ABSTRACT:
With the rapid development of computer and imaging technologies, a huge number of neural information has been continually produced worldwide and providing rich resources for the exploration of various applications. By exploiting these complex data including EEG and fMRI, artificial intelligence techniques have attracted increasing interests of researchers in the fields of healthcare and neural engineering. Exploring new theories and applications from the perspective of machine learning will significantly promote the development of neural engineering and personalized medicine. In this talk, I will present some of our recent work about neural pattern decoding and biomarker discovery using newly designed machine learning algorithms, including sparse feature optimization, Bayesian decoding of neural signals, and unsupervised disease subtyping, for brain-machine interaction and treatment personalization of mental disorders.

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