9-NEEDACCESS NETWORK ENABLED EASY DATA ACCESS





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1 INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON CLIENT API

g.NEEDaccess is a g.tec Software tool that provides a Windows service named GDS that facilitates simple data acquisition from multiple g.tec devices, also over the local network.

pygds opens this service to the Python world. Its pygds.GDS class wraps the C API of g.tec's g.NEEDaccess.

Getting data from a device is as easy as this:

```
import pygds as g
d = g.GDS()
minf_s = sorted(d.GetSupportedSamplingRates()[0].items())[0]
d.SamplingRate, d.NumberOfScans = minf_s
for ch in d.Channels:
    ch.Acquire = True
d.SetConfiguration()
data = d.GetData(d.SamplingRate)
```

You can enter this code interactively in <u>IPython</u>.

With pygds. Scope, you can view the data live:

```
scope = g.Scope(1/d.SamplingRate)
d.GetData(d.SamplingRate,scope)
```

Many pygds.GDS functions just forward the according g.NEEDaccess functions. Please consult the g.NEEDaccess documentation for the details on these functions.

The functions dealing with callbacks from g.NEEDaccess are not wrapped. They are accessible via pygds._ffi_dll, though.

2 INSTALLATION

Install g.NEEDaccess Server and Client API before installing pygds.

pygds uses <u>CFFI</u>. From the C definitions of a C header file, <u>CFFI</u> can learn how to access the functions in a library, specifically in this case the g.NEEDaccess DLL on Windows. Therefore, pygds needs the g.NEEDaccess header files, which are part of the g.NEEDaccess Client API, installed in:

C:\Users\<USERNAME>\gtec\gNEEDaccessClientAPI\C\

pygds is distributed as whl file, which is located under:

C:\Users\<USERNAME>\gtec\gNEEDaccessClientAPI\Python

pygds is installed using pip:

pip install pygds-<version>-py3-none-any.whl

pip will automatically install the required packages CFFI, numpy and matplotlib.

The installed pygds consists of only one file:

pygds.py

It should be available in C:\Python311\Lib\site-packages and C:\Python311\Scripts (assuming Python has been installed into C:\Python311).



3 COMMAND LINE DEMOS

pygds.py is also a script that can be run from the command line. The script executes demos and tests. Look into pygds.py to learn from the demos.

pygds.py runs all demo scripts by default.

optional arguments:

```
-h, --help show this help message and exit

--demo
[{demo_all_api,demo_counter,demo_di,demo_filter,demo_impedance,demo_remote,demo_save,demo_scaling,demo_scope,demo_scope_all,demo_usbamp_sync}]

Runs demos. Default is demo_all

--doctest Runs doctests
```

Additional Python scripts for demonstration data acquisition from g.NEEDaccess using the Python Client API are installed in:

C:\Users\<USERNAME>\Documents\gtec\gNEEDaccessClientAPI\
examples\windows\GDSClientAPIDemoPython

3.1 THE BLOCKWISEPROCESSINGDEMO.PY SCRIPT

BlockwiseProcessingDemo.py is a script that illustrates block-wise data acquisition and processing. The script is installed into the GDSClientAPIDemoPython folder as an example for MS Windows.

Several global parameters at the top of the script allow customizing the serial number of the amplifier to use and other data acquisition parameters. In addition, the DISABLEREMOTEFEATURES parameter illustrates optional disabling of g.NEEDaccess' remote features, which allows retrieval of even smaller blocks of data below a 30 milliseconds interval on the local machine only.

Processing is simulated by writing acquired blocks of data to a MATLAB® data file, which can be opened with MATLAB afterwards.

3.2 THE PARALLELDAQDEMO.PY SCRIPT

ParallelDAQDemo.py is a script that illustrates block-wise data acquisition from two or multiple independent devices (not hardware-synchronized) concurrently in separate threads. The script is installed into the GDSClientAPIDemoPython folder as an example for MS Windows.

Several global parameters at the top of the script allow customizing the serial number of the amplifiers to use and other data acquisition parameters.

Data is written to separate MATLAB® data files, one for each device, which can be opened with MATLAB afterwards.

3.3 THE DAQTIMING.PY SCRIPT

DAQTiming.py is a script that measures and outputs timing of block-wise data acquisition, especially to illustrate the relation between the device block size (configured by the NumberOfScans parameter of the device configuration) and the user block size provided as to the GetData() method's scanCount parameter. The script is installed into the GDSClientAPIDemoPython folder as an example for MS Windows.

Several global parameters at the top of the script allow customizing the serial number of the amplifier to use, the device block size and user block size, and other data acquisition parameters. In addition, the DISABLEREMOTEFEATURES parameter illustrates optional disabling of g.NEEDaccess' remote features, which allows retrieval of even smaller user blocks of data below a 30 milliseconds interval on the local machine only.

If the user block size is not an integral multiple of the device block size, GetData() delivers data blocks at irregular intervals. This is because the device also sends data block-wise to the PC. Let's assume the device block size is configured to 8 scans and we request a user block size of 250 scans (equal to 976.6 milliseconds of data at a sampling rate of 256 Hz) with the GetData() method. In theory, we would need exactly 250/8=31.25 data blocks of 8 scans each. Now, the device cannot send quarter blocks, so we need to acquire 32 blocks (32 blocks á 8 scans = 256 scans = 1000 milliseconds of data) from the device first before GetData() can deliver the first user block of 250 scans, leaving 6 scans behind in an internal buffer. After another 31 blocks (248 scans equal to 968.75 ms of data), it can deliver another user block of 250 scans and 4 scans remain in the buffer. Two more times we get a user block of 250 scans after only 31 device blocks and 968.75 ms until we have no scans remaining in the buffer anymore. Now, the game starts from the beginning and we must wait 1000 ms again for 32 device blocks of data for the next user block, followed by three user blocks already delivered after 968.75 ms and 31 device blocks each. If we requested a user block size of 248, GetData() would return at regular intervals of 968 ms because 248 (the user block size) is an integral multiple of 8 (the device block size) and therefore no scans would remain in the internal buffer.

