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**mindaffectBCI**

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# Setting up

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The **mindaffectBCI** is an open-source brain-computer-interface framework, aimed at enabling users to easily develop new ways for interacting with their computers directly using their brains.



# CHAPTER 1

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## What makes mindaffectBCI different

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There are already a number excellent of open-source BCI frameworks out there, such as [bci2000](#) and [openVibe](#), with large active user communities. So why develop another one?

When we looked at the existing frameworks, we noticed that whilst they were great and extremely flexible, they weren't so easy to use for developing end-user applications. So they didn't quite meet our objective of making it easy to develop new modes of interaction using brain signals.

Our aim is to simplify or hide the brain-signals aspect of the BCI as much as possible (or wanted) and so allow developers to focus on their applications. With this in mind mindaffectBCI is designed to be;

- **modular**
- **cross-platform** – run on all major desktop OSs (talk to [us](#) if you are interested in mobile)
- **hardware neutral** – support (via [brainflow](#)) many existing amplifiers, with instructions to easily add more,
- **language neutral** – provide APIs and examples for; python, java, c/c++, c#, swift
- **batteries included** – out of the box include a high-performance BCI, and examples for using this with common app development frameworks; (python, unity, swift)



# CHAPTER 2

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## Target users of mindaffectBCI

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### 2.1 User Interface Designers

The main target users for the mindaffectBCI are Application Developers who would like to add brain control to their applications, for example to add brain controls to a smart TV application. Within that we provide tools for particular user groups.

- Game Designers: Do you want to add brain controls to an existing game? Or make a new game including Brain controls as a novel interaction modality? You can easily do this, in a cross-platform way, using our [unity](#) plugin available [here](#).
- Patient Technical Support Teams: One of the key motivators behind the MindAffect team is to make BCIs available to improve peoples lives. We can help some patients directly ourselves, but cannot support every possible patient and their environment. Instead, we try to provide the tools so patient support teams can themselves fit the BCI to their patients needs. For this, we provide a basic text communication application out-of-the-box, with guidance on how to customise this for their users needs, for example for fewer or more letters, or control of novel output devices.
- Hackers and Makers: Do you want to add brain control to your raspberry-pi robot, Lego robot, sphero or drone? Now you can, either by using a simple control app on your laptop, or (more fun) by adding LEDs or LASERS(!!!) to your robot for direct control. We provide examples for driving LEDs from a raspberry Pi, and are happy to help using other hacker boards (micro:bit) or even the LEDs on your drone.

### 2.2 Neuroscience Students and Researchers

For the user interface designers, we deliberately hide the brain-signals as much as possible. However, a BCI also provides an excellent tool for learning about basic neuroscience – in particular how the brain responses to external stimulus. For these users provide tools for the on-line real-time visualization of the stimulus specific responses. Importantly, these visualizations utilize the same technology as the on-line BCI, which uses machine learning techniques to improve signal quality and separate the responses from overlapping brain responses. This, gives students a clear

view of the brain response in a short amount of time allowing for interactive learning and experimentation with stimulus parameters or mental strategies. For example, so students can directly see the common (p300) and differential (perceptual) responses when using visual vs. auditory oddball paradigms.

## 2.3 Machine Learning Engineers / Data Scientists

Modern BCIs (including our own) rely heavily on machine learning techniques to process the noisy data gathered from EEG sensors and cope with the high degree of variability in responses over different individuals and locations. MindAffect firmly believes that with more sophisticated machine learning techniques more useful information can be extracted from even ‘low quality’ consumer grade EEG data. What is really needed is a combination of more and larger datasets on which to train the algorithms and better techniques tuned to the specific issues of neural data. The mindaffect BCI aims to facilitate this data lead approach to BCI in two ways.

- Firstly, by making it easier to rapidly gather relatively large EEG datasets by using consumer grade EEG devices and applications designed in your preferred application development framework. For example, by using a raspberry Pi, headphones, and EEG headband and an openBCI ganglion to measure the brain’s response to different music types.
- Secondly, by providing a `sklearn` compatible interface for machine learning developers to experiment with different learning algorithms, both in larger off-line dataset analysis and then directly in on-line applications.

# CHAPTER 3

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## Project ideas for users

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- 1) Brain controlled robot arm - use a laser or projector to illuminate objects to move, e.g. chess pieces, or food to eat, and the BCI to select which piece to move and where too. Lazy chess or snacking. See [here](#) for an example.
- 2) Neural [shazam](#) or Perceived music detection - Identify what music someone is listening to directly from their brain response.
- 3) Tactile BCI - Allow someone to answer yes-no-questions (or even spell words) by concentrating on different parts of their body.
- 4) Brain Defenders – Play [missile-command](#) using only your brain to pick where to send your defending missiles. Or go further and do it in [Virtual Reality](#)
- 5) Brain home-automation - Use brain control to change the color of your lights, like [Philips Hue control](#), or to control your TV.
- 6) Real-world telekinesis - Use your brain to shoot storm-troopers in a modern tin-can-alley, like [this](#)
- 7) Brain-Golf (or Croquet)– play golf with your brain by controlling a [sphero](#) from a tablet. See [Sphero control](#) for some inspiration.
- 8) Brain control of your phone? Use our unity or iOS APIs to build a phone app controllable with your brain? Like [this](#)

### 3.1 Installation

#### 3.1.1 Requirements

**Warning:** Numpy version 1.19.4 does currently not work under Windows 10-2004. Installation gives the following error: `RuntimeError: The current Numpy installation ('..\\lib\\site-packages\\numpy\\__init__.py') fails to pass a sanity check due to a bug in the windows runtime`

If you are running into this issue, install numpy 1.19.3 manually:

```
pip install numpy==1.19.3
```

- Python (3.x) installation (Suggested: [Anaconda](#))
- [JDK](#) such as [openJDK](#)
- EEG amplifier (e.g. OpenBCI Cyton, OpenBCI Ganglion, see [supported\\_hardware](#) for the full list of supported hardware.)

### 3.1.2 Recommended Setup

The MindAffect BCI can be used with various EEG acquisition and presentation devices and is therefore not limited to our recommended setup. It is however tested on the following supported hardware:

- Amplifier: OpenBCI Cyton
- Headset: The MindAffect Headset (Find the files to 3d print your own on our [Github](#))
- Windows 10 machine

### 3.1.3 OS Optimization

For rapid visual stimulation BCI (like the MindAffect BCI), it is very important that the visual flicker is displayed accurately. From our testing we found that the following things help in improving timing accuracy:

- For windows 10: Disable full-screen optimization for your Python executable as explained [here](#).
- For laptop users: make sure that your charger is plugged in and your machine is in *power mode: Best performance* (or a similar). [How to change power mode](#).
- Set your screen to maximum brightness and disable *Night Light*, *f.lux*, or other applications that change the colour temperature of your screen.

### 3.1.4 Installing the package

To install from source:

1. Clone or [download](#) the pymindaffectBCI repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/mindaffect/pymindaffectBCI
```

2. Install the necessary bits to your local python path:

1. change to the directory where you cloned the repository.
2. Add this module to the python path, and install dependencies:

```
pip install -e .
```

Note: The “.” after “-e” should be included in the command!

To install as a python library. (Note: installing from source is recommended as you can directly access the examples and configuration files.):

```
pip install --upgrade mindaffectBCI
```

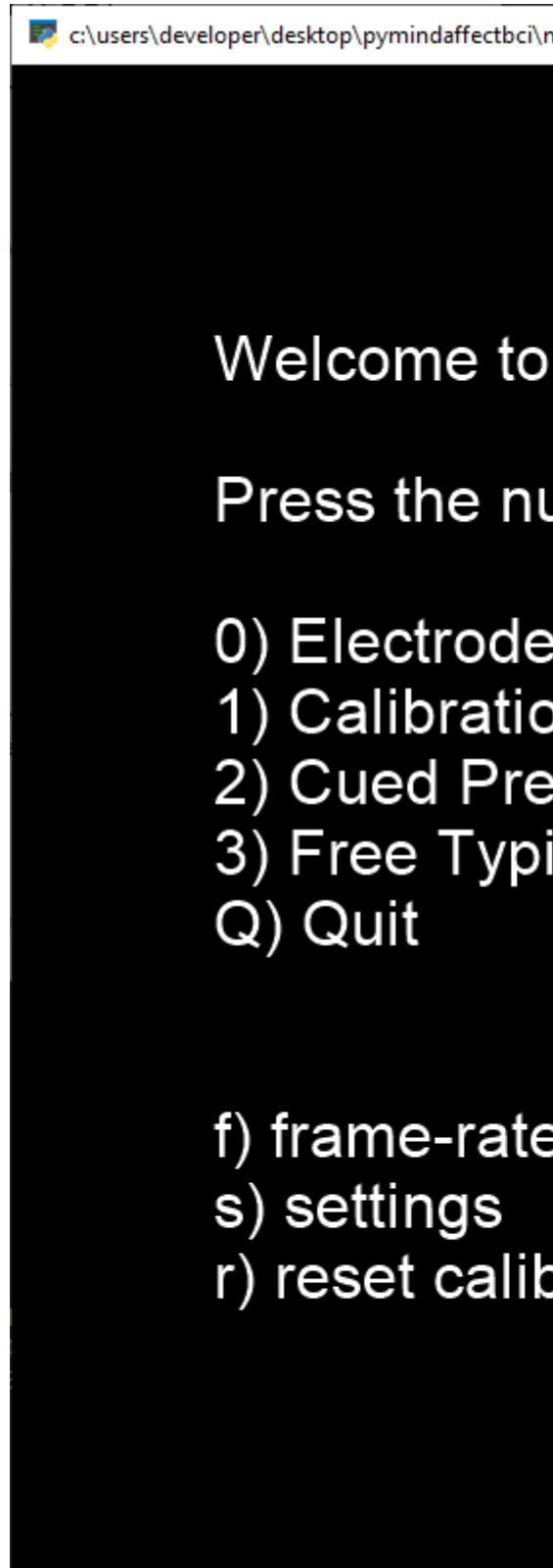
### 3.1.5 Installation Check

As a quick check if the software has installed correctly into your python environment you can run:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --acquisition fakedata
```

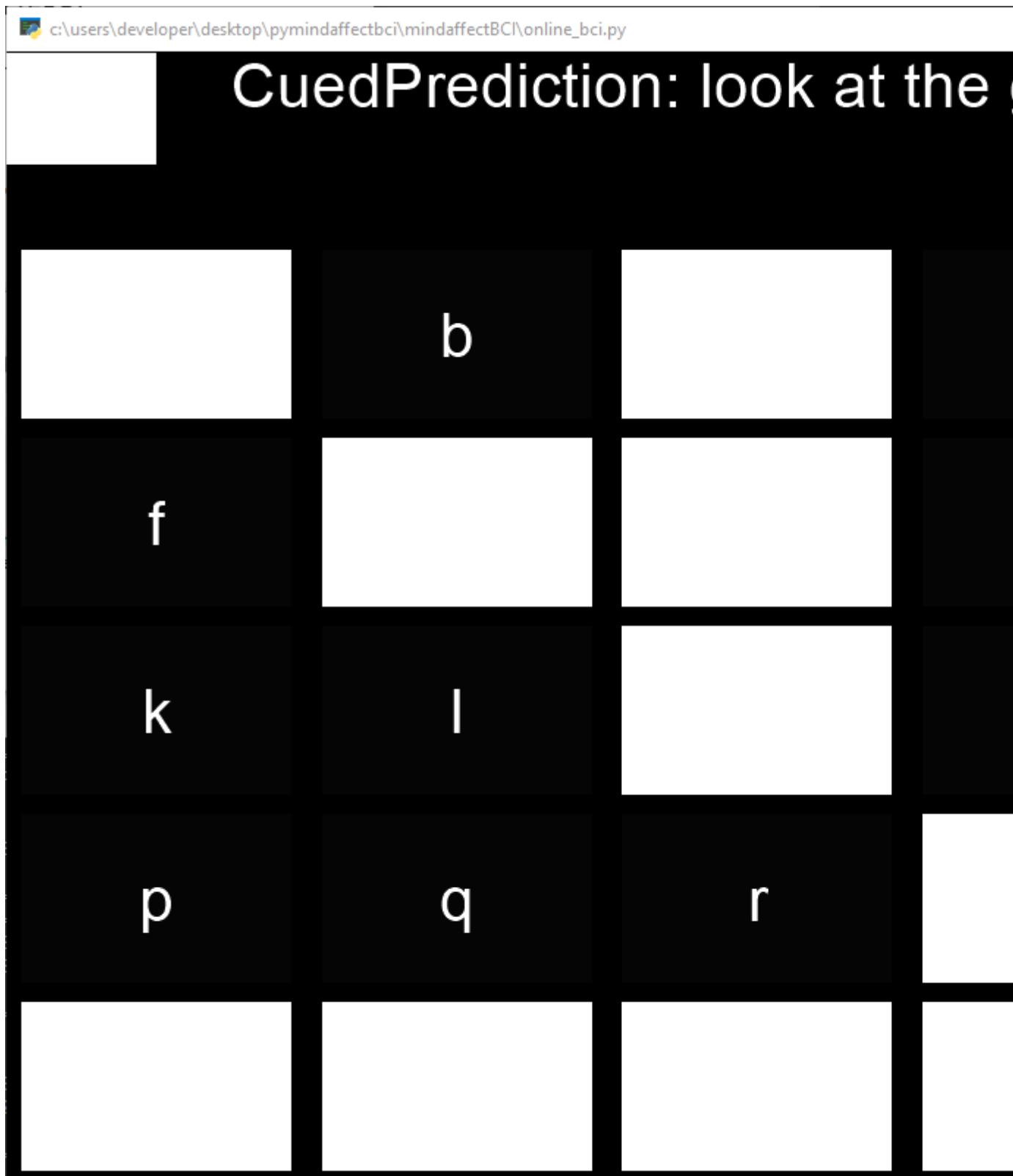
Note: depending on the specifics of your python installation, you may have to omit the 3 from the command:

```
python -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --acquisition fakedata
```



If all is successfully installed then you should see a window like this open up::

If you now press 2 you should see a flickering grid of “buttons” like below. You should see a random one briefly flash green (it’s



If all this works then you have successfully installed the mindaffectBCI python software. You should now ensure your hardware (display, amplifier) is correctly configured before jumping into BCI control.

### 3.1.6 FrameRate Check

For rapid visual stimulation BCI (like the noisetagging BCI), it is very important that the visual flicker be displayed accurately. However, as the graphics performance of computers varies widely it is hard to know in advance if a particular configuration is accurate enough. To help with this we also provide a graphics performance checker, which will validate that your graphics system is correctly configured. You can run this with:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.examples.presentation.framerate_check
```

or:

```
python -m mindaffectBCI.examples.presentation.framerate_check
```

As this runs it will show in a window your current graphics frame-rate and, more importantly, the variability in the frame times. For good BCI performance this jitter should be <1ms. If you see jitter greater than this you should probably adjust your graphics card settings. The most important setting to consider is to be sure that you have `vsync` turned-on. Many graphics cards turn this off by default, as it (in theory) gives higher frame rates for gaming. However, for our system, frame-rate is less important than exact timing, hence always turn `vsync` on for visual Brain-Computer-Interfaces!

### 3.1.7 Amplifier configuration

In addition to configuring the software, you should ensure that your EEG hardware is correctly configured to optimise BCI performance. For the [openBCI cyton](#) and [ganglion](#) see this page [Amplifier Setup: openBCI Cyton and Ganglion](#) for how to configure these amplifiers and get the required COM-port information.

## 3.2 Supported EEG hardware

The mindaffectBCI can supports different ways to connect to amplifiers allowing us to work with many different amplifiers. Here we give an overview of the main connection types and the supported amps.

### 3.2.1 BrainFlow Connections

The primary amplifier connection type is provided by `brainflow`. Thus any amplifier supported by `brainflow` can be used by the mindaffect BCI with a simple configuration file change.

**Internally, we have most experience with:**

- [openBCI Ganglion](#) with 4 water-based EEG electrodes over the occipital cortex using our 3d printed [headband](#).
- [openBCI Cyton](#) with 6 to 8 water based EEG electrodes over the occipital cortex using our 3d printed [headband](#)

### 3.2.2 Brainflow supported

This `online_bci` uses `brainflow` by default for interfacing with the EEG amplifier. Specifically the file in `examples\acquisition\utopia_brainflow.py` is used to setup the `brainflow` connection. You can check in this file to see what options are available to configure different amplifiers. In particular you should setup the `board_id` and additional parameters as discussed in the [brainflow documentation](#).

You can specify the configuration for your amplifier in the `acq_args` section of the configuration file `online_bci.json`. For example to specify to use the brainflow simulated board use

```
"acq_args": { "board_id": -1 }
```

Or to use the openBCI Cyton on com-port 4

```
"acq_args": {
    "board_id": 0,
    "serial_port": "COM4"
}
```

### 3.2.3 LSL supported

If your amplifier supports streaming with the [Lab-Streaming-Layer](#) then directly use this as an acquisition device. Specifically the file in `examples\acquisition\utopia_lsl.py` is used to setup the LSL connection. You can check in this file for detailed (and up-to-date) information on what options are available for the LSL connection.

You can specify the configuration for your amplifier in the `acq_args` section of the configuration file. For example to use connect to the 1st LSL device with the EEG datatype, and only stream channels named Cz,C3,C4 use:

```
"acquisition": "lsl",
"acq_args": { "streamtype": "EEG", "channels": ["Cz", "C3", "C4"] }
```

Note: This does *not* actually start the amplifier stream. You will need to separately do that by separately running the appropriate amplifier-lsl driver. For example using the `openBCI_LSL` drivers to configure and start an LSL stream for a Cyton.

### 3.2.4 FieldTrip Realtime supported

[FieldTrip](#) is a toolbox for analysis of neuroimaging data. As part of it's `fieldtrip realtime` support it provides drivers for a range of EEG/MEG/fMRI amplifiers. If your amplifier is supported in this way, you can use the FieldTrip acquisition driver to forward data from the `fieldtrip` amplifier driver to `pymindaffectBCI`.

You can specify the configuration for your amplifier in the `acq_args` section of the configuration file. For example to forward from FieldTrip buffer to `pymindaffectBCI` use:

```
"acquisition": "ft"
```

Note: This does *not* actually start the amplifier stream. You will need to separately do that by separately running the appropriate amplifier-ft driver, see the [list of implementations](#).

### 3.2.5 BrainProducts LiveAmp

Thanks to valuable support from BrainProducts, including loan equipment for testing, MindAffectBCI includes ‘out-of-the-box’ basic support for the BrainProducts [LiveAmp](#). Specifically the file in `examples\acquisition\utopia_brainproducts.py` is used to connect to the amplifier. You can check in this file for detailed (and up-to-date) information on what options are available for this amplifier.

**Note: To use this amplifier you must:**

1. *first* install the amplifier driver, which you should have received along with your amplifier) *and*
2. have attached your ‘key-dongle’ to an available USB port on your computer.

You can specify the configuration for the LiveAmp in the *acq\_args* section of the configuration file. For example to use this amp with default configuration use:

```
"acquisition": "bp"
```

### 3.2.6 AntNeuro eego

Thanks to valuable support from AntNeuro, including loan equipment for testing, MindAffectBCI includes ‘out-of-the-box’ basic support for the ANT-NEURO EEGO. Specifically the file in `examples\acquisition\utopia_eego.py` is used to connect to the amplifier. You can check in this file for detailed (and up-to-date) information on what options are available for this amplifier.

Note: To use this amplifier you must *first* install the amplifier driver, which you should have received along with your amplifier.

You can specify the configuration for the eego in the *acq\_args* section of the configuration file. To use this driver with default config use

```
"acquisition": "eego"
```

### 3.2.7 Other Amplifiers

Alternatively, thanks to valuable support from their developers, we support some non-brainflow amplifiers ‘out-of-the-box’, spe

- TMSi `Mobita`: using `-acquisition mobita`, see `examples\acquisition\utopia_mobita.py` for the configuration options.

### 3.2.8 Add your own AMP support

If you have an amp which is not currently supported, and you have a way of getting raw samples out of it, then you can easily (7 lines of Python!) add support for your device as described in the [Add a new Amplifier](#) tutorial.

Hardware Makers: We are also happy to add support for additional amplifiers if EEG makers request it and are willing to provide open-source SDKs and test hardware.

## 3.3 Running on a Raspberry Pi

The mindaffectBCI can run directly on a `raspberry pi`. However, your mileage may vary depending on which model of pi you have, we recommend;

- To run the complete BCI stack, with *screen-based* presentation, acquisition, decoder, etc., a pi model 4
- To run just the decoder or decoder with LED based presentation, a `pi model 3` or higher.
- To run just LED presentation, then a `pi zero`

**Depending on which part of the BCI you want to run, you will need to install some additional packages. For the full-system dep**

- Java:
- BLAS:

In addition to enable OpenGL in the desktop you should enable the KMS (or fake-KMS) GL driver support by.

- open raspi-config
- Go to Advanced Options -> GL Driver -> GL (Fake KMS)
- reboot your Pi for the settings to take effect

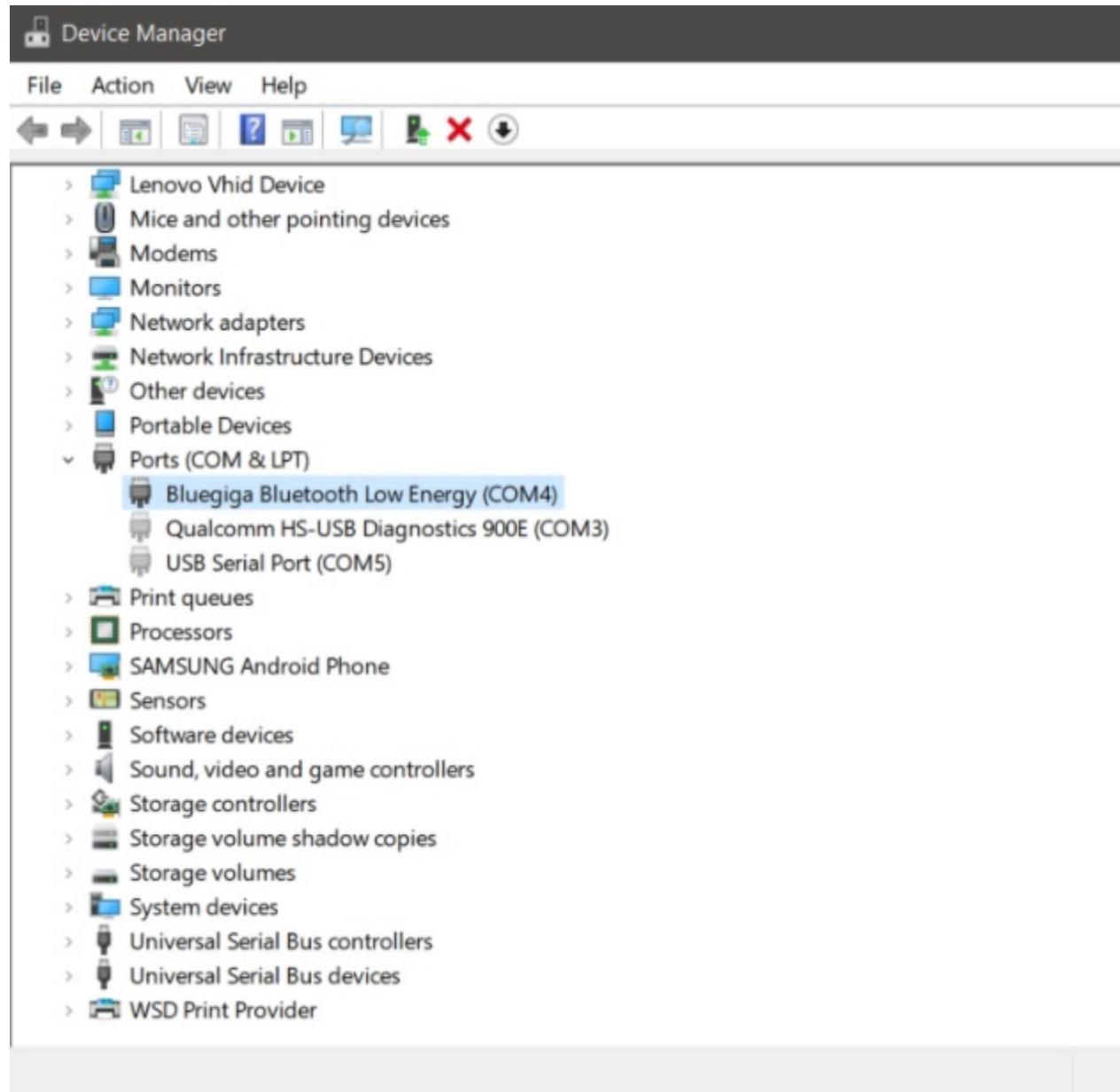
## **3.4 Amplifier Setup: openBCI Cyton and Ganglion**

### **3.4.1 COM port**

When using either the OpenBCI Ganglion or Cyton *with an USB-dongle* we have to pass the serial\_port argument, to find the serial port in use by your amplifier follow the following instructions:

#### **On Windows**

1. Open Device Manager and unfold Ports(COM&LPT), the com port number is shown behind your used bluetooth adapter.



Then, in the online\_bci configuration file (mindaffectBCI/online\_bci.json) you should have: "serial\_port": "COM\_X\_". Also make sure to set "board\_id": 0 to the value that corresponds with your amplifier as specified in the BrainFlow Docs.

## On Mac

1. Open a Terminal session
2. Type: ls /dev/cu.\*, and look for something like /dev/cu.usbmodem1 (or similar):

```
$ ls /dev/cu.*  
/dev/cu.Bluetooth-Modem          /dev/cu.iPhone-WirelessAP  
/dev/cu.Bluetooth-PDA-Sync      /dev/cu.usbserial  
/dev/cu.usbmodem1
```

Then, in the `online_bci` configuration file (`mindaffectBCI/config/online_bci.json`) you should define as `"serial_port": "dev/cu.your_com_name"`. Also make sure to set `"board_id": 0` to the value that corresponds with your amplifier as specified in the [BrainFlow Docs](#).

## On Linux

1. Open a Terminal session
2. Plug in your USB dongle
3. Type `dmesg`, and look for something like `ttyACM0` or `ttyUSB0` (or similar):

```
[43.364199] usb 2-1: New USB device found, idVendor=2458, idProduct=0001, ↵
↳bcdDevice= 0.01
[43.364206] usb 2-1: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber=3
[43.364209] usb 2-1: Product: Low Energy Dongle
[43.364213] usb 2-1: Manufacturer: Bluegiga
[43.364215] usb 2-1: SerialNumber: 1
[43.394168] cdc_acm 2-1:1.0: ttyACM0: USB ACM device
```

Then, in the `online_bci` configuration file (`mindaffectBCI/config/online_bci.json`) you should define as `"serial_port": "dev/ttyXXXX"`. Also make sure to set `"board_id": 0` to the value that corresponds with your amplifier as specified in the [BrainFlow Docs](#).

## Linux Serial Port Permissions

As explained in the [OpenBCI Docs](#), on Linux you need to have permission to access the serial ports of your machine. Otherwise, you will get the error Failed to connect using `/dev/ttyUSB0` or similar. To fix this follow their instructions:

1. First, verify if the user does belong to the *dialout* group using the `id` command.
  - Type `id -Gn <username>` in terminal and check if it prints dialout as one of the options.
  - Replace with your Linux username. Example: `id -Gn susieQ`
2. Next, add the user to the *dialout* supplementary group.
  - Type `sudo usermod -a -G dialout <username>` in terminal.
  - Example: `sudo usermod -a -G dialout susieQ`
3. Restart Ubuntu
4. Try `id` command again
  - Repeat step one

### 3.4.2 OpenBCI Cyton Latency Fix

If you are using the OpenBCI Cyton with the included USB dongle, the default COM config has to be changed to fix latency issues. The default config for the dongle driver sends very big data-packets relatively slowly. The fix is pretty simple, just drop the packet size. To do so:

1. Open device-manager
2. Find the dongle driver under the ports dropdown
3. Go to properties for this com port

4. Go to port-settings
5. Select Advanced
6. Reduce the receive buffer to 1024 Bytes
7. Reduce the latency timer to 6ms
8. Apply and reboot

## 3.5 Quickstart

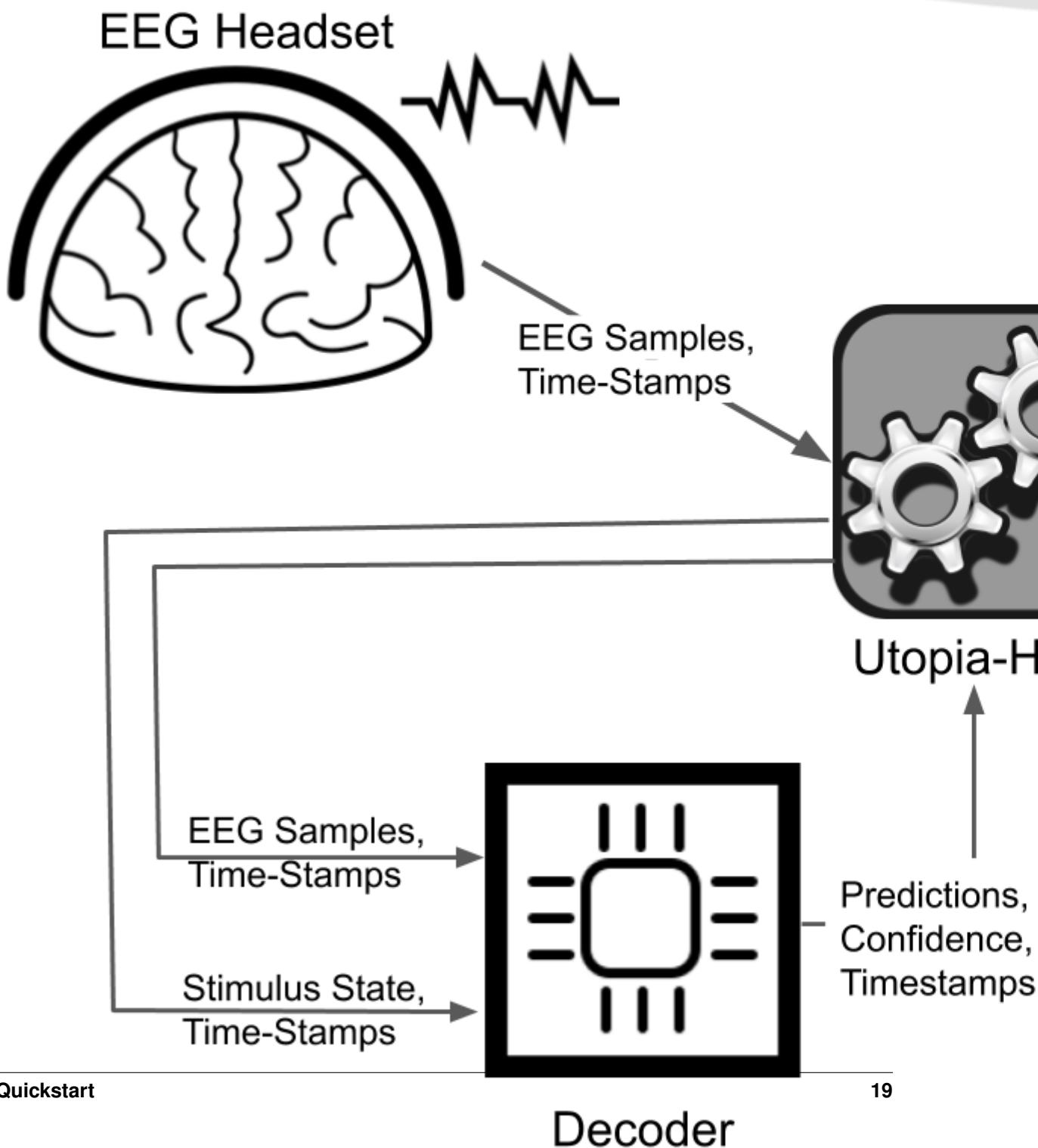
```
[ ]: %matplotlib qt  
import mindaffectBCI.online_bci
```

### 3.5.1 System Architecture

The system consists of 3 main components as illustrated here.

# mindaffectBCI

## System Architecture - Roles



To actually run the BCI we need to start each of these components:

- UtopiaHub: This component is the central server which coordinates all the other pieces, and saves the data for offline analysis

- Acquisition: This component talks to the *EEG Headset* and streams the data to the Hub
- Decoder: This component analysis the EEG data to fit the subject specific model and generate predictions
- Presentation: This component presents the User-Interface to the user, including any BCI specific stimuli which need to be presented. It also selects outputs when the BCI is sufficiently confident and generates the appropriate output

Before we launch the BCI to start these components: \* Power on the OpenBCI Ganglion. (toggle on/off button)

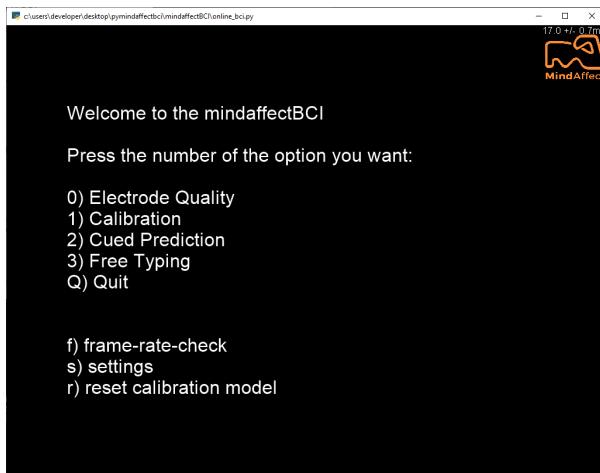
Now, we load the configuration we would like to use from the configuration .json file.

```
[ ]: # load the config-file to use. Here we use the default noisetag config file:  
config = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.load_config("noisetag_bci")
```

Then we can run this configuration, with the following command.

```
[ ]: # N.B. uncomment the following to run with fakedata driver, if you don't have an amp_  
# connected  
# config['acquisition']='fakedata'  
  
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.run(**config)
```

If this worked correctly you should see a screen like below. (Note: it may start minimized to check for a new python window in your task bar).



### 3.5.2 Using the MindAffect BCI

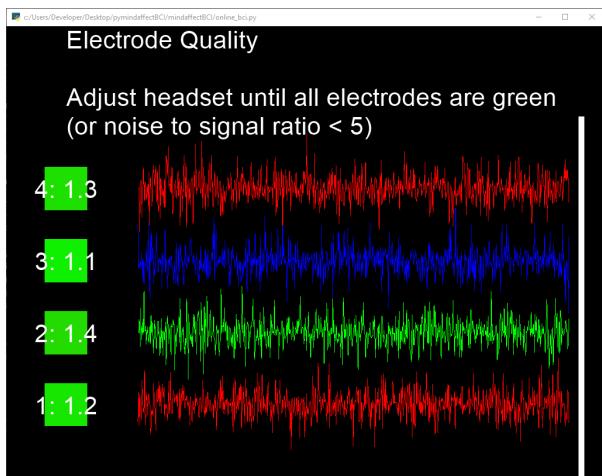
Now that the system is up and running, you can go through the following steps to use the BCI!

#### 3.5.3 1. EEG headset Setup

Prepare a headset such that it follows the [MindAffect headset layout.pdf](#) in our Headset repository or prepare the headset delivered with your kit by following [MindAffect headset setup.pdf](#)

### 3.5.4 2. Signal Quality

Check the signal quality by pressing 0 in the main menu. You should see a screen which looks like this:



In this window you see a horizontal line for each channel showing the current *live* measurements. You also see a colored box at the left of each line with a number in it. The color of this box and the number indicate the current *estimated* noise-to-signal ratio for that channel. Ideally this number should be less than 5 and the box should be green.

**It is critical for eventual BCI performance that the noise-to-signal ratio is as low as possible, and ideally less than 5.**

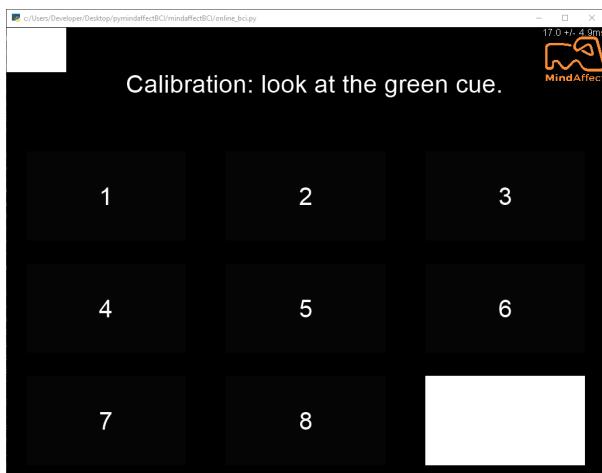
Try to adjust the headset until all electrodes are green, or noise to signal ratio is below 5.

You can try to improve the signal for an electrode by pressing it firmly into your head. After releasing pressure, wait a few seconds to see if the signal improves. If not, remove the electrode, and apply more water to the sponge. The sponges should feel wet on your scalp.

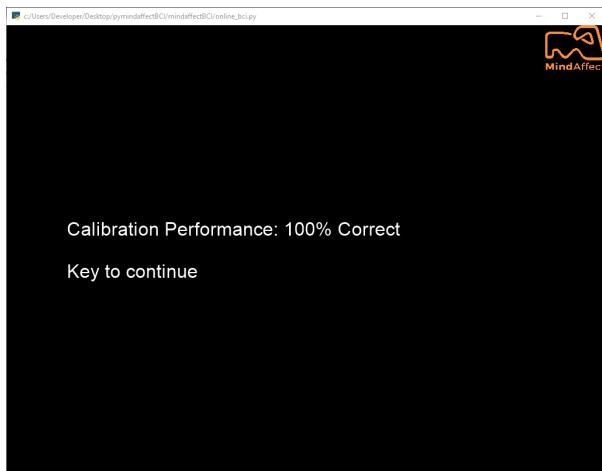
If the noise to signal ratio does not improve by adjusting the headset, try to distance yourself from power outlets and other electronics.

### 3.5.5 3. Calibration

Start calibration by pressing 1 in the main menu. You should see an instruction screen telling you to look at the green cued button. Followed by a screen which looks like this:



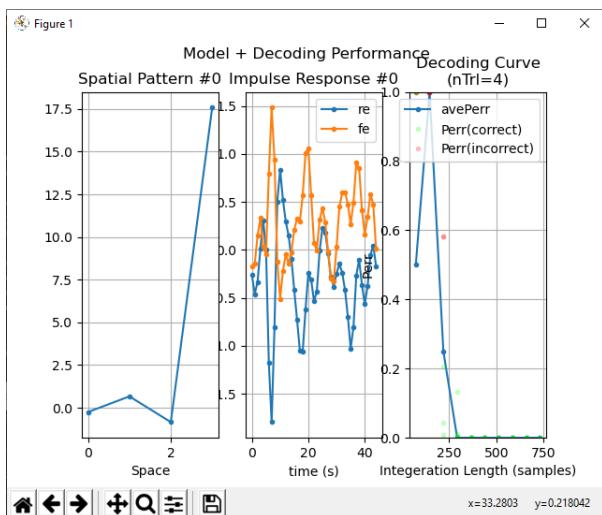
Do what it says, after 10 cues the stimulus will stop and after a few seconds you should see a ‘calibration performance’ screen like this:



Hopefully, you got a similar performance level?

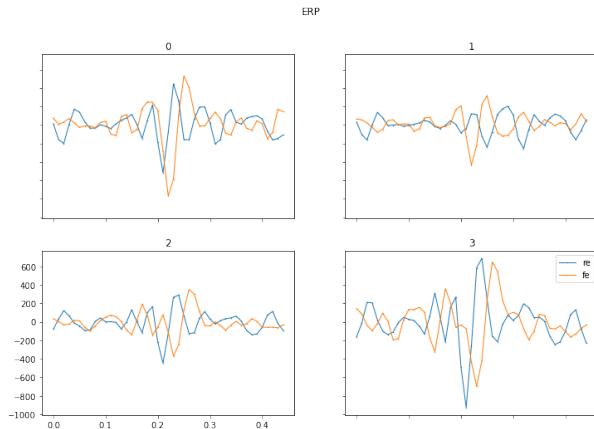
In addition you should see 3-windows pop-up showing more information about the performance. These windows are:

### 1. Model and Performance:



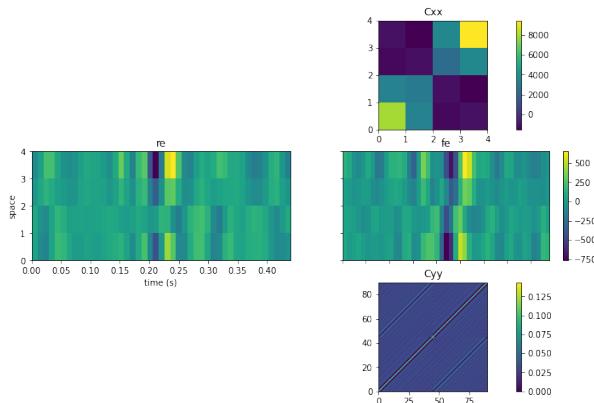
This window shows (in left-to-right order). a) the fitted models spatial-filter – which shows the importance of each EEG channel, b) the models impulse response – which shows how the brain responds over time to the different types of stimulus event, and c) the decoding-performance – which shows how accurately the model is able to decode the cued target with increasing data length, and the models estimate of it's own accuracy.

## 2. ERP (Event Related Potential):



This window shows for each EEG channel the *averaged* measured response over time after the triggering stimulus. This is the conventional plot that you find in many neuroscientific publications.

## 3. Summary Statistics:



This window shows the summary statistics for the calibration data. This has vertically 3 sub-parts. a) Cxx : this is the spatial cross-correlation of the EEG channels. b) Cxy : this is the cross-correlation of the stimulus with the EEG. Which for discrete stimuli as used in this BCI is essentially another view of the ERP. c) Cyx : this is the *temporal* cross-correlation of the stimulus.

## 3.5.6 4. Brain Control.

If calibration worked well and you have good calibration performance, then you can proceed to brain-control. Press either 3 for *cued* prediction, where like calibration you are told where to look. Whilst not much fun, this is useful to get on-line datasets for training improved models. Or press 4 for free-spelling, where you can select what ‘button’ you want in an un-cued fashion.

In both cases, BCI feedback is shown in blue. Initially, while the system is unsure by changing the color of the central letter, and later when a selection has been made by making the whole button blue. Selected letters will be added to the spelling box at the top of the screen.

**Struggling to get the system to work? Consult our [FAQ](#) section for info on how to improve calibration accuracy, prediction performance, and more!**

#### **Do you not want to run this notebook everytime when using the BCI?**

Simply run it from your command prompt:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci
```

Or specify your own configuration file and save location:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --config_file noisetag_bci --logdir .
```

### **3.5.7 5. SHUTDOWN**

In the mainmenu, press 5 to shutdown the BCI.

