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# **Neuroinformatics Toolbox Documentation**

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The NI Toolbox contains python versions of commonly used functions to deal with spike data. Get the pdf version [here](#)

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# MODEL PACKAGE

## 1.1 pointprocess Module

**class** `ni.model.pointprocess.PointProcess` (*dimensionality*)  
 A Point Process container.

Usually generated by loading from a file or via `ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson()`

**addSpike** (*t*)  
 adds a spike to the point process, if it falls in the allowed range.

**getCounts** ()  
 Gives a (in most cases binary) time series of the point process.

**getProbability** (*t\_from, t\_to*)  
 Undocumented

**plot** (*y=0, marker='|'*)  
 Plots the pointprocess as points at line *y*.  
*marker* determines the color and shape of the marker. Default is a vertical line '|'

**plotGaussed** (*width*)  
 Plots the pointprocess as a smoothed time series

`ni.model.pointprocess.PointProcessFromSpikeTimes` (*times*)

**class** `ni.model.pointprocess.SimpleFiringRateModel`  
 Uses just the firing rate as a predictor

**compare** (*Data, Prediction*)

**fit** (*data*)

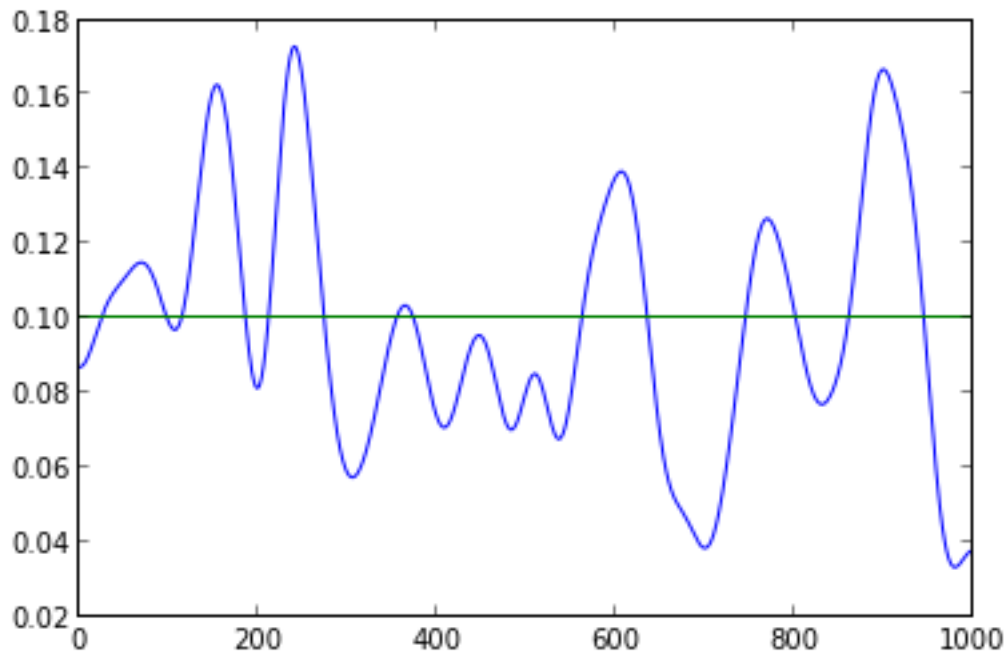
**loglikelihood** (*Data, Prediction*)

**predict** (*Data*)

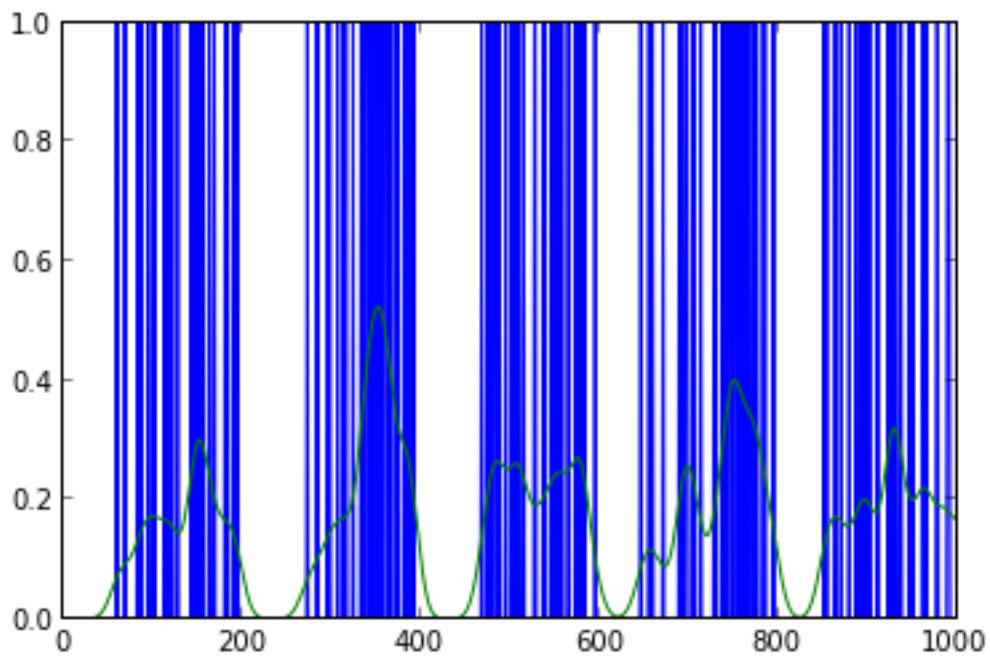
`ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson` (*p, l*)  
 This generates a spike sequence of length *l* according to either a fixed firing rate *p*, or a repeated sequence of firing rates if `type(p) == np.ndarray`.  
 It creates a `ni.model.pointprocess.PointProcess`

Example 1:

```
p1 = ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson(0.1,1000)
p1.plotGaussed(20)
plot(p1.frate)
```

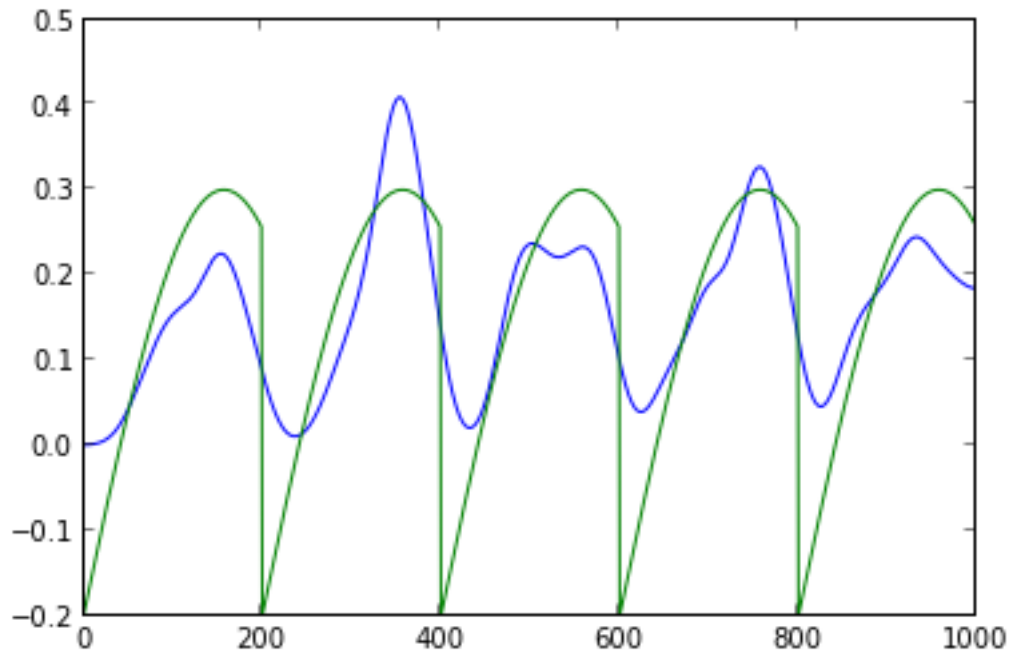


```
p2 = ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson(sin(numpy.array(range(0,200))*0.01)*0.5- 0.2,1000)
p2.plot()
p2.plotGaussed(10)
```



```
p2.plotGaussed(20)
plot(p2.frate)
```





