

Brain-Computer Interfacing

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Brain-controlled Wheelchair



MAIA:
*Mental Augmentation
through Determination of
Intended Action*

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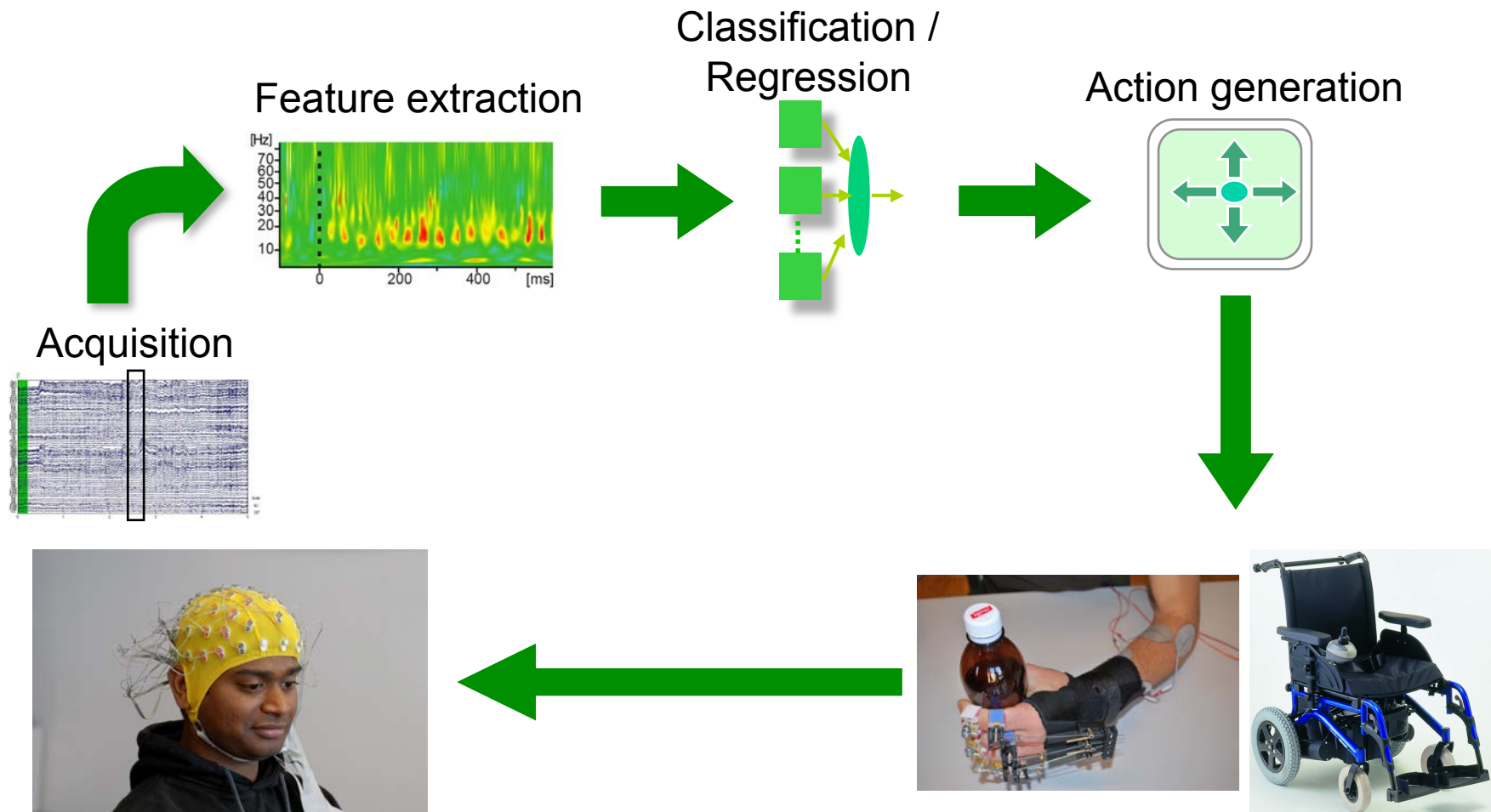
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 **TEKNILLINEN
KORTAINON**



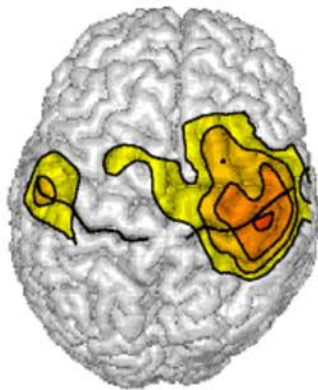
BMI Architecture



Augmentation: voluntary learning new skills

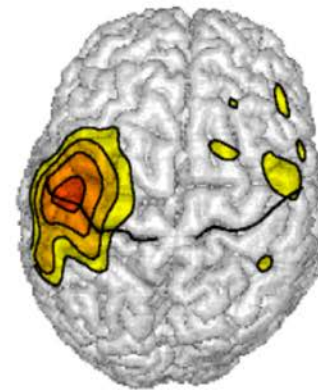
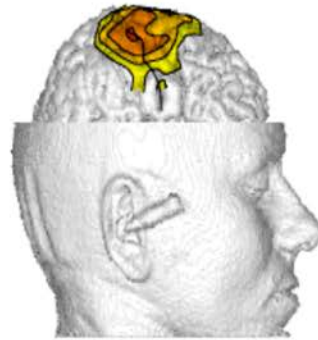


EEG Prototypical Patterns



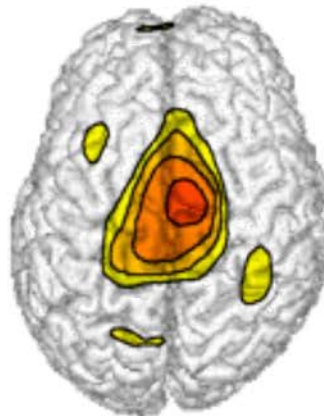
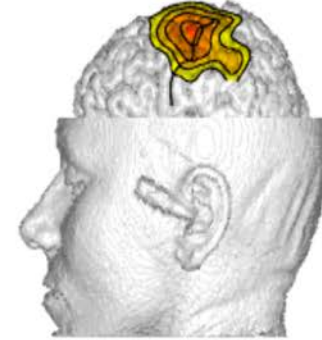
Left hand

