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Bio-image analysis

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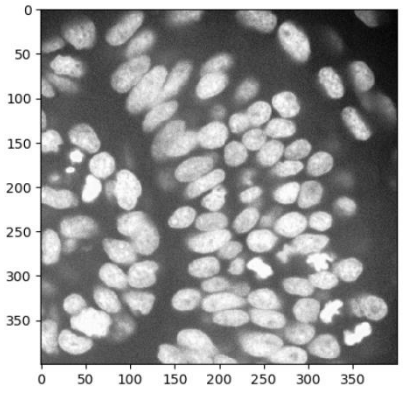
Lecture overview: Bio-image Analysis

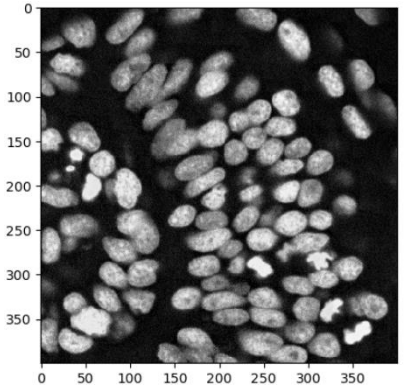
- Image Data Analysis workflows
- Goal: **Quantify observations, substantiate conclusions with numbers**

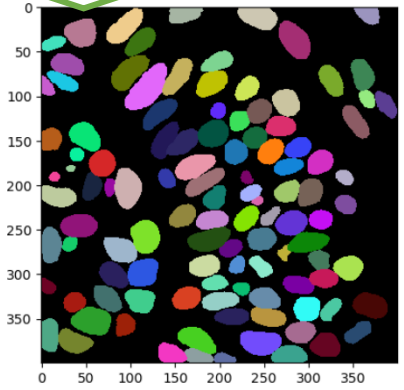
Machine learning: Pixel classification, Instance segmentation

Machine learning: Dimensionality reduction

Machine learning: Object classification







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3	718.0	47015.487465	31.023274	29.5
4	791.0	49132.515803	36.382253	27.7
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106	615.0	32886.154472	41.030760	19.8
107	110.0	33042.445455	14.366347	9.9
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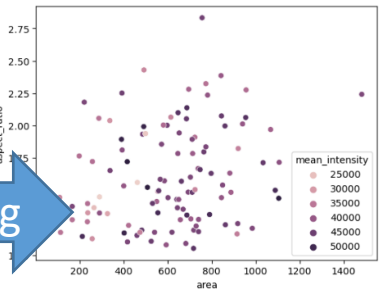

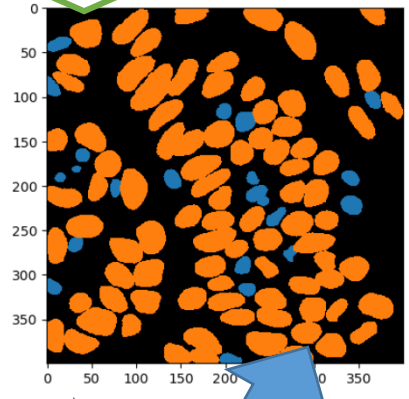

Image filtering → Image segmentation → Feature extraction → Object classification → Visualization

Bio-image analysis → Bio-statistics

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Introduction to Bio-Image Analysis

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Quantitative bio-image analysis

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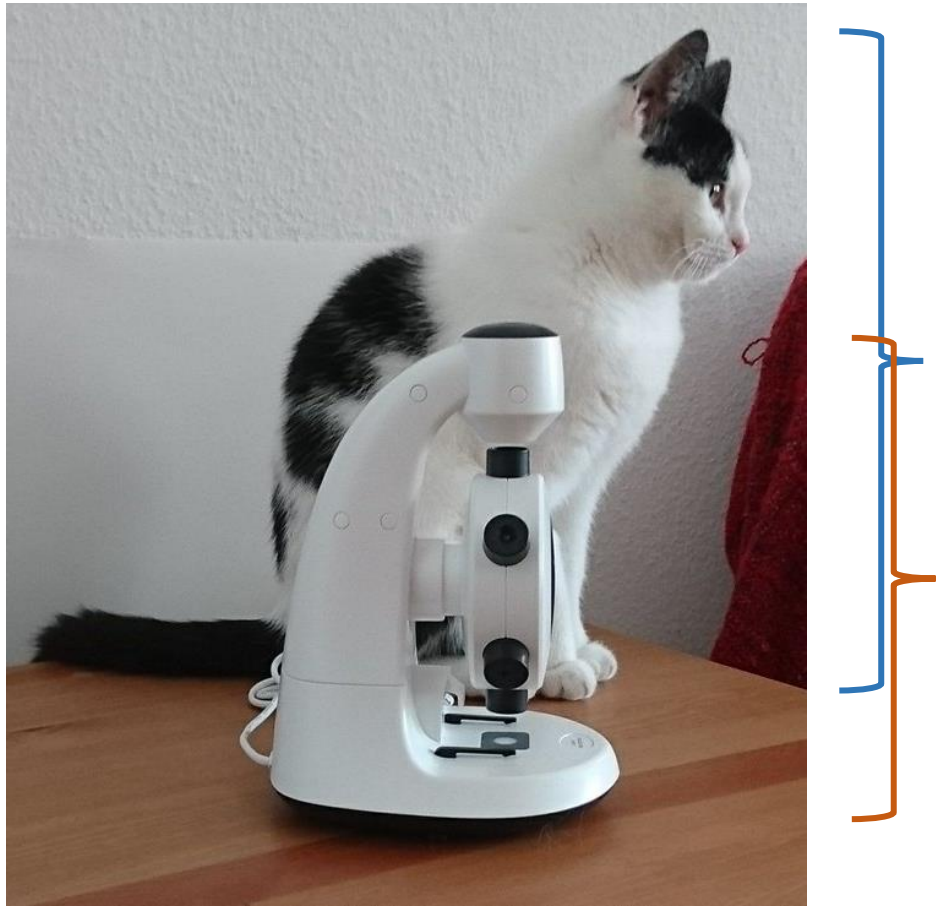
- Deriving quantitative information from images of biological samples taken with microscopes



cat height = 1.5 x microscope height

Quantitative bio-image analysis

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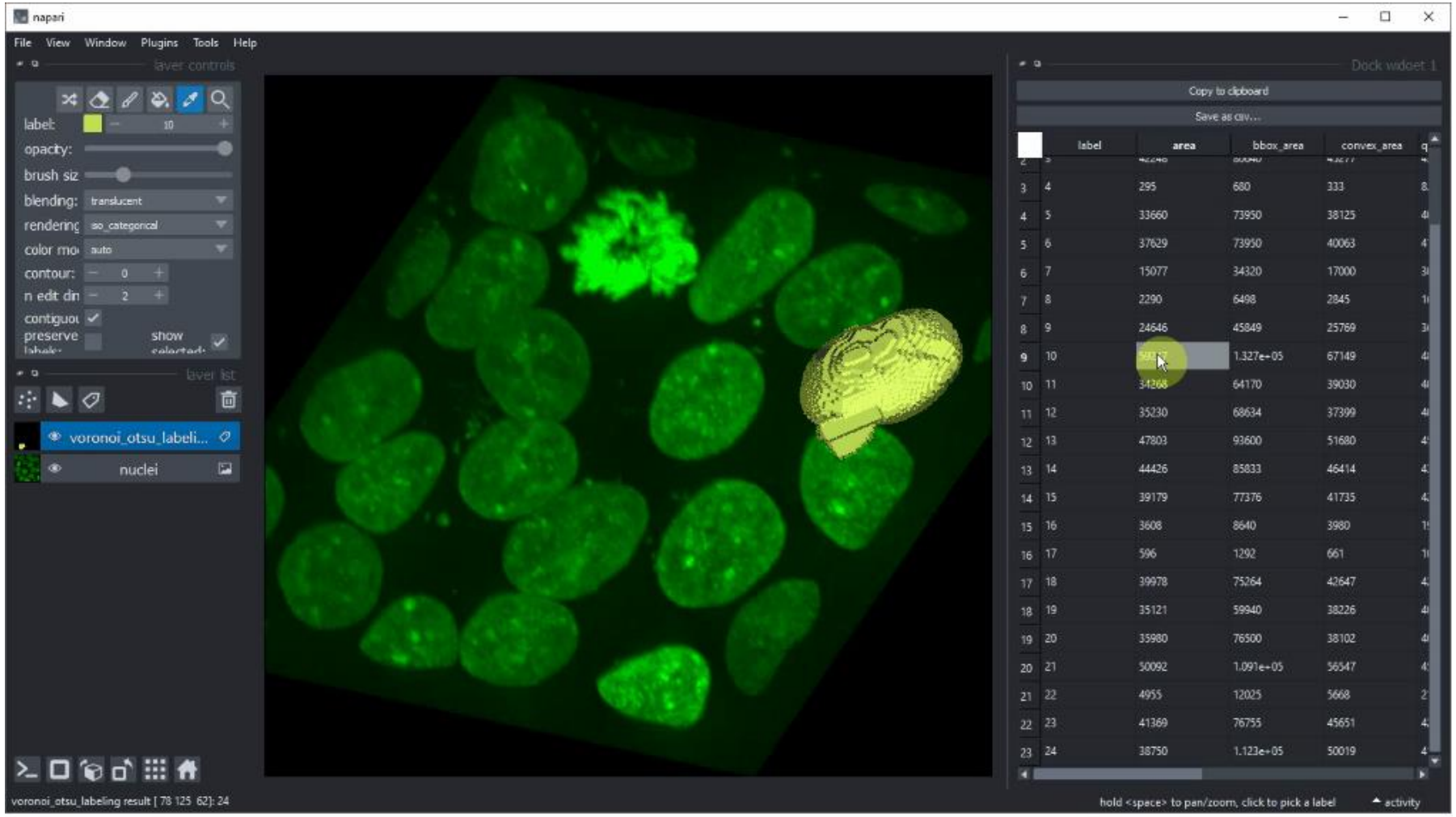
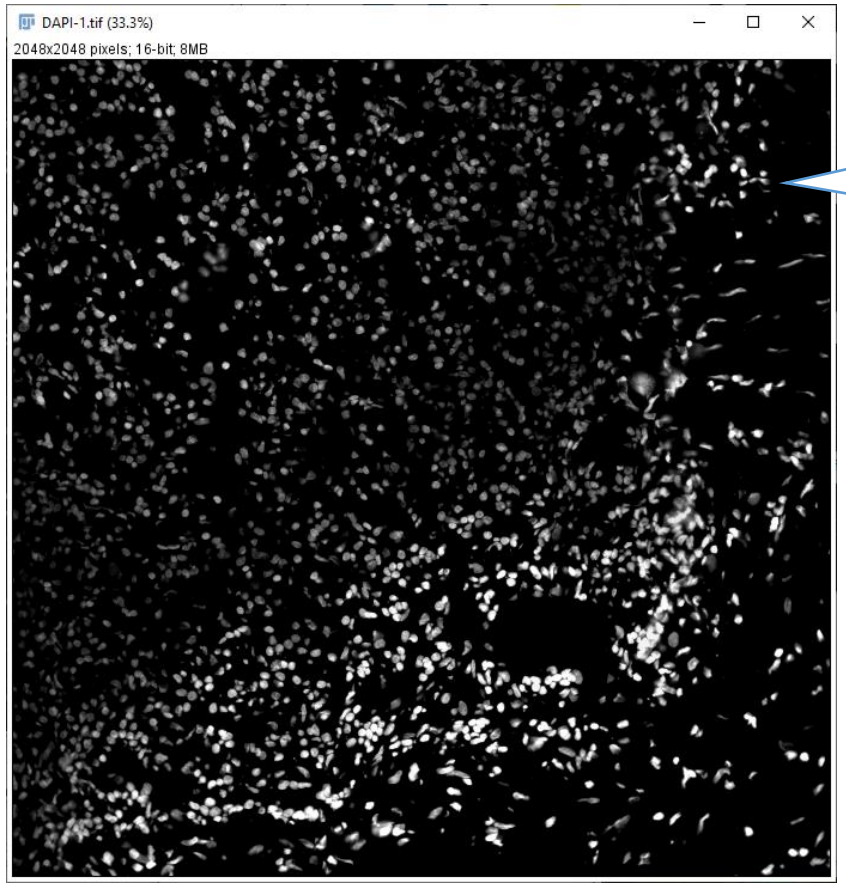
- Deriving quantitative information from images of biological samples taken with microscopes + visualization



