

Using napari from Jupyter notebooks

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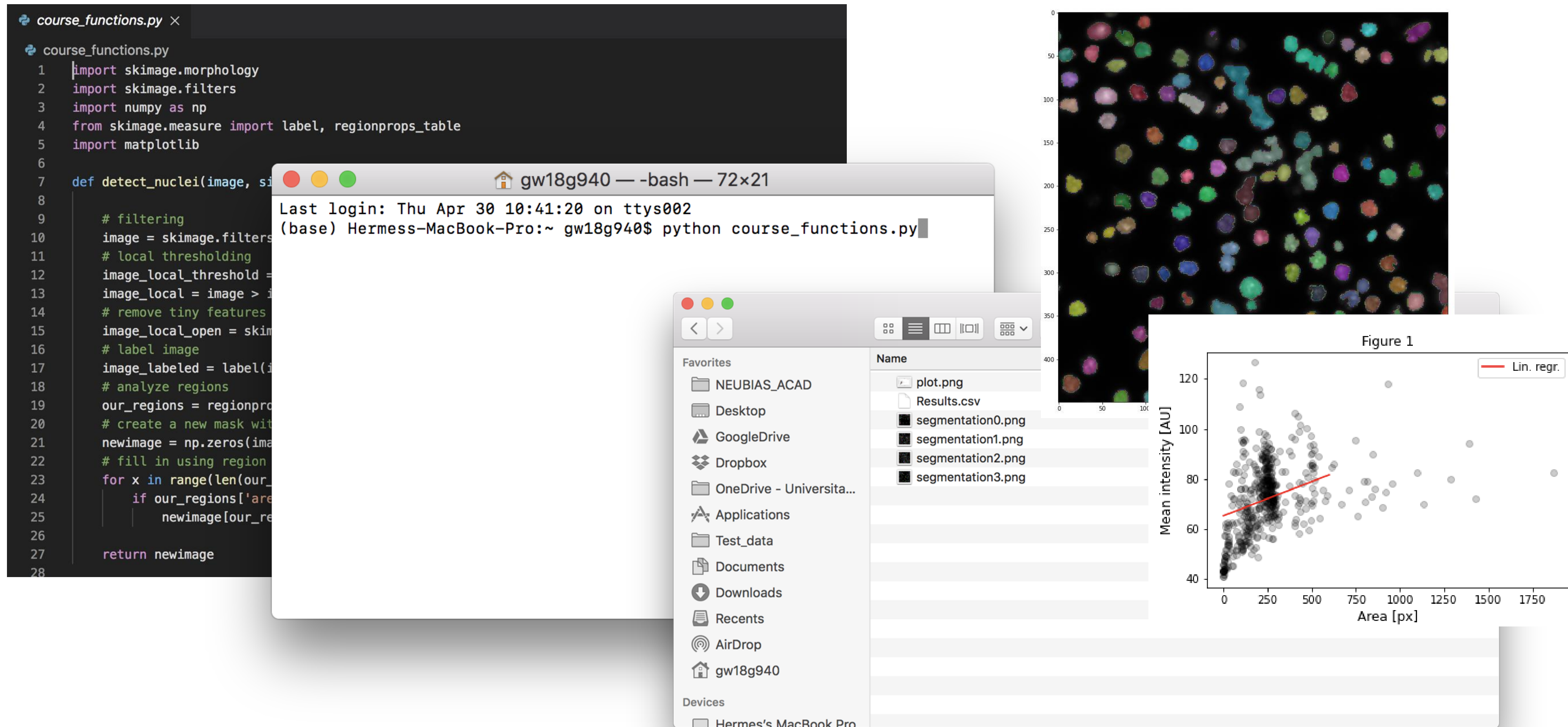
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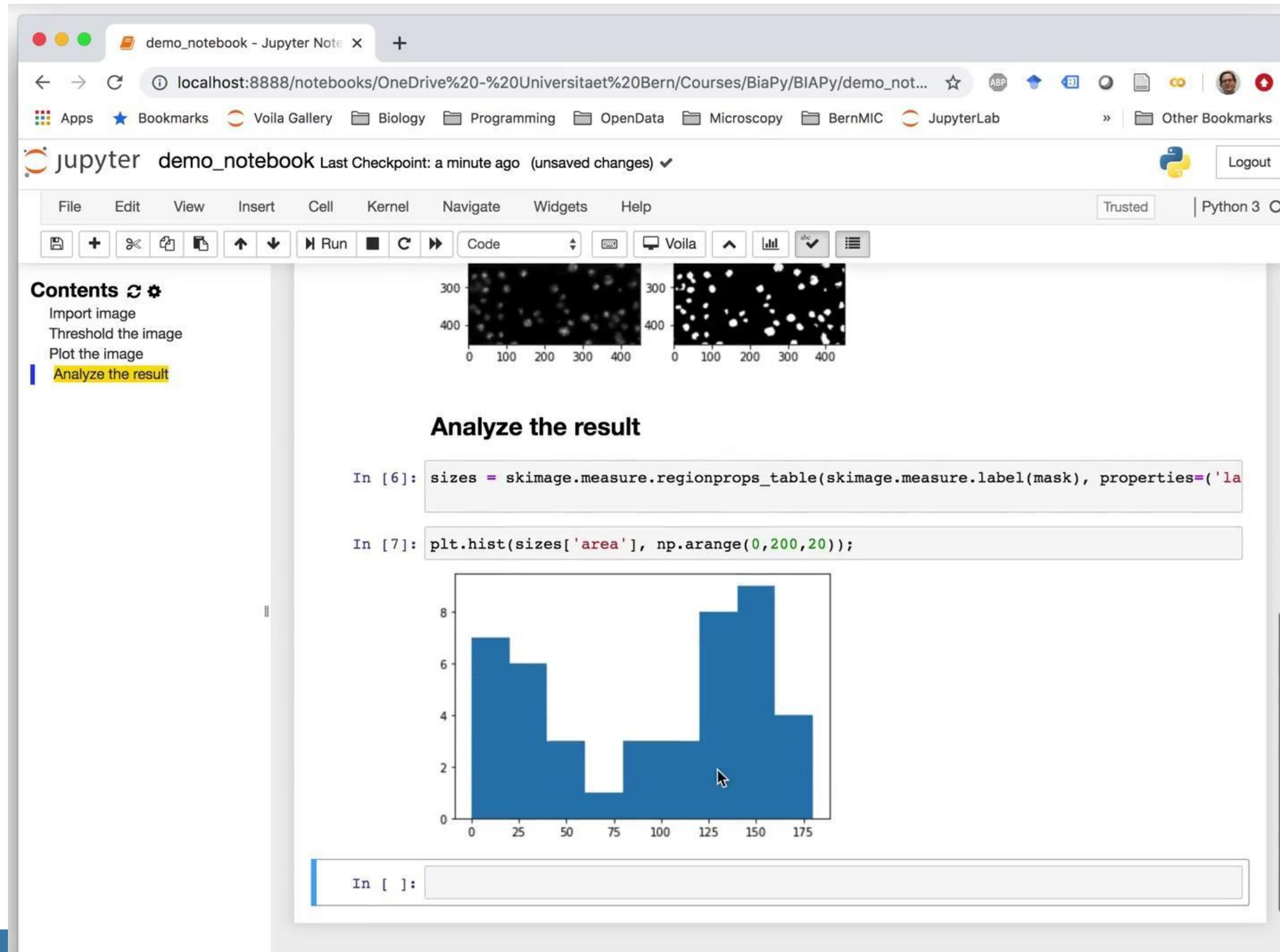
Code divided in parts

