

# DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data

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## Supporting Information

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# 1 DeerLab scripts

All DeerLab scripts used for the figures in the main text are provided here. These were written using DeerLab (release 0.9.0) in MATLAB R2019b.

Script 1: `figure3_regularization.m` - DeerLab script employed for generating Figure 2 of the main text.

```
1 %-----
2 % Figure 2 - Regularization approaches
3 %-----
4 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.2 of the paper:
5 %
6 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
7 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
8 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
9 %
10 % DeerLab version:
11 %   Release: 0.9.0
12 %-----
13
14 clear,clc,clf
15
16 % Figure 2a
17 %-----
18
19 %Fix random numbers for reproduceable results
20 rng(0)
21
22 %Generate ground truth distance distribution
23 [rfine,P] = groundtruth('figure2');
24
25 %Define a shorter distance axis for the fit
26 r = linspace(2.5,5,300);
27
28
29 %Simulate dipolar signal
30 t = linspace(-0.5,4,500);
31 lambda = 0.2;
32 V = dipolarsignal(t,rfine,P,lambda,'noiselevel',0.01);
33
34 %Prepare dipolar kernel
35 K = dipolarkernel(t,r,lambda);
36
37 %Determine regularization parameter for to avoid computing twice
38 alpha = selregparam(V,K,'tikh','aic');
39
40 %Get Tikhonov fit
41 Ptikh = fitregmodel(V,K,r,'tikh',alpha);
42 Vtikh = K*Ptikh;
43
44 %Get TV fit
45 Ptv = fitregmodel(V,K,r,'tv','aic');
46 Vtv = K*Ptv;
47
48 %Get OBIR fit
49 Pobir = obir(V,K,r,'tikh',alpha,'NoiseLevelAim',0.01);
50 Vfit = K*Pobir;
51
52 %Plot results
53
54 subplot(221)
55 plot(t,V,'k.',t,Vfit,t,Vtikh,t,Vtv,'LineWidth',1.5)
56 axis tight
57 set(gca,'fontsize',13)
58 xlabel('Time [\mus]'),ylabel('V(t) [\mus^{-1}]')
59
60 subplot(222)
61 plot(rfine,P,'k',r,Pobir,r,Ptikh,'-',r,Ptv,'-', 'LineWidth',1.5)
62 axis tight
63 xlim([3 4.5])
64 set(gca,'fontsize',13)
65 xlabel('Distance [nm]'),ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
66 legend('truth','OBIR','Tikh','TV')
67
68 % Figure 2b
69 %-----
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70
71 rng(9)
72
73 %Simulate dipolar signal
74 t = linspace(-0.5,4,600);
75 lambda = 0.2;
76 V = dipolarsignal(t,rfine,P,lambda,'noiselevel',0.025);
77
78 %Prepare dipolar kernel
79 K = dipolarkernel(t,r,lambda);
80
81 %Determine regularization parameter for to avoid computing twice
82 alpha = selregparam(V,K,'tikh','aic');
83
84 %Get Tikhonov fit
85 Ptikh = fitregmodel(V,K,r,'tikh',alpha);
86 Vtikh = K*Ptikh;
87
88 %Get TV fit
89 Ptv = fitregmodel(V,K,r,'tv','aic');
90 Vtv = K*Ptv;
91
92 %Get OBIR fit
93 Pobir = obir(V,K,r,'tikh',alpha,'NoiseLevelAim',0.025);
94 Vfit = K*Pobir;
95
96 %Plot results
97
98 subplot(223)
99 plot(t,V,'k.',t,Vfit,t,Vtikh,t,Vtv,'LineWidth',1.5)
100 axis tight
101 set(gca,'fontsize',13)
102 xlabel('Time [\mus]'),ylabel('V(t) [\mus^{-1}]')
103
104 subplot(224)
105 plot(rfine,P,'k.',r,Pobir,r,Ptikh,'-',r,Ptv,'-', 'LineWidth',1.5)
106 axis tight
107 xlim([3 4.5])
108 set(gca,'fontsize',13)
109 xlabel('Distance [nm]'),ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
110 legend('truth','OBIR','Tikh','TV')

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Script 2: figure5\_multigauss.m - DeerLab script employed for generating Figure 3 of the main text.

```

1 %-----
2 % Figure 3 - Multi-Gauss model fitting
3 %-----
4 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.3 of the paper:
5 %
6 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
7 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
8 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
9 %
10 % DeerLab version:
11 %   Release: 0.9.0
12 %-----
13
14 clear,clc
15
16 rng(1)
17
18 % Generate data
19 %-----
20 t = linspace(-0.25,4,300); % time axis, us
21 lam = 0.35;
22 B = bg.exp(t,0.08);
23
24 [r,P] = groundtruth('figure3');
25
26
27 % Generate dipolar signal with noise
28 V = dipolarsignal(t,r,P,lam,B) + whitegaussnoise(t,0.01,'rescale');
29
30 % Run multi-Gauss fitting
31 %-----
32 NGauss = 5; % maximum number of Gaussians

