

Doing by Thinking...

Proseminar: Introduction to the Functional Decoding
of Brain Signals

Seminar: Invasive and Non-Invasive Methods to
Decode Brain Signals in Realtime

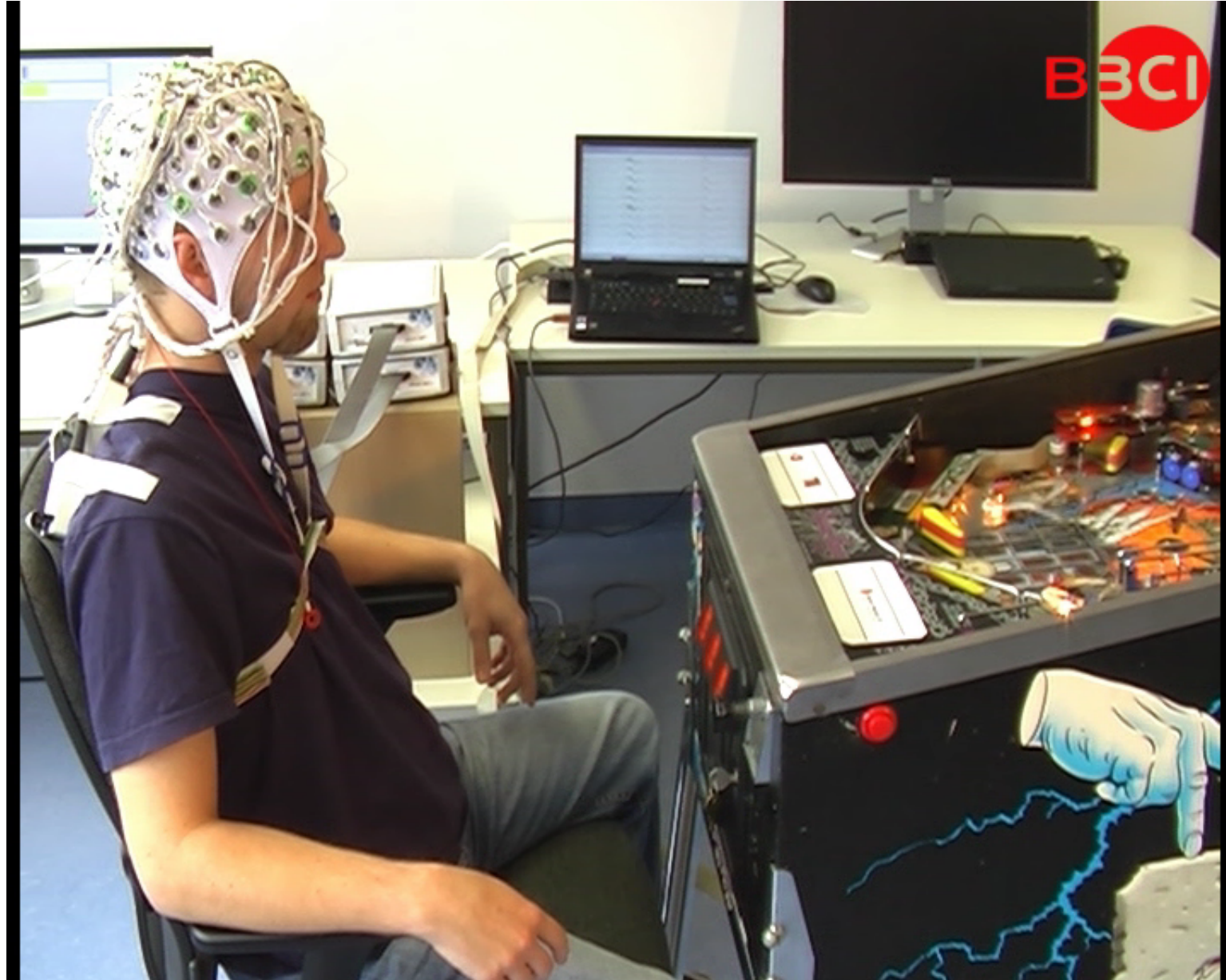
