Master or Semester project

Optimization of signal contrast of MRI images

$^{31}$P magnetic resonance spectroscopy allows the noninvasive measurement of various energy metabolites, physiological parameters and more interestingly dynamic information such as metabolic rates for ATP metabolism which is a key process in neuroenergetics for supporting normal brain function. The conventional magnetization transfer methods for ATP metabolism assay are time-consuming, which limits its application in a clinical setting. The newly developed $^{31}$P magnetic resonance fingerprinting (MRF) methods has shown promising preliminary results for fast (8-fold acceleration) and precise quantification of creatine kinase forward rate in the human brain. Within this project, novel methods will be developed to optimize MRF acquisition and post-processing schemes based on simulations and in vivo measurements.

Skills:

Your qualifications, previous experience and background:

- Basic knowledge of MR physics.
• Programming skills in MATLAB, Python or C/C++ are required. Knowledge on machine learning or deep learning is a plus.

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