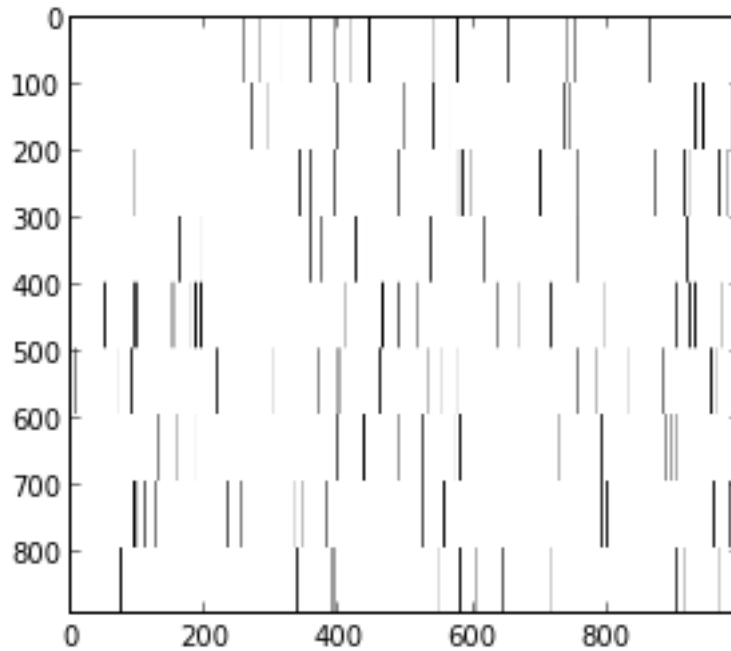
Example with multiple channels:

```
frate = (numpy.array(range(0,200))*0.001)*0.2+0.01
channels = 9

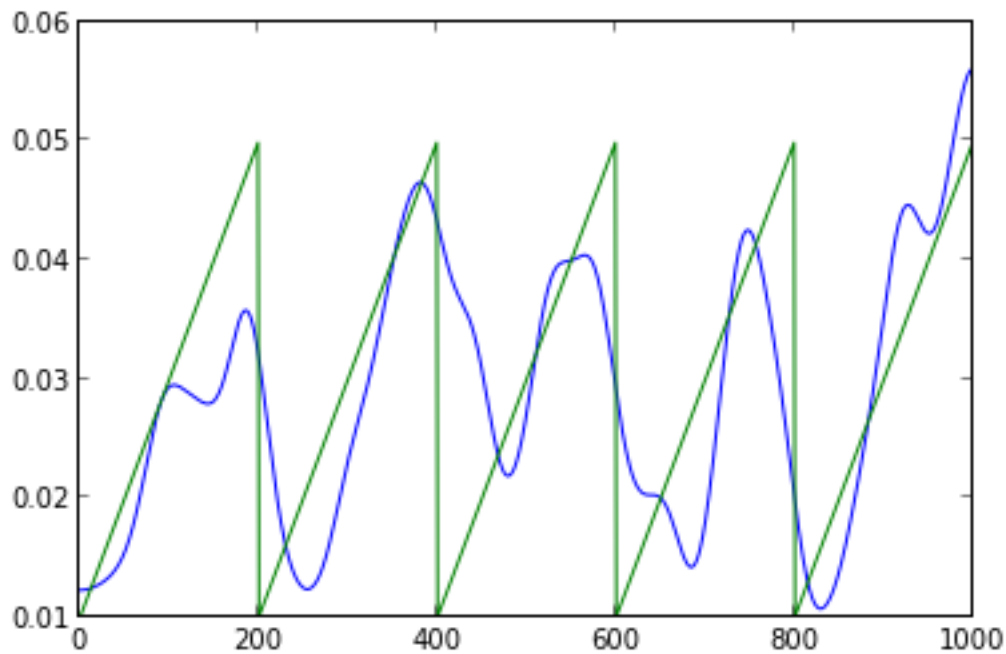
dists = [ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson(frate,1000) for i in range(0,channels)]
#for i in range(0,9): dists[i].plotGaussed(10)
import itertools
spks = np.array([dists[i].getCounts() for i in range(0,channels) for j in range(0,99) ])
imshow(-1*spks)
set_cmap('gray')
```

Will generate:

(A plot of spikes)



```
ni.model.pointprocess.plotGaussied(np.array([dists[i].getCounts() for i in range(0,channels)]).mean(axis=0),  
plot(dists[0].frate)
```



```
ni.model.pointprocess.getBinary(spikes, min_length=1)
```

Gives back a binary array from an array of spike times. The maximum for each bin is 1.

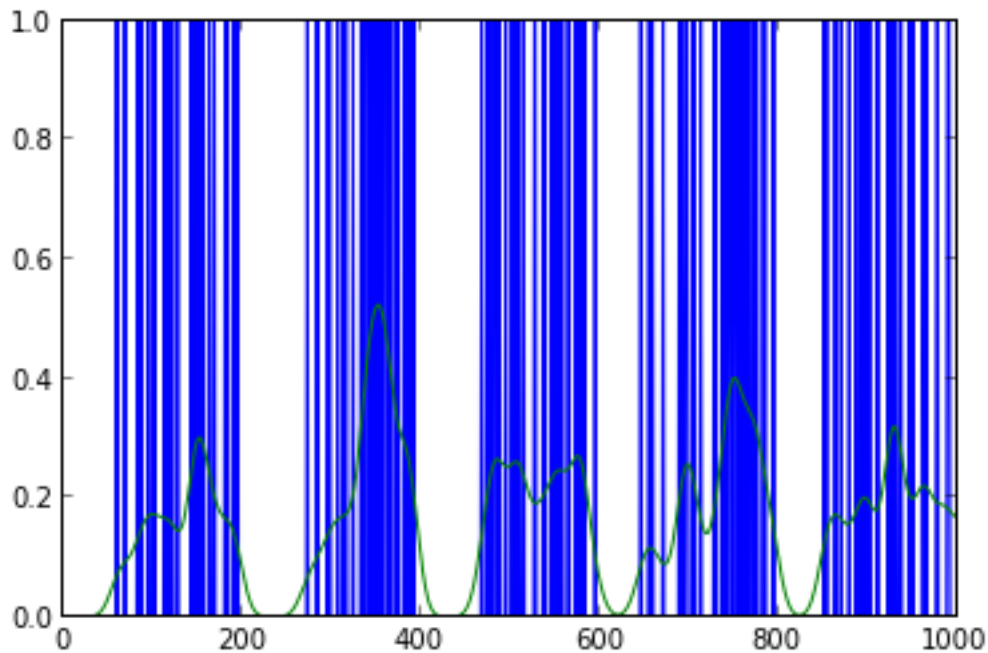
```
ni.model.pointprocess.getCounts(spikes)
```

Gives back an array of spike counts from an array of spike times. If the output is supposed to be a Binomial, use `getBinary` instead.

```
ni.model.pointprocess.interspike_interval(spikes_a, spikes_b=False)
```

`ni.model.pointprocess.plotGaussed(data, width)`

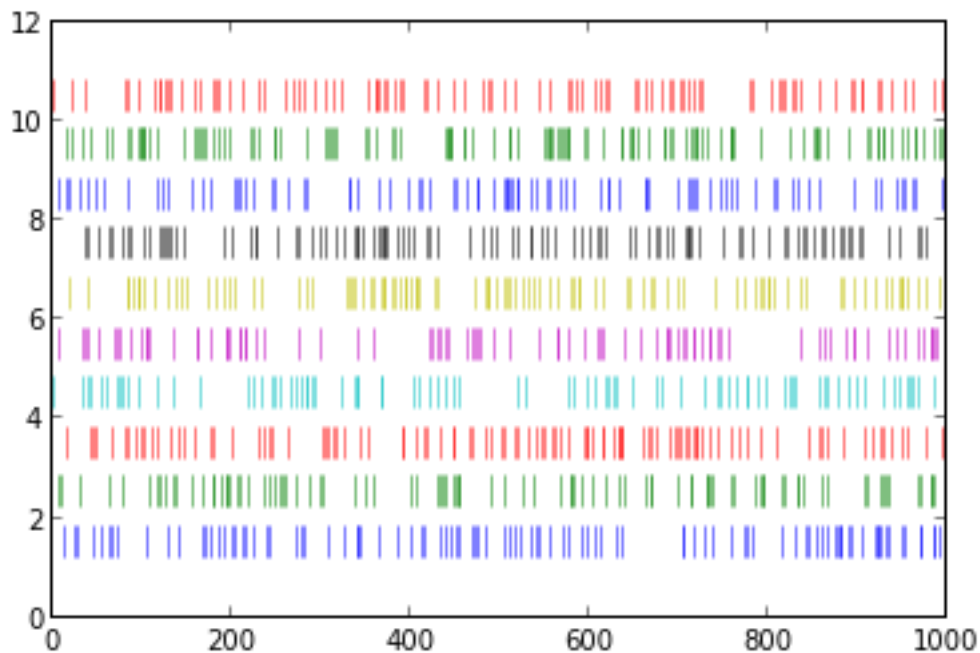
```
p2 = ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson(sin(numpy.array(range(0,200))*0.01)*0.5- 0.2,1000)
p2.plot()
p2.plotGaussed(10)
```



`ni.model.pointprocess.plotMultiSpikes(spikes)`

•*spikes* is a binary 2d matrix

Generates something like:



```
ni.model.pointprocess.reverse_correlation(spikes_a, spikes_b=False)
```

## 1.2 designmatrix Module

```
class ni.model.designmatrix.AdaptiveRateComponent (header='rate', rate=False, knots=10,  
                                                  length=1000, kernel=False)
```

Bases: `ni.model.designmatrix.Component`

Rate Design Matrix Component

header: name of the kernel component rate: a rate function that determines knots: Number of knots length: length of the component. Will be multiplied

kernel: use this kernel instead of a newly created one

```
getSplines (data=[])
```

```
class ni.model.designmatrix.Component (header='Undefined', kernel=0)
```

Bases: `ni.tools.pickler.Picklable`

Design Matrix Component

header: name of the kernel component kernel: kernel that will be tiled to fill the design matrix

```
getSplines (data=[])
```

```
class ni.model.designmatrix.DesignMatrix (length, width=1)
```

Bases: `ni.tools.pickler.Picklable` Deprecated since version 0.1.

```
add (splines, header)
```

```
addLinSpline (knots, header, length=0)
```

```
addLogSpline (knots, header, length=0)
```

```
clip ()
```

```
get (filt)
```

```
getIndex (filt)
```

```
getMask (filt)
```

```
plot (filt='')
```

```
setMask (mask)
```

```
class ni.model.designmatrix.DesignMatrixTemplate (length, trial_length=0)
```

