

# EEGpal: Peak or Trace export module

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The module 'Peak or Trace export' has three possible functions. Firstly, it allows to find the highest positive (max) or negative (min) peaks in the specified time interval. The module generates an Excel or txt file with amplitude and position. The user has the possibility to record a check file informing if no peaks (=1) or several peaks (=2) have been detected in the time interval. In the case of multiple peaks, the main output file will by default only record the maximum of the minimum.

The second functionality is to export the amplitude values for each time point (called the timecourse). This allows to perform statistic over the electrodes and times.

The third functionality of this module is to calculate the average of the signal in the specified time interval. This would be useful for extracting values to make plots.

The module saved as output files which can be easily load in your favorite statistical software (like Excel, R, SPSS, ...). By default it saved .xlsx files but you can also save .txt files with tab as delimiter.

This module is design to work with epoched files (after completion of the processing with the **Epoching** module). It required to have import files with identical length (number of TF), number of electrodes and sampling rate in the main windows of EEGpal.

## Find peaks

1. Sampling rate of the data. Normally should be automatically transfer from the main windows. You can adjust if it is not the case.
2. Choose the action **Peaks detection**.
3. Specify the time interval. WARNING: The value 0 is the beginning of the file. This module doesn't take account about possible .mrk file which could define another origin. EoF=End of File.

- Specify the electrode to study, Specify the indices of the electrodes (1 2 64) and not the name specified by the coordinate file (A1 A2 B32).
- Specify if you want to detect positive peaks (looking for maxima) or negative peak (looking for minima).
- In addition, you can detect the peaks for the average of specified electrodes in **4**, on the global field power (GFP) or on the global map dissimilarity (GMD).  
The result for GFP and GMD is independent of the parameter **5**. Indeed, the values are always positive so the module will always return the maxima.
- Select if the output file format: .xlsx or .txt (with tab as delimiter).
- Specify if the peak position should be specified in millisecond (ms) or in time frame (tf) in the output file.
- Select the output folder where the output will be recorded.
- You can specify manually a suffix in the output file name. For example:  
*PeakDetection\_Positive\_98-122ms\_P1.xlsx*
- Record an additional check. Read the section **How can I use the check file?** in the FAQ bellow.
- Run the module to generate the output. After completion, you can press on Done or Cancel to close the module.

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### What the output looks like?

Amplitude							Position						
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Files	Amp_e29	Amp_e31	Amp_e32	Amp_Average	Amp_GFP	Amp_GMD		Pos_ms_e29	Pos_ms_e31	Pos_ms_e32	Pos_ms_Average	Pos_ms_GFP	Pos_ms_GMD
P001_epoched_Trigger_5	2.21799964	-0.577037684	-0.124566528	0.165539247		0.117284528		203	233	239	209		223
P001_epoched_Trigger_6	1.438428262			0.125316745	0.742444627	0.101901773		204			212	238	224
P001_epoched_Trigger_7						0.043326292							248
P001_epoched_Trigger_8	0.744847564	0.361666973	0.60324159	0.560033193	0.56766138	0.040514724		221	210	223	220	219	242

The first columns are the amplitude, and the last columns are the position, either in milliseconds or in a time frame according to parameter **8**.

### How is the peak detection performed?

The module uses the Matlab function *findpeaks*. It specifically looks for a high value surrounded by smaller values. This detection is not perturbate by the boundary of the interval (which are never detected as peak). This function only detects local maxima. To detect local minima, the signal is inverted. It is why you cannot detect a positive peak (max) and a negative peak (min) at the same time. You must perform two separate runs by changing the option **5**.

### What happens if there are several local peaks?

The Find Peaks module will always return only one peak in the output file. It will report the peak with the largest amplitude (for positive peaks) or the smallest amplitude (for negative peaks). However, the check file allows you to know if more than one peak has been found in the specified time interval (**3**).

### How can I use the check file?

The optional check file allows you to know if only one peak is detected in the interval (**value=0**), no peak is detected (**value=1**) or several peaks are detected (**value=2**). You can use this information to look at the signal yourself in Cartool to possibly correct the position according to your own expertise.

Files	Check_e29	Check_e31	Check_e32	Check_Average	Check_GFP	Check_GMD
P001_epoched_Trigger_5	0	0	0	0	1	2
P001_epoched_Trigger_6	0	1	1	0	0	0
P001_epoched_Trigger_7	1	1	1	1	1	2
P001_epoched_Trigger_8	0	0	0	0	0	2

## Timecourse export

The screenshot shows the 'EEGpal\_PeaksTraceExport' window. The title bar includes a question mark icon. The main area is divided into several sections:

- Header:** 'Peak Detection or Trace Export' with a question mark icon.
- Introduction:** A paragraph explaining the module's purpose for generating ERP exports for statistical software.
- Sampling Rate (in Hz):** A text input field with the value '2048' (labeled 1).
- What processing should I do?:** A dropdown menu set to 'Timecourse extraction' (labeled 2).
- Time interval:**
  - Relative to file start:** Two sub-inputs for '[ms]' (48.8) and '[tf]' (100) (labeled 3).
  - Interval onset:** A text input field.
  - Interval offset:** A dropdown menu set to 'EoF'.
  - Time must be specified in the Cartool scale (first time frame is tf=0).**
- Elements to process:**
  - Electrodes:** A text input field with the value '1 2 3' (labeled 4).
  - Specify the channel number separate by space (e.g. 1 2 64). Put \* to select all channels.**
  - Average selected electrode(s):** A checked checkbox (labeled 5).
  - GFP:** A checked checkbox.
  - Dis/GMD:** A checked checkbox.
- OUTPUT OPTIONS:**
  - Output format:** A dropdown menu set to '.xlsx' (labeled 6).
  - Save in 2D text files (timeXelectrodes) or one 3D mat file?:** A dropdown menu set to '2D files' (labeled 7).
  - Select uppermost folder where to save the files:** A 'Select folder' button (labeled 8).
  - Saving folder:** A text input field containing a file path (labeled 8).
  - Optional suffix in output file name:** A text input field containing 'POI2' (labeled 9).
- APPLY:** A large button (labeled 10) with sub-buttons 'Run', 'Done', and 'Cancel'.

1. Sampling rate of the data. Normally should be automatically transfer from the main windows. You can adjust if it is not the case.
2. Choose the action **Timecourse extraction**.
3. Specify the time interval. WARNING: The value 0 is the beginning of the file. This module don't take account about possible .mrk file which could define another origin. EoF=End of File.
4. Specify the electrode to study, Specify the indices of the electrodes (1 2 3) and not the name specified by the coordinate file (A1 A2 A3).
5. In addition, you can average of specified electrodes in 4, the global field power (GFP) or the global map dissimilarity (GMD).
6. Select if the output file format: .xlsx, .txt (with tab as delimiter) or .ep (in order to open in Cartool but without electrode names). This option is available only if you decide to save 2D file in the parameter 7.
7. You have two choices here:
  - a. 2D files: Record the timecourse separately for each input files. It will record a table with a header. Each line is a temporal point (TF) and each column is a channels (first electrodes, then avg, GFP and GMP).
  - b. 3D files. Record all the timecourses in a single file. It will record a .mat file without headers. The organization of the file is:
    - i. x=time (in TF)
    - ii. y=channels (first electrodes, then avg, GFP and GMP)
    - iii. z=input files
8. Select the output folder where the output will be recorded.
9. You can specify manually a suffix in the output file name. For example:  
*P032\_epoched\_Trigger\_1\_Timecourse\_100-1540tf\_POI2.xlsx* for only one file if you select '2D files' in 7, or *3D\_Timecourse\_100-1540tf\_POI2.mat* if you selected '3D file' in 7.
10. Run the module and generate the output. After completion, you can press on Done or Cancel to close the module.

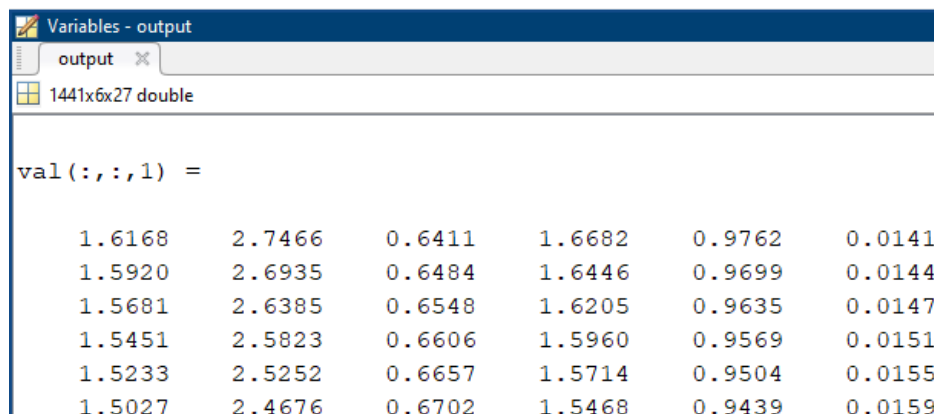
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### What the output looks like?

