



Processing and analysis of NWB data

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Outline

- Overview of analysis and visualization tools
- Spotlights:
 - Neurosift
 - SpikeInterface
 - Optinist
 - PatchView

Analysis and visualization tools

https://nwb-overview.readthedocs.io/en/latest/tools/analysis_tools_home.html

Exploring NWB Files

NWB Widgets

NeuroSift

NWB Explorer

HDF Tools

Extracellular

Electrophysiology

SpikeInterface

CellExplorer

NEO

Optical Physiology

CalmAn

Suite2p

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EXTRACT

CICADA

optinist

Intracellular

Electrophysiology

PatchView

Behavior

DeepLabCut

SLEAP

Data analysis

pynapple

DataJoint

Neurosift

- Interactive visualizations of NWB data in the browser
- Streams NWB data directly from DANDI
- Integrated with the DANDI Web UI
- Supports many NWB data types (Issues welcome)



DANDI examples:

- [Ephys with position](#)
- [Ophys](#)
- [Simultaneous ephys and ophys](#)

Local: `neurosift view-nwb /path/to/file.nwb`

SpikeInterface

SpikeInterface is a Python module to analyze extracellular electrophysiology data.

With a few lines of code, SpikeInterface enables you to:

- Load electrophysiology data from a variety of formats
- Pre-process the recording
- Run several state-of-the-art spike sorters
- Post-process and curate the output
- Compute quality metrics
- Visualize the results
- Export to popular formats



NWB SpikeInterface tutorial [here](#)

SpikeInterface has containerized spike sorters

- Spike sorters can be difficult to install and can have conflicting dependencies
- We built and distributed Docker and Singularity containers for many common spike sorters:

Combinato
HDsort
Ironclust

Kilosort (1, 2, 2.5, 3)
pyKilosort
Klusta

MountainSort (4, 5)
Spyking Circus
Tri des clous

WaveClus
YASS

- MATLAB-based sorters do not require a MATLAB software or license to run
- Easy to run:

```
>>> import spikeinterface.sorters as ss  
>>> sorting_KS25 = ss.run_sorter("kilosort2_5", recording, docker_image=True)
```

- Tested on DANDI

optinist

OptiNiSt(Optical Neuroimage Studio) is a GUI based workflow pipeline tools for processing two-photon calcium imaging data.

OptiNiSt helps researchers:

- try multiple data analysis methods
- visualize the results
- construct the data analysis pipelines
- OptiNiSt's data-saving format follows NWB standards.

OptiNiSt also supports reproducibility of scientific research, standardization of analysis protocols, and developments of novel analysis tools as plug-in.



optimist

ROI detection

Suite2p
CalmAn
LCCD

Postprocessing

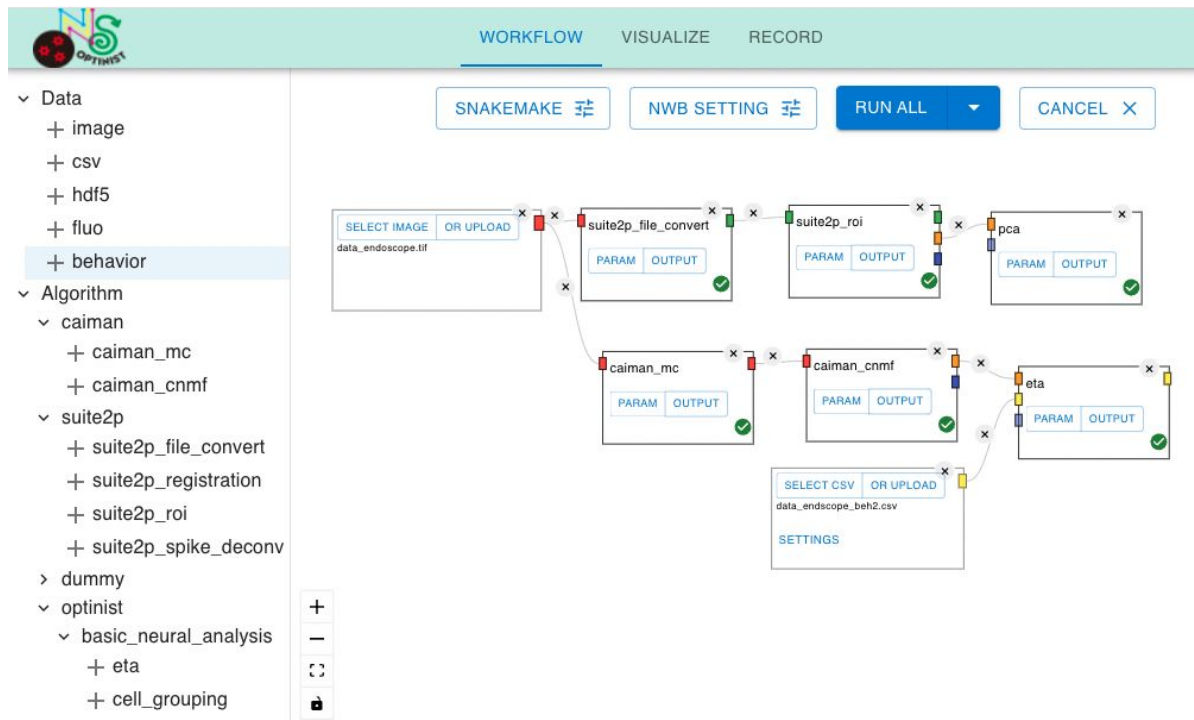
Basic Neural Analysis(Event Trigger Average...)
Dimension Reduction(PCA...)
Neural Decoding(LDA...)
Neural Population Analysis(Correlation...)

