# WS: BRAIN-COMPUTER INTERFACE USING OPENVIBE, AN OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE PLATFORM – PART 2



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## CHAPTER 1

PREREQUISITES BEFORE PERFORMING A MI-BCI EXPERIMENT

#### DIFFERENT TYPES OF BCI

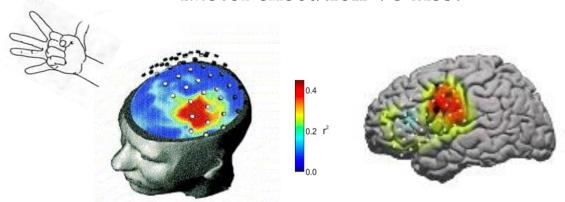
## Underlying idea

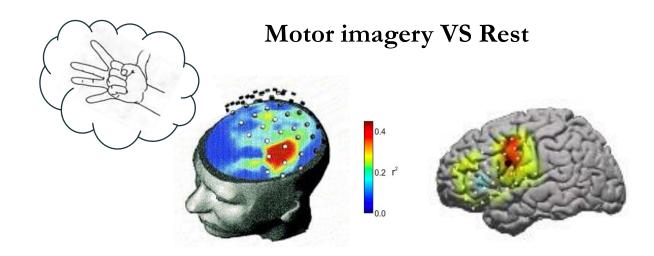
Taking advantage of a neurophysiological phenomenon to establish a communication between the brain and the computer

Illustration with Motor imagery-based BCI

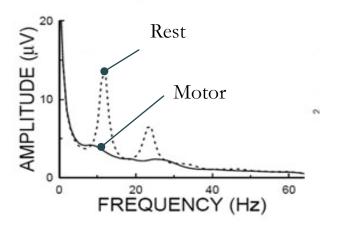
## MOTOR IMAGERY – OBSERVATIONS

#### Motor execution VS Rest





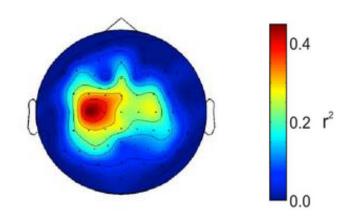
#### Power decrease



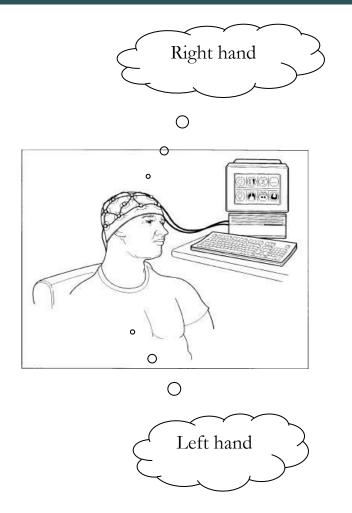
Desynchronization effect (Pfurtscheller et al, 1999)

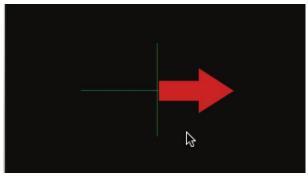
#### MOTOR IMAGERY – MU-BETA RHYTHM

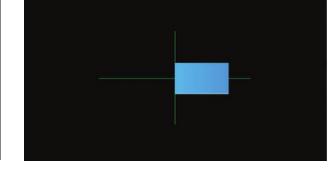
- Behavioral properties
  - Movement / preparation for movement : Event-related desynchronization (ERD) (Pfurtscheller, G, Lopes da Silva, FH, 1999)
  - With relaxation/post-movement period : ERS
- Why using it in BCI?
  - Mu/Beta activity modulation by motor-imagery, a way to communicate
  - Use of power spectra
  - To establish this communication:
    - Spatial selection
    - Frequency selection

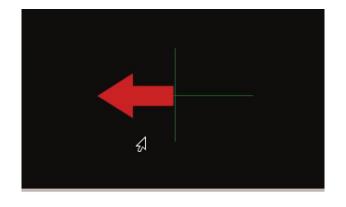


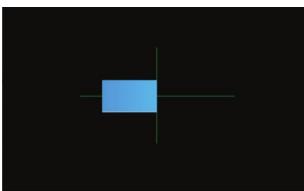
Illustrations from BCI2000 website

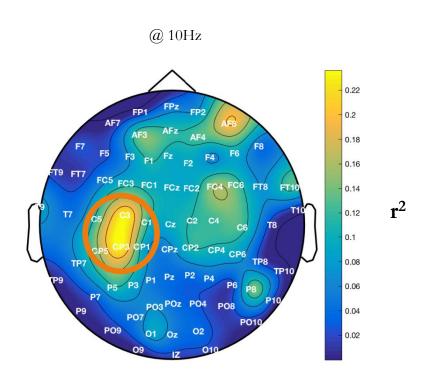


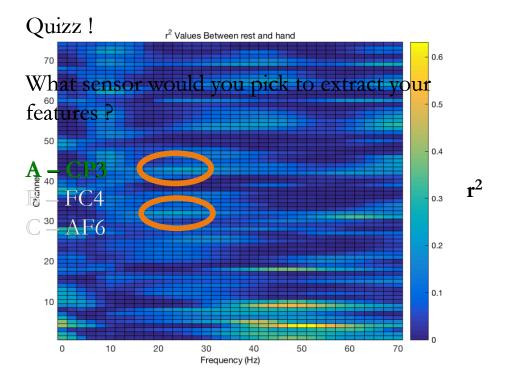


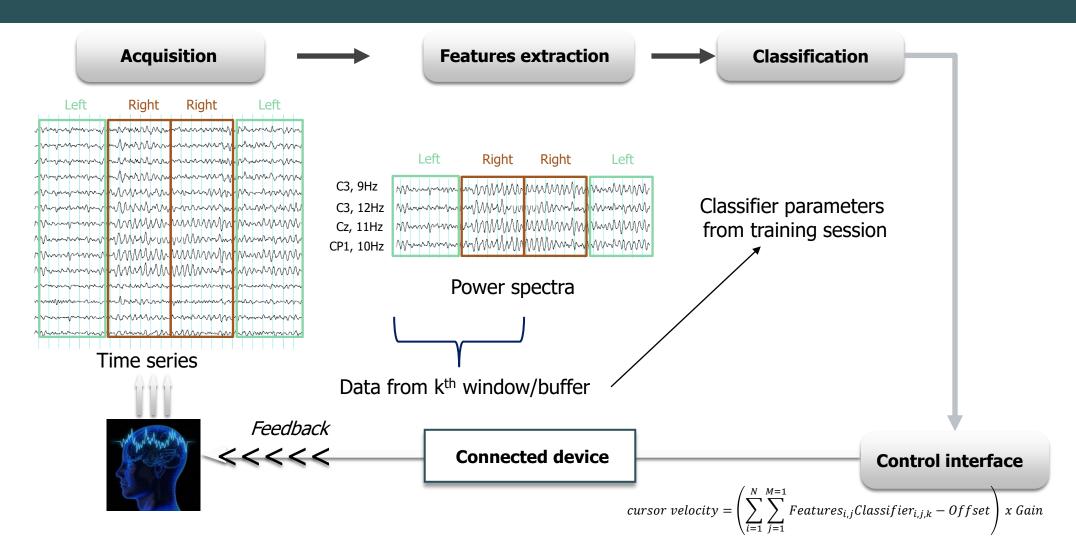


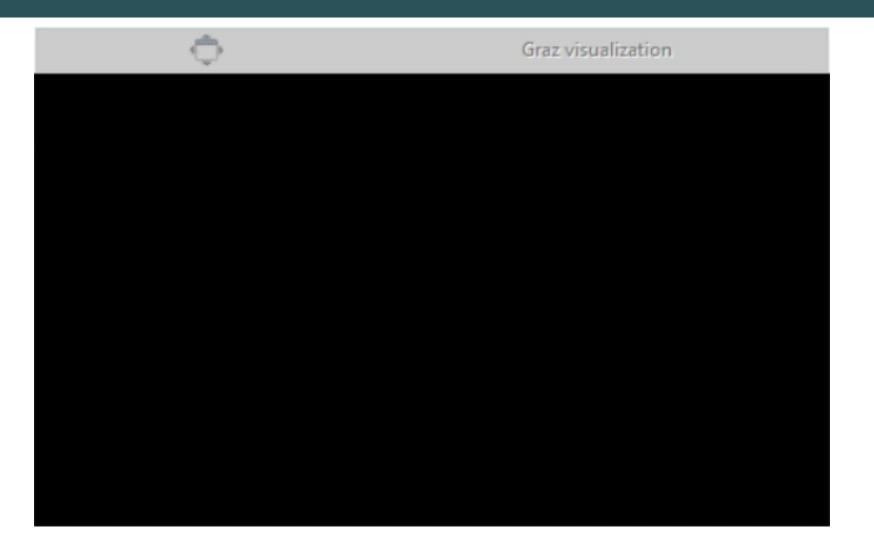












# CHAPTER 2

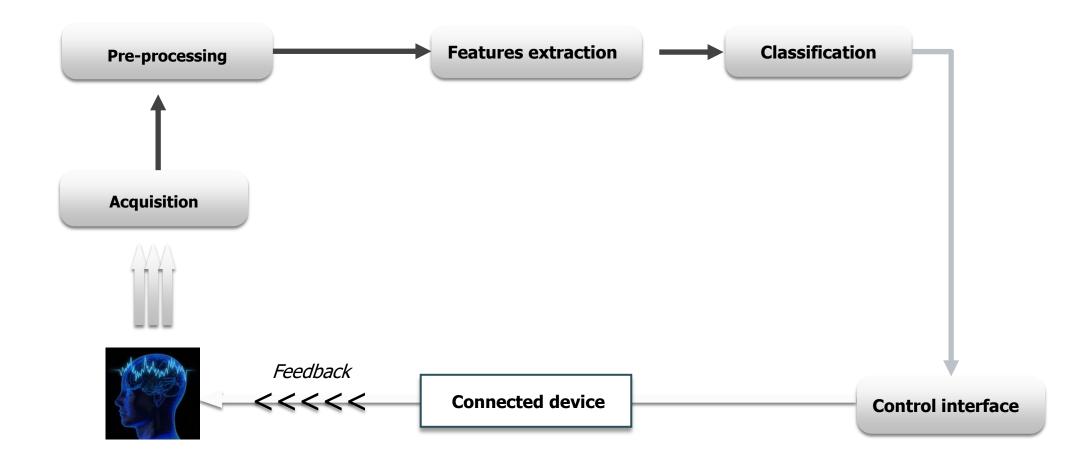
BCI-CUTTINGEEG PROTOCOL SET-UP

## RESOURCES

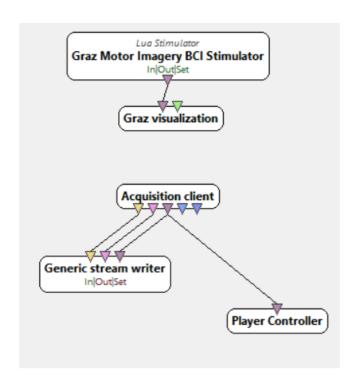
• GitHub repo:

https://github.com/BCI-NET/BCI-OpenViBE-CuttingEEG2021/

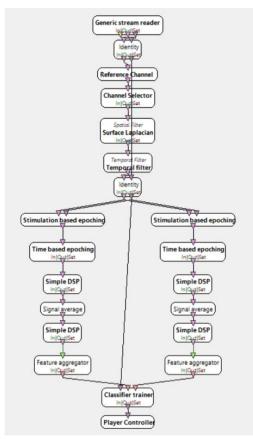
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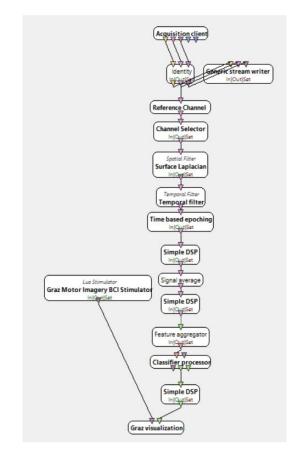
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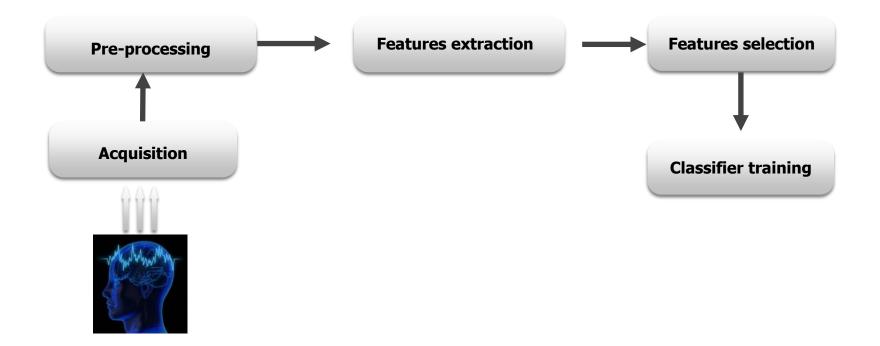


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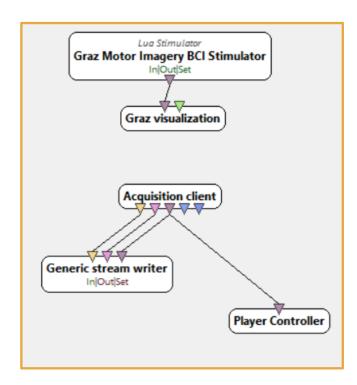


3- Online feedback

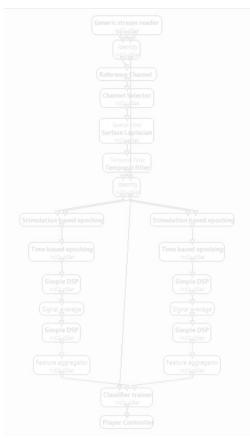
## AIM 1 – BUILDING THE CLASSIFIER...



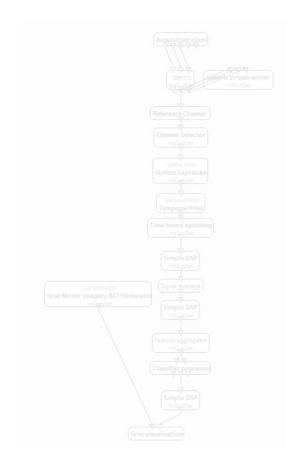
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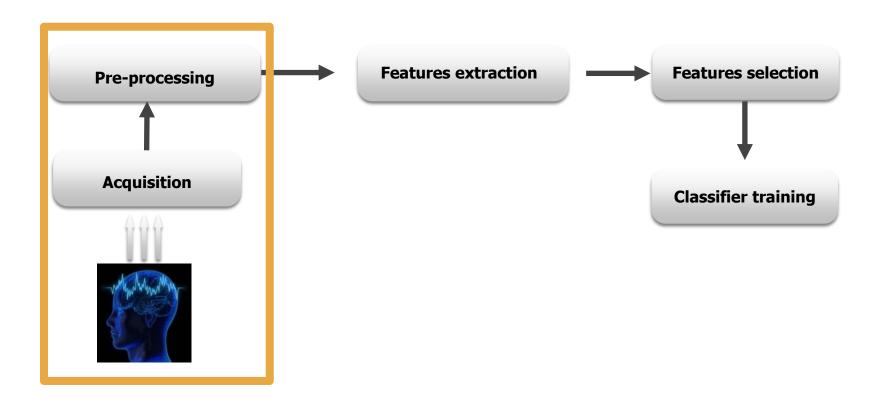


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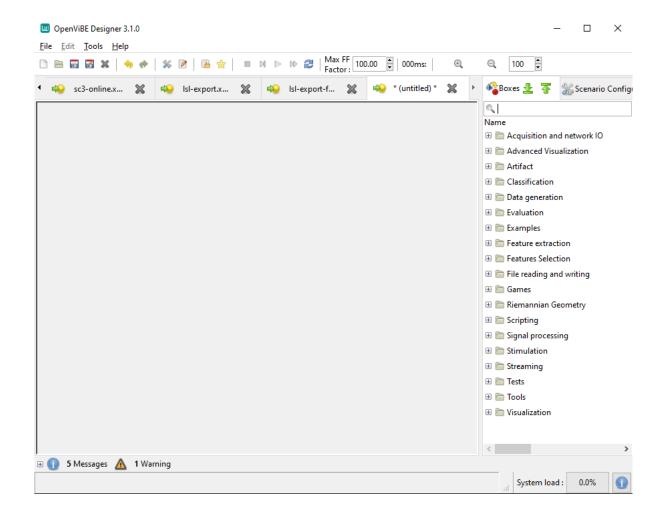
• Goal: load & display file:

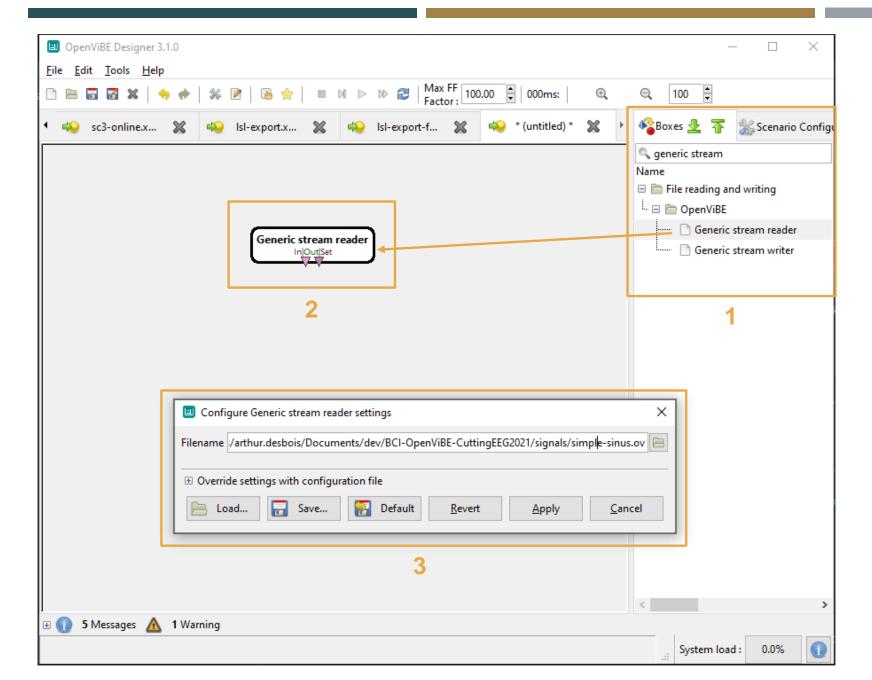
signals/simple-sinus.ov

(in Github repo)

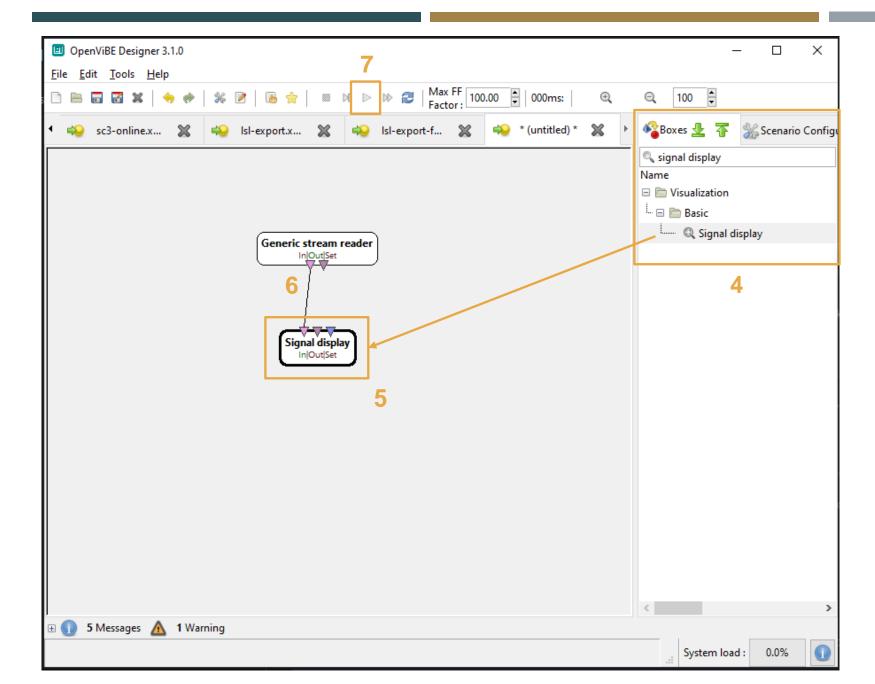
0- Launch OpenViBE Designer :

openvibe-designer.cmd





- 1- Search for "generic stream reader" in boxes list
- 2- Drag & drop to designer window
- 3- Set filename with browser



- 4- Search for "signal display" in boxes list
- 5- Drag & drop to designer window
- 6- Drag & drop connection between boxes, using the "signal" stream type
- 7- Press Play!

