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Qpimage is a Python3 library that provides a convenient interface to many common functionalities that are used in quantitative phase imaging. This is the documentaion of qpimage version 0.1.5.

1.1 The Problem

Quantitative phase imaging (QPI) is a fundamental imaging technique that visualizes the retardation of electromagnetic radiation as it passes through an object. The parameter that governs this retardation is called [refractive index](#). In biological imaging, QPI is an important tool to measure the dry mass or the refractive index (related to mass density [\[Bar52\]](#) [\[DW52\]](#)) of single cells and tissues, which enables a profound characterization of the investigated samples.

1.2 Why qpimage?

In the [Guck group](#), we make heavy use of QPI and thus require a reliable and well-documented software library that, independent of the particular QPI setup used, allows us to address QPI-related research questions. Qpimage attempts to unify QPI analysis by providing a unique and user-friendly API for working with QPI data, including the choice of input data (complex field, phase with amplitude or intensity, hologram), memory-efficient and fast storage of large data sets (using [HDF5](#), phase and amplitude data are stored separately), or robust and extendable background correction techniques (ramp fit, binary mask). The main reason for the development of qpimage is our QPI analysis software [DryMass](#).

1.3 Citing qpimage

If you are using qpimage in a scientific publication, please cite it with:

```
(...) using qpimage version X.X.X (available at  
https://pypi.python.org/pypi/qpimage).
```

or in a bibliography

```
Paul Müller (2017), qpimage version X.X.X: Phase image analysis  
[Software]. Available at https://pypi.python.org/pypi/qpimage.
```

and replace `X.X.X` with the version of qpimage that you used.

Furthermore, several ideas implemented in qpimage have been described and published in scientific journals:

- Phase retrieval from holographic images with a gaussian filter is implemented according to [\[SSM+15\]](#).
- Phase background image correction with a ramp filter fitted to a border of the image data was used in [\[SSM+15\]](#) and [\[SSM+16\]](#).
- Intensity background correction by dividing by a reference intensity image for tomographic imaging was used in [\[SCG+17\]](#).

2.1 Installing qpimage

Qpimage is written in pure Python and supports Python version 3.5 and higher. Qpimage depends on several other scientific Python packages, including:

- `numpy`,
- `scipy`,
- `h5py` (caching),
- `lmfit` (background estimation),
- `nrefocus` (numerical focusing), and
- `scikit-image` (phase unwrapping using `skimage.restoration.unwrap_phase()`).

To install qpimage, use one of the following methods (package dependencies will be installed automatically):

- **from PyPI:** `pip install qpimage`
- **from sources:** `pip install .` or `python setup.py install`

2.2 User API

The qpimage API is built upon the hdf5 file format using `h5py`. That means that each instance of `qpimage.QPImage` generates an hdf5 file, either on disk or in memory, depending on the preferences of the user. This approach has the advantage that phase and amplitude data can be cached on disk, including all parameters that were used for background correction, which allows to transparently recapture any steps that were performed on a specific data set at a later time point.

2.2.1 Basic usage

A typical use case of qpimage is

```
qpi = qpimage.QPImage(data=phase_ndarray, which_data="phase")
# perform phase-ramp background correction
qpi.compute_bg(which_data="phase", # correct phase image
               fit_offset="fit",   # use bg offset from ramp fit
               fit_profile="ramp", # perform 2D ramp fit
               border_px=5,       # use 5 px border around image
               )
# save the background-corrected phase to a text file
numpy.savetxt("out.txt", qpi.pha)
```

which creates an instance of *QPImage* containing otherwise experimentally obtained phase data, performs a phase-ramp background correction and then saves the corrected phase data to the text file “out.txt”. In this case, all data are stored in memory.

2.2.2 Storing QPImage data on disk

To cache the QPImage data on disk, use the `with` statement in combination with the `h5file` keyword argument

```
with qpimage.QPImage(data=phase_ndarray, which_data="phase", h5file="/path/to/file.h5
↪") as qpi:
    qpi.compute_bg(which_data="phase",
                   fit_offset="fit",
                   fit_profile="ramp",
                   border_px=5,
                   )
```

where all data is stored in `/path/to/file.h5`. This will create an hdf5 file on disk that, at a later time point, can be used to create an instance of *QPImage*:

```
# open previously cached data for reading
qpi = qpimage.QPImage(h5file="/path/to/file.h5", h5mode="r")

# or open cached data for writing (e.g. for changing the background)
with qpimage.QPImage(h5file="/path/to/file.h5", h5mode="a") as qpi:
    # do something here
```

The default value of `h5mode` is “a”, which means that data will be overridden. In the hdf5 file, the following data is stored:

- all data for reproducing the background-corrected phase (`qpi.pha`) and amplitude (`qpi.amp`) (and thus field `qpi.field`), including
 - the experimental phase data
 - the experimental background data
 - the parameters for reproducing the result of `qpi.compute_bg`
- all measurement specific meta data, given by the keyword argument `meta_data`

