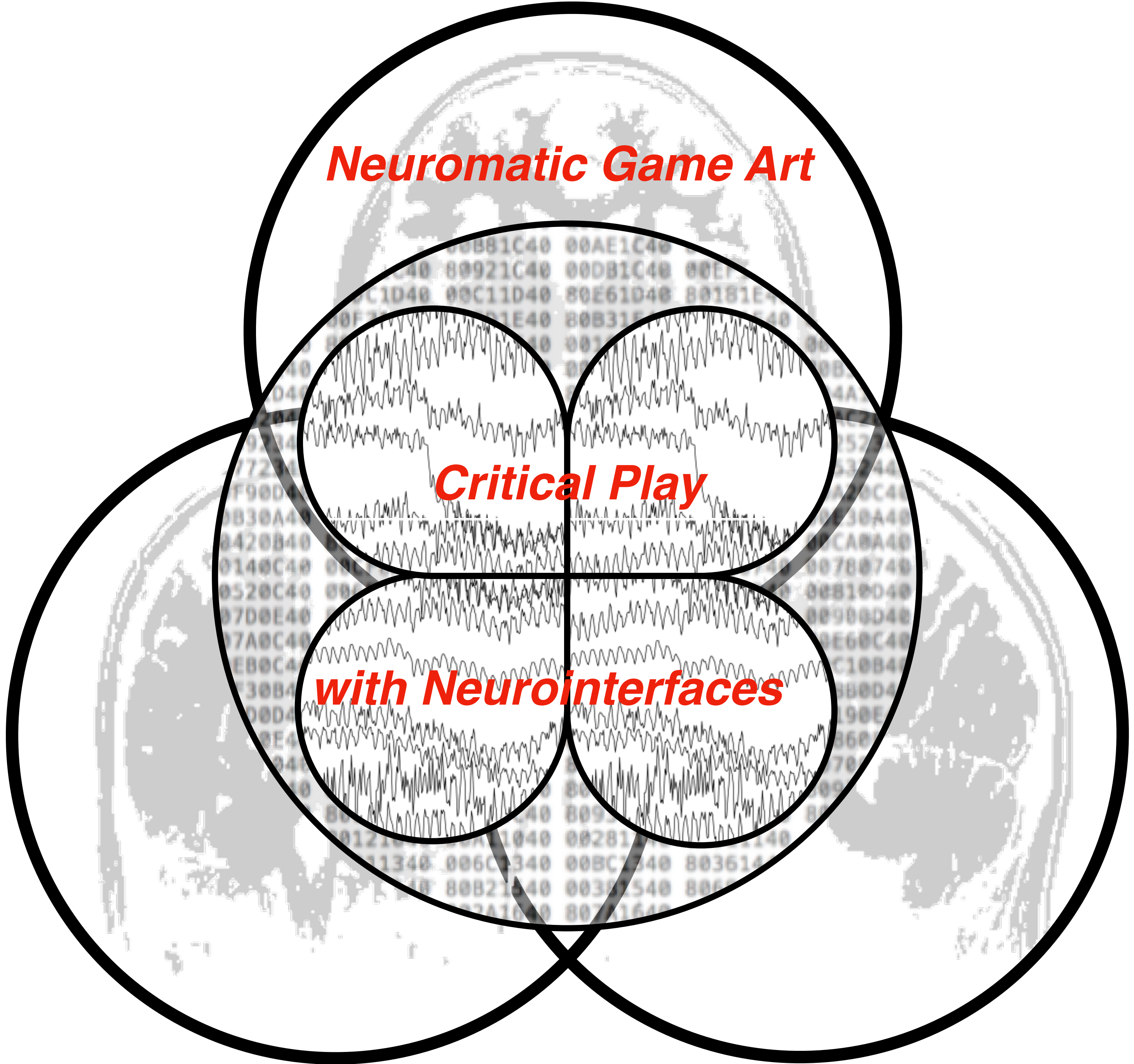


***Neuromatic Game Art***

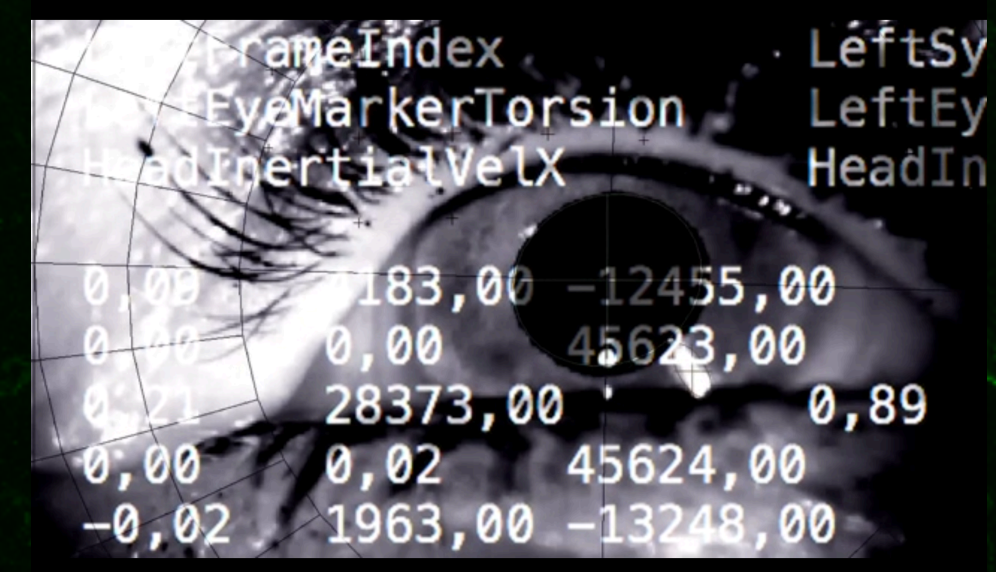
***Critical Play***

***with Neurointerfaces***





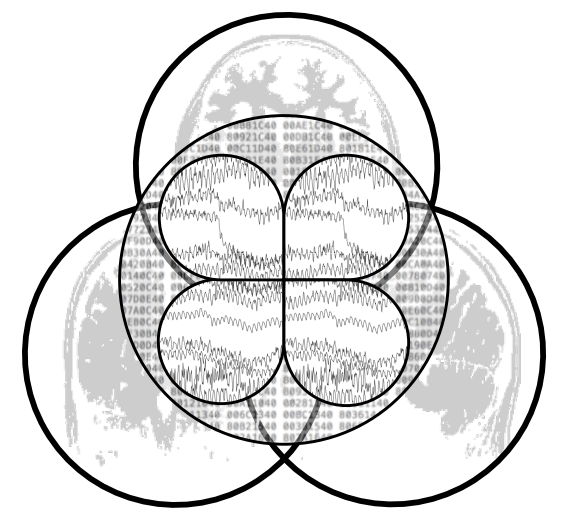
- epistemic objects
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- neurophilosophy
- neuroflow games



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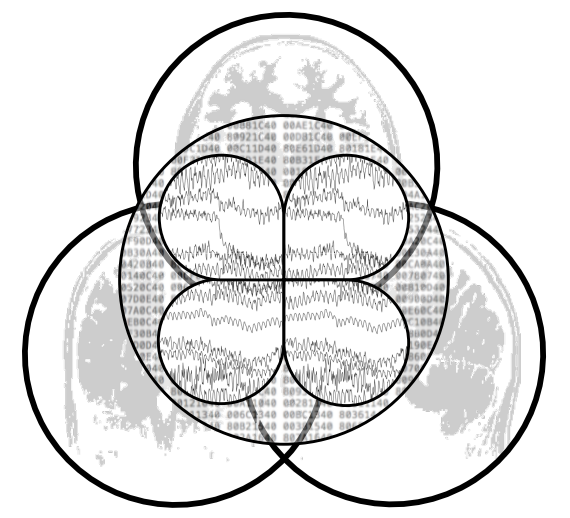
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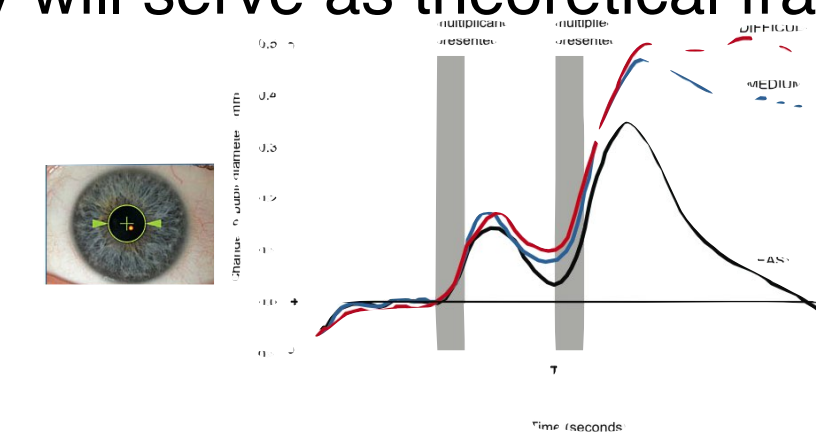
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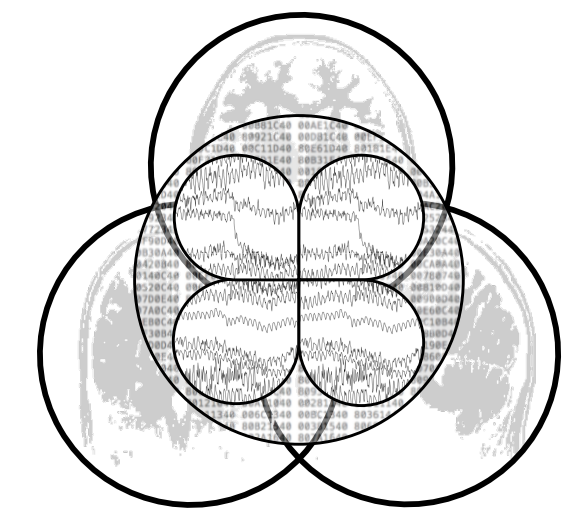
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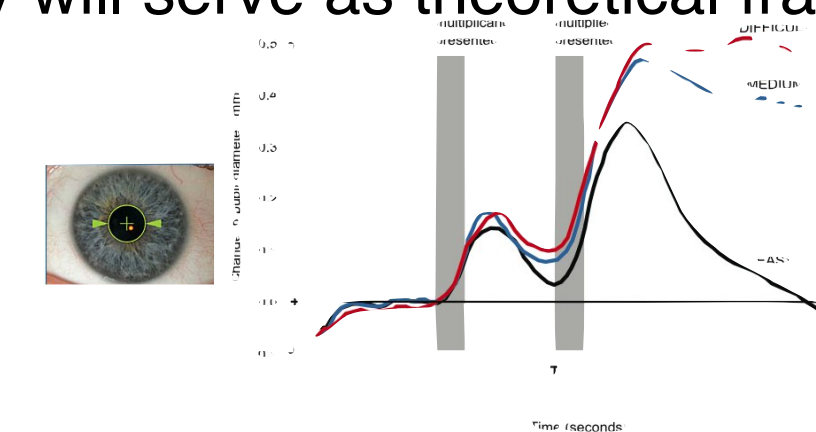




