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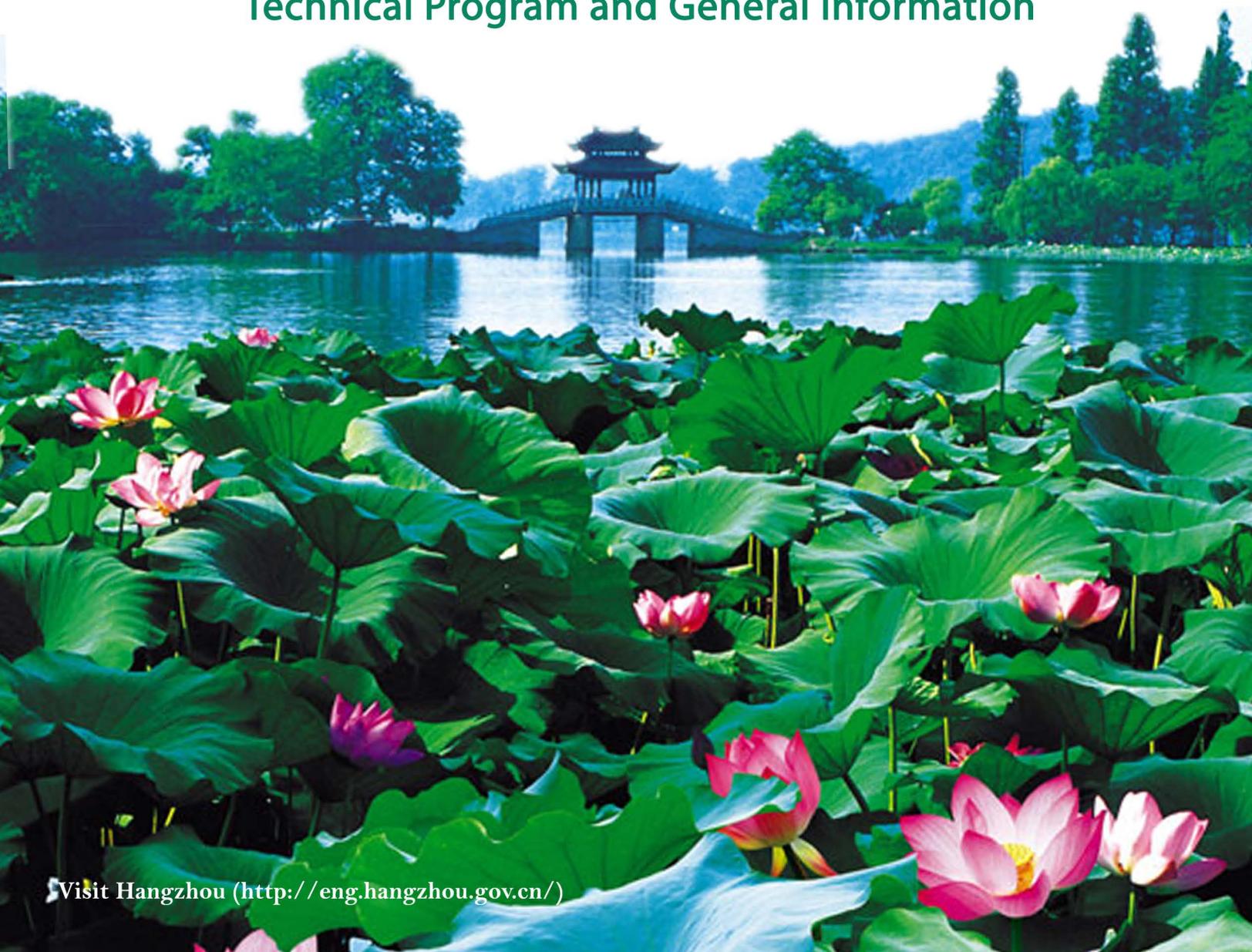
5-9 June West Lake Villa

Hangzhou, China



The Joint Annual Meeting of
The Bioelectromagnetics Society (BEMS) and
the European BioElectromagnetics Association (EBEA)

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From the Co-chairs of the Local Organizing Committee

On behalf of the BioEM2017 Local Organizing Committee, we welcome you to Hangzhou, China, for the Annual Joint Meeting of the Bioelectromagnetics Society (BEMS) and the European BioElectromagnetics Association (EBEA). We thank the two societies for their supports and helps during the organization of this meeting.

BioEM2017 will be held in the West Lake Villa near the West Lake scenic area in Hangzhou, which is located in the southwest of Shanghai and close to the scenic Yellow Mountain. The city of Hangzhou is one of the Seven Ancient Capitals of China, and shares with Suzhou the ultimate fame of “Paradise on Earth”. The historic city Hangzhou has won a lot of national and international reputations, such as the “Oriental Capital of Leisure” by the World Leisure Organization, the “Best Tourist City of China” by National Tourism Administration and the “Nations in Bloom” by United Nations. Both the West Lake and the Grand Canal are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The West Lake Villa as a provincial ambassador reception center, affiliated to the Provincial authority affairs administration, is a third state guesthouse in the province. It reaches the history street in the south and the Ge Ling mountain ridge in the north, covering an area of hundreds square miles. The Villa is just like a natural oxygen bar in the city center with ancient trees and green lawns around it. The West Lake Villa was a G20 Summit hotel in 2016 and will offer professional services for our delegates in the international BioEM meeting in China.

On Tuesday the banquet will be held in the Hangzhou Cuisine Museum, which is located in the side of Jiang Yang fan original ecological park, next to the Southern Song Dynasty imperial, and on the sunny side of the Fenghuang Hill (Phoenix Hill). The museum consists of four sections – Exhibition Area, Qiantang Kitchen, Taste of Hangzhou, and Dongpo Pavilion. The exhibition area dates back to thousands years history of development of Hangzhou Cuisine, with more than one hundred dietary exhibits and three hundred pieces of food models, while Qiantang kitchen shows folk culture of Hangzhou cuisine. Taste of Hangzhou and Dongpo Pavilion provide many delicious traditional Hangzhou foods, e.g., West Lake Carp in Sweet and Sour Sauce, Sister Song’s Fish Broth, Shelled Shrimps with Dragon Well Green Tea (or Long Jing), Honey Lotus Root Stuffed with Glutinous Rice, Stewed Spring Bamboo Shoots.

We are very grateful for the generous support of our sponsors and conference supporters, listed both on the meeting website and at the end of this booklet.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the week. Wish you have an interesting conference with a lot of enlightening and entertaining moments.

Welcome to Hangzhou!

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From the Co-chairs of the Technical Program Committee

Dear Colleague,

We warmly welcome you to Hangzhou for the Joint Annual Meeting of the Bioelectromagnetics Society (BEMS) and European Bioelectromagnetics Association (EBEA), BioEM2017. The Annual Meeting provides a unique opportunity for researchers, experts, and students to meet and interact, to discuss and share knowledge, to enjoy and appreciate all the opportunities of the bioelectromagnetics field. This is the first time the Annual Meeting is hosted in China and we thank the local organizers for providing the framework for shaping the meeting – this illustrates that BioEM 2017 is indeed reaching a global audience.

We are happy that many proposals were submitted by our scientific community for the invited speakers program, the workshops and tutorials, showing great vitality providing interesting and new ideas. The Technical Program Committee (TPC) selected 6 plenary talks with distinguished speakers, 4 workshops and 1 tutorial.

The plenary sessions will cover most of the key issues of bioelectromagnetics, with having some of the most distinguished speakers in each area. Several emerging areas are covered, as epigenetic research, use of mobile technology in disease prevention and in research, clinical applications and electroportation, and optogenetics.

The tutorial will give you insights in how different disciplines can be involved and how each other can be informed in an EMF project in order to obtain the best outcome of the project, and thereby aligns with a plenary session on how multi-disciplinary collaboration is used for achieving the scientifically most rigorous results in another research field (nanotechnology).

Three of the four workshops will elaborate on specific EMF dosimetry topics and one on the establishment of thresholds for acute neurophysiological effects of ELF magnetic fields.

223 abstracts from 22 different countries all over the world were submitted. Many scientists from our community have acted as reviewers; each submitted abstract was scored by at least three referees. After selection of the accepted abstracts, the TPC assigned them into 13 oral Platform Sessions and two Poster Sessions, preceded by Flash Student Poster presentations. A strong participation of students (49 submitted abstracts) demonstrates again the ability of our Societies to attract young researchers and it gives hope for a continuous renewal of our community.

BioEM2017 will also give a number of awards and recognitions.

BioEM2017 continues the tradition of the Chiabrera Lecture for Excellence in Bioelectromagnetics, an honor bestowed on an outstanding young researcher by EBEA. On the last day of the conference, the prestigious d'Arsonval Award from BEMS will be presented this year to Prof. Karl Schoenbach, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in various fields of bioelectromagnetics. Finally, we will end with the traditional awards of the students and the last year added Arthur Pilla Young Scientist Award, which will be awarded to the best presentation by a young scientist at the annual BioEM Meeting.

This meeting would not have been possible without the contribution of many individuals. We thank the members of the TPC of their dedication to design an interesting program, the referees who diligently reviewed and scored all the submitted abstracts, as well as Astrid Chamson-Reig and Jeff Carson from Lawson Health Research Institute in Canada who have supported us with hard work and constant

contributions on the submission website and the abstract book, which have been essential for the final result.

Furthermore, our personal thanks go to Professor Guangdi Chen and the Local Organizing Committee, to Professor Isabelle Lagroye, EBEA President, and to Professor Nam Kim, BEMS President for all the support.

On behalf of the Technical Program Committee, we conclude thanking you for your participation and support to BioEM2017 conference and we hope that you will enjoy the meeting!

Luc Martens and Joachim Schüz
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Schedule at a Glance

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Sunday, June 4, 2017

Time	Session	Name	Location
09:00 - 12:30	M1	BEMS Board Meeting	Jinghua
13:15 - 17:00	SS	Special Symposium: RF hyperthermia and cancer therapy in China	Fengyu
14:00 - 17:00	M2	EBEA Council Meeting	Jinghua
18:30 - 20:30		Welcome Reception	Jinhua
20:30 - 23:30		Student Ice Breaker	Jinghua Bar

Monday, June 5, 2017

Time	Session	Name	Location
09:00 - 09:30	OC	Welcome	Jinhua
09:30 - 10:30	PI	Plenary I: Epigenetics and EMF – current status of research	Jinhua
10:30 - 11:00		Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	S01	In vivo	Jinhua
11:00 - 12:30	S02	Dosimetry-measurements I	Fengyu
12:30 - 13:30		Lunch	
13:30 - 14:30	FA	Student Flash Poster Session A	Jinhua
14:30 - 16:00	PA	Poster Session A	2nd floor hallway
16:00 - 16:30		Coffee Break	
16:30 - 18:00	W1	Workshop 1: Computational models for Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation	Jinhua
16:30 - 18:00	W2	Workshop 2: 5G and IoT exposure: RF-EMF Exposure assessment and novel devices	Fengyu

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Time	Session	Name	Location
09:00 - 10:30	P2	Plenary 2: mHealth – New horizons for prevention implementation and for research using mobile technology	Jinhua
10:30 - 11:00		Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	S03	Epidemiology	Jinhua
11:00 - 12:30	S04	Dosimetry-computational I	Fengyu
12:30 - 13:30		Lunch	
12:30 - 13:30	M3	EBEA Assembly Lunch	Fengyu
13:30 - 14:00	FB	Student Flash Poster Session B	Jinhua
14:00 - 15:30	PB	Poster Session B	2nd floor hallway
15:30 - 16:00		Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:30	W3	Workshop 3: Utilities Threshold Initiative Consortium - Experimental Responses in Humans exposed to High ELF Fields and Impact on Standards and Guidelines	Jinhua
16:00 - 17:30	W4	Workshop 4: Is the Evaluated In Vivo Exposure Level in a Reverberation Chamber Reliable?	Fengyu
18:00 - 23:30		Conference Dinner	Hangzhou Cuisine Museum

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Time	Session	Name	Location
08:30 - 10:00	S05	Clinical	Jinhua
08:30 - 10:00	S06	Behavioural	Fengyu
10:00 - 10:30		Coffee Break	
10:30 - 12:00	P3	Plenary 3: New challenges in tissue ablation clinical applications based on electroporation	Jinhua
12:00 - 13:00	CA	Chiabrera Award	Jinhua

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Time	Session	Name	Location
08:30 - 10:30	S07	In vitro	Jinhua
08:30 - 10:30	S08	Dosimetry-computational 2	Fengyu
10:30 - 11:00		Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	P4	Plenary 4: Current knowledge of biological effects above 6 GHz	Jinhua
12:30 - 13:30		Lunch	
12:30 - 13:30	M4	BEMS Business Lunch	Fengyu
13:30 - 14:30	P5	Plenary 5: Bridging research disciplines and how EMF research can learn from other disciplines: the example of nanotechnology	Jinhua
14:30 - 16:00	S09	Electroporation	Fengyu
14:30 - 16:00	T1	Tutorial: Bridging disciplines in an EMF project: ARIMMORA	Jinhua
16:00 - 16:30		Coffee Break	
16:30 - 18:00	S10	Mechanistic/Theoretical	Jinhua
16:30 - 18:00	S11	Standards / Public Health Policy	Fengyu

Friday, June 9, 2017

Time	Session	Name	Location
08:30 - 10:00	S12	Human	Jinhua
08:30 - 10:00	S13	Dosimetry-measurements 2	Fengyu
10:00 - 11:00	DA	D'Arsonval Award	Jinhua
11:00 - 11:30		Coffee Break	
11:30 - 12:30	P6	Plenary 6: Optogenetics: involving light to control cells	Jinhua
12:30 - 13:30		Student Awards - BioEM2018 Slovenia Presentation	Jinhua
13:30 - 14:00		Closing Ceremony	Jinhua
14:00 - 16:00	M5	BEMS Board Meeting	Tiancheng
14:00 - 16:00	M6	EBEA Council Meeting	Jinghua

General Information

THE CONFERENCE VENUE

BioEM2017 will take place at the West Lake Villa, a state guesthouse. It is located at 84, Beishan street, north street around the West Lake. Among the world's top-rated lakes, Hangzhou's wondrous West Lake is one of the best. The real attraction of West Lake, however, lies not on the surface but in its abundant wealth of legend, myth, and enigma accumulated over various dynasties. The historic Hangzhou, renowned as one of China's seven Ancient Capitals, is proudly among the first group of cities that the central government designated as Historic and Cultural City. June is an early summer month with average temperatures between 21°C (69°F) and 29°C (84°F). All meeting rooms at the venue have complimentary Wi-Fi service.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

When you enter the conference venue through the main entrance, you will spot the Registration and Information Desk on the right (see Ground Maps). Please follow the directions.

From Sunday, June 4 to Friday, June 9, the Registration Desk will be open from 8:00 AM to closing of all session each day.

CONFERENCE BADGE

Badges must be worn at all times during the meeting and during all social events (registered guests as well). Please present a printed version of your ticket (sent to you upon registration) at the Registration Desk to receive your badge and conference bag.

CONFERENCE LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

A sandwich/pasta/salad/Chinese foods buffet will be provided on Monday, June 5, on Tuesday, June 6, on Wednesday, June 7, and on Thursday, June 8 in the restaurants. Coffee breaks will take place in the hallway.

SOCIAL EVENTS

WELCOME FUNCTION

Sunday, June 4, 6:30 PM at the conference venue. Expected end time: approximately 8:30 PM.

STUDENT ICE BREAKER

Sunday, June 4, 8:30 PM till 11:00 PM at the Jinghu Bar (Beishan street), a short walk from the conference venue. We will meet at the conference venue Registration Desk at 8:15 PM and then walk in group to the Jinghu Bar.

CONFERENCE BANQUET

Join us Tuesday, June 6, 8:00 PM for Conference Banquet at the Hangzhou Cuisine Museum. We will gather at the Registration Desk at 5:45 PM and take the shuttle buses to the Hangzhou Cuisine Museum.

The Buses are on a tight schedule, so please make sure to be at the quay no later than 5:45 PM. The buses will take us to the museum, where we will disembark at 6:30 PM for a reception and the conference banquet.

ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Please find below some potentially useful material to assist you in preparing a presentation for BioEM2017.

Papers are to be presented in two basic formats: Oral and Poster Presentations. Below you will find specific information concerning these two formats.

If for any reason you find yourself unable to personally present your paper, please try to arrange for someone else to present it. **If nobody is available to present your work, you must notify the TPC Chairs well ahead of time (at tpc@bioem.org). If the presentation does not take place, without having previously notified the TPC, the corresponding abstract will be removed from the online abstract book.**

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Oral Presentations

All oral presentations have been allocated a 15-minute time slot. These 15-minutes must include the presentation, questions, and transitioning to the next speaker. It is recommended that speakers plan on a 10-12 minute presentation to allow for some questions. It is important to strictly adhere to this schedule as most oral presentations are scheduled in parallel sessions. Arrive at least 10 minutes early prior to the start of the session and introduce yourself to the chair while familiarizing yourself with the audio-visual equipment and session chair guidelines.

Each meeting room will be equipped with a personal computer to accommodate PowerPoint and PDF presentation formats. Technical support will be present in each meeting room to ensure flawless execution. Authors must load their presentations onto the designated computer at the conference venue during the break before their session. Presenters will not be allowed to connect their own computer to the projection system. Presentations can be loaded via USB flash memory stick. Authors are urged to try to minimize any potential problems by taking advantage of redundancy whenever possible: save and bring presentations in multiple formats (PowerPoint and Adobe pdf), store presentations in more than one media, and keep the media on your person during travel.

The best student oral presentation(s) will be awarded.

Student Poster Presentations with Flash Presentation

Poster sessions are an important part of the BioEM2017 conference and a method for immediate and effective communication between all those interested in specific subjects, actions or programs. Posters should be carefully designed and prepared to ensure their full impact.

The poster presenters are kindly requested to follow the instructions below:

- Two poster sessions, i.e., A on Monday, June 5 at 2:30 PM, and B on Tuesday, June 6 at 2:00 PM, are planned.
- **All student posters** will also be presented as **poster flash presentation**. The two poster flash sessions will take place on Monday, June 5 in meeting room from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM (FA), and on Tuesday, June 6 in meeting room from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM (FB).
- Please ensure that you plan your communication carefully. The language is English. Each presenter will have **3 minutes** time to present **4 slides maximum** for the flash presentation (discussions will follow afterwards at your poster). Please introduce yourself in the beginning of your presentation and point out the main findings of your work. Hence your presentation should not include new material that is not shown on your poster.
- The Chairs will call up the next presenter after the 3 min are over and you have to leave the podium.

- Please upload your presentation at the computer available at the Registration Desk on Monday, June 5 before 12:30 PM for the FA session, and on Tuesday June 6 before 12:30 PM for the FB session either in PowerPoint (.pptx) or PDF format, since all flash poster presentations will be uploaded beforehand on the same computer. The presenters will not be allowed to use their USB memory sticks or laptops during the session.

The best student poster(s) will be awarded.

Poster Presentations

The poster presentations will be held in the 2nd floor hallway. Poster boards will be available for each author to attach their posters to. Authors are limited to use the **A0 portrait format**. Poster size should be less than 90 cm (length) X 120 cm (height). A mounting system for the poster will be provided. The boards will be numbered to correspond with poster numbers in the Program and student posters will be clearly identified. The organizers are not liable for any poster materials.

Authors should be present at their stations for the duration of their assigned session to discuss their work and answer questions, as there will be a flux of attendees.

Mounting: Posters can be mounted anytime beginning on Sunday afternoon. Each board will be marked with the poster number, as indicated in the final program. A poster mounting system will be provided.

Removal: Posters must be removed no later than Friday, June 9, 12:00 PM (noon).

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Technical Program

Sunday June 4, 2017

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BEMS Board Meeting
Sunday June 4, 2017 • 09:00 - 12:30
Jinghua

Session: SS
Special Symposium: RF hyperthermia and cancer therapy in China
Sunday June 4, 2017 • 13:15 - 17:00
Fengyu

Session: M2
EBEA Council Meeting
Sunday June 4, 2017 • 14:00 - 17:00
Jinghua

Welcome Reception
Sunday June 4, 2017 • 18:30 - 20:30
Jinhua

Student Ice Breaker
Sunday June 4, 2017 • 20:30 - 23:30
Jinghua Bar

Monday June 5, 2017

Session: OC
Welcome
Monday June 5, 2017 • 09:00 - 09:30
Jinhua

Session: PI
Plenary I: Epigenetics and EMF – current status of research
Monday June 5, 2017 • 09:30 - 10:30
Jinhua
Chair: Meike Mevissen

PI-I [09:30]

Epigenetic Landscapes and Electromagnetic Fields: Concepts and Observations

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Biographical sketch

Primo Schär is Professor of Molecular Genetics at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Basel, where he leads a research group at the Department of Biomedicine. He is a trained biologist with a strong background in genetics, biochemistry and cell biology. The long-standing research interest has been the molecular mechanisms underlying the structural and functional plasticity of genomes, i.e. the (in)stability of the genetic and epigenetic codes of cell identity under the influence of the environment. The objective of his work is to provide a thorough understanding of the origin of genetic and epigenetic change and its relationship to human ageing and age-related disease such as cancer. The Schär laboratory has pioneered research in the DNA repair and DNA methylation fields with seminal discoveries in the areas of DNA double strand-break repair, DNA base excision repair and its role in DNA demethylation control. The lab has also made significant contributions towards understanding the mode of action of DNA-directed cancer therapeutic drugs and towards unravelling the origin and

role of DNA methylation instability in carcinogenesis.

Five relevant publications

Focke, F., Schuermann, D., Kuster, N., and Schär P. (2010). DNA Fragmentation in Human Fibroblasts Under Extremely Low Frequency Electromagnetic Field Exposure. *Mutat Res* 683, 74-83.

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Manser, M., Sater, M. R., Schmid, C. D., Noreen, F., Murbach, M., Kuster, N., Schuermann, D., and Schär, P. (2017). ELF-MF exposure affects the robustness of epigenetic programming during granulopoiesis. *Sci Rep* 7, 43345.

