dclab Documentation

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This is dclab, a Python library for the post-measurement analysis of real-time deformability cytometry (RT-DC) datasets. This is the documentation of dclab version 0.27.8.

CHAPTER 1

Getting started

1.1 Installation

To install dclab, use one of the following methods:

- **from PyPI:** `pip install dclab[all]`
- **from sources:** `pip install .[all]`

The extra key `[all]` can be omitted if you are not working with DCOR or the tdms file format or have no need to export to .avi or .fcs files. Then, the basic installation of dclab depends on the Python packages h5py, numpy, and scipy. In addition, dclab contains code from OpenCV (computation of moments) and scikit-image (computation of contours and points in polygons) to reduce the list of dependencies (these libraries are not required by dclab).

If you are working with the outdated tdms file format, you have to specify the extra key `[tdms]`, i.e. `pip install dclab[tdms]` or `pip install .[tdms]`. This will install the additional libraries nptdms and imageio. You may also specify the extra key `[export]`, which will install imageio and fcswrite for .avi and .fcs export. If you are working with DCOR, then you have to specify the extra key `dcor`, which will install the *reqeusts <https://requests.readthedocs.io/en/master/>* module. As mentioned above, using `[all]` will install all extras.

Note that if you are installing from source or if no binary wheel is available for your platform and Python version, Cython will be installed to build the required dclab extensions. If this process fails, please request a binary wheel for your platform (e.g. Windows 64bit) and Python version (e.g. 3.6) by creating a new issue.

1.2 Use cases

If you are a frequent user of RT-DC, you might run into problems that cannot (yet) be addressed with the graphical user interface Shape-Out. Here is a list of use cases that would motivate an installation of dclab.

- You would like to convert old .tdms-based datasets to the new .rtdc file format, because of enhanced speed in Shape-Out and reduced disk usage. What you are looking for is the command line program *dclab-tdms2rtdc* that comes with dclab. It allows to batch-convert multiple measurements at a time. Note that you should keep the original .tdms files backed-up somewhere, because there might be future improvements or bug fixes from

which you would like to benefit. Please note that DCKit offers a graphical user interface for batch conversion from .tdms to .rtdc.

- You would like to apply a simple set of filters (e.g. polygon filters that you exported from within Shape-Out) to every new measurement you take and apply a custom data analysis pipeline to the filtered data. This is a straight-forward Python coding problem with dclab. After reading the basic usage section below, please have a look at the *polygon filter reference*.
- You would like to do advanced statistics or combine your RT-DC analysis with other fancy approaches such as machine-learning. It would be too laborious to do the analysis in Shape-Out, export the data as text files, and then open them in your custom Python script. If your initial analysis step with Shape-Out only involves tasks that can be automated, why not use dclab from the beginning?
- You simulated RT-DC data and plan to import them in Shape-Out for testing. Once you have loaded your data as a numpy array, you can instantiate an `RTDC_Dict` class and then use the `Export` class to create an .rtdc data file.

If you are still unsure about whether to use dclab or not, you might want to look at the *example section*. If you need advice, do not hesitate to create an issue.

1.3 Basic usage

Experimental RT-DC datasets are always loaded with the `new_dataset` method:

```
import numpy as np
import dclab

# .tdms file format
ds = dclab.new_dataset("/path/to/measurement/Online/M1.tdms")
# .rtdc file format
ds = dclab.new_dataset("/path/to/measurement/M2.rtdc")
# DCOR data
ds = dclab.new_dataset("fb719fb2-bd9f-817a-7d70-f4002af916f0")
```

The object returned by *new_dataset* is always an instance of `RTDCBase`. To show all available features, use:

```
print(ds.features)
```

This will list all scalar features (e.g. “area_um” and “deform”) and all non-scalar features (e.g. “contour” and “image”). Scalar features can be filtered by editing the configuration of `ds` and calling `ds.apply_filter()`:

```
# register filtering operations
amin, amax = ds["area_um"].min(), ds["area_um"].max()
ds.config["filtering"]["area_um min"] = (amax + amin) / 2
ds.config["filtering"]["area_um max"] = amax
ds.apply_filter()  # this step is important!
```

This will update the binary array `ds.filter.all` which can be used to extract the filtered data:

```
area_um_filtered = ds["area_um"][ds.filter.all]
```

It is also possible to create a hierarchy child of this dataset that only contains the filtered data.

```
ds_child = dclab.new_dataset(ds)
```

The hierarchy child `ds_child` is dynamic, i.e. when the filters in `ds` change, then `ds_child` also changes after calling `ds_child.apply_filter()`.

Non-scalar features do not support fancy indexing (i.e. `ds["image"][ds.filter.all]` will not work. Use a for-loop to extract them.

```
for ii in range(len(ds)):
    image = ds["image"][ii]
    mask = ds["mask"][ii]
    # this is equivalent to ds["bright_avg"][ii]
    bright_avg = np.mean(image[mask])
    print("average brightness of event {}: {:.1f}".format(ii, bright_avg))
```

If you need more information to get started on your particular problem, you might want to check out the *examples section* and the *advanced scripting section*.

CHAPTER 2

Command-line interface

2.1 dclab-compress

Create a compressed version of an .rtdc file. This can be used for saving disk space (loss-less compression). The data generated during an experiment is usually not compressed.

```
usage: dclab-compress [-h] INPUT OUTPUT
```

required arguments:

- `INPUT` Input path (.rtdc file)
- `OUTPUT` Output path (.rtdc file)

2.2 dclab-condense

Reduce an RT-DC measurement to its scalar-only features (i.e. without *contour*, *image*, *mask*, or *trace*). All available ancillary features are computed.

```
usage: dclab-condense [-h] INPUT OUTPUT
```

required arguments:

- `INPUT` Input path (.tdms or .rtdc file)
- `OUTPUT` Output path (.rtdc file)

2.3 dclab-join

Join two or more RT-DC measurements. This will produce one larger .rtdc file. The meta data of the dataset that was recorded earliest will be used in the output file. Please only join datasets that were recorded in the same measurement run.

```
usage: dclab-join [-h] -o OUTPUT [INPUT [INPUT ...]]
```

required arguments:

- `INPUT` Input paths (.tdms or .rtdc files)
- `OUTPUT` Output path (.rtdc file)

2.4 dclab-repack

Repack an .rtdc file. The difference to dclab-compress is that no logs are added. Other logs can optionally be stripped away. Repacking also gets rid of old clutter data (e.g. previous metadata stored in the HDF5 file).

```
usage: dclab-repack [-h] [--strip-logs] INPUT OUTPUT
```

required arguments:

- `INPUT` Input path (.rtdc file)
- `OUTPUT` Output path (.rtdc file)

optional arguments:

- `--strip-logs` *(disabled by default)* Do not copy any logs to the output file.

2.5 dclab-tdms2rtdc

Convert RT-DC .tdms files to the hdf5-based .rtdc file format. Note: Do not delete original .tdms files after conversion. The conversion might be incomplete.

```
usage: dclab-tdms2rtdc [-h] [--compute-ancillary-features]
                       [--include-empty-boundary-images]
                       TDMS_PATH RTDC_PATH
```

required arguments:

- `TDMS_PATH` Input path (tdms file or folder containing tdms files)
- `RTDC_PATH` Output path (file or folder), existing data will be overridden

optional arguments:

- `--compute-ancillary-features` *(disabled by default)* Compute features, such as volume or emodulus, that are otherwise computed on-the-fly. Use this if you want to minimize analysis time in e.g. Shape-Out. CAUTION: ancillary feature recipes might be subject to change (e.g. if an error is found in the recipe). Disabling this option maximizes compatibility with future versions and allows to isolate the original data.
- `--include-empty-boundary-images` *(disabled by default)* In old versions of Shape-In, the first or last images were sometimes not stored in the resulting .avi file. In dclab, such images are represented as zero-valued images. Set this option, if you wish to include the first event with empty image data.

2.6 dclab-verify-dataset

Check experimental datasets for completeness. Note that old measurements will most likely fail this verification step. This program is used to enforce data integrity with future implementations of RT-DC recording software (e.g. Shape-In).

```
usage: dclab-verify-dataset [-h] PATH
```

required arguments:

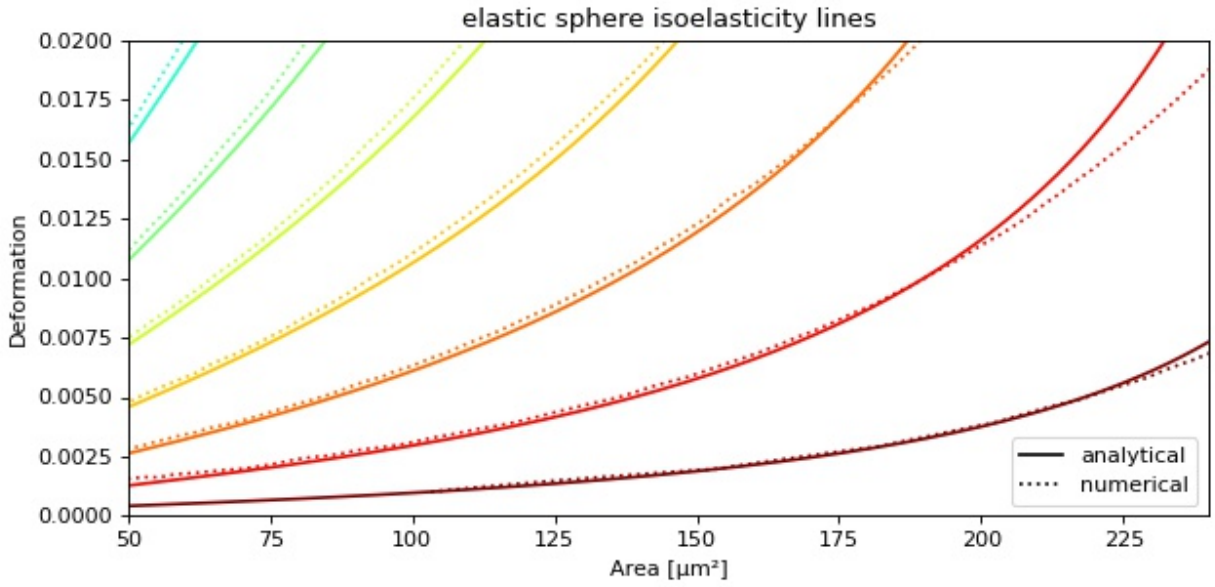
- `PATH` Path to experimental dataset

CHAPTER 3

Examples

3.1 Plotting isoelastics

This example illustrates how to plot dclab isoelastics by reproducing figure 3 (lower left) of [MMM+17].



isoelastics.py

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import matplotlib.lines as mlines
from matplotlib import cm
import numpy as np

```

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```
import dclab

# parameters for isoelastics
kwargs = {"col1": "area_um",  # x-axis
          "col2": "deform",  # y-axis
          "channel_width": 20,  # [um]
          "flow_rate": 0.04,  # [ul/s]
          "viscosity": 15,  # [mPa s]
          "add_px_err": False  # no pixelation error
          }

isos = dclab.isoelastics.get_default()
analy = isos.get(method="analytical", **kwargs)
numer = isos.get(method="numerical", **kwargs)

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))
ax = plt.subplot(111, title="elastic sphere isoelasticity lines")
colors = [cm.get_cmap("jet")(x) for x in np.linspace(0, 1, len(analy))]
for aa, nn, cc in zip(analy, numer, colors):
    ax.plot(aa[:, 0], aa[:, 1], color=cc)
    ax.plot(nn[:, 0], nn[:, 1], color=cc, ls=":")

line = mlines.Line2D([], [], color='k', label='analytical')
dotted = mlines.Line2D([], [], color='k', ls=":", label='numerical')
ax.legend(handles=[line, dotted])

ax.set_xlim(50, 240)
ax.set_ylim(0, 0.02)
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

3.2 Dataset overview plot

This example demonstrates basic data visualization with dclab and matplotlib. To run this script, download the reference dataset *calibration_beads.rtdc* [RHMG19] and place it in the same directory.

You will find more examples in the *advanced usage* section of this documentation.

`overview_plot.py`

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import numpy as np

import dclab

# Dataset to display
DATASET_PATH = "calibration_beads.rtdc"
# Features for scatter plot
SCATTER_X = "area_um"
SCATTER_Y = "deform"
# Event index to display
EVENT_INDEX = 100
```

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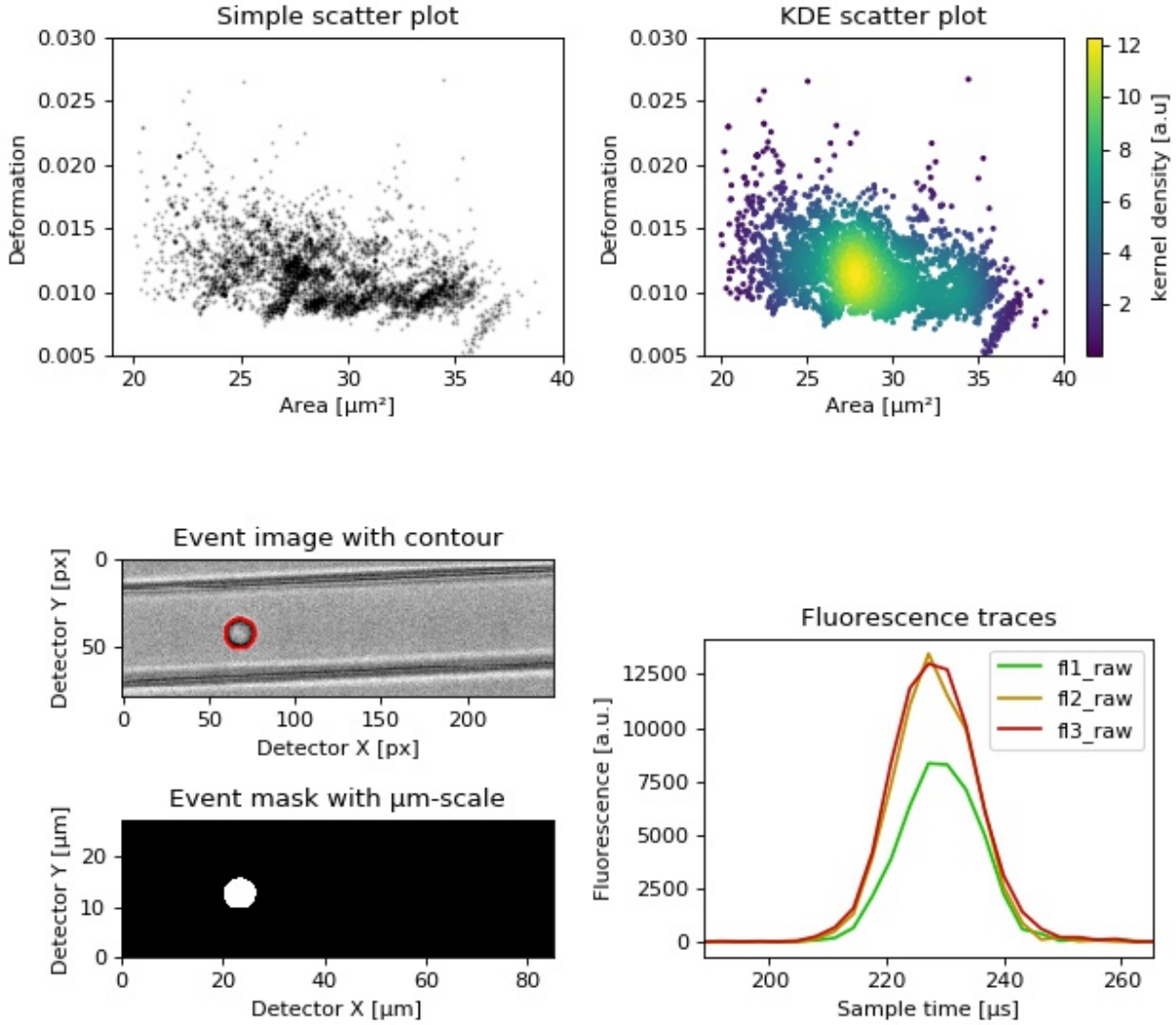
Simple scatter plot
Deformation
Area [µm²]
KDE scatter plot
kernel density [a.u]
Event image with contour
Detector Y [px]
Detector X [px]
Event mask with µm-scale
Detector Y [µm]
Detector X [µm]
Fluorescence traces
Fluorescence [a.u.]
Sample time [µs]
fl1_raw
fl2_raw
fl3_raw

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```

xlabel = dclab.dfn.get_feature_label(SCATTER_X)
ylabel = dclab.dfn.get_feature_label(SCATTER_Y)

ds = dclab.new_dataset(DATASET_PATH)

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 7))


ax1 = plt.subplot(221, title="Simple scatter plot")
ax1.plot(ds[SCATTER_X], ds[SCATTER_Y], "o", color="k", alpha=.2, ms=1)
ax1.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax1.set_ylabel(ylabel)
ax1.set_xlim(19, 40)
ax1.set_ylim(0.005, 0.03)

ax2 = plt.subplot(222, title="KDE scatter plot")
sc = ax2.scatter(ds[SCATTER_X], ds[SCATTER_Y],
                 c=ds.get_kde_scatter(xax=SCATTER_X,
                                      yax=SCATTER_Y,
                                      kde_type="multivariate"),
                 s=3)
plt.colorbar(sc, label="kernel density [a.u]", ax=ax2)
ax2.set_xlabel(xlabel)
ax2.set_ylabel(ylabel)
ax2.set_xlim(19, 40)
ax2.set_ylim(0.005, 0.03)

ax3 = plt.subplot(425, title="Event image with contour")
ax3.imshow(ds["image"][EVENT_INDEX], cmap="gray")
ax3.plot(ds["contour"][EVENT_INDEX][:, 0],
         ds["contour"][EVENT_INDEX][:, 1],
         c="r")
ax3.set_xlabel("Detector X [px]")
ax3.set_ylabel("Detector Y [px]")

ax4 = plt.subplot(427, title="Event mask with µm-scale")
pxsize = ds.config["imaging"]["pixel size"]
ax4.imshow(ds["mask"][EVENT_INDEX],
           extent=[0, ds["mask"].shape[2] * pxsize,
                   0, ds["mask"].shape[1] * pxsize],
           cmap="gray")
ax4.set_xlabel("Detector X [µm]")
ax4.set_ylabel("Detector Y [µm]")

ax5 = plt.subplot(224, title="Fluorescence traces")
flsamples = ds.config["fluorescence"]["samples per event"]
flrate = ds.config["fluorescence"]["sample rate"]
fltime = np.arange(flsamples) / flrate * 1e6
# here we plot "fl?_raw"; you may also plot "fl?_med"
ax5.plot(fltime, ds["trace"]["fl1_raw"][EVENT_INDEX],
         c="#15BF00", label="fl1_raw")
ax5.plot(fltime, ds["trace"]["fl2_raw"][EVENT_INDEX],
         c="#BF8A00", label="fl2_raw")
ax5.plot(fltime, ds["trace"]["fl3_raw"][EVENT_INDEX],
         c="#BF0C00", label="fl3_raw")
ax5.legend()
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```
ax5.set_xlim(ds["fl1_pos"][EVENT_INDEX] - 2*ds["fl1_width"][EVENT_INDEX],
             ds["fl1_pos"][EVENT_INDEX] + 2*ds["fl1_width"][EVENT_INDEX])
ax5.set_xlabel("Event time [µs]")
ax5.set_ylabel("Fluorescence [a.u.]")

