

Release Notes

Brain Dynamics Toolbox

Version 2017c (pre-release)

Version 2017c is currently in pre-release stage. The formal release is anticipated for late Sep 2017.

The formal release will coincide with the publication of the Handbook of the Brain Dynamics Toolbox which can be purchased from Amazon booksellers. The first chapter of the handbook will also be made available for free on the [Brain Dynamics Toolbox](#) website.

Major new features of the toolbox include: (i) Improved dialog boxes for editing vector and matrix parameters. (ii) The ability to load previously computed solutions into the GUI at startup. (iii) Improved error handling for systems with missing functions. (iv) The inclusion of the neural-mass model DFCL2009 (Dafilis, Frascaoli Cadusch & Liley, 2009). (v) Improved license checking in the Hilbert and Correlation panels. (vi) Improved scrolling in the System-Save dialog box. (vii) Replacement of the BTF2003ODE model (Breakspear, Terry & Friston, 2003) with BTF2003. (viii) Bug fixes to the existing BTF2003SDE and BTF2003DDE models.

Requires Matlab 2014b or newer.

Version 2017b

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Major new features include: (i) Equation parameters and variables can now be directly manipulated from the workspace via the new bdGUI class properties (par, var0, var, lag, t). (ii) The System-Save menu now includes solution variables and display panel outputs. (iii) Three new display panels were added (bdHilbert, bdSurrogate, bdTrapPanel). (iv) Six new models were added (BTF2003ODE, BTF2003DDE, BTF2003SDE, FRRB2012, FRRB2012b, RFB2017). (v) Scrollbars were added to the Equations panel. (vi) All panels were refined to make their outputs more accessible to the workspace.

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Version 2017a

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Major new features include: (i) Dynamic loading of GUI plot panels. (ii) Enhanced GUI class properties allow the solver output and panel objects to be accessed directly. (iii) New *sys* struct format with more flexible syntax for defining system parameters and variables. (iv) Improved validation of *sys* structs. (v) Time and Phase portraits now support graphic hold. (vi) All example models have been revised.

This version is not backwards compatible with version 2016a. In particular: (i) *sys.pardef*, *sys.vardef*, *sys.auxdef*, *sys.lagdef* were changed from cell arrays to struct arrays; (ii) *sys.gui* was renamed *sys.panels*; (iii) SDE function handles were renamed *sys.sdeF* and *sys.sdeG*; (iv) *bdCorrelationPanel* was renamed *bdCorrPanel*; (v) *bdSpaceTimePortrait* was renamed *bdSpaceTime*; (vi) *odeEuler* was renamed *odeEul*; (vii) *sdelto* was renamed *sdeEM*; (viii) *sdeStratonovich* was renamed *sdeSH*; (ix) *bdVerify* was renamed *bdSysCheck*; (x) *bdUtils* was renamed *bd*; (xi) The *gui.control* property was replaced by *gui.sys*, *gui.sol* and *gui.sox*; (xii) The *sys* fields *tspan*, *odesolver*, *odeoption*, *ddesolver* and *ddeoption* are no longer mandatory.

Important message to users migrating from 2016a to 2017a. Scripts written for 2016a will need to be modified to accommodate the changes above. We recommend using *bdSysCheck* when migrating old code. It detects obsolete and invalid *sys* fields.

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Version 2016a

Released 24 Dec 2016.

The first public release of the Brain Dynamics Toolbox.

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