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Establishment of bilateral cooperation and exchange of experience in the field of medical infrared thermography

- Study realized 2013-2016
- Faculty of Medicine MU + Faculty Hospital Brno
- Consist of *ex vivo* experiments and clinical study
- Original article in IRBM, 2014



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Original article

Radiofrequency tissue ablation inside of metal stent - A thermographic study

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Objectives and questions:

Describe the process of RFA within the

- temperature distribution
- dynamic of heating process
- monopolar and bipolar heating

Focusing specifically on:

- position of stent and indifferent plate electrode
- effect of conductive contact of electrode and stent

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Why stents?

- Biliary stents are mostly used to threat obstruction that occur in the bile ducts (cancer).
- Stents are blocked in a few months after their implanting.
- The inner space of stent make passable by RFA.

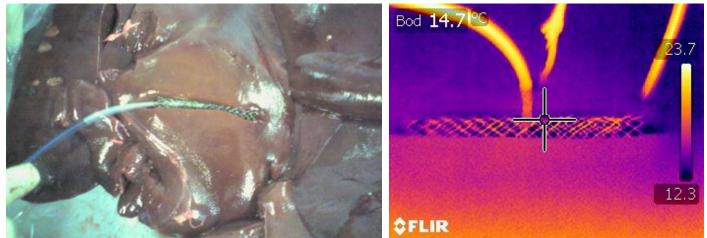
- How to use RFA in this case?
- What happen in case of the conductive contact stent-active electrode?

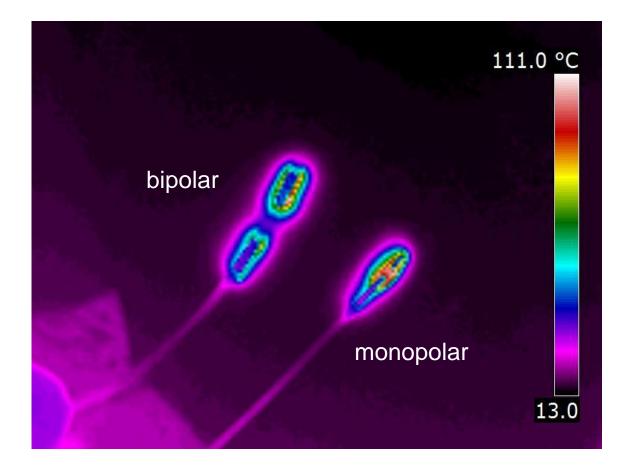
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The experimental design: ex vivo experiment

- EGIS Biliary stents 10 mm x 80 mm
- Catether EndoHPB 8F 180 cm (monopole and bipole heating)
- RF generator Rita 1500X RF, 460 kHz
- Infrared thermal camera Flir B200, Flir i7

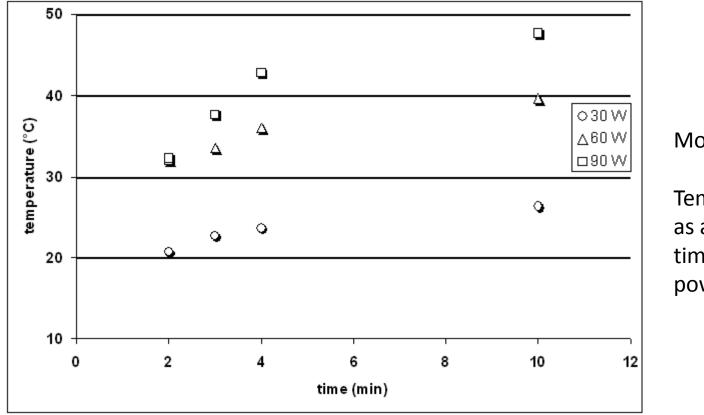




Time 2 min, power 60 W

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The difference in size and shape of the affected area of tissue

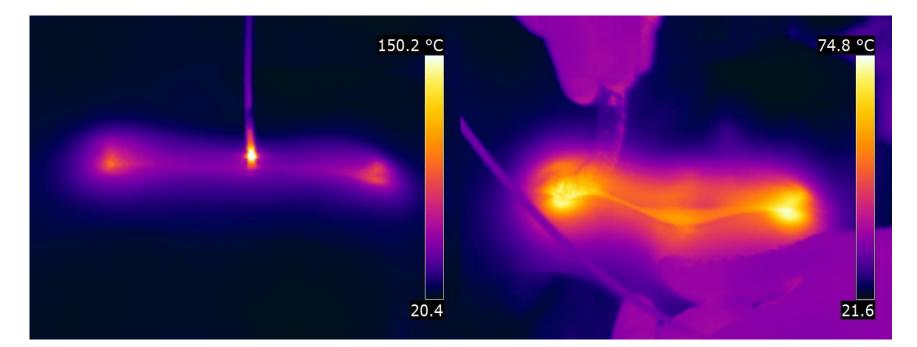


Monopolar mode

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Temperature rises as a function of time and output power

