

Biosignal Processing

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▼ Introduction

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▼ 1. Dataset

Read Data and Extract the channels data

First of all, we analyze directory tree and role of each file.

```
sub-NORB00027
├── ses-1
│   ├── eeg
│   │   ├── sub-NORB00027_ses-1_coordsystem.json
│   │   ├── sub-NORB00027_ses-1_electrodes.tsv
│   │   ├── sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_channels.tsv
│   │   ├── sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.edf
│   │   ├── sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.json
│   │   └── sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_events.tsv
│   └── sub-NORB00027_ses-1_scans.tsv
```

In `ses-1/eeg/`

▼ The file `sub-NORB00027_ses-1_coordsystem.json` contains metadata about the coordinate system used for EEG data.

```
{
  "EEGCoordinateSystem": "MNI305",
```

```
"EEGCoordinateUnits": "mm"
}
```

- **"EEGCoordinateSystem": "MNI305"** : This indicates that the EEG data coordinates are referenced to the **MNI305** space. MNI305 refers to an average brain template, also known as the **Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI) 305** reference system. It's a standardized space used for neuroimaging data that aligns individual brain anatomy to a common framework, facilitating comparison and analysis across subjects.
- **"EEGCoordinateUnits": "mm"** : This specifies that the units of measurement for the EEG data coordinates are in **millimeters (mm)**. This is important for precise localization of EEG electrodes or sources within the brain.

▼ The file **sub-NORB00027_ses-1_electrodes.tsv** you've provided is a **tab-separated values (TSV)** file that contains the **3D spatial coordinates** and **material information** for EEG electrodes placed on a subject's scalp

name	x	y	z	type	material
Fp1	-32	77	19	cup	Ag/AgCl
Fp2	32	77	19	cup	Ag/AgCl
F3	-52	35	57	cup	Ag/AgCl
F4	52	35	57	cup	Ag/AgCl
C3	-69	-29	69	cup	Ag/AgCl
C4	69	-29	69	cup	Ag/AgCl
P3	-54	-92	44	cup	Ag/AgCl
P4	54	-92	44	cup	Ag/AgCl
O1	-31	-116	-7	cup	Ag/AgCl
O2	31	-116	-7	cup	Ag/AgCl
F7	-72	32	5	cup	Ag/AgCl
F8	72	32	5	cup	Ag/AgCl
T3	-83	-21	-4	cup	Ag/AgCl
T4	83	-21	-4	cup	Ag/AgCl
T5	-73	-74	-8	cup	Ag/AgCl

T6	73	-74	-8	cup	Ag/AgCl
FZ	0	37	84	cup	Ag/AgCl
CZ	0	-34	105	cup	Ag/AgCl
PZ	0	-98	66	cup	Ag/AgCl

- **name:** This column lists the **standardized names** of the EEG electrodes. For example, "Fp1" refers to the electrode positioned on the left side of the forehead.
 - **x, y, z:** These columns provide the **3D Cartesian coordinates** of each electrode in millimeters. The coordinates are based on the MNI305 reference space, which is a standardized brain template. The **x-coordinate** indicates the position left (+) or right (-) of the midline, the **y-coordinate** indicates the position anterior (+) or posterior (-) relative to a central point, and the **z-coordinate** indicates the position superior (+) or inferior (-) relative to a horizontal plane.
 - **type:** This indicates the **type of electrode** used, which in this case is "cup". Cup electrodes are small, round, and typically made of a conductive material that can hold conductive gel to improve signal quality.
 - **material:** This specifies the **material composition** of the electrodes, which is "Ag/AgCl" for all listed electrodes. Ag/AgCl stands for **silver/silver chloride**, a common material used for EEG electrodes due to its good conductivity and stable electrochemical properties
- ▼ The file `sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_channels.tsv` is a **tab-separated values (TSV)** file that describes the characteristics and settings of EEG channels used during a recording session.