Dynamic: easy to test

Rich output: processing + visualisation + analysis in one place

Code + formatted text: easy documentation

Illustration: load an image, threshold it, analyze object size

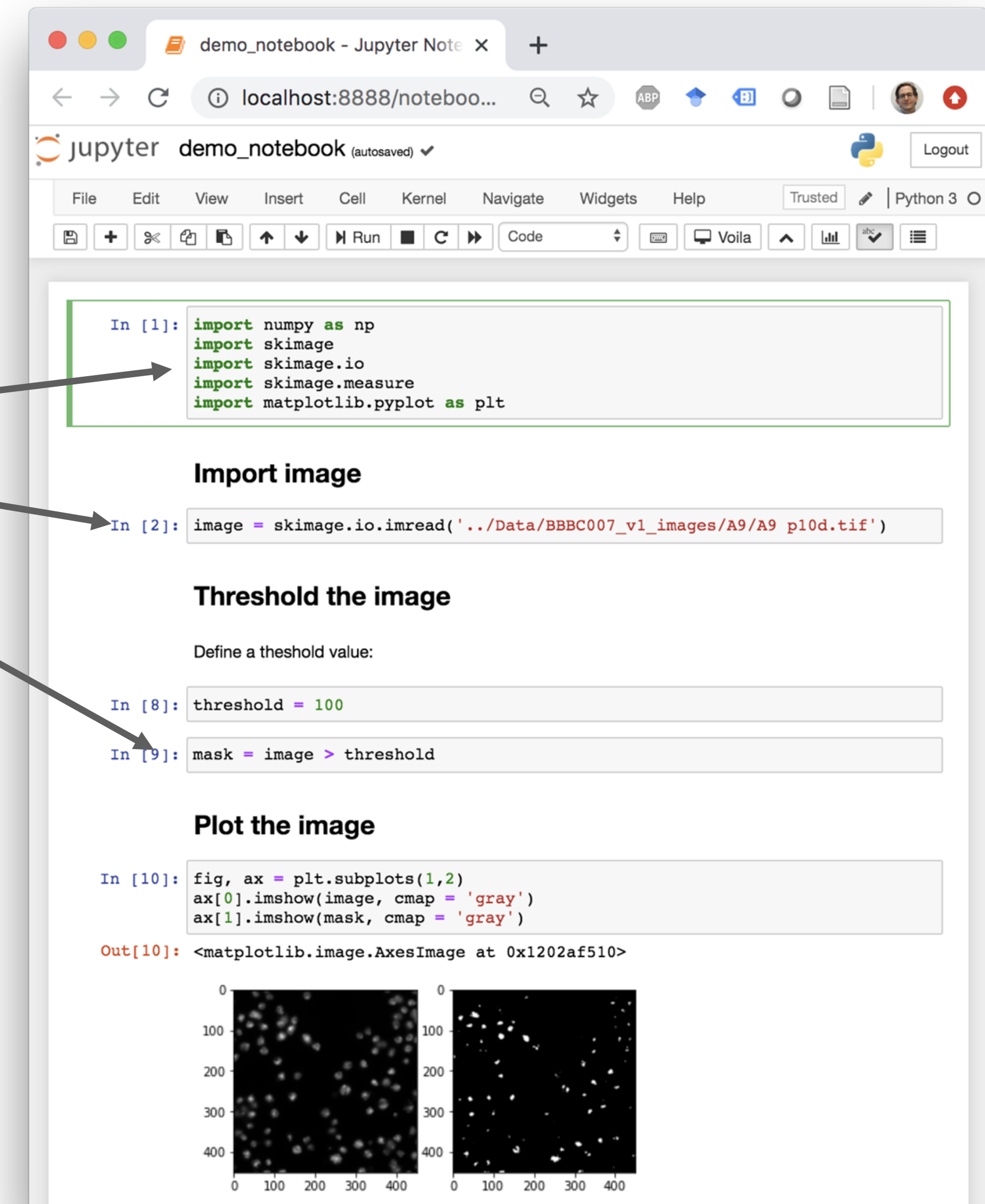


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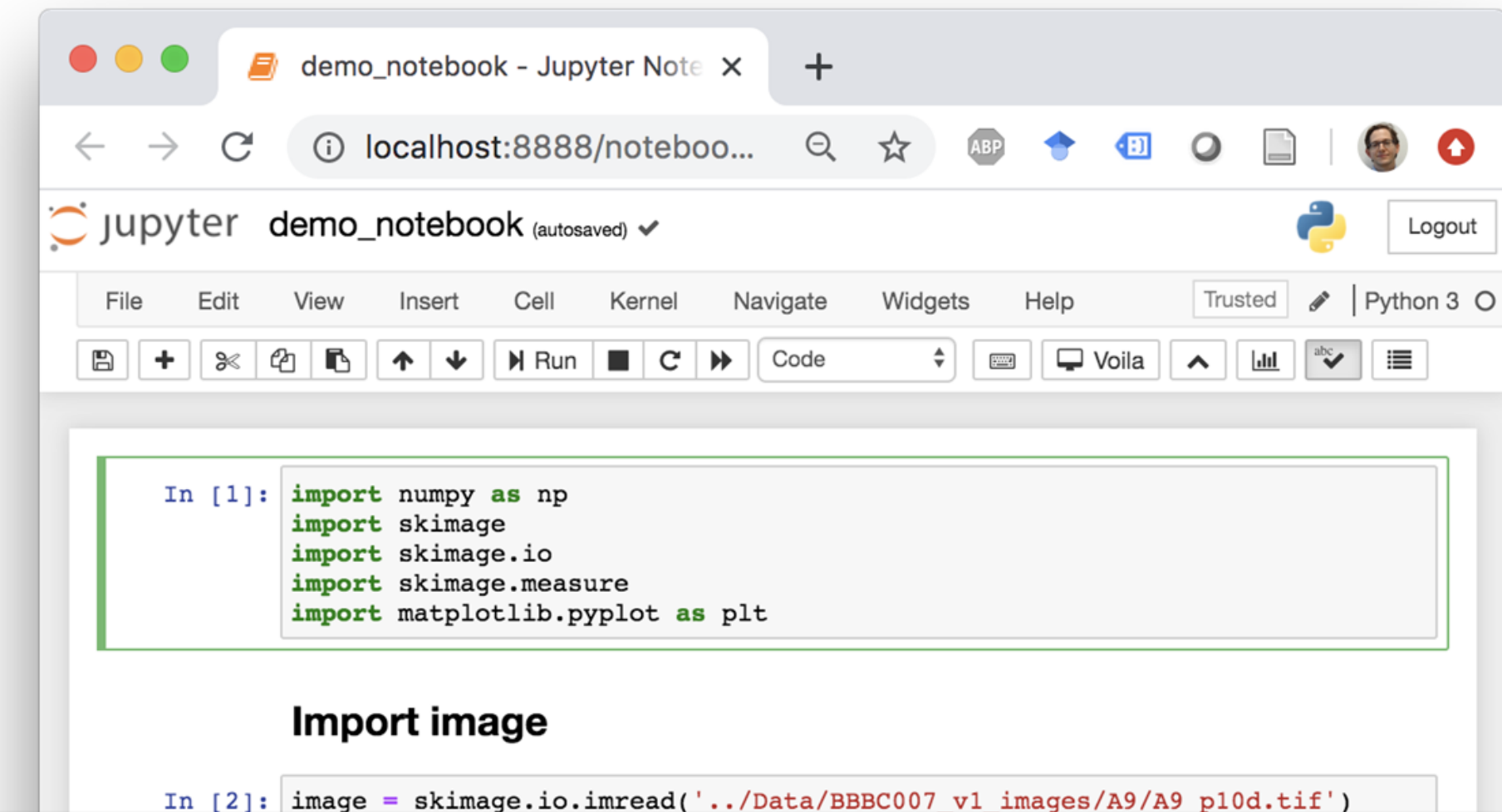
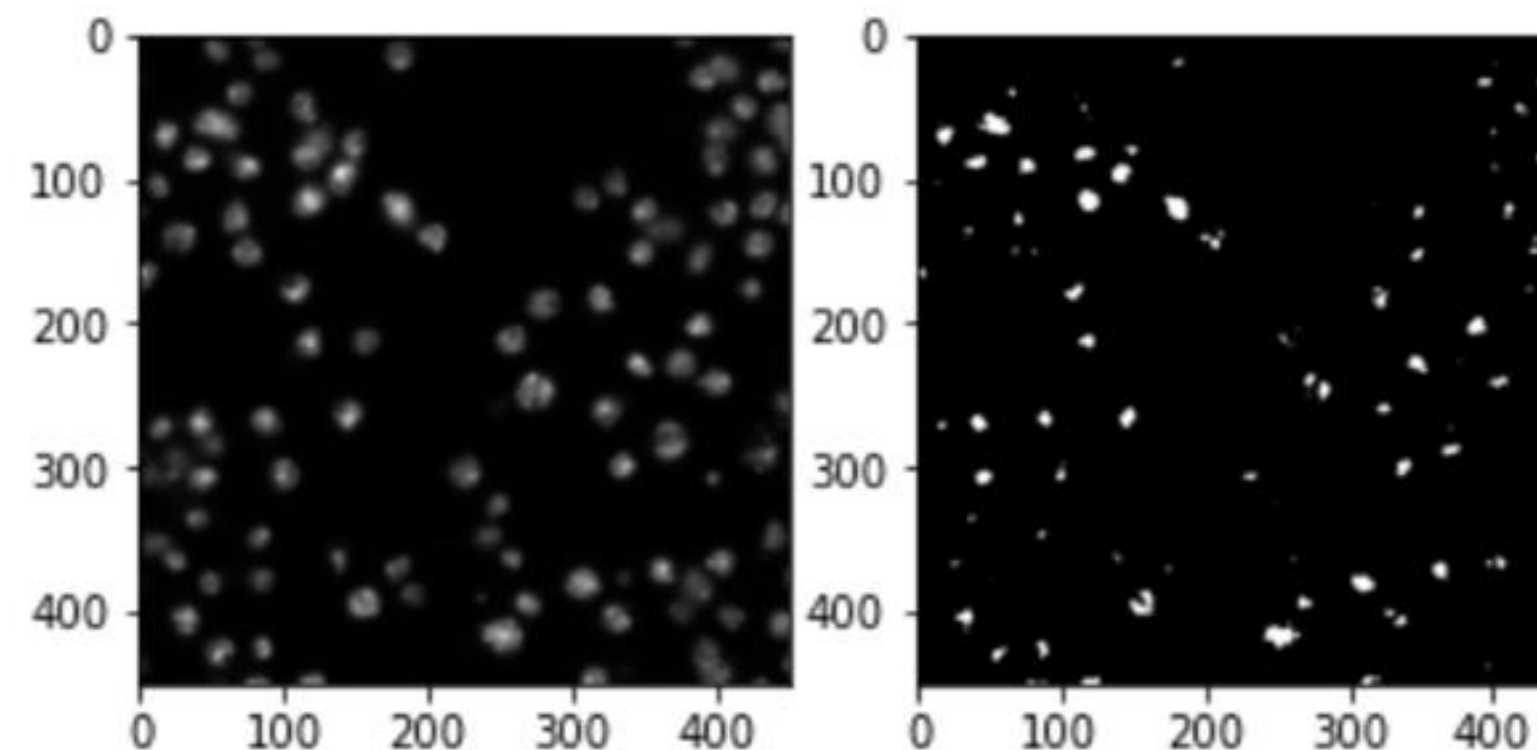
Cells can contain:

- Code
- Formatted text
- Rich output

```
In [2]: image
```

```
In [10]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2)
ax[0].imshow(image, cmap = 'gray')
ax[1].imshow(mask, cmap = 'gray')

Out[10]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1202af510>
```



Why using notebooks?

Documenting (for your-(future)-self and for others) and enhanced reproducibility

“First, we applied a Gaussian filter from scikit-image with $\sigma = 1$. Then, we applied another Gaussian filter to the original image with $\sigma = 10$. After that, we subtracted the first result from the second...

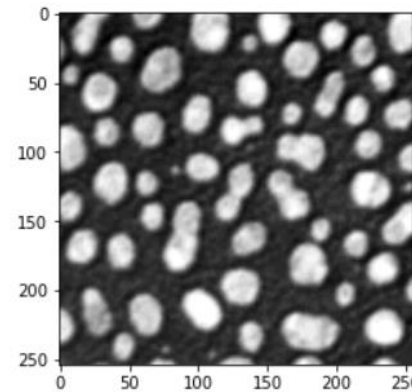
Image Processing Workflow

```
[6]: from skimage.filters import gaussian
     from skimage.io import imread
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

•[5]: image = imread(r'..\data\image.tif')

[7]: plt.imshow(image, cmap = 'gray')

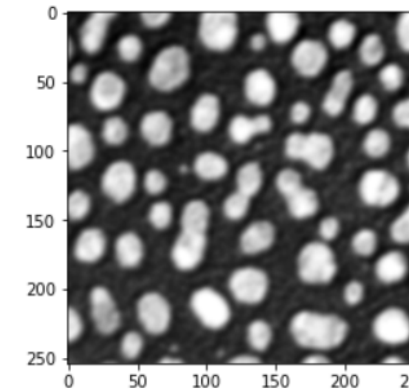
[7]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1900ad27b50>
```



1. Apply a gaussian filter with a small sigma

We used $\sigma = 1$ in this example.

```
[14]: image_gauss1 = gaussian(image, sigma = 1)
[15]: plt.imshow(image_gauss1, cmap = 'gray')
[15]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1900bf56670>
```



2. Apply a gaussian filter with a large sigma

We used $\sigma = 10$ in this example.

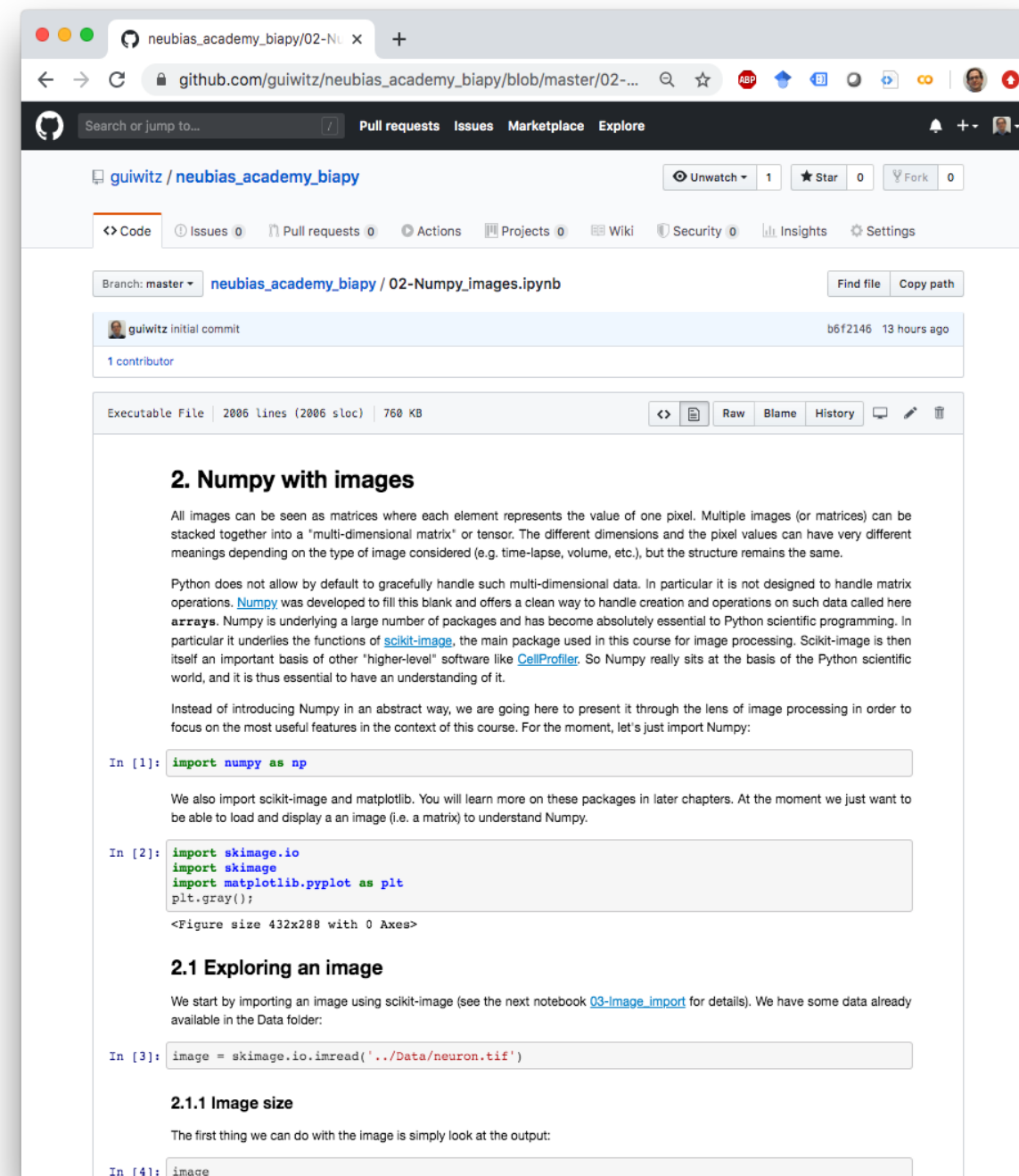
```
[16]: image_gauss2 = gaussian(image, sigma = 10)
[17]: plt.imshow(image_gauss2, cmap = 'gray')
[17]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x1900bfd5b0>
```



