

Workshop structure

Part 1

Introduction

What are filopodia and how have they been studied

Part 2

Intro to Filopodyan workflow (Fiji)

A guided walk through the plugin for segmentation & tracking using a simple demo file

Part 3

Intro to Filopodyan workflow (R)

Phenotype comparison; correlations between properties; filopodium initiation; tip elongation

Part 4 – Workflow reproduction

a. **Analysis: Phenotype comparison**

Batch processing (Fiji) and downstream analysis

b. **Analysis: Fluorescence & tip movement**

Tip fitting, direction-corrected tip movement, cross-correlation analysis

Part 5:

Deconstruction

Workflow reproduction

Test run of Filopodyan in Fiji:

- Sample growth cone (short single-channel time series)

A: Phenotype comparison between datasets

- 1) Analysis results with batch automation vs manually curated dataset (ctrl)
- 2) Phenotype in control vs ENA overexpression dataset

B: Tip Fluorescence quantification

Test run / Interactive demonstration

Sample file: growth-cone-test-file.tif

Filopodyan user guide: <https://github.com/gurdon-institute/Filopodyan/blob/master/Filopodyan%20User%20Guide.pdf>

1. Start Fiji
2. Open sample file
3. Launch Filopodyan
4. Segment and track filopodia:
 - (segmentation) set suitable segmentation parameters (with the help of Preview)
 - (filtering) set filtering parameters (hit Apply to preview)
 - (manual editing) explore possibilities to delete tracks or timepoints
5. Inspect output:
 - image with ROI overlays
 - data tables

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Workflow reproduction (4a)

Image data:

[4a_Big-ctrl-dataset](#)

Data tables from manually curated analysis:

[4a_Manualy-curated-tables](#)

Data tables from batch automated analysis: [\[generate in 4a_RESULTS\]](#) (also in `batch_preprocessed`)

1. Open Filopodyan in batch mode

(Fiji > Plugins > Filopodyan, without any images open)

2. Run analysis on big ctrl dataset using the same parameter settings as used in the curated dataset (→), save resulting tables in [new folder] as .txt files (this may take a while!)

R script analysis: MASTERSCRIPT

1. On top of the script, adjust file paths for:

- `folder.names`, (data tables: `4a_RESULTS`)
- `Loc.save`, (output of R analysis), and
- `Loc.Modules` (R scripts)

2. Test all filepaths (`setwd()`). Check that the folder defined as `Loc.Modules` contains all required scripts (`Modules 1, 2 and 3`, `GraphingTemplates` and `ColourSchemes`)

3. Run Masterscript

Parameter settings:

```
Map C: 1
Measure C: 2
Threshold: RenyiEntropy
Adaptive thresholding: false
Fit tip to measure C: false
Join fragments: false
ED Iterations: 4
Base back frames: 0
LoG sigma: 2.6

Filter settings-
Min start frame: 1
Min frames: 3
Min max length: 1.8
Min length change: 0.1
Min max DCTM: 0.0
Min max DCBM: 0.0
Max mean waviness: 0.35
```

Workflow reproduction (4b)

Image data: 4b_TipFluorescence
Record of manual curation: "Track Edits" .txt files (in 4b_TipFluorescence)
Data tables: [generate & move to 4b_RESULTS] (also in TipF_preprocessed)

1. Open an image from the 4b dataset in Filopodyan
2. Run analysis using these parameter settings →
3. In Edit Tracks window: find reconstructed tracks in need of manual curation, eliminate falsely reconstructed timepoints (or tracks). Finally, try applying the corresponding track edits file.

FilopodyanR MASTERSCRIPT.R:

- set folder.names[1] to filepath of the TipF dataset, [2] to “ ”
- set Loc.save to filepath 4b_RESULTS folder
- set compare.phenotypes to FALSE
- set dataset.names[1] to “ENA”, [2] to “ ”
- workspace saving (bottom of script), e.g. as LastWorkspace_TipF.Rdata
- Execute Masterscript

FilopodyanR CCF.R:

- set loading filepath (line 126) (e.g. LastWorkspace_TipF.Rdata, with full filepath)
- set saving filepath for .Rdata file (end of script)

FilopodyanR CCF subcluster.R:

- set loading filepath (line 43) and guide.size (line 187), run sections 1-7