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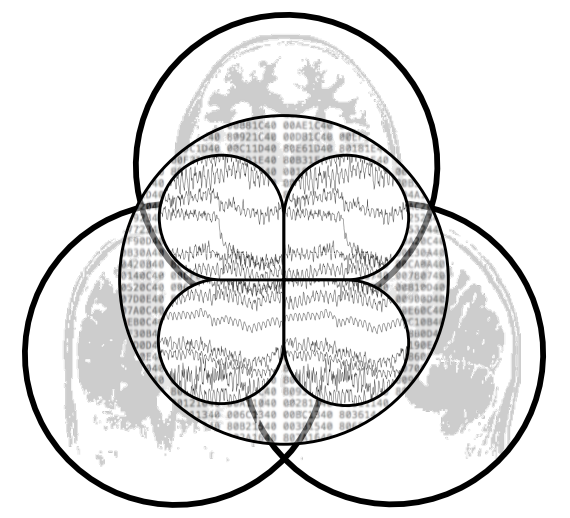


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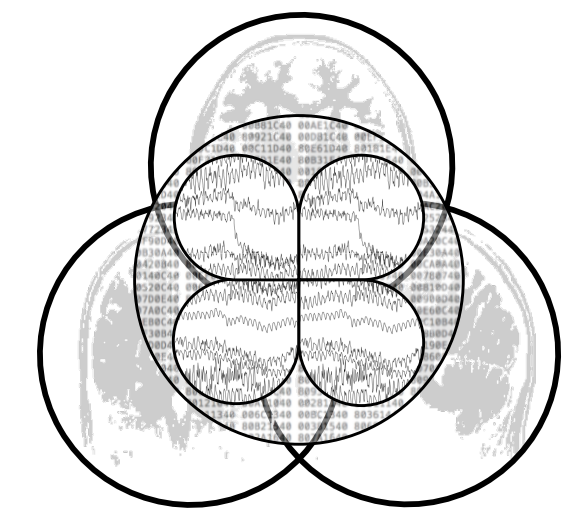
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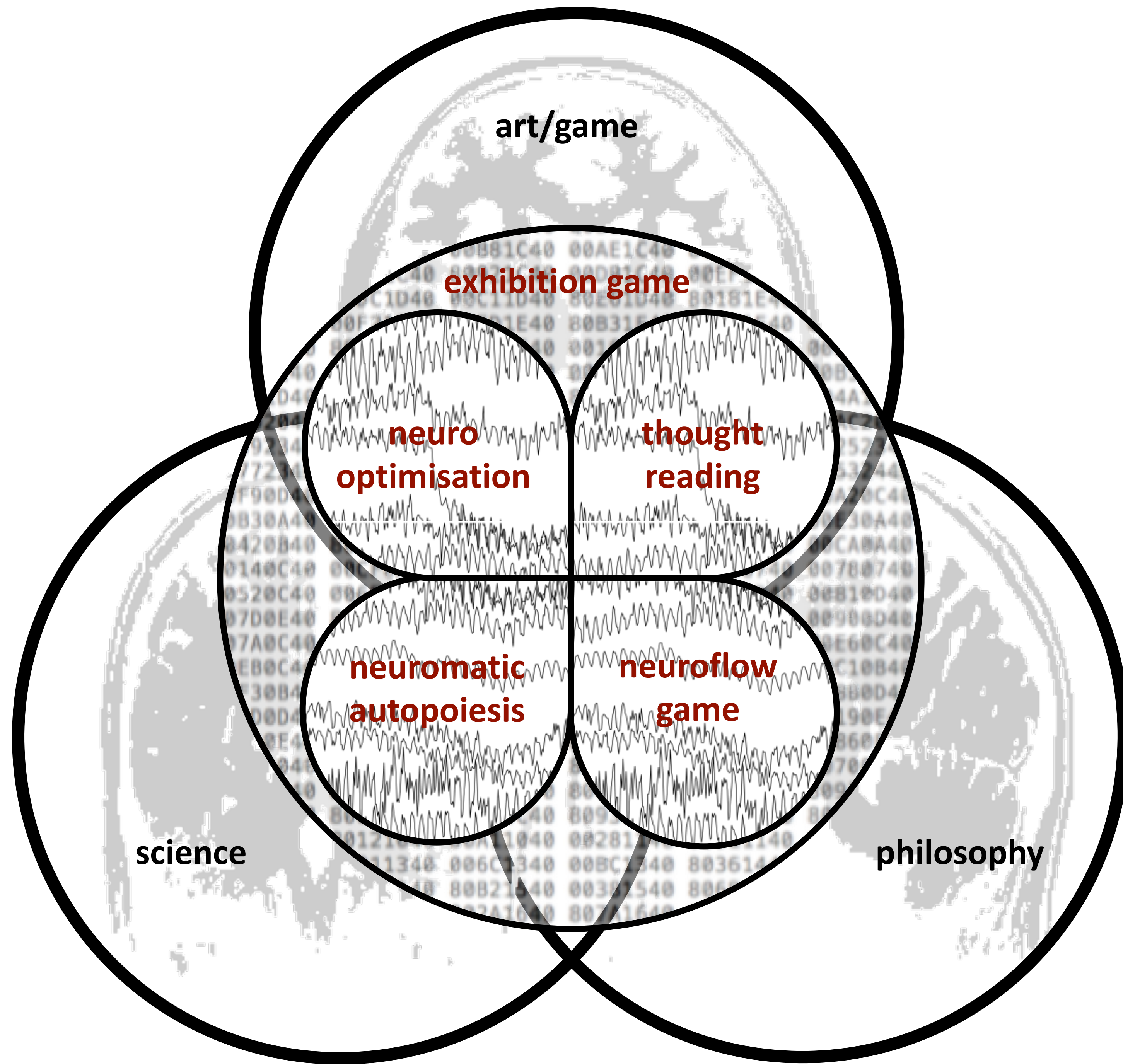
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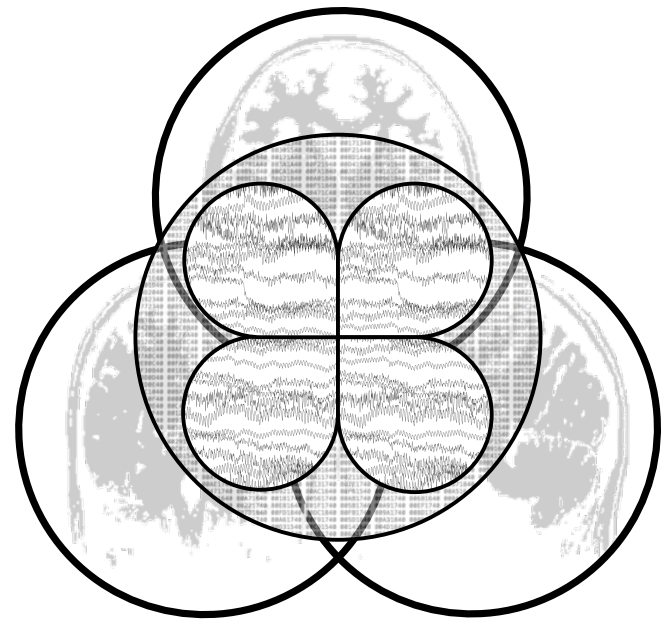
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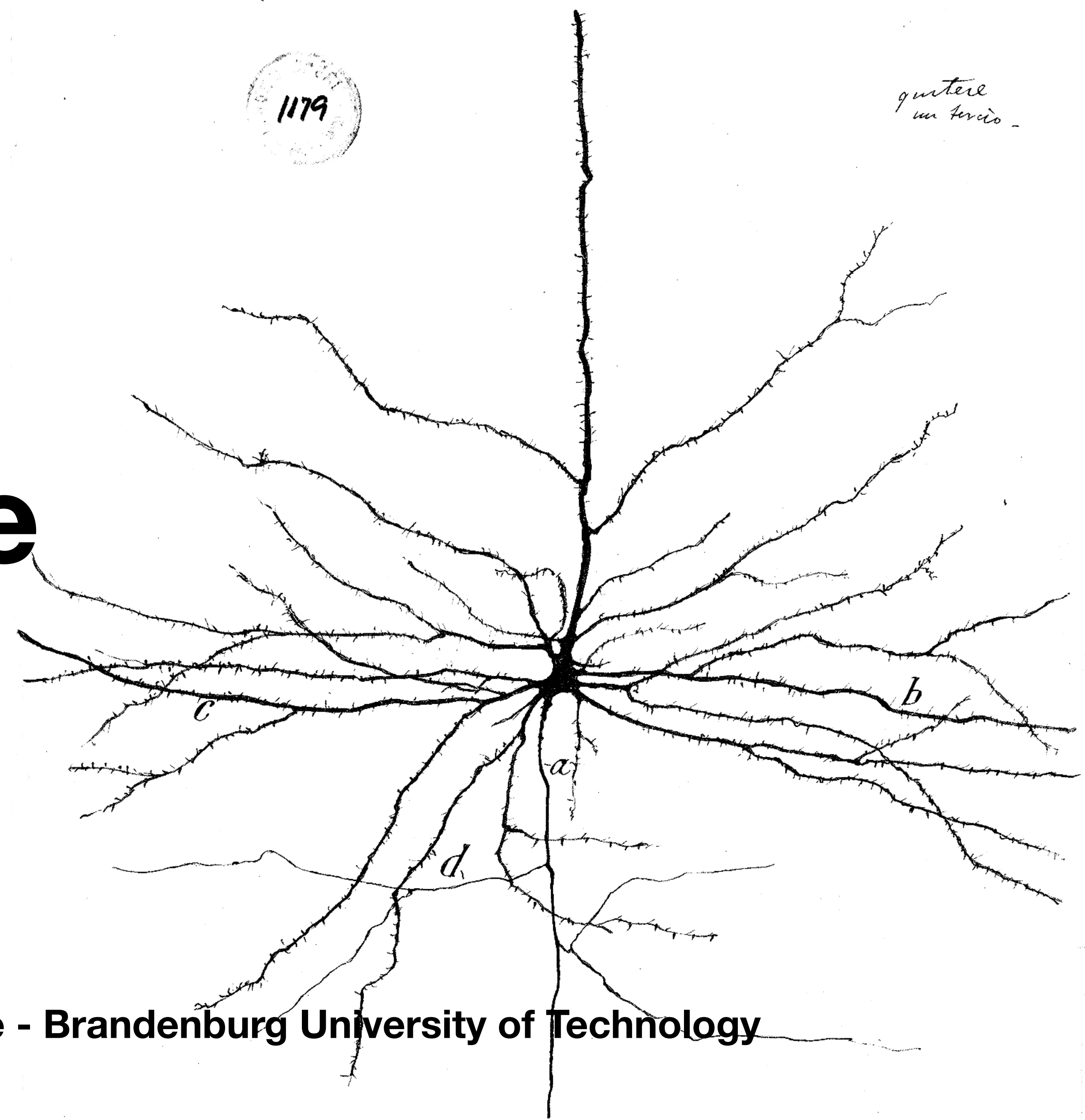
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# Neuro-interface

