Manual to bpp\_Res2

*Using the batch reservoir fitting program and estimating wave intensity and Pb/Pf using the BP+ device*

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| 1.0 beta 4 | 18/12/23 | * use variable folder\_name as path to scan * Script was not setting typetxt for the case when tmax==ti | ADH |
| 1.0 beta 5 | 13/05/24 | * Extend scope of calculated variables so they match key Sphygmocor variables. * Use separate functions to read Cardioscope and BP+ files * Improve detection of end of systole * Fix bug in Wf1 and Wf2 peak identification * better identification of problems with fits * error salvage * Fix bugs in figures * Cut number of figures to one per BP+ recording * Use json configuration file to set default folder rather than hard coding it. * Miscellaneous minor bug fixes and tidying | ADH |
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# The script

bpp\_Res2.m is a MATLAB script that calculates reservoir and excess pressure for USCOM BP+ files. The method is essentially according to that described in Davies et al.1 for SphygmoCor©‑derived files, and similar to that used in the SphygmoCor©-reservoir MATLAB scripts (<https://github.com/adh30/Sphygmocor-Reservoir>).

NB: Since 2020, an improved algorithm for fitting the reservoir in diastole has been used – this excludes any hump or upstroke at the end of diastole from the fit. This results in lower values for P∞ and slightly different values for other reservoir parameters from those described in the previous paper.1

# Using the script

Put BP+ files (\*.xml) to be analysed in the analysis directory[[1]](#footnote-1), for example

D:\BPPdata

The location of the analysis directory can be specified in the file, bppconfig.json

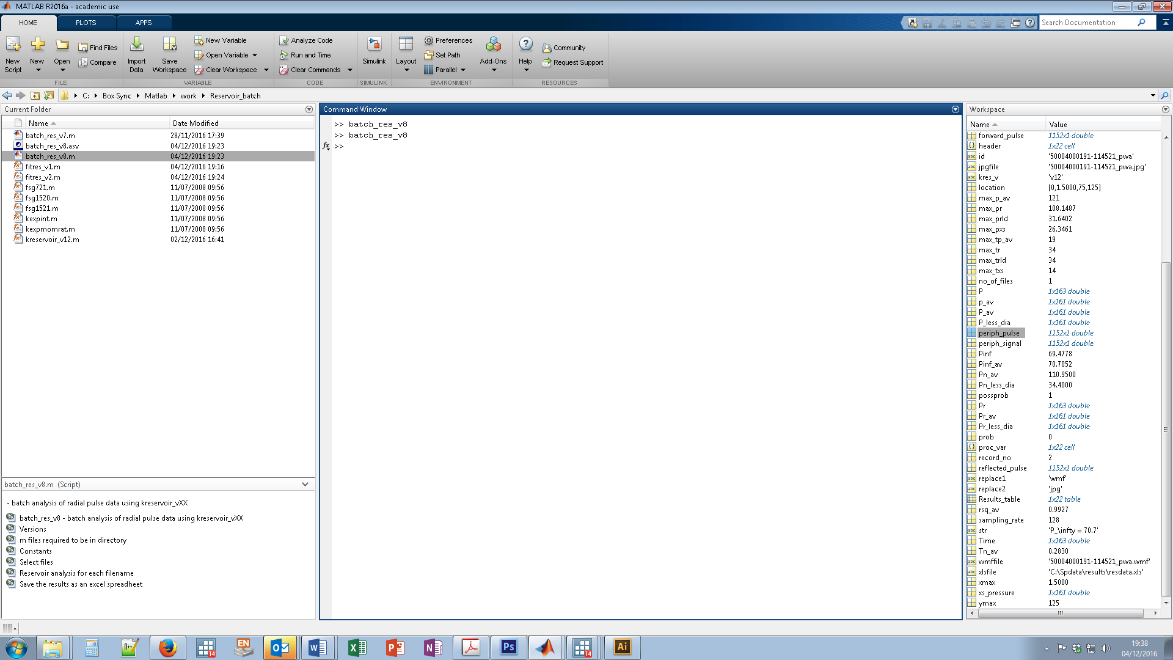
Open MATLAB and ensure that the working directory is the one that contains the relevant script and function files (in my case this is)

C:\ …\Documents\MATLAB

Type into command line:

>> bpp\_Res2

(or highlight bpp\_Res2.m) and right click on run, or press F9. After some time (depending on how many files are analysed the run should complete, returning to command prompt. It will show a progress bar while it is running.



