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Non-invasive Brain-Computer Interface Industrial Applications

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Brain Computer Interfaces for Industry 4.0





How does a Brain-Computer Interface work ?



Brain activity recording (eg. EEG, fNIRS, fMRI)

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Feature extraction (eg. Biomarkers)



Feature classification (eg. ML/ deep learning ...)



External device control **Neurofeedback** (eg. Visual stimuli, auditory)



Active BCI



Rethinking the 4th Industrial Revolution







BCI







Evolution Technologies for Object Control*





*http://www.naolubrain.com/

Research Goal & Methodology

- BCI for Industry4.0 has been mainly explored through academic research (<u>Rashid et al., 2020</u>).
- Re-introduce humans within the industrial processes, by facilitating the operator's work and limiting potential risks and human errors.
- Identify relevant applications and BCI techniques for Industry4.0

Methodology



BCI applications and challenges for industrial settings.

Databases

Science direct, PubMed, IEEE, Springer, ArXiv, ResearchGate, Google Scholar, MDPI, HAL

Queries

BCI and Industry4.0, EEG-based BCI, BCI applications, BCI challenges, Assistive technology

Period

2010-2021



Results & Discussion

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Device control:

Operators' assistance through device control.

Eg. BCI combined with AR glasses could facilitate certain tasks making them hands-free (and therefore, replace buttons/joysticks)





https://www.gtec.at/product/bcisystem/

- ✤ Benefits:
- Machine control
- Productivity gain
- Minimizing errors
- Hands free



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* **Safety/ training**: Adaptive training for learning optimization and evaluation.

Eg. boosting attentional processes while adapting task difficulty according to cognitive load or vigilance (<u>Debie et al., 2019</u>), to optimize learning and prevent frustration (<u>Huang et al., 2019</u>).



(Vourvopoulos et al., 2016)

- ***** Benefits:
- Effective training.
- Prevention from accidents.

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- Monitoring: Prevention of human errors in risky situations.
- Eg. monitor operators' mental states like fatigue, stress or loss of vigilance [Li et al., 2014; Zhang et al. 2017]
- BCI improves a person's ability to focus and capture emotions in an emergency for decision-making (<u>Liao et</u> <u>al., 2018)</u>

- Benefits:
- Real time alert.
- Prevention from risky situations.
- Stress management/ decision making



(Zhang et al., 2017)



(Li et al., 2014)



(Barkallah et al., 2015)









Conclusion

Conclusion & Future directions



- ✤ A growing interest in the application of BCI to Industry 4.0
- Deployment of BCI applications remains very interesting, particularly for monitoring the mental state of operators, device control and training of operators.
- Ethical, Societal, Ergonomic and Technical challenges to be addressed.
- Future work will focus on the main BCI paradigms suitable for Industry 4.0 regarding the identified applications.

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