

CENT - Computer Enabled Neuroplasticity Treatment: a modular, extensible platform for neurofeedback with lightweight wearable EEG devices

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ABSTRACT

Biofeedback/neurofeedback is a growing clinical field. Tools for administering feedback treatment tend to be proprietary and fixed/non-extensible. Thus there is a need for a biofeedback platform which is entirely open source, extensible and free. We present the Computer Enabled Neuroplasticity Treatment (CENT) platform to meet this need.

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Story/structure is:

1. Introduction + motivation

- we needed a NFB platform and didn't find anything suitable (why not?)
- we developed CENT platform at the same time as setting up the clinical trial
- we aimed for lots of good things: modular, extensible, state of the art technology, effective but simple UI, minimal but extensible feature set
- other systems exist but CENT fills a niche because...

2. Related work

- Other neurofeedback platforms
- Abundance of wearable EEG devices

3. Architecture - describe the tech. Show where to get it and the compatible parts

- CENT-core
- CENT-extensions

4. Validation

- Malmi therapy?
- Can other validation evidence be generated?

5. Discussion

- We saw a need and filled it
- Pros and cons
- CENT vs. "Meditation toys"
- Usage scenario
- Future work: Interfacing with bestest systems (like MIDAS)

6. Conclusion: CENT platform is great, buy 6!

1 INTRODUCTION

Neurofeedback (NFB) is a growing field, with extensive clinical use, a large body of research literature, and applications also in performance enhancement, entertainment, and stress relief. However tools for administering feedback treatment tend to be proprietary and fixed/non-extensible. Thus there is a need for a biofeedback platform which is both robust, and entirely open source, extensible and free. We present the Computer Enabled Neuroplasticity Treatment (CENT) platform to meet this need.

1.1 Background

NFB, also called electroencephalography (EEG) biofeedback, is operant conditioning of specific temporal, spatial and frequency features extracted from scalp-recorded electrical potentials (Lubar and Shouse, 1976).

NFB has been described as “a mechanism that may be used to stimulate and/or regulate cerebral activity, which in turn may influence cognitive processing” (Vernon et al., 2003). The specific model of effect has been described variously as ‘repairing’ a presumed cause of disorder to ‘normalise’ behaviour, or instead as a tool to enhance cognitive states (see Gevensleben et al. (2014) for a thorough discussion). Either model can be applied in a clinical setting, while the latter enhancement model could also be applied in any non-clinical setting.

Part of its value is that NFB can be personalized to suit the specific clinical presentation, or performance enhancement requirements, provided that there is requisite theoretical and observational data to guide the personalisation. In clinical settings, the personalisation is often done by reference to quantitative or ‘qEEG’-guided normative databases. Hammond (2010) discusses this in detail, illustrating the heterogeneity in qEEG patterns associated with symptoms and discussing the requirements and need for qEEG analysis guided by normative databases. Johnstone et al. (2005) provided a review of such databases, along with a review of qEEG profiles, which are “manifestations seen between genome and behaviour” that they term ‘intermediate’ EEG endophenotypes.

Beside the neurophysiological aspects of NFB, the psychology and experience of NFB are considered by many to be equally important. Calderon and Thompson (2004) have conceptualized biofeedback as a three-step process that consists of

- becoming aware of a physiological response,
- learning to control the response, and
- transferring control of the response to everyday life.

The first two steps of the model - becoming aware and learning to control the electrical activity of the brain - constitute NFB learning. The third step refers to transfer of the NFB learning, often measured in the literature by performance on a neurocognitive test of the treated function (e.g. attention) and/or self-reported symptoms.

Two of the more widely-used clinical NFB protocols are ‘theta-beta’ (TB) and ‘sensorimotor rhythm’ (SMR), which are those currently supported in the CENT platform. TB and SMR protocols are based on sub-second frequency-band features.

TB protocol assumes a model where theta power is elevated above normal, and therefore uses an inhibition target for theta power and a reinforcement target for beta power. EEG recording is often at a frontal site. The rationale behind TB training has been described in at least two different ways: as the rectification of cortical hypoarousal (Barry et al., 2003), and as the reinforcement of working memory (Vernon et al., 2003).