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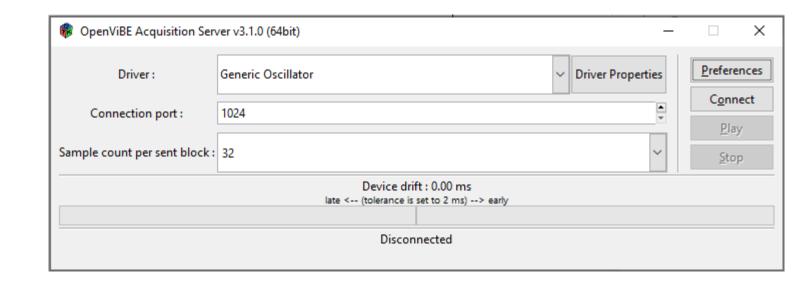
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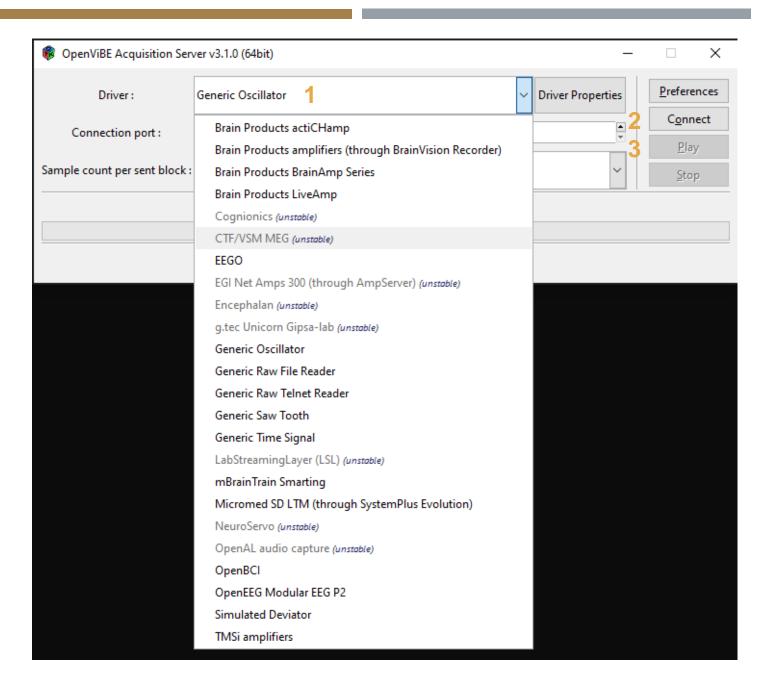
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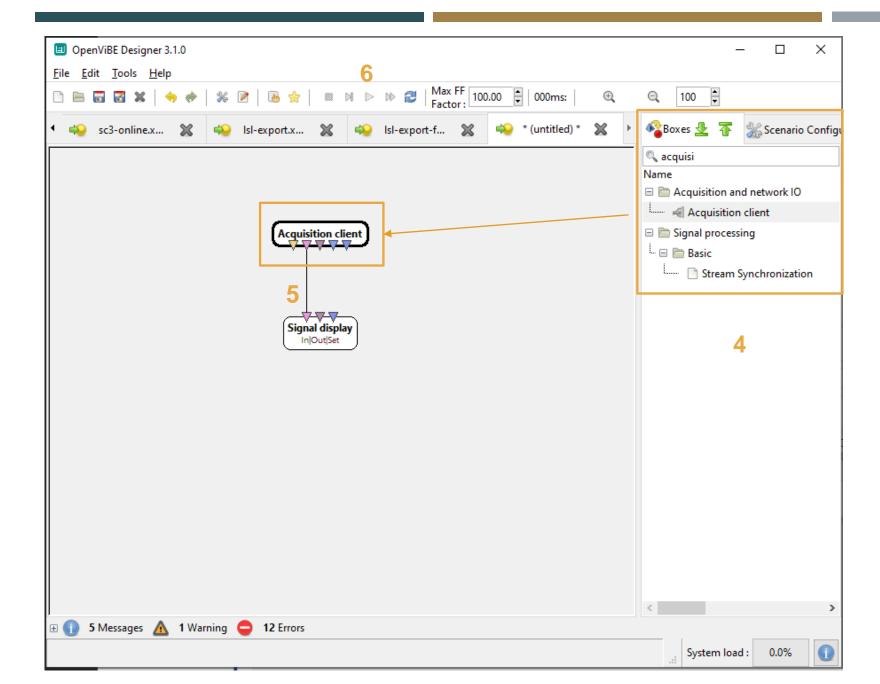
- Goal: use acquisition server/client with a simple sine generator
- 0- Launch OpenViBE Acquisition server :

openvibe-acquisition-server.cmd



- 1- In the "Driver" list, select
   "Generic Oscillator"
   In this list, you'll find all the drivers for
   OpenViBE's supported EEG hardware
- 2- Click "Connect"
- 3- Click "Play"





- 4- In the Designer, look for the "Acquisition client" Box and add it to your scenario
- 5- Connect it to the Signal Display Box
- 6- Play the scenario

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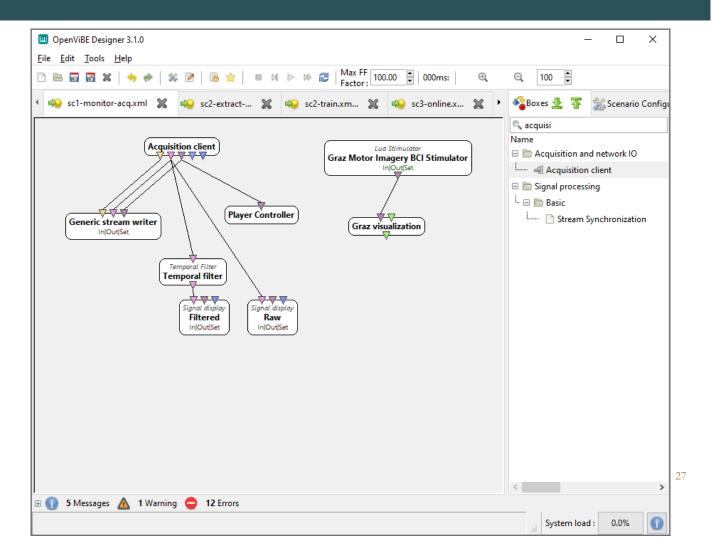
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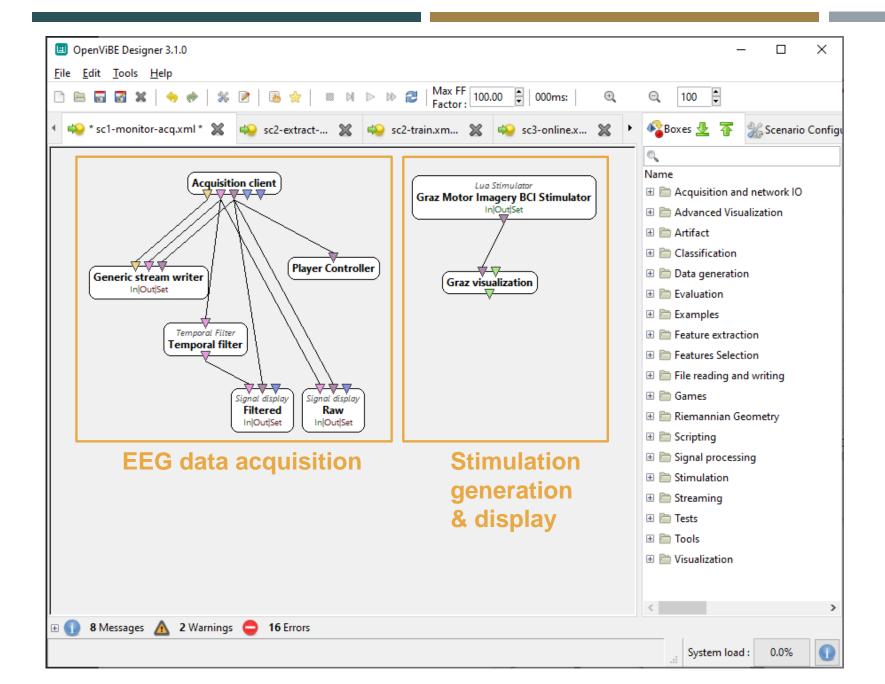
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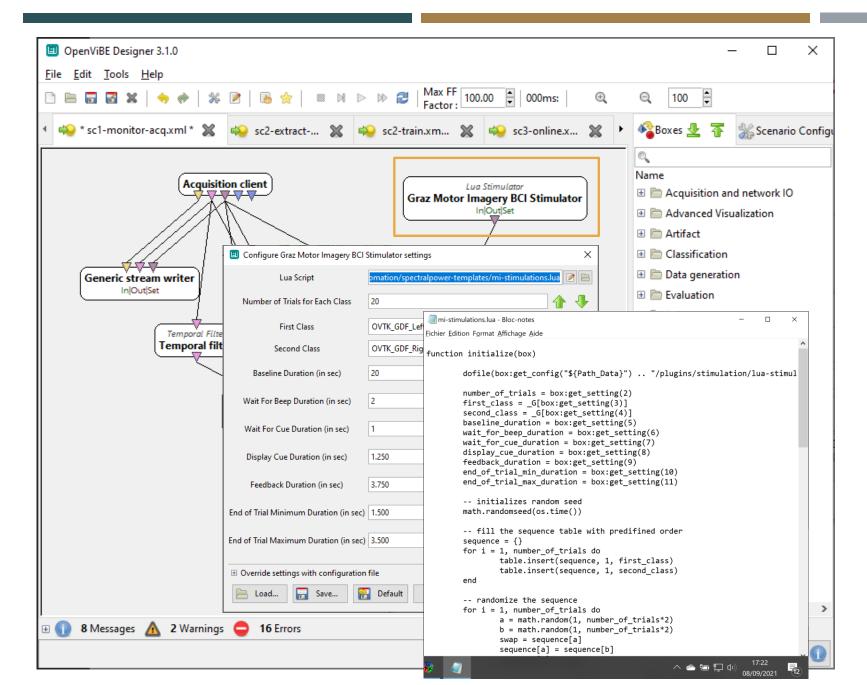
- Goal: understand data acquisition & synchro. with stimulations
- Load scenario:

BCI-OpenViBE-CuttingEEG2021/ scenarios/sc1-monitor-acq.xml

(github)



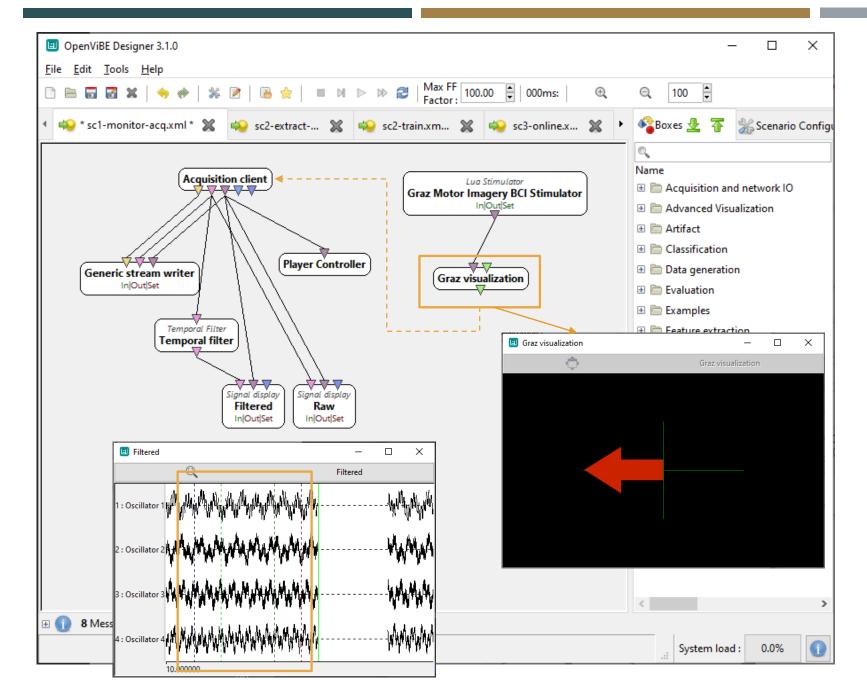




- LUA Stimulator Box(LUA = scripting language)
- Experiment example:
   Different stimulation/event codes at different times.
   Useful for signal segmentation ("epoching")

