

Optimization in Hyperthermia Treatment

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Pyrexar





Hyperthermia Treatment Planning

- Tissue segmentation and creation of a 3D patient model
- Electromagnetic field simulation
- Optimization of phase and amplitude



Temperature-based optimization



Hyperthermia Treatment Planning

SAR-based optimization

- Goal: to maximize electromagnetic energy absorption in the tumor while minimizing it in healthy tissues
- + Low computational intensity
- does not consider the cooling mechanisms of the human body



Hyperthermia Treatment Planning

Temperature-based optimization

- Goal: maximizing temperature in the tumor while minimizing it in healthy tissues
- + Taking into account the cooling mechanisms of the human body
- Heavy computational load due to iterative calculation of the biothermal equation for the entire field.



SAR-based Optimization Algorithm

• Fitting function

$$THQ = \frac{SAR_{target}}{SAR_{1\% hotspot}}$$

• Evaluation function

$$TC25 = \frac{V_{target}(SAR > 0,25 \cdot \max(SAR))}{V_{target}} \cdot 100\%$$



SAR-based optimization Algorithm

- Genetic Algorithm
- Particle Swarm Optimization
- Surrogate Optimization
- Time Reversal Focusing





System for Microwave Hyperthermia

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Results - PSO





Results - GA





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Results - SGO



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Results - TRF





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Conclusion

- 4 optimization strategies has been tested
- The calculated values were verified using a phantom
- Next step: to import 3D patient model

Thank you for your attention.