

Automatic detection of patient-specific perfusion abnormalities in Arterial Spin Labeling

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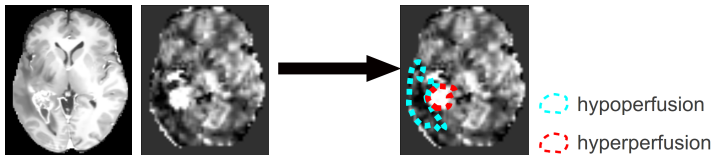
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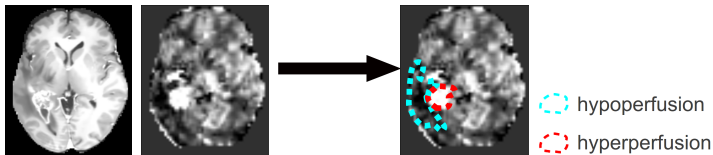
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Challenges:

- Low signal-to-noise ratio of the Q2TIPS PASL sequence.
- Presence of artefacts.

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- Statistical analysis
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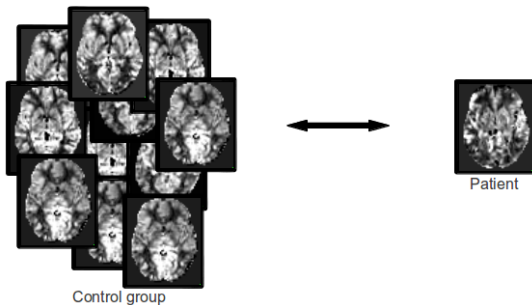
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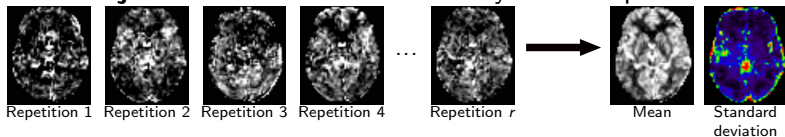
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Originality of our approach:

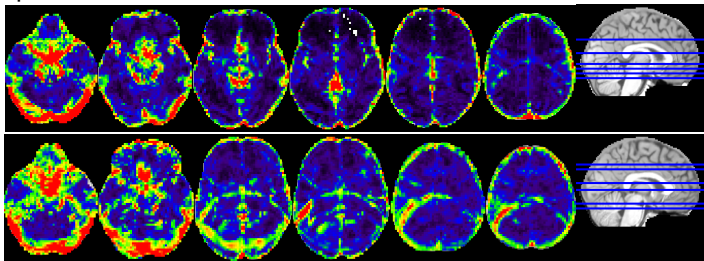
- *Explicit modelling of both **intra-subject** and **inter-subject** variances.*
- ***No pre-smoothing** of the data: a contrario approach.*

Intra-subject variance

Intra-subject variance models variability across repetitions

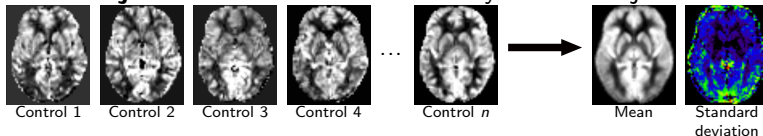


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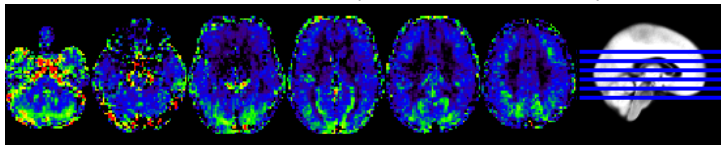


Inter-subject variance

Inter-subject variance models variability across subjects

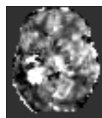


Inter-subject standard deviation (35 healthy subjects)



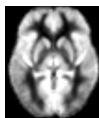
Detection of perfusion abnormalities

Model of normal perfusion:

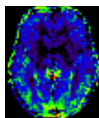


Patient map

$\sim \mathcal{N}(\quad, \quad)$



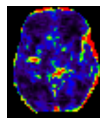
Mean across subjects



Inter-subject variance

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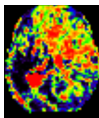


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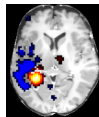
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Detection of hypoperfusions and hyperperfusions:



Voxel-based probabilities



Detections

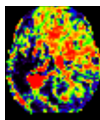
■ hypoperfusion

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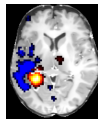
Known as a mixed-effect general linear model.

Detection of perfusion abnormalities

Mixed-effect General Linear Model:



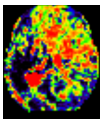
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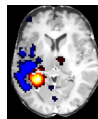
Mixed-effect *a contrario* approach:



Voxel-based probabilities



Region-based probabilities



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A *contrario* approach

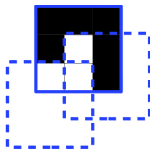
From voxel-based to region-based probabilities:



1. Voxel-based probability



2. Thresholding



3. Rare event count per region

1	1	1
3	3	2
3	3	2



4. Region-based probability

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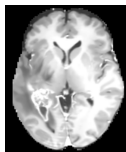
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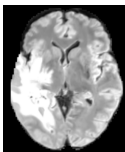
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Ground Truth estimation

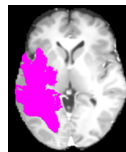
Step 1 – Segmentation of the tumor:



T1 Gadolinium

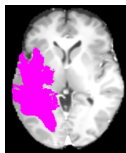


T2 FLAIR

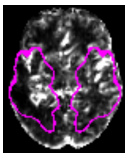


Tumor and
edema
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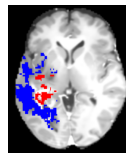
Step 2 – Combination with T2 perfusion information:



Tumor segment.



