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Bio-Image Analysis with napari Plugins

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Installation

- napari as a Python Library
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Installing napari and napari plugins

For this course, an environment with containing napari and a few plugins should already be installed in the local computers (napari-intro-env or devbio-napari). They should work for most exercises, but we should create a new one for the latest napari-clusters-plotter changes. The instructions are provided here:

- <https://biapol.github.io/Biolmage-Analysis-and-Data-Processing-Workshop-2025/intro.html>

The following slides are meant to clarify what these instructions mean. We will create the course environment together soon after.

Installing napari as a Python package

napari is a Python library

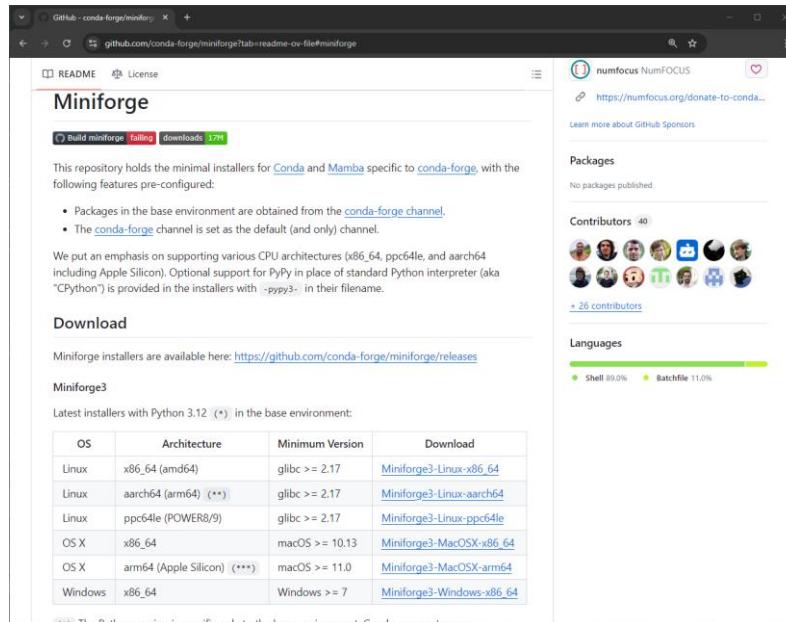
The recommended way to install napari is as a Python package

<https://napari.org/stable/tutorials/fundamentals/installation.html#install-as-python-package-recommended>

Your computer needs Python to run a Python package

- How do I install Python?

Install Miniforge!



<https://github.com/conda-forge/miniforge?tab=readme-ov-file#miniforge>

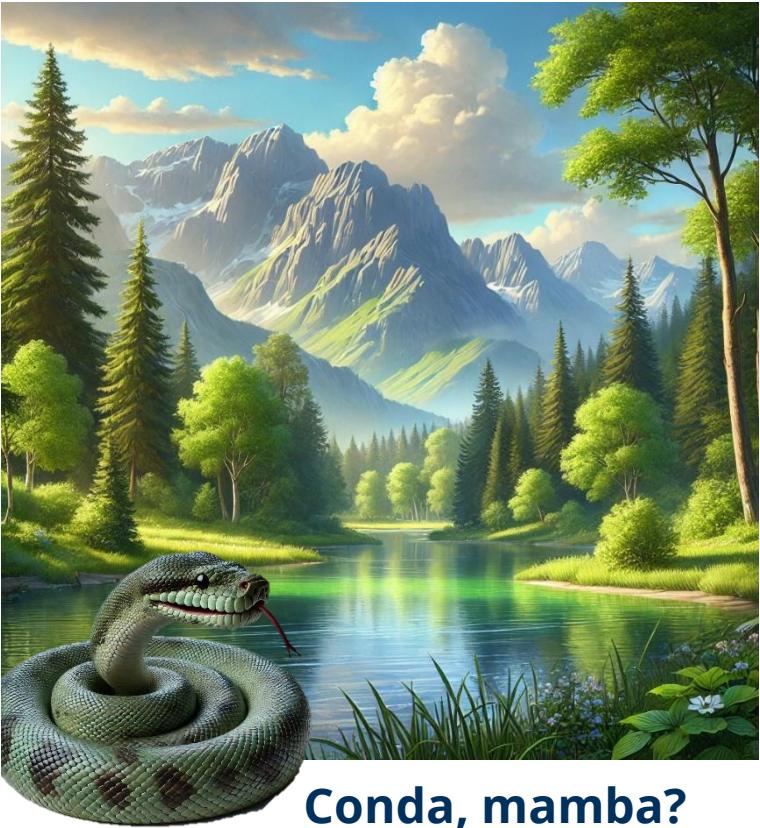
- Miniforge is a minimal installer for `conda` and `mamba` (efficient `conda` in C++)
- `conda` is an environment and a package manager
- `conda` can create Virtual Environments and install Python (and other) packages, including napari

https://hackmd.io/@talley/SJB_lObBi#Terms

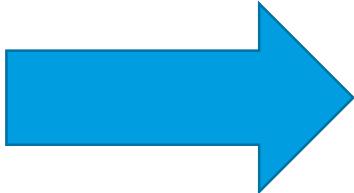
Installing napari as a Python package



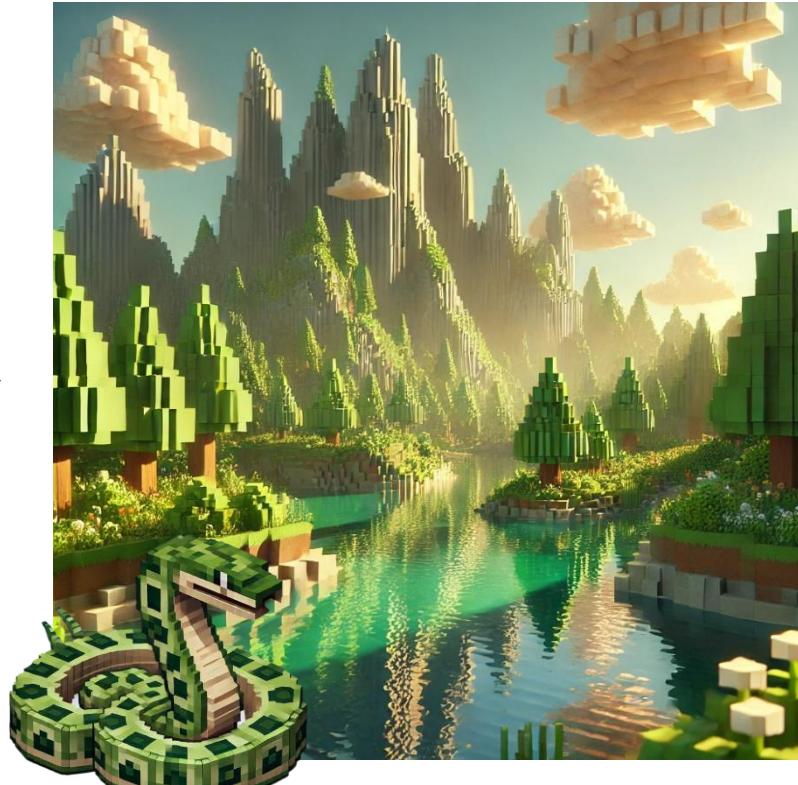
Wait, environments ?



Conda, mamba?



Yes, virtual environments!

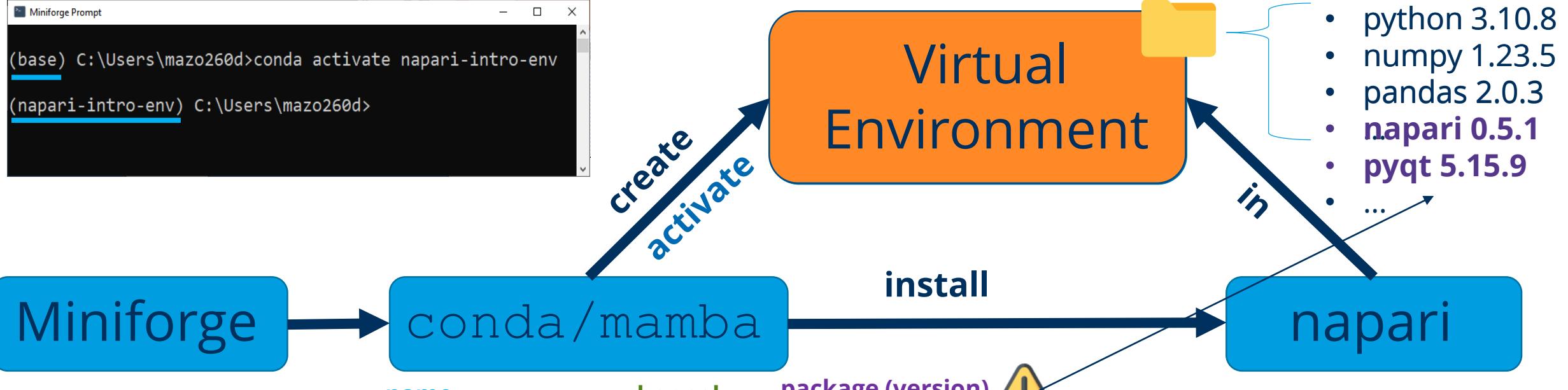


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Smiley icons from Flaticon.com

Installing napari as a Python package

Install it as a Python package in a Virtual Environment

- A virtual environment is an isolated collection of packages, settings, and an associated python interpreter



Commands:

mamba **create -y -n napari-intro-env -c conda-forge** **python=3.10**

mamba **activate napari-intro-env**

mamba **install -c conda-forge napari pyqt**

Some packages can only be installed with **pip**

conda checks for version compatibility before installing

- **pip** tries to install, then lets you know if something went wrong
- **pip** cannot create environments

Installing napari

Napari can also be downloaded and installed like other software

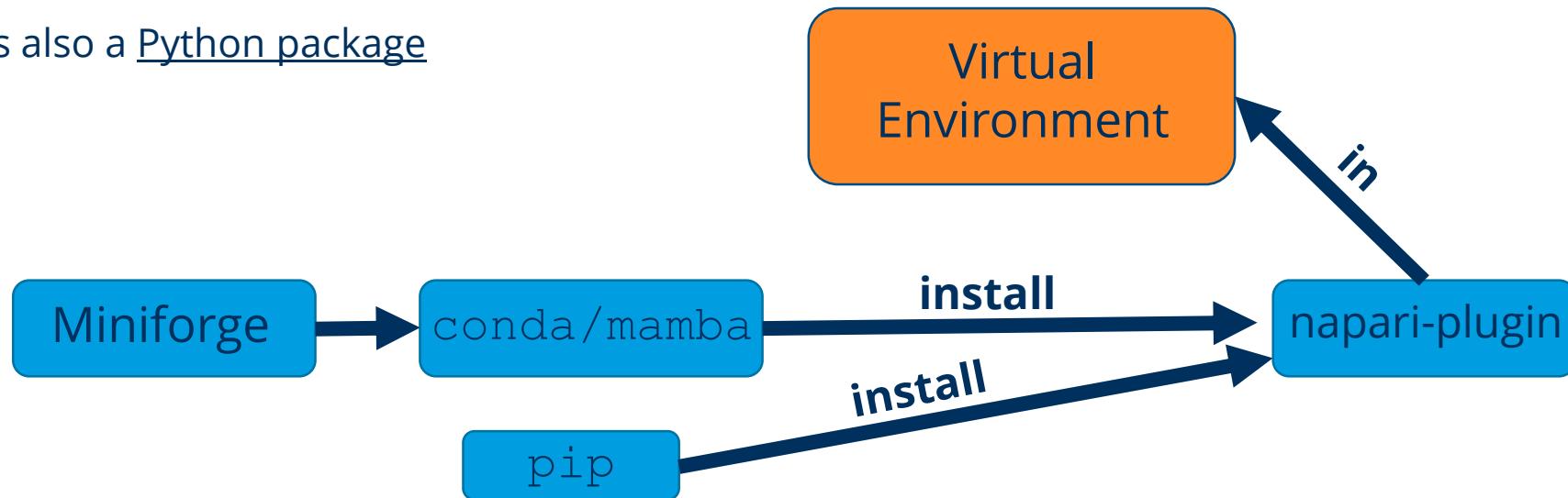
- https://napari.org/stable/tutorials/fundamentals/installation_bundle_conda.html#how-to-install-napari-as-a-bundled-app

This is more convenient, however it may be difficult to manage different plugin versions mid-long term

- In case of a dependency version mismatch, it may be necessary to uninstall and re-install the software and all the plugins again

Installing a plugin

A napari plugin is also a Python package



Commands:

`mamba activate napari-intro-env`

`mamba install napari-plugin`

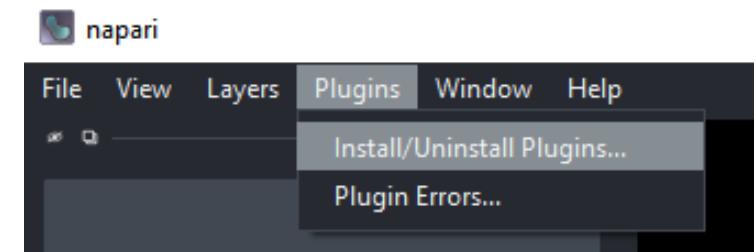
`pip install napari-plugin`

OR

`conda install napari-plugin`

Always check plugin
installation instructions!

Via Plugins Menu:



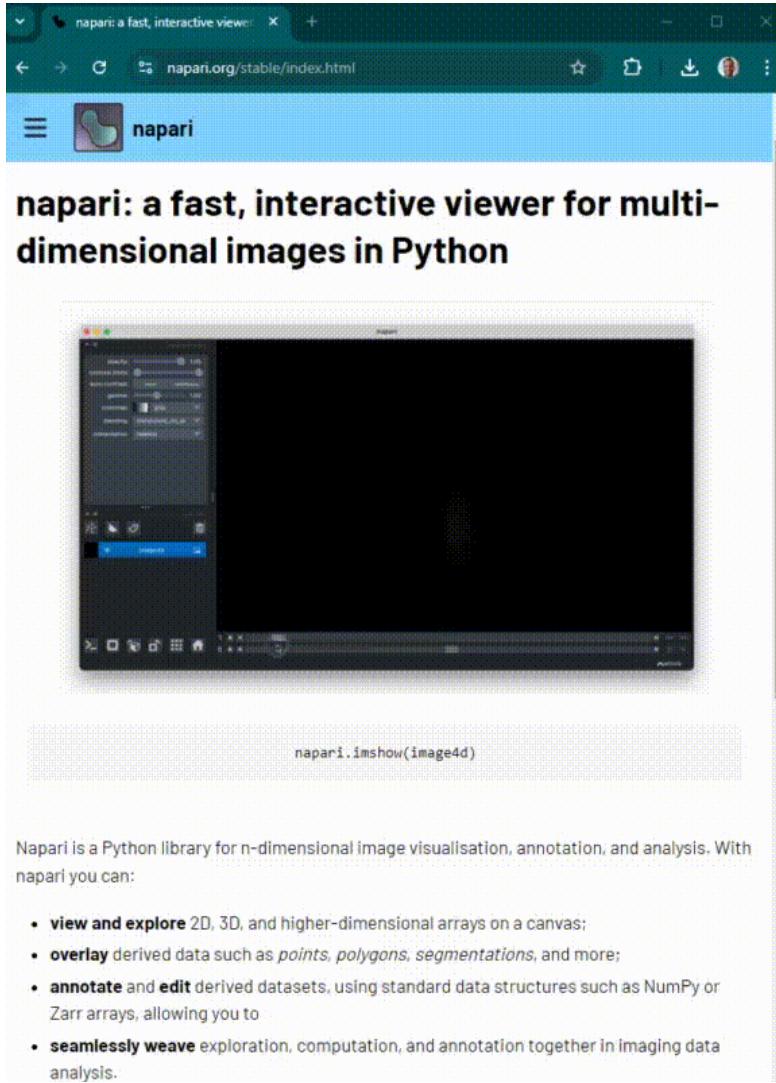
Introduction to napari

- napari Viewer
- Layer Types
- napari Plugins

Napari: 3D viewer for Python

Multi-dimensional image viewer in python

<https://napari.org/>



Napari is a Python library for n-dimensional image visualisation, annotation, and analysis. With napari you can:

- **view and explore** 2D, 3D, and higher-dimensional arrays on a canvas;
- **overlay** derived data such as *points*, *polygon*s, *segmentations*, and more;
- **annotate and edit** derived datasets, using standard data structures such as NumPy or Zarr arrays, allowing you to
- **seamlessly weave** exploration, computation, and annotation together in imaging data analysis.

Napari: 3D viewer for Python



<https://napari.org/>

Napari user interface

Menus

View configuration / tools

```
layer.opacity = 0.5
```

Add empty layers



Delete layer

Layers

```
layer.visible = False
```

Viewer controls



Open Python Console



2D/3D view



Change axes order



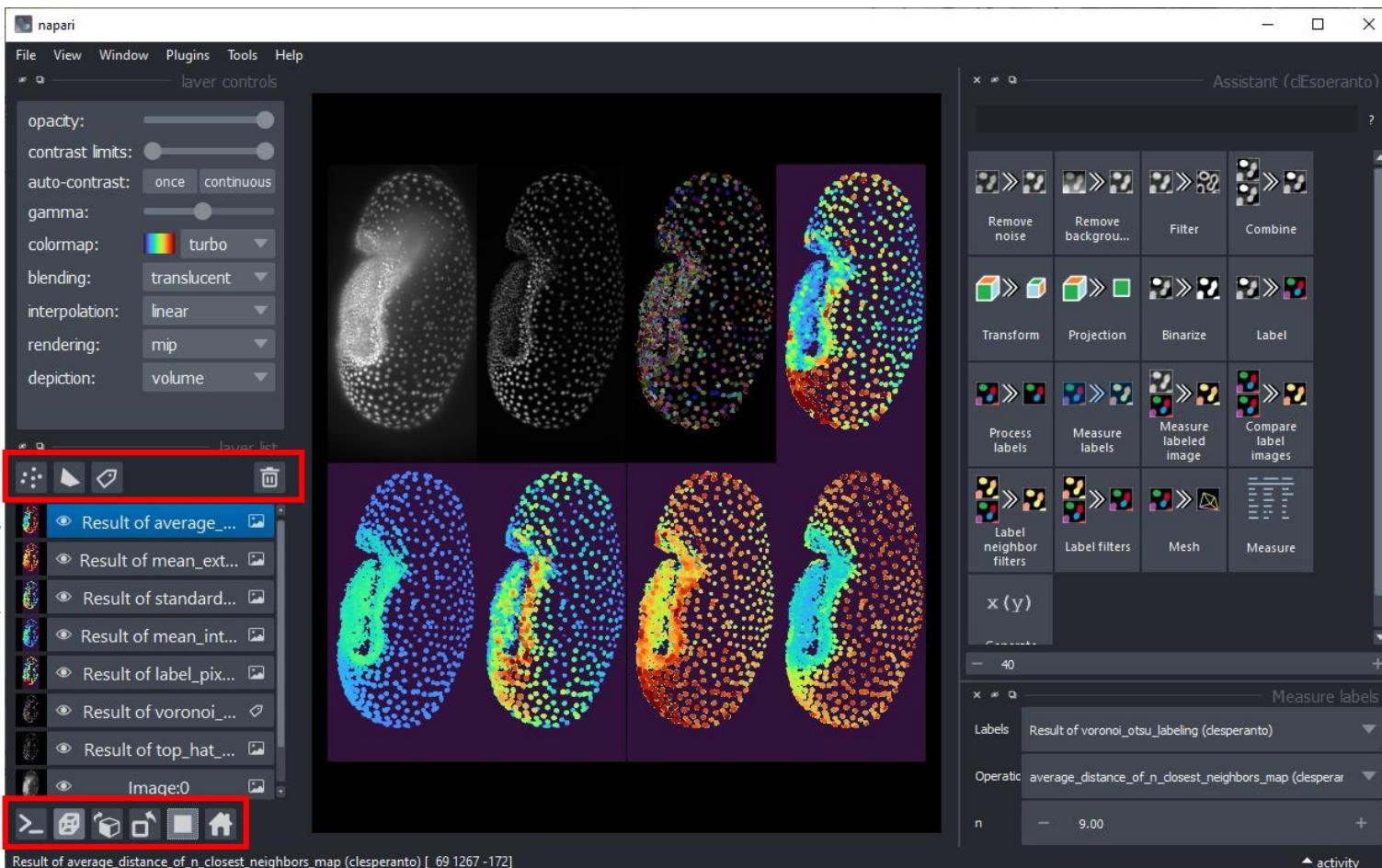
Transpose visible axes



Grid mode



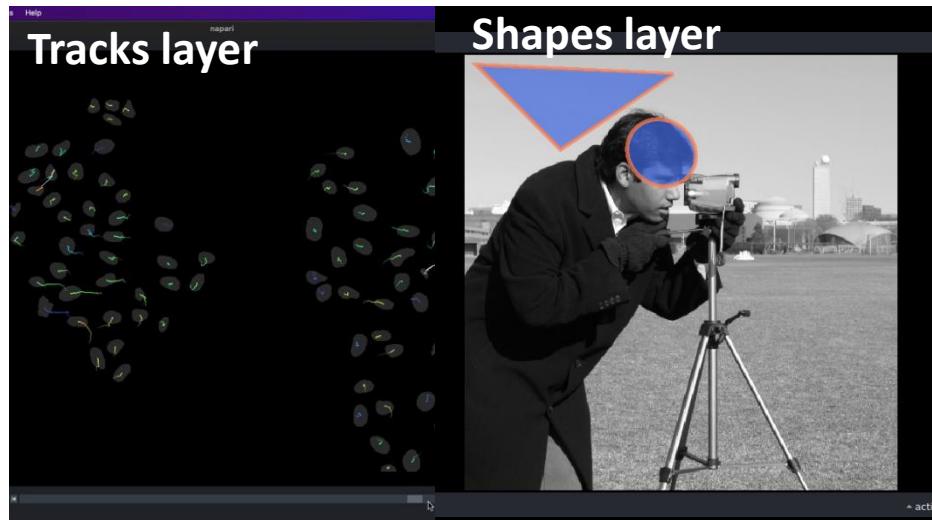
Reset view



Dock widgets
(custom plugins)

Layer types

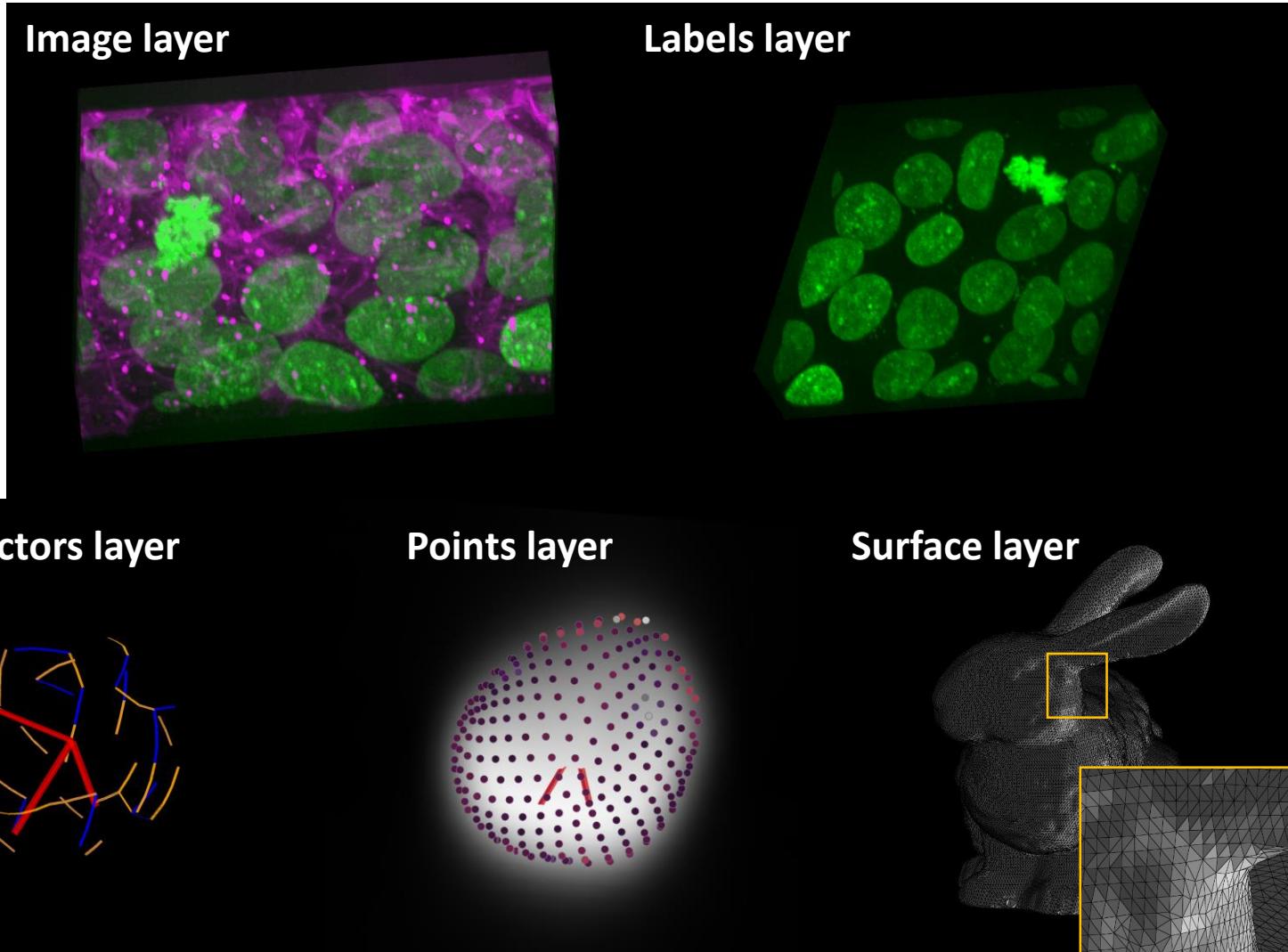
- **Image layer:** Can be n-dimensional grayscale data (e.g., [CTZYX])
- **Labels layer:** Similar to image layer, but contains only integer numbers (e.g., 0,1,2,3,...)
- **Points layer:** List of coordinates in space
- **Vectors layer:** Direction from point A to point B
- **Surface layer:** Mesh (Vertices, Faces, Values)
- **Tracks layer:** Follow objects through time
- **Shapes layer:** Draw paths or regular shapes



<https://github.com/quantumjot/arboretum> licensed under [MIT license](#)

<https://github.com/campaslab/napari-stress>

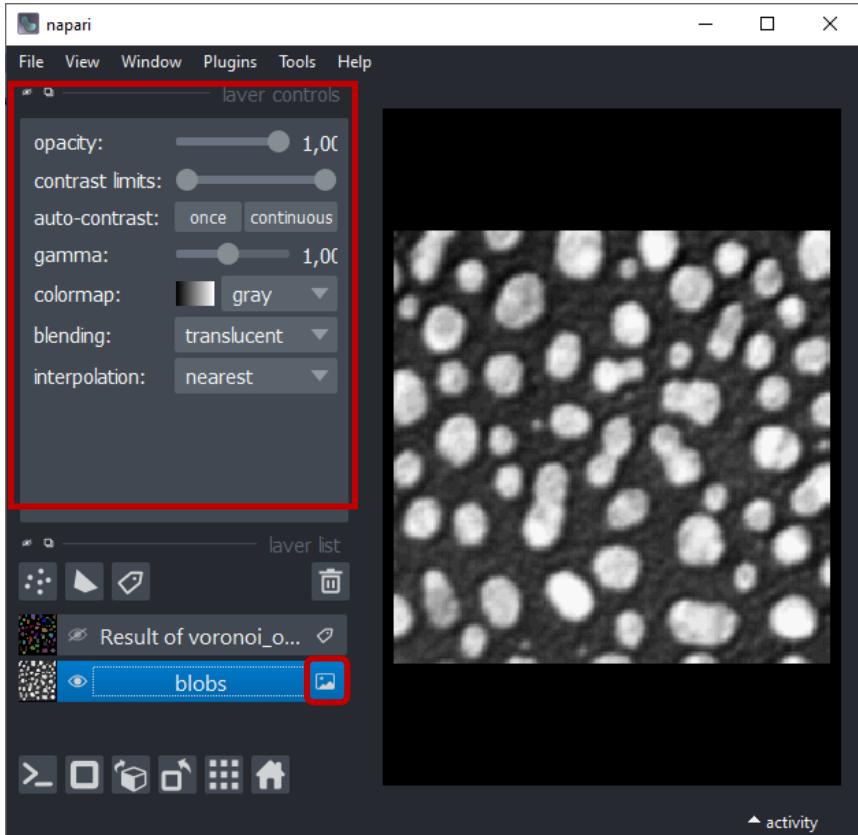
<https://gitlab.kitware.com/vtk/vtk>



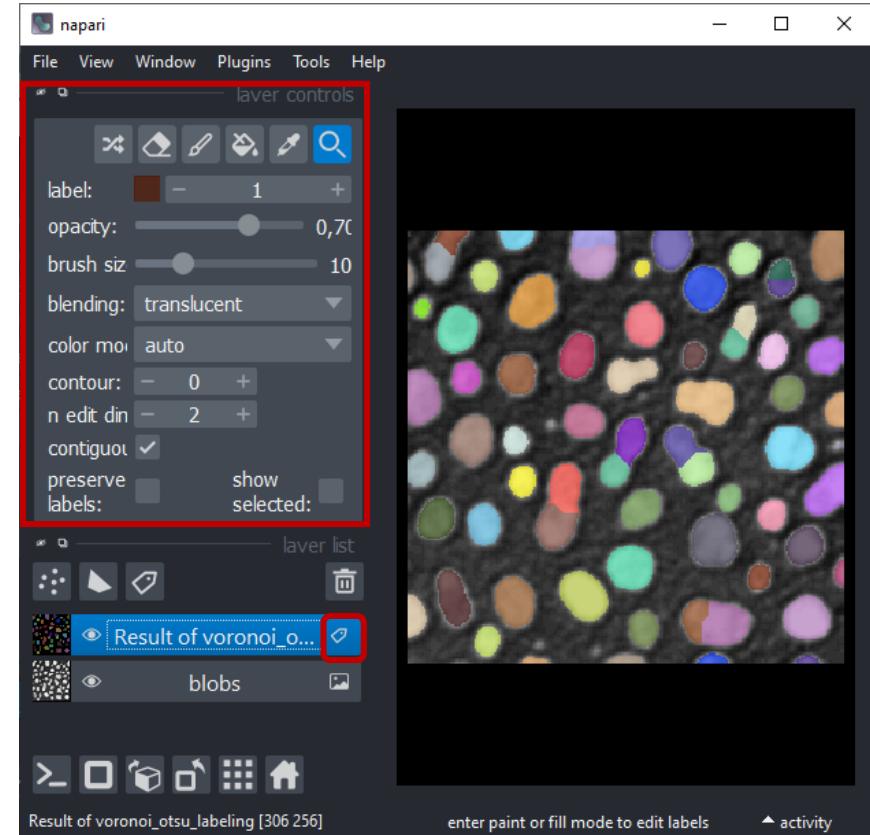
Layer types

Different layers have different tools and options

Image Layer



Labels Layer



Python image & data analysis tools are powerful!



