Edema and its Reduction: A Therapeutic Electromagnetic Link?

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What is Edema?

What is Edema? → Excess Interstitial Fluid



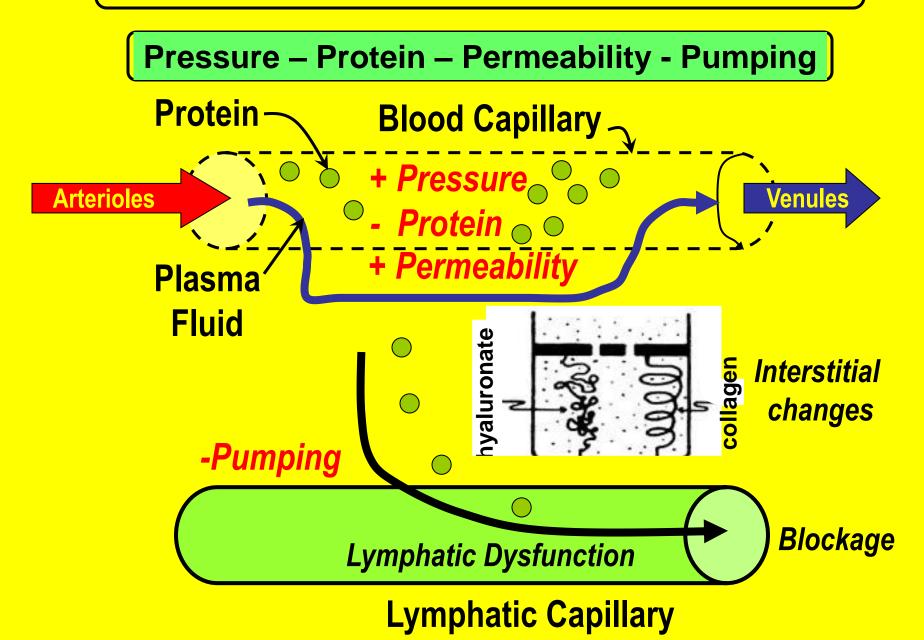
Lymphedema → High Protein Content

What are Underlying Causes of Edema?

More Fluid is Filtered than can be Removed!

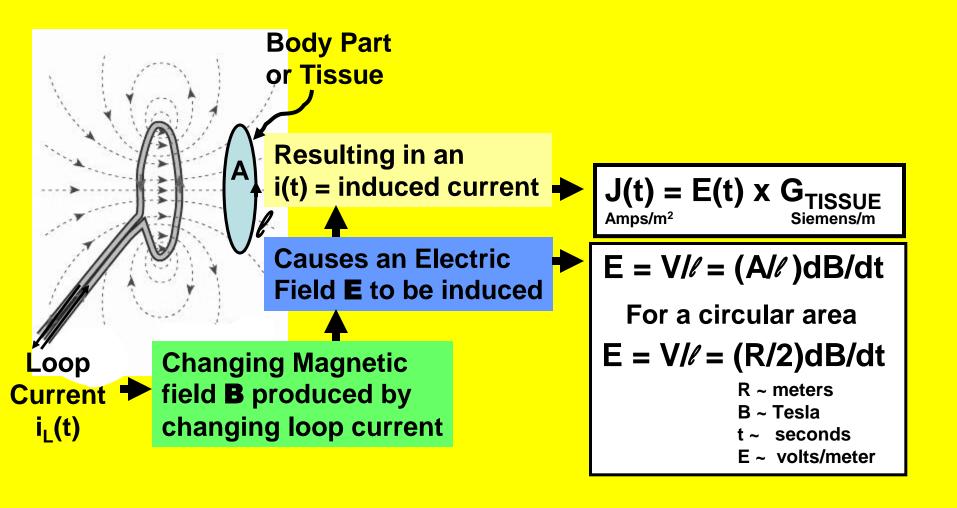
Pressure – Protein – Permeability - Pumping

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What is Electromagnetism? How might it fit in?

Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) and Induction: Basic Considerations

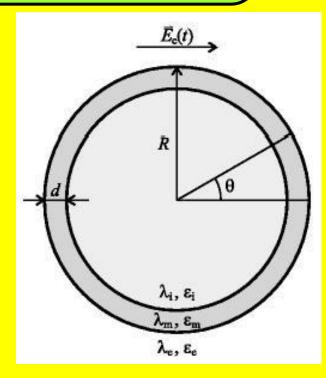


How Might Electromagnetism Fit In?

Short answer Almost all aspects of all bodily functions have an electrical component

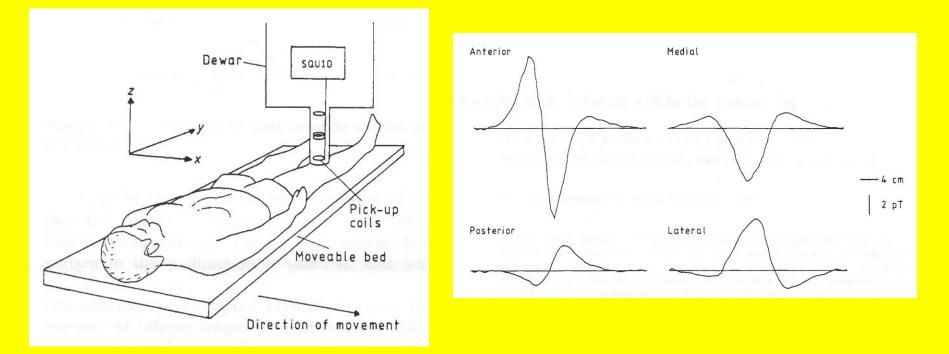
Induced Current Induced E Field Resonance Phenomena Information Coupling

