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# Introduction

**Context: Non invasive functional brain mapping** is an imaging technique used before brain tumor resection to **localize** the **functional areas** of the patient **brain**. **f-MRI** is the **preoperative** gold standard and **electrical brain stimulation** is the **intraoperative** gold standard.

The objective of these two techniques is to indicate to the neurosurgeon the cortical areas that can be removed without cognitive impairment.

**Background: Optical imaging** can be used to **monitor** the **brain activity** [1] with the measure of **hemoglobin concentration changes** ( $\Delta$ [HbO<sub>2</sub>] and  $\Delta$ [Hb]). A device consisting of a continuous wave **white light** illumination and a **RGB camera** is a suitable approach [2].

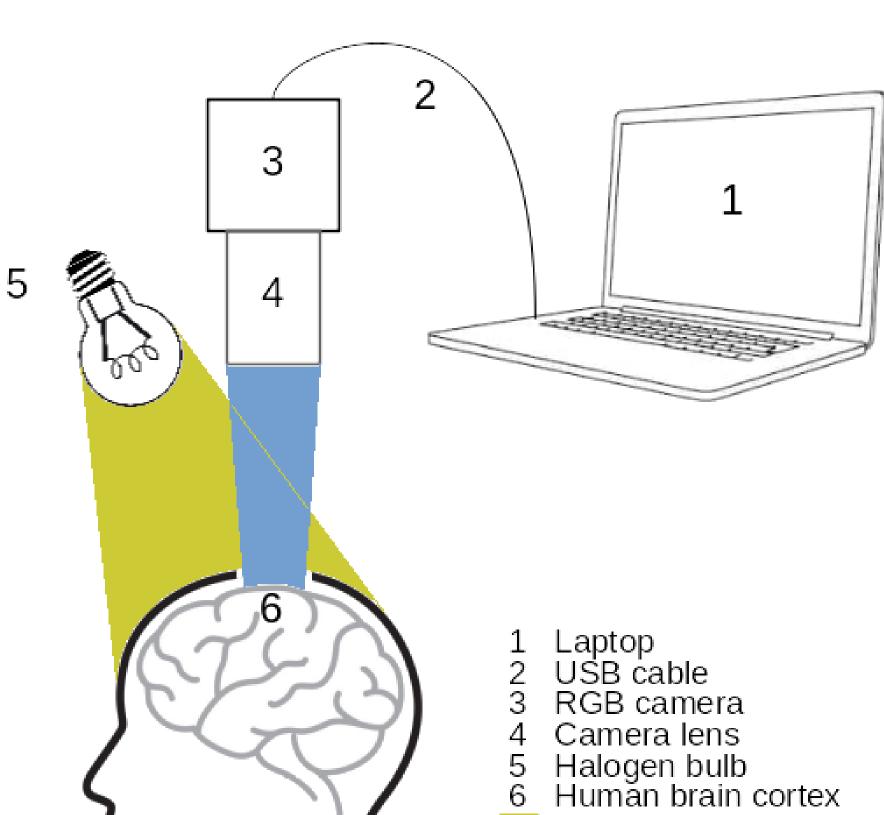
**Objectives:** We propose to realize the **localization** of **brain functional areas** using a **RGB camera** with the analysis of the  $\Delta$ [HbO<sub>2</sub>] and  $\Delta$ [Hb] time courses

## Material & methods

**Experimental paradigm:** After the patient craniotomy and before the brain tumor resection, the patient was awakened and functional tests have been realized. The stimulation of the patient cortex was achieved through a repetitive and alternative hand opening and closing at  $\approx$ 1Hz. The paradigm consisted of 3 steps : 30s of rest, 30s of stimulation and 30s of rest. The neurosurgeon realized electrical brain stimulations to localize the patient brain motor and sensory areas.

#### **Experimental setup**

#### **Functional model**



A - Image acquisition : 8 bits images were acquired at 30 Fps.

