RF/Mixed-Signal Circuits and Systems toward Next-Generation MRI

Abstract: Dr. Sohn will present his research topics to overcome technical barriers to increase the accessibility of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and improve the quality of MR imaging for next-generation MRI that realizes miniaturization, lightweight, low cost, and safety. Most of his researches are related to the oscillating field ($B_1$) of RF coils (antennas in MRI) and interface circuits between RF coils and RF signal chains of transmit (Tx) and receive (Rx). Especially, he will focus on the development of RF/mixed-signal circuits for simultaneous transmit and receive (STAR) and automatic correction systems of frequency tuning, impedance matching, and RF coupling. His research results show the ultra-low RF peak power capability and replacement of manual adjustments to obtain human head MR images.

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