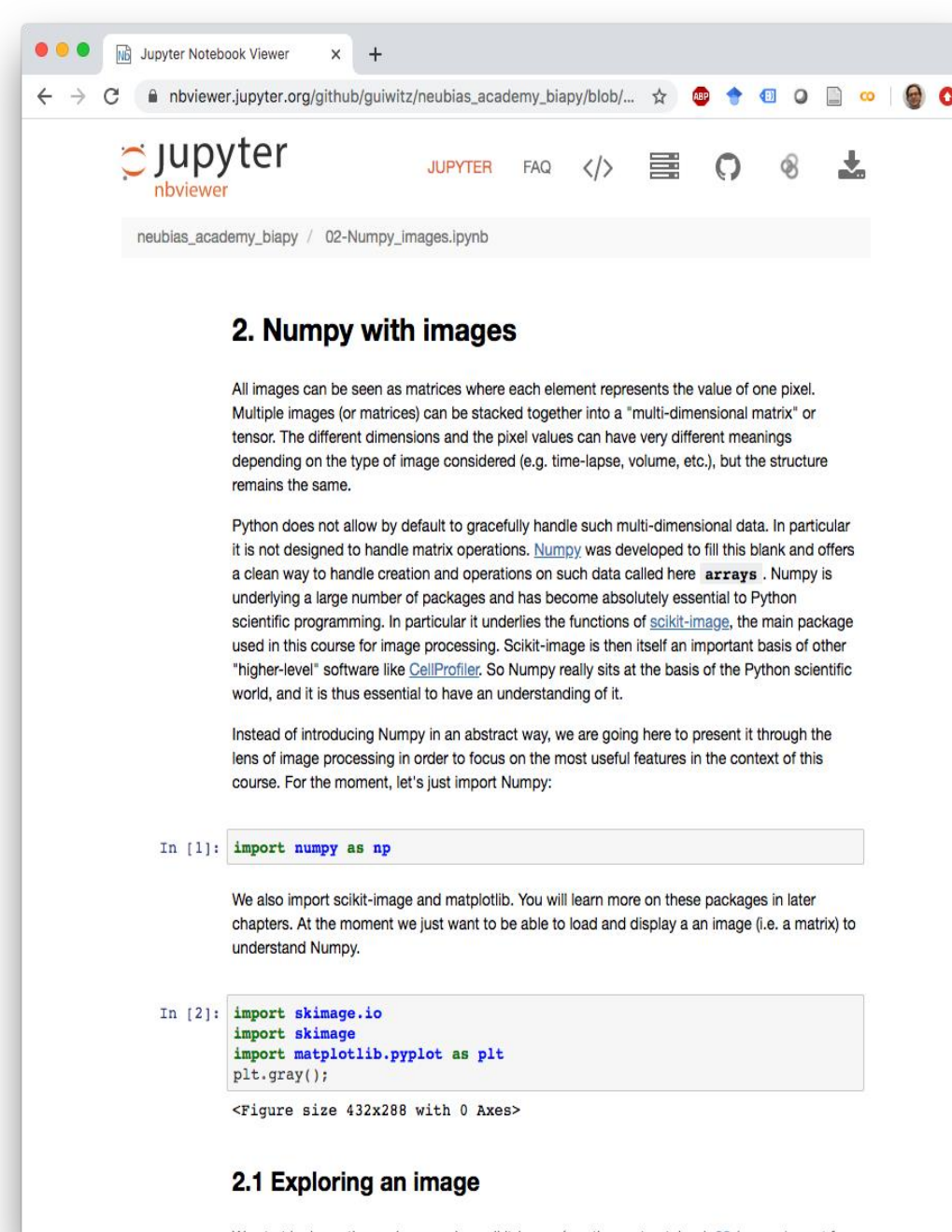
Why using notebooks?

Sharing

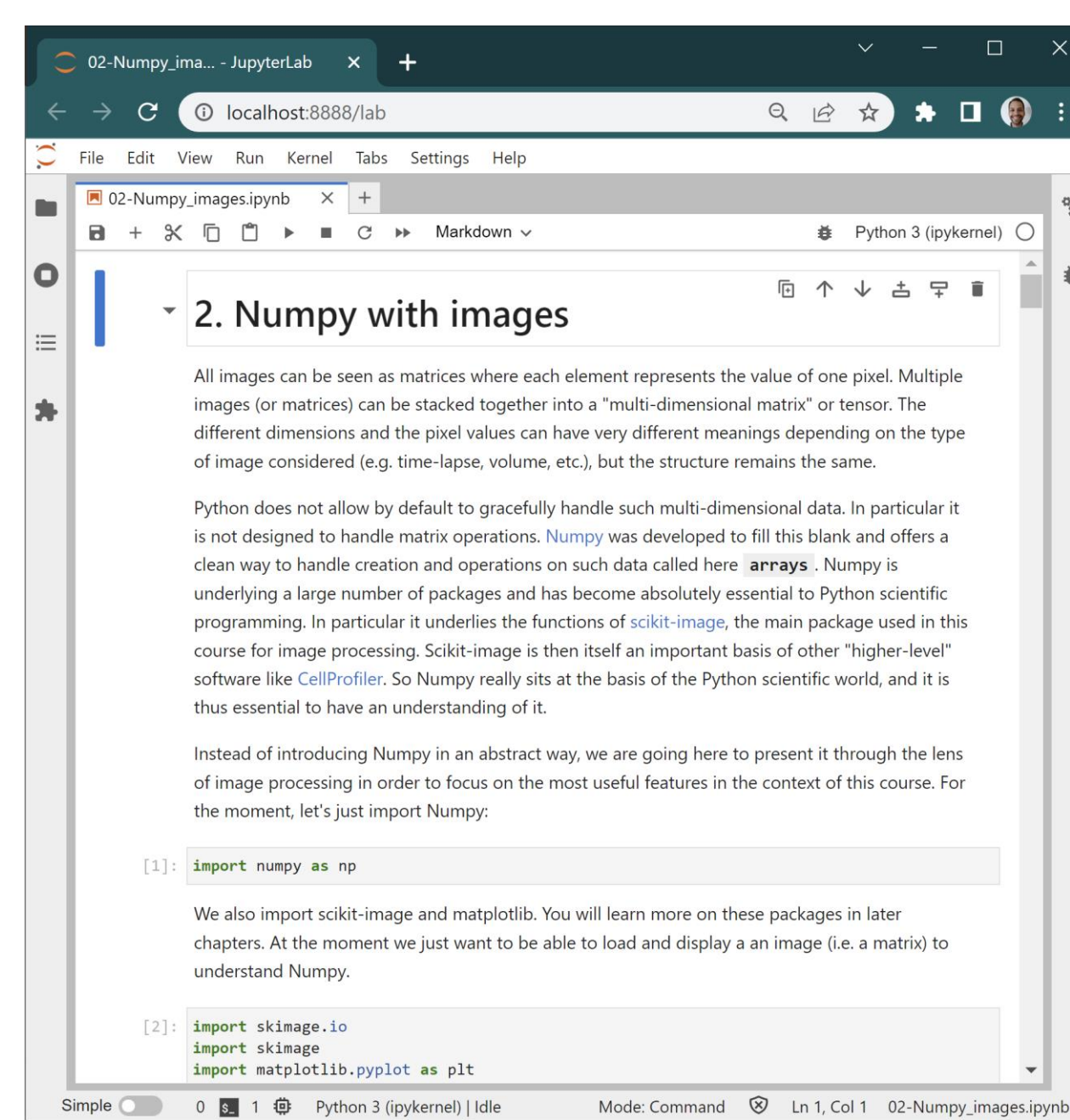
- Send a single file with code, intermediary outputs and rich text explanations