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()
```

CHAPTER 4

Advanced Usage

This section motivates the design of dclab and highlights useful built-in functionalities.

4.1 Notation

When coding with dclab, you should be aware of the following definitions and design principles.

4.1.1 Events

An event comprises all data recorded for the detection of one object (e.g. cell or bead) in an RT-DC measurement.

4.1.2 Features

A feature is a measurement parameter of an RT-DC measurement. For instance, the feature "index" enumerates all recorded events, the feature "deform" contains the deformation values of all events. There are scalar features, i.e. features that assign a single number to an event, and non-scalar features, such as "image" and "contour". The following features are supported by dclab:

Scalar features

scalar features	description [units]
area_cvx	Convex area [px]
area_msd	Measured area [px]
area_ratio	Porosity (convex to measured area ratio)
area_um	Area [µm^2]
aspect	Aspect ratio of bounding box
bright_avg	Brightness average within contour [a.u.]

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scalar features	description [units]
bright_sd	Brightness SD within contour [a.u.]
circ	Circularity
deform	Deformation
emodulus	Young's Modulus [kPa]
fl1_area	FL-1 area of peak [a.u.]
fl1_dist	FL-1 distance between two first peaks [µs]
fl1_max	FL-1 maximum [a.u.]
fl1_max_ctc	FL-1 maximum, crosstalk-corrected [a.u.]
fl1_npeaks	FL-1 number of peaks
fl1_pos	FL-1 position of peak [µs]
fl1_width	FL-1 width [µs]
fl2_area	FL-2 area of peak [a.u.]
fl2_dist	FL-2 distance between two first peaks [µs]
fl2_max	FL-2 maximum [a.u.]
fl2_max_ctc	FL-2 maximum, crosstalk-corrected [a.u.]
fl2_npeaks	FL-2 number of peaks
fl2_pos	FL-2 position of peak [µs]
fl2_width	FL-2 width [µs]
fl3_area	FL-3 area of peak [a.u.]
fl3_dist	FL-3 distance between two first peaks [µs]
fl3_max	FL-3 maximum [a.u.]
fl3_max_ctc	FL-3 maximum, crosstalk-corrected [a.u.]
fl3_npeaks	FL-3 number of peaks
fl3_pos	FL-3 position of peak [µs]
fl3_width	FL-3 width [µs]
frame	Video frame number
g_force	Gravitational force in multiples of g
index	Event index (Dataset)
index_online	Event index (Online)
inert_ratio_cvx	Inertia ratio of convex contour
inert_ratio_prnc	Principal inertia ratio of raw contour
inert_ratio_raw	Inertia ratio of raw contour
ml_class	Most probable ML class
nevents	Total number of events in the same image
pc1	Principal component 1
pc2	Principal component 2
pos_x	Position along channel axis [µm]
pos_y	Position lateral in channel [µm]
size_x	Bounding box size x [µm]
size_y	Bounding box size y [µm]
temp	Chip temperature [°C]
temp_amb	Ambient temperature [°C]
tilt	Absolute tilt of raw contour
time	Event time [s]
userdef0	User defined 0
userdef1	User defined 1
userdef2	User defined 2
userdef3	User defined 3
userdef4	User defined 4

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scalar features	description [units]
userdef5	User defined 5
userdef6	User defined 6
userdef7	User defined 7
userdef8	User defined 8
userdef9	User defined 9
volume	Volume [µm^3]

In addition to these scalar features, it is possible to define a large number of features dedicated to machine-learning, the "ml_score_???" features: The "?" can be a digit or a lower-case letter of the alphabet, e.g. "ml_score_rbc" or "ml_score_3a3". If "ml_score_???" features are defined, then the ancillary "ml_class" feature, which identifies the most-probable feature for each event, becomes available.

Non-scalar features

non-scalar features	description [units]
contour	Binary event contour image
image	Gray scale event image
mask	Binary region labeling the event in the image
trace	Dictionary of fluorescence traces

Examples

deformation vs. area plot

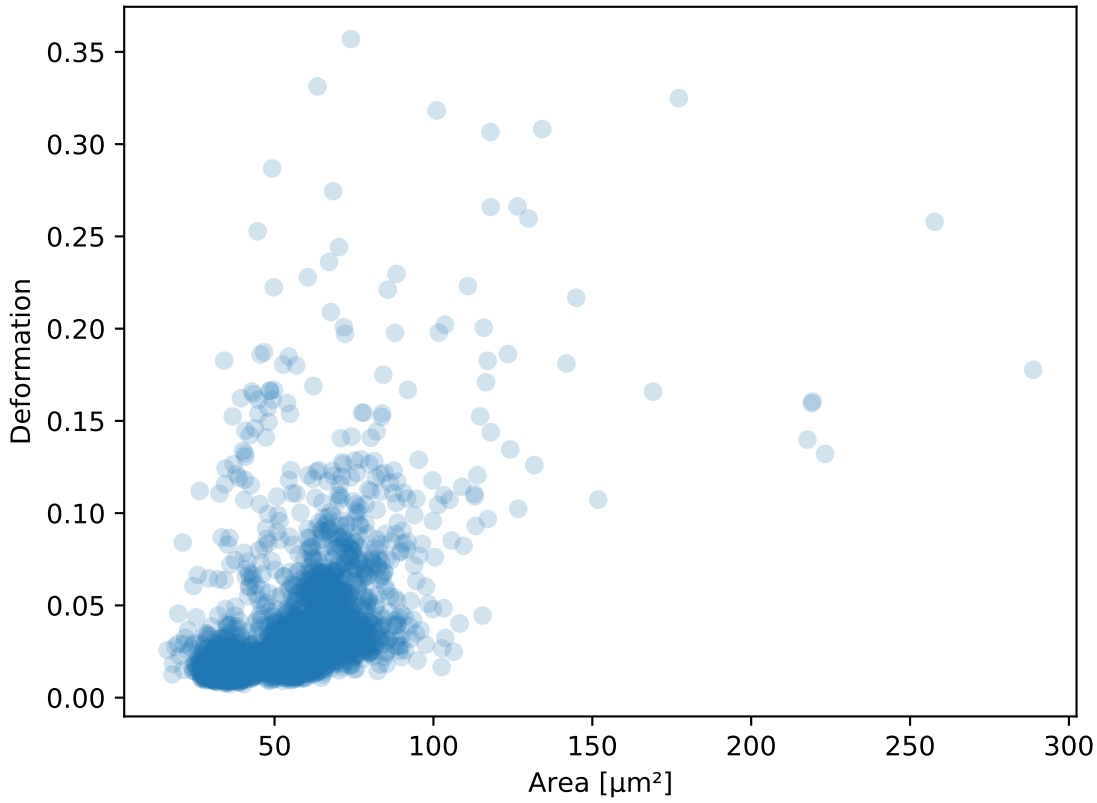
```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
ax = plt.subplot(111)
ax.plot(ds["area_um"], ds["deform"], "o", alpha=.2)
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
plt.show()
```

event image plot

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example_video.rtdc")
ax1 = plt.subplot(211, title="image")
ax2 = plt.subplot(212, title="mask")
ax1.imshow(ds["image"][6], cmap="gray")
ax2.imshow(ds["mask"][6])
```

4.1.3 Ancillary features

Not all features available in dclab are recorded online during the acquisition of the experimental dataset. Some of the features are computed offline by dclab, such as "volume" or "emodulus". These ancillary features are computed on-the-fly and are made available seamlessly through the same interface.


0.35
0.30
0.25
0.20
0.15
0.10
0.05
0.00
Deformation
50
100
150
200
250
300
Area [µm²]

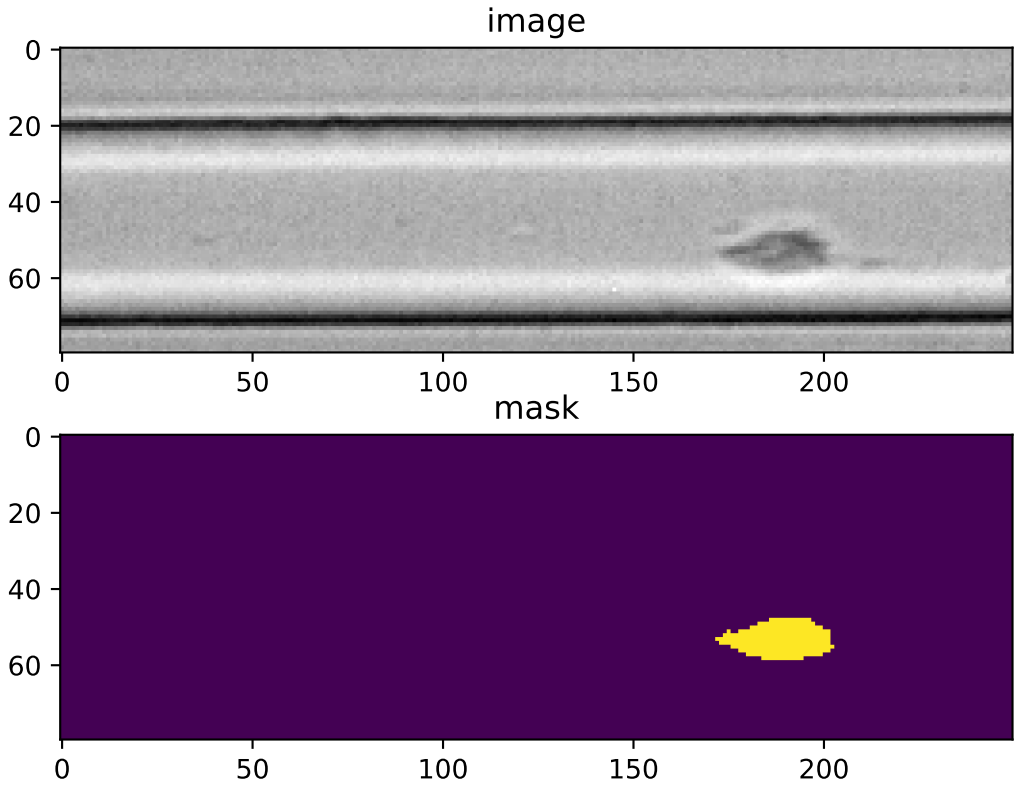


image
0
20
40
60
0
50
100
150
200
mask
0
20
40
60
0
50
100
150
200

4.1.4 Filters

A filter can be used to gate events using features. There are min/max filters and 2D *polygon filters*. The following table defines the main filtering parameters:

filtering	parsed	description [units]
enable filters	*fbool*	Enable filtering
hierarchy parent	*str*	Hierarchy parent of the dataset
limit events	*fint*	Upper limit for number of filtered events
polygon filters	*fintlist*	Polygon filter indices
remove invalid events	*fbool*	Remove events with inf/nan values

Min/max filters are also defined in the *filters* section:

filtering	explanation
area_um min	Exclude events with area [µm^2] below this value
area_um max	Exclude events with area [µm^2] above this value
aspect max	Exclude events with an aspect ratio above this value
...	...

Examples

excluding events with large deformation

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")

ds.config["filtering"]["deform min"] = 0
ds.config["filtering"]["deform max"] = .1
ds.apply_filter()
dif = ds.filter.all

f, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, sharex=True, sharey=True)
axes[0].plot(ds["area_um"], ds["bright_avg"], "o", alpha=.2)
axes[0].set_title("unfiltered")
axes[1].plot(ds["area_um"][dif], ds["bright_avg"][dif], "o", alpha=.2)
axes[1].set_title("Deformation <= 0.1")

for ax in axes:
    ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
    ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("bright_avg"))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

excluding random events

This is useful if you need to have a (sub-)dataset of a specified size. The downsampling is reproducible (the same points are excluded).

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
```

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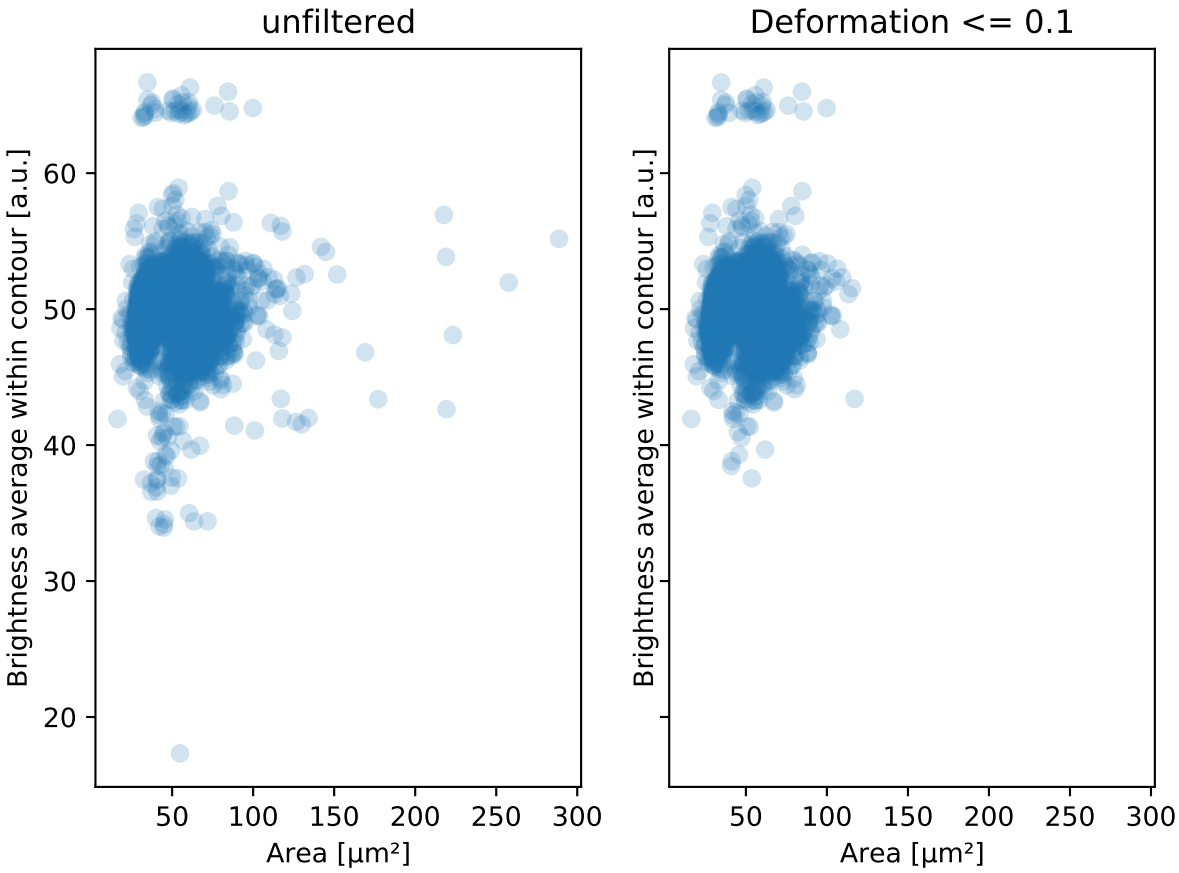
unfiltered
Deformation <= 0.1
Brightness average within contour [a.u.]
Area [µm²]
20
30
40
50
60
50
100
150
200
250
300

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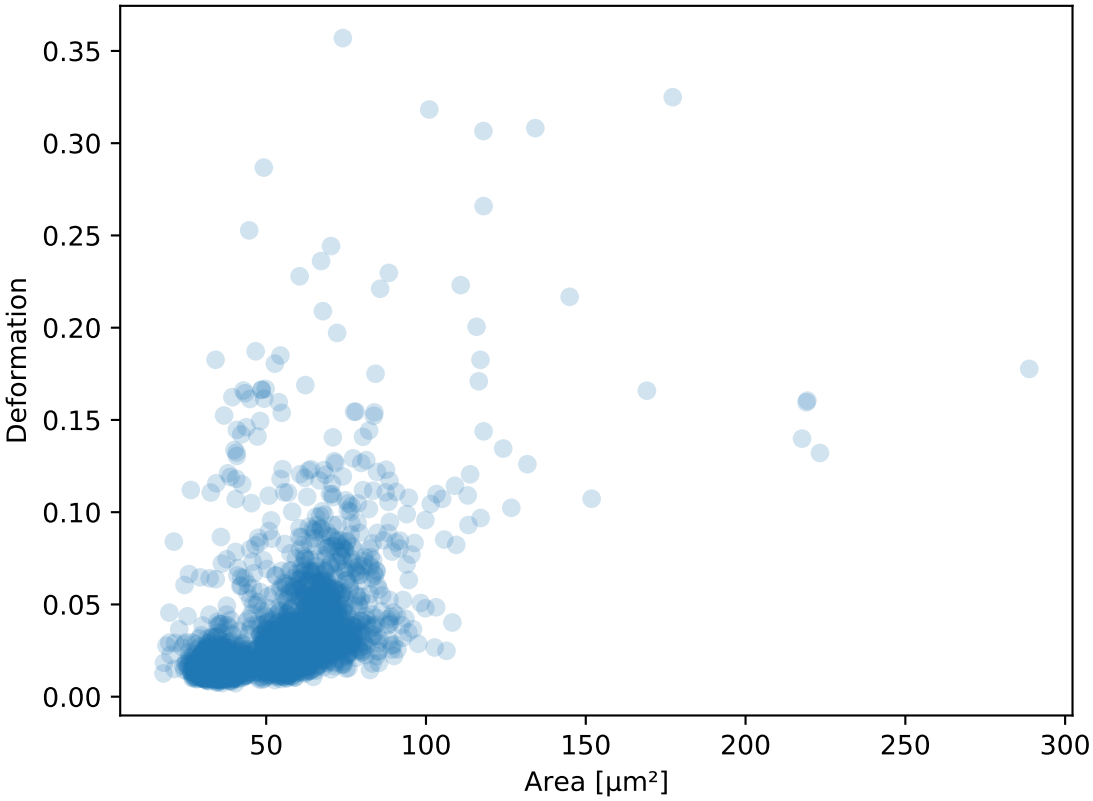
```
ds.config["filtering"]["limit events"] = 4000
ds.apply_filter()
fid = ds.filter.all

ax = plt.subplot(111)
ax.plot(ds["area_um"][fid], ds["deform"][fid], "o", alpha=.2)
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
plt.show()
```



4.1.5 Experiment metadata

Every RT-DC measurement has metadata consisting of key-value-pairs. The following are supported:

experiment	parsed	description [units]
date	`str`	Date of measurement (‘YYYY-MM-DD’)
event count	*`fint`*	Number of recorded events
run index	*`fint`*	Index of measurement run
sample	`str`	Measured sample or user-defined reference
time	`str`	Start time of measurement (‘HH:MM:SS[.S]’)

fluorescence	parsed	description [units]
bit depth	*fint*	Trace bit depth
channel 1 name	str	FL1 description
channel 2 name	str	FL2 description
channel 3 name	str	FL3 description
channel count	*fint*	Number of active channels
channels installed	*fint*	Number of available channels
laser 1 lambda	float	Laser 1 wavelength [nm]
laser 1 power	float	Laser 1 output power [%]
laser 2 lambda	float	Laser 2 wavelength [nm]
laser 2 power	float	Laser 2 output power [%]
laser 3 lambda	float	Laser 3 wavelength [nm]
laser 3 power	float	Laser 3 output power [%]
laser count	*fint*	Number of active lasers
lasers installed	*fint*	Number of available lasers
sample rate	float	Trace sample rate [Hz]
samples per event	*fint*	Samples per event
signal max	float	Upper voltage detection limit [V]
signal min	float	Lower voltage detection limit [V]
trace median	*fint*	Rolling median filter size for traces

fmt_tdms	parsed	description [units]
video frame offset	*fint*	Missing events at beginning of video

imaging	parsed	description [units]
flash device	str	Light source device type
flash duration	float	Light source flash duration [µs]
frame rate	float	Imaging frame rate [Hz]
pixel size	float	Pixel size [µm]
roi position x	float	Image x coordinate on sensor [px]
roi position y	float	Image y coordinate on sensor [px]
roi size x	*fint*	Image width [px]
roi size y	*fint*	Image height [px]

online_contour	parsed	description [units]
bin area min	*fint*	Minium pixel area of binary image event
bin kernel	*fint*	Odd ellipse kernel size, binary image morphing
bin threshold	*fint*	Binary threshold for avg-bg-corrected image
image blur	*fint*	Odd sigma for Gaussian blur (21x21 kernel)
no absdiff	*fbool*	Avoid OpenCV ‘absdiff’ for avg-bg-correction

online_filter	parsed	description [units]
area_ratio max	float	Maximum porosity
area_ratio min	float	Minimum porosity
area_ratio soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, porosity
area_um max	float	Maximum area [µm^2]
area_um min	float	Minimum area [µm^2]
area_um soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, area [µm^2]
aspect max	float	Maximum aspect ratio of bounding box
aspect min	float	Minimum aspect ratio of bounding box
aspect soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, aspect ratio of bbox
deform max	float	Maximum deformation
deform min	float	Minimum deformation
deform soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, deformation
fl1_max max	float	Maximum FL-1 maximum [a.u.]
fl1_max min	float	Minimum FL-1 maximum [a.u.]
fl1_max soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, FL-1 maximum
fl2_max max	float	Maximum FL-2 maximum [a.u.]
fl2_max min	float	Minimum FL-2 maximum [a.u.]
fl2_max soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, FL-2 maximum
fl3_max max	float	Maximum FL-3 maximum [a.u.]
fl3_max min	float	Minimum FL-3 maximum [a.u.]
fl3_max soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, FL-3 maximum
size_x max	fint	Maximum bounding box size x [µm]
size_x min	fint	Minimum bounding box size x [µm]
size_x soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, bounding box size x
size_y max	fint	Maximum bounding box size y [µm]
size_y min	fint	Minimum bounding box size y [µm]
size_y soft limit	fbool	Soft limit, bounding box size y
target duration	float	Target measurement duration [min]
target event count	fint	Target event count for online gating

setup	parsed	description [units]
channel width	float	Width of microfluidic channel [µm]
chip region	lcstr	Imaged chip region (channel or reservoir)
flow rate	float	Flow rate in channel [µL/s]
flow rate sample	float	Sample flow rate [µL/s]
flow rate sheath	float	Sheath flow rate [µL/s]
identifier	str	Unique setup identifier
medium	str	Medium used
module composition	str	Comma-separated list of modules used
software version	str	Acquisition software with version
temperature	float	Mean chip temperature [°C]

Example: date and time of a measurement

```
In [1]: import dclab

In [2]: ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")

In [3]: ds.config["experiment"]["date"], ds.config["experiment"]["time"]
Out[3]: ('2017-07-16', '19:01:36')
```

4.1.6 Analysis metadata

In addition to metadata, dclab also supports a user-defined analysis configuration which is usually part of a specific analysis pipeline and thus not considered to be experimental metadata.

calculation	parsed	description [units]
crosstalk fl12	`float`	Fluorescence crosstalk, channel 1 to 2
crosstalk fl13	`float`	Fluorescence crosstalk, channel 1 to 3
crosstalk fl21	`float`	Fluorescence crosstalk, channel 2 to 1
crosstalk fl23	`float`	Fluorescence crosstalk, channel 2 to 3
crosstalk fl31	`float`	Fluorescence crosstalk, channel 3 to 1
crosstalk fl32	`float`	Fluorescence crosstalk, channel 3 to 2
emodulus medium	`str`	Medium used (e.g. CellCarrierB, water)
emodulus model	*`lcstr`*	Model for computing elastic moduli
emodulus temperature	`float`	Chip temperature [°C]
emodulus viscosity	`float`	Viscosity [Pa*s] if 'medium' unknown

4.2 RT-DC datasets

Knowing and understanding the *RT-DC dataset classes* is an important prerequisite when working with dclab. They are all derived from *`RTDCBase`* which gives access to features with a dictionary-like interface, facilitates data export or filtering, and comes with several convenience methods that are useful for data visualization. RT-DC datasets can be based on a data file format (*`RTDC_TDMS`* and *`RTDC_HDF5`*), accessed from an online repository (*`RTDC_HDF5`*), created from user-defined dictionaries (*`RTDC_Dict`*), or derived from other RT-DC datasets (*`RTDC_Hierarchy`*).

4.2.1 Basic usage

The convenience function *`dclab.new_dataset()`* takes care of determining the data format and returns the corresponding derived class.

```
In [1]: import dclab

In [2]: ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")

In [3]: ds.__class__.__name__
Out[3]: 'RTDC_HDF5'
```

Working with other data

It is also possible to load other data into dclab from a dictionary.

```
In [4]: data = dict(deform=np.random.rand(100),
   ...:             area_um=np.random.rand(100))
   ...:

In [5]: ds_dict = dclab.new_dataset(data)

In [6]: ds_dict.__class__.__name__
Out[6]: 'RTDC_Dict'
```

Using filters

Filters are used to mask e.g. debris or doublets from a dataset.

```
# Restrict the deformation to 0.15
In [7]: ds.config["filtering"]["deform min"] = 0

In [8]: ds.config["filtering"]["deform max"] = .15

# Manually excluding events using array indices is also possible:
# `ds.filter.manual` is a 1D boolean array of size `len(ds)`
# where `False` values mean that the events are excluded.
In [9]: ds.filter.manual[[0, 400, 345, 1000]] = False

In [10]: ds.apply_filter()

# The boolean array `ds.filter.all` represents the applied filter
# and can be used for indexing.
In [11]: ds["deform"].mean(), ds["deform"][ds.filter.all].mean()
Out[11]: (0.0287258, 0.026486598)
```

Note that `ds.apply_filter()` must be called, otherwise `ds.filter.all` will not be updated.

Creating hierarchies

When applying filtering operations, it is sometimes helpful to use hierarchies for keeping track of the individual filtering steps.

```
In [12]: child = dclab.new_dataset(ds)

In [13]: child.config["filtering"]["area_um min"] = 0

In [14]: child.config["filtering"]["area_um max"] = 80

In [15]: grandchild = dclab.new_dataset(child)

In [16]: grandchild.apply_filter()

In [17]: len(ds), len(child), len(grandchild)
Out[17]: (5000, 4933, 4778)

In [18]: ds.filter.all.sum(), child.filter.all.sum(), grandchild.filter.all.sum()
Out[18]: (4933, 4778, 4778)
```

Note that calling `grandchild.apply_filter()` automatically calls `child.apply_filter()` and `ds.apply_filter()`. Also note that, as expected, the size of each hierarchy child is identical to the sum of the boolean filtering array from its hierarchy parent.

Scripting goodies

Here are a few useful functionalities for scripting with dclab.

