Circular statistics:

Quantification of locomotor coordination in electrophysiological recordings

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Workflow



Cycle extraction

> source(c("electrophys_stats.R", "plot_period_stats.R")) > phase.obj <- phase.cycle(data.file) Read 5 items	smoothed trace
Read 10 items	
 "sample frequency of raw trace : 10.000" 	
 "resampling data to 1.000 Hz sampling rate, every 10 points used" 	
Read 3412355 items	ω
 "sample frequency after re-sampling: 1.000 Hz" 	0.0
 "length of recording 0.0668819 sec" 	
[1] "number of traces : 4 "	
[I] "the traces are as follows: "	
[1] "LL2 (mV)" "LL5 (mV)" "RL2 (mV)" "R L5 (mV)"	20. –
 "choose traces to rectify" 	
rectify LL2 (mV) (yes/no)? yes	
rectify LL5 (mV) (yes/no)? no	
rectify RL2 (mV) (yes/no)? no	∞
rectify R L5 (mV) (yes/no)? yes	
[1] "choose traces to smooth"	I WAT A VE FLAN FINN FLAN FLAN AND FIN MAR FLAN FINN FAR LAND FIN
smooth LL2 (mV) (yes/no)? yes	
smooth LL5 (mV) (yes/no)? no	
smooth RL2 (mV) (yes/no)? no	
smooth R L5 (mV) (yes/no)? yes	raw trace
[1] "window size is 2e-04 secs with 200 points"	_ = _ a
press enter for next plot :	
re-plot traces with re-defined time axis, yes/no : no	\simeq $=$ 100 \pm 100 \pm 100 \pm 100 \pm 100 \pm
smooth with different window size, yes/no? : no	\mathbf{Y}
[I] define reference cycle trace :	0.00 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.06
Extract cycle periodes from trace: LL2 (mV)	time
[1] noise window is 3e-04 secs with 300 points	

phase.cycle wrapper:

- > data.ts.raw <- read.atf.file ()</pre>
- > data.ts <- smooth(data.ts.raw)</pre>
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choose threshold curvature $\{0; I\}$ - default=0.9, press enter for no additional curvature :

choose offset [-1:1] for threshold - press enter for no offset :

choose noise level - default = 300 , press enter to use default value: **500**

[1] "noise window is 5e-04 secs with 500 points"

re-plot traces with re-defined time axis, yes/no : no

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Detrended Reference LL2 (mV) and event timings



time

> circular.stats <- plot.period.stats(phase.obj)
> plot.period.stats(test, plot.periods=T)
pres to plot figure 2
pres to plot figure 3
...
pres to plot figure 15
[1] "data.ts" "event.timing" "ref.period" "event.period" "thres"
[6] "thresE" "ref.trace" "event.trace" "is.root"





0



radians

π

2π

Average cycle & spike timings



radians



0

Period length histogram

time (sec)





Phase delay of R L5 (mV) reference trace LL2 (mV)





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RAYLEIGH TEST

The Rayleigh test is a statistical procedure for determining whether a circular distribution is random or non-random. That is, are the azimuths of a distribution clumped in a particular direction? Calculate a critical value (the test statistic), Z, for the Rayleigh test using the following formula:

 $Z = nr^2$

where Z is the critical value, n is the number of observations or azimuths, and r is the magnitude of the mean vector (determined as above). The **null** (H_o) and **alternative** (H_a) hypotheses for the test are:

 H_o = the bearings are randomly distributed.

 H_a = the bearings are distributed nonrandomly.

Use Table B.34 (Zar 1999) to determine whether to accept or reject the null hypothesis.



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Ex. Nkx 2.2 KO 2.9 het





Additional features









	CCP (n = 22)	TTC ($n = 35$)
Access (MΩ)	23.7 ± 5.4	21.9 ± 4.9
First AP in train		
AP amplitude (mV)	59.6 ± 5.5	$63.0 \pm 5.3^{*}$
AP duration (ms)	4.29 ± 0.64	3.09 ± 0.52***
AP duration at half amplitude (ms)	1.93 ± 0.31	1.35 ± 0.24***
AP rise time (ms)	1.05 ± 0.16	$0.80 \pm 0.15^{***}$
AP fall time (ms)	3.24 ± 0.55	2.29 ± 0.41***
Fast AHP (mV)	-2.2 ± 4.1	$3.7 \pm 3.5^{***}$
Second AP in train		
AP amplitude (mV)	45 ± 11	$63 \pm 6^{***}$
AP duration (ms)	7.2 ± 1.2	$6.0 \pm 0.7^{***}$
AP duration at half amplitude (ms)	2.87 ± 0.88	2.06 ± 0.35***
AP rise time (ms)	1.99 ± 0.39	$1.25 \pm 0.26^{***}$
AP fall time (ms)	5.2 ± 1.1	4.7 ± 0.7
IV analysis		
Time to hyperpol peak (s)	0.194 ± 0.033	$0.417 \pm 0.430 **$
Input resistance for peak (M Ω)	228 ± 92	64 ± 19***
Input resistance for steady state (M Ω)	183 ± 67	$51 \pm 15^{***}$
Maximum sag (mV)	6.6 ± 3.9	5.8 ± 3.4
Decay time constant for Δ pulse (ms)	20.0 ± 5.8	17.5 ± 4.7
AP threshold (mV)	-32.3 ± 5.6	$-39.4 \pm 2.6^{***}$
Slow AHP (mV)	7.1 ± 3.2	8.6 ± 2.9
Step current		
Average delay to first spike (s)	0.031 ± 0.013	0.026 ± 0.012
Current-discharge slope (Hz nA ⁻¹)	27.6 ± 28.5	26.2 ± 5.7
Initial burst interval (s)	0.052 ± 0.047	$0.081 \pm 0.049*$

Note: Mean \pm SD, *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001, P value is from Student t-test; AHP = after hyperpolarization.

Summary

Present state

- Data formats and import
 - Read electrophys. txt file
- Data pre-processing
 - smooth
 - extract cycles/events
- Circular statistics and plots

Ongoing work and Future directions

- Make into package
- Optimize data import
- Implement interactive graphs
- Expand functions
 - Spike triggered average
 - Episodic stimulus protocol