

# Introduction to the Napari Assistant

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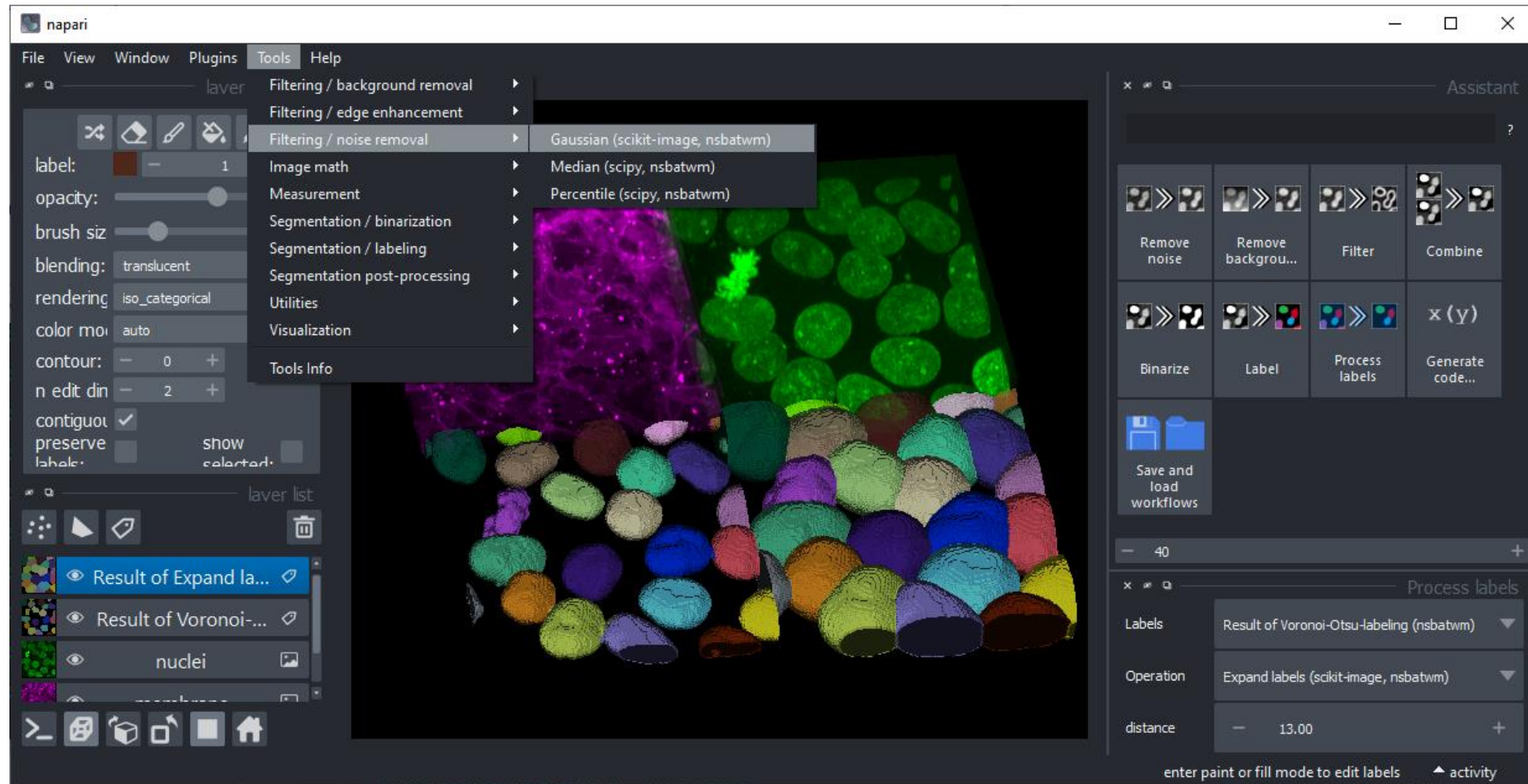
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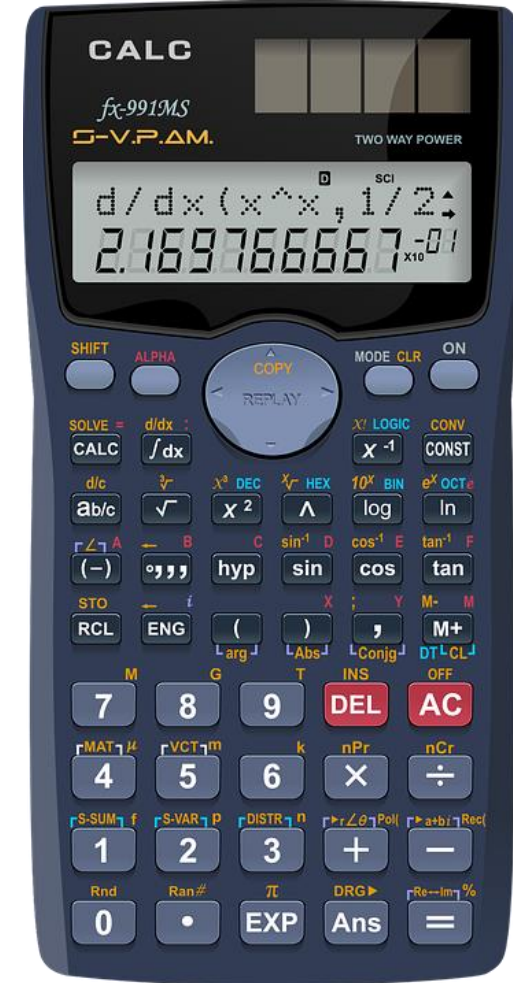
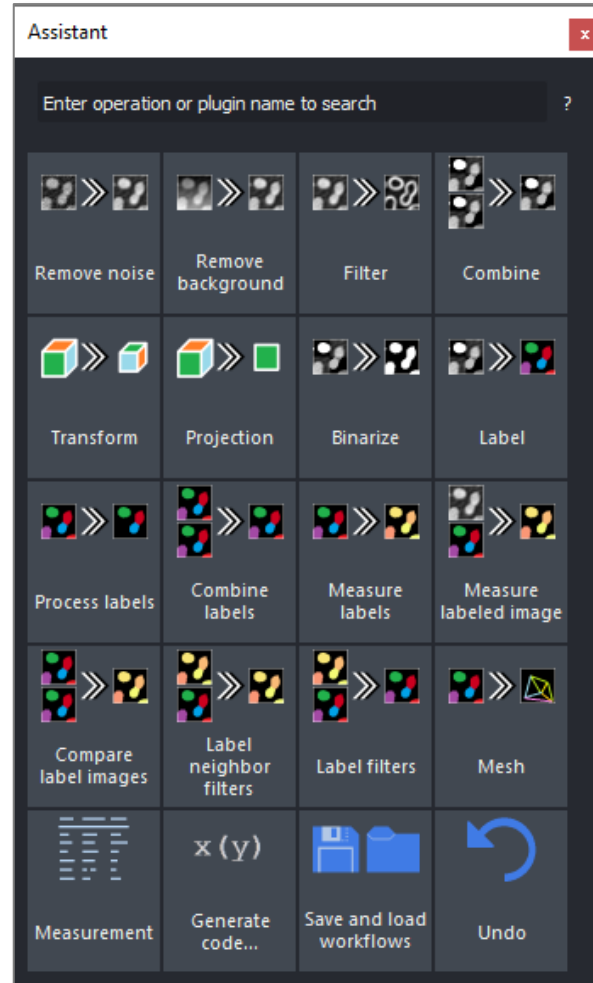
# Napari, segment blobs and things with membranes!