Python scientific image computing
toolbox
<https://github.com/scikit-image>



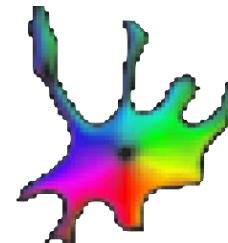
Object detection with Stardist
<https://github.com/stardist>



Python machine-learning toolbox
<https://github.com/scikit-learn>



Data visualization & exploration
<https://github.com/matplotlib>
<https://github.com/seaborn>



Cell segmentation
<https://github.com/MouseLand/cellpose>



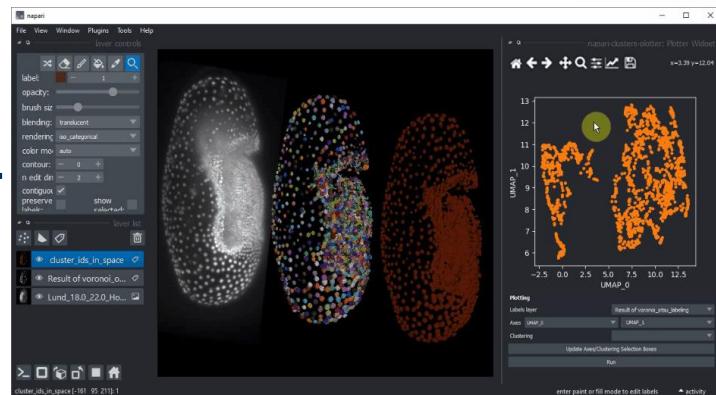
GPU-accelerated image processing
<https://github.com/cLEesperanto>

Napari



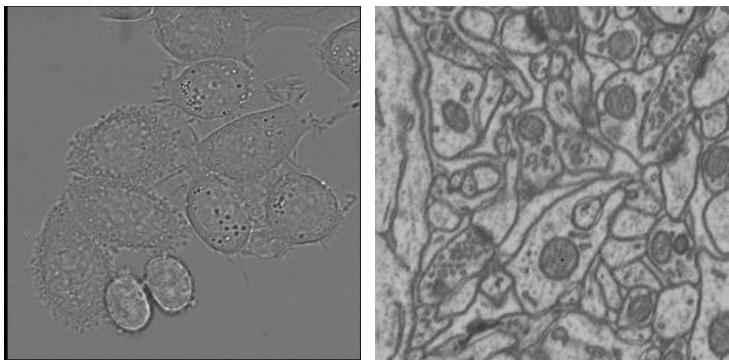
Existing functionality can
be turned into plugins!
→ Interactivity
→ Automatic GUI
generation

clusters-plotter



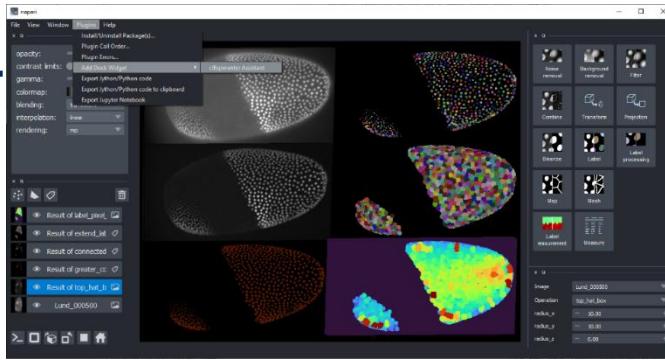
<https://github.com/BiAPoL/napari-clusters-plotter>

micro-sam



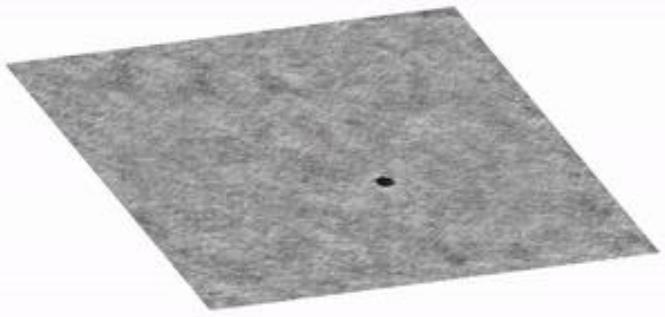
<https://github.com/computational-cell-analytics/micro-sam>

devbio-napari



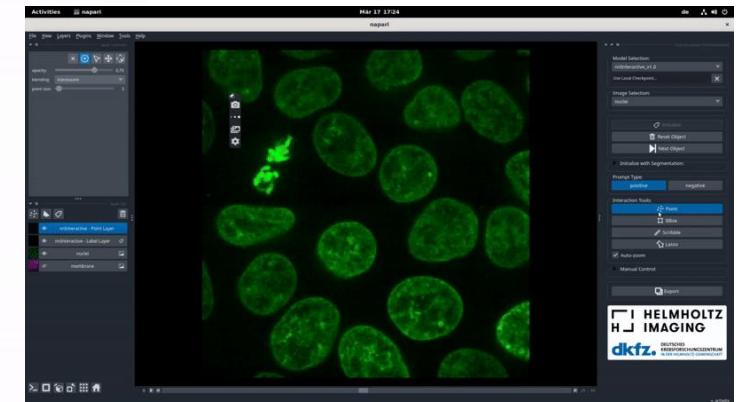
<https://github.com/haesleinhuepf/devbio-napari>

animation



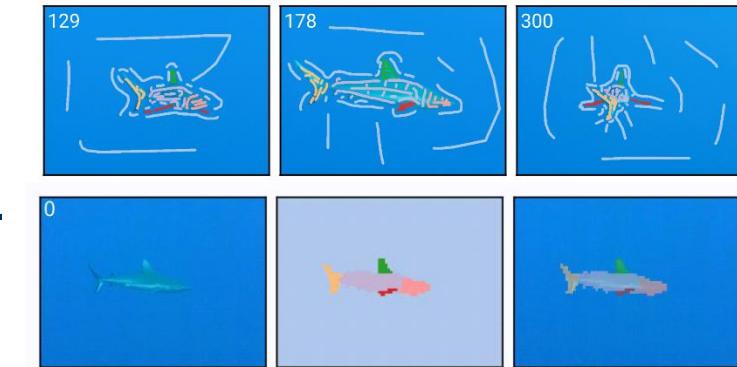
<https://github.com/napari/napari-animation>

segmentation



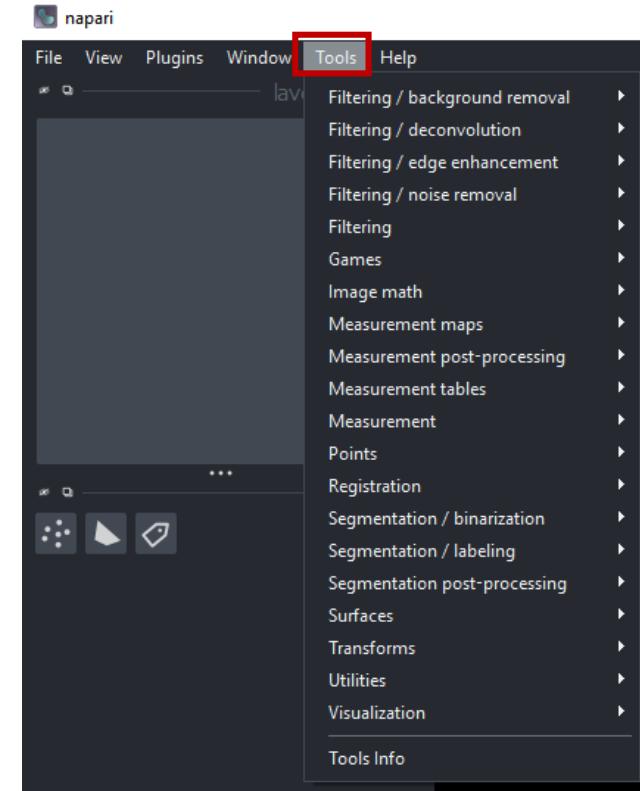
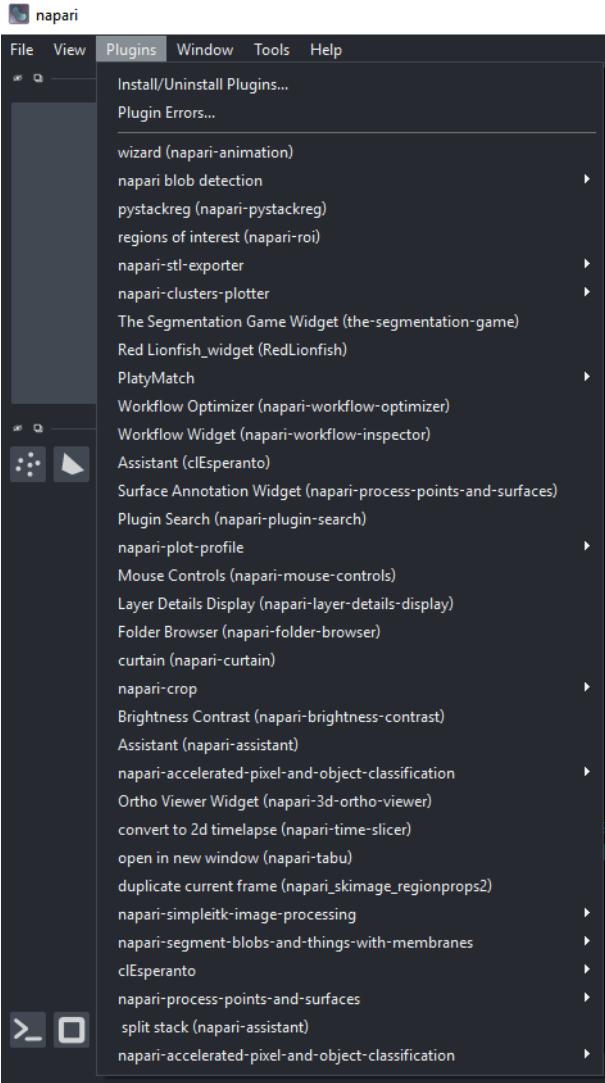
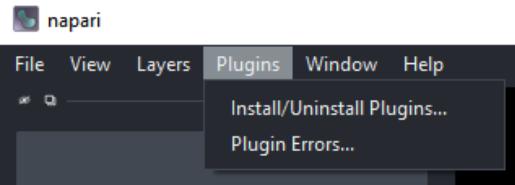
<https://github.com/MIC-DKFZ/napari-nninteractive>

conv-paint

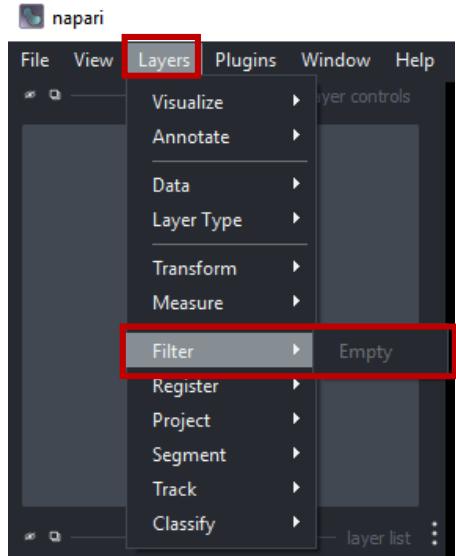


<https://github.com/guiwitz/napari-convpaint>

Plugins and Layers Menus



devbio-napari plugin bundle



napari >= 0.5.0

Layers sub-menu items depend on plugin developers populating them

The Napari Hub

The plugin you are looking for may be near you!
Search engine for napari plugins

The napari hub is transitioning to a community-run implementation due to launch in June 2025.

Discover, install, and share napari plugins

Since October 1, 2024, this version is no longer actively maintained and will not be updated. New plugins and plugin updates will continue to be listed.

Search for a plugin by keyword or author

Browse plugins: 227

SORT
 Relevance
 Plugin name

Search for a plugin by keyword or author

cell segmentation

Relevance

Workflow step: Image Segmentation

Image modality: Fluorescence microscopy

Workflow step: Image Segmentation

Image modality: Fluorescence microscopy

Supported data

Authors

Varun Kapoor

volsseg-napari

Irregular cell shape segmentation using VolsSeg

Workflow step: Image Segmentation

Workflow step: Feature Extraction

Image modality: Fluorescence microscopy

Workflow step: Feature Extraction

Image modality: Fluorescence microscopy

Supported data

Authors

Andy Sweet, Chi-Li Chiu

...s to labels, users can leverage feature extraction functions that are available to labels ...

napari-features

extensible, general-purpose feature extraction

Allen Goodman

An extensible, general-purpose feature extraction plug-in for the Napari image viewer. Fe...

napari-blob-detection

Detects blobs in images

Andy Sweet, Chi-Li Chiu

...s to labels, users can leverage feature extraction functions that are available to labels ...

napari-skimage-regionprops

A regionprops table widget

BiDIP Biopolis Dresden Imaging Platform

Pol Physics of Life TU Dresden

Dresden concept

version 0.1.4
release date 24 August 2021
license MIT
python version >=3.7
operating system All

version 0.2
release date 22 April 2022
license BSD-3-Clause
python version >=3.8
operating system All

version 0.5.3
release date 10 July 2022
license BSD-3-Clause
python version >=3.8

Inspecting plugin usage and maintenance - GitHub

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'empanada-napari'. The repository has 210 commits, with the most recent one being 'Merge pull request #34 from volume-em/empanada_v1.1.1' by 'barrybarry9' 8 months ago. A red box highlights this commit, and a red arrow points to it from the text 'Latests updates'. Another red arrow points from the text 'Documentation' to the 'Readme' link in the repository sidebar. The sidebar also includes links for 'BSD-3-Clause license', 'Activity', 'Custom properties', '22 stars', '3 watching', '9 forks', and 'Report repository'. The 'Releases' section shows a 'Zenodo First Release' (Latest) on Nov 28, 2022, and '+ 7 releases'. The 'Packages' section indicates 'No packages published'. The 'Contributors' section shows 5 contributors.

Latests updates

Documentation

File / Commit	Date
.github/workflows deployment ready	3 years ago
.napari model and data docs	3 years ago
custom_configs allow model architecture customization	3 years ago
empanada_napari Updated requirements.txt and Count labels module.	8 months ago
images docs	3 years ago
.gitignore v1.1 release	last year
LICENSE Initial commit	4 years ago
MANIFEST.in deployment ready	3 years ago
README.md Updated setup.cfg and requirements.txt file to include comp...	8 months ago
pyproject.toml code addition/deletion for project package install	last year
requirements.txt Updated setup.cfg and requirements.txt file to include comp...	8 months ago
setup.cfg Updated setup.cfg and requirements.txt file to include comp...	8 months ago
tox.ini preprint citation	3 years ago

Exercise: Create a conda environment for this course

Please follow the instructions in the link below to create a local environment:

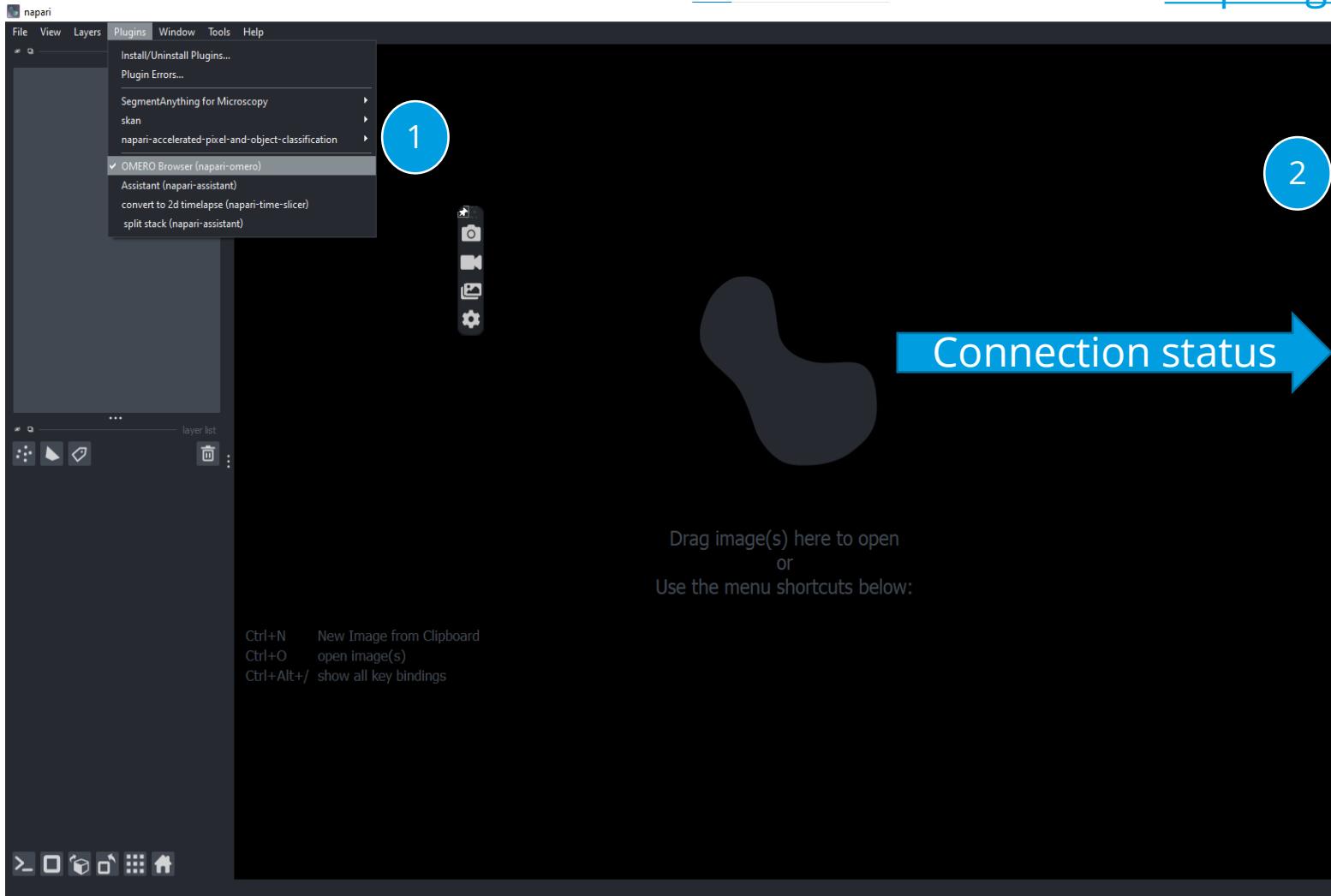
<https://biapol.github.io/BioImage-Analysis-and-Data-Processing-Workshop-2025/intro.html>



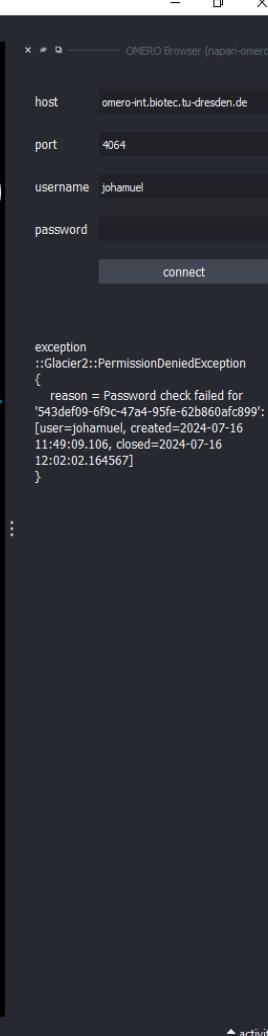
Napari - OMERO integration

- Demonstration: napari-OMERO plugin

Napari-OMERO usage



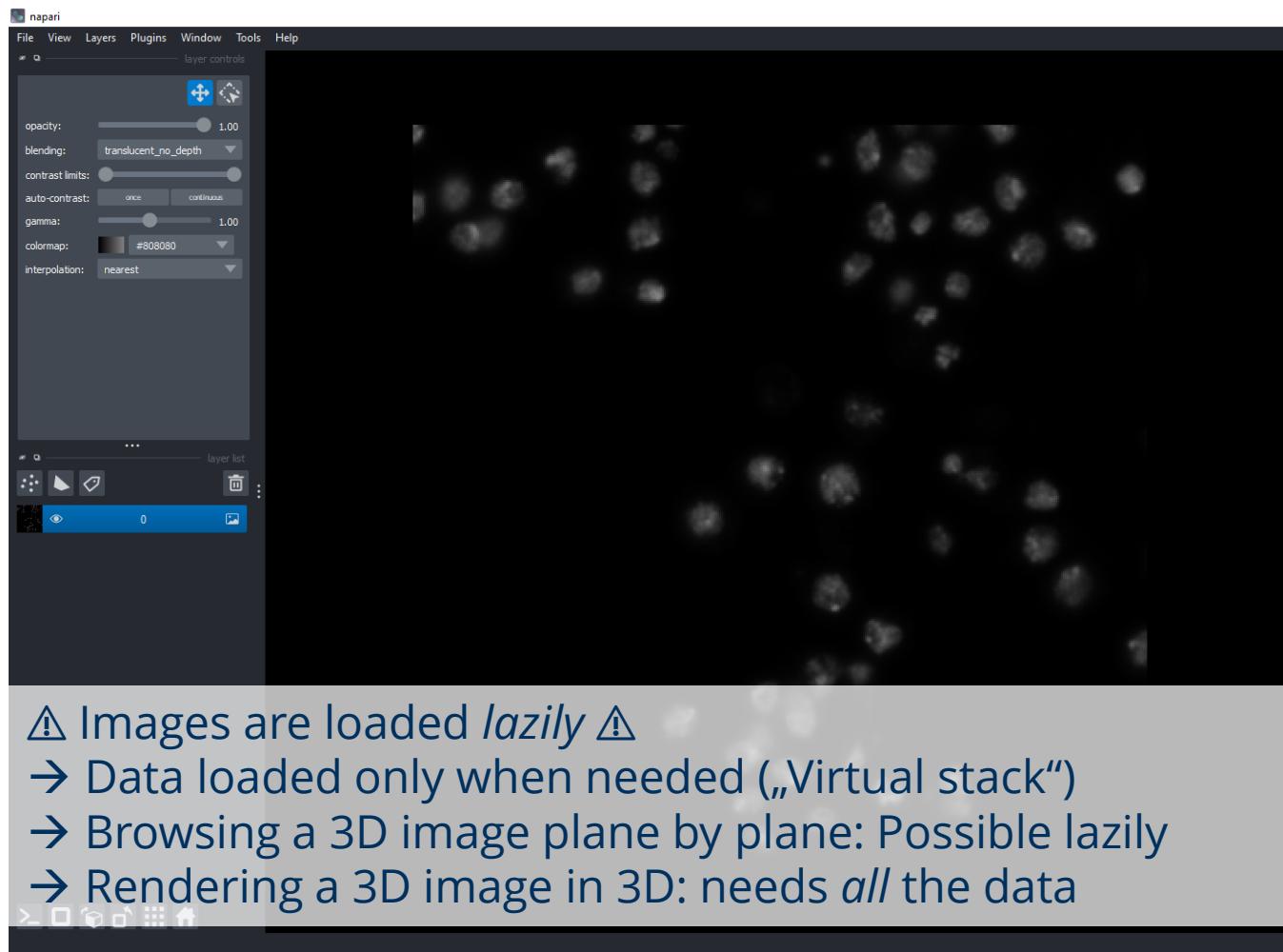
<https://github.com/tlambert03/napari-omero>



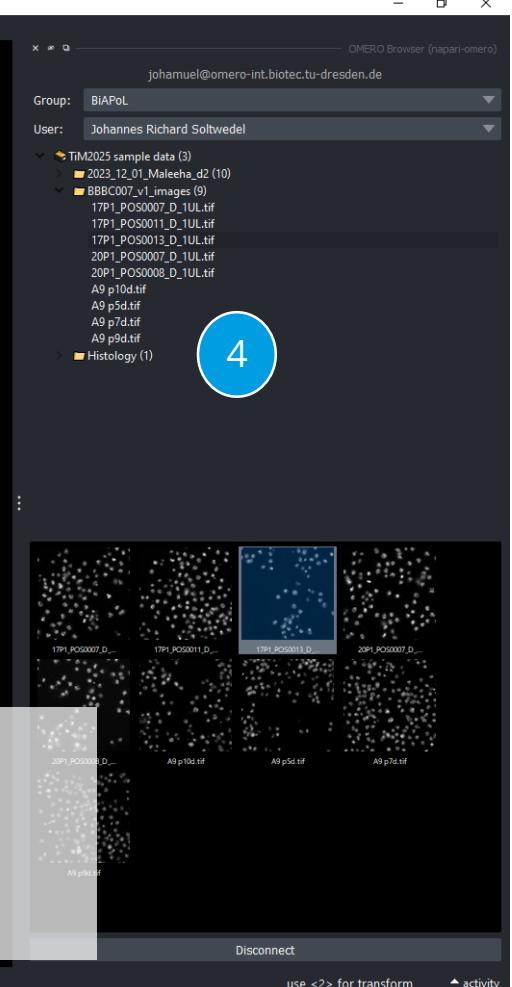
1. Select Plugin from plugin menu
2. Log into TiM OMERO server with your TiM credentials

Napari-OMERO usage

3. Select group and user
4. Selecting item from file tree loads image into viewer



⚠ Images are loaded *lazily* ⚠
→ Data loaded only when needed („Virtual stack“)
→ Browsing a 3D image plane by plane: Possible lazily
→ Rendering a 3D image in 3D: needs *all* the data



Some tips and tricks for OMERO from Python: <https://biapol.github.io/omero-tools>

Napari-OMERO usage

Coming soon:

- ROI support
- Multiscale support: Browse larger-than-RAM samples (*3D limitation remains*)



Browsing multiscale data in OMERO

The diagram illustrates the workflow between the OMERO browser and the napari interface. On the left, the "OMERO browser" shows a list of datasets and a preview of images. In the center, the "napari" interface displays a 3D volume of a tissue sample with a color palette and a scale bar. Two large blue arrows indicate the flow of data: one arrow points from the OMERO browser to the napari interface, labeled "Download ROIS into napari"; another arrow points from the napari interface back to the OMERO browser, labeled "Upload ROIs to OMERO".

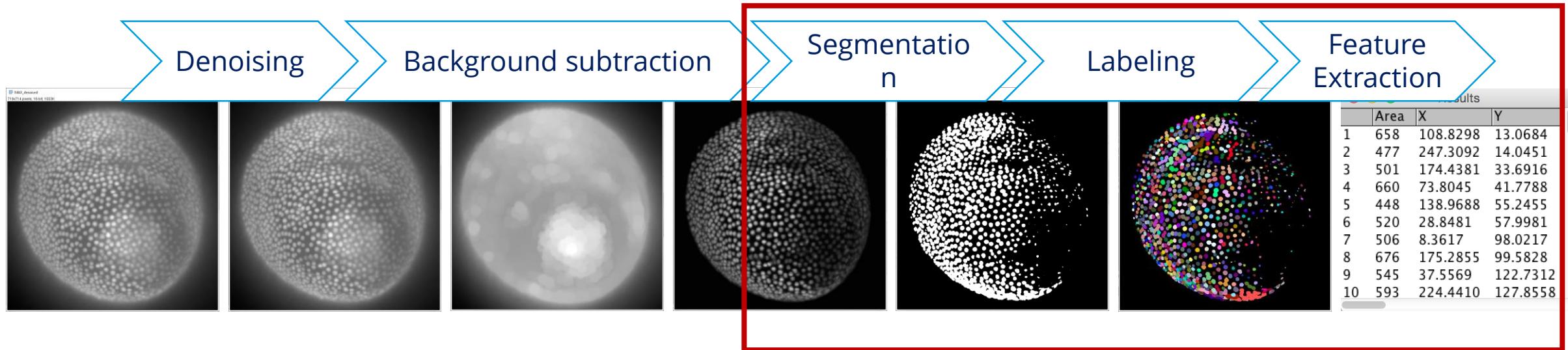
Download ROIS into napari

Upload ROIs to OMERO

Image Analysis Classic Workflows

Image analysis workflow is a series of processes/functions (not always linear) applied to images to achieve a certain goal (usually some measurements)

Here is a classic example:



Segmentation and Supervised Machine Learning

Random Forest Classifiers

- Pixel Classifier

Application: Segmentation

Aim:

Separate background from foreground

Vocabulary:

- **Segmentation:**

- **Segmentation:**
 - Assigning a meaningful *label* to each pixel
 - Segmentation is a *classification* problem

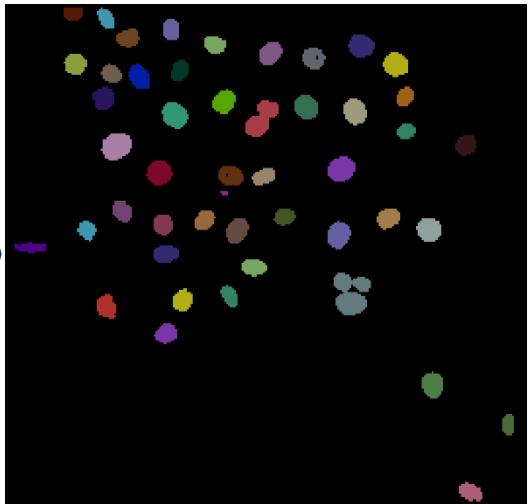
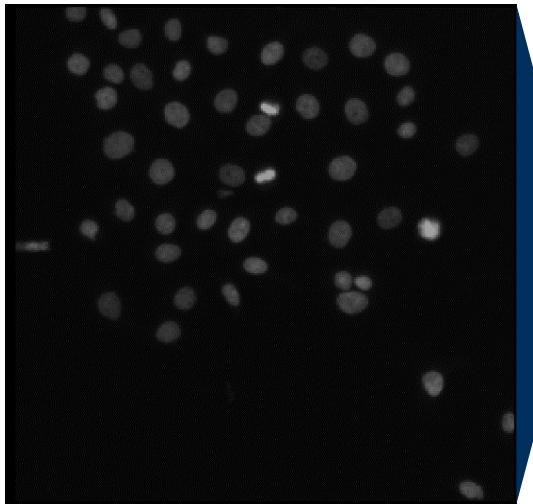
- **Semantic segmentation:**

Differentiate pixels into multiple *classes* (e.g., membrane, nucleus, cytosol, etc.)

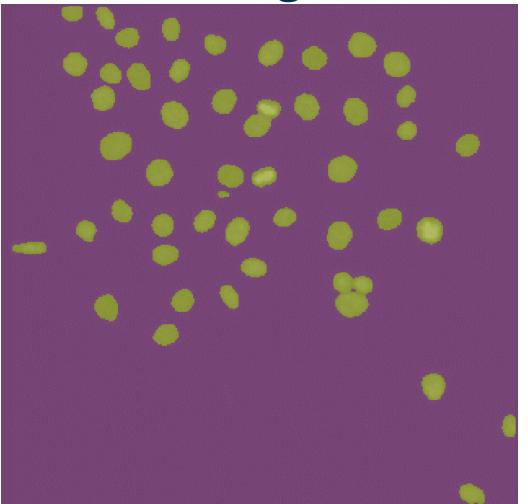
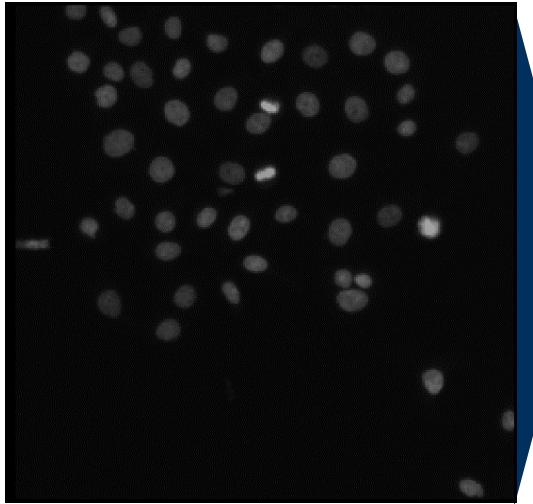
- **Instance segmentation:**

Differentiate multiple occurrences of the same class into separate instances of this class (e.g., separate *label* for each cell in image)

<https://scikit-image.org/docs/stable/api/skimage.data.html>



Instance segmentation



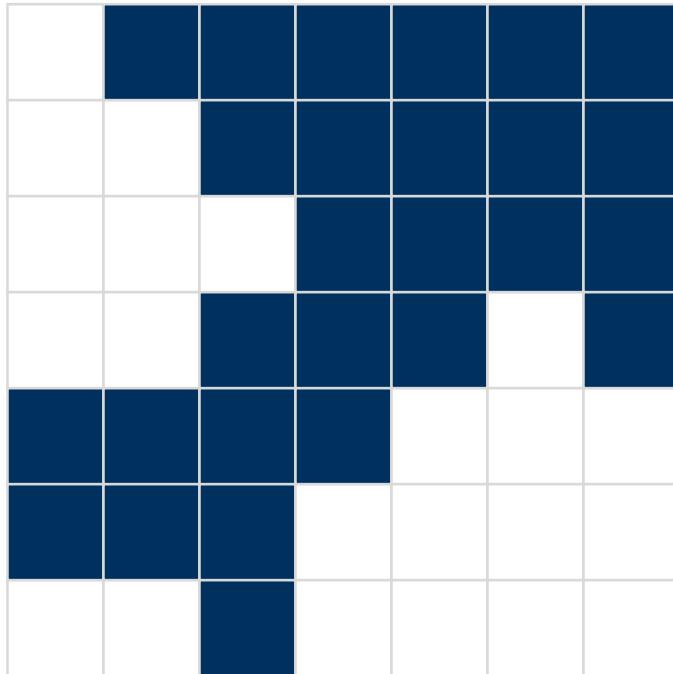
Semantic segmentation

Instance segmentation

In order to allow the computer differentiating objects, connected component analysis (CCA) is used to mark pixels belonging to different objects with different numbers

Background pixels are marked with 0.

The maximum intensity of a labelled map corresponds to the number of objects.



