gbeflow Documentation

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CHAPTER 1

README: Germband Extension

Efforts to track the rate of extension of the Drosophila germ band

1.1 Usage

1.2 Prerequisites

1.2.1 Anaconda

Anaconda is a distribution and package manager targeted for scientific computing. While Anaconda mostly focuses on python, it is capable with interfacing with other languages/packages as well. Several of the packages required for gbeflow have underlying C dependences that make independent installation difficult. Anaconda includes all of these packages and makes it simple to install any additional packages. gbeflow is written in Python 3, so we recommend installing the most up-to-date Anaconda installation for Python 3.

1.2.2 Matlab Setup

The optical flow algorithm which gbeflow relies on is written in Matlab (Vig et al. 2016). For more information on optical flow and the algorithm, checkout *Optical Flow*. For the purposes of installation and setup, all you need to know is that you need a local installation of Matlab on your computer to run steps involving the optical flow algorithm. gbeflow was developed using Matlab 2017b, but there are not any dependences known to this specific version. We will run Matlab scripts out of python so no Matlab knowledge is required. However, Matlab is currently only compatible with Python 3.6, so we will need to set up an environment to specifically run 3.6. Once we have the correct environment set up, we will install a matlab engine for python.

1.3 Setup

The code for gbeflow is hosted on Github. Users can clone the repository by running the following code in the command line

git clone https://github.com/msschwartz21/germband-extension.git

Alternatively, the current version of the repository can be downloaded as a zip file here.

1.3.1 Python Environment Setup

For simplicity, there is a script that enables you to setup a virtual environment in Anaconda with all the appropriate dependencies. This file should be downloaded during the installation steps below, but it is also available here. To setup the environment run the following commands in your terminal from the root of the germband-extension directory.

```
# Create python3.6 virtual environment
conda create -n python36 python=3.6 anaconda h5py bokeh tqdm numpydoc
# Activate new environment
conda activate python36
# Install remaining conda packages
conda install nodejs
conda install -c conda-forge av altair OpenPIV
# Install pip packages
pip install czifile tifffile sphinx-rtd-theme bebi103 nb_conda_kernels
```

This script will create an anaconda virtual environment named python36. You can activate the environment by running conda activate python36. When you are done with the environment run conda deactivate to return to the basic python environment.

Warning: conda activate doesn't appear to work in powershell, but it does work from the Anaconda Prompt and Command.

When we are working in Jupyter Notebooks, nb_conda_kernels will provide the option to launch the notebook from any available virtual environment including python36. Justin Bois has a great introduction to Jupyter notebooks available here.

1.3.2 Matlab Engine Installation

Matlab includes a python engine with its default installation. In order to install the engine as a python module, follow the instructions listed here. Make sure that the python 3.6 environment is active by running conda activate python36.

1.3.3 Troubleshooting installation problems

These notes are here to serve as a record for previously encountered problems, but undoubtably new problems will show up in the future. When I was working on the installation for the lab computer, Anaconda recommended that PATH variables not be set by Anaconda during the installation process. The result of this choice is that conda/python/etc. can be called from the Anaconda Prompt, but these commands are not available from any other terminal interface such

as Command or Powershell. I ended up reinstalling Anaconda and choosing to install with the PATH variables and it hasn't caused any problems to date.

Matlab is typically installed for all users, which means it requires administrator priveleges to make any changes to the directory. As a result, if we use a normal command prompt to try to run python setup.py install from within the Matlab directory, we are blocked from making changes since normal command interfaces do not have administrator priveleges. To get around this problem, Command or Anaconda Prompt can be launched with administrator priveleges by right clicking on the program to launch and selecting the "Run as Administrator" option. This administrator option should only be used when absolutely necessary, such as running the python installation for matlab.

1.3.4 gbeflow Installation

Now that we have a python 3.6 environment setup, we are ready to locally install gbeflow. From the terminal, run the following code to enter the python36 environment and install gbeflow. Begin by navigating to the root of the gbeflow directory and run the following from the command line.

```
$ conda activate python36
$ pip install -e .
$ conda deactivate
```

1.4 API

Documentation is available on Read the Docs.

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1.5.1 API

gbeflow

```
class gbeflow.CziImport(fpath, summary=True)
Bases: object
```

Defines a class to wrap the czifile object Identifies data contained in each dimension Helps user extract desired data from multidimensional array

____init___ (fpath, summary=True) Read in file using czifile

Parameters fpath (*str*) – Complete or relative file path to czi file

print_summary()

Prints a summary of data dimensions Assumes that the data is a standard brightfield timelapse collection, e.g. (?, roi, channel, time, z, x, y, ?)

squeeze_data()

Uses np.squeeze to reduce dimenions of data according to input preference

class gbeflow.MaskEmbryo (points)

Bases: object

Fit an ellipse to an embryo and calculate mask

__init__(points)

Calculate a first try ellipse using default parameters

Parameters points (pd. DataFrame) – Contains the columns x and y with 2 rows

Returns self.ell, self.rell, self.fell

calc_ellipse (*center_x*, *center_y*, *radius_x*, *radius_y*)

Calculate a parametrized ellipse based on input values

Parameters

- **center_x** (float) Center point of the ellipse in x dimension
- **center_y** (float) Center point of the ellipse in y dimension
- radius_x (float) Radius of ellipse in x dimension
- **radius_y** (*float*) Radius of ellipse in y dimension

Returns *Ellipse in a 400x2 array*

calc_rotation (ell=None, df=None)

Calculate angle of rotation and rotation matrix using -angle

Parameters

- **ell** (*np.array*, *optional*) Ellipse array
- df (pd.DataFrame, optional) Contains the columns x and y with 2 rows

Returns self.rell

calc_start_ell(scale=1.5, yradius=300, df=None)