SMR protocol reinforces beta power, usually low or mid beta, often with an inhibition target for theta. The site is above the sensorimotor strip, often lateral, such that the beta oscillations correspond to the sensorimotor rhythm. The rationale for SMR training has been proposed as either facilitating attention (Vernon et al., 2003), or the improvement of sleep through an increase in beta spindles, with concomitant effects on cognitive function (Arns et al., 2014).

These protocols contrast with another widely-studied protocol, Slow Cortical Potentials (SCP) training, which feeds back the time domain DC component. SCP targets the Contingent Negative Variation (CNV) Event Related Potential, which Mayer et al. (2015) defined as “a slow negative shift over central sites that develops following the presentation of warning stimulus in expectancy of an imperative stimulus that

requires a response”. SCP uses two opposed cortical regulation targets to be trained in random consecutive order. The TB and SMR protocols do not include such an explicit set of counter-poised targets to induce self-regulation, relying instead on a single target of reinforcement/inhibition, which is trained repeatedly.

The field of NFB makes progress, but in technical terms it does so slowly. The protocols introduced by Lubar and Shouse (1976) and others have remained unchanged for 40 years. As with any technology, progress relies not just on research, but also on adoption and exploration of the potential by developers. Rapid advances have recently been made in EEG-amplifier hardware and signal processing software, yet the software needed to facilitate open and rapid research and development in clinical NFB is lacking (see below). Opening the field calls for software which is robust, and entirely open source, extensible and free.

1.2 Neurofeedback software

Currently a large number of different neurofeedback software packages exist, most of which are still actively used or still in development. The recent boom of wearable biosensors (such as cheap, commercial EEG devices like the Muse and Melon headbands) has also boosted the number of available personal neurofeedback applications. Despite the popularity, very little literature reviewing neurofeedback platforms exists. The attempt is a report estimating the usefulness of various BCI frameworks for conducting neurofeedback and listing design considerations for such a system Huster et al. (2014). In this section we attempt to comprehensively cover different types of software packages are available for neurofeedback.

All available neurofeedback solutions share three basic characteristics which are: 1. a method of interfacing with an EEG device, 2. capability to process the acquired EEG data in real-time and 3. the ability to generate feedback for the user. Outside these parameters different software packages can have vastly different properties. For instance supported devices, licensing and intended usage varies greatly between different neurofeedback solutions. The neurofeedback software can roughly be divided into two categories: clinical and non-clinical. The clinical category contains software that is solely intended for various neurofeedback therapies (ADHD therapy being the most common). The other software packages are aimed more for personal cognitive neuromodulation and entrainment (such as meditation and stress management). We have compiled a list (table 1) which, to our knowledge, contains all of the currently available software packages intended for neurofeedback.

The list in table 1 contains 33 neurofeedback software, their respective licenses and other information. The license column indicates which license was used when the software was published. It is also possible that a software package was released with the source code but without a specified license. In these cases the license is represented by a question mark. We included the last updated value to indicate the last time the software was updated or information related to the software was published. This value is intended to represent whether the each software project is still in active development or if development has been halted. Most of the software packages have received updates in the last five years but two projects (EEGMIR and BrainAthlon Palke (2004)) have been dormant for over a decade. The scientific merit refers to the highest ranking publication the corresponding software was used in. The rankings were extracted from Publication Forum which is a quality assesment forum for publication channels. Various journals are ranked according to values ranging from 0 (no rank) to 3 (mentioned in a top journal)¹. This value indicates whether or not the software has been used in neurofeedback related research. For instance the BioExplorer software has been used to study the increase local gamma and beta band activity through neurofeedback Keizer et al. (2010) and the EEGer4 to study the effect of music on alpha/theta neurofeedback Gruzelier et al. (2014). Finally the use case for each software (clinical vs non-clinical) is also listed in the table. The use case was determined solely based on the software description which was obtained from the webpage of the software.

