

# Decode-PAINT: Decoding sample data user guide

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## Before starting analysis

### Step 1. Creating a Python environment for decode-PAINT

1. Install Anaconda 3

2. Creating a Python 3 environment

```
> conda create --name decode python=3.10
```

3. Activate the environment

```
> conda activate decode2
```

4. Install required libraries

```
> conda install pandas numpy scipy hdbscan scikit-learn h5py pytables pillow
```

### Step 2. Modifying Picasso

1. Download Picasso following instructions (as of 10/10/2022, ver 0.4.11)

- <https://github.com/jungmannlab/picasso>

2. Modify Picasso Render source code

- `picasso>gui>render.py` (NOT `render.py` in
- In **`def align(self)`**

```

2648
2649     def align(self):
2650         if len(self._picks) > 0:
2651             shift = self.shift_from_picked()
2652             print("Shift {}".format(shift))
2653
2654             # 10/10/2022 added
2655             for i in range(len(shift)):
2656                 for j in range(len(shift[i])):
2657                     print(shift[i][j], end=',')
2658                 print('\n')
2659
2660
2661             sp = lib.ProgressDialog("Shifting channels", 0, len(self.locs), self)
2662             sp.set_value(0)
2663             for i, locs_ in enumerate(self.locs):
2664                 locs_.y -= shift[0][i]

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2672         self.update_scene()
2673     else:
2674         max_iterations = 4
2675         iteration = 0
2676         convergence = 0.001 # That is 0.001 pixels ~0.13nm
2677         shift_x = []
2678         shift_y = []
2679         shift_z = []
2680         display = False
2681
2682         # 10/10/2022 added
2683         shift_x_combined = []
2684         shift_y_combined = []
2685
2686         progress = lib.ProgressDialog("Aligning images..", 0, max_iterations, self)
2687         progress.show()
2688         progress.set_value(0)
2689
2690         for iteration in range(max_iterations):
2691             completed = "True"
2692             progress.set_value(iteration)
2693             shift = self.shift_from_rcc()
2694             sp = lib.ProgressDialog("Shifting channels", 0, len(self.locs), self)
2695             sp.set_value(0)

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2716             shift_y.append(np.mean(temp_shift_y))
2717             if len(shift) == 3:
2718                 shift_z.append(np.mean(temp_shift_z))
2719             iteration += 1
2720             self.update_scene()
2721
2722             # 10/10/2022 added
2723             if len(shift_x_combined) > 0:
2724                 shift_x_combined = [x1 + x2 for (x1, x2) in zip(shift_x_combined, temp_shift_x)]
2725                 shift_y_combined = [y1 + y2 for (y1, y2) in zip(shift_y_combined, temp_shift_y)]
2726             else:
2727                 shift_x_combined = temp_shift_x
2728                 shift_y_combined = temp_shift_y
2729
2730             # Skip when converged:
2731             if completed:
2732                 break
2733
2734             progress.close()
2735             # Plot shift etc
2736             if display:

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2739         plt.subplot(1, 1, 1)
2740         plt.plot(shift_x, "o-", label="x shift")
2741         plt.plot(shift_y, "o-", label="y shift")
2742         plt.xlabel("Iteration")
2743         plt.ylabel("Mean Shift per Iteration (Px)")
2744         plt.legend(loc="best")
2745         fig1.show()
2746
2747         # 10/10/2022 added
2748         for i in range(len(shift_x_combined)):
2749             print(shift_x_combined[i], end=',')
2750             print('\n')
2751         for j in range(len(shift_y_combined)):
2752             print(shift_y_combined[i], end=',')
2753             print('\n')
2754
2755         @check_pick
2756         def combine(self):
2757             channel = self.get_channel()
2758             picked_locs = self.picked_locs(channel, add_group=False)
2759             out_locs = []
2760             r_max = 2 * max(
2761                 self.infos[channel][0]["Height"], self.infos[channel][0]["Width"]
2762             )
2763             max_dark = self.infos[channel][0]["Frames"]

```

- In `def _undrift_from_picked_coordinate(self, channel, picked_locs, coordinate):`:

```

5402         drift_mean = np.ma.average(drift, axis=0, weights=1 / msd)
5403         drift_mean = drift_mean.filled(np.nan)
5404
5405         # Linear interpolation for frames without localizations
5406         def nan_helper(y):
5407             return np.isnan(y), lambda z: z.nonzero()[0]
5408
5409         nans, nonzero = nan_helper(drift_mean)
5410         drift_mean[nans] = np.interp(nonzero(nans), nonzero(~nans), drift_mean[~nans])
5411
5412         # 10/10/2022 added
5413         drift_init = drift_mean[0]
5414         drift_mean -= drift_init
5415
5416         return drift_mean
5417
5418         def _undrift_from_picked(self, channel):
5419             picked_locs = self.picked_locs(channel)
5420             status = lib.StatusDialog("Calculating drift...", self)
5421
5422             drift_x = self._undrift_from_picked_coordinate(channel, picked_locs, "x")
5423             drift_y = self._undrift_from_picked_coordinate(channel, picked_locs, "y")
5424

