



# **EMC/EMI Issues in Biomedical Research**

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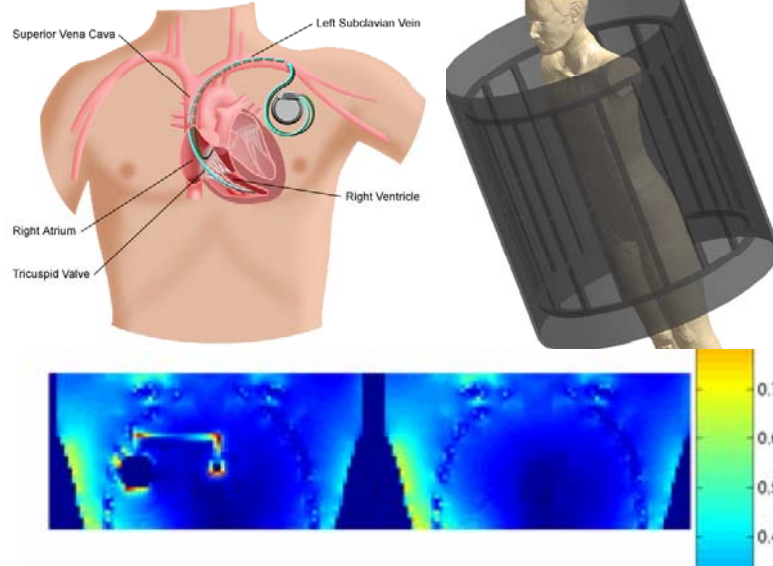
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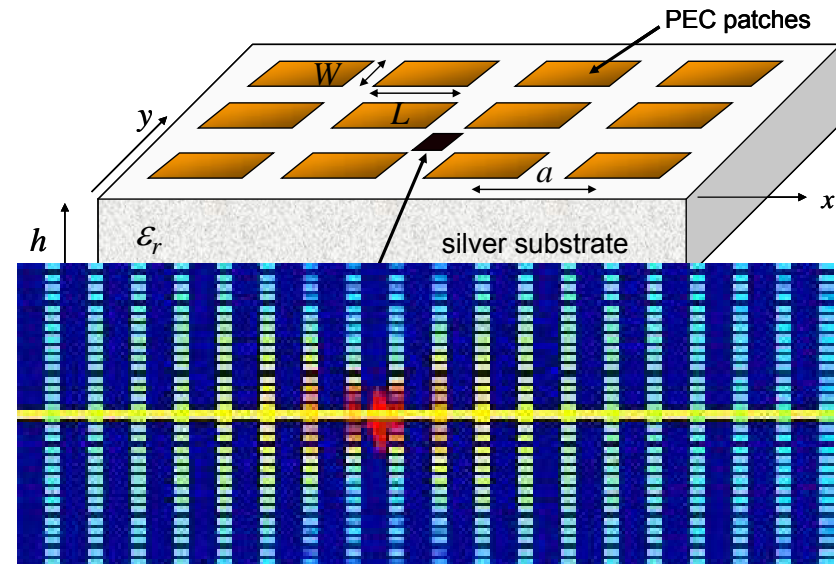
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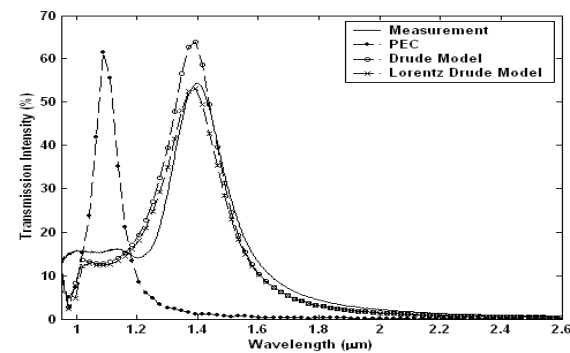
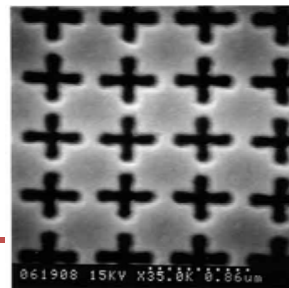
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## Design of periodic structures



## Nano-scale FSS modeling



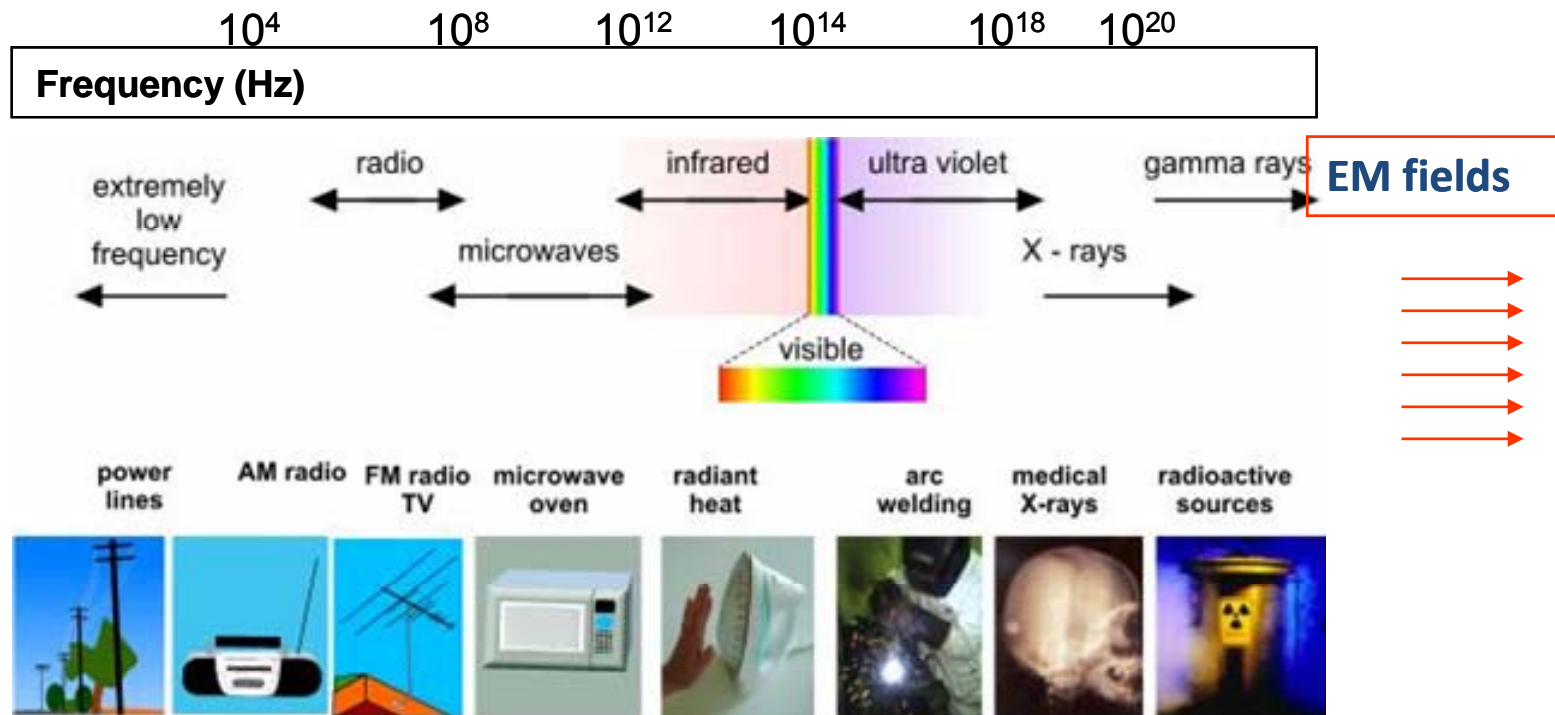


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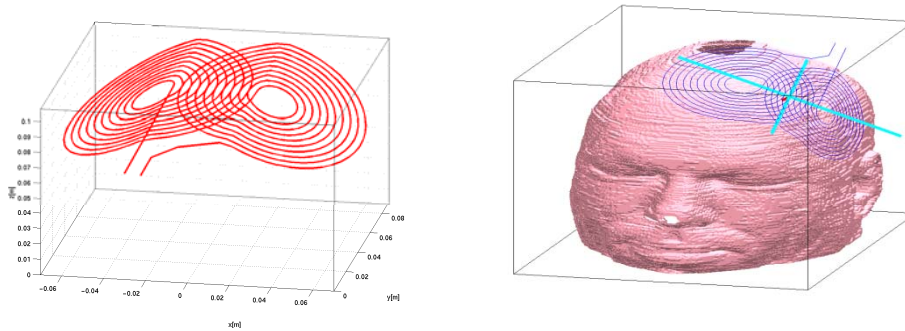
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  - Pregnant woman under exposure to magnetic resonance imaging
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# Introduction



## Magnetic stimulation in human head (low frequency)

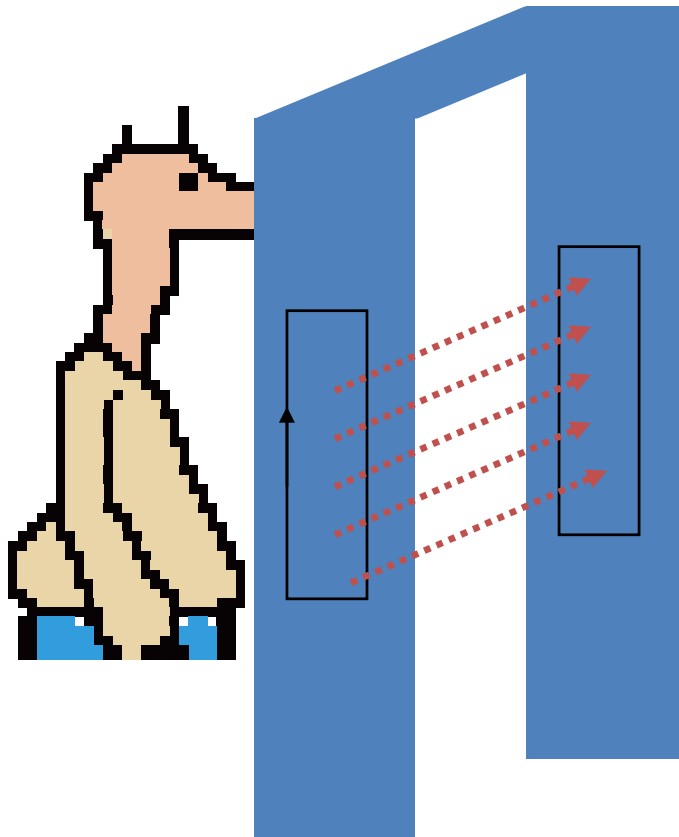


- severe [depression](#)
- auditory [hallucinations](#)
- migraine headaches
- [tinnitus](#)

## Magnetic resonance imaging (radio frequency)



visualize the inside of living organisms



A head-to-toe uniform detection field



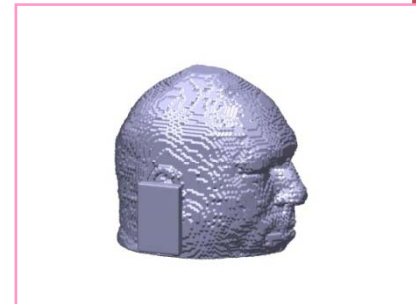
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•The problem of human exposure to high/low frequency electromagnetic fields has been the subject of many studies.

•Electromagnetic and temperature analysis of high-frequency exposure

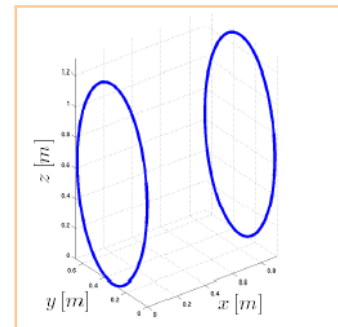
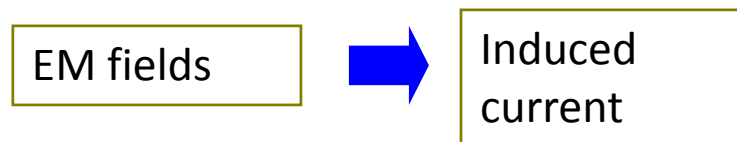
•SAR (energy deposition)

•Temperature (thermal distribution)

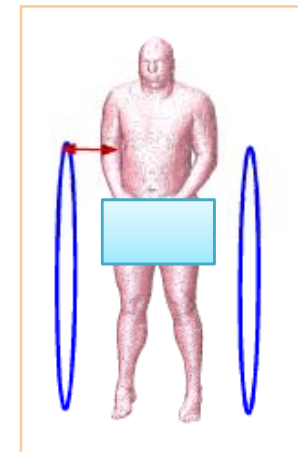


•Calculate induced current density and induced electric field in human body due to extremely-low-frequency exposure

•*J (current density) & E (electric field)*

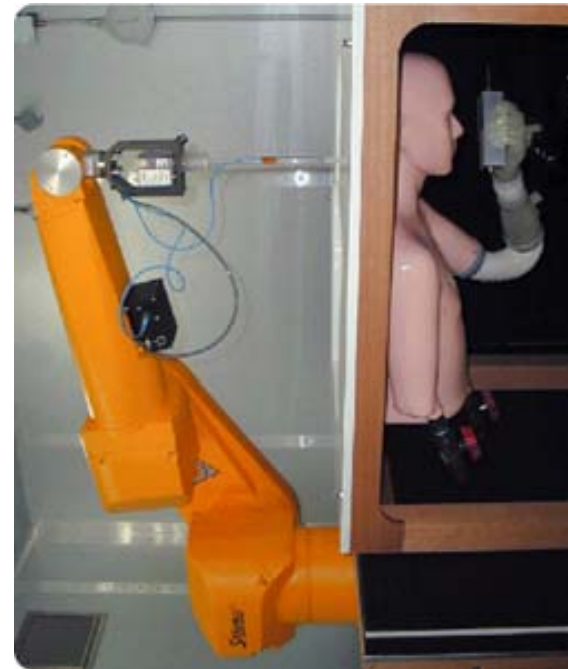
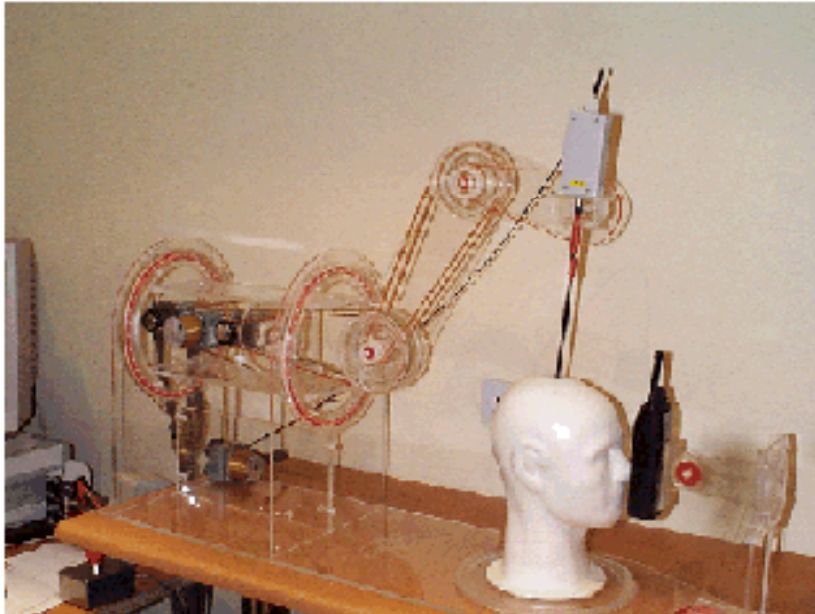


Anti theft device model





## Approach 1: Experimental measurement

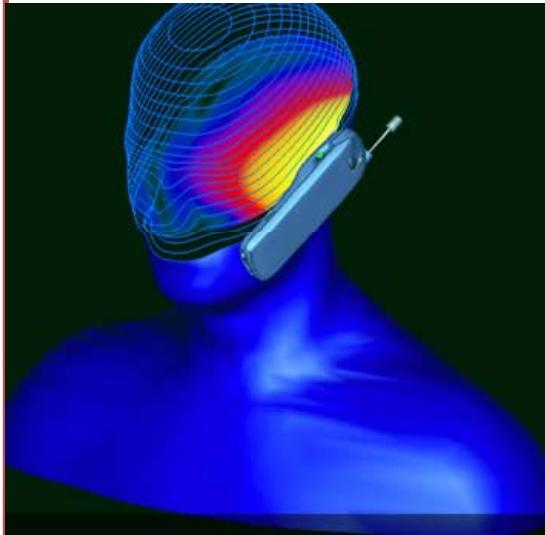


disadvantages:

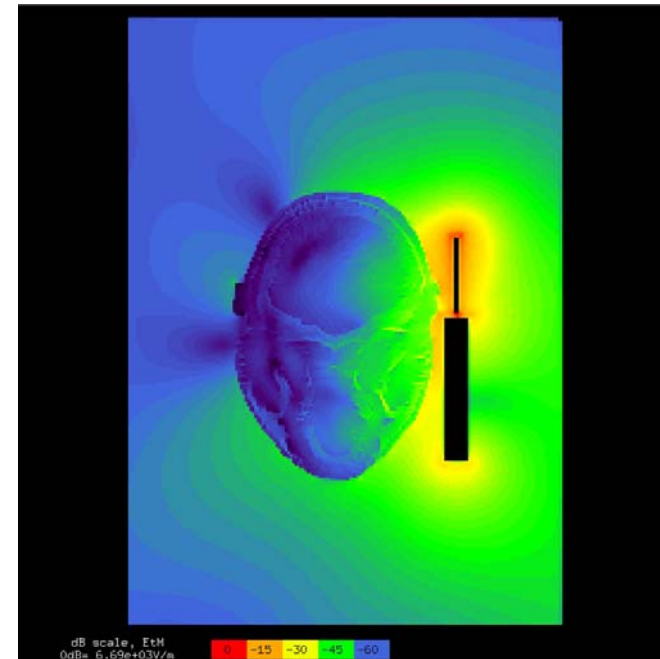
- I. difficult to make models.
- II. filling material is homogeneous.
- III. difficult to make measurement equipments for various EM exposure.

