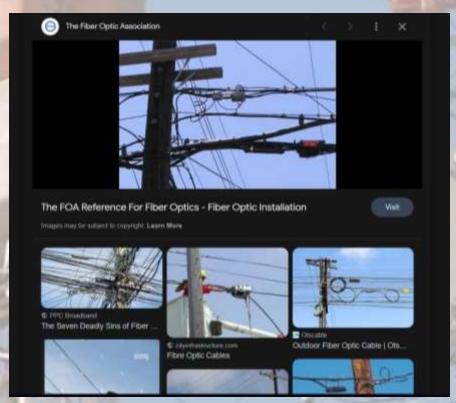
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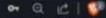








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| 1800 MHz Public Exposure Guidelines               | PFD               | Equivalent | c.f. speed |  |
|---|-------------------|------------|------------|--|
|   | μW/m <sup>2</sup> | V/m        | m.p.h.     |  |
| FCC (USA) OET-65                                  | 10,000,000        | 61         | 3000       |  |
| ICNIRP (1998), WHO                                | 9,000,000         | 58         | 2847       |  |
| Belgium (excluding Wallonia)                      | 1,115,000         | 21         | 1002       |  |
| Italy (sum of frequencies)                        | 100,000           | 6          | 300        |  |
| Russia, PRChina                                   | 100,000           | 6          | 300        |  |
| Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg             | 95,000            | 6          | 292        |  |
| Belgium Wallonia                                  | 24,000            | 3          | 147        |  |
| Typical 100m from a base station (0.2 to 6 V/m)   | 10,000            | 1.9        | 95         |  |
| Vienna (sum GSM)                                  | 10,000            | 1.9        | 95         |  |
| Italy (single frequency)                          | 1,000             | 0.6        | 30         |  |
| Salzburg 1998 (sum GSM)                           | 1,000             | 0.6        | 30         |  |
| EU-Parl, GD Wissenschaft, STOA GSM (2001)         | 100               | 0.2        | 9          |  |
| Median level, 15 US cities 1977 (mainly VHF & TV) | 48                | 0.14       | 7          |  |
| Salzburg GSM/3G outside houses (2002)             | 10                | 0.06       | 3          |  |
| Salzburg GSM/3G inside houses (2002)              | 1                 | 0.02       | 1          |  |
| Burgerforum BRD proposal, waking areas (1999)     | 1                 | 0.02       | 1          |  |
| Burgerforum BRD proposal, sleeping areas (1999)   | 0.01              | 0.002      | 0.1        |  |
| Mobile phone handsets can work down to about      | 0.000002          | 0.00003    | 0.0015     |  |
| Natural background level (all RF frequencies)     | 0.000001          | 0.00002    | 0.001      |  |
| Cosmic background at 1800 MHz average approx      | 0.0000000001      | 0.00000006 | 0.000003   |  |

Note that it is very rare indeed for broadcast radio signals to exceed 1 V/m inside residences, with VHF/UHF ones rarely exceeding 0.05 V/m, being typically less than 0.01 V/m.

Mobile phones can work down to less than 0.00003 V/m.



# **BioInitiative 2012**

A Rationale for Biologically-based Exposure Standards for Low-Intensity Electromagnetic Radiation

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## **BIOINITIATIVE 2012 - CONCLUSIONS Table 1-1**

Overall, these 1800 or so new studies report abnormal gene transcription (Section 5); genotoxicity and single-and double-strand DNA damage (Section 6); stress proteins because of the fractal RF-antenna like nature of DNA (Section 7); chromatin condensation and loss of DNA repair capacity in human stem cells (Sections 6 and 15); reduction in free-radical scavengers – particularly melatonin (Sections 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17); neurotoxicity in humans and animals (Section 9), carcinogenicity in humans (Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17); serious impacts on human and animal sperm morphology and function (Section 18); effects on offspring behavior (Section 18, 19 and 20); and effects on brain and cranial bone development in the offspring of animals that are exposed to cell phone radiation during pregnancy (Sections 5 and 18). This is only a snapshot of the evidence presented in the BioInitiative 2012 updated report.

### BIOEFFECTS ARE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED

Bioeffects are clearly established and occur at very low levels of exposure to electromagnetic fields and radiofrequency radiation. Bioeffects can occur in the first few minutes at levels associated with cell and







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unrestricted wireless commerce unless new, and far lower exposure limits and strong precautionary warnings for their use are implemented.

### EMF AND RFR ARE PREVENTABLE TOXIC EXPOSURES

We have the knowledge and means to save global populations from multi-generational adverse health consequences by reducing both ELF and RFR exposures. Proactive and immediate measures to reduce unnecessary EMF exposures will lower disease burden and rates of premature death.

## DEFINING A NEW 'EFFECT LEVEL' FOR RFR

1000 uW/m2

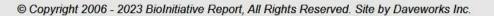
On a precautionary public health basis, a reduction from the BioInitiative 2007 recommendation of 0.1 uW/cm2 (or one-tenth of a microwatt per square centimeter) for cumulative outdoor RFR down to something three orders of magnitude lower (in the low nanowatt per square centimeter range) is justified.

A scientific benchmark of 0.003 uW/cm2 or three nanowatts per centimeter squared for 'lowest observed effect level' for RFR is based on mobile phone base station-level studies. Applying a ten-fold reduction to compensate for the lack of long-term exposure (to provide a safety buffer for chronic exposure, if needed) or for children as a sensitive subpopulation yields a 300 to 600 picowatts per square centimeter precautionary action level. This equates to a 0.3 nanowatts to 0.6 nanowatts per square centimeter as a reasonable, precautionary action level for chronic exposure to pulsed RFR. These levels may need to change in the future, as new and better studies are completed. We leave room for future studies that may lower or raise today's observed 'effects levels' and should be prepared

3 - 6 uW/m2







to accept new information as a guide for new precautionary actions.





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Dr. Zory Glaser has donated his RF/Microwave research archives to Professor Magda Havas of Trent University.

We thank Dr. Glaser for so generously sharing his body work on the effects of electromagnetic and radio frequency radiation.

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### SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT 5G AND 4G DENSIFICATION IS NOT SAFE



## EMF Scientist Appeal to the United Nations

This page is dedicated to advocating support for the International EMF Scientist Appeal to the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

### Announcement from the International EMF Alliance

Request to NGOs worldwide to support the International EMF Scientist Appeal to the **United Nations** 

UPDATE: See February 4, 2016 letter from Sissel Halmøy, President of (EMFA, to the leaders of the UN, the WHO and UNEP advising them of widespread international NGO support for the International EMF Scientist Appeal.

The International Electromagnetic Field Alliance (IEMFA) has received a statement of support for the International EMF Scientist Appeal submitted to the United Nations on May 11, 2015, from 105 NGOs in 25 nations, including for-profit entitles that market physical shielding materials and EMF detection equipment. See the Appeal at: EMFscientist.org

To date, 220 scientists from 41 nations have signed the Appeal. Each has published peerreviewed research on biological or health effects of non-ionizing radiation, including extremely low frequency fields (ELF) used for electricity or radio frequency radiation (RFR) used for wireless communications.

These EMF scientists are raising serious concerns regarding the risks for humankind and nature Line wash Listip Telegraph 4 Anti-rell ling exposure to EMF sources (electromagnetic fields and

INTERNATIONAL APPEAL Stop 5G on Earth and in Space



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## **Organizations**

As of January 7, 2020, 188,653 people and organizations from 203 nations and territories have signed this Appeal.

### FREIBURGER APPEAL

### Interdisciplinary Society for Environmental Medicine e. V.

Out of great concern for the health of our fellow human beings do we - as established physicians of all fields, especially that of environmental medicine - turn to the medical establishment and those in public health and political domains, as well as to the public. We have observed, in recent years, a dramatic rise in severe and chronic diseases among our patients, especially:

- Learning, concentration, and behavioural disorders (e.g. attention deficit disorder, ADD)
- Extreme fluctuations in blood pressure, ever harder to influence with medications
- Heart rhythm disorders
- Heart attacks and strokes among an increasingly younger population
- Brain-degenerative diseases (e.g. Alzheimer's) and epilepsy
- Cancerous afflictions: leukemia, brain tumors

### Scientists warn of potential serious health effects of 5G



September 13, 2017

We the undersigned, more than 180 scientists and doctors from 35 countries, recommend a moratorium on the roll-out of the fifth generation, 5G, for telecommunication until potential hazards for human health and the environment have been fully investigated by scientists independent from industry. 5G will substantially increase exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF) on top of the 2G, 3G, 4G, Wi-Fi, etc. for telecommunications already in place. RF-EMF has been proven to be harmful for humans and the environment.

(Note: Blue links below are references.)

### 5G leads to massive increase of mandatory exposure to wireless radiation

5G technology is effective only over short distance. It is poorly transmitted through solid material. Many new antennas will be required and full-scale implementation will result in antennas every 10 to 12. houses in urban areas, thus massively increasing mandatory exposure.

With "the ever more extensive use of wireless technologies," nobody can avoid to be exposed. Because on top of the increased number of 5G-transmitters (even within housing, shops and in hospitals) according to estimates, "10 to 20 billion connections" (to refrigerators, washing machines, surveillance cameras, self-driving cars and buses, etc.) will be parts of the Internet of Things. All these together can cause a substantial increase in the total, long term RF-EMF exposure to all EU citizens.

#### Harmful effects of RF-EMF exposure are already proven

More than 230 scientists from 41 countries have expressed their "serious concerns" regarding the ubiquitous and increasing exposure to EMF generated by electric and wireless devices already before the

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## Evidence for a connection between coronavirus disease-19 and exposure to radiofrequency radiation from wireless communications including 5G

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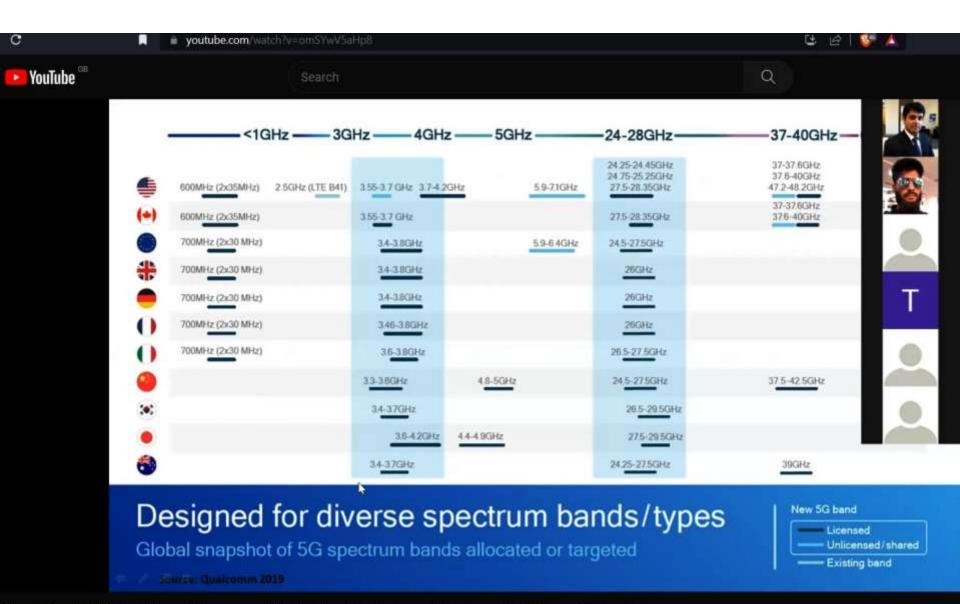
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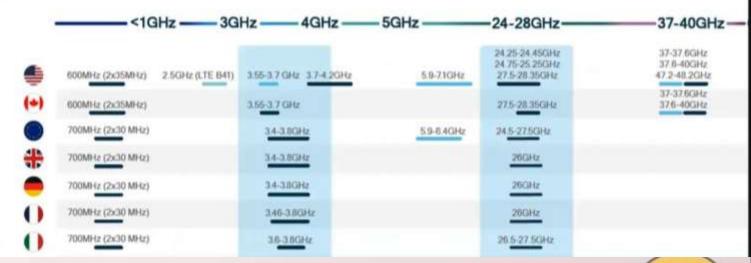
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### Abstract

**Background and aim:** Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health policy has focused on the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) virus and its effects on human health while environmental factors have been largely ignored. In considering the epidemiological triad (agent-host-environment) applicable to all disease, we investigated a possible environmental factor in the COVID-19 pandemic: ambient radiofrequency radiation from wireless communication systems including microwaves and millimeter waves. SARS-CoV-2, the virus that caused the COVID-19 pandemic, surfaced in Wuhan, China shortly after the implementation of city-wide (fifth generation [5G] of wireless communications radiation [WCR]), and rapidly spread globally, initially demonstrating a statistical correlation to international communities with recently established 5G networks. In this study, we examined the peer-reviewed scientific literature on the detrimental bioeffects of WCR and identified several mechanisms by which WCR may have contributed to the COVID-19 pandemic as a toxic environmental cofactor. By crossing boundaries between the disciplines of biophysics and pathophysiology, we present evidence that WCR may: (1) cause morphologic changes in erythrocytes including echinocyte and rouleaux formation that can contribute to hypercoagulation; (2) impair microcirculation and reduce erythrocyte and hemoglobin levels exacerbating hypoxia; (3) amplify





| Low Band<br>5G  | 600 MHz - 850<br>MHz | <ul> <li>Similar to 4G Cellphones.</li> <li>The low band cell towers have a coverage area range similar to 4G cellphone towers.</li> <li>Speeds are 30 – 250 Mega Bits per second</li> </ul>  |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| Mid Band<br>5G  | 2.5 GHz - 3.7<br>GHz | <ul> <li>Frequencies used are in the Microwave range</li> <li>Cell tower coverage is up to several kilometers in radius</li> <li>Speeds are between 100 – 900 Mega bits per second</li> </ul> |
| High Band<br>5G | 25 GHz – 39<br>GHz   | <ul> <li>Frequencies used are in the Microwave range</li> <li>Limited coverage range and needing many small cells</li> </ul>  |



| Feature           | 1G              | 2G             | 3G             | 4G                 | 5G            |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Start/Development | 1970/ 1984      | 1980/1999      | 1990/2002      | 2000/2010          | 2010/2015     |
| Technology        | AMPS, NMT, TACS | GSM            | WCDMA          | LTE, WiMAx         | MIMO, mmWaves |
| Bandwidth         | 2 kbps          | 14.4 - 64 kbps | 2 Mbps         | 2000 Mbps - 1 Gbps | > 1Gbps       |
| Access System     | FDMA            | TDMA/CDMA      | CDMA           | CDMA               | OFDMA/BDMA    |
| Core Network      | PSTN            | PSTN           | Packet Network | Internet           | Internet      |





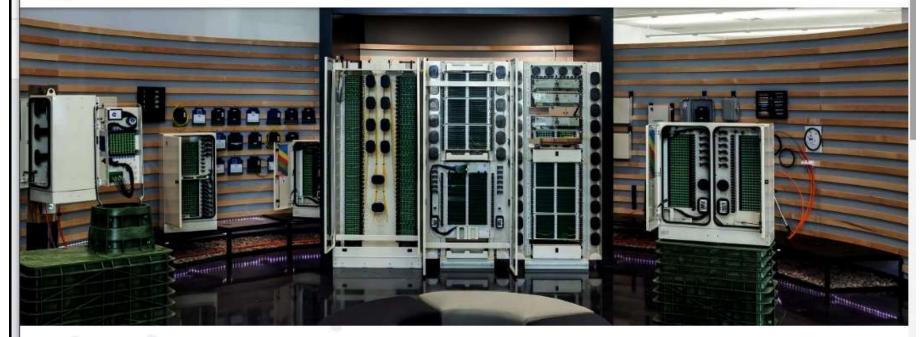












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# Small Cells for 5G Deployments

The Small Cell is another critical component in the arsenal of today's wireless providers as they equip their networks for the dramatic increase in wireless coverage that 5G will demand. Small Cells help to boost an area of weak coverage within a macro cell network by offloading traffic normally handled by the macro cell.

Look at what is happening in Santa Monica, CA. The Santa Monica <u>Seascape</u>, the city's newsletter for its citizens, recently ran this article about small cells.



"In 2016, the City of Santa Monica adopted a new wireless telecommunication ordinance to protect the city from uncontrolled expansion, while streamlining the review process to meet statutory

Other cities are also installing small cells. Below are photos from downtown San Francisco of three different types of small cells on street lights on Polk Street.



Boston also has a number of small cells installed.







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| Country, author  | Frequency<br>(MHz) | Maximum<br>permissible<br>intensity  | Remarks  |
|--|--------------------|--|--|
| USA: Ely, T.S.,  | 3000               | 100 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | Whole body 10 uW/m2  |
| Goldman, D. (1957)   |                    | 150 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | Eyes 15  |
| S. W. S.   |                    | 5 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | Testes   |
| USA: U.S. Army   |                    | 0020   | 0.5  |
| (1958)   | A11                | 10 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | MAN THE WORK   |
| USA: Schwan, H.P.  | 1000               | 30 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | Whole body   |
|  | 1000-3000          | 10 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | Whole body 1 - 3 uW/m2   |
|  | 3000               | 20 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | Whole body   |
| USA: General   |                    | 201 970  | , 100 MA  |
| Electric   | 700                | 1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | 5 😜  |
| USA: Bell Tele-  | NAMES .            | 2-1100m/k/ae2/   |  |
| phone Labs. (1956)   | 750-30 000         | 1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | -  |
| USA: Mumford,  | 0.                 | 0.000  |  |
| W.W. (1956)  | -                  | 0.1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | -  |
| NATO (1956)  | -                  | 0.5 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | -  |
| Sweden   | 87                 | 222 V/m  |  |
|  | 87                 | 25 V/m   | -  |
| Britain  | 300                | 0.01 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | <u> </u>   |
| West Germany   | C) SOMEONON        | THE STATE OF THE S |  |
| (1962)   | -                  | 10 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  |  |
| USSR (1965)  | 0.1-1.5            | 20 V/m   |  |
| is in  |                    | 5 A/m  |  |
|  | 1.5-30             | 20 V/m   |  |
|  | 30-300             | 5 V/m  | and the state of t |
|  | > 300              | 0.01 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | 6 hr daily 0.1 -0.001  |
|  |                    | 0.1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | 2 hr daily   |
|  |                    | 1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | 15 min daily uW/m2   |
| Poland (1961)  | > 300              | 0.01 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | Entire workday   |
| With the service of t |                    | 0.1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | 2-3 hr daily   |
|  | 7                  | 1 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | 15-20 min daily  |
| Czechoslovakia   | > 300              | 0.025 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>   | Cw operation 8*hr 0.001  |
| (1965)   |                    | 0.01 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | Pulsed op'n daily uW/m2  |
|  | 0.01-300           | 10 V/m   | uw/mz  |
| USA (1966)   | 10-100 000         | 1 (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )hr  | Every 6 min  |
|  | 10-100 000         | 1 (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )hr  | Every 6 min 0.1 uW/m2  |

TABLE 4. EXPOSURE STANDARDS FOR ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION (FROM MARHA & TUHA, 1971).

