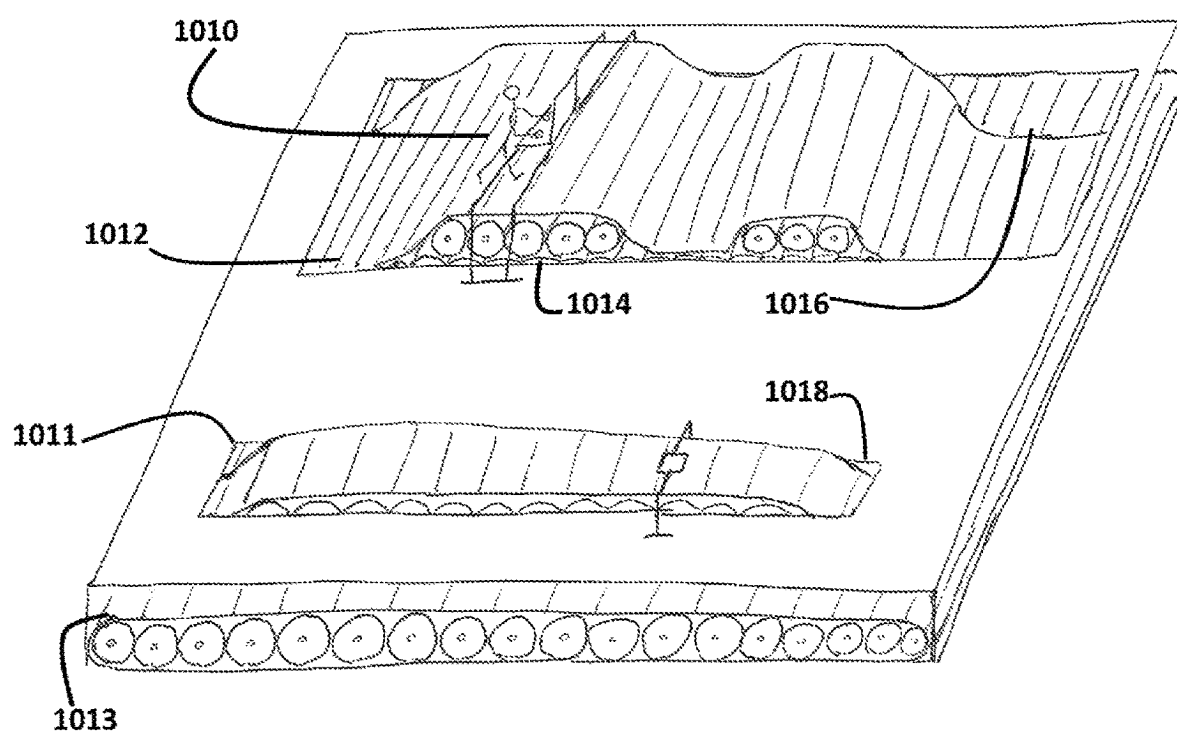


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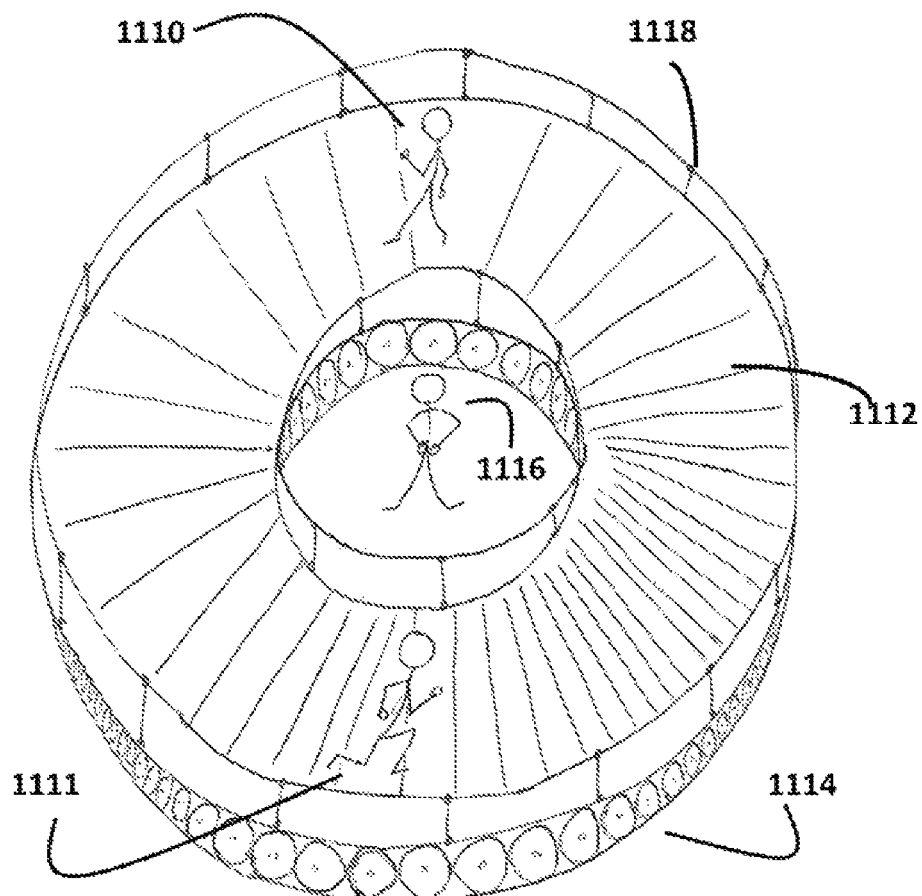


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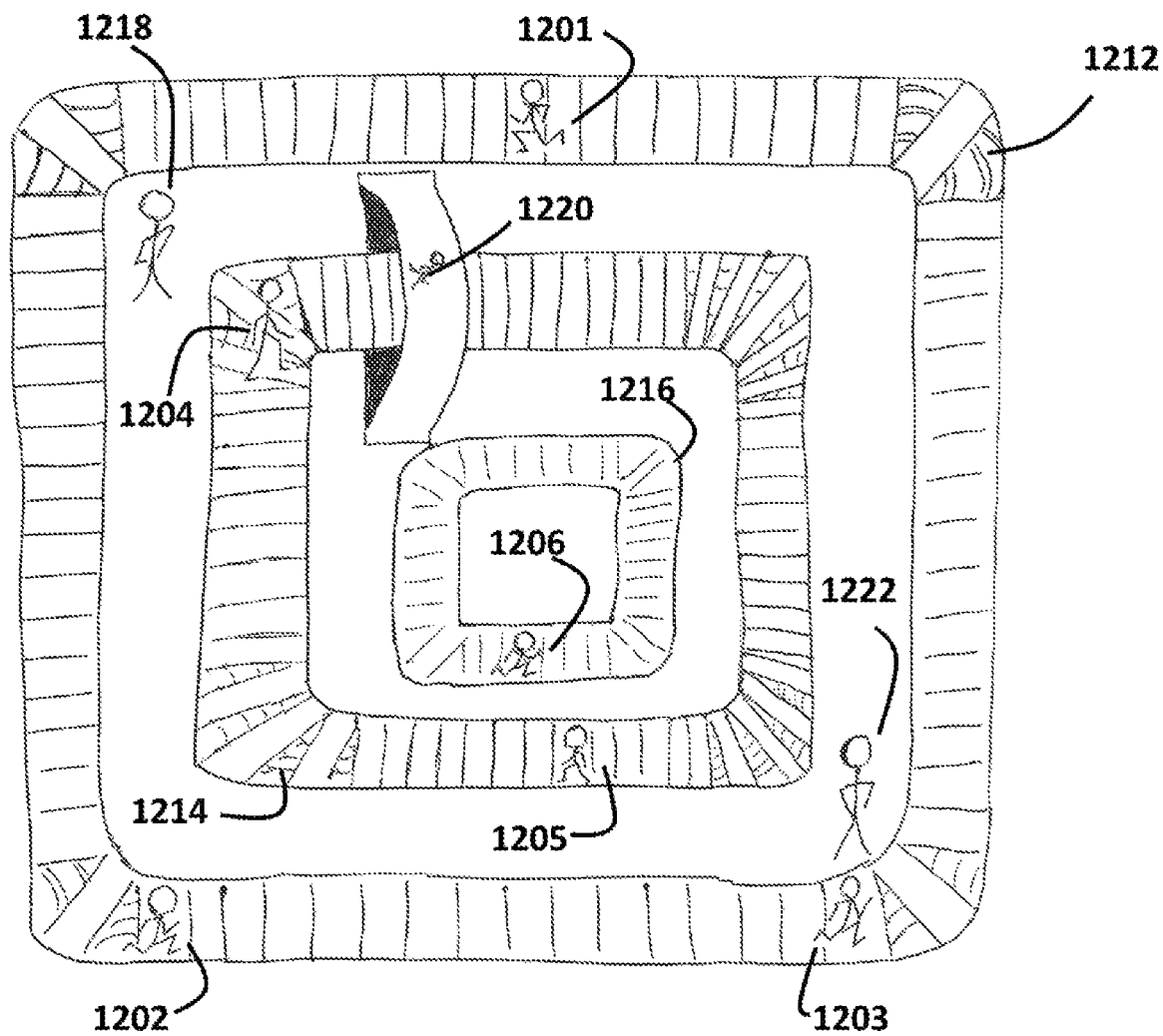


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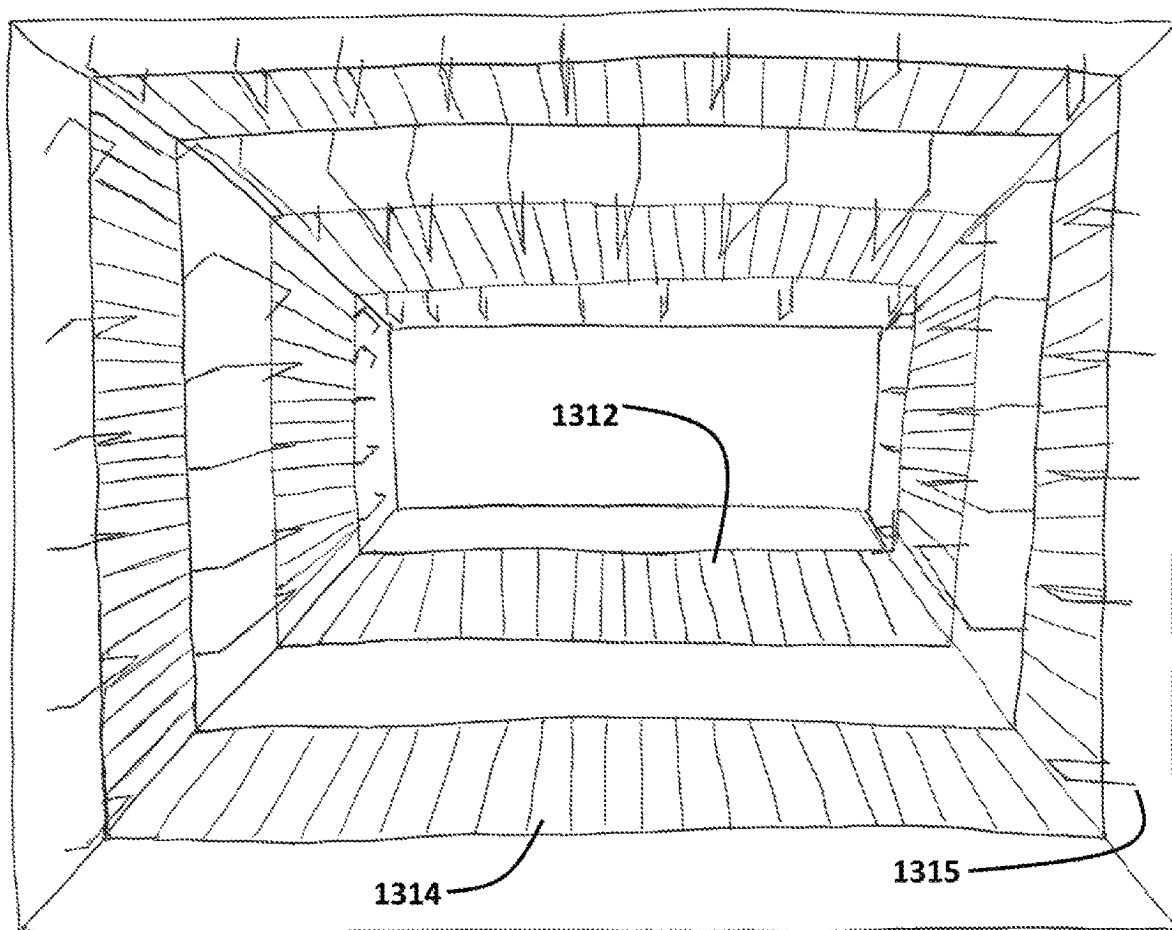


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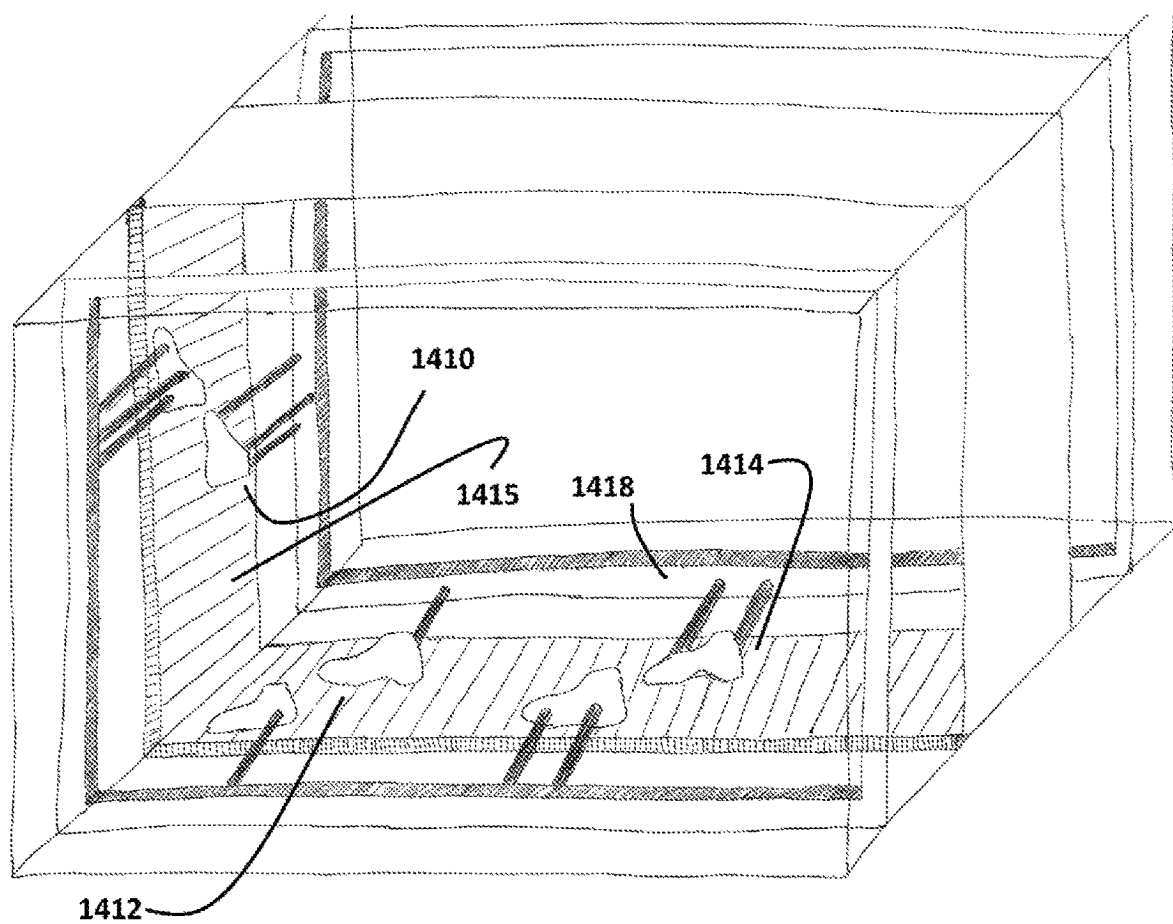


