Signals and Systems Software Homework Report

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Project(Phase 1): Epileptic Seizure Prediction Using Spectral Entropy-Based Features of EEG

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1   Electrodes naming

the naming convention of EEG is for showing different brain parts.
the numbering starts from low numbers when near the center of the brain and goes higher when we get
farther from the brain. the left side of head has odd numbers while the right side has even numbering.
F is for the frontal lobe of the brain so for example Fz is the central electrode.
P is for the Parietal lobe and O for Occipital lobe. also the left and right side shown with T are for brains
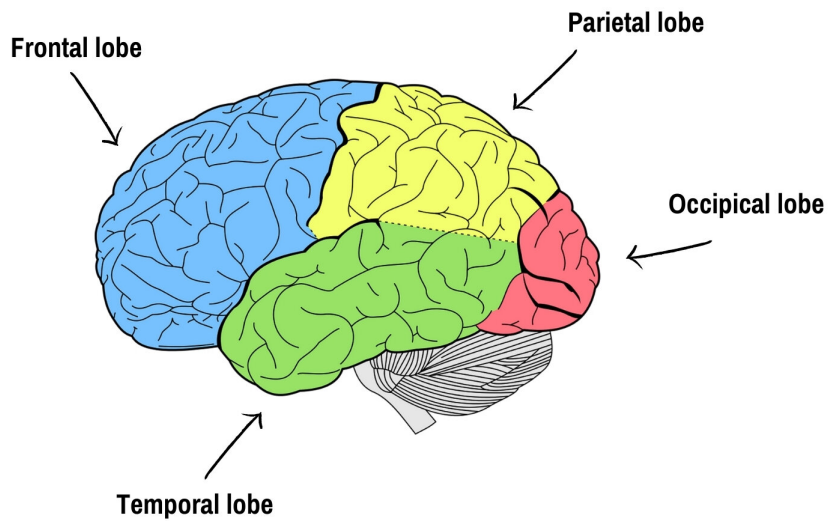Temporal lobes.

Figure 1: brain Lobes

2   Frequency Bands of EEG

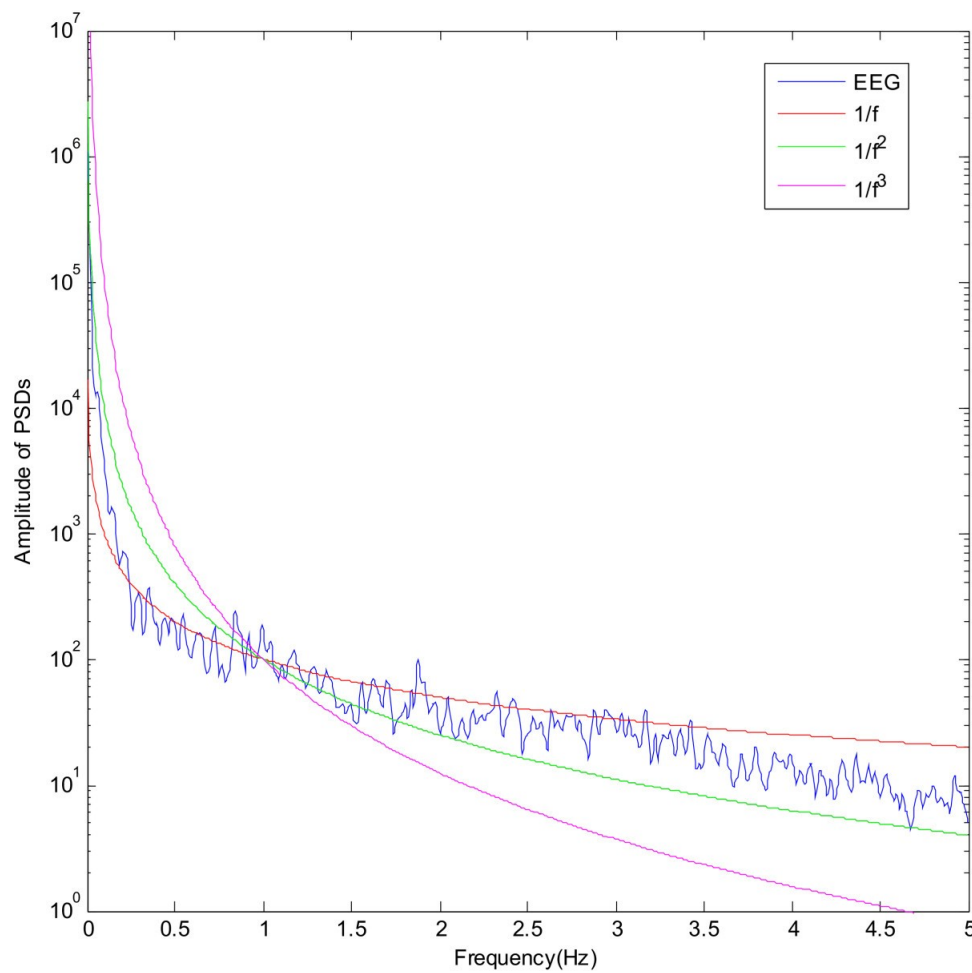**Determine the activities each frequency band is associated with:**

Figure 2: EEG frequency spectrum

The EEG signal spectrum usually has a frequency spectrum with the shape $\frac{1}{f}$ (see the figure above), this means that we won't likely have any frequencies higher than 100Hz from the EEG and we usually consider frequency content higher than 200Hz as noise. in figure 2 we can see different bands of EEG signal and their conventional names. we will explain each frequency's corresponding brain functionality:
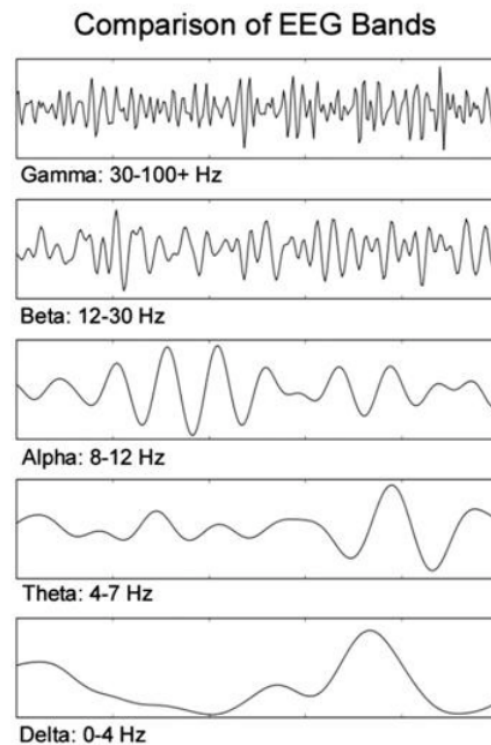
Figure 3: EEG frequency bands

Delta Waves: these waves are typically generated when the brain is at rest or deep sleep. having too little may indicate poor sleep or Inability to rejuvenate body. having too much of this frequency band's content may indicate Brain injuries, learning problems, inability to think or severe ADHD.

Theta Waves: these waves are typically associated with creative thinking, emotional connection, intuition or relaxation. having too little may indicate anxiety, stress or poor emotional awareness. having too much of this frequency band's content may indicate ADHD, depression, inattentiveness or hyperactivity.

Alpha Waves: these waves are typically associated with relaxation. having too little may indicate Anxiety, high stress, insomnia or OCD. having too much of this frequency band's content may indicate Daydreaming, inability to focus or being too relaxed.