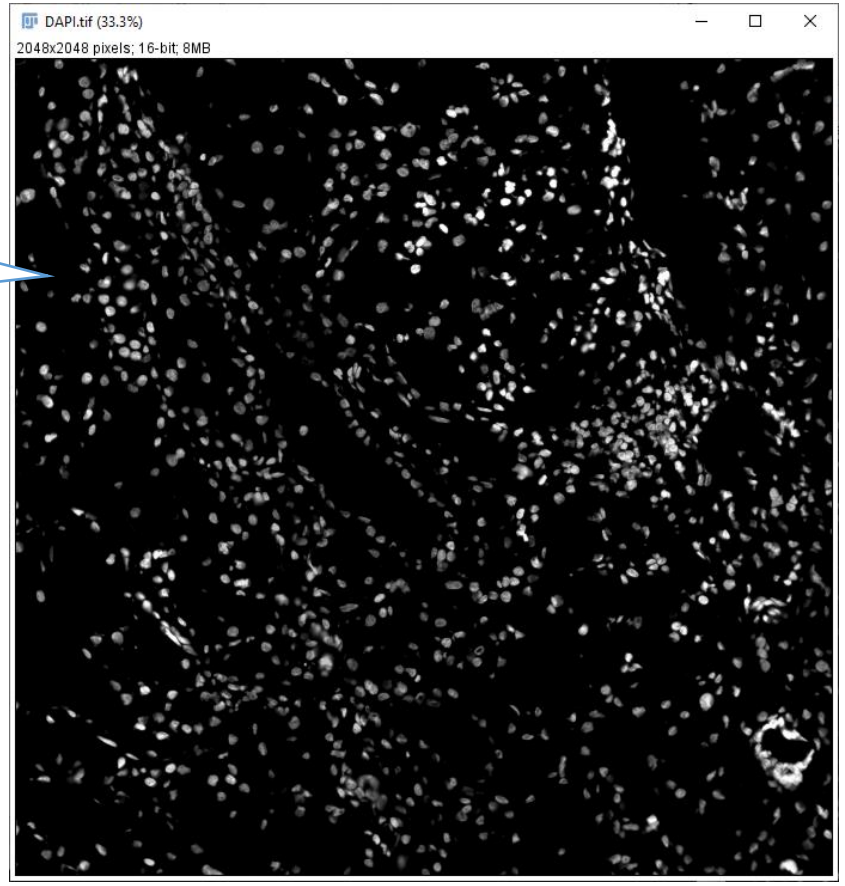
Objective bio-image analysis

- Measurements should be objective, not influenced by human interpretation



Nuclei in this image are …

… more dense than in this image.

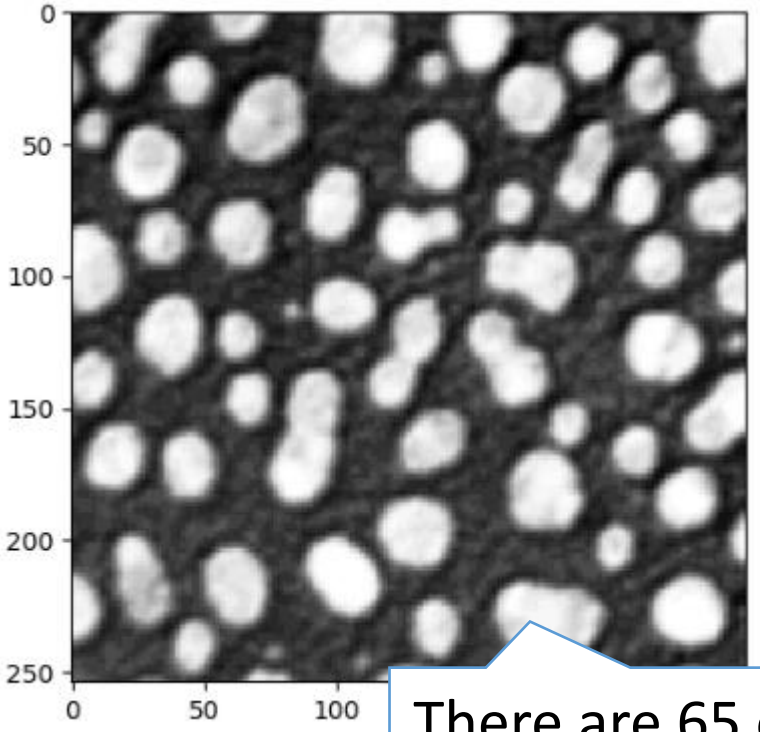


Use automation for less subjective analysis.

Reliable bio-image analysis

- Algorithms must be reliable (trustworthy).
- Visualization helps gaining trust in automated methods.

Original image



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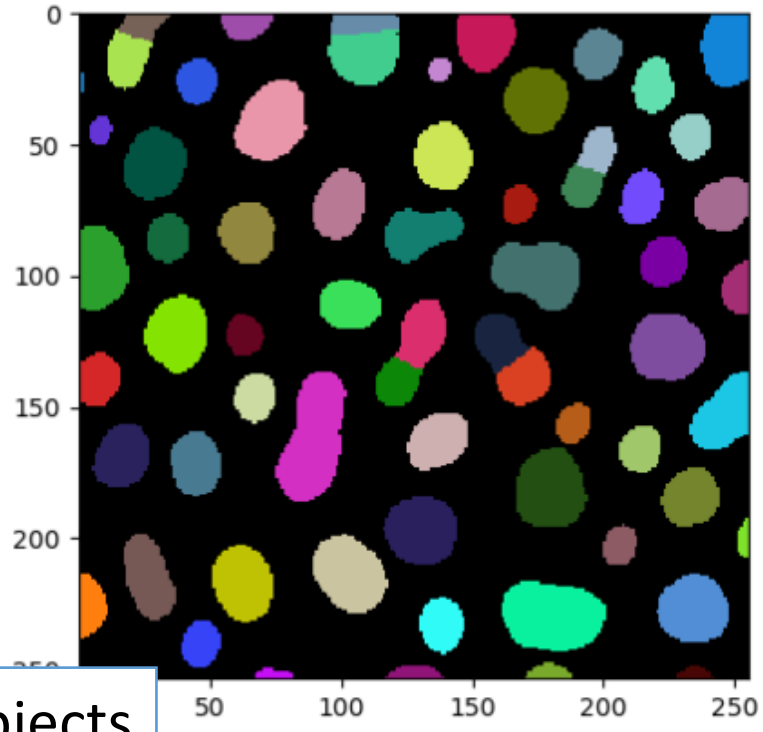
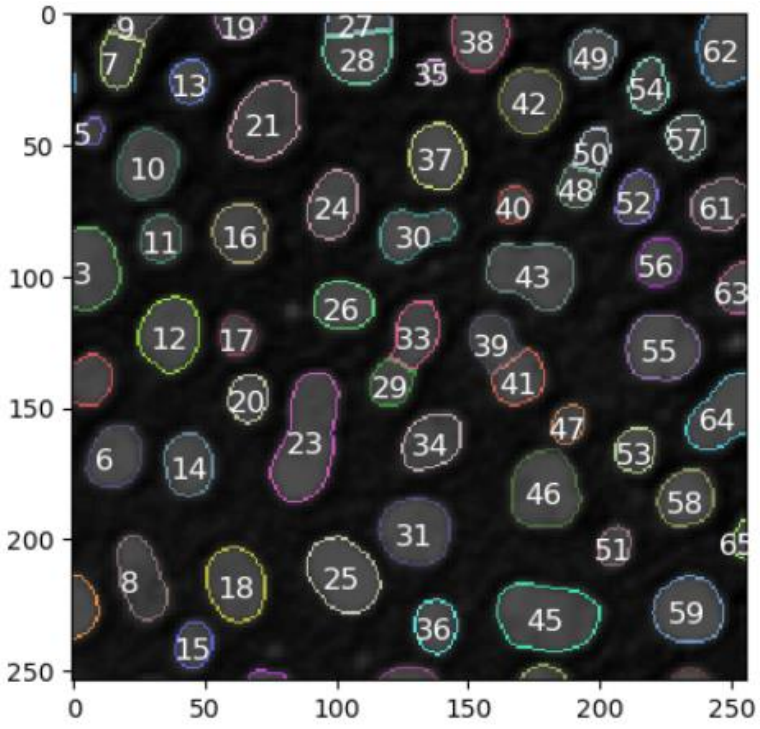


Overlay

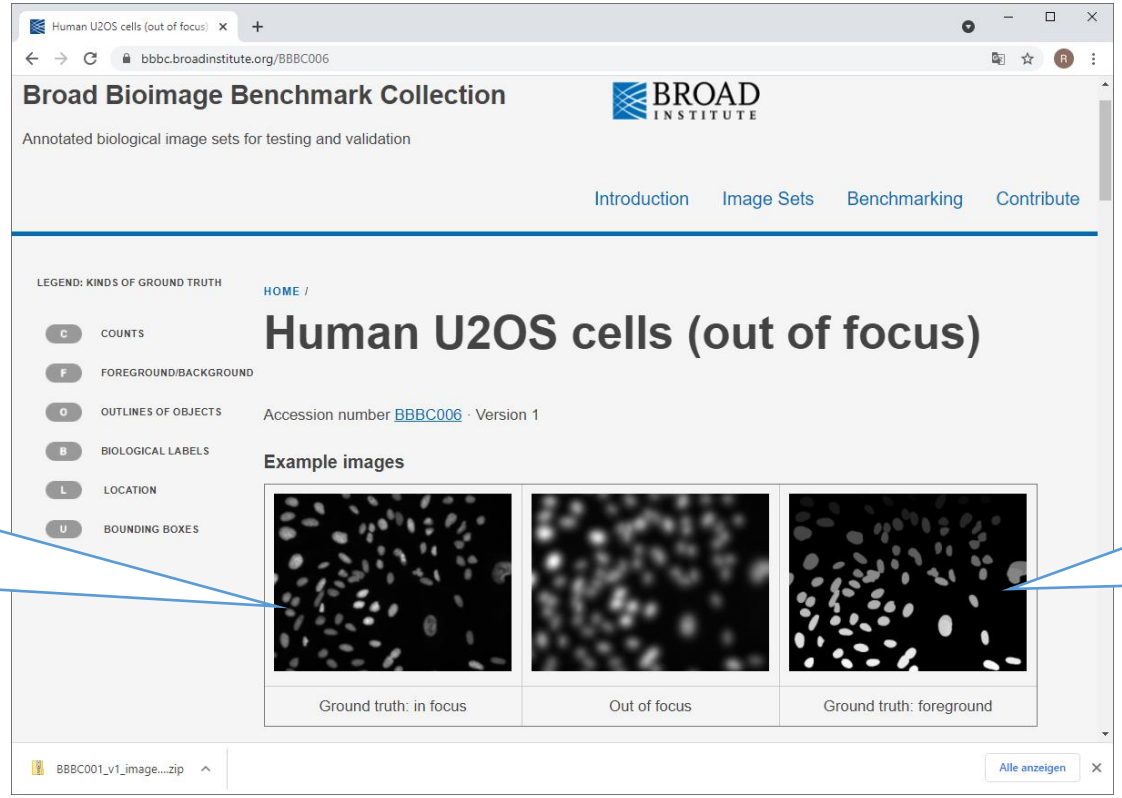


There are 65 objects in this image.