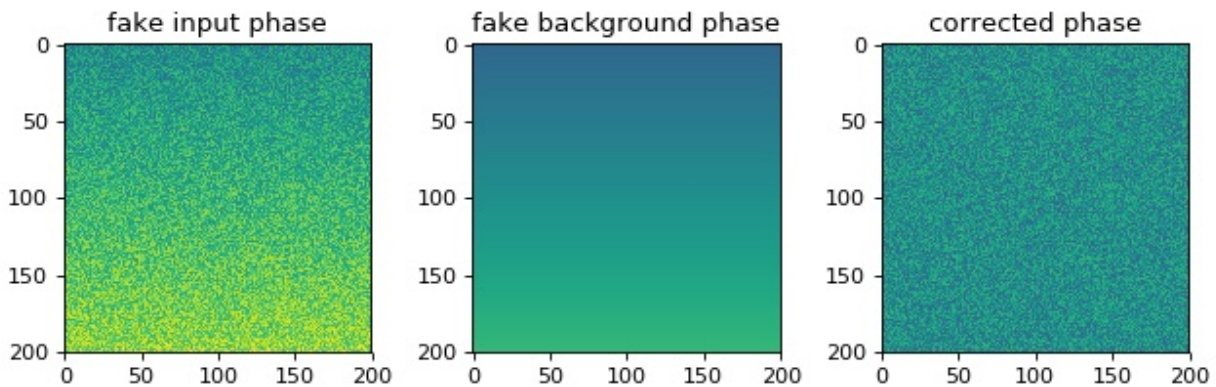
2.2.3 Notes

- Even though the hdf5 data is gzip-compressed, using qpimage hdf5 files may result in file sizes that are considerably larger compared to when only the output of e.g. `qpi.pha` is stored using e.g. `numpy.save()`.
- Units in qpimage follow the international system of units (SI).
- `qpimage.QPSeries` provides a convenient way to manage multiple `qpimage.QPImage`, optionally storing them in a single hdf5 file.

2.3 Examples

2.3.1 Simple phase

This example illustrates the simple usage of the `qpimage.QPImage` class for reading and managing quantitative phase data. The attribute `QPImage.pha` yields the background-corrected phase data and the attribute `QPImage.bg_pha` yields the background phase image.



simple_phase.py

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import numpy as np
3 import qpimage
4
5 size = 200
6 # background phase image with a ramp
7 bg = np.repeat(np.linspace(0, 1, size), size).reshape(size, size)
8 # phase image with random noise
9 phase = np.random.rand(size, size) + bg
10
11 # create QPImage instance
12 qpi = qpimage.QPImage(data=phase, bg_data=bg, which_data="phase")
13
14 # plot the properties of `qpi`
15 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 3))
16 plot_kw = {"vmin": -1,
17           "vmax": 2}
18

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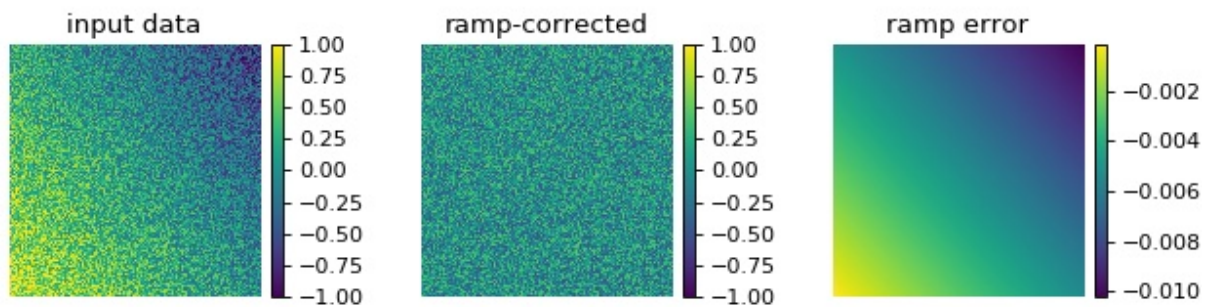
```

19 plt.subplot(131, title="fake input phase")
20 plt.imshow(phase, **plot_kw)
21
22 plt.subplot(132, title="fake background phase")
23 plt.imshow(qpi.bg_pha, **plot_kw)
24
25 plt.subplot(133, title="corrected phase")
26 plt.imshow(qpi.pha, **plot_kw)
27
28 plt.tight_layout()
29 plt.show()

```

2.3.2 Background image ramp correction

This example illustrates background ramp correction with qpimage. In contrast to the ‘simple_phase.py’ example, the known background data is not given to the `qpimage.QPImage` class. In this particular example, the background ramp correction achieves an error of about 1% which is sufficient in most quantitative phase imaging applications.



background_ramp.py

```

1  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2  import numpy as np
3  import qpimage
4
5  size = 200
6  # background phase image with a ramp
7  bg = np.repeat(np.linspace(0, 1, size), size).reshape(size, size)
8  bg = .6 * bg - .8 * bg.transpose() + .2
9  # phase image with random noise
10 rsobj = np.random.RandomState(47)
11 phase = rsobj.rand(size, size) - .5 + bg
12
13 # create QPImage instance
14 qpi = qpimage.QPImage(data=phase, which_data="phase")
15 # compute background with 2d ramp approach
16 qpi.compute_bg(which_data="phase", # correct phase image
17               fit_offset="fit", # use bg offset from ramp fit
18               fit_profile="ramp", # perform 2D ramp fit
19               border_px=5, # use 5 px border around image
20               )

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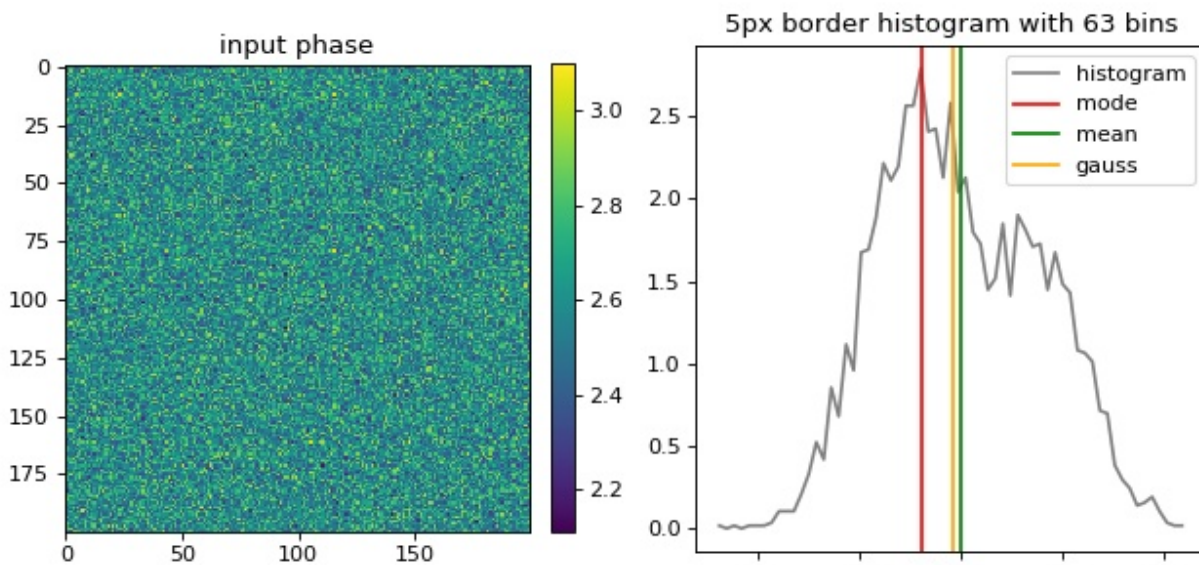
```

