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cellpose is an anatomical segmentation algorithm written in Python 3 by Carsen Stringer and Marius Pachitariu. For support, please open an [issue](#).

We make pip installable releases of cellpose, here is the [pypi](#). You can install it as `pip install cellpose[gui]`.

You can try it out without installing at [cellpose.org](#). Also check out these resources:

Cellpose 2.0

- [paper](#) on biorxiv
- twitter [paper](#)
- human-in-the-loop training protocol [video](#)

Cellpose 1.0

- [paper](#) on biorxiv (see figure 1 below) and in [nature methods](#)
- twitter [thread](#)
- Marius's [talk](#)

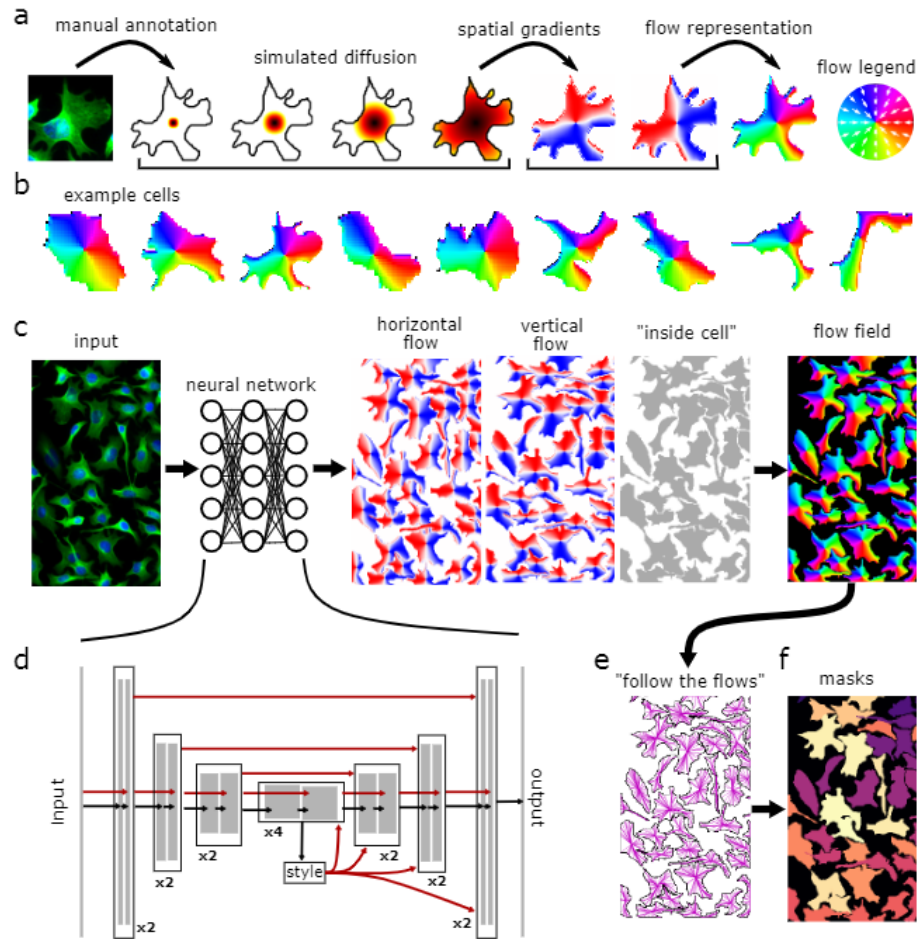


Figure 1: Model architecture. **a**, Procedure for transforming manually annotated masks into a vector flow representation that can be predicted by a neural network. A simulated diffusion process started at the center of the mask is used to derive spatial gradients that point towards the center of the cell, potentially indirectly around corners. The X and Y gradients are combined into a single normalized direction from 0° to 360°. **b**, Example spatial flows for cells from the training dataset. **cd**, A neural network is trained to predict the horizontal and vertical flows, as well as whether a pixel belongs to any cell. The three predicted maps are combined into a flow field. **d** shows the details of the neural network which contains a standard backbone neural network that downsamples and then upsamples the feature maps, contains skip connections between layers of the same size, and global skip connections from the image styles, computed at the lowest resolution, to all the successive computations. **e**, At test time, the predicted flow fields are used to construct a dynamical system with fixed points whose basins of attraction represent the predicted masks. Informally, every pixel "follows the flows" along the predicted flow fields towards their eventual fixed point. **f**, All the pixels that converge to the same fixed point are assigned to the same mask.

INSTALLATION

For basic install instructions, look up the main github readme.

1.1 Built-in model directory

By default, the pretrained cellpose models are downloaded to `$HOME/.cellpose/models/`. This path on linux would look like `/home/USERNAME/.cellpose/`, and on Windows, `C:/Users/USERNAME/.cellpose/models/`. These models are downloaded the first time you try to use them, either on the command line, in the GUI or in a notebook.

If you'd like to download the models to a different directory, and are using the command line or the GUI, before you run `python -m cellpose ...`, you will need to always set the environment variable `CELLPOSE_LOCAL_MODELS_PATH` (thanks Chris Roat for implementing this!).

To set the environment variable in the command line/Anaconda prompt on windows run the following command modified for your path: `set CELLPOSE_LOCAL_MODELS_PATH=C:/PATH_FOR_MODELS/`. To set the environment variable in the command line on linux, run `export CELLPOSE_LOCAL_MODELS_PATH=/PATH_FOR_MODELS/`.

To set this environment variable when running cellpose in a jupyter notebook, run this code at the beginning of your notebook before you import cellpose:

```
import os
os.environ["CELLPOSE_LOCAL_MODELS_PATH"] = "/PATH_FOR_MODELS/"
```

1.2 Common issues

If you receive the error: `No module named PyQt5.sip`, then try uninstalling and reinstalling pyqt5

```
pip uninstall pyqt5 pyqt5-tools
pip install pyqt5 pyqt5-tools pyqt5.sip
```

If you have errors related to OpenMP and libiomp5, then try

```
:: conda install nomkl
```

If you receive an error associated with **matplotlib**, try upgrading it:

```
pip install matplotlib --upgrade
```

If you receive the error: `ImportError: _arpack DLL load failed`, then try uninstalling and reinstalling scipy

```
pip uninstall scipy  
pip install scipy
```

If you are having issues with the graphical interface, make sure you have **python 3.7** and not python 3.8 installed.

If you are on Yosemite Mac OS or earlier, PyQt doesn't work and you won't be able to use the graphical interface for cellpose. More recent versions of Mac OS are fine. The software has been heavily tested on Windows 10 and Ubuntu 18.04, and less well tested on Mac OS. Please post an issue if you have installation problems.

1.3 Dependencies

cellpose relies on the following excellent packages (which are automatically installed with conda/pip if missing):

- `pytorch`
- `pyqtgraph`
- `PyQt5`
- `numpy` ($\geq 1.16.0$)
- `numba`
- `scipy`
- `scikit-image`
- `natsort`
- `matplotlib`

2.1 Starting the GUI

The quickest way to start is to open the GUI from a command line terminal. You might need to open an anaconda prompt if you did not add anaconda to the path:

```
python -m cellpose
```

The first time cellpose runs it downloads the latest available trained model weights from the website.

You can **drag and drop** images (.tif, .png, .jpg, .gif) into the GUI and run Cellpose, and/or manually segment them. When the GUI is processing, you will see the progress bar fill up and during this time you cannot click on anything in the GUI. For more information about what the GUI is doing you can look at the terminal/prompt you opened the GUI with. For example data, See [website](<http://www.cellpose.org>). For best accuracy and runtime performance, resize images so cells are less than 100 pixels across.

For multi-channel, multi-Z tiff's, the expected format is Z x channels x Ly x Lx.

Note: The output file with the masks is in the same folder as the loaded image with `_seg.npy` appended. The GUI automatically saves after you draw an ROI but NOT after running a model for segmentation and NOT after 3D mask drawing (too slow). Save in the file menu or with Ctrl+S.

Note: Since the output file is in the same folder as the loaded image with `_seg.npy` appended, make sure you have WRITE access in the folder, otherwise the file will not save.

2.2 Using the GUI

The GUI serves two main functions:

1. Running the segmentation algorithm.
2. Manually labelling data.
3. (NEW) Fine-tuning a pretrained cellpose model on your own data.

Main GUI mouse controls (works in all views):

- Pan = left-click + drag
- Zoom = scroll wheel (or +/- and - buttons)

- Full view = double left-click
- Select mask = left-click on mask
- Delete mask = Ctrl (or Command on Mac) + left-click
- Merge masks = Alt + left-click (will merge last two)
- Start draw mask = right-click
- End draw mask = right-click, or return to circle at beginning

Overlaps in masks are NOT allowed. If you draw a mask on top of another mask, it is cropped so that it doesn't overlap with the old mask. Masks in 2D should be single strokes (if *single_stroke* is checked).

If you want to draw masks in 3D, then you can turn *single_stroke* option off and draw a stroke on each plane with the cell and then press ENTER (cellpose 1.0 only currently). 3D labelling will fill in unlabelled z-planes so that you do not have to as densely label.

2.3 Segmentation options

SIZE: you can manually enter the approximate diameter for your cells, or press “calibrate” to let the model estimate it. The size is represented by a disk at the bottom of the view window (can turn this disk off by unchecking “scale disk on”).

use GPU: if you have installed the cuda version of mxnet, then you can activate this, but it won't give huge speedups when running single images in the GUI.

MODEL: there is a *cytoplasm* model and a *nuclei* model, choose what you want to segment

CHAN TO SEG: this is the channel in which the cytoplasm or nuclei exist

CHAN2 (OPT): if *cytoplasm* model is chosen, then choose the nuclear channel for this option

2.4 Training your own cellpose model

Check out this [video](#) to learn the process.