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Antenna CW/ pulsed Standard Type Frequency Exposure limit Exposure duration Stationary/ Remarks Rotating USSR 10-30 MHz 20 V/m working day both Military Occupaboth Government tional units and 30-50 MHz 10 V/m 1977 working day both both establish-(299) ments of the 0.3 A/m working day both both Ministry of Defence 50-300 MHz 5 V/m working day both both excluded 0.3-300 GHz 10 µW/cm2 working day both stationary 0.01 - 0.1 uW/m2 100 µW/cm2 working day both rotating 100 yW/cm2 2 hours both stationary 1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> 2 hours both rotating 0.1 uW/m2 1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> 20 min. both stationary USSR 0.0001 Government public 0.3-300 GHz 1 µW/cm2 both both 24 hours 1970 (42) uW/m2 Czechoslovskia 10-30 MHz 50 V/m working day both both Occupa-Government tional 10 V/m 1970 30-300 MHz working day both both (42) 0.3-300 GMz 25 µW/cm<sup>2</sup> working day cw both 0.001 uW/m2 pulsed 10 µW/cm<sup>2</sup> pulsed working day both max peak 1 kW/cm<sup>2</sup> 1.6 mW/cm2 both 1 hour CW 6 uW/m2 pulsed 0.64 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> 1 hour pulsed both 30-300 MHz General 1 V/m 24 hours both both public 0.0001 0.3-300 GMz 2.5 µW/cm2 24 hours CW both uW/m2 1 µW/cm2 24 hours pulsed both pulsed 30-300 MHz 1 V/m 24 hours both both 10-30 MHz 2.5 V/m both 24 hours both 0.3-300 GHz 0.2 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> Poland Occupa-10 hours both stationary Government tional 32/P2 (hours) 1972 0.2-10 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> both stationary P-power dens-sity in W/m2 (42,300) 0.02 - 0.1 uW/m2 1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> 10 hours both rotating 1-10 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> 800/P2 (hours) both rotating P-power den-sity in W/m2 0.3-300 GHz 10 µW/cm<sup>2</sup> General. 24 hours both stationary 0.001 pulic 0.1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> both uW/m2 24 hours rotating 20 V/m Poland Оссира 10-300 MHz working day both both Government tional 1975 3200/E<sup>2</sup> (hours) 20-300 V/m both both E-electric field proposed (42, 300) intensity in V/m General 10-300 MHz 7 V/m 24 hours both both public

TABLE 3. EXPOSURE STANDARDS IN THE USSR, POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA (FROM STUCHLY, 1978).



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Recommended Exposure Limit

50 MHz - 300 MHz (all waveforms) 30 - 50 MHz 3 - 30 MHz 60 kHz - 3 MHz Hz 25 μW/cm<sup>3</sup> 0.0025 uW/m2 Czech, Soc. Rep. 300 MHz - 300 GHz Exposure Standard 0.01 - 300 MHz USA: Product 890 - 6000 MHz Emission Standard 0.1 - 0.5 uW/m2 (ISM Bands in this range) 0.01 - 300 GHz Canada: Product **Emission Standard** 0.1 uW/m2

Country, and

Type of Standard

Exposure Standard

USA (ANSI)

U.S.Army/

1976 Industrial

Safety Exposure Standard\*

Air Force

USSR

Radiation Frequency

and Waveform

10 MHz - 100 GHz

(all waveforms)

0.001 - 0.01 uW/m2

0.01 - 300 GHz

Maximum Levels

10 mW/cm2

1 mW.h/cm2

100 mW/cm2

0.1 - 1 mW/cm2

10 - 100 aW/cm2

10 µW/cm3

10 V/m (or

0.3A/m) 20 V/m

50 V/m

10 V/m

1 - 5 mW/cm2

1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

1 mW/cm2

5 V/m

10 mW/cm2

1uW/m2

Comments and Conditions

For periods of 0.1 hr or more. Whole and partial body. Reduction in high temperature environments, or for health reasons recommended.

Averaged over any 0.1 hr period.

Continuous exposure. When power density (S) is in the 10-100 mW/cm2 range, max allowed exposure time is 6000/W2 minutes, where S is expressed in mW/cm2.

No occupancy or protective clothing required. For a 20 min maximum exposure duration. Standard states: "Protective goggles manda-0.01 - 01 uW/m2 tory. Power density must not then exceed 0.1 mW/cm2 for balance of work day". Radiation from adjustable or scanning antennae is allowed at this level for 2 hrs.

For a 2 hrs maximum duration (then 10 "W/cm2 for balance of work day).

Required limit for a 'work day', all sources, except adjustable or scanning antennae (100 µW/cm<sup>3</sup>.

Levels in "work areas and other areas where personnel are permitted and occupationally exposed". . . shall not, in the course of the work day, exceed this value.

Whichever is the greater.

(or 5 A/m in the range 60 kHz to 1.5 MHz) 8 hrs/day, for CW waveforms; reduced to 10 µW/cm2 for pulsed waveforms.

8 hrs/day Emitted by the product at full power operation; lower level when manufactured ("prior to ac-

quisition").

5 mW/cm2 max in use. Measured with specified load (275 ± 15 ml H2O at 20 ± 5°C), at full power, 5 cm or more from any external surfaces by an approved instrument with effective aperture ≪ 25 cm<sup>2</sup>, no dimension > 10 cm. Emitted by product at maximum output, at points "at least 5 cm from the external surface of the oven", when the oven is loaded with a load equal to the water equivalent of the minimum operating load, as specified by the manufacturer, at 20 ± 5 °C. Instrument specified in standard.

5 mW/cm<sup>3</sup>

Emission at no load, if total microwave output is < 3 kW.

Average power density limit in any 1 hr period (max 25 mW/cm2 averaged over 1 min).

<sup>\*</sup>The reader is referred to the actual standards for more detail. Great caution is required in interpreting and translating standards.

### i. Recommendations

0.5 uW/m2 for 1.5 GHz to 100 GHz

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RADIOFREQUENCY/MICROWAVE RADIATION BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND SAFETY STANDARDS: A REVIEW

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The ANSI C95.1-1982 Standard specifies the maximum recommended RF/MW radiation exposure levels over a frequency range of 300 KHz to 100 GHz. Typically, the standard calls for an exposure of no more than 5 mW/cm² for frequencies between 1500 MHz to 100,000 MHz. The reader should consult with the actual ANSI publication for the detailed recommendations. In addition, the standard limits the whole-body SAR to 0.4 W/Kg and indicates that the spatial peak SAR should not exceed 8.0 W/Kg over any one gram of tissue. For both CW and pulsed EM fields the exposure time should not exceed 6 minutes at the recommended levels. These maximum safe levels are not intended to apply to the medical treatment of patients where irradiation is sometimes useful in combating diseases like cancer. The standard does pertain to the general public and to persons that work in electromagnetic environments. There are two exceptions to the recommendation: 1) at frequencies between 100 KHz and 1 GHz the maximum exposure levels may be exceeded as long as the stated SAR values are not violated and 2) at frequencies between 300 KHz and 1 GHz the exposure levels may be exceeded if the output power of the radiating device is less than 7 W [9].

### B. USAF PEL (AFOSH Standard 161-9, 12 February 1987)

1uW/m2 for 1.5 GHz to 300 GHz

Since the early investigations of the Tri-Service Commission, the United States Air Force has recognized the need to establish an RF/MW protection standard. The USAF permissible exposure level (PEL) is specified in AFOSH Standard 161-9 enacted 12 February 1987. This standard stipulates maximum safe RF/MW radiation exposure levels over a frequency range of 10 KHz to 300 GHz. The PELs are shown in Figures 7 and 8 [10].

In general, the USAF protection guideline agrees with the ANSI Standard except that a distinction is made between exposure to persons in restricted and unrestricted areas. No explanation for this policy is given in the USAF Standard. The PEL for restricted areas shows only a slight alteration from the ANSI recommendation. For a frequency range of 1500-300,000 MHz the USAF PEL is given as 10 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. The PEL put forth by the USAF is intended to protect personnel from harm by limiting the whole-body SAR to 0.4 W/kg. Exposure periods at the maximum safe levels should be limited to 6 minutes. It is also recommended that exposure in the near zone to RF/MW sources radiating at less than 30 MHz may require a separate evaluation to determine safe exposure levels of irradiation [10].























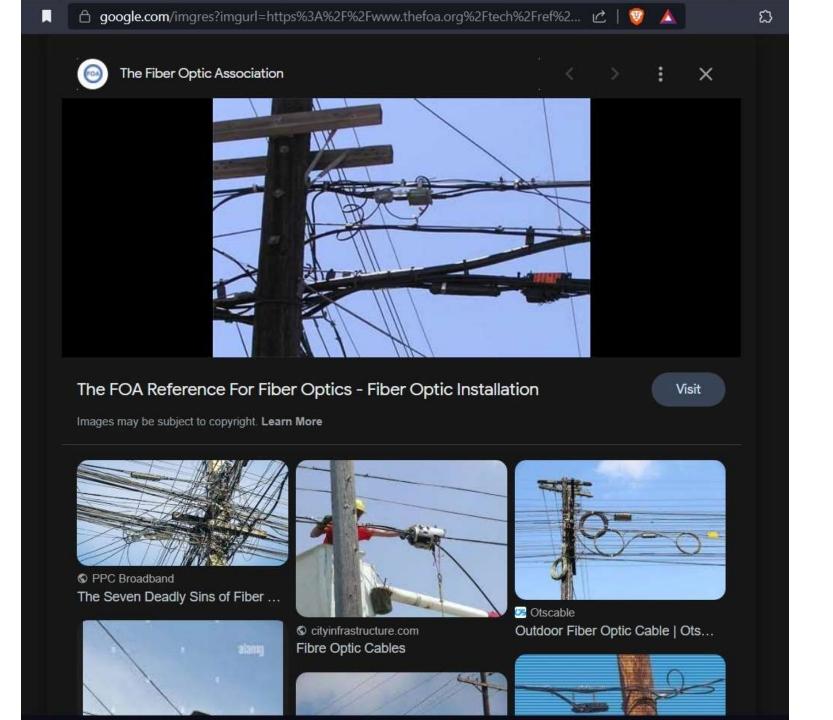




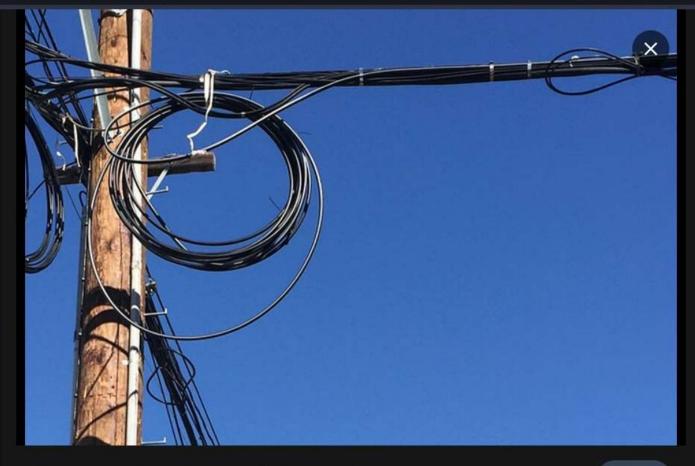












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#### More fiber optics required

A key topic is the network infrastructure with Radio Access Networks and centralized base stations (baseband units, BBU). There is a greater demand for fiber optic capacity to connect the BBUs to the 5G cells. It depends on distance and traffic load. In addition, there is a demand for power supply for active technology.