```

- These modification allows Picasso Render to:
  - Align/register localizations to the initial frame (frame 0)
  - Show XY registration shift coordinates

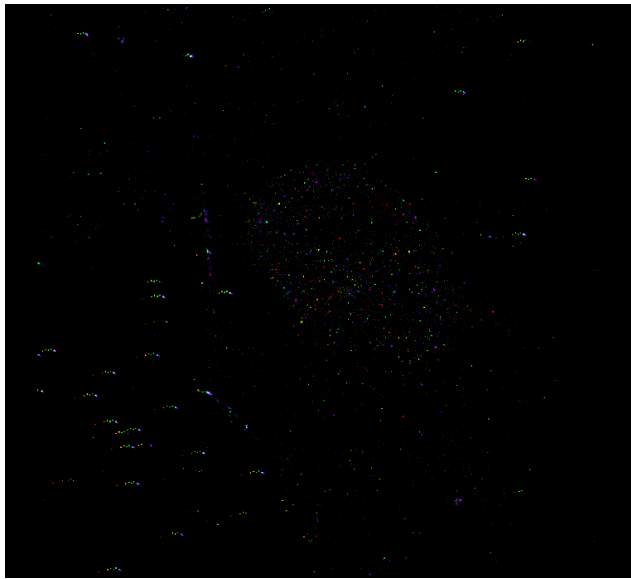
### 3. Install picasso

```
> python setup.py install
```

## Sample 1: 9-color decoding (Fig. 1n)

### Step 1. Process raw localization data

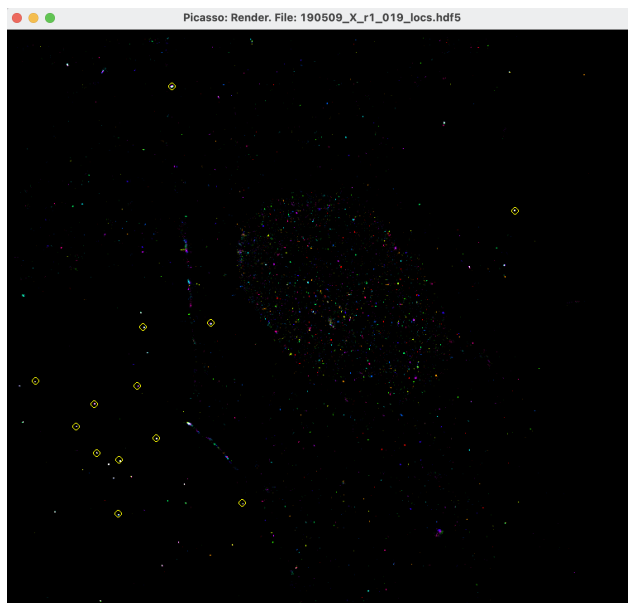
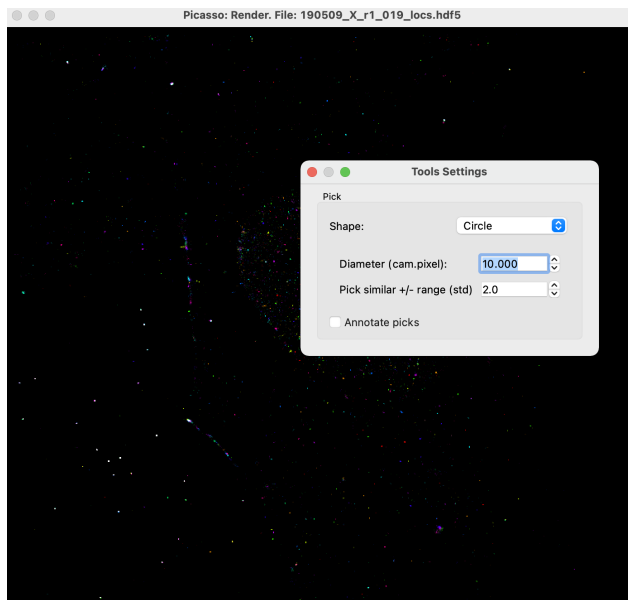
- Raw image file: [190509\\_X\\_r1\\_021.nd2](#)
  - The file is a concatenation of multiple z stacks:
    - Frames 1–100: z = 0 nm (glass surface)
    - Frames 101–10100: z = 0 nm
    - Frames 10101–10200: z = 0 nm
    - Frames 10201–20200: z = 170 nm
    - Frames 20201–20300: z = 0 nm
    - Frames 20301–30300: z = 340 nm
    - Frames 30301–30400: z = 0 nm
    - Frames 30401–40400: z = 510 nm
    - ...
    - Frames 90901–91000: z = 0 nm
    - Frames 91001–101000: z = 1530 nm
  - The file needs to be split into z stack series for localization with Picasso Localize
- 1. Process raw images with Picasso Localize to localize single molecules
  - Box Size: 17
  - Convergence Criterion: 0
  - Max. Iterations: 0
  - Min. Net Gradient: 7500
  - PSF file for astigmatism 3D analysis: [190509\\_psf.yaml](#)
  - Output files: [./locsfile/raw\\_locs/190509\\_X\\_r1\\_0##\\_locs.hdf5](#)
    - [190509\\_X\\_r1\\_001, 003, 005, ...](#) : Imaging fiducial markers on the surface for further registration
    - [190509\\_X\\_r1\\_002, 004, 006, ...](#) : Actual localization data in 170 nm steps
- 2. Register the surface fiducial marker localization files ([190509\\_X\\_r1\\_001, 003, 005, ...\\_locs.hdf5](#)) to generate a text file with drift registration coordinates
  - Open all surface fiducial marker localization files [190509\\_X\\_r1\\_001, 003, 005, ...\\_locs.hdf5](#) in Picasso Render



