

**Supporting Information**  
for  
**Comparative kinematical analyses**  
**of Venus flytrap (*Dionaea muscipula*) snap traps**

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**Statistical analyses for the comparative air/under water snapping experiment**

# **Descriptive statistics**

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Whole data set

Parameter	Trap length (cm)	Snapping duration (s)
Sample size (n)	60	60
Mean	2.08	0.47
SD	0.49	0.40
Median	2.00	0.37
IQR	0.73	0.23
Min	1.20	0.17
Max	3.10	3.10
Range	1.90	2.93

## **Descriptive statistics**

Snapping in air

Parameter	Trap length (cm)	Snapping duration (s)
Sample size (n)	30	30
Mean	2.13	0.5
SD	0.56	0.52
Median	2.00	0.36
IQR	0.88	0.23
Min	1.20	0.17
Max	3.10	3.10
Range	1.90	2.93

## Descriptive statistics

Snapping under water

Parameter	Trap length (cm)	Snapping duration (s)
Sample size (n)	30	30
Mean	2.04	0.44
SD	0.41	0.25
Median	2.00	0.38
IQR	0.58	0.24
Min	1.40	0.18
Max	3.00	1.26
Range	1.60	1.08

## Descriptive statistics

Snapping modes:

Mode a: synchronous lobes

Mode b: asynchronous lobes: triggered lobe moves first

Mode c: asynchronous lobes: not-triggered lobe moves first

	Whole data set	In air	under water
<b>Mode a</b>	39 (65%)	21 (70%)	18 (60%)
<b>Mode b</b>	12 (20%)	7 (23%)	5 (17%)
<b>Mode c</b>	9 (15%)	2 (7%)	7 (23%)

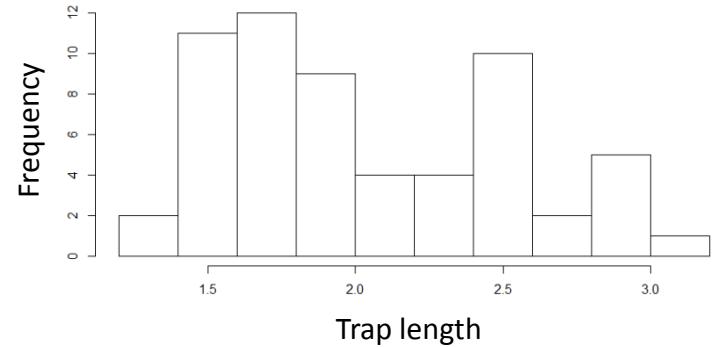
# **Test of normal distribution**

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**Whole data set** (GNU R 3.1.1; Shapiro-Wilk test; *shapiro.test()*-function; *stats*-package)

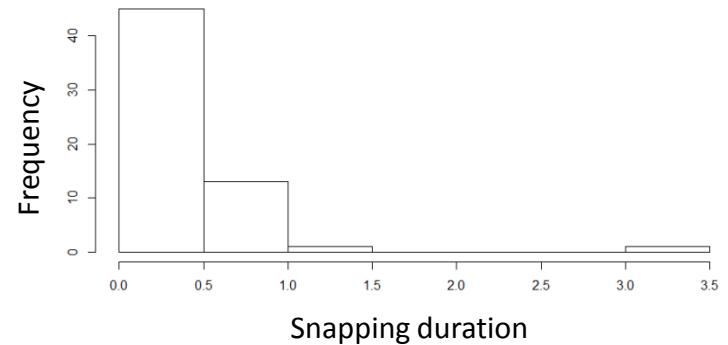
Trap length

**No normal distribution**  
( $W=0.9414$ ;  $p < 0.01$ )



Snapping duration

**No normal distribution**  
( $W=0.5303$ ;  $p < 0.001$ )

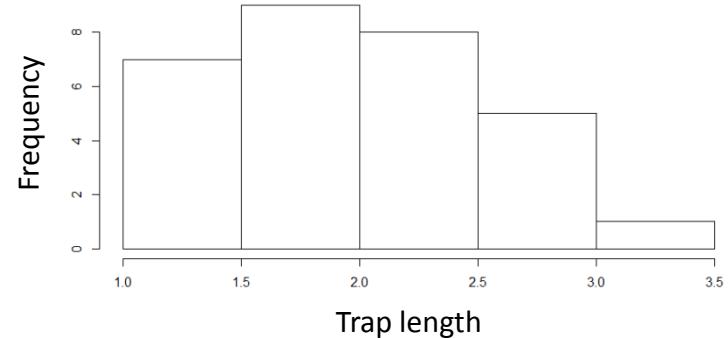


# Test of normal distribution

In air (GNU R 3.1.1; Shapiro-Wilk test; *shapiro.test()*-function; *stats*-package)