1. Drag and drop an image from a folder of images with a similar style (like similar cell types).
2. Run the built-in models on one of the images using the “model zoo” and find the one that works best for your data. Make sure that if you have a nuclear channel you have selected it for CHAN2.
3. Fix the labelling by drawing new ROIs (right-click) and deleting incorrect ones (CTRL+click). The GUI autosaves any manual changes (but does not autosave after running the model, for that click CTRL+S). The segmentation is saved in a `_seg.npy` file.
4. Go to the “Models” menu in the File bar at the top and click “Train new model...” or use shortcut CTRL+T.
5. Choose the pretrained model to start the training from (the model you used in #2), and type in the model name that you want to use. The other parameters should work well in general for most data types. Then click OK.
6. The model will train (much faster if you have a GPU) and then auto-run on the next image in the folder. Next you can repeat #3-#5 as many times as is necessary.
7. The trained model is available to use in the future in the GUI in the “custom model” section and is saved in your image folder.

2.5 Contributing training data

We are very excited about receiving community contributions to the training data and re-training the cytoplasm model to make it better. Please follow these guidelines:

1. Run cellpose on your data to see how well it does. Try varying the diameter, which can change results a little.
2. If there are relatively few mistakes, it won't help much to contribute labelled data.
3. If there are consistent mistakes, your data is likely very different from anything in the training set, and you should expect major improvements from contributing even just a few manually segmented images.
4. For images that you contribute, the cells should be at least 10 pixels in diameter, and there should be **at least** several dozens of cells per image, ideally ~100. If your images are too small, consider combining multiple images into a single big one and then manually segmenting that. If they are too big, consider splitting them into smaller crops.
5. For the manual segmentation, please try to outline the boundaries of the cell, so that everything (membrane, cytoplasm, nucleus) is inside the boundaries. Do not just outline the cytoplasm and exclude the membrane, because that would be inconsistent with our own labelling and we wouldn't be able to use that.
6. Do not use the results of the algorithm in any way to do contributed manual segmentations. This can reinforce a vicious circle of mistakes, and compromise the dataset for further algorithm development.

If you are having problems with the nucleus model, please open an issue before contributing data. Nucleus images are generally much less diverse, and we think the current training dataset already covers a very large set of modalities. Additionally, you can run a non-nuclear model on nuclear data such as cyto.

2.6 Keyboard shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts	Description
CTRL+H	help
=/+ //-	zoom in // zoom out
CTRL+Z	undo previously drawn mask/stroke
CTRL+0	clear all masks
CTRL+L	load image (can alternatively drag and drop image)
CTRL+S	SAVE MASKS IN IMAGE to <code>_seg.npy</code> file
CTRL+T	start model training using <code>_seg.npy</code> files
CTRL+P	load <code>_seg.npy</code> file (note: it will load automatically with image if it exists)
CTRL+M	load masks file (must be same size as image with 0 for NO mask, and 1,2,3... for masks)
A/D or LEFT/RIGHT	cycle through images in current directory
W/S or UP/DOWN	change color (RGB/gray/red/green/blue)
R / G / B	press to toggle RGB and Red or Green or Blue
PAGE-UP / PAGE-DOWN	change to flows and cell prob views (if segmentation computed)
X	turn masks ON or OFF
Z	toggle outlines ON or OFF
, / .	increase / decrease brush size for drawing

INPUTS

You can use tiffs or PNGs or JPEGs. We use the image loader from scikit-image. Single plane images can read into data as $nY \times nX \times \text{channels}$ or $\text{channels} \times nY \times nX$. Then the `channels` settings will take care of reshaping the input appropriately for the network. Note the model also rescales the input for each channel so that 0 = 1st percentile of image values and 1 = 99th percentile.

If you want to run multiple images in a directory, use the command line or a jupyter notebook to run cellpose.

3.1 3D segmentation

Tiffs with multiple planes and multiple channels are supported in the GUI (can drag-and-drop tiffs) and supported when running in a notebook. Multipane images should be of shape $n\text{planes} \times \text{channels} \times nY \times nX$ or as $n\text{planes} \times nY \times nX$. You can test this by running in python

```
import tifffile
data = tifffile.imread('img.tif')
print(data.shape)
```

If drag-and-drop of the tiff into the GUI does not work correctly, then it's likely that the shape of the tiff is incorrect. If drag-and-drop works (you can see a tiff with multiple planes), then the GUI will automatically run 3D segmentation and display it in the GUI. Watch the command line for progress. It is recommended to use a GPU to speed up processing.

When running cellpose in a notebook, set `do_3D=True` to enable 3D processing. You can give a list of 3D inputs, or a single 3D/4D stack. When running on the command line, add the flag `--do_3D` (it will run all tiffs in the folder as 3D tiffs if possible).

If the 3D segmentation is not working well and there is inhomogeneity in Z, try stitching masks in Z instead of running `do_3D=True`. See details for this option here: [stitch_threshold](#).

If drag-and-drop doesn't work because of the shape of your tiff, you need to transpose the tiff and resave to use the GUI, or use the napari plugin for cellpose, or run CLI/notebook and specify the `channel_axis` and/or `z_axis` parameters:

`channel_axis` and `z_axis` can be used to specify the axis (0-based) of the image which corresponds to the image channels and to the z axis. For example an image with 2 channels of shape (1024,1024,2,105,1) can be specified with `channel_axis=2` and `z_axis=3`. If `channel_axis=None` cellpose will try to automatically determine the channel axis by choosing the dimension with the minimal size after squeezing. If `z_axis=None` cellpose will automatically select the first non-channel axis of the image to be the Z axis. These parameters can be specified using the command line with `--channel_axis` or `--z_axis` or as inputs to `model.eval` for the Cellpose or CellposeModel model.

SETTINGS

The important settings are described on this page. See the *Cellpose class* for all run options.

Here is an example of calling the Cellpose class and running a list of images for reference:

```
from cellpose import models
from cellpose.io import imread

# model_type='cyto' or model_type='nuclei'
model = models.Cellpose(gpu=False, model_type='cyto')

files = ['img0.tif', 'img1.tif']
imgs = [imread(f) for f in files]
masks, flows, styles, diams = model.eval(imgs, diameter=None, channels=[0,0],
                                         flow_threshold=0.4, do_3D=False)
```

You can make lists of channels/diameter for each image, or set the same channels/diameter for all images as shown in the example above.

4.1 Channels

There are two channels inputs. The first channel is the channel you want to segment. The second channel is an optional channel that is helpful in models trained with images with a nucleus channel. See more details in the models page.

1. 0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue
2. 0=None (will set to zero), 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue

Set channels to a list with each of these elements, e.g. `channels = [0,0]` if you want to segment cells in grayscale or for single channel images, or `channels = [2,3]` if you green cells with blue nuclei.

On the command line the above would be `--chan 0 --chan2 0` or `--chan 2 --chan2 3`.

4.2 Diameter

The cellpose models have been trained on images which were rescaled to all have the same diameter (30 pixels in the case of the *cyto* model and 17 pixels in the case of the *nuclei* model). Therefore, cellpose needs a user-defined cell diameter (in pixels) as input, or to estimate the object size of an image-by-image basis.

The automated estimation of the diameter is a two-step process using the *style* vector from the network, a 64-dimensional summary of the input image. We trained a linear regression model to predict the size of objects from these style vectors on the training data. On a new image the procedure is as follows.

1. Run the image through the cellpose network and obtain the style vector. Predict the size using the linear regression model from the style vector.
2. Resize the image based on the predicted size and run cellpose again, and produce ROIs. Take the final estimated size as the median diameter of the predicted ROIs.

For automated estimation set `diameter = None`. However, if this estimate is incorrect please set the diameter by hand.

Changing the diameter will change the results that the algorithm outputs. When the diameter is set smaller than the true size then cellpose may over-split cells. Similarly, if the diameter is set too big then cellpose may over-merge cells.

4.3 Resample

The cellpose network is run on your rescaled image – where the rescaling factor is determined by the diameter you input (or determined automatically as above). For instance, if you have an image with 60 pixel diameter cells, the rescaling factor is $30./60. = 0.5$. After determining the flows (dX, dY, cellprob), the model runs the dynamics. The dynamics can be run at the rescaled size (`resample=False`), or the dynamics can be run on the resampled, interpolated flows at the true image size (`resample=True`). `resample=True` will create smoother ROIs when the cells are large but will be slower in case; `resample=False` will find more ROIs when the cells are small but will be slower in this case. By default in versions ≥ 1.0 `resample=True`.

The nuclear model in cellpose is trained on two-channel images, where the first channel is the channel to segment, and the second channel is always set to an array of zeros. Therefore set the first channel as 0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue; and set the second channel to zero, e.g. `channels = [0, 0]` if you want to segment nuclei in grayscale or for single channel images, or `channels = [3, 0]` if you want to segment blue nuclei.

If the nuclear model isn't working well, try the cytoplasmic model.

4.4 Flow threshold (aka model fit threshold in GUI)

Note there is nothing keeping the neural network from predicting horizontal and vertical flows that do not correspond to any real shapes at all. In practice, most predicted flows are consistent with real shapes, because the network was only trained on image flows that are consistent with real shapes, but sometimes when the network is uncertain it may output inconsistent flows. To check that the recovered shapes after the flow dynamics step are consistent with real ROIs, we recompute the flow gradients for these putative predicted ROIs, and compute the mean squared error between them and the flows predicted by the network.

The `flow_threshold` parameter is the maximum allowed error of the flows for each mask. The default is `flow_threshold=0.4`. Increase this threshold if cellpose is not returning as many ROIs as you'd expect. Similarly, decrease this threshold if cellpose is returning too many ill-shaped ROIs.

4.5 Mask threshold

The network predicts 3 outputs: flows in X, flows in Y, and cell “probability”. The predictions the network makes of the probability are the inputs to a sigmoid centered at zero ($1 / (1 + e^{-x})$), so they vary from around -6 to +6. The pixels greater than the `cellprob_threshold` are used to run dynamics and determine ROIs. The default is `cellprob_threshold=0.0`. Decrease this threshold if cellpose is not returning as many ROIs as you’d expect. Similarly, increase this threshold if cellpose is returning too ROIs particularly from dim areas.

