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## INSTALLATION

### 1.1 Installation

#### 1.1.1 Dependencies

Core dependencies include:

- Cellranger (from 10X Genomics)  $\geq 6.0$
- Python3
- R  $\geq 4.0$
- (Latex)

#### 1.1.2 Installation

1. Install the cgat-core pipeline system following the instructions here <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core/>.
2. Clone and install the cellhub-devel repository e.g.:

```
git clone https://github.com/COMBATOxford/cellhub-devel.git
cd cellhub-devel
python setup.py develop
```

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**Note:** Running “python setup.py develop” is necessary to allow pipelines to be launched via the “cellhub” command.

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3. In the same virtual or conda environment as cgat-core install the required python packages:

```
pip install -r cellhub-devel/python/requirements.txt
```

4. To install the required R packages (the “BiocManager” and “devtools” libraries must be pre-installed):

```
Rscript cellhub-devel/R/install.packages.R
```

## OVERVIEW

## 2.1 Workflow Overview

### 2.1.1 Philosophy

Cellhub is designed to efficiently parallelise the processing of large datasets. Once processed different data slices can be easily extracted directly from the original matrices, aligned and exported for downstream analysis. At the heart of operations is an sqlite database which warehouses the experiment metadata and per-cell statistics.

The workflow can be divided into seven main steps.

#### 2.1.2 1. Quantitation of per-channel libraries

The workflow begins with *pipeline\_cellranger\_multi.py*. Input 10X capture channel library identifiers “library\_id” and their associated fastq files are specified in the *pipeline\_cellranger\_multi.yml* configuration file. The reads from the different libraries will be mapped in parallel.

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**Note:** The channel library is considered to be the fundamental “batch” unit of a 10X experiment. Cells captured from the same channel are exposed to the same ambient RNA. Separate genomic libraries are prepared for each 10x channel.

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- It is recommend to inspect patterns of ambient RNA using *pipeline\_ambient\_rna.py*.
- Per-channel velocity matrices can be prepared using *pipeline\_velocity.py*.
- Cell identification can also be performed with *pipeline\_emptydrops.py*.

#### 2.1.3 2. Computation of per-cell statistics

Per-cell statistics are computed in parallel for each channel library using *pipeline\_cell\_qc.py*. The pipeline computes various statistics including standard metrics such as percentage of mitochondrial reads, numbers of UMIs and numbers of genes per cell. In addition it can compute scores for custom gene sets.

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**Note:** all per-channel matrices containing computed cell statistics are required to contain “library\_id” and “barcode\_id” columns.

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**Note:** file names of the per-channel matrices are specified as “library\_id.tsv.gz” (matrices for different analyses such as e.g. qcmetrics and scrublet scores are written to separate folders).

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### 2.1.4 3. Cell demultiplexing [optional]

If samples have been multiplexed within channels either genetically or using hash tags a table of barcode\_id -> sample\_id assignments are prepared using pipeline\_demux.py [not yet written].

### 2.1.5 4. Preparation of the cell database

The library and sample metadata, per cell statistics (and demultiplex assignments) are loaded into an sqlite database using *pipeline\_celldb.py*. The pipeline creates a view called “final” which contains the qc and metadata needed for cell selection and downstream analysis.

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**Note:** The user is required to supply a tab-separated sample metadata file (e.g. “samples.tsv”) via a path in the pipeline\_celldb.yml configuration file. It should have columns for library\_id, sample\_id as well as any other relevant experimental metadata such as condition, genotype, age, replicate, sex etc.

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### 2.1.6 5. Fetching of cells for downstream analysis

Cells are fetched using *pipeline\_fetch\_cells.py*. The user specifies the cells that they wish to retrieve from the “final” table (see step 4) via an sql statement in the pipeline\_fetch\_cells.yml configuration file. The pipeline will extract the cells and metadata from the original matrices and combine them into market matrices and anndata objects for downstream analyses.

It is recommended to fetch cells into a new directory. By design fetching of a single dataset per-directory is supported.

The pipeline supports fetching of velocity information.

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**Note:** The retrieved metadata will include a “sample\_id” column. From this point onwards it is natural to think of the “sample\_id” as the unit of interest. The “library\_ids” remain in the metadata along with all the qc statistics to facilitate downstream investigation of batch effects and cell quality.

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### 2.1.7 6. Integration

Alignment of samples is performed with *pipeline\_integration.py*. Currently the pipeline supports harmony, bbknn and scanorama. It will produce UMAPs summarising the alignments and will compute the LISI statistic.

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**Note:** The user is required to supply a tsv file (e.g. “integration.tsv”) containing the path to the pipeline\_fetch\_cells.py anndata object that holds the data which is to be integrated. The path to the tsv file is specified in the “pipeline\_integration.yml” configuration file.

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**Warning:** pipeline\_integration.py will be moving to a new sansomlab/scx1 repository (along with pipeline\_scx1 from sansomlab/tenx).