Reliable bio-image analysis

- Algorithms must be reliable (validated methods).
- Publicly available benchmark data sets allow to compare algorithms on common data.

Original image data



"Ground truth" label images

Reproducible data analysis

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- Allowing others to do your experiment again.

- “The image data was analyzed with Python.”

Can you reproduce what they did?

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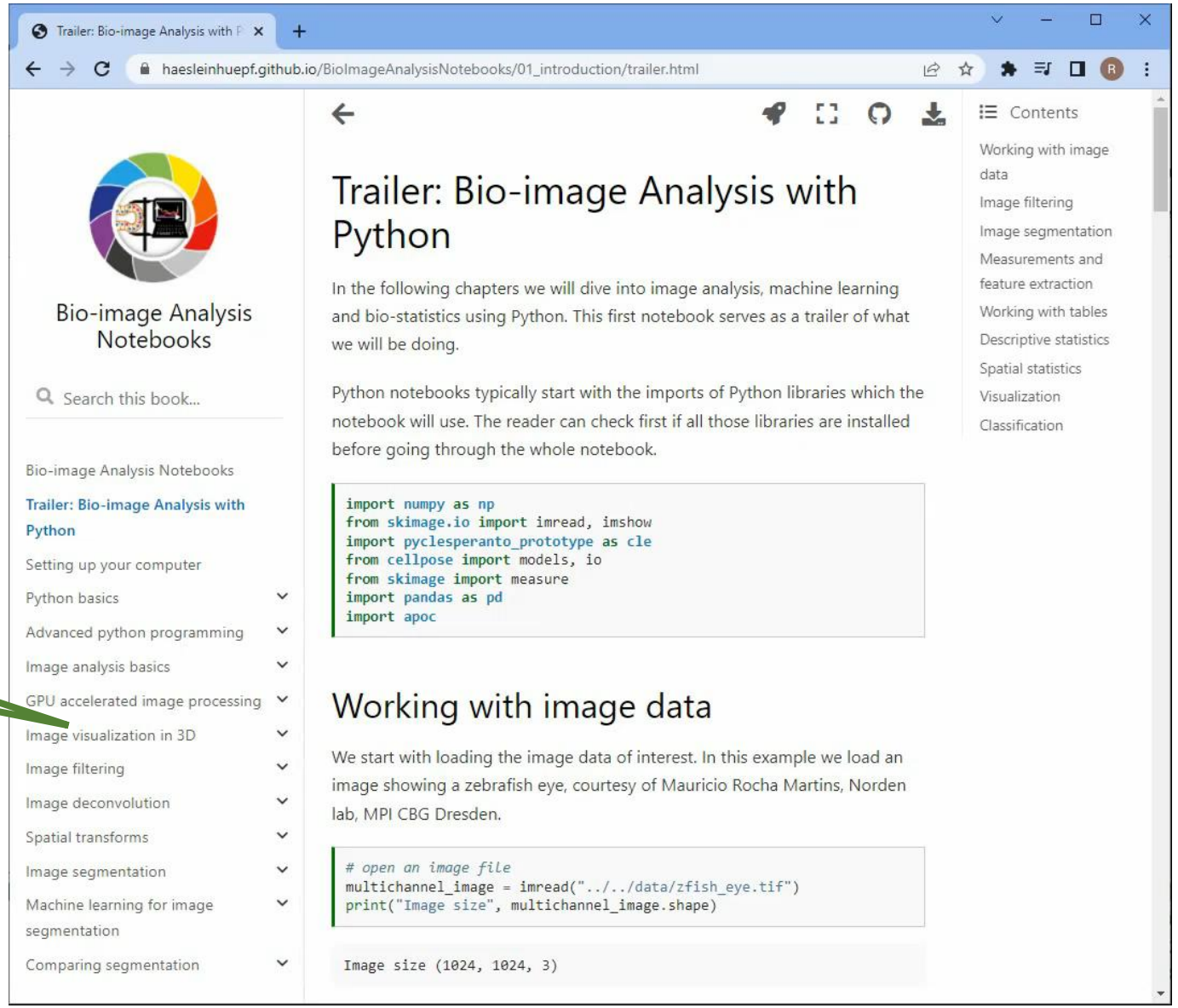

Replicable bio-image analysis

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- Others run the same analysis on their data and have consistent results / same conclusions.
- Can only be achieved if data analysis protocol was documented reproducibly.

- See also: *Replication crisis*
  - In Psychology (surveys)
  - In Medicine (clinical trials)
  - In Computer Science (executable code)
  - …

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Essay

Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

Summary

There is increasing concern that most current published research findings are false. The probability that a research claim is true may depend on study power and bias, the number of other studies on the same question, and, importantly, the ratio of true to no relationships among the relationships probed in each scientific field. In this framework, a research finding is less likely to be true when the studies conducted in a field are smaller; when effect sizes are smaller; when there is a greater number and lesser preselection of tested relationships; where there is greater flexibility in designs, definitions, outcomes, and analytical modes; when there is greater financial and other interest and prejudice; and when more teams are involved in a scientific field in chase of statistical significance. Simulations show that for most study designs and settings, it is more likely for

factors that influence this problem and some corollaries thereof.

Modeling the Framework for False Positive Findings

Several methodologists have pointed out [9–11] that the high rate of nonreplication (lack of confirmation) of research discoveries is a consequence of the convenient, yet ill-founded strategy of claiming conclusive research findings solely on the basis of a single study assessed by formal statistical significance, typically for a *p*-value less than 0.05. Research is not most appropriately represented and summarized by *p*-values, but, unfortunately, there is a widespread notion that medical research articles

It can be proven that most claimed research findings are false.

is characteristic of the field and can vary a lot depending on whether the field targets highly likely relationships or searches for only one or a few true relationships among thousands and millions of hypotheses that may be postulated. Let us also consider, for computational simplicity, circumscribed fields where either there is only one true relationship (among many that can be hypothesized) or the power is similar to find any of the several existing true relationships. The pre-study probability of a relationship being true is $R/(R+1)$. The probability of a study finding a true relationship reflects the power $1-\beta$ (one minus the Type II error rate). The probability of claiming a relationship when none truly exists reflects the Type I error rate, α. Assuming that c relationships are being probed in the field, the expected values of the 2×2 table are given in Table 1. After a research finding has been claimed based on

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Replication_crisis

Repeatable data analysis

- In wet-lab experiments, samples may get destroyed while executing the experiment.
- Repeatability is a property of the experiment / algorithm. You cannot improve repeatability by better documentation.

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[11]: reducer = umap.UMAP()
      embedding2 = reducer.fit_transform(scaled_statistics)

      seaborn.scatterplot(x=embedding2[:, 0],
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[11]: <AxesSubplot: >
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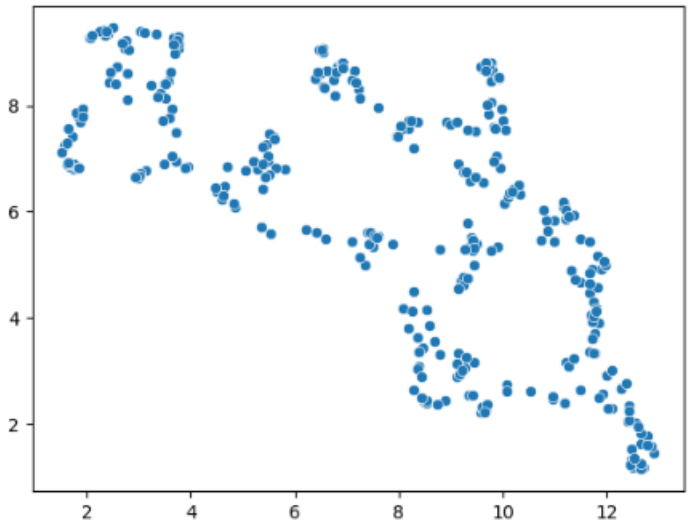


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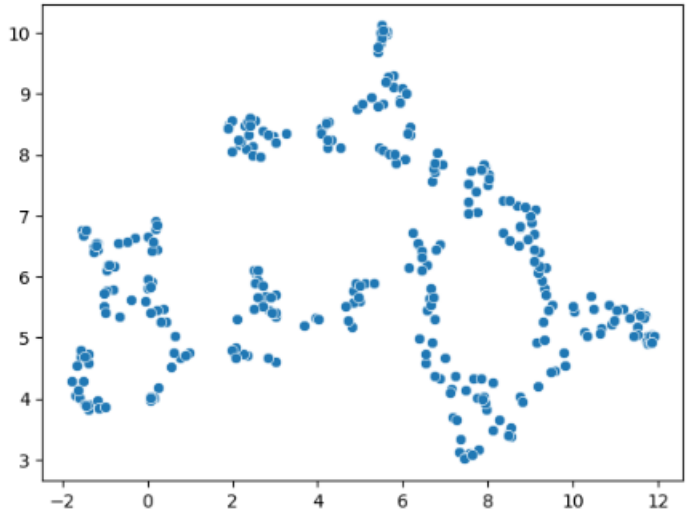

https://haesleinhuepf.github.io/BioImageAnalysisNotebooks/47_clustering/umap.html?highlight=umap#a-note-on-repeatability

Bio-image Analysis: good scientific practice

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Preface — Introduction to Bioima

bioimagebook.github.io/chapters/0-preamble/preface/preface.html

Introduction to Bioimage Analysis

Front matter

Acknowledgements

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Disclaimer

When I'm confronted by an image analysis problem, my goal is never really to find the *right* way to do the analysis. That generally doesn't exist.

Instead, my goal is to find the *least wrong* way to do the analysis – and to be able to understand and explain whatever lingering limitations and biases can't be entirely overcome. It can be frustrating, I still don't feel terribly good at it, but it is – in its own strange way – kind of *enjoyable*. There's always something new to learn, and some new angle from which to look at the problem. And each new angle can help us wring more drops of knowledge out of our data.

My hope is that this book will help introduce others find the weird, frustrating pleasure of thinking more deeply about scientific images. Through this, I hope it might make a small contribution towards helping us do image analysis a bit better.

Pete Bankhead

April 2022

Previous Changelog

Next How to read this book

Introduction to bio-image analysis

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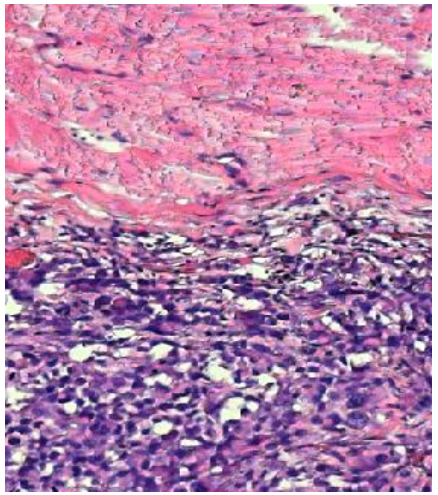
- Bio-image analysis is supposed to be
  - **Quantitative**
    - We derive numbers from images which describe physical properties of the observed sample.
  - **Objective**
    - The derived measurement does not depend on who did the measurement. The measurement is free of interpretation.
  - **Reliable (trustworthy / validated)**
    - We are confident that the measurement is describing what it is supposed to describe.
  - **Reproducible**
    - Enabling others to re-do the experiment. For this, documentation is crucial!
  - **Replicability**
    - Others *do* execute the same analysis, potentially on other data, and see consistent results.
  - **Repeatable**
    - We can do the same experiment twice under the *same conditions* and get the same measurements.