Saving Format

NWB

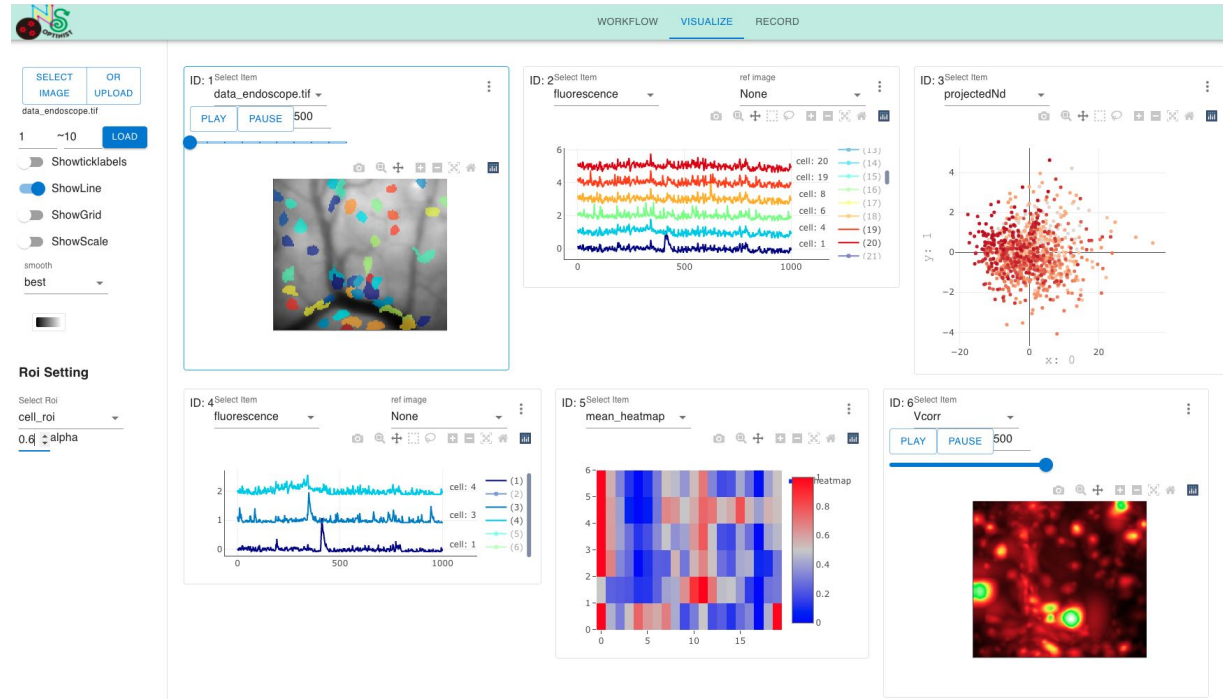


optinist: workflow




OptiNiSt allows you to make your analysis pipelines by graph style using nodes and edges on GUI. Parameters for each analysis are easily changeable.