## Approach 2: Numerical simulation

CAD model  
+ external EM source



Numerical  
method



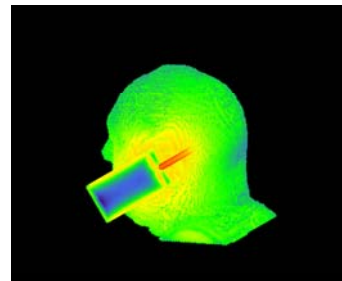
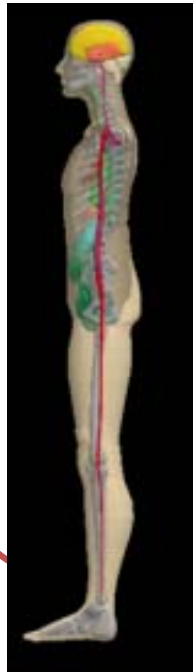
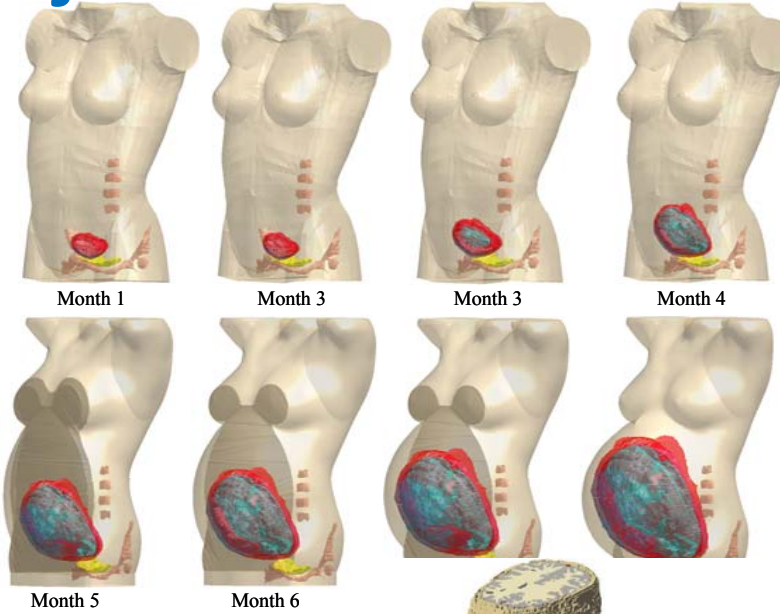
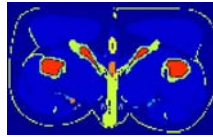
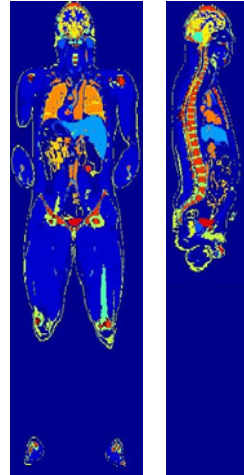
advantages:

- I. easy to make CAD models (difficult to make for experiments).
- II. able to analyze inhomogeneous models
- III. easy to model various external EM fields.

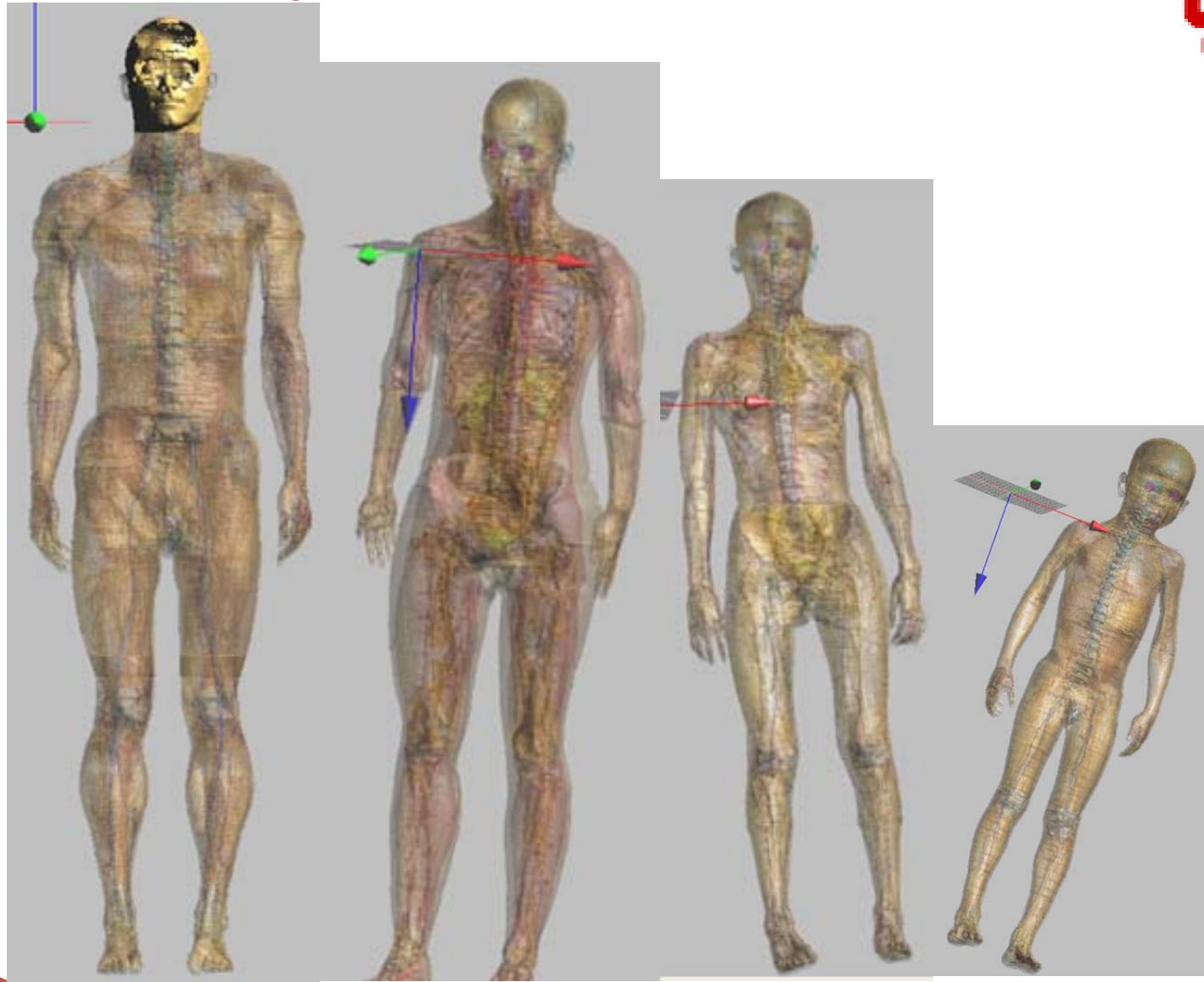


# Human Subject Models

Models



# Virtual Family Models





# Tissue parameters

## Dielectric & thermal properties

CAD Model (including different internal organs/tissues)



Assign tissue parameters for each internal organs/tissues



Final model (realistic human body)



Numerical simulation

Tissue	$\rho$ [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	64 MHz		128 MHz	
		$\sigma$ [S/m]	$\epsilon_r$	$\sigma$ [S/m]	$\epsilon_r$
Body	1006	0.49	52.54	0.51	46.23
Placenta	1058	0.95	86.50	1.00	73.19
Embryonic Fluid	1055	1.50	69.13	1.51	69.06
Bladder	1055	0.29	24.59	0.30	21.86
Bone	1990	0.06	16.69	0.067	14.72
Fetus	987	0.39	42.68	0.412	37.60
Uterus	1052	0.91	92.19	0.961	75.47

Tissue	C [J/kg/°C]	K [W/m/°C]	B <sub>0</sub> [W/m <sup>3</sup> /°C]	A <sub>0</sub> [W/m <sup>3</sup> ]
Body	3270	0.43	2400	537
Placenta	3840	0.50	0	0
Embryonic Fluid	3840	0.50	0	0
Bladder	3300	0.43	9000	1600
Bone	1260	0.40	3300	610
Fetus	3105	0.39	2250	461
Uterus	3430	0.51	6000	1075



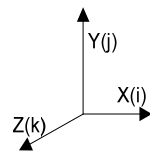
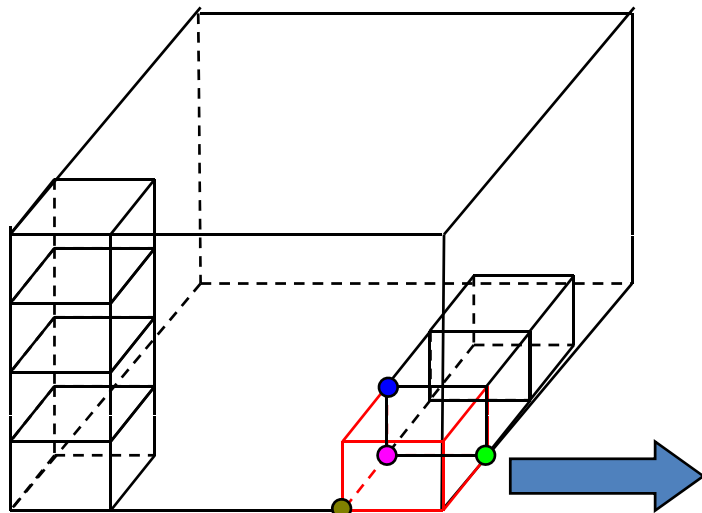
# Modeling Techniques

- Low frequency bio-electromagnetic modeling
  - Impedance method → Induced current & electric fields
- High frequency bio-electromagnetic modeling
  - Finite difference time domain (FDTD) method  
→ Specific absorption rate
- Thermal modeling in bio-electromagnetic
  - Finite difference solution of bio-heat equation  
→ Temperature distribution
- Equivalent source  
→ Generate required magnetic fields for impedance method

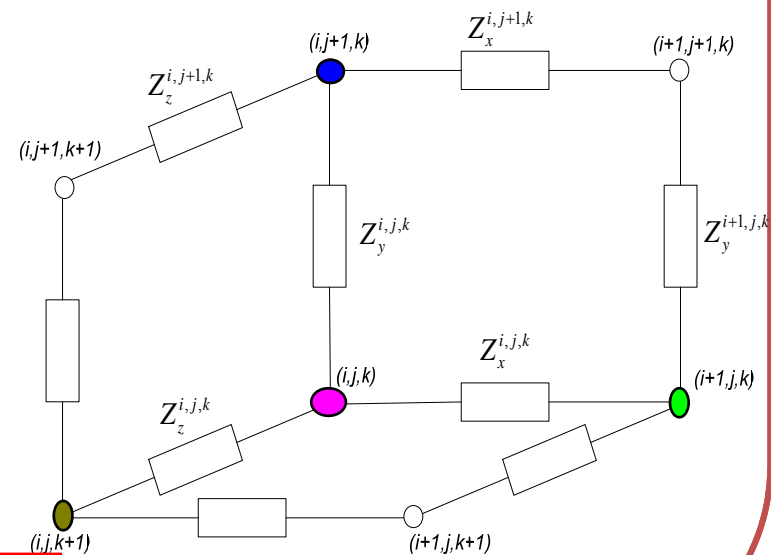
# Method1: Impedance method

- Impedance method
  - Efficient for ELF calculation
  - Easy to implement

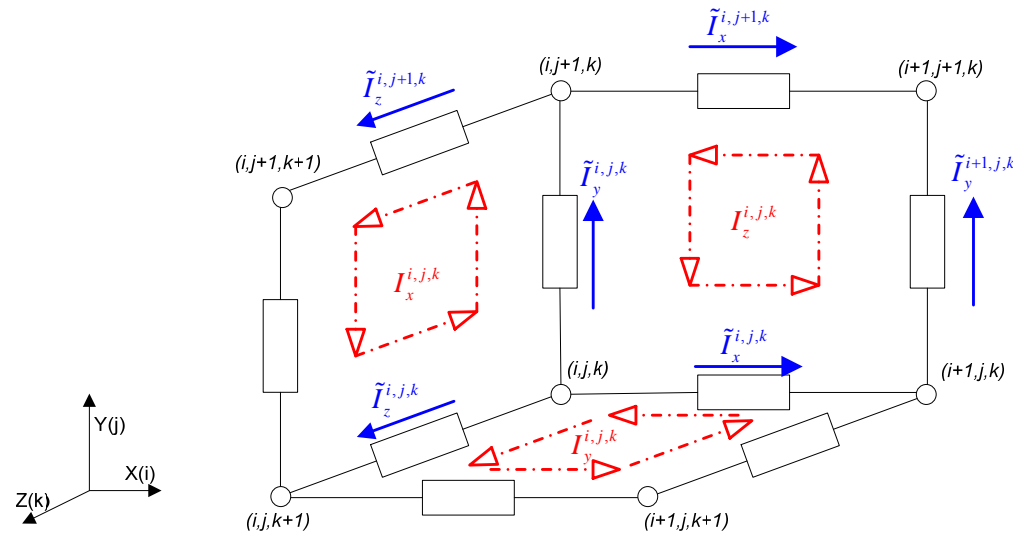
## Equivalent circuit network for impedance method



$$Z_x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta y \Delta z (\sigma_x + j\omega \epsilon_x)}$$



# Impedance method



Kirchhoff voltage equations

$$\sum \tilde{I}Z + j\omega\mu_0 H \cdot \hat{n} = V$$

$$Z_x^{i,j,k} \tilde{I}_x^{i,j,k} + Z_y^{i+1,j,k} \tilde{I}_y^{i+1,j,k} - Z_x^{i,j+1,k} \tilde{I}_x^{i,j+1,k} - Z_y^{i,j,k} \tilde{I}_y^{i,j,k} = emf_z^{i,j,k}$$

$$emf = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iint \bar{B} \cdot d\bar{s}$$

$$\tilde{I}_z^{i,j,k} = I_x^{i,j,k} + I_y^{i+1,j,k} - I_x^{i,j+1,k} - I_y^{i,j,k}$$

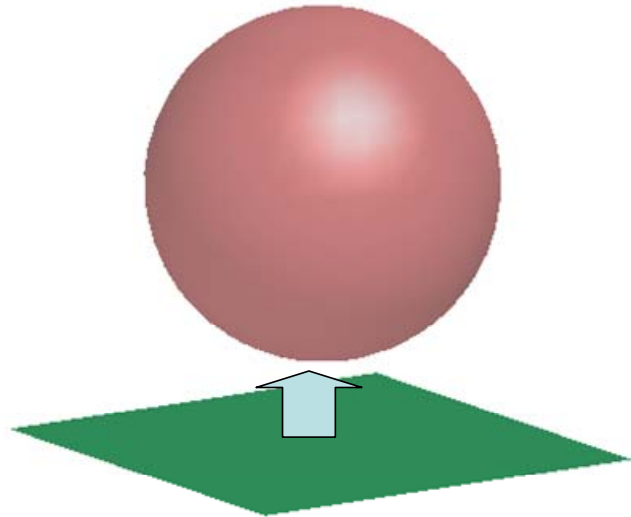
$$\sum_{n=1}^3 a_{mn}^{i,j,k} I_n(i,j,k) = emf_m; 1 \leq m \leq 3$$



