



ACYCLE

a time-series analysis software for paleoclimate projects

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User's Guide

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3. Software Specifications

3.1 System Requirements

This software is developed in MatLab version 2015b. It was tested in Mac OS El Capitan system.

[1. MatLab version for both Mac and Windows]: Recommended. MatLab is essential for the Acycle package. The package works with both Mac and Windows OS.

[2. Windows version]: This software is a stand-alone program. It was tested in Windows 10 OS. If the computer runs with no MatLab, MatLab runtime is essential for the ACycle stand-alone software. MatLab runtime can be downloaded at: www.matlab.com.

[3. Mac version]: This software is a stand-alone program. It was tested in Mac OS El Capitan system. If the Mac runs with no MatLab, MatLab runtime is essential for the ACycle stand-alone software. MatLab runtime can be downloaded at: www.matlab.com.

3.2 Downloading the ACycle software

The ACycle software is available for download from <https://github.com/mingsongli/acycle/>.

3.3 Installation

[1. MatLab version]: Unzip the Acycle software to your root directory. No installation is needed.

【Warning: if the acycle folder is not in your root directory, users need to make sure the directory contains no SPACE or no language other than ENGLISH.】

[2. Windows version]: *coming ...*

[3. Mac version]: *coming ...*

3.4 Startup

[1. MatLab version]:

(1) Startup MatLab

(2) Change the MatLab working directory to the acycle directory

(3) Type **ac** in MatLab's command window, then press the **enter** key.

3.5 Data requirement

The input file of data series can be in a variety of formats, including table- or space-delimited text (*.txt), and comma separated values files (*.csv) from an Excel-type spreadsheet.

Most data file must contain two columns of series. The first column must be depth or time, and the second column should be value in the corresponding depth or time.

The data can be saved in any directory and is recommended to save in *Acycle* “data” folder. All data files, plots, and folders are displayed in the GUI list box (Fig. 1).

4. Acycle GUI

4.1 Functions and GUI

Acycle contains the following functions.

File (Save AC.fig; Open *.fig File; Open Working Directory)

Edit (New Folder; New Text File, Rename; Cut; Copy; Paste; Delete)

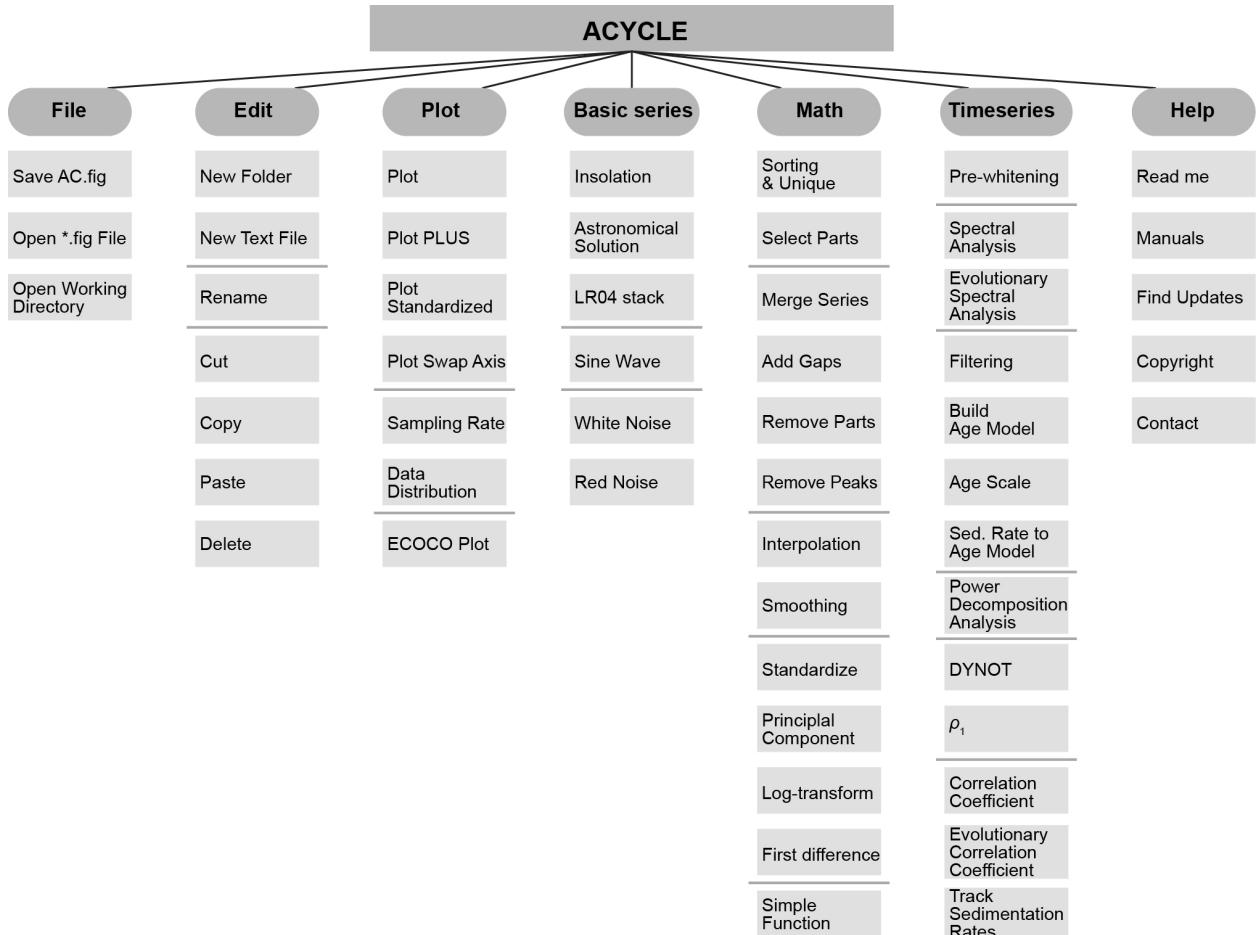
Plot (Plot; Plot PLUS; Plot Standardized; Plot Swap Axis; Sampling Rate; Data Distribution)

Basic Series (Insolation; Astronomical Solution; LR04 Stack; Sine Wave; White Noise; Red Noise)

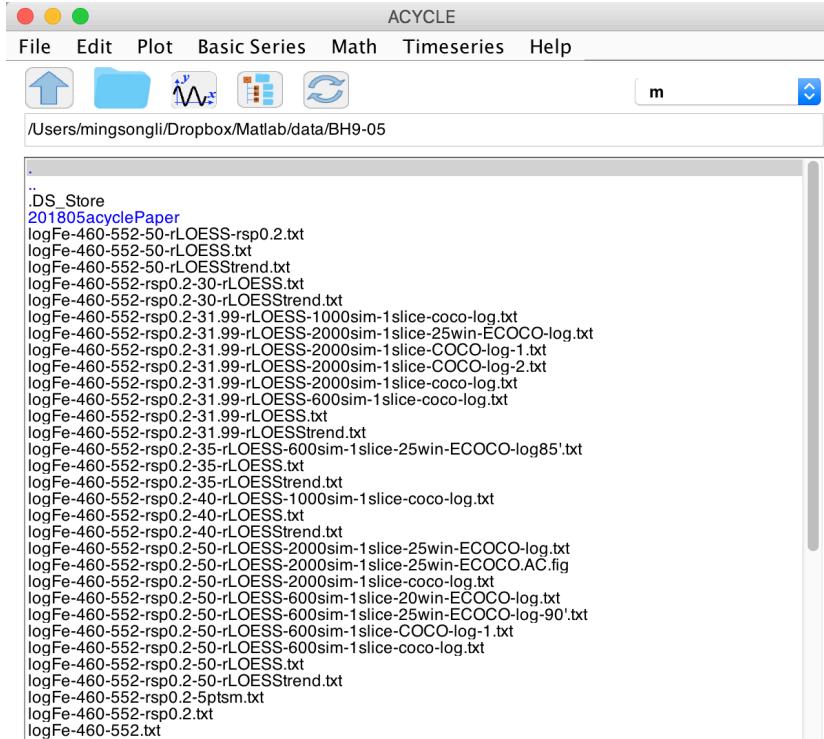
Math (Sorting & Unique; Select Parts; Merge Series; Add Gaps; Remove Parts; Remove Peaks; Interpolation; Smoothing; Standardize; Principal Component; Log-transform; First Difference; Simple Function)

Time series (Prewitthing; Spectral Analysis; Evolutionary Spectral Analysis; Filtering; Build Age Model; Age Scale; Sedimentary Rate to Age Model; Power Decomposition Analysis; DYNOT; ρ_1 method; Correlation Coefficient; Evolutionary Correlation Coefficient; Track Sedimentation Rates)

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The structure of the *Acycle* program

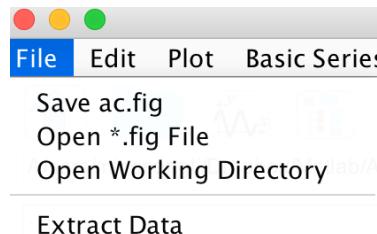


The GUI of the *Acycle* program

4.2 File

Save * .ac .fig file:

Save the current figure as an * .ac .fig file. This file enable users continue a suspended project. For example, after running the eCOCO (evolutionary correlation coefficient), users may want to plot the eCOCO results anytime. One can save the current figure as an * .ac .fig file, then double click this * .ac .fig file and plot “ECOCO plot” anytime.