Thus there are ample *potential* targets for applied EMF



Examples of Electric Features

Macroscopic ionic currents are present in normal tissue

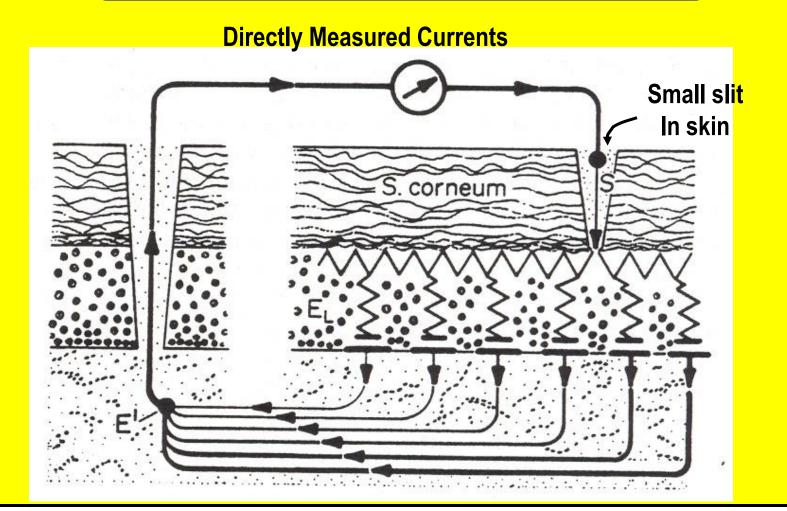


External Fields Might Interact with these Macroscopic Currents

Earth field ~ 0.5 Gauss = 0.5×10^{-4} Tesla

Grimes et al. Phys Med Biol 1985;30:1101-1112

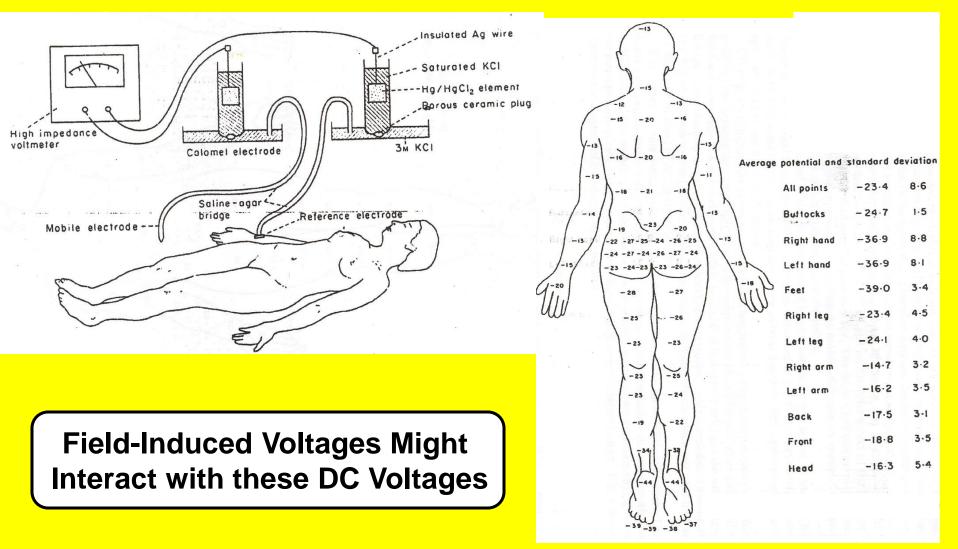
Human Skin is like a Battery



Field-Induced Currents Might Interact with these DC Currents

Barker et al. AJP 1982;242:R358-R366

Human Skin Surface Voltages

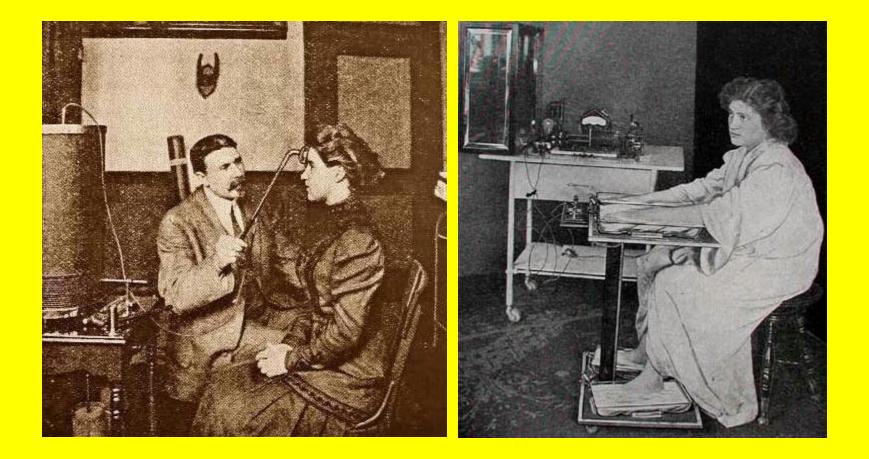


Trans-skin voltages (n=17)

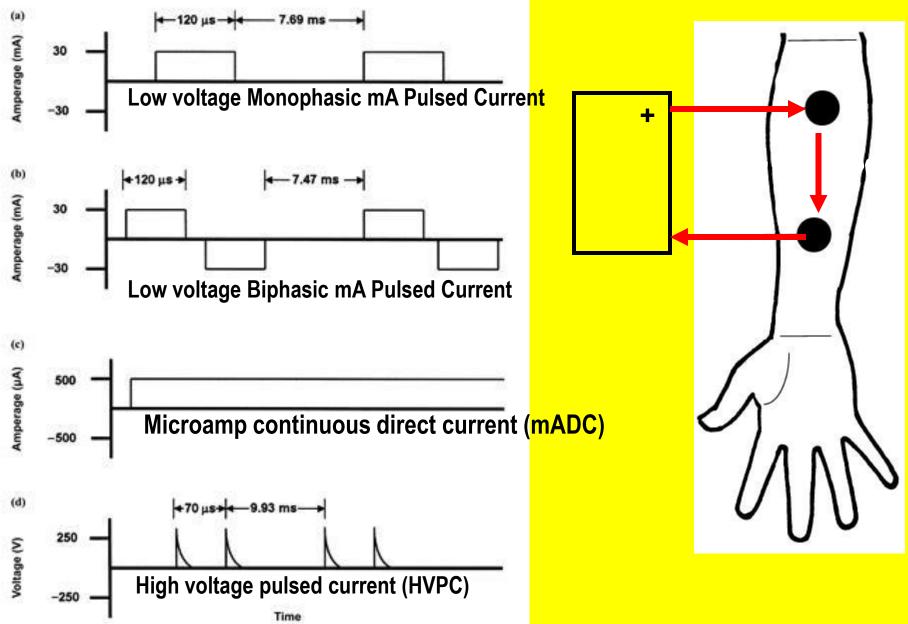
Foulds and Barker Br J Dermatology 1983;109:515-522

