

# NeuronUnit

<http://neuronunit.scidash.org>

NeuronUnit facilitates data-driven validation of neurophysiology models, testing these models for agreement with experimental data. Progress in model development or appropriateness of published models can be evaluated according to performance on these tests.



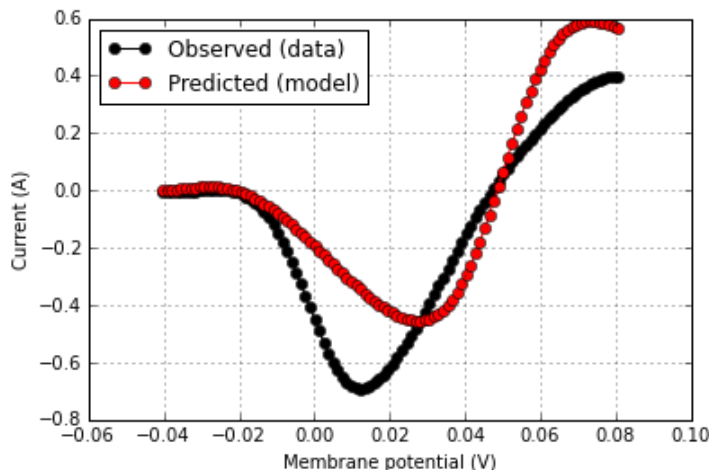
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Data driven model validation for neuroscience

Write (or reuse) unit tests that each characterize one aspect of model behavior.

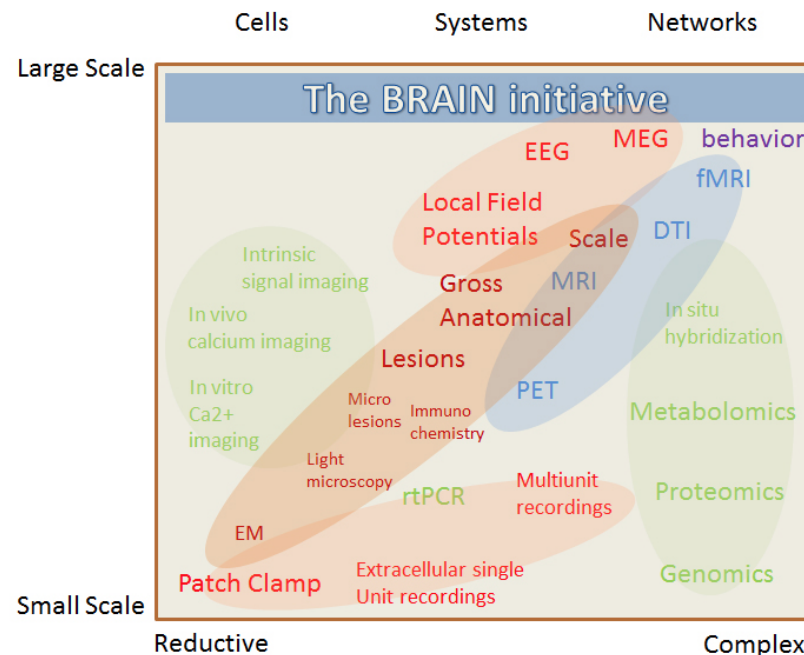
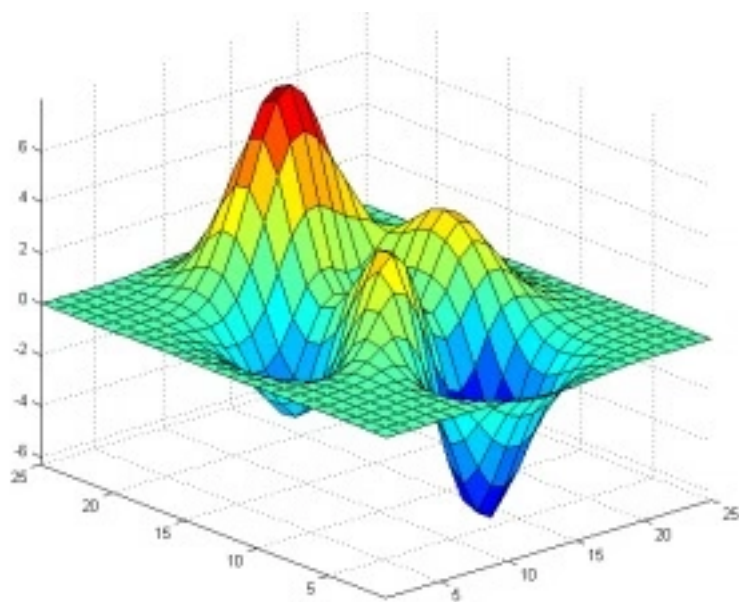
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my_model = ReducedModel('/path/to/file', backend='NEURON') # Instantiate a reduced neuron model.
my_test = RheobaseTest(observation={'mean': 100*pA, 'std': 5*pA}) # Instantiate a test based on
                                                                # data from the literature or your Lab.
score = my_test.judge() # Runs the test and return a rich score containing test results and more.
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Visualize model/data  
agreement for each test