```
[ ]: # shutdown the background processes.  
# N.B. only needed if shutdown from the main-menu window doesn't work.  
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.shutdown()
```

### **3.5.8 Going Further**

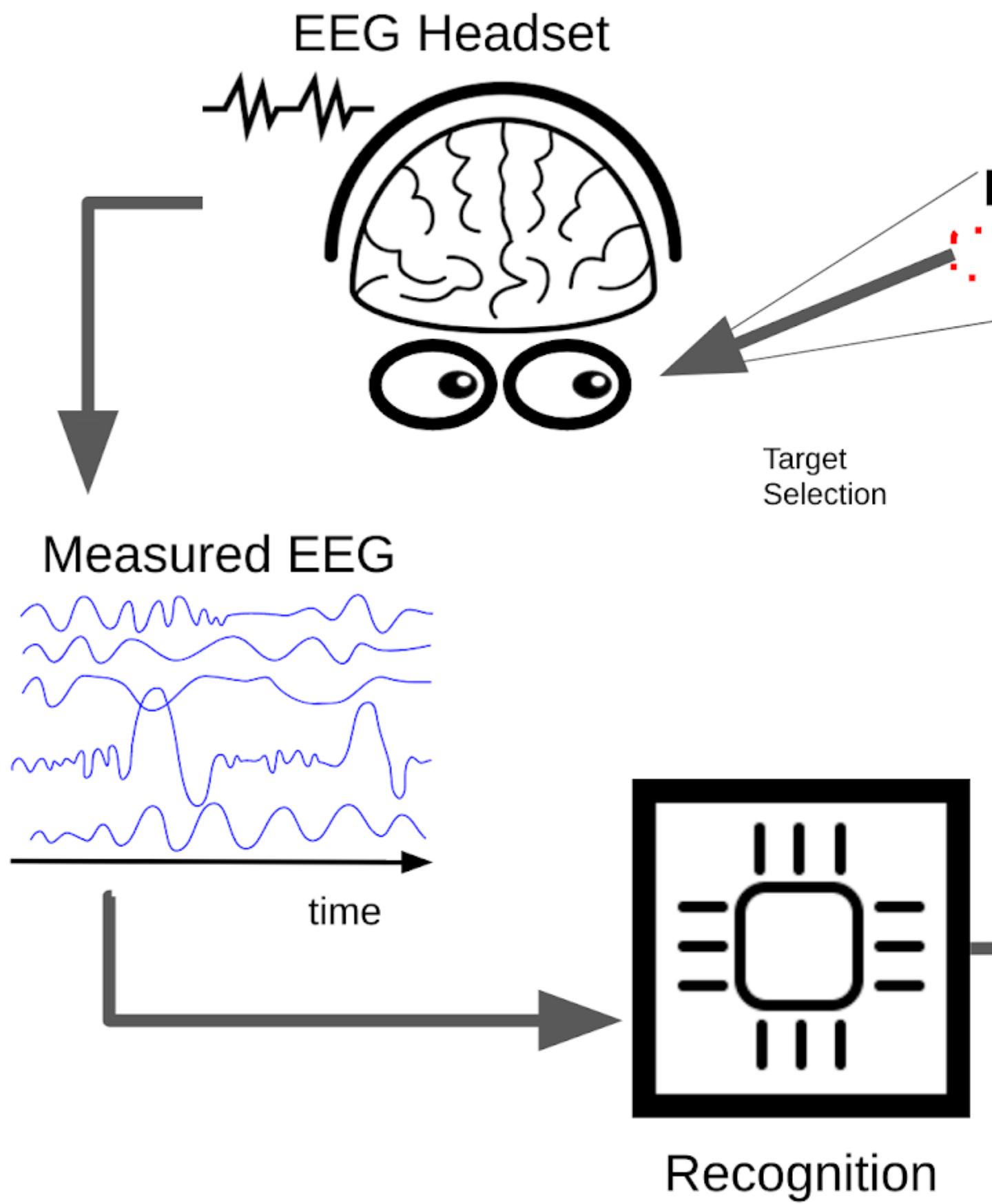
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4. Build your own BCI following this guide to develop your own components. ([https://mindaffect-bci.readthedocs.io/en/latest/first\\_run.html](https://mindaffect-bci.readthedocs.io/en/latest/first_run.html))

```
[ ]:
```

## **3.6 How an Evoked Response BCI works**

Evoked Response Brain Computer Interfaces, which are also called or Event Related Potential (ERP) BCIs, are a general class of Brain Computer Interface which rely on detecting the brain response to **known** external stimulation. This type of BCI is one of the most successful BCI types for communication purposes, as many options can be presented in parallel and selected between – allowing one to for example implement a full keyboard for text generation. Further, whilst the most successful ERP-BCIs have used discrete visual stimuli, the same basic approach can be used for other discrete stimulus types (such as [auditory](#) or [tactile](#)) or even continuous stimulus, such as natural speech <https://doi.org/10.3389/fnins.2016.00349>.

The schematic below illustrates the general principles of (visual) ERP BCIs:



To briefly describe this schematic, the aim of a BCI in general is to control an output device (in this case a robot arm) with your thoughts. In this specific case we control the robot arm by selecting actions perform as flickering virtual buttons on a tablet screen. (See Mindaffect LABS for a video of the system in action) :

1. Presentation: displays a set of options to the user, such as which square to pick in a tic-tac-toe game, or whether to pick something up with a robot arm.
2. Each of the options displayed to the user then flickers with a given unique flicker sequence (or stimulus-sequence) with different objects getting bright and dark at given times.
3. The user looks at the option they want to select to select that option. (Or in a non-visual BCI ‘attends to’ or ‘concentrates on’ the option they want to select.)
4. The users brain response to the presented stimulus is measured by EEG - due to the users focus on their target object, this EEG signal contains information on the flicker-sequence of the target object.
5. The recognition system uses the measured EEG and the known stimulus sequence to generate predictions for the probability of the different options being the users target option.
6. Selection takes the predictions from the recogniser and any prior knowledge of the application domain (such as a language model when spelling words) to decide when an option is sufficiently confidently predicted to be selected and output generated.
7. Finally, Output generates the desired output for the selected option, for example moving the robot arm to perform the selected option.

## 3.7 Tutorials

All of our tutorials are interactive Jupyter Notebooks. Clone our [repository](#) to run them locally from your `pymindaffectBCI/docs/source` directory:

```
jupyter notebook DIY_brain_computer_interfacing.ipynb
```

### 3.7.1 DIY Brain Computer Interfacing

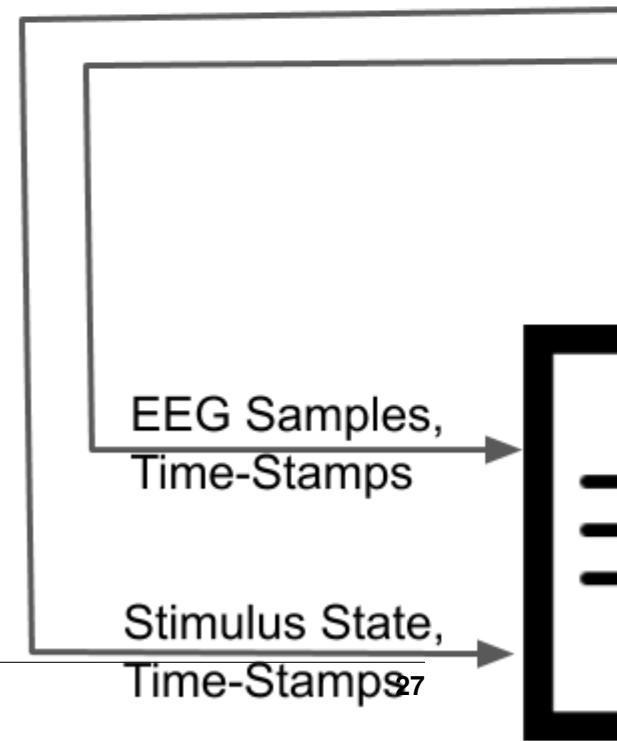
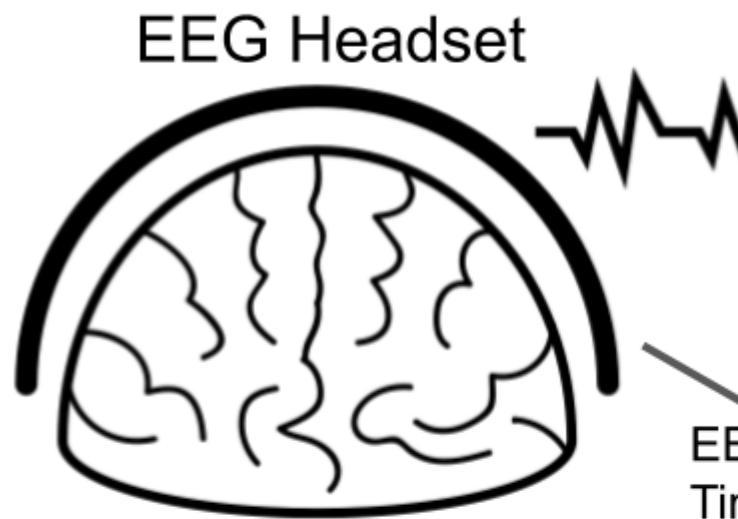
This tutorial is a deeper dive into the mindaffectBCI, which shows you how to manually start each of the components individually. Before running this tutorial you should have read [how an evoked bci works](#) to get an overview of how this BCI works, and run through [quickstart tutorial](#) to quickly test your installation and try the BCI.

After following this tutorial, you will be able to; \* configure the BCI startup to your needs, and \* know how to replace any of the main components with your own version.

```
[ ]: # Import the mindaffectBCI decoder and other required modules.  
%load_ext autoreload  
%autoreload 2  
import mindaffectBCI.online_bci
```

System Architecture

# System Archit



To actually run the BCI we need to start each of these components:

- UtopiaHub: This component is the central server which coordinates all the other pieces, and saves the data for offline analysis

- Acquisition: This component talks to the *EEG Headset* and streams the data to the Hub
- Decoder: This component analysis the EEG data to fit the subject specific model and generate predictions
- Presentation: This component presents the User-Interface to the user, including any BCI specific stimuli which need to be presented. It also selects outputs when the BCI is sufficiently confident and generates the appropriate output

First, we start the UtopiaHub by running the following code block:

```
[ ]: ----- HUB -----
# start the utopia-hub process
hub_process = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startHubProcess()
```

## ACQUISITION

Now that the hub is running we want to establish a connection between the amplifier and the hub to stream the EEG data. To achieve this the [Brainflow](#) library is used. The brainflow driver has to be initialized with input parameters that depend on the amplifier in use: (Consult the [Brainflow docs](#) for a complete list of amplifiers supported by brainflow but currently untested with the MindAffect BCI.)

Board	board_id	serial_port	ip_address	ip_port
Ganglion	1	dongle serial port(COM3, /dev/ttyUSB0...)	•	•
Ganglion + WiFi Shield	4	•	WIFI Shield IP(default 192.168.4.1)	any local port which is free
Cyton	0	dongle serial port(COM3, /dev/ttyUSB0...)	•	•
Cyton + Wifi Shield	5	•	WIFI Shield IP(default 192.168.4.1)	any local port which is free

When using either the OpenBCI Ganglion or Cyton with an USB-dongle we have to pass the `serial_port` argument, to find the serial port in use by your amplifier follow the following instructions:

### On Mac:

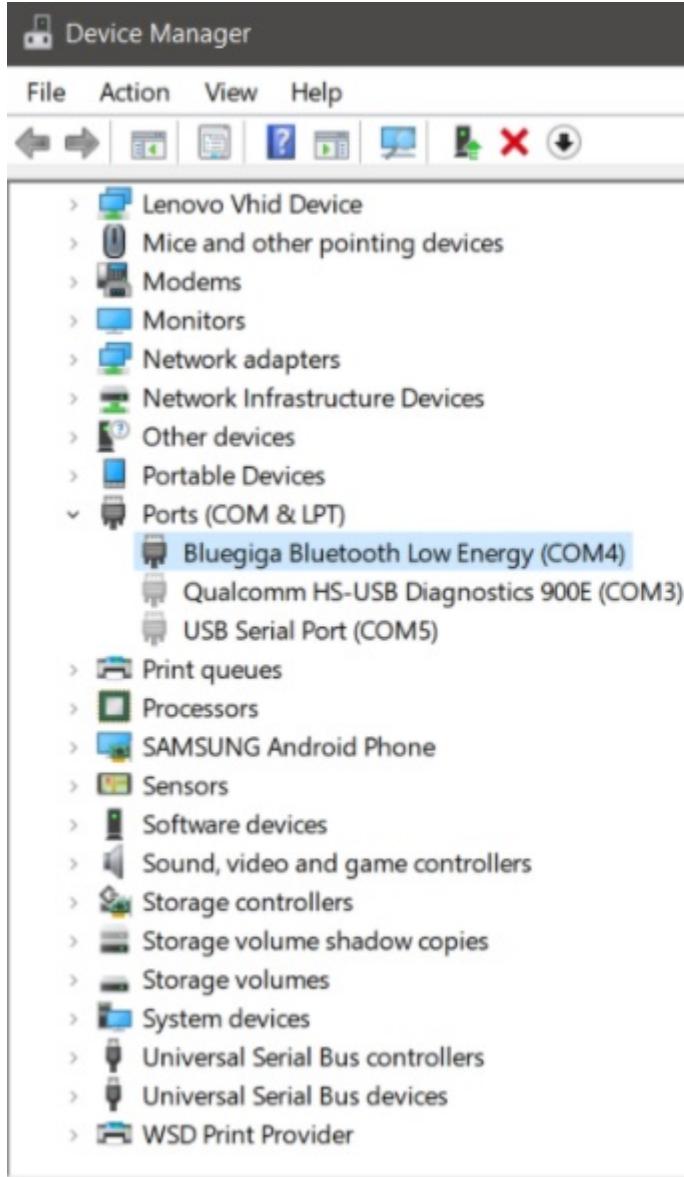
1. Open a Terminal session
2. Type: `ls /dev/cu.*`, and look for something like `/dev/cu.usbmodem1` (or similar):

```
$ ls /dev/cu./*
/dev/cu.Bluetooth-Modem      /dev/cu.iPhone-WirelessiAP
/dev/cu.Bluetooth-PDA-Sync   /dev/cu.usbserial
/dev/cu.usbmodem1
```

Then, `serial_port` should be defined as "`serial_port": "/dev/cu.your_com_name"`"

## On Windows:

1. Open Device Manager and unfold Ports(COM&LPT), the com port number is shown behind your used bluetooth



adapter.

Then, `serial_port` should be defined as "`serial_port": "COM_X"`

The code below shows the `acq_args` for the Ganglion, change the arguments for the board in use and run the code block to start the acquisition process.

```
[ ]: # start the ganglion acquisition process
# Using brainflow for the acquisition driver.
# so change the board_id and other args to use other boards
acq_args = dict(board_id=1, serial_port='com4') # connect to the ganglion
acq_process = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startacquisitionProcess('brainflow', acq_args)
```

**N.B. Only use this cell if you just want to test with a *fake* eeg stream**

```
[ ]: # start a fake-data stream
# with 4-channels running at 200Hz
acq_args=dict(host='localhost', nch=4, fs=200)
acq_process = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startacquisitionProcess('fakedata', acq_args)
```

**DECODER**

The decoder is the core of the BCI as it takes in the raw EEG and stimulus information and generates predictions about which stimulus the user is attending to. Generating these predictions relies on signal processing and machine learning techniques to learn the best decoding parameters for each user. However, ensuring best performance means the settings for the decoder should be appropriate for the particular BCI being used. The default decoder parameters are shown in the code below, and are setup for a noisetagging BCI.

```
[ ]: # start the decoder process, with default args for noise-tagging
decoder_args = dict(
    stopband=(45, 65), (3, 25, 'bandpass')), # frequency filter parameters
    out_fs=100, # sample rate after pre-processing
    evtlabs=("re", "fe"), # use rising-edge and falling-edge as brain response
    triggers
    tau_ms=450, # use 450ms as the brain response duration
    calplots=True, # make the end-of-calibration model plots
    predplots=False # don't make plots during prediction
)
decoder_process = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startDecoderProcess('decoder', decoder_
args)
```

The key parameters here are:

- `stopband`: this is a `temporal filter` which is applied as a pre-processing step to the incoming data. This is important to remove external noise so the decoder can focus on the target brain signals.

Here the filter is specified as a list of `band stop` filters, which specify which signal frequencies should be suppressed, (where, in classic python fashion -1 indicates the max-possible frequency). Thus, in this example all frequencies below 3Hz and above 25Hz are removed.

- `out_fs`: this specifies the post-filtering sampling rate of the data. This reduces the amount of data which will be processed by the rest of the decoder. Thus, in this example after filtering the data is re-sampled to 80Hz. (Note: to avoid '`<>`' `out_fs` should be greater than 2x the maximum frequency passed by the stop-band).
- `evtlabs`: this specifies the stimulus properties (or event labels) the decoder will try to predict from the brain responses. The input to the decoder (and the brain) is the raw-stimulus intensity (i.e. it's brightness, or loudness). However, depending on the task the user is performing, the brain may *not* respond directly to the brightness, but some other property of the stimulus.

For example, in the classic P300 ‘odd-ball’ BCI, the brain responds not to the raw intensity, but to the start of *surprising* stimuli. The design of the P300 matrix-speller BCI means this response happens when the user’s chosen output ‘flashes’, or gets bright. Thus, in the P300 BCI the brain responds to the `rising-edge` of the stimulus intensity.

Knowing exactly what stimulus property the brain is responding to is a well studied neuroscientific research question, with examples including, stimulus-onset (a.k.a. rising-edge, or ‘re’), stimulus-offset (a.k.a. falling-edge, or ‘fe’), stimulus intensity (‘flash’), stimulus-duration etc. Getting the right stimulus-coding is critical for BCI performance, see `stim2event.py <mindaffectBCI/decoder/stim2event.py>` for more information on supported event types.

- `tau_ms`: this specifies the maximum duration of the expected brain response to a triggering event in *milliseconds*. As with the trigger type, the length of the brain response to a triggering event depends on the type of

response expected. For example for the P300 the response is between 300 and 600 ms after the trigger, whereas for a VEP the response is between 100 and 400 ms.

Ideally, the response window should be as small as possible, so the learning system only gets the brain response, and not a lot of non-response containing noise which could lead the machine learning component to [overfit](#).

## PRESNTATION

Before launching the presentation component we first make sure that the Hub, Acquisition, and Decoder components are running:

```
[ ]: # check all is running?
print("Hub running {}".format(hub_process.poll() is None))
print("Acquisition running {}".format(acq_process.is_alive()))
print("Decoder running {}".format(decoder_process.is_alive()))
print("Everything running? {}".format(mindaffectBCI.online_bci.check_is_running(hub_
→process, acq_process, decoder_process)))
```

If not, try running the corresponding codeblock of the inactive component before continuing.

## Creating the Stimulus

By default we use the MindAffect NoiseTagging style stimulus with a 25-symbol letter matrix for presentation. You can easily try different types of stimulus and selection matrices by modifying the `symbols` and `stimfile` arguments. Where: \* `symbols` : can either be a list-of-lists of the actual text to show, for example for a 2x2 grid of sentences:

```
[ ]: symbols=[["I'm happy", "I'm sad"], ["I want to play", "I want to sleep"]],
```

or a file from which to load the set of symbols as a *comma-separated* list of strings like the file `symbols.txt`.

```
[ ]: symbols="symbols.txt"
```

- `stimfile` : is a file which contains the stimulus-code to display. This can either be a text-file with a matrix specified with a white-space separated line per output or a png with the stimulus with outputs in 'x' and time in 'y'. This is what the *codebook* for the noisetag looks like where symbols are left to right and time is top to



bottom.

## Using Images as Stimuli

We also support the use of images as stimuli as shown by the `robot_control.txt` file. Simply specify the relative paths of the images you want to use as stimuli in a .txt file, or directly in a list-of-list as shown above.

## Running the Stimulus

The UI with the desired presentation stimuli can be launched by running the code below. ### Note: the stimulus window may appear minimized, so check your task-bar!

```
[ ]: # run the presentation, with our matrix and default parameters for a noise tag
from mindaffectBCI.examples.presentation import selectionMatrix
selectionMatrix.run(symbols=symbols, stimfile="mgold_65_6532_psk_60hz.png")
```

Now that the system is up and running, you can go through the following steps to use the BCI!

### 1. EEG headset Setup

Prepare a headset such that it follows the [MindAffect headset layout.pdf](#) in our Headset repository or prepare the headset delivered with your kit by following [MindAffect headset setup.pdf](#)

### 2. Signal Quality

Check the signal quality by pressing 0 in the main menu. Try to adjust the headset until all electrodes are green, or noise to signal ratio is below 5. You can try to improve the signal for an electrode by pressing it firmly into your head. After releasing pressure, wait a few seconds to see if the signal improves. If not, remove the electrode, and apply more water to the sponge. The sponges should feel wet on your scalp. If the noise to signal ratio does not improve by adjusting the headset, try to distance yourself from power outlets and other electronics.

### 3. Calibration

Start calibration by pressing 1 in the main menu. Continue to follow the on-screen instructions.

### 4. Feedback

You are now ready to try out the BCI by either selecting Copy-spelling (2) or Free-spelling (1)!

**Struggling to get the system to work? Consult our [FAQ](#) section for info on how to improve calibration accuracy, prediction performance, and more!**

## SHUTDOWN

At this point, even though the presentation has completed, the background processes which run the hub, acquisition and decoder are still running. To ensure they are stopped cleanly it is **always** a good idea to shut them down correctly, as follows:

```
[ ]: # shutdown the background processes
# N.B. only needed if something went wrong..
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.shutdown(hub_process, acq_process, decoder_process)
```

## Alternative: Run all components with 1 command

If you just want to quickly run the decoding part of the BCI without presentation/output, using a pre-defined configuration you can do that easily by. 1. loading a configuration file 2. running the BCI This is demonstrated here.

```
[ ]: config = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.load_config('noisetag_bci')
# uncomment this line to use fakedata
#config['acquisition']='fakedata'
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.run(**config)
```

## Do you not want to run this whole notebook everytime when using the BCI?

Simply run it from your command prompt:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci
```

Or with a JSON configuration file:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --config_file noisetag_bci.json
```

## Going Further

1. Try other BCI types using our alternative configuration files.
  - `noisetag.json` : example for a `noise-tagging` (or c-VEP) BCI (Default)
  - `rc5x5.json` : example for a classic visual P300 odd-ball type BCI with row-column stimulus.
  - `ssvep.json` : example for a classic `steady-state-visual-response` BCI.
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4. Build your own BCI following this guide to develop your own components. (<https://mindaffect-bci.readthedocs.io/en/latest/firstRun.html>)

```
[ ]: 
```

```
[ ]: 
```

### 3.7.2 Creating a Simple Output Module

An output module listens for selections from the MindAffect decoder and acts on them to create some output. By the end of this tutorial you will be able to: \* make a simple output module which prints “Hello World” when the presentation ‘button’ with ID=1 is selected. \* know how to make your own output modules to perform arbitrary actions under brain control

**Before starting this tutorial please read the** [how an evoked bci works](#) [tutorial](#) to gain a general understanding of the components of this BCI. And the [quickstart tutorial](#) or [DIY Brain Computer Interface](#) for how they are used in the mindaffectBCI. \*\*

*The non-Jupyter Notebook version of this code and other output examples can be found in the `examples/output` directory*

First, we import the module responsible for translating selections to output, and create the `utopia2output` object:

```
[1]: # Import the utopia2output module
from mindaffectBCI.utopia2output import Utopia2Output

u2o=Utopia2Output()
```

## Defining the Output function

Now we define a function to print hello-world.

```
[2]: def helloworld(objID):
    print("hello world")
```

## Connecting the Output function

And connect it so it is run when the object with ID=1 is selected. You can create as many output functions as needed, and connect them to different object ID's by simply adding them to the dictionary as *key-value* pairs.

```
[3]: # set the objectID2Action dictionary to use our helloworld function if 1 is selected
u2o.objectID2Action={ 1:helloworld }
```

## Start the BCI decoder in the background.

To successfully test your presentation module it is important to have the other components of the BCI running. As explained in the [quickstart tutorial](#), additionally to the presentation we build here, we need the Hub, Decoder, and Acquisition components for a functioning BCI.

For a quick test (with fake data) of this presentation module you can run all these components with a given configuration file using.

N.B. if you run directly in this notebook, *don't forget to shutdown the decoder* at the end.

```
[ ]: import mindaffectBCI.online_bci
config = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.load_config('fake_recogniser.json')
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.run(**config)
```

Alternatively you can run this config from the command line with:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --config_file fake_recogniser.json
```

Or from your Anaconda environment:

```
python -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --config_file fake_recognizer.json
```

See our tutorial [Running Custom Presentation](#) to set-up a BCI using your own Presentation module

## Connect and Run

We now connect our output module to a running decoder and run the main loop. Selection of ID=1 will result in printing “Hello World” to this prompt.

```
[ ]: # connect
u2o.connect()

# run the main loop
u2o.run()
```

### 3.7.3 Creating a simple Presentation Module

This tutorial walks you through how to make your own **Presentation** module for the BCI. By the end of this tutorial you will be able to:

- \* design your own user interface screen with virtual ‘buttons’ selectable by brain signals
- \* connect to the decoder and run through the calibration to train the BCI
- \* use your designed user-interface screen to select buttons the on-screen buttons

Before running this tutorial you should have read [how an evoked bci works](#) to get an overview of how this BCI works and it’s main components, and run through [quickstart tutorial](#) to quickly test your installation and try the BCI.

- Note: The non-Jupyter Notebook version of this code and other presentation examples can be found in the [\\* examples/presentation directory](#)

The presentation module is responsible for displaying the user-interface to the user with flickering options they can select from with brain signals (see [how an evoked bci works](#) for more information). In order for the presentation flickering to generate the strongest possible brain response, and hence maximise the BCI performance, it must display the correct stimuli to the user with precise timing and communicate this timing information to the MindAffect decoder. Further, in order to train the decoding model presentation happens in two different modes:

- *calibration* mode where we cue the user where to attend to obtain correctly labelled brain data to train the machine learning algorithms in the decoder and
- *prediction* mode where the user actually uses the BCI to make selections.

The *noisetag* module provides a number of tools to hide this complexity (different modes, timestamp recording) from the application developers. Using the most extreme of these all the application developer has to do is provide a function to *draw* the display as instructed by the noisetag module. To use it, we import the module and create the noisetag object:

```
[ ]: from mindaffectBCI.noisetag import Noisetag, sumstats
nt = Noisetag()
```

#### The Draw function

We will now write a function to draw the screen. Here we use the python gaming library [pyglet](#) to draw 2 squares on the screen, with the given colors.

```
[ ]: import pyglet
# define a simple 2-squares drawing function
def draw_squares(col1,col2):
    # draw square 1: @100,190 , width=100, height=100
    x=100; y=190; w=100; h=100;
    pyglet.graphics.draw(4,pyglet.gl.GL_QUADS,
                         ('v2f',(x,y,x+w,y,x+w,y+h,x,y+h)),
                         ('c3f',(col1)*4))
    # draw square 2: @440,100
    x=640-100-100
    pyglet.graphics.draw(4,pyglet.gl.GL_QUADS,
                         ('v2f',(x,y,x+w,y,x+w,y+h,x,y+h)),
                         ('c3f',(col2)*4))
```

#### Updating the Display

Now we write a function which, 1) asks the noisetag framework how the selectable squares should look, 2) updates the noisetag framework with information about how the display was updated.

```
[ ]: # dictionary mapping from stimulus-state to colors
state2color={0:(.2,.2,.2), # off=grey
             1:(1,1,1),      # on=white
             2:(0,1,0),      # cue=green
             3:(0,0,1)}      # feedback=blue

def draw(dt):
    '''draw the display with colors from noisetag'''
    # send info on the *previous* stimulus state, with the recorded vsync time (if available)
    fliptime = window.lastfliptime if window.lastfliptime else nt.getTimeStamp()
    nt.sendStimulusState(timestamp=fliptime)
    # update and get the new stimulus state to display
    try :
        nt.updateStimulusState()
        stimulus_state,target_state,objIDs,sendEvents=nt.getStimulusState()
    except StopIteration :
        pyglet.app.exit() # terminate app when noisetag is done
        return

    # draw the display with the instructed colors
    if stimulus_state :
        draw_squares(state2color[stimulus_state[0]],
                     state2color[stimulus_state[1]])

    # some textual logging of what's happening
    if target_state is not None and target_state>=0:
        print("*" if target_state>0 else '.',end='',flush=True)
    else:
        print('.',end='',flush=True)
```

## Integrating Output

As a final step we integrate the behaviour of the output module created in the [Simple Output Tutorial](#) by attaching a selection callback which will be called whenever a selection is made by the BCI. For now we will use the “Hello World” example created in the Output Tutorial and add a function that prints the object ID of our second square when selected.

```
[ ]: def helloworld(objID):
    print("hello world")

def printID(objID):
    print("Selected: %d"%(objID))

# define a trivial selection handler
def selectionHandler(objID):
    selection_mapping = {
        1:helloworld,
        2:printID
    }
    func = selection_mapping.get(objID)
    func(objID)
```

## Timing Accuracy

Now, we need a bit of python hacking. Because our BCI depends on accurate timelock of the brain data (EEG) with the visual display, we need to have accurate time-stamps for when the display changes. Fortunately, pyglet allows us to get this accuracy as it provides a flip method on windows which blocks until the display is actually updated. Thus we can use this to generate accurate time-stamps. We do this by adding a time-stamp recording function to the windows normal flip method with the following magic:

```
[ ]: import types

def timedflip(self):
    '''pseudo method type which records the timestamp for window flips'''
    type(self).flip(self) # call the 'real' flip method...
    self.lastfliptime=nt.getTimeStamp()
```

Next, we initialize the window to display the stimulus, and setup the flip-time recording for it. Be sure that you have `vsync` turned-on. Many graphics cards turn this off by default, as it (in theory) gives higher frame rates for gaming. However, for our system, frame-rate is less important than exact timing, hence always turn vsync on for visual Brain-Computer-Interfaces!

**Note: always set `fullscreen=True` when using the presentation module to improve screen timing accuracy. We set it to `False` here so the tutorial stays visible when the stimulus is running.**

**Note: When running in a notebook the pyglet window always starts minimized – so if you can't see it check your task bar.**

```
[ ]: # Initialize the drawing window
# make a default window, with fixed size for simplicity, and vsync for timing
config = pyglet.gl.Config(double_buffer=True)
window = pyglet.window.Window(fullscreen=False, width=640, height=480, vsync=True, ↴config=config)

# Setup the flip-time recording for this window
window.flip = types.MethodType(timedflip, window)
window.lastfliptime=None
```

## Start the BCI decoder in the background.

To successfully test your presentation module it is important to have the other components of the BCI running. As explained in the [quickstart tutorial](#), additionally to the presentation we build here, we need the Hub, Decoder, and Acquisition components for a functioning BCI.

For a quick test (with fake data) of this presentation module you can run all these components with a given configuration file using.

N.B. if you run directly in this notebook, *don't forget to shutdown the decoder* at the end.

```
[ ]: import mindaffectBCI.online_bci
config = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.load_config('fake_recogniser.json')
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.run(**config)
```

Alternatively you can run this config from the command line with:

```
python3 -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --config_file fake_recogniser.json
```

Or from your Anaconda environment:

```
python -m mindaffectBCI.online_bci --config_file fake_recognizer.json
```

**See our tutorial *Running Custom Presentation* to set-up a BCI using your own Presentation module**

## Run the Experiment!

To run the experiment we connect to the Hub, add our selection handler, tell the noisetag module to run a complete BCI ‘experiment’ with calibration and feedback mode, and start the pyglet main loop.

```
[ ]: # Initialize the noise-tagging connection
nt.connect(timeout_ms=5000)
nt.addSelectionHandler(selectionHandler)

# tell the noisetag framework to run a full : calibrate->prediction sequence
nt.setnumActiveObjIDs(2)
nt.startExpt(nCal=4,nPred=10,duration=4)

# run the pyglet main loop
pyglet.clock.schedule(draw)
pyglet.app.run()
```

## Shutdown the decoder

```
[ ]: import mindaffectBCI.online_bci
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.shutdown()
```

### 3.7.4 Running Custom Presentation

This tutorial shows how to integrate a custom presentation module (such as the custom presentation module made in the *Simple Presentation Tutorial*), with the rest of the BCI run with the `online_bci.py` module. By the end of this tutorial you will know:

- \* How to start the mindaffectBCI **without** automatically starting a presentation module
- \* How to run your presentation module
- \* How to cleanly shutdown the mindaffectBCI when you finish

Before running this tutorial you should have read [how an evoked bci works](#) and run through the *Simple Presentation Tutorial* to understand how to build a custom presentation module.

```
[ ]: # Import the mindaffectBCI decoder and other required modules.
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2
%gui qt
import mindaffectBCI.online_bci
```

## Start the EEG processing components

That is start the; 1) Hub, 2) Acquisition, 3) Decoder - by starting the `online_bci` script with presentation disabled.

For more information on these components and why we need them please consult the *Quickstart Tutorial*

```
[ ]: # load the config-file to use. Here we use the default noisetag config file:
config = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.load_config("noisetag_bci")
```

Set the Presentation system to `None` and then start the `online_bci`.

```
[ ]: config['presentation']=None
#uncomment the following line to use to the fakedata acquisition
config['acquisition']='fakedata'
mindaffectBCI.online_bci.run(**config)
```

Check all is running correctly.

```
[ ]: mindaffectBCI.online_bci.check_is_running()
```

## Run the Custom Presentation

We run our custom presentation module by first importing and then running it.

```
[ ]: # import and run the presentation
from mindaffectBCI.examples.presentation import minimal_presentation
```

## Shutdown the decoder

```
[ ]: mindaffectBCI.online_bci.shutdown()
```

### 3.7.5 How to build your own optical sensor

#### Equipment

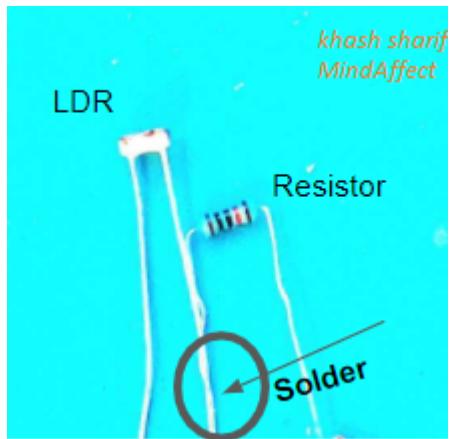
- basic soldering kit
  - Soldering iron
  - Soldering tin
  - Soldering mat
  - Wires with 3 different colors
  - Shrink tubes
- 100k ohm resistor
- photoresistor(LDR)
  - GL5528 LDR or GL5537 LDR
- 3v DC power supply of your choice (any of the following options would work fine)
  - 2x AAA batteries in parallel
  - 3v GPIO pins of the OpenBCI board
  - 3v LiPo battery

## Circuit design concept

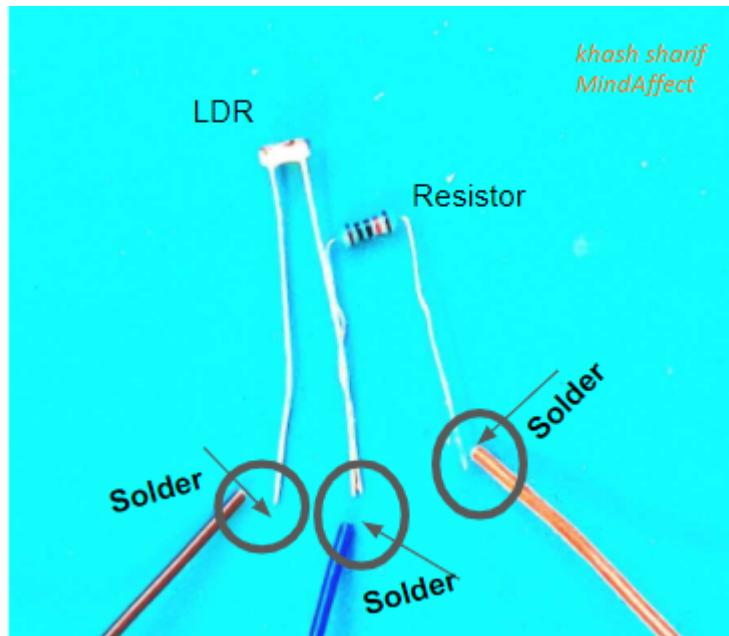
The circuit is a simple voltage divider, consisting of a number resistor and a LDR. The LDR's resistance is a function of light exposure. The resistance is reciprocally proportional to light intensity. Thus, by exposing the LDR to any of the visual noise tags (e.g. the flickering buttons on the screen of your computer) The output voltage mimics the behavior of the flickering pattern.

## Steps to build the sensor

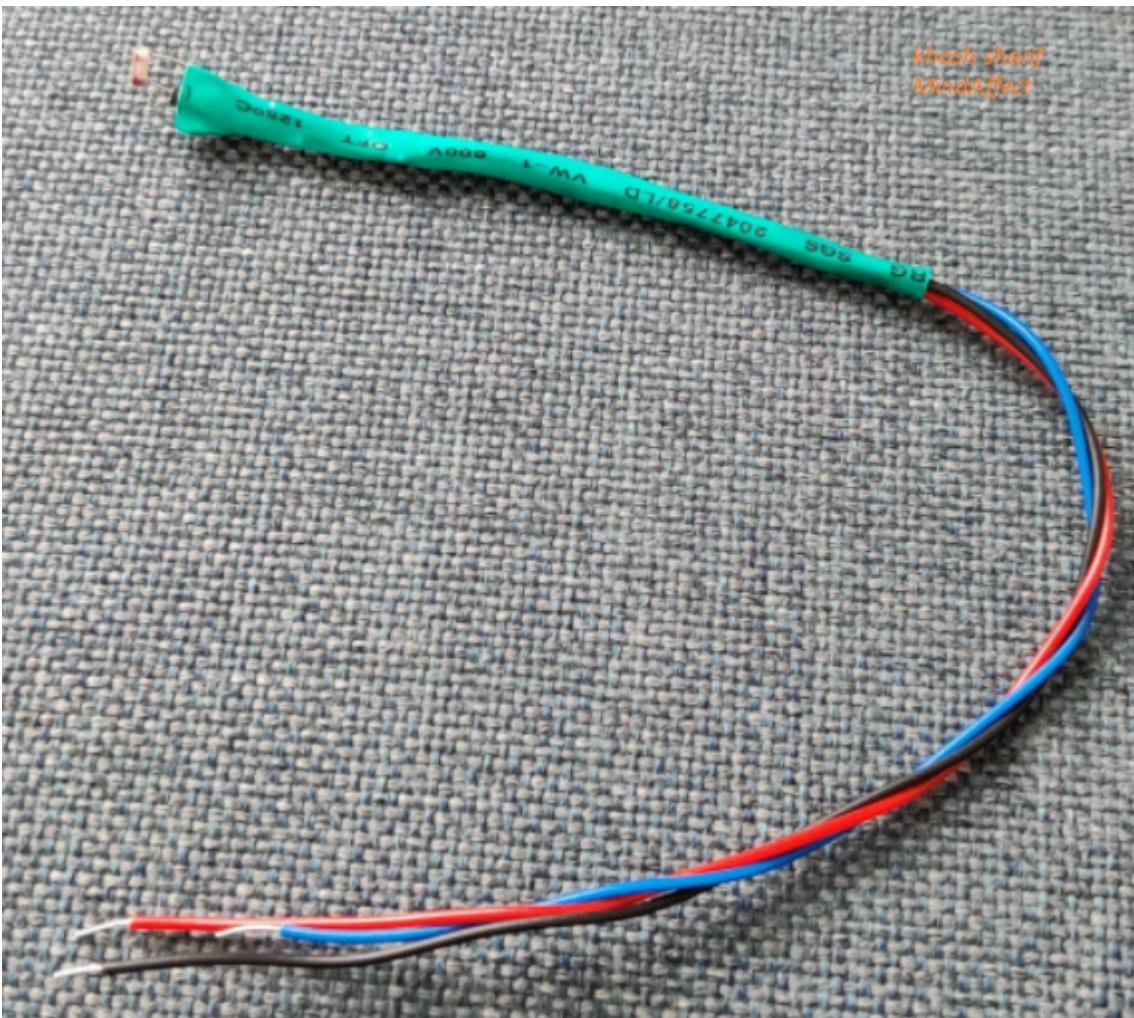
1. Solder the resistor and the LDR together.



2. Solder the red, blue and black wires as demonstrated below.



3. Add shrink tubes at the soldering locations and apply heat to insulate the connections.
4. You have yourself an optical sensor!



### How to use this sensor with an OpenBCI board

First, the sensor must be connected to the OpenBCI board as described below.

- Red wire → vDD OpenBCI board.
- **Blue wire → signal pin of openbci. You can use any free channel as your signal pin.**
  - Channels 1-8 for the openBCI cyton board.
  - Channels 1-4 for the openBCI ganglion board.

set the board to bipolar mode

- **For the cyton board, go to `pymindaffectBCI/mindaffectBCI` directory and open the `online_bci.json` file. Next, enable trigger**

```

]{
    "acquisition": "brainflow",                               khash shanf
    "acq_args": {                                           MindAffect
        "board_id": 0,
        "triggerCheck": 1
        "serial_port": "com3"
    },
    "decoder": "minaffectBCI.decoder.decoder",
    "decoder_args": {
        "stopband": [[45,65],[0,3],[25,-1]],
        "out_fs": 100,
        "evtlabs": ["re","fe"],
        "tau_ms": 450,
        "calplots": true,
        "predplots": false
    },
}

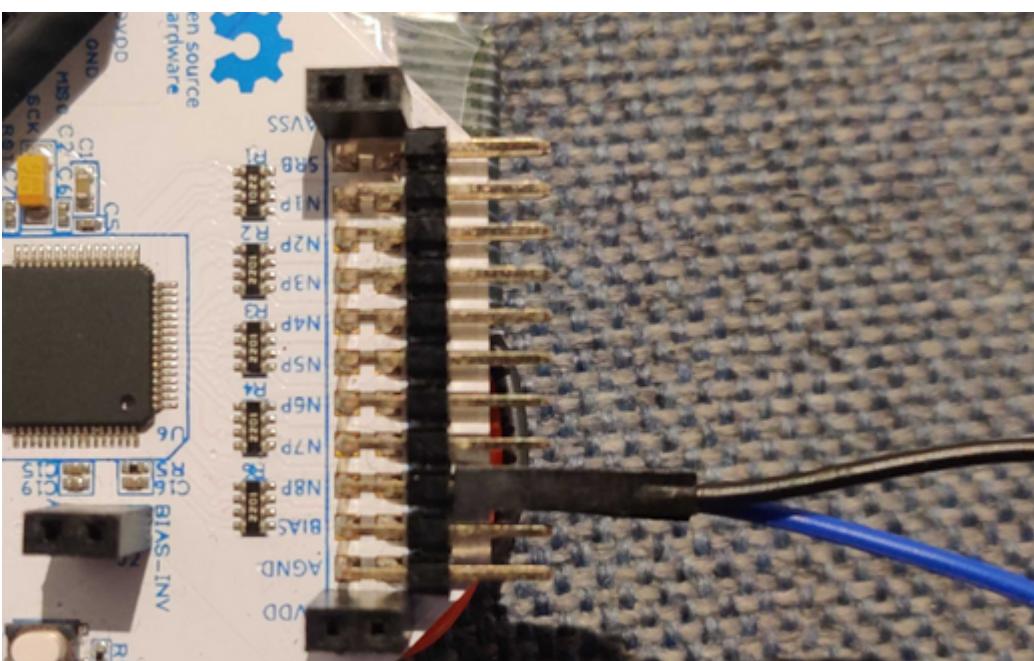
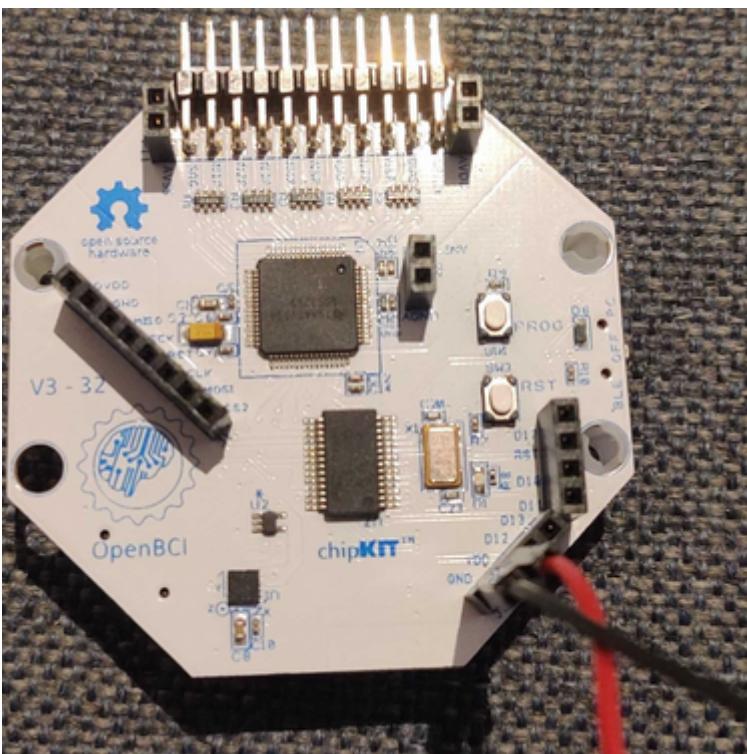
```

- For the ganglion board, follow [this guide](#) and set the switches to **DOWN** position.

Then the blue wire should be connected to

- The lower pin of cyton channel of choice (by default this is set to channel 8)
- The upper pin of ganglion channel of choice

The black wire should be connected to the *GND* gpio pin and the ground signal pin (in bipolar mode, the lower pin of ganglion and the upper pin of cyton)





## Testing the functionality

### To quickly test the optical sensor

1. Connect the OpenBCI to your PC and power up the board
2. Connect the Optical sensor to the OpenBCI board (as discussed above)
3. run the MindaffectBCI program as usual
4. start the MindaffectBCI presentation
5. perform calibration by placing the optical sensor in front of the cued buttons
6. go to prediction mode. The system should detect any button that is put in front of the optical sensor (as demonstrated below)

### 3.7.6 Checking stimulus time-lock quality

One very important consideration when using an evoked-response Brain Computer Interface (ERP-BCI) is ensuring an accurate *time-lock* between the stimuli and the measured EEG. As a minimum this time-lock needs to be accurate enough to unambiguously identify which stimulus a brain response comes from. Thus, for example if we are using a 60Hz display to present stimuli, this means a new stimulus can happen every 1/60s = 16ms, so to ensure we can identify which brain response corresponds to which stimulus we require a time-lock accuracy between the display and the measured EEG of <16ms.

