

InVivoTools, the manual

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This document describes the installation and operation of the InVivoTools collection.

InVivoTools is a system for journaling, analyzing and retrieving the data. The Graph_db provides a flexible way to produce graphs for stored data.

For information on showing visual stimuli check out

<https://sites.google.com/site/alexanderheimel/protocols/manual-newstim-and-runexperiment>

For information on microscopic image analysis, see <https://sites.google.com/site/alexanderheimel/protocols/puncta-analysis-using-matlab>

Installation and maintenance

A computer with Windows, Linux or OSX with Matlab installed is a prerequisite.

Installation

Linux

Install version control package Subversion (on a Debian derived system, like Ubuntu)

```
sudo apt-get install subversion
```

Download InVivoTools software, by typing in a terminal window:

```
svn checkout svn://giskard.intern.nin.knaw.nl/InVivoTools ~/Software/InVivoTools
```

Windows

First, install a client for the version control system Subversion. A list of clients is available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_Subversion_clients. My personal favorite is [tortoisessvn](#). An good alternative is [SmartSVN](#) of which a minimal feature version can be downloaded [here](#) for free. Once you have downloaded and installed a subversion client, you need to check out the matlab InVivoTools from `svn://giskard.intern.nin.knaw.nl/InVivoTools`. More client specific details are given below.

TortoiseSVN specific

After installation you may need to restart your computer for integration of TortoiseSVN with Windows Explorer. Next start My Computer or Windows Explorer and navigate to C:\. Create a new folder C:\Software\InVivoTools and within this folder right click. In the popup menu select checkout and checkout from `svn://giskard.intern.nin.knaw.nl/InVivoTools`

SmartSVN specific.

After extraction of the installation files, click on the SmartSVN shortcut on the desktop. During installation, you can select the 'Free Professional edition', which will provide enough functionality even after the 31 day trial period.

Choose 'My repositories are already set up' and click [Finish].

Next select 'Check out project from repository', go for the Quick Checkout option with

URL: `svn://giskard.intern.nin.knaw.nl/InVivoTools`

Local Directory: `C:\Software\InVivoTools`

Choose to create the directory "C:\Software\InVivoTools" if it doesn't already exist.

Choose [Validate] when requested.

Post installation (both Windows and Linux)

Start Matlab and go to menu: File / Set path ...

Choose [Add Folder] (not [Add with Subfolders]) and browse to the folder where you just installed the tools, e.g. `/home/dataman/Software/InVivoTools` in Linux or `C:\Software\InVivoTools` in Windows.

Next click [Save], and then restart Matlab.

Updating from repository

Linux

Open terminal window and type:

```
cd ~/Software/InVivoTools
svn update
```

Windows

Go in Windows Explorer or My Computer to the C:\Software folder. Right-click on the InVivoTools folder and select 'Update ...' from the pop-up menu.

Committing local changes

Linux

Open terminal window and type

```
cd ~/Software/InVivoTools
svn status
```

to check modifications and next type

```
svn commit -m "[short message describing the relevant changes]"
```

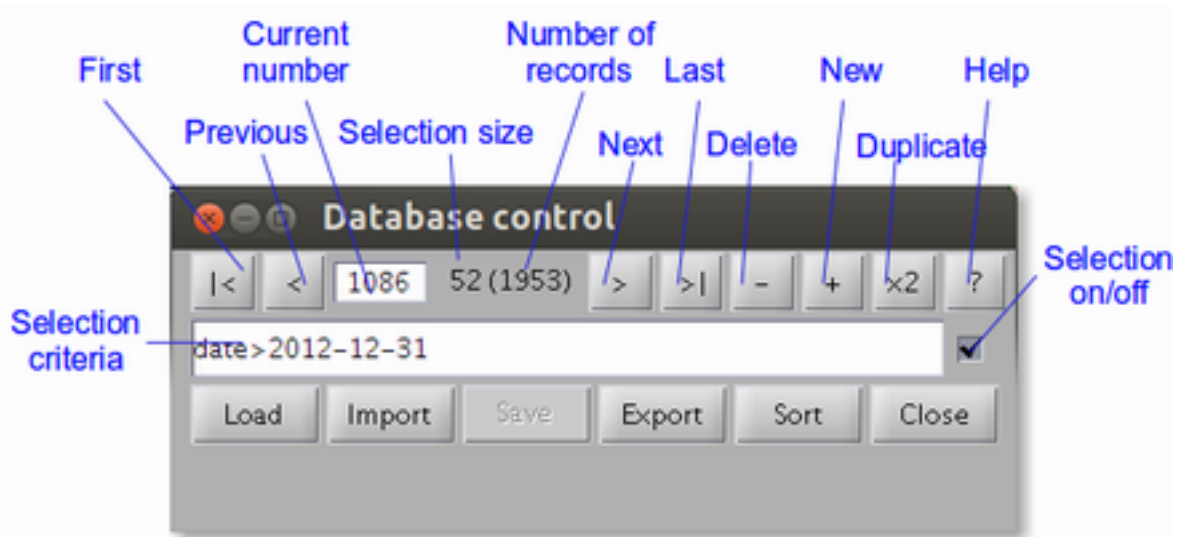
to commit them. Where of course the message needs to be replaced with something describing the changes you made.