Two new folders should now exist in D:\BPPdata: D:\BPPdata\figures and D:\BPPdata\results.

D:\BPPdata\figures contains figures of key data. These are saved as \*.jpg files. These plots are useful for checking quality and for examination of any dubious results.

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| Figure 1. Example of the figures saved by bpp\_Res2.m |

D:\BPPdata\results will contain an excel file (resdata.xls) which will contain all the key summary data for each file with its ID. This can then be imported into Stata (or some other stats program) for further analysis.

# Quality control

This is fairly rudimentary at present. The program checks that Pinf ≤ diastolic pressure, that the rate constant b > 0 and that the time of maximum reservoir pressure ≤ to the time of the end of systole. These are coded in re\_prob. The quality of the reservoir pressure fit is also graded based on the signal to noise ratio (snr): snr ≥12 = excellent; snr ≥9 = good; snr ≥ 6 = acceptable; snr < 6 = poor.

# Selected calculations

## Subendocardial viability ratio (SEVR)

SEVR (aka Buckberg index – see Figure) is the ratio of diastolic pressure-time index (DPTI) to systolic pressure-time index (SPTI i.e. tension-time index) and is considered to be a measure of subendocardial blood flow.2 **NB:** in this script this is calculated assuming maximum –dp/dt marks the end of systole, **not** the dicrotic notch (Figure 1) and left ventricular end-diastolic pressure is ignored – these considerations may result in some minor differences in magnitude of SEVR compared with invasive measures. Aortic pressure waveforms are known to underestimate SPTI compared with left ventricular pressure measurements, and brachial pressures tend to overestimate SEVR due to pressure amplification.2 SEVR calculated from the aortic pressure is provided in the results. This is assumed to be the more relevant measure.

## Wave intensity

If it is assumed that excess pressure (*Pxs*) is proportional to aortic flow velocity (*U*) (essentially a 3-element Windkessel assumption) then the pattern of aortic wave intensity (*dI*) can be estimated (being proportional to *dP* x *dPxs*). If one of aortic wave speed or *dU* is known then wave intensity can be estimated on the basis of the Waterhammer equation. If only pressure has been measured this problem cannot be solved without strong assumptions. In this program, it is assumed that peak aortic flow (*dU)* is 1m/s (based on data from 3) and does not vary with age, sex etc. While this is not strictly true, it is may prove an acceptable approximation. Further details about this approach can be found in 4.

## Backward and forward pressure

These are calculated based on the assumption that in the aorta reservoir pressure is 2 x backward pressure (Pb);5 which may be valid if excess pressure is linearly proportional to aortic flow as has been reported in dogs,6 and total aortic flow equals aortic inflow (see 3-element Windkessel assumption above). Based on,7 I believe this approach shares similarities with the ARCSOLVER method, which also uses a 3-element Windkessel assumption to reconstruct forward and backward pressures, but since the algorithm is proprietary it’s difficult to be sure.

## Stroke volume and cardiac output

Not implemented yet.

# Output of results

Results are saved as an excel (resdata.xls) file. This can be imported into the statistics package of your choice. The outputted results are listed in the Data dictionary in Appendix 1.