4 USAGE

The demo_...() functions in pygds.py are an example of how to use pygds.GDS.

```
Basic usage:
```

```
>>> import pygds
>>> d = pygds.GDS()
```

pygds.GDS hides the API differences between g.USBamp, g.Hlamp and g.Nautilus, e.g. d.GetImpedanceEx() calls the right function of:

```
GDS_GUSBAMP_GetImpedanceEx()
GDS_GHIAMP_GetImpedanceEx()
GDS_GNAUTILUS_GetImpedanceEx()
```

Similarly, the configuration names are unified. For example, Trigger means TriggerEnabled, TriggerLinesEnabled or DigitalIOs. See name maps. The device-specific names also work:

```
>>> d.TriggerEnabled == d.Trigger
True
```

For one device, the configuration fields are members of the device object:

```
>>> d.Trigger = True
>>> d.SetConfiguration()
```

For more devices, use the Configs list:

pygds.configure_demo() configures all available channels:

```
>>> pygds.configure_demo(d,testsignal=1)
>>> d.SetConfiguration()
```

To acquire a fixed number of samples, please use:

```
>>> a = d.GetData(d.SamplingRate)
>>> a.shape[0] == d.SamplingRate
Thus
```

To acquire a dynamic number of samples, provide a function more(samples).

A pygds. Scope object can be used as more parameter of GetData(). When closing the scope Window acquisition stops.

```
>>> scope = pygds.Scope(1/d.SamplingRate, title="Channels: %s", ylabel = u"U[µV]")
>>> a = d.GetData(d.SamplingRate//2,scope)
>>> del scope
>>> a.shape[1]>=d.N_electrodes
True
```

Don't forget del scope before repeating this.

To remove a GDS object manually, do:

```
>>> d.Close()
>>> del d
```

In the doctest samples, this is done to make the next test succeed. For a session where only one GDS object is used, there is no need to do this.

5 REFERENCE

5.1 PYGDS GLOBAL

5.1.1 PYGDS.GNEEDACCESSHEADERS

```
gNEEDaccessHeaders = [
os.path.expandvars(r"%USERPROFILE%/Documents/gtec/gNEEDaccessClientAPI/C/GDSClientAPI.h"),
os.path.expandvars(r"%USERPROFILE%/Documents/gtec/gNEEDaccessClientAPI/C/GDSClientAPI_gHIamp.h"),
os.path.expandvars(r"%USERPROFILE%/Documents/gtec/gNEEDaccessClientAPI/C/GDSClientAPI_gNautilus.h"),
os.path.expandvars(r"%USERPROFILE%/Documents/gtec/gNEEDaccessClientAPI/C/GDSClientAPI_gUSBamp.h")]
```

pygds needs these header files and the DLL.

If they are in a different location, you must call pygds.Initialize() manually and provide the right paths.

5.1.2 PYGDS.GDSERROR

```
class GDSError(Exception):
```

This is the exception that is raised in case of a g.NEEDaccess API error.

5.1.3 PYGDS.OPENDEVICES

```
OpenDevices = None
```

pygds.OpenDevices contains all objects of pygds.GDS(). It is used to clean up when exiting Python.

5.1.4 PYGDS.INITIALIZE

```
def Initialize(
    gds_headers=gNEEDaccessHeaders, # default header files used
    gds_dll=None
):
```

Initializes pygds. This is done automatically at import pygds.

If the GDS service is running, then GDSClientAPI.dll is used (which supports remote acquisition); otherwise, GDSServer.dll (local machine only). To manually change, call Uninitialize() first, followed by a call to Initialize(gds_dll=...). Set the gds_dll parameter to the appropriate library using either gds_dll_client or gds_dll_standalone symbol. For example, calling Initialize(gds_dll = pygds.gds_dll_standalone) is equivalent to calling Initialize(gds_dll = "GDSServer.dll").

pygds.Initialize():

- populates the pygds namespace with definitions from the GDS headers. The GDS_ prefix is dropped
- loads the selected GDS client DLL
- calls GDS_Initialize()

If g.NEEDaccess is installed in a non-standard location, then pygds.Initialize() will fail. Then, you need to call pygds.Initialize() manually and provide the header file paths and the DLL path as parameters.

The return value is True if initialization succeeded.

5.1.5 PYGDS.UNINITIALIZE

```
def Uninitialize():
```

Clean up is done automatically when exiting Python.

Uninitialize() tries not to block, by taking into account these GDS API behaviors:

- GDS_Uninitialize() blocks, if called after calling GDS_Disconnect() on all connections.
- On the other hand, to prevent a freeze, one must call GDS_Uninitialize(), if no device was ever connected, but GDS_Initialize() had been called.

5.1.6 PYGDS.CONNECTEDDEVICES

```
class ConnectedDevices(list):
```

Lists all connected devices in a list of type [(serial, devicetype, inuse)]:

```
>>> import pygds
>>> cd = pygds.ConnectedDevices()
```

This is used by the pygds.GDS constructor. Use it separately only if you don't want to instantiate a pygds.GDS object, but still want to find out which devices are connected.

5.1.7 PYGDS.CONNECTEDDEVICES.FIND

Find a device that is currently not in use by type.

```
>>> import pygds
>>> cd = pygds.ConnectedDevices()
>>> hiamp = cd.find(pygds.DEVICE_TYPE_GHIAMP)
>>> hiamp is None or len(hiamp.split('.'))>0
True
```

5.1.8 PYGDS.NAME_MAPS

```
name_maps = {
    'GDS_GUSBAMP_CONFIGURATION':
            {
                "SamplingRate": "SampleRate",
                "Counter": "CounterEnabled",
                "Trigger": "TriggerEnabled",
                "DI": "TriggerEnabled",
        'GDS_GHIAMP_CONFIGURATION':
                "SampleRate": "SamplingRate",
                "Counter": "CounterEnabled".
                "TriggerEnabled": "TriggerLinesEnabled",
                "Trigger": "TriggerLinesEnabled",
                "DI": "TriggerLinesEnabled",
           },
        'GDS_GNAUTILUS_CONFIGURATION':
                "SampleRate": "SamplingRate",
                "Trigger": "DigitalIOs",
                "TriggerEnabled": "DigitalIOs",
                "DI": "DigitalIOs",
            },
```

```
'GDS GUSBAMP CHANNEL CONFIGURATION':
              {
                  "Enabled": "Acquire",
"ReferenceChannel": "BipolarChannel",
          'GDS GHIAMP CHANNEL CONFIGURATION':
              {
                   "Enabled": "Acquire",
                   "BipolarChannel": "ReferenceChannel",
              },
          'GDS_GNAUTILUS_CHANNEL_CONFIGURATION':
              {
                  "Acquire": "Enabled",
"ReferenceChannel": "BipolarChannel",
              },
          'GDS_GUSBAMP_SCALING':
              {
                   "Factor": "ScalingFactor",
              },
}
```

name_maps provides common names for the device-specific configuration fields in order to facilitate code reuse across devices.