4.3 Edit



New Folder:

make a new empty folder with a user-defined folder name.

New Text File:

make a new empty *.txt file with a user-defined file name.

Rename:

Select one file, the “rename” function enable changing the name of the selected file.

Cut/Copy/Paste/Delete:

Don't be shy. Just do it.

4.4 Plot

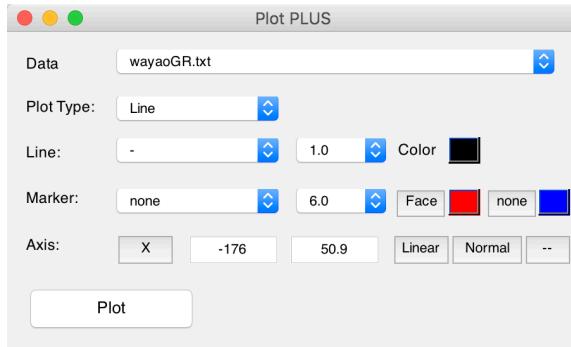


Plot:

Quick plot of selected data file. Shortcut [Mac]: command ⌘ + D; [Windows]: Ctrl + D

Plot PLUS:

Advanced plot of selected data file (GUI below). One can change plot type, line and marker styles, and control the axis.



Plot Standardized:

Quick plot of standardized data file. Useful if one wants to compare 2 or more series.

Plot Standardized +2:

Quick plot of standardized data file. Useful if one wants to compare 2 or more series.

Plot Swap Axis:

Quick plot, swap axis.

Stairs:

Stairs plot.

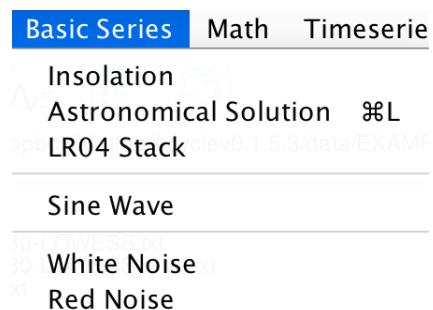
Sampling Rate:

Quick plot showing the distribution of the 1st column (time/depth) of the selected data file.

Data Distribution:

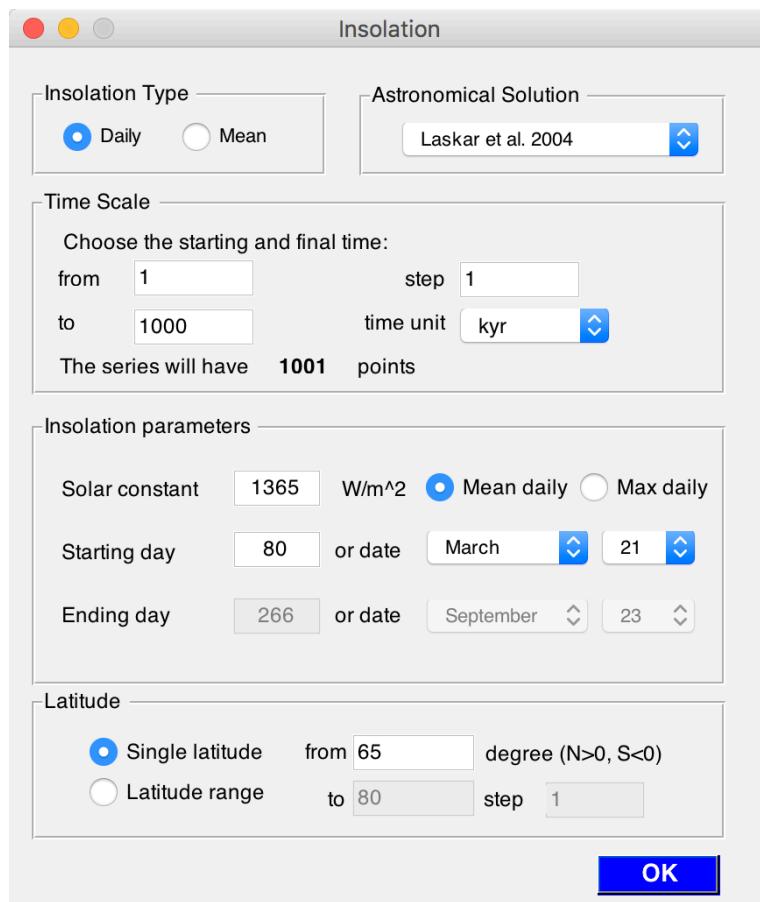
Quick plot showing the distribution of the 2nd column (data) of the selected data file.

4.5 Basic Series



Insolation:

A powerful GUI, calculate the insolation using various astronomical solutions. Based on the MatLab code `inso.m` by Jonathan Levine (2001), UC Berkeley. This code was modified by Peter Huybers (Harvard) and edited by Mingsong Li (Penn State) 2018 for the Acycle software.

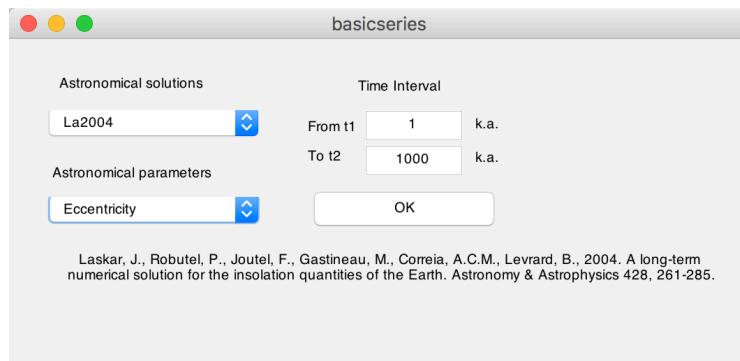


This GUI generates mean daily insolation series on March 21 for the past 1000 kyr (1-1000) at 65°N using the Laskar et al. (2004) solutions. The calculate uses a solar constant of 1365 w/m².

[NOTE: one has to click refresh button  in the main window to see the generated insolation series]

Astronomical Solution:

A GUI generates astronomical solutions of Laskar et al. (2004); Laskar et al., (2011), and Zeebe (2017).

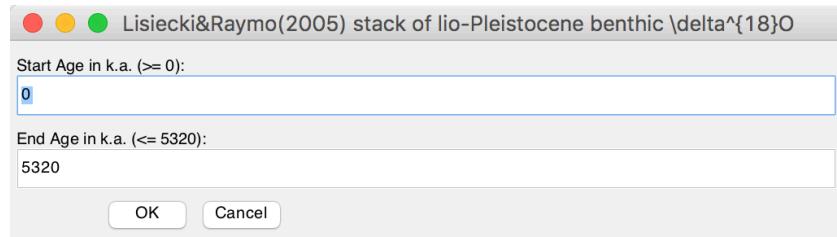


This GUI generates eccentricity series for the past 1 million years from 1 k.a. throughout 1000 k.a. using the La2004 solution (Laskar et al., 2004).

[NOTE: one has to click refresh button  in the main window to see the generated insolation series]

LR04 Stack:

This function generates classical LR04 stack of the Plio-Pleistocene benthic d18O record. The input time (below) should be within the interval of 0 and 5320 (k.a.).



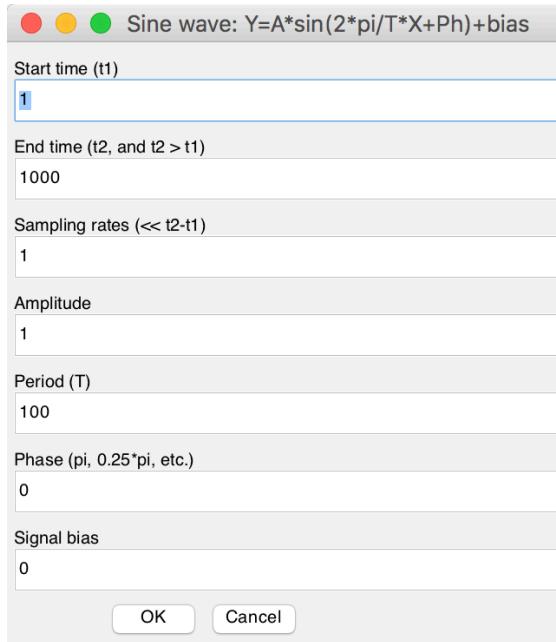
This GUI generates LR04 stack from 0 to 5320 k.a.

Sine Wave:

Generate a sine wave using user-defined parameters and the following equation:

$$Y = A * \sin(2\pi / T * X + Ph) + bias$$

Where A is amplitude, T is period, X is a time series ranges from $t1$ to $t2$ and a sampling rate of dt , Ph is phase, and bias is signal bias.



This GUI generates a sine wave from 1 to 1000 unit with a sampling rate of 1 unit. Its amplitude is 1, with a period of 100 unit and zero phase shift and 0 signal bias.

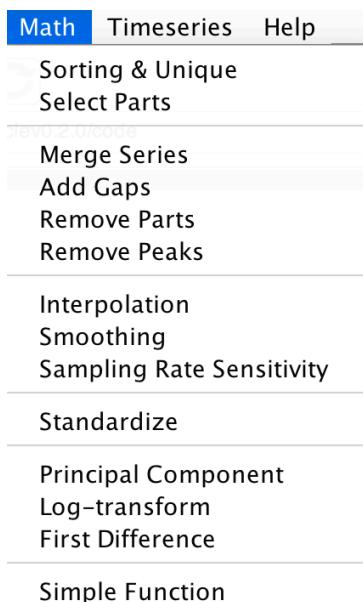
White Noise:

This function generates the white noise.