9-13 Hz



Right hand

9-13 Hz



Foot motor imagery

18-23 Hz

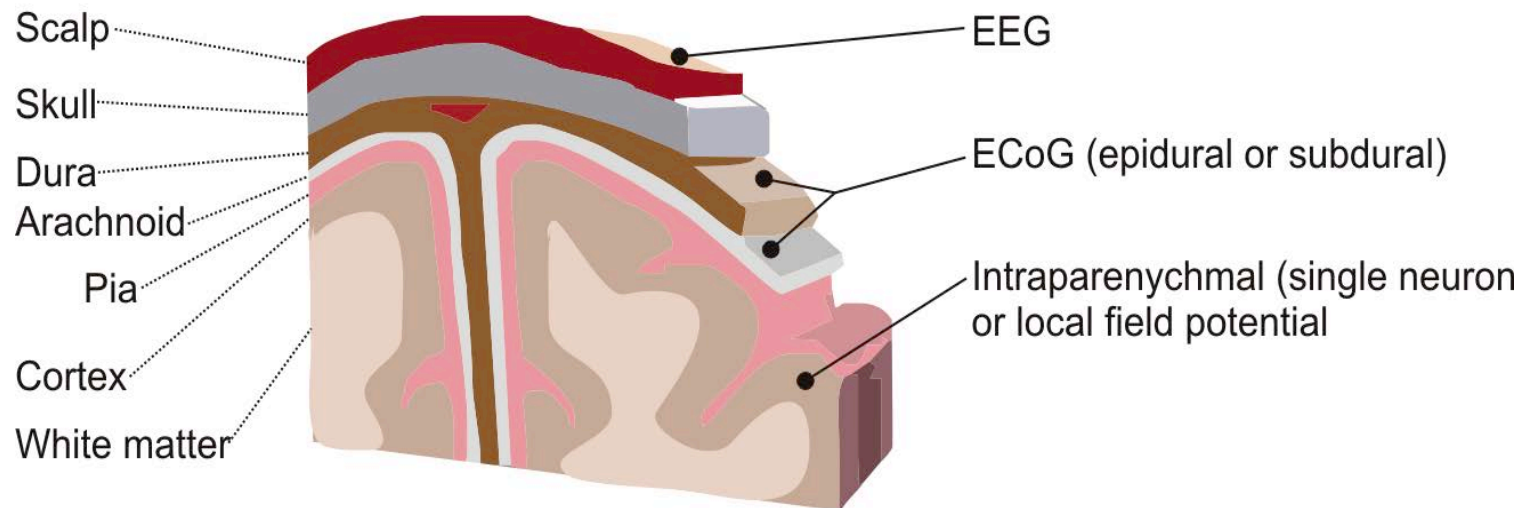
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BMI Modalities: Electrical Activity

Layers

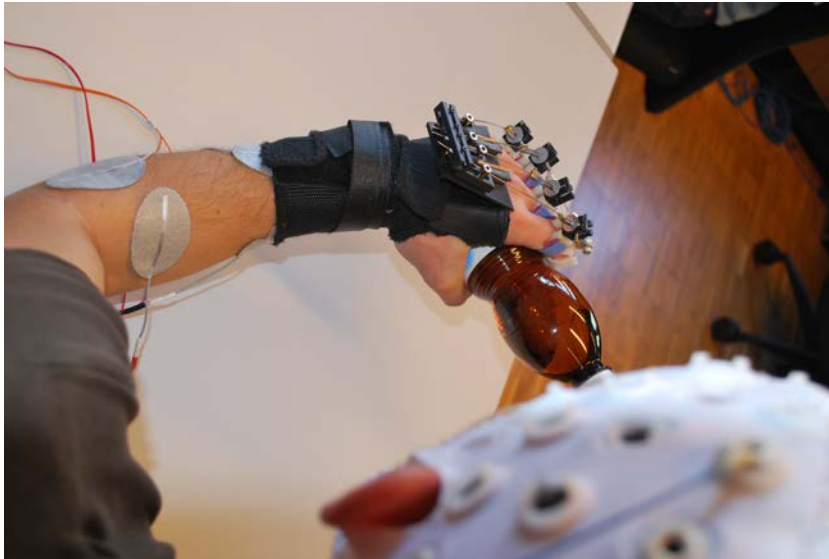
Signal Source



(Leuthardt et al., Neurosurg Focus 2009)