Common topics

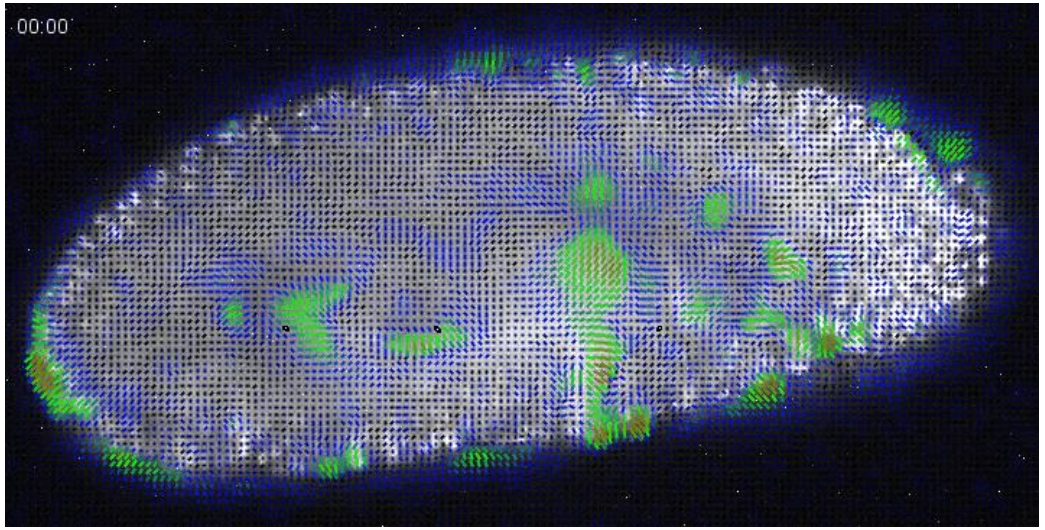
- Typical questions bio-image analysts deal with
  - Is signal intensity different under varying conditions?
  - How many cells are in my image?
  - How high is cell density?
    - ➢ Bio-statistics / medicine / disease staging
  - How are different tissues characterized?
    - ➢ Machine learning



muscle, normal tissue

squamous-cell carcinoma

- Typical questions bio-image analysts struggle with
  - What force drives the observed processes?
  - What is the lineage tree of one particular cell?
  - Are observation A and observation B related?
  - Are structures observed in different color channels colocalized?



Hypothesis-driven quantitative biology

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- Hypothesis: Cell shape can be influenced by modifying X.
- Null-Hypothesis: Circularity of modified cells is similar to cells in the control group.

- Sample preparation
- Imaging
- Cell segmentation
- Circularity measurement
- Statistics

Shall we use a different microscope?

Should we use a different segmentation algorithm?

Is circularity the right parameter to measure?

Hypothesis *generating* quantitative biology

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- ~~Hypothesis: Cell shape can be influenced by modifying X.~~
- Question: Which image-derived parameter is influenced when modifying X?
  - Sample preparation
  - Imaging
  - Cell segmentation algorithm A, algorithm B, algorithm C
  - Measurement of circularity, solidity, elongation, extend, texture, intensity, topology …
  - Statistics

Which segmentation algorithms allow measurements that show a relationship with X?

Why?

Which parameter shows any relationship with X?

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Python Programming

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Data science with python

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- Why Python?

Because copy&paste works so great.

stardist/stardist: StarDist - Object

github.com

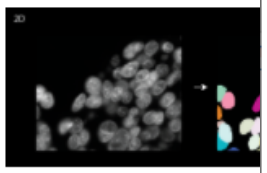
README.md

pypi package 0.6.2

forum 86 topics

StarDist - C

Star-convex



This repository contain

object detection for 2D

- Uwe Schmidt, Ma
  Broaddus, and Ge
  Cell Detection wit
  International Conf
  Image Computing
  Intervention (MIC
  September 2018.

stardist/stardist: StarDist - Object

github.com/stardist/stardist

README.md

You can access these pretrained models from

`stardist.models.StarDist2D`

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github.com/stardist/stardist/blob/master/examples/2D/3_ diction.ipynb

remaining polygons

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In [5]: img = normalize(X[16], 1,99.8, axis=axis_norm)
        labels, details = model.predict_instances(img)

In [6]: plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
        plt.imshow(img if img.ndim==2 else img[...,0], clim=(0,1), cmap=
        plt.imshow(labels, cmap=lbl_cmap, alpha=0.5)
        plt.axis('off');
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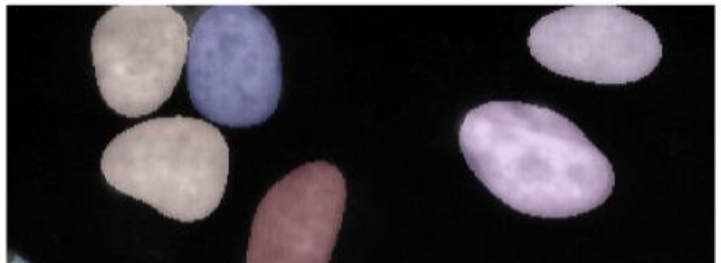

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In [3]: # normalize image
        from csbdeep.utils import normalize
        normalized_image = normalize(image, 1,99.8, axis=(0,1))

        # load pretrained deep-learning model
        from stardist.models import StarDist2D
        model = StarDist2D.from_pretrained('2D_versatile_fluo')

        # predict labels
        label_image, details = model.predict_instances(normalized_image)
        imshow(label_image)
```

```
Found model '2D_versatile_fluo' for 'StarDist2D'.
Loading network weights from 'weights_best.h5'.
Loading thresholds from 'thresholds.json'.
Using default values: prob_thresh=0.479071, nms_thresh=0.3.
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matplotlib_plugin.py (150): Low image data range; displaying image
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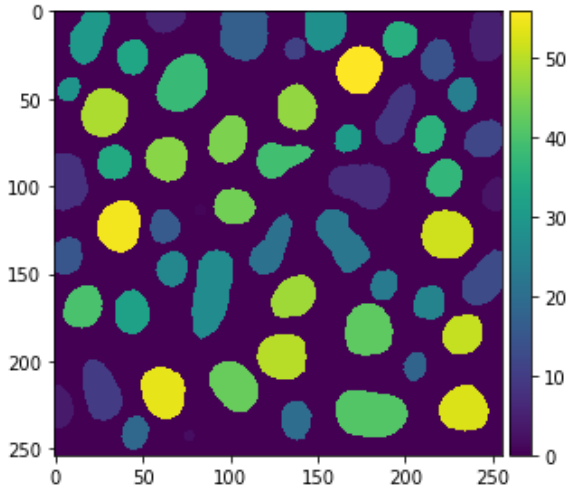
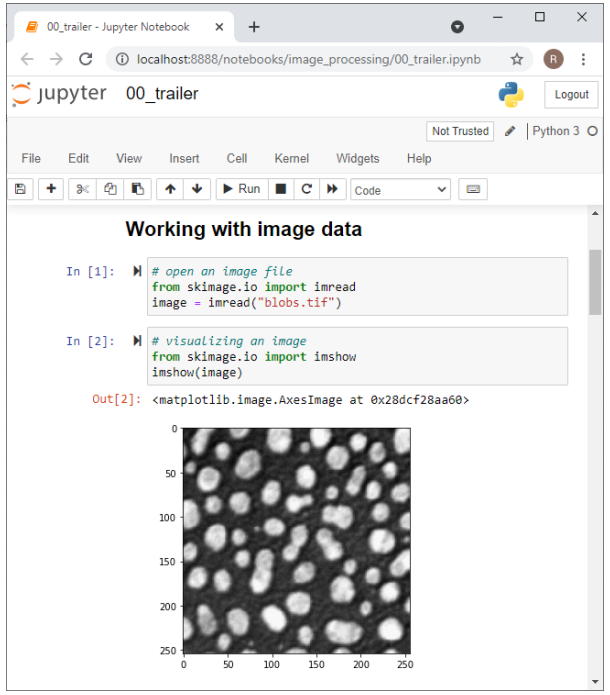
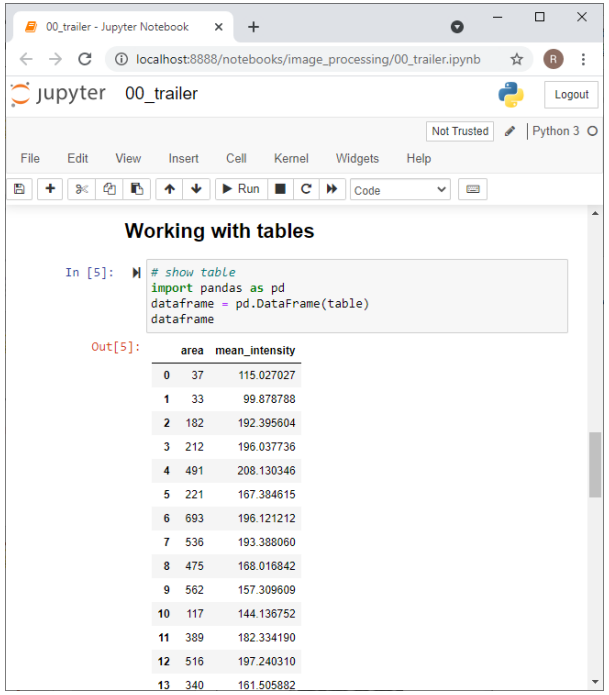


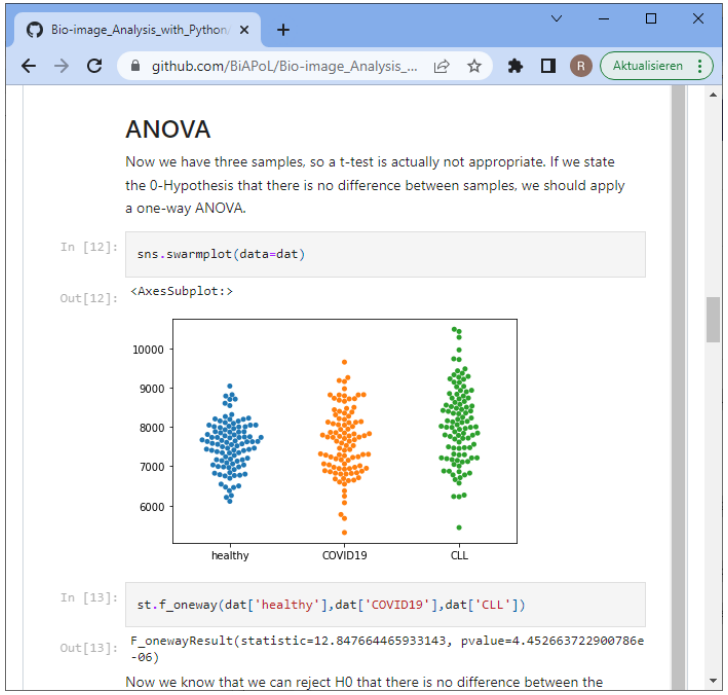
https://github.com/stardist/stardist

Python

- Major goals of [image] data analysis via scripting:
  - reproducible workflows for processing images (raw data) into quantitative information and visualizing biological properties.
  - automation
  - Sharing code, knowledge
  - Prevent reinventing the wheel