Looking at the table 1 it is pretty clear that the vast majority of the software are commercial with proprietary licenses. The division between clinical use and non-clinical use is roughly even, however, all of the software intended for clinical use have a proprietary license. The comparison of license (open-source vs. proprietary) and intended use (clinical vs non-clinical) has been summarized in table 2. From table 2 it is apparent that there is a clear lack for open-source solutions for clinical neurofeedback. The closest option for such a platform would be NeuroRT suite by Mensia Technologies, which like the CENT system, is built on top of the open-source OpenViBE platform. There is, however, no truly

¹More information regarding the rankings used can be found <http://www.julkaisuforum.fi/en>

System	License	JUFO	Last Update	Clinical use
BioEra	Prop.	1	2015-06-22	No
BrainBay	GPL	1	2014-12-03	No
BrainAthlon	?	1	2004-01-01	No
EEGMIR	?	0	2003-12-30	No
ElectricGuru	?	0	2002-01-21	No
BioExplorer	Prop.	2	2012-09-26	No
BioGraph Infiniti	Prop.	1	2013-06-05	Yes
BioTrace+	Prop.	2	2015-07-23	Yes
BrainFeedbackPro	Prop.	0	2015-11-19	Yes
TruScan Neurofeedback	Prop.	0	2015-11-19	Yes
BrainMaster	Prop.	1	2015-10-09	Yes
BrainPaint	Prop.	2	2012-01-01	Yes
Cygnnet	Prop.	1	2015-11-01	Yes
eBioo	Prop.	0	2015-03-01	Yes
EEGer4	Prop.	2	2013-06-10	Yes
EventIDE	Prop.	0	2015-08-18	No
Mind Workstation	Prop.	0	2011-08-31	Yes
MindReflector	Prop.	0	2013-09-19	Yes
Neurofield	Prop.	1	2015-02-06	Yes
neuromore Studio	Prop.	0	2015-11-06	No
NeuroOptimal	Prop.	0	2015-07-01	Yes
NeuroRT	Prop.	0	2015-11-04	Yes
OpenViBE	AGPL	1	2015-10-02	No
SmartMind3	Prop.	1	2015-01-01	Yes
Melon - Brain Training	Prop.	0	2015-02-28	No
Muse App	Prop.	0	2015-12-16	No
Neurosurfer	Prop.	0	2015-02-15	Yes
BrainWaveOSC	?	0	2014-07-30	No
OpenNFB	GPL	0	2015-11-19	No
WaveTuner	?	0	2013-10-16	No
AlphaTrainer	?	0	2014-05-20	No
Mindrun	MIT	0	2015-09-29	N
Resonanz	GPL	0	2015-07-23	No

Table 1. Currently available neurofeedback software packages

open-source neurofeedback software for clinical use that would cover both the signal processing back-end and the patient management front-end. By having also the front-end of the software package open-source improves the availability and configurability of the neurofeedback software for clinical professionals wishing to get involved in neurofeedback therapy.

1.3 Wearable EEG sensors

In the past few years there has been a noticeable increase in the availability of ambulatory EEG sensors. This is most likely due to the popularity of the quantified self movement, in which measurement of various physiological signals plays a key role. As a result, multiple devices have risen through crowd-funded channels and are now available for purchase. The quality of these devices varies from purely consumer-grade (also known as lifestyle applications) to more expensive but near laboratory-grade devices. The suitability of these devices for neurofeedback therapy remains to be tested but the current trend looks promising as the devices are readily available and cheap compared to laboratory EEG.

The standard software that usually accompanies these devices seems to be more oriented for self quantification and cognitive enhancement. For instance the application intended for the MUSE band teaches meditation techniques. This is not surprising as the devices are targeted for people interested in quantified self movement. Devices like the MUSE, however, provide a communication protocol that allows other software to access the raw data of the device. Therefore, it is plausible that these devices can be

	Non-clinical	Clinical
Proprietary	6	15
Open-source	11	0

Table 2. Division of use case and license in neurofeedback software packages

used as an input to neurofeedback software. The modification necessary would require that neurofeedback software itself could be modified which further increases the need for open source solutions.

1.4 CENT platform

The CENT platform was developed to facilitate the CENT clinical trial of NFB treatment for adult ADHD, conducted at the University of Helsinki, Finland ². In the context of the CENT trial, the CENT platform was used with 25 patients, during approximately 40 NFB sessions of 1 hour per patient. Two separate models of EEG amplifier were supported during this trial, along with two NFB protocols (TB and SMR), in two different modes (normal and inverse). Thus in total eight separate conditions of NFB training were supported by the platform. More detail is given in section 4 below.

specifics: CENT platform. Advantages

The CENT platform was designed to connect light-weight EEG amplifiers to a simple, easy-to-use interface for running NFB sessions. The platform's workflow is fixed but adaptable, with configurable settings for personalisation of the treatment.

1. ...modifiers for the baseline values ...
2. ...different games...
3. ...performance review options...