This tutorial shows you how to run a hardware test of your BCI design to objectively measure the time-lock precision quality. By the end of this tutorial you will be able to:

- \* use an opto-resistor to directly link your stimulus presentation system to your EEG measurement system
- \* run a test BCI run to get data to check the time-lock quality
- \* generate visualizations of the time-lock quality data which show: the general trigger check quality, the single-trial stimulus->trigger connection in time, and the trigger response model used by the BCI
- \* interpret the results of this trigger check quality plot to check if the quality is sufficient

### Introduction

So how do you ensure you have a sufficient time-lock quality? One approach is to ‘just-try-it’ with a brain. If you are lucky this will ‘just-work’ – in which case you can conclude that your timing was probably sufficiently good. However, what if it doesn’t work? Then you do not know where the problem was, was it the cap-fitting, a stimulus bug, a decoder bug, or a poor time-lock.

To avoid these types of situations it is better to debug, and measure the time-lock in isolation.

We are specifically concerned with the time-lock quality between: 1. the *stimulus* generated by our presentation software on some hardware stimulus device (most likely a screen) and 2. the EEG measured from some hardware acquisition device by our decoder

Thus, to do an effective time-lock we need to:

- \* Run the stimulus presentation system
- \* Run the decoder and acquisition device
- \* Add a hardware *very low latency* connection between the stimulus and acquisition system to *inject* stimulus signals into the acquisition device
- \* Run some additional analysis to measure and visualize the timing accuracy

This tutorial walks through how to do such a measurement for a visual-presentation system using an *opto-resistor* to couple the stimulus to the EEG system.

To do this test you will need:

1. A visual stimulus presentation system.
2. A supported EEG measurement system. Here we will use the openBCI cyton, but the same technique should work for any EEG device.
3. An opto-resistor connecting the screen to the amplifier.
4. This notebook to run the trigger-check script, which generates trigger checking results

The main steps in performing the test are:

1. Connect the opto-resistor to the display
2. Run your BCI test.
3. Analyse the gathered results. (Though this can also be done on-line while the BCI is running.)

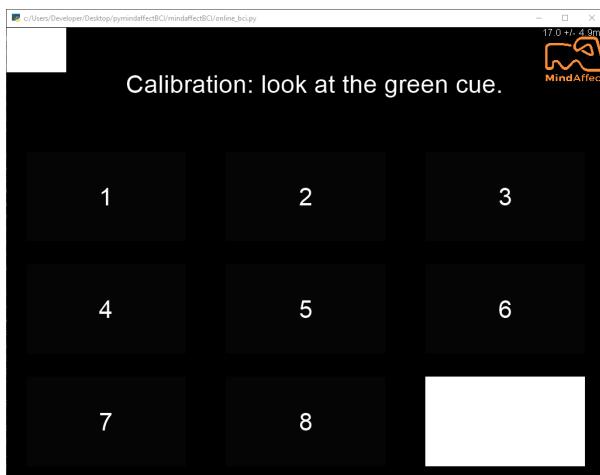
### Step 1: Connect the opto-resistor to the display

You can find the instructions for building an opto-resistor and connecting it to the EEG amplifier [here](#).

**Note: to use the opto-sensor for time-lock quality, the opto-sensor *must* measure the target stimulus.**

That is the button which is cued green during calibration or cued feedback. To make this easier in our default [selectionMatrix.py](#)

there is a special ‘opto-sensor’ location at the top-left of the screen (see below) which *always* shows a copy of the target stimulus – so you can simply fix the opto-resistor at that location.



### Step 2: Run your BCI test run

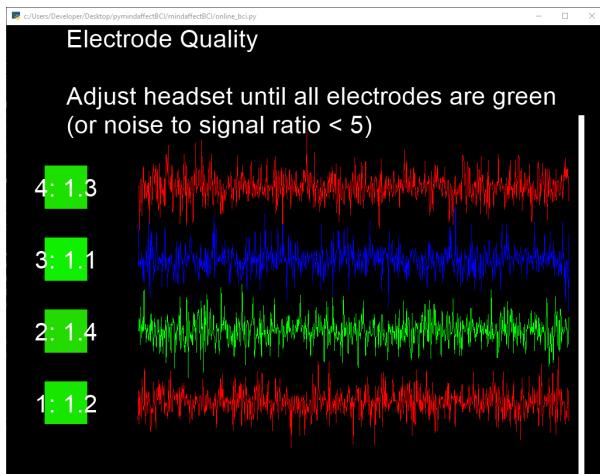
After connecting the display to the amplifier. The next stage is to run the BCI with the opto-resistor connected to get the timing data. As we want to test the whole on-line processing loop we do this by simply running the full BCI stack, where basically the opto-resistor replaces the brain with a ‘perfect’ response brain.

To run the BCI we will use the `online_bci.py` script with the `trigger_check.json` configuration file.

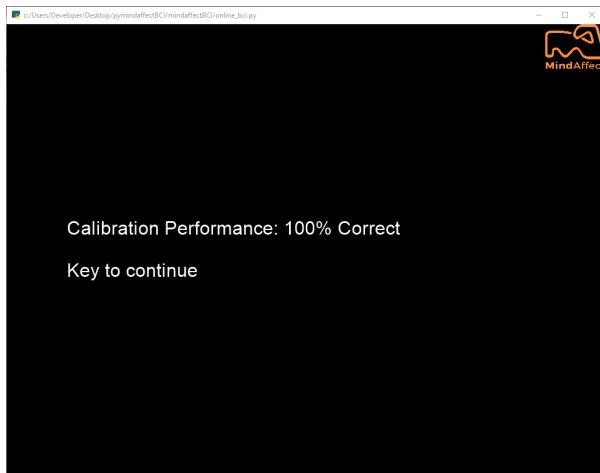
**Note: if you do not have the EEG or opto-resistor hardware, you can simulate this run by using the `acquisition='fakedata'` option, which will use the fake-data EEG simulator, which also include a software trigger injector.**

After the BCI has started:

- \* Press 0 to go to the signal viewer. Here you can quickly check if your opto-resistor is working correctly by changing the display brightness and looking for the change in the appropriate EEG channel.



- Press a key to exit the signal viewer.
- Press 1 to enter cued calibration. The system will now do 10 calibration trials of 4.2s each, and then fit the BCI model. If your opto-resistor (and the BCI) is working correctly, it should tell you the *calibration performance was 100%*.



- Press a key to return to the main menu. You can now press 2 to enter cued prediction if you wish, and test the trained BCI model. Alternatively, as you have now got sufficient data for the time-lock analysis you can press q or escape to quit.

```
[ ]: import mindaffectBCI.online_bci  
# load the configuration file  
config = mindaffectBCI.online_bci.load_config('trigger_check')  
  
# for debugging with the fakedata source uncomment this line!
```

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```
#config['acquisition']='fakedata'

# run with the loaded configuration
mindAffectBCI.online_bci.run(**config)
```

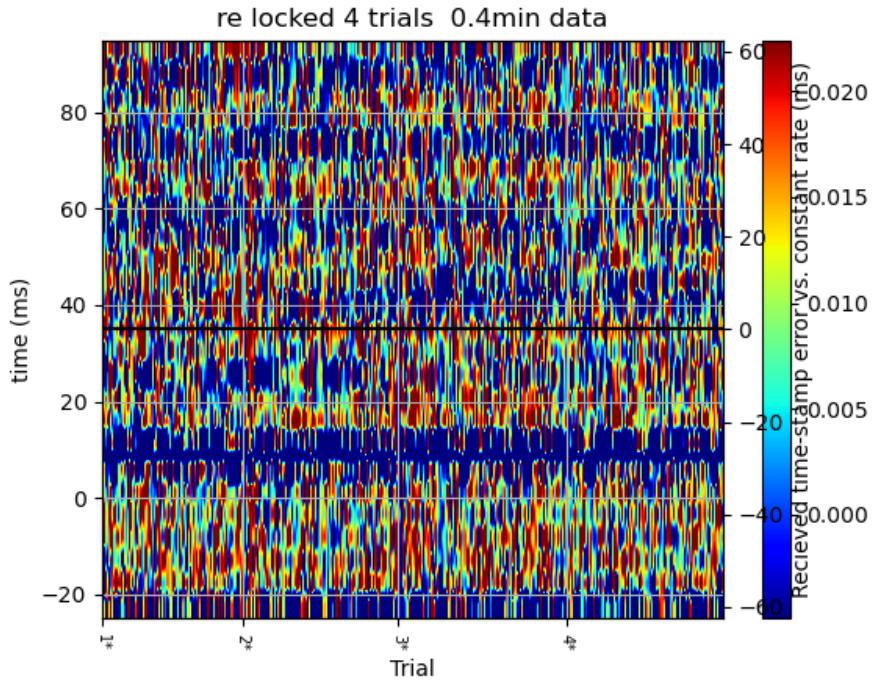
### Step 3: Analyse the time-lock analysis data

If the above test ran correctly the system will have saved a data file in the `logs` directory of the project with a name like `mindAffectBCI_YYMMDD_HHMM.txt` containing all the information about your experiment. This can be used for offline-analysis to explore and refine the model fitting process as explained in the [offline analysis tutorial](#).

Here we will just do a trigger-check analysis. For this we need to know which save file to load. Fortunately, as a convenience for this situation if we use the filename – the system will automatically load the most recent save file from the `logs` directory – which is the one we just generated.

When this check runs it will generate 3 plots visualizing the trigger check data:

1. *Trigger Check*: This plot shows as an image the measured EEG response for every *stimulus onset* (i.e. when the stimulus gets brighter) for every trial. This is displayed as an image where the vertical axis is time since the stimulus, and the horizontal axis are the onsets within each trial, with color showing the magnitude of the EEG. This is the key plot for determining the timing accuracy.



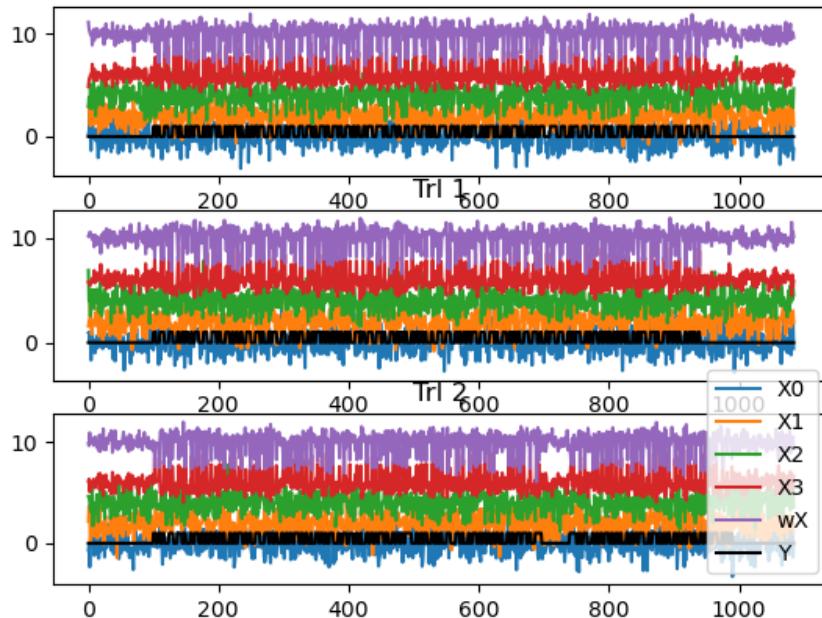
If your timing is accurate you should see a clear *horizontal* band at some time after 0ms – here it's a blue line at about 10ms (in fact due to filtering artifacts you may see more than one such band). By zooming in the y-axis you should see that:

- The bands are *perfectly* horizontal, with no jitter. If there is timing jitter you will see the start of the band move up and down between trials. Here you can see there is a jitter of about +/-5ms – which is 1 sample as the simulated amplifier runs at 200Hz.

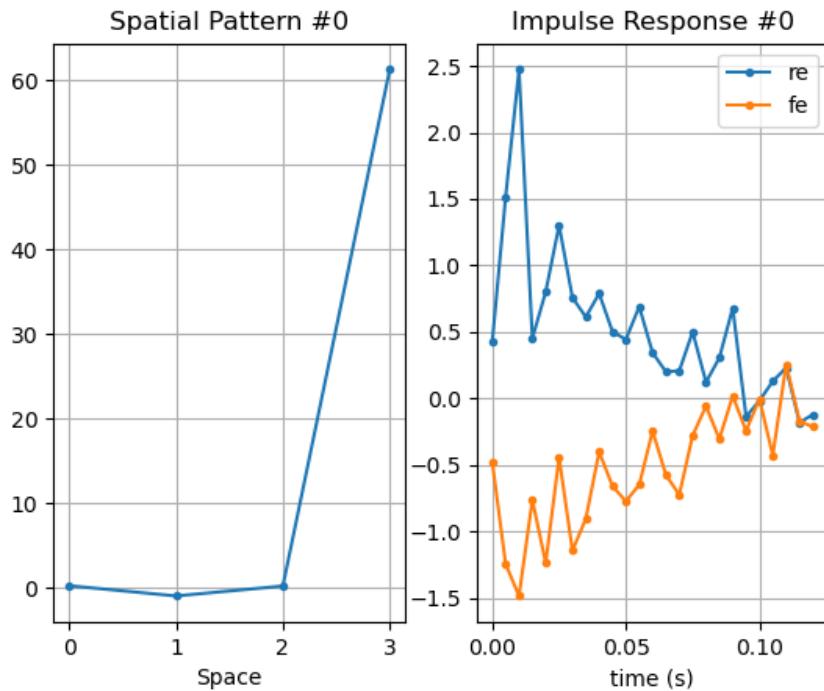
- The bands have no slope or steps. Slopes imply that the stimulus timing is *drifting* with respect to the EEG measurements. Steps imply the stimulus timing is suddenly increasing and decreasing in latency with respect to its nominal time-stamp. In particular we have noticed that steps are common for displays as the operating system (particularly windows) adds and removes frames from the graphics system to draw animations and blurs.
2. *First Trials*: This plot shows the raw time series for the first 3 trials of the saved data. In addition it shows the stimulus data in Y (black) and predicted stimulus data generated by the fitted model in wX. If your opto-resistor is working correctly you should clearly see the opto signal in the appropriate channel of X (channel 8 if using the cyton.)

```
Desktop\pymindaffectBCI\mindaffectBCI\decoder\..\..\logs\mindaffectBCI_deb\
```

First trials data vs. stimulus



3. *Classifier Model*. This plot shows the parameters of the model trained by the classifier to identify the trigger response. In particular the spatial pattern should match that of the opto-resistor channel if the model is correct.



```
[ ]: from mindaffectBCI.decoder.trigger_check import trigger_check
trigger_check('')
```

### 3.7.7 Offline analysis of a mindaffectBCI savefile

So you have successfully run a BCI experiment and want to have a closer look at the data, and try different analysis settings?

Or you have a BCI experiment file from the internet, e.g. MOABB, and want to try it with the mindaffectBCI analysis decoder?

Then you want to do an off-line analysis of this data!

This notebook shows how to such a quick post-hoc analysis of a previously saved dataset. By the end of this tutorial you will be able to:

- \* Load a mindaffectBCI savefile
- \* generate summary plots which show; the per-channel grand average spectrum, the data-summary statistics, per-trial decoding results, the raw stimulus-resonse ERPs, the model as trained by the decoder, the per-trial BCI performance plots.
- \* understand how to use these plots to identify problems in the data (such as artifacts, excessive line-noise) or the BCI operation
- \* understand how to change analysis parameters and the used classifier to develop improved decoders

```
[ ]: import numpy as np
from mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets import debug_test_dataset
from mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_mindaffectBCI import load_mindaffectBCI
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [12, 8] # bigger default figures
```

## Specify the save file you wish to analyse.

You can either specify: \* the full file name to load, e.g. ‘~/Downloads/mindaffectBCI\_200901\_1154.txt’ \* a wildcard filename, e.g. ‘~/Downloads/mindaffectBCI\*.txt’, in which case the **most recent** matching file will be loaded. \* None, or ‘-’, in which case the most recent file from the default logs directory will be loaded.

```
[ ]: # select the file to load
#savefile = '~~/.../logs/mindaffectBCI_200901_1154_ssvep.txt'
savefile = None # use the most recent file in the logs directory
savefile = 'mindaffectBCI_exampledatal.txt'
```

## Load the **RAW**data

Load, with minimal pre-processing to see what the raw signals look like. Note: we turn off the default filtering and downsampling with `stopband=None`, `fs_out=None` to get a true raw dataset.

It will then plot the grand-aver-spectrum of this raw data. This plot shows for each EEG channel the signal power across different signal frequencies. This is useful to check for artifacts (seen as peaks in the spectrum at specific frequencies, such as 50hz), or bad-channels (seen as channels with excessively high or low power in general).

During loading the system will print some summary information about the loaded data and preprocessing applied. Including: \* The filter and downsampling applied \* The number of trials in the data and their durations \* The trial data-slice used, measured relative to the trial start event \* The EEG and STIMULUS meta-information, in terms of the array shape, e.g. (13,575,4) and the axis labels, e.g. (trials, time, channels) respectively.

```
[ ]: X, Y, coords = load_mindaffectBCI(savefile, stopband=None, fs_out=None)
# output is: X=eeg, Y=stimulus, coords=meta-info about dimensions of X and Y
print("EEG: X({}) {} @{}Hz".format([c['name'] for c in coords], X.shape, coords[1]['fs']))
print("STIMULUS: Y({}) {}".format([c['name'] for c in coords[:-1]]+['output'], Y.shape))
# Plot the grand average spectrum to get idea of the signal quality
from mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess import plot_grand_average_spectrum
plot_grand_average_spectrum(X, fs=coords[1]['fs'], ch_names=coords[-1]['coords'],
                             log=True)
```

## Reload the data, with standard preprocessing.

This time, we want to analysis the loaded data for the BCI signal. Whilst we can do this after loading, to keep the analysis as similar as possible to the on-line system where the decoder only sees pre-processed data, we will reload and apply the pre-processing directly. This also has the benefit of making the datafile smaller.

To reproduce the pre-processing done in the on-line BCI we will set the pre-processing to: \* temporally filter the data to the BCI relevant range. Temporal filtering is a standard technique to remove sigal frequencies which we know only contain noise. For the noise-tag brain response we know it is mainly in the frequency range from 3 to about 25 Hz. Thus, we specifcy a bandpass filter to only retain these frequencies with: `stopband=(3, 25, 'bandpass')` \* The orginal EEG is sampled 250 times per second. However, the BCI relevant signal changes at most at 25 times per second, thus the EEG is sampled much more rapidly than needed – so processing it takes undeeded computational resources. Thus, we downsmple the data to save some computation. To avoid signal-artifacts, as a general ‘rule of thumb’ you should downsample to about 3 times your maximum signal frequency. In this case we use an output sample rate of 4 times, or 100 h with: `fs_out=100`

```
[ ]: X, Y, coords = load_mindaffectBCI(savefile, stopband=(3, 25, 'bandpass'), fs_out=100)
# output is: X=eeg, Y=stimulus, coords=meta-info about dimensions of X and Y
```

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```
print("EEG: X({}) {} @{}Hz".format([c['name'] for c in coords],X.shape,coords[1]['fs
↔']))
print("STIMULUS: Y({}) {}".format([c['name'] for c in coords[:-1]]+['output'],Y.shape))
```

## Analyse the data

The following code runs the standard initial analysis and data-set visualization, in one go with some standard analysis parameters:

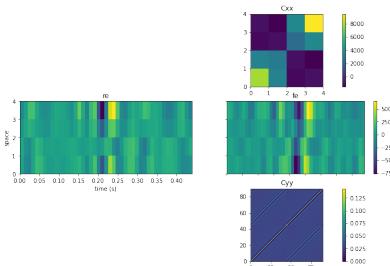
- tau\_ms : the length of the modelled stimulus response (in milliseconds)
  - ‘re’ -> rising edge
  - ‘fe’ -> falling edge

see stim2event.py for more information on possible transformations \* rank : the rank of the CCA model to fit

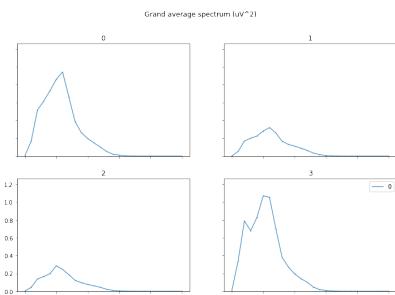
- model : the type of model to fit. ‘cca’ corresponds to the Canonical Correlation Analysis model.

This generates many visualizations. The most important are:

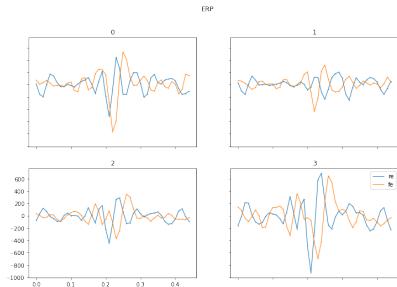
1. **Summary Statistics:** Summary statistics for the data with, This has vertically 3 sub-parts. row 1: Cxx : this is the spatial cross-correlation of the EEG channels row 2: Cxy : this is the cross-correlation of the stimulus with the EEG. Which for discrete stimuli as used in this BCI is essentially another view of the ERP. row 3: Cyx : the auto-cross covariance of the stimulus features with the other (time-delayed) stimulus features



2. **Grand Average Spectrum :** This shows for each data channel the power over different signal frequencies. This is useful to identify artifacts in the data, which tend to show up as peaks in the spectrum at different frequencies, e.g. high power below 3Hz indicate movement artifacts, high power at 50/60hz indicates excessive line-noise interference.

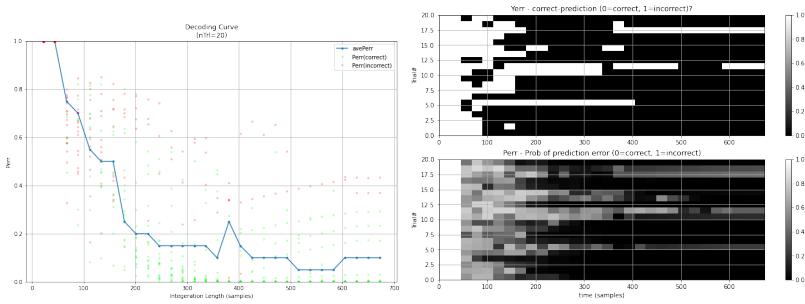


3. **ERP :** This plot shows for each EEG channel the averaged measured response over time after the triggering stimulus. This is the conventional plot that you find in many neuroscientific publications.

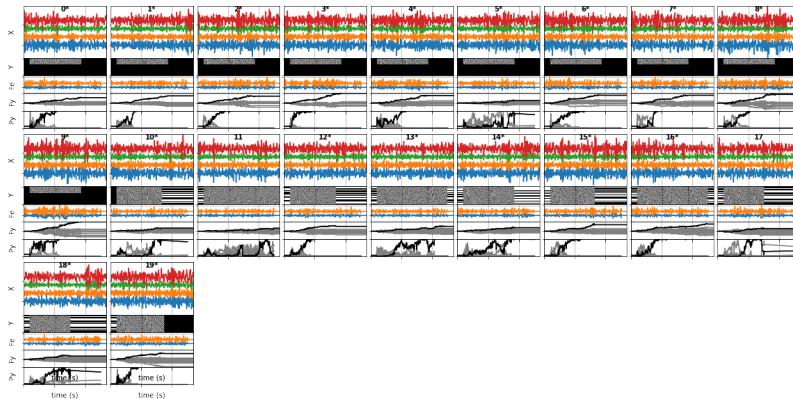


**4. Decoding Curve + Yerr :** The decoder accumulates information during a trial to make it's predictions better. These pair of plots show this information as a ‘decoding curve’ which shows two important things:

- Yerr** : which is the **true** error-rate of the systems predictions, with increasing trial time.
- Perr** : which is the systems own **estimation** of it’s prediction error. This estimation is used by the system to identify when it is confident enough to make a selection and stop a trial early. Thus, this should ideally be as accurate as possible, so it’s near 1 when Yerr is 1 and near 0 when Yerr is 0. In the DecodingCurve plot Perr is shown by colored dots, with red being Yerr=1 and green being Yerr=0. Thus, if the error estimates are good you should see red dots at the top left (wrong with short trials) and green dots at the bottom right (right with more data).



**5. Trial Summary :** This plot gives a direct trial-by-trial view of the input data and the BCI performance. With each trial plotted individually running from left to right top to bottom.



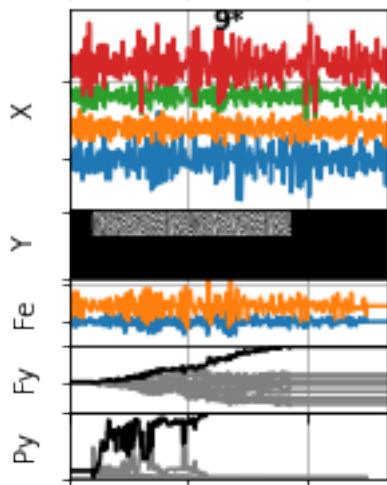
Zooming in on a single trial, we see that vertically it has 5 sub-parts:

- \*\*\*X\*\* :** this is the pre-processed input EEG data, with time horizontally, and channels with different colored lines vertically.
- \*\*\*Y\*\* :** this is the raw stimulus information, with time horizontally and outputs vertically.

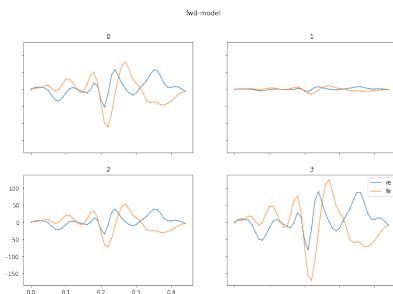
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- c) **\*\*Fe\*\*** : this is the systems predicted score for each type of stimulus-event, ↵ generated by applying the model to the raw EEG (e.g. 're', 'fe')
- d) **\*\*Fy\*\*** : this is the systems accumulated predicted score for each output, ↵ generated by combining the predicted stimulus scores with the stimulus information. ↵ Here the **\*\*true\*\*** output is in black with the other outputs in grey. Thus, if the ↵ system is working correctly, the true output has the highest score and will be the ↵ highest line.
- e) **\*\*Py\*\*** : this is the systems **estimated** target probability for each output, ↵ generated by softmaxing the Fy scores. Again, the true target is in black with the ↵ others in grey. So if the system is working well the black line is near 0 when it ↵ 's incorrect, and then jumps to 1 when it is correct.



6. *Model*: plot of the fitted model, in two sub-plots with: a) the fitted models spatial-filter – which shows the importance of each EEG channel, b) the models impulse response – which shows how the brain responds over time to the different types of stimulus event



```
[ ]: clsfr=debug_test_dataset(X, Y, coords,
                           model='cca', evtlabs=('re', 'fe'), rank=1, tau_ms=450)
```

## Alternative Analyse

The basic analysis system has many parameters you can tweak to test different analysis methods. The following code runs the standard initial analysis and data-set visualization, in one go with some standard analysis parameters:

`tau_ms` : the length of the modelled stimulus response (in milliseconds) `evtlabs` : the type of brain feaats to transform the stimulus information into prior to fitting the model in this case 're' -> rising edge 'fe' -> falling edge see

stim2event.py for more information on possible transformations rank : the rank of the CCA model to fit model : the type of model to fit. ‘cca’ corresponds to the Canonical Correlation Analysis model. other options include: \* ‘ridge’ = ridge-regression, \* ‘fwd’ = Forward Modelling, \* ‘bwd’ = Backward Modelling, \* ‘lr’ = logistic-regression, \* ‘svc’ = support vector machine

See the help for mindaffectBCI.decoder.model\_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence or mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse\_datasets.analyse\_dataset for more details on the other options.

Here we use a Logistic Regression classifier to classify single stimulus-responses into rising-edge (re) or falling-edge (fe) responses.

Note: we also include some additional pre-processing in this case, which consists of: \* **whiten** : this will do a spatial whitening, so that the data input to the classifier is **spatially** decorrelated. This happens automatically with the CCA classifier, and has been found useful to suppress artifacts in the data. \* **whiten\_spectrum** : this will approximately decorrelate different frequencies in the data. In effect this flattens the peaks and troughs in the data frequency spectrum. This pre-processing also been found useful to suppress artifacts in the data.

Further, as this is now a classification problem, we set ignore\_unlabelled=True. This means that samples which are not either rising edges or falling edges will not be given to the classifier – so in the end we train a simple binary classifier.

```
[ ]: # test different inner classifier. Here we use a Logistic Regression classifier to_
→classify single stimulus-responses into rising-edge (re) or falling-edge (fe)_
→responses.
debug_test_dataset(X, Y, coords,
                    preprocess_args=dict(badChannelThresh=3, badTrialThresh=None,_
→whiten=.01, whiten_spectrum=.1),
                    model='lr', evtlabs=('re', 'fe'), tau_ms=450, ignore_
→unlabelled=True)
```

```
[ ]:
```

### 3.7.8 For DataScientists: How to analyse multiple datasets

So you have gathered a load of data using the mindaffectBCI from yourself on different days, or from a group of people. Now you want to see if you can tweak the analysis settings to get much better performance in later days. As you know some machine learning, you know that tweaking the settings on a single dataset will just lead to overfitting. So you want to try new settings on all the data you have so far to see if your changes generalize to new data.

In this tutorial you will learn;

- How to load all the datasets in a directory
- And apply the standard mindaffectBCI classification pipeline to them, to generate a summary of the performance on all the datasets.
- How to tweak different settings to see if you can improve the general performance.

Note: in addition to using this notebook to analysis data gathered locally, you can perform analysis directly on-line on our Kaggle dataset or download this data for local off-line analysis.

#### Imports and configuration setup.

```
[ ]: import numpy as np
from mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets import get_dataset
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets import analyse_dataset, analyse_datasets,
    debug_test_dataset, debug_test_single_dataset
%matplotlib inline
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2
```

Set the directory you want to load the datasets for analysis from

```
[ ]: datasetsdir = "~/Desktop/datasets"
```

Check what datasets can be found in this directory

```
[ ]: dataset_loader, dataset_files, dataroot = get_dataset('mindaffectBCI',
    exptdir=datasetsdir)
print("Got {} datasets\n{}".format(len(dataset_files), dataset_files))
```

Set the parameters for the analysis to run. Specifically:

- `test_idx`: this is the trials to be used for performance evaluation in each dataset. All other trials are used for parameter estimation (in a nested cross-validation). Here we use `slice(10, None)` to say all trials after the 1st 10 are for testing.
- `loader_args` : dictionary of additional arguments to pass to the `load_mindaffectBCI.py` dataset loader, specifically the band-pass filter to use `stopband=(5, 25, 'bandpass')`, and the output sample rate `out_fs=100`.
- `preprocessor_args` : dictionary of additional arguments to pass to the `preprocess.py` **offline** data pre-processor. Here we don't specify any.
- `model` : the machine learning model to use. Here it's the standard `cca` model.
- `clsfr_args` : dictionary of additional arguments to pass to the model fitting procedure `model_fitting`. MultiCCA. Here we specify the brain event types to `model_evtlabs=('re', 'fe')` which means model the rising and falling edge responses only), the length of the brain response `tau_ms=450` which means a response of 450 milliseconds, and `rank=1` to fix the model rank of 1.

As it runs this script will generate a lot of text and then a final summary plot. The key things to understand are:

- **per-dataset decoding summary text.** For each dataset a lot of summary info is generated saying things like the number of trials in the data-set, the preprocessing, the classifier parameter settings used etc. At the end of all this will be a block of text like this:

```
IntLen 69 138 190 260 329 381 450 520 \n Perr 1.00 0.57 0.43 0.19 0.14 0.
05 0.05 0.05 AUDC 29.8 \n Perr(est) 0.87 0.49 0.48 0.11 0.07 0.07 0.05 0.03
PSAE 49.7 \n StopErr 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.60 0.43 0.33 0.33 0.33 AUSC 63.2 \n
StopThresh(P) 0.93 0.93 0.93 0.58 0.38 0.33 0.33 0.33 SSAE 8.7 \n
```

This is a textual summary of the models performance as a **decoding curve** which says how a particular performance measure changes as the system gets increasing amounts of data within a single trial. Thus, this allows you to see how you would expect the system to perform if you manually stopped the trial after, say, 500 samples (which @100hz = 5 seconds). There are 4 key metrics reported here to assess the system performance.

```
* **Perr** : this is the probability of an error -- basically this says that over all
    of the training trials at each integeration-length if forced to stop what fraction
    of the trails would be incorrect.
```

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```
* **Perr(est)** : in real usage the BCI doesn't actually know if it's prediction is wrong, but has to estimate it's confidence itself. As these predictions are used to decide when to stop the trial, they should be as accurate as possible. Perr(est) represents over all the test trials the systems own estimate of it's chance of being wrong with increasing integeration length.

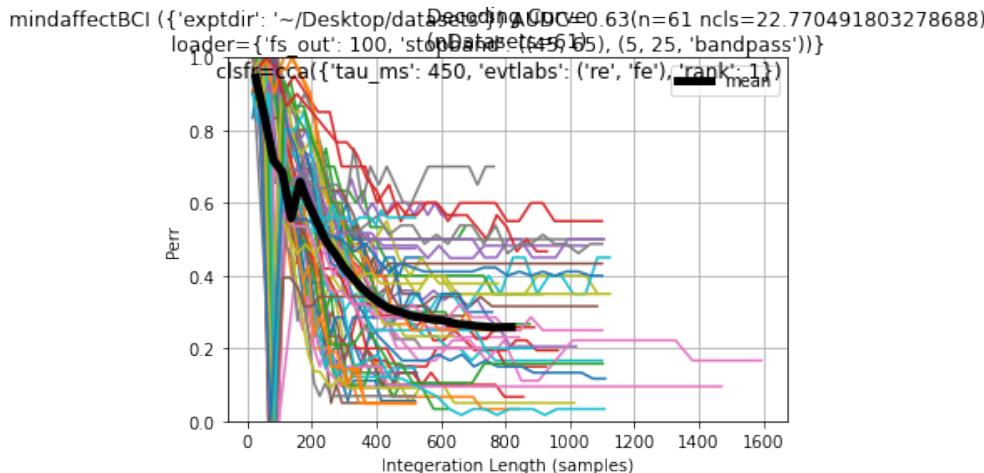
* **StopErr** : The on-line system will Perr(est) to decide when to stop. StopErr gives an estimate of how accurate this method of stopping a trial can be. Due to trial-to-trial variation and accuracy of Perr(est) this can be better tha Perr (as the system can stop early on easy trials, but later on hard trials), or it can be much worse than Perr (if the estimates are very noisy so it stops at the wrong time. So this estimate should be as low as possible as early as possible.

* **StopThresh** : When making the StopErr results the system estimates a Perr(est) threshold which on-average stops at a given integeration length. The StopThresh line gives these thresholds. Ideally, this should be **exactly** equal the StopErr at every time point -- but if Perr(est) is incorrect or highly noisy it can be higher or lower than desired. This gives a guide to how reliable Perr(est) stopping is for deciding when to stop a trial.

* **AUDC** : this is the Area Under the Decoding Curve, which is a single number -- lower better -- to characterise how fast and how low the Perr goes with time.

* **AUSC** : this is the Area Under the Stopping Curve, which is a similar single performance number for the stopping curve.
* **PSAE** and **SSAE** : are Summed Average Error for the Perr(est) estimates, and the StoppingThresholds. Again lower is better for these.
```

- Dataset summary curve: After all the datasets have been run a final summary over all datasets will be generated, both as a textual summary like for the single trials. And as a datasets summary plot like this:



This plot shows for each dataset the summary Perr decoding curve, with the average over all datasets as the thick black line. Also in the title is a summary of the tested configuration and the cross datasets average AUDC to give an idea of the performance of this configuration over all the dataset.

```
[ ]: analyse_datasets('minaffectBCI', dataset_args=dict(exptdir=datasetsdir),
                     loader_args=dict(fs_out=100, stopband=((45, 65), (5, 25, 'bandpass'))),
                     preprocess_args=None,
                     model='cca', test_idx=slice(10, None), clsfr_args=dict(tau_ms=450,
                     evtlabs=('re', 'fe'), rank=1))
```

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### 3.7.9 VideoTutorial: Adding Brain Controls to your Unity Game

Unity is a popular cross-platform video game development environment. In this video tutorial we show how you can easily add brain-controlled objects to your existing game using our unity API

```
<iframe width="560" height="315" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/A-WC2KxZ9bM" frameborder="0" allow="accelerometer; autoplay; clipboard-write; encrypted-media; gyroscope; picture-in-picture" allowfullscreen></iframe>
```

**\*\*Note:** this video is originally for the mindaffect Kickstarter Kit so includes some references to the kit or fake-recogniser which are not relevant for the open-source release. All the unity specific parts remain unchanged. Just start the fake-recogniser with

### 3.7.10 VideoTutorial: Controlling a Phillips HUE with your brain

The Phillips HUE compute controlled lighting system. In this video tutorial we show how you can easily control the color of these lights with brain control using our python framework and the great phue python library.

**\*\*Note:** this video is originally for the mindaffect Kickstarter Kit so includes some references to the kit or fake-recogniser which are not relevant for the open-source release. All the unity specific parts remain unchanged. Just start the fake-recogniser with

### 3.7.11 Raspberry pi GPIO

#### Raspberry pi GPIO for Presentation

Mindaffect BCI is not limited to a screen based presentation. For example, physical lights and tactile vibrators can be used as means of stimulus. But first we need to connect our software to the desired hardware device (e.g. a lamp, LED, tactile vibrator). The software/hardware interfacing is done using GPIO. GPIO is a standard interface used to connect microcontrollers to other electronic devices. It can be used with sensors, diodes, displays, and System-on-Chip modules. For demonstration purposes we use a raspberry pi(Rpi) board. Any Rpi board with wireless connectivity is compatible with our software. In the rest of this section we discuss how to implement your physical presentation system of choice using Rpi's GPIO.

#### You will need

- Rpi zero W
- microSD card
- Lipo battery
- Power Circuit (DC-DC boost convertor)
- LED lights
- Enclosure
  - Case for the electronics

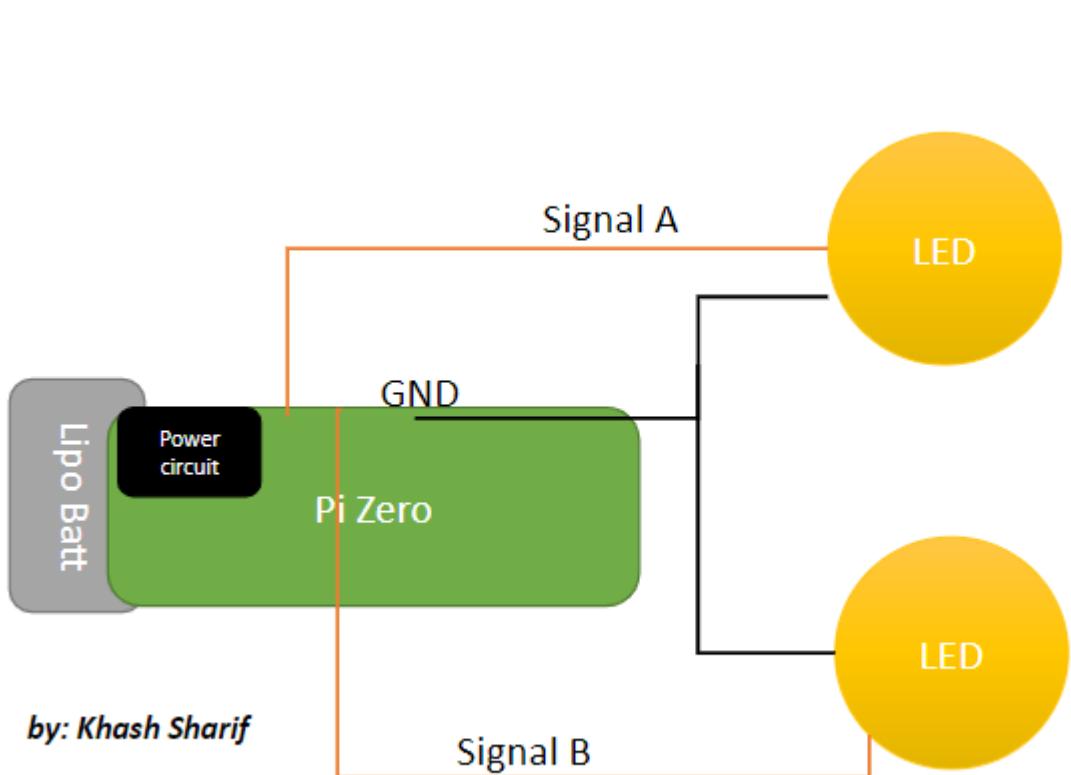
- Light cover

- Tools:

- Soldering equipment
- Hot glue equipment

### Design concept

The BCI stimulus is represented by binary codes. To transfer that into a physical flickering pattern the LED/lamp/tactile vibrator will be ON when the code value is 1 and will be toggled to OFF when the code is value is 0. For example: Code 1011010 is represented by ON-OFF-ON for twice as long-OFF-ON-OFF. A raspberry pi zero W is used for demonstration purposes. Below you can see a schematic diagram of how the electronic hardware looks like for a 2 button presentation module Where one LED plays the binary pattern from code A and the other one plays the pattern from code B. It is up to you to decide how many LEDs you would like to use.



### Software setup

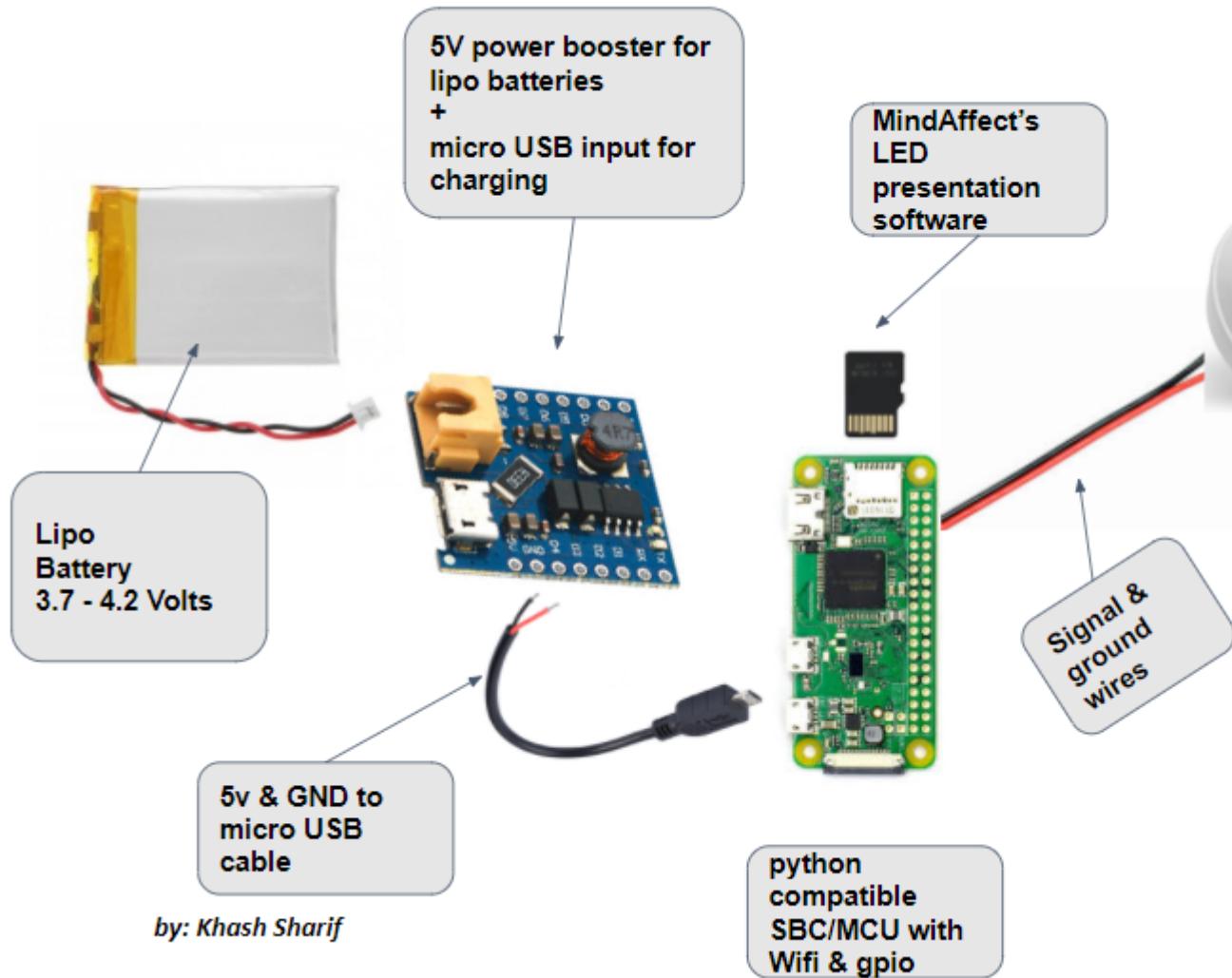
The board needs to be programmed with the MindAffect GPIO software build on top of `gpizero` library. To do so, follow the steps below.

1. Follow this guide to install the Raspbian OS and enable SSH on your Rpi.

2. Now, connect to the raspberry pi via SSH and run the following command in the terminal `sudo apt-get install git default-jre default-jdk python3 build-essential cli-common xterm ant gradle`
3. Clone the pymindAffectBCI repository by using the following command `git clone https://github.com/mindaffect/pymindaffectBCI`
4. Install the necessary bits to your local python path:
  1. change to the directory where you cloned the repository.
  2. Add this module to the python path, and install dependencies `python3 -m pip install -e .`
5. If you would like to configure the Rpi such that the MindAffect GPIO software automatically starts on boot, do the following:
  1. Open the autostart script by running the following command
    1. Sudo nano /etc/xdg/lxsession/LXDE-pi/autostart
    2. Add the following line to the autostart file `python3 -m mindaffect-BCI.examples.presentation.rpigpio`
    3. Press ctrl+x, then press Y and then Enter to save changes.
    4. The changes will take effect after a reboot.
  6. Make sure you are connected to the same WiFi network that is used by the machine running the MindAffectBCI software.
  7. The rpigpio python script uses GPIO pins 2,3,4 by default. You can customize it to your liking.
  8. Allright, the software is set up. Next, the hardware needs to be assembled.

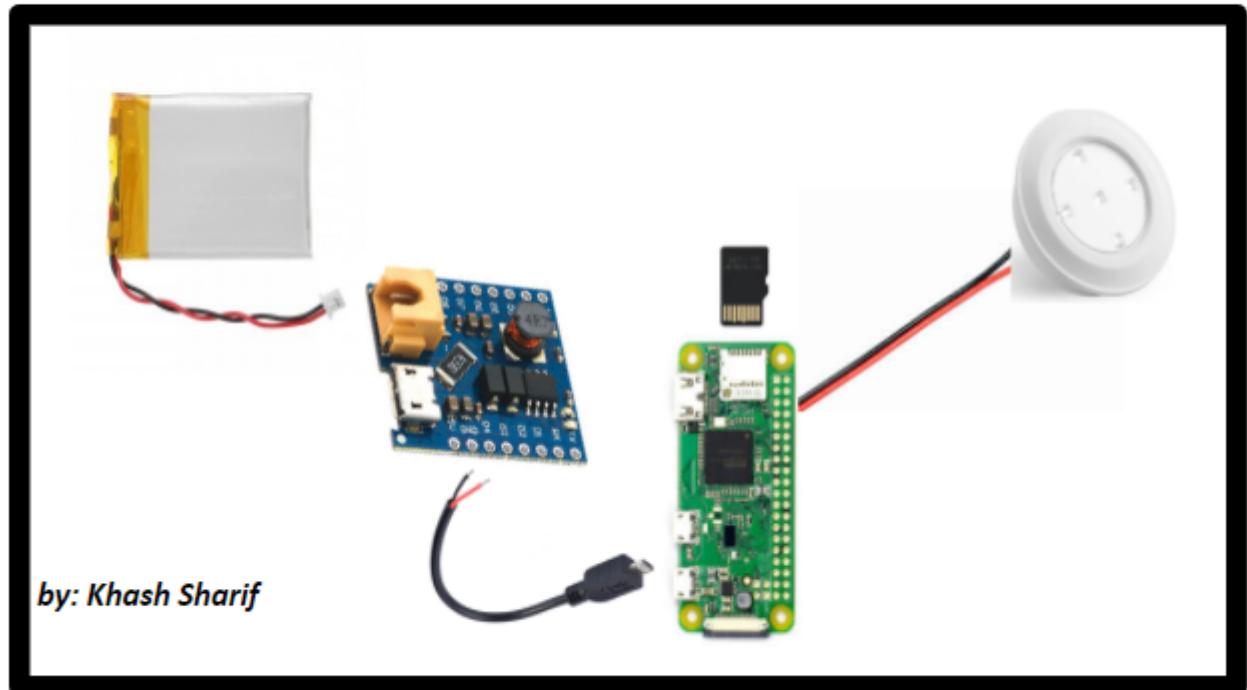
### Directions for setting up a minimum presentation hardware

1. Connect the + pins of the LEDs to the GPIO pins
  1. By default pins 2,3,4 are used in the rpgpio.py script. You don't have to use all the pins, but you need to inform the software about How many pins are going to be used by the LEDs
  2. Connect the - pins of the LEDS to the GND GPIO pin
3. solder the micro USB cable to the power circuit pins
  - red wire → 5v pin
  - black wire → GND pin
4. Connect the power circuit to the Rpi board.



**Caution** If you are not familiar with safety cautions related to LiPo batteries use other safe batteries (such as AA battery packs) or learn how to safely use a LiPO battery. The power circuit & the battery can blow up if you plug in the battery the wrong way. Use at your own risk or choose a safe battery instead.

5. As soon as the battery is connected to the power circuit the Rpi board will boot
6. **To shutdown the system, you can connect to the Rpi board via SSH and run the following command:**
  1. Sudo shutdown -h now
  2. Then you can safely unplug the battery after the RPi's green lights turn off
7. Place all the assembled parts in the enclosure and insulator the electronics using hot glue.



The final LED button looks like this:





### To run the full demo

1. On your host computer, go to the directory of `pymindaffectBCI/mindaffectBCI`. Open the `online_bci.json` file and set the following:
  - “presentation”:”None”
2. Now plug in the battery to the power circuit of the LED button and close the enclosure.
3. Make sure your host computer and the LED button are connected to the same network
4. **The LED button should connect to the host computer and the presentation starts automatically and runs using the default parameters:**
  - Number of calibration and prediction trials
  - Number of LEDs
  - The LED to GPIO pin mapping
  - Speed of stimulus in Hz