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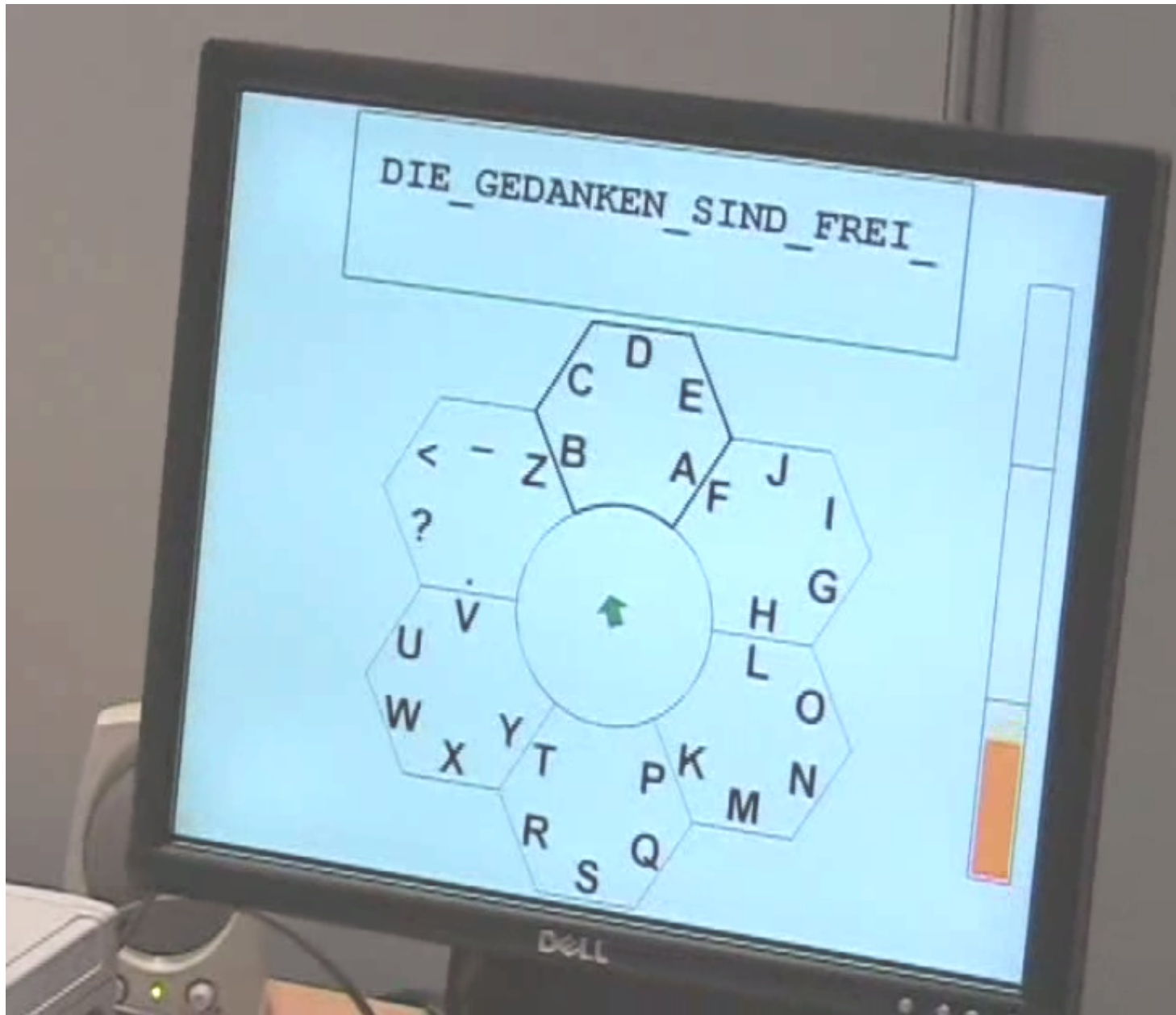
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Application that uses decoded brain signals:



Spelling application:



Play a chess game using visual attention:



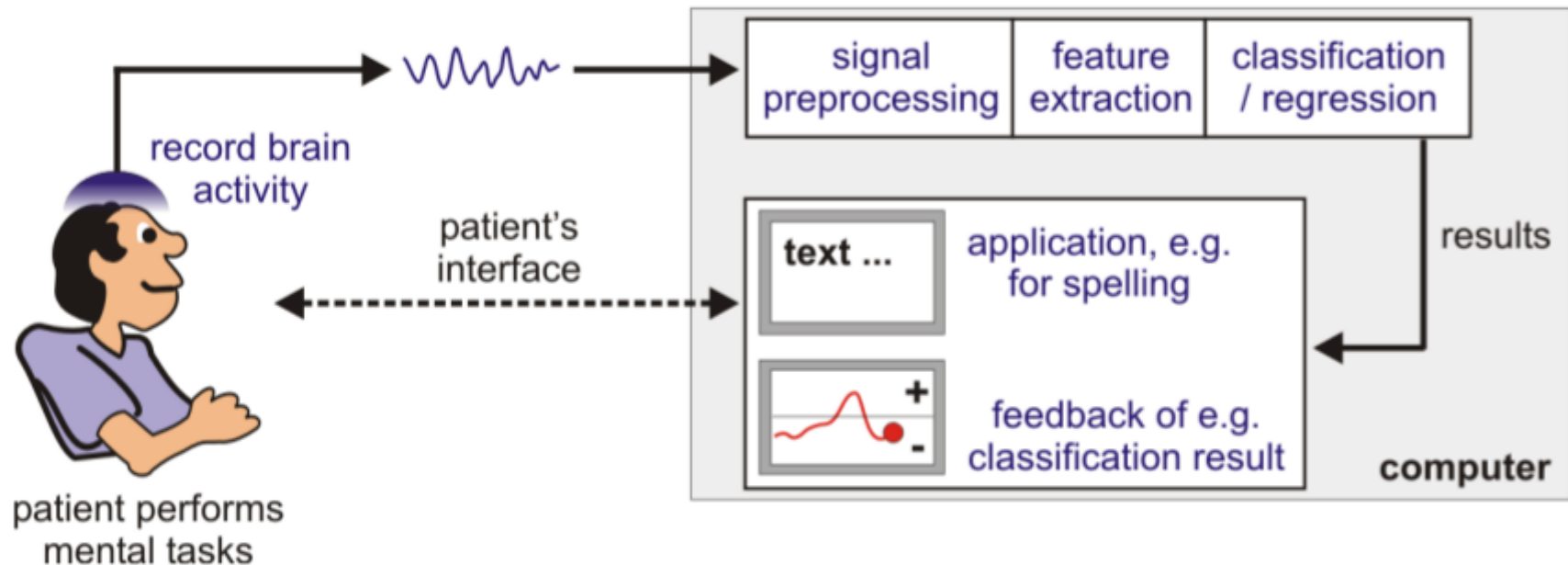
Application that monitors mental workload:



Brain-Computer Interface (BCI)