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33 [Pfit,param,Pci,paramci,Nopt,metrics,Peval] = fitmultimodel(V,t,r,@dd-gauss,NGauss,'aic','...
    background',@bg_exp,'confidencelevel',0.95,'multistart',1);
34 K = dipolarkernel(t,r,param(end-1),bg_exp(t,param(end)));
35
36 Vfit = K*Pfit;
37
38 fprintf('The optimal number of Gaussians is: %i \n',Nopt)
39
40 % Plot results
41 %-----
42 figure(8),clf
43
44 figure(1),clf
45 hold on
46 plot(t,V,'k.','LineWidth',1)
47 plot(t,Vfit,'b','LineWidth',1.5)
48 plot(t,(1-param(end-1))*bg_exp(t,param(end)),'r','LineWidth',1.5)
49 box on,legend('model','fit')
50 xlabel('time (\mus)'),ylabel('S(t)')
51 axis tight
52 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
53
54 figure(2),clf
55 hold on
56 plot(r,P,'k','LineWidth',1.5)
57 plot(r,Pfit,'b','LineWidth',1.5)
58 fill([r fliplr(r)], [Pci(:,1); flipud(Pci(:,2))],'b','LineStyle','none','facealpha',0.25)
59 box on, axis tight
60 legend('model','optimal fit')
61 xlabel('distance (nm)'), ylabel('P(r)')
62 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
63 % xlim([2.5 4.5])
64
65 figure(3),clf
66 hold on
67 ax = 1:length(metrics);
68 w = exp(-(metrics - min(metrics))/2)/sum(exp(-(metrics - min(metrics))/2))
69 plot(ax,metrics - min(metrics),'-o','LineWidth',1.5)
70 box on,axis tight
71 ylabel('AIC')
72 xlabel('number of Gaussians in model')
73 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
74
75 figure(4),clf
76 hold on
77 plot(r,Peval + 2*(1:NGauss).','b-','LineWidth',1.5)
78 box on,axis tight
79 set(gca,'ytick',2:2:2*NGauss,'yticklabel',1:NGauss)
80 xlabel('distance (nm)')
81 ylabel('#Gaussians in model')
82 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
83 % xlim([2.5 4.5])
84 ylim(2*[0.8 7.5])

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Script 3: figure7\_bileveloptimization.m - DeerLab script employed for generating Figure 5 of the main text.

```

1 %-----
2 % Figure 5 - One-step vs Two-step Analysis
3 %-----
4 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.5 of the paper:
5 %
6 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
7 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
8 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
9 %
10 % DeerLab version:
11 %   Release: 0.9.0
12 %-----
13
14 %Fix random numbers for reproduceable results
15 rng(1)
16
17 % Load example data
18 [r,P] = groundtruth('figure5');
19
20 % Loop over all four cases of truncation

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21 for i=1:4
22
23     switch i
24         case 1
25             % Plot 1: truncation 1/4
26             t = linspace(-0.5,8,300);
27         case 2
28             % Plot 2: truncation 2/4
29             t = linspace(-0.5,3.2,300);
30         case 3
31             % Plot 3: truncation 3/4
32             t = linspace(-0.5,1.5,300);
33         case 4
34             % Plot 4: truncation 4/4
35             t = linspace(-0.5,0.7,300);
36     end
37
38     % Simulate the dipolar signal
39     B = bg_exp(t,0.09);
40     lam = 0.3;
41     V = dipolarsignal(t,r,P,lam,B) + whitegaussnoise(t,0.005,'rescale');
42
43     % Create function handle depending on r and param from the custom model
44     fcnhandle = @(t,param) mymodel(t,param,r,V,K);
45
46     % One-step analysis
47     %-----
48     % Fit the background and distribution simultaneously
49     parafit = fitparamodel(V,fcnhandle,t,[0.05,0.05],'Lower',[0 0.01],'Upper',[1 1],'TolFun',1e...
50     -5);
51     [Vfit,Pfit,Bfit,alphaopt] = mymodel(t,parafit,r,V);
52     Bfit = (1-parafit(1))*Bfit;
53
54     % Two-step analysis
55     %-----
56     % Fit the background...
57     [Bfit2,lam2] = fitbackground(V,t,@bg_exp);
58     KB2 = dipolarkernel(t,r,lam2,Bfit2);
59     % ...and then the distribution
60     Pfit2 = fitregmodel(V,KB2,r,'tikhonov','aic');
61     Vfit2 = KB2*Pfit2;
62
63     % Plot the results
64     %-----
65     subplot(3,4,i)
66     plot(t,V,'k.',t,Vfit,'b-',t,Bfit,'b--',t,(1-lam)*B,'k--','LineWidth',1.5)
67     axis tight
68     set(gca,'fontsize',14)
69     ylims = ylim;
70     xlabel('t [\mus]')
71     ylabel('V(t)')
72
73     subplot(3,4,i+4)
74     plot(t,V,'k.',t,Vfit2,'r-',t,(1-lam2)*Bfit2,'r--',t,(1-lam)*B,'k--','LineWidth',1.5)
75     axis tight
76     set(gca,'fontsize',14)
77     ylim(ylims)
78     xlabel('t [\mus]')
79     ylabel('V(t)')
80
81     subplot(3,4,i+8)
82     plot(r,P,'k',r,Pfit,'b',r,Pfit2,'r','LineWidth',1.5)
83     axis tight
84     xlim([3.5 6.5])
85     set(gca,'fontsize',14)
86     xlabel('r [nm]')
87     ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
88
89     drawnow
90 end
91
92 % Definition of the parametric dipolar signal model
93 %-----
94 function [Vfit,Pfit,Bfit,alphaopt] = mymodel(t,param,r,V)
95
96 % Extract parameters from the upper-level
97 lambda = param(1);

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97 k = param(2);
98
99 % Generate the fitted kernel
100 Bfit = bg_exp(t,k);
101 K = dipolarsignal(t,r,lambda,Bfit);
102
103 % Find the solution of the lower-level via Tikhonov regularization
104 [Pfit,alphaopt] = fitregmodel(V,K,r,'tikhonov','aic');
105
106 % Get the time-domain fit
107 Vfit = K*Pfit;
108
109 end

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Script 4: figure9\_multipathway.m - DeerLab script employed for generating Figure 7 of the main text.

