



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

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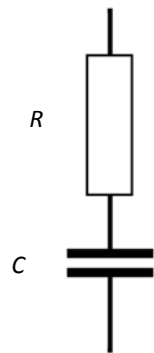
Resistor and capacitor in DC circuits

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

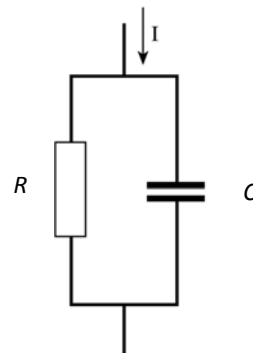
$$C = \frac{Q}{U}$$

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

$$E = \frac{1}{2} C U^2$$



serial RC circuit

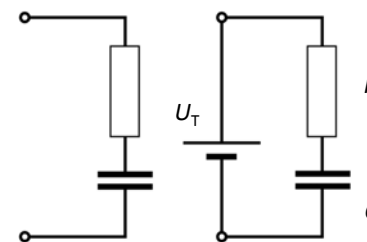


parallel RC circuit

electrical behavior of our skin,
skin impedance practice

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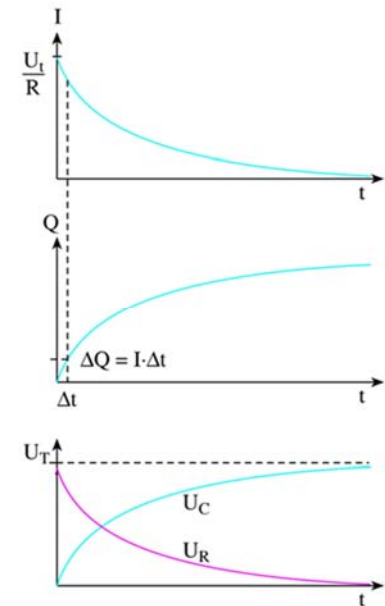
Charging in a series RC-circuit



C in series with R and its charging

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

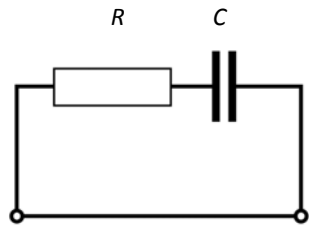
$$U_C = U_T - U_R = U_T (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$



textbook, Fig. VII. 6.

textbook, Fig. VII. 7.

Discharging in a series RC-circuit



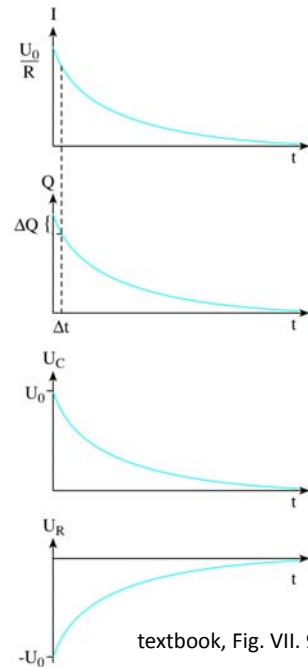
C in series with R and its discharging

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

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

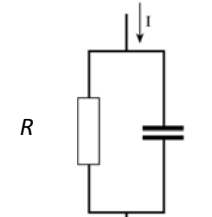
$\tau = RC$ **time constant**
(cf. radioactive/fluor. lifetime)

textbook, Fig. VII. 8.



textbook, Fig. VII. 9.

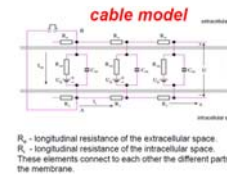
Charging in a parallel RC-circuit



textbook, Fig. VII.10.

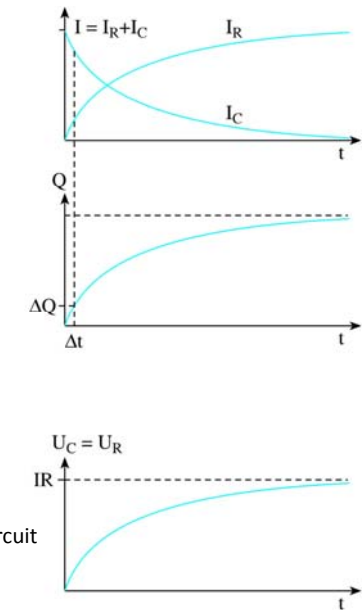
$$U_C = U_R = RI(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}})$$

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

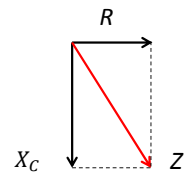


cell membrane as an RC-circuit
(cf. lecture of „Bioelectric phenomena“)

problems: 60, 61

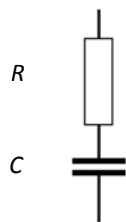


textbook, Fig. VII.11.