How to eat a banana the computational way using Python

- Remove shell
- Repeat until nothing left:
  - Take a bite
  - Chew
  - Swallow
- Digest

- Access folder
- Repeat for all images:
  - Open an image file
  - Segment the banana slice
  - Analyse it
- Save measurements

```
slice_areas = []
for root, dirs, files in os.walk(data_folder):
    for file in files:
        if file.endswith('tif'):

            # load data
            from skimage.io import imread
            image = imread(root + file)

            # segment it
            from skimage.filters import threshold_otsu
            binary_image = image > threshold_otsu(image)

            from skimage.measure import label
            labels = label(binary_image)

            # measure radius
            from skimage.measure import regionprops
            statistics = regionprops(labels)
            areas = [s.area for s in statistics]

            # store result in array
            import numpy as np
            slice_areas.append(np.max(areas))
```


Image data source: Nasreddin Abolmaali, TU Dresden

Comments

Comments should contain additional information such as

- User documentation
  - What does the program do?
  - How can this program be used?
- Your name / institute in case a reader has a question
- Comment why things are done.
- Do not comment what is written in the code already!

```
#
# This program sums up two numbers.
#
# Usage:
# * Run it in Python 3.8
#
# Author: Robert Haase, PoL TUD
#         Robert.haase@tu-dresden.de
# April 2021

# initialise program
a = 1
b = 2.5

# run complicated algorithm
final_result = a + b

# print the final result
print( final_result )
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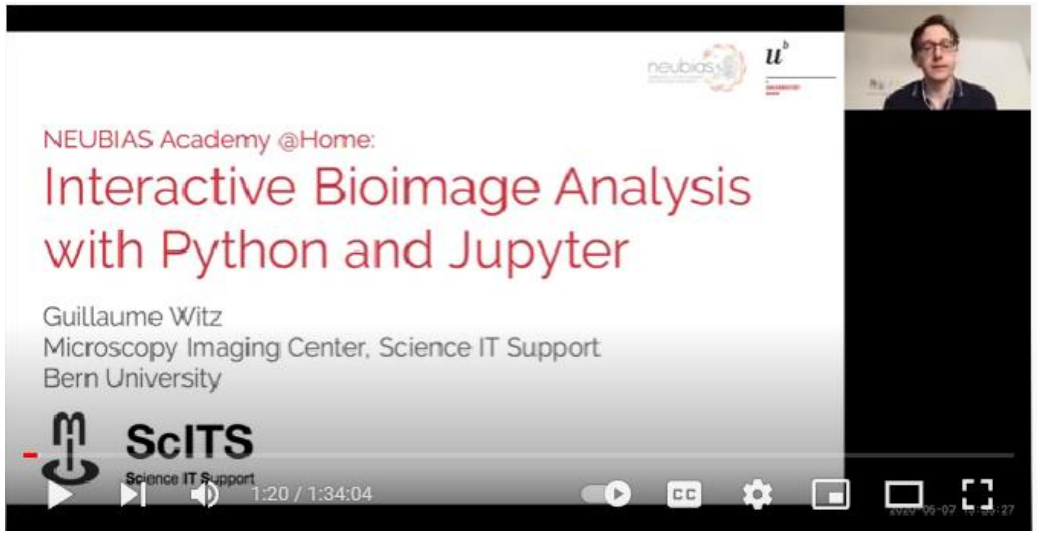
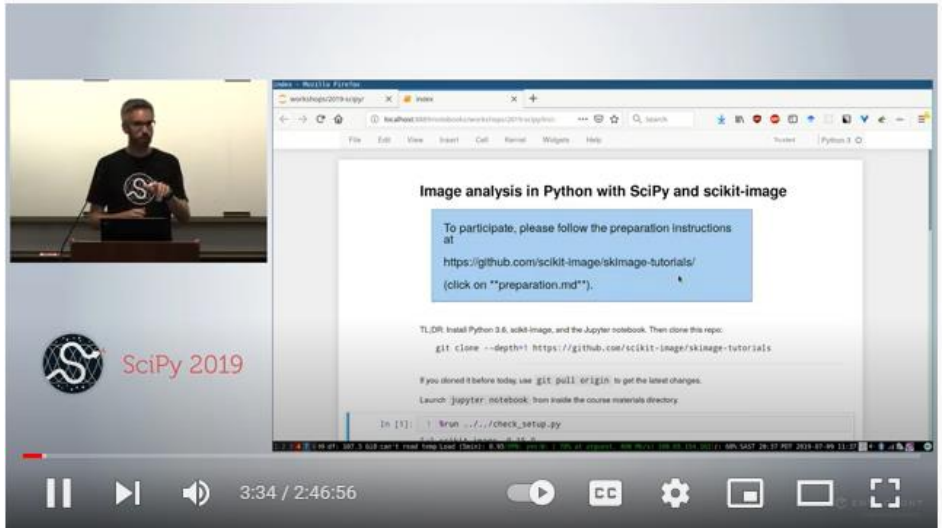
More resources



Guillaume Witz, NEUBIAS Academy 2020



Stéfan van der Walt, Juan Nunez-Iglesias, SciPy 2019

Sreenivas Bhattiprolu, Python for Microscopists @Youtube 2019-…

Watch more:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KF8vBrp3Zw
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1CIV9irQAY
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_pCiVQ4c4E

The Image Science Community

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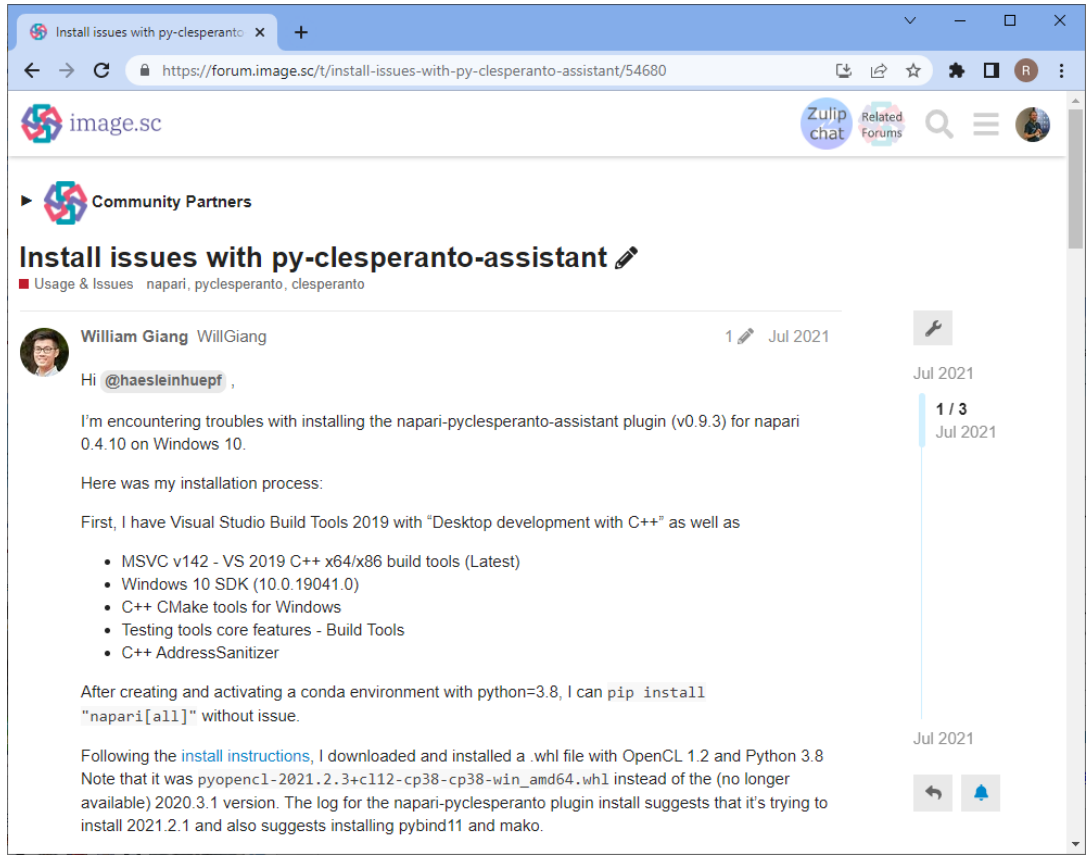
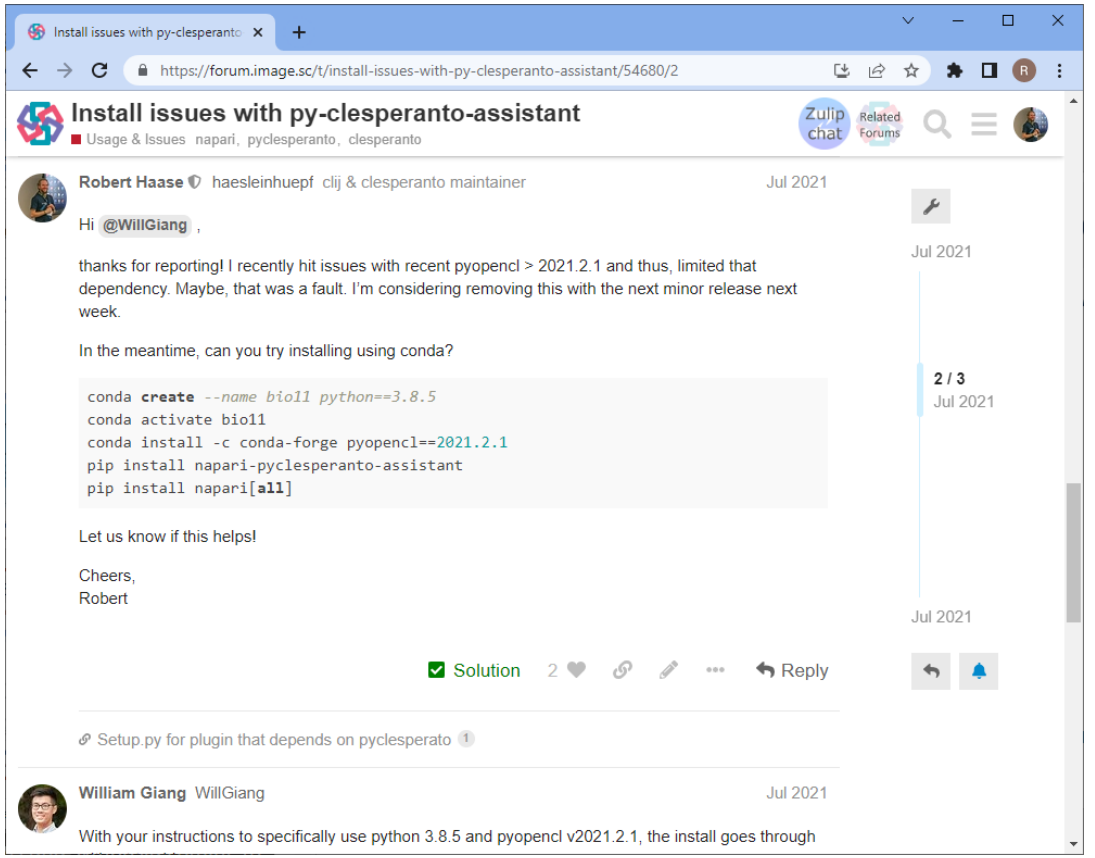
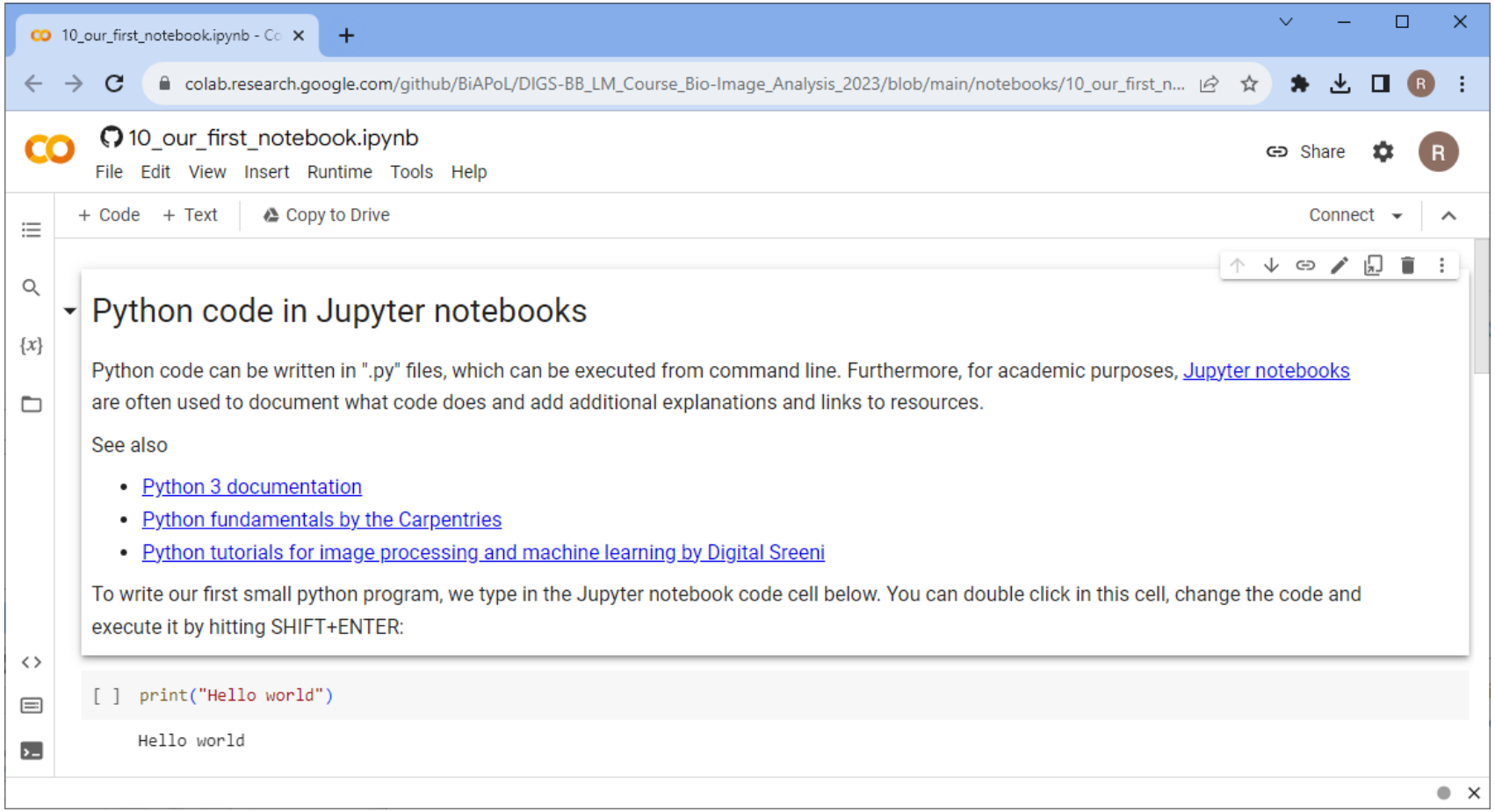
- Ask your question online and an expert will likely reply the same day ☺





Google Colab

- Why Google Colab?