- Filtering,
- thresholding,
- spot detection,
- seeded watershed



# The Napari Assistant

- A pocket-calculator-like interface to build image analysis workflows



# The Napari Assistant

Viewer  
controls  
(Napari core)

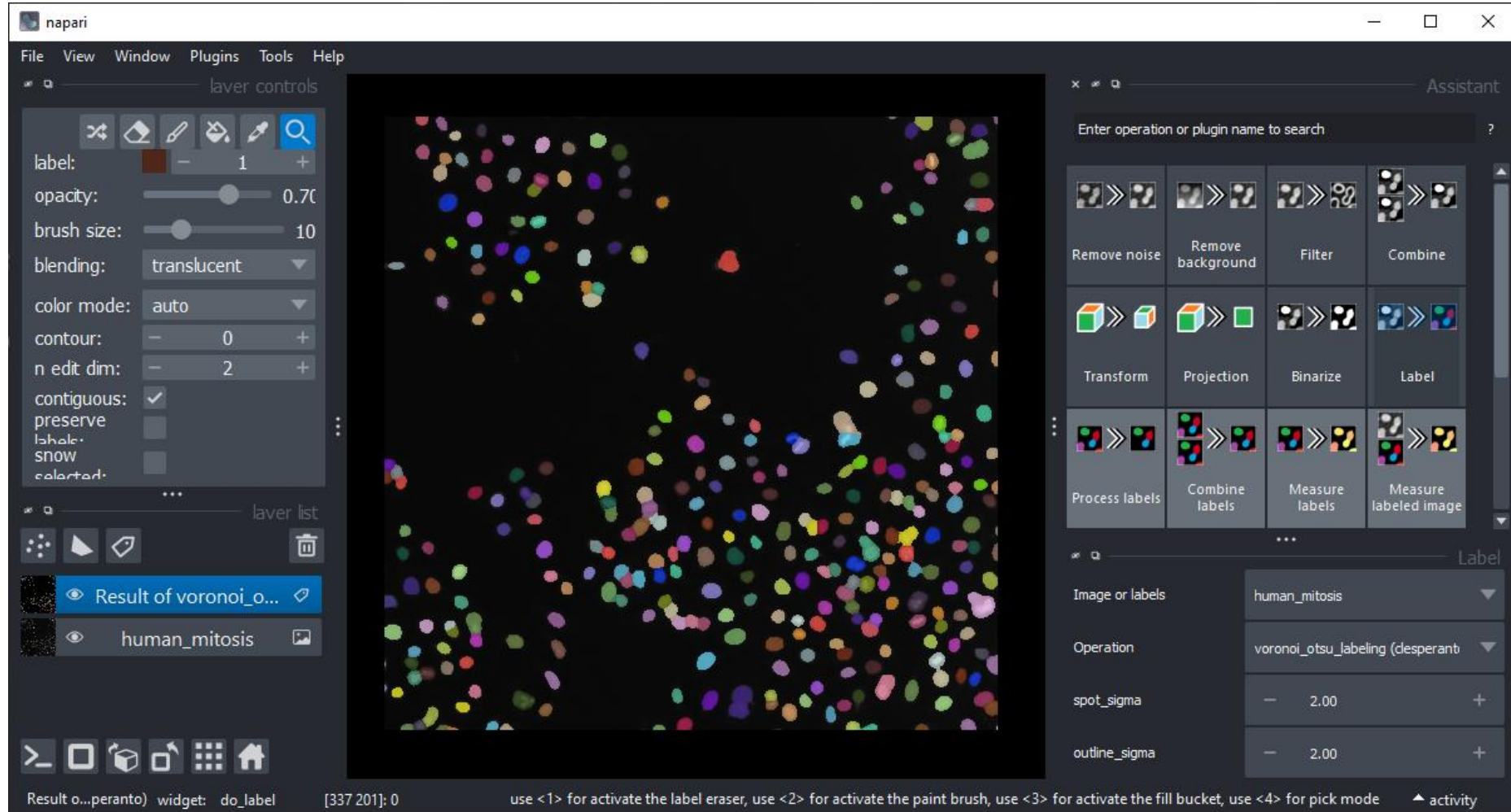


Image  
Analysis  
(Napari Assistant)