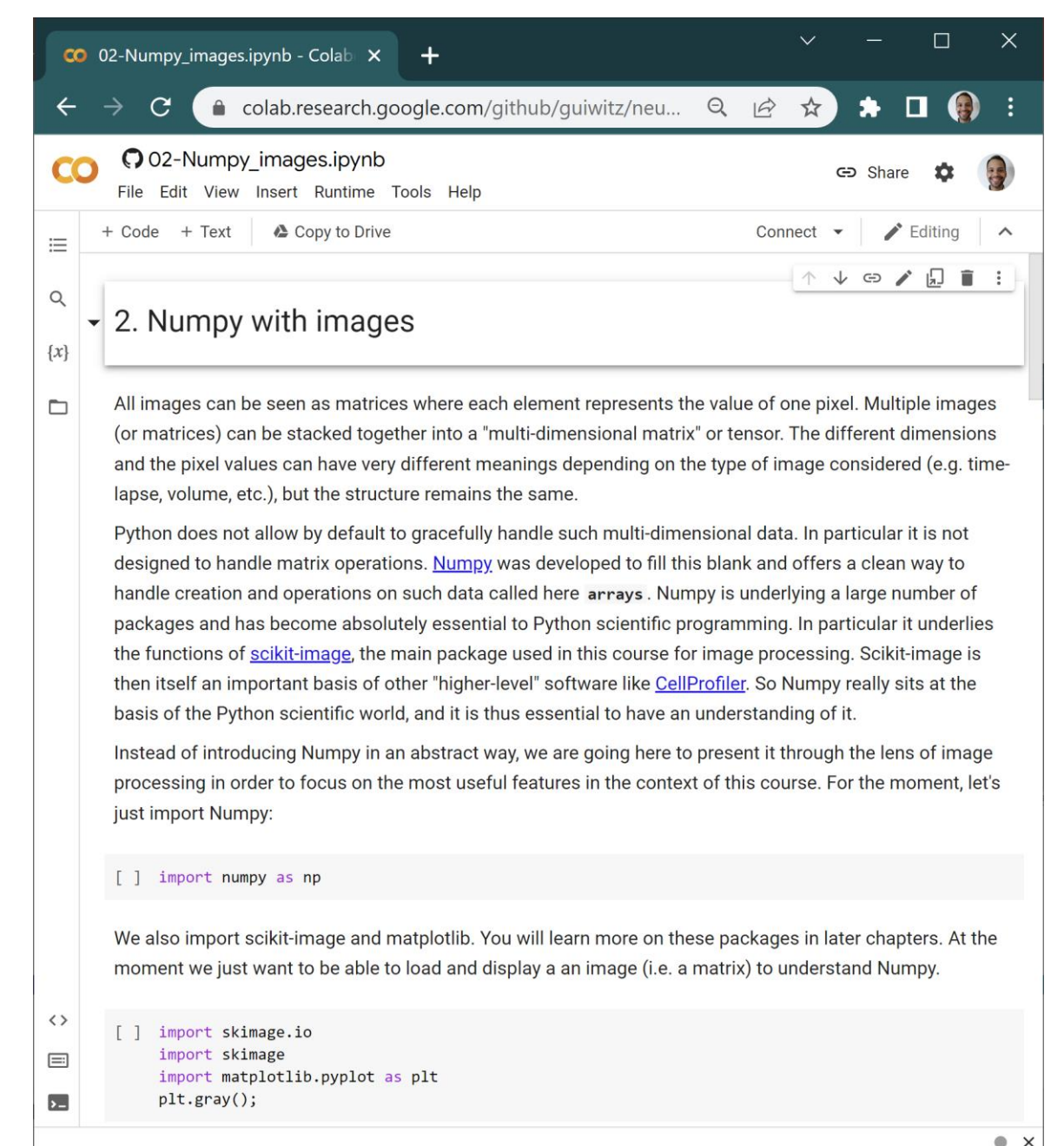
Github rendering



Nbviewer rendering



Jupyter lab (local or Binder)



Google Colab

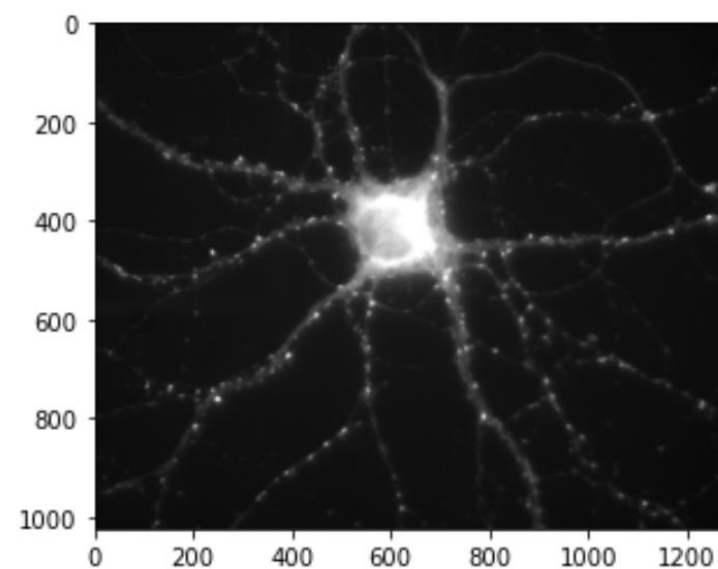
Why using notebooks?

Teaching

- Small blocks of code with intermediary results are easier to understand than scripts that spit tons of outputs in sequence

This means that we have an image of 1024 rows and 1280 columns. We can now look at it using matplotlib (see next chapter for details) using the `plt.imshow()` function:

```
[6]: plt.imshow(image);
```

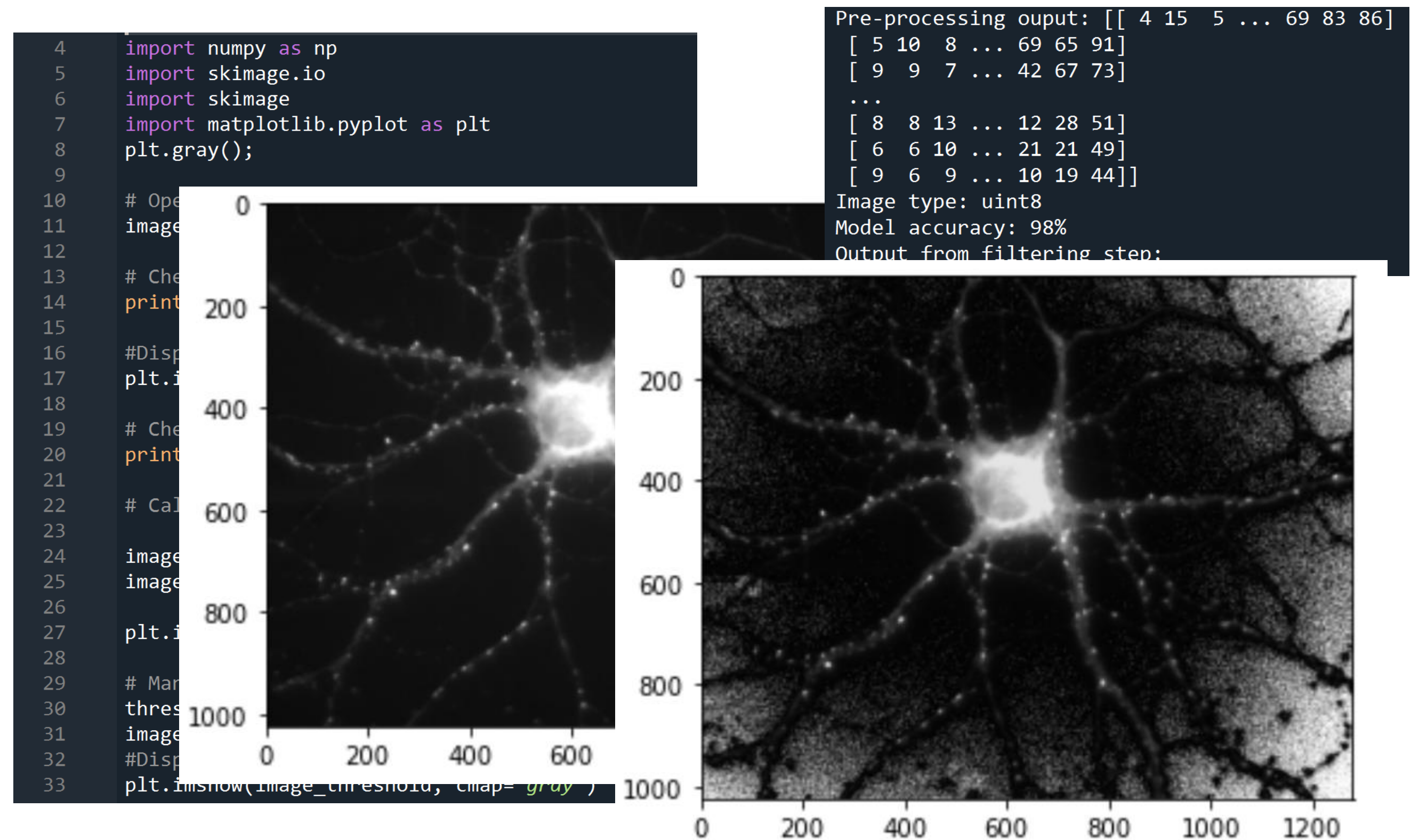


2.1.2 Image type

```
[7]: image
```

```
[7]: array([[32, 31, 31, ..., 18, 20, 22],
          [27, 24, 25, ..., 24, 24, 23],
          [26, 25, 25, ..., 17, 19, 20],
          ...,
          [25, 23, 24, ..., 19, 23, 23],
          [25, 25, 25, ..., 19, 18, 19],
          [26, 21, 23, ..., 19, 18, 22]], dtype=uint8)
```

In the output above we see that we have one additional piece of information: the array has `dtype`



Why using notebooks?

Keep all the benefits from using code:

- Batch processing
- Running python functions/tools that do not have UI

Why using notebooks with napari?

- Easy data interaction and visualization with napari:
 - Great for visualizing 3D (and more) data
 - Each processing step result can be displayed as a separate layer
- Data annotation

Example: Trying out a workflow in napari

1. Start napari from the command line
2. Open an image
3. Establish a segmentation workflow

What were the steps I did again?