Customize the fit of an ellipse to an embryo based on the selected endpoints

Parameters

- **scale** (*float*, *optional*) Typically greater than 1 to extend the length between the two points beyond the ends of the embryo
- yradius (int, optional) Y radius for initial ellipse, default=300
- df (pd.DataFrame, optional) Contains the columns x and y with 2 rows

Returns self.ell (array) – Array of shape 400x2 that contains position of custom ellipse

contour_embryo (*img*, *init=None*, *sigma=3*)

Fit a contour to the embryo to separate the background

Parameters

- img (2D np.array) 2D image from a single timepoint to mask
- **init** (400x2 ellipse array, optional) Starting ellipse array that is bigger than the embryo
- sigma (int, optional) Kernel size for the Gaussian smoothing step

Returns *Masked image where all background points* = 0

mask_image (img, mask)

Apply mask to image and return with background = 0

Parameters

- img (2D np.array) 2D image from a single timepoint to mask
- mask (2D np.array) 2D boolean array containing mask

shift_to_center(rell=None, df=None)

Shift ellipse that started at (0,0) to the center of the embryo

Parameters

- rell (np.array, optional) Ellipse array
- df (pd.DataFrame, optional) Contains the columns x and y with 2 rows

Returns self.fell

class gbeflow.VectorField(name)

Bases: object

Object to manage results and calculations from OpticalFlow.mat

See __init__ for more information

__init__(name)

Initialize VectorField object by importing and transforming data

Parameters name (*str*) – String specifying the name passed to OpticalFlowOutput Can include complete or partial path to file

name

str – Based on the parameter name

df

pd.DataFrame - Dataframe of vectors produced by tidy_vector_data

tt

np.array - Meshgrid for t dimension

хx

np.array – Meshgrid for x dimension

уу

np.array – Meshgrid for y dimension

vx

np.array - X component of the velocity vector

vy

np.array - Y component of the velocity vector

xval

np.array - Sorted array of unique x values in xx meshgrid

yval

np.array - Sorted array of unique y values in yy meshgrid

tval

np.array - Sorted array of unique t values in tt meshgrid

starts

pd.DataFrame – Dataframe initialized to contain starter points

add_image_data(impath)

Imports a 3D (txy) dataset (czi or tiff) that matches the vector data

Parameters impath (*str*) – Complete or relative path to image file Accepts either tif or czi file types

img

np.array - 3D array of image data

$calc_track(x0, y0, dt, tmin=0)$

Calculate the trajectory of a single point through space and time

Parameters

- **x0** (float) X position of the starting point
- **y0** (float) Y position of the starting point
- **dt** (*float*) Duration of time step
- trange (list or np.array) Range of t values to iterate over for interpolation

Returns track (*np.array*) – Array of dimension number_t_steps x 2

calc_track_set (starts, dt, name=", timer=True, tmin=0)

Calculate trajectories for a set of points using a constant dt

Parameters

- **starts** (*pd.DataFrame*) Dataframe with columns x and y containing one point per row
- **dt** (*float*) Duration of time step
- name (str, optional) Default, ", encodes notes for a set of points
- timer (boolean, optional) Default = True, activates tqdm progress timer

tracks

pd.DataFrame – Dataframe with columns x,y,t,name,track Contains trajectories based on points in *starts*

initialize_interpolation(timer=True)

Calculates interpolation of vx and vy for each timepoint Uses scipy.interpolate.RectBivariateSpline for optimal speed on meshgrid data

Parameters timer (boolean, optional) – Default = True, activates tqdm progress timer

Ldx

list – List of dx interpolation objects for each t

Ldy

list – List of dy interpolation objects for each t

interp_init

boolean - Set to True after completion of interpolation for loop

```
pick_start_points (notebook_url='localhost:8888')
```

Launches interactive bokeh plot to record user clicks

Parameters notebook_url (*str, optional*) – Default 'localhost:8888', specifies jupyterlab url for interactive plotting

Returns p – Plotting object for bokeh plot

save_start_points(p)

Uses the *to_df* method of the plotting object generated by *pick_start_points* to generate dataframe of click points

Parameters p (*object*) – Generated by *pick_start_points* after clicks have been recorded

starts

pd.DataFrame - Appends new recorded clicks to starts dataframe

gbeflow.calc_embryo_theta(line)

Given a line fit to each embryo, calculate the angle of rotation to align the embryo in the horizontal axis

Parameters line (*pd.DataFrame*) - Dataframe returned by *calc_line()* containing columns dy and dx

Returns line (pd.DataFrame) – Input dataframe with an additional column theta in degrees

gbeflow.calc_flow_path(xval, yval, vx, vy, x0, y0, dt, timer=True)

Calculate the trajectory of a point through the vector field over time

Parameters

- xval (np.array) A list of unique x values that define the meshgrid of xx
- **yval** (*np.array*) A corresponding list of unique y values that define the meshgrid of yy
- vx (np.array) Array of shape (time,len(xval),len(yval)) containing the x velocity component
- **vy** (*np.array*) Array of shape (time,len(xval),len(yval)) containing y velocity component
- dt (float) Duration of the time step between intervals
- timer (boolean, optional) Default true uses the tqdm timer as an iterator

Returns Array of shape (time,2) containing x and y position of trajectory over time

gbeflow.calc_line(points)

Given two points calculate the line between the two points

Parameters points (*pd.DataFrame*) – Dataframe containing the columns x, y, and 'level_1' (from df.reset_index()) Each row should contain data for a single point

Returns lines (pd.DataFrame) – Dataframe with columns that specify an equation for a line

gbeflow.imshow(img, figsize=(10, 8))

Show image using matplotlib and including colorbar

Parameters

- img (np.array) 2D array to display
- **figsize** (*tuple*, *optional*) Default = (10,8) Tuple passed to matplotlib to specify figure size

gbeflow.load_avi_as_array(path)