Abstract

The susceptibility to any human disease is determined variably by genetic predisposition and environmental exposure, whereby exposure can impact on the genome and thereby generate genetic effects. A most extreme case is when environmental mutagens induce changes in the DNA sequence and thereby mutate the genetic code. This, however, requires agents, such as ultraviolet light, with a capacity to chemically damage the DNA molecule. Less severe but more frequent are environment-genome interactions that do not cause

mutations but may perturb patterns of DNA and protein modifications that instruct how the genome is read. Unlike the DNA sequence itself, these chemical flags are dynamic; they are positioned in response to environmental cues, creating a heritable but metastable “epigenetic code” that determines the cell-type-specific gene usage. Research into the effect of electromagnetic fields (EMF) on the stability of DNA, prompted by concerns of a potential carcinogenicity of such exposure, has failed to produce consistent evidence for a mutagenic action. Yet, whether EMFs have the capacity to perturb “epigenetic codes”, similar to a range non-mutagenic carcinogens, has not been systematically addressed. We have started to investigate this possibility in leukaemia cells and in stem cells undergoing differentiation to specialized blood cell-types, focusing on the establishment and the maintenance of key epigenetic DNA and histone modifications. I will discuss the general concept of environment-epigenome interactions and present data on the influence of EMF exposure on the epigenetic programming of blood cells.

Coffee Break
Monday June 5, 2017 • 10:30 - 11:00

Session: S01
In vivo
Monday June 5, 2017 • 11:00 - 12:30
Jinhua
Chairs: James Lin & Xiangjun Hu

Session: S02
Dosimetry-measurements I
Monday June 5, 2017 • 11:00 - 12:30
Fengyu
Chairs: Wout Joseph & Manuel Murbach

S01-1 [11:00]

Assessment of mice’s bone marrow epigenetic modification by low frequency electromagnetic field (50 Hz) exposure. Final results from the CLeMAN project.

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50 Hz magnetic fields have been classified as possible human carcinogen for childhood leukaemia, but no in vivo or in vitro studies support this classification. The Cleman project have aimed to study epigenetic changes (histone and DNA modifications) in the bone marrow of mice, exposed 8 h/d, 5d/wk at 1000 µT. The use of the high-content microscopy screening was performed for rare epigenetic modification highlight but also for the potential subpopulation characterisation.

S01-2 [11:15]

Examination of apoptosis related protein expression in mouse testis after continuous

S02-1 [11:00]

Personal measurements of radiofrequency electromagnetic fields in adolescents in the SCAMP cohort study, London

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Keywords: Dosimetry (measurements), RF/Microwaves, Work in Progress
Presented by: Martin Roosli

In the framework of the Study of Cognition, Adolescents and mobile phone (SCAMP cohort study) personal exposure data are collected in 200 adolescent aged 12-13 years for 2-3 days and activity is recorded with an electronic diary and the GPS integrated in the measurement device Expom-RF. Currently, preliminary data from 44 participants are available and mean total RF-EMF exposure is 0.21 V/m. Updated exposure data from approx. 100 adolescents will be presented at the meeting.

S02-2 [11:15]

Near-field exposure assessments of power density above 6 GHz

exposure of 60 Hz Magnetic fields

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We investigated the expression of apoptosis related genes following the continuous exposure of 60 Hz magnetic fields (MF) for 8 weeks in mouse testis. We found the upregulation of Endonuclease G, Bax, and downregulated anti-apoptotic bcl-2 family proteins using immunohistochemistry. There was no significantly changed apoptosis related genes expression in RNA level during the exposure. We found that the expressions of anti-apoptotic protein Bcl-xL and Mcl-1 were decreased after 25 and 100 μ T of 60 Hz MF exposure using western blot. These results indicate that the exposure of 60 Hz MF does not regulate de novo gene expression but broke the homeostasis through the anti-apoptotic protein levels and induced cell death.

S01-3 [11:30]

Global analysis of gene expression in mouse brain after exposure to around 85-kHz intermediate-frequency magnetic fields

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To explore the possible nonthermal biological effects of an intermediate-frequency magnetic field (IF-MF), we performed a comprehensive evaluation of gene expression in the mouse brain after IF-MF exposure. Compared with sham-exposed mice, differentially expressed genes were not identified in exposed mice under a fold change cut-off of ≥ 2.0 ,

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Presented by: *Teruo Onishi*

Recently research and development as well as standardization on the 5th mobile communication system (5G) have been actively conducted all over the world. Frequency bands above 6 GHz for 5G are considered in addition to those used for current mobile systems. From exposure assessment point of view, the incident power density should be used above 6 GHz as a measurement index while the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) has been used for near-field exposure up to 6 GHz. It is shown that evaluation results of power density by a conventional probe such as a waveguide (WG) probe, which is used for near-field to far-field transformation.

S02-3 [11:30] STUDENT PAPER

Investigation of LTE user equipment transmit power control and comparison of uplink exposure between small and macro cell environment

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Presented by: *Thomas Kopacz*

A low UE transmit power is desired to save battery runtime and to minimize interferences as well as the personal exposure to electromagnetic fields in LTE networks. In this study, we investigated the transmit power control for UE depending on the RSRP in a small cell. RSRP had to exceed a threshold of about -90 dBm in order to reduce the

with the exception of one small nucleolar RNA, Snord13. When the fold level was reduced to a cut-off of ≥ 1.5 , 12 transcripts containing mRNA and noncoding RNA were identified. In summary, IF-MF exposure, which corresponds to the basic restriction level of internal induced electronic field defined by ICNIRP guidelines, has limited ability to detect small changes in some mRNAs and noncoding RNAs.

S01-4 [11:45] STUDENT PAPER

Pulsed electromagnetic fields (PEMFs) improve deteriorated bone strength induced by ovariectomy via inhibiting inflammatory cytokines (TNF- α and IL-6) responses: newer potential targets for therapeutic PEMFs

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Accumulating evidences indicated that estrogen withdrawal is associated with increased production of pro-inflammatory cytokines which can perturb bone metabolism and promote increased bone loss. This study was designed to investigate the effects of PEMFs on bone metabolism using ovariectomy-induced osteoporosis animal models and gene knockout mice to explore whether tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α) and interleukin-6 (IL-6) are involved. Our results suggest that TNF- α and IL-6 played an important pathogenic role in bone loss after oestrogen deficiency and the beneficial effect of pulsed electromagnetic field may be associated with regulation of the inflammatory factors including TNF- α and IL-6.

UE transmit power below the maximum output power. The decrease is roughly proportional to the inverse of RSRP. Furthermore, to compare the exposure to mobile terminals in small cells and macro cells, the transmit power was measured in both environments. In small cells, the transmit power was clearly lower in case of LOS. However, for NLOS conditions, the transmit power was lower in the macro cell.

S02-4 [11:45]

Effect of human body morphology on measurement uncertainty of a multi-band body-worn distributed-exposimeter

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For the first time, a multi-band body-worn distributed exposimeter (BWDM) calibrated for simultaneous measurement of the incident power density S_{inc} in 11 frequency bands, is proposed. The BWDM consists of 22 textile antennas integrated in a garment and is calibrated on five human subjects in an anechoic chamber to assess its measurement uncertainty in terms of 68% confidence interval (CI_{68}) of the on-body antenna aperture. The BWDM has a CI_{68} range of 2.7-8.8 dB for the five subjects participating in calibration measurements. The results show that using a combination of two antennas on the body leads to a maximum 0.1-3.2 dB difference in CI_{68} values for different body morphologies.

S01-5 [12:00]

Pulsed electromagnetic wave exposure induces functional alteration in hormone secretion by the adenohypophysis in rats

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The stability of the endocrine system is critical to maintaining health. The aim of this study was to investigate the effects of pulsed electromagnetic wave (PEMW) exposure on adenohypophysis function. Male Sprague–Dawley rats were sham- or whole-body-exposed to PEMW at different pulses. The concentrations of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH), thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), prolactin (PRL), growth hormone (GH), and luteinizing hormone (LH) in serum were measured. The hormone secretion of the rats changed with time and number of pulses. These results suggest that exposure to PEMW elicits functional alteration in hormone secretion by the adenohypophysis of the rat.

S01-6 [12:15]

Non-invasive EMP-induced BBB opening facilitated drug delivery in rat glioma model

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Chemotherapy on gliomas is not effective because of the presence of BBB. In order to facilitate the chemotherapeutics to penetrate BBB and increase the treatment efficacy of gliomas, EMP was applied in this study. The concentration of CCNU in tumor tissue, tumor size, tumor apoptosis and sides effects were measured in glioma-bearing rat model. The results showed that EMP exposure could

S02-5 [12:00]

STUDENT PAPER

Emissions of electric and magnetic fields at intermediate frequencies by household appliances

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Presented by: Sam Aerts

Despite ample investigation of residential exposure to electric and magnetic fields in the extremely-low-frequency (ELF) and radiofrequency (RF) ranges, research on intermediate frequencies (IF) remains limited. A comprehensive measurement survey on the levels of electric and magnetic IF fields emitted by a wide range of household appliances was performed as part of the GERoNiMO study. It was found that the use of appliances at close distance (20 cm) can result in relatively high IF exposures, though none exceeded the ICNIRP exposure summation rule. The observed spectra were either repeatable, containing harmonic signals with fundamental frequencies between 6 kHz and 293 kHz, or unpredictable, dominated by 50 Hz harmonics in the IF domain.

S02-6 [12:15]

Exposure evaluation due to PLC used by Linky meters

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Presented by: Dominique Picard

Linky meters are going to be spread in France. These smart meters use G1 PLC and G3 PLC to communicate. These PLC signals create non-intentional electromagnetic fields in the frequency range 36-91 kHz around the meter. This is a new source of exposure which has to be characterized. This study defines an accurate measurement methodology in laboratory to assess the level of these electromagnetic fields of both the vicinity of the Linky meter and the low-voltage electric cable connected to the meter, and presents the level of these electromagnetic fields.

enhance the delivery of CCNU to tumor tissue, facilitate tumor apoptosis and inhibit tumor growth without obvious side effects. The data indicated that EMP-induced BBB opening could enhance delivery of CCNU to tumor and increase treatment efficacy in glioma-bearing rats.

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RF-EMF Exposure assessment and novel
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Chair: Wout Joseph

W1-1 [16:30]

Introduction

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The workshop aims to provide a forum for researchers working on non-invasive brain stimulation by electromagnetic fields. Talks will focus on computational modelling in transcranial magnetic stimulation and transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS).

W2-1 [16:30]

Introduction

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The aim of this workshop is to provide an introduction into equipment and procedures to perform compliance and exposure assessment of 5G at 60 GHz, and to develop methods to assess exposure of small cells, IoT smart meters, and novel massive MIMO (multiple-input multiple output) technologies.

WI-2 [16:30]

Transcranial direct current stimulation: inter-subject variability in brain electric fields

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Every brain is different, and so are the electric fields generated in the brain when it is stimulated using non-invasive electrical or magnetic techniques. Individual variations in the electric fields may be a major factor contributing to the variability in the outcomes of stimulation. The electric fields can be determined using numerical techniques such as the finite-element method and segmentation of MR images. This paper reviews methods we have recently developed for statistical analysis of the electric fields in a group of subjects, as opposed to conventional approach of analysing electric fields of single subjects. The methods are useful for planning, analysing and interpreting tDCS studies.

WI-3 [17:00]

Numerical models for transcranial magnetic stimulation

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We introduce recent applications of human head models to analysis of transcranial magnetic stimulation. Shape and size of the stimulator coil can be optimized using numerical simulations using simplified spherical models. Realistic human models enable us to estimate the electric field intensity for activating neurons in the brain. Constructing numerical models for individual patients is important for evaluating stimulus conditions in therapeutic use of magnetic stimulation. Mapping of electric properties is one of the technical challenges in such modeling.

WI-4 [17:30]

Transcranial magnetic stimulation with improved penetration depth utilizing slinky coils

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W2-2 [16:30]

Exposure evaluation of ultra high dense cells (attoconcept) and comparison with exposure due to massive MIMO

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W2-3 [16:35]

Advanced equipment for evaluating 60 GHz fields

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W2-4 [16:40]

Femtocell exposure assessment in real environments

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This study presents the numerical study of transcranial magnetic stimulation by considering slinky coils with different number of return current paths. Three-dimensional distribution of the electric field in realistic head model was obtained by impedance method, and the results were compared with the conventional figure-of-eight coil. It was found the slinky-19 and slinky-7 coils can penetrate into gray matter and white matter by 7~8 mm, which is 2.3~2.7 times larger than the conventional figure-of-eight (Fo8) coil with 3mm depth. The slinky coils with multiple return paths potentially provide the possibility for realizing the deep transcranial magnetic stimulation.

W2-5 [16:45]

Exposure of people to IoT Smart Meter devices

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W2-6 [16:50]

Plenary discussion

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Session: P2
Plenary 2: mHealth – New horizons for prevention implementation and for research using mobile technology
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P2-1 [09:00]

The Be He@lthy, Be Mobile initiative of WHO and ITU

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Biographical sketch

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Abstract

The use of mobile phones to deliver health services – mHealth – has generated considerable enthusiasm among governments, donors, and implementers of health programs.. Pilot projects have demonstrated conceptually how mHealth can alleviate specific health system constraints that hinder effective coverage of health interventions. However, challenges remain around its use as a population-level health intervention due to a lack of large-scale examples. This has led to limitations on the global understanding of key technical and policy factors affecting its impact.

In 2013 the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) joined forces to address this gap. They support countries to build, introduce and monitor mHealth interventions for chronic diseases. They are currently supporting programs in 9 countries for a range of disease areas and target audiences.

Their largest program is a collaboration with the government of India, which has seen the launch of national services for both tobacco cessation and diabetes using two-way SMS. The talk will highlight some of the ways in which these services were designed, the role of different stakeholders, and the model for sustainability in the longer term. It will also look at how this compares with examples from other countries such as Senegal and Zambia.

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Breast cancer survival in sub-Saharan Africa: the value of mHealth in research in low resource settings

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Biographical sketch

I have a background in epidemiology and medical statistics and since joining IARC in 2011, I have had a large focus on cancer research relevant to cancer prevention in low and middle income countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. These activities entail fieldwork in 8 African countries, including leading a large pan-African prospective study of barriers to early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer, as well as East African research on the aetiology of squamous cell oesophageal cancer, including lifestyle, molecular and environmental (geochemical) factors. For all studies, mobile-Health data collection is implemented for improved efficiency and quality. I also lead an International Consortium on Mammographic Density, to study the epidemiology of this strong marker of breast cancer risk in heterogeneous populations.

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Abstract

MHealth, the use of mobile devices and mobile technology in medicine and public health, has impacted on the possibilities for and conduct of health research, as it has on changes in medical care and health-related behaviours. MHealth has a particular role in the fieldwork phase of data collection, enabling the inclusion on disparate study populations. As an illustration of the application of mHealth technologies in an epidemiological study, the African Breast Cancer – Disparities in Outcomes study (ABC-DO, abc-do.iarc.fr) will be presented. This on-going cohort is a prospective multi-country study of outcomes after breast cancer diagnosis in women in 5 sub-Saharan African countries. In this talk, full integration of mHealth into the fieldwork protocol will be discussed, as well as the specific challenges and benefits it led to.

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Session: S03**Epidemiology**

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Jinhua

Chairs: Emilie van Deventer & Lei Zhang

S03-1 [11:00]**Comparative analyses of studies of childhood leukemia and magnetic fields, radon and gamma radiation**Leeka Kheifets¹, John Swanson², Yingzhe Yuan¹, Cynthia Kusters¹ & Ximena Vergara^{1,3}¹Department of Epidemiology, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, USA, 90095²National Grid, London, United Kingdom,³EPRI, Palo Alto, , USA,**Keywords: Epidemiology, All Frequencies, Completed (published)****Presented by: Ximena Vergara**

Epidemiological studies of childhood cancer and magnetic fields, radon, or gamma radiation all have methodological problems. We expect many of those issues to depend on the study design rather than the specific exposure. So we systematically reviewed studies that have examined more than one of these radiation exposures to see what we could learn about the methodological issues from comparing results for the different exposures. We found some indication of bias but little evidence that confounding, including SES, has had a substantial influence on results. The influence of residential mobility is complex and can manifest itself in several ways.

S03-2 [11:15]**Factors affecting validity of self-reported mobile phone use in the COSMOS study**Mireille Toledano¹, Anssi Auvinen^{2,3}, Yang Cao^{4,5}, Maria Feychting⁴, Anders Ahlbom⁴, Karin Fremling⁴, Giorgio Tettamanti⁴, Sirpa Heinavaara⁶, Katja Kojo³, Gemma Knowles^{1,7}, Rachel B. Smith¹, Joachim Schüz⁸, Christoffer Johansen^{9,10}, Aslak Poulsen⁹, Isabelle Deltour⁸, Roel Vermeulen¹¹, Hans Kromhout¹¹, Paul Elliott¹ & Lena Hillert^{4,12}¹MRC-PHE Centre for Environment and Health, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom²School of Health Sciences, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland³Radiation and Safety Authority (STUK), Helsinki, Finland⁴Institute of Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden⁵Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Örebro University, Örebro, Sweden**Session: S04****Dosimetry-computational I**

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Fengyu

Chairs: Myles Capstick & Masao Taki

S04-1 [11:00]**Numerical characterization of the exposure level in electrical vehicles equipped with a Wireless Power Transfer system**Valerio De Santis¹, Tommaso Campi¹, Silvano Cruciani¹ & Mauro Feliziani¹¹Department of Industrial and Information Engineering and Economics, University of L'Aquila, Italy, Italy, 67100**Keywords: Dosimetry (computational), IF, Work in Progress****Presented by: Valerio De Santis**

This study deals with the numerical evaluation of the magnetic (outside) and electric (inside the body) fields produced by a wireless power transfer (WPT) system in an electrical vehicle (EV). First, the COMSOL software is used to predict the magnetic field around the EV assuming the bodycar made by three different materials: steel, aluminum and fiber composite. These fields have been compared with the ICNIRP reference levels demonstrating compliance for an EV with metallic (steel or aluminum) chassis. On the contrary, a fiber composite chassis is much more penetrable and therefore a dosimetric analysis using Sim4Life is needed to compare the induced electric fields with the ICNIRP basic restrictions.

S04-2 [11:15]**Assessment of neuronal Conduction Block (CB) related to medical implants in conjunction with Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) using simplified and electrophysiologically functionalized anatomical models**Antonino Mario Cassara¹, Ilaria Liorni¹, Esra Neufeld¹ & Niels Kuster^{1,2}¹IT'IS Foundation for Research on Information Technology in Society, Zurich, Switzerland, 8004²Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland, 8001**Keywords: Dosimetry (computational), ELF/ILF, Work in Progress****Presented by: Niels Kuster**

Wireless power transfer (WPT) technologies are expected to be installed pervasively in uncontrolled areas in the very near future, causing concerns about possible health hazards for the

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Keywords: Epidemiology, RF/Microwaves, Work in Progress

Presented by: Joachim Schüz

This study investigates the validity of self-reported mobile phone use, by comparing cross-sectional baseline data on self-reported and operator-derived mobile phone use (frequency and duration of calls), in a large sub-population of almost 76,000 adults participating in the international COSMOS cohort study of mobile phone use and health. It also investigates, for the first time, validity among general population subgroups, e.g. those who experience symptoms during mobile phone use or have concerns related to mobile phones. Results from this study differ compared to previous validation studies, with an underestimation of call duration but overall better agreement.

S03-3 [11:30] STUDENT PAPER

Personal exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields in children in Europe

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public, in particular for persons with medical implants. Using coupled electromagnetic (EM) and neuronal dynamics simulations featuring simplified implant leads and axon models the potential risk of EM induced 'conduction block' (CB) - i.e. the temporary blocking of action potential (AP) conduction in axons proximal to implants by EM fields in the 10-100kHz range - was investigated with initial focus on CB's mechanisms in proximity of exposed implants's electrodes that is of special relevance for any electroceuticals and electrostimulators.

S04-3 [11:30]

Novel approach for compliance testing with basic restrictions of exposure to gradient magnetic fields generated by Wireless Power Transfer systems

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Presented by: Ilaria Liorni

Magnetic fields (MFs) generated by powerful Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) systems generally exceeds the exposure limits in the closest vicinity of the coils and might also violate the basic restrictions (BR). In this study a new method is proposed for demonstration of compliance in the closest vicinity of sources with the BRs from 3 kHz to 10 MHz. This approach mitigates overestimation by incident field assessment in strong field gradients close to WPT systems. The spatial peak MF

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Keywords: Epidemiology, RF/Microwaves, Work in Progress

Presented by: Laura Birks

Little is known about the exposure of children to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF) from mobile communication technologies. This study aims to describe personal RF-EMF exposure levels in European children and adolescents. Using portable RF-EMF measurement devices, measurements were collected over 72 hours for 529 children, ages ranging 8-18 years, in Denmark, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Switzerland, and Spain. Exposure from mobile phone base stations was the largest contributor to total levels of RF-EMF (median 27.20 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$) followed by broadcast transmitters (median 9.89 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$). Exposure from cell phones accounted for a median of 4.71 $\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$. WiFi and cordless phones contributed very little to the total exposure levels.

S03-4 [11:45] STUDENT PAPER

Decrease in adolescents’ figural memory performance associated with cumulative brain dose over one year

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amplitude and gradient generated by WPT systems are measured by a field gradient probe at the closest location. The induced fields and absorbed power are then calculated by specific transformation matrices considering all international safety guidelines.

S04-4 [11:45] STUDENT PAPER

Estimation of local temperature elevation from local averaged power density from patch antenna arrays

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Presented by: Milena Foerster

We investigated the potential impact of RF-EMF dose and media usage on figural and verbal memory functions in adolescents using longitudinal data from the Swiss HERMES cohort as part of the GERoNiMO framework. Applying linear regression models stratified by five media usage type patterns to control for unmeasured confounding, we found significant decreases in figural memory score after one year associated with RF-EMF dose and RF-EMF related media usage but not with RF-EMF unrelated media usage (negative exposure controls). Figural memory involves mainly the right side brain hemisphere and a laterality analysis indicates stronger effects in right side users than left side users.

S03-5 [12:00]

Hints of media: An experimental study of effect of media warnings about health hazards of MP use on self-reported symptoms

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Presented by: Lei Zhang

The present study is to investigate the effects of media warnings about the health hazards of MP use on self-reported symptoms. After completing baseline questionnaires, the 703 undergraduate students participants were randomly assigned to a video treatment group (watching a video about the health hazards of MP use) or a control group. Then, they completed another set of questionnaires containing self-reported physical symptoms and BDI. Participants in the video group reported significantly more frequent headache, fatigue, memory loss, inattention and higher level of depression. Additionally, the prevalence of memory loss and inattention were significantly higher in participants with higher level of depression who watched the video.

