

# COMPUTER VISION IN CELL BIOLOGY

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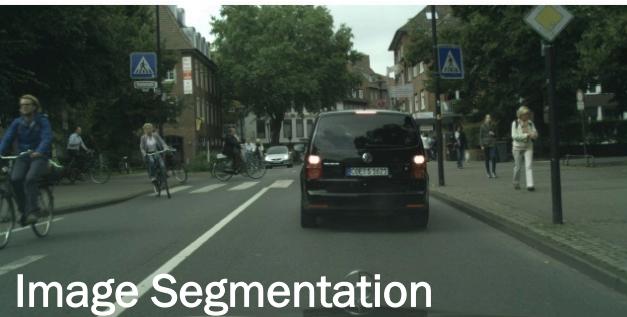


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  - **Goal of computer vision programs:** to replace the human observer in complex image analysis tasks
  - Earliest application of computer vision program: karyotyping (Gilbert, 1966; Castleman et. al., 1976)

# Contributions of Computer Vision Programs in Imaged-Based Cell Biology

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# Compliance

- Audit
- Export  
Regulations



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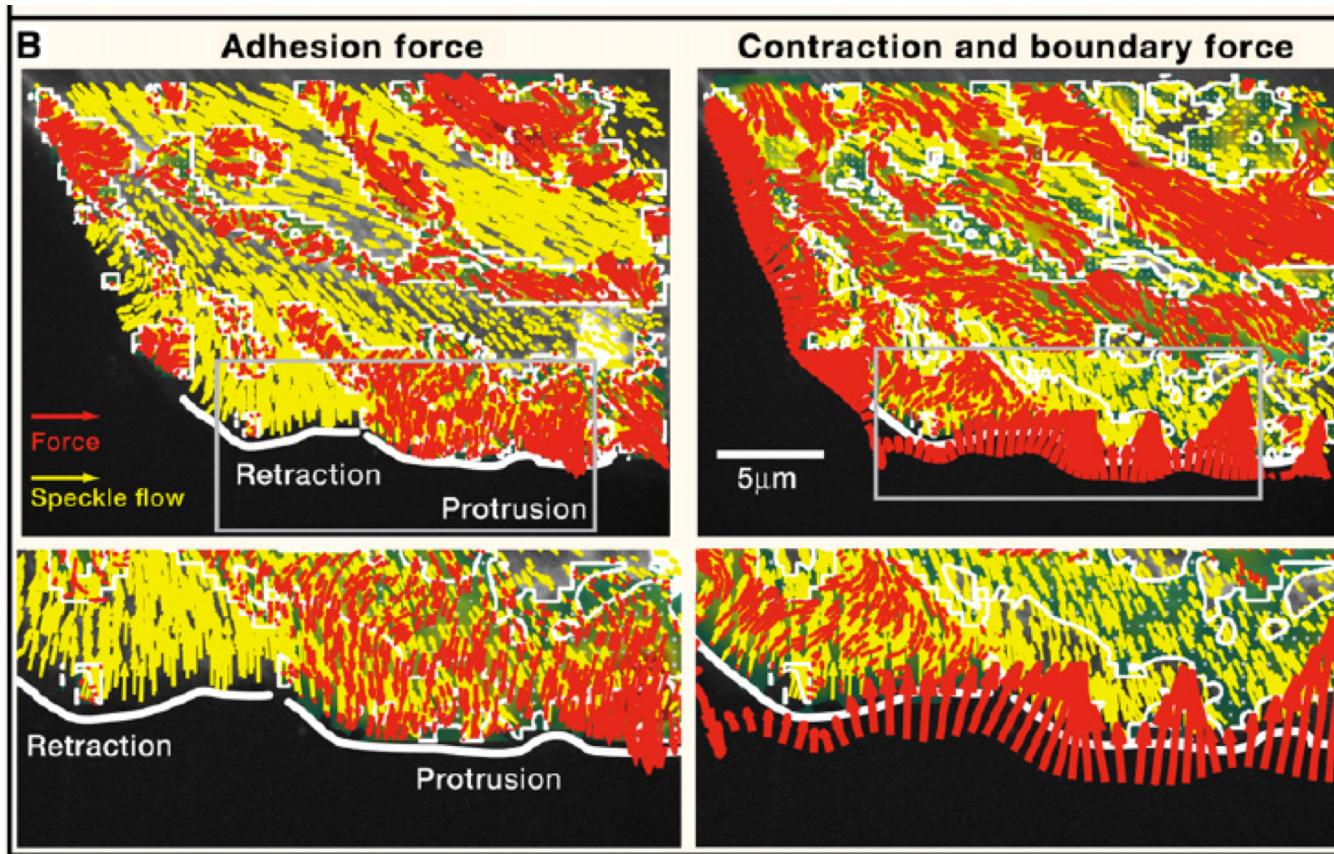
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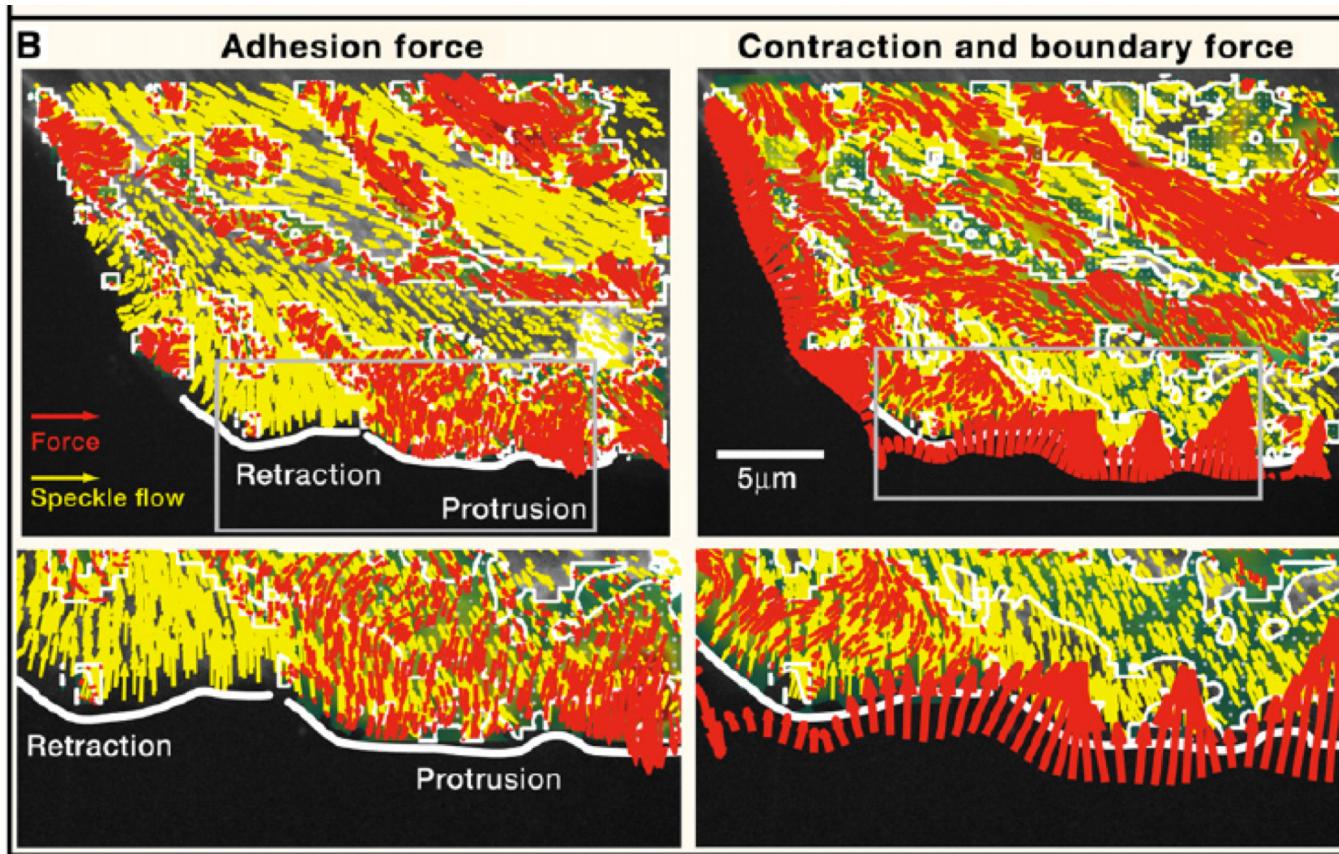
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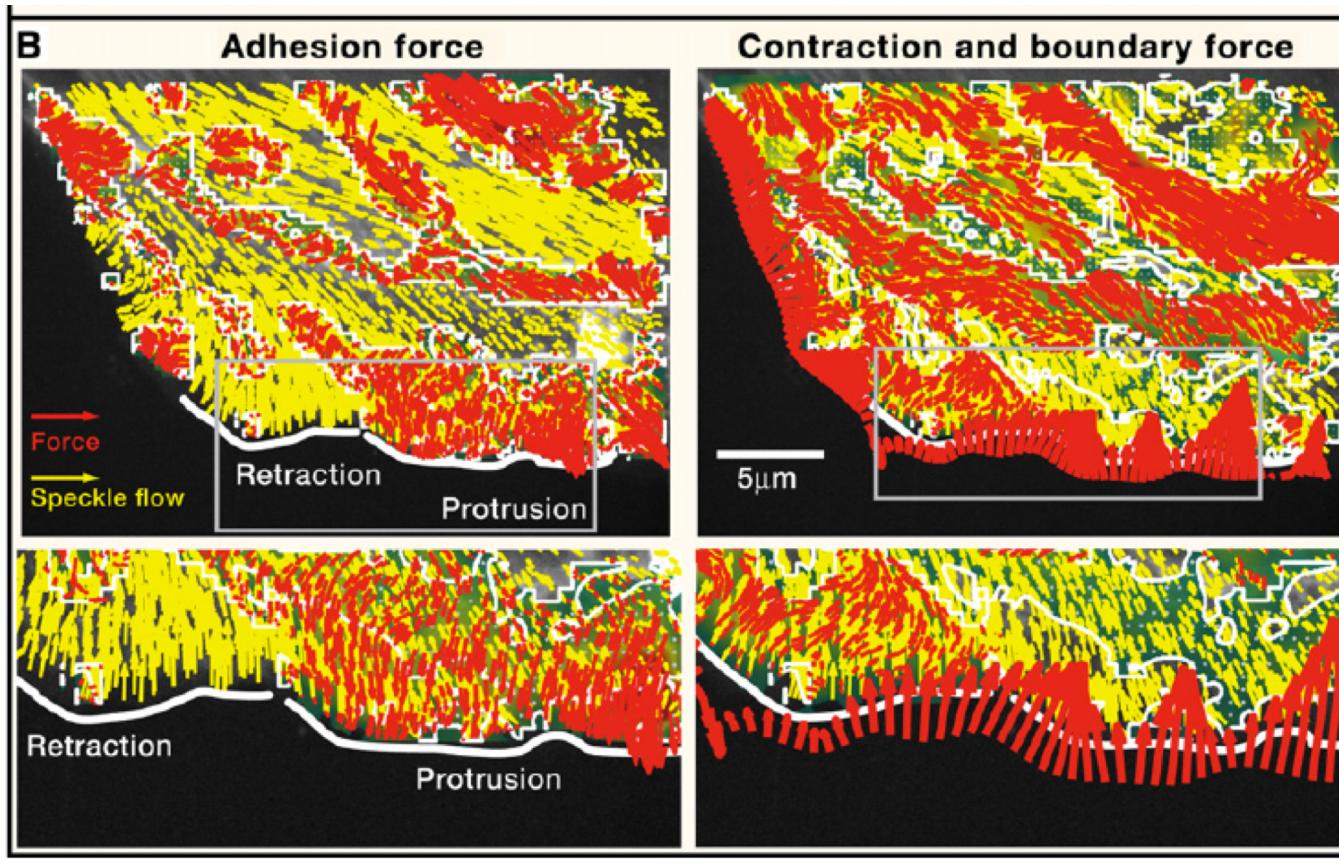
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- Limitations of the human observer: subjectivity