Beta Waves: these waves are typically associated with conscious focus, memory and problem solving. having too little may indicate ADHD, daydreaming, depressionor poor cognition. having too much of this frequency band's content may indicate adrenaline, anxiety, high arousal, inability to relax, stress.

Gamma Waves: these waves are typically associated with Binding senses, cognition, information processing, learning, perception or REM sleep. having too little may indicate ADHD, depression or learning disabilities. having too much of this frequency band's content may indicate Anxiety, high arousal or stress.

3   Sampling Frequency

Based on frequency bands and Nyquist criterion, which sampling frequencies are preferred for EEG signals?
As mentioned in the previous section, brain signals usually are below 100Hz. Nyquist criterion states that the sampling frequency should be at least twice the highest frequency available in the signal so 200Hz sampling rate would be a reasonable choice for most EEG applications

4   Pre-processing

here the steps of Preprocessing are presented and the gui and coding tools are explained. the complete code is presented at the end of this section, also the deliverables will be presented at the end of this pdf.

4.1   Locating Channels

using edit chanel locations in EEGlab and importing the given chanel data the channels names were attached to them(the function used is pop_chanedit())
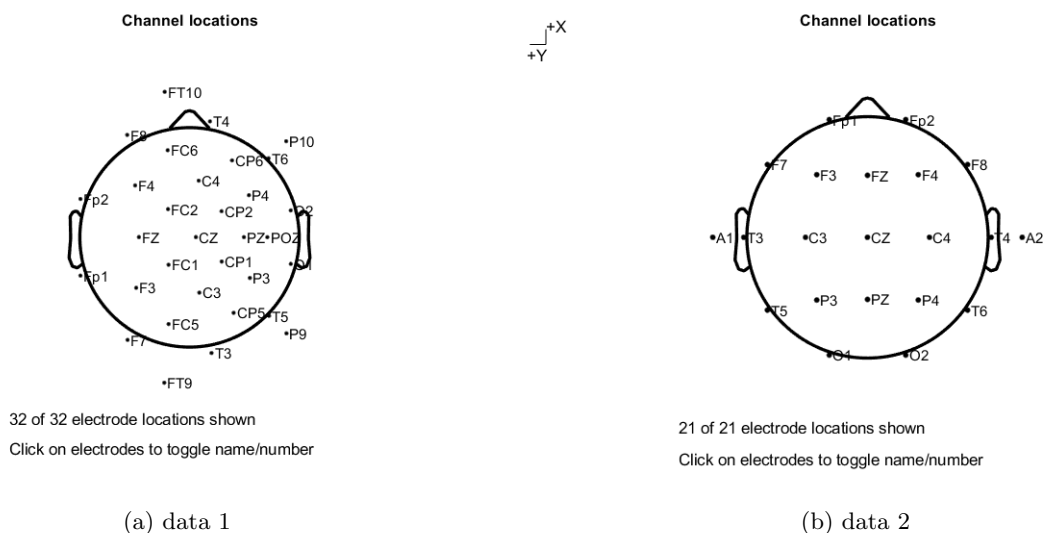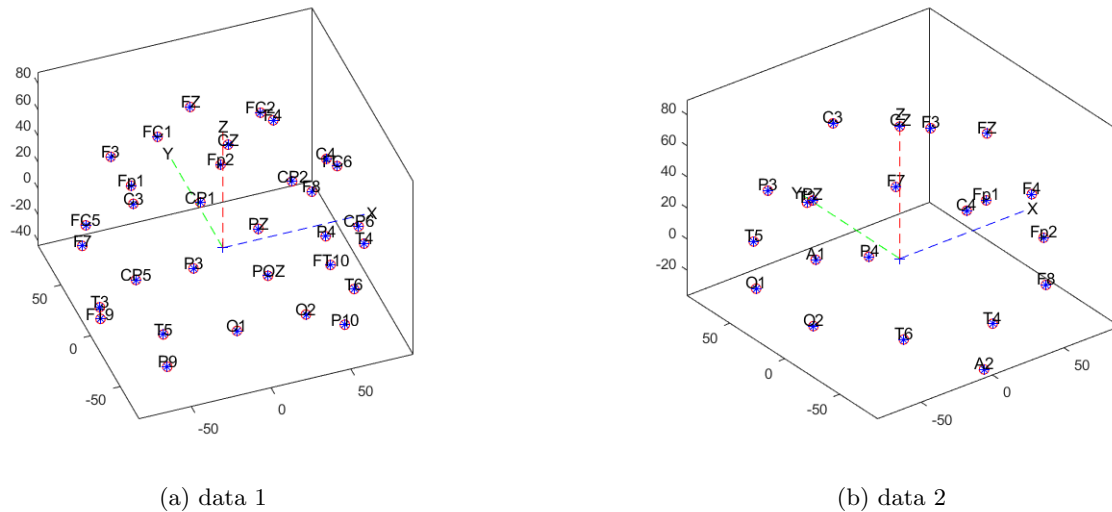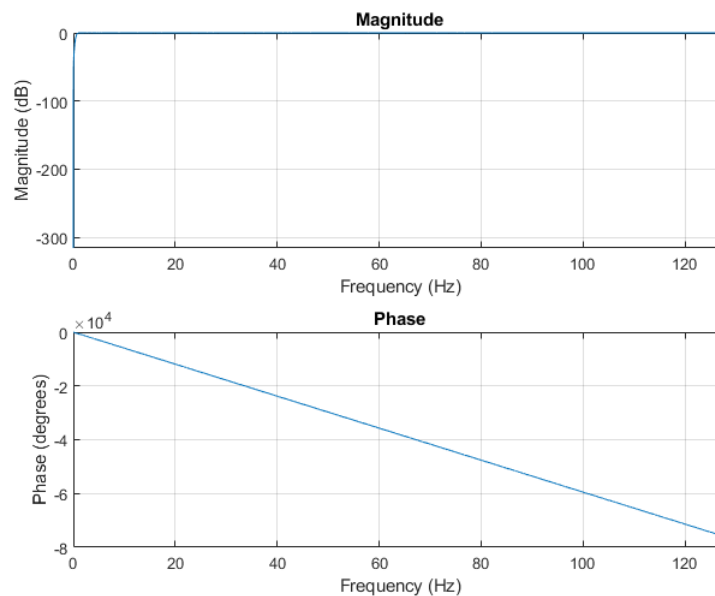

(a) data 1   (b) data 2

Figure 4: Channel Locations

(a) data 1   (b) data 2

Figure 5: Channel Locations 3D view

4.2   High Pass filtering

here we use a high pass filter with lower band of 1 Hz to cut baseline drifts(using pop_eegfiltnew()).

Figure 6: the high pass filter used

4.3   Notch line filter

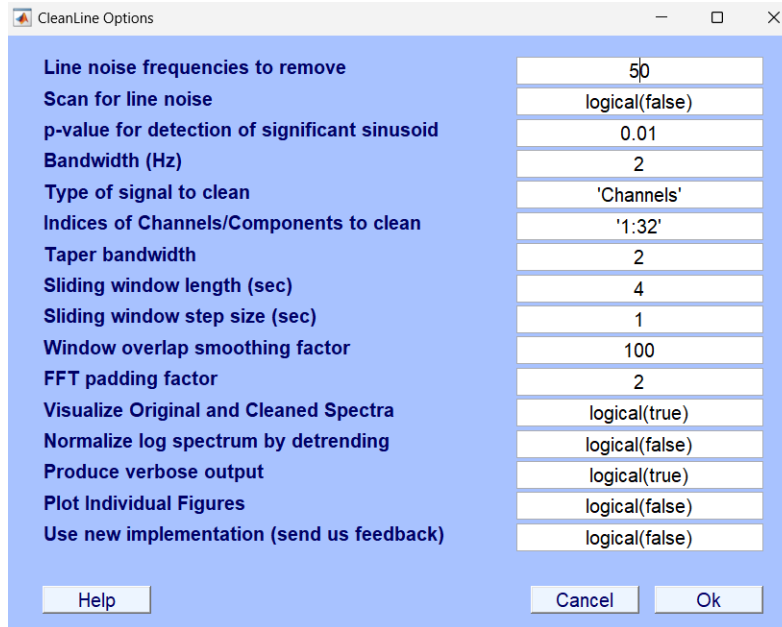here we use a notch filter to cut the power line frequency(usually 50 Hz or 60 Hz), using pop_cleanline() function.

