

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A conducted electrical weapon comprising:

a signal generator comprising a first conductor and a second conductor, wherein the signal generator is configured to provide a stimulus signal through the first conductor and the second conductor, and wherein the first conductor has a positive potential and the second conductor has a negative potential;

a plurality of electrodes configured to deliver the stimulus signal through a target; and

a selector circuit in electrical series between the signal generator and the plurality of electrodes, wherein the selector circuit is configured to selectively electrically couple an electrode from the plurality of electrodes to the first conductor or the second conductor of the signal generator.

2. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 1, further comprising a processing circuit in communication with the selector circuit, wherein the processing circuit is configured to select a first electrode and a second electrode from the plurality of electrodes to deliver the stimulus signal through the target.

3. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 2, wherein the processing circuit is configured to assign a first polarity assignment to the first electrode and the second electrode, and wherein in accordance with the first polarity assignment, the selector circuit electrically couples the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

4. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 3, wherein the processing circuit is configured to assign a second polarity assignment to the first electrode and the second electrode, and wherein in accordance with the second polarity assignment, the selector circuit electrically couples the first electrode to the second conductor and the second electrode to the first conductor.

5. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 2, wherein:

the selector circuit comprises a plurality of multiplexers,
the processing circuit provides one or more select signals to the plurality of multiplexers,
and

in accordance with the one or more select signals, the selector circuit electrically couples the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

6. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 5, wherein:

the processing circuit provides one or more second select signals to the plurality of multiplexers,

the one or more second select signals have a different value than the one or more select signals, and

in accordance with the one or more second select signals, the selector circuit electrically couples the first electrode to the second conductor and the second electrode to the first conductor.

7. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 6, wherein:

the processing circuit provides the one or more select signals to the plurality of multiplexers prior to the signal generator providing a first pulse of the stimulus signal, and

the processing circuit provides the one or more second select signals to the plurality of multiplexers prior to the signal generator providing a second pulse of the stimulus signal.

8. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 2, wherein:

the selector circuit comprises a plurality of relays,

the processing circuit provides one or more select signals to the plurality of relays, and

in accordance with the one or more select signals, the selector circuit electrically couples the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

9. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 8, wherein:

the processing circuit provides one or more second select signals to the plurality of relays,

the one or more second select signals have a different value than the one or more select signals, and

in accordance with the one or more second select signals, the selector circuit electrically couples the first electrode to the second conductor and the second electrode to the first conductor.

10. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 9, wherein:

the processing circuit provides the one or more select signals to the plurality of relays prior to the signal generator providing a first pulse of the stimulus signal, and

the processing circuit provides the one or more second select signals to the plurality of relays prior to the signal generator providing a second pulse of the stimulus signal.

11. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 2, wherein:

the selector circuit comprises a plurality of relays and an h-bridge,

the h-bridge electrically couples to the first conductor and the second conductor of the signal generator,

the processing circuit provides a first select signal to the plurality of relays to select the first electrode and the second electrode for providing the stimulus signal through the target, and

the processing circuit provides a second select signal to the h-bridge to electrically couple the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

12. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 11, wherein:

the processing circuit provides a third select signal to the h-bridge,

the third select signal has a different value than the second select signal, and

in accordance with the third select signal, the h-bridge electrically couples the first electrode to the second conductor and the second electrode to the first conductor.

13. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 2, wherein the processing circuit selects the first electrode and the second electrode from the plurality of electrodes in accordance with testing an electrical connectivity of deployed electrodes from the plurality of electrodes to the target.

14. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 1, wherein the selector circuit is integrated into the signal generator.

