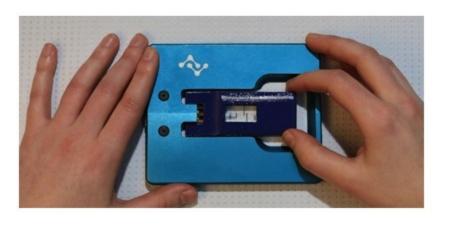
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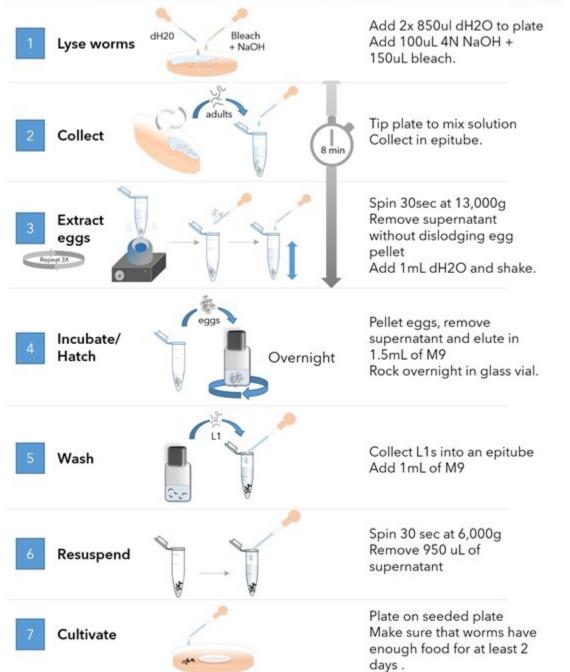




How to prepare your worms?

SYNCHRONIZING WORMS - BLEACHING





PREPARING WORMS TO PREVENT CLOGGING



Transfer worms onto blank plate



Chunk worm plate and transfer worms onto the blank plate. Remove chunk, leaving worms in a clean, food-free environment.

Wash worms onto the plate



Dislodge adults by pipetting 1.5 mL of M9 onto the surface

3 Harvest worms



Pipet M9 + worms up and down to get the highest yield

4 Collect



Move M9 + worms into a clean 1.5 mL Epi tube.

Allow worms to settle



Allow to settle by gravity for 2 min.

6 Remove supernatant



Remove supernatant - leave worm pellet in 0.2 mL M9

Repeat x3

Resuspend in clean M9



x10

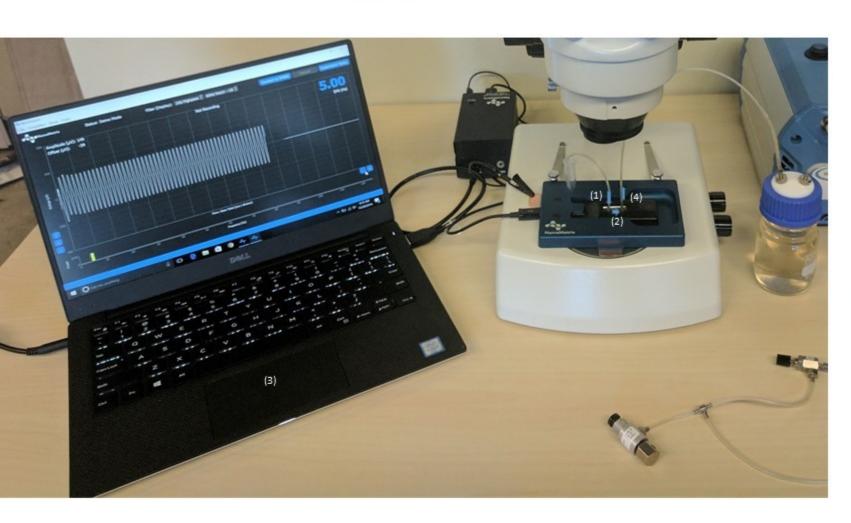
Wash worm pellet by adding 1 mL of fresh M9 and inverting the tube 10 times (you can also use a vortex mixer).