- Computer vision systems found to outperform humans in 1.) pattern recognition (Murphy et. al. 2003) and 2.) particle tracking (Reid, 1979)
- When decision requires large, integrated analysis, computer vision is superior

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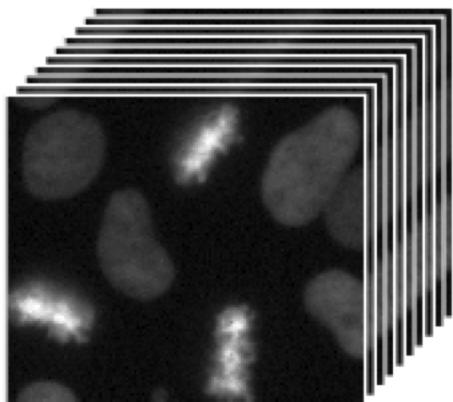
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  - Most common use of machine learning in image analysis: image classification

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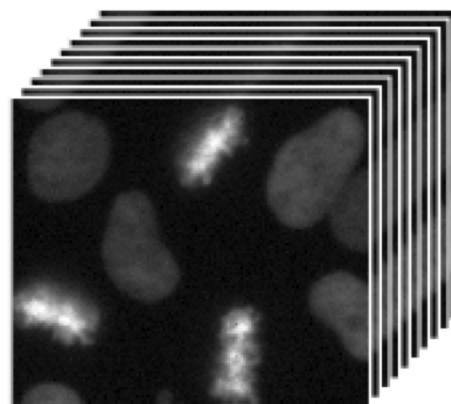
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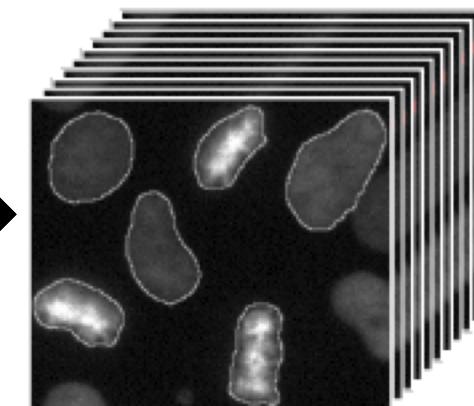
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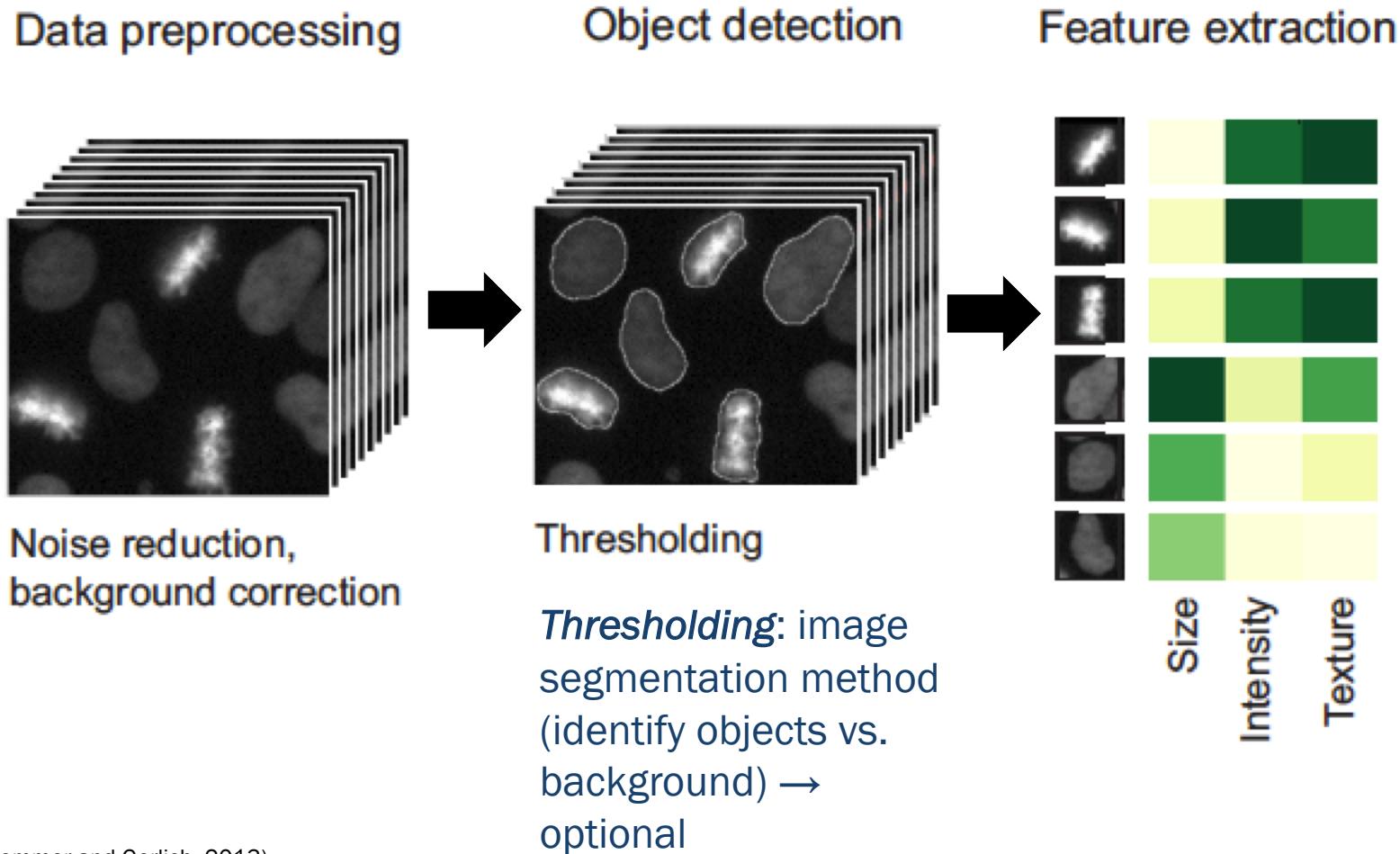
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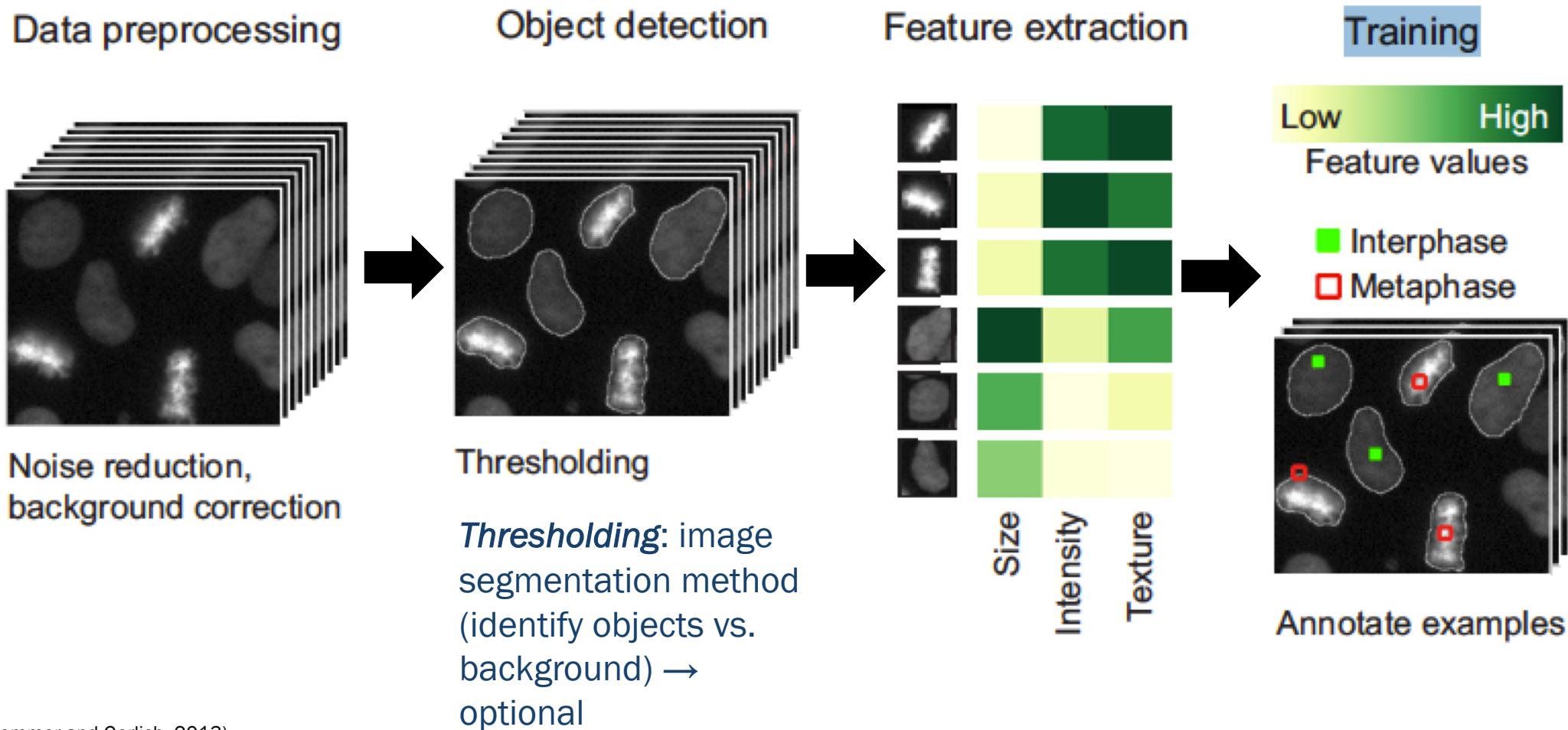
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*Thresholding*: image segmentation method  
(identify objects vs.  