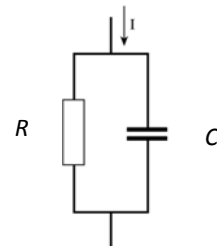


Pythagorean theorem

Resistor and capacitor in AC circuits



in series RC circuit



parallel RC circuit

the quantity to be summed

resistance

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

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

conductance = 1/resistance

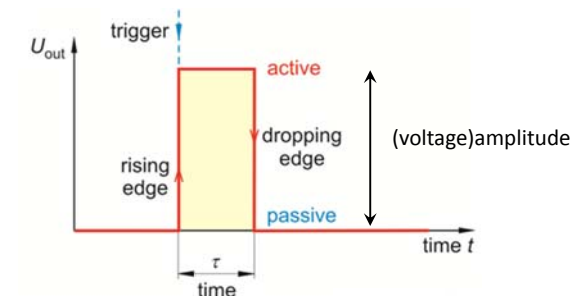
$$\frac{1}{R}, \quad \frac{1}{X_C}$$

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

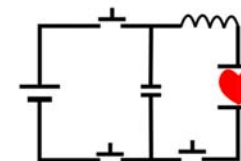
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Characteristics of electrical square pulses

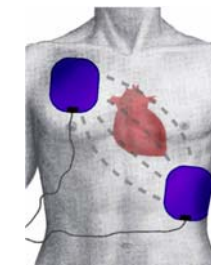
1 square puls
(simplest puls)



e.g. puls of defibrillator

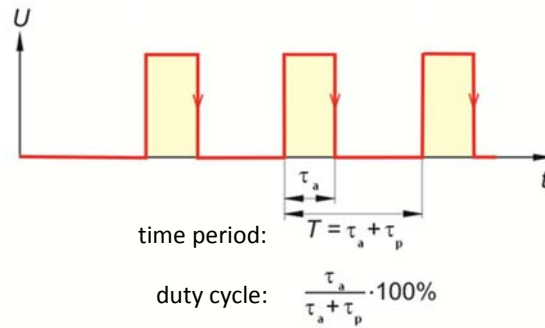


problem: 67



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periodic square pulses



e.g. pacemaker

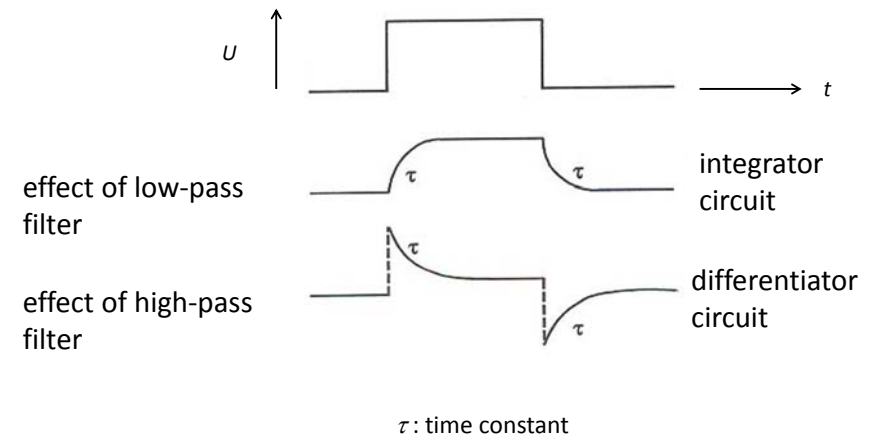
astable pulse generator
(cf. pulse generators practice)