Bases: `ni.tools.pickler.Picklable`

Most important class for Design Matrices

Uses components that are then combined into an actual design matrix:

```
>>> DesignMatrixTemplate(data.nr_trials * data.time_bins)
>>> kernel = cs.create_splines_logspace(self.configuration.history_length, self.configuration.kn
>>> design_template.add(designmatrix.HistoryComponent('autohistory', kernel=kernel))
>>> design_template.add(designmatrix.HistoryComponent('crosshistory'+str(2), channel=2, kernel =
>>> design_template.add(designmatrix.RateComponent('rate', self.configuration.knots_rate, trial_le
>>> design_template.add(designmatrix.Component('constant', np.ones((1,1))))
>>> design_template.combine(data)
```

```
add (component)
```

```
combine (data)
```

```

get (filt)
getIndex (filt)
getMask (filt)
get_components (filt)
setMask (mask)

```

**class** `ni.model.designmatrix.HistoryComponent` (*header='autohistory', channel=0, history\_length=100, knot\_number=4, order\_flag=1, kernel=False, delete\_last\_spline=True*)

Bases: `ni.model.designmatrix.Component`

History Design Matrix Component

Will be convolved with spikes before fitting

header: name of the kernel component channel: which channel the kernel should be convolved with (default 0) history\_length: length of the kernel knot\_number: number of knots (will be logspaced) order\_flag: default 0 (no higher order interactions)

kernel: use this kernel instead of a newly created one

Atm only order 1 interactions

```

getSplines (channels=[])

```

**class** `ni.model.designmatrix.HistoryDesignMatrix` (*spikes, history\_length=100, knot\_number=5, order\_flag=1, kernel=False*)

Internal helper class - will be turned into a function

**class** `ni.model.designmatrix.RateComponent` (*header='rate', knots=10, length=1000, kernel=False*)

Bases: `ni.model.designmatrix.Component`

Rate Design Matrix Component

header: name of the kernel component knots: Number of knots length: length of the component. Will be multiplied

kernel: use this kernel instead of a newly created one

```

getSplines (data=[])

```

**class** `ni.model.designmatrix.SecondOrderHistoryComponent` (*header='autohistory', channel\_1=0, channel\_2=0, history\_length=100, knot\_number=4, order\_flag=1, kernel\_1=False, kernel\_2=False, delete\_last\_spline=True*)

Bases: `ni.model.designmatrix.Component`

History Design Matrix Component with Second Order Kernels

Will be convolved with spikes before fitting

header: name of the kernel component channel: which channel the kernel should be convolved with (default 0) history\_length: length of the kernel knot\_number: number of knots (will be logspaced) order\_flag: default 0 (no higher order interactions)

kernel: use this kernel instead of a newly created one

Atm only order 1 interactions

```
getSplines (channels=[], get_1d_splines=False, beta=False)
```

```
ni.model.designmatrix.convolve_spikes (spikes, kernel)
```

```
ni.model.designmatrix.convolve_spikes_2d (spikes_a, spikes_b, kernel_a, kernel_b)
```

## 1.3 ip Module

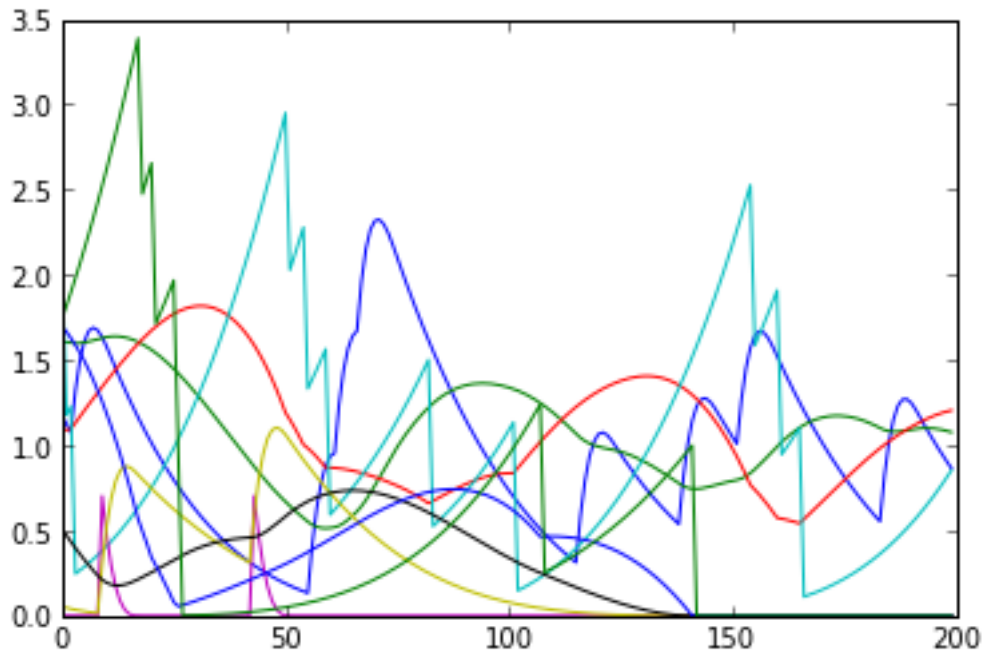
### 1.3.1 Inhomogeneous Pointprocess Generalized Linear Model

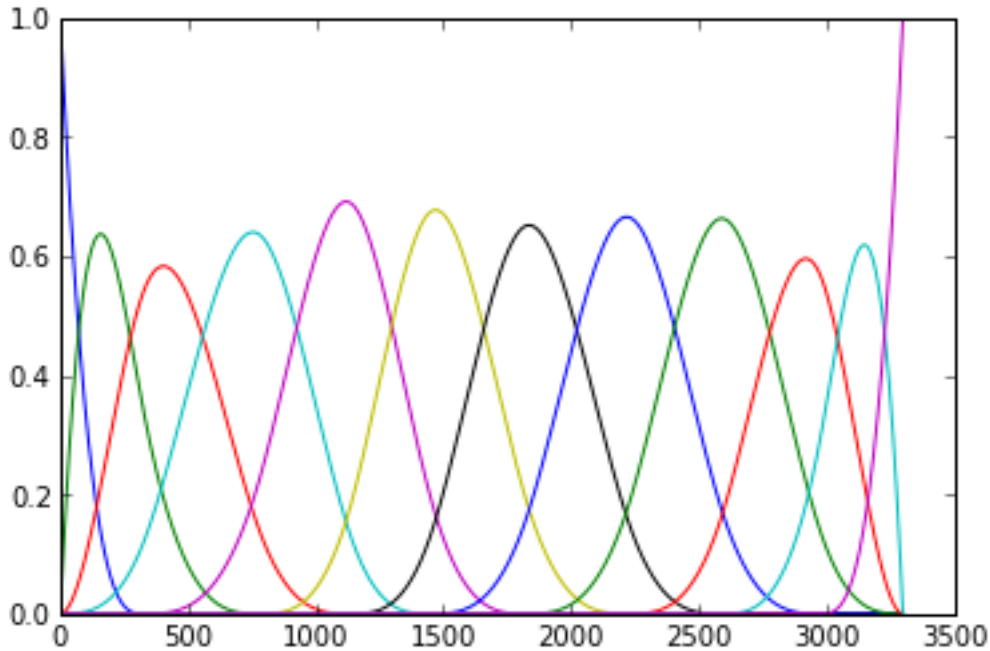
Adapted from FMTP by Robert Costa

A [generalized linear model](#) predicts a variable  $Y$  with a linear predictor and a link function. The linear predictor of the form:

$$\eta = X \cdot \beta$$

Where  $\mathbf{X}$  is a matrix consisting of rows of values that correspond to a specific point in time of the modeled process. Each row my model a certain aspect (ie. time in trial, time after spike of some neuron) and is then weighted by the corresponding  $\beta$  parameter value. Each aspect may be scaled arbitrarily and shifted. This weighted matrix is then added up into a firing probability that is passed on to the link function.





The link function in our case of pointprocesses (ie. a poisson, bernoulli or binomial distribution, depending on notation) it is either the *log* or *logit* function ( $\ln\left(\frac{\mu}{(1-\mu)}\right)$ ).

Uses one of two backends `ni.model.backend_glm` and `ni.model.backend_elasticnet`

**class** `ni.model.ip.Configuration` (*c=False*)

Bases: `ni.tools.pickler.Picklable`

The following values are the defaults used:

`self.backend = "glm"`

The backend used. Valid options: "glm" and "elasticnet"

`self.history_length = 100`

Length of the history kernel

`self.knot_number = 3`

Number of knots in the history kernel?

`self.order_flag = 2`

Something

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**Todo**

Find out what this is

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`self.knots_rate = 10`

Knots of the firing rate kernel (knots/second)

Look at the [source] for a full list of defaults.

**class** `ni.model.ip.FittedModel` (*model*)

Bases: `ni.tools.pickler.Picklable`

When initialized via `Model.fit()` it contains a copy of the configuration, a link to the model it was fitted from and fitting parameters:

FittedModel. **fit**

modelFit Output

FittedModel. **design**

The DesignMatrix used. Use *design.matrix* for the actual matrix or `design.get('...')` to extract only the rows that correspond to a keyword.