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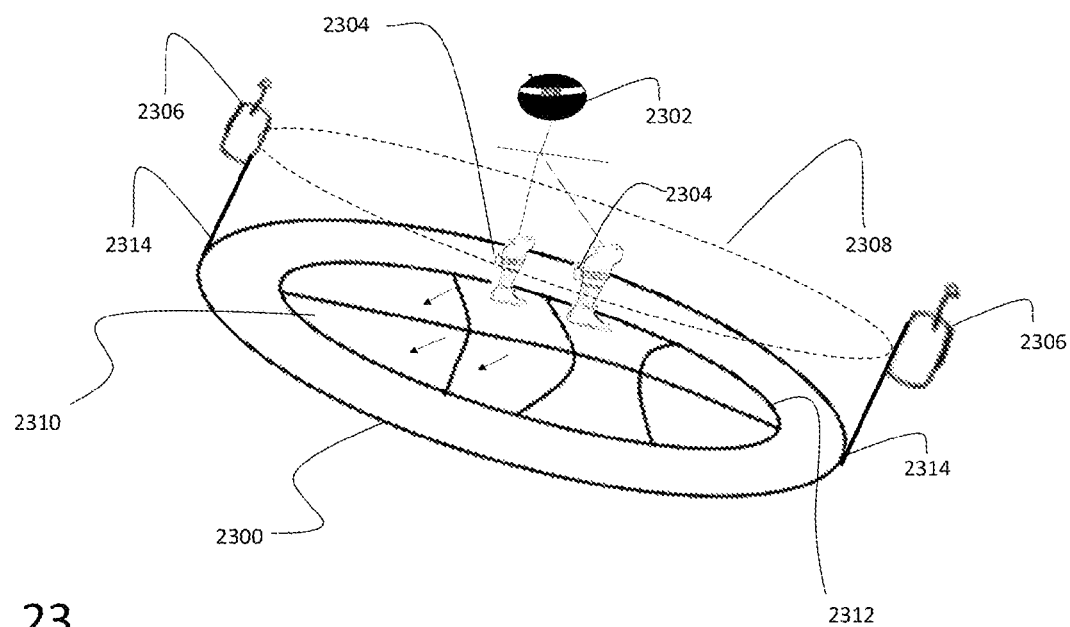


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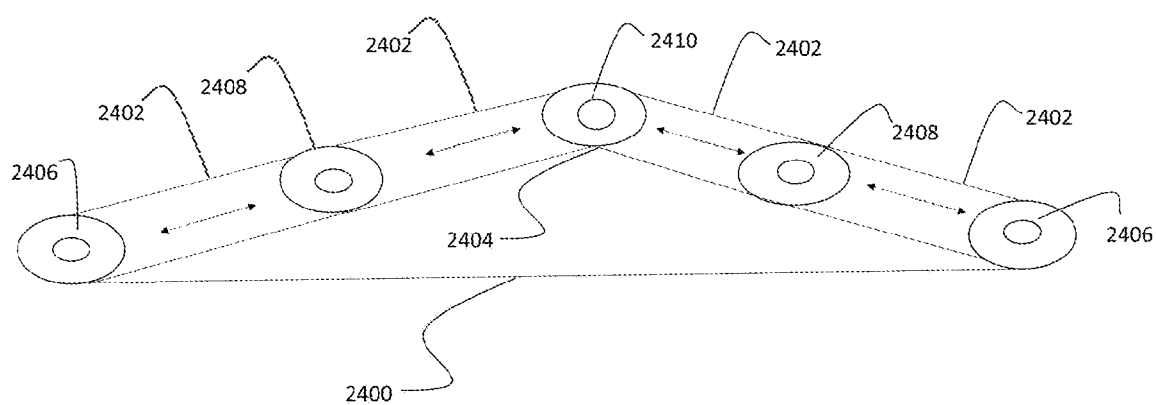


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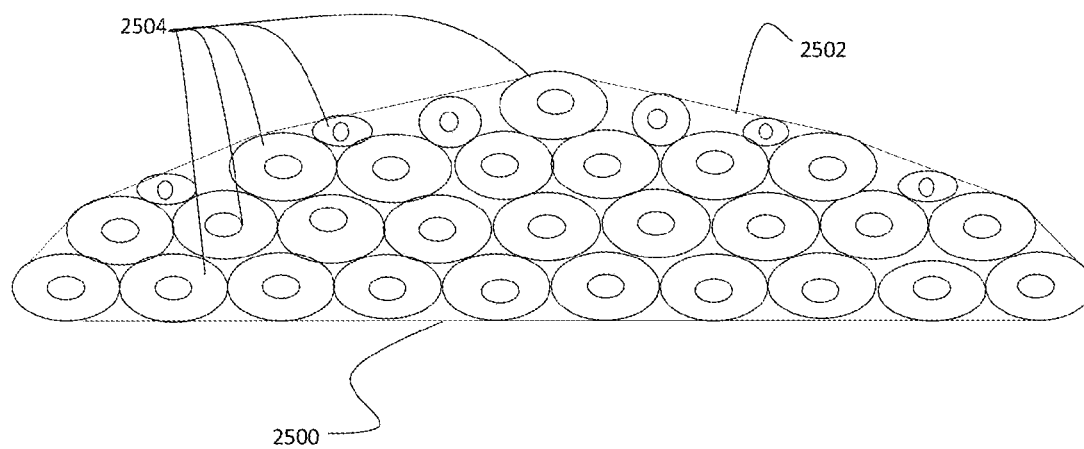


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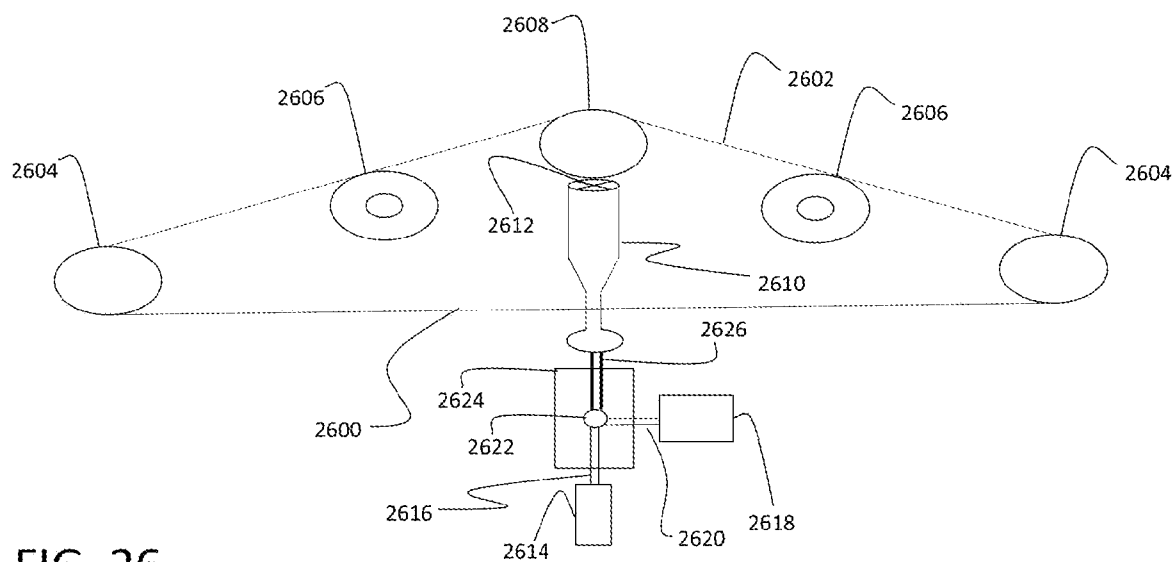


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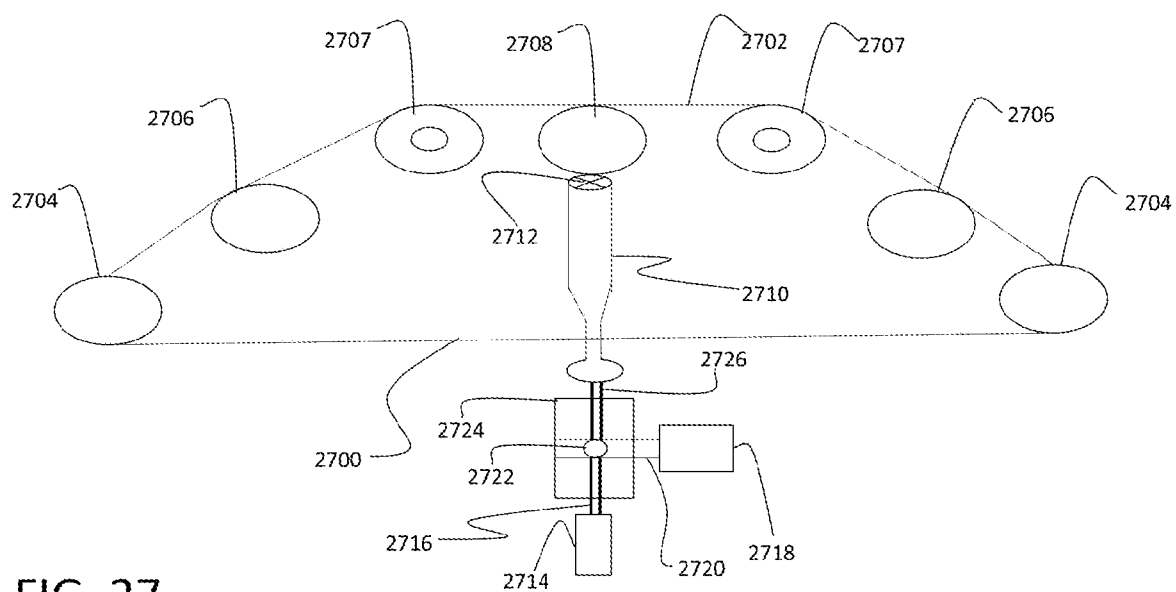


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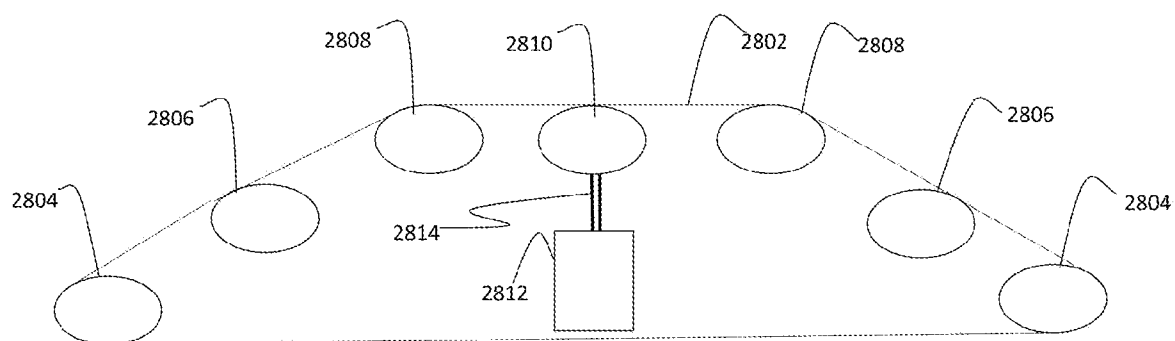


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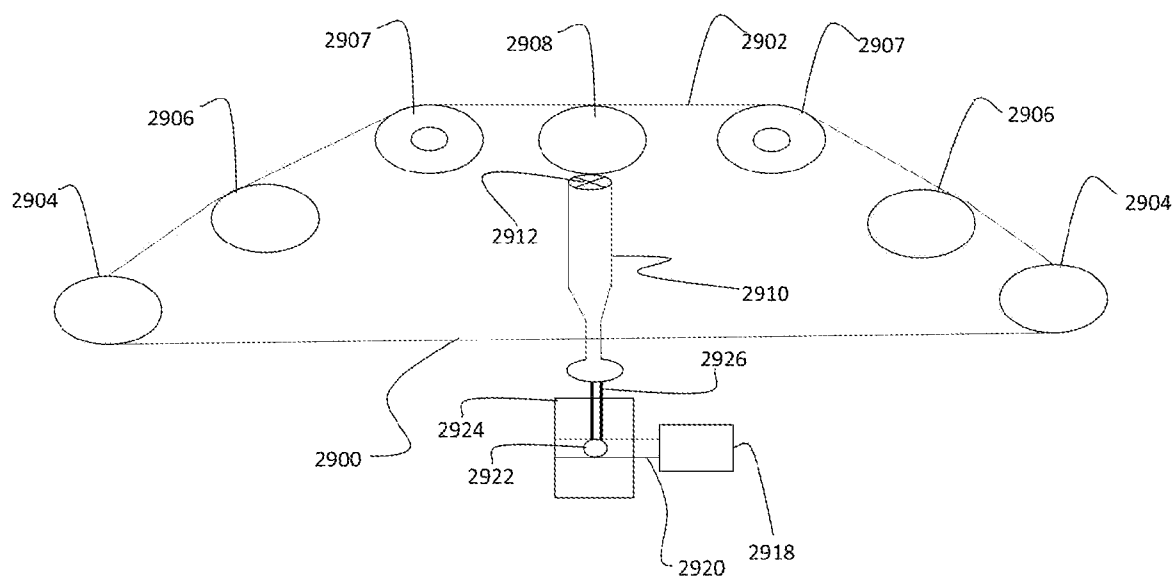


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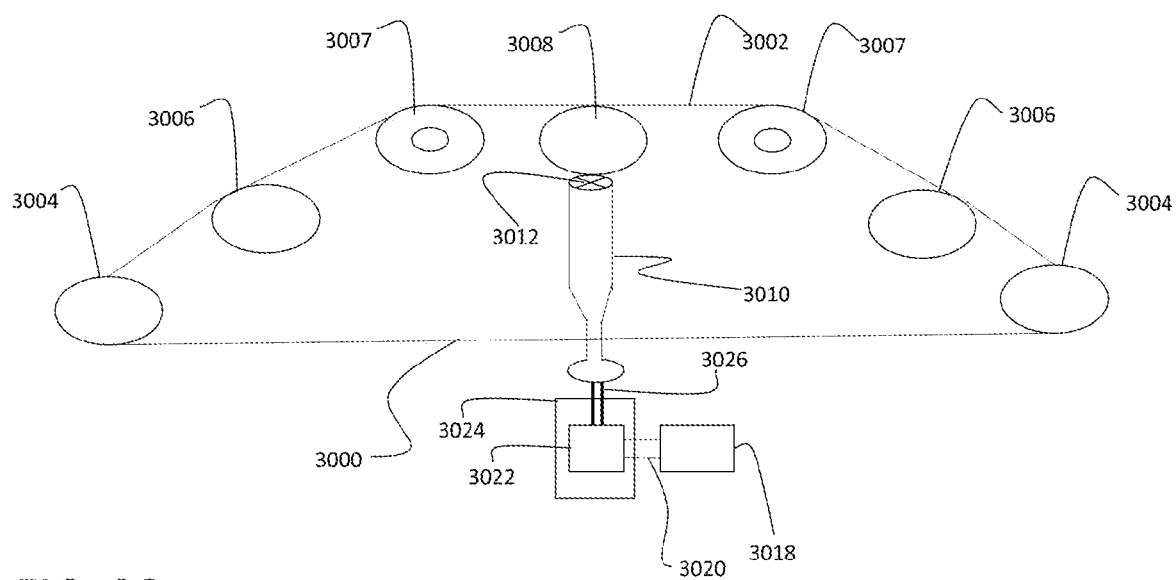