```

1 %-----
2 % Figure 7(a) - Fitting a 4-pulse DEER signal with "2+1 artifact"
3 %-----
4 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.7a of the paper:
5 %
6 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
7 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
8 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
9 %
10 % DeerLab version:
11 %   Release: 0.9.0
12 %-----
13
14 clear,clc,clf
15
16 rng(1)
17
18 % Load example data
19 [r,P] = groundtruth('figure7a');
20
21 %Construct time-axis
22 t = linspace(-0.1,4.5,500);
23
24 % Multipathway parameters
25 Ts2 = max(t) - 0.005;
26 lambdas = [0.5 0.25 0.1];
27 pathways = ex.ovl4pdeer(t,[lambdas Ts2]);
28
29 % Background parameters
30 kappa = 0.25;
31 strfact = 0.93;
32 Bmodel = @(t,lam) bg_strexp(t,[kappa strfact],lam);
33
34 %Generate signal
35 K = dipolarkernel(t,r,pathways,Bmodel);
36 B = dipolarbackground(t,pathways,Bmodel);
37 V = K*P + whitegaussnoise(t,0.004);
38
39 % Fit the 4pDEER signal with the "2+1 artifact"
40 [Vfit,Pfit,Bfit] = fitsignal(V,t,r,'P',@bg_strexp,@ex_ovl4pdeer);
41
42 % Plot
43 subplot(221)
44 plot(t,V,'k.',t,Vfit,'r',t,B,'k--',t,Bfit,'r--','LineWidth',1.5)
45 axis tight, grid on, box on
46 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
47 xlabel('t [\mus]'),ylabel('V(t)')
48 legend('V_{exp}','V_{fit}','B_{truth}','B_{fit}','Location','eastout')
49
50 subplot(222)
51 plot(r,P,'k',r,Pfit,'r','LineWidth',1.5)
52 axis tight
53 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
54 xlabel('r [nm]'),ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
55 legend('P_{truth}','P_{fit}','Location','eastout')
56 xlim([1.5 5])
57
58 %-----
59 % Figure 7(b) - Fitting a 5-pulse DEER signal
60 %-----

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61 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.7b of the paper:
62 %
63 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
64 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
65 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
66 %
67 % DeerLab version:
68 %   Release: 0.9.0
69 %-----
70
71 % Fix random numbers for reproduceable results
72 rng(1)
73
74 % Load example data
75 [r,P] = groundtruth('figure7b');
76
77 % Define time-axis
78 t = linspace(-0.1,9,500);
79
80 % Multipathway parameters
81 Ts2 = 4.6;
82 lambdas = [0.65 0.75 0.25];
83 pathways = ex_5pdeer(t,[lambdas Ts2]);
84
85 % Background parameters
86 kappa = 0.1;
87 strfact = 0.88;
88 Bmodel = @(t,lam) bg_strexp(t,[kappa strfact],lam);
89
90 % Simulate the 5pDEER dipolar signal
91 K = dipolarkernel(t,r,pathways,Bmodel);
92 B = dipolarbackground(t,pathways,Bmodel);
93 V = K*P + whitegaussnoise(t,0.005);
94
95 % Fit the 5pDEER signal
96 [Vfit,Pfit,Bfit] = fitsignal(V,t,r,'P',@bg_strexp,@ex_5pdeer);
97
98 % Plot
99 subplot(223)
100 plot(t,V,'k.',t,Vfit,'b',t,B,'k--',t,Bfit,'b--','LineWidth',1.5)
101 axis tight,box on, grid on
102 xlabel('t [\mus]'),ylabel('V(t)')
103 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
104 legend('V_{exp}','V_{fit}','B_{truth}','B_{fit}','Location','eastout')
105
106 subplot(224)
107 plot(r,P,'k',r,Pfit,'b','LineWidth',1.5)
108 axis tight,box on, grid on
109 xlabel('r [nm]'),ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
110 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
111 xlim([2.5 5])
112 legend('P_{truth}','P_{fit}','Location','eastout')

