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Outline

Decisional points
☐ Possible solution
☐ Future points
O Take-home messages

Hyperthermia is a perfect, capable method in oncology

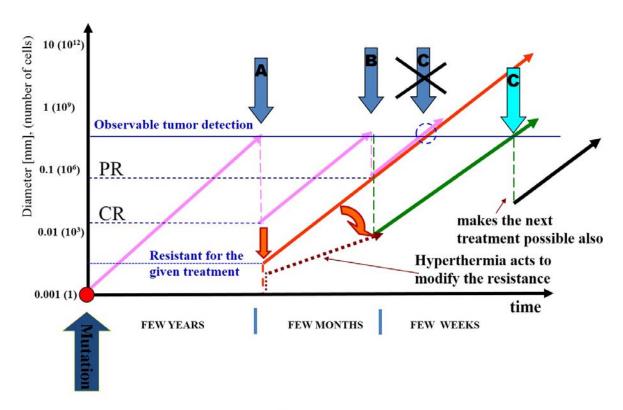
However, we need further development and think about the decisional points

The task

Decisional point 1

Development of tumor resistance against chemo-therapy

Development of tumor resistance against chemotherapy

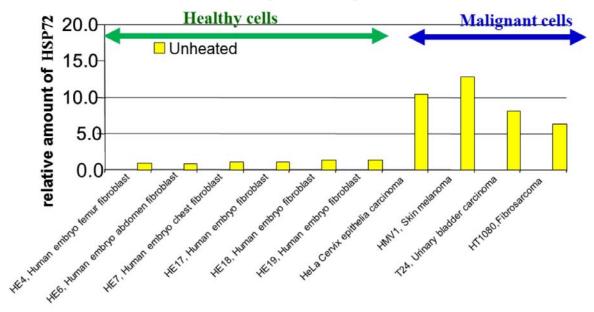


The task

Decisional point 2

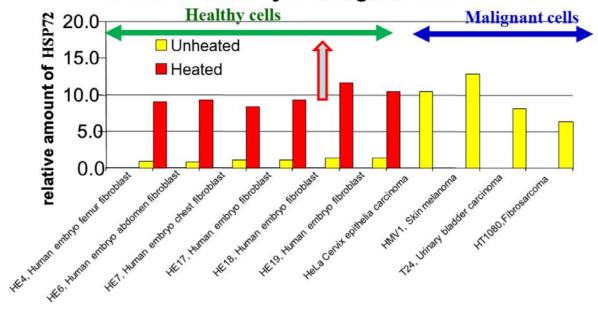
Selective protection

Relative sensitivity of malignant cells

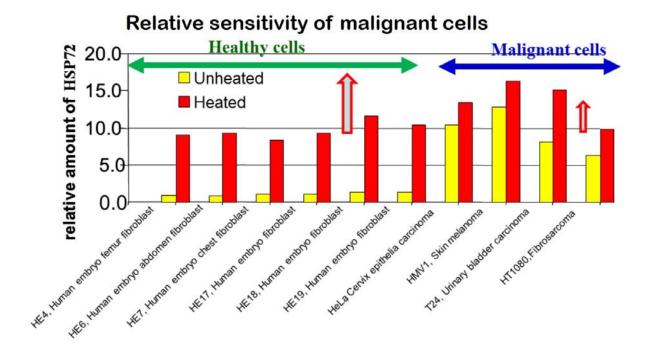


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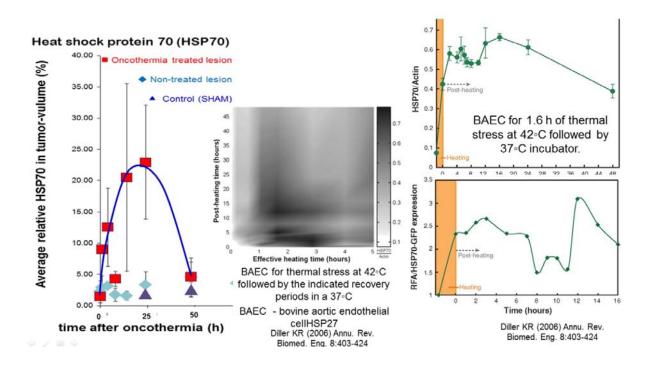


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Relative sensitivity of malignant cells



Decisional point 3

The threshold challenge

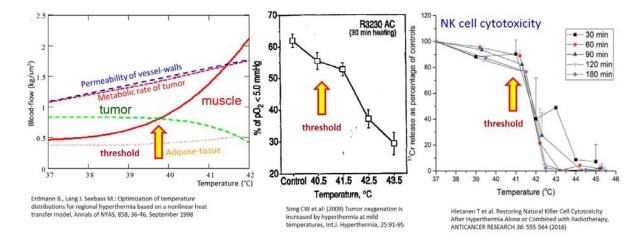
Threshold challenges

Hyperthermia is mostly complementary treatment

- Chemotherapy needs high blood-flow to deliver the drug
- > Radiotherapy needs high blood-flow for proper oxygen content
- Immuno-simulation needs higher blood-flow and fever

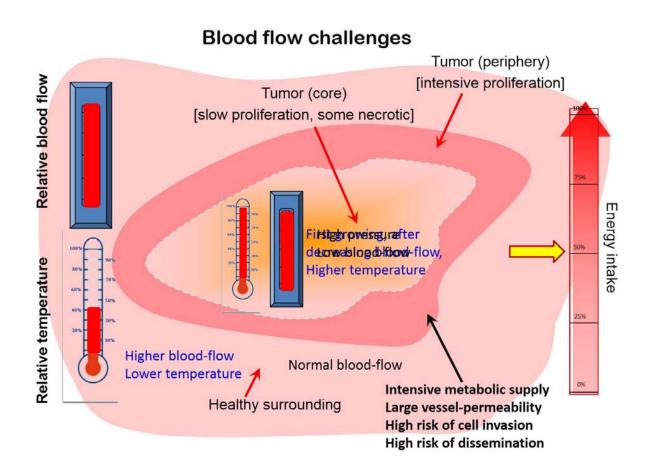
Hyperthermia sensitizes all the "gold-standards", it looks perfect sensitizer