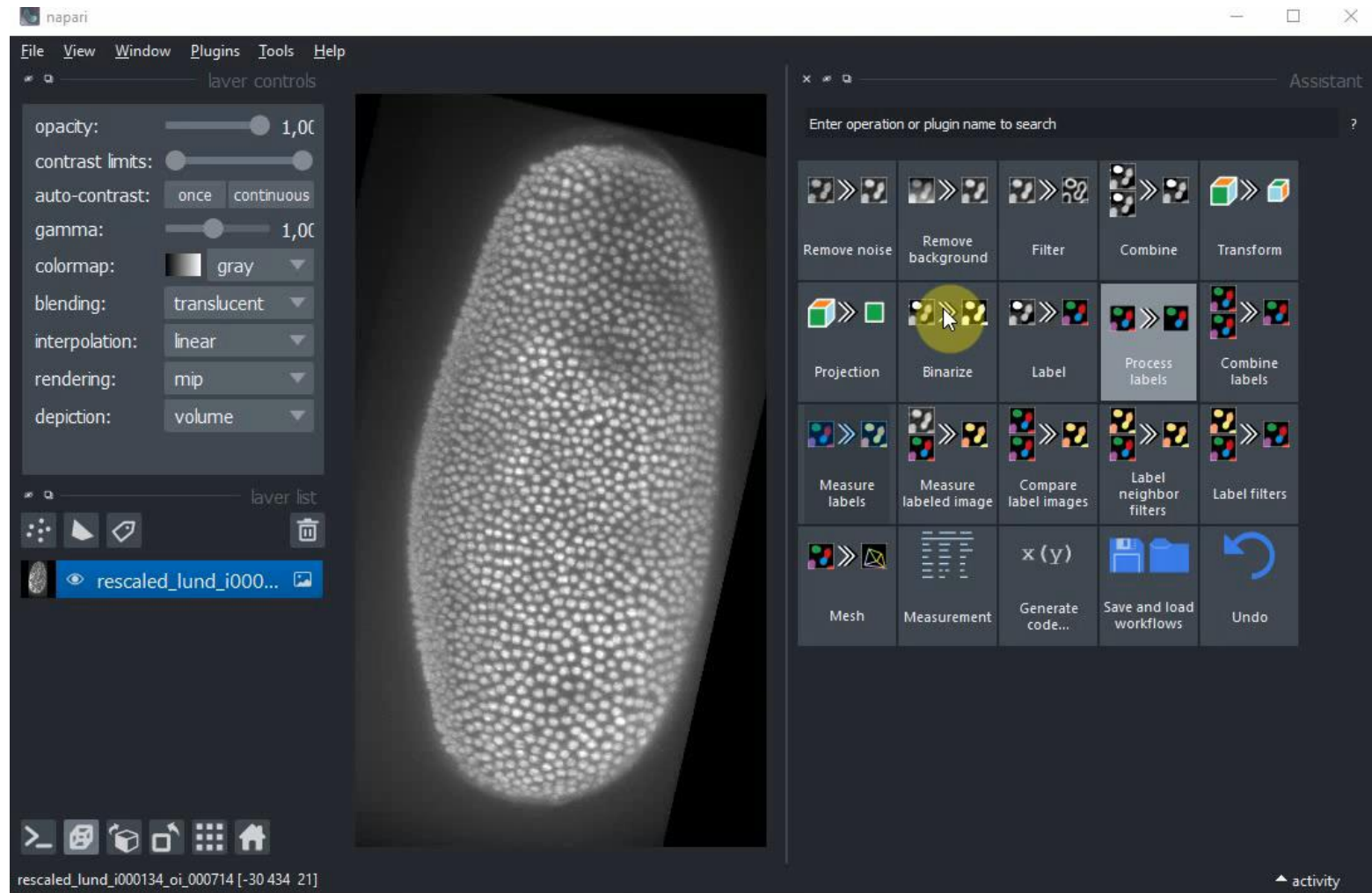
# The Napari Assistant

- Classical image processing operations + advanced tools
- Saving&loading supported
- Undo [redo]
- Hints for next steps
- ...

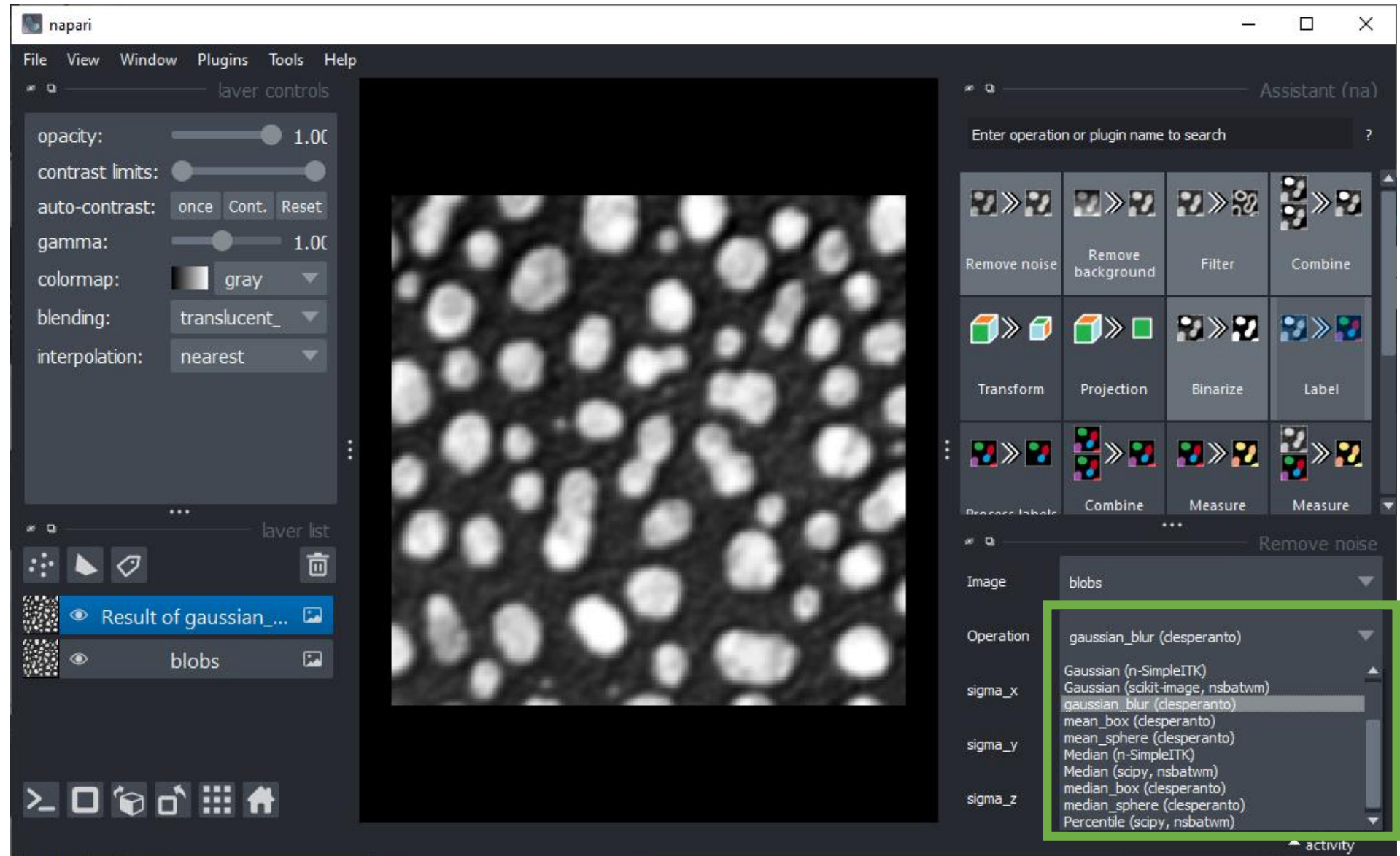
