

## EXAMPLE 3

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Pre-processing of the data-set  
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Before image-registration with Correlia can be performed the data has to be pre-processed.  
This involves

- import of the data (which does not necessarily have to be in a common image format)
- calibration of the length scale in physical units  
(telling the software the size of a pixel in microns)
- saving the data in tagged image file format (tiff)

**\*\* LM.png**

- open the file
- using the line tool, draw a line along the x-axis (from 0.0 to 1.54mm)
- open FIJI menu Analyze->Set Scale
- the "distance in pixels" is about 2600 (taken from the line)
- the "known distance" is "1540" (which we know from the scale attached to the image)
- "unit of length" should be set to "microns"
- now the image is calibrated
- using the rectangle selection tool crop the image to the plain data
- save the image as "LM.tif"
- you may close the image window

**\*\* Topo\_2120x1457\_645nm.txt**

- this data is a "text image" and has to be imported into FIJI
- for that click File->Import->Text Image and browse to find the file
- this will open a 32bit image on your screen
- calibrate the image using Analyze->Set Scale
- the pixel size is known to be 645nm so "distance in pixels" is 1  
and "known distance" is 0.645 ("unit" is microns)
- since this image decodes a height profile let's subtract the background:
  - select a mask over the entire image with CTRL-A
  - measure the average value "Analyze->measure"  
which results in a minimum of -37219.422
  - add this value to the image (Process->Math->Add)
  - correct brightness and contrast (Image->Adjust->Brightness Contrast)
- add a look-up table (click on Lut button and select e.g. "fire")
- for convenience convert image to 8bit RGB (Image->type->RGB Color)
- save image as tiff (make sure not to use spaces in the file name!)

**\*\* Sq\_2120x1457\_645nm.txt**

- this data again is a "text image" and has to be imported into FIJI
- for that click File->Import->Text Image and browse to find the file
- this will open a 32bit image on your screen
- calibrate the image using Analyze->Set Scale
- the pixel size is known to be 645nm so "distance in pixels" is 1  
and "known distance" is 0.645 ("unit" is microns)
- adjust brightness and contrast such that edges are white and well pronounced  
(Image->Adjust->Brightness Contrast)
- (optionally) convert to 8bit grey-scale image (Image->type->8bit)
- save the image as tiff (make sure not to use spaces in the file name!)

**\*\* AR\_53x42\_25µm.tif**

- open the auto-radiography data using File->Open
- this will show you a very small (53x42 pixels!)  
16bit false-coloured image on the screen

- (click on this image window in order to put the focus on it)
- calibrate the image using Analyze->Set Scale; 1 pixel equals 25 microns
- set look-up-table to grey (for that click on LUT button)
- save image as tiff

**\*\*  $\mu$ TRLFS\_intensity\_51x51\_20 $\mu$ m.txt**

- this data again is a "text image" and has to be imported into FIJI
- for that click File->Import->Text Image and browse to find the file
- this will open a 32bit image on your screen
- calibrate the image using Analyze->Set Scale: 1pixel equals 20 microns
- convert image to 16bit
- save image as tiff

**Image-registration with Correlia**  
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- for convenience close all open images in FIJI
- start the correlia plug-in (Plugins->Registration->Correlia)
- a dialogue with radio-buttons will open; select "new project" and click OK
- select the processed and calibrated light-microscopy LM.tif image as canvas (base image) for the new project
- the "Edit Image Properties" dialogue opens up:
  - name the image properly (e.g. "light microscopy")
  - "acquisition date" should be 2021-07-12
  - "setup" could be the maker of the microscope
  - "experimenter" probably is "Stefan Schymura"
  - in "additional information" put useful information for you colleagues working on the same sample
- OK the dialogue
- two screens open up: the Correlia viewer and the GUI
  
- describe the project (GUI-menu->Project->Project Properties)
  - title: HZDR test data
- OK the dialogue
  
- save the project (GUI-menu->File->Save project as)
  
- import topography map
  - either click in the "+" in the bottom left corner of the GUI or GUI-menu->Project->Add image to project
  - select the calibrated topography map (e.g. Topo\_2120x1457\_645nm\_8bitRGB.tif)
  - the image properties dialogue opens: title "topography" and if known enter the other information
  
- the Correlia viewer displays an overlay of the light micrography with the topography map
- select "topography" from the image list in the Correlia GUI
- pre-align the image using the arrows in the "image alignment" field in the GUI
- hint: clicking the centre will change from coarse ("C") to fine ("F")
- after pre-alignment we can try to improve the alignment automatically by clicking "auto" in the Correlia GUI
- select "translation" and "rotation" (scale we trust to be correct)
- this should result in a proper overlay
  
- set topography map to "invisible" by clicking on the eye next to "topography" in the image list in the GUI
- import roughness data (Sq\_2120x1457\_645nm\_8bit.tif) as before and name it "roughness"
- now roughness and light microscopy are viewed
- since roughness and topography are captured during the same measurement we can use the coordinates of the topography map:
  - select "topography" in the GUI image list
  - click the marriage icon right of the image preview
  - a check-box dialogue opens -> select "roughness"
  - now the roughness map is registered
- for convenience we can colour the roughness map in orange by clicking on the colour-box in the GUI image list
  
- set roughness map to invisible

- import the auto-radiography data (AR\_53x42\_25mum\_16bit.tif)
- set colour to blue
- manually align (auto-alignment will not work because there is not enough structure in the microscopy)
- (x0,y0) should be about (0,43)
  
- set auto-radiography map to invisible
- import the fluorescence data (ÅµTRLFS\_intensity\_51x51\_20mum\_16bit.tif)
- set colour to red
- manually align (auto-alignment will not work because there is not enough structure in the microscopy)
- (x0,y0) should be about (0,31)