name	type	units	description	sampling_frequency
low_cutoff	high_cutoff	notch	status	
Fp1	EEG	uV	electrode	200 0.5 100 n/a good
Fp2	EEG	uV	electrode	200 0.5 100 n/a good
F3	EEG	uV	electrode	200 0.5 100 n/a good
F4	EEG	uV	electrode	200 0.5 100 n/a good
C3	EEG	uV	electrode	200 0.5 100 n/a good

C4	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
P3	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
P4	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
O1	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
O2	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
F7	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
F8	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
T3	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
T4	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
T5	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
T6	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
FZ	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
CZ	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good
PZ	EEG	uV	electrode	200	0.5	100	n/a	good

- **name:** This column lists the **names of the EEG channels**, which correspond to the electrode placemen.
- **type:** Indicates the **type of data** recorded by the channel, which is EEG (Electroencephalography) in this case.
- **units:** Specifies the **units of measurement** for the EEG signal, which is microvolts (uV).
- **description:** Provides a **brief description** of the channel, here simply noted as "electrode".
- **sampling_frequency:** The **rate at which the EEG data is sampled**, measured in Hertz (Hz). In this file, it's **200 Hz**, meaning the EEG signal is recorded 200 times per second.
- **low_cutoff:** The **low-frequency cutoff** for filtering the EEG signal, measured in Hz. It's **0.5 Hz** here, indicating that frequencies below 0.5 Hz are filtered out to remove slow drifts or artifacts.
- **high_cutoff:** The **high-frequency cutoff** for filtering the EEG signal, measured in Hz. It's **100 Hz** here, meaning that frequencies above 100 Hz are filtered out to remove high-frequency noise.

- **notch**: Indicates whether a **notch filter** is applied to remove power line noise. "n/a" suggests that no notch filter is applied or it's not applicable.
- **status**: Describes the **quality or condition** of the channel. "good" indicates that the channel is functioning properly and the data quality is acceptable.

▼ The file `sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.edf` is the actual **EEG data file** in the **European Data Format (EDF)**. This format is widely used for storing and exchanging recordings of neurophysiological signals, such as EEG, ECG, EMG, and other biosignals.

▼ The `sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.json` file contains metadata about an EEG recording session.

```
{
  "TaskName": "EEG",
  "TaskDescription": "Resting EEG",
  "SamplingFrequency": 200,
  "EEGChannelCount": 19,
  "EOGChannelCount": 0,
  "ECGChannelCount": 0,
  "EMGChannelCount": 0,
  "MiscChannelCount": 0,
  "TriggerChannelCount": 0,
  "EEGPlacementScheme": "10-10",
  "EEGReference": "common",
  "PowerLineFrequency": 60,
  "SoftwareFilters": "n/a",
  "RecordingDuration": 596.24,
  "RecordingType": "continuous"
}
```

- **"TaskName": "EEG"**: This indicates the name of the task during which the EEG data was recorded. In this case, the task is simply named "EEG".

- **"TaskDescription": "Resting EEG"**: Provides a description of the task. "Resting EEG" suggests that the EEG data was recorded while the subject was at rest, not performing any specific cognitive task.
- **"SamplingFrequency": 200**: The rate at which EEG data is sampled, measured in Hertz (Hz). Here, it's **200 Hz**, meaning the EEG signal is recorded 200 times per second.
- **"EEGChannelCount": 19**: The number of EEG channels used in the recording. This dataset used 19 channels.
- **"EOGChannelCount": 0**: The number of EOG (Electrooculography) channels. EOG records eye movements and is often used to track blinks and saccades. Zero indicates that no EOG channels were used.
- **"ECGChannelCount": 0**: The number of ECG (Electrocardiography) channels. ECG records the electrical activity of the heart. Zero indicates that no ECG channels were used.
- **"EMGChannelCount": 0**: The number of EMG (Electromyography) channels. EMG records the electrical activity of muscles. Zero indicates that no EMG channels were used.
- **"MiscChannelCount": 0**: The number of miscellaneous channels that might be used for other types of data. Zero indicates none were used.
- **"TriggerChannelCount": 0**: The number of trigger channels used to mark events or stimuli presentation. Zero indicates no such channels were used.
- **"EEGPlacementScheme": "10-10"**: Indicates the electrode placement scheme used. The "10-10" system is an internationally recognized method to describe the location of scalp electrodes and is an extended version of the 10-20 system, providing more detailed electrode placement.
- **"EEGReference": "common"**: Describes the reference electrode used in the EEG recording. *"common" suggests a common average reference, where the signals from all electrodes are averaged and this average is used as the reference for each channel.*