**compare** (*data*)

Using the model this will predict a firing probability function according to a design matrix.

Returns:

**Deviance\_all**: dv, **LogLikelihood\_all**: ll, **Deviance**: dv/nr\_trials, **LogLikelihood**: ll/nr\_trials,  
**llf**: Likelihood function over time ll: np.sum(ll)/nr\_trials

**complexity**

**dumps** ()

**family\_fitted\_function** (*p*)

only implemented family: Binomial

**firing\_rate\_model** ()

**generate** (*bins=-1*)

Generates new spike trains from the extracted staistics

Currently uses rate model and autohistory.

**bins**

How many bins should be generated (should be multiples of trial\_length)

**getParams** ()

**getPvalues** ()

**history\_model** (*n='autohistory'*)

TODO: sort out what is saved where

**html\_view** ()

**plotParams** (*x=-1*)

**plot\_firing\_rate\_model** ()

**plot\_prototypes** ()

**predict** (*data*)

Using the model this will predict a firing probability function according to a design matrix.

**prototypes** ()

**pvalues\_by\_component** ()

**read\_pickle** (*path*)

**to\_pickle** (*path*)

**class** `ni.model.ip.Model` (*configuration=None, nr\_bins=0*)

Bases: `ni.tools.pickler.Picklable`

**backend**



**compare** (*data*, *p*, *nr\_trials=1*)

**dm** (*in\_spikes*, *design=False*)

Creates a design matrix from data and self.design

**in\_spikes** *ni.data.data.Data* instance

**fit** (*data=None*, *beta=None*, *x=None*, *dm=None*, *nr\_trials=None*)

Fits the model

**in\_spikes** *ni.data.data.Data* instance

example:

```
from scipy.ndimage import gaussian_filter
import ni
model = ni.model.ip.Model(ni.model.ip.Configuration({'crosshistory':False}))
data = ni.data.monkey.Data()
data = data.condition(0).trial(range(int(data.nr_trials/2)))
dm = model.dm(data)
x = model.x(data)
from sklearn import linear_model
betas = []
fm = model.fit(data)
betas.append(fm.beta)
print "fitted."
for clf in [linear_model.LinearRegression(), linear_model.RidgeCV(alphas=[0.1, 1.0, 10.0])]:
    clf.fit(dm,x)
    betas.append(clf.coef_)

    figure()
    plot(clf.coef_.transpose(),'.')
    title('coefficients')
    prediction = np.dot(dm,clf.coef_.transpose())
    figure()
    plot(prediction)
    title('prediction')
    ll = x * log(prediction) + (len(x)-x)*log(1-prediction)
    figure()
    plot(ll)
    title('ll')
    print np.sum(ll)
```

**fit\_with\_design\_matrix** (*fittedmodel*, *spike\_train\_all\_trial*, *dm*)

**generateDesignMatrix** (*data*, *trial\_length*)

**html\_view** ()

**predict** (*beta*, *data*)

**read\_pickle** (*path*)

**to\_pickle** (*path*)

**x** (*in\_spikes*)

**class** *ni.model.ip.MultiChannelModel* (*configuration={}*)

Bases: *ni.tools.pickler.Picklable*

**append** (*m*)

```
ni.model.ip.generate_to_file(path, data, eval_trials, use_cells=[0],
                             eval_bootstrap_repetitions=10)
```

This function fits two models and generates data for each saved to path + 'data0.pkl' and path + 'data1.pkl'

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#### Todo

split into more usefull and modular functions

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## 1.4 net\_sim Module

The Net Simulator is divided into a Configuration, Net and a Result object.

After configuration of the network it can be instantiated by calling `Net(conf)` with a valid configuration `conf`. This creates eg. random connectivity so that the simulation with the same network can be repeated multiple times.

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#### Todo

Add options for random number generator seeds, so that the *exact* same trial can be run over and over again.

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```
c = ni.model.net_sim.SimulationConfiguration()
c.Nneur = 10
net = ni.model.net_sim.Net(c)
print net
net.plot_firing_rates()
```

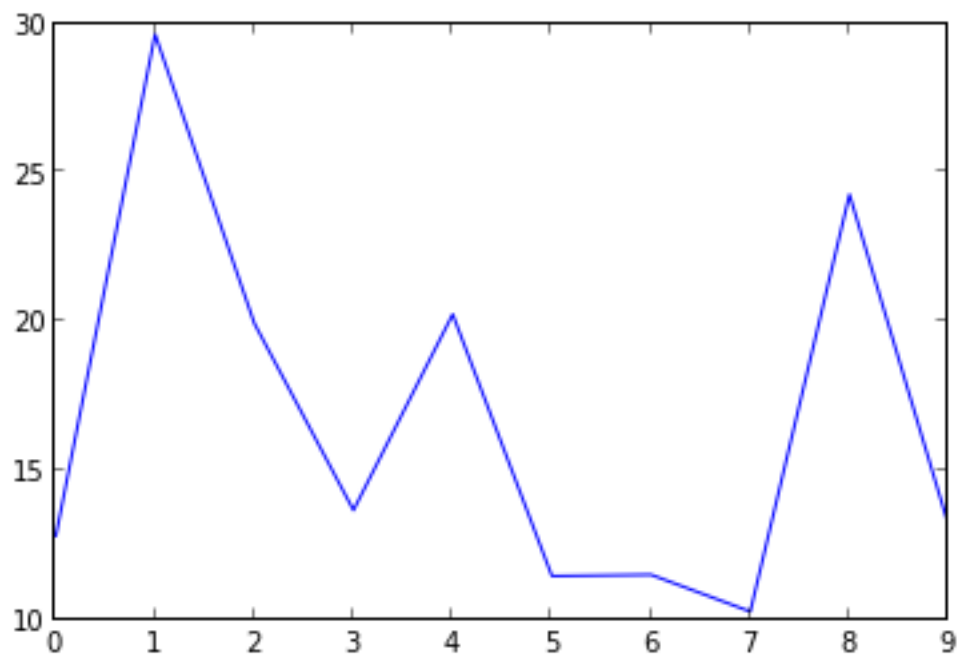
'ni.model.net\_sim' Simulation Setup

Timerange: (250, 10250)

10 channels with firing rates:

[12.815928361, 29.6328550796, 19.9415819867, 13.6710936491, 20.242131795, 11.4661487294, 11.5...

Firing Rates plot

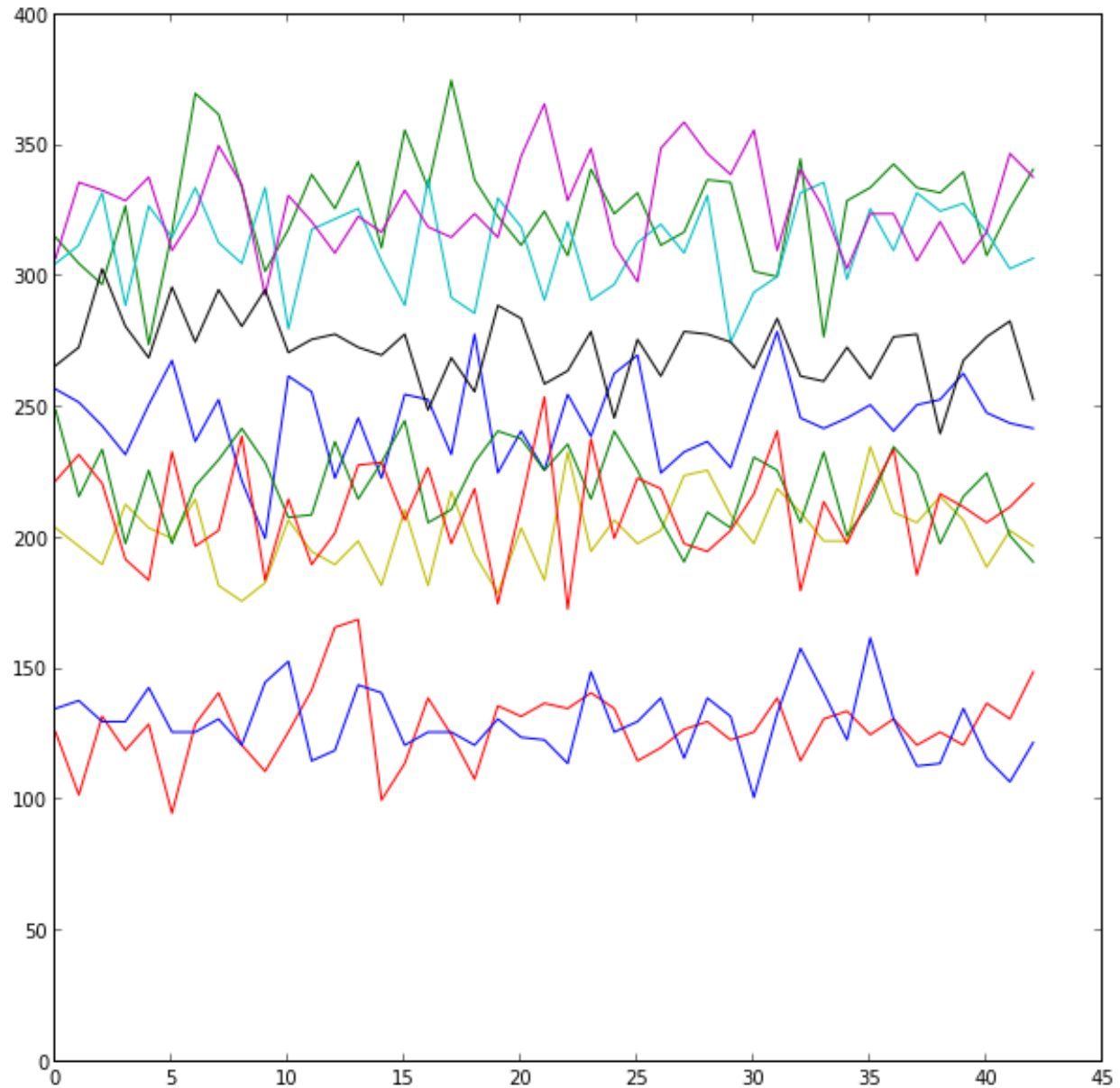


