

# Bio-image Analysis using Large Language Models

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# Quick survey

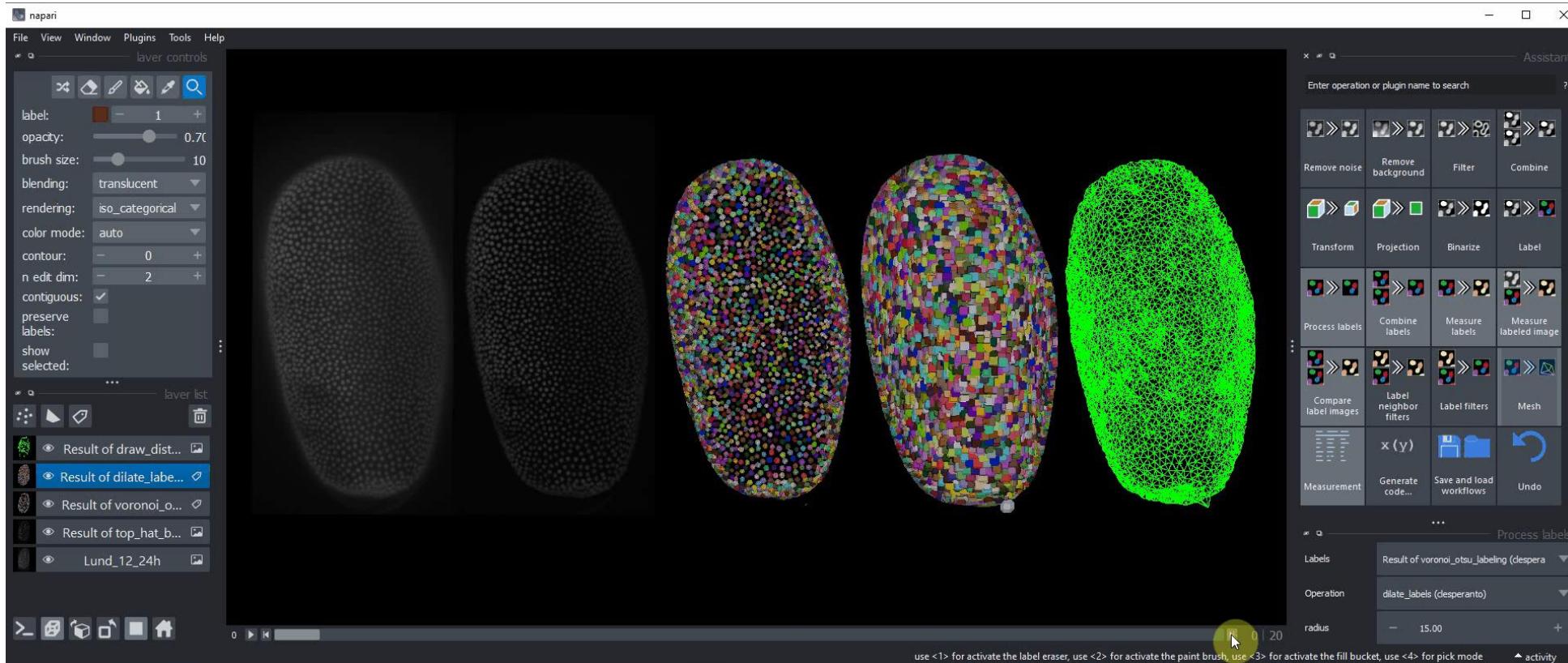
Question	Number of raised hands
Who has tried ChatGPT, Dall-E or other large language model based tools before?	
Who is using them on a daily basis?	
Who knows how they work under the hood (roughly)?	



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# Bio-image Analysis

.... is about assembling [image] processing-tools in workflows to gain quantitative measurements and new insights.

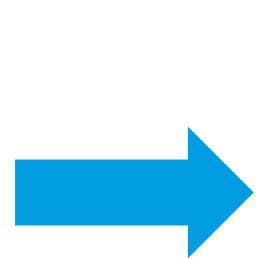


# Bio-image Analysis

... programming languages vary over time, according to my experience



2008-2015  
**C++, Insight ToolKit**



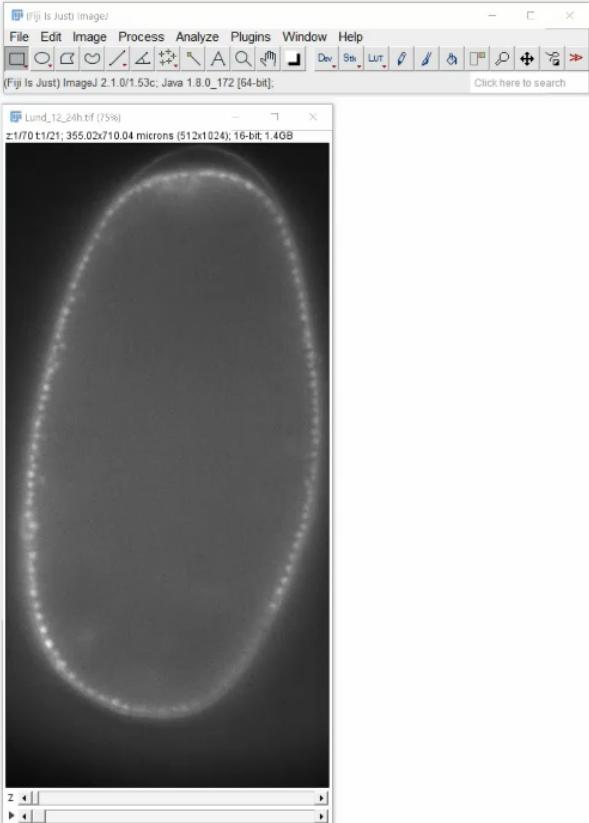
2015-2021  
**Java, ImageJ macro,  
Fiji**



2019-today  
**Python, napari,  
Jupyter**

# Challenge: Data load / processing time

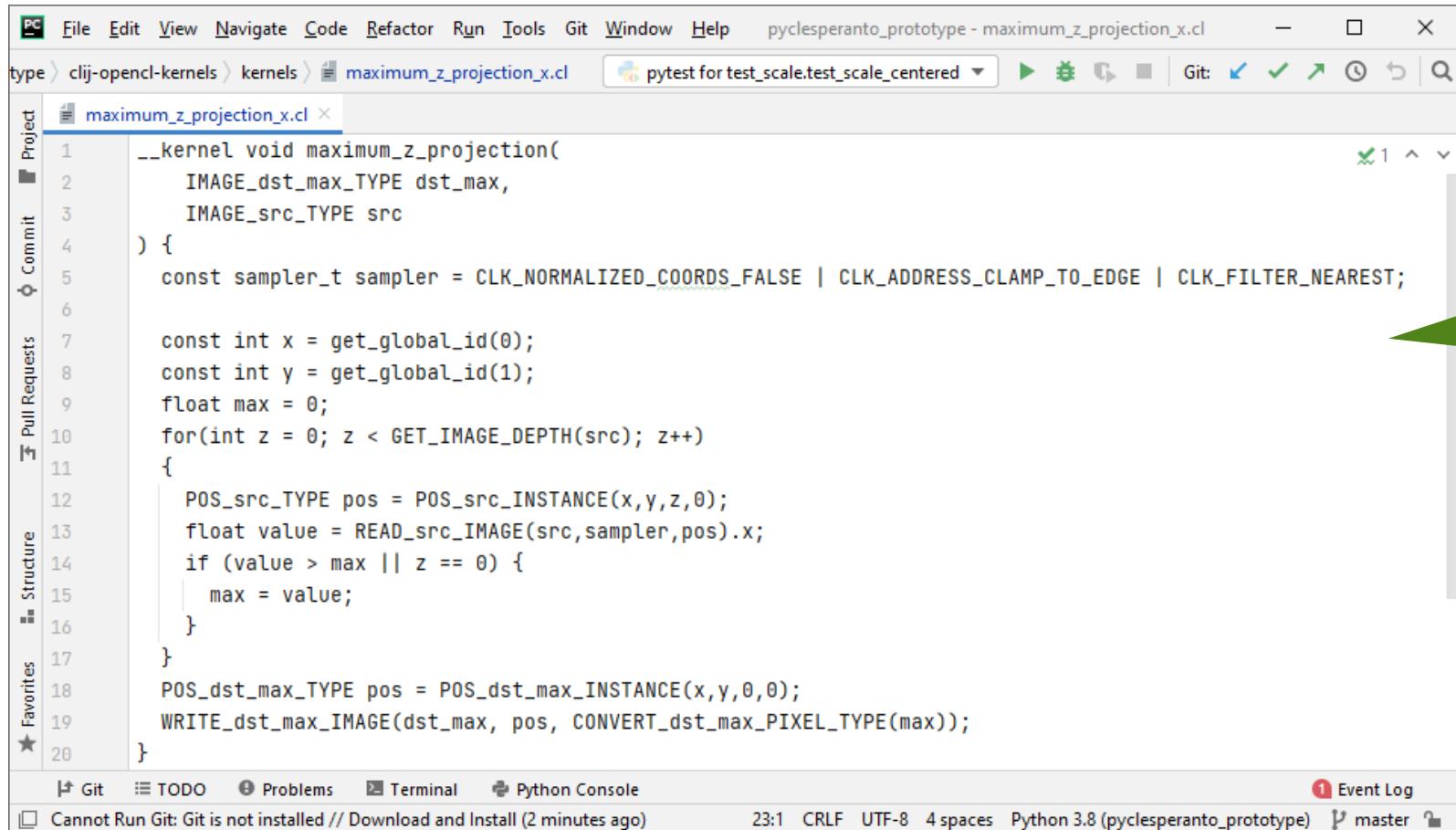
- State-of-the-art software for more than 20 years: ImageJ / Fiji



2x

# Challenge: Programming languages

GPU-acceleration? Lear the Open Computing Language (OpenCL)!



The screenshot shows a code editor window with an OpenCL kernel named `maximum_z_projection_x.cl`. The code implements a maximum intensity projection along the Z-axis. A green callout box points to the text "Maximum intensity projection along Z".

```
1  __kernel void maximum_z_projection(
2      IMAGE_dst_max_TYPE dst_max,
3      IMAGE_src_TYPE src
4  ) {
5      const sampler_t sampler = CLK_NORMALIZED_COORDS_FALSE | CLK_ADDRESS_CLAMP_TO_EDGE | CLK_FILTER_NEAREST;
6
7      const int x = get_global_id(0);
8      const int y = get_global_id(1);
9      float max = 0;
10     for(int z = 0; z < GET_IMAGE_DEPTH(src); z++)
11     {
12         POS_src_TYPE pos = POS_src_INSTANCE(x,y,z,0);
13         float value = READ_src_IMAGE(src,sampler,pos).x;
14         if (value > max || z == 0) {
15             max = value;
16         }
17     }
18     POS_dst_max_TYPE pos = POS_dst_max_INSTANCE(x,y,0,0);
19     WRITE_dst_max_IMAGE(dst_max, pos, CONVERT_dst_max_PIXEL_TYPE(max));
20 }
```

Git:

Cannot Run Git: Git is not installed // Download and Install (2 minutes ago)

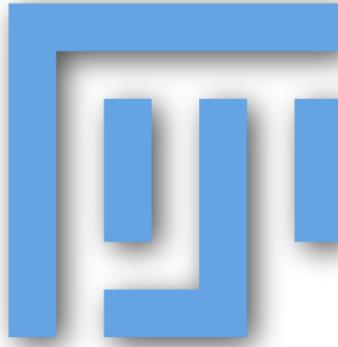
Event Log: 1

23:1 CRLF UTF-8 4 spaces Python 3.8 (pyclesperanto\_prototype) master

Maximum  
intensity  
projection  
along Z

# GPU-accelerated image processing

Speedup depends on operation, image size, parameters, hardware, ....

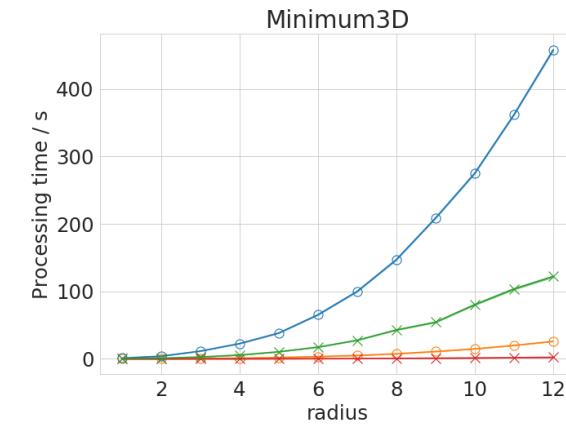
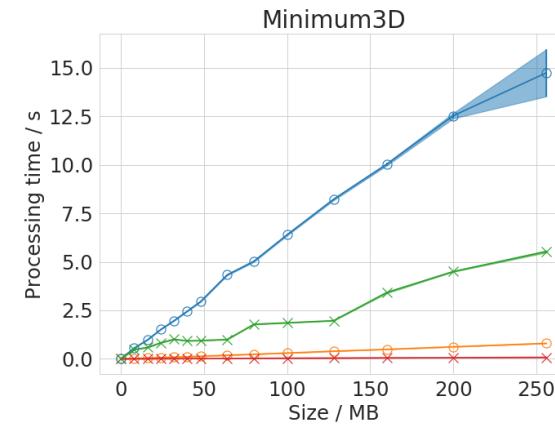
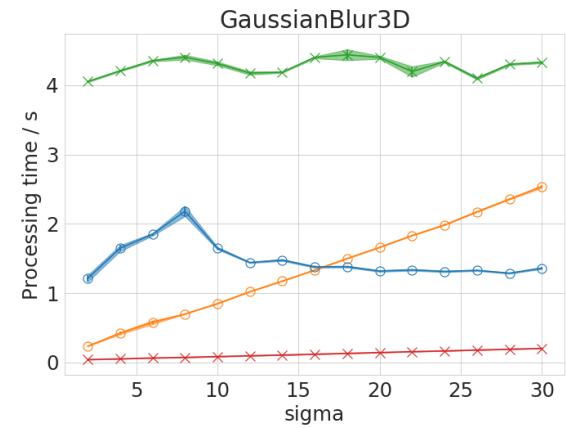
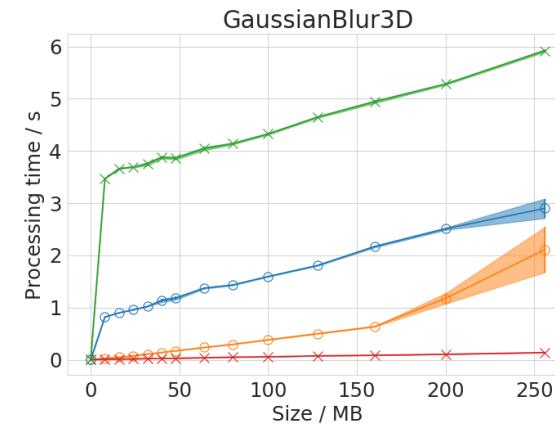


