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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 and electrical brain stimulation (EBS) are two complementary clinical tests performed before neurosurgery.

f-MRI tests are performed before the patient craniotomy (pre-operative gold standard). Electrical brain stimulation tests are performed once the patient cortex is exposed (intraoperative gold standard).

#### **Background**

Optical imaging can be used to monitor the brain activity [1] whith the quantifiation of hemoglobin concentration changes ( $\Delta[HbO_3]$  and  $\Delta[Hb]$ ). A device consisting of a continuous wave white light illumination and a RGB camera is a suitable approach [2].

#### **Objective - Improve the patient care process**

We present the methodology to compare intraoperative functional brain maps obtained with a RGB camera to pre-operative or post-operative fMRI maps.

### **Material and methods**

#### **Experimental paradigm**

The motor skills of the patient's left hand was tested with fMRI and optical imaging using a task-based procedure (repetitive hand opening and closing). The neurosurgeon also performed EBS during the neurosurgery.

#### Procedures for identifying functional brain areas

#### **Pre-operative procedures:**

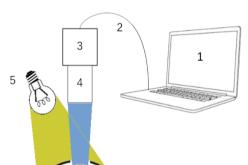
- MRI anatomical volume (FLAIR sequence)
- fMRI functional map (EG-EPI sequence) and Statistical Parametric Mapping [3]

Camera lens Halogen bulb Human brain cortex

#### **Intraoperative procedures:**

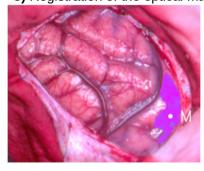
- Electrical brain stimulation identifications
- RGB video acquisition, hemodynamics quantification (Modified Beer-Lambert law [2]) and Statistical Parametric Mapping [3,4]

#### **Multi-modality registration procedure**



**Experimental setup** [2]

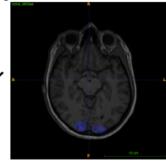
- 1) Segmentation of the cerebral cortex in the pre-operative MRI anatomical volume 2) Registration of the fMRI map on the MRI anatomical volume (affine transformation – SPM [3])
- 3) Collection of landmarks in the RGB image and in the MRI anatomical volume
- 4) Computation of the rigid transformation matrix for matching optical and MRI landmarks (least square minimization)
- 5) Registration of the optical map on the MRI volume and of the fMRI map on the RGB image



Intraoperative optical functional map and EBS identification (M)

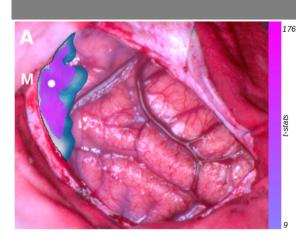


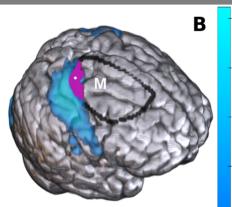
**Common referential - Segmented** pre-operative MRI anatomical volume



**Pre-operative fMRI functional** map

## Results





(A) Intraoperative functional brain maps (in purple) obtained with RGB imaging [2-4]. (B) Pre-operative fMRI functional brain map (in blue). The optical brain map is represented in purple. The black contour denotes the extent of the surgical window in image A. The letter M indicates the motor area indentified by EBS.

Good similarity between optical and fMRI functional maps:

$$DICE = \frac{2|fMRI \cap Optics|}{|fMRI| + |Optics|} = 0.69$$

Full overlap of optical map on the fMRI functional map:

$$Overlap = \frac{|fMRI \cap Optics|}{min(|fMRI|,|Optics|)} = 1$$

## **Discussion**

Automatic registration based on the segmentation of common cerebral structures in MR and optical images



Improving resting-state network detection using RGB imaging [5] by comparing resting-state networks obtained by fMRI



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