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Please note that this is a re-worded excerpt from this patent. It describes a gas-filled tube which allows many standard 40-watt fluorescent tubes to be powered using less than 1-watt of power each.

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OPTICAL GENERATOR OF AN ELECTROSTATIC FIELD HAVING LONGITUDINAL OSCILLATION AT LIGHT FREQUENCIES FOR USE IN AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT

ABSTRACT

An Optical generator of an electrostatic field at light frequencies for use in an electrical circuit, the generator having a pair of spaced-apart electrodes in a gas-filled tube of quartz glass or similar material with at least one capacitor cap or plate adjacent to one electrode and a dielectric filled container enclosing the tube, the generator substantially increasing the electrical efficiency of the electrical circuit.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to improved electrical circuits, and more particularly to circuits utilising an optical generator of an electrostatic field at light frequencies.

The measure of the efficiency of an electrical circuit may broadly be defined as the ratio of the output energy in the desired form (such as light in a lighting circuit) to the input electrical energy. Up to now, the efficiency of many circuits has not been very high. For example, in a lighting circuit using 40 watt fluorescent lamps, only about 8.8 watts of the input energy per lamp is actually converted to visible light, thus representing an efficiency of only about 22%. The remaining 31.2 watts is dissipated primarily in the form of heat.

It has been suggested that with lighting circuits having fluorescent lamps, increasing the frequency of the applied current will raise the overall circuit efficiency. While at an operating frequency of 60 Hz, the efficiency is 22%, if the frequency is raised to 1 Mhz, the circuit efficiency would only rise to some 25.5%. Also, if the input frequency were raised to 10 Ghz, the overall circuit efficiency would only be 35%.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

The present invention utilises an optical electrostatic generator which is effective for producing high frequencies in the visible light range of about 10^{14} to 10^{23} Hz. The operation and theory of the optical electrostatic generator has been described and discussed in my co-pending application serial No. 5,248, filed on 23rd January 1970. As stated in my co-pending application, the present optical electrostatic generator does not perform in accordance with the accepted norms and standards of ordinary electromagnetic frequencies.

The optical electrostatic generator as utilised in the present invention can generate a wide range of frequencies between several Hertz and those in the light frequency. Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide improved electrical energy circuits utilising my optical electrostatic generator, whereby the output energy in the desired form will be substantially more efficient than possible to date, using standard circuit techniques and equipment. It is a further object of the present invention to provide such a circuit for use in fluorescent lighting or other lighting circuits. It is also an object of the present invention to provide a circuit with may be used in conjunction with electrostatic precipitators for dust and particle collection and removal, as well as many other purposes.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig.1 is a schematic layout showing an optical electrostatic generator of the present invention, utilised in a lighting circuit for fluorescent lamps:

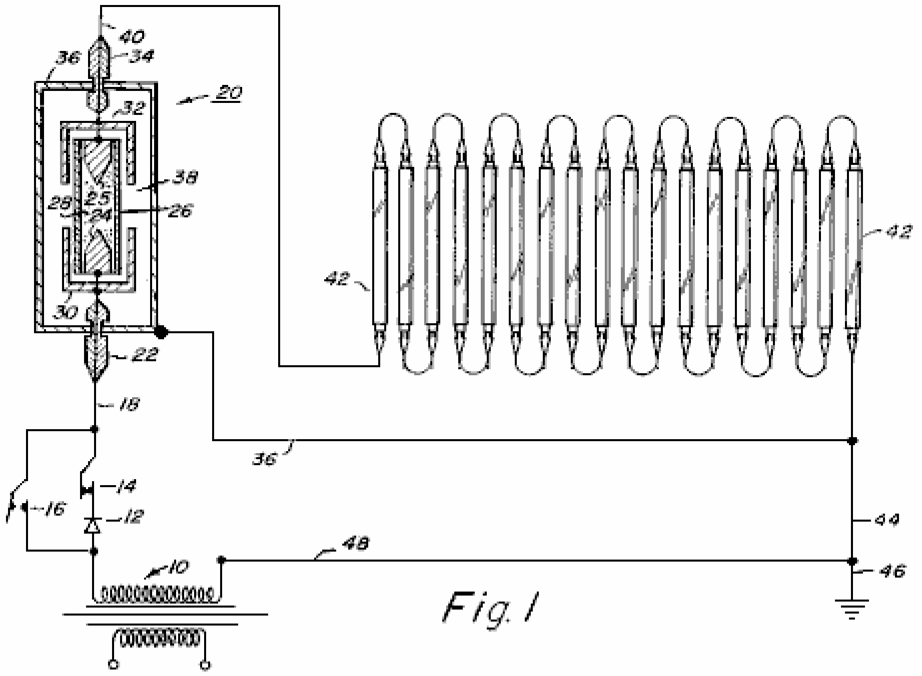

Fig. 1

Fig.2 is a schematic layout of a high-voltage circuit incorporating an optical electrostatic generator:

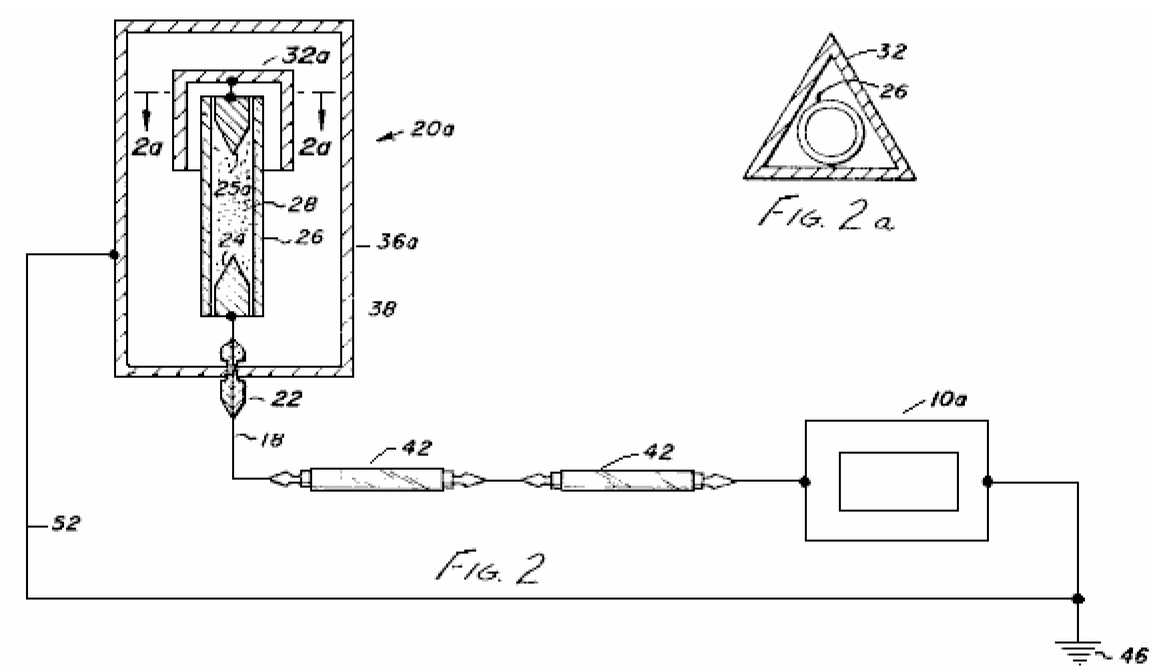

Fig. 2a

Fig. 2

Fig.2A is a sectional view through a portion of the generator and

Fig.3 is a schematic sectional view showing an optical electrostatic generator in accordance with the present invention, particularly for use in alternating current circuits, although it may also be used in direct current circuits:

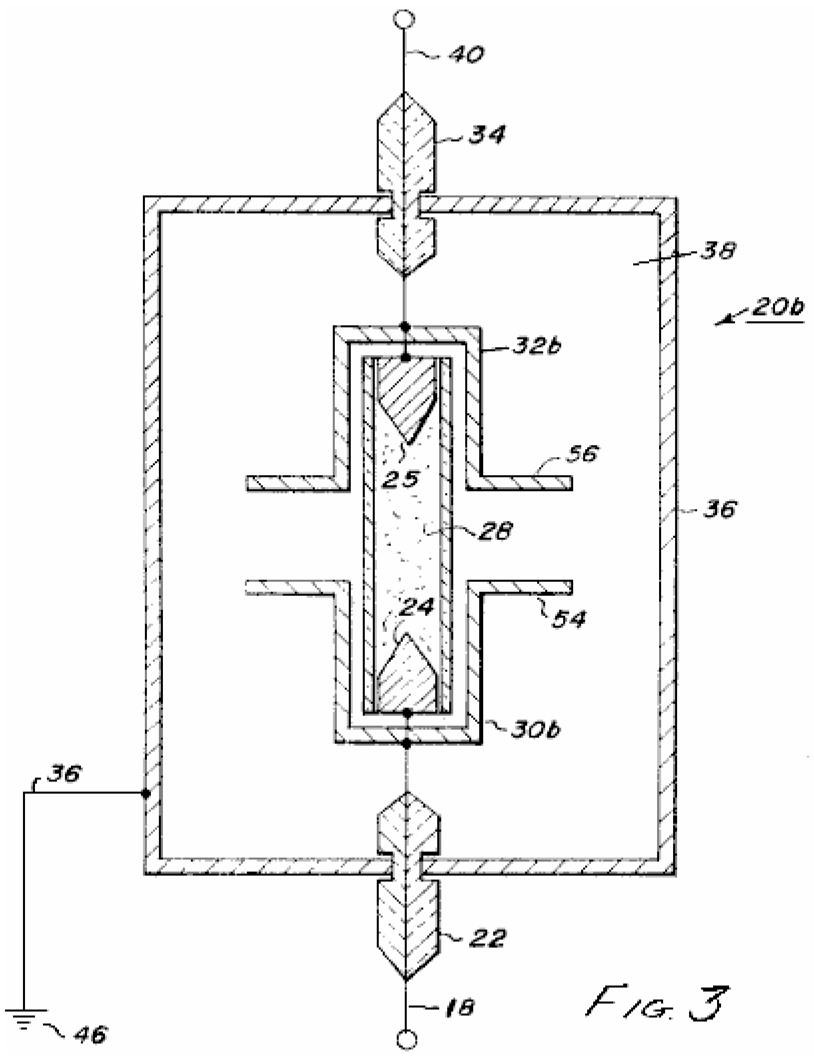

FIG. 3

<u>**DESCRIPTION OF THE ILLUSTRATED EMBODIMENTS**</u>

Referring to the drawings and to **Fig.1** in particular, a low voltage circuit utilising an optical electrostatic generator is shown. As shown in **Fig.1**, a source of alternating current electrical energy **10**, is connected to a lighting circuit. Connected to one tap of the power source **10** is a rectifier **12** for utilisation when direct current is required. The illustrated circuit is provided with a switch **14** which may be opened or closed depending on whether AC or DC power is used. Switch **14** is opened and a switch **16** is closed when AC is used. With switch **14** closed and switch **16** open, the circuit operates as a DC circuit.

Extending from switches **14** and **16** is conductor **18** which is connected to an optical electrostatic generator **20**. Conductor **18** is passed through an insulator **22** and connected to an electrode **24**. Spaced from electrode **24** is a second electrode **25**. Enclosing electrodes **24** and **25**, which preferably are made of tungsten or similar material, is a quartz glass tube **26** which is filled with an ionisable gas **28** such as xenon or any other suitable ionisable gas such as argon, krypton, neon, nitrogen or hydrogen, as well as the vapour of metals such as mercury or sodium.

Surrounding each end of tube **26** and adjacent to electrodes **24** and **25**, are capacitor plates **30** and **32** in the form of caps. A conductor is connected to electrode **25** and passed through a second insulator **34**. Surrounding the tube, electrodes and capacitor caps is a metal envelope in the form of a thin sheet of copper or other metal such as aluminium. Envelope **36** is spaced from the conductors leading into and out of the generator by means of insulators **22** and **34**. Envelope **36** is filled with a dielectric material such as transformer oil, highly purified distilled water, nitro-benzene or any other suitable liquid dielectric. In addition, the dielectric may be a solid such as ceramic material with relatively small molecules.

A conductor **40** is connected to electrode **25**, passed through insulator **24** and then connected to a series of fluorescent lamps **42** which are connected in series. It is the lamps **42** which will be the measure of the efficiency of the circuit containing the optical electrostatic generator **20**. A conductor **44** completes the circuit from the fluorescent lamps to the tap of the source of electrical energy **10**. In addition, the circuit is connected to a ground **46** by another conductor **48**. Envelope **36** is also grounded by lead **50** and in the illustrated diagram, lead **50** is connected to the conductor **44**.

The capacitor caps or plates **30** and **32**, form a relative capacitor with the discharge tube. When a high voltage is applied to the electrode of the discharge tube, the ions of gas are excited and brought to a higher potential than their environment, i.e. the envelope and the dielectric surrounding it. At this point, the ionised gas in effect becomes one plate of a relative capacitor in co-operation with the capacitor caps or plates **30** and **32**.