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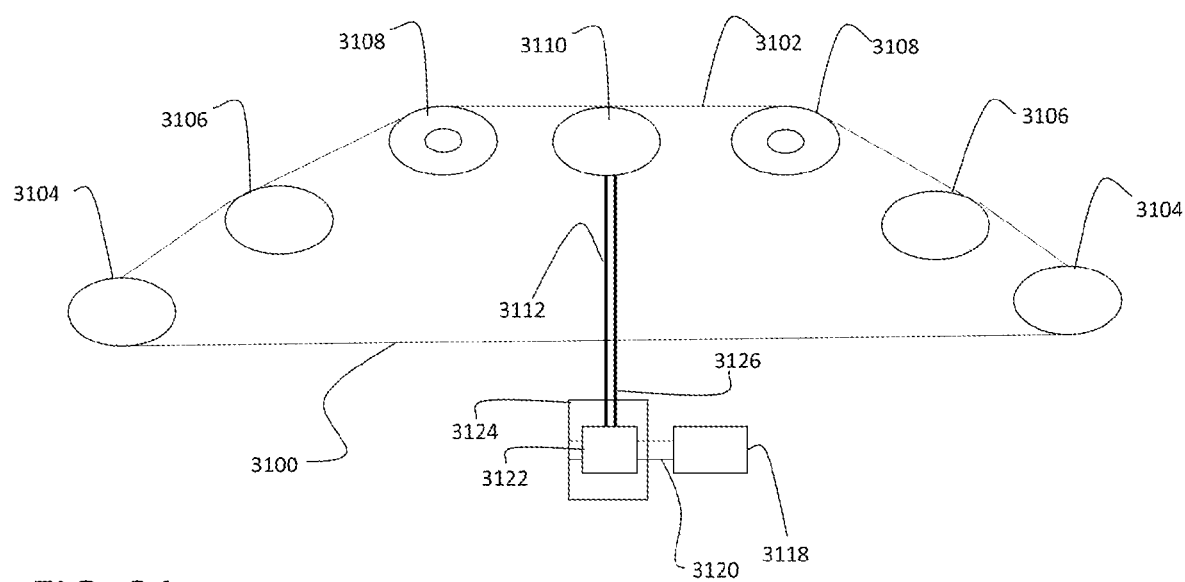


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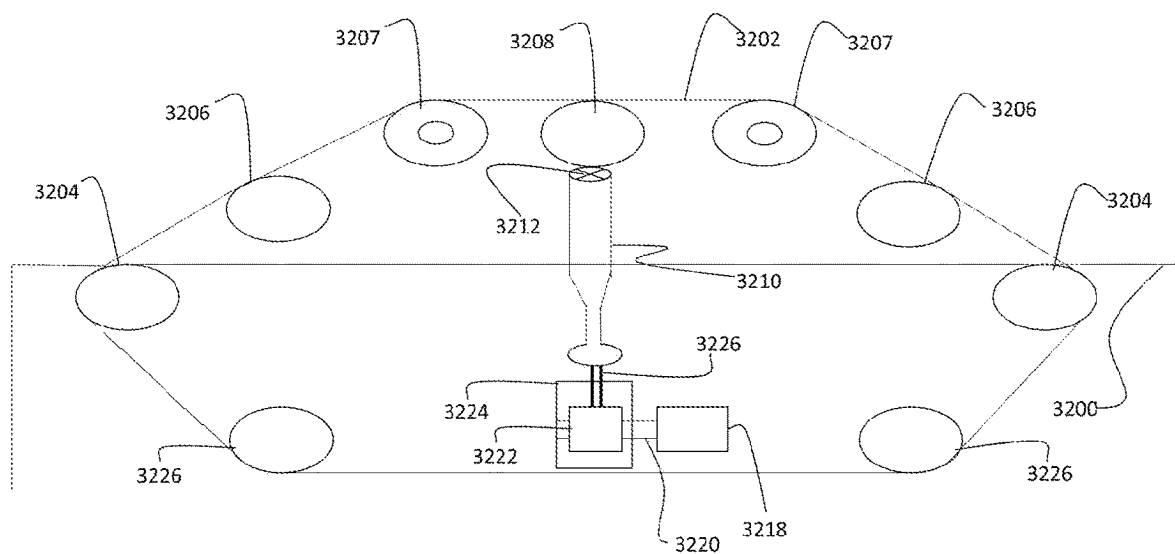


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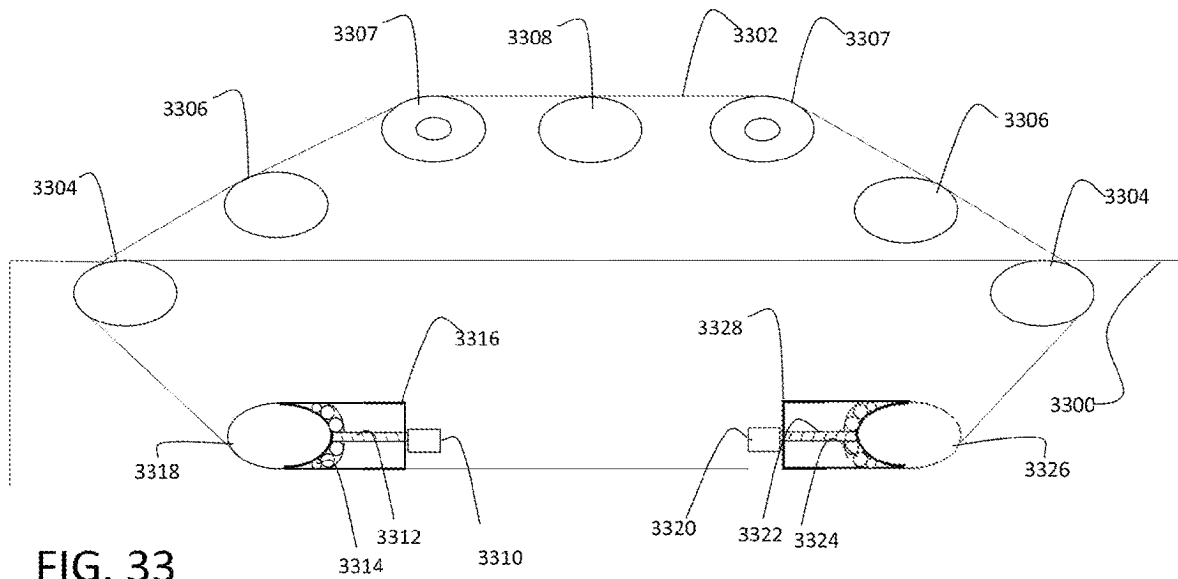
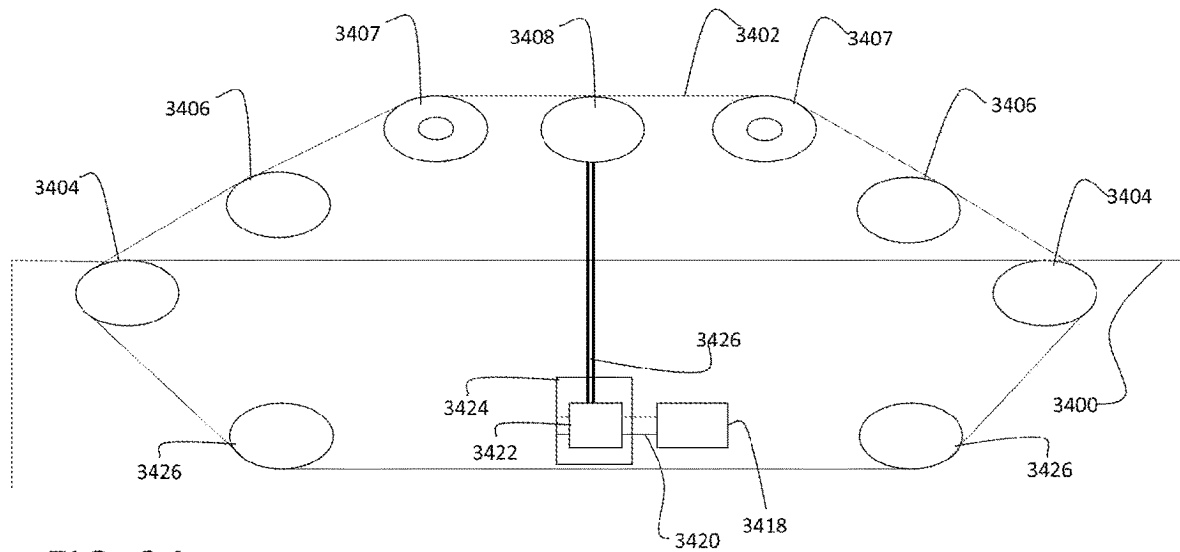


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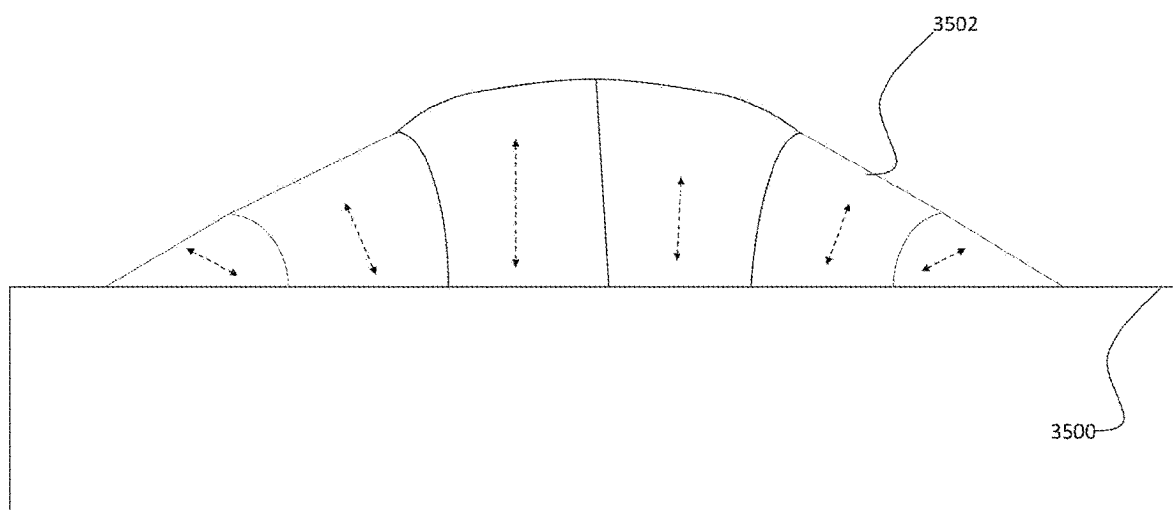


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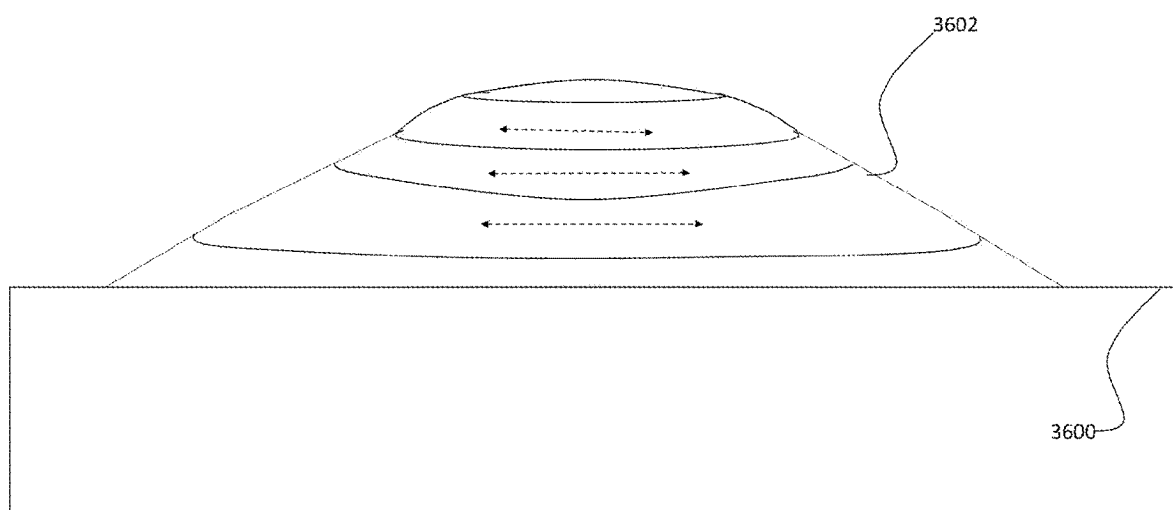
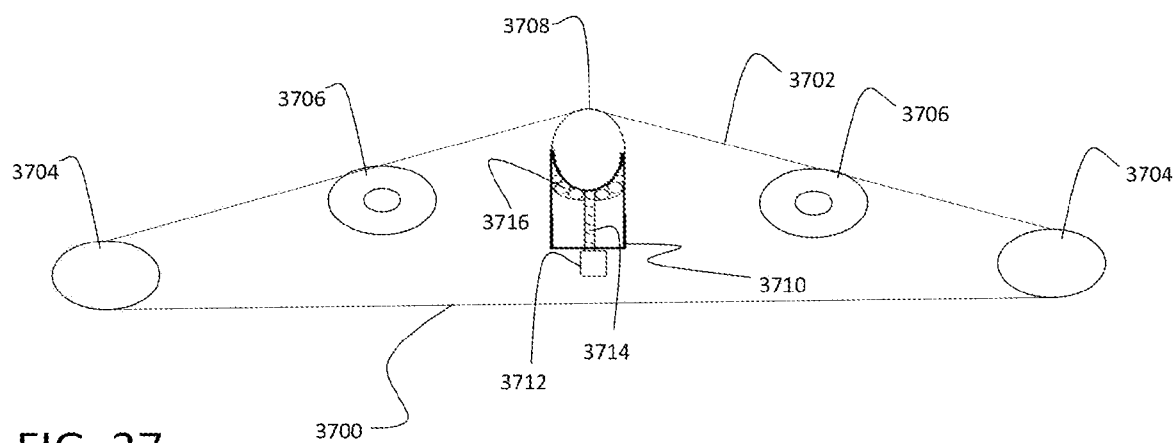