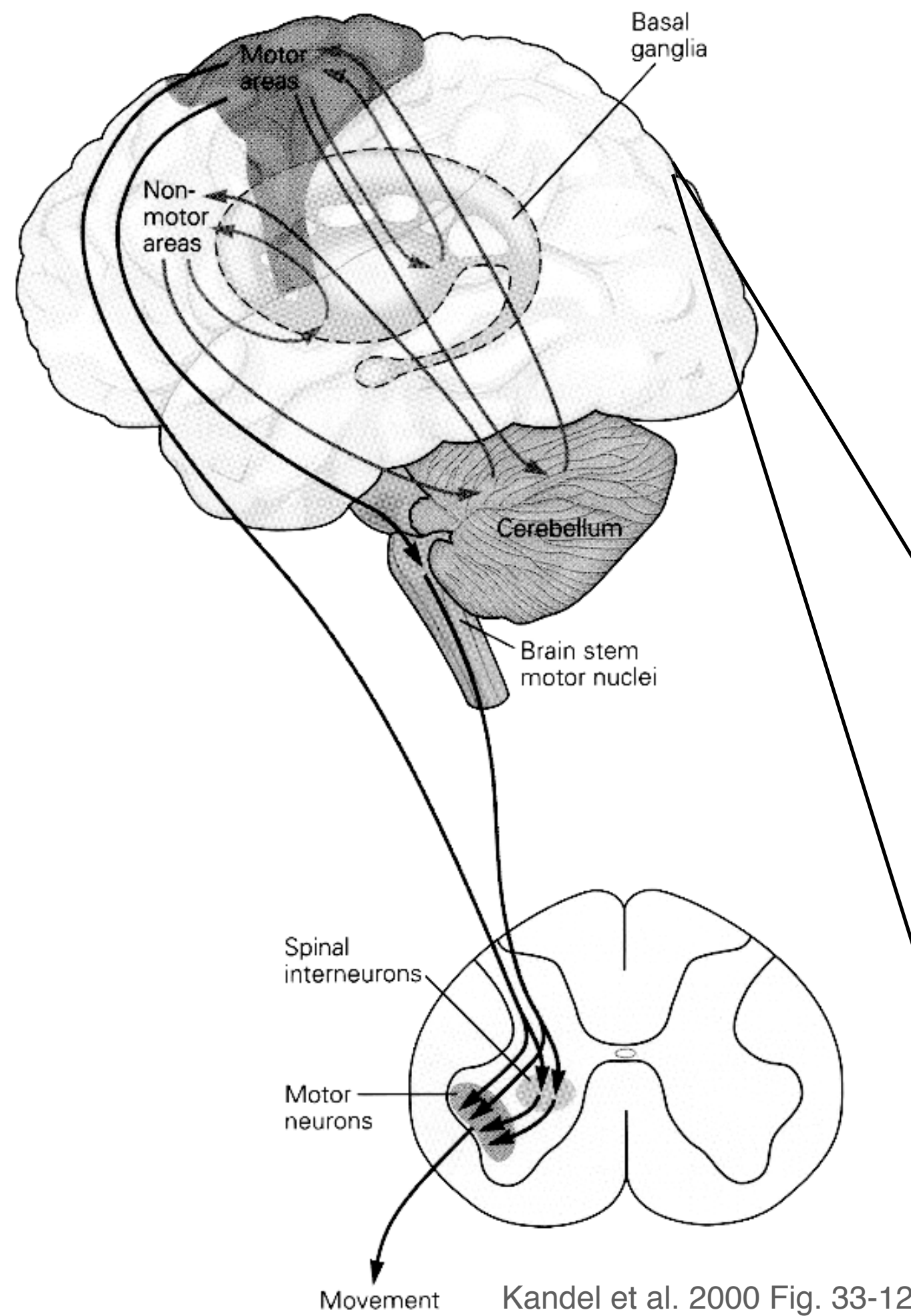
a super-short introduction



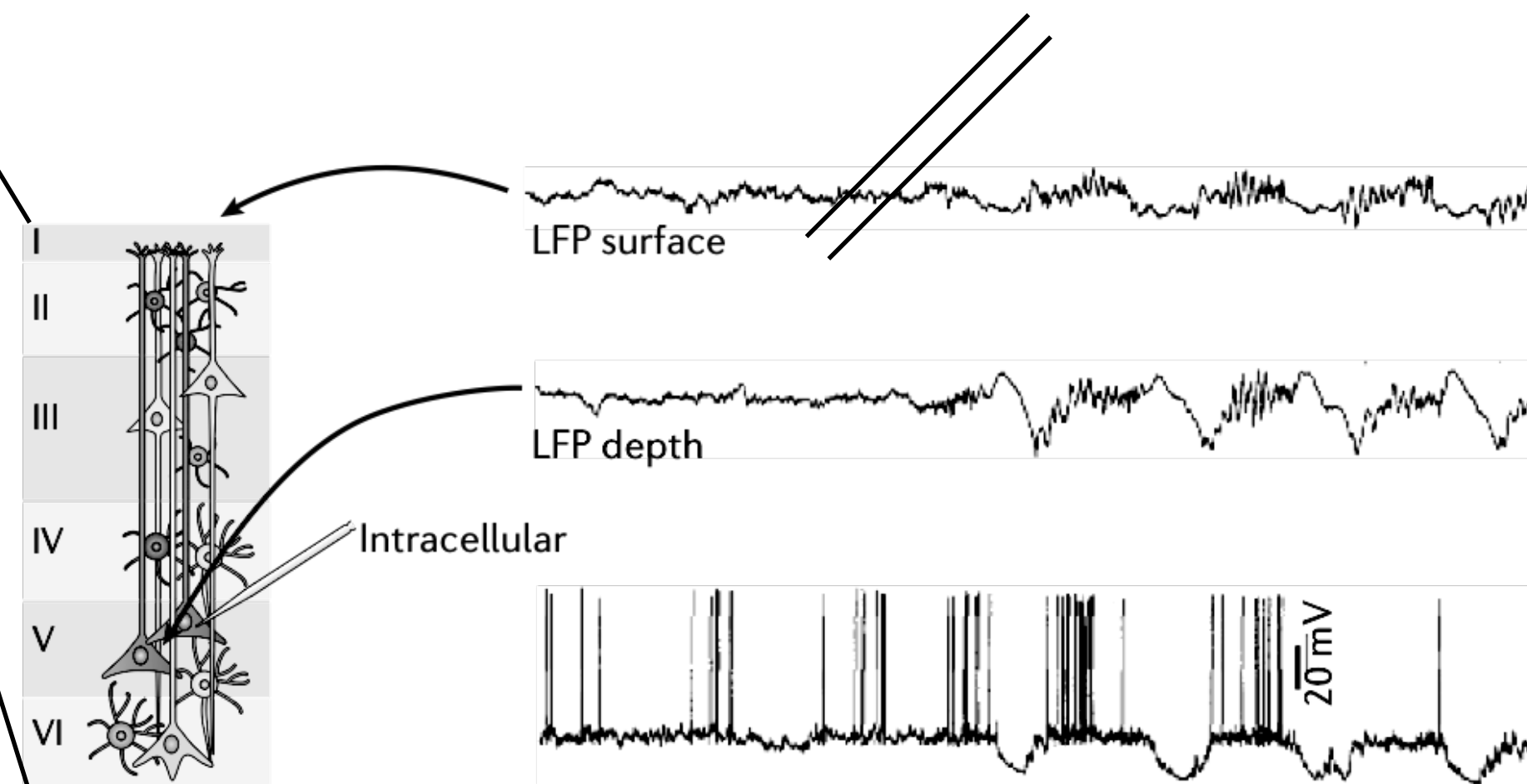
Stefan Glasauer - Computational Neuroscience - Brandenburg University of Technology