problem: 68



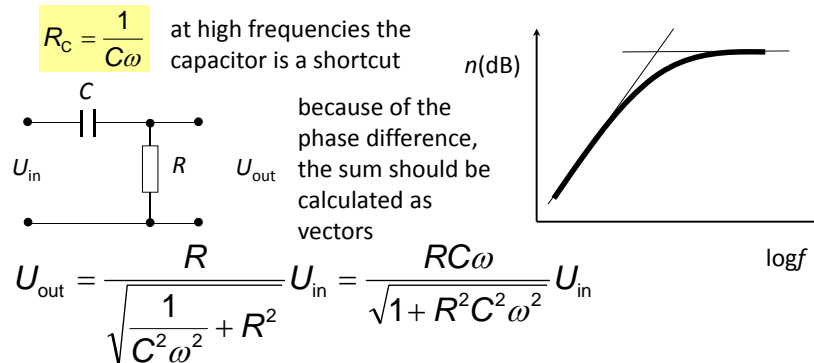
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Deformation of square pulses in RC circuit elements



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High-pass/low-cut filter



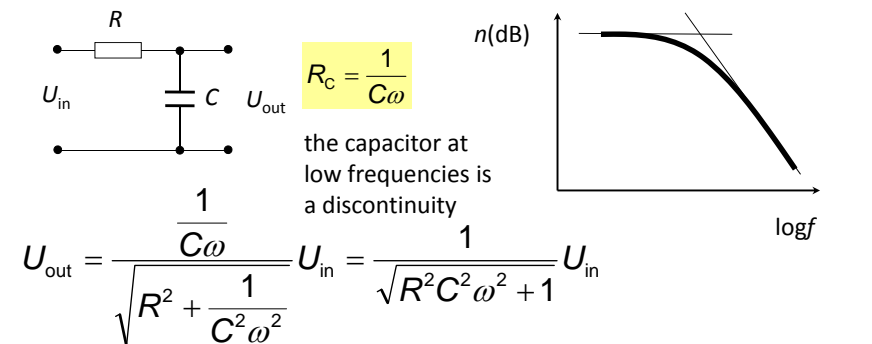
at very low frequencies: if $\omega \ll \omega_0$ ($\omega \approx 0$), $U_{out} = 0$

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

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Low-pass/high-cut filter

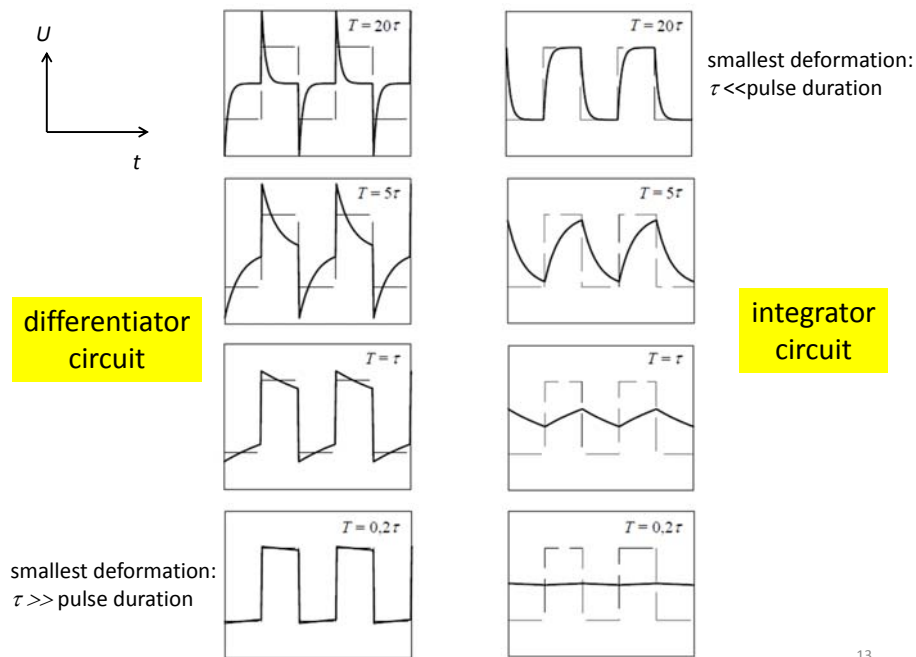


at low frequencies: if $\omega \ll \omega_0$ ($\omega \approx 0$), $U_{out} = U_{in}$