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Script 5: figure10\_globalfit.m - DeerLab script employed for generating Figure 8 of the main text.

```

1 %-----
2 % Figure 8 - Global fit of signals from different experiments
3 %-----
4 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.8 of the paper:
5 %
6 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
7 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
8 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
9 %
10 % DeerLab version:
11 %   Release: 0.9.0
12 %-----
13
14 clc,clear,clf
15
16 % Generate ground truth distance distribution
17 [r,P] = groundtruth('figure8');
18
19 % Define background model
20 kappa = 0.25;
21 Bmodel = @(t,lam) bg_exp(t,kappa,lam);

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22
23 % Simulate a 4pDEER signal (main pathway at start of signal, secondary pathway at the end)
24 rng(1)
25 t4p = linspace(-0.3,3.2,300);
26 pathways(1,:) = [0.8 NaN];
27 pathways(2,:) = [0.2 0];
28 V4p = dipolarkernel(t4p,r,pathways,Bmodel)*P + whitegaussnoise(t4p,0.01);
29
30 % Simulate a 5pDEER signal (main pathway at start of signal, secondary pathway at the middle)
31 rng(2)
32 t5p = linspace(-0.3,6.5,300);
33 pathways(1,:) = [0.4 NaN];
34 pathways(2,:) = [0.4 0];
35 pathways(3,:) = [0.2 max(t5p)/2];
36 V5p = dipolarkernel(t5p,r,pathways,Bmodel)*P + whitegaussnoise(t5p,0.01);
37
38 % Collect signals for global-fit
39 Vs = {V4p,V5p};
40 ts = {t4p,t5p};
41
42 % Run global fit
43 [Vfit,Pfit] = fitsignal({V4p,V5p},{t4p,t5p},r,'P',@bg_exp,{@ex_4pdeer,@ex_5pdeer});
44 V4pfit = Vfit{1};
45 V5pfit = Vfit{2};
46
47 % Plot results
48 clf
49 subplot(121),hold on
50 plot(t4p,V4p,'k.',t4p,V4pfit)
51 plot(t5p,V5p + 0.5,'k.',t5p,V5pfit + 0.5)
52 axis tight, grid on, box on
53 xlabel('t [\mus]'),ylabel('V(t)')
54 legend('4pDEER data','4pDEER fit','5pDEER data','5pDEER fit','Location','best')
55
56 subplot(122)
57 plot(r,P,'k',r,Pfit,'b')
58 axis tight, grid on, box on
59 xlabel('r [nm]'),ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
60 legend('truth','global fit')

```

Script 6: figure11\_modelfree\_titration.m - DeerLab script employed for generating Figure 9 of the main text.

```

1 %-----
2 % Figure 11 - Titration curve with parameter-free distributions
3 %-----
4 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.11 of the paper:
5 %
6 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
7 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
8 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
9 %
10 % DeerLab version:
11 %   Release: 0.8.beta
12 %   Commit: e875bbc3ff613cf26896d9aa42ecea64069b6656
13 %-----
14
15 clc, clear,clf
16
17 %Fix random numbers for reproduceable results
18 rng(2)
19
20 %Prepare equilibrium of type:
21 %   A + L <-> B
22 KD = 5.65; % dissociation constant, uM
23 Ctot = 1; % total protein concentration, uM
24 L = [0.3 1 3 10 30 100 300]; % total ligand concentration, uM
25 nDataSets = numel(L);
26
27 % Calculate molar fractions
28 %   a (for A = protein without ligand)
29 %   b (for B = protein with bound protein)
30 Kb = 1/KD;
31 for q = 1:nDataSets
32     xbound_ = roots([Kb*Ctot - (Kb*L(q) + Kb*Ctot + 1) Kb*L(q)]);
33     xbound(q) = xbound_(xbound_<=1 & xbound_>=0);

```



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34 end
35
36 %Generate ground truth distance distributions for each fraction
37 [rtruth,P1] = groundtruth('figure10.1');
38 [¬,P2] = groundtruth('figure10.2');
39
40 % Generate different dipolar time-axes
41 tmax = 1 + randi(6,nDataSets,1);
42 for i=1:length(tmax)
43     ts{i} = linspace(-0.1,tmax(i),300);
44 end
45
46 % Generate different background decays, noise levels, and modulation depths
47 % for each dataset
48 ks = linspace(0.2,1.15,nDataSets)*0.25;
49 ks = ks(randperm(nDataSets));
50 noiselevels = 0.005 + 0.02*rand(nDataSets,1);
51 lams = linspace(0.75,1.15,nDataSets)*0.45;
52 lams = lams(randperm(nDataSets));
53
54 %Generate set of dipolar signals
55 for i = 1:nDataSets
56
57     % Prepare the sum distance distribution from corresponding molar fractions
58     P = xbound(i)*P1 + (1 - xbound(i))*P2;
59     Ps{i} = P;
60     %Prepare corresponding dipolar kernel
61     K = dipolarkernel(ts{i},rtruth,lams(i),bg_exp(ts{i},ks(i)));
62     %Simulate dipolar signal
63     Vs{i} = K*Ps{i} + whitegaussnoise(ts{i},noiselevels(i),'rescale');
64
65 end
66
67 %Define the fit distance axis
68 r = linspace(2,6,300);
69
70 % Define start values & boundaries for fit parameters
71 % param0 = [b ks lams];
72 param0 = [linspace(0,1,nDataSets) 0.25*ones(1,nDataSets) 0.25*ones(1,nDataSets)];
73 lower = [zeros(1,nDataSets) 0*ones(1,nDataSets) 0*ones(1,nDataSets)];
74 upper = [ones(1,nDataSets) 1*ones(1,nDataSets) 1*ones(1,nDataSets)];
75
76 % Gobal fit of the parametric time-domain model with parameter-free distributions
77 parfit = fitparamodel(Vs,@(t,p,idx)mymodel(t,p,idx,ts,r,Vs,Ps,rtruth,nDataSets),ts,param0,'...
    Lower',lower,'Upper',upper,'tolfun',1e-8,'globalweights',ones(nDataSets,1));
78
79 %Get the fitted molar fractions
80 xbound_fit = parfit(1:nDataSets);
81 xunbound_fit = 1 - xbound_fit;
82
83 %Control label switching
84 if mean(diff(xbound_fit))<0
85     tmp = xunbound_fit;
86     xunbound_fit = xbound_fit;
87     xbound_fit = tmp;
88 end
89
90 % Re-calculate time and distance-domain fits
91 for i=1:nDataSets
92     [Vfit{i},Pfit{i},B{i}] = mymodel(ts{i},parfit,i,ts,r,Vs,Ps,rtruth,nDataSets);
93     B{i} = (1 - parfit(2*nDataSets + i))*B{i};
94 end
95
96 %Extrapolate the molar fraction values for plotting
97 Lfine = logspace(min(log10(L)),max(log10(L)),50);
98 for q = 1:numel(Lfine)
99     p = [Kb*Ctot - (Kb*Lfine(q)+Kb*Ctot+1) Kb*Lfine(q)];
100     xbound_ = roots(p);
101     xbound(q) = xbound_(xbound_≤1 & xbound_≥0);
102 end
103 xunbound = 1-xbound;
104
105 %Plot input data & time-domain fits
106 figure(5),clf,hold on
107 for j=1:length(ts)
108     i = length(ts)+1-j;
109     plot(ts{i},Vs{i}+0.5*(j-1),'k.',ts{i},Vfit{i}+0.5*(j-1),'r',ts{i},B{i}+0.5*(j-1),'b--','...