#### Stimulation label examples:

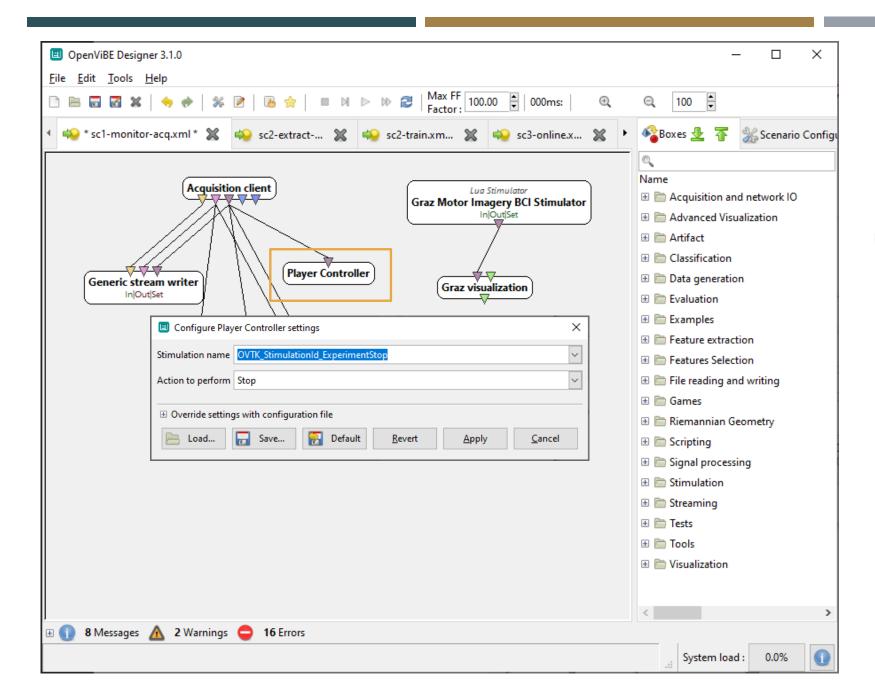
- Experiment Start/Stop
- Trial Start/Stop
- LEFT / RIGHT
- Button pressed
- etc



"Graz Visualization" (specific for "Graz Protocol", based on Box "Display Cue Image")

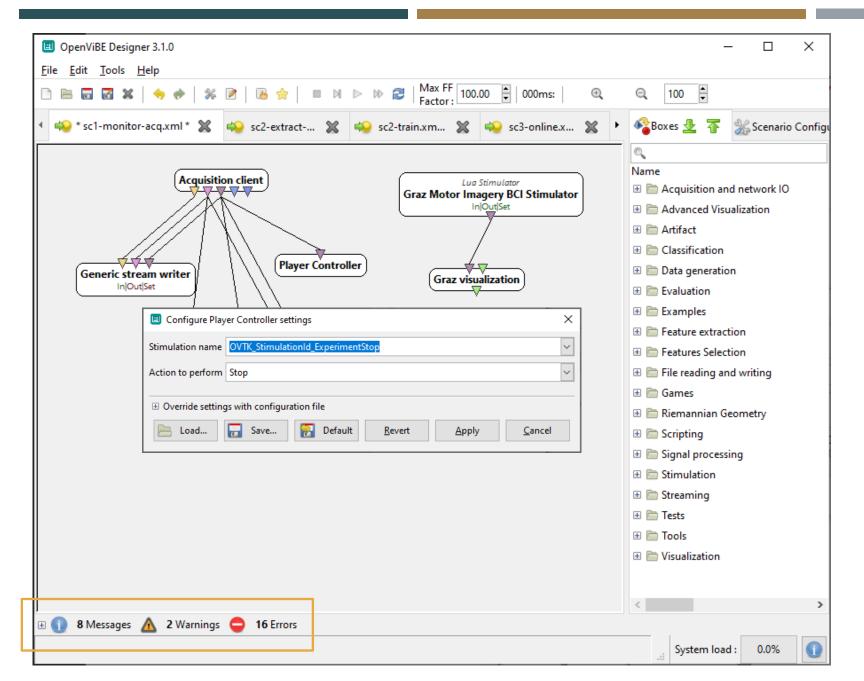
Display cue image In|Out|Set

- Displays specified image upon receiving specified stimulation code
- Transmits the stimulation code
   & time to the Acquisition
   Server
- The stimulations are received by the ACQ Client, synchronized with the signal



#### "Player Controller"

Orchestrates the experiment course, by applying an action upon receiving a stimulation



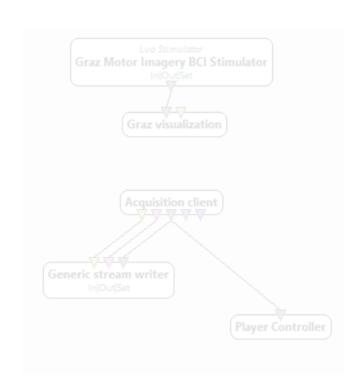
Check the embedded log console if anything goes wrong!

## SC1 – FINAL WORDS / Q&A

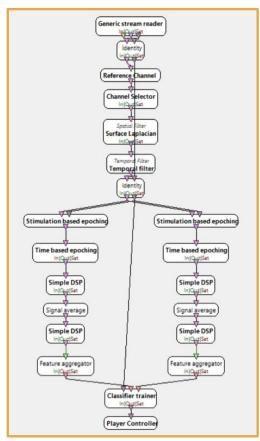
#### Recap:

- Simple I/O operations (signal loading, writing)
- Signal Display
- Acquisition Server / Client concept
- Stimulations
- Typical BCI protocol acquisition scenario
- Note: from now on, we will only be using pre-generated/recorded signals

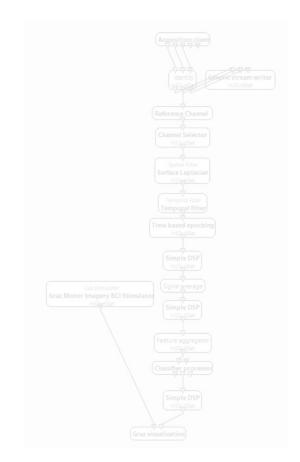
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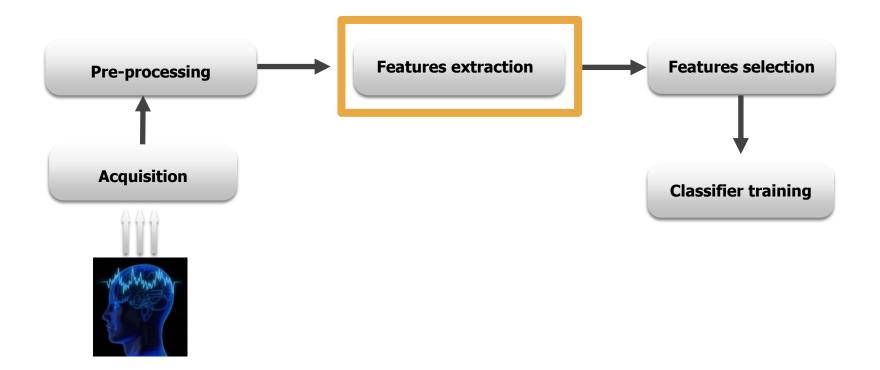


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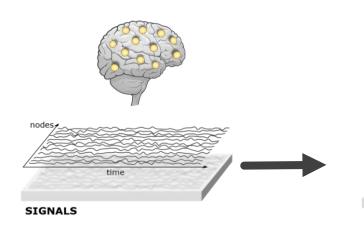
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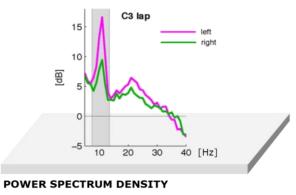
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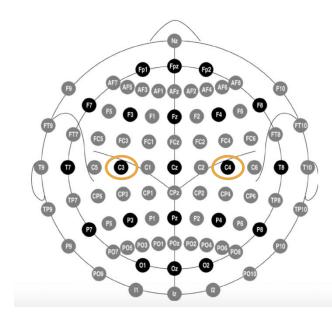
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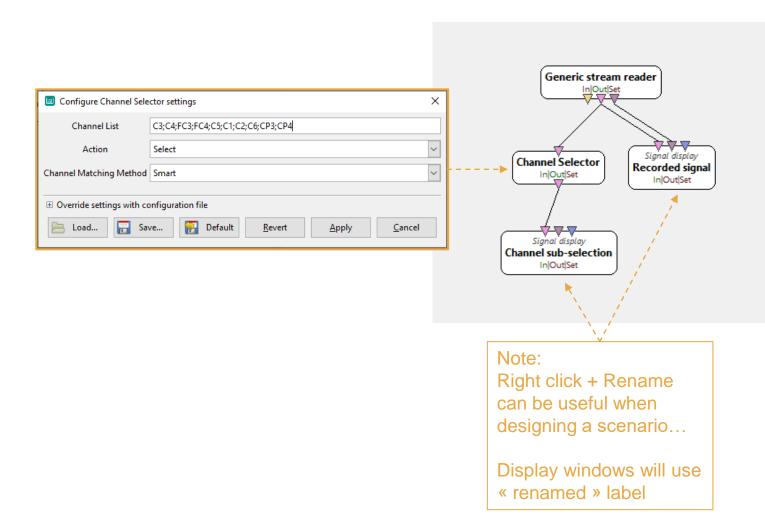
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### SC2 – STEP 1 - CHANNEL SELECTION

- OpenViBE can manage multiple signal streams in parallel
- In our example, 1 channel = 1 EEG electrode
- We will load a pre-recorded signal file, that used 11 labeled electrodes and consider only a sub-set of those electrodes.