**B - Image segmentation :** The first image of the video was segmented into three classes using a semi automated procedure (K-Means algorithm) : grey matter, surface and buried blood vessel.

**C** - Camera and brain motion compensation [3]

**D** - Filtering and data correction : The RGB intensities were filtered using a low-pass Bessel filter (0,05Hz) and the slow drift of the collected intensity (cortical dessication) was corrected through a linear regression subtracted to the original data.

#### E - Pixel-wise modified Beer Lambert model [4,5]

 $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta A_R(t) \\ \Delta A_G(t) \\ \Delta A_B(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{R,Hb} & E_{R,HbO_2} \\ E_{G,Hb} & E_{G,HbO_2} \\ E_{B,Hb} & E_{B,HbO_2} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \Delta [Hb](t) \\ \Delta [HbO_2](t) \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } E_{i,n} = \int \epsilon_n(\lambda) \times D_i(\lambda) \times S(\lambda) \times L(\lambda) d\lambda.$ 



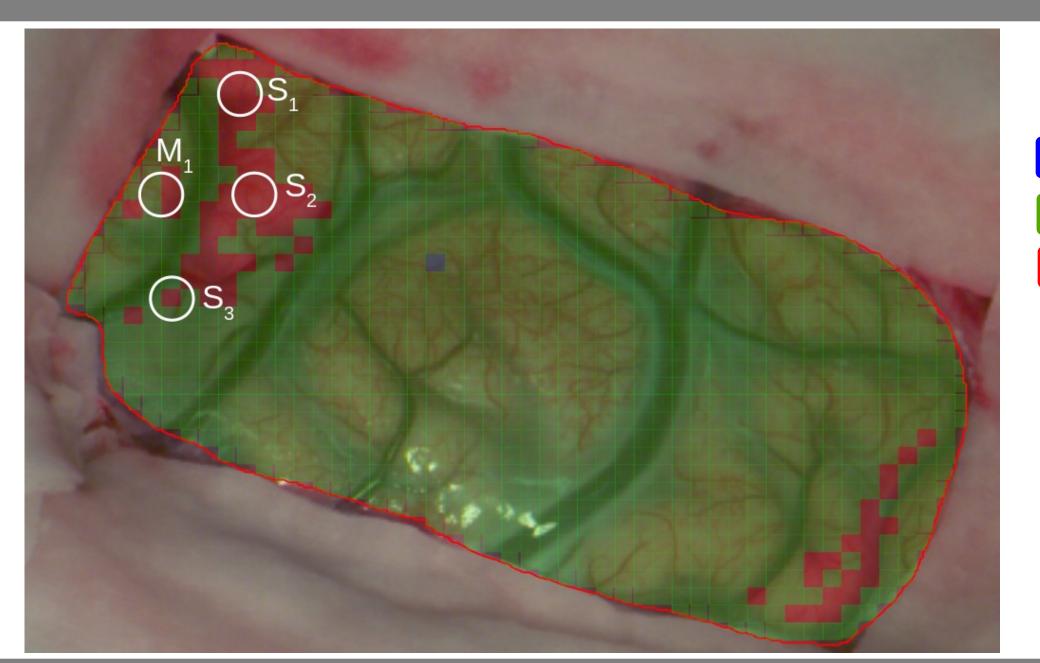
*L*: Optical mean path length estimated by Monte Carlo simulations [6] in a pixel-wise manner.  $D_i$ : Camera detector spectral sensitivity. S: light source spectrum.  $\epsilon_n$ : Extinction coefficient (*L. Mol*<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>) of chromophore *n* (*Hb*, *HbO*<sub>2</sub>)