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        LineWidth',1.5,'MarkerSize',8)
110     text(4,0.5*j,sprintf('%.2f \muM',L(i)))
111 end
112 axis tight,box on
113 xlabel('Time [\mus]'),ylabel('V(t)')
114 set(gca,'FontSize',15,'yticklabel',[])
115
116 %Plot ground truth distributions & distance-domain fits
117 r1 = r(r<8);
118 r2 = r(r>=1);
119 rjoined = [r1 r2];
120 figure(4),clf
121 for i=1:length(Pfit)
122     subplot(1,8,i)
123     tmp = Pfit{i};
124     P1 = tmp(1:numel(r1));
125     P2 = tmp(numel(r1)+1:end);
126     plot(r1,P1/mean(diff(r2)),'r',r2,P2/mean(diff(r2)),'b',rtruth,Ps{i}/sum(Ps{i})/mean(diff(...
127         rtruth)),r1,P2/mean(diff(r2))+P1/mean(diff(r2)),'LineWidth',1.5)
128     axis tight,box on
129     xlim([2 6])
130     title(sprintf('c-{\ligand}=%.2f \muM',L(i)))
131 end
132 legend('bound','unbound','truth','sum')
133 xlabel('distance [nm]'),ylabel('P(r)')
134 set(gca,'FontSize',15,'yticklabel',[])
135
136 %Plot titration curve with ground truth and fitted points (log scale)
137 figure(7),clf
138 plot(log10(L),xbound_fit,'r.',log10(L),xunbound_fit,'b.',log10(Lfine),xbound,'r',log10(Lfine),...
139     xunbound,'b','LineWidth',1.5,'MarkerSize',25)
140 axis tight,box on
141 xlabel('log(Ligand conc)'),ylabel('Molar fraction')
142 set(gca,'fontSize',15,'ytick',0:0.2:1,'yticklabel',0:0.2:1)
143 legend('fit x-{\bound}','fit x-{\unbound}','truth x-{\bound}','truth x-{\unbound}')
144 ylim([0 1])
145 ytickformat('%.1f')
146
147 %Function definition of the global fit with parameter-free distributions
148 function [Vfit,Pfit,B] = mymodel(t,p,idx,ts,r,Vs,Ps,rtrue,nDataSets)
149
150 persistent Ks Pjoined
151 % Make the dipolar kernels and fitted distributions as persistent variables
152 % since they do not need to be calculated for each signal again (since the
153 % fit is global). Speed enhancement = number of globally fitted signals
154
155 % Extract parameters
156 k = p(nDataSets+1:2*nDataSets);
157 lam = p(2*nDataSets+1:end);
158
159 % Define fit axis for first component...
160 r1 = r(r < 8);
161 % ...and second component..
162 r2 = r(r >= 1);
163 % ...and concatenate them into a single vector
164 rjoined = [r1 r2];
165
166 % Run this section only for the first signal, skip for the rest
167 if idx==1
168     % Loop over all signals being globally fitted
169     for i=1:numel(Vs)
170
171         % Prepare the dipolar kernels for both components
172         K1 = dipolarkernel(ts{i},r1);
173         K2 = dipolarkernel(ts{i},r2);
174         % Concatenate them in the distance-dimension
175         Kjoined = [K1 K2];
176
177         % Normalize the time-dimension
178         [tau,t0] = min(abs(ts{i}));
179         Kjoined = Kjoined./Kjoined(t0,:);
180
181         % Introduce modulation depth and background information
182         Kjoined = (1-lam(i) + lam(i)*Kjoined).*bg.exp(ts{i},k(i));
183
184         % Weight the distance-dimension according to the molar fractions