Scripting napari in notebooks

Start napari from a jupyter notebook

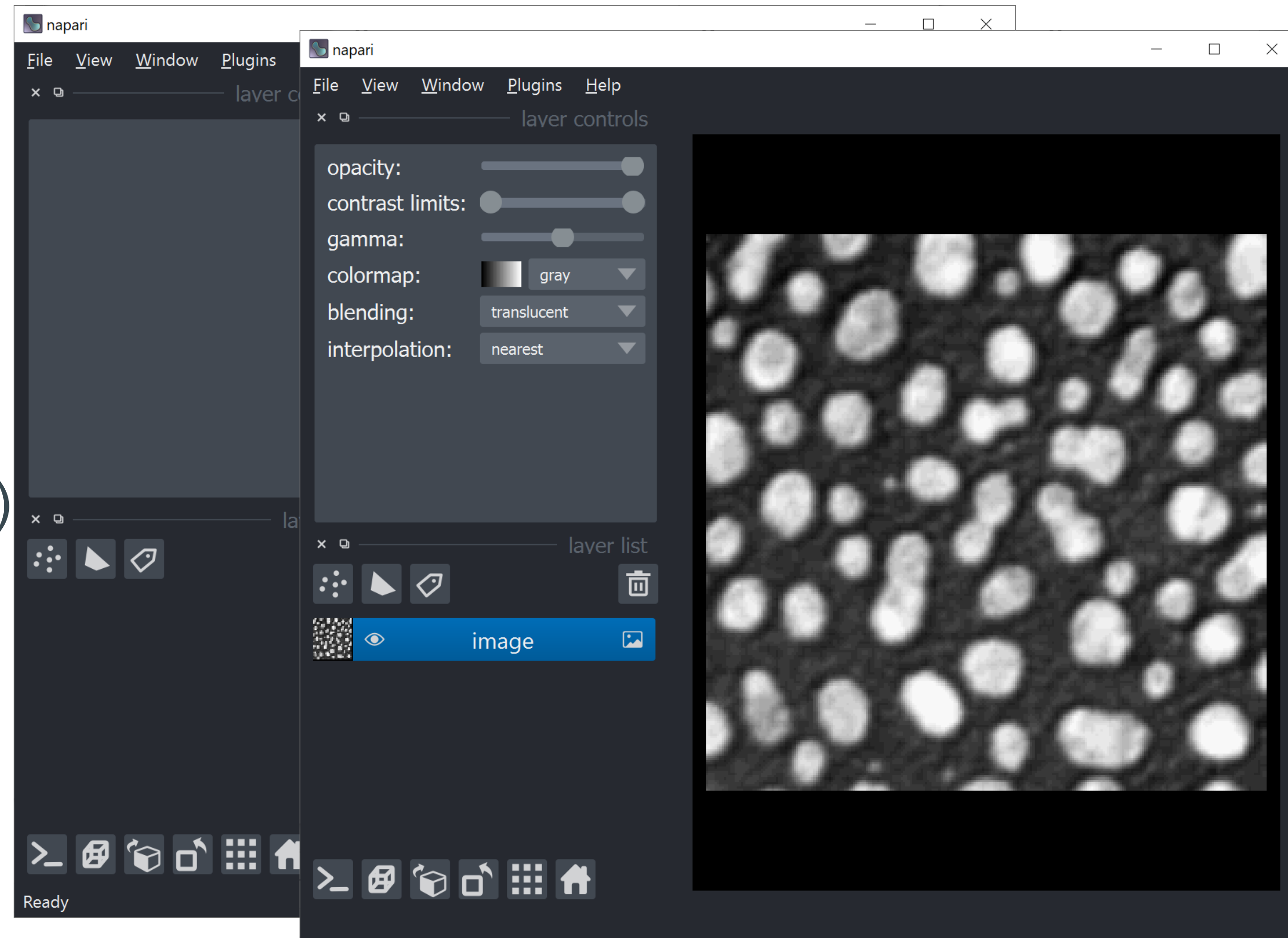
```
import napari

# Create an empty viewer
viewer = napari.Viewer()
```

viewer.add_image(image, name = 'image')

Load image from notebook
to napari (and back): flexibility!

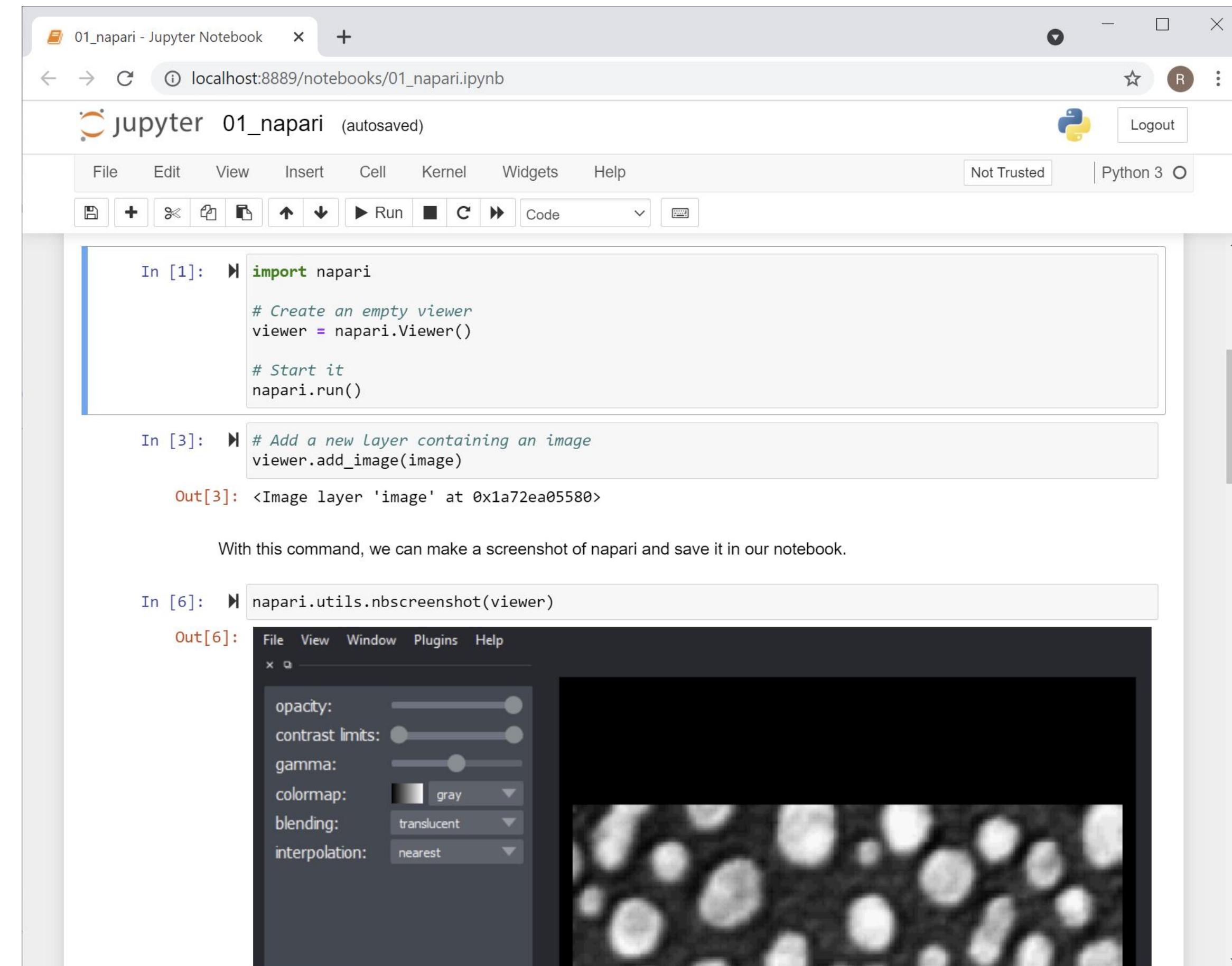
image = viewer.layers['image'].data



Scripting napari in notebooks

Make screenshots from napari and put them in your jupyter notebook

```
napari.utils.nbscreenshot(viewer)
```



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window titled "01_napari - Jupyter Notebook". The browser address bar shows "localhost:8889/notebooks/01_napari.ipynb". The notebook interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help) and a toolbar with icons for saving, running, and other actions. The code cells are as follows:

```
In [1]: import napari

# Create an empty viewer
viewer = napari.Viewer()

# Start it
napari.run()
```

In [3]: # Add a new Layer containing an image
viewer.add_image(image)

Out[3]: <Image layer 'image' at 0x1a72ea05580>

With this command, we can make a screenshot of napari and save it in our notebook.

```
In [6]: napari.utils.nbscreenshot(viewer)
```

Out[6]:

The output of the final cell is a screenshot of the napari viewer window. The viewer has a menu bar (File, View, Window, Plugins, Help) and a toolbar. On the left, there are sliders for opacity, contrast limits, gamma, and a colormap dropdown set to "gray". Below these are dropdowns for "blending" (set to "translucent") and "interpolation" (set to "nearest"). The main area of the viewer displays a grayscale image of several bright, circular spots on a dark background.