In the case of '2D files':

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	TF	e1	e2	e3	ElectodesAvg	GFP	GMD
2	100	1.234532833	1.049366713	0.017198961	0.767032836	0.664941613	0.047183277
3	101	1.275371075	1.068965673	-0.045417983	0.766306255	0.672078973	0.046032681
4	102	1.31501174	1.087960005	-0.106108233	0.76562117	0.679115012	0.044789148
5	103	1.35315311	1.106446385	-0.16424723	0.765117422	0.685975159	0.043464413
6	104	1.389520764	1.124536037	-0.219229162	0.764942547	0.692579629	0.042075817
7	105	1.423870206	1.142351747	-0.270471841	0.765250037	0.698845332	0.040646875
8	106	1.455986738	1.160024524	-0.317421049	0.766196738	0.704689646	0.039205279
9	107	1.485692024	1.17768991	-0.359557867	0.767941356	0.710033653	0.037783662
10	108	1.512841582	1.19548285	-0.396405786	0.770639549	0.714805705	0.036419
11	109	1.537326097	1.213536739	-0.427526057	0.774445593	0.718945267	0.035152482
12	110	1.559072852	1.231978536	-0.452533811	0.779505859	0.722406319	0.034029141
13	111	1.57804811	1.250921249	-0.471093923	0.785958479	0.725161344	0.033096255
14	112	1.594250798	1.270467401	-0.482928753	0.793929815	0.727203517	0.032401006
15	113	1.607719779	1.290703297	-0.487816185	0.80353563	0.72855073	0.031987852
16	114	1.618523836	1.311691999	-0.485595614	0.814873407	0.729246342	0.031892775
17	115	1.626769423	1.333476901	-0.476169825	0.8280255	0.729362117	0.032138993
18	116	1.632590771	1.356075048	-0.459504902	0.843053639	0.728997936	0.032732598

In case of a '3D file':



Variables - output

output 1441x6x27 double

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val(:, :, 1) =
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1.6168	2.7466	0.6411	1.6682	0.9762	0.0141
1.5920	2.6935	0.6484	1.6446	0.9699	0.0144
1.5681	2.6385	0.6548	1.6205	0.9635	0.0147
1.5451	2.5823	0.6606	1.5960	0.9569	0.0151
1.5233	2.5252	0.6657	1.5714	0.9504	0.0155
1.5027	2.4676	0.6702	1.5468	0.9439	0.0159

### Should I use a '2D files' or '3D file' ?

It depends on which program you are going to use to open it. The 2D file is a standard matrix which is more easy to work on a software as Excel or SPSS. However, the multiplication of the files could make the life harder to perform statistics. It is why, the option to have a 3D file which contains all the data as been added to this module. It would be suitable for the software R which can import .mat file using the library R.matlab :

```
R> library(R.matlab)
R> data <- readMat('file.mat')
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## Average time interval

The screenshot shows the 'EEGpal\_PeaksTraceExport' window. It has a title bar with standard window controls. The main area is divided into sections: 'Peak Detection or Trace Export' (with a help icon), 'OUTPUT OPTIONS', 'Time interval', 'Elements to process', and 'APPLY'. 
   
1. 'Sampling Rate (in Hz)' is set to 2048.
   
2. 'What processing should I do?' is set to 'Average time interval'.
   
3. 'Time interval' section: 'Interval onset' is 97.7 [ms] and 200 [tf]; 'Interval offset' is 'EoF', 122.1 [ms], and 250 [tf].
   
4. 'Elements to process' section: 'Electrodes' field is empty.
   
5. Checkboxes for 'Average selected electrode(s)', 'GFP', and 'Dis/GMD' are present.
   
6. 'OUTPUT OPTIONS': 'Output format' is 'xlsx'.
   
7. 'Saving folder' is 'D:\AYBEK\_DATA\projet\_EEG\intercepti on\_Project\_NS\_2023\data\temp\dev\test'.
   
8. 'Optional suffix in output file name' is 'POI1'.
   
9. 'APPLY' section with 'Run', 'Done', and 'Cancel' buttons.

11. Sampling rate of the data. Normally should be automatically transfer from the main windows. You can adjust if it is not the case.
12. Choose the action **Average time interval**.
13. Specify the time interval. WARNING: The value 0 is the beginning of the file. This module don't take account about possible .mrk file which could define another origin. EoF=End of File.
14. Specify the electrode to study, Specify the indices of the electrodes (1 2 64) and not the name specified by the coordinate file (A1 A2 B32).
15. In addition, you can average of specified electrodes in **4**, the global field power (GFP) or the global map dissimilarity (GMD).
16. Select if the output file format: .xlsx or .txt (with tab as delimiter).
17. Select the output folder where the output will be recorded.
18. You can specify manually a suffix in the output file name. For example:  
*AverageTimeInterval\_200-250tf\_POI1.xlsx*
19. Run the module and generate the output. After completion, you can press on Done or Cancel to close the module.

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### What the output looks like?

A	B	C
Files	TimeAvg_GFP	TimeAvg_GMD
P001_epoched_Trigger_5	1.055172855	0.048798455
P001_epoched_Trigger_6	1.08188914	0.050110248
P001_epoched_Trigger_7	0.236965597	0.028066206
P001_epoched_Trigger_8	0.506421099	0.028998623