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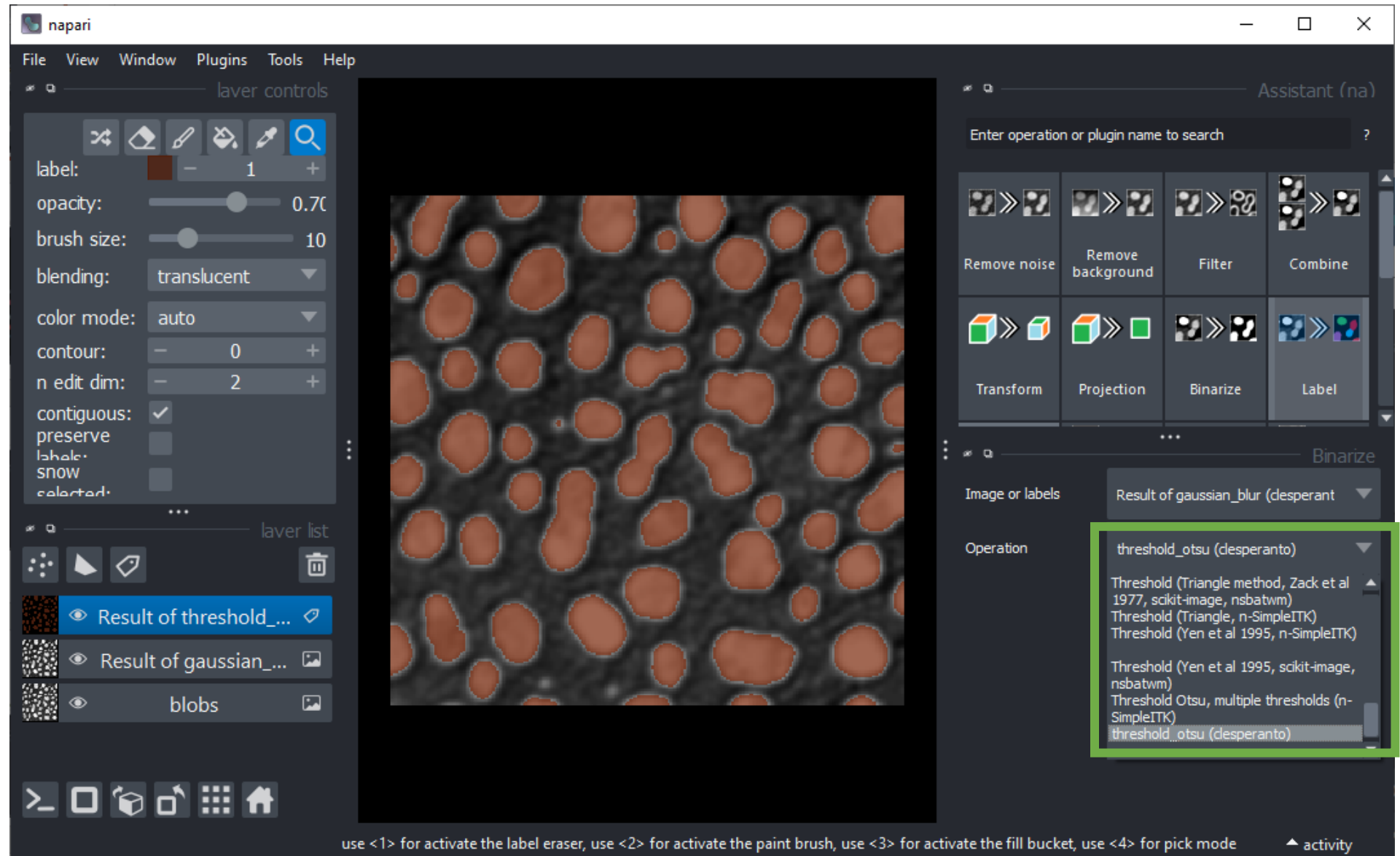
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- Try different algorithms, e.g. for removing noise
- Find them in the pulldown