4.6 3D settings

Volumetric stacks do not always have the same sampling in XY as they do in Z. Therefore you can set an `anisotropy` parameter to allow for differences in sampling, e.g. set to 2.0 if Z is sampled half as dense as X or Y.

There may be additional differences in YZ and XZ slices that make them unable to be used for 3D segmentation. I’d recommend viewing the volume in those dimensions if the segmentation is failing. In those instances, you may want to turn off 3D segmentation (`do_3D=False`) and run instead with `stitch_threshold>0`. Cellpose will create ROIs in 2D on each XY slice and then stitch them across slices if the IoU between the mask on the current slice and the next slice is greater than or equal to the `stitch_threshold`.

3D segmentation ignores the `flow_threshold` because we did not find that it helped to filter out false positives in our test 3D cell volume. Instead, we found that setting `min_size` is a good way to remove false positives.

OUTPUTS

Internally, the network predicts 3 (or 4) outputs: (flows in Z), flows in Y, flows in X, and cellprob. The predictions the network makes of cellprob are the inputs to a sigmoid centered at zero ($1 / (1 + e^{-x})$), so they vary from around -6 to +6.

5.1 `_seg.npy` output

*`_seg.npy` files have the following fields:

- *filename* : filename of image
- *img* : image with chosen channels (nchan x Ly x Lx) (if not multiplane)
- *masks* : each pixel in the image is assigned to an ROI (0 = NO ROI; 1,2,... = ROI labels)
- *colors* : colors for ROIs
- *outlines* : outlines of ROIs (0 = NO outline; 1,2,... = outline labels)
- *chan_choose* : channels that you chose in GUI (0=gray/none, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue)
- *ismanual* : element *k* = whether or not mask *k* was manually drawn or computed by the cellpose algorithm
- *flows* [flows[0] is XY flow in RGB, flows[1] is the cell probability in range 0-255 instead of 0.0 to 1.0, flows[2] is Z flow in range 0-255 (if it exists, otherwise zeros),] flows[3] is [dY, dX, cellprob] (or [dZ, dY, dX, cellprob] for 3D), flows[4] is pixel destinations (for internal use)
- *est_diam* : estimated diameter (if run on command line)
- *zdraw* : for each mask, which planes were manually labelled (planes in between manually drawn have interpolated ROIs)

Here is an example of loading in a `*_seg.npy` file and plotting masks and outlines

```
import numpy as np
from cellpose import plot, utils
dat = np.load('_seg.npy', allow_pickle=True).item()

# plot image with masks overlaid
mask_RGB = plot.mask_overlay(dat['img'], dat['masks'],
                             colors=np.array(dat['colors']))

# plot image with outlines overlaid in red
outlines = utils.outlines_list(dat['masks'])
plt.imshow(dat['img'])
```

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```
for o in outlines:
    plt.plot(o[:,0], o[:,1], color='r')
```

If you run in a notebook and want to save to a **_seg.npy* file, run

```
from cellpose import io
io.masks_flows_to_seg(images, masks, flows, diams, file_name, channels)
```

where each of these inputs is a list (as the output of *model.eval* is)

5.2 PNG output

You can save masks to PNG in the GUI.

To save masks (and other plots in PNG) using the command line, add the flag `--save_png`.

Or use the function below if running in a notebook

```
from cellpose import io
io.save_to_png(images, masks, flows, image_names)
```

5.3 ROI manager compatible output for ImageJ

You can save the outlines of ROIs in a text file that's compatible with ImageJ ROI Manager in the GUI File menu.

To save using the command line, add the flag `--save_outlines`.

Or use the function below if running in a notebook

```
from cellpose import io, utils

# image_name is file name of image
# masks is numpy array of masks for image
base = os.path.splitext(image_name)[0]
outlines = utils.outlines_list(masks)
io.outlines_to_text(base, outlines)
```

To load this `_cp_outlines.txt` file into ImageJ, use the python script provided in cellpose: `imagej_roi_converter.py`. Run this as a macro after opening your image file. It will ask you to input the path to the `_cp_outlines.txt` file. Input that and the ROIs will appear in the ROI manager.

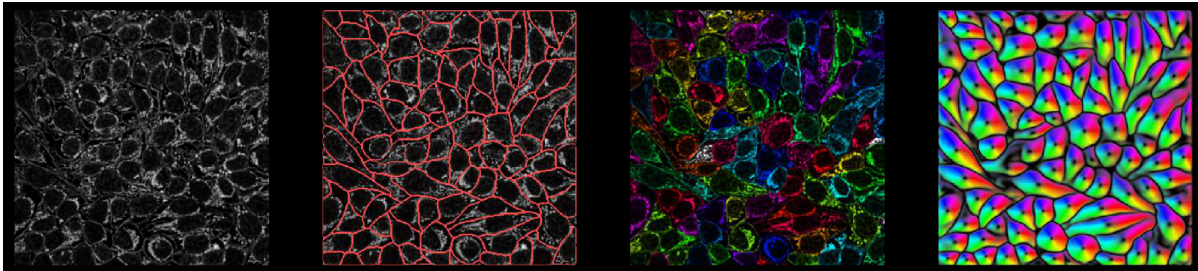
5.4 Plotting functions

In `plot.py` there are functions, like `show_segmentation`:

```
from cellpose import plot

nimg = len(imgs)
for idx in range(nimg):
    maski = masks[idx]
    flowi = flows[idx][0]

    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
    plot.show_segmentation(fig, imgs[idx], maski, flowi, channels=channels[idx])
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```



MODELS

```
from cellpose import models
```

Cellpose 2.0 now has a model zoo and options for user model training. Each model will be downloaded automatically to your `models.MODELS_DIR` (see Installation instructions for more details on `MODELS_DIR`). See paper for more details on the model zoo. You can also directly download a model by going to the URL, e.g.:

```
https://www.cellpose.org/models/MODEL\_NAME
```

6.1 Model Zoo

All built-in models were trained with the ROIs resized to a diameter of 30.0 (`diam_mean = 30`), except the *'nuclei'* model which was trained with a diameter of 17.0 (`diam_mean = 17`). The models will internally take care of rescaling the images given a user-provided diameter (or with the diameter from auto-diameter estimation in full models).

6.2 Full built-in models

These models have a size model and 4 different training versions, each trained starting from 4 different random initial parameter sets. This means you can run with `diameter=0` or `--diameter 0` and the model can estimate the ROI size. Also you can set `net_avg=True` or `--net_avg` to average the results of the 4 models.

These models can be loaded and used in the notebook with `models.Cellpose(model_type='cyto')` or in the command line with `python -m cellpose --pretrained_model cyto`.

These models' names (to download all the models for a class run with `--net_avg`): * *'cyto'*: `cytotorch_0`, `cytotorch_1`, `cytotorch_2`, `cytotorch_3`, `size_cytotorch_0.npy` * *'nuclei'*: `nucleitorch_0`, `nucleitorch_1`, `nucleitorch_2`, `nucleitorch_3`, `size_nucleitorch_0.npy` * *'cyto2'*: `cyto2torch_0`, `cyto2torch_1`, `cyto2torch_2`, `cyto2torch_3`, `size_cyto2torch_0.npy`

6.2.1 Cytoplasm model (*'cyto'*)

The cytoplasm model in cellpose is trained on two-channel images, where the first channel is the channel to segment, and the second channel is an optional nuclear channel. Here are the options for each: 1. 0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue 2. 0=None (will set to zero), 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue

Set channels to a list with each of these elements, e.g. `channels = [0,0]` if you want to segment cells in grayscale or for single channel images, or `channels = [2,3]` if you green cells with blue nuclei.

6.2.2 Nucleus model (*'nuclei'*)

The nuclear model in cellpose is trained on two-channel images, where the first channel is the channel to segment, and the second channel is always set to an array of zeros. Therefore set the first channel as 0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue; and set the second channel to zero, e.g. `channels = [0,0]` if you want to segment nuclei in grayscale or for single channel images, or `channels = [3,0]` if you want to segment blue nuclei.

6.2.3 Cytoplasm 2.0 model (*'cyto2'*)

The cytoplasm 2.0 model in cellpose is trained on two-channel images, where the first channel is the channel to segment, and the second channel is an optional nuclear channel, as the cytoplasm model.

In addition to the training data in our dataset, it was trained with user-submitted images.

6.3 Other built-in models

These models do not have a size model and 4 different training versions. If the diameter is set to 0.0, then the model uses the default `diam_mean` for the diameter (30.0).

These models can be loaded and used in the notebook with e.g. `models.CellposeModel(model_type='tissuenet')` or `models.CellposeModel(model_type='LC2')`, or in the command line with `python -m cellpose --pretrained_model tissuenet`.

These models' names are the same as their strings in the GUI.

6.3.1 TissueNet models

The `'tissuenet'` model was trained on all training images from the [tissuenet dataset](#). These images have a cytoplasm channel and a nuclear channel. The other tissuenet models (`'TN1'`, `'TN2'`, and `'TN3'`) were trained on subsets of the tissuenet dataset that had similar characteristics.

6.3.2 LiveCell models

The `'livecell'` model was trained on all training images from the [livecell dataset](#). These images only have a cytoplasm channel. The other livecell models (`'LC1'`, `'LC2'`, `'LC3'`, and `'LC4'`) were trained on subsets of the livecell dataset that had similar characteristics.

6.4 User-trained models

By default, models are trained with the ROIs resized to a diameter of 30.0 (`diam_mean = 30`) – this is necessary if you want to start from a pretrained cellpose model. If you want to use a different diameter and use pretraining, we recommend performing training yourself on the cellpose dataset with that diameter so the model learns objects at that size. All user-trained models will save the `diam_mean` so it will be loaded automatically along with the model weights.