```
# unique identifier of the RTDCBase instance (not reproducible)
In [19]: ds.identifier
Out[19]: 'mm-hdf5_7d40f7e'
```

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```
# reproducible hash of the dataset
In [20]: ds.hash
Out[20]: '8ff19f702a236cbf91e13667e144e722'

# dataset format
In [21]: ds.format
Out[21]: 'hdf5'

# available features
In [22]: ds.features
Out[22]:
['area_cvx',
 'area_msd',
 'area_ratio',
 'area_um',
 'aspect',
 'bright_avg',
 'bright_sd',
 'circ',
 'deform',
 'frame',
 'index',
 'inert_ratio_cvx',
 'inert_ratio_raw',
 'nevents',
 'pos_x',
 'pos_y',
 'size_x',
 'size_y',
 'time']

# test feature availability (success)
In [23]: "area_um" in ds
Out[23]: True

# test feature availability (failure)
In [24]: "image" in ds
Out[24]: False

# accessing a feature and computing its mean
In [25]: ds["area_um"].mean()
Out[25]: 49.728645

# accessing the measurement configuration
In [26]: ds.config.keys()
Out[26]: dict_keys(['filtering', 'experiment', 'imaging', 'online_contour', 'setup'])

In [27]: ds.config["experiment"]
Out[27]:
{'date': '2017-07-16',
 'event count': 5000,
 'run index': 1,
 'sample': 'docs-data',
 'time': '19:01:36'}

# determine the identifier of the hierarchy parent
```

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```
In [28]: child.config["filtering"]["hierarchy parent"]
Out[28]: 'mm-hdf5_7d40f7e'
```

4.2.2 Statistics

The *statistics* module comes with a predefined set of methods to compute simple feature statistics.

```
In [29]: import dclab

In [30]: ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")

In [31]: stats = dclab.statistics.get_statistics(ds,
   ....:                                         features=["deform", "aspect"],
   ....:                                         methods=["Mode", "Mean", "SD"])
   ....:

In [32]: dict(zip(*stats))
Out[32]:
{'Mode Deformation': 0.016635261,
 'Mean Deformation': 0.0287258,
 'SD Deformation': 0.028740086,
 'Mode Aspect ratio of bounding box': 1.1091421916433233,
 'Mean Aspect ratio of bounding box': 1.2719607587337494,
 'SD Aspect ratio of bounding box': 0.2523385371130096}
```

Note that the statistics take into account the applied filters:

```
In [33]: ds.config["filtering"]["deform min"] = 0

In [34]: ds.config["filtering"]["deform max"] = .1

In [35]: ds.apply_filter()

In [36]: stats2 = dclab.statistics.get_statistics(ds,
   ....:                                          features=["deform", "aspect"],
   ....:                                          methods=["Mode", "Mean", "SD"])
   ....:

In [37]: dict(zip(*stats2))
Out[37]:
{'Mode Deformation': 0.017006295,
 'Mean Deformation': 0.02476519,
 'SD Deformation': 0.015638638,
 'Mode Aspect ratio of bounding box': 1.1232223188589807,
 'Mean Aspect ratio of bounding box': 1.240720618624576,
 'SD Aspect ratio of bounding box': 0.15993707940243287}
```

These are the available statistics methods:

```
In [38]: dclab.statistics.Statistics.available_methods.keys()
Out[38]: dict_keys(['Mean', 'Median', 'Mode', 'SD', 'Events', '%-gated', 'Flow rate'])
```

4.2.3 Export

The *RTDCBase* class has the attribute *RTDCBase.export* which allows to export event data to several data file formats. See *export* for more information.

```
In [39]: ds.export.tsv(path="export_example.tsv",
   ....:               features=["area_um", "deform"],
   ....:               filtered=True,
   ....:               override=True)
   ....:

In [40]: ds.export.hdf5(path="export_example.rtdc",
   ....:                features=["area_um", "aspect", "deform"],
   ....:                filtered=True,
   ....:                override=True)
   ....:
```

Note that data exported as HDF5 files can be loaded with dclab (reproducing the previously computed statistics - without filters).

```
In [41]: ds2 = dclab.new_dataset("export_example.rtdc")

In [42]: ds2["deform"].mean()
Out[42]: 0.02476519
```

4.3 Scatter plots

For data visualization, dclab comes with predefined *kernel density estimators (KDEs)* and an *event downsampling* module. The functionalities of both modules are made available directly via the *RTDCBase* class.

4.3.1 KDE scatter plot

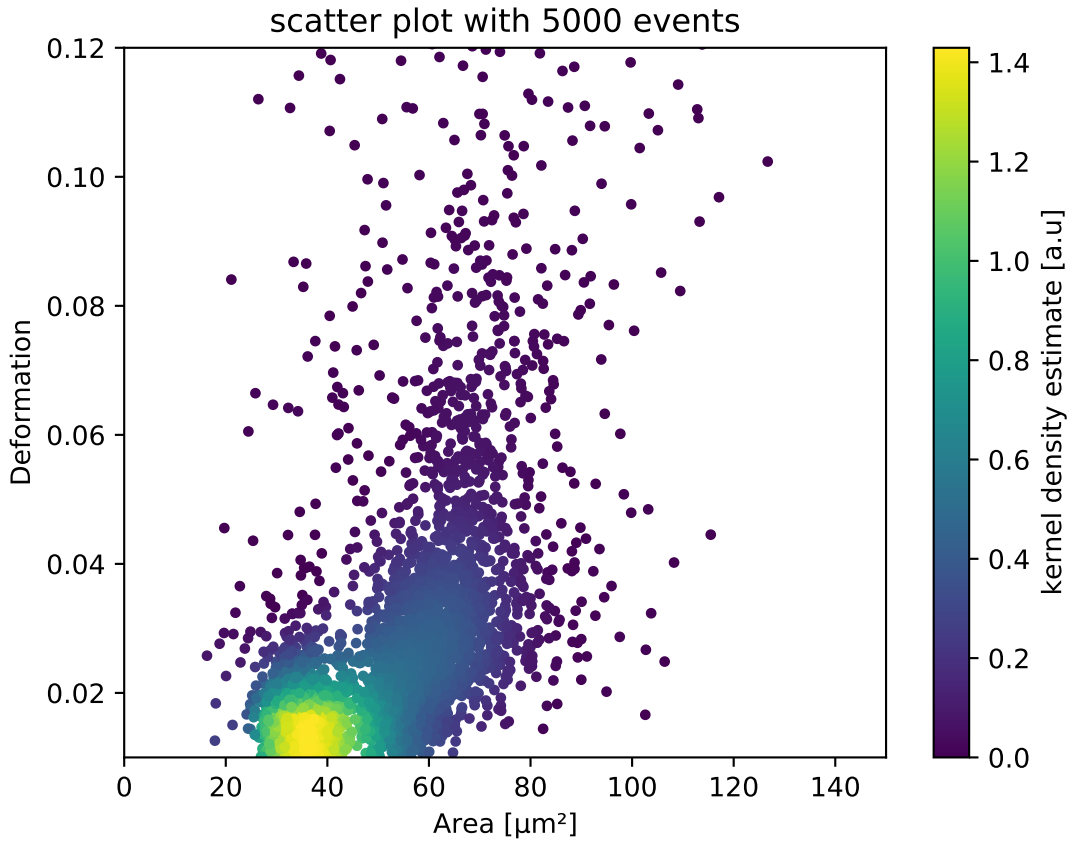
The KDE of the events in a 2D scatter plot can be used to colorize events according to event density using the *RTDCBase.get_kde_scatter* function.

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
kde = ds.get_kde_scatter(xax="area_um", yax="deform")

ax = plt.subplot(111, title="scatter plot with {} events".format(len(kde)))
sc = ax.scatter(ds["area_um"], ds["deform"], c=kde, marker=".")
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
ax.set_xlim(0, 150)
ax.set_ylim(0.01, 0.12)
plt.colorbar(sc, label="kernel density estimate [a.u]")
plt.show()
```

4.3.2 KDE scatter plot with event-density-based downsampling

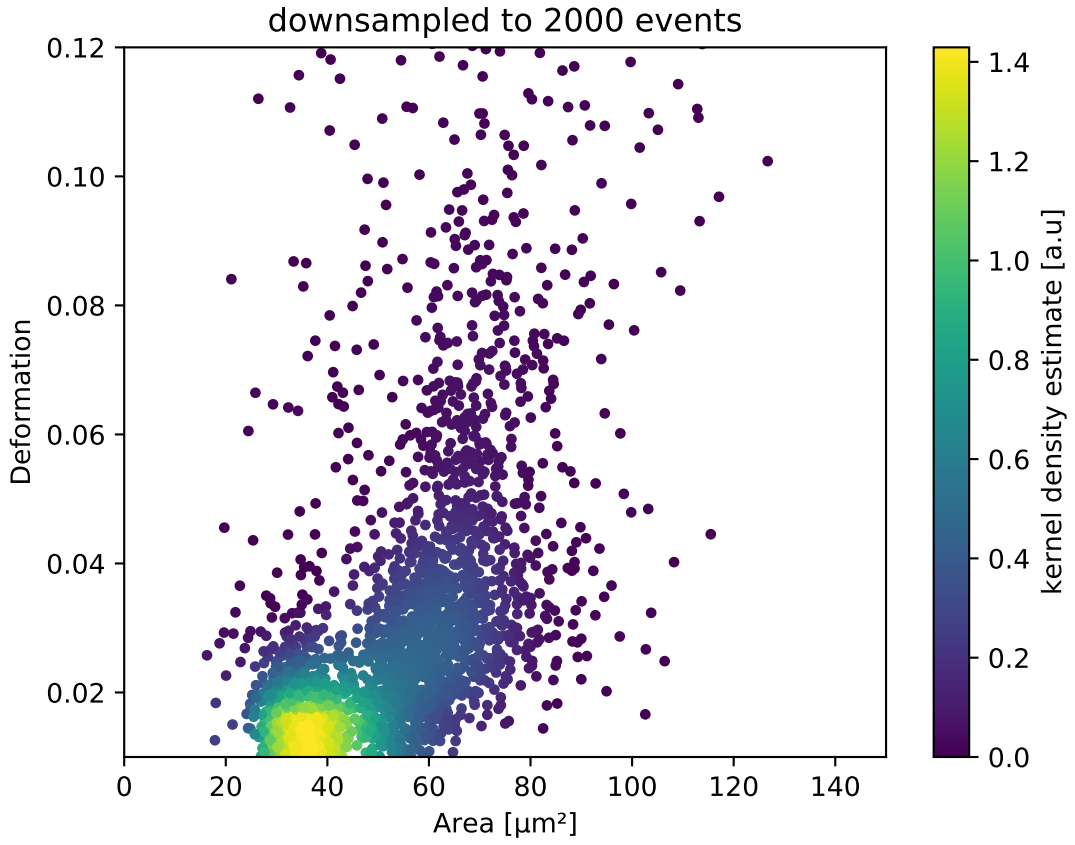
To reduce the complexity of the plot (e.g. when exporting to scalable vector graphics (.svg)), the plotted events can be downsampled by removing events from high-event-density regions. The number of events plotted is reduced but the


scatter plot with 5000 events
Deformation
0.12
0.10
0.08
0.06
0.04
0.02
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
140
Area [µm²]
kernel density estimate [a.u]
1.4
1.2
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0

resulting visualization is almost indistinguishable from the one above.

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
xsamp, ysamp = ds.get_downsampled_scatter(xax="area_um", yax="deform",␣
↪downsample=2000)
kde = ds.get_kde_scatter(xax="area_um", yax="deform", positions=(xsamp, ysamp))

ax = plt.subplot(111, title="downsampled to {} events".format(len(kde)))
sc = ax.scatter(xsamp, ysamp, c=kde, marker=".")
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
ax.set_xlim(0, 150)
ax.set_ylim(0.01, 0.12)
plt.colorbar(sc, label="kernel density estimate [a.u]")
plt.show()
```



4.3.3 KDE estimate on a log-scale

Frequently, data is visualized on logarithmic scales. If the KDE is computed on a linear scale, then the result will look unaesthetic when plotted on a logarithmic scale. Therefore, the methods *get_downsampled_scatter*, *get_kde_contour*, and *get_kde_scatter* offer the keyword arguments `xscale` and `yscale` which can be set to "log" for prettier plots.

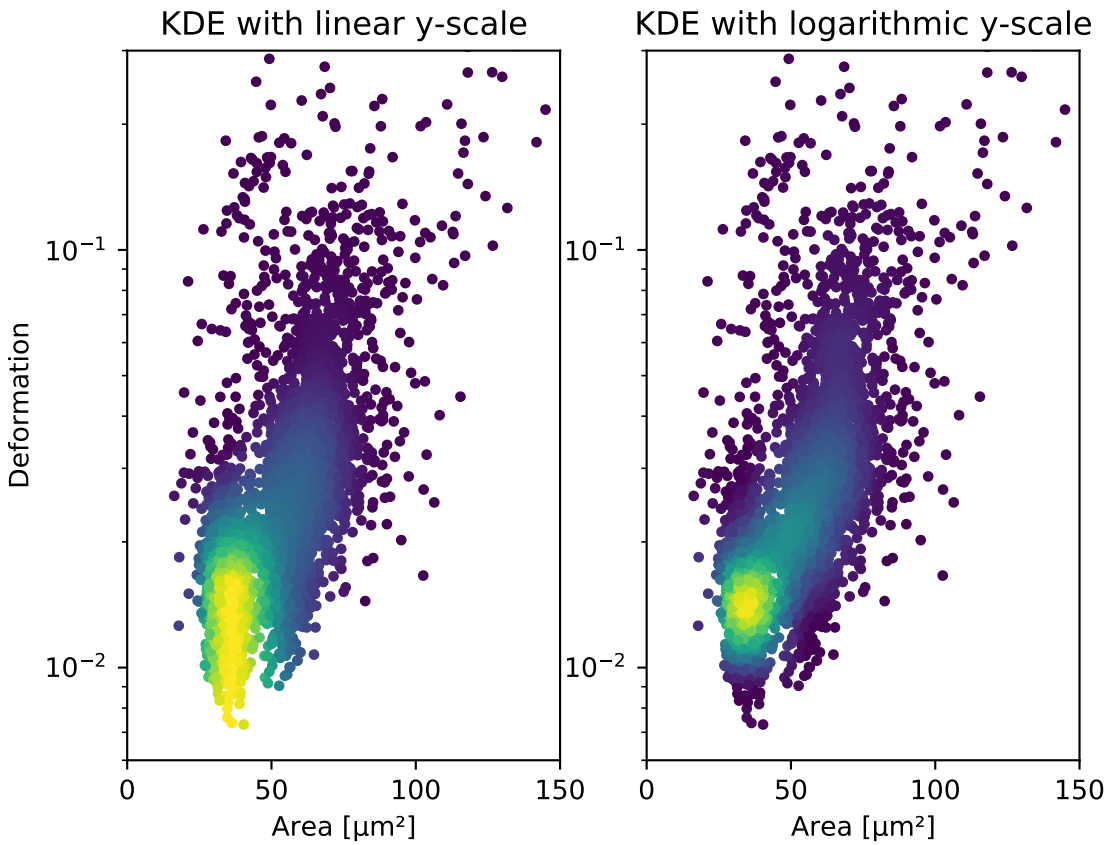
```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
kde_lin = ds.get_kde_scatter(xax="area_um", yax="deform", yscale="linear")
kde_log = ds.get_kde_scatter(xax="area_um", yax="deform", yscale="log")

ax1 = plt.subplot(121, title="KDE with linear y-scale")
sc1 = ax1.scatter(ds["area_um"], ds["deform"], c=kde_lin, marker=".")

ax2 = plt.subplot(122, title="KDE with logarithmic y-scale")
sc2 = ax2.scatter(ds["area_um"], ds["deform"], c=kde_log, marker=".")

ax1.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
for ax in [ax1, ax2]:
    ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
    ax.set_xlim(0, 150)
    ax.set_ylim(6e-3, 3e-1)
    ax.set_yscale("log")

plt.show()
```



4.3.4 Isoelasticity lines

In addition, dclab comes with predefined isoelasticity lines that are commonly used to identify events with similar elastic moduli. Isoelasticity lines are available via the *isoelastics* module.

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
kde = ds.get_kde_scatter(xax="area_um", yax="deform")

isodef = dclab.isoelastics.get_default()
iso = isodef.get_with_rtdcbase(method="numerical",
                               col1="area_um",
                               col2="deform",
                               dataset=ds)

ax = plt.subplot(111, title="isoelastics")
for ss in iso:
    ax.plot(ss[:, 0], ss[:, 1], color="gray", zorder=1)
sc = ax.scatter(ds["area_um"], ds["deform"], c=kde, marker=".", zorder=2)
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
ax.set_xlim(0, 150)
ax.set_ylim(0.01, 0.12)
plt.colorbar(sc, label="kernel density estimate [a.u]")
plt.show()
```

4.3.5 Contour plot with percentiles

Contour plots are commonly used to compare the kernel density between measurements. Kernel density estimates (on a grid) for contour plots can be computed with the function *RTDCBase.get_kde_contour*. In addition, it is possible to compute contours at data percentiles using *dclab.kde_contours.get_quantile_levels()*.

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
X, Y, Z = ds.get_kde_contour(xax="area_um", yax="deform")
Z /= Z.max()
quantiles = [.1, .5, .75]
levels = dclab.kde_contours.get_quantile_levels(density=Z,
                                                x=X,
                                                y=Y,
                                                xp=ds["area_um"],
                                                yp=ds["deform"],
                                                q=quantiles,
                                                )

ax = plt.subplot(111, title="contour lines")
sc = ax.scatter(ds["area_um"], ds["deform"], c="lightgray", marker=".", zorder=1)
cn = ax.contour(X, Y, Z,
                levels=levels,
                linestyles=["--", "-", "-"],
                colors=["blue", "blue", "darkblue"],
                linewidths=[2, 2, 3],
                zorder=2)
```

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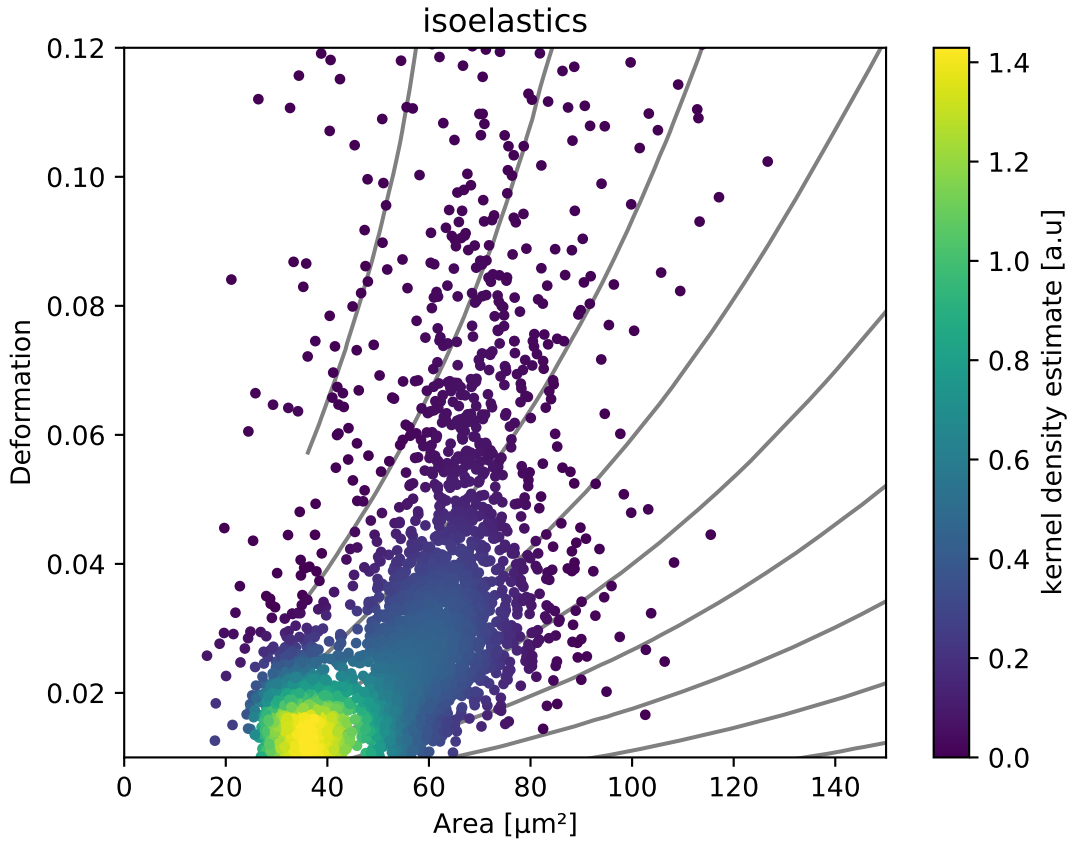
isoelastics
Deformation
0.12
0.10
0.08
0.06
0.04
0.02
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
140
Area [µm²]
kernel density estimate [a.u]
1.4
1.2
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0

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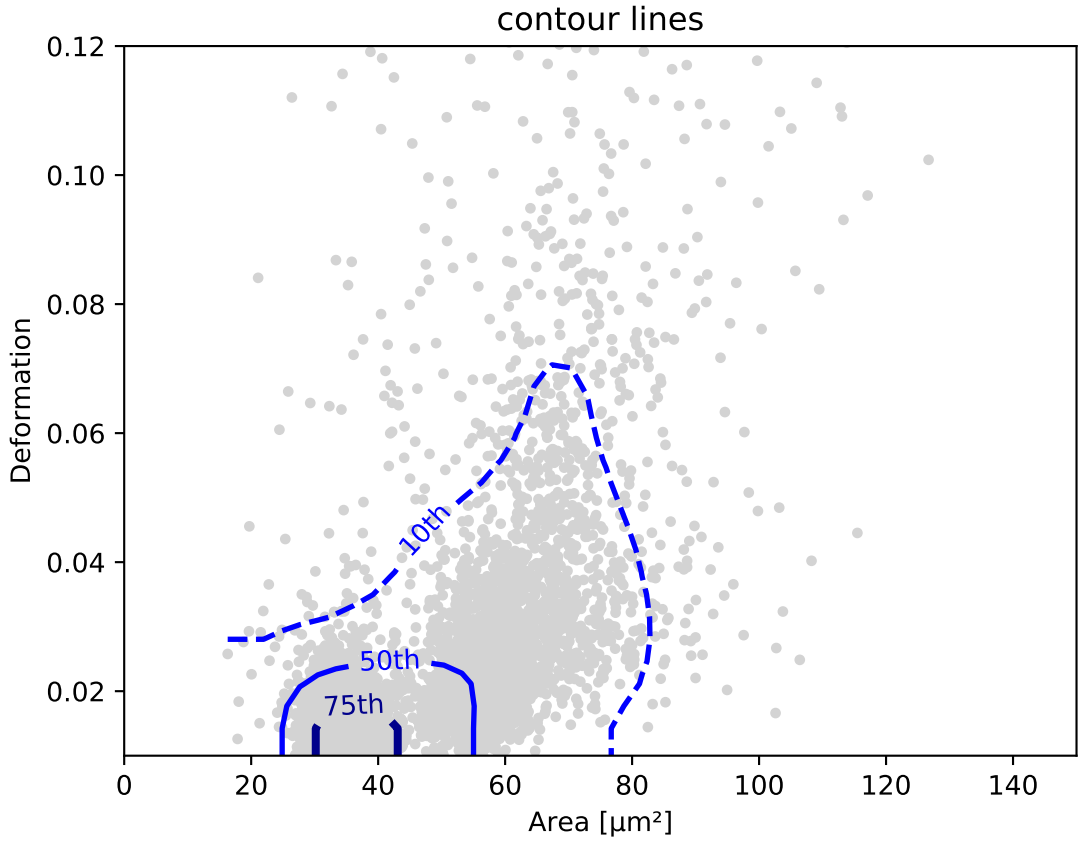
```
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
ax.set_xlim(0, 150)
ax.set_ylim(0.01, 0.12)
# label contour lines with percentiles
fmt = {}
for l, q in zip(levels, quantiles):
    fmt[l] = "{:.0f}th".format(q*100)
plt.clabel(cn, fmt=fmt)
plt.show()
```



Note that you may compute (and plot) the contour lines directly yourself using the function *dclab.kde_contours.find_contours_level()*.

4.3.6 Polygon filters / Shape-Out

Keep in mind that you can combine your dclab analysis pipeline with Shape-Out. For instance, you can create and export *polygon filters* in Shape-Out and then import them in dclab.

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")
```

