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MEDICAL APPLICATIONS OF THERMOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIES

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INTRODUCTION



Medical thermography or thermal imaging ("thermovision") is a promising safe technique for noninvasive diagnostics and early recognition of human deceases. It implies visualization of body's emission in the **IR** or longer-wave spectral ranges and enables *linking temperature gradients* on human skin *with physiological processes* in the body.

The thermal field shows blood circulation for subcutaneous vasculature in reflexogenic zones, which are controlled by the autonomic nervous system and reflects a work of specific viscera. Unlike methods of active radiation diagnostics, such as ultrasound- or X-ray-based, thermal imaging allows seeing not structural features of viscera but functional changes in their work, thereby enabling to distinguish normal and pathological processes in the body at early stages.

In this contribution, we overview the results of long-term clinical applications for the technology of medical thermography in Russian Federation utilizing commercially available IR imaging systems and microwave radiometric devices. The application areas cover gynecology, urology, oncology, traumatology, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, pediatrics, stomatology, and cosmetology.

INSTRUMENTATION





• Cooled IR imager "SVIT"

Manufacturer: ISP SB RAS, Russia **FPA format:** 128x128 **Technology:** InAs-MOSFET **Spectral sensitivity:** 2.6 - 3.05 um **Frame rate:** 100 rps **NETD:** 0.025 K **Coolant:** liquid N₂, 0.21

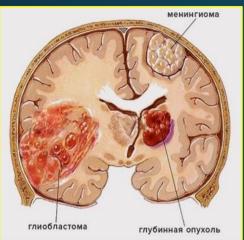


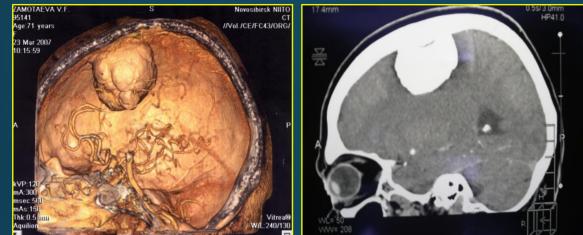
• IR imager "IRVision"

Manufacturer: LUGGAR LLC, Russia FPA format: 640x480 Technology: Si-microbolometers Spectral sensitivity: 8 – 14 um Frame rate: 25 rps NETD: 0.06 K Coolant: no



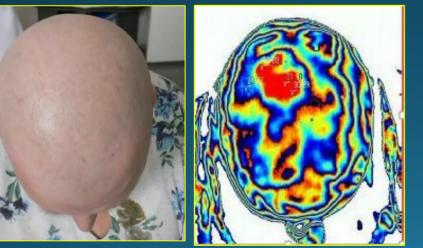






Thermonavigation of parasagittal meningiomas:



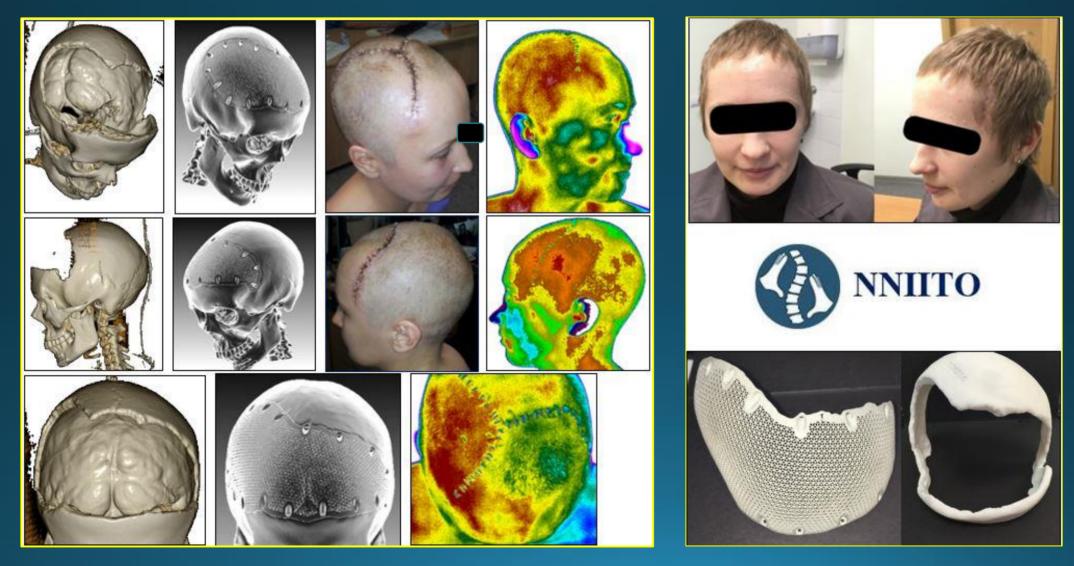




APPLICATION in NEUROSURGERY



Cranioplasty of a large skull defect with an individual implant



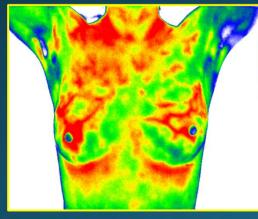
APPLICATION in MAMMOGRAPHY





"SVIT" (2.6 – 3.0 μm)

