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Dolore e AI

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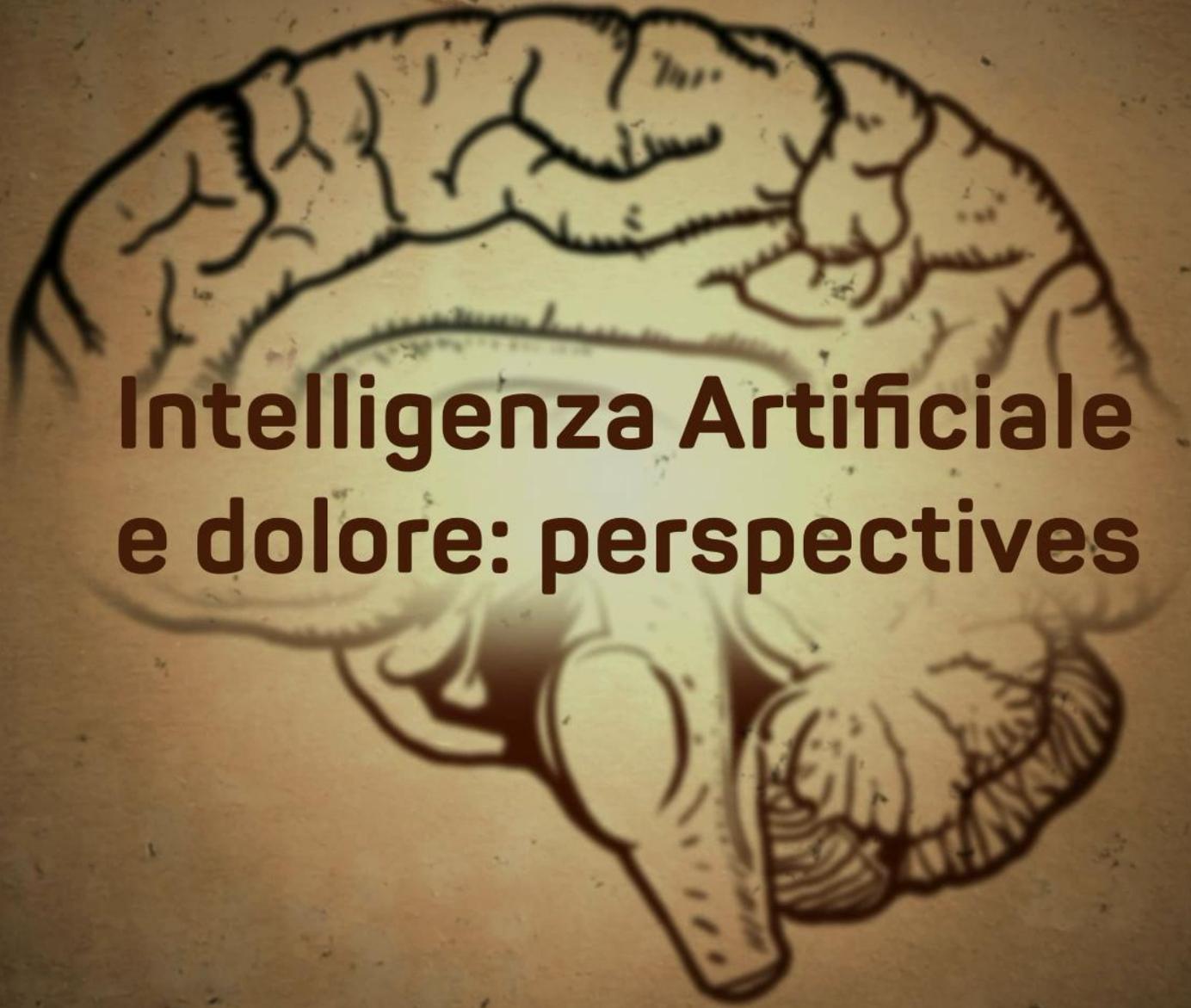


Informativa e consenso informato per la partecipazione alla Consensus

Expert Consensus on Feasibility and Application of Automatic Pain Assessment in Routine Clinical Use.

Questionario sulla valutazione automatica del dolore nella pratica clinica quotidiana





**Intelligenza Artificiale
e dolore: perspectives**

*... nihil tamen propterea nostrum
... dum, nisi post multos annos.*

*Animadvertentia, Declinatione
tari: crescentibus
Ac 1^o quidem in
motum proprium
casu in ortum
2^o Latitudo ne
circulo fiat hic*

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Alan
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Turing



A Proposal for the Dartmouth Summer Research Project on Artificial Intelligence

August 31, 1955

*John McCarthy, Marvin L. Minsky,
Nathaniel Rochester,
and Claude E. Shannon*

"Every aspect of learning or any other feature of intelligence can in principle be so precisely described that a machine can be made to simulate it."

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cubic



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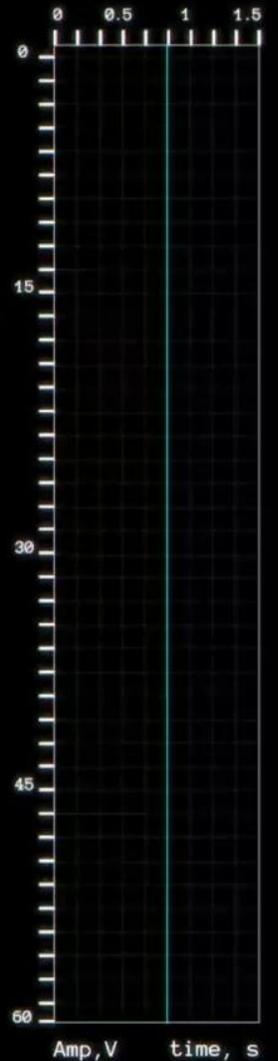
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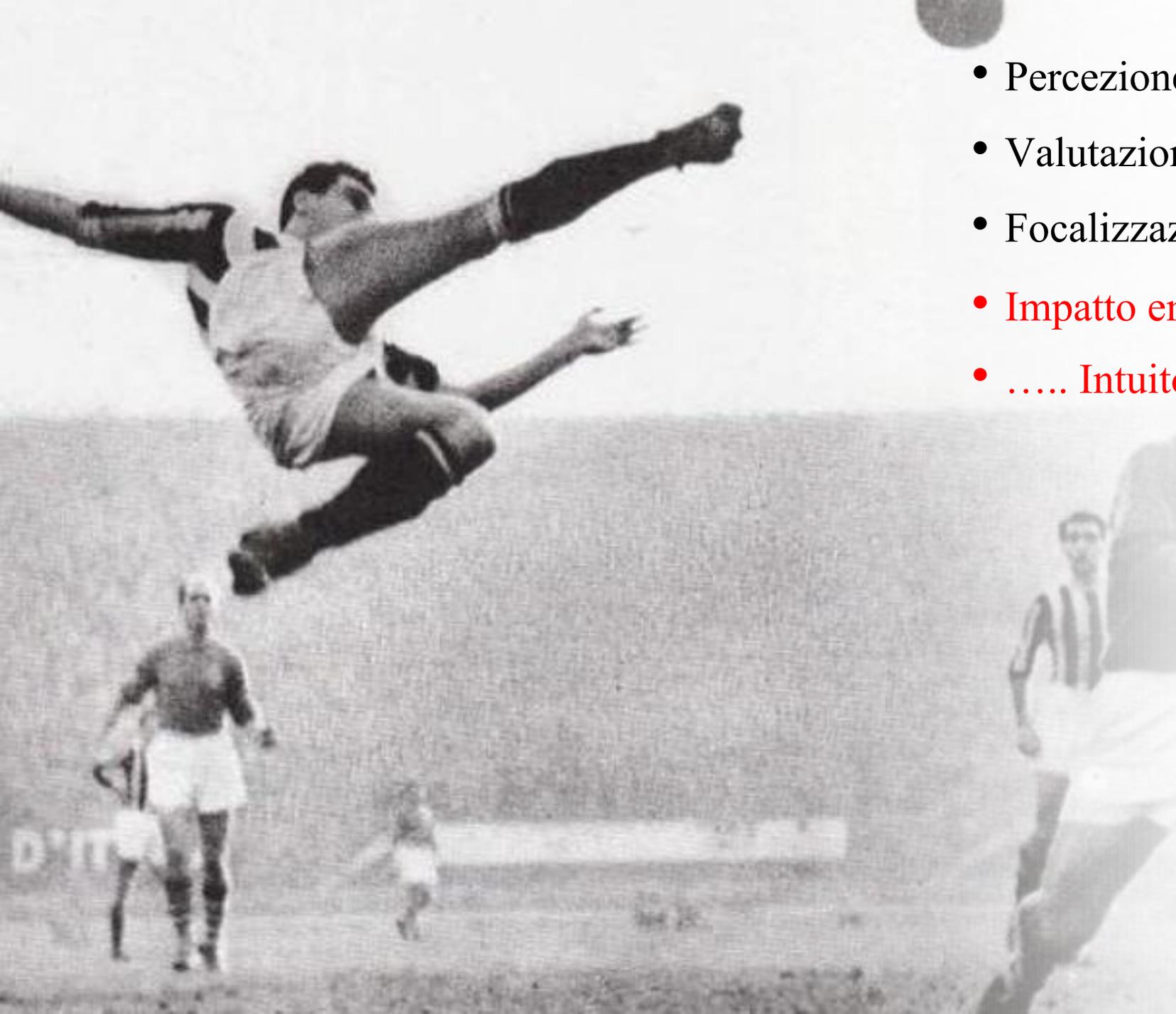