- **"PowerLineFrequency": 60**: The frequency of the power line, measured in Hz. This is important for identifying and filtering out electrical noise from the power supply, which can contaminate the EEG signal.
- **"SoftwareFilters": "n/a"**: Indicates what software filters, if any, were applied to the EEG data. "n/a" suggests that no software filters were applied or the information is not available.
- **"RecordingDuration": 596.24**: The total duration of the EEG recording, measured in seconds. Here, the recording lasted approximately 596.24 seconds.
- **"RecordingType": "continuous"**: Describes the type of EEG recording. "continuous" means the EEG was recorded in a single, uninterrupted session.

▼ The file `sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_events.tsv` is a **tab-separated values (TSV)** file that logs events occurring during an EEG recording session.

onset	duration	trial_type	value	sample
0.005	0	discontinuity	2	1
0.005	0	eyes_closed	65	1
41.305	0	discontinuity	2	8261
48.455	0	discontinuity	2	9691
135.175	0	discontinuity	2	27035
197.245	0	discontinuity	2	39449
296.025	0	discontinuity	2	59205
299.395	0	discontinuity	2	59879
375.725	0	discontinuity	2	75145

- **onset**: The time at which an event starts, relative to the beginning of the EEG recording, measured in seconds. For example, the first event occurred at **0.005 seconds** after the recording started.
- **duration**: The length of time the event lasts, measured in seconds. In this file, all events have a duration of **0 seconds**, indicating they are instantaneous events.

- **trial_type**: A description of the type of event. There are two types listed:
 - **discontinuity**: This likely indicates a break or interruption in the EEG data recording or an artifact that caused a discontinuity in the signal.
 - **eyes_closed**: This signifies that the subject closed their eyes, which is a common condition in resting-state EEG studies to standardize the state of visual input.
- **value**: A numerical code assigned to each trial_type for easy identification. "2" is associated with discontinuities, and "65" with the eyes_closed event.
- **sample**: The index of the EEG data sample at which the event occurred. Since the sampling frequency is **200 Hz**, the sample number can be used to calculate the exact time of the event. For instance, the event at sample "8261" occurred at **41.305 seconds** into the recording.

▼ The file `sub-NORB00027_ses-1_scans.tsv` is a **tab-separated values (TSV)** provides information about the EEG data file and its acquisition timing.

filename	age_acq_time
eeg/sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.edf	0.2541

- **filename**: This column lists the **path and name of the EEG data file**. The file `eeg/sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.edf` is an **EDF (European Data Format)** file, which is a standard file format for storing neurophysiological data.
- **age_acq_time**: Represents the **age of the subject at the time of acquisition**, measured in years. However, the value "0.2541" seems unusually low for a typical age and might represent a different metric or be recorded incorrectly. It could potentially be the age in years calculated from the date of birth to the acquisition date, which would make sense if the subject is an infant (**approximately 3 months old**), or it could be a different time-related metric specific to the study.

▼ 2. Load channels data

- First, we need to load the EEG data from the provided files. The `sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.edf` file contains the raw EEG data.
- We'll use a library like `mne` (MNE-Python) to read the data. If you haven't already installed it, you can do so using `pip install mne`.

