

**Effect of hepatic vein on gold-nanoparticle-mediated-hyperthermia in liver cancer**

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Gold-nanoparticle-mediated-hyperthermia is a non-invasive, target-based cancer treatment with significantly reduced side effects compared to conventional treatments. In this work, a simulation platform for gold-nanoparticle-mediated-hyperthermia is set up and is used to investigate the effect of the hepatic vein in vicinity of the tumor in case of liver cancer. An array of  $80 \times 20 \times 20$  nm<sup>3</sup> gold nanorods with 800nm periodicity is considered and illuminated with 38 Wcm<sup>-2</sup> 860nm laser, which is the plasmonic mode of the corresponding nanorods. The geometrical shape and size of the nanoparticle is designed in a way that the plasmonic mode is located within the first near infrared window (650nm-900nm) with minimum light-tissue interaction that allows light to effectively penetrate into the body. The temperature increase within the tumor is calculated for the two cases of tumor location in the middle of the liver and in vicinity of the liver hepatic vein. In order to reliably account for convective cooling through the vein, the underlying heat convection coefficient is calculated based on energy and motion equations for Navier-Stokes fluid with laminar blood flow when only a portion of the vein is heated. The mentioned arrangement of nanorods is capable of 13° temperature rise within the liver when the tumor is in the middle of liver. However, when the tumor is located near the hepatic vein only about 3° temperature raise is achievable, as the convective heat transfer through the blood flow causes accelerated cooling and consequently the cells would not be ablated.

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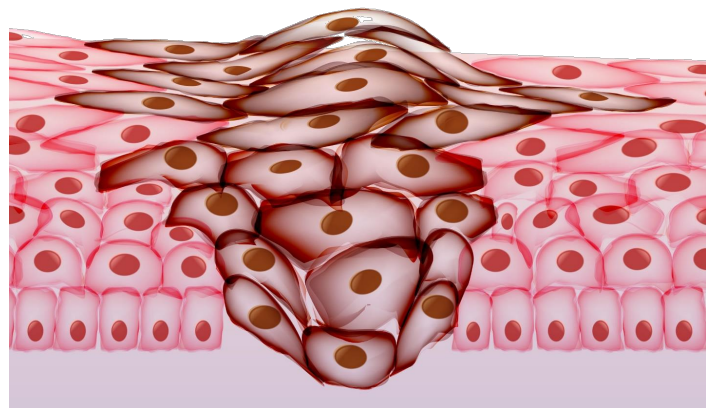
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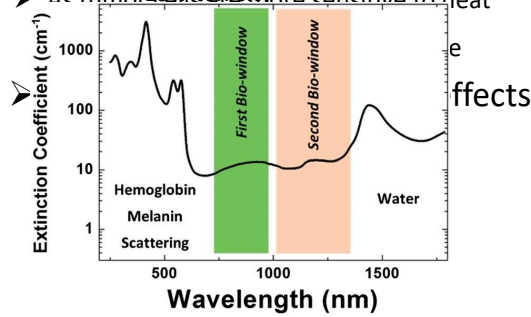
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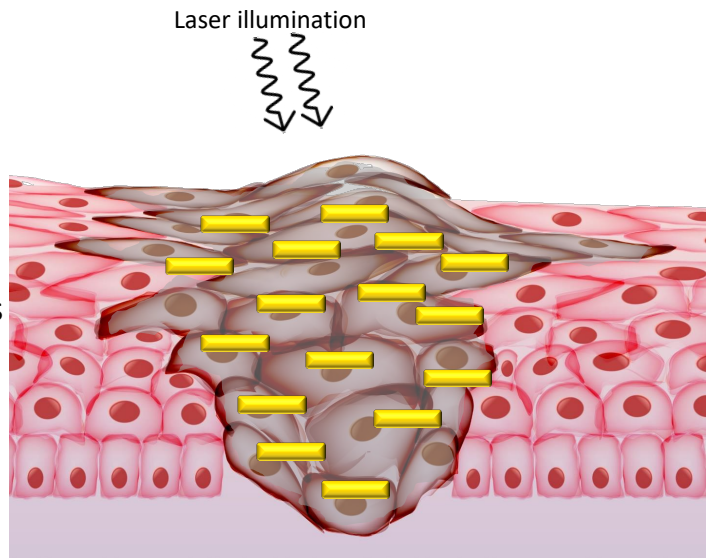