Each model also saves the `diam_labels` which is the mean diameter of the ROIs in the training images. This value is auto-loaded into the GUI for use with the model, or will be used if the diameter is 0 (`diameter=0` or `--diameter 0`).

These models can be loaded and used in the notebook with e.g. `models.CellposeModel(model_type='/full/path/to/model')` or in the command line with `python -m cellpose --pretrained_model /full/path/to/model`.

TRAINING

At the beginning of training, cellpose computes the flow field representation for each mask image (`dynamics.labels_to_flows`).

The cellpose pretrained models are trained using resized images so that the cells have the same median diameter across all images. If you choose to use a pretrained model, then this fixed median diameter is used.

If you choose to train from scratch, you can set the median diameter you want to use for rescaling with the `--diam_mean` flag. We trained all model zoo models with a diameter of 30.0 pixels, except the *nuclei* model which used a diameter of 17 pixels, so if you want to start with a pretrained model, it will default to those values.

The models will be saved in the image directory (`--dir`) in a folder called `models/`.

The same channel settings apply for training models.

Note Cellpose expects the labelled masks (0=no mask, 1,2...=masks) in a separate file, e.g:

```
wells_000.tif
wells_000_masks.tif
```

You can use a different ending from `_masks` with the `--mask_filter` option, e.g. `--mask_filter _masks_2022`.

Also, you can train a model using the labels from the GUI (`_seg.npy`) by using the following option `--mask_filter _seg.npy`.

If you use the `-img_filter` option (`--img_filter _img` in this case):

```
wells_000_img.tif
wells_000_masks.tif
```

Warning: The path given to `--dir` and `--test_dir` should be an absolute path.

To train on cytoplasmic images (green cyto and red nuclei) starting with a pretrained model from cellpose (one of the model zoo models), we also have included the recommended training parameters in the command below:

```
python -m cellpose --train --dir ~/images_cyto/train/ --test_dir ~/images_cyto/test/ --
↳ pretrained_model cyto --chan 2 --chan2 1 --learning_rate 0.1 --weight_decay 0.0001 --n_
↳ epochs 100
```

You can train from scratch as well:

```
python -m cellpose --train --dir ~/images_nuclei/train/ --pretrained_model None
```

To train the cyto model from scratch using the same parameters we did, download the dataset and run

```
python -m cellpose --train --train_size --use_gpu --dir ~/cellpose_dataset/train/ --test_
↪dir ~/cellpose_dataset/test/ --img_filter _img --pretrained_model None --chan 2 --
↪chan2 1
```

You can also specify the full path to a pretrained model to use:

```
python -m cellpose --dir ~/images_cyto/test/ --pretrained_model ~/images_cyto/test/model/
↪cellpose_35_0 --save_png
```

Training arguments

```
--train          train network using images in dir
--train_size     train size network at end of training
--test_dir TEST_DIR  folder containing test data (optional)
--mask_filter MASK_FILTER
                  end string for masks to run on. Default: _masks
--diam_mean DIAM_MEAN
                  mean diameter to resize cells to during training -- if
                  starting from pretrained models it cannot be changed
                  from 30.0
--learning_rate LEARNING_RATE
                  learning rate. Default: 0.2
--weight_decay WEIGHT_DECAY
                  weight decay. Default: 1e-05
--n_epochs N_EPOCHS  number of epochs. Default: 500
--batch_size BATCH_SIZE
                  batch size. Default: 8
--min_train_masks MIN_TRAIN_MASKS
                  minimum number of masks a training image must have to
                  be used. Default: 5
--residual_on RESIDUAL_ON
                  use residual connections
--style_on STYLE_ON  use style vector
--concatenation CONCATENATION
                  concatenate downsampled layers with upsampled layers
                  (off by default which means they are added)
--save_every SAVE EVERY
                  number of epochs to skip between saves. Default: 100
--save_each       save the model under a different filename per
                  --save_every epoch for later comparison
```

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See [settings](#) for more information on run settings.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from cellpose import models
from cellpose.io import imread

# model_type='cyto' or 'nuclei' or 'cyto2'
model = models.Cellpose(model_type='cyto')

# list of files
# PUT PATH TO YOUR FILES HERE!
files = ['/media/carsen/DATA1/TIFFS/onechan.tif']

imgs = [imread(f) for f in files]
nimg = len(imgs)

# define CHANNELS to run segmentation on
# grayscale=0, R=1, G=2, B=3
# channels = [cytoplasm, nucleus]
# if NUCLEUS channel does not exist, set the second channel to 0
channels = [[0,0]]
# IF ALL YOUR IMAGES ARE THE SAME TYPE, you can give a list with 2 elements
# channels = [0,0] # IF YOU HAVE GRAYSCALE
# channels = [2,3] # IF YOU HAVE G=cytoplasm and B=nucleus
# channels = [2,1] # IF YOU HAVE G=cytoplasm and R=nucleus

# if diameter is set to None, the size of the cells is estimated on a per image basis
# you can set the average cell `diameter` in pixels yourself (recommended)
# diameter can be a list or a single number for all images

masks, flows, styles, diams = model.eval(imgs, diameter=None, channels=channels)
```

See full notebook at [run_cellpose.ipynb](#).

COMMAND LINE

9.1 Input settings

- **dir:** (string) directory of images
- **img_filter:** (string) (optional) ending of filenames (excluding extension) for processing

9.2 Run settings

These are the same settings, but set up for the command line, e.g. `channels = [chan, chan2]`.

- **chan:** (int) channel to segment, ones-based because zero is gray (average of all channels) 0 = grayscale; 1 = red; 2 = green; 3 = blue
- **chan2:** (int) nuclear or other channel, ones-based because zero means set to all zeros (optional); 0 = None (will be set to zero); 1 = red; 2 = green; 3 = blue
- **pretrained_model:** (string) cyto = cellpose cytoplasm model; nuclei = cellpose nucleus model; can also specify absolute path to model file
- **diameter:** (float) average diameter of objects in image, if 0 cellpose will estimate for each image, default is 30
- **use_gpu:** (bool) run network on GPU
- **save_outlines:** FLAG save outlines as text file for ImageJ
- **save_png:** FLAG save masks as png
- **save_tif:** FLAG save masks as tif
- **no_npy:** FLAG turn off saving of _seg.npy file
- **batch_size:** (int, optional 8) batch size to run tiles of size 224 x 224

9.3 Command line examples

Run `python -m cellpose` and specify parameters as below. For instance to run on a folder with images where cytoplasm is green and nucleus is blue and save the output as a png (using default diameter 30):

```
python -m cellpose --dir ~/images_cyto/test/ --pretrained_model cyto --chan 2 --chan2 3 -  
↪ -save_png
```

You can specify the diameter for all the images or set to 0 if you want the algorithm to estimate it on an image by image basis. Here is how to run on nuclear data (grayscale) where the diameter is automatically estimated:

```
python -m cellpose --dir ~/images_nuclei/test/ --pretrained_model nuclei --diameter 0. --
↪ save_png
```

Warning: The path given to `--dir` must be an absolute path.

9.4 Options

You can run the help string and see all the options:

```
usage: __main__.py [-h] [--use_gpu] [--check_mkl] [--dir DIR]
                  [--look_one_level_down] [--img_filter IMG_FILTER]
                  [--channel_axis CHANNEL_AXIS] [--z_axis Z_AXIS]
                  [--chan CHAN] [--chan2 CHAN2] [--invert] [--all_channels]
                  [--pretrained_model PRETRAINED_MODEL] [--unet]
                  [--nclasses NCLASSES] [--no_resample] [--net_avg]
                  [--no_interp] [--do_3D] [--diameter DIAMETER]
                  [--stitch_threshold STITCH_THRESHOLD] [--fast_mode]
                  [--flow_threshold FLOW_THRESHOLD]
                  [--cellprob_threshold CELLPROB_THRESHOLD]
                  [--anisotropy ANISOTROPY] [--exclude_on_edges] [--save_png]
                  [--save_tif] [--no_npy] [--savedir SAVEDIR] [--dir_above]
                  [--in_folders] [--save_flows] [--save_outlines]
                  [--save_ncolor] [--save_txt] [--train] [--train_size]
                  [--test_dir TEST_DIR] [--mask_filter MASK_FILTER]
                  [--diam_mean DIAM_MEAN] [--learning_rate LEARNING_RATE]
                  [--weight_decay WEIGHT_DECAY] [--n_epochs N_EPOCHS]
                  [--batch_size BATCH_SIZE]
                  [--min_train_masks MIN_TRAIN_MASKS]
                  [--residual_on RESIDUAL_ON] [--style_on STYLE_ON]
                  [--concatenation CONCATENATION] [--save_every SAVE EVERY]
                  [--save_each] [--verbose]
```

cellpose parameters

optional arguments:

<code>-h, --help</code>	show this help message and exit
<code>--verbose</code>	show information about running and settings and save to log

hardware arguments:

<code>--use_gpu</code>	use gpu if torch with cuda installed
<code>--check_mkl</code>	check if mkl working

input image arguments:

<code>--dir DIR</code>	folder containing data to run or train on.
<code>--look_one_level_down</code>	run processing on all subdirectories of current folder

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--img_filter IMG_FILTER          end string for images to run on
--channel_axis CHANNEL_AXIS      axis of image which corresponds to image channels
--z_axis Z_AXIS                  axis of image which corresponds to Z dimension
--chan CHAN                      channel to segment; 0: GRAY, 1: RED, 2: GREEN, 3:
                                BLUE. Default: 0
--chan2 CHAN2                   nuclear channel (if cyto, optional); 0: NONE, 1: RED,
                                2: GREEN, 3: BLUE. Default: 0
--invert                         invert grayscale channel
--all_channels                   use all channels in image if using own model and
                                images with special channels

model arguments:
--pretrained_model PRETRAINED_MODEL
                                model to use for running or starting training
--unet                           run standard unet instead of cellpose flow output
--nclasses NCLASSES             if running unet, choose 2 or 3; cellpose always uses 3

algorithm arguments:
--no_resample                    disable dynamics on full image (makes algorithm faster
                                for images with large diameters)
--net_avg                        run 4 networks instead of 1 and average results
--no_interp                      do not interpolate when running dynamics (was default)
--do_3D                          process images as 3D stacks of images (nplanes x nchan
                                x Ly x Lx)
--diameter DIAMETER              cell diameter, if 0 will use the diameter of the
                                training labels used in the model, or with built-in
                                model will estimate diameter for each image
--stitch_threshold STITCH_THRESHOLD
                                compute masks in 2D then stitch together masks with
                                IoU>0.9 across planes
--fast_mode                      now equivalent to --no_resample; make code run faster
                                by turning off resampling
--flow_threshold FLOW_THRESHOLD  flow error threshold, 0 turns off this optional QC
                                step. Default: 0.4
--cellprob_threshold CELLPROB_THRESHOLD
                                cellprob threshold, default is 0, decrease to find
                                more and larger masks
--anisotropy ANISOTROPY          anisotropy of volume in 3D
--exclude_on_edges               discard masks which touch edges of image

output arguments:
--save_png                       save masks as png and outlines as text file for ImageJ
--save_tif                       save masks as tif and outlines as text file for ImageJ
--no_npy                         suppress saving of npy
--savedir SAVEDIR                folder to which segmentation results will be saved
                                (defaults to input image directory)
--dir_above                      save output folders adjacent to image folder instead
                                of inside it (off by default)

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--in_folders          flag to save output in folders (off by default)
--save_flows          whether or not to save RGB images of flows when masks
                      are saved (disabled by default)
--save_outlines       whether or not to save RGB outline images when masks
                      are saved (disabled by default)
--save_ncolor         whether or not to save minimal "n-color" masks
                      (disabled by default)
--save_txt            flag to enable txt outlines for ImageJ (disabled by
                      default)

training arguments:
--train               train network using images in dir
--train_size          train size network at end of training
--test_dir TEST_DIR  folder containing test data (optional)
--mask_filter MASK_FILTER
                      end string for masks to run on. Default: _masks
--diam_mean DIAM_MEAN
                      mean diameter to resize cells to during training -- if
                      starting from pretrained models it cannot be changed
                      from 30.0
--learning_rate LEARNING_RATE
                      learning rate. Default: 0.2
--weight_decay WEIGHT_DECAY
                      weight decay. Default: 1e-05
--n_epochs N_EPOCHS  number of epochs. Default: 500
--batch_size BATCH_SIZE
                      batch size. Default: 8
--min_train_masks MIN_TRAIN_MASKS
                      minimum number of masks a training image must have to
                      be used. Default: 5
--residual_on RESIDUAL_ON
                      use residual connections
--style_on STYLE_ON  use style vector
--concatenation CONCATENATION
                      concatenate downsampled layers with upsampled layers
                      (off by default which means they are added)
--save_every SAVE_EVERY
                      number of epochs to skip between saves. Default: 100
--save_each           save the model under a different filename per
                      --save_every epoch for later comparsion

```


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10.1 Cellpose class

class cellpose.models.Cellpose(*gpu=False, model_type='cyto', net_avg=False, device=None*)

main model which combines SizeModel and CellposeModel

Parameters

- **gpu** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – whether or not to use GPU, will check if GPU available
- **model_type** (*str (optional, default 'cyto')*) – ‘cyto’=cytoplasm model; ‘nuclei’=nucleus model; ‘cyto2’=cytoplasm model with additional user images
- **net_avg** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – loads the 4 built-in networks and averages them if True, loads one network if False
- **device** (*torch device (optional, default None)*) – device used for model running / training (torch.device(‘cuda’) or torch.device(‘cpu’)), overrides gpu input, recommended if you want to use a specific GPU (e.g. torch.device(‘cuda:1’))

eval(*x, batch_size=8, channels=None, channel_axis=None, z_axis=None, invert=False, normalize=True, diameter=30.0, do_3D=False, anisotropy=None, net_avg=False, augment=False, tile=True, tile_overlap=0.1, resample=True, interp=True, flow_threshold=0.4, cellprob_threshold=0.0, min_size=15, stitch_threshold=0.0, rescale=None, progress=None, model_loaded=False*)

run cellpose and get masks

Parameters

- **x** (*list or array of images*) – can be list of 2D/3D images, or array of 2D/3D images, or 4D image array
- **batch_size** (*int (optional, default 8)*) – number of 224x224 patches to run simultaneously on the GPU (can make smaller or bigger depending on GPU memory usage)
- **channels** (*list (optional, default None)*) – list of channels, either of length 2 or of length number of images by 2. First element of list is the channel to segment (0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). Second element of list is the optional nuclear channel (0=None, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). For instance, to segment grayscale images, input [0,0]. To segment images with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [2,3]. To segment one grayscale image and one image with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [[0,0], [2,3]].
- **channel_axis** (*int (optional, default None)*) – if None, channels dimension is attempted to be automatically determined

- **z_axis** (*int (optional, default None)*) – if None, z dimension is attempted to be automatically determined
- **invert** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – invert image pixel intensity before running network (if True, image is also normalized)
- **normalize** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – normalize data so 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities in each channel
- **diameter** (*float (optional, default 30.)*) – if set to None, then diameter is automatically estimated if size model is loaded
- **do_3D** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – set to True to run 3D segmentation on 4D image input
- **anisotropy** (*float (optional, default None)*) – for 3D segmentation, optional rescaling factor (e.g. set to 2.0 if Z is sampled half as dense as X or Y)
- **net_avg** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – runs the 4 built-in networks and averages them if True, runs one network if False
- **augment** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – tiles image with overlapping tiles and flips overlapped regions to augment
- **tile** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – tiles image to ensure GPU/CPU memory usage limited (recommended)
- **tile_overlap** (*float (optional, default 0.1)*) – fraction of overlap of tiles when computing flows
- **resample** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – run dynamics at original image size (will be slower but create more accurate boundaries)
- **interp** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – interpolate during 2D dynamics (not available in 3D) (in previous versions it was False)
- **flow_threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.4)*) – flow error threshold (all cells with errors below threshold are kept) (not used for 3D)
- **cellprob_threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.0)*) – all pixels with value above threshold kept for masks, decrease to find more and larger masks
- **min_size** (*int (optional, default 15)*) – minimum number of pixels per mask, can turn off with -1
- **stitch_threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.0)*) – if stitch_threshold>0.0 and not do_3D and equal image sizes, masks are stitched in 3D to return volume segmentation
- **rescale** (*float (optional, default None)*) – if diameter is set to None, and rescale is not None, then rescale is used instead of diameter for resizing image
- **progress** (*pyqt progress bar (optional, default None)*) – to return progress bar status to GUI
- **model_loaded** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – internal variable for determining if model has been loaded, used in `__main__.py`

Returns

- **masks** (*list of 2D arrays, or single 3D array (if do_3D=True)*) – labelled image, where 0=no masks; 1,2,...=mask labels

- **flows** (list of lists 2D arrays, or list of 3D arrays (if `do_3D=True`)) – flows[k][0] = XY flow in HSV 0-255 flows[k][1] = XY flows at each pixel flows[k][2] = cell probability (if > cellprob_threshold, pixel used for dynamics) flows[k][3] = final pixel locations after Euler integration
- **styles** (list of 1D arrays of length 256, or single 1D array (if `do_3D=True`)) – style vector summarizing each image, also used to estimate size of objects in image
- **diams** (list of diameters, or float (if `do_3D=True`))

10.2 CellposeModel

```
class cellpose.models.CellposeModel(gpu=False, pretrained_model=False, model_type=None,  
                                     net_avg=False, diam_mean=30.0, device=None, residual_on=True,  
                                     style_on=True, concatenation=False, nchan=2)
```

Parameters

- **gpu** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – whether or not to save model to GPU, will check if GPU available
- **pretrained_model** (*str or list of strings (optional, default False)*) – path to pretrained cellpose model(s), if None or False, no model loaded
- **model_type** (*str (optional, default None)*) – ‘cyto’=cytoplasm model; ‘nuclei’=nucleus model; if None, pretrained_model used
- **net_avg** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – loads the 4 built-in networks and averages them if True, loads one network if False
- **diam_mean** (*float (optional, default 30.)*) – mean ‘diameter’, 30. is built in value for ‘cyto’ model; 17. is built in value for ‘nuclei’ model; if saved in custom model file (cellpose>=2.0) then it will be loaded automatically and overwrite this value
- **device** (*torch device (optional, default None)*) – device used for model running / training (torch.device(‘cuda’) or torch.device(‘cpu’)), overrides gpu input, recommended if you want to use a specific GPU (e.g. torch.device(‘cuda:1’))
- **residual_on** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – use 4 conv blocks with skip connections per layer instead of 2 conv blocks like conventional u-nets
- **style_on** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – use skip connections from style vector to all upsampling layers
- **concatenation** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – if True, concatenate down-sampling block outputs with upsampling block inputs; default is to add
- **nchan** (*int (optional, default 2)*) – number of channels to use as input to network, default is 2 (cyto + nuclei) or (nuclei + zeros)

```
eval(x, batch_size=8, channels=None, channel_axis=None, z_axis=None, normalize=True, invert=False,  
      rescale=None, diameter=None, do_3D=False, anisotropy=None, net_avg=False, augment=False,  
      tile=True, tile_overlap=0.1, resample=True, interp=True, flow_threshold=0.4, cellprob_threshold=0.0,  
      compute_masks=True, min_size=15, stitch_threshold=0.0, progress=None, loop_run=False,  
      model_loaded=False)
```

