

Skype a Scientist:

Brains and Computers

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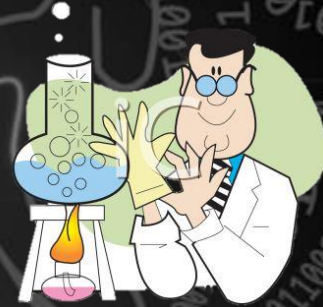


How does science work?

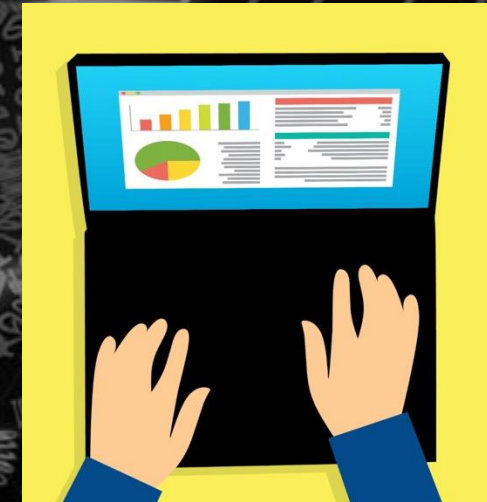
1. Question



2. Experiment



3. Analysis



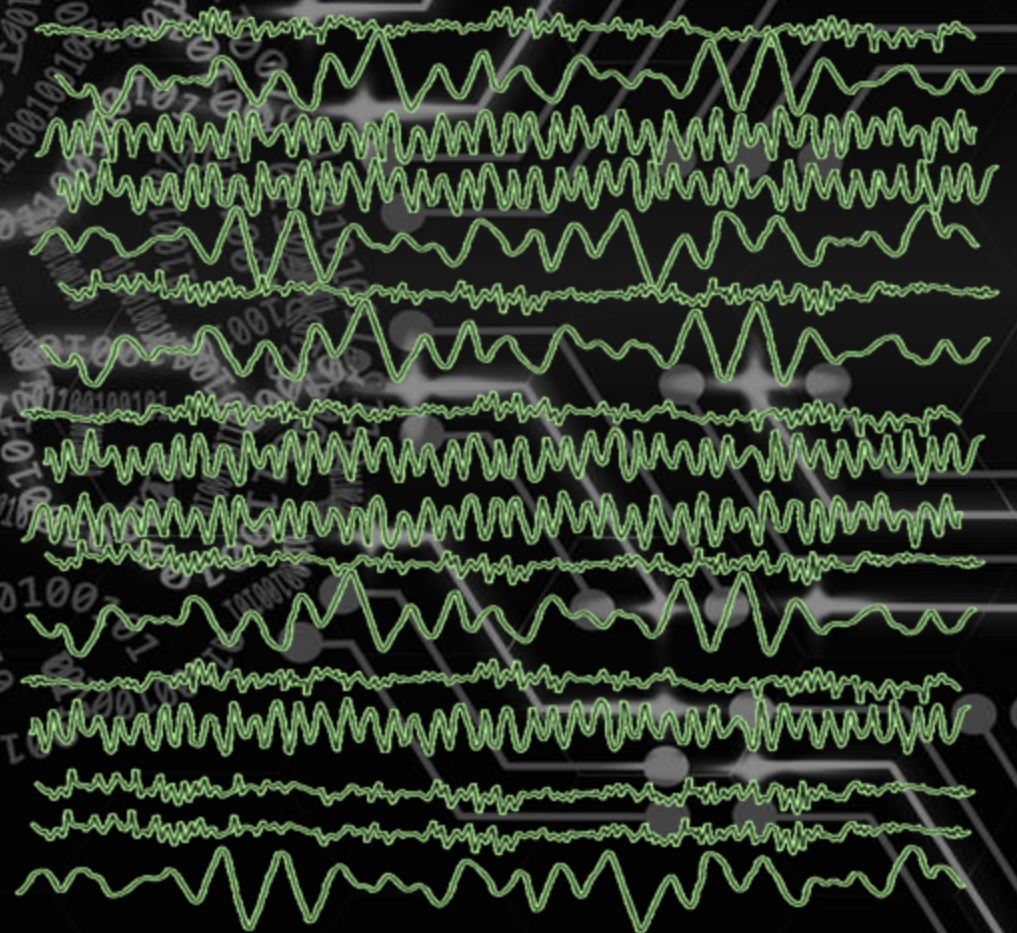
4. Describe your findings



How do I study the brain?