# Gold nanoparticle-mediated hyperthermia

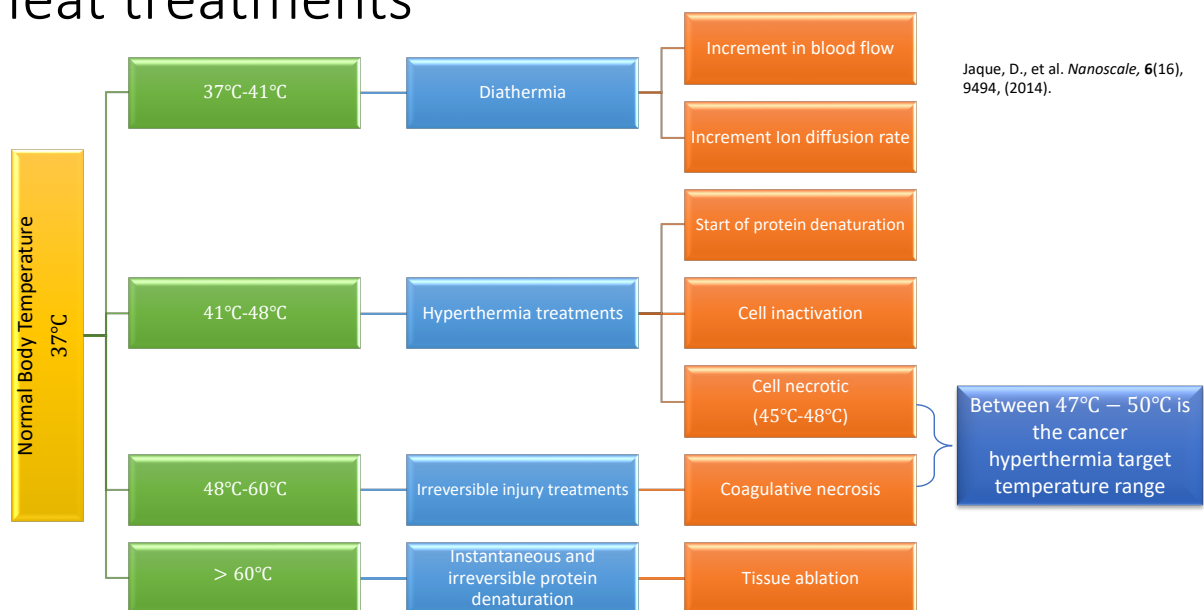
- **Non-invasive** injected within the tumor
- They are **High absorption cross-section**
- **Target-based**
- **Low toxicity**
- As tumor cells are more sensitive to heat



Jaque, D., et al. *Nanoscale*, 6(16), 9494, (2014).



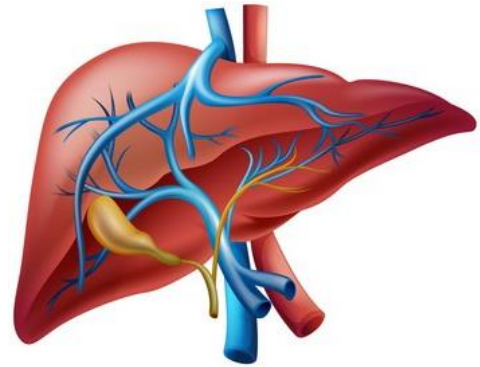
## Heat treatments



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# Effective design

- Au-NPs plasmonic excitation
- Absorption efficiency  $\Phi_{\text{abs}} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{abs}}}{\alpha_{\text{ext}}}$
- Laser power and wavelength range
  - CW laser:  $38 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{cm}^2}$ ,  $\lambda = 868\text{nm}$
- Nanoparticle density
- Tumor position



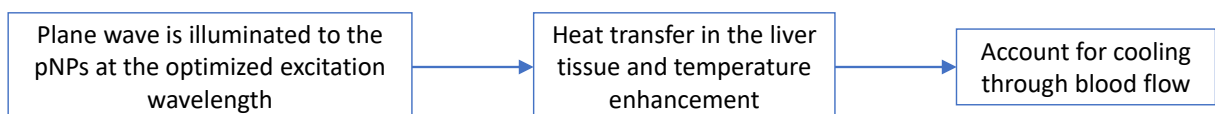
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# Simulation scenario

