

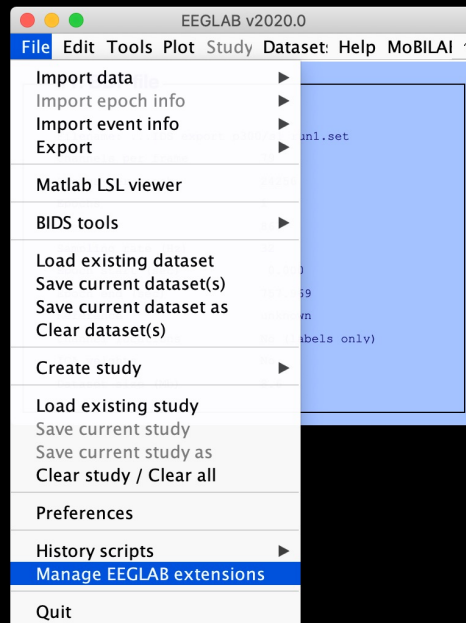
# BIDS data format for Neuroimaging

## Export/Import BIDS from EEGLAB

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# Installing the BIDS plugin



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#1: BDF file

Filename: ...ID  
Channels per fr  
Frames per epoch  
Epochs  
Events  
Sampling rate (s  
Epoch start (sec  
Epoch end (sec)  
Reference  
Channel location  
ICA weights  
Dataset size (M

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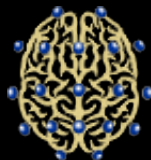
**Tags:** import, export, study, bids

**Status:** installed

**Size:** 0.2 MB

**Description of the plugin:**

Collection of function to import and export BIDS-formated experiments. The code is tailored for use in EEGLAB but may also be used independently of EEGLAB.



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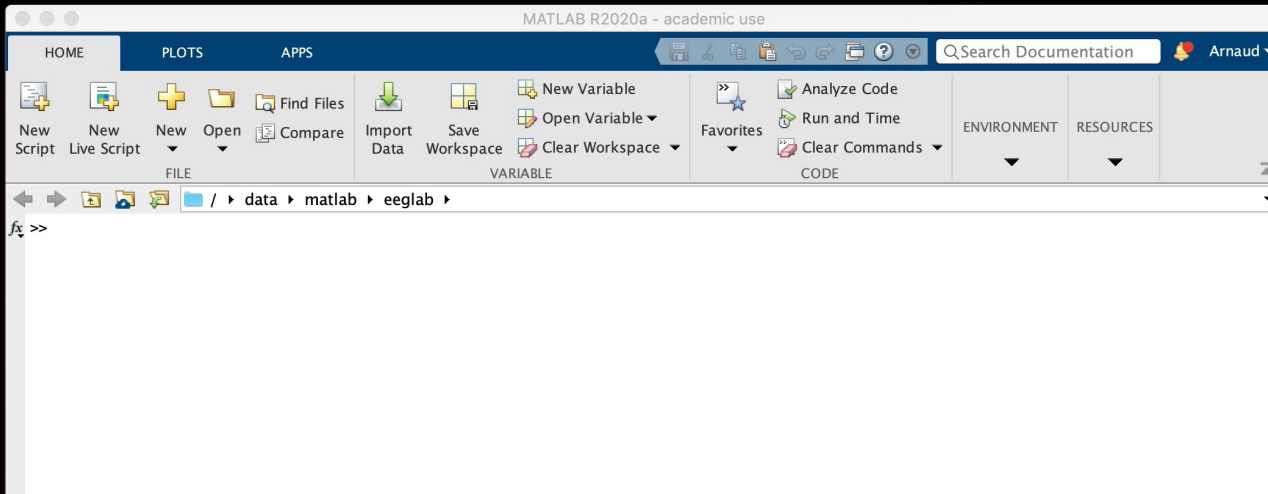
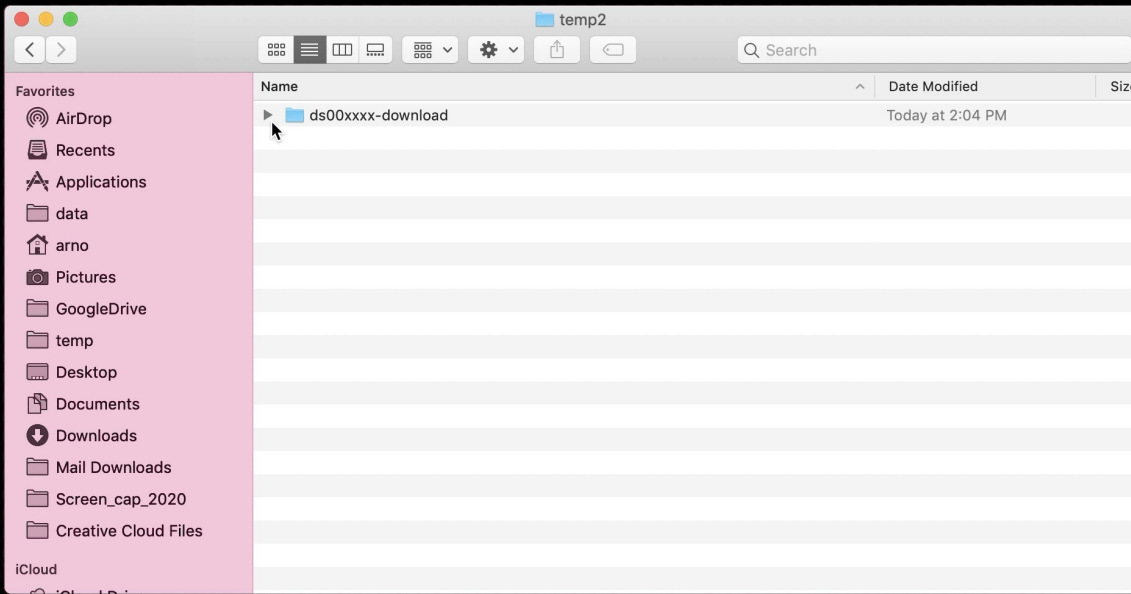
## EEG dataset on OpenNeuro.org