■ 1- Import a "Generic stream reader" box, and set the filename to:

<openvibe-3.1.0-64bit>\
share\openvibe\scenarios\signals\
bci-motor-imagery.ov

- (optional have a look at the recorded signals with "**Signal Display**")
- 2- Import a "Channel Selector" & link the boxes
- 3- Set the selection to:

C3;C4;FC3;FC4;C5;C1; C2;C6;CP3;CP4

4- Display the output

# SC2 – STEP 2 – SIGNAL PROCESSING & SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

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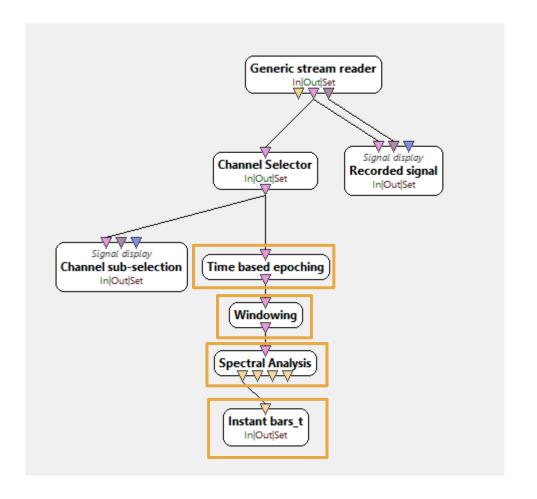
# SC2 – STEP 2 – SIGNAL PROCESSING & SPECTRAL ANALYSIS

#### Goals:

Discover & use filtering, epoching, windowing tools

Compute & display spectra for each channel/electrodes:

- for the whole band
- for different frequency bands (alpha, beta, etc)



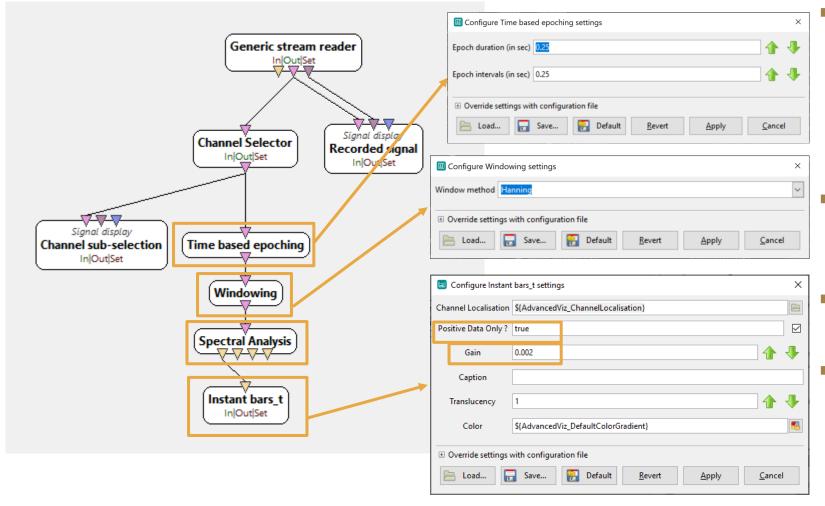
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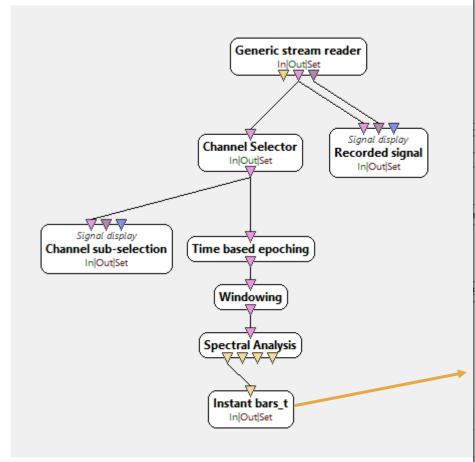
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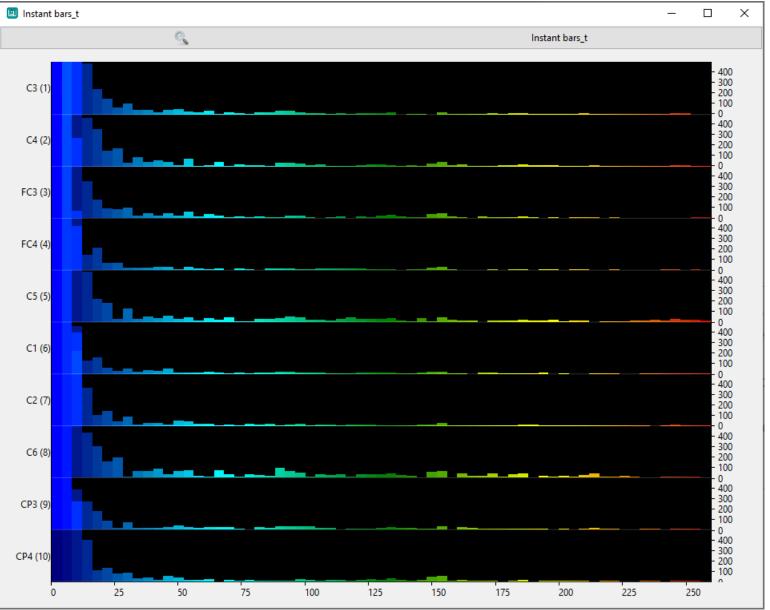
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"Instant bars"

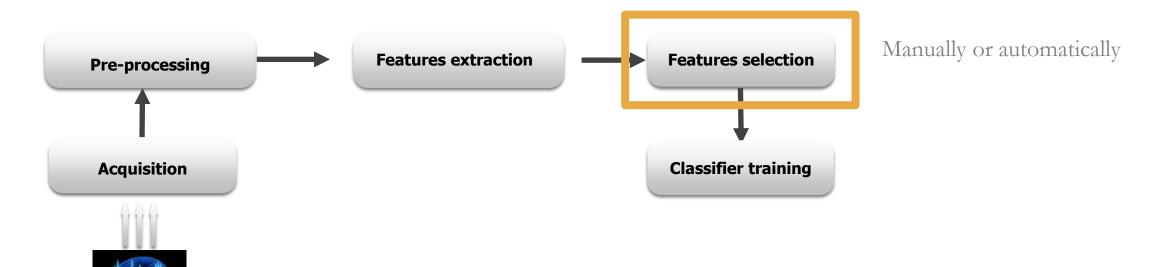


- 1- Import:
  - "Time Based Epoching",
  - "Windowing",
  - "Spectral Analysis",
  - "Instant bars"
- 2- Set preferred settings for Epoching and windowing (ex: 0,25s, no overlap, Hann Window)
- Note: Spectral Analysis has 4 outputs (see parameters for details).
- 3- Set gain for "instant bars"! No automatic scaling...

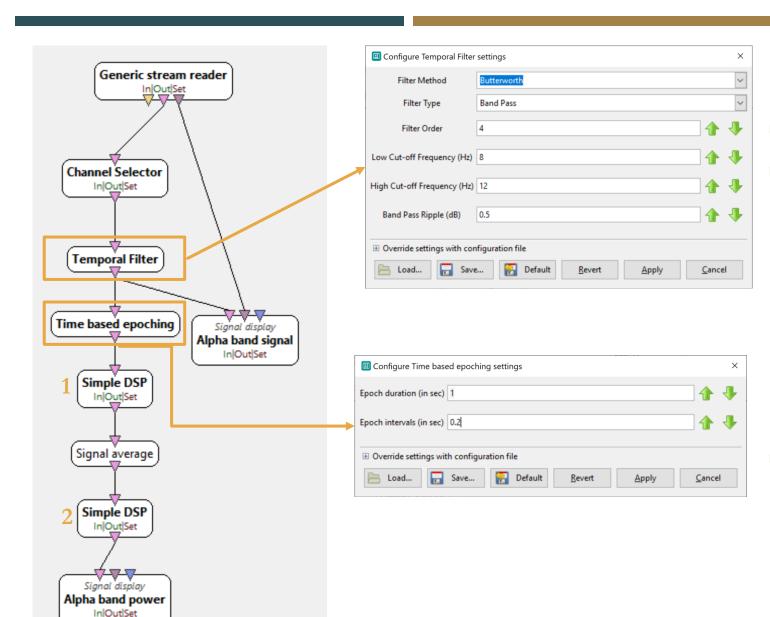




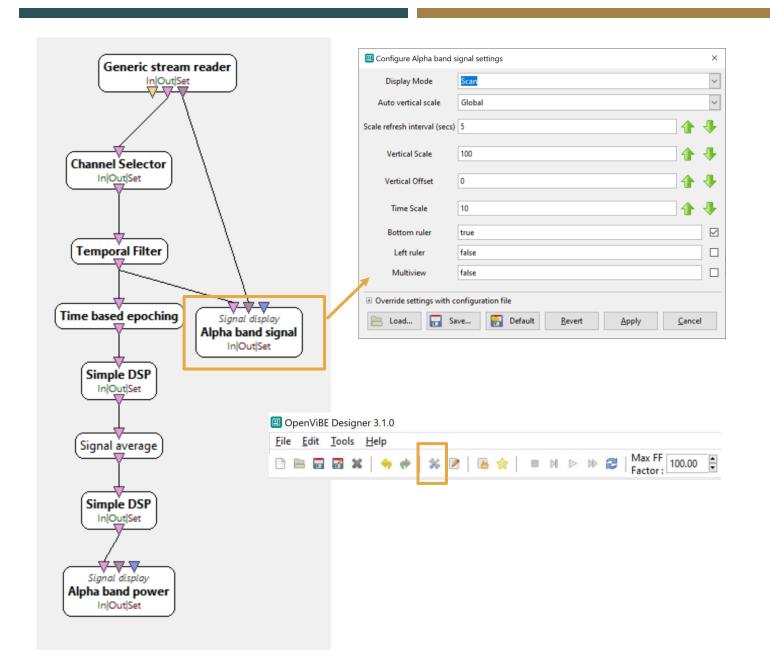
- We now have access to a view of the full band spectrum
- However, the feature we need for training the classifier is the spectral power in the alpha/beta band



Adapted from (X. Navarro & F. Grosselin)



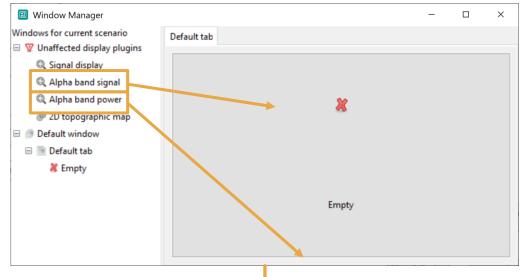
- "Temporal Filter", set to [8;12] Hz band
- Signal processing chain:
  - "Time based epoching" of 1s, every 0.2s (overlapping windows of signal for power computation)
  - **DSP** 1 formula: x\*x
  - Average (= of  $x^2$  across a window of 1s)
  - **DSP 2** formula: Log10(1+x)
  - $=> \log 10(1 + \operatorname{avg}(x^2))$
- Add **Displays** and rename them
  - Set time scales & vertical scaling



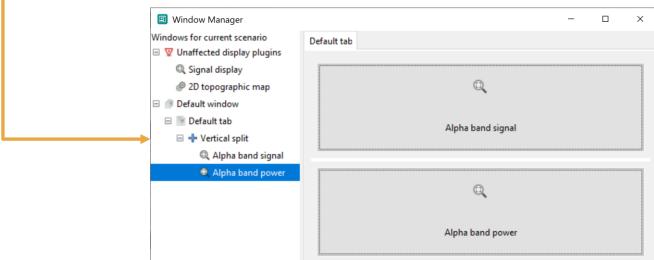
- Add **Displays** and rename them
  - Set time scales: 10 (seconds) for alpha band signal display, 50 for alpha band power (since we have 5 times more data to display)
  - Set vertical scaling to "global"