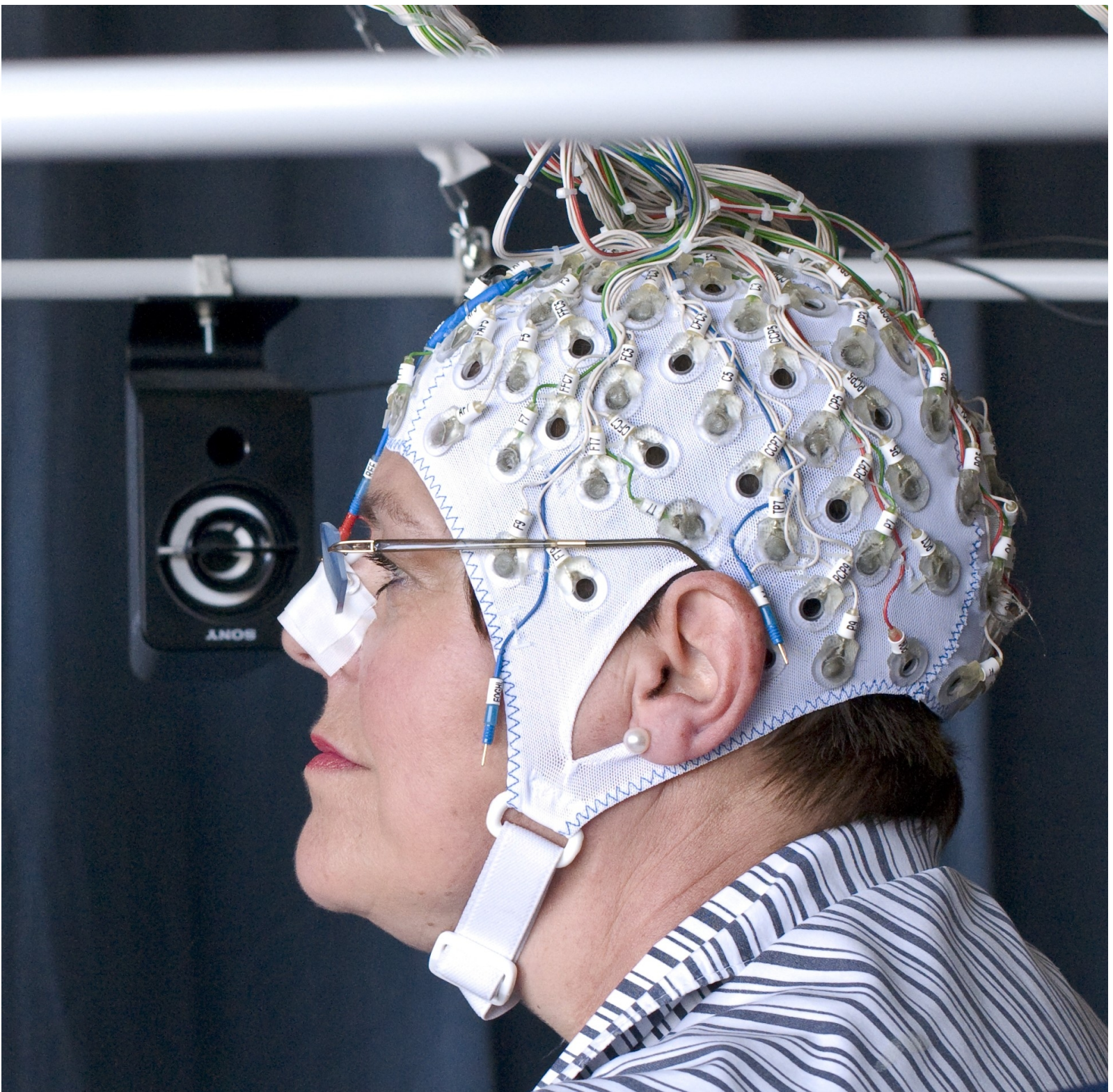
- measures brain activity
- decodes brain activity with machine learning methods
- influences / drives an application using the decoded information

