

Bacteria-Hyphae interaction in microfluidic channels

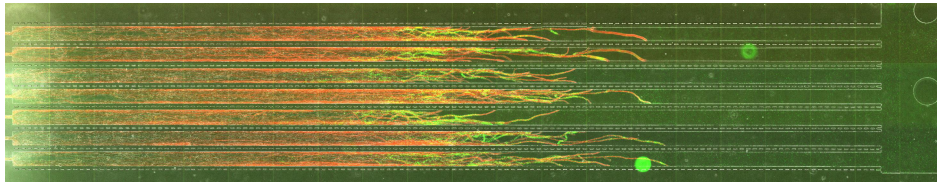
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Data Acknowledgement

- Qualitative time series analysis of hyphae-bacterial interaction at cellular level in microfluidic channels
- Requested quantitative information from the images:
 - Fungal growth in time
 - Spatial organization of bacterial cells

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Experimental setup

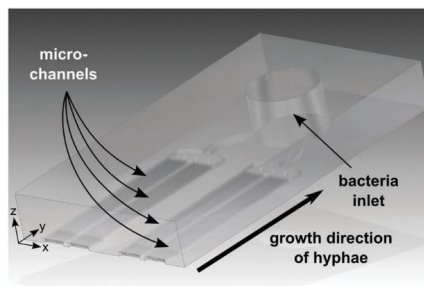


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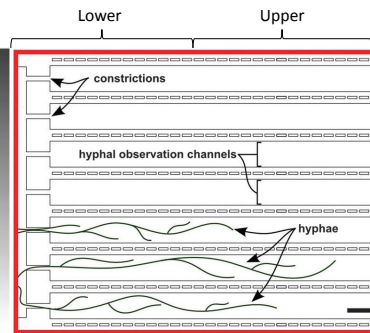


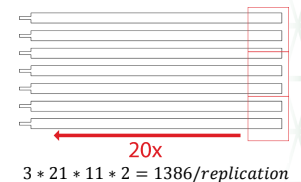
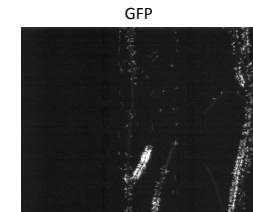
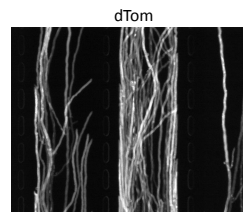
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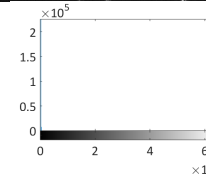
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Fluorescence microscopy images



Camera: 12 bit (4096)
Saved as: 16 bit (65536)
Therefore: **only 6.25% of the intensity range is used**
Image dimension: 1392x1040 px

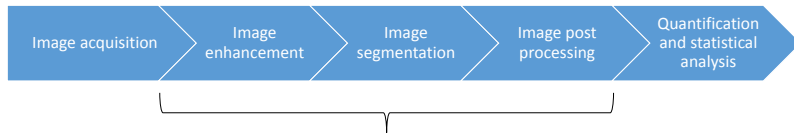


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Image analysis protocol



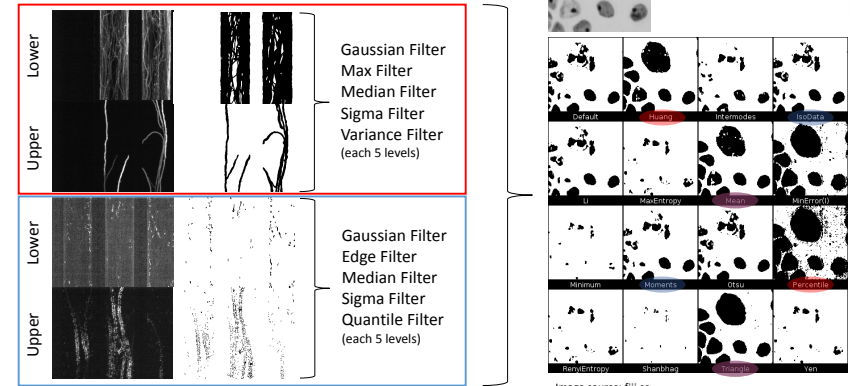
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Analysis triage

