MATMED Mathematical and computational methods for co-registering multi-modal medical images

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Partners

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- Centre of Mathematics for Applications (CMA), University of Oslo
- Image processing group (BBG), Depart of Mathematics, University of Bergen,

Principal investigators

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- University of Bergen
- Knut Mørken, Department of Informatics and CMA, University of Oslo
- In addition there are 9 named national and international collaborators

Collaborators

- University of Oslo and Simula Research Lab (Albregtsen, Hjelle, Reimers)
- University of Bergen (Lundervold, Zanna Munthe Kaas) Harvard Medical School (Kikinis)
- University of California, Los Angeles (Chan, Osher)
- University of Saarland (Weickert)

Resources

- Approximately 2 000 000 NOK pr. year
- Will support 3 PhD-students
- 2 PhD-students hired already
- 3rd will be hired before the summer

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- Example: Removal of tumour from a liver with Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS)

Medical imaging techniques Magnetic Resonance (MR) – 3D Computed Tomography (CT) – 3D Positron Emmision Techiques (PET) – 3D

- Ultrasound 2D and 3D
- X-ray 2D
- Photo and video 2D
- Etc.

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MR-scan



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MR-scan, sliced



CT-scan



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MR + CT





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- Challenges
 - MR measures concentration of hydrogen
 - CT measures ability to absorb x-rays
 - Scans may be taken at different times deformation possible





Photo



X-ray



Photo (video) and MR

- Challenges for registration
 - May need to compensate for optical deformation caused by camera
 - Scan and photo recorded at different times deformation





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- Many variations

Research in this project

- Non-rigid registration
 - When images recorded before, during and after surgery are to be registered, non-rigid transformations are necessary
 - Certain pde-based methods are promising
 - CPU-intensive

Research in this project

- Registration of MR and video stream, e.g., removal of tumour from the liver
 - MR taken before surgery, video during surgery • The liver will have moved and changed shape

 - Need close to real-time registration



Homer Simpson (labelled atlas)



Homer Simpson (MRI)