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Alyx is a fast, flexible database designed for easy storage and retrieval of all data in an experimental neuroscience laboratory - from subject management through data acquisition, raw data file tracking and storage of metadata resulting from manual analysis.

Alyx is not yet production-ready and is still pre-alpha. For information on a usable, testable beta-release, please email maximilian.hunter@ucl.ac.uk

Alyx is built using industry-standard tools ([PostgreSQL 9.5](#) and [Django 1.9](#)) and designed to be interacted with using online webforms to enter and retrieve data manually, or with a documented and easy-to-use REST API programmatically (using built-in functions in [MATLAB](#), [Python](#), and most other modern programming languages, or command-line tools such as [curl](#)). It is easy to integrate with existing applications and allows for powerful queries to be performed to filter and return a specific subset of records in milliseconds. It requires minimal setup and can be hosted on your own internal server or in the cloud, for example with Amazon EC2.

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Motivation

Previous standardisation efforts, as well as current data organisation methods used in laboratories, have several drawbacks. Most recently, the [Neurodata Without Borders](#) project has worked to standardise a format for all experimental neurophysiology data. Alyx builds on this work and adds a number of key advantages:

- **Searchability:** To use data, one has to first find the data. Alyx allows a user to quickly and simply search a database of neurophysiology experiments to find that needed for their scientific question. The search could run over all data collected in the user’s own lab, or all the shared data in the world.
- **Lightweight organization:** A barrier to use of the current NWB format is its monolithic nature: in order use a dataset, a user must download the entire file, even if they only need a small part of it. The large size of these files presents a serious barrier to many users.
- **Ease of use:** The HDF5 format at the base of the current NWB format is an obstacle to its adoption by the neurophysiology community; it will be replaced by simple binary files.
- **Cloud-ready:** As more scientists move to cloud-based computing platforms, it is essential that large data files be quickly readable on these systems. HDF5 presents problems in this regard, that are solved by simple binary files.
- **Encouraging uptake:** Working scientists will only switch from their current file formats if there is a strong incentive to do so. The proposed format comes with two “killer apps” that will encourage widespread adoption: a REST API to facilitate those building scientific tools in integrating support for Alyx into their applications, and set of online webforms to ensure all manually-entered metadata is provided by experimenters.

Design considerations

Metadata vs bulk data

The data accompanying a neurophysiology experiment has two components: **metadata**, which has complex relational organization but small size; and **bulk data**, which consists of large numerical arrays. While the boundary between metadata and bulk data is not always clear, here we use a simple definition: *metadata is any data that a user will want to search over*. Details of an experiment, and summary statistics of the recorded neurons would be searchable metadata: for example, a user could search for all electrophysiological recordings made in hippocampal area CA1 during linear-track running that contain at least 20 well-isolated narrow-spiking units. However the precise spike times and extracellular waveforms of each unit would be unsearchable bulk data.

Storage of complex relational data, and storage of large numerical arrays are both solved problems in computing. We apply tried-and-tested solutions:

- Metadata is stored in an SQL database
- Bulk data is stored with one binary file per numerical array, and the URI (i.e. location) of each file stored in the SQL database.

Unstructured and arbitrary metadata

It is impossible to predict the metadata users will want to store for their experiments, as experimental paradigms are constantly evolving. Traditional relational databases, however, require all columns to be defined ahead of time. We will solve this problem by giving each table an additional “json” column that contains a JSON-formatted string, which can easily be converted into a MATLAB struct. PostgreSQL allows such fields to be searched in a similar way to traditional columns.

Unique identifiers

Databases identify each entry in a table with a “primary key”. As primary keys, we give each entry in a table (e.g. a subject, a lab, an experiment, or a neuron) a “GUID” – a random 128-bit number – which makes the chance of key duplication vanishingly small, even if this schema were used to store all the world’s neuroscience data. This GUID is assigned when the item is first added to the database (e.g. when a web form is filled in for an experiment; after spike sorting; etc.). The use of GUIDs allows users to copy or transfer their data to centralized stores with negligible danger of ID clash.

API and webform access

All database tables described in *the Models page* are accessible by a series of online webforms; each webform broadly represents one table. A subset of data, described in *the API documentation*, are accessible programmatically via an online HTTP REST API; these are ‘serialized’ to avoid users having to write their own database joins and views as much as possible.

Initially, only the data which is likely to be accessed programmatically is made accessible via the API; subjects, experiments, data and analysis results are all exposed in the API, but information about the lab or editing detailed user permissions information is not.

Sharing

This system is designed to be used within a lab, as an “electronic lab notebook” that keeps track of the experiments performed and datasets produced. Eventually, multi-lab support is planned:

This system also makes data sharing straightforward: a lab can share selected datasets by granting read-only access to the REST API and bulk data store; and a user can analyze this data using exactly the same tools they would use to analyze data collected in their own lab. Alternatively, the bulk data files and database entries for a set of completed experiments can be uploaded to a centralized store, to ensure long-term archival without requiring continuing support from the originating lab.

This page describes the structure of the Alyx v1 API. While Alyx is still under development, this is liable to change.

Versioning

All requests receive the v1 version of the API. For forwards-compatibility, we encourage you to explicitly request this version via the Accept header:

```
Accept: application/vnd.alyx.v1+json
```

Schema

All API access should take place over HTTPS; all data is sent and received as JSON:

```
curl -i http://alyx.cortexlab.net/  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Tue, 12 Jul 2016 12:58:38 GMT  
Server: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)  
Vary: Accept, Cookie  
Allow: GET, OPTIONS  
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN  
Transfer-Encoding: chunked  
Content-Type: application/json
```

Blank fields are included as null instead of being omitted.

All timestamps are returned in ISO 8601 format:

```
YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ
```


Authentication and public endpoints

By default, all endpoints (except for a summary representation of users and their subjects) are only accessible after authentication.

To authenticate, you need to fetch a token. By default, these expire after 24 hours.

```
curl -X POST -F 'username=foo' -F 'password=bar' https://alyx.cortexlab.net/auth-
↪token/
{"token":"c719825a24d13ddc52969ba240f9ab6353783095"}
```

Once you have a token, you should pass it as an *Authorization* header to any request you make:

```
curl -X GET http://alyx.cortexlab.net/subjects/ -H 'Authorization: Token_
↪c719825a24d13ddc52969ba240f9ab6353783095'
```

If you pass the wrong credentials, the API will return an error:

```
curl -X POST -F 'username=foo' -F 'password=wrong' https://alyx.cortexlab.net/auth-
↪token/
{"non_field_errors":["Unable to log in with provided credentials."]}
```

Similarly, if the token has expired or is invalid:

```
curl -X GET http://alyx.cortexlab.net/subjects/ -H 'Authorization: Token 123456789abc'
{"detail":"Invalid token."}
```

Root endpoint

You can issue a GET request to the root endpoint to get all the endpoint categories that the API supports.

```
curl https://alyx.cortexlab.net
```

Summary vs detailed representations

When you fetch a list of items, the response may include a subset of the attributes for that resource for performance or bandwidth reasons. This is the “summary” representation of the resource. However, when you fetch an individual item, the full record is returned.