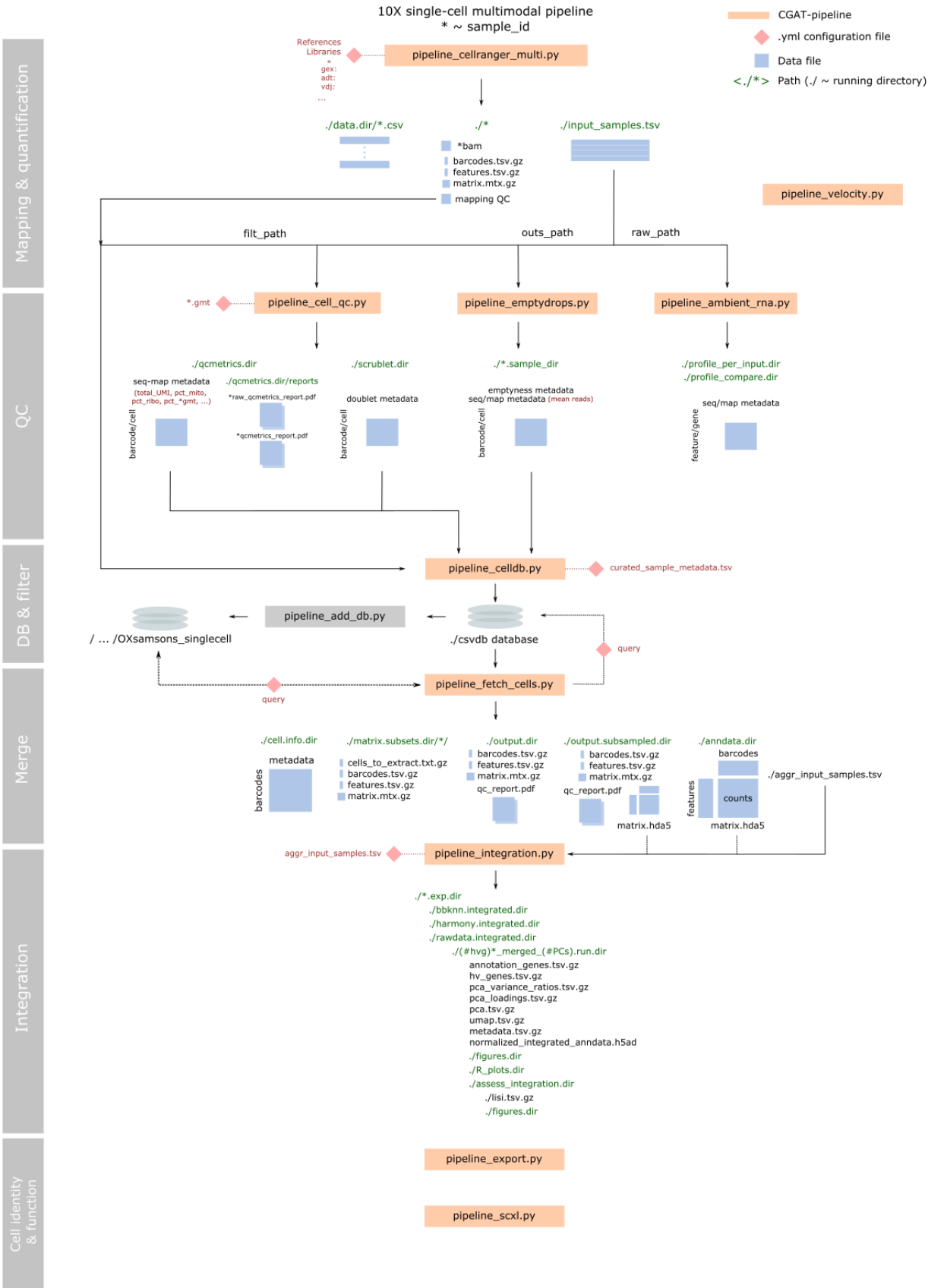
### 2.1.8 7. Export for seurat [optional]

The integration pipeline outputs an anndata object suitable for analysis with scanpy. A Seurat object can be prepared using *pipeline\_export.py*.

**Warning:** pipeline\_export.py will also be moving to the new sansomlab/scxl repository.

## 2.2 Workflow Diagram

The diagram is now a little out of date with respect to configuration of the pipeline inputs but provides a useful depiction of the overall workflow.



## 2.3 Usage

### 2.3.1 Configuring and running pipelines

Run the cellhub `-help` command to view the help documentation and find available pipelines to run cellhub.

The cellhub pipelines are written using [cgat-core](#) pipelining system. For more information please see the [CGAT-core paper](#). Here we illustrate how the pipelines can be run using the `cellranger_multi` pipeline as an example.

Following installation, to find the available pipelines run:

```
cellhub -h
```

Next generate a configuration yml file:

```
cellhub cellranger_multi config -v5
```

To fully run the example cellhub pipeline run:

```
cellhub cellranger_multi make full -v5
```

However, it may be best to run the individual tasks of the pipeline to get a feel of what each task is doing. To list the pipeline tasks and their current status, use the 'show' command:

```
cellhub cellranger_multi show
```

Individual tasks can then be executed by name, e.g.

```
cellhub cellranger_multi make cellrangerMulti -v5
```

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**Note:** If any upstream tasks are out of date they will automatically be run before the named task is executed.

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### 2.3.2 Getting Started

To get started please see the *IFNb example*.



## EXAMPLES

### 3.1 IFNb PBMC example

#### 3.1.1 Setting up

##### 1. Clone the example template to a local folder

Clone the folders and files for the example into a local folder.

```
cp -r /path/to/cellhub/examples/ifnb_pbmc/* .
```

This will create 3 folders:

- “cellhub” where the preprocessing pipelines will be run and where the cellhub database will be created
- “integration” where data for cells of interest (e.g. passing qc) will be fetched and integrated
- “scxl” where we can perform downstream analysis with `pipeline_scxl.py`.