```
71     def init(framerate_hz=15, numleds=2, led2gpiopin=(2,3),  
72         """setup the pi for GPIO based presentation  
73  
74     Args:  
75         framerate_hz (float, optional): framerate for the presentation  
76         numleds (int, optional): number of leds to flash  
77         led2gpiopin (tuple, optional): the LED index to map to the corresponding GPIO pin  
78         nCal (int, optional): number of calibration trials  
79         nPred (int, optional): number of prediction trials  
80         """
```

Here's how a one button LED presentation looks like (the LED button stays ON for a while when it is selected by the user's brain response)

And a two button system looks like

## RPI GPIO for control

You can control a physical device using MindAffect's output module and a board with GPIO. For demonstration purposes we use GPIO pins of a raspberry pi board to control other physical devices.

### 3.7.12 Add a new amplifier to mindaffectBCI

Out of the box mindaffectBCI supports a large range of amplifiers, either via. it's use of [brainflow](#) or with amplifier drivers developed by MindAffect. But what if you have a new wizzy amplifier and it's not currently supported by brainflow? How can you easily add support for this cool new device to the mindaffectBCI – ideally without introducing a lot of extra dependencies in your code?

**In this tutorial you will learn:**

1. The low-level format used to stream to the mindaffectBCI hub
2. The importance of **device-level** time-stamps in ensuring the data you send it as good as possible for BCI applications
3. How to write a simple 'fake-data' simulated amplifier stream in Python.

## The mindaffectBCI DATAPACKET transmission format

**Data is sent from the amplifier to the mindaffectBCI in packets containing an array of channels by samples in 32-bit floats (where samples is a 1-d numpy array)**

1. Open a TCP network socket to connect to the hub on port 8400
2. Send a stream of DATAPACKET to the hub

Note: At it's lowest level this is a **one-way** data stream – so your amp driver logic can be extreemly simple. Further, you do not **need** to provide any meta-information about the amplifier, e.g. model, a sample rate, or channel names etc., for it to work (though it is nice if you can send this information in a DATAHEADER packet.) Thus, quickly developing a new amp driver for testing can be extreemly simple – as you will see below it's literally ~6 lines of pure-python.

The detailed format of the DATAPACKET messages (along with all the other message types used by the mindaffectBCI) are given in the system [message specification](#). The core section for the DATAPACKET messages is repeated here for clarity.

Based on this format, in python given an integer *timestamp*, raw data in *samples* which is a (samples,channels) *np.float32* numpy array and using the *struct* package, you can make a valid datapacket with:

```
DP = struct.pack("<BBHi%df"%(samples.size),ord('D'),0,4+4+samples.size*4,timestamp,
    ↪samples.shape[-1],*(s for s in samples.ravel()))
```

Note: This line uses some horrible python hacks; like: *ord('D')* to convert char->integer, *samples.ravel()* to convert the n-d samples to a 1-d matrix, (*s for s in samples.ravel()*) to convert the nd-array to a python tuple, and the finally *\*(...)* to expand the tuple into a set of arguments.

## Minimal Acquisition Driver : Python

**Note:** this example designed for exposition purposes, implementors are better advised to use the *utopiaclient.py* API, as it provides a more complete interface, with e.g. auto-discovery, error-recovery, two-way communication, and access to the full message vocabulary.

**To make the absolute minimum *fake-data* streamer we need to do 5 things:**

1. Open a TCP socket to connect to the hub.:

```
sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
sock.open('localhost', 8400)
```

2. Get the fake-data packet:

```
n_ch = 4
n_samples = 10
samples = np.random.standard_normal((n_ch,n_samples)).astype(np.float32)
```

3. Get the current time-stamp:

```
timestamp = int(time.perf_counter()*1000) % (1<<31) # N.B. MUST fit in 32bit
↪int
```

4. Make the DATAPACKET:

```
DP = struct.pack("<BBHii%df"%(samples.size),ord('D'),0,4+4+samples.size*4,
↪timestamp,samples.shape[-1],*(s for s in samples.ravel()))
```

5. send the message:

```
sock.send(DP)
```

Or to wrap it all up into a single 10-line code block (without imports), with a loop to stream for-ever, and a sleep to rate-limit to a desired effective sample rate:

```
import numpy as np
import time
import socket
import struct

def fakedata_stream(host='localhost', sample_rate=100, n_ch=4, packet_samples=10):
    inter_packet_interval = packet_samples / sample_rate

    sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
    sock.connect((host,8400))

    while True:
        samples = np.random.standard_normal((n_ch,packet_samples)).astype(np.
↪float32)
        timestamp = int(time.perf_counter()*1000) % (1<<31) # N.B. MUST fit in_
↪32bit int
        DP = struct.pack("<BBHii%df"%(samples.size),ord('D'),0,4+4+samples.size*4,
↪timestamp,samples.shape[-1],*(s for s in samples.ravel()))
        sock.send(DP)
        time.sleep(inter_packet_interval) # sleep to rate limit to sample_rate Hz
```

Congratulations, you have just written your own custom datapacket streamer for the mindaffect BCI.

To adapt this to use data from an actual hardware device, then simply replace the `samples = np.random.standard_normal...` line with a call to the hardware function which gets the actual samples from the amplifier.

### The Importance of Amplifier timestamps

At its core any evoked-response BCI (like the mindaffect BCI) must align at least two data-streams, namely the EEG stream (from the amplifier) and the STIMULUS stream (from the presentation device). Doing this alignment with high latency links (such as wireless network connections) can be a complex problem. The solution used in the mindaffect BCI is to use a **local** clock on the device (i.e. amplifier, screen) to attach accurate **timestamps** to the data at source, and then use a jitter rejecting and step detection algorithm in the decoder to align the time-stamp streams (which due to electronic issues can have different offsets and may drift relative to each other) to the common decoder clock.

What this means for amplifier implementors is that **it is very important** to time-stamp your data as close to the source as possible. We have found that using the poor quality clocks in a cheap devices is a better time-stamp source than an high quality clock in a PC – basically because even a poor quality device clock has a sub-millisecond jitter and only drifts by approx 1 millisecond / second, whereas wireless transmission jitter can be 10 to 100 milliseconds / second with a similar 1ms/s drift. When coupled to potential sample loss in transmission, this makes ‘recieve-time’ timestamps a poor substitute for ‘measurement-time’ device-level timestamps.

### Summary

**Adding a new amplifier to the mindaffect BCI can be done by either:**

1. Adding the new amplifier to brainflow
2. Streaming the data on a TCP socket in the timestamped DATAPACKET format

## 3.8 Going Further : BCI-types, Decoder Config

You can run the BCI in different modes by specifying different arguments on the command line. Or by modifying the basic configuration file `online_bci.json`.

### 3.8.1 Alternative BCI types / Stimulus

**By default we use the mindaffect NoiseTagging style stimulus with a 25-symbol letter matrix for presentation. You can easily try**

- `_symbols_` : can either be a list-of-lists of the actual text to show, for example for a 2x2 grid of sentences.

```
"presentation_args": {
    "symbols": [ ["I'm happy", "I'm sad"], ["I want to play", "I want to sleep"] ],
    "stimfile": "mgold_65_6532_psk_60hz.png",
    "framesperbit": 1
}
```

or a file from which to load the set of symbols as a *comma-separated* list of strings like the file `symbols.txt`.

- `_stimfile_` : is a file which contains the stimulus-code to display. This can either be a text-file with a matrix specified with a white-space separated line per output or a png with the stimulus with outputs in ‘x’ and time in ‘y’ like.

You can clearly see the difference between the two main types of BCI stimulus file used here when viewed as an image. Firstly, this is the stimulus file for the noisecodes.



which clearly shows the noise-like character of this code.

By contrast the, classical P300 row-column speller stimulus sequence looks like.



which shows the more structured row-column structure, and that only a few outputs are ‘on’ at any time.

### 3.8.2 Change Decoder parameters

The decoder is the core of the BCI at it takes in the raw EEG and stimulus information and generates predictions about which stimulus the user is attending to. Generating these predictions relies on signal processing and machine learning techniques to learn the best decoding parameters for each user. However, ensuring best performance means the settings for the decoder should be appropriate for the particular BCI being used. The default decoder parameters are found in the configuration file `online_bci.json` in the `decoder_args` section, and are setup for a noisetagging BCI.

The default settings for noisetagging are

```
"decoder_args": {  
    "stopband" : [3, 25, "bandpass"],  
    "out_fs" : 80,  
    "evtlabs" : ["re", "fe"],  
    "tau_ms" : 450,  
    "calplots" : true,  
    "predplots" : false  
}
```

The key parameters here are:

- `stopband`: this is a `temporal filter` which is applied as a pre-processing step to the incomming data. This is important to remove external noise so the decoder can focus on the target brain signals. Here the filter is specified as a list of bandpass or `band stop` filters, which specify which signal frequencies should be suppressed, (where, in classic python fashion -1 indicates the max-possible frequency). Thus, in this example only frequencies between 3 and 25Hz remain after filtering.
- `out_fs`: this specifies the post-filtering sampling rate of the data. This reduces the amount of data which will be processed by the rest of the decoder. Thus, in this example after filtering the data is re-sampled to 80Hz. (Note: to avoid []() `out_fs` should be greater than 2x the maximum frequency passed by the stop-band).
- `evtlabs`: this specifies the stimulus properties (or event labels) the decoder will try to predict from the brain responses. The input to the decoder (and the brain) is the raw-stimulus intensity (i.e. it's brightness, or loudness).

However, depending on the task the user is performing, the brain may *not* respond directly to the brightness, but some other property of the stimulus. For example, in the classic P300 ‘odd-ball’ BCI, the brain responds not to the raw intensity, but to the start of *surprising* stimuli. The design of the P300 matrix-speller BCI means this response happens when the users chooseen output ‘flashes’, or gets bright. Thus, in the P300 BCI the brain responses to the [rising-edge](#) of the stimulus intensity. Knowing, exactly what stimulus property the brain is responding to is a well studied neuroscientific research question, with examples including, stimulus-onset (a.k.a. rising-edge, or ‘re’), stimulus-offset (a.k.a. falling-edge, or ‘fe’), stimulus intensity ('flash'), stimulus-duration etc. Getting the right stimulus-coding is critical for BCI performance, see [stim2event.py](#) for more information on supported event types.

- *tau\_ms*: this specifies the maximum duration of the expected brain response to a triggering event in *milliseconds*. As with the trigger type, the length of the brian response to a triggering event depends on the type of response expected. For example for the P300 the response is between 300 and 600 ms after the trigger, whereas for a VEP the response is between 100 and 400 ms. Ideally, the response window should be as small as possible, so the learning system only gets the brain response, and not a lot of non-response containing noise which could lead the machine learning component to [overfit](#).

## 3.9 Project Ideas / Inspiration

To inspire you with some things that you can build and brain control, checkout our demo videos:

- Brain Control in Unity
- Lego BOOST laser control
- Philips Hue control
- Sphero control
- VR gaming
- Space Invaders
- Speller iPhone
- Tin Throwing
- Brain Controlled TV Remote
- Speller in Python

Other media: - National Geographic feature - Helping ALS patient - TechCrunch Berlin

## 3.10 Frequently Asked Questions

### 3.10.1 How do I improve my calibration accuracy?

First, open the signal viewer by pressing 0 in the main menu to check the quality of the EEG signal. If the reported noise to signal ratio is high, try to reduce the noise as follows:

- Make sure your headset is properly set up and fitted. See our instructions here: [Set-up & fitting of MindAffect water electrodes](#).
- Move away from wall outlets, plugged in electronic devices, and other potential sources of line-noise.
- If possible, place the amplifier behind you so your body is between the machine running the mindaffectBCI and the amplifier.

- Place the EEG hardware close to or on your body and run the electrode cables over your back.
- Check all the connections between the electrodes in your headset and the amplifier.

Second, make sure that you have followed our OS Optimization instructions: [OS Optimization](#), and you are running the BCI in fullscreen mode: [How do I run the BCI in full-screen mode?](#). If the issue still remains you may have to dive deeper in the timing stability of your system. To do this we provide tutorials on:

- [How to build your own optical sensor](#)
- Building a trigger circuit
- triggercheckRef Analysing your opto and trigger data

### **3.10.2 My calibration accuracy is fine but prediction mode does not work.**

- Add more calibration trials to the model by running the calibration sequence multiple times, or change the `nCal` argument in the `online_bci.json` configuration file (or the config file you are currently using).
- Run the BCI in always full-screen mode: [How do I run the BCI in full-screen mode?](#)
- Inconsistent frame timing between calibration and prediction can cause this issue. To check the frametime stability of your system follow our tutorials on:
  - [How to build your own optical sensor](#)
  - Building a trigger circuit
  - Analysing your opto and trigger data

### **3.10.3 I'm getting an Acq did not start correctly and/or a brainflow.board\_shim.BrainFlowError message.**

- Check if your amplifier is turned on and –if needed– the usb-dongle is plugged in.
- When using an OpenBCI amplifier with the WIFI-shield, make sure it is connected to the same wireless network as the machine running the mindaffetBCI.
- Check your serial port settings as described in the COMref section of the installation instructions.

### **3.10.4 How do I run the BCI in full-screen mode?**

To run the BCI in full-screen mode set the `fullscreen` parameter in the `online_bci.json` configuration file –or in any other `.json` config file you are currently using– to `true`.

### **3.10.5 Can I use the mindaffetBCI without an EEG acquisition device?**

In some scenarios it is useful to run the BCI without having to connect an amplifier that's streaming real brain data (e.g. debugging/developing other components of the BCI). To run the full BCI stack (i.e. hub, acquisition, decoder and presentation) with a fake data stream, launch it with the `debug.json` config file:

```
python -m mindaffetBCI.online_bci --config_file debug.json
```

Alternatively, do run full decoder stack (i.e. hub, acquisition and decoder) *without* presentation use:

```
python -m mindaffetBCI.online_bci --config_file fake_recogniser.json
```

When using the fake data stream, calibration and cued prediction performance will be 100%. In Free Typing mode selections are made randomly.

### 3.10.6 I'm getting a *framework not found* error on Mac OS

On mac-os Big-Sur there is a known issue with older versions of pyglet see [here](#). The solution is to ensure you are running pyglet 1.5.11 or higher. You can directly update your pyglet install with: `pip3 install --upgrade pyglet`

### 3.10.7 I'm getting poor performance on linux

As we are a small team, we have decided to focus our development and testing effort mainly on Windows PCs. We have tested the BCI on linux and mac-os, and it technically works. However, as mentioned here triggercheckRef it is also important that the screen redraws be accurately time-stamped. In our testing on linux this time-locking was less robust than with an optimized windows installation. We believe this is can be addressed by a correct graphics system configuration, but have not identified it as yet. We would welcome feedback from the community about how to setup linux better.

## 3.11 Python API

### 3.11.1 mindaffectBCI package

#### Subpackages

##### `mindaffectBCI.decoder` package

#### Subpackages

##### `mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline` package

#### Submodules

##### `mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_brainsonfire` module

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_brainsonfire.load_brainsonfire(datadir,
sess-
dir=None,
sessfn=None,
fs_out=60,
stop-
band=((45,
65), (0,
1), (25,
-1)), subtri-
allen=10,
nvirt=20,
chIdx=slice(None,
64, None),
verb=2)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_brainsonfire.testcase()
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\_brainstream module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_brainstream.load_brainstream(datadir, sessdir=None,  
sessfn=None,  
fs_out=60,  
ifs=None,  
fr=None, stopband=((45, 65), (5, 25, 'bandpass')),  
verb=0,  
ch_names=None)
```

Load and pre-process a brainstream offline save-file and return the EEG data, and stimulus information

#### **Parameters**

- **datadir** (*str*) – root of the data directory tree
- **sessdir** (*str, optional*) – sub-directory for the session to load. Defaults to None.
- **sessfn** (*str, optional*) – filename for the session information. Defaults to None.
- **fs\_out** (*float, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 100.
- **ifs** (*float, optional*) – the input data sample rate.
- **fr** (*float, optional*) – the input stimulus frame rate.
- **stopband** (*tuple, optional*) – Specification for a (cascade of) temporal (IIR) filters, in the format used by *mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.butter\_sosfilt*. Defaults to ((45,65),(5.5,25,'bandpass')).
- **ch\_names** (*tuple, optional*) – Names for the channels of the EEG data.

#### **Returns**

the pre-processed per-trial EEG data Y (np.ndarray (nTrl,nSamp,nY)): the up-sampled stimulus information for each output coords (list-of-dicts (3,)): dictionary with meta-info for each dimension of X & Y. As a minimum this contains

”name”- name of the dimension, “unit” - the unit of measurement, “coords” - the ‘value’ of each element along this dimension

**Return type** X (np.ndarray (nTrl,nSamp,nCh))

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_brainstream.testcase()
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\_cocktail module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_cocktail.argsort(l)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_cocktail.load_cocktail(datadir, sessdir=None,  
sessfn=None,  
fs_out=60, stop-  
band=((45, 65), (0,  
5), (25, -1)), verb=0,  
trlen_ms=None, subtri-  
allen=10)  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_cocktail.squeeze(v)  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_cocktail.testcase()
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\_mTRF\_audio module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_mTRF_audio.load_mTRF_audio(datadir, regres-  
sor='envelope',  
ntrl=15, stop-  
band=((45, 65),  
(0, 0.5), (15,  
-1)), fs_out=60,  
nvirt_out=30,  
verb=1)
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\_mark\_EMG module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_mark_EMG.load_mark_EMG(datadir, sessdir=None,  
sessfn=None,  
fs_out=60, stop-  
band=((45, 65), (0,  
10), (45, 55), (95,  
105), (145, -1)), filter-  
bank=None, verb=0,  
log=True, whiten=True,  
plot=False)  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_mark_EMG.testcase()
```

**[mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\\_mindaffectBCI module](#)**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_mindaffectBCI(source,
                                                datadir:
                                                str      =
                                                None,
                                                sessdir:
                                                str      =
                                                None,
                                                fs_out:
                                                float    =
                                                100,
                                                stop-
                                                band=((45,
                                                65),(5.5,
                                                25,
                                                'band-
                                                pass')),,
                                                order:
                                                int     = 6,
                                                ftype:
                                                str      =
                                                'butter',
                                                verb:
                                                int     = 0,
                                                iti_ms:
                                                float   =
                                                1000,
                                                trlen_ms:
                                                float   =
                                                None,
                                                off-
                                                set_ms:
                                                float   =
                                                (-500,
                                                500),
                                                ch_names=None,
                                                **kwargs)
```

Load and pre-process a mindaffectBCI offline save-file and return the EEG data, and stimulus information

**Parameters**

- **source** (*str, stream*) – the source to load the data from, use ‘-’ to load the most recent file from the logs directory.
- **fs\_out** (*float, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 100.
- **stopband** (*tuple, optional*) – Specification for a (cascade of) temporal (IIR) filters, in the format used by *mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.butter\_sosfilt*. Defaults to ((45,65),(5.5,25,’bandpass’)).
- **order** (*int, optional*) – the order of the temporal filter. Defaults to 6.
- **ftype** (*str, optional*) – The type of filter design to use. One of: ‘butter’, ‘bessel’. Defaults to ‘butter’.
- **verb** (*int, optional*) – General verbosity/logging level. Defaults to 0.

- **iti\_ms** (*int, optional*) – Inter-trial interval. Used to detect trial-transitions when gap between stimuli is greater than this duration. Defaults to 1000.
- **trlen\_ms** (*float, optional*) – Trial duration in milli-seconds. If None then this is deduced from the stimulus information. Defaults to None.
- **offset\_ms** (*tuple, (2,) optional*) – Offset in milliseconds from the trial start/end for the returned data such that X has range [tr\_start+offset\_ms[0] -> tr\_end+offset\_ms[0]]. Defaults to (-500,500).
- **ch\_names** (*tuple, optional*) – Names for the channels of the EEG data.

**Returns**

the pre-processed per-trial EEG data Y (np.ndarray (nTrl,nSamp,nY)): the up-sampled stimulus information for each output coords (list-of-dicts (3,)): dictionary with meta-info for each dimension of X & Y. As a minimum this contains

“name”- name of the dimension, “unit” - the unit of measurement, “coords” - the ‘value’ of each element along this dimension

**Return type** X (np.ndarray (nTrl,nSamp,nCh))

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_mindaffectBCI.testcase()
```

**[mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\\_ninapro\\_db2 module](#)**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_ninapro_db2.load_ninapro_db2(datadir, stop-
band=((0, 15),
(45, 65), (95,
125), (250,
-1)), envelope-
band=(10, -1),
trlen_ms=None,
fs_out=60,
nvirt=20,
rectify=True,
whiten=True,
log=True,
plot=False,
filter-
bank=None,
zs-
core_y=True,
verb=1)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_ninapro_db2.testcase()
```

**[mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\\_openBMI module](#)**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_openBMI.get_trl_ep_idx(trl_idx, iti)
convert set stimulus times into trials and epochs
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_openBMI.load_openBMI(datadir,      sessdir=None,  
sessfn=None,    fs_out=60,  
stopband=((45, 65), (0,  
1), (25, -1)), CAR=False,  
verb=1,        trlen_ms=None,  
offset_ms=(0,  
0),           ppMI=True,  
ch_names=None)
```

Load and pre-process a openBME <<https://academic.oup.com/gigascience/article/8/5/giz002/5304369>> offline save-file and return the EEG data, and stimulus information

## Parameters

- **datadir** (*str*) – root of the data directory tree
  - **sessdir** (*str, optional*) – sub-directory for the session to load. Defaults to None.
  - **sessfn** (*str, optional*) – filename for the session information. Defaults to None.
  - **fs\_out** (*float, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 100.
  - **stopband** (*tuple, optional*) – Specification for a (cascade of) temporal (IIR) filters, in the format used by *mindmagnetBCI.decoder.utils.butter\_sosfilt*. Defaults to ((45,65),(5.5,25,'bandpass')).
  - **trlen\_ms** (*float, optional*) – Trial duration in milli-seconds. If None then this is deduced from the stimulus information. Defaults to None.
  - **offset\_ms** (*tuple, (2,) optional*) – Offset in milliseconds from the trial start/end for the returned data such that X has range [tr\_start+offset\_ms[0] -> tr\_end+offset\_ms[0]]. Defaults to (-500,500).
  - **ch\_names** (*tuple, optional*) – Names for the channels of the EEG data.
  - **CAR** (*bool*) – flag if we should common-average-reference the raw EEG data

## Returns

the pre-processed per-trial EEG data Y (np.ndarray (nTrl,nSamp,nY)): the up-sampled stimulus information for each output coords (list-of-dicts (3,)): dictionary with meta-info for each dimension of X & Y. As a minimum this contains

“name” - name of the dimension, “unit” - the unit of measurement, “coords” - the ‘value’ of each element along this dimension

**Return type** X (np.ndarray (nTrl,nSamp,nCh))

make periodic reference signals

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_openBMI.testcase()
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\_p300\_prn module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_p300_prn.load_p300_prn(datadir, sessdir=None,
sessfn=None,
fs_out=60, offset_ms=(-1000, 1000), ifs=None,
fr=None, stop-
band=((45, 65), (1,
25, 'bandpass')), or-
der=6, subtriallen=10,
verb=0, nvirt=20,
chidx=slice(None, 64,
None))
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_p300_prn.testcase()
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load\_twofinger module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_twofinger.load_twofinger(datadir, sess-
dir=None,
sessfn=None,
fs_out=60, stop-
band=((45, 65),
(0, 1), (25, -1)),
subtriallen=10,
nvirt=20, verb=0,
ch_idx=slice(None,
32, None))
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.load_twofinger.testcase()
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read\_buffer\_offline module**

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_buffer_offline.ftevent(s, t, v, o=None,
d=None)
```

Bases: object

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_buffer_offline.ftheader(nch, nsamp,
nevt, fs,
data_type,
la-
bels=None)
```

Bases: object

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_buffer_offline.read_buffer_offline_data(f,
hdr)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_buffer_offline.read_buffer_offline_events(f)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_buffer_offline.read_buffer_offline_header(f)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_buffer_offline.testcase()
```

[mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read](#) | [mindaffectBCI module](#)

Convert a set of datapacket messages to a 2-d numpy array (with timestamp channel)

## Parameters

- **msgs** (*[type]*) – list of DataPacket messages
  - **sample2timestamp** (*str, optional*) – filtering function, to filter the data-packet time-stamps using the increasing sample counts. Defaults to ‘lower\_bound\_tracker’.
  - **timestamp\_ch** (*int, optional*) – If set, channel which contains the timestamp information. Defaults to None.

**Returns** the extracted samples in a numpy array

**Return type** X( (t,d) np.ndarray)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_DataHeader(line: str)`  
read a data-header line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

**Parameters** `line` (*str*) – the line to read

**Returns** a mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.messages.DataPacket object containing (nsamp,d) EEG data

**Return type** *DataPacket*

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_DataPacket(line: str)`  
read a data-packet line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

**Parameters** `line` (*str*) – the line to read

**Returns** a mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.messages.DataPacket object containing (nsamp,d) EEG data

**Return type** *DataPacket*

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_ModeChange(line: str)`  
read a mode-change line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

**Parameters** `line` (*str*) – the line to read

**Returns** a mode-change object, with the new mode information

**Return type** *ModeChange*

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_NewTarget(line: str)`  
read a newtarget message line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

**Parameters** `line` (*str*) – the line to read

**Returns** a newtarget object

**Return type** *NewTarget*

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_Selection(line: str)`  
read a Selection message line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

**Parameters** `line` (*str*) – the line to read

**Returns** a selection object - Note: currently the selection information is *not* valid

## Return type *Selection*

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_StimulusEvent(line:  
str)
```

read a stimulus event message from a line of a mindaffectBCI offline save file

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_clientip(line: str)
```

read the client-ip-address from a message line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

**Parameters** `line` (`str`) – the line to read

**Returns** the client ip-address

**Return type** ip (`str`)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_clientts(line: str)
```

read the client-timestamp from a message line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

Note: the client-timestamp is the *raw* timestamp sent by the client, in the clients local clock.

**Parameters** `line` (`str`) – the line to read

**Returns** the client timestamp

**Return type** clientts (`int`)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_mindaffectBCI_data_messages(source,  
regress=False,  
times=  
tamp_wrap_=  
**kwargs)
```

read an offline mindaffectBCI save file, and return raw-data (as a np.ndarray) and messages.

**Parameters**

- **source** (`str`) – the file name to load the data from
- **regress** (`bool`, *optional*) – How to map from client-specific to a common time-stamp basis. Defaults to False.
- **timestamp\_wrap\_size** (`tuple`, *optional*) – The bit-resolution of the time-stamps. Defaults to (1<<24).

**Returns** the time-stamped data stream messages (list messages): the (non-datapacket) messages in the file

**Return type** data (np.ndarray (nsamp,d) float)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_mindaffectBCI_message(line:  
str)
```

Read a mindaffectBCI message from a line of text

**Parameters** `line` (`str`) – A line containing a mindaffectBCI message

**Returns** The decoded message as a message class.

**Return type** message\_type

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_mindaffectBCI_messages(source,  
regress:  
bool  
=  
False)
```

read all the messages from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

**Parameters**

- **source** (*[str, stream]*) – the log file messages source, can be file-name, or IO-stream, or string
- **regress** (*bool, optional*) – How should we regress the client-time stamps onto the server time-stamps. If False then use the server-time-stamps, if None then leave the client-time-stamps, if True then use robust-regression to map from client to server time-stamps.
- **to False.** (*Defaults*) –

**Returns** a list of all the decoded messages

**Return type** (list, messages)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_recievedts (line: str)`

read the received-timestamp from a message line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

Note: the received-timestamp is the time the client-message was received, measured on the servers clock.

**Parameters** `line (str)` – the line to read

**Returns** the timestamp

**Return type** ts (int)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.read_serverts (line: str)`

read the server-timestamp from a message line from a mindaffectBCI offline save file

Note: the server-timestamp is the client-timestamp after mapping to the servers local clock. Thus, server timestamps are directly comparable for all clients.

**Parameters** `line (str)` – the line to read

**Returns** the server timestamp

**Return type** ts (int)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.rewrite_timestamps2servertimestamps (msgs)`  
rewrite message client-timestamps to best-fit server time-stamps

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.robust_timestamp_regression (x,`  
`y)`

Given 2 time-stamp streams, e.g. one from server, one from client, compute a robust, outlier resistant linear mapping from one to the other.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*int/float, (ntimes, )*) – the source time-stamps
- **y** (*int/float, (ntimes, )*) – the destination time-stamps

**Returns** the gain and bias for the linear map such that:  $y = ab[0]*x + ab[1]$

**Return type** ab

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline.read_mindaffectBCI.testcase (fn=None)`  
testcase, load reference datafile

## Module contents

### Submodules

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.FileProxyHub module**

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.FileProxyHub.FileProxyHub(filename: str = None,
                                                    speedup: float = None,
                                                    use_server_ts: bool = True)
Bases: object

Proxy UtopiaClient which gets messages from a saved log file

autoconnect(*args, **kwargs)
[summary]

getNewMessages(timeout_ms)
[summary]

    Parameters timeout_ms ([type]) – [description]

    Returns [description]

    Return type [type]

getTimeStamp()
[summary]

    Returns [description]

    Return type [type]

sendMessage(msg)
[summary]

    Parameters msg ([type]) – [description]

mindaffectBCI.decoder.FileProxyHub.testcase(filename, fs=200, fs_out=200, stopband=((45, 65), (0, 3), (25, -1)), order=4)
[summary]

Parameters

    • filename ([type]) – [description]

    • fs (int, optional) – [description]. Defaults to 200.

    • fs_out (int, optional) – [description]. Defaults to 200.

    • stopband (tuple, optional) – [description]. Defaults to ((45,65),(0,3),(25,-1)).

    • order (int, optional) – [description]. Defaults to 4.
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface module**

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.TransformerMixin
Bases: object

fit(X)

transform(X)
```

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface (datawindow_ms=60000,
msgwin-
dow_ms=60000,
data_preprocessor=None,
stimu-
lus_preprocessor=None,
send_signalquality=True,
time-
out_ms=100,
mintime_ms=50,
fs=None,
U=None,
sam-
ple2timestamp='lower_bound_tr
clientid=None)
```

Bases: object

Adaptor class for interfacing between the decoder logic and the data source

This class provides functionality to wrap a real time data and stimulus stream to make it easier to implement standard machine learning pipelines. In particular it provides streamed pre-processing for both EEG and stimulus streams, and ring-buffers for the same with time-stamp based indexing.

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**add\_sample\_timestamps** (*d*: numpy.ndarray, *timestamp*: float, *fs*: float)  
add per-sample timestamp information to the data matrix

**Parameters**

- **d** (*np.ndarray*) – (t,d) the data matrix to attach time stamps to
- **timestamp** (*float*) – the timestamp of the last sample of d
- **fs** (*float*) – the nominal sample rate of d

**Returns** (t,d+1) data matrix with attached time-stamp channel

**Return type** np.ndarray

**connect** (*host=None*, *port=-1*, *queryifhostnotfound=True*)  
[make a connection to the utopia host]

**Parameters**

- **host** ([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **port** (*int*, optional) – [description]. Defaults to -1.
- **queryifhostnotfound** (*bool*, optional) – [description]. Defaults to True.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**extract\_data\_segment** (*bgn\_ts*, *end\_ts=None*)  
extract a segment of data based on a start and end time-stamp

**Parameters**

- **bgn\_ts** (*float*) – segment start time-stamp
- **end\_ts** (*float*, optional) – segment end time-stamp. Defaults to None.

**Returns** the data between these time-stamps, or None if timestamps invalid

**Return type** (np.ndarray)

**extract\_msgs\_segment** (*bgn\_ts*, *end\_ts=None*)  
[extract the messages between start/end time stamps]

**Parameters**

- **bgn\_ts** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **end\_ts** ([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**extract\_stimulus\_segment** (*bgn\_ts*, *end\_ts=None*)  
extract a segment of the stimulus stream based on a start and end time-stamp

**Parameters**

- **bgn\_ts** (*float*) – segment start time-stamp
- **end\_ts** (*float*, optional) – segment end time-stamp. Defaults to None.

**Returns** the stimulus events between these time-stamps, or None if timestamps invalid

**Return type** (np.ndarray)

**getNewMessages** (*timeout\_ms=0*)  
[get new messages from the UtopiaHub]

**Parameters** **timeout\_ms** (*int*, optional) – [description]. Defaults to 0.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**getTimeStamp** ()  
[summary]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**initDataRingBuffer** ()

[initialize the data ring buffer, by getting some seed messages and datapackets to get the data sizes etc.]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**initStimulusRingBuffer** ()

initialize the data ring buffer, by getting some seed messages and datapackets to get the data sizes etc.

**isConnected** ()

[summary]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**local\_slope** (*nsamp*, *data\_ts*)

compute a robust local slope estimate

**Parameters**

- **nsamp** ([*type*]) – [description]

- **data\_ts** ([*type*]) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**plot\_raw\_preproc\_data** (*d\_raw*, *d\_preproc*, *ts*)

[debugging function to check the diff between the raw and pre-processed data]

**Parameters**

- **d\_raw** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **d\_preproc** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **ts** ([*type*]) – [description]

**preprocess\_message** (*m*: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*)

[apply pre-processing to topia message before any more work]

**Parameters** *m* (*UtopiaMessage*) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**processDataPacket** (*m*: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.DataPacket*)

[pre-process a datapacket message ready to be inserted into the ringbuffer]

**Parameters** *m* (*DataPacket*) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**processStimulusEvent** (*m*: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.StimulusEvent*)

[pre-process a StimulusEvent message ready to be inserted into the stimulus ringbuffer]

**Parameters** *m* (*StimulusEvent*) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**push\_back\_newmsgs** (*oldmsgs*)

[put unprocessed messages back onto the newmessages queue]

**Parameters** *oldmsgs* ([*type*]) – [description]

**run** (*timeout\_ms*=30000)

[test run the interface forever, just getting and storing data]

**Parameters** *timeout\_ms* (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 30000.

**sendMessage** (*msg*: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*)

[send a UtopiaMessage to the utopia hub]

**Parameters** *msg* (*UtopiaMessage*) – [description]

**update** (*timeout\_ms*=None, *mintime\_ms*=None)

Update the tracking state w.r.t. the data source

By adding data to the data\_ringbuffer, stimulus info to the stimulus\_ringbuffer, and other messages to the messages ring buffer.

**Args**

**timeout\_ms** [int] max block waiting for messages before returning

**mintime\_ms** [int] min time to accumulate messages before returning

#### Returns

**newmsgs** [[newMsgs :UtopiaMessage]] list of the *new* utopia messages from the server

**nsamp: int** number of new data samples in this call Note: use data\_ringbuffer[-nsamp:,...] to get the new data

**nstimulus** [int] number of new stimulus events in this call Note: use stimulus\_ringbuffer[-nstimulus:,...] to get the new data

**update\_and\_send\_ElectrodeQualities** (*d\_raw*: numpy.ndarray, *d\_prepoc*: numpy.ndarray, *ts*: int)

[compute running estimate of electrode qality and stream it]

#### Parameters

- **d\_raw** (np.ndarray) – [description]
- **d\_prepoc** (np.ndarray) – [description]
- **ts** (int) – [description]

**update\_electrode\_powers** (*d\_raw*: numpy.ndarray, *d\_prepoc*: numpy.ndarray)

track exp-weighted-moving average centered power for 2 input streams – the raw and the preprocessed

#### Parameters

- **d\_raw** (np.ndarray) – [description]
- **d\_prepoc** (np.ndarray) – [description]

#### Returns

**Return type** [type]

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.butterfilt_and_downsample(stopband=((0,
5),
(5,
-
1)),
order:
int
=
6,
fs:
float
=
250,
fs_out:
float
=
60,
ftype='butter')
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.TransformerMixin*

Incremental streaming transformer to provide filtering and downsampling data transformations

**Parameters** **TransformerMixin** ([*type*]) – sklearn compatible transformer

**fit** (*X*, *fs*: float = None, *zi*=None)  
[summary]

**Parameters**

- **x** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **fs** (*float, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **zi** ([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [*type*]

**static testcase()**

test the filt+downsample transformation filter by incremental calling

**transform(X, Y=None)**

[summary]

**Parameters**

- **x** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **y** ([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [*type*]

**class** mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.**channel\_power\_standardizer**(*reg=0.0001, axis=-2*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.TransformerMixin*

Incremental streaming tranformer to channel power normalization in an input stream

**fit(X)**

[summary]

**Parameters** **x** ([*type*]) – [description]

**testcase(dur=3, fs=100, blksize=10)**

[summary]

**Parameters**

- **dur** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 3.
- **fs** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 100.
- **blksize** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 10.