Menstrual cycle start



Menstrual mid-cycle



"IRVision" (8.0 – 14.0 μm)

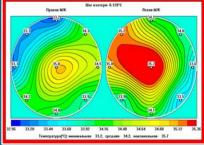


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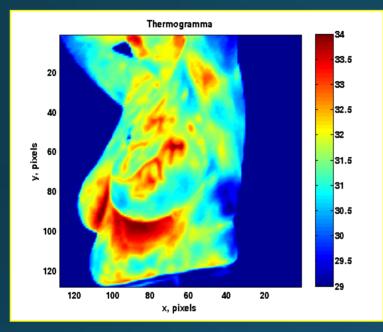


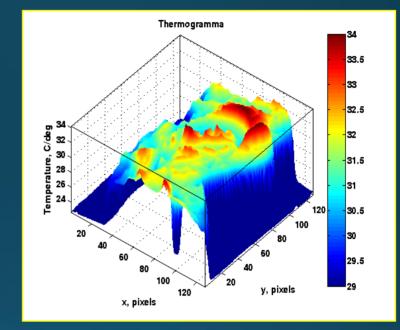


RadioThermometry

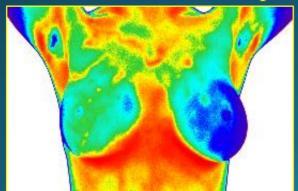


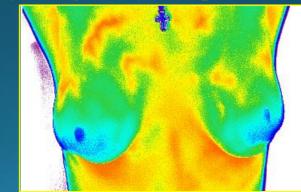
Breast cancer and its metastasis





Defects of mammoplasty using silicone implants

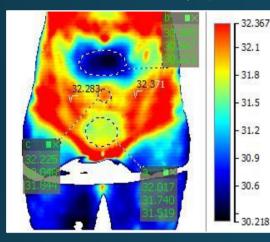




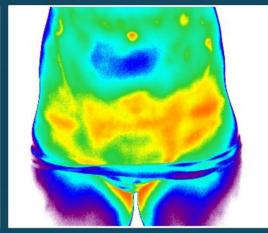
APPLICATION in GYNAECOLOGY

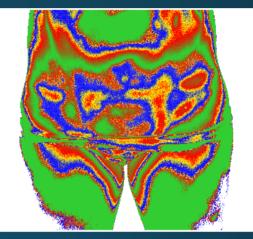


"SVIT" (2.6 – 3.0 μm)



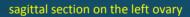
"IRVision" (8.0 – 14.0 μm)





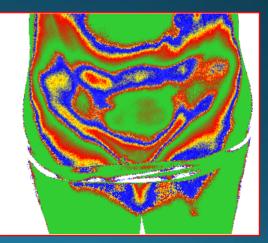
sagittal section on the right ovary







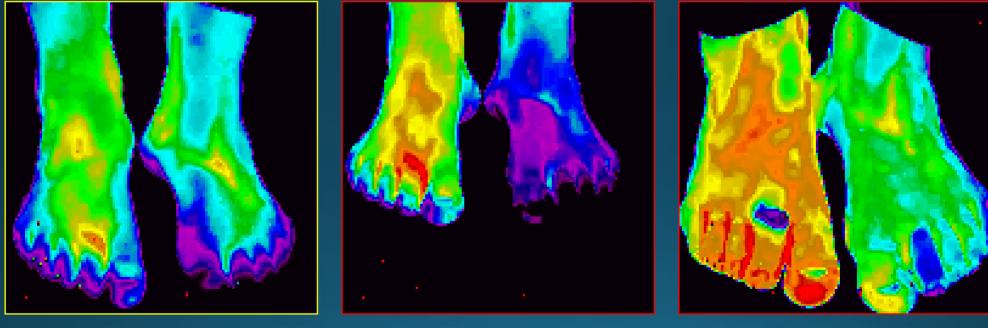
NMR diagnosis (3 Tesla) 23.04.15r.