Windows

Go in Windows Explorer or My Computer to the C:\Software folder. Right-click on the InVivoTools folder and select 'Commit ...' from the pop-up menu. Write a relevant change log message.

Database control

The main user interaction with the data is through a set of databases. For each database a control and a record window are opened. The buttons on the control window may vary depending on the experiment type and host computer, but will always contain the following buttons:



The function of most buttons is straight forward. Some may require some extra explanation

Load

Opens a window to select a database in the MATLAB format to load. It will open the database and create a lock file in the same folder with information of user and host. Before opening it will check if such a lock file already exists, and in that case offer the choice to replace the lock file or open the database as read-only. Only if you are certain the lock file is a remnant of a crashed session replace it.

Import

Open a window to select a database in MATLAB format to insert in currently open database behind the current record.

Export

Saves the whole database or the currently open selection to a different MATLAB file or a semi-colon separated CSV file. The latter could be loaded into Excel, but as the measures do not get exported well, this is not as useful as it could be. This could be developed further if there is a demand.

Sort

Sorts the database in ascending order of the first field.

Selecting and searching

One of the most useful things of the database control is the possibility to find a record or a selection of records by typing a selection criteria. For this criteria, you can use a number of operators:

- = equal
- ~ case-insensitive equal
- ! unequal
- < smaller than
- > larger than
- * match all
- , logical and
- | logical or
- () grouping brackets

Some example criteria are:

```
mouse=12.10.1.21,test=t0001
stim_type=ps,date>2012,reliable=1
mouse = 05.01,type=*MD*
mouse = 05.01,(type=*MD*p26|type=*MD*p27*)
(cre=kazu,typing==0) | strain=*B6*
```

The toggle switch on the right hand side of the criteria edit box turns the filtering on and off.

Access to databases

Temporary access to the the database struct array can be gained, by clicking the Help button in the control window followed or preceded by

```
global global_db global_record
```

at the matlab prompt. global_db contains the database, global_record the current record.

Note that changes in this database will not automatically enter the open database. Either use

```
ud = get(gcf,'userdata'); ud.db = db; set(gcf,'userdata','ud');
control_db_callback(ud.h.current_record);
```

or close the database and start a new session with

```
control_db( db )
```

to save the database.

To access the database from a function, use

```
[testdb, experimental_pc] = expdatabases( type, );
[db,filename] = load_testdb(testdb);
```

where type could be 'oi', 'ec' or 'tp'. To save the database use

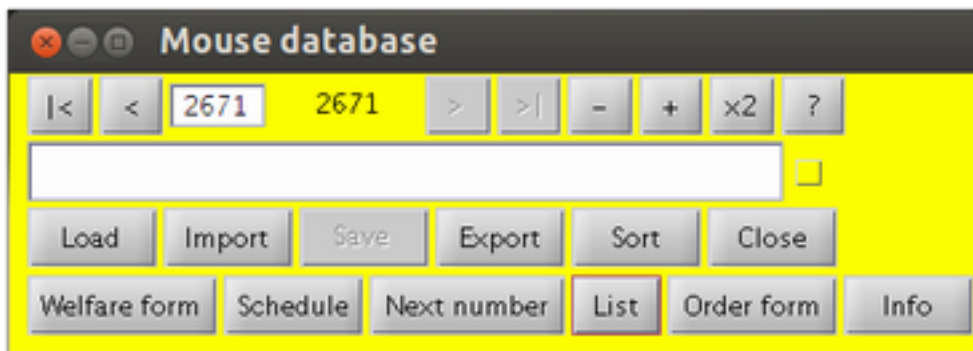
```
[filename,lockfile] = save_db(db, filename)
```

Type e.g. 'help save_db' for more options.

Subject databases

InVivoTools comes with a number of databases. The controls look all roughly similar, but each comes with some additional specific buttons.

Mice - mouse_db



Welfare form will produce a form which can be used as yellow card cage form for use in the IWO stables and as well fare form for the D2 lab. Information about the DEC protocol is retrieved from the protocoldec_db.

Schedule will list the scheduled experiments for mice in the database for the next two weeks.

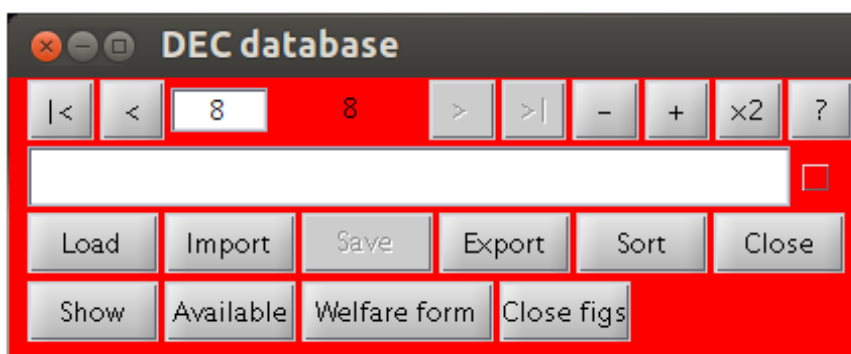
Next number produces the next available dec number if the protocol and group number have been entered in the mouse field.