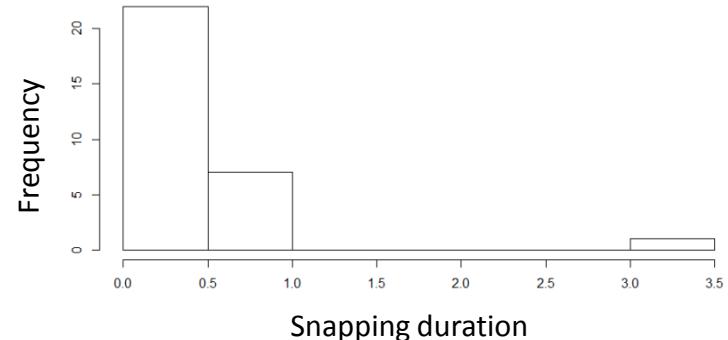
Trap length

**No normal distribution**  
( $W=0.9283$ ;  $p < 0.05$ )



Snapping duration

**No normal distribution**  
( $W=0.4554$ ;  $p < 0.001$ )

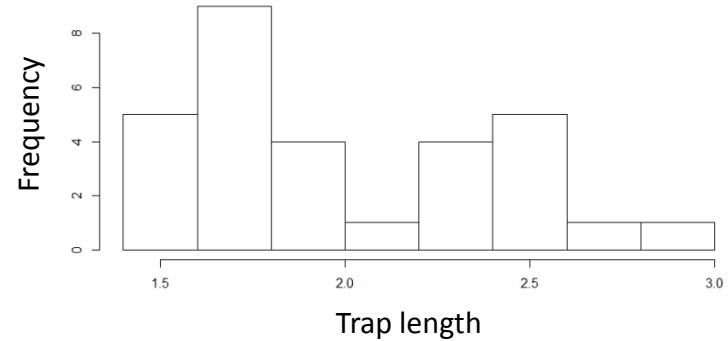


# Test of normal distribution

under water (GNU R 3.1.1; Shapiro-Wilk test; *shapiro.test()*-function; *stats*-package)