#### 3.1.2 Running the pre-processing pipelines and creating the database

##### 2. Running Cellranger

The first step is to configure and run `pipeline_cellranger_multi`. We already have a pre-configured yml file so we can skip this step but the syntax is included for reference here and also for the other steps:

```
# enter the cellhub directory
cd cellhub
# cellhub cellranger_multi config
```

Edit the `pipeline_cellranger_multi.yml` file as appropriate to point to folders containing fastq files extracted from the original BAM files submitted by [Kang et. al.](#) to GEO (GSE96583). The GEO identifiers are: unstimulated (GSM2560248) and stimulated (GSM2560249). The fastqs can be extracted with the [10X bamtofastq tool](#).

We run the pipeline as follows:

```
cellhub cellranger_multi make full -v5 -p20
```

If you have not run “python setup.py devel” pipelines can instead be launched directly. In this case the equivalent command would be:

```
python path/to/cellhub-devel/cellhub/pipeline_cellranger_multi.py make full -v5 -p20 -
↳-pipeline-log=pipeline_cellranger_multi.py
```

**Note:** when launching pipelines directly if the “-pipeline-log” parameter is not specified the log file will be written to “pipeline.log”.

### 3. Running the cell qc pipeline

Next we run the cell qc pipeline:

```
# cellhub cell_qc config
cellhub cell_qc make full -v5 -p20
```

### 4. Running emptydrops and investigating ambient RNA (optional)

If desired we can run emptydrops:

```
# cellhub emptydrops config
cellhub emptydrops make full -v5 -p20
```

And investigate the ambient rna:

```
# cellhub ambient_rna config
cellhub ambient_rna make full -v5 -p20
```

### 5. Loading the cell statistics into the celldb

The cell QC statistics and metadata (“samples.tsv”) are next loaded into a local sqlite database:

```
# cellhub celldb config
cellhub celldb make full -v5 -p20
```

### 3.1.3 Performing downstream analysis

#### 6. Fetching cells for downstream analysis

We use `pipeline_fetch_cells` to retrieve the cells we want for downstream analysis. (QC thresholds and e.g. desired samples are specified in the `pipeline_fetch_cells.yml` file:

```
# change into the integration directory
cd ../integration

# cellhub fetch_cells config
cellhub fetch_cells make full -v5 -p20
```

## 7. Integration

Pipeline\_integration supports integration of the data with harmony, bbknn and scanorama. In this example the location of the data is specified in the “integration.tsv” file as per the path given in the “pipeline\_integration.yml” file.

```
# cellhub integration config

cellhub integration make full -v5 -p20
```

**Warning:** pipeline\_integration.py will be moving to a new sansomlab/scx1 repository (along with pipeline\_scx1 from sansomlab/tenx).

## 8. Export for downstream analysis

Finally we can export the integrated anndata object to e.g. a Seurat object for downstream analysis:

```
# cellhub export config

cellhub export make full -v5 -p20
```

**Warning:** pipeline\_export.py will be moving to the new sansomlab/scx1 repository

## 9. Clustering analysis with pipeline\_scx1

Cluster analysis can be performed with `pipeline_scx1.py`. A suitable configuration file for working with the harmony aligned seurat object is provided in the `examples/infb_pbmc/scx1/` folder:

```
# change into the scx1 directory
cd ../scx1.dir

# link in the exported Seurat object from step 8
mkdir integrated.seurat.dir
ln -s ../integration/export.dir/pbmc.exp.dir/seurat_object.rds integrated.seurat.dir/
↪begin.rds

# a suitable yml file has been provided so we can now launch the pipeline
python /path/to/tenx/pipelines/pipeline_scx1.py make full -v5 -p200
```

## CODING GUIDELINES

### 4.1 Coding Guidelines

#### 4.1.1 Repository layout

Table 1: Repository layout

Folder	Contents
cellhub	The cellhub Python module which contains the set of CGAT-core pipelines
cellhub/tasks	The cellhub tasks submodule which contains helper functions and pipeline task definitions
Python	Python worker scripts that are executed by pipeline tasks
R	R worker scripts that are executed by pipeline tasks
docsrc	The documentation source files in restructured text format for compilation with sphinx
docs	The compiled documentation
examples	Configuration files for example datasets
conda	Conda environment, TBD
tests	TBD

#### 4.1.2 Coding style

Currently we are working to improve and standardise the coding style:

- Python code should be [pep8](#) compliant. Compliance checks will be enforced soon.
- R code should follow the [tidyverse style guide](#). Please do not use right-hand assignment.
- Arguments to Python scripts should be parsed with argparse.
- Arguments to R scripts should be parsed with optparse or supplied via yaml files.
- Logging in Python scripts should be performed with the standard library “logging” module.
- Logging in R scripts should be performed with the “futile.logger” library.
- If you need to write to stdout from R scripts use message() or warning(). Do not use print() or cat().

### 4.1.3 Writing pipelines

The pipelines live in the “cellhub” python module.

Auxiliary task functions live in the “cellhub/task” python sub-module.

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**Note:** Tasks of more than a few lines should be abstracted into appropriately named sub-modules.

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In the notes below “xxx” denotes the name of a pipeline such as e.g. “cell\_qc”.

1. Paths should never be hardcoded in the pipelines - rather they must be read from the yaml files.
2. Yaml configuration files should be named pipeline\_xxx.yml
3. The output of individual pipelines should be written to a subfolder name “xxx.dir” to keep the root directory clean (it should only contain these directories and the yaml configuration files!).
4. Pipelines that generate cell-level information for down-stream analysis must read their inputs from the api and register their outputs to the API, see [API](#). If you need information from an upstream pipeline that is not present on the API please raise an issue.
5. We are documenting the pipelines using the sphinx “autodocs” module so please maintain informative rst doc-strings.

