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PURPOSE: Motion correction is a very important step in analyzing fMRI-data. Nevertheless, it needs a lot of time and computer resources. To facilitate the analysis of the fMRI data, Siemens implemented a prospective real time motion correction (PACE) on the basis of a rigid-body transformation into the MR-scanner software. The aim of this study was to compare the Siemens motion correction with the motion correction as implemented in SPM.

METHODS: We investigated 10 healthy volunteers (25-45years) using an event-related fMRI-Design with an intermittent vibrotactile stimulation of the foot (for more details see Golaszewski et. al., Poster # 128 T-PM). The experiment consists of one run of approximately 30 min. For each measurement two datasets per functions run were produced the raw fMRI data and the prospective motion corrected fMRI data (moco) from the 1, 5 Tesla MR-scanner (Magentom SONATA, Siemens, Germany). For fMRI, we employed T2*-weighted single shot EPI sequences (TR/TE/n = 0.96ms/90°, matrix = 64x64, voxel dimension = 3.75 x 3.75 x 6.25 mm, 1.25 mm interslice gap, 24 axial slices, 736 volume images).

Post-processing was performed with SPM99. Both datasets from each measurement were analyzed in the exact same way and the same parameter with only one difference, the raw fMRI datasets were motion corrected in SPM, the moco not. Furthermore we ascertain the motion parameters from the moco raw datasets and from the SPM datasets, before and after the realignment procedure. Activations were reported for clusters which surpassed an initial threshold of $p < 0.001$ uncorrected and had a corrected p-value of $p < 0.05$ on cluster level.

RESULTS: Both datasets show comparable activation pattern. The fMRI measurement during vibrotactile stimulation of the right foot revealed brain activation contralaterally within the primary sensorimotor cortex, bilaterally within the secondary somatosensory cortex, bilaterally within the superior temporal inferior parietal and posterior insular region, bilaterally within the anterior and posterior cingulate gyrus, bilaterally within the fusiform gyrus, bilaterally within the thalamus and caudate nucleus, contralateral within the lentiform nucleus and bilaterally within the anterior and posterior cerebellar lobe.

SPM Motion Correction



Statistics: volume summary (p-values corrected for entire volume)

cluster-level	cluster-level	voxel-level	voxel-level	X, Y, Z (mm)
p	c	p	t	
0.009	7	0.000	3218	0.000
		0.000	0.54	(1.47)
		0.000	7.49	(7.47)
		0.000	6.09	(6.08)
		0.000	6.59	(1.47)
		0.000	7.20	(7.19)
		0.000	6.81	(5.80)
		0.001	5.33	(5.32)
		0.040	4.39	(4.39)
		0.389	3.86	(3.86)
		0.463	2.53	(3.35)
		0.809	2.16	(3.56)
		0.357	3.54	(3.94)
		0.447	2.80	(3.79)
		0.461	3.57	(3.97)
		0.621	3.71	(3.71)

Siemens PACE Motion Correction

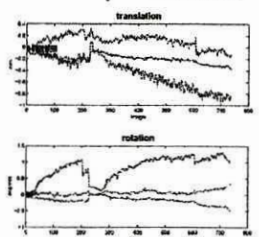


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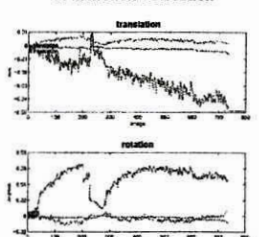
cluster-level	cluster-level	voxel-level	voxel-level	X, Y, Z (mm)
p	c	p	t	
0.000	8	0.000	249	0.000
		0.000	8.18	(1.47)
		0.000	7.55	(7.44)
		0.000	6.82	(6.80)
		0.000	7.74	(7.73)
		0.000	7.54	(7.52)
		0.000	7.18	(7.17)
		0.006	5.04	(5.03)
		0.045	3.82	(3.81)
		0.031	4.65	(4.65)
		0.040	4.59	(4.59)
		0.037	4.63	(4.62)
		0.113	4.20	(4.20)
		0.683	3.71	(3.71)
		0.045	4.57	(4.57)
		0.096	4.28	(4.28)
		0.258	4.08	(4.08)
		0.285	4.20	(4.20)
		0.220	4.15	(4.15)
		0.548	3.73	(3.73)
		0.322	4.02	(4.02)

Motion Parameter of a single subject

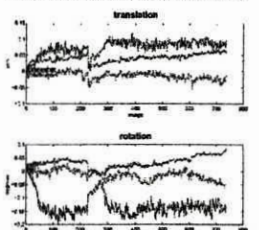
Without any Motion Correction



SPM Motion Correction

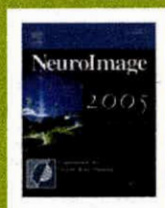


Siemens PACE Motion Correction



Conclusion: To get the exact activation maps of the fMRI data analysis, the datasets need to be aligned perfectly. It is already known that only small changes in the execution of the motion correction can have great influence on the result. We were able to demonstrate that both datasets show comparable but not exactly the same activations with a small advantage for SPM with higher maximal t-values and at the other hand a small advantage for PACE with more significantly activated clusters. This result was also confirmed for single datasets with extreme movements ($> 3\text{mm}$). Our results indicate, that the prospective motion correction algorithm PACE (Siemens) is widely comparable with the well accepted motion correction method of SPM99. Because of the fact that PACE is working online and in real time, the analyses of fMRI-data can be abbreviated and is more comfortable for the user.





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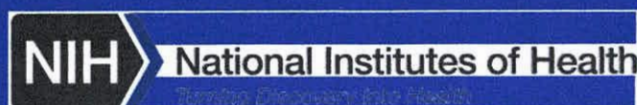
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