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Curriculum vitae

Yuriko Suzuki was born on August 10th 1977 in Ibaraki, Japan. After graduating from Mito First High School, she studied Physics at Meiji University and obtained her bachelor's degree in 2000 with her academic dissertation "Simulating neuronal firing with the Hodgkin-Huxley model". Immediately after graduating, she joined Philips Medical Systems as a MR Application Specialist. In 2002, she obtained an opportunity of an internship at Philips head office in Best, the Netherlands. From 2004, she continued her career in Philips as a MR Clinical Scientist and experienced many collaborative research projects in areas such as MR spectroscopy, cardiac imaging, liver imaging and brain imaging. Since 2011, she has been focusing her research on the brain using diffusion imaging, susceptibility weighted imaging, amide proton transfer imaging and arterial spin labelling (ASL). In 2013, she received the Stefan Fischer Prize for her development of a new accelerated ASL-based 4D-MRA sequence and obtained an opportunity to work as a neuro clinical scientist in the head office in Best, the Netherlands. During this three-month exchange program, she started a collaborative research project with Prof.dr.ir. Matthias van Osch in Leiden University Medical Center on ASL-based 4D-MRA. In March 2015, she obtained her master's degree in radiation diagnosis from Juntendo University Graduate School of Medicine, with her academic dissertation "Estimation of Mean Axon Diameter and Intra-Axonal-Space Volume Fraction in the Human Corpus Callosum: Diffusion Q-space Imaging with Low q-values".

In October 2015, she started a PhD at the C.J. Gorter Center for High Field MRI at Leiden University Medical Center under the supervision of Prof.dr.ir. Matthias van Osch. Her main research topics are the development and optimization of ASL-based 4D-MRA and perfusion techniques. From September to December in 2016, she was a visiting student at Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences within the University of Oxford and started a collaborative research project with Dr. Thomas Okell under his supervision.

She finished her PhD in March 2018, and started a postdoctoral position in modeling and analysis of cerebral perfusion imaging at the Institute of Biomedical Engineering within the University of Oxford.

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