Figure 7: Clean Line panel in EEGlab

4.4   Artifact Removal(and re-referencing)

first we re-reference the data to the average meaning we take the average as the reference for all signals of the electrodes which helps remove the common noise which may be on all the electrodes using pop_reref(). then we use pop_clean_rawdata() to clean the data of any noises that can be detected without ICA such as eye activities or line noises, this method isn't as effective as ICA but will make the data cleaner for further ICA analysis.

(a) data 1

(b) data 2
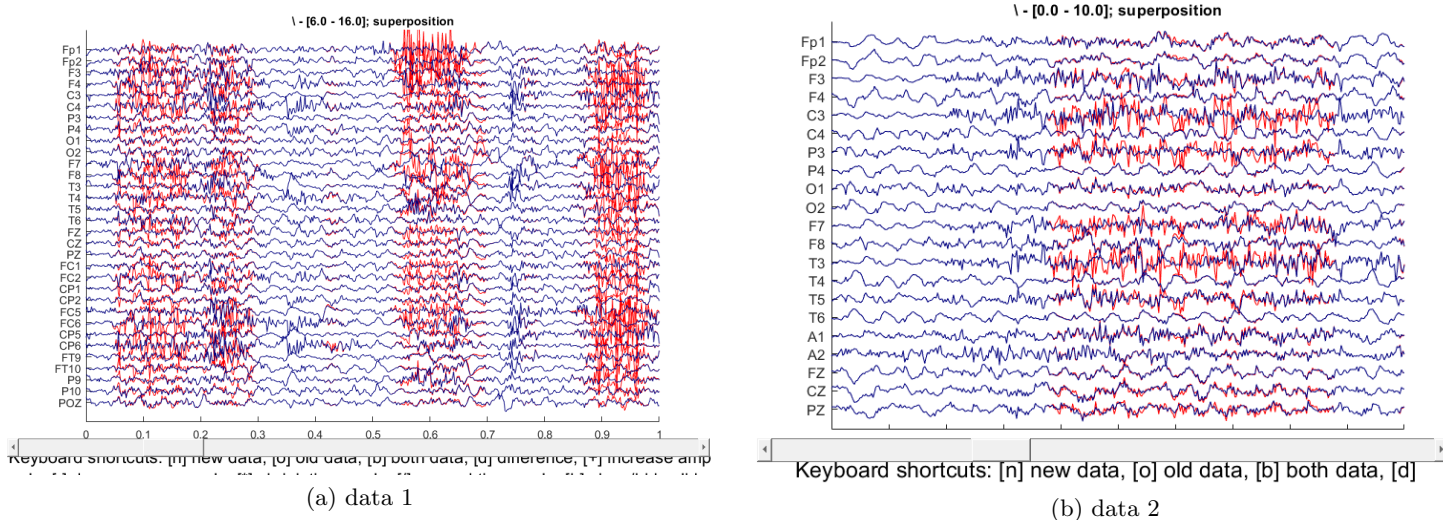
Figure 8: data before and after Artifact removal

the we again re-reference the data.

4.5   Independent Component Analysis(ICA)

Independent Component Analysis(ICA) is a blind source seperation method which is a way of finding signal sources that are mixed together by analyzing the various signals received from different positions.(see the figure below)
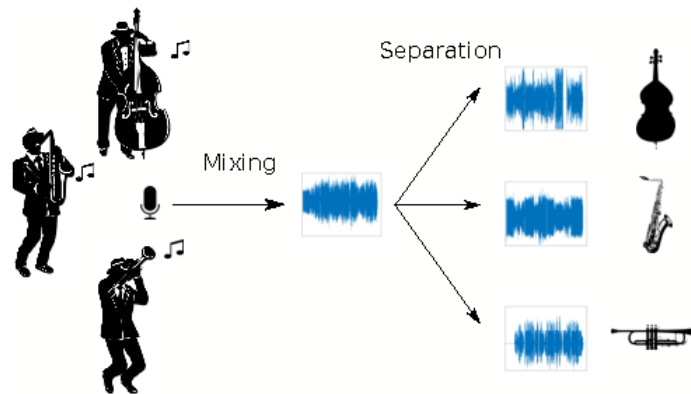

Figure 9: blind source seperation

now using this algorithm we find different components that create the signals we receive from EEG and then analyze these components by ICA_label() wich is trained on brain signals and tries to tell use which signal source is a brain signal and which are likely noise like muscle, eye blinking or line noise.
now using pop_runica() we start the ICA algorithm:
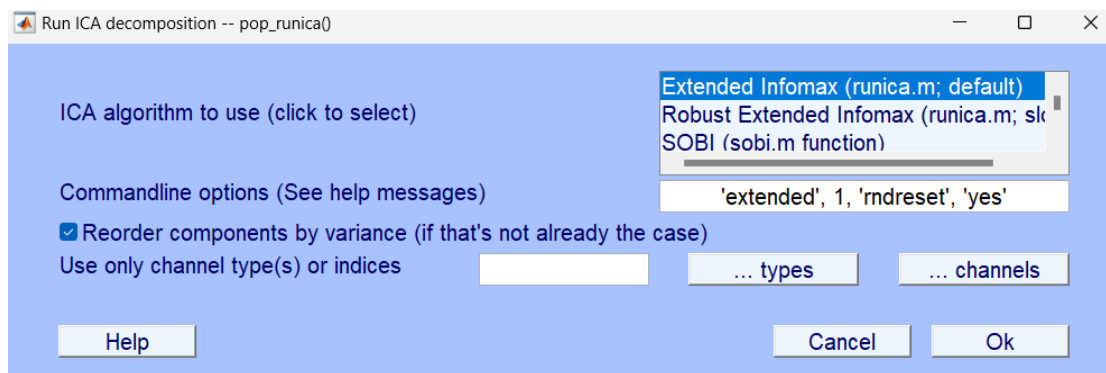
Figure 10: ICA panel in EEGlab gui