# Electroencephalography (EEG)



Kandel et al. 2000 Fig. 33-12



Buzsáki et al. Nat Rev Neuro 2012

Neurosky Mindwave



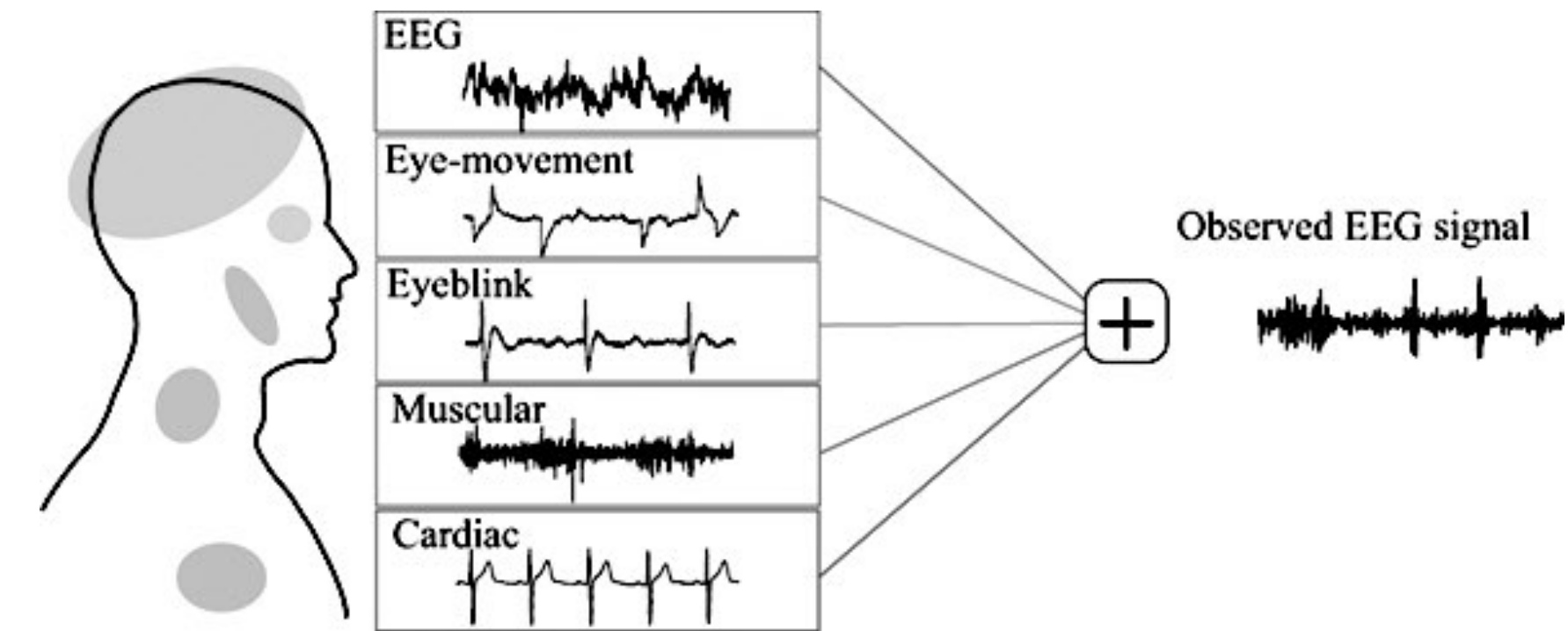
Muse 2



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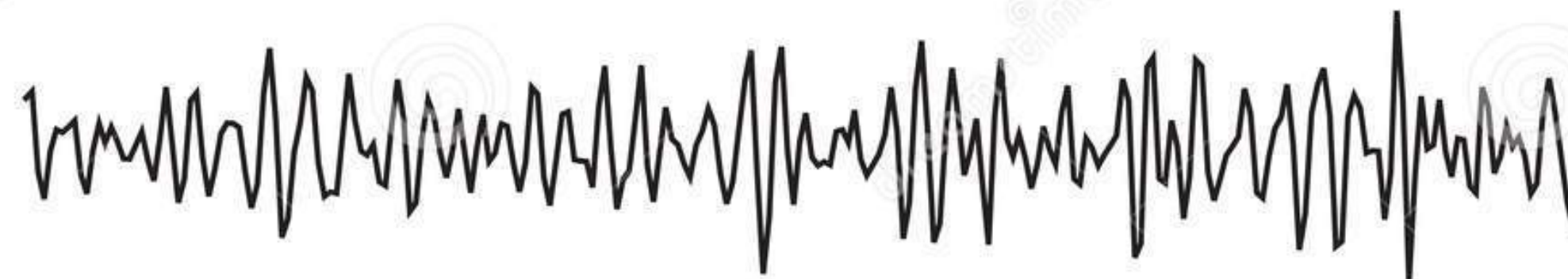
Kanoga & Mitsukura 2017



# Brainwaves

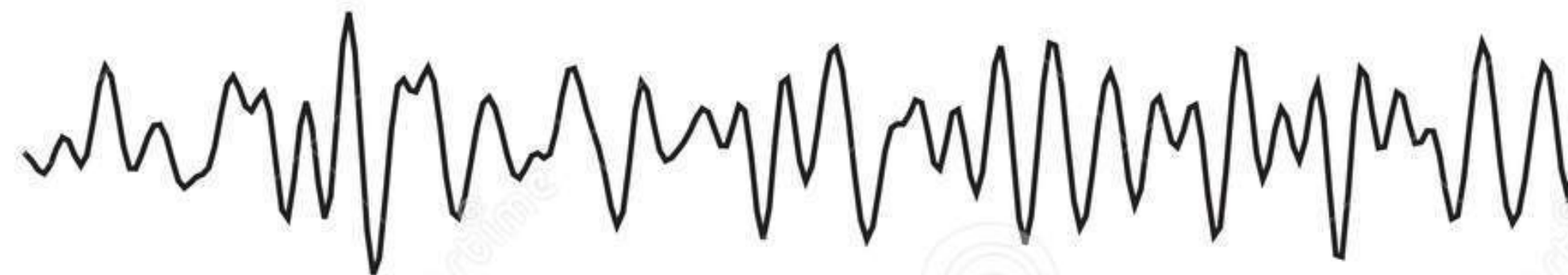
## HUMAN BRAIN WAVES

**GAMMA**  
31 - 100 Hz



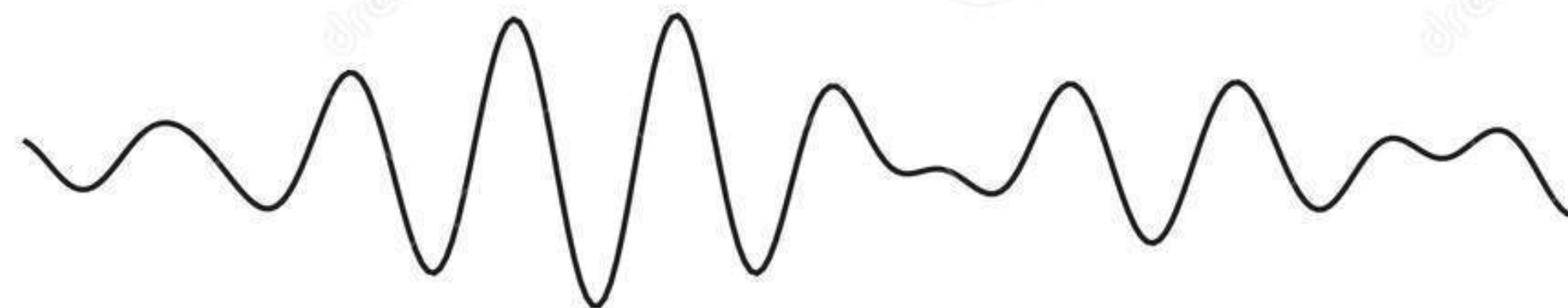
**Insight**  
**Peak focus**  
**Expanded consciousness**

