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Introduction

First I'd like to remain that not all the effects which 1 plan to discuss are really echo phenomena, so a slightly more appropriate title might be "Pulse Stimulated Cyclotron Radiation in Plasmas". However, all of the work was in fact motivated by the very interesting and important discovery of R. M. Hill and D. E. Kaplan at the Lockheed Laboratories earlier this year. Their work was published in the June 23 Physical Review Letters, and a number of physicists immediately set out to try to understand the effect; the observation of echo rediation when a plasma is subjected to multiple pulse; of radiation at the Cyclotron frequency. At the November 1965 meeting of the Flasma Physics Division in San Francisco, this had already resulted in four papers: by Hill and Kaplan", br J. Hirschfield³, by W. T. Kegel⁴ and by myself⁵. T'll try to summarize some of the important ideas which have been developed to date.

It was the 'act that one could not directly carry over the nice ideas of Hahn⁶ and Purcell' about spin schoes to cyclotron echoes that attracted people to work on this problem. Eastrally, Altiough precessing spin system and gyrating charge purth le systems have formal similarities. there are some essential differences which, 7 hope, will become more evident as this talk proceeds.

First, let me summarize in a very gross fasion, the experimental results (Refer to Figure 1). A lnort (10-20 asnosecond) pulse of radiation at the cyclotron frequency causes the plasma to develop a macroscopic : unrent (or polarization) which dec ys after the removal of the pulse. A It is important to recognize that a lin is system (one whose response is strictly proportional to the driving force) cannot make such echoes. In their Physical Rovlew letter¹ hill and Kapien report expulse acho decay times of 50-200 nanoseconds of three-pulse decay times of 10-20 electronomous, of at Sha Prescisco² it was reported that threepulse response had been to save with T greater than 1 millisecond. The experiments were performed in <u>a structure</u> response had been to save with T greater than 1 millisecond. The experiments were performed in <u>a structure</u> sale plasmas, Ne, Ar and in mitrogen and the magnetic field but about a half percent inhomogeneity over the plasma volume. Electron densities dece such as to make the plasma frequency well below the synthetic structure and presumably one could, as a first opposit ation, ignore collective effects.

Figure 2 shows scheratically the menner in which the offect can be observed in free space using microwwww.horns, In a sweguide, or in a cavity resonator. Will as I Kaplan have employed the first two configurations and have established that both the electric field and the propagation vector of the incident wave should a perpendicular to she static manetic field. With the cavity method over our observe to one polarized response of the places and supprises to observation or the driving field in a memor analogous to that employed by Bloch in nuclear magnetic resonance experiments.

Having reviewed contain the original to be converticed. I would turn now to the attempts which where been made to understand this parameter, and to some predictions of related effects which mode from these attempts. The remainder of the task which is the form of a short excursion into rotating velocity space.

I shall first discuss the linearized equation of motion of thigle particle in a static magnetic field and an oscillating electric field. Then I'll discuss the behavior of an ensemble of non-interacting recles, i.e. particles which interact only with the applied fields. Although such a linearized theory <u>does not</u> allo rise to echoes, it does give a very clear picture . how they can come ab at when nonlinearities of various types are included.

Figure 3.....s the linear equation of watten which is to be solved. Effects of the spatial variations of E and E and f the r.f. magnetic field are ignored. As in the case of magnetic resonance products it is convenient - transform to a rotatic system (velocity space is the case) in which one of the theory case entry of E is spation ry. In this system the effect of the other rotating case much may be neglected, and the cyclotron frequency a case reduced by the frequency as of the r.f. electric field. Cyclote a resonance to small w^{2} Since we shall be concerned only with the components of velocity modicular to the strike spatial field (which lies of velocity morotation) it is also convenient to introduce a caller velocity representation in discontrant and wangingry . res of V are V and V and V respectively.

The plution of this equation consists of free rotation of the difference cyclotron frequency $a_i^{(1)}$ plus the response to the electric field which is constant during the palse. If the palse is short $a_i^{(1)}t \ll 1$ the effect of the electric field is singly to transmite the velocity "vector" by an amount proportional to intensity and dury tion of the pulse. Between pulses the velocity vector rotates slowly about the axis with the frequency $\omega_i^{(1)}$.

