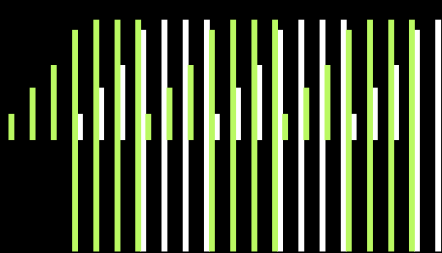


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## Tutorial

# Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs)-A Begginer's Guide

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## ABSTRACT:

The Tutorials on human exposure to electromagnetic fields based on the book, D. Poljak, M.Cvetkovic, Human Interaction with Electromagnetic Fields; Computational Models in Dosimetry, Elsevier 2019, some relatively recent journal/conference papers and presenters' activities in IEEE ICES SC6 Working Groups and IRPA NIR task group have been traditionally held during SplitTECH meetings for years. These Tutorials deal with various aspects of human exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) covering not only the undesired exposure from artificial sources, but also the biomedical applications of electromagnetic fields. Furthermore, these Tutorials are mathematically highly intensive and are generally adapted for selected audience - senior researcher in the area, postdocs and PhD students.

The purpose of this year Tutorial edition is to make EMF exposure simple offering an easy guide to this topic for appreciably broader audience by omitting rigorous mathematical/physical language and acceptable for everyone interested in the subject. Such an approach partly follows the style of some papers published by the authors in Journal Replica and numerous interviews given in the media for decades.

The rationale for such a format is manifold. Primarily, some important information is expected to easily meet the public and provide explanation on this hot topic being of general interest for decades. Also, nowadays many professionals, provided they are not specialists in numerical modeling, widely use commercial software packages thus treating underlying theory and computational techniques as black box. So, in both cases the focus is on basic concepts, the known health effects, the results and the actual national/international exposure limits.

The Tutorial keeps the basic structure addressing some general environmental aspects of electromagnetic fields, coupling mechanisms between human body and EMFs, well-established biological effects of EMFs from static to high-frequency range, international safety guidelines related to limiting exposures to those fields, including relevant exposure limits, basic electromagnetic-thermal dosimetry concepts and some recent findings pertaining to activities undertaken within the framework of IEEE ICES working groups, which Tutorial presenters participated (WG2, WG3, WG5 and WG7) and IRPA TG NIR will be reported.

Real world scenarios pertain to power lines, transformer substations, PLC systems, RFID antennas, Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) systems and radio base stations (2G/3G/4G and 5G technology).

Illustrative computational examples pertain to typical realistic exposure scenarios, such as; pregnant woman/foetus exposed to low frequency (LF) fields, the human eye, the brain, the eye and the entire human head exposed to HF radiation. In particular, for exposure within GHz frequency range, several tissue models, from rather simple to more realistic, will be addressed.

The obtained results for relevant EMF quantities are compared against exposure limits proposed by ICNIRP (International Commission on Non Ionizing Radiation Protection).

This is followed by some examples of biomedical applications of electromagnetic fields, including the transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), transcranial electrical stimulation (TES), but also some electrotherapy and magnetotherapy techniques. Also, some illustrative examples pertaining to thermal modeling of certain ophthalmological procedures will be given.

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