The screenshot shows the OpenNeuro.org interface for the dataset 'EEG data from an auditory oddball task'. The page includes a navigation bar with 'MY DASHBOARD', 'PUBLIC DASHBOARD', 'SUPPORT', and 'FAQ'. A 'Versions' sidebar on the left lists three versions: 'Draft 2020-08-18', '1.0.0 2020-08-07', and '1.0.1 2020-08-18'. The main content area features a green notification banner stating 'This dataset has been published! Create a new snapshot to make changes available'. Below this, the dataset title 'EEG data from an auditory oddball task' is displayed with an 'EDIT' link. Metadata includes the uploader 'Arnaud Delorme' (uploaded on 2020-08-08), the last modification date (2020-08-19), and author information (110 followers, 7604 views). A 'Download' button is present. The 'OpenNeuro Accession Number' is ds003061, with 281 files, 1.69GB size, 13 subjects, and 1 session. Available tasks are P300, and modalities include channels, coordsystem, eeg, electrodes, and events. A 'README' section describes the data collection at the Meditation Research Institute (MRI) in Rishikesh, India, supervised by Arnaud Delorme, PhD. On the right, the 'BIDS Validation' section shows a 'Valid' status with '2 WARNINGS'. The 'Dataset File Tree' lists files such as 'dataset\_description.json', 'participants.json', 'participants.tsv', 'README', 'code', and 'stimuli', each with 'DOWNLOAD', 'VIEW', 'UPDATE', and 'DELETE' options.