### 4.1.4 Cell barcodes

- We use cell barcodes in the format “UMI-library\_id”.
- Barcodes are set upstream e.g. in the market matrix files that are exposed on the API by pipeline\_cellranger\_multi.py.
- Downstream pipelines should not need to manipulate barcodes. If you find barcodes being served on the API in an incorrect format please raise an issue.
- We use the field/column name “barcode\_id” for the fields/columns that contains the barcodes in tables and databases.

### 4.1.5 Yaml configuration file naming

The cgat-core system only supports configuration files name “pipeline.yml”.

We work around this by overriding the cgat-core functionality using a helper function in cellhub.tasks.control as follows:

```
import Pipeline as P
import cellhub.tasks.control as C

# Override function to collect config files
P.control.write_config_files = C.write_config_files
```

Default yaml files must be located at the path cellhub/yaml/pipeline\_xxx.yml

## 4.1.6 Writing and compiling the documentation

The source files for the documentation are found in:

```
docsrc
```

The documentation source files for the pipelines can be found in:

```
docsrc/pipelines
```

To build the documentation cd to the docsrc folder and run:

```
make github
```

This will build the documentation and copy the latex output to the “docs” folder. You then need to cd to the “docs” folder and run:

```
make
```

To compile the pdf.

When the repo is made public we will switch to using html documentation on readthedocs. Unfortunately there is no straightforward solution for private html hosting.

## 4.2 API

### 4.2.1 Overview

The pre-processing pipelines must define and register their outputs via a common api. The *cellhub.tasks.api module* provides the code for doing this. The api comprises of an “api” folder into which pipeline outputs are symlinked (by the “register\_dataset” “api” class method).

The api provides a stable and sanitised interface from which the downstream pipelines can access the information.

## 4.2.2 Example

The “api” folder for the IFNB example dataset looks like this.

```

api
├── cell.qc
│   ├── qcmetrics
│   │   ├── filtered
│   │   │   ├── GSM2560248.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cell.qc.dir/qcmetric.dir/GSM2560248.tsv.gz
│   │   │   ├── GSM2560249.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cell.qc.dir/qcmetric.dir/GSM2560249.tsv.gz
│   │   │   └── manifest.yml
│   │   └── scrublet
│   │       ├── filtered
│   │       │   ├── GSM2560248.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cell.qc.dir/scrublet.dir/GSM2560248.tsv.gz
│   │       │   ├── GSM2560249.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cell.qc.dir/scrublet.dir/GSM2560249.tsv.gz
│   │       │   └── manifest.yml
│   └── cellranger.multi
│       └── GEX
│           ├── filtered
│           │   ├── GSM2560248
│           │   │   ├── mtx
│           │   │   │   ├── barcodes.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560248/GEX/barcodes.tsv.gz
│           │   │   │   ├── features.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560248/GEX/features.tsv.gz
│           │   │   │   ├── manifest.yml
│           │   │   │   └── matrix.mtx.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560248/GSM2560248/GEX/matrix.mtx.gz
│           │   │   └── GSM2560249
│           │   │       ├── mtx
│           │   │       │   ├── barcodes.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560249/GSM2560249/GEX/barcodes.tsv.gz
│           │   │       │   ├── features.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560249/GSM2560249/GEX/features.tsv.gz
│           │   │       │   ├── manifest.yml
│           │   │       │   └── matrix.mtx.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560249/GSM2560249/GEX/matrix.mtx.gz
│           │   └── unfiltered
│           │       ├── GSM2560248
│           │       │   ├── mtx
│           │       │   │   ├── barcodes.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560248/unfiltered/GEX/barcodes.tsv.gz
│           │       │   │   ├── features.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560248/unfiltered/GEX/features.tsv.gz
│           │       │   │   ├── manifest.yml
│           │       │   │   └── matrix.mtx.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560248/unfiltered/GEX/matrix.mtx.gz
│           │       │   └── GSM2560249
│           │       │       ├── mtx
│           │       │       │   ├── barcodes.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560249/unfiltered/GEX/barcodes.tsv.gz
│           │       │       │   ├── features.tsv.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560249/unfiltered/GEX/features.tsv.gz
│           │       │       │   ├── manifest.yml
│           │       │       │   └── matrix.mtx.gz -> ../../../../cellranger.multi.dir/out.dir/GSM2560249/unfiltered/GEX/matrix.mtx.gz

```

## 4.2.3 Usage

Please see the [cellhub.tasks.api module documentation](#) for more details.

..note:: If you are writing a pipeline and information that you need from an upstream pipeline has not been exposed on the api please raise an issue.

## TASKS MODULE DOCUMENTATION

### 5.1 API

#### 5.1.1 Overview

This module contains the code for registering and accessing pipeline outputs from a common location.

There are classes that provide methods for:

- (1) registering pipeline outputs to the common service endpoint
- (2) discovering the information available from the service endpoint (not yet written)
- (3) accessing information from the service endpoint (not yet written)

The service endpoint is the folder “api”. We use a rest-like syntax for providing access to the pipeline outputs.

#### 5.1.2 Usage

##### Registering outputs on the service endpoint

Please see *pipeline\_cellranger\_multi.py* or *pipeline\_cell\_qc.py* source code for examples.