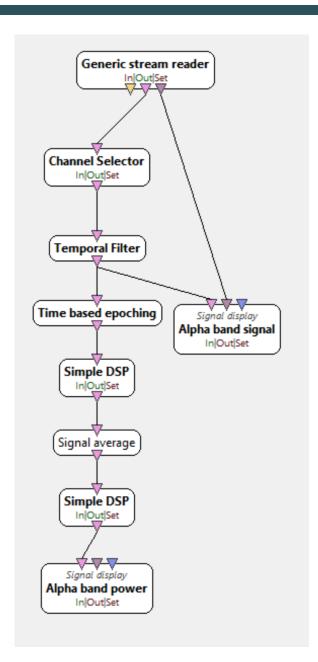
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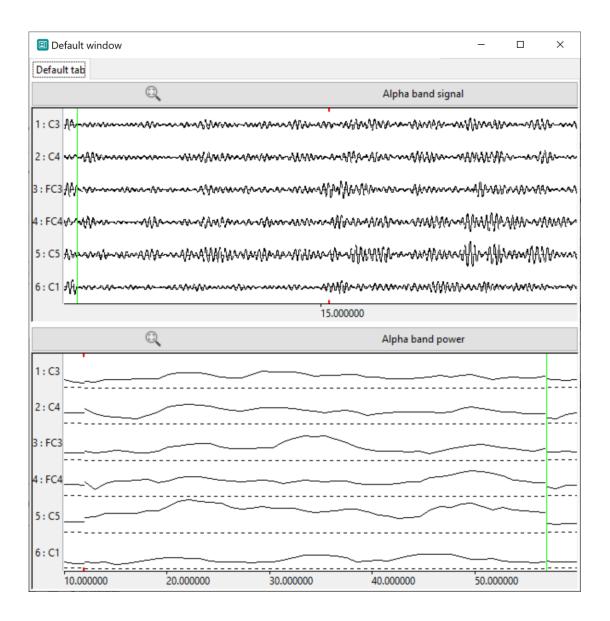


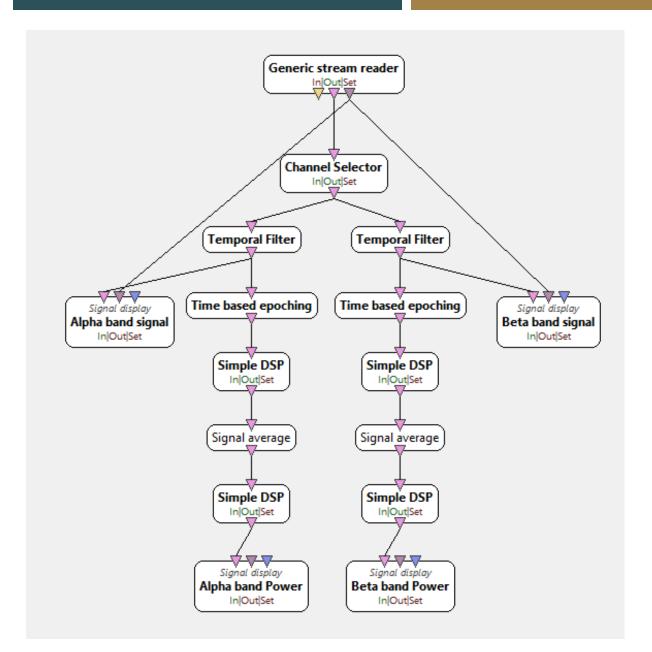


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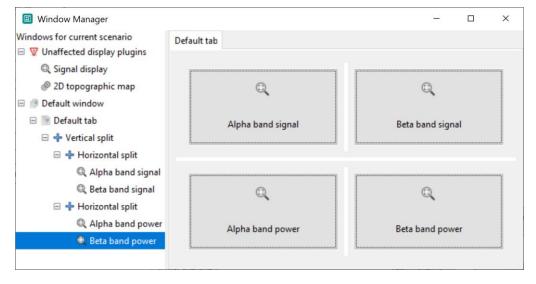


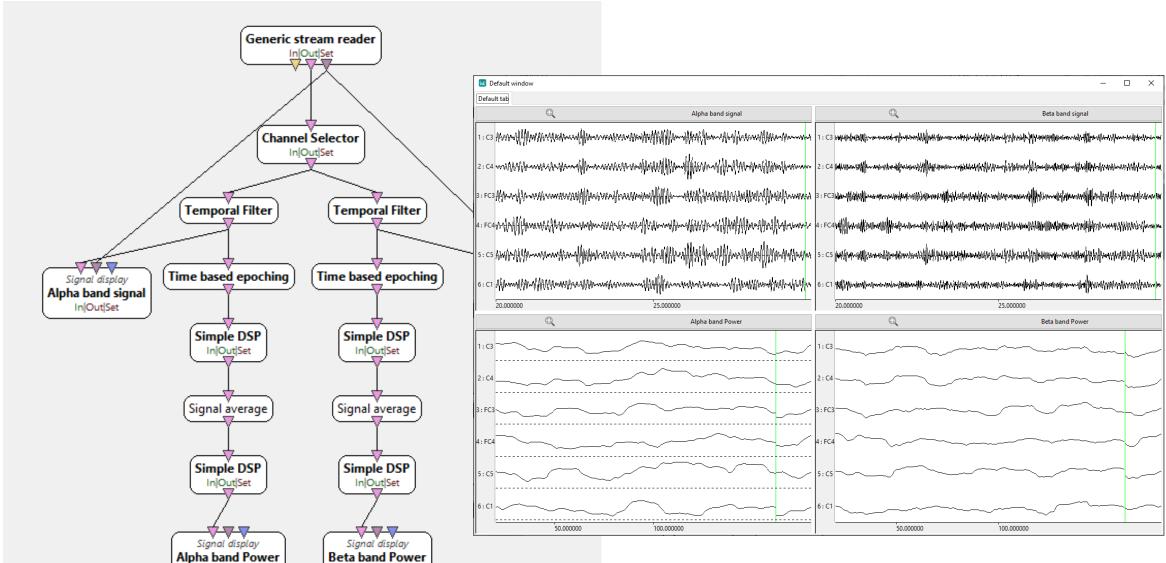






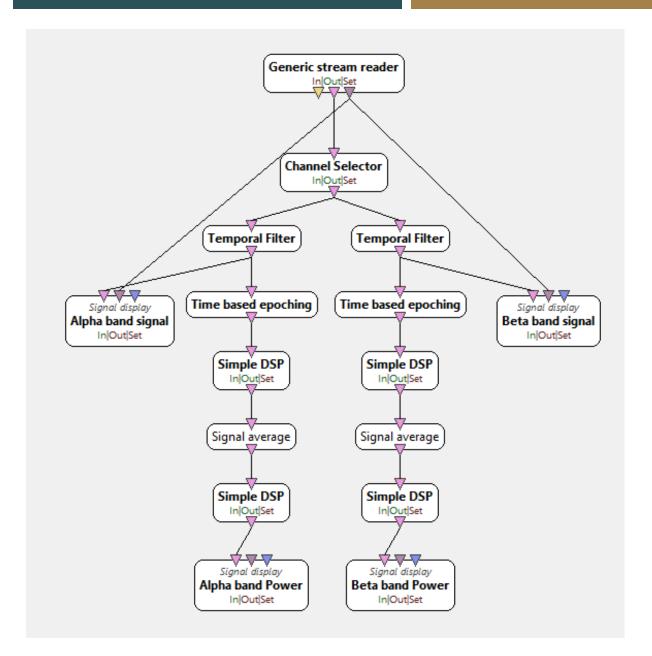
- Repeat for **Beta Band** [12;24]Hz
- Don't hesitate to copy/paste boxes...!





In|Out|Set

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Scenario is available on the github repo:

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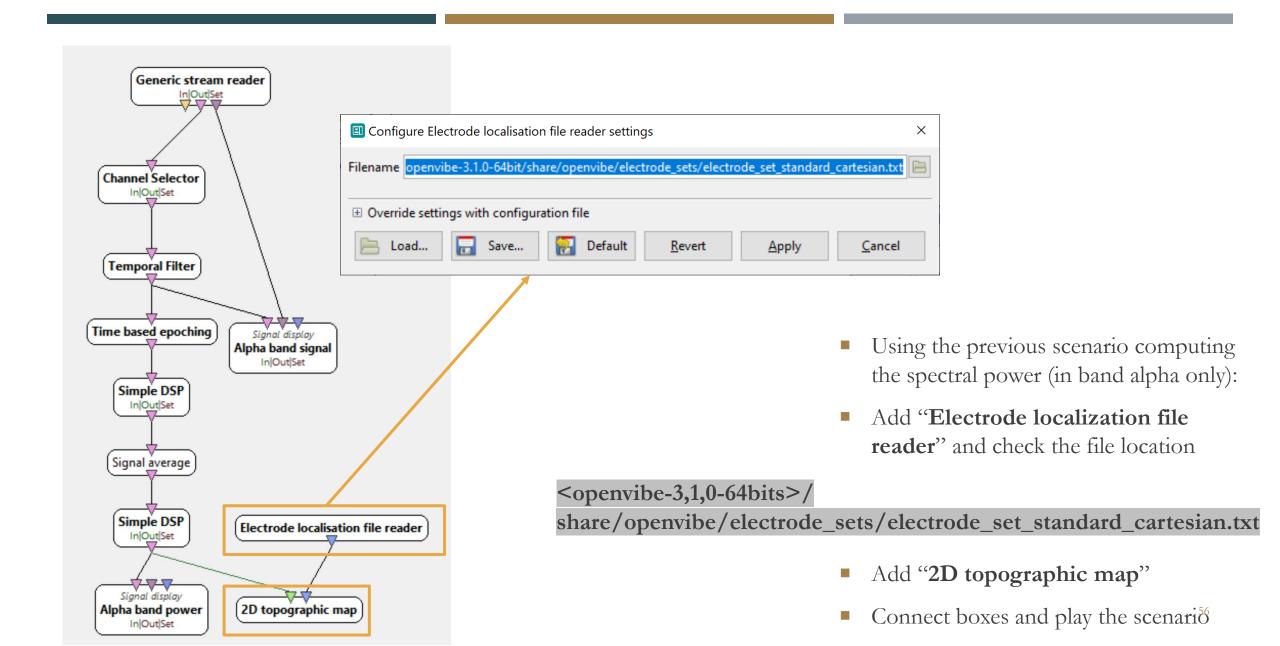
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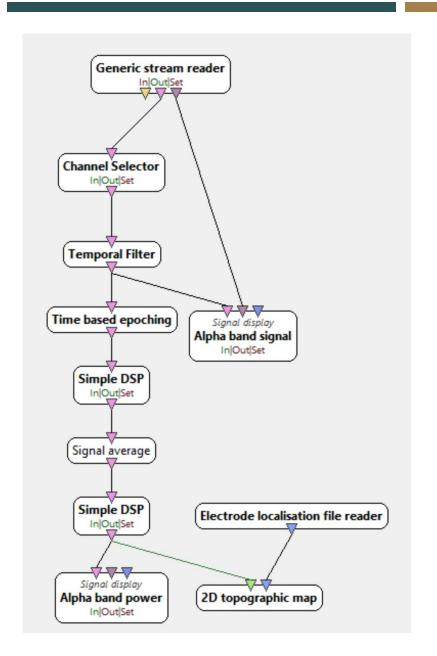
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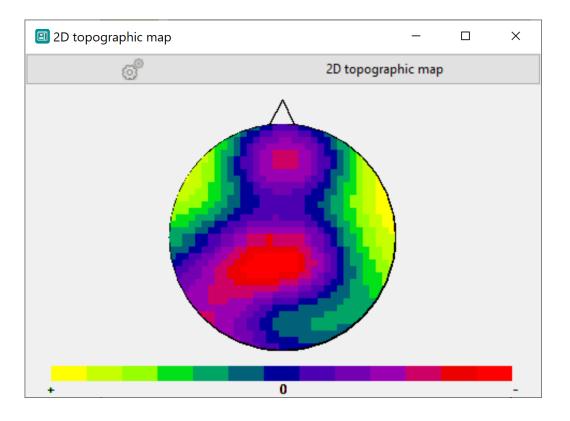
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- Goals:
- Load electrode localization data
- Topography viewer for a specific band