after that we need to give a head model for the dipoles to be fitted to the brain. using pop_dipfit_setting() we fit the MNI model to our brain model to get better results.
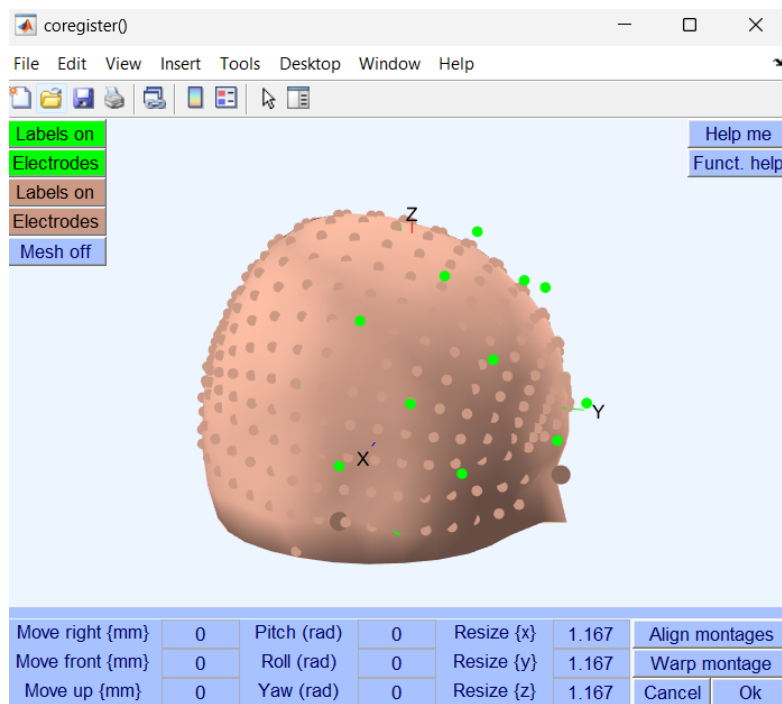
Figure 11: our electrodes before being fitted to the MNI head model

after that we run autofit() in EEGlab that does the br fits the dipoles.
then the ICA analysis is ready the ICA components can be seen below:
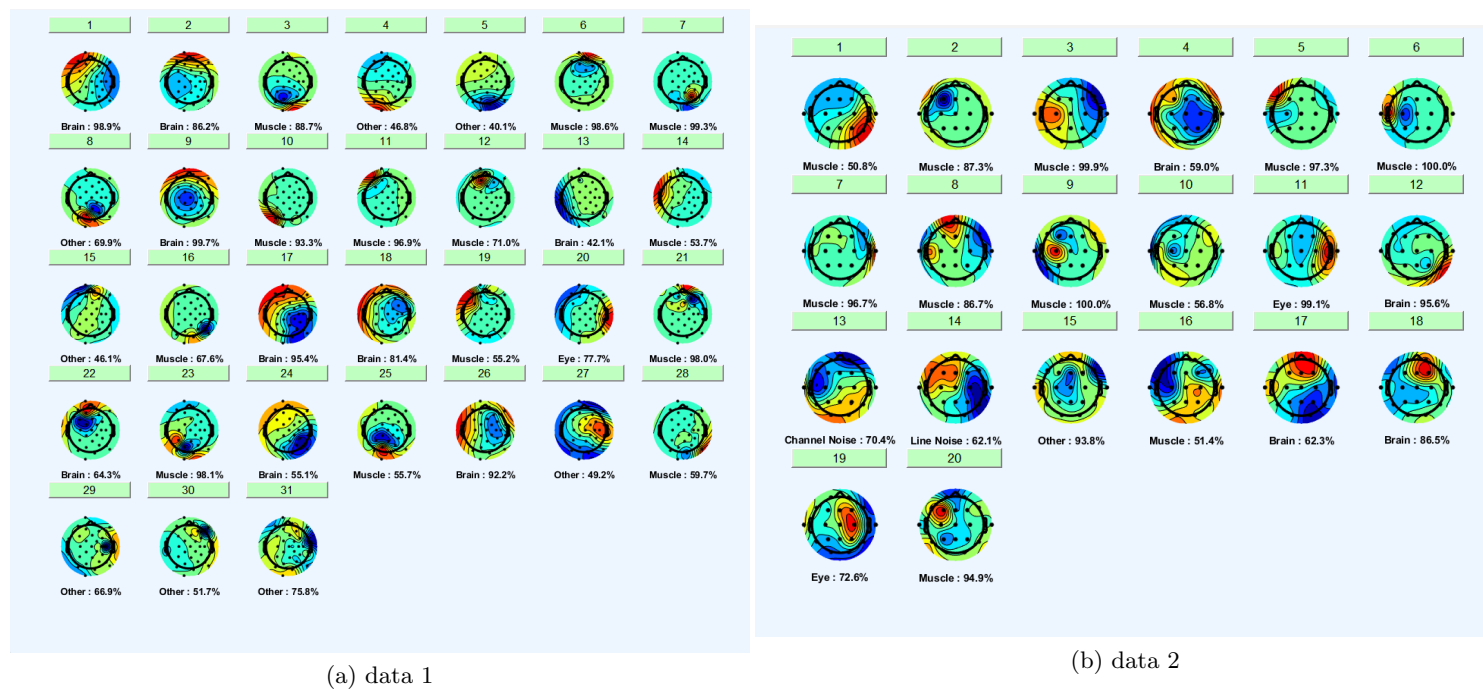

(a) data 1

(b) data 2

Figure 12: ICA sources

4.6   Epoching data

Epoching data is breaking the signals into multiple parts in order to better process them, a long session of EEG recording can have multiple things happening in them that should not be processed together, for example if the patient is stimulated at a special time at the session with one stimulant and at another time with another one we may want to do different processing(and even pre-processing) on the first and another on the second signal because of the different nature if the tasks.

4.7   Code

the code history is presented in a zip file that is alongside this PDF.

5   Deliverables

Frequency Spectrum:

the following figures show FZ channel before and after pre-processing on data 1 and 2.
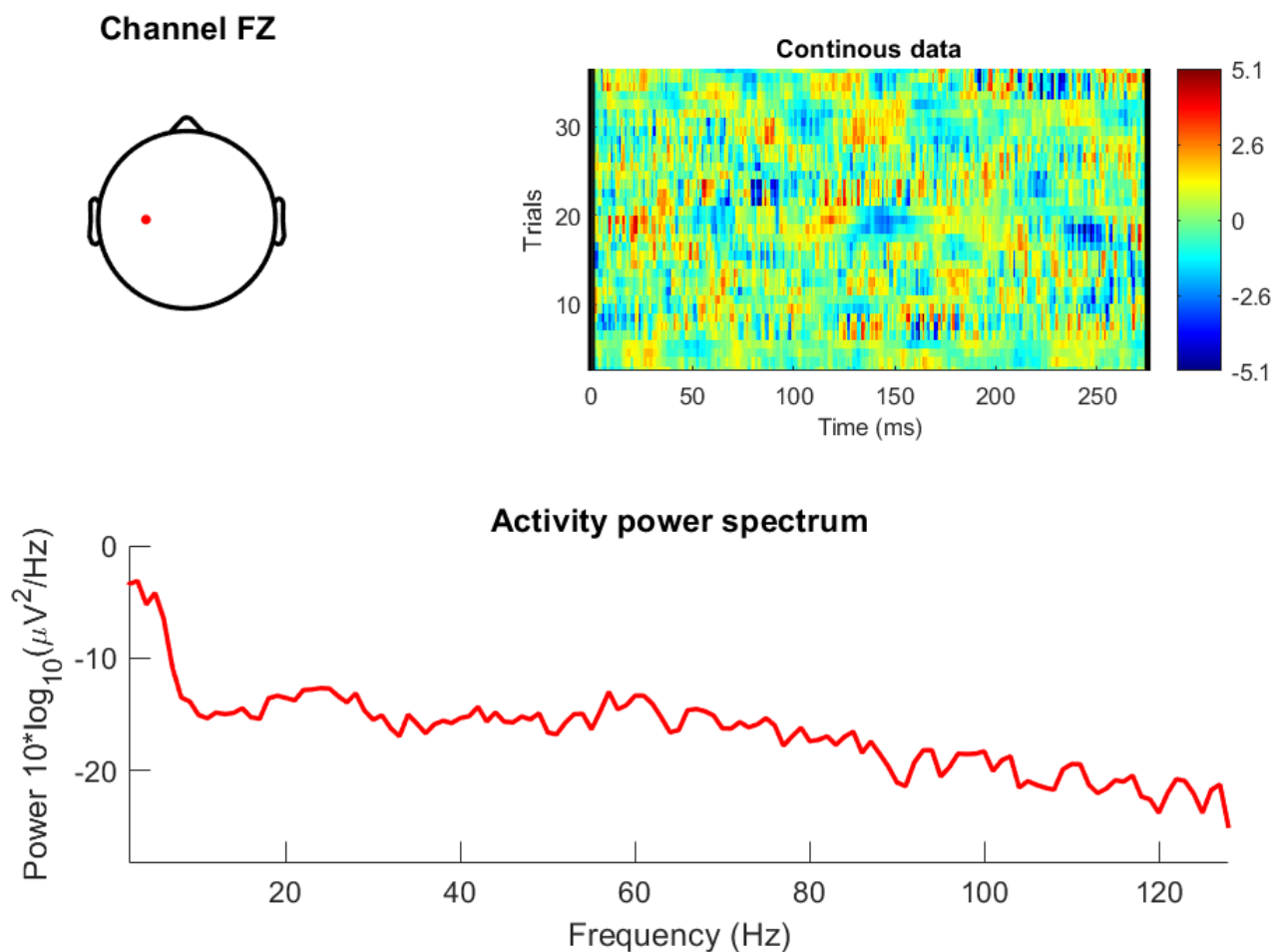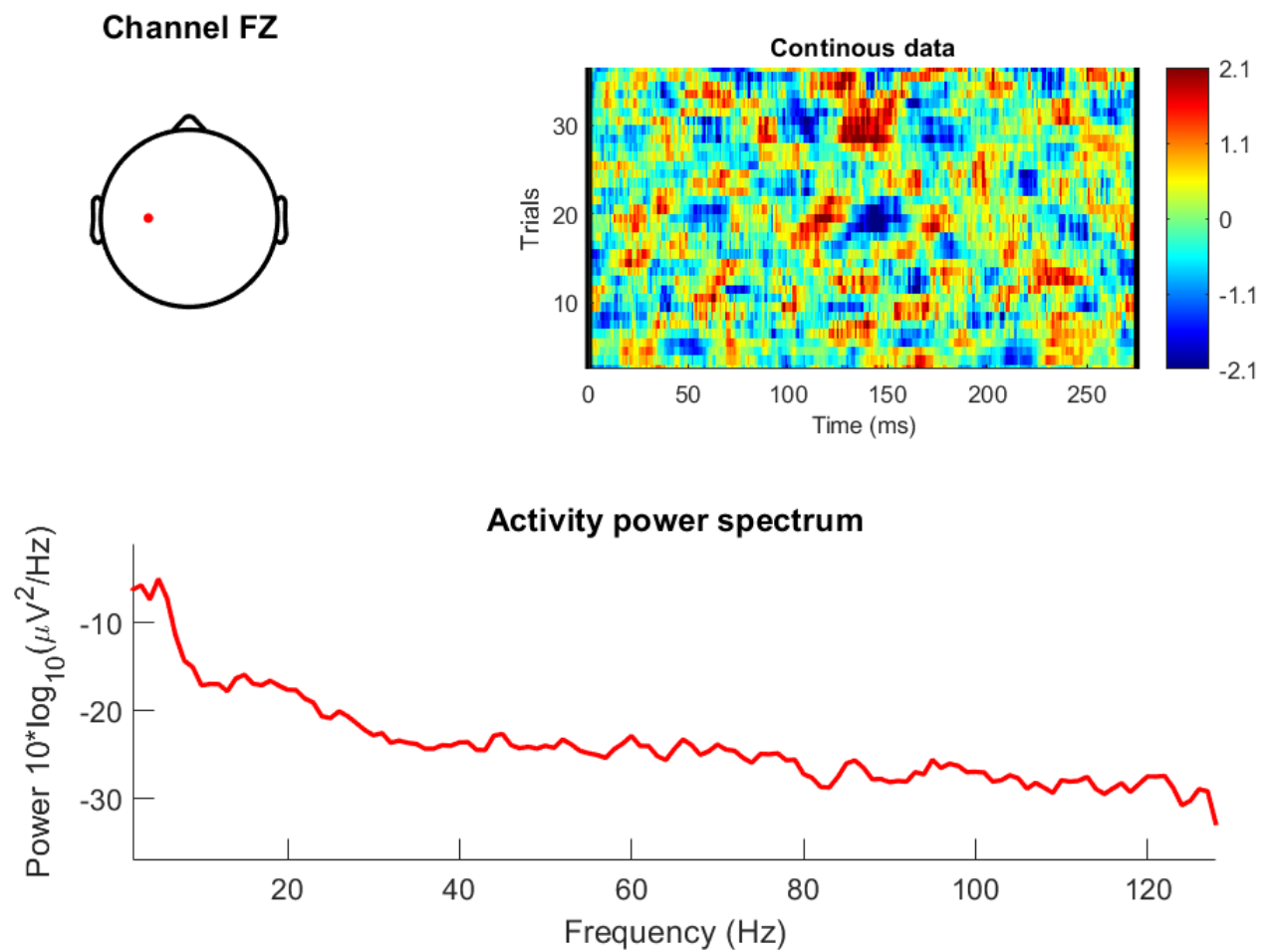