CCA

1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	3	0
0	0	0	0	3	3	3
0	0	0	3	3	3	3
2	2	0	3	3	3	3

Image segmentation using thresholding

Finding the right workflow towards a good segmentation takes time

A priori, we usually don't know which information in the image is useful for a good segmentation

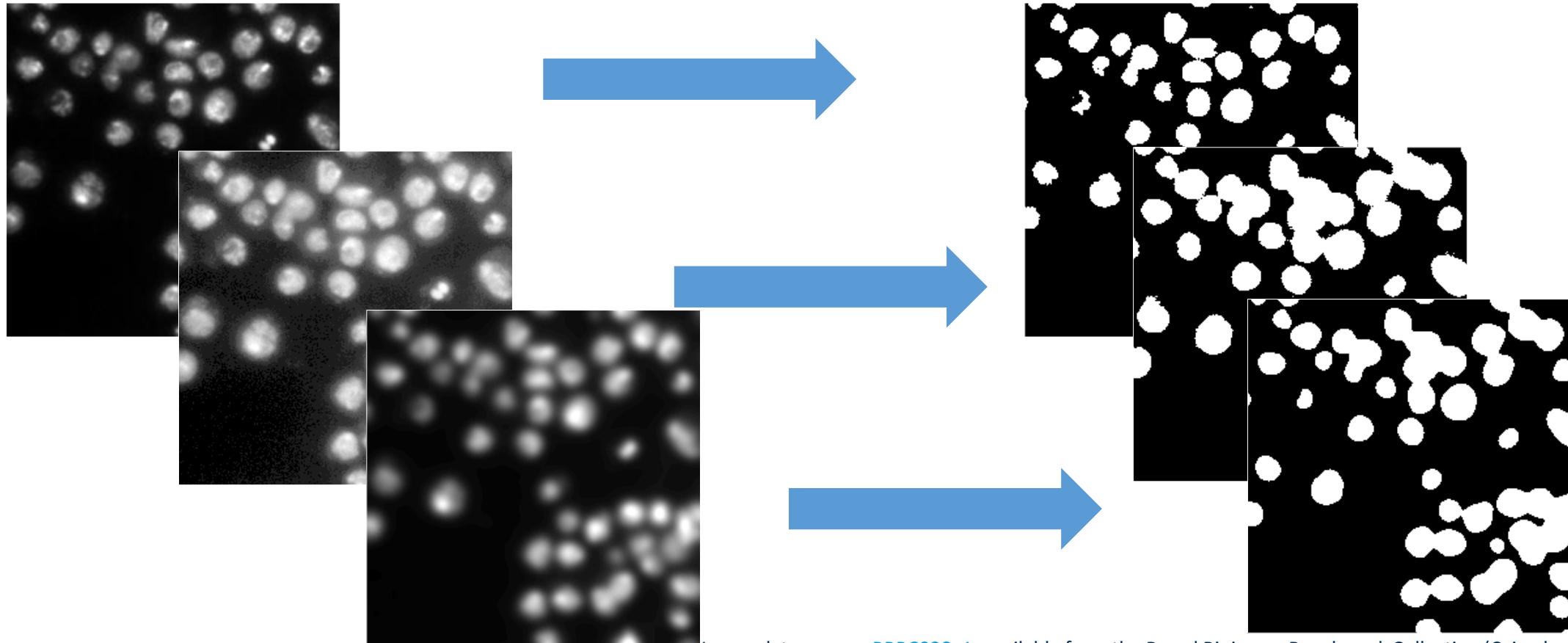


Image data source: [BBBC038v1](#), available from the Broad Bioimage Benchmark Collection (Caicedo et al., Nature Methods, 2019)

Machine learning

- A research field in computer science
- Finds more and more applications, also in life sciences.

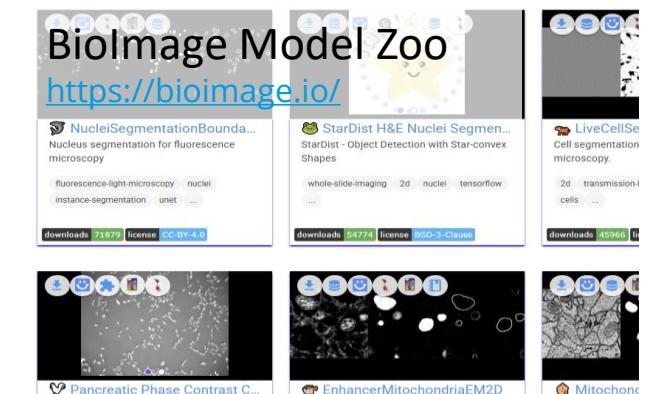
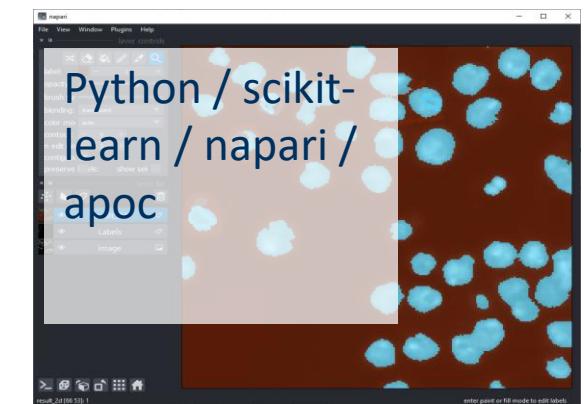
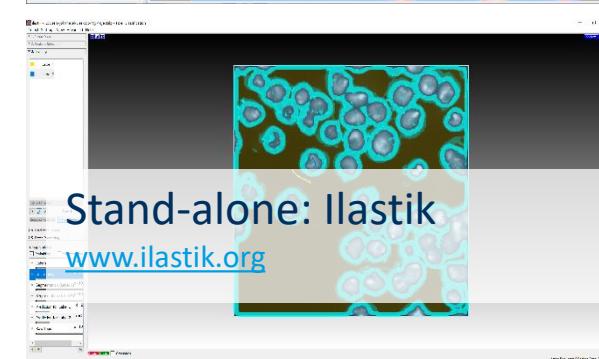
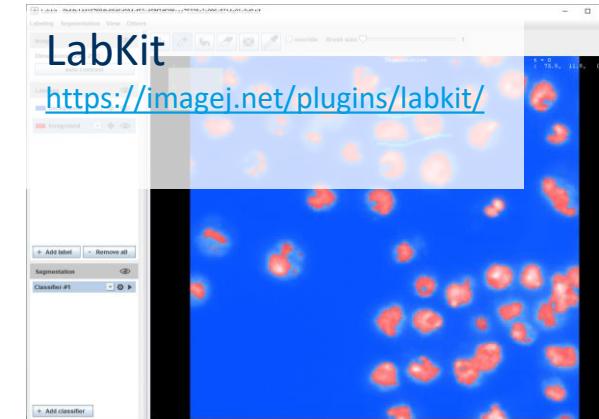
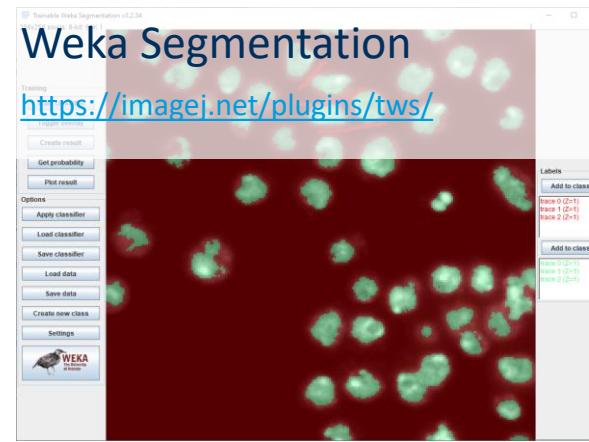
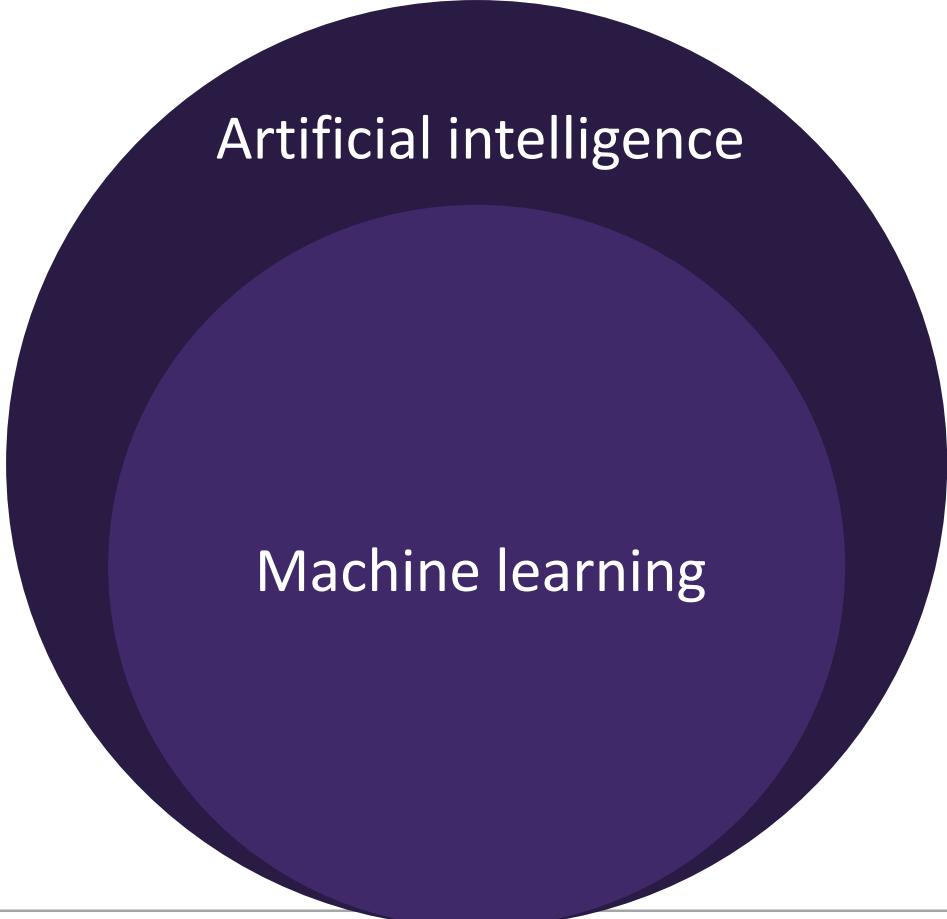
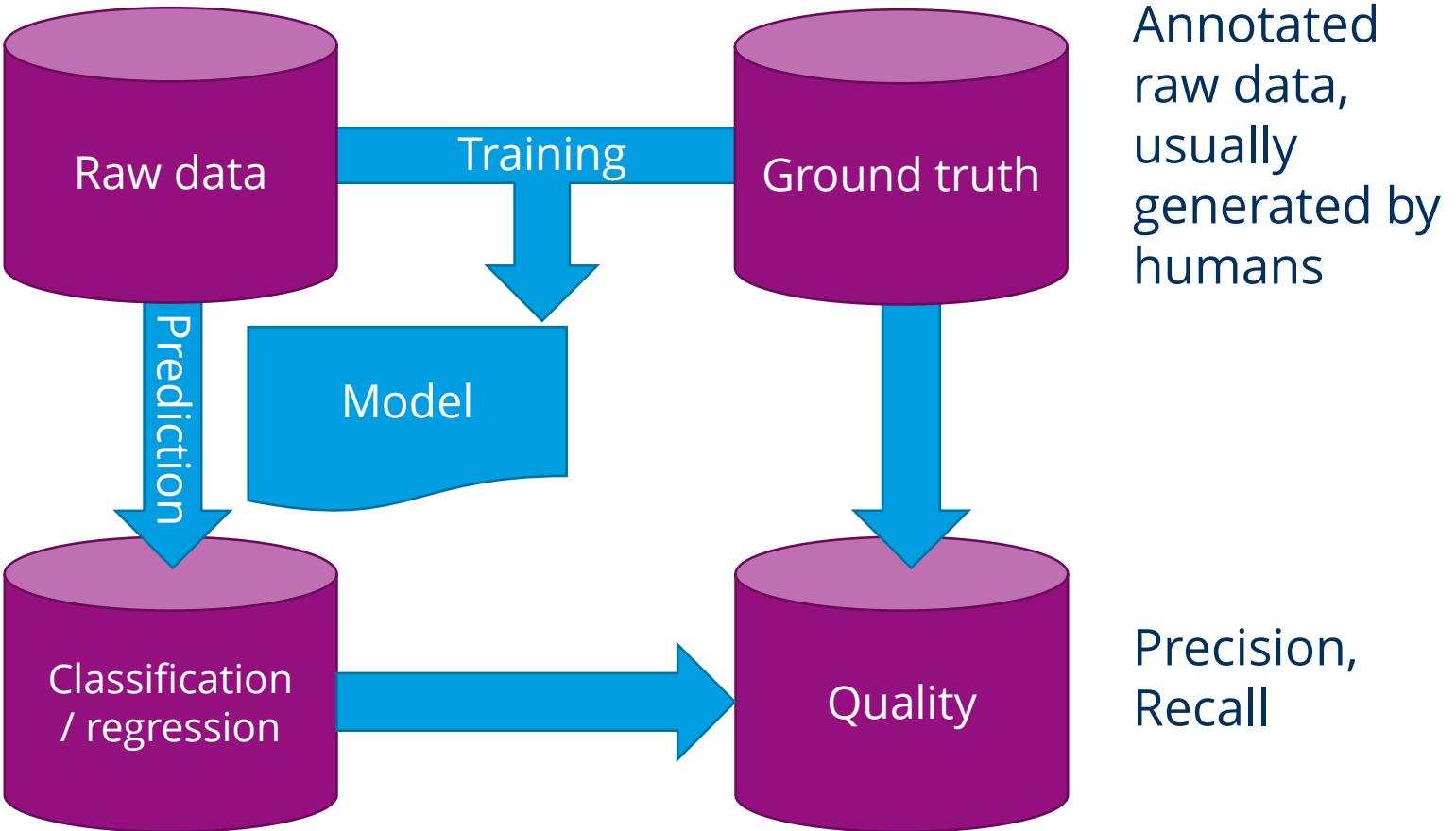
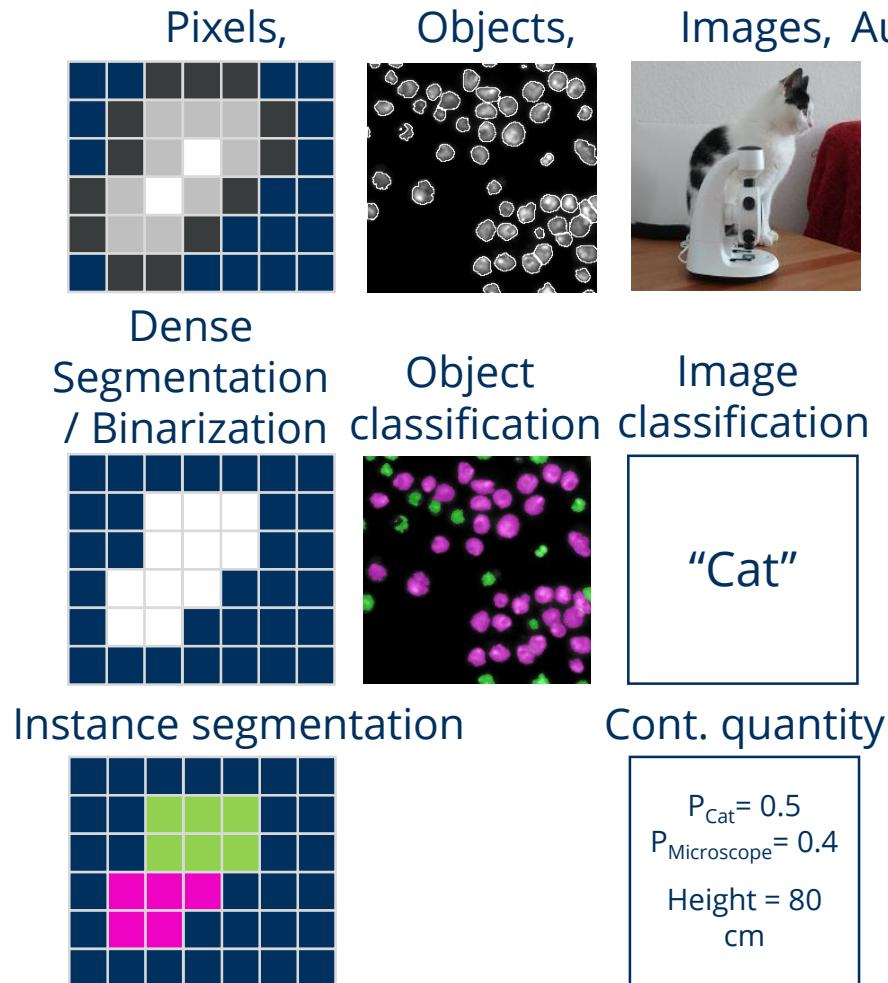


Image data source: [BBBC038v1](https://www.broadinstitute.org/bbbc/bbbc038v1), available from the Broad Bioimage Benchmark Collection (Caicedo et al., Nature Methods, 2019)

Machine learning

Automatic construction of predictive models from given data



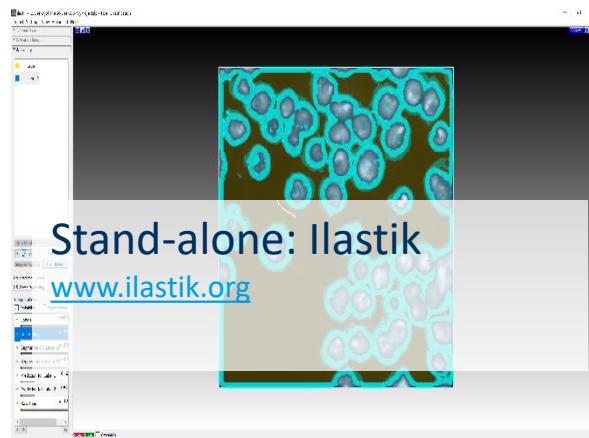
Segmentation: Latest developments

1970s-2010: Filtering,
thresholding

A Threshold Selection Method
from Gray-Level Histograms
NOBUYUKI OTSU

Abstract—A nonparametric and unsupervised method of automatic threshold selection for picture segmentation is presented. An optimal threshold is selected by the discriminant criterion, namely, so as to maximize the separability of the resultant classes in gray levels. The procedure is very simple, utilizing only the zeroth- and the first-order cumulative moments of the gray-level histogram. It is straightforward to extend the method to multithreshold problems. Several experimental results are also presented to support the validity of the method.

2010s: Random
forests et al.



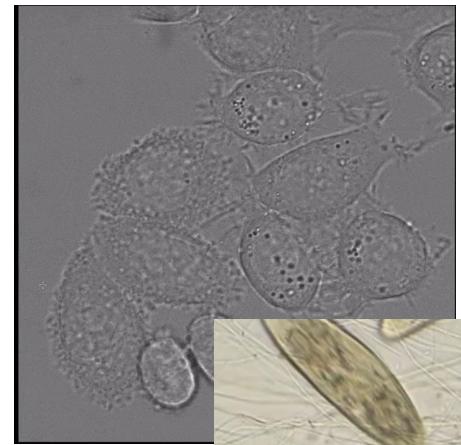
Deep
learning

2015: UNet
2018: Stardist



Foundational
models

2023: Segment
anything (SAM)
2024: SAM 2



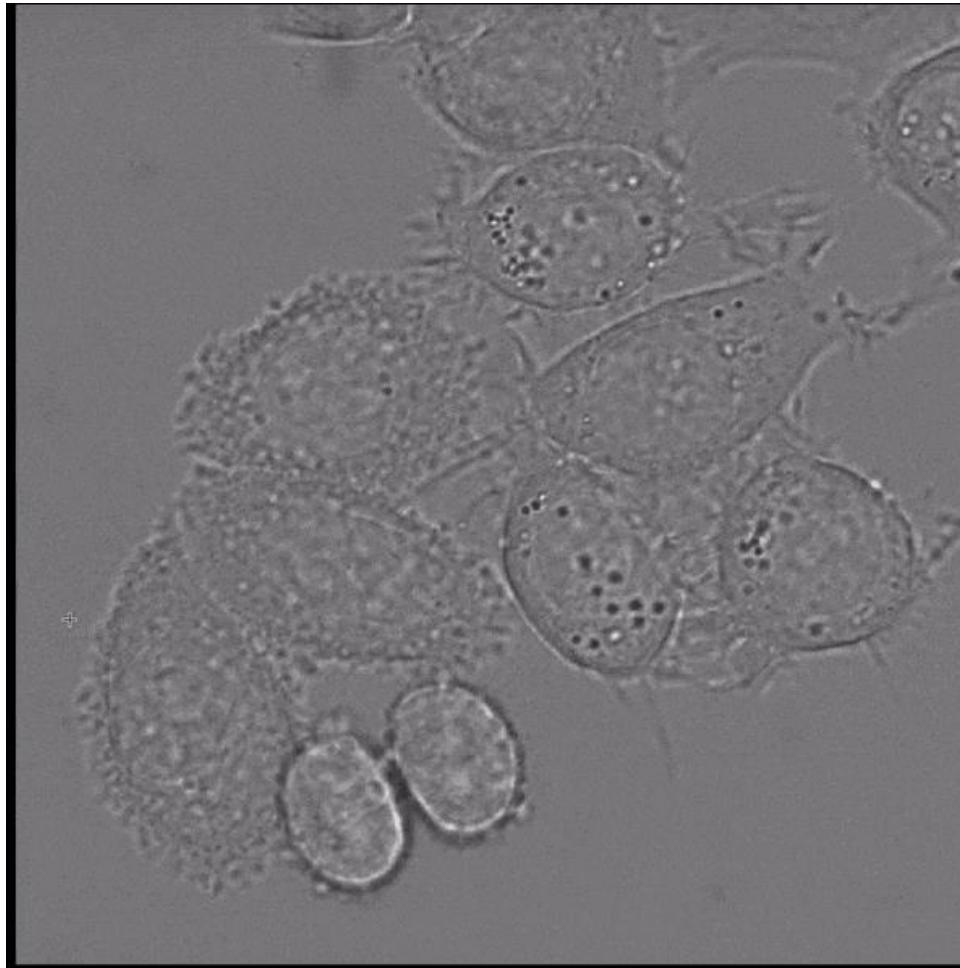
Computational demand



Segmentation and Supervised Machine Learning in napari

- Demonstration: Micro-sam plugin

Micro-sam



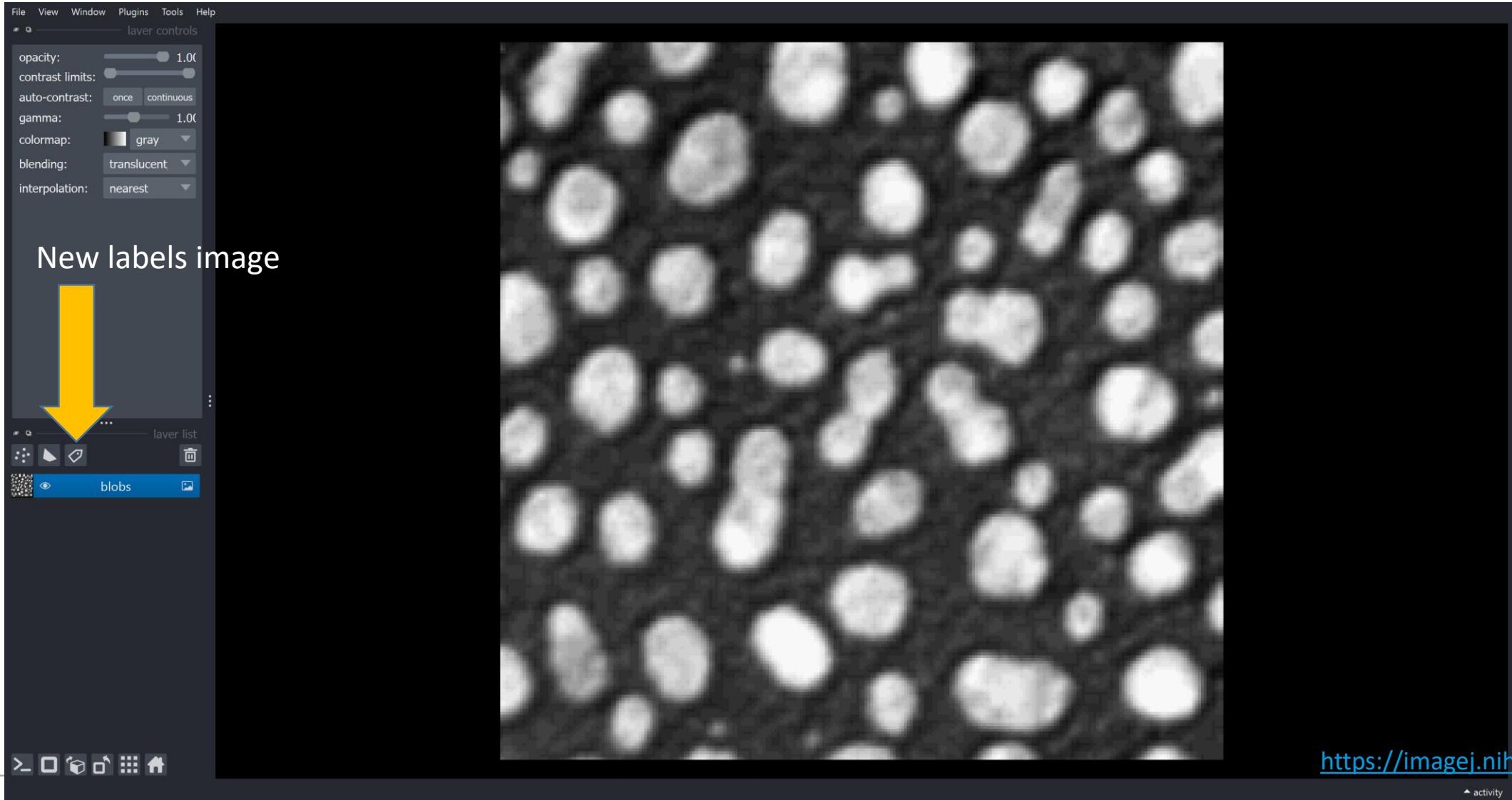
<https://github.com/computational-cell-analytics/micro-sam>

Segmentation and Supervised Machine Learning in napari

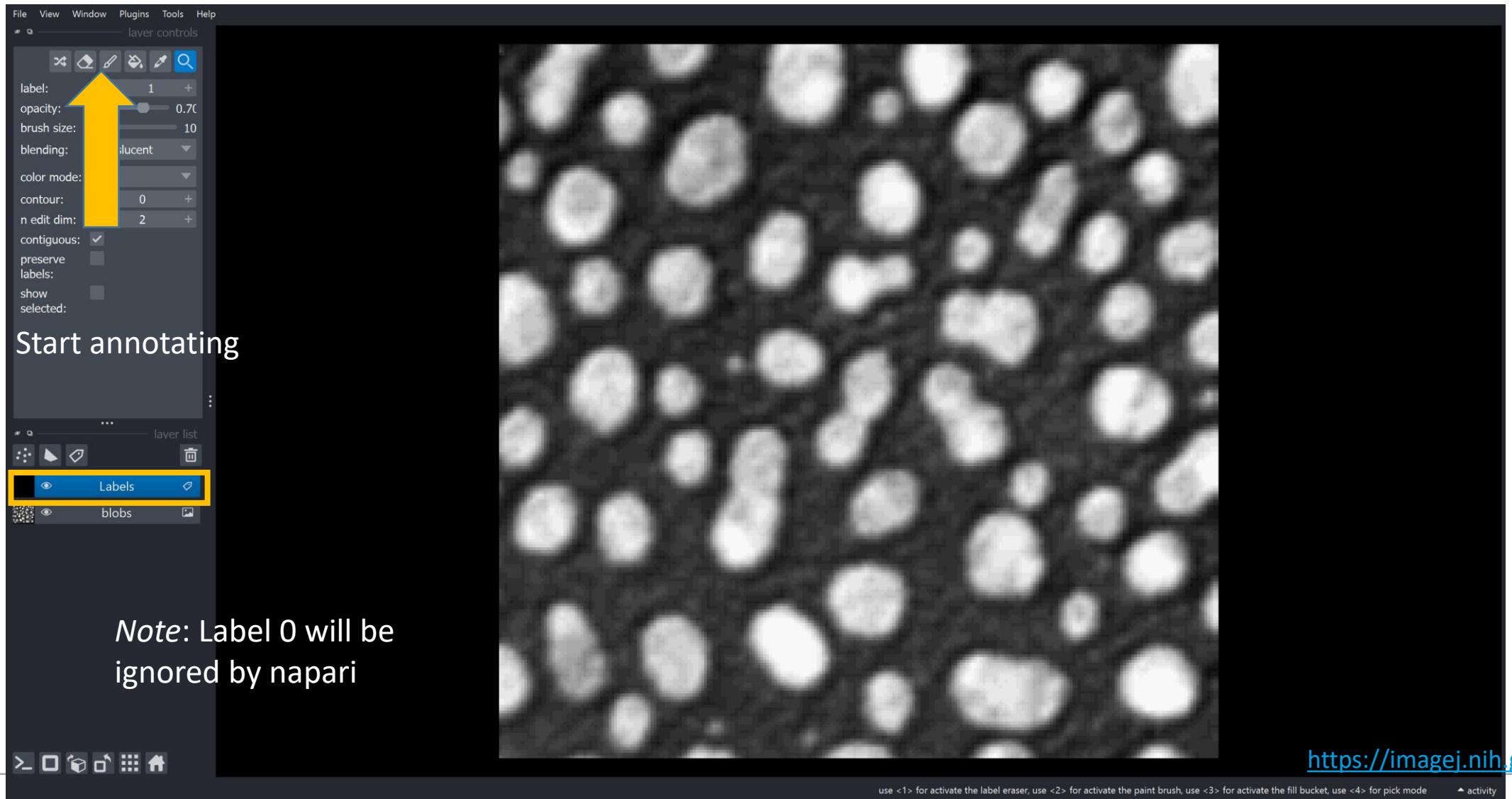
Random Forest Classifiers

- Pixel Classifier
- **napari-apoc plugin**

In napari: annotation



In napari: annotation



In napari: annotation

The screenshot shows the napari software interface. On the left is a toolbar with various tools like selection, drawing, and measurement. Below it is a panel for 'Labels' and 'blobs'. The main canvas displays a grayscale image of cells with a blue segmented region. A red bracket highlights a small cluster of pixels, and a large yellow arrow points to a callout box containing annotation tips. To the right of the main canvas is a vertical stack of three smaller images labeled 'good', 'Not so good', and 'bad', illustrating different levels of segmentation quality.