21
22 # plot the properties of `qpi`
23 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 2.5))
24 plot_kw = {"vmin": -1,
25            "vmax": 1}
26
27 ax1 = plt.subplot(131, title="input data")
28 map1 = ax1.imshow(phase, **plot_kw)
29 plt.colorbar(map1, ax=ax1, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
30
31 ax2 = plt.subplot(132, title="ramp-corrected")
32 map2 = ax2.imshow(qpi.pha, **plot_kw)
33 plt.colorbar(map2, ax=ax2, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
34
35 ax3 = plt.subplot(133, title="ramp error")
36 map3 = ax3.imshow(bg - qpi.bg_pha)
37 plt.colorbar(map3, ax=ax3, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
38
39 # disable axes
40 [ax.axis("off") for ax in [ax1, ax2, ax3]]
41
42 plt.tight_layout(pad=0, h_pad=0, w_pad=0)
43 plt.show()

```

2.3.3 Background image offset correction

This example illustrates the different background offset correction methods implemented in qpimage. The phase image data contains two gaussian noise distributions for which these methods yield different background phase offsets.



background_offset.py

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 import numpy as np
3 import qpimage
4
5 size = 200 # the size of the image
6 bg = 2.5 # the center of the background phase distribution
7 scale = .1 # the spread of the background phase distribution
8
9 # compute random phase data
10 rsobj = np.random.RandomState(42)
11 data = rsobj.normal(loc=bg, scale=scale, size=size**2)
12 # Add a second distribution `data2` at random positions `idx`,
13 # such that there is no pure gaussian distribution.
14 # (otherwise 'mean' and 'gaussian' cannot be distinguished)
15 data2 = rsobj.normal(loc=bg*1.1, scale=scale, size=size**2//2)
16 idx = rsobj.choice(data.size, data.size//2)
17 data[idx] = data2
18 # reshape `data` to get a 2D array
19 data = data.reshape(size, size)
20
21 qpi = qpimage.QPImage(data=data, which_data="phase")
22
23 cpkw = {"which_data": "phase", # correct the input phase data
24         "fit_profile": "offset", # perform offset correction only
25         "border_px": 5, # use a border of 5px of the input phase
26         "ret_binary": True, # return the binary image for visualization
27         }
28
29 binary = qpi.compute_bg(fit_offset="mode", **cpkw)
30 bg_mode = np.mean(qpi.bg_pha[binary])
31
32 qpi.compute_bg(fit_offset="mean", **cpkw)
33 bg_mean = np.mean(qpi.bg_pha[binary])
34
35 qpi.compute_bg(fit_offset="gauss", **cpkw)
36 bg_gauss = np.mean(qpi.bg_pha[binary])
37
38 bg_data = (qpi.pha + qpi.bg_pha)[binary]
39 # compute histogram
40 nbins = int(np.ceil(np.sqrt(bg_data.size)))
41 mind, maxd = bg_data.min(), bg_data.max()
42 histo = np.histogram(bg_data, nbins, density=True, range=(mind, maxd))
43 dx = abs(histo[1][1] - histo[1][2]) / 2
44 hx = histo[1][1:] - dx
45 hy = histo[0]
46
47 # plot the properties of `qpi`
48 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))
49
50 ax1 = plt.subplot(121, title="input phase")
51 map1 = plt.imshow(data)
52 plt.colorbar(map1, ax=ax1, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
53
54
55 t2 = "{}px border histogram with {} bins".format(cpkw["border_px"], nbins)
56 plt.subplot(122, title=t2)
57 plt.plot(hx, hy, label="histogram", color="gray")

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```

58 plt.axvline(bg_mode, 0, 1, label="mode", color="red")
59 plt.axvline(bg_mean, 0, 1, label="mean", color="green")
60 plt.axvline(bg_gauss, 0, 1, label="gauss", color="orange")
61 plt.legend()
62
63 plt.tight_layout()
64 plt.show()

```

2.3.4 Background image binary mask correction

This example illustrates background correction with qpimage using a binary mask to exclude regions that do not contain background information.

The phase image of a microgel bead (top left) has two artifacts; there is a ramp-like phase profile added along the vertical axis and there is a second microgel bead in close proximity to the center bead. A regular phase ramp background correction using the image values around a frame of five pixels (see “background_ramp.py” example) does not yield a flat background, because the second bead is fitted into the background which leads to a horizontal background phase profile (top right). By defining a binary mask (bottom left image), the phase values of the second bead can be excluded from the background ramp fit and a flat background phase is achieved (bottom right).