List gives a list of all mice or the current selection in the Matlab command window.

Order form will make a mouse order form.

Info links the current mouse to the MS Access mouse database.

Protocols - dec_db



Show will show the protocol's pdf if it is present in the folder InVivo/Databases/.../DEC, which on the network will be //vs01/Shared/DEC.

Available will calculate the number of mice still available by deducting the number of mice of each group that have a record in the mouse database.

Welfare form produces an example welfare form with the DEC protocol information.

Experiment databases

To influence which experiment is loaded, set the experiment name by

```
experiment('12.23')
```

to load the databases for your specific DEC protocol or experiment, where 12.23 should of course be replaced by your own dec-protocol number or another descriptive name for the group of experiment. You can also select

```
experiment('')
```

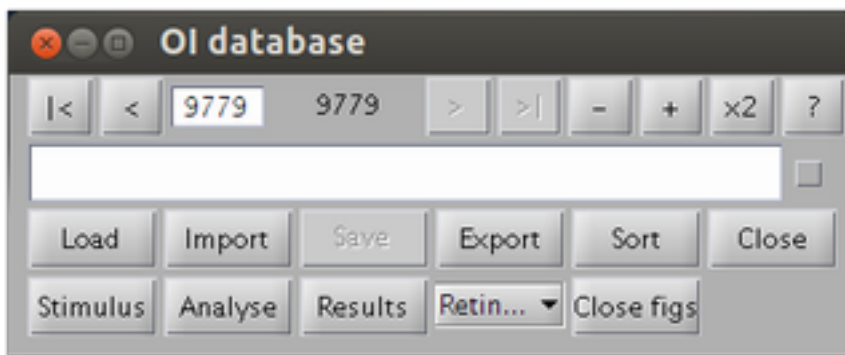
to open the common database.

Which experimental database is opened by default can also depend on the computer the software is ran on. The mimic another computer use e.g.

```
host('daneel')
```

where 'daneel' should be replaced by the computer you want to pretend to work on.

Optical imaging - experiment_db



Stimulus will start NewStim's RunExperiment window for visual stimulation control. The button only appears on computers where Psychophysics Toolbox is installed.

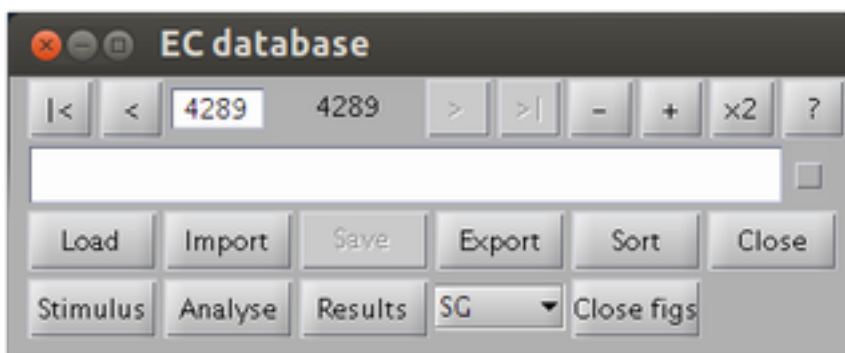
Analyse will analyse the acquired data.

Results shows the results.

Pull down test button next to [Results] is used for selecting the next test. When [+] is clicked to create a new record, some values will already be filled in depending on which test is selected in this pull down.

Close figs will close all not persistent figures, i.e. not the database control and record forms.

Electrophysiology - ectestdb



Stimulus will start NewStim's RunExperiment window for visual stimulation control. The button only appears on computers where Psychophysics Toolbox is installed.

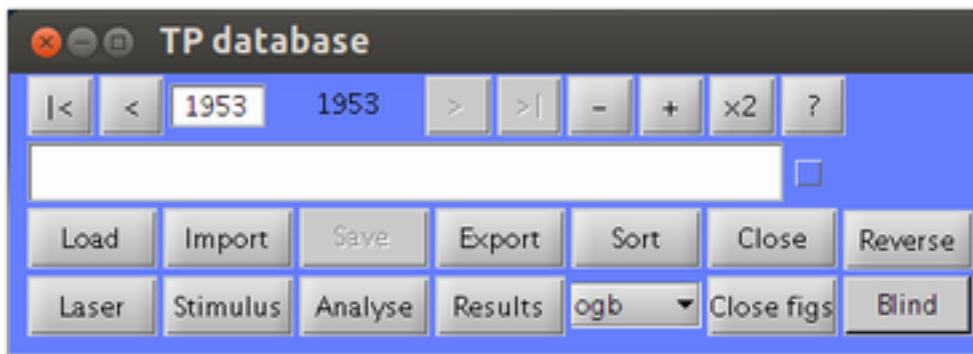
Analyse will analyse the acquired data.

Results shows the results.

Pull down test button next to [Results] is used for selecting the next test. When [+] is clicked to create a new record, some values will already be filled in depending on which test is selected in this pull down.

Close figs will close all not persistent figures, i.e. not the database control and record forms.

Two-photon imaging - tptestdb



Laser will start control_lasergui to control the MaiTai laser power and wavelength. The button only appears on Wall-e, the two-photon analysis computer.