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Presented by: Daisuke Funahashi

Incident power density is used as the dosimetrically quantity to specify the restrictions on human exposure to electromagnetic fields at frequencies above 3 or 10 GHz in order to prevent excessive temperature elevation at the body surface. International standards and guidelines have different definitions for the size of the area over which the power density should be averaged. Our previous study suggested that a good relation can be obtained between power density averaged over 4 cm² and the temperature elevation for dipole antenna, its antenna array, and ideal beam. In this study, we investigated and confirmed that the relationship is still reasonable for a realistic antenna (a patch antenna array with 25 elements) at 10, 30 and 60 GHz.

S04-5 [12:00]

User exposure in forthcoming 5G phone call and browsing scenarios in the 60-GHz band

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Presented by: Maxim Zhadobov

The continuous need in high-performance mobile communications leads to a fast development of next generation heterogeneous 5G cellular networks. They will exploit the wide bands available in the millimeter-wave spectrum, including the 60-GHz band. We present a numerical dosimetry study for a terminal with a 60-GHz antenna module for several representative human body exposure scenarios within 5G small cells. The user exposure levels in the near field are analyzed for phone call and browsing scenarios. Results show that the absorption is locally distributed on the ear helix and fingertips. The presence of the hand in a phone call scenario increases the absorption in the head due to the modifications of the antenna radiation patterns.

S03-6 [12:15]**Maternal exposure to high magnetic fields during pregnancy and the risk of abnormal thyroid hormone levels in offspring: A prospective cohort study with up to 20 years of follow-up**De-Kun Li¹, Hong Chen¹, Roxana Odouli¹ & Jeannette Ferber¹¹Division of Research, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, California, USA, 94612**Keywords: Epidemiology, ELF/ILF, Work in Progress****Presented by: De-Kun Li**

In this prospective cohort study, maternal high MF level during pregnancy was found to be associated with increased risk of low thyroid hormone levels in offspring, largely due to low TSH levels. The lower TSH concentration resulting from high in-utero MF exposure indicates an adverse MF impact on the pituitary gland during in-utero fetal brain development. The finding of this important association needs to be further examined in future studies.

S04-6 [12:15] -**WITHDRAWN**

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EBEA Assembly Lunch
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Fengyu

Session: FB
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Chairs: Niels Kuster & Christopher Portier

Session: PB
Poster Session B
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Session: W3

Workshop 3: Utilities Threshold Initiative Consortium - Experimental Responses in Humans exposed to High ELF Fields and Impact on Standards and Guidelines
Tuesday June 6, 2017 • 16:00 - 17:30
Jinhua
Chairs: Alexandre Legros & Michel Plante

Session: W4

Workshop 4: Is the Evaluated In Vivo Exposure Level in a Reverberation Chamber Reliable?
Tuesday June 6, 2017 • 16:00 - 17:30
Fengyu
Chairs: Jianqing Wang & Niels Kuster

W3-1 [16:00]

Utilities Threshold Initiative Consortium - Experimental Responses in Humans exposed to High ELF Fields and Impact on Standards and Guidelines

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The objective this Utilities Threshold Initiative Consortium (UTIC) is to provide the audience with a comprehensive integrated overview of an experimental research program in its whole. This will be achieved by presenting as part of the same “package”: 1. The modalities of genesis of a specific industry-sponsored/academic model; 2. The experimental and scientific developments resulting from the research project; 3. The impact of outcomes in terms of contribution to basic science, guidelines and standards.

W4-1 [16:00]

Is the evaluated in vivo exposure level in a reverberation chamber reliable?

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This workshop aims to discuss the validity, limitation and potential problems on current dosimetry methods used for exposure level evaluation in reverberation chamber.

A considerable number of studies investigating possible adverse health effect of whole-body electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure, frequently use reverberation chambers (RCs) for standardized animal exposure. Recent examples include e.g. the large study of the National Toxicology Program of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NTP Study), several whole-body exposure projects supported by the Ministry of International Affairs and Communications of Japan, and several projects conducted in Korea. Accurate dosimetry, i.e. the reliable quantification of EM energy absorbed by the animals placed in RCs in such studies, is of particular importance in order to draw the right conclusions from the results. The assessment of the correct radiation dose received is, however, challenging due to the multi-mode and statistical nature of the EMF distribution in RC. One example of reported contradicting findings from dosimetric reports is whether a whole-body average SAR of 4 W/kg will cause a significant temperature rise in an exposed animal in RC.

This workshop specifically focuses on the dosimetric aspect of RCs as a widely used whole-body exposure setup. We will discuss the advantages, validity, limitations and potential problems of current dosimetry methods used for evaluating the exposures in RC systems. By the end of the workshop, participants should have a common view on how to reliably assess whole-body EMF exposure levels in animals exposed in RCs.

Workshop Speakers

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W3-2 [16:20]

The UTIC: What, why, whom and how?

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The presentation will explain the rationale for utilities to support human experimental research looking for particular neurophysiological effects under high power-frequency magnetic fields and create the Utilities Threshold Initiative Consortium (UTIC). The objectives, values, operating rules and the current members list will be presented. An invitation to join UTIC will be made as well.

W3-3 [16:40]

Sixteen years of UTIC supported science: Overview of human physiological, neurophysiological and behavioural responses to ELF MF exposures up to 100,000 μ T

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This presentation will give an overview of the research projects enabled by the UTIC since 2001 until now. Results from human studies testing for the impact of ELF exposures ranging from 1,000 μ T to 100,000 μ T will be covered. Studied outcomes include human physiological tremor, posture and vestibular performance, cognitive performance, EEG, fMRI, cardiovascular biomarkers, blood stress parameters, magnetophosphene perception. Future directions will be discussed.

W3-4 [17:00]

Interest and impact of human experimental research on exposure guidelines and current gaps to address

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This presentation reviews the research need, particularly related to the limit prescribed in the international guidelines/standard for low-frequency exposure. The role of human experimental study as well as related topics, such as dosimetry, biophysics, etc. will be summarized.

**Conference Dinner
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Hangzhou Cuisine Museum**

**Session: S05
Clinical**

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Jinhua
Chairs: Richard Nuccitelli & Alexandre Legros

**Session: S06
Behavioural**

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Fengyu
Chairs: Xiaomei Wang & Shoogo Ueno

S05-1 [08:30]

Potential of millimeter waves for selective heating of skin layers: airflow effect

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Presented by: Maxim Zhadobov

This study demonstrates that 20 - 100 GHz range can be used for spatially-accurate focusing of heating inside the skin by varying the frequency, exposure beam size, and by enforcing the air convection. The latter is also used to reduce the overheating of the skin surface. Heating at different skin depths depending on these parameters is investigated using the hybrid bio-heat equation. Dependence on the exposure intensity, impact of the blood flow rate, skin water content, as well as duration of the hyperthermia treatment is also investigated. The results suggest that the lower part of the millimeter-wave range is an attractive solution for non-invasive thermal treatment of skin cancer.

S05-2 [08:45]

Nanosecond electric pulses as a potent immunogenic cell death inducer for the treatment of advanced breast cancer

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Presented by: Siqi Guo

We have discovered that breast cancer cells treated with nsEPs released high level of damage-associated molecular patterns (DAMPs) and stimulated the

S06-1 [08:30]

Light dependent magnetic field effects in *Drosophila melanogaster*

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Keywords: Behavioural, Static, Work in Progress
Presented by: Giorgio Fedele

Previously, we have confirmed that exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) affects the circadian behaviour of the fruit fly in a light dependent manner, supporting, at least to some extents, the Radical Pair mechanism (RPM) for magnetoreception. Here we have attempted a preliminary genetic dissection aiming to identify responsible neuronal clusters and we have found that in addition to some CRY positive canonical clock neurons, the eyes seem to be necessary for mediating the EMF-mediated response, thus providing a putative input pathway.

S06-2 [08:45]

STUDENT PAPER

Optimization of targeted neurostimulation based on activating functions and validation by coupled electromagnetic-neuronal dynamics modeling

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Keywords: Mechanistic/Theoretical, ELF/ILF,

maturation of dendritic cells. Local tumor ablation with nsEPs can induce antitumor immune responses and generate long-term immune memory to reject secondary tumor challenge and substantially reduce spontaneous distant metastases in a poor immunogenic and highly metastatic breast cancer model.

S05-3 [09:00]

Evaluating the effect of transcranial magnetic stimulation in patients with disorder of consciousness with functional near-infrared spectroscopy

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Keywords: Clinical (therapy), ELF/IF, Work in Progress

Presented by: Bin Lv

Our ultimate objective is to apply fNIRS to explore the modulation effect of TMS on patients with disorder of consciousness(DOC). In this abstract, we presented the experimental design and preliminary results in healthy people. First, we designed passive and active movement task. Second, we performed single-pulse TMS stimulation and TMS-like sound stimulation. We collected and compared the fNIRS data. Our current results indicated that passive movement task can modulate the brain activation as well as active movement task. Therefore we could apply passive movement task for DOC patients in subsequent experiment. Meanwhile, the significant activation was detected during the real TMS stimulation, while not in the TMS-like sound stimulation.

Completed (published)

Presented by: Hazael Montanaro

A novel approach to automatically tune the stimulation parameters of multi-contact stimulation electrodes in order to achieve targeted and steerable stimulation has been developed. The approach, which is based on precomputed activating function contributions determined along individual neuron fiber trajectories, has been successfully compared and validated against fully coupled electromagnetic-neurophysiological modeling in neuro-functionalized anatomical models. The applications investigated include deep brain and spinal cord stimulation. Proper consideration of tissue anisotropy has been found to be crucial.

S06-3 [09:00]

Acute effect of low frequency magnetic fields on the vestibular system: perception of verticality

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Keywords: Behavioural, ELF/IF, Work in Progress

Presented by: Sebastien Villard

The study of magnetophenes suggests that sensory systems interact with induced electric fields generated by time-varying magnetic stimulation. Postural control literature, also suggests that the vestibular system is sensitive to induced electric fields. Yet, postural control is an indirect indicator of the vestibular performance. We are proposing to probe the vestibular function through the measurement of the Subjective Visual Vertical (SVV). Participants will be exposed to 4 frequencies of stimulation (20, 60, 120 and 160 Hz) at 100 mT in the Magnetic Field condition and 2 mA in the electric condition. Pilot participants showed encouraging results but are too precarious to

S05-4 [09:15]

Multi-objective optimization of TMS coil position and orientation according to clinical needs

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Keywords: Clinical (therapy), ELF/ILF, Completed (unpublished)

Presented by: Congsheng Li

The effectiveness of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) experiments critically depends on precise TMS coil position and orientation. In this work, an effective methodology for a global optimization of the TMS position and orientation is developed based on the multi-objective optimization method. This study benefits not only to the clinics but also to the research on brain modulation.

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discuss to date. More results will be presented at the conference.

S06-4 [09:15] STUDENT PAPER

Behavioural effects of prenatal to postnatal exposure to intermediate frequency magnetic fields in mice

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Presented by: Kajal Kumari

Human exposure to Intermediate frequency (IF) fields is increasing due to applications like electronic article surveillance systems, wireless power transfer and induction heating cooking hobs. However, little data is available on possible health effects of exposure to IF magnetic fields (MF). The present study set out to assess cognitive and behavioural effects of prenatal to early postnatal exposure to IF MF. Pregnant female mice were exposed continuously to 7.5 kHz MFs at 12 and 120 μ T from mating until weaning of pups. A behavioural teratology study was conducted as a sensitive test to detect possible effects on the developing nervous system. Results will be presented during the BioEM meeting-2017.

S06-5 [09:30]

Affecting mechanisms of long-term microwave exposure on learning and memory of mice at different power densities

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Keywords: In vivo, RF/Microwaves, Concept

Presented by: Yali Zhao

As one of the most sensitive parts to microwave radiation, the damage to central nervous system is best shown in learning and memory. The purpose of this article is to explore the effect of long-term microwave exposure on learning and memory at different power densities and the mechanism through animal experiment. The paper shows long-term microwave exposure (2100 MHz, 3.6W/kg) could induce downregulation of Sbdn and Cryab expression, increase of oxidative stress and hippocampus injury, which may be the way to inhibit

the learning and memory of the animal.

**S05-6 [09:45] -
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S06-6 [09:45]

**Effects of chronic radiofrequency
electromagnetic field exposure on behavior
and memory in aged mice**

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Presented by: Hae-June Lee

Female C57BL/6 mice, from an age of 12 months to 20 months, were exposed in whole body for 2 h per day, 5 days per week, to a 1,950 MHz radiofrequency electromagnetic field (SAR 5W/kg). To investigate the effects of chronic exposure to 1,950 MHz RF-EMF on memory and behaviors in the aging mice, five behavioral tests were conducted. The result of this study indicates that long-term exposure to RF-EMF did not induce memory and behavioral alteration in aged C57BL/6 mice.

Coffee Break
Wednesday June 7, 2017 • 10:00 - 10:30

Session: P3
Plenary 3: New challenges in tissue ablation clinical applications based on electroporation
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P3-1 [10:30]

Implications and considerations to improve therapies based on nanoelectroablation

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for ablating tumors and skin cancer with nanosecond pulses. He has published four books and over 137 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He has organized several International conferences including the Gordon Research Conferences on Fertilization and the Activation of Development in 1997, the Bioelectrochemistry in 2004 and was Technical Program Chair for the BEMS meeting in Japan in 2007. He served as Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for BioEM2015 in Asilomar, California. He was elected Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1995 for his contribution to cell physiology and was elected Fellow in the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering in 2015. He is an Associate Editor of Bioelectromagnetics Journal, Bioelectrochemistry, and Cell Biochemistry and Biophysics. He served as President of BEMS from 2013-2014.

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Abstract

We have been developing a non-thermal Nano-Pulse Stimulation (NPS) therapy for ablating tumors and unwanted skin lesions using ultrashort (200 ns long) electric pulses 20-30 kV/cm in amplitude delivered to the tissue with contact electrodes. Our PulseTx system is a completely adjustable solid state pulse generator

with variable pulse width (160-1000ns), amplitude (1-15 kV) and pulse frequency (1-10 pps) controlled by a touch-screen interface. We have used this system to treat hundreds of tumors in mice and rats and have found that NPS stimulates immunogenic apoptosis which leads to a CD8-dependent adaptive immune response directed against neo-antigens in the tumor. We have recently shown that NPS is a physical modality that triggers immunogenic cell death in three cancer cell lines. We have also been using NanoString technology to probe NPS-treated tumors with 760 different mRNA transcripts related to the immune response. We find that primary tumors are invaded by the innate immune system players such as mast cells and neutrophils shortly after NPS treatment, while the secondary challenge tumors exhibit mainly adaptive immune response cells.

We have begun clinical trials to characterize human skin's dose-response to NPS. We find that the treated epidermis peels off above a regenerated epidermal layer and there is no effect on collagen fibers within the dermis. We have also initiated a clinical trial to treat canine oral melanoma.

P3-2 [11:15]

Recent advances in irreversible electroporation for treating deep-seated tumors

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to advancing the development and application of irreversible electroporation (IRE) and high frequency irreversible electroporation (H-FIRE), two PEF technologies with great promise for the treatment of solid tumors in the prostate, pancreas, liver, and brain in humans.

Abstract

Irreversible Electroporation (IRE) is a minimally invasive non-thermal ablation technique that uses a series of pulsed electric fields (PEFs) to kill undesirable tissue. These intense (~1000 V) but short (~100 μ s) electric pulses disrupt the cell membranes of the targeted tissue, resulting in spontaneous cell death. The non-thermal mode of cell death preserves critical tissue components such as extracellular matrix, major blood vessels, and myelin sheaths. The IRE zone can be accurately predicted to optimize treatment outcome with therapeutic planning algorithms. The treatment planning takes into account the electric field distribution based on the electrode geometry, pulse parameters, and physical properties of the tissue. Recently, we developed High-Frequency IRE (H-FIRE) for the treatment of malignant glioma (MG), the most common yet malignant type of brain cancer in humans. The median survival of patients suffering from MG is 15 months with the standard care. A reason for poor survival in this patient population is that malignant glioma cells typically infiltrate up to 2 cm beyond the visible tumor margin. We have demonstrated that malignant cells are more susceptible to H-FIRE than healthy cells, providing treatment selectivity. Our work has focused on helping canine patients with spontaneous malignant glioma (MG), which are excellent translational models of human MG. We have shown that H-FIRE can be planned and monitored with surgical techniques used routinely in the operating room and administered in a minimally invasive fashion. Results of our ongoing trials have been encouraging, further supporting that H-FIRE is effective for the treatment of MG, including tumors refractory to surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy.

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CA-1 [12:00]

Effect of pulsed electric fields on biological cells: adding some pieces to the large puzzle

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In vitro

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Dosimetry-computational 2

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S07-1 [08:30]

Effects of constant magnetic field on oocytes maturation

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Keywords: In vitro, Static, Completed (unpublished)

Presented by: Yingying Zhao

The results showed that the growth rates and the survival percentages of follicles in 200 mT and 300 mT treated groups are significant decreased ($p < 0.05$), but that of 5mT treated group is obviously increased comparing with those of control group ($p < 0.05$). However, No significant abnormalities were observed in the chromosome numbers or structure prepared from matured oocytes of 200 mT treated group. Thus, Slow-growing of preantral follicles cultured in vitro is due to 6Hz (200mT and 300 mT) rotating constant magnetic fields exposure. However, the follicles growth was stimulated by 5mT constant magnetic fields exposure.

S07-2 [08:45]

STUDENT PAPER

An alternative explanation of the irreproducible experiments results in the vitro studies of EMF enhanced magnetic isotope effect and radical pair mechanism in Magnesium-dependent enzymes catalytic ATP synthesis

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Keywords: In vitro, ELF/LF, Review, Commentary, Recommendation, Evaluation

Presented by: Yanyu Xiong

Summary: a new method that using mechanisms of nature adaptation and different bio-sensitivity of magnetic isotope have been used to explain the irreproducible experiments results in the study field of EMF enhanced magnetic isotope effect in ATP synthesis. The paper will show that experimental conditions widely used in recent studies in the area of magnetic isotope bio-effects do not match

S08-1 [08:30]

Experimental and simulation study of welder's electromagnetic exposure

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Keywords: Occupational, ELF/LF, Work in Progress

Presented by: BOULDI Mélina

Spot welding is an industrial process commonly used in metallurgical industries. Regarding the European Directive 2013/35/UE, evaluating the electromagnetic safety of workers requires a detailed study of the workplace and exposure values. Experiments and simulations were combined to determine the interaction between a 50 Hz welding gun, the working environment, and a human body model. An experimental map of the radiated magnetic field was obtained. 2D numerical simulations were carried out to determine the electric field in a complex body model, and compared to the Directive limits. Locations at risks were finally determined.

S08-2 [08:45]

Numerical MRI radiofrequency exposure estimation in morphed patient anatomies

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Keywords: Dosimetry (computational), RF/Microwaves, Work in Progress

Presented by: Manuel Murbach

Radiofrequency absorption in magnetic resonance imaging is heavily dependent on the patient's anatomy. In this study, we investigate the effect of varying muscle and fat content in two anatomical human models by employing novel morphing techniques for regional shrinkage and expansion of tissues. Larger muscle cross-sections unexpectedly lead to higher local exposure in the arms in our initial investigation. This behavior will therefore be investigated systematically with more models, morphing variants, and imaging positions.

realistic biological conditions. An experimental design for error correction will also be proposed. A new thought will also be described to show that how EMF enhanced magnetic isotope effect can be used as a protection mechanism to solve the cell functionality loss issue which widely exists in banked blood storage process.

S07-3 [09:00]

Uncertainty associated with replication of experimental conditions on cell cultures exposed to low frequency electric and magnetic fields is a potential confounder for experimental inconsistency, variability and irreproducibility.

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Keywords: In vitro, ELF/IF, Completed (published)

Presented by: Lucas Portelli

This presentation will show a quantitative analysis on the replicability of exposure conditions for experiments on cell cultures exposed to electric and magnetic fields. The data is clear: such uncertainty may be enough magnitude to potentially hinder reasonable reproduction of such exposure conditions on future experimental replication attempts. These findings, coupled to the potential exquisite sensitivity of biological systems to environmental parameters, add to a reasonable explanation for the variability and irreproducibility associated with in vitro experimental reports. This report add to a fundamental piece of the foundation for the modern Bioelectromagnetics researcher on future experimental design, development and reporting.

S07-4 [09:15]

STUDENT PAPER

Studies on immediate and delayed genotoxicity of intermediate frequency magnetic fields in rat primary astrocytes

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Keywords: In vitro, IF, Completed (unpublished)

Presented by: Mikko Herrala

In this study, genotoxic effects of 7.5 kHz magnetic fields were studied in rat primary astrocytes exposed for 24 h at 30 or 300 μ T. DNA damage was measured by the single cell gel electrophoresis (Comet) assay, and a flow cytometric assay was used for micronuclei. Measurements performed

S08-3 [09:00]

STUDENT PAPER

Test Medium derivation for the safety assessment of RF-induced heating of leaded cardio implants during 1.5-T MRI

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Keywords: Dosimetry (computational),

RF/Microwaves, Work in Progress

Presented by: Aiping Yao

It is a common practice that an equivalent mathematical model of an implant is used to estimate in vivo power deposition caused by RF-implant interactions. The model is often derived under in vitro conditions. We assess the suitability of test media for RF-induced heating model derivation at 64 MHz. Based on simple generic leaded-implants, our preliminary analysis shows that the test medium recommended in ISO/TS 10974 ($\epsilon_r = 78$, $\sigma = 1.2$ S/m) may be appropriate for the safety assessment of leaded cardio implants with respect to RF-induced heating. Future analysis shall include implants with diverse topology and increased realism.

S08-4 [09:15]

Organ-specific electrothermal dosimetry in various numerical mouse-models exposed to 1.97 GHz radiofrequency electromagnetic fields

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immediately after exposure showed improved survival in the magnetic field exposed cells. Possible effects on DNA damage and repair were also observed, but the responses were either inconsistent or complex (depending on both time and magnetic field strength) and difficult to interpret. No statistically significant induction of genomic instability (delayed genotoxicity) was observed in measurements performed 36 days after exposure.