2 METHODS - ARCHITECTURE

3 SIGNAL PROCESSING

3.1 Overview of the system architecture

The signal processing back-end of the CENT system was implemented using the open-source OpenViBE platform Renard et al. (2010). The OpenViBE platform consists of a visual modelling language (similar to LabView or Simulink) which enables the design of various signal processing protocols which are called scenarios in the OpenViBE terminology. The scenarios can be drawn by connecting boxes representing various operations to each other in order to produce to a flowchart of how the data is processed. CENT integrates a fully functional version of OpenViBE which means that the original editor can be used to design new protocols or to modify the existing ones.

The signal processing back-end of the CENT system contains multiple OpenViBE scenarios. A list of scenarios required for a typical neurofeedback session can be found in table 3. Scenario-files can be found *scenarios* subfolder of the CENT installation. Scenarios themselves are constructed using existing modules known as 'Boxes'. Boxes range from very simple (such as squaring each signal value) to more advanced (such as linear discriminant analysis or support vector machine classifications). Information between boxes is passed as streams of data. OpenViBE has multiple different streams but the two most important for the CENT system are 'Signals' and 'Stimulations'. Signals are simply chunks of EEG data that contain a buffer of the raw voltage values and the sampling rate used to acquire them. Stimulations are similar to trigger codes in most EEG applications and can be used to convey meta information like classification results or signal quality. Most of the common EEG signal analysis operations can be completed using a different combination of available boxes and streams. It is important to note that due to the open source nature of OpenViBE it is also possible to write new boxes for desired functionality.

Parameters for different boxes can either be set manually in the designer or they can be specified in a separate XML configuration file. Functionality of OpenViBE scenarios can be expanded using scripts written in Lua or Python languages. For more detailed explanation of box configuration see section GG.

²Clinical trial registered with ISRCTN, DOI 10.1186/ISRCTN13915109

cent_monitoring_and_noise.xml	Scenario for online monitoring of the signal and checking the signal quality
cent_baseline.xml	Baseline measurement
cent_generate_configuration.xml	A utility scenario used to generate configuration files required for the actual session
cent_game.xml	The main scenario for the therapy session

Table 3. List of OpenViBE scenarios used in CENT

Although box system is very flexible and grants much freedom in experiment design the implementations of even simple routines tend to be large. For example feature extraction of signal powers from few frequency bands can require the use of multiple boxes. Furthermore the implementation of these processes requires a certain level of knowledge regarding signal processing and might not be intuitive to the end user. For this reason to end user will not need to modify the OpenViBE scenarios in order to use the CENT system. Most of the necessary changes to the parameters can be done from within the CENT system and through configuration files.

The overall aim of the signal processing back-end is to classify the mental state of the patient to ADHD and non-ADHD based on the power modulations of theta and beta power bands of the EEG. In practice this is done by first acquiring a baseline recording of the theta and beta powers. Baseline is 60 second EEG recording where patient is just sitting still and staring at the fixation cross displayed on the monitor. In the subsequent game session the current power values of theta and beta are compared to the baseline values to determine shifts in the mental state. According to literature ADHD patient have excessive activity in the theta band and lower than average activity in the beta band. The desired effect is thus a decrease in beta and an increase in beta band. The change (whether positive or negative) is registered by the signal analysis module and passed back to the CENT system. The behaviour of the game is then modified based on this classification result. The patient receives the feedback as either success or failure in the game and thus slowly learns to modify their neural patterns.

This section briefly describes the operation of each of the scenario files. Each scenario can be divided into functional subelements that correspond to a certain step in a typical BCI processing chain. More information on the behaviour of the subelements can be found in the Signal processing protocol section, where structure and behaviour of different components are described.

Monitoring and noise Monitoring scenario is responsible for displaying the live EEG and current noise level at the beginning of the therapy session. This scenario is mainly a tool for making sure that the electrodes are properly fixed and that the data streaming is working. Figure 1 shows the structure of the scenario. The scenario structure is relatively simple consisting only of acquisition client, filters and a noise calculator. The same structure is also used inside baseline and game scenarios.