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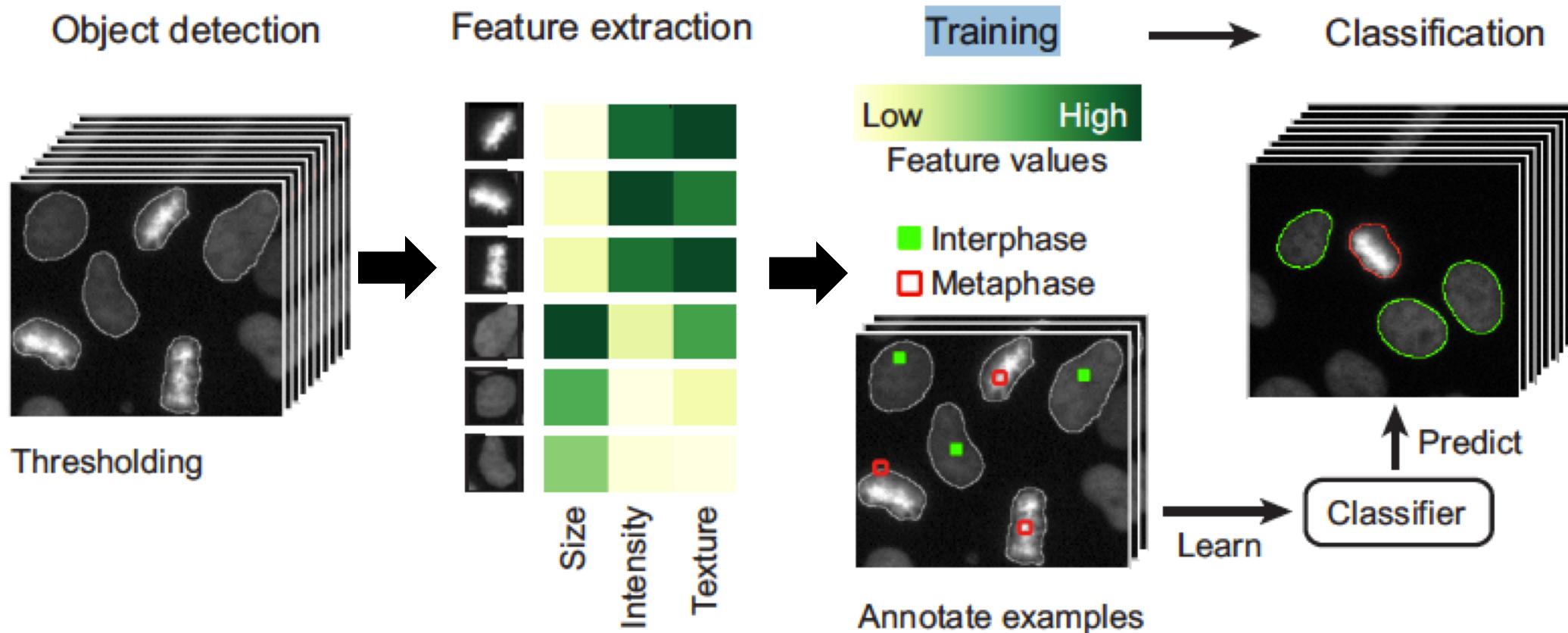
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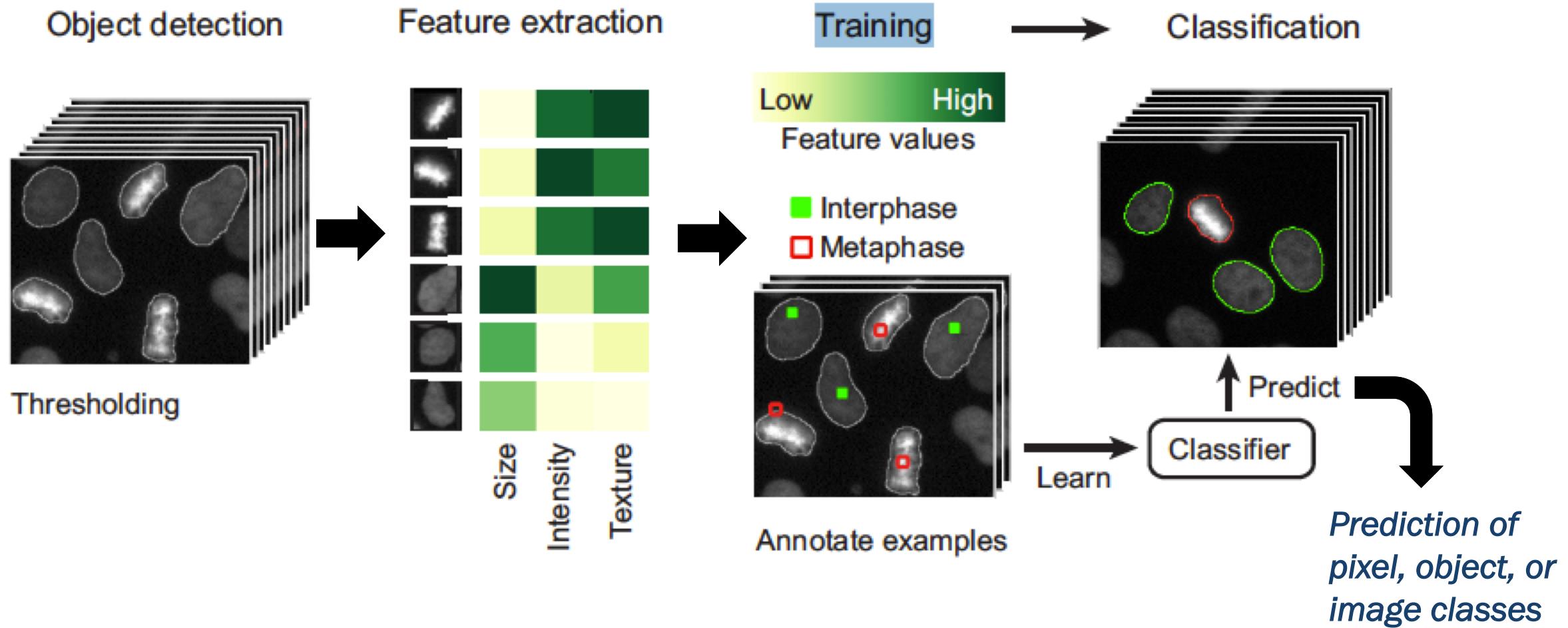
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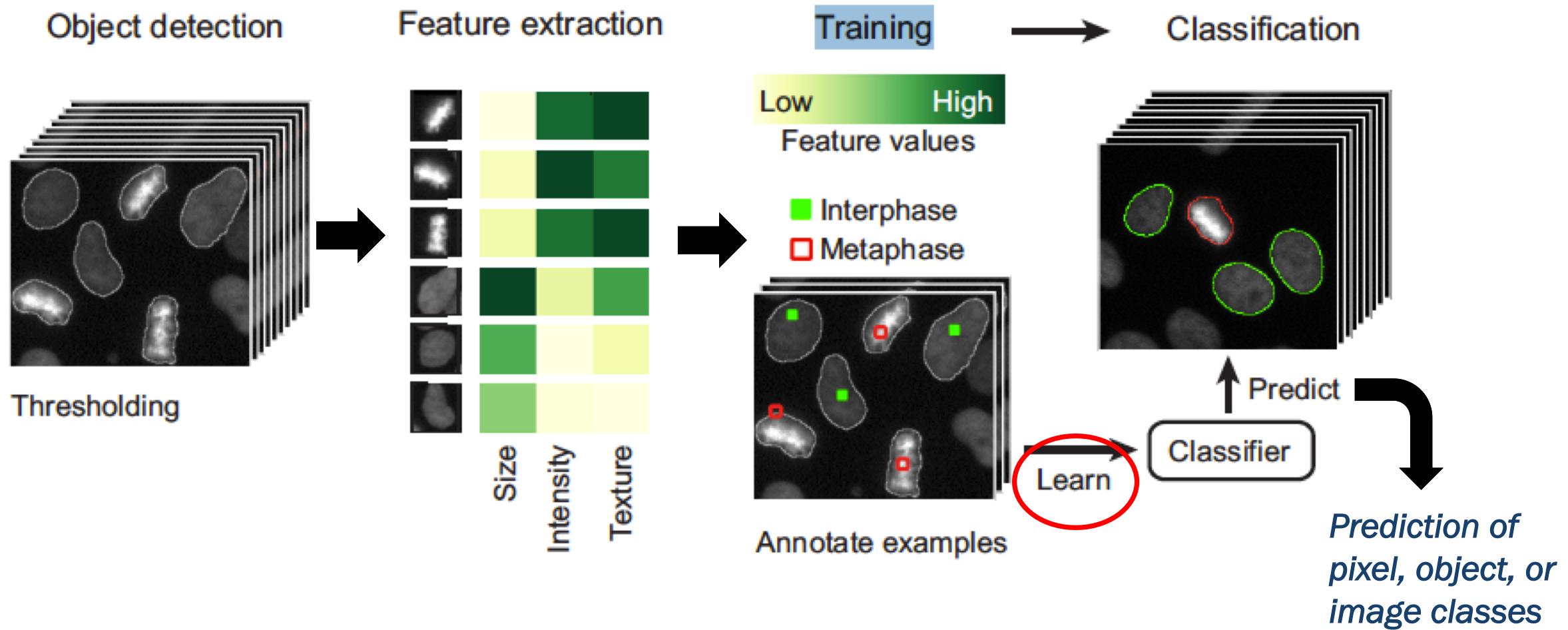