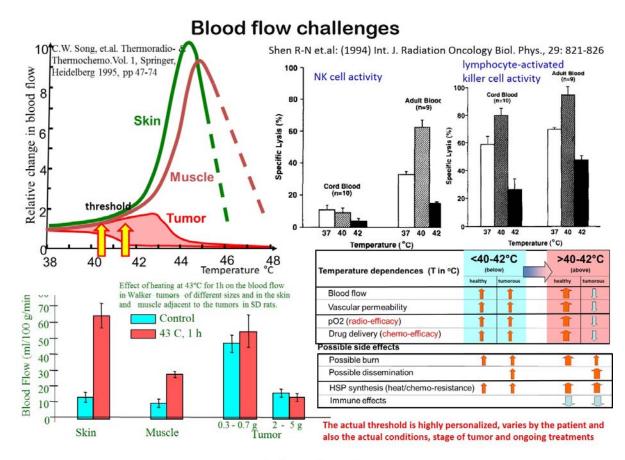
However, as usually, the overdosing of the therapy turns the usefulness



Decisional point 4

The blood-flow challenge



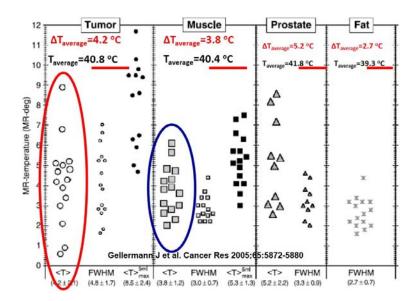


The task

Decisional point 5

The heterogeneity challenge

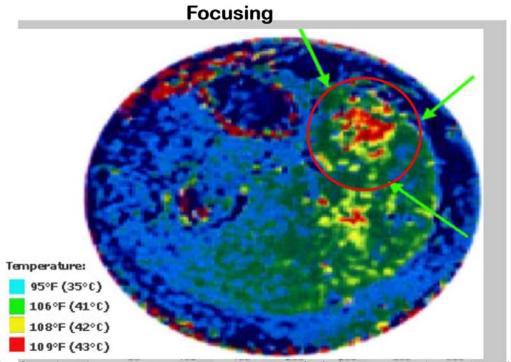
Heterogeneity of temperature



The task

Decisional point 6

The focusing challenge



Example of non-invasive temperature measurements made during treatment in a patient with a soft tissue sarcoma of the lower leg (arrows). The colors indicate the temperatures reached during this part of the treatment, which range from 95-109°F (35-42.7°C).

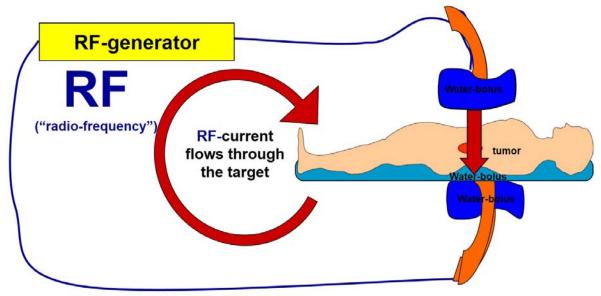
http://hyperthermia.mc.duke.edu/sp_research.htm

The task

Decisional point 7

The matching challenge

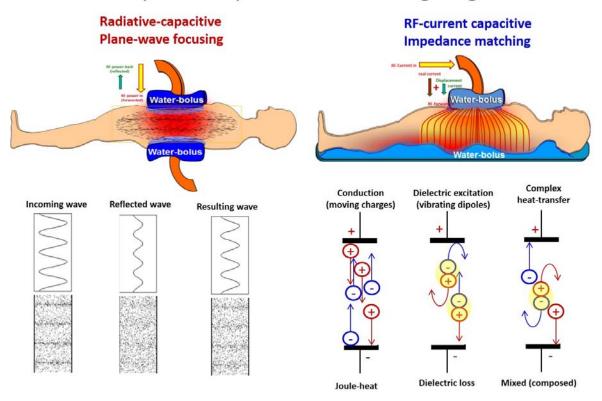
Type of treatment



Energy is carried by RF-current, targeting the absorbers

Patient is a part of the RF electric circuit

Principles of capacitive electric targeting



Decisional point 8

Targeting (safety) challenge

Differences between the capacitive couplings

Radiative capacitive coupling: long distance radiation, even without patient







RF-current capacitive coupling: short distance radiation









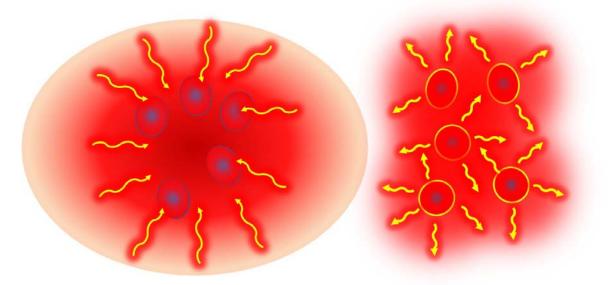
Decisional point 9

The heat-flow challenge

Concept of homogenic and heterogenic heating

Conventional homogeneous heating (radiation + conduction + convection)

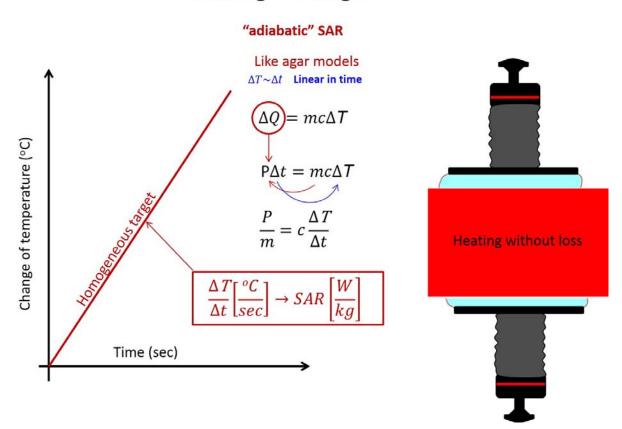
Selective heterogeneous heating (targeting tissues, groups of molecules, etc.)