- Multiphysics simulation in Finite Element Method (FEM)

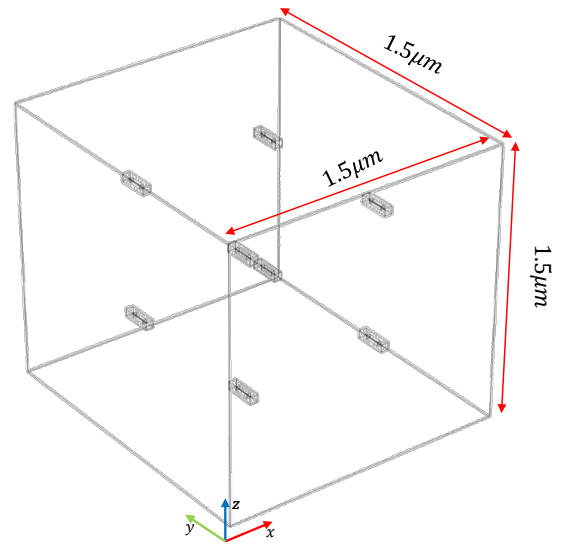
software *COMSOL Multiphysics* using:

- *Wave Optics Module*
- *Heat Transfer Module (Bio Heat Transfer)*



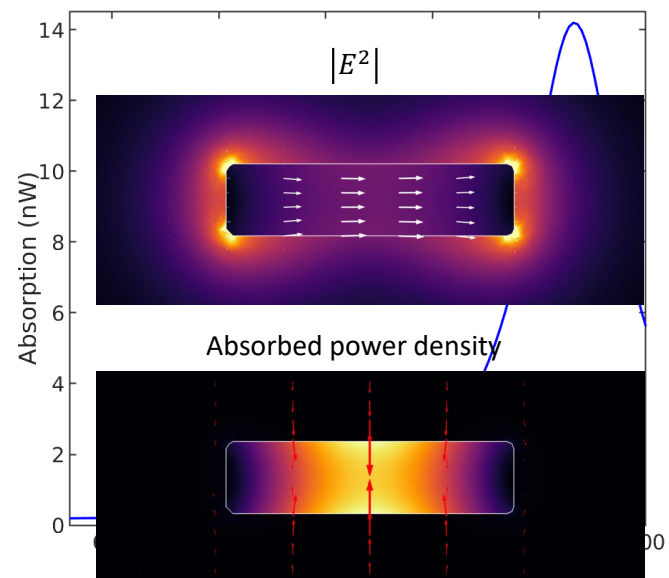
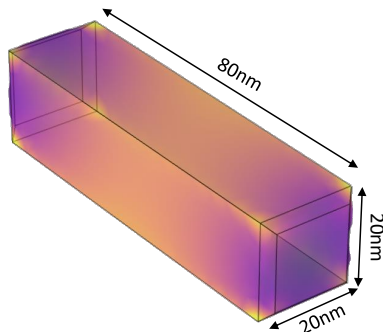
# Simulation scenario

- 3D periodic NPs arrangement is considered
- Each NP acts as a heat source
- For the ambient medium, the mean values for liver tissue are taken into account
- The tumor is located in vicinity of capillary veins
- The effect of vein presence is taken into account through appropriate heat convection coefficients



# Au-NP design

- Plasmonic excitation at longer wavelengths
- Relatively high absorption efficiency



❖ Plasmonic excitation at 868nm

# Heat transfer in liver

Heat transfer within the body is mainly convection through the blood flow.

Convective heat coefficient:

$$\bar{h} = -\frac{\rho C_p \bar{u} b}{a} \log \frac{T_s - T_{bl1}}{T_s - T_{bl0}}$$

$\rho$	blood density
$C_p$	specific heat
$b$	vein diameter
$a$	length of heated region
$\bar{u}$	mean blood flow velocity
$T_s$	maximum temperature raise
$T_{bl0}$	constant blood temperature
$T_{bl1}$	temperature at the vein outlet

Consiglieri, L., et al. Phys. Med. Biol. 48(24), 4125, (2003).