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184     amps = [ones(1,numel(r1))*p(i) ones(1,numel(r1))*(1 - p(i))];
185     Kjoined = amps.*Kjoined;
186
187     % Save the joined dipolar kernel for the current signal
188     Ks{i} = Kjoined;
189 end
190 % Global Tikhonov regularization using the joined dipolar kernels
191 rng(2)
192 alpha = 25;
193 Pjoined = fitregmodel(Vs,Ks,rjoined,'tikh',alpha);
194 % Normalize integral
195 Pjoined = Pjoined/sum(Pjoined);
196 end
197
198 % Extract the fits for each of the components from the joined vector
199 Pfit2 = Pjoined(end-numel(r2)+1:end);
200 Pfit1 = Pjoined(1:numel(r1));
201 % Normalize their integrals
202 Pfit1 = Pfit1/sum(Pfit1);
203 Pfit2 = Pfit2/sum(Pfit2);
204
205 % Compute the time-domain fit of the current dipolar signal
206 Vfit = Ks{idx}*[Pfit1; Pfit2];
207
208 % Return the fits scaled by their respective molar fractions
209 Pfit = [p(idx)*Pfit1; (1-p(idx))*Pfit2];
210
211 % Compute the fitted background to return as output
212 B = bg_exp(ts{idx},k(idx));
213
214 % Plot intermediate results
215 subplot(121),hold on
216 if idx==1
217     cla
218 end
219 plot(t,Vs{idx}+idx/2,'k.',t,Vfit+idx/2,'r')
220 ylim([0.5 5.5])
221 axis tight, grid on, box on
222 xlabel('t [\mus]')
223 ylabel('V(t)')
224 legend('data','fit')
225 subplot(122)
226 Ptruth = Ps{idx}/sum(Ps{idx})/mean(diff(rtrue));
227 Pfrac1 = p(idx)*Pfit1/mean(diff(r1));
228 Pfrac2 = (1-p(idx))*Pfit2/mean(diff(r2));
229 plot(rtrue,Ptruth,r1,Pfrac1,r2,Pfrac2)
230 axis tight, grid on, box on
231 xlabel('r [nm]')
232 ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
233 legend('truth (sum)','fraction 1','fraction 2')
234 drawnow
235
236 end

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Script 7: figure12\_sensitivityanalysis.m - DeerLab script employed for generating Figure 11 of the main text.

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1 %-----
2 % Figure 11 - Uncertainty estimation methods
3 %-----
4 % This DeerLab script was used to make Fig.11 of the paper:
5 %
6 % Luis Fabregas Ibanez, Gunnar Jeschke, Stefan Stoll
7 % DeerLab: A comprehensive toolbox for analyzing dipolar EPR spectroscopy data
8 % Magnetic Resonance, 2020
9 %
10 % DeerLab version:
11 %   Release: 0.9.0
12 %-----
13
14 clear,clc,clf
15
16 % Fix random numbers for reproduceable results
17 rng(1)
18
19 % Load data for the examples

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20 [r,P] = groundtruth('figure11');
21
22 % Construct time-axis
23 t = linspace(-0.2,4,300);
24 % Background parameters
25 kappa = 0.25;
26 lambda = 0.35;
27 B = bg_exp(t,lambda*kappa);
28 % Construct dipolar kernel
29 KB = dipolarkernel(t,r,lambda,B);
30 % Noise standard deviation
31 sig = 0.02;
32 % Generate dipolar signal
33 V = KB*P + whitegaussnoise(t,sig);
34
35 % Fit the signal
36 [Vfit,Pfit,Bfit,parfit,modelci,paramci,stat] = fitsignal(V,t,r,'P',@bg_exp,@ex_4pdeer,[],'...
    RegParam',0.5);
37
38 %Get confidence intervals on Pfit
39 Pci = modelci.Pfit;
40
41 %Plot signal and fit
42 subplot(231)
43 hold on
44 plot(t,V,'k.',t,Vfit,'m','Linewidth',1.5)
45 axis tight, box on
46 xlabel('t [\mus]'),ylabel('V(t)')
47 legend('V_{exp}','V_{fit}','Location','eastout')
48 text(2.5,0.9,sprintf('\chi^2 = %.3f',stat.chi2red))
49 paramci = [paramci.ex; paramci.bg];
50 parfit = [parfit.ex; parfit.bg];
51
52 % Generate covariance-based distributions of the fit parameters
53 %-----
54
55 % Student's t-distribution critical value (95%)
56 z = 1.968;
57 paramsig = abs(paramci(:,1) - parfit)/z;
58
59 %Gaussian distribution for modulation depth
60 parVals1 = linspace(0.15,0.55,300);
61 P1 = exp(-(parfit(1) - parVals1).^2./(2*paramsig(1)^2));
62 %Gaussian distribution for decay rate
63 parVals2 = linspace(0.05,0.5,300);
64 P2 = exp(-(parfit(2) - parVals2).^2./(2*paramsig(2)^2));
65
66
67 % Generate distribution of residuals
68 %-----
69
70 %Compute fit residuals
71 residuals = (V - Vfit)/std(V - Vfit);
72
73 % Standard Gaussian distribution
74 resVals = linspace(-3,3,200);
75 stdGauss = exp(-resVals.^2/2);
76
77 %Fit the Gaussian to the histogram of residuals (for display)
78 yhist = histcounts(residuals,'normalization','probability');
79 p = fminsearch(@(p)norm(yhist - p*stdGauss.),1);
80 stdGauss = stdGauss*max(yhist);
81
82 % Plot histogram of residuals
83 subplot(234),cla,hold on
84 histogram(residuals,'normalization','probability','FaceColor','w')
85 plot(resVals,stdGauss,'m','linewidth',2)
86 axis tight, box on
87 legend('Histogram','Std. Gaussian','Location','eastout')
88
89
90 % Bootstrap analysis
91 %-----
92
93 fcn = @(V) bootfcn(V,r,t);
94 [bootci,stats] = bootan(fcn,V,Vfit,1000,'verbose',true);
95