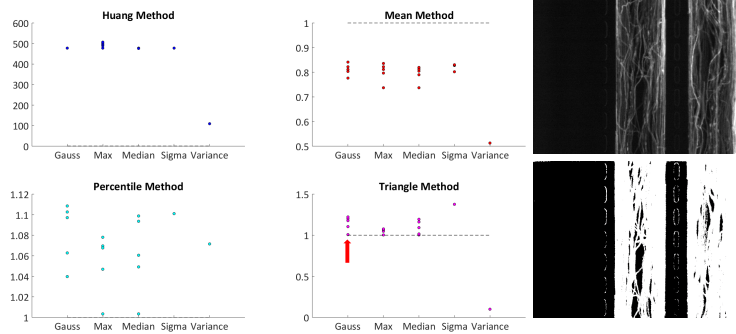


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Hyphae segmentation lower

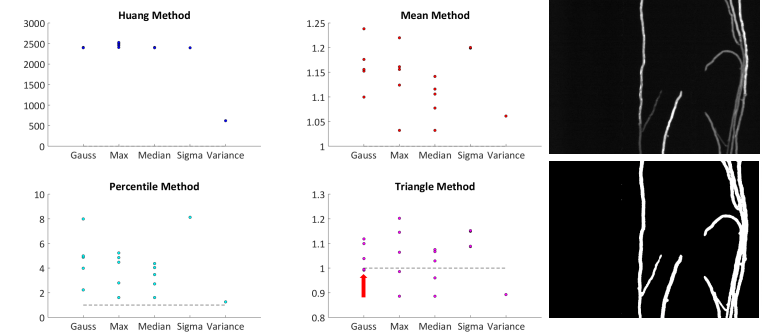


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Hyphae segmentation upper

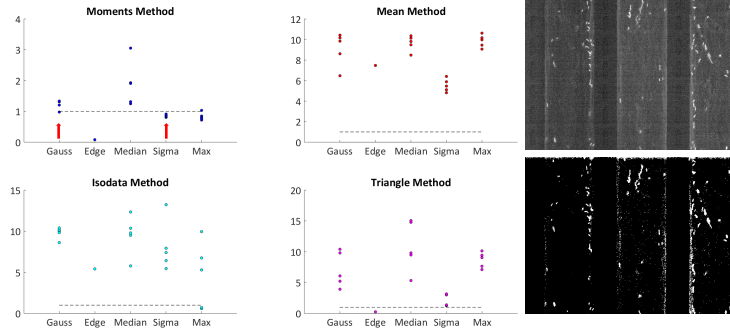


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Bacteria segmentation lower

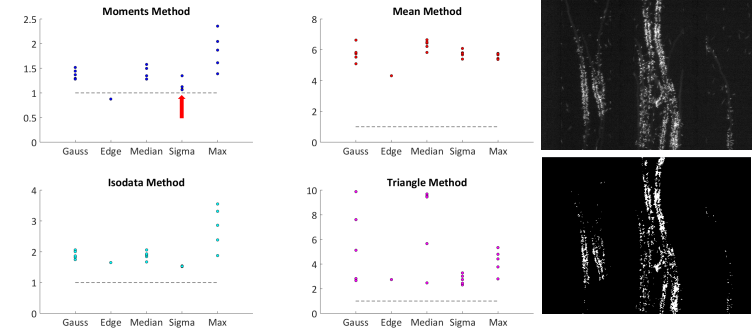


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Bacteria segmentation upper

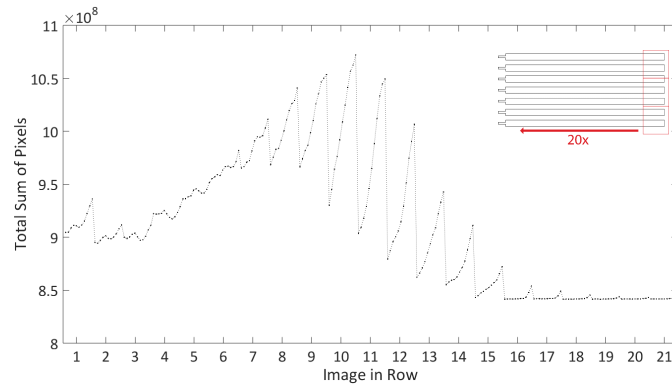


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Results: Hyphal growth

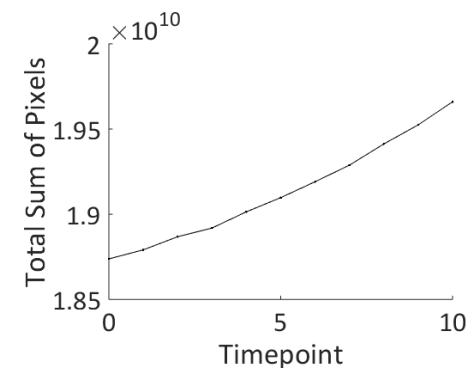


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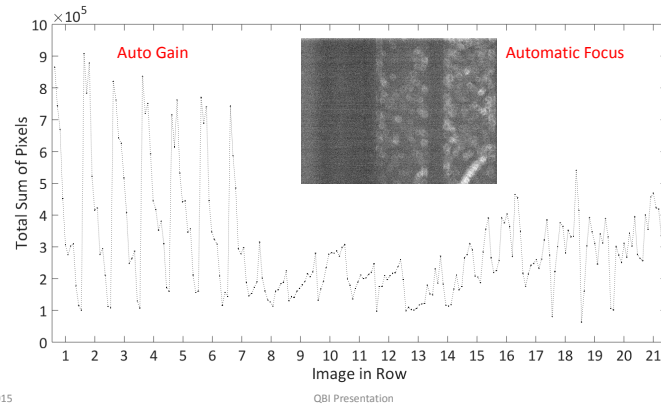
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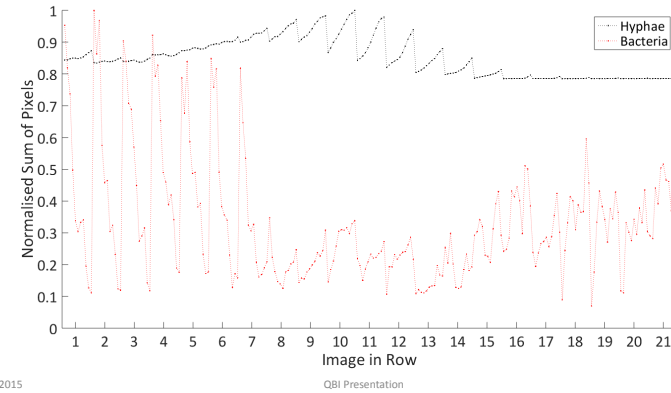
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- Growth of hyphae is most likely well captured by the segmentation
- Area of pixels needs to be translated into biomass

Results: Bacteria segmentation



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Summary

- Able to calculate the growth of fungal hyphae from the dTomato images
- Pixel area needs to be translated into biomass
- Image acquisition of bacterial images needs to be improved
- Bacterial distribution can be determined (Component Analysis, Watershed algorithm)

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