Red Noise:

This function generates the red noise using user-defined standard deviation, and autocorrelation coefficient (RHO-1, from 0 to 1).

4.6 Math



Sorting & Unique:

This function will sort the selected data file like MS Excel's SORT function. If a dataset contains 2 or more data points with the same time/depth, then these data points will be replaced by 1 mean value.

New file name: *-su.txt or *-s.txt or *-u.txt

Select Parts:

This function generates a new series from the selected data using user-defined 'start' and 'end' of interval.

New file name: *-a-b.txt, where a is the "start" and b is the "end".

Merge Series:

Two selected series may be merged if their first column are exactly the same.

New file name: mergedseries.txt.

Add Gaps:

This function generates a new series based on the selected data file via adding a gap or gaps using user-defined location and duration of the gap(s). Format, comma delimited:

10.5, 3.2

Add a 3.2-unit gap at the depth/time of 10.5 unit, or

10.5, 3.2, 13.3, 1.5

Add a 3.2-unit gap at the depth/time of 10.5 unit and add a second 1.5-unit gap at the depth/time of 13.3 unit.

Remove Parts:

This function generates a new series based on the selected data file via removing an user-defined interval(s). Format, comma delimited

15, 3, 20.2, 4

Remove a 3-unit data at the 15 unit (remove 15-18 unit data), and remove a second interval of 20.2-24.2 unit.

Remove Peaks:

This function generates a new series based on the selected data file via converting any (2nd column) data higher than the user-defined Maximum value to that value and any data smaller than Minimum value to that value.

Interpolation:

Linear interpolation, using MatLab's *interp1* function.

New file name: *-rsp0.3.txt, where 0.3 is user-defined interpolation sampling rate.

Smoothing:

This function generates a new series based on selected data file using *n*-points smoothing, where *n* is a user-defined parameter.

New file name: *-3ptsm.txt, means 3 points smoothing output.

Standardize:

Using MatLab's *zscore* function.

$Z = (X-u)/\sigma$, where X is the second column data, u is mean value of X, and σ is the standard deviation of X.

New file name: *-norm.txt

Principal Component:

This function has different requirements of the data inputs. All column (including the first column) of data should be value, not depth or time.

Log-transform:

This function generates a new data file based on selected data file using log10 transformation of the second column of the selected data.

$$X_i = \log_{10}(X_i)$$

New file name: *-log10.txt

First Difference:

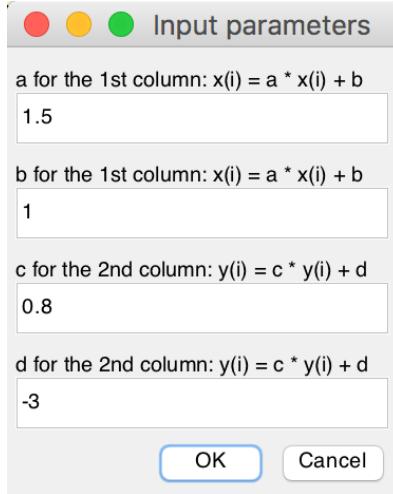
Differences and approximate derivatives, using MatLab's *diff* function.

$Y = \text{diff}(X)$, calculates differences between adjacent elements of X .

New file name: *-1stdiff.txt

Simple Function

This function is very useful. It generates a new data file based on selected data file. Both column can be modified. See below case study.



The selected data: all value in the first column data will be transformed using the equation $X_{(i)} = 1.5 * X_{(i)} + 1$; and all value in the second column data will be transformed using the equation $Y_{(i)} = 0.8 * Y_{(i)} + (-3)$.

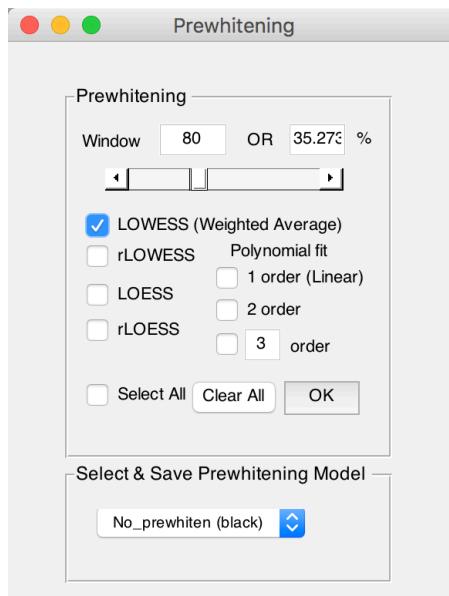
New file name: *-new.txt

4.7 Time series

Prewhitening:

This function generates 2 new data files based on the selected data file and user-defined parameters: window length and detrending method. Steps:

- (1) Select a data file in the Main Window
- (2) Select **Timeseries → Prewhitening** menu
- (3) Type a window length or a percentage, or move the slider. Default value is 35% of the total length, that is, if a data length is 100 m, then a window is 35 m.
- (4) Tick one or more prewhitening method
- (5) Click **OK** button, wait for several seconds (up to a minute, depending on the speed of your CPU). A new window will popup showing the data and its 35% trend(s)
- (6) In the “Select & Save Prewhitening Model” panel, select the preferred trend. The trend and detrended file will be displayed in the Main Window after user clicks the refresh button  in the Main Window.

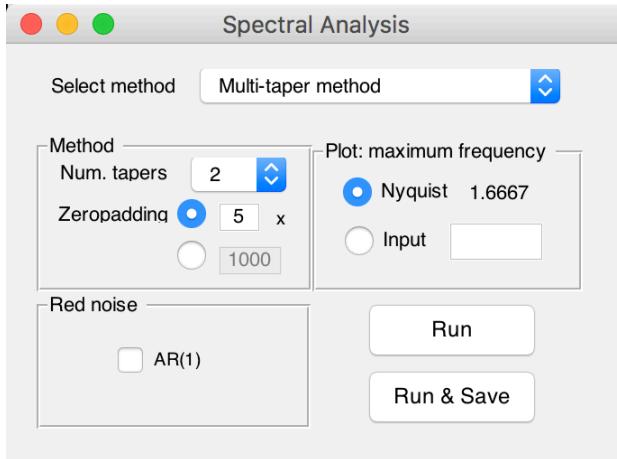


New file names: *-80-LOWESS.txt AND *-80-LOWESStrend.txt

Spectral Analysis:

This function conduct spectral analysis with user-defined parameters. Steps:

- (1) Select a data file in the Main Window
- (2) Select **Timeseries → Spectral Analysis** menu
- (3) Select one method for spectral analysis. Options are Multi-taper method (MTM) ([Thomson, 1982](#)), Lomb-Scargle spectrum ([Lomb, 1976](#); [Scargle, 1982](#)), and MatLab's periodogram.
- (4) If Multi-taper method (MTM) is selected, then the Method panel may be changed. The default value is using 2π MTM, with a 5X zeropadding.
- (5) Plot panel: set the max frequency in the coming figure.
- (6) Red Noise panel: AR(1) noise model using RedNoise.m by [Husson \(2014\)](#)
- (7) **Run** or **Run & Save** button, generates power spectrum (and save power spectrum data and AR(1) series)



New file name: *-2piMTM-CL.txt, means 2π MTM and confidence level series.

Evolutionary Spectral Analysis:

This function conduct evolutionary spectral analysis with user-defined parameters. Steps:

(1) Select a data file in the Main Window.

Warning: The data file must be an evenly spaced depth/time series.

(2) Select **Timeseries → Evolutionary Spectral Analysis** menu

(3) Select Method. Default method is Fast Fourier transform (LAH) by Linda A. Hinnov ([Kodama and Hinnov, 2015](#)). Other options are MatLab's Fast Fourier transform and periodogram, multi-taper method (MTM) ([Thomson, 1982](#)), and Lomb-Scargle spectrum ([Lomb, 1976](#); [Scargle, 1982](#)).

(4) Input for evolutionary spectral analysis panel includes settings for plot frequencies. Default values from 0 to Nyquist ($f_{nyq} = 1 / (N * \Delta t)$), where N is the total number of data, and Δt is sampling rate.

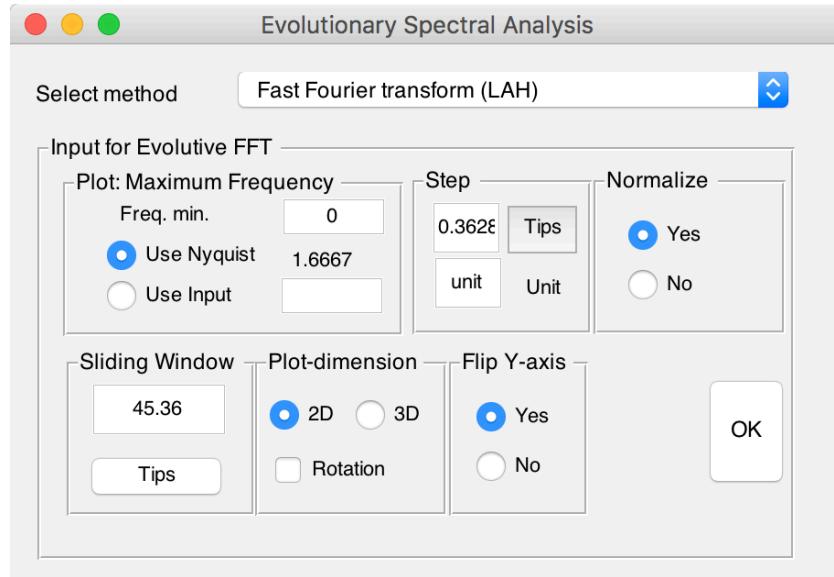
(5) Step of sliding windows. Default value should be sufficient for most of paleoclimate projects. Unit may be *m*, *kyr*, etc.