How to use the ScreenChip?

4 steps to data

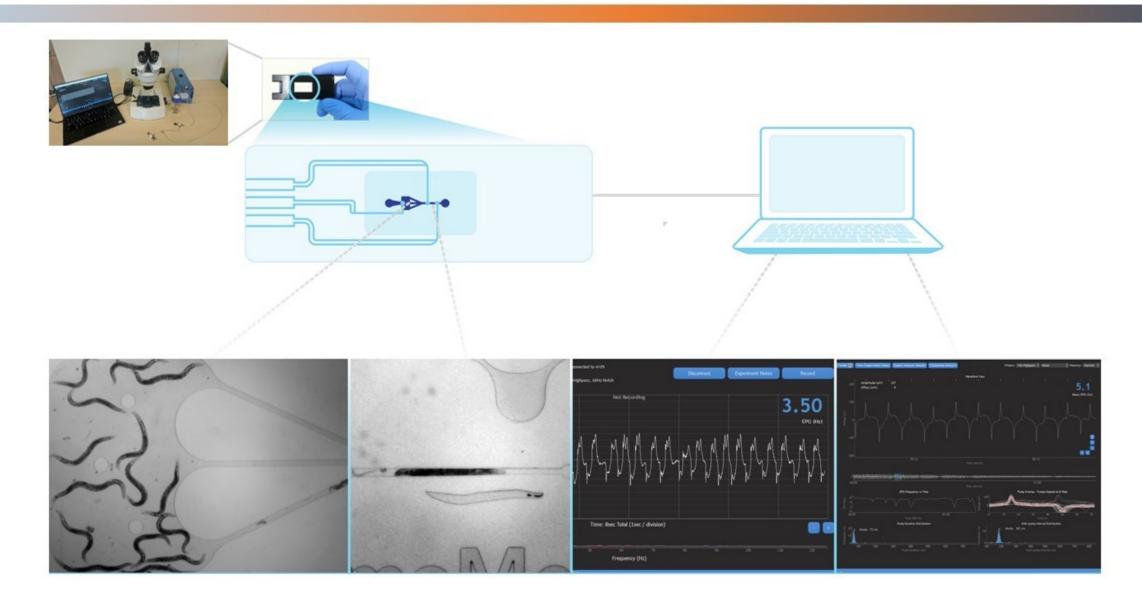






Results







Let's get started!

How to set-up your system



Here is your STARTER KIT: You can get data just minutes after it arrives in your lab!



1

Connect the amplifier to your computer and to the blue dock

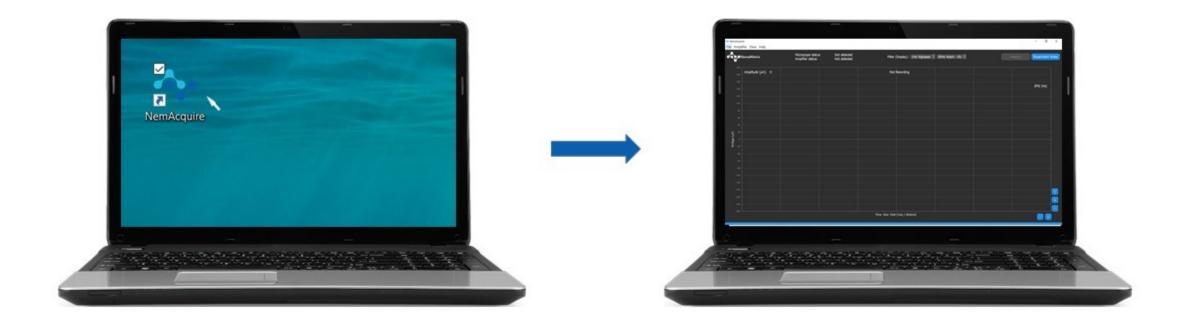
Make sure that you are using the newest version of your operating system, otherwise you will not be able to go on with your experiments:

Windows 10 64-bit OS or Mac OS X 10.11, USB 2.0 port



Download NemAcquire and NemAnalysis here

2 Open the NemAcquire software



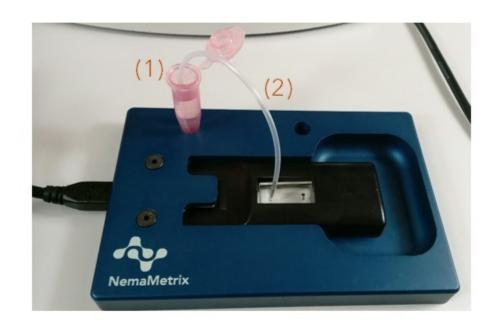
3

Connect the vacuum pump to the liquid trap bottle



4 Prepare the samples

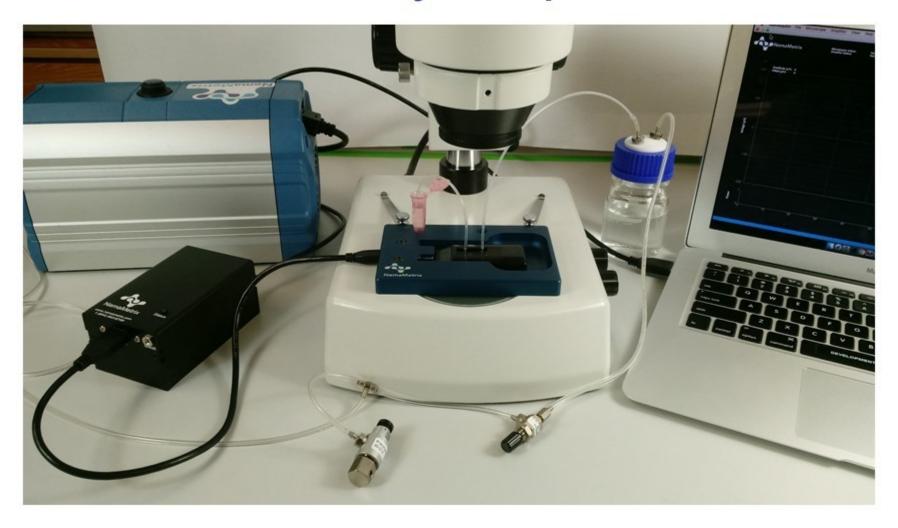
- Harvest worms in an microfuge tube, rinse 3 times or more to get rid of bacteria clumps (1) (see "Preparing worms to prevent clogging" protocol)
- Put short tubing in microfuge tube and connect it to the first (inlet) port of the Screen Chip (2)



5
Connect the liquid trap bottle to the outlet port



You are ready to acquire data!



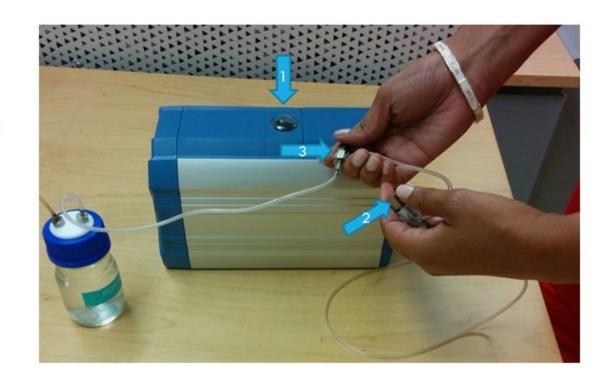
STEP 2- Acquire data



1

Load the worms into the chip

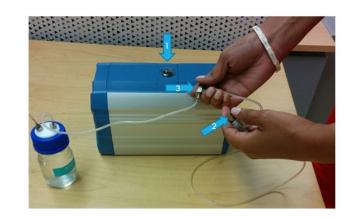
- Turn on the vacuum pump (1)
- Allow vacuum flow by positioning your finger on the regulator (2) - adjust vacuum force with the screw (3) if necessary
- Allow worms to travel from the microfuge tube to the loading chamber of the chip