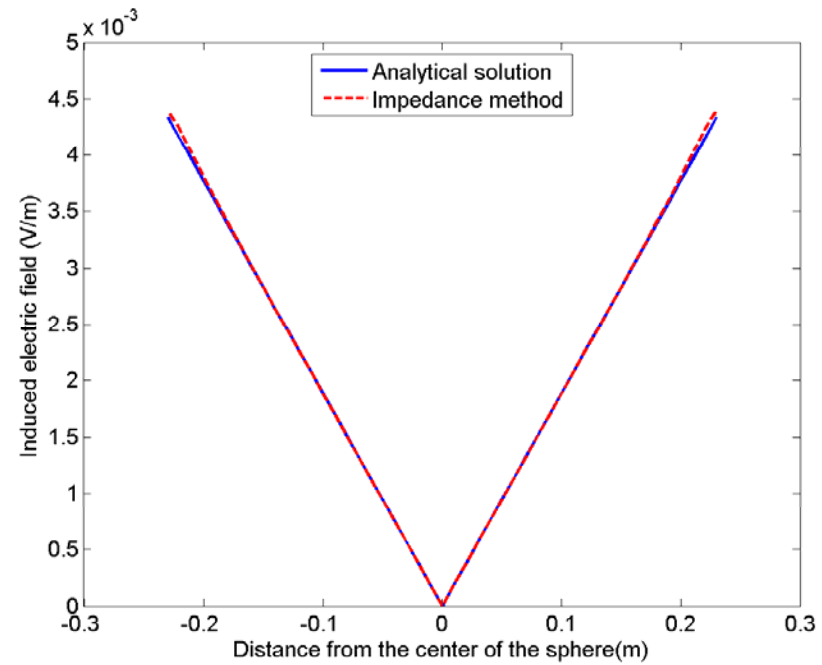
## Numerical validation example

radius=0.25m

$\sigma=0.1$



$B=1$  Tesla  
*freq*=60 Hz



## Method 2: FDTD

*Modeling of interaction of electromagnetic fields with human bodies at high frequency*



**SAR (energy deposition)**

Efficient numerical technique to solve electromagnetic wave problems

$$\frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \vec{E} - \frac{\rho'}{\mu} \vec{H}$$

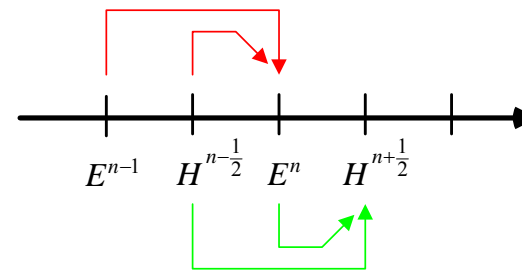
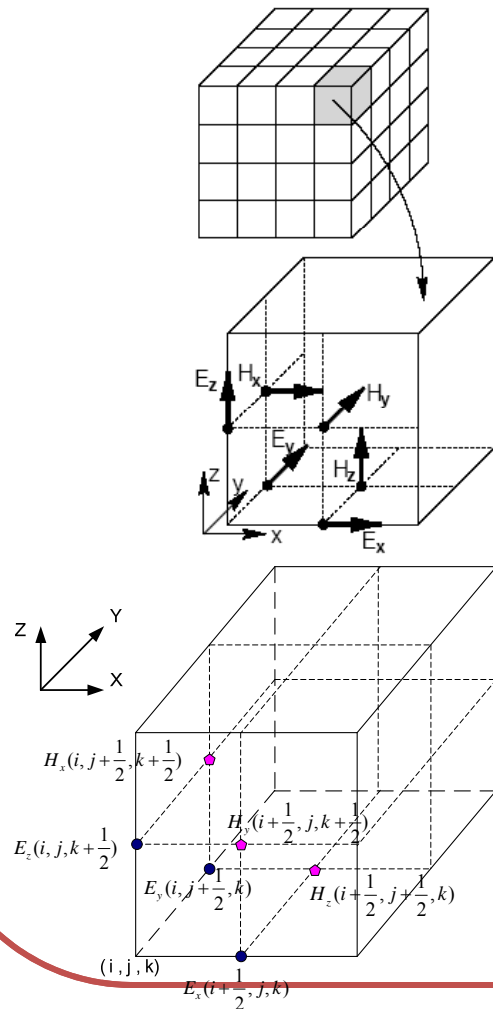
$$\frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \nabla \times \vec{H} - \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon} \vec{E}$$

### ▪ Finite Difference Time Domain Method

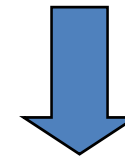
- Direct solution method for **Maxwell's** time dependent curl equations
- Avoids solving simultaneous equations -- matrix inversion
- Provides for complexities of structure shape and material composition
- Very easy to implement compared to FEM/MOM method

# Method2: FDTD

## Yee's FDTD Scheme



Explicit update scheme

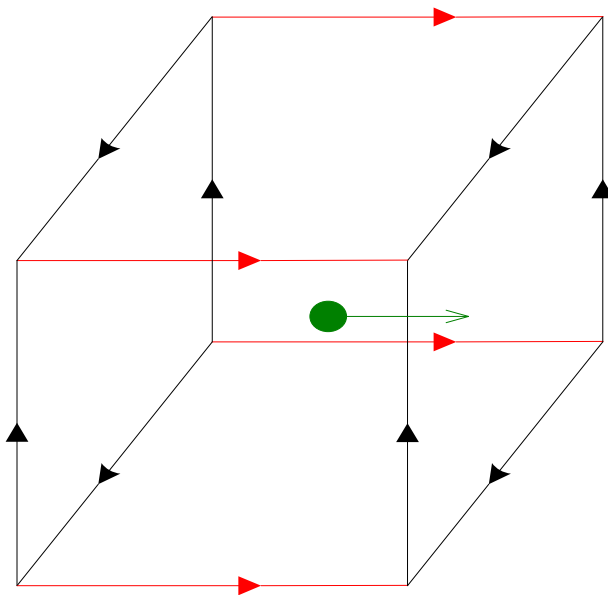


- Easy to implement
- Able to be parallelized

## Method2: FDTD

### Specific absorption rate (SAR) calculation

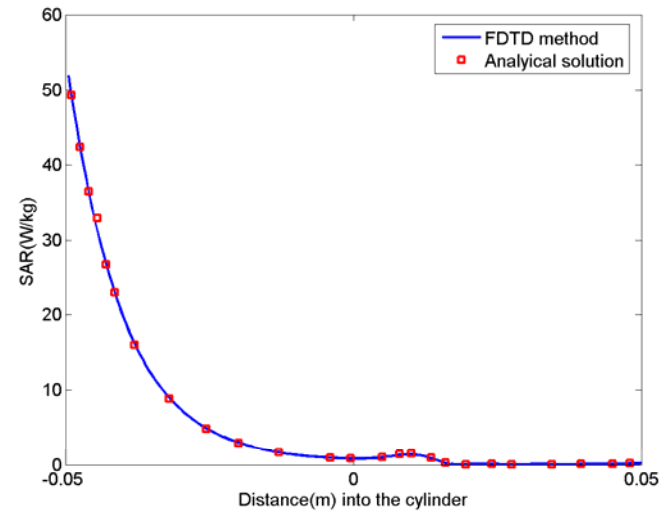
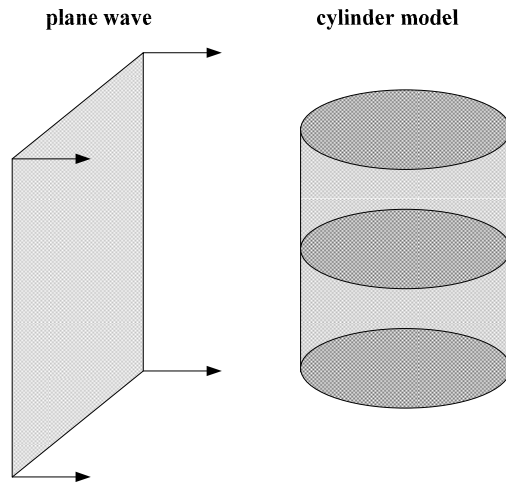
$$SAR = \frac{\sigma |E|^2}{2\rho} = \frac{\sigma (|E_x|^2 + |E_y|^2 + |E_z|^2)}{2\rho}$$



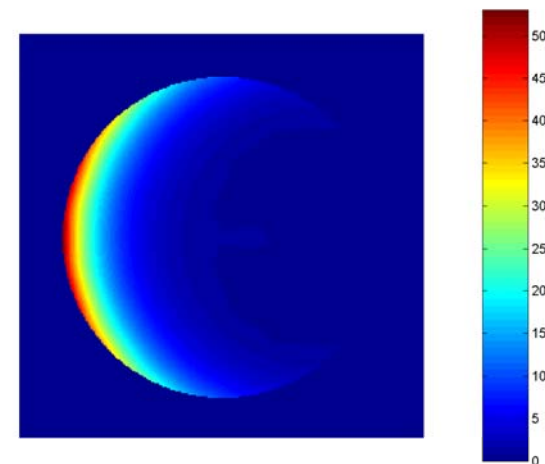
12-field components approach

$$E_{x\_center\_i,j,k} = \frac{E_{x_{i,j,k}} + E_{x_{i,j+1,k}} + E_{x_{i,j,k+1}} + E_{x_{i,j+1,k+1}}}{4}$$

## Method 2: FDTD



Symbol	Physical Property	Value	Units
$r$	cylinder radius	0.05	m
$P$	plane wave incident power density	1000	W/m <sup>2</sup>
$f$	plane wave frequency	2.45	GHz
$\epsilon$	relative permittivity	47	----
$\sigma$	conductivity	2.21	S/m
$\rho$	mass density	1070	Kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$\Delta x$	spatial resolution	0.5	mm





## Method 3: Thermal modeling

- **Thermal modeling/bio-heat equation**

**Temperature-rise computation**

When a human subject in a thermal equilibrium state is exposed to EM fields, the resultant temperature rises may be obtained from thermal modeling (bio-heat equation), which takes into account such heat exchange mechanisms as heat conduction, blood flow, and EM heating.

**Bioheat transfer equation (BHTE):**

$$C\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = K\nabla^2 T + A_0 - B(T - T_b) + Q_{EM}$$

$$Q_{EM} = \rho SAR \leftrightarrow \text{from FDTD calculation}$$

**Boundary condition:**

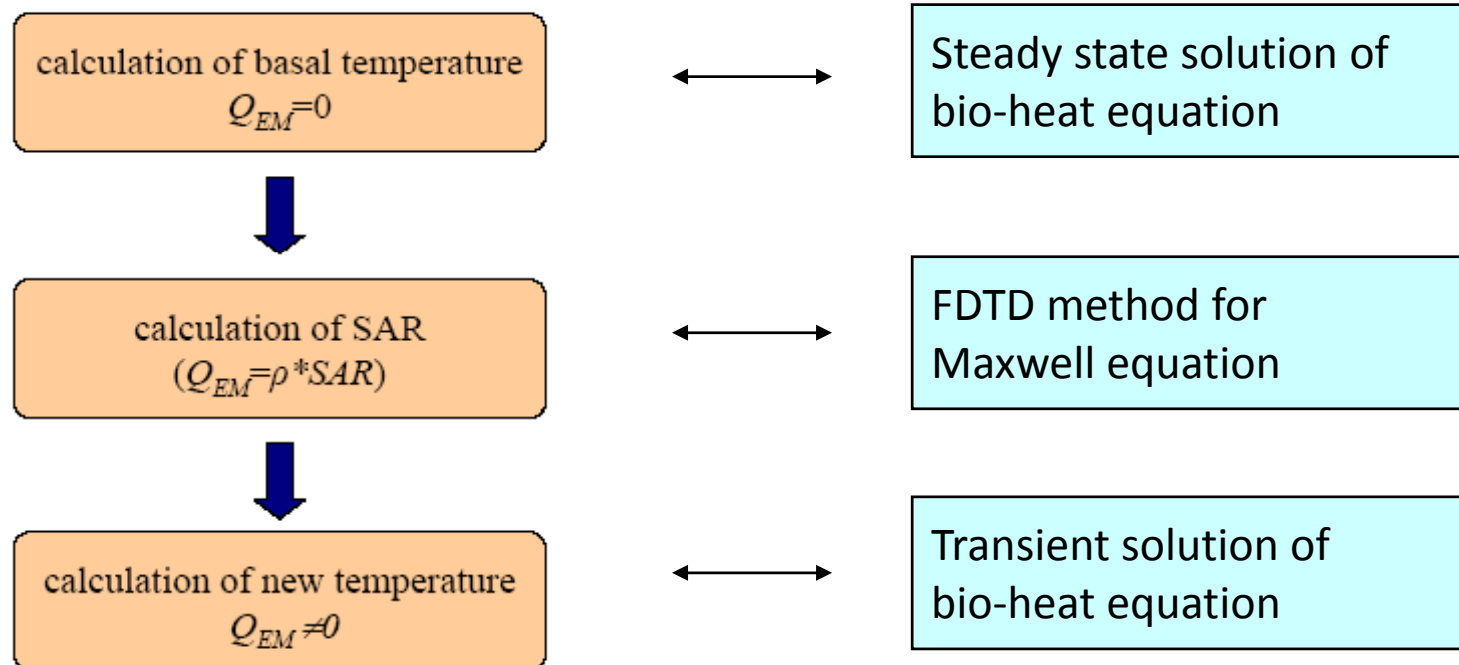
$$K \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = -H_a (T - T_a)$$

Symbol	Physical Property	Units
$T$	Temperature	$^{\circ}C$
$t$	continuous time	$s$
$n$	surface normal	-
$\rho$	mass density	$\left[ \frac{kg}{m^3} \right]$
$C$	specific heat	$\left[ \frac{J}{kg^{\circ}C} \right]$
$K$	thermal conductivity	$\left[ \frac{J}{m s^{\circ}C} \right]$
$H_a$	convective transfer constant (for environmental ambient temperature)	$\left[ \frac{J}{m^2 s^{\circ}C} \right]$
$A_0$	basal metabolic rate	$\left[ \frac{J}{m^3 s} \right]$
$B$	blood perfusion constant	$\left[ \frac{J}{m^3 s^{\circ}C} \right]$
$m_b$	blood mass flow rate	$\left[ \frac{m^3}{s kg} \right]$
$T_b$	blood temperature (constant)	$^{\circ}C$
$T_a$	environment ambient temperature (constant)	$^{\circ}C$

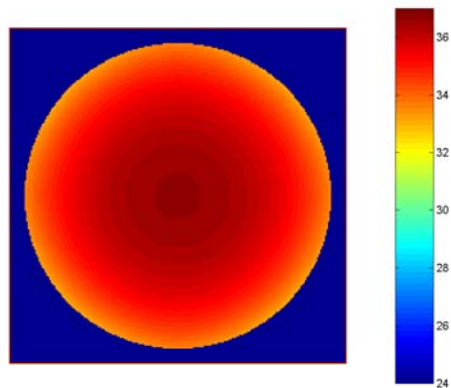
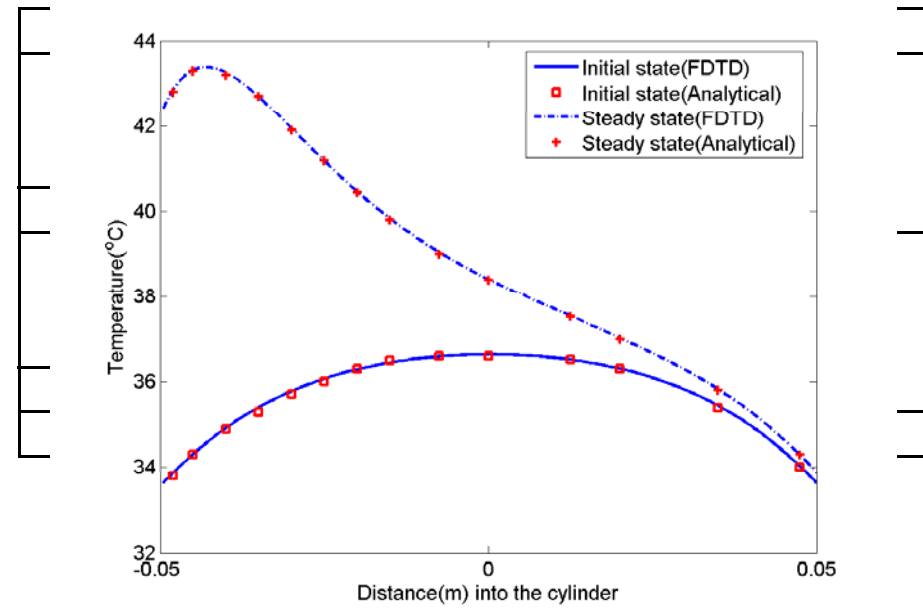
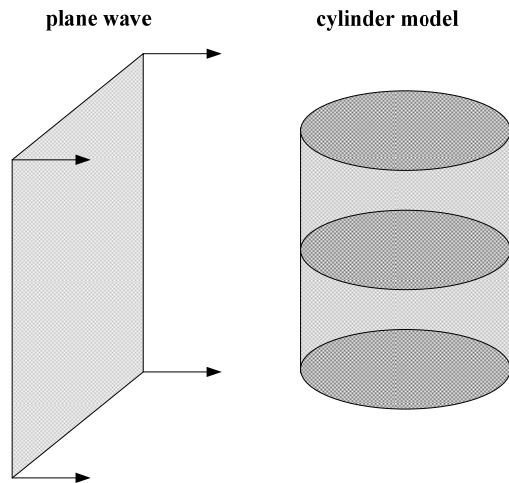