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

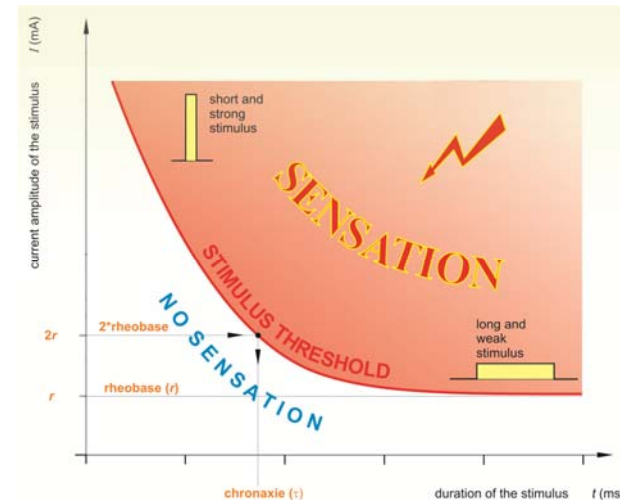
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Strength-duration curve



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

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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?

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

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

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

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

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

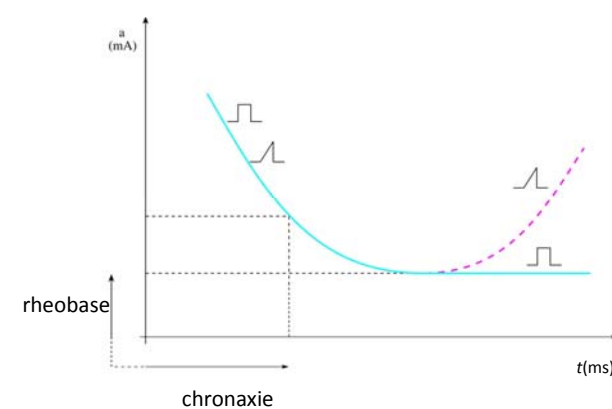
$$q = t_c r = 0,4 \text{ ms } 4 \text{ mA} = 1,6 \mu\text{C}$$

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

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

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Strength-duration curve for sawtooth pulses



sawtooth pulse

in the case of sufficiently long pulse duration ($\sim 100 \text{ ms}$) the cell is capable of **accommodation** (ion currents are triggered which act against the stimulation)

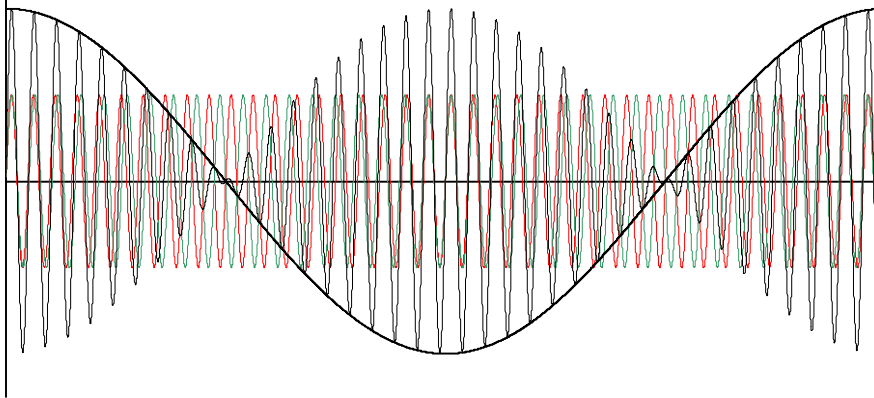
in pathological conditions, the muscle loses its adaptability: **selective electrical stimulus therapy** in the range of sufficiently long pulse duration sawtooth pulses can be below the threshold for healthy muscles but above-threshold for the damaged muscles

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

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Beating phenomenon

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

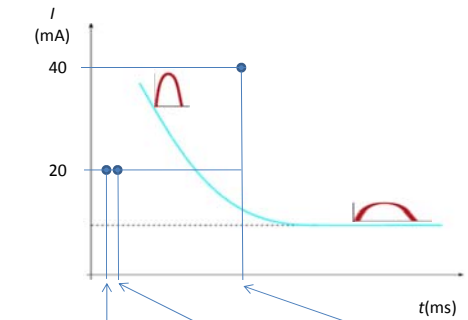
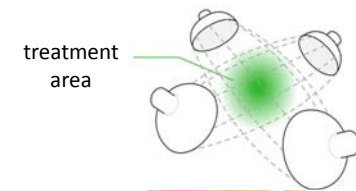


reminder: $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$

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Interferential current therapy