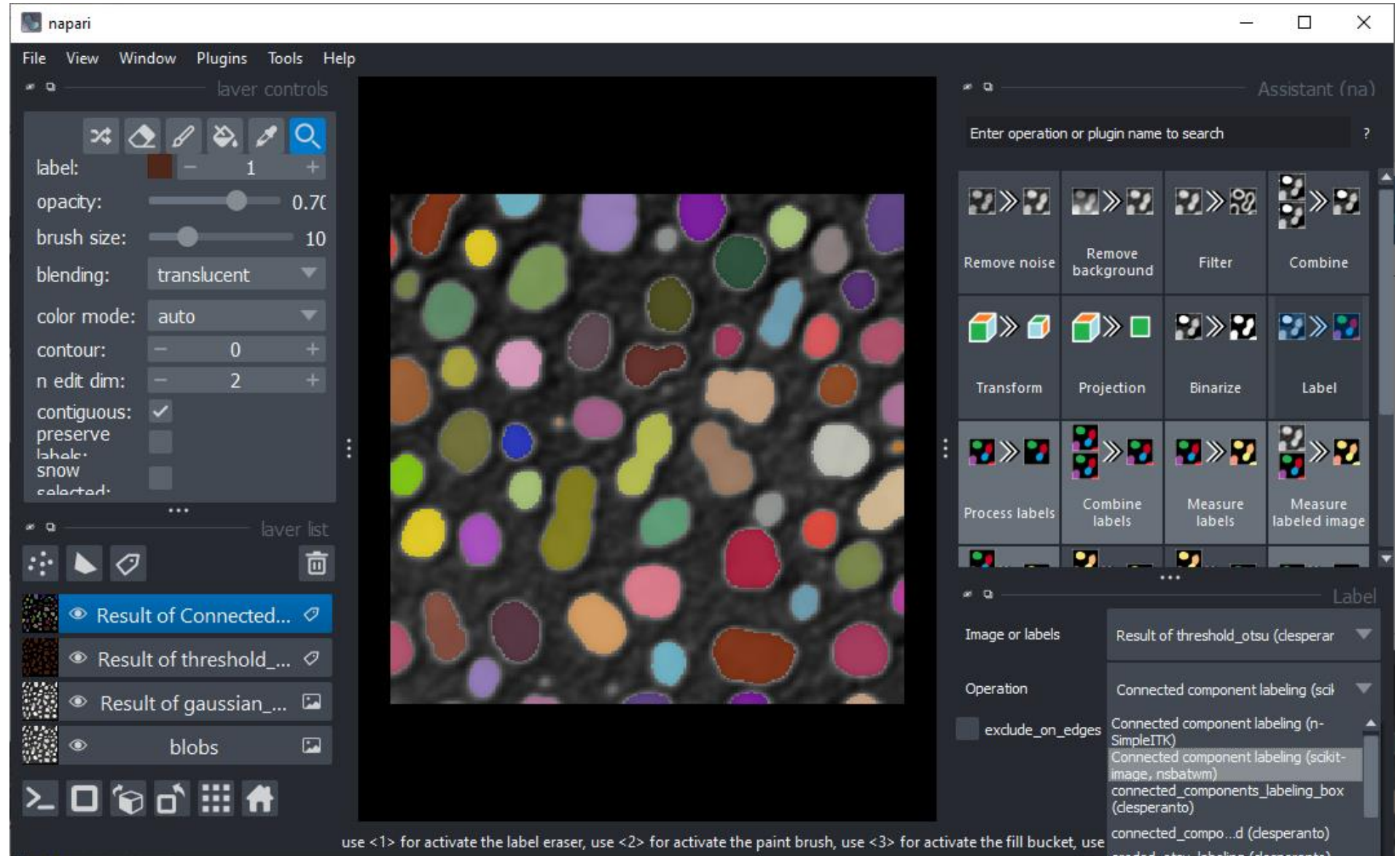


- Try different binarization algorithms





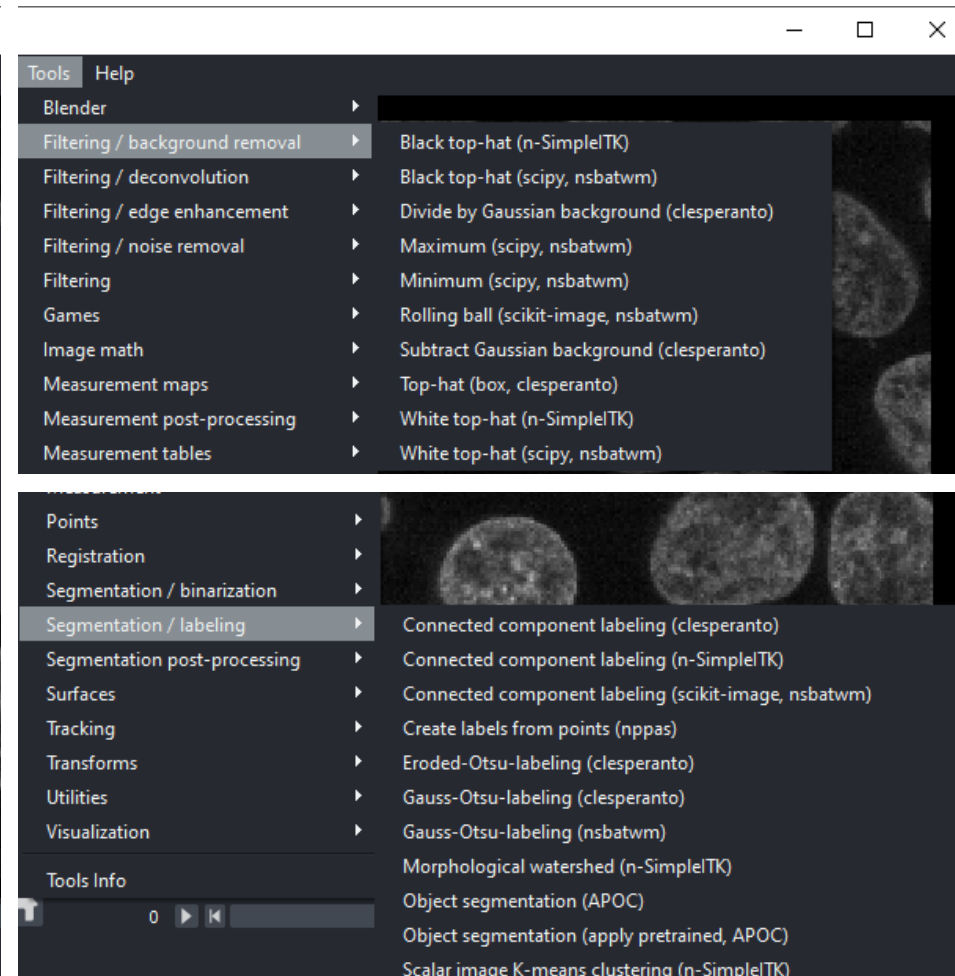
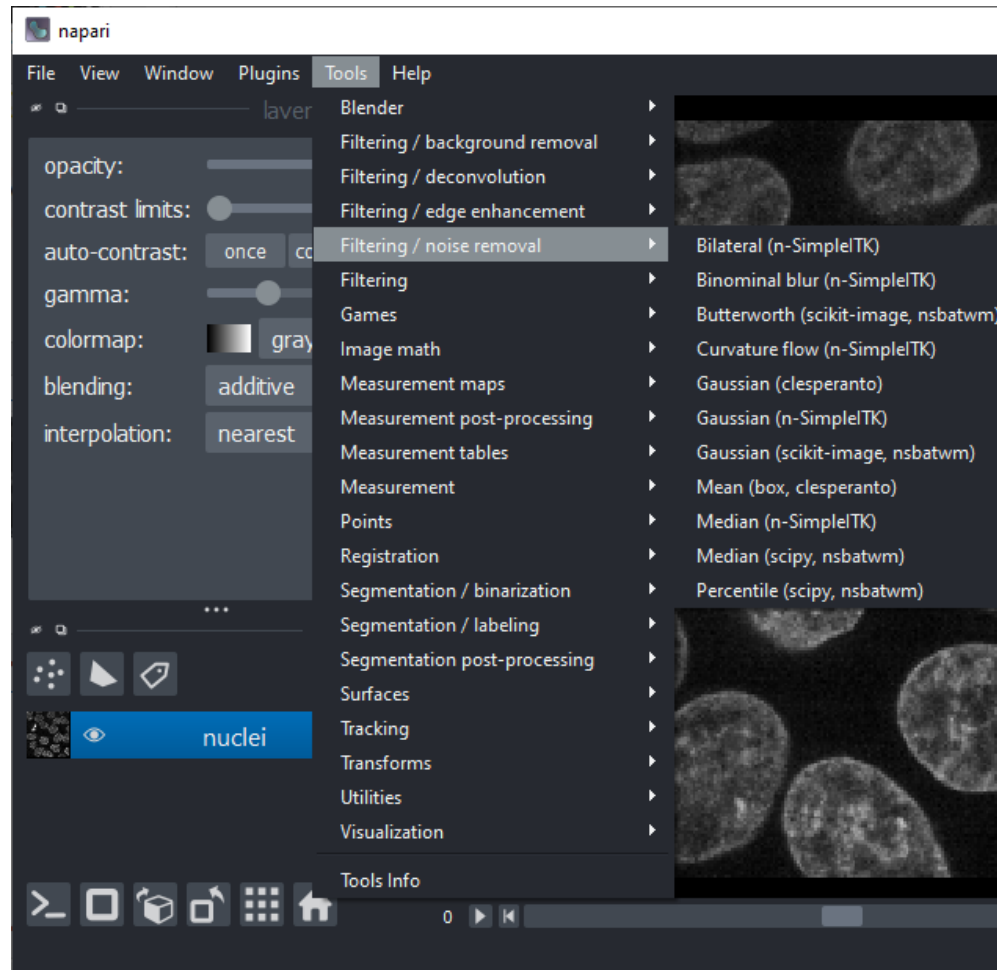
- Try different labeling algorithms