# SC2 – STEP 4 – FEATURE SELECTION

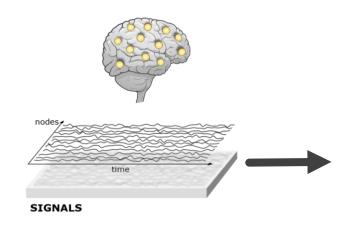
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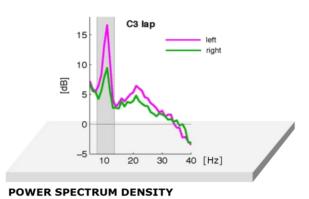
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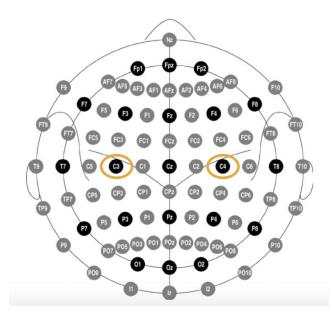
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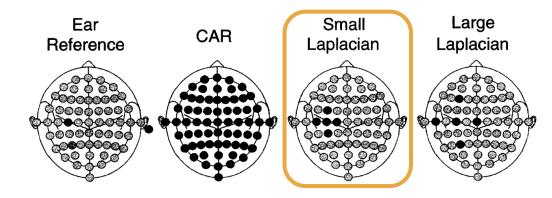


# SC2 – STEP 4 – FEATURE SELECTION – SPATIAL FILTERING

# Spatial Filtering

- Common Average Reference (CAR)
- Surface Laplacian used here





Spatial filtering (McFarland et al, 1997)

- OV box: Spatial Filter
- 10 inputs => 2 outputs

$$C3' = 4*C3 - FC3 - C5 - C1 - CP3$$

$$C4' = 4*C4 - FC4 - C2 - C6 - CP4$$

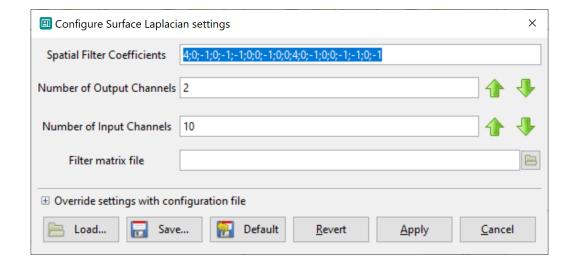
Our list of channels:

$$C3' = 4$$
; 0; -1; -1; 0; 0; -1; 0

$$C4' = 0; 4; 0; -1; 0; 0; -1; -1; 0; -1$$

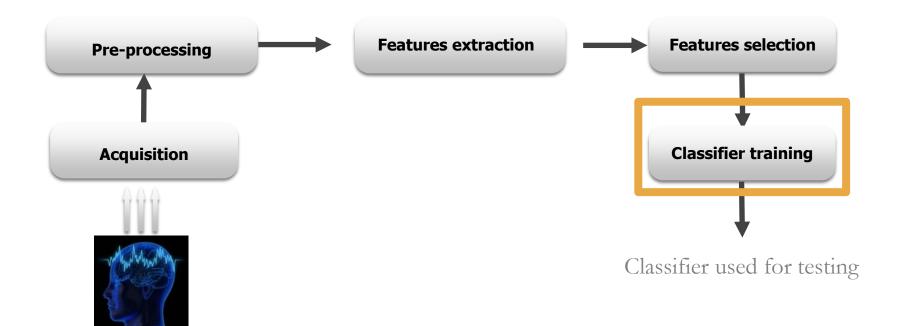
Serialize formulae in box parameters





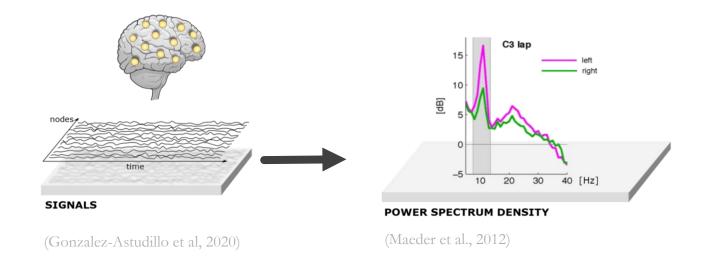
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#### Goal reminder:

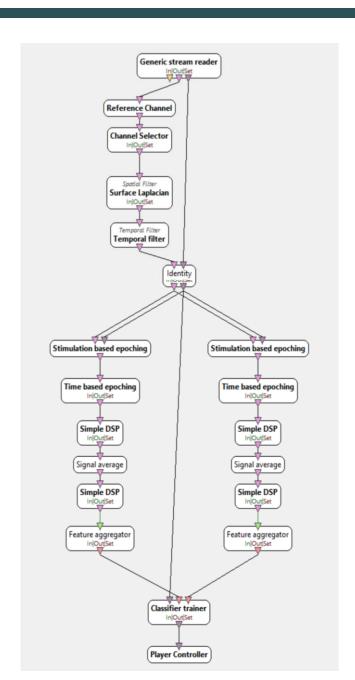
• We want to train a classifier to distinguish between mental states, based on instantaneous spectral power in bands alpha and/or beta



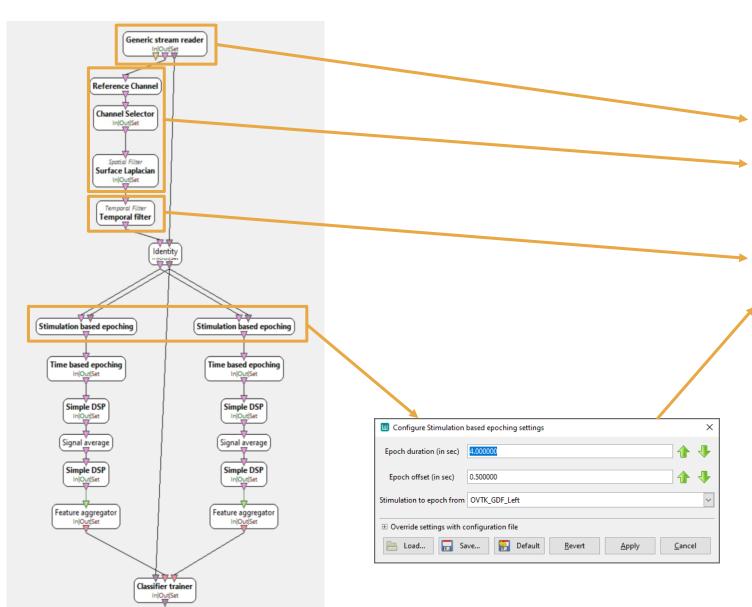
Load the full scenario so we can analyze it step by step...

<OpenViBE\_install\_path>\
share\openvibe\scenarios\bci-examples\motor-imagery\
motor-imagery-bci-2-classifier-trainer.xml

- Goal: putting it all together in a BCI scenario...
  - Load pre-recorded signal file
  - Select sub-set of electrodes
  - Surface Laplacian
  - Filter to the **frequency band** of interest
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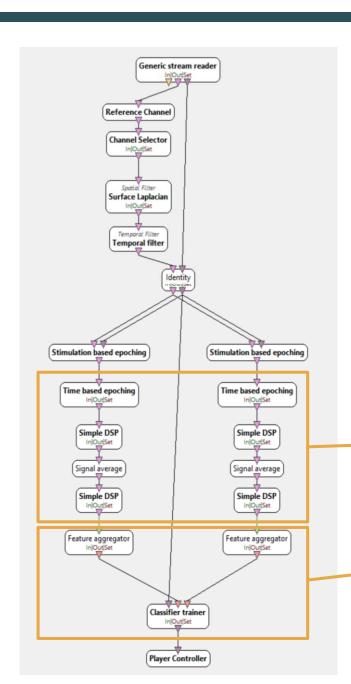


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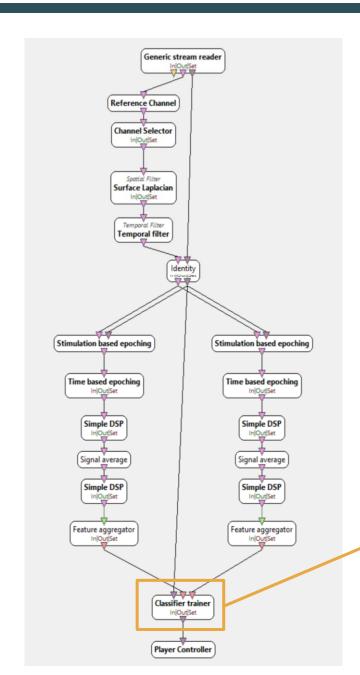


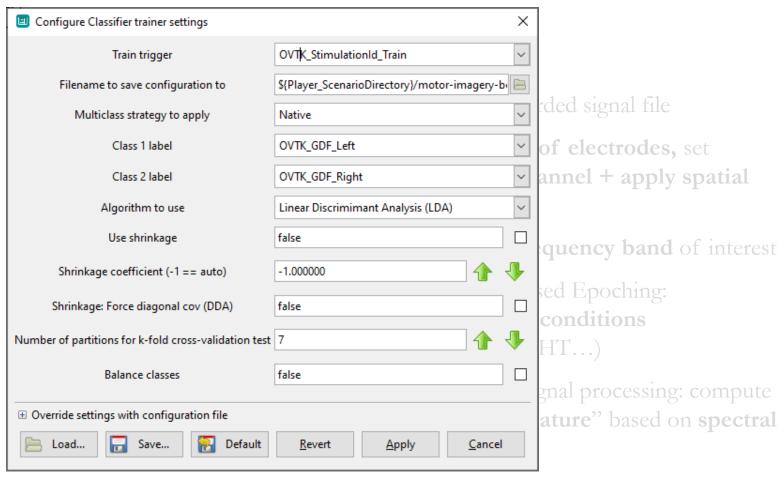
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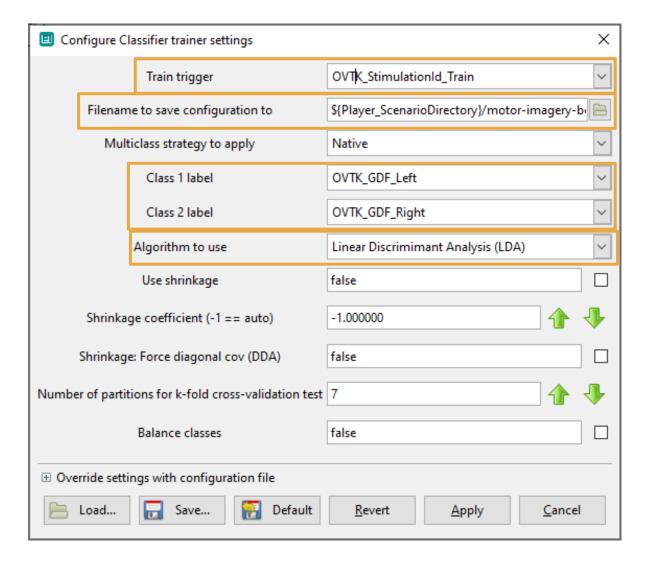


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Train the classifier!