▼ About `mne` python library

The Python MNE library is an **open-source package** designed for exploring, visualizing, and analyzing human neurophysiological data. It's specifically tailored for working with data from modalities like **MEG (Magnetoencephalography)**, **EEG (Electroencephalography)**, **sEEG (stereotactic EEG)**, **ECoG (Electrocorticography)**, and more [1][2].

MNE is particularly useful for researchers and professionals in neuroscience, cognitive science, and related fields who work with electrophysiological data. Its comprehensive set of tools and active community make it a go-to library for neurophysiological data analysis [1][2].

[1] MNE — MNE 1.7.0 documentation - Identity Digital.

<https://mne.tools/stable/index.html>.

[2] mne · PyPI.

<https://pypi.org/project/mne/>.

- To read raw `.edf` data, we use `mne.io.read_raw_edf()` function which takes data path as input. Another parameter is `preload=True`, which means preload data into memory for data manipulation and faster indexing. If True, the data will be preloaded into memory (fast, requires large amount of memory).

`mne.io.read_raw_edf()` function returns an instance of `Raw` object which is simply an entity keep data with additional internal functions (methods) and attributes (which act on its own data).

```
import mne
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
# Load the EEG data
data_path = '/workspaces/biosignal-processing/final/sub-
NORB00027/ses-1/eeg/sub-NORB00027_ses-1_task-EEG_eeg.ed
f'
raw = mne.io.read_raw_edf(data_path, preload=True)
```

We even can convert Raw object to dataframe (a kind of table/matrix representation our data) by `raw.to_data_frame()`. For example,

```
d = raw.to_data_frame()
d
```

[24] ✓ 0.0s

	time	Fp1	Fp2	F3	F4	C3	C4	P3	P4	O1
0	0.000	37.794060	38.802208	35.275967	41.127494	32.365882	67.594096	31.063564	48.486317	17.823710
1	0.005	40.119658	42.150950	36.210545	44.238100	33.409961	71.876571	33.488515	53.148359	16.666285
2	0.010	39.887098	43.190215	33.874101	45.966214	31.437811	67.362611	31.871881	49.418725	16.434800
3	0.015	37.794060	41.920002	31.888124	46.542252	29.465662	65.047760	30.370721	48.719419	16.897770
4	0.020	34.538222	38.802208	30.603080	45.274968	30.509741	63.658850	31.409985	50.817338	17.129255
...
118395	591.975	36.398701	34.067780	40.182499	33.869414	40.370489	35.533410	38.684839	32.985027	17.823710
118396	591.980	33.840542	32.682093	36.444189	32.026092	38.514348	34.838955	37.530100	33.334680	19.675591
118397	591.985	30.003305	30.026194	32.004946	30.528393	35.034084	32.524104	35.451571	31.120210	19.907076
118398	591.990	27.328867	28.525034	29.318036	29.721939	32.249873	32.408361	33.834936	30.537455	19.907076
118399	591.995	26.980027	29.102404	28.967570	29.606732	30.509741	33.334301	30.717142	31.353312	21.064502

118400 rows × 20 columns

▼ Additional

Summarize statistic on each channel

```
d.describe()
```

✓ 0.2s

	time	Fp1	Fp2	F3	F4	C3	C4	P3	P4	O1
count	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000	118400.000000
mean	295.997500	7.270163	6.427694	6.844579	6.264259	7.354548	6.816291	6.967986	7.751543	5.453543
std	170.896401	32.345300	32.354484	31.915020	32.390927	29.892493	30.749590	29.739084	30.370865	30.914219
min	0.000000	-230.580000	-229.790000	-232.130000	-229.380000	-229.930000	-229.980000	-229.330000	-230.770000	-231.370000
25%	147.998750	-5.578351	-6.925442	-5.845440	-7.029292	-4.176888	-4.976483	-4.040491	-3.495452	-5.787770
50%	295.997500	7.212440	6.354052	6.771356	6.104377	7.423991	6.829257	6.929526	7.693449	5.323515
75%	443.996250	20.003232	19.518073	19.621795	19.583669	18.792853	18.403512	18.015017	18.998901	16.550542
max	591.995000	245.470000	242.960000	246.140000	242.280000	245.010000	243.870000	243.420000	246.390000	242.480000