The construction of fiber-optic connections between the backhaul network and antennas – Fiber to the Antenna (FTTA) – is a complex matter. It's not just about the availability and capacity of fiber optic lines, but also about individual site conditions. All premises are different. Sometimes creative cabling paths have to be found in the most unusual places.

Public and private telecom operators, neutral hosts, and tower companies will in some places be forced to merge parts of their fiber optic networks. The space issue at the antennas and on buildings or the load capacity, wind load, and scalability must be taken into account when planning the installation.

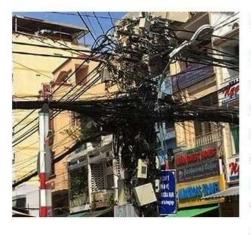




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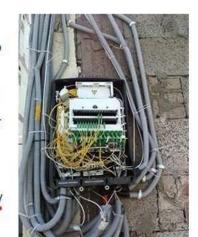
#### 3. Badly Planned Cables

Utility poles are valuable aerial real estate, meaning many attract a huge number of cables, often from different carriers. With no forward planning, copper, coax and fiber cable can be mixed together, making it difficult to identify and access specific cables. And the lack of organization leads to greater problems in the future - what happens if the pole has to be replaced and every individual cable rerouted? In this photo

(left), the pole was situated at a main street intersection - so if a truck took it out, communications for a large chunk of the town would go down.

#### 4. Unsuitable Aesthetics

Home owners and landlords care about the aesthetic appearance of their buildings, but too many installations fail to take this into account. Oversized cables that snake across once pristine walls aren't just ugly, but also put consumers off the whole idea of upgrading to fiber if it means damaging their environment. We've seen installations that actually go across windows meaning they can't be opened - as well as blocking light from getting into a home. Planning and sensitivity are key to avoiding justifiably angry homeowners.





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## Why Fiber?

#### What is Fiber?

All-fiber networks (sometimes referred to as fiber-to-the-home—FTTH—or fiber-to-the-premises—FTTP) are built to connect homes and businesses to lightning fast Internet connections. The fiber optic cables that make up these networks are the fastest and most reliable broadband technology and are capable of delivering vastly higher bandwidth than traditional copper wires or wireless. All-fiber networks are directly connected from the central office all the way to a subscriber's building. There is no other technology along the path except fiber optics.

Fiber optic cables are made up of thin strands of glass that carry information by transmitting pulses of light, which are usually created by lasers. The vibrations are turned on and off very quickly. A single fiber can carry multiple streams of information simultaneously over different wavelengths, or colors, of light, enabling more robust video, Internet, and voice services. Fiber cables are capable of transmitting multi-gigabit Internet speeds compared to the mere megabytes typical of copper connections.

Best of all, ongoing improvements in fiber optic equipment are constantly increasing the bandwidth that can travel through fiber networks.

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### Conclusion

Already last year, the project group has worked out that practically all access network technologies are based on differently extensive fiber optic expansion. Following up on this, systematic correlations between the fiber optic expansion in the fixed line network and the implementation of 5G are established in this document, since 5G is dependent on high-performance connections with optical fiber as far as possible.

- New challenges remain, for example, on areas with agricultural and forestry use or along mobility routes such as district, state and federal highways, since the activities of broadband expansion in the fixed line network focus on populated areas.
  - The identified synergies and correlations between the optical fiber expansion in the fixed line network and 5G can result in additional market potential for fixed line network operators in order to participate in the 5G





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# Fibre Wireless Distributed Antenna Systems for 5G and 6G Services

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Abstract: The terahertz (THz) frequency bands are being explored as a potential means of enabling an ultra-high transmission capacity in sixth-generation (6G) radio-access networks (RAN) because higher frequencies offer broader bandwidths. When utilized in wireless communications, high-frequency electromagnetic waves impose several physical restrictions. To overcome these difficulties and to expand the service coverage, the radio-over-fibre (RoF)-based distributed antenna system (DAS), in particular, can improve the usability of future mobile networks with advantages such as seamless media conversion between wireless and optical signal, flexible multichannel aggregations, and efficiency. RoF technology's inherent advantages are that it improves the DAS network's usability and transmission performance by allowing it to provide both 5G and 6G THz services at the same time over a single optical fibre connection. We experimentally broadcast a single carrier-modulated 6G signal using a 256 quadrature amplitude modulation and a 5G new radio signal across a 10 km single mode fibre optic link. Additionally, the 6G signal is received through a 3 m wireless medium providing, proof of concept for fibre wireless integration. The experimental trials are assessed in terms of error vector magnitude and carrier suppression ratio. The dynamic range of the allowed RF input power for a 6G signal is 10 dB, while the dynamic range for a 5G waveform signal is 18 dB, which meets the 3GPP standardization criteria. Moreover, the bit error rate performance significantly improved as the carrier suppression ratio was increased from 0 to 20 dB.

# 6G is fiber, argues SDN Communications' CEO

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SDN provides fiber connections. (Pixabay)

A regional fiber company said it has found 6G, and it's fiber.

"Small cells or 5G-it's still all about the wires and what I

refer to as the 6G fiber optic networks that support such advances," said Mark Shlanta, the CEO of fiber company SDN Communications, which operates a fiber network in locations around South Dakota and the Midwest.

"If I'm going to use my smart phone to send a message to my mother across town or my sister, who lives in South Korea, nearly all that communication will travel fiber in the ground or under the ocean; it's only the very last part of the connection—from the handset to the tower—that is wireless. Today's 4G and tomorrow's 5G wireless do not exist without the 6G fiber that empowers them," Shlanta added

Shlanta made his comments (PDF) recently during U.S.
Sen. John Thune's hearing for the Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation, dubbed "The
Race to 5G: A View from the Field." The hearing focused
on identifying existing barriers to broadband deployment
and ways to streamline infrastructure siting.

Not surprisingly, Shlanta praised recent work by the FCC to make it easier for telecommunications companies to deploy additional network equipment, including small

# The Role of Optical Transport Networks in 6G and Beyond: A Vision and Call to Action

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#### 2. Optical and 6G

Given the increasing performance requirements associated with 6G networks, the role of OTNs is critical in realizing next-generation networking systems. As network complexity and the amount of data the network generates increases, transport networ's must adapt and enhance their networks and technologies to cope with the increasingly stringent realize of OTNs in 6G and beyon. So that are not currently considered in 5G networks and list some of the critical enabling technologies considered to realize 6G and beyond networks.

#### 2.1. Features and Qualities of Next-Generation OTNs

The essential qualities of next-generation OTNs in 6G and beyond networks are high-capacity fronthaul and backhaul networks, long-distance remote connectivity, and deep-rooted AI/ML integration. As networks shift from being traditionally analytical model-based to data-based, a significantly increased amount of network-generated data traffic needs to be transported quickly and efficiently throughout the network. Concurrent with the OpenRAN



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your run-of-the-mill upgrade. It's nothing like the jump we saw from 3G to 4G.

All the exciting innovations you hear so much about today: self-driving cars, remote robotic surgery, and the Internet of Things can't happen without 5G. Not just that, we're talking about entirely new mobile networks, up to 100X faster than what we have today.

We're going to need countless new antennas, fiber optic cables, satellites, and other network gear necessary to extend 5G signals beyond city centers. And the tiny filters that go in the phones themselves.

It's going to take decades for a full 5G buildout. 5G is a massive undertaking. We essentially have to rewire the world. People don't



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# How 6G will work: Terahertz-to-fiber conversion

For 6G wireless to become a reality, it must overcome a few technical hurdles, such as connecting terahertz spectrum to hard, optical transmission lines. Researchers at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology say they have solved the problem.





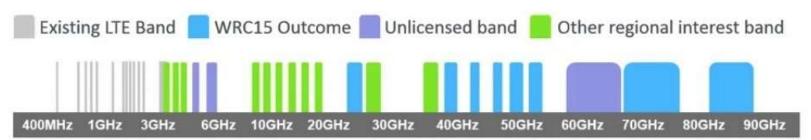








## Introduction: 5G and direct comm applications



What are the applications and what do they demand?

We hear about download speeds, low latency....



From a specifications point-of-view, some items are wider instantaneous BW (to 400 MHz in FR2 presently)



modest mm-wave frequencies ( $\rightarrow$ 52 GHz for now, 6G proposals much higher: 95 GHz  $\rightarrow$  300 GHz/3 THz ?)

relatively stringent adjacent channel power requirements many over-the-air test requirements





We've provided the list below of the differences from the third-generation or 3G up to and including the sixth-generation or 6G wireless.

#### Frequency Spectrum

- 3G up to 2.1 Gigahertz (GHz).
- 4G up to 2.5 GHz.
- 5G up to 6 GHz for range one, up to 54 GHz for range two.
- 6G 95 GHz to 3 Terahertz (THz) or 3,000 GHz.

#### **Network Speeds**

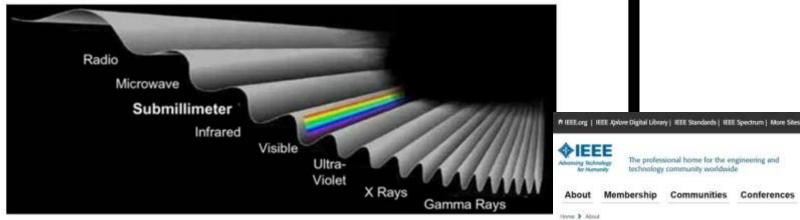
- 3G from 3 to 7 Megabits per second (Mbps).
- 4G approximately 33 Mbps.
- 5G 40 to 1,100 Mbps.
- 6G Up to 1 Terabits per second or 1,000,000 Mbps.