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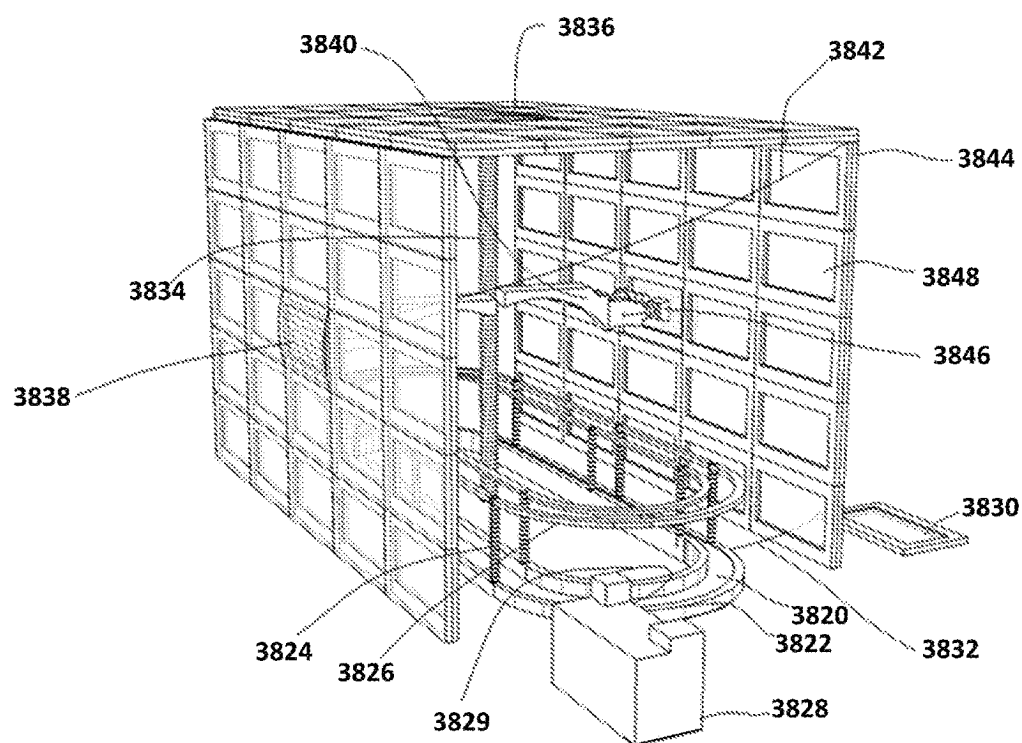
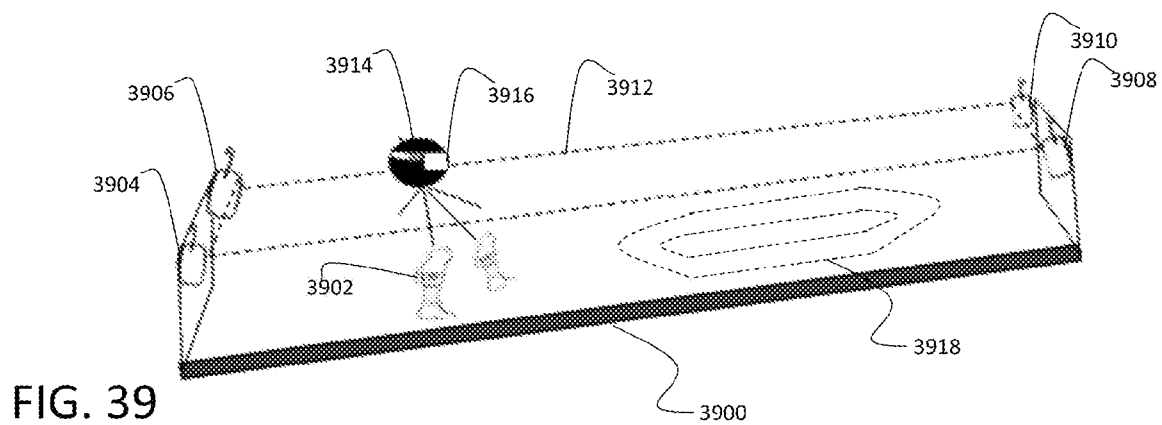


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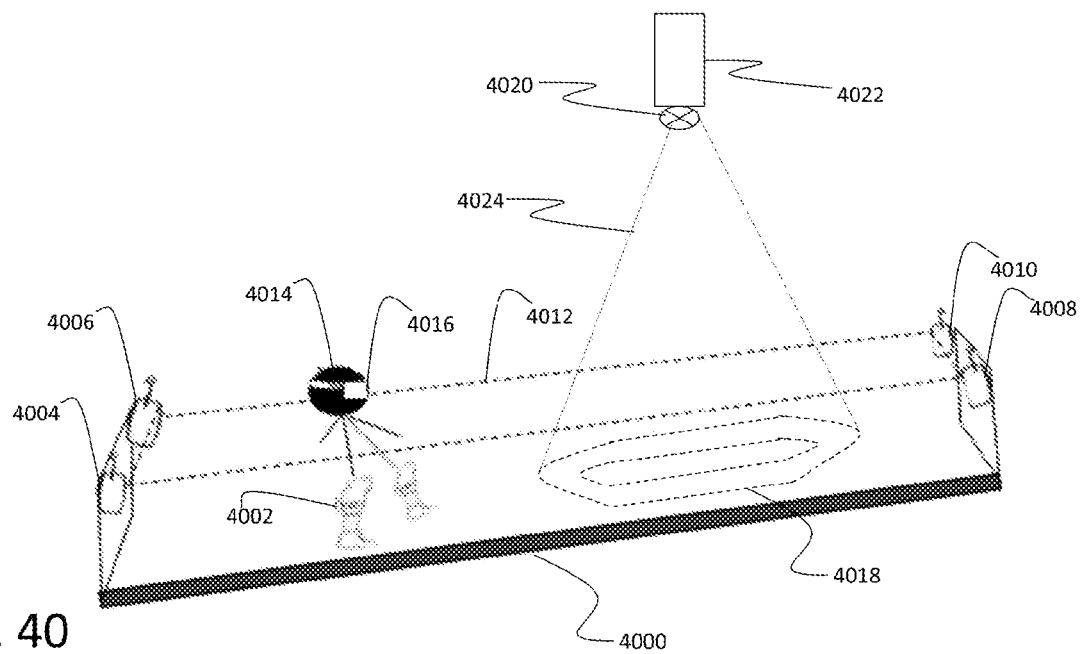


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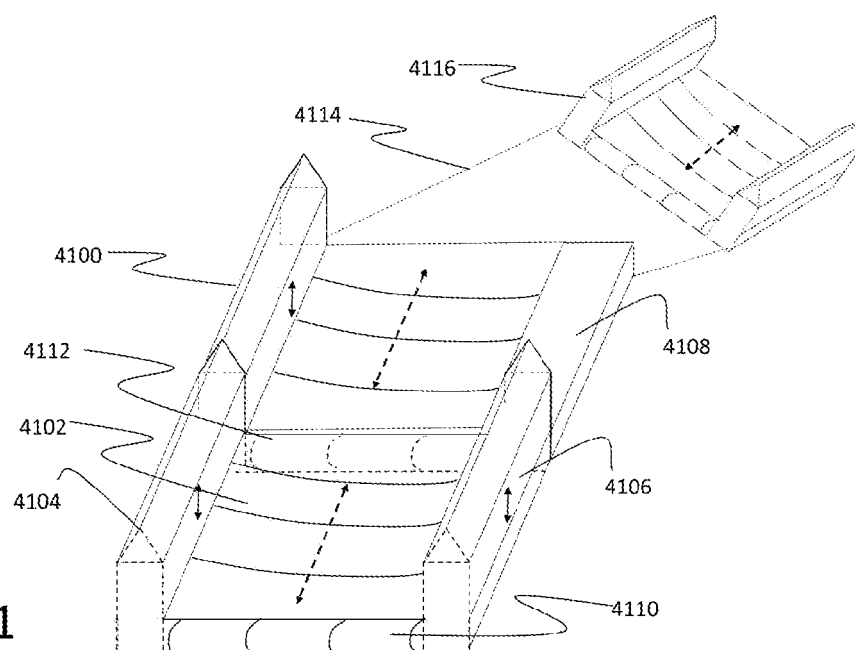


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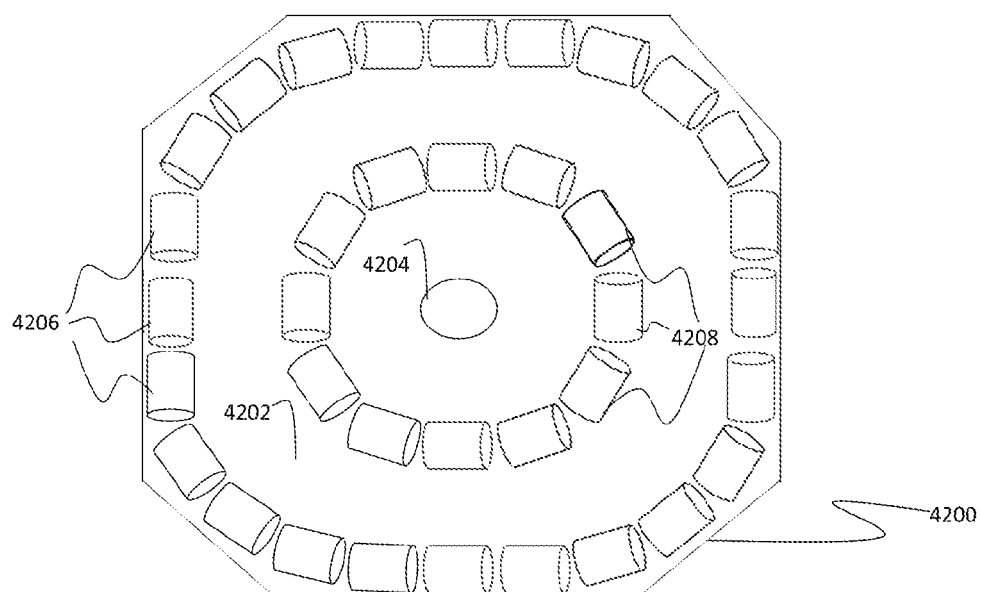


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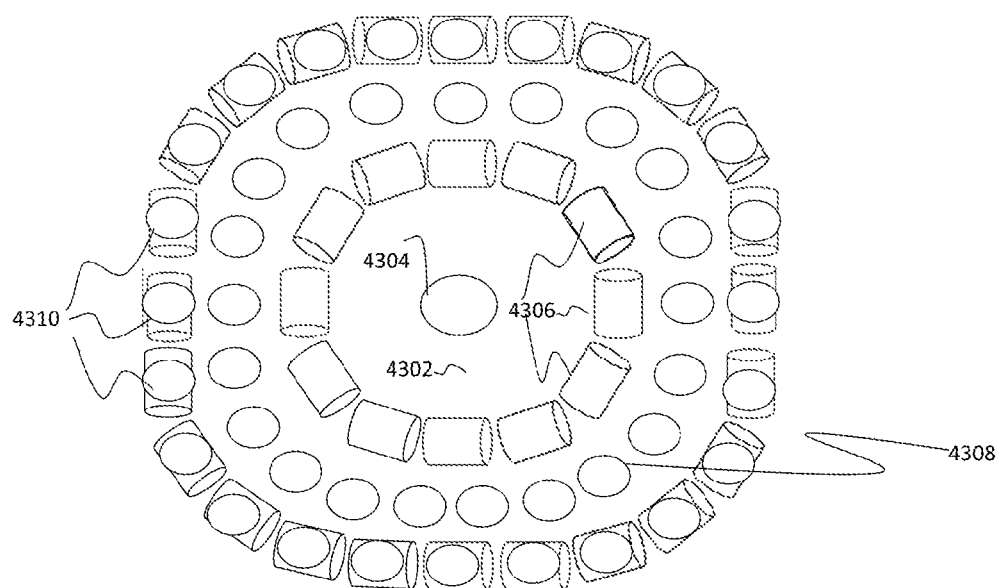


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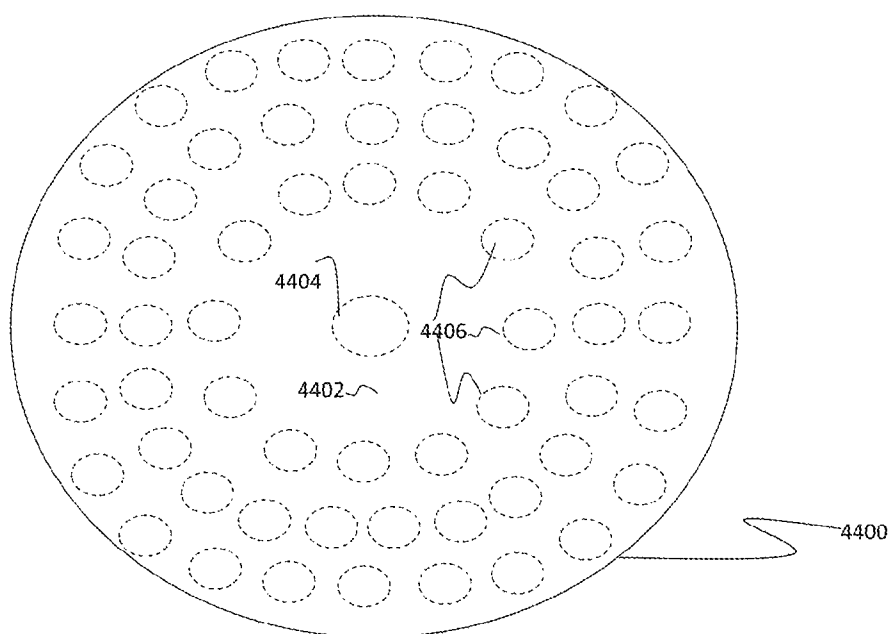


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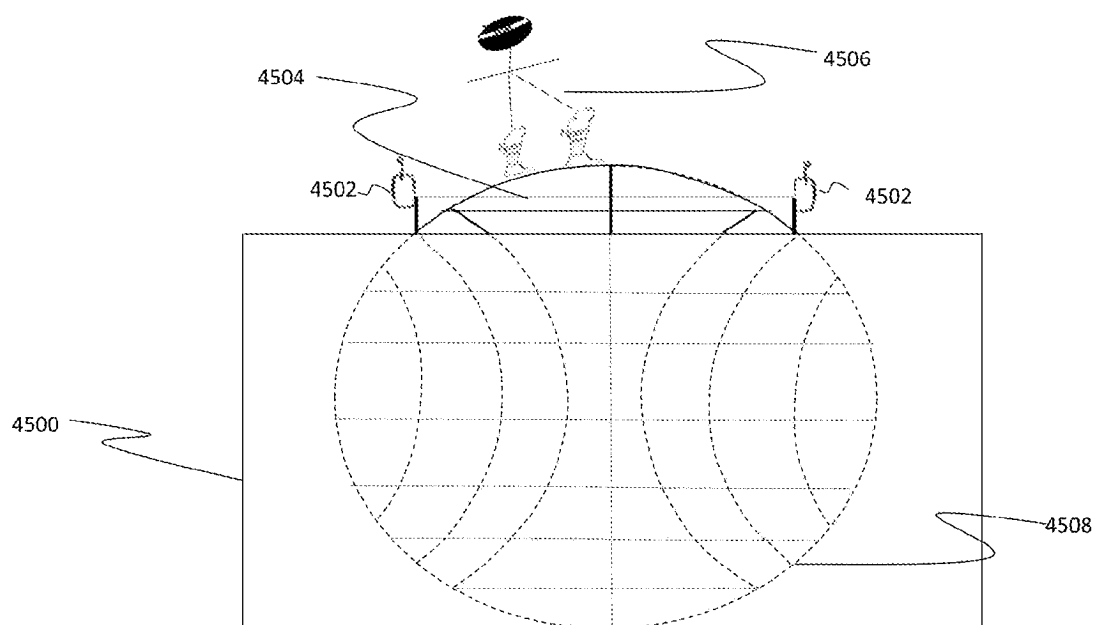