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# Liver anatomy

## ➤ Main veins in liver

### ➤ Inferior vena cava

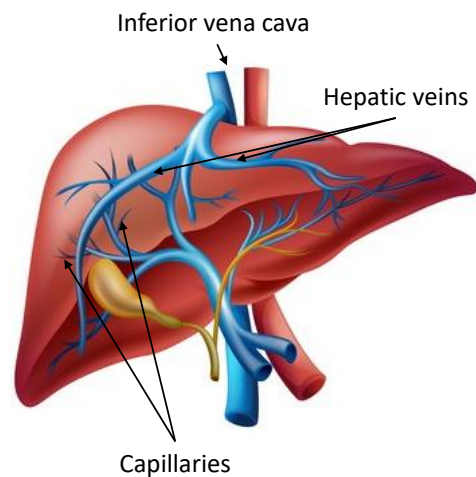
$$b \sim 1.7\text{cm}, \quad \bar{u} \sim 10 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

### ➤ Hepatic veins

$$b \sim 0.3\text{cm}, \quad \bar{u} \sim 3 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}}$$

### ➤ Capillaries

$$b \sim 0.0110\text{cm}, \quad \bar{u} \sim 10 \frac{\mu\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$



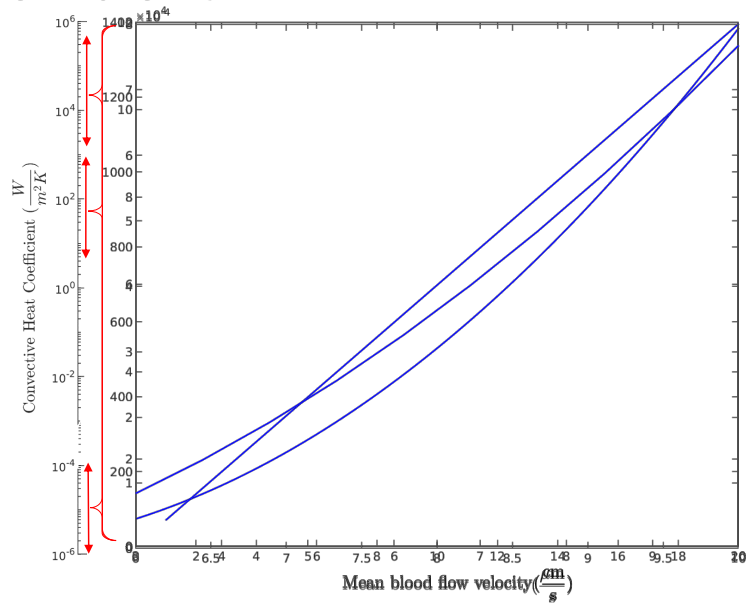
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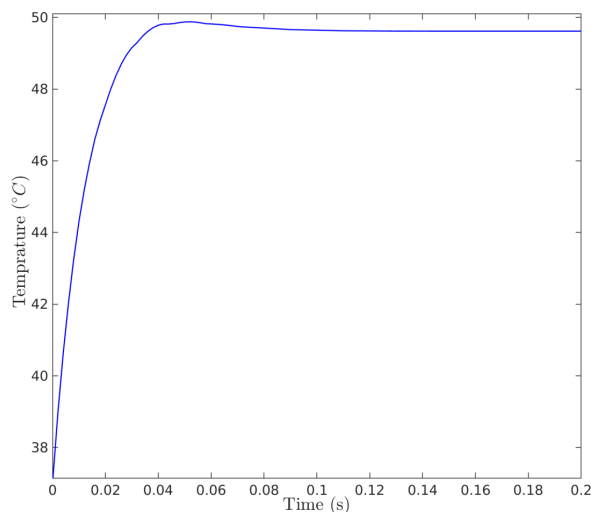
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# Convective heat coefficient

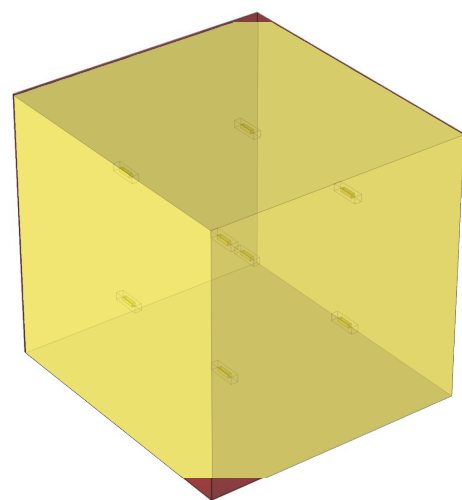
- Inferior vena cava
- Hepatic veins
- Capillaries