Tips for annotations:

- Use **small brush size**: Pixels next to each other do not give much additional information to the classifier
- Annotate only pixels the class of which (e.g., background, foreground, etc) is **unambiguous** to you
- **Annotate few pixels**: If you already annotated 100k pixels, annotating 100 more will not change the result – annotating few pixels allows you to **tune the result**

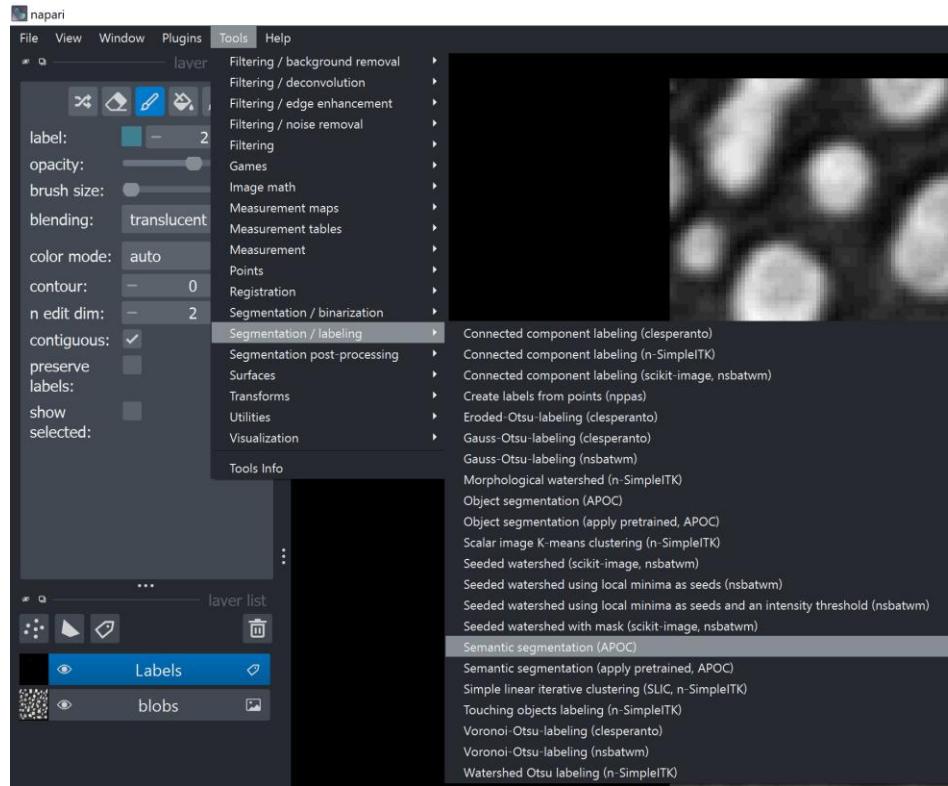
<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/images/>

In napari: Semantic segmentation (training)

Two options:

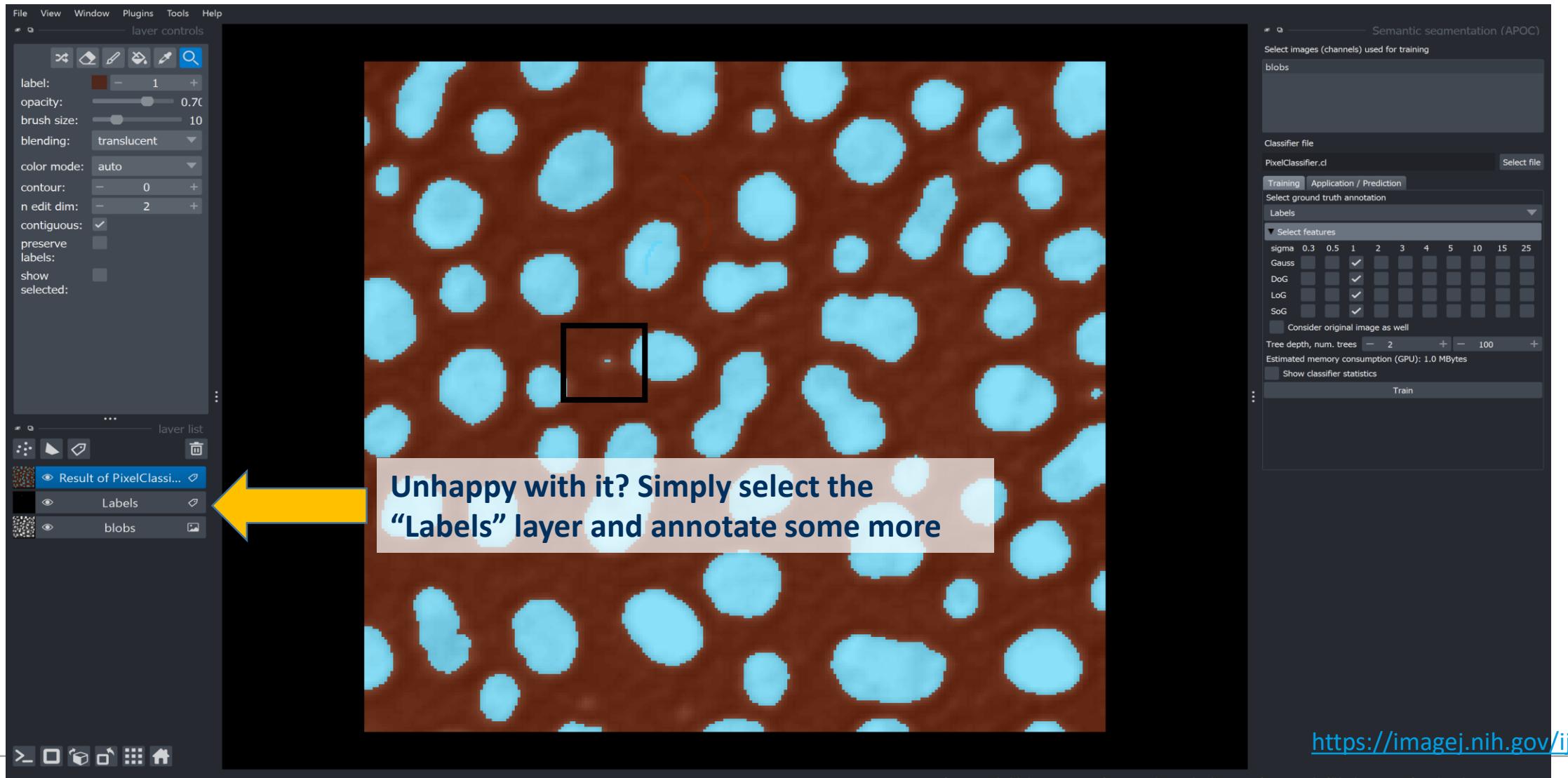
Semantic segmentation: Predict class of every pixel according to annotation

Object segmentation: Assumes that class “1” refers to background – applies connected component analysis to other class



The screenshot shows the 'Semantic segmentation (APOC)' dialog box. It has sections for 'Select images / channels used for training' (containing 'blobs'), 'Select annotation layer' (containing 'PixelClassifier.cl'), and 'Select features' (containing 'Gauss sigma = 5 Log', 'DoG', 'LoG', and 'SoG'). Yellow arrows point to each of these three sections. To the right of the dialog are four grayscale images: 'blobs', 'Log', 'DoG', and 'Gauss sigma=1'. Below the dialog is a URL: <https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/images/>

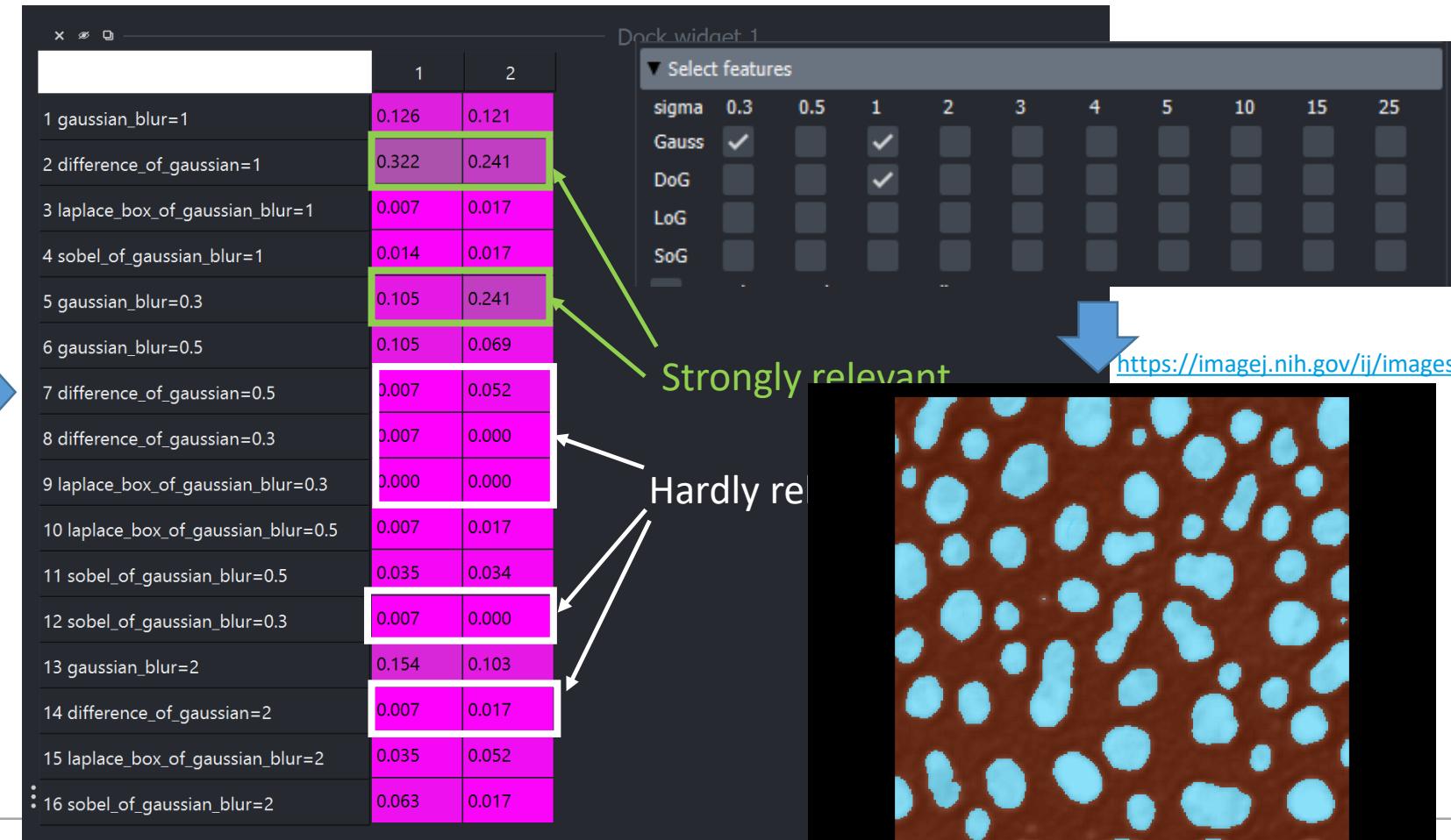
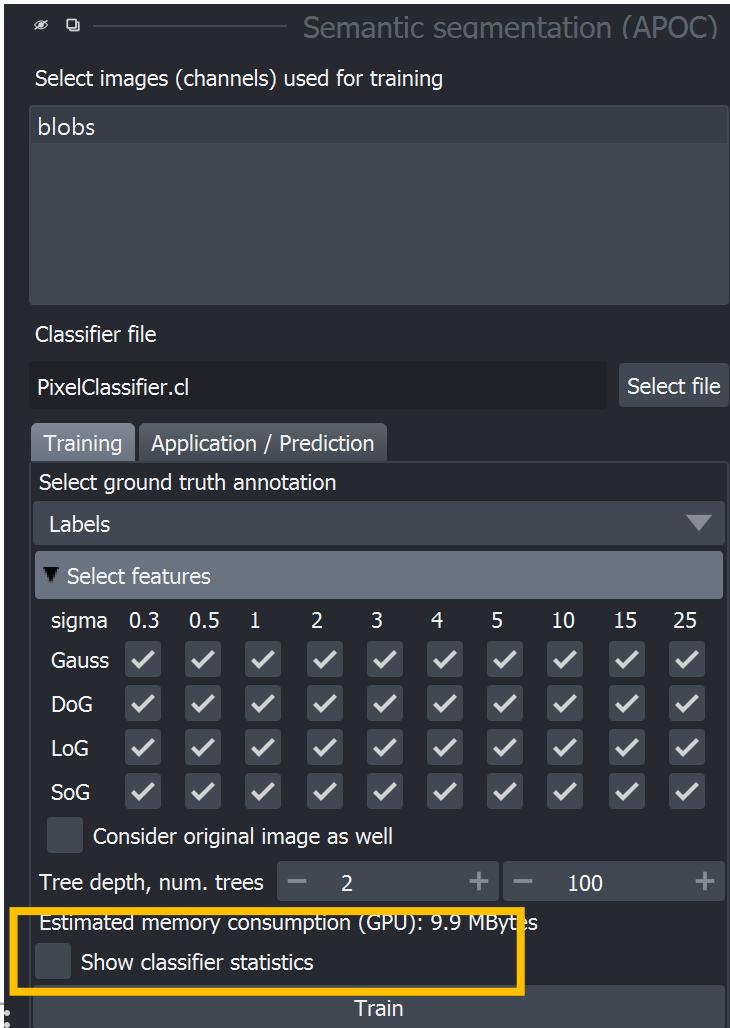
In napari: Semantic segmentation (training)



Semantic segmentation: Choosing the right features

Why not just do this?

- Not all features are equally relevant!
- Calculating the features takes time and computation resources!





Feature Extraction

Feature extraction

- A feature is a countable or measurable property of an image or object.
- Goal of feature extraction is finding a minimal set of features to describe an object well enough to differentiate it from other objects.

- **Intensity based**

- Mean intensity
- Standard deviation
- Total intensity
- Textures

- **Shape based /spatial**

- Area / Volume
- Roundness
- Solidity
- Circularity / Sphericity
- Elongation
- Centroid
- Bounding box

- **Spatio-temporal**

- Displacement,
- Speed,
- Acceleration

- **Others**

- Overlap
- Colocalization
- Neighborhood

- **Mixed features**

- Center of mass
- Local minima / maxima

Further reading:

<https://focalplane.biologists.com/2023/05/03/feature-extraction-in-napari/>

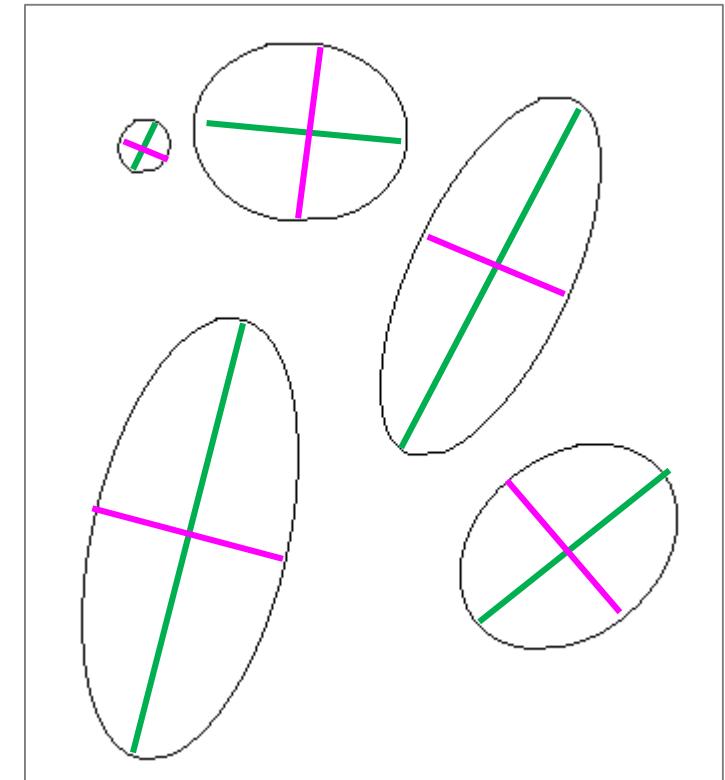
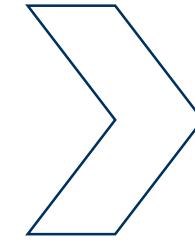
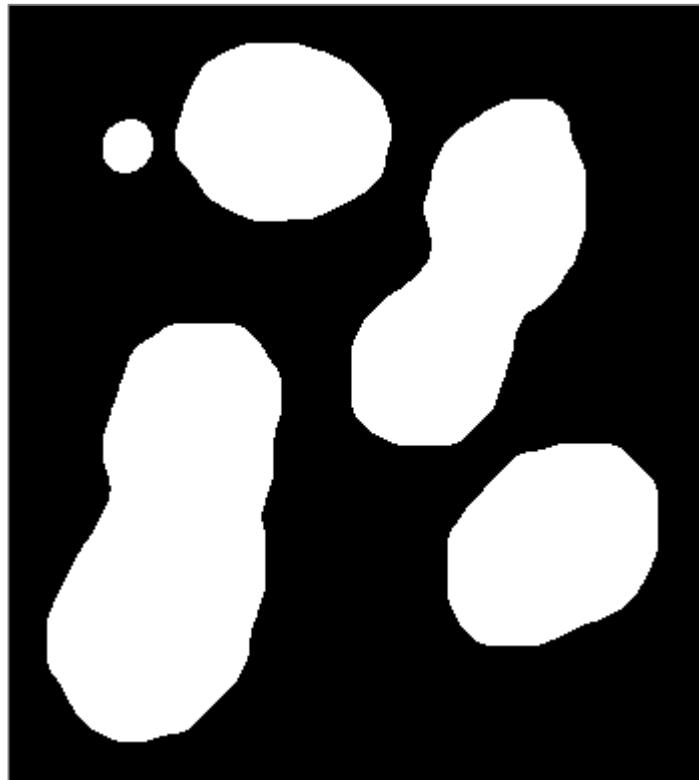
Fit ellipse

For every object, find the optimal ellipse simplifying the object.

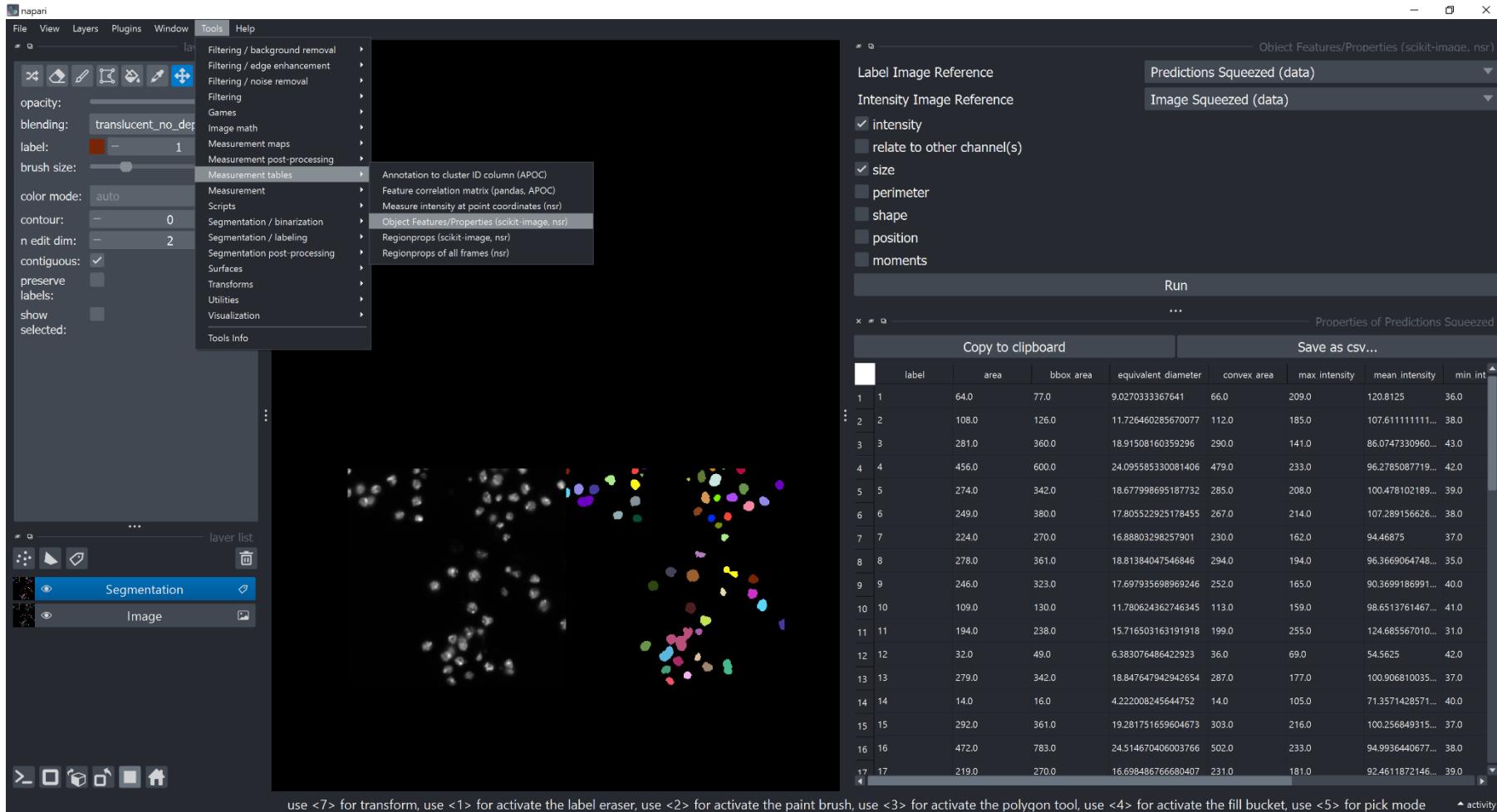
Major axis ... long diameter

Minor axis ... short diameter

Major and minor axis are
perpendicular to each other

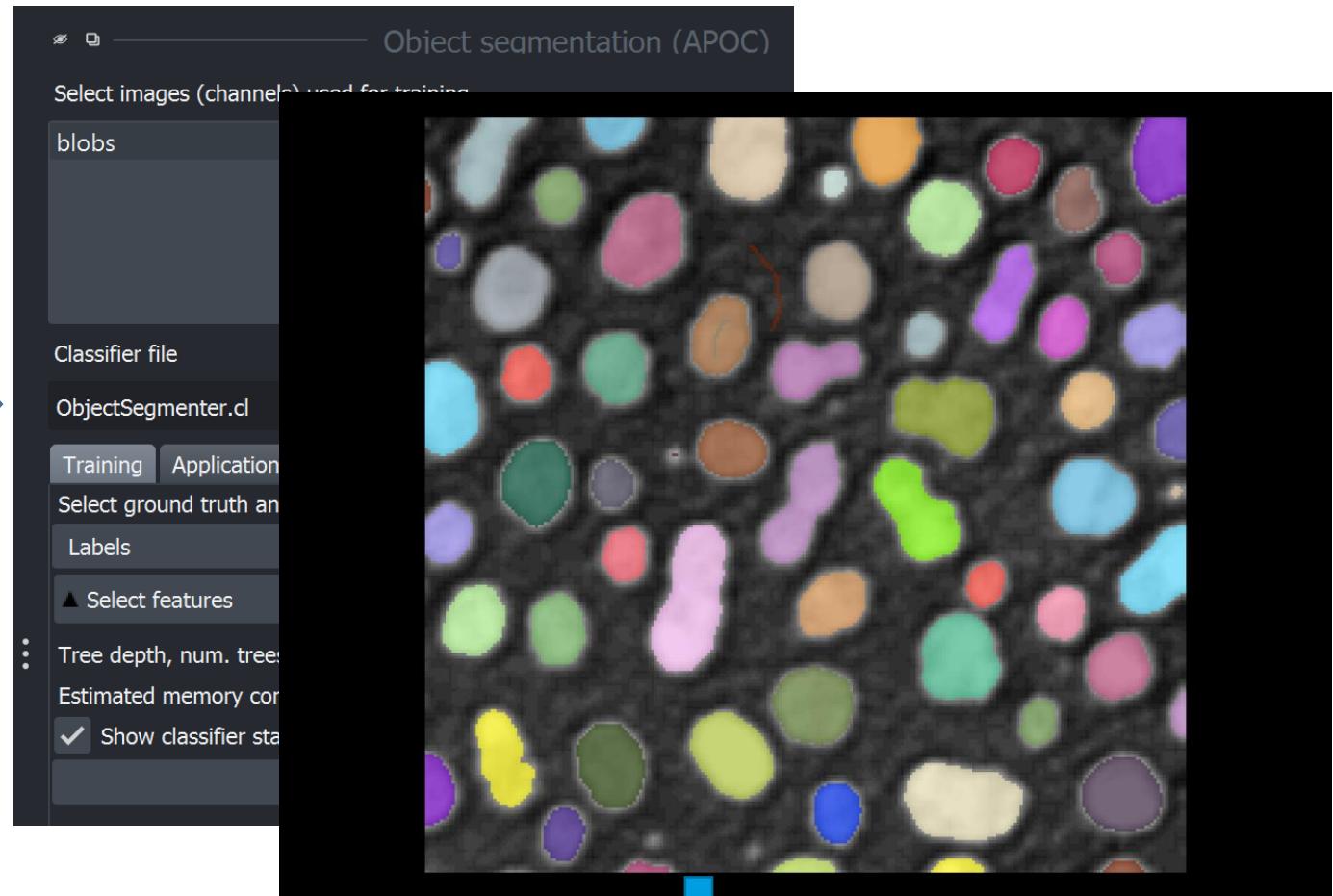
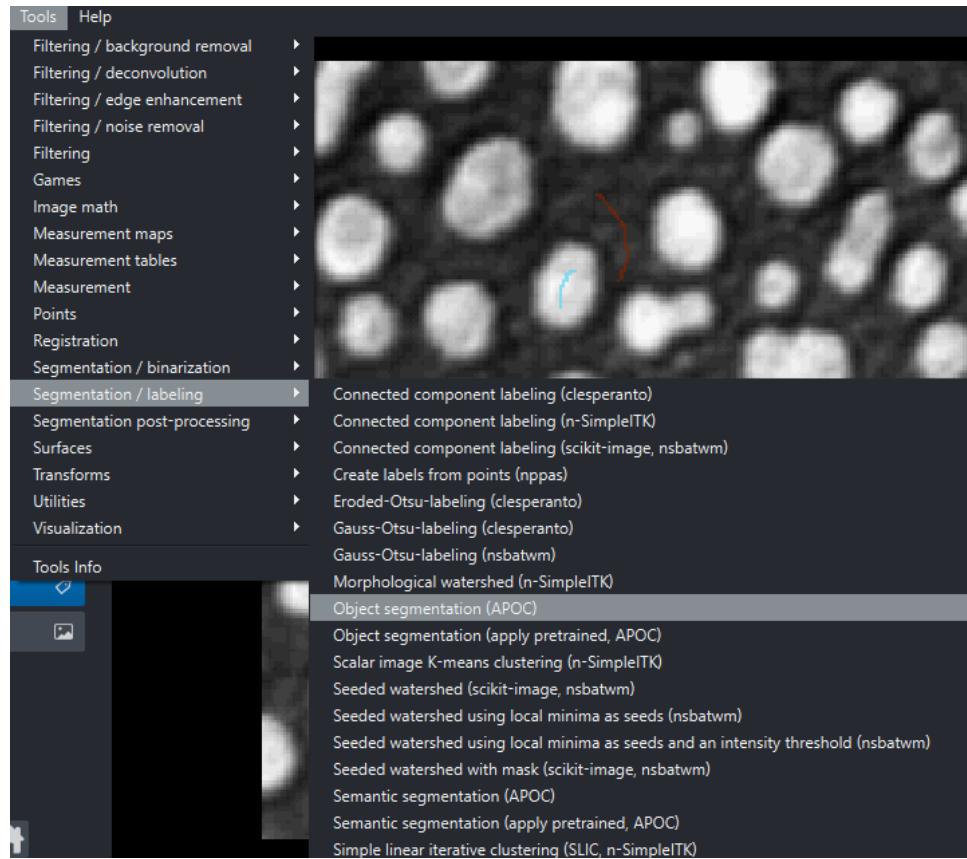


napari-skimage-regionprops



<https://github.com/haesleinhuepf/napari-skimage-regionprops>

Exercise: Object segmentation



<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/images/>
https://biapol.github.io/BioImage-Analysis-and-Data-Processing-Workshop-2025/interactive_pixel_classification/readme.html

1. Activate the environment and open napari

```
mamba activate napari25  
napari
```

2. Download and open the Blobs sample

3. Perform object segmentation on blobs sample dataset

A photograph of a broken window pane against a blue sky with white clouds. The pane is shattered into many shards, with the largest shard at the top left containing the word "Break". The sun is visible in the center, creating a bright starburst effect.

Break

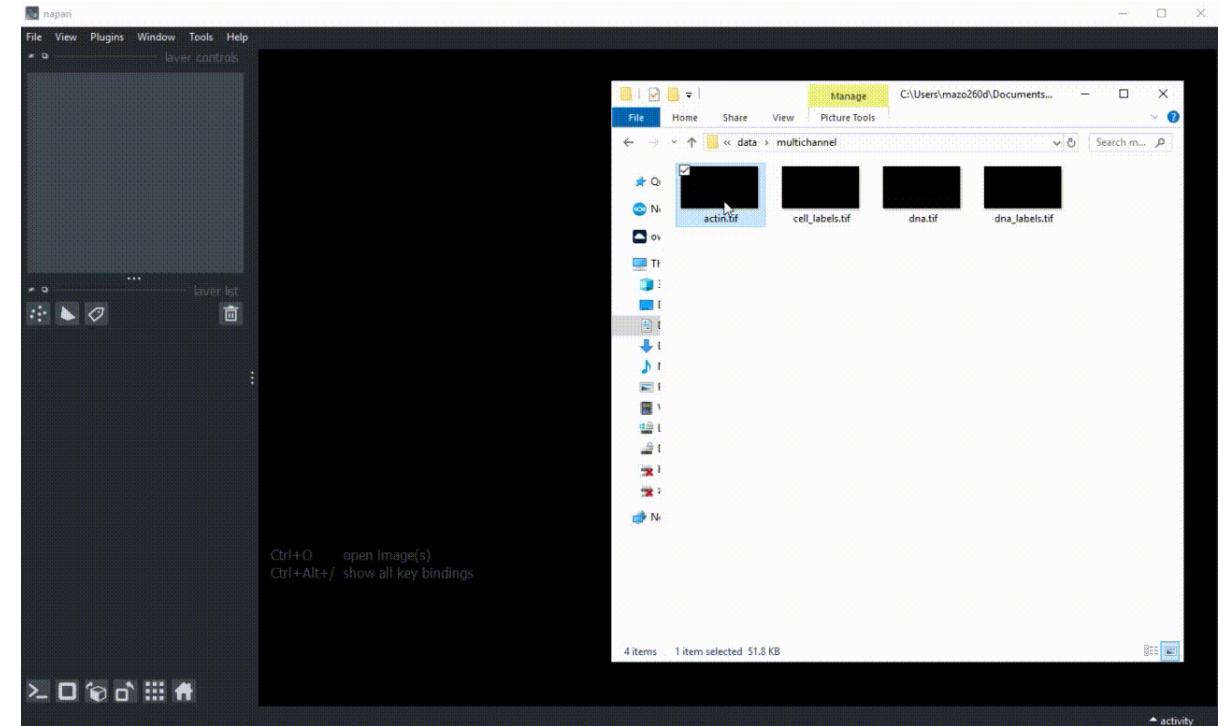
Multichannel Analysis

- napari-skimage-regionprops plugin

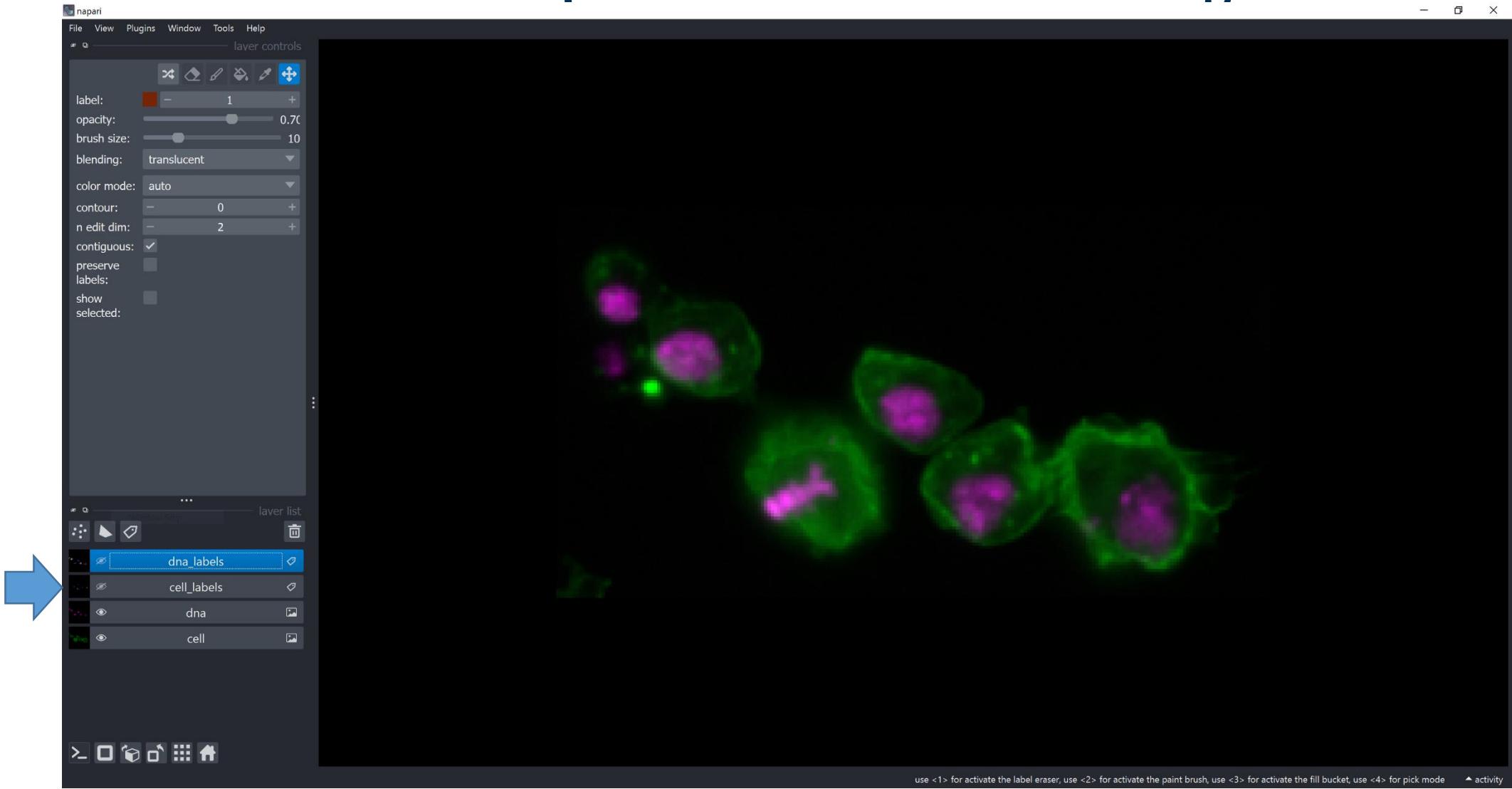
Exercise: Multichannel Analysis with napari-skimage-regionprops

1. Start up a terminal
2. Activate the environment using:
`mamba activate napari25`
3. Run:
`napari`
4. Open the following images in napari
(located in the [data/multichannel](#) folder from the GitHub repository):
 - actin.tif
 - dna.tif
 - cell_labels.tif
 - dna_labels.tif
5. Change blending mode of 'actin' and 'dna' Image layers to 'additive' (it is a dropdown in the Image layer controls)
6. Select the 'cell_labels' Labels layer, and change the contour parameter from 0 to 1 (it is a spinbox in the Labels layer controls)
7. Change the colormaps of these layers to green and magenta, respectively

https://biapol.github.io/BiolImage-Analysis-and-Data-Processing-Workshop-2025/multichannel_analysis/readme.html

