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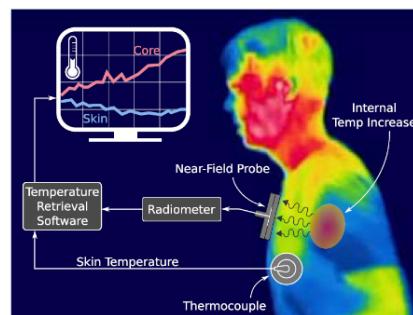
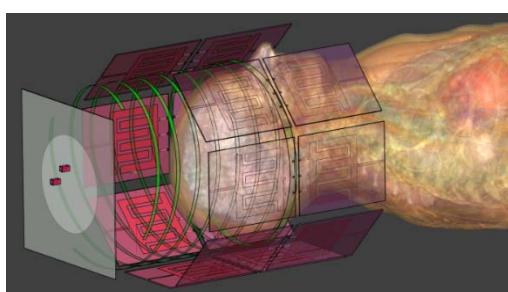
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Contenido:

En esta conferencia versará sobre el uso de las técnicas de microondas para dos aplicaciones diferentes: diseño de excitadores para sistemas de imágenes médicas basados en la resonancia magnética (MRI) y el uso del campo cercano para medidas no invasivas de la temperatura en el interior del cuerpo humano.



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This talk will first present a brief overview of the activities in the microwave group at the University of Colorado, Boulder, following a discussion on two topics that use microwave techniques for medical applications: (1) design of excitors and bore for human-sized 10.5-T MRI machines; and (2) a study of near-field radiometry for internal temperature measurements of the human body. The focus of the first topic is design of cavity and probes for improving uniformity of the circularly-polarized B-field inside phantoms for high-field travelling-wave MRI imagers. The phenomenology of high-field imaging and its resulting challenges will be highlighted, followed by simulation and experimental data using a research Siemens instrument. Although MRI can be used for measuring internal body temperature, it is expensive, large and slow. Radiometry is shown to be a feasible method for implementing a portable or even wearable microwave thermometer. One of the possible frequencies of operation is the 1.4 GHz quiet band, which is appropriate for centimeter penetration into tissues with minimized radio-frequency interference (RFI). The total blackbody power from a tissue stack is received by a probe placed on the skin, designed to receive a high percentage of the total power from a buried tissue layer. Temperature retrieval for sub-surface tissue layers is performed using near-field weighting functions, obtained by full-wave simulations with known tissue complex electrical parameters. Measurements are presented using a calibrated Dicke radiometer at 1.4GHz for various phantom tissues. It is shown that temperature can be tracked within a fraction of a degree for a phantom muscle tissue layer under phantom fat and skin layers.



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