Decisional point 10

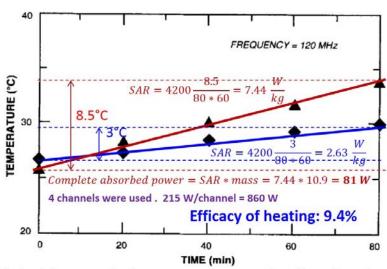
The dosing challenge

Challenge of targets



Challenge of unknown losses: BSD2000

Temperature Measured temperatures in the beef phantom. Eighty minutes after the start of the experiment. a 4° C higher temperature exists at the tumor site (Δ) compared to the null site (Φ).



PROMIT FACE VIEW

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FAT

BEEF

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E-FREIOTEMPERATURE
PROMES

APPLICATION

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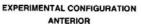
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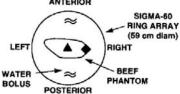
E-FREIO PROME

NOTE: RF TURNED OFF FOR ~ 5 min INTERVALS DURING TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

The beef phantom used in these experiments is a tapered cut obtained from the hind leg just above the knee. The front face of the beef has a horizontal width of 38 cm and a vertical height of 23 cm. The thickness of the beef is 15 cm and the weight is 10.9 kg.

Fenn AJ. King GA. Adaptive radiofrequency hyperthermia-phased array system for improved cancer therapy: phantom target measurements. Int. J. Hyperthermia. 10:189-208 (1994)



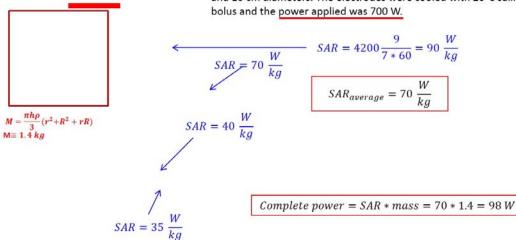


Challenge of the unknown losses: Thermotron

Agar gel mass density is 0.999 ± 0.004 kg/liter

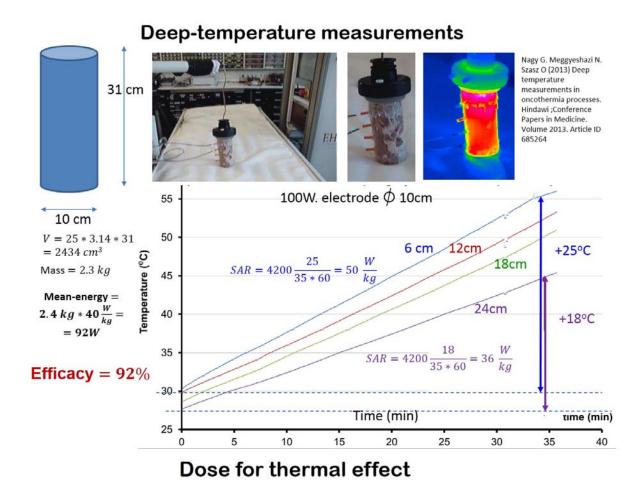
Liliana Aranda-Lara. Eugenio Torres-García. Rigoberto Oros-Pantoja. Biological Tissue Modeling with Agar Gel Phantom for Radiation Dosimetry of 99mTc. Open Journal of Radiology. 2014. 4. 44-52

The changes in temperature at varying depths along the central axis of cylindrical agar phantom of 25 cm diameter and 14 cm thick. The phantom was heated with a pair of electrodes of 25 cm and 10 cm diameters. The electrodes were cooled with 20°C saline holys and the power applied was 700 W.



700 W was used, efficacy is 14%

Song CW. Rhee JG. Lee CKK. Levitt SH. Capacitive heating of phantom and human tumors with an 8 MHz radiofrequency applicator (Thermotron rf-8) Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys . 12:365-372 (1986)



The normal dose of thermal effect depends on the energy absorption of the target.

When the absorption efficacy is low (like BSD < 10%. Thermotron < 15%) then the only way to measure the absorbed energy is the temperature because the forwarded power veer weekly depends on the useful energy absorption.

When the absorption efficacy is high (like oncothermia > 90%) then the classical measurement of the absorbed energy is the dose like in the ionizing radiation therapies.

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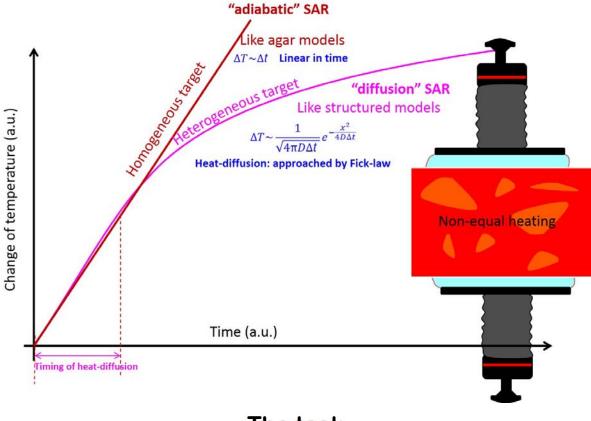