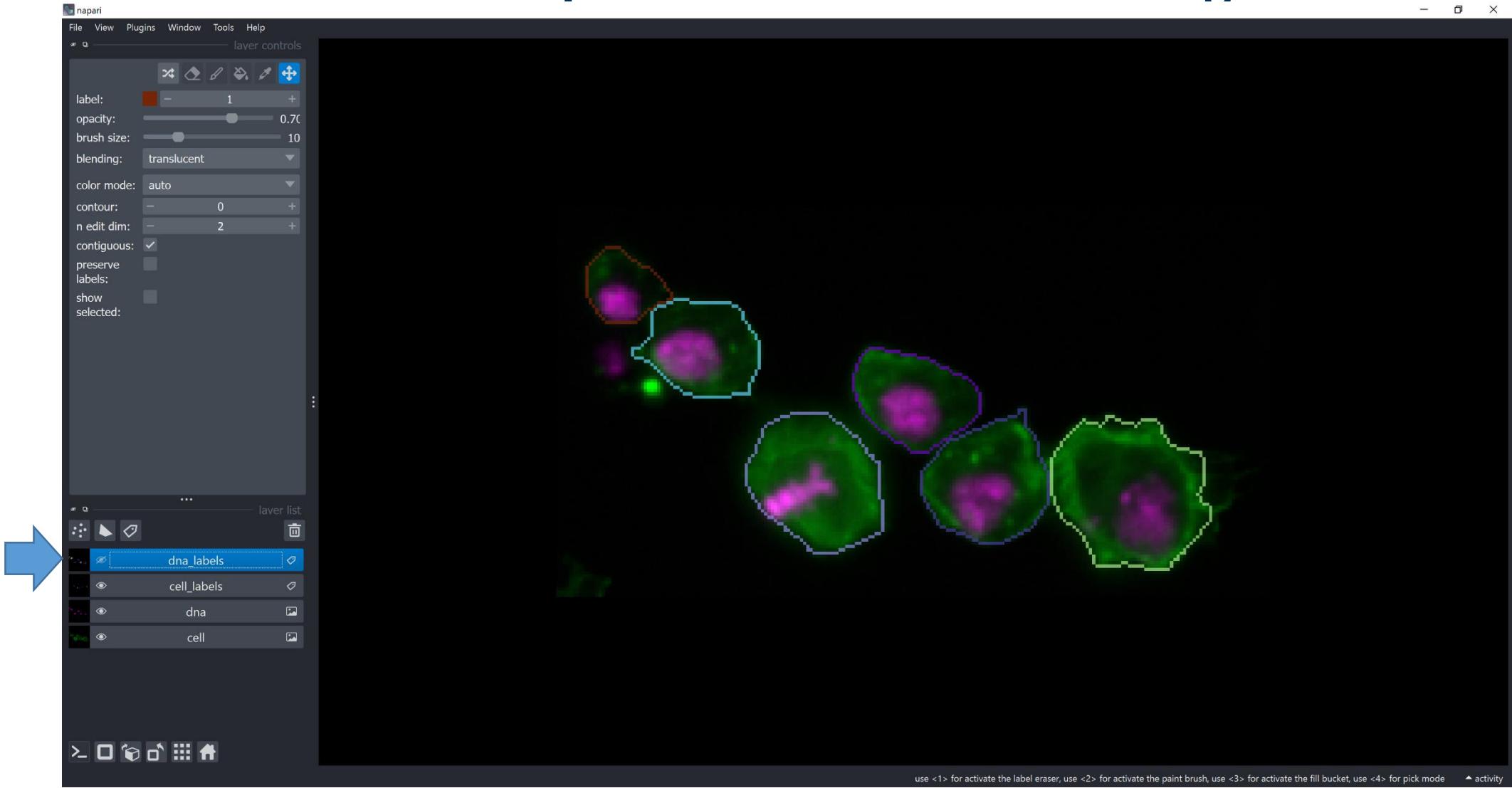


Feature extraction in napari with multichannel images



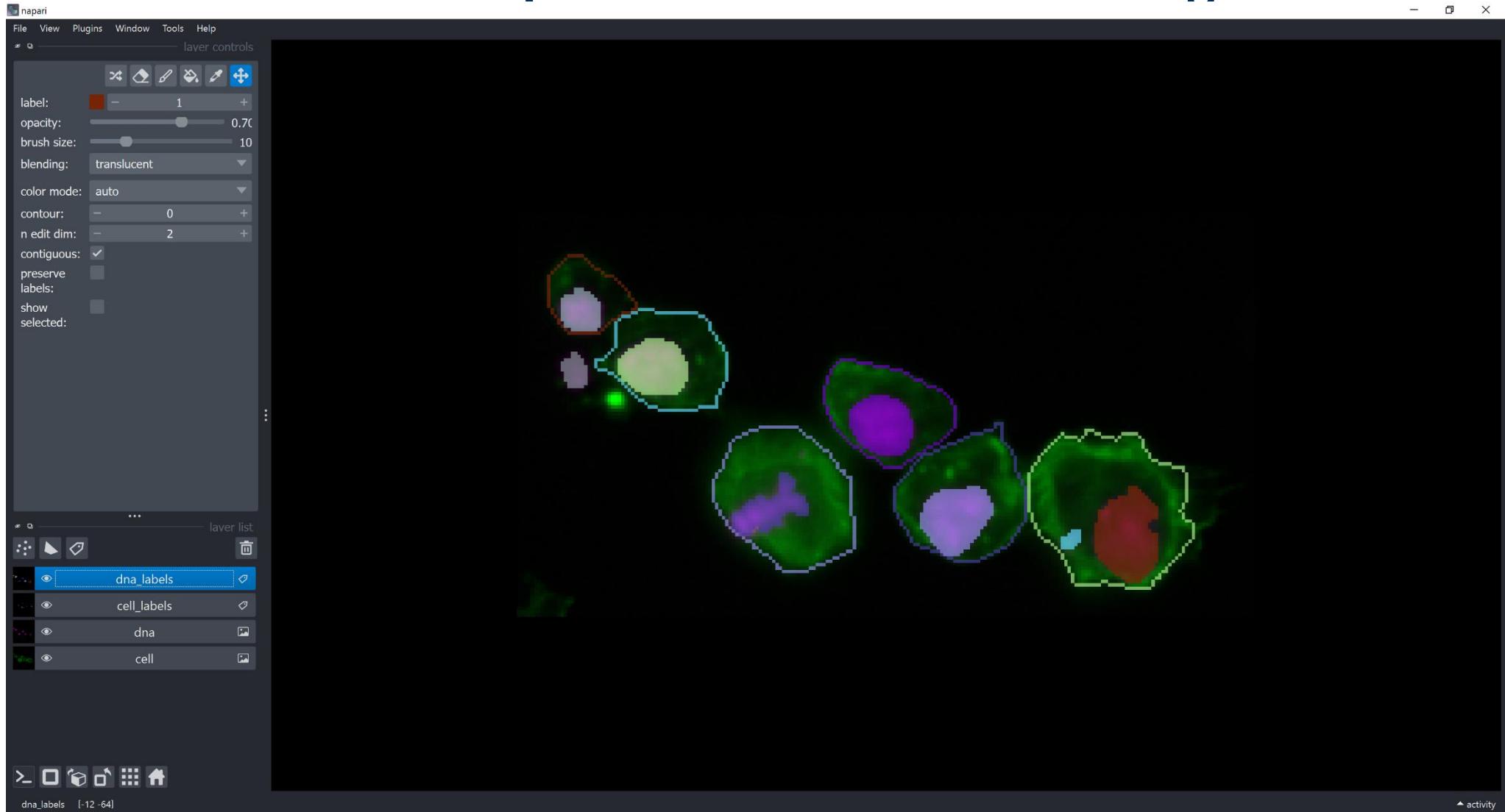
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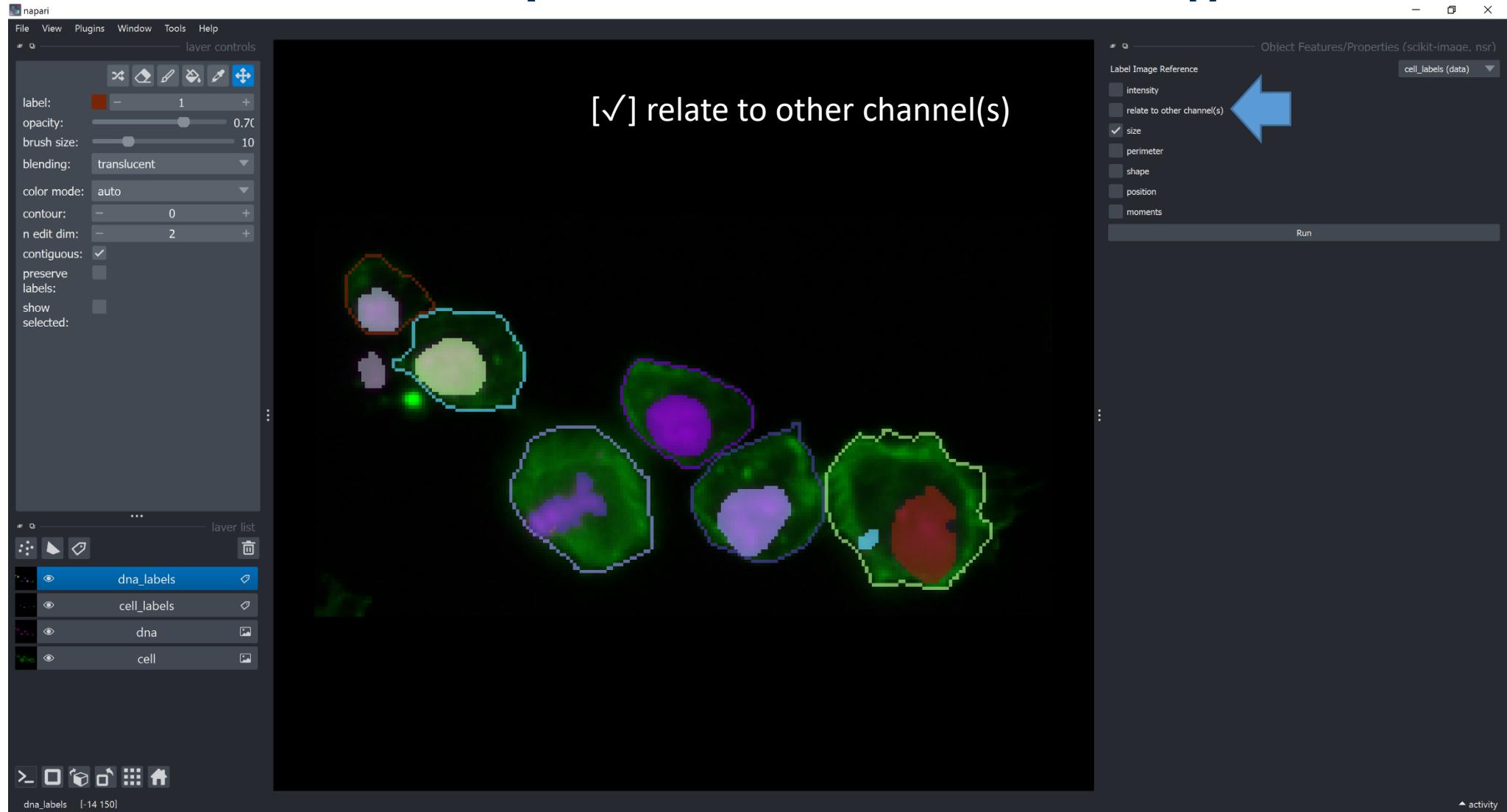
Feature extraction in napari with multichannel images