You can readily see the significant differences in each wireless generation. With 6G, the frequencies are in the millimeter-wave range. And the speeds are simply phenomenal. The higher frequencies support wider bandwidth signals, which is the underlying reason for faster data transmission speeds.



## **Terahertz (Submillimeter) Waves**

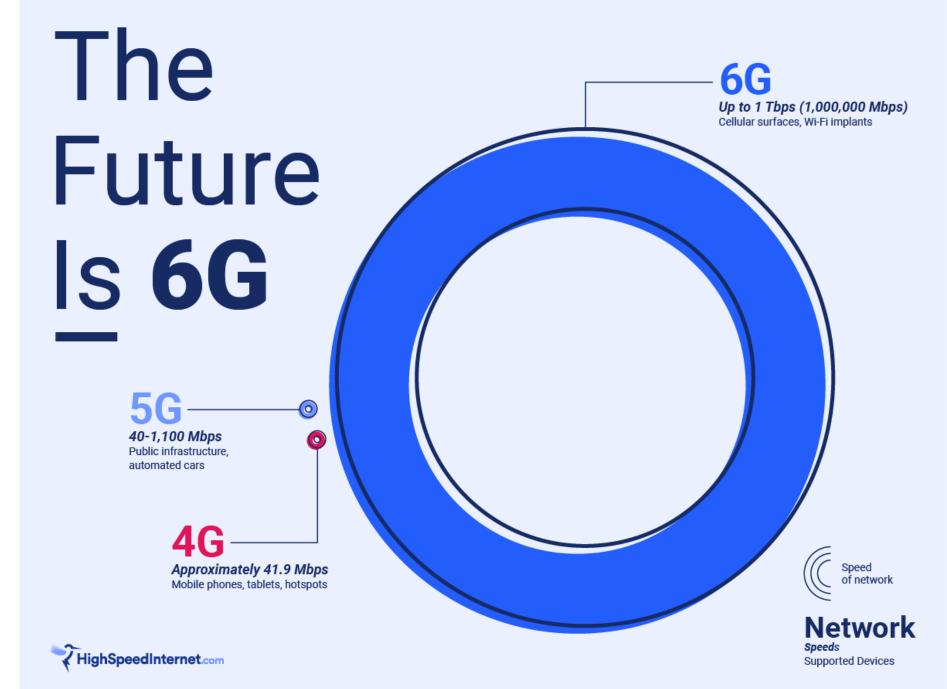


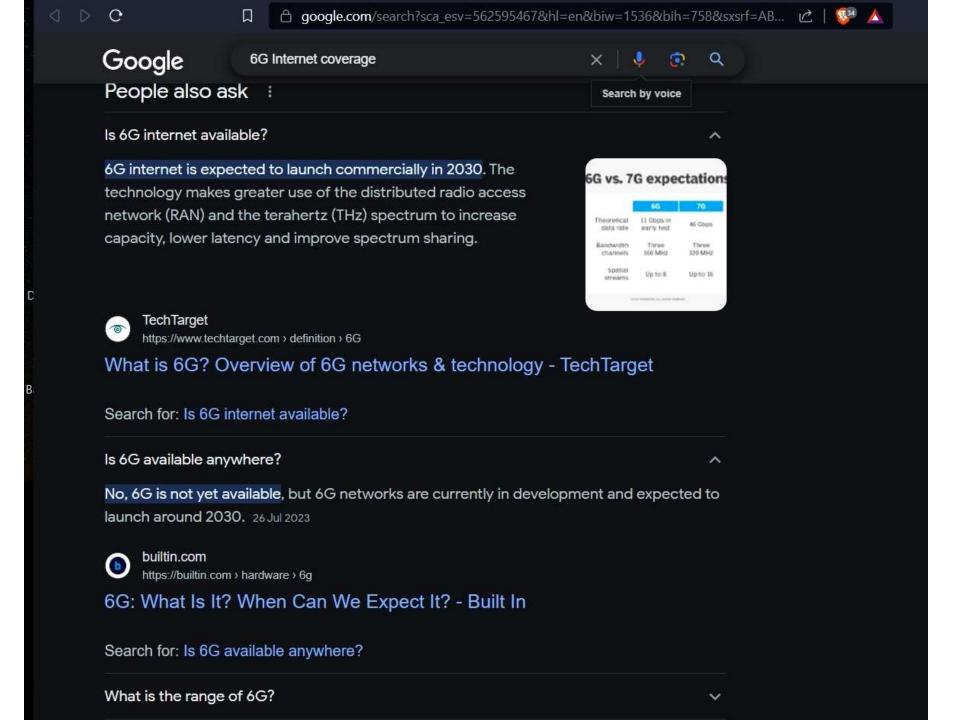


Loosely defined: 1 mm >  $\lambda$  > 100  $\mu$ m 300 GHz <  $\nu$  < 3 THz



Most of the radiation in the Universe is emitted at submillimeter-wavelengths, peaking at 3 THz (if we exclude Cosmic Microwave Background).







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#### Why Terahertz Radiation?

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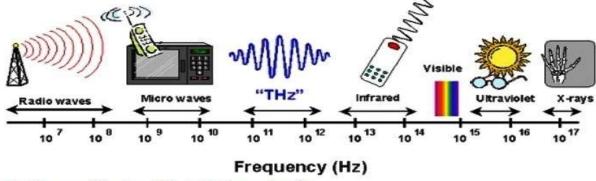
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Terahertz (THz) radiation is located in the spectral region 0.1-10 THz (3 mm - 30 μm, 3 cm<sup>-1</sup> - 300 cm<sup>-1</sup>) between the microwave and the infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. In contrast to visible or infrared light, THz radiation has the potential to penetrate materials such as plastics cloth, or paper products. This feature might be helpful to sense concealed threats inside of clothing, luggage, parcels, and sealed containers. Because THz radiation does not penetrate metals, such a sensor would supplement rather than replace conventional X-ray and metal detectors. It has been shown, that THz imaging systems can be used to image threat items, non-metallic weaponry can be imaged when concealed beneath clothing, and it has been demonstrated that explosive materials have characteristic THz spectra.



The Thz range (Courtesy M.Koch, TU Braunschweig)

#### THz radiation is non-ionizing

Due to its low photon energy (about one million times less than X-rays) THz radiation is non-ionising and to our present knowledge not dangerous for human beings. In fact an imaging system for medical applications which illuminates the human skin with THz radiation in order to localize skin cancer has been developed by Teraview Ltd.



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While some are still in the LTE or 4G network and that 5G Mobile network already masters its introduction with flying colors, throws the 6G network its shadow to around 2030 already ahead. We present new developments for the upcoming mobile communications standard like that Lighthouse project 6G-ANNA or the world's first bidirectional radio link with Internet connection from the University of Stuttgart. Also the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology KIT has the 6G network in its sights and is presenting a Concept for the highest data transmission rates in the Terahertz Communication.



networks of the future must consist of numerous small radio cells," explains Professor Christian Kooswho together with his colleague Professor Sebastian Randel researches technologies for 6G at KIT.

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#### Base stations on street lights

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Short ways in these Radio cells combine high data rates with minimal energy consumption and low electromagnetic immission. The only small base stations required for the successor to 5G can be attached to street lamps, for example.

The connection of the individual cells requires powerful radio links for 6G networks, on which dozens or even hundreds of gigabits per second (Gbit/s) can be transmitted on one channel. Frequencies in the THz range are suitable for this purpose electromagnetic spectrum between the microwaves and the infrared radiation.



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However, the recipients are still comparatively complex and expensives, They often represent the bottleneck for the achievable bandwidth. Researchers at the institutes for microstructure technology IMT, Photonics

#### Artificial intelligence and edge computing

Automated cars and drones, remote-controlled factories, and other uses of artificial intelligence (AI) have been getting a lot of discussion amid the rise of 5G. The advent of 6G is expected to make this even more of a thing—and some experts think artificial intelligence will be required to keep it all coordinated and running smoothly.

Razvan-Andrei Stoica and Giuseppe Abreu, two researchers at Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany, said that <u>6G</u> <u>could rely on "collaborative Al"</u> to help self-driving cars communicate with each other, navigate pedestrians and traffic, and determine the best routes from here to there.

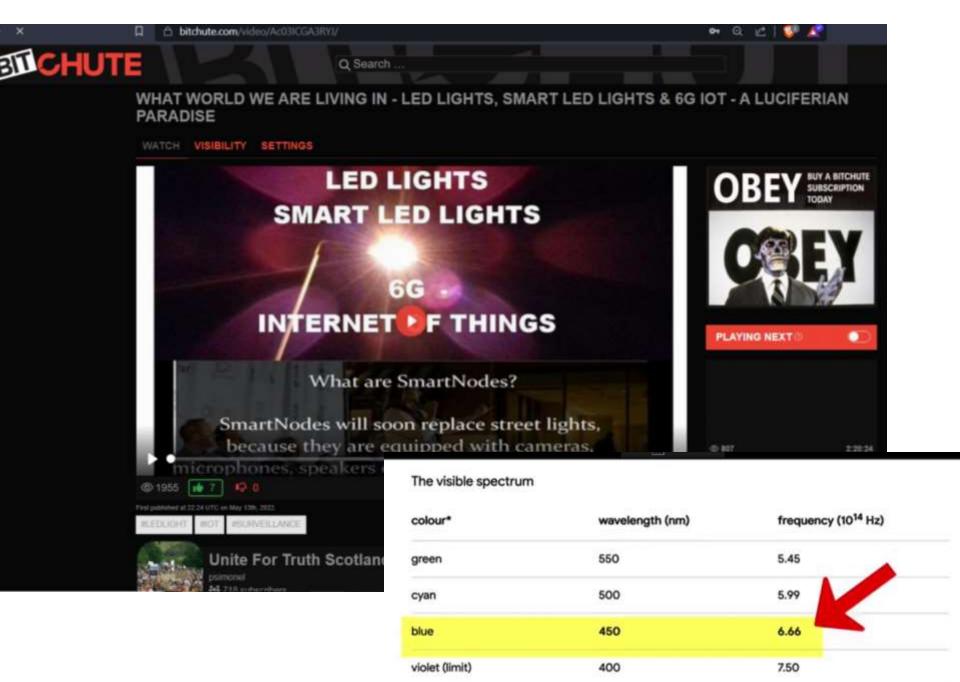
It's part of an emerging trend called "edge computing," which moves network management away from centralized clouds towards more localized devices, making everything work way smoother and reducing response times.