▼ 3. Visualization

Plot the original data in time-series with the full of title, units

▼ Plot manually with matplotlib

▼ Script code

```
# ===== Visualizing each channel purely with num
py =====
# data and channel names
data, times = raw[:]
ch_names = raw.ch_names
n_channels = len(ch_names) # num channel

# Subplots
fig, axes = plt.subplots(n_channels, 1, figsize=(12,
2*n_channels))

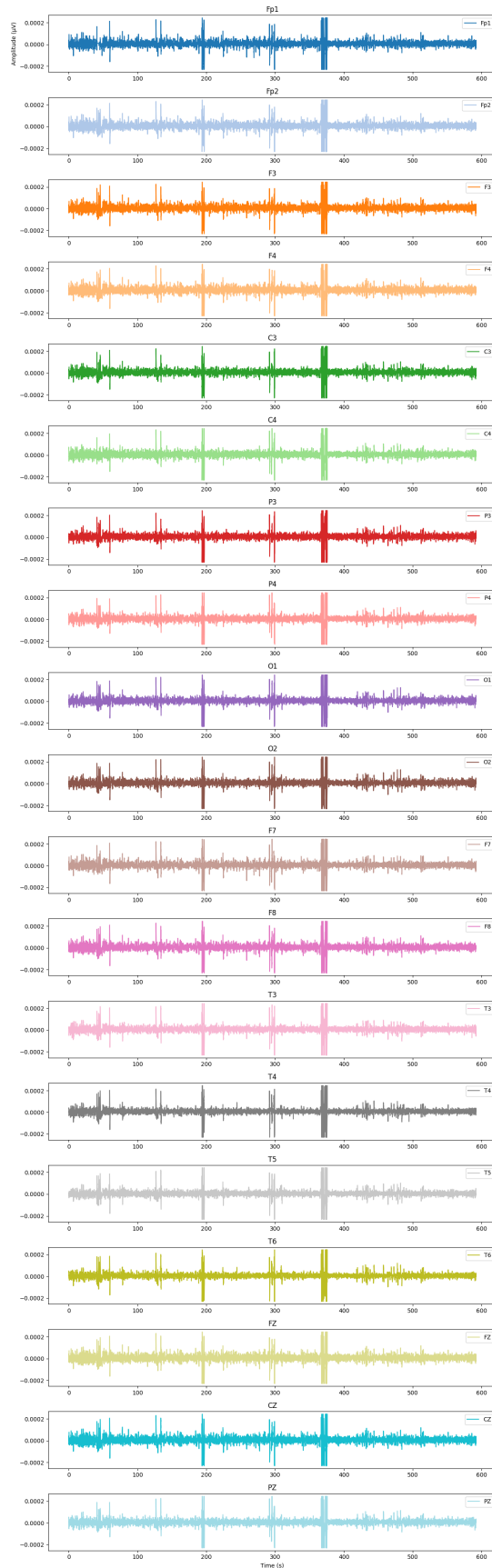
# Plot each channel in a separate subplot
colors = plt.cm.get_cmap('tab20', n_channels) # each
channel has its own color

for i in range(n_channels):
    axes[i].plot(times, data[i], label=ch_names[i], c
olor=colors(i))
    axes[i].set_title(ch_names[i])