Tools ->
Measurement tables ->
Object Features/Properties

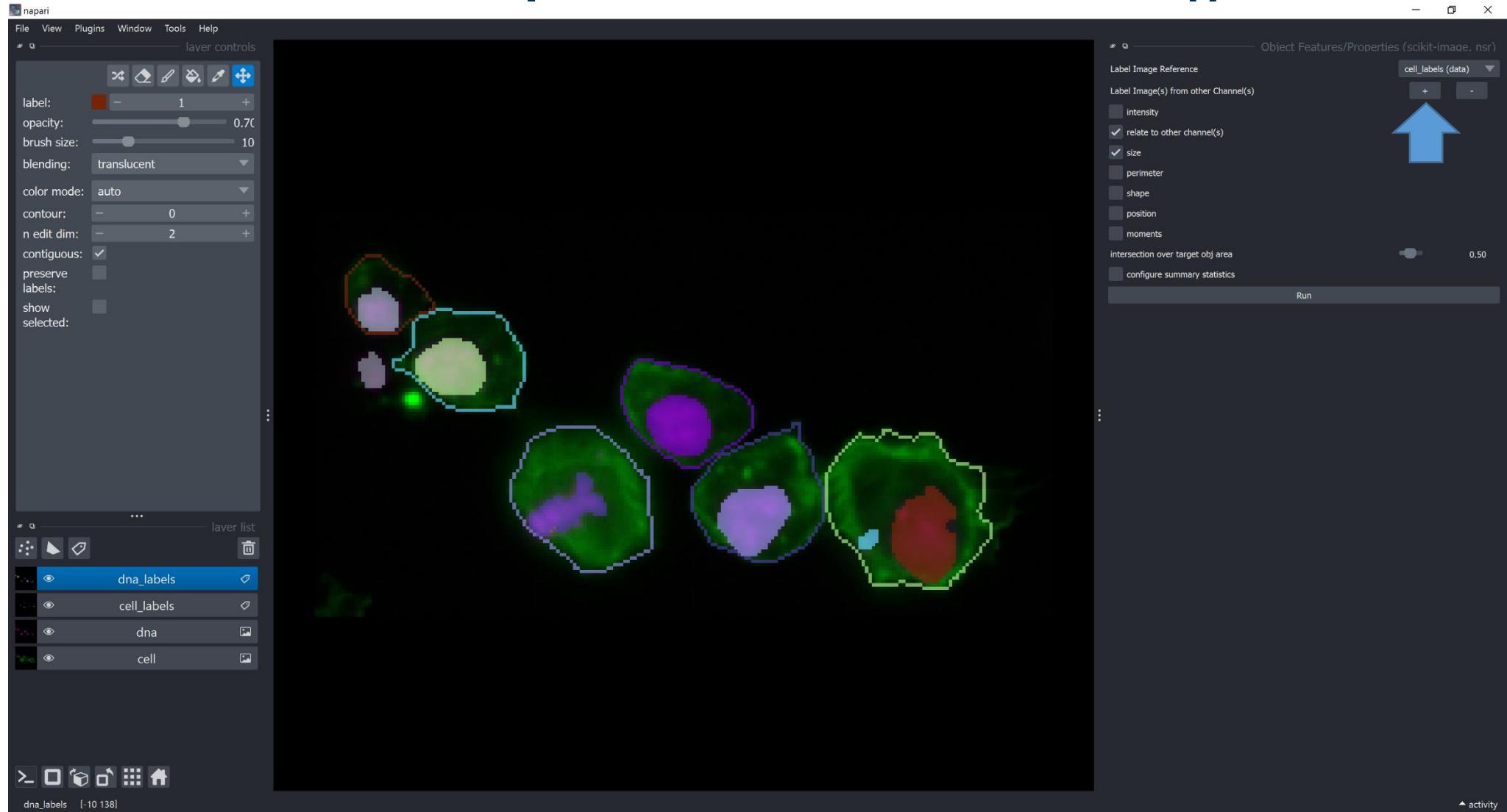
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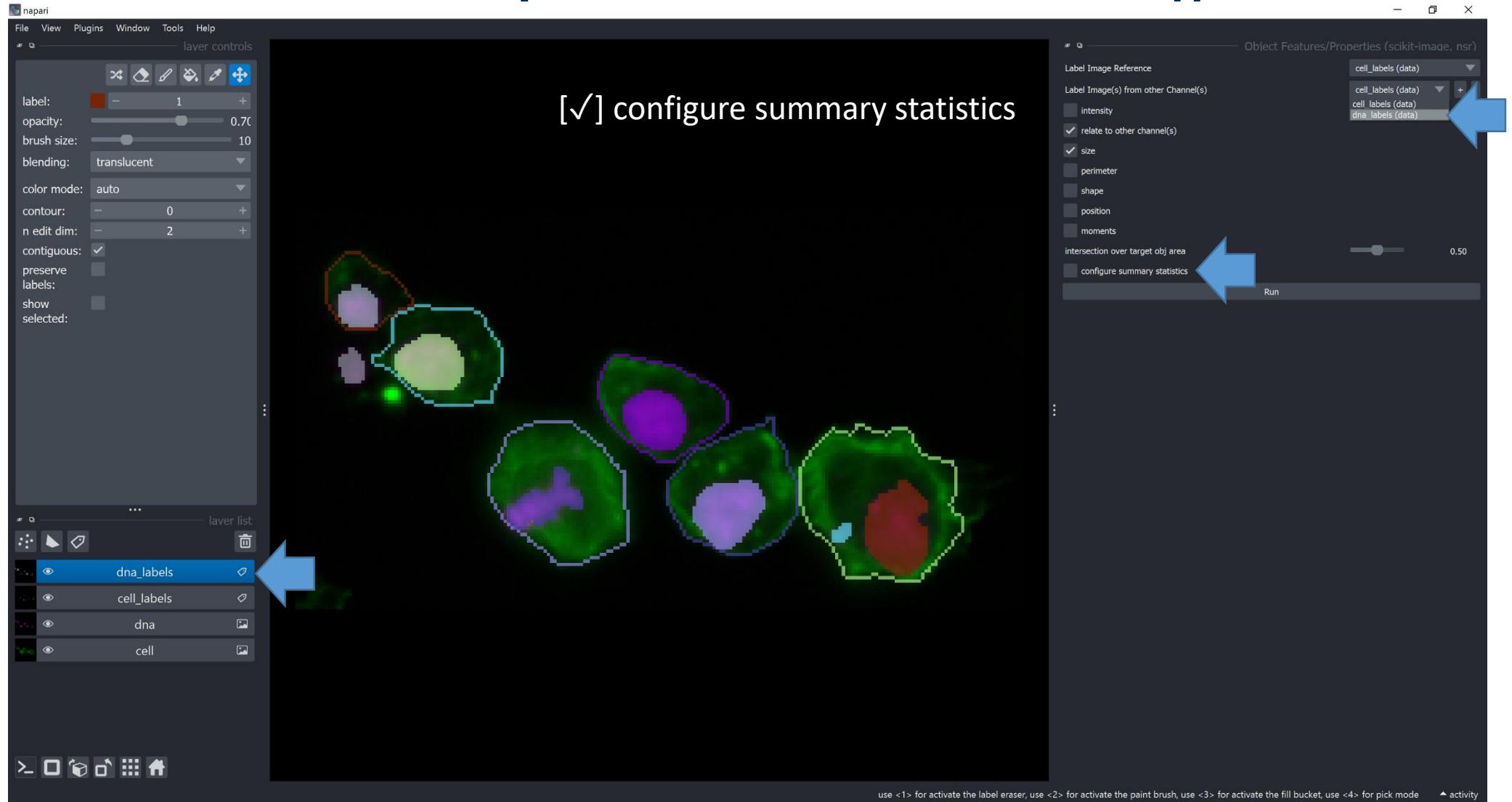
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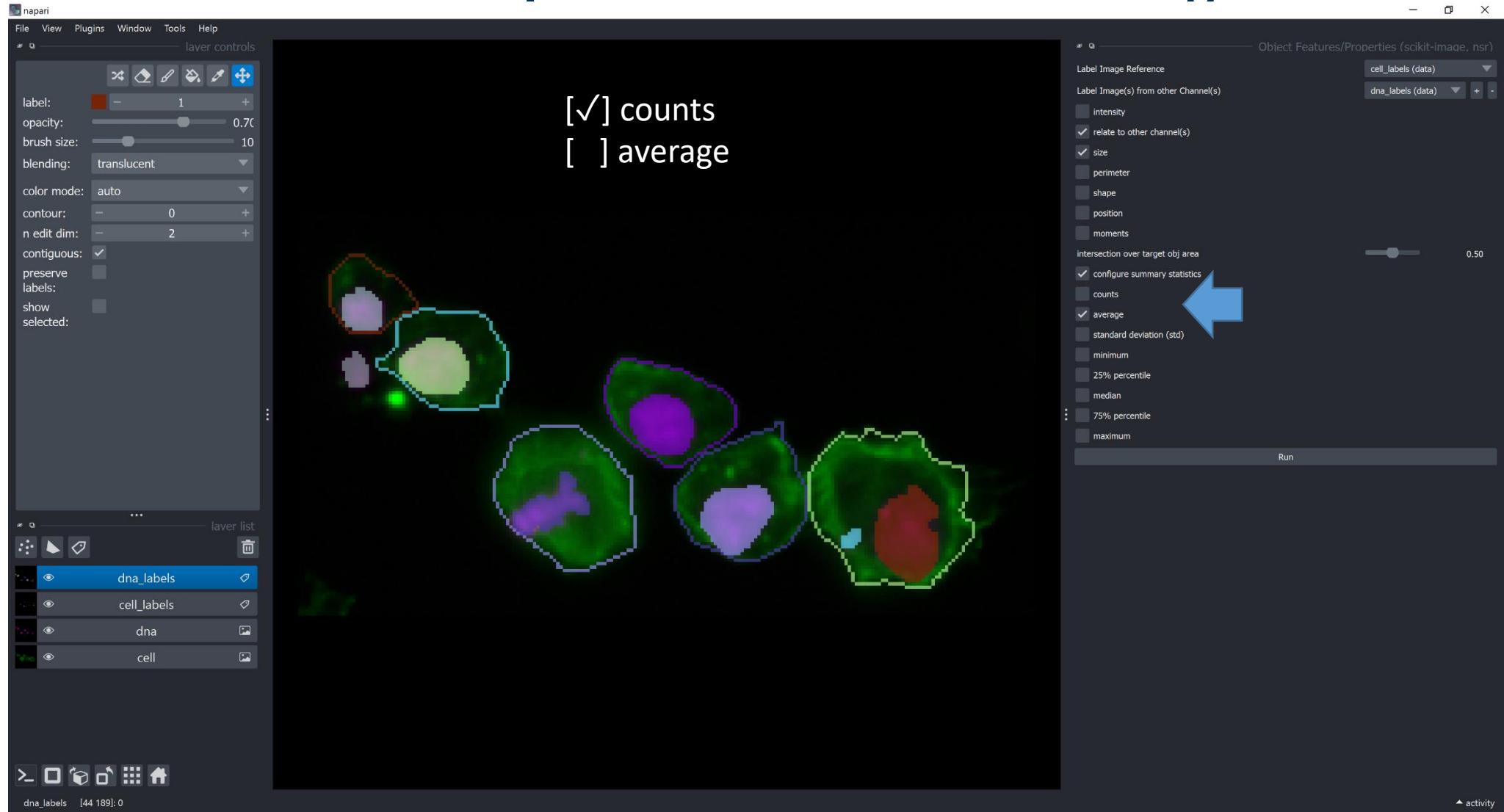
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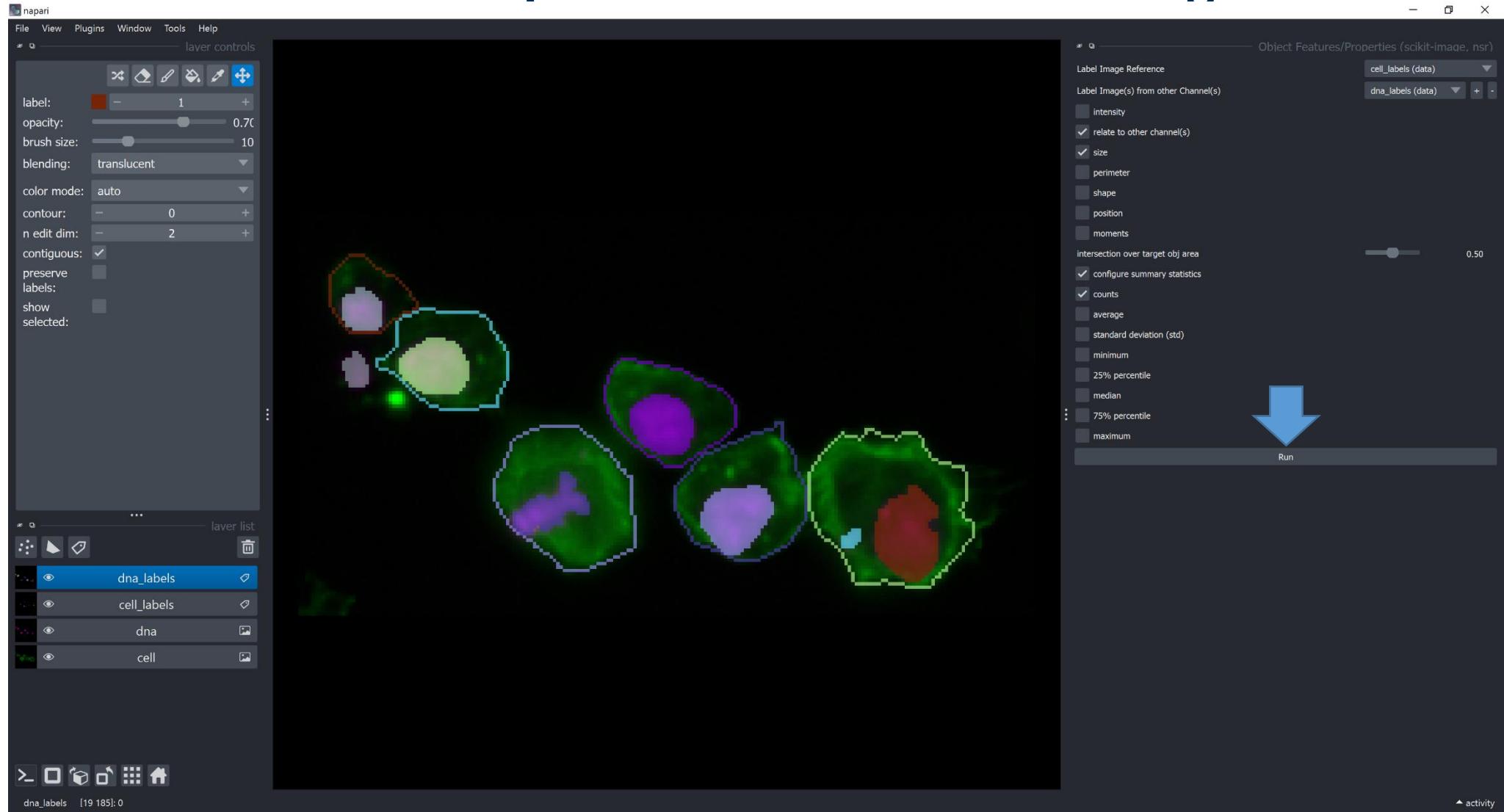
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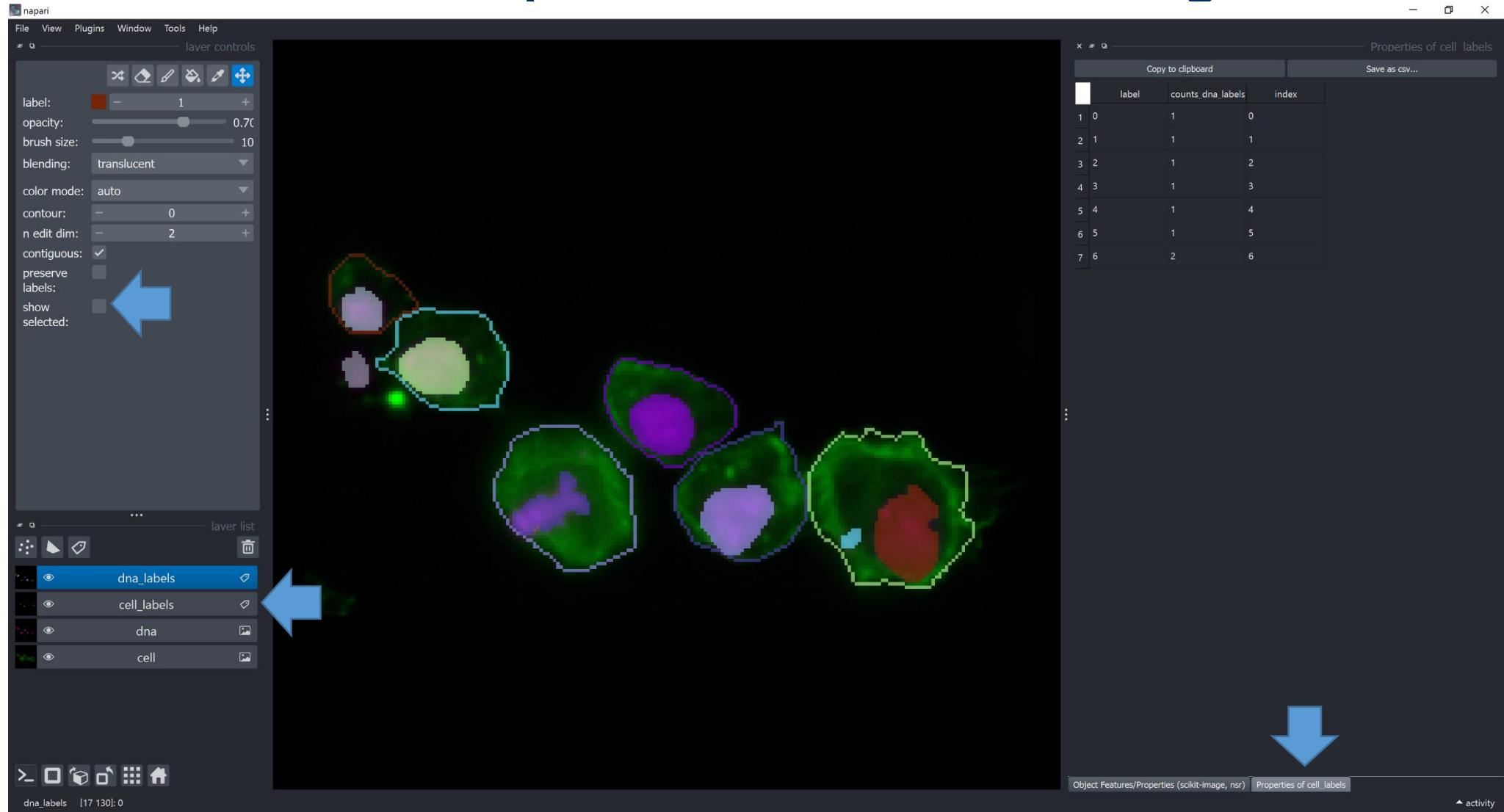
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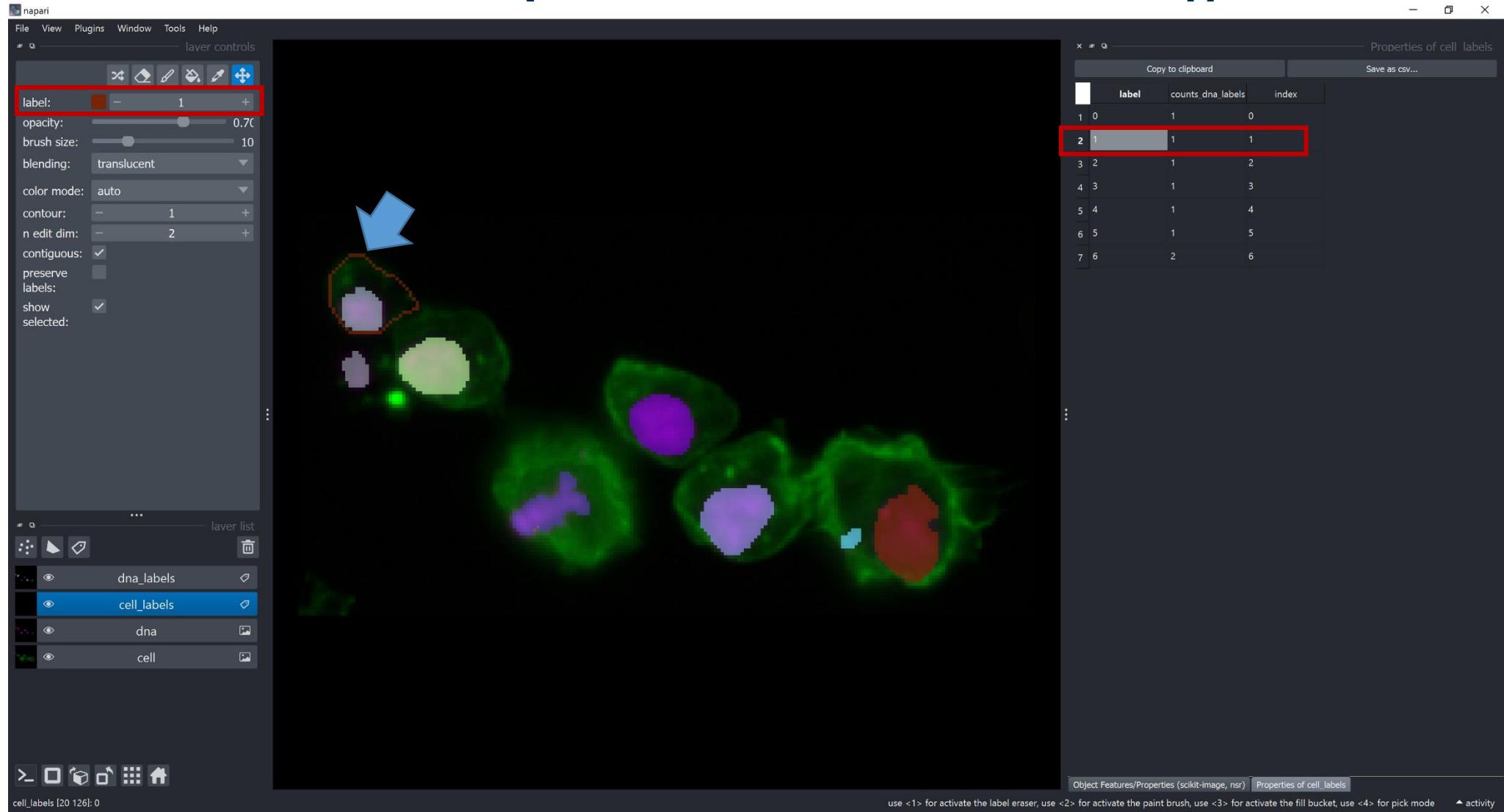
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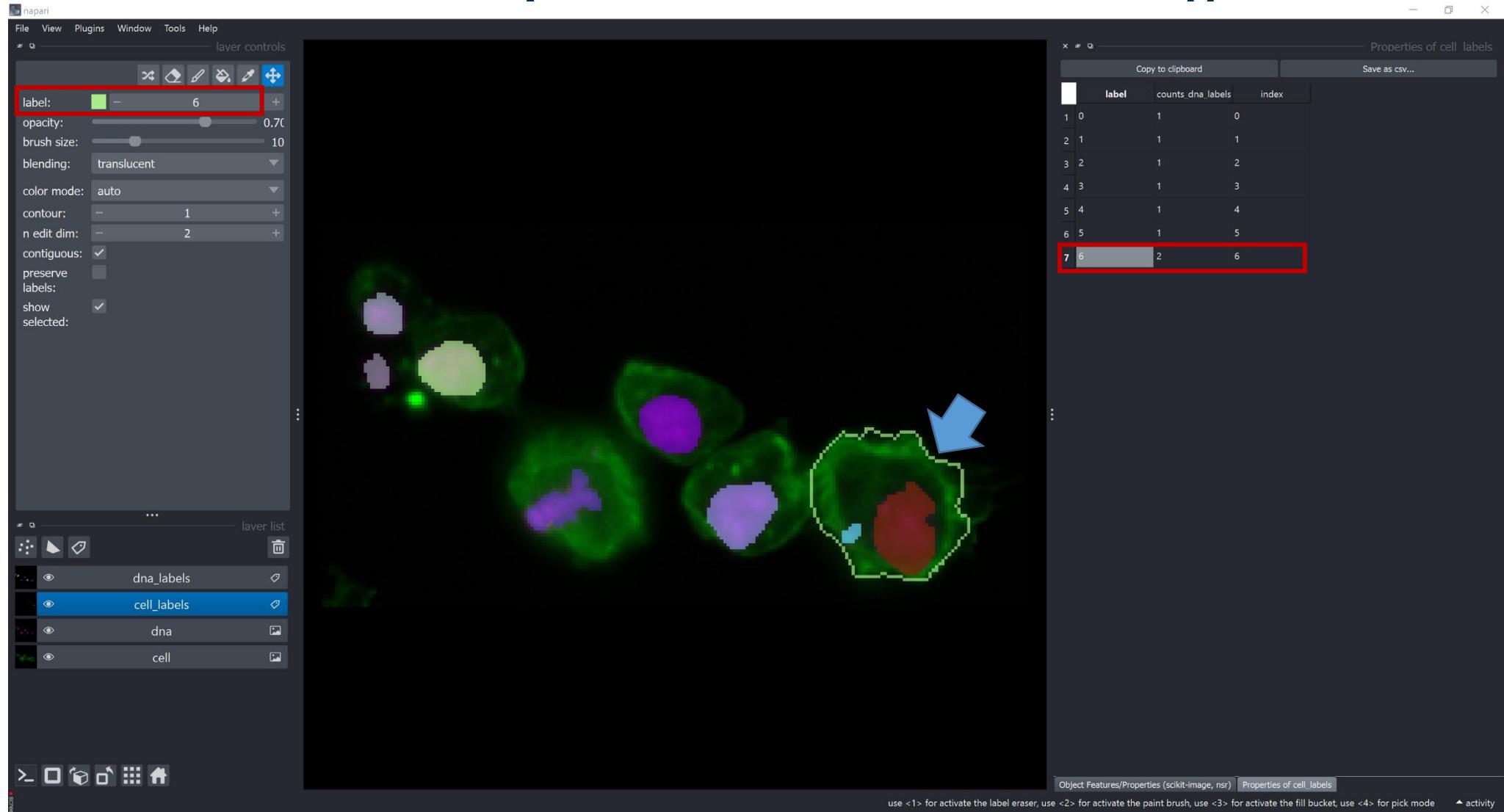
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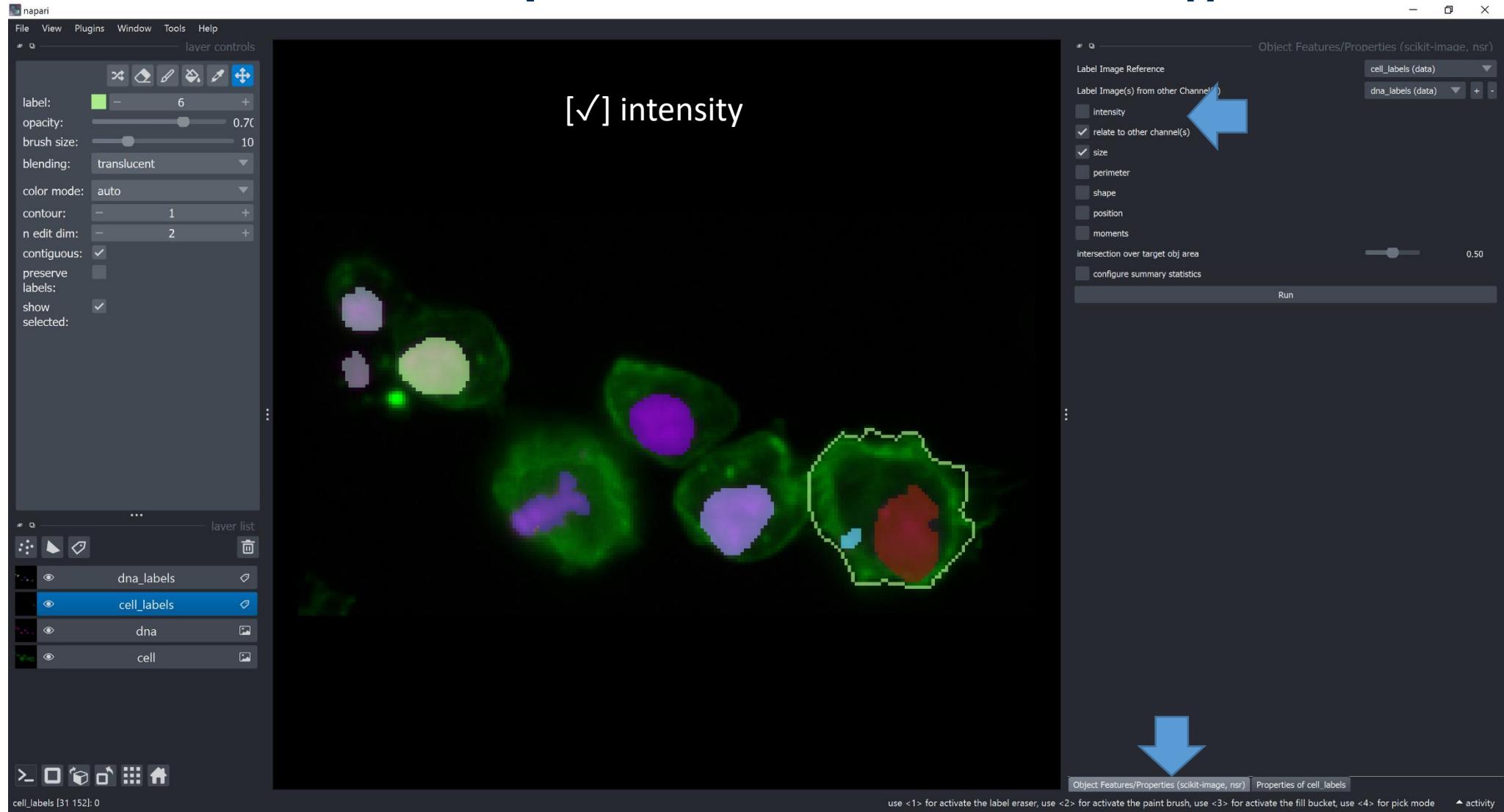
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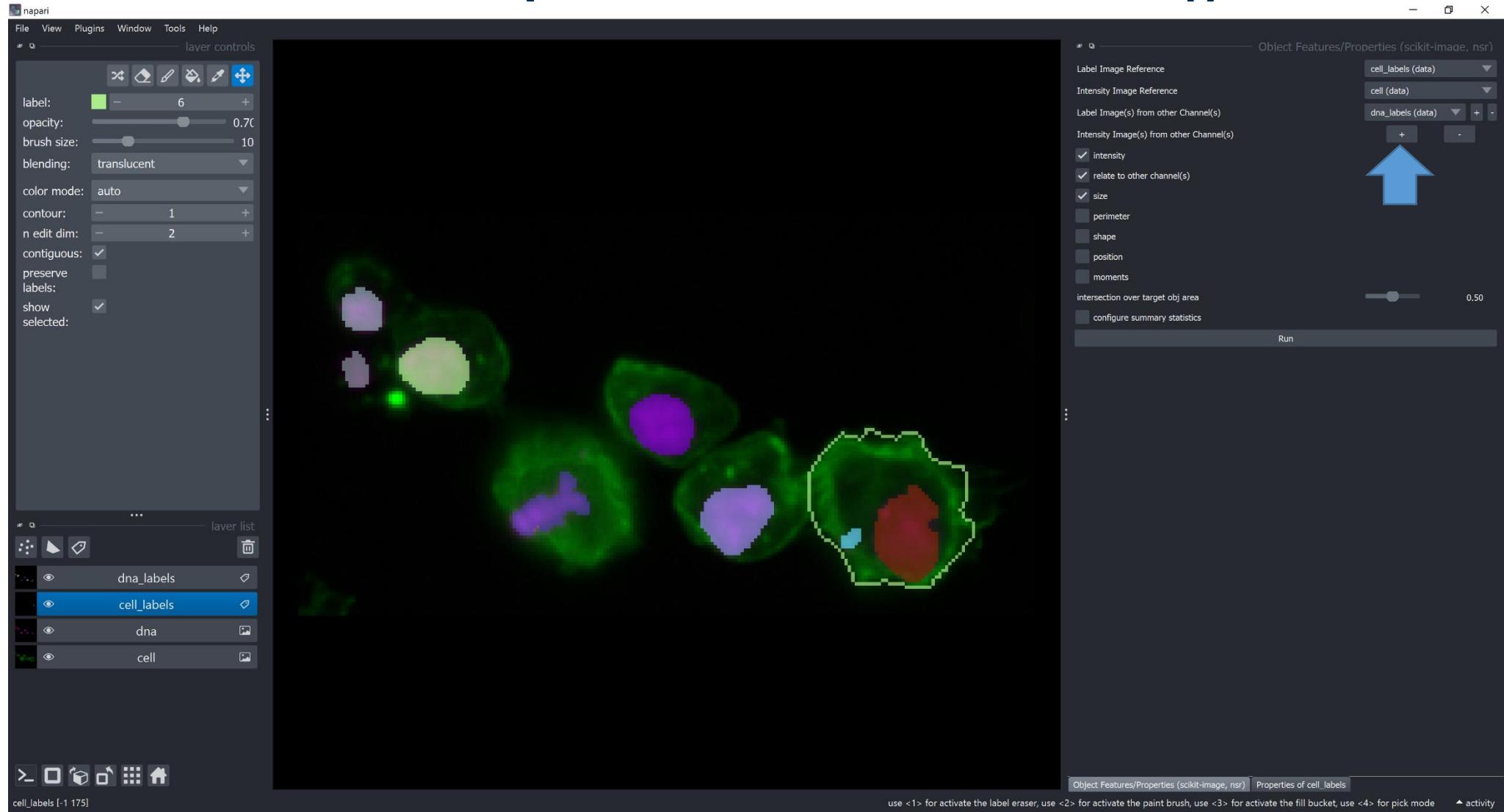
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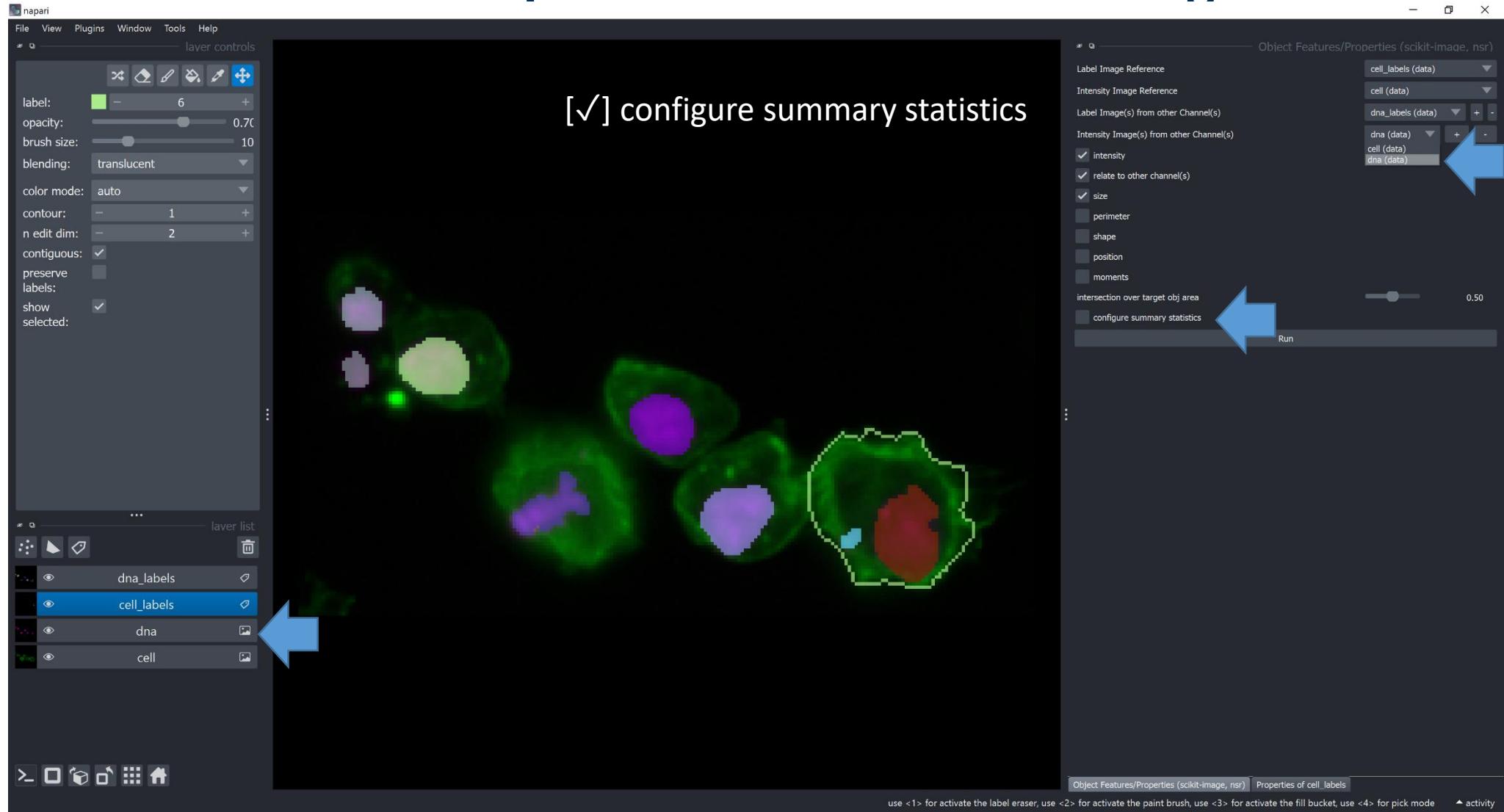
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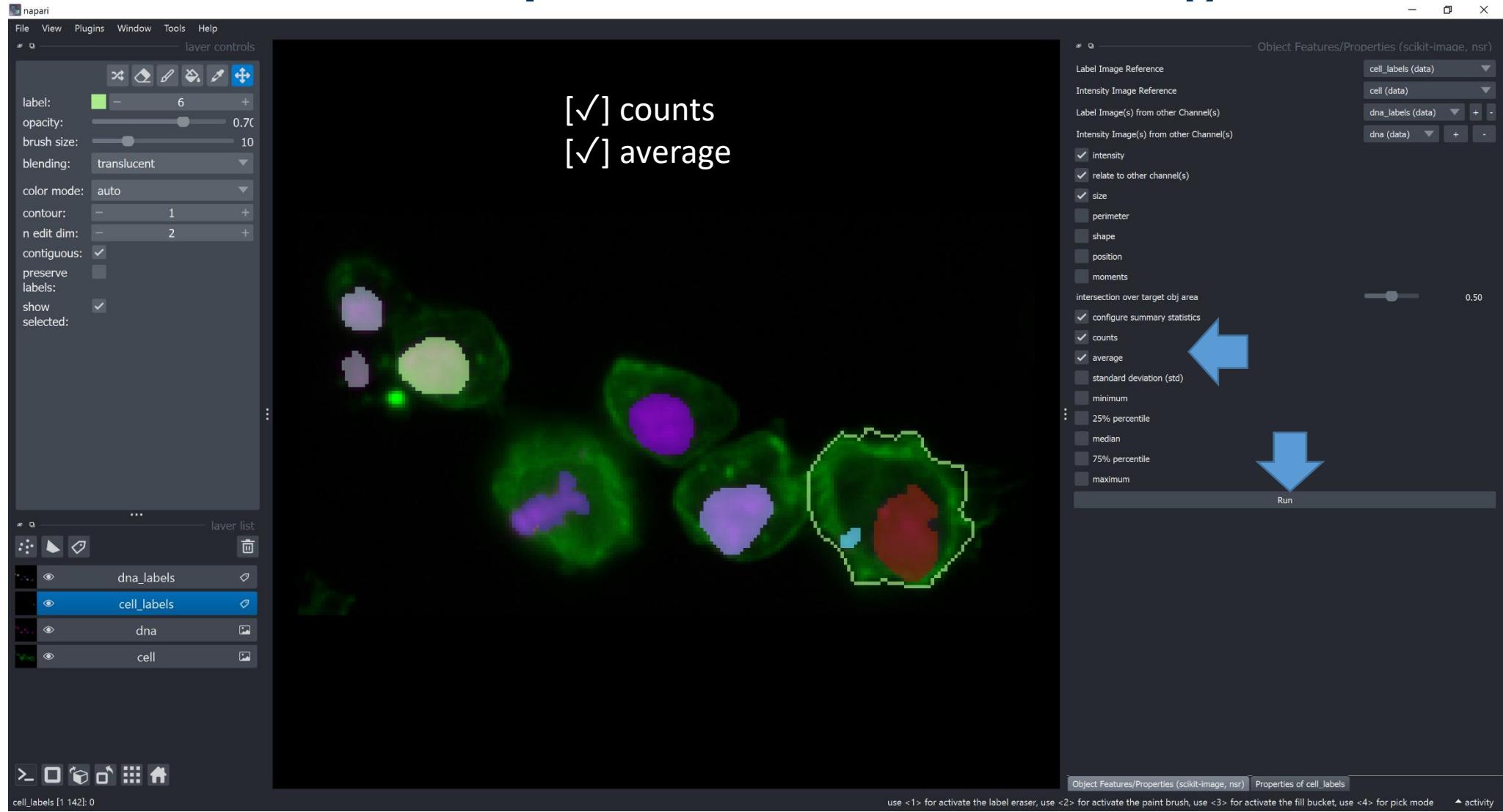
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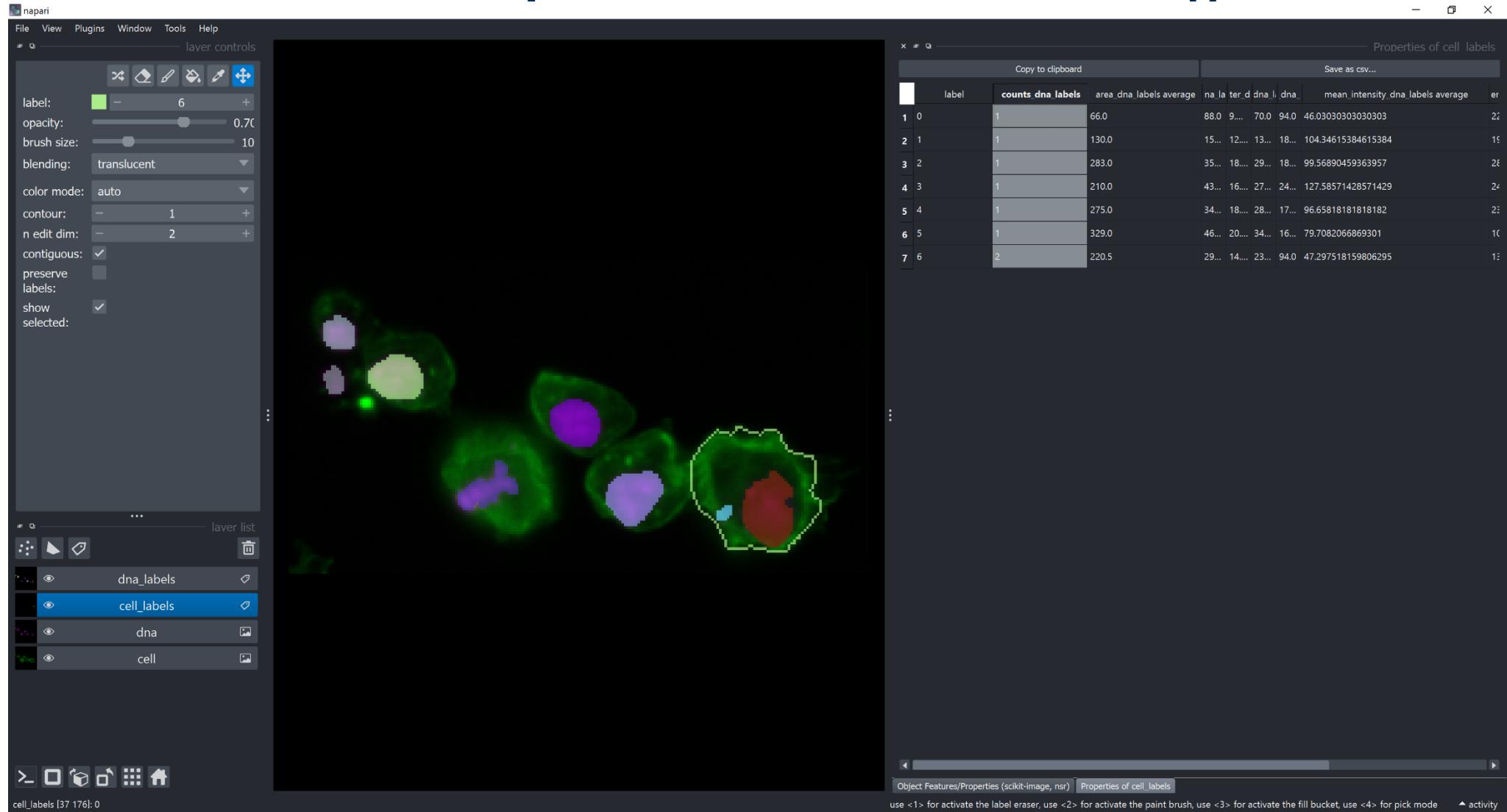
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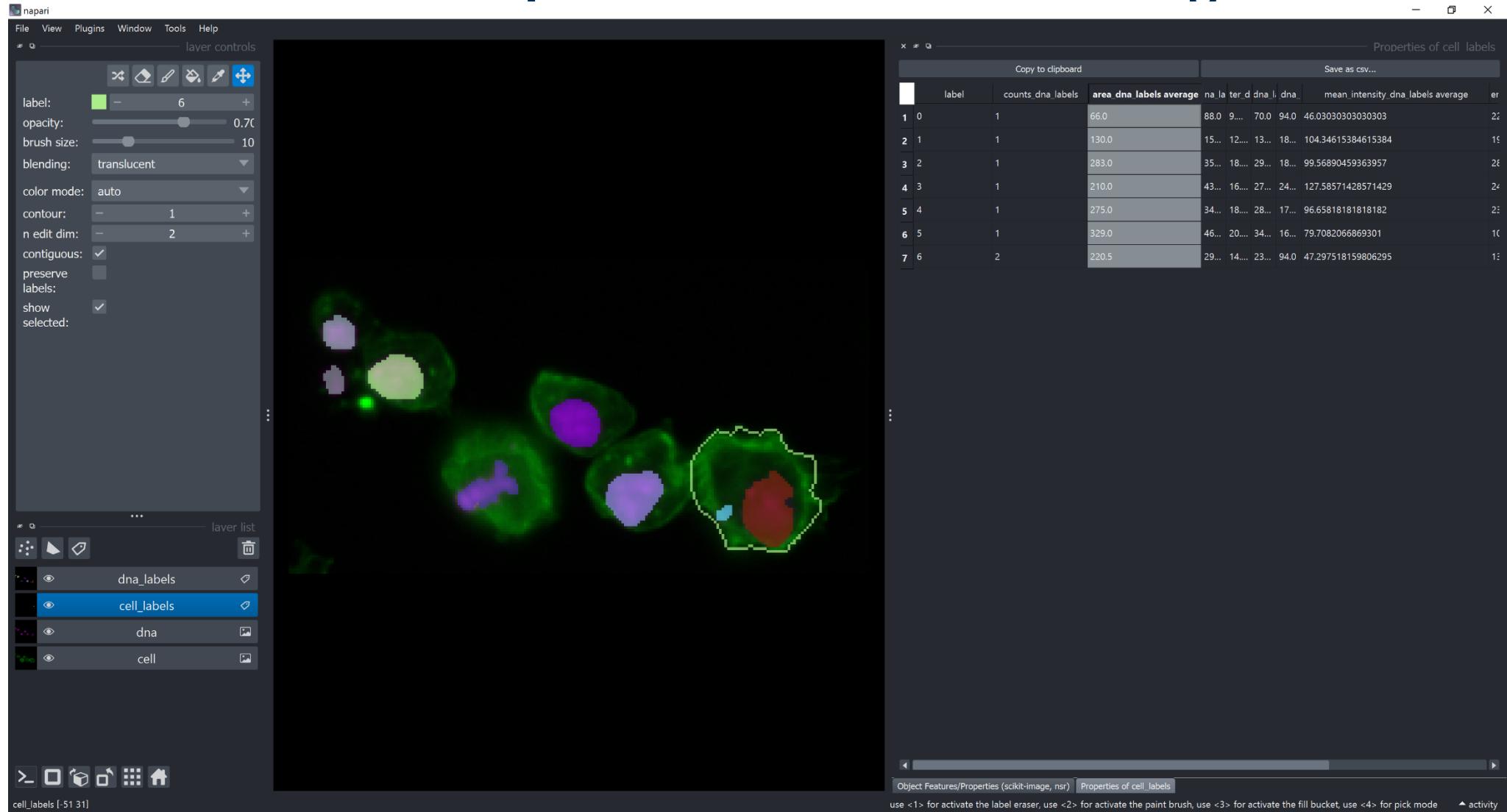
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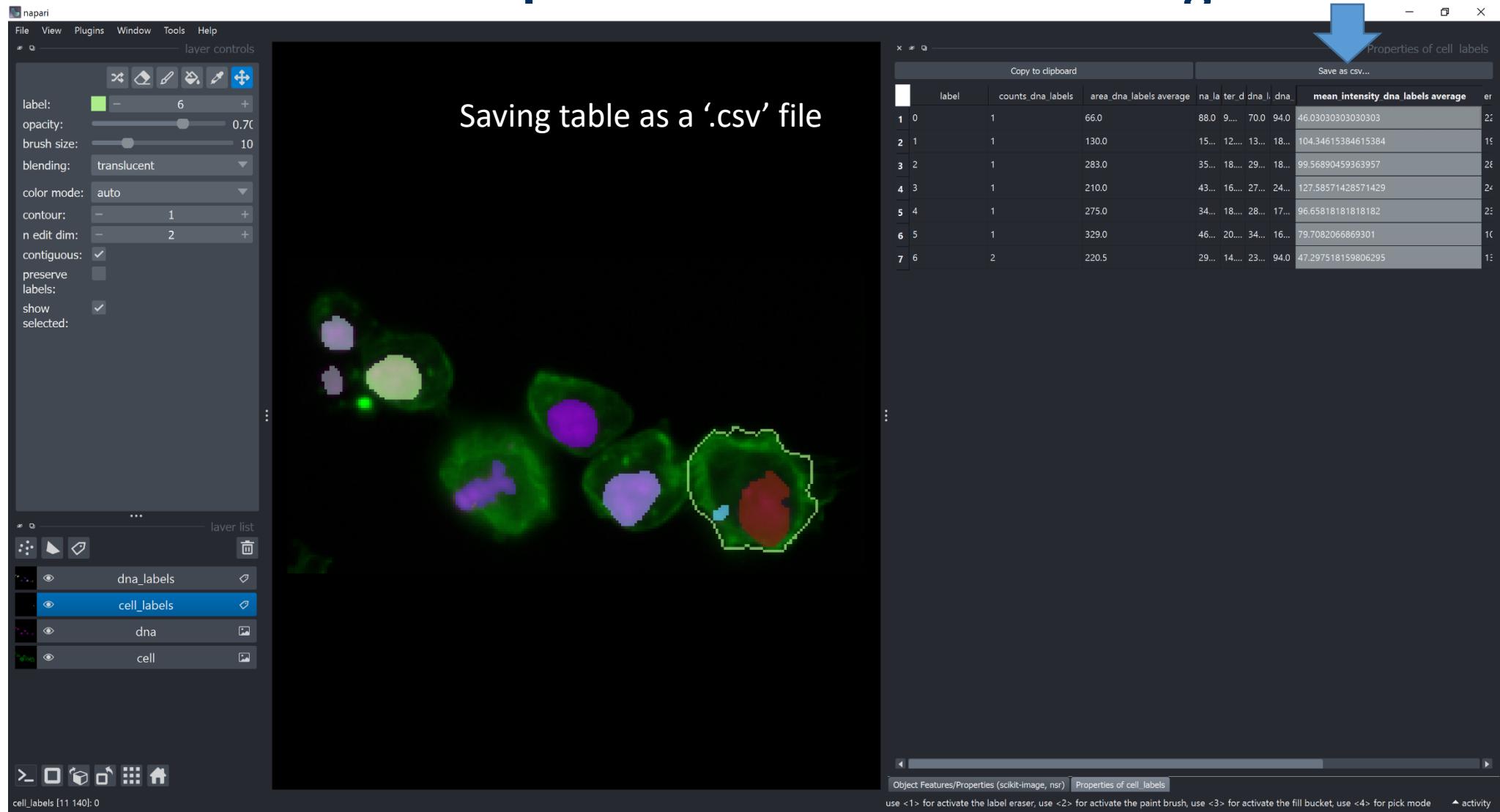
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Feature extraction in napari with multichannel images



Saving table as a '.csv' file

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Feature extraction in napari with multichannel images