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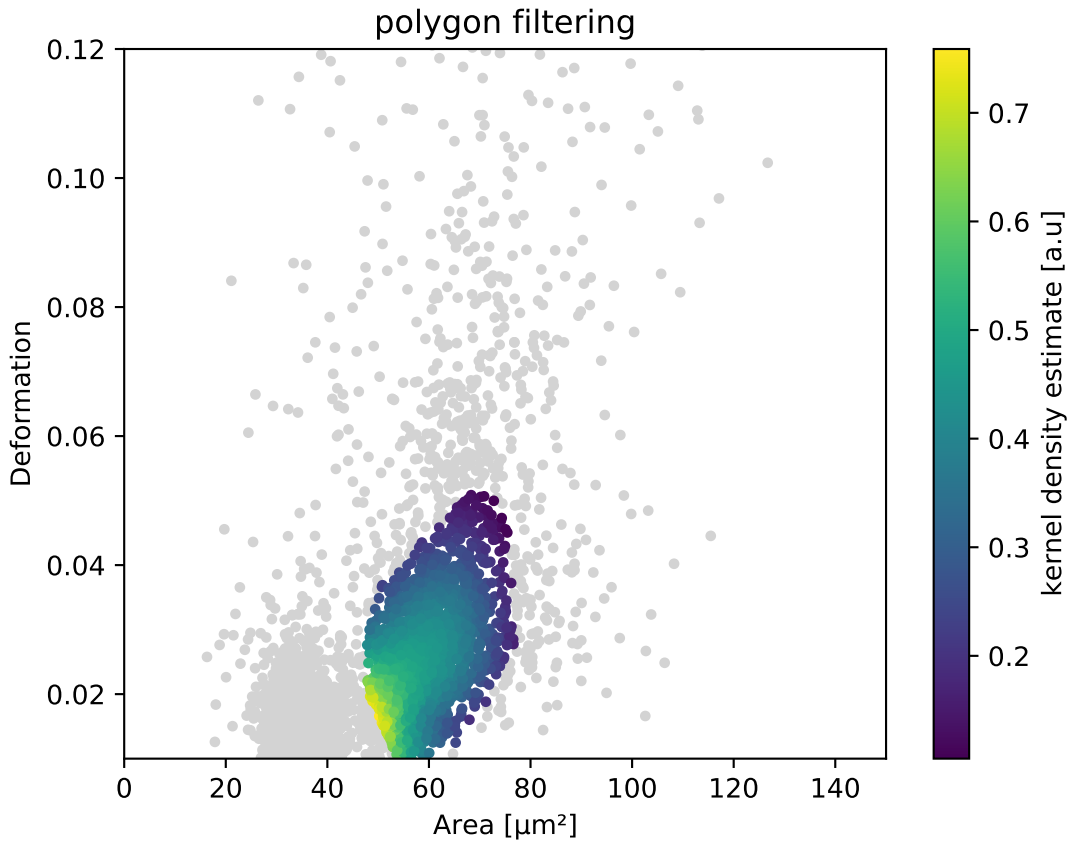
```
kde = ds.get_kde_scatter(xax="area_um", yax="deform")
# load and apply polygon filter from file
pf = dclab.PolygonFilter(filename="data/example.poly")
ds.polygon_filter_add(pf)
ds.apply_filter()
# valid events
val = ds.filter.all

ax = plt.subplot(111, title="polygon filtering")
ax.scatter(ds["area_um"][~val], ds["deform"][~val], c="lightgray", marker=".")
sc = ax.scatter(ds["area_um"][val], ds["deform"][val], c=kde[val], marker=".")
ax.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))
ax.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
ax.set_xlim(0, 150)
ax.set_ylim(0.01, 0.12)
plt.colorbar(sc, label="kernel density estimate [a.u]")
plt.show()
```



4.4 Fluorescence traces

In RT-FDC, fluorescence data are stored alongside the regular image and scalar features. The fluorescence data consist of the trace data (fluorescence signal over time) and several scalar features (maximum, peak position, peak width,

etc.) for each fluorescence channel. The trace data are stored as *raw* and *median-filtered* traces, where *median-filtered* means that the *raw* data is filtered with a rolling median filter.

```
In [1]: import dclab

In [2]: ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example_traces.rtdc")

# list the available traces in the dataset
In [3]: sorted(ds["trace"].keys())
Out[3]: ['fl1_median', 'fl1_raw', 'fl2_median', 'fl2_raw', 'fl3_median', 'fl3_raw']

# show fluorescence meta data
In [4]: ds.config["fluorescence"]
Out[4]:
{'bit depth': 16,
 'channel 1 name': '525/50',
 'channel 2 name': '593/46',
 'channel 3 name': '700/75',
 'channel count': 3,
 'channels installed': 3,
 'laser 1 lambda': 488.0,
 'laser 1 power': 8.0,
 'laser 3 lambda': 640.0,
 'laser 3 power': 100.0,
 'laser count': 2,
 'lasers installed': 3,
 'sample rate': 312500.0,
 'samples per event': 177,
 'signal max': 1.0,
 'signal min': -1.0,
 'trace median': 0}
```

Please note that the value of `trace median` is zero (no median filter applied), which tells us that the values of the *raw* and *median* trace data are identical. The example dataset is an excerpt from the calibration beads dataset, with a total of three fluorescence channels used.

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
import dclab

ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example_traces.rtdc")
# event index to plot
idx = 8
# measuring time
samples = ds.config["fluorescence"]["samples per event"]
sample_rate = ds.config["fluorescence"]["sample rate"]
t = np.arange(samples) / sample_rate * 1e6

fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=3, sharex=True, sharey=True)

# fluorescence traces (colors manually chosen to represent filter set)
axes[0].plot(t, ds["trace"]["fl1_median"][idx], color="#16A422",
             label=ds.config["fluorescence"]["channel 1 name"])
axes[1].plot(t, ds["trace"]["fl2_median"][idx], color="#CE9720",
             label=ds.config["fluorescence"]["channel 2 name"])
axes[2].plot(t, ds["trace"]["fl3_median"][idx], color="#CE2026",
             label=ds.config["fluorescence"]["channel 3 name"])

# detected peak widths
```

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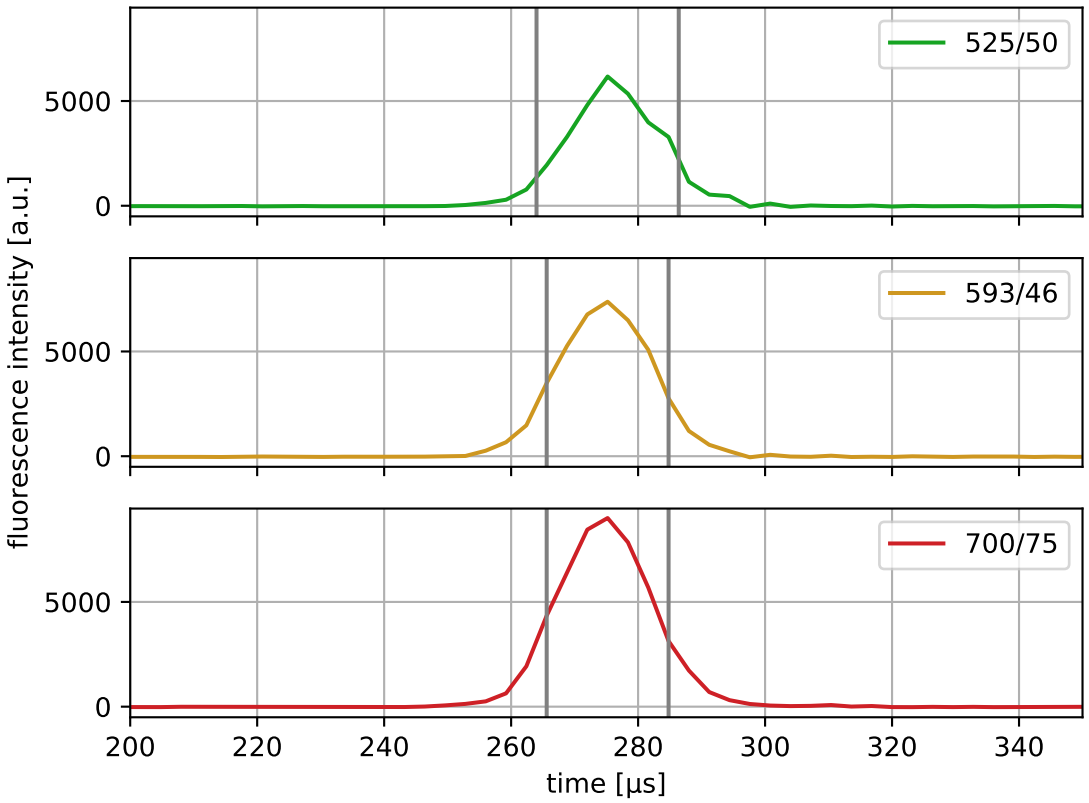
```
axes[0].axvline(ds["fl1_pos"][idx] + ds["fl1_width"][idx]/2, color="gray")
axes[0].axvline(ds["fl1_pos"][idx] - ds["fl1_width"][idx]/2, color="gray")
axes[1].axvline(ds["fl2_pos"][idx] + ds["fl2_width"][idx]/2, color="gray")
axes[1].axvline(ds["fl2_pos"][idx] - ds["fl2_width"][idx]/2, color="gray")
axes[2].axvline(ds["fl3_pos"][idx] + ds["fl3_width"][idx]/2, color="gray")
axes[2].axvline(ds["fl3_pos"][idx] - ds["fl3_width"][idx]/2, color="gray")

# axes labels
axes[1].set_ylabel("fluorescence intensity [a.u.]")
axes[2].set_xlabel("time [µs]")

for ax in axes:
    ax.set_xlim(200, 350)
    ax.grid()
    ax.legend()

plt.show()
```



Please note that the fluorescence traces are stored as integer values and have to be converted to µs using the meta data stored in `ds.config["fluorescence"]`. Also, notice how the scalar features are used for plotting the peak width.

4.5 Young's modulus computation

The computation of the Young's modulus uses a look-up table (LUT) that was derived from simulations based on the finite elements method (FEM) [MMM+17] and the analytical solution [MOG+15]. The LUT was generated with an incompressible (Poisson's ratio of 0.5) linear elastic sphere model (an artificial viscosity was added to avoid division-by-zero errors) in an axis-symmetric channel (2D). Although the simulations were carried out in this cylindrical symmetry, they can be mapped onto a square cross-sectional channel by adjusting the channel radius to approximately match the desired flow profile. This was done with the spatial scaling factor 1.094 (see also supplement S3 in [MOG+15]). The original data used to generate the LUT are available on figshare [WMM+20].

All computations take into account:

- **scaling laws:** The original LUT was computed for a specific channel width L, flow rate Q, and viscosity η. If the experimental values of these parameters differ from those in the simulation, then they must be scaled before interpolating the Young's modulus. The scale conversion rules can be derived from the characteristic length L and stress $\sigma = \eta \cdot Q/L^3$ [MOG+15]. For instance, the event area scales with $(L_{\mathrm{exp}}/L_{\mathrm{LUT}})^2$, the Young's modulus scales with $\sigma_{\mathrm{exp}}/\sigma_{\mathrm{LUT}}$, and the deformation is not scaled as it has no units. Please note that the scaling laws were derived for linear elastic materials and may not be accurate for other materials (e.g. hyperelastic). The scaling laws are implemented in the submodule *dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear*.
- **pixelation effects**: All features (including deformation and area) are computed from a pixelated contour. This has the effect that deformation is overestimated and area is underestimated (compared to features computed from a "smooth" contour). While a slight change in area does not have a significant effect on the interpolated Young's modulus, a systematic error in deformation may lead to a strong underestimation of the Young's modulus. A deeper analysis is visualized in the plot pixelation_correction.png which was created with pixelation_correction.py. Thus, before interpolation, the measured deformation must be corrected using a hard-coded correction function [Her17]. The pixelation correction is implemented in the submodule *dclab.features.emodulus.pxcorr*.
- **shear-thinning and temperature-dependence**: The viscosity of a medium usually is a function of temperature. In addition, complex media, such as 0.6% methyl cellulose (CellCarrier B), may also exhibit shear-thinning. The viscosity of such media decreases with increasing flow rates. Since the viscosity is required to apply the scaling laws (above), it must be corrected which is done using hard-coded correction functions [Her17]. The computation of viscosity is implemented in the submodule *dclab.features.emodulus.viscosity*.

Since the Young's modulus is model-dependent, it is not made available right away as an *ancillary feature* (in contrast to e.g. event volume or average event brightness).

```
In [1]: import dclab

In [2]: ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")

# "False", because we have not set any additional information.
In [3]: "emodulus" in ds
Out[3]: False
```

Additional information is required. There are three scenarios:

A) The viscosity/Young's modulus is computed individually from the chip temperature for **each** event. Required information:

- The *temp* feature which holds the chip temperature of each event
- The configuration key [calculation]: 'emodulus medium'
- The configuration key [calculation]: 'emodulus model'

B) Set a global viscosity. Use this if you have measured the viscosity of your medium (and know all there is to know about shear thinning [Her17]). Required information:

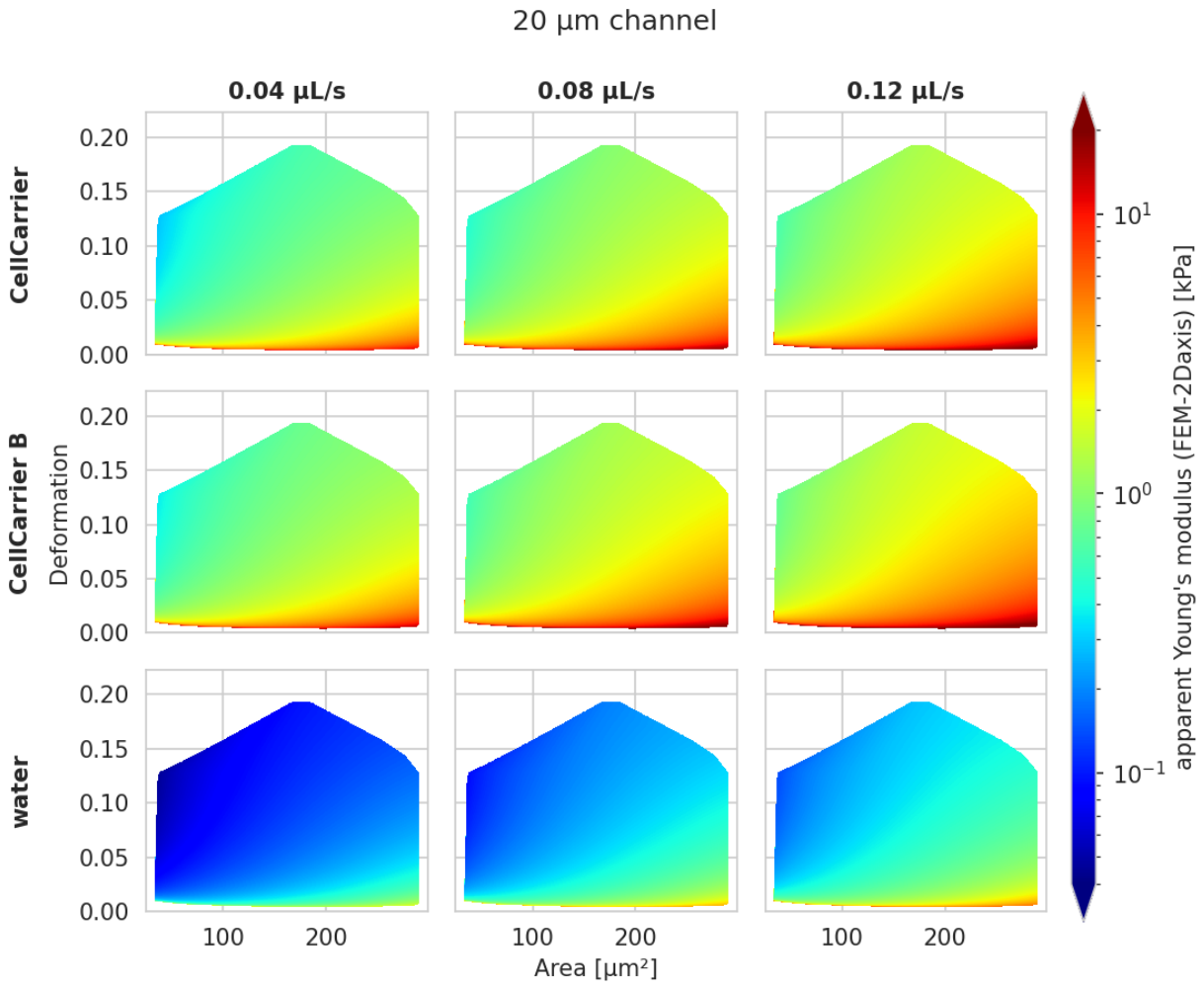


Fig. 1: Visualizations of the support and the values of the look-up table (LUT) used for determining the Young's modulus from deformation and cell area. The values of the Young's moduli in the regions shown depend on the channel size, the flow rate, the temperature, and the viscosity of the medium [MOG+15]. Here, they are computed for a 20 µm wide channel at 23°C with an effective pixel size of 0.34 µm. The data are corrected for pixelation effects according to [Her17].

- The configuration key [calculation]: 'emodulus model'
- The configuration key [calculation]: 'emodulus viscosity'

C) Compute the Young's modulus using the viscosities of known media.

- The configuration key [calculation]: 'emodulus medium'
- The configuration key [calculation]: 'emodulus model'
- The configuration key [calculation]: 'emodulus temperature'

Note that if 'emodulus temperature' is given, then this temperature is used, even if the *temp* feature exists (scenario A).

The key 'emodulus model' currently (2019) only supports the value 'elastic sphere'. The key 'emodulus medium' must be one of the supported media defined in *dclab.features.emodulus.viscosity.KNOWN_MEDIA* and can be taken from [setup]: 'medium'. The key 'emodulus temperature' is the mean chip temperature and could possibly be available in [setup]: 'temperature'.