As an example the code used for registering the qcmetrics outputs is reproduced with some comments here:

```
import cellhub.tasks.api as api

file_set={}

...

# the set of files to be registered is defined as a dictionary
# the keys are arbitrary and will not appear in the api

file_set[library_id] = {"path": tsv_path,
                        "description": "qcmetric table for library " +
                        library_id,
                        "format": "tsv"}

# an api object is created, passing the pipeline name
x = api.api("cell.qc")

# the dataset to be deposited is added
x.define_dataset(analysis_name="qcmetrics",
```

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```

        data_subset="filtered",
        file_set=file_set,
        analysis_description="per library tables of cell GEX qc statistics",
        file_format="tsv")

# the dataset is linked in to the API
x.register_dataset()

```

## Discovering available datasets

TBD.

## Accessing datasets

For now datasets can be accessed directly via the “api” endpoint. However in future it will likely be recommended to access them via a subclass of the “read” class (not yet written) which will provide sanity checking.

### 5.1.3 Class and method documentation

**class** cellhub.tasks.api.api (pipeline=None, endpoint='api')

Bases: object

A class for defining and registering datasets on the cellhub api.

When initialising an instance of the class, the pipeline name is passed e.g.:

```
x = cellhub.tasks.api.register("cell_qc")
```

**Note:** pipeline names are sanitised to replace spaces, underscores and hypens with periods.

**define\_dataset** (analysis\_name=None, analysis\_description=None, data\_subset=None, data\_id=None, data\_format=None, file\_set=None)

Define the dataset.

The “data\_subset”, “data\_id” and “data\_format” parameters are optional.

The file\_set is a dictionary that contains the files to be registered:

```
{ "name": { "path": "path/to/file",
            "format": "file-format",
            "description": "free-text" }
```

the top level “name” keys are arbitrary and not exposed in the API

e.g. for cell ranger output the file\_set dictionary looks like this:

```
{ "barcodes": { "path": "path/to/barcodes.tsv",
                "format": "tsv",
                "description": "cell barcode file" },
  "features": { "path": "path/to/features.tsv",
                "format": "tsv",
                "description": "features file" },
```

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```
{ "matrix": { "path": "path/to/matrix.mtx",  
              "format": "market-matrix",  
              "description": "Market matrix file" }  
}
```

**register\_dataset()**

Register the dataset on the service endpoint. The method:

1. creates the appropriate folders in the “api” endpoint folder
2. symlinks the source files to the target location
3. constructs and deposits the manifest.yml file

The location at which datasets will be registered is defined as:

```
api/pipeline.name/analysis_name/[data_subset/][data_id/][data_format/]
```

(data\_subset, data\_id and data\_format are [optional])

**show()**

Print the api object for debugging.

**reset\_endpoint()**

Clean the dataset endpoint

## PIPELINE DOCUMENTATION

### 6.1 Pipeline ambient rna

#### 6.1.1 Overview

This pipeline performs the following steps: \* Analyse the ambient RNA profile in each input (eg. channel's or library's raw cellrange matrices) \* Compare ambient RNA profiles across inputs

#### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline.yml` file. Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <srcdir>/pipeline_ambient_rna.py config
```

#### Input files

An tsv file called 'input\_libraries.tsv' is required. This file must have column names as explained below. Must not include row names. Add as many rows as input channels/libraries for analysis.

This file must have the following columns:

- `library_id` - name used throughout. This could be the `channel_pool` id eg. A1
- `raw_path` - path to the `raw_matrix` folder from cellranger count
- `exp_batch` - might or might not be useful. If not used, fill with "1"
- `channel_id` - might or might not be useful. If not used, fill with "1"
- `seq_batch` - might or might not be useful. If not used, fill with "1"
- (optional) `excludelist` - path to a file with `cell_ids` to `excludelist`

You can add any other columns as required, for example `pool_id`

## Dependencies

This pipeline requires: \* cgat-core: <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core> \* R dependencies required in the r scripts

### 6.1.2 Pipeline output

The pipeline returns: \* per-input html report and tables saved in a 'profile\_per\_input' folder \* ambient rna comparison across inputs saved in a 'profile\_compare' folder

### 6.1.3 Code

```
cellhub.pipeline_ambient_rna.ambient_rna_per_input (infile, outfile)
```

Explore count and gene expression profiles of ambient RNA droplets per input - The output is saved in profile\_per\_input.dir/<input\_id> - The output consists on a html report and a ambient\_genes.txt.gz file - See more details of the output in the ambient\_rna\_per\_library.R

```
cellhub.pipeline_ambient_rna.ambient_rna_compare (infile, outfile)
```

Compare the expression of top ambient RNA genes across inputs - The output is saved in profile\_compare.dir - Output includes and html report and a ambient\_rna\_profile.tsv - See more details of the output in the ambient\_rna\_compare.R

```
cellhub.pipeline_ambient_rna.plot (infile, outfile)
```

Draw the pipeline flowchart

```
cellhub.pipeline_ambient_rna.full ()
```

Run the full pipeline.

## 6.2 Pipeline Cellranger Multi

### 6.2.1 Overview

This pipeline performs the following functions:

- Alignment and quantitation (using cellranger count or cellranger multi)

### 6.2.2 Usage

See [Installation](#) and [Usage](#) on general information how to use CGAT pipelines.

### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured pipeline\_cellranger\_multi.yml file.

Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <srcdir>/pipeline_cellranger_multi.py config
```

## Dependencies

This pipeline requires: \* cgat-core: <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core> \* cellranger: <https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-cell-gene-expression/>

### 6.2.3 Pipeline output

The pipeline returns: \* the output of cellranger multi

### 6.2.4 Code

`cellhub.pipeline_cellranger_multi.taskSummary (infile, outfile)`

Make a summary of optional tasks that will be run

`cellhub.pipeline_cellranger_multi.makeConfig (outfile)`

Read parameters from yml file for the whole experiment and save config files as csv.