Generalization of the Thermal Dose of Hyperthermia in Oncology

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Challenge of targets

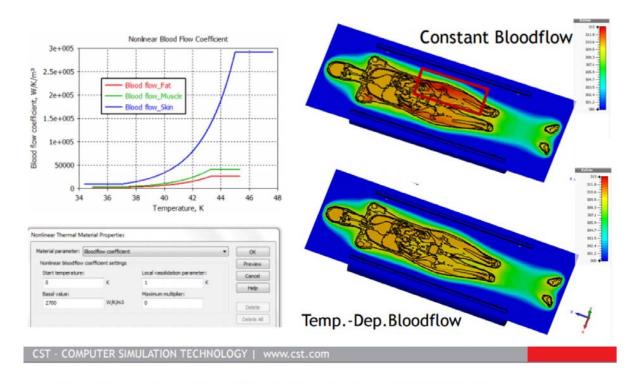


The task

Decisional point 11

The physio-feedback challenge

Challenge of the model-construction



https://www.cst.com/Content/Events/Downloads/euc2014/4.2.3.pdf

The task

Decisional point 12

The principle challenge and its consequences

Comparison of the basic principles, the mechanism of action, the technical realization and its biological effects of Thermotron and Oncothermia method

RF-hyperthermia Thermotron RF-8

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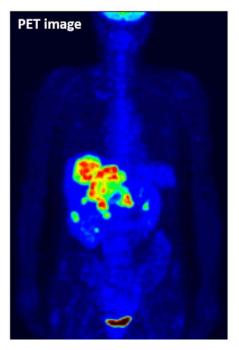
Oncothermia EHY-2000





The similarity

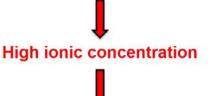
Both methods take advantage on the same principle: Tumor tissue has higher RF absorption than the healthy tissue



Malignant tissue has much higher glucose influx and higher metabolic rate than healthy tissue (FDG-PET is based on this phenomenon)



Increased concentration of metabolites in the extracellular electrolyte in the malignant tissue



High electrical conductivity

The higher electrical conductivity can be directly measured!

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In vivo electrical conductivity of hepatic tumours

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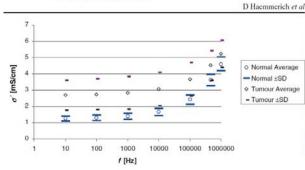


Figure 4. Mean \pm SD. Electrical conductivity of tumour and normal liver tissue.

In Vivo MRI Electrical Impedance Tomography (MREIT) of Tumors

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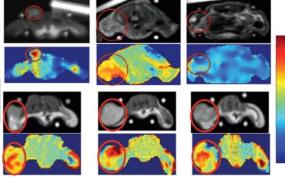


Figure 4: Structural and MREIT images of six animals are illustrated. Anatomic (T2 weighted) scans are displayed in gray levels and corresponding impedance (MREIT) images are depicted in color right below the T2 weighted images. Each image pair shows axial images from different animals. Tumor areas are circled with red lines. Bright objects outside the animals' body were markers to identify exact location of electrodes.

The difference: basic principle in tumor cell destruction



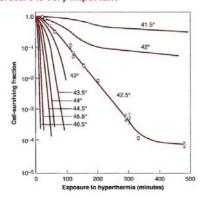
RF-hyperthermia Thermotron RF-8

Oncothermia EHY-2000

Classic hyperthermia concept:

Reach the cytotoxic level temperature range (>43°C) quickly and keep the tumor on this temperature range as necessary

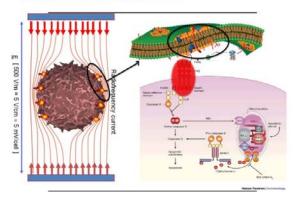
Homogenous, equilibrium heating - the tumor temperature is very important



New hyperthermia concept:

Keep the tumor temperature below the cytotoxic range (<42°C) but induce continuous temperature gradient on the tumor cell membrane

Inhomogenous, non-equilibrium heating - the temperature gradient is important



Consequences of the different basic principles



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Classic hyperthermia concept:

Homogenous, equilibrium heating at cytotoxic temperature range



Necrotic cancer cell death, the tumor destruction rate is highly temperature dependent



Significant protein denaturation, tumor antigens also destroyed



Inflammation



Limited possibility for immunotherapy combinations

New hyperthermia concept:

Inhomogenous, non-equilibrium heating below cytotoxic temperature range



Temperature gradient on the membrane induce signal transduction pathways resulting programmed cancer cell death

No protein denaturation occur, tumor antigens became recognizable, DAMP is generated



Good basis for immunotherapy combinations

Experimental proofs of the new hyperthermia concept

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Improving immunological tumor microenvironment using electro-hyperthermia followed by dendritic cell immunotherapy

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Abstract

Background: The treatment of intratumoral dentritic cells (DCs) commonly falls because it cannot evoke immunity in a poor turnor microenvironment (TME). Modulated electro-hyperthemia (mBHT, trade-name: oncothemia) represents a significant technological advancement in the hyperthemia field, allowing the autofocusing of tectromagnetic power on a cell membrane to generate massive apoptosis. This approach turns local immunogenic cancer cell death (apoptosis) into a systemic anti-turnor immune response and may be implemented by treatment with intratumoral DCs.

Methods: The CT26 murine colorectal cancer model was used in this investigation. The inhibition of growth of the tumor and the systemic anti-tumor immune response were measured. The tumor was heated to a core temperature of 42 °C for 30 min. The matured synergetic DCs were intratumorally injected 24 h following mEHT was applied.

Results: mEHT induced significant apoptosis and enhanced the release of heat shock protein70 (Hsp70) in CT26 tumors. Treatment with mEHT-DCs significantly inhibited CT26 tumor growth, relative to DCs alone or mEHT alone. The secondary tumor protection effect upon rechallenging was observed in mice that were treated with mEHT-DCs. Immunohistochemical staining of CD45 and F4/80 revealed that mEHT-DC treatment increased the number of leukocytes and macrophages. Most interestingly, mEHT also induced infiltrations of eosinophil, which has recently been reported to be an orchestrator of a specific T cell response. Cytotoxic T cell assay and ELISpot assay revealed a tumor-specific T cell activity.

Conclusions: This study demonstrated that mEHT induces tumor cell apoptosis and enhances the release of Hsp70 from heated tumor cells, unlike conventional hyperthermia. mEHT can create a favorable tumor microenvironment for an immunological chain reaction that improves the success rate of intratumoral DC immunotherapy.