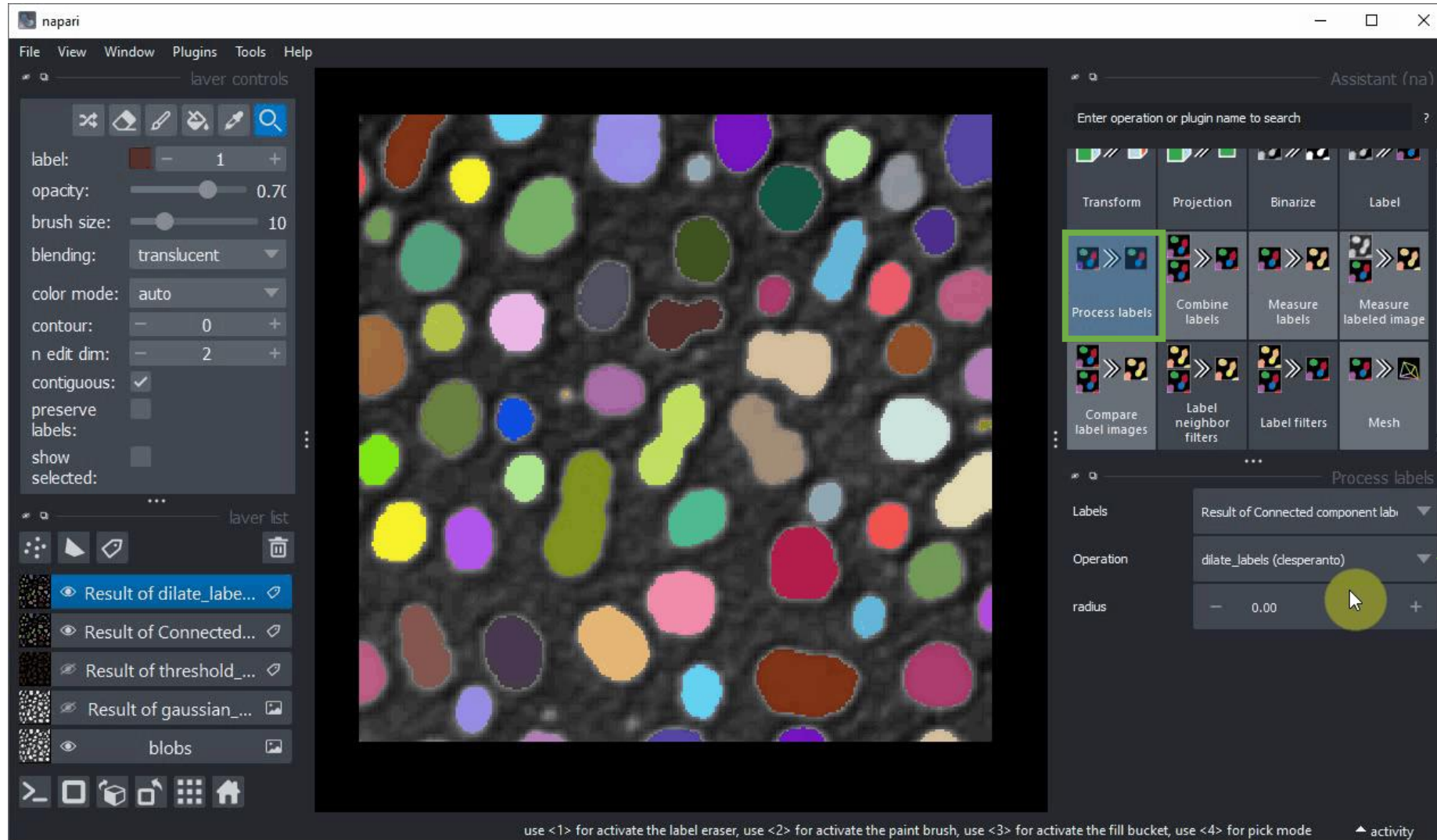


# The Tools menu

- Also check out the Tools > Segmentation / labeling menu
- Organized in categories

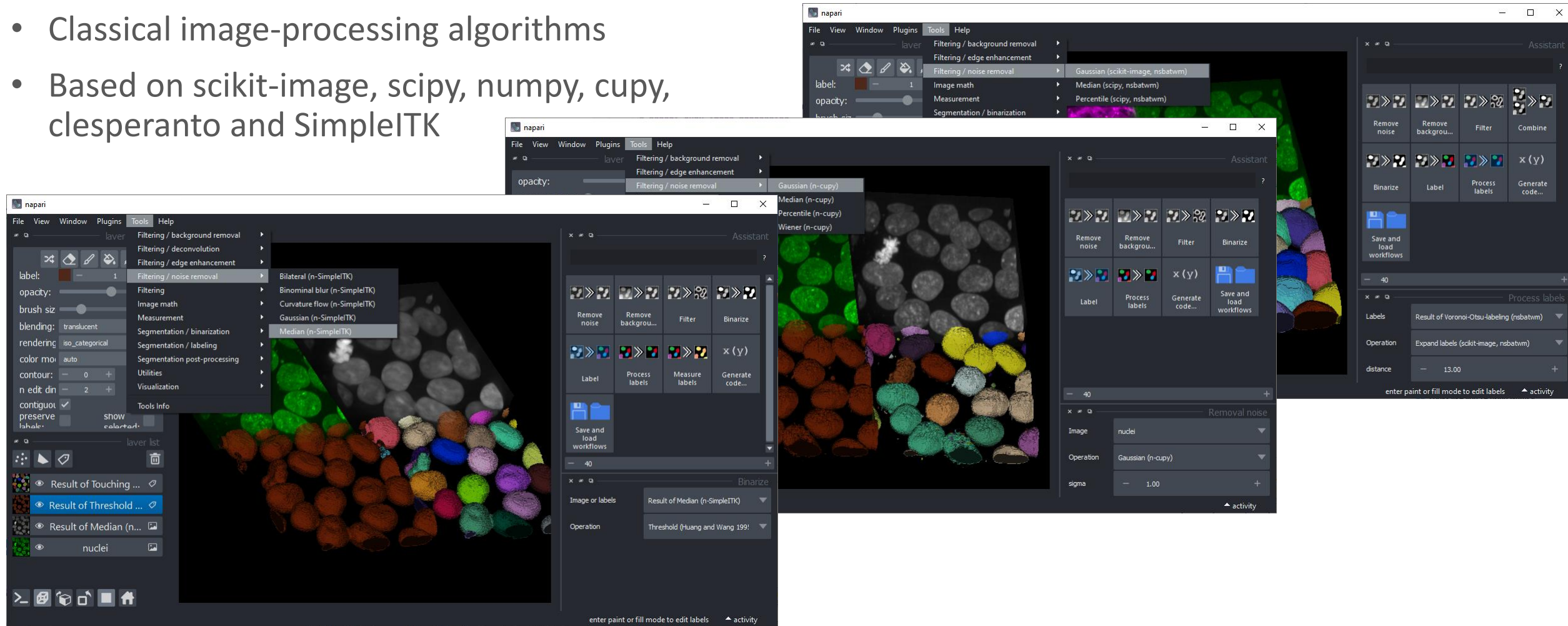


- In Napari Assistant: Process labels



# Napari-Assistant compatible plugins

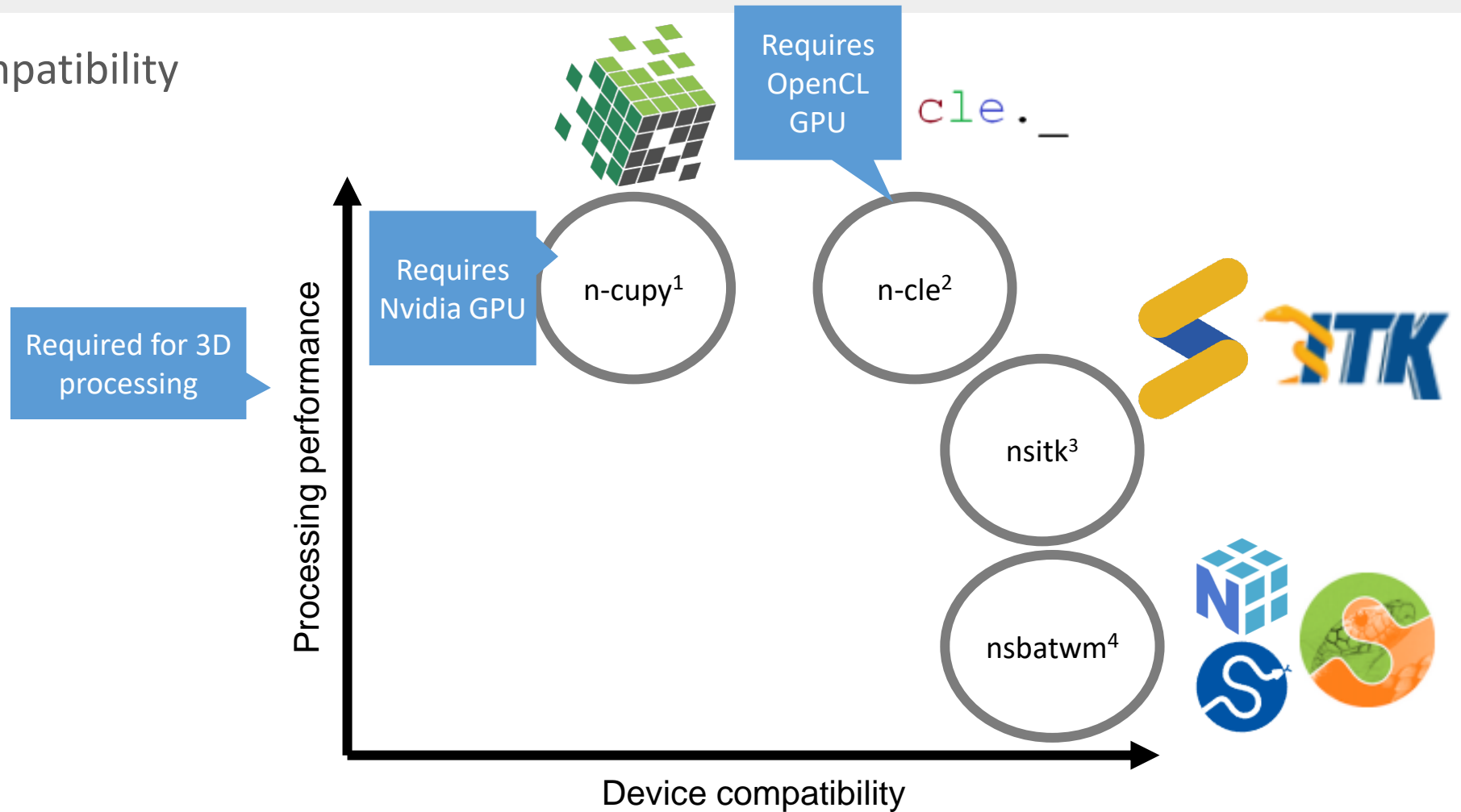
- Classical image-processing algorithms
- Based on scikit-image, scipy, numpy, cupy, clesperanto and SimpleITK





