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```
function segmentationautomation(varargin)

    % SEGMENTATIONAUTOMATION Automated identification of contact
    % zones
    %
    % Syntax
    % -----
    % CONTACTAUTOMATION prompts the user to select a folder with Imaris
    % data to process. A new Imaris instance is opened to load and process
    % the data.
    %
    % CONTACTAUTOMATION(strFolder) processes Imaris files in the folder
    % indicated by the fully qualified path string strFolder. If the folder
    % indicated by strFolder does not exist, the function errors and exits.
    %
    % CONTACTAUTOMATION(strFolder, imarisID) connects to the Imaris
    % instance specified by imarisID. The imarisID input can be zero or
    % positive-valued integer. If no running instance of Imaris has an ID
    % equal to imarisID, a new instance will be created with the specified
    % ID.
    %
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```

## Parse the optional inputs.

```
segmentationautomationParser = inputParser;
segmentationautomationParser.addOptional('xFolder', '', @(arg)exist('arg', 'di
segmentationautomationParser.addOptional('xImarisID', '', ...
    @(arg)...
    (isnumeric(arg) && rem(arg, 1) == 0) || ...
    (~isnan(str2double(arg)) && rem(str2double(arg), 1) == 0))
parse(segmentationautomationParser, varargin{:})

xFolder = segmentationautomationParser.Results.xFolder;
xImarisID = segmentationautomationParser.Results.xImarisID;
```

## Create the figure.

```
desktopPos = get(0, 'MonitorPositions');
guiWidth = 552;
guiHeight = 361;
figPos = [...
    (desktopPos(1, 3) - guiWidth)/2, ...
    (desktopPos(1, 4) - guiHeight)/2, ...
    guiWidth, ...
    guiHeight];

guiSegmentation = figure(...
    'Color', 'k', ...
    'CloseRequestFcn', {@closecontactautomationfcn}, ...
    'MenuBar', 'None', ...
    'Name', 'Contact segmentation', ...
    'NumberTitle', 'Off', ...
    'Position', figPos, ...
    'Resize', 'Off', ...
    'Tag', 'guiSegmentation');

% Create the open and process buttons.
uicontrol(...
    'Background', 'k', ...
    'Callback', {@pushfolderopen, guiSegmentation}, ...
    'FontSize', 12, ...
    'Foreground', 'w', ...
    'Position', [20 324 75 24], ...
    'String', 'Folder', ...
    'Style', 'pushbutton', ...
    'Tag', 'pushOpen', ...
    'TooltipString', 'Open a folder with Imaris data');

uicontrol(...
    'Background', 'k', ...
    'Callback', {@pushfolderprocess, guiSegmentation}, ...
    'FontSize', 12, ...
    'Foreground', 'w', ...
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        'Position', [457 324 75 24], ...
        'String', 'Process', ...
        'Style', 'pushbutton', ...
        'Tag', 'pushProcess', ...
        'TooltipString', 'Process all Imaris files in the folder');

% Create a uicontrol to display the selected folder.
textFolder = uicontrol(...
    'Background', 'k', ...
    'FontSize', 10, ...
    'Foreground', 'w', ...
    'HorizontalAlignment', 'Left', ...
    'Position', [115 320 322 24], ...
    'String', '', ...
    'Style', 'text', ...
    'Tag', 'textFolder');

% Create the display axes.
axesContours = axes(...
    'Units', 'Pixels', ...
    'Color', 'k', ...
    'Parent', guiSegmentation, ...
    'Position', [20 40 512 256], ...
    'XColor', 'k', ...
    'YColor', 'k');

% Setup the status bar.
hStatus = statusbar(guiSegmentation, xFolder);
hStatus.CornerGrip.setVisible(false)

hStatus.ProgressBar.setForeground(java.awt.Color.black)
hStatus.ProgressBar.setString('')
hStatus.ProgressBar.setStringPainted(true)

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Folder

Process

## Store the inputs.

```
setappdata(guiSegmentation, 'xFolder', xFolder)
setappdata(guiSegmentation, 'xImarisID', xImarisID)
```

## Nested function to select a folder

```
function pushfolderopen(varargin)

    % PUSHOPEN Select a folder with data to process
    %
    %
```

## Get the folder to process.

```
xFolder = getappdata(guiSegmentation, 'xFolder');
xFolder = uigetdir(xFolder);
setappdata(guiSegmentation, 'xFolder', xFolder)
```

## Update the folder text box.