segment list of images x, or 4D array - Z x nchan x Y x X

Parameters

- **x** (*list or array of images*) – can be list of 2D/3D/4D images, or array of 2D/3D/4D images
- **batch_size** (*int (optional, default 8)*) – number of 224x224 patches to run simultaneously on the GPU (can make smaller or bigger depending on GPU memory usage)
- **channels** (*list (optional, default None)*) – list of channels, either of length 2 or of length number of images by 2. First element of list is the channel to segment (0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). Second element of list is the optional nuclear channel (0=none, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). For instance, to segment grayscale images, input [0,0]. To segment images with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [2,3]. To segment one grayscale image and one image with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [[0,0], [2,3]].
- **channel_axis** (*int (optional, default None)*) – if None, channels dimension is attempted to be automatically determined
- **z_axis** (*int (optional, default None)*) – if None, z dimension is attempted to be automatically determined
- **normalize** (*bool (default, True)*) – normalize data so 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities in each channel
- **invert** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – invert image pixel intensity before running network
- **diameter** (*float (optional, default None)*) – diameter for each image, if diameter is None, set to diam_mean or diam_train if available
- **rescale** (*float (optional, default None)*) – resize factor for each image, if None, set to 1.0; (only used if diameter is None)
- **do_3D** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – set to True to run 3D segmentation on 4D image input
- **anisotropy** (*float (optional, default None)*) – for 3D segmentation, optional rescaling factor (e.g. set to 2.0 if Z is sampled half as dense as X or Y)
- **net_avg** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – runs the 4 built-in networks and averages them if True, runs one network if False
- **augment** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – tiles image with overlapping tiles and flips overlapped regions to augment
- **tile** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – tiles image to ensure GPU/CPU memory usage limited (recommended)
- **tile_overlap** (*float (optional, default 0.1)*) – fraction of overlap of tiles when computing flows
- **resample** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – run dynamics at original image size (will be slower but create more accurate boundaries)
- **interp** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – interpolate during 2D dynamics (not available in 3D) (in previous versions it was False)
- **flow_threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.4)*) – flow error threshold (all cells with errors below threshold are kept) (not used for 3D)
- **cellprob_threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.0)*) – all pixels with value above threshold kept for masks, decrease to find more and larger masks

- **compute_masks** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – Whether or not to compute dynamics and return masks. This is set to False when retrieving the styles for the size model.
- **min_size** (*int (optional, default 15)*) – minimum number of pixels per mask, can turn off with -1
- **stitch_threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.0)*) – if `stitch_threshold > 0.0` and not `do_3D`, masks are stitched in 3D to return volume segmentation
- **progress** (*pyqt progress bar (optional, default None)*) – to return progress bar status to GUI
- **loop_run** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – internal variable for determining if model has been loaded, stops model loading in loop over images
- **model_loaded** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – internal variable for determining if model has been loaded, used in `__main__.py`

Returns

- **masks** (*list of 2D arrays, or single 3D array (if `do_3D=True`)*) – labelled image, where 0=no masks; 1,2,...=mask labels
- **flows** (*list of lists 2D arrays, or list of 3D arrays (if `do_3D=True`)*) – `flows[k][0]` = XY flow in HSV 0-255 `flows[k][1]` = XY flows at each pixel `flows[k][2]` = cell probability (if `> cellprob_threshold`, pixel used for dynamics) `flows[k][3]` = final pixel locations after Euler integration
- **styles** (*list of 1D arrays of length 64, or single 1D array (if `do_3D=True`)*) – style vector summarizing each image, also used to estimate size of objects in image

loss_fn(*lbl, y*)

loss function between true labels `lbl` and prediction `y`

train(*train_data, train_labels, train_files=None, test_data=None, test_labels=None, test_files=None, channels=None, normalize=True, save_path=None, save_every=100, save_each=False, learning_rate=0.2, n_epochs=500, momentum=0.9, SGD=True, weight_decay=1e-05, batch_size=8, nimg_per_epoch=None, rescale=True, min_train_masks=5, model_name=None*)

train network with images `train_data`

Parameters

- **train_data** (*list of arrays (2D or 3D)*) – images for training
- **train_labels** (*list of arrays (2D or 3D)*) – labels for `train_data`, where 0=no masks; 1,2,...=mask labels can include flows as additional images
- **train_files** (*list of strings*) – file names for images in `train_data` (to save flows for future runs)
- **test_data** (*list of arrays (2D or 3D)*) – images for testing
- **test_labels** (*list of arrays (2D or 3D)*) – labels for `test_data`, where 0=no masks; 1,2,...=mask labels; can include flows as additional images
- **test_files** (*list of strings*) – file names for images in `test_data` (to save flows for future runs)
- **channels** (*list of ints (default, None)*) – channels to use for training
- **normalize** (*bool (default, True)*) – normalize data so 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities in each channel

- **save_path** (*string* (default, *None*)) – where to save trained model, if *None* it is not saved
- **save_every** (*int* (default, *100*)) – save network every [save_every] epochs
- **learning_rate** (*float or list/np.ndarray* (default, *0.2*)) – learning rate for training, if list, must be same length as n_epochs
- **n_epochs** (*int* (default, *500*)) – how many times to go through whole training set during training
- **weight_decay** (*float* (default, *0.00001*)) –
- **SGD** (*bool* (default, *True*)) – use SGD as optimization instead of RAdam
- **batch_size** (*int* (optional, default *8*)) – number of 224x224 patches to run simultaneously on the GPU (can make smaller or bigger depending on GPU memory usage)
- **nimg_per_epoch** (*int* (optional, default *None*)) – minimum number of images to train on per epoch, with a small training set (< 8 images) it may help to set to 8
- **rescale** (*bool* (default, *True*)) – whether or not to rescale images to diam_mean during training, if *True* it assumes you will fit a size model after training or resize your images accordingly, if *False* it will try to train the model to be scale-invariant (works worse)
- **min_train_masks** (*int* (default, *5*)) – minimum number of masks an image must have to use in training set
- **model_name** (*str* (default, *None*)) – name of network, otherwise saved with name as params + training start time

10.3 SizeModel

class cellpose.models.SizeModel(*cp_model*, *device=None*, *pretrained_size=None*, ***kwargs*)

linear regression model for determining the size of objects in image used to rescale before input to cp_model
uses styles from cp_model

Parameters

- **cp_model** (*UnetModel or CellposeModel*) – model from which to get styles
- **device** (*torch device* (optional, default *None*)) – device used for model running / training (torch.device('cuda') or torch.device('cpu')), overrides gpu input, recommended if you want to use a specific GPU (e.g. torch.device('cuda:1'))
- **pretrained_size** (*str*) – path to pretrained size model

eval(*x*, *channels=None*, *channel_axis=None*, *normalize=True*, *invert=False*, *augment=False*, *tile=True*, *batch_size=8*, *progress=None*, *interp=True*)

use images *x* to produce style or use style input to predict size of objects in image

Object size estimation is done in two steps: 1. use a linear regression model to predict size from style in image 2. resize image to predicted size and run CellposeModel to get output masks.

Take the median object size of the predicted masks as the final predicted size.

Parameters

- **x** (*list or array of images*) – can be list of 2D/3D images, or array of 2D/3D images

- **channels** (*list (optional, default None)*) – list of channels, either of length 2 or of length number of images by 2. First element of list is the channel to segment (0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). Second element of list is the optional nuclear channel (0=none, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). For instance, to segment grayscale images, input [0,0]. To segment images with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [2,3]. To segment one grayscale image and one image with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [[0,0], [2,3]].
- **channel_axis** (*int (optional, default None)*) – if None, channels dimension is attempted to be automatically determined
- **normalize** (*bool (default, True)*) – normalize data so 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities in each channel
- **invert** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – invert image pixel intensity before running network
- **augment** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – tiles image with overlapping tiles and flips overlapped regions to augment
- **tile** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – tiles image to ensure GPU/CPU memory usage limited (recommended)
- **progress** (*pyqt progress bar (optional, default None)*) – to return progress bar status to GUI

Returns

- **diam** (*array, float*) – final estimated diameters from images x or styles style after running both steps
- **diam_style** (*array, float*) – estimated diameters from style alone

train(*train_data, train_labels, test_data=None, test_labels=None, channels=None, normalize=True, learning_rate=0.2, n_epochs=10, l2_regularization=1.0, batch_size=8*)

train size model with images train_data to estimate linear model from styles to diameters

Parameters

- **train_data** (*list of arrays (2D or 3D)*) – images for training
- **train_labels** (*list of arrays (2D or 3D)*) – labels for train_data, where 0=no masks; 1,2,...=mask labels can include flows as additional images
- **channels** (*list of ints (default, None)*) – channels to use for training
- **normalize** (*bool (default, True)*) – normalize data so 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities in each channel
- **n_epochs** (*int (default, 10)*) – how many times to go through whole training set (taking random patches) for styles for diameter estimation
- **l2_regularization** (*float (default, 1.0)*) – regularize linear model from styles to diameters
- **batch_size** (*int (optional, default 8)*) – number of 224x224 patches to run simultaneously on the GPU (can make smaller or bigger depending on GPU memory usage)

10.4 Metrics

`cellpose.metrics.aggregated_jaccard_index(masks_true, masks_pred)`

AJI = intersection of all matched masks / union of all masks

Parameters

- **masks_true** (*list of ND-arrays (int) or ND-array (int)*) – where 0=NO masks; 1,2... are mask labels
- **masks_pred** (*list of ND-arrays (int) or ND-array (int)*) – ND-array (int) where 0=NO masks; 1,2... are mask labels

Returns aji

Return type aggregated jaccard index for each set of masks

`cellpose.metrics.average_precision(masks_true, masks_pred, threshold=[0.5, 0.75, 0.9])`

average precision estimation: $AP = TP / (TP + FP + FN)$

This function is based heavily on the *fast* stardist matching functions (<https://github.com/mpicbg-csbd/stardist/blob/master/stardist/matching.py>)

Parameters

- **masks_true** (*list of ND-arrays (int) or ND-array (int)*) – where 0=NO masks; 1,2... are mask labels
- **masks_pred** (*list of ND-arrays (int) or ND-array (int)*) – ND-array (int) where 0=NO masks; 1,2... are mask labels

Returns

- **ap** (*array [len(masks_true) x len(threshold)]*) – average precision at thresholds
- **tp** (*array [len(masks_true) x len(threshold)]*) – number of true positives at thresholds
- **fp** (*array [len(masks_true) x len(threshold)]*) – number of false positives at thresholds
- **fn** (*array [len(masks_true) x len(threshold)]*) – number of false negatives at thresholds

`cellpose.metrics.boundary_scores(masks_true, masks_pred, scales)`

boundary precision / recall / Fscore

`cellpose.metrics.flow_error(maski, dP_net, use_gpu=False, device=None)`

error in flows from predicted masks vs flows predicted by network run on image

This function serves to benchmark the quality of masks, it works as follows 1. The predicted masks are used to create a flow diagram 2. The mask-flows are compared to the flows that the network predicted

If there is a discrepancy between the flows, it suggests that the mask is incorrect. Masks with flow_errors greater than 0.4 are discarded by default. Setting can be changed in `Cellpose.eval` or `CellposeModel.eval`.