For example, here we fetch a summary representation of all subjects:

```
GET /subjects
```

And now, we request the detailed representation of one specific subject:

```
GET /subjects/EJ010
```

Parameters

Many API methods take optional parameters. For GET requests, any parameters not specified as a segment in the path can be passed as an HTTP query string parameter:

```
curl -i "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/users/thomas/actions?type=experiment"
```

In this example, the `:username` parameter is in the path (with value `'thomas'`) while `:type` is passed in the query string.

For `POST`, `PATCH`, `PUT`, and `DELETE` requests, parameters not included in the URL should be encoded as JSON with a `Content-Type` of `'application/json'`.

Hypermedia and URL cross-links

All resources may have one or more `*_url` properties linking to other resources. These provide explicit URLs so that proper API clients don't need to construct URLs on their own. It is highly recommended that API clients use these. Doing so will make future upgrades of the API easier for developers. All URLs are expected to be proper [RFC 6570](#) URI templates.

Many of the resources on the users API provide a shortcut for getting information about the currently authenticated user. If a request URL does not include a `:username` parameter then the response will be for the logged in user.

Get all users

Returns list of users in summary representation. By default, this API is publicly accessible, to help automated login forms.

```
GET /users
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "username": "thomas",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/subjects/thomas",
    "subjects_responsible": []
  },
  {
    "username": "chris",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/subjects/chris",
    "subjects_responsible":
      [
        "CMSubj104",
        "CMSubj105"
      ]
  }
]
```

Get a specific user

Returns specific user in detailed representation.

```
GET /users/:username
```

Response:

```
{
  "id": 4,
  "username": "chris",
  "first_name": "Chris",
  "last_name": "Burgess",
  "subjects_responsible": [
    "CMSubj104",
    "CMSubj105"
  ],
  "actions_url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/users/chris/actions",
  "email": "chris@cortexlab.net",
  "created_at": "2010-02-16T01:33:35Z",
  "updated_at": "2010-02-16T01:33:35Z",
}
```

List all actions for a user

Returns a list of actions performed by a user, in summary representation.

```
GET /users/chris/actions
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "type": "surgery",
    "id": "660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378",
    "subject": "CBGADCre01",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/actions/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25378",
    "start_date_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "end_date_time": "2016-07-12T14:45:36Z",
    "tags": [
      "surgeon training",
      "3D printed implant"
    ],
    "location": "Room 120",
    "users": [
      "chris",
      "thomas"
    ],
    "procedures": [
      "Headplate",
      "Craniotomy"
    ]
  }
]
```

```

    "type": "experiment",
    "id": "134fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d2541b",
    "subject": "CBGADCre01",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/actions/134fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d2541b",
    "start_date_time": "2016-03-12T14:45:10Z",
    "end_date_time": "2016-05-12T14:46:30Z",
    "tags": [
      "headfixed",
      "training session"
    ],
    "location": "BigRig",
    "users": [
      "chris"
    ],
    "procedures": []
  }
]

```

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
type	string	Defaults to all. Can be experiment, surgery, virus_injection, note, or any other Action.

List all subjects

Returns list of subjects in summary representation. By default, this will only return currently alive subjects belonging to the current logged-in user. Set `?alive=all&user=all` to see all subjects.

```
GET /subjects
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "nickname": "CBGADCrel",
    "id": "ac6cfdad-e771-4222-9132-659d972a79dd",
    "responsible_user": "chris",
    "sex": "F",
    "birth_date": "2016-06-12",
    "death_date": null,
    "notes": "",
    "species": "Mus musculus",
    "litter": null,
    "strain": "C57BL/6J",
    "source": "SupplierACME",
    "cage": "Cage4010",
  },
  {
    "nickname": "M141010_CBECB",
    "id": "6a21e543-9f00-4fd2-ac0c-f1dd60830c1f",
    "responsible_user": "thomas",
    "sex": "U",
    "birth_date": null,
    "death_date": null,
    "notes": null,
    "species": null,
    "litter": null,
  }
]
```

```

    "strain": null,
    "source": null,
    "cage": null,
  },
]

```

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
alive	string	Can be one of dead or alive or all. Default: alive
user-name	string	Defaults to showing subjects for logged-in user. Specify this parameter to show a specific user's subjects, or all to show all users.

Get a specific subject

Returns specific subject in detailed representation.

```
GET /subjects/CBGADCre1
```

Response:

```

[
  {
    "nickname": "CBGADCre1",
    "id": "ac6cfdad-e771-4222-9132-659d972a79dd",
    "responsible_user": "chris",
    "sex": "F",
    "birth_date": "2016-06-12",
    "death_date": null,
    "notes": "",
    "species": "Mus musculus",
    "litter": null,
    "strain": "C57BL/6J",
    "source": "SupplierACME",
    "cage": "Cage4010",
    "genotype": [
      {
        "name": "Pvalb-Cre",
        "zygosity": "Heterozygous"
      },
      {
        "name": "Piezo2-cKO",
        "zygosity": "Homozygous"
      }
    ],
    "actions_url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/CBGADCre1/actions",
    "datasets_url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/CBGADCre1/datasets"
  }
]

```

List all actions for a subject

Returns a list of actions performed on a subject, in summary representation.

```
GET /subjects/CBGADCre1/actions
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "type": "surgery",
    "id": "660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378",
    "subject": "CBGADCre01",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/actions/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25378",
    "start_date_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "end_date_time": "2016-07-12T14:45:36Z",
    "tags": [
      "surgeon training",
      "3D printed implant"
    ],
    "location": "Room 120",
    "users": [
      "chris",
      "thomas"
    ],
    "procedures": [
      "Headplate",
      "Craniotomy"
    ]
  },
  {
    "type": "experiment",
    "id": "134fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d2541b",
    "subject": "CBGADCre01",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/actions/134fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d2541b",
    "start_date_time": "2016-03-12T14:45:10Z",
    "end_date_time": "2016-05-12T14:46:30Z",
    "tags": [
      "headfixed",
      "training session"
    ],
    "location": "BigRig",
    "users": [
      "chris"
    ],
    "procedures": []
  }
]
```

Parameters

Name	Type	Description
type	string	Defaults to all. Can be experiment, surgery, virus_injection, note, or any other Action.