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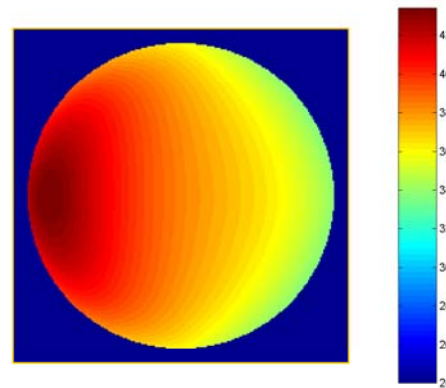
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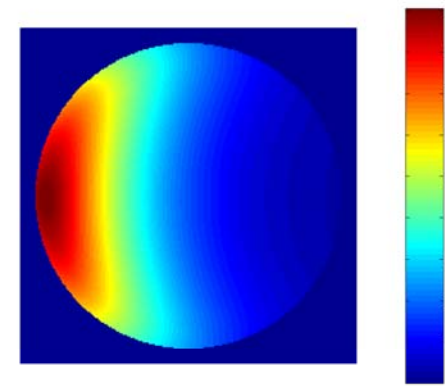
# Method 3: Thermal modeling



Basal temperature



Final temperature

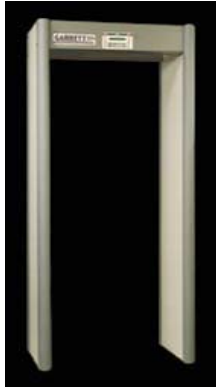


Temperature rise



# Method 4: Equivalent source

## Types of walk-through metal detector



A head-to-toe uniform detection field



Pinpoint Detection with DSP Chip

~~coil configurations~~

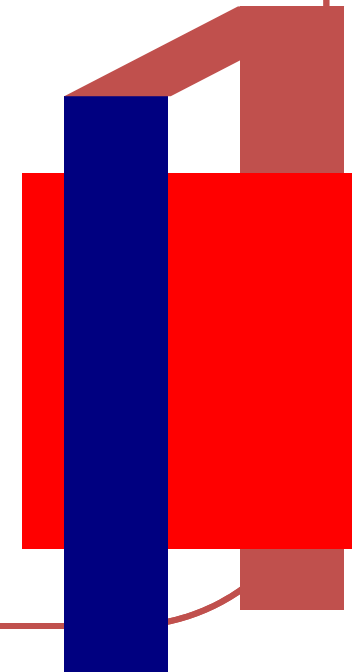
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Alternative Choice: Measure the magnetic field at a few planes

Method 1. X-ray the walk-through detector

Method 2. Interpolation of the measured field

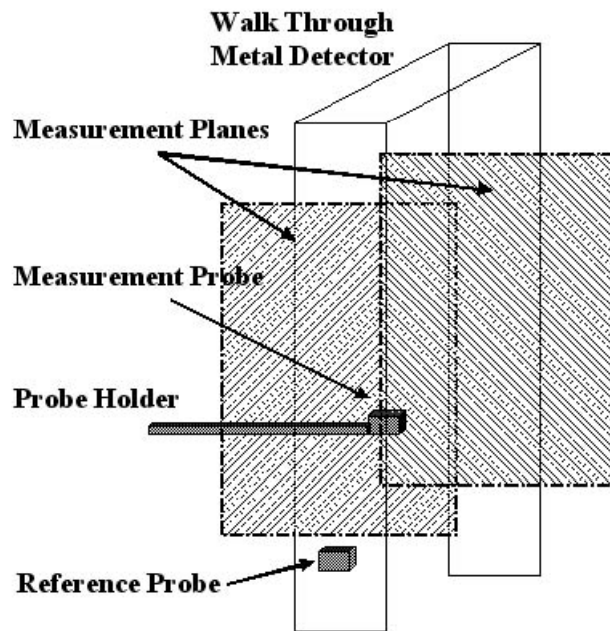
Method 3. Equivalent source modeling





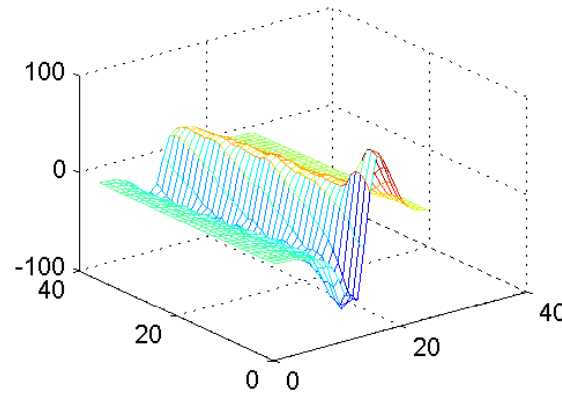
# Method 4: Equivalent source

## Illustration of magnetic field measurement

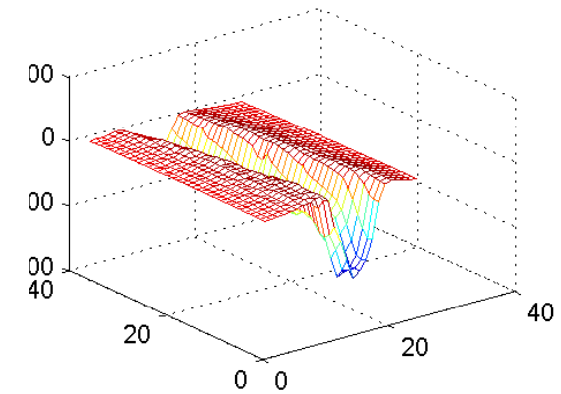


Each plane has a size of 120 cm in the horizontal direction and 180 cm in the vertical direction.

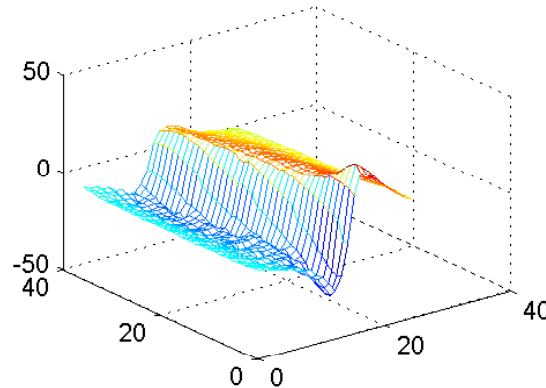
Measured Hx values at Plane 1



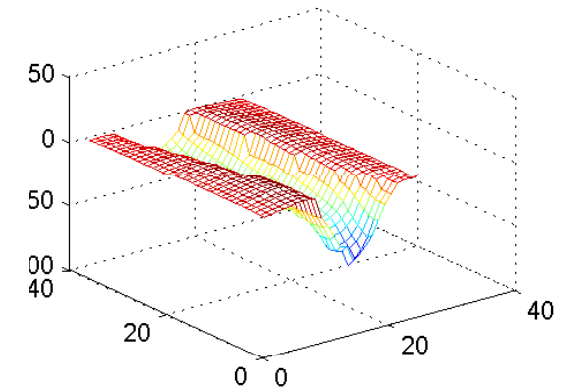
Measured Hx values at Plane 2



Measured Hz values at Plane 1

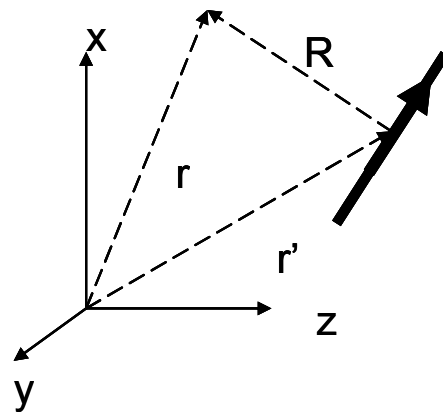
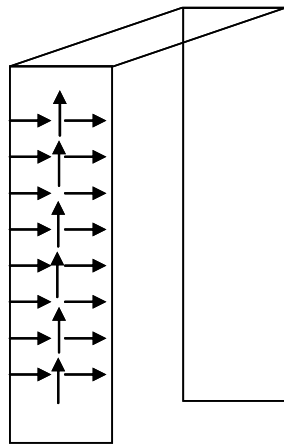


Measured Hz values at Plane 2



# Method 4: Equivalent source

## Equivalent source discretization and the coordinate system



### Biot-Savart law

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{\mu} \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} = \int \frac{I(\vec{r}') d\vec{l}' \times \vec{R}}{4\pi |\vec{R}|^3}$$



Equivalent current distribution

This equivalent may not be the exact coil configurations but it can produce the same magnetic fields as that of the real coil configuration

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_x \\ \dots \\ H_y \\ \dots \\ H_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & m_{xy} & \dots & m_{xz} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ m_{yx} & \dots & 0 & \dots & m_{yz} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ m_{zx} & \dots & m_{zy} & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} J_x \\ \dots \\ J_y \\ \dots \\ J_z \end{bmatrix}$$

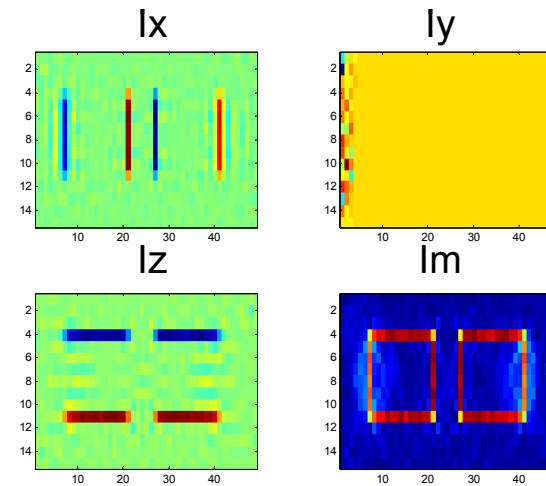
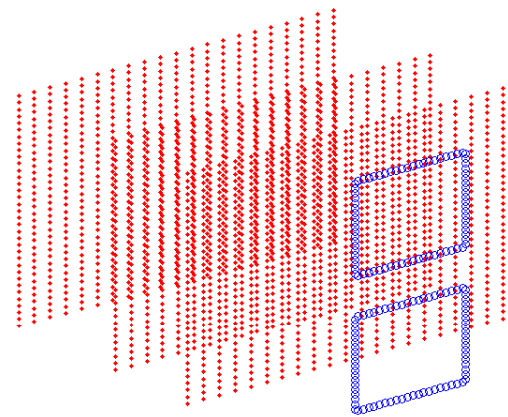
Measured data

*least square method*

# Method 4: Equivalent source

## A numerical validation experiment

(magnetic fields generated by the two loop coils)

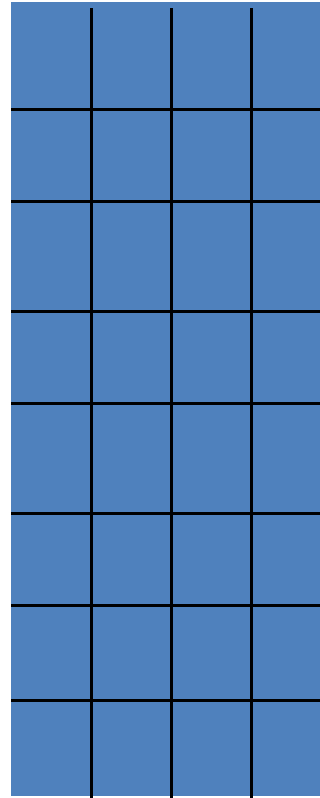




## *Method 4: Equivalent source*

### **Equivalent source plane**

- 1. Size**
- 2. Mesh density**

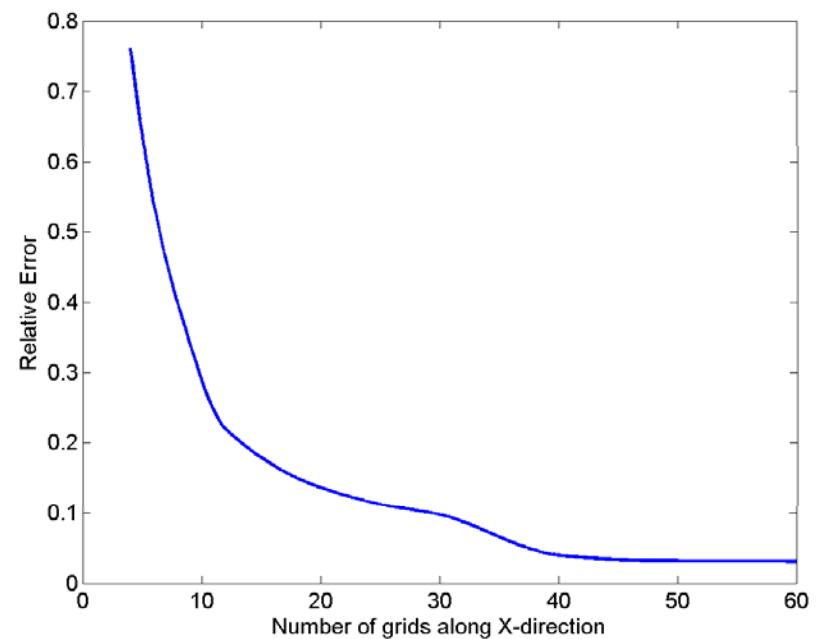
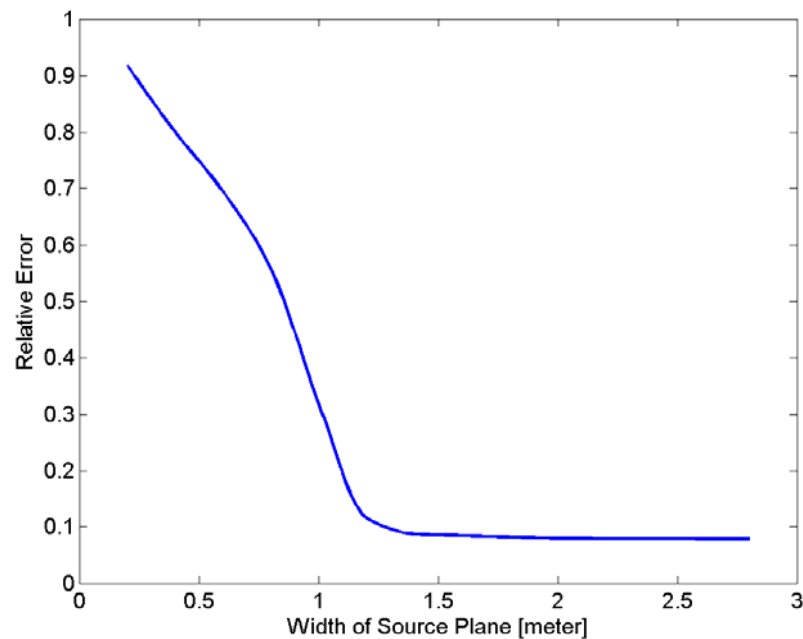




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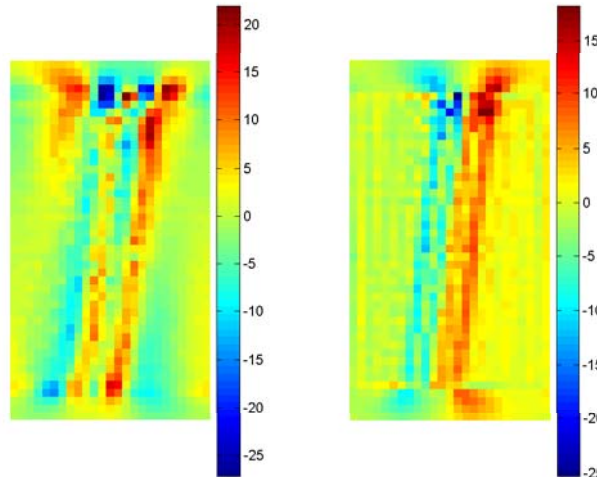
## Convergence analysis

$$\text{relative error} = \frac{\sum |H_{\text{simulated}} - H_{\text{measured}}|}{\sum |H_{\text{measured}}|}$$