**transform(X)**

add per-sample timestamp information to the data matrix

**Parameters** **x** (*float*) – the data to decorrelate

**Returns** the decorrelated data

**Return type** np.ndarray

**class** mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.**power\_tracker**(*halflife\_mu\_ms, halflife\_power\_ms, fs, car=True*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.TransformerMixin*

Incremental streaming transformer from raw n-channel data, to exponentially smoothed channel powers

**Parameters** **TransformerMixin** ([*type*]) – sklearn compatiable transformer

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```

fit(X)
[summary]

Parameters X ([type]) – [description]
Returns [description]
Return type [type]

h12alpha(hl)
[summary]

Parameters h1 ([type]) – [description]
Returns [description]
Return type [type]

mean()
[summary]

Returns [description]
Return type [type]

power()
[summary]

Returns [description]
Return type [type]

static testcase()
[summary]

transform(X: numpy.ndarray)
compute the exponentially weighted centered power of X

Parameters X (np.ndarray) – samples x channels data
Returns the updated per-channel power
Return type np.ndarray

class mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.stim2eventfilt(evtlabs=None,
                                                               histlen=20)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.TransformerMixin

Incremental streaming transformer to transform a sequence of stimulus states to a brain event sequence
For example by transforming a sequence of stimulus intensities, to rising and falling edge events.

fit(X)
[summary]

Parameters X ([type]) – [description]
Returns [description]
Return type [type]

testcase()
test the stimulus transformation filter by incremental calling

transform(X)
[transform Stimulus-encoded to brain-encoded]

Parameters X ([type]) – [description]

```

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.temporal_decorrelator(order=10,  
                                         reg=0.0001,  
                                         eta=1e-  
                                         05,  
                                         axis=-  
                                         2)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.TransformerMixin*

Incremental streaming tranformer to decorrelate temporally channels in an input stream

**fit** (*X*)  
[summary]

**Parameters** **x** ([*type*]) – [description]

**testcase** (*dur*=3, *fs*=100, *blksize*=10)  
[summary]

**Parameters**

- **dur** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 3.
- **fs** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 100.
- **blksize** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 10.

**transform** (*X*)  
add per-sample timestamp information to the data matrix

**Parameters**

- **x** (*float*) – the data to decorrelate
- **nsamp** (*int*) – number of samples to interpolate

**Returns** the decorrelated data

**Return type** np.ndarray

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.testERP()  
[summary]
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.testElectrodeQualities(X,    fs=200,  
                                         pktsize=20)  
[summary]
```

**Parameters**

- **x** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **fs** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 200.
- **pktsize** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 20.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.testFileProxy(filename, fs_out=999)  
[summary]
```

**Parameters**

- **filename** ([*type*]) – [description]

- **fs\_out** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 999.

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.testFileProxy2(filename)`  
 [summary]

**Parameters** `filename` (*[type]*) – [description]

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.testPP()`  
 [summary]

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.testRaw()`  
 [summary]

**class** `mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.timestamp_interpolation(fs=None, sam- ple2timestamp=None, max_delta=200)`

Bases: `mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.TransformerMixin`

Incremental streaming tranformer to transform from per-packet time-stamps to per-sample timestamps with time-stamp smoothing, de-jittering, and dropped-sample detection.

**fit** (*ts, nsamp=1*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters**

- **ts** (*[type]*) – [description]
- **nsamp** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 1.

**testcase** (*npkt=1000, fs=100*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters**

- **npkt** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 1000.
- **fs** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 100.

**transform** (*timestamp: float, nsamp: int = 1*)  
 add per-sample timestamp information to the data matrix

**Parameters**

- **timestamp** (*float*) – the timestamp of the last sample of d
- **nsamp** (*int*) – number of samples to interpolate

**Returns** (*nsamp*) the interpolated time-stamps

**Return type** np.ndarray

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse\_datasets module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.analyse_dataset(X: numpy.ndarray, Y:  
    numpy.ndarray, coords,  
    model: str = 'cca',  
    test_idx=None, cv=True,  
    tau_ms: float = 300, fs:  
    float = None, rank: int  
    = 1, evtlabs=None, offset_ms=0,  
    center=True, tuned_parameters=None,  
    ranks=None, train_on_all=True,  
    **kwargs)
```

cross-validated training on a single datasets and decoing curve estimation

### **Parameters**

- **X** (*np.ndarray*) – the X (EEG) sequence
- **Y** (*np.ndarray*) – the Y (stimulus) sequence
- **coords** (*[type]*) – array of dicts of meta-info describing the structure of X and Y
- **fs** (*float*) – the data sample rate (if coords is not given)
- **model** (*str, optional*) – The type of model to fit, as in *model\_fitting.py*. Defaults to ‘cca’.
- **cv** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we should train with cross-validation using the *cv\_fit* method. Defaults to True.
- **test\_idx** (*list-of-int, optional*) – indexs of test-set trials which are *not* passed to fit/cv\_fit. Defaults to True.
- **tau\_ms** (*float, optional*) – length of the stimulus-response in milliseconds. Defaults to 300.
- **rank** (*int, optional*) – rank of the decomposition in factored models such as cca. Defaults to 1.
- **evtlabs** (*[type], optional*) – The types of events to used to model the brain response, as used in *stim2event.py*. Defaults to None.
- **offset\_ms** (*(2,) – float, optional*): Offset for analysis window from start/end of the event response. Defaults to 0.

**Raises** *NotImplementedError* – if you use for a model which isn’t implemented

**Returns** the cv score for this dataset dc (tuple): the information about the decoding curve as returned by *decodingCurveSupervised.py* Fy (*np.ndarray*): the raw cv’d output-scores for this dataset as returned by *decodingCurveSupervised.py* clsfr (*BaseSequence2Sequence*): the trained classifier

**Return type** score (*float*)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.analyse_datasets(dataset: str, model: str
= 'cca', dataset_args: dict = None, loader_args: dict = None, preprocess_args: dict = None,
clsfr_args: dict = None, tuned_parameters: dict = None, **kwargs)
```

analyse a set of datasets (multiple subject) and generate a summary decoding plot.

#### Parameters

- **dataset** ([str]) – the name of the dataset to load
- **model** (str, optional) – The type of model to fit. Defaults to ‘cca’.
- **dataset\_args** ([dict], optional) – additional arguments for get\_dataset. Defaults to None.
- **loader\_args** ([dict], optional) – additional arguments for the dataset loader. Defaults to None.
- **clsfr\_args** ([dict], optional) – additional arguments for the model\_fitter. Defaults to None.
- **tuned\_parameters** ([dict], optional) – sets of hyper-parameters to tune by GridCVSearch

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.analyse_train_test(X: numpy.ndarray, Y:
numpy.ndarray, coords, splits=1, label: str = "", model: str = 'cca',
tau_ms: float = 300, fs: float = None, rank: int = 1, evtlabs=None,
preprocess_args=None, clsfr_args: dict = None, **kwargs)
```

analyse effect of different train/test splits on performance and generate a summary decoding plot.

#### Parameters

- () (splits) – list of list of train-test split pairs.
- **dataset** ([str]) – the name of the dataset to load
- **model** (str, optional) – The type of model to fit. Defaults to ‘cca’.
- **dataset\_args** ([dict], optional) – additional arguments for get\_dataset. Defaults to None.
- **loader\_args** ([dict], optional) – additional arguments for the dataset loader. Defaults to None.
- **clsfr\_args** ([dict], optional) – additional arguments for the model\_fitter. Defaults to None.
- **tuned\_parameters** ([dict], optional) – sets of hyper-parameters to tune by GridCVSearch

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.debug_test_dataset(X, Y, coords=None,
label=None,
tau_ms=300, fs=None,
offset_ms=0, evt-
labs=None, rank=1,
model='cca', preprocess_args: dict = None,
clsfr_args: dict = None,
plotnormFy=False,
triggerPlot=False,
**kwargs)
```

Debug a data set, by pre-processing, model-fitting and generating various visualizations

#### Parameters

- **X** (*nTrl, nSamp, d*) – The preprocessed EEG data
- **Y** (*nTrl, nSamp, nY*) – The stimulus information
- **coords** (*[type], optional*) – meta-info about the dimensions of X and Y. Defaults to None.
- **label** (*[type], optional*) – textual name for this dataset, used for titles and save-file names. Defaults to None.
- **tau\_ms** (*int, optional*) – stimulus-response length in milliseconds. Defaults to 300.
- **fs** (*[type], optional*) – sample rate of X and Y. Defaults to None.
- **offset\_ms** (*int, optional*) – offset for start of stimulus response w.r.t. stimulus time. Defaults to 0.
- **evtlabs** (*[type], optional*) – list of types of stimulus even to fit the model to. Defaults to None.
- **rank** (*int, optional*) – the rank of the model to fit. Defaults to 1.
- **model** (*str, optional*) – the type of model to fit. Defaults to ‘cca’.
- **preprocess\_args** (*dict, optional*) – additional arguments to send to the data pre-processor. Defaults to None.
- **clsfr\_args** (*dict, optional*) – additional arguments to pass to the model fitting. Defaults to None.

**Returns** the cv score for this dataset dc (tuple): the information about the decoding curve as returned by *decodingCurveSupervised.py* Fy (np.ndarray): the raw cv’d output-scores for this dataset as returned by *decodingCurveSupervised.py* clsfr (BaseSequence2Sequence): the trained classifier

#### Return type score (float)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.debug_test_single_dataset(dataset: str,
filename:
str = None,
dataset_args=None,
loader_args=None,
*args,
**kwargs)
```

run the debug\_test\_dataset for a single subject from dataset

#### Parameters

- **dataset** (*[str]*) – the dataset to load with get\_dataset from *datasets.py*

- **filename** (*[str], optional*) – a specific filename regular expression to match to process. Defaults to None.

**Returns** the model fitted during the dataset testing

**Return type** `clsfr [BaseSeq2seq]`

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.flatten_decoding_curves(decoding_curves)
take list of (potentially variable length) decoding curves and make into a single array
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.plot_trial_summary(X, Y, Fe=None,
Py=None, fs=None,
label=None, evt-
labs=None, cen-
terx=True, xspac-
ing=10, sumFy=True,
Yerr=None)
```

generate a plot summarizing the inputs (X,Y) and outputs (Fe,Fe) for every trial in a dataset for debugging purposes

#### Parameters

- **X** (*nTrl, nSamp, d*) – The preprocessed EEG data
- **Y** (*nTrl, nSamp, nY*) – The stimulus information
- **Fy** (*nTrl, nSamp, nY*) – The output scores obtained by combining the stimulus-scores (Fe) with the stimulus information (Y)
- **Fe** (*(nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE), optional*) – The stimulus scores, for the different event types, obtained by combining X with the decoding model. Defaults to None.
- **Py** (*(nTrl, nSamp, nY), optional*) – The target probabilities for each output, derived from Fy. Defaults to None.
- **fs** (*float, optional*) – sample rate of X, Y, used to set the time-axis. Defaults to None.
- **label** (*str, optional*) – A textual label for this dataset, used for titles & save-files. Defaults to None.
- **centerx** (*bool, optional*) – Center (zero-mean over samples) X for plotting. Defaults to True.
- **xspacing** (*int, optional*) – Gap in X units between different channel lines. Defaults to 10.
- **sumFy** (*bool, optional*) – accumulate the output scores before plotting. Defaults to True.
- **Yerr** (*bool (nTrl,), optional*) – indicator for which trials the model made a correct prediction. Defaults to None.

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.analyse_datasets.run_analysis()
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.ccaViewer module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.ccaViewer.ccaViewer(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.ccaViewer.parse_args()
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.ccaViewer.run(ui: mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface,
                                    timeout_ms: float = inf, tau_ms: float = 500,
                                    offset_ms=(-15, 0), evtlabs=None, ch_names=None,
                                    nstimulus_events: int = 600, rank: int = 3, reg=0.02,
                                    center: bool = True, host: str = '-', stopband=None,
                                    out_fs=100)
```

view the live CCA decomposition.

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.dataset debugging module**

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.brains_on_fire_online()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.cocktail()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.dataset_generator(dataset, **kwargs)
    generator for individual datasets from the given set of datasets
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.get_dataset(dsname, *args, **kwargs)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.lowlands()
    generate the directory+filename info for the lowlands noisetagging dataset
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.mTRF_audio()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.mark_EMG()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.mindaffectBCI(exptdir, **args)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.ninapro_db2()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.openBMI(dtype='SSVEP')
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.p300_prn(label: str = None)
    generate dataset+filename for p300-prn2
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.plos_one()
    generate the directory+filename info for the plos_one noisetagging dataset
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.tactileP3()
    generate dataset+filename for tactile P3
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.tactile_PatientStudy()
    generate dataset+filename for p300-prn2
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.test_loader(loadfn, filenames, dataroot, **kwargs)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.testcase()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.testdataset(fn, **args)
    a conforming toy dataset loader
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.toy()
    make a toy dataset for testing
mindaffectBCI.decoder.datasets.twofinger()
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.dec\_test module****mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder module**

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.combine_Ptgt (pvals_objIDs)`

combine target probabilities in a correct way

**Parameters** `pvals_objIDs` (*list (pval, objID)*) – list of Ptgt,objID pairs for outputs at different time points.

**Returns** target probabilities (`np.ndarray (outputs,)`) : object IDs for the targets

**Return type** (`np.ndarray (outputs,)`)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.dataset_to_XY_ndarrays (dataset)`

convert a dataset, consisting of a list of pairs of time-stamped data and stimulus events, to 3-d matrices of X=(trials,samples,channels) and Y=(trials,samples,outputs)

**Parameters** `dataset` (*[type]*) – list of pairs of time-stamped data and stimulus events

**Returns** the per-trial data Y (tr,samp,nY): the per-trial stimulus, with sample rate matched to X X\_ts (tr,samp): the time-stamps for the smaples in X Y\_ts (tr,samp): the time-stamps for the stimuli in Y

**Return type** X (tr,samp,d)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.doCalibrationSupervised (ui:`

*mindaffect-  
BCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface  
clsfr: mindaffect-  
BCI.decoder.model\_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence,  
\*\*kwargs)*

do a calibration phase = basically just extract the training data and train a classifier from the utopiaInterface

**Parameters**

- `ui` (`UtopiaDataInterface`) – buffered interface to the data and stimulus streams
- `clsfr` (`BaseSequence2Sequence`) – the classifier to use to fit a model to the calibration data
- `cv` (*int, optional*) – the number of cross-validation folds to use for model generalization performance estimation. Defaults to 2.
- `prior_dataset` (*[type], optional*) – data-set from a previous calibration run, used to accumulate data over subsequent calibrations. Defaults to None.
- `ranks` (*tuple, optional*) – a list of model ranks to optimize as hyperparameters. Defaults to (1,2,3,5).

**Returns** the gathered calibration data X : the calibration data as a 3-d array (tr,samp,d) Y : the calibration stimulus as a 3-d array (tr,samp,num-outputs)

**Return type** dataset [type]

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.doModelFitting (clsfr:`

*mindaffect-  
BCI.decoder.model\_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence,  
dataset, cv: int = 2, prior\_dataset=None,  
ranks=(1, 2, 3, 5), fs: float = None, n\_ch:  
int = None, \*\*kwargs)*

fit a model given a dataset

**Parameters**

- **clsfr** (`BaseSequence2Sequence`) – the classifier to use to fit a model to the calibration data
- **cv** (*int, optional*) – the number of cross-validation folds to use for model generalization performance estimation. Defaults to 2.
- **prior\_dataset** (*[type], optional*) – data-set from a previous calibration run, used to accumulate data over subsequent calibrations. Defaults to None.
- **ranks** (*tuple, optional*) – a list of model ranks to optimize as hyperparameters. Defaults to (1,2,3,5).

**Returns** the estimated model generalization performance on the training data. dataset [type]: the gathered calibration data X : the calibration data as a 3-d array (tr,samp,d) Y : the calibration stimulus as a 3-d array (tr,samp,num-outputs)

**Return type** perr (float)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.doPrediction(clsfr:                                     mindaffect-
                                              BCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence,
                                              data, stimulus, prev_stimulus=None)
```

given the current trials data, apply the classifier and decoder to make target predictions

#### Parameters

- **clsfr** (`BaseSequence2Sequence`) – the trained classifier to apply to the data
- **data** (`np.ndarray (time, channels)`) – the pre-processed EEG data
- **stimulus** (`np.ndarray (time, outputs)`) – the raw stimulus information
- **prev\_stimulus** (`np.ndarray, optional`) – previous stimulus before stimulus – poss needed for correct event coding. Defaults to None.

**Returns** Fy scores for each output at each time-point

**Return type** (`np.ndarray (time,outputs)`)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.doPredictionStatic(ui:                                     mindaffect-
                                              BCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface,
                                              clsfr:                                     mindaffect-
                                              BCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence,
                                              model_apply_type: str = 'trial',
                                              timeout_ms: float = None,
                                              block_step_ms: float = 100, maxDecisLen_ms: float = 8000)
```

do the prediction stage = basically extract data/msg from trial start and generate a prediction from them “”

#### Parameters

- **ui** (`UtopiaDataInterface`) – buffered interface to the data and stimulus streams
- **clsfr** (`BaseSequence2Sequence`) – the trained classification model
- **maxDecisLen\_ms** (*float, optional*) – the maximum amount of data to use to make a prediction, i.e. prediction sliding window size. Defaults to 8000

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.getCalibration_dataset(ui:                                     mindaffect-
                                              BCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface)
extract a labelled dataset from the utopiaInterface, which are trials between modechange messages
```

**Parameters** **ui** (`UtopiaDataInterface`) – the data interface object

**Returns** list of pairs of time-stamped data and stimulus information as 2d (time,ch) (or (time,output)) numpy arrays

**Return type** (list (data,stimulus))

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.get_trial_start_end(msgs, start_ts=None)`  
get the start+end times of the trials in a utopia message stream

#### Parameters

- **msgs** ([*mindaffectBCI.UtopiaMessage*]) – list of messages recently received
- **start\_ts** (float, optional) – time-stamp for start of *current* trial. Defaults to None.

**Returns** list of completed trial (start\_ts,end\_ts) time-stamp tuples (float): start\_ts for trial started but not finished (list *UtopiaMessage*): list of unprocessed messages

**Return type** (list (start\_ts,end\_ts))

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.load_previous_dataset(f: str)`  
search standard directory locations and load a previously saved (pickled) calibration dataset

**Parameters** **f** (str, file-like) – buffered interface to the data and stimulus streams

**Returns** list of stimulus,data pairs for each trial

**Return type** (list of (data,stimulus))

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.parse_args()`

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.plot_trial_summary(Ptgt, Fy=None, Py=None, fs: float = None)`  
Plot a summary of the trial decoding information

#### Parameters

- **Ptgt** (np.ndarray) – the current output probabilities
- **Fy** (np.ndarray) – the raw output scores over time
- **Py** (np.ndarray) – the raw probabilities for each target over time
- **fs** (float, optional) – the data sample rate. Defaults to None.

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.redraw_plots()`

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.run(ui: mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface = None, clsfr: mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence = None, msg_timeout_ms: float = 100, host: str = None, prior_dataset: str = None, tau_ms: float = 450, offset_ms: float = 0, out_fs: float = 100, evtlabs=None, stopband=((45, 65), (5.5, 25, 'bandpass')), ftype='butter', order: int = 6, cv: int = 5, prediction_offsets=None, logdir=None, calplots: bool = False, predplots: bool = False, label: str = None, **kwargs)`

run the main decoder processing loop

#### Parameters

- **ui** (*UtopiaDataInterface*, optional) – The utopia data interface class. Defaults to None.
- **clsfr** (*BaseSequence2Sequence*, optional) – the classifier to use when model fitting. Defaults to None.
- **msg\_timeout\_ms** (float, optional) – timeout for getting new messages from the data-interface. Defaults to 100.

- **host** (*str, optional*) – hostname for the utopia hub. Defaults to None.
- **tau\_ms** (*float, optional*) – length of the stimulus response. Defaults to 400.
- **offset\_ms** (*float, optional*) – offset in ms to shift the analysis window. Use to compensate for response lag. Defaults to 0.
- **stopband** (*tuple, optional*) – temporal filter specification for *UtopiaDataInterface.butterfilt\_and\_downsample*. Defaults to ((45,65),(5.5,25,'bandpass'))
- **ftype** (*str, optional*) – type of temporal filter to use. Defaults to ‘butter’.
- **logdir** (*str, optional*) – location to save output files. Defaults to None.
- **order** (*int, optional*) – order of temporal filter to use. Defaults to 6.
- **out\_fs** (*float, optional*) – sample rate after the pre-processor. Defaults to 100.
- **evtlabs** (*tuple, optional*) – the brain event coding to use. Defaults to None.
- **calplots** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we make plots after calibration. Defaults to False.
- **predplots** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we make plots after each prediction trial. Defaults to False.
- **prior\_dataset** (*[str, (dataset)]*) – calibration data from a previous run of the system. Used to pre-seed the model. Defaults to None.
- **prediction\_offsets** (*[ListInt], optional*) – a list of stimulus offsets to try at prediction time to cope with stimulus timing jitter. Defaults to None.

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.send_prediction(ui: mindaffect-
                                              BCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface,
                                              Ptgt, used_idx=None, timestamp: int =
                                              -1)
```

Send the current prediction information to the utopia-hub

#### Parameters

- **ui** (*UtopiaDataInterface*) – the interface to the data-hub
- **Ptgt** (*np.ndarray (outputs, )*) – the current distribution of target probabilities over outputs
- **used\_idx** (*np.ndarray, optional*) – a set of output indices currently used. Defaults to None.
- **timestamp** (*int, optional*) – time stamp for which this prediction applies. Defaults to -1.

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder.strip_unused(Y)
strip unused outputs from the stimulus info in Y
```

**Parameters** **Y** (*np.ndarray (time,outputs)*) – the full stimulus information, potentially with many unused outputs

**Returns** Y with unused outputs removed

**Return type** (*np.ndarray (time,used-outputs)*)

## `mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingCurveSupervised` module

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingCurveSupervised.compute_decoding_curve(Fy:
                                         numpy.ndarray,
                                         objIDs,
                                         inte-
                                         gera-
                                         tionLengths,
                                         **kwargs)
```

compute the decoding curves from the given epoch+output scores in Fy

### Parameters

- (**float** (objIDs) – ((nM,)nTrl,nEp,nY)) : per-epoch output scores
- (**float** – (nY,)) : the objectIDs for the outputs in Fy
- **integerationLengths** (float (nInt, )) – a list of integeration lengths to compute performance at

**Returns** bool) : flag if prediction was *incorrect* at this integeration length for this trial Perr (nTrl,nInt : float) : compute probability of error for this integeration length and trial aveProbErr (nInt: float) : average error probability at this integeration length aveProbErrEst (nInt: float): average estimated error probability for this integeration length

**Return type** Yerr (nTrl,nInt

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingCurveSupervised.compute_stopping_curve(nInt,
                                         inte-
                                         gera-
                                         tionLengths,
                                         Perr,
                                         Yerr)
```

compute the stopping curve – which is the performance at times when stopping threshold (Perr) is passed

### Parameters

- **nInt** (int) – number of time points to compute the stopping curve at
- **integerationLengths** (list int) – the set of integeration lengths at which stopping curve is computed
- **Perr** (nTrl, nInt) – Probability of error at each time point
- **Yerr** (nTrl, nInt) – For each time point if the ‘best’ prediction is correct or not

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingCurveSupervised.decodingCurveSupervised(Fy,
                                         ob-
                                         jIDs=None,
                                         nInt=(30,
                                         25),
                                         dedup0=True,
                                         **kwargs)
```

Compute a decoding curve, i.e. mistake-probability over time for probability based stopping from the per-epoch output scores

### Parameters

- **Fy** (*nModel, nTrl, nEp, nY*) – similarity score for each input epoch for each output N.B. Supervised decoder only has 1 model!!!
- **objIDs** (*nY*,) – mapping from rows of Fy to output object IDs. N.B. assumed objID==0 is true target N.B. if objIDs > size(Fy,2), then additional virtual outputs are added
- **nInt** (2,) – the number of integeration lengths to use, numThresholds. Defaults to ([30,25])

**Returns** the actual integeration lengths in samples ProbErr (float (nInt,)) : empherical error probability at this integeration length ProbErrEst (float (nInt,)) : decoder estimate of the error rate for each integeration length StopPerr (nInt,) : error rate at this average trial length when using ProbErrEst-thresholding based stopping StopThresh (nInt,) : ProbErrEst threshold used to get this average trial length. Yerr (bool (nTrl,nInt)) : flag if prediction was *incorrect* at this integeration length for this trial Perr (float (nTrl,nInt)) : compute probability of incorrect prediction for this integeration length and trial

**Return type** integerationLengths (int (nInt,))

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingCurveSupervised.plot_decoding_curve (integerationLengths,  
aveProbErr,  
*args)
```

plot the decoding curve

#### Parameters

- **integerationLengths** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **aveProbErr** ([*type*]) – [description]

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingCurveSupervised.print_decoding_curve (integerationLengths,  
aveProbErr,  
aveProbEr-  
rEst=None,  
stopY-  
err=None,  
stopPer-  
rThresh=None)
```

[summary]

#### Parameters

- **integerationLengths** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **aveProbErr** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **aveProbErrEst** ([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **stopYerr** ([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **stopPerrThresh** ([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [*type*]

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingCurveSupervised.testcase ()  
[summary]
```

## `mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingSupervised` module

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingSupervised.decodingSupervised(Fy, softmax-
    scale=3.5, marginal-
    izemodels=True,
    marginalizede-
    cis=False,
    prior=None, nocon-
    trolamplitude=None,
    tiebreak-
    ing_noise=0.001,
    **kwargs)
```

true-target estimator and error-probility estimator for each trial

### Parameters

- **Fy** (*nModel, nTrl, nEp, ny*) – The output scores.
- **softmaxscale** (*float, optional*) – the scale length to pass to zscore2Ptgt\_softmax.py, this is the inverse *noise* sigma. Defaults to 3.5.
- **badFyThresh** (*int, optional*) – threshold for detection of bad Fy entry, in std-dev. Defaults to 4.
- **centFy** (*bool, optional*) – bool, do we center Fy before computing *important* (true). Defaults to True.
- **detrendFy** (*bool, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to True.
- **nEpochCorrection** (*int, optional*) – int, number of epochs to use a base for correction of number epochs in the sum. such that:  $zscore = Fy / (\sigma * (1+1/(nEpoch/nEpochErrorCorrection)))$ , basically,  $nEpoch < nEpochCorrection$  have highly increased Perr, so unlikely to be selected. Defaults to 100.
- **minDecisLen** (*int, optional*) –
 

**int, number of epochs to use as base for distribution of time-based decision points.**  
i.e. decisions at,  $[1, 2, 4, \dots 2^n] * \text{exptDistDecis}$

OR:  $\text{minDecisLen} < 0 \Rightarrow$  decision point every  $\text{abs}(\text{minDecisLen})$  epochs. Defaults to 0.
- **maxDecisLen** (*int, optional*) – maximum number of epochs for a decision. Defaults to 0.
- **bwdAccumulate** (*bool, optional*) – accumulate data backwards from last epoch gathered. Defaults to False.
- **marginalizemode** (*bool, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to True.
- **marginalizedecis** (*bool, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to False.
- **prior** ([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **nocontrolamplitude** ([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **priorsigma** (*tuple, optional*) – ( $\sigma, N$ ) prior estimate of  $\sigma^2$  and number pseudo-points. Defaults to (-1, 120).
- **tiebreaking\_noise** ([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 1e-3.

**Raises** `NotImplementedError` – [description]

**Returns** the most likely / minimum error output for each decision point Perr (nTrl,nDecis): the probability that this selection is an ERROR for each decision point Ptgt (nTrl,nDecis,nY): the probability each target is the true target for each decision point decisMdl, decisEp

**Return type**

Yest (nTrl,nDecis)

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingSupervised.decodingSupervised_streamed(Fy,  
soft-  
maxs-  
cale=3,  
nocon-  
tro-  
lampli-  
tude=None,  
marginal-  
ize-  
mod-  
els=False)
```

true-target estimator and error-probility estimator for each trial Inputs:

Fy - (nModel,nTrl,nEp,nY) [#Y x #Epoch x #Trials x nModels] softmaxscale - the scale length to pass to zscore2Ptgt\_softmax.py  
badFyThresh - threshold for detection of bad Fy entry, in std-dev  
centFy - bool, do we center Fy before computing *important* (true)  
nEpochCorrection - int, number of epochs to use a base for correction of number epochs in the sum.

such that:  $zscore = Fy / (\sigma * (1 + 1/(nEpoch/nEpochErrorCorrection)))$ , basically, nEpoch < nEpochCorrection have highly increased Perr, so unlikely to be selected

**minDecisLen - int, number of epochs to use as base for distribution of time-based decision points.**

i.e. decisions at,  $[1, 2, 4, \dots 2^n]^* \text{exptDistDecis}$

OR: minDecisLen<0 => decision point every abs(minDeicsLen) epochs

bwdAccumulate - [bool], accumulate data backwards from last epoch gathered maxDecisLen - maximum number of epochs for a decision

**Outputs:** Yest - (nTrl,nDecis) [ nDecis x nTrl ] the most likely / minimum error output for each decision point  
Perr - (nTrl,nDecis) [ nDecis x nTrl ] the probability that this selection is an ERROR for each decision point  
Ptgt - (nTrl,nDecis,nY) [ nY x nDecis x nTrl ] the probability each target is the true target for each decision point

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.decodingSupervised.testcase()
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.devent2stimsequence module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.devent2stimsequence.devent2stimSequence (devents)
```

convert a set of STIMULUSEVENT messages into a stimulus-sequence array with stimulus-times as expected by the utopia RECOGNISER

**Inputs:**

**devents - [nEvt]:UtopiaMessage list of UtopiaMessage messages**

i.e. a decoded utopia STIMULUSEVENT message, should be of type { msgID:'E'byte, timeS-  
tamp:int, objIDs:(nObj:byte), objState:(nObj:byte) }

**Outputs:** Me - (nEvt,nY :int) The extract stimulus sequence objIDs - (nY :byte) The set of used object IDs stim-  
Times\_ms - (nEvt :int) The timestamp of each event in milliseconds isistimEvent - (nEp :bool) Indicator  
which input events are stimulus events

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.devent2stimsequence.upsample_stimseq(sample_ts, ss, stimu-  
lus_ts, objIDs=None,  
usedobjIDs=None,  
trlen=None)
```

upsample a set of timestamped stimulus states to a sample rate WARNING: assumes sample\_ts and stimulus\_ts  
are in *ascending* sorted order!

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.erpViewer module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.erpViewer.erpViewer(ui:  
                                mindaffect-  
                                BCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface,  
                                timeout_ms: float = inf, tau_ms: float =  
                                500, offset_ms=(-15, 0), evtlabs=None,  
                                ch_names=None, nstimulus_events: int = 600,  
                                rank=3, center=True)
```

simple sig-viewer using the ring-buffer for testing

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.lower\_bound\_tracker module**

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.lower_bound_tracker(lower_bound_tracker(window_size=200,  
                                                               C=(0.1,  
                                                               None),  
                                                               out-  
                                                               lier_thresh=(1,  
                                                               None),  
                                                               step_size=10,  
                                                               step_threshold=2,  
                                                               a0=1,  
                                                               b0=0,  
                                                               warmup_size=10))
```

Bases: object

sliding window lower bound trend tracker, which fits a line to the lower-bound of the inputs x,y

**append**(X, Y)

**fit**(X, Y)

**getX**(y)

**getY**(x)

**reset**(keep\_model=False)

reset the data for model fitting

**Parameters** **keep\_model** (bool, optional) – keep the model as well as data. Defaults to False.

```
static testcase(savefile='-')
transform(X, Y)
update()
    update the model based on the data in the sliding window
```

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.model\_fitting module**

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseEstimator
Bases: object

class mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence(evtlabs=('re',
'fe'), tau=18,
offset=0, priorweight=200,
startup_correction=100,
prediction_offsets=None,
minDecisLen=0,
bwAccumulate=False,
verb=0)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseEstimator,
decoder.model_fitting.ClassifierMixin
```

Base class for sequence-to-sequence learning. Provides, prediction and scoring functions, but not the fitting method

```
static audc_score(Fy, marginalizemodels=True)
    compute area under decoding curve score from Fy, assuming Fy[:,0] is the true classes score

clear()
cv_fit(X, Y, cv=5, fit_params: dict = {}, verbose: bool = 0, return_estimator: bool = True, calibrate_softmax: bool = True, retrain_on_all: bool = True)
    Cross-validated fit the model for generalization performance estimation
```

N.B. write our own as sklearn doesn't work for getting the estimator values for structured output.

### **Parameters**

- **X** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **Y** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **cv** (*int, optional*) – the number of folds to use, or a fold generator. Defaults to 5.
- **fit\_params** (*dict, optional*) – additional parameters to pass to the self.fit(X,Y,...) function. Defaults to dict().
- **verbose** (*bool, optional*) – flag for model fitting verbosity. Defaults to 0.
- **return\_estimator** (*bool, optional*) – should we return the cross-validated predictions. Defaults to True.
- **calibrate\_softmax** (*bool, optional*) – after fitting the model, should we use the cross-validated predictions to calibrate the probability estimates. Defaults to True.
- **dedup0** (*bool, optional*) – should we de-duplicate copies of the ‘true-target’. Defaults to True.

- **retrain\_on\_all** (*bool, optional*) – should we retrain the model on all the data after the cv folds. Defaults to True.

**Returns** dictionary with the results

**Return type** results (dict)

**decode\_proba** (*Fy, minDecisLen=0, bwdAccumulate=True, marginalizemodels=True, marginalizedecis=False*)  
Convert stimulus scores to stimulus probabilities of being the target

#### Parameters

- **Fy** (*np.ndarray (tr, samp, nY)*) – the multi-trial stimulus sequence scores
- **minDecisLen** (*int, optional*) – minimum number of samples on which to make a prediction. Defaults to 0.
- **bwdAccumulate** (*bool, optional*) – accumulate information backwards in the trials. Defaults to True.
- **marginalizemodels** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we should marginalize over models when have multiple prediction models. Defaults to True.
- **marginalizedecis** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we should marginalize over decision points when have multiple. Defaults to False.

**Raises** *NotFittedError* – [description]

**Returns** score for each decision point in each trial for each output. Higher score means more ‘likely’ to be the ‘true’ target

**Return type** Ptgt (np.ndarray (tr,nDecis,nY))

**fit** (*X, Y*)

fit model mapping 2 multi-dim time series: X = (tr, samp, d), Y = (tr, samp, e)

**is\_fitted()**

**plot\_model** (\*\*kwargs)

**predict** (*X, Y, dedup0=True, prevY=None, offsets=None*)

Generate predictions with the fitted model for the paired data + stimulus-sequences

N.B. this implementation assumes linear coefficients in **W\_** (nM,nfilt,d) and **R\_** (nM,nfilt,nE,tau)

#### Parameters

- **X** (*np.ndarray (tr, samp, d)*) – the multi-trial data
- **Y** (*np.ndarray (tr, samp, nY)*) – the multi-trial stimulus sequences
- **dedup0** ([*type*], *optional*) – remove duplicates of the Yidx==0, i.e. 1st, assumed true, output of Y. Defaults to True.
- **prevY** ([*type*], *optional*) – previous stimulus sequence information. for partial incremental calls. Defaults to None.
- **offsets** ([*ListInt*], *optional*) – list of offsets in Y to try when decoding, to override the class variable. Defaults to None.

**Raises** *NotFittedError* – raised if try to predict without first fitting

**Returns** score for each output in each trial. Higher score means more ‘likely’ to be the ‘true’ target

**Return type** Fy (np.ndarray (mdl,tr,samp,nY))

**`predict_proba`**(*X, Y, marginalizemodels=True, marginalizedecis=True, startup\_correction=100, minDecisLen=None, bwdAccumulate=True, dedup0=True, prevY=None*)

Predict the probability of each output for paired data/stimulus sequences

**Parameters**

- **`X`**(*np.ndarray (tr, samp, d)*) – the multi-trial data
- **`Y`**(*np.ndarray (tr, samp, nY)*) – the multi-trial stimulus sequences
- **`dedup0`**(*bool, optional*) – remove duplicates of the *Yidx==0*, i.e. 1st, assumed true, output of *Y*. Defaults to True.
- **`prevY`**(*np.ndarray, optional*) – previous stimulus sequence information. for partial incremental calls. Defaults to None.
- **`minDecisLen`**(*int, optional*) – minimum number of samples on which to make a prediction
- **`marginalizemodels`**(*bool, optional*) – flag if we should marginalize over models when have multiple prediction models. Defaults to True.
- **`marginalizedecis`**(*bool, optional*) – flag if we should marginalize over decision points when have multiple. Defaults to False.

**Raises** *NotFittedError* – [description]

**Returns** Probability of each output being the target. Higher score means more ‘likely’ to be the ‘true’ target

**Return type** Ptgt (*np.ndarray (tr,nDecis,nY)*)

**`score`**(*X, Y*)

score this model on this data, N.B. for model\_selection higher is *better*

**`stim2event`**(*Y, prevY=None*)

transform Stimulus-encoded to brain-encoded, if needed

**`transform`**(*X*)

transform raw data into raw stimulus scores by convolving *X* with the model, i.e.  $Fe = X (*) (W^*R)$

**Parameters** **`X`**(*np.ndarray (nTrl, nSamp, d)*) – The raw eeg data.

**Returns** The raw stimulus scores.

**Return type** Fe (*np.ndarray (nTrl,nSamp,nE)*)

**class** mindaffectBCI.decoder.model\_fitting.**`BwdLinearRegression`**(*evtlabs=(‘re’, ‘fe’), tau=18, offset=0, reg=None, rcond=1e-05, badEpThresh=6, center=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.decoder.model\_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence*

Sequence 2 Sequence learning using backward linear regression  $W^*X = Y$

**`fit`**(*X, Y*)

fit 2 multi-dim time series: *X* = (tr, samp, d), *Y* = (tr, samp, e)

**class** mindaffectBCI.decoder.model\_fitting.**`ClassifierMixin`**

Bases: object

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.FwdLinearRegression (evtlabs=(‘re’, ‘fe’), tau=18, offset=0, reg=None, rcond=1e-06, badEpThresh=6, center=True, **kwargs)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence
Sequence 2 Sequence learning using forward linear regression X = A*Y

fit (X, Y)
fit 2 multi-dim time series: X = (tr, samp, d), Y = (tr, samp, e)

class mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.LinearSklearn (clsfr, labelizeY=False, ignore_unlabelled=True, badEpThresh=None, **kwargs)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence
Wrap a normal sk-learn classifier for sequence to sequence learning

fit (X, Y)
fit model mapping 2 multi-dim time series: X = (tr, samp, d), Y = (tr, samp, e)

static sklearn_fit (X, Y, clsfr, tau, offset, labelizeY=False, ignore_unlabelled=True, badEpThresh=None, verb=0)
fit 2 multi-dim time series: X = (tr, samp, d), Y = (tr, samp, e) using a given sklearn linear_model method

class mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.MultiCCA (evtlabs=(‘re’, ‘fe’), tau=18, offset=0, rank=1, reg=(1e-08, None), rcond=(0.0001, 1e-08), badEpThresh=6, symmetric=False, center=True, CCA=True, priorweight=200, startup_correction=100, prediction_offsets=None, minDecisLen=100, bwdAccumulate=False, **kwargs)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence
Sequence 2 Sequence learning using CCA as a bi-directional forward/backward learning method

cv_fit (X, Y, cv=5, fit_params: dict = {}, verbose: bool = 0, return_estimator: bool = True, calibrate_softmax: bool = True, retrain_on_all: bool = True, ranks=None)
cross validated fit to the data. N.B. write our own as sklearn doesn’t work for getting the estimator values for structured output.

fit (X, Y, stimTimes=None)
fit 2 multi-dim time series: X = (tr, samp, d), Y = (tr, samp, Y)

fit_b (X)
fit the bias parameter given the other parameters and a dataset

Parameters X (np.ndarray) – the target data

exception mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.NotFittedError
Bases: Exception

class mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.StratifiedKFold (n_splits)
Bases: object
```

```
split(X, Y)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.plot_model_weights(model:           mindaffect-
                                                       BCI.decoder.model_fitting.BaseSequence2Sequence,
                                                       ch_names=None)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.testLeadLag()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.testcase(dataset='toy', loader_args={})
mindaffectBCI.decoder.model_fitting.visualize_Fy_Py(Fy, Py)
```

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA.cvSupervised(Xe, Me, stimTimes, evtlabs=('re', 'fe'),
                                                n_splits=10, rank=1)
do a cross-validated training of a multicca model using sklearn

mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA.filterbank_testcase()

mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA.fit_predict(X,      Y,      tau=10,      uss_args={},
                                               mccaa_args={})

mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA.multipleCCA(Cxx=None,    Cxy=None,    Cyy=None,
                                               reg=1e-08,     rank=1,      CCA=True,
                                               rcond=0.0001,   symmetric=False)
```

### **Compute multiple CCA decompositions using the given summary statistics**

[J,W,R]=multiCCA(Cxx,Cxy,Cyy,regx,regy,rank,CCA)

**Inputs:** Cxx = (d,d) current data covariance Cxy = (nM,nE,tau,d) current per output ERPs Cyy = (nM,nE,tau,nE,tau) current response covariance for each output reg = (1,) :float or (2,):float linear weighting reg strength or separate values for Cxx and Cyy

OR (d,) regularisation ridge coefficients for Cxx (0)

rank= [1x1] number of top cca components to return (1) CCA = [bool] or (2,):bool flag if we normalize the spatial dimension. (true) rcond = [float] tolerance for singular eigenvalues. (1e-4)

or [2x1] separate rcond for Cxx (rcond(1)) and Cyy (rcond(2)) or [2x1] (-1<-0) negative values = keep this fraction of eigen-values or (2,1) <-1 keep this many eigenvalues

symmetric = [bool] us symetric whitener?

**Outputs:** J = (nM,) optimisation objective scores W = (nM,rank,d) spatial filters for each output R = (nM,rank,nE,tau) responses for each stimulus event for each output

## **Examples**

```
# Supervised CCA Y = (nEp/nSamp,nY,nE) indicator for each event-type and output of it's type in each epoch
X = (nEp/nSamp,tau,d) sliced pre-processed raw data into per-stimulus event responses stimTimes = (nEp) # sample number for each epoch or None if sample rate
Cxx, Cxy, Cyy=updateSummaryStatistics(X, Y, stimTimes)
J,w,r=multiCCA(Cxx, Cxy, Cyy, reg) # w=(nM,d)[dx1],r=(nM,nE,tau)[tau x nE] are the found spatial,spectral filters # incremental zeroTrain Cxx=[];Cxy=[];Cyy=[]; prediction=[]; while isCalibration:
# Slicing newX,newE,stimTimes= preprocessnSliceTrial(); #function which get 1 trials data+stim
# Model Fitting Cxx, Cxy, Cyy= updateSummaryStatistics(newX, newE, stimTimes, Cxx, Cxy, Cyy); J, w, r = multipleCCA(Cxx, Cxy, Cyy, regx, regy) # w=[dx1],r=[tau x nE] are the found spatial,spectral filters
```

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```
end # re-compute with current state, can try different regulisors, e.g. for adaptive bad-ch regx = updateRegFrom-
BadCh(); J, w, r=multiCCA(Cxx, Cxy, Cyy, reg)
```

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA.robust_whitener(C: numpy.ndarray, reg: float = 0,
                                                 rcond: float = 1e-06, symmetric: bool
                                                 = True, verb: int = 0)
```

compute a robust whitener for the input covariance matrix C, s.t.  $\text{isqrt}C^*C*\text{isqrt}C.T = I$  :param C: Sample covariance matrix of the data :type C: (d,d) np.ndarray :param reg: regularization strength when computing the whitener. Defaults to 0. :type reg: float, optional :param rcond: reverse-condition number for truncating degenerate eigen-values when computing the inverse. Defaults to 1e-6. :type rcond: float, optional :param symmetric: flag to produce a symmetric-whitener (which preserves location) or not. Defaults to True. :type symmetric: bool, optional :param verb: verbosity level. Defaults to 0. :type verb: int, optional

**Returns** The whitening matrix iW (np.ndarray): The inverse whitening matrix

**Return type** W (np.ndarray)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA.testcase()
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleCCA.testcase_matlab_summarystatistics()
```

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleMCCA module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleMCCA.cvSupervised(Xe, Me, stimTimes, evtlabs=('re', 'fe'),
                                                n_splits=10, rank=1)
```

do a cross-validated training of a multicca model using sklearn

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleMCCA.multipleCCA(Cxx=None, Cxy=None, Cyy=None,
                                                reg=0, regy=0, rank=1, CCA=True,
                                                rcond=1e-06, symmetric=False)
```

### **Compute multiple multi-way CCA (MCCA) decompositions using the given summary statistics**

[J,W,R]=multiCCA(Cxx,Cxy,Cyy,regx,regy,rank,CCA)

**Inputs:** Cxx = (d,d) current data cross-covariance (or any n-way symmetric covariance matrix) Cxy = (nM,nE,tau,d) current per output ERPs Cyy = (nM,nE,tau,nE,tau) current response covariance for each output reg = (1,) :float or (2,):float linear weighting reg strength or separate values for Cxx and Cyy

OR (d,) regularisation ridge coefficients for Cxx (0)

rank= [1x1] number of top cca components to return (1) CCA = [bool] or (2,):bool flag if we normalize the X component, or the Y component. (true) rcond = [float] tolerance for singular eigenvalues. (1e-4)

or (2,) separate rcond for Cxx (rcond(1)) and Cyy (rcond(2)) or (2,1) (-1<-0) negative values = keep this fraction of eigen-values or (2,1) <-1 keep this many eigenvalues

symmetric = [bool] us symmetric whitener?

**Outputs:** J = [nY x 1] optimisation objective scores W = [d x rank x nY] spatial filters for each output R = [tau x nE x rank x nY] responses for each stimulus event for each output

## **Examples**

```
# Supervised CCA Y = (nEp/nSamp,nY,nE) indicator for each event-type and output of it's type in each epoch
X = (nEp/nSamp,tau,d) sliced pre-processed raw data into per-stimulus event responses stimTimes = (nEp) # sample number for each epoch or None if sample rate Cxx,Cxy,Cyy=updateSummaryStatistics(X, Y, stimTimes)
J,w, r=multiCCA(Cxx, Cxy, Cyy, reg) # w=(nM,d)[dx1],r=(nM,nE,tau)[tau x nE] are the found spatial,spectral filters # incremental zeroTrain Cxx=[];Cxy=[];Cyy=[]; prediction=[]; while isCalibration:
```

```
# Slicing newX,newE,stimTimes= preprocessnSliceTrial(); #function which get 1 trials data+stim
# Model Fitting Cxx, Cxy, Cyy= updateSummaryStatistics(newX, newE, stimTimes, Cxx, Cxy,
Cyy); J, w, r = multipleCCA(Cxx, Cxy, Cyy, regx, regy) # w=[dx1],r=[tau x nE] are the found
spatial,spectral filters

end # re-compute with current state, can try different regulisors, e.g. for adaptive bad-ch regx = updateRegFrom-
BadCh(); J, w, r=multipleCCA(Cxx, Cxy, Cyy, reg)
```

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleMCCA.plot_multicca_solution(w, r)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleMCCA.robust_whitener(C: numpy.ndarray, reg: float =
0, rcond: float = 1e-06, symmetric: bool = True, verb: int = 0)
```

compute a robust whitener for the input covariance matrix C, s.t.  $\text{isqrt}C^*C^*\text{isqrt}C.T = I$  :param C: Sample covariance matrix of the data :type C: (d,d) np.ndarray :param reg: regularization strength when computing the whitener. Defaults to 0. :type reg: float, optional :param rcond: reverse-condition number for truncating degenerate eigen-values when computing the inverse. Defaults to 1e-6. :type rcond: float, optional :param symmetric: flag to produce a symmetric-whitener (which preserves location) or not. Defaults to True. :type symmetric: bool, optional :param verb: verbosity level. Defaults to 0. :type verb: int, optional

**Returns** The whitening matrix iW (np.ndarray): The inverse whitening matrix

**Return type** W (np.ndarray)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.multipleMCCA.testcase()
```

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.c4(n)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.estimate_Fy_noise_variance(Fy,
de-
cisIdx=None,
centFy=True,
de-
trendFy=False,
pri-
or-
sigma=None,
verb=0)
```

Estimate the noise variance for Fy

### **Parameters**

- **Fy** ([*np.ndarray*]) – (nTr,nEp,nY) the output scores
- **decisIdx** ([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **centFy** (*bool*, *optional*) – flag if we should center over outputs before computing variance. Defaults to True.
- **detrendFy** (*bool*, *optional*) – flag if we should detrend Fy before computing it's variance. Defaults to True.
- **priorsigma** ([*type*], *optional*) – Prior estimate for the variance. Defaults to None.