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96
97 % Plots
98 %-----
99
100 subplot(232)
101 cla, hold on
102 plot(r,P,'k',r,Pfit,'r')
103 fill([r fliplr(r)],[Pci{1}(:,1); flipud(Pci{1}(:,2))],'r','facealpha',0.2,'linestyle','none')
104 fill([r fliplr(r)],[Pci{2}(:,1); flipud(Pci{2}(:,2))],'r','facealpha',0.4,'linestyle','none')
105 axis tight, box on
106 xlabel('r [nm]'),ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
107 legend('P-{truth}','P-{fit}','95%-CI','50%-CI','Location','eastout')
108 ylim([0 1.5])
109
110 subplot(235)
111 cla,hold on
112 Pbootci = bootci{2};
113 plot(r,P,'k',r,Pfit,'b')
114 fill([r fliplr(r)],[Pbootci.ci95(:,1); flipud(Pbootci.ci95(:,2))],'b','facealpha',0.2,'...
linestyle','none')
115 fill([r fliplr(r)],[Pbootci.ci50(:,1); flipud(Pbootci.ci50(:,2))],'b','facealpha',0.4,'...
linestyle','none')
116 axis tight, grid off, box on
117 xlabel('r [nm]'),ylabel('P(r) [nm^{-1}]')
118 legend('P-{truth}','P-{fit}','95%-CI','50%-CI','Location','eastout')
119 ylim([0 1.5])
120
121 subplot(233)
122 paramboot = stats{1};
123 hold on
124 normfact = max(paramboot(1).boothist.bins);
125 histogram('BinCounts',paramboot(1).boothist.bins(1:2:end-1), 'BinEdges', paramboot(1)...
.boothist.edges(1:2:end), 'FaceColor','w');
126 plot(parVals1,P1*normfact,'r','Linewidth',1.5)
127 plot(paramboot(1).bootdist.values, paramboot(1).bootdist.pdf/max(paramboot(1).bootdist.pdf).*...
normfact,'b','Linewidth',1.5)
128 axis tight, grid off, box on
129 xlabel('\lambda')
130 ylabel('Probability')
131 legend('Boot. Histogram','Standard Distribution','Boot. Distribution','Location','eastout')
132 xlim([0.3 0.4])
133
134 subplot(236)
135 paramboot = stats{1};
136 hold on
137 normfact = max(paramboot(2).boothist.bins);
138 histogram('BinCounts',paramboot(2).boothist.bins(1:2:end-1), 'BinEdges', paramboot(2)...
.boothist.edges(1:2:end), 'FaceColor','w');
139 plot(parVals2,P2*normfact,'r','Linewidth',1.5)
140 plot(paramboot(2).bootdist.values, paramboot(2).bootdist.pdf/max(paramboot(2).bootdist.pdf).*...
normfact,'b','Linewidth',1.5)
141 axis tight, grid off, box on
142 xlabel('\kappa [\mus^{-1}]')
143 ylabel('Probability')
144 legend('Boot. Histogram','Standard Distribution','Boot. Distribution','Location','eastout')
145 xlim([0.15 0.35])
146
147 %Bootstrapped function
148 function [parfit,Pfit,Vfit] = bootfcn(V,r,t)
149     [Vfit,Pfit,~,parfit] = fitsignal(V,t,r,'P',@bg_exp,@ex_4pdeer,[], 'RegParam',0.5);
150     parfit = [parfit.ex; parfit.bg];
151 end