Parameters

- **maski** (*ND-array (int)*) – masks produced from running dynamics on dP_net, where 0=NO masks; 1,2... are mask labels
- **dP_net** (*ND-array (float)*) – ND flows where `dP_net.shape[1:] = maski.shape`

Returns

- **flow_errors** (*float array with length maski.max()*) – mean squared error between predicted flows and flows from masks

- **dp_masks** (*ND-array (float)*) – ND flows produced from the predicted masks

`cellpose.metrics.mask_iious(masks_true, masks_pred)`
 return best-matched masks

10.5 Flows to masks

`cellpose.dynamics.compute_masks(dp, cellprob, p=None, niter=200, cellprob_threshold=0.0, flow_threshold=0.4, interp=True, do_3D=False, min_size=15, resize=None, use_gpu=False, device=None)`

compute masks using dynamics from dP, cellprob, and boundary

`cellpose.dynamics.follow_flows(dp, mask=None, niter=200, interp=True, use_gpu=True, device=None)`
 define pixels and run dynamics to recover masks in 2D

Pixels are meshgrid. Only pixels with non-zero cell-probability are used (as defined by inds)

Parameters

- **dp** (*float32, 3D or 4D array*) – flows [axis x Ly x Lx] or [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx]
- **mask** (*(optional, default None)*) – pixel mask to seed masks. Useful when flows have low magnitudes.
- **niter** (*int (optional, default 200)*) – number of iterations of dynamics to run
- **interp** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – interpolate during 2D dynamics (not available in 3D) (in previous versions + paper it was False)
- **use_gpu** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – use GPU to run interpolated dynamics (faster than CPU)

Returns

- **p** (*float32, 3D or 4D array*) – final locations of each pixel after dynamics; [axis x Ly x Lx] or [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx]
- **inds** (*int32, 3D or 4D array*) – indices of pixels used for dynamics; [axis x Ly x Lx] or [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx]

`cellpose.dynamics.get_masks(p, iscell=None, rpad=20)`

create masks using pixel convergence after running dynamics

Makes a histogram of final pixel locations p, initializes masks at peaks of histogram and extends the masks from the peaks so that they include all pixels with more than 2 final pixels p. Discards masks with flow errors greater than the threshold. :param p: final locations of each pixel after dynamics,

size [axis x Ly x Lx] or [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx].

Parameters

- **iscell** (*bool, 2D or 3D array*) – if iscell is not None, set pixels that are iscell False to stay in their original location.
- **rpad** (*int (optional, default 20)*) – histogram edge padding
- **threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.4)*) – masks with flow error greater than threshold are discarded (if flows is not None)

- **flows** (*float, 3D or 4D array (optional, default None)*) – flows [axis x Ly x Lx] or [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx]. If flows is not None, then masks with inconsistent flows are removed using *remove_bad_flow_masks*.

Returns **M0** – masks with inconsistent flow masks removed, 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels, size [Ly x Lx] or [Lz x Ly x Lx]

Return type int, 2D or 3D array

`cellpose.dynamics.labels_to_flows(labels, files=None, use_gpu=False, device=None, redo_flows=False)`

convert labels (list of masks or flows) to flows for training model

if files is not None, flows are saved to files to be reused

Parameters **labels** (*list of ND-arrays*) – labels[k] can be 2D or 3D, if [3 x Ly x Lx] then it is assumed that flows were precomputed. Otherwise labels[k][0] or labels[k] (if 2D) is used to create flows and cell probabilities.

Returns **flows** – flows[k][0] is labels[k], flows[k][1] is cell distance transform, flows[k][2] is Y flow, flows[k][3] is X flow, and flows[k][4] is heat distribution

Return type list of [4 x Ly x Lx] arrays

`cellpose.dynamics.map_coordinates(I, yc, xc, Y)`

bilinear interpolation of image 'I' in-place with ycoordinates yc and xcoordinates xc to Y

Parameters

- **I** (*C x Ly x Lx*) –
- **yc** (*ni*) – new y coordinates
- **xc** (*ni*) – new x coordinates
- **Y** (*C x ni*) – I sampled at (yc,xc)

`cellpose.dynamics.masks_to_flows(masks, use_gpu=False, device=None)`

convert masks to flows using diffusion from center pixel

Center of masks where diffusion starts is defined to be the closest pixel to the median of all pixels that is inside the mask. Result of diffusion is converted into flows by computing the gradients of the diffusion density map.

Parameters **masks** (*int, 2D or 3D array*) – labelled masks 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels

Returns

- **mu** (*float, 3D or 4D array*) – flows in Y = mu[-2], flows in X = mu[-1]. if masks are 3D, flows in Z = mu[0].
- **mu_c** (*float, 2D or 3D array*) – for each pixel, the distance to the center of the mask in which it resides

`cellpose.dynamics.masks_to_flows_cpu(masks, device=None)`

convert masks to flows using diffusion from center pixel Center of masks where diffusion starts is defined to be the closest pixel to the median of all pixels that is inside the mask. Result of diffusion is converted into flows by computing the gradients of the diffusion density map. :param masks: labelled masks 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels :type masks: int, 2D array

Returns

- **mu** (*float, 3D array*) – flows in Y = mu[-2], flows in X = mu[-1]. if masks are 3D, flows in Z = mu[0].

- **mu_c** (*float, 2D array*) – for each pixel, the distance to the center of the mask in which it resides

`cellpose.dynamics.masks_to_flows_gpu(masks, device=None)`

convert masks to flows using diffusion from center pixel Center of masks where diffusion starts is defined using COM :param masks: labelled masks 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels :type masks: int, 2D or 3D array

Returns

- **mu** (*float, 3D or 4D array*) – flows in Y = mu[-2], flows in X = mu[-1]. if masks are 3D, flows in Z = mu[0].
- **mu_c** (*float, 2D or 3D array*) – for each pixel, the distance to the center of the mask in which it resides

`cellpose.dynamics.remove_bad_flow_masks(masks, flows, threshold=0.4, use_gpu=False, device=None)`

remove masks which have inconsistent flows

Uses metrics.flow_error to compute flows from predicted masks and compare flows to predicted flows from network. Discards masks with flow errors greater than the threshold.

Parameters

- **masks** (*int, 2D or 3D array*) – labelled masks, 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels, size [Ly x Lx] or [Lz x Ly x Lx]
- **flows** (*float, 3D or 4D array*) – flows [axis x Ly x Lx] or [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx]
- **threshold** (*float (optional, default 0.4)*) – masks with flow error greater than threshold are discarded.

Returns masks – masks with inconsistent flow masks removed, 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels, size [Ly x Lx] or [Lz x Ly x Lx]

Return type int, 2D or 3D array

`cellpose.dynamics.steps2D(p, dP, inds, niter)`

run dynamics of pixels to recover masks in 2D

Euler integration of dynamics dP for niter steps

Parameters

- **p** (*float32, 3D array*) – pixel locations [axis x Ly x Lx] (start at initial meshgrid)
- **dP** (*float32, 3D array*) – flows [axis x Ly x Lx]
- **inds** (*int32, 2D array*) – non-zero pixels to run dynamics on [npixels x 2]
- **niter** (*int32*) – number of iterations of dynamics to run

Returns p – final locations of each pixel after dynamics

Return type float32, 3D array

`cellpose.dynamics.steps3D(p, dP, inds, niter)`

run dynamics of pixels to recover masks in 3D

Euler integration of dynamics dP for niter steps

Parameters

- **p** (*float32, 4D array*) – pixel locations [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx] (start at initial meshgrid)
- **dP** (*float32, 4D array*) – flows [axis x Lz x Ly x Lx]

- **inds** (*int32*, 2D array) – non-zero pixels to run dynamics on [npixels x 3]
- **niter** (*int32*) – number of iterations of dynamics to run

Returns **p** – final locations of each pixel after dynamics

Return type float32, 4D array

10.6 Image transforms

`cellpose.transforms.average_tiles(y, ysub, xsub, Ly, Lx)`

average results of network over tiles

Parameters

- **y** (*float*, [ntiles x nclasses x bsize x bsize]) – output of cellpose network for each tile
- **ysub** (*list*) – list of arrays with start and end of tiles in Y of length ntiles
- **xsub** (*list*) – list of arrays with start and end of tiles in X of length ntiles
- **Ly** (*int*) – size of pre-tiled image in Y (may be larger than original image if image size is less than bsize)
- **Lx** (*int*) – size of pre-tiled image in X (may be larger than original image if image size is less than bsize)

Returns **yf** – network output averaged over tiles

Return type float32, [nclasses x Ly x Lx]

`cellpose.transforms.convert_image(x, channels, channel_axis=None, z_axis=None, do_3D=False, normalize=True, invert=False, nchan=2)`

return image with z first, channels last and normalized intensities

`cellpose.transforms.make_tiles(imgi, bsize=224, augment=False, tile_overlap=0.1)`

make tiles of image to run at test-time

if augmented, tiles are flipped and tile_overlap=2.