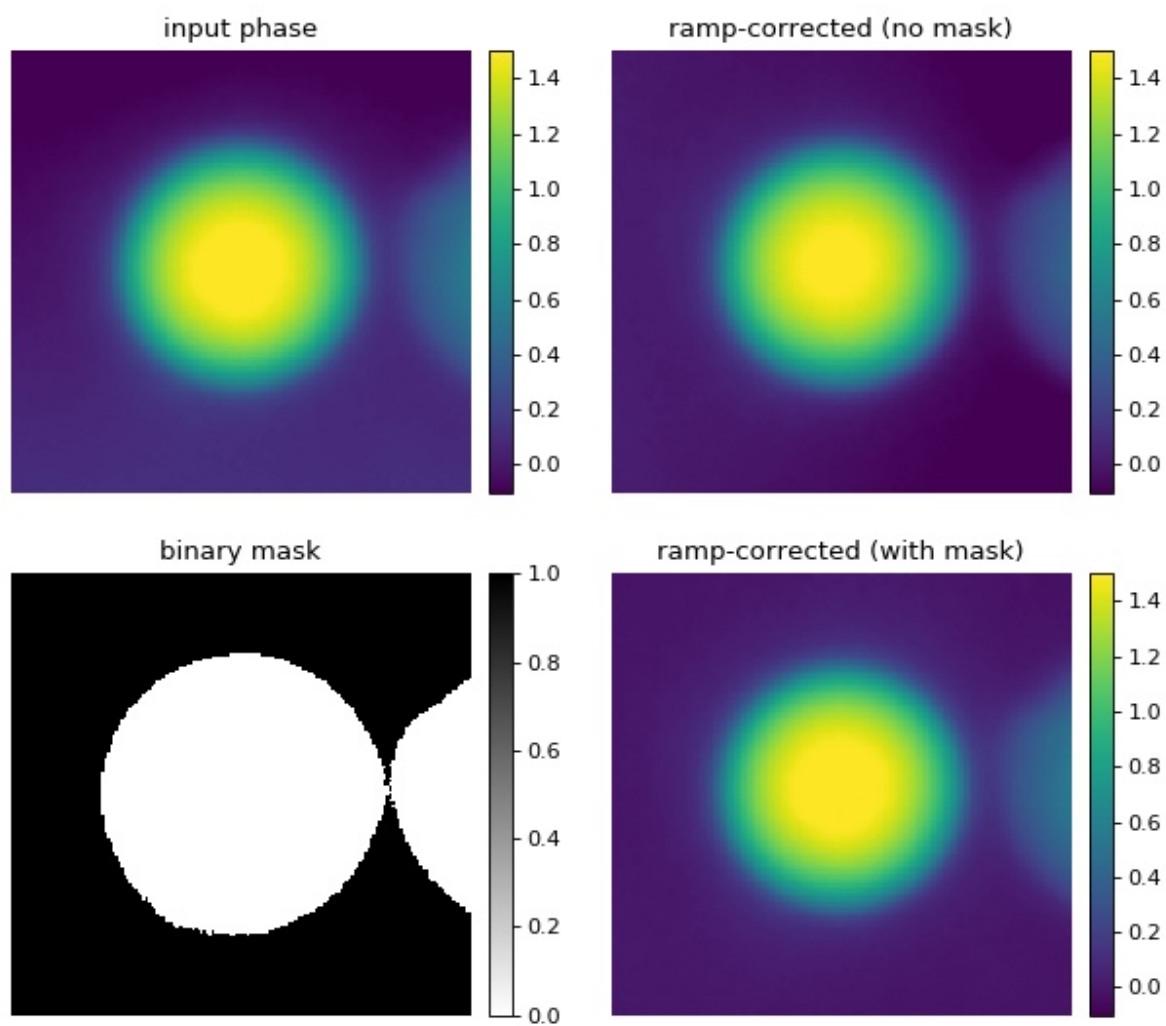
background_binary_mask.py

```

1  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2  import numpy as np
3  import qpimage
4
5
6  # load the experimental data
7  input_phase = np.load("./data/phase_beads_close.npz")["phase"].astype(float)
8
9  # create QPImage instance
10 qpi = qpimage.QPImage(data=input_phase,
11                        which_data="phase")
12
13 # background correction without mask
14 qpi.compute_bg(which_data="phase",
15               fit_offset="fit",
16               fit_profile="ramp",
17               border_px=5,
18               )
19 pha_nomask = qpi.pha
20
21 # educated guess for binary mask
22 mask = input_phase < input_phase.max() / 10
23
24 # background correction with mask
25 # (the intersection of `mask` and the 5px border is used for fitting)
26 qpi.compute_bg(which_data="phase",
27               fit_offset="fit",
28               fit_profile="ramp",
29               border_px=5,
30               from_binary=mask
31               )
32 pha_mask = qpi.pha
33

