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Abstract: SSVEP and Eye-Blink based BCI systems have emerged as novel tools to assist physically disabled people, who are either entirely wheelchair bound or lack limbs for communication. Home automation, navigation, and appliance usage are the most common application areas for these systems. Two such applications, developed in our lab, are discussed in this talk. The first one discusses a non-GUI based hardware implementation of device identification, detection and confirmation in home setting using Using SSVEP & Eye-Blink Detection Based Brain-Computer Interface. Furthermore, a coarse Bluetooth-based indoor user localization that may help in expanding the number of devices detected and controlled using SSVEP is also discussed. In the second application, a low-cost prototype of wheelchair automation for the disabled using SSVEP and eye-blink detection based BCI is discussed.

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