Use *av* module to load each frame from an avi movie into a numpy array

Parameters path (*str*) – Complete or relative path to avi movie file for import

Returns *np.array* – Array with dimensions frames,x,y

gbeflow.make_track_movie (movie, df, c, name)

Plots the trajectory of points over time on each frame of an existing movie or array

Parameters

• **movie** (*str*) – Complete or relative path to the movie file to plot on

- df (pd. DataFrame) Dataframe of tracks minimally with columns x,y,t
- **c** (*str*, *color*) Currently only supports single color assignments, but data specific assignments could be possible
- **name** (*str*) Root of filename for output file, without filetype

Returns Saves a tif stack using path provided by name

gbeflow.read_hyperstack(fpath, dataset='channell', tmax=166)

Read in an hdf5 hyperstack where each timepoint is a group containing two channels which are saved as datapoints

Warning: Doesn't work on files that were written with *write_hyperstack()*. Tiff files are probably better.

Parameters

- **fpath** (*str*) Relative or absolute path to data file
- **dataset** (*str*, *optional*) Default = 'channel1' Specifies the key to select a dataset from the h5 file
- tmax (int, optional) Default = 166 Number of expected time frames

Returns *np.array* – Array with h5 data in dimensions txy

gbeflow.reshape_vector_data(df)

Convert dataframe structure into a set of meshgrid arrays

Parameters df (pd. DataFrame) – Dataframe with columns x,y,frame,vx,vy

Returns *tt,xx,yy,vx,vy* – Set of arrays of shape (len(T),len(X),len(Y))

gbeflow.tidy_vector_data(name)

Tidys csv files exported from matlab OpticalFlow

Parameters name (*str*) – String specifying the name passed to OpticalFlowOutput Can include complete or partial path to file

Returns pd.DataFrame - Dataframe containing the following columns: frame, x, y, vx, vy

gbeflow.write_hyperstack(hst, fpath, dataset='channell')

Write an h5 file in the same format as was read in

Parameters

- hst (np.array) Array with dimensions txy
- **fpath** (*str*) Complete path to output file with '.h5'
- dataset (str, optional) Specifies name of the dataset in h5 file

1.5.2 Data Preprocessing

Import raw microscopy data

Data can be imported from czi and tiff files. The *gbeflow.CziImport* wraps the czifile module published by Christoph Gohlke to read the propriatory zeiss file format. The underlying datastructure of czi's varies based on the collection parameters, so the *gbeflow.CziImport* may not work reliabily.

import gbeflow # Load czi file from relative/absolute path czi = gbeflow.CziImport(filepath) # Raw array of data is available as an attribute raw = czi.raw_im # Data squeezed to minimum dimensions also available data = czi.data

Alternativly, data can be read from tiff files saved using Fiji. The module tifffile makes this by far the easiest approach with tifffile.imread and tifffile.imsave.

import tifffile

```
# Import tiff file from relative or absolute path
img = tifffile.imread(filepath)
# Save array to new tiff file
tifffile.imsave(outpath, data=img)
```

Embryo alignment

During imaging, embryos are not expected to be aligned in any particular orientation in the XY plane. While we will accept only embryos that have an approximate lateral mounting, we need to correct XY positioning in post-processing. In the notebook rotate_embryo, a workflow is proposed that accepts user inputs in order to guide the alignment process. The user input functions rely on bebi103 which is a package written by Justin Bois for the BE/Bi103 course that is still under active development. Below is an example of what processing a single sample might look like.

```
import os
import glob
import tqdm
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import scipy.ndimage
import tifffile
import bebi103
import bokeh.io
bokeh.io.output_notebook()
import gbeflow
```

Import first time point from each original tiff

```
files = glob.glob(os.path.abspath('../data/original/20181130-gbe_mutants_brt/*.tif'))
files = files
```

The key parameter for tifffile.imread lets us import just the first timepoint with both channels. This makes it possible so that we can look at a sample of all of the data at once. Since the total dataset is >20Gb we can't load it directly into memory.

%%time
raw = {}
for f in files:
 raw[f] = tifffile.imread(f,key=(0,1))

Select points to use for alignment

Try selecting two points on the dorsal surface that represent the linear plane of the dorsal side. This approach should hopefully be less sensitive to variability in how the user picks the points.

```
clicks = []
for f in files:
    clk = bebi103.viz.record_clicks(raw[f][1],flip=False)
    clicks.append(clk)
```

Extract the points selected for each image into a dataframe.

```
Ldf = []
for clk in clicks:
    Ldf.append(clk.to_df())
points = pd.concat(Ldf,keys=files)
points
```

Reshape points array to have one row per sample.

```
points = points.reset_index(level=1)
points.head()
```

Calculate a line for each embryo

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

 $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

line = gbeflow.calc_line(points)

```
line = line.reset_index().rename(columns={'index':'f'})
line.head()
```

Plot embryos with line on top

$$y = m(x - x_1) + y_1$$

```
# Create list to collect plot objects
Lp = []
# X values to compute line on
x = np.linspace(0, 1024, 100)
for f in files:
    p = bebi103.viz.imshow(raw[f][1,:,:],flip=False)
   x1 = line[line['f']==f]['x1'].values
    y1 = line[line['f']==f]['y1'].values
    m = line[line['f']==f]['m'].values
    y = m \star (x - x1) + y1
    p.line(x,y,color='red',line_width=3)
      p.scatter(line[line['f']==f]['x'], line[line['f']==f]['y'], color='white',
#
\leftrightarrowsize=15)
    Lp.append(p)
bokeh.io.show(bokeh.layouts.gridplot(Lp,ncols=2))
```

Calculate rotation

The angle of rotation is calculated as follows

$$\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}\right)$$

This calculation can be code-blockd using the np.arctan2, which has two arguments that correspond to Δy and Δx .

```
line = gbeflow.calc_embryo_theta(line)
line.head()
```