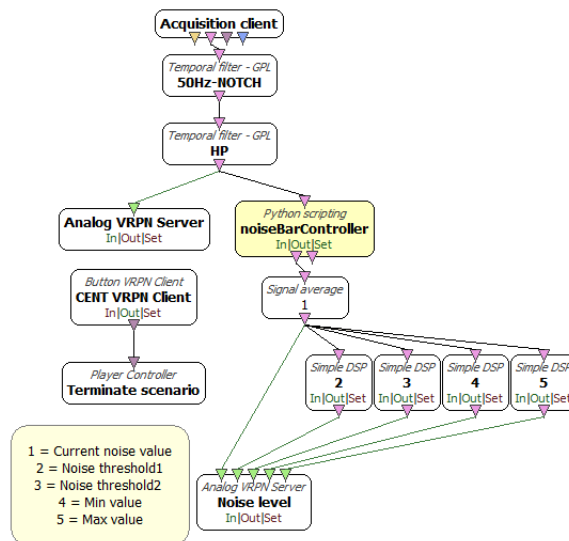


Figure 1. OpenViBE scenario for signal and noise check.

Baseline Baseline scenario is used to determine the baseline values for theta and beta power bands. During the baseline recording patient will be fixating on a cross displayed by the CENT system. Therapist screen will display the live EEG as well as the noise bar. Duration of the baseline recording is 60 seconds with 10 second offsets at the beginning and end of the recording. The recorded data is split to segments of 5 seconds and for each segment the power values are calculated using the same procedure as in the game scenario (this procedure is explained in greater detail in section NN). Finally the segments are averaged to produce the final baseline values for the session. In addition to the baseline values a complete power spectrum is calculated using the entire recording. Both the baseline values and the spectrum are displayed after the baseline recording for quality assurance.

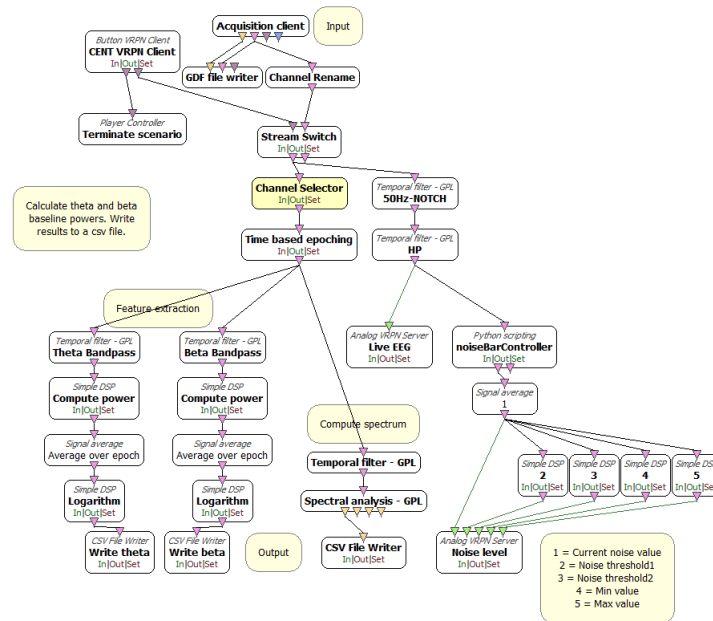


Figure 2. OpenViBE scenario for baseline measurement.

Generate configuration Configuration generation scenario is a utility tool used to generate configuration files for the feature extraction in the game trial. The scenario displays no data and the execution only lasts seconds. The scenario takes the baseline values calculated in the previous section and uses them to automatically configure the main game trial. Figure 3 displays the corresponding OpenViBE implementation.



Figure 3. OpenViBE scenario for writing configuration files.

Game Game scenario evaluates the current mental state of the patient and send information back to CENT. The scenario calculates power values for theta and beta using 1 second epochs and compares them to the values calculated during baseline measurement. The game scenario does not actually do anything related to the game as the actual game mechanics are handled by an external plugin. The OpenViBE implementation of the game trial is visible in figure 4

3.2 Signal Processing Protocol

Neurofeedback signal processing protocol is closely related to the protocol used with brain-computer interfaces (BCI). It thus follows that the signal processing operations performed in a neurofeedback session