BCI Control Scheme

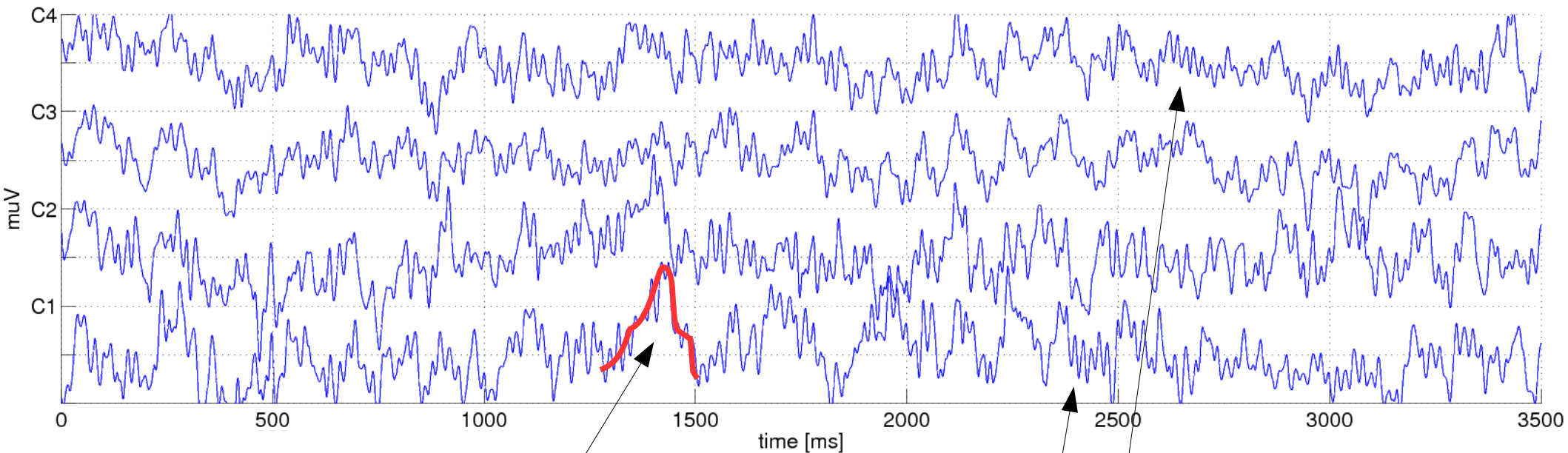


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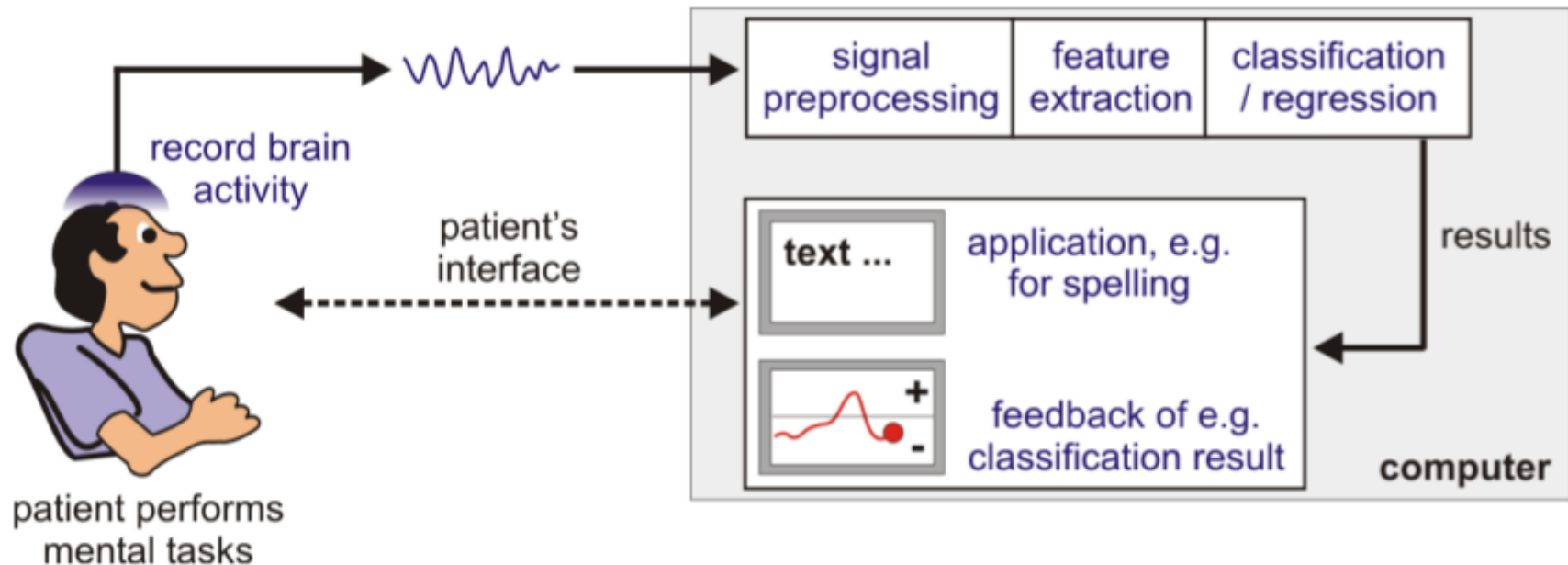
Examples of EEG recordings



Transient potentials

Oscillations

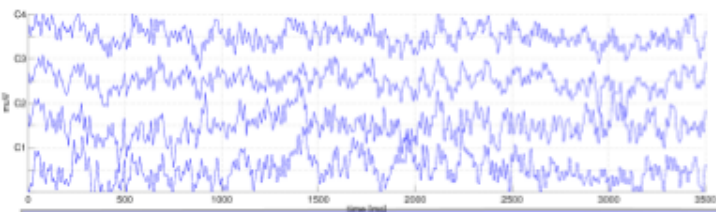
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Role of machine learning in BCI?