- 
- Apply *Postprocess>Align channels (RCC or from picked)* without any picks



- 
- Manually pick ~10 fiducial markers in the image using *Tools>Pick*
- (Optional:) Use *Tools>Pick similar* to pick more fiducials automatically if there are many



- 
- Apply *Postprocess>Align channels (RCC or from picked)* with picks
- Copy the last three lines, which are x, y, and z drift against the first file

```
Shift (array([ 0.          , -0.01879561, -0.00735031, -0.02074205, -0.04966956,
               0.05836098, -0.01163047, -0.00270014, -0.05915131,  0.06729843]), array([ 0.          , -
0.10741499, -0.07970728, -0.03024503, -0.09572253,
               -0.14047242, -0.17934642, -0.15648159, -0.15292683, -0.20726581]), array([ 0.          ,
-55.18399124, -69.64136286, -93.7948873 ,
               -98.1653928 , -114.03902056, -110.25880659, -98.2442982 ,
               -79.40068285, -81.789624  ]))
0.0,-0.018795609808876197,-0.007350308811874168,-0.020742053899448373,-0.049669561767950635,0.0
5836098312865948,-0.011630471143871543,-0.0027001443435437644,-0.0591513099847361,0.06729842601
34399,
0.0,-0.10741499299183485,-0.07970728334039448,-0.03024503029882899,-0.095722534134984,-0.140472
4171385168,-0.17934641512110827,-0.15648158844560384,-0.15292683066800233,-0.2072658079676329,
0.0,-55.18399124145506,-69.64136285781862,-93.79488730430602,-98.16539279818534,-114.0390205621
7191,-110.25880658626555,-98.24429820179941,-79.4006828546524,-81.78962399959563,
```

- 
- Create a text file with the following lines with comma (,) delimiter: [190509\\_r1\\_drift.txt](#)

- Line1, file names to be undrifted
- Lines 2–4, the three lines above: x, y, and z shift

```

190509_r1_drift.txt
1 190509_X_r1_002_locs,190509_X_r1_004_locs,190509_X_r1_006_locs,190509_X_r1_008_locs,190509_X_r1_010_locs,190509_X_r1_012_locs,190509_X_r1_014_locs,190509_X_r1_016_locs,190509_X_r1_018_locs,190509_X_r1_020_locs
2 0.0,-2.65508419573,-4.96590882987,-3.72427673992,-5.11782836467,-3.37165220082,-2.4585662514,-1.86706850529,-2.83761903644,-3.69600827936
3 0.0,12.6123923302,16.9455328703,20.6623250723,23.9738042831,28.0911989331,29.6879745632,31.1352251887,29.3304789171,29.094566606
4 0.0,-41.8267650604,-51.8772878647,-81.8539729595,-91.797389257,-108.208583069,-90.1446902633,-90.8802564859,-70.562548542,-75.8468509197