 **Hype Cycle for AI**





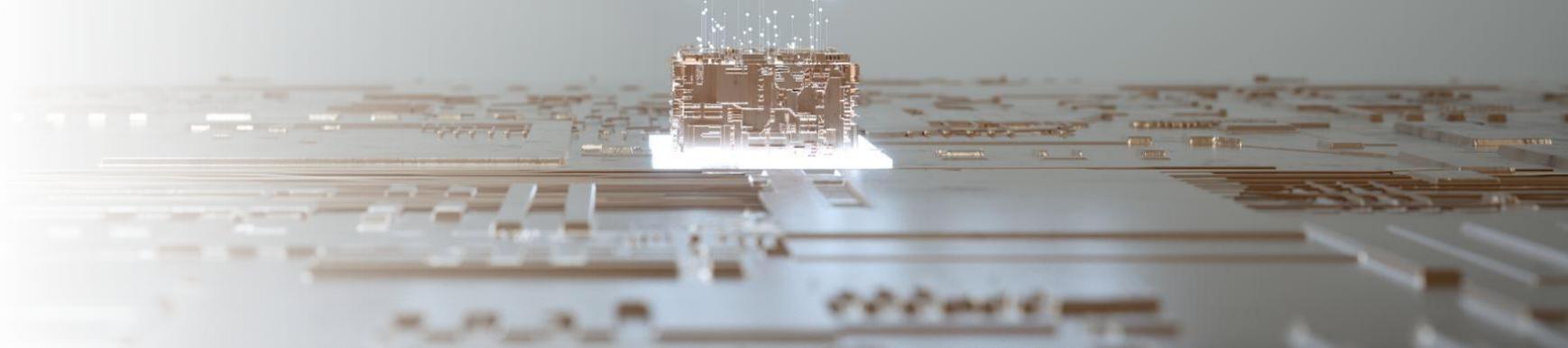
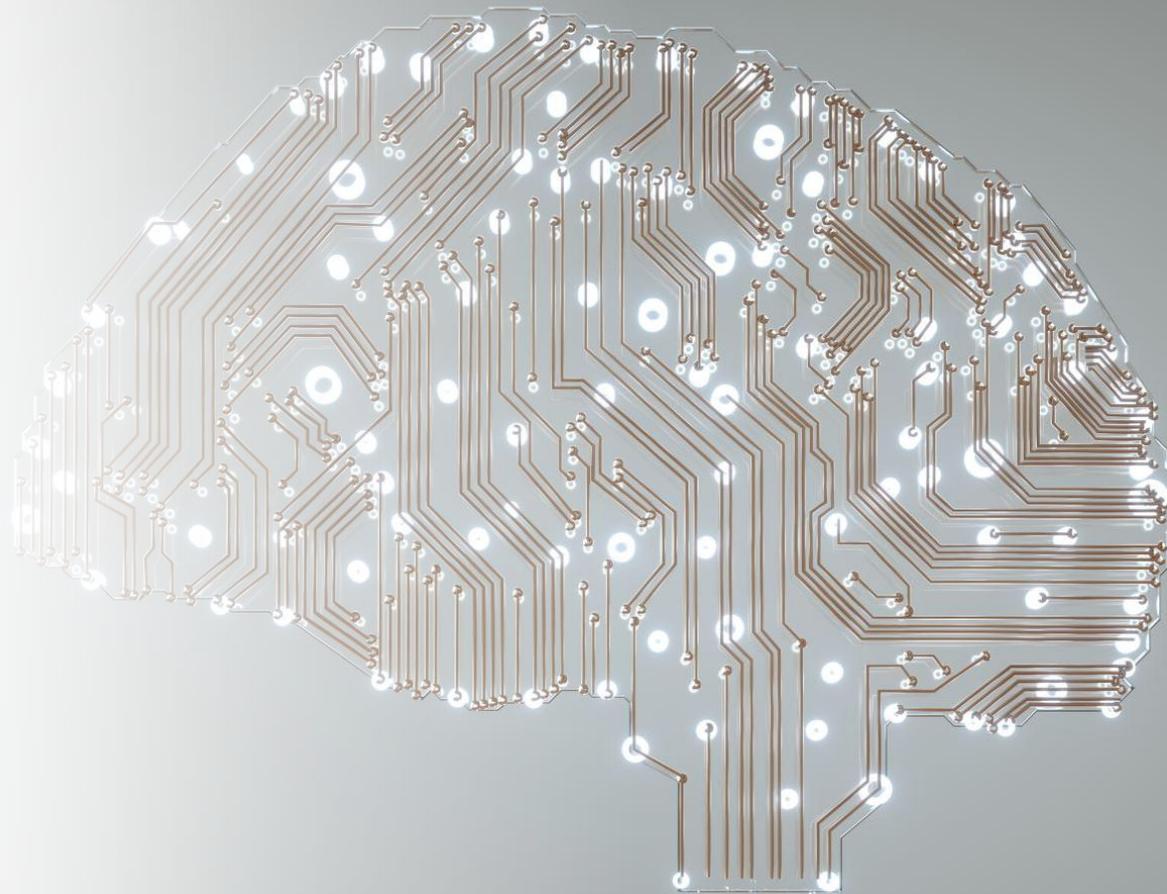
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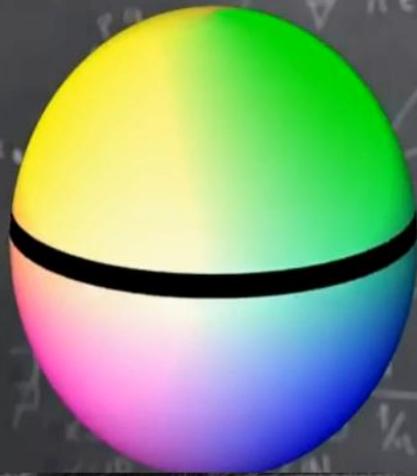


- Percezione sensoriale (prospettive visive)
- Valutazione tecnica (gesto Atletico)
- Focalizzazione (interesse: memoria)
- **Impatto emotivo →**
- **..... Intuito**



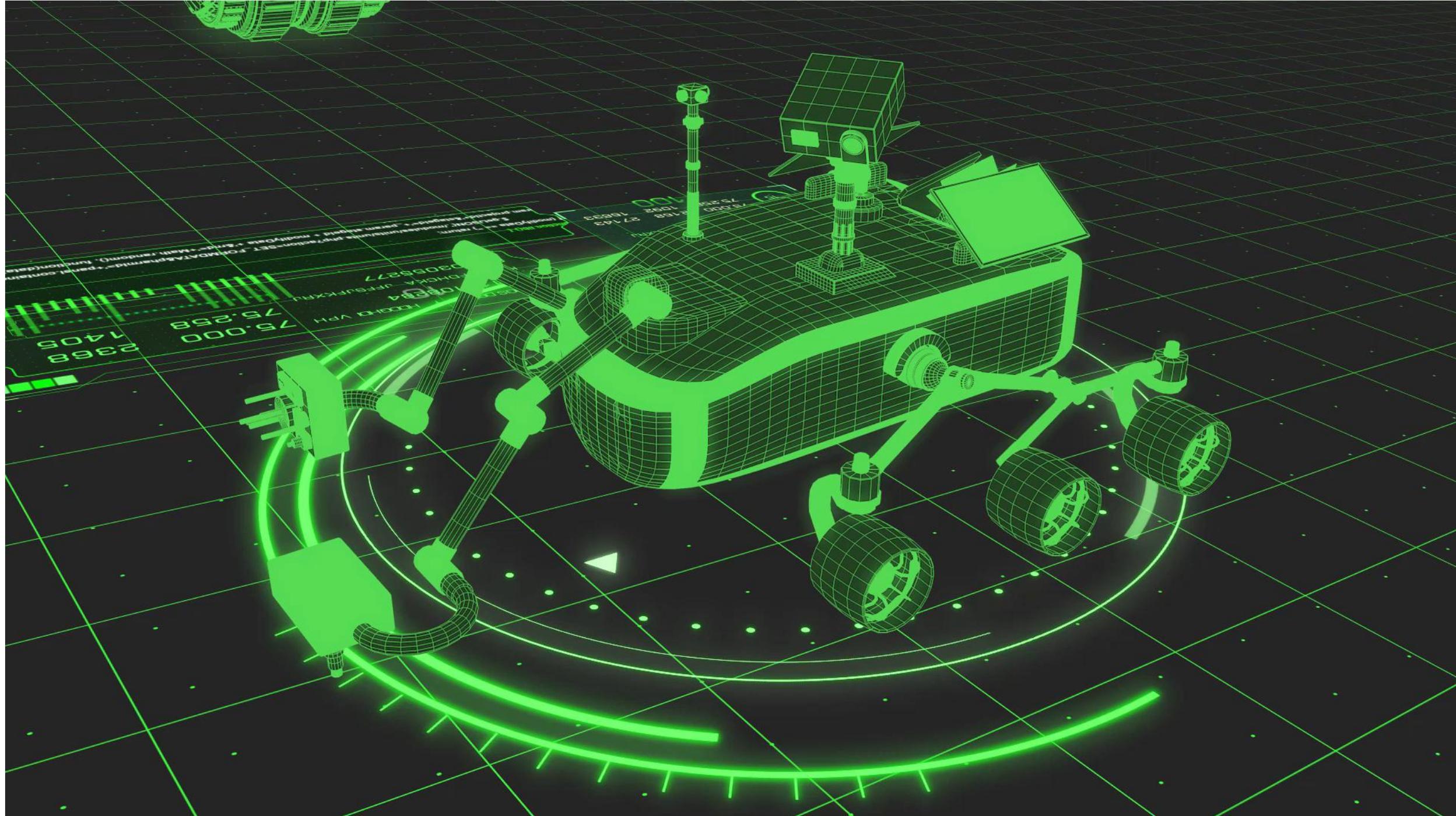
**Può una
macchina
imitare il
nostro
cervello?**