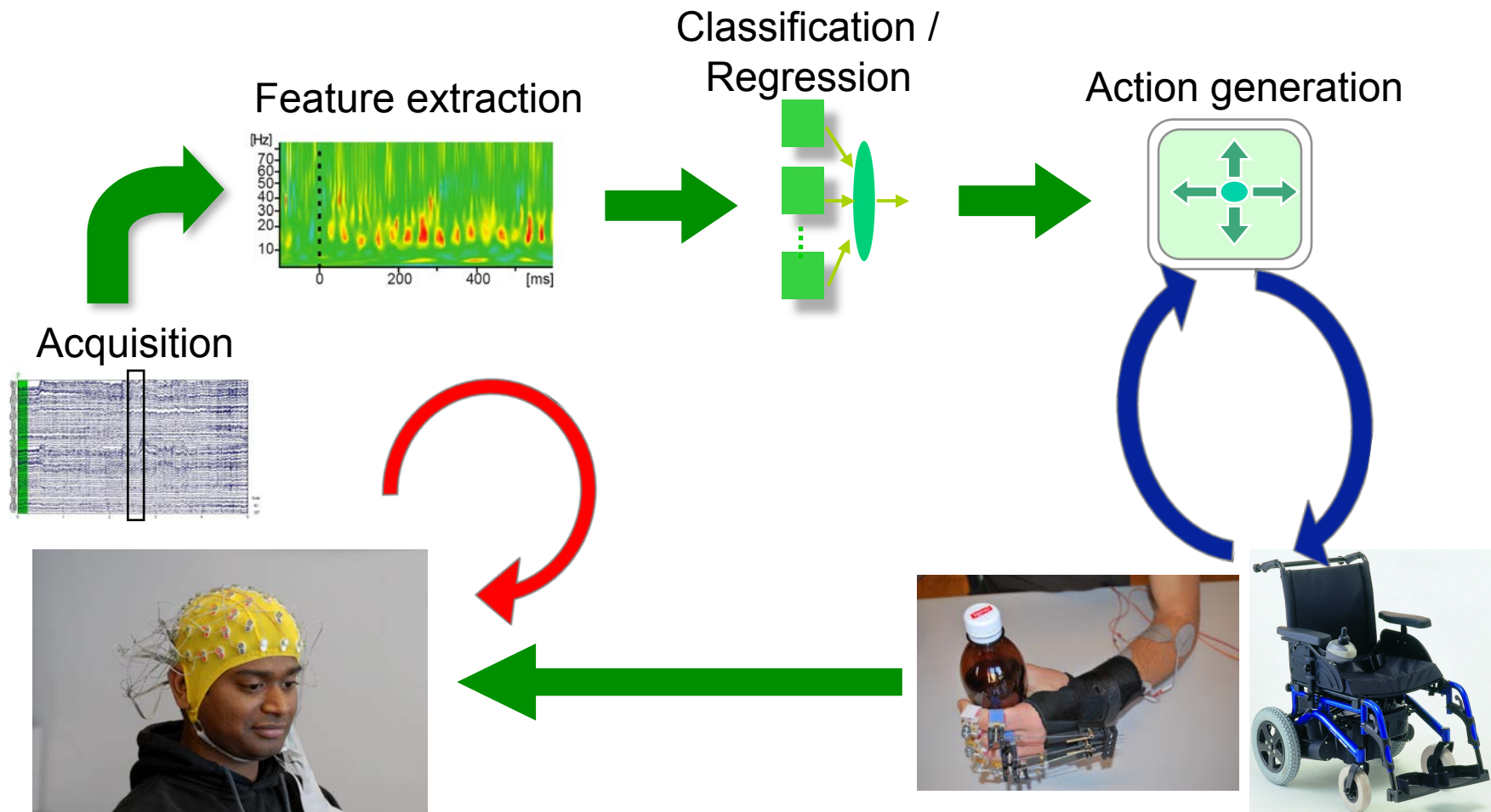
Brain-controlled Robots



- ➔ big challenge,
fast & timing decision-making is critical
- ➔ How to bridge the **cognitive gap**?



BMI Architecture





Interaction Principles

- **Asynchronous approach**

- User can send commands anytime
- Spontaneous activity, no external cues



- **Machine Learning Way to BMI**

- Mutual learning process
- Feature extraction & classification

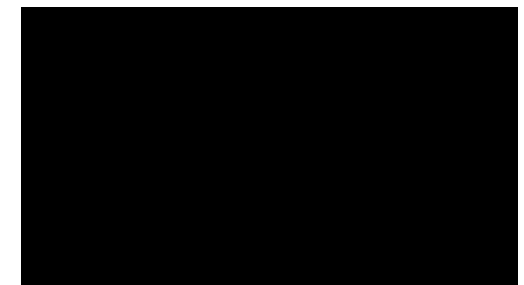
- **Blending of Intelligences**

- User's mental capabilities + intelligent device
- Shared Control, Context Aware



- **Cognitive Interfaces**

- Recognition of human mental states (e.g., error awareness, anticipation)