```

- Undrift localization files (190509\_X\_r1\_002, 004, 006... \_locs.hdf5) using **undrift.py**
  - Copy 190509\_r1\_drift.txt to the folder containing data to be undrifted: ./locfile/raw\_locs/
  - Run **undrift.py**

```
> python undrift.py -f ./sample_9col/locfiles/raw_locs/190509_r1_drift.txt
```
  - Output files: ./locfile/undrifted/190509\_X\_r1\_0##\_locs\_undrifted.hdf5
- Further undrift each localization file using Picasso Render built-in function (*Postprocess>Undrift by RCC and or Postprocess>Undrift from picked*)
  - Output files: ./locfile/aligned/190509\_X\_r1\_0##\_locs\_undrifted\_render.hdf5
- Merge all files into one single 3D localization file using **concatenate.py**
  - Run **concatenate.py**

```
> python concatenate.py -d ./sample_9col/locfiles/aligned/ -s 170 -o 190509_X_r1_merged
```
  - Output file: 190509\_X\_r1\_merged.hdf5
- Link localizations using Picasso Render built-in function (*Postprocess>Link localizations*)
  - Output file: 190509\_X\_r1\_linked.hdf5
- Crop the localization data to 256 x 256 px using **crop.py**
  - Run **crop.py**

```
> python crop.py -f ./sample_9col/locfiles/190509_X_r1_linked.hdf5 -x 230 -y 220 -s 256
```
  - Output file: 190509\_X\_r1\_cropped.hdf5
- Process localization data with HDBSCAN using **hdbscanlocs.py**
  - Run **hdbscanlocs.py**
    - Set HDBSCAN parameter 'minimum cluster size' to 30

```
> python hdbscanlocs.py -f ./sample_9col/190509_X_r1_cropped.hdf5 -c 30
```
  - Output file: ./hdbscan/hdbscan\_30\_None\_0/190509\_X\_r1\_hdbscan\_30\_None\_0.hdf5

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## Step 2. Process SABER diffraction limited image

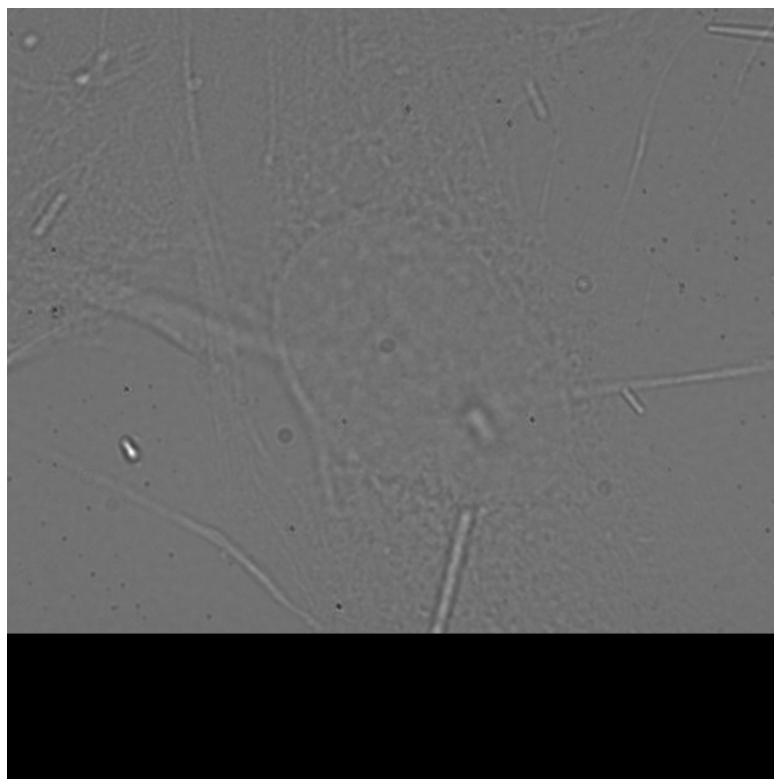
- Raw image file: ./diff/190509\_saber1\_r1.tif, 190509\_saber2\_r1.tif, 190509\_saber3\_r1.tif

- 5 channels: 488, 565, 647, DAPI, and bright field
  - Registration reference file: [190509\\_X\\_r1\\_021.nd2, Frame 1–100](#) (the first set of  $z = 0$  nm (glass surface) image)
1. Generate a reference image for registration
    - Open [./diff/190509\\_X\\_r1\\_021.nd2, Frame 1–100](#) with ImageJ/Fiji
    - Generate the average projection
    - Invert the intensity
    - Output file: [./diff/AVG\\_190509\\_X\\_r1\\_021.tif](#)