We will now use this result to discuss the behavior of electrons which have a <u>distribution</u> of cyclotron frequencies by virtue of their being located in regions of slightly different as stic field.

Figure 5 shows the behavior in our rotating velocity space. If we ignore the thermal velocities of the electrons, which shows blow to be a fair approximation made generally bounds to an end of it cetars to this inter--, the velocity vector of each particle is initially at the origin and is translated by an amount v_1^* by the first applied pulse. Following the first pulse each velocity vector rotates about the origin at a rate determined by the <u>difference cyclotron frequency</u> w_1^* and after a time they become distributed around a circle of radius v_1^* . Bear is mind that vectors at B , for example, consist of particles which drifted directly to B or encircled the origin once, twice or more, either clockwise of velocity vectors, this dispersal represents to decay of the current induced by the first pulse due to the inhomogenes a magnetic field.

The second applied r.f. (equal in strength for simplicity) trulates each of the modelity vectors by the same amount, giving diagram (a). Following the second () and () we control the same account, giving diagram () priots after soil the area () b. . () into many clucles, sin () priots after soil the area () b. . () into many clucles, sin () particles at a given point in the circle have arrived there by rotating at different rates. How for, a set time exactly τ each vector will have turned through the same angle as it did during the initial interval τ between the two pulse: and all vectors which were together at B in diagram (c) are again together at B in diagram (d). They have, is noteted by k_0^{-2} + some positive or negative multiple of 360⁻².

Diegram (e) corresponds to the time of the first echo and diegram (f) corresponds to the time of the second scho, diagram (d) to intervalies times. We see that at special times int (measured from the second pulse) velocity vectors which are otherwise distributed over the entire plane, regroup. This regrouping in phase at special times is not sufficient to produce a macroscopic current in the planes, since the sums of the velocity vectors in diagrams (e) and (f) are still zero, due to an exact concellation of positive and no stive V_{-} 's (there are nore with negative $\frac{V_{-}}{X}$, but those with positive $\frac{V_{-}}{X}$ have $\lim_{X \to \infty} \frac{V_{-}}{X}$.) However, this exact cancellation at the opecial times in will be spailed by any of a to her of nonlinearities. The important nonlinearities doen to be

a) Spatial inhomogenaltic, of the vadio frequency friving field (both E and E). Much the orbit size is not negligible in comparison of the the wavelength of the plane wave driving fields, the effectiveness of the driving field decreases with increasing (bit distribution) has contine or affect causes particles at A in diagram (b) to be translated less than particle

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Another nonlinear mechanism which can speil the exact cancelistion and therefore lead to echoes is an energy-dependent cyclotron frequency, such is caused by the relativistic mass effect. Particles along HAB have a magrotational energy than those along DEF and would therefore have a slightly reduced rotation rate. They therefore appear rotated clockwise in (e) and (f) and therefore speil the symmetry with respect to the T_1^4 axis. The effect, although it is due to the relativistic shift in cyclotron frequency is, in general, much more important than the first, since it is action relativistic change in phase which matters and this is approximately time the rotation angle in the laboratory system (typically 10^{4}).

Furthermore, firschfield pointed out in his San Francisco talk the there are other, possibly more important, reasons for the cyclotron rto be energy dependent. For example, in a non-uniform static magnetic fithe cyclotron period depends on the orbit size and hence upon the rotatienergy. As a very simple example, a rotationally symmetric magnetic fiwhose strength decreases with radius, leads to a cyclotron frequency which decreases with the particle energy. Spatially non-uniform static conclusfields, which may also be present, also can give rise to in energy-

Still enother possible mechanism suggested originally by Junes Gordon of the Bell Telephone Laboratory and discussed quantitatively by H L. and hole at Se dependent collision process Although we have an elastic collision is to the the second process is energy dependent, more case. If, however, the second process is energy dependent, more particles will be removed, for example, from HAB then from DAF (when the collision frequency increases with energy). Again the concellation at times to an does not occur and echoes result.