Keywords: Dendritic cells, Modulated electro-hyperthermia, Immunotherapy, Tumor microenvironment

cant cell death response upon mEHT treatment companied by the early upregulation (4-h postent) of heat shock protein (Hsp70 and Hsp90) levels. In situ, the treatment resulted in spatioal occurrence of a DAMP protein signal sequence d by the significant cytoplasmic to cell membrane ration of calreticulin at 4 h, Hsp70 between 14 h and Hsp90 between 24- and 216-h postent. The release of high-mobility group box1 pro-IMGB1) from tumor cell nuclei from 24-h postent and its clearance from tumor cells by 48 h so detected. Our results suggest that mEHT treat-ran induce a DAMP-related signal sequence in



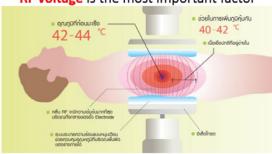
Method of RF coupling



RF-hyperthermia Thermotron RF-8

capacitive planewave coupling

RF voltage is the most important factor



The electrodes in this case like antennas are sources of RF waves. Air layers or bubbles can not block the wave propagation in this concept.

Oncothermia EHY-2000 capacitive impedance coupling

RF-current is the effective factor

In capacitive impedance coupling the applicators are real electrodes that need as tight connection to the target as possible, because the RF-current must flow through the target that makes the effect. The impedance is the treated body, and the biological effect is expected from the current-flow through it, so no air or unproven isolation could be applied.

Counter electrode (grounded)

II. Applied power and electrode cooling



RF-hyperthermia Thermotron RF-8

Oncothermia EHY-2000

Relatively weak coupling +necessity of high temperature range to reach the cytotoxic level

1500 W

The very high RF power needs extreme surface cooling to prevent the skin burn



The cooling water temperature is around +4 °C



Skin surface temperature is below the physiologycal range

150 W

Strong impedance coupling + mild

hyperthermia range

The low RF power needs only moderate cooling



The cooling water temperature is around +25 °C



Skin surface temperature is in the physiologycal range



III. Electrode configuration



Oncothermia EHY-2000

RF-hyperthermia Thermotron RF-8

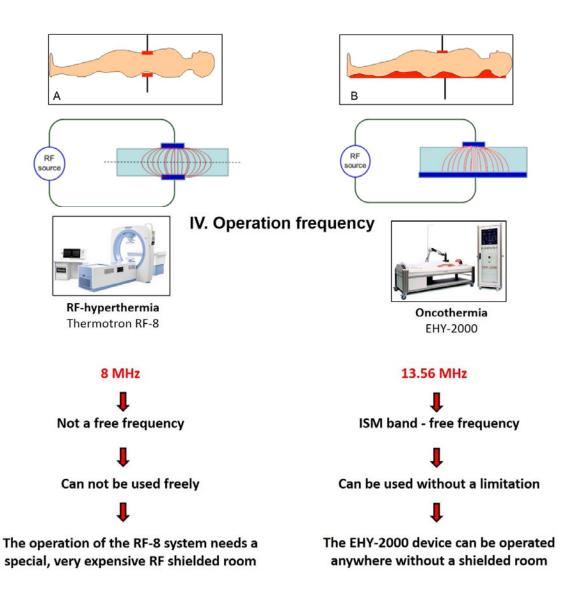
Double symmetric electrode configuration:

In geometry: two equal size and shape electrodes

In electronics: both electrodes are equal

Double assymmetric electrode configuration:

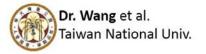
In geometry: one large and one small electrode In electronics: the large electrode is directly grounded (reference point), the smaller electrode is the active electrode

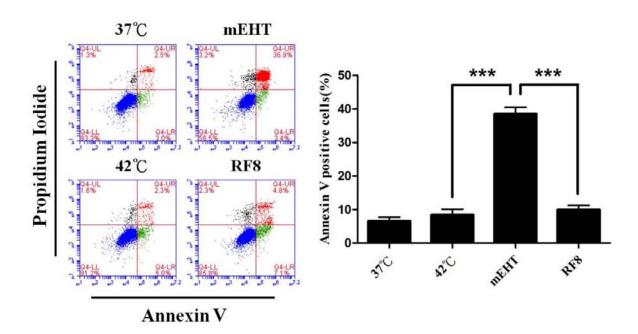


Are these challenges real?

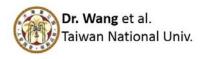
Different basic principles of operation result different technical solutions in the device!

Experimental comparison of the induced biological effect of RF-8 and mEHT Results

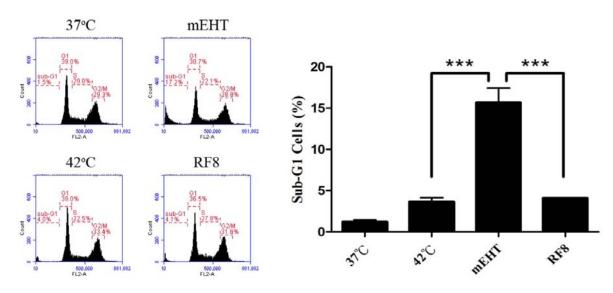




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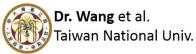


Cell death analysis: Cell cycle distribution analysis

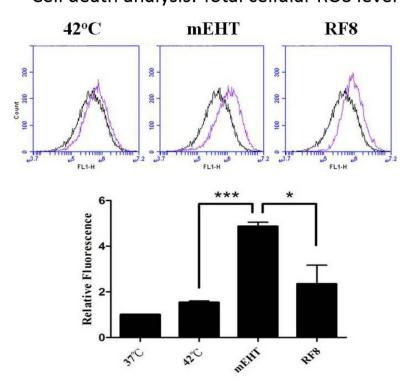


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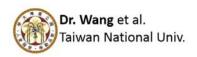
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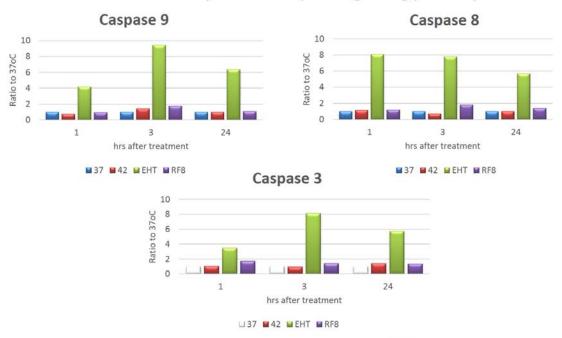
Cell death analysis: Total cellular ROS level



