



## Medical applications of electricity



"I told you nylon carpets were a mistake."  
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**signal processing.** (dB, Fourier, filters, amplifier, frequency response, feedback)  
– it was a separate lecture

**bioelectric phenomena** (membrane-, resting-, action-potential)  
– it will be a separate lecture

### medical applications of electricity

resistor–capacitor (RC) circuit, charging, discharging, timeconstant  
ideal square pulses and real square pulses (effect of filters)  
Strength–Duration Curve, rheobase, chronaxie  
sine wave oscillators and diathermy for treatment of muscles and joints  
high frequency surgery  
Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy

related practices:

in the 1st semester: measuring devices, skin impedance  
in the 2nd semester: Coulter counter, amplifier, ECG, puls generators,  
audiometry, sensor, flow of fluids

### Resistor and capacitor in DC circuits

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

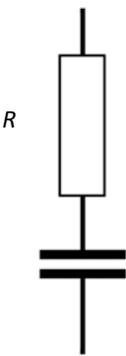
$$C = \frac{Q}{U}$$

$$C = \epsilon \frac{A}{l}$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} CU^2$$

R

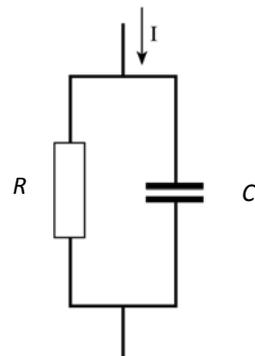
C



serial RC circuit

R

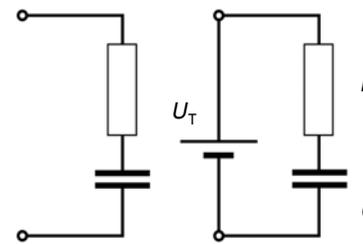
C



parallel RC circuit

electrical behavior of our skin,  
skin impedance practice

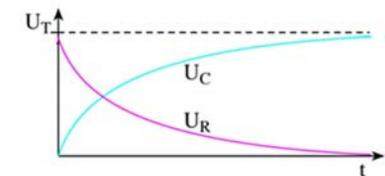
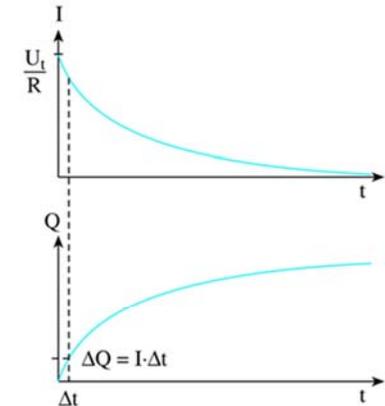
### Charging in a series RC-circuit



C in series with R and its charging

$$U_R = RI = U_T e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

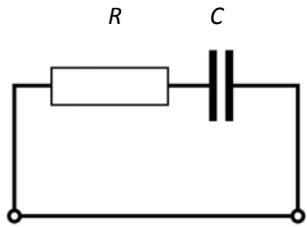
$$U_C = U_T - U_R = U_T (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$



textbook, Fig. VII. 6.

textbook, Fig. VII. 7.

## Discharging in a series RC-circuit



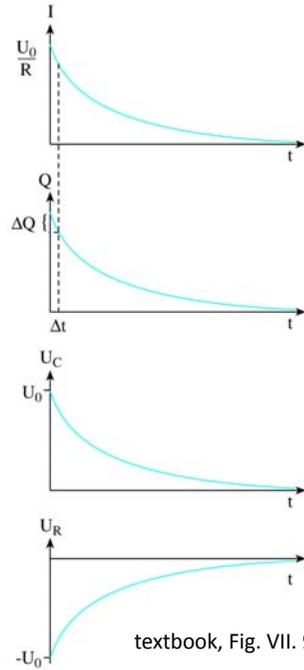
C in series with R and its discharging

$$U_R = RI = U_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

$$U_C = -U_0 e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

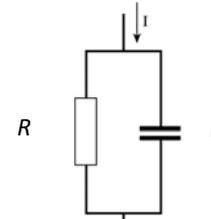
$\tau = RC$  **time constant**  
(cf. radioactive/fluor. lifetime)

textbook, Fig. VII. 8.



textbook, Fig. VII. 9.