Scripting napari in notebooks

- Add layers to napari to visualize intermediate processing results on top of each other or side by side.

- Change layer visualization within napari...

... or via code in a jupyter notebook:

```
viewer.layers[0].contrast_limits
```

```
[0, 255]
```

1. Access the viewer

2. Access the layers

3. Choose a layer (by index or name)

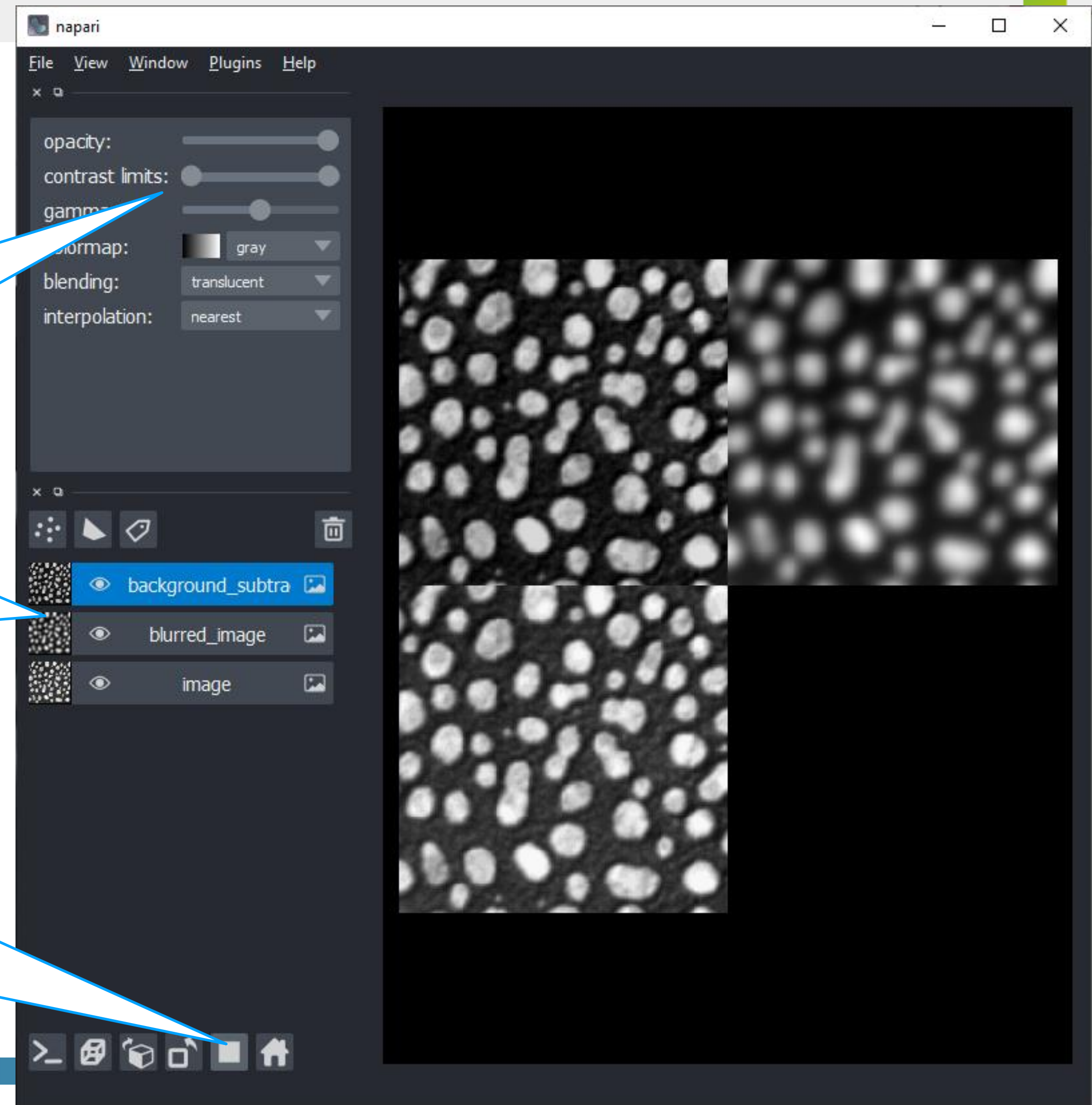
4. "Press TAB" and check out available properties

```
viewer.layers[0].contrast_limits = [30,170]
```

Change
Brightness
and contrast
here

Toggle
visualization
of layers
here

Gallery view



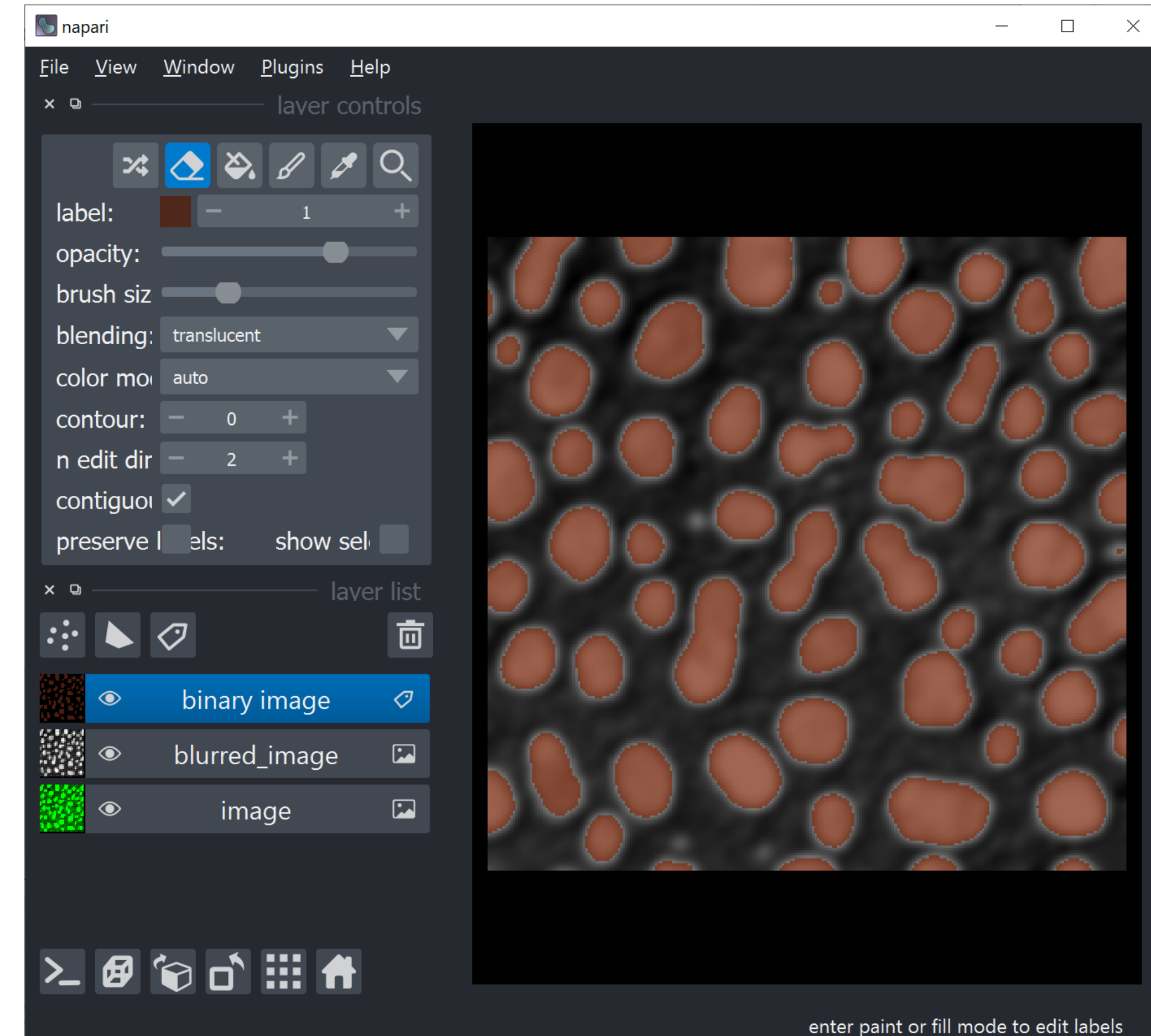
Visualizing image segmentation

Binary images and **label** images visualized as label layers

```
from skimage.filters import threshold_otsu
threshold = threshold_otsu(blurred_image)
binary_image = blurred_image > threshold

# Add a new labels layer containing an image
viewer.add_labels(binary_image,
                  name="binary image")
```

