

AbstractID:9681Title:Fast hyperthermia temperature optimization for pelvic carcinoma patient treated with Sigma-Eye applicator

Purpose:

Though hyperthermia shows promising features being used with radiation and chemotherapy, it requires accurate spatial power focusing, which leads to a workload proportional to the square of the number of antennas in an applicator. This motivates this investigation of model reduction methods for pelvic carcinoma patient treated with Sigma-Eye applicator.

Method and Materials:

A patient placed in the middle of this 100 MHz 3-ring 12-antenna applicator was used to validate our approach. A 'similar' patient with different thermal properties, perfusion values and was placed between the middle and low ring was used to determine virtual source (VS) basis vectors. A VS vector is a weighted combination of magnitudes and phases of 12 antennas and was determined to minimize average temperature. Physical variables were projected to a reduced VS subspace spanned by a few VS vectors. Temperature response function of soft tumor and normal tissues were determined in the reduced subspace and then used in temperature optimization iterations.

Results:

By comparing the optimized temperature elevations distributions, we found it is indeed feasible to use a few chosen (best) VS basis vectors to optimally treat pelvic carcinoma patient with Sigma-Eye applicator; even when we determined those virtual source basis vectors from an existing "similar" patient.

Conclusion:

This success suggests a faster and safer pre-treatment temperature optimization approach that relieves workload of physicians.