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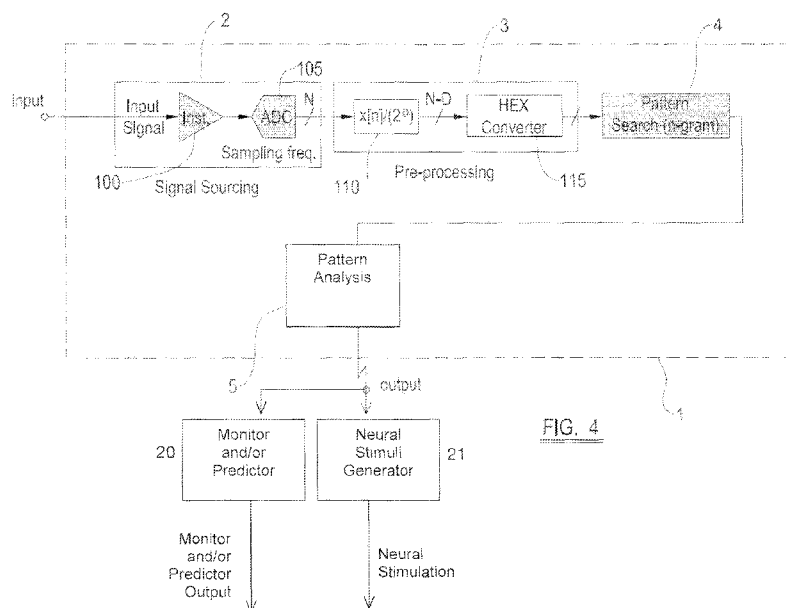
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(57) Abstract: A monitoring or predicting system to detect the onset of a neurological episode, the system comprising :a neuro-
logical electrical input, the input being a digital representation of a neurologically derived signal; a converter to convert the digital
signal into a digital data string; a pattern analyser to identify recurring patterns in the digital data string; and a monitor to measure
a pattern-derived parameter, wherein an output from the monitor gives an indication of the onset or occasion of a neuronal activity
in dependence on the pattern-derived parameter.

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Description of Invention

Field of the invention

This invention relates to a monitoring or predicting system and to a method of
10 monitoring or predicting neurological electrical signals.

Background

Major attempts are constantly being made to monitor and predict epileptic
seizures. Most predictive methods analyse electrical signals representing
15 neuronal activity in the brain using electrode pickups located at the level of
the scalp, externally, under the scalp or deep within the brain.

An electroencephalogram (EEG) is a system for recording electrical activity in
the brain produced by the firing of neurons within the brain. Multiple
20 electrodes are placed around the scalp but electrodes can also be placed in
direct contact with the brain or within the brain. The EEG signal is composed
of different wave patterns operating in a spectrum going from below 4Hz to
over 100Hz. There are other mechanisms for detecting and recording
neuronal activity such as an electrocorticogram (ECoG) where the signal is
25 derived directly from the cerebral cortex or functional magnetic resonance
imaging (fMRI).

Epilepsy is just one example of a potential neurological episode.

30 In order that the present invention may be more readily understood,
embodiments thereof will now be described, by way of example, with
reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 shows a first set of potential electro positions for use with a device or system embodying the present invention;

Figure 2 shows another potential set of electro positions for use with a device
5 or system embodying the present invention;

Figure 3 is a graph showing a relationship between seizure risk and neuronal activity signal anomalies;

10 Figure 4 is a block diagram of a monitoring or predicting device embodying the present invention;

Figure 5 is a schematic block diagram showing a system embodying the present invention for gather and analysing neuronal activity signals
15 embodying the present invention;

Figure 6 is a table of anomaly results achieved using an embodiment of the system of figure 5;

20 Figure 7 shows an example of the pattern count during pre-ictal and ictal periods, the ictal period being shaded;

Figure 8 is a graph showing an example of the pattern count varying over time;
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Figure 9 shows a graphical user interface designed to analyse neuronal activity data signals in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 10 is another block diagram representation of a monitoring or
30 predicting device embodying the present invention.

Table I shows a 10 nibble pattern matrix;

Table II shows an example of a first part of a 9 nibble pattern matrix;

5 Table III shows an example of a first part of an 8 nibble pattern matrix;

Table IV shows an example of a first part of a 7 nibble pattern matrix;

Table V shows an example of a first part of a 6 nibble pattern matrix;

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Table VI shows some initial results distinguishing pre-ictal from ictal periods;

Table VII shows historical results related to pattern count changes when analysing full data sets;

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Figure 11 is a snap-shot of over 12000 electronic readings taken from a single patient, the bold trace reflecting normal state and the fainter trace representing readings taken from the same patient during seizure;

20 Figure 12 is a detail of the electronic readings from figure 11 running from electronic readings 4000 to 5200;

Figure 13 is a detail of the electronic readings from figure 11 running from electronic readings 4800 to 5040;

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Figure 14 shows a case list of available data for different patients;

Figure 15 shows raw data and process data for case 7;

30 Figure 16 gives a pattern count for 10 nibble patterns identified during seizure conditions – run 13 and a summary of the anomaly percentage; and

Figure 17 gives the same information as the pattern count shown in figure 16 but for run 14 taken from the same patient during a normal state.

- 5 Figure 18 shows a second graphical user interface designed to analyse neuronal activity data signals in accordance with an embodiment of the invention.

One embodiment of the present invention is a neurological signal monitoring
10 or predicting device. The device receives input from one or more sensors which are suitable for receiving signals indicative of neuronal activity from the brain.

Electrodes or electrical contacts are the preferable form of sensors to detect
15 neuronal activity from the brain, i.e. neuronal activity sensors. For the sake of convenience, this specification refers to neuronal activity sensors as electrodes or electrical contacts but non-electrical sensors to detect or derive neuronal activity are possible alternatives or equivalents to electrical sensors. As well as being used as inputs, the electrical contacts may also be
20 configured as outputs to provide neuronal stimulation to a part or parts of the brain.

There are conventions for positioning and fixing of EEG electrodes (see
figures 1 and 2) so that aspect will not be discussed further here.

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The electrical signals from the brain comprise rhythmic patterns and anomalies. By anomalies, we are referring to electrical signals which are random in nature and do not conform to rhythmic signal patterns. It is one premise of the invention that as the proportion of anomalies to rhythmic
30 patterns in the electrical signal increases, then the likelihood of a neurological

episode such as an epileptic fit also increases. This relationship is shown graphically at figure 3.

Specific identification of individual anomalies, such as signatures, is not
5 necessary to provide useful information to predict or monitor the likelihood of a neurological event such as an epileptic seizure. Some specific anomalies are, however, indicators of the onset of a neurological event.

As well as detecting patterns using signal processing techniques and creating
10 pattern ratios to identify threshold between patterns indicating a normal state and using those patterns to distinguish from a seizure state, one can also use more observational techniques to distinguish between the different classes of signal pattern.

15 The electrical signals received from EEGs are received as floating point data. The floating point data is then digitised and weighted in accordance with predetermined characteristics which can be pre-set or controlled by a user. Figure 11 shows such a weighted graph derived from the floating point data. In figure 11 the electronic readings are taken at a rate of 256 per second. The
20 bolder line in figure 11 represents a floating point data which has been digitised and weighted, taken from the patient when in a normal state. The fainter trace represents electronic readings taken from the same patient pre-seizure and during seizure. Exactly the same scaling and weighting has been applied to the processed floating point data. It is clear from figure 11 that
25 there is an almost rhythmic nature to the electronic reading when in the normal state. When in the seizure state, the electronic reading is clearly more erratic. An observation can be made looking at this data that the rhythmic electronic readings are characteristic of a normal state and the almost pseudorandom electronic readings are characteristic of a seizure state.
30 These characterisations can be used through electronic processing/signal processing to determine a likelihood of the patient being in the normal state

or in the seizure state. Usefully, when the electronic reading characteristics decay from the almost rhythmic pattern, observance of this decay can be used as a trigger to provide an alert that the patient is moving from a normal state towards a seizure state.

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Embodiments of the invention use a number of different measures to make threshold decisions and some of those measures are discussed below. The invention bases decisions on pattern-derived parameters which may involve thresholding or reacting to a profile of a particular pattern-derived parameter.

10 Thus, if a pattern derived parameter exceeds or falls below a predetermined or learned threshold, then a decision can be taken in response to that and an indicator given. Similarly, pattern-derived parameters can be profiled so when a parameter follows a particular trend such as decaying, then a decision can be taken in response to that and an indicator given. A pattern-derived
15 parameter is a parameter derived from an observation of or operation on a digital data string which gives information about one or more patterns that recur in the digital data string. Examples of pattern-derived parameters are: the number of patterns identified in a data run; the proportion of patterns of a certain length compared to the total data payload; and combinations of these
20 and including profiles or signatures of pattern-derived parameters such as monitoring the rate of change of a particular pattern-derived parameter.

The thresholds or profiles of pattern-derived parameters can be learnt by the monitoring or predicting system and varied according to individual
25 characteristics of the user being monitored. Monitor learning uses known heuristics, neural network and artificial intelligence techniques.

A basic embodiment of a signal gathering and analysing system takes a neuronal activity signal either in digital form or converts it from analog to
30 digital and then presents the signal as a character string. The character string may be in binary, hexadecimal or other base. The character string is

preferably of the characters 0...9; A...F making up the hexadecimal character set. What is important is that the characters can provide a pattern of characters.

- 5 A sliding window of predetermined bit length or nibble length is placed over the data string and the data characters sitting within the window are considered to be a pattern. The pattern and the number of further occurrences of that pattern are logged as the window is slid over the entire data string. The window may be stepped incrementally through the data
10 string bit by bit, in steps of multiple bits or potentially even pseudo-randomly. In basic terms, the system counts the number of occurrences of each pattern and creates various parameters or characterisations of the data based on pattern count. Variations in pattern count have been shown to provide an indication of whether or not the brain is in a pre-ictal or ictal period. The
15 system also includes an output giving an indication of the onset of an ictal state based on the parameters derived from or characterisation of the pattern count.

- The most basic embodiment of a monitoring or predicting system makes use
20 of this relationship between pattern count and changes in neuronal activity to provide a monitoring or predicting system to provide a warning to a user based on an analysis which determines whether there has been a change in pattern count indicative of a change in neuronal activity indicative of onset of a seizure or the like. The analysis is based on internally stored historical
25 ratios of pattern counts or can be processed by the monitoring or predicting device on the fly and compared with predetermined thresholds given the different parameters for the incoming data and the user.

- The output of the monitoring or predicting system can be a wired output, a
30 wireless output, a Bluetooth™ output, an optical output, an audio output or any other mechanism of alerting a user or reporting to a user. A particularly

preferred method is the use of a traffic light indicator giving an alert status continually. The status of the indicator goes from green where there is no indication of onset of an ictal period, through amber where there is a potential risk of onset of an ictal period; to red where an ictal period is indicated as
5 being imminent or ongoing.

The monitoring or predicting device is configured as a piece of electronic hardware with input connections to one or more neuronal activity sensors such as EEG electrodes which form part of a skull cap or an array of
10 electrodes positioned on and attached to the skull. The device is preferably located on headgear or attached to the skull so that the path or distance from the or each sensor to the monitoring or predicting device is as short as possible. The device preferably has an internal power source but can be connected to an external power source.

15 The monitoring or predicting device 1 in one embodiment of the invention shown in figure 4 comprises a number of modules defined by their functionality. In various embodiments, the modules are: either all held in a common housing of the monitoring or predicting device; or some modules are
20 remote from the skull or body-located monitoring or predicting device and connected thereto by a wired or wireless connection.

There are four basic modules making up the monitoring or predicting device 1: a signal sourcing module 2 which receives input signals representing
25 neuronal activity from sensors; a pre-processing module 3 which takes a sampled signal and creates a data string; a pattern search module 4 which analyses the data string and shows repeated patterns; and a pattern monitor module 5 which analyses the patterns and generates a monitor and/or predictor output in dependence on the analysed patterns.

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Figure 14 shows a case list of available historical EEG data taken from patients in various conditions, usually either normal or abnormal, abnormal indicating pre-ictal or ictal state.

- 5 In a further embodiment of the device, as shown in figure 4, a neural stimulator is provided to furnish electrical or other stimuli to a part or parts of the brain. The stimuli are preferably furnished in response to the monitor and/or predictor output of the device.
- 10 Figure 15 shows the raw data and the process data for case 7. The raw data comprises the original floating point data from the EEG before it has been digitised and weighted. The process data shows the hexadecimal characters representing the digitised and weighted data from which patterns can be derived.
- 15 Figure 16 shows the patterns identified in case 7 in run 13 for which the data was captured during seizure. The size of the file is 40732 bits and for a 10 nibble pattern 4156 patterns were identified leaving 36576 anomalies giving an anomaly density or ratio of 89.8%.
- 20 Figure 17 shows the results for run 14 of case 7 which is data captured when the same patient in case 7 was in a normal state. Again, the file size is 40732 bits but the number of patterns identified is 39090 leaving only 1642 anomalies, giving an anomaly density or ratio of 4.03%. This conveys an
- 25 immediate distinction between the pattern/anomaly density or ratio allowing immediate characterisation of the data signals as being either captured during a normal state or during a seizure state. The percentage of anomalies present during a seizure state is vastly greater than the percentage of anomalies present during a normal state. A threshold can be determined or even
- 30 learned by the monitoring or predicting device which can constantly monitor, for example 10 second readings in real time and make a judgement on

whether the pattern ratio or pattern threshold has been decayed or passed and provide an alert or prediction in response to monitoring of this pattern-derived parameter. Conventional pattern analysis and pattern derivation mechanisms can be used to derive, identify, count and monitor patterns.

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Figure 5 shows the modules 2,3,4 and 5 of a monitoring or predicting device 1 as part of a larger and more detailed network which includes the facility to stream live data or run stored data through the modules.