(6) Sliding Window: **very important!** The length of the sliding window. Default value is 35% of total length of the selected data. Tips: assuming the data series is dominated by 35 m cycles, the window may be 2-4 times of 35 m, that is, 70 to 140 m. A large window can smooth out the higher frequencies signals while a small window cannot detect low frequency signals.

(7) Plot-dimension: 2D or 3D with rotation option.

(8) Flip Y-axis: give me a try.

(9) **OK** button: generates a new figure showing the evolutionary spectral analysis results. No new files generated automatically.



Filtering:

This function generates filter output series based on the selected data file with user-defined parameters. Steps:

- (1) Select a data file in the Main Window.

Warning: The data file must be an evenly spaced depth/time series.

- (2) Select **Timeseries → Filtering** menu

(3) **Bandpass filter** panel: very important! Type min and center frequencies of the pass band, the max frequency will be set automatically. The bandpass filters are MatLab's Butter, Cheby1, and Ellip filters and Gaussian, and Taner-Hilbert filters.

The recommended filters are Gaussian filter and Taner-Hilbert filters code by Linda Hinnov ([Kodama and Hinnov, 2015](#)).

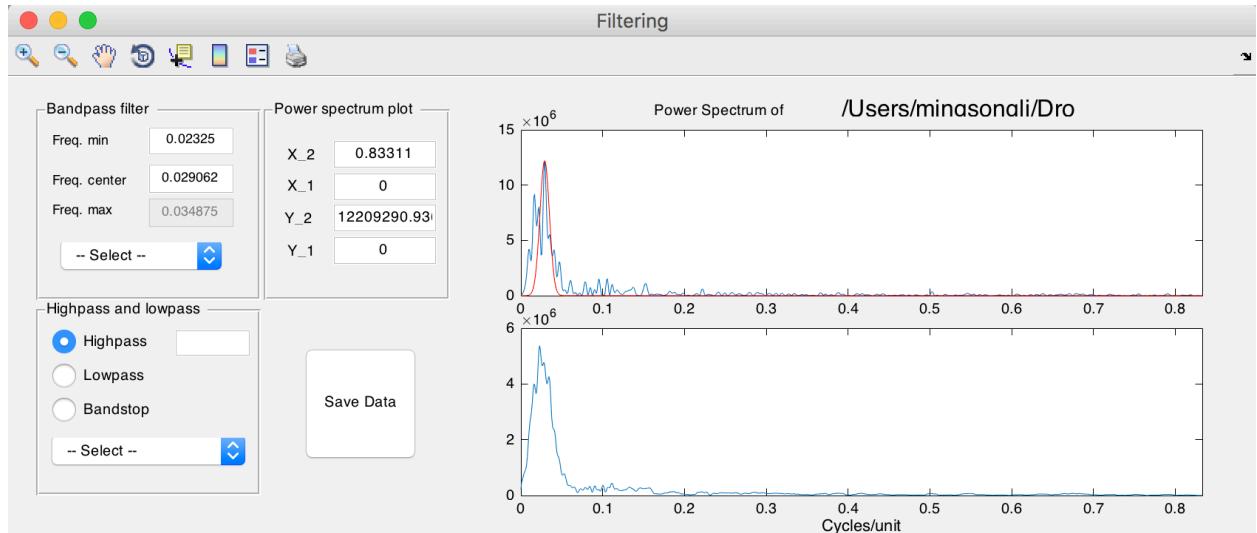
Tips: The Taner-Hilbert filter generates both filtered output series and the amplitude modulation of the filtered output series.

Click **Save Data** button, the filter outputs will be displayed after clicking the **refresh** button  in the Main Window.

(4) **Highpass and lowpass** panel: Two options are MatLab's Butter and Ellip filter. Type cutoff frequency in the text box and select a filter.

Click **Save Data** button, the filter outputs will be displayed after clicking the **refresh** button  in the Main Window.

- (5) Power spectrum plot: give options for display the power spectrum in the right of the GUI.



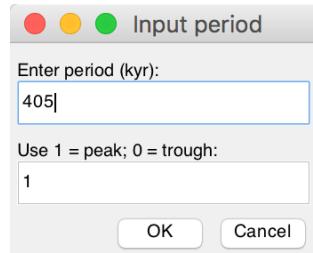
New file name: *-gaus-0.03+-0007.csv, means filtered output series using gauss filter and a 0.03 ± 0.007 cycles/unit bandpass.

*-Tan-0.03+-0007.csv and *-Tan-0.03+-0007-AM.csv, mean filtered output series using Taner-Hilbert filter and a 0.03 ± 0.007 cycles/unit bandpass, with its amplitude modulation file saved.

Build Age Model:

This function generates an age model file from a filter output data file. Steps:

- (1) Assuming the filtering step generates a filtered 35 m cycle series. The 35 m cycles are assumed to be 405 kyr long eccentricity cycles. This filtered data file should be selected.
- (2) Select **Timeseries → Build Age Model** menu
- (3) Enter 405 and 1, and click OK button. This generates a new age model series via assigning every peak of 35 m cycles as 405 kyr cycles.



New file name: *-agemodel-405-max.csv,

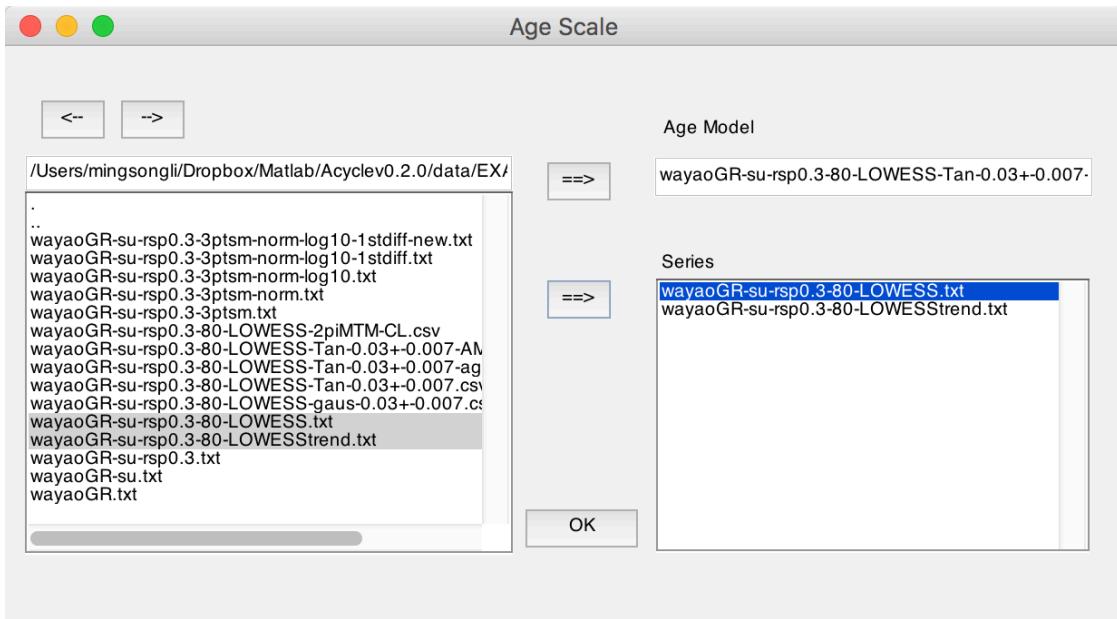
means an age model file using filtered wavelength peaks as 405 kyr anchors.

Age Scale:

This function conducts depth-to-time transformation in a new standalone GUI. Steps:

- (1) Change directory using or button

- (2) Select 1 (ONE) age model file, click the top  button to record this file as an age model file.
- (3) Select 1 or more data files, click the bottom  button to record these files as series needs to be transformed.
- (4) Click **OK** button. The transformed series can be displayed after clicking refresh button  in the Main Window.



New file name(s): *-TD-name-of-agemodel-file.csv

Sedimentary Rate to Age Model:

Assuming you want to generate an age model file from a sedimentary rates file (2 columns: depth and sedimentation rate), this function generates the age model working well with `acycle` software.