**BETA**  
16 - 30 Hz



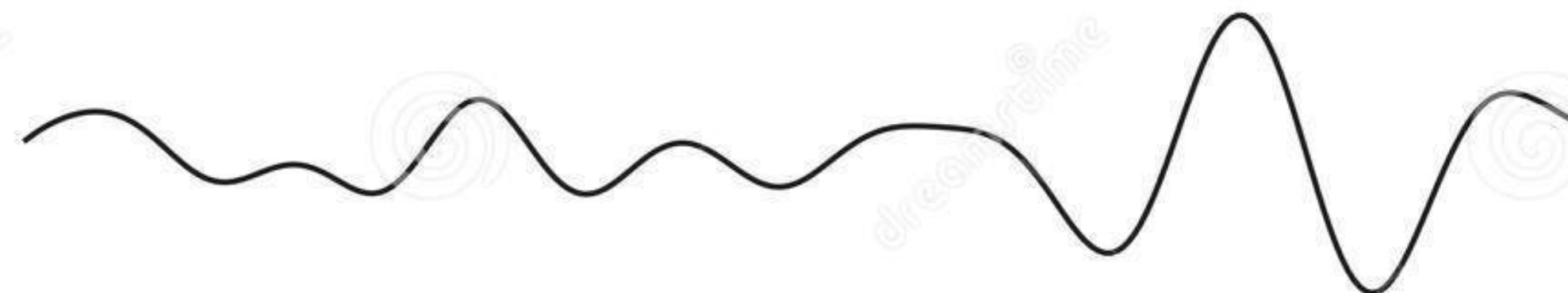
**Alertness**  
**Concentration**  
**Cognition**

**ALPHA**  
8 - 15 Hz



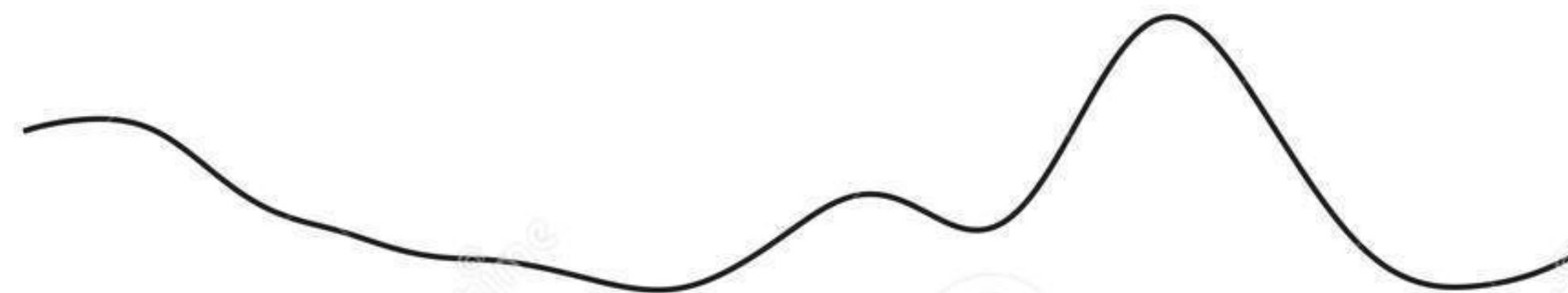
**Relaxation**  
**Visualization**  
**Creativity**

**THETA**  
4 - 7 Hz



**Meditation**  
**Intuition**  
**Memory**

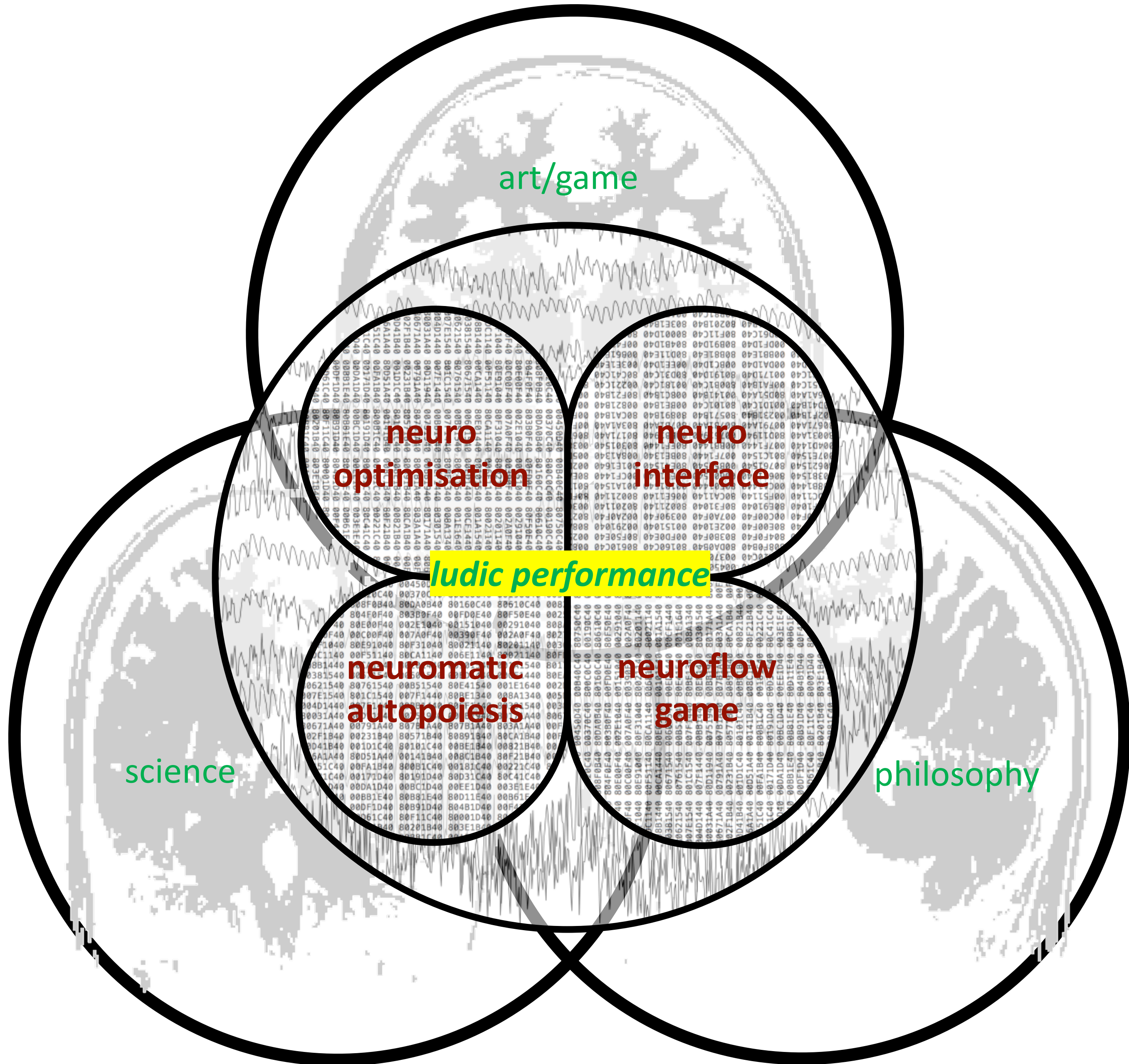
**DELTA**  
0.1 - 3 Hz



**Detached awareness**  
**Healing**  
**Sleep**

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Brainwave Broadcast #Series01, March 20 - April 3

First public appearance of the FWF/ PEEK PROJECT Neuromatic Game

Art: Critical game with neurointerfaces

What Zizek (2005) describes as *Jouissance*: *Jouissance* - the purposeless but autonomous object, is revealed in the brainwave broadcast.

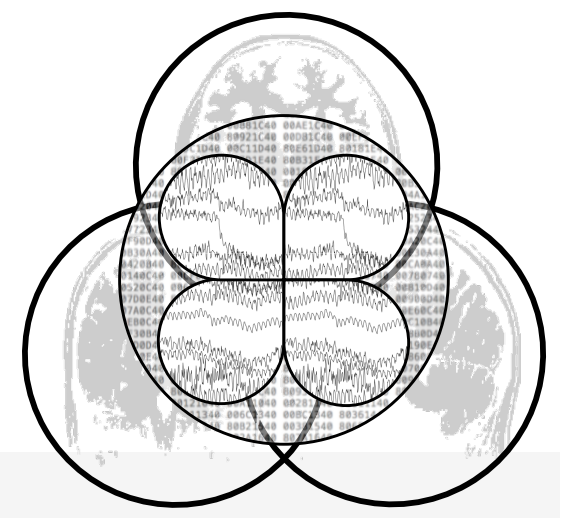
*Brain Chat (over 14 days of Covid )*

As an artistic statement in the 2 weeks of quarantine - metaphorically direct communication is made. Non-verbal communication is stimulated by artifacts from the brainwave spectrum and transmitted online.

The creative expressive potential of the bandwidth spectrum is interpreted in a way comparable to the performances of musicians. Participants can communicate bidirectionally via the chat. Analogous to a video phone call, a brainwave exchange can be forced. It is about the metaphors cognitive functions, perception and non-verbal communication.

The broadcast series is the first emanation of the artistic PEEK research project Neuromatic Game Art, which focuses on a critical evaluation of neurointerfaces originally developed for scientific and medical purposes. Phenomena of technological social constraints for self-optimization are artistically illuminated and interpreted in playful experiments and artistically researching experimental facilities.