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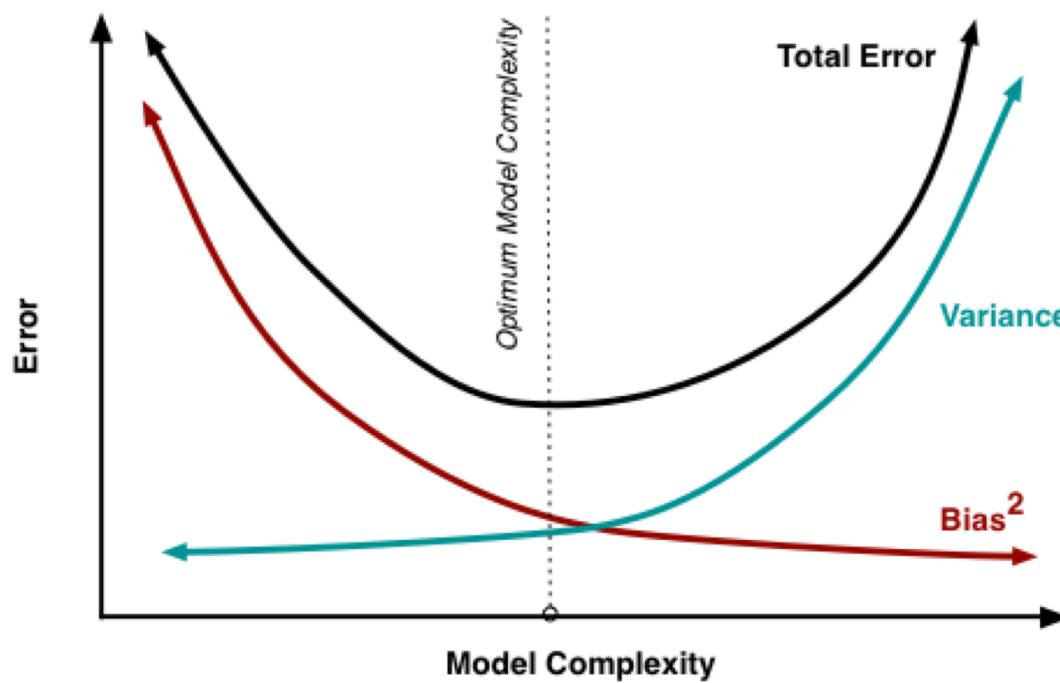
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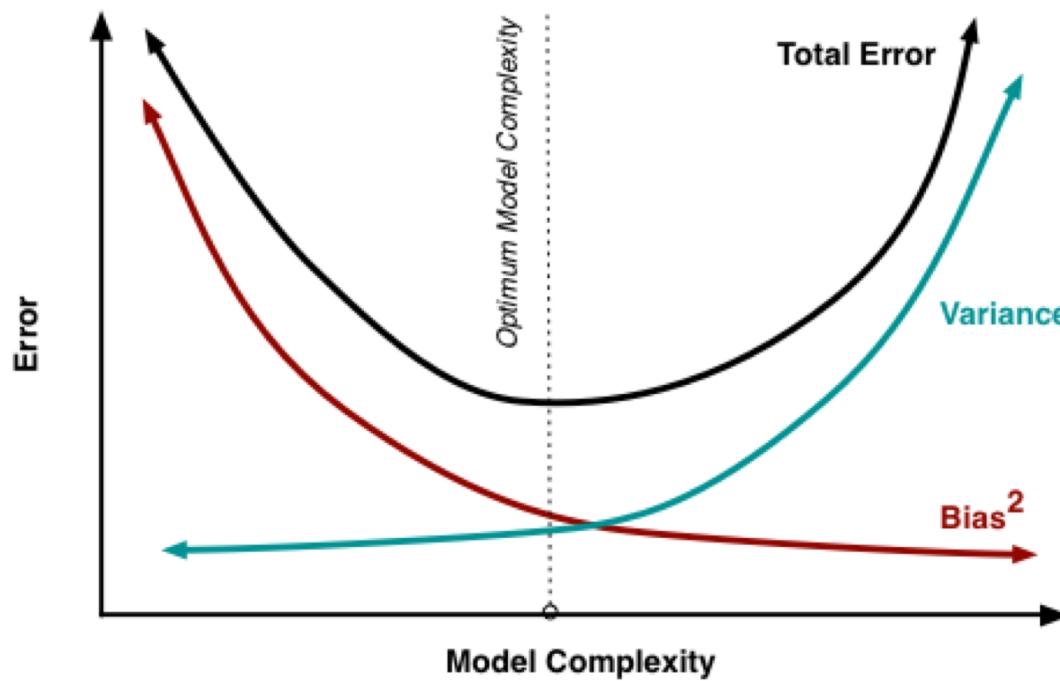
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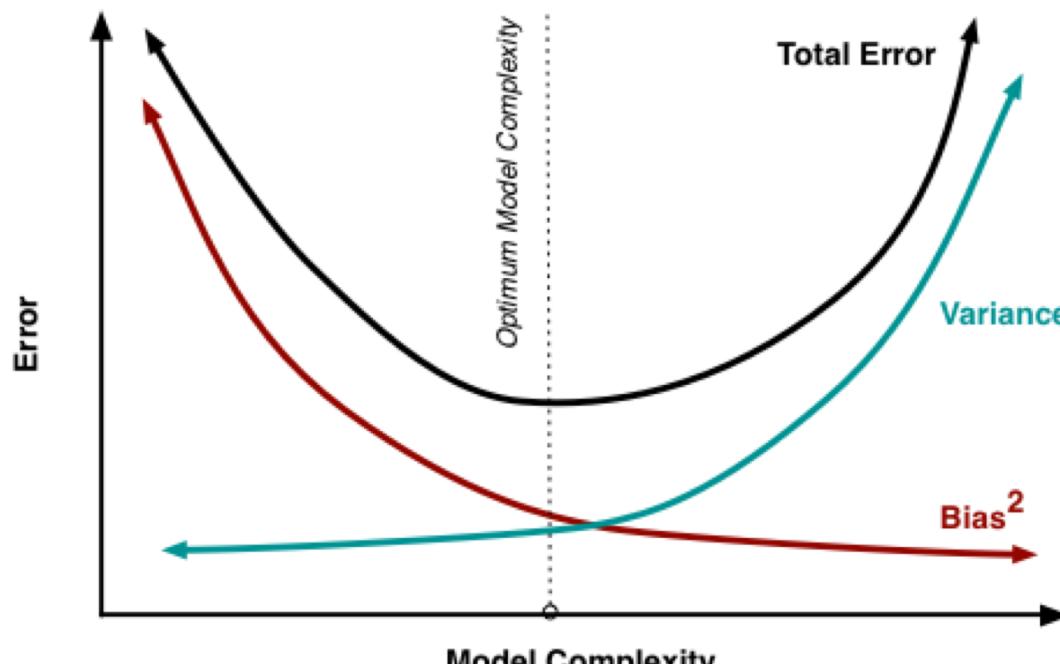