5.2 SCOPE

5.2.1 PYGDS.SCOPE

class Scope:

Scope makes a live update of a Matplotlib diagram and thus simulates an oscilloscope:

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> from pygds import Scope
>>> import time
>>> f = 10
>>> scope=Scope(1/f)
>>> t = np.linspace(0,100,100)/f
>>> scope(np.array([np.sin(t+i/2) for i in range(10)]))
True
>>> time.sleep(0.1)
>>> scope(np.array([np.sin(t+i/3) for i in range(10)]))
True
>>> time.sleep(0.1)
>>> scope(np.array([np.sin(t+i/4) for i in range(10)]))
>>> time.sleep(0.1)
>>> scope(np.array([np.sin(t+i/5) for i in range(10)]))
True
>>> del scope
```

Scope can be used as the more argument of GetData() to have a live view on the data.

To use Scope as a regular diagram, set modal=True.

The object's __call__(self,scan) displays the scans. On the first call to the object (via __call__()), the diagram is initialized. The scans parameter of __call__() is an (n,ch) numpy array. It must have the same shape at every call.

5.3 GDS

5.3.1 PYGDS.GDS

class GDS(_config_wrap):

The pygds.GDS class initializes the connection to g.NEEDaccess server.

The constructor:

- initializes the connection to the wanted device(s) and
- fetches the configuration(s).

gds_device: can be:

- omitted (default)
- the first letter of the serial
- one of DEVICE_TYPE_GUSBAMP, DEVICE_TYPE_GHIAMP or DEVICE_TYPE_GNAUTILUS
- a single serial
- comma-separated serials

exclude serials: a list or set of serials to ignore. Default: None.

open_exclusively: True to prevent a newly created data acquisition session from being opened or accessed by another GDS client instance with the same list of device serials; otherwise, False. Default: True.

- To connect to an already existing data acquisition session and listen to its data stream, both
 clients have to open the session non-exclusively (using False) and with the same list of
 devices.
- The first client that opens the same list of devices is the session creator. Only the session creator can configure the device and start/stop acquisition on the device itself. Other clients are participants and can only retrieve data from a running data acquisition stream started by the session creator.
- gds_device must specify the serial number(s) explicitly and cannot be omitted if a participant wants to connect to an already existing data acquisition session.

server_ip: the IP address of the GDS server. Default: pygds.SERVER_IP

- The g.NEEDaccess server port is pygds.SERVER_PORT and it is fixed.
- The client by default is pygds.CLIENT_IP and pygds.CLIENT_PORT. For a remote server_ip, the local IP is automatically determined.

Without parameters, the localhost g.NEEDaccess server is used and the first available device is connected. For one device, the configuration fields are members of the GDS object. For more devices, every configuration is an entry in the Configs member.

g.USBamp config	
Name	String holding the serial number of g.USBamp (e.g. UB-2014.01.02)
DeviceType	pygds.DEVICE_TYPE_XXX constant representing the device type (predefined, must not be changed)
SamplingRate	Specify the sampling frequency of g.Hlamp in Hz as unsigned integer
NumberOfScans	Specify the buffering block size as unsigned short, possible values depend on sampling rate, use function GetSupportedSamplingRates() to get recommended values.
CommonGround	Array of 4 bool elements to enable or disable common ground
CommonReference	Array of 4 bool values to enable or disable common reference
ShortCutEnabled	Bool enabling or disabling g.USBamp shortcut
CounterEnabled	Show a counter on first recorded channel that is incremented with every block transmitted to the PC. Overruns at 1000000.
TriggerEnabled	Scan the digital trigger channel with the analog inputs
Internal Signal Generator. Enabled	Apply internal test signal to all inputs
InternalSignalGenerator.WaveShape	pygds.GUSBAMP_WAVESHAPE_XXX constant representing the wave shape of the internal test signal. Can be 0=square, 1=sawtooth, 2=sine, 3=DRL, or 4=noise.
InternalSignalGenerator.Amplitude	The amplitude of the test signal (can be -250 to 250 mV)
Internal Signal Generator. Offset	The offset of the test signal (can be -200 to 200 mV)
InternalSignalGenerator.Frequency	The frequency of the test signal (can be 1 to 100 Hz)
Channels	Array of g.USBamp channel configurations holding properties for each analog channel
Channels[i].ChannelNumber	Unsigned integer holding the channel number of the analog channel
Channels[i].Acquire	Bool value selecting the channel for data acquisition
Channels[i].BandpassFilterIndex	Perform a digital bandpass filtering of the input channels. Use GetBandpassFilters() to get filter indices.
Channels[i].NotchFilterIndex	Perform a bandstop filtering to suppress the power line frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. Use GetNotchFilters() to get filter indices.
Channels[i].BipolarChannel	Select a channel number as reference channel for an analog channel
Channels[i].BipolarChannel	

g.Hlamp config	
Name	String holding the serial number of g.Hlamp (e.g. HA-2014.01.02)
DeviceType	pygds.DEVICE_TYPE_XXX constant representing the device type (predefined, must not be changed)
SamplingRate	Specify the sampling frequency of g.Hiamp in Hz as unsigned integer
NumberOfScans	Specify the buffering block size as unsigned short, possible values depend on sampling rate, use function GetSupportedSamplingRates() to get recommended values
CounterEnabled	Show a counter on first recorded channel which is incremented with every block transmitted to the PC. Overruns at 1,000,000
TriggerLinesEnabled	Scan the digital trigger channel with the analog inputs
HoldEnabled	Enable signal hold
Channels	Array of g.Hlamp channel configurations holding properties for each analog channel
Channels[i].ChannelNumber	Unsigned integer holding the channel number of the analog channel
Channels[i].Acquire	Bool value selecting the channel for data acquisition
Channels[i].BandpassFilterIndex	Perform a digital bandpass filtering of the input channels. Use GetBandpassFilters() to get filter indices
Channels[i].NotchFilterIndex	Perform a bandstop filtering to suppress the power line frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. Use GetNotchFilters() to get filter indices
Channels[i].ReferenceChannel	Select a channel number as reference channel for an analog channel
Internal Signal Generator. Enabled	Apply internal test signal to all inputs (requires shortcut of all analog channels to ground)
InternalSignalGenerator.Frequency	Specify the frequency of the test signal. Fix: Amplitude = -Offset = 7.62283 mV.

Name	String holding the serial number of g.Nautilus (e.g. NA-2014.07.67)
DeviceType	pygds.DEVICE_TYPE_XXX constant representing the device type
SamplingRate	Specify the sampling frequency of g.Nautilus in Hz as unsigned integer
Number Of Scans	Specify the buffering block size as unsigned short, possible values depend on sampling rate, use function GetSupportedSamplingRates() to get recommended values
InputSignal	pygds.GNAUTILUS_INPUT_SIGNAL_XXX constant representing the type of input signal. Can be 0=electrode, 1=shortcut, or 5=test signal.
NoiseReduction	Bool value enabling noise reduction for g.Nautilus
CAR	Bool value enabling common average calculation for g.Nautilus
Acceleration Data	Bool value enabling acquisition of acceleration data from g.Nautilus head stage, adds 3 additional channels to the data acquisition for x, y, and z direction
Counter	show a counter as an additional channel
LinkQualityInformation	Bool value enabling additional channel informing about link quality between head stage and base station
BatteryLevel	Bool to enable acquisition of additional channel holding information about remaining battery capacity
DigitallOs	Scan the digital channels with the analog inputs and add them as additional channel acquired
ValidationIndicator	Enables the additional channel validation indicator, informing about the liability of the data recorded
NetworkChannel	Unsigned integer value representing the network channel used between head stage and base station, or zero to not change the network channel
	ATTENTION: GetConfiguration() will overwrite zeros with the actual network channel that the device currently uses
Channels	Array of g.Nautilus channel configurations holding properties for each analog channel
Channels[i].ChannelNumber	Unsigned integer holding the channel number of the analog channel
Channels[i].Enabled	Bool value selecting the channel for data acquisition
Channels[i].Sensitivity	Double value representing the sensitivity of the specified channel
Channels[i].UsedForNoiseReduction	Bool value indicating if channel should be used for noise reduction

Channels[i].UsedForCAR	Bool value indicating if channel should be used for common average calculation
Channels[i].BandpassFilterIndex	Perform a digital bandpass filtering of the input channels. Use GetBandpassFilters() to get filter indices.
Channels[i].NotchFilterIndex	Perform a bandstop filtering to suppress the power line frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz. Use GetNotchFilters() to get filter indices.
Channels[i].BipolarChannel	Select a zero based channel index as reference channel for an analog channel

Note that some names are unified to work for all devices. See name_maps.

5.3.2 PYGDS.GDS.SETCONFIGURATION

