

Notes for the scripts:

- It is necessary to install Python and R in order to run the evaluation scripts. All packages that are queried are named in the header of the code, and these may also require installation. You also may want to install Fiji by ImageJ and its Plug-In ,ThunderSTORM`.

Links:

- R and RStudio (both):  
<https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/>
  - Anaconda for Python & Jupyter Notebook:  
<https://www.anaconda.com>
  - Fiji & ThunderSTORM:  
<https://imagej.net/software/fiji/>  
<https://zitmen.github.io/thunderstorm/>
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- It is necessary to create a directory within the R script in which the data is to be saved prior to executing the code. This directory is referenced by the R script as "Ripley&PCF\_v9.R" and must be specified at the outset of the code.
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- The pipeline for evaluation is as follows:
    1. To ascertain the localization of points, one may utilize 'SMLM.ipynb' via TIFF stacks, 'ThunderSTORM,' or 'Find Maxima' via individual images (in Fiji) or an alternative program.
    2. Localizations may be stored in a number of different formats. Nevertheless, two representations of the point processes are of particular significance in the evaluation process.
      1. A .csv file with header, 'X' in the first column and 'Y' in the second column, so that the coordinate pairs of a point are noted line by line in the .csv file.
      2. The matrix representation from 'SMLM.ipynb' as a .csv file.
    - In order to determine the persistent homologies, it is necessary to utilize the coordinate matrices provided in the 'SMLM.ipynb' script. The aforementioned matrices are generated by the 'SMLM.ipynb' script and stored in the 'smlm' folder, specifically in the 'Orte' subfolder. The 'Ripley&PCF\_v9.R' script employs scatter plots, Ripley's functions, and pair correlation functions (PCF) and requires the matrices generated in step 2.1.
    3. The coordinate matrices from section 2.1 can be imported into the Ripley&PCF\_v9.R file subsequent to the commencement of the Shiny application. Subsequently, the results are plotted. The tabular listing of the results is presented below. To save all displayed images and the table in the desired directory, select the "Save" button.
    4. In contrast to the 'Ripley&PCF\_v9.R' file, the 'Persistent-homology.ipynb' file is capable of reading and evaluating multiple data records simultaneously. The program requires a data storage location, which can be selected via the graphical user interface (GUI). The resulting data are stored in the specified directory.