Another 6G acolyte, Roberto Saracco at the European Institute of Innovation & Technology, suggested that things like

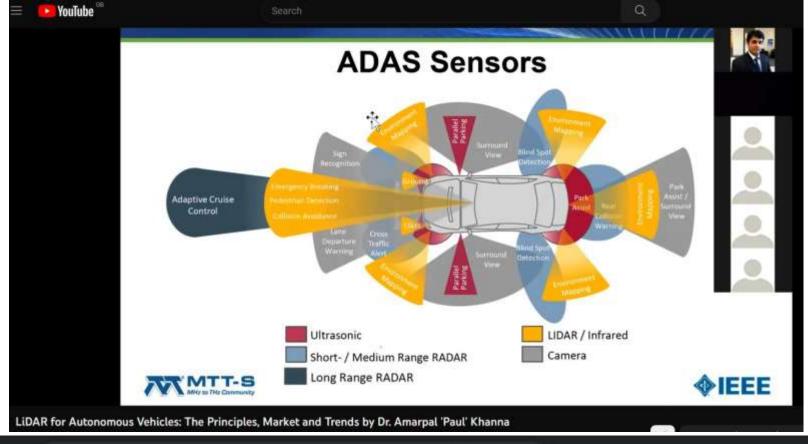
Al and edge computing could help devices themselves become network antennas—maintaining your Wi-Fi connection in a fluid, ever-shifting ballet of users and their devices.

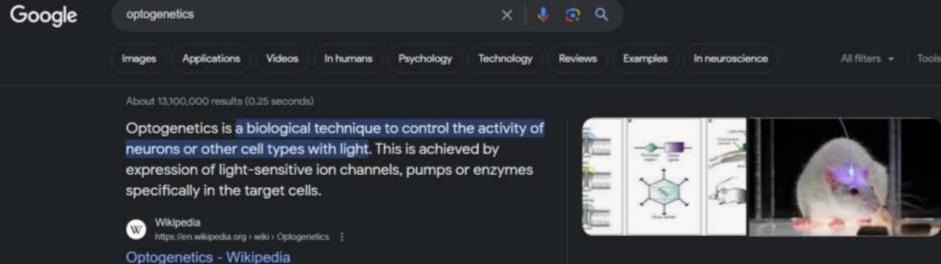
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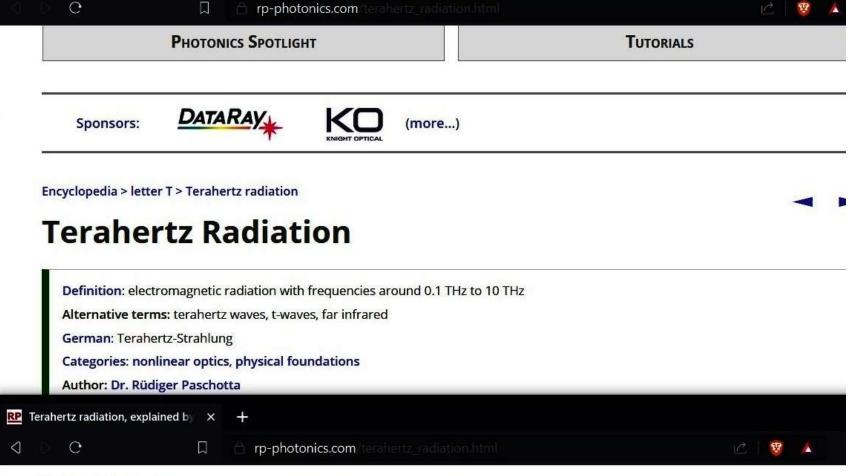




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#### **Safety Aspects**

In contrast to X-rays, terahertz waves have a too low **photon** energy for the ionization of materials. Non-ionizing radiation is much less likely to cause cancer and genetic mutations.

In principle, health effects may result through other effects than ionization and genetic damage – for example, subtle influence on the behavior of cells. The situation is very similar to that with radio waves and millimeter waves, where there are also some concerns about effects of "electrosmog". So far, extensive scientific investigations have not produced any substantial reasons for expecting health effects, unless at extremely high intensity levels. There is neither solid evidence for detrimental health effects nor a plausible mechanism causing such effects in a non-thermal intensity regime. It is hardly possible, however, to firmly exclude *any* possible health effects of gigahertz or terahertz radiation.

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# Eyes on 6G safety as Chinese scientists find terahertz radiation boosts brain cell growth in mice

- Discovery can help assess new communication technology and also develop therapies to treat brain diseases, Beijing researchers say
- Separate study by team from Xian Jiaotong University finds terahertz radiation can make young mice 'smarter' but same effect not found in old mice



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#### The Human Body on Terahertz Frequencies

The latest communications methods harness the power of light to instantly move data from here to there. Your cellphone, television, radio, computer, and other devices are all using light to give you that seamless instant flow of information.

As humans age, irregular folding proteins disrupt blood and immune cell production and prevent healthy stem cell production.

Terahertz frequencies excite DNA, and RNA, and strengthen proteins promoting precise folding, expanding their capacity for catalyzing energy, and increasing interconnectivity of the greater neural network throughout the human organism.

The human body requires voltage to function. An underpowered body will not function well if the voltage is low. The power of the body to self-heal is determined by the voltage level of the body.

Terahertz radiation carries charged negative ions throughout the ion channels (we have over 100 of them) changing the voltage across their membranes distributing the energy, increasing the overall voltage of the body, and synchronizing high functioning biological processes.

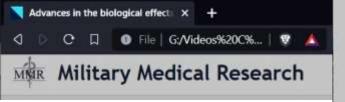
# The interaction between electromagnetic fields at megahertz, gigahertz and terahertz frequencies with cells, tissues and organisms: risks and potential

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Since regular radio broadcasts started in the 1920s, the exposure to human-made electromagnetic fields has steadily increased. These days we are not only exposed to radio waves but also other frequencies from a variety of sources, mainly from communication and security devices. Considering that nearly all biological systems interact with electromagnetic fields, understanding the affects is essential for safety and technological progress. This paper systematically reviews the role and effects of static and pulsed radio frequencies (100-109 Hz), millimetre waves (MMWs) or gigahertz (109-1011 Hz), and terahertz (10<sup>11</sup>-10<sup>13</sup> Hz) on various biomolecules, cells and tissues. Electromagnetic fields have been shown to affect the activity in cell membranes (sodium versus potassium ion conductivities) and non-selective channels, transmembrane potentials and even the cell cycle. Particular attention is given to millimetre and terahertz radiation due to their increasing utilization and, hence, increasing human exposure. MMWs are known to alter active transport across cell membranes, and it has been reported that terahertz radiation may interfere with DNA and cause genomic instabilities. These and other phenomena are discussed along with the discrepancies and controversies from published studies.



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# Advances in the biological effects of terahertz wave radiation

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THz radiation may interact with cellular components at multiple levels, including chromosomes, DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), genes and proteins.

At the level of DNA and chromosomes, Hintzsche *et al.* [11] have exposed a monolayer-cultured human-hamster hybrid cell line to a 0.106 THz radiation source for 0.5 h, with power densities ranging from 0.043 mW/cm² to 4.3 mW/cm². The results indicated that the THz radiation affected chromatid separation during the mitotic anaphase and telophase. Recently, several studies have indicated that the non-thermal effects of THz radiation may affect the stability of DNA by establishing a system *in vitro*, leading to chromosomal aberrations of human lymphocytes and genetic changes during the differentiation of mouse stem cells [12]-[16].

At the levels of genes and protein, the USA Air Force Research Laboratory [5] has studied the genetic changes in Jurkat cells exposed to continuous THz radiation (2.52 THz, 227 mW/cm², durations of 1 ~ 40 min). They observed that the THz radiation primarily affected genes encoding inflammatory cytokines, including IL2-inducible T-cell kinase (ITK), integrin-linked kinase-associated

Evidently, during the last few decades, large amounts of data have been accumulated regarding biological effects of THz waves. Sometimes, we observed contradicting results of the THz exposure, which poses important problems of adequate designing, planning, and performing of the THz exposure experiments. As described earlier, only a combination of accurate knowledge about the exposure parameters, a number of control measurements (tests), and maintenance of the suitable ambient environment can lead to reproducible and verified experimental data.

Despite a considerable interest paid to the biological effects of THz waves, further research is required for the development of safe limits of THz waves. Obviously, such safe limits should

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account for not only the thermal THz-wave effects (as the common ICNIRP standards do) <sup>40,192,193</sup> but also for the nonthermal. Development of the THz dosimetry is of crucial importance for biomedical applications of THz technology in such demanding branches as label-free diagnosis of malignant and benign neoplasms, <sup>3,4,8-16</sup> sensing of glycated tissues and blood in context of diabetes diagnosis, <sup>1,19-21</sup> determining the degree of traumatic injuries <sup>22</sup> and viability <sup>30</sup> of tissues, and even emerging methods of single cells, microorganisms, bacteria, and viruses sensing. <sup>286-291</sup> Also, THz dosimetry is of crucial importance for the rapidly developing 6G wireless communications that will reportedly span sub-THz and THz frequencies. <sup>292</sup> There is no doubt that such a wide range of THz technology applications, which involve interaction between THz waves and different biological systems, would stimulate the development of THz safe limits in the nearest future.