Now I would like to digrees a moment to discuss the spin echo effect from this point of view. Figure 5 shows the equation obeyed by an individual magnetic moment M in the absence of relevation effects. wis proportional to the applied field H, which consists of superimposed static and r.f. fields, w_0 and w_1 , respectively. It follows from the first equation that the magnitude of M is a constant and therefore the tip of M vector lies on a sphere. In nuclear induction experiments is observes only the projection of the macroscopic magnetization, which is the sum of the individual moments, in the x-y plane. The last equation describes this perpendicular part of M, and it is <u>shulla</u> in some respects to the previous equation for electron velocity. Note that free precession frequency is independent of M (i.e., "energy"-independent) but that the <u>ariving force is nonlinear</u>, since it is groporticual to M as well as to w_1 .

The driving force monlinearity can perhaps be seen more chearly in the diagram, more the circle centered on the origin represents a distribution of moments with different phases. (The vectors describe a conrotates each of the coments about the y said through angles about 30° and 50° results in the <u>llipse-like projection</u>. Obviously in this diagram different morents appending the second of the basy hid to be in tack. While plane, depending the second of the orbits he charact through and $y 90^{\circ}$ and 180° have very simple explorations, given by Ham and Furcell, any combination of two non-infinite include pulses produces an echo.

Furthermore, any two-state quantum-mechanical system, spin or otherwise, can be cast into the same mold as Figure 6 indicates. If the wave function can be described as a linear superposition of $\Psi_{\rm a}$ and $\Psi_{\rm b}$ then the analitudes a and b, or rather certain quadratic combinations of them, obey a simple three-component vector equation which has the same form as the spin equation. Furthermore in the case of electric or magnetic dipole transitions $r_{\rm h}$, $r_{\rm h}$ and $r_{\rm h}$ are the expectation values of the dipole moment, $\omega_{\rm h}$ the energy difference, $\omega_{\rm h}$ and $\omega_{\rm h}$ are combinations of the matrix elements of the driving perturbation between states a and b.

We may interpret this to mean that any ensemble of two-state quantum mechanical systems which has a spread in transition frequencies with sufficient lifetimes could exhibit echoes.

Indeed, this is the proposed explanation of the photon-echo class of in ruby by the Columbia group: Kuruit, Abella and Hartmann The level: Lavolved are electronic states in curomium which are split by the crystal electric field.

I would now like to outline the rathematical treatment that goes with diagrams(refer to Fig.7). V' is the couplex velocity of a particular electron those difference cyclotron frequency is of at a time t measured from the pulse. The first pulse produces velocity V, and between t to makes the velocity v, is rotated through an angle ρ_1 --remember the coordinatory. The notated through an angle ρ_1 --remember the coordinatory of the rotating electric field and ω_1^{\prime} is the cyclotron rotated to show the rotating system. The second pulse provides an additional velocity V₂ and the total velocity vector rotates the main pulse ρ in the next interval.

To obtain the macroscopic plasma current \vec{a} we need to multiply both by the number of particles which have a difference cyclotron from \vec{a}_{c} and by the probability that these particles survive until time t without making a phase-destroying collision, and then integrate over \vec{a}_{c}

For the three types of nonlinearities already discussed, either v_2 , ϕ or P(t) are energy dependent, according to whether the driving force, the cyclotron frequency, or the collision frequency is energy dependent.

Figure 6 outlines a simplified treatment of what are probably t two most important nonlinearities in plasmas. I have assumed, for simplicity, that both the cyclotron and collision frequencies have a weak dependence on ψ^2 , i.e., upon energy. This is a good approximation for the cyclotron frequency and not so good for the collision frequency, but it serves to illustrate the point. Hill and Kiplan² have given r-suits for other more realistic dependences of collision frequency on velocity. Between the two pulses all particles have the same energy, $\frac{\rho^2}{1}$, i.e. effects are unimportant. After the second pulse, however, ψ^2 dependence ψ_1 , ψ_2 and ψ_1 , the phase the particle had is the time of the actor Since both ϕ and ψ appear in the exponent, $\psi_1 = \psi_2$, will a second to be

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exponent and we can function the end of the second appear, so that we can function the end of the end of the end of ∂w_{μ}^{2} directly with ∂v_{μ}^{2} . For the compared with v, but the relative dependence on the second second second second of the effect is more important.