```
slashIdxs = strfind(xFolder, filesep);
folderEnd = xFolder(slashIdxs(end - 1) + 1:end);
set(textFolder, 'String', ['...\ ' folderEnd])

end % pushfolderopen
```

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## Nested function to process the Imaris files

```
function pushfolderprocess(varargin)

    % PUSHFOLDERPROCESS Process the Imaris files in the selected folder.
    %
    %
```

### Get all the Imaris files in the folder.

```
xFolder = getappdata(guiSegmentation, 'xFolder');
xFiles = dir(fullfile(xFolder, '*.ims'));

if isequal(xFolder, 0) || isempty(xFiles)
    return
end % if

fStartTime = zeros(length(xFiles), 1);
```

### Connect to Imaris.

```
xImarisID = getappdata(guiSegmentation, 'xImarisID');
if ~isempty(xImarisID)
    xImarisApp = xtconnectimaris(xImarisID);

else
    [xImarisApp, xImarisID] = xtconnectimaris;
    setappdata(guiSegmentation, 'xImarisID', xImarisID)

end % if
```

### Setup the progress bar.

```
hStatus.ProgressBar.setVisible(true)
hStatus.ProgressBar.setMaximum(length(xFiles))
completionEstimate = 'N/A';
```

### Segment the contacts in all the files.

```
for f = 1:length(xFiles)
```

### Record the start time for processing.

```
    fStartTime(f) = datenum(datetime('now'));
```

### Load the data file into the connected Imaris instance.

```
    xImarisApp.FileOpen(fullfile(xFolder, xFiles(f).name), 'reader="Imaris
```

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## Get the data set properties.

```
[~, fFileName, ~] = fileparts(char(xImarisApp.GetCurrentFileName));
hStatus.setText(['Processing: ' fFileName ' | Estimated finish: ' comp

% Get the data set dimensions.
xDataSet = xImarisApp.GetDataSet;

xSize = xDataSet.GetSizeX;

ySize = xDataSet.GetSizeY;
yMax = xDataSet.GetExtendMaxY;

cSize = xDataSet.GetSizeC;
tSize = xDataSet.GetSizeT;
```

## Identify the channels. (1-based indices)

```
channelNames = cell(cSize, 1);
for c = 1:cSize
    channelNames{c} = char(xDataSet.GetChannelName(c - 1));
end % for c

qdotChannel = find(~cellfun(@isempty, ...
    regexp(channelNames, '^(Q(D|d)ot)', 'Match', 'Once')));
contourChannel = find(~cellfun(@isempty, ...
    regexp(channelNames, '(C|c)ontours', 'Match', 'Once')));
```

## Use the first contour channel. If there is no contour channel, continue.

```
if length(contourChannel) > 1;
    contourChannel = contourChannel(1);

elseif isempty(contourChannel)
    continue

end % if
```

## Get the movie images.

```
qdotImage = zeros(1, ySize*xSize, tSize);
contourImage = false(1, ySize*xSize, tSize);

for t = 1:tSize;
    % Get the qdot image.
    qdotSlice = double(...
        xDataSet.GetDataVolumeAs1DArrayShorts(qdotChannel - 1, t - 1))
    qdotImage(:, :, t) = qdotSlice;
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        % Get the contour slice.
        contourSlice = logical(...
            xDataSet.GetDataVolumeAs1DArrayShorts(contourChannel - 1, t -
            contourImage(:, :, t) = contourSlice;
    end % for t

    qdotImage = rot90(reshape(qdotImage, [xSize, ySize, tSize]), 1);
    contourImage = rot90(reshape(contourImage, [xSize, ySize, tSize]), 1);

```

## Crop the images to the cell path.

```

    contourProjection = sum(uint8(contourImage), 3) > 0;
    projectionRgnProps = regionprops(contourProjection, 'BoundingBox');
    rectPos = [projectionRgnProps.BoundingBox];

    cropXs(1) = max([1, floor(rectPos(1)) - 10]);
    cropXs(2) = cropXs(1) + floor(rectPos(3)) + 19;
    cropXs(2) = min([xSize, cropXs(2) + (rem(diff(cropXs), 2) - 1)]);

    cropYs(1) = max([1, floor(rectPos(2)) - 10]);
    cropYs(2) = cropYs(1) + floor(rectPos(4)) + 19;
    cropYs(2) = min([ySize, cropYs(2) + (rem(diff(cropYs), 2) - 1)]);

    qdotCropped = qdotImage(cropYs(1):cropYs(2), cropXs(1):cropXs(2), :);

    % Normalize the images to the intensity range in the cell region.
    qdotRange = [min(qdotCropped(:)) max(qdotCropped(:))];
    qdotNormalized = (qdotImage - qdotRange(1))/(qdotRange(2) - qdotRange(1));

```

## Expand the contour slightly.