- - The black spots outside of the cell are fiducial gold nanoparticles
2. Register SABER images to localization data based on fiducial markers visible in the bright field images
    - Open [./diff/190509\\_saber1\\_r1, r2, r3.tif](#) and find the surface plane in the bright field channel





- - Find a few gold nanoparticles observed in both bright field and registration reference images
  - Register the SABER images based on fiducial markers manually or using Fiji Plugin
  - Generate max Z projections
  - Merge all SABER images into one single file: [./diff/190509\\_X\\_r1\\_saber.tif](#)
3. Generate a SABER binary mask file
- Crop [190509\\_X\\_r1\\_saber.tif](#) to align it to the localization file (256 x 256 px, origin = (220, 230))
  - Apply Fiji *Image>Adjust>Threshold>Yen*
  - Output file: [./diff/190509\\_X\\_r1\\_saber\\_mask.tif](#)

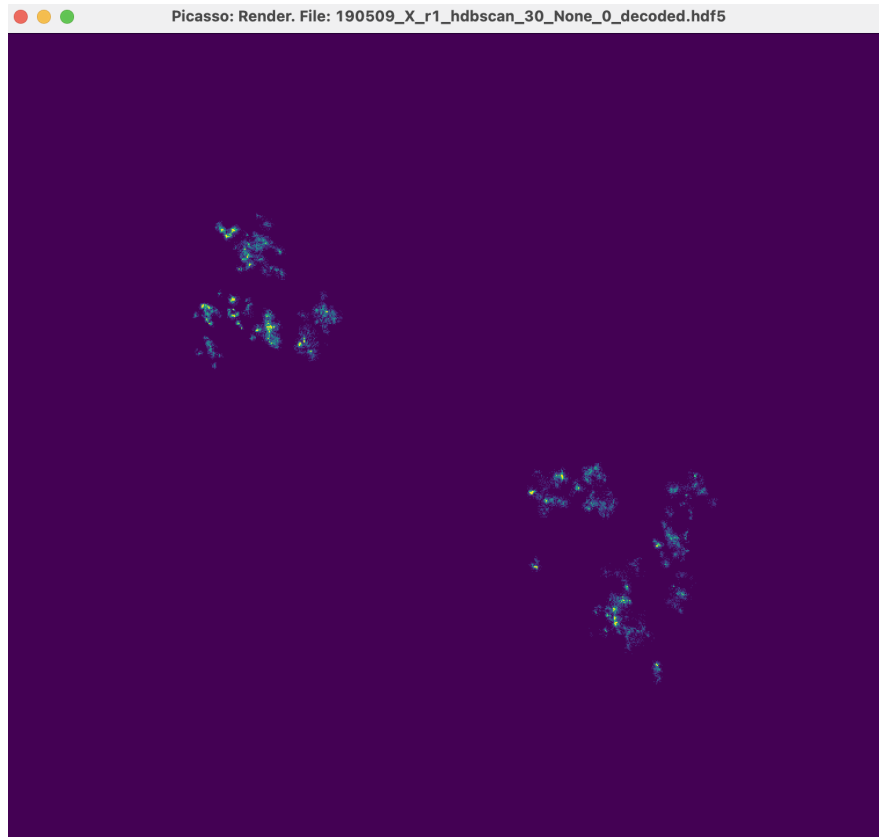
### **Step 3. Decode localizations**

1. Run **decode.py**
  - Input files:
    - Localization: [./hdbscan/hdbscan\\_30\\_None\\_0/190509\\_X\\_r1\\_hdbscan\\_30\\_None\\_0.hdf5](#)
    - SABER mask: [./diff/190509\\_X\\_r1\\_saber\\_mask.tif](#)

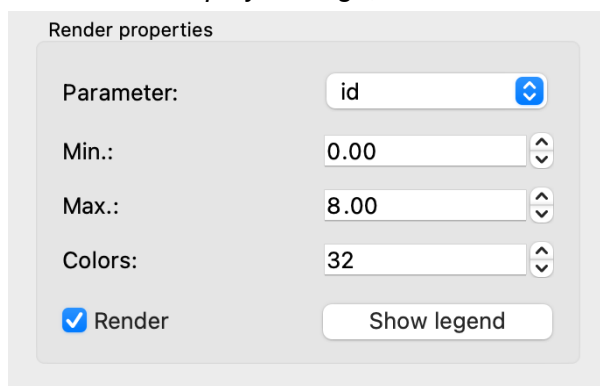
```
python decode.py -f
./sample_9col/hdbscan/hdbscan_30_None_0/190509_X_r1_hdbscan_30_None_0.hdf5 -m
./sample_9col/diff/190509_X_r1_saber_mask.tif
```

- Output file:  
./hdbscan/hdbscan\_30\_None\_0/decoded/190509\_X\_r1\_hdbscan\_30\_None\_0\_decoded.hdf5

## 2. Open the decoded file in Picasso Render



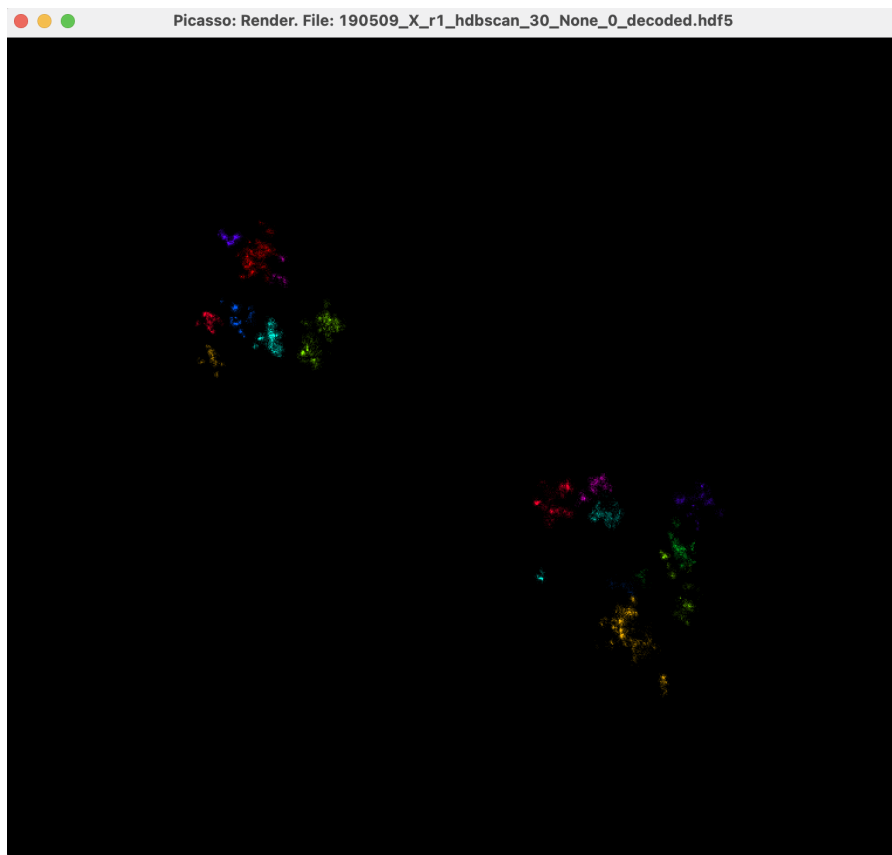
- 
- Go to *View>Display settings*, set Parameter to 'id', and check Render



The image shows a "Render properties" dialog box. It has a light gray background. Inside, there are several settings:

- Parameter:** A dropdown menu with "id" selected.
- Min.:** A text input field with "0.00" and up/down arrow buttons.
- Max.:** A text input field with "8.00" and up/down arrow buttons.
- Colors:** A text input field with "32" and up/down arrow buttons.
- Render:** A checkbox that is checked, with a blue checkmark.
- Show legend:** A button.

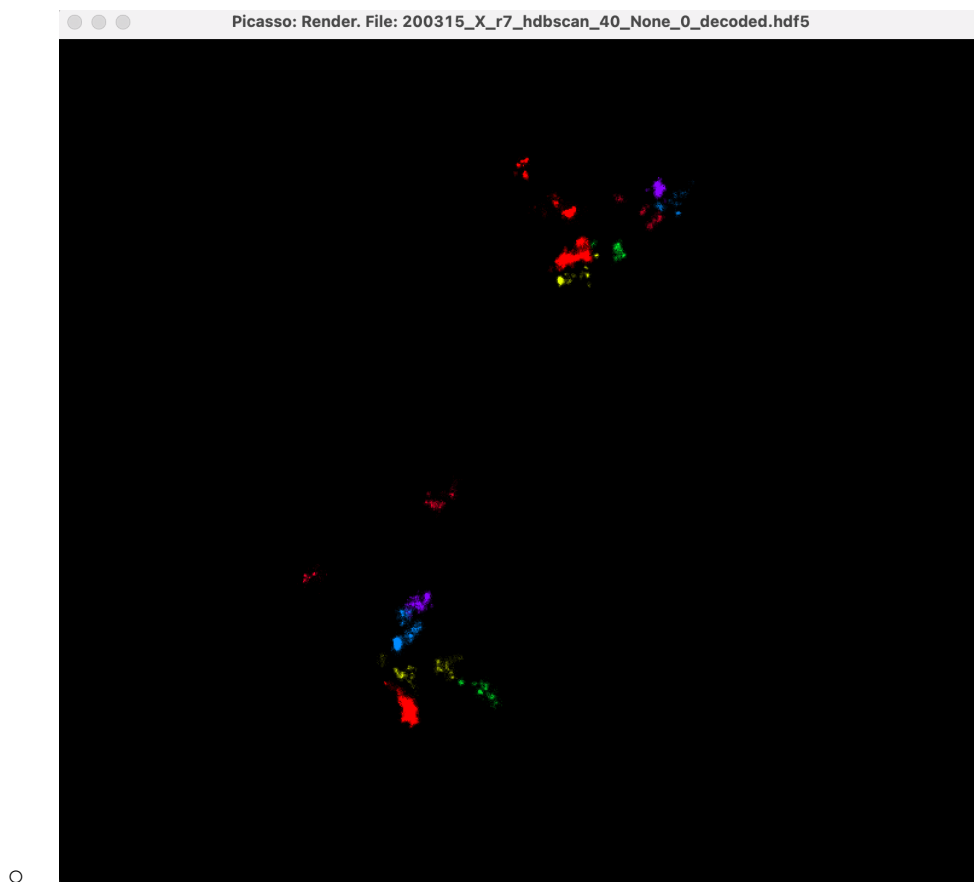
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## Sample 2: 6-color decoding (Fig. 2c)

### Steps 1–3: the same as Sample 1

- Input files for decode.py
  - Localization file: [200315\\_X\\_r7\\_linked\\_cropped.hdf5](#)
  - SABER binary mask: [200315\\_X\\_r7\\_saber.tif](#)
  - Z step size: 85 nm
- Output file
  - [./decoded/200315\\_X\\_r7\\_hdbscan\\_40\\_None\\_0\\_decoded.hdf5](#)



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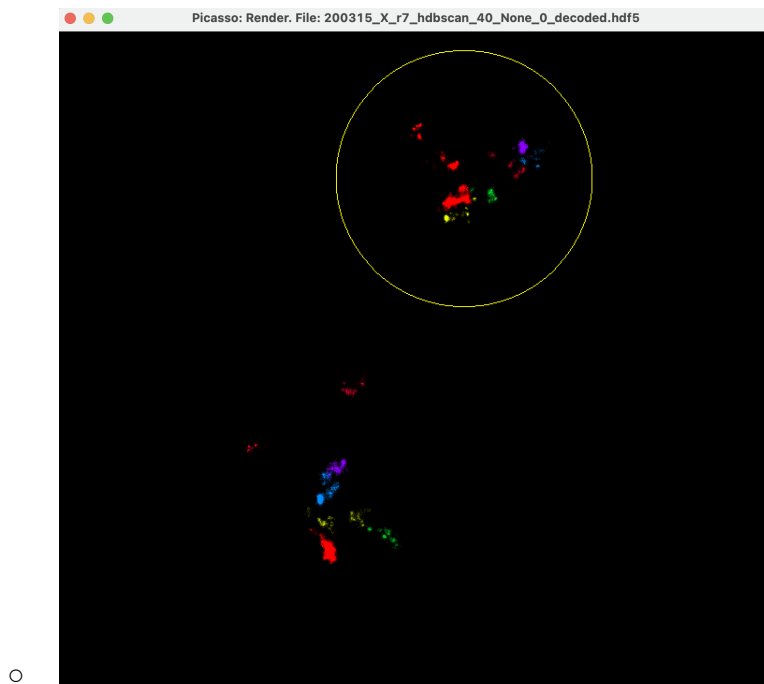
### Step 4. Separating active and inactive X chromosome data

- Open Xist RNA FISH image

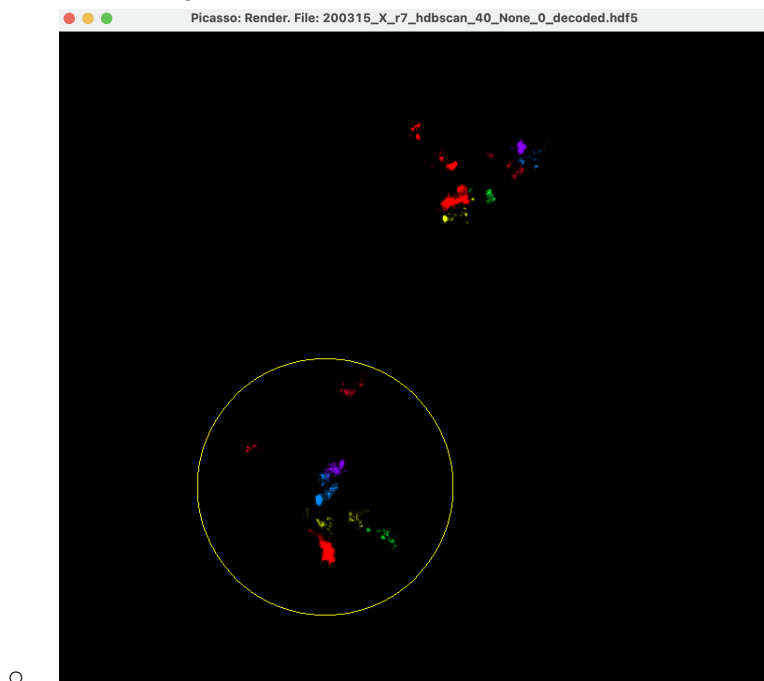
- [200315\\_X\\_r7\\_xist.tif](#)
- The image needs to be pre-registered as shown in **Sample 1 > Step 2**.



- Manually pick up localization clusters from the inactive X chromosome with Picasso *Tools>Pick*



- 
- Save picked localizations with Picasso *File>Saved picked localizations*
  - Saved file:
    - [200315\\_X\\_r7\\_hdbscan\\_40\\_None\\_0\\_decoded\\_xi.hdf5](#)
  - You need to put “**xi**” in the file name for inactive X data
- Do the same thing for the active X chromosome with Picasso *Tools>Pick*



- 
- Save picked localizations with Picasso *File>Saved picked localizations*
  - Saved file:

- 200315\_X\_r7\_hdbscan\_40\_None\_0\_decoded\_xa.hdf5

- You need to put “**xa**” in the file name for active X data
  - Put the files in a single folder
    - ./data
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### **Step 5. Analyze decode-PAINT data**

- Analyze geometric features of the decoded clusters with **analyze.py**

```
> python analyze.py -d ./data
```

- All files in the data folder are analyzed
- Output file: **analyzed\_50xy\_50z\_[timestamp].csv**
  - **file**: file name
  - **status**: active or inactive
  - **id**: spot id (0–5 for the sample data)
  - **total\_locs**: total number of localizations
  - **com\_x**: x coordinate of the center of mass of the cluster
  - **com\_y**: y coordinate of the center of mass of the cluster
  - **com\_z**: z coordinate of the center of mass of the cluster
  - **global\_com\_x**: x coordinate of the center of mass of all clusters found in the chromosome
  - **global\_com\_y**: y coordinate of the center of mass of all clusters found in the chromosome
  - **global\_com\_z**: z coordinate of the center of mass of all clusters found in the chromosome
  - **rel\_com\_x**: relative x coordinate of the center of mass of the cluster
  - **rel\_com\_y**: relative y coordinate of the center of mass of the cluster
  - **rel\_com\_z**: relative z coordinate of the center of mass of the cluster
  - **distance**: distance between the cluster i and i+1
  - **total\_vox**: total number of voxels with specified voxel size
  - **total\_surf\_vox**: total number of voxels located on the surface with specified voxel size
  - **vol\_vox**: volume of the cluster
  - **surf\_area**: surface area of the cluster
  - **rg**: Gyration radius
  - **s\_to\_v**: surface-to-volume ratio
  - **density**: localization density

- Perform voxel-based analysis with **voxelscan.py**

```
> python voxelscan.py -d ./sample2/data/
```

- With the default setting, only clusters with >500 localizations are analyzed as voxel scanning analysis doesn't work with clusters with few localizations
- Output file: [analyzed\\_co500\\_\[timestamp\].csv](#)
  - **file**: file name
  - **status**: active or inactive
  - **id**: spot id (0–5 for the sample data)
  - **total\_locs**: total number of localizations
  - **clusters**: number of clusters with the same id
  - **vox\_bins**: voxel scanning window
  - **total\_vol**: list of total volume with given voxel size
  - **total\_surf**: list of total surface area with given voxel size
  - **s\_to\_v**: list of surface-to-volume ratio with given voxel size
  - **core\_ratios**: list of “core voxel ratio” with given voxel size
  - **sigmoid\_params**: sigmoid fitting paramers,  $A$ ,  $B_0$ , and  $k$  (see Methods)