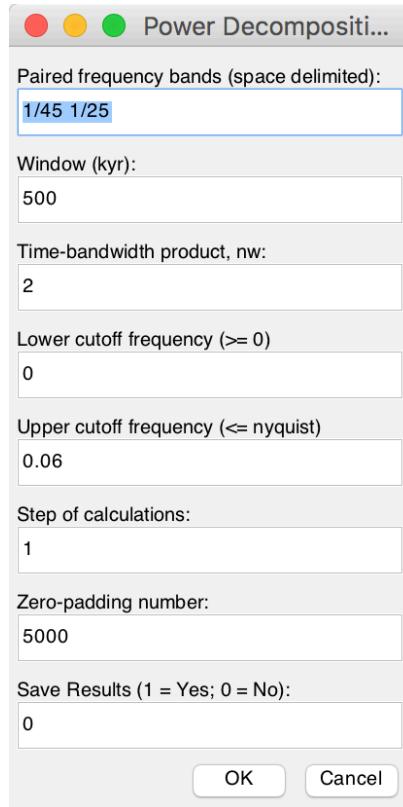
Power Decomposition Analysis:

This function subtracts power/variance within a user-defined frequency band. The code by Mingsong Li is published in [Li et al. \(2016\)](#). Time-dependent amplitude modulations in the obliquity component were obtained from 2p multi-taper variance (power) spectra calculated along a sliding time window ([Meyers et al., 2012](#)) using the Matlab script `pda.m` (also available at <https://doi.pangaea.de/10.1594/PANGAEA.859147>). Steps:

- (1) Select the original data file.

Waning: must be evenly spaced, and unit must be in kyr.

- (1) Type paired frequency bands, spaced delimited. If a dominated frequency is 1/33, then a 1/45 1/25 frequency band is used
- (2) Sliding window in kyr, a 500 kyr is used in [Li et al. \(2016\)](#)
- (3) Time-bandwidth product, ‘2’ means 2π MTM method will be used.
- (4) cutoff frequencies, min = 0, max should cover all Milankovitch frequencies.



DYNOT:

Dynamic noise after orbital tuning. Detect a non-orbital variances from a tuned series. See **Chapter 5 DYNOT model Description**. See [Li et al. \(2018\)](#) for details about this method.

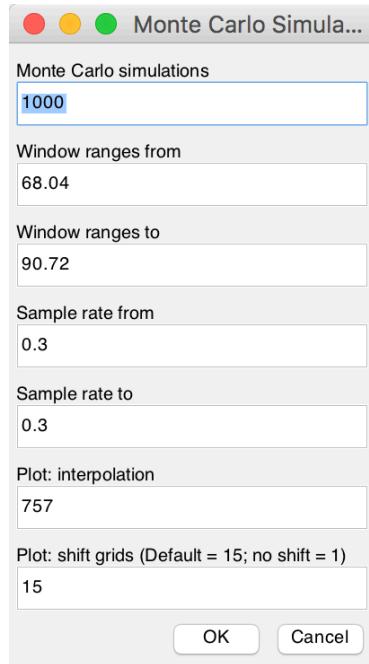
ρ_1 method:

This function conducts either single run or Monte Carlo simulations of lag-1 autocorrelation coefficient (ρ_1) using a sliding window. It works with both depth series and time series.

The “**Single run**” requires the input of “window” and “interpolation sampling rate”.

The “**Monte Carlo**” requires several parameters: Number of Monte Carlo simulations (default is 1000), sliding window ranges from *win1* to *win2*, and a sampling rates from *sr1* to *sr2*, and plot settings (interpolation and shift grid).

See [Li et al. \(2018\)](#) for details about the parameters and significance of this method.



Correlation Coefficient (COCO):

This function addresses two fundamental issues in cyclostratigraphy and paleoclimatology: identification of astronomical forcing in sequences of stratigraphic cycles, and accurate evaluation of sedimentation rates. The technique considers these issues part of an inverse problem and estimates the product-moment correlation coefficient between the power spectra of astronomical solutions and paleoclimate proxy series across a range of test sedimentation rates. The number of contributing astronomical parameters in the estimate is also considered. Our estimation procedure tests the hypothesis that astronomical forcing had a significant impact on proxy records. The null hypothesis of no astronomical forcing is evaluated using a Monte Carlo simulation approach. Details are included in [Li et al. \(accepted pending revision\)](#).

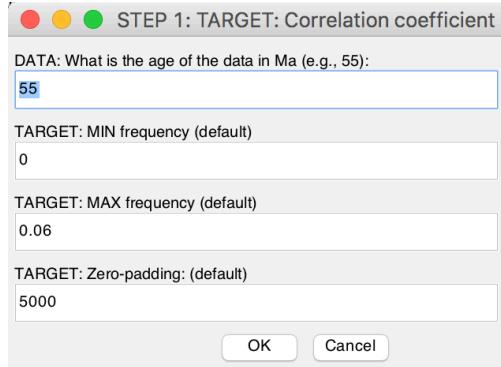
Step 1: settings for generating target power spectrum

Select a depth series (interpolated, detrended), select Timeseries --> Correlation Coefficient menu

Warning: the data series must have a unit in meter.

Type the approximate age for the depth series, unit is million years ago (Ma).

Target frequency ranges from “MIN frequency” to “MAX frequency”. Default values are recommended for the depth series with age less than 250 Ma. For the depth series older than 250 Ma, the MAX frequency may be set to 0.08. This is because the precession cycles can be very short than 16 kyr.



Step 2: astronomical solution [optional]

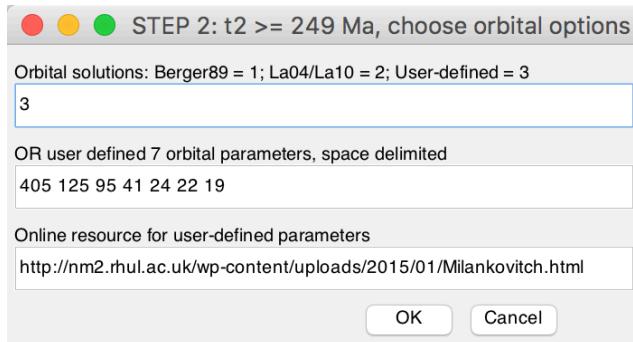
If the age of the data in Ma is larger than 249 Ma, users need to select which astronomical solution should be used.

1 = Berger89 solution ([Berger et al., 1989](#)),

2 = Laskar 2004 solution ([Laskar et al., 2004](#)),

3 = user-defined solution, and the second box should be filled by 7 astronomical periods.

Online resource for user-defined astronomical parameters may be find at
<http://nm2.rhul.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Milankovitch.html> (Waltham, 2015).



Step 3: settings for generating data power spectrum

Sampling rates: default value. Don't change.

Zero-padding: don't change. The same as the zero-padding number in step 1.

MIN sedimentation rate (cm/kyr):

MAX sedimentation rate (cm/kyr):

STEP sedimentation rate (cm/kyr): tested sedimentation rates range from *MIN* to *MAX*, with a step of *STEP* cm/kyr. In the following example, the tested sed. rates are 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, ..., 29.5, and 30 cm/kyr.

Number of simulations: 200-600 simulations are suggested for initial run. And a 2000 simulations generate publication quality results.

Remove red noise: 0 = no removing; else removing red noise:

1 = power spectrum / AR(1) series and those less than AR(1) series are set to 0;

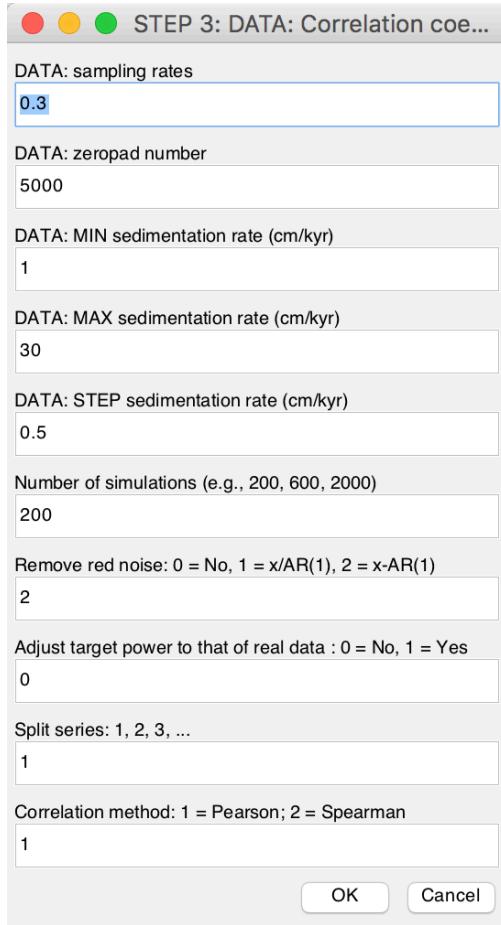
2 = power spectrum - AR(1) series and those less than 0 are set to 0.

Adjust target power to that of real data: 0 = no adjustment; 1 = yes.

Split series: 1, 2, 3. The series is split into 2 or more slices.

Correlation method: 1 = Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient; 2 = Spearman's rank-order correlation.

Click **OK** button, Monte Carlo simulation steps can be displayed in the Command Window of MatLab. A log file will be generated recording all parameters used in the correlation coefficient analysis. The user needs to decides which figure output should be saved or not.



Evolutionary Correlation Coefficient (eCOCO):

The method is applied using a sliding stratigraphic window to track variable sedimentation rates along the proxy series, in a procedure termed “eCOCO” (evolutionary correlation coefficient) analysis.

Waning: the data series must have a unit in meter.

Step 1: the same as that in COCO.

Step 2: the same as that in COCO.