  - Great for teaching
  - Great for [remote] collaboration
  - No installation necessary
- Why not Google Colab?
  - Processed data must be available via the internet
- Alternatives:
  - Local mambaforge installation
  - Jupyter-lab at the compute center (ZIH)



Pitfalls when working with notebooks

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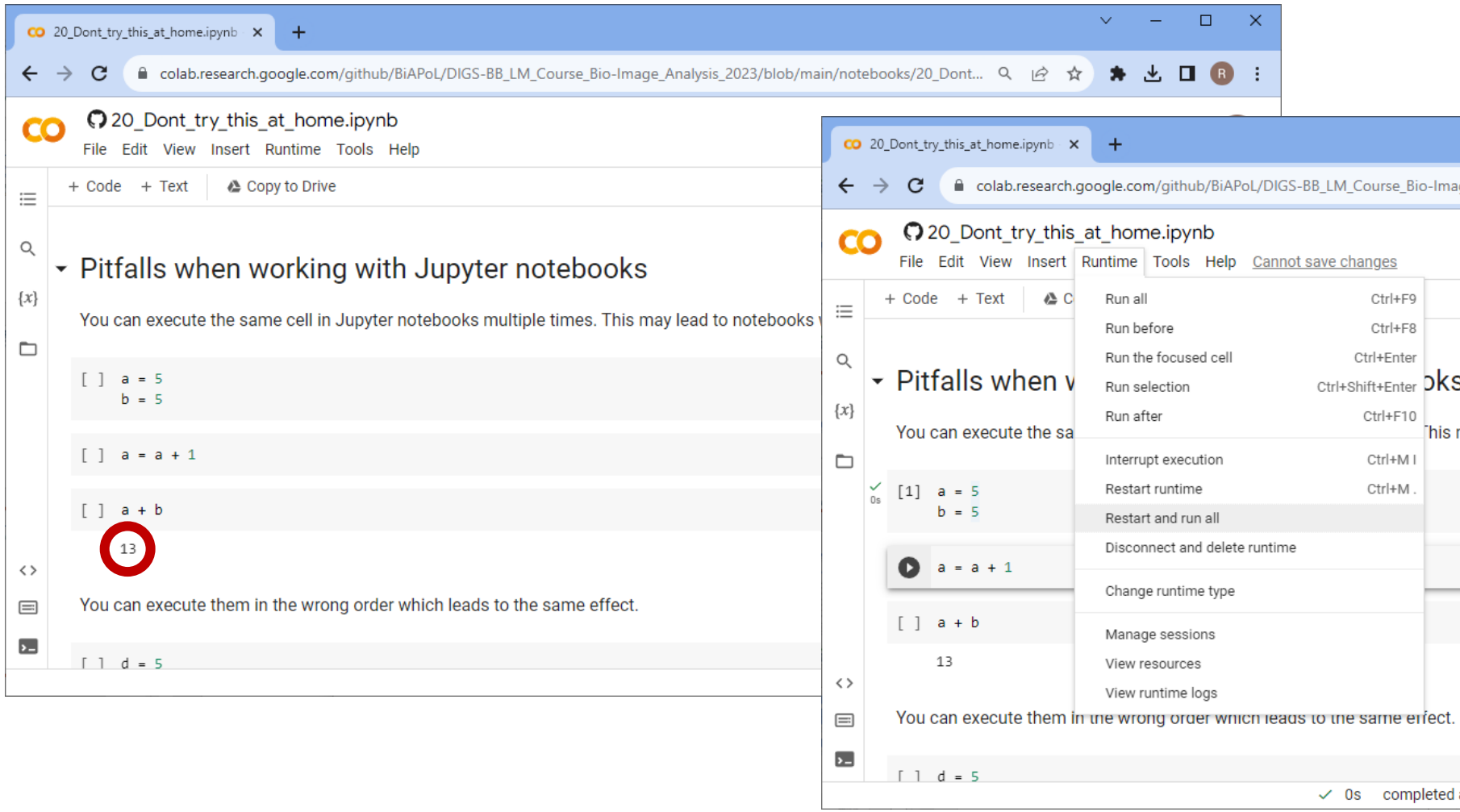
- Make sure to run cells in order
- Before finishing a session, click on *Runtime > Restart and run all*



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Reproducible science

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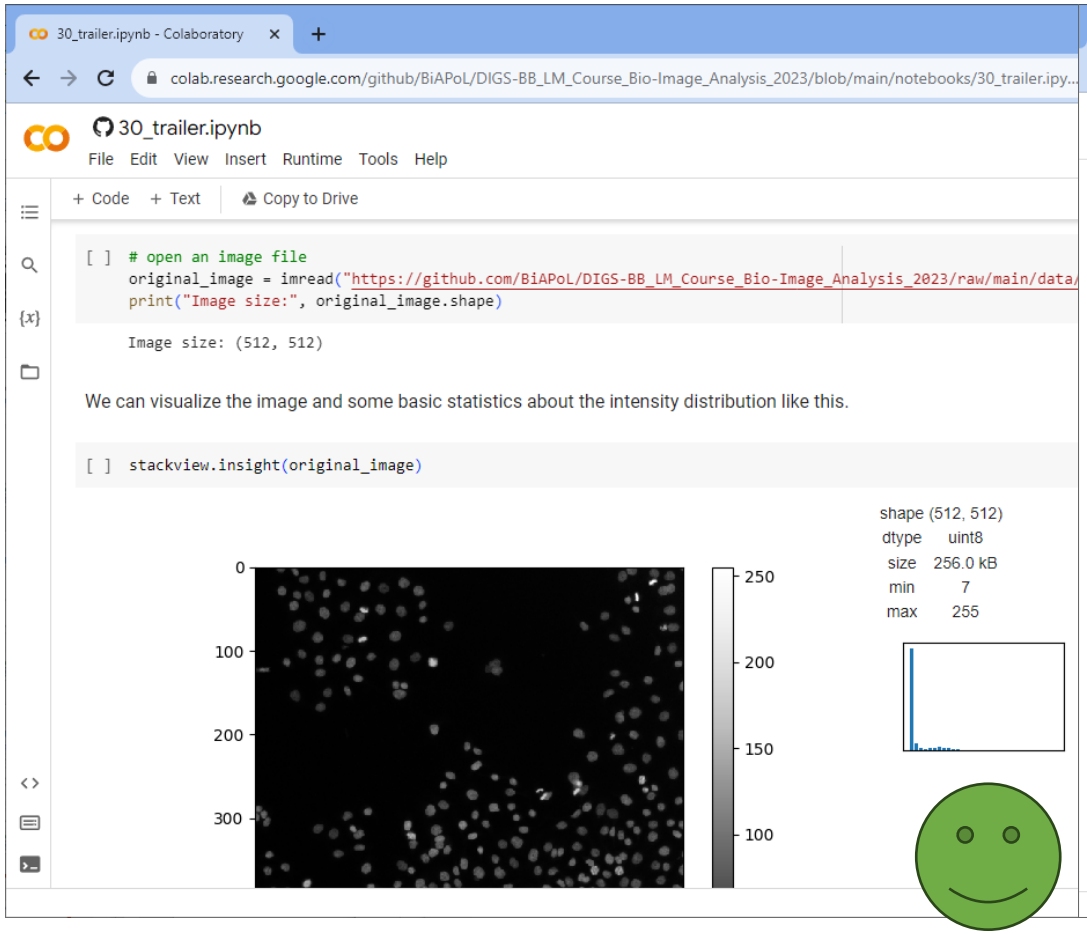
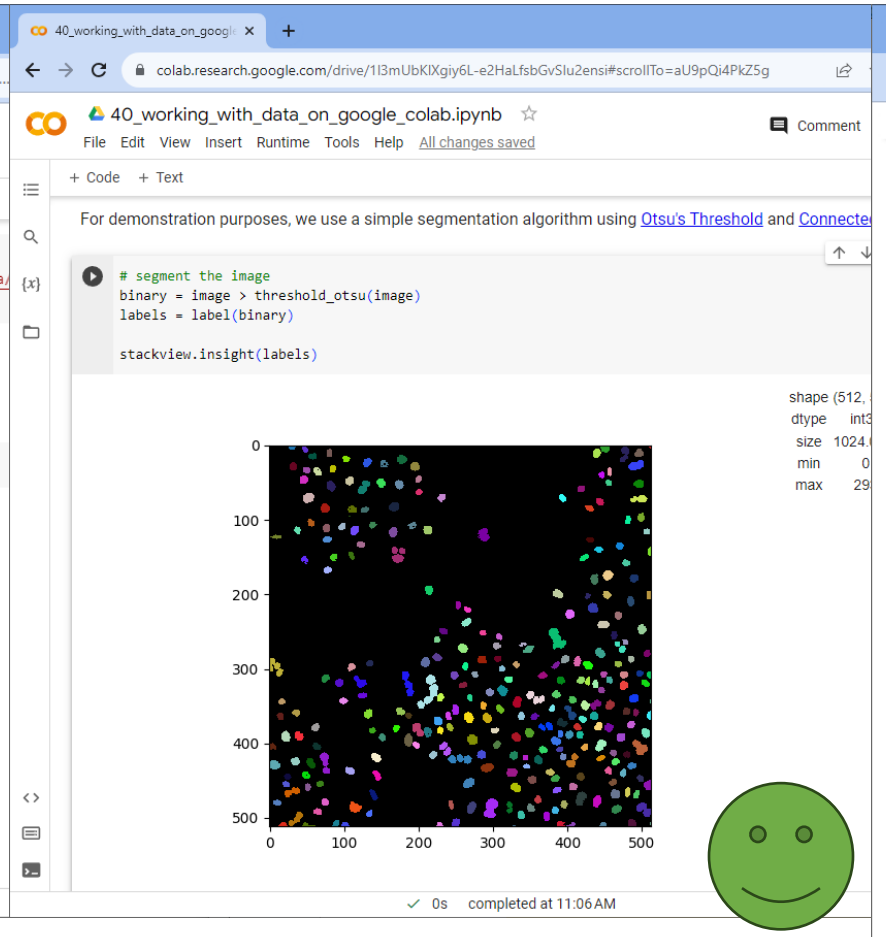
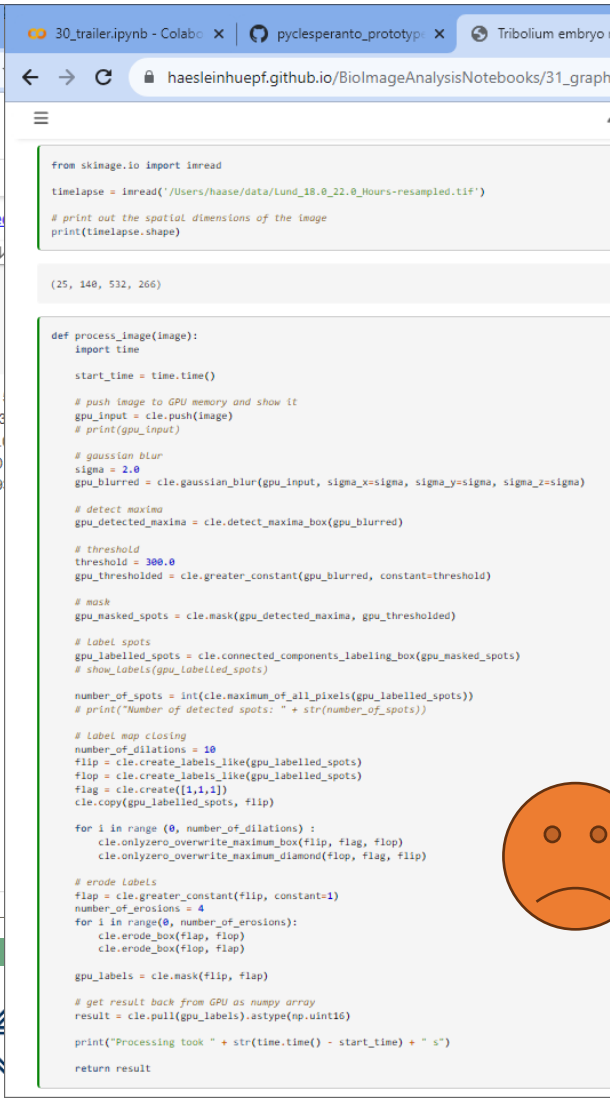
- Python Notebooks allow executing a minimal set of code and showing intermediate results.







Connecting Google Drive

Note: Do not store hot research data on Google Drive. Use institutional infrastructure instead.

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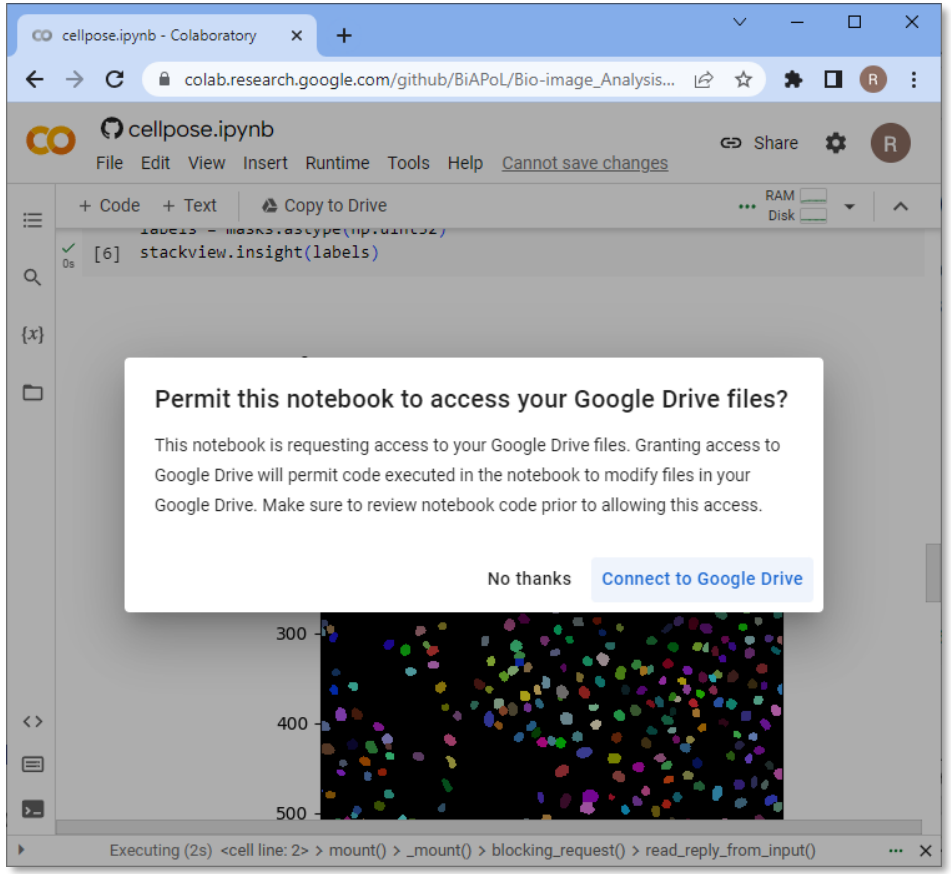
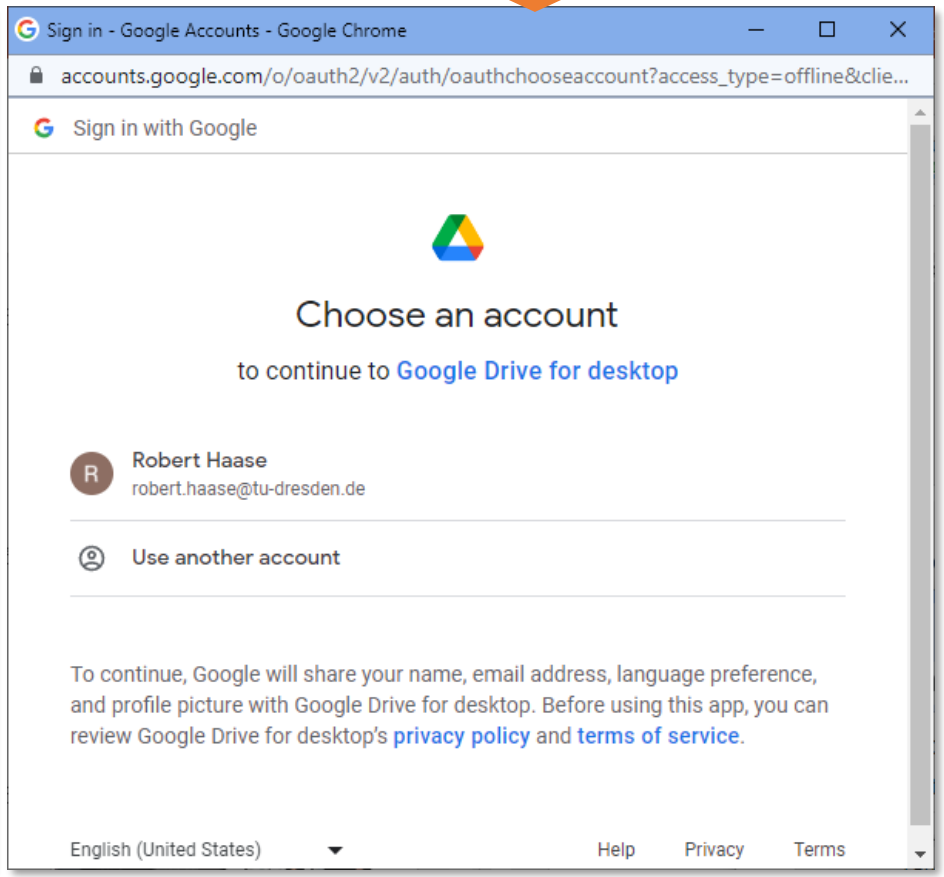
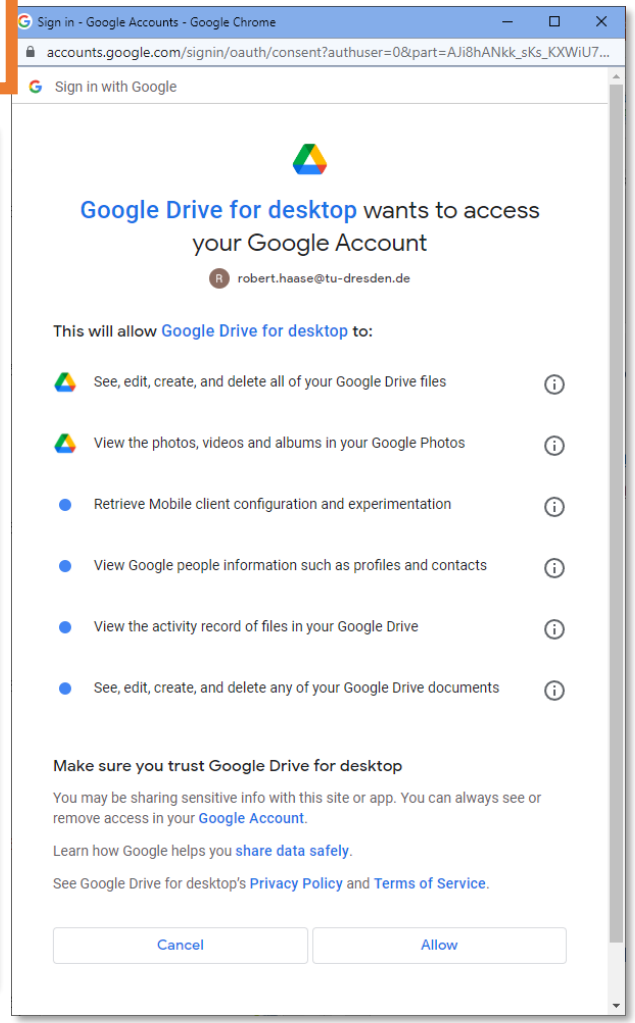
- Work with data on your Google Drive

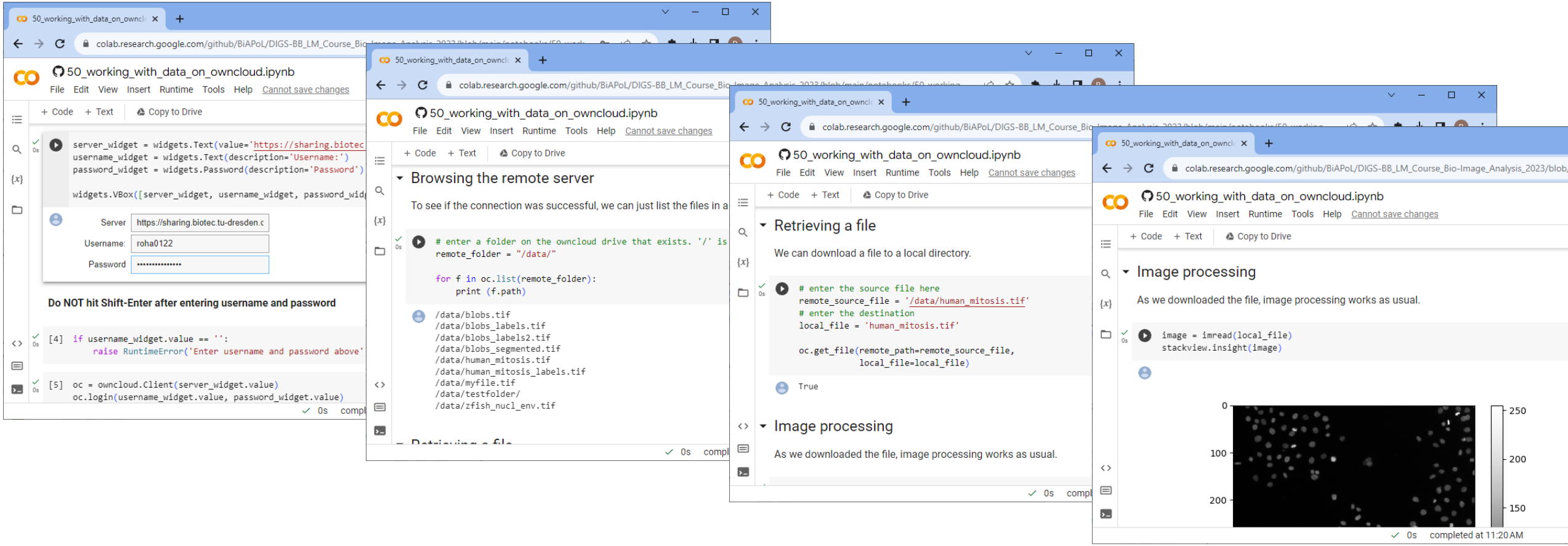