`cellhub.pipeline_cellranger_multi.cellrangerMulti (infile, outfile)`

Execute the cellranger multi pipeline for first sample.

`cellhub.pipeline_cellranger_multi.postProcessMatrices (infile, outfile)`

Post-process the cellranger multi matrices to split the counts for the GEX, ADT and HTO modalities into separate market matrices.

- A critical function of the pre-processing is to reformat the cellbarcodes to the “UMI-1-LIBRARY\_ID” format.

cellranger.multi.dir folder layout is

library\_id/outs/multi/count/raw\_feature\_bc\_matrix/ library\_id/outs/multi/vdj\_b/

library\_id/outs/per\_sample\_outs/samplelibrary\_id/count/sample\_feature\_bc\_matrix  
library\_id/outs/per\_sample\_outs/samplelibrary\_id/vdj\_b

- the feature\_bc\_matrix can contain GEX, ADT and HTO
- vdj\_b = BCR sequencing
- vdj\_t ??? presumably this is what the TCR folder will look like but we have not had any datasets yet.

(i) split the raw counts into separate GEX, HTO and ADT matrices

(ii) link in the raw vdj

(iii) for each sample, do (i) and (ii)

post.processed.dir/unfiltered/gex/ post.processed.dir/unfiltered/ADT/ post.processed.dir/unfiltered/HTO/  
post.processed.dir/unfiltered/vdj\_b/ post.processed.dir/unfiltered/vdj\_t/

post.processed.dir/per\_sample/samplelibrary\_id/gex/ post.processed.dir/per\_sample/samplelibrary\_id/ADT/  
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`cellhub.pipeline_cellranger_multi.API (infile, outfile)`

Register the outputs on the service endpoint

`cellhub.pipeline_cellranger_multi.full ()`

Run the full pipeline.

## 6.3 Pipeline Cell QC

### 6.3.1 Overview

This pipeline performs the following steps:

- Calculates per-cell QC metrics: ngenes, total\_UMI, pct\_mitochondrial, pct\_ribosomal, pct\_immunoglobulin, pct\_hemoglobin, and any specified geneset percentage
- Runs scrublet to calculate per-cell doublet score

### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline.yml` file. Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <srcdir>/pipeline_cell_qc.py config
```

### Input files

A tsv file called 'libraries.tsv' is required. This file must have column names as explained below. Must not include row names. Add as many rows as input channels/libraries for analysis. This file must have the following columns: \* `library_id` - name used throughout. This could be the `channel_pool` id eg. A1 \* `path` - path to the `filtered_matrix` folder from cellranger count

### Dependencies

This pipeline requires: \* `cgat-core`: <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core> \* R dependencies required in the r scripts

### 6.3.2 Pipeline output

The pipeline returns: \* `qcmetrics.dir` folder with per-input `qcmetrics.tsv.gz` table \* `scrublet.dir` folder with per-input `scrublet.tsv.gz` table

### 6.3.3 Code

`cellhub.pipeline_cell_qc.qcmetrics` (*infile*, *outfile*)

This task will run `R/calculate_qc_metrics.R`. It uses the `input_libraries.tsv` to read the path to the cellranger directory for each input. Output: creates a `cell.qc.dir` folder and a `library_qcmetrics.tsv.gz` table per library/channel. For additional input files check the `calculate_qc_metrics` `pipeline.yml` sections: - Calculate the percentage of UMIs for genesets provided - Label barcodes as True/False based on whether they are part or not of a set of lists of barcodes provided

`cellhub.pipeline_cell_qc.qcmetricsAPI` (*infile*, *outfile*)

Add the QC metrics results to the API

`cellhub.pipeline_cell_qc.scrublet` (*infile*, *outfile*)

This task will run `python/run_scrublet.py`. It uses the `input_libraries.tsv` to read the path to the cellranger directory for each input. Output: creates a `scrublet.dir` folder and a `library_scrublet.tsv.gz` table per library/channel. It also creates a doublet score histogram and a double score umap for each library/channel. Check the `scrublet` section in the `pipeline.yml` to specify other parameters

```
cellhub.pipeline_cell_gc.scrubletAPI (infile, outfile)
```

Add the scrublet results to the API

```
cellhub.pipeline_cell_gc.plot (infile, outfile)
```

Draw the pipeline flowchart

```
cellhub.pipeline_cell_gc.full ()
```

Run the full pipeline.

## 6.4 Pipeline Emptydrops

### 6.4.1 Overview

This pipeline performs the following task:

- run emptydrops on the raw output of cellranger

### 6.4.2 Usage

See *Installation* and *Usage* on general information how to use CGAT pipelines.

#### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline.yml` file.

Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <srcdir>/pipeline_emptydrops.py config
```

#### Input files

The pipeline is run from the cellranger count output (`raw_feature_bc_matrix` folder).

The pipeline expects a tsv file containing a column named `path` and a column named `sample_id`.

‘raw path’ should contain the path to each cellranger path to `raw_feature_bc_matrix`. ‘sample\_id’ is the desired name for each sample (output folder will be named like this).