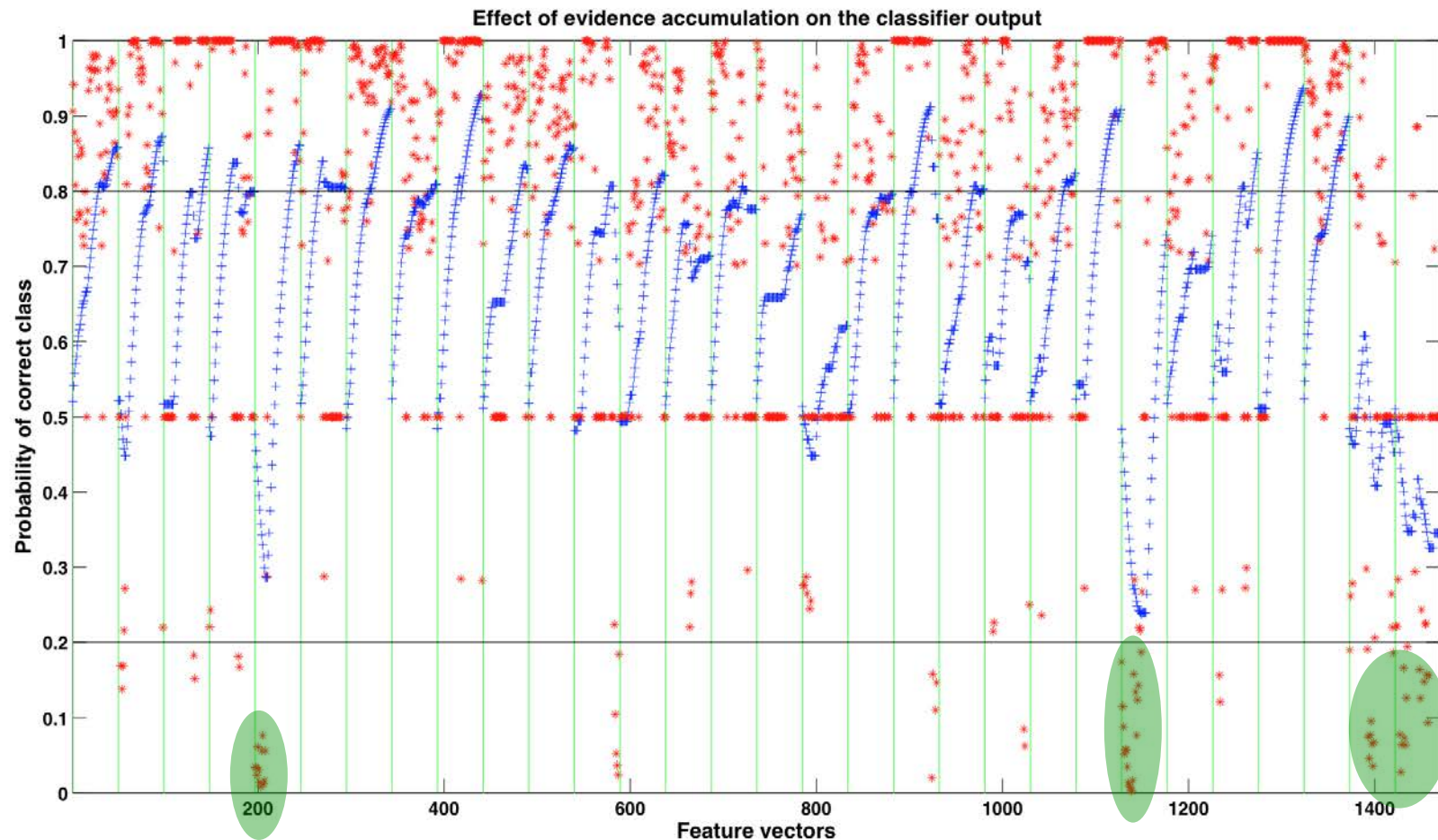




Handling Uncertainty

Serafeim Perdikis, Hamidreza Bayati, Ricardo Chavarriaga. *EPFL*

- Evidence Accumulation: Probabilistic Decision Making

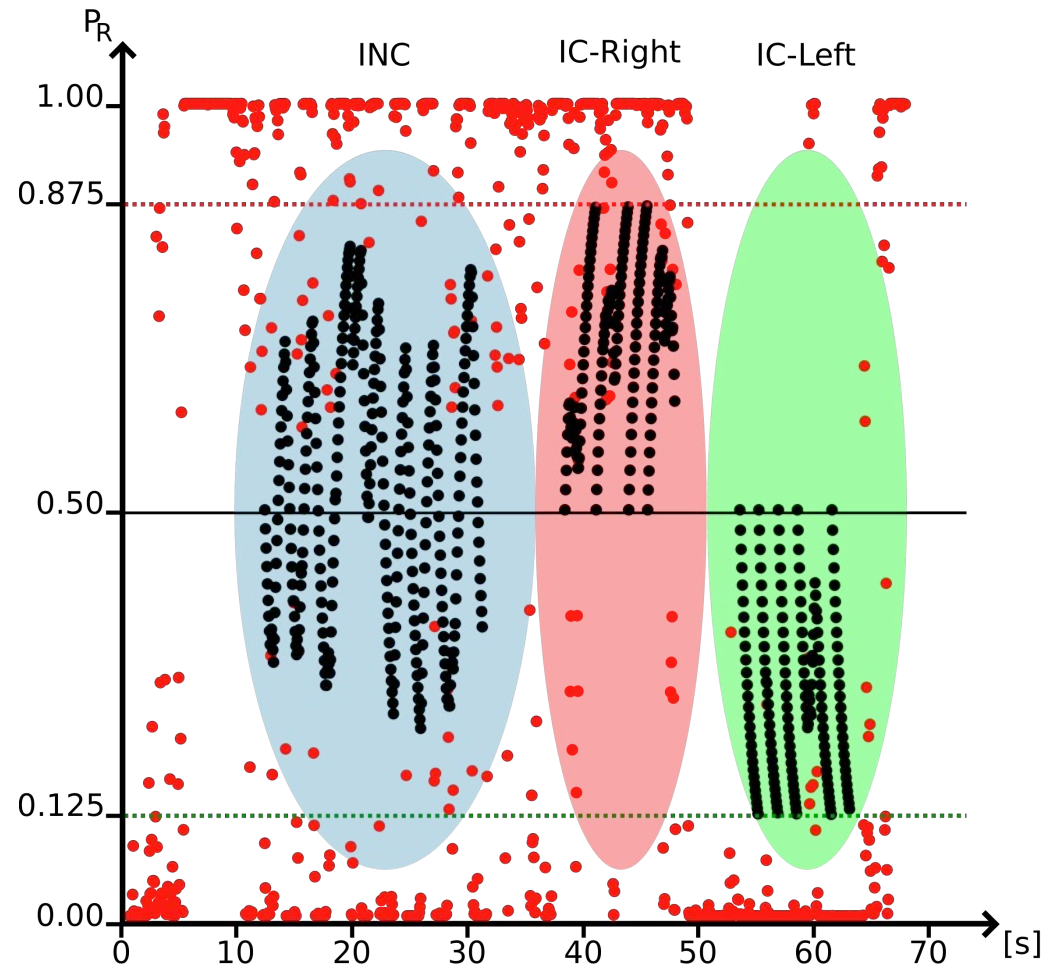




Multitasking

Michele Tavella, Serafeim Perdikis. *EPFL*

- *Intentional non-control*