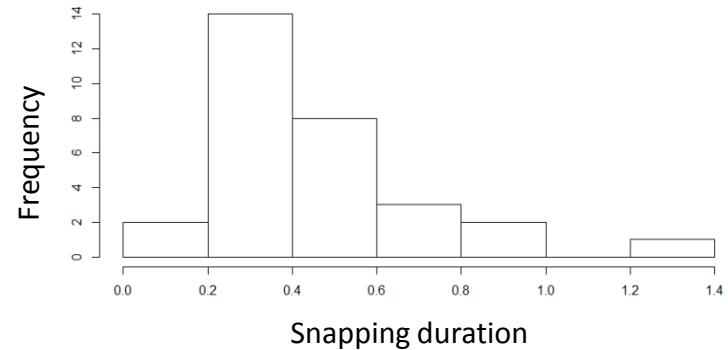
Trap length

**Normal distribution**  
( $W=0.9397$ ;  $p > 0.05$ )



Snapping duration

**No normal distribution**  
( $W=0.8329$ ;  $p < 0.001$ )



# **Test of homoscedasticity**

## Test of homoscedasticity

**Trap length** (GNU R 3.1.1; LeveneTest; *leveneTest()*-function; *car*-package)

Air vs. water

**Homoscedastic**  
( $df=[1.58]$ ;  $F=2.4848$  ;  $p > 0.05$ )

**Snapping duration** (GNU R 3.1.1; LeveneTest; *leveneTest()*-function; *car*-package)

Air vs. water

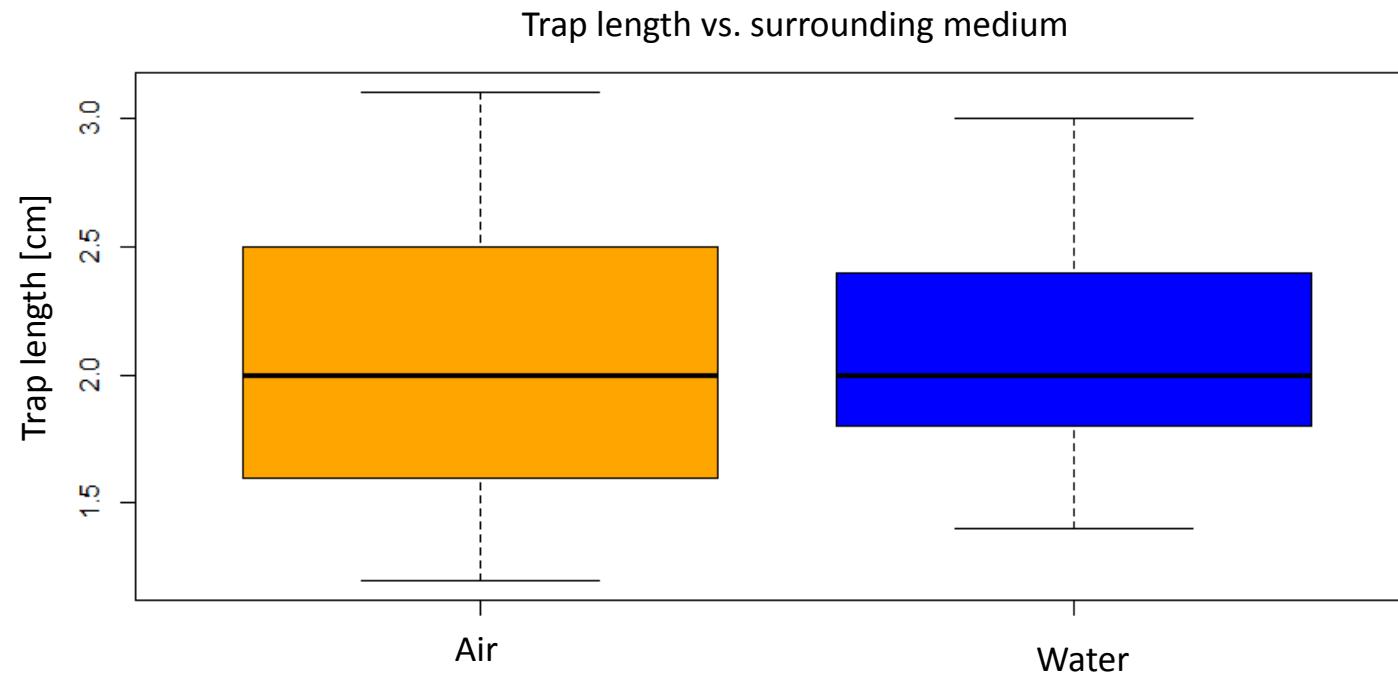
**Homoscedastic**  
( $df=[1.58]$ ;  $F=0.1542$  ;  $p > 0.05$ )