2

Load one worm into the channel

Use the regulator to place one worm between the recording electrodes (orange highlight)





outlet

inlet

3 Collect data

 Select the location in which to save your data

- Open the Experiment Notes
 - Note the direction of the worm (tail (T) or head first (H)), strain, experimental conditions

- Click on the "Record" button
- The trace will become red to indicate that you are recording







3 Collect data

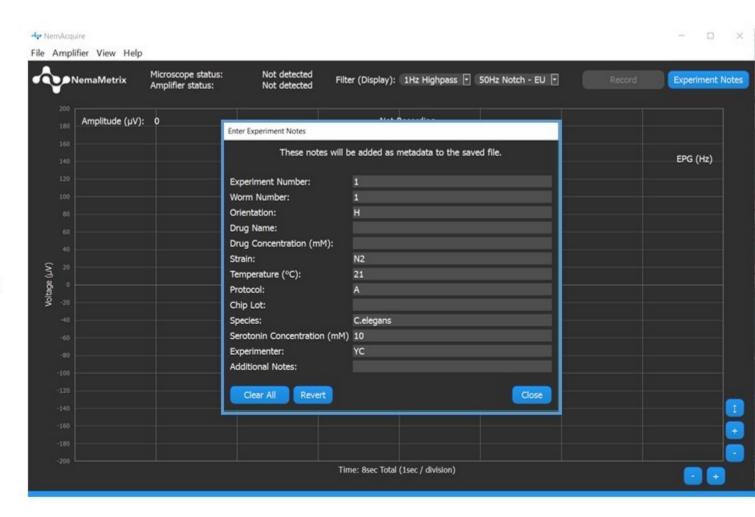
For information about how to use NemAcquire, please see the NemAcquire software user guide



Acquire data

4 Save your data

- Click on the "Stop recording" button
- The Experimental Notes will pop up
- Check the information and click "save"
- Your data will be saved as a .txt file