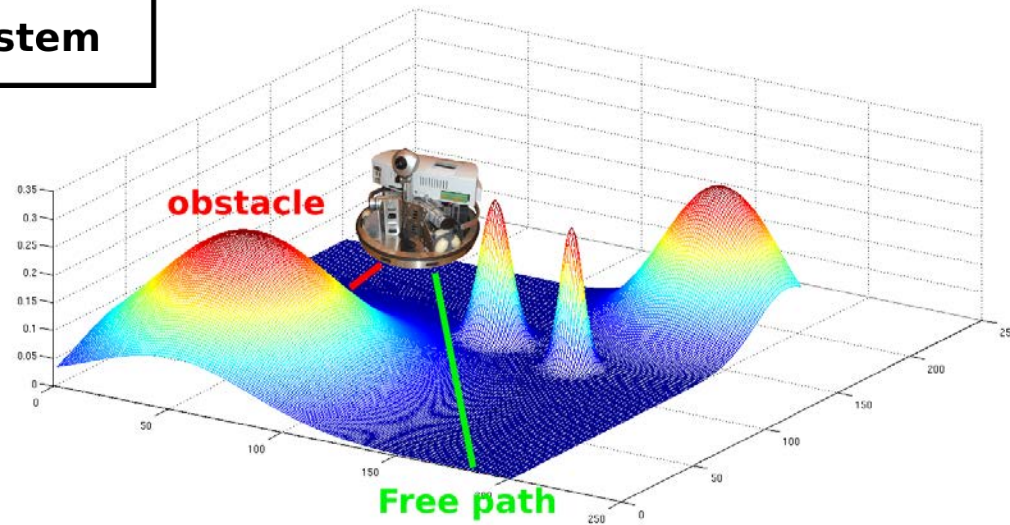
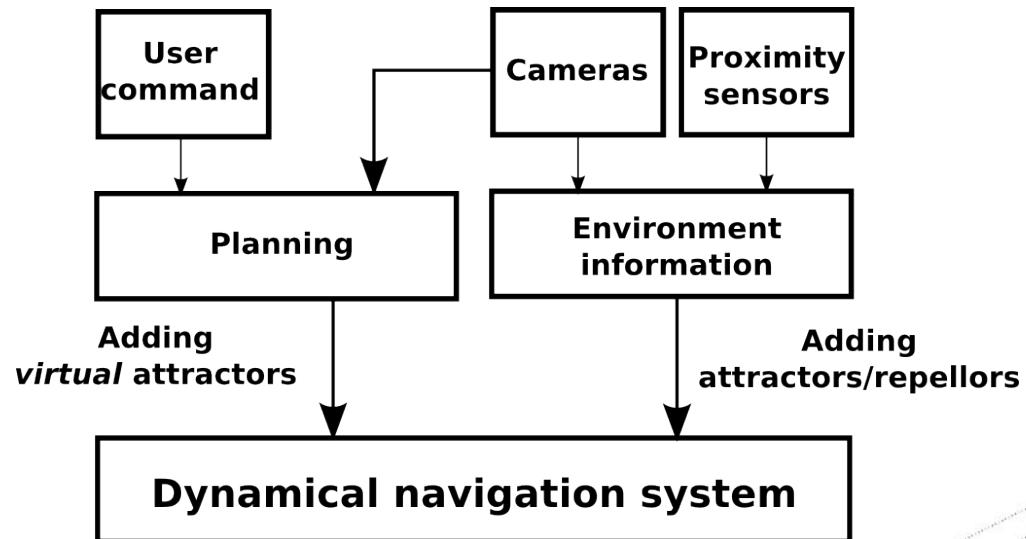


Multitasking & Intentional Non-Control



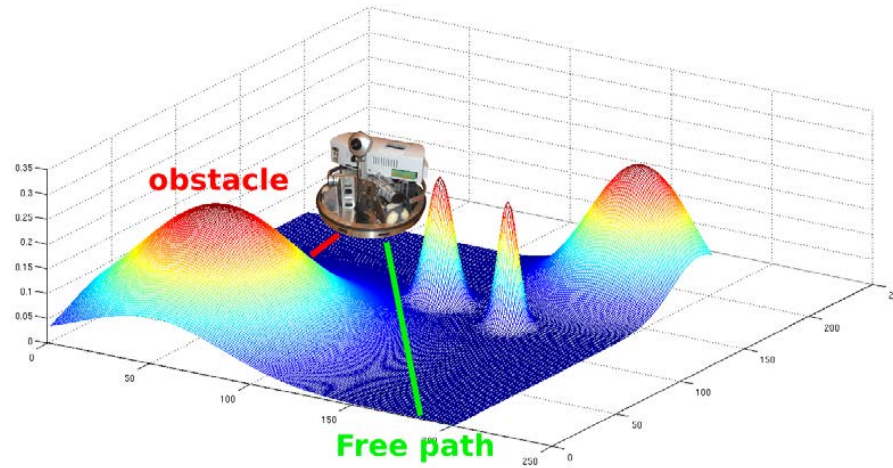


Adaptive Shared Control





Adaptive Shared Control





Telepresence Robot

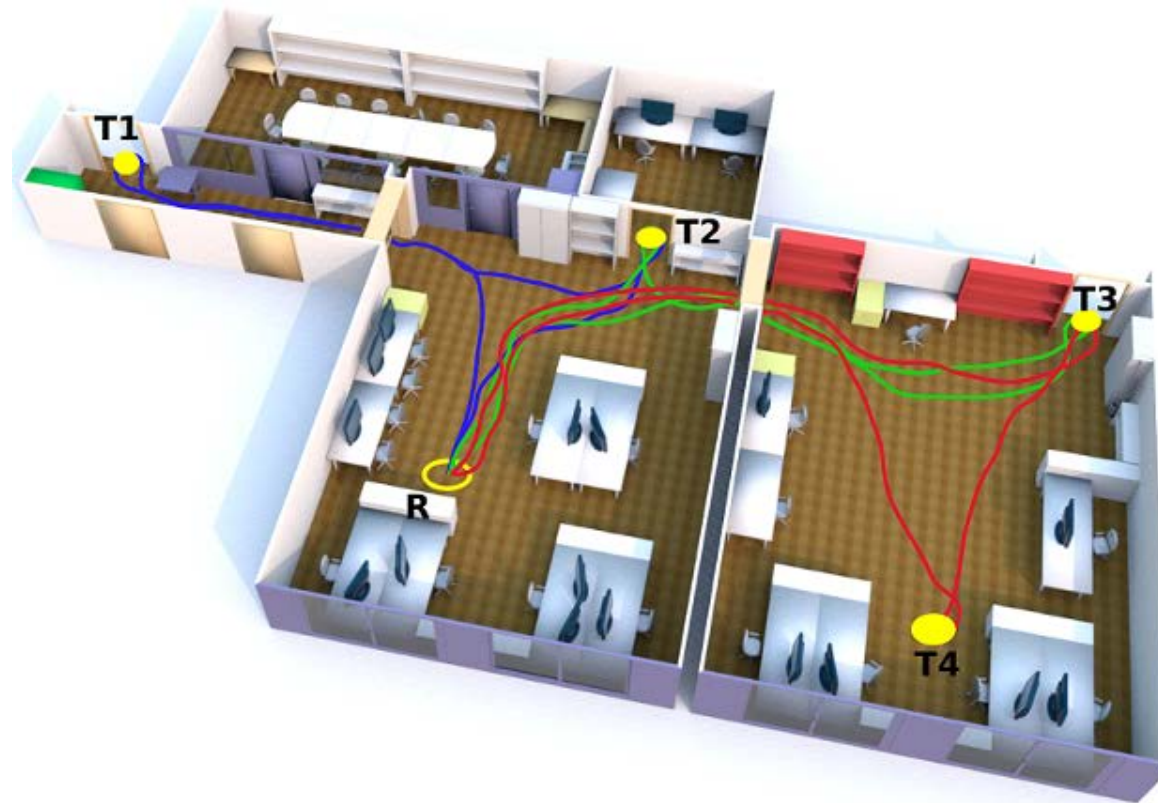
Luca Tonin, Tom Carlson, Guillaume Monnard