10 Referring to figure 4, the signal sourcing module 2 has an amplifier 100 or pre-amplifier to receive neuronal activity input signals (an analog signal) preferably from EEG electrodes. Downstream of the amplifier there are one or more analog to digital converters 105 (or a multiplexed analog to digital converter) operating at a sampling frequency f_s and having as their input the
15 respective amplified EEG signals from the electrodes 10.

The sampled output of the analog to digital converters 110 is a binary string which is preferably converted to hexadecimal by HEX converter 115. The use of hexadecimal is particularly helpful to gain a visible and direct appreciation
20 of the presence of patterns in the signal being monitored.

An analog-to-digital converter is used with typical sampling frequencies (f_s) of 128-512Hz for EEG and ECoG to 10-30KHz for single neuron and local field potential (LFP) signals. The conversion, depending upon the application can
25 result in 8-16bit data. When stored for software (and microcontroller hardware) this information is represented at its lowest level in binary, but in a higher level of abstraction in hexadecimal (HEX). Hence, the data is already available in an alphanumeric format.

30 The hexagonal output is fed to the pattern search module 4 which is configured in this example as an n-gram model.

Additionally, we can adjust the level of lossiness of the data representation by dividing the data (an N bit number) by 2^D where D is an integer, to result in a reduced data format - i.e. reducing a 16bit number to an 8bit one by dividing
5 down with $D = 8$.

The n-gram process in the pattern search module 4 extracts any patterns in the signals. Once patterns are extracted the number of significant patterns are counted. A significant pattern is a pattern that has occurred more than 2
10 times but other threshold limits can be selected and may be usefully varied for different pattern sizes. The greater the pattern size, i.e. string length, the less repeating patterns there will be.

The pattern count is monitored and when the pattern count drops below a
15 historically derived threshold stored in the pattern monitor, the pattern monitor outputs a change of status. A significant pattern count is quantified in two ways: (1) to count out of the number of significant patterns the total number of occurrences of all these patterns and (2) out of the patterns found what percentage were significant. The former is shown in the below results,
20 the latter method quantified similar results so is not shown here. These pattern counts can then be quantified as a ratio between a current window of analysis and a previous window during an inter-ictal state (ictal refers to the state during a seizure).

25 The hexadecimal output is sampled and patterns identified and counted.

In figure 6, there are four sets of results 6A,6B,6C and 6D. The "NC" columns are data taken in the time prior to a neurological event (pre-ictal). The "ANC2" columns are data taken during a seizure onset and during the event
30 (ictal) – see also the timing diagram at the foot of the table in figure 6.

6A gives the raw results. 6B recognises that certain patterns occur very frequently particularly those patterns representing a saturated signal for a null signal which in hexadecimal terms would equate to "00" or "FF". These patterns are therefore excluded from the list of patterns. 6C removes all repeat patterns from the list of patterns. A repeat pattern is a sub-set of a pattern which occurred in a larger pattern size pattern list.

The other figures give similar pattern matrices for 9, 8, 7 and 6 nibbles taken for the same data string. Tables I to V show the first page of patterns and frequency of occurrence for the five pattern sizes of 10 to 6 nibbles.

Preferably the data is sampled as 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 nibbles from a sliding window applied to the hexadecimal data output string and the occurrence of each individual distinct nibble pattern is logged. In the 10 nibble pattern matrix shown in Table I, the two most popular occurring 10 nibble patterns in the "NC" data acquisition period are 020100FFFE and 20100FFFEF which patterns both occur 5 times in the "NC" data acquisition period. Many other 10 nibble patterns occur during the "NC" period.

The signal sourcing module receives input signals S1-S7 representing neuronal activity from one or more EEG sensors (see figures 1 and 2) attached to the skull in a conventional manner (of both attachment and/or array). The input signals in this example are electrical signals S1-S7 direct from EEG sensors 10. In other embodiments, the input signals may be remotely streamed from a live feed or a recorded data set.

In the preferred embodiment, the number of repeated patterns in NC is compared to the number of repeated patterns in ANC2. There are usually more repeated patterns in NC rather than ANC2 during the actual seizure. As a consequence, there are less patterns identifiable during a seizure, meaning that there are also more anomalies occurring during seizure hence the

premise of the invention that an increase in the proportion of anomalies to repeated patterns is an indicator or predictor of the onset of a neurological event such as an epileptic seizure.

- 5 A relative increase in the number of repeated patterns is a direct indicator of the onset of a neurological episode and is useful information to allow the device to perform an episode prediction function. The likelihood of the onset of a neurological episode increases as the number of repeated patterns increases.

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Aspects of the invention deal with one of the bottlenecks of analysis of epileptic seizure activity. An aspect of the invention allows the ability to work with consistent data which is well annotated and databased to establish a framework for future work and storage of results into the same framework.

- 15 The system shown at figure 5 provides this framework.

Figure 5 shows data acquisition, user interface and processing blocks. In theory each of these components could be placed in a different technological implementation, such as the acquisition being an implantable neural monitoring or predicting device, the user interface being on a mobile phone or PC and the processing units being a web-accessed cloud (such as the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud). The distribution of these elements will vary depending upon the signal processing requirements (computational complexity) and application space.

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Pattern analysis of historical data yields sets of parameters concerning the patterns. Predictions or decisions on whether a neural event is upcoming can be taken by comparing in either relative or absolute terms real-time patterns with stored parameters, pre-determined patterns and thresholds. The monitoring or predicting device provides an output indicative of whether a

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neural event is unlikely, likely or imminent, much like a traffic light output: red, amber and green.

5 The electrodes or electrical contacts that are used to detect neuronal activity from the brain are the inputs to the monitoring or predicting device. These inputs may be reversed to provide a stimulus output. The present invention also includes the provision of neuronal stimulation to a part or parts of the brain.

10 The stimulus may be provided in response to any of the parameters measured or monitored by the monitoring or predicting device, such as a change in pattern count indicative of a change in neuronal activity, an onset, a seizure or the like. Thus, the traffic light output from the device can be used to trigger a neural stimulation, perhaps targeted stimulation, in an attempt to
15 ameliorate, offset, delay or avoid entirely a neurological episode such as an epileptic seizure. The neural stimulation is provided by a neural stimuli generator 21 which can be a part of the device or connectable to a device output, potentially wirelessly, or wired.

20 Referring to figure 6, this data was obtained from the University Hospital of Freiburg Epilepsy Centre, Germany. The data used were pre-sampled at 256Hz and quantised using a 128 channel 16-bit data acquisition. All 21 patients' first seizure was used from this data set. There is a pre-ictal period of up to 1 hour in most cases with seizure durations varying from 15-170
25 seconds. There were multiple types of seizures present including: simple partial, complex and general tonic-clonic.

Conventional pattern analysis techniques were used. The invention does not relate to the analysis technique but in the identification that patterns and
30 pattern ratios of the digitised and sampled data are characteristic of a patient being in normal, pre-ictal and seizures states.

Two sets of tests were conducted with this data. The first set aimed to quantify whether there were pattern differences between seizure/ictal areas when compared against inter and pre-ictal periods. To do this, sample pre-ictal periods equal in size to the seizure period were extracted. The average pattern count between each of 10 sections of pre-ictal data is computed in order to compare against the seizure pattern count. For this analysis we used $D = 8$ and analysed the data for n-gram sizes of 12 and 14, where one token was one electrical reading in 1byte or 2HEX characters. These results (shown in Table VI) show that in most cases the pattern count (P) compared to the seizure count (S) was considerably different; 18 out of 21 cases showed a ratio that indicated a greater than 25% change in pattern count. These results aim to distinguish pre-ictal from ictal periods.

The second set of tests analysis used the full pre-ictal period, segmented into 5 and 10 second windows. We analysed the data using $D = 8$ and with n-gram sizes 10 and 14. A typical pattern count found in these data sets is shown in figure 7. The results for all 21 patients are shown in Table VII. Table VII shows heuristic results (related to pattern count changes) when analysing the full data sets. The descriptions refer to the changes that occur that are visible changes compared to the pre-ictal period.

It is clear patterns exist and interestingly some patterns change or exist for certain n-gram sizes but not for others. An interesting pattern was an increase followed by a slow decrease over several minutes – see sharp increase at 60 minutes in figure 8. These findings conclude that out of the 21 patients, 18 can be detected using the features outlined in figure 6. Table VII shows patterns at different n-gram sizes. Patterns are identical using different n-gram sizes while making sure that patterns in an n-gram of 12 are not replicated in an n-gram size of 10, i.e. making sure that patterns are unique and not a subset of a larger pattern in the data. Also, one needs to

identify data parameters (e.g. types of seizure) to identify if certain patterns correlate with patient-specific information.

To gather further historical data and develop pattern parameters and thresholds there is disclosed a modular analysis framework as shown in figure 5.

The system of figure 5 is an open online and/or real-time analysis tool (www.winam.net) with an SQL database that is used to examine multiple cases and runs of data sets and presents in a webpage form as shown in figure 9. As in figure 5 the structure is such that the data sourcing can be through an RSS feed, or offline data source. The processing (n-gram) is implemented through a separate processing cluster allowing multiple parallel processing efficiently. This is an open system that allows users to freely access and carry out the algorithmic techniques described in this paper. The database structure itself is designed to allow users to input multiple patient cases, and for each case run particular data sets (EEG, ECoG, ECG etc...) or parts of these data sets.

Figure 18 shows a second graphical user interface designed to analyse neuronal activity data signals in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. This interface is used to set the parameters, in real-time or offline, of the logics module 4 and/or the downstream analysis module.

In Figure 18, a number of parameters may be monitored and/or adjusted and applied to the data in real time (and not just post-analysis). The listed parameters are not exclusive and other parameters or sub-parameters can also be modified.

The "weighting" parameter refers to the rounding of the EEG signal. For example, the EEG signal may be sampled at 5Hz, and then the number of

samples may be divided by 128 to remove noise - effectively “zooming in” on the results. The signal then needs to be rounded as a 5Hz sample frequency divided by 128 will not give an integer number of samples. In a preferred embodiment, the signal is rounded up.

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The “interval” parameter is the window length the user wishes to process cycles in. In one embodiment, the interval length may be 1 minute.

10 The “frequency” parameter is a frame frequency and relates to the number of frames to be processed. If, for example, the user has 1 hour of data and the 11th to 20th minutes are of interest, the user can skip to the 11th minute and select how many frames will be read – e.g. 20 frames at a 30s interval length.

15 The “optimiser” parameter determines the optimum pattern length to determine a suitable anomaly ratio. For example, with a pattern length of 2 bits it is likely there will be very few or no anomalies, but with a pattern length of 20 bits, it is likely there will be several anomalies. The optimiser effectively sets a benchmark for the anomaly ratio. In a preferred embodiment, the optimiser parameter determines the pattern length of each pattern type A, B, 20 C, D, (see, for example, Figure 17, where the length of pattern A is 10 nibbles, and patterns B,C and D are 0) such that anomaly ratio is less than 10%. The optimiser can automatically determine the ideal settings for each of the pattern groups (shown as GNBPA-D) on the user interface). The pattern group settings may be overridden manually by adjusting, respectively, 25 GNBPA-D) individually or jointly.

The “SD” parameter control relates to the threshold standard deviation of the results.

30 Other importing functionality is readily implemented as is reporting documentation to further visualise, analyse the results and further develop

pattern-based parameters on which to base neuronal event monitoring or predicting decisions.

When used in this specification and claims, the terms "comprises" and
5 "comprising" and variations thereof mean that the specified features, steps or integers are included. The terms are not to be interpreted to exclude the presence of other features, steps or components.

The features disclosed in the foregoing description, or the following claims, or
10 the accompanying drawings, expressed in their specific forms or in terms of a means for performing the disclosed function, or a method or process for attaining the disclosed result, as appropriate, may, separately, or in any combination of such features, be utilised for realising the invention in diverse forms thereof.

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Neural Binary Pattern Storage Table (NBPST)

10 Each pattern group from (A, B, C or D) has a length defined by Pattern_n_length (where n = a, b, c or d) will have a storage table where 'unique' patterns are stored. Each pattern stored has an associated count and the last offset (from the start of frame).

15 **Pattern A -** (validation A>B>C>D)
 Pattern_a_name: xxxxxxxx (Key)
 Pattern_a_count: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)
 Pattern_a_last_offset: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)

20 *Sample:*

Pattern_A_name	A1 10 7F 33	3F 51 A2 9F	75 00 D1 01
Pattern_A_count	1	3	1
Pattern_A_last_offset	1	11	23

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Pattern B

Pattern_b_name: xxxxxxxx (Key)
 Pattern_b_count: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)
 30 Pattern_b_last_offset: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)

Pattern C

Pattern_c_name: XXXXXX (Key)
 Pattern_C_count: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)
 35 Pattern_c_last_offset: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)

Pattern D

Pattern_d_name: XXXXXX (Key)
 Pattern_d_count: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)
 40 Pattern_d_last_offset: 32,768 (16bit / 2byte)

NBP Working Storage (NBPWS)

5	Pattern_a_length:	As per user input:	2-24 byte patterns
	Pattern_b_length:		2-24 byte patterns
	Pattern_c_length:		2-24 byte patterns
	Pattern_D_length:		2-12 byte patterns
10	Each data value is 1 byte in length (8bits). Pattern_N_length determines the number of 1 byte patterns that constitute a pattern – example: Pattern_A_length = 3 refers to 'XX XX XX', such as '10 7F 33'.		
15	Offset:	32,768 (16bit / 2byte), initial value -1	
	LLA:	32,768 (16bit / 2byte), initial value 0	

NBP Process

- 20
1. **Open Input File** -> Apply weight factor (user input: Pattern Weight, Weight Range,) to 1 or 2 byte (2 Character Hex)-
 2. **Read Input File** -> Using user inputs: Skip to, Frame Length, Frame Frequency, Frame Gap
 3. **Write** unformatted data to input_storage_table
 4. **Open Exclude List File** (Using user input: Exclude List):
- 25
- Write to Exclude List Storage Table (ELST)
- 30
1. **Start_logic**
Offset = Offset+1
- 35
- If LLA = 0 skip to **Update Pattern Table Routine**
- Compare LLA with Offset range A-D
- 40
- Overlap? Y: **Start Logic**
N: Continue
2. **Update Pattern Table Routine**
IF Pattern_d_Length > 0 then

Compare offset + Pattern_d_Length of input_storage_table to
Pattern_d_name table in NBPST.