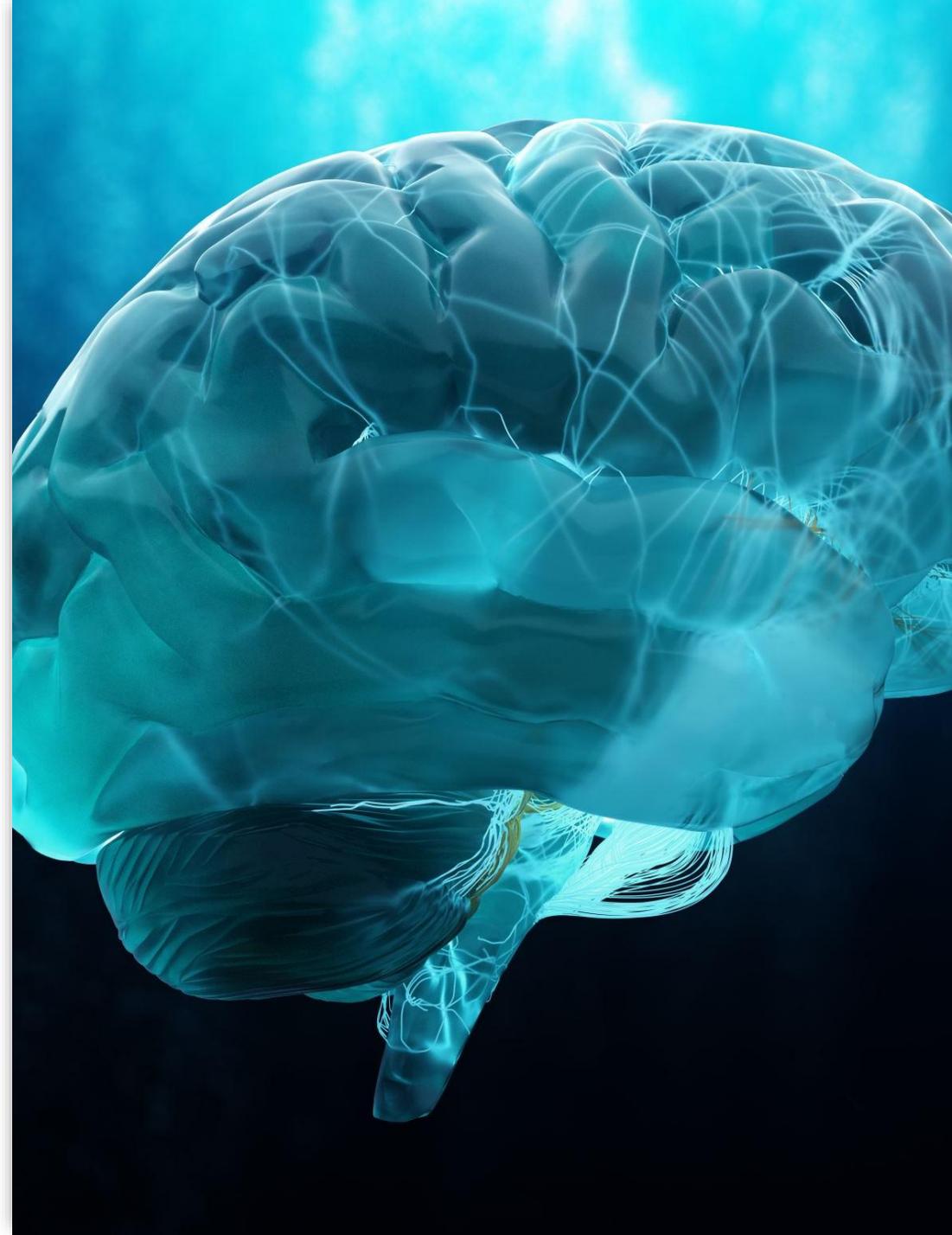
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Cervello e Macchina

- Il nostro cervello pianifica anche sul lungo tempo ... non siamo solo risposte a stimoli.
- La nostra risposta non è sempre e solo logica ... non siamo macchine.
- Senza coscienza non avremmo alcuna sensazione di fame, sete, desiderio sessuale, fatica e paura.... sopravvivenza.
- Il nostro essere è frutto di interazione sociale.
- Il colpo di genio è solo nostro







Data-driven Machine Learning Models for Risk Stratification and Prediction of Emergence Delirium in Pediatric Patients Underwent Tonsillectomy/Adenotonsillectomy

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Results

Exploratory Data Analysis Results

The exploratory data analysis provided insights into the variable distributions and relationships within the dataset. Given the original dataset [13], we analyzed data from 423 children (184 females, 239 males). The patients' ages range from 1.5 to 10.1 years old at the time of the procedure, based on their birth dates (mean 3.66 years; SD 1.33). Weights ranged from a minimum of 9.5 kg to 40 kg, with a mean weight of approximately 18 kg (SD 5). Most patients had an ASA score of 1 or 2, $n = 211$ (49.9%) and $n = 207$ (48.9%), respectively. The surgery duration spanned from short outpatient procedures of less than 10 minutes to cases lasting 50 minutes (mean 19.8 minutes, SD 5.08) (Fig. 1).

3. Results

3.1. Exploratory Data Analysis Results

The exploratory data analysis provided insights into the variables of the medical dataset. The summary statistics showed the age distribution (describe() output). Weight ranged from 40-150 kg with a mean range from 0.5 hours to over 12 hours.

Moreover, the age histogram showed a bimodal distribution.

variable surgery duration was heavily right-skewed with a long tail of longer procedures (Figure 1).





Intelligenza Artificiale e Dolore

Clinical Applications of AI in Pain Medicine

- Computed-Aided Diagnosis (e.g., **Fibromyalgia**)
- Predictive Models for Disease Progression (e.g., **Low Back Pain?**)
- AI-Based Pain Treatments ... **PREDICT-AI SIAARTI**

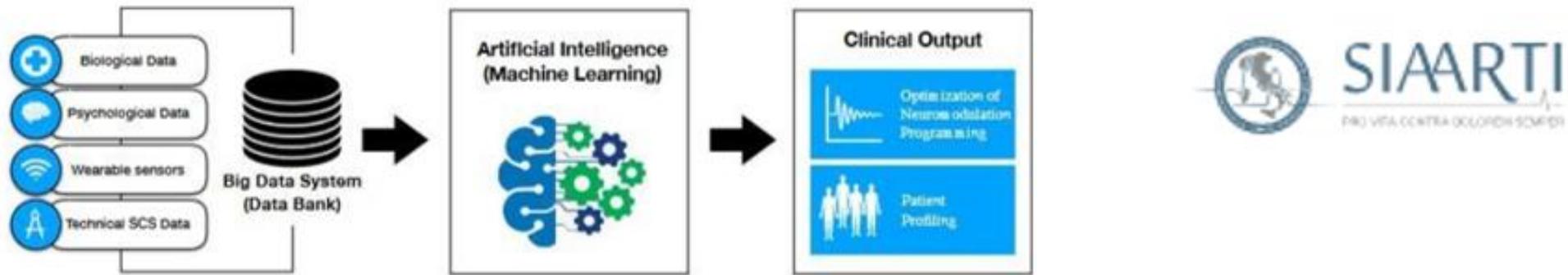


Figura 1. Obiettivo dello studio. La raccolta e l'analisi dei dati multiparametrici consentirà di personalizzare il percorso di SCS.

- Real Time Monitoring (**Telemedicine**)
- Opioid Use Disorders?
- Pain in special populations

**Automatic Pain
Assessment**



IASP

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR THE STUDY OF PAIN

Pain. 2020;161(9):1976-1982

Pain

An unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with, or resembling that associated with, actual or potential tissue damage.

Pain is **ALWAYS** a
personal experience... it
is influenced by
biological, psychological,
and social factors

**It is the main reason for the lacking possibility to
make a diagnosis based on pain descriptors.**



PAIN
- Subjective
Phenomenon



**ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE**
- Objective
processes

Created by Marco Cascella and Federico Semeraro (Midjourney)



Automatic Pain Assessment

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Review Article

Artificial Intelligence for Automatic Pain Assessment: Research Methods and Perspectives

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APA methods provide objective measurements of pain and span an interdisciplinary research field that combines aspects of medicine, psychology, psychobiology, biomedical engineering, and computer science.