**Returns** (nTr, nDecis) estimated variance per sample at each decision point

**Return type** sigma2 ([np.ndarray])

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.estimate_Fy_noise_variance_2(Fy,
de-
cisIdx=None,
centFy=True,
de-
trendFy=False,
pri-
or-
sigma=None,
verb=0)
```

Estimate the noise variance for Fy

#### Parameters

- **Fy** ([np.ndarray]) – (nTr,nEp,nY) the output scores
- **decisIdx** ([type], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **centFy** (bool, optional) – flag if we should center over outputs before computing variance. Defaults to True.
- **detrendFy** (bool, optional) – flag if we should detrend Fy before computing it's variance. Defaults to True.
- **priorsigma** ([type], optional) – Prior estimate for the variance. Defaults to None.

**Returns** (nTr, nDecis) estimated variance per sample at each decision point

**Return type** sigma2 ([np.ndarray])

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.filter_Fy(Fy,filtLen=None,B=None)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.get_valid_epochs_outputs(Fy,
validTgt=None)
```

get the number valid epoch and outputs from a zero-padded Fy set

#### Parameters

- **Fy** ([np.ndarray]) – (nTrl,nEp,nY) the output scores
- **validTgt** ([np.ndarray]) – (nTrl,nY) flag if this output is used in this trial

**Returns** (nTrl,) number valid outputs per trial nEp ([np.ndarray]): (nTrl,) number valid epochs per trial validTgt ([np.ndarray]): (nTrl,nY) flag if this output is used in this trial

**Return type** nY ([np.ndarray])

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.mktestFy(nY=10, nM=1, nEp=360,
nTrl=100, sigstr=0.5, startup-
Noisefrac=0.5, offsetstr=10,
trlenfrac=0.25)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.normalizeOutputScores(Fy,  
validTgt=None,  
bad-  
FyThresh=4,  
centFy=True,  
de-  
trendFy=False,  
nEpochCor-  
rection=0,  
minDe-  
cisLen=0,  
maxDe-  
cisLen=0,  
bwdAc-  
cumu-  
late=False,  
prior-  
sigma=None)
```

normalize the raw output scores to feed into the Perr computation

#### Parameters

- **Fy** (*nM, nTr, nEp, nY*) – float
- **validTgt** (*nM, nTr, nY*) – bool indication of which outputs are used in each trial
- **badFyThresh** – threshold for detection of bad Fy entry, in std-dev
- **centFy** (*bool*) – do we center Fy before computing *important* (true)
- **nEpochCorrection** (*int*) – number of epochs to use a base for correction of number epochs in the sum. basically, nEpoch < nEpochCorrection have highly increased Perr, so unlikely to be selected
- **minDecisLen** (*int*) –  
**int, number of epochs to use as base for distribution of time-based decision points.**  
i.e. decisions at, [1,2,4,... 2^n]\*exptDistDecis  
OR: minDecisLen<0 => decision point every abs(minDecisLen) epochs
- **maxDecisLen** (*int*) – maximum number of epochs for a decision
- **bwdAccumulate** (*bool*) – accumulate data backwards from last epoch gathered
- **prior\_sigma** (*float, float*) – prior estimate of the variance and it's equivalent samples weight (sigma,N)

**Returns** scaled summed scores sFy\_scale (*nM,nTr,nDecis,1*): the normalization scaling factor Nep (*nDecis*,): number of epochs included in each score nEp,nY (*nTrl*): the detected number epoch/output for each trial

**Return type** ssFy (*nM,nTr,nDecis,nY*)

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.plot_normalizedScores(Fy, ssFy,  
scale_sFy,  
decisIdx)
```

plot the normalized score and raw summed score for comparsion

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores.testcase()
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores\_streamed module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores_streamed.compute_pval_curve(X,
                                                               pval)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores_streamed.compute_softmax_curve(X,
                                                               pval,
                                                               scale=3)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores_streamed.incremental_estimate_noise_variance(Fy,
                                                               ol,
                                                               fil)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores_streamed.normalizeOutputScores_streamed(Fy,
                                                               validTgt=
                                                               bad-
                                                               FyThresh=
                                                               centFy=T
                                                               blockSize=30,
                                                               Size=30,
                                                               filtLen=5)
```

normalize the raw output scores to feed into the Perr computation Inputs:

Fy - (nM,nTr,nEp,nY):float validTgt - (nM,nTr,nY):bool indication of which outputs are used in each trial

badFyThresh - threshold for detection of bad Fy entry, in std-dev centFy - bool, do we center Fy before computing *important* (true) blockSize - maximum number of epochs single normalized sum

**Outputs:** ssFy - (nM,nTr,nDecis,nY):float scaled summed scores scale\_sFy - (nM,nTr,nDecis):float scaling factor for each decision point N - (nDecis):int the number of elements summed in each block

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores_streamed.softmax_nout_corr(n)
approximate correction factor for probabilities out of soft-max to correct for number of outputs

mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores_streamed.softmax_vs_nout(nruns,
                                                               nout,
                                                               sscale)

mindaffectBCI.decoder.normalizeOutputScores_streamed.testcase(Fy=None)
```

**mindaffectBCI.decoder.offline\_analysis module****mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.butter_filterbank(X: numpy.ndarray, filterbank,
                                                       fs: float, axis=-2, order=4,
                                                       ftype='butter', verb=1)

mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.extract_envelope(X, fs, stopband=None,
                                                       whiten=True, filterbank=None,
                                                       log=True, env_stopband=(10, -1),
                                                       verb=False, plot=False)
```

extract the envelope from the input data

**Parameters**

- **x** ([type]) – [description]
- **fs** ([type]) – [description]
- **stopband** ([type], optional) – pre-filter stop band. Defaults to None.
- **whiten** (bool, optional) – flag if we spatially whiten before envelope extraction. Defaults to True.
- **filterbank** ([type], optional) – set of filters to apply to extract the envelope for each filter output. Defaults to None.
- **log** (bool, optional) – flag if we return raw power or log-power. Defaults to True.
- **env\_stopband** (tuple, optional) – post-filter on the extracted envelopes. Defaults to (10,-1).
- **verb** (bool, optional) – verbosity level. Defaults to False.
- **plot** (bool, optional) – flag if we plot the result of each preprocessing step. Defaults to False.

**Returns** the extracted envelopes

**Return type** X

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.fft_filterbank(X: numpy.ndarray, filterbank, fs: float,  
axis=-2, verb=1)  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.fir(X: numpy.ndarray, ntap=3, dilation=1)  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.plot_grand_average_spectrum(X, fs: float,  
axis: int = -2,  
ch_names=None,  
log=False)  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.preprocess(X, Y, coords, fs=None, whiten=False,  
whiten_spectrum=False, decorrelate=False,  
badChannelThresh=None, badTrialThresh=None, center=False, car=False,  
standardize=False, stopband=None, filterbank=None, nY=None, fir=None)
```

apply simple pre-processing to an input dataset

**Parameters**

- **x** ([type]) – the EEG data (tr,samp,d)
- **y** ([type]) – the stimulus (tr,samp,e)
- **coords** ([type]) – [description]
- **whiten** (float, optional) – if >0 then strength of the spatially regularized whitener. Defaults to False.
- **whiten\_spectrum** (float, optional) – if >0 then strength of the spectrally regularized whitener. Defaults to False.
- **badChannelThresh** ([type], optional) – threshold in standard deviations for detection and removal of bad channels. Defaults to None.
- **badTrialThresh** ([type], optional) – threshold in standard deviations for detection and removal of bad trials. Defaults to None.
- **center** (bool, optional) – flag if we should temporally center the data. Defaults to False.

- **car** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we should spatially common-average-reference the data. Defaults to False.

**Returns** the EEG data (tr,samp,d) Y ([type]): the stimulus (tr,samp,e) coords ([type]): meta-info for the data

**Return type** X ([type])

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.rmBadChannels (X: numpy.ndarray, Y: numpy.ndarray, coords, thresh=3.5)`  
remove bad channels from the input dataset

#### Parameters

- **X** ([*np.ndarray*]) – the eeg data as (trl,sample,channel)
- **Y** ([*np.ndarray*]) – the associated stimulus info as (trl,sample,stim)
- **coords** ([*type*]) – the meta-info about the channel
- **thresh** (*float, optional*) – threshold in standard-deviations for removal. Defaults to 3.5.

**Returns** X (*np.ndarray*) Y (*np.ndarray*) coords

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.rmBadTrial (X, Y, coords, thresh=3.5, verb=1)`  
[summary]

#### Parameters

- **X** ([*np.ndarray*]) – the eeg data as (trl,sample,channel)
- **Y** ([*np.ndarray*]) – the associated stimulus info as (trl,sample,stim)
- **coords** ([*type*]) – the meta-info about the channel
- **thresh** (*float, optional*) – threshold in standard-deviations for removal. Defaults to 3.5.

**Returns** X (*np.ndarray*) Y (*np.ndarray*) coords

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.spatially_whiten (X: numpy.ndarray, *args, **kwargs)`  
spatially whiten the nd-array X

**Parameters** **X** (*np.ndarray*) – the data to be whitened, with channels/space in the *last axis*

**Returns** the whitened X W (*np.ndarray*): the whitening matrix used to whiten X

**Return type** X (*np.ndarray*)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.spectrally_whiten (X: numpy.ndarray, reg=0.01, axis=-2)`  
spectrally whiten the nd-array X

**Parameters** **X** (*np.ndarray*) – the data to be whitened, with channels/space in the *last axis*

**Returns** the whitened X W (*np.ndarray*): the whitening matrix used to whiten X

**Return type** X (*np.ndarray*)

`mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.standardize_channel_power (X: numpy.ndarray, sigma2: numpy.ndarray = None, axis=-2, reg=0.1, al-pha=0.001)`

Adaptively standardize the channel powers

#### Parameters

- **x** (*np.ndarray*) – The data to standardize
- **sigma2** (*np.ndarray, optional*) – previous channel powers estimates. Defaults to None.
- **axis** (*int, optional*) – dimension of X which is time. Defaults to -2.
- **reg** (*[type], optional*) – Regularisation strength for power estimation. Defaults to 1e-1.
- **alpha** (*[type], optional*) – learning rate for power estimation. Defaults to 1e-3.

**Returns** the standardized version of X sigma2 : the estimated channel power at the last sample of X

**Return type** sX

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.temporally_decorrelate(X: numpy.ndarray, W:  
                                         numpy.ndarray = 50,  
                                         reg=0.5, eta=1e-07,  
                                         axis=-2, verb=0)
```

temporally decorrelate each channel of X by fitting and subtracting an AR model

#### Parameters

- **X** (*np.ndarray trl, samp, d*) – the data to be whitened, with channels/space in the last axis
- **W** (*tau, d*) – per channel AR coefficients
- **reg** (*float*) – regularization strength for fitting the AR model. Defaults to 1e-2
- **eta** (*float*) – learning rate for the SGD. Defaults to 1e-5

**Returns** the whitened X W (*np.ndarray (tau,d)*): the AR model used to sample ahead predict X

**Return type** X (*np.ndarray*)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.testCase_filterbank()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.testCase_spectralwhiten()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.testCase_temporallydecorrelate(X=None,  
                                         fs=100)  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.preprocess.test_fir()
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf.getPosInfo(chnames=None, capFile='1010', over-  
ridechnms=0, prefixMatch=False, verb=0,  
capDir=None)
```

add electrode position info to a dimInfo structure

cnames, pos2d, pos3d, iseeeg = getPosInfo(di, capFile, overridechnms, prefixMatch, verb, capDir)

**Inputs:** cnames – channel names to get pos-info for capFile – file name of a file which contains the pos-info for this cap  
 overridechnms – flag that we should ignore the channel names in di  
 prefixMatch – [bool] match channel names if only the start matches?  
 verb – [int] verbosity level (0)  
 capDir – ‘str’ directory to search for capFile

**Outputs:** cnames – [str] the names of the channels xy – (nCh,2):float the 2d position of the channels xyz – (nCh,2):float the 3d position of the channels iseeg - (nCh,):bool flag if this is an eeg channel, i.e. if it's name matched

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf.latlong2xy (latlong)
    convert lat-long to 2-d unrolled x,y coordinates

mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf.latlong2xyz (latlong)
    convert lat-long into 3-d x,y,z coords on the sphere

mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf.readCapInf (cap='1010.txt', capRoots=None, verb=0)
    read a cap file

Cname,latlong,xy,xyz,capfile=readCapInf(cap,capDir)

    Inputs:
        cap – file name of the cap-file capRoot – directory(s) to look for caps in
        (['.',mfiledir,mfiledir'positions','..../resources/caps/'])

mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf.testCase ()

mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf.xy2latlong (xy)
    convert xy to lat-long, taking care to prevent division by 0

mindaffectBCI.decoder.readCapInf.xyz2xy (xyz)
    convert 3d xyz coords to unrolled 2d xy positions
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.convWX (X, W)
    apply spatial filter W to X

mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.convXYR (X, Y, W, R, offset)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.convYR (Y, R, offset=None)
    compute the convolution of Y with R

mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.datasettest ()

mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.dedupY0 (Y, zeroDup=True, yFeatDim=True, verb=0)
    remove outputs which are duplicates of the first (objID==0) output Inputs:
        Y=(tr,ep,Y,e) zeroDup : bool
            if True, then if mi is the duplicate, then zero the duplicate, i.e. of Y[...,:mi,:]=0 else, we
            zero out objID==0, i.e. Y[...,:0,:]=0
```

**Outputs:** Y=(tr,ep,Y,e) version of Y with duplicates of 1st row of Y set to 0

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.plot_Fy (Fy, cumsum=True, label=None, legend=False,
                                             maxplots=25)

mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.plot_Fycomparision (Fy, Fys, ti=0)

mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.plot_outputscore (X, Y, W=None, R=None, offset=0)

mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.scoreOutput (Fe_mTSe, Y_TSye, dedup0=None,
                                              R=None, offset=None, outputscore='ip')
    score each output given information on which stim-sequences correspond to which inputs
```

Args

Fe\_mTSe (nM,nTrl,nSamp,nE): similarity score for each event type for each stimulus Y\_TSye  
(nTrl,nSamp,nY,nE): Indicator for which events occurred for which outputs

nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

**R\_mket (nM,nfilt,nE,tau): FWD-model (impulse response) for each of the event types, used to correct the scores for correlated responses.**

offset (int): A (set of) offsets to try when decoding. Defaults to None. dedup0 (int): remove duplicate copies of output O, >0 remove the copy, <0 remove objID==0 (used when cross validating calibration data) outputscore (str): type of score to compute. one-of: ‘ip’, ‘sse’. Defaults to ‘ip’

**Returns** Fy\_mTSy (nM,nTrl,nSamp,nY): similarity score for each input epoch for each output

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreOutput.testcases()
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.factored2full (W, R)  
convert a factored spatio-temporal model to a full model Inputs:
```

W (nM,rank,d) spatial filter set (BWD model) R (nM,rank,e,tau) temporal filter set (FWD model)

**Output:** W (nM,e,tau,d) spatio-temporal filter (BWD model)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.plot_Fe (Fe)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.scoreStimulus (X, W, R=None, b=None, offset=0,  
f=None, isepoched=None)
```

Apply spatio-temporal (possibly factored) model to data Inputs:

**X = (nTrl x nSamp x d) raw response for the current stimulus event**

d=#electrodes tau=#response-samples nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

**OR** (nTrl x nEpoch x tau x d) pre-sliced raw data

W = (nM x nfilt x d) spatial filters for each output R = (nM x nfilt x nE x tau) responses for each stimulus event for each output

**OR** W = (nM x nE x tau x d) spatio-temporal filter per event type and model R = None b = (nE,1) bias for each stimulus type offset = 0 (1,1) offset in X for applying W

**Outputs:** Fe= (nM x nTrl x nEpoch/nSamp x nE) similarity score for each input epoch for each output

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```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.scoreStimulusCont (X, W, R=None, b=None, off-  
set=0)
```

Apply spatio-temporal (possibly factored) model to raw (non epoched) data

#### **Parameters**

- **X** (*np.ndarray (nTr, nSamp, d)*) – raw per-trial data
- **W** (*np.ndarray (nM, nfilt, d)*) – spatial filters for each factor

- **R** (*np.ndarray (nM, nfilt, nE, tau)*) – responses for each stimulus event for each output
- **b** (*np.ndarray (nE, 1)*) – offset for each stimulus type

**Returns** similarity score for each input epoch for each output

**Return type** *np.ndarray (nM,nTrl,nSamp,nE)*

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.scoreStimulusEpoch(X, W, R=None, b=None)
```

#### Apply spatio-temporal (possibly factored) model to epoched data

X = (nTrl x nEpoch x tau x d) pre-sliced raw data W = (nM x nfil x d) spatial filters for each output R = (nM x nfil x nE x tau) responses for each stimulus event for each output

**OR** W = (nM x nE x tau x d) spatio-temporal filter per event type and model R = None b = (nE,1) offset for each stimulus type

**Outputs:** Fe= (nM x nTrl x nEpoch/nSamp x nE) similarity score for each input epoch for each output

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.scoreStimulusEpoch_factored(X, W, R, b=None)
```

**Apply factored spatio-temporal model to epoched data** X = (nTrl x nEpoch x tau x d) pre-sliced raw data W = (nM x nfil x d) spatial filters for each output R = (nM x nfil x nE x tau) responses for each stimulus event for each output b = (nE,1) offset for each stimulus type

**Outputs:** Fe= (nM x nTrl x nEpoch x nE) similarity score for each input epoch for each output

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.scoreStimulusEpoch_full(X, W, b=None)
```

**Apply full spatio-temporal model to epoched data** X = (nTrl x nEpoch x tau x d) pre-sliced raw data W = (nM x nE x tau x d) spatio-temporal filter per event type and model b = (nE,1) offset for each stimulus type

**Outputs:** Fe= (nM x nTrl x nEpoch/nSamp x nE) similarity score for each input epoch for each output

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.scoreStimulus.testcase()
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.sigViewer module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.sigViewer.parse_args()
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.sigViewer.run(ui: mindaffectBCI.decoder.UtopiaDataInterface.UtopiaDataInterface
                                = None, host=None, timeout_ms: float = inf, center=True, timerange: int = 5, nstimulus_lines: int = 1, ndata_lines: int = -1, datastep: int = 20, stimstep: int = 1, stopband=((0, 3), (25, -1)), out_fs=60, ch_names=None)
```

simple sig-viewer using the ring-buffer for testing

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.sigViewer.sigViewer(*args, **kwargs)
```

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.startUtopiaHub module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.startUtopiaHub.run(label=”, logdir=None)
```

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.stim2event module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.stim2event(M, evtypes=('re', 'fe'), axis=-1, oM=None)
    convert per-sample stimulus sequence into per-sample event sequence (e.g. rising/falling edge, or long/short
    flash)
```

### **Parameters**

- **M**(*.., samp*) *or* (*.., samp, nY*) – for and/non-target features
- – [**nE**] (*evnames*) – str list of strings: “0”, “1”, “00”, “11”, “01” (aka. ‘re’), “10” (aka, fe), “010” (aka. short), “0110” (aka long) “n”+*evtname* : non-target event, i.e. *evtname* occurred for any other target “any”+*evtname*: any event, i.e. *evtname* occurred for *any* target “rest” - not any of the other event types, N.B. must be *last* in event list “raw” - unchanged input intensity coding “grad” - 1st temporal derivative of the raw intensity
- – (*oM*) –
- – –

**Outputs:** *evt* - (*M.shape,nE*) event sequence

### **Examples**

```
#For a P300 bci, with target vs. non-target response use: M = np.array([[1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0],[0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0]]).T
E = stim2event(M,evtypes=['re','ntre'], axis=-2)
```

```
#Or modeling as two responses, target-stim-response and any-stim-response E
stim2event(M,evtypes=('re','anyre'), axis=-2)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.stim2event.testcase()
```

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.timestamp\_check module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.timestamp_check.timestampPlot(filename=None)
```

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.trigger\_check module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.trigger_check.run(hostname='-', stopband=(0.1, 45, 'bandpass'),
                                         fs_out=250, **kwargs)
online continuously updating trigger check plot
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.trigger_check.triggerPlot(X, Y, fs, clsfr=None, fig=None,
                                                evtlabs=('re', 'fe'), tau_ms=125,
                                                offset_ms=-25, max_samp=10000,
                                                trntrl=None, plot_model=True,
                                                plot_trial=True, ax=None, **kwargs)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.trigger_check.trigger_check(filename=None,      evtlabs=('re',
                           'fe'), tau_ms=125, offset_ms=-25, stopband=(0.1, 45, 'band-
                           pass'), fs_out=250, trn-
                           trl=slice(None, 10, None), trn-
                           samp=6000, max_samp=6000,
                           plot_model=True, plot_trial=True,
                           plot_epoch_lines=False,
                           **kwargs)
```

make a set of visualizations of the stimulus->measurement time-lock

#### Parameters

- **filename** (*[type]*, *optional*) – The name of the file to load. Defaults to None.
- **evtlabs** (*tuple*, *optional*) – The event coding to use for how stimulus changes map into trigger inputs. Defaults to ('0','1').
- **tau\_ms** (*int*, *optional*) – The duration of the stimulus response. Defaults to 400.
- **offset\_ms** (*int*, *optional*) – Offset of the start of the stimulus response w.r.t. the trigger time. Defaults to -50.
- **max\_samp** (*int*, *optional*) – Limit in the number of samples for each trial. Defaults to 6000.
- **stopband** (*tuple*, *optional*) – Temporal filter used to pre-process the EEG. Defaults to (.1,45,'bandpass').
- **fs\_out** (*int*, *optional*) – Sample rate of the EEG used for analysis. Defaults to 250.

### **mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics module**

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.Cxx_diag2full(Cxx_tdd)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.Cyx_diag2full(Cyx_tyed, tau, off-
set=None)
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.Cyy_diag2full(Cyy_tyee)
convert diag compressed Cyy to full version
```

**Parameters** **Cyy** (*[type]*) – (tau,nY,nE,nY,nE) or (tau,nY,nE,nE)

**Returns** block up-scaled Cyy

**Return type** Cyy\_yetyet (nY,nE,tau,nE,tau)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.Cyy_tyeye_diag2full(Cyy_tyeye)
[summary]
```

**Parameters** **Cyy\_tyeye** (*[type]*) – the input compressed version of Cyy

**Returns** the expanded version of Cyy

**Return type** Cyy\_yetyet

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.Cyy_yetet_diag2full(Cyy_yetet)
[summary]
```

**Parameters** **Cyy\_yetet** (*[type]*) – the input compressed version of Cyy

**Returns** the expanded version of Cyy

**Return type** Cyy\_yetyet

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.autocov(X, tau)
```

Compute the cross-auto-correlation of X, i.e. spatial-temporal covariance Inputs:

**X – (nTrl, nSamp, d) the data to have autocov computed** nSamp = temporal dim, d = spatial dim

tau – number of samples in the autocov

**Outputs:** Ctdtd – (tau, d, tau, d)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.compCxx_diag(X_TSd, tau: float, offset: float = 0, unitnorm: bool = True, center: bool = False)
```

Compute the main tau diagonal entries of a Cyy tensor :param X\_TSd: the new stim info to be added

Indicator for which events occurred for which outputs nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

#### Parameters

- **tau** (*int*) – number of time-shifts to compute over
- **offset** (*int*) – offset in for tau=0 (Note: ignored here)
- **unitnorm** (*bool*) – flag if we normalize the Cyy with number epochs. Defaults to True.

**Returns** Cxx\_tdd – (tau, d, d)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.compCxx_full(X_TSd, tau: float, offset=0, unitnorm: bool = False, center: bool = False)
```

Compute the main tau diagonal entries of a Cyy tensor :param X\_TSd: the input d dimensional data :type X\_TSd: nTrl, nSamp, d :param tau: number of time-shifts to compute over :type tau: int :param offset: offset in for tau=0 (Note: ignored here) :type offset: int :param unitnorm: flag if we normalize the Cyy with number epochs. Defaults to True. :type unitnorm: bool

**Returns** Cxx\_fdfd – (tau, d, tau d) the full cross auto-covariance

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.compCyx_diag(X_TSd, Y_TSye, tau=None, offset=0, center=False, verb=0, unitnorm=True)
```

Args: X\_TSd (nTrl, nSamp, d): raw response for the current stimulus event

d=#electrodes

**Y\_TSye (nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE): Indicator for which events occurred for which outputs** nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

**Returns** cross covariance at different offsets taus : relative offsets (t\_y - t\_x)

**Return type** Cyx\_tyed (nY, nE, tau, d)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.compCyx_full(X_TSd, Y_TSye, tau=None, offset=0, center=False, verb=0, unitnorm=True)
```

Args: X\_TSd (nTrl, nSamp, d): raw response for the current stimulus event

d=#electrodes

**Y\_TSye (nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE): Indicator for which events occured for which outputs** nE=#event-types  
nY=#possible-outputs nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

**Returns** cross covariance at different offsets

**Return type** Cyx\_tyetd (nY, nE, tau, d)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.compCyy_diag(Y, tau: float, unitnorm: bool = True)
Compute the main tau diagonal entries of a Cyy tensor :param Y: the new stim info to be added
```

Indicator for which events occured for which outputs nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs  
nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

#### Parameters

- **tau** (*int*) – number of samples in the stimulus response
- **unitnorm** (*bool*) – flag if we normalize the Cyy with number epochs. Defaults to True.

**Returns**

**Return type** Cyy\_tyeye (tau,nY,nE,nY,nE)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.compCyy_diag_perY(Y, tau: float,
                                                               unitnorm: bool
                                                               = True, perY:
                                                               bool = True)
Compute the main tau diagonal entries of a Cyy tensor for each output independently :param Y_TSye: the new
stim info to be added
```

Indicator for which events occured for which outputs nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs  
nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

#### Parameters

- **tau** (*int*) – number of samples in the stimulus response
- **unitnorm** (*bool*) – flag if we normalize the Cyy with number epochs. Defaults to True.

**Returns**

**Return type** Cyy\_tyee (tau, nY, nE, nE)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.compCyy_full(Y_TSye, tau: int, offset:
                                                          set: int = 0, unitnorm:
                                                          bool = True)
Compute the full YY cross auto-covariance
```

#### Parameters

- **Y\_TSye** (*nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE*) – the new stim info to be added Indicator for which events occured for which outputs nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs  
nEpoch=#stimulus events to process
- **tau** (*int*) – number of samples in the stimulus response
- **offset** (*int*) – offset from time-zero for the cross computation (Note: ignored here)
- **unitnorm** (*bool*) – flag if we normalize the Cyy with number epochs. Defaults to True.

**Returns** Cyy\_yetyet – (nY, nE, tau, nY, nE, tau)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.cov(X)
```

Compute the spatial covariance Input:

X = (... ,d) data, with features in the last dimension

**Output:** Cxx = (d,d)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.crossautocov(X, Y, tau, offset=0)
```

Compute the cross-auto-correlation between 2 datasets, X,Y, i.e. the double spatial-temporal covariance Inputs:

**X – (nTrl, nSamp, dx) the data to have autocov computed** nSamp = temporal dim, dx = spatial dim x

**Y – (nTrl, nSamp, dy) the data to have autocov computed** nSamp = temporal dim, dy = spatial dim y

**tau – :int number of samples in the cov**

**OR** [int,int] time lags for x and y

**Outputs:** Cttd – (taux, dx, tauy, dy)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.plotCxy(Cyx_yetd,      evtlabs=None,
                                                       fs=None)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.plot_erp(erp,    evtlabs=None,   out-
                                                       puts=None,   times=None,
                                                       fs=None,    ch_names=None,
                                                       axis=-1,    plottype='plot',
                                                       offset=0,   ylim=None,   suptitle:
                                                       str=None,   block: bool
                                                       = False)
```

Make a multi-plot of the event ERPs (as stored in erp) erp = (nY, nE, tau, d) current per output ERPs

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.plot_factoredmodel(A,          R,
                                                               S=None,   evt-
                                                               labs=None,
                                                               times=None,
                                                               ch_names=None,
                                                               ch_pos=None,
                                                               fs=None,   off-
                                                               set_ms=None,
                                                               offset=None,
                                                               spa-
                                                               tial_filter_type='Filter',
                                                               label=None,
                                                               ncol=2)
```

Make a multi-plot of a factored model A\_kd = k components and d sensors R\_ket = k components, e events, tau samples response-duration

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.plot_subspace(X_TSfd,     Y_TSye,
                                                          W_kd,   R_ket,   S_y,
                                                          f_f, offset: int = 0, fs:
                                                          float = 100, block:
                                                          bool = False, label:
                                                          str = None)
```

plot the subspace source activity of a fwd-bwd model

#### Parameters

- **X\_TSfd** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **Y\_TSye** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **W\_kd** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **R\_ket** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **S\_y** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **f\_f** ([*type*]) – [description]
- **offset** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 0.
- **fs** (*float, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 100.
- **block** (*bool, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to False.
- **label** (*str, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.plot_summary_statistics(Cxx_dd,
                                                               Cyx_yetd,
                                                               Cyy_yetet,
                                                               evt-
                                                               labs=None,
                                                               out-
                                                               puts=None,
                                                               times=None,
                                                               ch_names=None,
                                                               fs=None,
                                                               label:
                                                               str =
                                                               None)
```

Visualize the summary statistics (Cxx\_dd, Cyx\_yetd, Cyy) of a dataset

It is assumed the data has ‘d’ channels, with ‘nE’ different types of trigger event, and a response length of ‘tau’ for each trigger.

#### Parameters

- **Cxx\_dd** (*d, d*) – spatial covariance
- **Cxy\_yetd** (*nY, nE, tau, d*) – per-output event related potentials (ERPs)
- **Cyy\_yetet** (*nY, nE, tau, nE, tau*) – updated response covariance for each out-
put
- **evtlabs** ([*type*], *optional*) – the labels for the event types. Defaults to None.
- **times** ([*type*], *optional*) – values for the time-points along tau. Defaults to None.
- **ch\_names** ([*type*], *optional*) – textual names for the channels. Defaults to None.
- **fs** ([*type*], *optional*) – sampling rate for the data along tau (used to make times if not given). Defaults to None.

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.plot_trial(X_TSd, Y_TSy, fs: float =
                                                       None, ch_names=None,
                                                       evtlabs=None, out-
                                                       puts=None, times=None,
                                                       ylabel: str = 'ch + out-
                                                       put', suptitle: str = None,
                                                       block: bool = False)
```

visualize a single trial with data and stimulus sequences

### Parameters

- **X\_TSd** (*[type]*) – raw data sequence
- **Y\_TSy** (*[type]*) – raw stimulus sequence
- **fs** (*float, optional*) – sample rate of data and stimulus. Defaults to None.
- **ch\_names** (*list-of-str, optional*) – channel names for X. Defaults to None.

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.testCases()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.testComputationMethods()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.testCyy2()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.testSlicedvsContinuous()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.test_compCxx_diag()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.test_compCyx_diag()  
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.updateCxx (Cxx, X, stimTimes=None, tau: int = None, wght: float = 1, offset: int = 0, center: bool = False, unit-norm: bool = True)
```

### Parameters

- **Cxx\_dd** (*ndarray (d, d)*) – current data covariance
- **X\_TSd** (*nTrl, nSamp, d*) – raw response at sample rate
- **stimTimes\_samp** (*ndarray (nTrl, nEp)*) – sample times for start each epoch. Used to detect
- **wght** (*float*) – weight to accumulate this Cxx with the previous data, s.t.  $Cxx = Cxx\_old * wght + Cxx\_new$ . Defaults to 1.
- **center** (*bool*) – flag if center the data before computing covariance? Defaults to True.

**Returns** current data covariance

**Return type** Cxx\_dd (*ndarray (d,d)*)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.updateCxy (Cxy, X, Y, stim-Times=None, tau=None, wght=1, offset=0, center=False, verb=0, unit-norm=True)
```

### Parameters

- **X\_TSd** (*nTrl, nSamp, d*) – raw response at sample rate
- **Y\_TSye** (*nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE*) – event indicator at sample rate
- **= (stimTimes\_samp)** – overlapping responses
- **Cxy\_yetd** (*nY, nE, tau, d*) – current per output ERPs

**Returns** current per output ERPs

**Return type** Cxy\_yetd (*nY, nE, tau, d*)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.updateCyy (Cyy, Y, stimTime=None,
                                                       tau=None, wght=1,
                                                       offset: float = 0, ze-
                                                       ropadded=True, unit-
                                                       norm=True, perY=True)
```

Compute the Cyy tensors given new data :param Cyy\_yetet: old Cyy info :param Y\_TSye: the new stim info to be added

nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

#### Parameters

- **tau** (*int*) – number of samples in the stimulus response
- **zeropadded** (*bool*) – flag variable length Y are padded with 0s
- **wght** (*float*) – weighting for the new vs. old data
- **unitnorm** (*bool*) – flag if we normalize the Cyy with number epochs

#### Returns

**Return type** Cyy\_yetet (nY, tau, nE, nE)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.updateSummaryStatistics.updateSummaryStatistics (X, Y,
                                                               stim-
                                                               Times=None,
                                                               Cxx=None,
                                                               Cxy=None,
                                                               Cyy=None,
                                                               badEpThresh=4,
                                                               halflife_samp=1,
                                                               cxxp=True,
                                                               cyyp=True,
                                                               tau=None,
                                                               off-
                                                               set=0,
                                                               cen-
                                                               ter=True,
                                                               unit-
                                                               norm=True,
                                                               ze-
                                                               ropadded:
                                                               bool
                                                               =
                                                               True,
                                                               perY=True)
```

Compute updated summary statistics (Cxx\_dd, Cxy\_yetd, Cyy\_yetet) for new data in X with event-info Y

#### Parameters

- **X\_TSD** (*nTrl, nEp, tau, d*) –  
**raw response for the current stimulus event** d=#electrodes      tau=#response-samples  
nEpoch=#stimulus events to process
- **OR** (*nTrl, nSamp, d*)
- **=** (*stimTimes\_samp*) – Indicator for which events occurred for which outputs OR

(nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE) nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

- = – overlapping responses
- = **int** – the length of the impulse response in samples ( $\tau_{au}$ ) –
- **offset** – int = relative shift of Y w.r.t. X
- **Cxx\_dd** (d, d) – current data covariance
- **Cxy\_yetd** (nY, nE, tau, d) – current per output ERPs
- **Cyy\_yetet** (nY, nE, tau, nE, tau) – current response covariance for each output
- **badEpThresh** (float) – threshold for removing bad-data before fitting the summary statistics
- **center** (bool) – do we center the X data before computing the summary statistics? (True)
- **halflife\_samp** (float) – forgetting factor for the updates Note: alpha = exp(log(.5)/(half-life)), half-life = log(.5)/log(alpha)

**Returns** updated data covariance Cxy\_yetd (nY, nE, tau, d) : updated per output ERPs Cyy\_yetet (nY, nE, tau, nE, tau): updated response covariance for each output

**Return type** Cxx\_dd (d,d)

## Examples

```
# Supervised CCA Y = (nEpoch/nSamp, nY, nE) [nE x nY x nEpoch] indicator for each event-type and output of it's type in each epoch X = (nEpoch/nSamp, tau, d) [d x tau x nEpoch] sliced pre-processed raw data into per-stimulus event responses stimTimes = [nEpoch] sample numbers of the stimulus events
```

```
# OR None if X, Y are samples
```

```
[Cxx, Cxy, Cyy] = updateSummaryStatistics(X, Y, 3*np.arange(X.shape[0])); [J, w, r]=multipleCCA(Cxx, Cxy, Cyy)
```

## mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils module

```
class mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.RingBuffer(maxsize,           shape,           dtype=<class
                                              'numpy.float32'>)
Bases: object
time efficient linear ring-buffer for storing packed data, e.g. contiguous np-arrays
append(x)
    add single element to the ring buffer
clear()
    empty the ring-buffer and reset to empty
extend(x)
    add a group of elements to the ring buffer
shape
unwrap()
    get a view on the valid portion of the ring buffer
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.block_randomize(true_target, npermute, axis=-3,
                                             block_size=None)
```

make a block random permutaton of the input array Inputs:

npermute: int - number permutations to make true\_target: (...) , nEp, nY, e): true target value for nTrl trials of length nEp flashes axis : int the axis along which to permute true\_target

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.butter_sosfilt(X, stopband, fs: float, order: int = 6, axis: int
                                            = -2, zi=None, verb=True, ftype='butter')
```

use a (cascade of) butterworth SOS filter(s) filter X along axis

#### Parameters

- **x** (*np.ndarray*) – the data to be filtered
- **stopband** ([*type*]) – the filter band specifications in Hz, as a list of lists of stopbands (given as (low-pass,high-pass)) or pass bands (given as (low-cut,high-cut,'bandpass'))
- **fs** (*float*) – the sampling rate of X
- **order** (*int, optional*) – the desired filter order. Defaults to 6.
- **axis** (*int, optional*) – the axis of X to filter along. Defaults to -2.
- **zi** ([*type*], *optional*) – the internal filter state – propogate between calls for incremental filtering. Defaults to None.
- **verb** (*bool, optional*) – Verbosity level for logging. Defaults to True.
- **ftype** (*str, optional*) – The type of filter to make, one-of: ‘butter’, ‘bessel’. Defaults to ‘butter’.

**Returns** the filtered version of X sos (*np.ndarray*): the designed filter coefficients zi (*np.ndarray*): the filter state for propogation between calls

#### Return type X [np.ndarray]

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.equals_subarray(a, pat, axis=-1, match=-1)
```

efficiently find matches of a 1-d sub-array along axis within an nd-array

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.extract_ringbuffer_segment(rb, bgn_ts, end_ts=None)
```

extract the data between start/end time stamps, from time-stamps contained in the last channel of a nd matrix

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.idOutliers(X, thresh=4, axis=-2, verbosity=0)
```

identify outliers with excessively high power in the input data Inputs:

X:float the data to identify outliers in axis:int (-2) axis of X to sum to get power thresh(float): thresh-old standard deviation for outlier detection verbosity(int): verbosity level

**Returns** bool (X.shape axis==1) indicator for outlying elements epPower:float (X.shape axis==1) power used to identify bad

#### Return type badEp

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.iir_sosfilt_sos(stopband, fs, order=4, ftype='butter', pass-
                                              band=None, verb=0)
```

given a set of filter cutoffs return butterworth or bessel sos coefficients

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.lab2ind(lab, lab2class=None)
```

convert a list of labels (as integers) to a class indicator matrix

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.randomSummaryStats(d=10, nE=2, tau=10, nY=1)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.robust_mean(X, thresh=(3, 3))
```

Compute robust mean of values in X, using gaussian outlier criteria

**Parameters**

- **x** (*the data*) – the data
- **thresh** (*2, ,*) – lower and upper threshold in standard deviations

**Returns** the robust mean good (): the indices of the ‘good’ data in X

**Return type** mu ()

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.save_butter_sosfilt_coeff(filename=None, stop-  
band=((45, 65), (5.5, 25,  
'bandpass')), fs=200, or-  
der=6, ftype='butter')
```

design a butterworth sos filter cascade and save the coefficients

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.search_directories_for_file(f, *args)  
search a given set of directories for given filename, return 1st match
```

**Parameters**

- **f** (*str*) – filename to search for (or a pattern)
- **()** (*\*args*) – set for directory names to look in

**Returns** the *first* full path to where f is found, or f if not found.

**Return type** f (*str*)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.sliceData(X, stimTimes_samp, tau=10)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.sliceY(Y, stimTimes_samp, featdim=True)
```

Y = (nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE) if featdim=True OR Y=(nTrl, nSamp, nY) if featdim=False #(nE x nY x nSamp x  
nTrl)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.sosfilt_2d_py(sos, X, axis=-2, zi=None)
```

pure python fallback for second-order-sections filter in case scipy isn’t available

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.sosfilt_zi_py(sos)
```

compute an initial state for a second-order section filter

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.sosfilt_zi_warmup(zi, X, axis=-1, sos=None)
```

Use some initial data to “warmup” a second-order-sections filter to reduce startup artifacts.

**Parameters**

- **zi** (*np.ndarray*) – the sos filter, state
- **x** (*[type]*) – the warmup data
- **axis** (*int, optional*) – The filter axis in X. Defaults to -1.
- **sos** (*[type], optional*) – the sos filter coefficients. Defaults to None.

**Returns** the warmed up filter coefficients

**Return type** [np.ndarray]

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.testNoSignal(d=10, nE=2, nY=1, isi=5, tau=None,  
nSamp=10000, nTrl=1)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.testSignal(nTrl=1, d=5, nE=2, nY=30, isi=5, tau=None,  
offset=0, nSamp=10000, stimthresh=0.6,  
noise2signal=1, irf=None)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.test_butter_sosfilt()
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.test_sosfilt_py()
```

```

mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.testtestSignal()
mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.unwrap(x, range=None)
    unwrap a list of numbers to correct for truncation due to limited bit-resolution, e.g. time-stamps stored in 24bit
    integers

mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.unwrap_test()

mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.upsample_codebook(trlen, cb, ep_idx, stim_dur_samp, off-
set_samp=(0, 0))
    upsample a codebook definition to sample rate Inputs:

```

*trlen* : (int) length after up-sampling *cb* : (nTr, nEp, ...) the codebook *ep\_idx* : (nTr, nEp) the indices  
of the codebook entries *stim\_dur\_samp*: (int) the amount of time the cb entry is held for *offset\_samp*  
: (2,):int the offset for the stimulus in the upsampled *trlen* data

**Outputs:** *Y* : ( nTrl, *trlen*, ... ) the up-sampled codebook

```

mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.window_axis(a, winsz, axis=0, step=1, prependwin-
dowdim=False)
    efficient view-based slicing of equal-sized equally-spaced windows along a selected axis of a numpy nd-array

```

```

mindaffectBCI.decoder.utils.zero_outliers(X, Y, badEpThresh=4, badEpChThresh=None,
verbosity=0)
    identify and zero-out bad/outlying data

```

**Inputs:** *X* = (nTrl, nSamp, d) *Y* = (nTrl, nSamp, nY, nE) OR (nTrl, nSamp, nE)

nE=#event-types nY=#possible-outputs nEpoch=#stimulus events to process

## **mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt\_softmax module**

```

mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.calibrate_softmaxscale(f,
validTgt=None,
scales=(0.01,
0.02, 0.05,
0.1, 0.2, 0.3,
0.4, 0.5, 1,
1.5, 2, 2.5,
3, 3.5, 4,
5, 7, 10,
15, 20, 30),
MINP=0.01,
marginal-
izemode-
els=True,
marginal-
izede-
cis=False,
eta=0.05, er-
ror_weight=2)

```

attempt to calibrate the scale for a softmax decoder to return calibrated probabilities

### **Parameters**

- **f** ((*nM*, ) *nTrl*, *nDecis*, *nY*) – normalized accumulated scores]
- **validTgt** (bool ( *nM*, ) *nTrl*, *nY*) – which targets are valid in which trials

- (**list (scales)**) – int): set of possible soft-max scales to try
- **MINP** (*float*) – minimum P-value. We clip the true-target p-val to this level as a way of forcing the fit to concentrate on getting the p-val right when high, rather than over penalizing when it's wrong

**Returns** slope for softmax to return calibrated probabilities

**Return type** softmaxscale (float)

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.entropy(p, axis=-1)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.marginalize_scores(f, axis,
                                                               prior=None,
                                                               keepdims=False)
```

marginalize the output scores to remove nuisance parameters, e.g. decis-pts, models.

#### Parameters

- **f** (*np.ndarray (nModel, nTrial, nDecisPts, nOutput)*) – the scores
- **axis** (*[listInt]*) – the axis of f to marginalize over
- **prior** (*[ltype], optional*) – prior over the dimesions of f. Defaults to None.
- **keepdims** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we keep or compress the dims of f. Defaults to False.

**Returns** (*np.ndarray*): the marginalized f scores

**Return type** f

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.mkTestFy(nY, nM, nEp, nTrl, sigstr,
                                                   startup_lag)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.softmax(f, axis=-1, validTgt=None)
```

simple softmax over final dim of input array, with compensation for missing inputs with validTgt mask.