Stimulus will start NewStim's RunExperiment window for visual stimulation control. The button only appears on computers where Psychophysics Toolbox is installed.

Analyse will analyse open the Analyzetpstack window for image/movie analysis. See <https://sites.google.com/site/alexanderheimel/protocols/puncta-analysis-using-matlab> for more info on this window.

Results shows a preview image of the data and some of the acquisition parameters.

Pull down test button next to [Results] is used for selecting the next test. When [+] is clicked to create a new record, some values will already be filled in depending on which test is selected in this pull down.

Close figs will close all not persistent figures, i.e. not the database control and record forms.

Blind temporarily removes date and comment information and reproducibly random (but based on the details of the record) reverses or not the sequence of records for a specific mouse and stack.

Reverse reverses the order of the time series of a selected stack.

Graphics database - graph_db

This manual explains by a number of examples have to use **graph_db** to produce figures from data stored in one in the InVivoTools experimental databases.

First, to get the graph_db examples database, fire up matlab and type:

```
experiment('Examples')
graph_db
```


Simple examples

Go to the first record by clicking on the [<] button or by typing 1 in the current record edit field next to the [<] button.

Example odi

You will see a record with few fields filled in:

name: optional, but useful to find back your graph. Name is also used as default filename if none is given

group: a comma-separated list of group names. In the simplest case, like here, the group names are used to match the initial characters of the mouse field in mouse_db. Here 05.01.1 will extract all records selected by the filter 'mouse=05.01.1*' in the mouse_db

measures: a comma-separated list of measures, where measures take the form [DATATYPE:STIMTYPE:MEASURE]. Datatype can be e.g. 'oi', 'ec', 'lfp' for intrinsic signal, single-unit or lfp data respectively. Stimtype describes the stimulus, e.g. 'od' for an od test. Browse through the main graph_db for other examples.

style: describes the type of graph, e.g. 'bar' or 'xy'

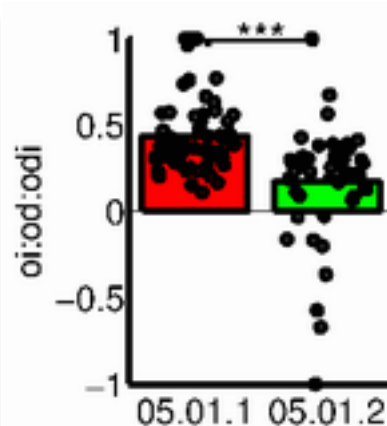
color: Nx3 array, with in each row an RGB value for coloring each group. The RGB values should be between 0 and 1.

spaced: when 1, spaces out the individual points over the width of the bar. Left most points are first records in the consult experiment database.

filename: name of saved figure, is created automatically at first compute, or can be manually chosen.

If you click [Compute], the figure shown on the right is produced.

Record	
name	Example odi
groups	05.01.1,05.01.2
measures	oi:od:odi
style	bar
test	
showpoints	
color	[1 0 0;0 1 0]
prefix	
spaced	1
grouplabels	
measurelabels	
extra_options	
extra_code	
filename	od_example.png
author	ah
created	17-Jan-2013 16:20:47
modified	20-Jan-2013 21:39:32
path	
value_pos	
signif_y	
ylab	



Example odi 2

If you move to the next graph record, we will see how to refine the figure a little, by changes in the following fields:

groups: are now the names of records in the group database group_db. This database can be opened by clicking on [Groups] or through the Matlab prompt as group_db. In a group record, a complicated filter can be defined, or a preset color or label. See the section on the Group database for more informatio.

test: name of the statistical test. Now the kruskal-wallis non-parametric test will be run instead of the default t-test.

showpoints: when 0, the individual measurements are not shown.

prefix: if given as a 1x2 vector, the minimum and maximum y-limits. If given as a 1x4 vector, the minimum and maximum x-limits, followed by the y-limits.

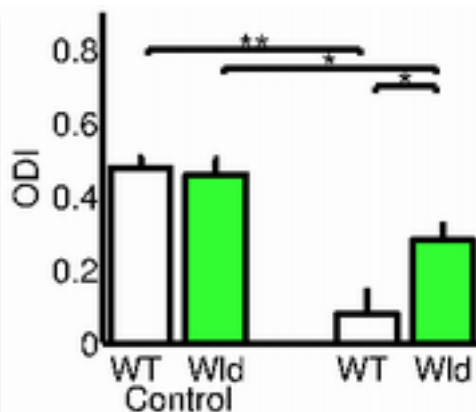
grouplabels: comma-separated list of human-readable group labels. With \newline one can go to the next line.

measurelabels: comma-separated list of measure labels.

extra_code: here unlimited extra matlab code can be insert to be run after creation of the graph. In this example additional labels are inserted with the text(x,y,'blabla') command.

signif_y: specifies for a selection of significance calculations whether the should be plotted, and if so at which height. The first column specifies the comparison number, which can be found at the Matlab command window after computing the figure. The second column has the height of the comparison line or NaN if it should not be plotted.