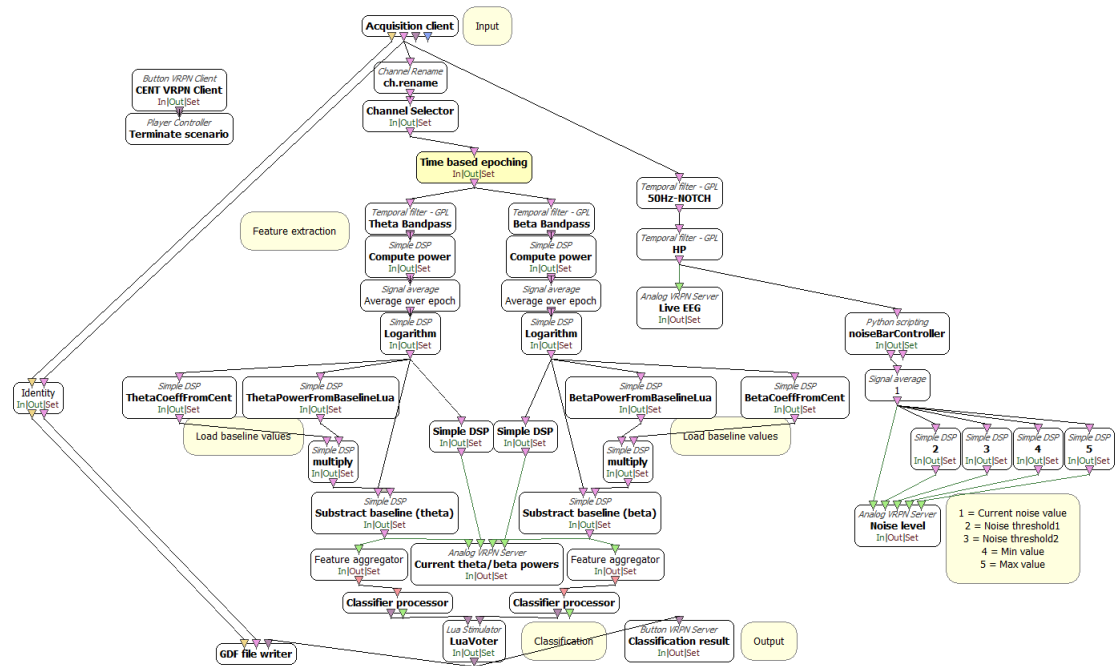


Figure 4. OpenViBE scenario for the game trial.

can be described by borrowing terminology from the field of BCI. In BCI a typical signal processing protocol is divided into four different steps: preprocessing, feature extraction, classification and translation. Preprocessing consists of removing noise and other artifacts from the signal. Feature extraction removes unnecessary parts of the signal and classification assigns one of the predefined classes to the incoming signal. Finally the translation performs the action related to the assigned class (such as moving a cursor etc.). In neurofeedback instead of a translation a feedback signal is sent back to the patient i.e., the game reacts to the current neural state. Different signal processing sections of the game scenario have been highlighted in figure 5. The operation of each section is covered in the following sections.

Preprocessing The EEG signal is passed into OpenViBE through a custom acquisition driver provided by the manufacturer of the EEG device. This driver can send both the EEG data and Stimulation messages to OpenViBE. The EEG device (Enobio) samples the data with internal sampling rate of 250 Hz which is then passed as packages containing several samples to the OpenViBE. The packet size in OpenViBE terminology is called a 'chunk' and the size of the chunk can be specified in the software. Multiple chunks can be combined in an epoch of specified length in seconds. Almost all of the OpenViBE scenarios start from the 'Acquisition client'-box which receives data from the acquisition server running under CENT. Acquisition is not a separate scenario but a part of all the signal processing scenarios of the CENT system. Incoming EEG signal is also saved to a GDF file for later analysis. In addition to the data, also the resulting classification labels (stimulations) are registered for each epoch. None of the filters used in visualization or feature extraction are applied to the saved data.

Visualization and noise measurement Visualization and noise measurement is used in all of the signal processing scenarios (with the exception of configuration writing). The EEG signal is transmitted from OpenViBE to CENT using an analog VRPN server. Because the EEG signal picks up a lot of noise originating from physiology and the surroundings two filters are applied. First one removes the 50Hz power line interference using a butterworth notch filter (order: 4, stop band: 40-60Hz). Second filter removes the low frequencies physiological artifacts and signal drift. Second filter is a 4th order high pass with a cut-off frequency of 0.5Hz. Noise monitoring is implemented as a separate Python box which provides information to the current signal quality.