List all datasets for a subject

This will list all the URLs of datasets acquired for a particular subject

By default, the summary representation is displayed. However, the 'detailed' representation can be requested; this saves time compared with listing all experiments and manually requesting the API to get all files multiple times.

```
GET /subjects/CBGADCre1/datasets
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "id": "660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/datasets/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25378",
    "created_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "modified_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "md5": "qwertyu9wef0n",
    "filename": "my_imaging_a1345.tiff",
    "tags": [
      "uncompressed"
    ],
  },
  {
    "id": "110fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25123",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/datasets/110fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25123",
    "created_time": "2015-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "modified_time": "2015-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "md5": "a9wfnap9w4fn2pfnoi",
    "filename": "my_imaging_aabcc1.tiff",
    "tags": [],
  }
]
```

Name	Type	Description
representa- tion	string	Defaults to 'summary'. Setting this to detailed fetches all filepaths, but will be slower.

List all actions

Returns all actions in summary representation. By default, this will only return actions by currently alive subjects belonging to the current logged-in user. Set `?alive=all&user=all` to see all subjects.

```
GET /actions
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "type": "surgery",
    "id": "660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378",
    "subject": "CBGADCre01",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/actions/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25378",
    "start_date_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "end_date_time": "2016-07-12T14:45:36Z",
    "tags": [
      "surgeon training",
      "3D printed implant"
    ],
    "location": "Room 120",
    "users": [
      "chris",
      "thomas"
    ],
    "procedures": [
      "Headplate",
      "Craniotomy"
    ]
  }
]
```

```

    "id": "134fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d2541b",
    "subject": "CBGADCre01",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/actions/134fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d2541b",
    "start_date_time": "2016-03-12T14:45:10Z",
    "end_date_time": "2016-05-12T14:46:30Z",
    "tags": [
      "headfixed",
      "training session"
    ],
    "location": "BigRig",
    "users": [
      "chris"
    ],
    "procedures": []
  }
]

```

Name	Type	Description
type	string	Defaults to all. Can be experiment, surgery, virus_injection, note, or any other Action.
subject	string	Defaults to showing subjects belonging to the logged-in user. Specify this parameter to show a specific subject, or all to show all subjects.

Get a specific action

Returns the detailed view of a specific action.

```
GET /actions/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378
```

Response:

```

[
  {
    "type": "surgery",
    "id": "660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378",
    "subject": "CBGADCre01",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/actions/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25378",
    "start_date_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "end_date_time": "2016-07-12T14:45:36Z",
    "tags": [
      "surgeon training",
      "3D printed implant"
    ],
    "location": "Room 120",
    "users": [
      "chris",
      "thomas"
    ],
    "procedures": [
      "Headplate",
      "Craniotomy"
    ]
  }
]

```

```
] }
```

List all datasets

Returns list of datasets in summary representation

```
GET /datasets
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "id": "660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/datasets/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25378",
    "created_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "modified_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "md5": "qwertyu9wef0n",
    "filename": "my_imaging_a1345.tiff",
    "tags": [
      "uncompressed"
    ],
  },
  {
    "id": "110fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25123",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/datasets/110fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25123",
    "created_time": "2015-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "modified_time": "2015-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "md5": "a9wfnap9w4fn2pfnoi",
    "filename": "my_imaging_aabcc1.tiff",
    "tags": [],
  }
]
```

Get a specific dataset

Returns specific subject in detailed representation.

```
GET /datasets/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378
```

Response:

```
[
  {
    "id": "660fd619-561c-416a-b528-7b0291d25378",
    "url": "https://alyx.cortexlab.net/datasets/660fd619-561c-416a-b528-
↪7b0291d25378",
    "created_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "modified_time": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "md5": "2016-05-12T14:45:01Z",
    "filename": "my_imaging_a1345.tiff",
    "filepaths": [
      {
        "type": "local",
        "hostname": "chris_pc",
        "path": "C:/DATA/CBGADCre1/2016-05-12/2photon/my_imaging_a1345.tiff",
      },
      {
        "type": "smb",
        "path": "\\dataserver.cortexlab.net\\subjects\\CBGADCre1\\2016-05-
↪12\\2photon\\my_imaging_a1345.tiff",
      },
      {
        "type": "tape_archive",
        "id": "CL0005",
      }
    ],
    "tags": [
      "uncompressed"
    ],
  }
]
```

These models generally correspond one-to-one with tables in the database.

Coordinate transforms

```
class misc.models.OrderedUser(id, password, last_login, is_superuser, username, first_name,  
                             last_name, email, is_staff, is_active, date_joined)
```

Bases: `django.contrib.auth.models.User`

Parameters

- **id** (*AutoField*) – Id
- **password** (*CharField*) – Password
- **last_login** (*DateTimeField*) – Last login
- **is_superuser** (*BooleanField*) – Designates that this user has all permissions without explicitly assigning them.
- **username** (*CharField*) – Required. 150 characters or fewer. Letters, digits and @/./+/-/_ only.
- **first_name** (*CharField*) – First name
- **last_name** (*CharField*) – Last name
- **email** (*EmailField*) – Email address
- **is_staff** (*BooleanField*) – Designates whether the user can log into this admin site.
- **is_active** (*BooleanField*) – Designates whether this user should be treated as active. Unselect this instead of deleting accounts.
- **date_joined** (*DateTimeField*) – Date joined
- **groups** (*ManyToManyField to Group*) – The groups this user belongs to. A user will get all permissions granted to each of their groups.

- **user_permissions** (ManyToManyField to `Permission`) – Specific permissions for this user.

class `misc.models.Note` (*id, json, user, date_time, text, content_type, object_id*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **user_id** (ForeignKey to *OrderedUser*) – User
- **date_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Date time
- **text** (*TextField*) – Text
- **content_type_id** (ForeignKey to *ContentType*) – Content type
- **object_id** (*UUIDField*) – Object id

class `misc.models.BrainLocation` (**args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Gives a brain location in stereotaxic coordinates, plus other information about location.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – Name
- **stereotaxic_coordinates** (*ArrayField*) – Stereotaxic coordinates
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description
- **allen_location_ontology** (*CharField*) – Allen location ontology

class `misc.models.CoordinateTransformation` (**args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

This defines how to convert from a local coordinate system (e.g. of a silicon probe) to stereotaxic coordinates. It is an affine transformation: `stereotaxic_coordinates = origin + transformation_matrix*local_coordinates`. The description and `allen_location_ontology` apply to the coordinate origin (e.g. electrode tip).

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – Name
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description
- **allen_location_ontology** (*CharField*) – Allen location ontology
- **origin** (*ArrayField*) – Origin
- **transformation_matrix** (*ArrayField*) – Transformation matrix

Subjects

`class` `subjects.models.Subject` (**args*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Metadata about an experimental subject (animal or human).