#### **F – Active/non active binary biomarker**

- 1 The ROI was divided into N cortical areas of interest *Cort* (1,8mm wide squares)
  3 Successive T-Tests were computed to compare the mean values of the *Ref* and the *Cort* areas (< C > and < r >).
- 2 Selection of a non activated cortical area as a reference area: **Ref**
- 4 One- and two-tailed T-Tests (hypotheses  $H_0 H_1$  and  $H_2$ ) were tested at **1/(N-1)** % significance level (Bonferroni correction)

$$H_{0}(X) = \begin{cases} \text{True, if } X_{Cort} \neq X_{Ref} \\ \text{False, otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad H_{1}(X) = \begin{cases} \text{True, if } X_{Cort} > X_{Ref} \\ \text{False, otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad H_{2}(X) = \begin{cases} \text{True, if } X_{Cort} < X_{Ref} \\ \text{False, otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
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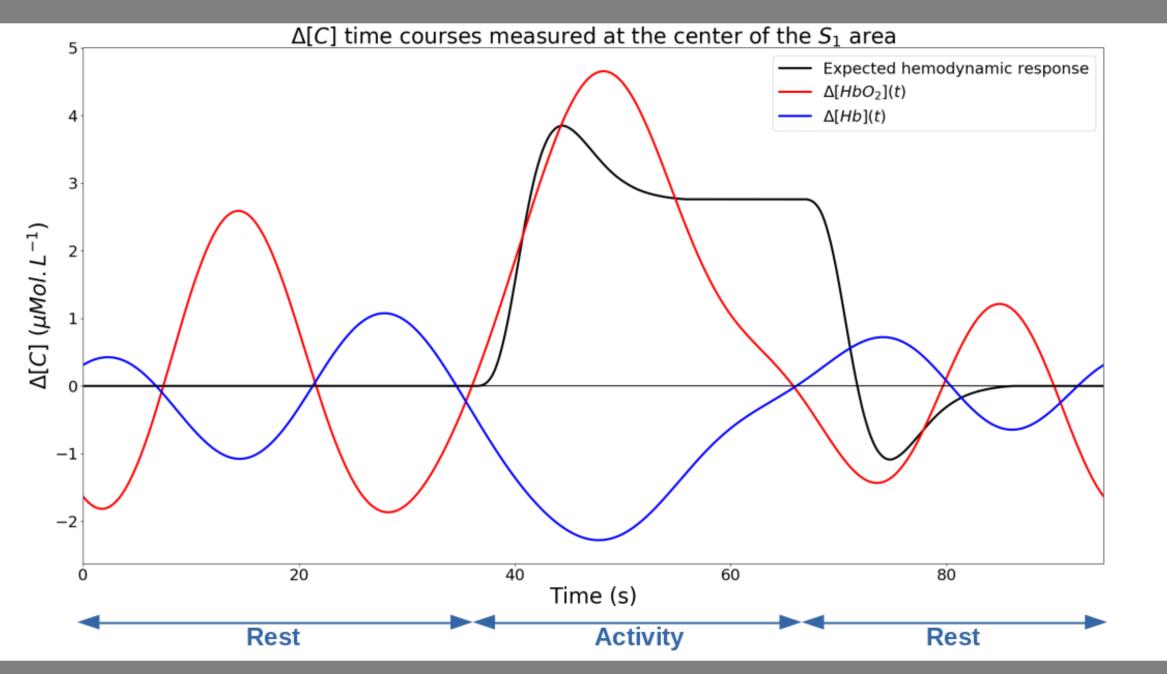
 $\mathbf{C}$ :  $\Delta[C](t)$  averaged over the patient activity period,  $\mathbf{r}$ : Pearson correlation coefficient between  $\Delta[C](t)$  and the expected hemodynamic response [7],  $\mathbf{k}$ : logical and



### Results

Reference area *Ref*Non Activated cortical area
Activated cortical area

Areas validated by electrical brain stimulation



- S<sub>i</sub> Sensory area i
- *M*<sub>*i*</sub> Motor area i

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### **Discussion & conclusion**

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The cortical areas identified as activated correspond to the areas validated by the electrical brain stimulation

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Comparison with fMRI maps Precise delimitation of the functional areas

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Automatic and robust choice of the reference area Implementation of the NIRS-SPM analysis