5 Duplicate key? Yes: Set duplicate_flag to d, continue
No: Continue

10 IF Pattern_c_Length > 0 then
Compare offset + Pattern_c_Length of input_storage_table to
Pattern_c_name table in NBPST.

Duplicate key? Yes: Set duplicate_flag to c, continue
No: Continue

15 IF Pattern_b_Length > 0 then
Compare offset + Pattern_b_Length of input_storage_table to
Pattern_b_name table in NBPST.

20 Duplicate key? Yes: Set duplicate_flag to b, continue
No: Continue

25 IF Pattern_a_Length > 0 then
Compare offset + Pattern_a_Length of input_storage_table to
Pattern_a_name table in NBPST.

Duplicate key? Yes: Set duplicate_flag to a, continue
No: Continue

30 Duplicate_flag = ON? (will equal a, b, c or d)

a. NO

35 Move offset to pattern_a_last_offset
Move 1 to pattern_a_count
Move offset + Pattern_a_length of input_storgae_table to
Pattern_a_name

40 If Pattern_name in ELST **Return to Start_logic**
Else Write table entry into NBPST

45 Move offset to pattern_b_last_offset
Move 1 to pattern_b_count
Move offset + Pattern_b_length of input_storgae_table to
Pattern_b_name

If Pattern_name in ELST **Return to Start_logic**
Else Write table entry into NBPST

5 Move offset to pattern_c_last_offset
 Move 1 to pattern_c_count
 Move offset + Pattern_c_length of input_storgae_table to
 Pattern_c_name

10 If Pattern_name in ELST **Return to Start_logic**
 Else Write table entry into NBPST

15 Move offset to pattern_d_last_offset
 Move 1 to pattern_d_count
 Move offset + Pattern_d_length of input_storgae_table to
 Pattern_d_name

20 If Pattern_name in ELST **Return to Start_logic**
 Else Write table entry into NBPST

Return to Start Logic Loop Till EOF

25 **b. YES**
 Move offset to pattern_n_last_offset (n = a, b, c or d – found from
 Duplicate_flag)
 Move offset to LLA
 Add 1 to pattern_count

30 Re-Write table entry

 If Pattern_count not > ELST count **Return to Start_logic**
 Else Update correlation bit map table

35 **Return to Start Logic Loop Till EOF**

Claims

1. A monitoring or predicting system to detect the onset of a neurological episode, the system comprising:
 - 5 a neurological electrical input, the input being a digital representation of a neurologically derived signal;
 - a converter to convert the digital signal into a digital data string;
 - a pattern analyser to identify recurring patterns in the digital data string; and
 - 10 a monitor to measure a pattern-derived parameter, wherein an output from the monitor gives an indication of the onset or occasion of a neuronal activity in dependence on the pattern-derived parameter.
2. A system according to claim 1, wherein the pattern-derived parameter
15 is related to a count or a proportion of recurring patterns in the digital data string.
3. A data acquisition and analysis system comprising:
 - a neurological electrical input comprising a digital representation of a
20 neurologically derived signal;
 - a converter to convert the digital signal into a digital data string;
 - a pattern analyser to identify recurring patterns in the digital data string; and
 - 25 a monitor to measure a pattern-derived parameter related to a count or a proportion of recurring patterns in the digital data string, wherein an output from the monitor gives an indication of the onset or occasion of a neuronal activity in dependence on the pattern-derived parameter.

4. A system according to any preceding claim, wherein the digital data string is a character data string, a binary data string or a hexadecimal data string.
- 5 5. A system according to any preceding claim, wherein the system further comprises a neural stimuli generator for stimulating a part of a brain.6. A method of detecting the onset of a neurological episode comprising:
- receiving a neurological electrical input comprising a digital representation of a neurologically derived signal;
- 10 converting the digital signal into a digital data string;
- identifying recurring patterns in the digital data string;
- monitoring a pattern-derived parameter related to a count or a proportion of recurring patterns in the digital data string; and
- providing an output giving an indication of the onset or occasion of a
- 15 neuronal activity in dependence on the pattern-derived parameter.
7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
- weighting the digital signal when converting the digital signal into a digital data string.
- 20
8. The method of claim 6 or 7, further comprising:
- sampling the digital data string with a bit length of 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 bits.
9. The method of any of claims 6 to 8, further comprising:
- 25 monitoring the rate of change of the pattern-derived parameter.
10. The method of any of claims 6 to 9, further comprising:
- counting significant recurring patterns.
- 30 11. The method of any of claims 6 to 10, further comprising:

excluding patterns in the data string that are identified as null signals from the significant recurring pattern count.

12. The method of any of claims 6 to 11, further comprising:
5 detecting or identifying the type of neurological episode.

13. The method of any of claims 6 to 12, wherein the output giving an indication of the onset or occasion of a neuronal activity is determined based on either:
10 analysing internally stored historical ratios of pattern counts; or
processing by a monitoring device and comparing with a predetermined threshold.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the predetermined threshold is
15 learned from the user profile using known heuristics, neural network and/or artificial intelligence techniques, or determined by the total number of significant patterns and/or a percentage of significant patterns found.

15. The method of any of claims 5 to 14, further comprising:
20 stimulating a part of a brain using a neural stimuli generator.

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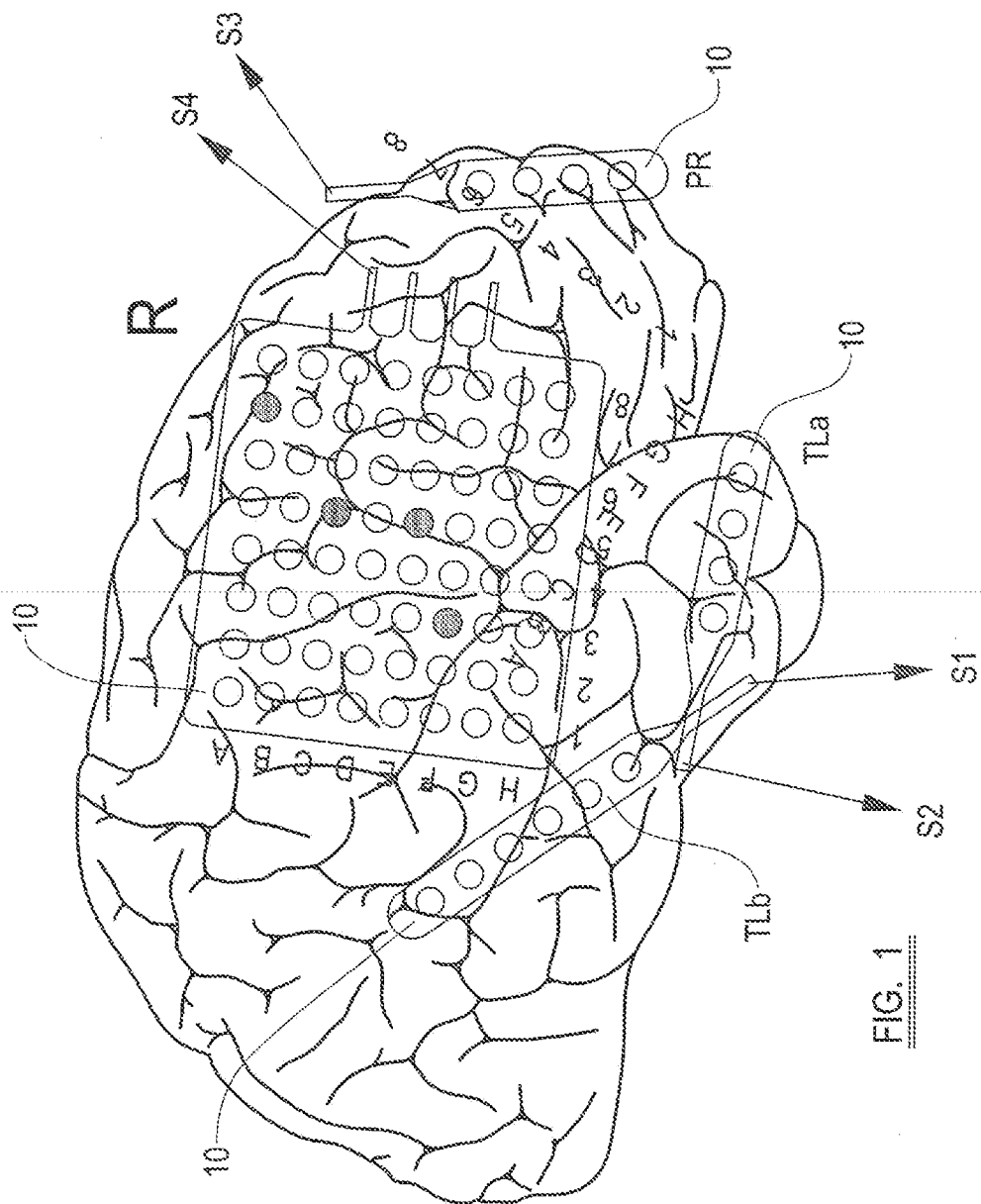
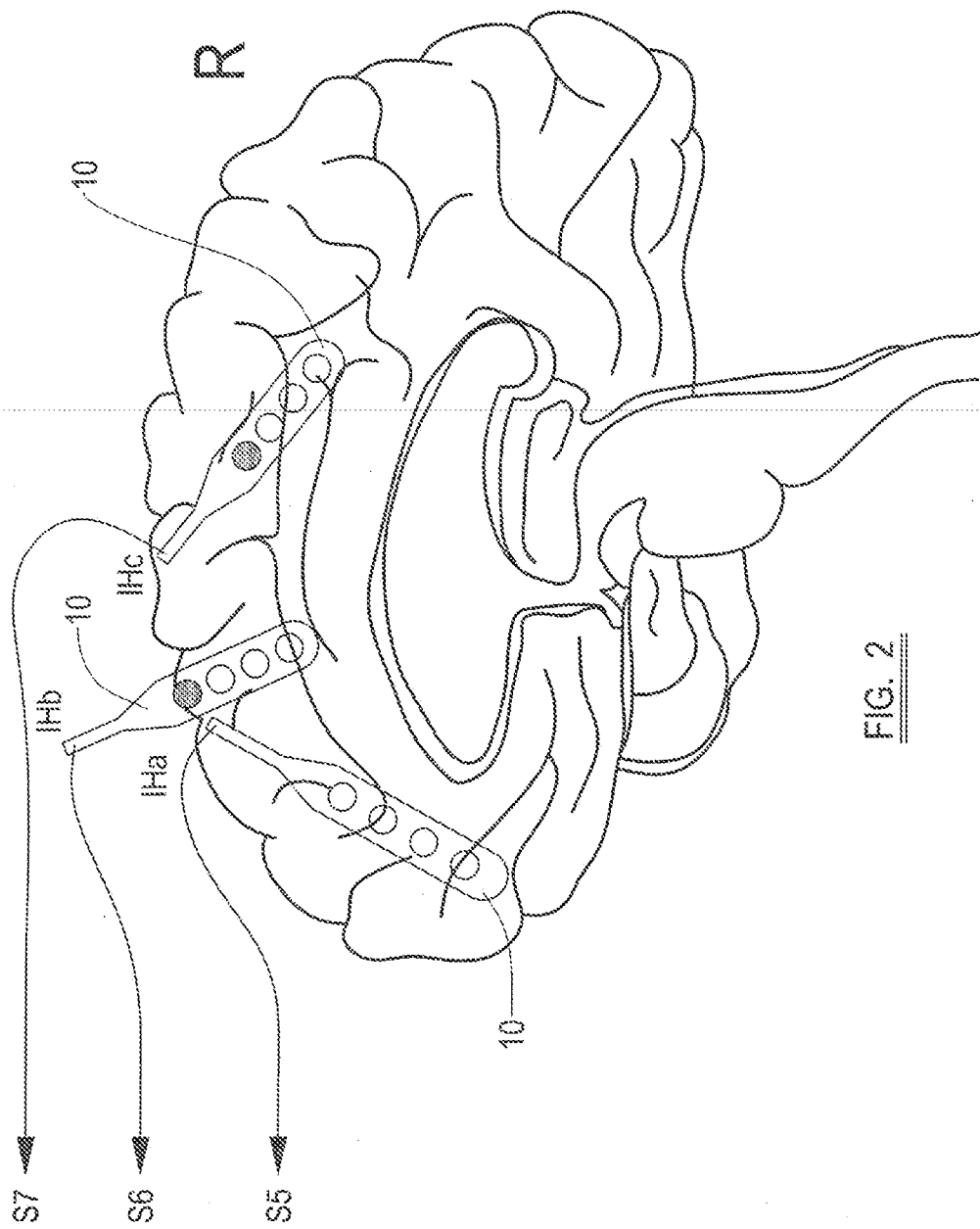