```
import matplotlib.pylab as plt

import dclab

ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")

# Add additional information. We cannot go for (A), because this example
# does not have the temperature feature (`"temp" not in ds`). We go for
# (C), because the beads were measured in a known medium.
ds.config["calculation"]["emodulus medium"] = ds.config["setup"]["medium"]
ds.config["calculation"]["emodulus model"] = "elastic sphere"
ds.config["calculation"]["emodulus temperature"] = 23.0  # a guess

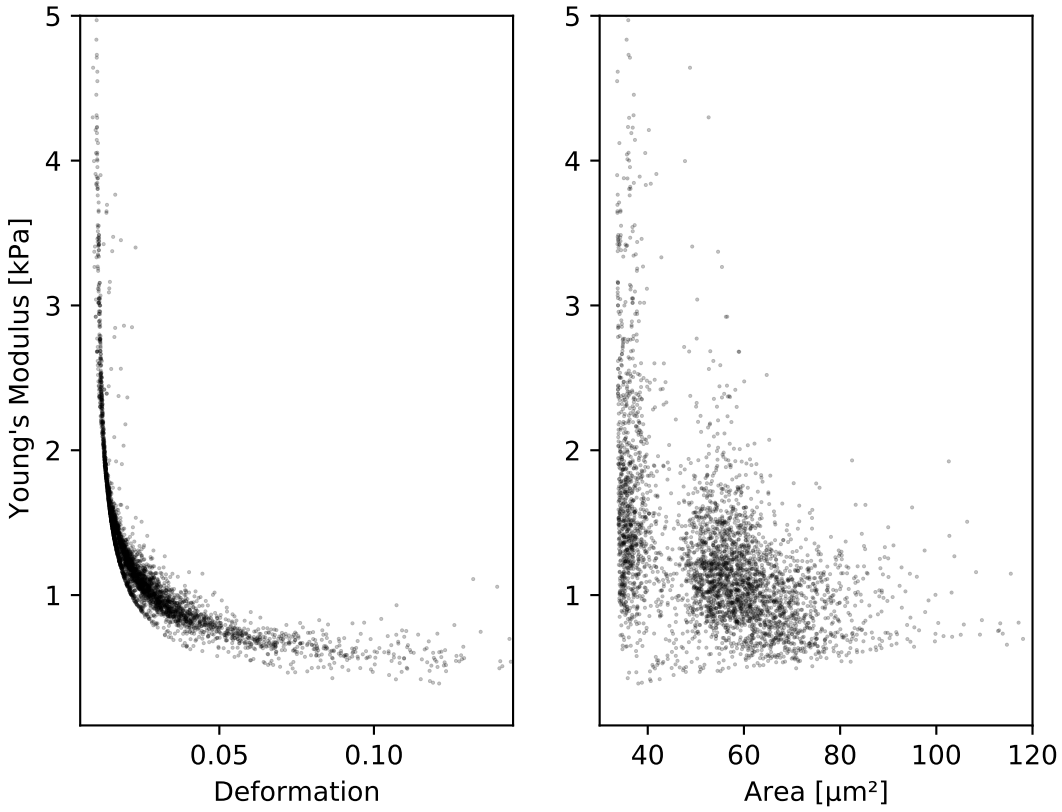
# Plot a few features
ax1 = plt.subplot(121)
ax1.plot(ds["deform"], ds["emodulus"], ".", color="k", markersize=1, alpha=.3)
ax1.set_ylim(0.1, 5)
ax1.set_xlim(0.005, 0.145)
ax1.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("deform"))
ax1.set_ylabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("emodulus"))

ax2 = plt.subplot(122)
ax2.plot(ds["area_um"], ds["emodulus"], ".", color="k", markersize=1, alpha=.3)
ax2.set_ylim(0.1, 5)
ax2.set_xlim(30, 120)
ax2.set_xlabel(dclab.dfn.get_feature_label("area_um"))


plt.show()
```

4.6 Accessing DCOR data

The deformability cytometry open repository (DCOR) allows you to upload and access RT-DC datasets online (internet connection required). The advantage is that you can access parts of the dataset (e.g. just two features) without downloading the entire data file (which includes image, contour, and traces information).


Young's Modulus [kPa]
5
4
3
2
1
0.05
0.10
Deformation
40
60
80
100
120
Area [µm²]

4.6.1 Public data

When you would previously download an entire dataset and do

```
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("/path/to/Downloads/calibration_beads.rtdc")
```

you can now skip the download and use the identifier (id) of a DCOR resource like so:

```
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("fb719fb2-bd9f-817a-7d70-f4002af916f0")
```

To determine the DCOR resource id, go to https://dcor.mpl.mpg.de, find the resource you are interested in, scroll down to the bottom, and copy the value from the **id** (not *package id* or *revision id*) field in (*Additional Information*). The DCOR format is documented in *DCOR (online) format*.

4.6.2 Private data

If you want to access private data, you need to pass your personal API Key:

```
import dclab
ds = dclab.new_dataset("fb719fb2-bd9f-817a-7d70-f4002af916f0",
                       api_key="XXXX-YYYY-ZZZZ")
```

You can find your API Key in the left panel of your profile page when logged in at https://dcor.mpl.mpg.de.

Alternatively, you can also set the API Key globally using

```
import dclab
from dclab.rtdc_dataset.fmt_dcor import APIHandler
APIHandler.add_api_key("XXXX-YYYY-ZZZZ")
ds = dclab.new_dataset("fb719fb2-bd9f-817a-7d70-f4002af916f0")
```

CHAPTER 5

Code reference

5.1 module-level methods

dclab.**new_dataset**(*data*, *identifier=None*, ***kwargs*)

Initialize a new RT-DC dataset

Parameters

- **data** – can be one of the following:
  - dict
  - .tdms file
  - .rtdc file
  - subclass of *RTDCBase* (will create a hierarchy child)
  - DCOR resource URL
- **identifier** (*str*) – A unique identifier for this dataset. If set to *None* an identifier is generated.
- **kwargs** (*dict*) – Additional parameters passed to the RTDCBase subclass

Returns **dataset** – A new dataset instance

Return type subclass of *dclab.rtdc_dataset.RTDCBase*

5.2 global definitions

These definitionas are used throughout the dclab/Shape-In/Shape-Out ecosystem.

5.2.1 configuration

Valid configuration sections and keys are described in: *Analysis metadata* and *Experiment metadata*.

dclab.dfn.**CFG_ANALYSIS**
User-editable configuration for data analysis.

dclab.dfn.**CFG_METADATA**
Measurement-specific metadata.

dclab.dfn.**config_funcs**
Dictionary of dictionaries containing functions to convert input data to the predefined data type

dclab.dfn.**config_keys**
Dictionary with sections as keys and configuration parameter names as values

dclab.dfn.**config_types**
Dictionary of dictionaries containing the data type of each configuration parameter

5.2.2 features

Features are discussed in more detail in: *Features*.

dclab.dfn.**feature_exists**(*name*, *scalar_only=False*)
Return True if *name* is a valid feature name

This function not only checks whether *name* is in `feature_names`, but also validates against the machine learning scores *ml_score_???* (where *?* can be a digit or a lower-case letter in the English alphabet).

dclab.dfn.**get_feature_label**(*name*, *rtdc_ds=None*)
Return the label corresponding to a feature name

This function not only checks `feature_name2label`, but also supports the *ml_score_???* features.

TODO: If an RTDCBase object is given, then the feature label can be extracted from ancillary information.

dclab.dfn.**scalar_feature_exists**(*name*)
Convenience method wrapping *feature_exists(..., scalar_only=True)*

dclab.dfn.**FEATURES_NON_SCALAR**
Non-scalar features

dclab.dfn.**feature_names**
List of valid feature names

dclab.dfn.**feature_labels**
List of human-readable labels for each valid feature

dclab.dfn.**feature_name2label**
Dictionary that maps feature names to feature labels

dclab.dfn.**scalar_feature_names**
List of valid scalar feature names

5.2.3 parse functions

dclab.parse_funcs.**fbool**(*value*)
boolean

dclab.parse_funcs.**fint**(*value*)
integer

dclab.parse_funcs.**fintlist**(*alist*)
A list of integers

dclab.parse_funcs.**lcstr**(*astr*)
lower-case string

dclab.parse_funcs.**func_types = {<function fbool>: <class 'bool'>, <function fint>: <class**
maps functions to their expected output types

5.3 RT-DC dataset manipulation

5.3.1 Base class

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.**RTDCBase**(*identifier=None*)
RT-DC measurement base class

Notes

Besides the filter arrays for each data feature, there is a manual boolean filter array `RTDCBase.filter.manual` that can be edited by the user - a boolean value of `False` means that the event is excluded from all computations.

apply_filter(*force=[]*)
Compute the filters for the dataset

get_downsampled_scatter(*xax='area_um'*, *yax='deform'*, *downsample=0*, *xscale='linear'*, *yscale='linear'*, *remove_invalid=False*, *ret_mask=False*)
Downsampling by removing points at dense locations

Parameters

- **xax** (*str*) – Identifier for x axis (e.g. "area_um", "aspect", "deform")
- **yax** (*str*) – Identifier for y axis
- **downsample** (*int*) – Number of points to draw in the down-sampled plot. This number is either
  - **>=1: exactly downsample to this number by randomly adding** or removing points
  - 0 : do not perform downsampling
- **xscale** (*str*) – If set to "log", take the logarithm of the x-values before performing downsampling. This is useful when data are are displayed on a log-scale. Defaults to "linear".
- **yscale** (*str*) – See *xscale*.
- **remove_invalid** (*bool*) – Remove nan and inf values before downsampling; if set to *True*, the actual number of samples returned might be smaller than *downsample* due to infinite or nan values (e.g. due to logarithmic scaling).
- **ret_mask** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, returns a boolean array of length *len(self)* where *True* values identify the filtered data.

Returns

- **xnew, xnew** (1d ndarray of lenght *N*) – Filtered data; *N* is either identical to *downsample* or smaller (if *remove_invalid==True*)

- **mask** (1d boolean array of length *len(RTDCBase)*) – Array for identifying the downsampled data points

get_kde_contour(*xax='area_um'*, *yax='deform'*, *xacc=None*, *yacc=None*, *kde_type='histogram'*, *kde_kwargs={}*, *xscale='linear'*, *yscale='linear'*)

Evaluate the kernel density estimate for contour plots

Parameters

- **xax** (*str*) – Identifier for X axis (e.g. "area_um", "aspect", "deform")
- **yax** (*str*) – Identifier for Y axis
- **xacc** (*float*) – Contour accuracy in x direction
- **yacc** (*float*) – Contour accuracy in y direction
- **kde_type** (*str*) – The KDE method to use
- **kde_kwargs** (*dict*) – Additional keyword arguments to the KDE method
- **xscale** (*str*) – If set to "log", take the logarithm of the x-values before computing the KDE. This is useful when data are are displayed on a log-scale. Defaults to "linear".
- **yscale** (*str*) – See *xscale*.

Returns **X, Y, Z** – The kernel density Z evaluated on a rectangular grid (X,Y).

Return type coordinates

get_kde_scatter(*xax='area_um'*, *yax='deform'*, *positions=None*, *kde_type='histogram'*, *kde_kwargs={}*, *xscale='linear'*, *yscale='linear'*)

Evaluate the kernel density estimate for scatter plots

Parameters

- **xax** (*str*) – Identifier for X axis (e.g. "area_um", "aspect", "deform")
- **yax** (*str*) – Identifier for Y axis
- **positions** (*list of two 1d ndarrays or ndarray of shape (2, N)*) – The positions where the KDE will be computed. Note that the KDE estimate is computed from the the points that are set in *self.filter.all*.
- **kde_type** (*str*) – The KDE method to use
- **kde_kwargs** (*dict*) – Additional keyword arguments to the KDE method
- **xscale** (*str*) – If set to "log", take the logarithm of the x-values before computing the KDE. This is useful when data are are displayed on a log-scale. Defaults to "linear".
- **yscale** (*str*) – See *xscale*.

Returns **density** – The kernel density evaluated for the filtered data points.

Return type 1d ndarray

static get_kde_spacing(*a*, *scale='linear'*, *method=<function bin_width_doane>*, *method_kw={}*, *feat='undefined'*, *ret_scaled=False*)

Convenience function for computing the contour spacing

Parameters

- **a** (*ndarray*) – feature data
- **scale** (*str*) – how the data should be scaled ("log" or "linear")

- **method** (*callable*) – KDE method to use (see *kde_methods* submodule)
- **method_kw** (*dict*) – keyword arguments to *method*
- **feat** (*str*) – feature name for debugging
- **ret_scale** (*bol*) – whether or not to return the scaled array of *a*

polygon_filter_add(*filt*)
Associate a Polygon Filter with this instance

Parameters **filt** (int or instance of *PolygonFilter*) – The polygon filter to add

polygon_filter_rm(*filt*)
Remove a polygon filter from this instance

Parameters **filt** (int or instance of *PolygonFilter*) – The polygon filter to remove

reset_filter()
Reset the current filter

config = None
Configuration of the measurement

export = None
Export functionalities; instance of *dclab.rtdc_dataset.export.Export*.

features
All available features

features_innate
All features excluding ancillary features

features_loaded
All features including ancillaries that have been computed

Notes

Features that are computationally cheap to compute are always included. They are defined in `dclab.rtdc_dataset.ancillaries.FEATURES_RAPID`.

features_scalar
All scalar features available

filter = None
Filtering functionalities; instance of *dclab.rtdc_dataset.filter.Filter*.

format = None
Dataset format (derived from class name)

hash
Reproducible dataset hash (defined by derived classes)

identifier
Unique (unreproducible) identifier

logs = None
Dictionary of log files. Each log file is a list of strings (one string per line).

title = None
Title of the measurement

5.3.2 DCOR (online) format

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.**RTDC_DCOR**(*url*, *use_ssl=None*, *host='dcor.mpl.mpg.de'*, *api_key=''*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Wrap around the DCOR API

Parameters

- **url** (*str*) – Full URL or resource identifier; valid values are
  - https://dcor.mpl.mpg.de/api/3/action/dcserv?id=b1404eb5-f661-4920-be79-5ff4e85915d5
  - dcor.mpl.mpg.de/api/3/action/dcserv?id=b1404eb5-f 661-4920-be79-5ff4e85915d5
  - b1404eb5-f661-4920-be79-5ff4e85915d5
- **use_ssl** (*bool*) – Set this to False to disable SSL (should only be used for testing). Defaults to None (does not force SSL if the URL starts with "http://").
- **host** (*str*) – The host machine (used if the host is not given in *url*)
- **api_key** (*str*) – API key to access private resources
- ***args** – Arguments for *RTDCBase*
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments for *RTDCBase*

path

Full URL to the DCOR resource

Type str

static get_full_url(*url*, *use_ssl*, *host*)

Return the full URL to a DCOR resource

Parameters

- **url** (*str*) – Full URL or resource identifier; valid values are
  - https://dcor.mpl.mpg.de/api/3/action/dcserv?id=caab96f6- df12-4299-aa2e-089e390aafd5'
  - dcor.mpl.mpg.de/api/3/action/dcserv?id=caab96f6-df12- 4299-aa2e-089e390aafd5
  - caab96f6-df12-4299-aa2e-089e390aafd5
- **use_ssl** (*bool*) – Set this to False to disable SSL (should only be used for testing). Defaults to None (does not force SSL if the URL starts with "http://").
- **host** (*str*) – Use this host if it is not specified in *url*

hash

Hash value based on file name and content

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.fmt_dcor.**APIHandler**(*url*, *api_key=''*)

Handles the DCOR api with caching for simple queries

classmethod add_api_key(*api_key*)

Add an API Key to the base class

When accessing the DCOR API, all available API Keys are used to access a resource (trial and error).

api_keys = []

DCOR API Keys in the current session

cache_queries = ['metadata', 'size', 'feature_list', 'valid']

these are cached to minimize network usage

5.3.3 Dictionary format

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.**RTDC_Dict**(*ddict*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
Dictionary-based RT-DC dataset

Parameters

- **ddict** (*dict*) – Dictionary with features as keys (valid features like "area_cvx", "deform", "image" are defined by *dclab.definitions.feature_exists*) with which the class will be instantiated. The configuration is set to the default configuration of dclab.

  Changed in version 0.27.0: Scalar features are automatically converted to arrays.
- ***args** – Arguments for *RTDCBase*
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments for *RTDCBase*

5.3.4 HDF5 (.rtdc) format

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.**RTDC_HDF5**(*h5path*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
HDF5 file format for RT-DC measurements

Parameters

- **h5path** (*str or pathlib.Path*) – Path to a '.tdms' measurement file.
- ***args** – Arguments for *RTDCBase*
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments for *RTDCBase*

path
Path to the experimental HDF5 (.rtdc) file

Type pathlib.Path

static can_open(*h5path*)
Check whether a given file is in the .rtdc file format

static parse_config(*h5path*)
Parse the RT-DC configuration of an hdf5 file

hash
Hash value based on file name and content

dclab.rtdc_dataset.fmt_hdf5.**MIN_DCLAB_EXPORT_VERSION = '0.3.3.dev2'**
rtdc files exported with dclab prior to this version are not supported

5.3.5 Hierarchy format

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.**RTDC_Hierarchy**(*hparent*, *apply_filter=True*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
Hierarchy dataset (filtered from RTDCBase)

A few words on hierarchies: The idea is that a subclass of RTDCBase can use the filtered data of another subclass of RTDCBase and interpret these data as unfiltered events. This comes in handy e.g. when the percentage of different subpopulations need to be distinguished without the noise in the original data.

Children in hierarchies always update their data according to the filtered event data from their parent when *apply_filter* is called. This makes it easier to save and load hierarchy children with e.g. Shape-Out and it makes the handling of hierarchies more intuitive (when the parent changes, the child changes as well).

Parameters

- **hparent** (*instance of RTDCBase*) – The hierarchy parent
- **apply_filter** (*bool*) – Whether to apply the filter durint instantiation; If set to *False*, *apply_filter* must be called manually.
- ***args** – Arguments for *RTDCBase*
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments for *RTDCBase*

hparent
Hierarchy parent of this instance

Type *RTDCBase*

5.3.6 TDMS format

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.**RTDC_TDMS**(*tdms_path*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
TDMS file format for RT-DC measurements

Parameters

- **tdms_path** (*str or pathlib.Path*) – Path to a '.tdms' measurement file.
- ***args** – Arguments for *RTDCBase*
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments for *RTDCBase*

path
Path to the experimental dataset (main .tdms file)

Type pathlib.Path

dclab.rtdc_dataset.fmt_tdms.**get_project_name_from_path**(*path*, *append_mx=False*)
Get the project name from a path.

For a path "/home/peter/hans/HLC12398/online/M1_13.tdms" or For a path "/home/peter/hans/HLC12398/online/data/M1_13.tdms" or without the ".tdms" file, this will return always "HLC12398".

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – path to tdms file
- **append_mx** (*bool*) – append measurement number, e.g. "M1"

dclab.rtdc_dataset.fmt_tdms.**get_tdms_files**(*directory*)
Recursively find projects based on '.tdms' file endings

Searches the *directory* recursively and return a sorted list of all found '.tdms' project files, except fluorescence data trace files which end with *_traces.tdms*.

5.3.7 Ancillaries

Computation of ancillary features

Ancillary features are computed on-the-fly in dclab if the required data are available. The features are registered here and are computed when *RTDCBase.__getitem__* is called with the respective feature name. When *RTDCBase.__contains__* is called with the feature name, then the feature is not yet computed, but the prerequisites are evaluated:

```
In [1]: import dclab

In [2]: ds = dclab.new_dataset("data/example.rtdc")

In [3]: ds.config["calculation"]["emodulus medium"] = "CellCarrier"

In [4]: ds.config["calculation"]["emodulus model"] = "elastic sphere"

In [5]: ds.config["calculation"]["emodulus temperature"] = 23.0

In [6]: "emodulus" in ds  # nothing is computed
Out[6]: True

In [7]: ds["emodulus"] # now data is computed and cached
Out[7]:
array([1.23006241, 1.08662317,        nan, ...,        nan,        nan,
       0.75430855])
```

Once the data has been computed, *RTDCBase* caches it in the *_ancillaries* property dict together with a hash that is computed with *AncillaryFeature.hash*. The hash is computed from the feature data *req_features* and the configuration metadata *req_config*.

exception dclab.rtdc_dataset.ancillaries.ancillary_feature.**BadFeatureSizeWarning**

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.ancillaries.ancillary_feature.**AncillaryFeature**(*feature_name*, *method*, *req_config=[]*, *req_features=[]*, *req_func=<function AncillaryFeature.<lambda>>*, *priority=0*)

A data feature that is computed from existing data

Parameters

- **feature_name** (*str*) – The name of the ancillary feature, e.g. “emodulus”.
- **method** (*callable*) – The method that computes the feature. This method takes an instance of *RTDCBase* as argument.
- **req_config** (*list*) – Required configuration parameters to compute the feature, e.g. [“calculation”, [“emodulus model”, “emodulus viscosity”]]
- **req_features** (*list*) – Required existing features in the dataset, e.g. [“area_cvx”, “deform”]
- **req_func** (*callable*) – A function that takes an instance of *RTDCBase* as an argument and checks whether any other necessary criteria are met. By default, this is a lambda function that returns True. The function should return False if the necessary criteria are not met. This function may also return a hashable object (via `dclab.util.objstr()`) instead of True, if the criteria are subject to change. In this case, the return value is used for identifying the cached ancillary feature.

  Changed in version 0.27.0: Support non-boolean return values for caching purposes.

- **priority** (*int*) – The priority of the feature; if there are multiple AncillaryFeature defined for the same feature_name, then the priority of the features defines which feature returns True in *self.is_available*. A higher value means a higher priority.

Notes

req_config and *req_features* are used to test whether the feature can be computed in *self.is_available*.

static available_features(*rtdc_ds*)
Determine available features for an RT-DC dataset

Parameters **rtdc_ds** (*instance of RTDCBase*) – The dataset to check availability for

Returns **features** – Dictionary with feature names as keys and instances of *AncillaryFeature* as values.

Return type dict

compute(*rtdc_ds*)
Compute the feature with self.method

Parameters **rtdc_ds** (*instance of RTDCBase*) – The dataset to compute the feature for

Returns **feature** – The computed data feature (read-only).

Return type array- or list-like

static get_instances(*feature_name*)
Return all instances that compute *feature_name*

hash(*rtdc_ds*)
Used for identifying an ancillary computation

The data columns and the used configuration keys/values are hashed.

is_available(*rtdc_ds*, *verbose=False*)
Check whether the feature is available

Parameters **rtdc_ds** (*instance of RTDCBase*) – The dataset to check availability for

Returns **available** – *True*, if feature can be computed with *compute*

Return type bool

Notes

This method returns *False* for a feature if there is a feature defined with the same name but with higher priority (even if the feature would be available otherwise).

feature_names = ['time', 'index', 'area_ratio', 'area_um', 'aspect', 'deform', 'emodul
All feature names registered

features = [<AncillaryFeature 'time' (priority 0)>, <AncillaryFeature 'index' (priorit
All ancillary features registered

5.3.8 config

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.config.**Configuration**(*files=[]*, *cfg={}*, *disable_checks=False*)
Configuration class for RT-DC datasets

This class has a dictionary-like interface to access and set configuration values, e.g.

