Tutorial

1. Installation

System requirements:

- Windows 8 or newer
- Minimum 1GB RAM
- Minimum 6 GB disk space

1.1. Installation steps:

Download and install the minian package from: https://github.com/denisecailab/minian; Download and unzip the code folder from: https://github.com/spbstu-applied-math/NeuroActivityToolkit or https://appliedmath.gitlab.yandexcloud.net/lmn/miniscope. Install https://appliedmath.gitlab.yandexcloud.net/lmn/miniscope.

Execute:

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cd PATH_TO_CODE conda create --name neuron-analysis -c conda-forge --file requirements.txt -y
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1. To run the software open Anaconda Promt, execute:

cd PATH_TO_CODE conda activate neuron-analysis jupyter notebook

After this steps, the joined Jupiter Notebook, containing separated notebooks, will be opened:

ActiveStateAnalyzer.ipynb
cross-registration.ipynb
Dimensionality reduction.ipynb
Distance analysis.ipynb
MultipleShuffling.ipynb
pipeline.ipynb
Statistics&Shuffling.ipvnb

Click on required notebook to start. Notebooks descriptions are provided below.

2. Example dataset

Example dataset contains of 3 recording for the same FVB mouse aged 9 months. The data is raw recordings for different days in ".avi" format that are ready to be processed via "Minian".

3. "ActiveStateAnalyzer" module

This Notebook is used for processing the results of the "Minian" software package or others with the same output. The main role of this module is to compute active states of the individual neurons by different methods and to obtain metrics that are connected to activation parameters of the neurons.

Parameters:

Params

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Ввод [3]: # Path to minian output
path_to_data = 'demo_movies/mouseold/2/minian/'

Ввод [4]: verbose = True

Ввод [5]: fps = 20
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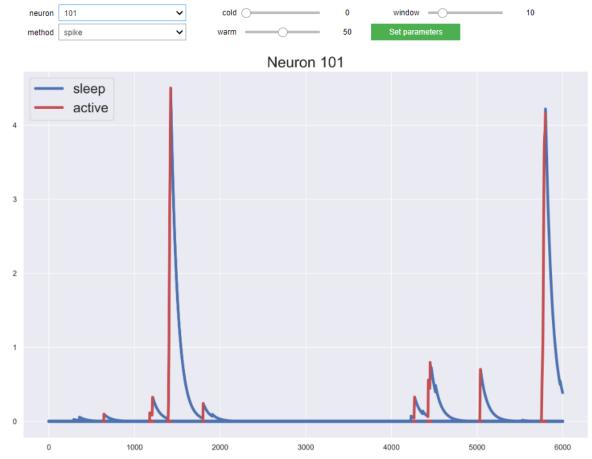
In this step parameters of miniscope data are set:

- path_to_data a path to the processed data via "Minian";
- verbose define visualization of progress bars;
- fps frames per seconds for recording (important to set right value as all metrics are based on this value).

3.1. Active state of neuron determination

Setting parameters for detecting the active state of a neuron:

- neuron drop-down list with neuron selection;
- method a way to detect active phase:
 - o spike only a stage of rapid intensity growth,
 - o full a stage of growth and decline of the intensity which is higher than calculated threshold value.
- cold minimum duration of the active phase;
- warm minimum duration of the passive phase;
- window width of the moving average smoothing window;
- Set parameters –setting the selected parameters and applying them to all neurons (highly important to "set parameters", otherwise further steps won't work).

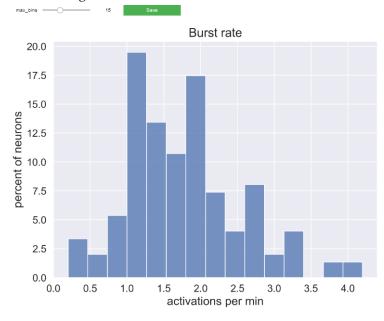


3.2. Burst rate

Burst rate – the number of "cell activations" for a given period of time.

The distribution of burst rate values is visualized.