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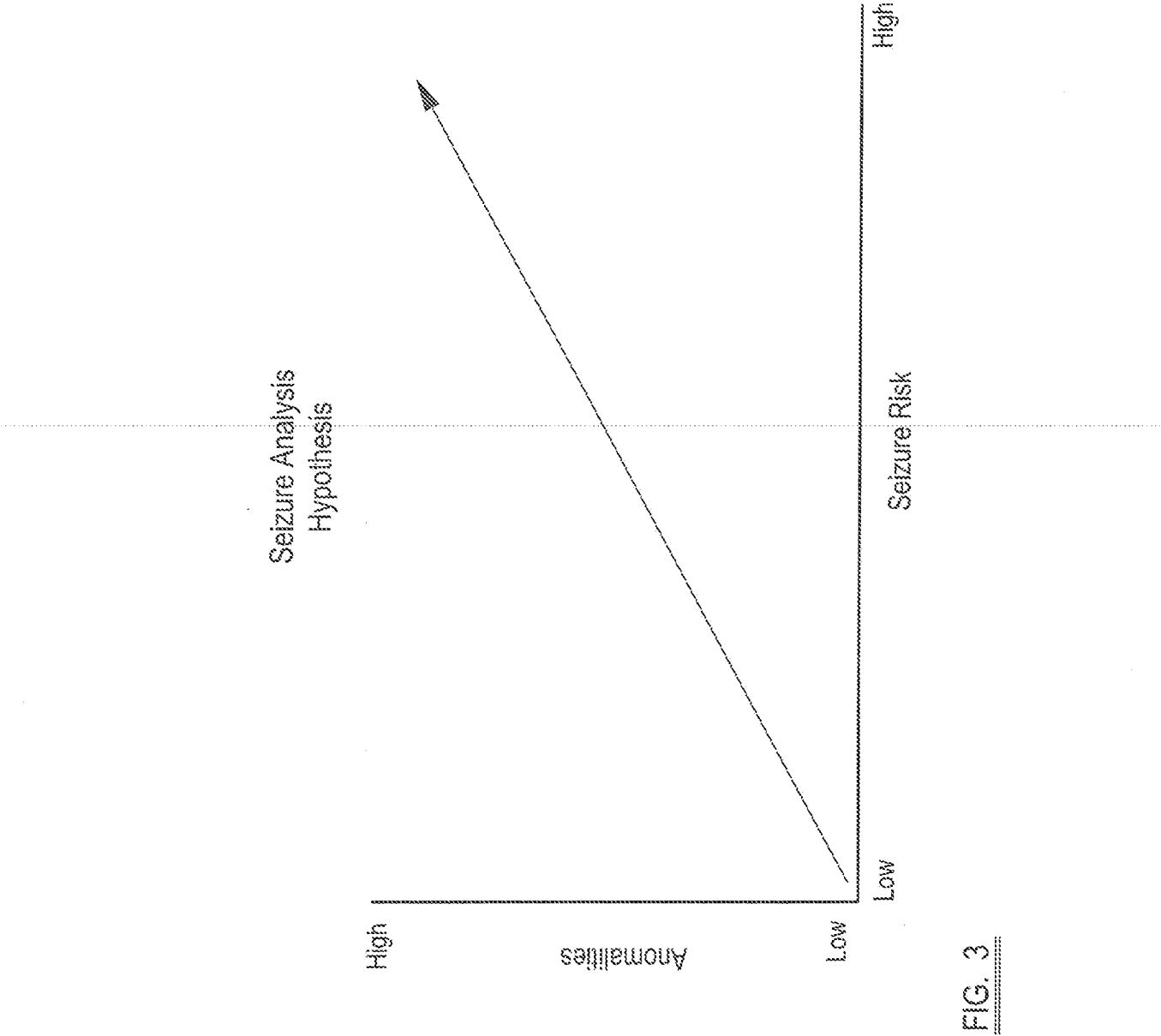
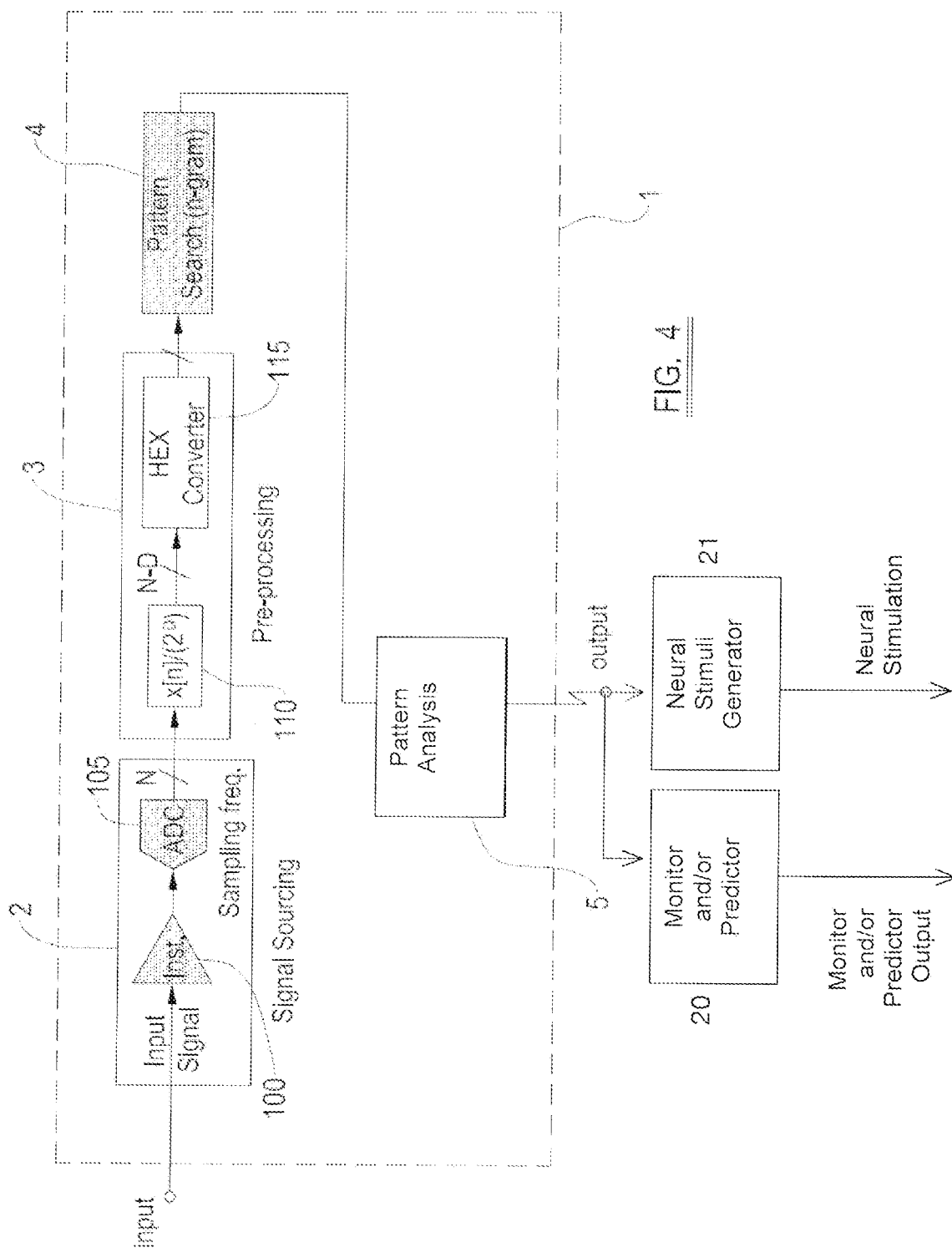
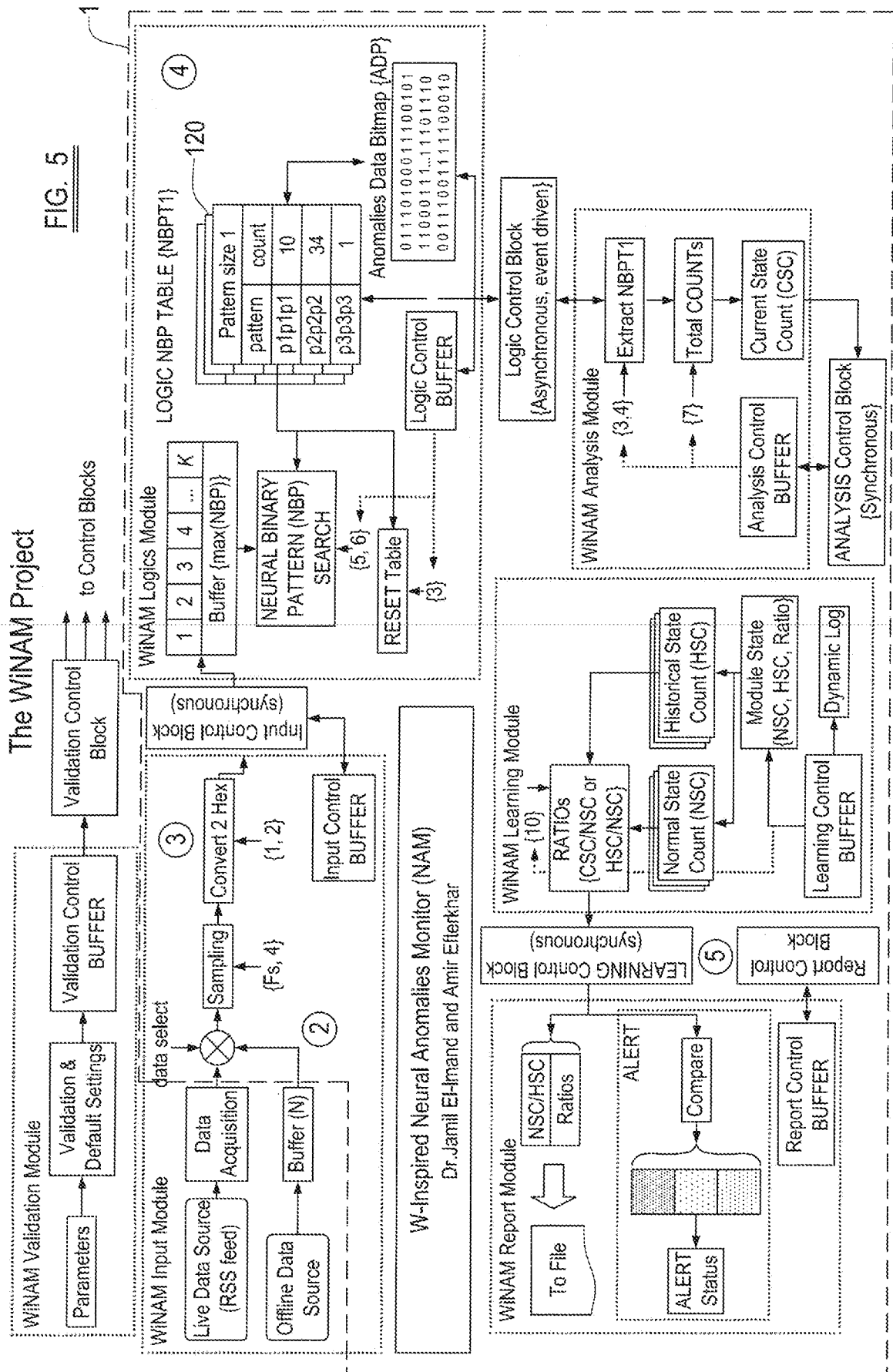


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6A										6B				6C				6D			
Seizure onset Normal																					
Patient	Sex	Age	Seizure Type	H/NC	Origin	Seizure Duration (ANC2) / seconds	NC Location before seizure / hours	ANC2 Patterns	NC Patterns	Ratio	ANC2 Patterns	NC Patterns	Ratio	ANC2 Patterns	NC Patterns	Ratio	ANC2 Patterns	NC Patterns	Ratio		
1	f	15	SP, CP	NC	Frontal	19.49	6.10	538	1756	0.3064	519	1716	0.3024	482	1579	0.3053	482	1579	0.3053		
2	m	38	SP, CP, GTC	H	Temporal	147.35	0.89	12310	34201	0.3599	12299	34198	0.36	12256	34041	0.36	12256	34249	0.3578		
3	m	14	SP, CP	NC	Frontal	108.63	1.67	13578	26721	0.5081	13130	26593	0.4975	10705	19481	0.5485	10705	19945	0.5367		
4	f	26	SP, CP, GTC	H	Temporal	77.30	1.93	933	6783	0.1375	933	6783	0.1376	343	6783	0.0506	343	9782	0.036		
5	f	16	SP, CP, GTC	NC	Frontal	14.98	0.99	1703	3340	0.5099	1616	2873	0.5629	1012	2058	0.4917	1012	1936	0.5227		
6	f	31	CP, GTC	H	Temporo/Occipital	107.94	1.60	7319	22986	0.3183	7050	22886	0.308	6361	16569	0.3426	6361	18231	0.3489		
7	f	42	SP, CP, GTC	H	Temporal	79.55	1.70	2434	18879	0.1289	2356	18306	0.1287	1885	12061	0.1563	1885	12307	0.1532		
8	f	32	SP, CP	NC	Frontal	178.87	1.10	34388	39070	0.8802	33375	37118	0.8891	32437	35957	0.9021	32437	35965	0.9019		
9	m	44	CP, GTC	NC	Temporo/Occipital	38.56	1.04	1739	9426	0.2063	1719	7269	0.2365	1139	6863	0.1632	1139	6751	0.1687		
10	m	47	SP, CP, GTC	H	Temporal	87.07	1.19	29899	20468	1.0259	16773	17783	0.9432	15050	16163	0.9311	15050	15598	0.9649		
11	f	40	SP, CP, GTC	NC	Parietal	41.55	1.05	4140	4467	0.9221	4085	4409	0.9265	3867	4234	0.9133	3867	4507	0.858		
12	f	42	SP, CP, GTC	H	Temporal	61.33	1.00	10711	14731	0.7271	10504	12064	0.8707	8862	9092	0.9747	8862	9683	0.9171		
13	f	22	SP, CP, GTC	H	Temporo/Occipital	76.13	1.18	6214	11946	0.5245	6214	11948	0.5246	5214	11848	0.5245	5214	13854	0.4551		
14	f	41	CP, GTC	H, NC	Fronto/Temporal	70.77	1.34	16880	16163	1.0431	14868	13698	1.0708	12822	11545	1.1106	12822	12028	1.066		
15	m	31	SP, CP, GTC	H, NC	Temporal	31.51	0.94	7086	7418	0.9552	6409	5571	1.1504	5026	4903	1.0251	5026	4706	1.0682		
16	f	50	SP, CP, GTC	H	Temporal	170.61	1.36	35482	33797	0.9146	34315	37655	0.9113	33871	37282	0.9112	33871	36486	0.9311		
17	m	28	SP, CP, GTC	NC	Temporal	56.87	1.81	1747	12678	0.1357	12921	11475	0.1126	591	10720	0.0551	591	10502	0.0558		
18	f	25	SP, CP	NC	Frontal	17.93	1.20	36	1133	0.0318	36	1133	0.0318	36	1133	0.0318	36	963	0.0374		
19	f	28	SP, CP, GTC	NC	Frontal	23.17	1.01	1716	3716	0.4618	1508	3568	0.4226	1278	3427	0.3729	1278	3516	0.3635		
20	m	33	SP, CP, GTC	NC	Temporo/Parietal	25.09	1.84	2931	5549	0.5282	2723	4911	0.5545	2276	3455	0.6588	2276	3169	0.7102		
21	m	13	SP, CP	NC	Temporal	89.91	0.93	20018	19761	1.013	18159	17996	1.009	16182	16328	0.991	16182	15825	1.0226		
ORIGINAL NGRAM SIZE = 10								FF and 00 Patterns Removed				All Repeat Patterns removed				Different NC part					