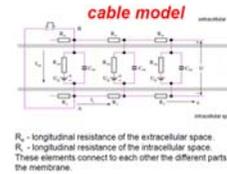
## Charging in a parallel RC-circuit



textbook, Fig. VII.10.

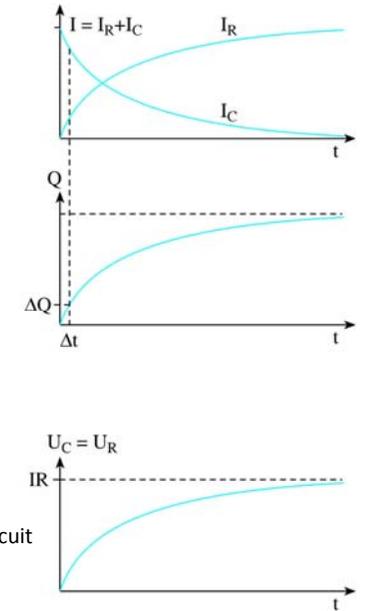
$$U_C = U_R = RI(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

Discharging in a parallel RC-circuit  $\equiv$   
discharging in a series RC-circuit



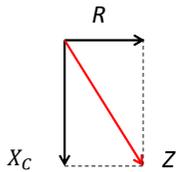
cell membrane as an RC-circuit  
(cf. lecture of „Bioelectric phenomena“)

problems: 60, 61



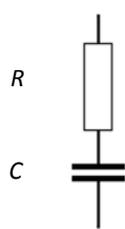
textbook, Fig. VII.11.

## Resistor and capacitor in AC circuits



Pythagorean theorem

the quantity to be summed

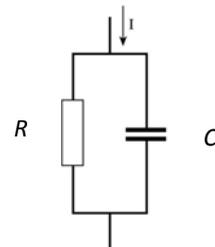


in series RC circuit

resistance

$$R, X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC}$$

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X_C^2}$$



parallel RC circuit

conductance = 1/resistance

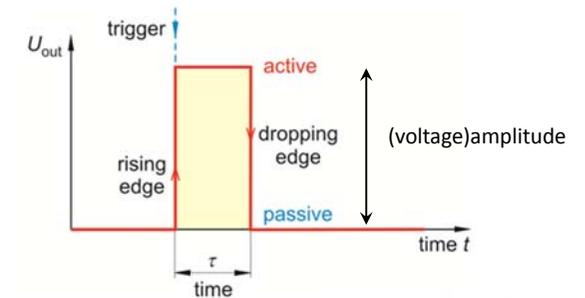
$$\frac{1}{R}, \frac{1}{X_C}$$

$$\frac{1}{Z} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{R^2} + \frac{1}{X_C^2}}$$

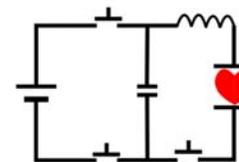
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## Characteristics of electrical square pulses

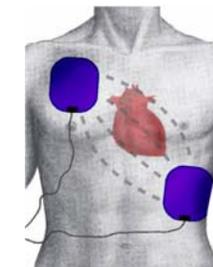
1 square puls  
(simplest puls)