- max_bins maximum number of columns on the chart;
- Save saving the distribution in ".xlsx" format.

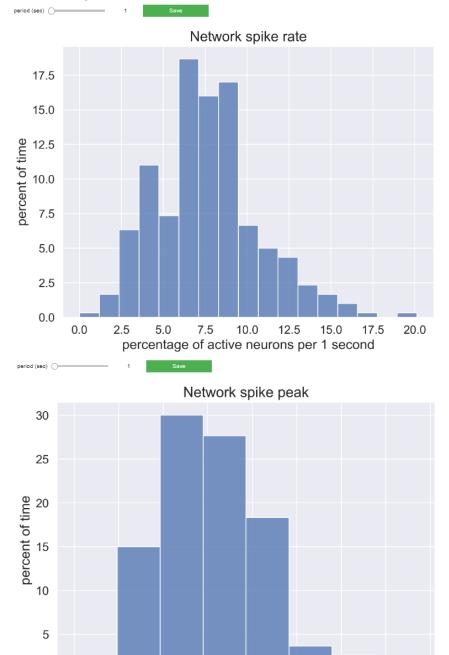


3.3. Network spike rate and Network spike peak

Network spike rate – the active neurons percent in the interval of time;

Network spike peak – the maximal number of active cells for all the period of the recording with a certain inter-val of time.

- period duration of the interval for which metric will compute results (1sec-60sec);
- Save saving the distribution in ".xlsx" format.



3.4. Network spike duration

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Network spike duration is a time duration when the number of active cells is higher than the predetermined threshold value.

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max percentage of active neurons per 1 second

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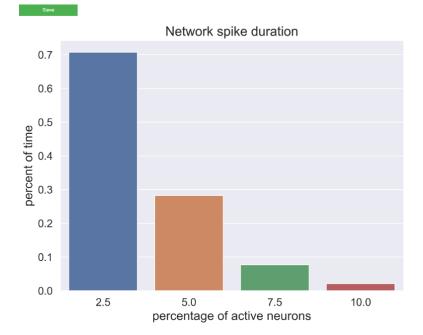
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- Thresholds a variable for individual preset threshold value of simultaneously active neurons.
- Save saving the distribution in ".xlsx" format.

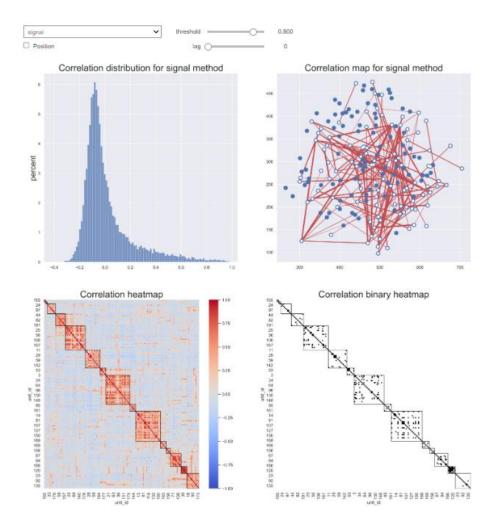
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3.5. Correlation

- Choosing one of the possible types of interconnection between neurons:
 - o signal Pearson's correlation coefficient for the intensity of the original signal,
 - o diff Pearson's correlation coefficient by intensity derivative,
 - active Pearson's correlation coefficient based on binary results of active phase segmentation,
 - o active_acc the connection of intersection to the union of active states of neurons,
 - o transfer_entropy entropy of transfer between neurons.
- position taking into account the spatial distance between neurons;
- threshold threshold value for visualization;
- lag maximal delay value between neuronal activations. maximum time shift of neurons relative to each other.

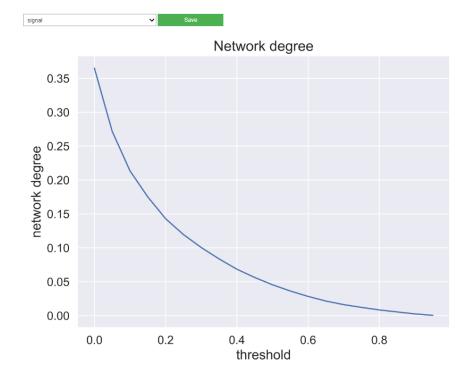
Automatically saved into "results".