Lobes of the brain

Central sulcus

Parietal lobe

Frontal lobe

Occipital lobe

Sylvian fissure

Temporal lobe

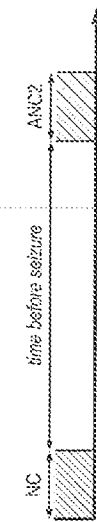
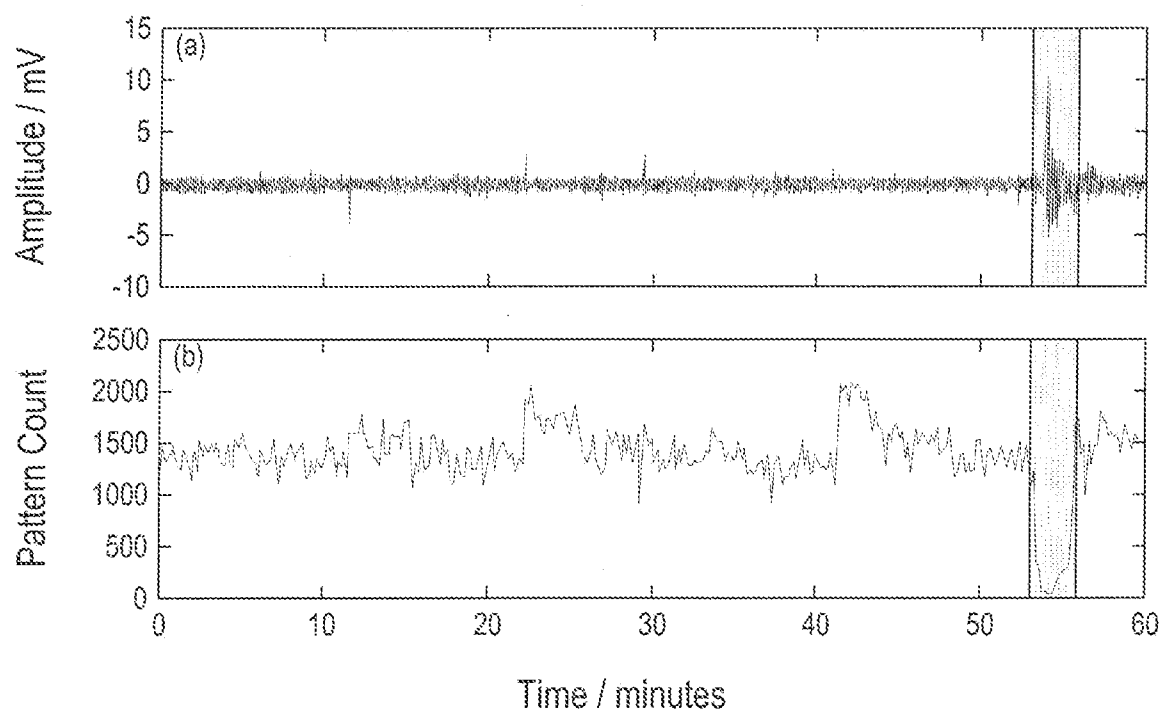
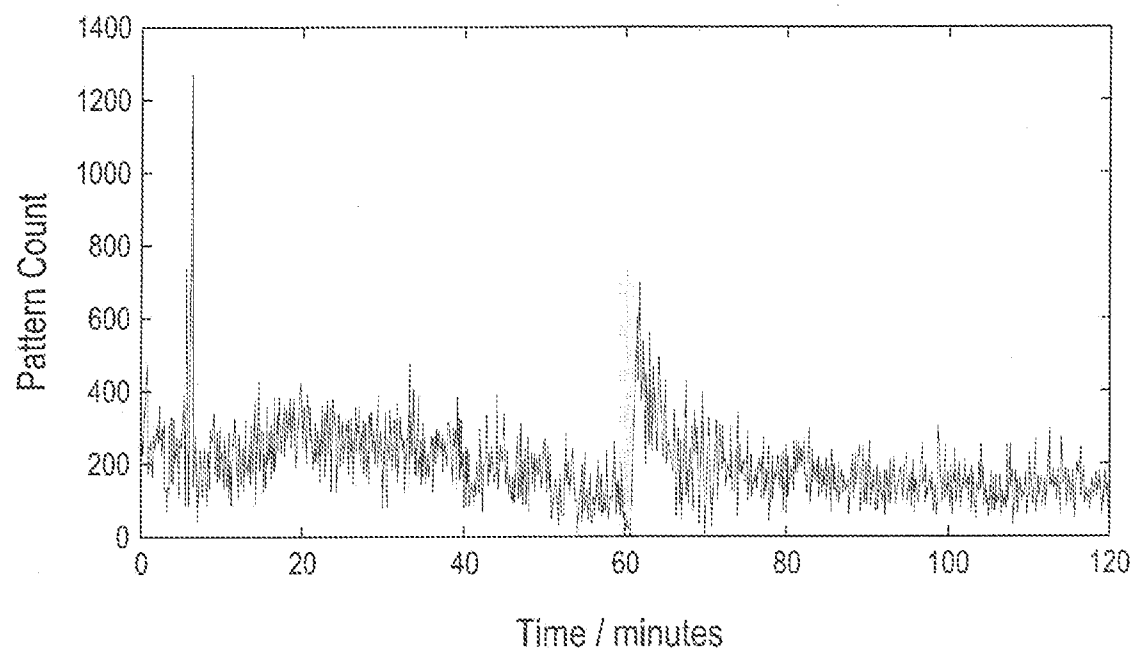


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NEURAL DATA ANALYSIS LABORATORY

COMMAND

CASE PARAMETERS				RUN PARAMETERS			
Unique ID:	<input type="text"/>	Run ID:	<input type="text"/>	Frame Length:	<input type="text" value="00:00:10"/>	Pattern A Length (ER):	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Data Source:	<input type="text" value="Clinical"/>	File Type:	<input type="text" value="ASCII 16"/>	Frame Gap:	<input type="text" value="00:00:00"/>	Pattern B Length (ER):	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Species Type:	<input type="text" value="Human"/>	Data Type:	<input type="text" value="EEG"/>	Frame Frequency:	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Pattern C Length (ER):	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Ethnicity:	<input type="text" value="White"/>	Electrode Type:	<input type="text" value="Other"/>	Alert?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Pattern D Length (ER):	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Gender:	<input type="text" value="Male"/>	Electrode ID:	<input type="text" value="0001"/>	Diagnose?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Exclude List:	<input type="text"/>
DOB (DD/MM/YY):	<input type="text"/>	Electrode Location:	<input type="text" value="F1"/>	Physical State:	<input type="text" value="Active"/>	Min. Occurrence:	<input type="text" value="2"/>
Condition:	<input type="text" value="Normal"/>	Pattern Weight:	<input type="text" value="128"/>	Mental State:	<input type="text" value="Active"/>		
Condition Name:	<input type="text" value="Normal"/>	Weight Range:	<input type="text" value="Fixed"/>	Drug Administered:	<input type="text" value="None"/>		
Case Status:	<input type="text" value="Open"/>	Skip to:	<input type="text" value="00:00:00"/>				

WINAM Data Input

Offline

Live (RSS) In

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WINAM NBP Counts

NBP - Pattern A

NBP - Pattern C

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WINAM Four Step Analysis Process

WINAM Results

Diagnose

Live (RSS) Out

Alert Status

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WINAM Anomalies Ratio

Case Ratio

Interval Ratios

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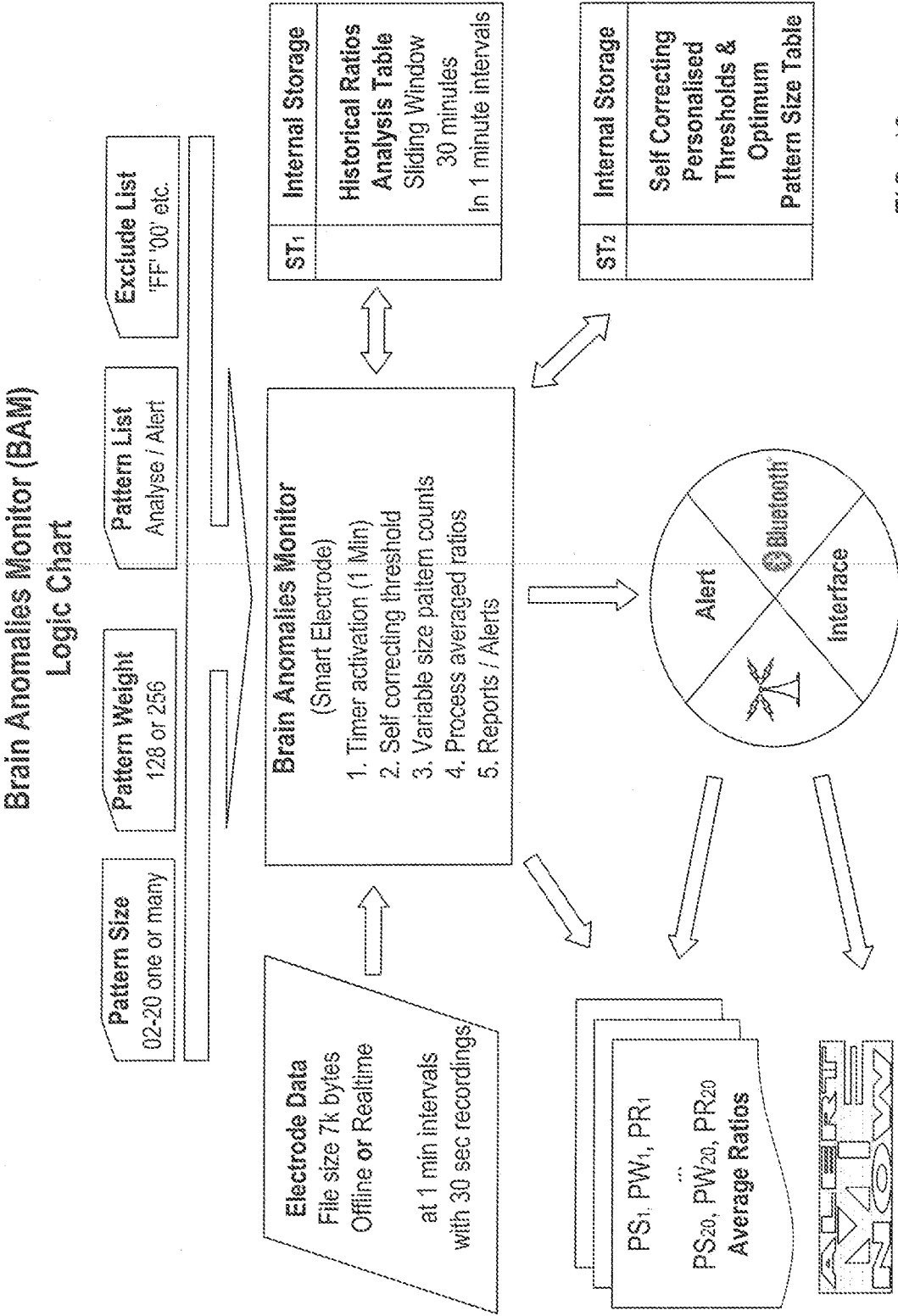