Parameters

- `id` (*UUIDField*) – Id
- `json` (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- `nickname` (*CharField*) – Easy-to-remember, unique name (e.g. ‘Hercules’).
- `species_id` (*ForeignKey* to *Species*) – Species
- `litter_id` (*ForeignKey* to *Litter*) – Litter
- `sex` (*CharField* with choices: (('M', 'Male'), ('F', 'Female'), ('U', 'Unknown'))) – Sex
- `strain_id` (*ForeignKey* to *Strain*) – Strain
- `source_id` (*ForeignKey* to *Source*) – Source
- `line_id` (*ForeignKey* to *Line*) – Line
- `birth_date` (*DateField*) – Birth date
- `death_date` (*DateField*) – Death date
- `wean_date` (*DateField*) – Wean date
- `genotype_date` (*DateField*) – Genotype date
- `responsible_user_id` (*ForeignKey* to *OrderedUser*) – Who has primary or legal responsibility for the subject.
- `lamis_cage` (*IntegerField*) – Lamis cage
- `request_id` (*ForeignKey* to *SubjectRequest*) – Request
- `implant_weight` (*FloatField*) – Implant weight in grams
- `ear_mark` (*CharField*) – Ear mark
- `protocol_number` (*CharField* with choices: (('1', '1'), ('2', '2'), ('3', '3'), ('4', '4'))) – Protocol number
- `description` (*TextField*) – Description
- `cull_method` (*TextField*) – Cull method
- `adverse_effects` (*TextField*) – Adverse effects
- `actual_severity` (*IntegerField* with choices: ((None, ''), (1, 'Sub-threshold'), (2, 'Mild'), (3, 'Moderate'), (4, 'Severe'), (5, 'Non-recovery'))) – Actual severity
- `to_be_genotyped` (*BooleanField*) – To be genotyped
- `to_be_culled` (*BooleanField*) – To be culled
- `reduced` (*BooleanField*) – Reduced
- `reduced_date` (*DateField*) – Reduced date
- `genotype` (*ManyToManyField* to *Allele*) – Genotype
- `genotype_test` (*ManyToManyField* to *Sequence*) – Genotype test

class `subjects.models.SubjectRequest` (*id, json, user, line, count, date_time, due_date, description*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **user_id** (*ForeignKey to OrderedUser*) – Who requested this subject.
- **line_id** (*ForeignKey to Line*) – Line
- **count** (*IntegerField*) – Count
- **date_time** (*DateField*) – Date time
- **due_date** (*DateField*) – Due date
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description

`subjects.models.send_subject_request_mail_new` (*sender, instance=None, **kwargs*)
Send an email when a subject request is created.

`subjects.models.send_subject_request_mail_change` (*sender, instance=None, **kwargs*)
Send an email when a subject's request changes.

`subjects.models.send_subject_responsible_user_mail_change` (*sender, instance=None, **kwargs*)
Send an email when a subject's responsible user changes.

class `subjects.models.Litter` (**args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A litter, containing a mother, father, and children with a shared date of birth.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **descriptive_name** (*CharField*) – Descriptive name
- **line_id** (*ForeignKey to Line*) – Line
- **breeding_pair_id** (*ForeignKey to BreedingPair*) – Breeding pair
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description
- **birth_date** (*DateField*) – Birth date

class `subjects.models.BreedingPair` (*id, json, name, line, start_date, end_date, father, mother1, mother2, description*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – Leave to “-” to autofill.
- **line_id** (*ForeignKey to Line*) – Line
- **start_date** (*DateField*) – Start date
- **end_date** (*DateField*) – End date

- **father_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – Father
- **mother1_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – Mother1
- **mother2_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – Mother2
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description

class `subjects.models.Line`(*id*, *json*, *name*, *description*, *target_phenotype*, *auto_name*, *strain*, *species*, *subject_autoname_index*, *breeding_pair_autoname_index*, *litter_autoname_index*, *is_active*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – Name
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description
- **target_phenotype** (*CharField*) – Target phenotype
- **auto_name** (*CharField*) – Auto name
- **strain_id** (ForeignKey to *Strain*) – Strain
- **species_id** (ForeignKey to *Species*) – Species
- **subject_autoname_index** (*IntegerField*) – Subject autoname index
- **breeding_pair_autoname_index** (*IntegerField*) – Breeding pair autoname index
- **litter_autoname_index** (*IntegerField*) – Litter autoname index
- **is_active** (*BooleanField*) – Is active
- **sequences** (ManyToManyField to *Sequence*) – Sequences

class `subjects.models.Species` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A single species, identified uniquely by its binomial name.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **binomial** (*CharField*) – Binomial name, e.g. “*mus musculus*”
- **display_name** (*CharField*) – common name, e.g. “mouse”

class `subjects.models.Strain` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A strain with a standardised name.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **descriptive_name** (*CharField*) – Standard descriptive name E.g. “C57BL/6J”, <http://www.informatics.jax.org/mgihome/nomen/>

- **description** (*TextField*) – Description

class `subjects.models.Source` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A supplier / source of subjects.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – Name
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description

class `subjects.models.StockManager` (*id, json, user*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **user_id** (*OneToOneField to User*) – User

class `subjects.models.Allele` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A single allele.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **standard_name** (*CharField*) – MGNC-standard genotype name e.g. Pvalb, <http://www.informatics.jax.org/mgihome/nomen/>
- **informal_name** (*CharField*) – informal name in lab, e.g. Pvalb-Cre

class `subjects.models.Zygotity` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A junction table between Subject and Allele.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (*ForeignKey to Subject*) – Subject
- **allele_id** (*ForeignKey to Allele*) – Allele
- **zygotity** (*IntegerField with choices: ((0, 'Absent'), (1, 'Heterozygous'), (2, 'Homozygous'), (3, 'Present'))*) – Zygotity

class `subjects.models.Sequence` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A genetic sequence that you run a genotyping test for.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **base_pairs** (*TextField*) – the actual sequence of base pairs in the test
- **description** (*CharField*) – any other relevant information about this test
- **informal_name** (*CharField*) – informal name in lab, e.g. ROSA-WT

class `subjects.models.GenotypeTest` (*id, json, subject, sequence, test_result*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Subject*) – Subject
- **sequence_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Sequence*) – Sequence
- **test_result** (*IntegerField* with choices: ((0, 'Absent'), (1, 'Present'))) – Test result

TEST_RESULTS = ((0, 'Absent'), (1, 'Present'))

A junction table between Subject and Sequence.