3.6. Network degree

Network degree -percent of co-active neurons above the threshold level;

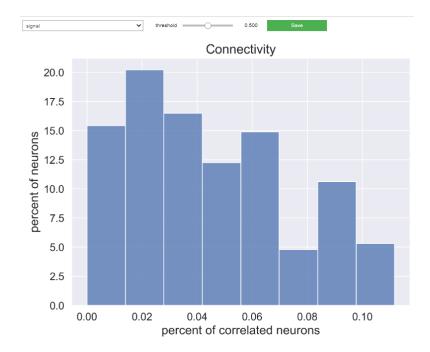
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- Save saving results as ".xlsx" format.



3.7. Connectivity

Connectivity – distribution of the connectivity share for each neuron.

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 - o active_acc the connection of intersection to the union of active states of neurons,
 - o transfer_entropy entropy of transfer between neurons.
- threshold minimal correlation value.
- Save saving results as ".xlsx" format.



"ActiveStateAnalyzer" notebook **must be run first of all** because all the calculated statistics are used in the futher modules. All the results for each recording are saved into folder "results" as stated in the "path_to_data".

4. Distance analysis

"Distance analysis" notebook is created for evaluating the distance criteria for pairwise correlations between neurons.

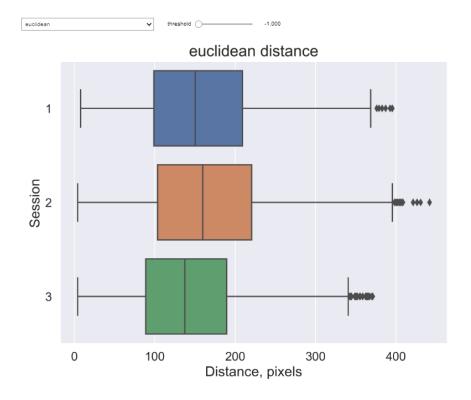
- path_to_data the path to the root directory with the data;
- dates information about all the recordings of interest:

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dates = [
    '1',
    '2',
    '3'
]

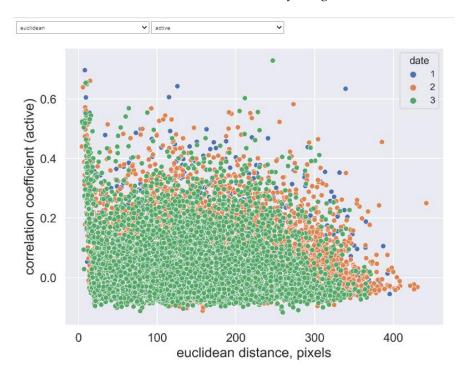
path_to_data = 'demo_movies/mouseold'

fps = 20
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If the path stated correctly, graphs will be shown with possibility to save them in ".xlsx". When calculating the average distances between pairs of coactive neurons, user has the option to choose between the "Euclidean" and "radial" representation.



Metrics of interest can be set for visualization by widgets.



All the presented metrics can be saved in the file with ".xlsx" format for further analysis, comparison and visualization.

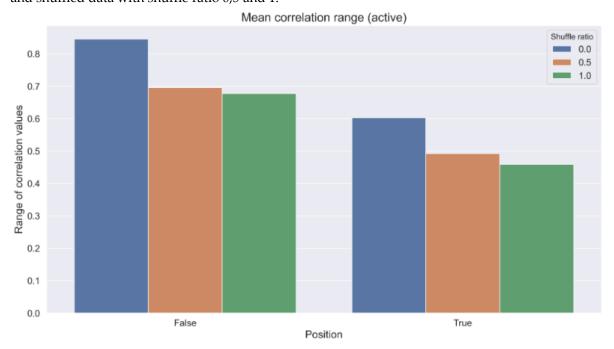
5. Shuffling module ("MultipleShuffling")

This notebook is created for shuffling the miniscope data to define level of variance and for comparison statistics from "original" data with "shuffled" one.