e.g. puls of defibrillator

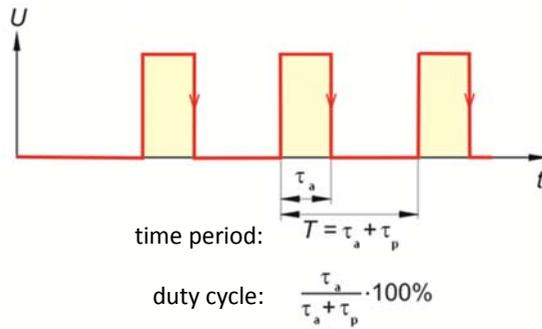


problem: 67



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periodic square pulses



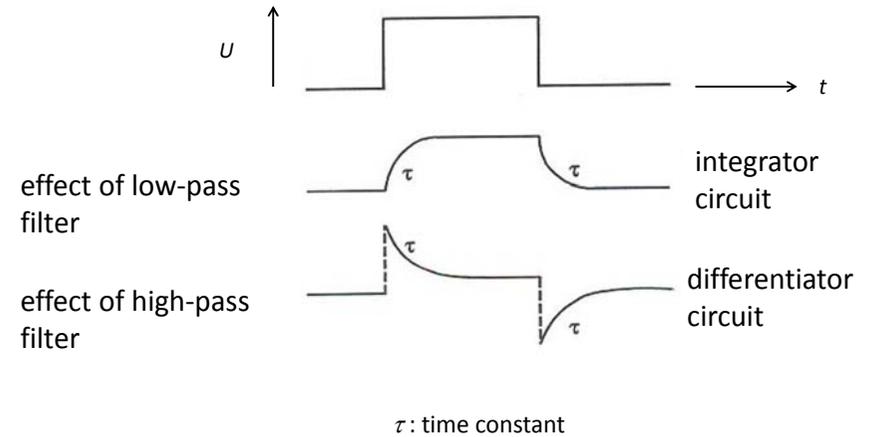
e.g. pacemaker

astable pulse generator  
(cf. pulse generators practice)

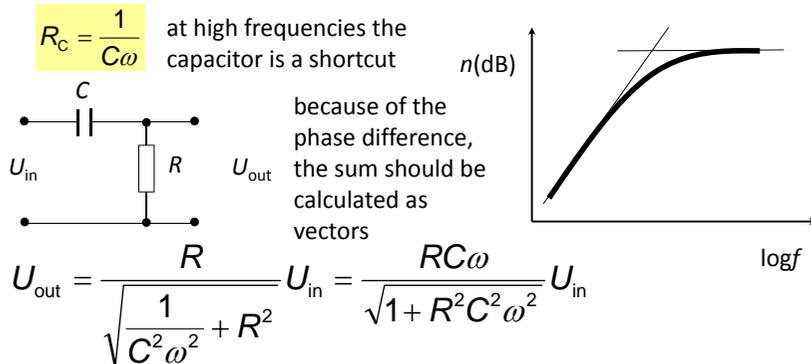
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### Deformation of square pulses in RC circuit elements



### High-pass/low-cut filter

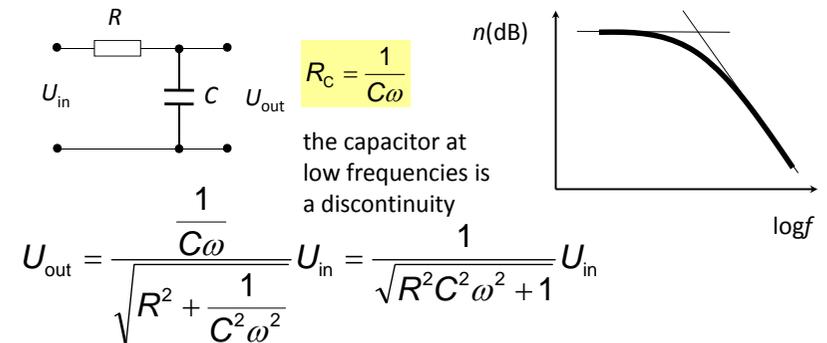


at very low frequencies: if  $\omega \ll \omega_0$  ( $\omega \approx 0$ ),  $U_{out} = 0$

at low frequencies: if  $\omega \ll \omega_0$ ,  $U_{out} = RC\omega U_{in} \leftrightarrow 6 \text{ dB/octave}$

at high frequencies: if  $\omega \approx \infty$ ,  $U_{out} = U_{in}$

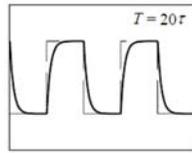
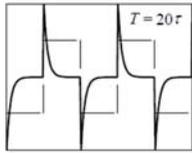
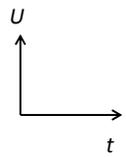
### Low-pass/high-cut filter



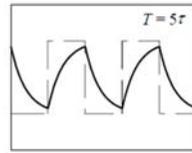
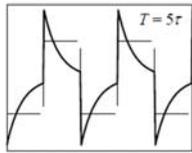
at low frequencies: if  $\omega \ll \omega_0$  ( $\omega \approx 0$ ),  $U_{out} = U_{in}$

at high frequencies: if  $\omega \gg \omega_0$ ,  $U_{out} = \frac{1}{RC\omega} U_{in} \leftrightarrow -6 \text{ dB/octave}$

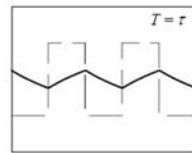
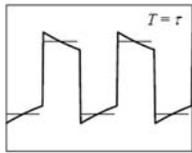
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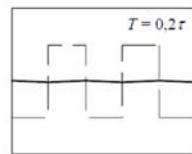
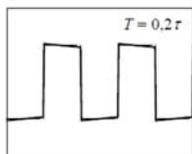
smallest deformation:  
 $\tau \ll \text{pulse duration}$



differentiator  
circuit

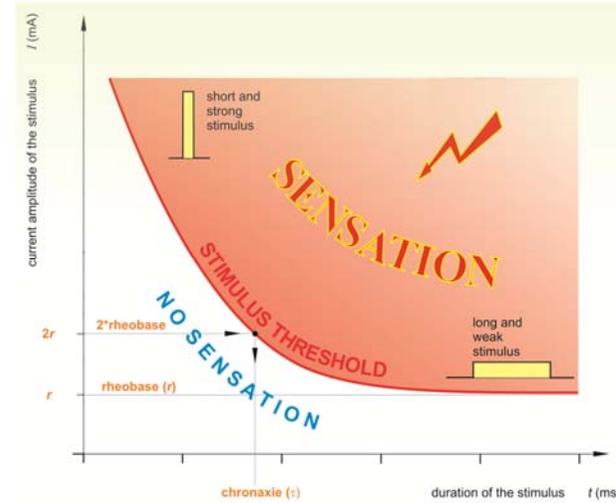


integrator  
circuit



smallest deformation:  
 $\tau \gg \text{pulse duration}$

### Strength-duration curve



**rheobase:**  
the minimal current  
amplitude of infinite  
duration to cause  
sensation

**chronaxie:**  
the minimum time  
required for an electric  
current double the  
strength of the rheobase  
to cause sensation

$$I = \frac{q}{t} + r$$

skin impedance practice  
scales: lin-lin

**Problem.** How many moles transport of univalent ions corresponds to the threshold charge, if the rheobase is 4 mA and the chronaxie is 0,4 ms?

$$r = 4 \text{ mA}$$

$$t_c = 0,4 \text{ ms}$$

$$I = \frac{q}{t} + r$$

$$2r = \frac{q}{t_c} + r$$

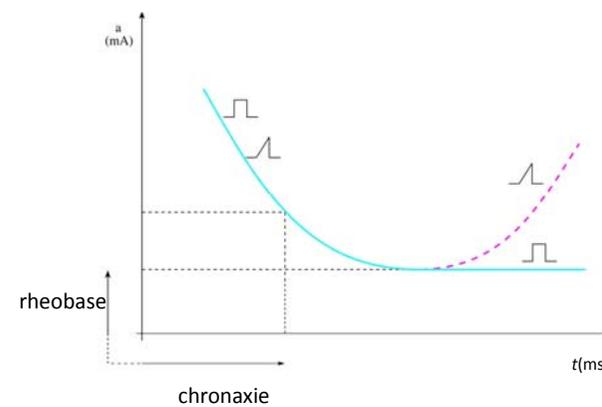
$$r = \frac{q}{t_c}$$

$$q = t_c r = 0,4 \text{ ms } 4 \text{ mA} = 1,6 \mu\text{C}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 \text{ mole} & 96500 \text{ C} \\ x \text{ mole} & 1,6 \mu\text{C} \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{1,6 \mu\text{C}}{96500 \text{ C}} \text{ mole} = 1,66 \times 10^{-11} \text{ mole}$$