Feature extraction Feature extraction, in BCI terminology, means extracting the parts of the incoming signal that contain the information relevant to the task. Feature extraction can be thought of as dimen-

sionality reduction where unnecessary components of the signal are removed in order to improve the classification accuracy and robustness. In CENT system both the baseline and game scenario have feature extraction structures. In the baseline scenario feature extraction calculates the power of theta and beta bands. Game scenario also computes the two power values but in addition it also compares these values to the baseline values.

Features are extracted from 500ms segments of EEG with 500ms interval. Power values for the two bands in each epoch are extracted using two 4th-order IIR butterworth filters. By default the passbands are the literary values for theta and beta. Alternatively, the two bands can be configured according to the individual alpha frequency of the patient by using configuration files. The use of individual alpha peak frequency is discussed in section NN. Once the incoming signals have been filtered the voltage values are squared and averaged over the epoch. Finally a logarithm is taken to produce the final power values.

Classification Classification assigns the extracted features to one predefined class according to a predefined mathematical rule. In CENT system these classes are ADHD and not-ADHD and the classification is done with 1D Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) classifier. Both of the extracted features are classified as either OVTK_StimulationId_Target (for not-ADHD) and OVTK_StimulationId_NonTarget (for ADHD). Because the version of OpenViBE used in CENT only supports binary classifiers (classifiers with only two possible outputs) the two classifier outputs are combined using a voting classifier implemented in Lua script (luaVoter.lua).

3.3 System Configuration

As stated earlier the parameters of the signal processing protocol can be configured using XML formatted configuration files. Configuration files can be found in the IEP directory. The adjustable parameters are listed below along with a description of what they do.

Box configuration

noiseBarController Can set parameters for noise detection. Adjustable parameters are EOG threshold and EOG window. Noise detection is also capable of detecting EMG activity but this feature is not currently used.

Time Based Epoching Can set the duration of EEG epochs used in classification. Default value is 500ms with 500ms interval between epochs. Epoch length defines the amount of data used for each classification but also sets the interval of feedback to the patient

Theta/Beta Bandpass Can adjust the bandpass filters used to calculate powers in theta and beta bands. See IAF section for configuring the passbands according to the individual alpha frequency.

Classifier processor Can change the classification algorithm and parameters for the two classification processors. The two currently supported algorithms are Linear discriminant analysis and Support vector machines.

3.4 Individual alpha frequency

In EEG literature the oscillatory activity of the brain is divided into different frequency ranges denoted by letters from the greek alphabet. The activity in different frequency bands correlates to different mental activities. These values, however, represent a grand average over a large population and might not produce the best possible result in neurofeedback when applied to an individual subject. Earlier research suggests that individual variations in the frequency ranges exist among subjects and there is a method for assigning individual frequency bands for different subjects Klimesch (1999).

In CENT signal analysis individual frequency bands will be determined in the preliminary calibration session of the CENT system to a particular subject. Calibration will consists of recording EEG in eyes-closed condition for few minutes and then analysing the data with an IAF tool also provided in the software package. Alpha peak is extracted from the data by first computing the spectrum and then looking for a peak value in the 7-14 Hz range. Once the peak value has been found other frequency bands can be computed, relative to this peak value (for more details regarding this method see Babiloni et al. (2010)). Once IAF corrected frequency bands have been calculated they can be written into a OpenViBE box configuration files and used in feature extraction. Should the IAF frequency bands not be available or if the calibration fails, frequency bands from the literature are used instead.

platform technology

The CENT platform is built on Qt...

signal server technology

CENT connects the amplifier to the interface via the brain-computer-interface (BCI) signal acquisition system OpenVibe. OpenVibe is an open-source, graphical programming environment...

modular, extensible

The core software defines a workflow for NFB sessions, but can be extended by three means (short of actually adapting the source):

1. *plugins*
2. *OV scenarios*
3. *menu functions*

4 RESULTS - VALIDATION

- Clinical trial
- artificial example?