S07-5 [09:30]

Investigation of membrane lipids oxidation possibly induced by UltraWide Band and Narrow Band signals

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Presented by: Lluís M, Mir

The aim of this study was to evaluate the impact of high amplitude ElectroMagnetic (EM) pulses on cell membranes and to determine thresholds of exposure. We used giant unilamellar vesicles (GUVs) as cell models and cells. GUVs have been exposed to two types of EM pulses: Ultra-Wide Band (UWB) and Narrow Band (NB). NB pulses do not seem to induce a lipid oxidation. However, UWB pulses induced an oxidation of the GUVs lipids with a threshold in voltage. UWB pulses were then applied to cells. Membrane modifications were detected but they did not entail any membrane permeabilization. This result is important since an accumulation of oxidized lipids in membranes can impact the cell physiology and play a key role in many diseases.

S07-6 [09:45]

STUDENT PAPER

Exposure to 1950MHz radio-frequency field promoted X-ray-induced apoptosis in GC-1 cells

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Presented by: Manuel Murbach

In recent animal provocation studies, tumor-promoting effects of radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF) have been found in mice. That basically the same effects have been found in two different studies at exposure levels below the accepted limits for humans is cause for concern. In this study, we aim to clarify electrothermal absorption of mice in unprecedented detail, including organ-specific evaluations of the RF-induced temperature increase. For this purpose, new anatomical mouse models have been developed. The dosimetric results extracted allow previous animal studies, for example, regarding a possible correlation to histopathological examinations, to be interpreted more precisely.

S08-5 [09:30]

High accuracy estimation of brain temperature elevation in rats for localized microwave exposure

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Presented by: Akimasa Hirata

The aim of this study is to develop and improve multiphysics code to simulate temperature elevation in rat brains under localized exposure with high-intensity microwave. Different exposure systems at 1.5 GHz and 6 GHz are considered. Comparison between measurement and computation is presented.

S08-6 [09:45]

Increased risk of acute effects in implant wearers in coexistence with Wireless Power Transfer systems below 10MHz

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Presented by: Ke-Ying Zhang

In this study, we first investigated the effect of mobile phone-based 1950 MHz radio-frequency (RF) field combined with X-ray on cell proliferation and apoptosis in mouse spermatocyte-derived (GC-1) cells. Our data indicate that although exposure to RF field at SAR of 3.0 W/kg for 24h alone cannot affect cell proliferation and apoptosis in GC-1 cells, it could aggravate cell proliferation inhibition and apoptosis induced by X-ray at 6.0 Gy, in which apoptosis related genes such as Bcl-2 and Bax might be involved.

S07-7 [10:00]

High static magnetic field: Its translational implication to bone research

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Presented by: Peng Shang

High static magnetic field (HiMF) is defined as be with a intensity more than 1 T. Many reports have indicated that SMFs have positive effects on bone tissue. Certain static magnetic fields (SMFs) can contribute to bone formation and bone healing process in clinical invasion, ovariectomized rats, osteotomy animals and bone fracture. However, almost all the researches focus on moderate SMF generated by permanent magnets. There are limited studies concerning HiMF effects with tesla order.

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Presented by: Ilaria Liorni

The derived exposure limits defined in current safety guidelines for human exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) exclude persons with medical implants, i.e., that excludes a significant portion of the population for which safety limits are not defined. In this study, we demonstrate that it cannot be excluded if persons with medical implants are exposed at the level of the exposure limits in the frequency range of wireless power transfer (WPT) systems that the basic restrictions are strongly violated for persons with medical implants, by larger than 40dB. In this paper, we propose a safety concept with which the safety of persons with medical implants can be reliably demonstrated without penalizing technological advances.

S08-7 [10:00]

Accurate modeling of vagus nerve stimulation for selective A-, B- and C- fibers recruitment in functionalized generic and anatomical head models

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Presented by: Niels Kuster

We created a detailed, realistic model of a vagus nerve (VN) for advanced neurostimulation investigations including stimulator device design and waveform optimization for selective fiber recruitment within an anatomical head model. The model features stimulation electrodes as well as different electrophysiological axon models of myelinated sensory A and B fibers and unmyelinated C-fibers statistically distributed across the nerve fascicles. Conduction velocity (CV) and fiber recruitment curves for different electrode setups (cuff electrodes, catheter- and stent-based electrodes in vessels, external electrodes) are compared with measurements showing good agreement and providing mechanistic insight.

S07-8 [10:15]**Effects of 0.3 THz exposure on cytokine production in human keratinocyte cells**

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Presented by: Shin Koyama

The cellular effects of 24-hour exposure to 0.3 terahertz (THz) in human keratinocyte (HaCaT) cells were investigated. There was no significant increase on the IL-1 α production in the cells exposed to 0.3 THz compared with the sham-exposed control and the incubator control. This result indicates that the exposure to 0.3 THz would be considered to have no or very little effect on the IL-1 α production in HaCaT cells.

S08-8 [10:15]**Mapping computational phantoms to subject specific body shapes**

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Presented by: Niels Kuster

Safety assessments require the use of different computational phantoms to analyze the variability among a target population. In order to obtain accurate results, computational phantoms must incorporate a description of internal anatomical structures, which are difficult and time-consuming to generate. Here we present a novel registration algorithm capable of morphing a high-resolution anatomical model into arbitrary body shapes, thereby significantly reducing the time effort required to generate computational human models. Internal anatomical structures are morphed using only the outer skin of the target model, so that the registration is possible even in case of target models with partial or missing information about internal tissues.

Coffee Break

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Plenary 4: Current knowledge of biological effects above 6 GHz
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P4-1 [11:00]

Acute ocular injuries caused by 40, 75, 95 GHz millimeter wave exposure

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Biographical sketch

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US-Japan CCRG the Alvira Reddy Award (2007). He is/was a member of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (Scientific Expert Group, 2001-2004, 2015-), Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (International Members Committee 2001- 2004).

Abstract

Millimeter wave (MMW) technologies are used in the fields of high-speed wireless communications, sensing, imaging, spectroscopy, and automobile collision prevention systems in our daily life. Nowadays, WiGig (Wireless Gigabit) products operate in the 60 GHz frequency band. As daily exposure to MMWs is increasing, evaluation of the possible related health effects has become important.

In this presentation, use of our in vivo rabbit thermal ocular damage model induced by 40, 75, 95 GHz MMW exposure will be described.

In addition, details of ocular damage, clinical course, and ocular temperature distributions (in the anterior chamber) during MMW exposure will be elucidated.

In our results, difference in ocular damage according to exposed frequency was observed.

Although ocular damage induced by 40 and 75 GHz did not differ greatly, ocular damage induced by 95 GHz was more localized and milder. Ocular damage thresholds among 40, 75 and 95 GHz in rabbit eye depend on the following factors; MMW penetration depth, and heat transport in the eye including heat dissipation from the cornea.

P4-2 [11:45]

Human Skin as Arrays of Helical Antennas in the Millimeter and Submillimeter Wave Range

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Biographical sketch

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Abstract

In the interaction of microwave radiation and human beings, the skin is traditionally considered as just an absorbing sponge stratum filled with water. This approach is justified when the impinging wavelength is greater than the dimensions of the skin layer. However, in the sub-THz band this condition is violated. In the end of last decade, we demonstrated that the coiled portion of the sweat duct in upper skin layer could be regarded as a helical antenna in the sub-THz band [1,2]. The full ramifications of what these findings represent in the human condition are still very unclear, but it is obvious that the absorption of electromagnetic energy is governed by the topology for the skin and its organelles, especially the sweat duct.

An additional factor comes in to play when it is realized that the Sympathetic Nerve Response controls sweat gland activity and this activity affects the reflectance, R . Our findings suggest the possibility of a direct reading of the human mental state with all that this implies [3-6]. These considerations, coupled with the view that the interaction of the sweat duct with an EM wave is based on their helical morphology, lead one to question the health implications of sub-THz communications and their possible consequent side effects on the public.

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Plenary 5: Bridging research disciplines and how EMF research can learn from other disciplines: the example of nanotechnology
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P5-1 [13:30]

An interdisciplinary and intelligent approach to assessing the safety of nanotechnology

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Biographical sketch



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Vicki has provided evidence for the government commissioned reports published by the Royal Society (2003) and the on Environmental Pollution (2008) and she has previously worked as a member of the UK Government Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollution (COMEAP) and an advisory board member for Center for the Environmental Implications of NanoTechnology (CEINT; funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency).

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Abstract

Nanomaterials are highly diverse. Exploitation of their highly interesting physicochemical characteristics has allowed the development of a wide range of new and exciting commercial products. When designing a new nanomaterial or nanostructured material scientists have a wide range of substances to choose from and so what strategy should be employed to allow effective and efficient development. Obviously assessing the effectiveness of the material relative to the application being developed is key, but once a short list has been identified, how do you prioritise further? In addition, how do regulators consider the risks of such a diverse array of nanomaterials used in so many different applications.

The physicochemical characteristics that influence how nanomaterials behave also influence how they enter the human body, interact with cells and molecules, ultimately influencing their potential safety or toxicity. Toxicology studies have revealed that a range of properties such as composition, size, shape and charge can

all influence toxicity. This toxicity includes local effects at the point entry into the body (e.g. lungs following inhalation) as well as at distal sites (e.g. the liver and immune system).

To address the needs of industry and regulators Intelligent Testing Strategies for nanomaterial risk are required, coupled with the use of advanced alternative methods to reduce testing, especially those using animals, are needed. This presentation will discuss how this information can be used by industry, chemists and material scientists to inform the design choices for nanomaterials and nanostructured materials as well as the safe handling of nanomaterials.

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S09-1 [14:30]

Stimulation of nerves by 10 nanosecond pulsed electric fields

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In this work, we demonstrated for the first time that 10-ns pulsed electric fields (PEFs) can elicit action potentials (AP) in isolated frog sciatic nerve preparations. Compound APs (CAPs) evoked by 10-ns, 0.48-0.60 kV/cm PEF in nerves did not differ from CAPs evoked by conventional stimuli (100-250 μ s, 1-5 V). Nerves sustained repeated tetanic stimulations (50 Hz for 1 min), alternately 10-nsPEF and conventional pulses, fired tens of thousands of CAPs with no signs of damage. Then, we investigated the effect of emitted 10-ns, 5.5 kV/cm PEF, showing that under these conditions the nerve was neither excited nor its conduction properties affected by 5 min of exposure at 1 kHz repletion rate.

S09-2 [14:45]

Glioma specific cell death model for planning of irreversible electroporation treatments

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T1-1 [14:30]

Introduction

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This tutorial gives a summary of a multi-disciplinary consortium project involving dosimetry, in vitro and in vivo experiments, epidemiology, and risk assessment to address the open question of a relationship between extremely low-frequency magnetic field exposure and the risk of childhood leukaemia. Opportunities and challenges of the multi-disciplinary work are discussed also in the context of what can be learnt from other fields (plenary 5).

Speakers in the tutorial are:

1. Dr Myles Capstick - Dosimetry; IT'IS Foundation, Zürich (Switzerland)
2. Dr Primo Schär - Epigenetics; University of Basel, Basel (Switzerland)
3. Dr Joachim Schüz - Epidemiology; International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon (France)

T1-2 [14:35]

Bridging disciplines in an EMF project: ARIMMORA

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We developed a glioma specific model for predicting cell death due to irreversible electroporation in vivo. The model is amendable for implementation into a general-purpose treatment planning platform for planning electroporation-based treatments.

fields (ELF-MF) was judged in 2001 by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monograph program on the evaluation of carcinogenic risks to humans as possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2 B), based on limited scientific evidence for childhood leukaemia (IARC, 2002). For other cancers in children or cancers in adults (including leukaemia), the evidence was judged inadequate. No re-evaluation has been performed by the IARC since then, but other assessments came to similar conclusions notably those by the World Health Organization (WHO) in their Environmental Health Criteria series in 2007 (WHO, 2007) and the European Commission's (EC) Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) in 2007, 2009, and 2015 (SCENIHR 2015). In particular, all of those assessments commonly pointed to the lack of convincing mechanistic data and the lack of appropriate animal models when addressing childhood leukaemia. To overcome these limitations, the European Commission-funded project "Advanced Research on Interaction Mechanisms of electroMagnetic exposures with Organisms for Risk Assessment" (ARIMMORA), led by the IT'IS foundation and conducted between October 2011 and May 2015, embarked on a series of experiments targeted to find possible pathways to explain the association between ELF-MF and childhood leukaemia and concluded with a risk assessment of the new evidence (Schüz et al., 2016).

ARIMMORA has been designed as a multi-disciplinary project to target a very specific question on ELF-MF and childhood leukaemia. To explain how the disciplines worked together and informed each other – i.e. the bridging of disciplines – is the aim of this tutorial, with the perspectives from three different disciplines, namely dosimetry, experimental research and epidemiology. The aim is to discuss with the audience on how these experiences in ARIMMORA together with those from other research fields (i.e. nanotechnology as in the previous plenary session) can be utilised for other large-scale projects.

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S09-3 [15:00]

Extraction of lipids from wet microalgae using pulsed electric field treatment and green solvents

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Presented by: Aude Silve

Pulsed electric field (PEF) treatment is an efficient technique to permeabilise external membranes of biological cells. This work reports how it can be used in combination with solvent extraction to recover intracellular lipids produced by microalgae. The results indicate that up to 84% of oil can be recovered in only two hours and the total yield can reach 97% after 20 hours of extraction. The overall process can easily be run in continuous mode, and only 1.5MJ of energy is required for the treatment of 1 kg of dry microalgae i.e. approximately 5% of the energy content of the processed microalgae. These results open new perspectives regarding exploitation of microalgae for biofuel production.

S09-4 [15:15]

Excitation and permeabilization of neurons by 200-ns pulsed electric field

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Presented by: Andrei Pakhomov

We utilized fast imaging of the optical membrane potential (OMP) to reveal how nanosecond pulsed electric field (nsPEF) activates voltage-gated sodium channels (VGSC). Electroporation depolarized OMP within <1 ms, with recovery taking > 20-30 s. VGSC activation resulted in an OMP peak in 4-5 ms

after nsPEF. In 40% of cells, nsPEF triggered action potential (AP) with the median threshold of 3 kV/cm; no APs could be evoked by stimuli below the electroporation threshold (1.5-1.9 kV/cm). However, VGSC opening could already be seen 0.5 ms after nsPEF, which is too fast to be mediated by electroporation. The overlap of electroporation and AP thresholds does not prove the causal relation, but suggests a low potency of nsPEF for AP induction.

S09-5 [15:30]

Investigation of the chemical mechanisms involved in the electropulsation of membranes at the molecular level

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Presented by: Lluís M. Mir

The description of membrane electropulsation at the molecular level as a purely physical phenomenon is not satisfactory yet since it only considers nanoseconds kinetics whereas electric pulses display long-term effects. The chemical consequences of electropulsation on giant unilamellar vesicles have been investigated by mass spectrometry, flow cytometry and absorbance methods. UV-light and O₂ increased the level of pulse-induced lipid peroxidation whereas the presence of antioxidants completely suppressed peroxidation. Importantly, lipid peroxidation seems to result from a facilitation of the lipid peroxidation by the ROS already present in the solution before pulsing, not from a direct pulse-induced peroxidation.

S09-6 [15:45]

The supra-additive effect of split-dose electroporation treatments

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Presented by: Olga Pakhomova

We explored how one electroporation treatment alters the efficiency of a second similar treatment. Each treatment was a burst of 300-ns, 9 kV/cm pulses (50 Hz, n=10-100), and the membrane permeabilization was measured by propidium dye

uptake at 15 min after the exposure. The efficiency of the 2nd treatment could be reduced due to desensitization or increased due to the delayed sensitization (DES). Under the conditions optimal for DES, the 2nd treatment became 2.5 times (23 °C) or even 6 times (37 °C) more effective. DES was not blocked by antioxidants or the inhibition of cell swelling.

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S10-1 [16:30]

Molecular simulations of calcium transport through lipid electropores - the model matters!

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Presented by: Thomas Vernier

The reliability of molecular simulations of ion transport through lipid electropores rests heavily on the validity of the force fields that govern interactions among the atomic and molecular species in the system. During our comparisons of the GROMOS-OPLS and CHARMM36 force fields that we are using for simulations of pore formation and ion conductance, we noticed significant deficiencies of the CHARMM36 calcium ion model. Here we describe the unacceptable behavior of the standard calcium ion model in phospholipid bilayer systems, and we propose modifications to the model that result in more realistic interactions between the calcium ion, water, and phospholipids.

S10-2 [16:45]

Effects of time delays on biological feedback systems and electromagnetic field exposures

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S11-1 [16:30]

Facts and opinions in studying electromagnetic fields bioeffects

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Presented by: C-K. Chou

Research on the bioeffects of electromagnetic fields has been ongoing for 70 years, but the controversy continues regarding safety. Two international groups, ICNIRP and IEEE ICES, have been addressing this issue for decades. While the goal of both groups is to provide limits that protect against established or known adverse health effects, there are groups that advocate more stringent exposure limits based on possible biological effects, at limits that are impossible to implement without serious consequence. The two different approaches, i.e., protection against established adverse effects versus protection against possible effects, polarize the debate. This presentation focuses on facts and opinions when dealing with EMF bioeffect studies.

S11-2 [16:45]

Magnetophosphene perception threshold increases as a function of time spent in the dark in humans exposed to extremely low frequency magnetic fields

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Keywords: Mechanistic/Theoretical, All Frequencies, Concept

Presented by: Frank Barnes

Summary: A simple model for an operational amplifier with a time delay in the feedback loop is used to show that a time delay T will lead to a change in the sign of the feedback as a function of frequency for periodic input signals. Thus shifting the frequency or phase of the electric or magnetic exposure with respect to a naturally oscillating biological system can lead to either the amplification or attenuation of the biological response. Many biological systems are stabilized by negative feedback signals. However, time delays in the feedback can lead positive feedback for externally applied signals at some frequencies and negative feedback at others.

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Keywords: Standards, ELF/ILF, Work in Progress

Presented by: Shirin Davarpanah Jazi

Magnetophosphene (MP) perception at the level of the retina has been used as model of how extremely low frequency magnetic fields (MF) effect the brain. However, a detailed understanding of the neurophysiological basis of MPs is unavailable. We have used adaptation to darkness as a tool to uncover the underlying mechanism of MP perception. Healthy subjects are exposed to MF of different frequency with flux density up to 80mT. MP threshold is measured by averaging four button presses at different times of remaining in the dark. Data from one participant have been collected. Examining the change in MP detection threshold after different durations of adaptation, we are able to better understand the retinal elements involved in MP production.

S10-3 [17:00]

Computational method for characterizing dispersive tissue layers from surface reflection data

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Presented by: Myles Capstick

Knowledge about the thicknesses and dielectric properties of layered tissues is important for a wide range of applications such as high frequency (>10GHz) dosimetry, where the layered structure of the skin can result in increased energy deposition not captured in homogeneous models. A method developed to determine tissue thicknesses and dispersive dielectric properties from wideband reflection coefficient measurements/simulations is

S11-3 [17:00]

STUDENT PAPER

A study of risk perception on EMF from mobile phone and base stations in India

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Keywords: Public Health Policy, RF/Microwaves, Work in Progress

Presented by: Rojalin Pradhan

Due to the ever increasing use of the mobile phones in India, EMF radiation emitted from mobile phone and base stations has become a largely researched topic. There is a major apprehension among a certain division of people that radiations from mobile phone and base station are affecting the human health. Many studies on risk perception by EMF radiation have been done in many countries

presented. An optimization approach with a computationally efficient, transmission-line theory based forward model is developed. Using computational modeling for validation, the method can be demonstrated to successfully recover the quantities of interest, given sufficiently constrained search space.

S10-4 [17:15]

The absorption of Terahertz radiation by bacterial spores - a modelling study

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Keywords: Dosimetry (computational), THz, Work in Progress

Presented by: Alireza Lajevardipour

The induced fields inside bacterial spores exposed to THz radiation have been computed for a 5-layer spore model, using dielectric values for each layer extrapolated from literature values. The FDTD simulations indicate strong fields induced in lipid membranes, with most of the energy absorbed in the coat.

S10-5 [17:30]

The effects of magnetic fields on the circadian rhythms of cryptochrome in mouse embryonic fibroblast cell

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Keywords: Mechanistic/Theoretical, ELF/IF, Completed (published)

Presented by: Chuanfang Chen

To investigate the effects of extremely low frequency magnetic fields (ELF-MF) on circadian

but hardly any research has been done in India. So we present a study conducted on Indian citizens where we have not only tried to identify their perception towards risks associated with EMF radiation emitted from mobile phones and base stations but have also tried to address the reasons for their concerns.

S11-4 [17:15]

The importance of evaluating 'endurance of RF EMF risk perception'

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Presented by: Frederik Freudenstein

Whether lay people's risk perception regarding the potential health effects of electromagnetic fields exists only during a survey situation or extends beyond that into everyday life was the primary question of the present research. The results of an online survey indicated that people who just claim that they are concerned based on a single closed question differ from 'enduringly concerned' respondents regarding exposure perception, their moral and affective evaluation of particular exposure situations, and their acceptance of base station deployment in fictional exposure reduction scenarios.

S11-5 [17:30]

Electric and magnetic field related precautionary requirements on electricity grid facilities in Germany

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Presented by: Dirk Geschwentner

Magnetic fields from stationary AC and DC installations with rated voltages of 1000 V or 2000 V respectively as well as low frequency electric fields from corresponding AC installations are subject to legally binding limits in Germany. The

rhythms of cryptochrome in mouse embryonic fibroblast cell (NIH3T3). The NIH3T3 cells stimulated with 50% horse serum for 2 hours, were exposed to 50Hz, 0.3 mT magnetic field. The results shown that the circadian rhythm of cryptochrome decreased to 23.87 ± 1.69 hours after the cells were exposed to magnetic fields and the circadian rhythm of period wasn't affected by the magnetic fields.

restrictions correspond to guidelines developed by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection. When the relevant ordinance was reviewed in 2013, additional precautionary requirements were imposed. They apply to new and substantially altered installations and aim at keeping exposure increases low. In 2016, an administrative regulation came into force concretising the requirements. This contribution details the requirements as specified in the administrative regulation.