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.softmax_nout_corr(n)
```

approximate correction factor for probabilities out of soft-max to correct for number of outputs

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.testcase(nY=10, nM=4, nEp=340,
                                                    nTrl=500, sigstr=0.4, normSum=True,
                                                    centFy=True, detrendFy=True,
                                                    marginalizeModels=True,
                                                    marginalizedecis=False,
                                                    bwdAccumulate=False,
                                                    nEpochCorrection=20, priorweight=100.0,
                                                    startup_lag=0.1)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.vissPtgt(Fy, normSum, centFy, detrendFy,
                                                    bwdAccumulate, marginalizeModels,
                                                    marginalizedecis, nEpochCorrection,
                                                    priorweight, minDecisLen=-1)
```

```
mindaffectBCI.decoder.zscore2Ptgt_softmax.zscore2Ptgt_softmax(f, softmaxscale:
    float = 2, prior:
    numpy.ndarray
    =
    None,
    validTgt=None,
    marginalizemod-
    els: bool = True,
    marginalizedecis:
    bool = False,
    peroutputmodel:
    bool = True)
```

convert normalized output scores into target probabilities

### Parameters

- **f** ( $nM, nTrl, nDecis, nY$ ) – normalized accumulated scores
- **softmaxscale** ( $float, optional$ ) – slope to scale from scores to probabilities. Defaults to 2.
- **validtgtTrl** ( $bool nM, nTrl, nY$ ) – which targets are valid in which trials
- **peroutputmode** ( $bool, optional$ ) – assume if  $nM==nY$  that we have 1 model per output. Defaults to True.
- **prior** ( $[nM, nTrl, nDecis, nY]$ ) – prior probabilities over the different dimensions of f. e.g. if want a prior over Models should be shape  $(nM, 1, 1, 1)$ , for a prior over outputs  $(nY)$ . Defaults to None.

**Returns** target probability for each trial (if marginalizemode and marginalizedecis is True)

**Return type** Ptgt ( $nTrl, nY$ )

## Module contents

### Submodules

#### **mindaffectBCI.noisetag module**

```
class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.CalibrationPhase(objIDs: int = 8, stimSeq=None, nTrials:
    int = 10, utopiaController=None,
    stimulusStateStack: mindaffect-
    BCI.noisetag.GSM = None, *args,
    **kwargs)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM*

do a complete calibration phase with nTrials x CalibrationTrial

### Raises

- ValueError – [description]
- ValueError – [description]
- StopIteration – [description]

**next** ( $t$ )

get the next state in the sequence, moving through nTrials calibration trials where each trial has single trial stages of cue->wait->flicker

**Parameters** **t** ( $int$ ) – current time

**Raises** StopIteration – when the whole sequence is complete

```
class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.Experiment (objIDs, stimSeq=None, nCal=10, nPred=20, selec-
                                             tionThreshold=0.1, cuedprediction=False, utopi-
                                             aController=None, stimulusStateStack=None,
                                             numframes=240.0, calframes=None, pred-
                                             frames=None, interphaseframes=900.0, *args,
                                             **kwargs)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM*

do a complete experiment, with calibration -> prediction

**next** (*t*)

get the next state in the sequence, moving through calibration->prediction phases where each trial has single trial stages of cue->wait->flicker->feedback

**Parameters** **t** (*int*) – current time

**Raises** StopIteration – when the whole sequence is complete

```
class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM
```

Bases: object

simple finite state machine, using a generator-like pattern

**get** ()

get the current state, for this set of active objects

**Returns**

**The current display state information as a 4-tuple with structure:** (stimState, target\_idx, objIDs, sendEvent) stimState (list-int): the stimulus state for each object as an integer target\_idx (int): the index into stimState of the cued target, or -1 if no target set objIDs (list-int): the objectIDs for each of the outputs sendEvent (bool): flag if we should send stimulus events in this state

**Return type** tuple

**next** (*t*)

update the current state, return the new state, raise StopIteration exception when done

```
class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.Flicker (stimSeq=None, numframes: int = 0.0666666666666667, tgtidx: int = -1, sendEvents: bool = True, framesperbit: int = 1, permute: bool = False)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM*

do a normal flicker sequence

**get** ()

return the current stimulus state info

**Returns** the current stimulus state tuple (stimState, target\_idx, objIDs, sendEvent)

**Return type** StimulusState

**next** (*t*)

move to the next state

**update\_codebook\_permutation** ()

update the permutation randomly mapping between codebook rows and outputs

**update\_ss** ()

update the information about the current stimulus state

```

class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FlickerWithSelection (stimSeq=None,  

                                                 numframes=0.06666666666666667,  

                                                 tgtidx=-1, utopiaController=None,  

                                                 framesperbit=1, sendEvents=True,  

                                                 permute=False)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.Flicker*

do a normal flicker sequence, with early stopping selection

**next** (*t*)

get the next stimulus state in the sequence – terminate if out of time, or BCI made a selection

**Parameters** **t** (*int*) – current time

**Raises** *StopIteration* – stop if numframes exceeded or BCI made a selection

```

class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.GSM
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM*

Generalized state machine with stack of states

**clear** ()

clear the state machine stack

**get** ()

return the current stimulus state

**Returns** the current stimulus state tuple (stimState,target\_idx,objIDs,sendEvent)

**Return type** StimulusState

**next** (*t*)

get the next stimulus state to show

**Parameters** **t** (*int*) – the current time

**Raises** *StopIteration* – when this state machine has run out of states

**pop** ()

remove and return the currently active state machine

**Returns** the current state machine at the top of the stack

**Return type** *GSM*

**push** (*s*)

add a new state machine to the stack

**Parameters** **s** (*GSM*) – finite-state-machine to add

**Returns** current state machine stack

**Return type** list

```

class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.HighlightObject (numframes=0.0333333333333333,  

                                                 tgtidx=-1, tgtState=2, sendEvents=False,  

                                                 numblinkframes=30)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.Flicker*

‘Highlight a single object for a number of frames

```

class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.Noisetag (stimFile=None, utopiaController=None, stimulusStateMachineStack: mindaffectBCI.noisetag.GSM = None, clientid: str = None)
```

Bases: *object*

noisetag abstraction layer to handle *both* the sequencing of the stimulus flicker, *and* the communications with the Mindaffect decoder. Clients can use this class to implement BCI control by:

- 0) setting the flicker sequence to use (method: startFlicker, startFlickerWithSelection, startCalibration, startPrediction, startExpt)
- 1) getting the current stimulus state (method: getStimulusState), and using that to draw the display
- 2) telling Noisetag when *exactly* the stimulus update took place (method: sendStimulusState)
- 3) getting the predictions/selections from noisetag and acting on them. (method: getLastPrediction() or getLastSelection())

**addMessageHandler (cb)**

add a handler which is called back when a new message is received

**Parameters** **cb** (*function*) – the function to be called for each newly received message

**addPredictionHandler (cb)**

add a handler which is called back when a Prediction is received from the decoder/hub

**Parameters** **cb** (*function*) – the function to be called for each newly received Prediction

**addSelectionHandler (cb)**

add a handler which is called back when a Selection is received from the decoder/hub

**Parameters** **cb** (*function*) – the function to be called for every newly received Selection

**addSubscription (msgs)**

add a set of messageIDs to our current set of subscribed message types.

**Parameters** **msgs** (*str*) – a list of messageIDs to subscribe to. See mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient for the list of message types and IDs

**clearLastPrediction ()**

clear the information about the last received target prediction

**clearLastSelection ()**

clear the last selection message from the hub/decoder

**clearLastSignalQuality ()**

clear the last signal quality message

**connect (host: str = None, port: int = -1, queryifhostnotfound: bool = True, timeout\_ms: int = 5000)**  
connect to the utopia hub**Parameters**

- **host** (*str, optional*) – the hub hostname or ip address. Defaults to None.
- **port** (*int, optional*) – the hub port. Defaults to -1.
- **queryifhostnotfound** (*bool, optional*) – if auto-discovery fails do we query the user for the host IP. Defaults to True.
- **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – timeout in milliseconds for host autodiscovery or connection. Defaults to 5000.

**Returns** are we currently connected to the hub

**Return type** bool

**getLastPrediction ()**

get the last prediction received from the hub/decoder

**Returns** the last received PredictedTargetProb message

**Return type** *PredictedTargetProb*

**getLastSelection()**  
return the last selection message received from the hub/decoder

**Returns** the last Selection message received from the hub/decoder

**Return type** *Selection*

**getLastSignalQuality()**  
return the last signal quality message received from the hub/decoder

**Returns** the last ElectrodeQuality message from the hub/decoder

**Return type** *ElectrodeQuality*

**getNewMessages()**  
get all new messages from the decoder

**Returns** a list of all new UtopiaMessages received from the hub/decoder

**Return type** *list-of-UtopiaMessage*

**getStimulusState** (*objIDs=None*)  
return the current stimulus state

**Parameters** **objIDs** (*list-of-int, optional*) – the set of objectIDs to get the state information for. Defaults to None.

**Returns** the current stimulus state tuple (stimState,target\_idx,objIDs,sendEvent)

**Return type** *StimulusState*

**getTimeStamp()**  
get the current time stamp

**Returns** the timestamp for the current time in milliseconds

**Return type** *int*

**gethostport()**  
return the hostname:port we are currently connected to

**Returns** the hub host:port we are currently connected to

**Return type** *str*

**isConnected()**  
query the hub connection status

**Returns** are we connected to the hub

**Return type** *bool*

**log** (*msg*)  
send a Log message to the decoder/hub

**Parameters** **msg** (*str*) – the Log message to send

**modeChange** (*newmode*)  
manually change the decoder mode

**Parameters** **newmode** (*str*) – the new mode string to send to the hub/decoder

**removeSubscription** (*msgs*)  
remove a set of messageIDs to our current set of subscribed message types.

**Parameters** **msgs** (*str*) – a list of messageIDs to unsubscribe from. See mindaffect-BCI.utopiaclient for the list of message types and IDs

**sendStimulusState** (*timestamp=None*)

send the current stimulus state information to the decoder

**Parameters** **timestamp** (*int, optional*) – timestamp to use when sending the stimulus state information. Defaults to None.

**setActiveObjIDs** (*objIDs*)

update the set of active objects we send info to decoder about

**Parameters** **objIDs** (*list-of-int*) – the set of objectIDs to register

**Returns** the set of active object IDs

**Return type** list-of-int

**setTimeStampClock** (*tsclock*)

set the clock used by default to timestamp messages sent to the hub/decoder

**Parameters** **tsclock** (*TimeStampClock*) – the time-stamp clock object to use

**set\_isi** (*new\_isi: float*)

**setnumActiveObjIDs** (*nobj: int*)

update to say number active objects

**Parameters** **nobj** (*int*) – the number of active objects to set

**Returns** the current set of active object IDs

**Return type** list-of-int

**startCalibration** (*nTrials=10, stimSeq=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

setup and run a complete calibration phase

**Parameters**

- **nTrials** (*int, optional*) – number of calibration trials to run. Defaults to 10.
- **stimSeq** (*list-of-lists-of-int, optional*) – the stimulus sequence to play for the flicker in the calibration phase. Defaults to None.

**startExpt** (*nCal=1, nPred=20, selectionThreshold=0.1, cuedprediction=False, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Start the sequence for a full Calibration->Prediction experiment.

**Parameters**

- **nCal** (*int, optional*) – the number of calibration trials. Defaults to 10.
- **nPred** (*int, optional*) – the number of prediction trials. Defaults to 20.
- **selectionThreshold** (*float, optional*) – the Perr threshold for selection. Defaults to .1
- **cuedprediction** (*bool, optional*) – flag if we do cueing before trial starts. Default to False.

**startFlicker** (*numframes=100, tgtidx=-1, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

setup and run the just the flicker

**Parameters**

- **numframes** (*int, optional*) – the number of frames for the flicker. Defaults to 100.

- **tgtidx** (*int, optional*) – the index in the stimSequence of the target, -1 if no cued target. Default to -1

**startFlickerWithSelection** (*numframes: int = 100, tgtidx: int = -1, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
setup and run the just the flicker, with early stopping if the BCI selects an output

#### Parameters

- **numframes** (*int, optional*) – the number of frames for the flicker. Defaults to 100.
- **tgtidx** (*int, optional*) – the index in the stimSequence of the target, -1 if no cued target. Default to -1

**startPrediction** (*nTrials=10, stimSeq=None, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
setup and run a complete prediction phase

#### Parameters

- **nTrials** (*int, optional*) – number of prediction trials to run. Defaults to 10.
- **stimSeq** (*list-of-lists-of-int, optional*) – the stimulus sequence to play for the flicker in the calibration phase. Defaults to None.

**startSingleTrial** (*numframes: int = 100, tgtidx: int = -1, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
setup and run a single flicker trial, with (optional)cue->wait->flicker->feedback

#### Parameters

- **numframes** (*int, optional*) – the number of frames for the flicker. Defaults to 100.
- **tgtidx** (*int, optional*) – the index in the stimSequence of the target, -1 if no cued target. Default to -1

**subscribe** (*msgs*)

tell the hub we will subscribe to this set of message IDs

**Parameters** **msgs** (*str*) – a list of messageIDs to subscribe to. See mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient for the list of message types and IDs

**updateStimulusState** (*t=None*)

update to the next stimulus state from the current sequence

**Parameters** **t** (*int, optional*) – the current time. Defaults to None.

**class** mindaffectBCI.noisetag.**PredictionPhase** (*objIDs, stimSeq=None, nTrials=10, utopiaController=None, stimulusStack=None, selectionThreshold=0.1, cuedprediction=False, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)  
Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM*

do complete prediction phase with nTrials x trials with early-stopping feedback

**Parameters** **FSM** (*[type]*) – [description]

**next** (*t*)

get the next state in the sequence, moving through nTrials calibration trials where each trial has single trial stages of cue->wait->flicker->feedback

**Parameters** **t** (*int*) – current time

**Raises** StopIteration – when the whole sequence is complete

```
class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.SingleTrial(stimSeq, tgtidx: int, utopiaController, stimulusStateStack, numframes: int = None, framesperbit: int = 1, selectionThreshold: float = None, duration: float = 4, cueduration: float = 1, feedduration: float = 1, waitduration: float = 1, cueframes: int = None, feedbackframes: int = None, waitframes: int = None, permute: bool = False)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM*

do a complete single trial with: cue->wait->flicker->feedback

**next (t)**  
get the next state in the sequence, moving through the single trail stages of cue->wait->flicker->feedback

**Parameters** **t** (*int*) – current time

**Raises** StopIteration – when the whole sequence is complete

```
class mindaffectBCI.noisetag.WaitFor(numframes)
```

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.noisetag.FSM*

state machine which waits for given number of frames to pass

**get ()**  
get the current state, for this set of active objects

**Returns**

**The current display state information as a 4-tuple with structure:** (stimState, target\_idx, objIDs, sendEvent) stimState (*list-int*): the stimulus state for each object as an integer target\_idx (*int*): the index into stimState of the cued target, or -1 if no target set objIDs (*list-int*): the objectIDs for each of the outputs sendEvent (*bool*): flag if we should send stimulus events in this state

**Return type** tuple

**next (t)**  
stop after the desired number of frames has passed

**Parameters** **t** (*int*) – current time stamp

**Raises** StopIteration – when desired number frames expired

```
mindaffectBCI.noisetag.doFrame(t, stimState, tgt_idx=-1, objIDs=None, utopiaController=None)
```

utility function to print a summary of a single frame of a stimulus sequence

**Parameters**

- **t** (*int*) – current time
- **stimState** (*list-of-int*) – the current stimulus state for each output.
- **tgt\_idx** (*int, optional*) – the index of the cued target (if set), -1 if no target. Defaults to -1.
- **objIDs** (*list-of-int, optional*) – the used object ids for each output. Defaults to None.
- **utopiaController** (*UtopiaController, optional*) – the controller for communication to the decoder. Defaults to None.

```
mindaffectBCI.noisetag.mkBlinkingSequence(numframes, tgtidx, tgtState=1)
```

make a simple on-off blinking sequence

**Parameters**

- **numframes** (*int*) – number of frame to blink for
- **tgtidx** (*int*) – the index of the output to blink
- **tgtState** (*int, optional*) – the state to show for the blinking target. Defaults to 1.

**Returns** (numframes,255) stimulus state for each output at each timepoint**Return type** list-of-lists**class** mindaffectBCI.noisetag.**sumstats** (*bufsize: int = 120*)

Bases: object

Utility class to record summary stastics for, e.g. frame flip timing

**addpoint** (*x*)

add a point to the running buffer of statistics

**Parameters** **x** (*float*) – the point to add**hist** ()

get the histogram of statistics

**Returns** string summary of the data histogram**Return type** str**update\_statistics** ()

compute updated summary statistics, including: mu=average, med=median, sigma=std-dev, min=min, max=max

**mindaffectBCI.online\_bci module****class** mindaffectBCI.online\_bci.**NoneProc**

Bases: object

temporary class simulating a working null sub-process

**is\_alive** ()**join** ()**terminate** ()mindaffectBCI.online\_bci.**check\_is\_running** (*hub=None, acquisition=None, decoder=None*)

check if the background processes are still running

**Parameters**

- **hub\_process** ([*type*], *optional*) – the hub subprocess. Defaults to hub\_process.
- **acquisition\_process** ([*type*], *optional*) – the acquisition subprocess. Defaults to acquisition\_process.
- **decoder\_process** ([*type*], *optional*) – the decoder subprocess. Defaults to decoder\_process.

**Returns** true if all are running else false**Return type** boolmindaffectBCI.online\_bci.**load\_config** (*config\_file*)

load an online-bci configuration from a json file

**Parameters** `config_file`(*str, file-like*) – the file to load the configuration from.

`mindaffectBCI.online_bci.parse_args()`

load settings from the json config-file, parse command line arguments, and merge the two sets of settings.

**Returns** the combined arguments name-space

**Return type** NameSpace

`mindaffectBCI.online_bci.run(label='', logdir=None, block=True, acquisition=None, acq_args=None, decoder='decoder', decoder_args=None, presentation='selectionMatrix', presentation_args=None)`

[summary]

**Parameters**

- `label` (*str, optional*) – string label for the saved data file. Defaults to “”.
- `logdir` (*str, optional*) – directory to save log files / data files. Defaults to None = \$installdir\$logs.
- `acquisition` (*str, optional*) – the name of the acquisition driver to use. Defaults to None.
- `acq_args` (*dict, optional*) – dictionary of optoins to pass to the acquisition driver. Defaults to None.
- `decoder` (*str, optional*) – the name of the decoder function to use. Defaults to ‘decoder’.
- `decoder_args` (*dict, optional*) – dictinoary of options to pass to the mindaffect-BCI.decoder.run(). Defaults to None.
- `presentation` (*str, optional*) – the name of the presentation function to use. De-faults to: ‘selectionMatrix’
- `presentation_args` (*dict, optional*) – dictionary of options to pass to mindaf-fectBCI.examples.presentation.selectionMatrix.run(). Defaults to None.
- `block` (*bool, optional*) – return immeadiately or wait for presentation to finish and then terminate all processes. Default to True

**Raises** `ValueError` – invalid options, e.g. unrecognised acq\_driver

`mindaffectBCI.online_bci.shutdown(hub=None, acquisition=None, decoder=None)`

shutdown any background processes started for the BCI

**Parameters**

- `hub` (*subprocess, optional*) – handle to the hub subprocess object. Defaults to hub\_process.
- `acquisition` (*subprocess, optional*) – the acquisatin subprocess object. De-faults to acquisition\_process.
- `decoder` (*subprocess, optional*) – the decoder subprocess object. Defaults to decoder\_process.

`mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startDecoderProcess(decoder, decoder_args, label='online_bci', logdir=None)`

start the EEG decoder process

**Parameters**

- `label` (*str*) – a textual name for this process

- **decoder** (*str*) – the name for the acquisition device to start. One-of: ‘decoder’ - use the mindaffectBCI.decoder.decoder ‘none’ - don’t start a decoder
- **decoder\_args** (*dict*) – dictionary of additional arguments to pass to the decoder
- **logdir** (*str, optional*) – directory to save log/save files.

**Raises** ValueError – unrecognised arguments, e.g. acquisition type.

**Returns** sub-process for managing the started decoder

**Return type** Process

`mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startHubProcess(label='online_bci', logdir=None)`

Start the process to manage the central utopia-hub

**Parameters** **label** (*str*) – a textual name for this process

**Raises** ValueError – unrecognised arguments, e.g. acquisition type.

**Returns** sub-process for managing the started acquisition driver

**Return type** hub (Process)

`mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startPresentationProcess(presentation, presentation_args)`

`mindaffectBCI.online_bci.startacquisitionProcess(acquisition, acq_args, label='online_bci', logdir=None)`

Start the process to manage the acquisition of data from the amplifier

**Parameters**

- **label** (*str*) – a textual name for this process
- **acquisition** (*str*) – the name for the acquisition device to start. One-of: ‘none’ - do nothing, ‘brainflow’ - use the mindaffectBCI.examples.acquisition.utopia\_brainflow driver ‘fakedata’- start a fake-data streamer ‘eego’ - start the ANT-neuro eego driver ‘isl’ - start the isl EEG sync driver
- **acq\_args** (*dict*) – dictionary of additional arguments to pass to the acquisition device

**Raises** ValueError – unrecognised arguments, e.g. acquisition type.

**Returns** sub-process for managing the started acquisition driver

**Return type** Process

## `mindaffectBCI.online_bci_pi module`

### `mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover module`

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.discoverOrIPscan(port: int = 8400, timeout_ms: int = 15000)`  
[summary]

**Parameters**

- **port** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 8400.
- **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 15000.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.getAllIps()`  
[summary]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.get_ip_address(NICname)`  
[summary]

**Parameters** `NICname` ([*type*]) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.get_local_ip()`  
[summary]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.get_remote_ip()`  
[summary]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.ip_is_local(ip_string)`

Uses a regex to determine if the input ip is on a local network. Returns a boolean. It's safe here, but never use a regex for IP verification if from a potentially dangerous source.

**Parameters** `ip_string` ([*type*]) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.ipscanDiscover(port: int, ip: str = None, timeout=0.5)`

scan for service by trying all 255 possible final ip-addresses

**Parameters**

- `port` (*int*) – [description]
- `ip` (*str, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- `timeout` (*float, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to .5.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.nic_info()`

Return a list with tuples containing NIC and IPv4 address

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`class mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.ssdpDiscover(servicetype='ssdp:all', discoverytime-out=3)`

Bases: `object`

[summary]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

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**discover** (*timeout=0.001, querytimeout=5, v6=False, intf=None*)

auto-discover the utopia-hub using ssdp discover messages, timeout is time to wait for a response.  
query timeout is time between re-sending the ssdp-discovery query message.

#### Parameters

- **timeout** (*float, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to .001.
- **querytimeout** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 5.
- **v6** (*bool, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to False.
- **intf** (*[type], optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**initSocket** (*v6=False, intf=None*)

[summary]

#### Parameters

- **v6** (*bool, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to False.
- **intf** (*[type], optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**makeDiscoveryMessage** (*ssdpgroup, servicetype, timeout*)

[summary]

#### Parameters

- **ssdpgroup** (*[type]*) – [description]
- **servicetype** (*[type]*) – [description]
- **timeout** (*[type]*) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**msearchTemplate** = 'M-SEARCH \* HTTP/1.1\r\nHOST: {0}:{1}\r\nMAN: "ssdp:discover"\r\nST:

**ssdpgroup** = None

**ssdpv4group** = ('239.255.255.250', 1900)

**ssdpv6group** = ('FF08::C', 1900)

**wait\_msearch\_response** (*timeout, verb=0*)

[summary]

#### Parameters

- **timeout** (*[type]*) – [description]
- **verb** (*int, optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 0.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**mindaffectBCI.ssdpDiscover.testIncrementalScanning()**

[summary]

## **mindaffectBCI.stimseq module**

**class** mindaffectBCI.stimseq.**StimSeq**(*st=None*, *ss=None*, *es=None*)  
Bases: object

[summary]

### Raises

- **Exception** – [description]
- **Exception** – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**convertstimSeq2int**(*scale=1*)

[summary]

**Parameters** **scale**(*int*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 1.

**eventSeq = None**

**static float2int**(*stimSeq*, *scale=1*, *minval=None*, *maxval=None*)

convert float list of lists to integer

### Parameters

- **stimSeq**([*type*]) – [description]
- **scale**(*int*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 1.
- **minval**([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **maxval**([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**static fromFile**(*fname*)

read a stimulus-sequence from a file on disk

**Parameters** **fname**([*type*]) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**static fromString**(*f*)

read a stimulus-sequence definition from a string

**Parameters** **f**([*type*]) – [description]

**Raises** **Exception** – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**static readArray**(*f*, *width=-1*)

[summary]

### Parameters

- **f**([*type*]) – [description]
- **width**(*int*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to -1.

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**Raises** `Exception` – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**setStimRate** (`rate`)  
rewrite the stimtimes to equal given rate in hz

**Parameters** `rate` ([`type`]) – [description]

**stimSeq** = `None`

**stimTime\_ms** = `None`

**toFile** (`fname`)  
[summary]

**Parameters** `fname` ([`type`]) – [description]

`mindaffectBCI.stimseq.mkCodes()`  
[summary]

`mindaffectBCI.stimseq.mkFreqTag(period_phase=((4, 0), (5, 0), (6, 0), (7, 0), (8, 0), (3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (6, 1), (7, 1), (8, 1), (3, 2), (4, 2), (5, 2), (6, 2), (7, 2), (8, 2), (4, 3), (5, 3), (6, 3), (7, 3), (8, 3), (5, 4), (6, 4), (7, 4), (8, 4), (6, 5), (7, 5), (8, 5), (7, 6), (8, 6), (8, 7)), nEvent=120, isbinary=True)`

Generate a frequency tagging stimulus sequence

**Parameters**

- `period_phase` (`list`, *optional*) – List of stimulus periods and phase offsets expressed in events. Defaults to all phases from 2-5 long.
- `nEvent` (`int`, *optional*) – total length of the sequence to generate. (To avoid steps should be LCM of periods) Defaults to 120.
- `isbinary` (`bool`, *optional*) – flag if we generate a binary sequence or continuous

`mindaffectBCI.stimseq.mkRowCol(width=5, height=5, repeats=10)`  
Make a row-column stimulus sequence

**Parameters**

- `width` (`int`, *optional*) – width of the matrix. Defaults to 5.
- `height` (`int`, *optional*) – height of the matrix. Defaults to 5.
- `repeats` (`int`, *optional*) – number of random row->col repeats. Defaults to 10.

**Returns** The generated stimulus sequence

**Return type** [`StimSeq`]

`mindaffectBCI.stimseq.setStimRate(stimTime_ms, framerate)`  
rewrite the stim-times to a new frequency

**Parameters**

- `stimTime_ms` ([`type`]) – [description]
- `framerate` ([`type`]) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

`mindaffectBCI.stimseq.transpose (M)`  
[summary]

**Parameters** `M ([type])` – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

## **mindaffectBCI.utopia2output module**

**class** `mindaffectBCI.utopia2output.Utopia2Output (outputPressThreshold=None, outputReleaseThreshold=None, objec-`  
`tID2Action=None)`

Bases: object

Example class for a utopia OUTPUT module. Connects to the utopia server and then either, depending on mode:

- a) listens for output which exceed it's probability threshold before

then printing them and using NEWTARGET to indicated the output has taken place

**connect** (`host=None, port=None, timeout_ms=30000`)  
[summary]

**Parameters**

- **host** ([type], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **port** ([type], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **timeout\_ms** (int, optional) – [description]. Defaults to 30000.

**doOutput** (`objID`)

This function is run when objID has sufficiently low error to mean that and output should be generated for this objID. N.B. Override/Replace this function with your specific output method.

**perrModeOutput** (`msgs`)

**process a perr-message generating appropriate output.** To avoid ‘key-bounce’ we use a press-release semantics, where the output is ‘Pressed’ so the output is generated when the Perr < outputPressThreshold, then further output is inhibited until Perr > outputReleaseThreshold.

**Parameters** `msgs ([type])` – [description]

**run** (`timeout_ms=3000`)

mainloop of utopia-to-output mapping runs an infinite loop, waiting for new messages from utopia, filtering out those mesages which contain an output prediction (i.e. PREDICTEDTARGETPROB message) and if the output prediction is sufficiently confident forwarding this to the output device and sending a NEWTARGET to the recogniser to indicate the output was sent

**Parameters** `timeout_ms (int, optional)` – [description]. Defaults to 3000.

**selectionModeOutput** (`msgs`)

Process selection message to generate output. Basically generate output if the messages objectID is one of the ones we are tasked with generating output for

**Parameters** `msgs ([type])` – [description]

**mindaffectBCI.utopiaController module**

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaController.**UtopiaController** (*clientid=None*)  
 Bases: object

controller class to manage the interaction with the Mindaffect decoder, setting up the connection, sending and receiving messages, and firing message event handlers

**Raises** ValueError – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**addMessageHandler** (*cb*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters** **cb** (*function*) – [description]

**addPredictionHandler** (*cb*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters** **cb** (*function*) – [description]

**addSelectionHandler** (*cb*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters** **cb** (*function*) – [description]

**addSignalQualityHandler** (*cb*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters** **cb** (*function*) – [description]

**addSubscription** (*msgs*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters** **msgs** ([*type*]) – [description]

**autoconnect** (*host=None, port=8400, timeout\_ms=5000, localhostifhostnotfound=True, queryifhostnotfound=True, scanifhostnotfound=False*)  
 [summary]

**Parameters**

- **host** ([*type*], *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **port** (*int*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 8400.
- **timeout\_ms** (*int*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to 5000.
- **localhostifhostnotfound** (*bool*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to True.
- **queryifhostnotfound** (*bool*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to True.
- **scanifhostnotfound** (*bool*, *optional*) – [description]. Defaults to False.

**clearLastPrediction()**  
 clear the last predicted target

**getLastPrediction()**  
 check for new predictions from the utopia-decoder

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

```
getLastSelection()
    check if any object prediction is high enough for it to be selected

    Returns [description]
    Return type [type]

getLastSignalQuality()
    [summary]

    Returns [description]
    Return type [type]

getNewMessages (timeout_ms=0)
    get new messages from the utopia-hub, and store the list of new

    Parameters timeout_ms (int, optional) – [description]. Defaults to 0.

    Returns [description]
    Return type [type]

getTimeStamp()
    get a (relative) wall-time stamp in milliseconds

gethostport()

isConnected()

log (msg)
    [summary]

    Parameters msg ([type]) – [description]

mkStimulusEvent (stimulusState, timestamp=None, targetState=None, objIDs=None)
    make a valid stimulus event for the given stimulus state

    Parameters
        • stimulusState ([type]) – [description]
        • timestamp ([type], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
        • targetState ([type], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
        • objIDs ([type], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.

    Raises ValueError – [description]

    Returns [description]
    Return type [type]

modeChange (newmode)
    [summary]

    Parameters newmode ([type]) – [description]

newTarget()
    [summary]

removeSubscription (msgs)
    [summary]

    Parameters msgs ([type]) – [description]
```

**selection**(*objID*)

[summary]

**Parameters** **objID**([*type*]) – [description]

**sendStimulusEvent**(*stimulusState*, *timestamp*=None, *targetState*=None, *objIDs*=None)

Send a message to the Utopia-HUB informing of the current stimulus state

**Parameters**

- **stimulusState**([*type*]) – [description]
- **timestamp**([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **targetState**([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.
- **objIDs**([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [*type*]

**setTimeStampClock**(*tsclock*)

[summary]

**Parameters** **tsclock**([*type*]) – [description]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [*type*]

**subscribe**(*msgs*=None)

[summary]

**Parameters** **msgs**([*type*], optional) – [description]. Defaults to None.

`mindaffectBCI.utopiaController.injectERP(amp, host='localhost', port=8300)`

Inject an erp into a simulated data-stream, silently ignore if failed, e.g. because not simulated

**Parameters**

- **amp**([*type*]) – [description]
- **host**(str, optional) – [description]. Defaults to “localhost”.
- **port**(int, optional) – [description]. Defaults to 8300.

`mindaffectBCI.utopiaController.newMessageHandler(msgs)`

[summary]

**Parameters** **msgs**([*type*]) – [description]

## **mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient module**

This module contains the message classes for communication with the mindaffect BCI hub and a simple client for connecting to and managing this connection.

**class** `mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.DataHeader(timestamp=None, fsample=None, nchannels=None, labels=None)`

Bases: `mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage`

the DATAHEADER utopia message class – which is used to give general meta-information about the EEG stream

**static deserialize (buf)**

Static method to create a HEADER class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return created object and the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *UtopiaMessage*

**msgID = 65**

**msgName = 'DATAHEADER'**

**serialize()**

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network,** or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**DataPacket** (*timestamp=None, samples=None*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*

the DATAPACKET utopia message class — which is used to stream raw (time,channels) EEG data packets.

**static deserialize (buf)**

Static method to create a STIMULUSEVENT class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return created object and the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *UtopiaMessage*

**msgID = 68**

**msgName = 'DATAPACKET'**

**serialize()**

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network,** or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**Heartbeat** (*timestamp: int = None, statemessage: str = None*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*

the HEARTBEAT utopia message class

**static deserialize (buf)**

Static method to create a HEARTBEAT class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *Heartbeat*

```
msgID = 72
msgName = 'HEARTBEAT'
serialize()
    Returns the contents of this event as a string, ready to send over the network, or None in case of conversion problems.
        Returns the serialized version of this message
        Return type bytes
class mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.Log(timestamp: int = None, logmsg: str = None)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage
the LOG utopia message class – which is used to send arbitrary log messages to the hub
static deserialize(buf)
    Static method to create a MODECHANGE class from a PAYLOAD byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf
        Parameters buf (bytes) – the message buffer
        Returns the decoded message
        Return type UtopiaMessage
msgID = 76
msgName = 'LOG'
serialize()
    Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network, or None in case of conversion problems.
        Returns the encoded message
        Return type bytes
class mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.ModeChange(timestamp=None, newmode=None)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage
the MODECHANGE utopia message class – which is used to tell the decoder to change system modes, for example to switch to calibration-mode.
static deserialize(buf)
    Static method to create a MODECHANGE class from a PAYLOAD byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf
        Parameters buf (bytes) – the message buffer
        Returns the decoded message
        Return type UtopiaMessage
msgID = 77
msgName = 'MODECHANGE'
serialize()
    Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network, or None in case of conversion problems.
        Returns the encoded message
```

**Return type** bytes

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**NewTarget** (*timestamp=None*)  
Bases: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*

the NEWTARGET utopia message class – which is used to tell other clients that a new target selection round has begun.

**static deserialize** (*buf*)

Static method to create a HEARTBEAT class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *UtopiaMessage*

**msgID** = 78

**msgName** = 'NEWTARGET'

**serialize**()

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network**, or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**PredictedTargetDist** (*timestamp=None, ob-*  
*jIDs=None, pTgt=None*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*

the PredictedTargetDist utopia message class – which is used to send information about the current predicted target probabilities for the outputs

**static deserialize** (*buf*)

Static method to create a PREDICTEDTARGETDIST class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return created object and the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *UtopiaMessage*

**msgID** = 70

**msgName** = 'PREDICTEDTARGETDIST'

**serialize**()

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network**, or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**PredictedTargetProb** (*timestamp=None, Yest: int = -1, Perr: float = 1.0*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*

the PREDICTEDTARGETPROB utopia message class – which is used to communicate the most likely target and the estimate error rate for this prediction.

**static deserialize (buf)**

Static method to create a MODECHANGE class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *UtopiaMessage*

**msgID** = 80

**msgName** = 'PREDICTEDTARGETPROB'

**serialize ()**

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network,** or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**RawMessage** (*msgID*, *version*, *payload*)

Bases: *mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*

Class for a raw utopia message, i.e. decoded header but raw payload

**classmethod deserialize (buf)**

Read a raw message from a byte-buffer, return the read message and the number of bytes used from the bytebuffer, or None, 0 if message is mal-formed

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the byte buffer to read from

**Returns** the decoded raw message

**Return type** *RawMessage*

**classmethod deserializeMany (buf)**

decode multiple RawMessages from the byte-buffer of data, return the length of data consumed.

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the byte buffer to read from

**Returns** the list of decoded raw messages

**Return type** list-of-*RawMessage*

**classmethod fromUtopiaMessage (msg: mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage)**

Construct a raw-message wrapper from a normal payload message

**Parameters** **msg** (*UtopiaMessage*) – the message to make to raw

**Returns** the raw version of this utopia message

**Return type** *RawMessage*

**msgName** = 'RAW'

**serialize ()**

convert the raw message to the string to make it network ready

**Returns** the byte serialized version of this raw message

**Return type** bytes

```
class mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.Reset (timestamp=None)
Bases: mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage
```

the RESET utopia message class – which is used to tell the decoder to reset and clear it’s model information.

```
static deserialize(buf)
```

Static method to create a RESET class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *UtopiaMessage*

```
msgID = 82
```

```
msgName = 'RESET'
```

```
serialize()
```

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network,** or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

```
class mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.Selection (timestamp=None, objID=None)
```

```
Bases: mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage
```

the SELECTION utopia message class – which is used to inform other clients that a particular output has been selected by **this** client.

```
static deserialize(buf)
```

Static method to create a SELECTION class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** **buf** (*bytes*) – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** *UtopiaMessage*

```
msgID = 83
```

```
msgName = 'SELECTION'
```

```
serialize()
```

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network,** or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

```
class mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.SignalQuality (timestamp: int = None, signalQual-
ity=None)
```

```
Bases: mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage
```

the SIGNALQUALITY utopia message class – which is used to send information about the estimated signal to noise for each channel in the data stream

---

**static deserialize(buf)**  
Static method to create a SIGNALQUALITY class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** `buf (bytes)` – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** `UtopiaMessage`

`msgID = 81`

`msgName = 'SIGNALQUALITY'`

`serialize()`

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network,** or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

**class** `mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.StimulusEvent (timestamp=None, objIDs=None, objS-`  
`tate=None)`

Bases: `mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage`

the STIMULUSEVENT utopia message class – which is used to send information about the current stimulus state of this client to other clients

**static deserialize(buf)**

Static method to create a STIMULUSEVENT class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return created object and the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** `buf (bytes)` – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** `UtopiaMessage`

`msgID = 69`

`msgName = 'STIMULUSEVENT'`

`serialize()`

Converts this message to a string representation to send over the network

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

**class** `mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.Subscribe (timestamp=None, messageIDs=None)`

Bases: `mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage`

the SUBSCRIBE utopia message class – which is used to tell the hub which messages IDs to forward to this client.

**static deserialize(buf)**

Static method to create a SIGNALQUALITY class from a **PAYLOAD** byte-stream, return the number of bytes consumed from buf

**Parameters** `buf (bytes)` – the message buffer

**Returns** the decoded message

**Return type** `UtopiaMessage`

```
msgID = 66
msgName = 'SUBSCRIBE'
serialize()
```

**Returns the contents of this event as a byte-stream, ready to send over the network,** or None in case of conversion problems.

**Returns** the encoded message

**Return type** bytes

```
class mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.TimeStampClock
```

Bases: object

Base class for time-stamp sources. Match this prototype to replace the default timestamp source

```
getTimestamp()
```

get the time-stamp in milliseconds ! N.B. **must** fit in an int32!

**Returns** the timestamp

**Return type** int

```
class mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaClient (clientstate=None)
```

Bases: object

Class for managing a client connection to a UtopiaServer.

```
DEFAULTHOST = 'localhost'
```

```
DEFAULTPORT = 8400
```

```
HEARTBEATINTERVALUDP_ms = 200
```

```
HEARTBEATINTERVAL_ms = 1000
```

```
MAXMESSAGESIZE = 1048576
```

```
UTOPIA_SSDP_SERVICE = 'utopia/1.1'
```

```
autoconnect (hostname=None, port=None, timeout_ms=5000, queryifhostnotfound=False, localhostifhostnotfound=True, scanifhostnotfound=False)
```

connect to the hub/decoder, auto-discover if explicit IP address is not given

#### Parameters

- **hostname** (*str, optional*) – hostname or IP where the hub resides. Defaults to None.
- **port** (*int, optional*) – port where the host is listening. Defaults to 8400.
- **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – timeout in milliseconds for discovery. Defaults to 5000.
- **queryifhostnotfound** (*bool, optional*) – query the user for autodiscover fails. Defaults to False.
- **localhostifhostnotfound** (*bool, optional*) – try localhost if autodiscovery fails. Defaults to True.
- **scanifhostnotfound** (*bool, optional*) – scan all local IP addresses if autodiscovery fails. Defaults to False.

**Raises** socket.error – if there is a socket error ;)

**connect** (*hostname=None, port=8400*)

connect([hostname, port]) – make a connection, default host:port is localhost:1972

**Parameters**

- **hostname** (*str, optional*) – hostname or IP where the hub resides. Defaults to None.
- **port** (*int, optional*) – port where the host is listening. Defaults to 8400.

**Returns** the current connection status

**Return type** bool

**disableHeartbeats** ()

‘stop sending heartbeat messages. Use, e.g. when you want to use your own time-stamp clock.

**disconnect** ()

disconnect() – close a connection.

**enableHeartbeats** ()

start sending heartbeat messages every few seconds

**getNewMessages** (*timeout\_ms=250*)

Wait for new messages from the utopia-server (with optional timeout), decode them and return the list of new messages

**Parameters** **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – timeout in milliseconds to wait for the new messages. Defaults to 250.

**Returns** the list of received messages

**Return type** list-of-UtopiaMessage

**getTimeStamp** ()

Get the time-stamp for the current time

**Returns** the current timestamp

**Return type** int

**gethostport** ()

[summary]

**Returns** [description]

**Return type** [type]

**initClockAlign** (*delays\_ms=[50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50]*)

Send some initial heartbeat messages to seed the alignment of the server clock with our local clock

**Parameters** **delays\_ms** (*list-of-int, optional*) – delay in milliseconds between sending the heartbeat messages. Defaults to [50]\*10.

**messagePingPong** (*timeout\_ms=500*)

Testing system sending 20 messages and printing any responses

**Parameters** **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – delay when waiting for messages. Defaults to 1000.

**messageLogger** (*timeout\_ms=1000*)

Simple message logger, infinite loop waiting for and printing messages from the server

**Parameters** **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – delay when waiting for messages. Defaults to 1000.

**recvall** (*timeout\_ms=0*)Read all the data from the socket immeaditely or block for *timeout\_ms* if nothing to do.**Parameters** **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – timeout in milliseconds for the read. Defaults to 0.**Returns** the raw stream of bytes from the socket**Return type** bytes**sendHeartbeatIfTimeout** (*timestamp=None*)

send a heartbeat message if the timeout since the last such message has passed.

**Parameters** **timestamp** (*int, optional*) – The current timestamp. Defaults to None.**sendMessage** (*msg: mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.UtopiaMessage*)

send a UtopiaMessage to the hub

**Parameters** **msg** (*UtopiaMessage*) – the message to send**sendMessages** (*msgs*)

sends single or multiple utopia-messages to the utopia server

**Parameters** **msgs** (*list-of-UtopiaMessage*) – list of messages to send**sendRaw** (*request*)

Send all bytes of the string ‘request’ out to the connected hub/decoder

**Parameters** **request** (*bytes*) – the raw stream to send**Raises** IOError – if the send fails**sendRawUDP** (*request*)

send a raw byte stream over a UDP socket

**Parameters** **request** (*bytes*) – the raw stream to send**setTimeStampClock** (*tsClock*)

set the clock to use for timestamping outgoing messages

**Parameters** **tsClock** (*TimeStampClock*) – the timestamp clock to use**Raises** ValueError – if the tsClock does not have a *getTimeStamp* method**try\_connect** (*hostname, port=None, timeout\_ms=5000*)

try to connect to the hub

**Parameters**

- **hostname** (*str, optional*) – hostname or IP where the hub resides. Defaults to None.
- **port** (*int, optional*) – port where the host is listening. Defaults to 8400.
- **timeout\_ms** (*int, optional*) – timeout in milliseconds for discovery. Defaults to 5000.

**class** mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**UtopiaMessage** (*msgID=0, msgName=None, version=0*)

Bases: object

Class for a generic UtopiaMessage, i.e. the common structure of all messages

mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.**decodeRawMessage** (*msg*)

decode utopia RawMessages into actual message objects

**Parameters** **msg** (*RawMessage*) – the raw message whose payload should be decoded

**Returns** the decoded specific message type

**Return type** StimulusEvent|Heartbeat|...