- original
- flipped vertically
- flipped horizontally
- flipped vertically and horizontally

Parameters

- **imgi** (*float32*) – array that's nchan x Ly x Lx
- **bsize** (*float (optional, default 224)*) – size of tiles
- **augment** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – flip tiles and set tile_overlap=2.
- **tile_overlap** (*float (optional, default 0.1)*) – fraction of overlap of tiles

Returns

- **IMG** (*float32*) – array that's ntiles x nchan x bsize x bsize
- **ysub** (*list*) – list of arrays with start and end of tiles in Y of length ntiles

- **xsub** (*list*) – list of arrays with start and end of tiles in X of length ntiles

cellpose.transforms.**move_axis**(*img, m_axis=-1, first=True*)

move axis m_axis to first or last position

cellpose.transforms.**move_min_dim**(*img, force=False*)

move minimum dimension last as channels if < 10, or force==True

cellpose.transforms.**normalize99**(*Y, lower=1, upper=99*)

normalize image so 0.0 is 1st percentile and 1.0 is 99th percentile

cellpose.transforms.**normalize_img**(*img, axis=-1, invert=False*)

normalize each channel of the image so that so that 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities

optional inversion

Parameters

- **img** (*ND-array (at least 3 dimensions)*) –
- **axis** (*channel axis to loop over for normalization*) –
- **invert** (*invert image (useful if cells are dark instead of bright)*) –

Returns **img** – normalized image of same size

Return type ND-array, float32

cellpose.transforms.**pad_image_ND**(*img0, div=16, extra=1*)

pad image for test-time so that its dimensions are a multiple of 16 (2D or 3D)

Parameters

- **img0** (*ND-array*) – image of size [nchan (x Lz) x Ly x Lx]
- **div** (*int (optional, default 16)*) –

Returns

- **I** (*ND-array*) – padded image
- **ysub** (*array, int*) – yrange of pixels in I corresponding to img0
- **xsub** (*array, int*) – xrange of pixels in I corresponding to img0

cellpose.transforms.**random_rotate_and_resize**(*X, Y=None, scale_range=1.0, xy=(224, 224),
do_flip=True, rescale=None, unet=False,
random_per_image=True*)

augmentation by random rotation and resizing X and Y are lists or arrays of length nimg, with dims channels x Ly x Lx (channels optional) :param X: list of image arrays of size [nchan x Ly x Lx] or [Ly x Lx] :type X: LIST of ND-arrays, float :param Y: list of image labels of size [nlabels x Ly x Lx] or [Ly x Lx]. The 1st channel

of Y is always nearest-neighbor interpolated (assumed to be masks or 0-1 representation). If Y.shape[0]==3 and not unet, then the labels are assumed to be [cell probability, Y flow, X flow]. If unet, second channel is dist_to_bound.

Parameters

- **scale_range** (*float (optional, default 1.0)*) – Range of resizing of images for augmentation. Images are resized by $(1 - \text{scale_range}/2) + \text{scale_range} * \text{np.random.rand}()$
- **xy** (*tuple, int (optional, default (224, 224))*) – size of transformed images to return

- **do_flip** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – whether or not to flip images horizontally
- **rescale** (*array, float (optional, default None)*) – how much to resize images by before performing augmentations
- **unet** (*bool (optional, default False)*) –
- **random_per_image** (*bool (optional, default True)*) – different random rotate and resize per image

Returns

- **imgi** (*ND-array, float*) – transformed images in array [nimg x nchan x xy[0] x xy[1]]
- **lbl** (*ND-array, float*) – transformed labels in array [nimg x nchan x xy[0] x xy[1]]
- **scale** (*array, float*) – amount each image was resized by

`cellpose.transforms.reshape(data, channels=[0, 0], chan_first=False)`

reshape data using channels

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy array that's (Z x) Ly x Lx x nchan*) – if `data.ndim==8` and `data.shape[0]<8`, assumed to be `nchan x Ly x Lx`
- **channels** (*list of int of length 2 (optional, default [0,0])*) – First element of list is the channel to segment (0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). Second element of list is the optional nuclear channel (0=none, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). For instance, to train on grayscale images, input [0,0]. To train on images with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [2,3].
- **invert** (*bool*) – invert intensities

Returns data

Return type `numpy array` that's (Z x) `Ly x Lx x nchan` (if `chan_first==False`)

`cellpose.transforms.reshape_and_normalize_data(train_data, test_data=None, channels=None, normalize=True)`

inputs converted to correct shapes for *training* and rescaled so that 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities in each channel

Parameters

- **train_data** (*list of ND-arrays, float*) – list of training images of size [Ly x Lx], [nchan x Ly x Lx], or [Ly x Lx x nchan]
- **test_data** (*list of ND-arrays, float (optional, default None)*) – list of testing images of size [Ly x Lx], [nchan x Ly x Lx], or [Ly x Lx x nchan]
- **channels** (*list of int of length 2 (optional, default None)*) – First element of list is the channel to segment (0=grayscale, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). Second element of list is the optional nuclear channel (0=none, 1=red, 2=green, 3=blue). For instance, to train on grayscale images, input [0,0]. To train on images with cells in green and nuclei in blue, input [2,3].
- **normalize** (*bool (optional, True)*) – normalize data so 0.0=1st percentile and 1.0=99th percentile of image intensities in each channel

Returns

- **train_data** (*list of ND-arrays, float*) – list of training images of size [2 x Ly x Lx]

- **test_data** (*list of ND-arrays, float (optional, default None)*) – list of testing images of size [2 x Ly x Lx]
- **run_test** (*bool*) – whether or not test_data was correct size and is useable during training

`cellpose.transforms.reshape_train_test(train_data, train_labels, test_data, test_labels, channels, normalize=True)`

check sizes and reshape train and test data for training

`cellpose.transforms.resize_image(img0, Ly=None, Lx=None, rsz=None, interpolation=1, no_channels=False)`

resize image for computing flows / unresize for computing dynamics

Parameters

- **img0** (*ND-array*) – image of size [Y x X x nchan] or [Lz x Y x X x nchan] or [Lz x Y x X]
- **Ly** (*int, optional*) –
- **Lx** (*int, optional*) –
- **rsz** (*float, optional*) – resize coefficient(s) for image; if Ly is None then rsz is used
- **interpolation** (*cv2 interp method (optional, default cv2.INTER_LINEAR)*) –

Returns **imgs** – image of size [Ly x Lx x nchan] or [Lz x Ly x Lx x nchan]

Return type ND-array

`cellpose.transforms.unaugment_tiles(y, unet=False)`

reverse test-time augmentations for averaging

Parameters

- **y** (*float32*) – array that's ntiles_y x ntiles_x x chan x Ly x Lx where chan = (dY, dX, cell prob)
- **unet** (*bool (optional, False)*) – whether or not unet output or cellpose output

Returns **y**

Return type float32

10.7 Plot functions

`cellpose.plot.disk(med, r, Ly, Lx)`

returns pixels of disk with radius r and center med

`cellpose.plot.dx_to_circ(dP, transparency=False, mask=None)`

dP is 2 x Y x X => 'optic' flow representation

Parameters

- **dP** (*2xLyxLx array*) – Flow field components [dy,dx]
- **transparency** (*bool, default False*) – magnitude of flow controls opacity, not lightness (clear background)
- **mask** (*2D array*) – Multiplies each RGB component to suppress noise

`cellpose.plot.image_to_rgb(img0, channels=[0, 0])`

image is 2 x Ly x Lx or Ly x Lx x 2 - change to RGB Ly x Lx x 3

`cellpose.plot.interesting_patch(mask, bsize=130)`

get patch of size bsize x bsize with most masks

`cellpose.plot.mask_overlay(img, masks, colors=None)`

overlay masks on image (set image to grayscale)

Parameters

- **img** (*int or float, 2D or 3D array*) – img is of size [Ly x Lx (x nchan)]
- **masks** (*int, 2D array*) – masks where 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels
- **colors** (*int, 2D array (optional, default None)*) – size [nmasks x 3], each entry is a color in 0-255 range

Returns RGB – array of masks overlaid on grayscale image

Return type uint8, 3D array

`cellpose.plot.mask_rgb(masks, colors=None)`

masks in random rgb colors

Parameters

- **masks** (*int, 2D array*) – masks where 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels
- **colors** (*int, 2D array (optional, default None)*) – size [nmasks x 3], each entry is a color in 0-255 range

Returns RGB – array of masks overlaid on grayscale image

Return type uint8, 3D array

`cellpose.plot.outline_view(img0, maski, color=[1, 0, 0], mode='inner')`

Generates a red outline overlay onto image.

`cellpose.plot.show_segmentation(fig, img, maski, flowi, channels=[0, 0], file_name=None)`

plot segmentation results (like on website)

Can save each panel of figure with file_name option. Use channels option if img input is not an RGB image with 3 channels.

Parameters

- **fig** (*matplotlib.pyplot.figure*) – figure in which to make plot
- **img** (*2D or 3D array*) – image input into cellpose
- **maski** (*int, 2D array*) – for image k, masks[k] output from Cellpose.eval, where 0=NO masks; 1,2,...=mask labels
- **flowi** (*int, 2D array*) – for image k, flows[k][0] output from Cellpose.eval (RGB of flows)
- **channels** (*list of int (optional, default [0,0])*) – channels used to run Cellpose, no need to use if image is RGB
- **file_name** (*str (optional, default None)*) – file name of image, if file_name is not None, figure panels are saved
- **seg_norm** (*bool (optional, default False)*) – improve cell visibility under labels

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