

BCI-based Hand Rehabilitation Robot for Neurorehabilitation Post Stroke

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Abstract

Hand impairments following a stroke can impact their ability to perform daily activities including grasping, reaching and hand manipulation. Considering motor cortex for hand movement is the largest among any other body parts, there is a need for more effective hand rehabilitation interventions post-stroke for promoting greater brain plasticity. Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) systems establish direct communication between the brain and the external environment, facilitating the repeated activation of closed-loop motor circuits damaged by stroke. Detecting a user's hand movement intentions in EEG-based BCI systems remains one of the most challenging tasks within the BCI related research topics. This study introduces a BCI-based dexterous hand rehabilitation robot for post-stroke grasping training, combining an EEG-vision hybrid intention recognition system with an 8-degree-of-freedom (DOF) hand rehabilitation glove. First, development of high-DOF dexterous wearable hand rehabilitation robot for assisting movement of five fingers in multiple DOFs. The soft wearable robotic glove consists of biomimetic tendon mechanism for actuating eight joints in hand. It is light weight, soft, and compact for comfortable assist in the hospital as well as home environment. Second, development of real-time intention recognition algorithm for various grasping tasks will be presented. Since the biological signals such as EEG and EMG are not enough to distinguish intentions for various hand grasping postures, the study will present multi-modal sensor system for high-DOF hand movement intention recognition. The system was evaluated with eight stroke survivors showing promising improvement over similar studies.

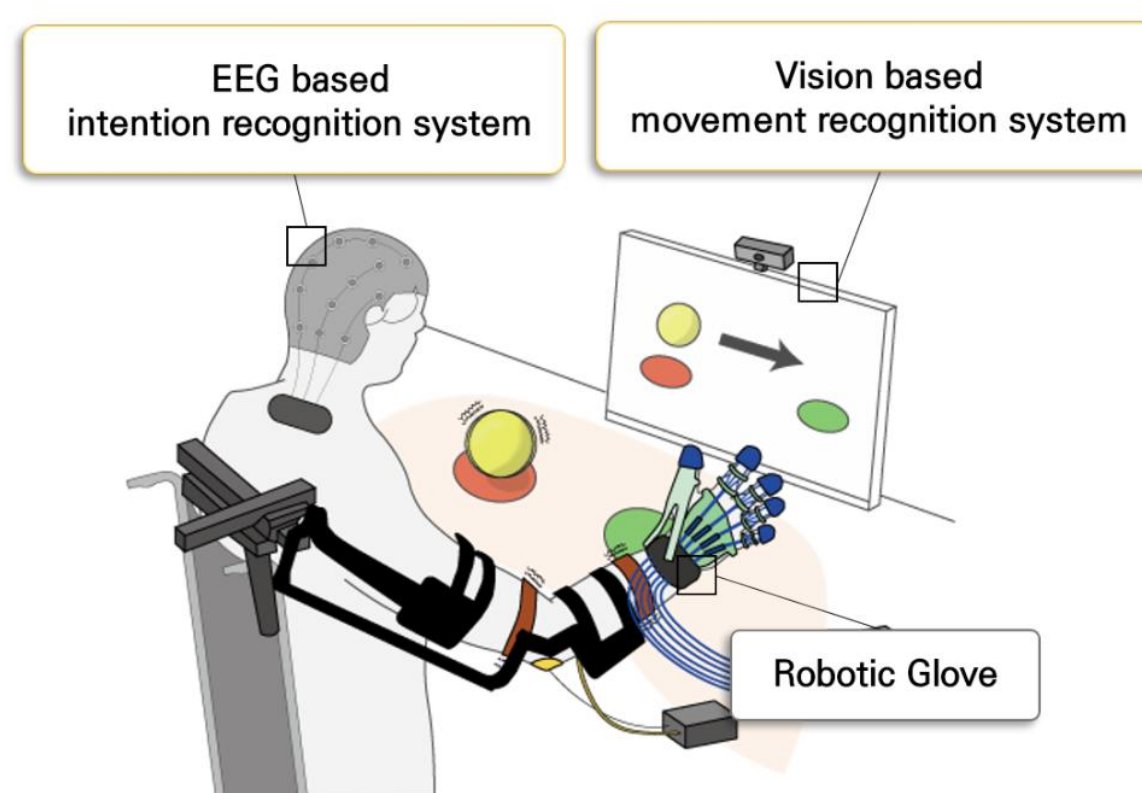


Fig.1. BCI-based hand rehabilitation robot system

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