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We present AICHA (for Atlas of Intrinsic Connectivity of Homotopic Areas), a functional brain ROIs atlas based on resting-state fMRI data acquired in 281 individuals. AICHA ROIs cover the whole cerebrum, each having 1- homogeneity of its constituting voxels intrinsic activity, and 2- a unique homotopic contralateral counterpart with which it has maximal intrinsic connectivity.

The atlas is fully described in the following publication:

Joliot M, Jobard G, Naveau M, Delcroix N, Petit L, Zago L, Crivello F, Mellet E, Mazoyer B, Tzourio-Mazoyer N (2015) AICHA: An atlas of intrinsic connectivity of homotopic areas. *J Neurosci Methods* 254:46-59.

Modification on the version V1:

- Addition of a 1 cubic mm version for display purpose
- AICHA was projected in the MNI space as defined by the SPM12 template

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The AICHA atlas includes 192 couples of homotopic regions for a total of 384 regions. AICHA is provided in the MNI stereotaxic space (MNI ICBM 152, Template sampling size of 2x2x2 mm³ voxels; bounding box, x = -90 to 90 mm, y = -126 to 91 mm, z = -72 to 109 mm).

Each region get a pseudo-colour with odd number for region belong to the left hemisphere and even for the right. Each homotopic pair is labelled with an odd number (Left) and the following even number (Right). For example: "1 and 2" code for G_Frontal_Sup-1-L and G_Frontal_Sup-1-R respectively, "3 and 4" code for G_Frontal_Sup-2-L and G_Frontal_Sup-2-R, ...

AICHA atlas includes both regions located in the crown of the gyri (named Gyrus, region name beginning by "G_") and regions located in the depth of the sulci (named Sulcus, region name beginning by "S_"). In addition, the subcortical nuclei were labelled separately (name Nucleus, region name beginning by "N_").

Different parcels belonging to the same anatomical region were labelled with numbers (starting to 1). For example, the left precuneus shows as 9 subparts labelled from G_Precuneus-1-L to G_Precuneus-9-L.

Format of AICHA

AICHA is provided as a nifti+ file with associated files for AAL(*) toolbox (Tzourio-Mazoyer 2002), SPM12 and mricron.

Files of AICHA distribution

- Readme_AICHA.txt: This file.

I) 2mm sampling atlas:

- AICHA.nii: Volumetric atlas nifti+ format

- AICHA_vol3.txt: text files describing the features of each regions:

1. nom_c: short name
2. nom_l: long name (identical to nom_c for compatibility with AAL toolbox)
3. nom_s: very short name
4. color: pseudocolour_index used in the "AICHA.nii" file

5. vol_vox: volume of the region (voxel)
 6. vol_mm3: volume of the region (mm3)
 7. xv: x MNI coordinate of the mass centre of the region (voxel)
 8. yv: y MNI coordinate of the mass center of the region (voxel)
 9. zv: z MNI coordinate of the mass center of the region (voxel)
 10. xmm: x MNI coordinate of the mass center of the region (mm)
 11. ymm: y MNI coordinate of the mass center of the region (mm)
 11. zmm: z MNI coordinate of the mass center of the region (mm)
- AICHA.xml: file to be used with SPM12.
 - AICHA_ROI_MNI_V1.txt is to be used with the AAL software for SPM12 (provided through <http://www.gin.cnrs.fr/AAL2>)
 - AICHA_Border.mat, AICHA_List.mat, AICHA_vol.mat: file to be used with the AAL(*) toolbox (Tzourio-Mazoyer 2002).
 - AICHAmc.nii.gz, AICHAmc.nii.txt, AICHAmc.nii.lut: Files to be used with mricron visualizer. To accommodate the limits of 255 labelled regions both homotopic regions were affected the same pseudo-color and same name.

II) 1mm sampling atlas (For display purpose, see figure)
Same file than I) but with "1mm" added

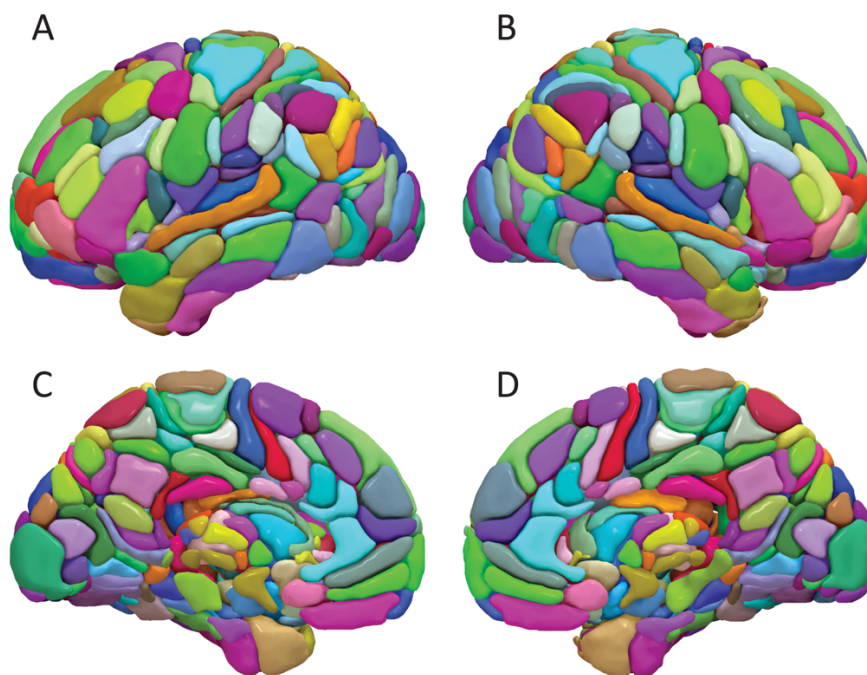


Figure : 3-dimensional rendering of the 1mm AICHA Atlas. 4D rendering : A) Left hemisphere lateral view , B) Right hemisphere lateral view, C) Left hemisphere medial view , D) Right hemisphere medial view.

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Tzourio-Mazoyer N, Landeau B, Papathanassiou D, Crivello F, Etard O, Delcroix N, Mazoyer B, Joliot M (2002) Automated anatomical labeling of activations in SPM using a macroscopic anatomical parcellation of the MNI MRI single-subject brain. *Neuroimage* 15:273-289.

(*) AAL toolbox can be downloaded at: <http://www.gin.cnrs.fr/AAL>

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