EMF Application Modalities

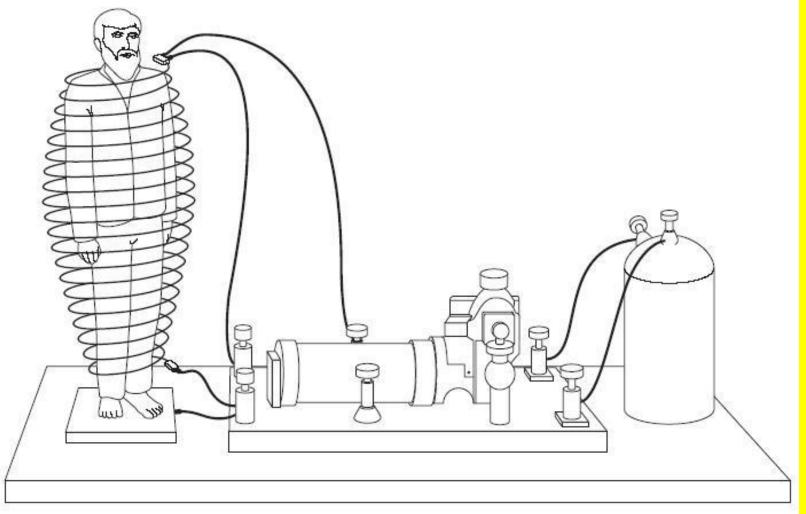
Electrodes (Contact) & Electrode-less (Non-Contact)