### Strength-duration curve for sawtooth pulses



sawtooth pulse



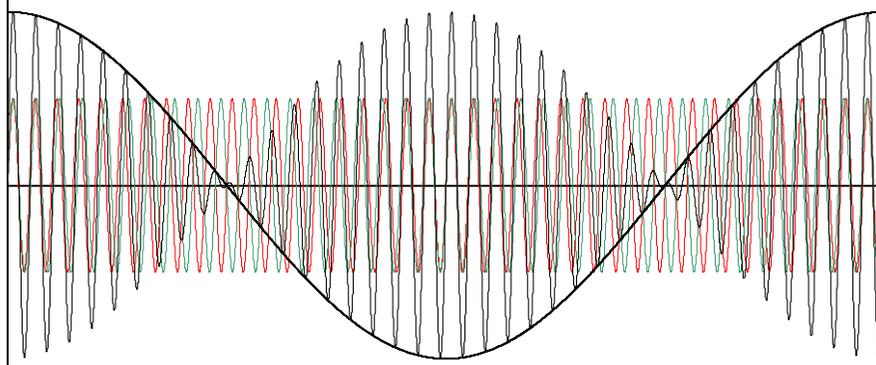
in the case of sufficiently  
long pulse duration  
(~100 ms) the cell is  
capable of  
**accommodation**  
(ion currents are triggered  
which act against the  
stimulation)

in pathological conditions, the muscle loses its adaptability:  
**selective electrical stimulus therapy**  
in the range of sufficiently long pulse duration  
sawtooth pulses can be below the threshold for healthy  
muscles but above-threshold for the damaged muscles

textbook, Fig. IX.22,  
scales: lin-lin

## Beating phenomenon

$f_{\text{red}} \geq f_{\text{green}}$  the beating frequency equals to the difference of the two interfering frequency

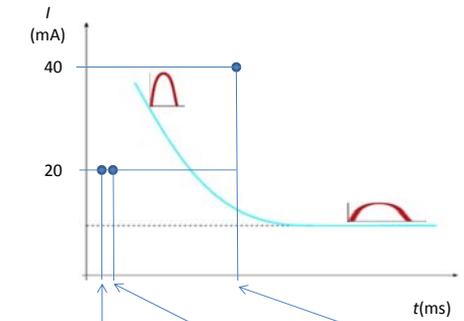
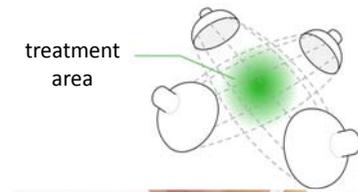


reminder:  $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$

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## Interferential current therapy

there is an interference on the overlapping range:  
the difference signal is above-threshold  
anywhere else: the stimulus is below-threshold



$\frac{1}{f}$	4100Hz	4000Hz	100Hz
T	0,24 ms	0,25 ms	10 ms
t	0,12 ms	0,125 ms	5 ms

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## LC circuits. Oscillating circuits

total energy in the electric field  
 $W = \frac{1}{2} C U_{\text{max}}^2$

total energy in the magnetic field  
 $W = \frac{1}{2} C U^2 + \frac{1}{2} L I^2$

total energy in the magnetic field  
 $W = \frac{1}{2} L I_{\text{max}}^2$

total energy in the electric field

total energy in the magnetic field

the energy (W) oscillates between the electric (E) and magnetic (B) fields

cf. textbook, Fig. VII. 14.

## Ideal and real oscillating circuits

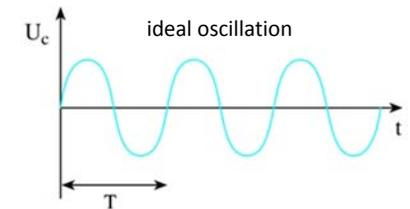
undamped free oscillation

eigenfrequency (**resonance**),  
the capacitive and the inductive impedances have the same value

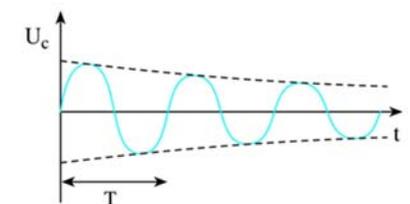
$$X_C = X_L$$

$$\frac{1}{C2\pi f} = L2\pi f$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$