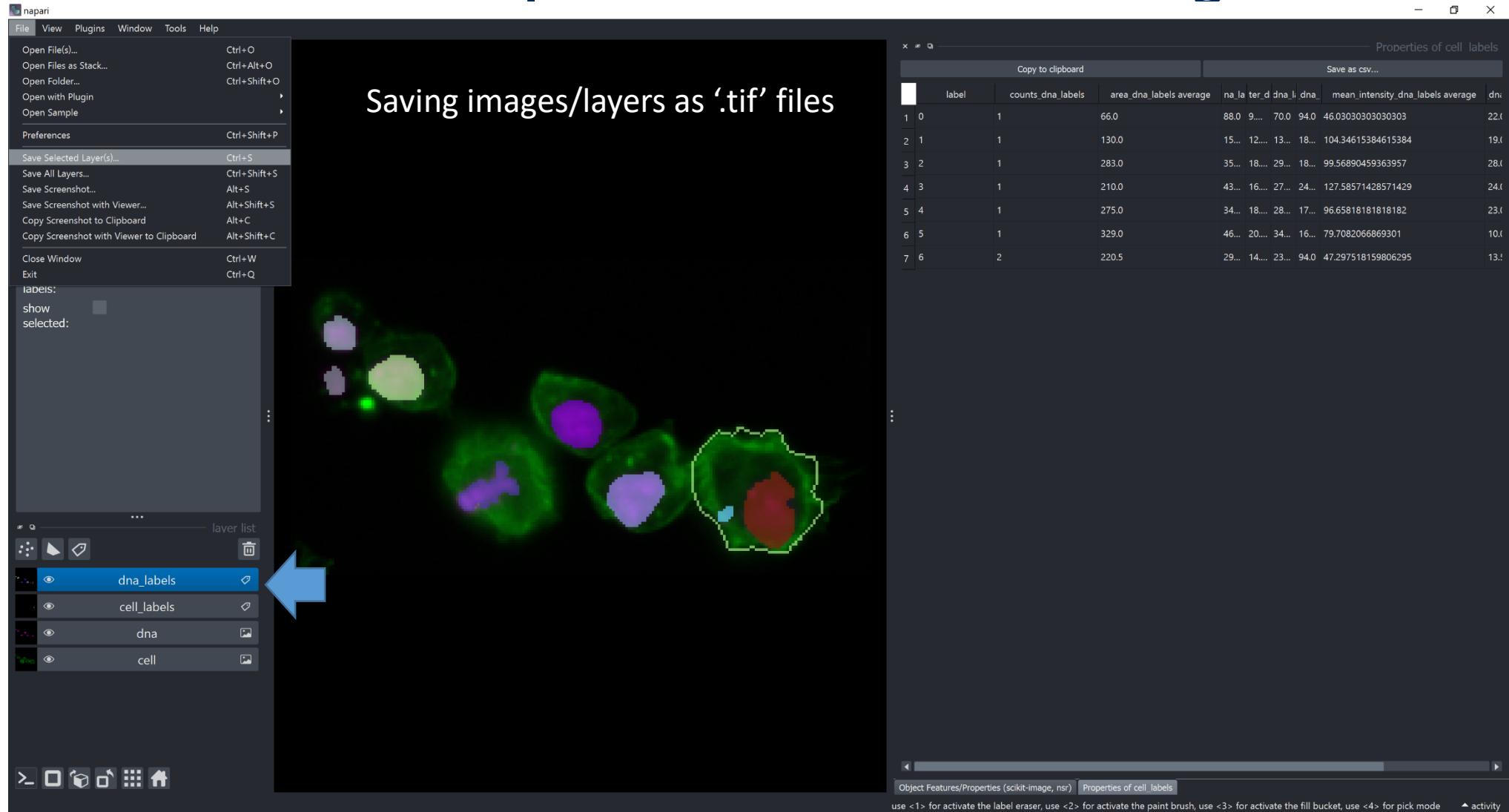
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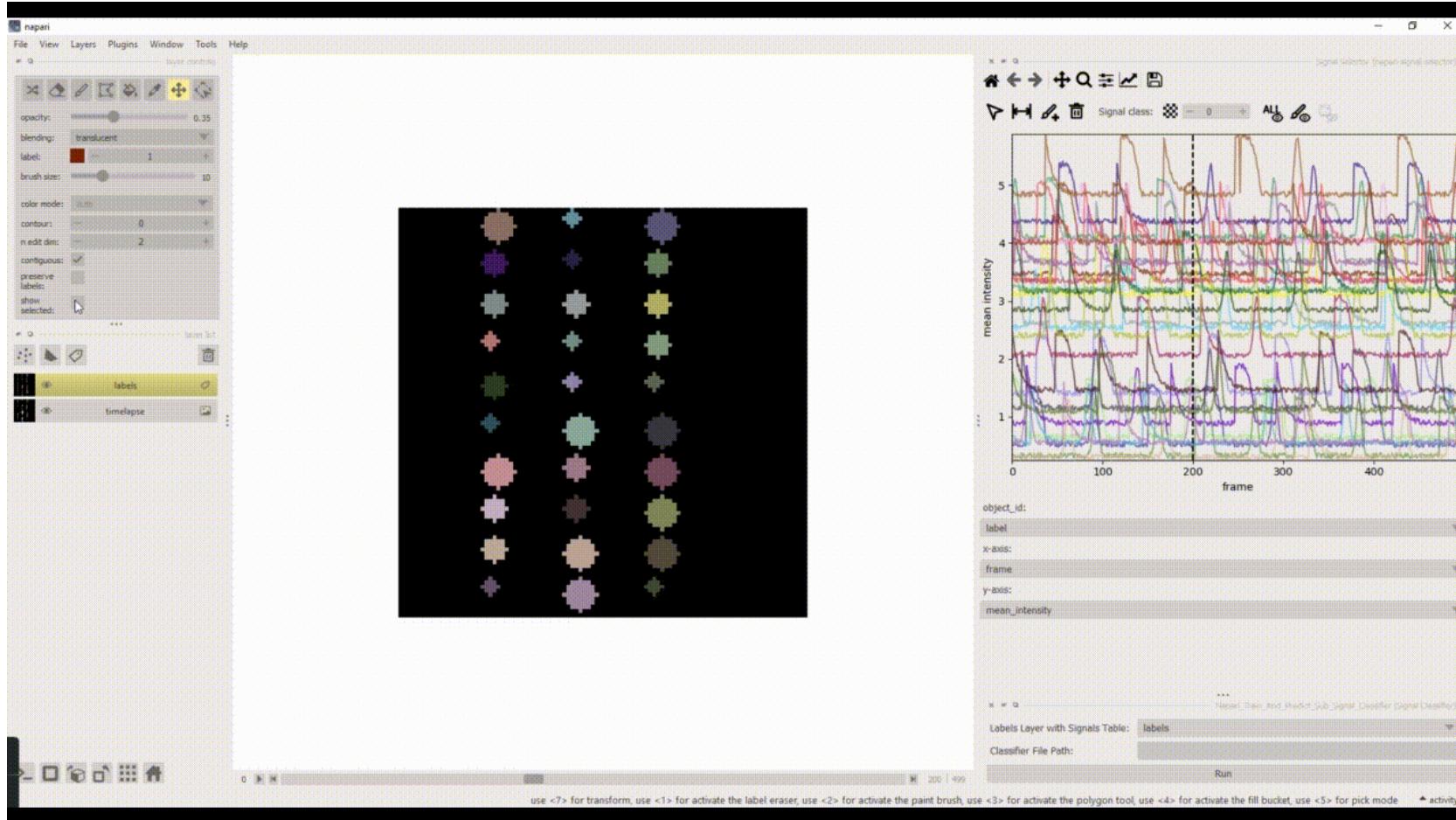


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Outlook: Temporal Features Annotation and Classification



- <https://github.com/zoccoler/napari-signal-selector>
 - <https://github.com/zoccoler/napari-signal-classifier>

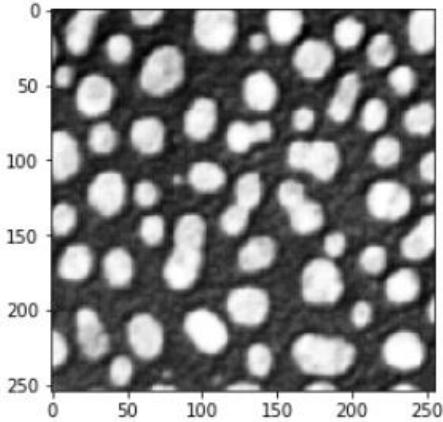
Object Classification and Supervised Machine Learning in napari

Random Forest Classifiers

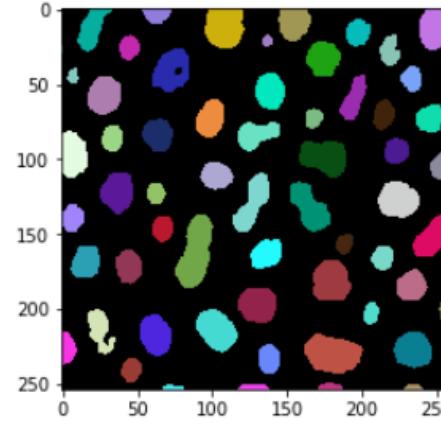
- Object Classifier
- napari-apoc plugin

Object classification

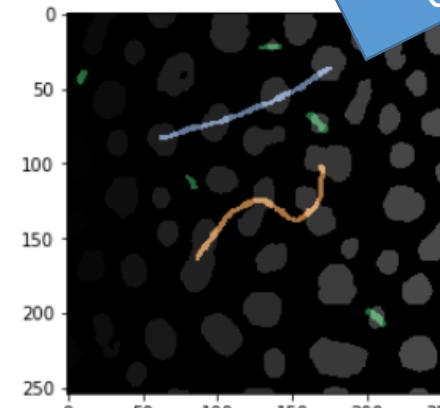
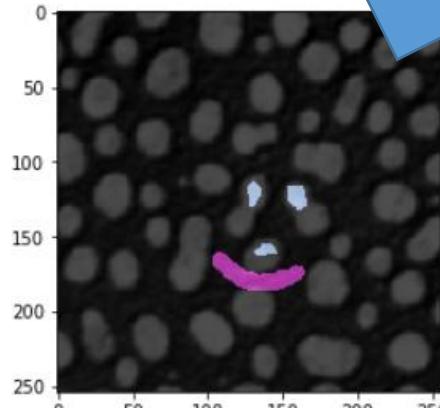
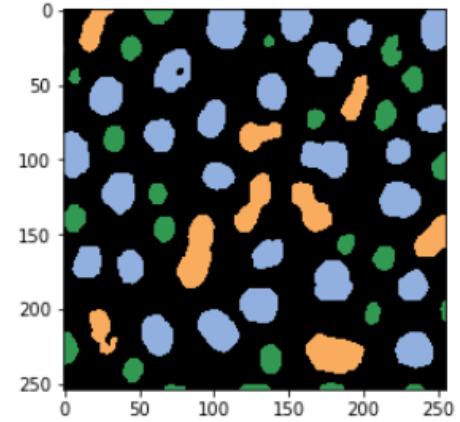
- Object classification is a task that can be applied to an existing instance segmentation in order to identify a particular group of objects



Object
segmentation



Object
classification

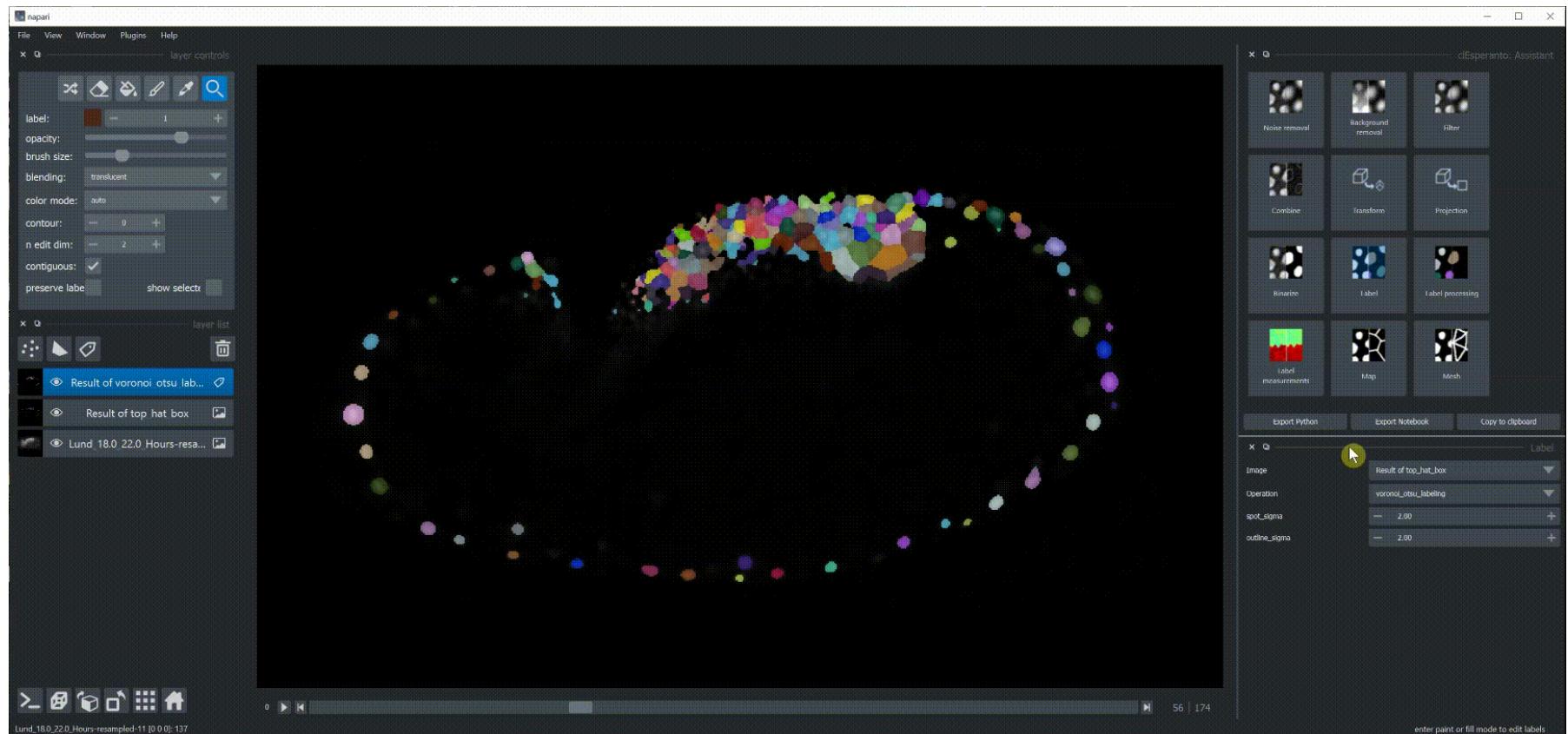


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Object classification

Random Forest Classifiers based on

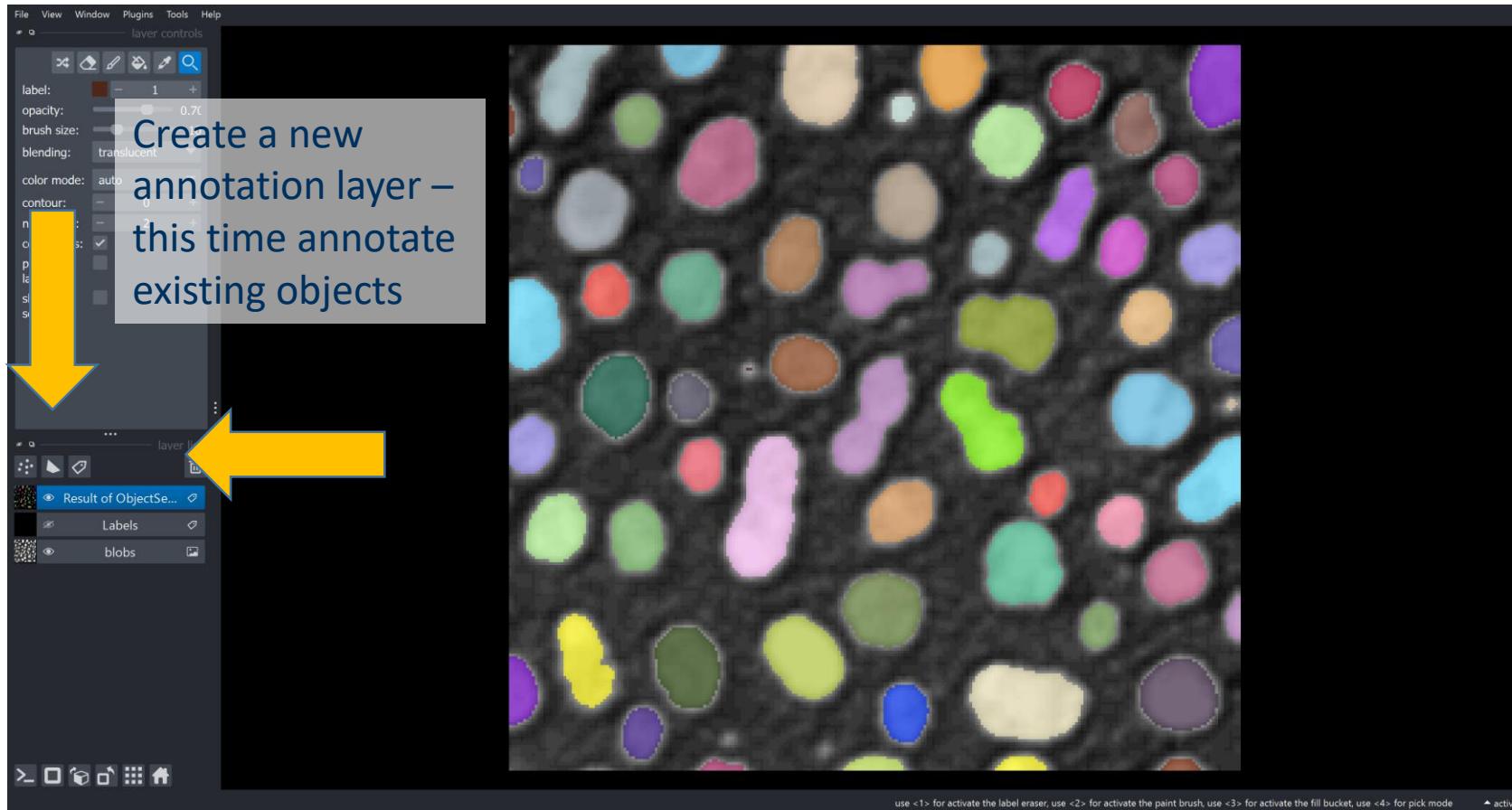
- scikit-learn and
- clesperanto



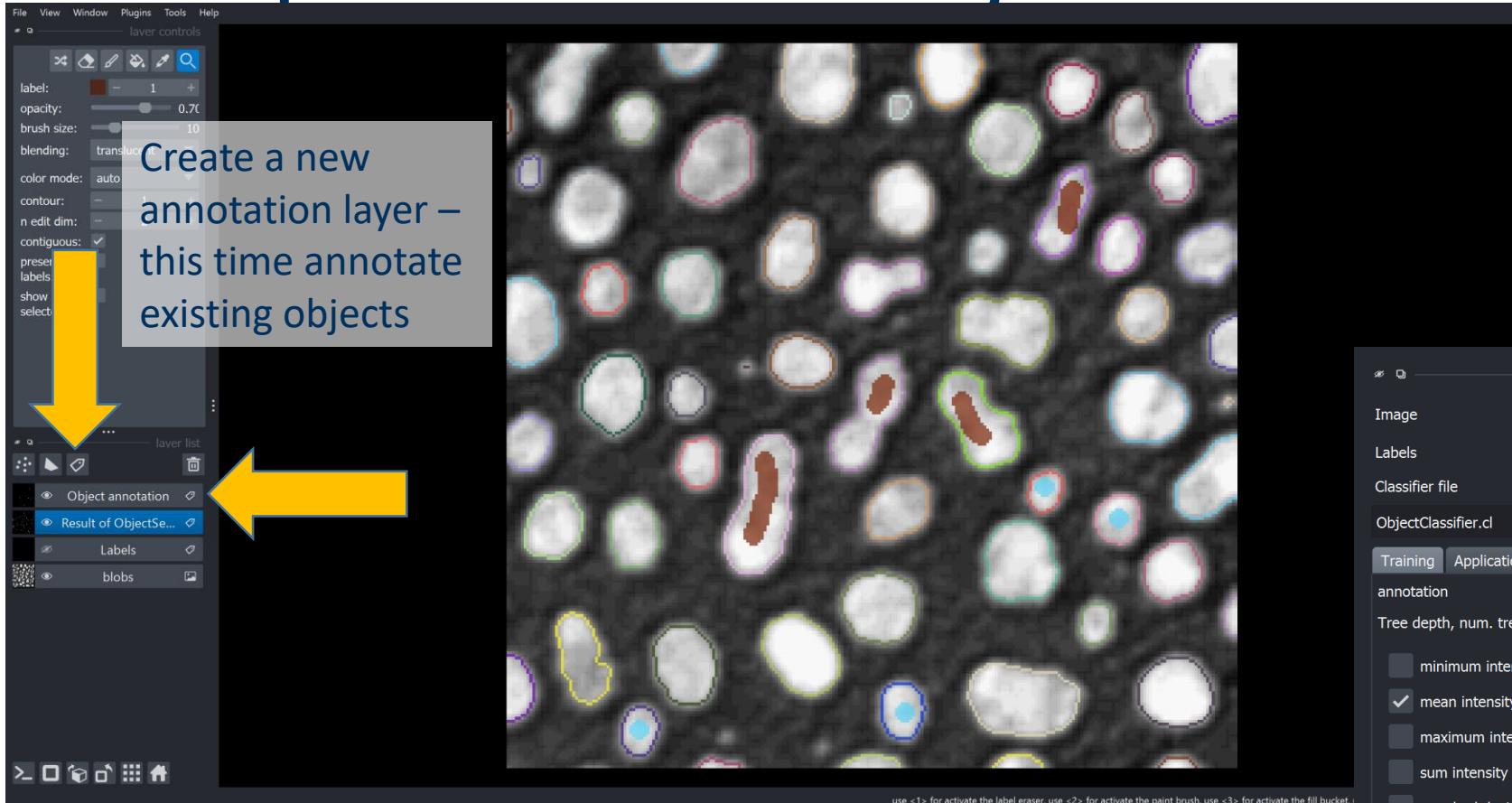
<https://github.com/haesleinhuepf/napari-accelerated-pixel-and-object-classification>

Image data source: Daniela Vorkel, Myers lab, MPI-CBG/CSBD

In napari: annotation



In napari: annotation and object classification

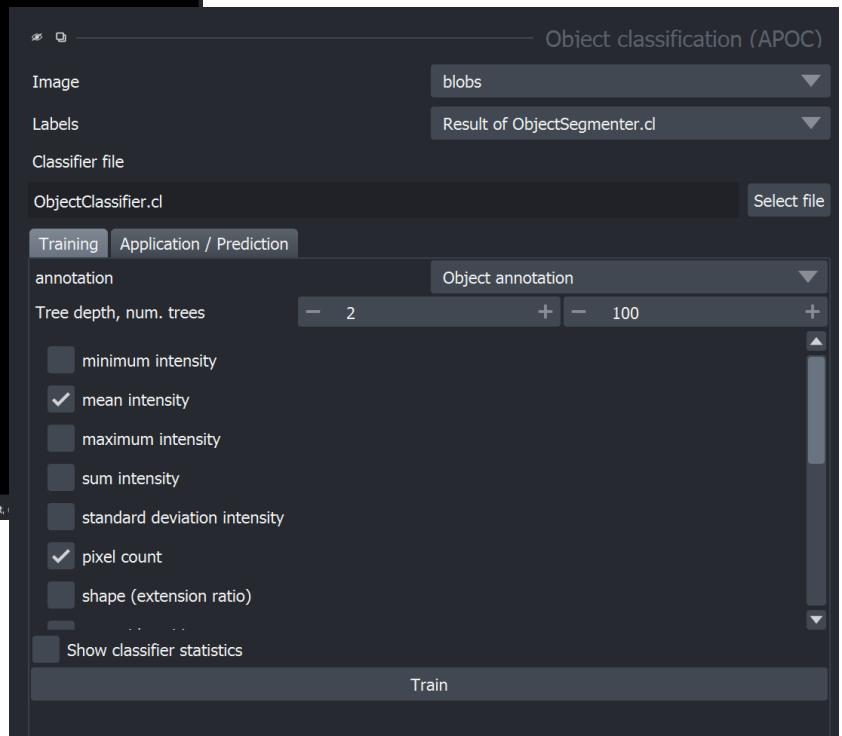


Telling different classes of objects apart requires:

- An **annotation** for some example objects
- **Features** for each objects upon which to make a prediction

<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/images/>

Tools ->
Segmentation post-processing ->
Object Classification (APOC)

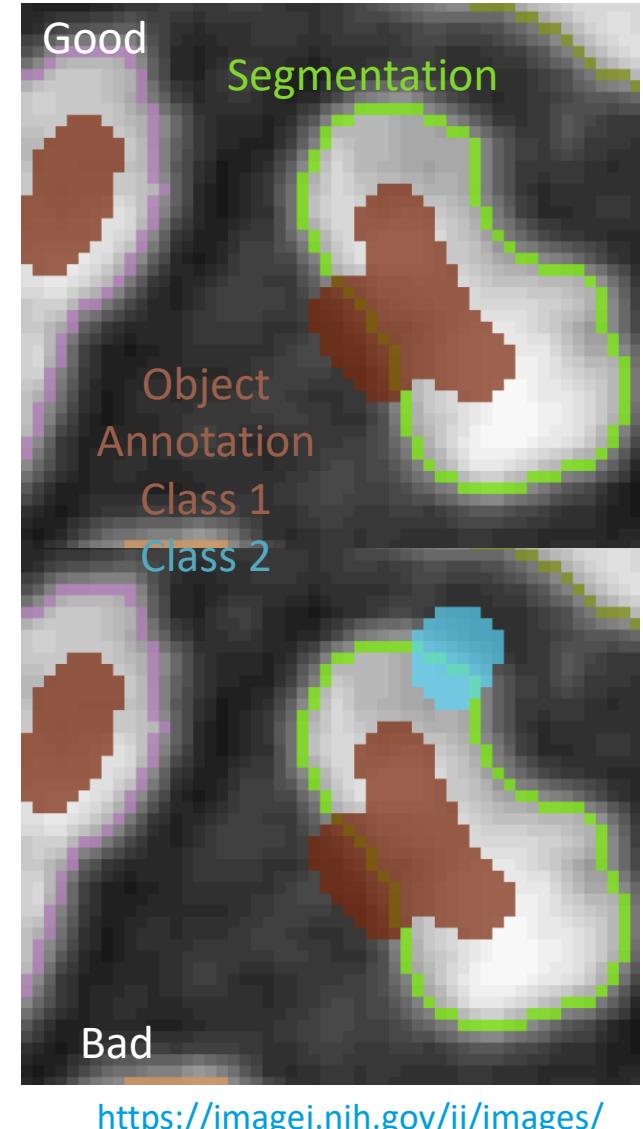


Exercise: Object Classification

1. Activate the environment and open napari
mamba activate napari25
napari
 2. Train an object classifier on sample data: Differentiate **good nuclei** (nicely separated from other objects) from **bad nuclei** (two nuclei sticking together)
- Hints for annotation:
 - The annotation **does not have to overlap exactly** with the painted object
 - Every annotation should **only touch** the correct objects
 - **Save your annotations**
 - In this case, it makes no difference whether we annotate many or few pixels. The number of annotated objects is more important in this context.



https://biapol.github.io/BiolImage-Analysis-and-Data-Processing-Workshop-2025/interactive_object_classification/readme.html



<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/images/>

A photograph of a car's front windshield that has been shattered into many shards by a rock or bullet. The shards are clear and sharp, radiating outwards from the center. The background is a bright blue sky with a few wispy white clouds. In the upper center, there is a bright, starburst-like sun. The overall image has a slightly grainy texture.

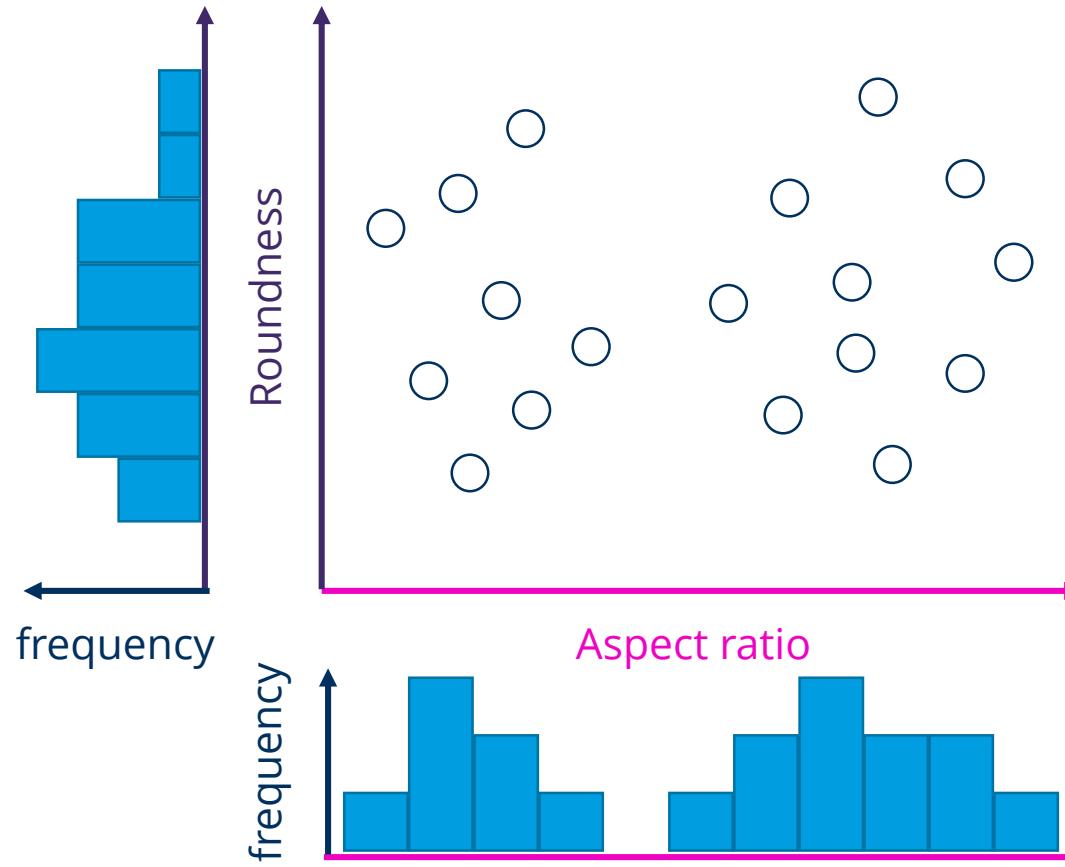
**A smaller
break**

Object Classification and Unsupervised Machine Learning

- Dimensionality Reduction
- Clustering
- Napari-clusters-plotter plugin

Unsupervised machine learning

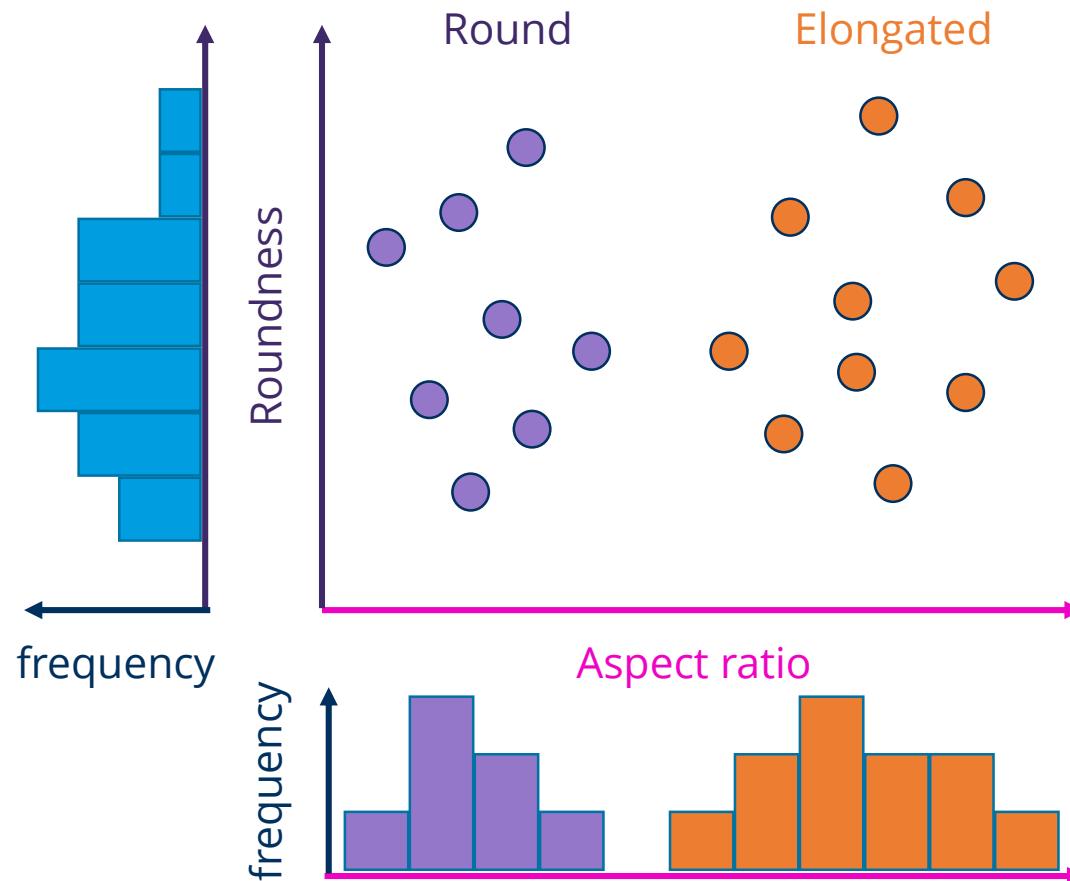
If you don't provide ground truth, the algorithm is *unsupervised*.



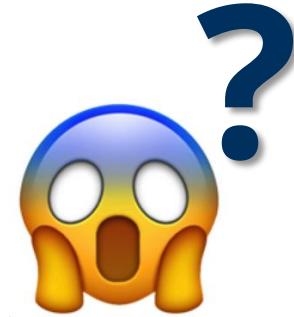
Unsupervised machine learning

If you don't provide ground truth, the algorithm is unsupervised.

Nevertheless, algorithms can tell us something about the data



- Mean intensity
- Standard deviation
- Total intensity
- Textures
- Area / Volume
- Roundness
- Solidity
- Circularity / Sphericity
- Elongation
- Centroid
- Bounding box
- ...