Actions

class `actions.models.ProcedureType` (**args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A procedure to be performed on a subject.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – Short procedure name
- **description** (*TextField*) – Detailed description of the procedure

class `actions.models.Weighing` (**args, **kwargs*)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A weighing of a subject.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **user_id** (*ForeignKey* to *OrderedUser*) – The user who weighed the subject
- **subject_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Subject*) – The subject which was weighed
- **date_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Date time
- **weight** (*FloatField*) – Weight in grams
- **weighing_scale_id** (*ForeignKey* to *WeighingScale*) – The scale record that was used to weigh the subject

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Expected weighing.

class `actions.models.WaterAdministration(*args, **kwargs)`

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

For keeping track of water for subjects not on free water.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **user_id** (ForeignKey to *OrderedUser*) – The user who administered water
- **subject_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – The subject to which water was administered
- **date_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Date time
- **water_administered** (*FloatField*) – Water administered, in millilitres
- **hydrogel** (*NullBooleanField*) – Hydrogel

class `actions.models.BaseAction(*args, **kwargs)`

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Base class for an action performed on a subject, such as a recording; surgery; etc. This should always be accessed through one of its subclasses.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – The subject on which this action was performed
- **location_id** (ForeignKey to *LabLocation*) – The physical location at which the action was performed
- **narrative** (*TextField*) – Narrative
- **start_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Start time
- **end_time** (*DateTimeField*) – End time
- **users** (ManyToManyField to *OrderedUser*) – The user(s) involved in this action
- **procedures** (ManyToManyField to *ProcedureType*) – The procedure(s) performed

class `actions.models.VirusInjection(*args, **kwargs)`

Bases: `actions.models.BaseAction`

A virus injection.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – The subject on which this action was performed
- **location_id** (ForeignKey to *LabLocation*) – The physical location at which the action was performed

- **narrative** (*TextField*) – Narrative
- **start_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Start time
- **end_time** (*DateTimeField*) – End time
- **virus_batch_id** (ForeignKey to *VirusBatch*) – Virus batch
- **injection_volume** (*FloatField*) – Volume in nanoliters
- **rate_of_injection** (*FloatField*) – TODO: Nanoliters per second / per minute?
- **injection_type** (CharField with choices: (('I', 'Iontophoresis'), ('P', 'Pressure'))) – Whether the injection was through iontophoresis or pressure
- **users** (ManyToManyField to *OrderedUser*) – The user(s) involved in this action
- **procedures** (ManyToManyField to *ProcedureType*) – The procedure(s) performed

class `actions.models.Surgery` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `actions.models.BaseAction`

Surgery performed on a subject.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – The subject on which this action was performed
- **narrative** (*TextField*) – Narrative
- **start_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Start time
- **end_time** (*DateTimeField*) – End time
- **brain_location_id** (ForeignKey to *BrainLocation*) – Brain location
- **outcome_type** (CharField with choices: (('a', 'Acute'), ('r', 'Recovery'))) – Outcome type
- **location_id** (ForeignKey to *LabLocation*) – The physical location at which the surgery was performed
- **users** (ManyToManyField to *OrderedUser*) – The user(s) involved in this action
- **procedures** (ManyToManyField to *ProcedureType*) – The procedure(s) performed

class `actions.models.Session` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `actions.models.BaseAction`

An session or training session performed on a subject.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (ForeignKey to *Subject*) – The subject on which this action was performed
- **location_id** (ForeignKey to *LabLocation*) – The physical location at which the action was performed
- **narrative** (*TextField*) – Narrative

- **start_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Start time
- **end_time** (*DateTimeField*) – End time
- **users** (*ManyToManyField* to *OrderedUser*) – The user(s) involved in this action
- **procedures** (*ManyToManyField* to *ProcedureType*) – The procedure(s) performed

class `actions.models.WaterRestriction` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `actions.models.BaseAction`

Another type of action.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Subject*) – The subject on which this action was performed
- **location_id** (*ForeignKey* to *LabLocation*) – The physical location at which the action was performed
- **narrative** (*TextField*) – Narrative
- **start_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Start time
- **end_time** (*DateTimeField*) – End time
- **users** (*ManyToManyField* to *OrderedUser*) – The user(s) involved in this action
- **procedures** (*ManyToManyField* to *ProcedureType*) – The procedure(s) performed

class `actions.models.OtherAction` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `actions.models.BaseAction`

Another type of action.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **subject_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Subject*) – The subject on which this action was performed
- **location_id** (*ForeignKey* to *LabLocation*) – The physical location at which the action was performed
- **narrative** (*TextField*) – Narrative
- **start_time** (*DateTimeField*) – Start time
- **end_time** (*DateTimeField*) – End time
- **users** (*ManyToManyField* to *OrderedUser*) – The user(s) involved in this action
- **procedures** (*ManyToManyField* to *ProcedureType*) – The procedure(s) performed

Equipment

class `equipment.models.LabLocation` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

The physical location at which an session is performed or appliances are located. This could be a room, a bench, a rig, etc.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – Name

class `equipment.models.Supplier` (*args, **kwargs)
Bases: `alyx.base.BasePolymorphicModel`

A company or individual that provides lab equipment or supplies. This is a base class, to be accessed by subclasses

Parameters

- **polymorphic_ctype_id** (*ForeignKey* to *ContentType*) – Polymorphic ctype
- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – i.e. ‘NeuroNexus’
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description

class `equipment.models.EquipmentManufacturer` (*args, **kwargs)
Bases: `equipment.models.Supplier`

An equipment manufacturer, i.e. “NeuroNexus”

Parameters **supplier_ptr_id** (*OneToOneField* to *Supplier*) – Supplier ptr

class `equipment.models.VirusSource` (*args, **kwargs)
Bases: `equipment.models.Supplier`

An equipment manufacturer, i.e. “NeuroNexus”

Parameters **supplier_ptr_id** (*OneToOneField* to *Supplier*) – Supplier ptr

class `equipment.models.EquipmentModel` (*args, **kwargs)
Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

An equipment model. i.e. “BrainScanner 4X”

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **manufacturer_id** (*ForeignKey* to *EquipmentManufacturer*) – Manufacturer
- **model_name** (*CharField*) – e.g. ‘BrainScanner 4X’
- **description** (*CharField*) – Description

class `equipment.models.VirusBatch` (*args, **kwargs)
Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A virus batch

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id

- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **virus_type** (*CharField*) – UPenn ID or equivalent
- **description** (*CharField*) – Description
- **virus_source_id** (*ForeignKey* to *VirusSource*) – Who supplied the virus
- **date_time_made** (*DateTimeField*) – Date time made
- **nominal_titer** (*FloatField*) – TODO: What unit?

class `equipment.models.Appliance` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `alyx.base.BasePolymorphicModel`

An appliance, provided by a specific manufacturer. This class is only accessed through its subclasses.

Parameters

- **polymorphic_ctype_id** (*ForeignKey* to *ContentType*) – Polymorphic ctype
- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **location_id** (*ForeignKey* to *LabLocation*) – The physical location of the appliance.
- **equipment_model_id** (*ForeignKey* to *EquipmentModel*) – Equipment model
- **serial** (*CharField*) – The serial number of the appliance.
- **description** (*TextField*) – Description
- **descriptive_name** (*CharField*) – Descriptive name

class `equipment.models.WeighingScale` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `equipment.models.Appliance`

A weighing scale.

Parameters **appliance_ptr_id** (*OneToOneField* to *Appliance*) – Appliance ptr

class `equipment.models.LightSource` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `equipment.models.Appliance`

A light source (e.g. for use in optogenetics).

Parameters **appliance_ptr_id** (*OneToOneField* to *Appliance*) – Appliance ptr

class `equipment.models.Amplifier` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `equipment.models.Appliance`

An amplifier used in electrophysiology sessions.

