EEG

Here you can find information about Electroencephalography (EEG).

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EEG Set-up

In the Brain & Behaviour Lab, there are a total of 7 BioSemi systems. Three of them are permanently in B-447(A, B, & C). Two of them are rotated in the rooms of B-449(A, B, C, & D). The remaining two BioSemi systems can be used on request in B-449 (contact the Lab Coordinator). Usually the remaining two are also placed in the rooms of B-449. So, in practice the rooms all have an EEG system, but keep in mind that this is not always certain for two rooms in B-449!

EEG Conduct

The A/D-boxes and electrodes are expensive and sensitive equipment and should therefore be handled with equivalent care. So, there are a couple of basic rules that you should keep in mind when handling EEG:

- Never let a participant take an A/D-box with them when going someplace other than the experiment space (e.g., the toilet, taking a break, etc.).
- Do not bend the electrodes or be rough when attaching or disconnecting the electrodes to the inputs.
- Do not bring electrodes in contact with metal surfaces as this may result in all sorts of damage.
- Do not handle any fluid or other small particles near the A/D-box, anything going into the ports can damage the device permanently.

Sending Triggers

Triggers are sent using a **Serial Port**.

EEG Supplies

In the back of the EEG lab (B-447), to the right, there is a storage closet full of supplies that are needed to conduct EEG experiments. These include gel, stickers for electrodes, rubbing alcohol, gloves and tissues. There are caps and electrodes present in the lab, as well as multiple batteries for the BioSemi. If there is low stock of anything, please contact the Lab Coordinator.

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EEG Models

We have two models of Biosemi A/D-boxes. Two are the newest ActiveThree's and the remaining five are ActiveTwo's/Active2.5's.

ActiveThree

Two rooms of B-447 (A & B), make use of the newest BioSemi ActiveThree systems. These work primarily the same as the older system, but have slight differences in procedure. On the desks for these rooms, instructions are placed; please make sure to read these! You can also find these in the "*Attachments*" section next to this chapter.

ActiveTwo/Active2.5

The remainder of the rooms make use of the BioSemi ActiveTwo/Active2.5 systems.

EEG Protocol

This is a manual for general use of EEG based on the "Quick Reference Guide" by Jonathan van Leeuwen.

Before Participant Arrives

1. Turn on computer.
2. Turn on Actiview on BioSemi computer.
3. Start the experiment on the experiment computer.
4. Check battery, always use a fully charged battery (one battery should always be charging).
5. Prepare the things you need for measuring EEG.
   - EEG electrodes
   - EOG electrodes
   - CMS and DRL electrodes
   - Electrode caps in various sizes
   - Gel syringe
   - Electrode gel
   - EOG stickers
   - Scissors
   - Cleaning tonic for the skin
   - Salt
   - Plastic tub
   - Scissors
   - Towel and shampoo

Preparation of the Participant

1. Talk to participant, if participant has participated in EEG experiment before, roughly explain what you are going to do. If participant has never participated in EEG experiment, explain extensively what he/she will have to do. Always talk to the participant while you are applying gel and electrodes and tell the participant what you are doing. Interact with the participant, make them feel comfortable.
2. Get the participant to go to the toilet before anything starts.
3. If the participants skin is very oily or has makeup clean it softly with the cleaning tonic and tissues (the locations where the EOG electrodes are being placed).
4. Measure the head circumference and find correct EEG cap.
5. Place the EOG electrodes:
   - EXG1: 2cm above the right eye (aligned to center of eye)
   - EXG2: 2cm below the right eye (aligned to center of eye)

    - EXG3: 1cm right of the right eye (aligned to center of eye)
    - EXG4: 1cm left of the left eye (aligned to center of eye)
    - EXG5: On right mastoid behind right ear (reference)
    - EXG6: On left mastoid behind left ear (reference)
6. Place EEG cap (make sure its placed correctly and that the label is outside of the cap).
7. Fill electrode holders with gel 3/4 full.
8. Attach the electrodes to the EEG cap, one bundle at a time (also attach the CMS and DRL).
9. Put participant in the cubicle.
10. Check that the subject is sitting at the correct distance (75cm from screen).
11. Attach the electrode bundles to the BiosemiAD converter (CSM within range).
12. Check that the incoming data is of sufficient quality.
13. Tell the participant to try to limit his/her eye-blinking.

Start Experiment

1. Close the cubicle door and turn off lights.
2. Start the EEG data collection in Actiview (make sure that it is saving data).
3. Start the experiment.
4. Check that there are incoming port codes in Actiview during the experiment (IMPORTANT).
5. If you are measuring separate blocks, make sure that you stop and start the EEG collection after and before each block.

End Experiment

1. Stop all data collection on the computers.
2. Turn on light in the cubicle.
3. Turn off the BiosemiAD converter.
4. Unplug the electrode(s)(bundles) from the BiosemiAD converter.
5. Carefully take out all the electrodes from the cap (easiest if participant is still wearing the cap).
6. Remove the EEG cap.
7. Remove the EOG electrodes.
8. Give participant a towel and show them where to clean their hair.
9. Start cleaning the electrodes and the EEG cap.
10. When participant is done with cleaning up, get participant to sign/fill in payment forms.
11. Thank participant and show him/her to the exit if necessary.
12. Continue cleaning the electrodes and EEG cap.
13. Backup data (IMPORTANT).
14. Turn off the computers and lights.

Extended Manual for BioSemi Equipment

For more detailed information on the use of the BioSemi EEG system, please have a look at the following manual.

Configuration

To compute the visual angle for your screen configuration when using EEG use the following helping excel file .

Sharing Screens Between Computers

There is software installed for showing the screen of the BioSemi computer on the stimulus screen inside the cubicle. This can be useful when you want to show a participant or student their live data for educational purposes. Follow these steps to accomplish this:

1. Search for "UltraVNC Server" in the searchbar of the BioSemi pc and launch it.
2. Search for "UltraVNC Viewer" in the searchbar of the stimulus pc and launch it as well.
3. On the stimulus pc, behind "server:port", type the name of the computer (e. g. "B447A-80-B") and click connect.
4. You are asked to insert a password on the stimulus pc, this is `view!`.
5. Click "accept" on the BioSemi pc and the connection will start. You will now see the BioSemi screen on the stimulus pc.
6. To end the connection, press the x in the upper right corner on the stimulus pc.

Cleaning Instructions Caps

Please clean the gel from the caps thoroughly, it can help to soak the cap in warm water before rinsing the individual holes. Make sure that no gel remains so that the next researcher can use a fresh and clean cap for their participant.

Preferably do not use a hairdryer on the caps, this can damage them. If you must, use low heat and keep enough distance between the cap and the hair dryer. Also, do not hang caps to dry, this will deform them. Instead, lay them on a towel to air dry after washing.

There is a sink present for cleaning in the EEG lab.

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Shower

There is a shower available if the participant wishes to clean their hair after the experiment. It is next to the EEG lab (officially: MF-B447-D), on the right side: