

# Instructions for monitoring a NeuroPET/CT scan after closing the GUI

Necessary for scans longer than 1 hour because of GUI crashing



## SHORT INSTRUCTIONS

- Note the start time of the 2hr PET scan.
  - Once the GUI is closed you will need to watch the clock to know when the scan is done.
- Close GUI at 1 hr into the scan
  - Press the Windows key to get the task bar to appear at the bottom of the screen.
  - Right-click on the GUI icon (“Workstation Console”) in the task bar and select “Close all windows”.
  - GUI should disappear returning you to the desktop.
- Open a PuTTY window to monitor the PET scan list-mode files
  - If needed press the Windows key to get the task bar to appear at the bottom of the screen.
  - Right click the PuTTY icon on the task bar, choose “**proto02 – scanner**”
  - Login with **daq** [enter]
  - Password **DaqDaq** [enter]
    - If you make a mistake in the log in just close the window and open a new PuTTY window.
  - Option 1 and Option 2 below do the same thing.
  - **Option 1:**
    - **WatchCurrentListMode** [enter]
    - You can press Control-C at any time to exit this mode or just close the window.
  - **Option 2:**
    - **cd /data/master/** [enter]
    - **ll** [enter]
    - Double click on the newest scan directory (at the bottom of the list). This will highlight the directory name and it will copy the name to the clipboard.
    - **cd** [right-click][tab][tab][tab][enter]

- **watch -n 5 ls -l \*.d16**
    - You can press Control-C at any time to exit this mode or just close the window.
  - Expand the window so you can see the more info per line.
  - As the PET acquisition continues to run the list-mode files (\*.d16) will collect all the events.
  - There are 7 list-mode files that will actively grow at one time (1 file for each of the 7 PET modules).
  - When a file gets to 2GB it is closed and a new one is created.
  - If all is working correctly the 7 files will grow throughout the 2hr PET acq.
  - Growth will slow as the isotope decays.
  - Some list-mode files will grow faster than others if their module is closer to the active region in the head.
  - **WatchCurrentListMode** may have to be closed [Control]-[C] and restarted if the initial files all reach 2GB – the new files won't show up automatically.
  - **If one or more of the seven files stops growing there is a problem.**
- Once the scan is done, you can [Control]-[C] in the PuTTY window to stop watching list mode, and just let it reconstruct on its own.
  - If you need to run another scan, enter the following into the proto02 PuTTY window that was used to watch the list mode:
    - **pdsi\_setup** [enter]
    - **ImagingChainStop** [enter]
    - Wait a minute and run again: **ImagingChainStop** [enter]
    - Check that the reconstruction has stopped:
      - **ps -fu daq**
      - You should not see any processes related to “ImagingChain” or “Matlab” or “Prebinner” or “DynamicBinner”
        - If those still exist, run **ImagingChainStop** again
    - Open the GUI using the shortcut on the desktop. The status dot should now be **blue**. If not, follow the instructions below
- If something looks wrong with the list-mode files you will need to restart the PET acq
  - Restart the scanner's software (this will kill the current acq)
    - In the PuTTY window you are watching the list-mode files press Control-C to exit the list-mode monitoring.
    - Type in
      - **pdsi\_setup** [enter]
      - **SystemShutdown.sh** [enter] (may take 5-30 secs)
      - **SystemStartup** [enter] (may take 5-10 secs)
  - Restart the GUI
    - Single click the GUI icon on the task bar.
  - Login to the GUI
    - User ID: **Administrator**
    - Password: **p@ssw0rd1**
  - Register a new patient
    - Same name is fine
  - Select a PET only scan
  - Enter the PET dose info

- You have to enter something to make the dialog box happy but the values you enter don't matter. Don't waste time entering actual values.
- Set the PET acq scan time to the remaining time
  - **Edit** the PET only series protocol.
  - The only value in the PET parameters dialog box that matters is the **Scan Duration**. Enter how many seconds you want the PET acq to run. Don't waste time changing the other parameters.
- Press **Update**
- Start the PET scan by pressing **Begin**