# Napari-Assistant compatible plugins

- Performance versus compatibility



1 <https://www.napari-hub.org/plugins/napari-cupy-image-processing>  
2 <https://www.napari-hub.org/plugins/napari-pyclesperanto-assistant>  
3 <https://www.napari-hub.org/plugins/napari-simpleitk-image-processing>  
4 <https://www.napari-hub.org/plugins/napari-segment-blobs-and-things-with-membranes>

# Browse operations

- Use the search...

This only works if developers documents their plugins well ;-)

Enter the library name you want to use

Enter the structure you would like to segment

Search the internet

The image displays four sequential screenshots of the Napari Assistant search interface, illustrating the process of finding operations based on different criteria:

- First Screenshot:** The search bar is empty, showing a general list of operations including 'Remove noise', 'Remove background', 'Filter', 'Combine', 'Transform', 'Projection', 'Binarize', 'Label', 'Process labels', 'Combine labels', 'Measure labels', and 'Measure labeled image'.
- Second Screenshot:** The search bar contains 'scikit-ima'. The results are filtered to show operations from the scikit-image library, such as 'Remove noise', 'Remove background', 'Binarize', 'Label', 'Process labels', 'Measure...', 'Generate code...', and 'Save and load workflows'. A tooltip for 'Measure...' is visible, stating: 'Measure features and show results in a table. Operations: \* Regionprops (scikit-image, nsr)'.
- Third Screenshot:** The search bar contains 'membrane'. The results are filtered to show operations relevant to membrane segmentation, including 'Remove background', 'Label', 'Generate code...', 'Save and load workflows', and 'Undo'. A tooltip for 'Label' is visible, stating: 'Turn images into label images by labeling objects. Operations: \* Seeded watershed using local minima as seeds, \* Seeded watershed using local minima as seeds'.
- Fourth Screenshot:** The search bar contains 'the unknown'. The results show options to search external resources: 'Search napari hub', 'Search image.sc', and 'Search Bili'.

# The Napari Hub

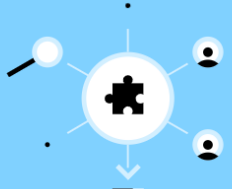
- Search engine for napari plugins

napari hub | search

napari-hub.org

napari hub About FAQ

## Discover, install, and share napari plugins



- Discover plugins that solve your image analysis challenges
- Learn how to install into napari

Share your image analysis tools with napari's growing community

Search for a plugin by keyword or author

SORT

☐ Plugin name

Browse plugins: 227

napari hub | search

napari-hub.org/?search=cell+segmentation&sort=relevance&page=1

### Search for a plugin by keyword or author

cell segmentation

SORT

☒ Relevance

☐ Plugin name

☐ Recently updated

☐ Newest

FILTER BY CATEGORY [Clear all](#)

Workflow step

Image modality

FILTER BY REQUIREMENT [Clear all](#)

Supported data

Authors

Browse plugins: 26

**napari-cellseg3d**

plugin for cell segmentation

Cyril Achard, Maxime Vidal, Jessy Lauer, Mackenzie Mathis

...3D: a napari plug-in for direct 3D cell segmentation with deep learning A napari plug...

Workflow step: Image Segmentation

Image modality: Fluorescence microscopy

**vollseg-napari**

Irregular cell shape segmentation using VollSeg

Varun Kapoor

...ollSeg, a deep learning based 2D and 3D segmentation tool for irregular shaped cells. VollSe...

Workflow step: Image Segmentation

napari hub | search

napari-hub.org/?search=feature+extraction&sort=relevance&page=1

### Search for a plugin by keyword or author

feature extraction

SORT

☒ Relevance

☐ Plugin name

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Workflow step

Image modality

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**napari-features**

extensible, general-purpose feature extraction

Allen Goodman

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

version 0.1.4

release date 24 August 2021

license MIT

python version >=3.7

operating system All

**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 ...

version 0.0.2

release date 22 April 2022

license BSD-3-Clause

python version >=3.8

operating system All

**napari-skimage-regionprops**

A regionprops table widget

version 0.5.3

release date 10 July 2022

license BSD-3-Clause

python version >=3.8



# The Napari Hub

- Allows to trace napari-plugins in more detail

**napari-skimage-regionprops**  
[napari-skimage-regionprops](#)

A regionprops table widget plugin for napari

Marcelo Zoccoler, Robert Haase

[View project data](#)

Description Activity **NEW!**

Workflow step: [Object feature extraction](#) > Shape features extraction > [Object feature extraction](#)

license **BSD-3**

pypi **v0.10.1**

python **3.8 | 3.9 | 3.10**

**Usage**

14,742 installs since publicly released over **2 years ago**

653 installs in past 30 days

**Maintenance**

297 commits since plugin repo created over **2 years ago**

Latest commit made over **2 months ago**

[Learn more about where we get this data.](#)