- Target Population
 - Severely disabled people constrained to remain in bed



Telepresence Robot



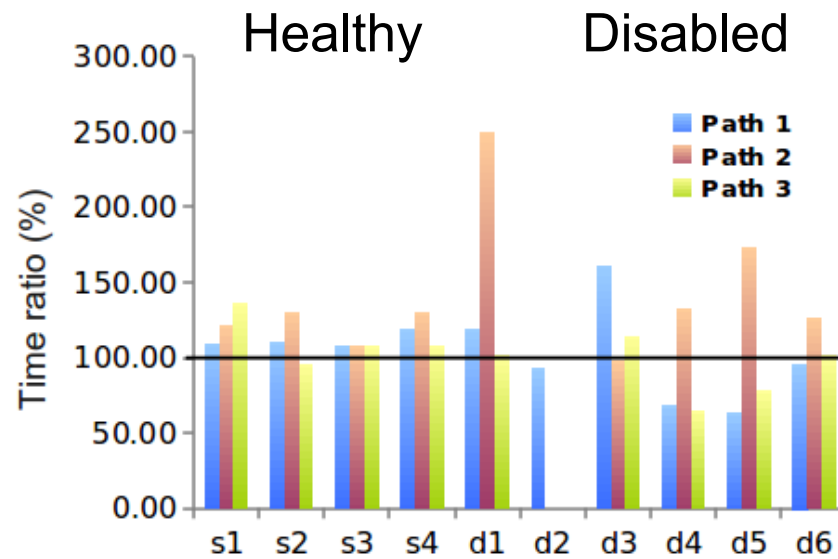
Manual control, mean:

	Path 1	Path 2	Path 3
Time [s]	285.6	253.8	298.9
Commands	29.3	27.5	27.0
Distance [m]	35.7	34.4	39.6

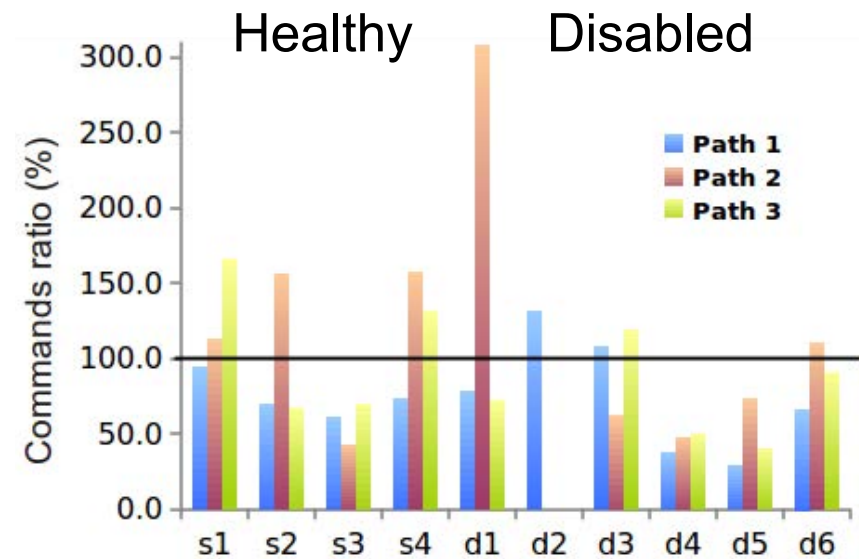


Telepresence Robot

Abdul Al-Khodairy. Suva



Time	Mental / Manual
s1-s4	1.15
d1-d6	1.16 (1.07)

