Basic Kinetic Modeling in PET and MR Imaging

March 2-6, 2026

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Location

Neurobiology Research Unit, Rigshospitalet, entrance 7-8, Inge Lehmanns Vej 6-8, DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø
Monday, Wednesday after 2 PM, Friday Morning: NRU conference room, entrance 8, 5th floor.
Tuesday, Wednesday until 2 PM, Thursday, Friday after 10 AM: Ground floor, room 12.00.8523, located between entrance 7 and 8.

Monday, March 2, 2026

09.00-9.30	Introduction (GMK, CS, HL) Presentation of the individual participants. Please prepare a short presentation of yourself and the relation of tracer kinetics to your project.
9.30-10.00	Basic mathematics, exponentials, compartment modelling and differential equations (CS)
10.00-10.30	Basic physiology, blood, tissue and Blood Brain Barrier (GMK)
10.30-11.00	***Coffee break***
11.00-12.30	Basic tracer kinetic concepts: Steady state, linearity, stationarity etc. (MV)
12.30-13.30	***Lunch***
13.30-14.30	Clearance and Fick's principle, including examples (SC)
14.30-15.30	PC exercise 1 (intro, basics) (CS, GMK, KL)
15.30-16.30	Extraction, Renkin-Crone model, examples of determination of permeability (SC)

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

09.00-10.00	Bolus injection (HL)
10.00-11.00	Impulse response, convolution (HL)
11.00-12.00	Mean transit time, external residue detection (HL)
12.00-13.00	***Lunch***
13.00-14.00	System theory (HL)
14.00-15.00	PC exercise 2 (convolution, extraction) (CS, GMK, KL)
15.00-16.00	System theory - continued (HL)

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

09.00-09.45	Introduction to positron emission tomography (PET) and single photon emission tomography (SPECT) (MS)
09.45-10.30	PET and SPECT kinetics (MS)
10.30-10.45	***Coffee break***
10.45-12.00	Receptor kinetics (MS)
12.00-13.00	***Lunch***
13.00-14.00	Testing new radioligands and pharmacology development (GMK)
14.00-15.00	Determination of glucose consumption, deoxyglucose method (PS)
15.00-16.00	PC exercise 3 (models and rate constants) (CS, GMK, PS, KL)

Visit to the PET department in order to see the local setup for, e.g., blood sampling, PET, and new combined PET/MR scanner.

Thursday, March 5, 2026

09.00-10.00	Reference tissue modeling (CS, LM)
10.00-11.00	PC exercise 4 (linearization and reference tissue modeling) (CS, LM, GMK, GL)
11.00-12.00	Introduction to magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) (AEH)
12.00-13.00	***Lunch***
13:00-14:00	Measurements of heart perfusion using dynamic contrast enhancement and T1 weighted MRI (UL)
14:00-15:00	Measuring brain perfusion with Dynamic Susceptibility Contrast MRI (AEH)
15.00-16.00	PC exercises (MR) (AEH, UL, CS)

Friday, March 6, 2026

09.00-09.45	Perfusion measurements in brain using [^{15}O]-H_2O PET techniques and clinical applications (IL)
09.45-10.30	Measurements of tissue perfusion using [^{15}O]-H_2O PET - kinetic models of heart, kidney and liver (LM)
10.30-10.45	***Coffee break***
10:45-11:30	Blood flow measurements using MR Arterial Spin Labelling (UL)
11.30-12.15	Animal imaging (CM)
12.15-12.45	PC exercise 5 (guess a model and wrap-up) (CS, GMK, LM, GL)
12.45-13.15	***Lunch***
13.15-14.00	Example of analysis and kinetic modeling of a dynamic brain PET dataset using standard software like PVElab and PMOD (CS)
14.00-14.30	Discussion of the course participants own projects - bring material from your own project that you want to share and discuss (GMK, CS, HL)
14.30-15.00	Plenum discussion of course material (HL, CS, GMK)