Figure 13: data 1 raw FZ channel
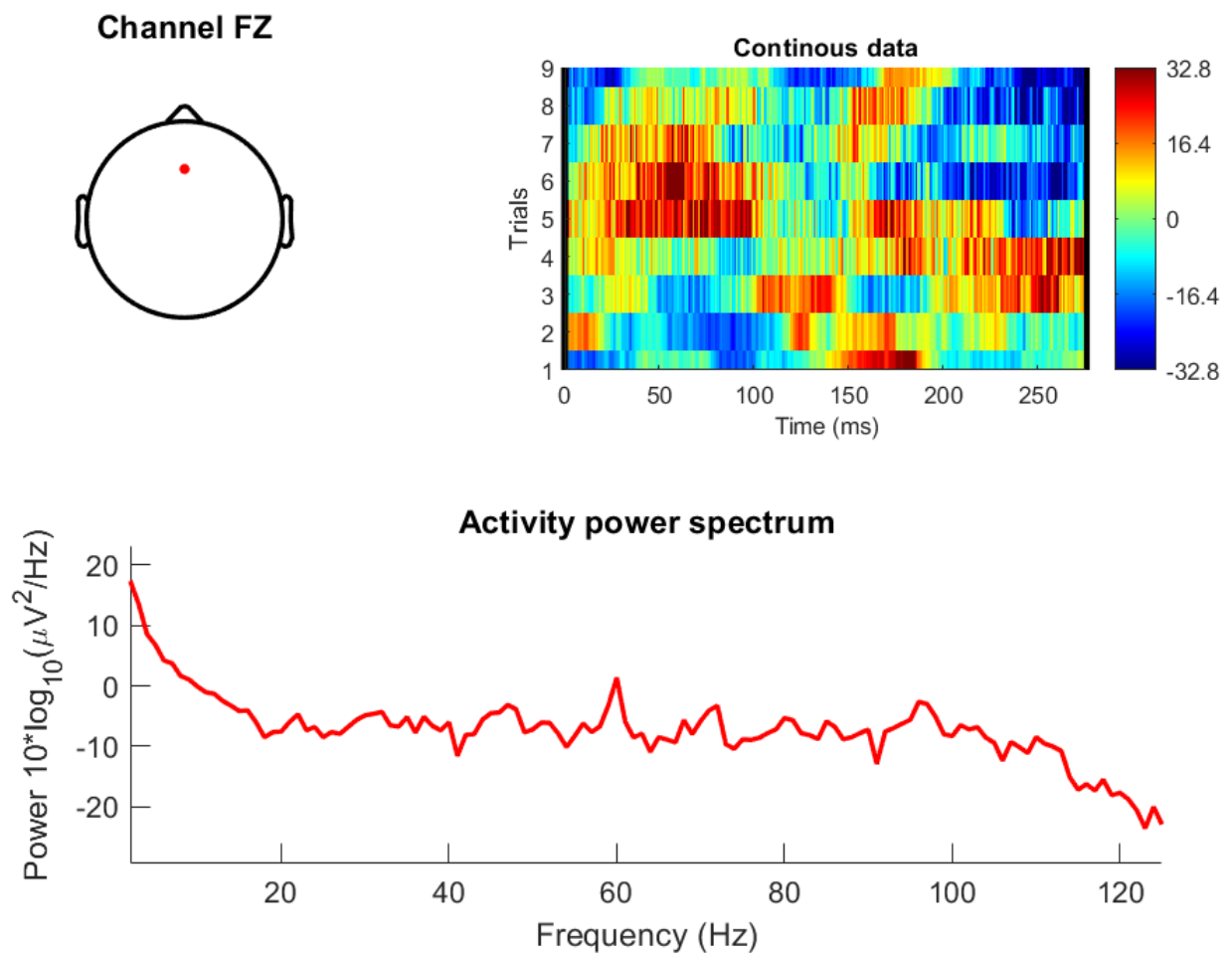
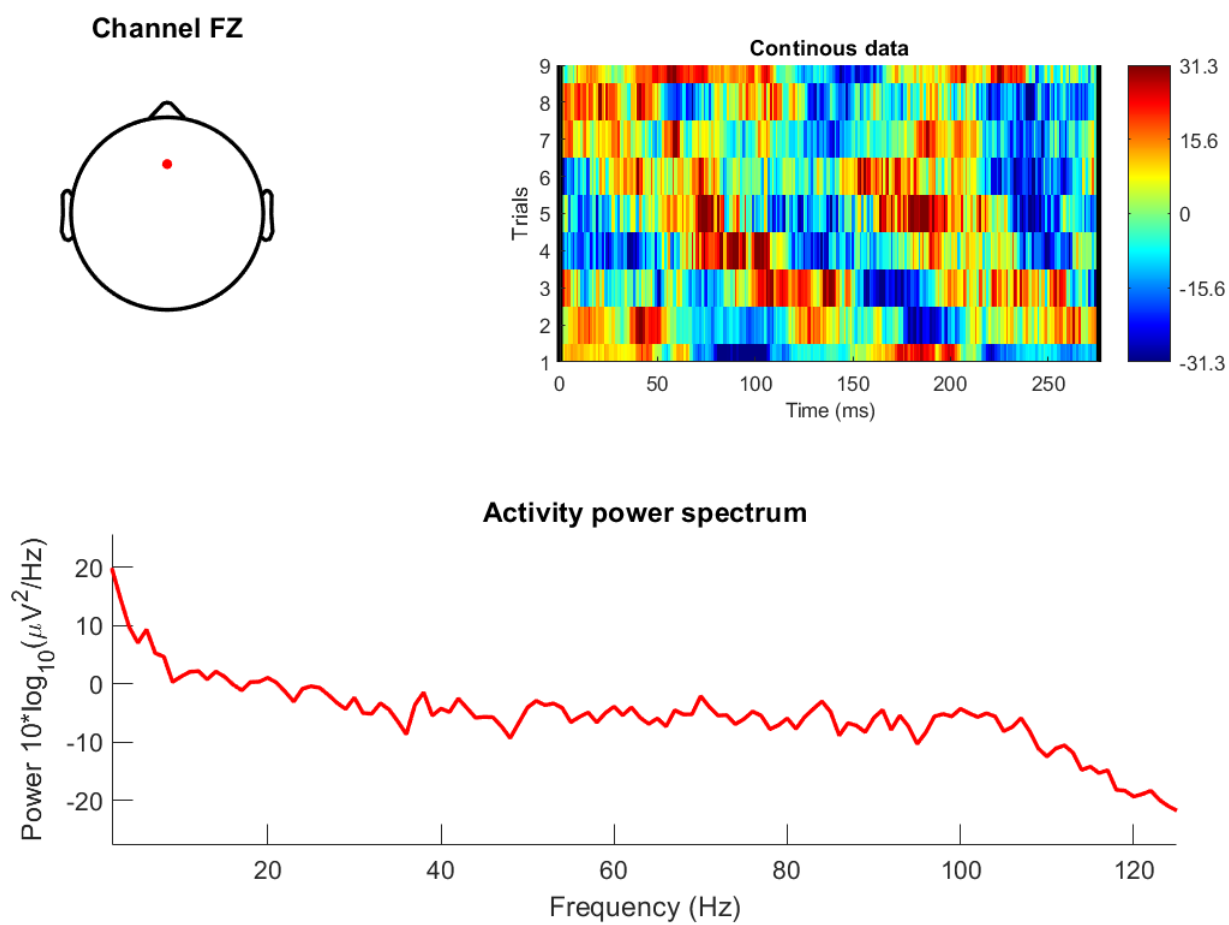Figure 14: data 1 pre-processed FZ channel

Figure 15: data 2 raw FZ channel

Figure 16: data 2 pre-processed FZ channel

ICA components:

here we present one of brain components that are present in each ICA:
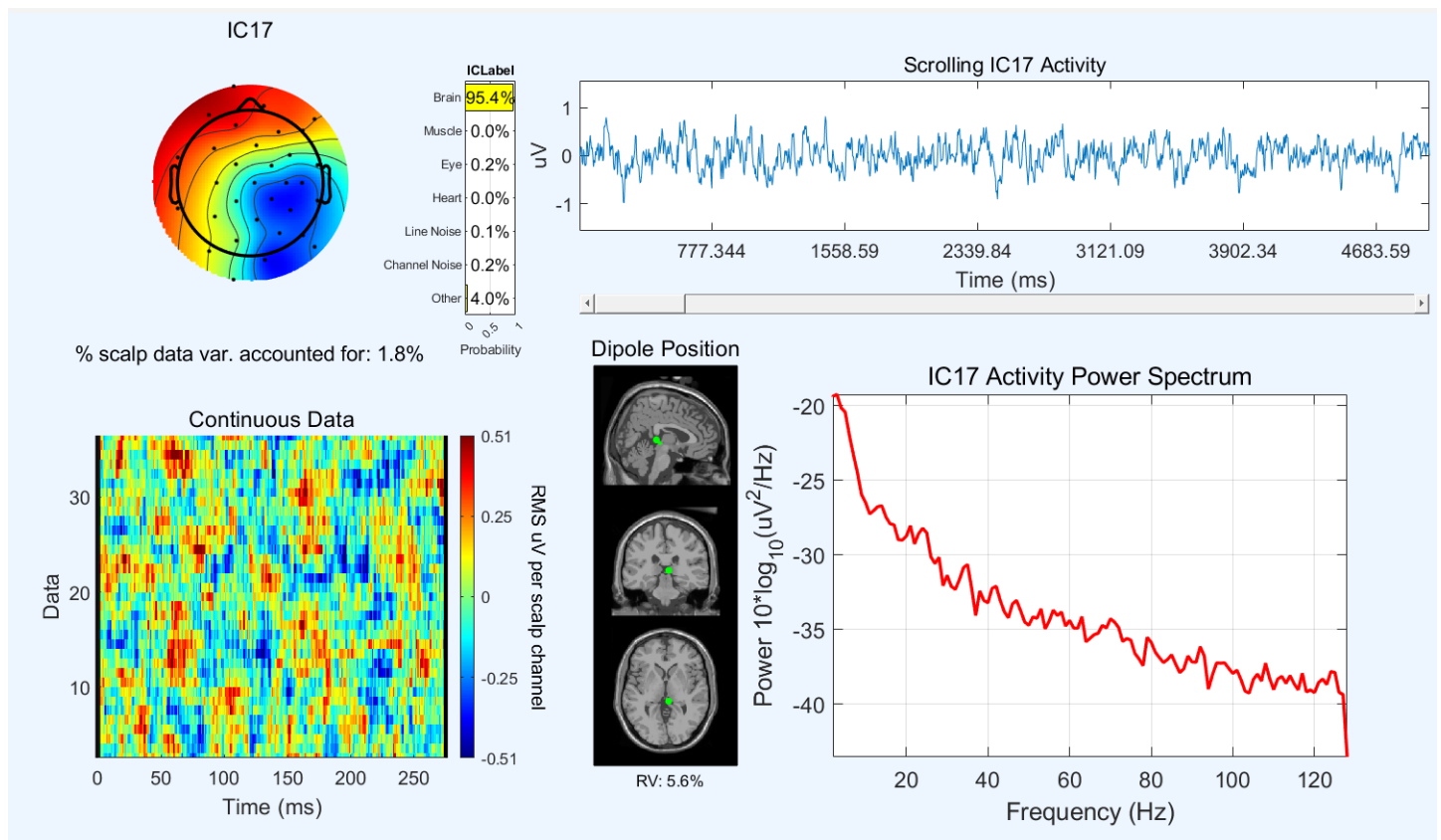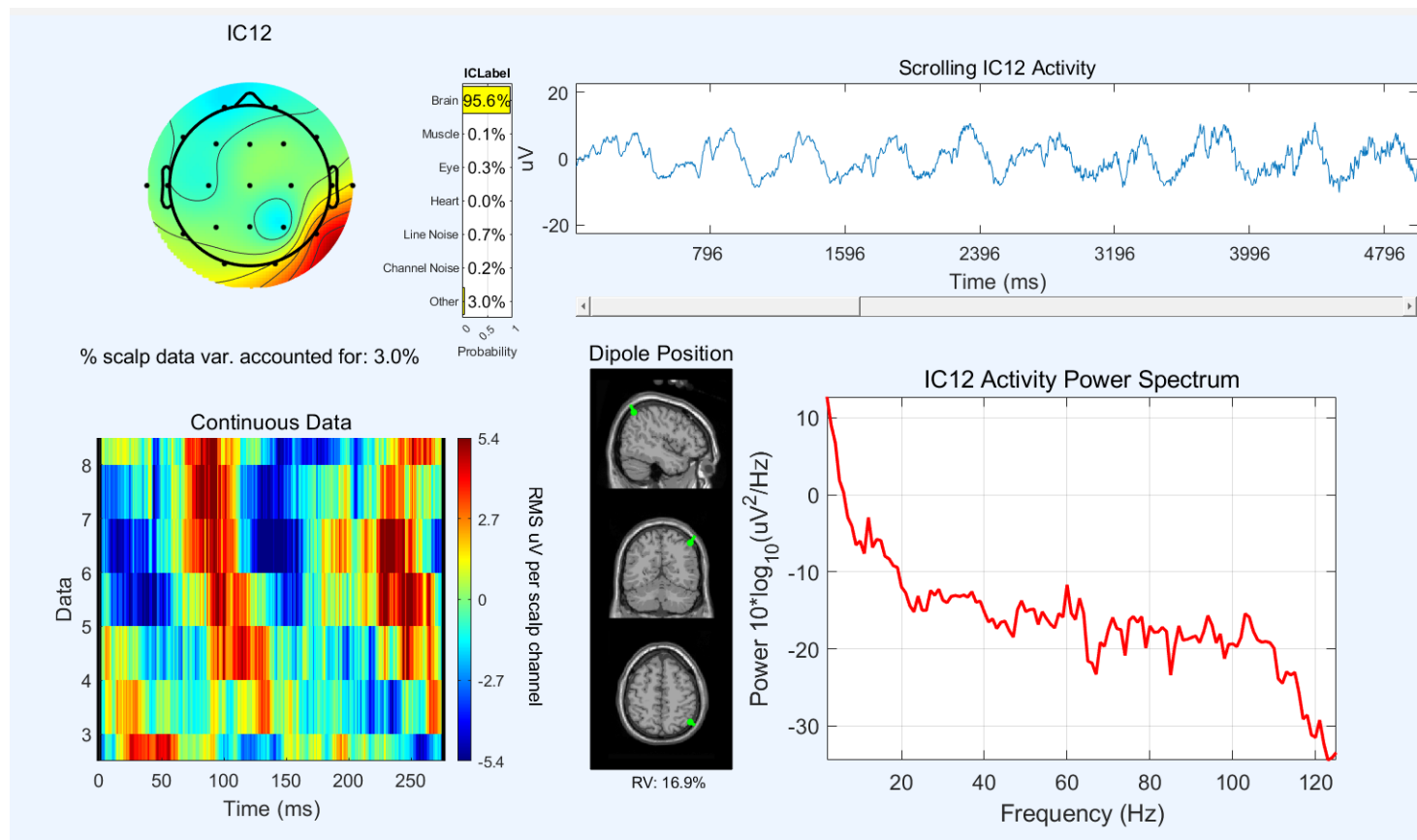
Figure 17: a brain component from data 1