S10-6 [17:45]

Biological effects of geomagnetic activity and its possible mechanisms

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Keywords: Mechanistic/Theoretical, ELF/LF, Review, Commentary, Recommendation, Evaluation

Presented by: Viacheslav Krylov

Possible mechanisms by which geomagnetic activity influences organisms are considered. Special attention is paid to the idea that geomagnetic activity is perceived by organisms as a disruption of diurnal geomagnetic variation. This variation, in turn, is viewed by way of a secondary zeitgeber for biological circadian rhythms. The utility of the cryptochrome-magnetoreceptor protein complex as a biological detector of geomagnetic activity is discussed. Perspectives for the studying of mechanisms by which geomagnetic storms affect organisms are suggested.

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S12-1 [08:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Magnetophosphene frequency-response in humans exposed to extremely low frequency magnetic fields

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Keywords: Human, ELF/ILF, Work in Progress

Presented by: Cadence Baker

Although magnetophosphene perception is the most reliably reported effect of exposure to extremely low frequency (ELF) magnetic fields (MF), its frequency dependence needs to be further documented. Healthy volunteers will be exposed to MFs from 0-300 Hz, with a flux density up to 80 mT. Phosphene perception will be reported with a button-press and EEG will be recorded. To date, two volunteers have been tested. The perception threshold is calculated as the average flux density in each of the 4 button-presses per frequency. Establishing reliable thresholds for magnetophosphene perception as a function of MF frequency, and providing an associated experimental frequency-response curve, will allow insights on the underlying mechanisms of action.

S12-2 [08:45]

STUDENT PAPER

Human vestibular system exposed to extremely low frequency magnetic fields up to 100 mT: a body sway investigation

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S13-1 [08:30]

Radiofrequency electromagnetic field and its exposure situation in everyday microenvironments in Europe: a systematic literature review

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Presented by: Martin Roosli

The aim of this study was to systematically review literature on the distribution of RF-EMF exposure in the everyday environment in Europe. In total, 21 published studies met our eligibility criteria. We observed substantial differences between different study types. On average, spot measurement studies and personal measurements with trained researchers yielded higher total RF-EMF exposure than personal measurement studies with volunteers. These differences can be explained by the methods but are a challenge for comparisons between areas and studies.

S13-2 [08:45]

A Study on back-propagation technique for compliance assessment of power density in millimeter-wave frequency

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Presented by: Nicolas Buisset

Exposure to extremely low frequency magnetic fields (ELF-MF) modulates nervous system function. Indeed, induced electric fields and currents produced by time-varying magnetic fields (TVMF) can impact the peripheral and central nervous system functions. Today the most reliable experimental outcome relates to magnetophosphenes perception, which is linked to retinal electric activation. Given the close neurophysiological characteristics existing between the retina and the vestibular system, we chose to investigate the vestibular response to ELF-MF and electrical currents, and to analyze their impact on body sway.

S12-3 [09:00] STUDENT PAPER

IEI-EMF provocation case studies: Does RF exposure influence self-reported symptoms?

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Presented by: Kensuke Sasaki

The use of frequencies over 6 GHz is expected in 5th-generation (5G) mobile and wireless communications technologies. An effective system measures the power density from wireless communication devices is required for compliance assessment. We are currently developing a system using a waveguide probe. Our approach is to reconstruct electromagnetic fields from those measured at some wavelengths away from that of an antenna. The validity of the reconstruction technique was assessed by comparing the obtained power density with that obtained by computational analysis using two simple antennas at 60 GHz. The results indicated good agreement for the maximum spatially averaged power density.

S13-3 [09:00]

Novel electromagnetic safety test system for 5G millimeter wave near-field sources

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Presented by: Sven Kuehn

Fifth generation (5G) technologies will bring millimeter-wave communication into mobile devices, which becomes a near-field problem and will lead to new requirements on test systems for assessment of compliance with electromagnetic safety guidelines. In this paper, we present the first validated 5G millimeter near-field electromagnetic

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While many studies have shown that there is no relationship between RF exposure and self-reported IEI-EMF symptoms, a number of methodological concerns have been raised. Addressing these concerns in its methodology, the present experiment was designed as a series of individual case-studies to determine whether there is a relationship between RF exposure and an IEI-EMF individual's self reported symptoms. Despite accounting for several potential limitations, the present study was unable to find a difference in symptom severity or exposure detection for any of the participants between the active and sham conditions. A strong relationship between symptoms and the belief of being exposed was revealed for all participants.

S12-4 [09:15]

Brain functional connectivity modulated by the acute long-term evolution electromagnetic fields exposure

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Presented by: Bin Lv

We aimed to investigate whether acute LTE related EMF exposure could modulate brain functional connectivity by using Regional homogeneity (ReHo) and seed based analysis on resting state fMRI data. ReHo method reflects the local consistency of spontaneous fluctuations in the brain, while seed-based method reflects the functional connectivity between the selected regions and all other voxels over the whole brain. Our results provided the new evidences about the acute effect of LTE related EMF exposure.

safety compliance test solution. The solution is based on a novel non-disturbing millimeter wave near-field probe and a total field and power flux density reconstruction algorithm. The applicability of the solution to test device safety has been validated for millimeter wave sources at distances as small as 2mm.

S13-4 [09:15]

Methods and instrumentation for reliable experimental SAR assessment at 6 – 10 GHz

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In this paper, we present the scientific foundation underlying the 6 – 10 GHz frequency extension of specific absorption rate (SAR) measurements. This work fills the gap between published measurement standards that specify parameters for measurements made at up to 6 GHz and the SAR limits proposed by ICNIRP for frequencies up to 10 GHz, which have been adopted in several countries. Homogeneous dielectric parameters of phantoms that result in a conservative exposure assessment have been derived. Measurement equipment and scanning resolutions for accurate measurement have also been determined. This work is proposed for inclusion in the next revision of IEC 62209-1.

SI2-5 [09:30]

Does acute RF-EMF exposure affect early sensory or later cognitive ERPs in healthy adults?

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Presented by: Anna Dalecki

We tested whether acute exposure to RF-EMF affects sensory and cognitive event-related potentials (ERPs). Thirty-six healthy subjects completed a visual discrimination task during exposure to a GSM-like, 920 MHz signal (peak-spatial SAR_{10g} of 0, 1 and 2 W/kg) under double-blind conditions. PI amplitude was reduced ($p = .02$) and anterior NI latency increased during Exposure compared to Sham ($p = .04$). If RF exposure affects early perceptual (PI) and preparatory/motor (NI) processes these effects appear to be small, and may be compensated for (as no effects were observed on later cognitive ERPs). However these results were not entirely internally consistent and require replication before conclusions can be drawn.

SI2-6 [09:45]

WITHDRAWN

SI3-5 [09:30]

Radiofrequency exposure induced by an attocell of an ultra-high density access network

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Presented by: Gunter Vermeeren

We evaluated the exposure induced by an attocell of an ultra-high density access network radiating at 3.5GHz with an antenna input power of 1mW. We simulated and measured incident field exposure and absorption induced by the antenna of a single cell in a flat phantom and assessed the absorption in a realistic human body model. All measured and simulated E_{RMS} values above the attocell were below 5.9 V/m. The SAR_{10g} values were measured in a homogeneous phantom, which resulted in a SAR_{10g} of 9.7 mW/kg, and using FDTD simulations, which resulted in a SAR_{10g} of 7.2 mW/kg. Simulations of realistic exposure of a heterogeneous phantom yielded SAR_{10g} values below 2.8 mW/kg. The studied dosimetric quantities are compliant with ICNIRP guidelines.

SI3-6 [09:45]

Robust and comprehensive validation of SAR array systems: antennas, procedures, and acceptance criteria

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Presented by: Mark Douglas

A rigorous validation method for specific absorption rate (SAR) array systems has been developed, implemented, and successfully tested for inclusion in IEC draft 62209-3. Validation is the core

section of this standard, as it has been defined as a performance standard compared to IEC 62209-1 and IEC 62209-2 that describe the instrumentation details. In this paper, we present the antennas, procedures, and pass/fail validation criteria we developed for IEC draft 62209-3. We present the results of the experimental verification of the numerical target values. We also discuss the application of the validation protocol to three SAR measurement systems, and we present the results of a large interlaboratory study of commercial devices.

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DA-1 [10:00]

The Joy of Exploring the Healing Power of Ultrashort Electrical Pulses

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P6-1 [11:30]

Application of optogenetic techniques in neuroscience

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Biographical sketch

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Abstract

Optogenetics has become one of the most popular neuromodulation tools in neuroscience research in the last decade. With genetically engineered light-sensitive ions channels, it allows precise and instant light control of neural activity and animal behavior. In this talk, I will take our own reserach on social hierarchy behavior as an example to showcase the application of optogenetics. My lab is investigating the neural circuit mechanism of social hierarchy, a most robust form of social behavior. We established that dominance ranking in group-housed mice is transitive, relatively stable, and highly correlated among multiple dominance measures. Using electrophysiology recording and viral-based gene manipulation, we found that social rank of mice correlates with the synaptic strength (how strong neurons connect with each other) in the medial prefrontal cortex (mPFC), and can be tweaked by molecular manipulations that alter the synaptic efficacy in mPFC (Wang et al., *Science*, 2011). Recently, we have started applying optogenetical tools to study the social dominance behavior. We have expressed light-sensitive channels in specific cell types within mPFC to dissect their function in social hierarchy regulation. We are also optogenetically stimulate specific input pathways to mPFC to delineate the neural circuit involved in the control of social dominance behavior.

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FA-1 [13:30]
STUDENT PAPER

Engineering the cell group migration with patterned electrical field

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Keywords: *In vitro*, Static, Work in Progress

Presented by: Yan Zhang

In this study, using a novel vacuum channel assisted multi-electrode microfluid chip and a quantitative visualization technique — Particle Image Velocity (PIV) — we demonstrated for the first time that human keratinocyte cells in sheet can sense and follow the local electrical field lines: in a three-electrode system, Line Intergral Convolutions (LIC) assay of cell collective migration vividly displayed as a striking blooming four-petal flower as we tuned up the magnitude of electrical field, which matched the pattern of electrical field lines. Our work paves the way for using programmed electrical signals to engineer cell group migration and tissue regeneration with extreme spatial and temporal resolution.

FA-2 [13:33]
WITHDRAWN

FA-3 [13:36]
STUDENT PAPER

Experimental study of nanosecond pulsed electric field ablation of liver echinococcus granulosus in mice - The dose effects were validated on animal models to explore the suitable electrode layout for the treatment of echinococcus granulosus

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Presented by: Ruiqing Zhang

Echinococcosis is a human parasitic disease that has been reported worldwide, and Cystic echinococcosis (CE) and alveolar echinococcosis (AE) have been majorly reported in the epidemic regions, among which CE is the most common type in humans, and the liver the major affected organ. Radical surgery is the main strategy for the treatment of hepatic cystic echinococcosis (HCE). In this study, HCE model mice were treated in nanosecond pulsed electric fields (nsPEFs) to investigate the dose-effect for ablation treatment of HCE.

FA-4 [13:39]
STUDENT PAPER

Modeled electric fields can explain the interindividual variability of tDCS

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Keywords: Dosimetry (computational), Static, Completed (unpublished)

Presented by: Marko Mikkonen

Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) is a noninvasive method for modulating cortical activity. A major problem with the method is that its efficacy varies between individuals. Computational studies suggest that this variation could arise from differences in electric fields between each individual brain. In the present study we addressed this issue by combining data from experimental tDCS with individualized computer simulations and showed that the electric fields have a statistically significant effect on interindividual variation.

FA-5 [13:42]

WITHDRAWN

FA-6 [13:45]

WITHDRAWN

FA-7 [13:48]

STUDENT PAPER

Effects of electromagnetic fields on blood lipids and sex hormones in workers of a power plant

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Presented by: Zhaopin Wang

In present cross-sectional study, we found that chronic exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) exposure was associated with an increased level of low density lipoprotein cholesterol and male plasma testosterone and testosterone/estradiol ratio in workers of an electric power plant. Furthermore, we also demonstrated joint effects on serum lipids and plasma sex hormones between occupational EMF exposure and various other occupational or non-occupational EMF exposures, including employment duration, daily EMF exposure duration, mobile phone or electric fee per month. Therefore, EMF exposure might modulate the process of lipid metabolism and affect reproductive functions.

FA-8 [13:51]

STUDENT PAPER

A diagnosis platform for breast cancer using radar-based microwave imaging with ultra-wideband antenna array

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Keywords: Human, RF/Microwaves, Work in Progress

Presented by: Fengzhou Wang

This study aims at building a portable diagnose platform for breast cancer using ultra-wideband radar-based method to allows home-based healthcare. First, a body-coupled UWB antenna which operates from 2GHz to 10GHz is designed and fabricated. Then, one system consists of a wirelessly controlled automated data acquisition part is developed using NI MyRIO board for the proposed platform. At last, the delay-and-sum algorithm is implemented for image reconstruction. An experiment using a 3D printed breast phantom is conducted to demonstrate the feasibility of tumour detection. Results show that tumours of radius more than 5mm can be detected in 2D imaging with the designed UWB antenna array mounting on the portable control system.

**FA-9 [13:54]
STUDENT PAPER**

The effects of a 50-Hz magnetic field exposure on phosphorylation of PKC ζ and related signaling pathways in FL cells

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Keywords: *In vitro*, ELF/ILF, Work in Progress

Presented by: Liangjing Chen

Nowadays, there has been substantial concern about the possible adverse effects of ELF-EMFs on public health. But the biological mechanism underlying the effects of ELF-EMFs is poorly understood. Some related studies have showed that the PKC family might participate in the biological effects of ELF-EMFs. PKC ζ as a member of the atypical PKC family is involved in many intracellular signaling pathways. In the present study, we found that exposure to a 50-Hz MF for short duration could induce PKC ζ dephosphorylation and enhanced JNK phosphorylation in FL cells. The results indicate that PKC ζ may play a key role in biological mechanisms of a 50-Hz MF.

**FA-10 [13:57]
STUDENT PAPER**

Effect of exposure to 1950 MHz radiofrequency field on cultured sertoli cells

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Presented by: Ling Guo

In this paper, we first investigated the effects of exposure to 1950-MHz radiofrequency (RF) radiation for 24 h at SAR of 3 W/kg on proliferation and secretory function in cultured mouse testis Sertoli (TM4) cells. It was found that compared with sham group, the cell proliferation increased and the stem cell factor (SCF) level transiently decreased after RF exposure. These results suggested that exposure to 1950-MHz RF could promote cell proliferation and affect secretory function in cultured Sertoli cells.

**FA-11 [14:00]
STUDENT PAPER**

The effects of 50 Hz magnetic fields exposure on SPR signals of cell culture medium

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Presented by: Aziguli Yimaer

It has been reported that static MF or pulse electric fields exposure can influence physical properties of water, and solution of sodium or biological molecules, suggesting that static MF or pulse electric fields induced biological effects in organisms may be through its acting on the their medium. This study evaluated surface plasmon resonance (SPR) sensing signals of cell culture medium under magnetic fields exposure, and demonstrated that 50 Hz MF exposure can affect SPR signals of cell culture medium, while the exposed medium did not elicit significant changes of cell viability, ROS level and the DNA damage in FL cells, suggesting 50 Hz MF exposure influences the physical properties of cell culture medium but not incellular response.

**FA-12 [14:03]
STUDENT PAPER**

***In vivo* detection the electrical impedance variation in rabbit abdominal cavity using magnetic induction tomography**

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Keywords: *In vivo*, All Frequencies, Work in Progress

Presented by: Qihui Chen

Our study aimed to investigate the feasibility of magnetic induction tomography (MIT) detecting the conductivity distribution *in vivo*. In present study, we tested the conductivity distribution variation with MIT data acquisition system during injecting normal saline into rabbit's abdominal cavity. The reconstructed difference images showed conductivity variation at injected position. Moreover, the conductivity value of target indicated a linear relation that the conductivity increased with the increase of saline injection volume, which proved the potent availability of our MIT system.

FA-13 [14:06]

STUDENT PAPER

The effects of microwave radiation on the ovarian follicles and corpora lutea in female rats of different estrous stages

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Presented by: Yifan Xie

In recent years the wide use of microwave (MW) was accompanied by tremendous expansion of communication networks. MW exposure was reported to influence embryo implantation and pregnancy, but the effects of MW radiation on ovaries in mammals remain unknown. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of MW radiation on ovaries. Adult female rats on different stages of estrous cycle were exposed to MW. Rat ovaries of different estrous phases all suffered injuries, and proestrus ovaries were most seriously damaged. Our findings firstly revealed that MW caused various adverse effects on ovaries at different estrous phases.

FA-14 [14:09]

STUDENT PAPER

Impacts of environmental static electric field induced by high voltage direct current transmission lines on cognition of mice in relation to ultrastructure alteration in the hippocampus

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Keywords: *In vivo*, Static, Completed (published)

Presented by: Yaqian Xu

The presented study investigated the impacts of exposure to environmental static electric field with intensities of 2.3~15.4 kV/m and 9.2~21.85 kV/m for 35 d on the cognition of mice. It was found that long-lasting, full-body exposure to static electric field with certain intensity did not induce significant influences on learning ability, but might impair memory ability. In addition, this effect of memory impairment was dose-dependent and was not causally linked to the glutamate and gamma-aminobutyric acid levels in the hippocampus, but it might be caused by the damage of hippocampal neurons ultrastructure.

FA-15 [14:12]

STUDENT PAPER

Research on the neurobehavioral abnormality induced by Short Wave Radiation

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Presented by: Chao Yu

Currently most of the researches on the biological effects of electromagnetic radiation were focused on microwave band, and what would happen in central nervous system after shortwave (SW) radiation was seldom reported. In this study, we evaluated the alteration of cognitive competence and hippocampal formation in rats after SW radiation, and representative indicators of oxidant stress were detected also. We found that SW radiation could do damage to the function and structure of rat brain, and induce an abnormal oxidative stress reaction. We concluded that the pathophysiological process of oxidative stress should partly result in the neurobehavioral abnormality of rats, which was to be proven by further study.

FA-16 [14:15] STUDENT PAPER

Effect of 1840MHz radiofrequency field exposure on behaviors in mice

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Presented by: Jun-Ping Zhang

In this study, we investigated the effects of 4-weeks exposure to 1840MHz radiofrequency (RF) field at the power density of $400\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ on behaviors in adult male mice by using open field test and Morris water maze. It was found that exposure to RF field did not affect the spatial learning and memory ability. Moreover, the morphology and histology of the brain did not change. However, 4-weeks exposure to RF field induced anxiety-like behavior and altered the level of some amino acid neurotransmitters in brain.

FA-17 [14:18] STUDENT PAPER

Microwave radiation leading to shrinkage of dendritic spines in hippocampal neurons mediated by SNK-SPAR pathway

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Presented by: Weijia Zhi

The popularization of microwave raised concerns about its influence on cognitive function which is associated greatly with dendritic spines plasticity. The results of Morris Water Maze test indicated microwave radiation caused dysfunction of spatial learning and memory in exposed rats. Spines in granule cells showed density decrease and spines in pyramidal cells appeared as shrinkage of heads. The ultrastructure of hippocampus neurons such as length and thickness of post synaptic density showed a decrease as well. The up-regulated SNK induced decrease of SPAR and PSD-95. In summary, the microwave radiation led to shrinkage and even loss of dendritic spines in hippocampus by SNK-SPAR pathway, resulting in the cognitive impairments of rats.

FA-18 [14:21] STUDENT PAPER

Effect of transcranial ultrasonic-magnetic stimulation on neural spiking behaviours and stability in the FitzHugh-Nagumo model

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Presented by: Cui Kun

Transcranial ultrasonic-magnetic stimulation (TUMS), a novel method to non-invasive brain neuromodulation, does not necessitate surgery or genetic alteration, but it confers spatial resolutions and depth of penetration superior to other noninvasive methods such as transcranial direct current stimulation (tDSC) and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). Simulation analysis of current based on FitzHugh-Nagumo neuron model is considered. It describes how to use transcranial TUMS to modulate neural activity. The results confirm that different spiking behaviours and stability are associated with parameter values of TUMS. Parameter values of TUMS are crucial factors that effect spiking behaviours and stability of neuron.

FA-19 [14:24]

WITHDRAWN

FA-20 [14:27]

STUDENT PAPER

The decreased permittivity of zebrafish embryos medium by magnetic fields dose not affect early development of zebrafish embryos

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Presented by: Chuning Zhao

We hypothesized that MF acts on tissues or cells via affecting relative permittivity of surrounding solutions. Thus, we exposed zebrafish embryos medium to 50 Hz MF with various parameters, and detected its relative permittivity based on the phase-sensitive SPR sensing system. Then, we incubated zebrafish embryos with medium pretreated or untreated with 50 Hz MF followed with toxicity assessment. The results demonstrated that 50 Hz MF could decrease the permittivity of zebrafish embryos medium in a dose and time dependent way, although this effect failed to cause significant adverse outcomes under current conditions. The physiological consequences of medium exposed to MF are still unclear and require future examination.

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PA-1 [14:30]

WITHDRAWN

PA-3 [14:30]

The effects of pulsed electromagnetic fields on learning and memory abilities in STZ-induced dementia in Rat.

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Presented by: Yue Li

Recent studies have shown that pulsed magnetic stimulation has therapeutic potential for some disorders such as dementia. However, the neurobiological effects of this tool are not sufficiently explained so far. This study aimed to determine the effects of pulsed magnetic field on STZ-induced dementia rat. MWM is used to assess the learning and memory abilities. Results showed that the mean escape latency of the STZ+MF group significantly decreased compared with that of the model group. These results indicate that pulsed magnetic field can improve cognitive function in STZ-induced dementia in Rat. The mechanism needs further investigation.

PA-5 [14:30]

New clues to near-zero magnetic field effects in the rice planthoppers

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Presented by: Weidong Pan

Magnetic fields markedly affect the growth and development of many species of organisms potentially due to cryptochrome and endogenous presence of magnetic materials. Sensitivity to magnetic fields can also be involved in geomagnetic orientation by some long-distance migratory insects. In this study, near-zero magnetic fields (NZMF) in relation to normal geomagnetic fields (GMF) were setup using the Hypomagnetic Field Space System (HMFs) to investigate the effects of magnetic fields on the growth, development and reproduction with characterized behavior and gene expression in the migratory rice planthoppers.