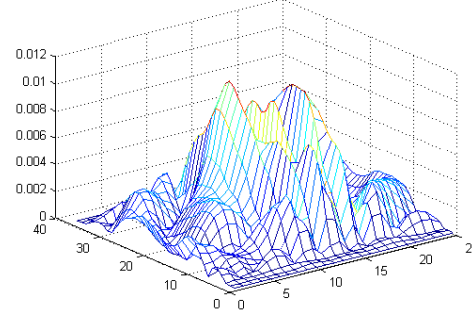




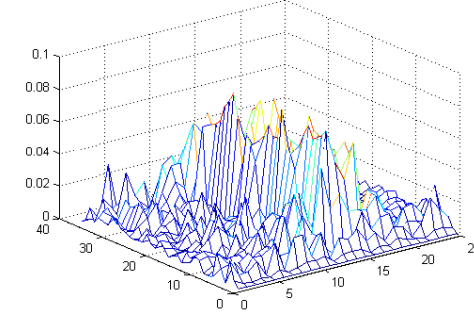
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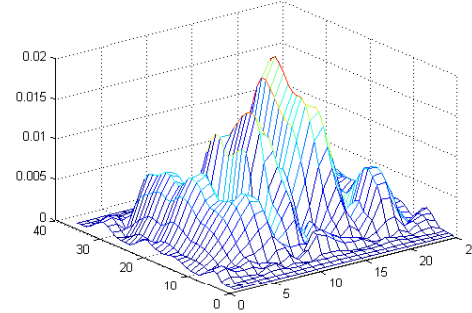
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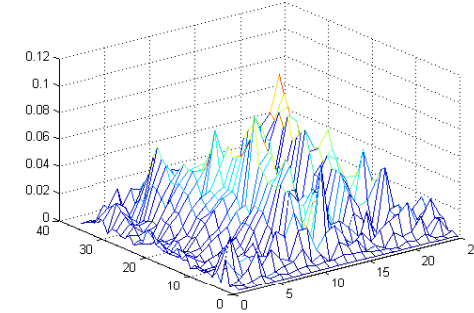
Relative Error of Hz values at Plane 1



Relative Error of Hx values at Plane 2



Relative Error of Hz values at Plane 2





# Applications

- Pregnant woman exposed to walk-through metal detector
- Pregnant woman under exposure to magnetic resonance imaging
- Safety evaluation of metallic implants in magnetic resonance imaging
- Interactions between medical implants and vehicular mounted antennas



## *Application 1: Safety assessment for WTMD*

### Safety evaluation of walk-through metal detectors



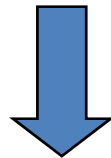
- Walk-through metal detectors are an important part of airport security systems
- Metal detectors use the electromagnetic signal variations as a means to detect metal objects
- Standard was developed based on male models, no safety assessment was performed for pregnant women
- Induced current strength should be used for emission safety assessment (hard to directly measure the induced current strength within human subjects)



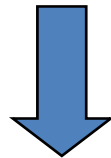
## *Application 1: Safety assessment for WTMD*

Develop a procedure that can be used towards accurate safety assessments for walk through metal detector electromagnetic emission

**Measurement of magnetic fields**



**Equivalent source**



**Evaluate induced currents (impedance method)**

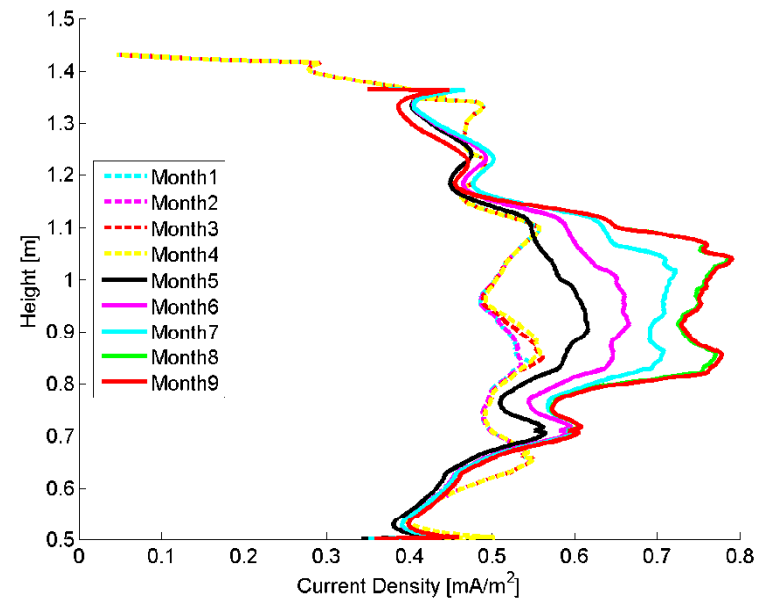
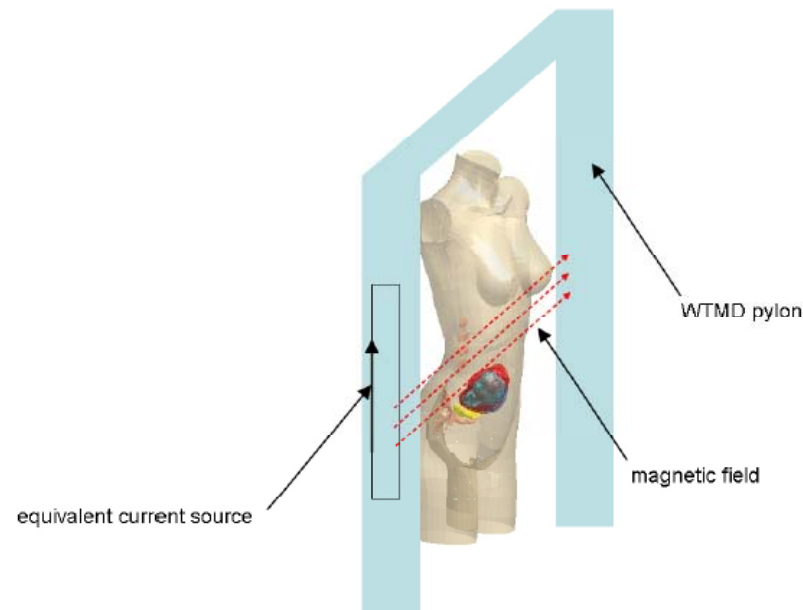
Represent the original walk-through metal detector electromagnetic emission

Able to calculate the magnetic field distribution at any points within the human subjects

Extreme low frequency modeling



# Application 1: Safety assessment for WTMD



	Current density (mA/m <sup>2</sup> )
ICNIRP Limit	2.0



# Application 1: Safety assessment for WTMD

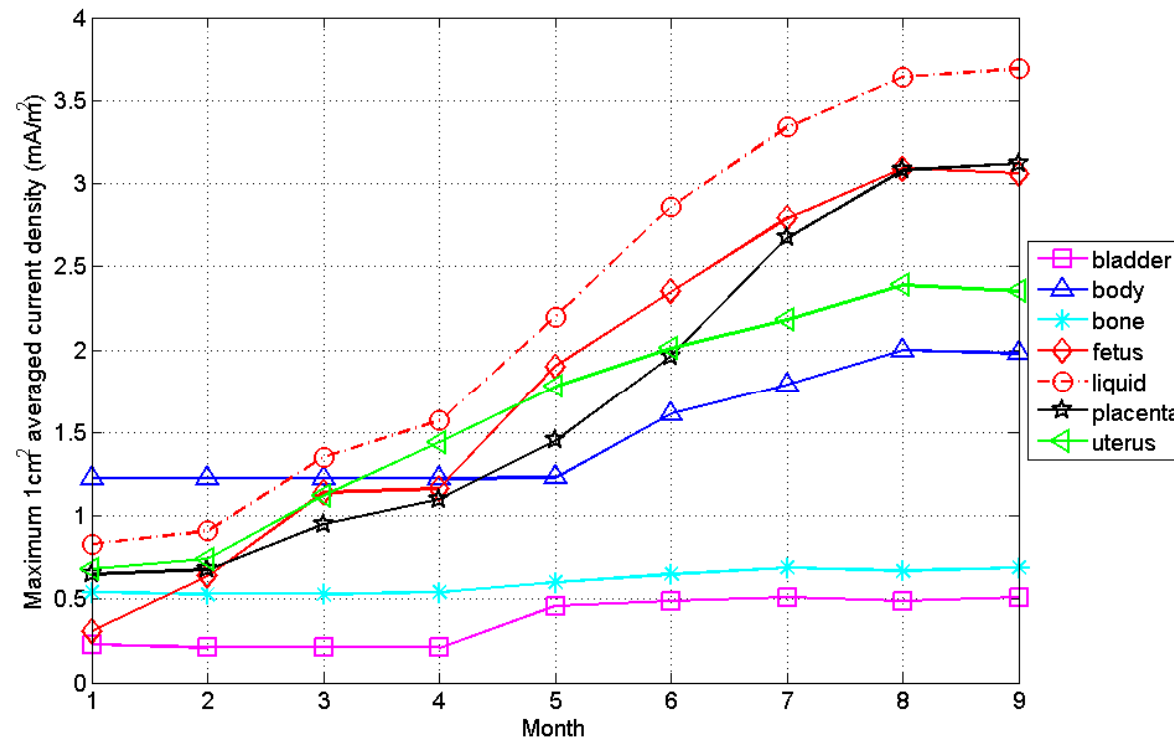
**J: induced current density (mA/m<sup>2</sup>)**

**E: Induced electric field (mV/m)**

		Month1		Month2		Month3		Month4		Month5		Month6		Month7		Month8		Month9	
		J	E	J	E	J	E	J	E	J	E	J	E	J	E	J	E	J	E
bladder	Tissue-averaged	0.18	0.88	0.17	0.82	0.17	0.84	0.17	0.83	0.45	2.15	0.5	2.41	0.54	2.59	0.55	2.63	0.56	2.69
	Maximum (1cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.23	1.13	0.21	0.99	0.21	1.02	0.21	1.01	0.46	2.21	0.49	2.35	0.51	2.44	0.49	2.37	0.51	2.44
body	Tissue-averaged	0.51	2.24	0.51	2.24	0.52	2.24	0.52	2.25	0.53	2.31	0.56	2.44	0.58	2.53	0.58	2.54	0.58	2.54
	Maximum (1cm <sup>2</sup> )	1.22	5.29	1.22	5.29	1.22	5.29	1.22	5.29	1.23	5.34	1.61	7.01	1.79	7.78	2	8.7	1.98	8.59
bone	Tissue-averaged	0.12	5.76	0.11	5.56	0.12	5.77	0.11	5.65	0.2	9.79	0.21	10.36	0.22	11.08	0.23	11.37	0.23	11.51
	Maximum (1cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.54	27	0.53	26.26	0.53	26.27	0.54	26.89	0.6	29.58	0.65	32.42	0.69	34.17	0.67	33.3	0.69	34.01
fetus	Tissue-averaged	0.34	1.84	0.31	1.68	0.35	1.9	0.32	1.73	0.29	1.57	0.33	1.79	0.36	1.93	0.38	2.03	0.38	2.02
	Maximum (1cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.31	1.65	0.64	3.42	1.14	6.1	1.16	6.22	1.9	10.23	<b>2.35</b>	12.65	<b>2.79</b>	15.01	<b>3.09</b>	16.61	<b>3.06</b>	16.45
liquid	Tissue-averaged	0.87	0.58	0.9	0.6	1.08	0.72	1.27	0.84	1.44	0.96	1.63	1.09	1.83	1.22	2.05	1.37	2.05	1.37
	Maximum (1cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.83	0.55	0.91	0.61	1.35	0.9	1.57	1.04	<b>2.2</b>	1.47	<b>2.86</b>	1.91	<b>3.34</b>	2.23	<b>3.64</b>	2.42	<b>3.69</b>	2.46
placenta	Tissue-averaged	0.41	0.59	0.48	0.69	0.56	0.8	0.65	0.92	0.62	0.89	0.69	0.98	0.77	1.1	0.85	1.22	0.85	1.22
	Maximum (1cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.65	0.92	0.68	0.97	0.95	1.35	1.1	1.58	1.45	2.07	1.96	2.79	<b>2.67</b>	3.81	<b>3.08</b>	4.4	<b>3.12</b>	4.46
uterus	Tissue-averaged	0.54	1.1	0.54	1.09	0.64	1.3	0.64	1.31	0.72	1.47	0.84	1.72	0.99	2.03	1.12	2.28	1.12	2.28
	Maximum (1cm <sup>2</sup> )	0.68	1.38	0.74	1.52	1.12	2.28	1.44	2.94	1.78	3.63	<b>2.01</b>	4.11	<b>2.18</b>	4.44	<b>2.39</b>	4.87	<b>2.35</b>	4.79



Maximum 1 cm<sup>2</sup> area-averaged current densities for fetus and surrounding tissues (liquid, placenta and uterus) **could exceed the ICNIRP safety limit of 2 mA/m<sup>2</sup> beginning with the sixth month of pregnancy.**

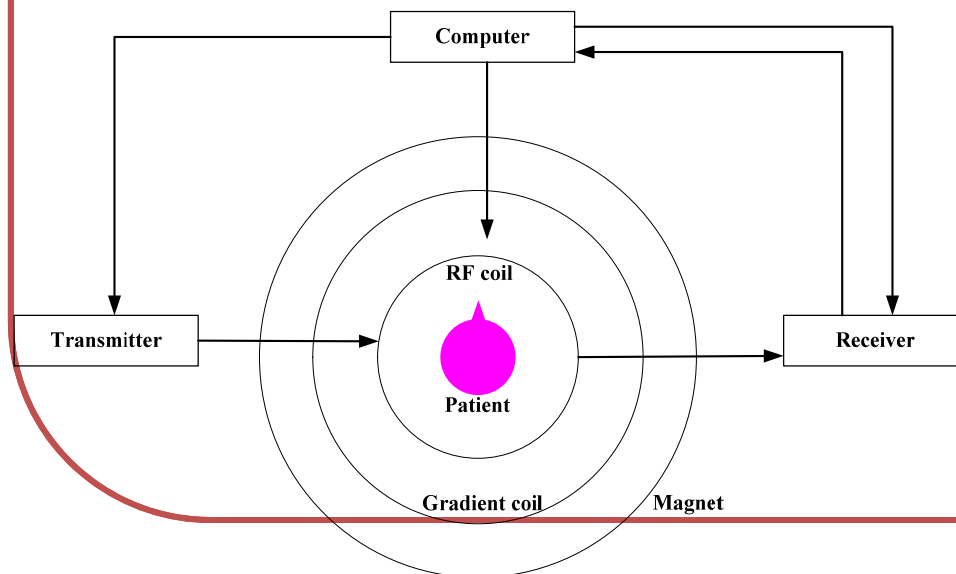
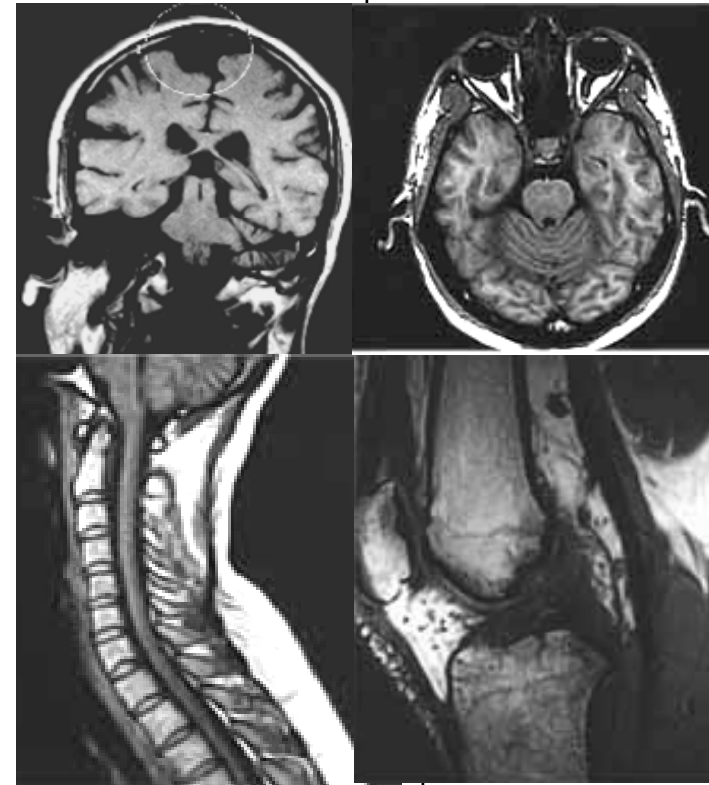




## Application 2: Pregnant women exposed to MRI



Magnetic field



RAW DATA MATRIX

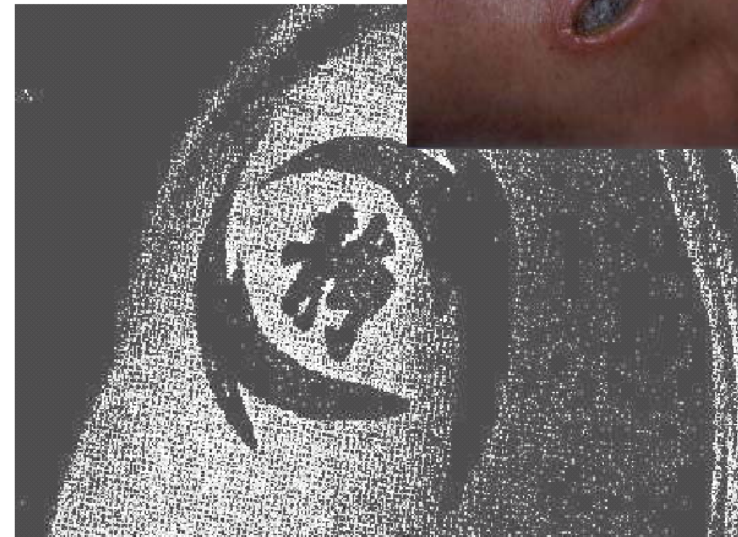
Fourier transform

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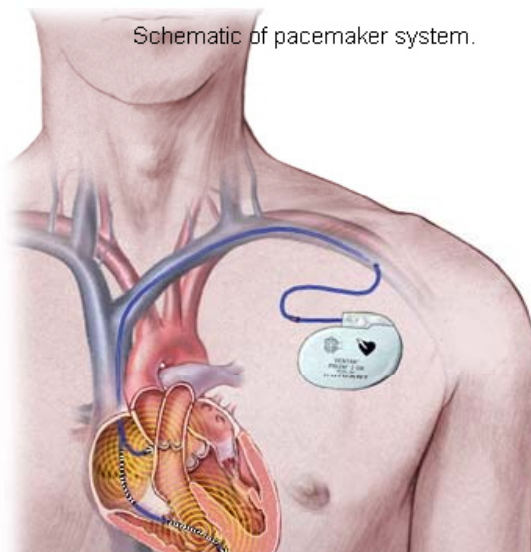


*Application 2: Pregnant women exposed to MRI*

**Second Degree Skin Burn**



Schematic of pacemaker system.