Examine test performance for different  
parameterizations of a model, or different models

	Mean	RheobaseTest	InputResistanceTest	TimeConstantTest
V_rest=-80mV	0.342	Ratio = 1.86	Z = -1.04	Z = -1.49
V_rest=-70mV	0.384	Ratio = 1.00	Z = -0.87	Z = -1.46
V_rest=-60mV	0.356	Ratio = 0.40	Z = -0.53	Z = -1.42
V_rest=-50mV	0.296	Ratio = 0.07	Z = 0.29	Z = -1.29



Optimization of model parameters  
using genetic algorithms

Support for models across multiple  
scales of neuroscience



Human Brain Project



Model and data integration with  
major simulator, data, and  
standards providers



# Neurodata Without Borders

## Neurophysiology format

<http://nwb.org>

A data format designed for storing neurophysiology data and related metadata in a structured manner. It currently stores the data within HDF5 files. A write API is available in Python and Matlab.

# NWB features

- Has standard layouts for storing common Neurophysiology data types and metadata
- Ability to link data between files
- Extensible, e.g. allows defining schema for storing new types of data in a standard manner
- Minimal library dependencies
- Human-readable and self-documenting

# Current work/ future plans

- Develop high-level read and write API
- Extend to store new types of data (e.g. ECoG)
- API features for HPC (High Performance Computing) environments
- Allow using different backends, e.g. other than HDF5
- Formation of governance board to manage the format and related tools
- New version release planned by SfN 2017

# Overview of NWB format

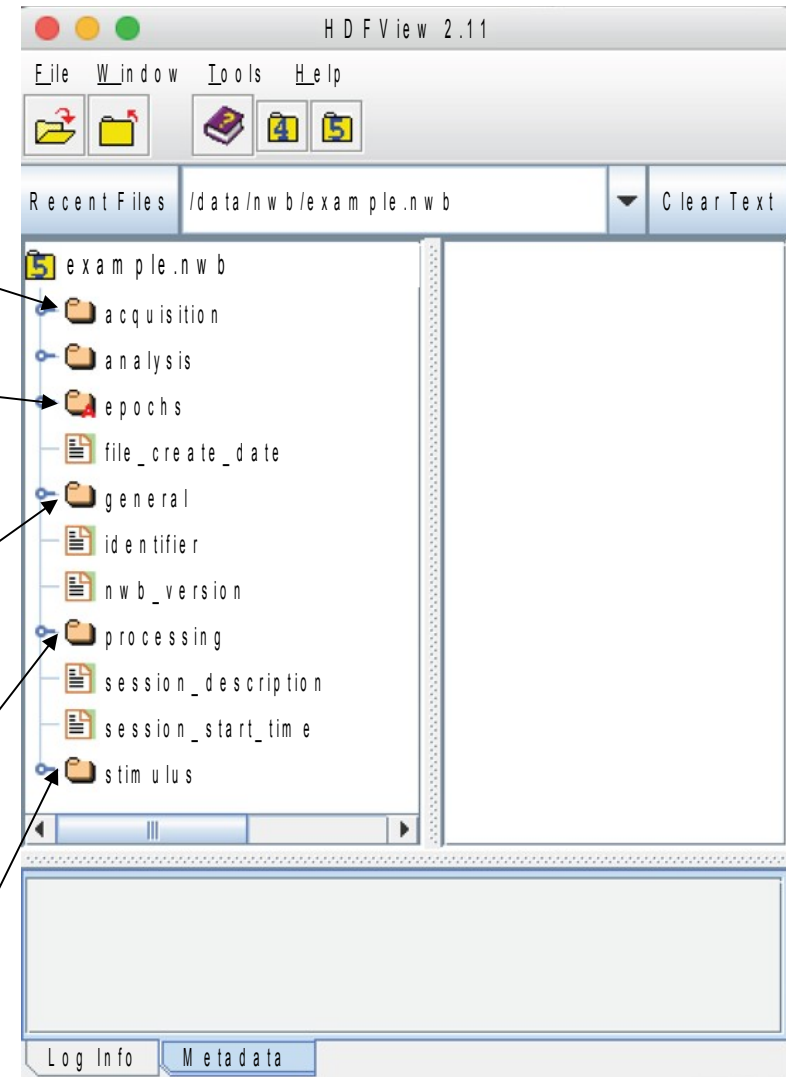
Acquired experimental data  
and graphical documentation

Logical intervals that provide  
windows into data occurring  
during the interval

Metadata, including originating  
lab, devices, methods, etc

Intermediate processing of  
data, such as spike sorting

Stimuli that were presented  
during an experiment



**HDFView** is a free application for  
browsing HDF5 files.