Step 3: most parameters are the same as those in COCO (see above). Two new parameters:

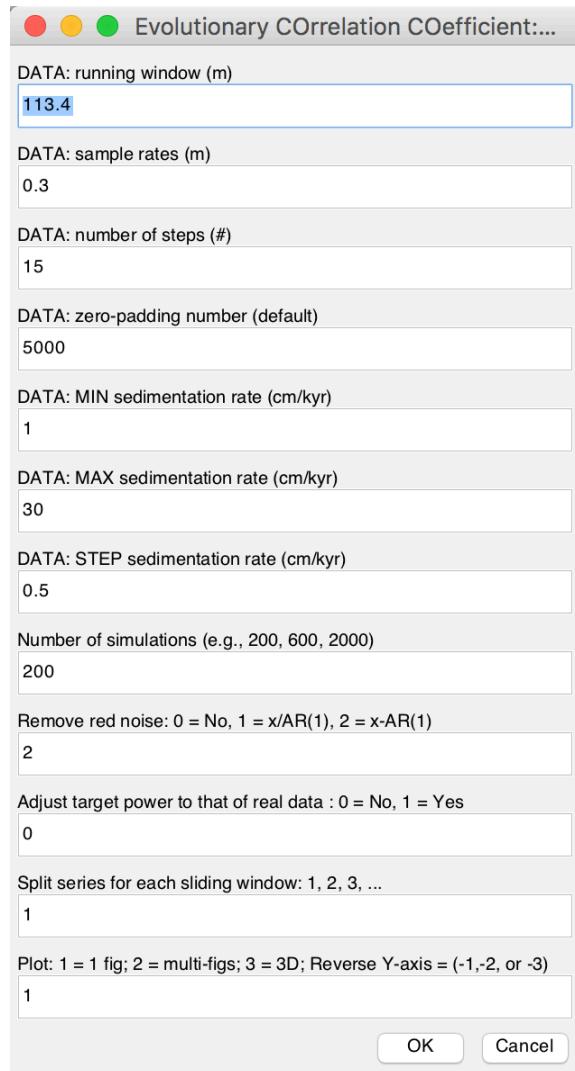
DATA: running window (m): default window is 35% of the total length of the data series.

DATA: Number of steps (#): sliding steps. Default value will give about 75 sliding windows.

Users may want to reduce the steps to have about 150 sliding window for publication quality results.

Q: which window should I use?

*A: Well, it's hard to tell. If your series is dominated by 35 m cycles (405 kyr), then a 70 m window (= 35 *2) may be good to keep balance. A large window losses resolution of the sedimentation rates, and a small window may not give correct results.*



Click **OK** button, Monte Carlo simulation steps can be displayed in the Command Window of MatLab. A log file will be generated recording all parameters used in the evolutionary correlation coefficient analysis. The user needs to decides which figure output should be saved or not.

Tips: Users may save the main window using “File” → “save ac.fig” menu. This will save the data stored in the main window figure, and the user don’t have to re-run the eCOCO using the same parameters.

Tips: User can plot eCOCO results anytime at “Plot” → “ECOCO plot” menu.

Track Sedimentation Rates:

Not finish yet...

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5. DYNOT model Description

5.1 Change the MatLab working directory to the “DYNOS” folder (Fig. 1).

** Always stay in the “DYNOS” folder when use DYNOS model. **

Key files and folder for the DYNOS model.

DYNOS.fig	<i>% GUI code</i>
DYNOS.m	<i>% main script</i>
pdan.m	<i>% power decomposition analysis code</i>
dispstat.m	<i>% running time estimation (Tasdemir, 2013)</i>
doc folder	<i>% supporting materials</i>
data folder	<i>% example datasets (MAT-file, txt and csv files)</i>

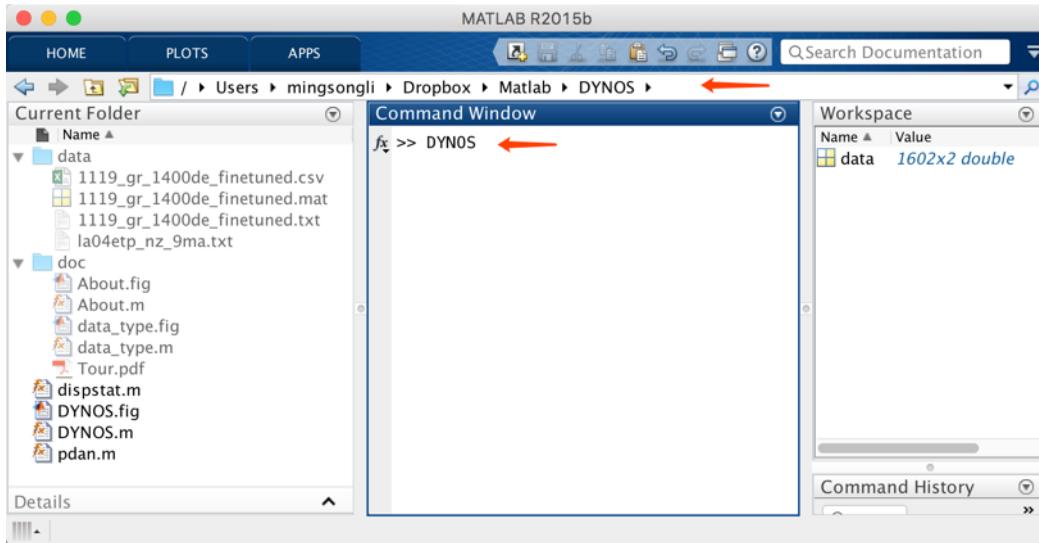


Fig. 1. MatLab workspace for the DYNOS model.

5.2 Run the DYNOS code

Type `>> DYNOS` in the Command Window (Fig. 1).

The DYNOS sea-level model GUI is as follows (Fig. 2):

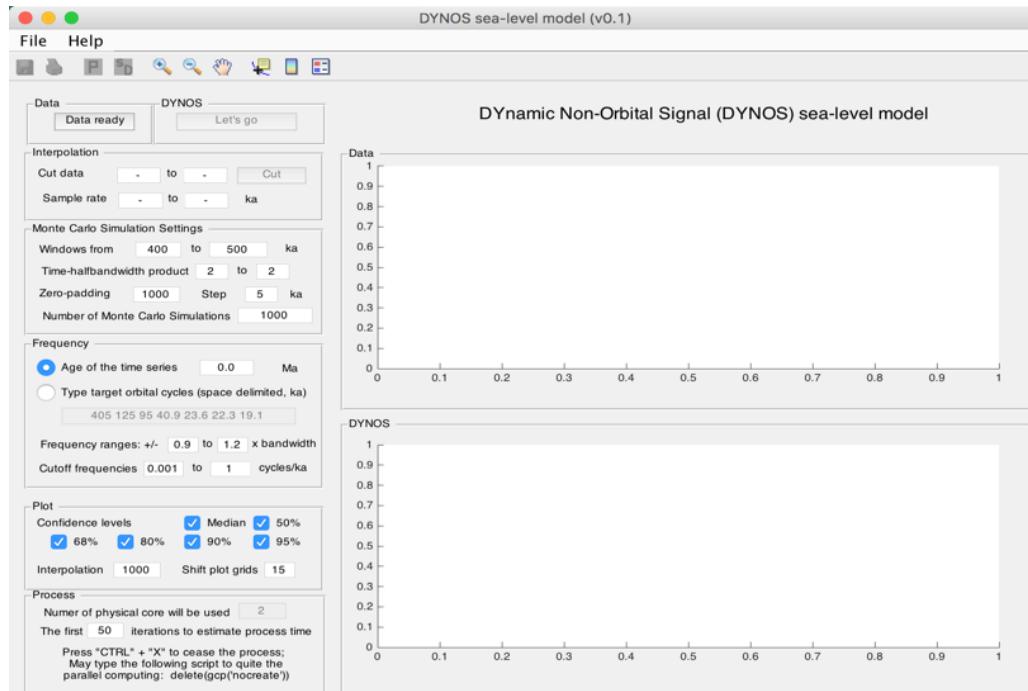


Fig. 2. The DYNOS model

5.3. Input Data

data for the DYNOS model

Name: data
Length: $m \times 2$ % must be a 2-column dataset
Column 1: time; % unit must be in ka;
Column 2: value

(See 6. for how to load data.)

Notes (see Fig. 3):

- #1: Proxy data is assumed to be sensitive to water-depth related noise at your section/core.
- #2: There is no requirement for interpolation, normalization, or removing long-term trend (i.e., pre-whitening) of the dataset.
- #3: Extreme values should be removed.
- #4: Both increasing-upward and decreasing-upward time series are valid.