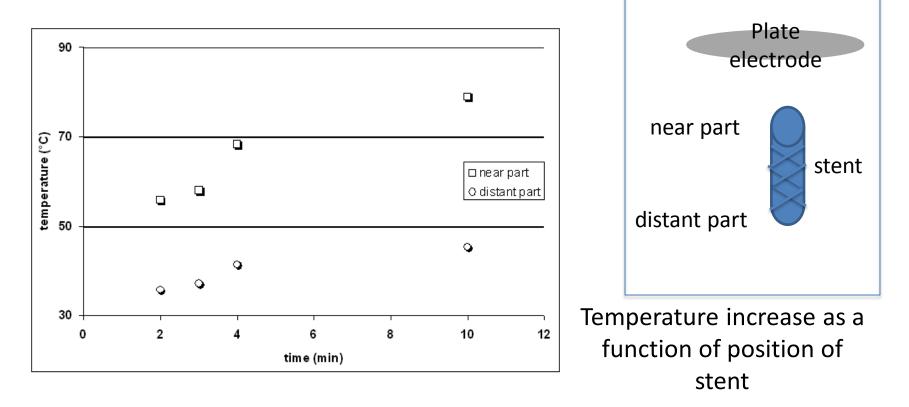


Time 4 min, power 60 W

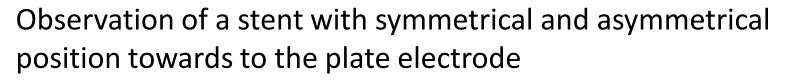
Maximum temperature was observed in the terminal parts of the stent

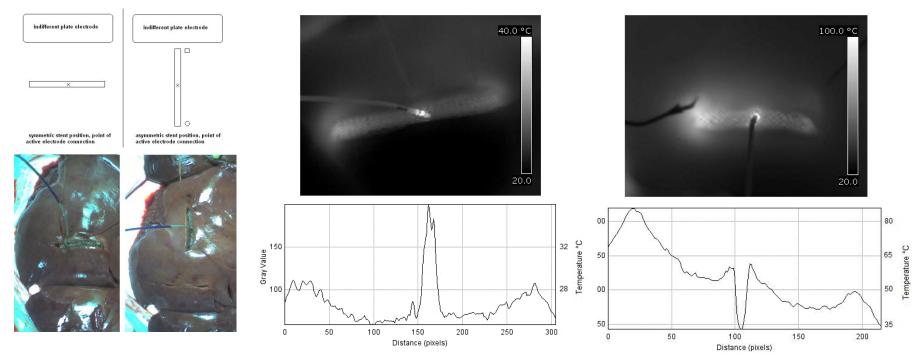
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Dynamic of heating of terminal parts of stent - in the case of asymmetrical position of stent towards to the plate electrode



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visible difference in the temperatures of terminal parts of the stent, depending on the position of indifferent plate electrode

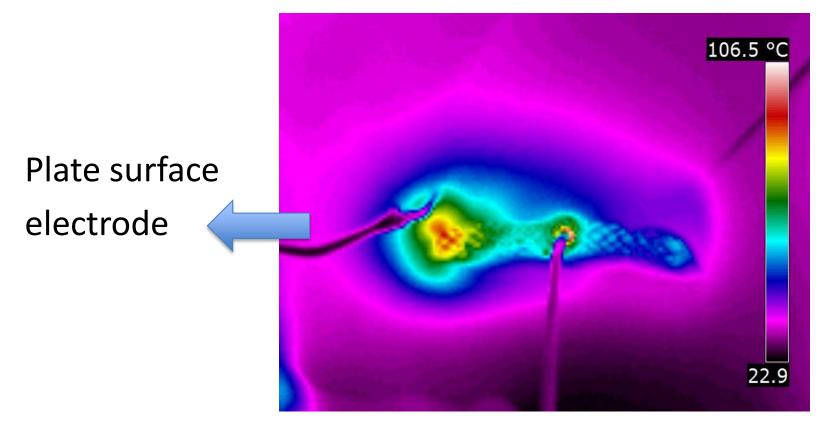
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Thermogram of a stent with asymmetrical position towards to the plate electrode