This is **Bob**, and will do an experiment with us today

We put a special cap on him to “listen” to his brain



We can also see Bob's brain

We put Bob in special machines called MRIs to "see" how his brain looks like



Do you want to see Bob's brain?

Our experiment

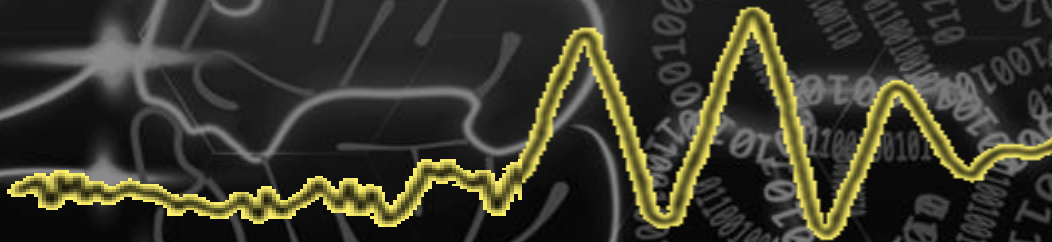
While listening and seeing Bob's brain, we let Bob play a game:
we show him a picture and ask him to find the **polar bear**, if
there is one



Our brain tells us if we have seen a polar bear



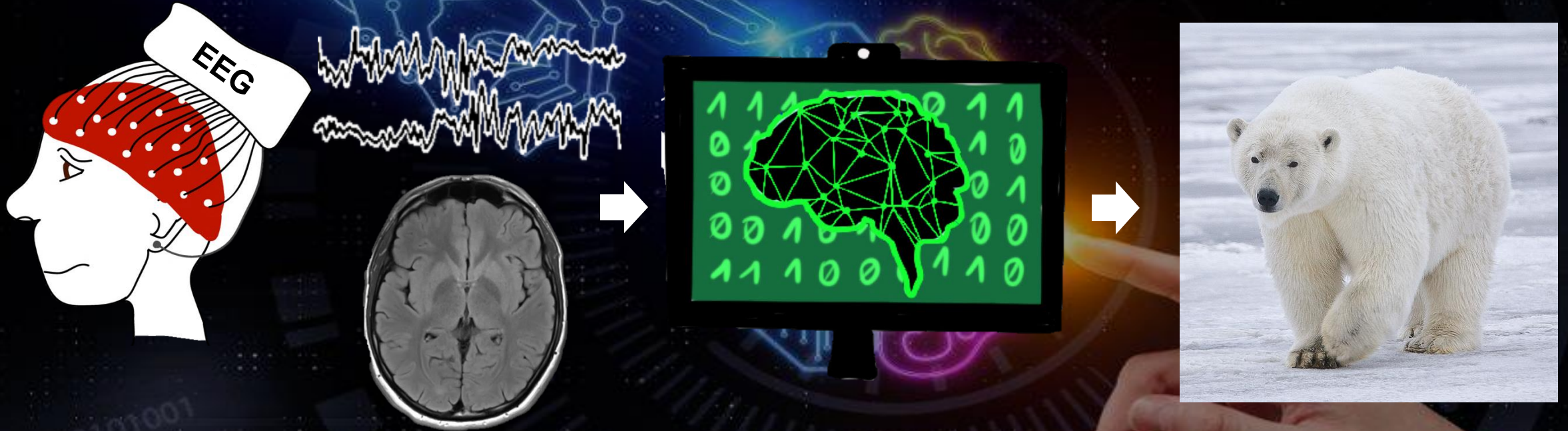
No polar bear



Found it!

How do brains and computers talk to each other?

Bob has seen a bear!



This is a **Brain-Computer Interface**

Computers help us understand the brain

Alice does not feel very well today



The computer looks at her brain



And helps the doctor understand what the problem is



Time for questions!