# Application 2: Pregnant women exposed to MRI



Develop simulation models including human body and MRI RF coil



Calculate EM fields inside exposed human subjects



Compute temperature rises of tissues



Normalize the simulated data and compare them with the IEC safety limit.

## Methodology

Solve Maxwell's equation by means of finite-difference time domain method

$$SAR = \frac{\sigma}{2\rho} |E|^2$$

Solve Bio-heat equation:

$$C\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = K\nabla^2 T + A_0 - B(T - T_b) + \rho SAR$$

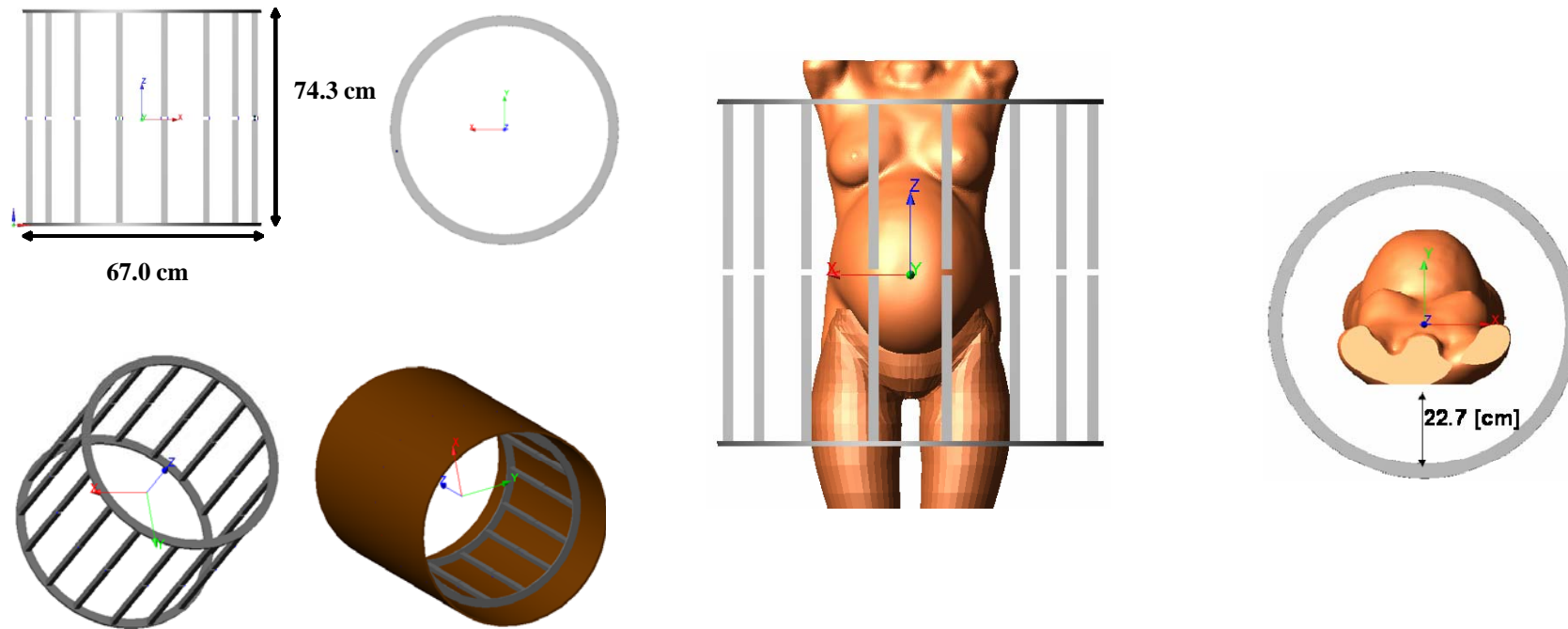
MRI Operating mode	Whole body SAR (W/kg)	Local SAR <sub>10g</sub> - Body (W/kg)	Maximum temperature (°C)
Normal	2	10	39.0
First level controlled	4	10	39.0



# Application 2: Pregnant women exposed to MRI



## MRI RF birdcage coil model

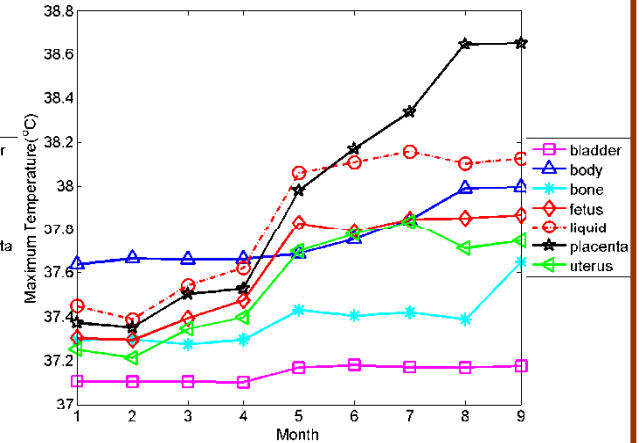
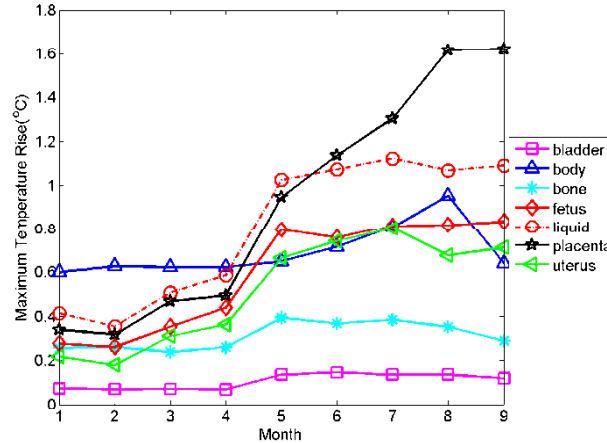
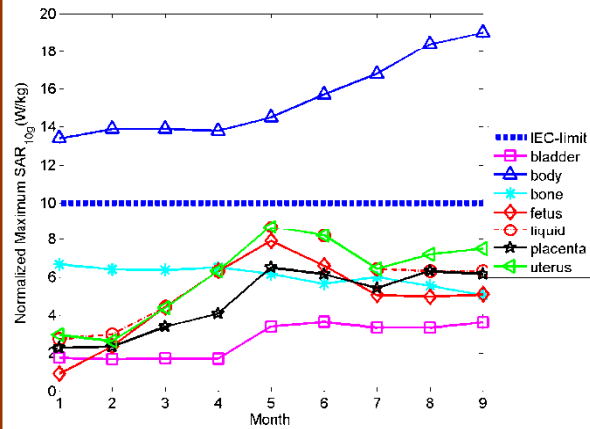


64 & 128 MHz  
Normal & first level controlled modes

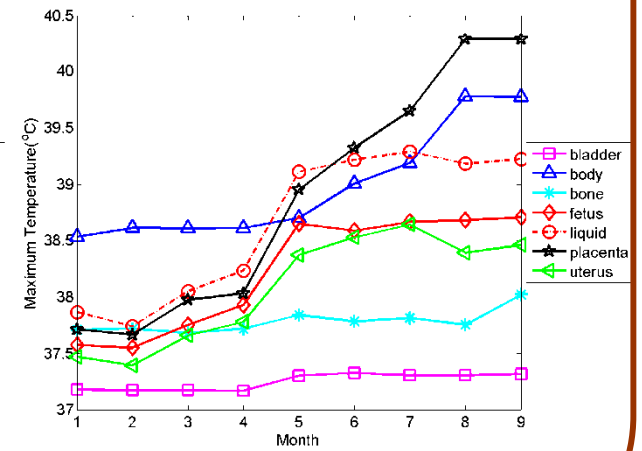
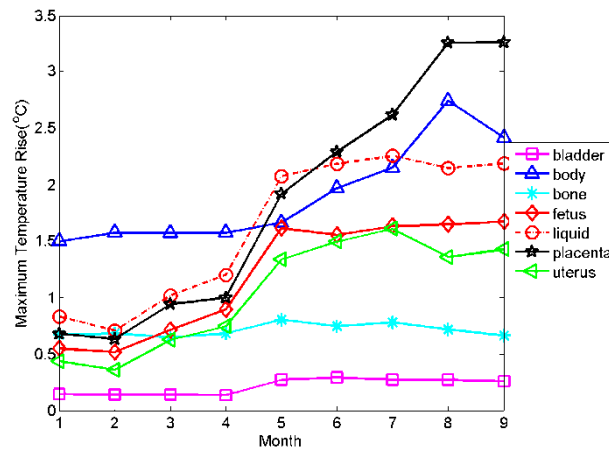
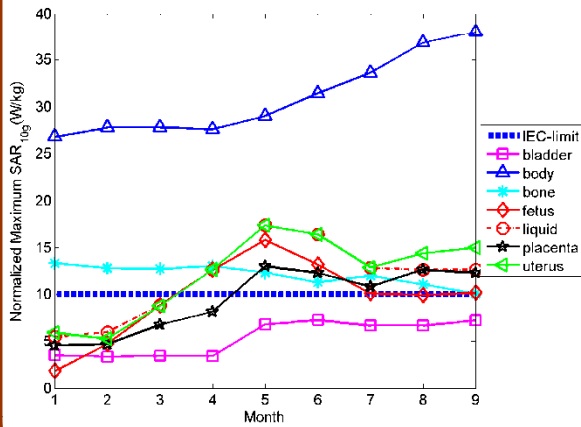


# Application 2: SAR and thermal results (64MHz)

## Normal mode



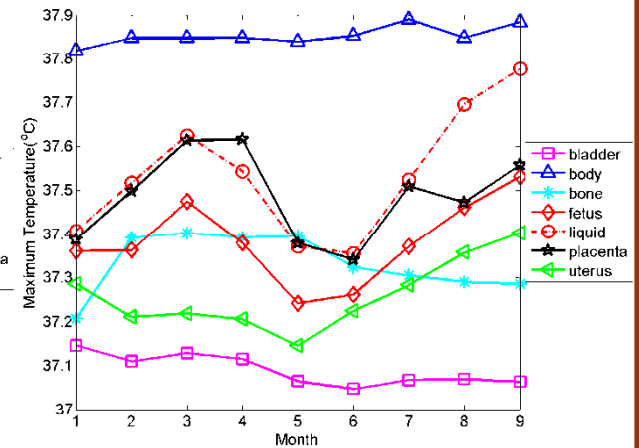
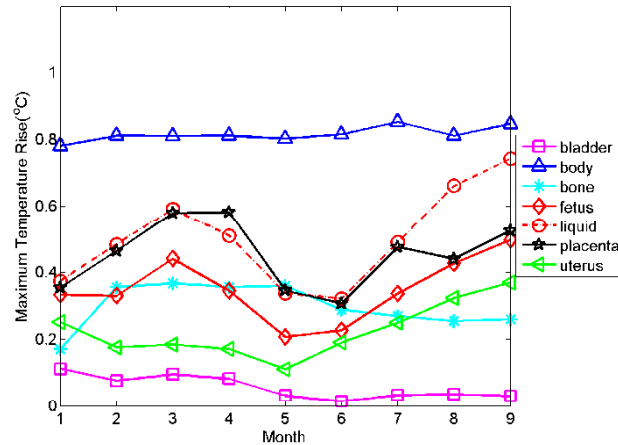
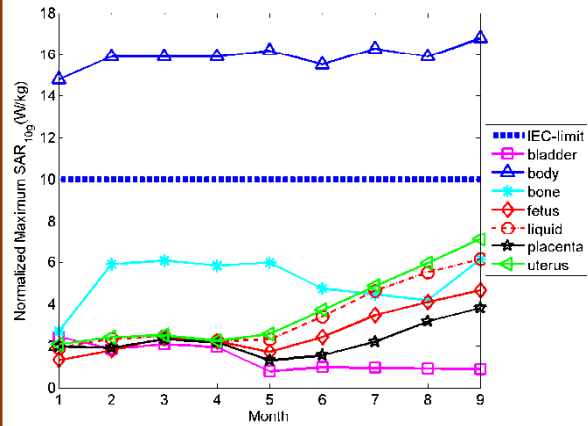
## First level controlled mode



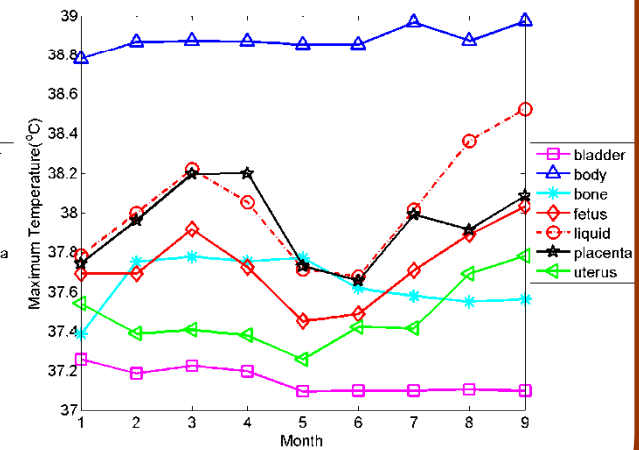
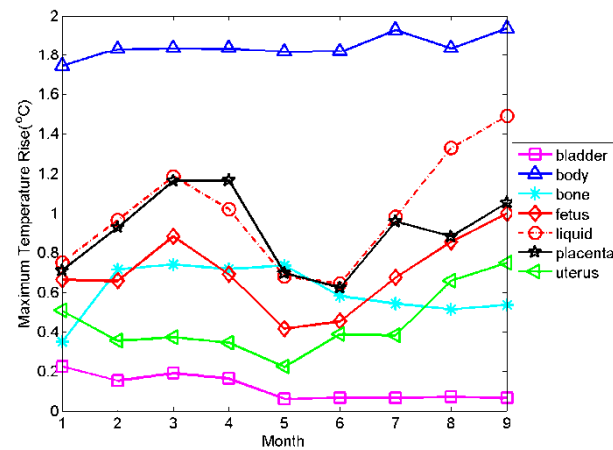
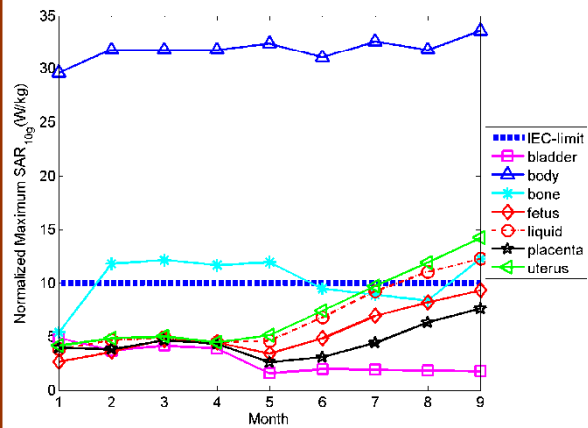


# Application 2: SAR and thermal results (128MHz)

## Normal mode



## First level controlled mode



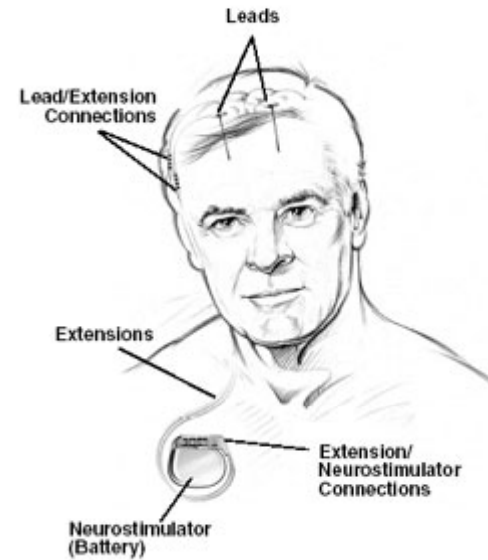
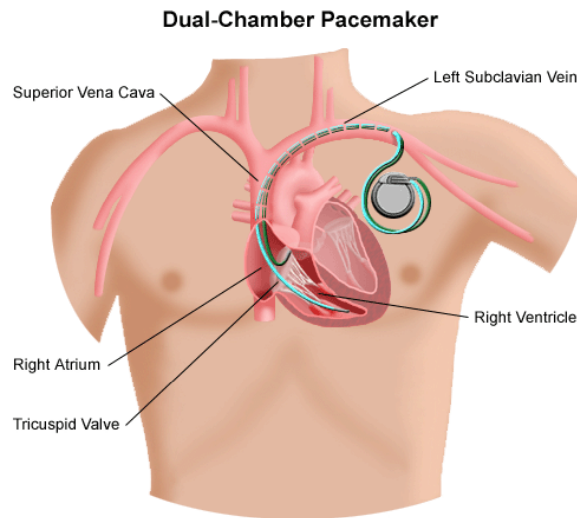


Fetus		64 MHz		128 MHz	
		Normal Mode	First level controlled mode	Normal Mode	First level controlled mode
Month 1-4	SAR limit	Not exceed	Not exceed	Not exceed	Not exceed
	Temperature limit	Not exceed	Not exceed	Not exceed	Not exceed
Month 5-9	SAR limit	Not exceed	Exceed	Not exceed	Not exceed
	Temperature limit	Not exceed	Not exceed	Not exceed	Not exceed

❑ Based on the results of this study, we recommend **not performing MRI procedures on pregnant women using the first level controlled mode**. These results can also be used towards developing safety standards for pregnant woman undergoing an MRI.