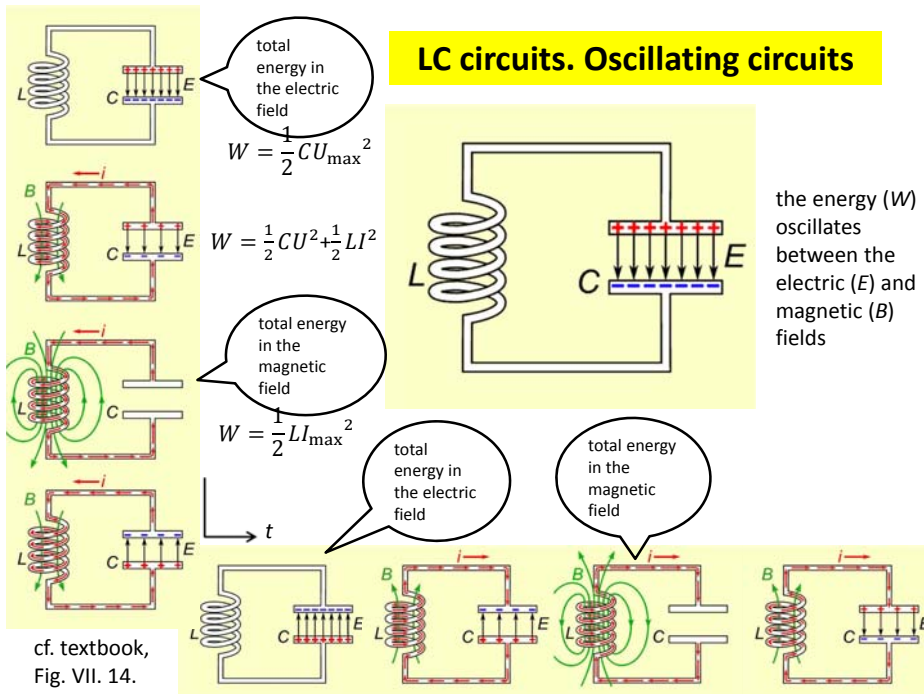
there is an interference on the overlapping range:
the difference signal is above-threshold
anywhere else: the stimulus is below-threshold



$\frac{1}{f}$	$\frac{1}{4100\text{Hz}}$	$\frac{1}{4000\text{Hz}}$	$\frac{1}{100\text{Hz}}$
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



Ideal and real oscillating circuits

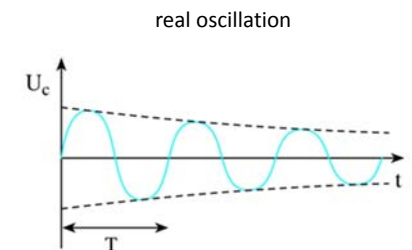
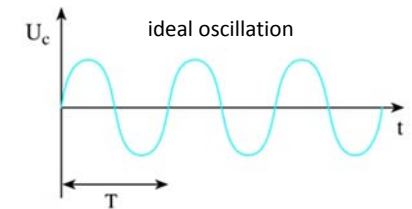
undamped free oscillation

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

$$X_C = X_L$$

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

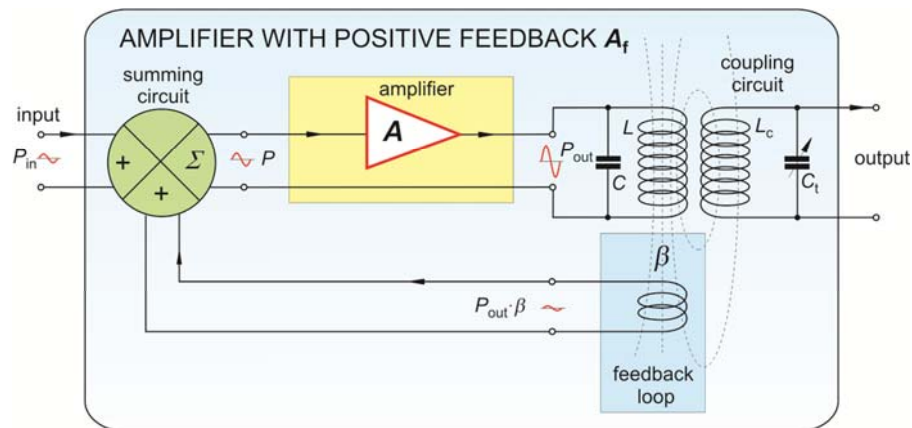
$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$



textbook, Fig. VII.15

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Amplifier with positive feedback