Figure 18: a brain component from data 2

5.1　Processed Data

the processed data is attached in a zip file presented alongside this PDF file.
the data is much cleaner and the frequency spectrum resembles a better $\frac{1}{f}$ shape which we expect a brain signal to be like. the spectrum seems much smoother and it can be seen that the line frequency which is like a spike atb 60 Hz in data 2 is gone here are some figures showing the pre-processed data:
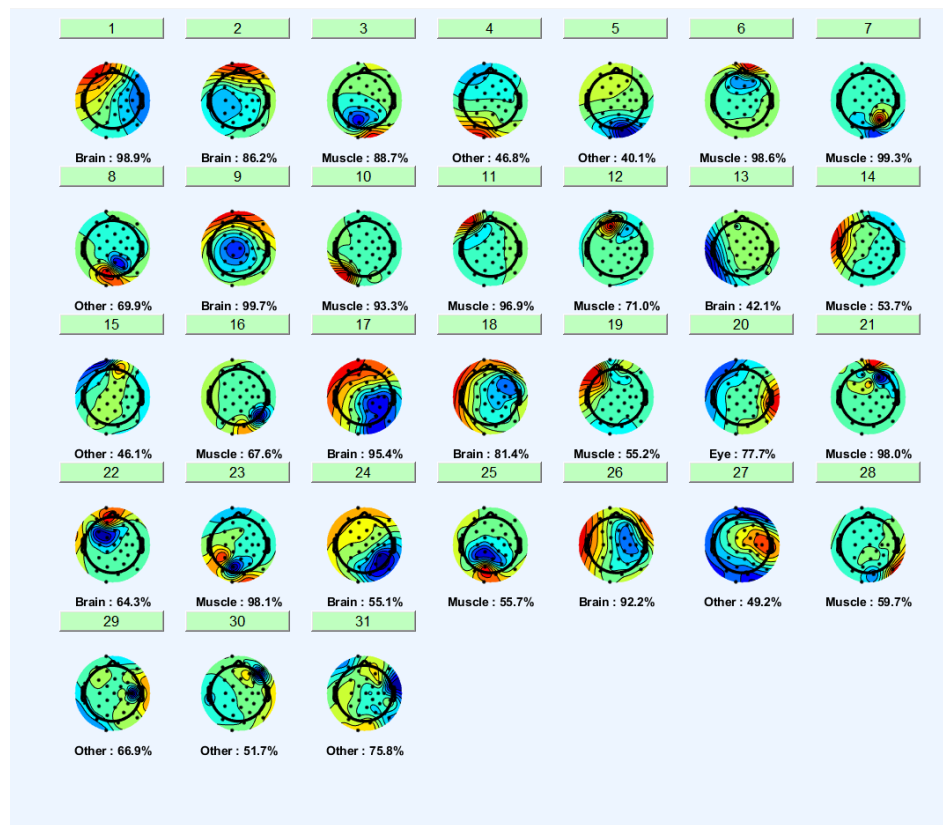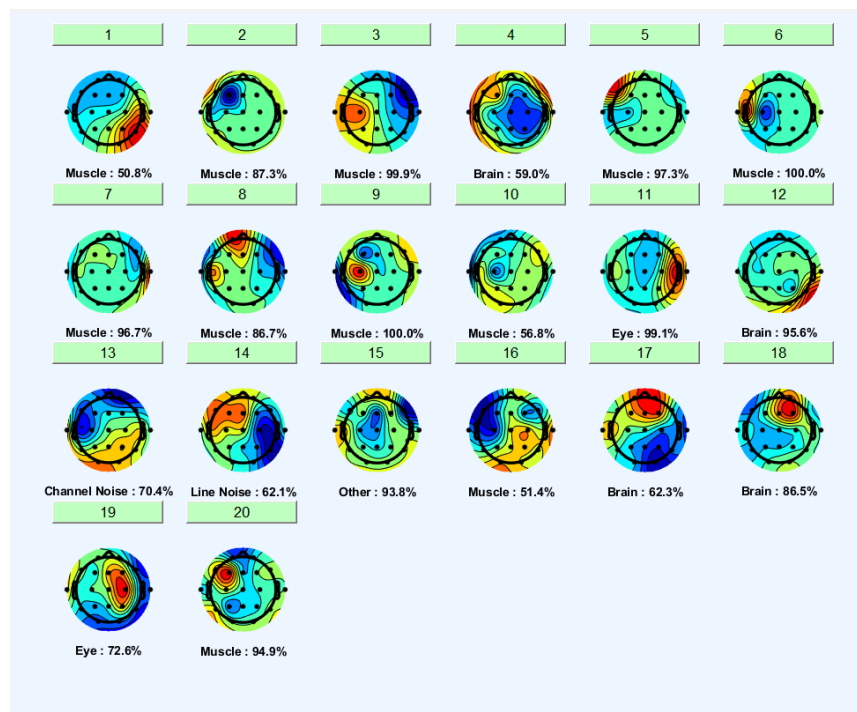
Figure 19: data 1 ICA
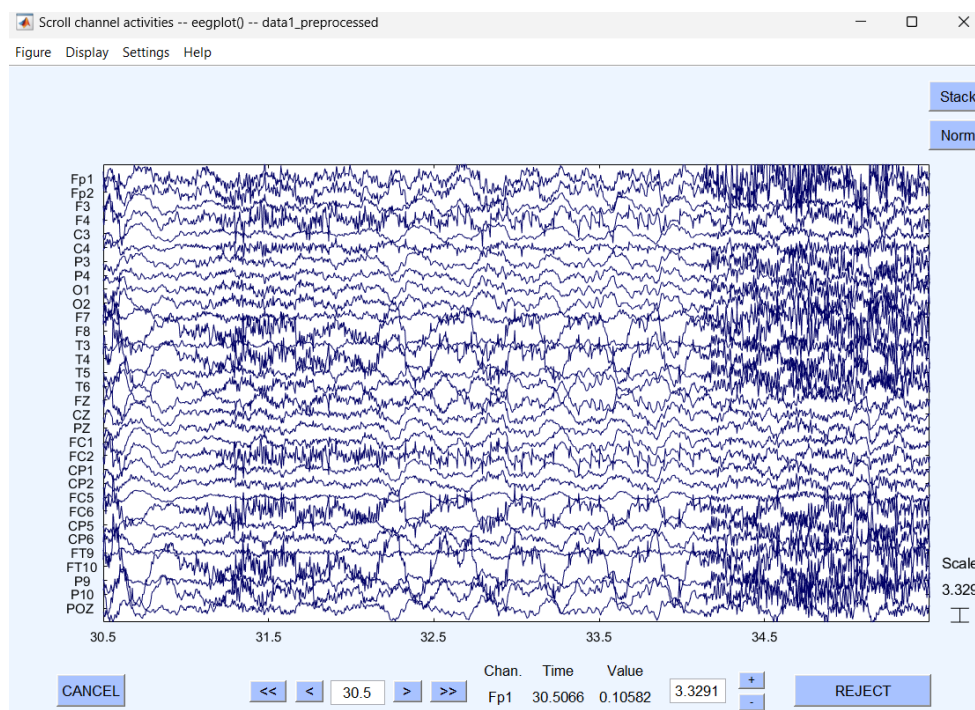

Figure 20: data 2 ICA

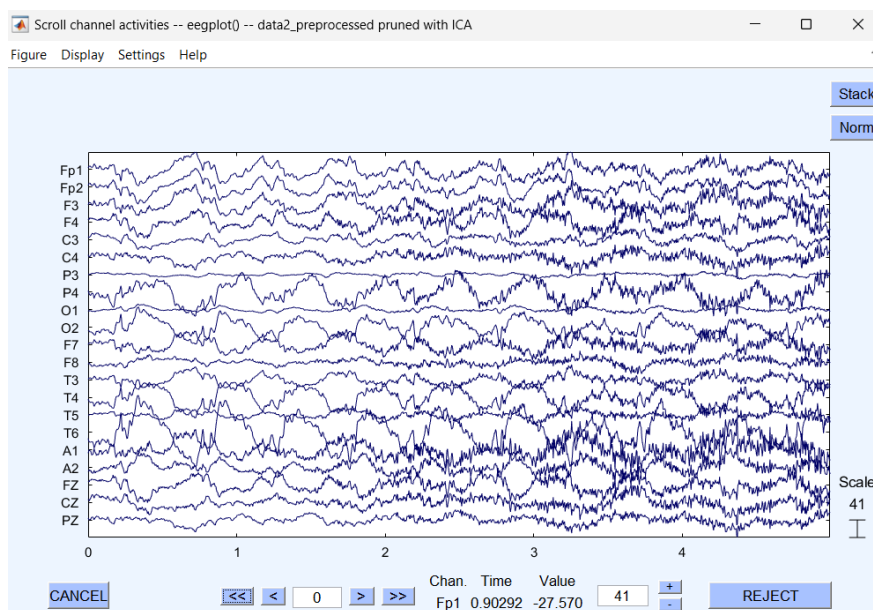Figure 21: data 1 signal after Preprocessing(a change in signal can be seen that is likely the seizure)

Figure 22: data 2 signal after Preprocessing