```
cfg = load_from_file("/path/to/config.txt")
# access the channel width
cfg["setup"]["channel width"]
# modify the channel width
cfg["setup"]["channel width"] = 30
```

Parameters

- **files** (*list of files*) – The config files with which to initialize the configuration
- **cfg** (*dict-like*) – The dictionary with which to initialize the configuration
- **disable_checks** (*bool*) – Set this to True if you want to avoid checking against section and key names defined in *dclab.definitions* using `verify_section_key()`. This avoids excess warning messages when loading data from configuration files not generated by dclab.

copy()
Return copy of current configuration

keys()
Return the configuration keys (sections)

save(*filename*)
Save the configuration to a file

tostring(*sections=None*)
Convert the configuration to its string representation

The optional argument *sections* allows to export only specific sections of the configuration, i.e. *sections=dclab.dfn.CFG_METADATA* will only export configuration data from the original measurement and no filtering data.

update(*newcfg*)
Update current config with a dictionary

dclab.rtdc_dataset.config.**load_from_file**(*cfg_file*)
Load the configuration from a file

Parameters **cfg_file** (*str*) – Path to configuration file

Returns **cfg** – Dictionary with configuration parameters

Return type ConfigurationDict

5.3.9 export

exception dclab.rtdc_dataset.export.**LimitingExportSizeWarning**

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.export.**Export**(*rtdc_ds*)
Export functionalities for RT-DC datasets

avi(*path*, *filtered=True*, *override=False*)
Exports filtered event images to an avi file

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Path to a .avi file. The ending .avi is added automatically.
- **filtered** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, only the filtered data (index in ds.filter.all) are used.
- **override** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, an existing file `path` will be overridden. If set to *False*, raises *OSError* if `path` exists.

Notes

Raises OSError if current dataset does not contain image data

fcs(*path*, *features*, *meta_data={}*, *filtered=True*, *override=False*)
Export the data of an RT-DC dataset to an .fcs file

Parameters

- **mm** (*instance of dclab.RTDCBase*) – The dataset that will be exported.
- **path** (*str*) – Path to an .fcs file. The ending .fcs is added automatically.
- **features** (*list of str*) – The features in the resulting .fcs file. These are strings that are defined by *dclab.definitions.scalar_feature_exists*, e.g. "area_cvx", "deform", "frame", "fl1_max", "aspect".
- **meta_data** (*dict*) – User-defined, optional key-value pairs that are stored in the primary TEXT segment of the FCS file; the version of dclab is stored there by default
- **filtered** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, only the filtered data (index in ds.filter.all) are used.
- **override** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, an existing file `path` will be overridden. If set to *False*, raises *OSError* if `path` exists.

Notes

Due to incompatibility with the .fcs file format, all events with NaN-valued features are not exported.

hdf5(*path*, *features*, *filtered=True*, *override=False*, *compression='gzip'*)
Export the data of the current instance to an HDF5 file

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Path to an .rtdc file. The ending .rtdc is added automatically.
- **features** (*list of str*) – The features in the resulting .rtdc file. These are strings that are defined by *dclab.definitions.feature_exists*, e.g. "area_cvx", "deform", "frame", "fl1_max", "image".
- **filtered** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, only the filtered data (index in ds.filter.all) are used.
- **override** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, an existing file `path` will be overridden. If set to *False*, raises *OSError* if `path` exists.
- **compression** (*str or None*) – Compression method for "contour", "image", and "trace" data as well as logs; one of [None, "lzf", "gzip", "szip"].

tsv(*path*, *features*, *meta_data={'dclab version': '0.27.8'}*, *filtered=True*, *override=False*)
Export the data of the current instance to a .tsv file

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Path to a .tsv file. The ending .tsv is added automatically.
- **features** (*list of str*) – The features in the resulting .tsv file. These are strings that are defined by *dclab.definitions.scalar_feature_exists*, e.g. "area_cvx", "deform", "frame", "fl1_max", "aspect".
- **meta_data** (*dict*) – User-defined, optional key-value pairs that are stored at the beginning of the tsv file - one key-value pair is stored per line which starts with a hash. The version of dclab is stored there by default.
- **filtered** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, only the filtered data (index in ds.filter.all) are used.
- **override** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, an existing file `path` will be overridden. If set to *False*, raises *OSError* if `path` exists.

5.3.10 filter

class dclab.rtdc_dataset.filter.**Filter**(*rtdc_ds*)
Boolean filter arrays for RT-DC measurements

Parameters **rtdc_ds** (*instance of RTDCBase*) – The RT-DC dataset the filter applies to

reset()
Reset all filters

update(*rtdc_ds*, *force=[]*)
Update the filters according to *rtdc_ds.config["filtering"]*

Parameters

- **rtdc_ds** (*dclab.rtdc_dataset.core.RTDCBase*) – The measurement to which the filter is applied
- **force** (*list*) – A list of feature names that must be refiltered with min/max values.

Notes

This function is called when *ds.apply_filter* is called.

5.4 low-level functionalities

5.4.1 downsampling

Content-based downsampling of ndarrays

dclab.downsampling.**downsample_rand**(*a*, *samples*, *remove_invalid=False*, *ret_idx=False*)
Downsampling by randomly removing points

Parameters

- **a** (*1d ndarray*) – The input array to downsample
- **samples** (*int*) – The desired number of samples
- **remove_invalid** (*bool*) – Remove nan and inf values before downsampling

- **ret_idx** (*bool*) – Also return a boolean array that corresponds to the downsampled indices in *a*.

Returns

- **dsa** (1d ndarray of size *samples*) – The pseudo-randomly downsampled array *a*
- **idx** (1d boolean array with same shape as *a*) – Only returned if *ret_idx* is True. A boolean array such that *a[idx] == dsa*

dclab.downsampling.**norm**(*a*, *ref1*, *ref2*)
Normalize *a* with min/max values of *ref1*, using all elements of *ref1* where the *ref1* and *ref2* are not nan or inf

dclab.downsampling.**valid**(*a*, *b*)
Check whether *a* and *b* are not inf or nan

5.4.2 features

image-based

dclab.features.contour.**get_contour**(*mask*)
Compute the image contour from a mask

The contour is computed in a very inefficient way using scikit-image and a conversion of float coordinates to pixel coordinates.

Parameters **mask** (*binary ndarray of shape (M,N) or (K,M,N)*) – The mask outlining the pixel positions of the event. If a 3d array is given, then *K* indexes the individual contours.

Returns **cont** – A 2D array that holds the contour of an event (in pixels) e.g. obtained using *mm.contour* where *mm* is an instance of *RTDCBase*. The first and second columns of *cont* correspond to the x- and y-coordinates of the contour.

Return type ndarray or list of K ndarrays of shape (J,2)

dclab.features.bright.**get_bright**(*mask*, *image*, *ret_data='avg*, *sd'*)
Compute avg and/or std of the event brightness

The event brightness is defined by the gray-scale values of the image data within the event mask area.

Parameters

- **mask** (*ndarray or list of ndarrays of shape (M,N) and dtype bool*) – The mask values, True where the event is located in *image*.
- **image** (*ndarray or list of ndarrays of shape (M,N)*) – A 2D array that holds the image in form of grayscale values of an event.
- **ret_data** (*str*) – A comma-separated list of metrices to compute - "avg": compute the average - "sd": compute the standard deviation Selected metrics are returned in alphabetical order.

Returns

- **bright_avg** (*float or ndarray of size N*) – Average image data within the contour
- **bright_std** (*float or ndarray of size N*) – Standard deviation of image data within the contour

dclab.features.inert_ratio.**get_inert_ratio_cvx**(*cont*)
Compute the inertia ratio of the convex hull of a contour

The inertia ratio is computed from the central second order of moments along x (mu20) and y (mu02) via *sqrt(mu20/mu02)*.

Parameters **cont** (*ndarray or list of ndarrays of shape (N,2)*) – A 2D array that holds the contour of an event (in pixels) e.g. obtained using *mm.contour* where *mm* is an instance of *RTDCBase*. The first and second columns of *cont* correspond to the x- and y-coordinates of the contour.

Returns **inert_ratio_cvx** – The inertia ratio of the contour's convex hull

Return type float or ndarray of size N

Notes

The contour moments mu20 and mu02 are computed the same way they are computed in OpenCV's *moments.cpp*.

See also:

get_inert_ratio_raw() Compute inertia ratio of a raw contour

References

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image_moment#Central_moments
- https://github.com/opencv/opencv/blob/f81370232a651bdac5042efe907bcaa50a66c487/modules/imgproc/src/moments.cpp#L93

dclab.features.inert_ratio.**get_inert_ratio_raw**(*cont*)

Compute the inertia ratio of a contour

The inertia ratio is computed from the central second order of moments along x (mu20) and y (mu02) via *sqrt(mu20/mu02)*.

Parameters **cont** (*ndarray or list of ndarrays of shape (N,2)*) – A 2D array that holds the contour of an event (in pixels) e.g. obtained using *mm.contour* where *mm* is an instance of *RTDCBase*. The first and second columns of *cont* correspond to the x- and y-coordinates of the contour.

Returns **inert_ratio_raw** – The inertia ratio of the contour

Return type float or ndarray of size N

Notes

The contour moments mu20 and mu02 are computed the same way they are computed in OpenCV's *moments.cpp*.

See also:

get_inert_ratio_cvx() Compute inertia ratio of the convex hull of a contour

References

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image_moment#Central_moments
- https://github.com/opencv/opencv/blob/f81370232a651bdac5042efe907bcaa50a66c487/modules/imgproc/src/moments.cpp#L93

dclab.features.volume.**get_volume**(*cont*, *pos_x*, *pos_y*, *pix*)

Calculate the volume of a polygon revolved around an axis

The volume estimation assumes rotational symmetry. Green's theorem and the Gaussian divergence theorem allow to formulate the volume as a line integral.

Parameters

- **cont** (*ndarray or list of ndarrays of shape (N,2)*) – A 2D array that holds the contour of an event [px] e.g. obtained using *mm.contour* where *mm* is an instance of *RTDCBase*. The first and second columns of *cont* correspond to the x- and y-coordinates of the contour.
- **pos_x** (*float or ndarray of length N*) – The x coordinate(s) of the centroid of the event(s) [µm] e.g. obtained using *mm.pos_x*
- **pos_y** (*float or ndarray of length N*) – The y coordinate(s) of the centroid of the event(s) [µm] e.g. obtained using *mm.pos_y*
- **px_um** (*float*) – The detector pixel size in µm. e.g. obtained using: *mm.config["image"]["pix size"]*

Returns **volume** – volume in um^3

Return type float or ndarray

Notes

The computation of the volume is based on a full rotation of the upper and the lower halves of the contour from which the average is then used.

The volume is computed radially from the the center position given by (*pos_x*, *pos_y*). For sufficiently smooth contours, such as densely sampled ellipses, the center position does not play an important role. For contours that are given on a coarse grid, as is the case for RT-DC, the center position must be given.

References

- Halpern et al. [HWT02], chapter 5, Section 5.4
- This is a translation from a Matlab script by Geoff Olynyk.

emodulus

Computation of apparent Young's modulus for RT-DC measurements

exception dclab.features.emodulus.**KnowWhatYouAreDoingWarning**

exception dclab.features.emodulus.**YoungsModulusLookupTableExceededWarning**

dclab.features.emodulus.**extrapolate_emodulus**(*lut*, *datax*, *deform*, *emod*, *deform_norm*, *deform_thresh=0.05*, *inplace=True*)

Use spline interpolation to fill in nan-values

When points (*datax*, *deform*) are outside the convex hull of the lut, then `scipy.interpolate.griddata()` returns nan-valules.

With this function, some of these nan-values are extrapolated using `scipy.interpolate.SmoothBivariateSpline`. The supported extrapolation values are currently limited to those where the deformation is above 0.05.

A warning will be issued, because this is not really recommended.

Parameters

- **lut** (*ndarray of shape (N, 3)*) – The normalized (!! see *normalize()*) LUT (first axis is points, second axis enumerates datax, deform, and emodulus)
- **datax** (*ndarray of size N*) – The normalized x data (corresponding to *lut[:, 0]*)
- **deform** (*ndarray of size N*) – The normalized deform (corresponding to *lut[:, 1]*)
- **emod** (*ndarray of size N*) – The emodulus (corresponding to *lut[:, 2]*); If *emod* does not contain nan-values, there is nothing to do here.
- **deform_norm** (*float*) – The normalization value used to normalize *lut[:, 1]* and *deform*.
- **deform_thresh** (*float*) – Not the entire LUT is used for bivariate spline interpolation. Only the points where *lut[:, 1] > deform_thresh/deform_norm* are used. This is necessary, because for small deformations, the LUT has an extreme slope that kills any meaningful spline interpolation.

dclab.features.emodulus.**get_emodulus**(*area_um=None*, *deform=None*, *volume=None*, *medium='CellCarrier'*, *channel_width=20.0*, *flow_rate=0.16*, *px_um=0.34*, *temperature=23.0*, *lut_data='FEM-2Daxis'*, *extrapolate=False*, *copy=True*)

Compute apparent Young's modulus using a look-up table

Parameters

- **area_um** (*float or ndarray*) – Apparent (2D image) area [µm^2] of the event(s)
- **deform** (*float or ndarray*) – Deformation (1-circularity) of the event(s)
- **volume** (*float or ndarray*) – Apparent volume of the event(s). It is not possible to define *volume* and *area_um* at the same time (makes no sense).

  New in version 0.25.0.
- **medium** (*str or float*) – The medium to compute the viscosity for. If a string is given, the viscosity is computed. If a float is given, this value is used as the viscosity in mPa*s (Note that *temperature* must be set to None in this case).
- **channel_width** (*float*) – The channel width [µm]
- **flow_rate** (*float*) – Flow rate [µL/s]
- **px_um** (*float*) – The detector pixel size [µm] used for pixelation correction. Set to zero to disable.
- **temperature** (*float, ndarray, or None*) – Temperature [°C] of the event(s)

- **lut_data** (*path, str, or tuple of (np.ndarray of shape (N, 3), dict)*) – The LUT data to use. If it is a key in *INTERNAL_LUTS*, then the respective LUT will be used. Otherwise, a path to a file on disk or a tuple (LUT array, meta data) is possible. The LUT meta data is used to check whether the given features (e.g. *area_um* and *deform*) are valid interpolation choices.

  New in version 0.25.0.

- **extrapolate** (*bool*) – Perform extrapolation using *extrapolate_emodulus()*. This is discouraged!
- **copy** (*bool*) – Copy input arrays. If set to false, input arrays are overridden.

Returns **elasticity** – Apparent Young's modulus in kPa

Return type float or ndarray

Notes

- The look-up table used was computed with finite elements methods according to [MMM+17] and complemented with analytical isoelastics from [MOG+15]. The original simulation results are available on figshare [WMM+20].
- The computation of the Young's modulus takes into account a correction for the viscosity (medium, channel width, flow rate, and temperature) [MOG+15] and a correction for pixelation for the deformation which were derived from a (pixelated) image [Her17].
- Note that while deformation is pixelation-corrected, area_um and volume are scaled to match the LUT data. This is somewhat fortunate, because we don't have to worry about the order of applying pixelation correction and scale conversion.
- By using external LUTs, it is possible to interpolate on the volume-deformation plane. This feature was added in version 0.25.0.

See also:

dclab.features.emodulus.viscosity.get_viscosity() compute viscosity for known media

dclab.features.emodulus.**load_lut**(*lut_data='FEM-2Daxis'*)

Load LUT data from disk

Parameters **lut_data** (*path, str, or tuple of (np.ndarray of shape (N, 3), dict)*) – The LUT data to use. If it is a key in *INTERNAL_LUTS*, then the respective LUT will be used. Otherwise, a path to a file on disk or a tuple (LUT array, meta data) is possible.

Returns

- **lut** (*np.ndarray of shape (N, 3)*) – The LUT data for interpolation
- **meta** (*dict*) – The LUT metadata

Notes

If lut_data is a tuple of (lut, meta), then nothing is actually done (this is implemented for user convenience).

dclab.features.emodulus.**load_mtext**(*path*)

Load colunm-based data from text files with metadata

This file format is used for isoelasticity lines and look-up table data in dclab.

The text file is loaded with *numpy.loadtxt*. The metadata are stored as a json task between the "BEGIN METADATA" and the "END METADATA" tags. The last comment (#) line before the actual data defines the features with units in square brackets and tab-separated. For instance:

> # [...] # # BEGIN METADATA # { # "authors": "A. Mietke, C. Herold, J. Guck", # "channel_width": 20.0, # "channel_width_unit": "um", # "date": "2018-01-30", # "dimensionality": "2Daxis", # "flow_rate": 0.04, # "flow_rate_unit": "uL/s", # "fluid_viscosity": 15.0, # "fluid_viscosity_unit": "mPa s", # "method": "analytical", # "model": "linear elastic", # "publication": "https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bpj.2015.09.006", # "software": "custom Matlab code", # "summary": "2D-axis-symmetric analytical solution" # } # END METADATA # # [...] # # area_um [um^2] deform emodulus [kPa] 3.75331e+00 5.14496e-03 9.30000e-01 4.90368e+00 6.72683e-03 9.30000e-01 6.05279e+00 8.30946e-03 9.30000e-01 7.20064e+00 9.89298e-03 9.30000e-01 [...]

dclab.features.emodulus.**normalize**(*data*, *dmax*)
Perform normalization in-place for interpolation

Note that `scipy.interpolate.griddata()` has a *rescale* option which rescales the data onto the unit cube. For some reason this does not work well with LUT data, so we just normalize it by dividing by the maximum value.

dclab.features.emodulus.**INACCURATE_SPLINE_EXTRAPOLATION = False**
Set this to True to globally enable spline extrapolation when the *area_um/deform* data are outside of a LUT. This is discouraged and a *KnowWhatYouAreDoingWarning* warning will be issued.

dclab.features.emodulus.**INTERNAL_LUTS = {'FEM-2Daxis': 'emodulus_lut.txt'}**
Dictionary of look-up tables shipped with dclab.

Pixelation correction definitions

dclab.features.emodulus.pxcorr.**corr_deform_with_area_um**(*area_um*, *px_um=0.34*)
Deformation correction for area_um-deform data

The contour in RT-DC measurements is computed on a pixelated grid. Due to sampling problems, the measured deformation is overestimated and must be corrected.

The correction formula is described in [Her17].

Parameters

- **area_um** (*float or ndarray*) – Apparent (2D image) area in µm^2 of the event(s)
- **px_um** (*float*) – The detector pixel size in µm.

Returns **deform_delta** – Error of the deformation of the event(s) that must be subtracted from *deform*. deform_corr = deform - deform_delta

Return type float or ndarray

dclab.features.emodulus.pxcorr.**corr_deform_with_volume**(*volume*, *px_um=0.34*)
Deformation correction for volume-deform data

The contour in RT-DC measurements is computed on a pixelated grid. Due to sampling problems, the measured deformation is overestimated and must be corrected.

The correction is derived in scripts/pixelation_correction.py.

Parameters

- **volume** (*float or ndarray*) – The "volume" feature (rotation of raw contour) [µm^3]
- **px_um** (*float*) – The detector pixel size in µm.

Returns **deform_delta** – Error of the deformation of the event(s) that must be subtracted from *deform*. deform_corr = deform - deform_delta

Return type float or ndarray

dclab.features.emodulus.pxcorr.**get_pixelation_delta**(*feat_corr*, *feat_absc*, *data_absc*, *px_um=0.34*)

Convenience function for obtaining pixelation correction

Parameters

- **feat_corr** (*str*) – Feature for which to compute the pixelation correction (e.g. "deform")
- **feat_absc** (*str*) – Feature with which to compute the correction (e.g. "area_um");
- **data_absc** (*ndarray or float*) – Corresponding data for *feat_absc*
- **px_um** (*float*) – Detector pixel size [µm]

dclab.features.emodulus.pxcorr.**get_pixelation_delta_pair**(*feat1*, *feat2*, *data1*, *data2*, *px_um=0.34*)

Convenience function that returns pixelation correction pair

Scale conversion applicable to a linear elastic model

dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear.**convert**(*area_um*, *deform*, *channel_width_in*, *channel_width_out*, *emodulus=None*, *flow_rate_in=None*, *flow_rate_out=None*, *viscosity_in=None*, *viscosity_out=None*, *inplace=False*)

convert area-deformation-emodulus triplet

The conversion formula is described in [MOG+15].

Parameters

- **area_um** (*ndarray*) – Convex cell area [µm^2]
- **deform** (*ndarray*) – Deformation
- **channel_width_in** (*float*) – Original channel width [µm]
- **channel_width_out** (*float*) – Target channel width [µm]
- **emodulus** (*ndarray*) – Young's Modulus [kPa]
- **flow_rate_in** (*float*) – Original flow rate [µL/s]
- **flow_rate_out** (*float*) – Target flow rate [µL/s]
- **viscosity_in** (*float*) – Original viscosity [mPa*s]
- **viscosity_out** (*float or ndarray*) – Target viscosity [mPa*s]; This can be an array
- **inplace** (*bool*) – If True, override input arrays with corrected data

Returns

- **area_um_corr** (*ndarray*) – Corrected cell area [µm^2]
- **deform_corr** (*ndarray*) – Deformation (a copy if *inplace* is False)
- **emodulus_corr** (*ndarray*) – Corrected emodulus [kPa]; only returned if *emodulus* is given.

Notes

If only *area_um*, *deform*, *channel_width_in* and *channel_width_out* are given, then only the area is corrected and returned together with the original deform. If all other arguments are not set to None, the emodulus is corrected and returned as well.

dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear.**scale_area_um**(*area_um*, *channel_width_in*, *channel_width_out*, *inplace=False*, ***kwargs*)

Perform scale conversion for area_um (linear elastic model)

The area scales with the characteristic length "channel radius" L according to $(L'/L)^2$.

The conversion formula is described in [MOG+15].

Parameters

- **area_um** (*ndarray*) – Convex area [µm^2]
- **channel_width_in** (*float*) – Original channel width [µm]
- **channel_width_out** (*float*) – Target channel width [µm]
- **inplace** (*bool*) – If True, override input arrays with corrected data
- **kwargs** – not used

Returns **area_um_corr** – Scaled area [µm^2]

Return type ndarray

dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear.**scale_emodulus**(*emodulus*, *channel_width_in*, *channel_width_out*, *flow_rate_in*, *flow_rate_out*, *viscosity_in*, *viscosity_out*, *inplace=False*)

Perform scale conversion for area_um (linear elastic model)

The conversion formula is described in [MOG+15].

Parameters

- **emodulus** (*ndarray*) – Young's Modulus [kPa]
- **channel_width_in** (*float*) – Original channel width [µm]
- **channel_width_out** (*float*) – Target channel width [µm]
- **flow_rate_in** (*float*) – Original flow rate [µL/s]
- **flow_rate_out** (*float*) – Target flow rate [µL/s]
- **viscosity_in** (*float*) – Original viscosity [mPa*s]
- **viscosity_out** (*float or ndarray*) – Target viscosity [mPa*s]; This can be an array
- **inplace** (*bool*) – If True, override input arrays with corrected data

Returns **emodulus_corr** – Scaled emodulus [kPa]

Return type ndarray

dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear.**scale_feature**(*feat*, *data*, *inplace=False*, ***scale_kw*)

Convenience function for scale conversions (linear elastic model)

This method wraps around all the other scale_* methods and also supports deform/circ.

Parameters

- **feat** (*str*) – Valid scalar feature name
- **data** (*float or ndarray*) – Feature data
- **inplace** (*bool*) – If True, override input arrays with corrected data
- ****scale_kw** – Scale keyword arguments for the wrapped methods

dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear.**scale_volume**(*volume*, *channel_width_in*, *channel_width_out*, *inplace=False*, ***kwargs*)

Perform scale conversion for volume (linear elastic model)

The volume scales with the characteristic length "channel radius" L according to (L'/L)^3.

Parameters

- **volume** (*ndarray*) – Volume [µm^3]
- **channel_width_in** (*float*) – Original channel width [µm]
- **channel_width_out** (*float*) – Target channel width [µm]
- **inplace** (*bool*) – If True, override input arrays with corrected data
- **kwargs** – not used

Returns **volume_corr** – Scaled volume [µm^3]

Return type ndarray

Viscosity computation for various media

exception dclab.features.emodulus.viscosity.**TemperatureOutOfRangeWarning**

dclab.features.emodulus.viscosity.**get_viscosity**(*medium='CellCarrier'*, *channel_width=20.0*, *flow_rate=0.16*, *temperature=23.0*)

Returns the viscosity for RT-DC-specific media

Media that are not pure (e.g. ketchup or polymer solutions) often exhibit a non-linear relationship between shear rate (determined by the velocity profile) and shear stress (determined by pressure differences). If the shear stress grows non-linearly with the shear rate resulting in a slope in log-log space that is less than one, then we are talking about shear thinning. The viscosity is not a constant anymore (as it is e.g. for water). At higher flow rates, the viscosity becomes smaller, following a power law. Christoph Herold characterized shear thinning for the CellCarrier media [Her17]. The resulting formulae for computing the viscosities of these media at different channel widths, flow rates, and temperatures, are implemented here.

Parameters

- **medium** (*str*) – The medium to compute the viscosity for; Valid values are defined in *KNOWN_MEDIA*.
- **channel_width** (*float*) – The channel width in µm
- **flow_rate** (*float*) – Flow rate in µL/s
- **temperature** (*float or ndarray*) – Temperature in °C

Returns **viscosity** – Viscosity in mPa*s

Return type float or ndarray

Notes

- CellCarrier and CellCarrier B media are optimized for RT-DC measurements.
- Values for the viscosity of water are computed using equation (15) from [KSW78].
- A *TemperatureOutOfRangeWarning* is issued if the input temperature range exceeds the temperature ranges given by [Her17] and [KSW78].

dclab.features.emodulus.viscosity.**KNOWN_MEDIA = ['CellCarrier', 'CellCarrierB', 'water']**
Media for which computation of viscosity is defined

fluorescence

dclab.features.fl_crosstalk.**correct_crosstalk**(*fl1*, *fl2*, *fl3*, *fl_channel*, *ct21=0*, *ct31=0*, *ct12=0*, *ct32=0*, *ct13=0*, *ct23=0*)
Perform crosstalk correction

Parameters

- **fli** (*int, float, or np.ndarray*) – Measured fluorescence signals
- **fl_channel** (*int (1, 2, or 3)*) – The channel number for which the crosstalk-corrected signal should be computed
- **cij** (*float*) – Spill (crosstalk or bleed-through) from channel i to channel j This spill is computed from the fluorescence signal of e.g. single-stained positive control cells; It is defined by the ratio of the fluorescence signals of the two channels, i.e cij = flj / fli.

See also:

get_compensation_matrix() compute the inverse crosstalk matrix

Notes

If there are only two channels (e.g. fl1 and fl2), then the crosstalk to and from the other channel (ct31, ct32, ct13, ct23) should be set to zero.

dclab.features.fl_crosstalk.**get_compensation_matrix**(*ct21*, *ct31*, *ct12*, *ct32*, *ct13*, *ct23*)
Compute crosstalk inversion matrix

The spillover matrix is

| c11 c12 c13 |
| c21 c22 c23 |
| c31 c32 c33 |

The diagonal elements are set to 1, i.e.

ct11 = c22 = c33 = 1

Parameters **cij** (*float*) – Spill from channel i to channel j

Returns **inv** – Compensation matrix (inverted spillover matrix)

Return type np.ndarray

5.4.3 isoelastics

Isoelastics management

exception dclab.isoelastics.**IsoelasticsEmodulusMeaninglessWarning**

class dclab.isoelastics.**Isoelastics**(*paths=[]*)

Isoelasticity line management

Changed in version 0.24.0: The isoelasticity lines of the analytical model [MOG+15] and the linear-elastic numerical model [MMM+17] were recomputed with an equidistant spacing. The metadata section of the text file format was restructured.

add(*isoel*, *col1*, *col2*, *channel_width*, *flow_rate*, *viscosity*, *method*)

Add isoelastics

Parameters

- **isoel** (*list of ndarrays*) – Each list item resembles one isoelastic line stored as an array of shape (N,3). The last column contains the emodulus data.
- **col1** (*str*) – Name of the first feature of all isoelastics (e.g. isoel[0][:,0])
- **col2** (*str*) – Name of the second feature of all isoelastics (e.g. isoel[0][:,1])
- **channel_width** (*float*) – Channel width in µm
- **flow_rate** (*float*) – Flow rate through the channel in µL/s
- **viscosity** (*float*) – Viscosity of the medium in mPa*s
- **method** (*str*) – The method used to compute the isoelastics (must be one of *VALID_METHODS*).

Notes

The following isoelastics are automatically added for user convenience:

- isoelastics with *col1* and *col2* interchanged
- isoelastics for circularity if deformation was given

static add_px_err(*isoel*, *col1*, *col2*, *px_um*, *inplace=False*)

Undo pixelation correction

Since isoelasticity lines are usually computed directly from the simulation data (e.g. the contour data are not discretized on a grid but are extracted from FEM simulations), they are not affected by pixelation effects as described in [Her17].

If the isoelasticity lines are displayed alongside experimental data (which are affected by pixelation effects), then the lines must be "un"-corrected, i.e. the pixelation error must be added to the lines to match the experimental data.

Parameters

- **isoel** (*list of 2d ndarrays of shape (N, 3)*) – Each item in the list corresponds to one isoelasticity line. The first column is defined by *col1*, the second by *col2*, and the third column is the emodulus.
- **col2** (*col1,*) – Define the fist two columns of each isoelasticity line.
- **px_um** (*float*) – Pixel size [µm]

static convert(*isoel*, *col1*, *col2*, *channel_width_in*, *channel_width_out*, *flow_rate_in*, *flow_rate_out*, *viscosity_in*, *viscosity_out*, *inplace=False*)
Perform isoelastics scale conversion

Parameters

- **isoel** (*list of 2d ndarrays of shape (N, 3)*) – Each item in the list corresponds to one isoelasticity line. The first column is defined by *col1*, the second by *col2*, and the third column is the emodulus.
- **col2** (*col1,*) – Define the fist to columns of each isoelasticity line. One of ["area_um", "circ", "deform"]
- **channel_width_in** (*float*) – Original channel width [µm]
- **channel_width_out** (*float*) – Target channel width [µm]
- **flow_rate_in** (*float*) – Original flow rate [µL/s]
- **flow_rate_out** (*float*) – Target flow rate [µL/s]
- **viscosity_in** (*float*) – Original viscosity [mPa*s]
- **viscosity_out** (*float*) – Target viscosity [mPa*s]

Returns **isoel_scale** – The scale-converted isoelasticity lines.

Return type list of 2d ndarrays of shape (N, 3)

Notes

If only the positions of the isoelastics are of interest and not the value of the elastic modulus, then it is sufficient to supply values for the channel width and set the values for flow rate and viscosity to a constant (e.g. 1).

See also:

dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear.scale_feature() scale conversion method used

get(*col1*, *col2*, *method*, *channel_width*, *flow_rate=None*, *viscosity=None*, *add_px_err=False*, *px_um=None*)
Get isoelastics

Parameters

- **col1** (*str*) – Name of the first feature of all isoelastics (e.g. isoel[0][:,0])
- **col2** (*str*) – Name of the second feature of all isoelastics (e.g. isoel[0][:,1])
- **method** (*str*) – The method used to compute the isoelastics (must be one of *VALID_METHODS*).
- **channel_width** (*float*) – Channel width in µm
- **flow_rate** (float or *None*) – Flow rate through the channel in µL/s. If set to *None*, the flow rate of the imported data will be used (only do this if you do not need the correct values for elastic moduli).
- **viscosity** (float or *None*) – Viscosity of the medium in mPa*s. If set to *None*, the flow rate of the imported data will be used (only do this if you do not need the correct values for elastic moduli).

- **add_px_err** (*bool*) – If True, add pixelation errors according to C. Herold (2017), https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.00572 and scripts/pixelation_correction.py
- **px_um** (*float*) – Pixel size [µm], used for pixelation error computation

See also:

dclab.features.emodulus.scale_linear.scale_feature() scale conversion method used

dclab.features.emodulus.pxcorr.get_pixelation_delta() pixelation correction (applied to the feature data)

get_with_rtdcbase(*col1*, *col2*, *method*, *dataset*, *viscosity=None*, *add_px_err=False*)
Convenience method that extracts the metadata from RTDCBase

Parameters

- **col1** (*str*) – Name of the first feature of all isoelastics (e.g. isoel[0][:,0])
- **col2** (*str*) – Name of the second feature of all isoelastics (e.g. isoel[0][:,1])
- **method** (*str*) – The method used to compute the isoelastics (must be one of *VALID_METHODS*).
- **dataset** (dclab.rtdc_dataset.RTDCBase) – The dataset from which to obtain the metadata.
- **viscosity** (float, *None*, or False) – Viscosity of the medium in mPa*s. If set to *None*, the viscosity is computed from the meta data (medium, flow rate, channel width, temperature) in the [setup] config section. If this is not possible, the flow rate of the imported data is used and a warning will be issued.
- **add_px_err** (*bool*) – If True, add pixelation errors according to C. Herold (2017), https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.00572 and scripts/pixelation_correction.py

load_data(*path*)
Load isoelastics from a text file

Parameters **path** (*str*) – Path to an isoelasticity lines text file

class dclab.isoelastics.**IsoelasticsDict**

dclab.isoelastics.**get_default**()
Return default isoelasticity lines

5.4.4 kde_contours

dclab.kde_contours.**find_contours_level**(*density*, *x*, *y*, *level*, *closed=False*)
Find iso-valued density contours for a given level value

Parameters

- **density** (*2d ndarray of shape (M, N)*) – Kernel density estimate for which to compute the contours
- **x** (*2d ndarray of shape (M, N) or 1d ndarray of size M*) – X-values corresponding to *density*
- **y** (*2d ndarray of shape (M, N) or 1d ndarray of size M*) – Y-values corresponding to *density*

- **level** (*float between 0 and 1*) – Value along which to find contours in *density* relative to its maximum

Returns **contours** – Contours found for the given level value

Return type list of ndarrays of shape (P, 2)

See also:

skimage.measure.find_contours() Contour finding algorithm used

dclab.kde_contours.**get_quantile_levels**(*density*, *x*, *y*, *xp*, *yp*, *q*, *normalize=True*)
Compute density levels for given quantiles by interpolation

For a given 2D density, compute the density levels at which the resulting contours contain the fraction *1-q* of all data points. E.g. for a measurement of 1000 events, all contours at the level corresponding to a quantile of *q=0.95* (95th percentile) contain 50 events (5%).

Parameters

- **density** (*2d ndarray of shape (M, N)*) – Kernel density estimate for which to compute the contours
- **x** (*2d ndarray of shape (M, N) or 1d ndarray of size M*) – X-values corresponding to *density*
- **y** (*2d ndarray of shape (M, N) or 1d ndarray of size M*) – Y-values corresponding to *density*
- **xp** (*1d ndarray of size D*) – Event x-data from which to compute the quantile
- **yp** (*1d ndarray of size D*) – Event y-data from which to compute the quantile
- **q** (*array_like or float between 0 and 1*) – Quantile along which to find contours in *density* relative to its maximum
- **normalize** (*bool*) – Whether output levels should be normalized to the maximum of *density*

Returns **level** – Contours level(s) corresponding to the given quantile

Return type np.ndarray or float

Notes

NaN-values events in *xp* and *yp* are ignored.

5.4.5 kde_methods

Kernel Density Estimation methods

dclab.kde_methods.**bin_num_doane**(*a*)
Compute number of bins based on Doane's formula

Notes

If the bin width cannot be determined, then a bin number of 5 is returned.

See also:

bin_width_doane() method used to compute the bin width

dclab.kde_methods.**bin_width_doane**(*a*)
Compute contour spacing based on Doane's formula

References

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Histogram#Number_of_bins_and_width
- https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/55134/doanes-formula-for-histogram-binning

Notes

Doane's formula is actually designed for histograms. This function is kept here for backwards-compatibility reasons. It is highly recommended to use *bin_width_percentile()* instead.

dclab.kde_methods.**bin_width_percentile**(*a*)
Compute contour spacing based on data percentiles

The 10th and the 90th percentile of the input data are taken. The spacing then computes to the difference between those two percentiles divided by 23.

Notes

The Freedman–Diaconis rule uses the interquartile range and normalizes to the third root of len(a). Such things do not work very well for RT-DC data, because len(a) is huge. Here we use just the top and bottom 10th percentiles with a fixed normalization.

dclab.kde_methods.**get_bad_vals**(*x*, *y*)

dclab.kde_methods.**ignore_nan_inf**(*kde_method*)
Ignores nans and infs from the input data

Invalid positions in the resulting density are set to nan.

dclab.kde_methods.**kde_gauss**(*events_x*, *events_y*, *xout=None*, *yout=None*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
Gaussian Kernel Density Estimation

Parameters

- **events_y** (*events_x,*) – The input points for kernel density estimation. Input is flattened automatically.
- **yout** (*xout,*) – The coordinates at which the KDE should be computed. If set to none, input coordinates are used.

Returns **density** – The KDE for the points in (xout, yout)

Return type ndarray, same shape as *xout*

See also:

scipy.stats.gaussian_kde

Notes

This is a wrapped version that ignores nan and inf values.

dclab.kde_methods.**kde_histogram**(*events_x*, *events_y*, *xout=None*, *yout=None*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
Histogram-based Kernel Density Estimation

Parameters

- **events_y** (*events_x,*) – The input points for kernel density estimation. Input is flattened automatically.
- **yout** (*xout,*) – The coordinates at which the KDE should be computed. If set to none, input coordinates are used.
- **bins** (*tuple (binsx, binsy)*) – The number of bins to use for the histogram.

Returns **density** – The KDE for the points in (xout, yout)

Return type ndarray, same shape as *xout*

See also:

numpy.histogram2d scipy.interpolate.RectBivariateSpline

Notes

This is a wrapped version that ignores nan and inf values.

dclab.kde_methods.**kde_multivariate**(*events_x*, *events_y*, *xout=None*, *yout=None*, **args*, ***kwargs*)
Multivariate Kernel Density Estimation

Parameters

- **events_y** (*events_x,*) – The input points for kernel density estimation. Input is flattened automatically.
- **bw** (*tuple (bwx, bwy) or None*) – The bandwith for kernel density estimation.
- **yout** (*xout,*) – The coordinates at which the KDE should be computed. If set to none, input coordinates are used.

Returns **density** – The KDE for the points in (xout, yout)

Return type ndarray, same shape as *xout*

See also:

statsmodels.nonparametric.kernel_density.KDEMultivariate

Notes

This is a wrapped version that ignores nan and inf values.

dclab.kde_methods.**kde_none**(*events_x*, *events_y*, *xout=None*, *yout=None*)
No Kernel Density Estimation

Parameters

- **events_y** (*events_x,*) – The input points for kernel density estimation. Input is flattened automatically.

- **yout** (*xout,*) – The coordinates at which the KDE should be computed. If set to none, input coordinates are used.

Returns **density** – The KDE for the points in (xout, yout)

Return type ndarray, same shape as *xout*

Notes

This method is a convenience method that always returns ones in the shape that the other methods in this module produce.

5.4.6 polygon_filter

exception dclab.polygon_filter.**FilterIdExistsWarning**

exception dclab.polygon_filter.**PolygonFilterError**

class dclab.polygon_filter.**PolygonFilter**(*axes=None*, *points=None*, *inverted=False*, *name=None*, *filename=None*, *fileid=0*, *unique_id=None*)

An object for filtering RTDC data based on a polygonial area

Parameters

- **axes** (*tuple of str*) – The axes/features on which the polygon is defined. The first axis is the x-axis. Example: ("area_um", "deform").
- **points** (*array-like object of shape (N,2)*) – The N coordinates (x,y) of the polygon. The exact order is important.
- **inverted** (*bool*) – Invert the polygon filter. This parameter is overridden if *filename* is given.
- **name** (*str*) – A name for the polygon (optional).
- **filename** (*str*) – A path to a .poly file as create by this classes' *save* method. If *filename* is given, all other parameters are ignored.
- **fileid** (*int*) – Which filter to import from the file (starting at 0).
- **unique_id** (*int*) – An integer defining the unique id of the new instance.

Notes

The minimal arguments to this class are either *filename* OR (*axes*, *points*). If *filename* is set, all parameters are taken from the given .poly file.

static clear_all_filters()
Remove all filters and reset instance counter

copy(*invert=False*)
Return a copy of the current instance

Parameters **invert** (*bool*) – The copy will be inverted w.r.t. the original

filter(*datax*, *datay*)
Filter a set of datax and datay according to *self.points*

static get_instance_from_id(*unique_id*)
Get an instance of the *PolygonFilter* using a unique id

static import_all(*path*)
Import all polygons from a .poly file.

Returns a list of the imported polygon filters

static instace_exists(*unique_id*)
Determine whether an instance with this unique id exists

static point_in_poly(*p*, *poly*)
Determine whether a point is within a polygon area

Uses the ray casting algorithm.

Parameters

- **p** (*tuple of floats*) – Coordinates of the point
- **poly** (*array_like of shape (N, 2)*) – Polygon (*PolygonFilter.points*)

Returns **inside** – *True*, if point is inside.

Return type bool

Notes

If *p* lies on a side of the polygon, it is defined as

- "inside" if it is on the lower or left
- "outside" if it is on the top or right

Changed in version 0.24.1: The new version uses the cython implementation from scikit-image. In the old version, the inside/outside definition was the other way around. In favor of not having to modify upstram code, the scikit-image version was adapted.

static remove(*unique_id*)
Remove a polygon filter from *PolygonFilter.instances*

save(*polyfile*, *ret_fobj=False*)
Save all data to a text file (appends data if file exists).

Polyfile can be either a path to a file or a file object that was opened with the write "w" parameter. By using the file object, multiple instances of this class can write their data.

If *ret_fobj* is *True*, then the file object will not be closed and returned.

static save_all(*polyfile*)
Save all polygon filters

static unique_id_exists(*pid*)
Whether or not a filter with this unique id exists

hash
Hash of *axes*, *points*, and *inverted*

instances = []

points

dclab.polygon_filter.**get_polygon_filter_names**()
Get the names of all polygon filters in the order of creation

5.4.7 statistics

Statistics computation for RT-DC dataset instances

exception dclab.statistics.**BadMethodWarning**

class dclab.statistics.**Statistics**(*name*, *method*, *req_feature=False*)
A helper class for computing statistics

All statistical methods are registered in the dictionary *Statistics.available_methods*.

get_feature(*ds*, *feat*)
Return filtered feature data

The features are filtered according to the user-defined filters, using the information in *ds.filter.all*. In addition, all *nan* and *inf* values are purged.

Parameters

- **ds** (dclab.rtdc_dataset.RTDCBase) – The dataset containing the feature
- **feat** (*str*) – The name of the feature; must be a scalar feature

available_methods = {'%-gated': <dclab.statistics.Statistics object>, 'Events': <dcla

dclab.statistics.**flow_rate**(*ds*)
Return the flow rate of an RT-DC dataset

dclab.statistics.**get_statistics**(*ds*, *methods=None*, *features=None*)
Compute statistics for an RT-DC dataset

Parameters

- **ds** (dclab.rtdc_dataset.RTDCBase) – The dataset for which to compute the statistics.
- **methods** (*list of str or None*) – The methods wih which to compute the statistics. The list of available methods is given with *dclab.statistics.Statistics.available_methods.keys()* If set to *None*, statistics for all methods are computed.
- **features** (*list of str*) – Feature name identifiers are defined by *dclab.definitions.feature_exists*. If set to *None*, statistics for all scalar features available are computed.

Returns

- **header** (*list of str*) – The header (feature + method names) of the computed statistics.
- **values** (*list of float*) – The computed statistics.

dclab.statistics.**mode**(*data*)
Compute an intelligent value for the mode

The most common value in experimental is not very useful if there are a lot of digits after the comma. This method approaches this issue by rounding to bin size that is determined by the Freedman–Diaconis rule.

Parameters **data** (*1d ndarray*) – The data for which the mode should be computed.

Returns **mode** – The mode computed with the Freedman-Diaconis rule.

Return type float

CHAPTER 6

Changelog

List of changes in-between dclab releases.

6.1 version 0.27.8

- docs: add more information on emodulus computation
- docs: add script for visualizing emodulus LUTs

6.2 version 0.27.7

- ref: replace deprecated .tostring() with .tobytes()

6.3 version 0.27.6

- fix: video seek issue workaround also for the first 100 frames
- cli: also skip the final event in tdms2rtdc if the image is empty
- cli: renamed kwarg *–include-initial-empty-image* to *include-empty-boundary-images*
- enh: improve detection and recovery of missing images for fmt_tdms

6.4 version 0.27.5

- maintenance build

6.5 version 0.27.4

- maintenance build

6.6 version 0.27.3

- fix: ignore ResourceWarning due to unknown _io.BufferedReader in third-party software when converting .tdms to .rtdc

6.7 version 0.27.2

- maintenance build

6.8 version 0.27.1

- setup: bump imageio to 2.8.0 for Python>=3.4
- ref: removed NoImageWarning during export (warning is already issued by fmt_tdms.event_image)

6.9 version 0.27.0

- feat: introduce new feature names *ml_score_???* where *?* can be a digit or a lower-case letter of the alphabet (#77)
- feat: introduce new functions *dclab.definitions.feature_exists* and *dclab.definitions.scalar_feature_exists* for checking the existence of features (including the *ml_score_???* features which are not in *dclab.definitions.feature_names*)
- feat: introduce ancillary feature *ml_class* which is defined by the *ml_score_???* features
- enh: fmt_dict automatically converts scalar features to arrays
- ref: replace check for *dclab.definitions.feature_names* by *dclab.definitions.feature_exists* where applicable
- ref: replace access of *dclab.definitions.feature_name2label* by *dclab.definitions.get_feature_label* where applicable
- ref: do not automatically fill up all the box filtering ranges in *RTDCBase.config["filtering"]* with zeros; raise ValueError if user forgets to set both ranges
- docs: major revision (promote Shape-Out 2 and DCOR)

6.10 version 0.26.2

- fix: *kde_methods.bin_num_doane* now uses 5 as default if it ecounters nan or zero-division
- docs: updates related to Young's modulus computation

6.11 version 0.26.1

- enh: cache more online data in fmt_dcor
- enh: add *dclab.warn.PipelineWarning* which is used as a parent class for warnings that a user might be interested in
- fix: temperature warnings during emodulus computation revealed only the lower temperature limit of the data

6.12 version 0.26.0

- feat: implement volume-deformation isoelasticity lines (#70)
- fix: specifying an external LUT as ndarray did not work
- scripts: finish 'fem2iso_volume.py' for extracting volume- deformation isoelasticity lines
- scripts: add 'pixelation_correction.py' for visualizing pixelation effects on area_um, volume, and emodulus
- ref: renamed isoelasticity line text files

6.13 version 0.25.0

- fix: appending data to an hdf5 file results in a broken "index" feature (re-enumeration from 0), if the given dataset contains the "index_online" feature