After a few minor steps one obtains an expression for the play current which has the form of a series of pulses. Centered on The subse shape is given by the Fourier transform of the cyclotron fr quency distribution function. A very inhomogeneous field leads to new m echo pulses. The amplitude factors contain the Bessel functions and the slowly varying functions of time.

Figure 9 shows the manner in which the amplitude of the <u>standard</u> of the <u>standard</u> upon time in these two theories. Note that the still whe is a meneral appearance, rising at first as either nonlinear effect allows the echo to develop, and finally falling as collisions take <u>standard</u> both the dashed and solid curves are for one gy-dependent collision cyclotom frequencies, respectively. As the magnitude of energy depend becomes largon, so does the maximum achieved to ocho pulse emplitud. The exponential decay line is shown for comparison and one loss for harde times is only approximately exponential. If the two pulse uncound strongues, the decay curve for energy dependent cyclotron is the strengths, the decay curve for energy dependent cyclotron is allowed in the two effects.

Another important effect may also contribute to been af an oulses: As a result of their relatively small depress visition

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which becomes a very strong effect after a certain time.

Wow I'd like to turn to the three-pulse case to see why it is possible, despite many many collisions between the second and third pulses, for the system to still remember the time interval between the first two pulse. T. The central idea here is that these are essentially elastic collisions, since the electrons collide with heavy particles, Figure 10 about the effect of the three-pulse sequence on an ensemble of particle . The first pulse imparts the same velocity to all (first diagram) and they disperse because of the different cyclotron fraguencie. (second di gres.). The second pulse translates the circle (third diagram). During the long tice interval between the second and third pulses, each particle experiences many collisions, distributing particles with the same speed wer a spherical shell. Prior to the third pulse, particles with different energies we distributed over different spherical shells ABC ... accord. ing to their energy, i.e., according to the phase they had at the time or the second pulse. The third pulse translates each spherical shell, and they disperse as before. Thus we have particles distributed in sheal, onion-like in character, with purticles in the same shell having experienced the same phase change, modulo 2r, between the first and second pulse. During the next interval T, the particles on a given shell turn through the same angle as they did in the first interval. a and we

addition the site of the second echo, which also arises from nonlinear effect. One were public of the second echo, which also arises from nonlinear effect.

When the electron density is higher, earlier in the decay, the echo effect appears to occur at the upper hybrid frequency $\omega^2 = \omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 = \omega_1^2 = \omega_1^$

So much for the phenomena ordinarily regarded as <u>achoes</u>. In tryle to Understand Hill and Kuplan's experiment, several false starts were mile which actually led to new predictions. First there is the single pulse of of J. Hirschfield. He observed, as Figure 11 tilustrates, that in <u>ver</u> <u>homogeneous field</u> a single applied pulse might produce a train of responses Consider plasma electrons which all have the same mease perpendic that the magnetic field B with random phases, and no velocity slong B single, very weak pulse translates each velocity vector an emount shull : pared with V₀. Some particles have their energy very slightly in some very slightly decreased, and some not at all. If the gyro thequees, is energy dependent there is a differential rotation, shown by the atc. The expression for the resulting current is given on the shide and a is plotted <u>especially</u> that nearly the full plasma current Nev is eventually achieved, but one must wait longer, the smaller the stimlating pulse i... After integrating over a Maxwell distribution of percendicular velocities, the effect survives, although reduced in amplitude and with but a single maximum in current.

Probably the mono-emergetic initial state first considered by Hirschrield could be produced by the application of a pulse itself. However, the interval between the responses produced by the become applied pulse would depend on the amplitude of the second applied pulse, not the tiinterval between the two applied pulses!. Wilhelm Kegel, also trying to understand the echo experiment, found yet another effect. Suppose that magnetic field is very uniform, the cyclotron frequency is energy dependent, and the electrons have a thermal distribution of valocities. After the fir pulse (refer to Figure 12), the particles disperse because of the energy dependent cyclotron frequency, together with the thermal energy spread. second pulse produces the thick ring shown in (c). The <u>interesting result</u> is that following the decay of the instantaneous response to the second applied pulse a series of responses results. I haven't been able to see bow to explain this clearly with diagrams yet.