Studies of the THz-wave biological effects involving modern methods of cytology, genetics, and molecular biology can uncover THz therapeutic avenue. As mentioned above, THz waves are capable of regulating the gene expression, changing the membrane permeability, and DNA demethylation. Being adequately studied and regulated, such a versatile impact of THz waves on living cell opens a variety of THz technology applications in medical therapy of cancers, inflammatory, and neurodegenerative deceases. Finally, we notice that development of such THz therapeutic applications would require further progress in THz components, including highly efficient uncooled CW and pulsed THz emitters, 6,7,126-128,130,132-135 elements of bulk (open space) and fiber/waveguide optics 293-299 aimed at the THz-wave delivery to the hardly accessible tissues and internal organs. Such elements are still to be developed.

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#### Terahertz radiation can disrupt proteins in living cells

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Researchers from the RIKEN Center for Advanced Photonics, Tohoku University, National Institutes for Quantum and Radiological Science and Technology, Kyoto University, and Osaka University have discovered that terahertz radiation, contradicting conventional belief, can disrupt proteins in living cells without killing the cells. This finding implies that terahertz radiation, which was long considered impractical to use, may have applications in manipulating cell functions for the treatment of cancer, for example, but also that there may be safety issues

Study 1. In 1991, Ilyina et al. examined the effects that THz radiation has on hemoglobin (Hb) bonds [136]. In this work, the authors irradiated Hb bonds to THz radiation provided by a BWO source: 2.65 THz and 3.33 THz, 3 mWcm<sup>-2</sup>, and exposure duration of 240 min. Interestingly, the data shows that THz radiation caused an increase in Hb bond strength at 3.33 THz, and a decrease in bond strength at 2.65 THz. The authors hypothesize that the observed effect is a result of linear or nonlinear resonance effects.

#### 7 Summary & future prospects

Knowledge of the biological effects associated with THz radiation is critical for proper health hazard evaluation, development of empirically-based safety standards, and safe exploitation of new THz devices and applications. The studies reviewed in this report provide data on the effects of THz radiation at an organism, tissue, organelle, cellular, and biomolecular level. Each publication was critically analyzed and the effects observed have been summarized.

For the *in vivo* studies conducted on vertebrates (i.e., humans, rats, and mice), THz treatments stimulated wound repair, enhanced microbial dissemination, increased fibrinolysis factors, and reduced platelet aggregation. In contrast, for the *in vivo* studies using fruit flies, THz exposures induced differential expression of several proteins. In the studies using a plant model, exposures stimulated the growth of paddy rice, black beans, and wheat. In the *ex vivo* tissue studies, visible tissue damage was observed after exposures to short duration (2 seconds), high-power THz radiation (7.16 Wcm<sup>-2</sup>).

In several *in vitro* cell culture studies, low doses of THz radiation stimulated cellular proliferation, whereas higher exposures caused visible morphological changes, induction of cellular stress response mechanisms, and cell death. THz radiation (both CW and pulsed) caused direct effects on the plasma membrane: increases in membrane permeability, membrane reorganization, and destruction. For the studies examining the effects on biomolecules, THz exposures were observed to affect both the structure and functional activity of several enzymatic processes. Finally, the majority of the genotoxicity studies performed to date show that THz radiation does not cause adverse effects to DNA structure or function.



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> Human skin: structure and chemical composition

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Fundamental principles of THz-material interactions

Biological origin and absorption properties of skin at THz frequencies

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## Dangerous Side Effects of Terahertz Radiation Discovered by Korean Researchers

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Researchers from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) announced findings from a research project that exposure to terahertz radiation on an animal showed signs of infections on skin tissue. Previously, terahertz radiation was thought to be harmless to humans, because of its low energy and wider applications than x-radiation.

To test the effects of terahertz radiation, the team developed a high-power terahertz generator and a high resolution 3D laser scanning microscope. A genetically-engineered mouse was exposed to high-terahertz radiation for 30 minutes, and the skin of the mouse was monitored with the microscope. The team found that the number of infected cells increased more than six times after six hours of exposure.

#### Damage thresholds for terahertz radiation

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#### ABSTRACT

Several international organizations establish minimum safety standards to ensure that workers and the general population are protected against adverse health effects associated with electromagnetic radiation. Suitable standards are typically defined using published experimental data. To date, few experimental studies have been conducted at Terahertz (THz) frequencies, and as a result, current THz standards have been defined using extrapolated estimates from neighboring spectral regions. In this study, we used computational modeling and experimental approaches to determine tissue-damage thresholds at THz frequencies. For the computational modeling efforts, we used the Arrhenius damage integral to predict damage-thresholds. We determined thresholds experimentally for both long (minutes) and short (seconds) THz exposures. For the long exposure studies, we used an in-house molecular gas THz laser v= 1.89 THz, 189.92 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, 10 minutes) and excised porcine skin. For the short exposure studies, we used the Free Electron Laser (FEL) at Jefferson Laboratory (υ= 0.1-1.0 THz, 2.0-14.0 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, 2 seconds) and wet chamois cloths. Thresholds were determined using conventional damage score determination and probit analysis techniques, and tissue temperatures were measured using infrared thermographic techniques. We found that the FEL was ideal for tissue damage studies, while our in-house THz source was not suitable to determine tissue damage thresholds. Using experimental data, the tissue damage threshold (ED50) was determined to be 7.16 W/cm2. This value was in well agreement with that predicted using our computational models. We hope that knowledge of tissue-damage thresholds at THz frequencies helps to ensure the safe use of THz radiation.



#### DNA Breathing Dynamics in the Presence of a Terahertz Field

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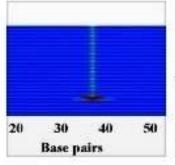


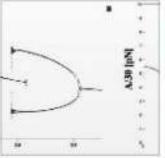
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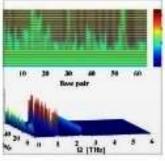


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We consider the influence of a terahertz field on the breathing dynamics of double-stranded DNA. We model the spontaneous formation of spatially localized openings of a damped and driven DNA chain, and find that linear instabilities lead to dynamic dimerization, while true local strand separations require a threshold amplitude mechanism. Based on our results we argue that a specific terahertz radiation exposure may significantly affect the natural dynamics of DNA, and thereby influence intricate molecular processes involved in gene expression and DNA replication.







#### **Original Article**



#### Exposure Effects of Terahertz Waves on Primary Neurons and Neuron-like Cells Under Nonthermal Conditions

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#### Abstract

**Objective** This study aimed to explore the potential effects of terahertz (THz) waves on primary cultured neurons from 4 rat brain regions (hippocampus, cerebral cortex, cerebellum, and brainstem) and 3 kinds of neuron-like cells (MN9D, PC12, and HT22 cells) under nonthermal conditions.

**Methods** THz waves with an output power of 50 (0.16 THz) and 10 (0.17 THz) mW with exposure times of 6 and 60 min were used in this study. Analysis of temperature change, neurite growth, cell membrane roughness, micromorphology, neurotransmitters and synaptic-related proteins (SYN and PSD95) was used to evaluate the potential effects.

**Results** Temperature increase caused by the THz wave was negligible. THz waves induced significant neurotransmitter changes in primary hippocampal, cerebellar, and brainstem neurons and in MN9D and PC12 cells. THz wave downregulated SYN expression in primary hippocampal neurons and downregulated PSD95 expression in primary cortical neurons.

**Conclusion** Different types of cells responded differently after THz wave exposure, and primary hippocampal and cortical neurons and MN9D cells were relatively sensitive to the THz waves. The biological effects were positively correlated with the exposure time of the THz waves.

BIOTECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH

#### **How Terahertz Waves Tear Apart DNA**

A new model of the way the THz waves interact with DNA explains how the damage is done and why evidence has been so hard to gather

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The evidence that terahertz radiation damages biological systems is mixed. "Some studies reported significant genetic damage while others, although similar, showed none," say Boian Alexandrov at the Center for Nonlinear Studies at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and a few buddies. Now these guys think they know why.

Alexandrov and co have created a model to investigate how THz fields interact with double-stranded DNA and what they've found is remarkable. They say that although the forces generated are tiny, resonant effects allow THz waves to unzip double-stranded DNA, creating bubbles in the double strand that could significantly interfere with processes such as gene expression and DNA replication. That's a jaw dropping conclusion.

And it also explains why the evidence has been so hard to garner. Ordinary resonant effects are not powerful enough to do do this kind of damage but nonlinear resonances can. These nonlinear instabilities are much less likely to form which explains why the character of THz genotoxic effects are probabilistic rather than deterministic, say the team.

This should set the cat among the pigeons. Of course, terahertz waves are a natural part of environment, just like visible and infrared light. But a new generation of cameras are set to appear that not only record terahertz waves but also bombard us with them. And if our exposure is set to increase, the question that urgently needs answering is what level of terahertz exposure is safe.

# Intense terahertz pulses cause DNA damage but also induce DNA repair

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New research performed on lab-grown human skin suggests that short but powerful bursts of THz radiation may both cause DNA damage and increase the production of proteins that help the body fight cancer. The findings, which are the result of a collaboration between physicists at the University of Alberta and molecular biologists at the University of Lethbridge in Canada, are published today in the Optical Society's (OSA) open-access journal *Biomedical Optics Express*.

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"While these investigations of the biological effects of intense THz pulses are only just beginning," said Lyubov Titova, with the University of Alberta and a member of the research team, "the fact that intense THz pulses can induce DNA damage but also DNA repair mechanisms in human skin tissue suggests that intense THz pulses need to be evaluated for possible therapeutic applications."

THz photons, like their longer wavelength cousins in the microwave range, are not energetic enough to break the chemical bonds that bind DNA together in the nucleus of cells. These waves, however, have just the right frequency to energize water molecules, causing them to vibrate and produce heat, which is why microwave ovens are so efficient at cooking food. For this reason, it was believed that heat-related injuries were the principal risks posed by THz radiation exposure.

Recent theoretical studies, however, suggest that intense THz pulses of picosecond (one trillionth of a second) duration may directly affect DNA by amplifying natural vibrations (the so-called "breathing" mode) of the hydrogen bonds that bind together the two strands of DNA. As a result, "bubbles" or openings in DNA strands can form. According to the researchers, this raised the question: "Can intense THz pulses destabilize DNA structure enough to cause DNA strand breaks?"