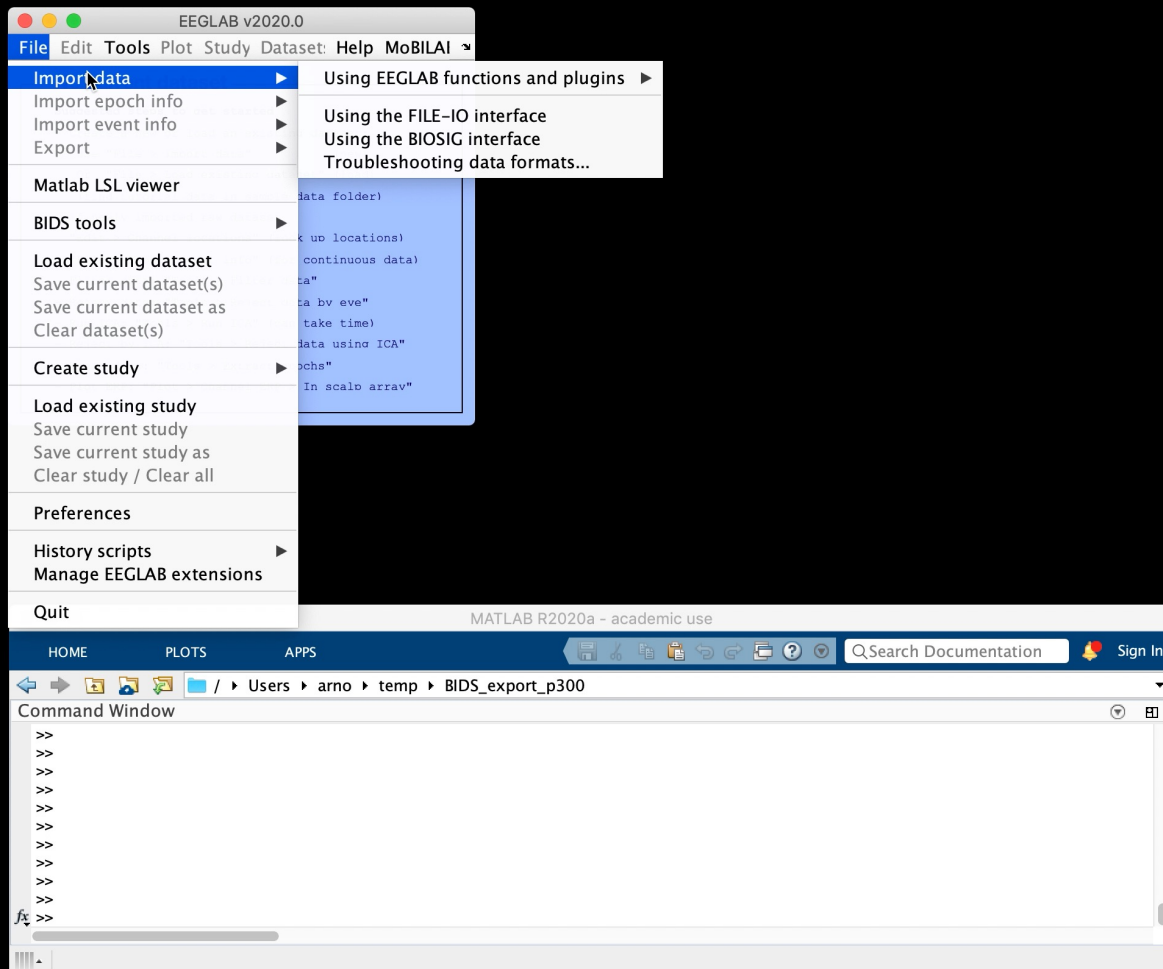
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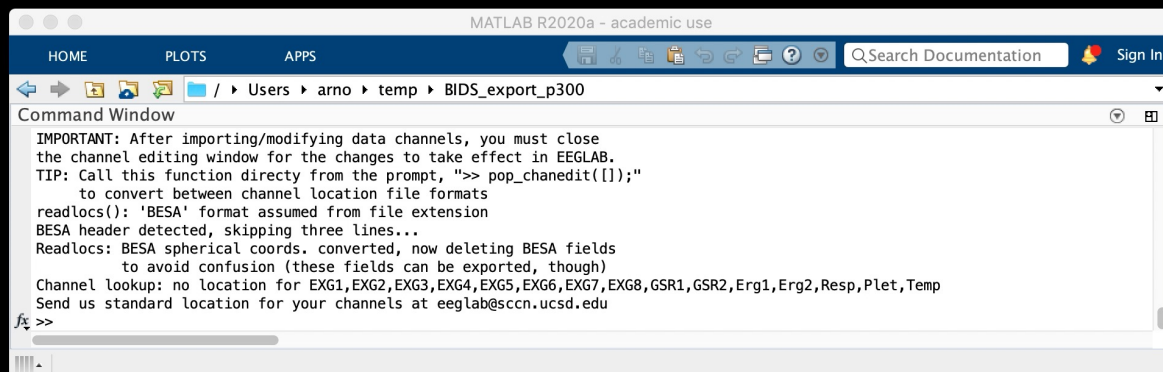
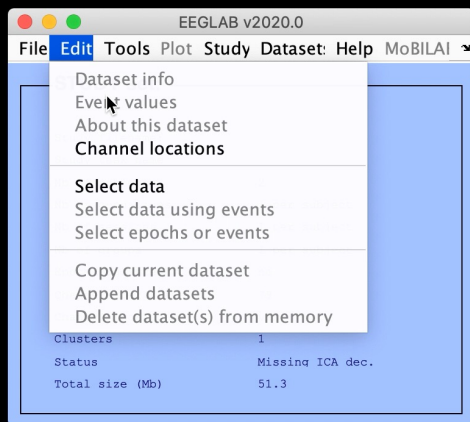