- path_to_data the path to the root directory with the data;
- dates information about all the recordings of interest:

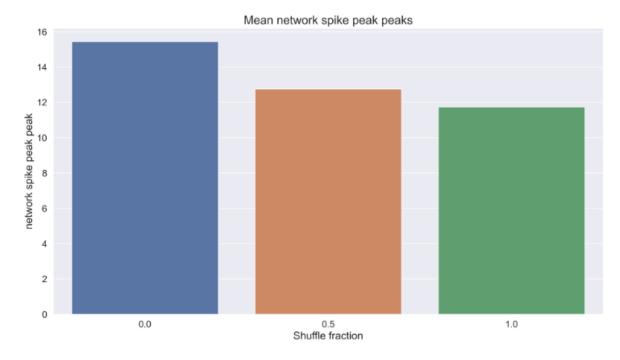
- o key title of the recording, should be unique;
- o values:
 - path the path to the data relative to the root directory,
 - mouse mouse identificator,
 - condition condition of the mouse while recording,
 - fps frames per second,
- num_of_shuffles amount of the shuffling events. Usually for sufficient amount of recordings value of "1" is used. Can be increased for more robustness;
- shuffle_fractions shuffle ratio for mixing module (can be manually changed).

Shuffled data are saved into path_to_data folder as individual ".xlsx" tables. Here, mean correlation range (difference between the biggest and lowest value of Pearson's coefficient for each recording for active method) calculated for original data (Shuffle ratio equals 0), and shuffled data with shuffle ratio 0,5 and 1.



Calculation of the Network spike peak statistical metric on the original and shuffled data.