Brain regions targeted for APA

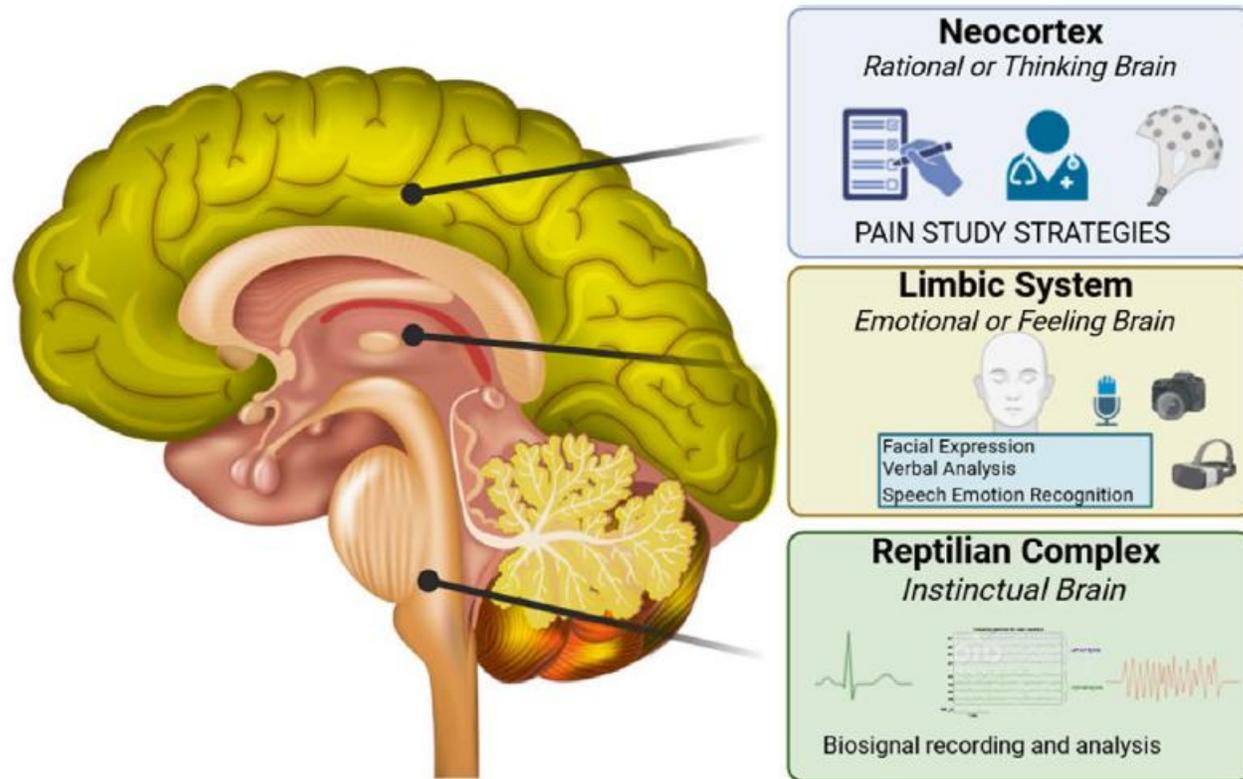
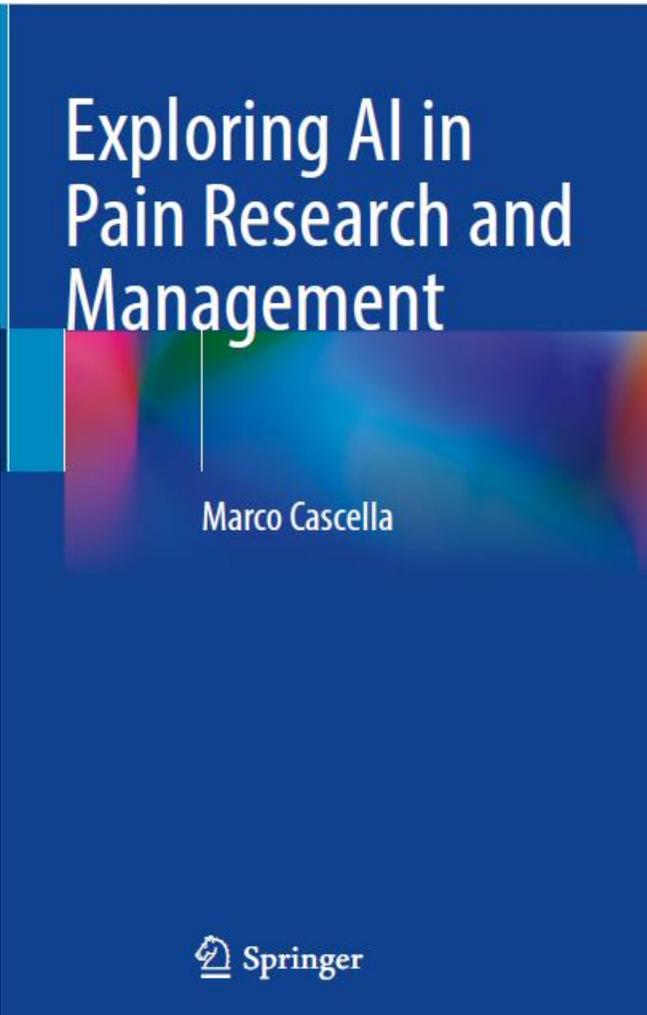
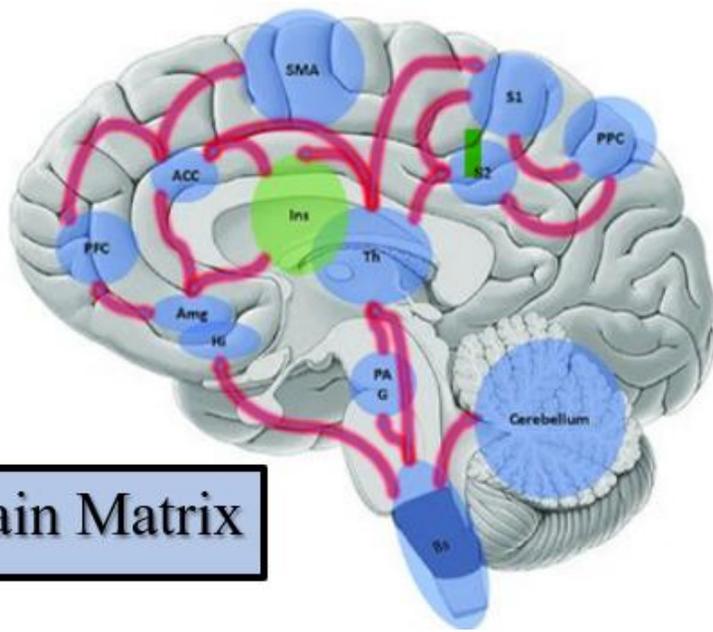


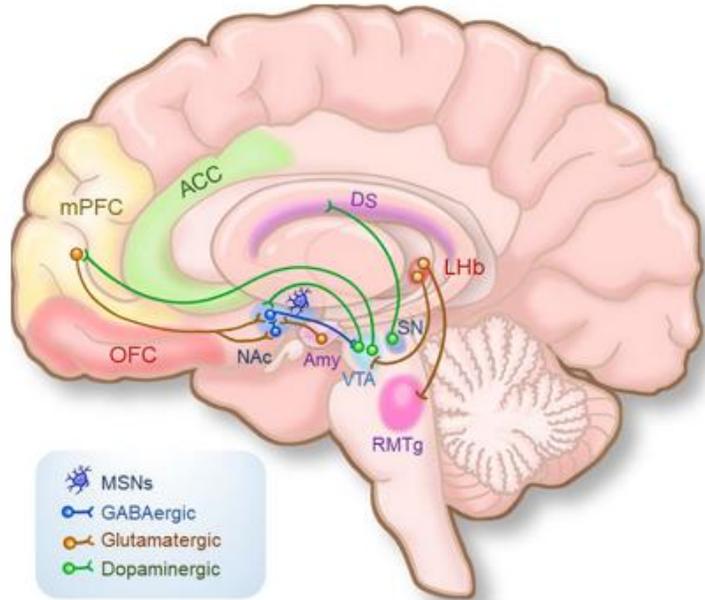
Fig. 3.1 Brain targets for APA research. Strategies for studying pain are categorized by the targeted brain regions and their processing mechanisms. The neocortex, particularly the somatosensory area, is crucial for understanding pain's location, intensity, and quality. Techniques such as imaging, EEG, and clinical examinations are used to investigate these mechanisms. The limbic system, the emotional center of the brain, is studied through behavioral approaches like facial expressions and speech emotion recognition. Lastly, the brainstem, the most ancient brain part, controls instinctual responses, with pain studies here focusing on recording and analyzing various biosignals





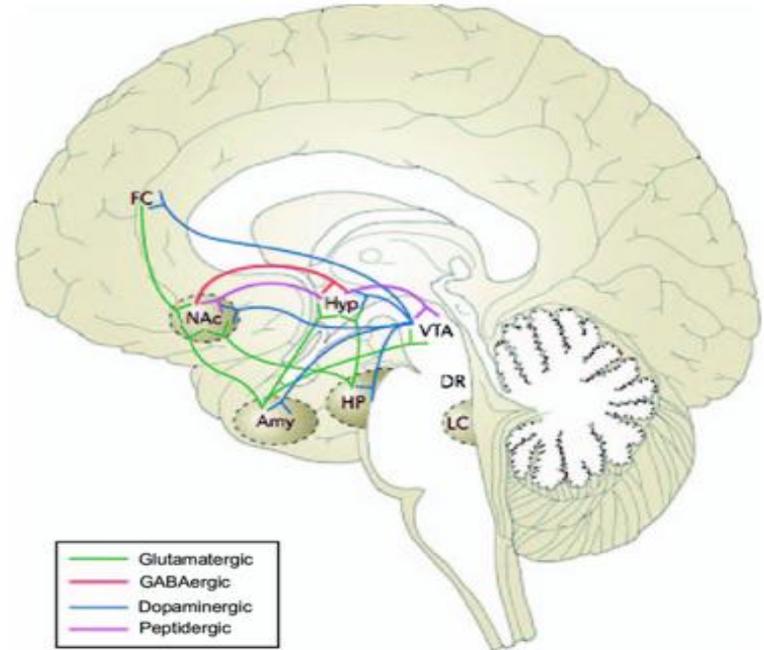
Pain Matrix

SISTEMA LIMBICO
Nucleo del setto: Piacere
Ippocampo: Memoria, Apprendimento
Amigdala: Emozioni (paura)
Nucleo Accumbens: Reward, piacere, addiction
Ipotalamo: processi autonomici
Talamo (n. anteriori): sensory processing
Gangli Basali: Movimenti