```
def SetConfiguration(self):
```

SetConfiguration() needs to be called to send the configuration to the device.

SetConfiguration() must not be called if the client is not the session creator and self.IsCreator equals False (i.e. if the constructor of the current pygds.GDS instance was called with the parameter open_exclusively=False).

Before calling the underlying GDS_SetConfiguration(), the channels that are not available on the device are removed. So one can do for ch in d.Channels: ch.Acquire=True without the need to consult GetAvailableChannels().

5.3.3 PYGDS.GDS.GETCONFIGURATION

```
def GetConfiguration(self):
```

GetConfiguration() fetches the configuration from the device. This is done automatically when instantiating a GDS object.

5.3.4 PYGDS.GDS.GETDATAINFO

GetDataInfo() returns (channelsPerDevice, bufferSizeInSamples).

channelsPerDevice is a list of channels for each device.

bufferSizeInSamples is the total number of samples.

```
>>> import pygds
>>> d = pygds.GDS()
>>> scanCount = 500
>>> channelsPerDevice, bufferSizeInSamples = d.GetDataInfo(scanCount)
>>> sum(channelsPerDevice)*scanCount == bufferSizeInSamples
True
>>> d.Close(); del d
```

5.3.5 PYGDS.GDS.N_CH_CALC

```
def N_ch_calc(self):
```

N_ch_calc() returns the number of configured channels. After the first call, you can use d.N_ch to get the number of configured channels.

```
>>> import pygds; d = pygds.GDS()
>>> n = d.N_ch_calc()
>>> d.N_ch == n
True
>>> d.Close(); del d
```

d.N_electrodes is the number of electrodes in the GDS connection for all connected devices. d.N_ch can be equal, smaller or larger than d.N_electrodes, depending on the configuration.

5.3.6 PYGDS.GDS.NUMBEROFSCANS_CALC

```
def NumberOfScans_calc(self):
```

Sets d.NumberOfScans by mapping d.SamplingRate via GetSupportedSamplingRates().

5.3.7 PYGDS.GDS.INDEXAFTER

Get the zero-based channel index one position after the one-based chname. chname can also be one of:

```
Counter
Trigger
```

and for g.Nautilus also:

AccelerationData LinkQualityInformation BatteryLevel DigitalIOs ValidationIndicator

Without chname it gives the count of configured channels.

For more devices per GDS object one can use:

```
name+serial, e.g. 1UB-2008.07.01
```

to get the index of a channel of a specific device.