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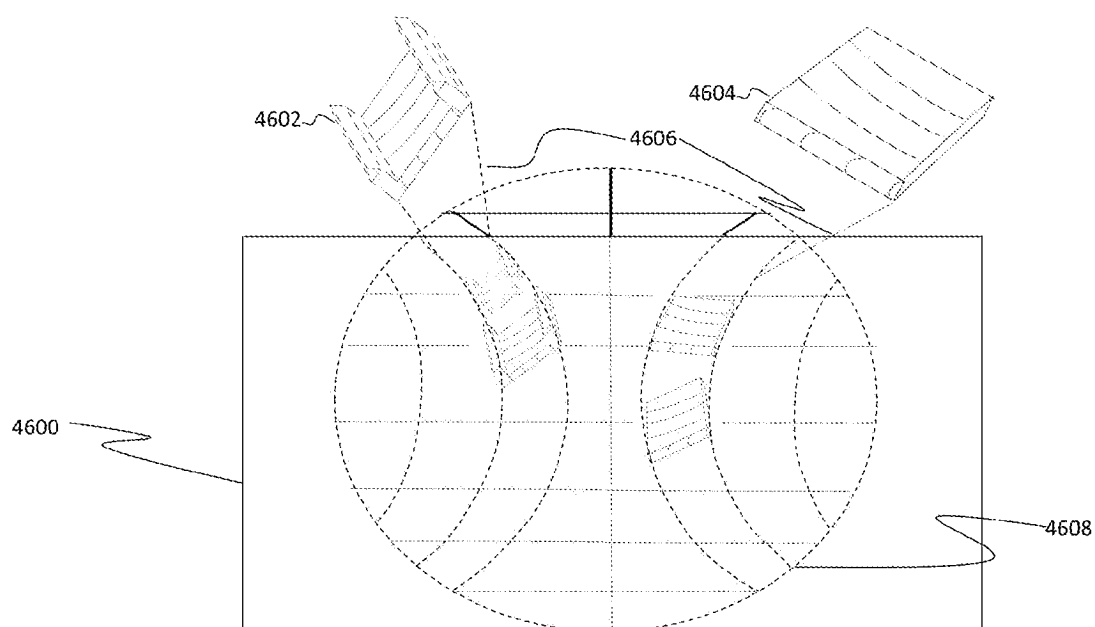


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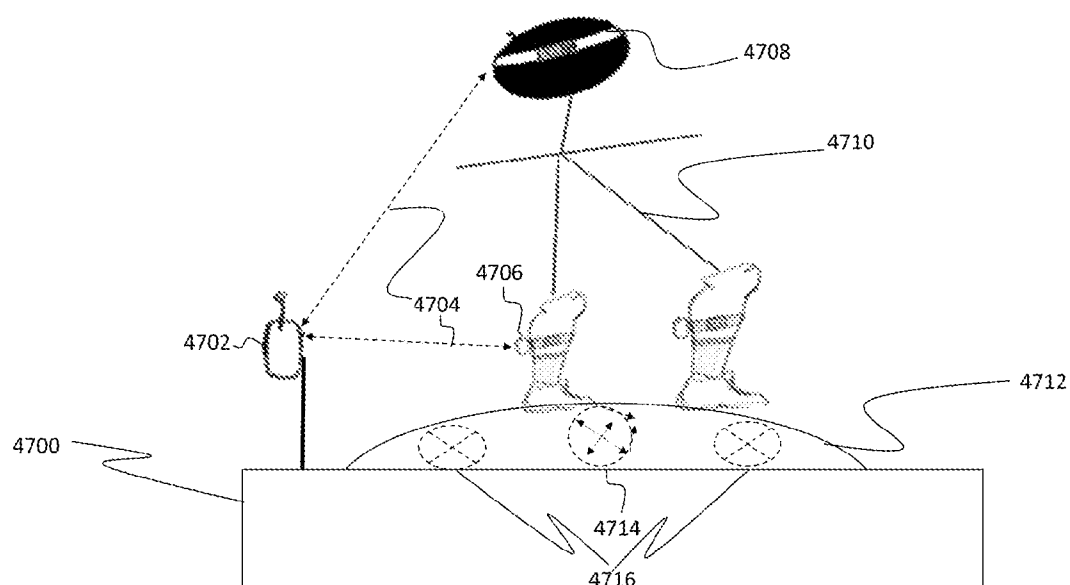


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APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SENSOR RELAYS FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF INFORMATION VIA A MOVEMENT DEVICE AND OUTPUT DEVICE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional and continuation of co-
pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/217,512 for “A
Method and Apparatus for Teaching Utilizing Moving Walk-
ways”, filed Mar. 18, 2014 and a continuation-in-part of
co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/217,508 for
“A Method and Apparatus for Moving While Receiving
Information”, filed Mar. 18, 2014 both of which claim the
benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/786,840 filed
Mar. 15, 2013. The entire disclosure of U.S. U.S. patent
application Ser. No. 14/217,512 and U.S. patent application
Ser. No. 14/217,508 is incorporated herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The general field of the disclosure herein relates to
methods or apparatuses involving movement to facilitate
learning while moving, efficient multitasking involving
movement while the user processes or responds to different
stimuli. The stimuli may include but are not limited to
information related to education or entertainment or feed-
back concerning the user’s movement. More specifically this
movement may be related to coordination, exercise or phys-
iotherapy. The methods and apparatuses of the disclosure
involve the user conducting movement, while simultane-
ously processing information (via: learning; creating
through typing, moving, or talking; or being entertained) and
receiving feedback or assistance related to that movement,
processing, or any combination thereof.

The general field of the disclosure herein also relates to
methods, systems, or apparatuses involving rooms with
interactive moving walkways, treadmills, or other moving
devices. More specifically these moving devices may act in
response to the commands of a user or an observer, in
unison, or independently. The systems, methods and appa-
ratuses of the disclosure involve a room wherein the user or
a plurality of users move on a moving walkway or a plurality
of moving walkways, while simultaneously processing (via:
learning; creating through typing, moving, or talking; or
being entertained) and receiving feedback or assistance
related to that movement, processing, or any combination
thereof.

BACKGROUND

Studies related to multitasking have shown that people
typically process one task less efficiently when coupled with
other tasks (see, e.g., “Cognitive Control in Media Multi-
taskers” by Ophir and Wagner, Proceedings of the National
Academy of Sciences of the United States of America,
2009). Ophir and Wagner found that media related multi-
tasking was distinct from normal multitasking and caused
users switching between activities to perform worse than
during normal multitasking. Terms such as cognitive dis-
traction, distracted driving, distracted walking, visual dis-
traction, and manual distraction describe the ways in which
people lose focus or the ability to provide a timely response
to a situation to which they would otherwise be able to
respond, due to an additional task.

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Conversely, studies have shown that movement can
stimulate the functionality of the brain, (see, e.g., “Exercise
and the brain: something to chew on” by Van Praag, National
Institute of Health, Trends in Neuroscience, 2009). Van
Praag finds that optimal maintenance and brain health may
depend on exercise and intake of natural products. Further-
more, feedback and assistance while multitasking can be
used to stimulate better coordination of movement and any
additional tasks. The benefits of movement related to coor-
dination, exercise, and physiotherapy are numerous, includ-
ing stimulated muscle memory and reflexes due to repetitive
movements involving hand-eye coordination, improved
health due to weight loss or lowered blood pressure,
increased longevity, restoration of function and movement,
and the treatment, healing, and prevention of injuries or
disabilities. Studies show that increasing numbers of people
are living sedentary lifestyles (See e.g. “Amount of Time
Spent in Sedentary Behaviors in the United States, 2003-
2004” by Charles E. Matthews et. al., American Journal of
Epidemiology, 2008). In his study, Matthews found evi-
dence that most Americans, both male and female over the
ages of 6-11 now spend over 50% of their time in sedentary
behaviors. This is at least partially related to the drawbacks
of the information age, in which many people learn, create
or conduct business, or are entertained all from a stationary
position while observing monitors on their televisions and
computers.

While inventions exist that allow movement while creat-
ing such as the laptop computer, movement while reading or
learning such as tablet processors, or movement while being
entertained such as virtual reality headsets like the Vuzix
wrap 230 eyewear product, none of these devices are
designed specifically for use while moving, and none of
them are designed to provide feedback to the user or
assistance to the user specifically related to that movement.
A method or apparatus specifically designed to allow the
user to process information by learning, creating, or being
entertained; while moving through coordination, exercise, or
physiotherapy; and that aids the user by providing feedback
or assistance related to that movement, processing, or any
combination thereof; has the potential of being a boon to
society.

Furthermore studies have shown that the average human
attention span fell from 12 minutes in 1998 to just 5 minutes
in 2008 (See e.g. “Stress of Modern Life Cuts Attention
Spans to Five Minutes” by Moore, The Telegraph, Nov. 8,
2008) Moore cites a Lloyds TSB Insurance Study which also
found that adults over 50 were able to concentrate for
younger periods of time than younger people, suggesting
that our media heavy and increasingly sedentary lifestyles
may be taking its toll on younger generations. If these trends
progress they could have potentially devastating effects on
the future of our society. Conversely studies have shown that
people are capable of longer attention spans when they are
doing something they find enjoyable or intrinsically moti-
vating. (See e.g. Dukette, Cornish *The Essential 20: Twenty
Components of an Excellent Health Care Team*. RoseDog
Books, 2009) Dukette and Cornish’s study shows that atten-
tion spans for sustained attention to a freely chosen task
range from about 5 minutes in a two-year-old child, to a
maximum of 20 minutes in adults. An invention, that ergo-
nomically incorporates the brains processing of external
media with movement and exercise, could be revolutionary
in a classroom, simulation, or work setting. An area devoted
to such movement could be used as an energy efficient
training facility, exercise and learning room, or meditation
and rehabilitation area.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Embodiments of the disclosure herein may refer to methods and apparatus including but not limited to users conducting tasks such as learning, working, creating on a computer or other device, or being engaged in a simulation all while moving and outputting sensory information related to those tasks, their movement, or both to one or more devices. Sensory information collected by those devices may include but is not limited to any audio, visual, or tactile information, which may relate to the user's actions or inactions in performing those tasks or in moving. That information may be sent from those devices, herein referred to as sensor relays, to any number of other devices, including but not limited to other sensor relays, one or more computer processors, one or more movement devices. The sensor relay may instead output the information to an output device which converts the information into a form that the user or an observer understands. If the information is received by a computer processor, the computer processor may analyze the information against a set of predetermined set points before sending output information to other devices including but not limited to output devices and movement devices. Movement devices may include any device designed to facilitate the user's movement, including but not limited to treadmills or moving platforms, bicycles, elliptical machines, cable row machines, automatically adjustable weight devices. When receiving a signal from the computer processor, signal relay, or a user or observer who has received feedback regarding the user's sensory information, the movement device may respond accordingly.

One example of an embodiment of this disclosure may be an apparatus containing sensor relays, a treadmill and a headset, all ergonomically designed to transmit signals such that the user receives information while using the treadmill regarding her performance through the headset while simultaneously utilizing the headset to listen to a lecture. Another example may be a treadmill which communicates with a Bluetooth headset so that a microphone in the headset acts as a sensor relay which wirelessly transmits signals to the treadmill indicating when the user is out of breath, thereby causing the treadmill to slow.

Additionally, the treadmill may include a sensor relay which transmits a signal to the headset wirelessly indicating the user's pace has slowed. A processor may determine that the rate of simulation presented to the user from the headset should be altered. Another example may be a treadmill designed in an adjustable elliptical shape which has sensor relays located along its handle bars to sense the user's position, and relays the user's position to an observer's output device, who may then choose to remotely alter the speed of the treadmill. Yet another embodiment may be a user with a visual headset on their face acting as an output device and a sensor relay on their leg. The sensor relay may indicate when the user has exited a perimeter marked by electromagnetic signals sent between other sensor relays located at the boundaries of the perimeter. The sensor relay would then send one or more signals to the user's visual headset interrupting the movie the user was watching on it to tell them they are outside of a designated safe pacing zone.

It is envisioned that this invention may be used to help users engage in movement while effectively processing information related to their tasks. When executed correctly, the users multitasking may be assisted by this system of devices.

The disclosure herein is also related to rooms involving one or more moving devices and may further involve a plurality of users moving while receiving sensory information. Sensory information is defined as audio, visual, and tactile information, which may also be received in the form of feedback to the user, in response to her movements or lack thereof. This room may have several embodiments including but not limited to: a room containing a single treadmill, spanning the length of the room, wherein the user may send a signal to direct the starting or stopping of said treadmill; an area containing a single moving walkway spanning the width of the room, with a raised floor above said moving walkway with holes in the floor so that users entering the holes may access the moving walkway; a room with a plurality of moving devices which the users may utilize while conducting tasks such as learning, working, creating something on a computer device, or being engaged in a simulation all while moving and outputting sensory information related to those tasks, their movement, or both to one or more devices.

Sensory information collected by those devices may include but is not limited to any audio, visual, or tactile information, which may relate to the users' actions or inactions in performing those tasks or in moving. That information may be sent from those devices, herein referred to as sensor relays, to one or more other devices, including but not limited to other sensor relays, computer processors or movement devices. The sensor relay may instead output the information to an output device which converts the information into a form that the user or an observer understands. If the information is received by a computer processor, the computer processor may analyze the information against a set of predetermined set points before sending signals to other devices including but not limited to output devices and movement devices. Movement devices may include any device designed to facilitate movement, including but not limited to treadmills or moving platforms, bicycles, elliptical machines, cable row machines, automatically adjustable weight devices. When receiving a signal from the computer processor, signal relay, or a user or observer who has received feedback regarding the user's sensory information, the movement device may respond accordingly.

This disclosure also describes a method for using the room's moving devices to aid in teaching students. This may be accomplished in a variety of ways including but not limited to classrooms with walkways under stationary platforms to allow a teacher to present a lecture to students while the students are in motion on a moving walkway or classrooms where students learn while on various treadmills and the teacher can communicate with them wirelessly. Among the objectives of this disclosure is to provide a room or area which ergonomically incorporates the user's processing and receiving information and feedback while moving. For instance a room containing an ellipsoidal shaped treadmill interface may allow the user to move in a pattern that allows them to take advantage of centripetal acceleration efficiently, while receiving sensory feedback without the distraction of lagging and falling off of a standard treadmill. The network of treadmills described could be used for conservation of energy for electrical efficiency purposes so that the same energy source powering the network can conserve energy as it powers the sensory interface component.

It is also envisioned that this disclosure will be used for a plurality of users exercising while effectively learning through receiving audio visual information without distractions from multitasking, playing interactive games while

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moving which may interface with the users movement, listening to or creating audio recordings while exercising effectively, or moving in an immersive technology environment while wearing a translucent headset which displays an image or video on a large monitor visible to all users.

While the preferred embodiments of the invention are shown in the accompanying drawings, it is still to be understood that said embodiments are susceptible to modification and alteration while still maintaining the spirit of my invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Referring to the drawings, FIG. 1 illustrates an orthogonal view of a portion of an embodiment of the disclosure wherein a relay used for transmitting information regarding the user's movement is transmitted.

FIG. 2 illustrates a front view of an embodiment of a sensor relay and output device assembly.

FIG. 3 illustrates an orthogonal view of the relay used for transmitting information regarding the user's movement in position on a human leg in motion on a treadmill or moving walkway.

FIG. 4 illustrates an embodiment in which a user's leg movement is detected by a sensor relay.

FIG. 5 illustrates an orthogonal view of an embodiment comprising a circular treadmill, one or more solar relays, and battery backup power to supply the treadmill with energy collected from the solar panels or kinetic energy from the user's movement.

FIG. 6 illustrates an embodiment where a tactile sensory relay is mounted to the user's face.

FIG. 7 illustrates a detailed orthogonal view of an embodiment comprising a circular treadmill which may be a component of the disclosure.

FIG. 8 illustrates a flowchart detailing a method of the disclosure by showing the flow in which users, observers, sensor relays, computer processors, output devices, media devices, and movement devices may act on one another.

Referring to the drawings, FIG. 9 is an illustration of a room with a plurality of movement devices, wherein a user receives sensory feedback related to his movement and performance through an output device.

FIG. 10 illustrates a room with a plurality of moving devices and a plurality of users, whose performance related activity is transmitted from sensor relays to an observer's output device.

FIG. 11 illustrates a room with a moving device comprising a work station which moves in response to the user's movement.

FIG. 12 illustrates a room wherein the entire floor is a moving walkway.

FIG. 13 illustrates a room with a moving walkway spanning the width of the room.

FIG. 14 illustrates a room with a moving walkway spanning its width and length beneath platform which may be raised and lowered by a system of motors, gears, guides, and pulleys, located in the walls and adjacent rooms.

FIG. 15 illustrates a room with a moving walkway spanning its width and length, beneath a plurality of platforms moving in various directions.