5 DISCUSSION

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6 CONCLUSION

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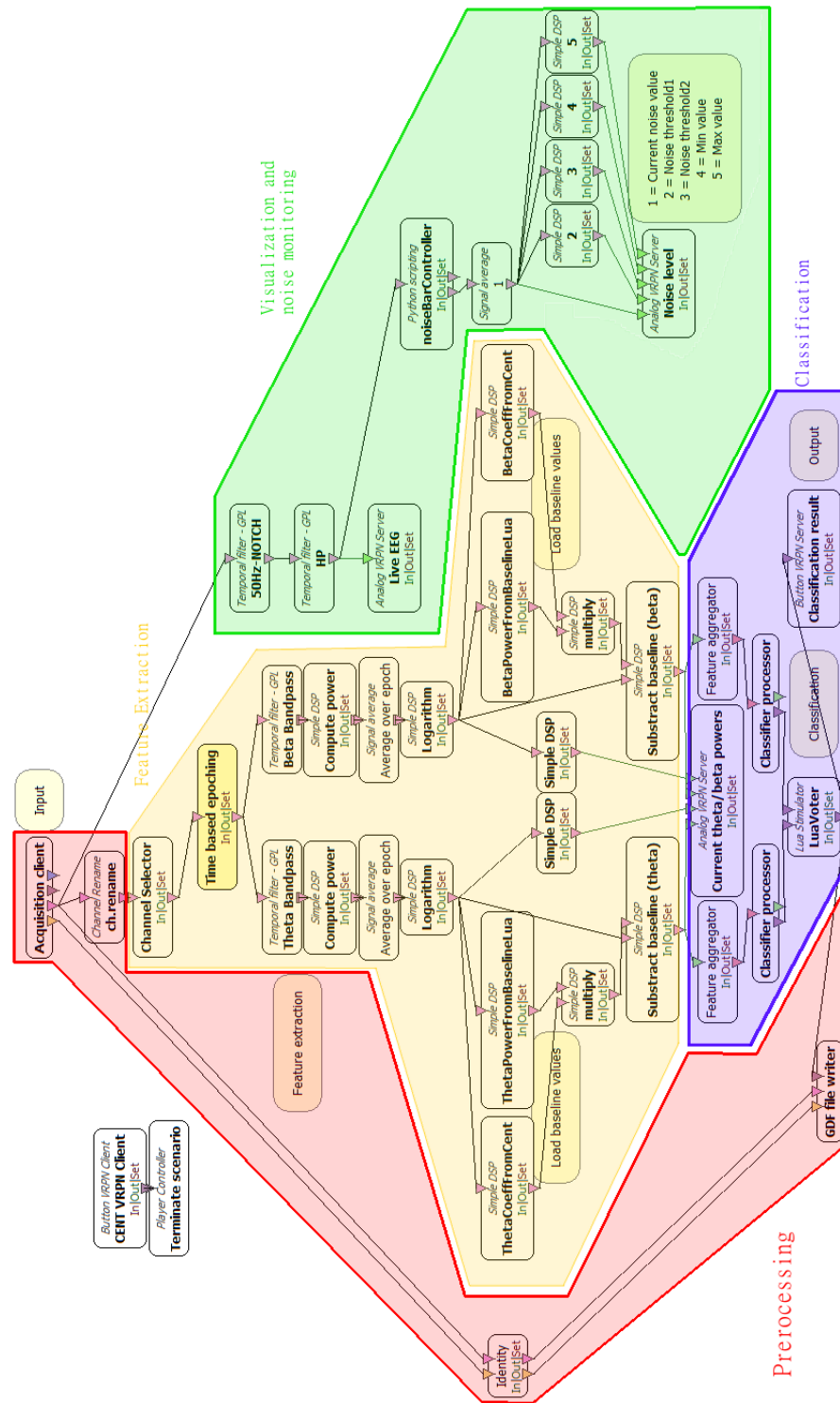


Figure 5. Signal processing sections of the game scenario.

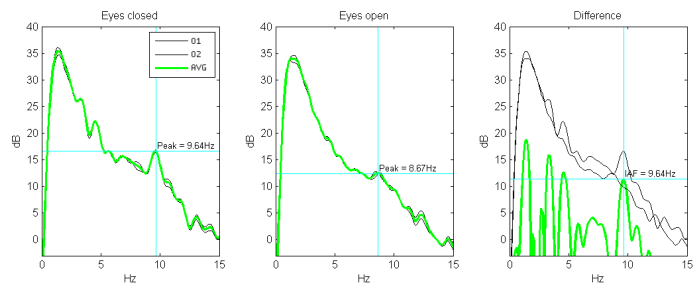


Figure 6. One method for calculating the individual alpha frequency (IAF).