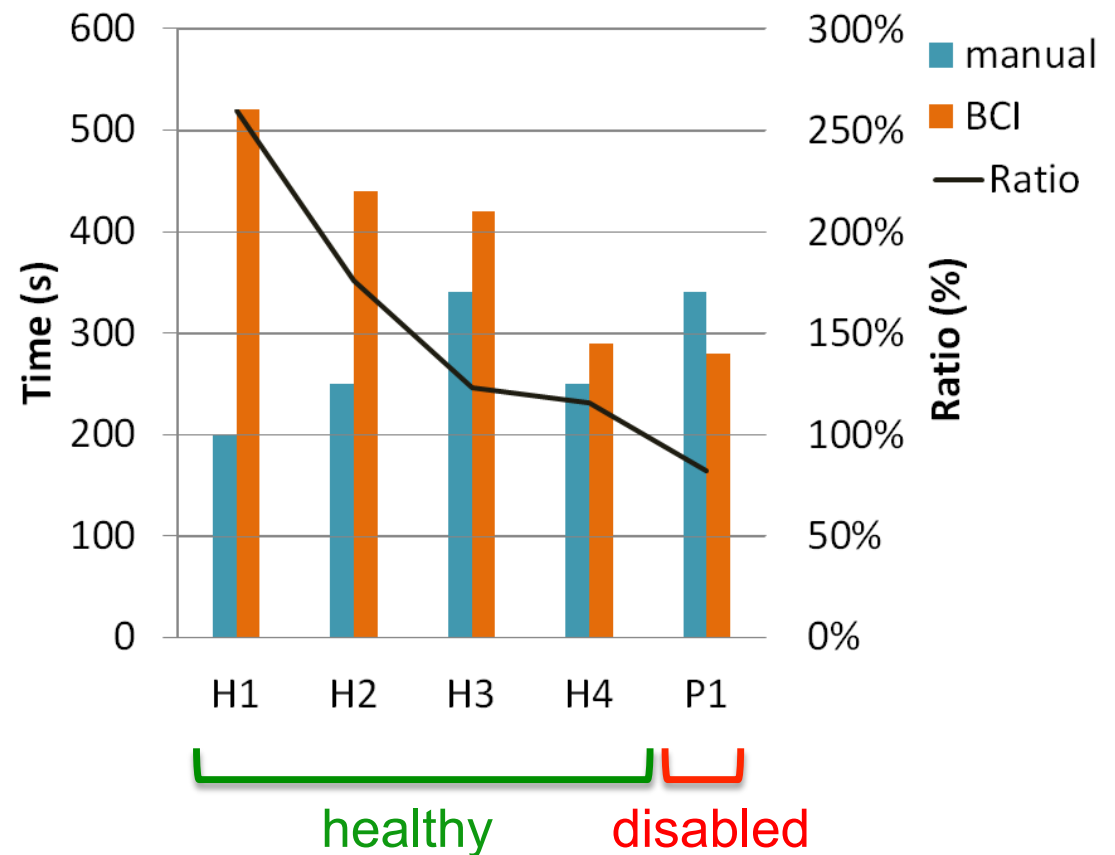
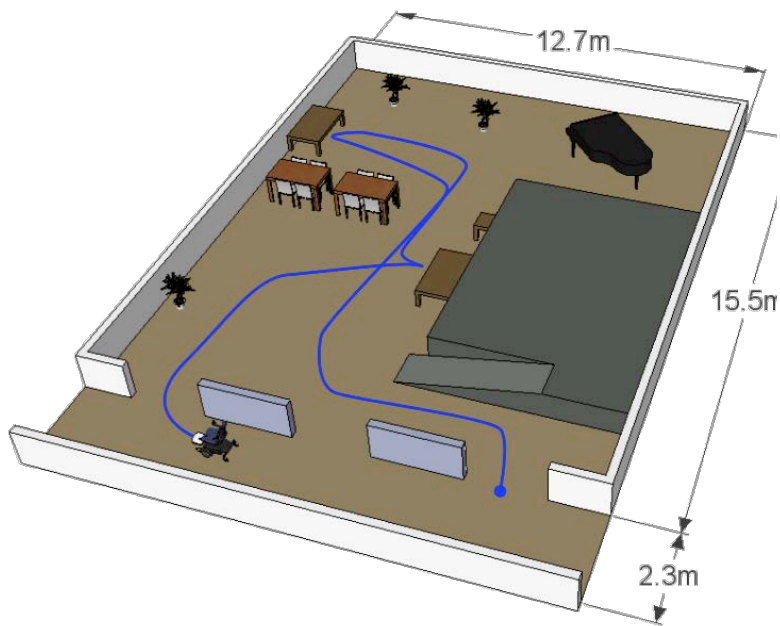


Com-mands	Mental / Manual
s1-s4	1.00
d1-d6	0.90 (0.75)