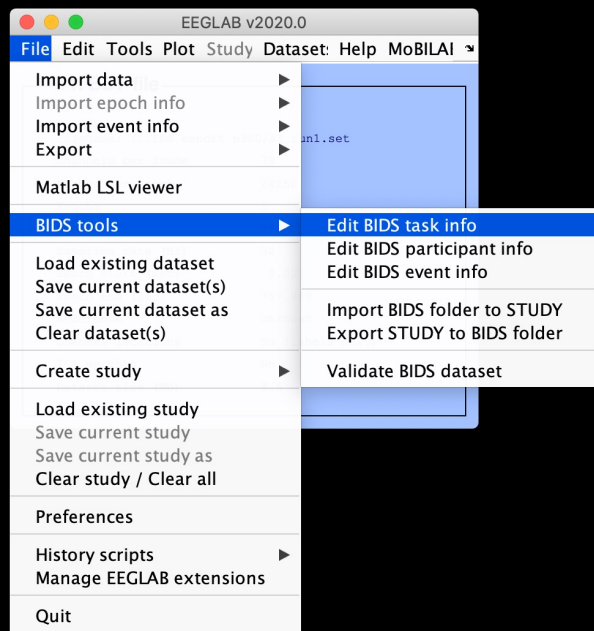
70% standard  
15% oddball  
15% noise



<https://github.com/scn/bids-matlab-tools-example>









**BIDS task information**Dataset name\* Task name (no space) 

## README (short introduction to the experiment):

Data collection took place at the Meditation Research Institute (MRI) in Rishikesh, India under the supervision of Arnaud Delorme, PhD. The project was approved by the local MRI Indian ethical committee and the ethical committee of the University of California San Diego (IRB project # 090731). This task is a standard auditory oddball

## Participant task description (description of the experiment):

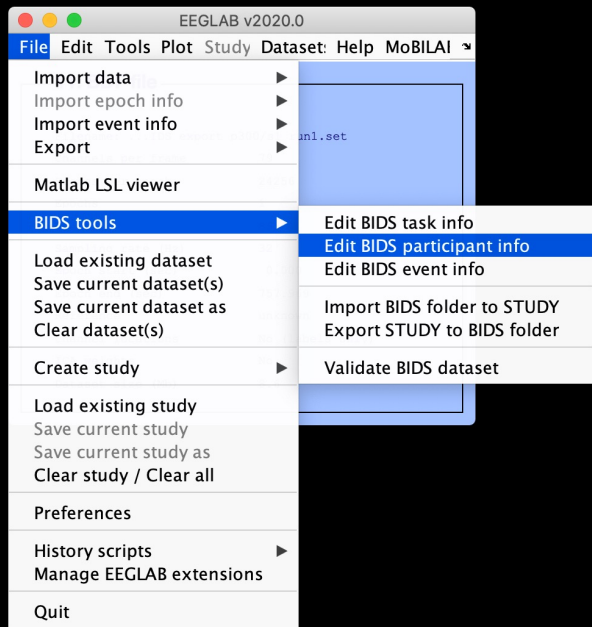
Participants performed three identical sessions of 13 minutes each. 750 stimuli were presented with 70% of them being standard (500 Hz pure tone lasting 60 milliseconds), 15% being oddball (1000 Hz pure tone lasting 60 ms) and 15% being distractors (1000 Hz white noise lasting 60 ms). All sounds took 5 milliseconds to ramp up and 5 milliseconds to ramp down. Sounds were presented at a rate of 1 per second with a random gaussian jitter of standard deviation 25 ms. Participants were instructed

## Participant instructions (as exact as possible):

Participants were asked to either sit on a blanket on the floor or on a chair for both experimental periods depending on their personal preference. They were asked to keep their eyes closed and all lighting in the room was turned off during data collection. Participants were asked to press a button when they heard an oddball stimuli.

Authors References and links Task-relevant Cognitive Atlas term Task-relevant CogPO term Institution Department Institution location **BIDS EEG acquisition information**Cap manufacturer Cap model EEG reference location\* EEG ground electrode location EEG montage system (10-20, 10-10, custom) EEG amplifier maker EEG amplifier model EEG amplifier serial # EEG acquisition software version Hardware filters Software filters\* Line frequency (Hz)\* 

\* Required field



EEGLAB v2020.0  
File Edit Tools Plot Study Dataset: Help MoBILAI

**STUDY set:**

Study filename:  
Study task name:

Figure 2: Edit BIDS participant info - pop\_participantinfo

**Participant information**

participant_id	Gender	Age	Group	HeadCircumferenc
S1				
S2				

**BIDS metadata for participant fields**

	Description	Levels	Units
participant_id	Unique participant label	n/a	
Gender	Participant gender	F	
Age	Participant age (years)	n/a	years
Group	Participant group label	Click to specify	