#### Dependencies

This pipeline requires: \* `cgat-core`: <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core> \* R + packages

### 6.4.3 Pipeline output

The pipeline returns: A list of barcodes passing emptydrops cell identification and a table with barcode ranks including all barcodes (this can be used for knee plots).

### 6.4.4 Code

```
cellhub.pipeline_emptydrops.emptyDrops (infile, outfile)
    Run Rscript to run EmptyDrops on each library
cellhub.pipeline_emptydrops.meanReads (infile, outfile)
    Calculate the mean reads per cell
cellhub.pipeline_emptydrops.full ()
    Run the full pipeline.
```

## 6.5 Pipeline Velocity

### 6.5.1 Overview

This pipeline performs the following steps:

- sort bam file by cell barcode
- estimate intronic and exonic reads using velocity (on selected barcodes)

### 6.5.2 Usage

See *Installation* and *Usage* on general information how to use CGAT pipelines.

#### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline_velocity.yml` file.

Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <srcdir>/pipeline_velocity.py config
```

#### Input files

The pipeline is run from bam files generated by cellranger count.

The pipeline expects a tsv file containing the path to each cellranger bam file (path) and the respective sample\_id for each sample. In addition a list of barcodes is required, this could be the filtered barcodes from cellranger or a custom input (can be gzipped file). Any further metadata can be added to the file. The required columns are sample\_id, barcodes and path.

#### Dependencies

This pipeline requires: \* cgat-core: <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core> \* samtools \* velocity



### 6.5.3 Pipeline output

The pipeline returns: \* a loom file with intronic and exonic reads for use in scvelo analysis

### 6.5.4 Code

```
cellhub.pipeline_velocity.checkInputs(outfile)
    Check that input_samples.tsv exists and the path given in the file is a valid directory.
```

```
cellhub.pipeline_velocity.genClusterJobs()
    Generate cluster jobs for each sample
```

```
cellhub.pipeline_velocity.sortBam(infile, outfile)
    Sort bam file by cell barcodes
```

```
cellhub.pipeline_velocity.runVelocityto(infile, outfile)
    Run velocity on barcode-sorted bam file. This task writes a loom file into the pipeline-run directory for each sample.
```

```
cellhub.pipeline_velocity.full()
    Run the full pipeline.
```

## 6.6 Pipeline celldb

### 6.6.1 Overview

This pipeline uploads the outputs from the upstream single-cell preprocessing steps into a SQLite database.

### 6.6.2 Usage

See *Installation* and *Usage* for general information on how to use cgat pipelines.

#### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline.yml` file.

**Default configuration files can be generated by executing:** `cellhub celldb config`

#### Input files

**The pipeline requires the output of the pipelines:** >> `pipeline_cellranger.py` : sample/10X-chip-channel x design-metadata >> `pipeline_qc_metrics.py` : barcode/cell x sequencing + mapping metadata >> `pipeline_ambient_rna.py` : gene/feature x sequencing + mapping metadata

pipeline generates a tsv configured file.

## Dependencies

### 6.6.3 Pipeline output

The pipeline returns an SQLite populated database of metadata and quality features that aid the selection of ‘good’ cells from ‘bad’ cells.

Currently the following tables are generated: \* metadata

### 6.6.4 Code

```
cellhub.pipeline_cellldb.connect()  
    connect to database. Use this method to connect to additional databases. Returns a database connection.  
cellhub.pipeline_cellldb.load_samples(outfile)  
    load the sample metadata table  
cellhub.pipeline_cellldb.load_gex_qcmetrics(outfile)  
    load the gex qcmetrics into the database  
cellhub.pipeline_cellldb.load_gex_scrublet(outfile)  
    load the scrublet scores into database  
cellhub.pipeline_cellldb.final(outfile)
```

## 6.7 Pipeline fetch cells

### 6.7.1 Overview

This pipeline fetches a given set of cells from market matrices or loom files into a single market matrix file.

### 6.7.2 Usage

See [Installation](#) and [Usage](#) on general information how to use CGAT pipelines.

### Configuration

It is recommended to fetch the cells into a new directory. Fetching of multiple datasets per-directory is (deliberately) not supported.

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline_fetch_cells.yml` file.

Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <srcdir>/pipeline_fetch_cells.py config
```

## Inputs

The pipeline will fetch cells from a cellhub instance according to the parameters specified in the local `pipeline_fetch_cell.yml` file.

The location of the cellhub instances must be specified in the yml:

```
cellhub:
  location: /path/to/cellhub/instance
```

The specifications of the cells to retrieve must be provided as an SQL statement (query) that will be executed against the “final” table of the cellhub database:

```
cellhub:
  sql_query: >-
    select * from final
    where pct_mitochondrial < 10
    and ngenes > 200;
```

The cells will then be automatically retrieved from the API.

Cell barcodes are set according to the “barcode\_id” column which is set by `pipeline_cellranger_multi.py` and have the format “UMI-1-LIBRARY\_ID”

## Dependencies

This pipeline requires:

### 6.7.3 Pipeline output

The pipeline outputs a folder containing a single market matrix that contains the requested cells.

`cellhub.pipeline_fetch_cells.fetchCells` (*infile, outfile*)

Fetch the table of the user’s desired cells from the database effectively, cell-metadata tsv table.

`cellhub.pipeline_fetch_cells.barcodeSubsets` (*infile, output\_files, sentinel*)

Generate the sets of barcodes to retrieve from each of the source matrices. (These will be used for extraction of data from all of the specified modalities).

