

ATR脳活動イメージングセンタ 河内山隆紀

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画像S/N比への影響

画像S/N比の向上

- 物質中のスピンが作り出す磁化: $M_0 \propto N_{\uparrow} N_{\downarrow} = N \frac{h\gamma B_0}{kT}$
- 横磁化の運動(ω_0)により誘導起電力: LarmorFreq. = $\omega_0 = \gamma B_0$
- MR信号: Signal $\propto \omega_0 M_0 \propto B_0^2$

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: Noise = $\sqrt{\sigma_{thamal+system}} + \sigma_{physiological} \propto \sqrt{aB_0^{1/2} + bB_0^2}$

- SNR: $SNR = \propto \frac{B_0^2}{\sqrt{aB_0^{1/2} + bB_0^2}} \propto B_0$ at high field
- 1.5Tから3.0TでSNRは2倍に向上

⇒より頑健なデータ

BOLD信号への影響

高磁場では、よりcapillary bedの信号を反映 (Ugurbil, 1993; Menon, 1993; Menon, 1995; Gati, 1997)

- 静磁場強度と脳血管系からの信号の関係(Gati, 1997)
- Small vesselとcapillaryに対して線形以上に変化
- Large vesselに対しては、線形以下の変化
- BOLD-contrast to noise ratioは 3.0Tで大きい
 - BOLD-CNRは組織に依存する(Kruger, 2001)
 - 信号強度が高い(かつ活動サイズが小さい:比較的大きな静脈)領域に比べ、脳活動領域でのCNR_{3.0T} / CNR_{1.5T}が高い

⇒空間的特異度も向上



■ 生理学的ノイズの増加

生理学的ノイズが全ノイズに占める割合は3.0T>1.5T
(Kruger, 2001)

■ 時系列自己相関への影響

- 高磁場MRI装置での時系列自己相関は上昇(c.f. Friedman, 2006)
- 単純なモデルでは対応できない複雑な構造(Bullmore, 2001)
- ただし、装置メーカにも依存
- その他のノイズ(一般的に3.0T>1.5T)への影響
 - Head motionに伴う信号
 - 心拍・呼吸などの体動
 - Low frequency noise (1/F, vasomotion, etc)

高磁場MRIでの注意点

- 磁化率アーチファクト(Susceptibility artifacts)
 - 高磁場MRIで大きい
 - 関心領域によっては画像のゆがみ・信号低下の影響を受ける
 - 側頭極·扁桃体·前頭眼窩野
 - 3.0T 12%低下、1.5T 9%低下(扁桃体近傍)(Krasnow, 2003)
 - 撮像方法の工夫、技術開発が勢力的に行なわれている
 - Z-shimming(Glover, 1999),Spiral sequence(Glover, 2001), RF pulse の工夫(Chen, 1999; Stenger, 2002), voxel size/slice orientaion(Chen, 2003), Other correction methods (Jezzard, 1995; Reber, 1998; Chen, 1999; Zeng, 2004; Andersson, 2001)
- Acoustic noise
 - 高磁場装置では一般的に大きい(15dB 増加)(Ravicz, 2000; 2001)
 - ただし3.0T MRIが常に劣るとはいえない(撮像方法の工夫、技術進歩)

高磁場MRIでの脳活動イメージング

- 高磁場MRI(3.0-4.0T)での研究
 - 指の体部位再現(Maldjian, 1998)
 - 眼球優位性コラム(Cheng, 2001; Menon, 1997)
 - 外側膝状体のレチノトピ(Chen, 1999)

■ 1.5Tと3.0-4.0T MRI装置での脳活動比較研究

- Visual activation (Gati, 1997; Kruger, 2001; Turner, 1993; Lu, 2005)
- Motor activation (Yang, 1999; Kruger, 2001; Fera, 2004)
- **Cognitive task** (Krasnow, 2003; Hoening, 2005)

まとめ~1.5Tと3.0Tとの比較~

静磁場強度	1.5 T	3 .0T
SNR	-	+
CNR	-	+
White/Gray matter CNR	+	-
活動領域	-	+
活動強度	-	+
解像度	-	+
画像収集時間	-	+
磁化率アーチファクト	+	-
ケミカル・シフト	+	-
比吸収率(SAR)	+	-
騒音	+	-

※1Voss, 2006を参考に作成 ※2一般的傾向・実際は、メーカ依存性あり・ また、改善の努力がなされている

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