

Communication tool for data sharing in neuroscience

brainSTEM

brain Structured Experimental Metadata

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What is brainSTEM?

Structured Experimental Metadata

1. Structured language for experimental neuroscience
2. Centralized and standardized database for metadata
3. Granular access control
4. Access via web interface and REST API

Many benefits to this model, both within and across laboratories

1. Functions as an electronic notebook for lab members to organize experiments and raw data
2. User friendly and efficient data handling and organization of experimental data (through the web interface)
3. Coordinates analysis tools (e.g. Matlab, Python) with that same notebook (through the REST API)
4. Allows for other researcher to discover and interpret the same data: within- and across laboratories, expanding its lifetime

Web interface

New animal

Please provide as much details as possible. Required fields are labeled with an asterisk.

Name *

Sex *

Species *

Strain *

Genetic line *

Birth date

Death date

Investigator

Projects

User ID

Probe implantation

If you are uncertain about which probes were used, please see the probe catalogs from Cambridge Neurotech, NeuroNexus and ATLAS Neuroengineering. You can verify your target implant coordinates with this Brain Atlas for both mice and rats. Brain regions are defined according to the Allan Institute Brain Atlas.

Animal *

Surgery

Type of probe *

Company *

AP coordinates (mm)

ML coordinates (mm)

Depth (mm)

Probe tag

Notes

Extracellular

This section is dedicated to extracellular recordings. A large part of the information regarding extracellular recordings can be extracted from the data files.

Equipment

File format (e.g. dat)

Sampling rate (Hz)

nSamples

Precision (e.g. int16)

Amplification

Probe depths (μm)

nChannels

Least significant bit (μV , Intan=0.195, Amplipex=0.3815)

Probes

LFP sampling rate

LFP lowpass filter

Data Categories and Relationships

