

# IMAGE PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS IN CLEM: METHODS AND PITFALLS

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## CHALLENGES IN CORRELATIVE IMAGING FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS: FOCUS ON REGISTRATION





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Online Tutorials on Icy Bio Image Analysis website (look for ec-clem and ec-clem autofinder)

Methods in Cell Bologs + Volume 140 CORRELATIVE LIGHT ELECTRON MICROSCOPY III

STAR Protocols

Sample preparation and image registration for correlative cryo-FM and cryo-FIB-SEM of plunge-frozen mammalian cells



NEW VERSION !! (beta but usable) -MUCH MORE FASTER

- LESS GREEDY in memory
- New tools for error estimation (colocalization like)
- New Tools to ease your correlative WF constructions
  - New Tool for visualization

http://icy.bioimageanalysis.org/







Ec-clem

Ec-clem AutoFinder

eC-CLEM: flexible multidimensional registration software for correlative microscopies 102 | VOL.14 NO.2 | FEBRUARY 2017 | NATURE METHODS

# **RELOCATION VS REGISTRATION**







• « Move 5 mm right

from the center of the scratch »

 Or Store the position of the stage and transfer coordinates

# **RELOCATION VS REGISTRATION**



Registration is the computer vision method allowing to compute a TRANSFORMATION from the images content.

## Model of transformation

May the sample/specimen transfer/preparation have induced deformation? Is the scale relationship known (pixel size)?

Usually start from a linear transformation -> it may be sufficient and is less prone to errors than non rigid/ non linear. Projection

Scaling

Identity



### Rotation (rigid





### Similarity (= rigid +scaling)



Schorb M., Paul-Gilloteaux P. (2020) Resolving the Process of Clathrin Mediated Endocytosis Using Correlative Light and Electron Microscopy (CLEM). In: Miura K., Sladoje N. (eds) Bioimage Data Analysis Workflows. Learning Materials in Biosciences. Springer, Cham

### Splines



### Non Linear

Thousands of models: Radial basis, Thin Plate Spline, B-splines, Wavelets, Piece-Wise linear transformations, Elastic transformation, Fluid Flows,...

Linear: can be represented by a MATRIX, a straight line will stay a straight line

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### **APPROACHES FOR REGISTRATION**

**Fiducial**= any stuff you or the computer can recognise in both images and that will be used for registration

### Not Fiducial = any stuff NOT USED for registration



- One thing to know: NOTHING IS PERFECT
  - Because your sample may deform/ evolve between two modalities
  - Because multimodality is usually also multiscale (very different resolution, one pixel can match hundred of pixels in the second modality)
  - Because none modality allows to perfectly locate one structure of interest (imaging resolution). Even when the sample did not deform at all , this will create an error you can not avoid, only reduce.

## **HOW TO ASSESS THE QUALITY OF REGISTRATION?**









LEAVE-ONE OUT approach: Correlated fluorescence and 3D electron microscopy with high sensitivity and spatial precision Kulkuski, Schorb et al. JCB 2011

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Not

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Purpose : compute the transformation linking x he position of a point in an image and y its position in another image : predict the position new y of new x



Seeing the transformation computation as a regression problem: example with a linear relationship (**RIGID** i.e rotation + translation) Find R and T such as: y=Rx+T



More realistic situation: « noise » Typically the error in positionning the fiducial (RESOLUTION!!)

yo=y+noise in localisation (measure)

Xo=x+noise



### Estimated transform Yo=Rxo+T









We have statistical tools to predict the confident interval (here 95 %) for any new x!

we only have an estimation of the transform because of the « noise » on the position of fiducials BUT AT LEAST we know how accurate we are

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What about changing the basis of the transform? **NON RIGID** Cubic spline degree of freedom (nodes)=5





What about changing the basis of the transform? Cubic spline degree of freedom (nodes)=3



What about changing the basis of the transform? Cubic spline degree of freedom (nodes)=20

when there is deformation, selecting the good transformation model is not obvious and can have big consequences

# APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT CORRELATIVE WFS

- Cryo Structured Illumination Microscoscpy with Cryo Soft X-Ray (B24 beam line Diamond Synchrotron) -> based on cascaded transformations and rigid transformation assumption. (Collaboration with Diamond, Oxford UK-Heidelberg, Germany)
- Cryo WF microscopy with Cryo FIB-SEM -> based on lipid droplets as fiducials (Collaboration with Weizmann Institute Israel)



#### STAR Protocols

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### FIDUCIAL FREE Approach

- U2OS cells stably expressing red fluorescence (mCherry-Galectin-3), indicators of endosomal membrane disruption
- infected by a a fluorescent reovirus green fluorescence (Alexa647-reovirus)
- sample vitrification: frozen in liquid nitrogen-cooled liquid ethane





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## APPROACH WITHOUT FIDUCIALS

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Test on mitochondria stained cells : here we could conclude that there were no deformation in the correlative imaging process: all discrepancy was in the expected range of rigid transformation



# **CORRELATION RESULTS**



Reovirus (RV)-infected U2OS cells

1h after infection, a number of small but distinct vesicles are both Gal3 and RV positive

Black bars are 1  $\mu$ m and white bars 10  $\mu$ m.

# **CORRELATION RESULTS**



2h post infection : smaller endosomes have now merged to give rise to MVBs that have distinct compartments infused with Gal3 while others have not been similarly compromised (presumably arising from concatenation of membranes from MRV-free vesicles).

## CRYO FIB-SEM/ FM EXAMPLE WITH LIPID DROPLETS AS FIDUCIALS



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# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Choose carefully what will be used for computing the transformation
- Choose carefully the model of transformation
- Cascaded transformation can be useful to ease the correlation process
- Think about the way the accuracy of the correlative workflow will be estimated.
- Ecclem software provides tools to help to construct these workflows.



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