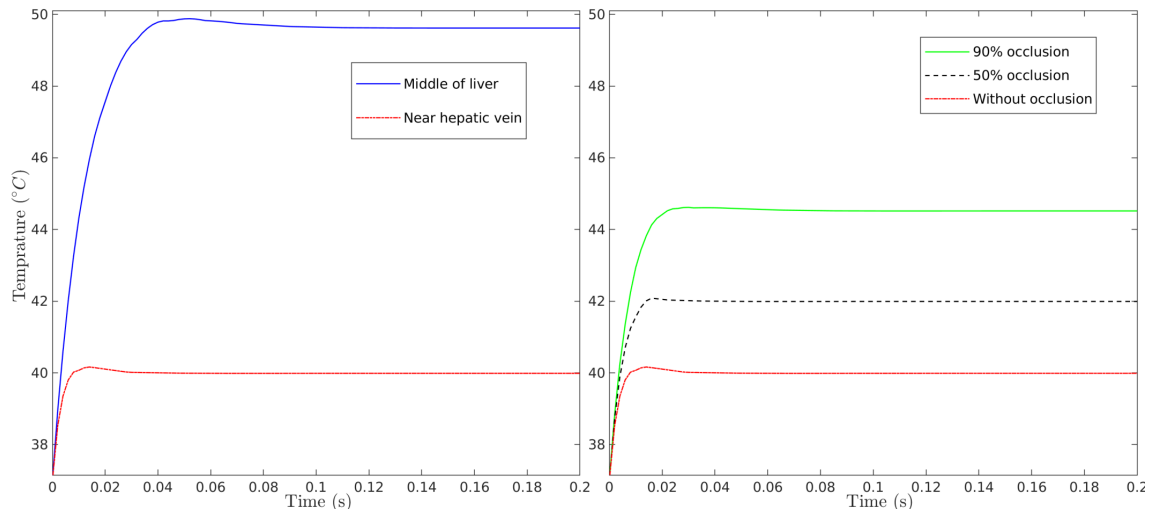
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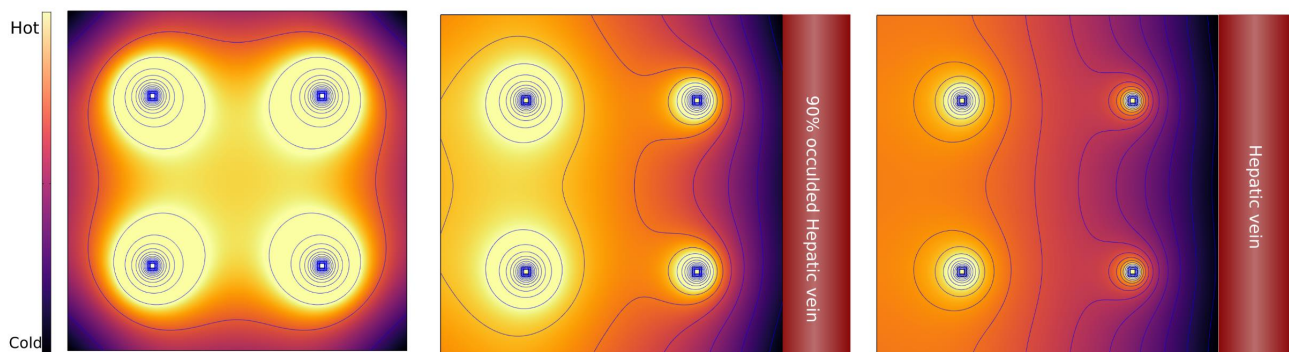
After 2min



# Tumor near the hepatic vein



# Temperature plane





## Conclusions:

- ✓ Although the pNPs determine the amount of generated heat within the tissue, temperature increase is highly dependent on the tumor position and the organ anatomy.
- ✓ For each type of cancer, the gold-mediated hyperthermia should be specifically designed.
- ✓ When the tumor is located near main veins, the therapy can only be used as a complementary treatment.

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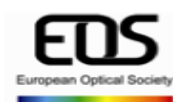
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