PA-7 [14:30]

The impact of nanosecond pulse ablation on the sheep liver which is naturally infected with echinococcus granulosus

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Echinococcosis is a human parasitic disease that has been reported worldwide, and Cystic echinococcosis (CE) and alveolar echinococcosis (AE) have been major reported in the epidemic regions, among which CE is the most common type in humans, and the liver the major affected organ. In this study, CE model sheep

were treated in microsecond pulsed electric fields (nsPEFs) to investigate the effect for ablation treatment of CE.

PA-9 [14:30]
STUDENT PAPER

Experimental study of nanosecond pulsed electric field ablation of liver echinococcus granulosus in mice - The dose effects were validated on animal models to explore the suitable electrode layout for the treatment of echinococcus granulosus

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PA-11 [14:30]

Electric field stimulation attenuates secondary apoptotic responses in acute spinal cord injury of rats

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Injury potential, a direct current voltage between intact and injured nerve ends, is caused mainly by the injury-induced Ca^{2+} influx. Our previous papers reported that an application of applied electrical field stimulation (EFS) of the opposite polarity to Ca^{2+} influx could attenuate the injury potential formation. The aim of this study is to determine the effects of (EFS on protecting spinal cord from secondary injury. The results, in this present study, demonstrate that early EFS can significantly inhibit secondary apoptotic responses.

PA-13 [14:30]

Numerical estimation of frequency characteristics of interference voltage in cellular band for active implantable medical device EMI assessment

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We developed a numerical model of single chamber implantable-cardiac pacemaker connected with monopole lead placed in a torso phantom for active implantable medical devices EMI assessment. The developed model can be used to estimate induced RF interference voltage due to electromagnetic fields emitted from various types of RF device in FEM/FDTD simulation. In this paper, frequency characteristics of induced interference voltage in cellular band is discussed.

PA-15 [14:30]
STUDENT PAPER

Modeled electric fields can explain the interindividual variability of tDCS

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Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) is a noninvasive method for modulating cortical activity. A major problem with the method is that its efficacy varies between individuals. Computational studies suggest that this variation could arise from differences in electric fields between each individual brain. In the present study we addressed this issue by combining data from experimental tDCS with individualized computer simulations and showed that the electric fields have a statistically significant effect on interindividual variation.

PA-17 [14:30]

The gap design on the EM protective clothes affects the shield effectiveness: A numerical investigation

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Present work is focused on how the gap width affects the shield effectiveness (SE) of the protective clothes wearing on a Chinese male that exposed to 300 MHz-3 GHz EMF via computer simulation. Here, 3 different gap width and gap position, 10 different incidence direction, and 11 different site of the clothes were considered, and the whole body average specific absorption rate (WBASAR) were calculated by means of Finite-difference time-domain method to obtain the SE of the clothes. The calculation results show that the actual SE of the protective clothes depends not only on the position and the width of the gap, but also on the incidence, E-polarization and the frequency of the EMF.

PA-19 [14:30]

Assessment of the Induced SAR within human head due to exposure from LTE MIMO Mobile Handset

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SAR performance of LTE MIMO mobile handset antenna evaluated in standalone or SISO mode configurations. A numerical model representing an MIMO mobile handset antenna designed with a multi-band antenna covering all of the GSM/UMTS, WLAN and LTE bands. The model used to investigate the two different exposure scenarios namely, calling mode and body-worn case. Numerical simulations carried out on an adult human head model represented. Both ICNIRP and FCC standards considered in order to compare the resultant peak/maximum SAR values due to the exposure from MIMO mobile handset antenna. It found that maximum SAR values are above the basic restriction levels in most assessment configurations when MIMO mobile handset antenna operates in SISO mode.

PA-21 [14:30]

Time averaged electric field strength around Massive MIMO transmitter antenna

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In calculations for obtaining a separation distance for human protection from EMF for massive MIMO transmitter antenna, it might be required that the maximum gain is applied to all directions. Then, this study investigates the effect of time of beam switching on such separation distance. Our simulations indicate that beam switching in massive MIMO provides the variation in separation distance for human protection from EMF even if directions formed by whole antenna systems stay unchanged. Electric field distribution around antenna system and separation distance will be significantly varied when the antenna elements are placed in two-dimensions and the size of antenna system is considerably larger than wavelength.

PA-23 [14:30]

Calculation of current densities inside dentin by applying 500-kHz current

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Apical periodontitis with bone resorption is caused by an inflammatory reaction to bacterial infection. Conventionally, such bacteria inside a human dentin have been removed manually by an endodontic file which is a kind of surgical instrument used by dentists when performing root canal treatment. To develop new control techniques against bacterial infection, it has been reported that applying a current at 500 kHz – 1 MHz to a root canal of a tooth has bactericidal effects. In the present paper, we demonstrated the calculation of current distribution in a simple tooth model to which two electrodes are attached.

PA-25 [14:30]

Evaluation of workers' radiofrequency exposure on low power FM radio transmitters

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We investigated workers' exposure to 500 W FM transmitters with four different antenna array configurations according to action levels and exposure limit values of the EU directive 2013/25/EU. Results show that action levels are very conservative for such exposure situations.

PA-27 [14:30]

Calibration of a reverberation chamber for mice exposure experiments in the 60-GHz band

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The aim of this work is to calibrate the average power density in a mode-stirred reverberation chamber (RC)

designed for in vivo experiments on mice in the 60-GHz band. Mouse skin-equivalent phantoms of realistic shape and dimensions were fabricated for this purpose. The scattering parameters measured between two antennas placed in the RC loaded with the mouse phantoms were used to assess the input power. Statistical uncertainties and variability of the average power density for different scenarios according to the positions of the phantoms were estimated to $\pm 2.8\%$ and $\pm 5\%$, respectively. The thermal imaging of the temperature distribution on the mouse phantoms was measured by an infrared camera and compared to simulation.

PA-29 [14:30]

An improved way to estimate the specific absorption rate of biological tissue samples

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The specific absorption rate of tissue samples in during in vitro or ex vivo exposure test is one of the key parameters if one investigates possible damages to cells or their components by electromagnetic waves. While many other interactions were investigated, no non-thermal damage was ever verified by reproducible and scientifically valid experiments. Among the many ways for SAR value estimation, one more sophisticated method is to use the temperature change at the start of the heating and to employ a fitting algorithm. Here, fitting all measured data to a model based on physical parameters, we are able to increase the accuracy of SAR value dosimetry and to avoid the assessment of some difficult to achieve material parameters.

PA-31 [14:30]

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PA-33 [14:30]

Measurement campaign for RF exposure in typical everyday scenarios

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A measurement campaign on the 6-min time averaged RF radiation exposure in typical everyday scenarios was performed for 20 different measurement points in three everyday scenarios (home, traffic and work). The highest measured exposure has been determined to 0.13 % of ICNIRP's power density reference level. It occurred inside a vehicle in a tunnel scenario with GSM coverage and was dominated by terminal devices. The results show that exposure is mostly dominated by own or other terminal devices when being actively used in close proximity. However, in case of excellent radio coverage (indoor network), exposure is dominated by base stations regardless of active mobile phones due to their transmission power control.

PA-35 [14:30]

Transmitted power of WCDMA mobile phones in urban and rural areas of Korea

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Data of power transmitted (Tx) from mobile phones operating in Wideband Code Division Multiple Access (WCDMA) networks were collected in rural areas of Korea. The measured areas are three sparsely populated counties in Gyeonggi province. The measurements for two operators providing WCDMA service

were performed in voice call mode and the results are compared with those in Seoul. From the results, on average, 2-3 dB higher Tx power in the rural areas was observed than in Seoul and a marked difference in power level was shown for the different two operators.

PA-37 [14:30]

Near-field measurement of wireless power transfer system for electric vehicles

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In the case of a wireless charging system for an electric vehicle, a large output power is required, so that interest in human safety for electromagnetic field exposure is increasing. An evaluation method is needed to make it safe for consumers to use. In this paper, we developed a wireless charging system for electric vehicles and measured the electromagnetic field by describing the situation during charging.

PA-39 [14:30]

A analysis of the RF-EMF measurement results within the child care facilities

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In this research, the exposure of human body to EMF through the frequency bands in indoor and outdoor environment has been measured. 120 child care facilities where the children are mainly active were visited for the research. The result is less than 1% of the reference level for human body protection and it was concluded that it is appropriate to protect the children from RF-EMF in the current reference level for human body protection in Korea.

PA-41 [14:30]

Measurement of electromagnetic field and contact current in the vicinity of AM broadcasting antenna in Japan

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In response to the revision of the ICNIRP guideline in 2010, we have measured the electromagnetic field strengths in the vicinity of eight AM broadcasting antennas, which are operating in the frequency range between 526.5 and 1606.5 kHz in Japan. Contact currents were also measured with metal board of 2 m height. We distinguished two contact currents with ungrounded and grounded metals. It was indicated that the contact current with ungrounded metal object is dominant and correlates well with electric fields.

PA-43 [14:30]

The survey and analysis of electromagnetic environment in Xiamen

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Through the results obtained from the electromagnetic environment monitoring in Xiamen, it can be found

that the intensity of the electric and magnetic fields in the city is closely related to the city's functional areas. Electromagnetism mainly came from urban railway system, power transmission system and wireless communication system.

PA-45 [14:30]

The study of association between sleeping disorders, headache, and eye irritation and the use of cordless phones

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Exposure to electromagnetic fields may cause different biological effects which can lead to some kinds of diseases. Despite many studies over last years, it still remain ambiguous the real biological effects of radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF EMF). However, there is many reports of common kinds of symptoms from the people who exposed to RF EMFs. The symptoms such as headache and sleeping disorders are very common among the people under RF exposure. Here, we studied the relation between using cordless phones and Existence of these symptoms. Also, we studied the effect of removing of these phones on disappearance of the symptoms.

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PA-49 [14:30]

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PA-51 [14:30]

Transport of electropore dye indicators through stable lipid defects, a molecular dynamics study

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In this work, we present for the first time results from molecular dynamics simulations on the transport of the electroporation indicators propidium and YO-PRO-1 through stable lipid electropores.

PA-53 [14:30]

Use of mobile and cordless phones and change in cognitive function: a prospective cohort analysis of Australian primary school children

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This research summarises the findings of possible longitudinal associations between the use of mobile and cordless phones in a cohort of primary school children and effects on their cognitive function over a one year period.

**PA-55 [14:30]
STUDENT PAPER**

Effects of electromagnetic fields on blood lipids and sex hormones in workers of a power plant

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In present cross-sectional study, we found that chronic exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) exposure was associated with an increased level of low density lipoprotein cholesterol and male plasma testosterone and testosterone/estradiol ratio in workers of an electric power plant. Furthermore, we also demonstrated joint effects on serum lipids and plasma sex hormones between occupational EMF exposure and various other occupational or non-occupational EMF exposures, including employment duration, daily EMF exposure duration, mobile phone or electric fee per month. Therefore, EMF exposure might modulate the process of lipid metabolism and affect reproductive functions.

PA-57 [14:30]

The relationship between amplitude of motor evoked potentials and the stimulation intensity of transcranial magnetic stimulation

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The motor evoked potentials (MEP) from Electromyography (EMG) signal can be recorded to characterize the induced neurophysiological effect while the motor cortex is stimulated by TMS. Previous studies have investigated the relationship between MEP amplitude and the coil orientation. Till now, there is no study about the relationship between MEP amplitude and the stimulation strength of TMS. In this study, our aim is to investigate the relationship between MEP amplitude and the stimulation intensity of TMS, and also its variability among different people.

PA-59 [14:30]

Can messages about the harmfulness of EMF exposure trigger a nocebo response in the general population?

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A number of studies have shown that sham exposures are sufficient to trigger symptoms in IEI-EMF participants, leading many to suggest that IEI-EMF may be the result of a nocebo response. Given the increasing prevalence of the condition, there is a great need to better understand the triggers for eliciting such a response. The present study has been designed to determine whether public messaging about adverse health effects of EMF exposure can act as a potential trigger for a nocebo response. The study aims to test whether watching a short video which claims that EMF is harmful can influence symptom detection, risk perception and physiological response in a general population sample.

PA-61 [14:30]
STUDENT PAPER

A diagnosis platform for breast cancer using radar-based microwave imaging with ultra-wideband antenna array

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Presented by: *Fengzhou Wang*

This study aims at building a portable diagnose platform for breast cancer using ultra-wideband radar-based method to allows home-based healthcare. First, a body-coupled UWB antenna which operates from 2GHz to 10GHz is designed and fabricated. Then, one system consists of a wirelessly controlled automated data acquisition part is developed using NI MyRIO board for the proposed platform. At last, the delay-and-sum algorithm is implemented for image reconstruction. An experiment using a 3D printed breast phantom is conducted to demonstrate the feasibility of tumour detection. Results show that tumours of radius more than 5mm can be detected in 2D imaging with the designed UWB antenna array mounting on the portable control system.

PA-63 [14:30]

A potential mechanism for RF-induced adaptive response

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Increased expression of poly ADP-ribose polymerase (PARP) mRNA and protein were observed in mouse bone marrow stromal cells exposed to 900 MHz radiofrequency fields (RF). Such an increase was negated when the cells were treated with 3-aminobenzamide, a potent inhibitor of PARP. Exposure of the cells to gamma radiation (GR) alone increased strand breaks in the DNA while the cells which were pre-exposed to RF and subsequently subjected to GR showed decreased DNA strand breaks as well as faster kinetics of their repair. These observations indicated pre-exposure of the cells to RF is capable of inducing AR in BMSC. Exposure of BMSC to RF+GR+3-AB negated such AR suggesting that PARP plays an important role in RF-induced AR.

PA-65 [14:30]
STUDENT PAPER

The effects of a 50-Hz magnetic field exposure on phosphorylation of PKC ζ and related signaling pathways in FL cells

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Presented by: *Liangjing Chen*

Nowadays, there has been substantial concern about the possible adverse effects of ELF-EMFs on public health. But the biological mechanism underlying the effects of ELF-EMFs is poorly understood. Some related studies have showed that the PKC family might participate in the biological effects of ELF-EMFs. PKC ζ as a member of the atypical PKC family is involved in many intracellular signaling pathways. In the present study, we found that exposure to a 50-Hz MF for short duration could induce PKC ζ dephosphorylation and enhanced JNK phosphorylation in FL cells. The results indicate that PKC ζ may play a key role in biological mechanisms of a 50-Hz MF.

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PA-69 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Effect of exposure to 1950 MHz radiofrequency field on cultured sertoli cells

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In this paper, we first investigated the effects of exposure to 1950-MHz radiofrequency (RF) radiation for 24 h at SAR of 3 W/kg on proliferation and secretory function in cultured mouse testis Sertoli (TM4) cells. It was found that compared with sham group, the cell proliferation increased and the stem cell factor (SCF) level transiently decreased after RF exposure. These results suggested that exposure to 1950-MHz RF could promote cell proliferation and affect secretory function in cultured Sertoli cells.

PA-71 [14:30]

Effects of reactive oxygen species induced by 405 nm light irradiation on cultured HeLa S3 cells

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We tested effects of 405 nm light irradiation on HeLa cells. The irradiation for 3 hr did not affect the cell viability, but ROS (reactive oxygen species) induced in cells and medium were increased rapidly by the irradiation. This ROS measured by a fluorescent probe, 2',7'-dichloro dihydrofluorescein diacetate was mainly singlet oxygen. The intracellular ROS was more rapidly increased in the cells decreased intracellular glutathione (GSH) by 1-chloro-2,4-dinitrobenzen. Also, the irradiation for more than 2 hr increased lactate dehydrogenase released into medium in the cells preloaded buthionine sulfoximine. These results suggest that the intracellular GSH plays as a scavenger of intracellular ROS induced by the irradiation.

PA-73 [14:30]

Differential pro-inflammatory responses of astrocytes and microglia involve STAT3 activation in response to 1800 MHz radiofrequency fields

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We investigated the pro-inflammatory responses of microglia and astrocytes and the involved mechanism in response to RF fields. RF exposure induced differential pro-inflammatory responses in astrocytes and microglia, characterized by different expression and release profiles of IL-1 β , TNF- α , IL-6, PGE2, nitric oxide (NO), inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) and cyclooxygenase 2 (COX2). Moreover, the RF exposure activated STAT3 in microglia but not in astrocytes. This data provide novel insights into the potential mechanisms of the reported CNS impacts associated with mobile phone use and present STAT3 as a promising target to protect humans against increasing RF exposure.

PA-75 [14:30]

Quantum biology of low frequency magnetic fields: cryptochrome, radicals and genomic instability (MACRI)

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This is a description of the MACRI project, which aims at a breakthrough in understanding mechanisms for the suggested carcinogenic effects of weak extremely low frequency (ELF) magnetic fields (MFs). The hypothesis of this project is that MF effects on radical pairs, rather than affecting overall cellular oxidative processes, might more likely lead to marked effects when they occur in molecules (cryptochromes) that are key components in biological regulatory networks. Novel experiments will be performed to reveal causal relationships, by studying temporal order of the biological changes using fluorescent live cell imaging system equipped with an advanced MF exposure system.

PA-77 [14:30]

Study on the Effects of 1950 MHz Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields on A β Processing in Human Neuroblastoma and Mouse Hippocampal Neuronal Cells

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We exposed HT22 mouse hippocampal neuronal cells and SH-SY5Y human neuroblastoma cells to 1950 MHz radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF) (SAR 6 W/kg) for 2 hours per day for 3 days, and analyzed the mRNA level and protein expression of the key genes related to A β processing and secretion. Expressed mRNA levels of APP, BACE1, ADAM10, and PSEN1 did not change after HT22 and SH-SY5Y cells were exposed to RF-EMF. The processing and secretion of A β peptide was not significantly different between RF-EMF exposed cells and the unexposed controls. These observations suggest that RF-EMF exposure may not have a significant physiological effect on A β processing of neural cells in the short term exposure.

PA-79 [14:30]

Investigation of DNA damage in rat primary neurons and SH-SY5Y human neuroblastoma cells exposed to the GSM-1800 signal

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The potential role of RF in cancer, behavioural effects, and neurodegenerative diseases is addressed through in vitro experiments and the assessment of DNA damage in rat primary neurons and human neuroblastoma cells exposed to a GSM-1800 signal.

PA-81 [14:30]

Using real-time impedance-based assays to monitor the effects of environmental radiofrequency signals on breast cancer and neuroblastoma cell lines

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Summary We have recently described the characterization of an EMF exposure setup compatible with real-time impedance measurements of adherent biological cells (Garcia-Fernandez et al., 2016). We used this innovative system to assess the potential effect of RF electrical fields emitted at 1800 MHz at four different levels of specific absorption rate (SAR). We exposed two different cell lines, both in the presence or the absence of a chemical activation, using CW, GSM, UMTS, LTE or Wi-Fi modulation. Our results suggest that the RF electric fields tested are not able to modify significantly the behavior of either SH-SY5Y neuroblastoma cells or MCF-7 breast cancer cell line, even when co-exposed with a chemical activator.

PA-83 [14:30]

Research on roles of NMDAR in synaptic plasticity injuries induced by microwave radiation and its relationship to neuronal calcium

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The study intended to build microwave radiation induced synaptic plasticity damage model in vitro and to explore the roles of NMDAR and its relationship with the neuronal calcium. Results found the 50 mW/cm² microwave exposure could induce the synaptic plasticity injuries, the decrease of NMDAR's current densities and the protein and mRNA expression of key NMDAR's subunits in vitro. Moreover, the NMDAR played specially important roles on the microwave induced injuries of synaptic plasticity after adding the NMDAR's agonist and detecting changes of synaptic plasticity. The decreased cytoplasmic, mitochondrial, and endoplasmic reticulum calcium may result from the inactivation of NMDAR.

PA-85 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

The effects of 50 Hz magnetic fields exposure on SPR signals of cell culture medium

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It has been reported that static MF or pulse electric fields exposure can influence physical properties of

water, and solution of sodium or biological molecules, suggesting that static MF or pulse electric fields induced biological effects in organisms may be through its acting on the their medium. This study evaluated surface plasmon resonance (SPR) sensing signals of cell culture medium under magnetic fields exposure, and demonstrated that 50 Hz MF exposure can affect SPR signals of cell culture medium, while the exposed medium did not elicit significant changes of cell viability, ROS level and the DNA damage in FL cells, suggesting 50 Hz MF exposure influences the physical properties of cell culture medium but not incellular response.

PA-87 [14:30]

Study on bioeffects of electromagnetic field exposure in China

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The EMF exposure of the general public is growing sharply in China due to the social and economical development. This presentation introduces the EMF project in China supported by National Basic Research Projects (973) and highlights some important results in bioelectromagnetics in China these years.

PA-89 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Engineering the cell group migration with patterned electrical field

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In this study, using a novel vacuum channel assisted multi-electrode microfluid chip and a quantitative visualization technique — Particle Image Velocity (PIV) — we demonstrated for the first time that human keratinocyte cells in sheet can sense and follow the local electrical field lines: in a three-electrode system, Line Intergral Convolutions (LIC) assay of cell collective migration vividly displayed as a striking blooming four-petal flower as we tuned up the magnitude of electrical field, which matched the pattern of electrical field lines. Our work paves the way for using programmed electrical signals to engineer cell group migration and tissue regeneration with extreme spatial and temporal resolution.

PA-91 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

In vivo detection the electrical impedance variation in rabbit abdominal cavity using magnetic induction tomography

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Our study aimed to investigate the feasibility of magnetic induction tomography (MIT) detecting the conductivity distribution in vivo. In present study, we tested the conductivity distribution variation with MIT data acquisition system during injecting normal saline into rabbit's abdominal cavity. The reconstructed difference images showed conductivity variation at injected position. Moreover, the conductivity value of target indicated a linear relation that the conductivity increased with the increase of saline injection volume, which proved the potent availability of our MIT system.

PA-93 [14:30]

Anti-stress effects of exposure to a 50-Hz electric field in immobilized mice

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Presented by: Takuya Hori

We previously reported that increased plasma adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) levels in immobilized rat were suppressed by exposure to a 50-Hz electric field (EF). Herein, we investigated the dose-response effect of exposure to an EF, time-dependent changes in plasma glucocorticoid (GC) levels as an indicator of stress, and different configurations of an EF exposure system in mice. Plasma GC levels and blood parameters were compared between mice assigned to control, EF-only, immobilization (IM)-only, and co-treated groups. Exposure to a 50-Hz EF suppressed the stress response in mice in a kV/m- and duration-dependent manner.