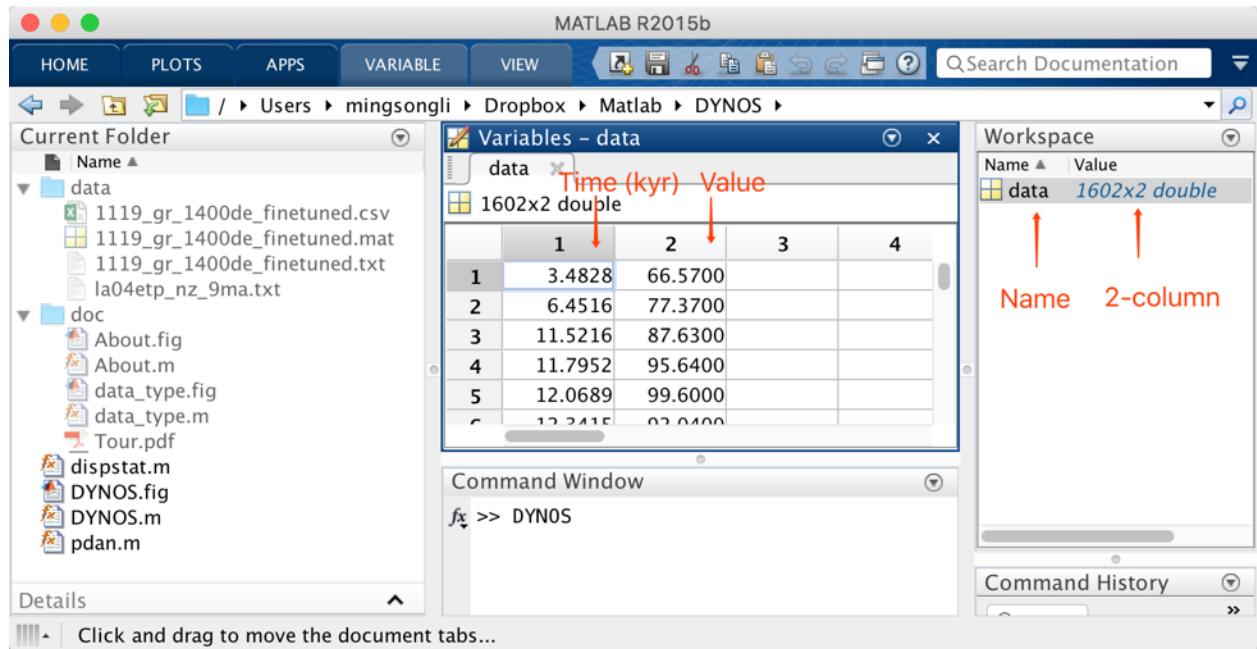


Fig. 3. Load data to DYNOS model.

5.4. Load data

There are three options. **Read more** on “MatLab Import Data” here:
<https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/standard-file-formats.html>

6.1 from *.mat file

Double click the MAT-file “1119_gr_1400de.mat” in the “Current folder” to load data.

Or in the Command Window, type:

```
>> cd data  
>> load('1119_gr_1400de_finetuned.mat');  
>> cd ..
```

to load data (Fig. 3).

6.2 from *.txt or *.csv file

In the DYNOS menu: Select “File” → “Import Data (*.txt, *.csv)” → Select data (choose “1119_gr_1400de_finetuned.txt” or “1119_gr_1400de_finetuned.csv”) → Click “Open”

6.3 copy and paste

Type `>> data=[];` in the Command Window; Double click “data” in the Workspace; Copy 2-column time-value series from other resources (e.g., Excel file, etc.) and paste to “data” in the Variables tab.

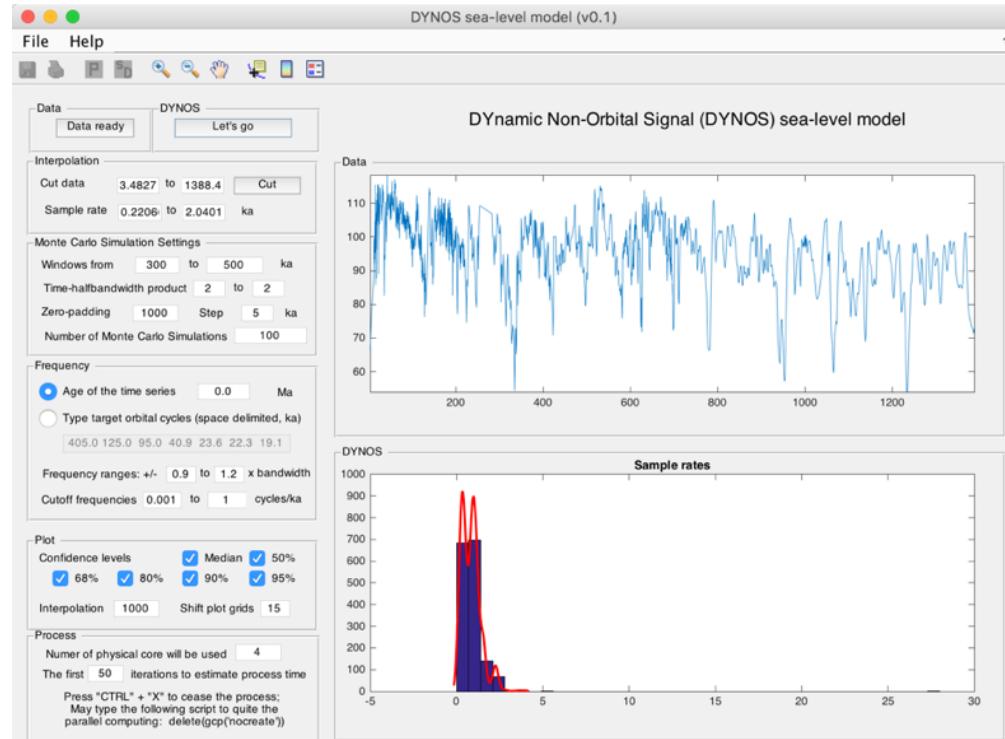


Fig. 4. Run the DYNOS code.

5.5. Settings

- 7.0. Click on **Data ready** (button) to load data into the DYNOS model.
- 7.1. Cut data (*optional*): These settings automatically show the beginning and the end of the time series, i.e., time span of dataset. Unit is ka. If you want to choose a different interval, just type two new ages and click **Cut** button.
- 7.2. Sampling rates (*optional*): These show a range of sample rates covering 90% of sample rates (Green Box 20 in Fig. 5). Unit is ka. A Monte Carlo method of hypothesis testing and the multi-taper method (MTM) of power spectral analysis are to be undertaken, and so resampling must be applied. Sampling rates of proxy datasets in time are always greater than zero and so are non-normally distributed. Therefore, the Weibull distribution is used to represent sampling rate distributions for uncertainty analysis in the DYNOS model. To avoid an ultra-low or ultra-high, unrealistic sampling rate created by the Weibull distribution algorithm, we set the 5th and 95th percentiles of sampling rates of the data as default, lower and upper limits of the generated, Weibull-distributed sampling rates.

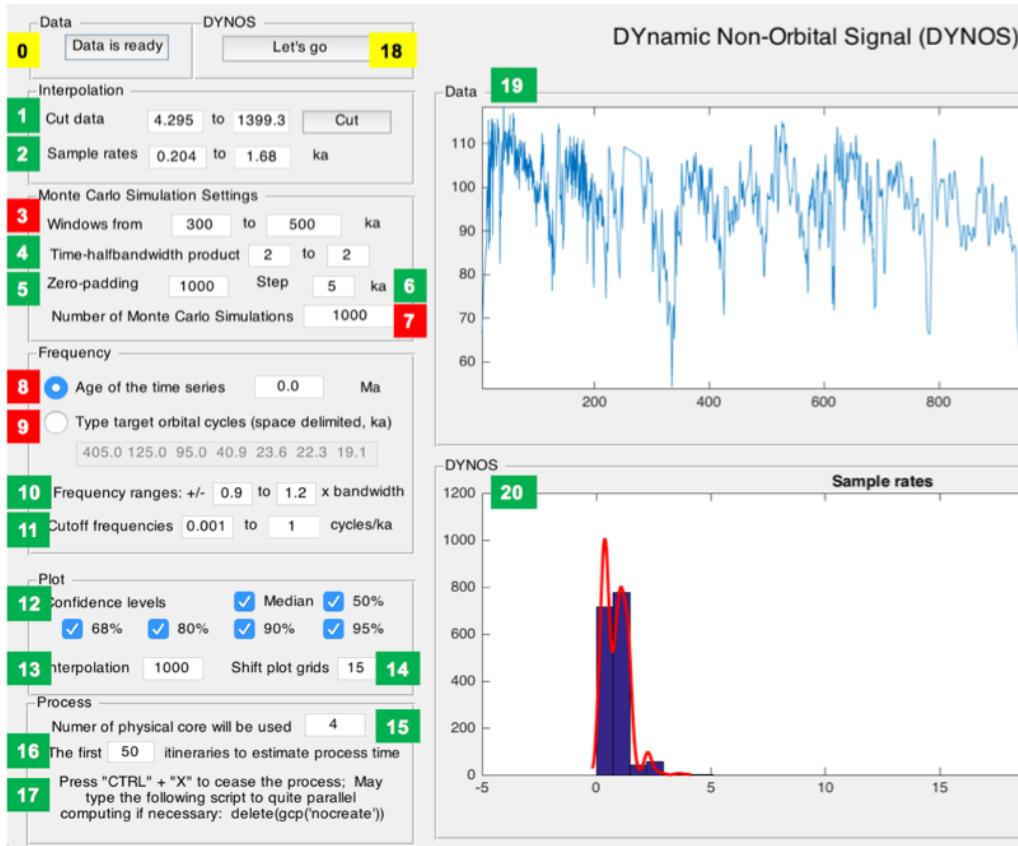


Fig. 5. Settings of the DYNOS model.

Yellow: load data and run the model.

Red: Key settings. Check before running the model.

Green: Optional settings. Default values are okay for most running.

7.3. Windows: These values set sliding window range. Moving window length in units of time (<< total data length). Unit is ka.

Different windows in the DYNOS model can affect results in two ways.

- (1) The DYNOS model with a large window will shorten DYNOS results, and the model with a small window will generate longer DYNOS results, $N_r = N_{data} - window + 1$, where N_r is total number of DYNOS values of each simulation, N_{data} is total number of interpolated data points, and $window$ is the running window employed.
- (2) The DYNOS model with a small running window generates higher resolution results, however, the variance of low-frequency cycles and total variance diminish simultaneously, which leads to increased uncertainty in non-orbital signal ratio estimation.