Record	
name	Example odi 2
groups	wld wt control,wld control,emp
measures	odiod:odi
style	bar
test	kruskal_wallis
showpoints	0
color	
prefix	[0 0.9]
spaced	
grouplabels	WT,Wld,,WT,Wld
measurelabels	ODI
extra_options	
extra_code	text(1.5,-0.15,'Control','horizon
filename	example_odi_2.png
author	ah
created	17-Jan-2013 16:20:47
modified	20-Jan-2013 22:19:12
path	
value_pos	
signif_y	[3 0.8;4 NaN;7 NaN;8 0.75;12 0
ytab	



Example contra vs ipsi

The next graph is of the xy type and shows the responses to stimulation of the contra lateral eye vs that to the ipsi lateral eye.

measures: in the measures field, you can write small calculation, like here a multiplication with 10 to get premille instead of percentage. Subtraction and division are also possible. Measures can also be added and subtracted from each other.

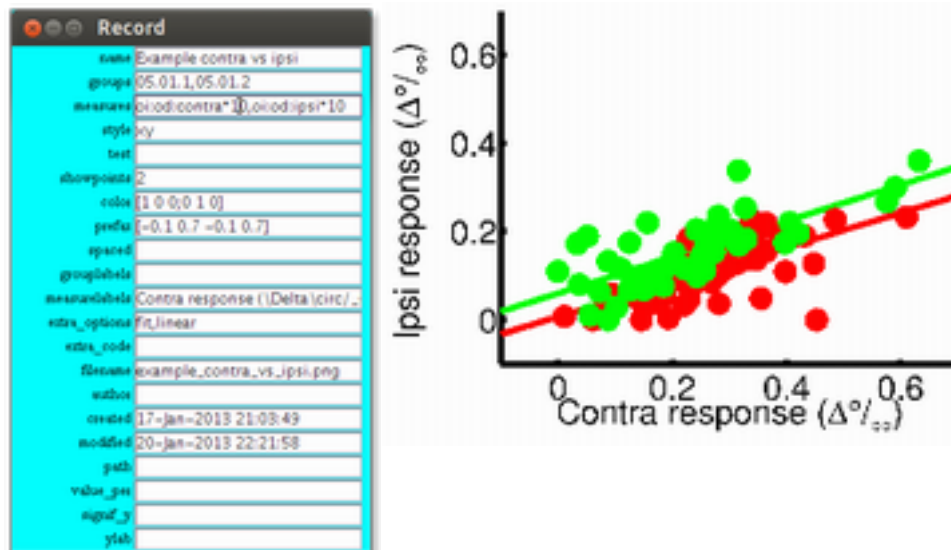
style: is now xy.

showpoints: when it is 2, for each x-value only the mean of the associated y-values are shown, especially useful when x is a set parameter like contrast.

prefix: now show the 1x4 format, with min x, max x, min y, max y

measurelabels: some tex like characters are available, like Δ (Δ) or α (α). Also an underscore will start subscript, and ^ superscript. Use curly braces to write multiple characters as sub- or superscript.

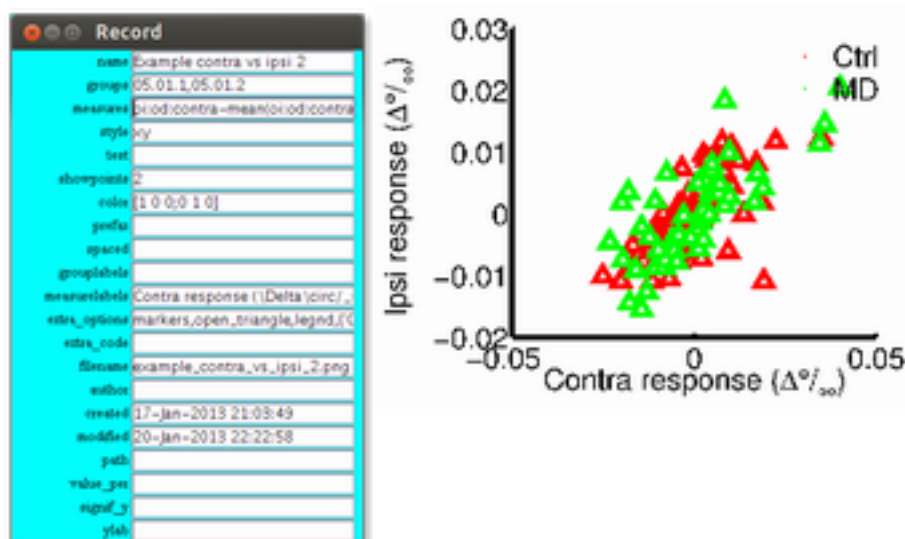
extra_options: there are many extra options. See below in the Fields section for an exhaustive list. Options are given as sets of two, with first the name of the option, 'fit' in this case, followed by the value, here 'linear'.



Example contra vs ipsi 2

This example shows how more computations with the data is possible.

measures: functions with a single argument can also be applied to the measure before plotting.