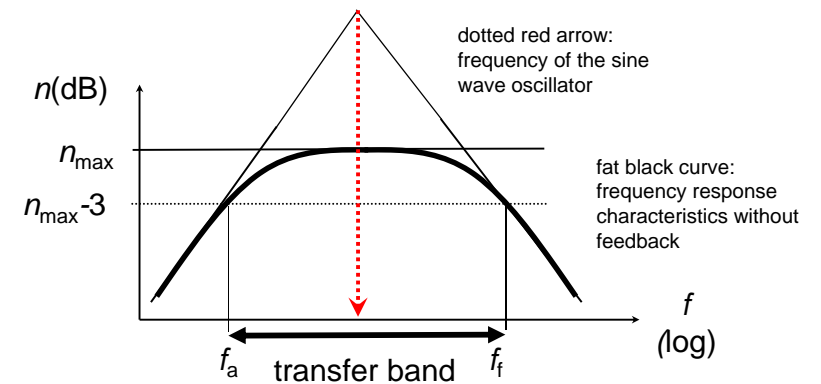
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Sine wave oscillator

amplifier with positive feedback

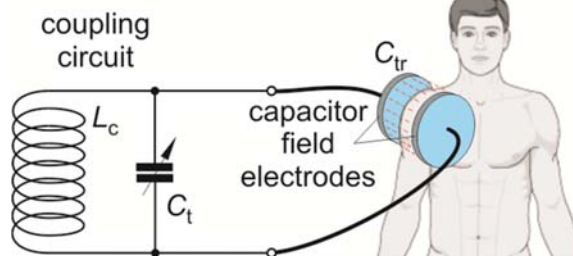
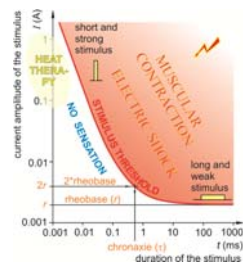
$$A_{P, \text{ feedback}} = \frac{A_P}{1 - \beta A_P}$$

$\beta A_P = 1$, 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

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

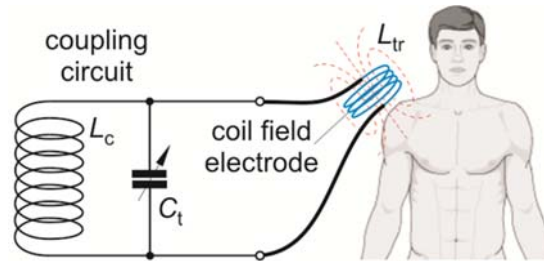
where:

$$\begin{aligned} Q & \text{ is the produced heat,} \\ \sigma &= 1/\rho \text{ is the electric conductivity of the tissue,} \\ E &= U/l \text{ is the electric field strength in the treated tissue,} \\ V &= l \cdot A \text{ is the treated volume of the tissue, and} \\ t & \text{ is the duration (time) of the treatment} \end{aligned}$$

problem: 66

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Heat therapy generators. Coil field method



... Fig. 5.(b)
cf. textbook, Fig. IX.29

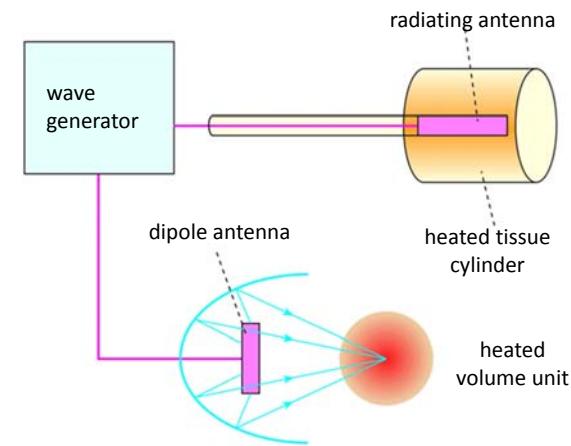
resonance criterion:
$$LC = (L_c \otimes L_{tr}) \cdot C_t$$

outcoupling of energy
through the magnetic
field



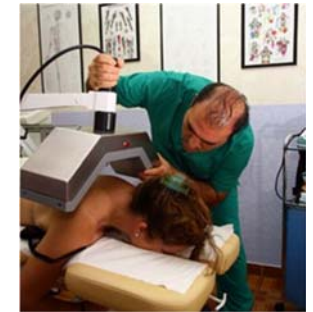
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Heat therapy generators. Radiation field method