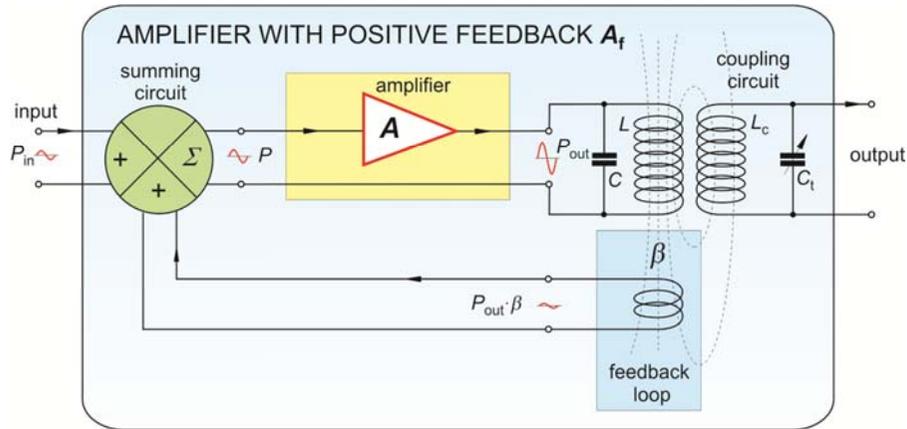
real oscillation



textbook, Fig. VII.15

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## Amplifier with positive feedback



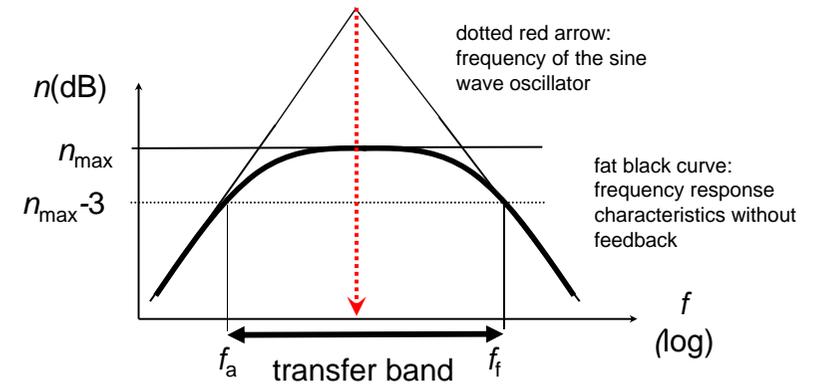
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## Sine wave oscillator

amplifier with positive feedback

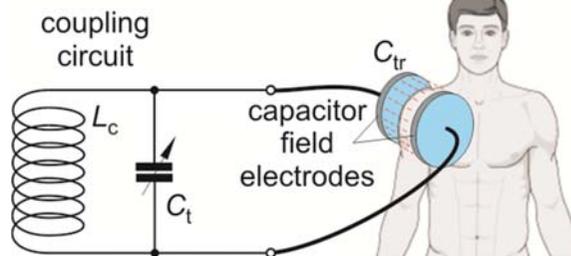
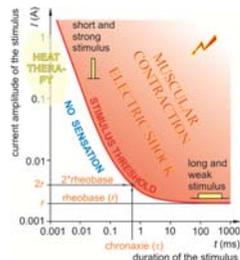
$$A_{P, \text{feedback}} = \frac{A_P}{1 - \beta A_P}$$

$\beta A_P = 1$ , amplification = „infinity“ → sine wave oscillator  
no input signal, output signal: sine voltage



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## Heat therapy generators. Capacitor field method



Laboratory manual, Meas. 18.  
Sine wave oscillator, Fig. 5.(a)

cf. textbook, Fig. 9.28

resonance criterion:

$$LC = L_c \cdot (C_t + C_{tr})$$

outcoupling of energy through the electric field

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## Warming up of a muscle

$$Q = \frac{U^2}{R} \cdot t = \frac{U^2}{\rho \frac{l}{A}} \cdot t = \sigma \frac{U^2}{l^2} \cdot l \cdot A \cdot t = \sigma \cdot E^2 \cdot V \cdot t,$$

where:

$$Q$$

$$\sigma = 1/\rho$$

$$E = U/l$$

$$V = l \cdot A$$

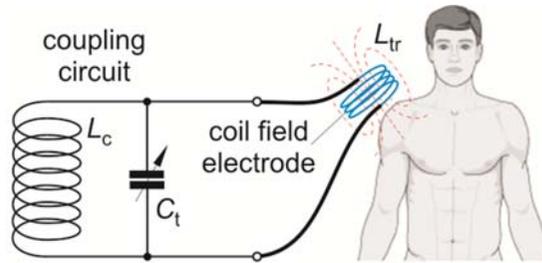
$$t$$

is the produced heat,  
is the electric conductivity of the tissue,  
is the electric field strength in the treated tissue,  
is the treated volume of the tissue, and  
is the duration (time) of the treatment

problem: 66

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## Heat therapy generators. Coil field method