As shown in earlier animal cell culture studies, THz exposure may indeed affect biological function under specific conditions such as high power and extended exposure. There is, however, a vast gulf between animal research and conclusions that can be drawn about human health.

In a first of its kind study, the Canadian researchers exposed laboratory-grown human skin tissue to intense pulses of THz electromagnetic radiation and have detected the telltale signs of DNA damage through a chemical marker known as phosphorylated H2AX. At the same time, they observed THz-pulse induced increases in the levels of multiple tumor suppressor and cell-cycle regulatory proteins that facilitate DNA repair. This may suggest that DNA damage in human skin arising from intense picosecond THz pulse exposure could be quickly and efficiently repaired, therefore minimizing the risk of carcinogenesis.

#### Introduction to the Biological Effects of Terahertz Radiation

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#### 5. Environmental effects

Terahertz radiation may be able to penetrate the soil to a considerable depth and, having in mind its effects on tissues of animals and plants alike, disturb local ecological systems. This raises concerns regarding the rising trend of new agricultural tools that implement this type of EM radiation as a means to keep track of plant development or soil content in microplastics [71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76]. Locations suffering from a generally dry climate or desertification are at the highest risk of being affected by THz due to the lack of water that could otherwise act as a barrier.

Terahertz radiation has also seen therapeutic usage. It can demethylate cancer cells and increase the speed of regeneration at injuries' site [46, 47, 48]. It has even been found to be beneficial against psoriasis [49] and in the recovery from an acute ischemic stroke [50].

However, the use of these therapeutic effects faces barriers due to the adverse effects often caused by terahertz radiation exposure. Most reports describe general inflammation responses and apoptosis that have been recorded across a vast array of cell types and species. Loss of adhesion to basal membrane, cellular permeability increases, lysis and marked increases in cell growth factors and cytokines have all been connected to T-rays exposure, although these seem to mainly stem from its thermal effects [51, 52, 53]. However, there are also reports that contrast these findings, albeit very few [54, 55].

Nervous tissue cells in particular have been found to release their intracellular proteolytic enzymes and suffer membrane protein changes under THz. No great morphological changes such as axon number or size have been recorded [56, 57]. Various types of neurons also show different reactions to T-rays as seen by their marked changes in neurotransmitter production [58]. There also seems to be a threshold of 0.15 THz under which exposure will not induce any detectable adverse reactions [59].

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# Non-thermal effects of terahertz radiation on gene expression in mouse stem cells

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One significant concern surrounding these results is that no comprehensive explanation for how such effects may arise exists. Our suggestion [27,28] is that THz radiation may affect gene expression by perturbing the conformational dynamics of double-stranded DNA. This suggestion is rooted in our prior work [33,34] that establishes a strong relationship between conformational dynamics of double-stranded DNA and cellular function, coupled with the fact that THz photons possess the energy required to influence the dynamics of dsDNA. Given the prior experimental findings and the theoretically suggested mechanism, we designed the experiments described herein to explore the existence of THz related effects on gene expression that can be unambiguously distinguished from thermal effects.

The results of this study shows that mouse mesenchymal stem cells exposed to THz radiation exhibit specific changes in cellular function that are closely related to the gene expression. Our qRT-PCR gene expression survey reveals that some genes in irradiated Mouse stem cell cultures are activated, while other genes are suppressed. The fact that most genes do not respond to the used radiation conditions used here, demonstrates a specific rather than a general response. It is important that these effects where observed under irradiation conditions that caused minimal temperature changes, and in the explicit absence of any discernable response of heat shock and cellular stress genes.

Further investigations involving a large number of genes and variation in THz radiation characteristics and exposure duration are needed to generalize our findings. Also, more direct experimental investigations of THz radiation's ability to induce specific openings of the DNA double-strand are needed in order to fully determine how THz radiation may work through DNA dynamics to influence cellular function.

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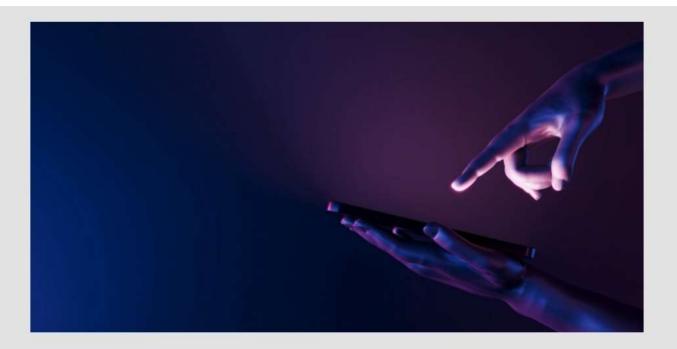
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Research progress in the effects of terahertz waves on biomacromolecules

### Effects of terahertz waves on nucleic acids

Consistent with that on proteins, the effects of terahertz waves on DNA and RNA were determined by radiation sources, radiation frequency, intensity and duration.

At the DNA level, it has been reported that specific terahertz waves interfere with DNA replication and gene expression [3]. Under certain conditions, linear and nonlinear interactions between the terahertz electromagnetic field and DNA resonance might significantly alter DNA replication and synthesis and even induce local bubbles in the DNA strands [48]. Hintzsche et al. [49] found that 0.106 THz terahertz waves prevented the separation of chromatids during anaphase and telophase of mitosis in hamster hybrid cells. Berns et al. [50] showed that exposure to 1.5 THz FEL at 100 pulses directly reduced absorption in DNA molecules and inhibited DNA synthesis in mammalian cells. Studies from Cheon et al. [51] suggested that 1.7 THz high-power terahertz exposure resulted in DNA demethylation in hematological tumor cells. Titova et al. [39] revealed that terahertz radiation caused DNA damage in human skin tissue at a strong terahertz pulse of 1.0 µJ and a repetition rate of 1 kHz. The tubulin beta 3 (Tubb3) and synaptophysin (SYP) genes were downregulated by 0.22 THz and 50 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> irradiation of Neuro-2a cells, suggesting that terahertz waves could inhibit synaptic growth [52]. Lu et al. [53] radiated C57BL/6 J mouse retinal tissue at the average power density of 80 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. They observed that terahertz waves could lead to abnormal



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### Terahertz Radiation Increases Genomic Instability in Human Lymphocytes

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Terahertz radiation is increasingly being applied in new and evolving technologies applied in areas such as homeland security and medical imaging. Thus a timely assessment of the potential hazards and health effects of occupational and general population exposure to THz radiation is required. We applied continuous-wave (CW) 0.1 THz radiation (0.031 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>) to dividing lymphocytes for 1, 2 and 24 h and examined the changes in chromosome number of chromosomes 1, 10, 11 and 17 and changes in the replication timing of their centromeres using interphase fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH). Chromosomes 11 and 17 were most vulnerable (about 30% increase in an euploidy after 2 and 24 h of exposure), while chromosomes 1 and 10 were not affected. We observed changes in the asynchronous mode of replication of centromeres 11, 17 and 1 (by 40%) after 2 h of exposure and of all four centromeres after 24 h of exposure (by 50%). It is speculated that these effects are caused by radiation-induced low-frequency collective vibrational modes of proteins and DNA. Our results demonstrate that exposure of lymphocytes in vitro to a low power density of 0.1 THz radiation induces genomic instability. These findings, if verified, may suggest that such exposure may result in an increased risk of cancer.

## The laws and effects of terahertz wave interactions with neurons



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Introduction: Terahertz waves lie within the energy range of hydrogen bonding and van der Waals forces. They can couple directly with proteins to excite non-linear resonance effects in proteins, and thus affect the structure of neurons. However, it remains unclear which terahertz radiation protocols modulate the structure of neurons. Furthermore, guidelines and methods for selecting terahertz radiation parameters are lacking.

Methods: In this study, the propagation and thermal effects of 0.3–3 THz wave interactions with neurons were modelled, and the field strength and temperature variations were used as evaluation criteria. On this basis, we experimentally investigated the effects of cumulative radiation from terahertz waves on neuron structure.

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In this study, the propagation and thermal effects of terahertz waves' interactions with neurons were modelled to analyze the main parameters affecting the field strength and temperature variation in terahertz waves in neurons. The field strength and temperature variations are used as evaluation criteria to select the appropriate terahertz radiation parameters. On this basis, we experimentally investigated the effects of cumulative radiation from terahertz waves on the structure of neurons. 1) The frequency and power of terahertz waves are the main factors affecting field strength and temperature in neurons, and there is a positive correlation between them, a phenomenon that is correlated with the relative dielectric constant of the cytoplasm. 2) When choosing terahertz radiation parameters, the frequency can be determined according to the properties of the modulating substance, and an appropriate reduction in radiation power can mitigate the rise in temperature in the neuron. It is also possible to use pulsed waves to keep the duration of a single round of radiation, as well as short bursts of cumulative radiation, to the millisecond level. 3) On this basis, we found that broadband trace terahertz (0.1-2 THz, maximum radiated power 100 µW), short duration cumulative radiation (3 min/day, 3 days) does not cause neuronal death. This radiation protocol can also promote the growth of neuronal cytosomes and protrusions. This paper provides a set of guidelines and methodology for selecting terahertz radiation parameters in the study of terahertz neurobiological effects. Furthermore, it provides verification that the structure of neurons can be modulated using short duration cumulative radiation.



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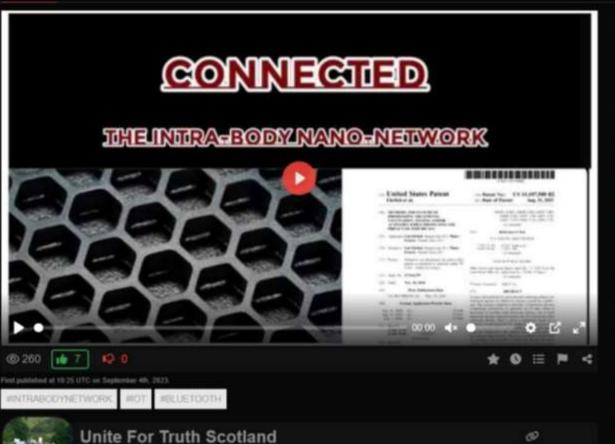




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