```

for i in range(1,11):
    print i
    res1 = net.simulate()
    res1.plot_firing_rates()

plot(numpy.array([r.num_spikes_per_channel for r in net.results]))
plot([0]*len(net.results))

```



```

class ni.model.net_sim.Net (config)
    Undocumented

    load (filename)
        Undocumented

    plot_firing_rates ()
        Undocumented

```

```
plot_interaction()  
    Undocumented  
  
save(filename)  
    Undocumented  
  
simulate()  
    Undocumented  
  
class ni.model.net_sim.SimulationConfiguration  
    Undocumented  
  
class ni.model.net_sim.SimulationResult  
    Undocumented  
  
    plot()  
        Undocumented  
  
    plot_firing_rates()  
        Undocumented  
  
    plot_firing_rates_per_channel()  
        Undocumented  
  
    stopTimer()  
        Undocumented  
  
    store(data)  
        Undocumented  
  
ni.model.net_sim.simulate(config)  
    Undocumented
```

## 1.5 create\_design\_matrix\_vk Module

```
ni.model.create_design_matrix_vk.computeCovariate(index, o, C, VI)  
    Computes a row of the designMatrix corresponding to a certain covariate.  
  
ni.model.create_design_matrix_vk.create_design_matrix_vk(VI, o)  
    Fills free rows in the current design matrix, deduced from size(mD) and len(freeCov), corresponding to a single  
    covariate according to the spline bases of Volterra kernels. The current kernel(s) and the respective numbers  
    of covariates that will be computed for each kernel is deduced from masterIndex by determining the position  
    in hypothetical upper triangular part of hypercube with number of dimensions corresponding to current kernel  
    order. Using only the 'upper triangular part' of the hypercube reflects the symmetry of the kernels which stems  
    from the fact that only a single spline is used as basis function.  
  
    saves covariate information in cell array 'covariates', format is {kernelOrder relativePositionInKernel product-  
    TermsOfV1}  
  
    Anpassung für Gordon: masterIndex, log, C, mD, freeCov werden berechnet statt übergeben.  
  
ni.model.create_design_matrix_vk.detKernels(freeCov, masterIndex, oCov, mOrder, C)  
    Determines from the number of free slots in Designmatrix len(freeCov) and the current masterIndex how many  
    covariates for which Volterra coefficient can be computed. Updates model order mOrder.  
  
ni.model.create_design_matrix_vk.detModelOrder(masterIndex, C)  
    Determines model order and corresponding number of covariates.  
  
ni.model.create_design_matrix_vk.numCov(C, complexity)  
    Computes number of covariates in a model for which len(complexity) symmetric kernels are assumed.
```

`ni.model.create_design_matrix_vk.upTriHalf(C, cDim)`  
 Computes number of elements in upper triangular half of hypercube.

## 1.6 create\_splines Module

`ni.model.create_splines.N(u, i, p, knots)`  
 Compute Spline Basis

Evaluates the spline basis of order p defined by knots at knot i and point u.

`ni.model.create_splines.augknt(knots, order)`  
 Augment knot sequence such that some boundary conditions are met.

`ni.model.create_splines.create_splines(length, nr_knots, remove_last_spline, fn_knots)`  
 Generates B-spline basis functions based on the length and number of knots of the ongoing iteration. `fn_knots` is a function that computes the knots.

`ni.model.create_splines.create_splines_linspace(length, nr_knots, remove_last_spline)`  
 Generates B-spline basis functions based on the length and number of knots of the ongoing iteration

`ni.model.create_splines.create_splines_logspace(length, nr_knots, remove_last_spline)`  
 Generates B-spline basis functions based on the length and number of knots of the ongoing iteration

`ni.model.create_splines.spcol(x, knots, spline_order)`  
 Computes the spline collocation matrix for knots in x.

The spline collocation matrix contains all m-p-1 bases defined by knots. Specifically it contains the ith basis in the ith column.

**Input:** x: vector to evaluate the bases on knots: vector of knots spline\_order: order of the spline

**Output:**

**colmat: m x m-p matrix** The collocation matrix has size m x m-p where m denotes the number of points the basis is evaluated on and p is the spline order. The columns contain the ith basis of knots evaluated on x.

`ni.model.create_splines.spline(x, knots, p, i=0.0)`  
 Evaluates the ith spline basis given by knots on points in x

## 1.7 backend\_elasticnet Module

**class** `ni.model.backend_elasticnet.Configuration`  
 Default Values:

`crossvalidation = True`

If true, alpha and l1\_ratio will be calculated by crossvalidation.

`alpha = 0.5`

`l1_ratio = 1`

**be\_memory\_efficient = True** Does not keep the data with which it is fitted.

**class** `ni.model.backend_elasticnet.Fit(f, m)`

**predict** (`X=False`)

```
class ni.model.backend_elasticnet.Model (c=False)
```

```
    fit (x, dm)
```

```
ni.model.backend_elasticnet.compare (x, p, nr_trials=1)
```

```
ni.model.backend_elasticnet.predict (x, dm)
```

## 1.8 backend\_glm Module

```
class ni.model.backend_glm.Configuration
```

Default Values:

```
    be_memory_efficient = True Does not keep the data with which it is fitted.
```

```
class ni.model.backend_glm.Fit (f, m)
```

```
    predict (X=False)
```

```
class ni.model.backend_glm.Model (c=False)
```

```
    fit (y, X)
```

```
ni.model.backend_glm.compare (x, p, nr_trials=1)
```

```
ni.model.backend_glm.predict (x, dm)
```

# TOOLS PACKAGE

## 2.1 bootstrap Module

`ni.tools.bootstrap.bootstrap(bootstrap_repetitions, model, data, other_data)`

`ni.tools.bootstrap.evaluate(Model, Data, bootstrap_repetitions, return_all=False)`

Executes a certain number of bootstrap repetitions to calculate the bias of the likelihood the model computes

### Model

A model object that is capable of loglikelihood estimation

### Data

Data that is to be reshuffled. A bootstrap sample is drawn from this Data of the same length with each Element of Data being equally probable of being included.

### bootstrap\_repetitions

Number of repetitions

### return\_all

Default: False. Whether an array of all bootstrap biases should be returned or just the mean.

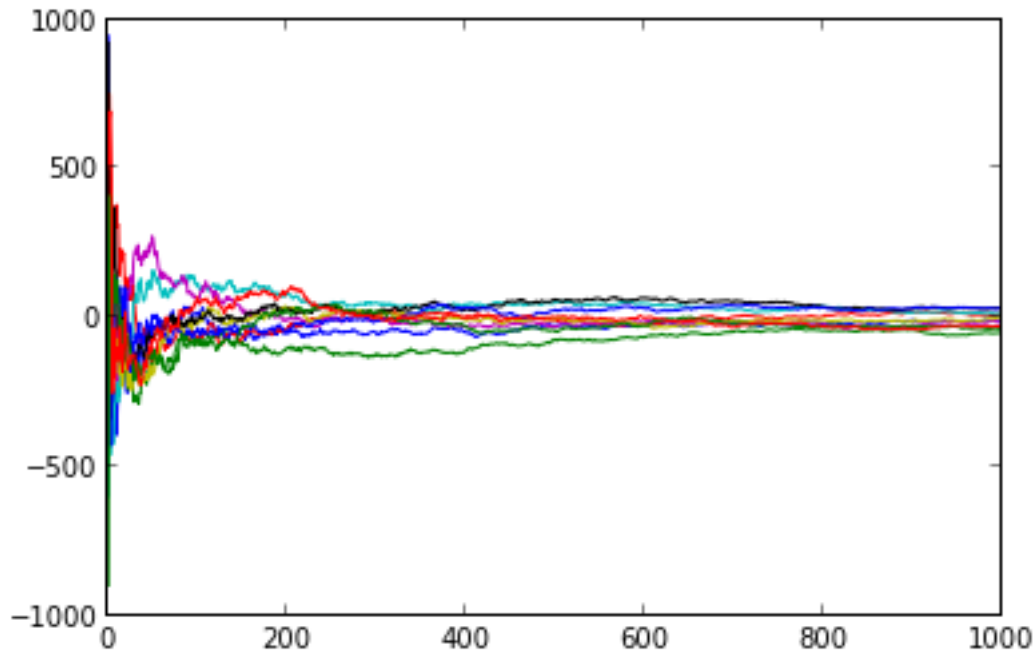
Example:

```
import ni.tools.bootstrap
reload(ni.tools.bootstrap)
import ni.model.pointprocess
reload(ni.model.pointprocess)
p1 = np.array([ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson(0.1,1000).getCounts() for i in range(0,10)])
p2 = np.array([ni.model.pointprocess.createPoisson(sin(numpy.array(range(0,200))*0.01)*0.5-0.2,
m1 = ni.model.pointprocess.SimpleFiringRateModel()

ni.tools.bootstrap.evaluate(m1,p1,10000)
```

Or to see the effect of increasing bootstrap size:

```
[plot(np.cumsum(ni.tools.bootstrap.evaluate(m1,p1,1000,return_all=True))/range(1,1001)) for i in
```



```
ni.tools.bootstrap.likelihood_Fun(y, x, mu)
```

Calculates the likelihood for a binary vector and a predicted firing rate

$$-(\text{size}(y)/2) \cdot \log(2 \cdot \pi \cdot x^2) - (1/x^2 \cdot (y - \mu)^2)$$

```
ni.tools.bootstrap.plotBootstrap(res, path)
```

```
ni.tools.bootstrap.plotCompareBootstrap(reses, path)
```

## 2.2 progressbar Module

```
ni.tools.progressbar.progress(a, b)
```

Undocumented

```
ni.tools.progressbar.progress_end()
```

Undocumented

```
ni.tools.progressbar.progress_init()
```

Undocumented

## 2.3 project Module

NI Project Management

- All steps in a configuration / simulation process will be logged to some folder structure
- after the simulation and even after changing the original code, the results should still be viewable / interpretable with a project viewer
- batches of runs should be easy to batch interpret (characteristic plots etc.)
- **metadata should contain among others:** date software versions configuration options manual comments



- saving of plots/data should be done by the project manager

**class** `ni.tools.project.CodeManager` (*project*)  
Provides Management for Project Code Files

**appendCode** (*code*)

**appendFile** (*file*)

**report** ()

**class** `ni.tools.project.DataManager` (*project*)  
Provides Management for Project Data Files

**appendFile** (*file, options*)

**appendXML** (*xml\_root*)

**report** ()

**class** `ni.tools.project.Figure` (*path, display=False, close=True*)  
Figure Context Manager

Can be used with the **with** statement:

```
import ni
x = np.arange(0,10,0.1)
with ni.figure("some_test.png"):
    plot(cos(x))          # plots to a first plot
    with ni.figure("some_other_test.png"):
        plot(-1*np.array(x)) # plots to a second plot
    plot(sin(x))          # plots to the first plot again
```

Or if they are to be used in an interactive console:

```
import ni
x = np.arange(0,10,0.1)
with ni.figure("some_test.png",close=False):
    plot(cos(x))          # plots to a first plot
    with ni.figure("some_other_test.png",close=False):
        plot(-1*np.array(x)) # plots to a second plot
    plot(sin(x))          # plots to the first plot again
```

Both figures will be displayed, but the second one will remain available after the code. (But keep in mind that in the iPython pylab console, after every input, all figures will be closed)

**class** `ni.tools.project.FigureManager` (*project*)  
Provides Management for Figures

**class** `ni.tools.project.HistoryManager` (*project*)  
Provides Management for Project HistoryManager

**class** `ni.tools.project.Job` (*project, session, path, job\_name='', job\_number='', file='', status='initializing...', dependencies=[]*)

**can\_run** ()

**get\_status** ()

**html\_view** ()

**run** (*parameters=[]*)

**save** ()

```
    set_activity (msg='')
    set_status (msg='')
    update ()

class ni.tools.project.ListContainer

    append (msg_type, priority, date, job, txt)
    clear ()

class ni.tools.project.LogContainer (f)

    append (msg_type, priority, date, job, txt)
    clear ()

class ni.tools.project.PickleContainer (f)

    append (msg_type, priority, date, job, txt)
    clear ()

class ni.tools.project.Project (folder='unsaved_project', name='')
    Project Class
    loads a Project folder (containing eg. a main.py file or a project_manifest.xml)

    abandon ()
    autorun ()
    clear ()
    dbg (txt, priority=-1)
    do_log (b)
    dumpheap ()
    err (txt, priority=0)
    execute (code, local_vars={}, session=False)
    find_sessions ()
    get_parameters_from_job_file ()
    get_session_status (r=False)
    html_view ()
    job (j)
        TODO: rename to something else
    job_activate (j, msg='running...')
    job_done (j)
    last_run ()
    less_running_than (N)
    log (txt, priority=0)
    msg (msg_type, txt, priority=0)
```

```
next ()
next_job (ignore_dependencies=False)
parse_job_file (filename, session)
print_job_status ()
print_long_job_status ()
report (silent=False)
reportHTML ()
require_job (j)
reset_failed_jobs ()
run (parameters=[], job=False)
save (name, val)
save_html (path='project.html')
select_session (path)
set_session_status (msg='running...')
setup_jobs (parameter_string='')
sibjob (j)
    Sibling Job
    Is on the same level as the previous job (ie. a child of its parent)
subjob (j)
superjob ()
update_job_status ()

class ni.tools.project.Session (project, path='', parameter_string='')

    abandon ()
    add_job (job_name='', job_number='', **kwargs)
    execute (code, local_vars={})
    find_jobs ()
    get_status ()
    html_view ()
    next_job (retry_failed=False, ignore_dependencies=False)
    parse_job_file (filename, parameter_string='')
    print_job_status ()
    print_long_job_status ()
    reset_failed_jobs (which='failed.', to='pending')
    save_html (path='session.html')
    set_status (msg='')
    setup_jobs (source_file, parameter_string='')
```

```
update_job_files (source_file='', parameter_string='')
update_jobs ()
class ni.tools.project.TemporaryJob (project, session, job_name)
    Bases: ni.tools.project.Job
class ni.tools.project.TemporarySession (project)
    Bases: ni.tools.project.Session
class ni.tools.project.VariableContainer
ni.tools.project.atoi (text)
    converts text containing numbers into ints / used by natural_keys ()
ni.tools.project.dbg (txt, priority=-1)
ni.tools.project.do_log (b)
ni.tools.project.dumpheap ()
ni.tools.project.err (txt, priority=0)
ni.tools.project.figure (path, display=False, close=True)
```

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### Todo

integrate with projects, write to default paths

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Can be used with the **with** statement:

```
import ni
x = np.arange(0,10,0.1)
with ni.figure("some_test.png"):
    plot(cos(x)) # plots to a first plot
    with ni.figure("some_other_test.png"):
        plot(-1*np.array(x)) # plots to a second plot
    plot(sin(x)) # plots to the first plot again
```

Or if they are to be used in an interactive console:

```
import ni
x = np.arange(0,10,0.1)
with ni.figure("some_test.png",display=True):
    plot(cos(x)) # plots to a first plot
    with ni.figure("some_other_test.png",close=False):
        plot(-1*np.array(x)) # plots to a second plot
    plot(sin(x)) # plots to the first plot again
```

Both of these figures will be displayed, but the second one will remain open and can be activated again.

```
ni.tools.project.job (j)
ni.tools.project.load (path)
ni.tools.project.log (txt, priority=0)
ni.tools.project.natural_keys (text)
    alist.sort(key=natural_keys) sorts in human order (See Toothy's implementation in the comments of
    http://nedbatchelder.com/blog/200712/human\_sorting.html )
```

```

ni.tools.project.natural_sorted(l)
    sorts a sortable in human order (0 < 20 < 100)
ni.tools.project.report(silent=False)
ni.tools.project.require_job(j)
ni.tools.project.run()
ni.tools.project.save(name, val)
ni.tools.project.sibjob(j)
ni.tools.project.subjob(j)
ni.tools.project.superjob()

```

## 2.4 html\_view Module

This module can generate HTML output from text or objects that provide a `.html_view()` function:

```

import ni
view = ni.View()          # this is a shortcut for ni.tools.html_view.View
view.add("#1/title", "This is a test")
view.add("#2/Some Example Models/tabs/", ni.model.ip.Model({'name': 'Basic Model'}))
view.add("#2/Some Example Models/tabs/", ni.model.ip.Model({'autohistory_2d': True, 'name': 'Model with autohistory_2d'}))
view.add("#2/Some Example Models/tabs/", ni.model.ip.Model({'rate': False, 'name': 'Model without Rate'}))
view.add("#3/Some Example Data/tabs/1", ni.data.monkey.Data())
view.render("this_is_a_test.html")

```

**class** `ni.tools.html_view.Figure` (*view, path, close=True, figsize=False*)  
Figure Context Manager

Can be used with the **with** statement:

```

import ni
v = ni.View()
x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.1)
with ni.tools.html_view.Figure(v, "some test"):
    plot(cos(x))          # plots to a first plot
    with ni.tools.html_view.Figure(v, "some other test"):
        plot(-1*np.array(x)) # plots to a second plot
    plot(sin(x))          # plots to the first plot again
v.render("context_manager_test.html")

```

**class** `ni.tools.html_view.View` (*path=''*)

**add** (*path, obj*)

**figure** (*path='', close=True, figsize=False*)

Provides a Context Manager for figure management

Should be used if plots are to be used in

Example:

```

import ni
v = ni.View()
x = np.arange(0, 10, 0.1)
with v.figure("some test"):

```