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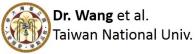


Cell death analysis: The caspase signaling pathway

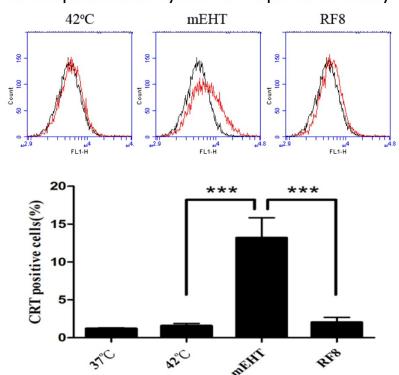


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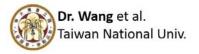
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Stress protein analysis: CRT expression assay

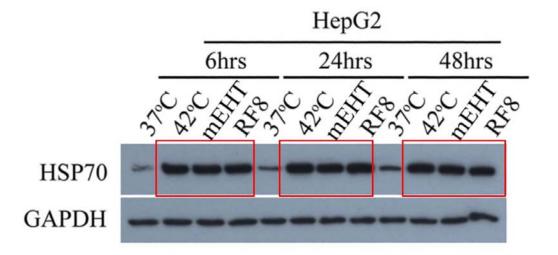


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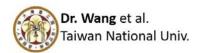
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Stress protein analysis: Intracellular level of HSP70 expression



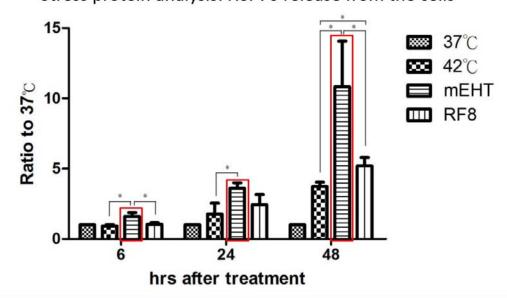
All kinds of hyperthermia could induce intracellular HSP70 expression.

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Results

Stress protein analysis: HSP70 release from the cells



Oncothermia triggered a significantly secretion of HSP70 from cancer cells.

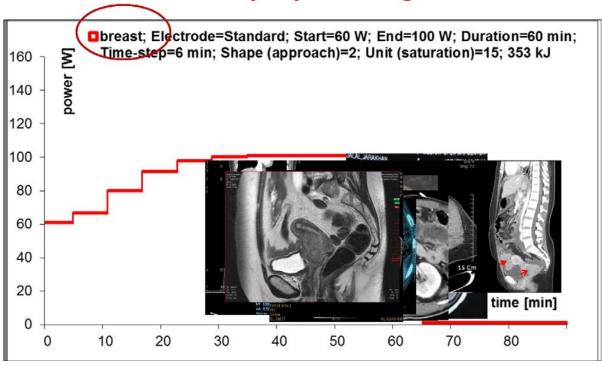
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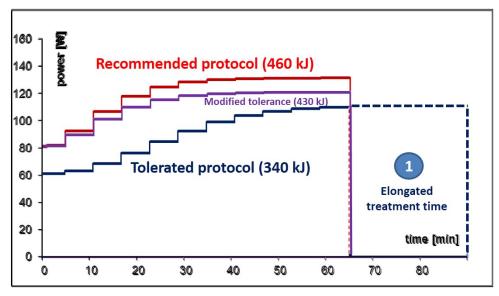
O Take-home messages

Protocol examples with chemotherapy

Step-up heating!



Considering the personal tolerance with chemotherapy



The difference is 120 kJ

However, it could approach the recommended by increasing tolerance



Collect the differences and correct the number of sessions with their sum!

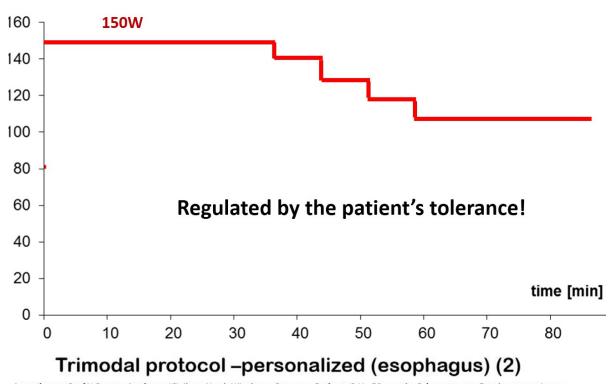
Oncothermia for central nervous system with chemotherapy

It needs special care and protocol

Protocol of Neurology Clinic of Medical School of Regensburg University, Germany

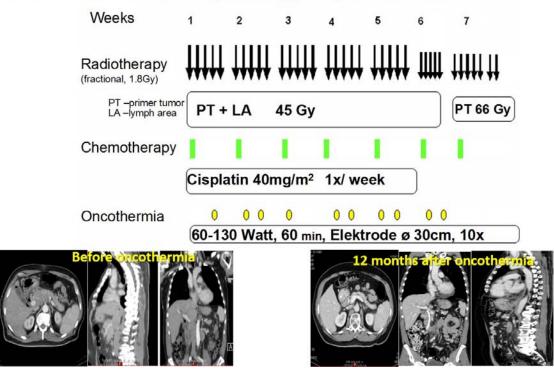
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Protocol examples in monotherapy Step-down heating!



