Medical Imaging – Introduction

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Medical imaging: a collaborative paradigm



picture from Atam P. Dhawan: Medical Imaging

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Imaging device



Examples:

► CT, X-rays, MRI, ultrasound, ...

Preprocessing



Examples:

Noise suppression, contract enhancement, intensity equalization, outlier elimination, bias compensation, time/space filtering, ...

Reconstruction



Inverse problem

Examples:

- Tomographic reconstruction
- MRI, ultrasound . . .

Interpretation



Examples:

Registration, segmentation, classification, tracking,...

Modalities

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- How much does it cost?

Energy source



Electromagnetic spectrum



Examples

Microscopy

Optical microscopy – since 17th century; Jensen, van Leeuwenhoek, Galilei, ...





X-rays / Radiography











modern hand

Computed tomography

The machine:



Ultrasound – Equipment







Magnetoencephalography



Electroencephalography



Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

Larmor, Bloch, Purcell, Rabi, Lauterbur,... around 1973.





... and many others

- SPECT (Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography)
- PET (Positron Emission Tomography)
- gamma camera
- termography
- ▶ ...

OK, here ends the preview. Questions?

... otherwise let us start with image processing