textbook, Fig. IX.33

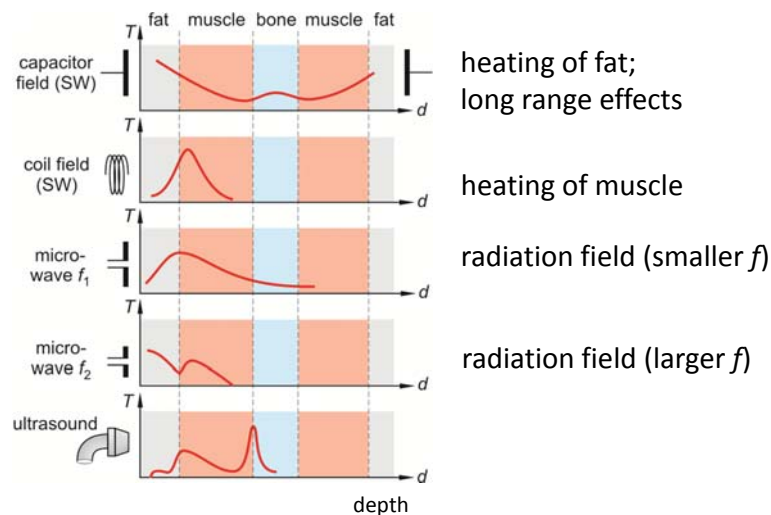
cf. microwave oven



outcoupling of energy through
the radiation field

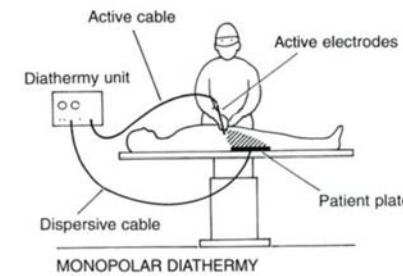
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Temperature distribution with different methods



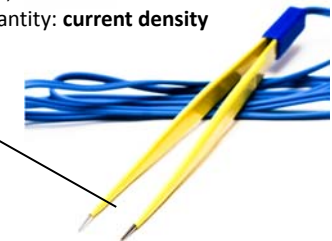
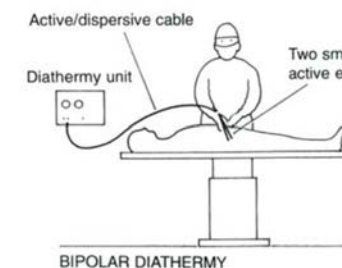
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Monopolar and bipolar diathermy. Highfrequency surgery



$A_{\text{passive}} \gg A_{\text{active}}$

below-threshold currents; for the heat effect
the characteristic quantity: **current density**



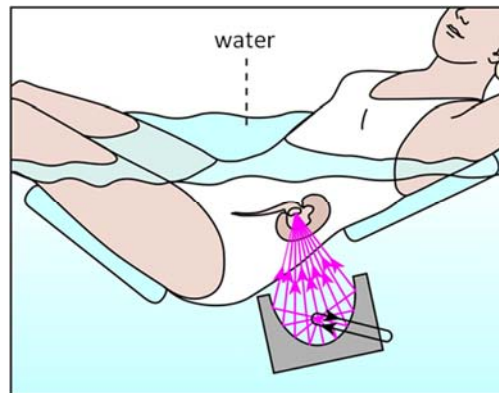
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ESWL (Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy)

breaking up kidney stones and biliary calculi

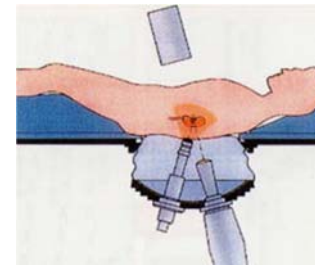
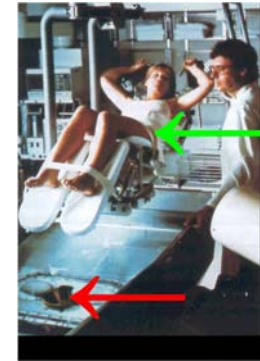
focused high-intensity acoustic wave generated by electric discharge of a high voltage (20 kV) condenser (ellipse, 2 focal points)

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



textbook IX.1. comment

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