```
>>> import pygds; d = pygds.GDS()
>>> d.IndexAfter('4'+d.Name)
4
>>> d.IndexAfter('4')
4
>>> d.IndexAfter('AccelerationData')>=0
>>> d.IndexAfter('Counter')>=0
True
>>> d.IndexAfter('LinkQualityInformation')>=0
>>> d.IndexAfter('BatteryLevel')>=0
True
>>> d.IndexAfter('DigitalIOs')>=0
True
>>> d.IndexAfter('Trigger')>=0
True
>>> d.IndexAfter('ValidationIndicator')>=0
True
```

```
>>> d.IndexAfter('')==d.N_ch_calc()
True
>>> d.Close(); del d
```

5.3.8 PYGDS.GDS.GETDATA

GetData() gets the data from the device. It allocates scanCount*N_ch*4 memory two times. It fills one copy in a separate thread with sample data from the device, while the other copy is processed by the more function in the current thread. Then it swaps the two buffers.

more(samples) is an optional callback function that is called on data retrieval with the current samples as parameter. The user can decide by its return value whether to continue acquisition by returning True.

more must copy the samples to reuse them later.

It is recommended to call GetData() only once per acquisition session, especially for data acquisition of longer or yet unknown duration. GetData() internally acquires data periodically in small blocks from the device, depending on the configured scanCount parameter. To process data periodically in blocks, provide a more callback handler function that returns True until data acquisition should stop. Set the scanCount parameter to the block size to process at once, typically a smaller value that results in about 30 milliseconds of data at the configured sampling rate. This way, the callback handler function gets called periodically and data can be processed within its body.

If regular timing is crucial, ensure that the scanCount parameter is an integral multiple of the device's acquisition block size configured by the device configuration's NumberOfScans parameter. Otherwise, the more callback will deliver data at irregular intervals.

```
>>> import pygds; d = pygds.GDS()
>>> samples = []
>>> more = lambda s: samples.append(s.copy()) or len(samples)<2
>>> data=d.GetData(d.SamplingRate, more)
>>> len(samples)
2
>>> d.Close(); del d
```

5.3.9 PYGDS.GDS.GETAVAILABLECHANNELS

GetAvailableChannels() wraps C API's GDS_XXX_GetAvailableChannels(). The return value of each device is an entry in the returned list. d.GetAvailableChannels()[0] is a list of 0 or 1.

This is called when instantiating a GDS object to initialize the N_electrodes member. It is also called in SetConfiguration() to ignore the channels that are not available. And it is called in IndexAfter() and thus also in N_ch_calc() to get the channel index or the configured channel count. There should be no reason to call this directly.

5.3.10 PYGDS.GDS.GETAVAILABLEDIGITALIOS

```
def GetAvailableDigitalIOs(self):
```

GetAvailableDigitalIOs() wraps the g.Nautilus' GDS_GNAUTILUS_GetAvailableDigitalIOs(). g.Nautilus only.

The return value of each device is an entry in the returned list. d.GetAvailableDigitalIOs()[0] is a list of dicts, each with these keys:

ChannelNumber	Unsigned integer representing the digital IO number
Direction	String representing the direction of the digital channel (In=0 or Out=1)

5.3.11 PYGDS.GDS.GETASYNCDIGITALIOS

def GetAsyncDigitalIOs(self):

GetAsyncDigitalIOs() wraps the q.USBamp's GDS GUSBAMP GetAsyncDigitalIOs(). q.USBamp only.

The return value of each device is an entry in the returned list. d.GetAsyncDigitalIOs()[0] is a list of dicts, each with these keys:

ChannelNumber	Integer value representing the digital channel number
Direction	String holding the digital channel direction (In=0 or Out=1)
Value	Current value of the digital channel (true or false)

5.3.12 PYGDS.GDS.SETASYNCDIGITALOUTPUTS

def SetAsyncDigitalOutputs(self, outputs):

SetAsyncDigitalOutputs() wraps the g.USBamp's GDS_GUSBAMP_SetAsyncDigitalOutputs(). g.USBamp only.

5.3.13 PYGDS.GDS.GETDEVICEINFORMATION

```
def GetDeviceInformation(self):
```

GetDeviceInformation() wraps the C API's GDS XXX GetDeviceInformation() functions.

The device information for each device is a string entry in the returned list.

5.3.14 PYGDS.GDS.GETIMPEDANCE

This method is deprecated (use GetImpedanceEx() instead).

GetImpedance() wraps the C API's GDS_XXX_GetImpedance() functions.

Gets the impedances for all channels of all devices. The impedances of each device are a list entry in the returned list.

Note, that for g.Nautilus electrode Cz must be connected to GND, else an exception occurs.

```
>>> import pygds; d = pygds.GDS()
>>> imps = d.GetImpedance([1]*len(d.Channels))
>>> len(imps[0])==len(d.Channels)
True
>>> d.Close(); del d
```

5.3.15 PYGDS.GDS.GETIMPEDANCEEX

def GetImpedanceEx(self,

```
# the type of connected electrodes, can be 0=Passive, 1=Active.
See pygds.ELECTRODE_TYPE_XXX constants.
(q.HIamp only)
electrodeType=ELECTRODE_TYPE_PASSIVE,
# True if a TMS electrode connector box is connected and impedance
values of all channels should be corrected by 10 kilo-ohm;
otherwise, False.
(q.HIamp only)
tmsBoxCorrection=False,
# If this is the start of a new measurement session (i.e. the first in a
loop of consecutive calls to ``GetImpedanceEx()``), set this flag to
True to clear internal interim values of previous measurements; for the
following repeated calls, set this flag to False until the end of the
measurement session.
(g.HIamp only)
firstMeasurementOfSession=True
):
```

GetImpedanceEx() wraps the C API's GDS_XXX_GetImpedanceEx() functions.

Gets the impedances for all channels of all devices. The impedances of each device are a list entry in the returned list. Negative values represent different error codes. See the C or .NET Client API manuals for details.

Note, that for q.Nautilus electrode Cz must be connected to GND, else an exception occurs.

```
>>> import pygds; d = pygds.GDS()
>>> imps = d.GetImpedanceEx(pygds.ELECTRODE_TYPE_PASSIVE, False, True)
>>> len(imps[0])==len(d.Channels)
True
>>> d.Close(); del d
```

5.3.16 PYGDS.GDS.GETSCALING

def GetScaling(self):

 ${\tt GetScaling()} \ wraps \ the \ {\tt C} \ {\tt API's} \ {\tt GDS_XXX_GetScaling()} \ functions.$

The return value of each device is a dict entry in the returned list. Each dict has the fields:

Factor	Array holding single type values with scaling factor for each analog channel.
Offset	Array holding single type values with offset for each analog channel.

5.3.17 PYGDS.GDS.CALIBRATE

def Calibrate(self):

Calibrate() wraps the C API's GDS_XXX_Calibrate() functions, which calibrates the device.

The return value of each device is a dict entry in the returned list. d.Calibrate()[0] is a dict with these keys:

ScalingFactor	Array holding single type values with scaling factor for each analog channel.
Offset	Array holding single type values with offset for each analog channel.

5.3.18 PYGDS.GDS.SETSCALING

SetScaling() wraps the C API's GDS_XXX_SetScaling() functions.

SetScaling() sets the scaling on the device.

5.3.19 PYGDS.GDS.RESETSCALING