`cellhub.pipeline_fetch_cells.GEXSubsets` (*infile, outfile*)

Extract the GEX cell subsets from the parent mtx.

`cellhub.pipeline_fetch_cells.mergeGEXSubsets` (*infile, outfile*)

Merge the GEX cell subsets into a single mtx.

`cellhub.pipeline_fetch_cells.downsampleGEX` (*infile, outfile*)

Down-sample transcripts given a cell-metadata variable

**TODO: incorporate down-sampling into the fetching** of the cell subsets.

`cellhub.pipeline_fetch_cells.exportAnnData` (*infile, outfile*)

Export h5ad anndata matrices for downstream analysis with scanpy

## 6.8 Pipeline Integration

### 6.8.1 Overview

This pipeline combines different integration methods, mainly using Satija lab's Seurat package (<http://satijalab.org/seurat/>).

For key parameters a range of choices can be specified. The pipeline will generate one report for each sample or experiment. All integration tasks and parameter combinations will be run in parallel on an HPC cluster.

The pipeline also assesses the integration by using metrics from the Seurat paper, the iLISI (harmony), the k-bet package and (optional) a similar entropy metric to what is suggested in the conos alignment method.

### 6.8.2 Usage

See *Installation* and *Usage* on general information how to use CGAT pipelines.

#### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline.yml` file.

Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <dropdir>/pipeline_integration.py config
```

#### Input files

The pipeline takes as input a file named `input_samples.tsv`. This file has to contain a column named `sample_id` representing the name for a sample or aggregated experiment. The other required column is 'path'. This has to be the path to the directory containing the aggregated matrix, metadata, barcode and features file for the respective sample (e.g. dropflow qc output)

```
sample_id path pbmc /path/to/matrix/
```

```
$ ls /path/to/matrix/ barcodes.tsv.gz features.tsv.gz matrix.mtx.gz metadata.tsv.gz
```

#### Dependencies

This pipeline requires:

- cgat-core: <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core>
- R & various packages.

### 6.8.3 Pipeline output

For each sample and each combination of parameters the following is generated within a folder for each tool+parameter:

- UMAP colored by the metadata column used for integration
- output of kbet, Seurats integration methods and harmony's iLISI in folder `assess.integration.dir`
- folder `summary.plots.dir` with summaries of each metric above
- folder `summary.plots.dir` also contains a csv file with the metrics
- (optional) within each folder with different cluster resolutions, a folder with entropy plots and UMAP with cluster assignments

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.checkInputs (outfile)`

Check that `input_samples.tsv` exists and the path given in the file exists. Then make one folder for each experiments called `*.exp.dir`

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.genClusterJobs ()`

Generate cluster jobs with all paramter combinations.

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.prepFolders (infile, outfile)`

Task to prepare folders for integration

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.runScanpyIntegration (infile, outfile)`

Run scanpy normalization, hv genes and harmony on the data

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.runScanpyUMAP (infile, outfile)`

Run scanpy UMAP and make plots

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.plotUMAP (infile, outfile)`

Plot UMAP with different variables

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.genJobsSummary ()`

Job generator for summary jobs

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.summariseUMAP (infile, outfile)`

Summarise UMAP from different methods

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.runLISIpy (infile, outfile)`

Assess the integration using iLISI (lisi on batch/dataset). Use the python implementation as part of the harmony package

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.genJobsLISI ()`

Job generator for LISI summary jobs

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.summariseLISI (infile, outfile)`

summarise the results from iLISI analysis

`cellhub.pipeline_integration.plot (infile, outfile)`

Draw the pipeline flowchart

## 6.9 Pipeline Export

### 6.9.1 Overview

This pipeline performs the following task:

- convert anndata to seurat object

### 6.9.2 Usage

See *Installation* and *Usage* on general information how to use CGAT pipelines.

#### Configuration

The pipeline requires a configured `pipeline.yml` file.

Default configuration files can be generated by executing:

```
python <srcdir>/pipeline_emptydrops.py config
```

#### Input files

The pipeline is run from the anndata object created by `pipeline_integration.py`. A sample name, the path to the anndata object (path) and (optional) path to the folder with the original matrix data (matrixdir) are specified in `input_samples.tsv`. If matrixdir is specified then market matrix format input for the full dataset are expected. The alternative option is to supply the path to a anndata object instead of the matrixdir. The option `use_full_anndata` in `pipeline.yml` needs to be set if anndata should be used.

The column names in `input_samples.tsv` need to be `sample_id`, `path` and either `matrixdir` or `anndata`. The dim reduction to include in the output seurat object is specified in the `pipeline.yml`.

#### Dependencies

This pipeline requires: \* cgat-core: <https://github.com/cgat-developers/cgat-core> \* python - scanpy, anndata \* R - Seurat

### 6.9.3 Pipeline output

The pipeline returns: A seurat object.

### 6.9.4 Code

```
cellhub.pipeline_export.checkInputs (outfile)
    Check that input_samples.tsv exists and the path given in the file is a valid directorys.

cellhub.pipeline_export.genClusterJobs ()
    Generate cluster jobs for each sample

cellhub.pipeline_export.exportFromAnndata (infile, outfile)
    Run python script to extract data from anndata object
```

```
cellhub.pipeline_export.createSeuratObject (infile, outfile)  
    Run R script to create seurat object  
cellhub.pipeline_export.full()  
    Run the full pipeline.
```

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