DSC CBF

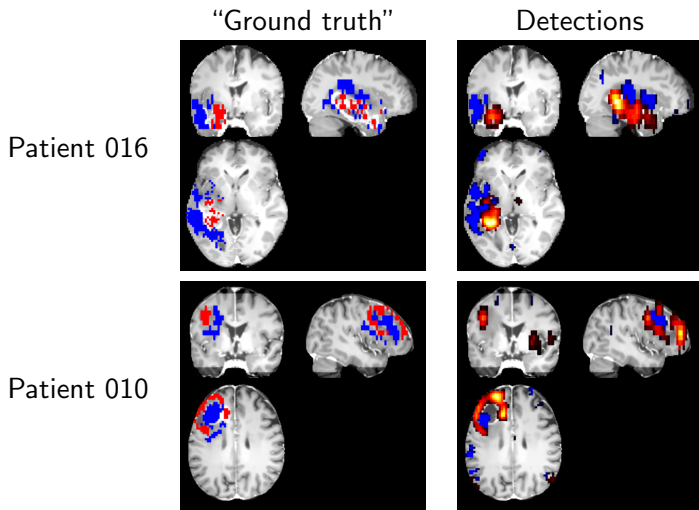


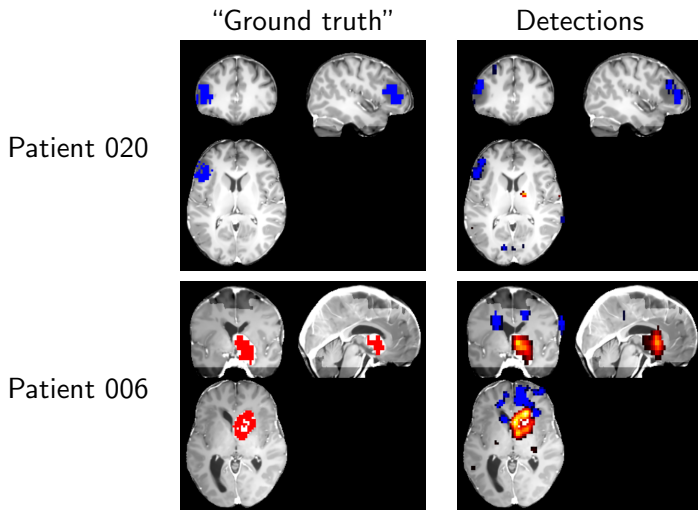
"Ground truth"

Step 3 – Visual assesment and manual corrections by a clinician

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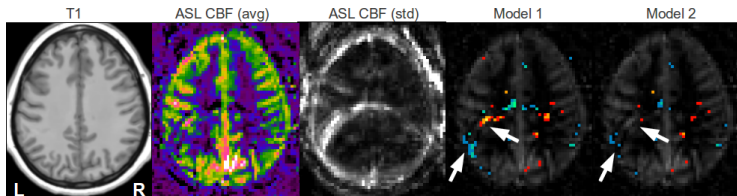


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Specificity (controls)	0.99
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Results: Importance of intra-subject variance

Effect of intra-subject variance on the detections:

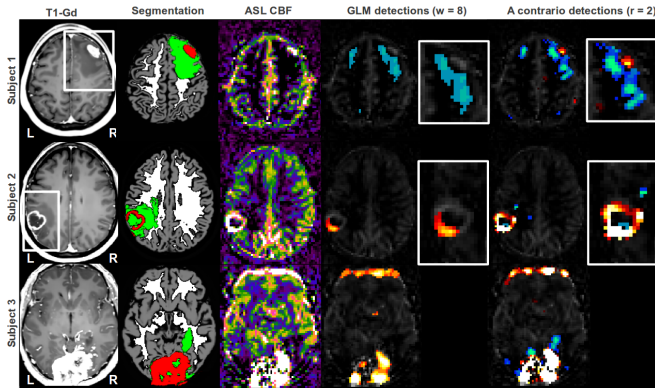


Quantitative results (22 patients, 35 controls):

	A contrario Mixed-effects	A contrario Random-effects
Specificity (controls)	0.99	0.92
Specificity (patients)	0.93	0.56
Sensitivity (hyper)	0.82	0.86

Results: advantage of the a contrario approach

A contrario approach and Mixed-effect General linear model detections:



Conclusions:

- Importance of intra-subject variance in the detection of patient-specific perfusion abnormalities.
- Good sensitivity and specificity of the proposed approach.
- Region-based *a contrario* probabilities outperform the standard voxel-based probabilities.

More details on the *a contrario* approach: C. Maumet, P. Maurel, J.-C. Ferré, and C. Barillot, “A comprehensive framework for the detection of individual brain perfusion abnormalities using arterial spin labeling” MICCAI 2012, pp. 542–549.

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