optinist: visualize



OptiNiSt allows you to visualize the analysis results with one click by plotly. It supports a variety of plotting styles.

optinist: record

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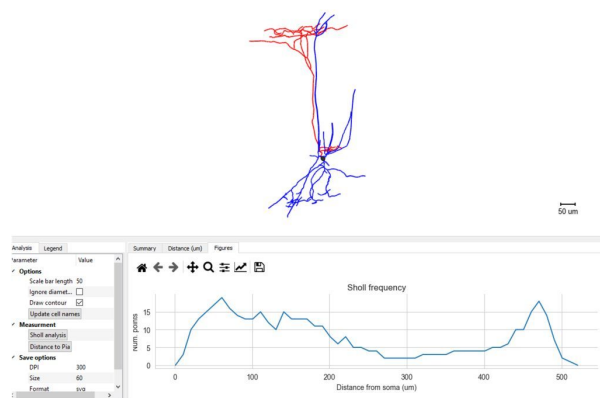
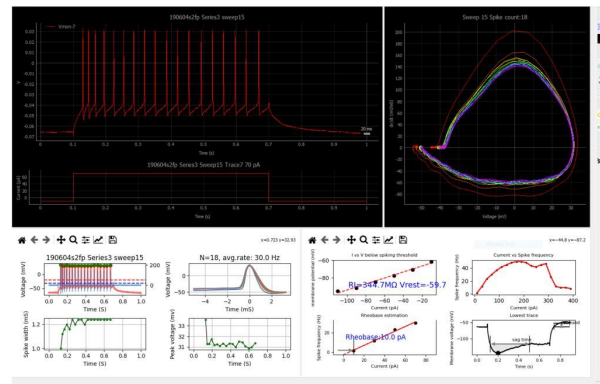
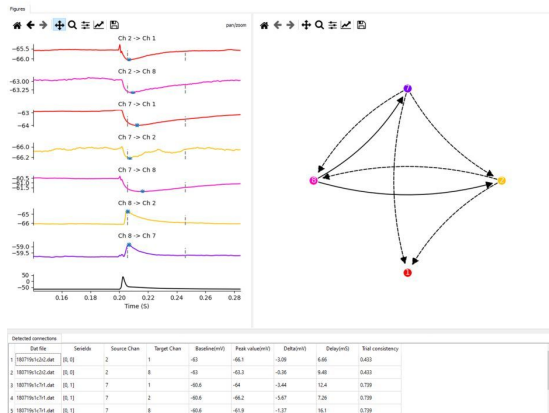
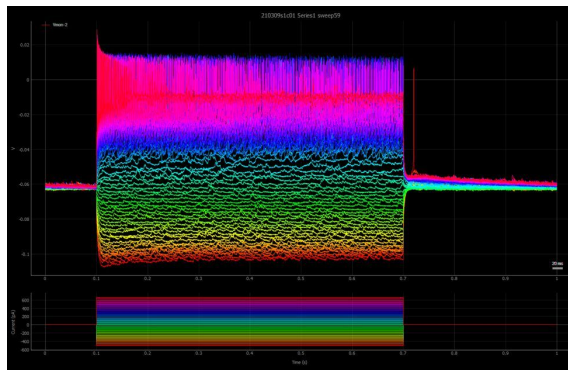
OptiNiSt supports you in recording and reproducing workflow pipelines in an organized manner.

PatchView

PatchView is a GUI tool to perform data analysis and visualization on multi channel whole-cell recording (multi-patch) data, including:

- firing pattern analysis
- mini-event analysis
- synaptic connection detection
- morphological analysis

and more.



The NWB ecosystem and the future of tool integration

- Many diverse analysis and visualization tools in NWB ecosystem
- Helps adoption of NWB, reuse of open data, adoption of tool
- “NWB adoption” usually entails reading and/or writing NWB files, and demonstrating feature in tutorials
- In the future, could include DANDI integration
- Currently, there are levels of support
 - How flexibly can it read an NWB file?
 - How much control does the user have in the metadata?
 - How well does the output file follow best practices?
- We should make it easier for tools developers to integrate into the NWB ecosystem