DeepLabCut AI Residency

Day 1 Session 2:
Installation guide

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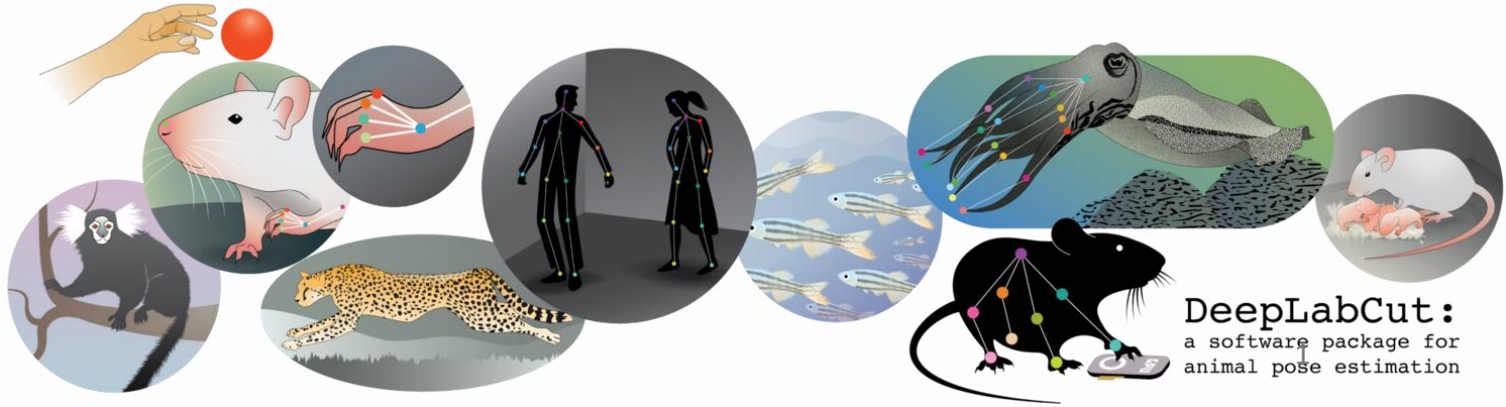
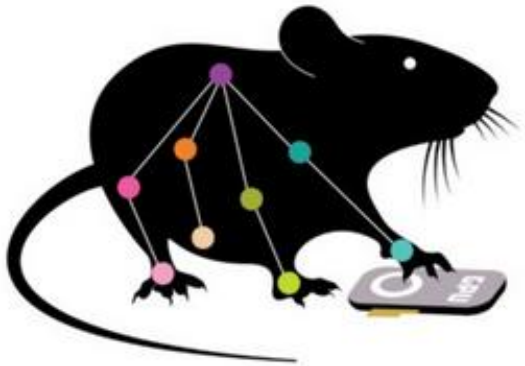
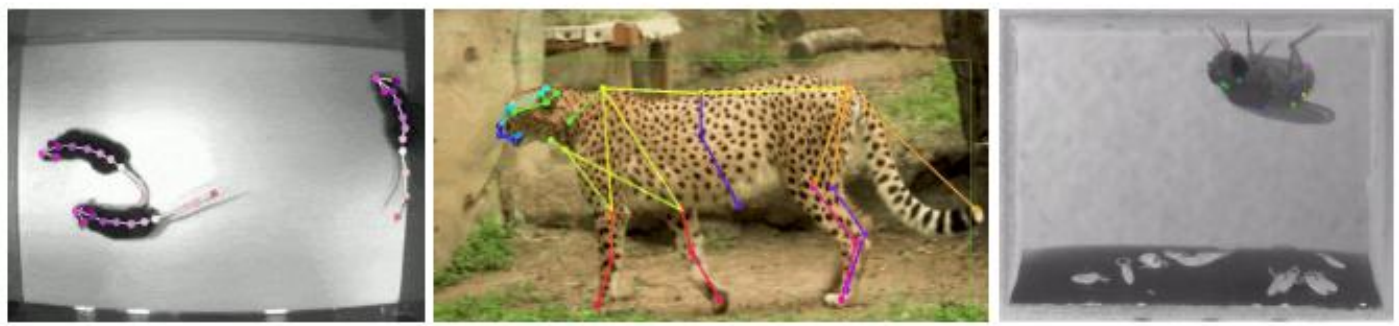


How to use DeepLabCut?

https://deeplabcut.github.io/DeepLabCut/README.html#



DeepLabCut™:
a software package for
animal pose estimation



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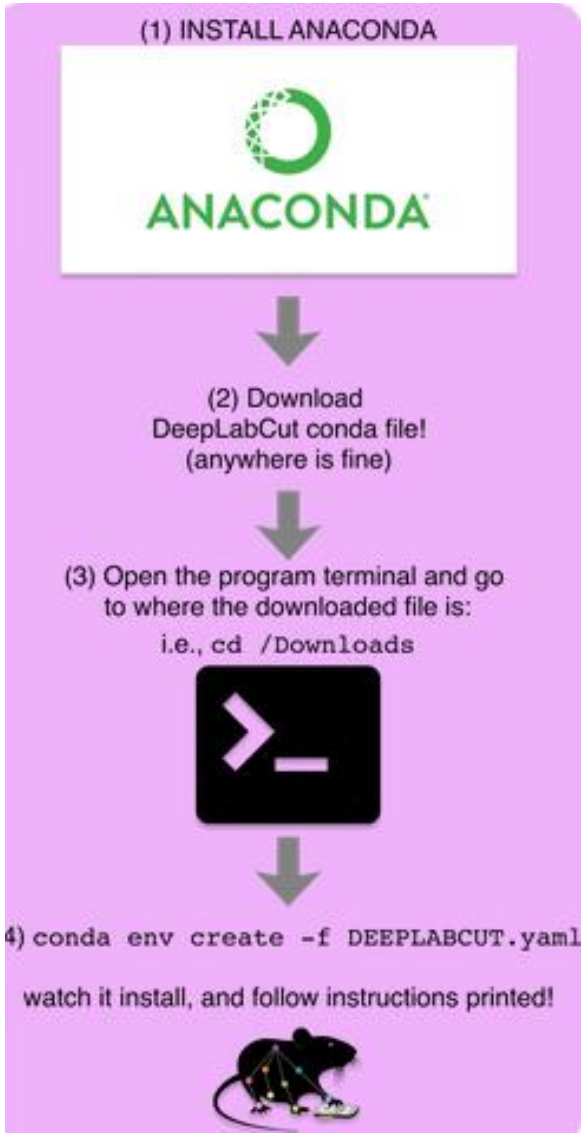
Installation guide for DLC

- https://deeplabcut.github.io/DeepLabCut/docs/installation.html
- https://deeplabcut.github.io/DeepLabCut/docs/recipes/installTips.html