15. A method performed by a conducted electrical weapon (“CEW”) for providing a stimulus signal through a target, the method comprising:

- selecting a first electrode and a second electrode from a group of a plurality of electrodes, the plurality of electrodes launched toward the target to deliver the stimulus signal through the target;

- electrically coupling the first electrode to a first conductor of a signal generator, wherein the first conductor has a positive polarity;

- electrically coupling the second electrode to a second conductor of the signal generator, wherein the second conductor has a negative polarity, and wherein the signal generator provides the stimulus signal as a voltage potential across the first conductor and the second conductor; and

- providing, via the signal generator, the stimulus signal through the target via the first electrode and the second electrode.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

- electrically coupling the first electrode to the second conductor;

- electrically coupling the second electrode to the first conductor; and

- providing, via the signal generator, the stimulus signal through the target via the first electrode and the second electrode.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein electrically coupling the first electrode to the first conductor and electrically coupling the second electrode to the second conductor comprises:

- providing a first select signal to a selector circuit in communication with the signal generator, wherein based on the first select signal the selector circuit electrically couples the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising:

- providing a second select signal to the selector circuit, wherein the second select signal is different from the first select signal;

- electrically coupling, via the selector circuit, the first electrode to the second conductor;
- and

- electrically coupling, via the selector circuit, the second electrode to the first conductor.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein electrically coupling the first electrode to the first conductor and electrically coupling the second electrode to the second conductor comprises:

providing one or more select signals to one or more multiplexers to electrically couple the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

20. The method of claim 15, wherein electrically coupling the first electrode to the first conductor and electrically coupling the second electrode to the second conductor comprises:

providing one or more select signals to one or more relays to electrically couple the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

21. A conducted electrical weapon comprising:

a processing circuit;

a signal generator configured to provide a stimulus signal as a voltage potential across a first conductor and a second conductor of the signal generator, the first conductor having a positive polarity and the second conductor having a negative polarity;

a selector circuit electrically coupled to the first conductor and the second conductor of the stimulus generator;

at least three electrodes electrically coupled to the selector circuit, wherein the at least three electrodes are configured to be launched toward a target to deliver the stimulus signal through the target; and

a tangible, non-transitory memory in electronic communication with the processing circuit, the tangible, non-transitory memory having instructions stored thereon that, in response to execution by the processing circuit, cause the processing circuit to perform operations comprising:

launching the at least three electrodes towards the target,

selecting a first electrode and a second electrode from the at least three electrodes to deliver the stimulus signal through the target,

providing a first select signal to the selector circuit, wherein based on the first select signal the selector circuit is configured to electrically couple the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor, and

activating the signal generator to provide the stimulus signal through the target via the first electrode and the second electrode.

22. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 21, wherein the processing circuit is configured to perform operations further comprising:

providing a second select signal to the selector circuit, wherein based on the second select signal the selector circuit is configured to electrically couple the first electrode to the second conductor and the second electrode to the first conductor.

23. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 21, wherein the processing circuit is configured to perform operations further comprising:

selecting the first electrode and a third electrode from the at least three electrodes to deliver the stimulus signal through the target.

24. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 23, wherein the processing circuit is configured to perform operations further comprising:

providing a second select signal to the selector circuit, wherein based on the second select signal the selector circuit is configured to electrically couple the first electrode to the second conductor and the third electrode to the first conductor, and

activating the signal generator to provide the stimulus signal through the target via the first electrode and the third electrode.

25. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 21, wherein:

the selector circuit comprises a multiplexer, and

the first select signal drives a select input of the multiplexer to electrically couple the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

26. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 21, wherein:

the selector circuit comprises a relay, and

the first select signal drives a select input of the relay to electrically couple the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

27. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 21, wherein:

the selector circuit comprises a plurality of relays and an h-bridge,

the h-bridge electrically couples to the first conductor and the second conductor of the signal generator, and

the first select signal drives a select input of the h-bridge to electrically couple the first electrode to the first conductor and the second electrode to the second conductor.

28. The conducted electrical weapon of claim 21, wherein the processing circuit is configured to perform operations further comprising:

testing an electrical connectivity of the at least three electrodes with the target, and

selecting the first electrode and the second electrode to deliver the stimulus signal through the target based on testing the electrical connectivity.