Apply rotation based on θ

With θ calculated, we are now ready to rotate each sample accordingly. Since we cannot load all of the data into memory at the same time, we will currently only rotate the first timepoint to check that it worked. After we have determined all necessary manipulations for each embryo, we will run the actual rotation.

```
# Dataframe to save first timepoint from each rotate embryo
rot = {}
# List to save bokeh plots
Lp = []
for f in tqdm.tqdm(files):
    # Extract the theta value for this sample
    theta = line[line['f']==f]['theta'].values[0]
    # Rotate single image
    rimg = scipy.ndimage.rotate(raw[f][1],theta)
```

```
# Save and plot first timepoint
rot[f] = rimg
p = bebi103.viz.imshow(rimg,title=f)
Lp.append(p)
```

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bokeh.io.show(bokeh.layouts.gridplot(Lp,ncols=2))

```
# Import modules
import bebi103
import gbeflow
import tifffile
import scipy.ndimage
# Import image from tiff
raw = tifffile.imread(impath)
# Select first timepoint from `raw` to display
clk = bebi103.viz.record_clicks(raw[0],flip=False)
# Extract points from `clk` to a dataframe
points = clk.to_df().reset_index()
# Calculate line for each embryo
line = gbeflow.calc_line(points
                ).reset_index(
                ).rename(
                    columns={'index','f'}
                )
# Calculate angle of rotation
line = gbeflow.calc_embryo_theta(line)
# Rotate embryo
rimg = scipy.ndimage.rotate(raw, line['theta'])
# Save rotated stack to file
tifffile.imsave(outpath,data=rimg)
```

Manual curation of orientation

After the rotation based on θ has been applied, the embryos should be positioned such that the AP axis is horizontal. However, the rotation does not gurantee that the embryo will be positioned with anterior left and dorsal up. At this point, the user can individually specify any additional rotations to correct the embryo's orientation. The following examples are typically sufficient to correct most orientation errors:

```
# Rotate by 180 degrees around center point
img = scipy.ndimage.rotate(img,180)
# Flip horizontally by specifying a specific axis
img = np.flip(img,axis=-1)
```

Flip vertically
img = np.flip(img,axis=-1)

The final result of this workflow is that all samples are aligned dorsal up with the anterior end of the embryo to the left. This consistent alignment should facilitate future comparisons of the results of optical flow.

Embryo Masking

Rationale

We want to eliminate the background by segmenting the embryo from the background. Later in our analysis, our job will be easier if we do not need to worry about the background contributing noise.

Basic Approach

Segment the embryo from the background in order to clearly isolate changes in signal associated with germ band extension

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from imp import reload
import sys
sys.path.insert(0, '..')
import utilities as ut
from skimage import img_as_float
from skimage.filters import gaussian
from skimage.segmentation import active_contour
from skimage.measure import grid_points_in_poly
```

Data Import

Read in hdf5 hyperstack as a 3d numpy array. Convert to float for ease of processing.

hst = img_as_float(ut.read_hyperstack('.../data/wt_gbe_20180110.h5'))

Select a single image from the first timepoint to use as a test case for segmentation development

img = hst[0]

ut.imshow(img)



Background Segmentation

In order to analyze any signal variation that is associated with germ band extension, we need to isolate the signal of the embryo from any background. This task is complicated by the nature of brightfield images where the intensity of the background ~1 is similar to the intensity of cells within the image. As a result we cannot use a simple threshold which would remove signal from within the embryo as well as from the background.

However, the embryo does have a clear dark line that separates the embryo itself from the background. We will take advantage of this clear line to separate the embryo from the background using contour based methods.

To start, we will approximate an ellipse that is slightly bigger than the size of the embryo, which will provide a starting point for contour fitting.

```
# Values to calculate the ellipse over using parametrized trigonometric fxns
s = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 400)
# Define the approximate center of the embryo/ellipse
center_x = 500
center_y = 530
# Define the radius of the ellipse in x and y
radius_x = 550
radius_y = 250
# Calculate the position of the ellipse as a function of s
x = center_x + radius_x*np.cos(s)
y = center_y + radius_y*np.sin(s)
init = np.array([x, y]).T
```

Next we will use skimage's active_contour method to fit our approximated ellipse to the contour of the embryo. The kwarg parameters for this function were copied based on the active countour tutorial.

```
fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,10))
ax.imshow(img)
ax.plot(init[:, 0], init[:, 1], '--r', lw=3,label='estimate')
ax.plot(snake[:, 0], snake[:, 1], '-r', lw=3,label='fitted contour')
ax.legend()
```

<matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1c19e6f048>



The plot above shows our image overlaid with the approximated ellipse (dashed line) and the fitted counter (red continuous line). This contour follows the boundary between the embryo and the background.

Create background mask

Now that we have a estimated function snake that defines the boundary of the embryo and the background, we need to define a mask in the shape of the image that defines which points belong in the image. Skimage's grid_points_in_poly function takes a set of points defining a shape (snake) and identifies which points over a given raster area fall within the input shape.