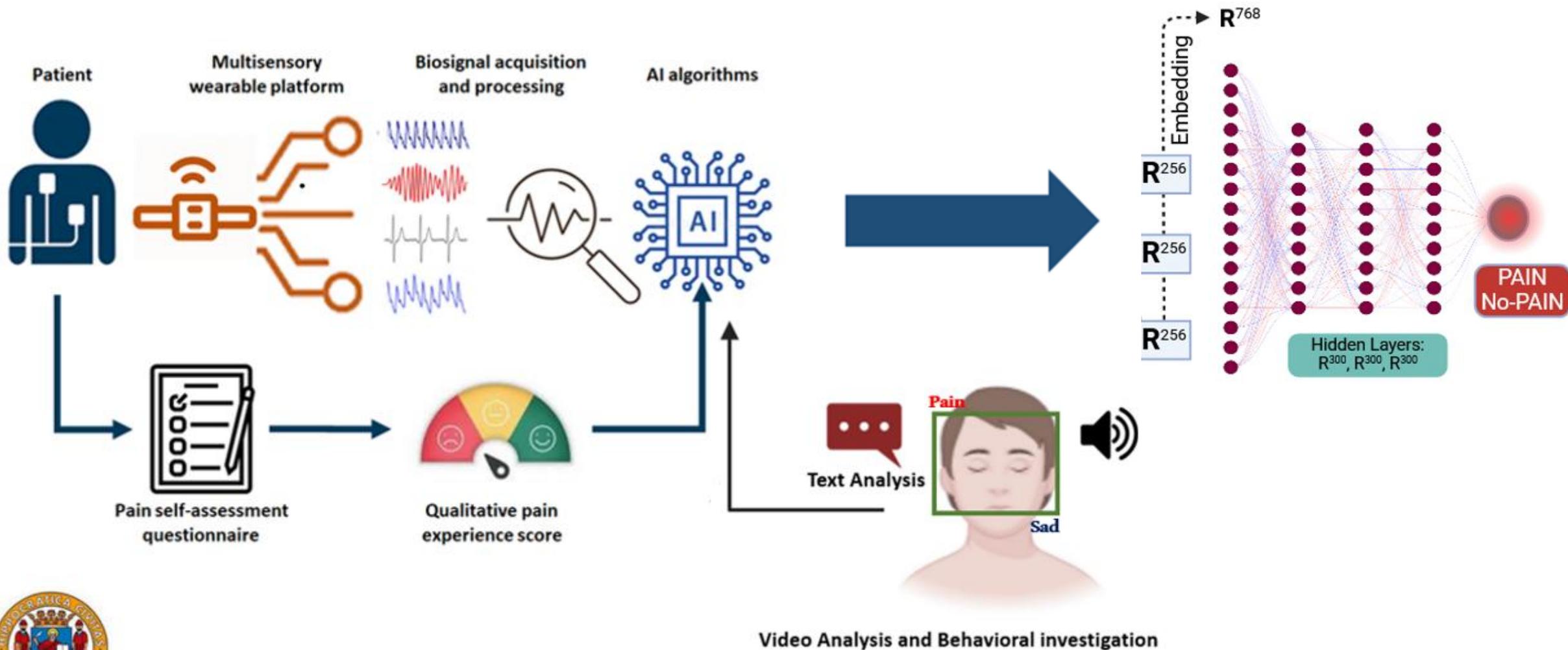


Reward Circuits

Depression Circuits



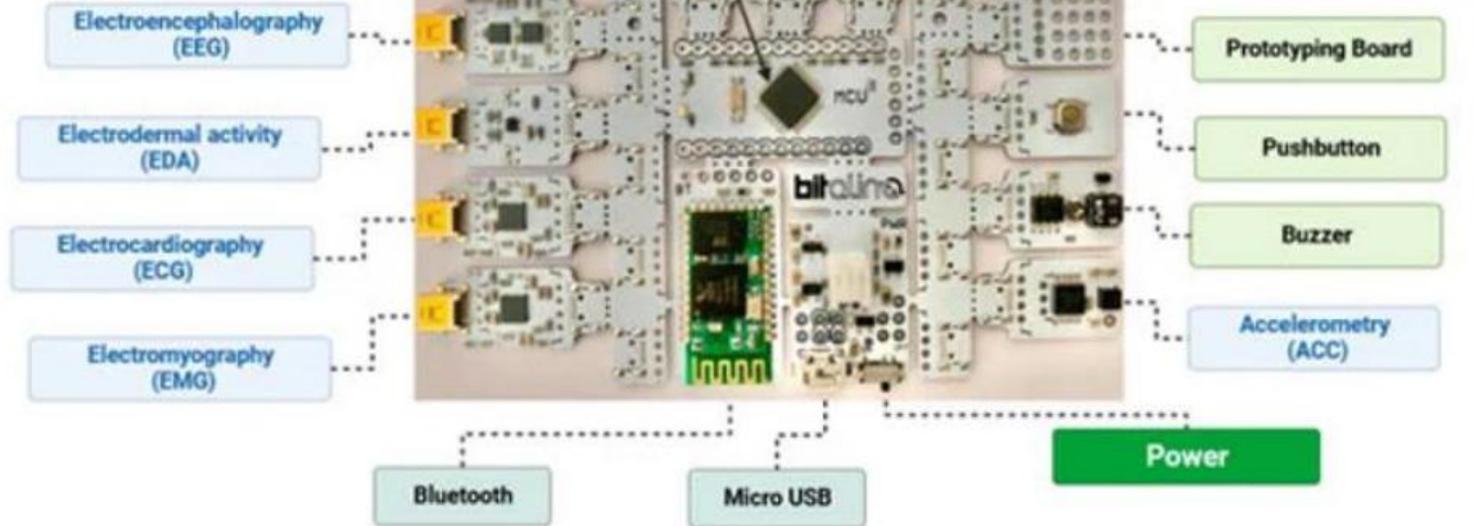
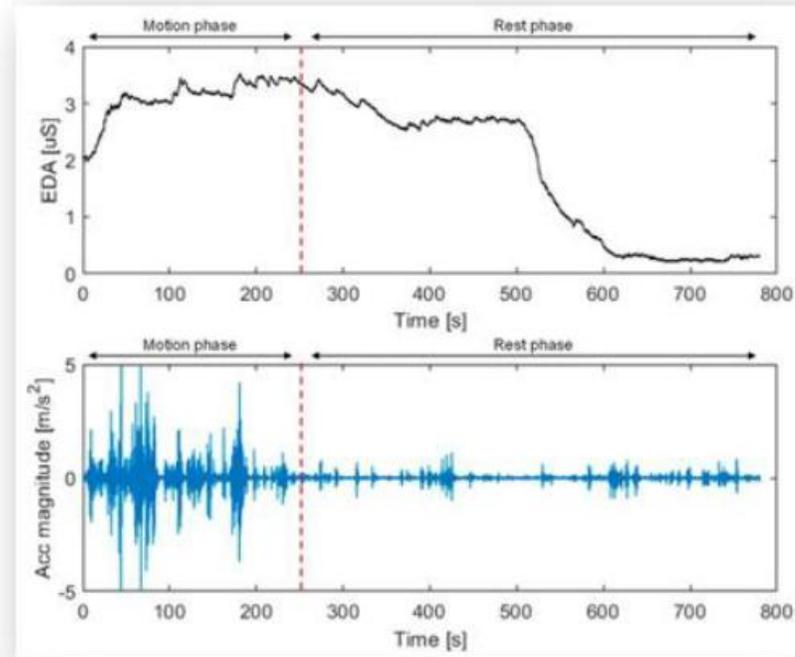
Framework for APA investigation



Article

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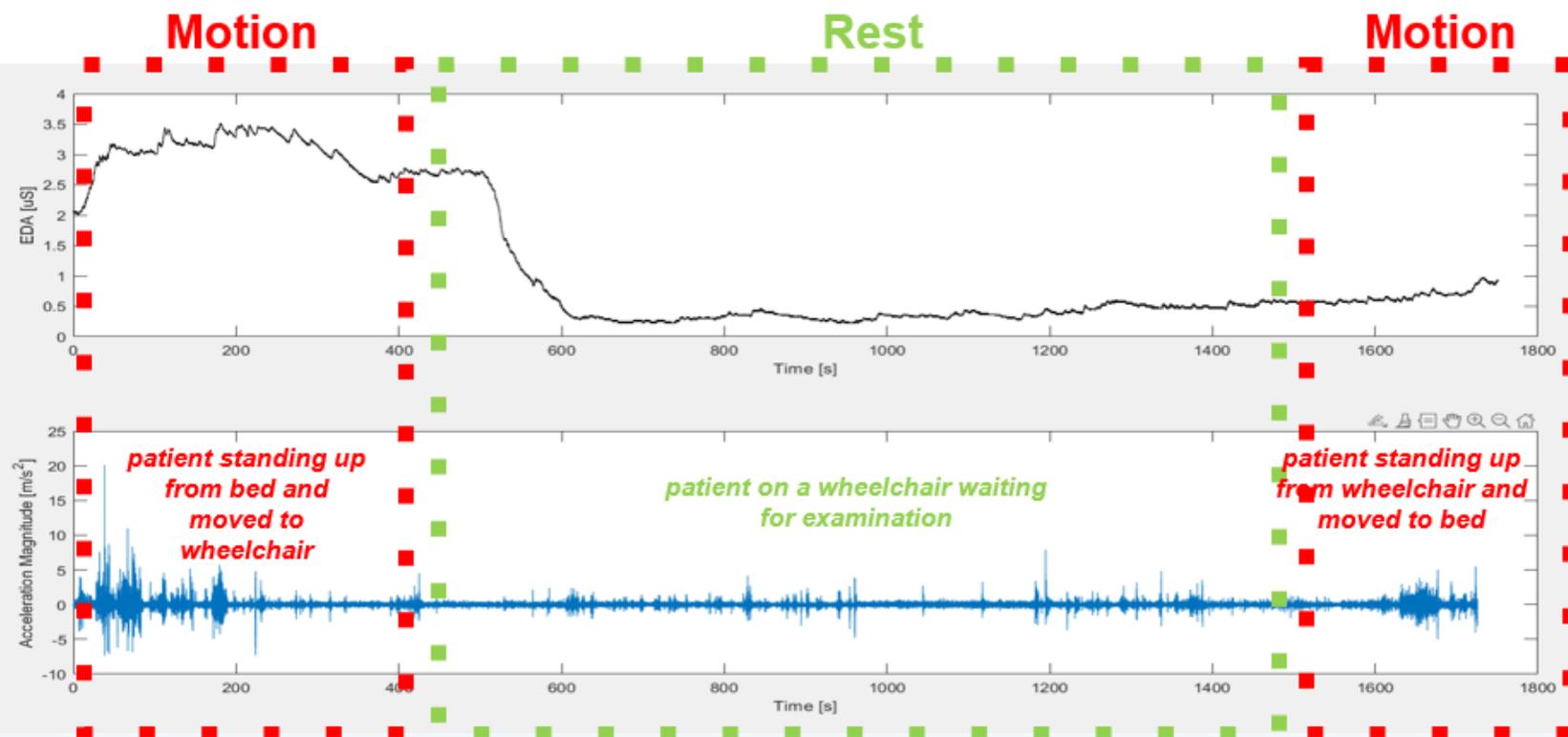
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EDA signal increases with motion □□ Motion-Related Pain



