UCLA M229: Advanced Topics in Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Spring 2024: 4 Units
Lectures: Tue/Thu 10:00 AM – 11:50 AM
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Course Description: This course will explore recent MRI developments that 1) have had high impact on the field, 2) involve novel pulse sequence design or image reconstruction, and/or 3) enable imaging of anatomy or function in a way that surpasses what is currently possible with any other modality. Simulations and programming exercises in MATLAB will provide hands-on experience for students. Students will propose and carry out a final project along current directions of advanced MRI research.

Prerequisites: This course is a follow-up to M219 (Principles and Applications of MRI) and is meant for students interested in pursuing research related to the development or translation of new MRI techniques.

Course Schedule:

1. April 2, Tue **Introduction** – Advanced MRI Techniques and Applications (by Dr. Kyung Sung)
2. April 4, Thu **RF Pulse Design** – Adiabatic Pulses (by Dr. Kyung Sung)
3. April 9, Tue **RF Pulse Design** – Excitation k-space / MATLAB Demo
4. April 11, Thu **Pulse Sequences** – Rapid GRE
5. April 16, Tue **Pulse Sequences** – RARE / Bloch Simulation MATLAB demo
6. April 18, Thu **Pulse Sequences** – Extended Phase Graphs (EPG) / MATLAB demo
7. April 23, Tue **Fast Imaging** – EPI, PROPELLER
8. April 25, Thu **Fast Imaging** – Non-Cartesian Sampling I
9. April 30, Tue **Fast Imaging** – Non-Cartesian Sampling II
10. May 2, Thu **Project Discussion**

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11. May 14, Tue **Image Reconstruction** – Partial k-space (by Dr. Kyung Sung)
12. May 16, Thu **Image Reconstruction** – Parallel Imaging (by Dr. Kyung Sung)
13. May 21, Tue **Image Reconstruction** – Compressed Sensing (by Shu-Fu Shih)
14. May 23, Thu **Image Reconstruction** – Deep Learning (by Shu-Fu Shih)
15. May 28, Tue **Motion** (by Dr. Anthony Christodoulou)
16. May 30, Thu **Susceptibility Imaging** (by Dr. Jingwen Yao)
17. June 4, Tue **Advanced Application Topic** – **TBD** (by Dr. Fei Han)
18. June 6, Thu **Advanced Application Topic** – **Lung MRI** (by Dr. Lea Azour)
19. June 10-12, **Final Project Presentations**

Course Assignments:

- Reading book chapters and research papers
- Programming assignments x2 (MATLAB)
- Final project presentation (1-page abstract and 10+10 min oral presentation)

Grading Structure:

- Participation (10%), Homework (30%), Final Project (60%), Extra Points.

Reading List:

- Handbook of MRI Pulse Sequences. M. A. Bernstein, K. F. King, and X. J. Zhou. Elsevier Academic Press, 2004. ISBN-13: **978-0120928613**.
- Research papers as assigned