```
mask = grid_points_in_poly(img.shape, snake).T
plt.imshow(mask)
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1c1aa11c88>



im_masked = img.copy()
im_masked[~mask] = 0
ut.imshow(im_masked)



Write a function to fit a contour to a new embryo

```
# Values to calculate the ellipse over using parametrized trigonometric fxns
s = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 400)
# Calculate the position of the ellipse as a function of s
x = center_x + radius_x*np.cos(s)
y = center_y + radius_y*np.sin(s)
init = np.array([x, y]).T
```

return(init)

Apply mask to hyperstack

Check ellipse approximation on first and last timepoints

```
center_x,center_y = 500,530
radius_x,radius_y = 550,250
ellipse = calc_ellipse(center_x,center_y,radius_x,radius_y)
fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(10,8))
ax[0].imshow(hst[0])
ax[0].plot(init[:,0],init[:,1],'--r',lw=3)
ax[1].imshow(hst[-1])
ax[1].plot(init[:,0],init[:,1],'--r',lw=3)
```

[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1c1a65a978>]



Loop through each timepoint in hyperstack
for t in range(hst.shape[0]):
 hst[t] = contour_embryo(hst[t],ellipse)

```
fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(10,8))
ax[0].imshow(hst[0])
ax[1].imshow(hst[-1])
```

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1c1a3349e8>



Following the development of the method above, an object was created within gbeflow to handle the tasks associated with contouring: MaskEmbryo. An example of using this new class is included below.

```
import gbeflow
import tifffile
import bebil03
# Import sample from tiff
```

```
img = tifffile.imread(filepath)
# Select endpoints of embryo for ellipse calculation
clk = bebi103.viz.record_clicks(raw[0],flip=False)
# Save points to dataframe after selection
points = clk.to_df()
# Initialize object with selected points
me = gbeflow.MaskEmbryo(points)
# Contour embryo based on ellipse calculated during initialization
# Input accepts only 2d data
mask = me.contour_embryo(img[0])
# Apply binary mask to the raw image
mask_img = me.mask_image(img,mask)
```

After running the code above, this workflow can be applied to the remaining timepoints and saved as a tif.

Limitations

While this approach worked well on the test dataset, when applied to other embryos it would make mistakes on $\sim 10\%$ of frames. There does not appear to be a straightforward way to improve performance without manual curation. See 20181106-endpoint_ellipse.ipynb and 20181108-vector_calculation.ipynb for examples of masking mistakes.

Next Steps

The implementation of contour masking shown in 20181108-vector_calculation.ipynb fits an individual contour to create a mask for each timepoint in the timecourse. Simply by repeating the calculation many times, we introduce more opportunities for mistakes. In the future the contour should be fit just to the first timepoint to create a mask that the optical flow algorithm can use on all timepoints (See the paper's supplement for more information.) To accommodate any minute changes in embryo size, we could try to increase the size of the mask by 10%, but given the large scale of the movements that we are interested in it may not be necessary.

1.5.3 Optical Flow

Implementation in Matlab

The optical flow algorithm is implemented in a Matlab script published in the supplement to Vig et al. 2016. It can be run directly in Matlab according to the instructions in the supplementary PDF. In order for Matlab to use the script *OpticalFlow.m*, it needs to either be placed in the same folder as the data or the path to the script needs to be added to the Matlab environment before running the script.

```
addpath('path/to/OpticalFlow.m')
[X,Y,Vx,Vy,Mov] = OpticalFlow (MovieName, BinaryMask, scale, dt, BoxSize, BlurSTD,
→ArrowSize)
```

The OpticalFlow function takes a set of parameters that are described in the supplementary materials of Vig et al. 2016. The parameters are summarized below:

Parameter	Description	Value
MovieName	Avi or tiff file to be analyzed	
BinaryMask	Name of the region-of-interest image sequence files can be either AVI or TIFF	[]
-	format. If an ROI mask is not necessary then the input is []	
scale	Converts pixels to microns scale is defined in microns per pixel	0.5 µm/pixel
		(must be a
		float)
dt	Time interval between frames	60.0 s (must
		be a float)
BoxSize	Sets the linear size of the subregions (in pixels) where the velocity is computed.	30 pixels
	Should be set to be large enough that each subregion contains at least one iden-	
	tifiable image feature.	
BlurSTD	Sets the size of the standard deviation for the Gaussian blur. Should be set to	1.0 (must be a
	half maximum velocity between two images in pixels.	float)
ArrowSize	Used to define a coarser output grid for the velocity vectors. Defines the spacing	5
	(in pixels) between output velocity vectors.	
Optical Flow	To access an augmented mode of Optical Flow enter 'Rotation' to determine the	
Method	local voriticity (ωo) or 'React' to measure the effects of an added source term	
	(γ) . To run the standard default version use 'none' or omit this input parameter.	

Table 1: Optical Flow Parameters (Vig et al. 2016)

Selecting Parameter Values

BlurSTD and BoxSize are the two parameters that are most difficult to determine for a naive user. In order to determine appropriate values for brightfield data, I tried running combinations of BoxSize= $\{10,20,30,40,50\}$ and BlurSize= $\{1,4,10,20,30\}$ and reviewed the outputs to select parameter values that had the least noise without obscuring features in the data. This same approach could be applied to any new data types that are investigated in the future.

Running OpticalFlow from python

Matlab distributes its application with a python installation, which can be installed by the user. See this link for instructions on installing the matlab python package.

Managing the output of OpticalFlow.m

OpticalFlow.m returns a set of variables as output: [X, Y, Vx, Vy, Mov]. Transfering matlab data objects directly to python is difficult and limited to a relatively simple data structures. To avoid this problem, I wrote a function that wraps around OpticalFlow.m and saves the output to a set of csv files and an avi. The code shown below is available in OpticalFlowOutput.m.

```
function OpticalFlowOutput (OutName, MovieName, BinaryMask, BoxSize, BlurSTD, ArrowSize,

→scale, dt)
[ X, Y, Vx, Vy, mov ] = OpticalFlow( MovieName, BinaryMask, BoxSize, BlurSTD, ArrowSize,

→scale, dt );
csvwrite(strcat(OutName, '_X.csv'), X);
disp(size(X));
csvwrite(strcat(OutName, '_Y.csv'), Y);
disp(size(Y));
```

```
csvwrite(strcat(OutName, '_Vx.csv'),Vx);
disp(size(Vx));
csvwrite(strcat(OutName, '_Vy.csv'),Vy);
disp(size(Vy));
vidobj = VideoWriter(strcat(OutName, '.avi'));
vidobj.open();
vidobj.writeVideo(mov);
vidobj.close();
end
```