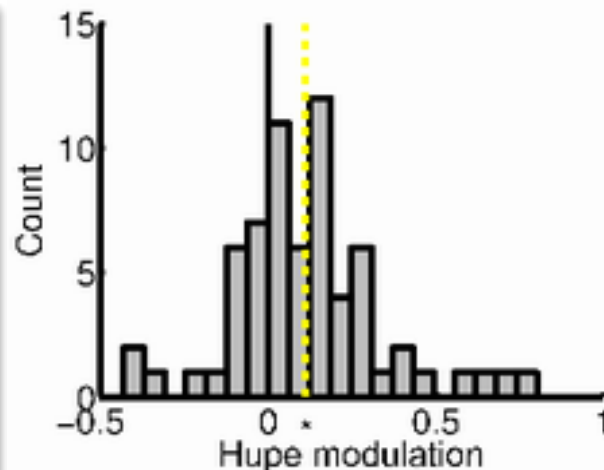


Example histogram

You can also make a histogram from the data.

extra_options: uses here 'bins' which set the number of bins, and 'min_snr' which requires a minimum 'signal-to-noise-ratio' for the spike height versus noise. The argument 'comment' is followed by a string which should be in the comment field for a record to be included in the figure.

Record	
name	Example histogram
groups	10.38.1
measures	ammemotio:hupe_modulation
style	hist
test	
showpoints	
color	
prefu	
spaced	
grouplabels	
measurelabels	
extra_options	bins,20,min_snr,6,comment,rf_
extra_code	(ht,pt)=ttest(y(1));disp([Differen
filename	example_histogram.png
author	
created	17-Jan-2013 23:05:44
modified	20-Jan-2013 22:23:56
path	
value_per	measurement
signif_y	
ylab	

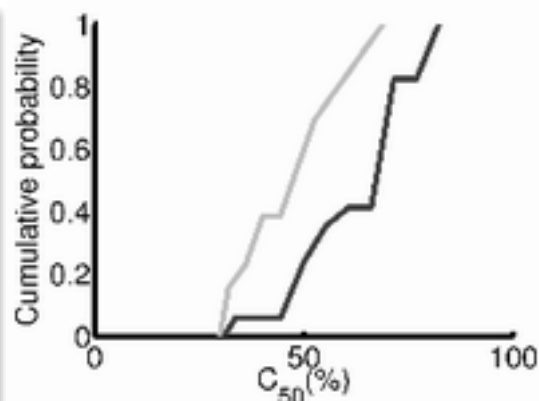


Example cumulative histogram

A cumulative histogram is especially useful for comparing two overlapping distributions. The example shows the latex convention of writing C_{50} for C_{50} .

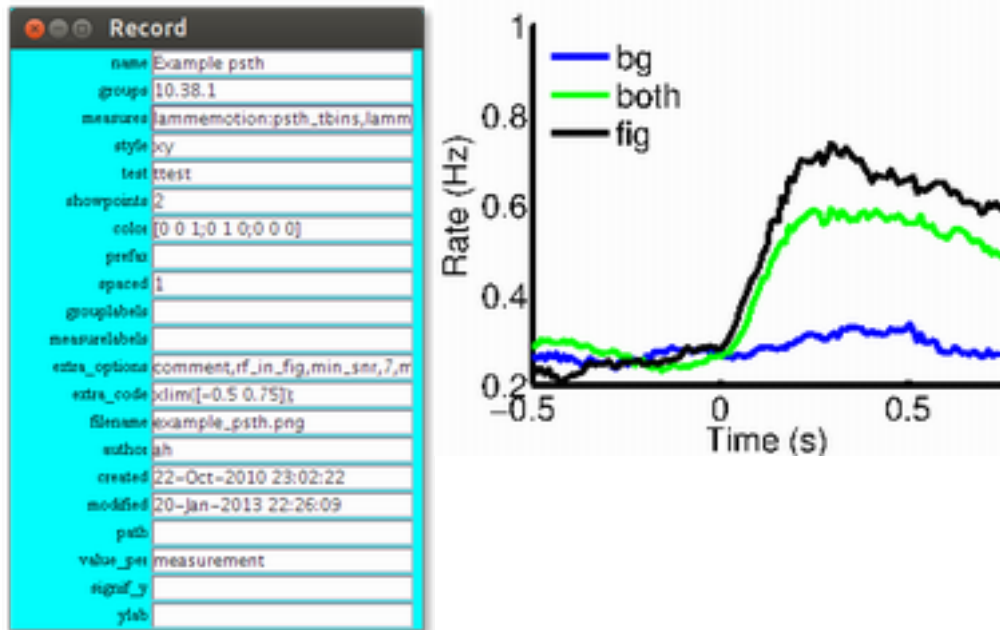
extra_options shows here the selection of nicely isolated single units.

Record	
name	Example cumulative histogram
groups	titpaper wild type adult nondep
measures	contrast_drifting:c50*100
style	cumul
test	
showpoints	
color	
prefu	[0 100 0 1]
spaced	
grouplabels	WT,T1
measurelabels	$C_{50}(\%)$
extra_options	celltype,su,isolation,nice
extra_code	
filename	example_cumulative_histogram
author	
created	17-Jan-2013 23:00:42
modified	20-Jan-2013 22:24:54
path	
value_per	measurement
signif_y	
ylab	



Example PSTH

A peristimulus time histogram has a whole range of x and y values.