```
def ResetScaling(self):
```

ResetScaling() wraps the g.Nautilus GDS_GNAUTILUS_ResetScaling() function.

The scaling is reset to Offset=0.0 and Factor=1.0. g.Nautilus only.

5.3.20 PYGDS.GDS.GETNETWORKCHANNEL

```
def GetNetworkChannel(self):
```

GetNetworkChannel() wraps the C API's GDS_GNAUTILUS_GetNetworkChannel().

The currently used g.Nautilus network channel is an entry in the returned list. The device configuration stored behind in self.Configs and self.NetworkChannel, respectively, is also updated with the retrieved network channel.

5.3.21 PYGDS.GDS.GETFACTORYSCALING

```
def GetFactoryScaling(self):
```

GetFactoryScaling() wraps C API's GDS_GHIAMP_GetFactoryScaling().

The factory scaling is an entry for each g.Hlamp in the returned list. Only g.Hlamp.

5.3.22 PYGDS.GDS.GETSUPPORTEDSAMPLINGRATES

def GetSupportedSamplingRates(self):

GetSupportedSamplingRates() wraps the C API's GDS_XXX_GetSupportedSamplingRates() functions.

For each device a dict {SamplingRate:NumberOfScans} is an entry in the returned list.

You can do d.NumberOfScans=d.GetSupportedSamplingRates()[0][d.SamplingRate] to set the recommended NumberOfScans. This is done when using d.NumberOfScans_calc(), and if there are more devices per GDS object.

5.3.23 PYGDS.GDS.GETBANDPASSFILTERS

```
def GetBandpassFilters(self):
```

GetBandpassFilters() wraps the C API's GDS_XXX_GetBandpassFilters() functions.

In the returned list, an entry per device is a list of dicts, with one dict for each filter. The dicts also contain the key BandpassFilterIndex to be used to set the filter.

The fields per filter are:

BandpassFilter Index	Use this for the according channel field
SamplingRate	Double value holding the sampling rate for which the filter is valid.

Order	Unsigned integer holding filter order
LowerCutoffFre quency	Double representing lower cutoff frequency of the filter
UpperCutoffFre quency	Double representing upper cutoff frequency of the filter
Typeld	Representing type of filter

To choose a filter for the desired sampling rate, you can do this:

```
>>> import pygds; d = pygds.GDS()
>>> f_s_2 = sorted(d.GetSupportedSamplingRates()[0].items())[1] #512 or 500
>>> d.SamplingRate, d.NumberOfScans = f_s_2
>>> BP = [x for x in d.GetBandpassFilters()[0] if x['SamplingRate'] == d.SamplingRate]
>>> for ch in d.Channels:
... ch.Acquire = True
... if BP:
... ch.BandpassFilterIndex = BP[0]['BandpassFilterIndex']
>>> d.SetConfiguration()
>>> d.GetData(d.SamplingRate).shape[0] == d.SamplingRate
True
>>> d.Close(); del d
```

5.3.24 PYGDS.GDS.GETNOTCHFILTERS

def GetNotchFilters(self):

GetNotchFilters() wraps the C API's GDS_XXX_GetNotchFilters() functions.

In the returned list, an entry per device is a list of dicts, with one dict for each filter. The dicts also contain the key NotchFilterIndex to be used to set the filter.

The fields per filter are:

NotchFilterIndex	Use this for the according channel field
SamplingRate	Double value holding the sampling rate for which the filter is valid
Order	Unsigned integer holding filter order
LowerCutoffFre quency	Double representing lower cutoff frequency of the filter
UpperCutoffFre quency	Double representing upper cutoff frequency of the filter
Typeld	Representing type of filter

To choose a filter for the desired sampling rate, you can do this:

5.3.25 PYGDS.GDS.GETSUPPORTEDSENSITIVITIES

def GetSupportedSensitivities(self):

GetSupportedSensitivities() wraps the C API's GDS_GNAUTILUS_GetSupportedSensitivities().

The supported sensitivities for each g.Nautilus device are an entry in the returned list. g.Nautilus only.

d.GetSupportedSensitivities()[0] is a list of integers. Each integer can be used as the channel's sensitivity.

5.3.26 PYGDS.GDS.GETSUPPORTEDNETWORKCHANNELS

def GetSupportedNetworkChannels(self):

GetSupportedNetworkChannels() wraps C API's GDS GNAUTILUS GetSupportedNetworkChannels().

The supported network channels for each g.Nautilus device are an entry in the returned list. g.Nautilus only.

GetSupportedNetworkChannels()[0] is a list of integers. Each integer can be used in d.SetNetworkChannel().

5.3.27 PYGDS.GDS.GETSUPPORTEDINPUTSOURCES

def GetSupportedInputSources(self):

GetSupportedInputSources() function wraps GDS_GNAUTILUS_GetSupportedInputSources().

The supported g.Nautilus input sources for each g.Nautilus device are an entry in the returned list. g.Nautilus only.

d.GetSupportedInputSources()[0] is a list of integers corresponding to the
pygds.GDS_GNAUTILUS_INPUT_XXX constants. Each integer can be used for d.InputSignal.

5.3.28 PYGDS.GDS.GETCHANNELNAMES

def GetChannelNames(self):

GetChannelNames() wraps C API's GDS_GNAUTILUS_GetChannelNames().

A list of channel names for each q.Nautilus device is an entry in the returned list. q.Nautilus only.

d.GetChannelNames()[0] is a list of strings. The strings correspond to the labels on the electrodes.

5.3.29 PYGDS.GDS.SETNETWORKCHANNEL

SetNetworkChannel() wraps the C API's GDS_GNAUTILUS_SetNetworkChannel(). g.Nautilus only.

SetNetworkChannel() sets the g.Nautilus network channel. The device configuration stored behind in self.Configs and self.NetworkChannel, respectively, is also updated with the new network channel.

networkchannels is one of the integers returned by GetSupportedNetworkChannels().

5.3.30 PYGDS.GDS.CLOSE

def Close(self):

Closes the device.

All GDS objects are removed automatically when exiting Python.

To remove a GDS object manually, use:

>>> d.Close()
>>> del d

6 DEMO CODE

6.1 PYGDS.CONFIGURE_DEMO