**Name your layers to keep track
of what they contain**



Visualizing image segmentation

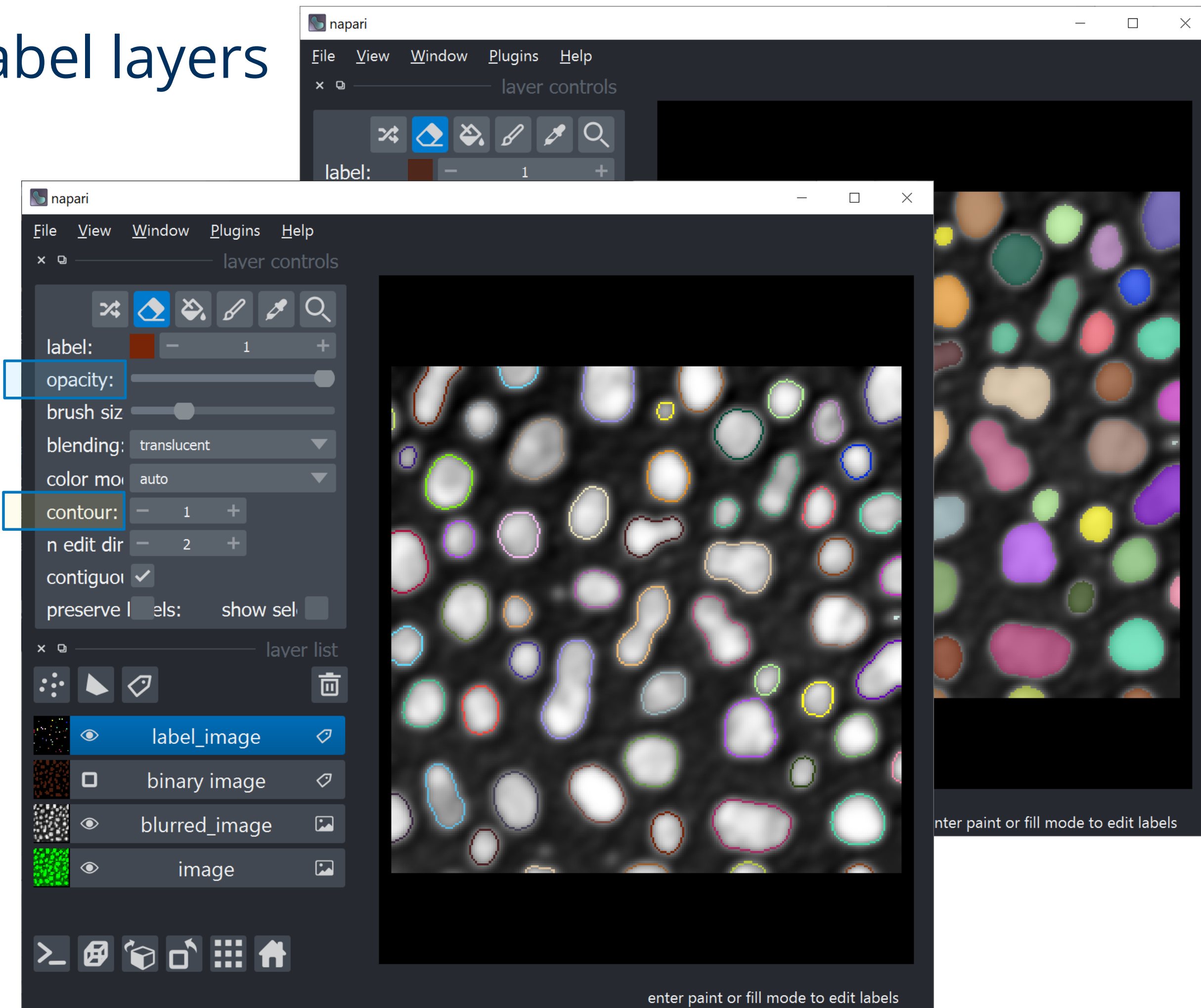
Binary images and label images visualized as label layers

```
from skimage.measure import label
label_image = label(binary_image)

# add labels to viewer
label_layer = viewer.add_labels(label_image)
```

Visualize contours instead of the overlay

```
label_layer.contour = 1
label_layer.opacity = 1
```



Points layers

There is also other layer types

- Shapes
- **Points**
- Surfaces
- Tracks
- Vectors

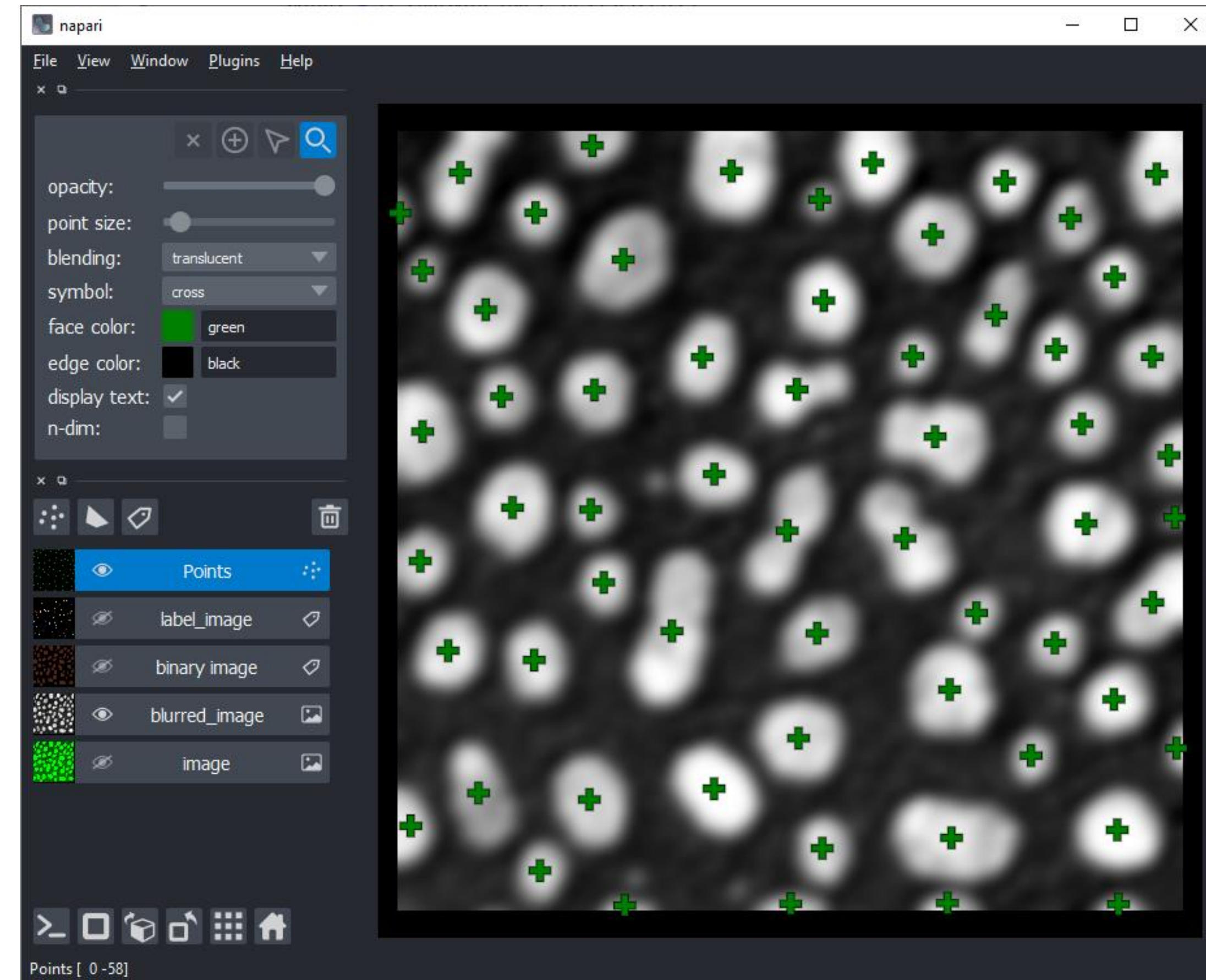
```
from skimage.measure import regionprops
```

```
statistics = regionprops(label_image)
```

```
points = [s.centroid for s in statistics]
```

```
# add points to viewer
```

```
label_layer = viewer.add_points(points, face_color='green', symbol='cross', size=5)
```



Exercise: Interact with napari from notebook

1. Open napari viewer and images from notebook and change their viualization
2. Run a 3D segmentation workflow notebook and visualize processing steps in napari.
Put workflow inside a Python function.
3. Run a batch processing notebook for the established segmentation workflow