```

    contourExpanded = false(size(contourImage));
    for t = 1:tSize
        contourDistance = 0.1*bwdist(contourImage(:, :, t));
        contourExpanded(:, :, t) = contourDistance < 0.25;
    end % for t

```

## Create a filtering kernel to smooth the data.

```

    cKernel = fspecial('gaussian', [7 7], 1);

```

## Detect regional minima and contour the holes.

Contacts segmentation results are stored as the output of regionprops.

```

    cellContacts = cell(1, tSize);

    for t = 1:tSize;
        % If the cell is not bound in the frame, continue.
        tContour = contourExpanded(:, :, t);
        if ~any(tContour(:))

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        continue
    end % if

    % Filter and detect maxima.
    tQDot = qdotNormalized(:, :, t);
    tRgnMin = imregionalmin(imfilter(tQDot, cKernel, 'Symmetric')) &
        tContour & ...
        tQDot < median(tQDot(:));
    tContacts = regionprops(tRgnMin, 'Area', 'Centroid', 'PixelIdxList');

    % Dilate and contour the seed points.
    for s = 1:length(tContacts)
        % Create the input mask.
        sPhi = false(size(tQDot));
        sPhi(floor(tContacts(s).Centroid(2)), floor(tContacts(s).Centroid(1))) = true;
        sPhi = imdilate(sPhi, strel('disk', 1));

        % Contour.
        sPhi = activecontour(qdotNormalized(:, :, t), sPhi, 5, 'Chan-Vese',
            'ContractionBias', 0, ...
            'SmoothFactor', 0);

        % Get the region properties.
        sContact = regionprops(sPhi, 'Area', 'Centroid', 'PixelIdxList');
        if ~isempty(sContact)
            if length(sContact) == 1 && sContact.Area > 5
                tContacts(s) = deal(sContact);
            else % The region has fragmented into sub-regions. Keep the primary region.
                idxPrimaryRgn = find([sContact.Area] == max([sContact.Area]));
                sContact = sContact(idxPrimaryRgn);
                if sContact.Area > 5
                    tContacts(s) = deal(sContact);
                end % if
            end % if
        end % if
    end % for s

    % Remove the isolated minima.
    tContacts = tContacts([tContacts.Area] > 5);

    % Merge overlapping regions. Use 50% overlap as a merge criteria.
    for s = 1:length(tContacts)
        % Get the segmentation data.
        sProps = tContacts(s);

        % If we've merged this region already, move on.
        if isempty(sProps.Centroid)
            continue
        end % if

        % Create the list of regions to test. Do not search the
        % region itself and do not search regions that have

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% been merged with a lower index region.
pIdxs = 1:length(tContacts);
pIdxs(s) = nan;
pIdxs(arrayfun(@(s)isempty(s.Centroid), tContacts)) = nan;
pIdxs(isnan(pIdxs)) = [];

% Check each target for overlap.
for p = pIdxs
    % Get the overlapping pixels.
    pProps = tContacts(p);
    idxOverlap = ismember(sProps.PixelIdxList, pProps.PixelIdxList);

    if ~any(idxOverlap(:))
        continue

    else
        % Quantify the overlap.
        oMask = false(size(sPhi));
        oMask(sProps.PixelIdxList(idxOverlap)) = 1;
        oProps = regionprops(oMask, 'Area');
        oArea = sum([oProps.Area]);

        % Determine whether to merge.
        if oArea/sProps.Area >= 0.5 || oArea/pProps.Area >= 0.5
            % Create the merged region.
            cMask = false(size(sPhi));
            cMask([sProps.PixelIdxList; pProps.PixelIdxList]) = 1;
            sProps = regionprops(cMask, 'Area', 'Centroid', 'Perimeter');