❑ SAR and temperature rise distributions are **quite different** at the two MRI operating frequencies. Such variation is caused by the different electric field distributions generated by MRI coils at these two frequencies and it is also related to the difference in dielectric parameters at these two frequencies.

## Application 3: Safety of metallic implants within MRI coil

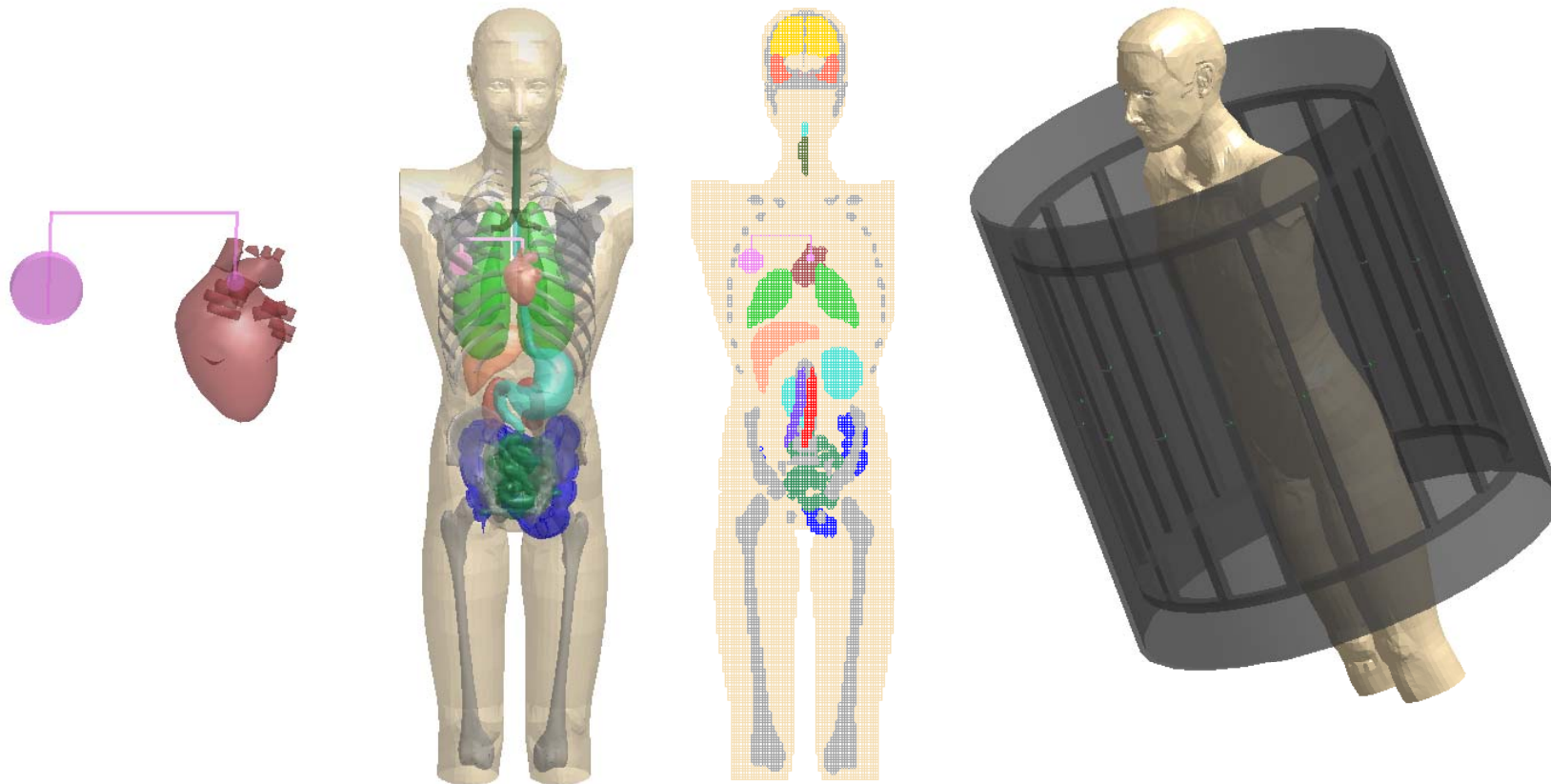


On May 10, 2005, in response to several reports of serious injuries from medical facilities around the country, the FDA issued a Public Health Notification reminding all medical personnel of the importance of properly screening patients for implanted neurological stimulators before administering an MRI

# Application 3: Safety of metallic implant within MRI coil

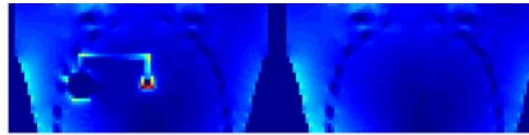


## Simulation model

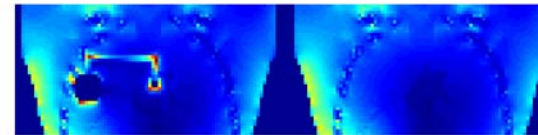


64MHz

SAR (W/Kg)



$\Delta T$  ( $^{\circ}C$ )



128MHz

SAR (W/Kg)

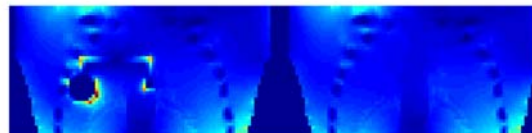


$\Delta T$  ( $^{\circ}C$ )



170MHz

SAR (W/Kg)



$\Delta T$  ( $^{\circ}C$ )





	Maximum SAR (W/kg)						Maximum temperature rise (oC)						Maximum temperature (oC)					
	64MHz		128MHz		170MHz		64MHz		128MHz		170MHz		64MHz		128MHz		170MHz	
	With	W/o	With	W/o	With	W/o	With	W/o	With	W/o	With	W/o	With	W/o	With	W/o	With	W/o
blood	6.47	6.39	14.86	15.07	9.01	8.7	0.91	0.9	1.72	1.69	1	0.98	37.91	37.9	38.72	38.69	38	37.98
bone	2.4	2.37	2.9	2.93	3.25	3.25	2.49	2.48	2.69	2.75	2.1	2.11	39.67	39.66	39.88	39.94	39.29	39.29
brain	0.19	0.18	5.08	5.1	4.51	4.55	0.02	0.02	0.55	0.55	0.46	0.46	37.31	37.31	37.85	37.84	37.75	37.76
eye	0.05	0.04	1.01	1.01	2.51	2.52	0.01	0.01	0.13	0.13	0.33	0.33	37.01	37.01	37.13	37.13	37.33	37.33
heart	<b>6.49</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>3.21</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>38.29</b>	<b>37.35</b>	<b>37.96</b>	<b>37.48</b>	<b>37.78</b>	<b>37.42</b>
intestine large	19.83	22.02	11.88	11.92	9.33	9.35	2.06	2.04	1.15	1.14	1.03	1.03	37.5	37.5	37.45	37.45	37.64	37.64
intestine small	10.97	10.86	9.44	9.48	10.11	10.13	1.71	1.7	1.18	1.17	0.97	0.96	37.61	37.62	37.4	37.4	37.79	37.79
kidney	3.11	3.08	2.54	2.57	5.48	5.52	0.21	0.21	0.15	0.15	0.34	0.35	38.95	38.94	38.28	38.27	38.32	38.32
liver	5.55	5.6	1.71	1.74	7.9	7.95	0.32	0.32	0.1	0.1	0.49	0.5	38.44	38.49	<b>38.72</b>	<b>38.22</b>	38.76	38.76
lung	8.44	8.77	7.38	7.51	11.31	11.43	1.15	1.19	<b>1.42</b>	<b>0.92</b>	1.47	1.47	39.41	39.4	<b>39.41</b>	<b>38.95</b>	38.7	38.7
muscle	24.53	24.25	19.02	19.16	15.98	16.08	2.88	2.86	<b>2.16</b>	<b>1.87</b>	1.74	1.74	39	38.99	38.47	38.47	38.26	38.26
Stomach	4.52	4.55	10.5	10.61	12.96	12.98	0.6	0.62	1.2	1.16	1.49	1.49	37.89	37.9	38.49	38.44	38.77	38.77
windpipe	3.27	3.46	6.94	6.98	2.86	2.84	0.49	0.51	1	0.98	0.4	0.38	37.6	37.62	38.11	38.09	37.51	37.49





## Application 4: Medical Implants with environments

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### H0053 - High Priority Medical Device Alert

#### Medical Device Hazard Report

Updated: February 5, 2009

#### UMDNS Terms:

- Programmer/Testers, Implantable Cardiac Pacemaker [15993]
- Testers, Implantable Defibrillator/Cardioverter [17577]
- Transmitter/Receiver Systems, Telephone [17602]

#### Suggested Distribution:

- Cardiology/Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory
- Clinical/Biomedical Engineering
- CSR/Materials Management

#### Interference with Wireless Programming of Boston Scientific Implantable Cardiac Devices

##### Product Identifier:

(1) Model 3120 Zoom Latitude Programmers; (2) Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Defibrillators; (3) Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators [Capital Equipment, Consumable]

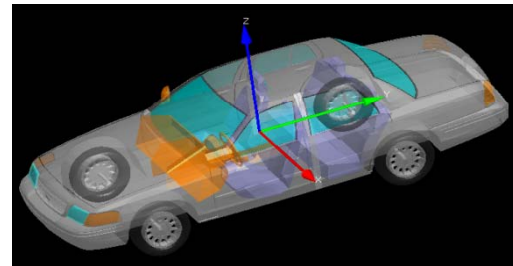
**Manufacturer:** Boston Scientific Cardiac Rhythm Management Group [451637], One Boston Scientific Pl, Natick, MA 01760-1537, United States

**Problem:** An ECRI Institute member hospital reports having difficulty establishing a wireless communication link between 2 Boston Scientific devices: an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) and a Zoom Latitude programmer (Model 3120). The hospital's investigation concluded that the problem occurred because of radio-frequency (RF) interference from the hospital's Polycom SpectraLink 6000 wireless telephone system (formerly known as the SpectraLink Link Wireless Telephone System).

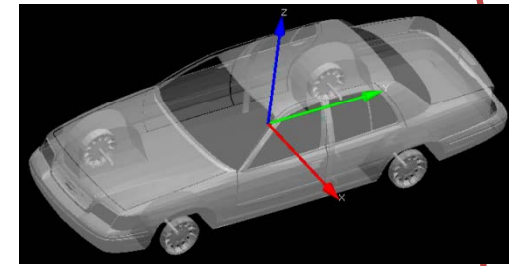
No patient harm was reported. Neither the programmer nor the defibrillator itself was affected by the interference, nor was the SpectraLink system. The interference was limited to the wireless communication link between the defibrillator and the programmer. This interference occurs when the Zoom Latitude programmer is using a technology called Zip wandless telemetry to communicate with certain Boston Scientific devices—specifically, some of its ICDs and cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillators (CRT-Ds). It does not occur if Zip wandless telemetry is not used.



A typical police car (Ford Crown Victoria)

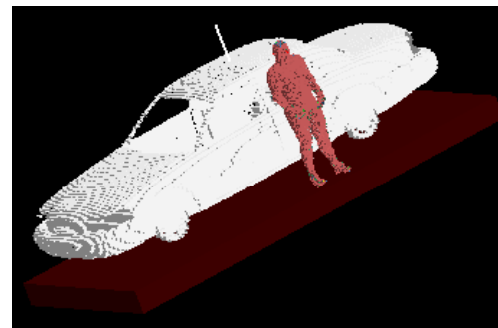


CAD model of the car

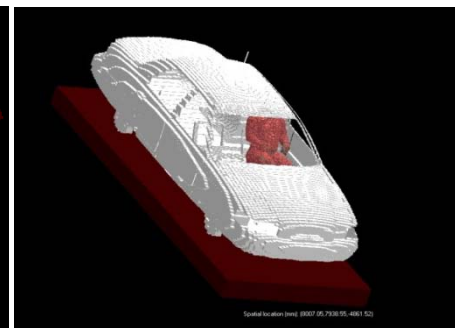


Car with metal parts only

According to IEEE P1528.2



Bystander

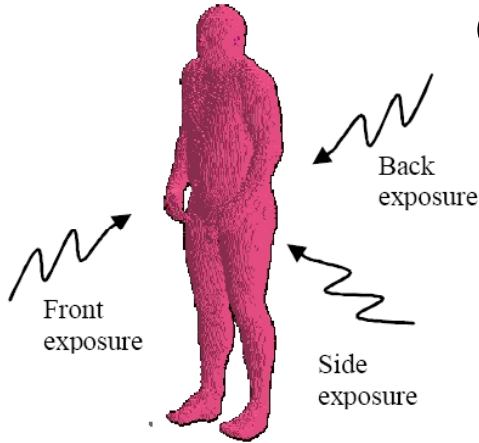


Passenger

Ground is 30cm thick slab, with relative permittivity 8 and conductance 0.01 S/m, extend 10cm in x and y Direction beyond the car/bystander.