Parameters **appliance_ptr_id** (*OneToOneField* to *Appliance*) – Appliance ptr

class `equipment.models.PipettePuller` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `equipment.models.Appliance`

A pipette puller for intracellular electrophysiology.

Parameters **appliance_ptr_id** (*OneToOneField* to *Appliance*) – Appliance ptr

class `equipment.models.DAQ` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `equipment.models.Appliance`

A DAQ for extracellular electrophysiology.

Parameters **appliance_ptr_id** (*OneToOneField* to *Appliance*) – Appliance ptr

class `equipment.models.ExtracellularProbe` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `equipment.models.Appliance`

An extracellular probe used in extracellular electrophysiology.

Parameters

- **appliance_ptr_id** (OneToOneField to `Appliance`) – Appliance ptr
- **prb** (`JSONField`) – A JSON string describing the probe connectivity and geometry. For details, see <https://github.com/klusta-team/kwiklib/wiki/Kwik-format#prb>

Data

class `data.models.DataRepositoryType` (id, json, name)
 Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Parameters

- **id** (`UUIDField`) – Id
- **json** (`JSONField`) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (`CharField`) – Name

class `data.models.DataRepository` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Base class for a file storage device; this could be a local hard-drive on a laptop, a network file location, or an offline archive tape / Blu-Ray disc / hard-drive.

Information about the repository is stored in JSON in a type-specific manner

Parameters

- **id** (`UUIDField`) – Id
- **json** (`JSONField`) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (`CharField`) – Name
- **repository_type_id** (ForeignKey to `DataRepositoryType`) – Repository type
- **path** (`CharField`) – absolute path to the repository

class `data.models.FileRecord` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A single file on disk or tape. Normally specified by a path within an archive. In some cases (like for a single array split over multiple binary files) more details can be in the JSON

Parameters

- **id** (`UUIDField`) – Id
- **json** (`JSONField`) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **dataset_id** (ForeignKey to `Dataset`) – Dataset
- **data_repository_id** (ForeignKey to `DataRepository`) – Data repository
- **relative_path** (`CharField`) – path name within repository

class `data.models.BaseExperimentalData` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

Abstract base class for all data acquisition models. Never used directly.

Contains a session link, which will provide information about who did the experiment etc. Information about experiment #, series, etc. can go in the JSON

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.

class `data.models.DatasetType` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `alyx.base.BaseModel`

A descriptor to accompany a dataset, saying what sort of information is contained in it E.g. “Neuropixels raw data” “eye camera movie”, etc.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **name** (*CharField*) – description of data type

class `data.models.Dataset` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

A chunk of data that is stored outside the database, most often a rectangular binary array. There can be multiple FileRecords for one Dataset, if it is stored multiple places, which can have different types depending on how the file is stored

Note that by convention, binary arrays are stored as .npy and text arrays as .tsv

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **name** (*CharField*) – Name
- **md5** (*UUIDField*) – MD5 hash of the data buffer
- **dataset_type_id** (*ForeignKey* to *DatasetType*) – Dataset type

class `data.models.Timescale` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

A timescale that is used to align recordings on multiple devices. There can be multiple timescales for a single experiment, which could be used for example if some information could only be aligned with poor temporal resolution.

However there can only be one timescale with the flag “final” set to True at any moment. This should reflect a final, accurate time alignment, that can be used by data analysts who do not need to understand how time alignment was performed. It should have a sample rate of 1.

When users search for data, they will normally search for a timescale that is linked to timeseries of the appropriate kind.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **name** (*CharField*) – informal name describing this field
- **nominal_start** (*DateTimeField*) – Approximate date and time corresponding to 0 samples
- **nominal_time_unit** (*FloatField*) – Nominal time unit for this timescale (in seconds)
- **final** (*BooleanField*) – set to true for the final results of time alignment, in seconds
- **info** (*CharField*) – any information, e.g. length of break around 300s inferred approximately from computer clock

class `data.models.TimeSeries` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

A special type of Dataset with associated timestamps, relative to specified timescale.

If a recording has been aligned to more than one Timescale, there will be multiple TimeSeries objects, that with the same primary data file but different timestamp files

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **data_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – N*2 array containing sample numbers and their associated timestamps
- **timestamps_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – N*2 array containing sample numbers and their associated timestamps
- **timescale_id** (ForeignKey to *Timescale*) – Timescale

class `data.models.EventSeries` (*args, **kwargs)
 Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Links to a file containing a set of event times and descriptions, such as behavioral events or sensory stimuli.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id

- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **timescale_id** (ForeignKey to *Timescale*) – which timescale this is on
- **event_times_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*1 array of times
- **event_types_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*1 array listing the type of each event, numbers or strings
- **type_descriptions_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – nTypes*2 text array (.tsv) describing event types
- **description** (*TextField*) – misc. narrative e.g. ‘drifting gratings of different orientations’, ‘ChoiceWorld behavior events’
- **generating_software** (*CharField*) – e.g. ‘ChoiceWorld 0.8.3’
- **provenance_directory_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to directory containing intermediate results

class `data.models.IntervalSeries` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Links to a file containing a set of start/end pairs and descriptions, such as behavioral intervals or extended sensory stimuli.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **timescale_id** (ForeignKey to *Timescale*) – which timescale this is on
- **interval_times_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*2 array of start and end times
- **interval_types_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*1 array listing the type of each interval
- **type_descriptions_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – interval series type descriptions
- **description** (*TextField*) – misc. narrative e.g. ‘drifting gratings of different orientations’, ‘ChoiceWorld behavior intervals’
- **generating_software** (*CharField*) – e.g. ‘ChoiceWorld 0.8.3’
- **provenance_directory_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to directory containing intermediate results

Behavior

class `behavior.models.PupilTracking` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Describes the results of a pupil tracking algorithm.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **x_y_d_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – n*3 timeseries giving x and y coordinates of center plus diameter
- **movie_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – Link to raw data
- **eye** (*CharField* with choices: (('L', 'Left'), ('R', 'Right'))) – Which eye was tracked; left or right
- **description** (*TextField*) – misc. narrative e.g. ('unit: mm' or 'unknown scale factor')
- **generating_software** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'PupilTracka 0.8.3'
- **provenance_directory_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Dataset*) – link to directory containing intermediate results

class `behavior.models.HeadTracking` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Describes the results of a head tracking algorithm.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **x_y_theta_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – 3*n timeseries giving x and y coordinates of head plus angle
- **movie_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – Link to raw data
- **description** (*TextField*) – misc. narrative e.g. ('unit: cm' or 'unknown scale factor')
- **generating_software** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'HeadTracka 0.8.3'
- **provenance_directory_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Dataset*) – link to directory containing intermediate results

class `behavior.models.EventSeries` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Links to a file containing a set of event times and descriptions, such as behavioral events or sensory stimuli.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id

- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **event_times_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*1 array of times in seconds (universal timescale)
- **type_descriptions_id_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – Type descriptions id
- **event_types_id_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*1 array listing the type of each event
- **description** (*TextField*) – misc. narrative e.g. ‘drifting gratings of different orientations’, ‘ChoiceWorld behavior events’
- **generating_software** (*CharField*) – e.g. ‘ChoiceWorld 0.8.3’
- **provenance_directory_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to directory containing intermediate results

class `behavior.models.IntervalSeries` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Links to a file containing a set of start/end pairs and descriptions, such as behavioral intervals or extended sensory stimuli.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **interval_times_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*2 array, with associated array of row labels.
- **interval_types_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – n*1 array listing the type of each interval
- **type_descriptions_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – Type descriptions
- **description** (*TextField*) – misc. narrative e.g. ‘drifting gratings of different orientations’, ‘ChoiceWorld behavior intervals’
- **generating_software** (*CharField*) – e.g. ‘ChoiceWorld 0.8.3’
- **provenance_directory_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to directory containing intermediate results

class `behavior.models.OptogeneticStimulus` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

This is a special type of interval series, to deal with optogenetic stimuli.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way

- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **apparatus_id** (ForeignKey to *Appliance*) – e.g. Laser that was used for stimulation.
- **light_delivery** (*CharField*) – e.g. ‘fiber pointed at craniotomy’
- **description** (*CharField*) – e.g. ‘square pulses’, ‘ramps’
- **wavelength** (*FloatField*) – in nm
- **brain_location_id** (ForeignKey to *BrainLocation*) – of fiber tip, craniotomy, etc.
- **stimulus_times_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to an n*2 array of start and stop of each pulse (sec)
- **stimulus_positions_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to an n*3 array of stimulus positions
- **power_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to an n*1 array giving each pulse power
- **power_calculation_method** (*CharField*) – TODO: normalize? measured, nominal
- **waveform_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to a file giving the waveform of each stimulus.?

class `behavior.models.Pharmacology` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Describes a drug application during the session.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **drug** (*CharField*) – TODO: normalize? Also say what it is dissolved in (DMSO etc)
- **administration_route** (*CharField*) – TODO: normalize? IP, IV, IM, surface etc...
- **start_time** (*FloatField*) – in seconds relative to session start. TODO: not DateTimeField? / TimeDifference
- **end_time** (*FloatField*) – equals start time if single application. TODO: should this be an offset? Or DateTimeField? Or TimeDifference?
- **concentration** (*CharField*) – TODO: not FloatField? include unit (e.g. g/kg; mM; %)
- **volume** (*CharField*) – TODO: not FloatField? include unit (e.g. μ L)

Electrophysiology

class `electrophysiology.models.ExtracellularRecording` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

There is one document in this collection each time you make an extracellular recording. There will typically be one `spike_sorting` entry associated with it (although there could be more). The data files directly associated with this document are `raw_data` and `lfp` (`raw_data` downsampled). Note that we assume channels are recorded in the same order every time a probe is used. (TODO: do we? Where?)

TODO: sample rate? dead channels? Some linking of the same chronic implant location between multiple recordings/days?

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **raw_data_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – Raw electrophysiology recording data in flat binary format
- **lowpass_data_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – Extracellular low-passed data
- **highpass_data_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – Extracellular high-passed data
- **filter_info** (*CharField*) – Details of hardware corner frequencies, filter type, order. TODO: make this more structured?
- **nominal_start_time** (*FloatField*) – in seconds relative to session start.
- **nominal_end_time** (*FloatField*) – in seconds relative to session start
- **recording_type** (*CharField* with choices: (('C', 'Chronic'), ('A', 'Acute'))) – Whether the recording is chronic or acute
- **ground_electrode** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'screw above cerebellum'
- **reference_electrode** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'shorted to ground'
- **impedances_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Dataset*) – binary array for measured impedance of each channel (ohms).
- **amplifier_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Amplifier*) – The amplifier used in this recording.
- **daq_description_id** (*ForeignKey* to *DAQ*) – The DAQ used.
- **electrode_depth** (*FloatField*) – estimated depth of electrode tip from brain surface.
- **probe_location_id** (*ForeignKey* to *CoordinateTransformation*) – from probe tip
- **extracellular_probe_id** (*ForeignKey* to *ExtracellularProbe*) – Which probe model was used.

class `electrophysiology.models.SpikeSorting` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

An entry in the *spike_sorting* table contains metadata about a single spike sorting run of an extracellular recording. There will usually be only one of these per recording, but there could be several if you want to store multiple alternative clusterings. Note that the database only describes the final spike sorting results, not intermediate steps such as feature vectors, to allow flexibility if algorithms change later. However, it does contain a *provenance_directory* that can contain these intermediate steps, in a non-standardized format.

Finally, while multiple *extracellular_recordings* can be sorted together, they must all belong to the same session (i.e. the same action). This is required as time zero is defined separately for each session. When multiple sessions are clustered together (e.g. in a chronic recording over several days), you will need to create multiple *spike_sorting* documents, and link them together (to be determined exactly how).

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **spike_times_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – time of each spike relative to session start in universal seconds.
- **extracellular_recording_id** (ForeignKey to *ExtracellularRecording*) – Extracellular recording
- **cluster_assignments_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – cluster assignment of each spike
- **mean_unfiltered_waveforms_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – mean unfiltered waveforms of every spike on every channel
- **mean_filtered_waveforms_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – mean filtered waveforms of every spike on every channel
- **generating_software** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'phy 0.8.3'
- **provenance_directory_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – link to directory containing intermediate results

class `electrophysiology.models.SpikeSortedUnit` (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

This is going to be the biggest table, containing information on every unit resulting from spike sorting. (There is a separate table for units resulting from 2-photon).

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **cluster_number** (*IntegerField*) – Cluster number
- **spike_sorting_id** (ForeignKey to *SpikeSorting*) – The spike sorting this unit came from

- **channel_group** (*IntegerField*) – which shank this unit came from (an integer not a link)
- **trough_to_peak_width** (*FloatField*) – ms, computed from unfiltered mean spike waveform.
- **half_width** (*FloatField*) – ms, half width of negative peak in unfiltered spike waveform.
- **trough_to_peak_amplitude** (*FloatField*) – μV , from filtered spike waveform.
- **refractory_violation_rate** (*FloatField*) – fraction of spikes occurring $< 2\text{ms}$.
- **isolation_distance** (*FloatField*) – A measure of isolation quality
- **l_ratio** (*FloatField*) – A measure of isolation quality
- **mean_firing_rate** (*FloatField*) – spikes/s
- **location_center_of_mass** (*FloatField*) – 3x1 in estimated stereotaxic coordinates.
- **cluster_group** (*CharField* with choices: (('0', 'Noise'), ('1', 'Multi-unit activity'), ('2', 'Single-unit activity'))) – Human decision on cluster group
- **spike_width_class** (*CharField* with choices: (('N', 'Narrow'), ('W', 'Wide'))) – Human decision on spike width
- **optogenetic_response** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'Short latency' (only if applicable)
- **putative_cell_type** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'Sst interneuron', 'PT cell'.
- **estimated_layer** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'Layer 5b'.

class electrophysiology.models.**IntracellularRecording** (*args, **kwargs)

Bases: *data.models.BaseExperimentalData*

This describes a single intracellular electrode used in one recording.