            % Delete the centroid data for the region
            % we merged in, so we skip over it when we
            % reach it in the loop.
            if s < p
                % The p-index region is now merged into the
                % s-index region. Remove the centroid value for p
                % and update s.
                tContacts(p).Centroid = [];
                tContacts(s) = sProps;

            else
                % The s-index region is now merged into
                % the p-index region. Remove the
                % centroid value for s and update p.
                % Break out of the p loop, as s is now
                % invalid.
                tContacts(p) = sProps;
                tContacts(s).Centroid = [];
                break

            end % if
        end % if

    end %if
end % for p

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end % for s

% Remove the regions that are now merged into other regions.
mergedRgnIdxs = arrayfun(@(s)isempty(s.Centroid), tContacts);
tContacts(mergedRgnIdxs) = [];

% Assign Spot IDs to match Imaris and add to contact cell
% array.
rgnCount = sum(cellfun(@length, cellContacts));
iSpotIDs = num2cell(rgnCount:rgnCount + length(tContacts) - 1);
[tContacts.ID] = deal(iSpotIDs{:});
cellContacts{t} = tContacts;

% Create the all-contacts mask.
tMask = false(size(tQDot));
tMask(vercat(tContacts.PixelIdxList)) = true;

% Display the slice.
cla(axesContours)
imshow(ind2rgb(gray2ind(tQDot, 256), colormap('o', 256, 'k')), ...
    'Parent', axesContours)
% imshow(tQDot, [], 'Parent', axesContours)
set(axesContours, 'NextPlot', 'Add')

% Draw the cell border.
contour(axesContours, contourExpanded(:, :, t), [1 1], 'Color', [0

% Draw the new regions on the preview image.
contour(axesContours, tMask > 0, [1 1], 'g')

title(axesContours, ['Time point ' num2str(t) ' of ' num2str(tSize
    'Color', 'w')
drawnow
end % for t

% Save the contact data.
save(fullfile(xFolder, ['Contacts ' fFileName, '.mat']), 'cellContacts

```

## Transfer the contacts to Imaris as spots.

Allocate arrays for the spots.

```

countSpots = sum(cellfun(@length, cellContacts));

posSpots = zeros(countSpots, 3, 'single');
timeSpots = zeros(countSpots, 1, 'int32');
radiiSpots = zeros(countSpots, 1, 'single');

rStart = 1;
for t = 1:length(cellContacts)
    tContacts = cellContacts{t};
    if isempty(tContacts)
        continue
    end

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```

end % if

tSpotCount = length(tContacts);
rEnd = rStart + tSpotCount - 1;

posXYImaris = 0.1*(vertcat(tContacts.Centroid));
posXYImaris(:, 2) = yMax - posXYImaris(:, 2);
posSpots(rStart:rEnd, 1:2) = posXYImaris;
posSpots(rStart:rEnd, 3) = 0.5;
timeSpots(rStart:rEnd) = t - 1;
radiiSpots(rStart:rEnd) = 0.1*sqrt([tContacts.Area]/pi);

rStart = rStart + tSpotCount;
end % for t

% Create and place the spots object.
xSpots = xImarisApp.GetFactory.CreateSpots;
xSpots.Set(posSpots, timeSpots, radiiSpots);
xSpots.SetName('Contacts')
xSpots.SetColorRGBA(rgbtripleto24bit([0 0.5 1]))
xImarisApp.GetSurpassScene.AddChild(xSpots, -1)

```

## Save the processed file.

```
xImarisApp.FileSave(fullfile(xFolder, xFiles(f).name), 'writer="Imaris
```

## Update the status bar and estimate the time required to finish.

```

timeElapsed = datenum(datetime('now')) - fStartTime(1);
completionEstimate = datestr(datenum(datetime('now')) + ...
    timeElapsed/f*(length(xFiles) - f), 'HH:MM PM');

hStatus.setText(['Processing: ' fFileName ' | Estimated finish: ' comp
hStatus.ProgressBar.setValue(f)

end % for f

```

## Reset the status bar.

```

hStatus.setText('Finished processing folder')
hStatus.ProgressBar.setValue(0)
hStatus.ProgressBar.setVisible(0)

end % pushfolderprocess

end % contactsegmentationautomation

function closecontactautomationfcn(guiContactSegmentation, ~)

% CLOSECONTACTAUTOMATIONFCN Close the GUI and figure window

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%  
%
```

**Close the image display figure if open, the close the gui figure.**

```
figContours = getappdata(guiContactSegmentation, 'figContours');  
if ishandle(figContours)  
    delete(figContours)  
end % if  
  
delete(guiContactSegmentation)  
  
end % closecontactautomationfcn
```

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