```

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```

34 # plot
35 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 7))
36 plot_kw = {"vmin": -.1,
37            "vmax": 1.5}
38
39 ax1 = plt.subplot(221, title="input phase")
40 map1 = ax1.imshow(input_phase, **plot_kw)
41 plt.colorbar(map1, ax=ax1, fraction=.044, pad=0.04)
42
43 ax2 = plt.subplot(222, title="ramp-corrected (no mask)")
44 map2 = ax2.imshow(pha_nomask, **plot_kw)
45 plt.colorbar(map2, ax=ax2, fraction=.044, pad=0.04)
46
47 ax3 = plt.subplot(223, title="binary mask")
48 map3 = ax3.imshow(mask, cmap="gray_r")
49 plt.colorbar(map3, ax=ax3, fraction=.044, pad=0.04)
50
51 ax4 = plt.subplot(224, title="ramp-corrected (with mask)")
52 map4 = ax4.imshow(pha_mask, **plot_kw)
53 plt.colorbar(map4, ax=ax4, fraction=.044, pad=0.04)
54
55 # disable axes
56 [ax.axis("off") for ax in [ax1, ax2, ax3, ax3, ax4]]
57
58 plt.tight_layout(h_pad=0, w_pad=0)
59 plt.show()

```

2.3.5 Digital hologram of a single cell

This example illustrates how qpimage can be used to analyze digital holograms. The hologram of a single myeloid leukemia cell (HL60) shown was recorded using digital holographic microscopy (DHM). Because the phase-retrieval method used in DHM is based on the discrete Fourier transform, there always is a residual background phase ramp which must be removed for further image analysis. The setup used for recording this data is described in reference [SSM+15], which also contains a description of the hologram-to-phase conversion and phase background correction algorithms on which qpimage is based.

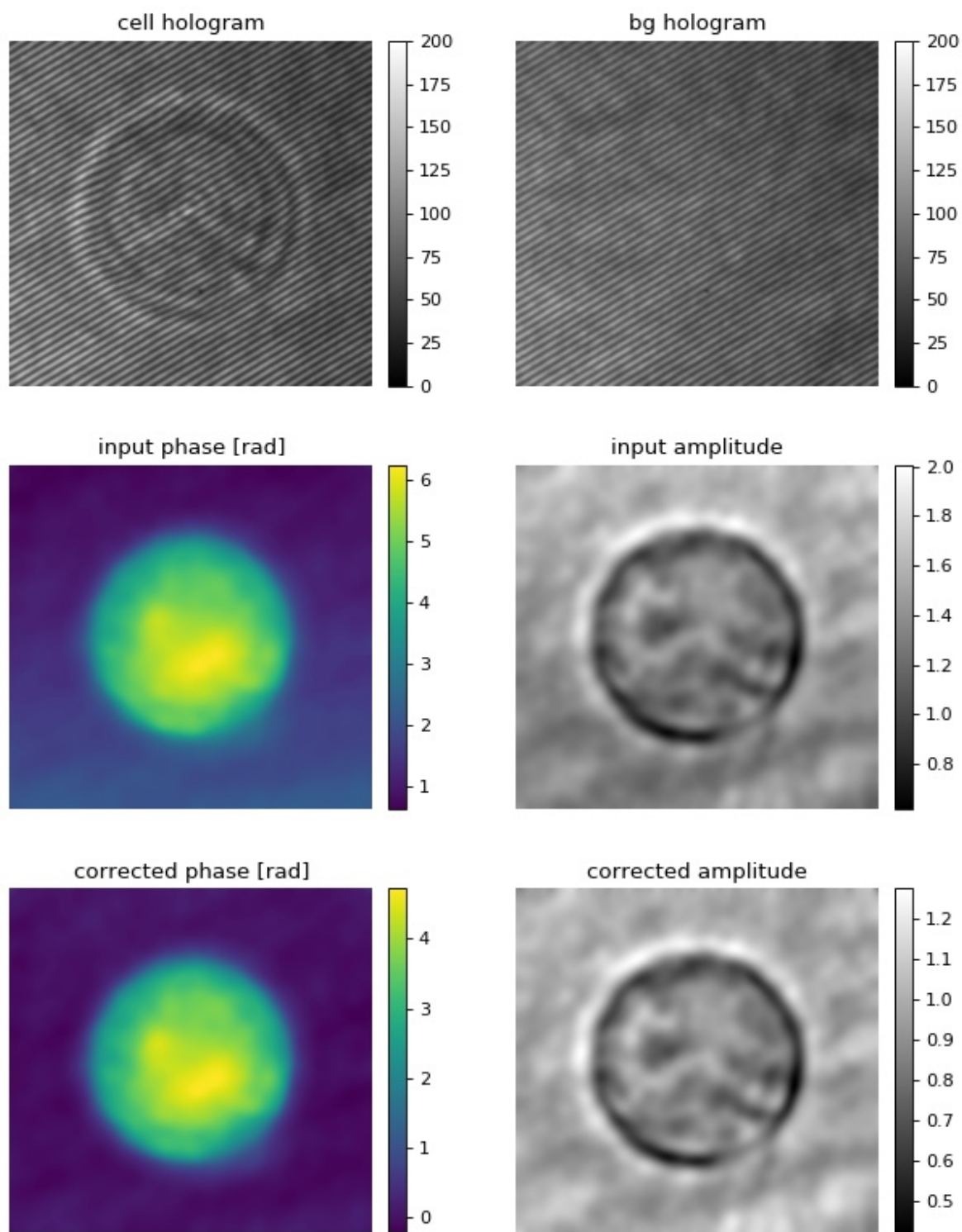
hologram_cell.py

```

1 import matplotlib
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import numpy as np
4 import qpimage
5
6 # load the experimental data
7 edata = np.load("./data/hologram_cell.npz")
8
9 # create QPImage instance
10 qpi = qpimage.QPImage(data=edata["data"],
11                       bg_data=edata["bg_data"],
12                       which_data="hologram")
13
14 amp0 = qpi.amp
15 pha0 = qpi.pha
16
17 # background correction

```

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```

18 qpi.compute_bg(which_data=["amplitude", "phase"],
19                fit_offset="fit",
20                fit_profile="ramp",
21                border_px=5,
22                )
23
24 # plot the properties of `qpi`
25 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 10))
26
27 matplotlib.rcParams["image.interpolation"] = "bicubic"
28 holkw = {"cmap": "gray",
29          "vmin": 0,
30          "vmax": 200}
31
32 ax1 = plt.subplot(321, title="cell hologram")
33 map1 = ax1.imshow(edata["data"], **holkw)
34 plt.colorbar(map1, ax=ax1, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
35
36 ax2 = plt.subplot(322, title="bg hologram")
37 map2 = ax2.imshow(edata["bg_data"], **holkw)
38 plt.colorbar(map2, ax=ax2, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
39
40 ax3 = plt.subplot(323, title="input phase [rad]")
41 map3 = ax3.imshow(pha0)
42 plt.colorbar(map3, ax=ax3, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
43
44 ax4 = plt.subplot(324, title="input amplitude")
45 map4 = ax4.imshow(amp0, cmap="gray")
46 plt.colorbar(map4, ax=ax4, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
47
48 ax5 = plt.subplot(325, title="corrected phase [rad]")
49 map5 = ax5.imshow(qpi.pha)
50 plt.colorbar(map5, ax=ax5, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
51
52 ax6 = plt.subplot(326, title="corrected amplitude")
53 map6 = ax6.imshow(qpi.amp, cmap="gray")
54 plt.colorbar(map6, ax=ax6, fraction=.046, pad=0.04)
55
56 # disable axes
57 [ax.axis("off") for ax in [ax1, ax2, ax3, ax4, ax5, ax6]]
58
59 plt.tight_layout()
60 plt.show()