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Table II

Sno	Data One					Data Two				
	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	NC	ANC1	ANC2	9 Nibble (half byte) pattern Matrix	
1	10100FFFF	7	F4F4F4F4F	7	101010101	6	E0E0E0E0E	9	DCDCDCDCD	19
2	104040404	7	020202020	5	010101010	5	0E0E0E0E0	8	E0E0E0E0E	18
3	F8F8F8F8F	6	060505050	5	141414141	3	E7E7E7E7E	6	E0E0DCDCD	3
4	F4F8F8F8F	6	070505050	5	080C0C0C0	3	D8D7D7D7D	5	E3E1E0DFF	3
5	F0DFDFDF	5	F8F8F8F8F	4	191A1B1C1	3	EFECECECE	5	E8E8E8E8E	3
6	060606060	5	700505050	4	0201FFFD	3	E1E1E1E1E	5	E7E6E6E6E	3
7	20100FFFE	5	F9F9F9F9F	4	181818181	3	E5E5E5E5E	5	DEDDDCDCD	3
8	F4F4F4F4F	5	F8F8F8F8F	4	01010100F	3	D8D7D7D7D	5	E0DFDFDFD	3
9	020100FFF	5	050506070	4	010404030	3	DFDFDFDFD	5	E1E0E0DFF	3
10	FFFEFDFDF	4	070605050	4	181818181	3	DEDDDCDCD	4	E3E4E5E5E	5
11	F6F5F6F7F	4	0E0C0B070	4	FF0002030	3	DCDCDCDCD	4	E9E9E9E8E	5
12	F8FEF8F7F	4	050204040	4	040303030	3	E8E8E7E7E	4	E4E3E2E1E	4
13	F4F4F8F8F	4	F8F8F8F8F	4	1310E0C00	3	EFECECECE	4	DDDDDDDDDD	4
14	FFFEFCF8F	4	0203090CF	4	0A0809A00	3	DDDCDCDCD	4	E7E8EAECE	4
15	090A0C0C0	4	000000000	4	3B3B3B3B3	3	E8E7E7E7E	4	DFDFDFDFD	4
16	F0DFDFDF	4	0FDFDFDF	4	1B1B1A191	3	E3E2E1E1E	4	E4E5E5E5E	4
17	0C0A05080	4	030406080	4	0E0C06080	3	E8E3E10FD	4	DDDCDCDCD	4
18	FFFFFEFF	4	F4F9F9F9F	4			E0E0E0E00	4	F7F7F7F7F	4
19	F0FCFCFCF	4	080708050	4			7E7E7E7E7	4	DEDDDDDD	4
20	F0FCFCFCF	4	080909090	4			E1E1E0E0E	3	DEDFE0E1E	4
21	F6F7F4F4F	4	060605030	4			DDDCDCDCD	3	CCDCDCDCD	4
22	F4F8F8F8F	4	060403020	4			1E0E0E0E0	3	F0E1E2E2	4
23	F0FCFE000	4	030305060	4			E1E0E0E0E	3	E8E5E7EAE	4
24	F8F8F8F8F	4	040406070	4			E5E4E4E6E	3	E1E2E2E3E	4
25	F0DFDFDF	4	040403010	4			E2E10FD0FD	3	DFE0E1E3E	4
26	960506070	4	060903090	3			DDDCDCDCD	3	E8E6E5E8E	4
27	FEFEFEFF	4	0E0E0D0C0	3			F0FEFEFE	3	E9EAE9E7E	4
28	F0FCFAF8F	4	F8F8F8F8F	3			E2E3E2E1E	3	E2E2E2E3E	4
29	030407070	4	F4F4F5F5F	3			DDDCDCDCD	3	E2E3E4E5E	4
30	8F7FAFAF9	4	0902FFFEF	3			DDDCDCDCD	3	EAE8E8E8E	4
31	404040404	4	F8F7F8F7F	3			DDDCDCDCD	3	E5E5E3E0D	4
32	FFFFFEEF	4	1010100F0	3			E3E3E2E2E	3	E8E7E7E5E	4
33	0A0808080	4	03030200F	3			F3FEFEFE	3	DDDCDCDCD	4
34	FEFDFCF	4	020404030	3			9E8E7E7E7	3	E0DFDFDFD	4
35	F7FAFAF8F	4	0308060C0	3			E8E8E5E5E	3	E2E2E3E3E	4
36	040504020	4	02030DFBF	3			DEE1E2E2E	3	EAE9E8E8E	4

Table III

8 Mbit/s (half byte) pattern Matrix												
S/N	Data One					Data Two						
	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	
1	40404040	7	F4F4F4F4	7	01010101	6	FDE0E0E0	13	D0D0D0D0	17	2E2E2E2E	
2	04040404	7	4F4F4F4F	7	10101010	6	0E0E0E0E	9	C0C0C0C0	7	E2E2E2E2	
3	0100FFFE	7	38050505	6	01010100	4	DFDFDFDF	6	E3E1E0DF	7	EEFEFEFE	
4	100FFFEF	7	30503050	6	0608080A	3	7E7E7E7E	6	E1E0E0DF	8	ECBEAE8	
5	F4FBFBFA	6	20203020	6	B3B3B3B3	3	E7E7E7E7	6	E2E2E2E2	6	CEBEAE9E	
6	3F9F9F8F	6	00000000	6	20FFFFDF	3	FEFECECB	5	DFDEDF	6	EEFEFEFE	
7	F8F9F9F8	6	02020202	6	191A1B1C	3	E8E6E6E5	5	2E2E2E2E	6	ECBEAE8	
8	F4F8F8FA	6	07050505	5	81E19181	3	E1E1E1E2	5	D0D0D0D0	6	CEBEAE9E	
9	02100FF	5	70503050	5	0A030303	3	FECECECB	5	E0D0C0D0	5	E5E5E5E5	
10	FCDFDFD	5	FFFFF	5	FD1DFCFE	3	3D7D7D7D	5	0D0D0D0D	5	ECFEFEFE	
11	F4FAFAFA	5	F4F9F9F9	4	04030303	3	D8D8D7D8	5	E0DFDFDE	5	9FAE8F0E	
12	AFAFAFAF	5	04040301	4	40303030	3	D8D7D7D7	5	DEDEDEDE	5	SESESESE	
13	09300605	5	06070605	4	81E19181	3	3E3E3E3E	5	E0DFDFDE	5	D8D8D8D8	
14	FEFEFEFF	5	01010101	4	FFFFF00	3	FD0FDFD	5	F0D0D0D0	5	E2D0D0D8	
15	20100FF	5	06030607	4	FF00203	3	E5E3E1DF	5	8E8E8E8E	5	B0B0B0D0	
16	0FDFDFDF	5	40403010	4	01003000	3	908D7D8D	5	E3E4E5E5	5	E9EAE8EC	
17	60300600	5	FCF0F0E0	4	0E0C0806	3	1E1E1E7E	5	00FDFDFD	5		
18	FFFFFEFF	4	80402030	4	41414141	3	F2F1F1F1	4	6E5E5E5E	5		
19	FFFEFCF8	4	00030506	4	E0C08090	3	D0C0D0C0	4	E7E6E6E6	5		
20	EFDFCFBF	4	60706050	4	01040403	3	E3E2E1E1	4	E8E8E8E5	5		
21	DFDFDFDF	4	F9F9F9FA	4	10404030	3	3E2E1E1E	4	E9E9E9E8	5		
22	F4FAFBFC	4	E0C3070	4	3B3B3B3B	3	E0D0D0D0	4	3E1E0DFE	5		
23	F4F8F8F9	4	0F0FDF0E	4	16161616	3	9E9E7E7E	4	DE0D0CDB	5		
24	FFFDKDF	4	0EDC0807	4	3100EBC0	3	D0C0B0AD	4	FDEDEDED	5		
25	F9F9F8F6	4	20203DF	4	B1B1A191	3	FEFE8E8E	4	1E0E00FD	5		
26	AF8F8F9F	4	00204040	4	0301FFFD	3	E6E6E7E7	4	3E4E5E5E	5		
27	FFFEFD	4	FBFCFCFC	4	908090A0	3	C0C0C0C0	4	7E8E8E8E	5		
28	F0FDFDFC	4	70830690	4	201D1B1A	3	3E7E7E7E	4	DFDFDFDE	5		
29	FFFEFCF8	4	020206F0	4	1B1B1A19	3	D0C0B0DA	4	DCDBDBDC	4		
30	FCFCFCFC	4	FFFF0300	4	14141414	3	D0D0D0D0	4	7E8EAECE	4		
31	06050607	4	10101010	4	F0020300	3	CEDC0D0C	4	D0D0D0D0	4		
32	04050402	4	30430800	4	16161616	3	E2E1D0DF	4	DFDFDFDF	4		
33	0C0A0928	4	6F6F6F5F	4	03020100	3	3E3E1D0F	4	0E1E2E2E	4		
34	8F8F8F7F	4	8F8F7F6F	4	1010100F	3	E0E0E1E1	4	E4E3E2E1	4		
35	F7FAFAF9	4	0E0F1010	4	00C0C0C0	3	E0E1E1E1	4	2E2E3E3E	4		
36	FEFDFCFB	4	30303030	4	13130E0C	3	E8E7E7E7	4	C0B0B0D0	4		

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Table IV

7 Kibble (half byte) pattern Matrix											
Data One						Data Two					
Sno	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	NC	ANC2	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC2
1	FDFFDF	15	0202020	14	0101010	13	0000000	17	E2E2E2E	15	E2E2E2E
2	0404040	15	0505050	13	1010101	8	0000000	13	E4E5E5E	14	2E2E2E2
3	00FFFEF	13	F4F4F4F	12	0A0A0A0	7	E1E1E1E	11	E8E8E8E	14	E0E0E0E
4	FCFCFCF	12	F9F9F9F	12	0B0B0B0	7	E7E7E7E	11	DFDFDFD	13	DFE0E2E
5	FEFDFCF	12	FDFFDFD	11	1818181	6	DFDFDFD	10	DCDCDCD	12	DBD808D
6	FAFAFAF	11	0404040	11	0B0B0B0	6	0909090	10	DFE0E1E	12	E5E5E5E
7	FBFBFBF	11	F6F7F6F	10	1414141	5	DEDDDDDD	9	E0E1E2E	12	ECCEBAE
8	F8F9F9F	11	FCFCFCF	10	0404040	6	E8E9E9E	9	DDCDBD	12	EDEDECE
9	0808080	10	0705050	10	19141B1	5	E3E2E2E	9	E5E5E3E	11	EBE8E9E
10	FEFEFEF	10	0303030	10	0303030	5	DFD7D7D	9	DEDEDED	11	E8E8E9E
11	FDFFDFD	10	0505050	10	FDFFDFD	5	E8E9E9E	9	DFDFDFD	11	DDDCDCD
12	FAFBFCF	10	0408080	9	0403030	5	EAE9E9E	8	DDDDDD	11	E6E4E3E
13	0606060	10	0607060	9	0504080	5	DFD7D7D	8	E3E4E5E	11	EFEFEFE
14	0102020	10	F6F8F8F	9	0E0E0E0	5	E1E1E2E	8	E0DFDFD	10	E4E5E9E
15	0808080	10	0404060	9	0302010	5	E8E6E5E	8	DEDDDD	10	E5E7E8E
16	0404030	10	0304040	9	1005000	5	E8E9E8E	8	E1E1E2E	10	F2F3F2F
17	FAFBFBF	9	FBFBFBF	9	0104040	5	DBD8D8D	8	E8E6E5E	10	E9E8E8E
18	0807080	9	0F0F0ED	8	0A0B0C0	5	D4D4D4D	8	E3E3E4E	10	E9E8E9E
19	F5F5F5F	9	0404030	9	1818191	5	EDEDEDE	8	E1E2E3E	10	EAE8E8E
20	0A0C0C0	9	0706050	9	1111111	5	DADAD8D	8	E9E9E9E	10	F6F7F8F
21	F3F9F8F	9	0000000	9	0C0B080	5	D7D8D9D	8	E7E7E7E	10	EECECE
22	FAFB5F	9	0403020	8	0708060	5	E8E8E6E	8	DEDDDD	10	EEFEFE
23	0100FFF	9	F7F8F6F	8	1010111	4	E8E8E8E	8	E2E2E3E	10	E6E7E9E
24	07080A0	9	0805050	8	0405040	4	E3E3E2E	7	E4E3E3E	10	E9E8E8E
25	0607080	9	F7F7F7F	8	0408080	4	D8D7D7D	7	E2E3E3E	9	E8E7E5E
26	FEFEFF0	8	FFFFFFF	8	1005000	4	DCDCDCD	7	E3E3E2E	9	D9DAD8D
27	08090A0	8	F5F5F5F	8	05FEFEF	4	E0E0E1E	7	DDDDDD	9	ECCECE
28	FEFCFBF	8	0809090	8	0E0D0D0	4	E8E7E7E	7	E1E2E2E	9	E8EAE9E
29	F8F8F8F	8	FCFDFFD	8	08060A0	4	D7D7D8D	7	EAEAE9E	9	E9E9EAE
30	0403020	8	0504040	8	0103040	4	DADADAD	7	CDCCCC	9	ECCEAE
31	0202020	8	0605040	8	0E0F101	4	DEDFE1E	7	E0E0E1E	9	E9EAE8E
32	FDFFDFD	8	FCFCFCF	8	0B0A0A0	4	E2E1E1E	7	DDDDDD	9	D8D8D9D
33	FCFBFAF	8	0002040	7	03FF020	4	E2E2E3E	7	E8E5E4E	9	EFEEDDE
34	F3F8F7F	8	0203040	7	0101040	4	FDFFDFD	7	DADAD8D	9	EFEFEFE
35	FEFEFF0	8	0306080	7	08080C0	4	E2E3E2E	7	DFDFDD	9	F5F7F8F
36	FFFEFD	8	F6F8FBF	7	3B3B3B3	4	EFEFECE	7	E9EAE9E	9	E5E3E1E
37	FBFAF9F	8	0709080	7	0805040	4	E3E2E1E	7	E3E2E1E	9	E8E9EAE

