



Assessment of white matter anisotropy effects in mq-BOLD based mapping of relative Oxygen Extraction Fraction

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Background

Oxygen **E**xtraction **F**raction (OEF): Fundamental marker of cerebral metabolic function

- Measurement by multi-parametric quantitative BOLD (mq-BOLD)
- Model vasculature by randomly oriented cylinders with infinite length
- Three separate measurements of T_2^* , T_2 and rCBV by DSC





Right sided ICAS

Motivation



Highly ordered WM



mq-BOLD model



mq-BOLD derived map

Highly ordered WM fiber structure

Preferential blood vessel alignment

Orientation effects in GRE & DSC

rOEF anisotropy effects?



Analyze validity of mq-BOLD derived rOEF with respect to orientation effects

Material & Methods

DTI fiber orientation information



Material & Methods

MR imaging protocol



Material & Methods

Scanner & Participants



- 3T Philips Ingenia
- Software release 5.1.8
- 16 channel head-neck coil
- Custom patches



- No previous strokes or lesions
- No MR contraindications
- No kidney disease

70.3 ± 4.8 y





Results

 T_2^* & T_2 orientation effects



•
$$\Delta T_2^*(\theta) = 6.5 \text{ ms} = 13.5 \%$$

• $\Delta R_2^*(\theta) = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$
• $\Delta T_2(\theta) = 5.9 \text{ ms} = 7.5 \%$
• $\Delta R_2(\theta) = 0.9 \text{ Hz}$



Results

R₂' & rCBV orientation effects





Very strong R₂' and rCBV orientation effects relative to B₀

Results

rOEF orientation artefacts



Discussion

Fits & orientation effect origins





T₂* & rCBV orientation effects:

Highly ordered myelin-fiber structures

Preferentially oriented vasculature

T₂ orientation effects:

Diffusion preferred along myelin sheaths

Summary

Successful quantitative analysis of mq-BOLD orientation effects

Confirmed strong orientation effects of T₂*, T₂ and rCBV

rOEF with average orientation effect error of 3.8 %



Reliable rOEF mapping by mq-BOLD in WM with respect to anisotropy effects



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Thank you very much for your attention!