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Zusätzliche Einstellungen  
Automatisch starten  
Automatisch beenden  
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Reaktor 6 - NeuromaticGames\_06.ens

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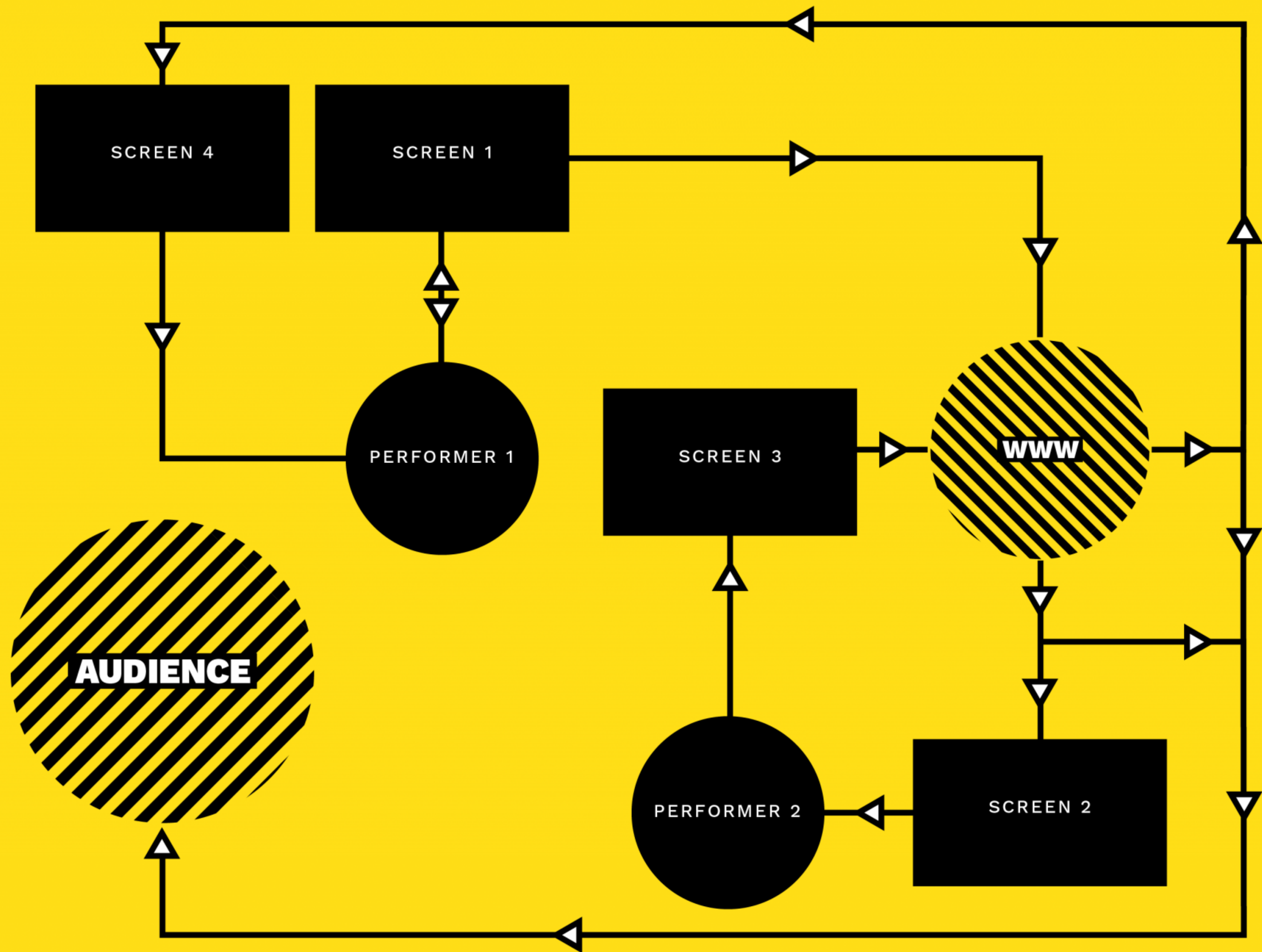
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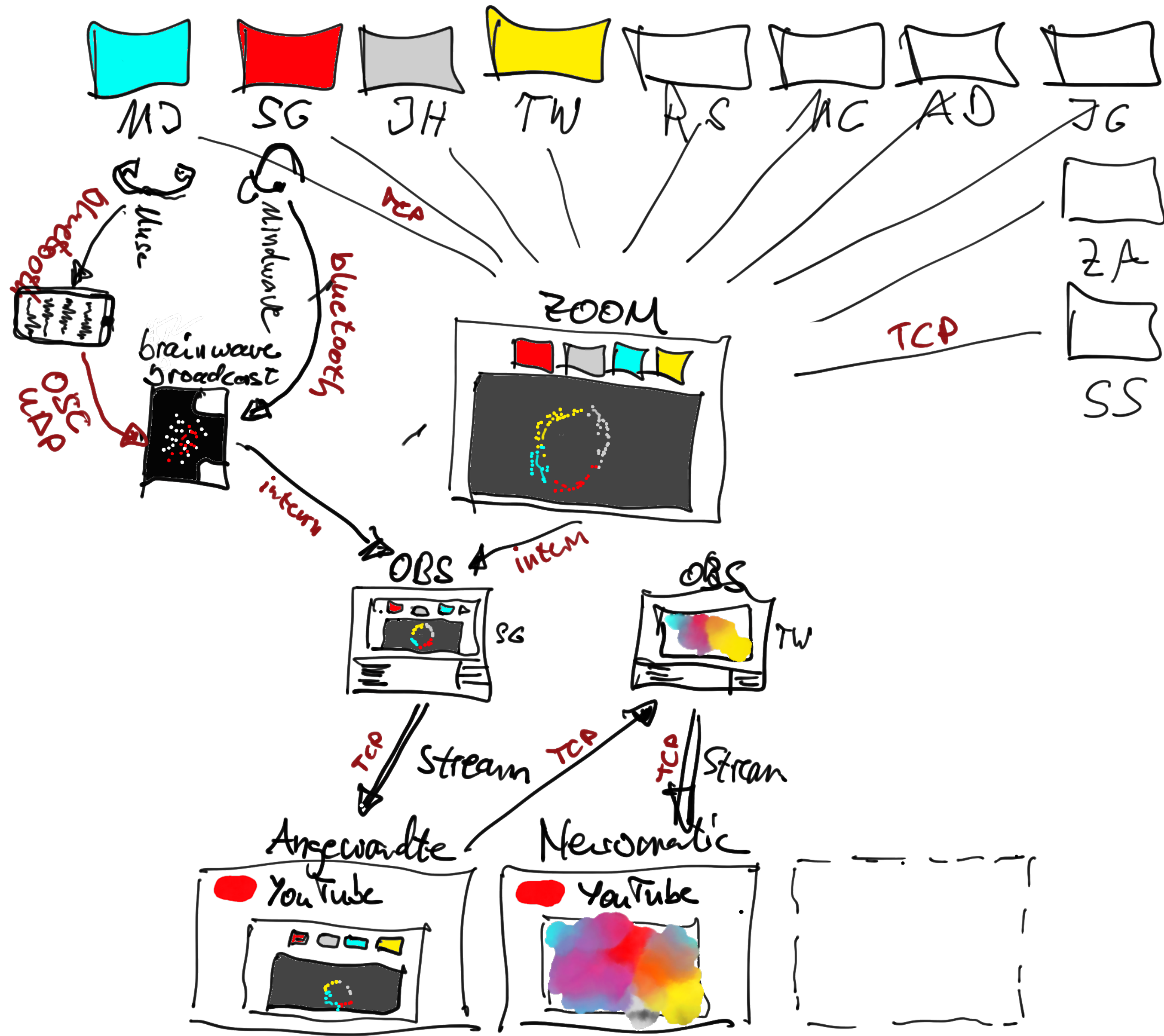
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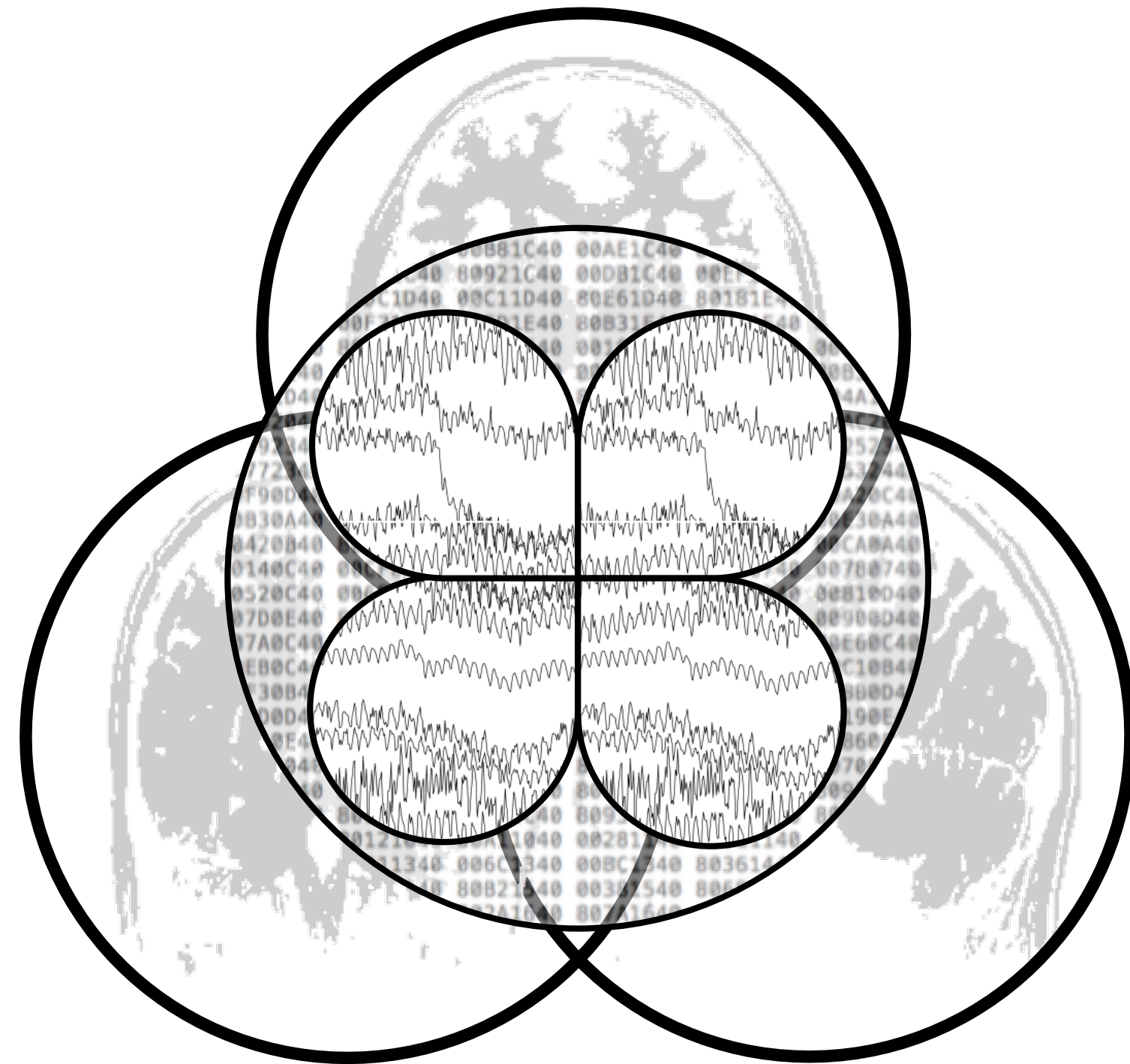