FIG. 16 illustrates a cross-sectional orthogonal view of a room containing a platform which may raise and lower to start and stop the moving walkway.

FIG. 17 illustrates room with a moving walkway spanning its entire length and width, and a floor at an elevation above

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said moving walkway, the floor containing a plurality of holes, large enough for users to enter.

FIG. 18 illustrates room with a moving walkway spanning its entire length and width, with rollers stacked beneath select widths of moving walkways with more pallets than adjacent portions of moving walkways, placed directly within holes in a floor located above all portions of the moving walkway which are not directly beneath said holes.

FIG. 19 illustrates an area with a circular treadmill, guided by a system of rollers wherein said treadmill is in use by a plurality of users.

FIG. 20 illustrates an area with a plurality of users on a plurality of moving walkways, arranged in a concentric pattern, while a plurality of observers stand outside of the moving walkways on land in between or above said moving walkways.

FIG. 21 illustrates a room with a plurality of moving walkways revolving the width of the room from the floor to the ceiling, and staggered handlebars for a user to traverse the room in a direction the same as or opposite of the moving walkway.

FIG. 22 illustrates a room with a plurality of users traversing a moving walkway revolving the width of the room from the floor to the ceiling, said room containing floor guides with shoe attachments to aid the user in revolving the room.

FIG. 23 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where the area is bound by sensor relays which communicate with the sensors the user is wearing to determine how to adjust the velocity of the omni-directional walkway to keep the user from walking out or inform them on their output device they are getting close to exiting, or alerting the user in other ways.

FIG. 24 illustrates a movement device, in this case a multidirectional walkway, where rollers are used to move a conveyor belt. In some embodiments these rollers may be bound by the belt hoisted on an elevating platform which can change angles. In some such embodiments where this is combined with a sensor relay system, the belt could change velocity (or direction or speed independently) in response to the users detected movements or signals transmitted from an output device.

FIG. 25 illustrates a movement device, in this case a multidirectional directional walkway, which can be bound by sensor relays in some embodiments. A plurality of rollers are shown within the movement device, which are touching each other and the belt so that their velocity/acceleration can be altered in unison while altering the velocity/acceleration of the belt.

FIG. 26 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction and spin of the movement device's walkway can be driven by a pivot arm controlled by one or more motors.

FIG. 27 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction and spin of the movement device's walkway can be driven by a pivot arm controlled by one or more motors, and in which rollers and balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved.

FIG. 28 illustrates a movement device, in this case a multi-directional walkway, where the spin of the movement device's walkway can be driven in one or more directions by one or more axle controlled by one or more motors, in this case driving one or more abrasive balls which can control the spin of the movement device's belt.

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FIG. 29 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction of the movement device's walkway can be driven by a pivot arm controlled by one or more motors, and in which rollers and balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved.

FIG. 30 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction of the movement device's walkway can be driven in 2 directions by a pivot arm controlled by two motors, and in which rollers and/or balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved.

FIG. 31 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction of the movement device's walkway can be driven in 2 directions by an axle controlled by two motors, in this case driving one or more abrasive balls which can control the spin of the movement device's belt, and in which rollers and/or balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved.

FIG. 32 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction of the movement device's walkway can be driven in 2 directions by a pivot arm controlled by two motors, and in which rollers and/or balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved, in this case the top of a platform on which sensor relays can be placed to aid in the velocity change.

FIG. 33 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction of the movement device's walkway can be driven in 2 directions by one or more motors in this case driving one or more abrasive balls which can control the movement device's belt velocity, and in which rollers and/or balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved.

FIG. 34 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where direction of the movement device's walkway can be driven in 2 directions by a movable axle controlled by two motors, and in which rollers and/or balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved.

FIG. 35 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, attached to a resting platform.

FIG. 36 illustrates a movement device, in this case a spinning walkway, attached to a resting platform.

FIG. 37 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, comprising a motor in this case driving one or more abrasive balls which can control the spin of the movement device's belt, and in which rollers and/or balls are located at a plurality of elevations for ergonomic transition angles from the top of the walkway to the lowest traversable point to be achieved.

FIG. 38 illustrates a movement device, in this case circular treadmill with a projection tent, solar panel, image array, battery backup power which all interface with the invention in the system of said embodiment.

FIG. 39 illustrates a user on an output device wearing an output device and one or more sensor relay's is given and receives feedback from a plurality of sensor relays forming a perimeter of an area. In some embodiments the user's

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output device may be augmented or virtual reality lenses which may show images of walkways and exercise equipment to aid the user.

FIG. 40 illustrates a user on an output device wearing an output device and one or more sensor relay's is given and receives feedback from a plurality of sensor relays forming a perimeter of an area. In some embodiments the user's output device may be augmented or virtual reality lenses which may show images of walkways and exercise equipment to aid the user and/or the images could be created/ augmented by means including but not limited to a projector (as shown) laser display, or holographic image.

FIG. 41 illustrates a movement device, in this case a modular walkway, such that it's route may be linked together as it is driven by a series of roller. The walkway supports may raise and lower as needed in some embodiments for the user to exit.

FIG. 42 illustrates an overhead view of a movement device, in this case a multi-directional walkway, where a ball in the middle is used to drive the direction of the belt, as the track glides over the rollers.

FIG. 43 illustrates an overhead view of a movement device, in this case an omni-directional walkway, where a ball in the middle is used to drive or spin the direction of the belt, as the track glides over the rollers, balls and combinations.

FIG. 44 illustrates an overhead view of a movement device, in this case an omni-directional walkway, where a ball in the middle is used to drive or spin the direction of the belt, as the track glides over a plurality of balls for ease of directional change.

FIG. 45 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where the area is bound by sensor relays which communicate with the sensors the user is wearing to determine how to adjust the velocity of the omni-directional walkway to keep the user from walking out or inform them on their output device they are getting close to exiting, or alerting the user in other ways and the walkway traverses is spherically shaped.

FIG. 46 illustrates a sphere bound to several movement devices, in this case modular walkways, combinable such that their route may be linked together as it is driven by a process including but not limited to the mechanical connections, a series of driven rollers, balls, clips. In some embodiments the modular walkways may have supports that in some such embodiments, may raise and lower as needed in some embodiments for the user to exit.

FIG. 47 illustrates a movement device, in this case an omni directional walkway, where the area is bound by sensor relays which communicate with the sensors the user is wearing to determine how to adjust the velocity of the omni-directional walkway to keep the user from walking out or inform them on their output device they are getting close to exiting, or alerting the user in other ways, which further includes sensors for detecting the force of the users weight such that if a user steps off or jumps up from the walkway it can be detected and a signal sent to the movement device or user or an observer's computing device or output device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In this disclosure the term 'sensor relay' refers to an apparatus composed of any or any combination of devices including but not limited to sensors (including an audio sensor, a visual sensor, a tactile sensor, a gyroscope, an accelerometer, proximity device, or a magnetometer) and relays for sending information such as sensory information

or positional information. Sensor relays may include an input or output relays, or any combination therein which may send or receive a signal from the user, an observer, any extension of the user, computer processor or any other sensor relay.

The computer processor is a device which may receive, process, store, or transmit information. The sensor relay may send a signal to the computer processor, another sensor relay, an output device, or a movement device. The computer processor may receive the information from a variety of sources including but not limited to the sensor relays, movement devices, output devices, media devices or any combination thereof. The computer processor may then process the information in a number of different ways including but not limited to analyzing it comparatively against a set point or combination of set points.

Set points are permanent or adjustable values of attributes that may be predefined by individuals, including but not limited to a user, an observer, or a manufacturer. The computer processor may send a signal or combination of signals to a variety of devices including but not limited to other computer processors, sensor relays, output devices, movement device, or media devices.

The output device is a device that may include a computer processor which receives information from a source, including but not limited to a sensor relay or computer processor. The output device may then convert or convey this information, or any combination therein to the user or an observer through any of multiple means, including but not limited to headphones, speakers, a visual monitor or by controlling a movement device. The output device may be or may include a media device.

The media device may have a processor which receives and outputs information as media information. Media information may include learning material (including but not limited to either audio or visual lectures, quizzes, or books) entertainment material (including but not limited to movies, music, or video games), or simulation material (including but not limited to computing material, material directly related to the user's movement for physiotherapy, or exercise assistance material). The media device may adjust its rate of output of media information if directed to do so by its processor. The media device's processor may receive information from a variety of sources including but not limited to users, observers, computer processors, output devices, or sensor relays.

Any signal sent from a sensor relay, computer processor, output device or media device to another can be sent by means including but not limited to wired means (including but not limited to coaxial, vga, hdmi, component, composite, fiber optic, or dvi cables) or wireless means (including but not limited to bluetooth, wifi, or infrared or other electromagnetic waves). Any signal sent from an output device to either a user, observer, any extension of the user or any sensor relay may be sent via means including but not limited to visual, audio, or tactile means.

In some embodiments where it receives signals, the sensor relay may include audio sensors that can receive input from the user or an observer related to sounds that they make, purposely or otherwise. The audio sensor may be comprised of a variety of audio devices including but not limited to microphones or vibration monitors.

In other embodiments the sensor relay may include visual sensors that can detect movement including but not limited to movement of the user's body, any body parts, extensions of the user's body, or eyes (including but not limited to pupil dilation, eye-crossing, eye wiggles, rapid-eye movement, or

normal eye movement). The visual sensor may be comprised of a variety of video devices including but not limited to cameras or optical sensors.

In other embodiments the sensor relay may include tactile sensors which may sense contact (including but not limited to touching, depressing or hitting) or changes in contact (including but not limited to grip modulation, sweating, altered breathing, altered pulse, shaking or swiping) that any part of the user's body, observer's body, or extensions of their bodies (including but not limited to clothes, gloves, or any object directly connected to them) or any combination thereof makes with the sensor or any extension connected to the sensor via wired or wireless means.

In other embodiments the sensor relay may include a gyroscope which may detect changes in the location of one body part or extension of body part in relation to another or from its original position, such as but not limited to those indicating alterations in balance, angular velocity, angular momentum, spin, inertia, or torque. In other embodiments the sensor relay may include an accelerometer which may detect the user's average speed, velocity, or any changes therein. In other embodiments the sensor relay may include a magnetometer which may detect changes in magnetization or proximity of a magnetized object connected to the user or any extension of the user.

In other exemplary embodiments the sensor relays may border the perimeter of a movement device or an area comprising a movement device. In some such exemplary embodiments the movement device may be a trackpad which alternates movement, direction, and/or velocity in response to the user's, movement, direction, velocity, performance on an output device, content on a media device, or biometric data measured against manufacturer defined set points across parameters, observer input or defined set points across parameters, or user input or defined set points across parameters. For example, a movement device may have sensor relays for detecting user weight, or sensor relays around the perimeter that may measure the elevation of user worn sensor relays against the elevation of the movement device. In this example the weight and/or elevation of the user could be parameter(s) with defined/adjustable set points. The set points may be set such that if a user applies a certain weight or jumps to a certain height on the device, the sensor relay measuring said parameters could send a signal to another sensor relay controlling the movement device, output device, or a combination of the two, to illicit a response.

In yet other exemplary embodiments a movement device may be an apparatus herein called an omni-directional treadmill or multi-directional treadmill, that allows the device to move a track-pad linearly back and forth in some such exemplary embodiments, spin the track-pad in other such exemplary embodiments, or move a geometrically shaped walking surface, including but not limited to spherical, elliptical, top-shaped, or dome shape, in a variety of diagonal directions. In some such exemplary embodiments the walking surface of the movement device may move, spin, accelerate, or any combination of the three, directly in response to the user's movements including but not limited to stopping the moment a user breaks the barrier of the perimeter sensor relays, accelerating in the opposite direction and acceleration of a user that is pacing on the device, or moving in response to the content or user response to content on an output device, including but not limited to a user getting a question right or wrong causing the device to accelerate, the device automatically slowing when a tutorial starts, or gradually helping the user descend the platform

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when a movie ends. Such motion of the movement devices may be accomplished by means including but not limited to pivot arms spinning abrasive balls pushing the trackpad in the opposite direction of the pivot arm, motors driving axles connected to rollers or balls moving the trackpad, a spherical ball spun on one or more axles, which may have one or more trackpads attached to it in some such embodiments or a circular or elliptical treadmill moving back and forth using motors or magnets to propel a trackpad.

In some such embodiments a movement device may be a modular treadmill that can be laid in connectable pieces that allow for contoured or creative placement, and disassembly and reassembly for upgrades or maintenance purposes. In some such embodiments the movement device may come with, be attachable to or have retractable support devices, which may include but are not limited to guide rails, harnesses that move along the track, or barrier walls.

In some embodiments a movement device may be located in a tent of output devices known as display panels. A 'display panel' refers to any panel which may display a feed on a screen, including but not limited to a monitor which displays a single image, a monitor which may display a range of images, a monitor which may display a video, or a monitor which may display a video feed that alters based on the perspective of an observer. The display panel may be further comprised of a variety of tools, including but not limited to a magnifying glass, or have a magnifying glass imbedded directly underneath it; any number of camera's imbedded into or beneath it; or any number of solar panels imbedded into or beneath it. The display panel may display feed it receives from any external or internal feed, including but not limited to cameras, a dvr, or a computer processor.

A movement device may include but is not limited to devices used to facilitate movement or exercise such as a treadmill, bicycle, cable-row, or elliptical machine. In certain embodiments of the disclosure users, observers, sensor relays or computer processors may direct the movement device to alter its settings, including but not limited to its velocity, resistance, incline, or pressure.

As illustrated in FIG. 1 in one embodiment of the disclosure a sensor relay, 110, may be attached to a strap, 112, as signals are sent or received by the sensor relay.

As illustrated in FIG. 2 in another embodiment of the disclosure a sensor relay, 210, may be wired, 212, and sends signals to an output device, in this case an audio speaker, 218.

As illustrated in FIG. 3 in another embodiment of the disclosure a sensor relay, 314, may be fitted to a user's calf, 316. In this embodiment the sensor relay may transmit information about the user's movement, and thereby control a track, 320, on a treadmill, 322, while the user is on said treadmill. However other iterations of the disclosure do not require the user to be on a moving device or the moving device can be non-treadmill moving devices including but not limited to a moving walkway, bicycle, elliptical, trackpad or cable-row.

As illustrated in FIG. 4 in another embodiment of the disclosure a sensor relay, 414, may be fitted to the user's calf, 416, although the user is walking on the ground and the sensor relay sends or receives information concerning the user's proximity to nearby objects to an output device. However other iterations of the disclosure do not require the sensor relay to include a proximity monitor. Sensor relays in this application can be devices including but not limited to accelerometers, audio sensors, tactile sensors, or gyroscopes.

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As illustrated in FIG. 5 another embodiment of the disclosure may involve a sensor relay, 510, sending signals to a motion device, 520, in the form of a treadmill or moving walkway, 522, which has a circular or elliptical shape. The track the user moves on is in a shape that allows the user to traverse it from beginning to end without fear of going off the track. This has the advantage of allowing the user's speed to significantly differ from the treadmill's speed, without the user having to run into a portion of the treadmill or fall off of the treadmill. Another advantage to this design is that it allows the user more flexibility in movement than a standard treadmill.

In some embodiments the movement of the user may be assisted by: signals sent by the signal relays; a physical guide including but not limited to: supports, 524, which support handle bars, 526; an observer, who receives signals and guides the user; or any combination thereof. In other embodiments the user receives no external assistance in traversing the track, but can effectively traverse in the direction of the track through their own means including but not limited to muscle memory, observation, or mental memory.

Additional embodiments of the disclosure may include a dc battery, 528, powering a device, in this case a circular treadmill. In some embodiments the battery may be rechargeable, and in others it may even be synergistically charged by the user's dispensed kinetic energy. In another embodiment the movement device is powered by a solar panel, 530, which can alternatively be used to power the media device, via wires, 532.