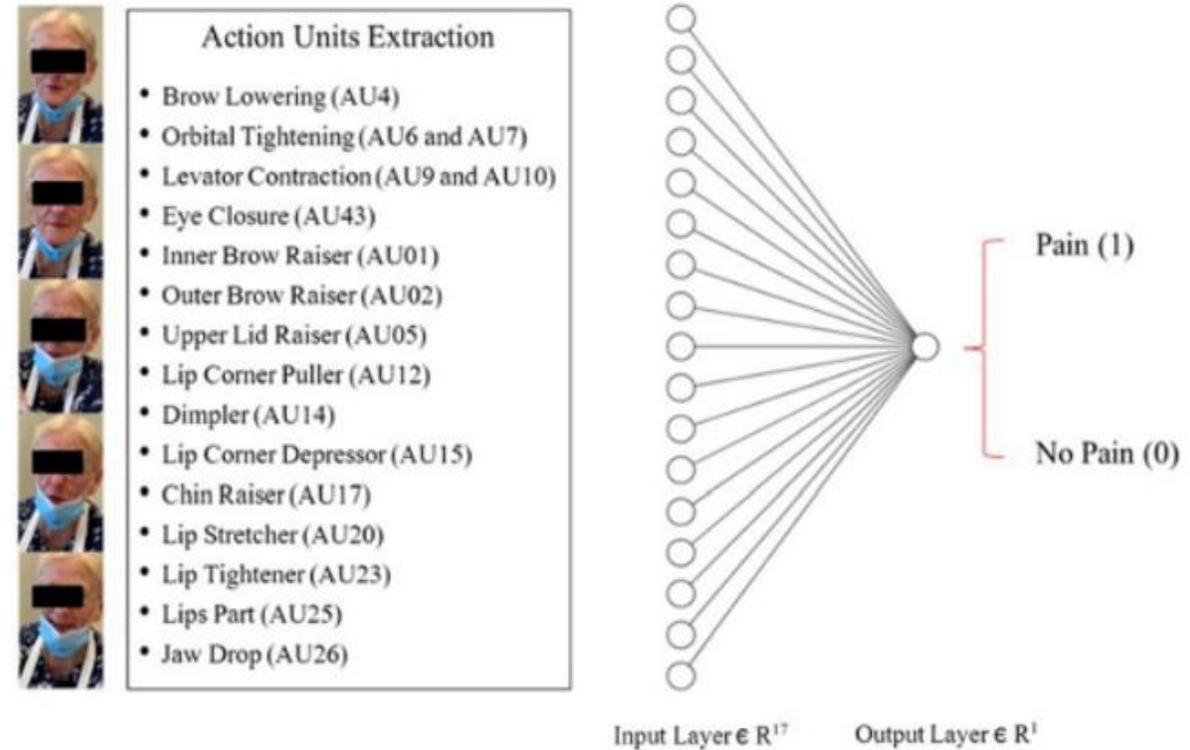
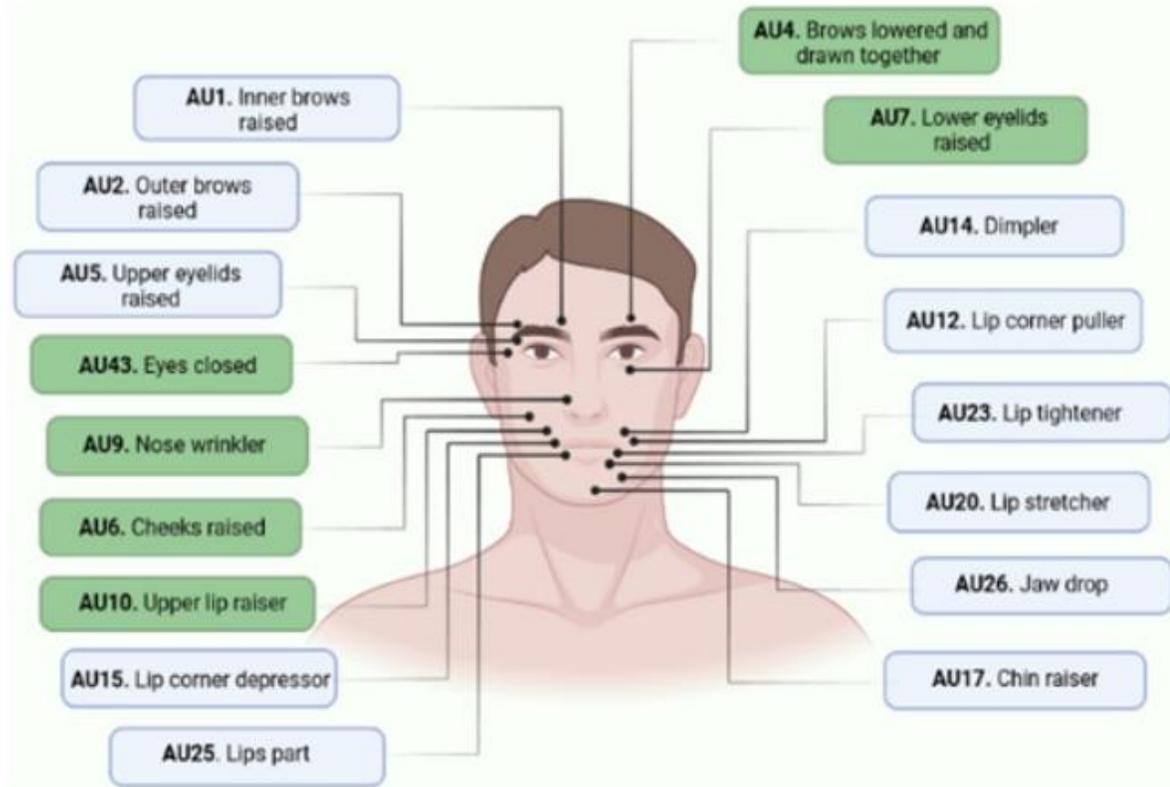
Simultaneous registration of EDA and motion through Wearable Sensors and Smartphone Accelerometer

Facial Video for Cancer Pain Classification

Clinical Pain Research

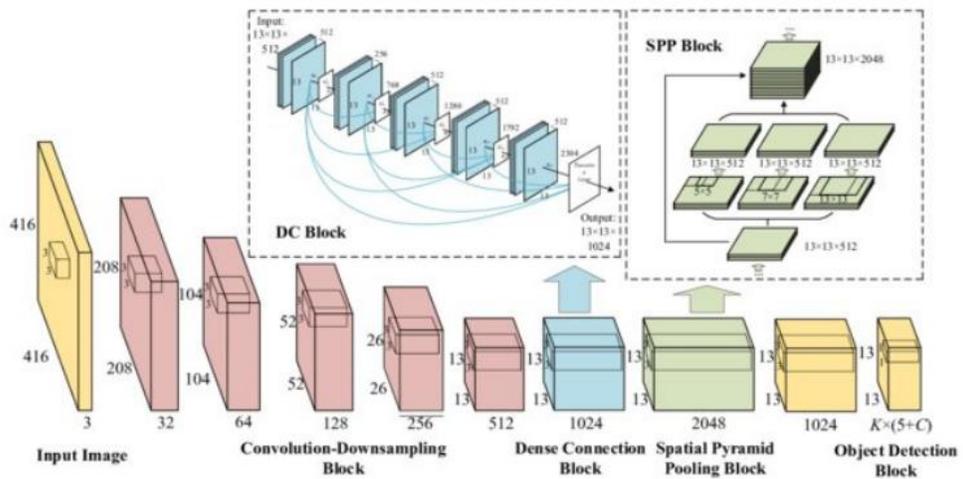
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Development of a binary classifier model from extended facial codes toward video-based pain recognition in cancer patients