Import column(s) Add/Edit column

Cancel Ok

S7

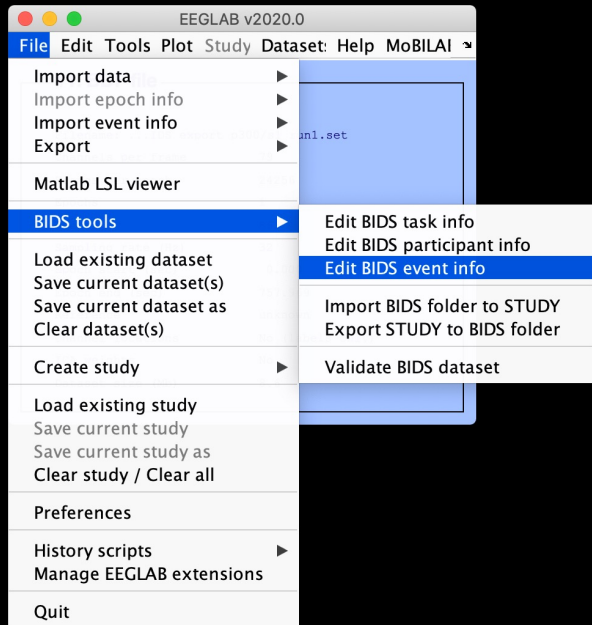


Figure 2: Edit BIDS event info - pop\_eventinfo

**BIDS information for EEG.event fields**

	EEGLAB Field	Levels	LongName	Description	Unit Name	Un
onset	From sample	n/a	Event onset	Onset (in seconds) of the event...	second	↕
duration		n/a				↕
trial_type		Click to specif...				↕
value	type	condition 1	Event marker	Marker value associated with t...		↕
stim_file		Click to specif...				↕
sample	latency	n/a				↕
response_time		Click to specif...				↕
HED		n/a				↕

Add/Remove BIDS field

**Describing levels of value**

	Description
condition_1	response
condition_2	standard
condition_3	ignore
condition_4	oddball
condition_8	noise

BIDS allow you to describe the level for each of your categorical field. Describing levels help other researchers understand your experiment better

Cancel Ok

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BIDS information for EEG.event fields

	EEGLAB Field	Levels	LongName	Description	Unit Name	Un
onset	From sample	n/a	Event onset	Onset (in seconds) of the event...	second	↕
duration		n/a				↕
trial_type		Click to specif...				↕
value	type		Event marker	Marker value associated with t...		↕
stim_file		Click to specif...				↕
sample	latency	n/a				↕
response_time		Click to specif...				↕
HED		n/a				↕

Add/Remove BIDS field

Describing levels of value

	Description
condition_1	response
condition_2	standard
condition_3	ignore
condition_4	oddball
condition_8	noise

New field name (no space): test

Field to remove: (none)

Cancel

Ok

Cancel

Ok

Figure 2: Edit BIDS event info - pop\_eventinfo

**BIDS information for EEG.event fields**

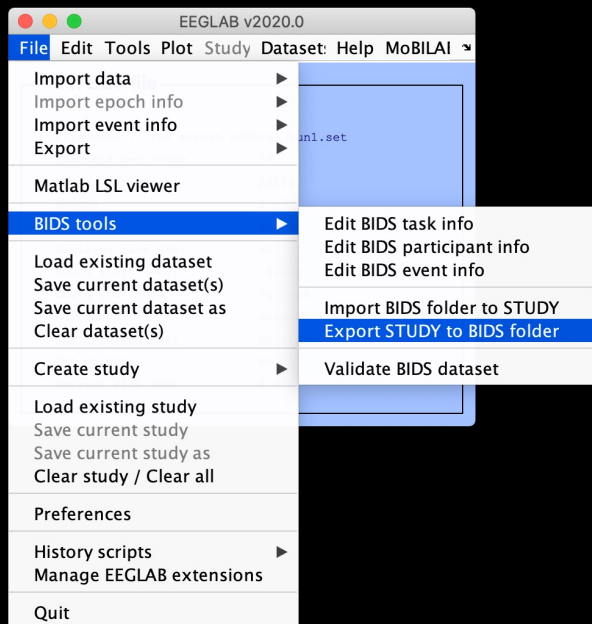
	EEGLAB Field	Levels	LongName	Description	Unit Name	Un
onset	From sample	n/a	Event onset	Onset (in seconds) of the event...	second	↕
duration		n/a				↕
trial_type		Click to specif...				↕
value	type		Event marker	Marker value associated with t...		↕
stim_file		Click to specif...				↕
sample	latency	n/a				↕
response_time		Click to specif...				↕
HED		n/a				↕
test	edftype					↕