- "Train trigger" stimulation should be set in the acquisition LUA script, at the end of the experiment
- Set the **path/filename** for the training "weights" (results)
- Check that the classifier classes are correctly labeled
- Select the classifying algorithm (LDA, SVM…) and set the parameters

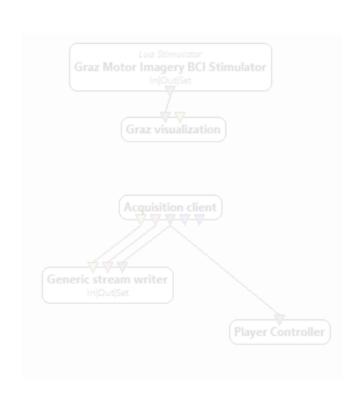
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# SC2 – FINAL WORDS / Q&A

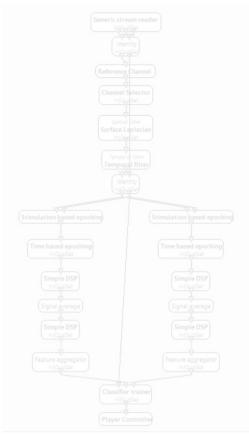
### Recap:

- Signal processing / Channel selection / Filtering / Epoching
- Spectral Analysis, spectrum display
- Brain topography
- Feature selection
- Classifier training

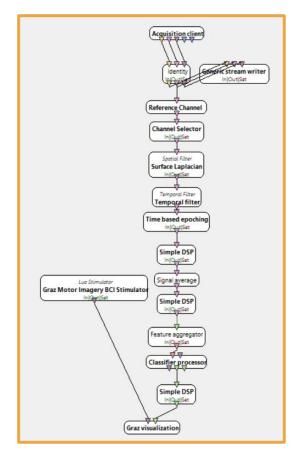
# SC3 – ONLINE CLASSIFICATION & FEEDBACK



1- Training data acquisition

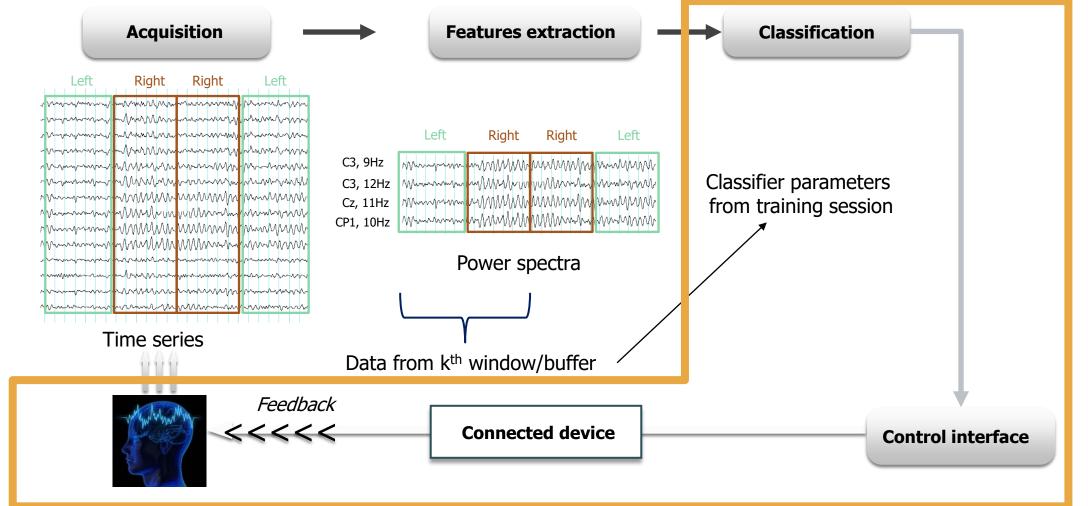


2- Features extraction & Classification



3- Online feedback

### SC3 – ONLINE CLASSIFICATION

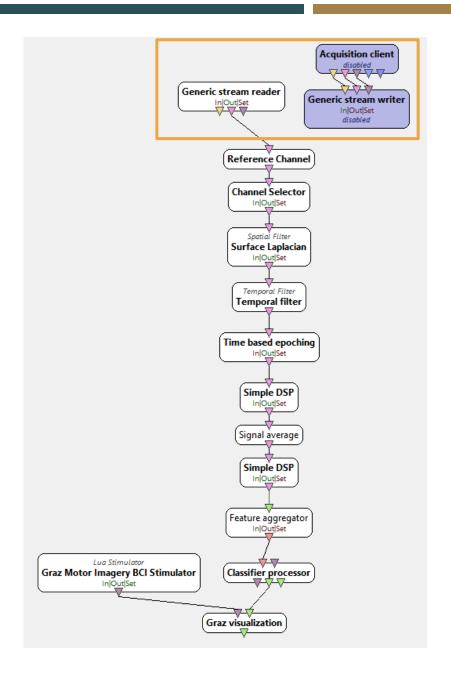


#### SC3 – ONLINE CLASSIFICATION

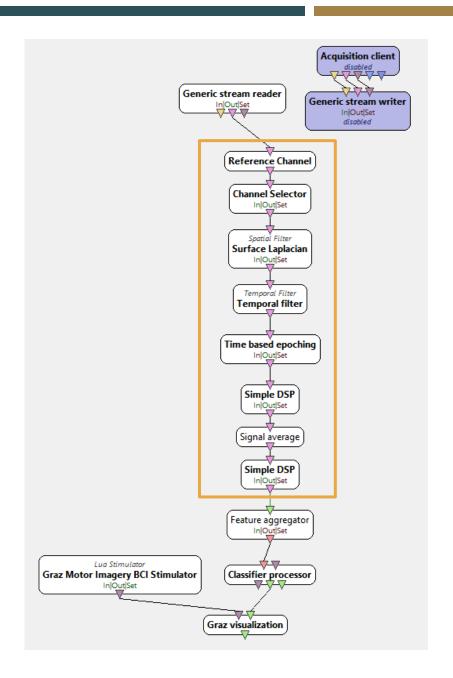
#### Goals:

- Acquire EEG data in real-time, while providing "tasks" to the subject
- Classify his/her mental states (also in real-time) using the classifier trained in SC2
- (almost) everything we need is already there!
- Let's load the scenario and analyze it...

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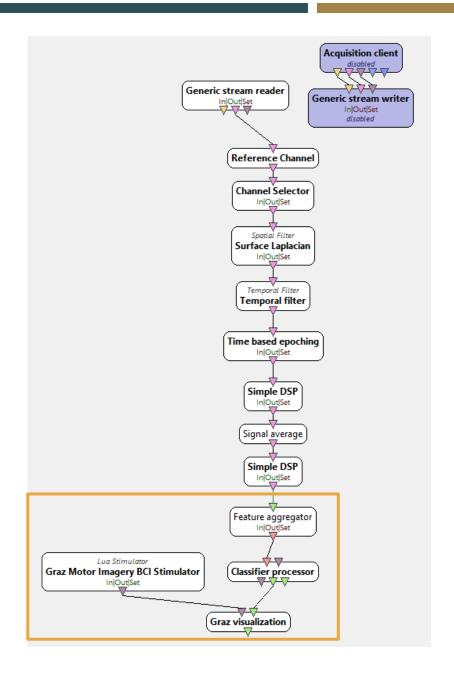


- In a real BCI experiment, we should of course use the Acquisition Client (and record the incoming signals for future replays and studies)
- Here, for the sake of an already long workshop, we'll use the same signal file as before...

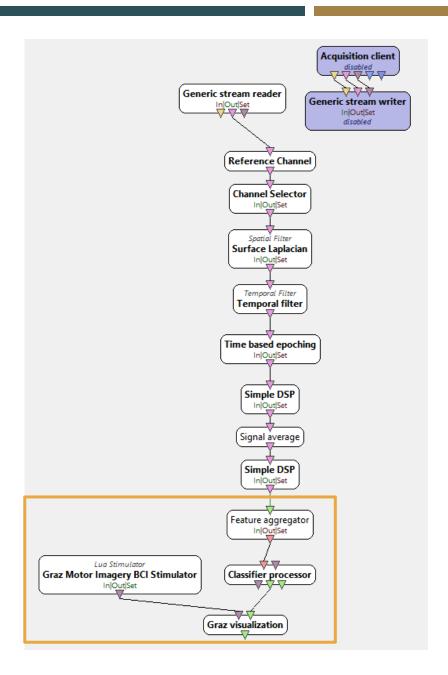


- We want the classifier to have the same type of data used for training
- (It's actually the other way around: train your classifier with the same data type you use in the online step)

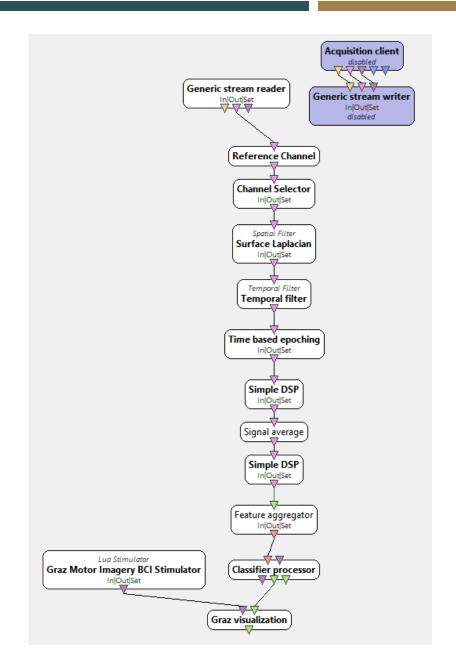
■ The whole selection, filtering, epoching & Signal Processing chain is the same as in SC2!

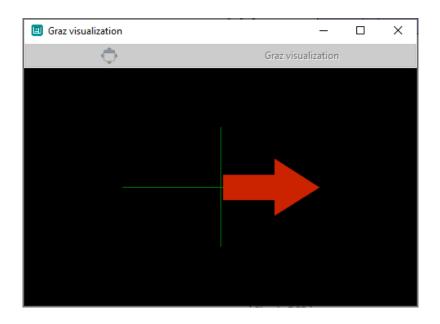


- Use the "Classifier Processor" box, loading the correct configuration file (= the training step output)
- Use the same LUA script & Graz Visualization boxes as for the SC1 (acquisition) to generate stimulations & "tasks"
- The "streamed matrix" stream from Classifier processor to Graz Visualization corresponds to the "classification accuracy"



- **Notes** regarding the difference between this simulation and an actual BCI/MI protocol
- In a real BCI experiment, the user would receive as visual inputs:
  - first, an arrow towards the side on which to perform Motor Imagery task,
  - then a continuous feedback of the classifier's performance (in separating MI from rest)
- As in SC1, the Graz visualization box is used both to update the display, and to propagate the stimulations to the ACQ server for synchronization with the signal stream.
- Here, we use pre-recorded signals, so this stimulation sync. is not done...







# SC3 – FINAL WORDS / Q&A

# Recap:

- Online classification pipeline
- Example of real-time visual feedback

# CHAPTER 2 – Q&A



BCI Motor Imagery with OpenViBE in X-Men: First Class