```


3.1 bg_estimate (background-estimation)

3.1.1 Constants

```
qpimage.bg_estimate.VALID_FIT_OFFSETS = ['fit', 'gauss', 'mean', 'mode']  
    valid values for keyword argument fit_offset in estimate()  
qpimage.bg_estimate.VALID_FIT_PROFILES = ['ramp', 'offset']  
    valid values for keyword argument fit_profile in estimate()
```

3.1.2 Methods

```
qpimage.bg_estimate.estimate(data, fit_offset='average', fit_profile='ramp', border_px=0,  
                             from_binary=None, ret_binary=False)  
    Estimate the background value of an image
```

Parameters

- **data** (*np.ndarray*) – Data from which to compute the background value
- **fit_profile** (*str*) –

The type of background profile to fit:

- "ramp": 2D linear ramp with offset (default)
- "offset": offset only

- **fit_offset** (*str*) –

The method for computing the profile offset

- "fit": offset as fitting parameter
- "gauss": center of a gaussian fit

- “mean”: simple average
- “mode”: mode (see `qpimage.bg_estimate.mode`)
- **border_px** (*float*) – Assume that a frame of *border_px* pixels around the image is background.
- **from_binary** (*boolean np.ndarray or None*) – Use a boolean array to define the background area. The binary image must have the same shape as the input data. *True* elements are used for background estimation.
- **ret_binary** (*bool*) – Return the binary image used to compute the background.

Notes

If both *border_px* and *from_binary* are given, the intersection of the two is used, i.e. the positions where both, the binary frame and *from_binary*, are *True*.

`qpimage.bg_estimate.offset_gaussian(data)`

Fit a gaussian model to *data* and return its center

`qpimage.bg_estimate.offset_mode(data)`

Compute Mode using a histogram with $\sqrt{\text{data.size}}$ bins

`qpimage.bg_estimate.profile_ramp(data, binary)`

Fit a 2D ramp to *data[binary]* and return the ramp image

`qpimage.bg_estimate.ramp_model(params, shape)`

Imfit ramp model

`qpimage.bg_estimate.ramp_residual(params, data, binary)`

Imfit ramp residuals

3.2 core (QPImage)

3.2.1 Constants

`qpimage.core.VALID_INPUT_DATA = ['field', 'hologram', 'phase', ('phase', 'amplitude'), ('p', 'a')]`
valid combinations for keyword argument *which_data*

3.2.2 Classes

class `qpimage.core.QPImage` (*data=None, bg_data=None, which_data='phase', meta_data={}, h5file=None, h5mode='a'*)

Quantitative phase image manipulation

This class implements various tasks for quantitative phase imaging, including phase unwrapping, background correction, numerical focusing, and data export.

Parameters

- **data** (*2d ndarray (float or complex) or list*) – The experimental data (see *which_data*)
- **bg_data** (*2d ndarray (float or complex), list, or None*) – The background data (must be same type as *data*)

- **which_data** (*str*) – String or comma-separated list of strings indicating the order and type of input data. Valid values are “field”, “phase”, “phase.amplitude”, or “phase.intensity”, where the latter two require an indexable object with the phase data as first element.
- **meta_data** (*dict*) – Meta data associated with the input data. see [qpimage.meta.META_KEYS](#)
- **h5file** (*str*, *h5py.Group*, *h5py.File*, or *None*) – A path to an hdf5 data file where all data is cached. If set to *None* (default), all data will be handled in memory using the “core” driver of the *h5py*’s *File* class. If the file does not exist, it is created. If the file already exists, it is opened with the file mode defined by *hdf5_mode*. If this is an instance of *h5py.Group* or *h5py.File*, then this will be used to internally store all data.
- **h5mode** (*str*) –

Valid file modes are (only applies if *h5file* is a path)

- “r”: Readonly, file must exist
- “r+”: Read/write, file must exist
- “w”: Create file, truncate if exists
- “w-” or “x”: Create file, fail if exists
- “a”: Read/write if exists, create otherwise (default)

Notes

QPIImage is slicable; the following returns a new QPIImage with the same meta data, but with all background corrections merged into the raw data:

```
qpi = QPIImage(data=...)
qpi_scliced = qpi[10:20, 40:30]
```

bg_amp

background amplitude image

bg pha

background phase image

amp

background-corrected amplitude image

field

background-corrected complex field

info

list of tuples with QPIImage meta data

meta

dictionary with imaging meta data

pha

background-corrected phase image

raw_amp

raw amplitude image

raw pha

raw phase image

shape

size of image dimensions

clear_bg (*which_data*=('amplitude', 'phase'), *keys*='fit')

Clear background correction

Parameters

- **which_data** (*str* or *list of str*) – From which type of data to remove the background information. The list contains either “amplitude”, “phase”, or both.
- **keys** (*str* or *list of str*) –

Which type of background data to remove. One of:

- “fit”: the background data computed with `qpimage.QPImage.compute_bg()`
- “data”: the experimentally obtained background image

compute_bg (*which_data*='phase', *fit_offset*='average', *fit_profile*='ramp', *border_m*=0, *border_perc*=0, *border_px*=0, *from_binary*=None, *ret_binary*=False)