Add/Remove BIDS field

Choose EEGLAB field

- ✓ edftype
- latency (converted to s)
- latency (sample)
- urevent

Cancel Ok





Export EEGLAB STUDY to BIDS -- pop\_exportbids()

**Export EEGLAB study to BIDS**

Output folder:

Licence for distributing:

CHANGES compared to previous releases:

Do not use participants ID and create anonymized participant ID instead





EEGLAB v2020.0

File Edit Tools Plot Study Dataset: Help MoBILAI ▾

**STUDY set:**

```
Study filename: ...xport 0300/bids studv.studv
Study task name
Nb of subjects      2
Nb of conditions    1 per subject
Nb of sessions      1 per subject
Nb of groups        1 per subject
Epoch consistency  no
Channels per frame  79
Channel locations   ves
Clusters            1
Status              Missing ICA dec.
Total size (Mb)     51.5
```

MATLAB R2020a - academic use

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Command Window

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bids-validator@undefined

1: [WARN] The Authors field of dataset_description.json should contain an array of fields - with one author per field

Please visit https://neurostars.org/search?q=T00_FEW_AUTHORS for existing conversations about this issue.

Summary:          Available Tasks:    Available Modalities:
21 Files, 93.83MB Experiment          channels
2 - Subjects      eeg
1 - Session       events

If you have any questions, please post on https://neurostars.org/tags/bids.
```

fx >>

# BIDS EEGLAB plugin (export/import)

BIDS task information -- pop\_taskinfo()

**BIDS task information**

Dataset name\*

Task name (no space)

README (short introduction to the experiment):

Participant task description (description of the experiment):

Participant instructions (as exact as possible):

Authors

References and links

Task-relevant Cognitive Atlas term

Task-relevant CogPO term

Institution

Department

Institution location

Help

Cancel Ok

**BIDS EEG acquisition information**

Cap manufacturer

Cap model

EEG reference location\*

EEG ground electrode location

EEG montage system (10-20, 10-10, custom)

EEG amplifier maker

EEG amplifier model

Figure 2: Edit BIDS participant information

Participant information

participant_id	Gender	Age	Group	HeadCirc
s1	M	1		
s2	F	2		

Participant information

Gender

Age

Group

Participant ID column\*

Age column

Gender column

Group column

Head circumference column

Subject artefact column

Choose additional spreadsheet columns to import  
(Hold Ctrl or Shift for multi-select)

- ParticipantID
- Ethnicity
- Income

Cancel Ok

BIDS allows you to describe the levels of each of your categorical fields. Describing levels helps other researchers to understand your experiment better.

Figure 2: Edit BIDS participant info - pop\_participantinfo

Participant information

participant_id	Gender	Age	Group	HeadCircumference
S1				
S2				

Import column(s) Add/Edit column

S1

Cancel Ok

**BIDS metadata for participant fields**

	Description	Levels	Units
participant_id	Unique participant label	n/a	
Gender	Participant gender	F	
Age	Participant age (years)	n/a	years
Group	Participant group label	Click to specify	

```

% Matlab script to export to BIDS - tutorial and unit test case
% Arnaud Delorme - Oct 2020
clear

data = [];
data(end+1).file = {'s1_run1.bdf' 's1_run2.bdf' 's1_run3.bdf'};
data(end ).session = [1 1 1];
data(end ).run = [1 2 3];
data(end ).notes = { 'She changed push button hands during the experiment (in the middle of trials)' };

data(end+1).file = {'s2_run1.bdf' 's2_run2.bdf' 's2_run3.bdf'};
data(end ).session = [1 1 1];
data(end ).run = [1 2 3];
data(end ).notes = { 'First ~120 seconds did not have push button triggers because the USB cable was not

% Content for README file
README = [ 'Data collection took place at the Meditation Research Institute (MRI) in Rishikesh, India under
'Participants sat either on a blanket on the floor or on a chair for both experimental periods depending on
'Participants performed three identical sessions of 13 minutes each. 750 stimuli were presented with 70% of
];

% general information for dataset_description.json file
generalInfo.Name = 'P300 sound task';
generalInfo.ReferencesAndLinks = { 'No bibliographic reference other than the DOI for this dataset' };
generalInfo.BIDSVersion = 'v1.2.1';
generalInfo.License = 'CC0';
generalInfo.Authors = {'Arnaud Delorme' };