Interacting with matlab from python

Once the matlab package is installed in the python36 environment, we can run OpticalFlow.m script directly from python using a Jupyter Notebook.

```
# First we need to import the matlab engine package
import matlab.engine
# Next start the engine
eng = matlab.engine.start_matlab()
# Add path for matlab script to namespace
eng.addpath(r'../matlab', nargout=0)
# Define opticalflow parameter values
BinaryMask = matlab.single([])
scale = 0.5
dt = 1.0
BoxSize = 30
BlurSTD = 1.0
ArrowSize= 5
# Define file paths and names
outpath = 'abs/path/name'
inpath = 'abs/path/name.tif'
# Run optical flow script
eng.OpticalFlowOutput(outpath, inpath, BinaryMask,
                    BoxSize, BlurSTD, ArrowSize,
                    scale, dt, nargout=0)
```

Some notes about running matlab from python

When Matlab functions are called from Python, we need to include an additional argument nargout, which tells Matlab whether we expect a value returned by the function. For the functions eng.addpath and eng. OpticalFlowOutput, there are no return values so we can just append nargout=0 to the function parameters as shown above.

There are two options for the parameter BinaryMask. If we want to use a previously calculated binary mask, we can pass the absolute path to an avi or tiff file that matches the primary file that we are analyzing. Alternatively, if we don't want to use a mask, we can set BinaryMask to matlab.single([]), which passes an empty array to Matlab.

Finally, the OpticalFlow.m script and Matlab seem happiest when working with absolute paths as opposed to relative paths. For convenience, we can import the package os and use the function os.path.abspath() to convert any relative or complete path to an absolute path. For example:

import os

```
relpath = '../data/example.tif'
abspath = os.path.abspath(relpath)
```

Wrangling the optical flow ouput data

OpticalFlow.m returns 5 data objects [X, Y, Vx, Vy, mov] that are saved to output files when using OpticalFlowOutput.m. Given a user input which defines the base of the output file names hereafter refered to as <name>, OpticalFlowOutput saves the 5 data objects.

Object	Filename	Description	
X	<name>_X.csv</name>	A vector with the unique x positions for the vector grid	
Y	<name>_Y.csv</name>	A vector with the unique y positions for the vector grid	
Vx	<name>_Vx.csv</name>	x.csvContains the X component of the velocity vector.	
		MxN matrix where there are M columns corresponding	
		to time and N rows corresponding the the spatial posi-	
		tions stored in X and Y	
Vy	<name>_Vy.csv</name>	Contains the Y component of the velocity vector. An	
		MxN matrix where there are M columns corresponding	
		to time and N rows corresponding the the spatial posi-	
		tions stored in X and Y	
mov	<name>.avi</name>	A movie of the original input data with the correspond-	
		ing vector field overlaid using green arrows.	

Table 2:	Optical Flow	Output
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The function gbeflow.tidy_vector_data() loads the 4 vector files saved by optical flow ouput by looking for the root of the filename <name>. The four data files are compiled into a single dataframe that contains five columns: frame, x, y, vx, and vy. The dataframe which the function returns can be saved to a csv file using pandas. DataFrame.to_csv().

In order to facilitate interpolation and plotting, we also want to transform the data into an array based structure as opposed to a tidy dataframe where each row corresponds to a single point/velocity vector. The function *gbeflow*. *reshape_vector_data()* accepts the dataframe output by *gbeflow.tidy_vector_data()* as an input. It creates a set of arrays that conform to the following dimensions: # of time points × # of unique x values × # of unique y values. The function returns five arrays following this convention: tt, xx, yy, vx, and vy. If we use the same index to select a value from each of the 5 arrays, we will get the t, x and y positions with the corresponding vx and vy velocity components.

The following code is an example of how to import the results of optical flow after running the example code above.

```
import gbeflow
# Define file paths and names
outpath = 'abs/path/name'
# Read in data to a single dataframe
df = gbeflow.tidy_vector_data(outpath)
```

```
# Convert to array based format
tt,xx,yy,vx,vy = gbeflow.reshape_vector_data(df)
```

1.5.4 Simulated Cell Tracking

Objective

While the calculation of the vector field gives us new information about our samples, we still need to develop metrics that enable quantification of the movement of the germband and comparison to other samples. Since there is already an established set of metrics for comparint single cell tracks, we will try to generate single cell tracks from our vector field.

Managing time units

When we run the optical flow algorithm, it takes a parameter for δt however, an initial exploration of the role of this parameter indicates that changing the value does not impact the output of the algorithm. This finding raises the question of what are the units for the vectors output by the algorithm. We will use dimensional analysis of the advection equation to determine the units.

The advection equation describes the movement of a particle carried by a flow

$$\Delta I = I(t + \Delta t) - I(t) = -\Delta t(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla I)$$

 ΔI and ∇I are defined in arbitrary units (au) and describe the change in intensity and the gradient of intensity respectively. The unit of time is not explicitly specified, but we will measure it in seconds (s). Given these units, we can calculate the units of \mathbf{v} ([\mathbf{v}]).

$$au = s([\mathbf{v}] \cdot au)$$
(1.1)

$$\frac{au}{au} = (\mathbf{s}[\mathbf{\hat{v}}])$$

$$\frac{1}{s} \neq 1[\mathbf{\hat{v}}]$$

(1.4)

We find that our velocity vector \mathbf{v} has units of 1/s. When we are calculating the movement of a simulated cell through our fector field, we need to multiply the velocity by the time step in order to calculate the change in position.

$$\mathbf{x}_{n} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{n} \\ y_{n} \end{bmatrix}$$
(1.5)
$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_{n} + \Delta t (\mathbf{k} \mathbf{6})$$

Selecting start points

For efficency, we currently ask the user to select a set of points to use as start points for tracks that will be generated using interpolation. We will take advantage of the bebi103 module by using bebi103.viz.record_clicks. In order to record data, the user needs to select the tab on the right side of the figure that shows three points. Then an click on the image will be recorded according to its position.