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# Appendix 1: Data dictionary

Unless stated otherwise all results refer to aortic pressure

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| Variable | Definition | Example result | Units |
| re\_file | File identifier |  | No units |
| re\_basbp | Maximum brachial pressure (systolic pressure) | 120 | mmHg |
| re\_tbasbp | Time of maximum brachial (systolic) pressure | 0.1484375 | s |
| re\_minp | Minimum pressure (diastolic pressure) | 76.55 | mmHg |
| re\_intaopr | Integral of aortic reservoir pressure | 112.3308474 | mmHg.s |
| re\_maxaopr | Maximum reservoir pressure | 108.1486734 | mmHg |
| re\_tmaxaopr | Time of maximum reservoir pressure | 0.265625 | s |
| re\_intaoprlessdbp | Integral of reservoir pressure with diastolic pressure subtracted | 16.09752936 | mmHg.s |
| date | date string | 2021-05-06T12:32:27 |  |
| re\_sam\_rate | Sampling rate | 128 | Hz |
| re\_intaoxsp | Integral excess pressure | 4.169230704 | mmHg.s |
| re\_maxaoxsp | Maximum excess pressure | 26.3460721 | mmHg |
| re\_tmaxaoxsp | Time of maximum excess pressure | 0.109375 | s |
| re\_tn | Time of maximum -dp/dt (nominal start of diastole) | 0.283007813 | s |
| re\_pinf | Pinfinity | 70.70521706 | mmHg |
| re\_pn | Pressure at start of diastole | 110.95 | mmHg |
| re\_fita | Rate constant systolic fit | 10.45715136 | s-1 |
| re\_fitb | Rate constant diastolic fit | 1.912785514 | s-1 |
| re\_rsq | Coefficient of determination (r2) for fit | 0.992749217 | No units |
| re\_prob | Flag 1 for likely problem with data[[2]](#footnote-2) | 0 | No units |
| re\_version | kreservoir version (for version tracking) | v13 | No units |
| re\_sdsbp\_mmhg | Standard deviation of SBP | 6.1 | mmHg |
| re\_rr\_interval | Pulse to pulse (RR) interval | 900 | Ms |
| re\_rmssd | Root mean square of differences in successive pulse (RR) intervals | 10 | Ms |
| re\_ssdn | Standard deviation of pulse intervals | 6 | Ms |
| re\_brs | Baroreflex sensitivity (BRS) by the sequence method | 22 | ms.mmHg-1 |
| re\_brs\_valid | Number of valid BRS measures | 8 | Count |
| re\_pb\_pf | Central Pb/Pf | 0.65 | No units |
| re\_ri | Central Reflection index | .4 | No units |
| re\_wf1i | Intensity of forward compression wave 1 (W1) |  | W/m2 |
| re\_wf1t | Time of peak of forward compression wave 1 (W1) |  | s |
| re\_wf1a | Area of forward compression wave 1 (W1) |  | J/m2 |
| re\_wbi | Intensity of backward compression wave (Wb) |  | W/m2 |
| re\_wbt | Time of peak of backward compression wave (Wb) |  | s |
| re\_wba | Area of backward compression wave (Wb) |  | J/m2 |
| re\_wf2i | Intensity of forward compression wave 2 (W2) |  | W/m2 |
| re\_wf2t | Time of peak of forward compression wave 2 (W2) |  | s |
| re\_wf2a | Area of forward compression wave 2 (W2) |  | J/m2 |
| re\_wri | Wave reflection index |  | No units |
| re\_rhoc | Wave speed |  | m/s |
| re\_aosevr | SEVR based on aortic pressure |  | No units |
| re\_basevr | SEVR based on brachial pressure |  | No units |
| re\_quality | Poor; Acceptable; Good; Excellent |  | No units |

1. The location of this folder can be changed by editing the script or files in another directory can be chosen using a dialog box if D:\BPPdata doesn’t exist. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 0 = ok; 1 = Pinf > diastolic pressure; 2 = rate constant b < 0; 3 = time of maximum reservoir pressure > end of systole [↑](#footnote-ref-2)