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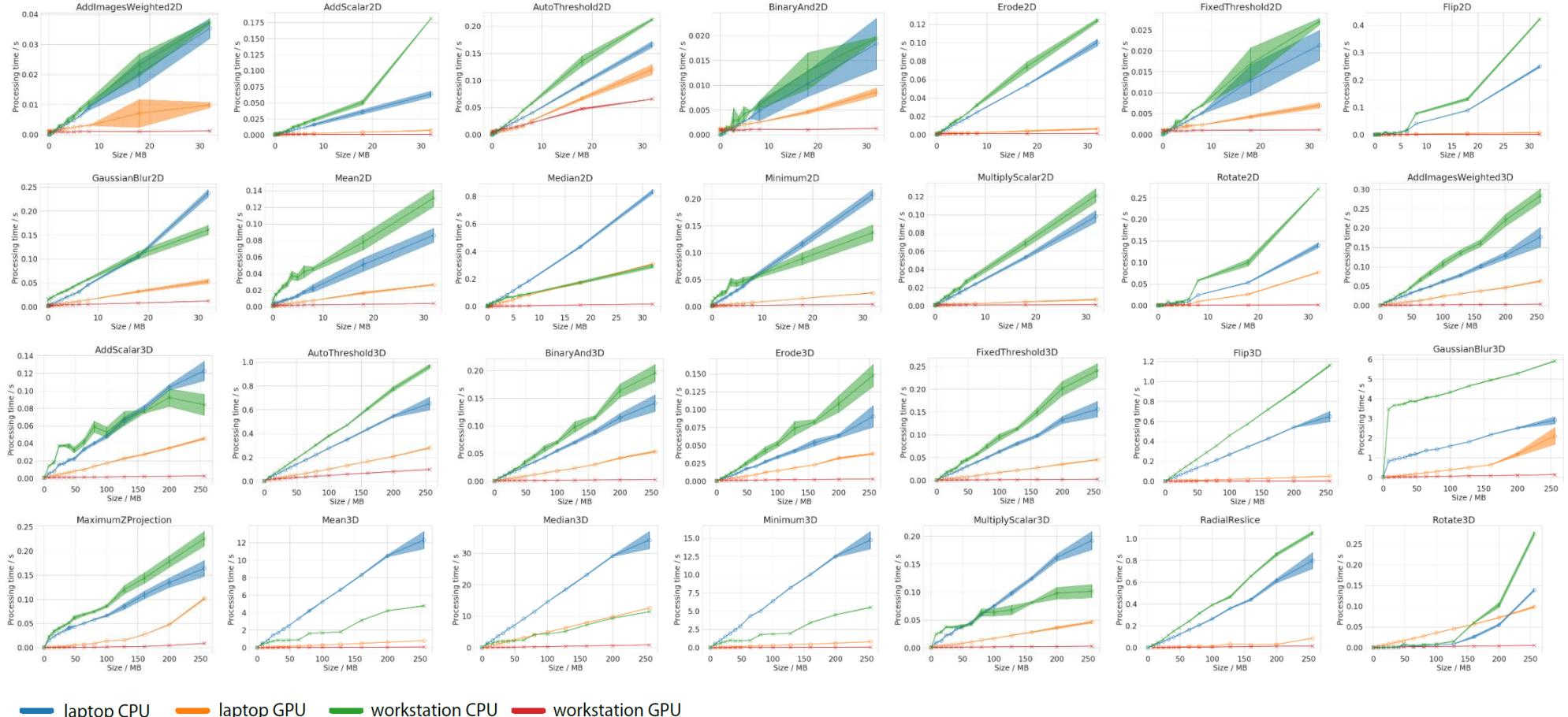


- Workstation CPU  
2x Intel Xeon Silver 4110
- Laptop CPU  
Intel Core i7-8650U

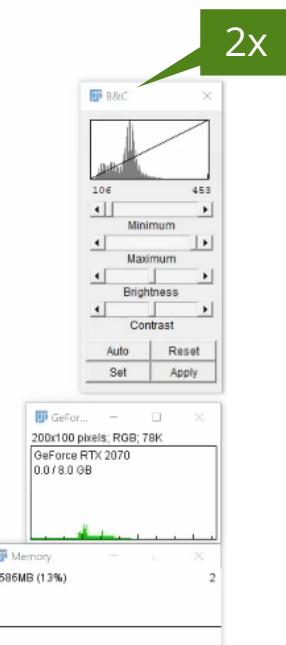
- Workstation GPU  
Nvidia Quadro P6000
- Laptop GPU  
Intel UHD 620 GPU



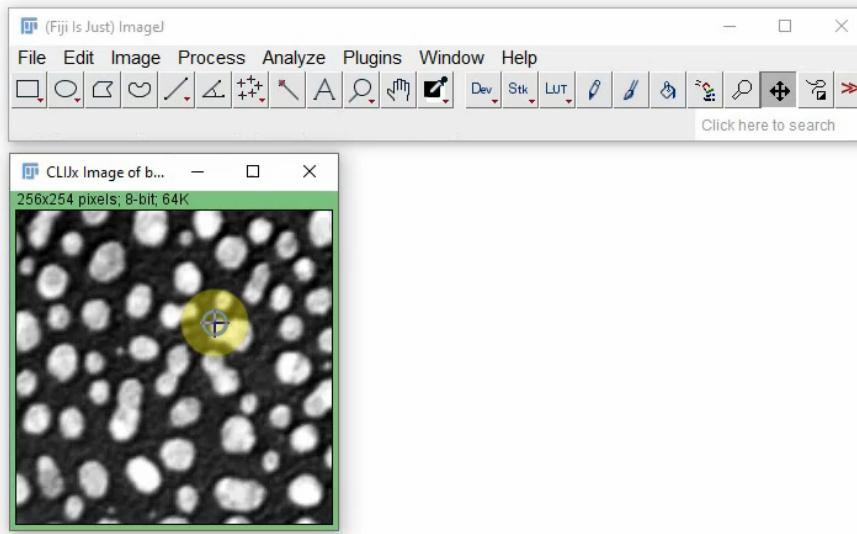
# GPU-accelerated image processing



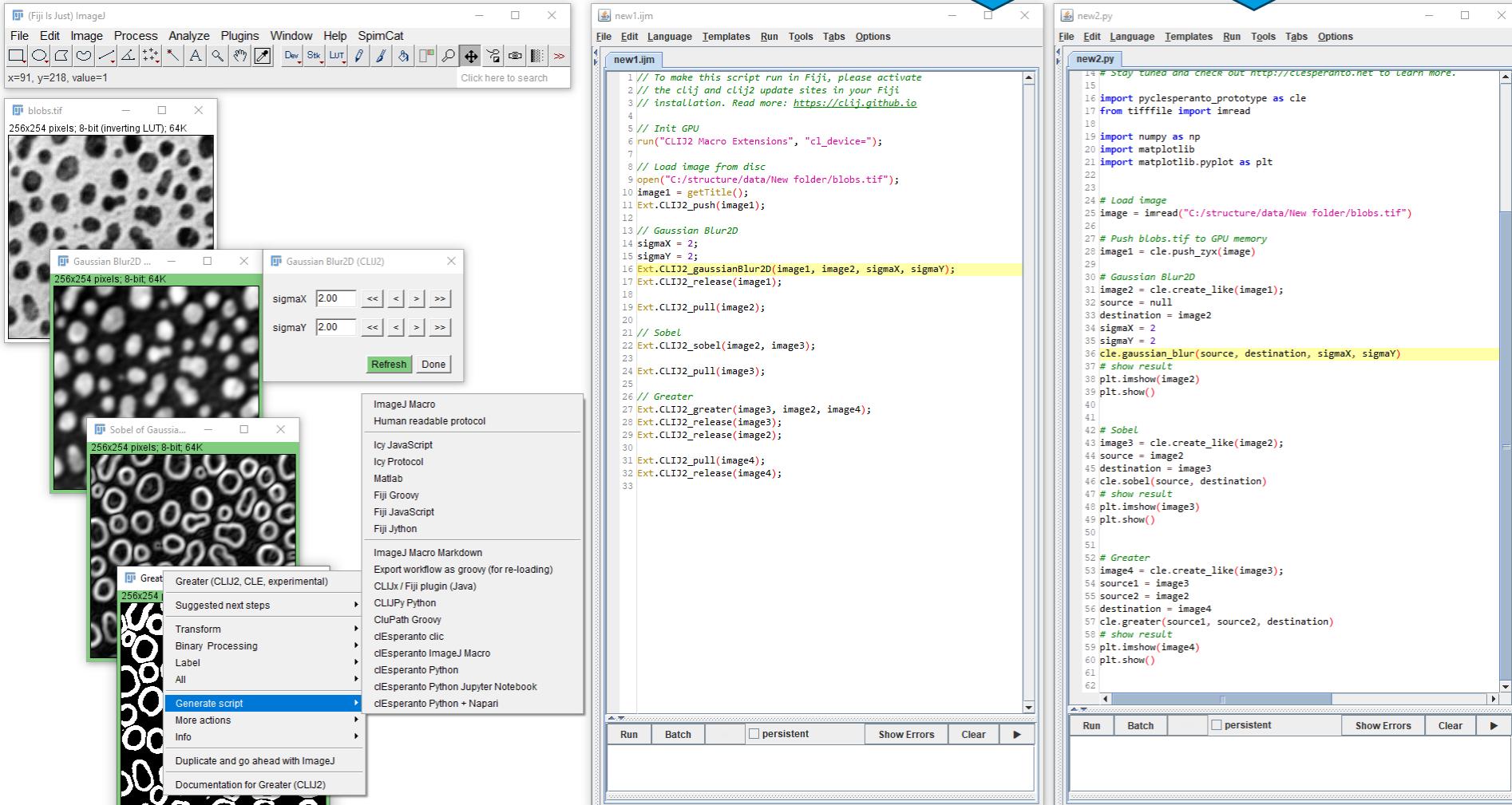
# Challenge: User-friendly GPU-acceleration



# Challenge: Workflow-generation + understanding

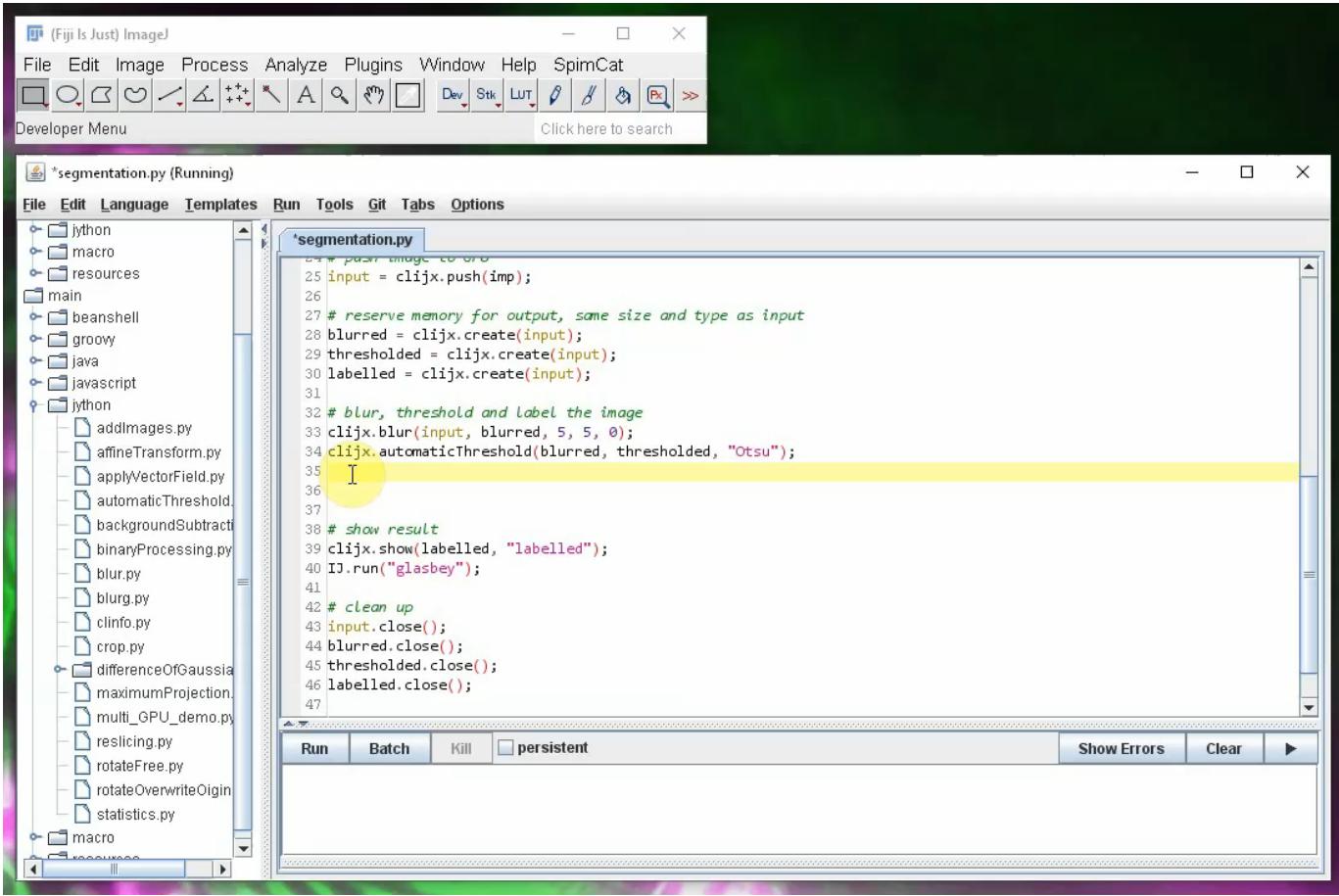


# Challenge: Code generation



# Challenge: Code generation

## The clesperanto project



The screenshot shows the Fiji software interface. At the top is the main menu bar with options like File, Edit, Image, Process, Analyze, Plugins, Window, Help, and SpimCat. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. A search bar says "Click here to search". The main window contains a code editor titled "segmentation.py (Running)". The code is written in Python and performs image processing steps such as pushing the image to GPU memory, creating output images, applying blur, thresholding, and labeling. The code editor has a sidebar showing a file tree with categories like main, python, and macro. At the bottom of the code editor are buttons for Run, Batch, Kill, persistent, Show Errors, and Clear.

```
24 # push image to GPU
25 input = clijx.push(img);
26
27 # reserve memory for output, same size and type as input
28 blurred = clijx.create(input);
29 thresholded = clijx.create(input);
30 labelled = clijx.create(input);
31
32 # blur, threshold and label the image
33 clijx.blur(input, blurred, 5, 5, 0);
34 clijx.automaticThreshold(blurred, thresholded, "Otsu");
35 I
36
37
38 # show result
39 clijx.show(labelled, "labelled");
40 IJ.run("glasbe");
41
42 # clean up
43 input.close();
44 blurred.close();
45 thresholded.close();
46 labelled.close();
47
```