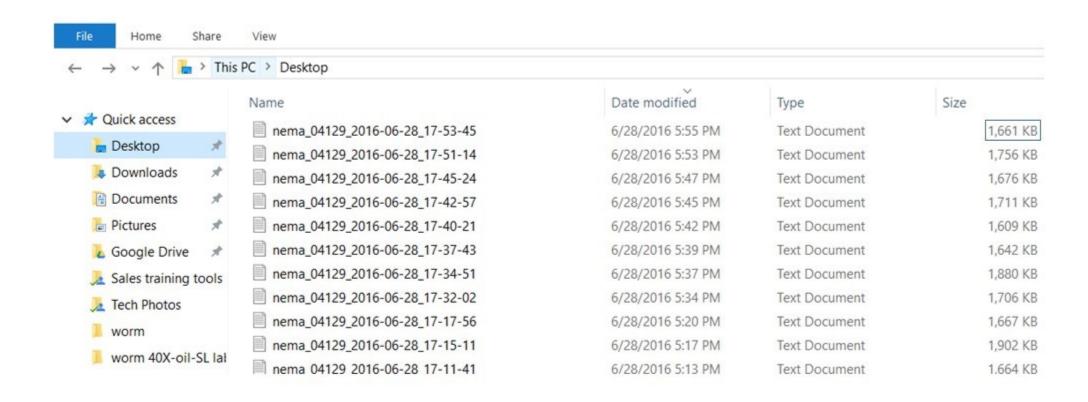


STEP 3- Analyze your data



1

Retrieve your data

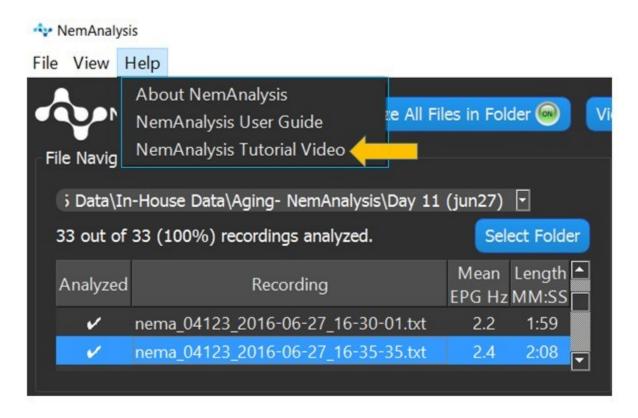


Retrieve your data (.txt files) from the location selected on NemAcquire

2

Extract your data

For information about how to use NemAnalysis, please see the NemAnalysis Tutorial video in the Help menu



Extract your data

Use our free, open source software: NemAnalysis to automatically extract your data.

> Important Metrics Recording Duration:

Total # of Pumps:

Mean IPI Duration:

Mean Pump Duration:

Mean Pump Frequency:

Mean Pump Amplitude:

IPI Duration Standard Deviation:

Pump Duration Standard Deviation:

Mean Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR):



3 Analyze your data

4	A Recording Name	Number of Pumps	Recording Duration (s)	Mean Frequency (Hz)	Mean Pump Duration (ms)	Pump Duration Standard Deviation (ms)	Mean Amplitude (uV)	Amplitude Standard Deviation (uV)	Mean IPI Duration (ms)	IPI Duration Standard Deviation (ms)	Analysis Date
1											
2	N2										
3	nema_04129_2016-06-28_13-4	725	146	4.97	85	18	96	11	202	34	29/06/2016
4	nema_04129_2016-06-28_13-4	716	144	4.97	88	21	196	30	202	37	29/06/2016
5	nema_04129_2016-06-28_13-4	573	123	4.66	82	30	91	22	215	61	29/06/2016
6	nema_04129_2016-06-28_13-5	641	175	3.66	106	17	287	81	273	44	29/06/2016
7	nema_04129_2016-06-28_13-5	511	125	4.09	108	28	176	63	244	70	29/06/2016
8	nema_04129_2016-06-28_13-5	677	138	4.91	80	17	161	38	204	44	29/06/2016
9	nema_04129_2016-06-28_14-0	425	127	3.35	114	10	694	280	299	69	29/06/2016
10	nema_04129_2016-06-28_14-0	543	127	4.28	81	12	221	48	234	35	29/06/2016
11	nema_04129_2016-06-28_14-0	587	122	4.81	81	20	180	29	208	57	29/06/2016
12	nema_04129_2016-06-28_14-1	606	122	4.97	73	23	164	48	202	60	29/06/2016
13	nema_04129_2016-06-28_14-1	526	124	4.24	87	11	126	23	237	58	29/06/2016
14	nema_04129_2016-06-28_14-2	484	121	4	98	14	214	89	250	32	29/06/2016

NemAnalysis allows you to generate an Excel file containing the data for each recording.

Software and user guides



http://nemametrix.com/downloads/

Software Downloads

Computer requirements: Windows 10 64-bit OS or Mac OS X 10.11, USB 2.0 port

NemAcquire (MAC) - NemAcquire-2.0_1149_OSX_10.11.3 (38 MB)

NemAcquire (PC) - NemAcquire-2.0_1149_Windows_10 (47 MB)

NemAnalysis – Beta (MAC) – NemAnalysis-0.1_1149_OSX_10.11 (61 MB)

NemAnalysis - Beta (PC) - NemAnalysis-0.1_1149_Windows_10 (148 MB)

User Guides

ScreenChip Setup Guide

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NemAnalysis Software User Guide