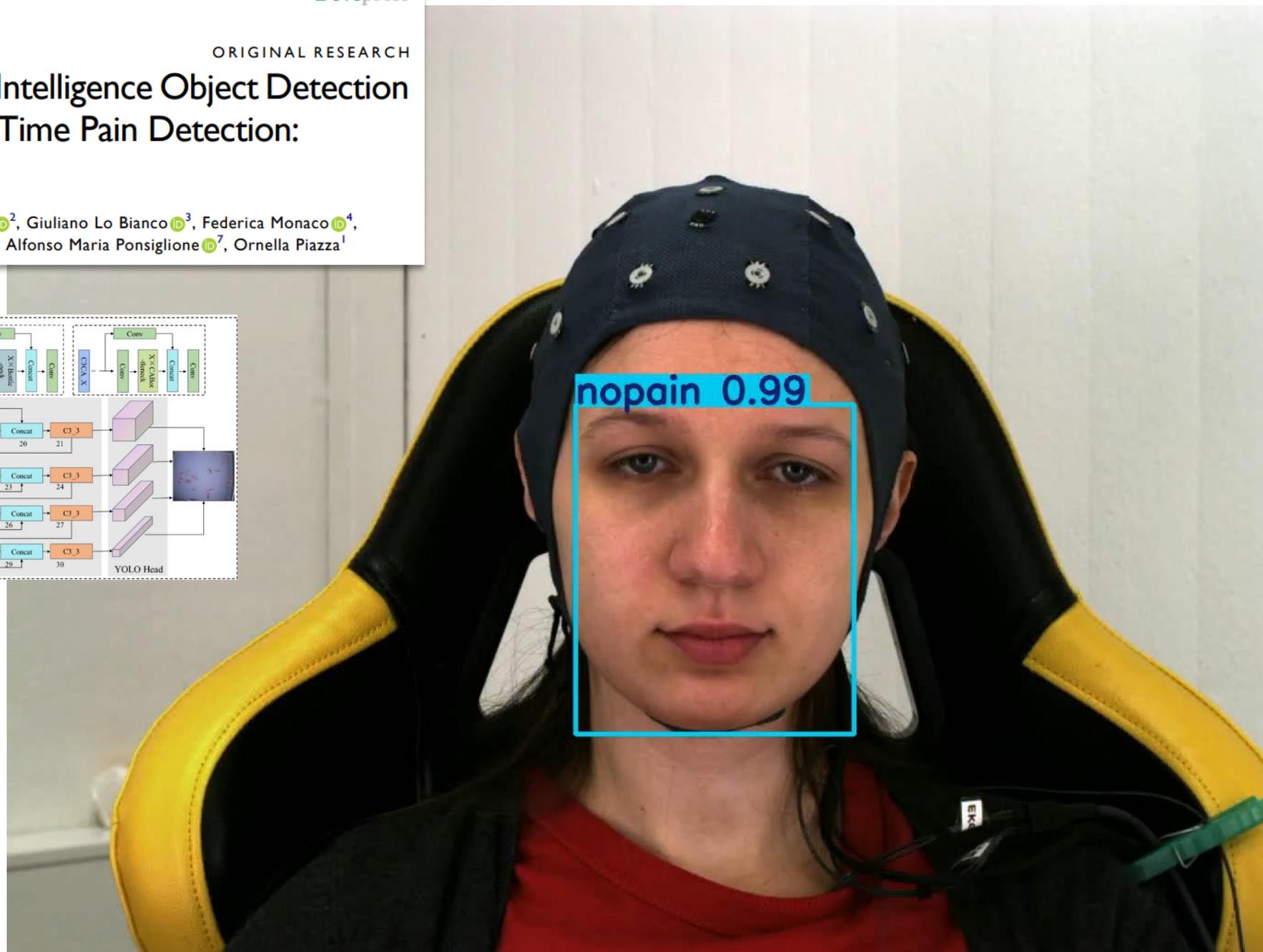
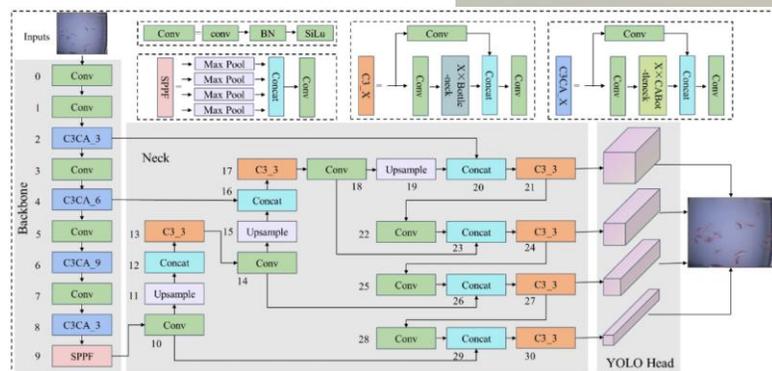
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Employing the Artificial Intelligence Object Detection Tool YOLOv8 for Real-Time Pain Detection: A Feasibility Study

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Speech Emotion Recognition (SER)

It is a typical pattern recognition problem consisting of two major stages:

- Feature extraction: capturing emotion-relevant features from voice
- Classification: training and a testing phase for detecting the type of emotion

BIG SIX: disgust, fear, anger, joy, surprise, sadness plus the neutral state



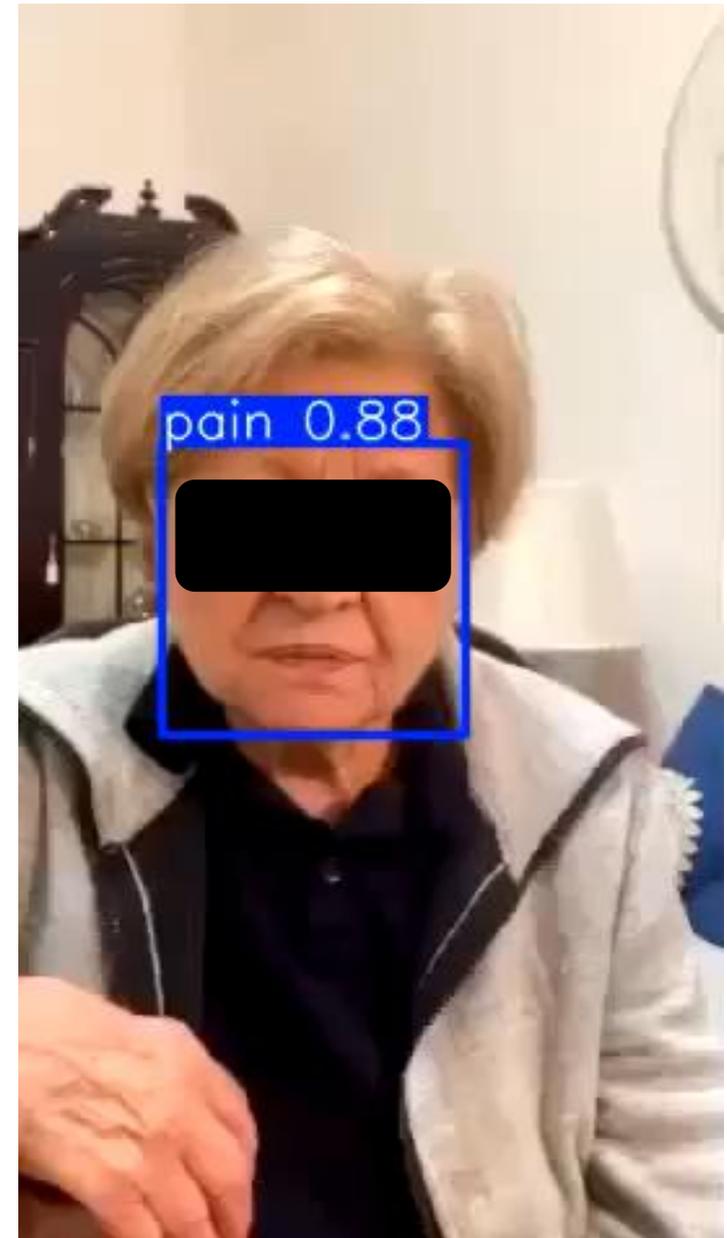
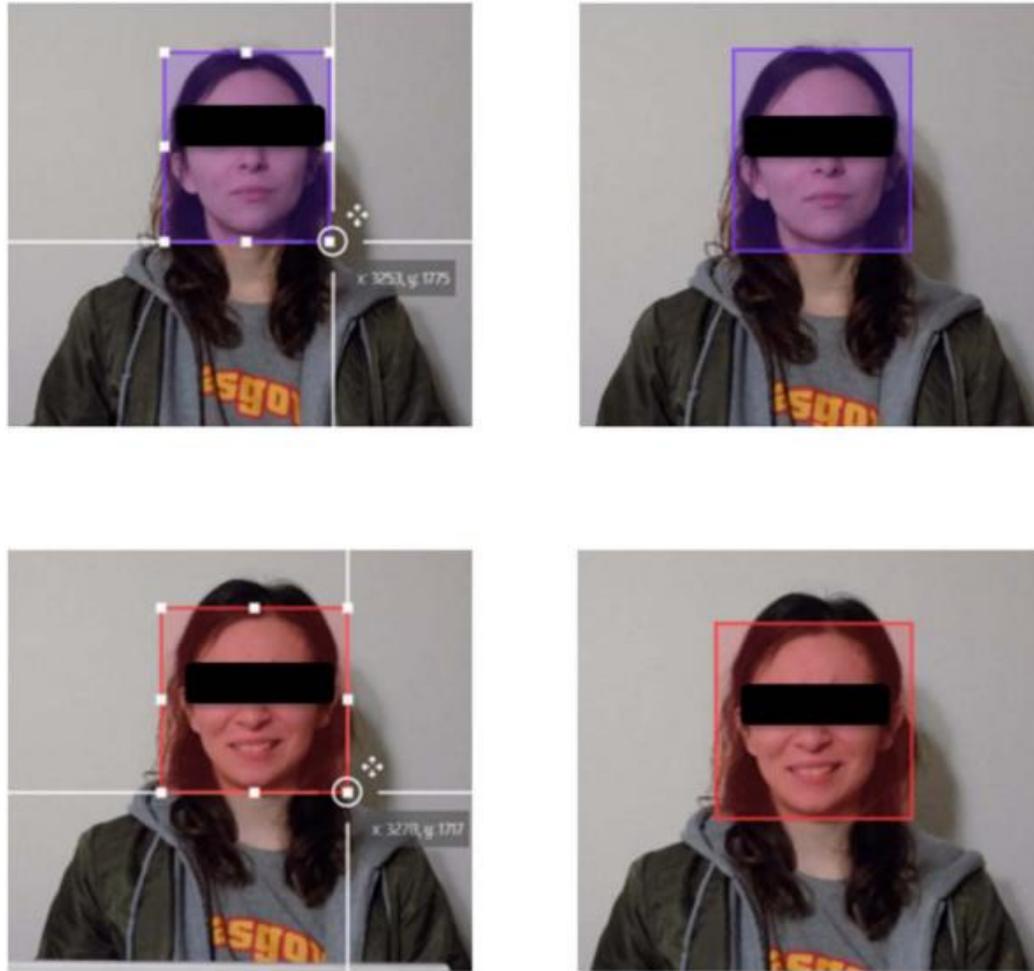
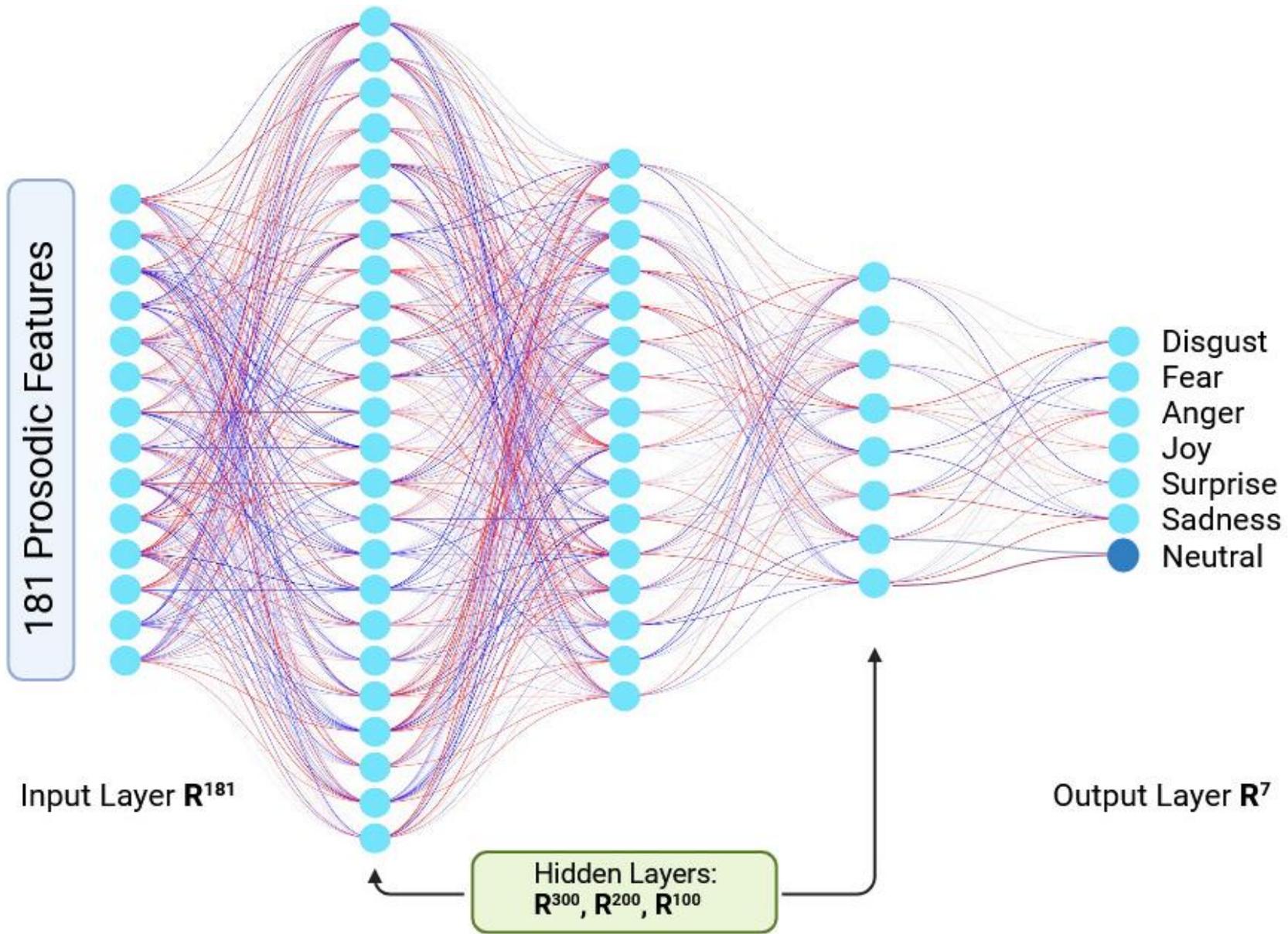