## ***Neuromatic Game Art***



### ***KICKOFF Experiments:***

- 1. Neuromatic Brainwave Broadcast***
- 2. Neuronetwork FLOWer***
- 3. Synaptic ActionPotential Shooter***



# Künstlerisches Spiel mit Gehirnströmen

Neurointerfaces, die Gehirnströme auslesen, werden zu Gadgets, die Daten an Lern- oder Meditationsapps schicken. Medienkünstler widmen sich in einem neuen Projekt den Implikationen dieser neuen Technologie.

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Der Standard · 6 Mai 2020 · Alois Pumhösel

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Im Bild der Liveübertragung auf der Videoplattform Youtube erscheint eine Punktwolke. Sie hat annähernd Sternform. Doch die Struktur der Wolke verändert sich. Die Sternform verschwimmt, fällt auf eine kreisförmige Häufung zusammen, expandiert wieder, gebiert neue Ausläufer, wird zum komplexen, vielarmigen Gebilde.



Die Punktwolke kommt aus dem Kopf von Margarete Jahrman. Die Medienkünstlerin und Kunsttheoretikerin an der Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien erscheint in einem Bildfenster neben der Punktwolke. Als „Testsubjekt“ trägt sie ein handelsübliches

<https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000117296435/kuenstlerisches-spiel-mit-gehirnstroemen>



NeuroFLOWER

- Muse data

EEG raw data-value overall spawn

Alpha - makes intensity noise pattern

Gyroscope - influence particles

Acceleration - is frequency noise

Betawaves - for overall set

- Neurosky data

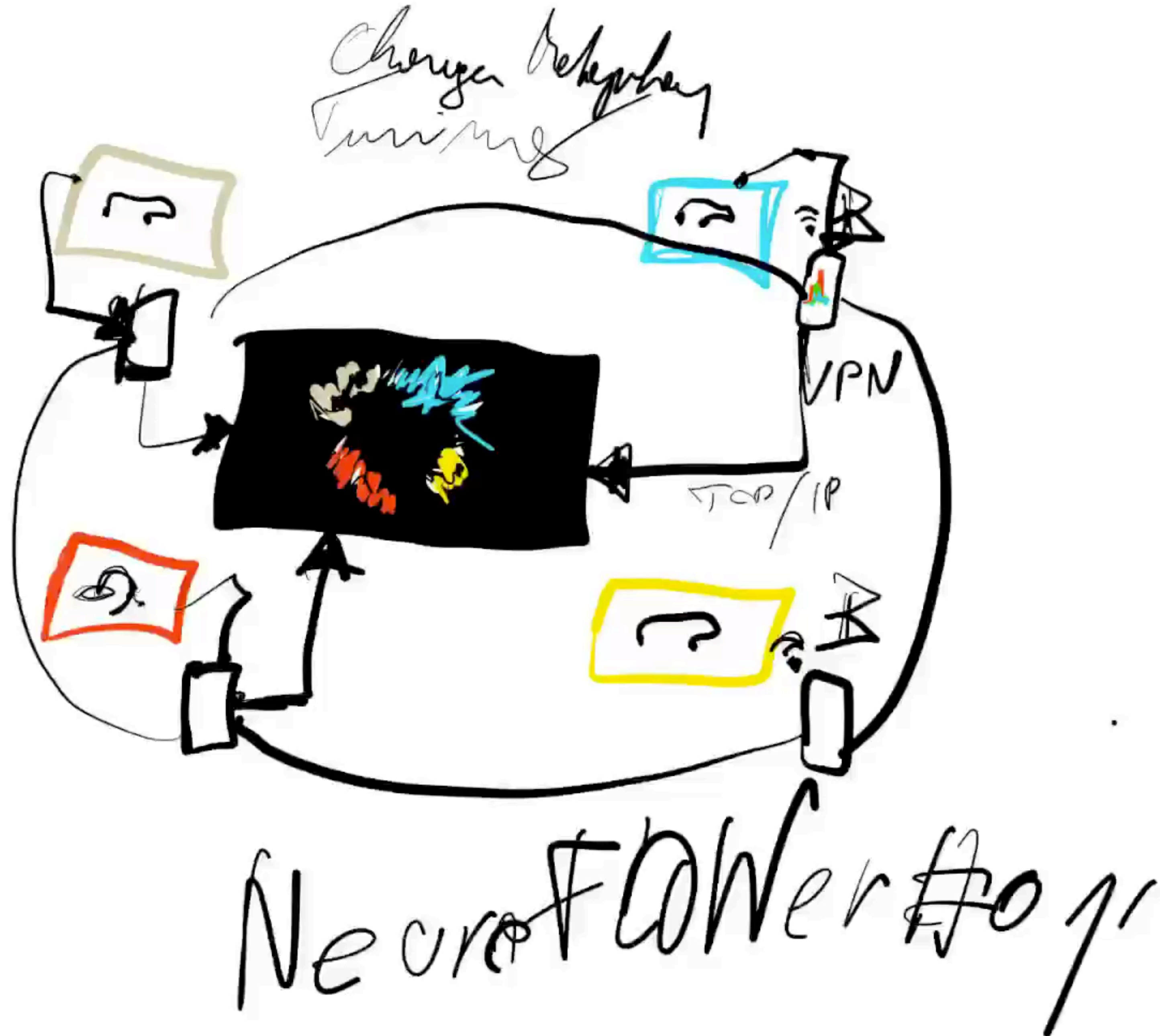
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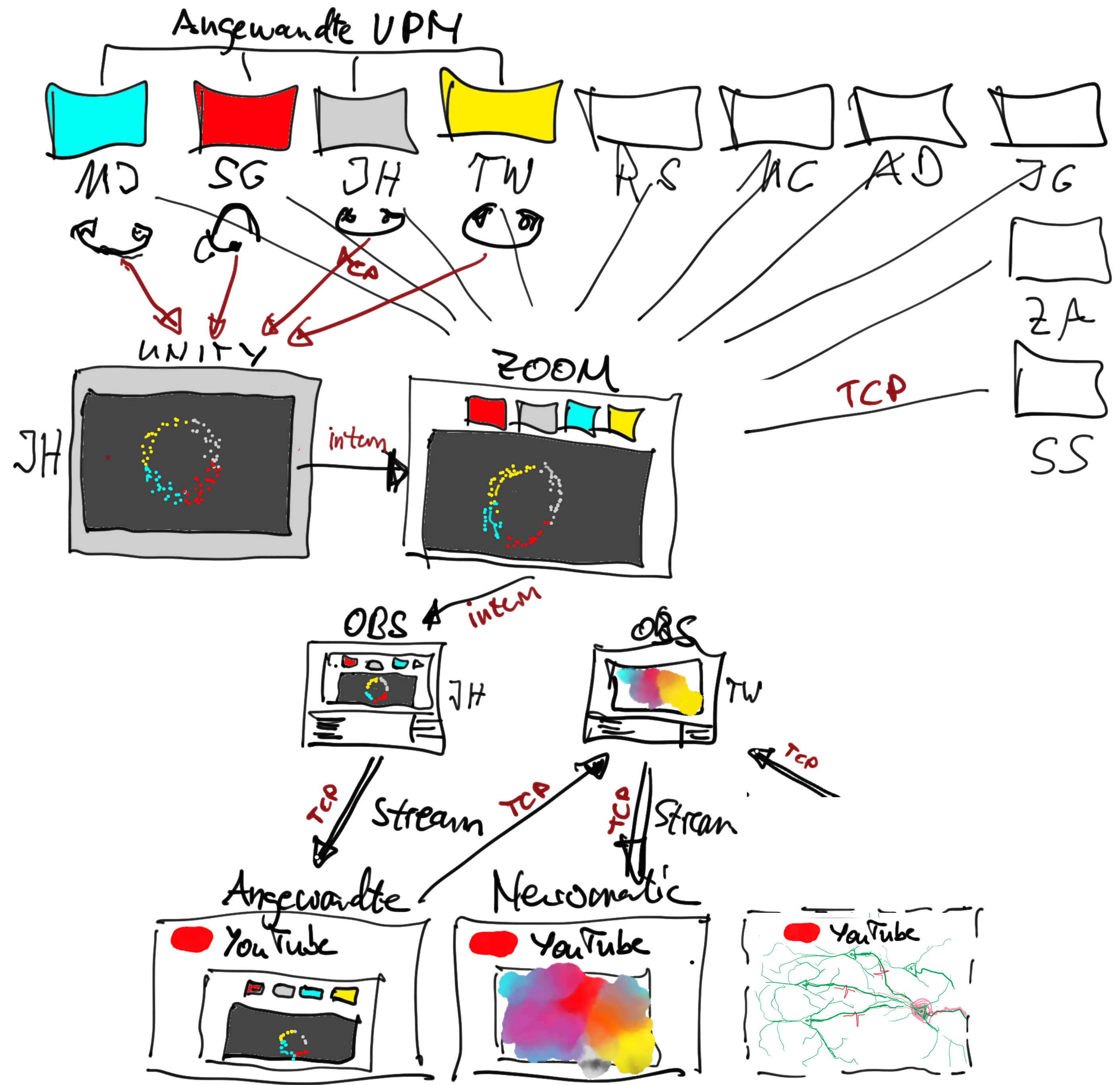
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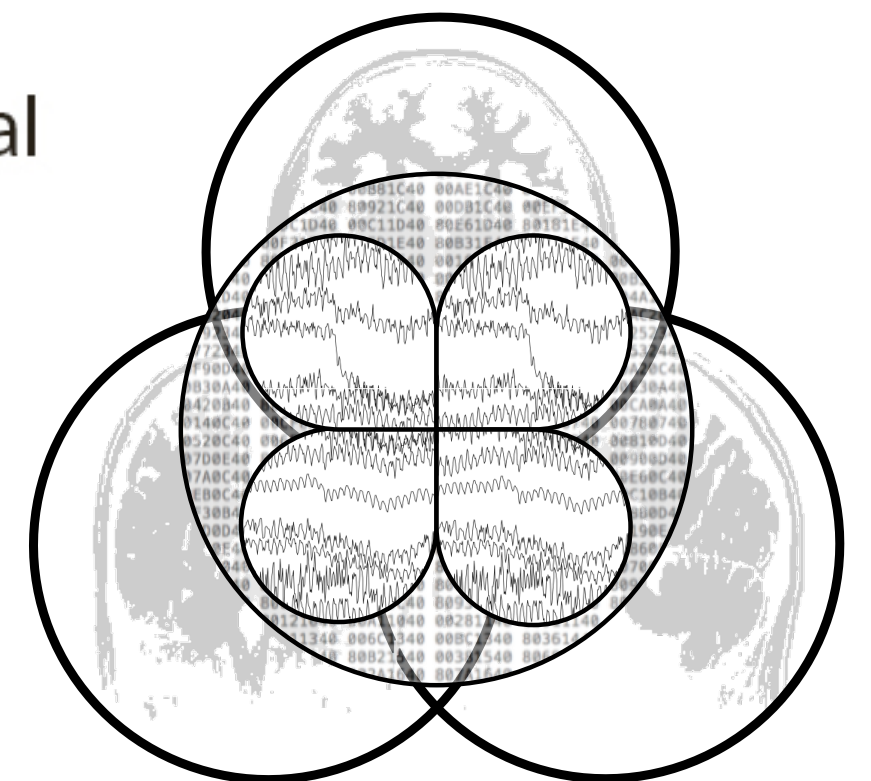