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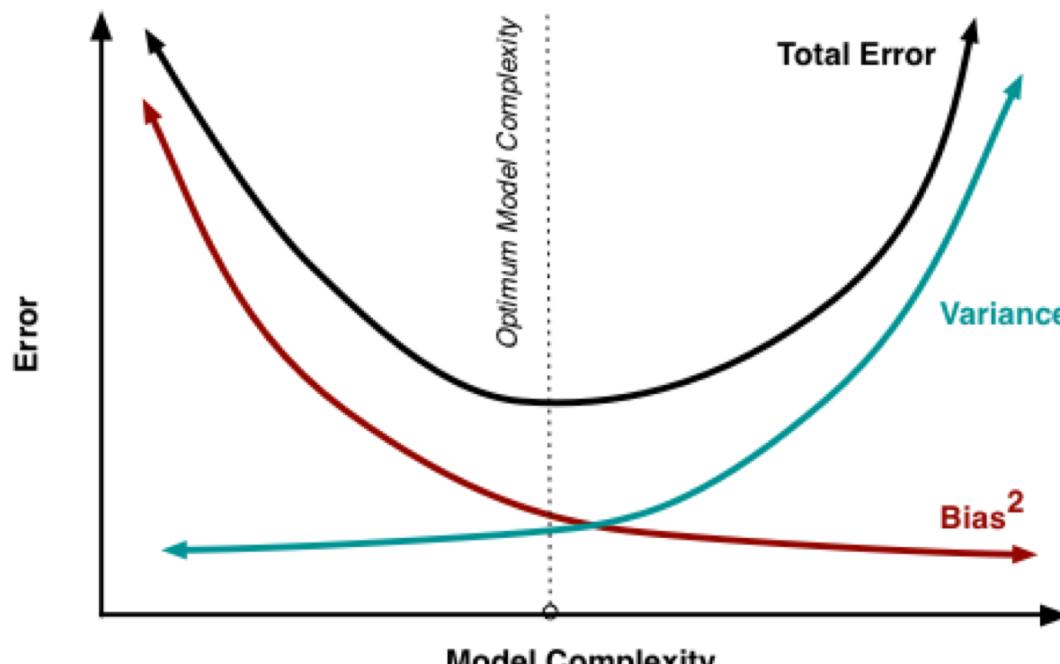
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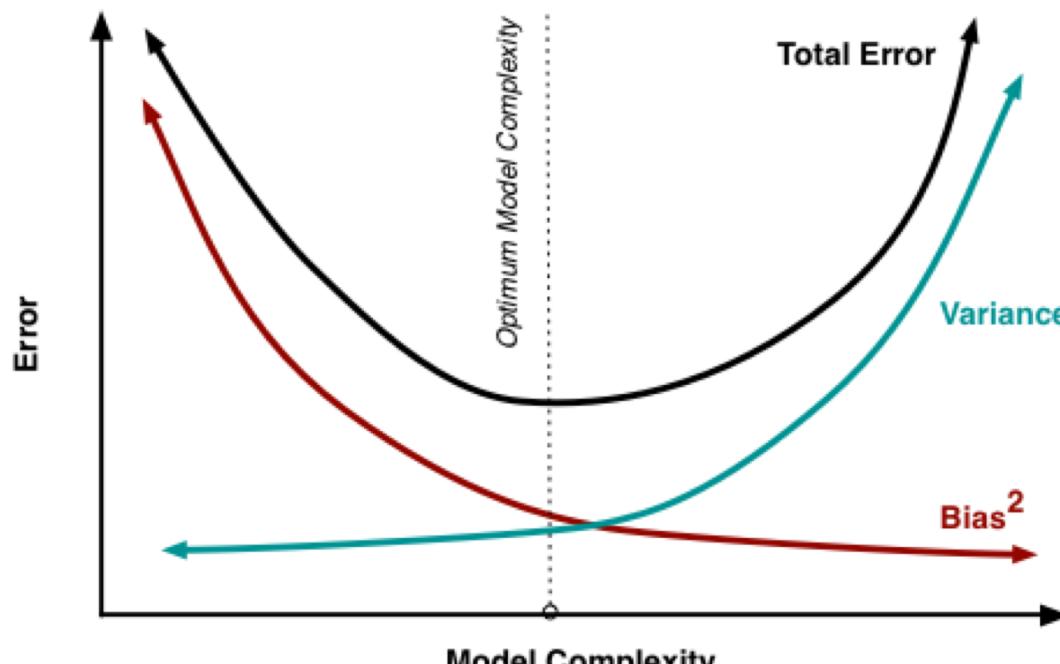
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  - Gaussian mixture modeling → extends k-means clustering to account for more complex distributions of the data
  - Hierarchical clustering → based solely on the distance between data points
  - Dimensionality reduction → PCA, ICA, MDS, feature selection