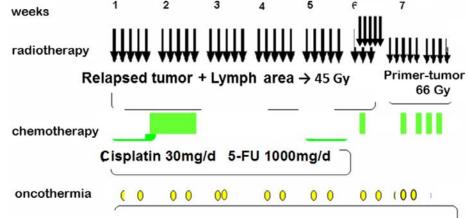
Investigator: Prof.H.Renner, Institute: Klinikum Nord, Nürnberg, Germany, Patient: G.U., 50 y, male, Primer-tumor: Esophagus carcinoma, inoperable; Histology: Squamous cell carcinoma G3; Metastases: in mediastinum & celiac ganglia

Tumor-classification: cT2 cN1 M1a G3 R2; Result: Complete remission (CR) Follow-up: after 12 month tumor-free

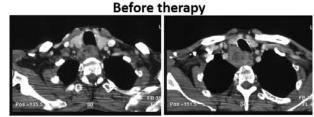


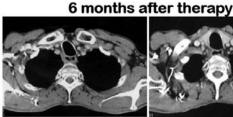
Trimodal protocol –personalized (esophagus)

Investigator: Prof.H.Renner, Instutute: Klinikum Nord, Nürnberg, Germany, Patient: H.K., 49 y, male, Primer-tumor: esophagus, diagn.02/03; Histology: Squamous cell carcinoma G3, Resection - Relapse: 06/05, inoperable Metastases: multilocal lymph node; Result: Complete remission (CR) Follow-up: after 30 month tumor-free,



60-110 W, 60 min, Electrode Ø10cm, 12x







Colorectal cancer liver metastasis, (n=15)

Investigator: Prof.H.Kirchner & Dr.P.Panagiotou; Department: Department of Hematology & Oncology, Hospital Siloah, Hannover, Germany, Published: Panagiotou P, Sosada M, Schering S, Kirchner H: Irinotecan plus Capecitabine with regional electrohyperthermia of the liver as second line therapy in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer; ESHO, 2005, Graz, Austria,

Treatment protocol in 2nd line

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80% local control in 2nd line [with oncothermia combination] (1st line was 51%, without oncothermia)

This patient died after a stable phase of 26 months (lung and brain mets.)



Case example (PR)

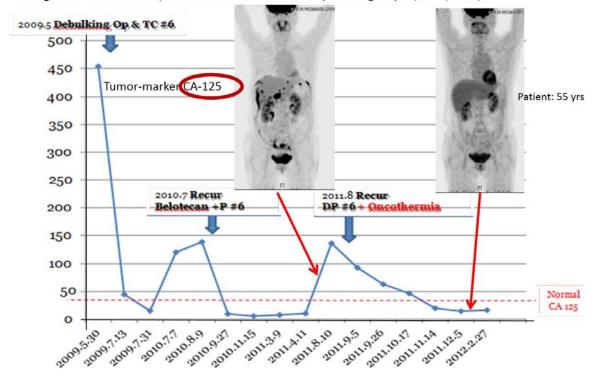






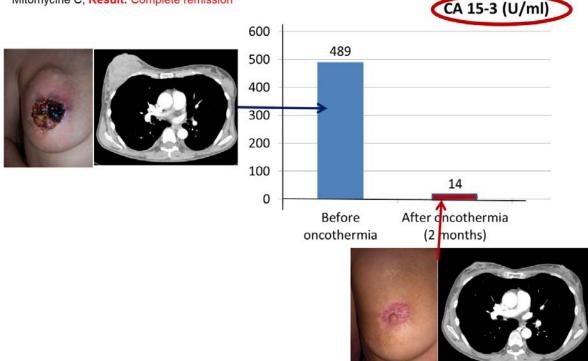
Recurrent, refractive progressive ovarian cancer

Investigator: Prof.YunHwan Kim; Institute: Ewha Womans University Mokdong Hospital, Seoul, Korea,



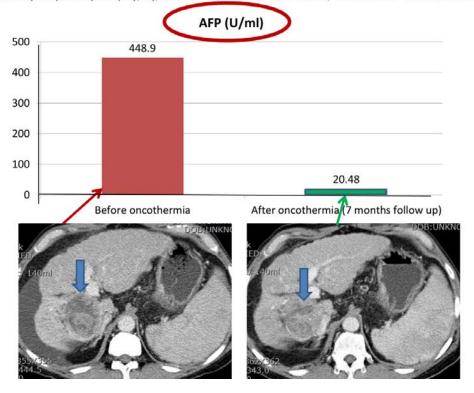
Metastsic mammary cacinoma

Investigator: Dr. W-P. Brockmann, Institute: Institute OncoLight Hamburg, Germany; Patient: 51 y, (M.S., ♀) Diagnosis: Mammary Carcinoma >10 cm, Therapy: Radiation therapy (2x) + oncothermia + WBH + Mitomycine C; Result: Complete remission



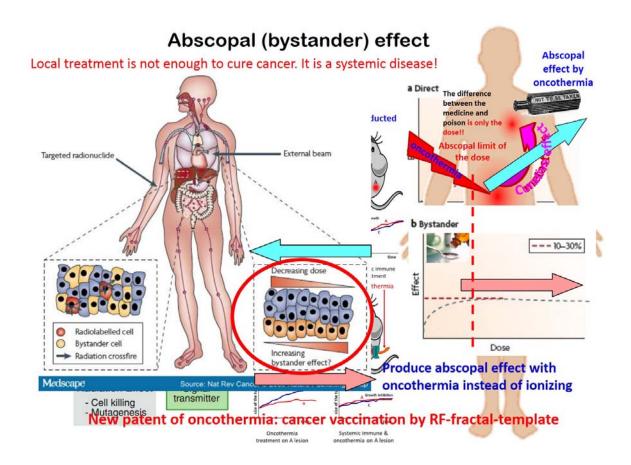
Hepatocellular carcinoma

Investigator: Prof.Dr.Taesing Jeung; Institute: Department of Radiotion Oncology, Kosin University, College of Medicine & Kosin University Gospel Hospital. (61y/M), HCC & TACE, Oncothermia 24 times; Published: 31st ICHO Oct. Budapest; 2012

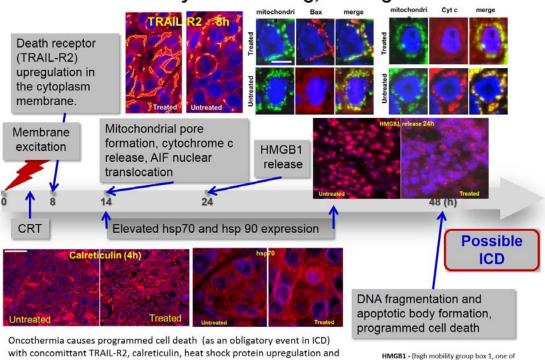


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"Teach" the system resisting, DAMP generation

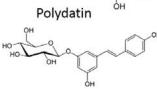


the most important chromatin proteins)

HMGB1 release from the nuclei.

