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Ensemble of Riemannian classifiers for multimodal data: FUCONE approach for M/EEG data



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Non-invasive Brain-Computer Interface - BCI







Light Detection NIRS G Cerebral Cortex 666666666 Brain activity recording $P_2(P_2)(P_4)(P_4)$ Feedback fMRI Features extraction Classification 1

Non-invasive tools







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Problem: Current BCIs fail to detect the mental intentions in ~30% of users – BCI inefficiency (Thompson, 2018)

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Problem: RG approaches in BCI rely only on covariance matrices without considering synchronous interactions between brain areas

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- Use of all the possible information from connectivity matrices
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Hypothesis – Combining functional connectivity estimators and Riemannian geometry will lead to an improvement of classification performance.

Motivation

- Considering subjects' specificity
- Improving the robustness

Approach

Ensemble learning approach – Riemannian Geometry framework relying on covariance matrices & connectivity matrices



FUCONE approach



FUnctional CONnectivity Ensemble (FUCONE) approach



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Approach

- Generalization to M/EEG data to exploit their complementarities
- To limit volume conduction effect, work in the source space [Corsi et al, NeuroImage, 2020]







Discussion

FUCONE approach

- Possibility to consider the users' specificity
- Replicable approach
 - From 2 to 4-classes configuration
 - Within and Cross-sessions

Extension to multimodal data, M/EEG

- Possibility to consider their complementarities
- Outperforms the state-of-the art method

Next steps

- Dimensionality reduction & interpretability of the chosen ROIs
- Features extraction

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