Monthly installs in past year

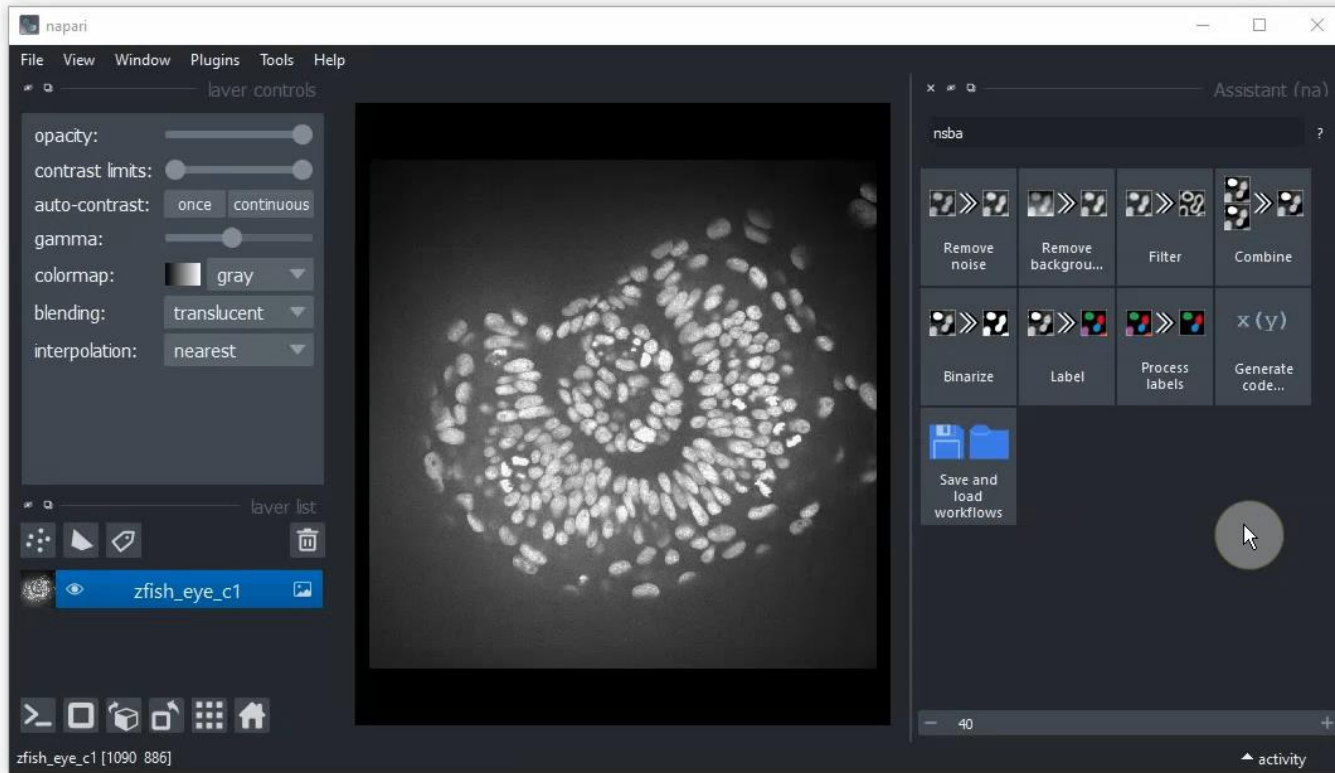
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# Export code to Jupyter Notebooks

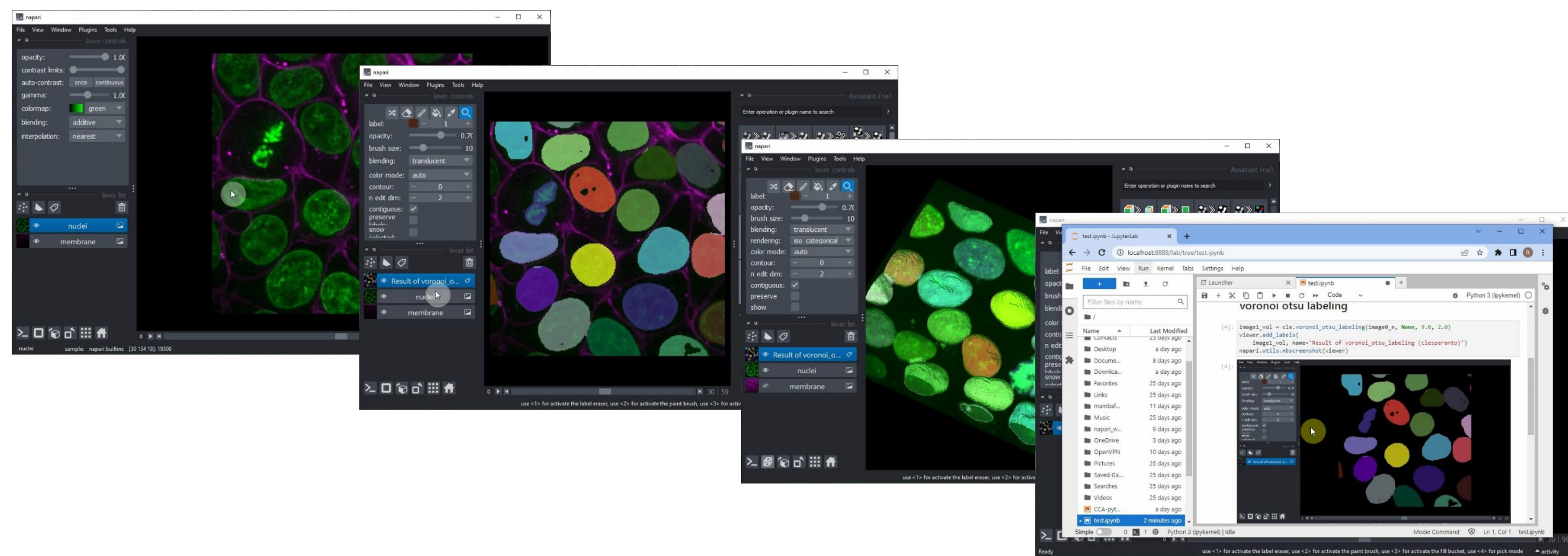


<https://github.com/haesleinhuepf/napari-assistant>

Image data source: Mauricio Rocha Martins, Norden lab, MPI CBG (now at IGC Oeiras)

# Exercise

- Use the Napari Assistant to generate a Jupyter Notebook





# Exercise

- Follow the online instructions
- [https://librehub.github.io/napari-LatAm-workshop-2023/day1/1\\_introduction\\_to\\_napari/napari-assistant.html](https://librehub.github.io/napari-LatAm-workshop-2023/day1/1_introduction_to_napari/napari-assistant.html)
- [https://librehub.github.io/napari-LatAm-workshop-2023/day1/1\\_introduction\\_to\\_napari/notebook\\_export.html](https://librehub.github.io/napari-LatAm-workshop-2023/day1/1_introduction_to_napari/notebook_export.html)

The Napari Assistant

The Napari Assistant is a plugin for napari that allows you setting up an image processing workflow.

This tutorial is also available as video [napari-assistant.mp4](#).

Start napari from the command line like this:

```
conda activate devbio-napari-env
napari
```

Within the Assistant panel, click on the Remove noise button.

Generating Jupyter Notebooks from the Napari Assistant

After setting up a workflow using the Napari Assistant, we can export Python code, e.g. as Jupyter Notebook.

This tutorial is also available as video [export\\_notebooks.mp4](#)

In the Assistant panel, click on the Generate Code... button and the Export Jupyter Notebook using Napari menu.

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