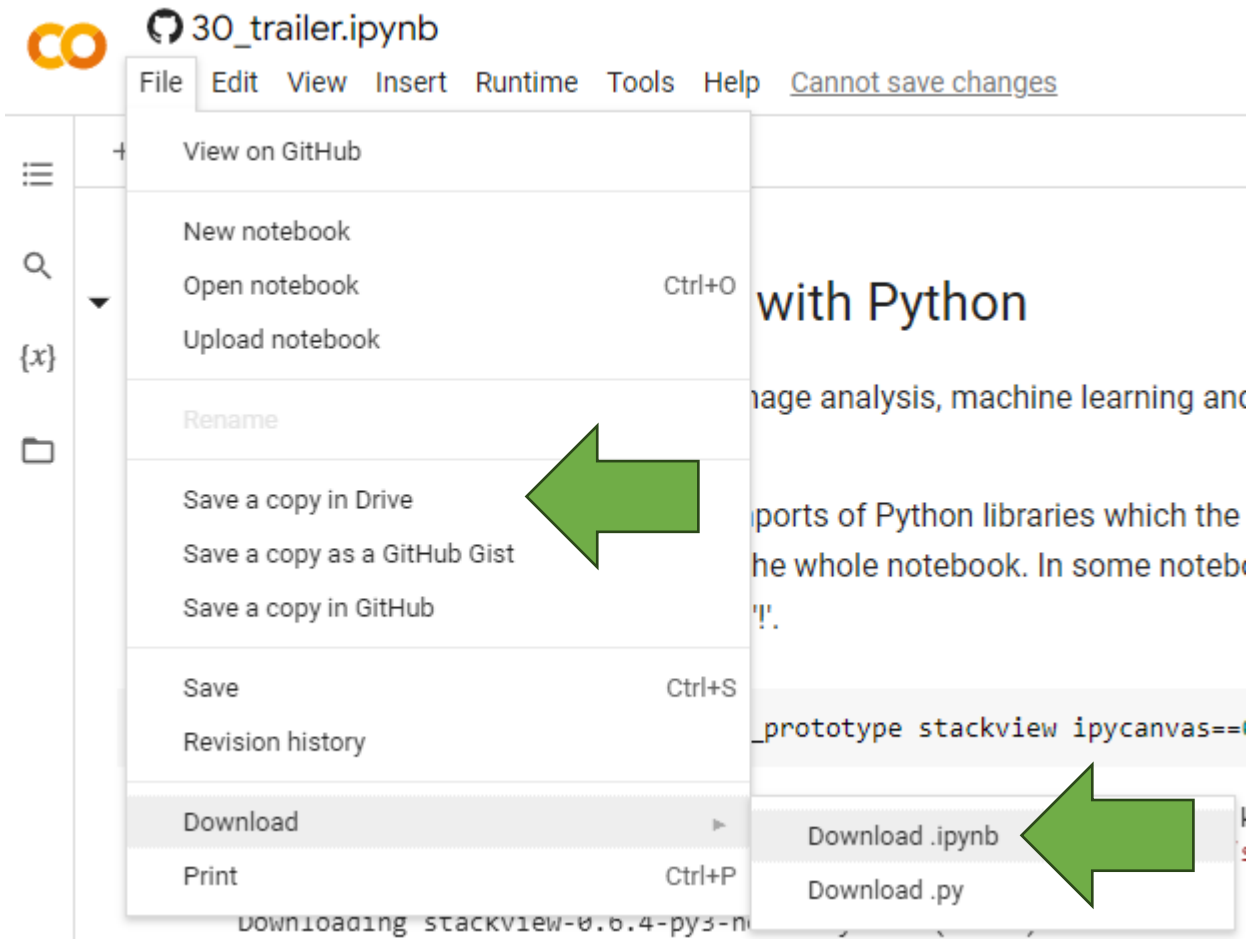
Connecting to Owncloud

- You can also work with data on TU Dresden's owncloud from Google Colab (that's better because of data-protection issues.



Don’t forget to save!

- If you close the browser, your notebook may be gone.
- Save your changes occasionally.



Summary

Today, you learned

- *Bio-image analysis*
  - Quantitative
  - Objective
  - Reproducible
  - Repeatable
  - Reliable
- Google Colab
  - Working with Notebooks
  - Image Processing Workflows
  - Google Drive
  - Owncloud
- [Very] basic Python programming

Coming up next

- Image Filtering
- Image Segmentation
- Feature Extraction

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Exercises

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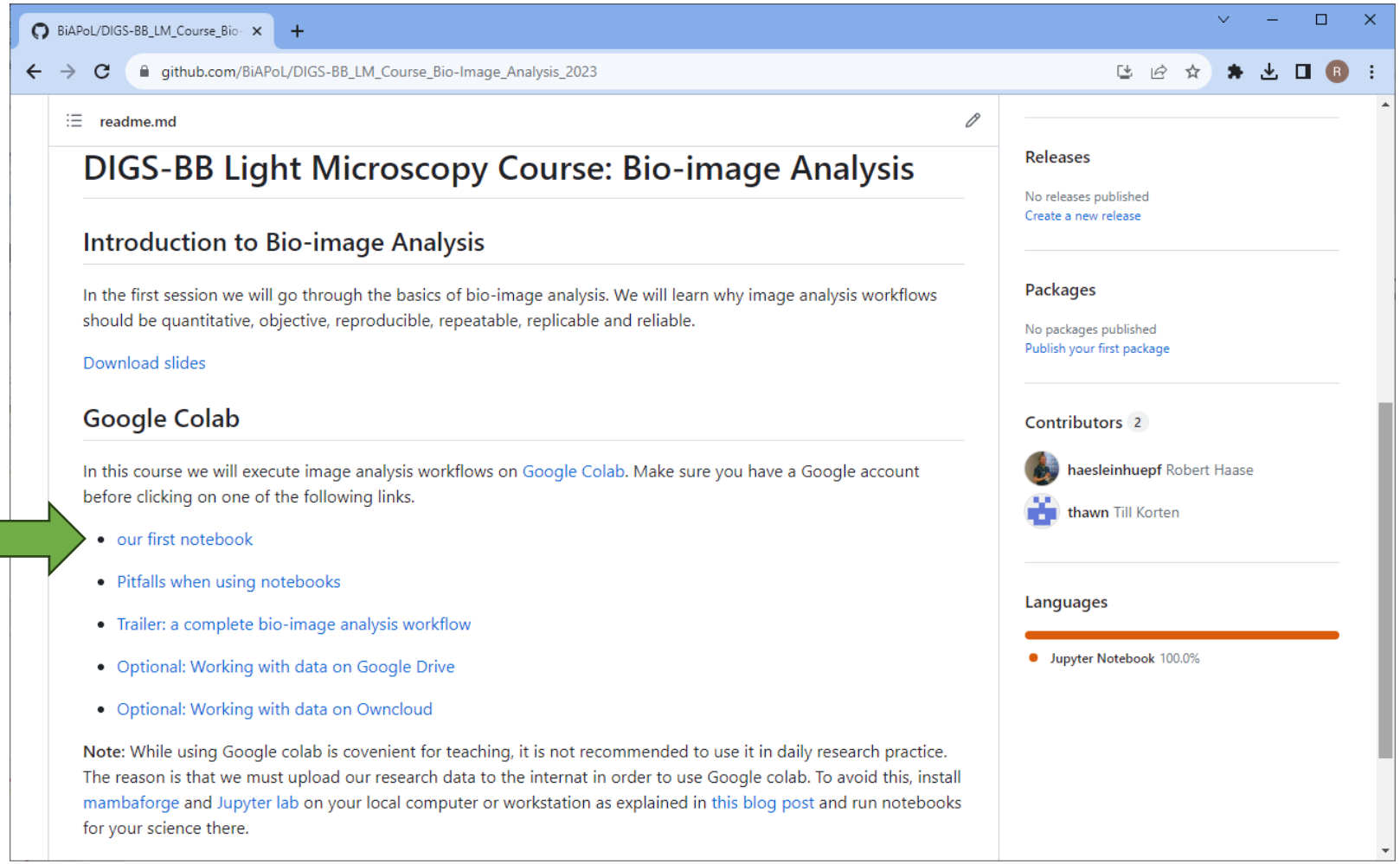
Google Colab: Demo notebooks

- Run the provided notebooks in Google Colab and take care of the exercises on the bottom of [some] notebooks.
- https://github.com/BiAPoL/DIGS-BB_LM_Course_Bio-Image_Analysis_2023



Optional homework: Install mambaforge and test Python

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Detailed instructions:

- https://biapol.github.io/blog/mara_lampert/getting_started_with_mambaforge_and_python/readme.html