Anaconda Prompt

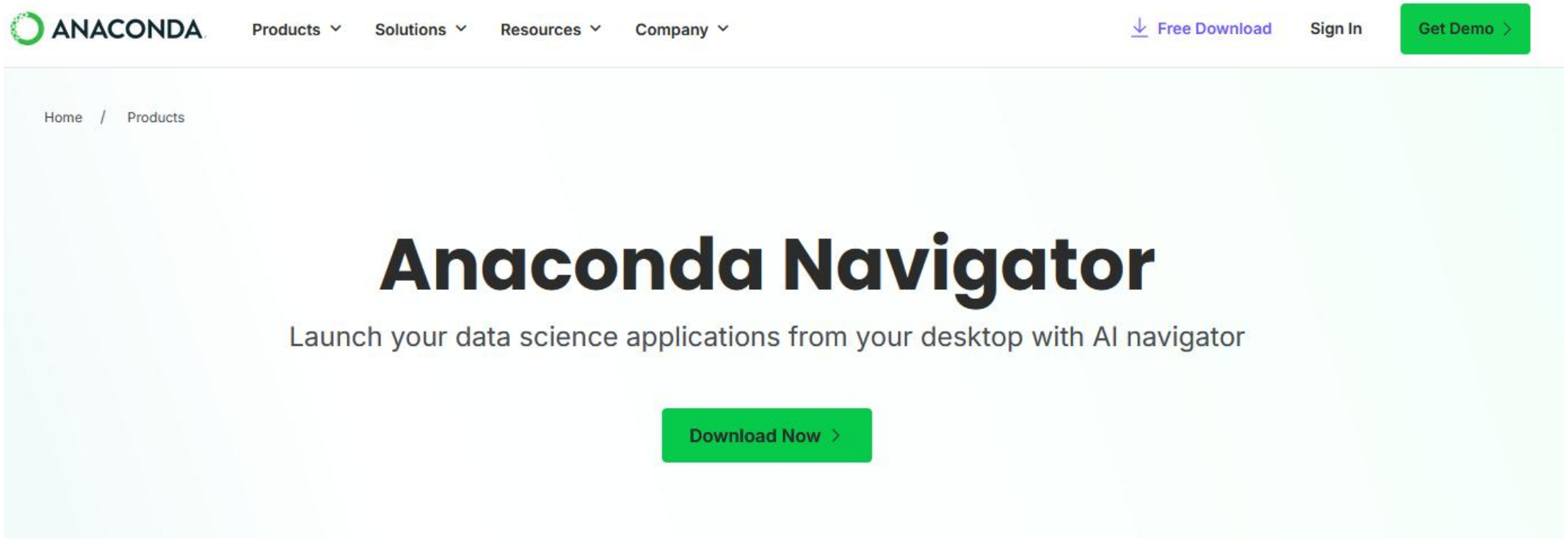
Windows

DLC Installation guide (Conda)



DLC Installation guide with Anaconda Prompt

Step 1: Anaconda download
→ https://www.anaconda.com/download
→ If you are using M1/M2 chips in your MacBook with v12.5+ (typically 2020 or newer machines)
→ Miniconda3 if more recommended
→ https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/user-guide/install/macos.html
→ Then use the program “terminal”



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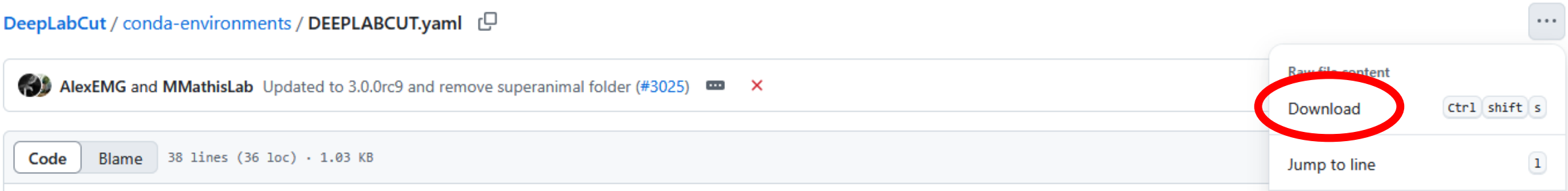
Step 2: Download the .yaml file and create DLC env
→ (optional) conda install -c anaconda git

→ https://github.com/DeepLabCut/DeepLabCut/blob/main/conda-environments/DEEPLABCUT.yaml



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→ git clone https://github.com/DeepLabCut/DeepLabCut.git

→ Navigate to the “conda-environments” folder within downloaded “DeepLabCut”

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(base) C:\Users\jyang291\Downloads>git clone https://github.com/DeepLabCut/DeepLabCut.git
Cloning into 'DeepLabCut'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 25818, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (548/548), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (178/178), done.
remote: Total 25818 (delta 468), reused 370 (delta 370), pack-reused 25270 (from 2)
Receiving objects: 100% (25818/25818), 196.56 MiB | 18.89 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (18160/18160), done.