**frequency
filtering**

**spatial
filtering**

multivariate, multimodal time series analysis

**dimensionality
reduction**

**feature
extraction**

causality

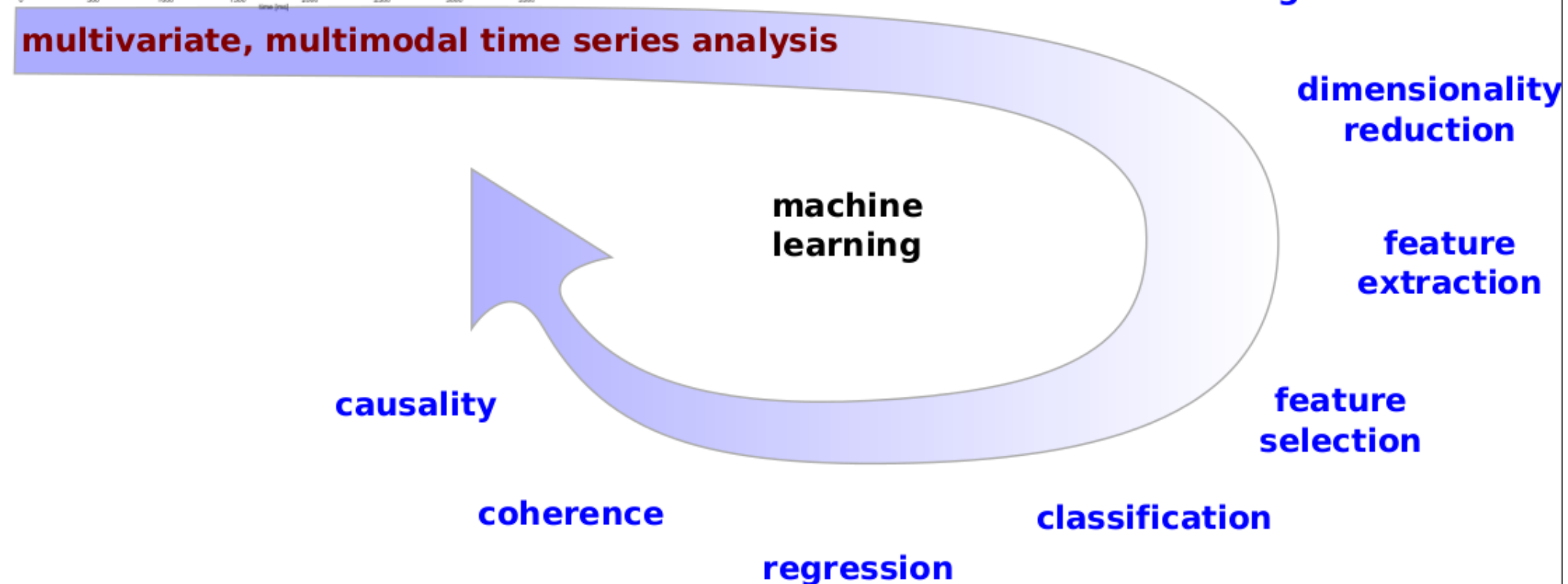
**feature
selection**

coherence

classification

regression

**machine
learning**



Requirements

- Mai 17:
Provide your supervisor with a **2-page resumé**
(commented table of contents)
- One presentation per topic: **~45 min** (30+10+5)
- Active participation in discussions
- One seminar report per topic: **10 pages**

Schedule (I)

- Matching student ↔ topics: today
- Meet your supervisor, pick up *initial* materials (end of week)
- “How to give a presentation” - by Prof. Burgard (date tbd)
- Hand in your resumé to your supervisor by May 17, 2017 (no continuation if this deadline is missed)
- Few individual meetings with your supervisor to get your presentation into good shape

Schedule (II)

- Every topic is presented during **1 or 2 full days** (June/July)
(we expect every student to attend both sessions)
- Your reports are due: **1 week after the last presentation session**
(we expect that you process & include feedback received after your presentation)
- You receive feedback on your report via your supervisor

Grading

- 60% presentation
- 30% written report
- 10% contribution in discussions
(Giving and receiving feedback after presentation will be practiced)

Topics

- Quick glance on topics
- Distribution of topics

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