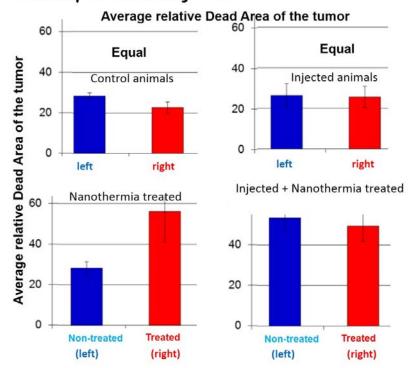
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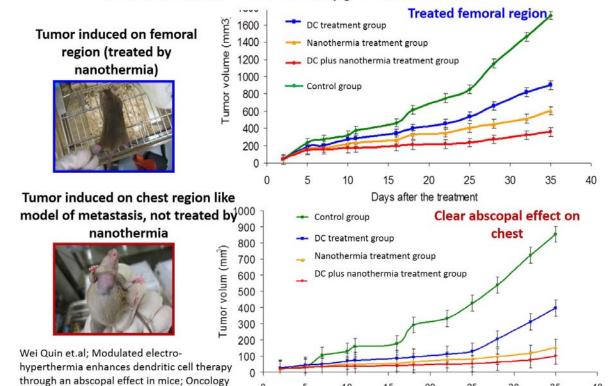
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Abscopal effect by ICD



The abscopal effect is clearly proven

Nanothermia + DC therapy combination



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Days after treatment

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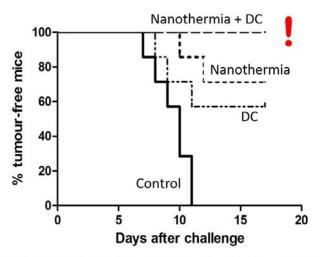
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Tumor growth inhibition and rechallenge inoculation

Mice were injected with 5×105 CT26 tumor cells s.c. in the right femoral area on the starting day and treated with nanothermia on day 14, followed by DC injection on day 15 in different groups. The data from each mouse was plotted after tumor-cell inoculation.

A secondary rechallenge with CT26 tumor cells was administered to mice 30 days after first injection as a result of either DC alone, nanothermia+DC therapy. Mice from therapy groups and untreated control BALB/c mice were inoculated subcutaneously in the left (105 parental CT26 cells) flank. (n = 7 mice per group.).



Yuk-Wah Tsang, Cheng-Chung Huang, Kai-Lin Yang, Mau-Shin Chi, Hsin-Chien Chiang, Yu-Shan Wang, Gabor Andocs, Andras Szasz, Wen-Tyng Li Kwan-Hwa Chi, Improved Immunological Tumor Microenvironment by Combined Electro-Hyperthermia followed by Dendritic Cell Immunotherapy; Cancer Immunology, Immunotherapy (submitted (2015))

Investigator: Prof. Dr. Seong Min Yoon,

Abscopal effect

Institute: Division of Hematology-Oncology, Department of Internal Medicine, Samsung Changwon Hospital,

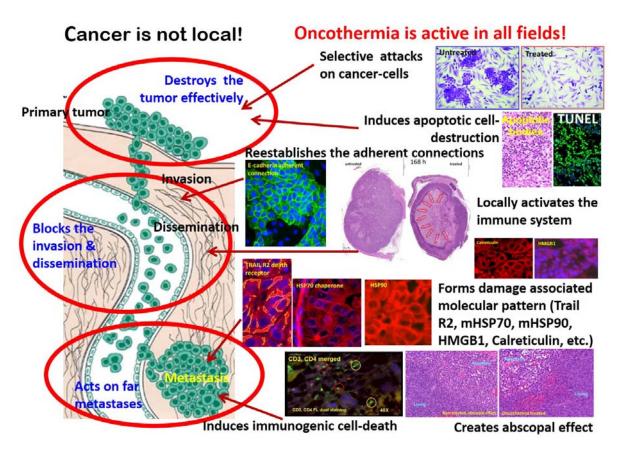
Sungkyunkwan University, Korea Patient: SAsc, 72 y, male,

Primer-tumor: Non-small cell lung cancer; Size: 9.5 cm right middle lobe

Metastases: in sentinel and distant lymph-nodes Tumor-classification: cT2 cN2 M0, stage IIIB

Treatment: trimodal protocol: 28x1.7 Gy; support: 250 microgram Leukine and Nanothermia 6x

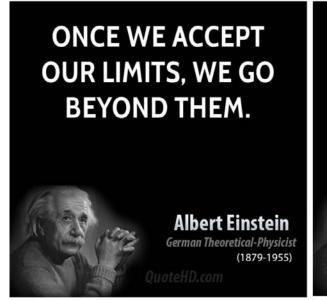
Only the primer tumor was treated Result: Good partial remission (PR) Abscopal effect: complete remission (CR) in the non treated metastaic lesions also Primer tumor Reduced tumor

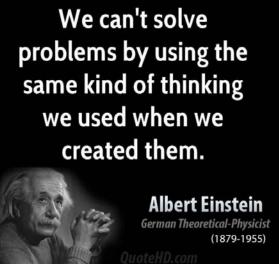


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Have we recognized our limits?

Do we think differently?

Thank you for your attention

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