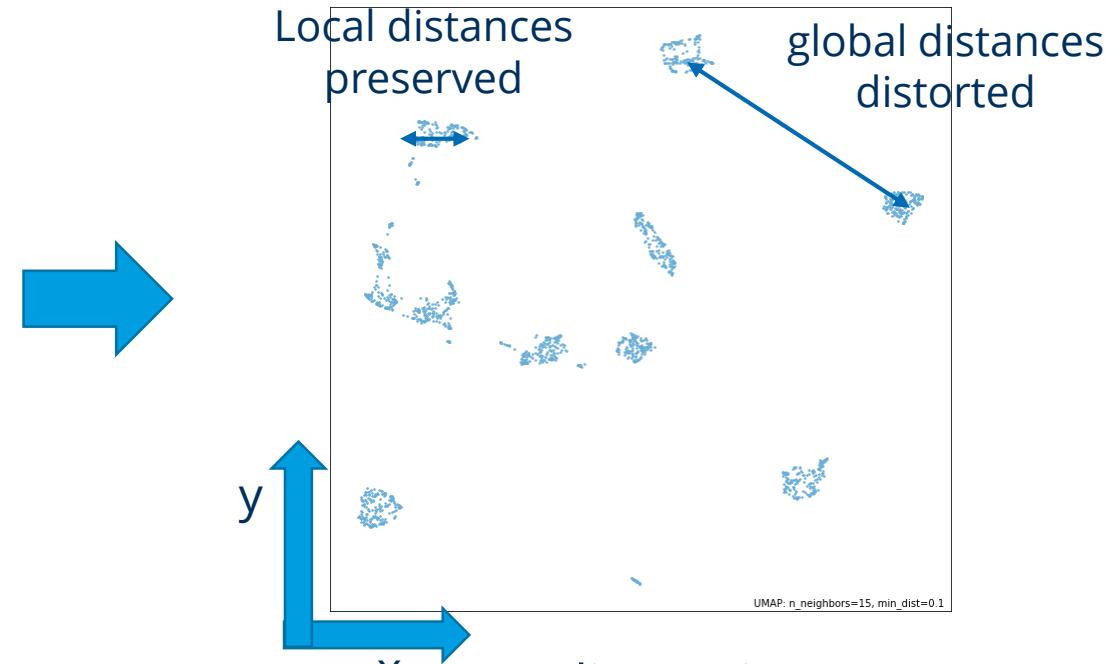
Dimensionality reduction

Challenge: Find a representation (embedding) of your data that represents the data in fewer dimensions

Preserve local distances at the expense of global distortions

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4	4	3278	13804	5139	18.43048549951...	467.0
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8	8	1502	3840	1753	14.20879025650...	431.0
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11	11	609	1100	697	10.51654029260...	323.0
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Many dimensions

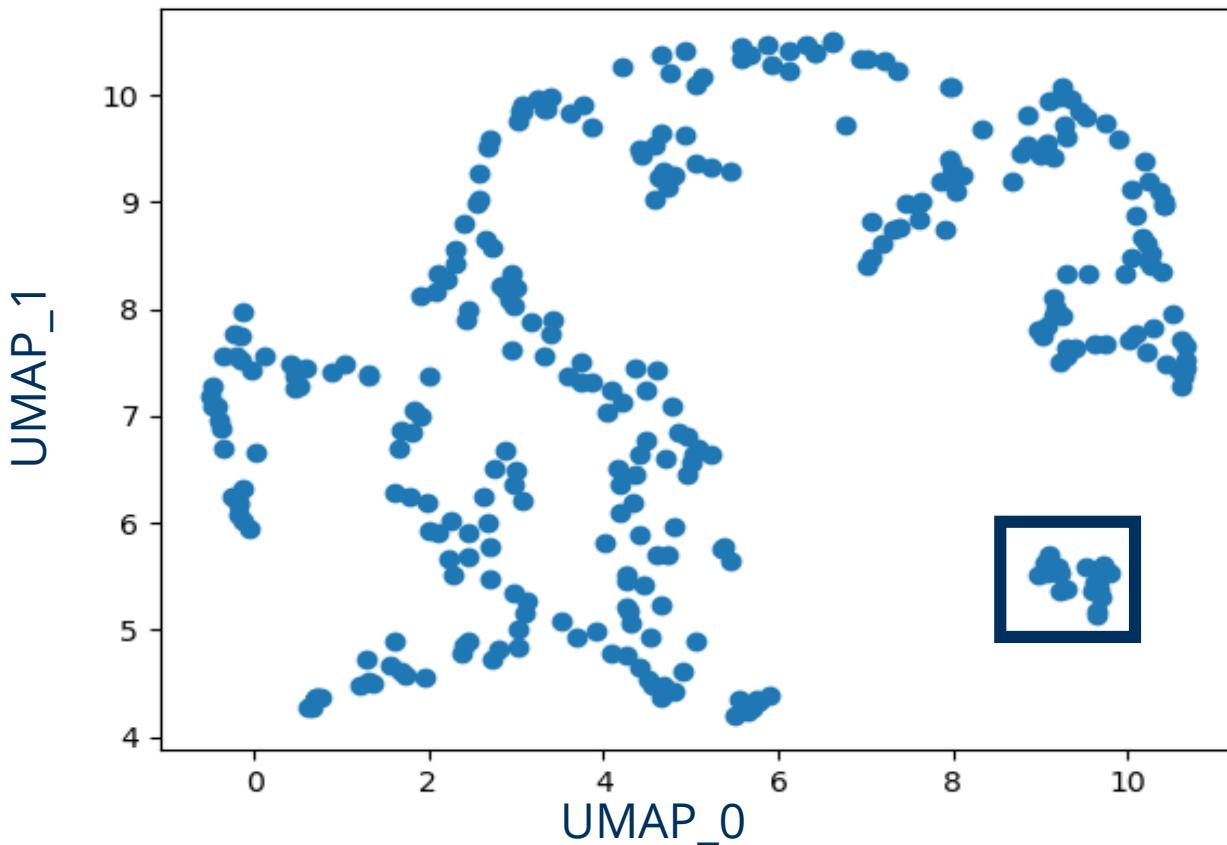


<https://umap-learn.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

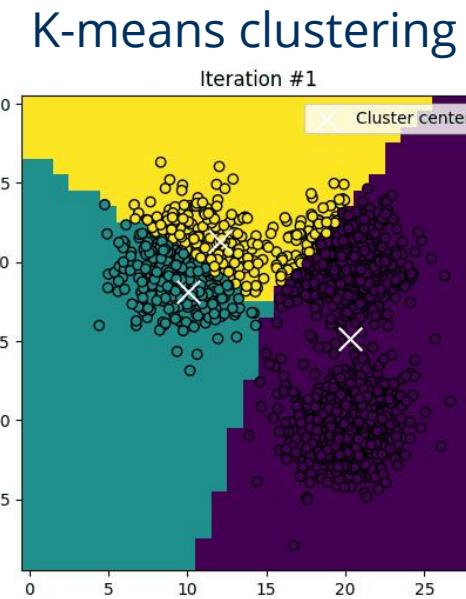
Clustering

Starting point: Feature space or dimensionality reduction reveals “groups” in our data

Can we automatically identify these groups?

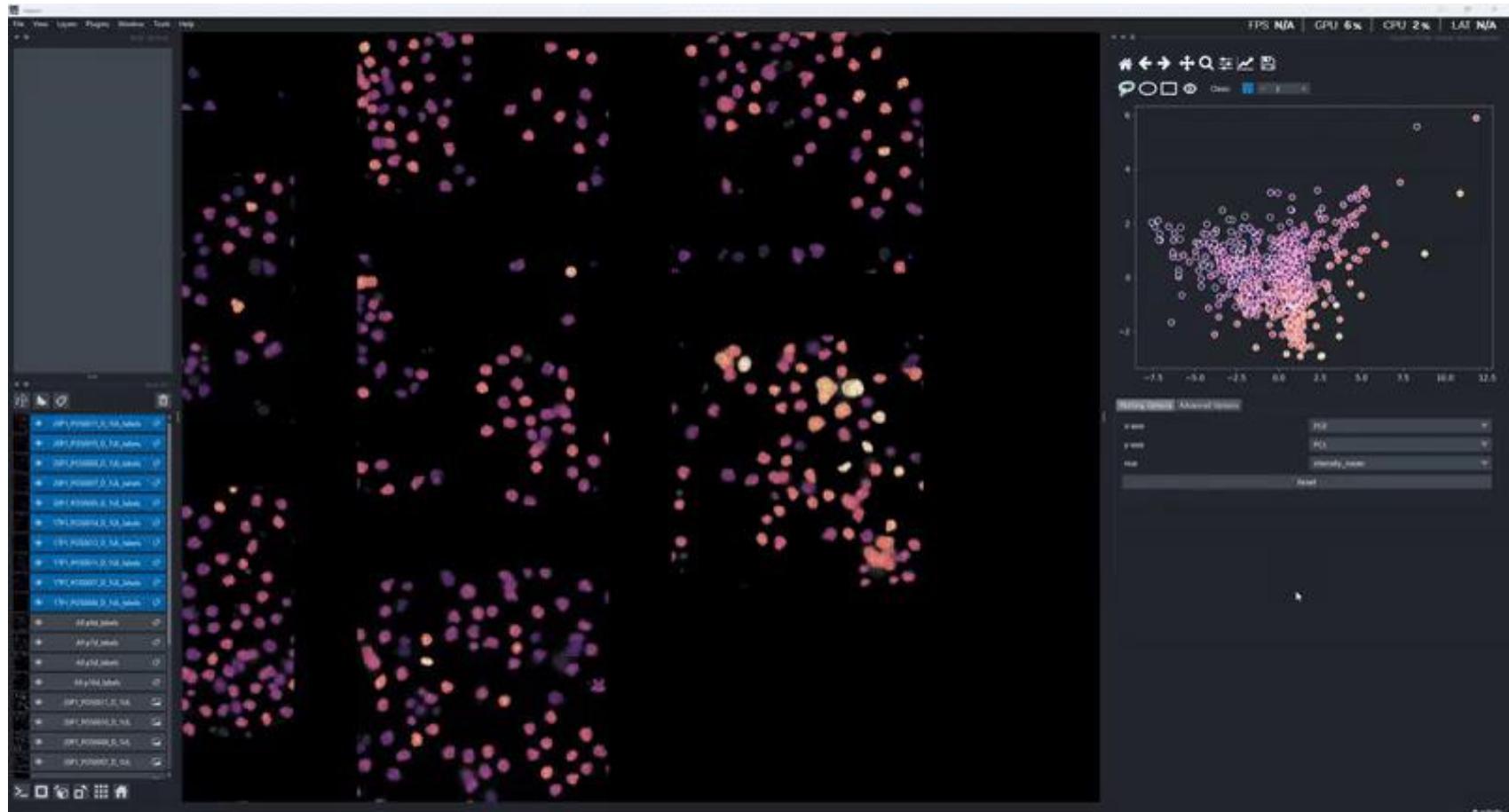


→ **Clustering** allows to stratify data into groups *without previous annotations*



Data Exploration

... using interactive
feature visualization...



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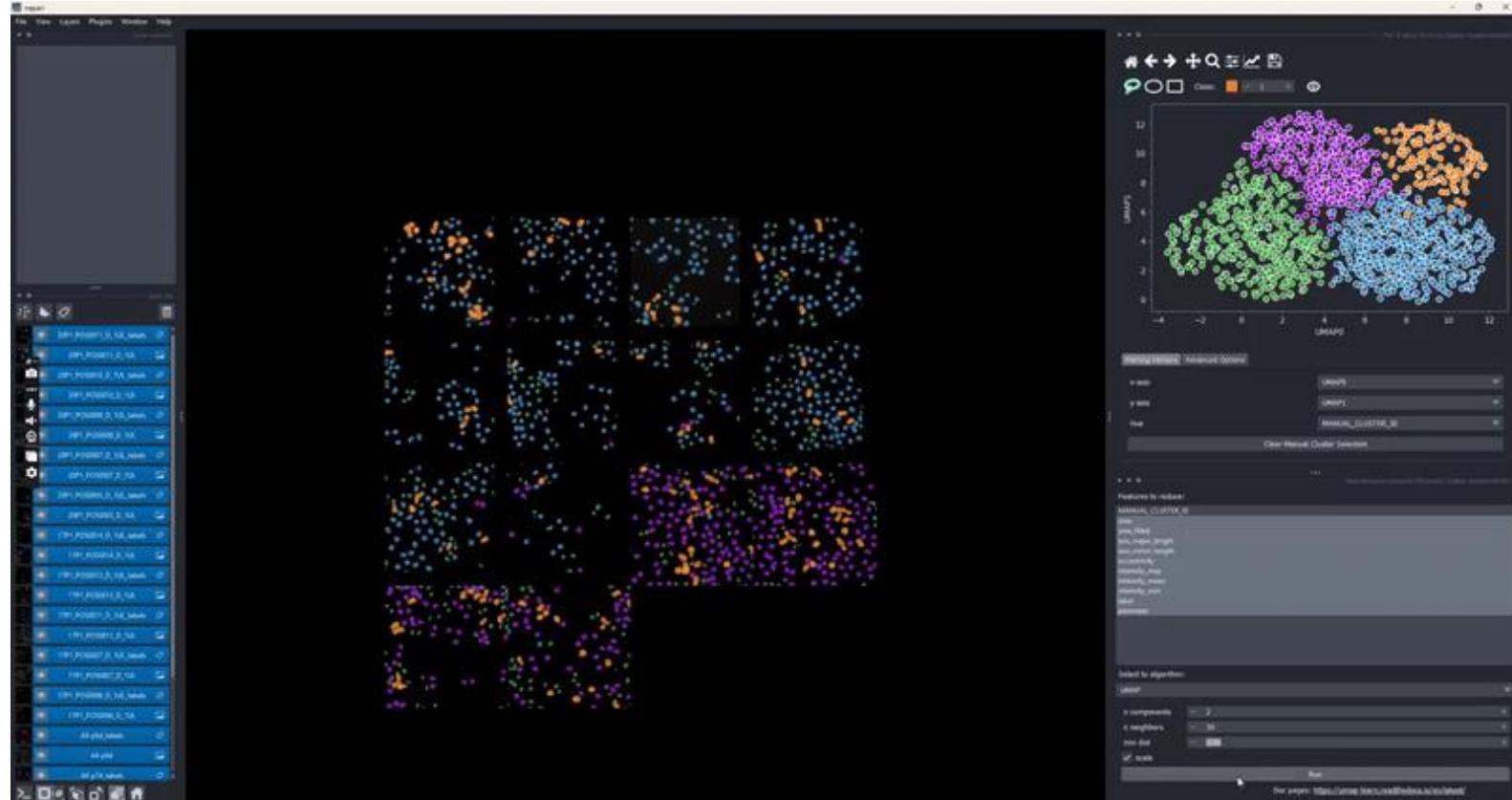


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Dimensionality Reduction and Clustering

... as well as interactive dimensionality reduction and clustering...



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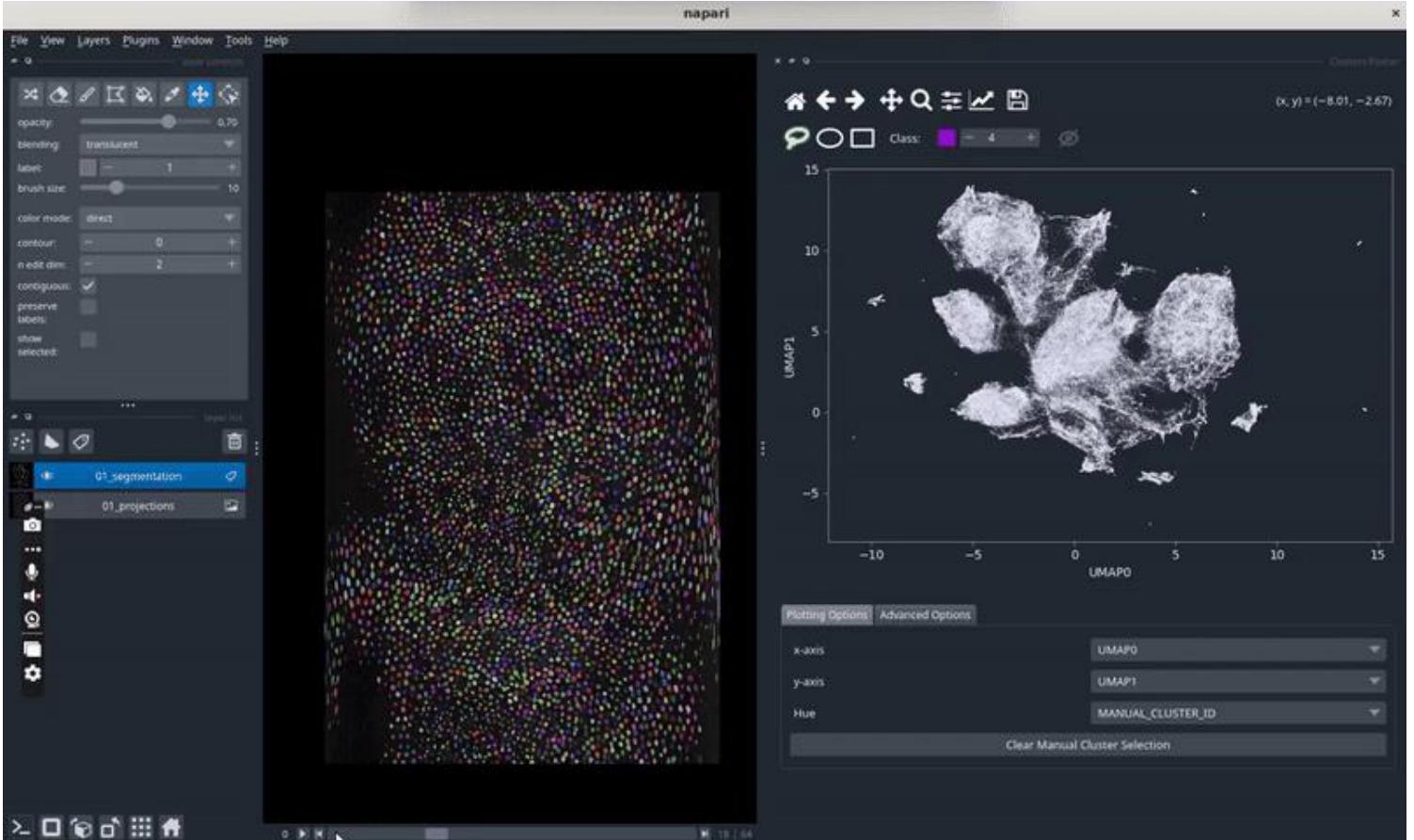
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"How does this parameter affect the outcome of my analysis?"

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Data Exploration

... and introspection!



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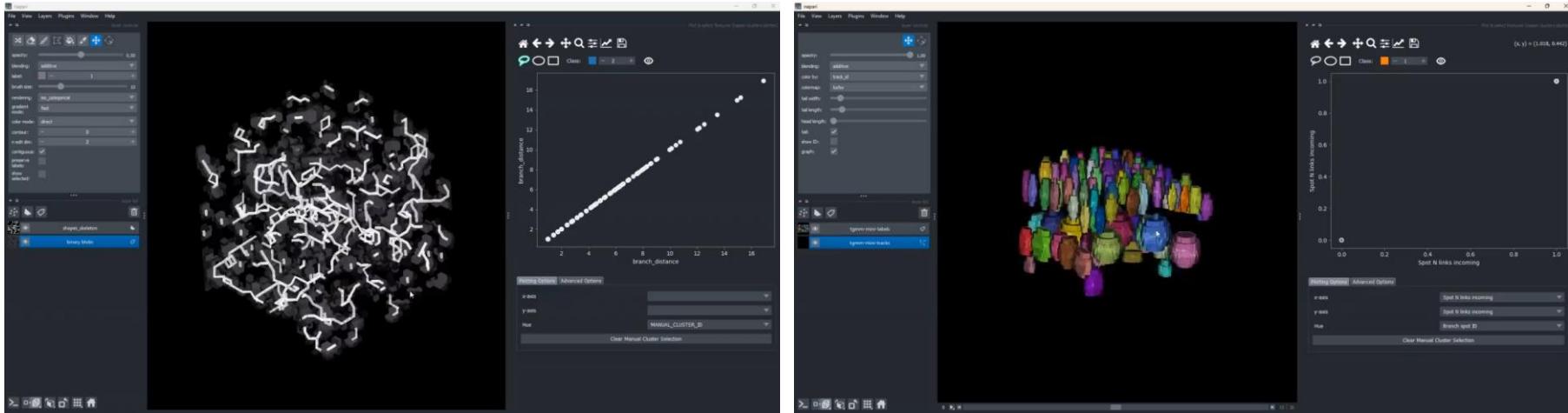
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"How are clusters in my data influenced by individual features?"

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Data Exploration

Works for all sorts of layer types!



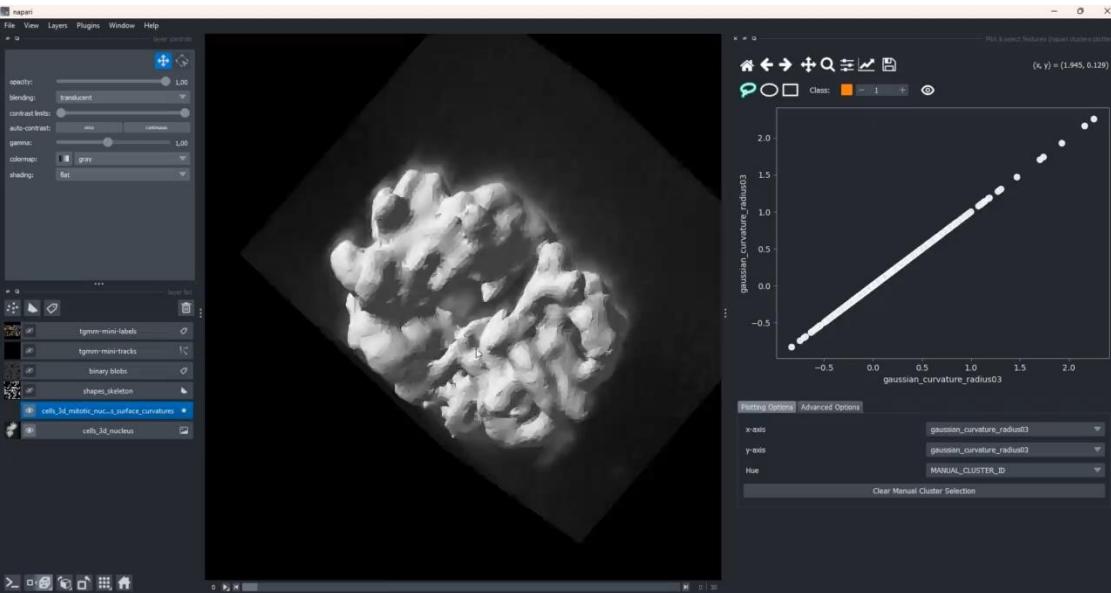
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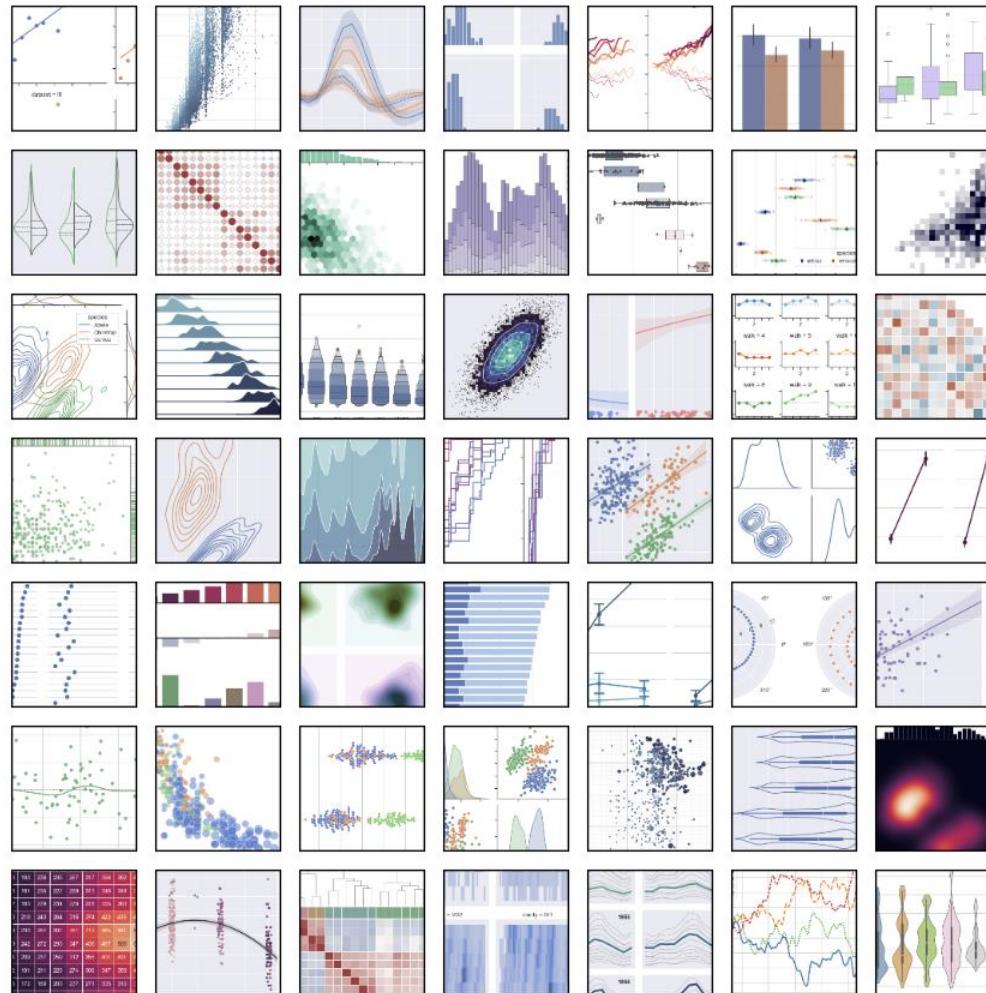
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Scientific Plotting with Seaborn

- seaborn

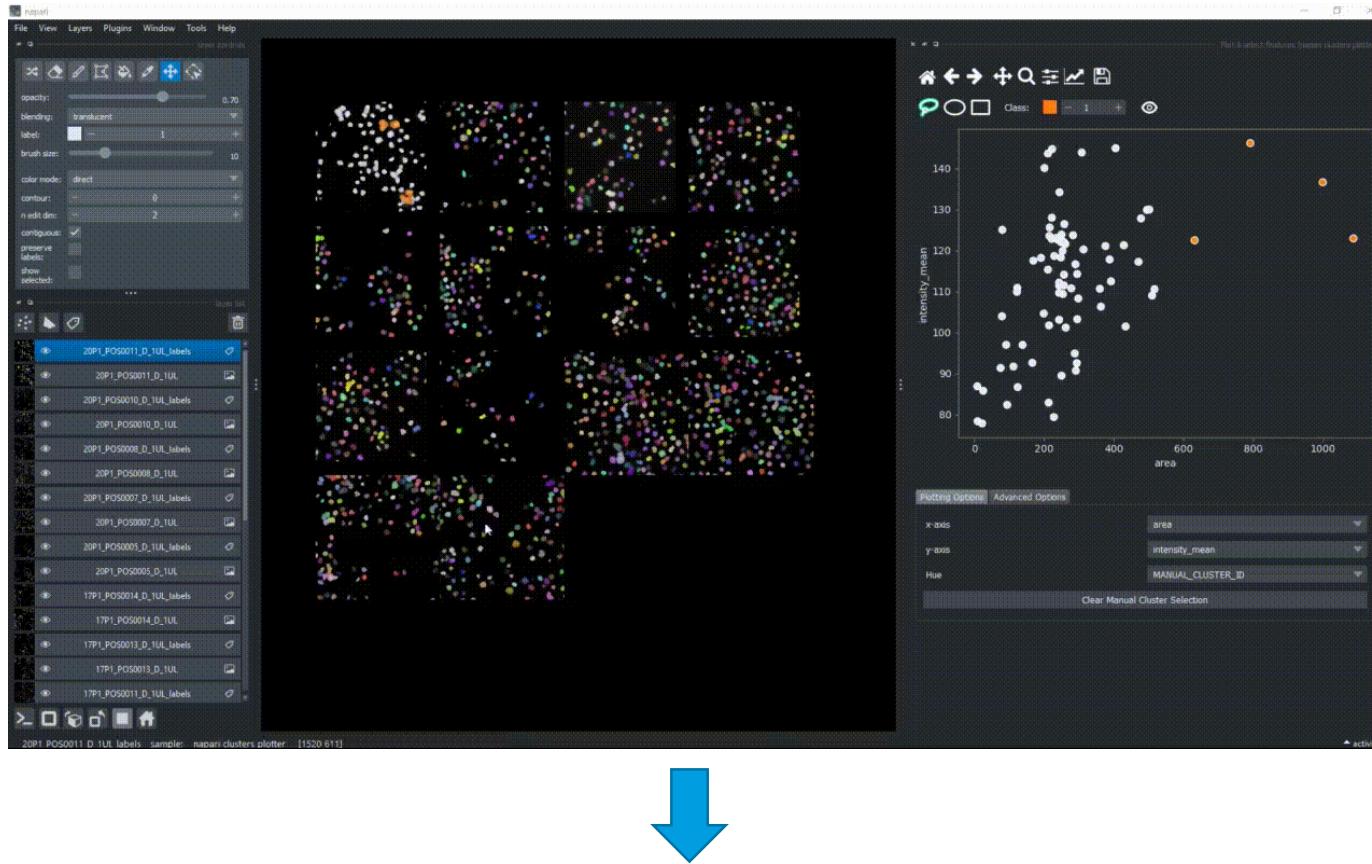
Seaborn gallery



<https://seaborn.pydata.org/examples/index.html>

Exercise: unsupervised object classification

Use Napari to classify objects (nuclei) without ground-truth



https://biapol.github.io/BioImage-Analysis-and-Data-Processing-Workshop-2025/interactive_unsupervised_object_classification/readme.html

Exercise: scientific plotting with seaborn

1. Activate the environment

```
mamba activate napari25
```

2. Navigate to your local repository

```
cd BioImage-Analysis-and-Data-  
Processing-Workshop-2025
```

3. Start Jupyter Lab

```
jupyter lab
```

4. Read and run the notebook, which can be found in docs > seaborn > seaborn_demo.ipynb

visualizations.

Let's load all the packages we need here:

```
import seaborn as sns  
from pathlib import Path  
import pandas as pd
```

Loading the data

As a first step, we need to load the measurements from napari. Alternatively, you can download some from the course repository [here](#). For this, we need to compile a list of all .csv files we take into account.

```
root = './measurements'  
  
file_paths = [file_path for file_path in Path(root).iterdir() if file_path.suffix == '.csv']  
file_paths
```

```
[WindowsPath('measurements/17P1_POS0006_D_1UL_features.csv'),  
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 WindowsPath('measurements/A9_p7d_features.csv'),  
 WindowsPath('measurements/A9_p9d_features.csv')]
```

Further resources:

Napari-hub:

www.napari-hub.org

BiaPoL image analysis course materials:

<https://github.com/BiAPoL/Bio-image Analysis with Python>

Bio-image analysis materials:

<https://bioimagebook.github.io/README.html>

<https://haesleinhuepf.github.io/BiolmageAnalysisNotebooks/intro.html>

Image Science Community Forum:

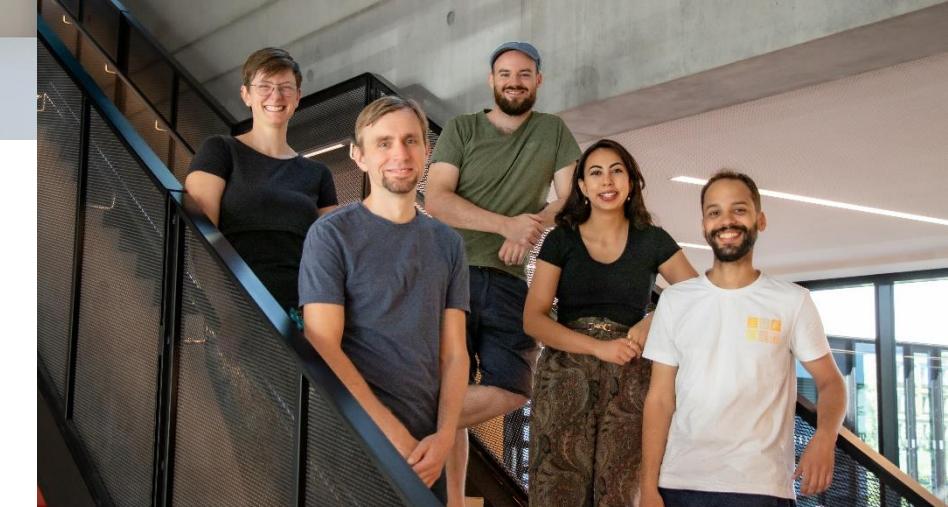
<https://forum.image.sc/>

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The background of the image is a clear, vibrant blue sky. In the upper center, a bright yellow sun is visible, surrounded by a distinct lens flare pattern of white rays. There are a few small, wispy white clouds scattered across the sky.

Thank you!