Fields

name

Name of the record, can be used for filtering. With this in mind, keep the use of non-alphanumeric characters to a minimum. Space are allowed. Comma's are discouraged. Consistency and explicitness helps to keep track of the records.

groups

a comma-separated list of groups, either matching the group field in the group databases, or as the start of filter (followed by an asterix) for the mouse field in the mouse database. Simple group arithmetic with +,-,/ is also possible, e.g 'B6 control 1 month-B6 MD 7d from p28'. Note that you can also select a single mouse, by just specifying the mouse number.

measures

a comma-separated lists of measures, either matching the measure field in the measure database, or of the form datatype:stimtype:measure, e.g. oi:od:odi, or datatype:measure, e.g. ec:snr. Arithmetic with scalars is also possible, by using +,-,*,/ and ^ (power). Use of brackets, like (oi:od:odi+1)/2 is also supported. Comparisons with < and > will evaluate to 0 or 1. Some arithmetic with two measures should also work, but it is not heavily test. The functions 'mean' and 'std' can be called as e.g. 'mean(weight)'.

style

determines graph style. Can be 'bar','box' (bar graph with median instead of mean), 'xy', 'hist' (histogram), 'cumul' (cumulative histogram) and 'rose'

test

Statistical test to use. Allowed values are 'ttest' (identical to 'ttest2'), 'paired_ttest', 'chi2', 'kruskal-wallis', 'kruskal_wallis' and 'none'.

showpoints

Determines whether and how to show individual data points. 0 shows no points, 1 shows all points, 2 shows all x, but only mean of y values. The last option is useful for plotting y for a fixed range of x, like contrasts.

color

An Nx3 array with RGB values (between 0 and 1) for each group, i.e. [1 0 0; 0 1 0; 0 0 1] gives three groups the colors red, green and blue.

prefax

Either a 1x2 vector with the minimum and maximum y-limits, like [-1 1], or a 1x4 vector with x- and y-limits, [minx maxx miny maxy]

spaced

Option primary useful for bar graph. 0 shows all points within a bar on a single x-position. 1 and 2 space them out over the width of the bar. 1 does this with NaN values removed, 2 inserts empty spaces for NaN values.

group labels

Comma-separated list of group labels, allows some matlab tex interpretations, like \alpha or monocular\newlinedeprivation.

measure labels

Comma-separated list of measure labels, allows some matlab tex interpretations, like \alpha, C_{50}, m^2. More complicated texts can be done via the extra_code option using text and latex interpreter (see help tex).

extra_options

<i>reliable</i>	1 (default) to use only reliable records, 0 to use all.
<i>verbose</i>	1 to see extra information or graphs. 0 for not (default).
<i>errorbars</i>	Word, or a semi-colon separated cell list of 'sem', 'none'.
<i>errorbars_sides</i>	Word or semi-colon separated cell list of 'both', 'away'.
<i>save_option</i>	1 (default) to save, 0 to not save.
<i>eyes</i>	Select record by filtering 'eye=*eyes*', e.g. 'none', 'both', 'contra', 'ipsi'.
<i>celltype</i>	Select cell type, e.g. 'all', 'mu', 'su'.
<i>min_n</i>	Select only groups with at least min_n datapoints.
<i>markers</i>	Word or semi-colon separated cell list of 'none', 'open_triangle', 'closed_triangle', 'open_circle' or 'closed_circle'
<i>markersize</i>	Size in points. Default is 12.
<i>group_by</i>	Group data by 'group' or 'measure'.

<i>legnd</i>	Semi-colon separated cell list of strings, e.g. {'wild type';'transgenic'}
<i>depth</i>	Selects only record at specified depth.
<i>xlab</i>	X-axis label string.
<i>ylab</i>	Y-axis label string.
<i>xticklabels</i>	XTick labels, 1xN vector.
<i>rotate_xticklabels</i>	Angle in degrees to rotate XTicklabels.
<i>bins</i>	Numer of bins for (cumulative) histogram and rose plot. Default 16.
<i>tail</i>	Tail to use for significance tests, i.e. 'both', 'right' or 'left'.
<i>linestyles</i>	Word or semi-colon separated cell list of styles, like plot, e.g. '-k', ':r'

extra_code

matlab code that will be evaluated directly after creating the figure, e.g. `set(gca,'xscale','log');` or `axis equal` or `set(h.fit(1),'color',[0 0 0])` or use keyboard to see which variables are available.

filename

name of save file. If left empty, one will be created from name (with removal of all coding characters) and returned to this field.

author

name or initials of the person who created the graph record

created

date and time of creation of the record

modified

data and time of last successful computation of the graph

path

where to save the figure. If left open, it will go to the current folder.

value_per

how to group values, options are 'measurement', 'mouse', XXXXXXXX

signif_y

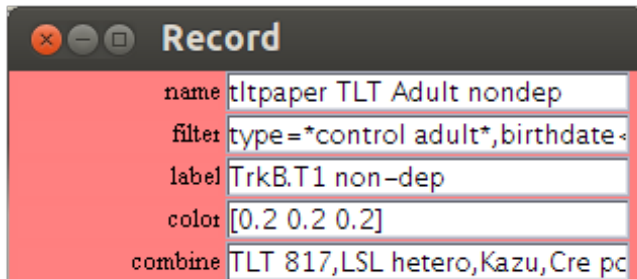
Determine if and where to calculate and plot significances. A single 0 will turn off significance testing. Otherwise a Nx2 list, with the comparison number (i.e. group 1 vs 2 is 1, group 1 vs 3 is 3, group 2 vs 3 is 3 for a 3-group comparison) in the first column, and the y-position in the second column. NaN for a y-position means do not calculate.

ylab

Y-axis label string.