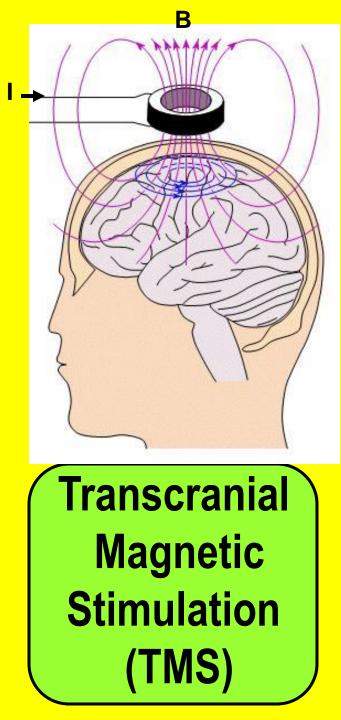
Contact Electro-Stimulation

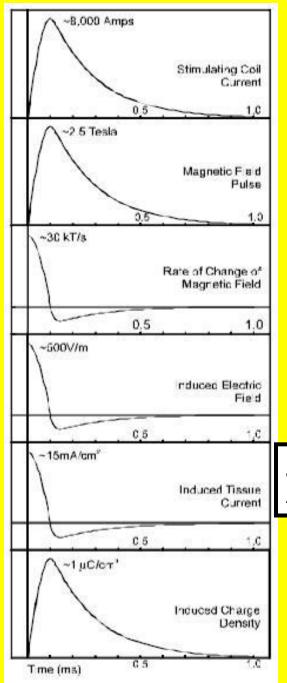


Non-Contact Electromagnetic Induction



Patent 96,044 1869

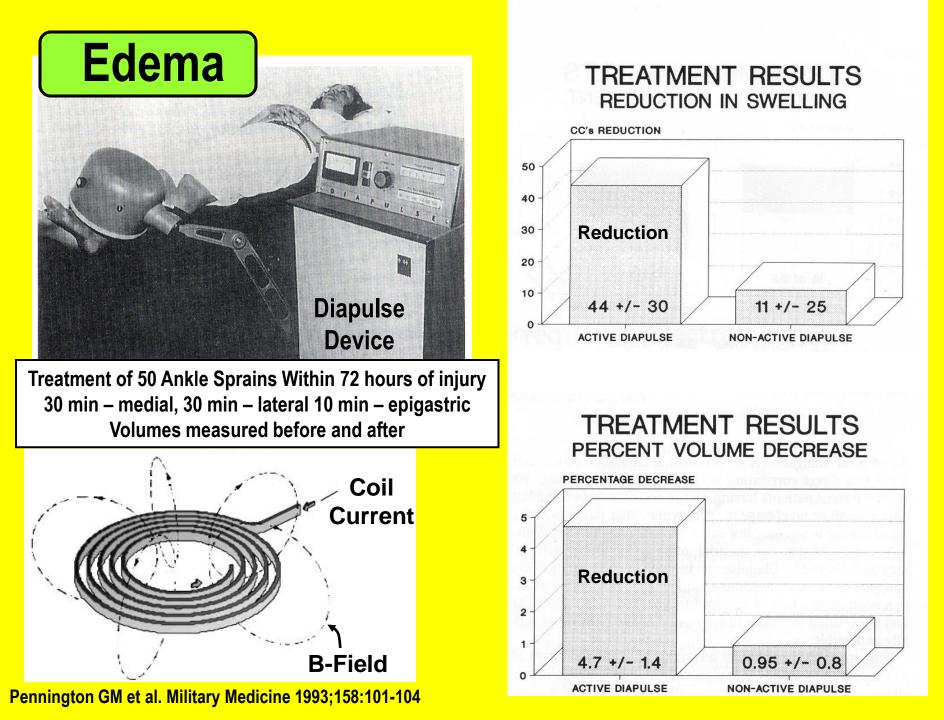




Body Tissue	Conductivity
Blood Plasma	1.4 S/m
Spinal Fluid	1.4
Nerve, axoplasm	0.91
Whole Blood	0.62
Skeletal Muscle, long axis	0.53
Brain, grey matter	0.45
Nerve, extracellular fluid	0.33
Brain, white matter	0.15
Liver	0.14
Bone, longitudinal direction	0.067

$J(t) = E(t) \times G_{TIS}$	SUE ens/m
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Edema Reduction Evidence?

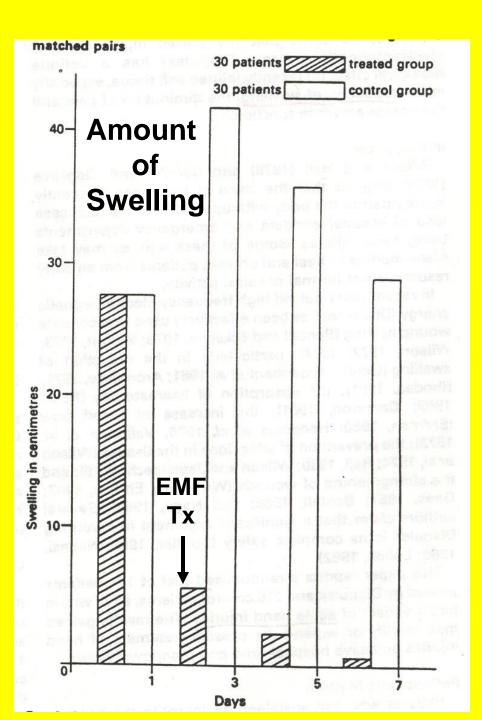


Edema

230 Hand or Thumb Injuries Seen within 36 hours of injury

During each visit (every other day) Received two ¹/₂ hour treatments Diapulse Device