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Image Analysis Hub, C2RT,  
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# Challenge: Code generation

## The clesperanto project

The screenshot shows a MATLAB R2019a Jupyter Notebook interface. The notebook tab is titled "clippy\_demo - Jupyter Notebook". The code cell contains MATLAB code for image processing:

```
labelled_without_edges = ...  
% blur, threshold and label the image  
clijx.blur(input, blurred, 5, 5, 0);  
clijx.automatic_threshold(blurred, thresholded, "Otsu");  
clijx.connected_components_labeling(thresholded, labelled);  
clijx.exclude_labels(...  
% pull result  
result = clijx.get_labels(labelled);  
number_of_features = result.length;  
lookupable = cell(1, number_of_features);  
for i = 1 : number_of_features  
    lookupable{i} = strcat("label", num2str(i));  
end  
subplot(1, 2, 1)  
imshow(result);  
title("Result");  
% clean up  
input.close();  
blurred.close();  
thresholded.close();  
labelled.close();
```

A tooltip for the `clijx.exclude_labels` function is displayed, explaining its purpose and parameters:

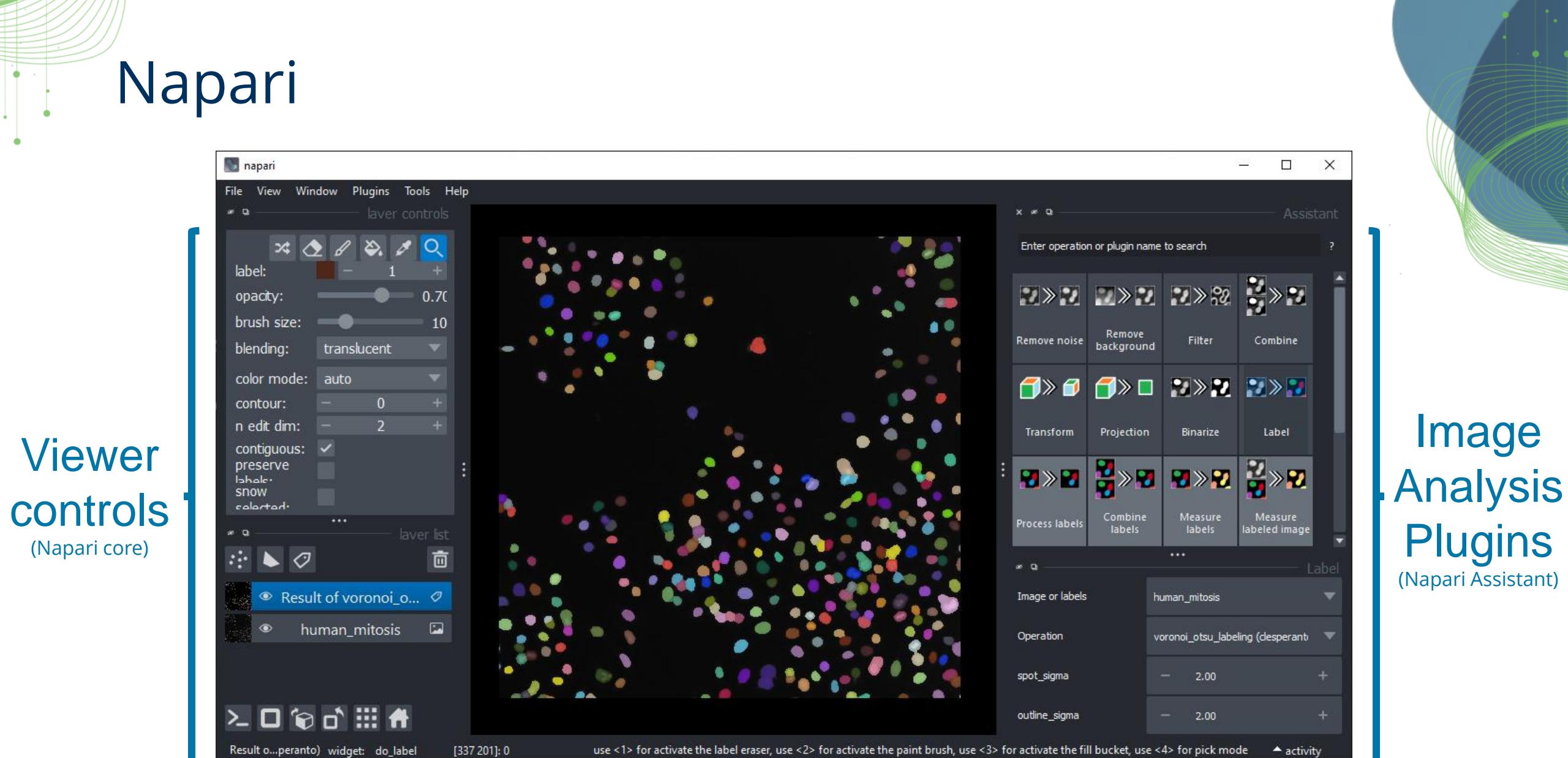
**exclude\_labels\_on\_edges**  
Removes all labels from a label map which touch the edges. Remaining label elements are renumbered afterwards.  
Parameters:  
ClearCLBuffer label\_map\_input,  
ClearCLBuffer label\_map\_destination

The Command Window at the bottom shows the command `f>>`.



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# Napari

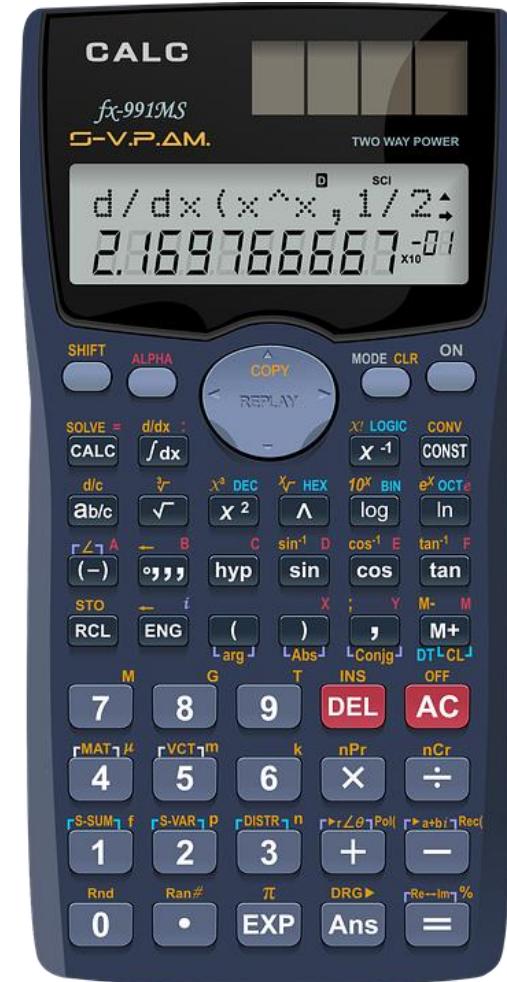


Viewer  
controls  
(Napari core)

Image  
Analysis  
Plugins  
(Napari Assistant)

# The Napari Assistant

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

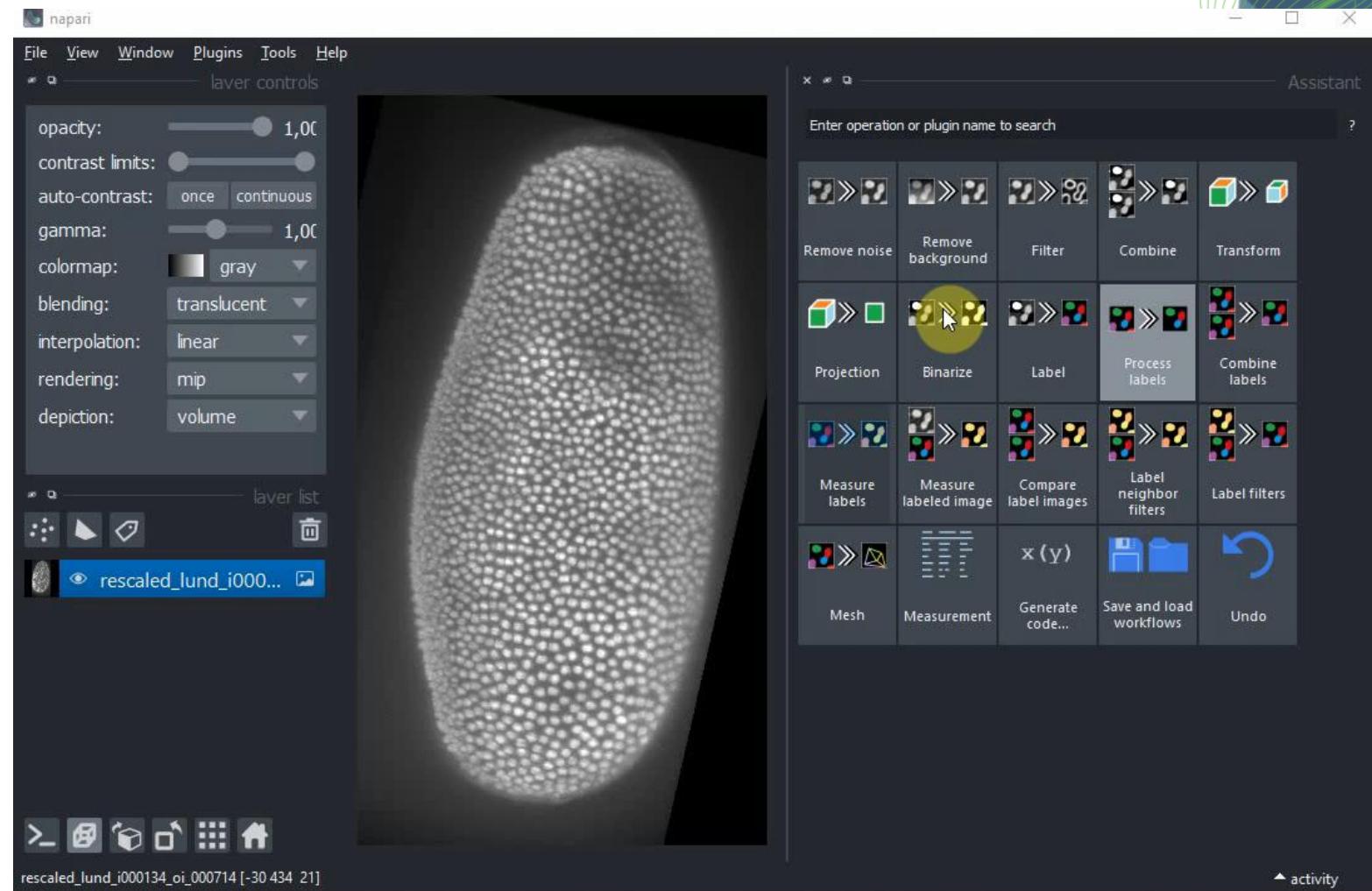


# The Napari Assistant

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

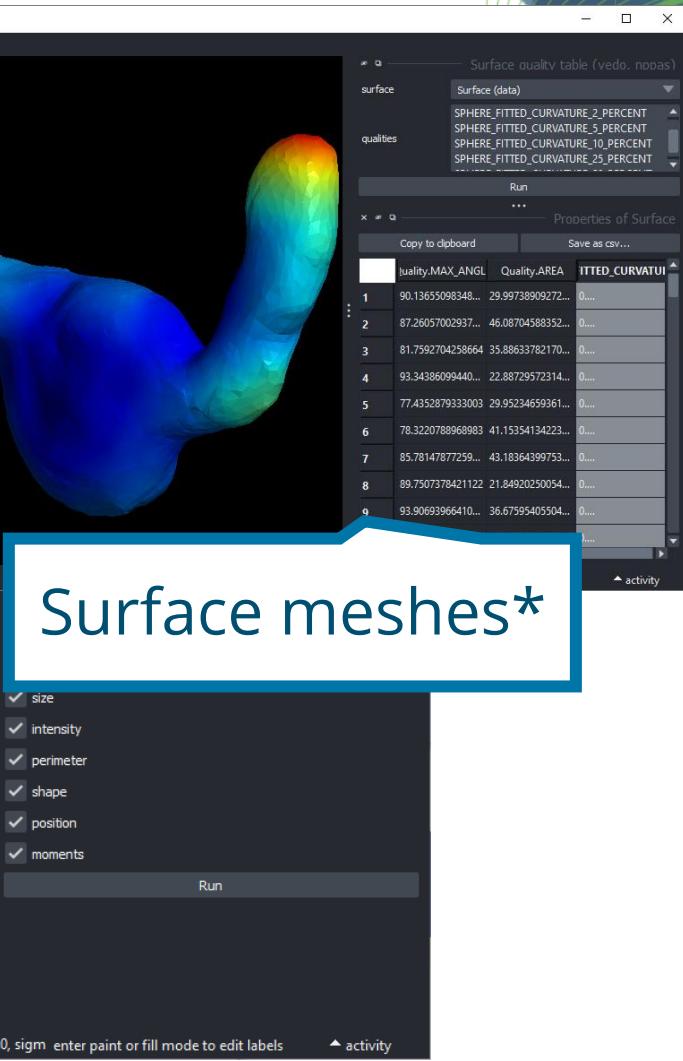
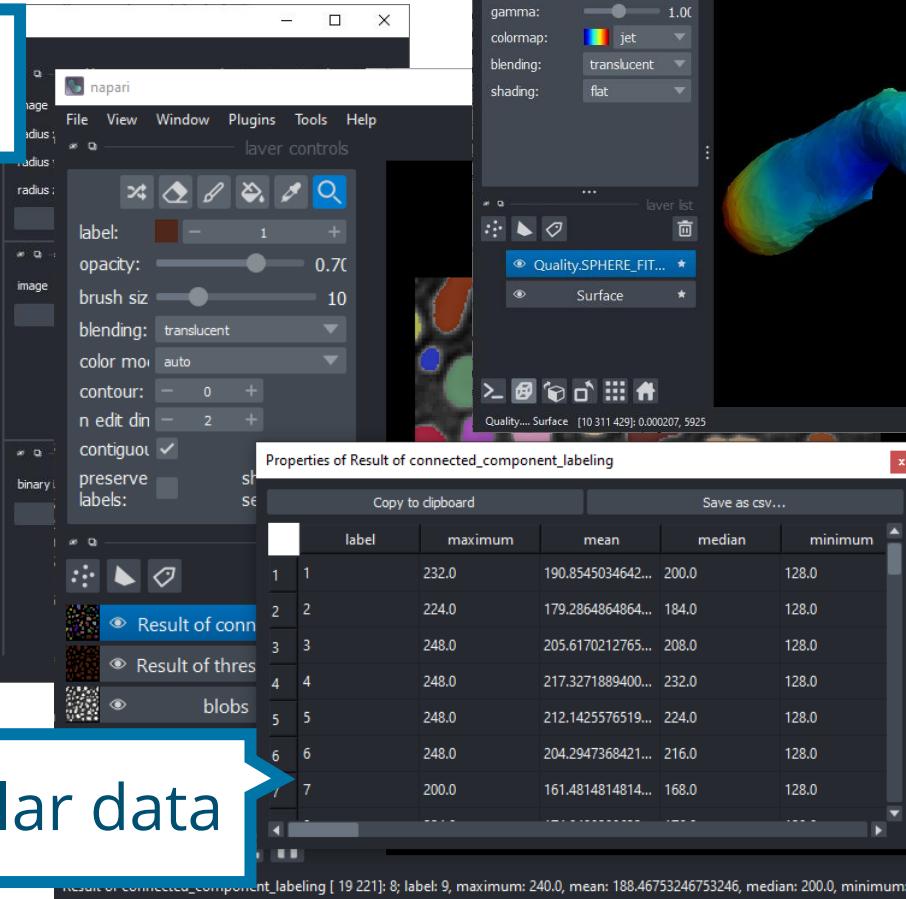
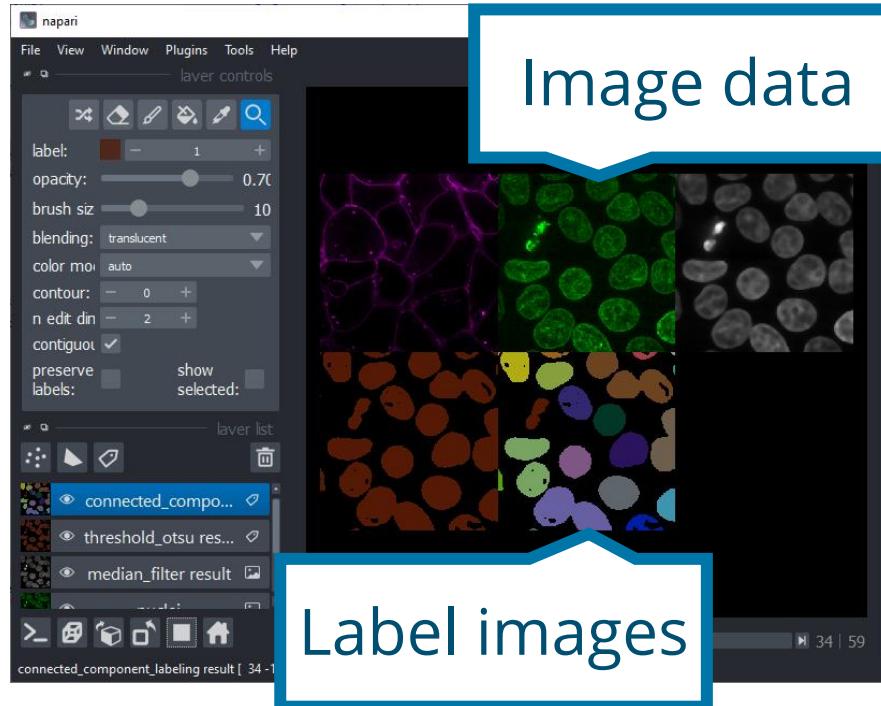


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(now at MPI-CBG) @RyanSavill4



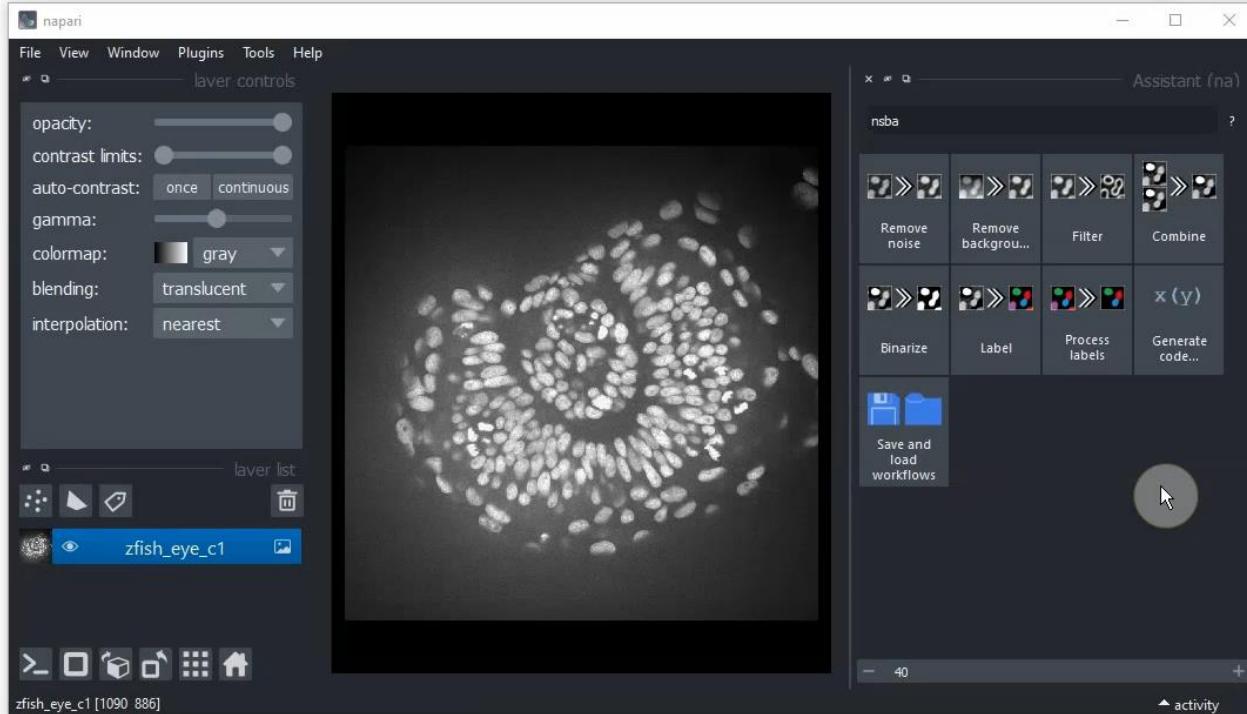
# Versatile data types

- Images, labels, tables, surface meshes, ...



# Napari – Code generation

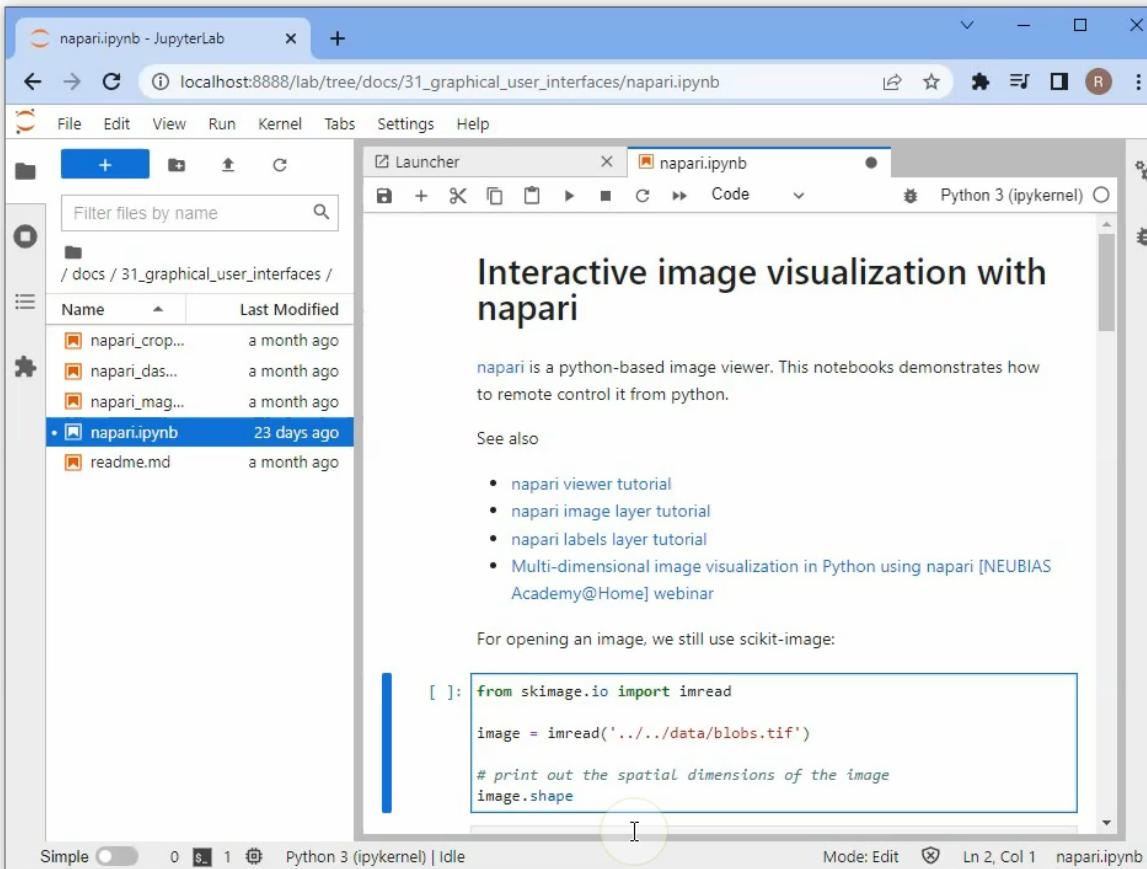
Design your image processing workflow using the Assistant and generate code!



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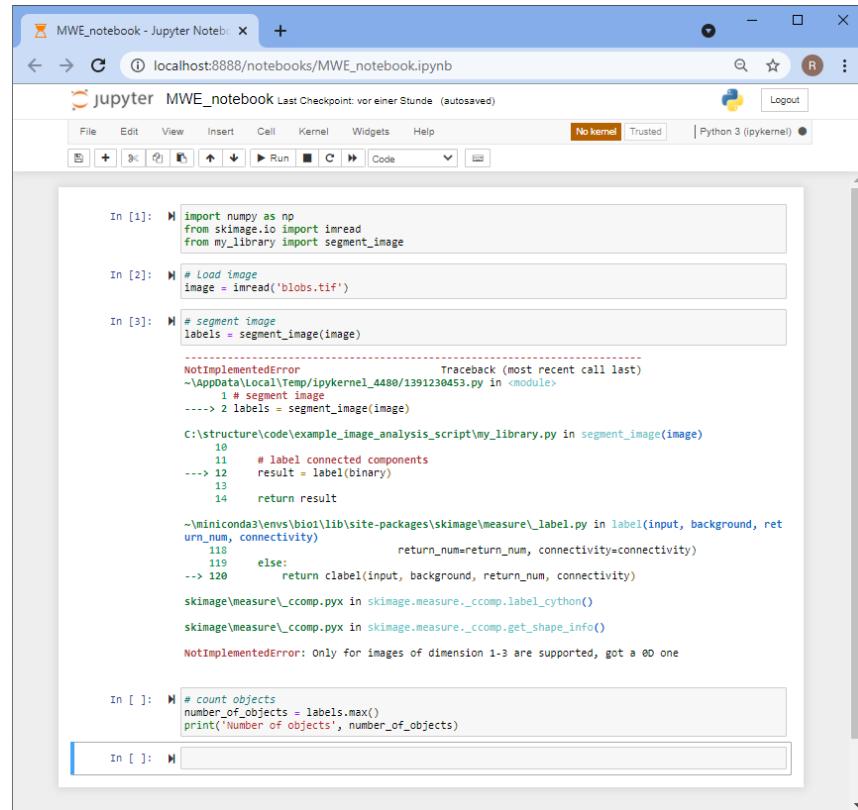
# Napari – Using via Python / Jupyter Notebooks

Smooth interaction between viewer and code



# Export code to Jupyter Notebooks

- Jupyter notebooks are an ideal way for communicating about code and solving issues collaboratively



A screenshot of a Jupyter Notebook interface. The browser title is "MWE\_notebook - Jupyter Notebook". The URL is "localhost:8888/notebooks/MWE\_notebook.ipynb". The notebook has three cells:

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
from skimage.io import imread
from my_library import segment_image

In [2]: # Load image
image = imread('blobs.tif')

In [3]: # segment image
labels = segment_image(image)

NotImplementedError: Traceback (most recent call last)
-> AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_4480\1391230453.py in <module>
  1 # segment image
----> 2 labels = segment_image(image)

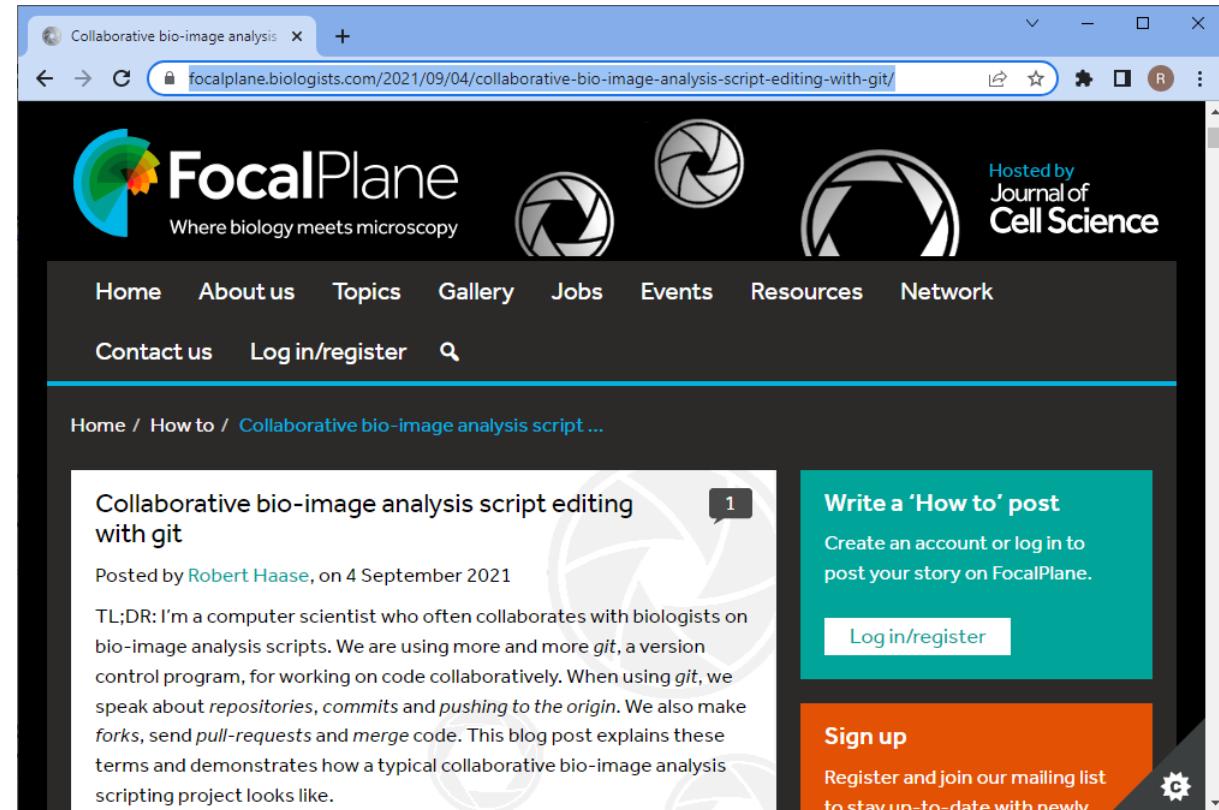
C:\structure\code\example_image_analysis_script\my_library.py in segment_image(image)
  10
  11     # label connected components
----> 12     result = label(binary)
  13
  14     return result

~\miniconda3\envs\bio1\lib\site-packages\skimage\measure\_label.py in label(input, background, ret
urn_num, connectivity)
  118         return_num=return_num, connectivity=connectivity)
  119     else:
--> 120         return clabel(input, background, return_num, connectivity)

skimage\measure\_ccomp.pyc in skimage.measure._ccomp.label_cython()
skimage\measure\_ccomp.pyc in skimage.measure._ccomp.get_shape_info()

NotImplementedError: Only for images of dimension 1-3 are supported, got a 80 one

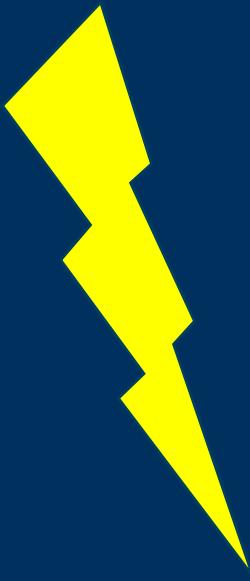
In [4]: # count objects
number_of_objects = labels.max()
print('Number of objects', number_of_objects)
```



A screenshot of a blog post titled "Collaborative bio-image analysis script editing with git" by Robert Haase on 4 September 2021. The post discusses the use of git for collaborative bio-image analysis scripts. It includes a snippet of Python code for image segmentation and a brief explanation of git terms like repositories, commits, and pushing to the origin.

The FocalPlane website header features the text "Where biology meets microscopy" and "Hosted by Journal of Cell Science". The sidebar includes links for "Contact us", "Log in/register", and "Sign up".

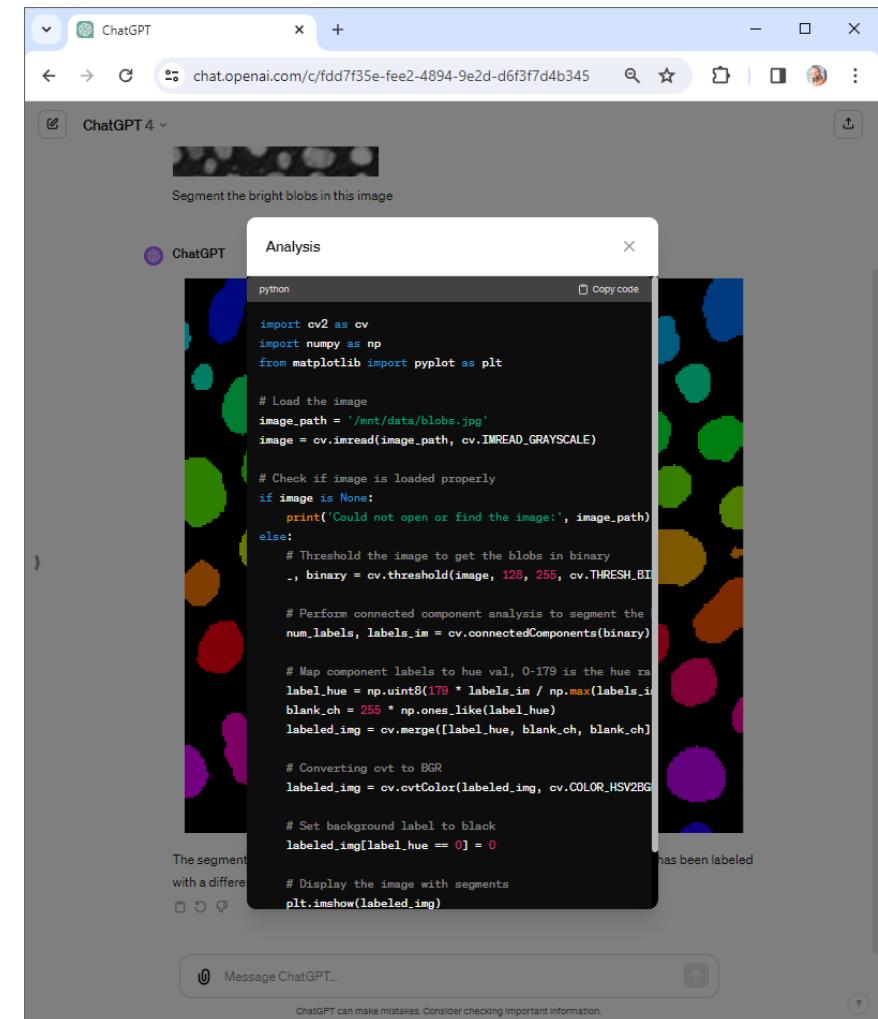
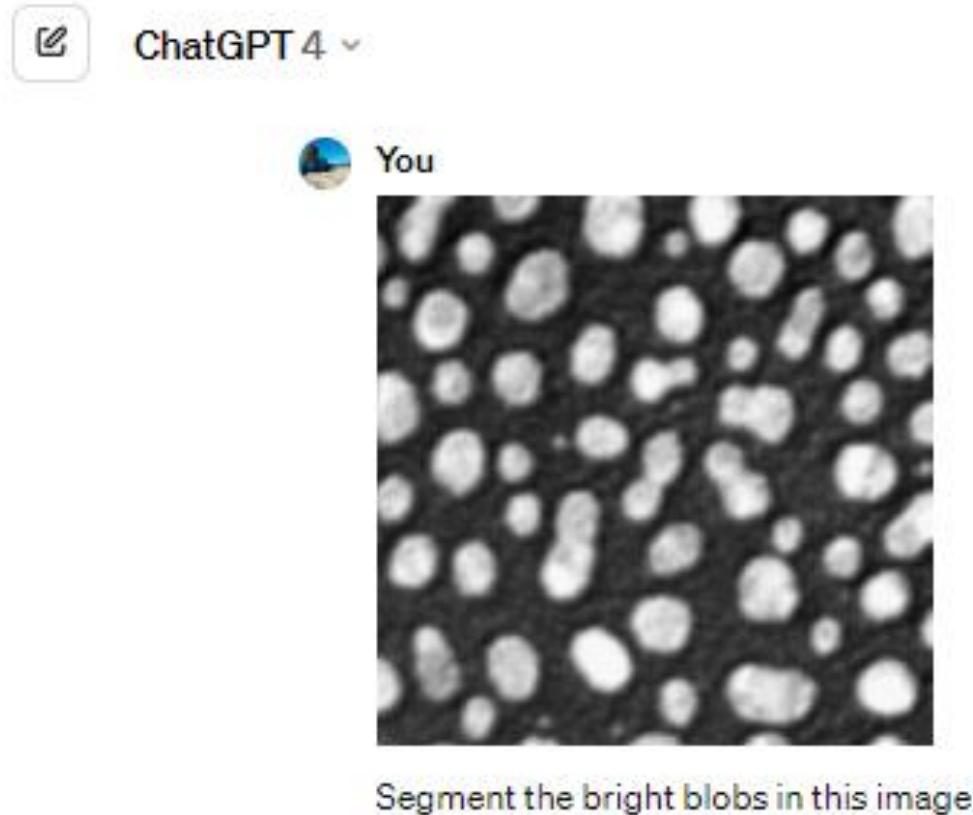
<https://focalplane.biologists.com/2021/09/04/collaborative-bio-image-analysis-script-editing-with-git/>



chatGPT

# ChatGPT for analyzing scientific image data

- ChatGPT can perform [yet simple] analysis tasks,
- and tell you what it did.



# Short detour: Generative Artificial Intelligence

Definition: "Generative artificial intelligence [...] is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) system capable of generating text, images, or other media in response to prompts."<sup>1</sup>

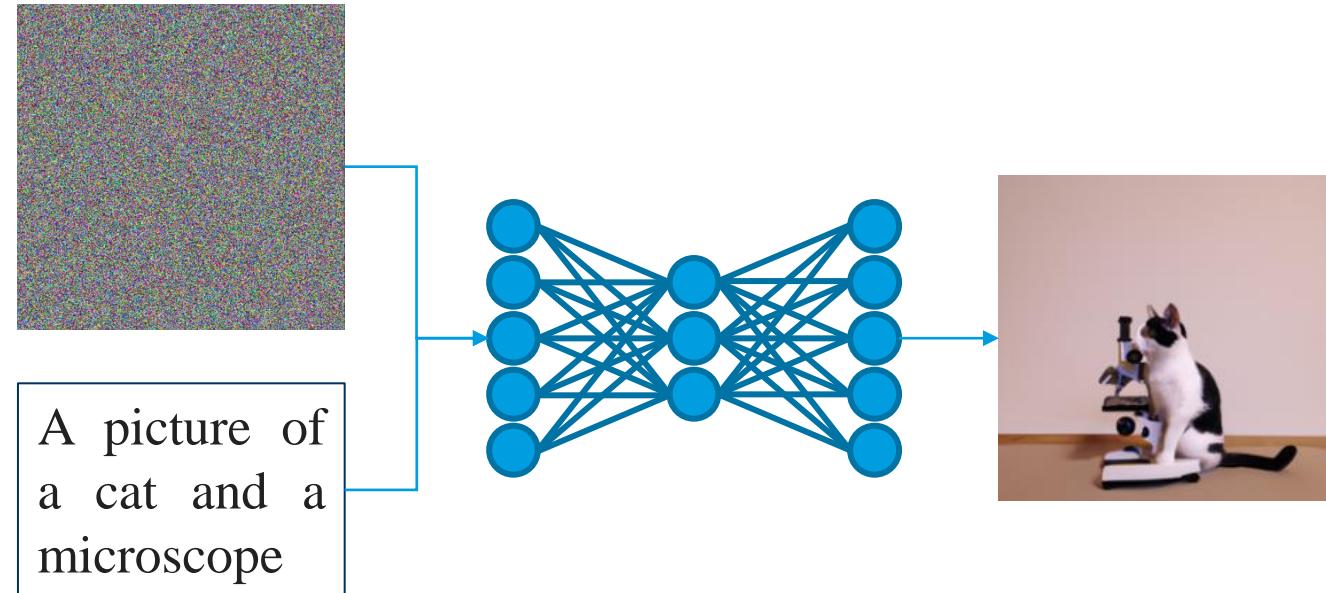
Commonly based on Neural Networks

Bridges fields:

- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- Computer Vision (CV)

Use-cases

- Translating text
- Writing emails, text, grant proposals
- Summarizing articles
- Writing code
- General question answering
- Image generation



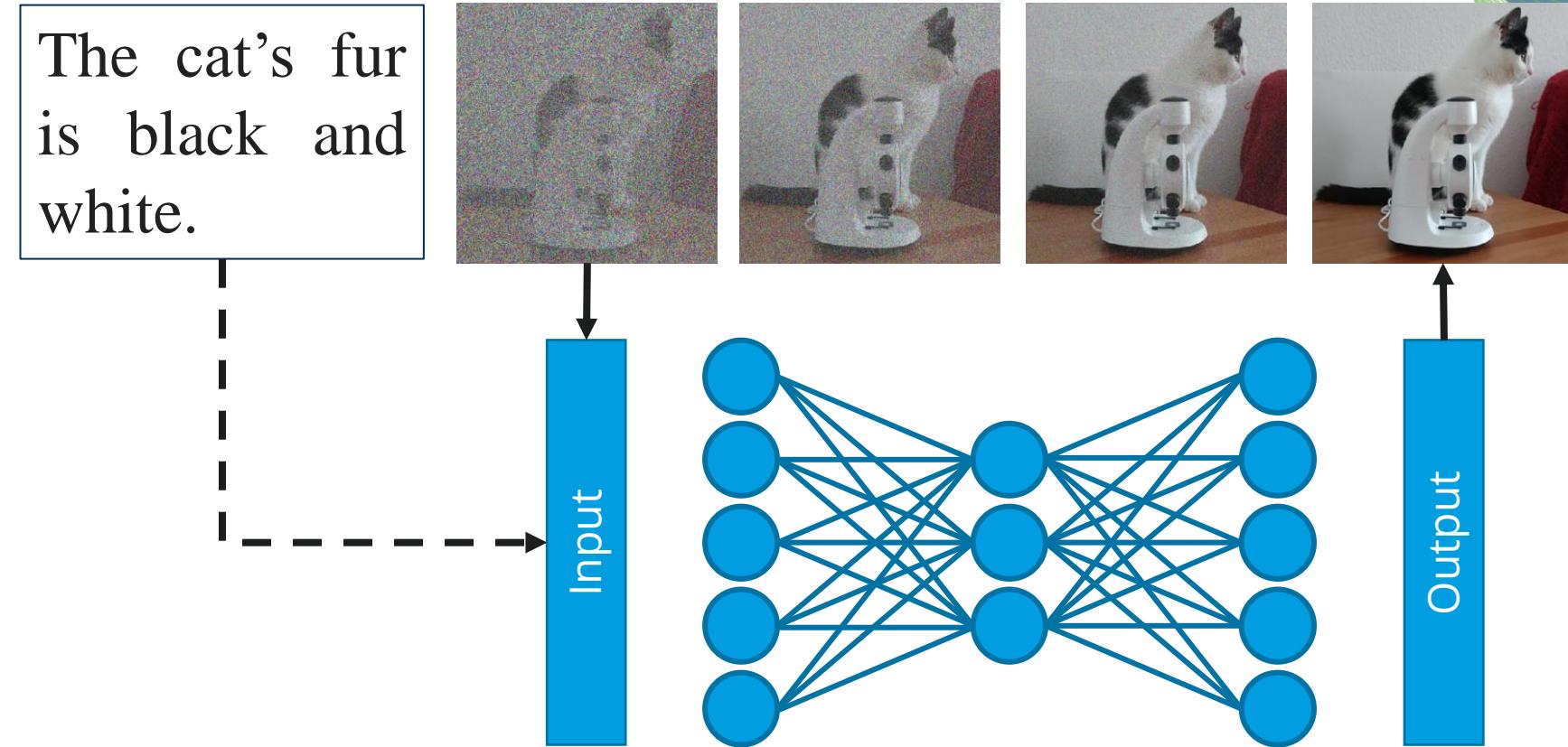
# How does it work?

Combination of neural networks + other elements + various [multi-modal] data sources

Examples: GPT / DALL-E,  
Stable Diffusion

Use-case:

- Generate image from noise + text



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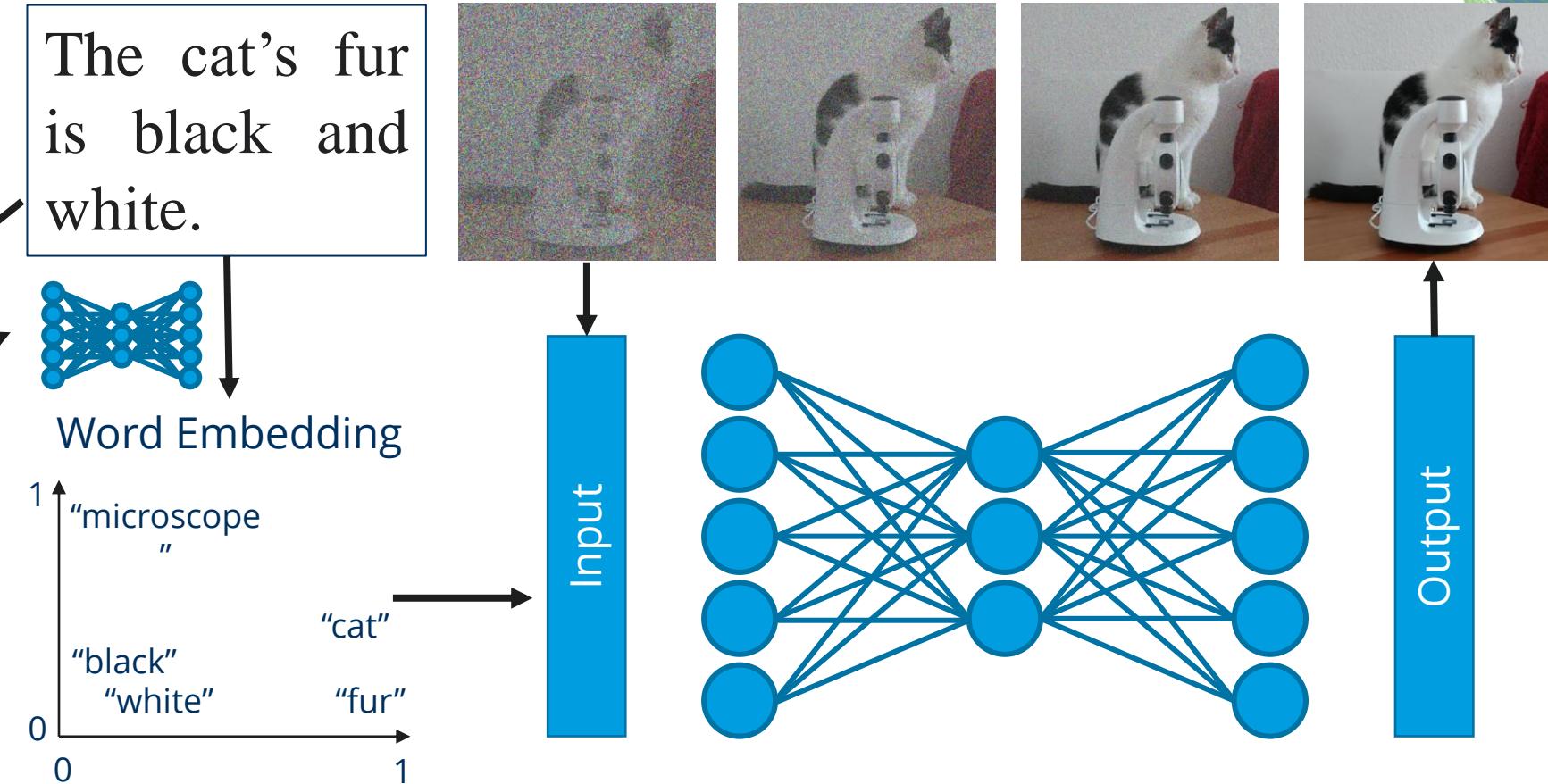
Examples: GPT / DALL-E,  
Stable Diffusion

Use-case:

- Generate image from noise + text



The cat's fur is black and white.  
0 1 4 3 2 1



# What are large language models good in?

## Translation tasks

```
[4]: %%prompt  
Translate the following joke to German:  
  
What is every parent's favorite Christmas song? Silent Night!  
  
Was ist das Lieblingsweihnachtslied aller Eltern? Stille Nacht!
```

## Restructuring data

```
[6]: %%prompt  
Given a story, please restructure the contained data.  
  
Story:  
The compute center of the university recently conducted a study to figure out needs of students for computational resources. After interviewing 100 students they concluded that most of them were happy with 250 GB of cloud storage.  
  
Restructure the story above to extract these numbers:  
* Number of students asked:  
* Cloud storage size:  
  
Number of students asked: 100 Cloud storage size: 250 GB
```

# What are large language models not so good in?

## Querying knowledge (in particular recent information)

[15]:  
%%prompt  
What's Robert Haase's (Uni Leipzig) research field ?

I couldn't find information specific to Robert Haase from the University of Leipzig. It's possible that he may not be a prominent or well-known researcher in a specific field or his information may not be easily accessible online.

[18]:  
%%prompt  
What's Robert Haase's (TU Dresden) research field ?

Robert Haase from TU Dresden is a researcher in the field of computer science and medical image analysis.

## Math (in particular counting)

[25]:  
%%prompt  
How many o are in Woolloomooloo ?

There are 6 "o" letters in Woolloomooloo.



Woolloomooloo  
New South Wales 2011  
Australia

Partly cloudy · 23°C  
9:24PM

# Prompt Engineering

- Set context / assign role
- Define output style
- Give hints / conditions
- List tasks
- Provide data

%%prompt

You are a professional academic consultant who gives advice to students **for** writing their thesis.

Give these hints:

- \* Submit the thesis registration form only **if** you're sure you can finish writing in 5 months.
- \* Start writing your thesis early, e.g. the fundamentals chapter can be written **from** day one.
- \* Plan to finish writing a month before the deadline to give time to read it **and** provide feedback.

Here are some important hints to consider while writing your thesis:

1. Evaluate your readiness: Before submitting the thesis registration form, carefully assess your commitment and availability. Ensure that you are confident in completing your thesis within the given timeframe of five months. This will prevent unnecessary stress and help you maintain a focused mindset throughout the writing process.
2. Begin early: Starting your thesis early **is** crucial. Begin by working on the fundamentals chapter, as it lays the foundation for your entire thesis. By initiating this chapter from day one, you will establish a good writing routine and make steady progress as you move forward.
3. Plan ahead: Create a realistic schedule to guide your writing process. Break down the work into smaller tasks, setting deadlines for each chapter or section. **This will** help you maintain a structured approach and make the workload more manageable. Be sure to allocate time for research, data analysis, and revisions.
4. Aim to finish ahead of time: Plan to complete your thesis writing at least one month before the official deadline. This buffer time will allow you to thoroughly review and revise your work before final submission. It will also provide an opportunity to seek feedback from professors or peers, improving the overall quality of your thesis.

# Prompt Engineering

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```
%%prompt  
You are a professional academic consultant who gives advice to students for writing their thesis.  
Keep it short.
```

Give these hints:

- \* Submit the thesis registration form only **if** you're sure you can finish writing in 5 months.
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As a professional academic consultant, here are some helpful hints for writing your thesis:

1. Only submit the thesis registration form if you are confident about completing it within the given timeframe of 5 months.
2. Begin writing your thesis early to ensure a smooth process. For instance, you can start with the fundamentals chapter right from day one.
3. Plan your schedule effectively to finish writing your thesis at least a month before the submission deadline. This will allow ample time for reading, revising, and receiving feedback.

By following these recommendations, you'll have a better chance of successfully completing your thesis on time and with improved quality. Good luck!

# Prompt Engineering

- Set context / assign role
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- Provide data

```
%%prompt
You are a professional academic consultant who gives advice to students for writing their thesis.
Keep it short.
Write like Yoda would.

Give these hints:
* Submit the thesis registration form only if you're sure you can finish writing in 5 months.
* Start writing your thesis early, e.g. the fundamentals chapter can be written from day one.
* Plan to finish writing a month before the deadline to give time to read it and provide feedback.
```

Hints for thesis writing, I have. Follow them, you must.

- Only submit the thesis registration form, if in 5 months, complete writing, you are sure.
- From day one, start writing your thesis, you must. Begin with the fundamentals chapter.
- A month before the deadline, finish writing, you should. Time to read and provide feedback, it will give you.

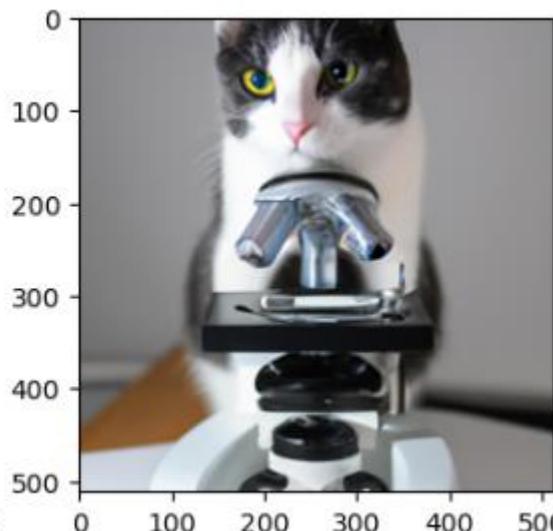
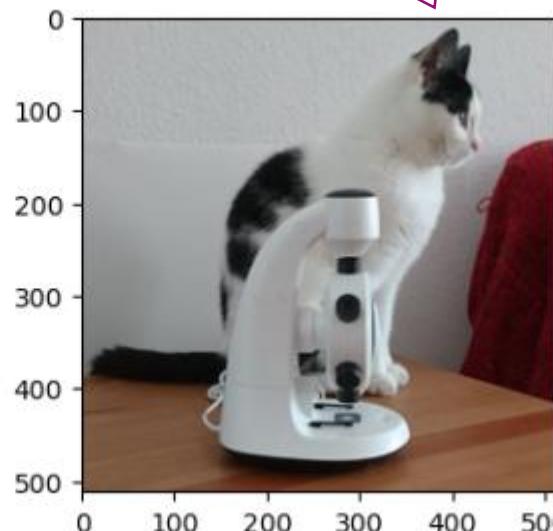
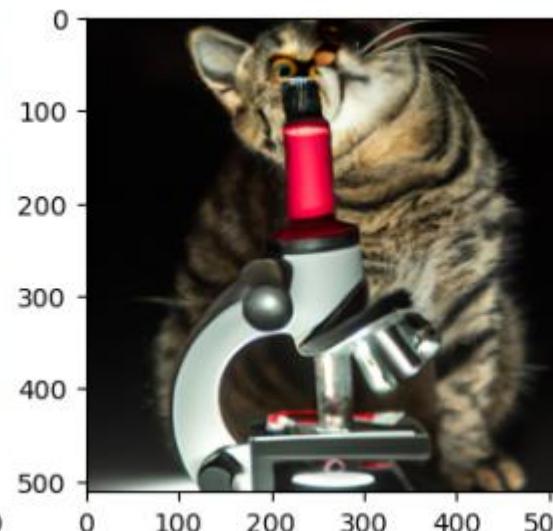
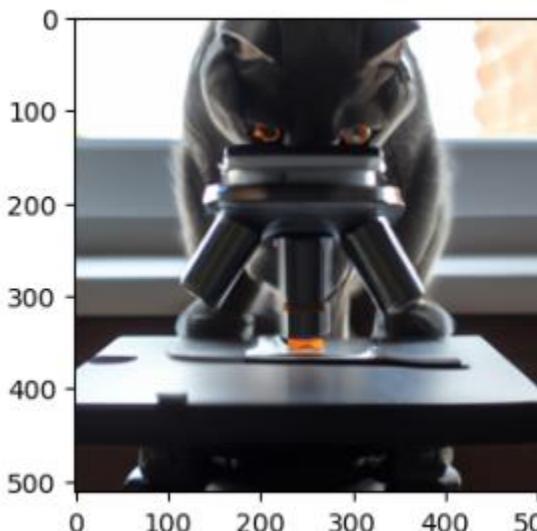
Follow these hints, you must. Successful thesis writing, you will achieve. Hmmmm.

# Prompt engineering

Prompts can be used to write code, but also to generate images, e.g. with DALL-E. One can generate quite realistic images given a detailed prompt.

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cat_microscope_prompt = """  
Image of a cat sitting behind a microscope.  
"""
```

One cat  
is real.

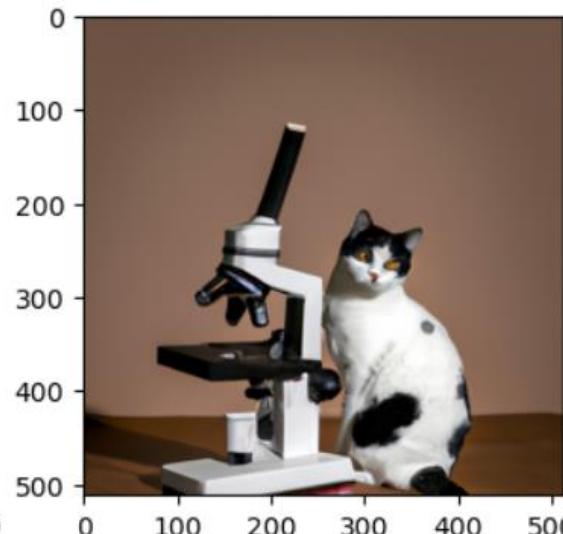
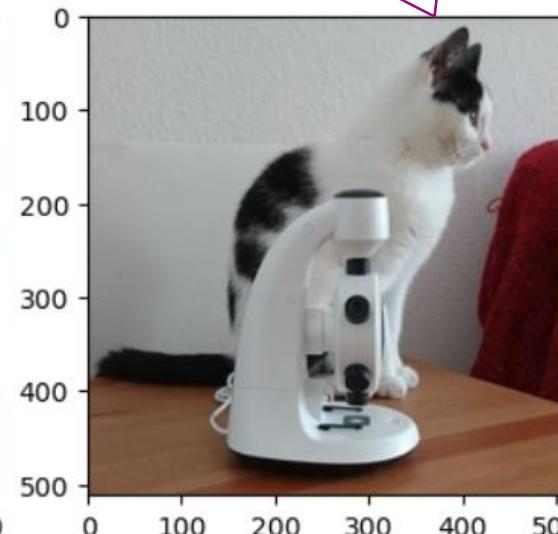
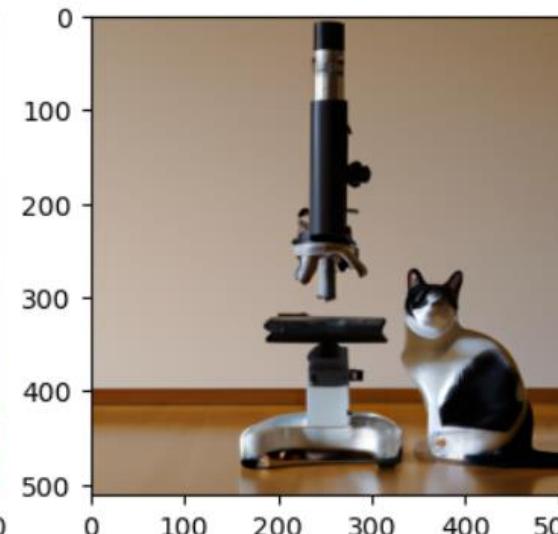
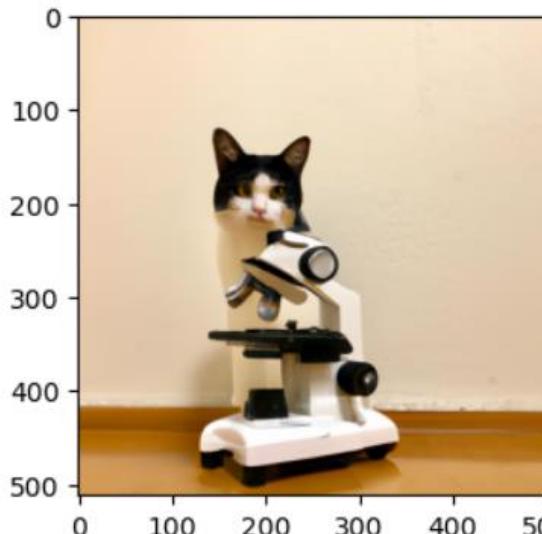


# Prompt engineering

Prompts can be used to write code, but also to generate images, e.g. with DALL-E.

```
[5]: cat_microscope_prompt = """  
Image of a cat sitting behind a microscope.  
Both are on a brown floor in front of a white wall.  
The cat is mostly white and has some black dots.  
The cat sits straight.  
The cat is a bit larger than the microscope.  
"""
```

One cat  
is real.



# Prompt engineering

chatGPT can solve simple image analysis tasks

Prompt

```
simple_question = """
Write Python code only and no additional explanatory text.

Write a python program, that
* loads the file `../../data/blobs.tif` ,
* labels objects in this image, and
* visualize results.

Assume this program would be executed in a Jupyter notebook.
It is not necessary to save the results. Show the results in Jupyter.
"""


```

Response

```
code = prompt(simple_question)
print(code)

```python
from skimage.io import imread
from skimage.filters import threshold_otsu
from skimage.measure import label
from skimage.color import label2rgb
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

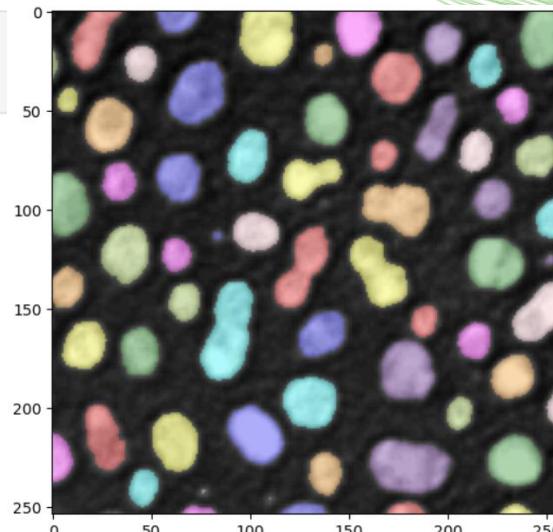
image = imread('../../data/blobs.tif')
thresh = threshold_otsu(image)
binary = image > thresh
labels = label(binary)
image_label_overlay = label2rgb(labels, image=image)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.imshow(image_label_overlay)

plt.show()
```

```

Result



# ChatGPT for analyzing scientific image data

## ChatGPT in comparison with the Bio-image Analysis GPT

ChatGPT 4 ▾



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How can I measure the number of neighbors in a label image?



ChatGPT

Measuring the number of neighbors in a labeled image, where each unique label represents a different object or region, often involves analyzing the adjacency or connectivity between the labeled regions. Here's a general approach you might take using image processing techniques:

1. **Preprocessing:** Ensure that your image is segmented and labeled correctly. Each distinct object or region should have a unique label (e.g., 1, 2, 3, ...), and the background can be labeled as 0 or another distinct value.
2. **Define Connectivity:** Determine the type of connectivity you are interested in. In a 2D image, typically 4-connectivity (up, down, left, right) or 8-connectivity (includes diagonals) is used.
3. **Create Adjacency Matrix:** An adjacency matrix is a square matrix used to represent a finite graph. The elements of the matrix indicate whether pairs of vertices are adjacent or

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```
python

from skimage.measure import label, regionprops
import numpy as np

# Let's assume 'image' is your labeled image matrix
labeled_image = label(image)

# Define an empty list to hold counts of neighbors for each label
neighbors_count = []

for region in regionprops(labeled_image):
    # Here, you would implement the logic to check neighbors for each
    # and count the unique labels encountered.
    # Append the count of neighbors for this region to the neighbors_count list
    pass

# neighbors_count now holds the number of neighbors for each label
```

More concise responses with some domain knowledge

Limited BIA domain-specific knowledge

Bio-image Analysis GPT ▾



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Bio-image Analysis GPT

To measure the number of neighbors in a label image, you can use the `pyclesperanto` (abbreviated as `cle`) library. Here's a concise guide on how to achieve this:

1. Create a Neighbor Count Map: Use the `cle.touching\_neighbor\_count\_map` function to count the touching neighbors for each labeled object (cell). This function creates a new image where each pixel's intensity represents the number of neighbors for the labeled object it belongs to.

```
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neighbor_count_image = cle.touching_neighbor_count_map(cells)
```

2. Visualize the Neighbor Count: You can visualize this neighbor count map using `cle.imshow`, applying a color map for better visibility.

```
python Copy code
cle.imshow(neighbor_count_image, color_map='jet', colorbar=True)
```

3. Exclude Edge Labels: It's important to note that the counts along the image border may not be accurate. To address this, use `cle.exclude\_labels\_on\_edges` to exclude cells touching the image borders.

```
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cells_ex_border = cle.exclude_labels_on_edges(cells)
```

4. Correct the Neighbor Count Map: Apply the exclusion to the neighbor count image.

```
python Copy code
neighbor_count_image_ex_border = neighbor_count_image * (cells_ex_border != 0)
```

5. Read Neighbor Counts: Finally, extract the neighbor counts into a list or array using `cle.read\_intensities\_from\_map`.

```
python Copy code
neighbor_counts = cle.read_intensities_from_map(cells_ex_border, neighbor_count_image_ex_border)
```

# BiA-Bob

- Open-source alternative to OpenAI's Data Analyst
- No need to upload your [image] data
- Extensible through plugins

```
[1]: from bia_bob import bob  
bob.__version__
```

```
[1]: '0.3.0'
```

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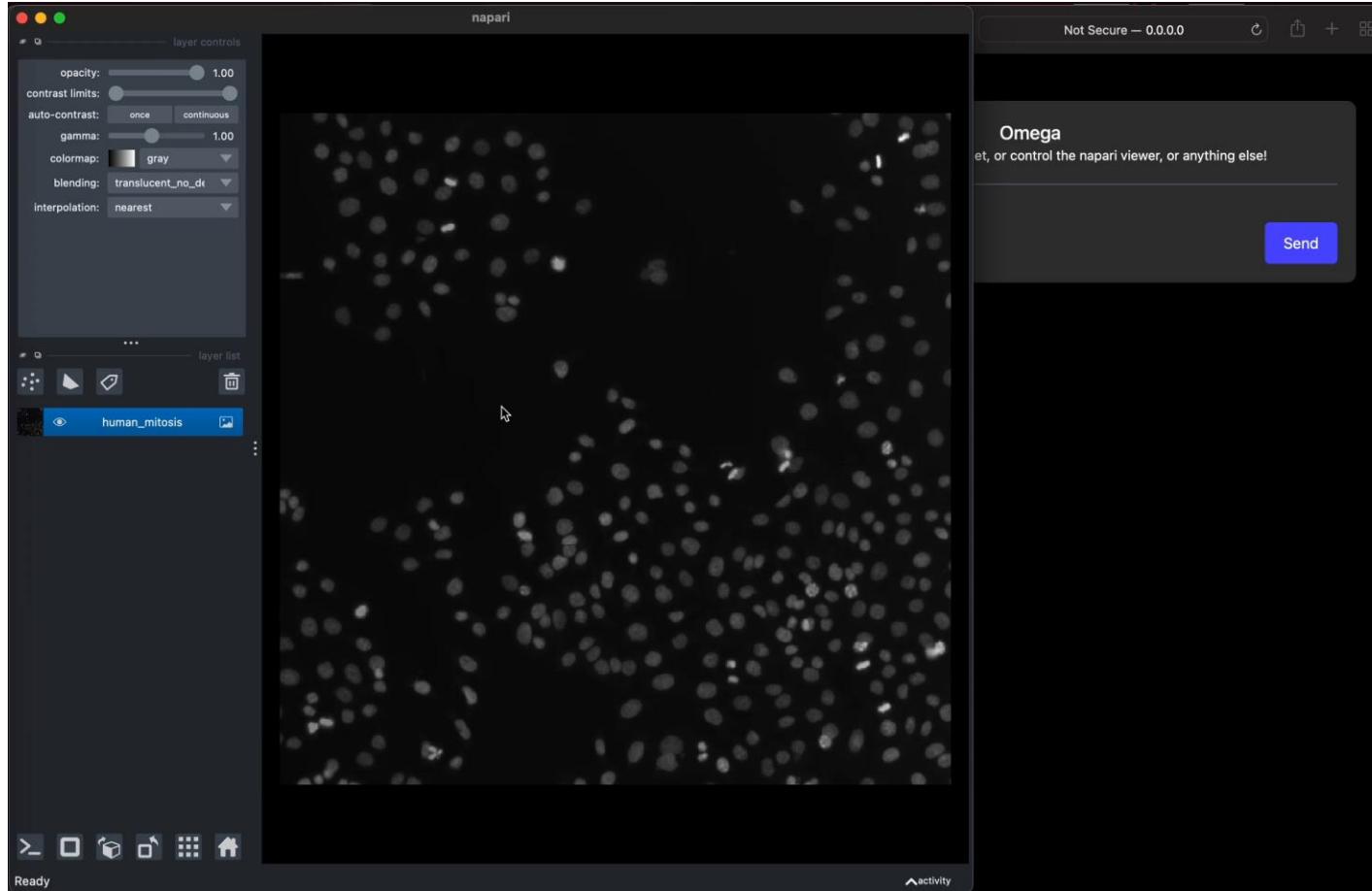


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The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with two code cells. The first cell contains Python code to load an image, segment it, and measure its area and perimeter, then display the original image, the labeled image, and a plot of area versus perimeter. The second cell shows the output: a grayscale 'Original Image' of white blobs on a black background, a 'Labeled Image' where each blob is colored differently (yellow, green, blue, red), and a scatter plot titled 'Area vs. Perimeter' with Area on the x-axis and Perimeter on the y-axis. The plot shows a positive correlation with several data points.

# napari-chatGPT

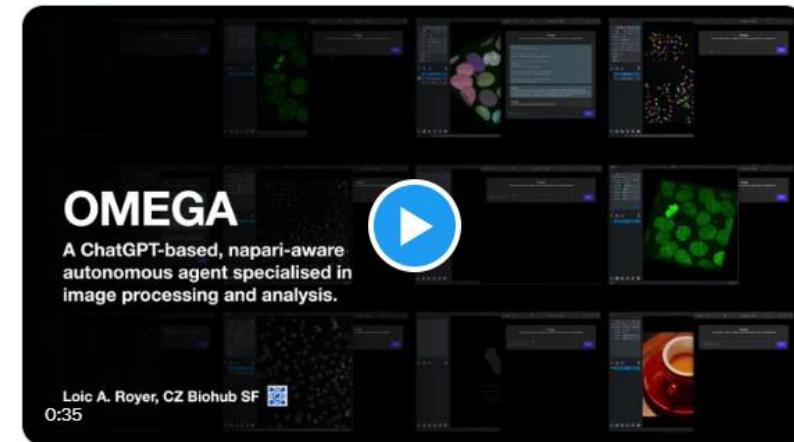
Napari-chatGPT can automate programming plugins / “widgets”.



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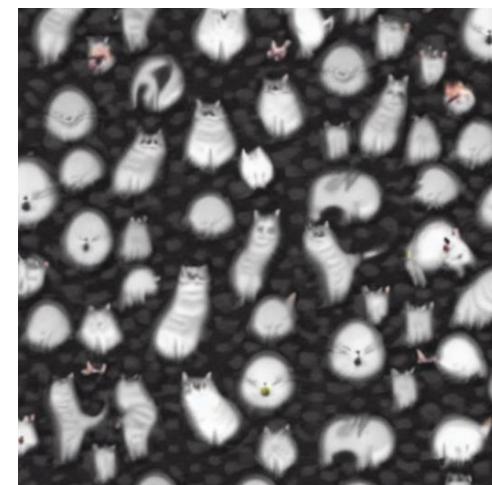
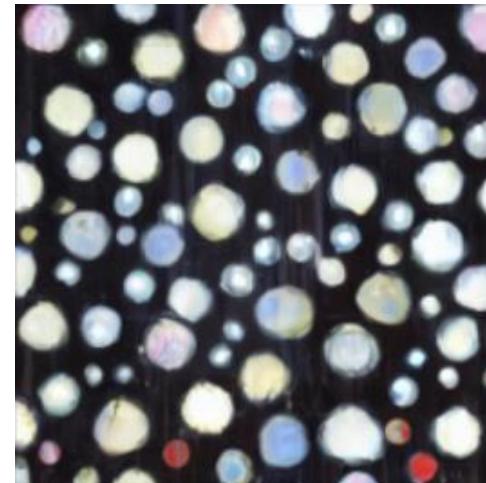
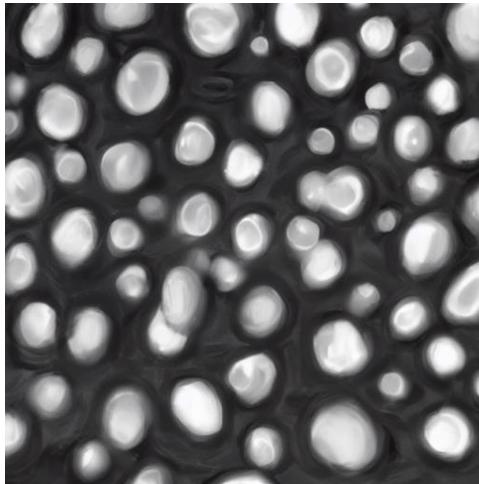
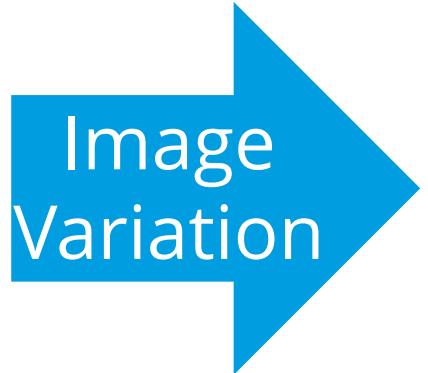
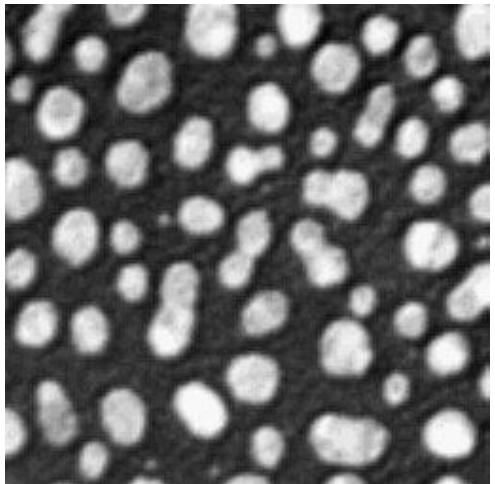


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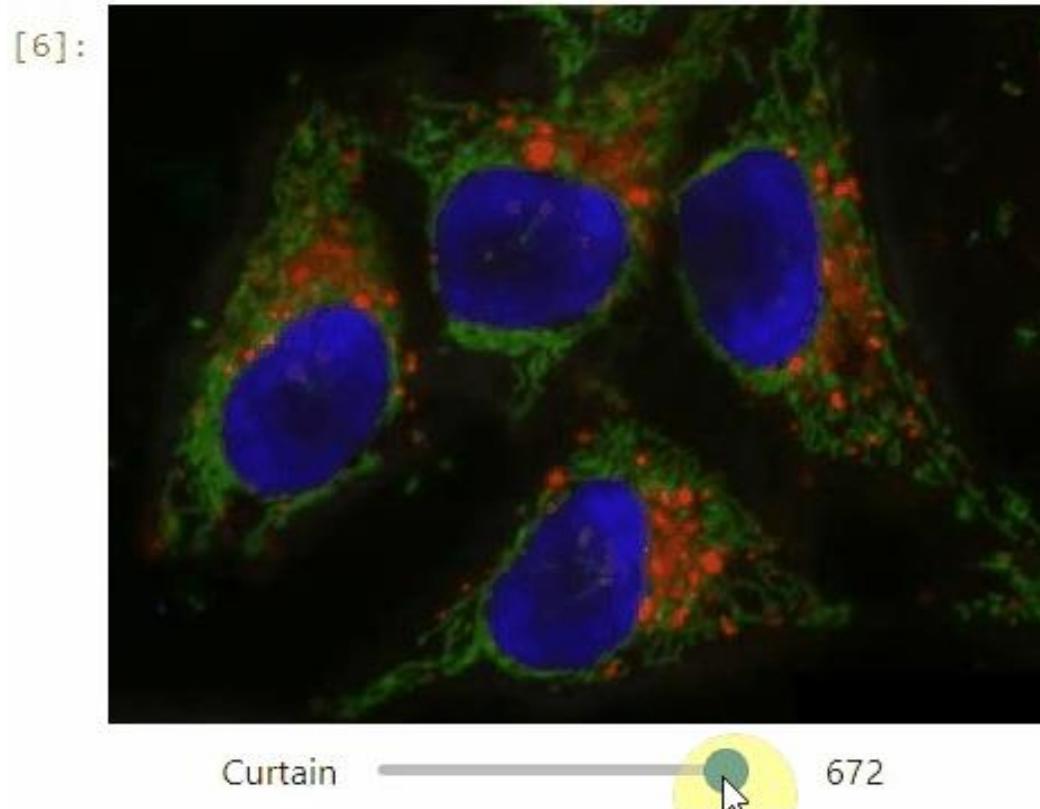
Generate images, e.g. for augmenting data



Potentially useful to make algorithms more robust

# New technologies bring new risks...

If you can generate images,  
you can also generate parts of images....



Interesting challenges for our community ahead

# Generative Artificial Intelligence

## Challenges

- Data safety / security / integrity
- Computational cost of training of neural networks
  - CO2-footprint/climate change
  - Accessibility
- Bias: “a nice photo of a human”
- Hallucinations
- False information / fake news
- Glitch tokens
- Debugging is hard



Model: Default (GPT-3.5)

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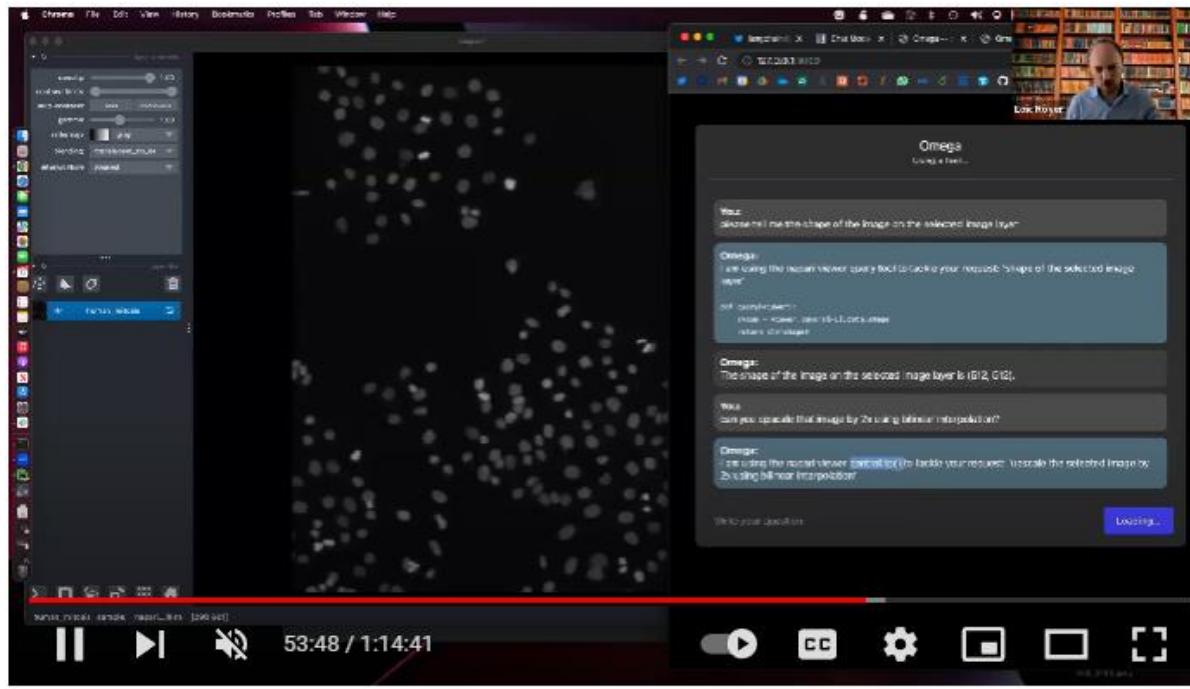
You Who developed Gradoop?

ChatGPT Gradoop is a scalable graph data management and analytics framework developed by the Database Systems Group at Leipzig University, Germany. It was specifically designed to support the efficient analysis of large-scale graph data, providing capabilities for graph storage, graph transformations, pattern matching, and analytical data processing. The framework is built on top of Apache Flink, which is a stream-processing and batch-processing framework, allowing Gradoop to leverage Flink's scalable data processing capabilities.

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# Further reading / watching



Code review of Napari-ChatGPT by Loic Royer (CZI Biohub)



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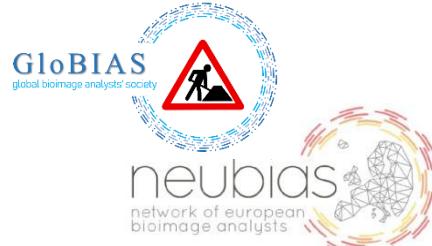
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