Interpolation

Currently, the function that interpolates the vector fields for simulated cell tracking gbeflow. VectorField relies on scipy's interpolate.RectBivariateSpline to estimate the vector for each simulated cell. When gbeflow. VectorField.initialize_interpolation() runs, it saves the scipy interpolation object to gbeflow. VectorField.Ldx or gbeflow.VectorField.Ldy for each timepoint. In order to calculate the trajectory of a single cell, the function gbeflow.VectorField.calc_track() uses the previously calculated interpolation objects stored in gbeflow.VectorField.Ldx and gbeflow.VectorField.Ldy and evaluates the position of the cell to generate the x and y components of the next vector.

Code Examples

Data Import

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tifffile
import bebil03
import bokeh.io
# This variable needs to be specified for bokeh to render plots in notebook
notebook_url = 'localhost:8888'
bokeh.io.output_notebook()
import os
import sys
import glob
from imp import reload
import tqdm
import gbeflow
```

We'll start by grabbing a list of csv files that were generated by OpticalFlowOutput.m.

```
csvs = glob.glob('*_Vx.csv')
```

```
['yolk3_Vx.csv',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc6_mmzm_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'yolk_Vx.csv',
'original_Vx.csv',
'test3_Vx.csv',
'20180112_htlglc_tl_sc4_resille_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'20180108_htl_glc_sc2_mmzm_wp_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-02_sc11_htl_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'20180108_htl_glc_sc9_mmzp_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'20180108_htl_glc_sc11_mmzm_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'test2_Vx.csv',
'20180112_htlglc_tl_sc11_mmzp_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'test_Vx.csv',
'yolk2_Vx.csv'
'20180110_htl_glc_sc15_mmzm_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
'scl1_Vx.csv',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc14_mmzp_rotate_brt_Vx.csv',
```

```
'test4_Vx.csv',
'20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-01_sc10_wt_rotate_brt_Vx.csv']
```

In order to load the data in using gbeflow.tidy_vector_data() we need to isolate the root <name> in the set of file names we collected.

```
names = set([f[:-7] for f in csvs])
```

```
{'20180108_htl_glc_sc11_mmzm_rotate_brt',
'20180108_htl_glc_sc2_mmzm_wp_rotate_brt',
'20180108_htl_glc_sc9_mmzp_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-01_sc10_wt_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-02_sc11_htl_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc14_mmzp_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc15_mmzm_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc6_mmzm_rotate_brt',
'20180112_htlglc_tl_sc11_mmzp_rotate_brt',
'20180112_htlglc_tl_sc4_resille_rotate_brt',
'original',
'sc11',
'test',
'test2',
'test3',
'test4',
'yolk',
'yolk2',
'yolk3'}
```

Now we can define a list that just contains the root file names that we are interested in.

```
fs = ['20180108_htl_glc_sc11_mmzm_rotate_brt',
 '20180108_htl_glc_sc2_mmzm_wp_rotate_brt',
 '20180108_htl_glc_sc9_mmzp_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-01_sc10_wt_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc_sc14_mmzp_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc_sc15_mmzm_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc_sc6_mmzm_rotate_brt',
 '20180112_htlglc_tl_sc11_mmzp_rotate_brt',
 '20180112_htlglc_tl_sc4_resille_rotate_brt']
```

We can now initialize the object *gbeflow*. *VectorField*. This object will facilitate importing the data, interpolating over the vector field, and generating simulated cell tracks.

```
vf = {}
for f in fs:
    vf[f] = gbeflow.VectorField(f)
```

Each item in the dictionary vf is a vector field object with a key based on the root file name.

vf.keys()

```
'20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-01_sc10_wt_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-02_sc11_htl_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc14_mmzp_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc15_mmzm_rotate_brt',
'20180110_htl_glc_sc6_mmzm_rotate_brt',
'20180112_htlglc_t1_sc11_mmzp_rotate_brt',
'20180112_htlglc_t1_sc4_resille_rotate_brt'])
```

Now we can import the image data that matches each vector field object.

```
for f in vf.keys():
    vf[f].add_image_data(os.path.join('../data',vf[f].name+'.tif'))
```

Track Calculation

Using the image data, we can pick starting points for our tracks. We are going to save the bokeh plotting object generated by *gbeflow.VectorField.pick_start_points()* into a list so that we can extract the click record when we are done.

```
L = []
for f in vf.keys():
    L.append(vf[f].pick_start_points())
```

After points have been selected on each image, we will save the click record back into each vf object.

```
for i,f in enumerate(vf.keys()):
    vf[f].save_start_points(L[i])
```

We're now ready to use interpolation to generate the tracks for each start point.

```
for f in vf.keys():
    vf[f].calc_track_set(vf[f].starts,60,name='dt60')
```

Now we can extract the set of tracks from each vf object and save it to a single dataframe for plotting.

Static Track Visualization

We can get a better sense of the tracking results by plotting the tracks directly on top of the image of the embryo. We'll look just at the first timepoint and display the image in grey so that we can easily plot on top of it. To show time in our tracks, we'll color code each point according to its time value using the plasma colormap.