According to IEEE 1528.3 On the Ground Modeling Implementation

- Antenna
- 1/4 30 MHz
- 1/4 75 MHz
- 1/4 150 MHz
- 1/4 450 MHz
- 1/4 900 MHz
- 5/8 150 MHz
- 5/8 450 MHz
- 5/8 900 MHz

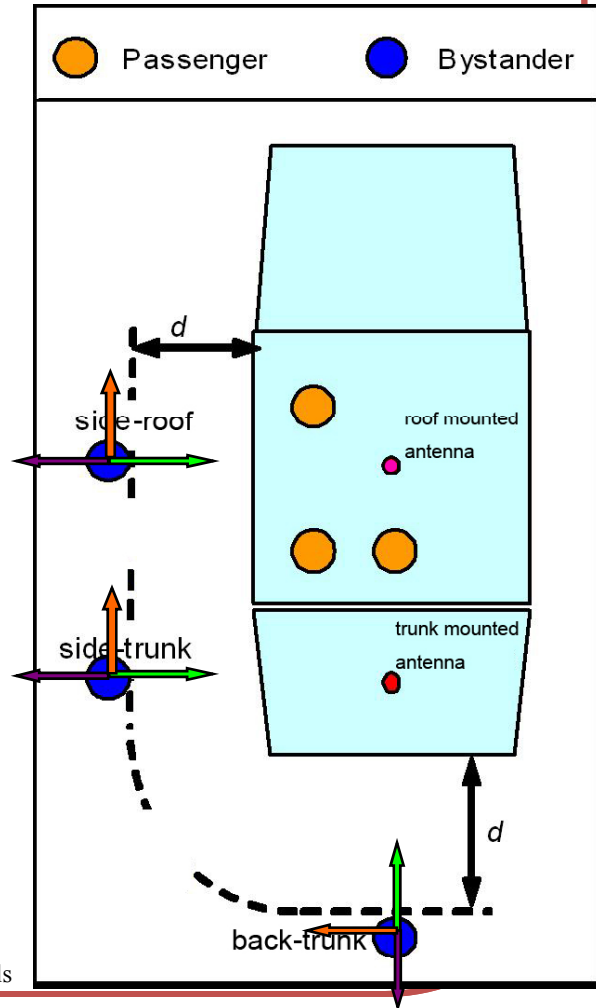


- d-distance
- 20cm away
- 100cm away

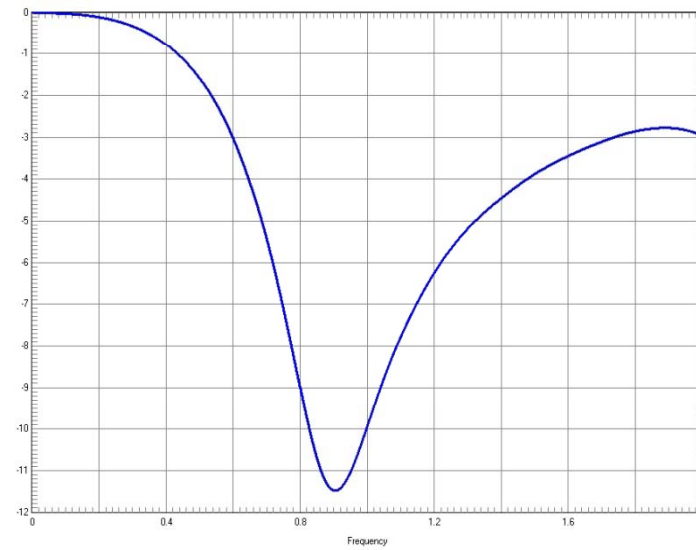


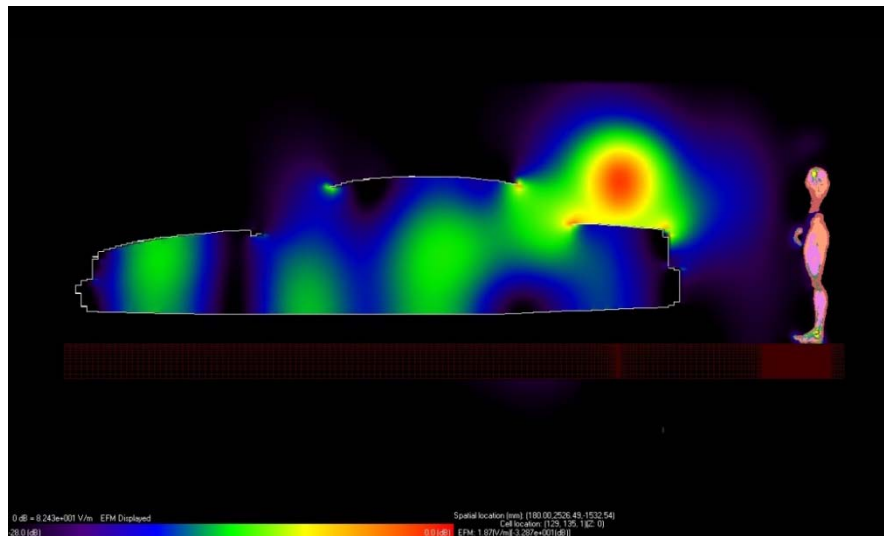
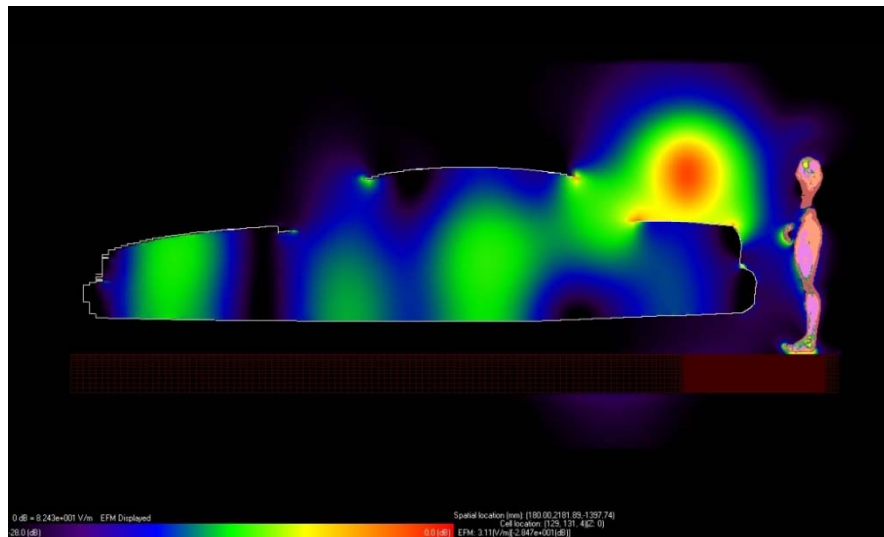
- Three facing direction:
  - ↑ Bystander model 1 --> facing the car
  - ↑ Bystander model 2 --> facing front
  - ↑ Bystander model 3 --> face off the car

- Four seat modeling:
  - Passenger no additional parts
  - Passenger model 1 --> with medal seat
  - Passenger model 2 --> with spring coils
  - Passenger model 3 --> with both seat & coils

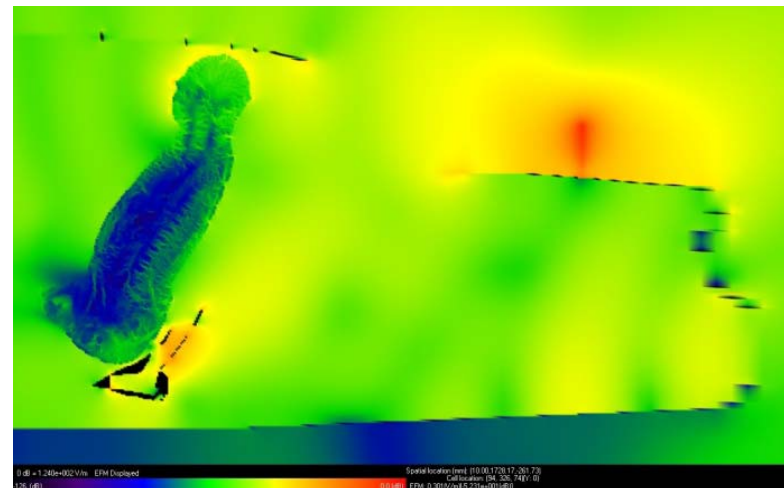
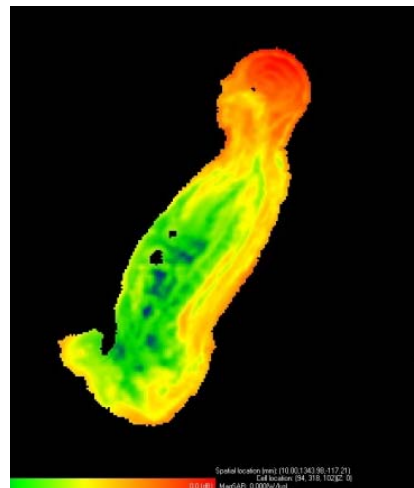
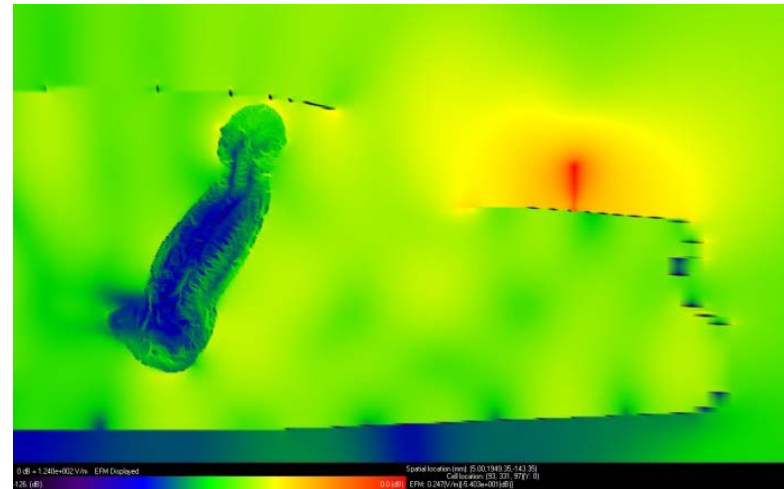
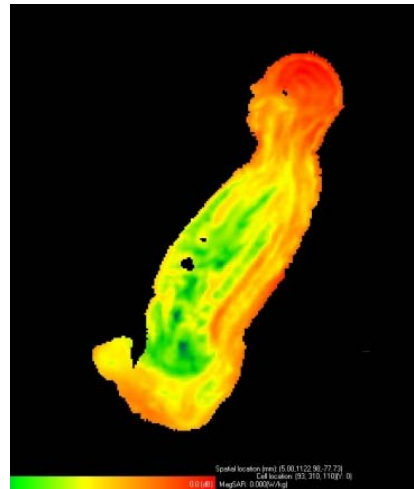


## Design of Implantable Antenna





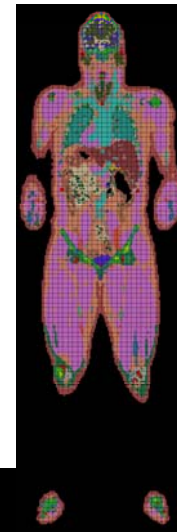
# Trunk mounted antenna



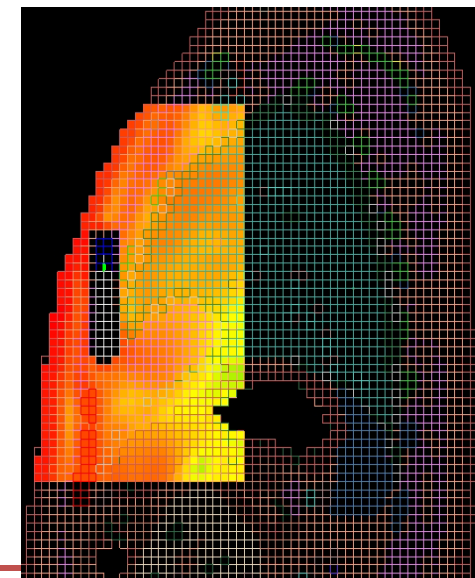
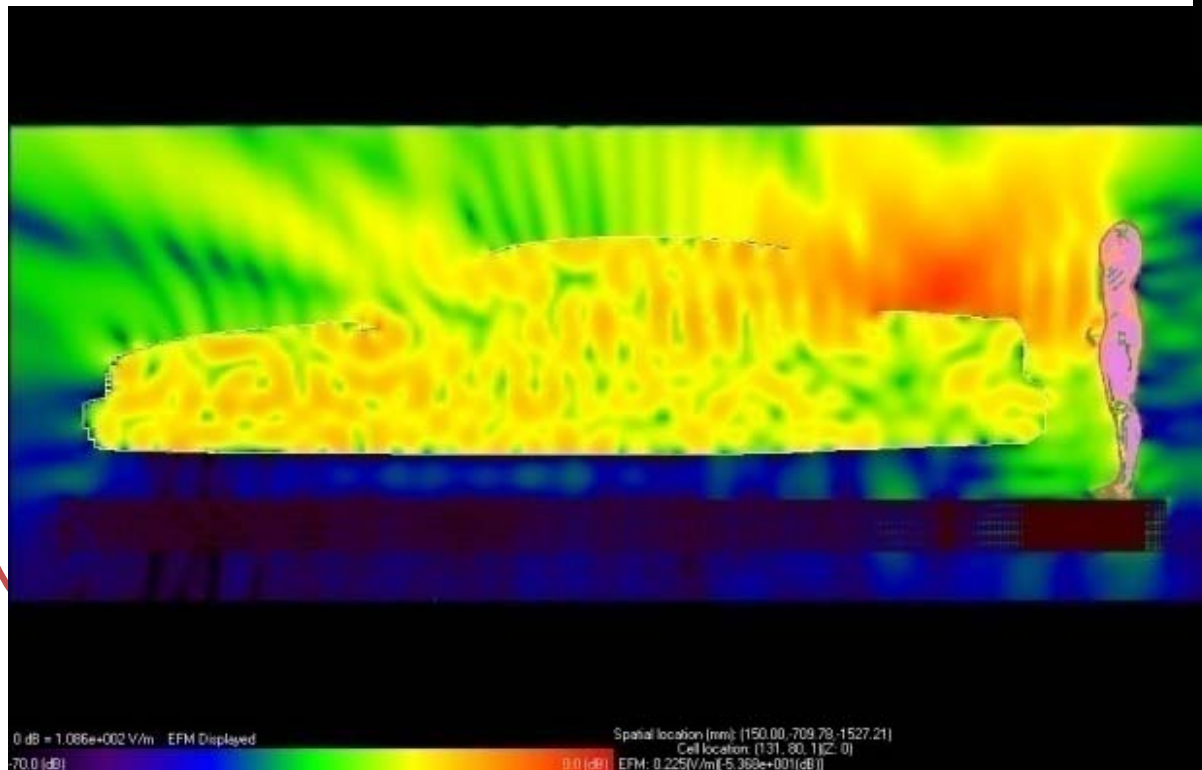
Passenger back center 1/4 antenna at 450MHz



# Electric Field Distribution at 900 MHz

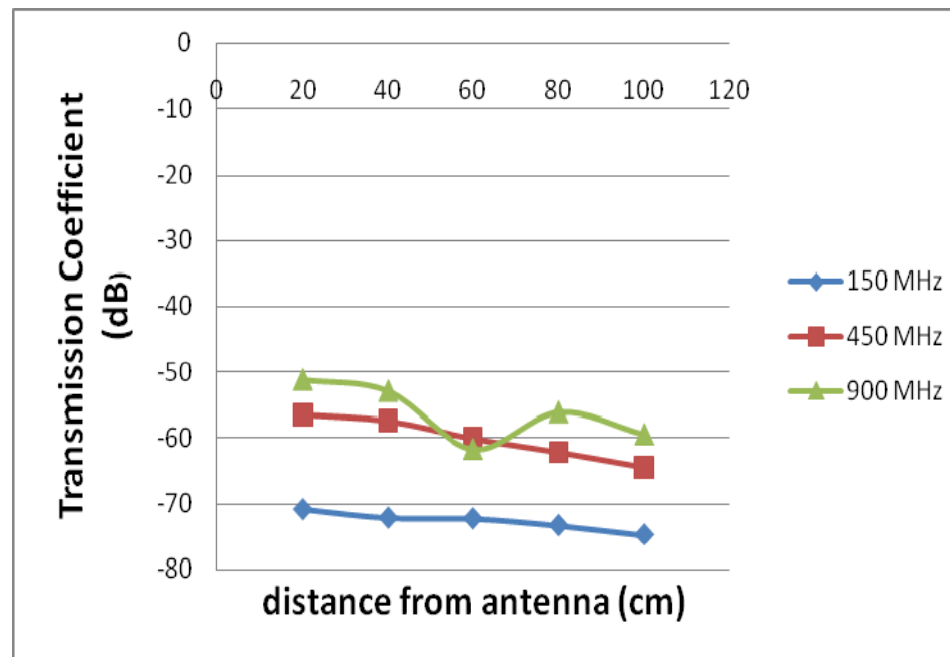


- E. Mat. 17: bile
- E. Mat. 29: bladder
- E. Mat. 7: blood
- E. Mat. 31: blood vessel
- E. Mat. 32: body fluid
- E. Mat. 19: bone marrow
- E. Mat. 6: cancellous bone
- E. Mat. 16: cartilage
- E. Mat. 18: cerebellum
- E. Mat. 11: cerebro spinal fluid
- E. Mat. 5: cortical bone
- E. Mat. 36: eye cornea
- E. Mat. 25: eye lens
- E. Mat. 12: eye sclera
- E. Mat. 13: eye vitreous humor
- E. Mat. 4: fat
- E. Mat. 14: gall bladder
- E. Mat. 28: glands
- E. Mat. 9: grey matter
- E. Mat. 26: heart
- E. Mat. 38: inner lung
- E. Mat. 22: kidneys
- E. Mat. 35: large intestine
- E. Mat. 3: ligaments
- E. Mat. 33: liver
- E. Mat. 40: lymph
- E. Mat. 34: mucous membrane
- E. Mat. 8: muscle
- E. Mat. 15: nerve spine
- E. Mat. 21: outer lung
- E. Mat. 30: pancreas
- E. Mat. 2: skin
- E. Mat. 27: small intestine
- E. Mat. 23: spleen





	SAR with Device (W/kg)	SAR W/O Device (W/kg)
150 MHz	0.0028	0.0020
450 MHz	0.0041	0.0034
900 MHz	0.0077	0.0067







# Summary

- EM device interacts significantly with environments
- Potentials of numerical modeling
- Still many unknowns to be explored