

# Package ‘vmeasur’

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**Description** A variety of tools to allow the quantification of videos of the lymphatic vasculature taken under an operating microscope. Lymphatic vessels that have been injected with a variety of blue dyes can be tracked throughout the video to determine their width over time. Code is optimised for efficient processing of multiple large video files. Functions to calculate physiologically relevant parameters and generate graphs from these values are also included.

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calibrate\_pixel\_size    *Calibrate the pixel size using a test image*

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### Description

In order to calculate absolute densities from pixel sizes, the size of the field captured by an operating microscope must be determined. This function allows the user to select an image of a ruler captured under a microscope, before automatically determining the scale.

### Usage

```
calibrate_pixel_size(file_path = tk_file.choose())
```

### Arguments

`file_path`        The path to the image of a ruler to use for calibration. If left blank, the user will be prompted to select the file.

### Value

A graphical representation of the ruler and calibration process. The number of pixels per mm will also be displayed.

### Examples

```
## Not run:

file = paste(system.file(package = "vmeasur"), "extdata/mm_scale.jpg", sep = "/")
calibrate_pixel_size(file)

## End(Not run)
```

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example_vessel	<i>Example lymphatic width dataset</i>
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### Description

A data set containing the widths of a test vessel in each frame of a video. Identical in format to that produced by `select_roi` and `threshold_vessel`

### Usage

```
example_vessel
```

### Format

A data frame with 245,230 rows and 5 variables:

**X.1** identification number of each row  
**y** y position in the image  
**p\_width** width of the vessel at that position, in pixels  
**excluded** was that row excluded due to an air bubble  
**filename** which frame was the pixel row acquired from ...

### Source

Collected for this package by Peter Russell (2021)

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output_dir	<i>Set the output directory</i>
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### Description

Set the output directory

### Usage

```
output_dir(set = NULL, use_default = FALSE, set_default = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>set</code>	The directory to set to
<code>use_default</code>	Should the default value be used, or the system value
<code>set_default</code>	Should the system value be updated

### Value

The file path to export to

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quantify\_directory     *Quantify the content of an entire directory of sub-directories at once*

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**Description**

Quantify the content of an entire directory of sub-directories at once

**Usage**

```
quantify_directory(target_folder)
```

**Arguments**

target\_folder     The folder to quantify the readings in

**Value**

A PDF file for each directory quantified, showing the quantification

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quantify\_mean\_width     *Quantify the vessel width over an entire ROI*

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**Description**

This function calculates the overall widths and contraction parameters for the vessel as a whole.

**Usage**

```
quantify_mean_width(widths_file, pixel_scale = 73)
```

**Arguments**

widths\_file     A CSV file created by select\_roi or threshold\_vessel  
 pixel\_scale     The number of pixels per mm, can be calculated with calibrate\_pixel\_size if unknown

**Value**

A list containing: A graph showing the detected contraction events, Details of each contraction event, The mean and standard deviation of the calculated contraction physiological parameters, The raw data used in the quantification process

**Examples**

```
quantify_mean_width(vmeasur::example_vessel)
```

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`quantify_mean_width_sections`*Quantify the contractility of a vessel in sections along it's length*

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**Description**

Quantify the physiological parameters in each section of the vessel along it's length.

**Usage**

```
quantify_mean_width_sections(widths_file = tk_file.choose())
```

**Arguments**

`widths_file` A csv file created by `select_roi` or `threshold_vessel`. If not specified, the user will be prompted to make a selection.

**Value**

Graphs showing the contractility over time, contraction position and amplitude detected, length of contraction and a heatmap overlay for verification of the overall data.

**Examples**

```
# quantify_mean_width_sections(widths_file = vmeasur::example_vessel)
```

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`quantify_width_position`*Quantify the width of a vessel continuously along it's length*

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**Description**

Generate heat maps and line plots showing the changes in vessel diameter along it's length

**Usage**

```
quantify_width_position(widths_file = tk_file.choose())
```

**Arguments**

`widths_file` A csv file created by `select_roi` or `threshold_vessel`. The user will be prompted to select a file if this is not specified.

**Value**

Two plots: A heat map of the vessel diameter at each position over time and a plot showing the maximum change in diameter over time

**Examples**

```
quantify_width_position(vmeasur::example_vessel)
```

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scratch_dir	<i>Set the scratch directory for vmeasur</i>
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**Description**

vmeasur uses av to unpack temporary image files, which are then stored for further usage. This runs better if done to a high speed storage location such as a ram drive. This function sets that directory, and provides other options for specifying the structure of this temporary data.

**Usage**

```
scratch_dir(  
  set = NULL,  
  random_subfolder = FALSE,  
  file_name = FALSE,  
  wipe_scratch = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

set	new directory to set. If left blank, no directory change will occur
random_subfolder	Should a random sub folder be created
file_name	Specify the name of the directory
wipe_scratch	Should the folder be cleared before use

**Details**

If not specified, the default R tempdir is used

**Value**

the current location of the scratch directory

**Examples**

```
scratch_dir()  
scratch_dir("R:")
```

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select_roi	<i>Select a ROI from a video file</i>
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**Description**

This function provides a graphical tool to walk the user through selecting a ROI from an AVI video.

**Usage**

```
select_roi()
```

**Value**

Saves an annotated AVI and CSV file in the same directory as the video. Will also output and copy the parameters used to create the video.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  select_roi()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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threshold_apply	<i>Threshold a video with pre-determined parameters</i>
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**Description**

Using pre-determined values this function generates ROI from a video. If parameters are not known, use select\_roi() This function is optimized to run in parallel, so should be relatively rapid. If running slowly, check the scratch disk is set correctly.

**Usage**

```
threshold_apply(  
  threshold = 0.5,  
  roi_name = "test",  
  video_path = "image826.avi",  
  radians = 0.217604550320612,  
  xlength = 60,  
  ylength = 242,  
  xstart = 696,  
  ystart = 323,  
  image_list = NULL,  
  fps = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

threshold	The threshold for the red channel. Range 0-1.
roi_name	Name assigned to the region of interest
video_path	Location of the video file to process
radians	Degrees to rotate the image, in radians
xlength	Number of x pixels in the ROI
ylength	Number of y pixels in the ROI
xstart	ROI starting x co-ordinate
ystart	ROI starting y co-ordinate
image_list	If pre-computed, a list of images to use rather than a video
fps	Number of fps to process, this can be set lower for validation

**Value**

Saves the quantified CSV and overlaid video in the same directory as the video

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threshold_vessel	<i>Apply a threshold to a single frame</i>
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**Description**

Apply a threshold to a single frame

**Usage**

```
threshold_vessel(file_path = tk_file.choose(), threshold, min_area = 100)
```

**Arguments**

file_path	path to the file to be used. If left blank, the user will be prompted to make a selection
threshold	The threshold to use
min_area	Minimum area to recognize as a vessel. Any smaller items will be ignored

**Value**

a data frame containing the widths of the vessel in each row of the image, and if any rows were excluded due to overexposure

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