Figure 4 Makesense.ai implementation to manually label images based on the Prkachin and Solomon Pain Intensity (PSPI) score. The four images in the figure show different facial expressions of a subject, with bounding boxes drawn around the face. In each image, a bounding box is drawn to highlight the face, and different colors of boxes indicate different labels or levels of pain intensity assigned during the manual annotation process. There is a progression from a neutral expression (top row) to more intense facial expressions associated with pain (bottom row).

Notes: Images adapted from Mende-Siedlecki P, Qu-Lee J, Lin J, Drain A, Goharзад A. The Delaware Pain Database: a set of painful expressions and corresponding norming data. *Pain Rep.* 2020;5:e853.²²



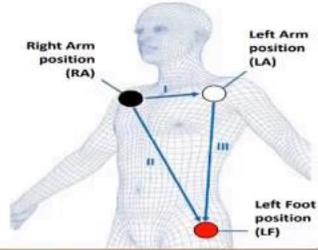
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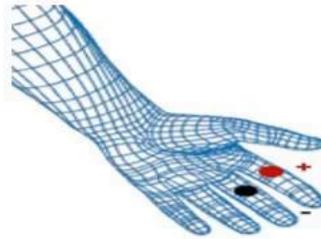


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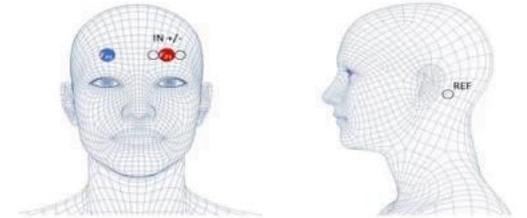
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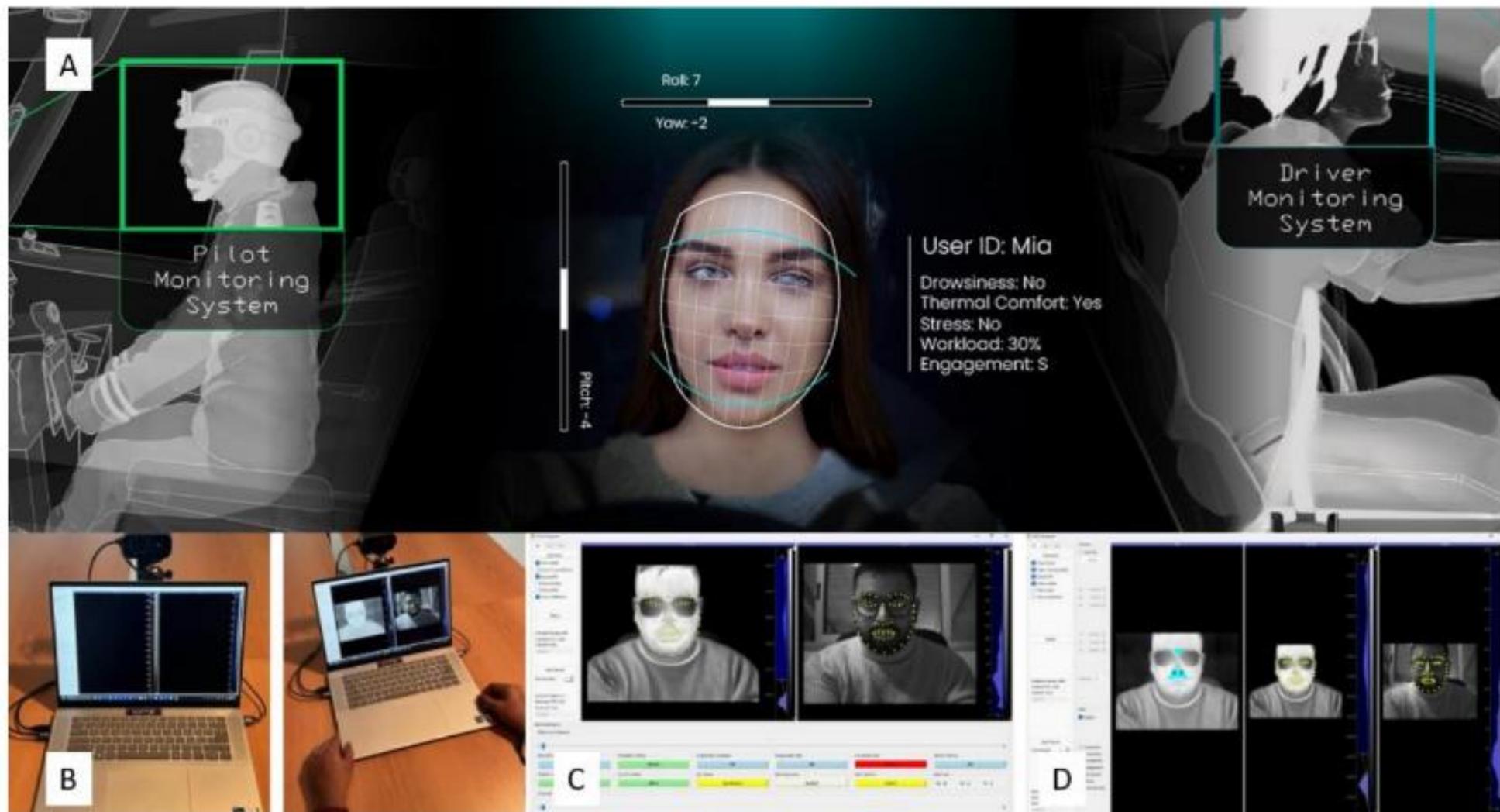


Figura 3. Analisi termografica su infrarosso con tecnologia HIRA. A. Applicazioni in ambito aerospaziale; B. Sistema inizializzato e pronto all'uso ed acquisizione; C. Analisi termografica in tempo reale con tracking del landmark facciali e processamento; D. Landmark e regioni di interesse facciali utilizzate per l'elaborazione.

Grazie per l'attenzione ...



Dear Marco,

I have seen Data Manager Job role in the LinkedIn and moreover, I am completing my bachelors in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence so would I be fit for the Job role sir