Figure 13, from Keyel's with how that these resonance are not separated by the interval τ but by $\tau/2$: In this computation the two pulses, nove equal pulses, the responses we separated by in interval

 $\tau/(\frac{\overline{v}_2}{v_1}+1)$

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 $\left| \left| \frac{v_2}{v_1} - 1 \right| \right|$

Kegel has also shown that when the energy dependent cyclofron frequency is involved, a sufficiently strong ishomogeneity in the lagrange field will destroy his effect. Similarly, he has shown that sufficies 1 bign thermal speeds (temperature will destroy the ordinary echo in a nonuniform asgnetic field.

He has also shown that for three pulses, without collisions, a multiplicity of responses occur as times

t = n + mt, all integral m, for which 4 > 0

Finally, i would like to discuss echo phenomena in a more general context. We saw that two level quantum mechanical systems obeyed equations similar to "classical" spir equation, so by analogy, echoca could be oblate in ensembles of such systems. It is characteristic of two level systems that an applied perturbation which resonates with the natural frequent of the system alternal by increases and decrement is energy and innonlinearity required for the echo of immediately evident.

Such is not the case for an ensemble of "lassical (or quarum" harmonic ostillators such as gynating charged particles, for these he energy is increased indefinitely (or until no e subtle similater effects enter) by a r-sonant driving force. This is a basically different type of system.

Now our treatment of echo phenomene in the second s

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general. Figure 14 iller of any point. I employ wordinates q. (4) the moment is an introducing used both the producing a rotating coordinate of a second second with the producing a rotating coordinate of a second sec

Easically we require for echo phenomena in a system:

- a) An ensemble of cacillators with a narrow distribution of natural frequencies, which interact with external forces
- b) Sufficiently long relexation times to permit observation
- c) One of a variety of nonlinear effects to "spoil cancellation"
 - 1. energy-dependent driving force
 - 2. energy-dependent natural frequency--unharmonic oscillator
 - 3. energy-dependent relaxation phenomena
 - 4. others?

You can see that Hill and Kaplan's discovery has indeed <u>stimulated</u> a considerable interest, some new and potentially useful results, particularly in measuring collision rates at low energies < 1 electron where it will lead remains to be seen, but it will provide buany new the leas to consider and, I think, ultimately a variety of new experiments, techniques.

In closing I would like to acknowledge very fraitful discussion with W. H. Kegel, R. M. Hill, D. E. Kaplan and J. L. Hirschfield.

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MAGNITUDE OF APPLIED RADIO FREQUENCY ($\omega \approx \frac{eB_o}{m}$) FIELD



MAGNITUDE OF PLASMA RESPONSE

FIG. 1





LINEARIZED EQUATION OF MOTION OF SINGLE ELECTRON:

$$\underline{v} - \underline{\omega}_c \times \underline{v} = -\underline{e}_m \underline{E}$$
 $\underline{\omega}_c = -\underline{e}_m \underline{e}_c$

AFTER TRANSFORMATION TO ROTATING VELOCITY SPACE:

$$\underline{v} - \underline{\omega}_{c}' \times \underline{v}' = -\underline{e}_{m} \underline{e}' \qquad \underline{\omega}_{c}' = \underline{\omega}_{c} - \underline{\omega}$$

<u>COMPLEX</u> REPRESENTATION: $\dot{V}' = V'_{x} + iV'_{y}$ ETC. $\dot{\tilde{V}}' - i\omega'_{c} \tilde{V}' = -\frac{e}{m}\tilde{E}'$

SOLUTION :

$$V'(t) = V'(0)e^{i\omega_{c}t} + \int_{0}^{t} e^{i\omega_{c}'(t-s)} = \tilde{E}'(s)ds$$

$$= V'(0) + -\frac{e}{m}\tilde{E}'t \qquad \omega_{c}'t <<1$$

$$\tilde{E}' \text{ CONSTANT}$$
FIG. 3





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FIG.4

SPIN ECHO EQUATIONS :