When this relative capacitor is discharged, the electric current does not decrease as would normally be expected. Instead, it remains substantially constant due to the relationship between the relative capacitor and an absolute capacitor which is formed between the ionised gas and the spaced metal envelope **36**. An oscillation effect occurs in the relative capacitor, but the electrical condition in the absolute capacitor remains substantially constant.

As also described in the co-pending application serial No. 5,248, there is an oscillation effect between the ionised gas in the discharge lamp and the metallic envelope **36** will be present if the capacitor caps are eliminated, but the efficiency of the electrostatic generator will be substantially decreased.

The face of the electrode can be any desired shape. However, a conical point of 60^0 has been found to be satisfactory and it is believed to have an influence on the efficiency of the generator.

In addition, the type of gas selected for use in tube **26**, as well as the pressure of the gas in the tube, also affect the efficiency of the generator, and in turn, the efficiency of the electrical circuit.

To demonstrate the increased efficiency of an electrical circuit utilising the optical electrostatic generator of the present invention as well as the relationship between gas pressure and electrical efficiency, a circuit similar to that shown in **Fig.1** may be used with 100 standard 40 watt, cool-white fluorescent lamps connected in series. The optical electrostatic generator includes a quartz glass tube filled with xenon, with a series of different tubes being used because of the different gas pressures being tested.

Table 1 shows the data to be obtained relating to the optical electrostatic generator. **Table 2** shows the lamp performance and efficiency for each of the tests shown in **Table 1**. The following is a description of the data in each of the columns of **Tables 1 and 2**.

Column	Description
B	**Gas used in discharge tube**
C	**Gas pressure in tube** (in torrs)
D	**Field strength across the tube** (measured in volts per cm. of length between the electrodes)
E	**Current density** (measured in microamps per sq. mm. of tube cross-sectional area)
F	**Current** (measured in amps)
G	**Power across the tube** (calculated in watts per cm. of length between the electrodes)
H	**Voltage per lamp** (measured in volts)
K	**Current** (measured in amps)
L	**Resistance** (calculated in ohms)
M	**Input power per lamp** (calculated in watts)
N	**Light output** (measured in lumens)

Table 1

		Optical	Generator	Section		
A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**	**G**
Test No.	**Type of discharge lamp**	**Pressure of Xenon**	**Field strength across lamp**	**Current density**	**Current**	**Power str. across lamp**
		(Torr)	**(V/cm)**	**(A/sq.mm)**	**(A)**	**(W/cm.)**
1	Mo elec	-	-	-	-	-
2	Xe	0.01	11.8	353	0.1818	2.14
3	Xe	0.10	19.6	353	0.1818	3.57
4	Xe	1.00	31.4	353	0.1818	5.72
5	Xe	10.00	47.2	353	0.1818	8.58
6	Xe	20.00	55.1	353	0.1818	10.02
7	Xe	30.00	62.9	353	0.1818	11.45
8	Xe	40.00	66.9	353	0.1818	12.16
9	Xe	60.00	70.8	353	0.1818	12.88
10	Xe	80.00	76.7	353	0.1818	13.95
11	Xe	100.00	78.7	353	0.1818	14.31
12	Xe	200.00	90.5	353	0.1818	16.46
13	Xe	300.00	100.4	353	0.1818	18.25
14	Xe	400.00	106.3	353	0.1818	19.32
15	Xe	500.00	110.2	353	0.1818	20.04
16	Xe	600.00	118.1	353	0.1818	21.47
17	Xe	700.00	120.0	353	0.1818	21.83
18	Xe	800.00	122.8	353	0.1818	22.33
19	Xe	900.00	125.9	353	0.1818	22.90
20	Xe	1,000.00	127.9	353	0.1818	23.26
21	Xe	2,000.00	149.6	353	0.1818	27.19
22	Xe	3,000.00	161.4	353	0.1818	29.35
23	Xe	4,000.00	173.2	353	0.1818	31.49
24	Xe	5,000.00	179.1	353	0.1818	32.56