% Task information for xxxx-eeg.json file
tInfo.InstitutionAddress = 'Pavillon Baudot CHU Purpan, BP 25202, 31052 Toulouse Cedex';
tInfo.InstitutionName = 'Paul Sabatier Universite';
tInfo.InstitutionalDepartmentName = 'Centre de Recherche Cerveau et Cognition';
tInfo.PowerLineFrequency = 50;
tInfo.ManufacturersModelName = 'Biosemi Active 2';

% participant information for participants.tsv file
pInfo = { 'gender' 'age' 'Ethnicity' 'Air_conditioning';
'F' 44 'Indian' 'on';
'F' 32 'Indian' 'on' };

% participant column description for participants.json file
pInfoDesc.participant_id.LongName = 'Participant identifier';
pInfoDesc.participant_id.Description = 'Unique participant identifier';

pInfoDesc.gender.Description = 'Sex of the participant';
pInfoDesc.gender.Levels.M = 'male';
pInfoDesc.gender.Levels.F = 'female';

pInfoDesc.age.Description = 'age of the participant';
pInfoDesc.age.Units = 'years';

pInfoDesc.Air_conditioning.Description = 'Ethnicity of participants';
pInfoDesc.Ethnicity.Levels.Indian = 'Participant of Indian origin';
pInfoDesc.Ethnicity.Levels.Non_indian = 'Participant of non-Indian origin (Caucasian, etc...)';

pInfoDesc.Air_conditioning.Description = 'Air Conditioning - could create interference so noted here';
pInfoDesc.Air_conditioning.Levels.on = 'Air Conditioning was on - temperature at or below 25C';
pInfoDesc.Air_conditioning.Levels.off = 'Air Conditioning was off - temperature at or above 25C';

```

Raw data files,  
session info,  
run info,  
and notes

README

Dataset  
description

Task  
information

Participant  
information  
and associated  
column  
description

<https://github.com/sccn/bids-matlab-tools-example>

```

% event column description for xxx-events.json file (only one such file)
eInfo = {'onset'      'latency';
        'sample'    'latency';
        'value'     'type' };

eInfoDesc.onset.Description = 'Event onset';
eInfoDesc.onset.Units = 'second';

eInfoDesc.response_time.Description = 'Latency of button press after auditory stimulus';
eInfoDesc.response_time.Levels.Units = 'millisecond';

eInfoDesc.trial_type.Description = 'Type of event';
eInfoDesc.trial_type.Levels.stimulus = 'Auditory stimulus';
eInfoDesc.trial_type.Levels.responses = 'Behavioral response';

eInfoDesc.value.Description = 'Value of event';
eInfoDesc.value.Levels.response = 'Response of the subject';
eInfoDesc.value.Levels.standard = 'Standard at 500 hz for 60 ms';
eInfoDesc.value.Levels.ignore = 'Ignore - not a real event';
eInfoDesc.value.Levels.oddball = 'Oddball at 1000 hz for 60 ms';
eInfoDesc.value.Levels.noise = 'White noise for 60 ms';

renameTypes = { 'condition 1' 'response';
               'condition 2' 'standard';
               'condition 3' 'ignore';
               'condition 4' 'oddball';
               'condition 8' 'noise' };

trialTypes = { 'condition 1' 'response';
              'condition 2' 'stimulus';
              'condition 3' 'n/a';
              'condition 4' 'stimulus';
              'condition 8' 'stimulus' };

% Code Files used to preprocess and import to BIDS
codefiles = { fullfile(pwd, mfilename) fullfile(pwd, 'oddball_psychtoolbox.m') };

% Content for CHANGES file
CHANGES = sprintf([ 'Version 1.0 - 4 Aug 2020\n' ...
                    '- Initial release\n' ]);

% call to the export function
targetFolder = '../BIDS_export';
dipfitdefs;
bids_export(data, ...
            'targetdir', targetFolder, ...
            'taskName', 'P300', ...
            'gInfo', generalInfo, ...
            'pInfo', pInfo, ...
            'pInfoDesc', pInfoDesc, ...
            'eInfo', eInfo, ...
            'eInfoDesc', eInfoDesc, ...
            'README', README, ...
            'CHANGES', CHANGES, ...
            'codefiles', codefiles, ...
            'trialtype', trialTypes, ...
            'chanlookup', template_models(2).chanfile, ...
            'renametype', renameTypes, ...
            'checkresponse', 'condition 1', ...
            'tInfo', tInfo, ...
            'copydata', 1);

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Event  
information and  
associated  
column  
description