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = M \times \omega \implies |M| = CONSTANT$$

$$\frac{\omega}{dt} = \gamma H = \omega_{0} + \omega_{1}$$

$$\frac{dM_{1}}{dt} + \omega_{0} \times M_{1} = M \times \omega_{1}$$
FREE PRECESSION NON-LINEAR
$$\omega_{0} = FREQUENCY \quad DRIVING FORCE$$



TWO STATE QUANTUM MECHANICAL SYSTEM [FEYNMAN, VERNON, HELLWARTH JAP 28 49 (1957)]

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 ψ (t) = a(t) ψ a + b(t) ψ b

 $\frac{d\underline{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \underline{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \times \underline{\mathbf{r}}$

$r_i = ab^* + a^*b$	$\omega_1 = (V_{ab} + V_{ba})$
$r_2 = i(ab^* - a^*b)$	$\omega_z = i(V_{ab} - V_{ba})$
r3 = aa*-bb*	$\omega_3 = (E_a - E_b)/\hbar$

$$\bigvee'(t) = (\bigvee_{i} e^{i \phi_{i}} + \bigvee_{2}) e^{i \phi}$$

$$\bigvee'(t) = -Ne \int d \omega'_{c} G(\omega'_{c}) \bigvee'(t) P(t)$$

$$\bigvee_{i} = VELOCITY \text{ IMPARTED BY } I^{\text{ST}} \text{ PULSE} \cong \bigoplus_{m} E_{i}t_{i}$$

$$\bigvee_{2} = VELOCITY \text{ IMPARTED BY } 2^{\text{ND}} \text{ PULSE} \cong \bigoplus_{m} E_{2}t_{2}$$

$$\phi_{i} = \text{ROTATION BETWEEN } I^{\text{ST}} \text{ AND } 2^{\text{ND}} \text{ PULSES} \cong \omega'_{c}T$$

$$\phi = \text{ROTATION AFTER } 2^{\text{ND}} \text{ PULSE} \cong \omega'_{c}t$$

$$P(t) = \text{PROBABILITY OF } \underbrace{NO \text{ COLLISION}}_{\text{BETWEEN } I^{\text{ST}}} \text{ PULSE AND } t$$

$$G(\omega'_{c}) d \omega'_{c} = \text{FRACTION OF ELECTRONS WITH }$$

 $\frac{\text{DIFFERENCE GYROFREQUENCIES}}{\omega_c' \text{ AND } \omega_c' + d \omega_c'}$

ENERGY DEPENDENT CYCLOTRON AND COLLISION FREQUENCIES :

$$J = -Ne \int G(\omega_{c}') d\omega_{c}' [V_{1} e^{i\phi_{1}} \pm V_{2}] e^{i\phi} e^{-vt}$$

$$\phi = [\omega_{c}(v^{2}) - \omega] t \cong [\omega_{c}' + \frac{\partial \omega_{c}}{\partial V^{2}} V^{2}] t$$

$$vt \cong [v_{o} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial V^{2}} V^{2}] t \quad (WEAK DEPENDENCE)$$

$$V^{2} = V_{1}^{2} + V_{2}^{2} + 2V_{1}V_{2} \cos \phi_{1} \qquad \phi_{1} = \omega_{c}' \tau$$

$$NOW e^{-(\alpha + i\beta)} \cos \phi_{1} = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} l_{n} (\alpha + i\beta) e^{-in\phi_{1}}$$

$$WITH \alpha = \frac{\partial v}{\partial V^{2}} 2V_{1}V_{2}t \qquad \beta = \frac{\partial \omega_{c}}{\partial V^{2}} 2V_{1}V_{2}t$$

$$J| = Ne V_{1} \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_{n}(t) q(t - n\tau)$$

$$q(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega_{c}') e^{i\omega_{c}'t} d\omega_{c}' \quad (PULSE SHAPE)$$

$$A_{n}(t) = PULSE AMPLITUDE FACTOR$$

FIG 8







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RESPONSE TO A SINGLE PULSE:







Fig. 11









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Fig. 14