```
def configure_demo(d, testsignal=False, acquire=1):
if d.DeviceType == DEVICE_TYPE_GNAUTILUS:
    sensitivities = d.GetSupportedSensitivities()[0]
    d.SamplingRate = 250
    if testsignal:
        d.InputSignal = GNAUTILUS_INPUT_SIGNAL_TEST_SIGNAL
    else:
        d.InputSignal = GNAUTILUS_INPUT_SIGNAL_ELECTRODE
else:
    d.SamplingRate = 256
    d.InternalSignalGenerator.Enabled = testsignal
    d.InternalSignalGenerator.Frequency = 10
d.NumberOfScans_calc()
d.Counter = 0
d.Trigger = ∅
for i, ch in enumerate(d.Channels):
    ch.Acquire = acquire
    ch.BandpassFilterIndex = -1
    ch.NotchFilterIndex = -1
    ch.BipolarChannel = 0 # 0 => to GND
    if d.DeviceType == DEVICE_TYPE_GNAUTILUS:
        ch.BipolarChannel = -1 # -1 => to GND
        ch.Sensitivity = sensitivities[5]
        ch.UsedForNoiseReduction = 0
        ch.UsedForCAR = 0
#not unified
if d.DeviceType == DEVICE_TYPE_GUSBAMP:
    d.ShortCutEnabled = 0
    d.CommonGround = [1]*4
    d.CommonReference = [1]*4
    d.InternalSignalGenerator.WaveShape = GUSBAMP_WAVESHAPE_SINE
    d.InternalSignalGenerator.Amplitude = 200
    d.InternalSignalGenerator.Offset = 0
elif d.DeviceType == DEVICE_TYPE_GHIAMP:
    d.HoldEnabled = 0
elif d.DeviceType == DEVICE TYPE GNAUTILUS:
    d.NoiseReduction = 0
    d.CAR = 0
    d.ValidationIndicator = 1
    d.AccelerationData = 1
    d.LinkQualityInformation = 1
    d.BatteryLevel = 1
```

Makes a configuration for the demos.

The device configuration fields are members of the device object d. If d.ConfigCount>1, i.e. more devices are connected, use d.Configs[i] instead.

Config names are unified: See name_maps.

This does not configure a filter. Note that g.Hlamp version < 1.0.9 will have wrong first value without filters.

6.2 PYGDS.DEMO_COUNTER

def demo_counter():

```
d = GDS()
# configure
configure_demo(d, testsignal=d.DeviceType != DEVICE_TYPE_GUSBAMP)
d.Counter = 1
# set configuration
d.SetConfiguration()
# get data
data = d.GetData(d.SamplingRate)
# plot counter
scope = Scope(1/d.SamplingRate, modal=True, ylabel='n',
              xlabel='t/s', title='Counter')
icounter = d.IndexAfter('Counter')-1
scope(data[:, icounter:icounter+1])
plt.show()
# plot second channel
scope = Scope(1/d.SamplingRate, modal=True, ylabel=u'U/\mu V',
              xlabel='t/s', title='Channel 2')
scope(data[:, 1:2])
# or
# plt.plot(data[1:,1])
#plt.title('Channel 2')
plt.show()
# close
d.Close()
del d
```

This demo:

- configures to internal test signal
- records 1 second
- displays the counter
- displays channel 2

Have a device:

- · connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.3 PYGDS.DEMO_SAVE

```
def demo_save():
filename = 'demo save.npy'
assert not os.path.exists(
    filename), "the file %s must not exist yet" % filename
# device object
d = GDS()
# configure
configure_demo(d, testsignal=True)
# set configuration
d.SetConfiguration()
# get data
data = d.GetData(d.SamplingRate)
# save
np.save(filename, data)
del data
# Load
dfromfile = np.load(filename)
os.remove(filename)
# show Loaded
scope = Scope(1/d.SamplingRate, modal=True,
              xlabel="t/s", title='Channel 1')
scope(dfromfile[:, 0:1])
plt.show()
```

```
# close
d.Close()
del d
```

This demo:

- records: the internal test signal
- saves the acquired data after recording

Have a device:

- · connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.4 PYGDS.DEMO_DI

```
def demo_di():
d = GDS()
# configure
configure_demo(d, testsignal=True, acquire=0)
d.Trigger = 1
d.Channels[0].Acquire = 1 # at least one channel needs to be there
d.SetConfiguration()
di1 = d.IndexAfter('DI')-1
di2 = d.IndexAfter('Trigger')-1
assert di1 == di2
# initialize scope object
scope = Scope(1/d.SamplingRate, subplots={0: 0, 1: di1}, xlabel=(
    '', 't/s'), ylabel=(u'V/µV', 'DI'), title=('Ch1', 'DI'))
# get data to scope
d.GetData(d.SamplingRate, more=scope)
print('DI channel is ', di1)
# close
d.Close()
del d
```

This demo:

- records the DI channel
- displays it with the live scope

Have a device:

- connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.5 PYGDS.DEMO_SCOPE

This demo:

- records a test signal
- displays it in the live scope

Have a device:

- · connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.6 PYGDS.DEMO_SCOPE_ALL

```
def demo_scope_all():
d = GDS()
# configure
configure_demo(d, testsignal=True, acquire=1)
sr = d.GetSupportedSamplingRates()[0]
d.SamplingRate = max(sr.keys())
if d.DeviceType == DEVICE TYPE GHIAMP:
    for i, ch in enumerate(d.Channels):
        if i >= 40:
            ch.Acquire = 0
elif d.DeviceType == DEVICE TYPE GUSBAMP:
    d.SamplingRate = 1200 # >1200 no internal signal
d.NumberOfScans = sr[d.SamplingRate]
d.SetConfiguration()
# initialize scope
scope = Scope(1/d.SamplingRate, xlabel='t/s', ylabel=u'V/μV',
             title="Internal Signal Channels: %s")
# get data every 1/3 of a second
cnt = d.SamplingRate//3 # determines how often an update happens
d.GetData(cnt, more=scope)
# close
d.Close()
del d
```

This demo:

- records a test signal for all channels with maximum sampling rate
- displays it in the live scope

Have a device:

- · connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.7 PYGDS.DEMO SCALING