30 matched-pairs based on Age – sex – degree of trauma

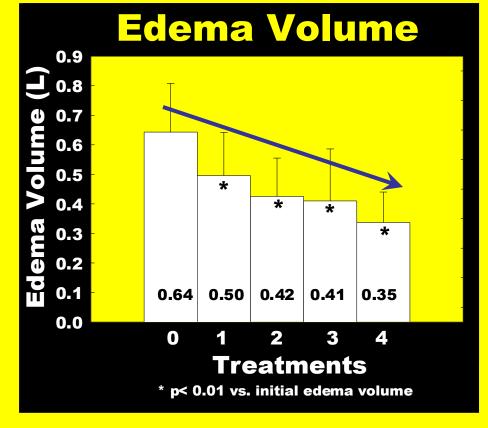


Lymphedema

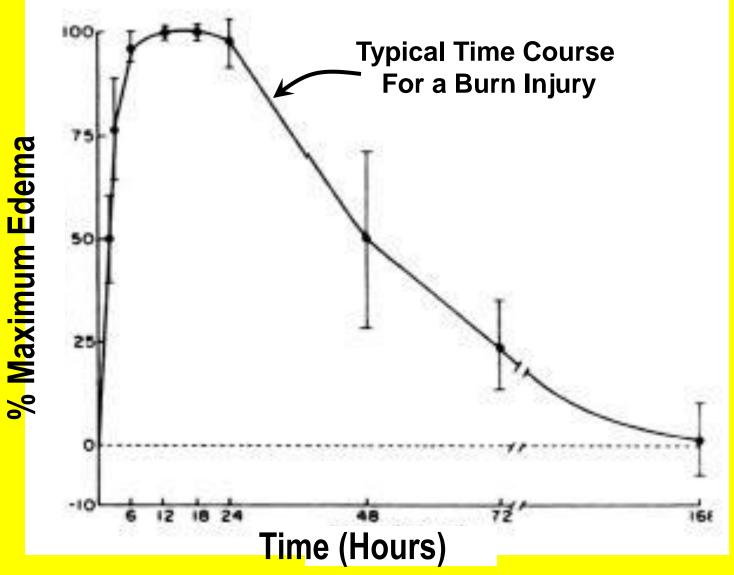




- High protein content edema secondary to node removal and/or radiation therapy
- Occurs in 20-40% of postmastectomy women from months to years after surgery
- Usually progressive if untreated Fibrosis

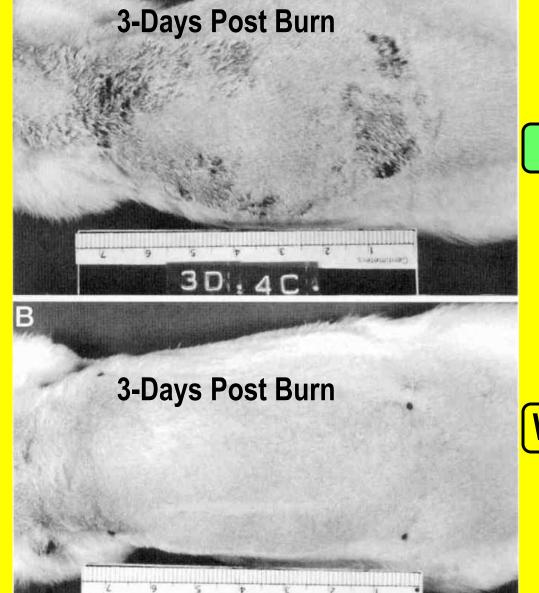


Experimental Burn Injury



Deming J Burn Care Rehab 2005;26:207-227

Edema Inhibition in Burn Injury



Full Thickness Scald Wounds Boiling water for 10s





Chu: J Trauma, Volume 40(5). May 1996.738-742

Two Days Post Burn

Dermis Pannicular M.