Compute background correction

Parameters

- **which_data** (*str* or *list of str*) – From which type of data to remove the background information. The list contains either “amplitude”, “phase”, or both.
- **fit_profile** (*str*) –

The type of background profile to fit:

- “ramp”: 2D linear ramp with offset (default)
- “offset”: offset only

- **fit_offset** (*str*) –

The method for computing the profile offset

- “fit”: offset as fitting parameter
- “gauss”: center of a gaussian fit
- “mean”: simple average
- “mode”: mode (see `qpimage.bg_estimate.mode`)

- **border_m** (*float*) – Assume that a frame of *border_m* meters around the image is background. The value is converted to pixels and rounded.
- **border_perc** (*float*) – Assume that a frame of *border_perc* percent around the image is background. The value is converted to pixels and rounded. If the aspect ratio of the image is not one, then the average of the data’s shape is used to compute the percentage in pixels.
- **border_px** (*float*) – Assume that a frame of *border_px* pixels around the image is background.
- **from_binary** (*boolean np.ndarray or None*) – Use a boolean array to define the background area. The binary image must have the same shape as the input data. *True* elements are used for background estimation.
- **ret_binary** (*bool*) – Return the binary image used to compute the background.

Notes

The `border_*` values are translated to pixel values and the largest pixel border is used to generate a binary image for background computation.

If any of the `border_*` arguments are non-zero and `from_binary` is given, the intersection of the two is used, i.e. the positions where both, the binary frame and `from_binary`, are `True`.

See also:

`qpimage.bg_estimate.estimate()`

copy (*h5file=None*)

Create a copy of the current instance

This is done by recursively copying the underlying hdf5 data.

Parameters `h5file` (*str*, `h5py.File`, `h5py.Group`, or `None`) – see `QPIImage.__init__`

refocus (*distance*, *method='helmholtz'*)

Numerically refocus the current field

Parameters

- **distance** (*float*) – Focusing distance [m]
- **method** (*str*) – Refocusing method, one of ["helmholtz", "fresnel"]

See also:

`nrefocus`

set_bg_data (*bg_data*, *which_data=None*)

Set background amplitude and phase data

Parameters

- **bg_data** (2d ndarray (float or complex), list, `QPIImage`, or `None`) – The background data (must be same type as *data*). If set to `None`, the background data is reset.
- **which_data** (*str*) – String or comma-separated list of strings indicating the order and type of input data. Valid values are "field", "phase", "phase,amplitude", or "phase,intensity", where the latter two require an indexable object for *bg_data* with the phase data as first element.

3.2.3 Methods

`qpimage.core.copyh5` (*inh5*, *outh5*)

Recursively copy all hdf5 data from one group to another

Parameters

- **inh5** (*str*, `h5py.File`, or `h5py.Group`) – The input hdf5 data. This can be either a file name or an hdf5 object.
- **outh5** (*str*, `h5py.File`, `h5py.Group`, or `None`) – The output hdf5 data. This can be either a file name or an hdf5 object. If set to `None`, a new hdf5 object is created in memory.

Notes

All data in outh5 are overridden by the inh5 data.

3.3 holo (hologram analysis)

3.3.1 Methods

`qpimage.holo.find_sideband(data)`

Find the side band position of a hologram

The hologram is Fourier-transformed and the side band is determined by finding the maximum amplitude in Fourier space.

Parameters `data` (*2d ndarray*) – hologram image

Returns `sb_loc` – (x,y) coordinates of the side band in Fourier space measured from the center in the shifted Fourier transform.

Return type tuple of floats

`qpimage.holo.fourier2dpad(data)`

Compute the 2D Fourier transform with zero padding

`qpimage.holo.get_field(data, sb_loc=None, filt_size=None, filt_type='gauss')`

Computes phase and amplitude from a holographic image

Parameters

- `data` (*2d ndarray*) – Hologram data
- `sb_loc` (*tuple of floats (x0,y0)*) – Coordinates of the side band in Fourier space.
- `filt_size` (*float*) – Radius of the filter in Fourier space in px. If set to None, the radius will be estimated using `sb_loc`.
- `filt_type` (*float*) – One of {"disk", "gauss"}
- `and y0 are center of the filter (x0)` –
- `is factor for "radius" of filter (sqrt(x02 + y02)/np.pi) (R)` –
- `can be "disk" or "gauss" (filter_type)` –

Notes

`sb_loc` are in FT of zero-padded image, see `fourier2dpad()`.

3.4 image_data (basic image management)

3.4.1 Constants

`qpimage.image_data.COMPRESSION = 'gzip'`

default hdf5 compression method

```
qpimage.image_data.VALID_BG_KEYS = ['data', 'fit']
```

valid background data identifiers

3.4.2 Classes

```
class qpimage.image_data.Amplitude(h5)
```

Bases: `qpimage.image_data.ImageData`

Dedicated class for amplitude image data

For amplitude image data, background correction is defined by dividing the raw image by the background image.

Parameters `h5` (`h5py.Group`) – HDF5 group where all data is kept

```
class qpimage.image_data.Phase(h5)
```

Bases: `qpimage.image_data.ImageData`

Dedicated class for phase image data

For phase image data, background correction is defined by subtracting the background image from the raw image.