(base) C:\Users\jyang291\Downloads>cd DeepLab

(base) C:\Users\jyang291\Downloads\DeepLabCut
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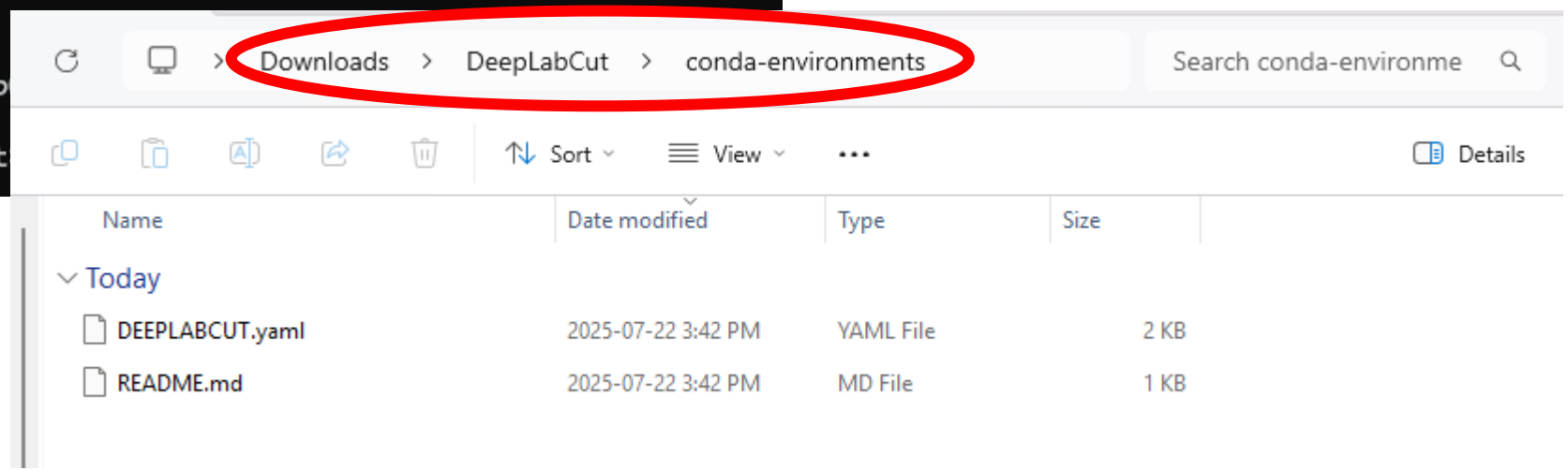

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Step 3: for Windows:
→ conda env create -f DEEPLABCUT.yaml

Might take a while…

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Successfully installed Pillow-11.3.0 PyOpenGL-3.1.9 PySide6-Addons-6.4.2 PySide6-Essentials-6.4.2 Shapely-2.1.1 alabast2

done
#
# To activate this environment, use
#
#     $ conda activate DEEPLABCUT
#
# To deactivate an active environment, use
#
#     $ conda deactivate
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DLC installed!!

DLC Installation guide with Anaconda Prompt

→ Close and re-open Anaconda Prompt

Then:
→ activate DEEPLABCUT
→ ipython
→ import deeplabcut
→ Launch GUI:
→ deeplabcut.launch_dlc()

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(base) C:\>activate DEEPLABCUT

(DEEPLABCUT) C:\>ipython
Python 3.10.18 | packaged by conda-forge | (main, Jun  4 2025, 14:42:04) [MSC v.1943 64 bit (AMD64)]
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 8.37.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.

In [1]: import deeplabcut
Loading DLC 3.0.0rc9...