```
def demo_scaling():
d = GDS()
# get scaling
current_scaling = d.GetScaling()
print(current_scaling)
# close
d.Close()
del d
```

This demo:

• tests the function GetScaling.

Have a device:

· connected to the PC and

switched on

6.8 PYGDS.DEMO_IMPEDANCE

```
def demo_impedance():
d = GDS()
# get impedances
impedances = d.GetImpedanceEx()
print(impedances[0])
# close
d.Close()
del d
```

This demo:

• demonstrates impedance measurement

Have a device:

- connected to the PC and
- switched on
- for g.Nautilus, Cz must be connected to GND

6.9 PYGDS.DEMO_FILTER

```
def demo_filter():
d = GDS()
# configure to the second lowest sampling rate
f s 2 = sorted(d.GetSupportedSamplingRates()[0].items())[1]
d.SamplingRate, d.NumberOfScans = f s 2
# get all applicable filters
N = [x for x in d.GetNotchFilters()[0] if x['SamplingRate']
     == d.SamplingRate]
BP = [x for x in d.GetBandpassFilters()[0] if x['SamplingRate']
      == d.SamplingRate]
# set the first applicable filter
for ch in d.Channels:
    ch.Acquire = True
    if N:
        ch.NotchFilterIndex = N[0]['NotchFilterIndex']
        ch.BandpassFilterIndex = BP[0]['BandpassFilterIndex']
# set configuration on device
d.SetConfiguration()
# get and display one second of data
Scope(1/d.SamplingRate, modal=True)(d.GetData(d.SamplingRate))
plt.show()
# You wouldn't do the following. Here it is just to check GetConfiguration() functionality.
for ch in d.Channels:
    ch.Acquire = False
    ch.NotchFilterIndex = -1
    ch.BandpassFilterIndex = -1
d.GetConfiguration()
assert d.Channels[0].Acquire == True
assert d.Channels[0].NotchFilterIndex != - \
    1 or d.Channels[0].BandpassFilterIndex != -1
```

This demo:

demonstrates the use of filters

Have a device:

- · connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.10 PYGDS.DEMO ALL API

```
def demo_all_api():
print("Testing communication with the devices")
print("======="")
print()
# device object
d = GDS()
# configure
configure_demo(d)
d.Counter = True
d.SetConfiguration()
# print all Configs
print("Devices:")
for c in d.Configs:
    print(str(c))
    print()
print()
# calc number of channels
print("Configured number of channels: ", d.N_ch_calc())
print()
# available channels
print("Available Channels: ", d.GetAvailableChannels())
print()
# device info string
print("Device informations:")
dis = d.GetDeviceInformation()
for di in dis:
    print(di)
    print()
print()
# supported sampling rates
print("Supported sampling rates: ")
for sr in d.GetSupportedSamplingRates():
    for x in sr:
        print(str(x))
print()
# impedances
print("Measure impedances: ")
try:
    imps = d.GetImpedanceEx()
    print(imps)
except GDSError as e:
   print(e)
print()
# impedances (deprecated)
print("Measure impedances (deprecated): ")
try:
    imps = d.GetImpedance()
    print(imps)
except GDSError as e:
   print(e)
print()
# filters
print("Bandpass filters:")
bps = d.GetBandpassFilters()
for bp in bps:
    for abp in bp:
```

```
print(str(abp))
print()
print("Notch filters:")
notchs = d.GetNotchFilters()
for notch in notchs:
    for anotch in notch:
        print(str(anotch))
print()
# device specific functions
```

This demo:

- calls all wrapped API functions
- can be used as a regression test

Have a device:

- connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.11 PYGDS.DEMO USBAMP SYNC

```
def demo_usbamp_sync():
dev_names = [n for n, t, u in ConnectedDevices() if t ==
            DEVICE_TYPE_GUSBAMP and not u]
devices = ','.join(dev_names)
print('master,slave = ', devices)
print()
if len(dev_names) == 2:
    d = GDS(devices)
    # configure each
    for c in d.Configs:
        c.SamplingRate = 256
        c.NumberOfScans = 8
        c.CommonGround = [0]*4
        c.CommonReference = [0]*4
        c.ShortCutEnabled = 0
        c.CounterEnabled = 0
        c.TriggerEnabled = 0
        c.InternalSignalGenerator.Enabled = 1
        c.InternalSignalGenerator.Frequency = 10
        c.InternalSignalGenerator.WaveShape = GUSBAMP_WAVESHAPE SINE
        c.InternalSignalGenerator.Amplitude = 200
        c.InternalSignalGenerator.Offset = 0
        for ch in c.Channels:
            ch.Acquire = 1
            # do not use filters
            ch.BandpassFilterIndex = -1
            ch.NotchFilterIndex = -1
            # do not use a bipolar channel
            ch.BipolarChannel = 0
    d.SetConfiguration()
    # create time scope
    scope = Scope(1/c.SamplingRate, xlabel='t/s',
                 ylabel=u'V/μV', title="%s Channels")
    # make scope see 1 second
    d.GetData(1*c.SamplingRate, more=scope)
    # close
    d.Close()
    del d
```

This demo:

• configures two g.USBamp with the sinus test signal

- records all 32 channels of the two synchronized g.USBamp and
- displays all 32 channels in the time scope.

Have two switched on g.USBamp devices:

- connected to the PC and
- connected with each other via the synch cables

6.12 PYGDS.DEMO_REMOTE

```
def demo_remote():
    ip = _this_ip('10.255.255.255')  # use this IP for the test
    print("connecting "+ip)
    for ch in 'U H N'.split():
        try:
            # provide server_ip when connecting remote PC
            d = GDS(gds_device=ch, server_ip=ip)
            print(d.GetDeviceInformation()[0])
            d.Close()
            del d
        except:
            pass
```

This demo:

shows how to connect a remote PC.

Have a device:

- connected to the PC and
- switched on

6.13 PYGDS.DEMO_ALL

```
def demo_all():
```

Runs all demos.

