

Guide on Startle Response Analysis

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1 Introduction

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2 Experimental Design

2.1 Setup

2.2 Procedure

detail the necessary Box 1 settings to not cause issues (Animal No is internal animal number, group is actual animal number, etc; 2 options for defining animal number); note somewhere that missing repetitions becomes redundant if mixed there are mixed repetition counts; 120 trials = roughly 40 minutes

3 Analysis

3.1 Getting the Example Data

Once cloned onto your device, you can use the software right away. However, if you want to test it with prior data, you can do so by downloading it from zenodo.org under <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15740400>.

3.2 File Structure

- Your Data: folder containing your own data; you can choose whatever name you like, as long as it matches the one referenced in the notebook
- 15740400: folder containing the exemplary data; needs to be downloaded and unzipped into the folder separately
- Exemplary Output: folder containing the exemplary notebook output
- Output: folder containing the notebook output; if you are using the exemplary data, this will be the same as the exemplary output
- Resources: folder containing resources for the generation of the guide pdf; not important unless the pdf breaks
- Guide.pdf: this guide in pdf form
- Main.ipynb: the notebook used for the analysis

3.3 Usage

To use the notebook, you first have to install all required packages. Open the console using Strg + Ö (QWERTZ) or Ctrl + ‘ (QWERTY) and enter the command `pip install MODULENAME` for all modules, replacing MODULENAME with the respective name of each module.

If you wish to simply test the notebook using the exemplary data, click **Run All**. If everything is set up correctly, the **Output** folder should now contain the same files as the **Exemplary Output** folder.

To use your own data, you need to first paste your own data folder containing the CSV files of all measurements into the main **Startle Response Analysis** folder. Then, navigate to the **Settings** section at the top and enter your data folder name into `input_folder`. If

no `input_folder` is given, the program defaults to using the example data. Lastly, change settings accordingly to suit your data. This includes setting `Repetition Count` to the number of repetitions per trial in your data as well as updating `sex_dict` and `startle_times`. You can now run all cells and examine the output.

4 Troubleshooting

4.1 Hardware

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4.2 Software

- `FileNotFoundException` when running example data: check if `input_folder` is correctly set to "" and that the `example_folder` matches the name of your downloaded example data.