

3D visualization and processing with Napari

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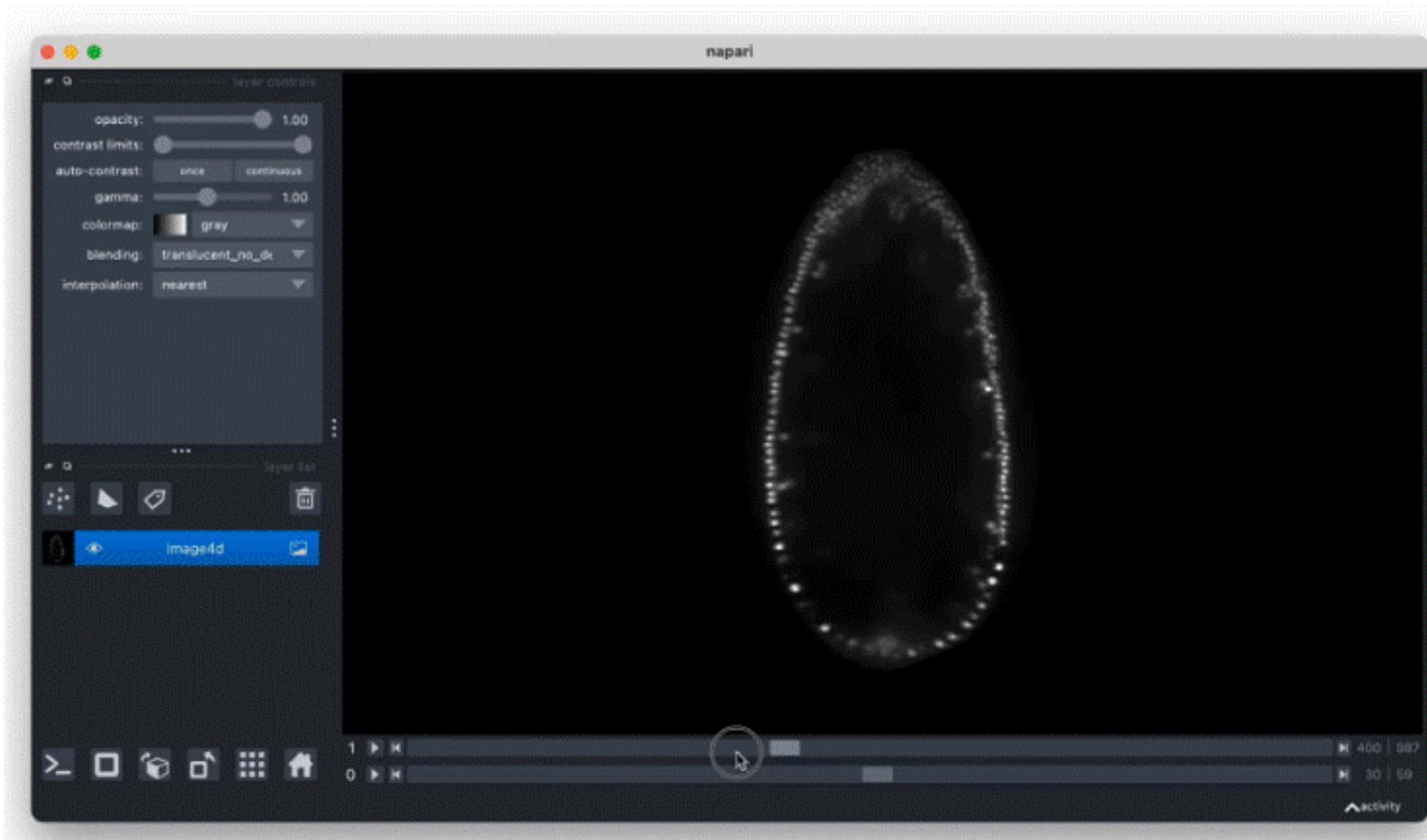
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napari: a fast, interactive viewer for multi-dimensional images in Python





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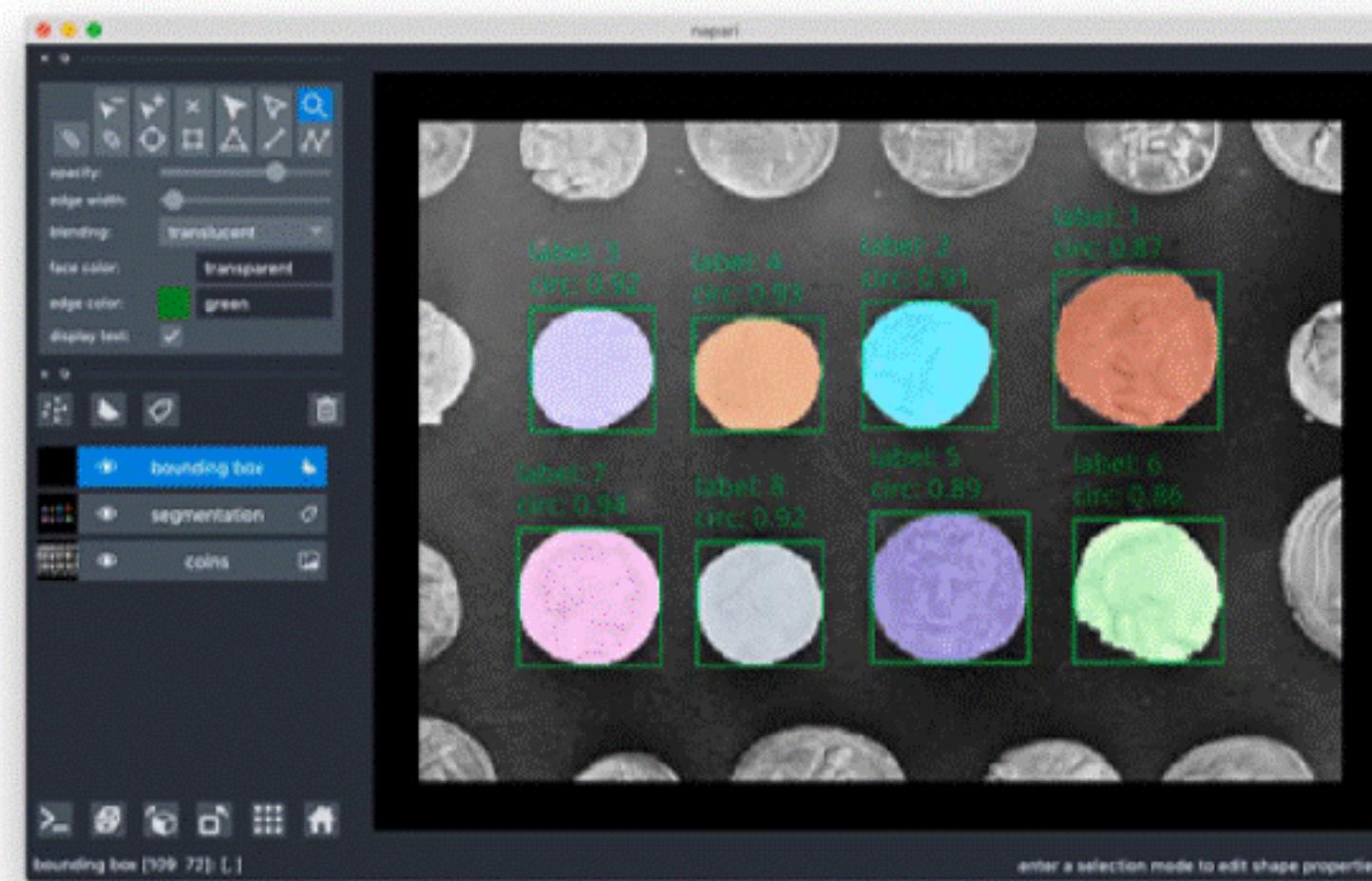
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Annotating segmentation with text and bounding boxes

In this tutorial, we will use napari to view and annotate a segmentation with bounding boxes and text labels. Here we perform a segmentation by setting an intensity threshold with Otsu's method, but this same approach could also be used to visualize the results of other image processing algorithms such as [object detection with neural networks](#).



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Segmentation

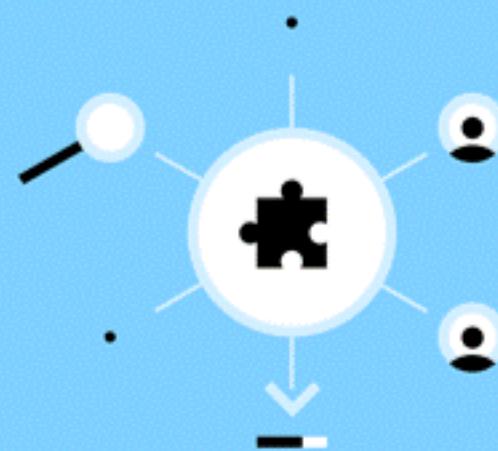
Analyzing the segmentation

Visualizing the segmentation results

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Summary

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

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Search for a plugin by keyword or author

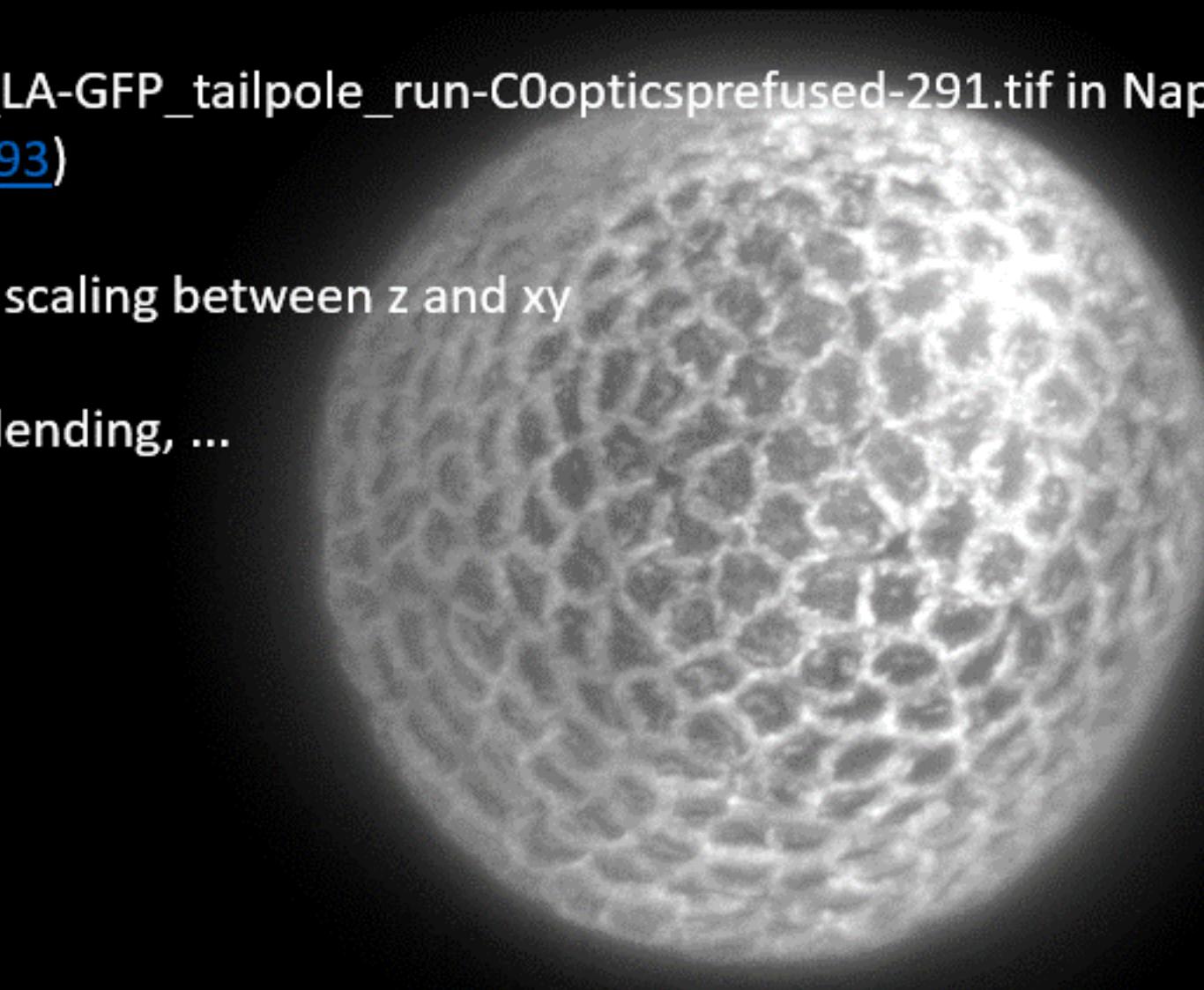


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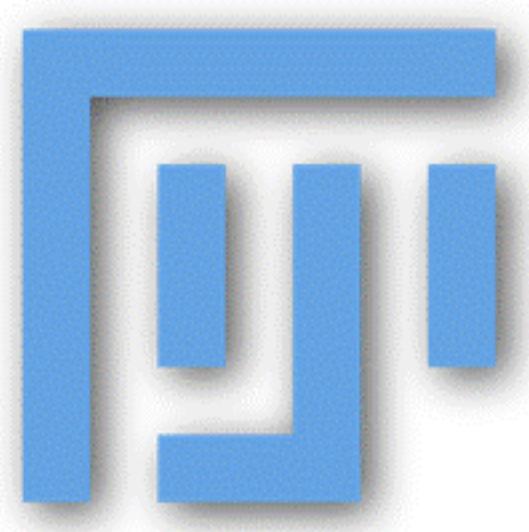
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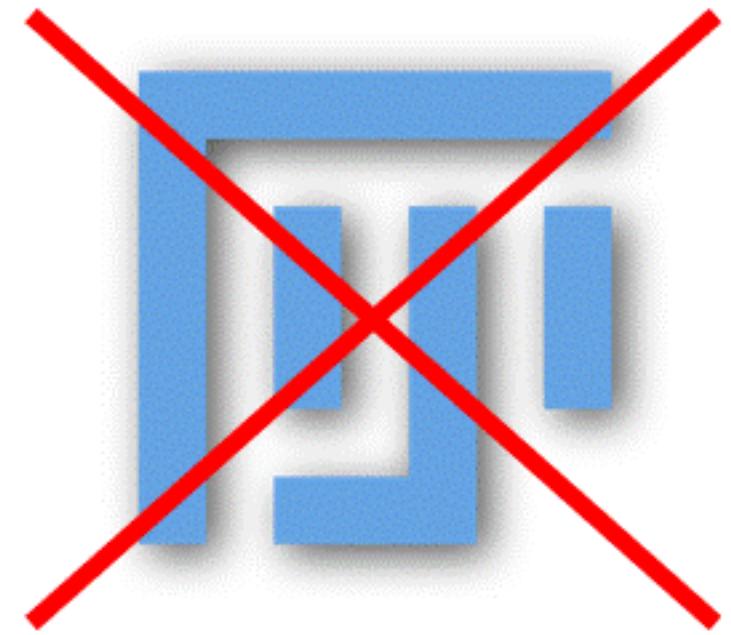
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- Drag and drop Strausberg_Tribolium_LA-GFP_tailpole_run-C0opticsprefused-291.tif in Napari (available at <https://zenodo.org/records/3981193>)
- Visualize image in 2D and 3D, change scaling between z and xy
- Change contrast, change colormap, blending, ...
- Add Points layer
- Add shape layer
- Add a label layer, annotate 2 cells



Visualization

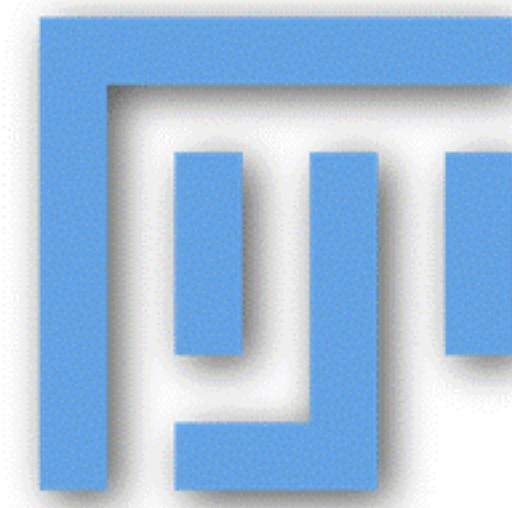


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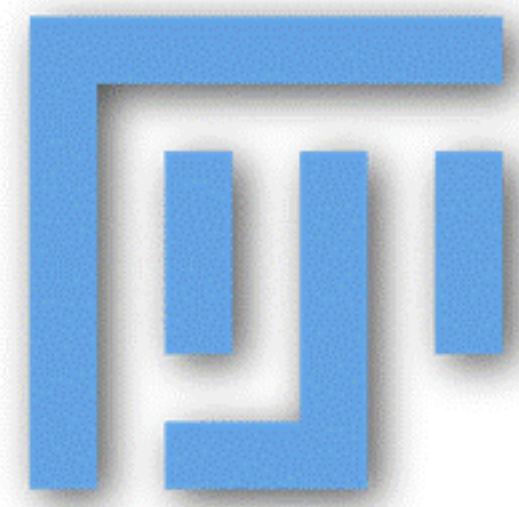
- The **whole image** is loaded into the computer's **RAM** memory when opened with Fiji
- Stacks acquired with **lightsheet** microscopes = tens of GB

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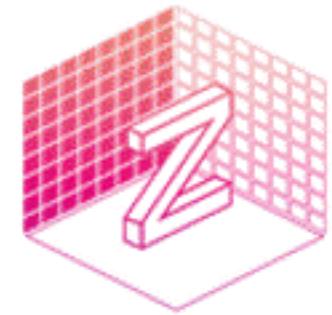


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- Save and visualize it with BigDataViewer

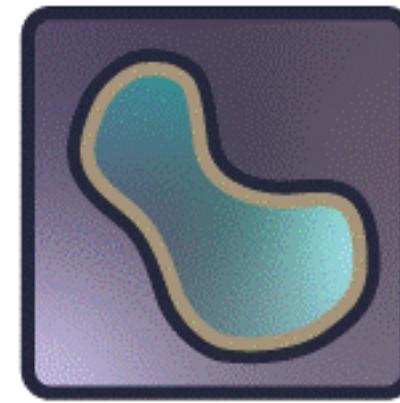
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Zarr



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- Zarr format **splits data into chunks** so only **one or several chunks** are loaded **at once** into the computer's **RAM** memory
- **Napari**, a Python visualizer, allows to **visualize zarr data**

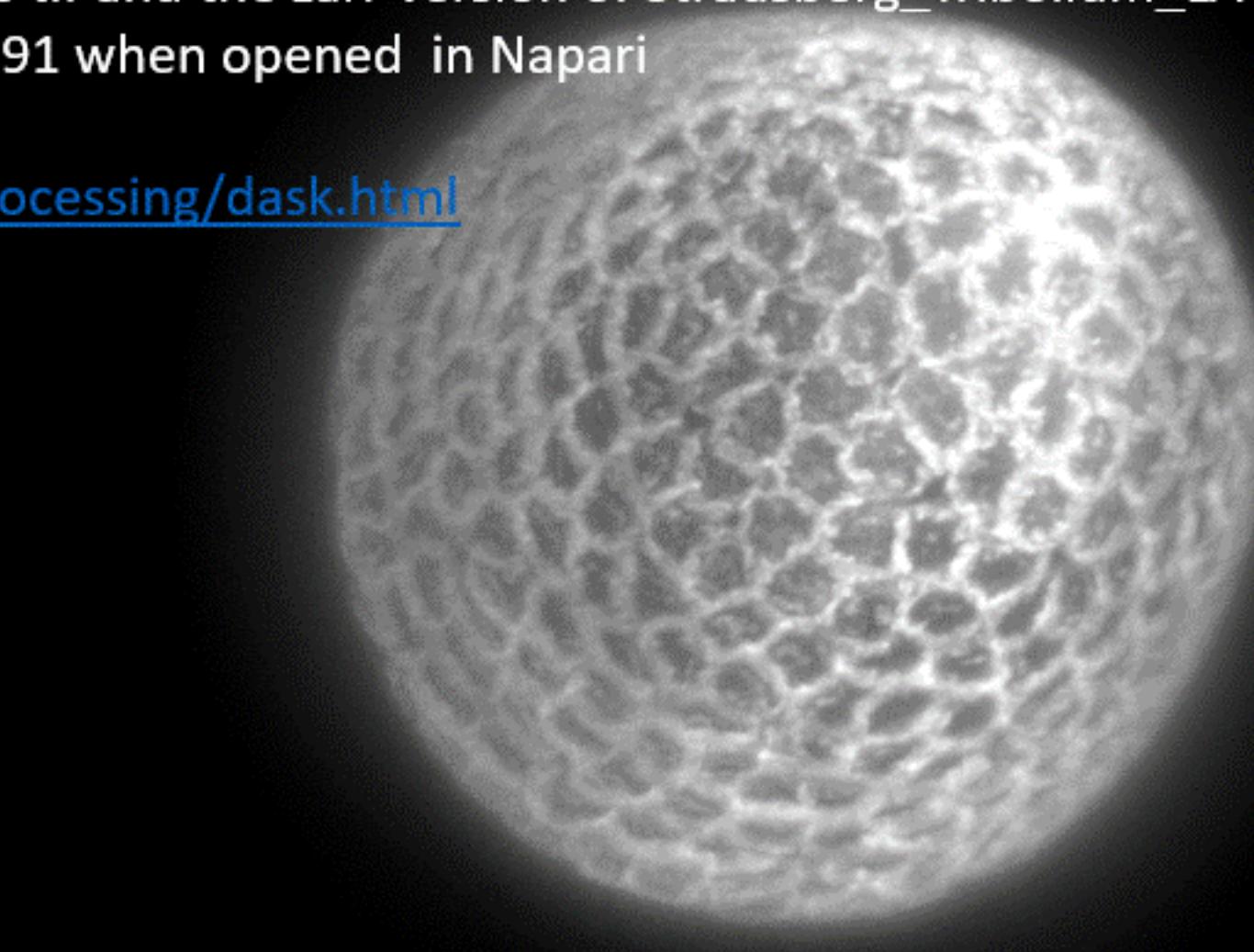
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`Strausberg_Tribolium_LA-GFP_tailpole_run-COpticsprefused-291.zarr` // convert to zarr
- `pip install napari-ome-zarr` // install Napari plugin to open zarr images

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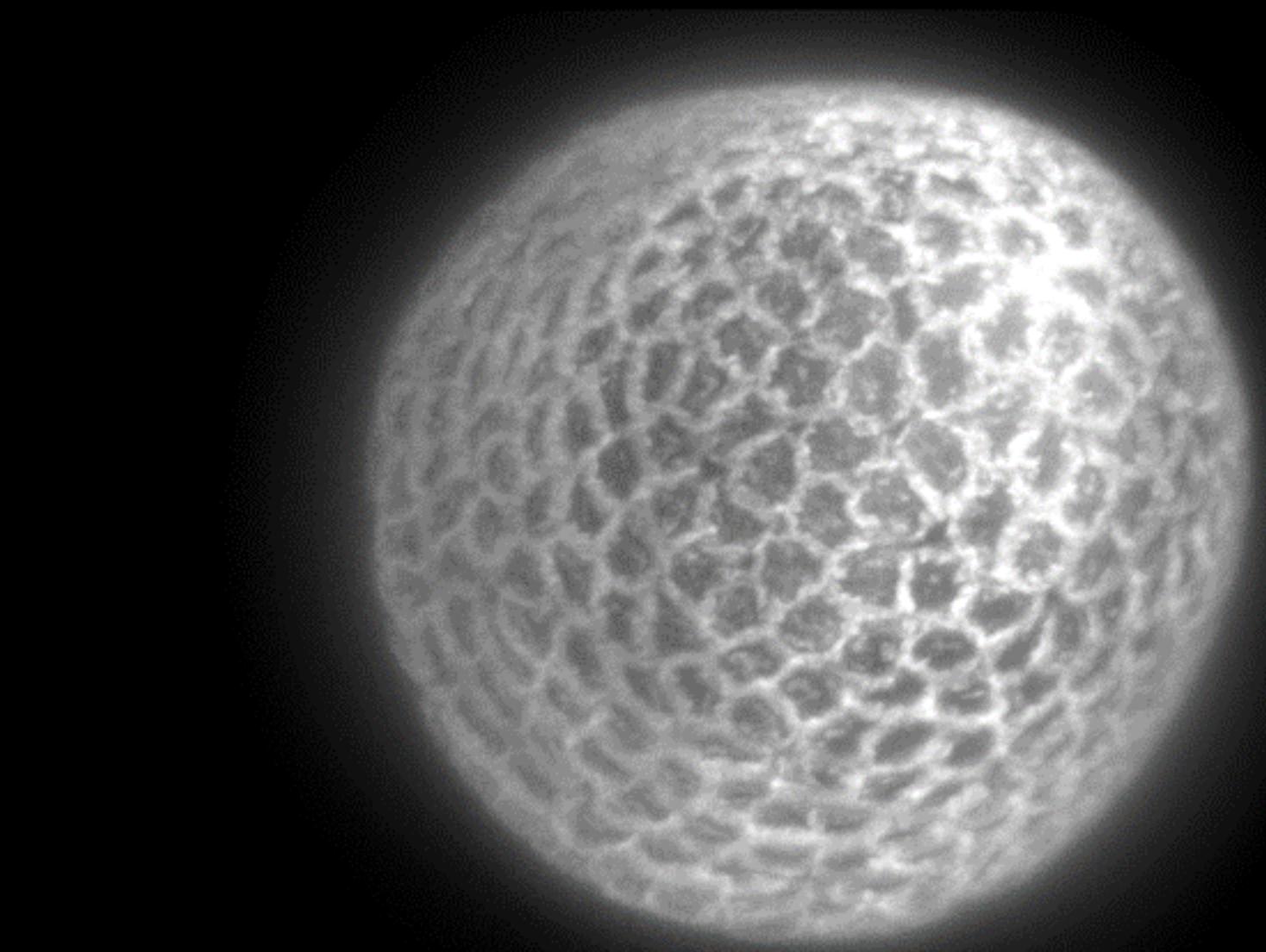
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- Compare the RAM usage between the tif and the zarr version of `Strausberg_Tribolium_LA-GFP_tailpole_run-C0opticsprefused-291` when opened in Napari
- <https://napari.org/stable/tutorials/processing/dask.html>



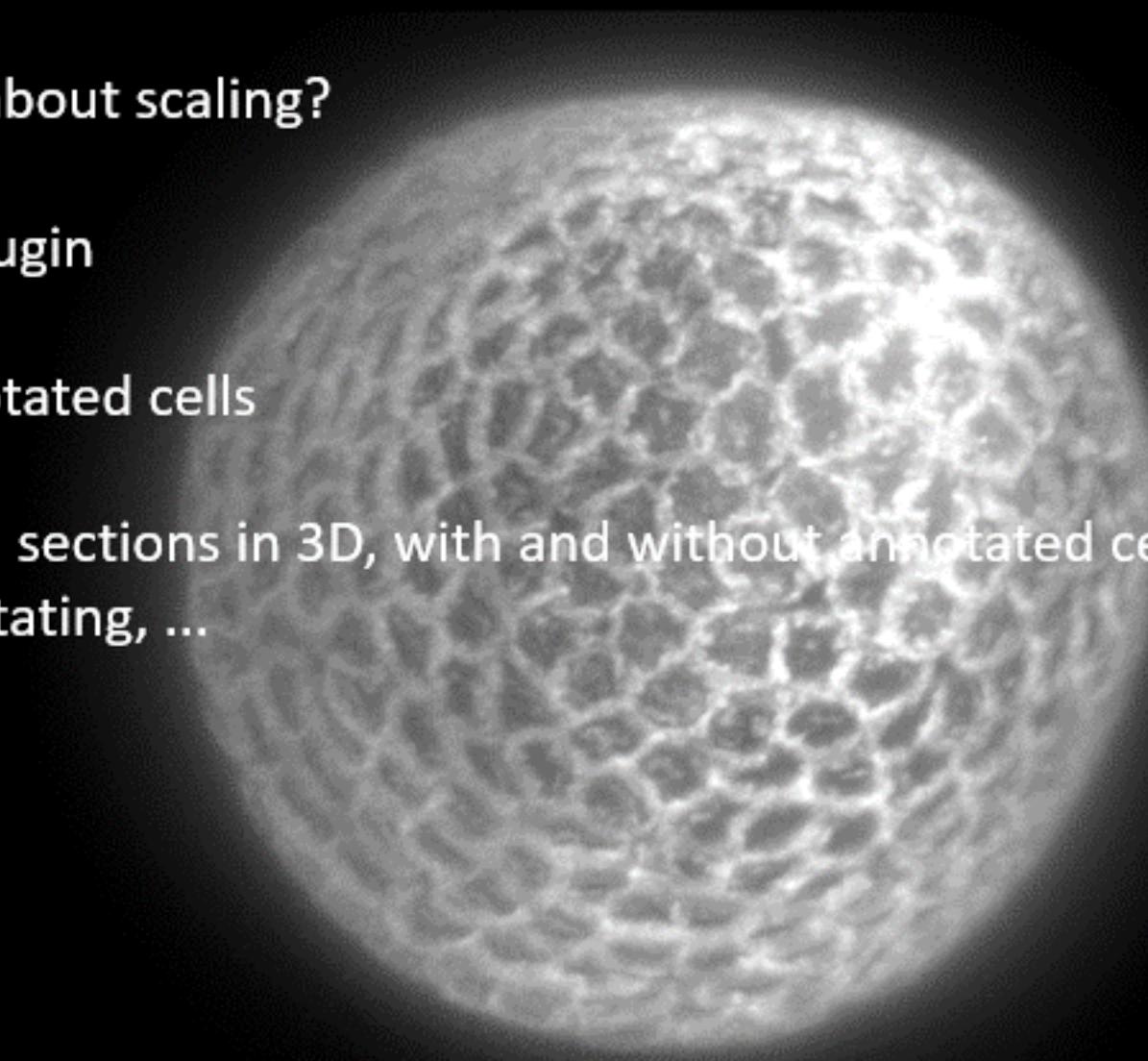
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- Visualize image reconstruction in 3D, what about scaling?
- Annotate cells with the label interpolator plugin
- Extract measurements associated with annotated cells
- Create an animation with sections in 2D and sections in 3D, with and without annotated cells, with and without image, zooming in, zooming out, rotating, ...



Cell Detection with Star-convex Polygons

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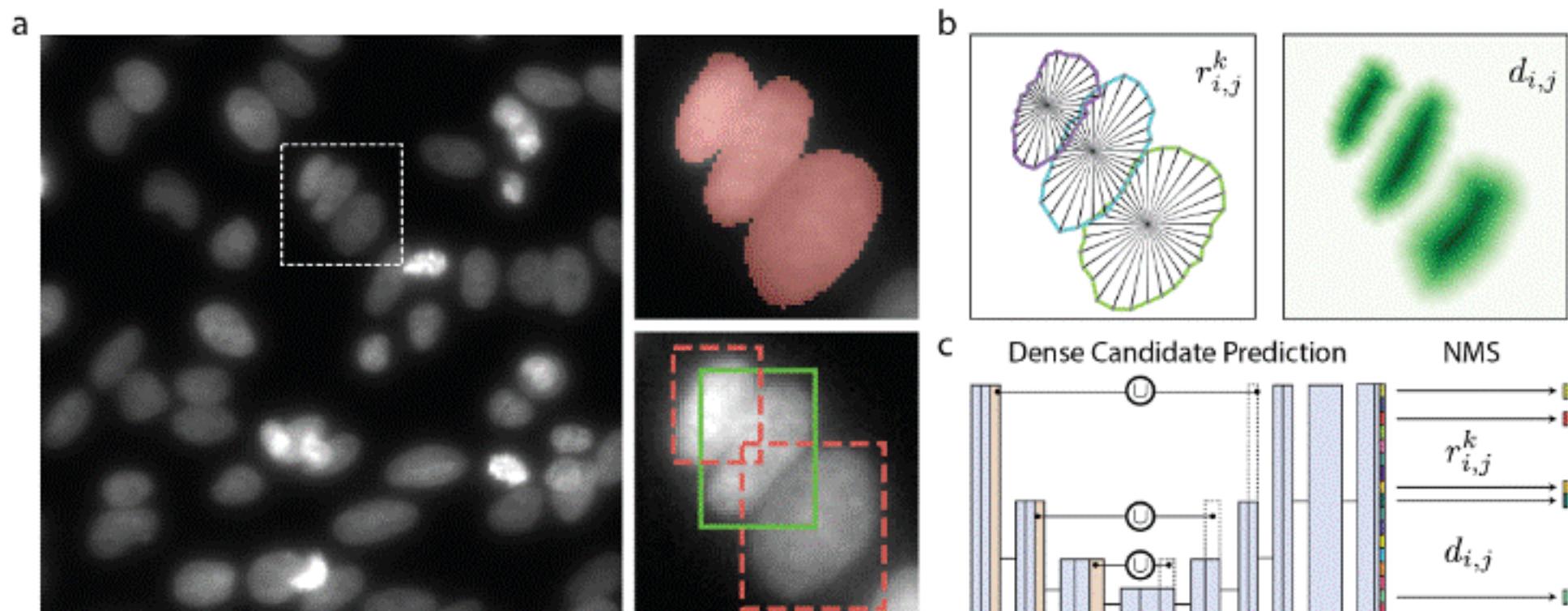


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For the workshop, a Stardist model was trained with data coming from 3 articles:

- **Whole-cell segmentation of tissue images with human-level performance using large-scale data annotation and deep learning.** *Nature Biotechnology* (2022).
- **A deep learning segmentation strategy that minimizes the amount of manually annotated images.** *F1000 Research* (2022).
- **Deep learning tools and modeling to estimate the temporal expression of cell cycle proteins from 2D still images.** *PLOS Computational Biology* (2022).

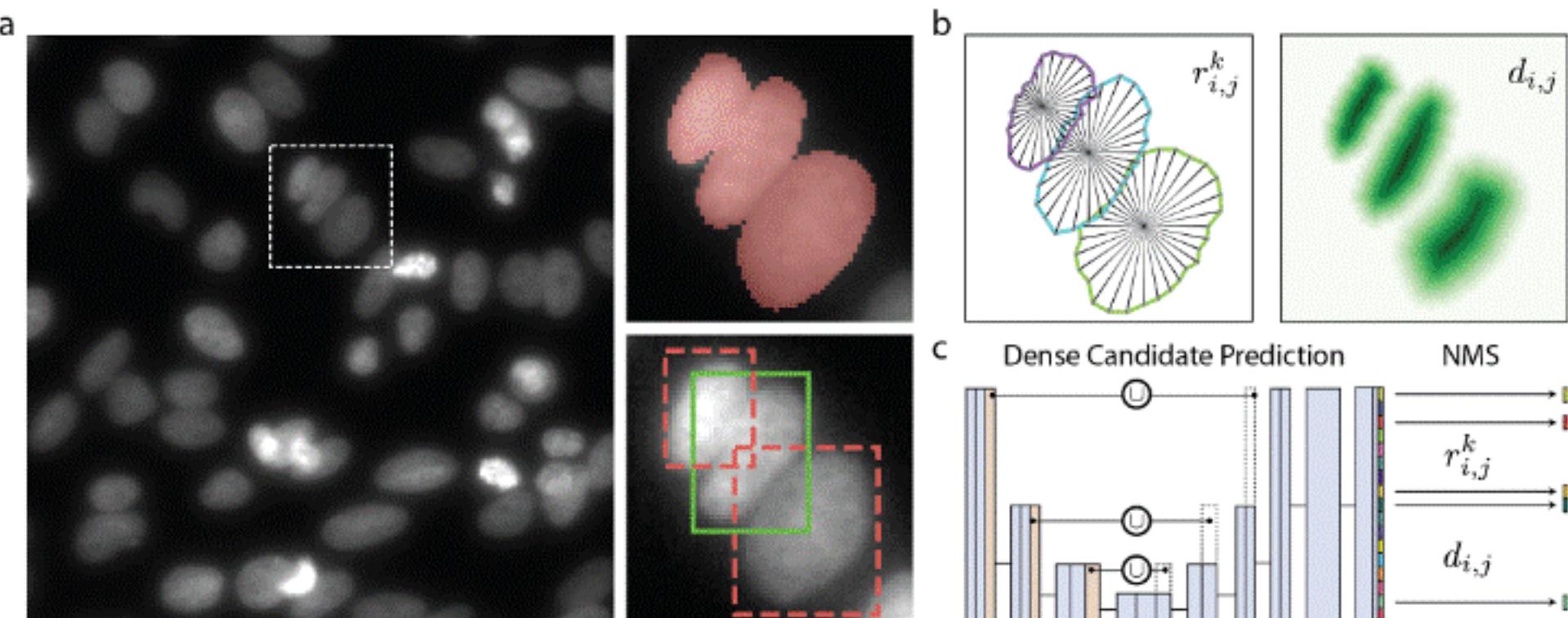
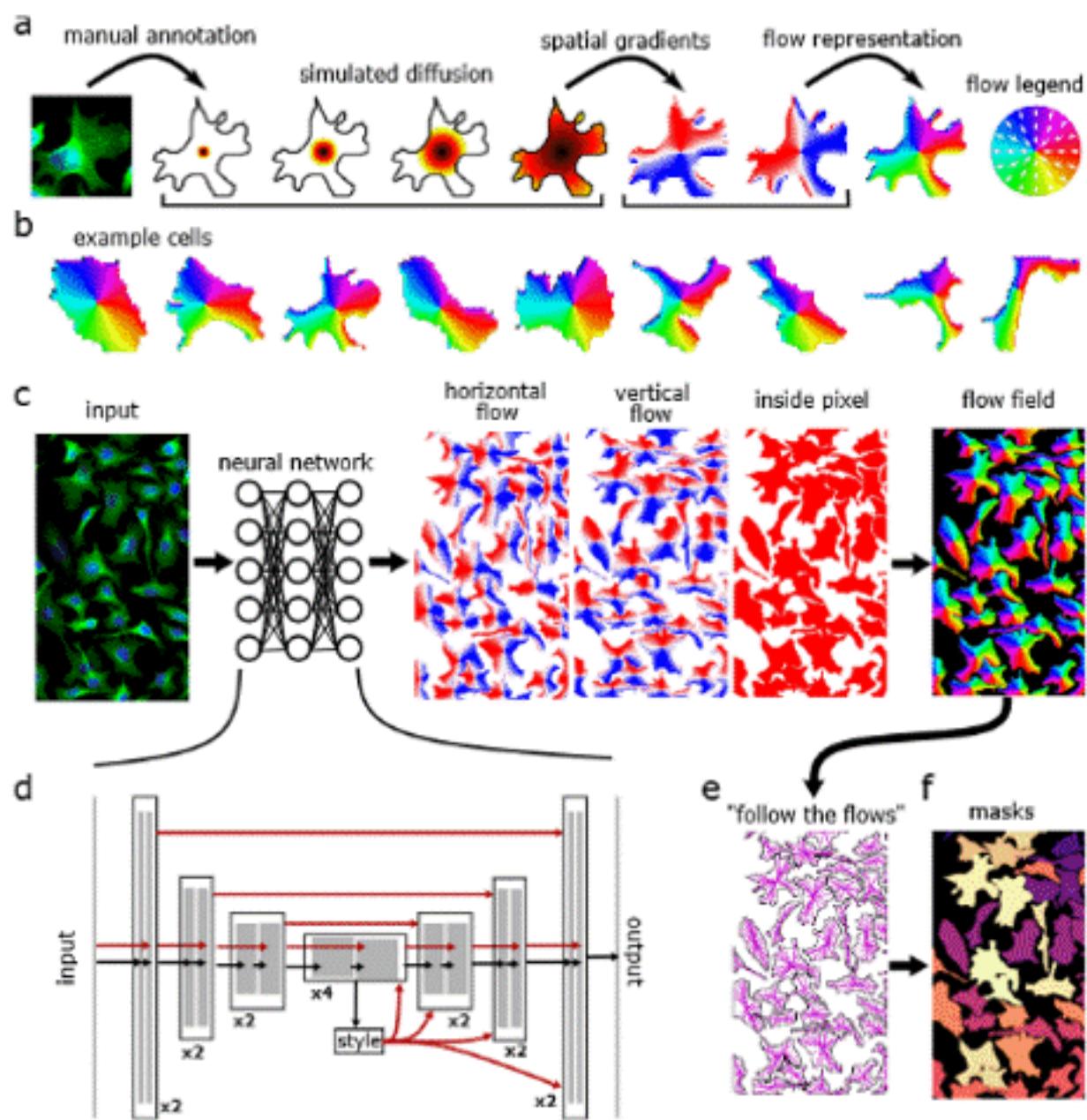
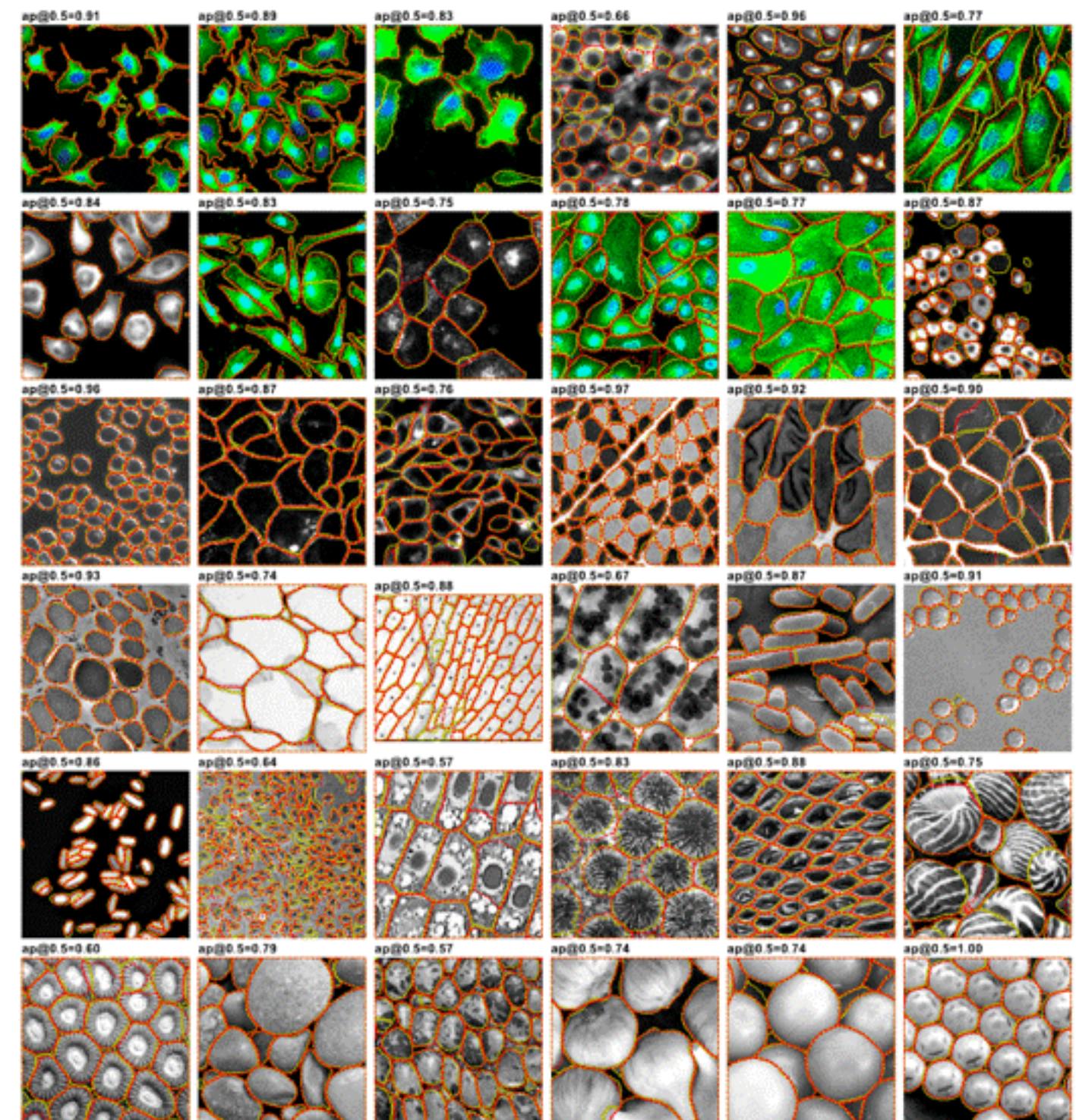


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CELLPOSE

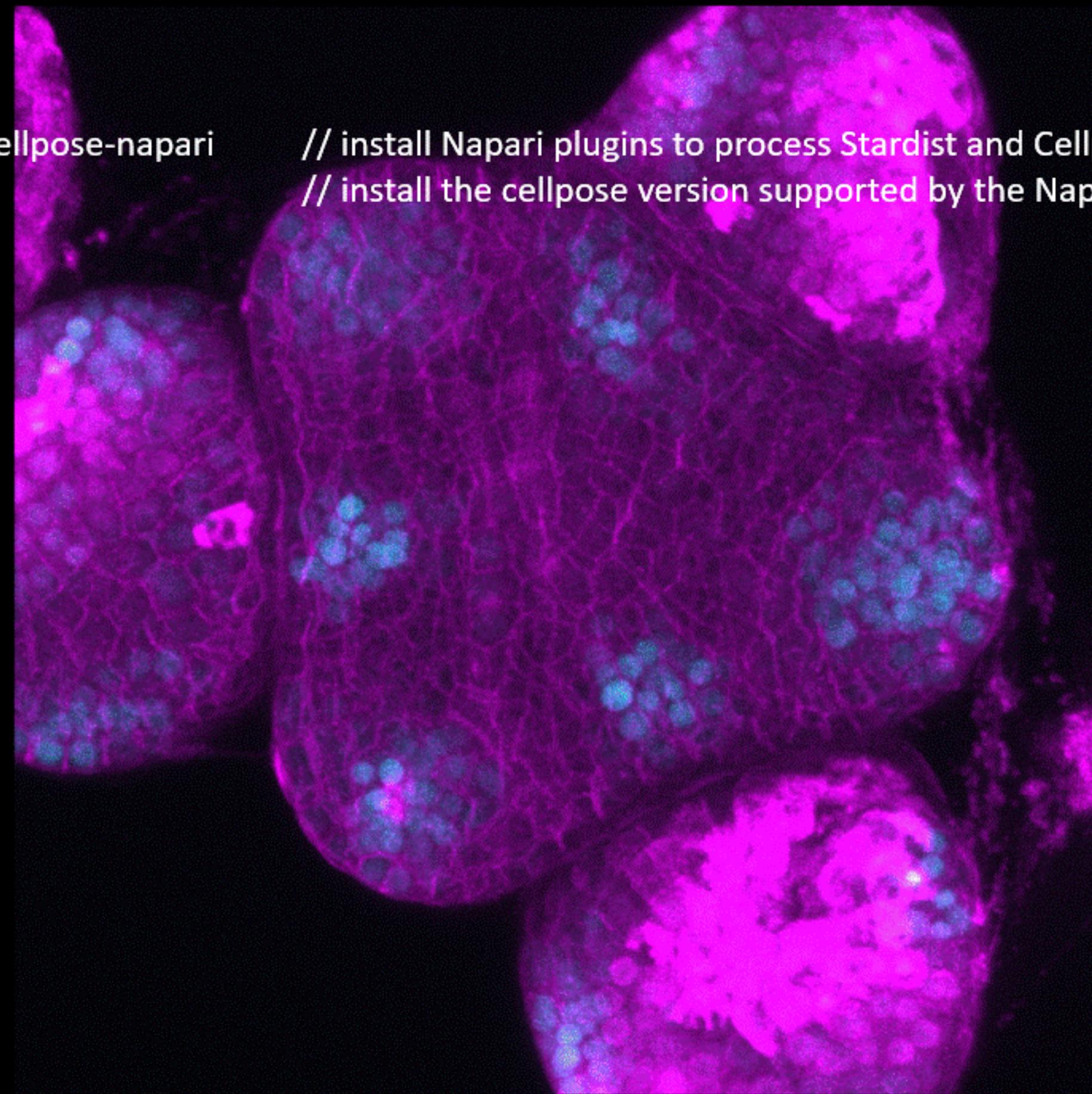


Stringer *et al.*, Cellpose: a generalist algorithm for cellular segmentation. *Nature Methods*, 2021



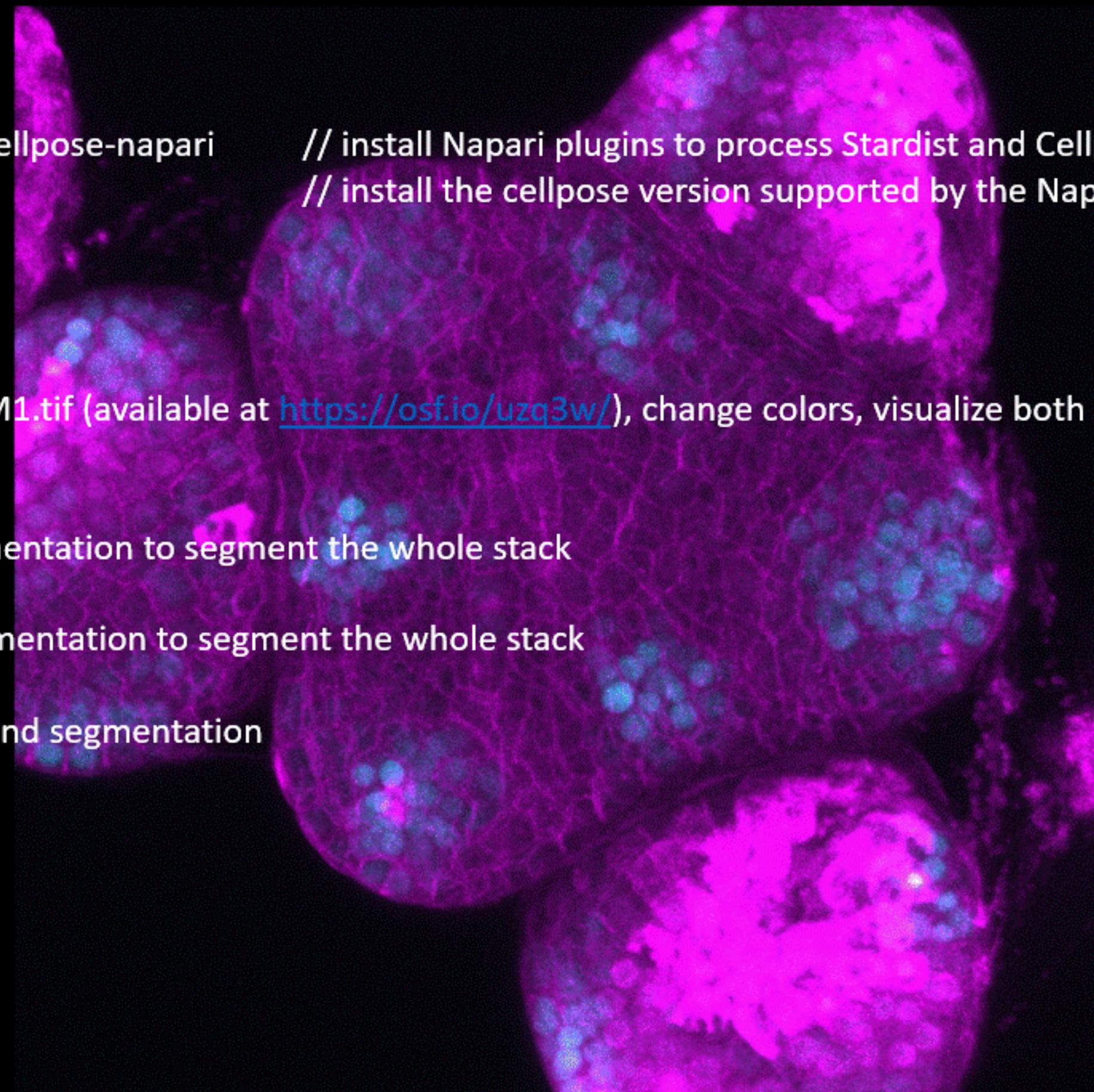
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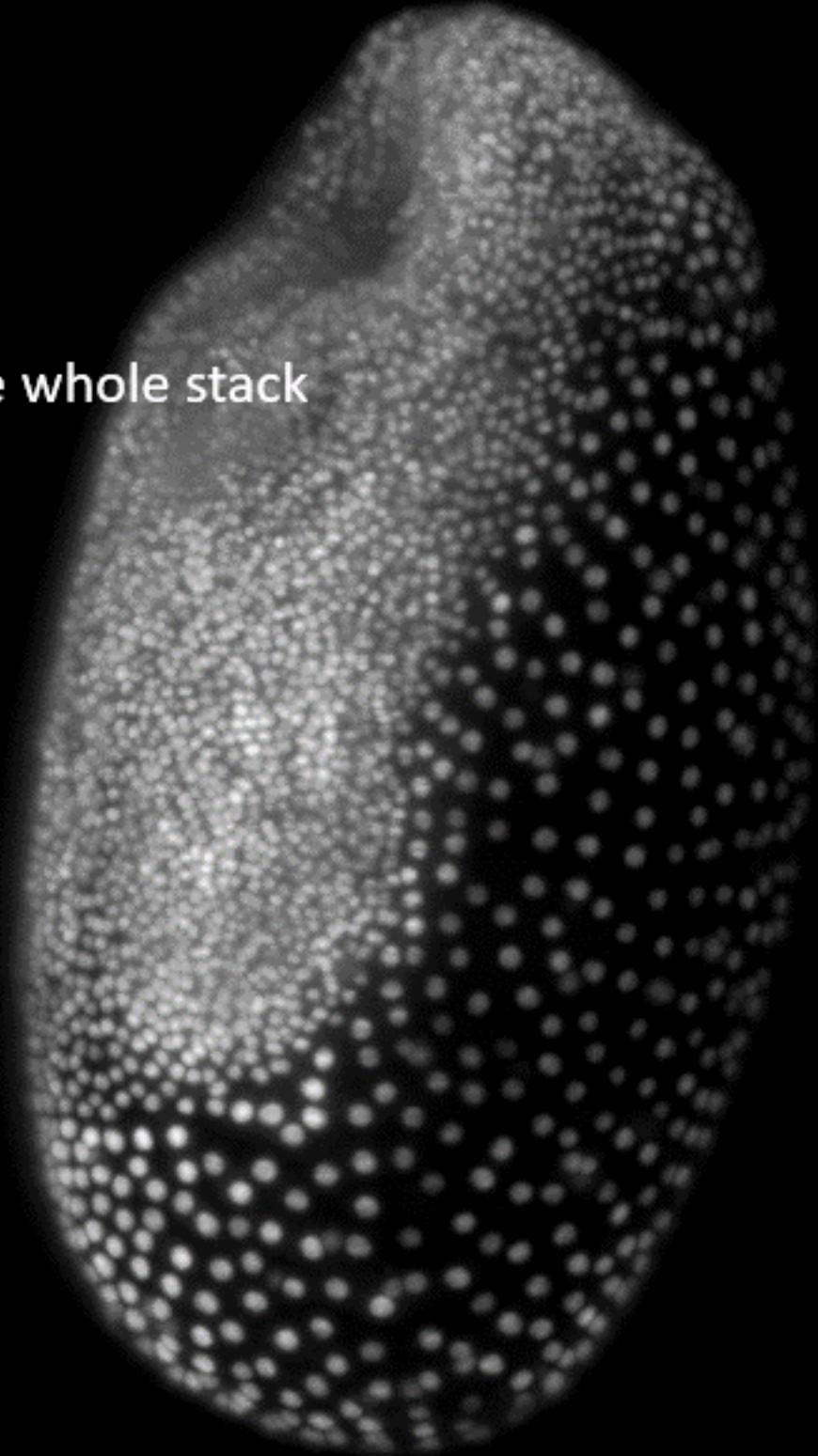


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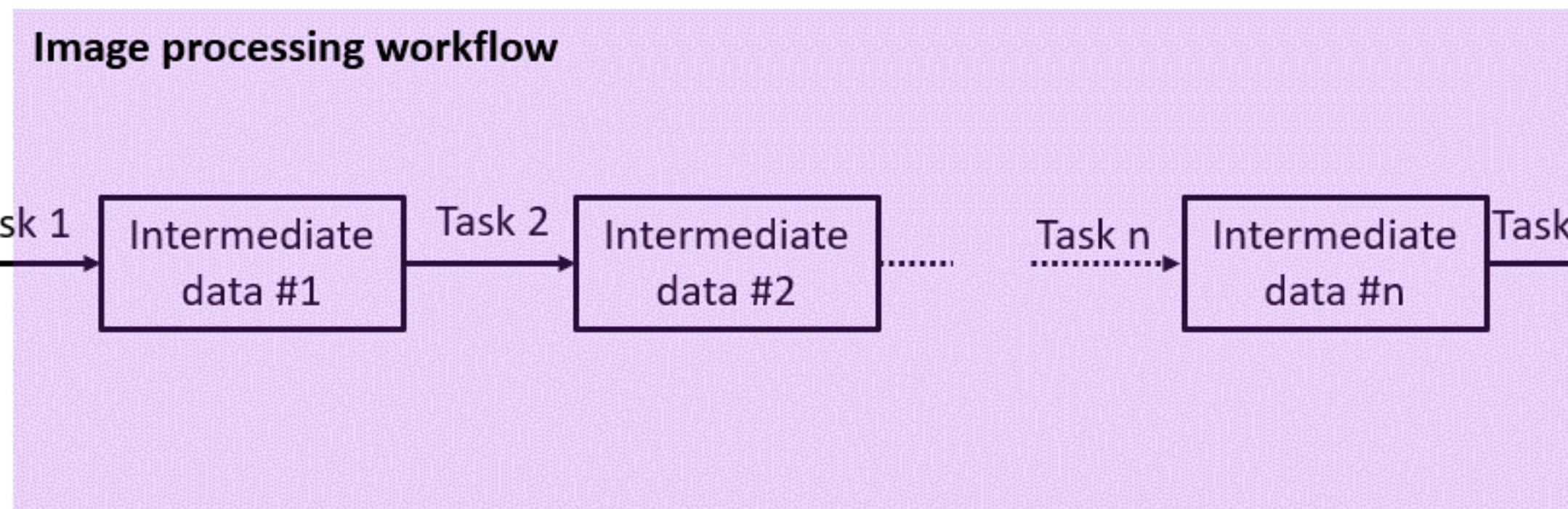
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- Open MutX_DR5v2_6_4_M1.tif (available at <https://osf.io/uzq3w/>), change colors, visualize both channels
- Parameterize stardist segmentation to segment the whole stack
- Parameterize cellpose segmentation to segment the whole stack
- Make a video with image and segmentation



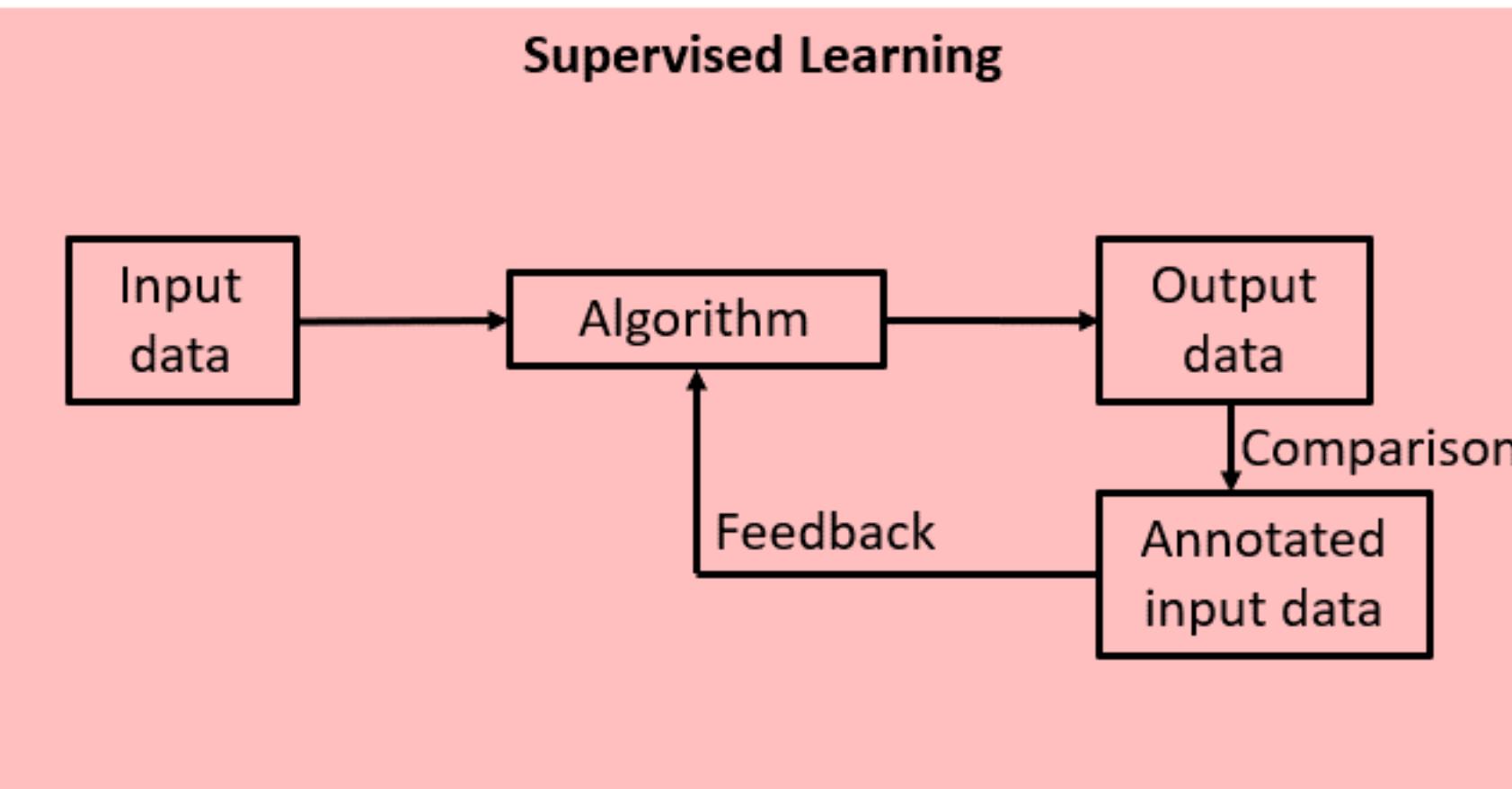
- Open lund1051_resampled.tif (available at https://git.mpi-cbg.de/rhaase/clij2_example_data/blob/master/lund1051_resampled.tif)
- Open lund1051_resampled_crop.tif to tune Stardist parameters and segment the whole stack



EXPLICIT PROGRAMMING

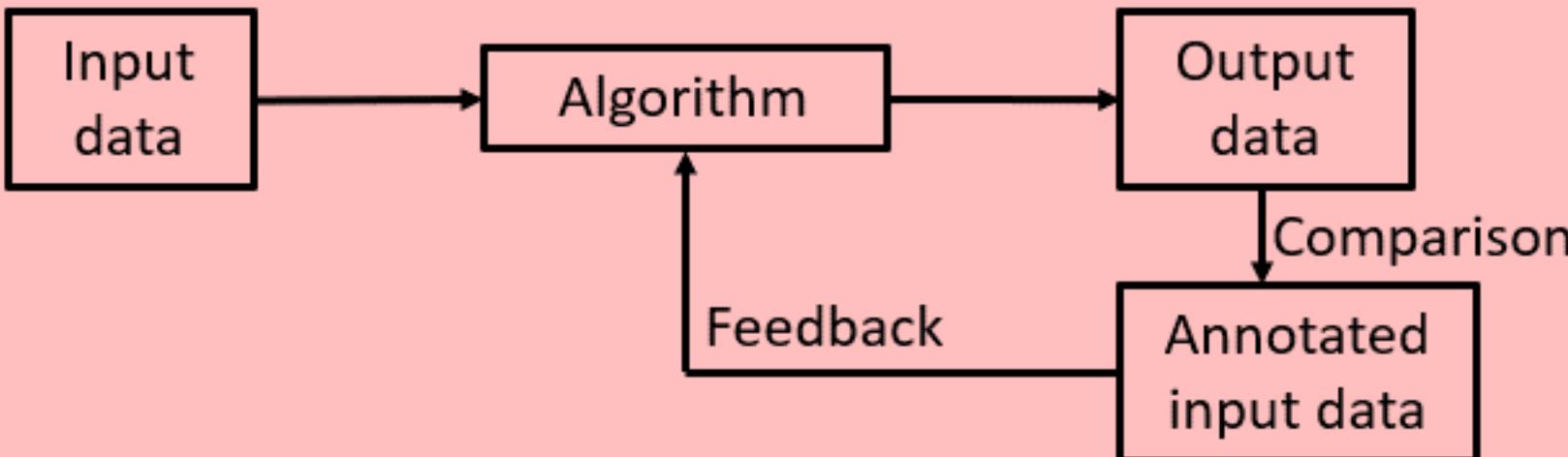


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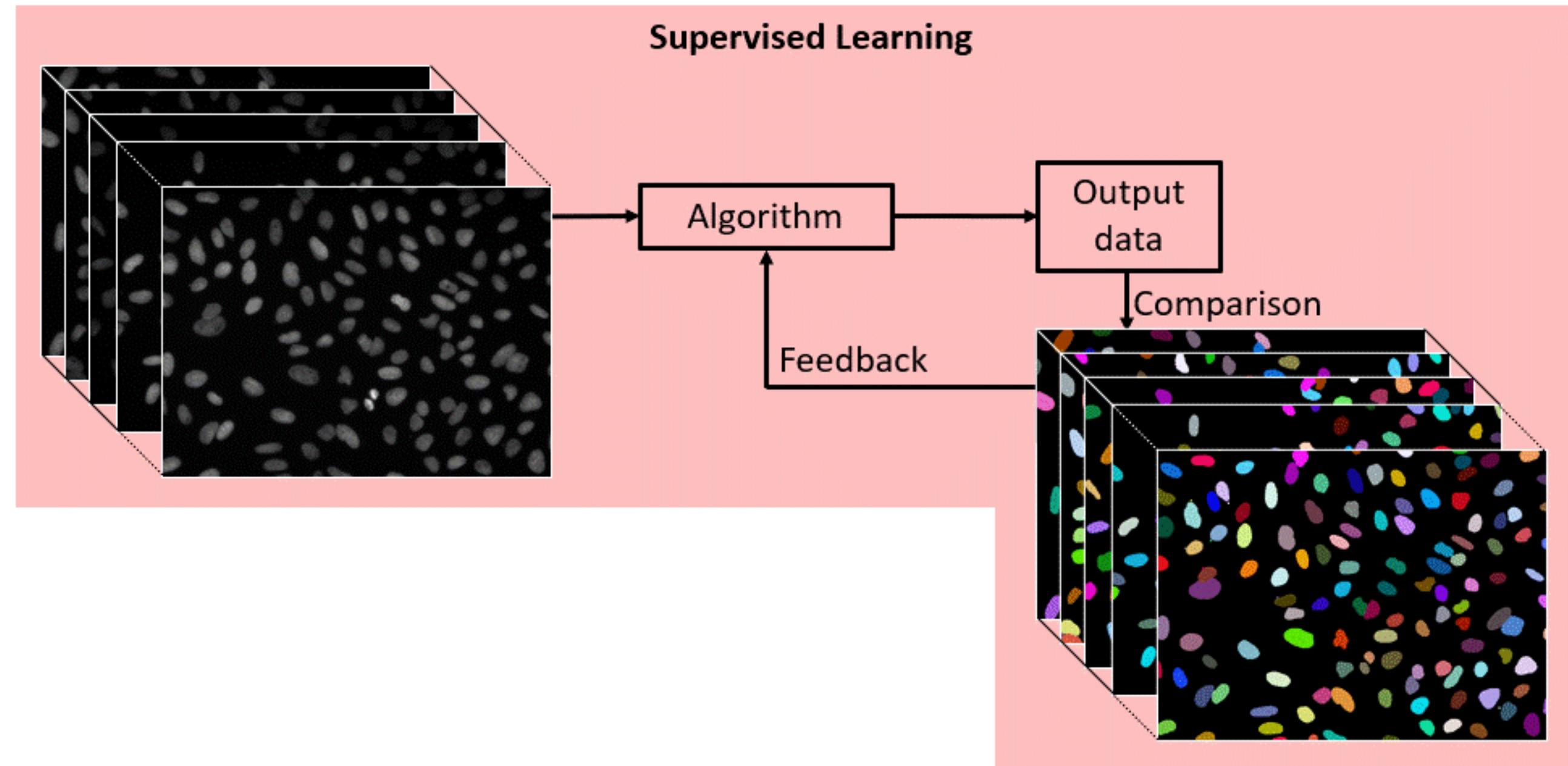
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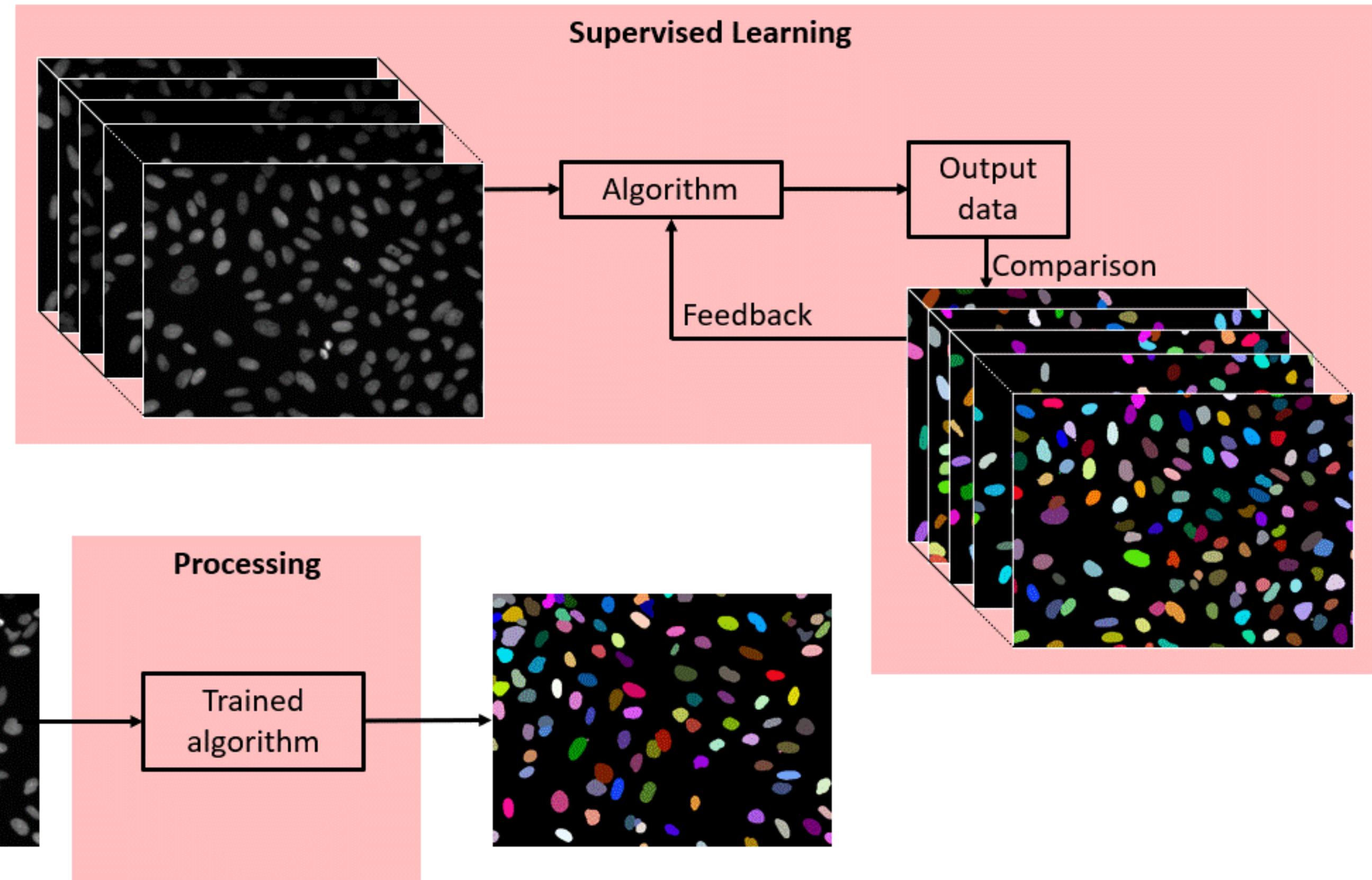
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SHALLOW MACHINE LEARNING FOR PIXEL CLASSIFICATION

Supervised classification:

- Examples of classes are **manually** defined by the user
- A **classifier** is **trained** by using **defined features** with these examples
- Data is then **automatically classified** by using the trained classifier

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CLIJ: GPU-accelerated image processing for everyone

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To the editor – Modern microscopy generates staggering amounts of multidimensional

image data that place increasing demands on processing flexibility and efficiency. One way to speed up image processing is to exploit the parallel processing capabilities of graphics processing units (GPU).

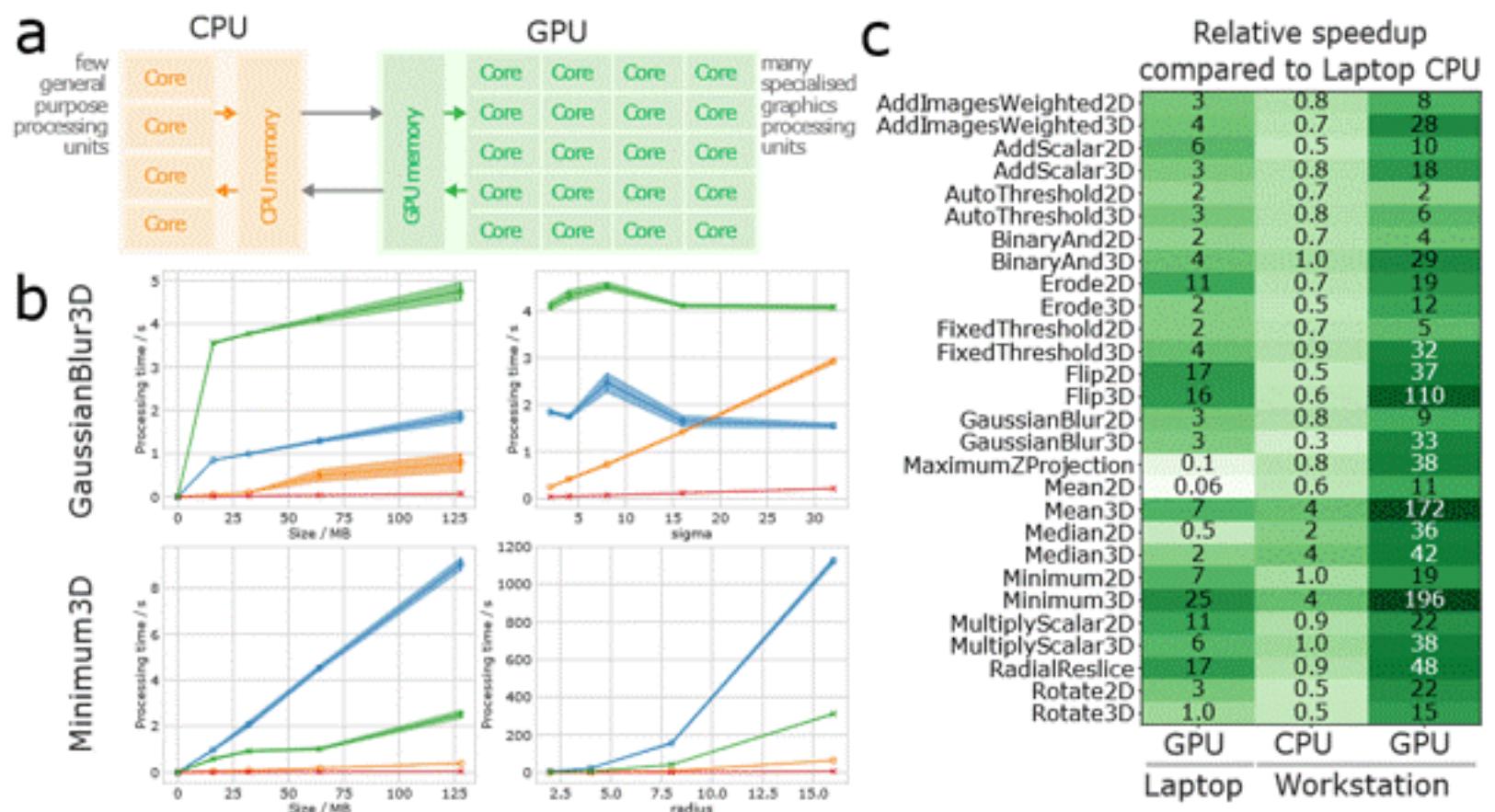


Figure 1: (a) GPU-acceleration schematically shows how many GPU cores potentially outperform a CPU with less cores. (b) Execution time of the Gaussian blur and minimum filter for different image sizes and parameters. Error bands denote the 99.9% confidence interval. (c) Overview of speed-up measurements when applied to 32 MB (2D) / 64 MB (3D) large 16-bit images with respect to computation times on a laptop CPU. Time measurements excluded memory transfer and compilation times.

Interactive design of GPU-accelerated Image Data Flow Graphs and cross-platform deployment using multi-lingual code generation

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Abstract Modern life science relies heavily on fluorescent microscopy and subsequent quantitative bio-image analysis. The current rise of graphics processing units (GPUs) in the context of image processing enables batch processing large amounts of image data at unprecedented speed. In order to facilitate adoption of this technology in daily practice, we present an expert system based on the GPU-accelerated image processing library CLIJ: The CLIJ-assistant keeps track of which operations formed an image and suggests subsequent operations. It enables new ways of interaction with image data and image processing operations because its underlying GPU-accelerated image data flow graphs (IDFGs) allow changes to parameters of early processing steps and instantaneous visualization of their final results. Operations, their parameters and connections in the IDFG are stored at any point in time enabling the CLIJ-assistant to offer an undo-function for virtually unlimited rewinding parameter changes. Furthermore, to improve repro-

a broader audience boosts the need for accessible tools for building GPU-accelerated image analysis workflows; in the life sciences and in adjacent imaging-dependent research fields. Typically, designing data analysis procedures utilizing GPUs involves expertise in programming and knowledge of GPU-specific programming languages such as the Open Computing Language (OpenCL) [1]. We demonstrate how one can construct complete image analysis workflows without writing a single line of OpenCL by assembling workflows from operations provided by the CLIJ framework [2]. We called the user interface CLIJ-assistant because it allows interactive design of image data flow graphs (IDFGs) in ImageJ [3] or Fiji [4], while guiding the user with automatic suggestions. Depending on previously executed operations, it only shows operations that are suitable to the currently selected image, as shown in Figure 1. Automatic suggestions, semi-automated parameter optimization, and the immediate view of results en-

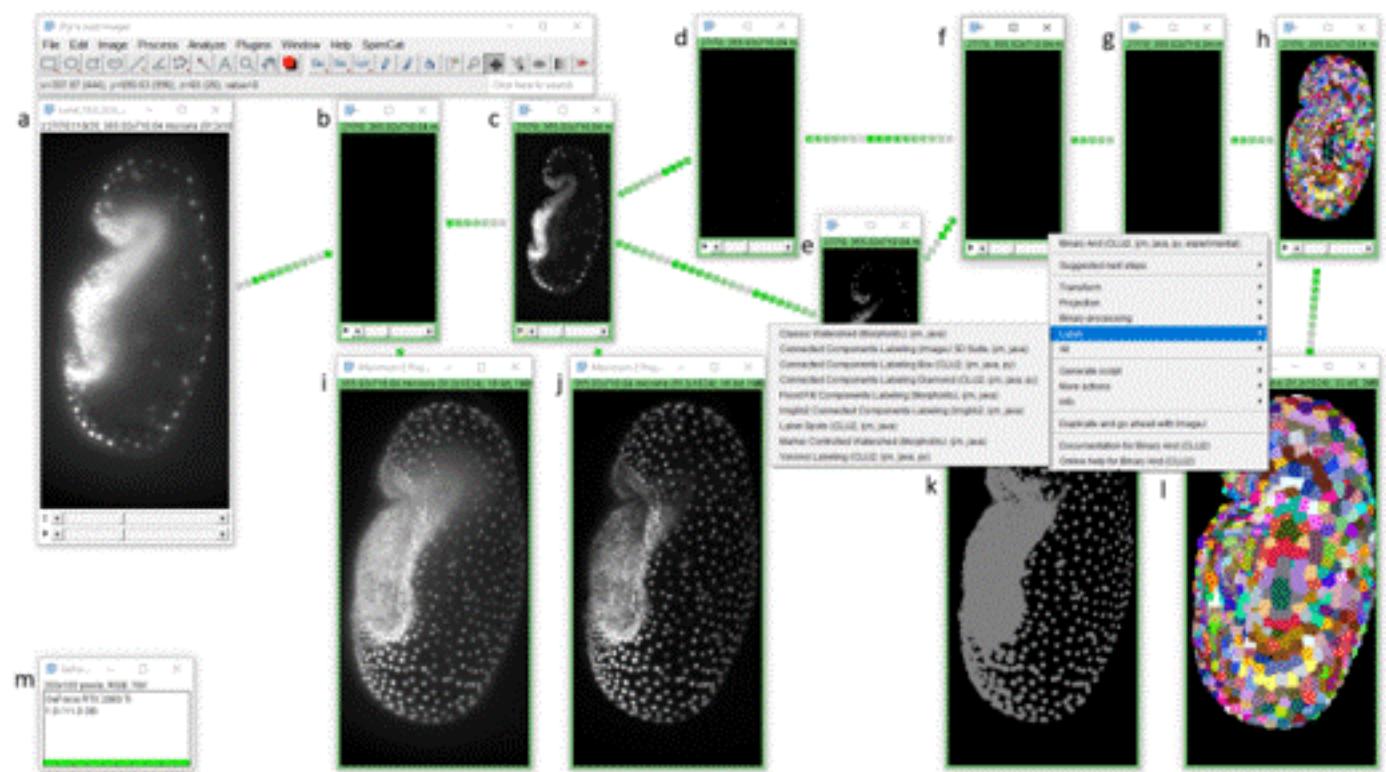
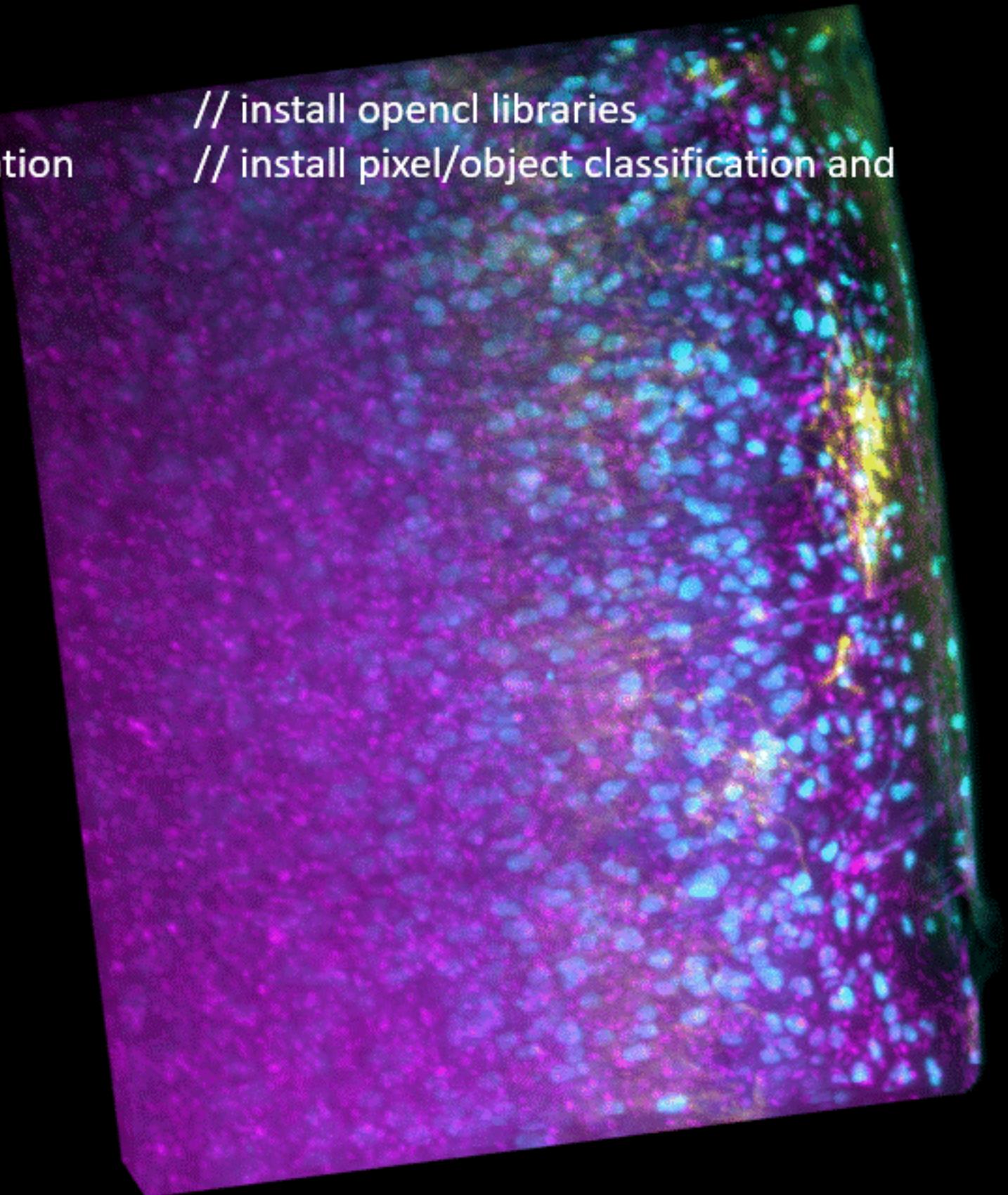


Figure 1: An IDFG allows assembly of image processing workflows and display of intermediate results in real-time. The presented graph takes a 4D image stack (a), pushes the current frame to the GPU memory (b), applies a top-hat filter for background subtraction (c), spot detection (d), thresholding (e), binary AND (f) spot labeling (g) and labeled spot extension (h). To facilitate examination of intermediate results, maximum intensity projections for intermediate results of pushing (i), background subtraction (j), thresholding (k) and label extension (l) are shown. The GPU memory display (m) allows to monitor available memory while setting up an IDFG. From any step in the graph, the user can select suitable subsequent operations using the shown right-click menu. The example shows the menu for the binary AND operation.

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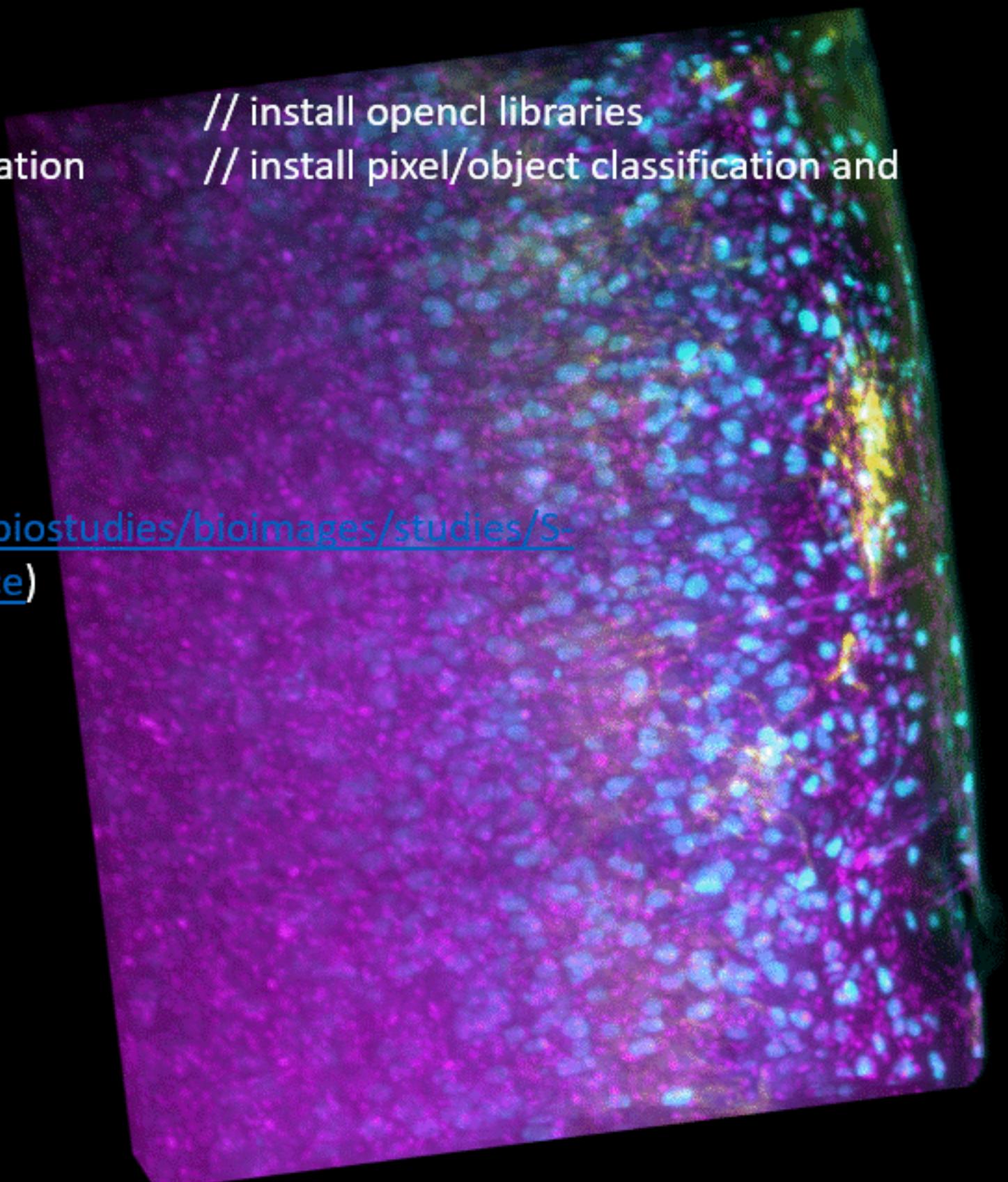
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In Napari:

- Open PR012_L.tif (available at <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/bioimages/studies/S-BIAD1077?query=brain%20microscopy%20fluorescence>)
- Train a pixel classifier to segment myelinated neurites
- Train a pixel classifier to segment neuronal cell bodies



In Napari:

- Create a workflow with the Napari assistant to load the pixel classifier to segment myelinated neurites, get the connected components, filter out the too small components and save the workflow
- Do the same thing for neuronal cell bodies
- Compare the segmentation obtained with the pixel classifier with Stardist and a more classical segmentation method with Napari assistant
- Compute the distance between neuronal cell bodies and myelinated neurites

