

Re: measuring some energy fields

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On 14 Jan 2007 05:11:24 -0800, "jjoensuu" <j_joensuu@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi all,

I recently read about something called the "jing luo meridians", which are like a form of energy flows around the human body in Chinese medicine. I have not found information on what the nature of this energy would be according to conventional physics but if it exists, it would assume it should be possible to measure it using some electronic equipment.

Does anyone know of a circuit diagram for equipment that is supposedly able to measure this energy?

[What I am also curious is what would it be measured in...amperes?]

Thanks in advance,

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but you have been sucked in by pseudoscience. The "qi" or "chi" energy that they are talking about has no basis in physics and has never been shown to exist except in the minds of the believers. The evidence for the "meridians" having any special significance is pretty shaky as well. However, some of these traditional treatments **do** have an effect (besides on your wallet), which is probably due to a placebo effect: If you believe in the treatment, it seems to help. There is actually some physical evidence, in the case of pain relief, that the treatment (or any effective placebo) is due to natural opiates released by your body (endorphins). The evidence is that the treatment / placebo pain relief is blocked by administering opiate antagonist drugs (naloxone, naltrexone) which block the effects of the opiates.

One huge problem with testing these treatments is the difficulty in making the test double-blind. The practitioner certainly knows if he is doing things the traditional way or not, so that may affect

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his demeanor in some subtle way that the subject picks up on. If the practitioner attempts to use some non-meridian locus to serve as a control for the "real" thing, the subject may respond to the reduced expectations of the practitioner. The whole field is a big can of worms, as far as demonstrating any sort of scientific basis.

Best regards,

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