PA-95 [14:30]

Assessment of genotoxicity in mice exposed to IF magnetic fields

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Human exposure to intermediate frequency (IF) magnetic fields (MF) is increasing due to new applications such as electronic article surveillance systems and induction heating cookers. However, few data are available on possible health effects of IF MFs. This study was conducted to assess possible genotoxic effects from exposure to IF MFs. Male C57BL/6J mice were exposed continuously for 5 weeks to 7.5 kHz MFs at 12 or 120 μ T. Whole blood cells were analysed for DNA damage by the Comet assay. No exposure-related differences in DNA damage level were observed ($p = 0.537$). The results of possible effects of IF MF on micronuclei formation in blood cells will be presented during the BioEM-2017 meeting.

PA-97 [14:30]

Comparison of RNA expression in Testis between Mouse and Rat after continuous long-term exposure of 60 Hz Magnetic fields

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In this study, we investigated the differentially expressed genes following the continuous exposure of 60 Hz magnetic fields (MF) in mouse and rat. We found several genes which were differentially expressed in these animals. However, commonly regulated genes both mouse and rat were not existed. When the genes were classified with its functions, expression of several genes were changed in both mice and rats including cytochrome P450, olfactory receptors, G-protein coupled receptors (GPCR), and vomeronasal receptor. We need further to define the roles of the gene in testis after the exposure of 60 Hz MF.

PA-99 [14:30]

Autophagy in spermatogonial stem cells of mice exposed to extremely low frequency magnetic fields (ELF-MF)

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Presented by: Victor Cruz

The aim of this study was to evaluate endogenous recovery capacity in testis from 4-day postpartum (dpp) mice exposed in vivo for 10 days to 715 μ T and 60 Hz magnetic fields. One group of them was sacrificed to analyze the viability, concentration and amount of DBA-positive cells from testes (Group I), another group of mice exposed in vivo under the same conditions of exposition to ELF-MF, were allowed to develop until 70 dpp without magnetic fields (Group III), were sacrificed and were evaluated the spermatogonial stem cells and also the epididymal spermatozoa parameters. Controls without exposition were sacrificed on day 14 and 70 dpp (Group II and Group IV respectively).

PA-101 [14:30]

Weak magnetic field manipulation disrupts planarian regeneration by blocking accumulation of reactive oxygen species

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Weak magnetic fields (WMF) can affect the rate of cellular proliferation. Our data shows that exposing planarian regenerates to 200 μ T WMF inhibits new tissue (blastema) growth, as compared to controls exposed to 45 μ T (earth-normal). Increased reactive oxygen species (ROS) at the wound site occurs after injury and is required for blastema growth. 200 μ T exposure prevents ROS accumulation, phenocopying direct pharmacological ROS inhibition. Inhibition of superoxide dismutase (SOD) increases ROS and rescues 200 μ T exposure. Since WMF variations can change the combined nuclear and electron spin states in radical molecules and radical pair recombination rates, these data suggest WMF affects regeneration in vivo via changes in ROS production.

PA-103 [14:30]

Exposure of Rotating Magnetic Fields Promotes Central Nervous Regeneration in Planarian

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Presented by: Xiaomei Wang

we used a planarian decapitated model to investigate beneficial effects of early rotary non-uniform magnetic fields (RMFs) exposure on central nervous regeneration. Our results clearly indicated that magnetic stimulation induced from early RMFs exposure significantly promoted neural regeneration of planarians. This stimulating effect is frequency and intensity dependent. Optimum effects were obtained when decapitated planarians were cultured at 20C, starved for 3 days before head-cutting, and treated with 6 Hz 0.02 T RMFs. RMFs exposure up-regulated expression of EGR4 and Netrin 2, and mature nerve cell marker proteins, NSE and NPY. These results suggest that RMFs therapy produced significant benefit in central nervous regeneration.

PA-105 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

The effects of microwave radiation on the ovarian follicles and corpora lutea in female rats of different estrous stages

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In recent years the wide use of microwave (MW) was accompanied by tremendous expansion of communication networks. MW exposure was reported to influence embryo implantation and pregnancy, but the effects of MW radiation on ovaries in mammals remain unknown. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of MW radiation on ovaries. Adult female rats on different stages of estrous cycle were exposed to MW. Rat ovaries of different estrous phases all suffered injuries, and proestrus ovaries were most seriously damaged. Our findings firstly revealed that MW caused various adverse effects on ovaries at different estrous phases.

PA-107 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Impacts of environmental static electric field induced by high voltage direct current transmission lines on cognition of mice in relation to ultrastructure alteration in the hippocampus

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Presented by: Yaqian Xu

The presented study investigated the impacts of exposure to environmental static electric field with intensities of 2.3~15.4 kV/m and 9.2~21.85 kV/m for 35 d on the cognition of mice. It was found that long-lasting, full-body exposure to static electric field with certain intensity did not induce significant influences on learning ability, but might impair memory ability. In addition, this effect of memory impairment was dose-dependent and was not causally linked to the glutamate and gamma-aminobutyric acid levels in the hippocampus, but it might be caused by the damage of hippocampal neurons ultrastructure.

PA-109 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Research on the neurobehavioral abnormality induced by Short Wave Radiation

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Presented by: Chao Yu

Currently most of the researches on the biological effects of electromagnetic radiation were focused on microwave band, and what would happen in central nervous system after shortwave (SW) radiation was seldom reported. In this study, we evaluated the alteration of cognitive competence and hippocampal formation in rats after SW radiation, and representative indicators of oxidant stress were detected also. We found that SW radiation could do damage to the function and structure of rat brain, and induce an abnormal oxidative stress reaction. We concluded that the pathophysiological process of oxidative stress should partly result in the neurobehavioral abnormality of rats, which was to be proven by further study.

PA-111 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Effect of 1840MHz radiofrequency field exposure on behaviors in mice

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In this study, we investigated the effects of 4-weeks exposure to 1840MHz radiofrequency (RF) field at the power density of 400 μ W/cm² on behaviors in adult male mice by using open field test and Morris water maze. It was found that exposure to RF field did not affect the spatial learning and memory ability. Moreover, the morphology and histology of the brain did not change. However, 4-weeks exposure to RF field induced anxiety-like behavior and altered the level of some amino acid neurotransmitters in brain.

PA-113 [14:30]

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PA-115 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Microwave radiation leading to shrinkage of dendritic spines in hippocampal neurons mediated by SNK-SPAR pathway

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The popularization of microwave raised concerns about its influence on cognitive function which is associated greatly with dendritic spines plasticity. The results of Morris Water Maze test indicated microwave radiation caused dysfunction of spatial learning and memory in exposed rats. Spines in granule cells showed density decrease and spines in pyramidal cells appeared as shrinkage of heads. The ultrastructure of hippocampus neurons such as length and thickness of post synaptic density showed a decrease as well. The up-regulated SNK induced decrease of SPAR and PSD-95. In summary, the microwave radiation led to shrinkage and even loss of dendritic spines in hippocampus by SNK-SPAR pathway, resulting in the cognitive impairments of rats.

PA-117 [14:30]

Investigating the molecular composition of live cells exposed to pulsed electric fields based on label-free optical methods

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This study report the first quantitative and qualitative comparison between label-free optical methods (Raman and Terahertz microscopies) and fluorescence microscopy to investigate the interaction between pulsed electric fields and biological cells.

PA-119 [14:30]

Regulation of Akt/mTOR on HIF-1 α after microwave radiation and its role in neuronal mitochondrial damage

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Presented by: Yanhui Hao

Neurons are extremely sensitive to energy metabolism disorders due to their specificity. In our previous study, the up-regulation of HIF-1 α improved the mitochondrial dysfunction induced by microwave radiation and activated Akt increased the expression of HIF-1 α . However, the way how Akt regulates HIF-1 α is still unclear. In this study, we found that both Akt and mTOR of PC12 cells had a positive regulation on HIF-1 α after microwave radiation; the effect of Akt pathway on the regulation of HIF-1 α after microwave radiation was achieved by mTOR, at least partially; Akt intervention aggravated mitochondrial injury of PC12 cells after microwave radiation, which was possibly achieved through the inhibition of mTOR and HIF-1 α activity.

PA-121 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

Effect of transcranial ultrasonic-magnetic stimulation on neural spiking behaviours and stability in the FitzHugh-Nagumo model

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Presented by: Cui Kun

Transcranial ultrasonic-magnetic stimulation (TUMS), a novel method to non-invasive brain neuromodulation, does not necessitate surgery or genetic alteration, but it confers spatial resolutions and depth of penetration superior to other noninvasive methods such as transcranial direct current stimulation (tDSC) and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). Simulation analysis of current based on FitzHugh-Nagumo neuron model is considered. It describes how to use transcranial TUMS to modulate neural activity. The results confirm that different spiking behaviours and stability are associated with parameter values of TUMS. Parameter values of TUMS are crucial factors that effect spiking behaviours and stability of neuron.

PA-123 [14:30]

Application of omics techniques on Biological Effects Study of Magnetic Field Exposure

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Presented by: Ziyang Zhang

In our study, we mainly applied omics analysis to explore the biological effects on electromagnetic exposure. Three kinds of model organisms (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Drosophila melanogaster* and *Caenorhabditis elegans*) were used in our investigations. Our results demonstrated EMF exposure may affect energy metabolic activities (TCA cycle and glycolysis), aging, immunological stress and reproduction progress and it may throw light on exploring responses to EMF exposure in humans.

PA-125 [14:30]

WITHDRAWN

PA-127 [14:30]

STUDENT PAPER

The decreased permittivity of zebrafish embryos medium by magnetic fields dose not affect early development of zebrafish embryos

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Presented by: Chuning Zhao

We hypothesized that MF acts on tissues or cells via affecting relative permittivity of surrounding solutions. Thus, we exposed zebrafish embryos medium to 50 Hz MF with various parameters, and detected its relative permittivity based on the phase-sensitive SPR sensing system. Then, we incubated zebrafish embryos with medium pretreated or untreated with 50 Hz MF followed with toxicity assessment. The results demonstrated that 50 Hz MF could decrease the permittivity of zebrafish embryos medium in a dose and time dependent way, although this effect failed to cause significant adverse outcomes under current conditions. The physiological consequences of medium exposed to MF are still unclear and require future examination.

PA-129 [14:30]

WITHDRAWN

PA-131 [14:30]

A questionnaire survey of safety awareness among MRI technologists

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The present study investigated safety awareness of the pregnancy, stray field, and safety standards among MRI technologists as a pilot study for a further large-scale survey. Forty-seven % of respondents selected not to enter (or ask a pregnant worker not to enter) scan room at any stage of pregnancy. Stronger attention to stray field levels was observed in the most frequently MRI operation group (more than 100 scans/month). Use of safety standards was not active: in most cases MRI technologists selected “occasionally” or “rarely”. These results would be helpful for designing the questionnaire to assess safety awareness in MRI use.

PA-133 [14:30]

The study in bio-effects of pulsed microwave with different pulse widths and peak densities on Neuro-immunity

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Presented by: Yali Zhao

In order to protect people from pulsed microwave inducing neuroimmunity effects such as auditory effects and abnormal behavior, etc, bio-effects of Peak density and pulse width need further research. The research confirmed that pulsed microwave at peak density of 1000 times or more of average limits did not result in abnormalities in neuro-immunity and behavior although it may produce auditory effect. Therefore it's reasonable to set 1000 times of average density limits as peak power density limits.

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FB-2 [13:33]

STUDENT PAPER

Impact of each current applied to surface electrodes on EIT images based realistic head model

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In EIT reconstruction problems, we assume that weight of every current injection applied to a surface electrode is the same and the current injected directly through the target impacts the quality most. We conducted a simulated experiment on a realistic human head model segmented from the cranial CT. Through detailed analysis of every current stimulation, we concluded that weight which every injection has during reconstruction is actually different. Furthermore, currents injected directly through the object has slighter whereas the currents ejected alongside the target have the more serious impact on the image quality. This will contribute to the following research of cranial EIT algorithm and the improvement of the quality of EIT image.

FB-3 [13:36]

STUDENT PAPER

Behavioral evidence for the brown planthopper, *Nilaparvata lugens* orient using a magnetic compass

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Presented by: Yingchao Zhang

This experiment indicates that the route orientation of the brown planthopper, *Nilaparvata lugens* is affected by the inclination of the magnetic fields, suggesting an inclination magnetic compass. These findings support the hypothesis of a magnetic sense used for route orientation in the brown planthopper, *Nilaparvata lugens*.

FB-4 [13:39]

STUDENT PAPER

Study on dose-dependent, frequency-dependent, and cumulative effects of S and L band microwave on cognitive functions in Wistar rats

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Presented by: Shengzhi Tan

Brain was considered as one of the most sensitive organ to microwave radiation. In this study, we evaluated the dose-dependent, frequency-dependent, and cumulative effects of S and L band microwave through the creative experimental design (figure 1). We found that the microwave radiation could lead to the decline of cognitive functions, abnormal brain electric activities, hippocampal structural injuries, decreased content of

Nissl substance and multiple metabolic disorders. The Results showed that the injury effects were mainly determined by power, but not frequency. And cumulative exposure could lead to more severe damage. This was a systematic study of microwave induced cognitive injuries.

FB-5 [13:42] STUDENT PAPER

Bio-effects of microwave radiation on autophagy and its markers in hippocampal neurons of rats

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Microwave radiation can cause neuronal synaptic plasticity damage, but related mechanisms are unknown. As a lysosomal-dependent degradation pathway, the role of autophagy in synaptic plasticity is gradually taken seriously. However, the study of neuronal autophagy changes after microwave radiation is still blank, and the expression of its markers has yet to be revealed. This study was to observe the dynamic changes of autophagy and the expression of autophagy markers in hippocampal neurons of rats after microwave radiation. We found that 30mW/cm² microwave radiation caused synaptic plasticity injury in rats, and autophagy in hippocampal neurons was activated after 30mW/cm² microwave radiation.

FB-6 [13:45] STUDENT PAPER

Comparison of human EM-exposure in fifth generation wireless technologies: ATTO vs. massive MIMO

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FB-7 [13:48] STUDENT PAPER

Fundamental study on the mechanism of electromagnetic wave therapy of periapical periodontitis

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The major current treatment of the apical periodontitis is to clean of the root canal with chemicals and treatment instruments. Recently electro-magnetic apical treatment called EMAT have been proposed. However, optimum conditions of the EMAT, such voltage frequency and applied time, have not been clarified.

We examine the relationship between electric energy and a sterilization effect by use of bursted sinusoidal wave. As results of them, the sterilization effect was increased for the higher energy.

FB-8 [13:51] STUDENT PAPER

Leakage magnetic fields from wireless power transfer systems for EVs and human exposure assessment

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FB-9 [13:54] STUDENT PAPER

A consideration on the SPFD numerical method for dosimetry of human exposure to quasi-static electric fields

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FB-10 [13:57] STUDENT PAPER

The physiological effects of AC electromagnetic field exposure on human subjects

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This study focuses on the acute effects of AC electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure (50 Hz, peak magnetic flux density B_{max} 180 mT, 15-min duration of exposure) on blood flow velocity and electromyography (EMG) in healthy human subjects. The values of the blood flow velocity were significantly increased by the EMF exposure during and after exposure periods compared with the CTL exposure. In contrast, the mean power frequency value in EMG were not significantly changed from the baseline value in the presence of EMF exposure. These results imply that the physiological role of an EMF-enhanced blood circulation might help eliminate the metabolic waste products and endogenous pain producing substances inducing muscle stiffness and pain.

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PB-2 [14:00]

Effects on rat learning ability of long-term exposure to a 2mT 50Hz sinusoidal magnetic field

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The present work investigated the behavioral effect of a long-term exposure (8h per day for 53 consecutive days) to a 50 Hz electromagnetic field (50 Hz EMF, 2 mT) in male rats. 50 Hz EMF effects were evaluated by comparing the behavioral difference between the control and the 50 Hz EMF-exposed rats during a delayed-alternation T maze task. The results showed an enhancement of learning abilities of the 50 Hz EMF exposed rat. It may indicate that long-term exposure to a 2 mT 50 Hz EMF lead cognitive enhancement. Besides, the improvement of learning ability may last long. However, it still needs to be further investigated.

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PB-6 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

Behavioral evidence for the brown planthopper, *Nilaparvata lugens* orient using a magnetic compass

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This experiment indicates that the route orientation of the brown planthopper, *Nilaparvata lugens* is affected by the inclination of the magnetic fields, suggesting an inclination magnetic compass. These findings support the hypothesis of a magnetic sense used for route orientation in the brown planthopper, *Nilaparvata lugens*.

PB-8 [14:00]

The application of ultrasound in the efficacy evaluation of the nanosecond pulse curing the sheep which are naturally infected with hepatic cystic echinococcosis

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Presented by: Jian Dong

Echinococcosis is a human parasitic disease that has been reported worldwide, and cystic echinococcosis (CE) and alveolar echinococcosis (AE) have been major reported in the epidemic regions, among which CE is the most common type in humans, and the liver the major affected organ. Radical surgery is the main strategy for the treatment of hepatic cystic echinococcosis (HCE). In this study, using ultrasound to evaluate the nanosecond pulsed electric fields (nsPEFs) curing the sheep which are naturally infected with HCE.

PB-10 [14:00]

Optimal magnetic coil exposure for minimum stimulation threshold of brain cortex

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Transcranial magnetic stimulation simulates a target area of the brain in a non-invasive manner for diagnosis and monitoring of brain functions. One of the dominant factors affecting the induced electric field is the angle of the coil relative to the head. Recent studies have determined that a posterior-anterior coil orientation is optimal for stimulating the motor hand. The aim of this study is to determine the optimal coil orientation to stimulate all cortical regions of the brain. A total of 10,000 exposures were considered in one realistic head model. As a result, the optimal angle of stimulation corresponded for a coil handle perpendicular to the gyrus.

PB-12 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

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PB-14 [14:00]

Analysis on human effect for commercial wireless charging device in actual usage environment

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Presented by: Jun-Seok Kang

We consider particular exposure scenarios to evaluate human effects for commercial wireless power charging device. The coil used in this study is the A10 model in Qi standard proposed by WPC, and input power is 5 W in the operating frequency of 155 kHz. In perfectly aligned condition, the max leakage magnetic field is 257.58 uT which is obtained at the side of the device, and it is exceeded the international guidelines. The SAR is evaluated with homogeneous phantom which has electric constants of wet skin. The max value of the SAR is 134 uW/kg, and it is much lower than the international guidelines. Especially, in misalignment condition, it showed 48%~54% higher SAR values than the result of perfectly aligned condition.

PB-16 [14:00]

Magnetic Field shielding structure for EMF human protection in WPT system.

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Presented by: Jong-Chan Kim

In this paper, we proposed the magnetic field shielding structure by using the magnetic material and the conductive material in order to overcome the leakage magnetic field problem that occurred by the wireless power transfer (WPT) system. The leakage magnetic field strength and the SAR value of various magnetic field reduction structures were analyzed through the computer simulation. We implement a small output WPT coil, which is based on the Qi standard A10 coil of the WPC. According to computer simulation results by using each proposed shielding structure, we can reduce the leakage magnetic field and SAR value maintaining WPT efficiency.

PB-18 [14:00]

Exposure to a resonant wireless power transfer system around 10 MHz

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We analyzed exposure of the human body to a representative resonant wireless power transfer (WPT) system operating around 10 MHz. Exposure levels and maximum allowable input power (MAIP) with respect to the ICNIRP basic restrictions have been evaluated (in terms of E_{99} , $J_{1\text{cm}^2}$, and local and whole body SAR) for different locations of the body model between the Tx and Rx coils. It has been found that, for the body located one meter from the transmitting coil, the MAIP satisfying E_{99} is in the order of MW, whereas it reduces to tens of kW when considering SAR and $J_{1\text{cm}^2}$. The latter has been found to be the most restrictive dosimetric quantity in the considered exposure scenario.

PB-20 [14:00]

Comparative dosimetry for child and adult exposed to ultra-high voltage transmission power lines with AC-750 kV

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Presented by: Mai Lu

Dosimetry of the three-wire, three-phase ultra-high-voltage (UHV) power lines with AC-750 kV were presented in this work. The induced magnetic flux density and electric fields in both realistic child and adult body models were obtained by impedance method and the results were compared with the ICNIRP guidelines. Results show that higher induced electric fields were somewhat uniformly presented on the surface of both human bodies. For adult, the obtained values of magnetic field were well below the ICNIRP Reference Level. While the induced electric field in central nervous system (CNS) exceeds the ICNIRP Basic Restriction. For child, both the magnetic and electric fields in tissues were well below the ICNIRP guidelines.

PB-22 [14:00]

Magnetic field distribution under EHV and HV double-circuit catenary power lines which cross paths

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Presented by: Takashi Matsumoto

Transmission power lines are the typical structures which generate ELF magnetic fields. There are few analyses which considered the phase order configuration of EHV and HV double-circuit line conductors to decrease magnetic fields in the vicinity of the ground beneath the lines. In this paper, a special emphasis is placed on EHV and HV double-circuit crossing paths considering the degree of sag in the catenary, and the effect on the total magnetic field distribution.

PB-24 [14:00]

Numerical assessment of the heterogeneous tissues mass density values in liquid phantoms

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Presented by: *Yasir Alfadh*

Mass densities have been evaluated using the total weight and volume of the human body. Liquid phantoms representing the human body contain averaged dielectric values to represent the overall body. In this paper, full-wave simulations have been applied to assess the impact of using various averaged mass density values when compared with the original heterogeneous model configurations. It was found that muscle equivalent homogenous model mass density can be used to accurately simplify the SAR assessment in heterogeneous models.

PB-26 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

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PB-28 [14:00]

Numerical estimation of SAR enhancement due to implantable vision prosthesis featuring wireless power transfer coil in human head under near- and far-fields exposure conditions

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Presented by: *Takashi Hikage*

This paper introduces numerical evaluations for SAR enhancement for a human head implanted with newly developed vision prosthesis. To investigate the impact of the implantable vision prosthesis featuring wireless power transfer system, SAR distribution estimations using precise numerical phantom model were conducted. From the simulation results, a large enhancement of SAR due to the vision prosthesis implant was not observed under tested exposure conditions.