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **tip_location_id** (*ForeignKey* to *BrainLocation*) – Estimated location of probe tip
- **electrode_type** (*CharField* with choices: (('W', 'Whole-cell'), ('S', 'Sharp'))) – Electrode type
- **pipette_puller_id** (*ForeignKey* to *PipettePuller*) – Pipette puller
- **inner_diameter** (*FloatField*) – mm – before pulling
- **outer_diameter** (*FloatField*) – mm – before pulling
- **electrode_solution** (*TextField*) – Solution details.
- **cp_fast** (*FloatField*) – (pF)
- **cp_slow** (*FloatField*) – (pF)

- **whole_cell_cap_comp** (*FloatField*) – (pF)
- **whole_cell_series_resistance** (*FloatField*) – (Mohm)
- **series_resistance_compensation_bandwidth** (*FloatField*) – (kHz)
- **series_resistance_compensation_correction** (*FloatField*) – (%)
- **series_resistance_compensation_prediction** (*FloatField*) – (%)
- **recorded_current_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – nA. TODO: time series? flat file? sample rate?
- **voltage_command_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – mV
- **pipette_cap_comp** (*FloatField*) – (pF)
- **bridge_balance** (*FloatField*) – (M Ohm)
- **recorded_voltage_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – mV
- **current_command_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – nA
- **gain** (*FloatField*) – (V/V) – for info only; not required to convert raw data to volts

Imaging

class `imaging.models.SVDCompressedMovie` (*id, json, session, created_by, created_date, compressed_data_U, compressed_data_V*)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **compressed_data_U_id** (ForeignKey to *Dataset*) – nSVs*nY*nX binary array giving normalized eigenframesSVD-compression eigenframes
- **compressed_data_V_id** (ForeignKey to *TimeSeries*) – nSamples*nSVs binary array SVD-compression timecourses

class `imaging.models.WidefieldImaging` (*id, json, session, created_by, created_date, raw_data, compressed_data, nominal_start_time, nominal_end_time, imaging_indicator, pre-processing, description, image_position, excitation_nominal_wavelength, recording_nominal_wavelength, excitation_device, recording_device*)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs

- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to `User`) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (`DateTimeField`) – The creation date.
- **raw_data_id** (ForeignKey to `TimeSeries`) – pointer to nT by nX by nY by nC (colors) binary file
- **compressed_data_id** (ForeignKey to `SVDCompressedMovie`) – Link to SVD compressed movie, if compression was run
- **nominal_start_time** (`DateTimeField`) – in seconds relative to session start. TODO: not `DateTimeField`? / `TimeDifference`
- **nominal_end_time** (`DateTimeField`) – Equals start time if single application. TODO: should this be an offset? Or `DateTimeField`? Or `TimeDifference`?
- **imaging_indicator** (`CharField`) – . TODO: normalize!
- **preprocessing** (`CharField`) – e.g. ‘computed (F-F0) / F0, estimating F0 as running min’
- **description** (`CharField`) – e.g. ‘field of view includes V1, S1, retrosplenial’
- **image_position_id** (ForeignKey to `CoordinateTransformation`) – Image position
- **excitation_nominal_wavelength** (`FloatField`) – in nm. Can be array for multispectral
- **recording_nominal_wavelength** (`FloatField`) – in nm. Can be array for multispectral
- **excitation_device_id** (ForeignKey to `LightSource`) – Excitation device
- **recording_device** (`CharField`) – e.g. camera manufacturer, plus filter description etc. TODO: Appliance subclass - what name?

```
class imaging.models.TwoPhotonImaging(id, json, session, created_by, created_date, raw_data,
                                       compressed_data, description, image_position, excitation_wavelength,
                                       recording_wavelength, reference_stack)
```

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Parameters

- **id** (`UUIDField`) – Id
- **json** (`JSONField`) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (ForeignKey to `Session`) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (ForeignKey to `User`) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (`DateTimeField`) – The creation date.
- **raw_data_id** (ForeignKey to `TimeSeries`) – array of size nT by nX by nY by nZ by nC
- **compressed_data_id** (ForeignKey to `SVDCompressedMovie`) – to `Compressed_movie`, if compression was run
- **description** (`CharField`) – e.g. ‘V1 layers 2-4’
- **image_position_id** (ForeignKey to `CoordinateTransformation`) – Note if different planes have different alignment (e.g. flyback plane), this can’t be done in a single

3x3 transformation matrix, instead you would have an array of 3x2 matrices. TODO: how do we deal with this?

- **excitation_wavelength** (*FloatField*) – in nm
- **recording_wavelength** (*FloatField*) – in nm. Can be array for multispectral imaging. TODO: deal with arrays?
- **reference_stack_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Dataset*) – TODO: reference stack / BrainImage

class `imaging.models.ROIDetection` (*id, json, session, created_by, created_date, masks, plane, preprocessing, f, f0, two_photon_imaging_id*)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **masks_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Dataset*) – array of size nROIs by nY by nX
- **plane_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Dataset*) – array saying which plane each roi is found in. TODO: is this an ArrayField? JSON?
- **preprocessing** (*CharField*) – computed (F-F0) / F0, estimating F0 as running min'
- **f_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – array of size nT by nROIs giving raw fluorescence
- **f0_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TimeSeries*) – array of size nT by nROIs giving resting fluorescence
- **two_photon_imaging_id_id** (*ForeignKey* to *TwoPhotonImaging*) – 2P imaging stack.

class `imaging.models.ROI` (*id, json, session, created_by, created_date, roi_type, optogenetic_response, putative_cell_type, estimated_layer, roi_detection_id*)

Bases: `data.models.BaseExperimentalData`

Parameters

- **id** (*UUIDField*) – Id
- **json** (*JSONField*) – Structured data, formatted in a user-defined way
- **session_id** (*ForeignKey* to *Session*) – The Session to which this data belongs
- **created_by_id** (*ForeignKey* to *User*) – The creator of the data.
- **created_date** (*DateTimeField*) – The creation date.
- **roi_type** (*CharField*) – soma, dendrite, neuropil, ...> TODO: normalize?
- **optogenetic_response** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'Short latency' (only if applicable)
- **putative_cell_type** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'Sst interneuron', 'PT cell'
- **estimated_layer** (*CharField*) – e.g. 'Layer 5b'
- **roi_detection_id_id** (*ForeignKey* to *ROIDetection*) – link to detection entry

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