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Table V

6 Nibble (half byte) pattern Matrix												
Sno	Data One						Data Two					
	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	ANC2	NC	ANC1	ANC2
1	FFFFF	16	FFFFFF	15	010101	14	E0E0E0	22	DDDDD	18	E2E2E2	23
2	FDFFD	15	202020	14	101010	14	0E0E0E	17	F0F0F0	15	2E2E2E	23
3	DFDFD	15	020202	14	000000	8	515151	13	E2E2E2	15	DECEBE	7
4	404040	15	000000	13	111111	8	DFDFDF	12	E1E0E0	15	EFEFEF	7
5	040404	15	505050	13	0A0A0A	7	FDFDFD	11	DFDFDF	15	EDECEB	7
6	0FFFEF	13	050505	13	040403	7	DEDEDE	11	2E2E2E	15	DFEDE2	6
7	000000	13	9F9F9F	12	0B0B0A	7	E7E7E7	11	E1E0FF	15	E1E0E0	6
8	0FFFEF	13	F9F9F9	12	0A0A0A	7	1E1E1E	11	5E5E5E	14	CEBEAE	5
9	FEFDFC	12	F4F4F4	12	0B0B0A	7	7E7E7E	11	E8E8E8	14	BD8DBD	8
10	FCFCFC	12	AF4F4F	12	FFFFFF	7	D8D8D7	10	DEDEDE	14	F0E2E2	8
11	EFDFFC	12	0F0F0F	12	818181	6	9C9C9D	10	CDCDCD	14	5E5E5E	6
12	CFCFCF	12	FDFCFD	11	0E0E0E	6	9E9E9E	9	DCDCDC	14	E3E3E3	6
13	FFFEFF	11	404040	11	030303	6	8E8E8E	9	4E5E5E	14	DB8DB8	6
14	F8F8F9	11	111111	11	141414	6	EDDDDD	9	E2E1E0	14	DDDDDD	8
15	F8F8FA	11	DFCFDF	11	030201	6	CDCDCD	9	E4E5E5	14	ECBEAE	6
16	8F8FAF	11	040404	11	B00000	6	E9E9E9	9	E0E0E0	14	DEDEDE	5
17	FEFEFE	11	303030	10	181818	6	E5E5E1	9	DFE0E1	13	CDCDCD	5
18	EFEFEF	11	0F0F0E	10	0F1010	5	7D7D7D	9	E0DFDF	13	EEFEFF	5
19	AF4FAF	11	F8F7F6	10	0E0C0C	6	3E2E2E	9	EEEEEE	13	E8E8E9	5
20	FAFBFC	11	040403	10	404030	6	E0E2E1	9	DFDFDE	12	8E8E9E	5
21	EFEFF0	11	8F7F6F	10	040A08	6	E3E2E2	9	0E1E2E	12	DEDECE	5
22	FAFAFA	11	030303	10	414141	5	E8E8E5	9	DUCDDC	12	UCDCDC	5
23	8F9F9F	11	505030	10	FDFDFC	5	07D7D7	9	F50E1E	12	CECECE	5
24	808080	10	050506	10	303030	5	DEDDDD	9	E0E1E2	12	8E8E9E	5
25	FEFEFF	10	101010	10	191A1B	5	EDDED	9	DDDCDB	12	FEFEFE	5
26	040403	10	FCFCFC	10	040504	5	DFDFE0	8	E5E5E3	11	5E4E3E	5
27	010202	10	FFFF00	10	100E00	5	4D4D4D	8	3E4E3E	11	E3E1E0	5
28	080808	10	705050	10	08E0D0	5	E8E8E8	8	E0DFE0	11	E8E4E3	5
29	FDFFFC	10	070505	10	403030	5	5E6E6E	8	DDDFDF	11	E8E8E8	5
30	080806	10	CFCFCF	10	818191	5	CADAAB	8	E3E2E1	11	EDEDEC	5
31	080806	10	380706	9	C8BDBD	5	E0E8E6	8	E3E1E0	11	E0E0E0	5
32	102020	10	304040	9	040303	5	AE9E9E	8	DEEDDF	11	EDEDDE	5
33	040302	10	F0F0E0	9	104040	5	DDDDDD	8	E4E4E3	11	EFEED	4
34	404030	10	F8F8F8	9	303010	5	E8E8E8	8	E3E4E5	11	8E7E5E	4
35	608050	10	040608	9	706050	5	8D8D8D	8	F0FDE0	11	2F2F2F	4
36	808080	10	040406	9	A0B0C0	5	E0E0E1	8	5E5E3E	11	DB8DB8	4
37	DFCFDF	10	8F8F5F	9	181819	5	D4D4D4	8	DEDDDD	11	CECEBE	4

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Table VI

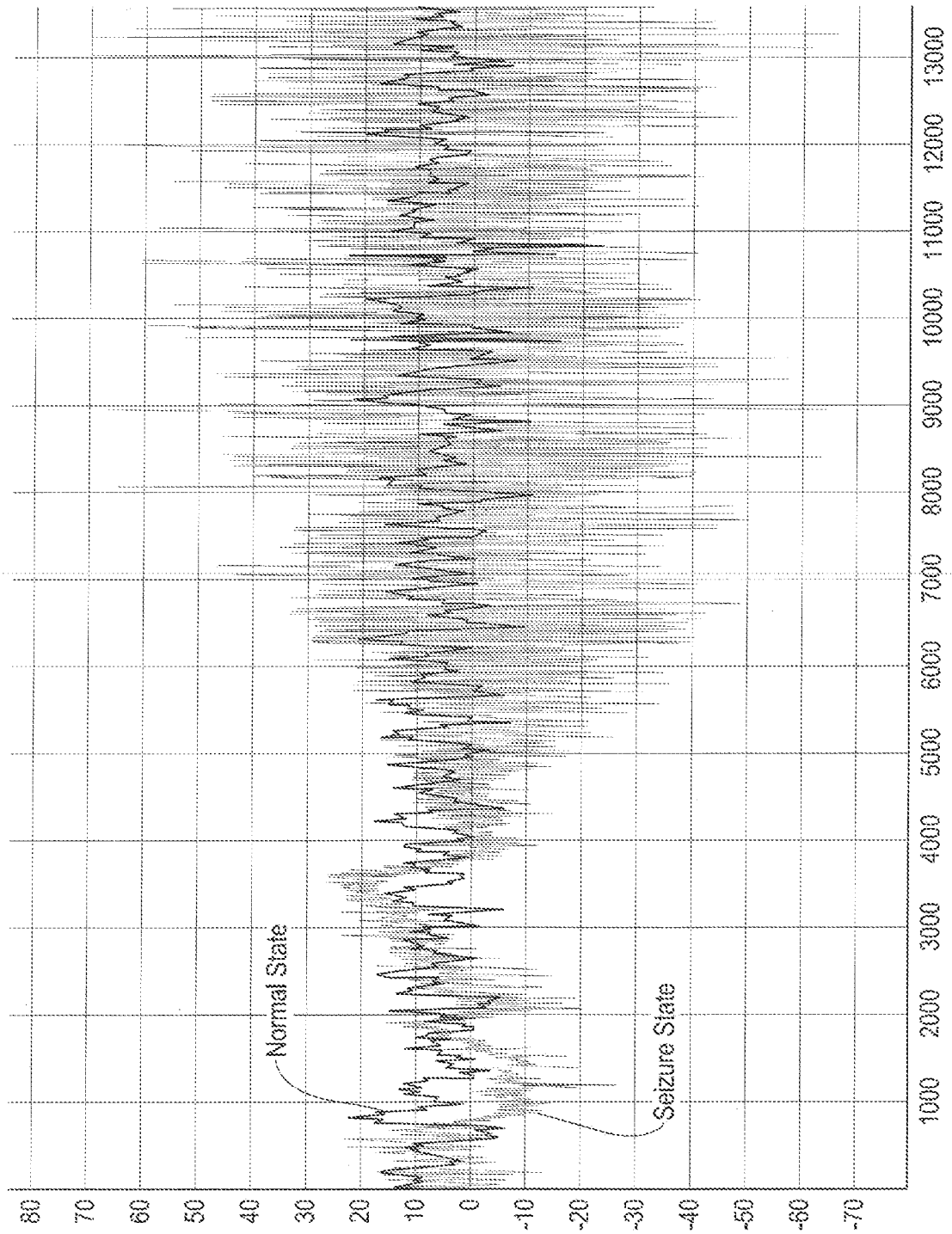
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			S	P	Ratio	S	P	Ratio
1	19.49	6.10	514	778.9	0.66	269	393.3	0.684
2	147.35	0.89	6000	28727.5	0.209	2805	21811.3	0.129
3	108.63	1.67	11029	25517.8	0.432	8150	23742.1	0.343
4	77.30	1.03	743	324.6	2.289	577	83.2	6.935
5	14.98	0.99	1455	3246.8	0.448	1138	2991.8	0.38
6	107.94	1.80	2974	13409.7	0.222	1606	9053.5	0.177
7	79.55	1.70	938	16917.8	0.055	719	14890.9	0.048
8	178.87	1.10	27969	34800.6	0.804	19923	27931.6	0.713
9	38.56	1.04	990	6939.9	0.143	702	5465.6	0.128
10	87.07	1.18	14260	19114.6	0.747	10639	17416.9	0.611
11	41.55	1.05	2241	2216.3	1.011	981	861.8	1.14
12	61.33	1.00	2032	12806.2	0.159	1091	11541.4	0.095
13	76.13	1.18	4214	4809.5	0.876	1791	2451.3	0.731
14	70.77	1.34	14268	13165.1	1.084	12212	11027.6	1.11
15	31.51	0.94	5326	5523.1	0.964	4305	4452.6	0.97
16	170.61	1.36	29278	37282.8	0.785	21912	33935.4	0.646
17	58.87	1.81	1256	11120.3	0.113	988	9095.3	0.109
18	17.93	1.20	0	401.6	0	0	154.9	0
19	23.17	1.01	850	2688.7	0.316	469	1679.1	0.279
20	25.09	1.84	1323	4629	0.286	946	4098.1	0.231
21	89.91	0.93	17693	20965.5	0.844	15120	19932.2	0.759

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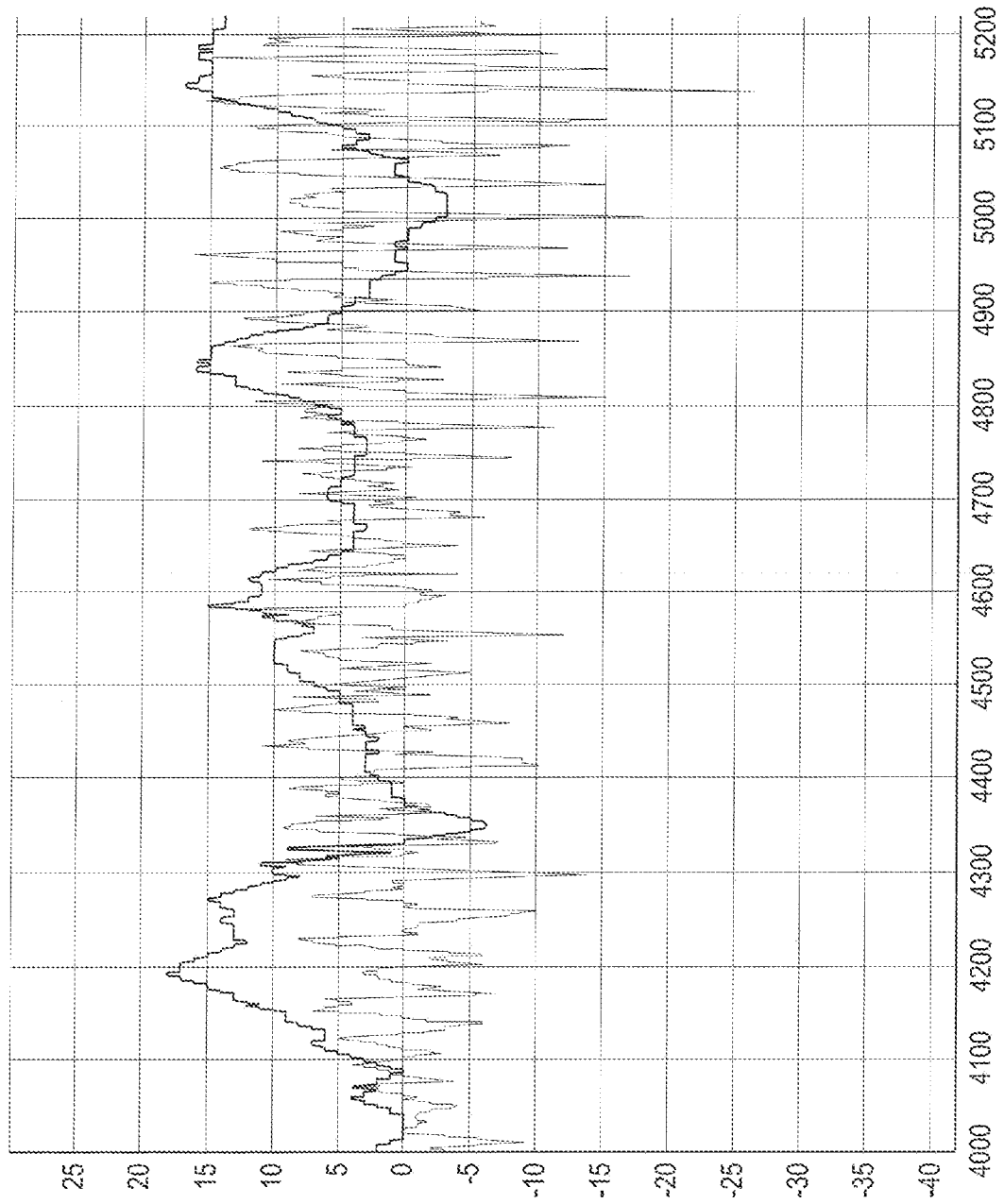
Table VII

Patient	NGRAM = 10		NGRAM = 14
	10s	5s	5s
10	increase/decrease	increase/decrease	increase/decrease
11	none	none	none
12	decrease	decrease	increase/decrease
13	none	none	none
14	none	none	none
15	none	none	none
16	decrease/increase	decrease/increase	decrease/increase
17	decrease	decrease	increase
18	reduce variance	reduce variance	reduce variance
19	decrease/increase	decrease/increase	increase
1	decrease	none	none
20	decrease	decrease	decrease
21	none	decrease	decrease
2	decrease	decrease	decrease
3	decrease	decrease	decrease
4	none	increase	increase
5	decrease	decrease	decrease
6	decrease	decrease/increase	increase
7	decrease	decrease	increase/decrease
8	decrease	decrease	none
9	decrease	decrease	increase