The DYNOS model with a small running window also increases the MTM power spectrum bandwidth (i.e., reduces frequency resolution). The expected sea-level variations of interest in the Early Triassic are 10^4 to 10^6 year-scale, i.e., the fifth to third-order sequences, therefore a comparable or shorter time window (e.g., 300-500 kyr, 400 kyr or shorter) should be adopted for DYNOS modeling.

7.4. Time-bandwidth product (*optional*): Time-bandwidth product of discrete prolate spheroidal sequences used for window. Typical choices are 2, 5/2, 3, 7/2, 4.

7.5. Zero-padding (*optional*): zero-padding number, e.g., 1000.

7.6. Step (*optional*): step of calculations; default is 5 ka.

7.7. Number of Monte Carlo Simulations: default is 1000. Maybe use 100 or 300 for a trial running. Recommended value for publication is >5000.

7.8. Age of the time series: The age in Ma will be used to estimated target orbital cycles in 7.9. You can use either 7.8 or 7.9 to tell the DYNOS model the target cycles.

7.9. Target orbital cycles (space delimited, in ka): 6 orbital cycles of long-eccentricity (405), short-eccentricity (125 and 95), obliquity (40.9 or shorter), precession (23.6, 22.3, and 19.1 or shorter). This is age dependent (see 7.8). The 405, 125, and 95 kyr cycles are assumed to be invariant through time. While the obliquity = $41 - 0.0332 * \text{age}$; precession 1 = $23.75 - 0.0121 * \text{age}$; precession 2 = $22.43 - 0.0121 * \text{age}$; precession 3 = $19.18 - 0.0079 * \text{age}$. These calculations are from [Yao et al. \(2015\)](#), and are based on the La2004 astronomical model ([Laskar et al., 2004](#)).

7.10. Frequency ranges (*optional*): For the definition of the non-orbital signal ratio by Li et al. (in revision), cutoff frequencies and their bandwidths are crucial for estimation of variances of eccentricity, obliquity and precession signals. We vary each cutoff frequency assuming a uniform distribution with cutoff frequency ranges at $\pm 90\%$ to $\pm 120\%$ bandwidth. Here the bandwidth (bw) equals $nw/window$, where nw is time-bandwidth product of discrete prolate spheroidal sequences, and $window$ is the running window.

- 7.11.** Cutoff frequencies (*optional*): lower cutoff frequency (> 0) for estimation of total variance and upper cutoff frequency ($<$ Nyquist frequency) for estimation of total variance.
- 7.12.** Confidence levels (*optional*): default values show median and confidence levels (e.g., 50%, 68%, 80%, 90%, and 95%) of the DYNOS results.
- 7.13.** Interpolation (*optional*): In 7.3, a smaller Nr compared to N_{data} leads to a “no data” effect at the very beginning and/or very end of the DYNOS results. To avoid this problem and to provide a better constraint for noise estimation, technically, the DYNOS model is interpolated and randomly shifts and plots simulation results of a single iteration at the same time scale of the dataset, although the plots also generate relatively smoothed DYNOS spectra when a gap is shorter than $2 \times window$. Here 1000 is adequate for the DYNOS model.
- 7.14.** Shift plot grids (*optional*): See 7.13 for interpretation. Default is 15. One can also use 15-30 for the better shape of the beginning and the end of the DYNOS spectra.
- 7.15.** Number of physical cores (*optional*): This detects the physical cores of the CPU of the computer.
- 7.16.** Number of itineraries to estimate the process time (*optional*): To estimate process time of the time-consuming DYNOS model, the model will run some itineraries. Default is 50.
- 7.17.** Emergency note: Press “Ctrl” + “C” to cease the DYNOS process before the parallel computing. Press “Ctrl” + “X” to cease the DYNOS process during the parallel computing. You may need to type the following script in the command window to quite parallel computing.
- ```
>> delete(gcp('nocreate'))
```
- 7.18.** Click the button to run the model.
- 7.19.** A window shows the dataset.
- 7.20.** A window shows sample rates of the dataset OR the DYNOS spectrum of the dataset.

## 5.6. Running the DYNOS model

Click the **Let's go** button to run the DYNOS code. In the command window, the estimated running time will appear:

```
16:21:20 Begin the process ...
16:22:54 First 50 iterations suggest: remain >= 0h:7m:27sec
% The model runs the first 50 iterations to estimate that the total running time
will last ca. 7 minutes 27 seconds. The real run-time may be 10s seconds to
several minutes longer than this estimate.
Starting parallel pool (parpool) using the 'local' profile ...
connected to 4 workers.
16:23:07 Current iteration takes 1.11 seconds
16:23:08 Current iteration takes 1.21 seconds
16:23:15 Current iteration takes 1.19 seconds
16:26:26 Current iteration takes 1.38 seconds
% Start parallel computing and show time of each iteration.
Parallel pool using the 'local' profile is shutting down.
>> Done. % Stop parallel computing and display the DYNOS result (Fig. 6).
```

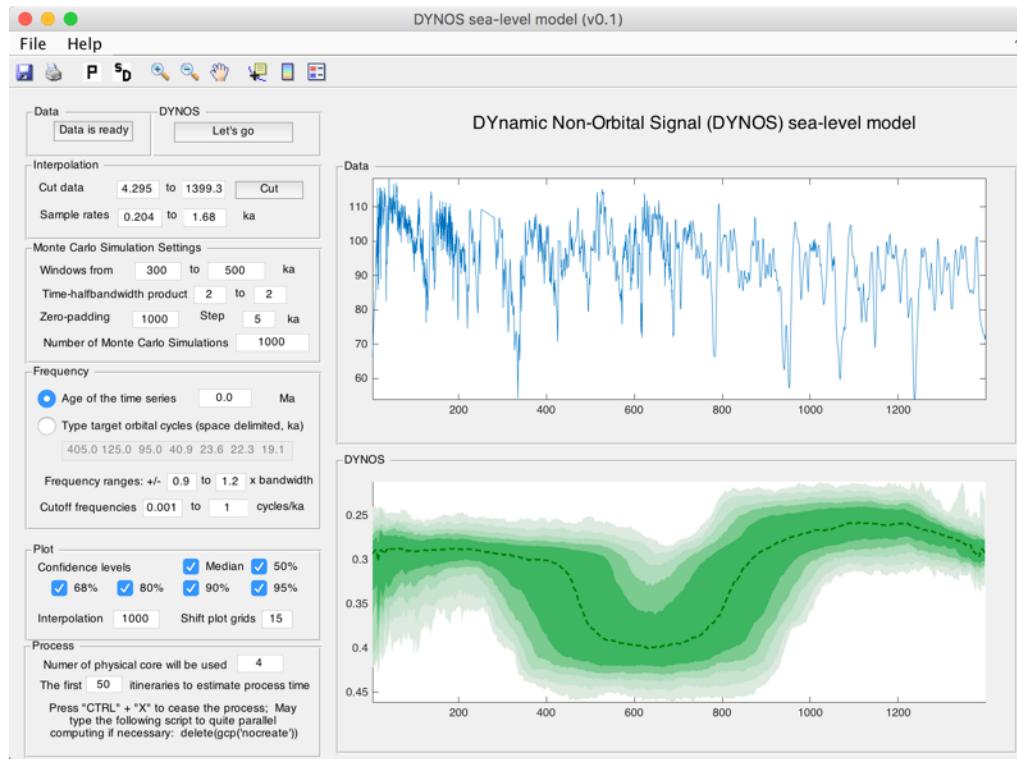


Fig. 6. DYNOS sea-level model of the gamma-ray series at ODP site 1119 from 0 to 1.4 Ma.

## 5.7. Output Files

After running the DYNOS model, the GUI menu (Fig. 7) can be used to:

- #1: save a MatLab-fig in the working directory entitled “plots\_.fig”.
- #2: save a PDF file of the plots in the working directory entitled “plots\_.pdf”
- #3: pop-up display the DYNOS spectrum in a new window.
- #4: save DYNOS output data in the working directory entitled “result\_handles.mat”.

**Caution: Change names of output files, or they will be overwritten by new files.**

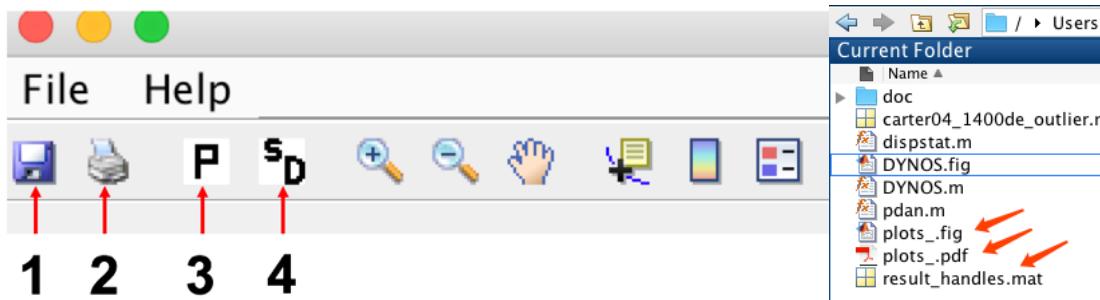


Fig. 7. Output files

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