PB-30 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

A consideration on the SPFD numerical method for dosimetry of human exposure to quasi-static electric fields

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PB-32 [14:00]

Comparison of ELF-MF exposure before and after construction of transmission lines and its analysis in S. Korea

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Keywords: Dosimetry (measurements), ELF/LF, Work in Progress

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In this study, we measured and analyzed the ELF-MF exposure before and after transmission line construction. The target transmission lines for measurement are newly constructed overhead and underground lines. Total number of the measured transmission lines are 20 overhead lines and 1 underground lines in 2016. By the results, the ELF-MF exposure levels are maximum 0.22 μ T before construction. After construction, the maximum exposure level is 0.95 μ T because these spots are directly under the lines and near the express train lines. The ELF-MF exposure levels in most residential areas showed similar values compared with before construction.

PB-34 [14:00]

Investigation of occupational exposure to magnetic fields in 765kV Singapyeong substation in Korea

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In this paper, a measurement method and measurement results are presented to investigate occupational exposure to magnetic fields generated by various power equipments in 765kV Singapyeong substation in Korea. Magnetic flux density was measured at three point(50, 100, 150 cm) above the ground with EMDEX II and measured results were compared with ICNIRP guidelines issued both in 1998 and in 2010. Measured magnetic field distribution around 765kV transformer was presented and maximum magnetic flux density was 237.6 [μ T] and occurred at 50 cm above the ground around 765kV transformer. According to the measurement results, there is no point where the magnitude of magnetic field is higher than ICNIRP guidelines issued both in 1998 and in 2010.

PB-36 [14:00]

The prevent and resist research of HGS001 material for Active Denial System of millimeter wave

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PB-38 [14:00]

Schottky diode based near-field dosimetry probe at millimeter wave frequencies

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Presented by: *Hairui Liu*

Schottky diodes are widely used nonlinear components for millimeter and terahertz wave applications. They offer low parasitic capacitance and series resistance when used as mixers, multipliers and detectors. This paper presents an isotropic free space probe using Schottky diode for millimeter wave use. It utilizes 2 dipoles on both sides of a thin quartz substrate, by rotating twice, the probe behaves an isotropic performance. GaAs based planar Schottky diode is used for square law detection, it provides high sensitivity and fast response for room temperature use. Free space calibration employs a quasi-optical system, which gives high dynamic range test by beam focusing.

PB-40 [14:00]

A wide band setup for real-time optical detection of bioelectromagnetic interactions *in vitro*

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Presented by: *Lluís M. Mir*

In this paper, the experimental characterization of an optimal electromagnetic structure based a coplanar wave guide is presented. This biochip was fabricated and measured in frequency and time domains to verify the fulfillment of the bandwidth adaptation, the electric field levels reached within the biological solution (efficacy), and its homogeneity.

PB-42 [14:00]

Exposure to radio-frequency electromagnetic fields emitted by a mobile phone in three exposure conditions

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Mobile Phones emit radio-frequency (RF) electromagnetic fields (EMFs), which might be absorbed in the human body. This exposure to RF EMFs could be reduced by using a phone in speaker mode or by using a headset while calling. In order to investigate whether these measures actually reduce exposure, we studied the emitted RF power by a mobile phone as a proxy for the exposure. This emitted RF power was recorded for 53 subjects who carried out phone calls in three controlled exposure scenarios: calling with the phone at the ear, in speaker-mode, and with a headset. Phone calls were carried out using both WCDMA and GSM. The emitted power at the ear is higher than in the other exposure conditions for both communication technologies.

PB-44 [14:00]

Electrostimulation by picosecond pulses and delivery antennas

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Picosecond pulses is a promising stimulus for high-precision targeting (1 cm²) and new biophysics can be involved in such short pulse range. Single picosecond electric pulse (500 ps, 190 kV/cm) has been shown to cause long lasting membrane depolarization in NG108 cells, as measured by both patch clamp and voltage sensitive dye. The mechanism of depolarization by such short pulses was speculated as that the conductance of voltage gated channels is increased by electric fields, rather than that the cell membrane is porated.

PB-46 [14:00]

Narrow band electroporation with sine signals for an accurate control of cell permeabilization

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In this study cell electroporation using AC sine waves in the frequency band from 8 - 130 kHz was studied. Single bursts of 5 ms and E_{peak} of 600 V/cm were used. Also square wave pulses with the same characteristics were applied for comparison. The efficacy of electropermeabilization of cell membrane was studied using Ca²⁺ as indicator. In agreement with theory, results show a clear frequency dependence in the extent of permeabilization of cell membrane. The results obtained show the ability of sine signals to perform electroporation and how by modifying the frequency of the oscillating electric field applied it is possible to accurately modulate the extent of permeabilization performed to the cell membrane.

PB-48 [14:00]

Experimental study *in vitro* and *in vivo* of ablating echinococcosis granulosis by nanosecond pulsed electric field and the dose effect investigation

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Human cystic echinococcosis (CE) has been reported worldwide, and the most frequent site for the cystic lesions observed in the cystic echinococcosis is liver, followed by lung, brain and other organs. Radical surgery is the main strategy for the treatment of hepatic cystic echinococcosis (HCE). Benzimidazoles are used as chemotherapeutic agents. In this study, *in vitro* and *in vivo* of ablating echinococcosis granulosis by nanosecond pulsed electric field was investigated.

PB-50 [14:00]

In utero magnetic field exposure and birth weight: a prospective cohort study

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We examined the association between maternal magnetic fields (MF) exposure and birth weight in offspring. Data on time-weighted average (TWA) and five percentiles (P50, P75, P90, P95 and max) of MF

measurements for each woman was extracted. Comparing to girls with maternal MF level of $<50^{\text{th}}$, girls with maternal MF level of $\geq 50^{\text{th}}$ had a reduction in birth weight, with average reduction of about 350 g for TWA, P50, P75, and P90, and about 250 g for P95. The adjusted IRRs of lower birth weight (<3160 g) were 3.08, 3.73, 3.12, and 2.71 for MF level of $\geq 50^{\text{th}}$ in TWA, P50, P75, and P90, respectively. However, we did not find any association between maternal MF exposure and birth weight in boys.

PB-52 [14:00]

Validity of questionnaire information of mobile phone use among elderly in Korea

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This study was aimed to assess validity of questionnaire information of mobile phone use by comparison with information of operator's log data and direct measurement data using a personal exposure meter (PEM) among elderly. The study subjects were 396 elderly people aged more than 60 years in Seoul, Korea. PEM and operator's log data might be better than questionnaire to assess radio frequency radiation exposure of mobile phone use among elderly, which might be due to their limited recall capability.

PB-54 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

The physiological effects of AC electromagnetic field exposure on human subjects

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This study focuses on the acute effects of AC electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure (50 Hz, peak magnetic flux density B_{max} 180 mT, 15-min duration of exposure) on blood flow velocity and electromyography (EMG) in healthy human subjects. The values of the blood flow velocity were significantly increased by the EMF exposure during and after exposure periods compared with the CTL exposure. In contrast, the mean power frequency value in EMG were not significantly changed from the baseline value in the presence of EMF exposure. These results imply that the physiological role of an EMF-enhanced blood circulation might help eliminate the metabolic waste products and endogenous pain producing substances inducing muscle stiffness and pain.

PB-56 [14:00]

Lyme and associated tick-borne diseases: photonic markers, a new detection approach & therapeutic evaluation of a non invasive micro-current device

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Lyme disease is a bacterial infectious disease transmitted mainly by hard tick bite, Ixodes type. It is usually described by an evolution in three stages. The latter, known as the tertiary phase, can lead to severe complications. This is called "post-Lyme syndrome" or chronic Lyme. We launched an observational biomedical study with 400 infected patients or strongly suspected of chronic borreliosis and / or other tick

borne diseases. This study uses an innovative macroscopic imaging device by corona effect in the UV spectrum [3] to identify photonic markers able to characterize pathogens. We also evaluated the use of a micro-current device to assess its therapeutic interest

PB-58 [14:00]

Analysis of neuronal action potential of a single Hodgkin-Huxley model based on Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

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To study the mechanism of TMS we constructed the model of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and the Hodgkin-Huxley model. To establish a more accurate simulation of transcranial magnetic stimulation, the realistic human head model was used to build the simulation model and the transient simulation was executed. The realistic human head model was generated by the data of the medical images, which include the scalp, skull and brain. Based on the equation of the Hodgkin-Huxley model, this paper analyzed the response of a neuron to the time varying current density magnitude induced by the figure-of-8 coil of TMS.

PB-60 [14:00]

An experimental study on the ablation of echinococcus granulosus cyst by nanosecond pulsed electric field in vitro

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Human cystic echinococcosis (CE) refers to a zoonosis caused by the larval cestode Echinococcus granulosus. Residents of the sheep-raising area can be infected incidentally. The most frequent site for the cystic lesions observed in the cystic echinococcosis is liver, followed by lung, brain and other organs. Radical surgery is the main strategy for the treatment of hepatic cystic echinococcosis (HCE). benzimidazoles are used as chemotherapeutic agents. In this study, the effective treatment electric field strength on cystic echinococcus of nanosecond pulsed electric fields (nsPEFs) were screened with fixed pulse duration and frequency. The design and placement of electrode was also investigated.

PB-62 [14:00]

Effects of long-term 50Hz power-line frequency electromagnetic field on cell behavior in Balb/c 3T3 cells

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This study is to identify the effects of long-term Power-line frequency electromagnetic field (PF-EMF) exposure on cell behavior; Balb/c 3T3 cells were used to exposed or sham-exposed to 50 Hz PF-EMF at 2.3 mT for 2 hours one day, 5 days (from Monday to Friday) every week. After 11 weeks PF-EMF exposure, it was found that the cell morphology, apoptosis, cell migration ability and cell transformation didn't change. However, compared with sham group, cell viability obviously decreased and cell cycle distribution also changed after 11 weeks PF-EMF exposure. Meanwhile, the protein level of PCNA and CyclinD1 significantly

decreased after PF-EMF exposure.

PB-64 [14:00]

Oxidative stress as an initial step in the biological effects induced by magnetic fields

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Many studies show that the imbalance between the production of ROS and the antioxidant defense mechanisms in the tissues can be linked to exposure to ELF-MFs. For many years attention has focused on the role of Ca²⁺ as an initiator of the biological effect induced by MFs and now we know that enhanced Ca²⁺ transport through Ca²⁺ channels occurs in presence of oxidants. In this work we try to relate relevant biological parameters that show changes under the action of the MFs. We think that the effect of MFs could begin with the modulation of REDOX reactions and the consequent change in the concentration of the free radicals and that the radical pair mechanism is a suitable theoretical approximation to explain many of the observed effects.

PB-66 [14:00]

Extremely low-frequency electromagnetic fields promote in vitro neuronal differentiation and neurite outgrowth of embryonic neural stem cells via up-regulating TRPC1

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The potential effects of ELF-EMF on eNSCs was studied. We found that eNSC proliferation and eNSC maintenance were significantly enhanced after ELF-EMF exposure. ELF-EMF exposure increased the ratio of differentiated neurons and promoted the neurite outgrowth of eNSC-derived neurons. The expression of the proneural genes, NeuroD and Ngn1, was increased. Moreover, the expression of transient receptor potential canonical 1 (TRPC1) was significantly up-regulated accompanied by increased the peak amplitude of intracellular calcium level induced by ELF-EMF. These results suggest that ELF-EMF exposure promotes the neuronal differentiation and neurite outgrowth of eNSCs via up-regulation the expression of TRPC1 and proneural genes NeuroD and Ngn1.

PB-68 [14:00]

The impact of a temporal shifting of diurnal geomagnetic variation on roach *Rutilus rutilus* L. embryos and its comparison with the effects of simulated geomagnetic storms

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Effects of the 6-hours and 12-hours shifting of diurnal geomagnetic variation relative to the night-day light cycle on roach embryos were studied. Obtained results are closely similar to the effects of simulated geomagnetic storm on roach embryos described earlier.

PB-70 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

Fundamental study on the mechanism of electromagnetic wave therapy of periapical periodontitis

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The major current treatment of the apical periodontitis is to clean of the root canal with chemicals and treatment instruments. Recently electro-magnetic apical treatment called EMAT have been proposed. However, optimum conditions of the EMAT, such voltage frequency and applied time, have not been clarified. We examine the relationship between electric energy and a sterilization effect by use of bursted sinusoidal wave. As results of them, the sterilization effect was increased for the higher energy.

PB-72 [14:00]

The effects of 50 Hz magnetic fields exposure on DNA damage and cellular functions in different neurogenic cells

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Epidemiological studies have indicated possible association between extremely low-frequency magnetic fields (ELF-MF) exposure and the risk of nervous system diseases. However, the laboratory studies have not provided consistent results to clarify this association despite many years of studies. In this study, we proposed a systematic research to investigate the effects of 50 Hz MF exposure on DNA damage and cellular functions in primary cultured neurogenic cells from rats (astrocytes, microglia, cortical neurons). The results showed that exposure to 50 Hz MF at 2.0 mT did not elicit DNA damage effects or abnormal cellular functions in the neurogenic cells.

PB-74 [14:00]

Ultrastructural changes of amniotic epithelial cells induced by pulsed electromagnetic fields to osteoblast differentiation

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A combination of PEMFs and osteogenic-inducing medium had synergistic effects on osteogenic differentiation of amniotic epithelial cells. The changes of organelle structure shed insight into the mechanisms of PEMFs-induced osteoblast differentiation of stem cells.

PB-76 [14:00]

The effects of magnetic fields exposure on DNA damage in Wild type and Dhfr deficient CHO cells

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The current available laboratory data did not clarify or support the carcinogenic and genotoxic effects of ELF-MF. Our *in vitro* study about genotoxic effects of ELF-MF exposure on DNA damage in female reproductive system cells revealed that exposure to 50 Hz MF significantly decreased the DNA fragmentation in CHO-K1 cells, while 50 Hz MF exposure slightly but significantly enhanced the cell viability and proliferation in CHO/dhfr⁻ cells. Our data suggest that the cells derived from reproductive system differentially respond to 50 Hz MF exposure, and its underlying mechanisms and significance await further investigation.

PB-78 [14:00]

Effects of electromagnetic pulse exposure on gelatinase of blood–brain barrier *in vitro*

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The biological effects of electromagnetic pulse (EMP) on the brain have been focused on for years. It was reported that gelatinase played an important role in maintaining brain function through regulating permeability in the blood–brain barrier (BBB). To investigate the effects of EMP on gelatinase of BBB, Western blot and gelatin zymography were used to BBB model *in vitro*. The result showed that EMP exposure could affect the expression and activity of MMP-2 in the BBB model.

PB-80 [14:00]

A novel coplanar-waveguide-based device for cells exposure during electrophysiological recordings

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In order to investigate biological effects during the electromagnetic exposure, it is necessary to design a suitable exposure system which meets the requirements of the biological experiments. After discussing the shortcomings of current exposure system with similar structure, a rectangular-shaped microshield coplanar waveguide (CPW) of EM structure for cells exposure during electrophysiological recordings is proposed. Numerical results show that the novel device not only overcomes the drawbacks of similar structure but also have more advantages such as more compact structure, more tunable parameters to enable impedance matching, large range of single-mode operating frequency and lower reflection coefficient.

PB-82 [14:00]

Effects of cronical exposure to magnetic fields on reproductive health of male mice

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The objective of this study was to investigate the reproductive health effects on male mice from magnetic

fields whose levels were the same as environmental levels in Lima city. The biological sample were 64 male Balb C mice ten weeks old (*Mus musculus*) including 2 control, 2 sham, 2 exposed to 50 μ T and 2 exposed to 550 μ T, one group of each type were sacrificed after 35 days and other were sacrificed after 70 days. The results showed that chronic exposure to MF didn't affect reproductive organ weights and sperm DNA but affected the sperm count, sperm motility and embryo quality.

PB-84 [14:00]

Expression of neurotrophic factors and their receptors in mouse brain following fetal exposure to 1950 MHz electromagnetic field

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In this study, we determine whether in utero exposure to RF-EMF affect the brain in mice. Pregnant mice were exposed to 1950 MHz RF-EMF throughout gestation (days 1-18) for 2 h per day with SAR 4W/kg. Neurotrophic factors and neurotrophic factor receptors were analyzed by quantitative real-time PCR and Western blotting. In the hippocampus, RF-EMF exposure significantly decreased in the expression of TrkB.

PB-86 [14:00]

In vivo evaluation of brain glucose metabolism of RF-EMF exposed 5xFAD mice using positron emission tomography

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Despite increasing public health concerns, the impact on the brain of radiofrequency electromagnetic field remains unclear. In this study, we investigated that RF-EMF on brain glucose metabolism using positron emission tomography (PET) images and their voxel-wise comparison. We found that RF-EMF exposure to 5XFAD animals presented higher cerebral binding of [¹⁸F]-FDG than that of sham-exposed controls

PB-88 [14:00]

Power-frequency magnetic fields at 50-Hz do not affect fertility and development in rats and mice

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The aim of the current study was to evaluate the potential effects of 50 Hz PF-MF on reproductive system in rats and mice. Results showed that exposure to 30 μ T, 100 μ T, and 500 μ T PF-MF may not affect the fertility of the Sprague-Dawley rats and C57BL/6J mice, as well as the development of the neonatal mice.

PB-90 [14:00]

Influence of exposure to radiofrequency identification-electromagnetic fields on white blood cells: in vivo study

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As a part of investigation of the potential risks of RFID to human health, we investigated whether exposure to the 915 MHz radiofrequency identification (RFID) signal affected white blood cells (WBCs) in rats.

PB-92 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

Study on dose-dependent, frequency-dependent, and cumulative effects of S and L band microwave on cognitive functions in Wistar rats

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Brain was considered as one of the most sensitive organ to microwave radiation. In this study, we evaluated the dose-dependent, frequency-dependent, and cumulative effects of S and L band microwave through the creative experimental design (figure 1). We found that the microwave radiation could lead to the decline of cognitive functions, abnormal brain electric activities, hippocampal structural injuries, decreased content of Nissl substance and multiple metabolic disorders. The Results showed that the injury effects were mainly determined by power, but not frequency. And cumulative exposure could lead to more severe damage. This was a systematic study of microwave induced cognitive injuries.

PB-94 [14:00]

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PB-96 [14:00]

nsPEF increase the immunogenicity of CT-26 cells and facilitate immune cell infiltrate in parenchymal tumor after treatment

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nsPEF induces the increasing of tumor cells' immunogenicity. In addition to ablate tumor tissue directly, nsPEF ablation facilitate immune cells infiltrating into tumor, which is a prerequisite to patient response to immune checkpoint blockade in clinical.

PB-98 [14:00]

The correlation between magnetic resonance imaging and biological effects in rat hippocampus after microwave exposure

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With the development of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology, MRI may provide important imageologic evidence for the biological effects of microwave (MW) radiation. However, there was few study about this. This study investigated the spatial memory ability, MRI characteristics and pathological changes in rat hippocampus after MW exposure, and explored the correlations between these changes.

PB-100 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

Impact of each current applied to surface electrodes on EIT images based realistic head model

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In EIT reconstruction problems, we assume that weight of every current injection applied to a surface electrode is the same and the current injected directly through the target impacts the quality most. We conducted a simulated experiment on a realistic human head model segmented from the cranial CT. Through detailed analysis of every current stimulation, we concluded that weight which every injection has during reconstruction is actually different. Furthermore, currents injected directly through the object has slighter whereas the currents ejected alongside the target have the more serious impact on the image quality. This will contribute to the following research of cranial EIT algorithm and the improvement of the quality of EIT image.

PB-102 [14:00]

STUDENT PAPER

Bio-effects of microwave radiation on autophagy and its markers in hippocampal neurons of rats

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Microwave radiation can cause neuronal synaptic plasticity damage, but related mechanisms are unknown. As a lysosomal-dependent degradation pathway, the role of autophagy in synaptic plasticity is gradually taken seriously. However, the study of neuronal autophagy changes after microwave radiation is still blank, and the expression of its markers has yet to be revealed. This study was to observe the dynamic changes of autophagy and the expression of autophagy markers in hippocampal neurons of rats after microwave radiation. We found that 30mW/cm² microwave radiation caused synaptic plasticity injury in rats, and autophagy in hippocampal neurons was activated after 30mW/cm² microwave radiation.

PB-104 [14:00]

A study on the occupational exposure to EMF caused by the resistance welding machine

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In this study, we measured and assessed the electromagnetic fields exposure in resistance welding work environment based on standards. The measured magnetic flux density showed a maximum value of 156.49 μ T at the operating frequency of 60 Hz at a distance of 400 mm from the front of the resistance welder. And

the measured magnetic flux density showed a maximum value of 285.37 μT at the operating frequency of 60 Hz at a distance of 300 mm from the side of the resistance welder.

PB-106 [14:00]

WITHDRAWN

PB-108 [14:00]

Analysis of occupational exposure based on measuring protocol in working environment

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In this paper, we have established a measurement protocol for occupational exposures in the working environment, such as the electrical welding environment. According to the measurement protocol, the spot welder was evaluated for the electromagnetic fields exposure from the points of investigation as well as the electromagnetic fields exposure from welding cables.

PB-110 [14:00]

Assessment of electromagnetic field from underground transmission line in city area of Korea

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Electromagnetic field exposure can lead to environmental impacts. In city areas transmission lines are distributed underground still, can pose negative consequences to the general public. Kindergartens, schools, hospitals are more sensitive in case of EMF exposure. The main objective of this study is to assess and compare the EMF emission level from underground transmission line around the environmentally sensitive area.

PB-112 [14:00]

A study on the depth of tissue-equivalent liquid for SAR measurement of human exposure to EMF from wireless communication devices by numerical simulations

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We calculated the peak 10g-averaged SARs in the flat and SAM head phantom models exposed to EMF from the mobile phone model and we also discussed the SAR dependence on the liquid depth. We found that the effect of reflection from the upper surface of the tissue-equivalent liquid for the SAM head phantom model is larger than that for the flat phantom model. In contrast, the results suggested that liquid depth can be substantially shallower than the required condition of the existing standard for SAR measuring, i.e., 15 cm. In the future work, we will verify the validity of the calculated results by SAR measurement, as well as the evaluation of the uncertainty of the calculations.

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