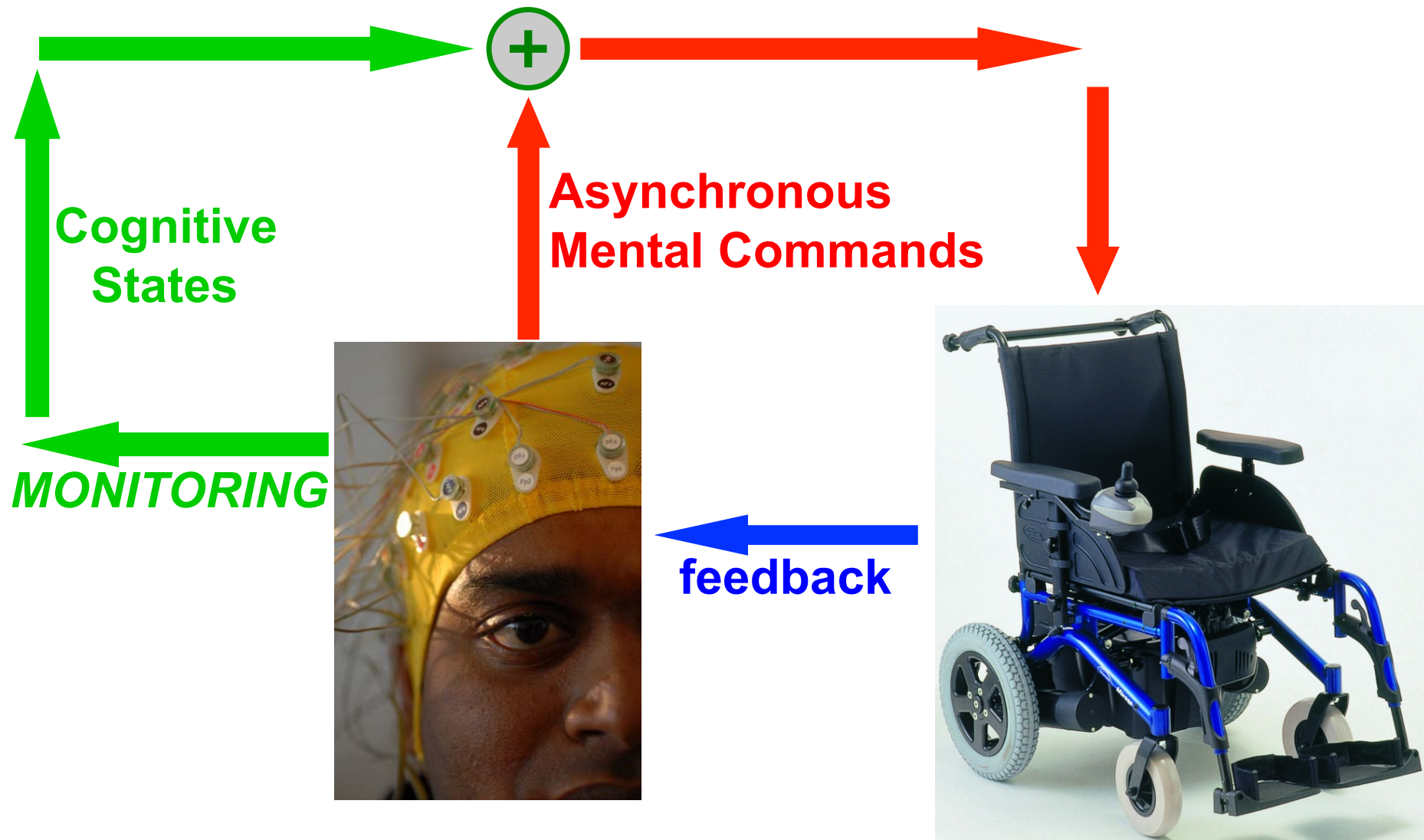
Brain-controlled Wheelchair

Drive along route
Dock and pause at 2 tables





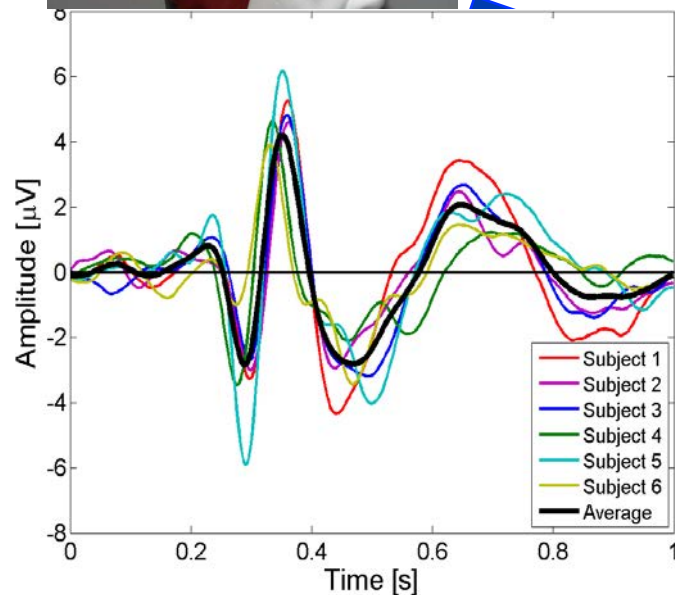
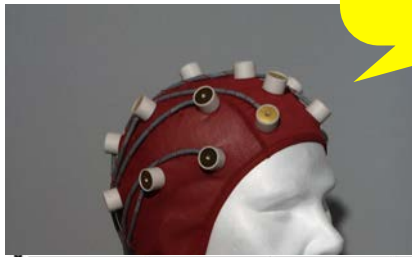
Cognitive States: Human in the Loop





Cognitive States: Error Recognition

A



B

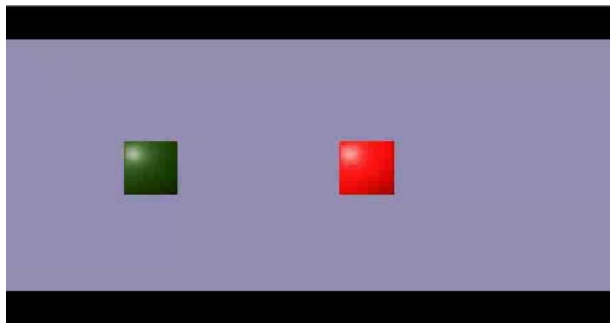


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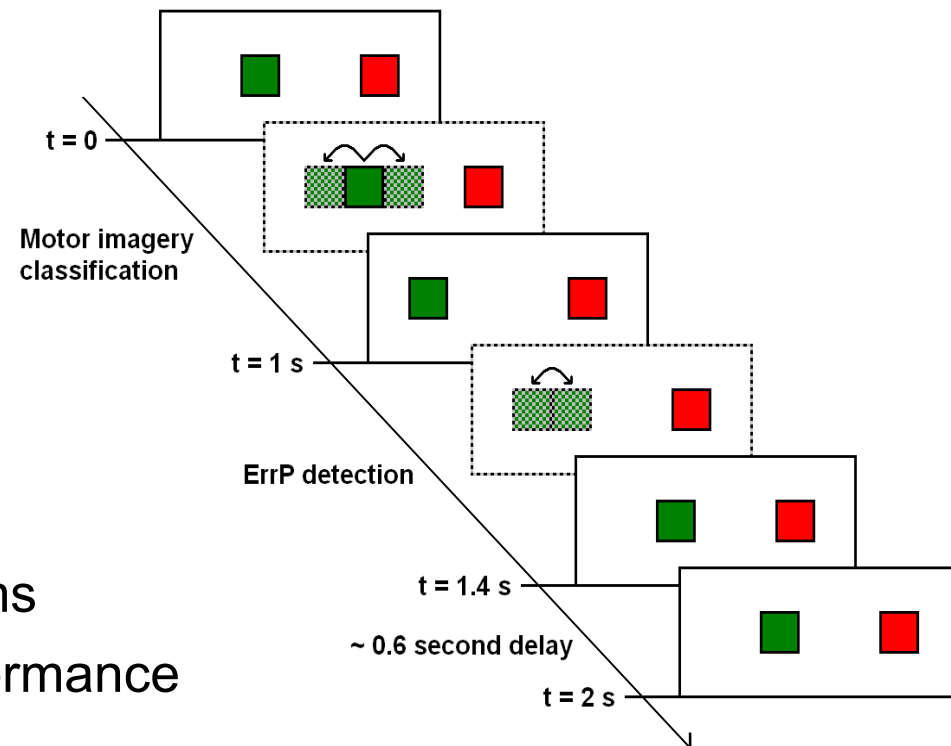


ErrP: Online Implementation

Pierre Ferrez



- Two naïve subjects
- Two different days
- 150 ms window: 250 \rightarrow 400 ms
- Above 200% increase in performance (Bits per Trial)





Conclusions

- ➔ **Fast & timing decision-making** is critical
- ➔ How to bridge the **cognitive gap**?
- ***Shared control*** — Principled approaches to **blend user's mental capabilities** and **device's intelligence**
- ***Natural interaction*** — Support **Multitasking** and **Intentional Non-Control**
- ***Brain signals carry cognitive information*** — **Cognitive States** modulate interaction



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