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.35994 0.37048 0.38185 0.39397 0.40554 0.41641 0.42575 ...
48     0.43347 0.4404 0.44658 0.45339 0.46102 0.47045 0.4822 0.49547 0.511 0.52862 0...
.54772 0.56916 0.59354 0.62006 0.65006 0.68336 0.71845 ...
49     0.75562 0.79282 0.8293 0.86356 0.89365 0.92048 0.94172 0.95645 0.96671 0.97004 0...
.96677 0.9595 0.94686 0.93088 0.91343 0.89495 0.87738 ...
50     0.86087 0.84664 0.83578 0.82754 0.82383 0.82594 0.83221 0.84516 0.86443 0.88715 0...
.91393 0.94054 0.96526 0.98442 0.99319 0.99426 0.98268 ...
51     0.96025 0.93246 0.89944 0.86838 0.84053 0.82031 0.80964 0.80467 0.80724 0.81305 0...
.81947 0.82451 0.82437 0.81978 0.80704 0.78386 0.75334 ...
52     0.71125 0.65859 0.60011 0.53468 0.46771 0.40152 0.33914 0.28407 0.2342 0.1926 0...
.15826 0.1282 0.10369 0.08326 0.06527 0.05051 0.03853 ...
53     0.0283 0.02051 0.01473 0.01012 0.00699 0.00485 0.00323 0.00222 0.00153 0.00102 0...
.00069 0.00047 0.0003 0.00019 0.00012 7e-05 4e-05 2e-05 ...
54     1e-05 1e-05 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0];
55
56
57 case 'figure7b'
58     r = linspace(2,6,200);
59     P = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
1e-05 2e-05 3e-05 5e-05 8e-05 0.00014 0.00023 ...
60     0.00041 0.00074 0.00131 0.00225 0.00366 0.00565 0.00838 0.01219 0.0178 0.02633 0...
.03922 0.05771 0.08221 0.11188 0.14518 0.18168 0.2248 ...
61     0.28275 0.36735 0.49053 0.65741 0.85896 1.06947 1.25245 1.37376 1.39808 1.35365 1...
.24516 1.10999 0.97984 0.87289 0.79319 0.73507 0.68932 ...
62     0.64908 0.61427 0.59408 0.59927 0.63937 0.73502 0.89383 1.11895 1.40177 1.71917 2...
.03425 2.30415 2.49212 2.53524 2.50154 2.32238 2.05226 ...
63     1.72641 1.3876 1.07637 0.82189 0.63535 0.51027 0.42821 0.36843 0.31529 0.25996 0...
.20167 0.14516 0.09623 0.05855 0.03262 0.01664 0.00776 ...
64     0.0033 0.00128 0.00045 0.00014 4e-05 1e-05 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
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65     0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0];
66
67 case 'figure8'
68     r = linspace(2.5,6,200);
69     P = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
.0008 0.0013 0.002 0.003 0.0044 0.0064 0.0087 ...
70     0.0116 0.0148 0.0183 0.022 0.0256 0.0292 0.0326 0.0358 0.0391 0.0426 0.0467 0.0518 ...
0.0592 0.0692 0.0824 0.0992 0.1209 0.1463 0.1741 ...
71     0.2035 0.234 0.2658 0.2994 0.3352 0.3737 0.415 0.4567 0.4959 0.5306 0.5588 0.5767 0...
.5862 0.5898 0.5892 0.5866 0.5846 0.5839 0.5835 ...
72     0.5825 0.5787 0.5709 0.5606 0.5496 0.5398 0.5356 0.5379 0.5458 0.5582 0.5731 0.587 ...
0.5985 0.6081 0.6169 0.6288 0.6506 0.6845 0.7321 ...
73     0.7941 0.8713 0.9533 1.0347 1.1112 1.1779 1.2291 1.2679 1.2939 1.307 1.3032 1.2819 ...
1.246 1.197 1.137 1.0689 1.0012 0.9378 0.8821 ...
74     0.8384 0.8121 0.7991 0.7975 0.8046 0.8154 0.8204 0.8155 0.7983 0.7675 0.7209 0.668 ...
0.6123 0.5568 0.5045 0.4573 0.4135 0.3724 0.3333 ...
75     0.2962 0.2612 0.2284 0.198 0.1701 0.1448 0.1212 0.0992 0.0789 0.0609 0.0462 0.034 0...
.0244 0.0171 0.012 0.0084 0.0057 0.0038 0.0024 ...
76     0.0015 0.0009 0.0005 0.0003 0.0001 0.0001 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0];
77
78 case 'figure10.1'
79
80     r = linspace(2,8,300);
81     P = [0 0 0 0 0 0 1e-05 1e-05 2e-05 3e-05 4e-05 7e-05 0.0001 0.00014 0.00019 0.00025 0...
.00033 0.00042 0.00053 0.00068 0.00087 0.00111 ...
82     0.00139 0.00169 0.00197 0.00219 0.00234 0.0024 0.0024 0.00239 0.0024 0.00247 0.0026...
0.00277 0.00295 0.00308 0.00314 0.00311 0.00302 ...
83     0.00288 0.00274 0.00263 0.00256 0.00256 0.00264 0.00284 0.00318 0.00365 0.00422 0...
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84     0.00668 0.00666 0.00664 0.00664 0.00666 0.00671 0.00682 0.007 0.00727 0.0076 0...
.00797 0.00831 0.00859 0.00881 0.00899 0.0092 0.00949 ...
85     0.00986 0.01033 0.01088 0.01153 0.01229 0.0132 0.01423 0.01535 0.01647 0.0175 0...
.01836 0.019 0.01938 0.01948 0.01932 0.01894 0.01842 ...
86     0.01787 0.01735 0.01692 0.01662 0.01651 0.01663 0.01702 0.01767 0.01847 0.01927 0...
.01985 0.02001 0.01966 0.01888 0.01788 0.01697 0.01636 ...
87     0.01613 0.01621 0.01642 0.01657 0.01651 0.01613 0.01533 0.01406 0.01237 0.0104 0...
.00837 0.00649 0.00491 0.00366 0.0027 0.00196 0.00138 ...
88     0.00094 0.00061 0.00037 0.00022 0.00012 7e-05 4e-05 2e-05 1e-05 1e-05 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
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89     0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
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90     0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0];
91
92 case 'figure10.2'
93

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