In variations of this embodiment, instead of a circular treadmill, the movement device may be any exercise or entertainment equipment including but not limited to a standard treadmill, bicycle, elliptical, a motorized rocking chair, a track-pad which senses the user's location and movements on the pad, or a chair powered by electricity for the purposes of movement or audio output through its embedded speakers or any combination of such devices. The use of rechargeable or portable energy in these embodiments of the disclosure is useful for assisting in maintaining the energy needed to power the device(s) the user is operating, any Signal Relays, computer processors or combinations thereof.

As illustrated in FIG. 6 in one embodiment of the disclosure the users face may be fitted by an output device, 610, connected, 612, to a sensor relay, 614. The sensor relay can in some embodiments detect tactile information including but not limited to any information on the user's sweat secretions. For instance, the sensor relay's tactile sensor may detect moisture. The sensor relay may then send a signal to a computer processor which analyzes the signal and may send a signal to the movement device to alter the user's velocity, or to the user through an output device making a suggestion to alter the user's velocity. Yet another variation could involve the sensor relay measuring the opening or closing of a sweat gland directly as detected by its tactile sensor designed to measure such movements (on a scale less than a mm²).

Another variation could involve the sensor relay detecting pulse (in one variation being mounted to a vein and designed to detect movement of the vein), and send it to a processor which calculates the beats per minute ("bpm") and uses that bpm to determine the fatigue of the user. In such an embodiment the processor may perform a variety of functions, including but not limited to analyzing the user fatigue computed against a default or a user defined set point, and then sending a signal to either the movement device or to the

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output device to allow the user to decide whether to slow the device the user is utilizing, cease activity, or neither.

In another variation, the user may be fitted with an array of sensor relays including tactile sensors that may detect the user's: pulse (which may be measured by means including but not limited to measuring vibrations, caused from the beating of the users heart sending blood to the brain, or elsewhere, through the users arteries and veins, any one or more of which the sensor relay is attached to), brain activity (which may be measured by means including but not limited to a tactile sensor relay or sensor relays designed to detect the direct flow of current from the brain to any one or more points on the users scalp), sweat (which may be measured by means including but not limited to a tactile sensor measuring moisture detection or weight over a pre set threshold or both), or any combination thereof.

The sensor relay may then send the information it detects to a computer processor designed to analyze the information through a variety of means including but not limited to plotting the user's pulse, brain activity, sweat, or any combination therein over time. After analyzing this information against a default or user defined set point, the computer processor may send a signal to the movement device or an output device. A signal to the output device may prompt the decision maker (any user or observer) to alter the movement device's settings, including but not limited to its incline, resistance, pressure, height, velocity, acceleration, or jerk based on those detections, whereas a signal to the movement device would cause said device to automatically adjust its settings.

In other variations the Signal Relay may be attached to the user's nerve cells and detect variations through a variety of means, including but not limited to detecting voltage in a range from -70 mV to 30 mV (± 15 mV) or instead measure the total displacement out of 100 mV (± 10 mV), or any combination therein, sending that information to a computer processor which correlates the information against the users learning progress over time. The computer processor can then calculate the learning over time by any number of means, including but not limited to measuring the number of pages the user scrolls per minute, the average speed in which they answer questions over a given period of time, the number of questions which they answer correctly or any variation of responses to learning, entertainment, or other processing activity.

Alternatively the computer processor can send a signal to an output device to provide feedback, allowing the user to control the velocity of the device they are using, their own speed, adjust the device they are using, or adjust their own position, breathing, or any other control factors. Control Factors are any factor related to the user that can be monitored including but not limited to those such as breathing rate or pulse. The computer processor can also control or provide feedback to the output device or media device allowing the user to control the media feed rate based on that information or other nerve activity (including but not limited to detecting current or voltage from automatic nerves, central nerves, or cranial nerves to measure proper functionality according to predefined set points or user defined set points, and determining if the current or voltage from those nerves begins to fall outside of that range, to send a signal to the device for an emergency stop, set off an alarm or send an emergency signal to an observer).

The media feed rate is the rate at which a user is fed material, including but not limited to educational materials such as readings or lectures, entertainment materials such as television or videogames, or user controlled materials which

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can be downloaded or installed into the media device's processor through a number of means, including but not limited to USB, CD, internet or any combination therein. This can be either controlled by the user's actions, including but not limited to the user turning the page in a book, scrolling down a personal tablet, or changing the slide on a computer slide show; or processor controlled by the actions of a processor, including but not limited to automatically moving the digital image of an electronic display (such as scrolling or turning the page in an electronic book or website), changing the audio content to a song with a faster or slower pace accordingly, or pausing an entertainment movie until the user reaches their preset comfort level threshold.

In certain embodiments this sensor relay, **614**, can also be fitted with an audio relay, **618**, designed to send signals to the user for them to process including but not limited to verbal commands, beeps, or music related to their performance. In other embodiments the sensor relay may be directly powered by a variety of sources including but not limited to an external battery, **626**. In other embodiments, extensions of the sensor relay may be powered by a variety of sources including but not limited to an external battery, **628**. In other embodiments the sensor relay or its external rechargeable battery may be wired to any source of energy, including but not limited to a solar panel, **630**, wind turbine, electrical outlet, or any combination thereof, and send energy, **632**, back to the system.

As illustrated in FIG. 7 in some embodiments of the disclosure the device may be a track, **720**, on top of a circular or an ellipsoidal treadmill, **722**, wherein the user would move in a continuous pattern. In certain embodiments this device may include supports, **724**, for handle bars, **726**, which may be used for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to guiding the user as they traverse the track through the use of their body, hands, or any part of their body and the handle bars.

As illustrated in FIG. 8 The disclosure itself may involve any number of users or observers, **950**, acting on sensor relays, **952**, in any number of ways, which may in turn act on any number of movement devices, **954**, computer processors, **956**, other sensor relays, **958**, output devices, **960**, or media devices, **962**.

Whereas a movement device may only act on any user, **964**, the computer processor may act on either the movement device, or an output device, **966**. The sensor relay may act on another sensor relay, **968**, which may in turn act on any number of movement devices, computer processors, sensor relays, or output devices. The output device may act on a sensor relay, a media device, or a user or observer, **970**.

This disclosure also relates to rooms and areas designed to stimulate education, work, meditation, or entertainment while including one or more movement devices. These movement devices may include but are not limited to a treadmill spanning the entire floor of a room, a treadmill spanning the width of the room, a treadmill spanning the length and width of a room with one or more moving platforms above said treadmill, a group of elliptical machines in a classroom setting, a group of treadmills with moving desks imbedded in a work setting. In some embodiments one or more sensor relays may collect information from users and send said information through one or more devices which may translate or analyze said information before sending it to a decision maker or a movement device to aid in the users learning or movement.

As illustrated in FIG. 9 in certain embodiments of the disclosure one or more users, **110**, on one or more movement

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devices, **112**, may receive feedback from sensor relays, **114**, directed to an output device. An observer, **115**, may be present. In some variations this sensor relay may send feedback including but not limited to information concerning the users balance or speed, to an output device, such as a user headset, **116**, while the user is reviewing learning content on a pair of virtual glasses, **118**. In other variations the sensor relay may send a signal to the movement device or the glasses to pause or slow movement or content respectively.

As illustrated in FIG. **10** in other embodiments of the disclosure a plurality of users, **210**, **211**, on a plurality of moving devices, **212**, **213**, may receive feedback from one or more sensor relays, **214**, **215**, **216** transmitting signals to one or more output devices, **220**, **221**, **222**. In some variations a signal may be sent by one or more sensor relays, monitoring a user working at a standing desk, to an observer, **225**, with an output device that receives said signal. That signal may concern an indication that the user is falling asleep as detected by cameras in the user's glasses detecting a slower writing speed than usual. The observer may then make a decision to press a button on their own sensor relay stopping that user's movement. In another variation a signal may be sent by both users' sensor relays on their legs, recording average speed, to the output device of one user, in some instances a computer terminal, on which the user can see that they are lagging behind the other user, and may decide to slow their typing speed and focus on movement, to match or outpace a rival user.

As illustrated in FIG. **11** in another embodiment of the disclosure a user, **310**, utilizing a movement device, **312**, (in this case a circular treadmill) may operate a media device, **323**, (in this case a computer) which moves in harmony with their own movements. This harmonious movement may be accomplished by a variety of methods, including but not limited to a user with a harness, **324**, which is attached to both the user's waist and a set of rods, which cause the desk of the computer to move in response to the user's movements, as the user walks along a track, **325**, on top of the circular treadmill. In certain embodiments this device may include supports, **326**, for handle bars, **327**, which may be used for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to guiding the user as they traverse the track through the use of their body, hands, or straps attached to the user's body, or any part of their body and the handle bars.

Other methods of accomplishing this harmonious movement may involve a media device with a visual sensor relay in the form of cameras, which detects the users hand movement, and sends a signal to a motor, to slide the keyboard desk in and out accordingly, so that the user may type fluidly while still moving slightly.

As illustrated in FIG. **12** another embodiment of the disclosure may involve a room wherein a treadmill, **412**, spans the entire floor. This may have uses including but not limited to: group training exercises, a classroom where a monitor on the front wall displays a lecture to students moving at a slow walking pace on the treadmill, or a brainstorming room allowing users to walk and engage in comfortable discourse.

As illustrated in FIG. **13** another embodiment of the disclosure may involve a room wherein a treadmill, **512**, spans the entire width of the room. This may allow space for stationary platforms, **530**, **531**, which may be used in some variations for user rest areas, or an area for an observer to stand while giving the users a seminar.

As illustrated in FIG. **14** another embodiment of the disclosure may relate to a room with a user, **610**, moving on

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a treadmill, **612** spanning the room's width, portions of said treadmill being beneath a platform which spans part of the same area. In some variations this platform may be raised and lowered at the behest of an observer, **615**, in some instances it may be in response to the observer depressing of a tactile sensor relay, **620**. The platform may be moved by a system containing any number of motors, **634**, gears, **636**, guides, **638**, **639**, and pulleys, **640**. In other variations this platform, **642**, may be stationary and slightly above the treadmill, and accessible ladder. In other variations the treadmill may stop once the added weight of the platform is loaded on to it. Then the treadmill may start up again once the platform raises and the observer is safely above the treadmill.

As illustrated in FIG. **15** other embodiments may involve a moving walkway, **712**, spanning the length and width of the room, beneath a plurality of platforms, moving in various directions, including vertical, **726**, and horizontal, **727**. These platforms may be guided by a system of motors, gears, guides, **738**, **739**, and pulleys, **740**, **741** moving an axis connected to the platform in a desired direction. This room may be used for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to a simulation room, game room, or obstacle course.

As illustrated in FIG. **16** certain embodiments may contain a treadmill, **812** spanning its width and length, said walkway being beneath a platform, **826** which spans part of the same area. In some variations this platform may be raised and lowered by a system of motors, **834**, gears, **836**, guides, **838**, **839**, and pulleys, **840**, located in the walls and adjacent rooms. In some variations this platform may raise to nearly the height of the ceiling automatically.

As illustrated in FIG. **17** other embodiments may involve a room comprising a moving walkway, **912**, spanning its entire length and width, and a floor, **950** at an elevation above said moving walkway, the floor containing a plurality of holes, **952**, **954**, **956**, **958**, **960**, large enough for a plurality of users, **961**, **962**, **963**, **964**, **965** to enter while being monitored by one or more observers, **966**, **967**, **968**. Variations of this embodiment may involve holes of various sizes, for different user arrangements. Other variations may involve holes with ladders, **970**, **972**, for users to access said holes.

As illustrated in FIG. **18** in other embodiments users, **1010**, may move on raised portions, **1011**, **1012** of a treadmill, **1013**, spanning the room's length and width, with rollers, **1014**, stacked beneath select widths of the treadmill, fitting between holes, **1016**, **1018**, in a floor above all unraised portions of said treadmill. In some variations raised portions of the treadmill may be level with the elevation of the floor, while in other variations it may be lower or higher. These variations may allow for advantages including but not limited to safety of dismounting, ease of building, and aesthetics.

As illustrated in FIG. **19**, another embodiment of this disclosure may involve an area with a plurality of users, **1110**, **1111**, on a circular treadmill, **1112**, guided by a system of rollers, **1114**, as an observer, **1116**, watches. In some variations users may be assisted in movement and prevented from falling out by means including but not limited to guide rails, **1118**.

As illustrated in FIG. **20** other embodiments may involve a plurality of users, **1201**, **1202**, **1203**, **1204**, **1205**, **1206** on a plurality of moving walkways, **1212**, **1214**, **1216** arranged in a concentric pattern, while a plurality of observers, **1218**, **1220**, **1222** stand outside of the moving walkways, on land in between or above said moving walkways. In certain

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variations the users or observers would be able to control the speed of certain moving platforms.

As illustrated in FIG. 21 another embodiment may involve a plurality of moving walkways, **1312**, **1314** revolving the width of the room from the floor to the ceiling, and staggered handlebars, **1315** for a user to traverse the room in a direction the same as or opposite of the moving walkway.

As illustrated in FIG. 22 yet another embodiment may involve a room with a plurality of users, **1410**, **1412**, **1414**, traversing a moving walkway, **1415**, revolving the width of the room from the floor to the ceiling, said room containing floor guides with shoe attachments, **1418**, to aid the user in revolving the room. In some variations these shoe attachments may be elastic to help the user walk around without falling from the floor guides. In other variations the users' walking may be further supplemented in their endeavors to walk the ceiling by magnetic boots, which allow a user to step on a moving walkway, where the floor pallets are metal.

Another embodiment of this disclosure may be a method for teaching students utilizing one or more treadmills or moving walkways to present educational material to one or more students while said students are in motion. In some variations, the treadmill or moving walkway may span the majority of the floor of the classroom. In other variations, the classroom may have one or more treadmills or moving walkways assigned to individual students. In other variations, the students may be fitted with sensor relays that monitor and relay information on one or more attributes related to the user's movement such as pulse, speed, or fatigue.

In another embodiment, users may be fitted with headsets or displays at their individual workstations. Said headsets or displays may be used to present learning material. An advantage of the described teaching method may be utilizing the effects of movement to increase concentration, focus, and attention span. Another advantage of the described teaching method may be to promote regular exercise and multitasking.

As illustrated in FIG. 23 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a moving device **2300** for use by one or more users **2302** who may be fitted with one or more sensor relays **2304**, which may transmit signals to and from sensor relays **2306** associated with the movement device, such that they may form an electromagnetic perimeter **2308** around the unit by means including but not limited to photo-eye sensors, laser alignment sensors, proximity sensors or magnetic field. In some such embodiments these sensor relays may be used to direct the movement of the motion device, in this example a trackpad **2310** that gradually descends to a stable platform **2312**, on which sensor relays are attached around the perimeter of the movement device at one or more points **2314**. The sensor relays around the perimeter may be used for a variety of features including but not limited to sensing the user's proximity to the perimeter, the user's speed, the user's velocity in comparison with the track-pad, the readings sent from an output device, sending a signal to adjust the trackpad, sensing if the user has breached the perimeter, sensing if the sensor relays have breached the perimeter, sensing if the user has jumped, or sensing if the user has entered or breached any manufacturer or user set parameters.

As illustrated in FIG. 24 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device **2400**, where a trackpad **2402** is propelled forward or in reverse by a plurality of rollers at its base **2406**, possibly at intermediate elevations **2408**, and possibly at its zenith **2410**, propelled by means including but not limited to motors, levers, or magnetic

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activation, where rollers at an elevation by an adjustable base **2404**, which may adjust angles, propelled by means including but not limited to motors, levers, or magnetic activation.

As illustrated in FIG. 25 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **2500**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **2502**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by a plurality of attached rollers, **2504**.