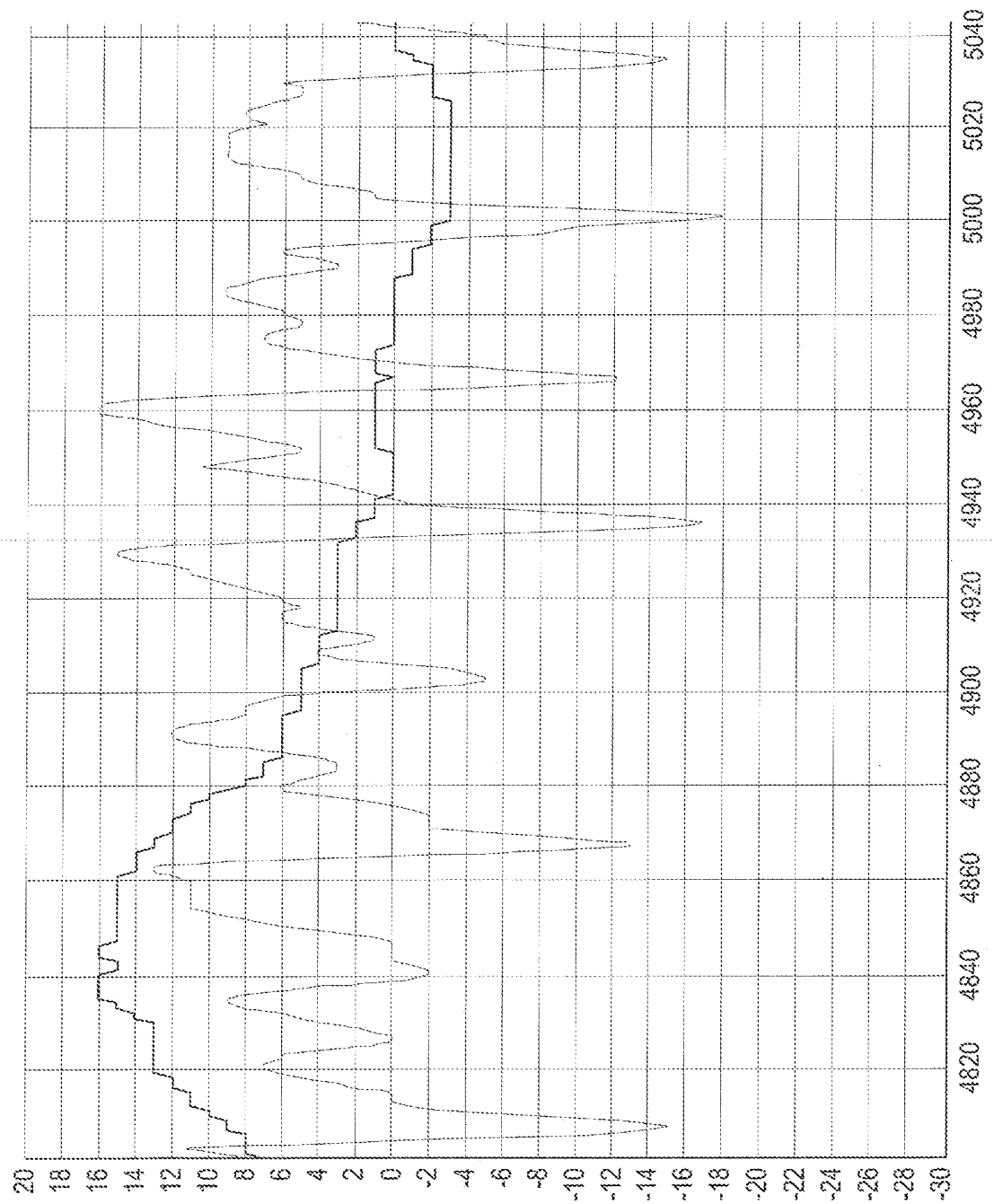
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FIG. 12

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0001	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Female			05/1/1995	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0002	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Male			11/1/1972	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0003	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Male			05/1/1996	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0004	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Female			08/1/1984	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0005	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Female			05/1/1994	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0006	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Female			09/1/1979	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0007	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Female			12/1/1968	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0008	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Female			09/1/1978	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0009	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Male			12/1/1966	Abnormal	Open		Select Command	
0010	Clinical	Human	Unknown	Male			13/1/1963	Abnormal	Inconclusive		Select Command	

FIG. 14

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Case Parameters			
Case ID:	0007	Data Source:	Clinical
Species:	Human	Gender:	Female
DOB:	12/01/1968	Condition:	Abnormal

Run Parameters			
Run ID:	0013	Filename:	sample_data.txt
File Type:	ASCII 16	Data Type:	Deep Brain
Pattern Weight:	256	Weight Range:	Fixed
Pattern A Length (ER)	10	Pattern B Length	0
Pattern C Length (ER)	0	Pattern D Length	0

Raw Data		Processed Data							
-3.510000e+002	-2.380000e+002	-1.050000e+002	-3.200000e+001	-1.210000e+001	FFFF	FFFF	0000	0000	0000
1.500000e+001	7.100000e+001	1.610000e+002	3.220000e+002	5.140000e+002	0000	0000	0001	0001	0002
6.530000e+002	7.180000e+002	7.100000e+002	6.640000e+002	5.970000e+002	0003	0003	0003	0003	0002
5.160000e+002	4.700000e+002	4.470000e+002	4.470000e+002	4.470000e+002	0002	0002	0002	0002	0002
5.090000e+002	6.150000e+002	5.880000e+002	7.420000e+002	7.220000e+002	0002	0002	0003	0003	0003
6.250000e+002	6.070000e+002	6.330000e+002	6.830000e+002	7.690000e+002	0002	0002	0002	0002	0003
7.970000e+002	6.560000e+002	9.210000e+002	1.083000e+003	1.303000e+003	0003	0003	0004	0004	0005
1.554000e+003	1.800000e+003	1.930000e+003	1.973000e+003	1.954000e+003	0006	0007	0008	0008	0008
1.936000e+003	1.865000e+003	1.851000e+003	1.792000e+003	1.576000e+003	0008	0007	0007	0007	0006

-2.487000e+003	-2.113000e+003	-1.709000e+003	-1.401000e+003	-1.216000e+003	FFF8	FFF9	FFF8	FFF8	FFFB
-1.069000e+003	-9.690000e+002	-9.060000e+002	-9.280000e+002	-7.680000e+002	FFFC	FFFC	FFFC	FFFD	FFFD
-5.780000e+002	-4.130000e+002	-2.960000e+002	-1.850000e+002	-1.250000e+002	FFFE	FFFE	FFFE	FFFF	0000
-7.600000e+001	-6.700000e+001	-5.800000e+001	-2.800000e+001	3.100000e+001	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
1.420000e+002	1.870000e+002	2.330000e+002	2.330000e+002	2.330000e+002	0001	0001	0001	0001	0001
2.450000e+002	2.270000e+002	1.260000e+002	-1.600000e+001	-1.680000e+002	0001	0001	0000	0000	0000
-1.410000e+002	-1.870000e+002	-1.870000e+002	-1.750000e+002	-1.210000e+002	FFFF	FFFF	FFFF	FFFF	0000
3.000000e+000	1.450000e+002	3.360000e+002	5.130000e+002	6.860000e+002	0000	0001	0001	0002	0003
8.610000e+002	1.020000e+003	1.108000e+003	1.036000e+003	9.630000e+002	0003	0004	0004	0004	0004

FIG. 15

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Case Parameters					
Case ID:	0007	Data Source:		Clinical	
Species:	human	Gender:		Female	
DOB:	12/01/1988	Condition:		Abnormal	

Run List					
seq.	RunID	File Name	Comment	Size	Anomalies %
0001	0013	sample_data.txt	Seizure	40,732	36,576
0002	0014	sample_data.txt	Normal	40,732	1,642
				39,090	4.03%

Run Parameters					
Run ID:	0013	Filename:		sample_data.txt	
File Type:	ASCII 16	Data Type:		Deep Brain	
Pattern Weight:	255	Weight Range		Fixed	
Pattern A Length (ER)	10	Pattern B Length		0	
Pattern C Length (ER)	0	Pattern D Length		0	

Sequence	Pattern	Count
0000	0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0004 0004 0004	7
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0003	0005 0005 0005 0005 0006 0006 0006 0006 0006	5
0004	0006 0006 0006 0006 0006 0006 0006 0006 0006	5
0005	0002 0002 0002 0002 0002 0002 0003 0003 0003	5
0006	0003 0003 0003 0003 0003 0003 0003 0003 0003	5
0036	0006 0006 0006 0006 0006 0007 0007 0007 0007	3
0037	000D 000D 000D 000D 000D 000D 000C 000C 000B	3
0038	0003 0003 0003 0002 0002 0002 0002 0002 0002	3
0039	0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0006 0006 0006	3
0040	0001 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000	3
0041	000E 000E 000E 000E 000F 000F 000F 000F 000F	3

FIG. 16

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Run Parameters				
Run ID:	0014	Filename:	sample_data.txt	
File Type:	ASCII 16	Data Type:	Deep Brain	
Pattern Weight:	256	Weight Range:	Fixed	
Pattern A Length (ER)	10	Pattern B Length	0	
Pattern C Length (ER)	0	Pattern D Length	0	

Sequence	Pattern	Count
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0002	0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005	47
0003	0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007	47
0004	0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005 0005	42
0005	0008 0008 0008 0009 0009 0009 0009 0009 0009 0009	41
0006	000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C	41
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0047	0007 0007 0007 0008 0008 0008 0008 0008 0008 0008	33
0048	000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C	33
0049	000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C 000C	33
0050	0008 0008 0008 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007	33
0051	0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0007 0008 0008 0008 0008	32
0052	0009 0009 0009 0009 0009 0009 0009 0009 000A 000A	32

FIG. 17

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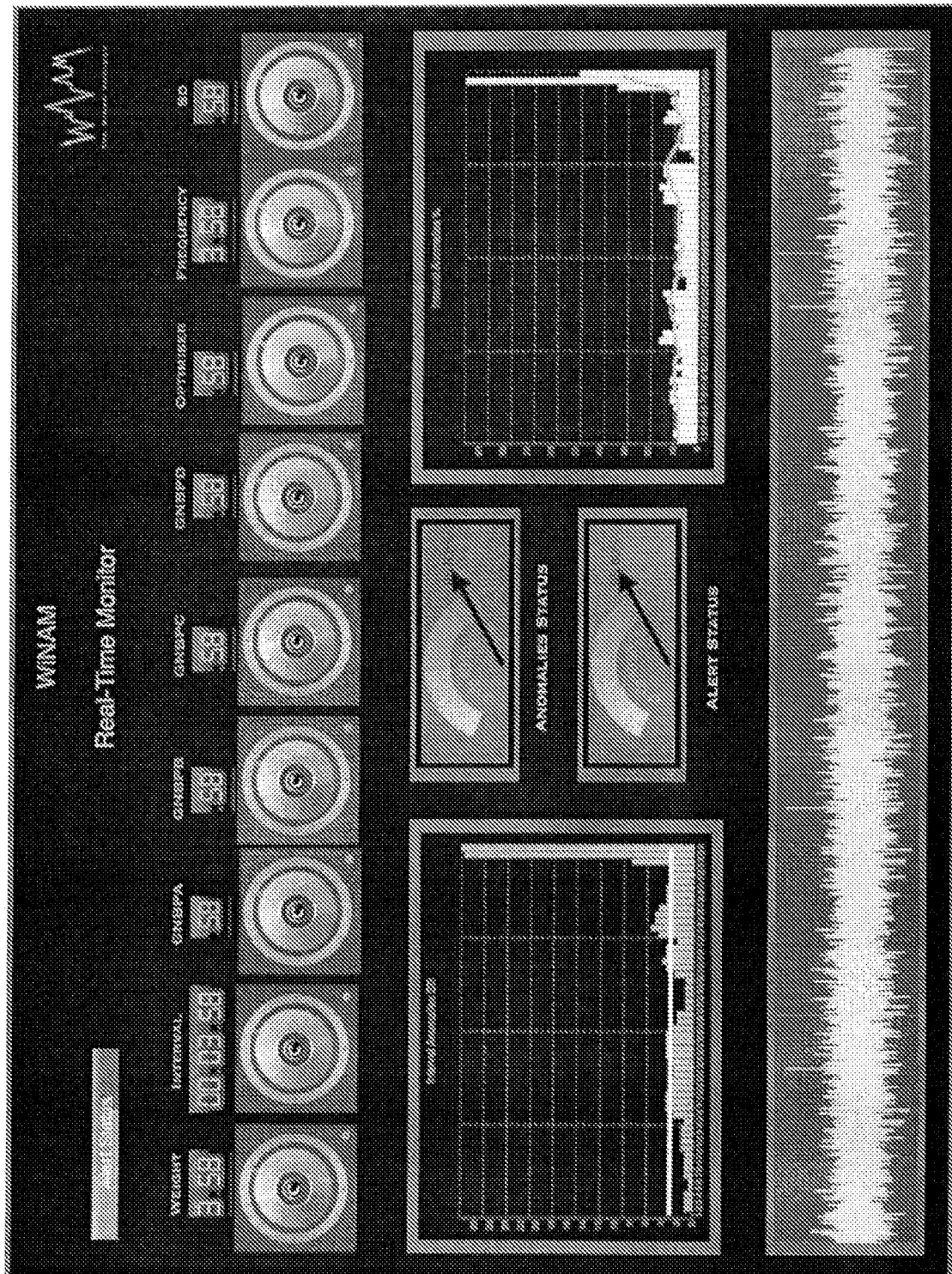


FIG 18

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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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Claims Nos.: 15

The method claim 15 contains the step of "stimulating a part of a brain using a neural stimuli generator", said method step being described in the description of the application as being carried out, subsequent to the monitoring and predicting steps, "in an attempt to ameliorate, offset, delay or avoid entirely a neurological episode such as an epileptic seizure" (page 14 lines 10-15). The presence of such a step renders the methods of claim 15 methods of therapy practised on the human body, with the aim of maintaining or restoring the health. It is furthermore pointed out that the above mentioned additional step of the dependent claim 15 also appears to encompass methods involving different kinds of physical interventions practised on the human body considered to be of surgical nature, by means of which the claimed methods are also seen as methods for treatment of the human body by surgery, thereby also for that reason falling within the provisions of Rule 39.1(iv)/67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no search has been carried out and no opinion will be formulated by this Authority with respect to novelty, inventive step or the industrial applicability on the subject-matter of claim 15 (Article 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.2), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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