Brain Pictures Project, 2016  
relation between imagination and perception

Dreams Of Reality, 2017  
dream decodings

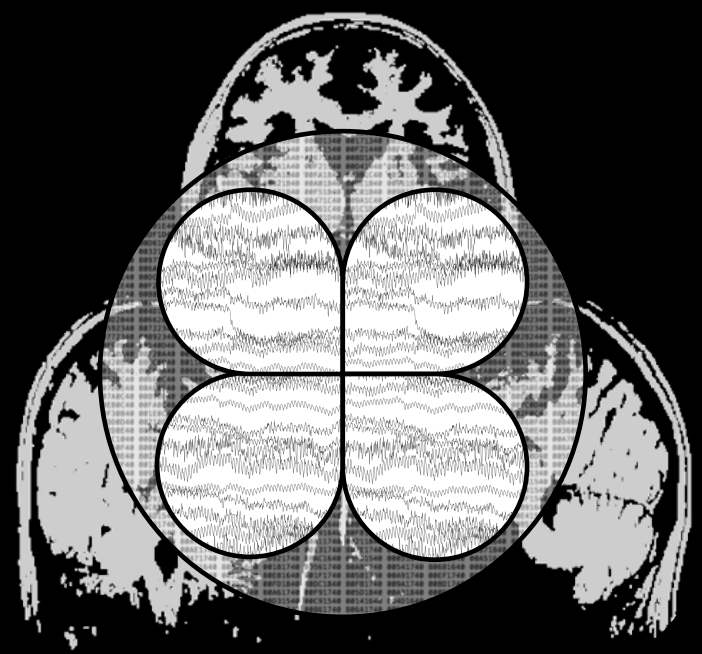
Swimming Against The Stream  
Of Consciousness, 2018  
language and poetry

- My multidisciplinary artistic practice is based on examination of consciousness, mental processes and AI, in relation to socio-political issues of cognitive capitalism by using the knowlegde produced within cognitive science.
- The relation between these two approaches is reflected in the interconnectedness between psychological and economic states, with synapses as main currency.
- Examination of personal phenomenology in relation to the already widely availabe devices for cognitive enhancement.





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research choreography; charlotta ruth



# Game

# Neurospace Harmony



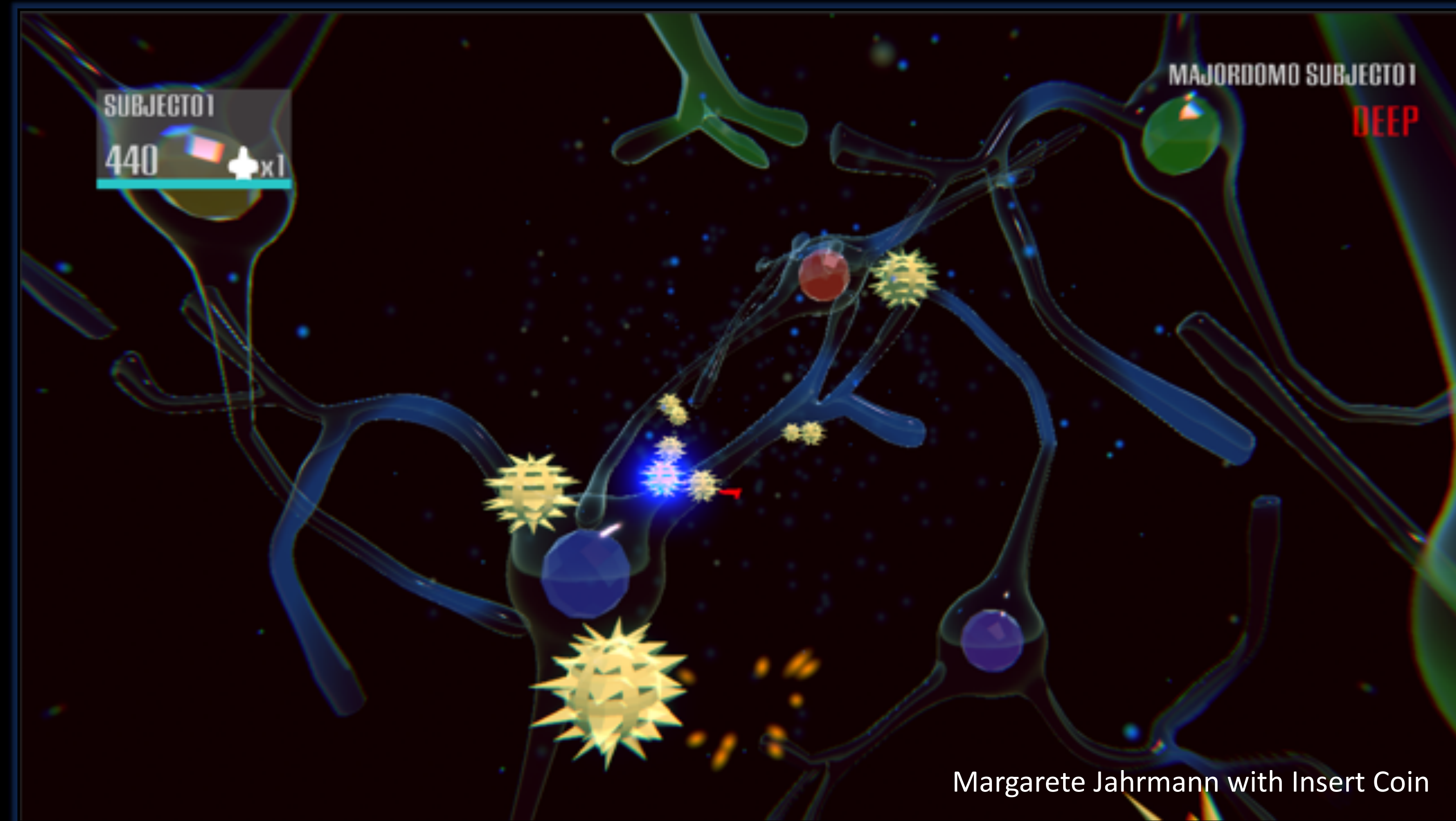
Neurospace Harmony is a game for one to five players. Players play using their EEG headbands only. Each player controls one research vessel which can release *action potentials* at the *barriers* which the game releases upon the players. It is their goal to clear the barriers from the game world and bring it to a state of *harmony*.

Players take turns in becoming the *majordomo*. Neurospace Harmony uses this player's signals (wavebands & EEG data) to control the game world.

**Players:** 1-4

**Controls:** Muse EEG Headbands

**Signals used:** alpha-, beta-, gamma-, delta- & theta- wavebands, accelerometer, signals for blinks, raw EEG signals.



research game; Zurich/Vienna2020