6. "Dimensionality reduction" module

6.1. Data

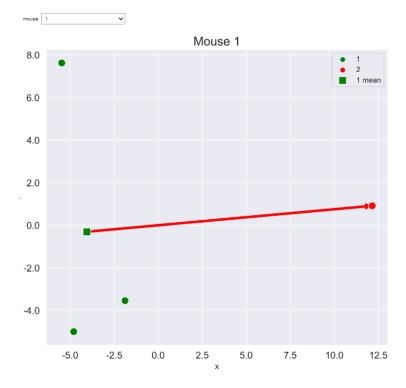
- path_to_data the path to the root directory with the data
- transfer_entropy using transfer entropy or not (when using much more time is needed for calculations);
- dates information about all the recordings of interest:
 - key unique record identificator (It must be unique for each mouse, as in example 'mouseold1', 'mouseold2' etc.),
 - o values:
 - path the path to the data relative to the root directory,
 - mouse mouse identificator,
 - condition condition of the mouse while recording,
 - fps frames per second;
- conditions_order chronological order for recordings;
 - o key unique identificator of the mouse (the same as in "dates"),
 - o values chronological order of recordings.

```
path_to_data = 'demo_movies'
transfer_entropy = False
dates = {
'mouseold1': {'path': 'mouseold/1',
                   'mouse': '1',
'condition': '1',
                   'fps': 20},
    'mouseold2': {'path': 'mouseold/2',
                   'mouse': '1',
'condition': '1',
    'fps': 20},
'mouseX': {'path': 'mouse3/right_after',
                   'mouse': '1',
'condition': '2',
                   'fps': 15},
}
conditions_order = {
    '1': ['1', '2'],
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6.2. PCA visualization

Visualization of results after dimensionality reduction via PCA method. The arrows visualize the chronological order specified in conditions_order.

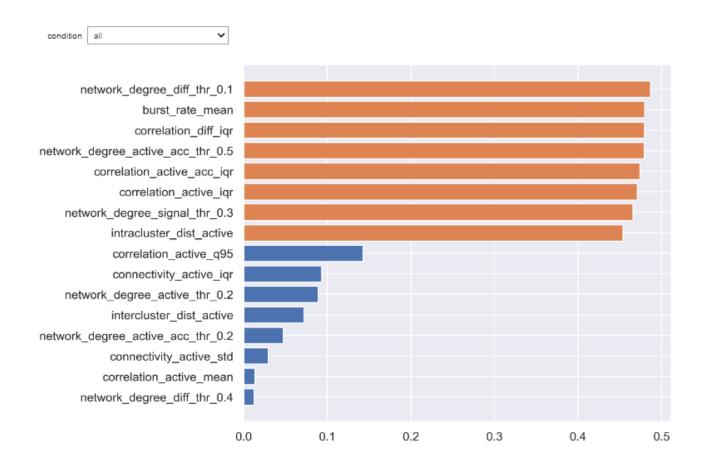
• mouse – mouse identificator to show;



Results of the PCA method are saved into folder "path_to_data". Also, under this window at the step "8" coordinates for each point can be found.

Visualization of statistical deviation. The top 8 most highly deviant and stable statistics are displayed.

• condition – parameter to define whether visualization is made for all the conditions or only for chosen one.

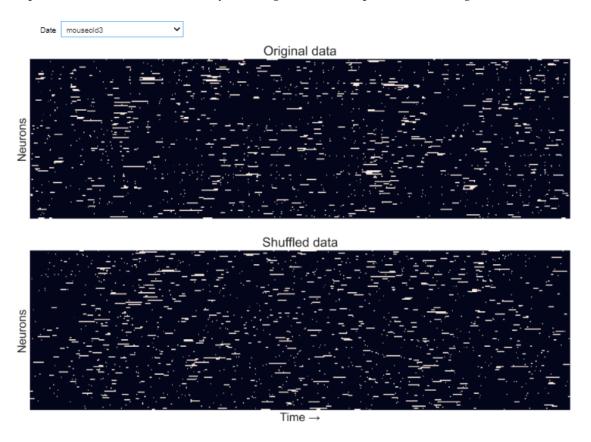


7. Statistics and shuffling

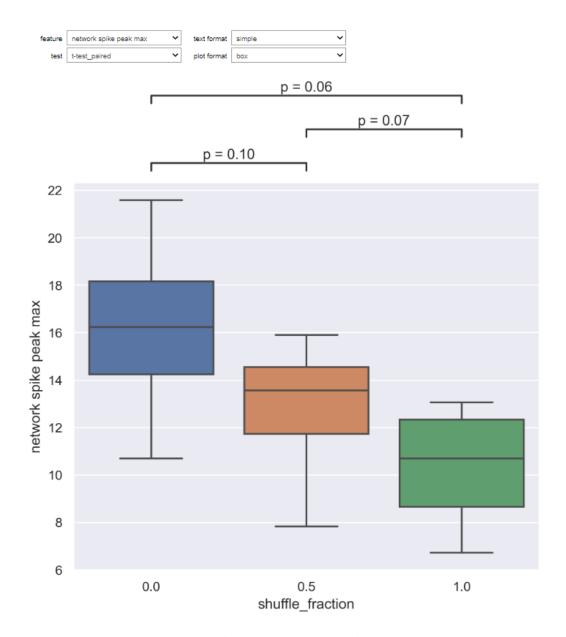
This module is done for primary statistical analysis of the obtained data. It consists of several parts that are described below.

- path_to_data the path to the root directory with the data;
- dates information about all the recordings of interest:
 - o key title of the recording, should be unique;
 - o values:
 - path the path to the data relative to the root directory,
 - mouse mouse identificator,
 - condition condition of the mouse while recording,
 - fps frames per second,

Further, neuronal network representation in the binarized form will be computed (for original data in the top and for shuffled data below). By the widget in the left top corner recording of the interest can be chosen.



Then, statistical modules are implemented. Here various metrics can be compared with each other by different statistical tests. Widgets are implemted for choosing appropriate statistical test and for selection of the comparable values. Both of the right widgets are served for p-value representation ways (with simple p exact value, by stars or both together).



The same comparison is available for distance analysis of co-active neuronal pairs. It is possible to choose between "Euclidian" and "radial" distances.