Renaming  
events

Code

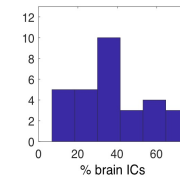
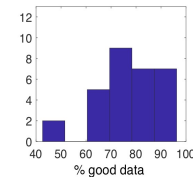
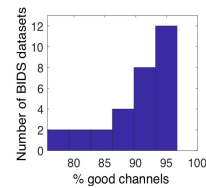
Changes

Calling  
bids\_export.m

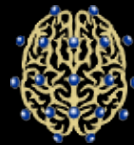
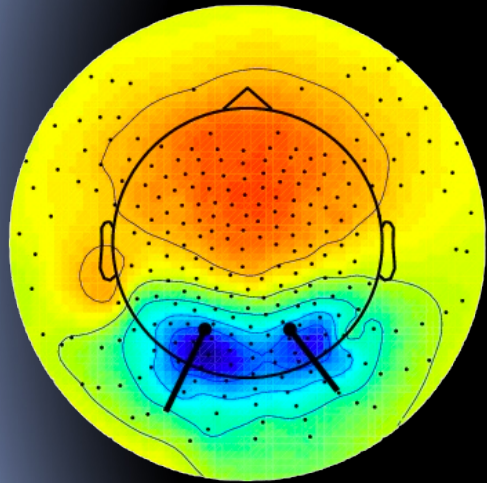
<https://github.com/sccn/bids-matlab-tools-example>

	README	Task Description	Instructions	Event Description	EEG Reference	Power Line Frequency	Channel Types	Electrode Locations	Participants' Age and Gender	Subject Artefact Description	Event Consistency	Channel Consistency	Agregated Score
ds000117													0.18
ds001784													0.73
ds001787													0.67
ds001810													0.75
ds001849													0.45
ds001971													0.83
ds002034													0.58
ds002094													0.45
ds002158													0.33
ds002218													0.67
ds002336													0.36
ds002338													0.36
ds002578													0.75
ds002680													0.67
ds002691													0.75
ds002718													0.83
ds002720													0.5
ds002721													0.5
ds002722													0.42
ds002723													0.42
ds002724													0.42
ds002725													0.42
ds002778													0.45
ds002791													0.45
ds002833													0.64
ds002893													0.83
ds003061													0.83
ds003190													0.55
ds003194													0.45
ds003195													0.55

Dataset	n	Flat	Chan.	Good chan.	Good data	Brain ICs
ds000117	84	-	74	89 - 90	68 - 78	28 - 32
ds001784	30	-	60	85 - 92	63 - 77	5 - 11
ds001787	40	-	64	93 - 95	85 - 90	24 - 30
ds001810	263	-	64	78 - 80	71 - 74	35 - 37
ds001849	120	-	30	86 - 88	66 - 70	41 - 45
ds001971	273	-	112*	91 - 95	81 - 84	8 - 10
ds002034	167	21	62	95 - 98	47 - 52	29 - 33
ds002094	43	-	30	88 - 93	66 - 77	37 - 45
ds002158	8	-	63	80 - 86	19 - 66	11 - 23
ds002218	18	-	32	94 - 97	66 - 78	35 - 46
ds002336	54	1	63	81 - 83	74 - 89	33 - 39
ds002338	85	-	63	74 - 77	87 - 95	24 - 28
ds002578	2	-	18	78 - 89	96 - 97	46 - 60
ds002680	350	-	19	92 - 93	81 - 84	53 - 56
ds002691	20	-	32	93 - 97	82 - 87	30 - 40
ds002718	18	-	74	95 - 96	58 - 76	20 - 28
ds002720	165	-	19	93 - 95	68 - 72	52 - 56
ds002721	185	-	19	95 - 96	67 - 72	45 - 49
ds002722	94	-	32	92 - 95	63 - 70	36 - 39
ds002723	44	-	32	95 - 97	66 - 76	36 - 40
ds002724	96	-	32	94 - 96	72 - 77	35 - 39
ds002725	105	-	31	90 - 94	80 - 85	53 - 58
ds002778	46	-	32	90 - 95	68 - 78	41 - 48
ds002791	92	-	256	90 - 92	62 - 70	6 - 7
ds002833	80	-	256	91 - 94	82 - 88	6 - 8
ds002893	55	12	36	89 - 93	76 - 83	29 - 37
ds003061	39	-	64	84 - 89	86 - 92	22 - 28
ds003190	384	2	8	81 - 83	89 - 91	74 - 78
ds003194	29	-	19	93 - 97	90 - 95	72 - 79
ds003195	20	-	19	90 - 97	89 - 94	65 - 76







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