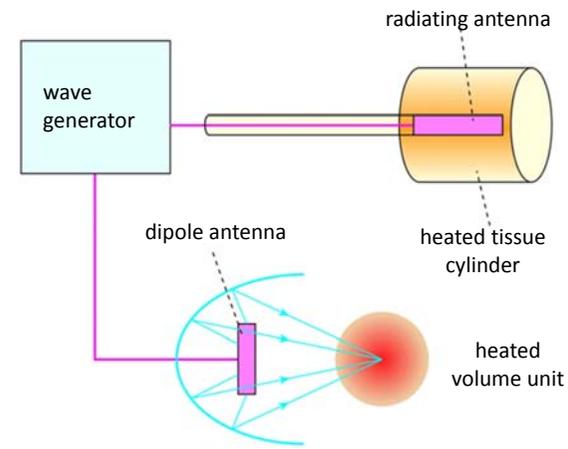


... Fig. 5.(b)  
 cf. textbook, Fig. IX.29  
 resonance criterion:  

$$LC = (L_c \otimes L_{tr}) \cdot C_t$$
  
 outcoupling of energy through the magnetic field



## Heat therapy generators. Radiation field method



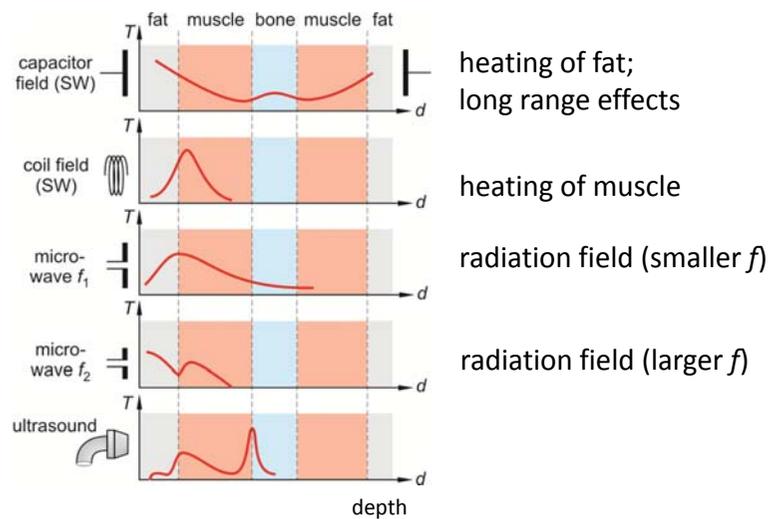
textbook, Fig. IX.33

cf. microwave oven

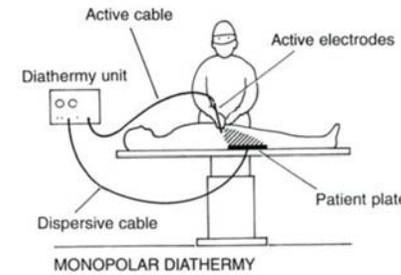


outcoupling of energy through the radiation field

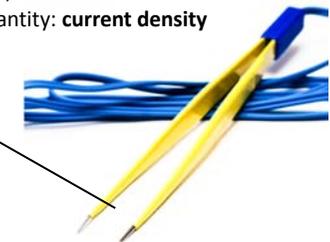
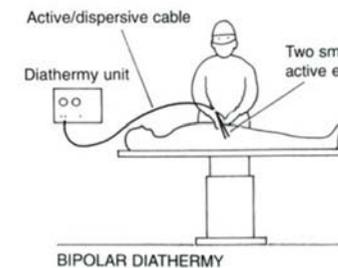
## Temperature distribution with different methods



## Monopolar and bipolar diathermy. Highfrequency surgery



$A_{passive} \gg A_{active}$  below-threshold currents; for the heat effect the characteristic quantity: **current density**



**ESWL (Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy)**

breaking up kidney stones and biliary calculi

focused high-intensity acoustic wave generated by electric discharge of a high voltage (20 kV) condenser (ellipse, 2 focal points)

simultaneous follow-up with X-ray and/or US