Protein Leak Less

SN Dressing Only

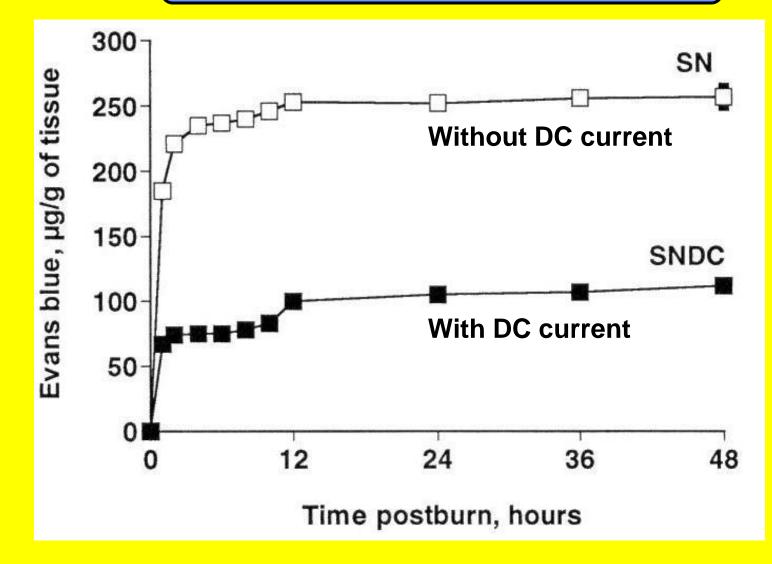
Visible Evans Blue (Bound to albumin)

SN Dressing with 40 μ A DC

Cross-Section of Underside of SN

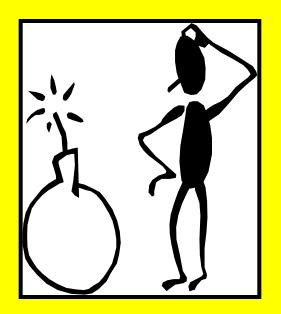
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Quantitative Protein Leak



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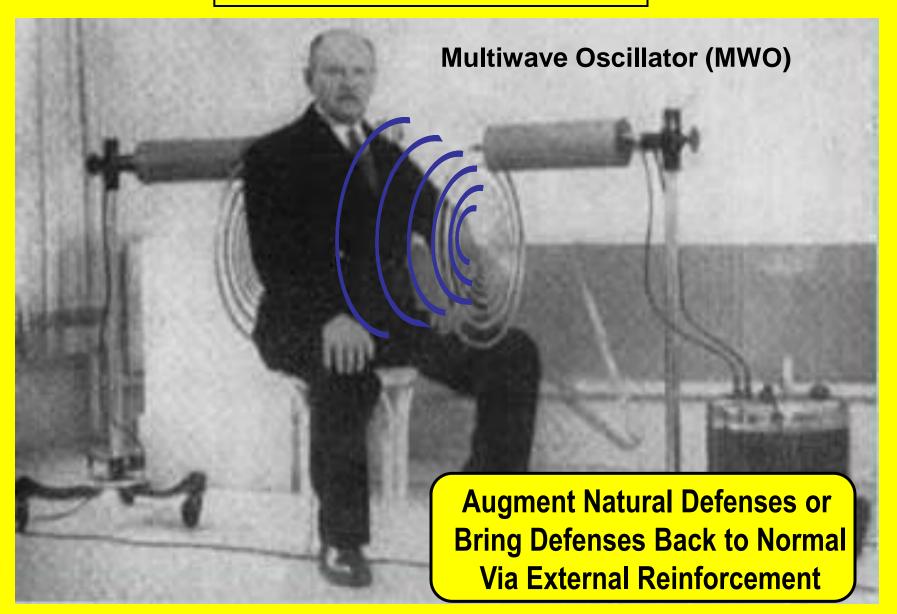
So – What's Going On?



Short Answer – Not Sure!!

Some Things to Ponder

Georges Lakhovsky ~ 1924



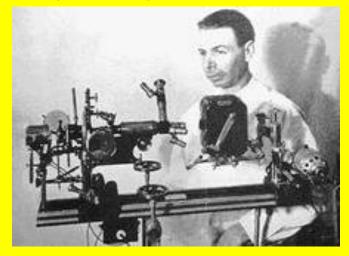
External Reinforcement

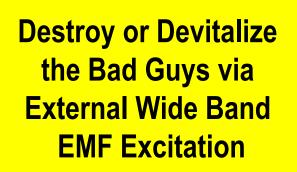
Lakhovsky's Concept

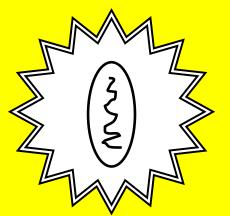
Augment Natural Defenses or Bring Defenses Back to Normal Via External Reinforcement

Normal cells have a natural (healthy) vibrational equilibrium frequency Overwhelm Normal Cells Microbes/ Viruses also have intrinsic oscillatory frequencies

Royal Raymond Rife ~ 1934







Normal cells have a natural (healthy) vibrational equilibrium frequency Pathogenic Actions on Normal Cells Microbes/ Viruses can be Destroyed or Devitalized by exposure to appropriate frequencies

Radio Energy Excited Gas Plasma Tube as an Antenna

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8-12 inches Recent: 30 ft

Bad Guy



Each of the multitude of frequencies has an associated impedance and phase angle.