As illustrated in FIG. 26 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **2600**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **2602**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **2606**, one or more balls, **2604**, or some combination therein. In the illustrative example an abrasive ball **2608**, at the movement device's zenith, is used to propel the trackpad above it, as it is turned from below by the abrasive surface **2612** of a pivot arm **2610**, which may be moved or rotated by a rod **2626** that is driven by one or more motors **2614**, **2618**, the shafts of which **2616**, **2620** rotate a pivot ball **2622**, held in an enclosure **2624**, wherein the pivot ball is attached to the stems and the rod, thereby controlling the spin, or angle of the pivot arm and thereby the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. 27 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **2700**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **2702**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **2707**, one or more balls which may be at the base, **2704**, or at a supporting elevation **2706**, or the controlling ball **2708** which is propelled and turned from below by the abrasive surface **2712** of a pivot arm **2710**, which may be moved or rotated by a rod **2726** that is driven by one or more motors **2714**, **2718**, the shafts of which **2716**, **2720** rotate a pivot ball **2722**, held in an enclosure **2724**, wherein the pivot ball is attached to the stems and the rod, thereby controlling the spin, or angle of the pivot arm and thereby moving or spinning the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. 28 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **2800**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **2802**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more balls which may be at the base **2804**, at a supporting elevation **2806**, at a location **2808** parallel to the elevation of the controlling ball **2810** which is propelled and turned from below by a motor **2812**, and its shaft **2614** which may be attached to and spin the ball (and thereby the trackpad) in some such embodiments.

As illustrated in FIG. 29 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **2900**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **2902**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **2907**, one or more balls which may be at the base, **2904**, or at a supporting elevation **2906**, or the controlling ball **2908** which is propelled and turned from below by the abrasive surface **2912** of a pivot arm **2910**, which may be moved by a rod **2926** that is driven by one or more motors **2918**, the shaft of which **2920** rotates a pivot ball **2922**, held in an enclosure **2924**, wherein the pivot ball is attached to the stems and the rod, thereby controlling the angle of the pivot arm and thereby moving the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. 30 yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **3000**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3002**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **3007**, one or more balls which may be at the base, **3004**, or at a supporting elevation **3006**, or the controlling ball **3008** which is propelled and turned from below by the abrasive

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surface **3012** of a pivot arm **3010**, which may be moved by a rod **3026** that is driven by a plurality of motors **3018**, **3022**, the shaft of which **3020** rotates a pivot ball, held in an enclosure **3024**, wherein the pivot ball is attached to the stems and the rod, thereby controlling the angle of the pivot arm in a plurality of directions and thereby moving the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. **31** yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **3100**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3102**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **3108**, one or more balls which may be at the base, **3104**, or at a supporting elevation **3106**, or the controlling ball **3110** which is propelled and turned from below by a rod **3112** that is driven by one or more motors **3122**, **3118**, the shaft of which **3120** rotates a pivot ball, held in an enclosure **3124**, wherein the pivot ball is attached to the stems and the rod, though the rod exits the enclosure at **3126**, thereby controlling the angle of the pivot arm and thereby moving the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. **32** yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device with a stable platform, **3200**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3202**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **3207**, one or more balls which may be at the base **3226**, the widest point, **3204**, or at a supporting elevation **3206**, or the controlling ball **3208** which is propelled and turned from below by the abrasive surface **3212** of a pivot arm **3210**, which may be moved by a rod **3226** that is driven by a plurality of motors **3218**, **3222**, the shaft of which **3220** rotates a pivot ball, held in an enclosure **3224**, wherein the pivot ball is attached to the stems and the rod, thereby controlling the angle of the pivot arm in a plurality of directions and thereby moving the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. **33** yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device with a stable platform, **3300**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3302**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **3307**, one or more balls which may be at the base **3326** and propelled by motors **3310**, **3320** which spin stems **3312**, **3322** controlling the rotation of bearings or rollers **3314**, **3324** and thereby the balls thereby controlling the angle of the pivot arm in a plurality of directions and thereby moving the trackpad, the widest point, **3304**, or at a supporting elevation **3306**, or a ball in the center of the platform **3308**.

As illustrated in FIG. **34** yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device with a stable platform, **3400**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3402**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **3407**, one or more balls which may be at the base **3426**, the widest point, **3404**, or at a supporting elevation **3406**, or the controlling ball **3408** which is propelled and turned from below by a rod **3426** that is driven by a plurality of motors **3418**, **3422**, the shaft of which **3420** rotates a pivot ball, held in an enclosure **3424**, wherein the pivot ball is attached to the stems and the rod, thereby controlling the angle of the pivot arm in a plurality of directions and thereby moving the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. **35** yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device with a stable platform, **3500**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3502**, rotating around the movement device at alternating velocities in response to user movement allowing the user to pace along the moving walkway or trackpad for an extended period of time.

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As illustrated in FIG. **36** yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device with a stable platform, **3600**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3602**, spinning around the movement device, allowing the user walk in a circular pad around the trackpad without necessarily moving in relationship to the stable platform.

As illustrated in FIG. **37** yet another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device, **3700**, comprising a moving walkway or track-pad, **3702**, rotating around the movement device as it is propelled by one or more rollers, **3706**, one or more balls, **3704**, or some combination therein. In the illustrative example an abrasive ball **3708**, at the movement device's zenith, is used to propel the trackpad above it, as it is turned from below by the abrasive surface propelled by motors **3712** which spin stems **3714** controlling the rotation of bearings or rollers **3716** and thereby the balls thereby controlling the angle of the pivot arm in a plurality of directions and thereby moving the trackpad.

As illustrated in FIG. **38**, another exemplary embodiment may involve an apparatus, **3820**, comprising a circular track or moving walkway, **3822**, with supports, **3824**, for handle bars, **3826**, which in certain embodiments may be powered by a battery, **3828**, which may be wired, **3829**, to the system, or a solar panel, **3830**, which may be wired, **3832**, to the system to supply power. In some variations of the embodiment, the apparatus may be supplemented by a canopy pole, **3834**, attached to an overhead canopy, **3836**, which can be comprised of solar panels, which can also be present in side panels and used to display images on the display panels, **3838**, (which may be directly over top of the solar panels, allowing just enough light to pass through to power the display, or charging a battery to do so at a time when enough light cannot pass through to power it) including false images as collected by any number of cameras, **3840**, connected via a wire, **3842**, or wirelessly to a display panel. In this exemplary embodiment a tent **3844** can be mounted above the system for benefits including added shade; concealment, through a false-images being recorded on any number of cameras, **3846**, and displayed on a display monitor; protection from the elements; and additional solar absorption through panels comprising the tent, **3848**.

As illustrated in FIG. **39**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a user **3914** wearing one or more output device(s) **3916** and one or more sensor relays **3902** that is given and receives feedback from a plurality of sensor relays **3904**, **3906**, **3908**, **3910** forming a perimeter about an area **3912**. In some embodiments the user's output device may be augmented or virtual reality lenses which may show images of walkways **3918** and exercise equipment to aid the user. In some such exemplary embodiments the sensor relay may indicate when the user has exited a perimeter marked by electromagnetic signals sent between other sensor relays located at the boundaries of the perimeter. In some such exemplary embodiments the sensor relay may then send one or more signals to the user's visual headset interrupting the movie the user was watching on it to tell them they are outside of a designated safe pacing zone.

As illustrated in FIG. **40**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a user **4014** wearing one or more output device(s) **4016** and one or more sensor relays **4002** that is given and receives feedback from a plurality of sensor relays **4004**, **4006**, **4008**, **4010** forming a perimeter about an area **4012**. In some embodiments the user's output device may be augmented or virtual reality lenses which may show images of walkways **4018** and exercise equipment to aid the user and/or the images could be created/augmented by means including but not limited to a projector **4022**, using a lens

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4020 to aim light containing an image **4024** (as shown) laser display, or holographic image. In some such exemplary embodiments the sensor relay may indicate when the user has exited a perimeter marked by electromagnetic signals sent between other sensor relays located at the boundaries of the perimeter. In some such exemplary embodiments the sensor relay might then send one or more signals to the user's visual headset interrupting the movie the user was watching on it to tell them they are outside of a designated safe pacing zone.

As illustrated in FIG. **41**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a modular walkway **4100**, connecting a series of trackpads **4102** such that their routes **4114** may be linked together **4114** as it is driven by a series of rollers **4114**. The walkway supports or barriers **4104** may raise **4106** and lower **4108** as needed in some embodiments for the user to exit. In some such exemplary embodiments the trackpads may be reversible, adjust velocity in relationship to a user's movement or performance, or any combination therein.

As illustrated in FIG. **42**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device **4200**, in this case a multi-directional walkway (here being illustrated as a transparent belt covering the other components like a tarp) **4202**, where in some exemplary embodiments a ball in the middle **4204** may be used to drive the direction of the belt, as the belt glides over the rollers **4208** at a plurality of locations, including bending under those along the perimeter **4206**. In other exemplary embodiments the rollers along the perimeter may be attached to motor stems to drive the direction of the walkway.

As illustrated in FIG. **43**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device **4300**, in this case an omni-directional walkway (here being illustrated as a transparent belt covering the other components like a tarp) **4302**, where in some exemplary embodiments a ball in the middle **4304** may be used to drive or spin the direction of the belt, as the belt glides over the rollers **4306**, balls **4308** and combinations **4310**. In other exemplary embodiments the rollers along the perimeter may be attached to motor stems to drive the direction of the walkway.

As illustrated in FIG. **44**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device **4400**, in this case an omni-directional walkway (here being illustrated as a transparent belt covering the other components like a tarp) **4402**, where in some exemplary embodiments a ball in the middle may be used to drive or spin the direction of the belt, as the belt glides over a plurality of balls **4406** for ease of directional change as it rotates around the perimeter.

As illustrated in FIG. **45**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device **4500**, in this case an omni directional walkway **4508**, where the area is bound **4504** by sensor relays **4502** which in some exemplary embodiments may communicate with sensors the user **4506** is wearing to determine how to adjust the velocity of the omni-directional walkway to keep the user from walking out or inform them on their output device they are getting close to exiting, or alerting the user in other ways and the walkway traverses is spherically shaped.

As illustrated in FIG. **46**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device **4600** comprising a sphere **4608** bound to several movement pads, including but not limited to stationary pads, or in this illustrative case modular walkways **4604**, combinable **4606** such that their route may be linked together as it is driven by a process including but not limited to the mechanical connections, a series of driven rollers, balls or clips. In some embodiments the modular walkways may have supports or barriers **4602** that in some

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such embodiments, that may raise and lower as needed in some embodiments for the user to exit.

As illustrated in FIG. **47**, another exemplary embodiment may involve a movement device **4700**, in this case an omni directional walkway **4712**, where the area is monitored by one or more sensor relay(s) **4702** which communicate **4704** with the sensors **4706** the user **4710** is wearing to determine how to adjust the velocity of the omni-directional walkway which may move or spin in a plurality of directions **4714** to keep the user from walking out or inform them on their output device **4708** they are getting close to exiting, or in some exemplary embodiments alerting the user in other ways, which further includes sensors **4716** for detecting the force of the users weight such that if a user steps off or jumps up from the walkway it can be detected and a signal sent to the movement device or user or an observer's computing device or output device.

It is understood that the various preferred embodiments are shown and described above to illustrate different possible features of the invention and the varying ways in which these features may be combined. Apart from combining the different features of the above embodiments in varying ways, other modifications are also considered to be within the scope of the invention.

The invention is not intended to be limited to the preferred embodiments described above, but rather is intended to be limited only by the claims set out below. Thus, the invention encompasses all alternate embodiments that fall literally or equivalently within the scope of these claims.

We claim:

1. A system comprising an area containing:

one or more sensor relays;

one or more output devices; and

one or more computer processors that:

receive a signal from any of the one or more sensor relays, detect information related to one or more user control factors;

analyze the detected information against one or more set points;

and either:

send a signal to any of the one or more output devices, instructing a decision maker with feedback related to one or more control factors measured against one or more set points or

send a signal to any of the movement devices, controlling said movement devices based on said analysis;

said system further comprising one or more movement devices, including but not limited to treadmills or moving platforms, bicycles, elliptical machines, cable row machines, automatically adjustable weight devices wherein one or more of the movement devices is a moving walkway further comprising: a standing desk wherein said standing desk moves through any of the following means: a direct attachment to the user;

a motor which moves the standing desk in response to user movement measured against one or more manufacturer defined or user defined set points as detected by any or any combination of sensor relays;

any part of the moving platform moving;

or any combination therein.

2. The system as described in claim 1 where one or more of the movement devices is an elliptical treadmill, circular treadmill, or layable connectible modular trackpad.

3. The system as described in claim 2 surrounded by one or more display apparatus comprising:

one or more solar panels;

a display panel overtop of said solar panels;

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wherein light may pass through said display panel, thereby supplying energy to said solar panels, which may in turn power said display panel.

4. The system as described in claim 3 wherein said solar panels may comprise a magnifying glass for amplifying the energy or heat collected.

5. The system as described in claim 3 further comprising one or more batteries for the storage of energy and/or one or more external solar panels.

6. The system as described in claim 1 further comprising one or more movement devices; wherein one or more movement device is a moving walkway; wherein said moving walkway spans the entire width of the area.

7. The system as described in claim 6, further comprising one or more platforms, separate from the moving walkway.

8. The system described in claim 7, further comprising:

one or more motors;

one or more levers;

one or more pulleys;

or

any combination therein;

wherein said motors, levers, pulleys, or any combination therein may be used to move said platform, such that an observer on said platform may move separately from the moving walkway.

9. The system described in claim 1 wherein an observer can control one or more movement devices, one or more output devices, or any combination therein.

10. The area as described in claim 1 further comprising a plurality of sensor relays about the perimeter of the area, said sensor relays transmitting signals to and from any sensor relays monitoring the user, the user's output device, or one or more movement devices.

11. An apparatus comprising:

a movement device;

one or more sensor relays;

any number of output devices;

one or more computer processors;

wherein the movement device and/or one or more output device may be adjusted based on transmissions between one or more of said sensor relays and one or more sensor relays monitoring one or more user control factors measured against one or more default or user defined set points,

at least one of said sensor relays being fitted to the user, and the control of the devices or processors being a response to whether the altering based on said sensor relay relayed information that is analyzed by a proces-

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sor as being within any number of measured against one or more manufacturer predefined, observer defined, or user defined set points.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the movement device is a circular or elliptical treadmill, wherein said circular treadmill further comprises a removable guide rails for users to enter and exit the apparatus or on which a computing device can be mounted and move in a guided fashion, or which a physical guide system may be attached to for guiding the user around the treadmill.

13. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the movement device is a rotating or spinning trackpad which utilizes a plurality of rollers, balls or any combination therein to move in direct response to the feedback received by the sensor relays from the user, so that the trackpad allows the user to maintain their position despite increasing their velocity.

14. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising one or more weight sensors within the movement device, to provide a feedback loop if a user enters, exits or leaps from the movement device.

15. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the movement device is a layable connectible modular trackpad which may propel attached sections by means of rollers or balls which may be driven by one or more motors, further comprising any number of barriers, guide rails, or harness attachable tracks, which may be retractable or removable.

16. A method of teaching comprising the steps of:

having one or more users in motion through the use of one or more movement devices;

presenting educational material while a user is in motion; said user assisted through the use of one or more sensor relays that may detect and relay signals, conveying information related to one or more sensor detected user control factors performance related activities measured against one or more default or user defined set points the user, controlling:

one or more output devices,

one or more movement devices,

or

one or more computer processors;

at least one of said sensor relays being fitted to the user, and the control of the devices or processors being a response to whether the altering based on said sensor relay relayed information that is analyzed by a processor as being within any number of measured against one or more manufacturer predefined, observer defined, or user defined set points.

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