```
plot(cos(x))          # plot to a first plot
with v.figure("some other test"):
    plot(-1*np.array(x)) # plot to a second plot
plot(sin(x))          # plot to the first plot again
v.render("context_manager_test.html")

has(path)
html_view()
load(filename)
loadList(filenamees)
load_glob(filename_template)
load_list(filenamees)
parse(tree)
process(obj, mode='text')
render(path, include_files=True)
save(filename)
savefig(p='', fig='', close=True)

ni.tools.html_view.atoi(text)
ni.tools.html_view.natural_keys(text)
alist.sort(key=natural_keys) sorts in human order http://nedbatchelder.com/blog/200712/human\_sorting.html
(See Toothy's implementation in the comments)
ni.tools.html_view.natural_sorted(l)
sorts a sortable in human order (0 < 20 < 100)
```

## 2.5 strap Module

```
ni.tools.strap.bootstrap(bootstrap_repetitions, model, data, test_data=[], shuffle=True, prefix='',
                          bootstrap_data=[])
```

A helper function that performs bootstrap evaluation of models.

A Model *model* is fitted with some data *data*, called “actual data” or “D” and subsequently on all of a number of bootstrap samples “D\*\_n” for n in range(*bootstrap\_repetitions*). This yields an *actual fit* and *bootstrap\_repetitions* times *boot fit* (or *fit\**) for each sample.

Use *bootstrap\_results* for explanations on the dimensions of the result.

*bootstrap\_repetitions*

*model*

*data*

*test\_data*=[]

*shuffle*=True

*prefix*='' String that is prefixed to the results.

*bootstrap\_data*=[] If new data instead of trial shuffling is to be used as bootstrap data, this data should be passed here. The *ni.data.data.Data* Instance should contain an additional index *Bootstrap Sample*

```
ni.tools.strap.bootstrap_samples(bootstrap_data, model, data, test_data=[], shuffle=False,
                                prefix=', boot_dim='Bootstrap Sample')
```

Performs bootstrap evaluation with bootstrap data.

A Model *model* is fitted with some data *data*, called “actual data” or “D” and subsequently on all of a number of bootstrap samples “D\*\_n” for n in range(*bootstrap\_repetitions*). This yields an *actual fit* and *bootstrap\_repetitions* times *boot fit* (or *fit\**) for each sample.

Use *bootstrap\_results* for explanations on the dimensions of the result.

***bootstrap\_data*** If new data instead of trial shuffling is to be used as bootstrap data, this data should be passed here. The *ni.data.data.Data* Instance should contain an additional index *Bootstrap Sample*

*model*

Model to be evaluated. It needs to provide an *x()*, *dm()* and *fit(x=, dm=)/fit(data)* method.

*data*

***test\_data***='[]

***shuffle***=True

***prefix***='' String that is prefixed to the results.

***boot\_dim*** The *ni.data.data.Data* Instance should contain an additional index *Bootstrap Sample* or be a list. If some other index should be used as bootstrap samples, *boot\_dim* can be set to that.

```
ni.tools.strap.bootstrap_time(bootstrap_repetitions, model, data, test_data=[], prefix='')
```

Performs bootstrap evaluation of models.

A Model *model* is fitted with some data *data*, called “actual data” or “D” and subsequently on all of a number of bootstrap samples “D\*\_n” for n in range(*bootstrap\_repetitions*). This yields an *actual fit* and *bootstrap\_repetitions* times *boot fit* (or *fit\**) for each sample.

Use *bootstrap\_results* for explanations on the dimensions of the result.

*bootstrap\_repetitions*

*model*

Model to be evaluated. It needs to provide an *x()*, *dm()* and *fit(x=, dm=)* method.

*data*

***test\_data***='[]

***prefix***='' String that is prefixed to the results.

```
ni.tools.strap.bootstrap_trials(bootstrap_repetitions, model, data, test_data=[], shuffle=True, prefix=', bootstrap_data=[])
```

Performs bootstrap evaluation by trial shuffling.

A Model *model* is fitted with some data *data*, called “actual data” or “D” and subsequently on all of a number of bootstrap samples “D\*\_n” for n in range(*bootstrap\_repetitions*). This yields an *actual fit* and *bootstrap\_repetitions* times *boot fit* (or *fit\**) for each sample.

Use *bootstrap\_results* for explanations on the dimensions of the result.

*bootstrap\_repetitions*

Number of bootstrap repetitions

*model*

Model to be evaluated. It needs to provide an *x()*, *dm()* and *fit(x=, dm=)/fit(data)* method.

*data*

`'test_data'=[]`

`'shuffle'=True`

`'prefix'=''` String that is prefixed to the results.

`'bootstrap_data'=[]` If new data instead of trial shuffling is to be used as bootstrap data, this data should be passed here. The *ni.data.data.Data* Instance should contain an additional index *Bootstrap Sample*

`ni.tools.strap.description` (*prefix=''*, *additional\_information=''*)

Describes the common bootstrap output variables as a dictionary. *additional\_information* will be appended to each entry, *prefix* will be prepended to each key.

`ni.tools.strap.generate` (*model*, *bootstrap\_repetitions*)

`ni.tools.strap.merge` (*stats*)

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### Todo

implement merge function for bootstrap data that calculates EIC etc.

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`ni.tools.strap.plotBootstrap` (*res*, *path*)

Deprecated since version 0.1. use the plot capabilities of the `ni.tools.statcollector.StatCollector`.

`ni.tools.strap.plotCompareBootstrap` (*reses*, *path*)

Deprecated since version 0.1. use the plot capabilities of the `ni.tools.statcollector.StatCollector`.

## 2.6 statcollector Module

`class ni.tools.statcollector.StatCollector` (*stat\_init={}*)

A class to collect statistics about models. It can be used to analyse nested models, as slashes in the name are interpreted as submodels.

Example:

```
>>> rate model/0
>>> rate model/1
>>> rate model/2
>>> rate model/3
>>> nested model/0
>>> nested model/1
>>> nested model/2
>>> nested model/3
>>> nested model/0/1
>>> nested model/0/2
>>> nested model/0/3
>>> nested model/0/2/1
>>> nested model/0/2/3
>>> nested model/0/2/3/1
```

This example could be generated by fitting a model with a certain number of crosshistory cells. In each iteration the best model is extended by another cell. The nested model can then be evaluated whether it has increasing likelihood and/or eic, aic or other statistics:

```
>>> stats.getModelsOnPath(['nested model', 0, 2, 3, 1]).get('eic')
[ -1023, -1020, -900, -950 ]
```



**self.stats:** a dict of lists, each list containing dicts with: name llf eic, aic, eice, complexity (optional) additional - a dict with more information (ignored for now)

**addNode** (*name*, *data*={})

adds the node *name* with the attributes in the dictionary *dic*. If *name* exists, it will be overwritten.

**addToNode** (*name*, *dic*)

adds all attributes in the dictionary *dic* to the node *name*

**filter** (*name*)

returns a StatCollector Object with only a subset of models

**get** (*dim*)

returns a numpy ndarray with the *dim* attributes of each node that contains *dim*

**getChildren** ()

**getDimensions** ()

returns which dimensions are available for the contained nodes

**getList** (*dim*)

returns a list with the *dim* attributes of each node that contains *dim*

**getModelsOnPath** (*name*)

returns models that lead to the node *name*

**getNode** (*name*)

returns a dictionary with all attributes of the node *name*

**getTree** (*substitution\_patterns*=[])

returns a tuple used by plotTree to plot a tree representation of the nodes.

**html\_view** ()

Generates an html\_view of this object.

Example:

```
stats.html_view().render('stats_file.html')
```

**keys** ()

returns the name of all nodes. Synonym of `StatCollector.nodes()`

**load** (*filename*)

Loads the StatCollector saved to *filename*.

This file should be a pickled dictionary.

**loadList** (*filenames*)

loads a list of files. (Alias of `StatCollector.load_list()`)

**load\_glob** (*filename\_template*)

**load\_list** (*filenames*)

loads a list of files

**nodes** ()

returns the name of all nodes. Synonym of `StatCollector.keys()`

**plotHist** (*path*, *width*, *dims*)

plots a histogram of each dimension in *dims*

**plotTree** (*dim*, *substitution\_patterns*=[], *line\_kwargs*={}, *marker\_kwargs*={}, *right\_to\_left*=False)

Plots a tree of the nodes, using *dim* as the height, if the node contains *dim*.

Slashes in the model names will be used as the different levels in the tree. The order of the parts between the slashes is ignored for now (3/4 and 4/3 are the same).

*substitution\_patterns* may contain substitution patterns (used to connect nodes) for `re.sub` as a three tuple (pattern, substitute, color), where color is the color that will be assigned to this connection

*line\_kwargs* and *marker\_kwargs* can contain arguments in a dictionary to alter the options to set lines or markers. The dictionary will be passed on to the plot function.

*right\_to\_left* determines, whether the plot is plotted from left to right (default) or the other way around (*right\_to\_left* = True).

**prefix** (*prefix*='')

Makes the last node a part of the property name

**pull\_from\_inner\_dict** (*from\_dictionary*='statistics', *from\_key*='bic', *to\_key*='BIC')

If a dictionary is added as a dimension, this function can pull values from that dictionary and add them to each node that has the specific dictionary. As the bootstrap functions add the statistics dictionary of the model fit to the node, this function has to be used to eg. access the BIC criterion (which is why this is the default from and to keys).

**re** (*regex*)

returns a StatCollector Object with only a subset of models

**rename** (*pattern*, *substitution*)

Renames nodes with the regex pattern *pattern* just like `re.sub()`.

Example to rename different number of knots to a tree, where each the increase in knots is counted as a submodel:

```
statsr = stats.rename(r'50', '30/50').rename(r'30', '20/30').rename(r'20', '10/20').rename(r'10', '5/10')
```

**save** (*filename*)

Saves the StatCollector to *filename*.

This file will be a pickled dictionary.

**set** (*name*, *key*, *value*)

sets one attribute for node *name*

**split** (*keys*)

Takes a portion of the property names and makes it a node

`ni.tools.statcollector.atoi` (*text*)

converts *text* containing numbers into ints / used by `natural_keys()`

`ni.tools.statcollector.listToPath` (*name*)

Creates a string that joins a list together with slashes. The list can contain strings and numbers.

`ni.tools.statcollector.natural_keys` (*text*)

`alist.sort(key=natural_keys)` sorts in human order (See Toothy's implementation in the comments of [http://nedbatchelder.com/blog/200712/human\\_sorting.html](http://nedbatchelder.com/blog/200712/human_sorting.html))

# DATA PACKAGE

Provides easy access to some data.

## 3.1 data Module

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### Todo

Use different internal representations, depending on use. Ie. Spike times vs. binary array

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### Todo

Lazy loading and prevention from data duplicates where unnecessary. See also: [indexing view versus copy](#)

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### 3.1.1 Storing Spike Data in Python with Pandas

The [pandas package](#) allows for easy storage of large data objects in python. The structure that is used by this toolbox is the `pandas.MultiIndexedFrame` which is a `pandas.DataFrame` / `pandas.DataFrame` with an Index that has multiple levels.

The index contains at least the levels 'Cell', 'Trial' and 'Condition'. Additional Indexes can be used (eg. 'Bootstrap Sample' for Bootstrap Samples), but keep in mind that when fitting a model only 'Cell' and 'Trial' should remain, all other dimensions will be collapsed as more sets of Trials which may be indistinguishable after the fit.

Condition	Cell	Trial	$t$ (Timeseries of specific trial)
0	0	0	0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0...
0	0	1	0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0...
0	0	2	0,0,1,0,1,0,0,1,0,1,0...
0	1	0	0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0...
0	1	1	0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0...
...	...	...	...
1	0	0	0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1...
1	0	1	0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0...
...	...	...	...

To put your own data into a `pandas.DataFrame`, so it can be used by the models in this toolbox create a MultiIndex for example like this:

```
import ni
import pandas as pd
d = []
tuples = []
for con in range(nr_conditions):
    for t in range(nr_trials):
        for c in range(nr_cells):
            spikes = list(ni.model.pointprocess.getBinary(Spike_times_STC.all_SUZ
            if spikes != []:
                d.append(spikes)
                tuples.append((con,t,c))
index = pd.MultiIndex.from_tuples(tuples, names=['Condition','Trial','Cell'])
data = ni.data.data.Data(pd.DataFrame(d, index = index))
```

If you only have one trial if several cells or one cell with a few trials, it can be indexed like this:

```
from ni.data.data import Data import pandas as pd

index = pd.MultiIndex.from_tuples([(0,0,i) for i in range(len(d))], names=['Condition','Cell','Trial'])
data = Data(pd.DataFrame(d, index = index))
```

To use the data you can use `ni.data.data.Data.filter()`:

```
only_first_trials = data.filter(0, level='Trial')

# filter returns a copy of the Data object

only_the_first_trial = data.filter(0, level='Trial').filter(0, level='Cell').filter(0, level='Condition')

only_the_first_trial = data.condition(0).cell(0).trial(0) # condition(), cell() and trial() are shortcuts

only_some_trials = data.trial(range(3,15))
# using slices, ranges or boolean indexing causes the DataFrame to be indexed again from 0 to N, in which case
```

Also ix and xs pandas operations can be useful:

```
plot(data.data.ix[(0,0,0):(0,3,-1)].transpose().cumsum())
plot(data.data.xs(0,level='Condition').xs(0,level='Cell').ix[:5].transpose().cumsum())
```

**class** `ni.data.data.Data` (*matrix*, *dimensions*=[], *other\_spikes*=False, *key\_index*='i', *resolution*=1000)  
Spike data container

Contains a panda Data Frame with MultiIndex. Can save to and load from files.

The Index contains at least Trial, Cell and Condition and can be extended.

**as\_list\_of\_series** (*list\_conditions*=True, *list\_cells*=True, *list\_trials*=False, *list\_additional\_indizes*=True)

Returns one timeseries, collapsing only certain indizes (on default only trials). All non collapsed indizes

**as\_series** ()

Returns one timeseries, collapsing all indizes.

The output has dimensions of (N,1) with N being length of one trial x nr\_trials x nr\_cells x nr\_conditions (x additional indices).

If cells, conditions or trials should be separated, use `as_list_of_series()` instead.

**cell** (*cells*=False)

filters for an array of cells -> see `ni.data.data.Data.filter()`

**condition** (*conditions*=False)

filters for an array of conditions -> see `ni.data.data.Data.filter()`

**filter** (*array=False, level='Cell'*)

filters for arbitrary index levels *array* a number, list or numpy array of indices that are to be filtered *level* the level of index that is to be filtered. Default: 'Cell'

**firing\_rate** (*smooth\_width=0, trials=False*)

computes the firing rate of the data for each cell separately.

**getFlattend** (*all\_in\_one=True, trials=False*)

Deprecated since version 0.1: Use `as_list_of_series()` and `as_series()` instead Returns one timeseries for all trials.

The *all\_in\_one* flag determines whether 'Cell' and 'Condition' should also be collapsed. If set to *False* and the number of Conditions and/or Cells is greater than 1, a list of timeseries will be returned. If both are greater than 1, then a list containing for each condition a list with a time series for each cell.

**html\_view** ()

**interspike\_intervals** (*smooth\_width=0, trials=False*)

computes inter spike intervals in the data for each cell separately.

**read\_pickle** (*path*)

Loads a DataFrame from a file

**shape** (*level*)

Returns the shape of the specified level:

```
>>> data.shape('Trial')
```

```
100
```

```
>>> data.shape('Cell') == data.nr_cells
True
```

**to\_pickle** (*path*)

Saves the DataFrame to a file

**trial** (*trials=False*)

filters for an array of trials -> see `ni.data.data.Data.filter()`

`ni.data.data.loadFromFile` (*path*)

`ni.data.data.matrix_to_dataframe` (*matrix, dimensions*)

`ni.data.data.merge` (*datas, dim, keys=False*)

merges multiple Data instances into one:

```
data = ni.data.data.merge([ni.data.data.Data(f) for f in ['data1.pkl', 'data2.pkl', 'data3.pkl']],
```

`ni.data.data.saveToFile` (*path, o*)

## 3.2 decoding\_data Module

Loads Data into a Panda Data Frame

**class** `ni.data.decoding_data.Cell` (*data*)

**class** `ni.data.decoding_data.DecodingData`

Loads Data into a Panda Data Frame

```
class ni.data.decoding_data.Trial
```

```
    addCell (data)
```

```
    getMatrix ()
```

```
ni.data.decoding_data.get ()
```

### 3.3 monkey Module

```
ni.data.monkey.Data (file_nr='101a03', resolution=1000, trial=[], condition=[], cell=[])  
    Loads Data into a Data Frame
```

Expects a file number. Available file numbers are in `ni.data.monkey.available_files`:

```
>>> print ni.data.monkey.available_files  
      ['101a03', '104a10', '107a03', '108a08', '112a03', '101a03', '104a11', '107a04', '109a04']
```

**trial**

number of trial to load or list of trials to load. Non-existent trial numbers are ignored.

**condition**

number of condition to load or list of conditions to load. Non-existent condition numbers are ignored.

**cell**

number of cell to load or list of cells to load. Non-existent cell numbers are ignored.

Example:

```
data = ni.data.monkey.Data(trial_nr = ni.data.monkey.available_trials[3], trial=range(10), condi
```

# LIST OF TODO ITEMS

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## Todo

Use different internal representations, depending on use. Ie. Spike times vs. binary array

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(The *original entry* is located in `/home/plogic/uni/MT/EIC/py/ni/data/data.py:docstring of ni.data.data`, line 7.)

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## Todo

Lazy loading and prevention from data duplicates where unnecessary. See also: [indexing view versus copy](#)

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(The *original entry* is located in `/home/plogic/uni/MT/EIC/py/ni/data/data.py:docstring of ni.data.data`, line 10.)

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## Todo

Find out what this is

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(The *original entry* is located in `/home/plogic/uni/MT/EIC/py/ni/model/ip.py:docstring of ni.model.ip.Configuration`, line 19.)

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## Todo

split into more usefull and modular functions

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(The *original entry* is located in `/home/plogic/uni/MT/EIC/py/ni/model/ip.py:docstring of ni.model.ip.generate_to_file`, line 3.)

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## Todo

Add options for random number generator seeds, so that the *exact* same trial can be run over and over again.

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(The *original entry* is located in `/home/plogic/uni/MT/EIC/py/ni/model/net_sim.py:docstring of ni.model.net_sim`, line 11.)

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## Todo

integrate with projects, write to default paths

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(The *original entry* is located in `/home/plogic/uni/MT/EIC/py/ni/tools/project.py:docstring of ni.tools.project.figure`, line 1.)

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**Todo**

implement merge function for bootstrap data that calculates EIC etc.

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(The *original entry* is located in /home/plogic/uni/MT/EIC/py/ni/tools/strap.py:docstring of ni.tools.strap.merge, line 1.)



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