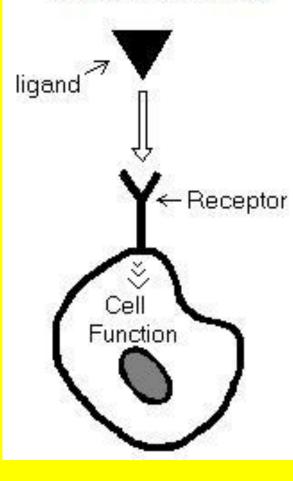
Overriding General Precept

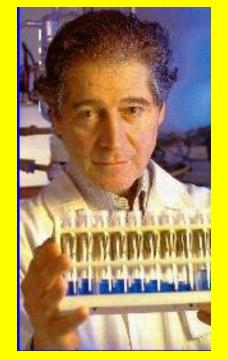
Complex Modulated Multi-frequency Multi-Phase Waves Demodulation Resonance Entrainment

Altered Physiological Function

Key/Keyhole interaction model

The Current Theory: "structural matching"

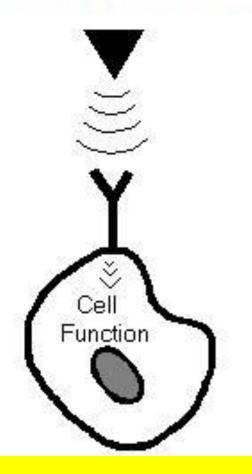




Jacques Benveniste

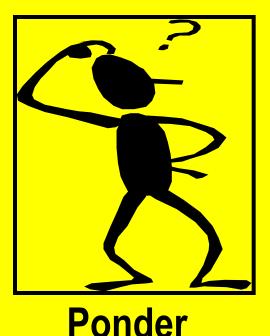
But suppose this were true

The Proposed Theory: "electromagnetic signals"

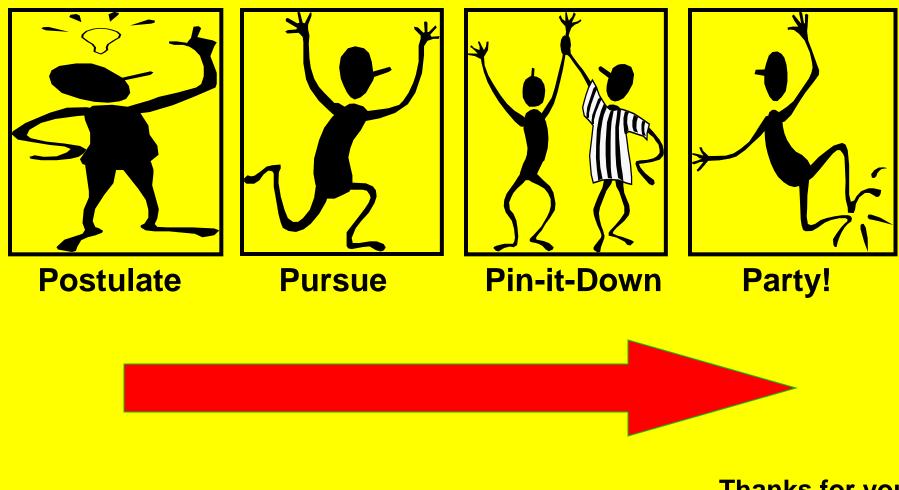


Challenge

As your fertile minds begin processing the vast amount of new information you will get keep in mind this unsolved problem



Just maybe you will discover the basis for a potential causal – mechanistic link!



Thanks for your Attention!