Results

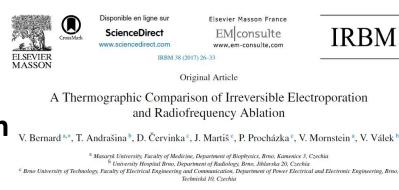
- The influence of output power and time duration of the RF on final temperature (of tissue or stent)
- The effect of increasing of temperature of the stent in the case of conductive connection of stent with the active electrode
- Increasing of temperature in the terminal parts of the stent compared to the middle part of stents
- The influence of the position of the indifferent plate electrode symmetry, asymmetry- on the heating process
- Presented experiments have shown the possibility of using infrared thermal imaging camera for monitoring and visualization of the RF

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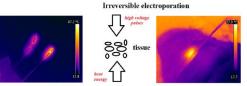
- Study realized 2016-(2018)
- Faculty of Medicine MU + Faculty Hospital Brno + Brno University of Technology
- Consist of *ex vivo* experiments and in vivo animal model study
- Testing of high-energy current generator of team's own design
- Original article in IRBM, 2017



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Graphical abstract



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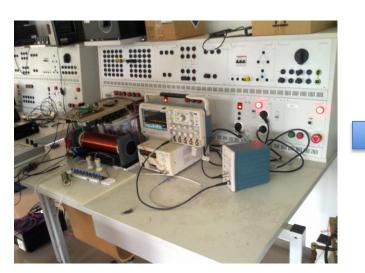
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- IRE new method used in ablation of parenchymal organs
- Non-thermal effect
- Application of very short pulses of electric current under high voltage
- Induced instability of polarized lipid bilayers with effect of creating pores in cell membranes
- The connective and fibrous tissues are not destroyed (vascular structure, biliary tract, ...)
- Application in tumor treatment

- Ex vivo experiments on liver tissue
- Generator of own construction
- 50 pulses of 100 μs, output voltage 1500-2500 V, current 4-10 A
- New designed balloon catheter with 3 electr.
- Flir B200

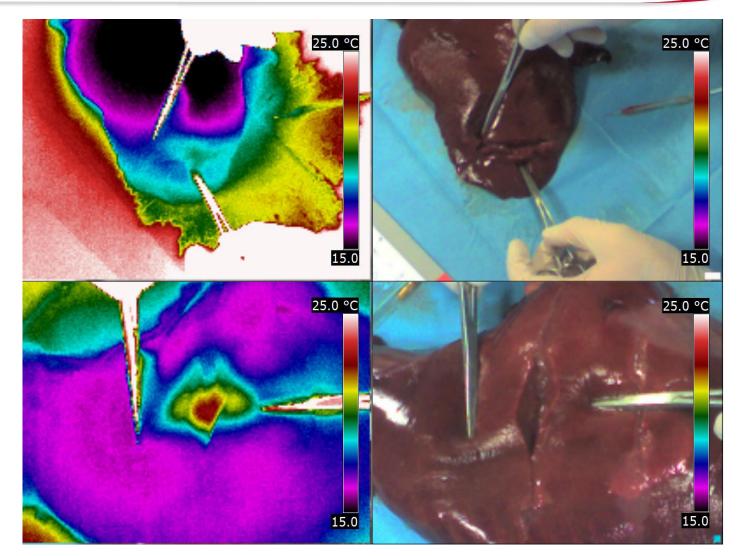






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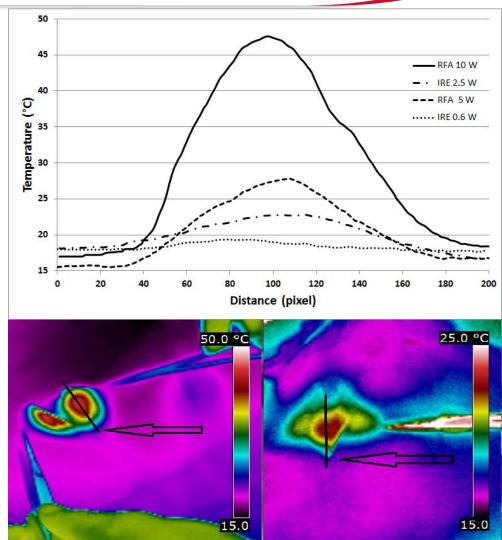


IRE, 150 pulses of 100 μs each

0.6 W (1500 V)

2.5 W (2500 V)

Temperature profile of tissue in position of IRE and RFA application



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Results

- Verification of functions of the IRE device
- Characterization of heat process of IRE
- Comparing of IRE and FRA thermal effect in the same or similarly case of application







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