```
for f in fs:
    fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,8))
    ax.imshow(vf.img[0],cmap='Greys')
    sb = tracks[tracks['f']==f]
    ax.scatter(sb.x,sb.y,c=sb['t'].values,cmap='plasma')
```





















Dynamic Track Visualization

In order to get a better sense of how the tracks relate to movement in the embryo, we'll take advantage of the movie that is automatically generated by OpticalFlowOutput.m. We can read the avi file in as a 3D array using gbeflow.load_avi_as_array(). We can then plot tracks on top of each frame from the avi using gbeflow. make_track_movie(). This second functions saves the new 3D array as a tiff stack, which can be opened in Fiji and converted to an avi if necessary.

The python framework of try except is convenient here because the avi output from OpticalFlowOutput.m does not always work and can result in the creation of a file without any data. By using try except, we will get a report if any particular file fails, but our loop will continue running to finish the remaining files.

1.5.5 Detecting Mesoderm Invagination

Calculate the time when mesoderm invagination occurs in order to align samples in time and to start point tracking at the start of germband invagination

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use('agg')
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tifffile
import av
```

import tqdm

- -

import gbeflow

```
fs = ['20180108_htl_glc_sc11_mmzm_rotate_brt',
 '20180108_htl_glc_sc2_mmzm_wp_rotate_brt',
 '20180108_htl_glc_sc9_mmzp_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-01_sc10_wt_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc_sc14_mmzp_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc_sc15_mmzm_rotate_brt',
 '20180110_htl_glc_sc6_mmzm_rotate_brt',
 '20180112_htlglc_tl_sc11_mmzp_rotate_brt',
 '20180112_htlglc_tl_sc4_resille_rotate_brt']
```

Select a single sample as a test case

f = '20180110_htl_glc_sc14_mmzp_rotate_brt'

Load vector data and movie mesoderm_figs/output

```
# vimg = gbeflow.load_avi_as_array(f+'.avi')
vf = gbeflow.VectorField(f)
```

expected = 35

```
fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,8))
ax.imshow(vimg[expected])
```



Test metrics for detecting mesoderm invagination

Sum of y component of vectors over time

vf.vy.shape (166, 270, 270) ysum = np.sum(vf.vy,axis=(1,2)) fig,ax = plt.subplots() ax.plot(ysum) ax.axvline(expected,c='r')



Try looking at the sum of only positive vy components

```
vfpos = np.copy(vf.vy)
vfpos[vfpos<0] = 0</pre>
```

```
ysum = np.sum(vfpos,axis=(1,2))
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(ysum)
ax.axvline(expected,c='r')
```

<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1d21e1fc50>



What about within an roi

```
roi = np.s_[:,400:900,:]
```

```
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
ax.imshow(vimg[roi][35])
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x11579f0b8>
```



```
roirange = np.interp([400,900], (0,1368), (0,270))
roirange
```

array([78.94736842, 177.63157895])

vroi = np.s_[:,int(roirange[0]):int(roirange[1]),:]

vfpos[vroi].shape

(166, 99, 270)

```
ysum = np.sum(vfpos[vroi],axis=(1,2))
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(ysum)
ax.axvline(expected,c='r')
```

```
<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1d239af9e8>
```



Sum of the squared positive vy

```
ysum = np.sum(np.power(vfpos[vroi],2),axis=(1,2))
```

```
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(ysum)
ax.axvline(expected,c='r')
ax.axvline(55,c='m')
```

```
<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1d24b19eb8>
```



```
fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,8))
ax.imshow(vimg[roi][55])
```





While we are not detecting mesoderm invagination here, this feature does mark germband extension which could be useful in itself.

Let's try this on other samples to see if the feature is consistent

```
Dvimg = { }
for f in fs:
```

```
try:
    Dvimg[f] = gbeflow.load_avi_as_array(f+'.avi')
except:
    print('Video import failed',f)
```

```
Dvf = {}
for f in Dvimg.keys():
    try:
        Dvf[f] = gbeflow.VectorField(f)
    except:
        print('Import failed',f)
```

```
Dsum = {}
for f in Dvimg.keys():
    vfpos = np.copy(Dvf[f].vy)
    vfpos[vfpos<0] = 0
    Dsum[f] = np.sum(np.power(vfpos[vroi],2),axis=(1,2))</pre>
```

```
for f in Dsum.keys():
    fig,ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(10,8))
    ax[0].plot(Dsum[f])
    ax[0].axvline(maxsum[f],c='r')
    ax[0].set_title(f)
    ax[1].imshow(Dvimg[f][roi][maxsum[f]])
```





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20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-01_sc10_wt_rotate_brt





20180110_htl_glc-CreateImageSubset-02_sc11_htl_rotate_brt













20180112 htlglc_tl_sc11_mmzp_rotate_brt



For the time being it looks like manually selecting the timepoint of mesoderm invagination will be more expedient.

Check manual assignments

```
tpoints = pd.read_csv('mesoderm_invagination.csv')
tpoints
```

```
tpoints[tpoints['File']==f+'.avi'].values[-1,-1]
```

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```
for f in Dvimg.keys():
    fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,8))
    t = tpoints[tpoints['File']==f+'.avi'].values[-1,-1]
    ax.imshow(Dvimg[f][t])
    ax.set_title(f)
```

Test track interpolation starting at mesoderm invagination

```
tracks = pd.read_csv('20181128-tracking.csv')
tracks.head()
```

```
starts = tracks[tracks.t==0][['f', 'x', 'y']]
```

```
trange = range(maxsum[f],np.max(vf.tval))
(trange)
```

```
xpos = [x0] * (maxsum[f]+1)
ypos = [y0] * (maxsum[f]+1)
```

```
for t in trange:
    dx = vf.Ldx[t].ev(xpos[t],ypos[t])
    dy = vf.Ldy[t].ev(xpos[t],ypos[t])
    xpos.append(xpos[t] + dx*60)
    ypos.append(ypos[t] + dy*60)
```

Track visualization

```
for f in tracks['file'].unique():
    fig,ax = plt.subplots()
    sb = tracks[tracks['file']==f]
    ax.scatter(sb.x,sb.y)#, c=sb.t, cmap='plasma')
```









Attempting to start interpolating the tracks at the time of mesoderm invagination does not appear to improve the results of the tracking since there is still a large fraction that wanders out of the frame entirely.

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