    axes[i].legend(loc='upper right')

# Set labels for the x-axis and y-axis
axes[-1].set_xlabel('Time (s)')
axes[0].set_ylabel('Amplitude (μV)')

# Display the plot
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

▼ Result Figure(s)

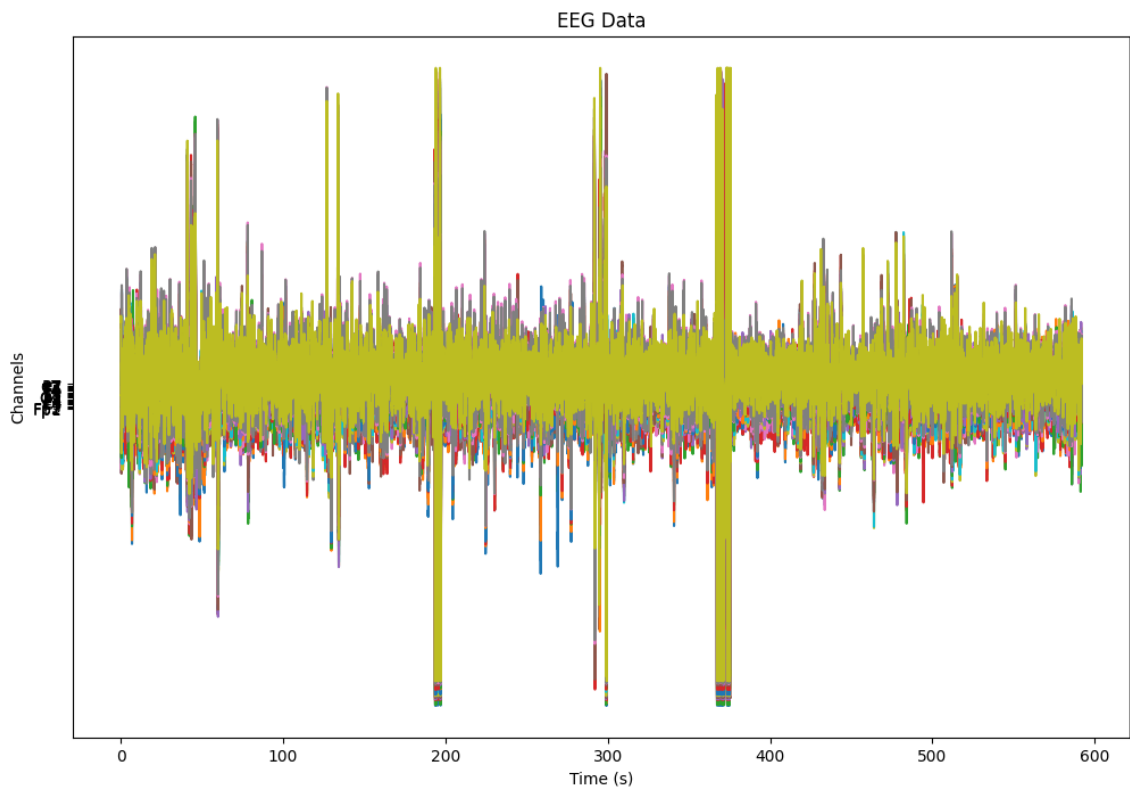


▼ Comment:

The general pattern may appear consistent across channels, indicating synchronized neural activity

Although the visualizations of each channel look similar, there are tiny differences between them. The following figure represents all signals in one plot.

▼ Plot manually (with matplotlib)

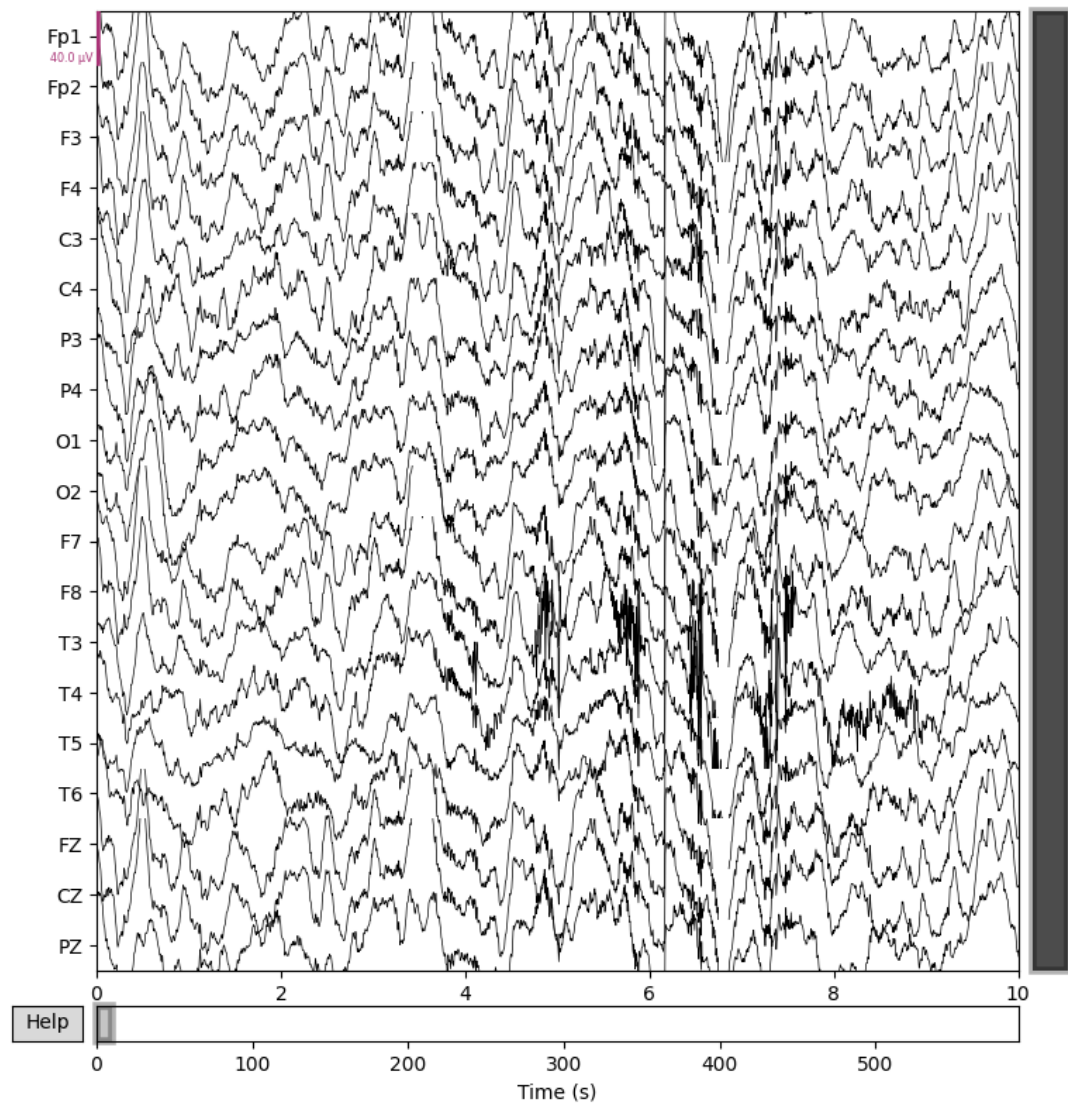


▼ Plot with `mne`

▼ Script code

```
# ==== Visualize with MNE =====  
# Plot the original data in time-series with the full  
# title, units  
raw.plot(title='Raw EEG data', show_options=True)
```

▼ Result Figure(s)



- Analyze the data to identify signal and noises
- Design filters to eliminate the DC component, Electricity noise, and others (if contaminated)
- Apply the filters to the data to reduce the noises and increase the SNR (signal to noise ratio) as well. Show the noise reduction and SNR increasing values

- Show the difference between the original data and processed data in both time domain and frequency domain
- Design spectrogram for each data channels with frequency resolution of 1 Hz