# **Test of significance**

## **Test of significance 1 – Are the trap lengths significantly different between water and air?**

GNU R 3.1.1; Wilcoxon rank sum test; wilcox.test()-function; stats-package

**The trap lengths are not significantly different between the surrounding media!**  
 $(W=487.5 ; p > 0.05)$

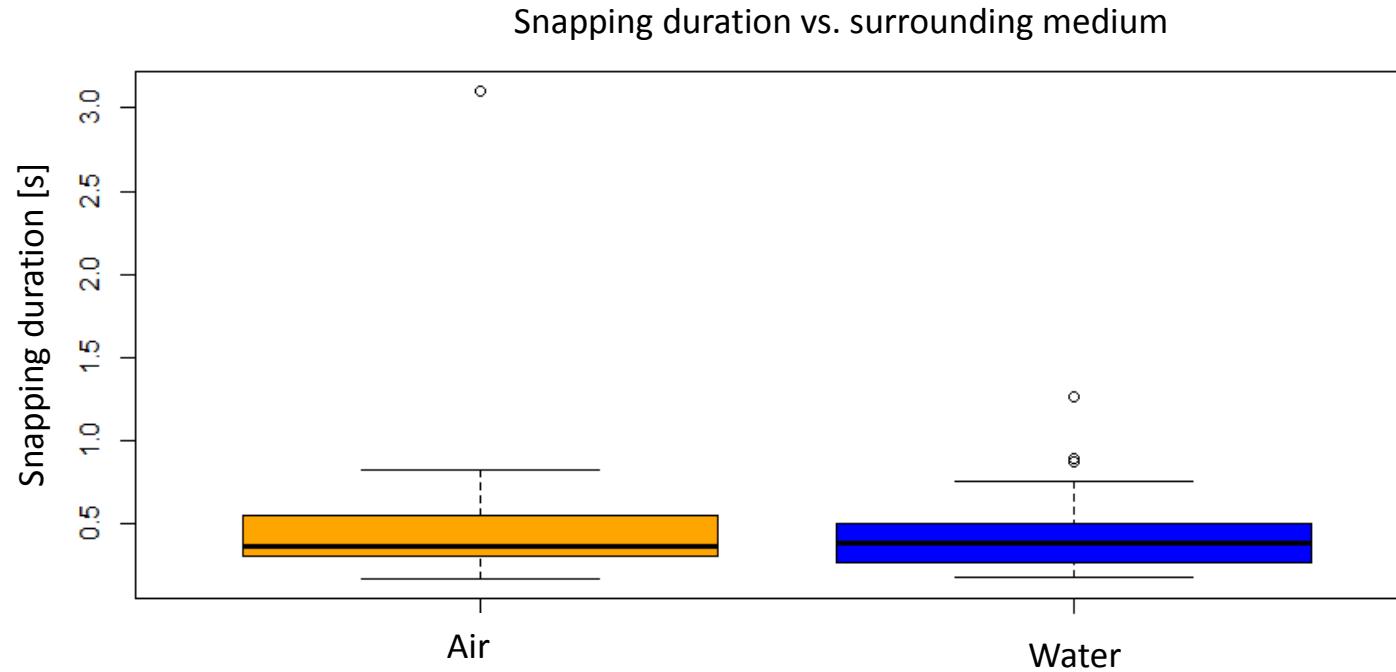


**Data can be pooled!**

## Test of significance 2 – Are the snapping durations significantly different between water and air?

GNU R 3.1.1; Wilcoxon rank sum test; wilcox.test()-function; stats-package

**The snapping durations are not significantly different between the surrounding media!**  
 $(W=472 ; p > 0.05)$



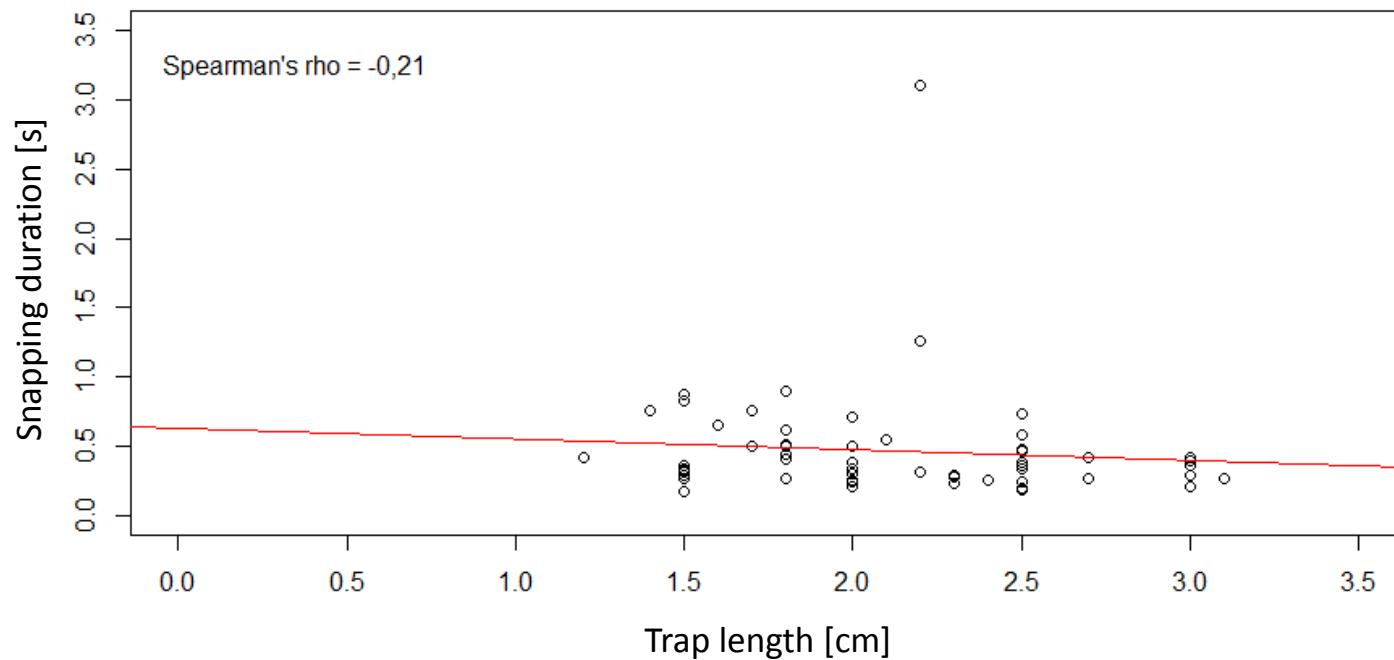
**Data can be pooled!**

# **Correlation**

# Correlation between trap length and snapping duration

GNU R 3.1.1; Spearman correlation (rho); cor()-function; stats-package

**The snapping durations do not correlate with the trap lengths.  
However, there is a weak tendency that larger traps snap faster.  
(Spearman's  $\rho = -0.21$ )**



# **Fisher's exact test**

## Fisher's exact test – Are the snapping modes independent of the surrounding media?

GNU R 3.1.1; Fisher's exact test; fisher.test()-function; stats-package

Contingency table	In air	under water
Synchronous lobe movement	21	18
Asynchronous lobe movement	9	12

**Snapping modes are independent of the surrounding media!**

( $p > 0.05$ )

## Used packages

- *stats*: Standard package of GNU R. ref. 1
- *car*: ref. 2
- *psych*: ref. 3

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