- enh: allow to set external LUT files or LUT data when computing the Young's modulus with the *lut_data* keyword argument in *dclab.features.emodulus.get_emodulus*.
- ref: refactored *features.emodulus*: New submodules *pxcorr* and *scale_linear*; *convert* is deprecated in favor of *scale_feature*

6.14 version 0.24.8

- setup: include Python 3.8 builds and remove Python<=3.5 builds
- scripts: renamed 'extract_lut_and_iso.py' to 'fem2lutiso_std.py'

6.15 version 0.24.7

- fix: *ConfigurationDict.update* did not take into account invalid keys (everything is now done with (__setitem__')

6.16 version 0.24.6

- maintenance release

6.17 version 0.24.5

- maintenance release

6.18 version 0.24.4

- maintenance release

6.19 version 0.24.3

- fix: *ConfigurationDict.update* did not actually perform the requested update (does not affect *Configuration.update*)
- enh: also use points_in_polygon from scikit-image to determine contour levels

6.20 version 0.24.2

- build: import new skimage submodules so that PyInstaller will find and use them

6.21 version 0.24.1

- enh: improve polygon filter speed by roughly two orders of magnitude with a cython version taken from scikit-image; there are only minor differences to the old implementation (top right point included vs. lower left point included), so this is not a breaking change (#23)

6.22 version 0.24.0

- data: refurbished LUT for linear elastic spheres provided by Dominic Mokbel and Lucas Wittwer (based on the FEM simulation results from https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.12155064.v2); compared to the old LUT, there is a relative error in Young's modulus below 0.1 %, which should not cause any breaking changes
- data: updated isoelasticity lines (better spacing): analytical data was made available by Christoph Herold, numerical data was interpolated from the new LUT
- scripts: added 'scripts/extract_lut_and_iso.py' for extracting Young's modulus LUT and isoelastics from FEM simulation data provided by Lucas Wittwer; this is now the default method for extracting new LUTs and isoelastics
- scripts: added 'scripts/fem2rtdc.py' for generating in-silico .rtdc datasets from FEM simulation data provided by Lucas Wittwer
- fix: dclab-verify-dataset failed when the "logs" group was not present in HDF5 files
- fix: use predefined chunks when writing HDF5 data to avoid exploding file sizes when writing one event at a time
- fix: create a deep copy of the metadata dictionary when writing HDF5 data because it leaked to subsequent calls

- ref: changed the way isoelasticity lines and emodulus LUTs are stored and loaded (e.g. json metadata and a few more sanity checks)

6.23 version 0.23.0

- feat: enable emodulus extrapolation for *area_um*/*deform* values outside of the given LUT.

6.24 version 0.22.7

- enh: dclab-verify-dataset now also checks whether the sheath and sample flow rates add up to the channel flow rate
- ref: Configuration does not anymore load unknown meta data keyword arguments, but ignores them. This implies that dclab-verify-dataset will not anymore check them actively. Instead, any warning issued when opening a file is added to the list of cues.
- setup: bump nptdms to 0.23.0

6.25 version 0.22.6

- fix: data export to HDF5 did not work when the "frame rate" is not given in the configuration

6.26 version 0.22.5

- enh: add checks for valid keys in the Configuration dictionary of a dataset *RTDCBase().config*; unknown keys will issue an UnknownConfigurationKeyWarning (#58)
- ref: moved *rtdc_dataset.fmt_hdf5.UnknownKeyWarning* to *rtdc_dataset.config.UnknownConfigurationKeyWarning*
- ref: renamed *rtdc_dataset.config.CaseInsensitiveDict* to *rtdc_dataset.config.ConfigurationDict* and added option to check new keys

6.27 version 0.22.4

- fix: disable computation of Young's modulus for reservoir measurements (#75)
- enh: new keyword argument *req_func* for *AncillaryFeature* to define additional logic for checking whether a feature is available for a given instance of *RTDCBase*.

6.28 version 0.22.3

- enh: add *data* property to ICues (and use it when checking for compression)

6.29 version 0.22.2

- fix: when computing the contour from the mask image, always use the longest contour - critical when the mask image contains artefacts
- fix: minor issue with dclab-verify-dataset when nptdms was not installed and an exception occured
- enh: dclab-verify-dataset shows some info on data compression

6.30 version 0.22.1

- enh: remember working API Key
- docs: document DCOR format

6.31 version 0.22.0

- feat: implement DCOR client
- enh: improved .rtdc file format detection (with wrong extension)

6.32 version 0.21.2

- enh: dclab-verify-dataset now also checks HDF5 "mask" feature attributes
- setup: bump h5py to 2.10.0 (need *<object>.attrs.get_id*)

6.33 version 0.21.1

- fix: correct type of HDF5 image attributes for "mask" feature

6.34 version 0.21.0

- feat: implement new CLI dclab-repack
- fix: don't write "logs" group to HDF5 files if there aren't any
- fix: support HDF5 files that have no "logs" group
- docs: fix docstring of dclab-join

6.35 version 0.20.8

- fix: regression where old .tmds data could not be opened if they did not contain the "area_msd" feature
- fix: convert bytes logs to string in fmt_hdf5
- enh: support len(ds.logs) for fmt_hdf5

- enh: replace “info” by “build” in CLI job info

6.36 version 0.20.7

- fix: ensure file extension is .rtdc in dclab-join
- fix: correct “frame” and “index_online” features when exporting to hdf5
- enh: allow to set metadata dictionary in dclab.cli.join

6.37 version 0.20.6

- fix: typo in contour check resulted in small tolerance

6.38 version 0.20.5

- fix: be more trustful when it comes to contour data in the tdms file format; instead of raising errors, issue warnings (#72)

6.39 version 0.20.4

- ref: move integrity checks to new class check.IntegrityChecker
- docs: document remaining dictionaries in dclab.dfn

6.40 version 0.20.3

- docs: fix bad anchors

6.41 version 0.20.2

- ref: using temperature values outside the range for viscosity computation now issues a warning instead of raising an error; warnings were added for the CellCarrier buffers
- fix: handle number detection correctly in get_emodulus

6.42 version 0.20.1

- fix: always return an array when computing the KDE
- ref: make accessible static function RTDCBase.get_kde_spacing

6.43 version 0.20.0

- feat: compute elastic modulus from "temp" feature (#51)
- enh: computing isoelastics from datasets can use [setup]: "temperature" to compute the viscosity/emodulus (#51)
- enh: define new meta data key [setup]: "temperature"
- docs: add an advanced section on Young's modulus computation (#51)

6.44 version 0.19.1

- fix: hierarchy children did not pass *force* argument to hierarchy parent when *apply_filter* is called
- fix: revert histogram2d "density" argument to "normed" to support numpy 1.10 (Shape-Out 1)
- fix: implement unambiguous *RTDCBase.__repr__*

6.45 version 0.19.0

- feat: added better contour spacing computation based on percentiles (dclab.kde_methods.bin_width_percentile)
- feat: add feature "index_online" which may be missing values (#71)
- feat: implement __getstate__ and __setstate__ for polygon filters
- fix: write UTF-8 BOM when exporting to .tsv
- enh: add check whether unique_id exists in PolygonFilter

6.46 version 0.18.0

- fix: correctly handle filtering when features are removed from a dataset
- ref: move dclab.rtdc_dataset.util to dclab.util
- ref: minor cleanup in computation of viscosity (support lower-case *medum* values, add *dclab.features.emodulus_viscosity.KNOWN_MEDIA*)
- ref: cleanup dclab.rtdc_dataset.filter (use logical operators, correctly display nan-warning messages, keep track of polygon filters, add consistency checks, improve readability)

6.47 version 0.17.1

- maintenance release

6.48 version 0.17.0

- feat: add command line script for compressing HDF5 (.rtdc) data "dclab-compress"
- enh: record warnings under "/log" for all command line scripts
- enh: set gzip data compression for all command line scripts

6.49 version 0.16.1

- fix: circumvent UnicodeDecodeErrors which occured in frozen macOS binaries that use dclab
- enh: support subsecond accuracy in the the configuration key [experiment] time (e.g. "HH:MM:SS.SSS" instead of "HH:MM:SS")
- enh: store the correct, relative measurement time in dclab-join (#63)

6.50 version 0.16.0

- fix: RTDCBase.downsample_scatter with ret_mask=True did not return boolean array of len(RTDCBase) as indicated in the docs
- ref: remove RTDCBase._plot_filter, which was confusing anyway
- ref: deprecate usage of RTDCBase._filter

6.51 version 0.15.0

- feat: add method RTDCBase.reset_filter
- feat: implement RTDCBase.features_loaded
- feat: allow to instantiate RTDC_Hierarchy without initially applying the filter
- fix: non-scalar columns of RTDC_Hierarchy did not implement len()
- docs: add an example script dedicated to data plotting
- ref: remove circular references between Filter and RTDCBase

6.52 version 0.14.8

- fix: Ignore feature "trace" when the trace folder exists but is empty (HDF5 format)
- fix: If no contour can be found, raise an error before other ancillary features produce cryptic errors

6.53 version 0.14.7

- enh: allow to add meta data when exporting to .fcs or .tsv (dclab version is saved by default)
- setup: bump fcswrite from 0.4.1 to 0.5.0

6.54 version 0.14.6

- fix: improved handling of tdms trace data (split trace with fixed samples per event to avoid ValueError when exporting to hdf5)
- fix: transposed roi size x/y config value when exporting to hdf5

6.55 version 0.14.5

- cli: write warning messages to logs in tdms2rtdc
- ref: increase verbosity of warning messages

6.56 version 0.14.4

- fix: discard trace data when "samples per event" has multiple values for tdms data
- fix: prefer image shape over config keywords when determining the shape of the event mask and check the shape in dclab-verify-dataset
- fix: avoid ContourIndexingError by also searching the neighboring (+2/-2) events when the contour frame number does not match (#67)

6.57 version 0.14.3

- enh: explicitly check contour data when testing whether to include the first event in tdms2rtdc

6.58 version 0.14.2

- ref: convert said ValueError to ContourIndexingError

6.59 version 0.14.1

- fix: ValueError when verifying contour frame index due to comparison of float with int

6.60 version 0.14.0

- feat: new command line script for creating a scalar-feature-only dataset with all available ancillary features "dclab-condense"
- enh: enable scalar feature compression for hdf5 export
- docs: fix doc string for dclab-tdms2rtdc (*–include-initial-empty-image* falsely shown as "enabled by default")

6.61 version 0.13.0

- feat: allow to obtain a mask representing the filtered data with the *ret_mask* kwarg in *RTDCBase.get_downsampled_scatter*
- feat: allow to force-exclude invalid (inf/nan) events when downsampling using the *remove_invalid* keyword argument
- feat: exclude empty initial images in dclab-tdms2rtdc; they may optionally be included with "–include-initial-empty-image"
- feat: new property *RTDCBase.features_innate* (measuerd feature)
- enh: log which ancillary features were computed in dclab-tdms2rtdc (#65)
- enh: improved tdms meta data import (also affects dclab-tdms2rtdc)
- enh: update channel count and samples per event when writing hdf5 data
- enh: dclab-verify-dataset now recognizes invalid tdms data
- enh: several other improvements when reading tdms data
- enh: group meta data in log files (dclab-tdms2rtdc and dclab-join)
- fix: correctly handle hdf5 export when the image or contour columns have incorrect sizes (affects dclab-tdms2rtdc)
- fix: ignore empty configuration values when loading tdms data
- fix: image/contour files were searched recursively instead of only in the directory of the tdms file
- fix: check for precence of "time" feature before using it to correct measurement date and time
- fix: ancillary feature computation for brightness had wrong dependency coded (contour instead of mask)
- fix: ancillary feature computation when contour data is involved lead to error, because *LazyContourList* did not implement *identifier* (see #61)
- ref: remove NoContourDataWarning for tdms file format
- tests: improve dataset checks (#64)

6.62 version 0.12.0

- feat: add command line script for joining measurements "dclab-join" (#57)
- feat: make log files available as *RTDCBase.logs*
- feat: include log data in "dclab-join" and "dclab-tdms2rtdc"
- fix: *features* property for tdms file format falsely contains the keys "contour", "image", "mask", and "trace" when they are actually not available.
- enh: support loading TDMS data using the 'with' statement
- docs: add example for joining measurements
- docs: other minor improvements
- setup: add Python 3.7 wheels for Windows (#62)
- setup: remove Python 2 wheels for macOS

6.63 version 0.11.1

- docs: add example for fluorescence trace visualization
- docs: restructure advanced usage section
- ref: make dclab in principle compatible with imageio>=2.5.0; Dependencies are pinned due to segfaults during testing
- setup: make tdms format support and data export dependency optional; To get the previous behavior, use *pip install dclab[all]*

6.64 version 0.11.0

- feat: compute contours lazily (#61)

6.65 version 0.10.5

- setup: migrate to PEP 517 (pyproject.toml)

6.66 version 0.10.4

- enh: ignore defective feature "aspect" from Shape-In 2.0.6 and 2.0.7
- enh: support loading HDF5 data using the 'with' statement (e.g. *with dclab.new_dataset(rtdc_path) as ds:*)

6.67 version 0.10.3

- fix: add numpy build dependency (setup_requires)

6.68 version 0.10.2

- fix: HDF5-export did not re-enumerate "index" feature

6.69 version 0.10.1

- fix: support nan-valued events when computing quantile levels in submodule *kde_contours*

6.70 version 0.10.0

- BREAKING CHANGE: Change np.meshgrid indexing in *RTDCBase.get_kde_contour* from "xy" to "ij"
- feat: new submodule *kde_contours* for computing kernel density contour lines at specific data percentiles (#60)
- fix: range for contour KDE computation did not always contain end value (*RTDCBase.get_kde_contour*)

- fix: *positions* keyword argument in *RTDCBase.get_kde_scatter* was not correctly scaled in the logarithmic case
- ref: cleanup and document PolygonFilter.point_in_poly
- ref: move skimage code to separate submodule "external"
- ref: drop dependency on statsmodels and move relevant code to submodule "external"

6.71 version 0.9.1

- fix: all-zero features were treated as non-existent due to relic from pre-0.3.3 era
- fix: correct extraction of start time from tdms format (1h offset from local time and measurement duration offset)
- fix: correct extraction of module composition from tdms format (replace "+" with ",")
- enh: add configuration key mapping for tdms format to simplify conversion to hdf5 format (see `fmt_tdms.naming`)
- enh: do not add laser info for unused lasers for tdms format
- enh: dclab-verify-dataset checks for image attribute dtype
- enh: include original software version when exporting to rtdc format

6.72 version 0.9.0

- feat: add new feature: gravitational force, temperature, and ambient temperature
- ref: remove unused *has_key* function in *rtdc_dataset.config.CaseInsensitiveDict*
- setup: require numpy>=1.10.0 because of *equal_nan* argument in *allclose*

6.73 version 0.8.0

- fix: usage of "xor" (^) instead of "or" (|) in statistics
- feat: support *remove_invalid=False* in downsampling.downsample_rand (#27)
- feat: add keyword arguments *xscale* and *yscale* to improve data visualization in *RTDCBase.get_downsampled_scatter*, *RTDCBase.get_kde_contour*, and *RTDCBase.get_kde_scatter* (#55)
- enh: make downsampling code more transparent
- BREAKING CHANGE: low-level downsampling methods refactored
  - downsampling.downsample_grid: removed keyword argument *remove_invalid*, because setting it to *False* makes no sense in this context
  - downsampling.downsample_rand: changed default value of *remove_invalid* to *False*, because this is more objective
  - rename keyword argument *retidx* to *ret_idx*
  - these changes do not affect any other higher level functionalities in *dclab.rtdc_dataset* or in Shape-Out

6.74 version 0.7.0

- feat: add new ancillary feature: principal inertia ratio (#46)
- feat: add new ancillary feature: absolute tilt (#53)
- feat: add computation of viscosity for water (#52)

6.75 version 0.6.3

- fix: channel width not correctly identified for old tdms files

6.76 version 0.6.2

- ci: automate release to PyPI with appveyor and travis-ci

6.77 version 0.6.0

- fix: image export as .avi did not have option to use unfiltered data
- fix: avoid a few unicode gotchas
- feat: use Doane's formula for kernel density estimator defaults (#42)
- docs: usage examples, advanced scripting, and code reference update (#49)

6.78 version 0.5.2

- Migrate from os.path to pathlib (#50)
- fmt_hdf5: Add run index to title

6.79 version 0.5.1

- Setup: add dependencies for statsmodels
- Tests: filter known warnings
- fmt_hdf5: import unknown keys such that "dclab-verify-dataset" can complain about them

6.80 version 0.5.0

- BREAKING CHANGES:
  - definitions.feature_names now contains non-scalar features (inlcuding "image", "contour", "mask", and "trace"). To test for scalar features, use definitions.scalar_feature_names.
  - features bright_* are computed from mask instead of from contour

- Bugfixes:
  - write correct event count in exported hdf5 data files
  - improve implementation of video file handling in fmt_tdms
- add new non-scalar feature "mask" (#48)
- removed configuration key [online_contour]: "bin margin" (#47)
- minor improvements for the tdms file format

6.81 version 0.4.0

- Bugfix: CLI "dclab-tdms2rtdc" did not work for single tdms files (#45)
- update configuration keys:
  - added new keys for [fluorescence]
  - added [setup]: "identifier"
  - removed [imaging]: "exposure time", "flash current"
  - removed [setup]: "temperature", "viscosity"
- renamed feature "ncells" to "nevents"

6.82 version 0.3.3

- ref: do not import missing features as zeros in fmt_tdms
- CLI:
  - add tdms-to-rtdc converter "dclab-tdms2rtdc" (#36)
  - improve "dclab-verify-dataset" user experience
- Bugfixes:
  - "limit events" filtering must be integer not boolean (#41)
  - Support opening tdms files with capitalized "userDef" column names
  - OSError when trying to open files from repository root

6.83 version 0.3.2

- CLI: add rudimentary dataset checker "dclab-verify-dataset" (#37)
- Add logic to compute parent/root/child event indices of RTDC_Hierarchy
  - Hierarchy children now support contour, image, and traces
  - Hierarchy children now support and remember manual filters (#22)
- Update emodulus look-up table with larger values for deformation
- Implement pixel size correction for emodulus computation
- Allow to add pixelation error to isoelastics (*add_px_err=True*) (#28)

- Bugfixes:
  - Pixel size not read from tdms-based measurements
  - Young's modulus computation wrong due to faulty FEM simulations (#39)

6.84 version 0.3.1

- Remove all-zero dummy columns from dict format
- Implement hdf5-based RT-DC data reader (#32)
- Implement hdf5-based RT-DC data writer (#33)
- Bugfixes:
  - Automatically fix inverted box filters
  - RTDC_TDMS trace data contained empty arrays when no trace data was present (trace key should not have been accessible)
  - Not possible to get isoelastics for circularity

6.85 version 0.3.0

- New fluorescence crosstalk correction feature recipe (#35)
- New ancillary features "fl1_max_ctc", "fl2_max_ctc", "fl3_max_ctc" (#35)
- Add priority for multiple ancillary features with same name
- Bugfixes:
  - Configuration key values were not hashed for ancillary features
- Code cleanup:
  - Refactoring: Put ancillary columns into a new folder module
  - Refactoring: Use the term "feature" consistently
  - Unify trace handling in dclab (#30)
  - Add functions to convert input config data

6.86 version 0.2.9

- Bugfixes:
  - Regression when loading configuration strings containing quotes
  - Parameters missing when loading ShapeIn 2.0.1 tdms data

6.87 version 0.2.8

- Refactor configuration class to support new format (#26)

6.88 version 0.2.7

- New submodule and classes for managing isoelastics
- New ancillary columns “inert_ratio_raw” and “inert_ratio_cvx”
- Bugfixes:
  - Typo when finding contour data files (tdms file format)
- Rrefactoring:
  - “features” submodule with basic methods for ancillary columns

6.89 version 0.2.6

- Return event images as gray scale (#17)
- Bugfixes:
  - Shrink ancillary column size if it exceeds dataset size
  - Generate random RTDCBase.identifier (do not use RTDCBase.hash) to fix problem with identical identifiers for hierarchy children
  - Correctly determine contour data files (tdms file format)
  - Allow contour data indices larger than uint8

6.90 version 0.2.5

- Add ancillary columns “bright_avg” and “bright_sd” (#18, #19)
- Standardize attributes of RTDCBase subclasses (#12)
- Refactoring:
  - New column names and removal of redundant column identifiers (#16)
  - Minor improvements towards PEP8 (e.g. #15)
  - New class for handling filters (#13)
- Bugfixes:
  - Hierarchy child computed all ancillary columns of parent upon checking availability of a column

6.91 version 0.2.4

- Replace OpenCV with imageio
- Add (ancilliary) computation of volume (#11)
- Add convenience methods for *Configuration*
- Refactoring (#8):
  - Separate classes for .tdms, dict-based, and hierarchy datasets

  - Introduce "_events" attribute for stored data
  - Data columns (including image, trace, contour) are accessed via keys instead of attributes.
  - Make space for new hdf5-based file format
  - Introduce ancilliary columns that are computed on-the-fly (new "_ancilliaries" attribute and "ancilliary_columns.py")

6.92 version 0.2.3

- Add look-up table for elastic modulus (#7)
- Add filtering option "remove invalid events" to remove nan/inf
- Support nan and inf in data analysis
- Improve downsampling performance
- Refactor downsampling methods (#6)

6.93 version 0.2.2

- Add new histogram-based kernel density estimator (#2)
- Refactoring:
  - Configuration fully handled by RTDC_DataSet module (#5)
  - Simplify video export function (#4)
  - Removed "Plotting" configuration key
  - Removed .cfg configuration files

6.94 version 0.2.1

- Support npTDMS 0.9.0
- Add AVI-Export function
- Add lazy submodule for event trace data and rename *RTDC_DataSet.traces* to *RTDC_DataSet.trace*
- Add "Event index" column

6.95 version 0.2.0

- Compute sensible default configuration parameters for KDE estimation and contour plotting
- Speed-up handling of contour text files
- Add support for "User Defined" column in tdms files

6.96 version 0.1.9

- Implement hierarchical instantiation of RTDC_DataSet
- Bugfix: Prevent instances of PolygonFilter that have same id
- Load InertiaRatio and InertiaRatioRaw from tdms files

6.97 version 0.1.8

- Allow to instantiate RTDC_DataSet without a tdms file
- Add statistics submodule
- Bugfixes:
  - Faulty hashing strategy in *RTDC_DataSet.GetDownSampledScatter*
- Code cleanup (renamed methods, cleaned structure)
- Corrections/additions in definitions (fRT-DC)

6.98 version 0.1.7

- Added channel: distance between to first fl. peaks
- Added fluorescence channels: peak position, peak area, number of peaks
- Allow to disable KDE computation
- Add filter array for manual (user-defined) filtering
- Add config parameters for log axis scaling
- Add channels: bounding box x- and y-size
- Bugfixes:
  - cached.py did not handle *None*
  - Limiting number of events caused integer/bool error

6.99 version 0.1.6

- Added *RTDC_DataSet.ExportTSV* for data export
- Bugfixes:
  - Correct determination of video file in RTDCDataSet
  - Fix multivariate KDE computation
  - Contour accuracy for Defo overridden by that of Circ

6.100 version 0.1.5

- Fix regressions with filtering. https://github.com/ZELLMECHANIK-DRESDEN/ShapeOut/issues/43
- Ignore empty columns in .tdms files (#1)
- Moved RTDC_DataSet and PolygonFilter classes to separate files
- Introduce more transparent caching - improves speed in some cases

6.101 version 0.1.4

- Added support for 3-channel fluorescence data (FL-1..3 max/width)

6.102 version 0.1.3

- Fixed minor polygon filter problems.
- Fix a couple of Shape-Out-related issues:
  - https://github.com/ZELLMECHANIK-DRESDEN/ShapeOut/issues/17
  - https://github.com/ZELLMECHANIK-DRESDEN/ShapeOut/issues/20
  - https://github.com/ZELLMECHANIK-DRESDEN/ShapeOut/issues/37
  - https://github.com/ZELLMECHANIK-DRESDEN/ShapeOut/issues/38

6.103 version 0.1.2

- Add support for limiting amount of data points analyzed with the configuration keyword “Limit Events”
- Comments refer to “events” instead of “points” from now on

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