```
mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.decodeRawMessages(msgs)
decode utopia RawMessages into actual message objects
```

**Parameters** **msgs** (*list-of-RawMessage*) – list of RawMessages to decode the payload of

**Returns** list of the fully decoded messages

**Return type** list-of-messages

```
mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.ssdpDiscover(servicetype=None, timeout=3, numretries=1)
auto-discover the utopia-hub using ssdp discover messages
```

**Parameters**

- **servicetype** (*str, optional*) – the SSDP service type to search for. Defaults to None.
- **timeout** (*int, optional*) – timeout in seconds for the discovery. Defaults to 3.
- **numretries** (*int, optional*) – number of times to retry discovery. Defaults to 1.

**Returns** list of the IP addresses of the discovered servers

**Return type** list-of-str

```
mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.testSending()
test object sending by connecting and sending a set of test messages to the server
```

```
mindaffectBCI.utopiaclient.testSerialization()
test object serialization and deserialization by encoded and decoding messages
```

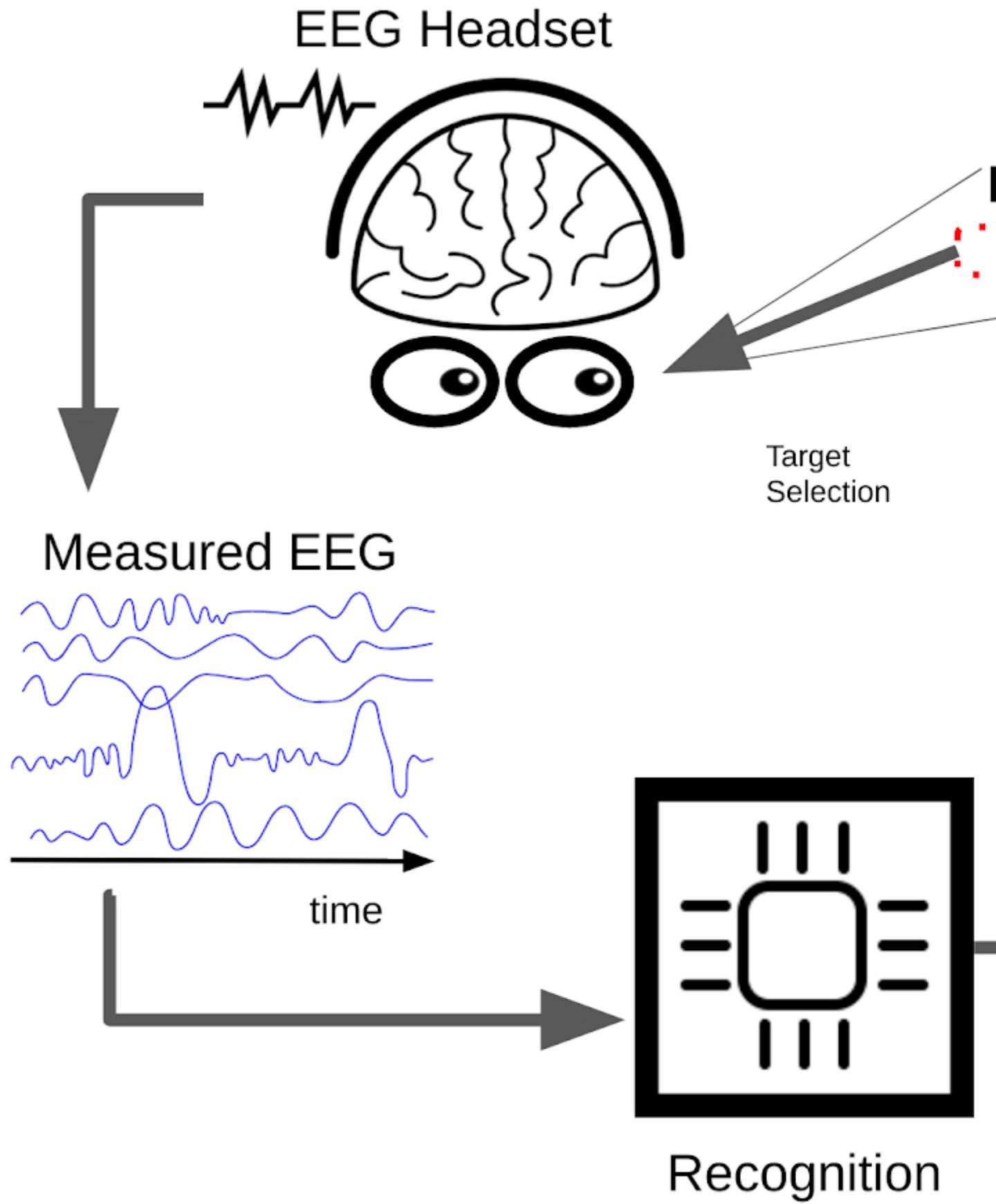
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## 3.12 mindaffectBCI : System Overview and Component Roles

### 3.13 System Overview

The mindaffect BCI is a Brain Computer Interface (BCI) system which allows users to control computers and other electronic devices by looking at flickering objects. As each object has a unique flicker sequence, by measuring the brain's response to this unique sequence the BCI can identify the target object the user is looking at and hence cause that object to be selected.

In the BCI literature this type of BCI is called a visual evoked-response BCI, as the brain response (which we use) is generated (or evoked) by the visual flickering of the target object. Below is an illustration of how a classic evoked response BCI works schematically:



## Evoked Response BCI

To briefly describe this schematic:

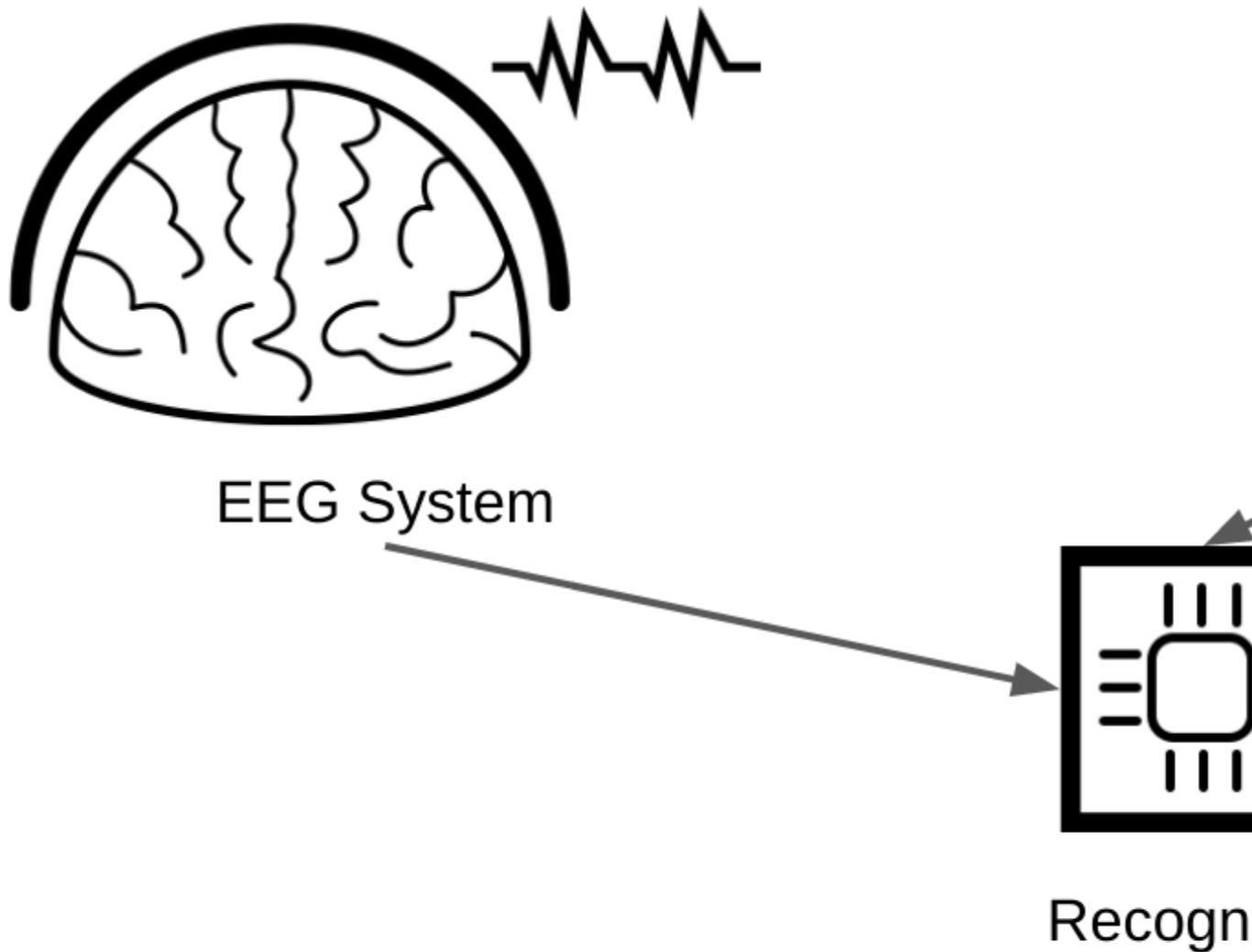
1. Presentation: displays a set of options to the user, such as pickup, drop, and stop.
2. Each of these options then flickers with a given unique flicker sequence (or stimulus-sequence) with different objects getting bright and dark at given times.
3. The user, looks at the option they want to select to select that option.
4. The users brain response to the presented stimulus is measured by EEG - due to the users focus on their target object, this EEG signal contains information on the flicker-sequence of the target object.
5. The recognition system uses the measured EEG and the known stimulus sequence to generate predictions for the probability of the different options being the users target option.
6. Finally, the selection and output system decides when the prediction is confident enough to select an option and generate the desired output – dropping something in this case.

There are many types of (visual) evoked response BCI, all of which work in basically the same fashion. What may differ is the modality in which the stimulus is presented (such as visually, orally, or tactically) and/or the particular properties of the ‘flicker’ pattern and associated brain response.

The Utopia system uses a particular ‘flicker’ pattern based on pseudo-random-noise codes, specifically gold-codes, which cause the brain to generate a Visual Evoked Potential. In the BCI literature this type of BCI is called a code-based Visual Evoked Potential (c-VEP).

### 3.13.1 Physical components of the mindaffect BCI

The main physical components of the mindaffect BCI are illustrated below:



main physical components of the BCI

The 4 main components and their purpose are:

- **Presentation:** This component is usually a screen of some sort, e.g. LCD, or tablet-computer, but may be any system which is able to generate a rapid controlled visual change, such as an LED array or a laser-pointer. The purpose of this component is to present the selectable objects and ‘flicker’ them in the required sequence such that when the user looks at their *target object* (that is the object they want to select) a detectable brain response is evoked. It must also send information on the actual flicker sequence of each object to the Reogniser so it can identify the users target object.
- **EEG system:** This component usually consists of 3 sub-components: a) a headset that sits on the users head and

ensures a physical connection between the measurement electrodes and the users scalp. b) an amplifier which measures the relevant brain response and converts it into digital signals, c) a transmission system (such as USB, WiFi or Bluetooth) which can send these measurements to the Decoder so it can identify the users target object.

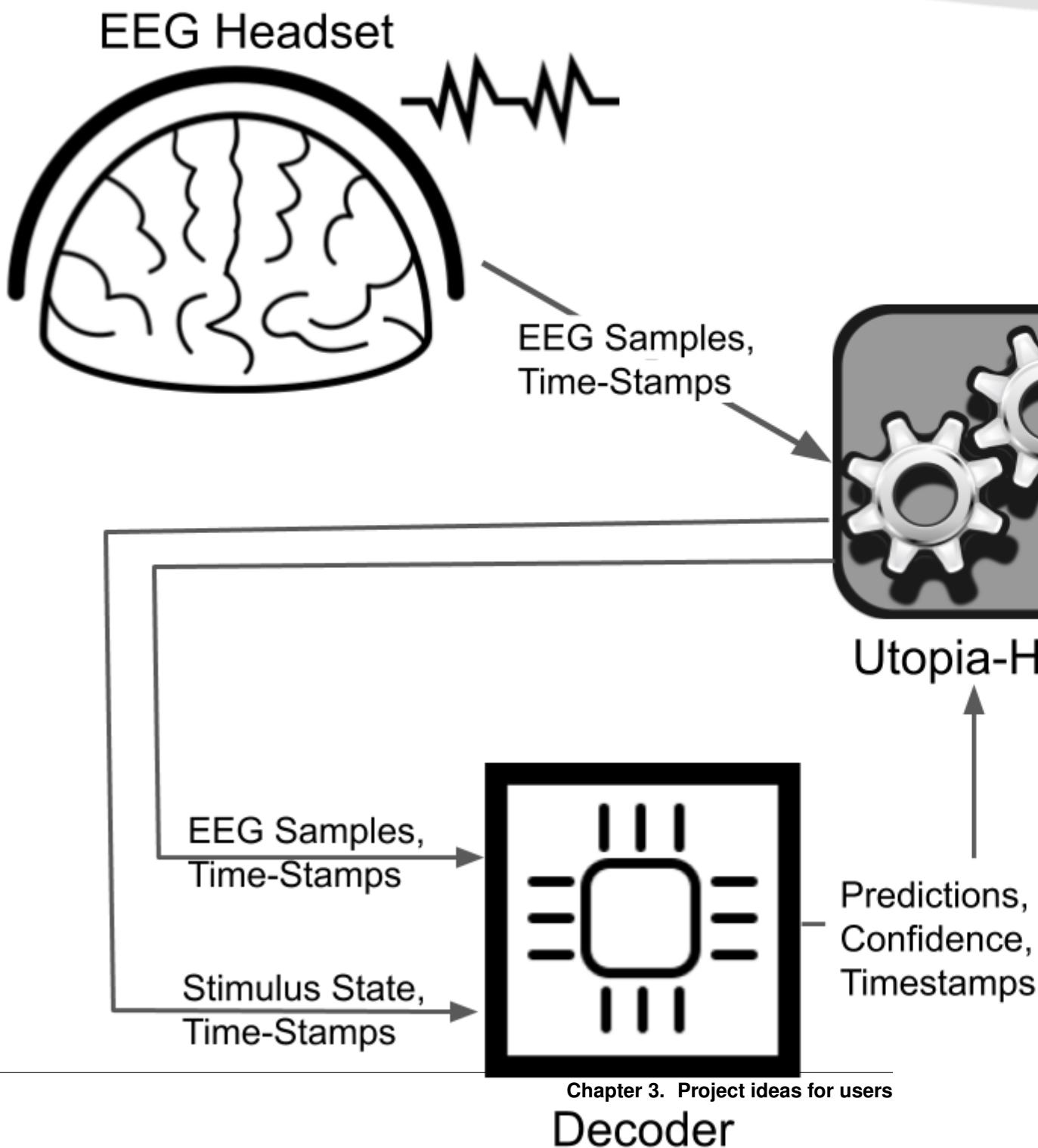
- **Recogniser or Decoder** : This component is the physical host of the software that runs the machine learning algorithms and combines the information on the presented stimulus (from the Presentation component) and the measured brain response (from the EEG component) to **recognise** the users intended target and send these **object selections** to the output component. Usually, this component is physically a single-board computer, such as a raspberry pi, but may be a purely software component running on the CPU of another component (such as CPU of a tablet or desktop computer used for presentation).
- **Output**: In many cases this component is integrated as part of the presentation component, such as a tablet-computer, but may be a completely independent device, such as a robot or TV, or home-automation device (e.g. door opener/closer.) The purpose of this device is to take the **object selections** generated by the Decoder and generate the desired output. For example, in a virtual-keyboard application this may be to add the selected letter to the current sentence, or in a home-automation setting this may be to change to the selected TV channel or open the indicated door.

### 3.13.2 Functional roles of the Utopia BCI

The physical components of the Utopia BCI map fairly straightforwardly onto the functional roles within the utopia system. The below diagram illustrates the main functional roles of the Utopia system and the communication messages used to communicate between them. The arrows indicate the direction of information flow between components.

mindaffectBCI

## System Architecture - Roles



main functional roles in the mindaffectBCI

The main functional roles in the utopia system are:

- **Presentation:** The presentation component is responsible for presenting the stimuli to the user, and sending information about this presentation to the **Decoder** so it can identify the users selected target. How the presentation is actually performed is up to the presentation component. In particular the stimulus modality (visual, audio, tactile) and flicker sequence used are the responsibility of the presentation system.

The stimulus information is sent to the decoder using **Utopia Message-spec** messages (see the Utopia Message-spec for details) using **STIMULUSEVENT** messages. The particular transport used for the messages will depend on the hardware implementation, but currently we use TCP-IP sockets over WIFI. For ease of implementation we provide example presentation implementations with both cVEP stimulus display and TCP-IP based message sending in the following development languages/frameworks on our [github page](#) :

- SWIFT/iOS
- Unity
- Python, with pygame
- Java, with libGDX
- MATLAB/OCTAVE

- **EEG Acquisition:** The EEG acquisition system is responsible for getting digital EEG samples from the EEG hardware and transmitting them to the **Decoder**.

This information is transmitted to the decoder in a number of different formats, for example via. [Lab Streaming Layer](#). The mindaffect BCI primarily uses [brainflow](#) to interact with the acquisition hardware, and then uses a network-transparent message-specification, see , to forward this data to the **Utopia-Hub**.

- **Utopia-Hub:** This component is responsible for connecting together all the other components of the system. Basically, this is a broker for Utopia Message Spec messages, which accepts incoming messages and forwards them between different clients, for example forwarding all STIMULUSEVENT messages from Presentation clients to the Decoder component and in turn forwarding all PREDICTEDTARGETPROB messages from the Decoder to all output or selection clients.

The Utopia-Hub is a purely software component running on the same platform as the Decoder. The particular transport used for the messages depends on hardware, but the current system uses TCP-IP sockets over WIFI or Ethernet. In particular the Utopia-Hub allows incoming and outgoing client connections on **TCP port 8400** and **incoming only** connections on **UDP port 8400**.

The utopia-hub also includes additional functionality making it easier to use and debug the utopia-system including;

- Sending and monitoring **HEARTBEAT** messages from and to clients. These messages are sent at regular intervals to check for liveness of the clients within the utopia-hub and to detect hub crashes within clients.
- Providing auto-discovery services, via Simple Service Discovery (SSDP) to allow automatic detection of the utopia-hub from clients.

As the Utopia-Hub is an internal component to the Decoder component, its actual operation is not discussed further here. (Though FYI: it is a single-threaded network server implemented in JAVA).

For ease of implementation in clients we provide a full implementation of utopia-hub **CLIENTS** including auto-discovery, heartbeat monitoring, and message sending and receiving for all message types in the following platforms/frameworks (see XXX for more information):

- |               |
|---------------|
| * SWIFT / iOS |
| * C# / Unity  |
| * Python      |

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- \* Java
- \* MATLAB/OCTAVE

- **Decoder:** This component is responsible for using information on which flicker sequences have been presented to the user (received as **STIMULUSEVENT** messages from the presentation component(s)) and what EEG measurements have been made (received from the EEG Acquisition component) to generate **target predictions** sent as **PREDICTEDTARGETPROB** messages to the selection component. As the predictions of the decoder are uncertain, the target predictions consist of a:

- Predicted target object - which is the object the decoder thinks is most likely to be the users intended target object.
- Predicted target error - which is the decoders estimate of the chance that it's identification of the target object is **incorrect**.

Internally, it does this by using **machine learning** techniques to learn a mapping from EEG to a predicted flicker sequence. This predicted flicker sequence is then compared with information on the actual flicker sequences shown to the user by the presentation component to identify the most likely target object. As the actual techniques used to learn this mapping and compare the predicted and actual flicker sequences are internal to the Decoder component these will not be discussed further here.

- **Selection:** The selection component is responsible for taking **target predictions** as generated by the **Decoder** and turning these into **Selections** for which the output system should generate the desired output. How the target prediction information from the decoder and any contextual information available to the selector is used to make these selections is up to the selection system, for example in a virtual keyboard application the context within a word may be used to make selection of the most likely next letter easier. Note: in many cases, the selection system integrated with that of the output system as this has the contextual information available to improve selections – such as knowing the word typed so far in a virtual keyboard.

In most cases the selection system is simply one of thresholding on the Predicted target error of the target predictions given by the **Decoder**.

Information on target predictions is transmitted to the output component using **Utopia Message-spec PREDICTEDTARGETPROB** messages (see the [Utopia Message-spec](#) for details). The particular transport used for the messages will depend on the hardware implementation, but currently we use TCP-IP sockets over WIFI.

- **Output:** The output system is responsible for transforming selections made by the user (received as **SELECTION** messages) into their desired output. What this output is and how it is delivered is the responsibility of the output system.

Note: in many cases, such as with a virtual-keyboard, the output role is integrated with the presentation role.

Information on user selections is transmitted to the output component using **Utopia Message-spec SELECTION** messages (see the [Utopia Message-spec](#) for details). The particular transport used for the messages will depend on the hardware implementation, but currently we use TCP-IP sockets over WIFI.

### 3.13.3 System Mode Switching: Calibration and Prediction

The core of the Utopia system is the machine learning system in the decoder which transforms EEG + StimulusEvents into target predictions. For this transformation to work the decoder needs so-called **calibration** data from which the ML algorithms are **trained**. To get this calibration data the system works in one of two main modes, Calibration and Prediction.

- **Calibration Mode:** In this mode the system is gathering data with which to train the machine learning module. This means that in this mode the Selection and Output roles are not used. Further in this mode the Presentation module must somehow **instruct the user** which target they should attend to.

- **Prediction Mode:** In this mode the machine learning module has been trained (model fitting has been completed) and the Utopia system can be used to make output selections based on brain responses. This means that in this mode all the components, Recoginser, Presentation, Selection and Output work as described above.

Switching between these two modes is achieved by sending MODECHANGE messages to the utopia-hub (which in turn forwards these messages to all other components.)

## 3.14 mindaffectBCI : Message Specification

### 3.14.1 Purpose

This document describes in the messages which are passed between the different components of the **mindaffect BCI** system, and the low-level byte-struture used for the messages. The message specification is *transport agnostic* in that the messages themselves may be sent over different ‘wire-protocols’, such as BTLE, UDP, TCP, etc.

Note: This specification is intended for developing new low-level components to interface to the mindaffectBCI. Most developers / users can directly use one of the provided higher-level APIs, such as [python](#), [java](#), [c#/unity](#).

### 3.14.2 Objectives

- Stateless: as much as possible messages are self-contained information updates such that the interpretation of a message depends minimally on the reception of other messages. In this way, we are both robust to loss of a single message and failure/rebooting of an individual component, and also simplify the later loading/replay of saved data as we can basically start playback at any point. The disadvantage of this is however the messages tend to be longer than needed due to the additional redundancy.
- Simple + Readable: as much as possible the message spec will be human readable, such that for example message types are encoded in plain strings. However, the spec will also be simple to read manipulate the messages, thus integers will be sent as integers, and arrays as packed binary arrays.
- Efficient: as much as possible (without violating the stateless and readable objectives) the message spec will be efficient in space usage in transmission.
- Compact : some of our transport layers have very small payload sizes (e.g. BLE has 20 bytes) thus the messages should be compact such that a useful stateless message can be sent in this payload size.
- Latency tolerant : we cannot guarantee timely transmission of messages between components. Thus, the spec will (where appropriate) include additional time-stamp information to allow a ‘true’ message time-line to be reconstructed.

### 3.14.3 Structure

The message specification is structured as follows:

- Message Name: a human readable informative name for the message
- Message UID : ascii character used to uniquely identify this message. This is required to be the first character of any message.
- Sender: the component which produces the message
- Receiver: the component which receives the message
- Purpose: the reason for sending this message between these two components

- Format: the detailed structure of the message in terms of the basic types (i.e. char, int8, int16, uint8, single, double etc.) it is made up from. Each slot of the format has:
  - Name:
  - Type Information:
  - Comment: human readable description of the purpose of this slot

### **3.14.4 Message Specifications**

### **3.14.5 Endianness**

To simplify things we *require* that all numbers be encoded in **LITTLE ENDIAN**.

### **3.14.6 Message Header**

All messages start with a standard header consisting of:

### **3.14.7 General Utility Messages**

### **3.14.8 Presentation -> Recogniser**

**\*\*STIMULUSDICT \*\*structure**

NOTES:

- **\*\*objectID \*\*-** an object UID is (as the name implies) a **\*\*unique \*\*** identifier for a particular stimulus object. This is used **\*\*both \*\***for indication of the stimulus state of an object **\*\*and \*\***for indication of the identified target object when predictions are generated.
- Object IDs for which *no* stimulus state information has been provided since the last decoder reset command are assumed to not be stimulated. Object IDs do *not* have to be consecutive, and can be allocated arbitrarily by the STIMULUS component
- **\*\*Stimulusstate \*\*-** The **encoding** used by the stimulus state is flexible in this version of the spec. By convention stimulus state is treated as a **\*\*single \*\***continuous level of the stimulus intensity, e.g. a grey-scale value. However other encoding formats as possible without changing the message spec. Example encodings could be; bit 0=long, bit(1)=short, or bits 0-4 for intensity and bits5-8 for color. **\*\*It is the responsibility of CONFIG to ensure that STIMULUS and RECOGNISER agree on the interperation of the stimulus state object. \*\***
- Example Bandwidth Requirements: for a 36 output display with messages packed into 20bytes (as in BLE). We have 6 bytes header overhead, leaving 7 objects in the message packet. Thus we require 6 packets for a update on all objects in the display, i.e.  $620 = 120 \text{ bytes} / \text{display update}$ . *Thus @ 60 display rate we require: 12060 = 7200 bytes/sec.* The spec for BLE gives, an *application* data rate of .27Mbit/sec = 270000 bit/sec = 33750 byte/sec. Thus we need about 25% of the total available BLE bandwidth for this common use-case.

### **3.14.9 Recogniser -> Selection or Output**

**TARGETERRORDIST**

### 3.14.10 Controller or Output -> All

### 3.14.11 Recogniser -> User Interface

### 3.14.12 Acquisition -> Recogniser

Notes:

32bit timestamps @1ms accuracy means the timestamps will wrap-around in  $4294967296/1000/60/60/24 = 50$  days.. Which is way more than we really need....

With 24 bits this would be 4hr.. For implementation simplicity standard 32bit ints are preferred.

### 3.14.13 Extension Messages

In this section are listed messages which may be useful in future, but will not be implemented in the V1.0 version of the system.

### 3.14.14 Config -> Recogniser

### 3.14.15 Other

### 3.14.16 Bluetooth Low Energy

When using BLE to communicate we need to define Services and Characteristics. Services represent groups of functionality which is exposed to other devices, with Characteristics the values to be communicated. Within this message specification a unique characteristic maps directly onto a message type, with groups of messages together making a logically connected service. Specification. Based on this reasoning we have the following BLE specification:

### 3.14.17 Service: Presentation

UUID: \*\*d3560000-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides the generic interface for devices which can take on the presentation role, that is which show stimuli to the user for which the brain response will be used to make selections later.

Characteristic: Stimulus State:

UUID: \*\*d3560001-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides the characteristic to communicate the current device stimulus state to the decoder by formatting STIMULUSEVENT messages.

Properties:

Variable length

Read, Write, Notify.

Payload Format:

**Read, Notify:** encode the current stimulus state in a STIMULUSEVENT message – Note: this is a *full* message with type, version, length encoding (Later we may remove this technically unnecessary header information), thus it may

take *more than* 1 message to communicate a full stimulus state when we have > 8 objectIDs on a single device. Note however, that as stimulus state's are 'latched' only changed objects need to have their state communicated which may be used to reduce the communication load in resource constrained situations.

(Note: be sure to use the onCharacteristicWrite callback to stream these multi-packet writes in a good way!)

TODO: V2 StimulusEvent spec with binary stimulus state encoding.

Write: encode control messages for the presentation device. Basically this includes:

NEWTARGET messages

SELECTION messages.

Again, we encode the full message spec in the BLE characteristic write (including header, version, length).

### **3.14.18 Service: Decoder**

UUID: \*\*d3560100-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides the general interface for the EEG decoder. Thus, it consumes STIMULUSEVENT messages and generates Prediction messages.

Characteristic: PredictedTargetProb:

UUID: \*\*d3560101-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides the characteristic to communicate the predicted target probability by formatting PREDICTEDTARGETPROB messages.

Properties:

Read, Notify.

Payload Format:

**Read, Notify:** encode the current predicted target prob as a PREDICTEDTARGETPROB message. Note this is the full message including headers.

Characteristic: PredictedTargetDist:

UUID: \*\*d3560102-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac13000423c

Description:

Provides the characteristic to communicate the predicted target probability by formatting PREDICTEDTARGETDIST messages.

Properties:

Read, Notify.

Payload Format:

**Read, Notify:** encode the current predicted target prob as a PREDICTEDTARGETDIST message. Note: this is a *full* message with type, version, length encoding (Later we may remove this technically unnecessary header information), thus it may take *more than* 1 message to communicate a full prediction state when we have > 8 objectIDs on a single device. As all messages are both time-stamped and stateless, this will be achieved by simply cutting the messages into smaller pieces to be transmitted one after each other.

### 3.14.19 Service: Selection

UUID: \*\*d3560200-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provide the ability to receive and act on selections by the BCI.

Characteristic: Selection:

UUID: \*\*d3560201-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides the characteristic to communicate selections to the output device.

Properties:

Write, Notify

### 3.14.20 Service: ScoreOutput

UUID: \*\*d3560300-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides an output-scoring service, which consumes fitted model parameters and generates a stream of stimulus scores.

Characteristic: **OutputScore**

UUID: \*\*d3560301-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides the characteristic to communicate the stimulus output score by sending: OUTPUTSCORE messages.

Properties:

Read, Notify.

Payload Format:

**Read, Notify:** encode the current output score as an OUTPUTSCORE message.

Characteristic: CurrentModel:

UUID: \*\*d3560302-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides a characteristic to communicate the current BCI model to the score-output module.

Properties:

Write

Payload Format:

**Write:** encode the current model as a CURRENTMODEL message. Note: this is a *full* message with type, version, length encoding (Later we may remove this technically unnecessary header information), thus it *will* take *more than 1* message to communicate a full stimulus state when we have > 8 objectIDs on a single device.

Characteristic: CurrentSOSFILTER:

UUID: \*\*d3560303-b9ff-11ea-b3de-0242ac130004

Description:

Provides a characteristic to communicate the current BCI filter to use.

Properties:

Write

PayloadFormat:

Write: Encode the IIR as a Second-Order-Sections filter, which is a matrix of 6 x n-Sections. Thus, we send it as such a matrix.

## 3.15 Print Your Own Headset

Find the files on [Github](#), and a quick tutorial on [YouTube](#) of V1.0 made by Nikolai Schauer. Please read the printing guide before trying to print.

### 3.15.1 Parts

Per headset, 3 pieces need to be printed:

- 1x Main-Part.stl
- 2x Attachment.stl

We recommend semi-flexible filament, but anything flexible should work. Stiff material like PLA, PETG or ABS won't work! We used "Renkforce Flexible Filament" for all prototypes.

### 3.15.2 Print settings

We recommend these print settings:

- Nozzle: 0.4 mm
- Extrusionwidth: 0.5mm
- Layerheight: 0.25mm Brim: 3mm
- Speed: 20mm/s
- Infill: 40% (This value can be adjusted to compensate for more flexible filament; a higher infill value will make for a more stiff headset)
- Perimeters: 5
- Bottom layers: 5
- Top layers: 5
- Temperature: See filament spool

The print settings are of course dependent on your personal printer and will most likely require some tuning. The parts were designed to fit on most buildplates, in some cases "Main-Part.stl" needs to be rotated by a few degrees (Prusa MK3 for example).

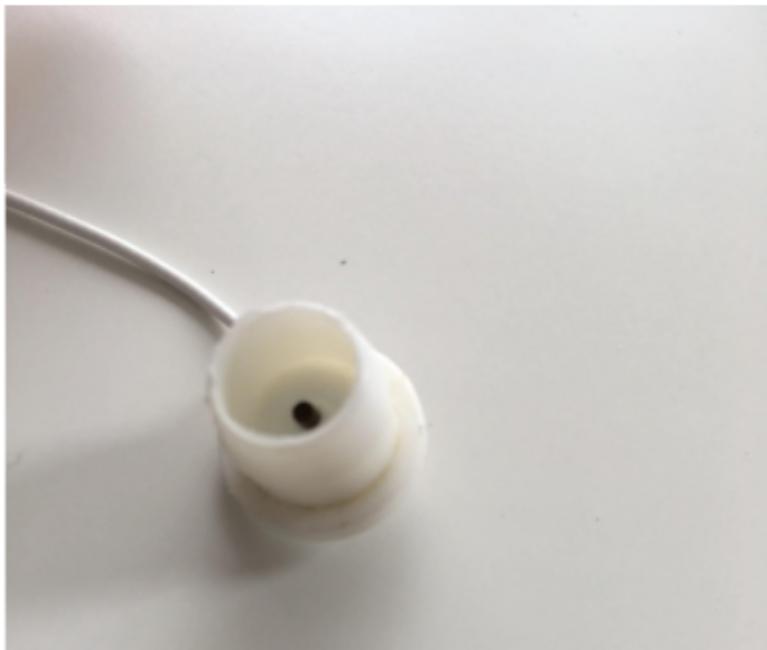
## 3.16 Set-up & fitting of MindAffect water electrodes

### 3.16.1 Set-up

To prepare the headset:

1. Get a glass of water
2. Fill the plastic syringe with water
3. Roll the sponges to fit into the headset
4. Put the sponges in the electrode cups in the headset.
5. Wet the sponges from the top with the syringe with water. Make sure to fill them until they are saturated. This can be detected when water doesn't get absorbed by the sponges anymore.

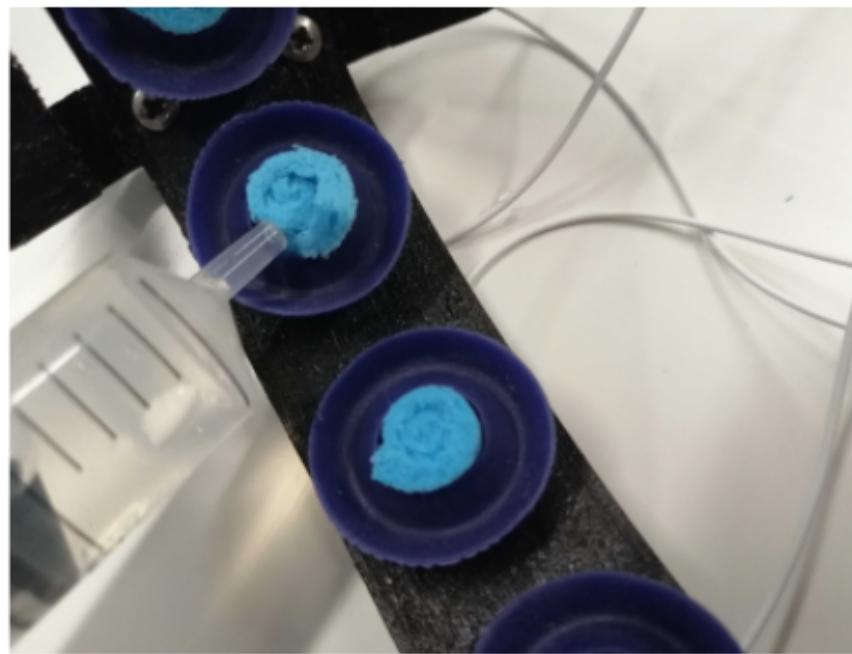
**1)**



**2)**



**3)**



### 3.16.2 Fitting

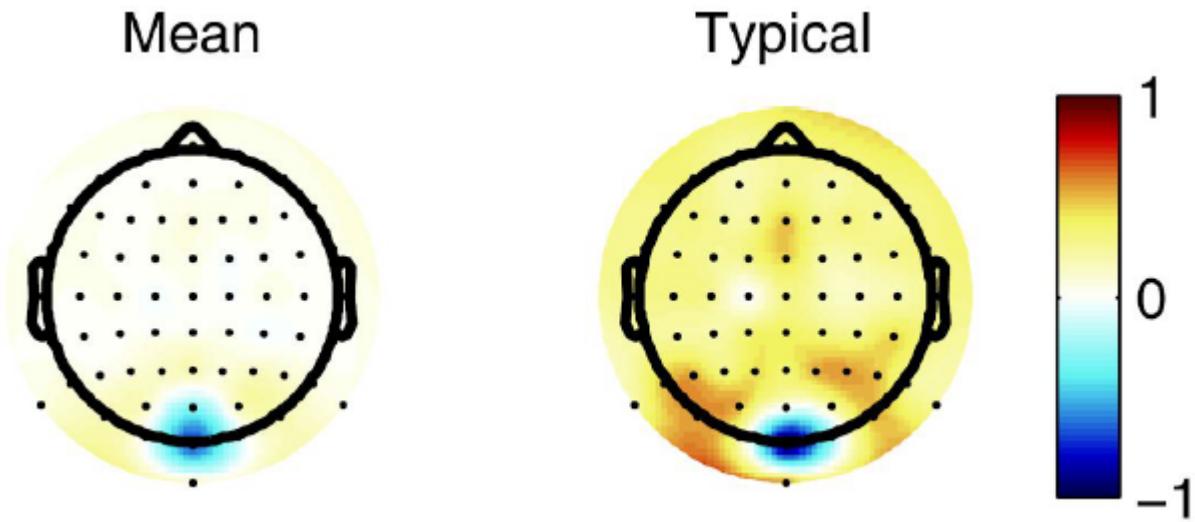
Before positioning the headset on the user's head, inspect it to see if there are no damaged parts that might hurt the user. Please remove any metal parts in the hair (hair clips, ornaments, etc). Please note that the picture on the left contains an older version of the headset. The newer versions have the logo displayed on the left instead of the outer left electrode in the images. When using the system with several users or when the headset has become soiled, you can clean the headset using a moistened (by water) cloth. Do not use detergents, as this might damage the electrodes. The headset needs to be placed directly above the inion (a small protrusion at the back of the skull).



- Put the hard part of the headset on the back of the head with the electrode cables facing downwards (see image on the left upper corner).
- Tighten the strap on the front of the head to make sure the headset stays in place (not too tight that it gets uncomfortable).
- Press all electrodes carefully on the head by pressing the white circle plates. The participant must feel it is wet.
- If the cables were disconnected from the green connector plate, please connect the cables to the right number displayed next to the plugs on the green connector
- Connect the connector to the OpenBCI amplifier with 'BCI top' test facing upwards (such that channel 2,4 and ground are facing upwards as well).

### 3.17 Headset layout

Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs) allow users to control devices and communicate by using brain activity only. BCIs based on broad-band visual stimulation can outperform BCIs using other stimulation paradigms. Visual stimulation with pseudo-random bit-sequences evokes specific code-modulated Visual Evoked Potentials (cVEPs) that can be reliably used in BCI for high-speed communication in, for example, speller applications. The typical response to code-modulated Visual Evoked Potential Brain Computer Interfacing is strongest in the locations as shown below, where the blue spot has the significant activation.



<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0133797>

Our headset is designed such that the bottom electrode is just above the inion, the bump on the back of your head right above the neck. The electrodes are spaced exactly 4cm apart, this distance is based on extensive data analysis of acquired EEG signals. The headset used by MindAffect contains water-based electrodes with AgCl. However, we believe it should work with typical cup-electrodes or dry electrodes when the connections are made right.

### 3.17.1 MindAffect headset

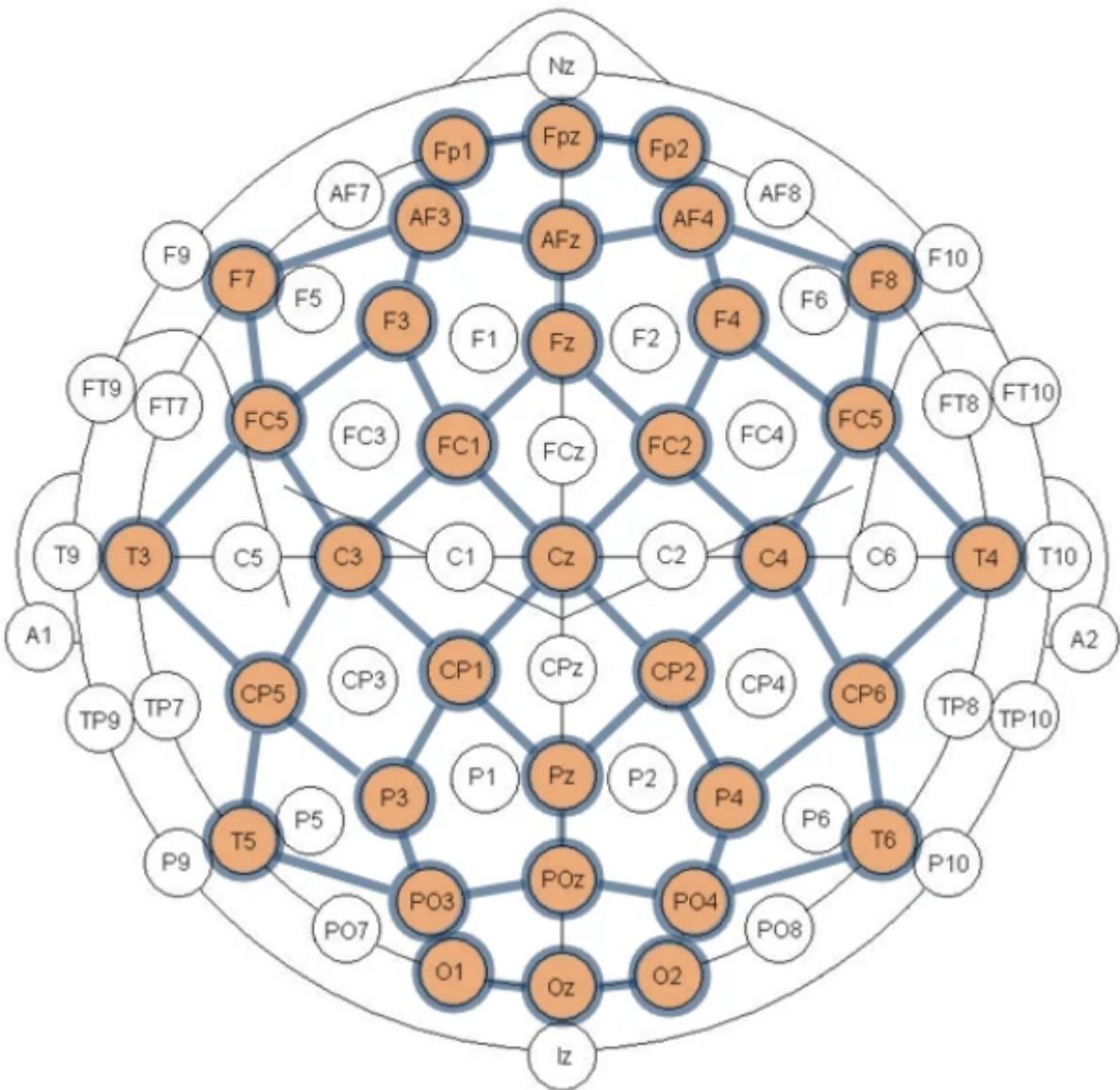
For the Ganglion we only use 4 working electrodes, located in a row approximately 1cm above the inion. They are centered around the reference electrode in the middle (median/sagittal plane), which leads to two electrodes on the left and two on the right of the reference electrode. The ground is mounted on the forehead by a conducting headband, however, one can use an electrode sticker on the forehead, a bracelet around the wrist or use an electrode as far away as possible from the brain signals measured.

### 3.17.2 MarkIV UltraCortex headset

The OpenBCI headset has successfully been tested with the use of the O1, Oz, O2, PO3, POz, PO4, T5, ad T6 electrodes for the signals, one of the earclips for reference and the other earclip for the Ground. Consult the image below for the respective locations on the headset. Please note that only a handful of tests have been conducted with this headset, and the electrodes might not be optimal. Also, note that the headset uses dry electrodes, this might induce longer classification times.

# Ultracortex Mark IV

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