APPLICATION in TRAUMATOLOGY



Thermal imaging of the inflammatory process in the right foot



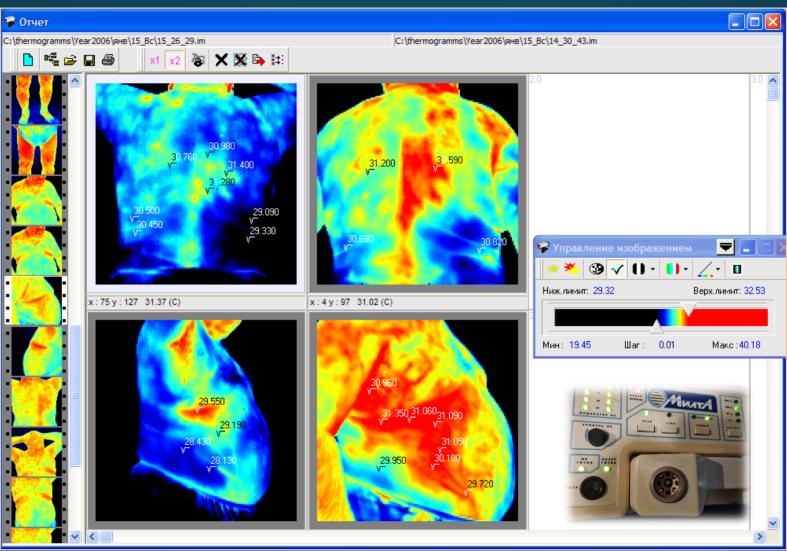
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APPLICATION in TRAUMATOLOGY

Spinal trauma before (left) and after (right) exposure to the quantum device "MILTA"

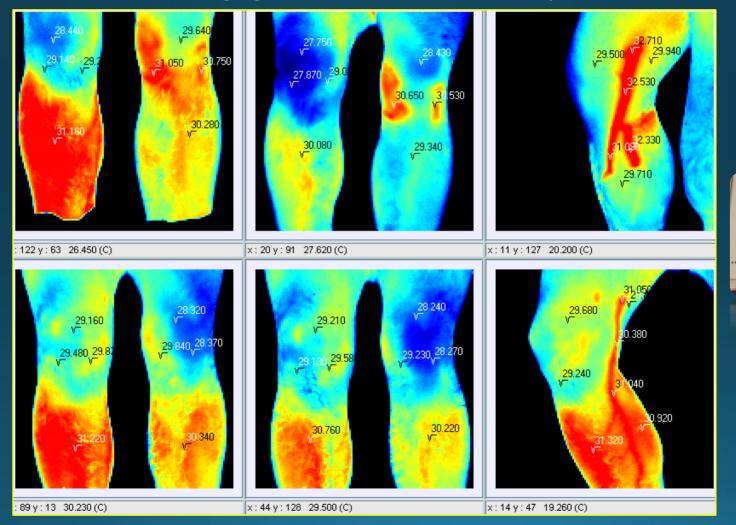


APPLICATION in TRAUMATOLOGY



Knee injury (left) and

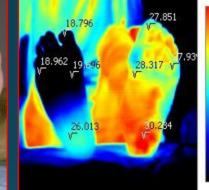
thermal imaging demonstration of treatment dynamics

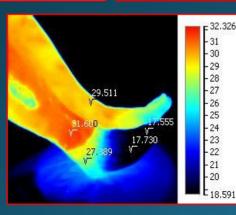


APPLICATION in DIABETES TREATMENT

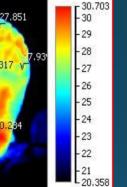


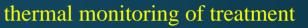
Diagnosis of peripheral vascular lesions in different types of diabetes and IR monitoring of the treatment process

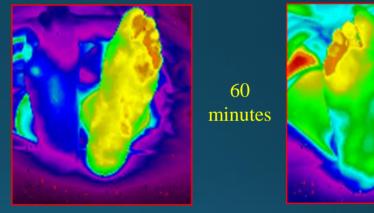




thermonavigation







BEFORE



AFTER

RESONANT QUANTUM THERAPEUTIC DEVICE

CONCLUSION



Capabilities of thermographic technologies:

- rapid diagnostics;
- setting topical and differential diagnoses of different pathologies ;
- screening (preclinical diagnosis) of various diseases during medical examinations of humans;
- correcting programs of treatment and rehabilitation;
- controlling efficiency of treatment;
- prognosticating potential complications of human diseases;
- realizing effective and safe "thermal navigation" during surgical operations.

Our team has accumulated extensive and unique experience in medical thermography and the interpretation of thermographic images.