Group database - group_db

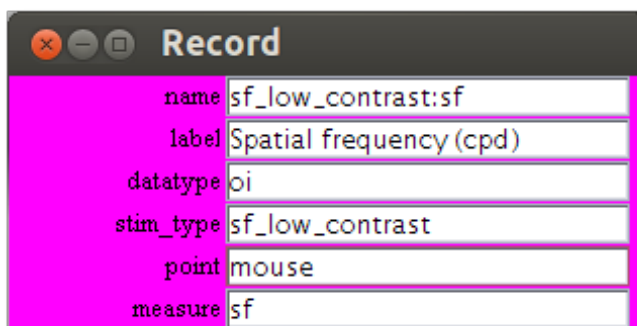
If you want, more complex groups selection, or reuse group labels and colours, you want to predefine your group as a record in the group database group_db.



name	tltpaper TLT Adult nondep
filter	type=*control adult*,birthdate<
label	TrkB.T1 non-dep
color	[0.2 0.2 0.2]
combine	TLT 817,LSL hetero,Kazu,Cre pc

The above record shows how filters can become arbitrarily complex. This group will select records which satisfy the specified filter (type=*control adult*,...) *and* which also belong to the groups given in the 'combine' field, which each have their own filters.

Measure database - measure_db



name	sf_low_contrast:sf
label	Spatial frequency (cpd)
datatype	oi
stim_type	sf_low_contrast
point	mouse
measure	sf

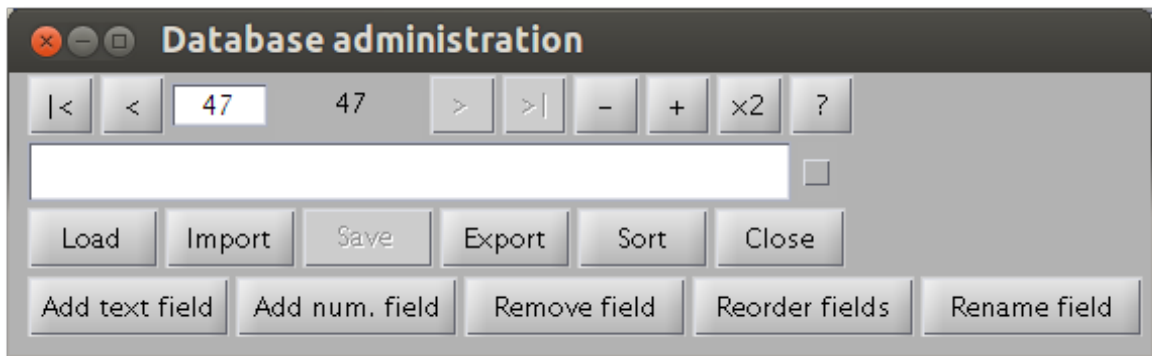
The measure record defines a preferred label and averaging behavior (point), but does otherwise not add much to the direct entry of the type datatype:stim_type:measure into the graph record.

Database administration

Outside the normal operation of the InVivoTools is changing the database structures. Future changes in setups or requirements, however, may make it necessary to add, shuffle or remove fields. This can all be done by opening the database administration control by

admin_db

at the Matlab prompt. This will open the window below.



Next the database can be loaded via the Load button and fields can be added, removed, reordered and renamed by clicking on the respective buttons.

Software internals

The root folder of InVivoTools contains the startup.m which is run by Matlab at start up and sets the necessary paths. Furthermore it contains a large number of folders.

Calibration - Monitor calibrations

Configuration - NewStim Configuration files

Electrophysiology - Ephys test analyses and interfaces with acquisition software

Son - Library of Import routines from Spike2 data

Spike2 - Scripts for Spike2

ERG - Electroretinogram

ExpDataTools - Overhead function to store and show data

Labs - Some lab specific stuff, like the desktop background, and data paths.

MdbTools - Linux tools for accessing MS Access database files.

General - Many general purpose Matlab tools, including database tools

intrinsic_signal_stimuli - Old intrinsic signal stimuli, still in use for Andrew

NelsonLabTools - Archive of extra ephys software

NeuralAnalysis - Core of ephys analysis

NewStim - Contains PTB2 only version of NewStim and is no longer in use

NewStim3 - PsychToolbox 3 version of NewStim visual stimulus software

OpticalImaging - Wide field imaging analysis and stimuli

IntrinsicSignalStimuli3 - Stimulus scripts

VDAQ - VDAQ parameter files

Shutters - Software and drivers to run parallax eye shutters

Studies - Specific analysis routines for publications

TwoPhoton - Twophoton analysis software, analyzestpstack

Laser - Laser control gui

Platforms - Routines specific for microscope platform

Reid_cell_finder - Cell ROI finder from Ohki

Stage - References for Sutter stage (for later automation)

Synchronization - Lab specific routines for analysis and acquisition.