Table 2

		Fluorescent	Lamp	Section	
A	**H**	**K**	**L**	**M**	**N**
Test No.	**Voltage**	**Current**	**Resistance**	**Input Energy**	**Light Output**
	(Volts)	**(Amps)**	**(Ohms)**	**(Watts)**	**(Lumen)**
1	220	0.1818	1,210	40.00	3,200
2	218	0.1818	1,199	39.63	3,200
3	215	0.1818	1,182	39.08	3,200
4	210	0.1818	1,155	38.17	3,200
5	200	0.1818	1,100	36.36	3,200
6	195	0.1818	1,072	35.45	3,200
7	190	0.1818	1,045	34.54	3,200
8	182	0.1818	1,001	33.08	3,200
9	175	0.1818	962	31.81	3,200
10	162	0.1818	891	29.45	3,200
11	155	0.1818	852	28.17	3,200
12	130	0.1818	715	23.63	3,200
13	112	0.1818	616	20.36	3,200
14	100	0.1818	550	18.18	3,200
15	85	0.1818	467	15.45	3,200
16	75	0.1818	412	13.63	3,200
17	67	0.1818	368	12.18	3,200
18	60	0.1818	330	10.90	3,200
19	53	0.1818	291	9.63	3,200
20	50	0.1818	275	9.09	3,200
21	23	0.1818	126	4.18	3,200
22	13	0.1818	71	2.35	3,200
23	8	0.1818	44	1.45	3,200
24	5	0.1818	27	0.90	3,200

The design of a tube construction for use in the optical electrostatic generator of the type used in **Fig.1**, may be accomplished by considering the radius of the tube, the length between the electrodes in the tube and the power across the tube.

If **R** is the minimum inside radius of the tube in centimetres, **L** the minimum length in centimetres between the electrodes, and **W** the power in watts across the lamp, the following formula can be obtained from **Table 1:**

R = (Current [A] / Current Density [A/sq.mm]) / pi

L = 8R

W = L[V/cm] x A

For example, for Test No. 18 in Table 1:
The current is 0.1818 A,
The current density 0.000353 A/sq.mm and
The Voltage Distribution is 122.8 V/cm; therefore

R = $(0.1818 / 0.000353)^2$ /3.14 = 12.80 mm.

L = 8 x R = 8 * 12.8 = 102.4 mm (10.2 cm.)

W = 10.2 x 122.8 x 0.1818 = 227.7 VA or 227.7 watts

The percent efficiency of operation of the fluorescent lamps in Test No. 18 can be calculated from the following equation:

% Efficiency = (Output Energy/Input energy) x 100

Across a single fluorescent lamp, the voltage is 60 volts and the current is 0.1818 amps therefore the input energy to the lamp **42** is 10.90 Watts. The output of the fluorescent lamp is 3,200 lumens which represents 8.8 Watts power of light energy. Thus, the one fluorescent lamp is operating at 80.7% efficiency under these conditions.

However, when the optical generator is the same as described for Test No. 18 and there are 100 fluorescent lamps in series in the circuit, the total power input is 227.7 watts for the optical generator and 1,090 watts for 100 fluorescent lamps, or a total of 1,318 watts. The total power input normally required to operate the 100 fluorescent lamps in a normal circuit would be 100 x 40 = 4,000 watts. So by using the optical generator in the circuit, about 2,680 watts of energy is saved.

Table 1 is an example of the functioning of this invention for a particular fluorescent lamp (40 watt cool white). However, similar data can be obtained for other lighting applications, by those skilled in the art.

In **Fig.2**, a circuit is shown which uses an optical electrostatic generator **20a**, similar to generator **20** of **Fig.1**. In generator **20**, only one capacitor cap **32a** is used and it is preferably of triangular cross-sectional design. In addition, the second electrode **25a** is connected directly back into the return conductor **52**, similar to the arrangement shown in my co-pending application serial No. 5,248, filed 23rd January 1970.

This arrangement is preferably for very high voltage circuits and the generator is particularly suited for DC usage.

In **Fig.2**, common elements have received the same numbers which were used in **Fig.1**.

In **Fig.3**, still another embodiment of an optical electrostatic generator **20b** is shown. This generator is particularly suited for use with AC circuits. In this embodiment, the capacitor plates **30b** and **32b** have flanges **54** and **56** which extend outwards towards the envelope **36**. While the utilisation of the optical electrostatic generator has been described in use in a fluorescent lighting circuit, it is to be understood that many other types of circuits may be used. For example, the high-voltage embodiment may be used in a variety of circuits such as flash lamps, high-speed controls, laser beams and high-energy pulses. The generator is also particularly usable in a circuit including electrostatic particle precipitation in air pollution control devices, chemical synthesis in electrical discharge systems such as ozone generators and charging means for high-voltage generators of the Van de Graff type, as well as particle accelerators. To those skilled in the art, many other uses and circuits will be apparent.