Parameters `h5` (`h5py.Group`) – HDF5 group where all data is kept

```
class qpimage.image_data.ImageData(h5)
```

Base class for image management

See also:

`Amplitude` `ImageData` with amplitude background correction

`Phase` `ImageData` with phase background correction

Parameters `h5` (`h5py.Group`) – HDF5 group where all data is kept

`bg`

combined background image data

`image`

background corrected image data

`info`

list of background correction parameters

`raw`

raw (uncorrected) image data

`del_bg` (`key`)

Remove the background image data

Parameters `key` (`str`) – One of `VALID_BG_KEYS`

`estimate_bg` (`fit_offset='mean', fit_profile='ramp', border_px=0, from_binary=None, ret_binary=False`)

Estimate image background

Parameters

- **`fit_profile`** (`str`) –

The type of background profile to fit:

- "ramp": 2D linear ramp with offset (default)

- "offset": offset only
- **fit_offset** (*str*) –
 - The method for computing the profile offset**
 - "fit": offset as fitting parameter
 - "gauss": center of a gaussian fit
 - "mean": simple average
 - "mode": mode (see *qpimage.bg_estimate.mode*)
- **border_px** (*float*) – Assume that a frame of *border_px* pixels around the image is background.
- **from_binary** (*boolean np.ndarray or None*) – Use a boolean array to define the background area. The binary image must have the same shape as the input data. 'True' elements are used for background estimation.
- **ret_binary** (*bool*) – Return the binary image used to compute the background.

Notes

If both *border_px* and *from_binary* are given, the intersection of the two resulting binary images is used.

The arguments passed to this method are stored in the hdf5 file *self.h5* and are used for optional integrity checking using *qpimage.integrity_check.check*.

See also:

qpimage.bg_estimate.estimate()

get_bg (*key=None, ret_attrs=False*)
Get the background data

Parameters

- **key** (*None or str*) – A user-defined key that identifies the background data. Examples are "data" for experimental data, or "fit" for an estimated background correction (see *VALID_BG_KEYS*). If set to *None*, returns the combined background image (*ImageData.bg*).
- **ret_attrs** (*bool*) – Also returns the attributes of the background data.

set_bg (*bg, key='data', attrs={}*)
Set the background data

Parameters

- **bg** (*int, float, 2d ndarray, or same subclass of ImageData*)
– The background data. If set to *None*, the data will be removed.
- **key** (*str*) – One of *VALID_BG_KEYS*
- **attrs** (*dict*) – List of background attributes

See also:

del_bg() removing background data

3.5 integrity_check (check QPImage data)

3.5.1 Exceptions

exception `qpimage.integrity_check.IntegrityCheckError`

Raised when a QPImage data set is incomplete or corrupt

3.5.2 Methods

`qpimage.integrity_check.check(qpi_or_h5file, checks=['attributes', 'background'])`

Checks various properties of a `qpimage.core.QPImage` instance

Parameters

- **qpi_or_h5file** (`qpimage.core.QPImage` or `str`) – A QPImage object or a path to an hdf5 file
- **checks** (*list of str*) – Which checks to perform (“attributes” and/or “background”)

Raises `IntegrityCheckError` – if the checks fail

`qpimage.integrity_check.check_attributes(qpi)`

Check QPImage attributes

Parameters **qpi** (`qpimage.core.QPImage`) –

Raises `IntegrityCheckError` – if the check fails

`qpimage.integrity_check.check_background(qpi)`

Check QPImage background data

Parameters **qpi** (`qpimage.core.QPImage`) –

Raises `IntegrityCheckError` – if the check fails

3.6 meta (definitions for QPImage meta data)

3.6.1 Constants

`qpimage.meta.META_KEYS = ['medium index', 'pixel size', 'time', 'wavelength', 'dm exclude', ...]`
valid `qpimage.core.QPImage` meta data keys

3.6.2 Exceptions

exception `qpimage.meta.MetadataMissingError`

Raised when meta data is missing

3.6.3 Classes

class `qpimage.meta.MetaDict(*args, **kwargs)`

Bases: `dict`

Management of meta data variables

Valid key names are combined in the `qpimage.meta.META_KEYS` variable.

3.7 series (QPSeries)

3.7.1 Classes

class `qpimage.series.QPSeries` (*qpimage_list*=[], *meta_data*={}, *h5file*=None, *h5mode*='a', *identifier*=None)

Quantitative phase image series

Parameters

- **qpimage_list** (*list of QPImage*) – A list of instances of `qpimage.QPImage`.
- **meta_data** (*dict*) – Meta data associated with the input data (see `qpimage.META_KEYS`). This overrides the meta data of the QPImages in *qpimage_list* and, if *h5file* is given and *h5mode* is not “r”, overrides the meta data in *h5file*.
- **h5file** (*str, h5py.Group, h5py.File, or None*) – A path to an hdf5 data file where all data is cached. If set to *None* (default), all data will be handled in memory using the “core” driver of the `h5py`’s `File` class. If the file does not exist, it is created. If the file already exists, it is opened with the file mode defined by *hdf5_mode*. If this is an instance of `h5py.Group` or `h5py.File`, then this will be used to internally store all data. If *h5file* is given and *qpimage_list* is not empty, all QPImages in *qpimage_list* are appended to *h5file* in the given order.
- **h5mode** (*str*) –

Valid file modes are (only applies if *h5file* is a path)

- “r”: Readonly, file must exist
- “r+”: Read/write, file must exist
- “w”: Create file, truncate if exists
- “w-” or “x”: Create file, fail if exists
- “a”: Read/write if exists, create otherwise (default)

identifier

unique identifier of the series

add_qpimage (*qpi, identifier*=None, *bg_from_idx*=None)

Add a QPImage instance to the QPSeries

Parameters

- **qpimage** (*QPImage*) – The QPImage that is added to the series
- **identifier** (*str*) – Identifier key for *qpi*
- **bg_from_idx** (*int or None*) – Use the background data from the data stored in this index, creating hard links within the hdf5 file. (Saves memory if e.g. all qpimages is corrected with the same data)

get_qpimage (*index*)

Return a single QPImage of the series

Parameters **index** (*int*) – Index of the qpimage

Notes

Instead of `qps.get_qpimage(index)`, it is possible to use the short-hand `qps[index]`.

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