In [2]: deeplabcut.launch_dlc()
QPixmap::scaled: Pixmap is a null pixmap
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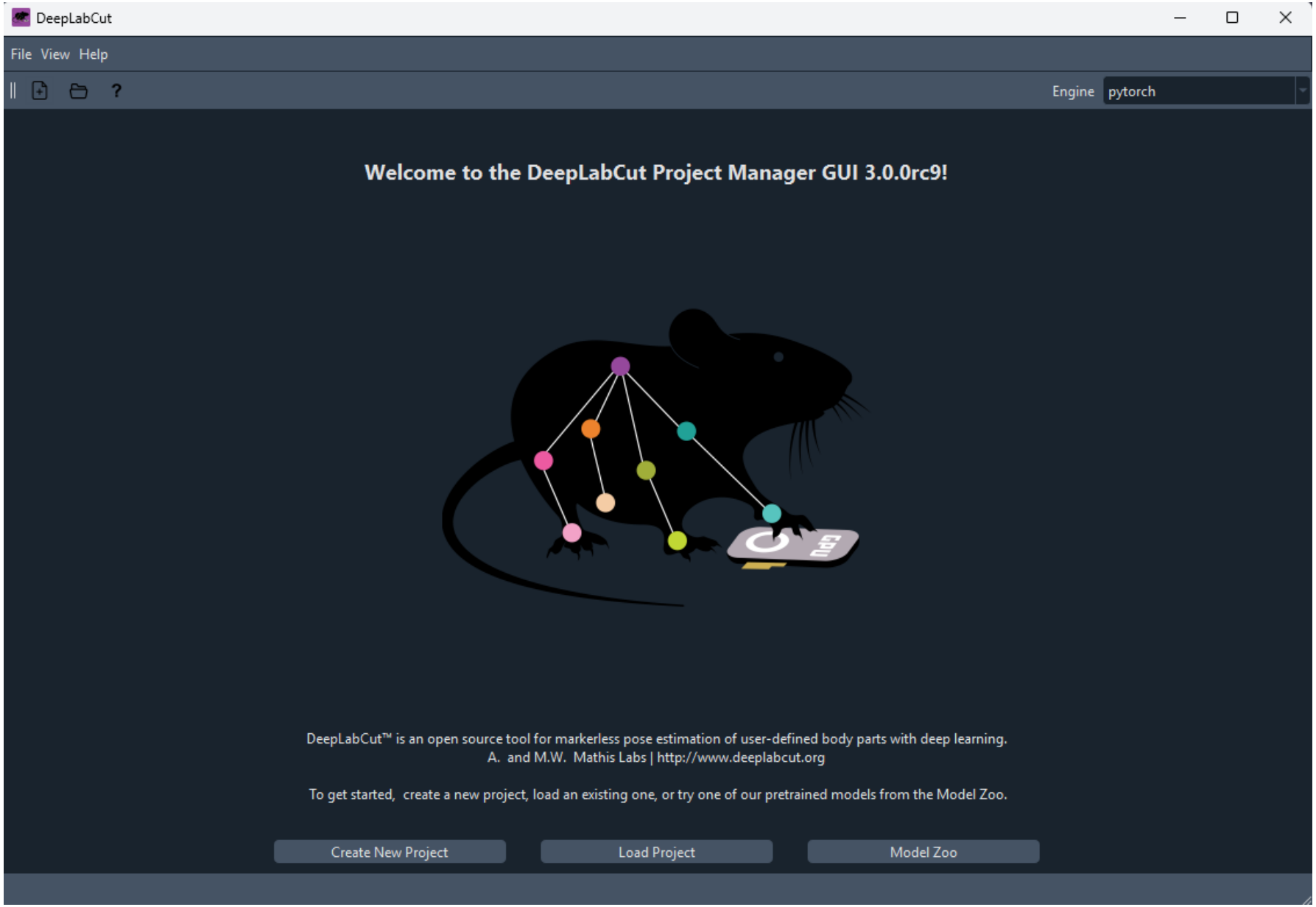

DLC Graphic User Interface (GUI)

Tips: Specific version of DLC

Once you are inside your environments, you can:

- Upgrade DLC version by:
  - pip install --upgrade deeplabcut
- Install specific DLC version by:
  - pip install deeplabcut==3.0 (or any version number)

Checking the DLC version could be done by:

- import deeplabcut
- deeplabcut.__version__