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# Segment Anything for Microscopy

## Interactive & Automatic Microscopy Segmentation

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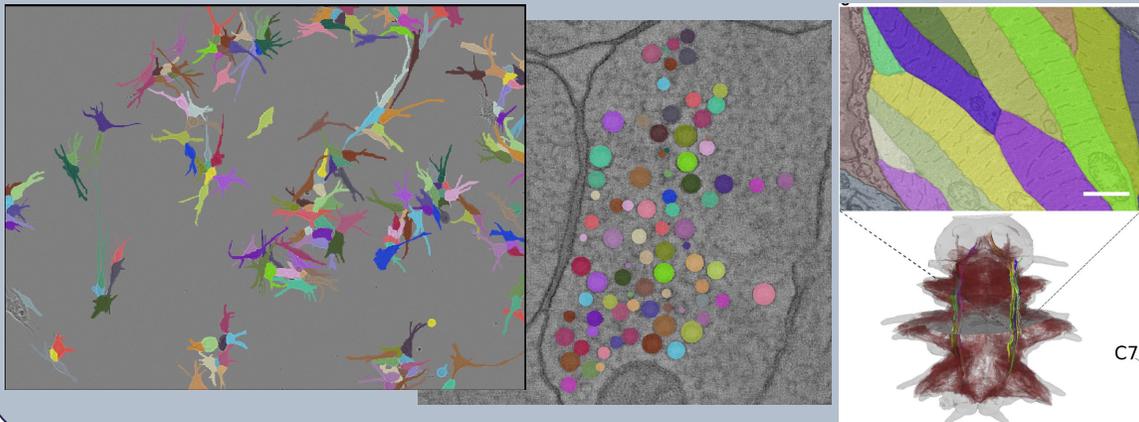
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Method development for microscopy image analysis:

**Vision:** from images to insight and clinical relevance in collaboration with life scientists

## Segmentation and tracking tasks

- High content microscopy for clinical decision making
- EM tomography for synaptic biology
- Volume EM for tissue and whole organism analysis



Representation learning for  
microscopy and multi-modal data

Protein structure analysis in cryo ET  
and **optical microscopy**

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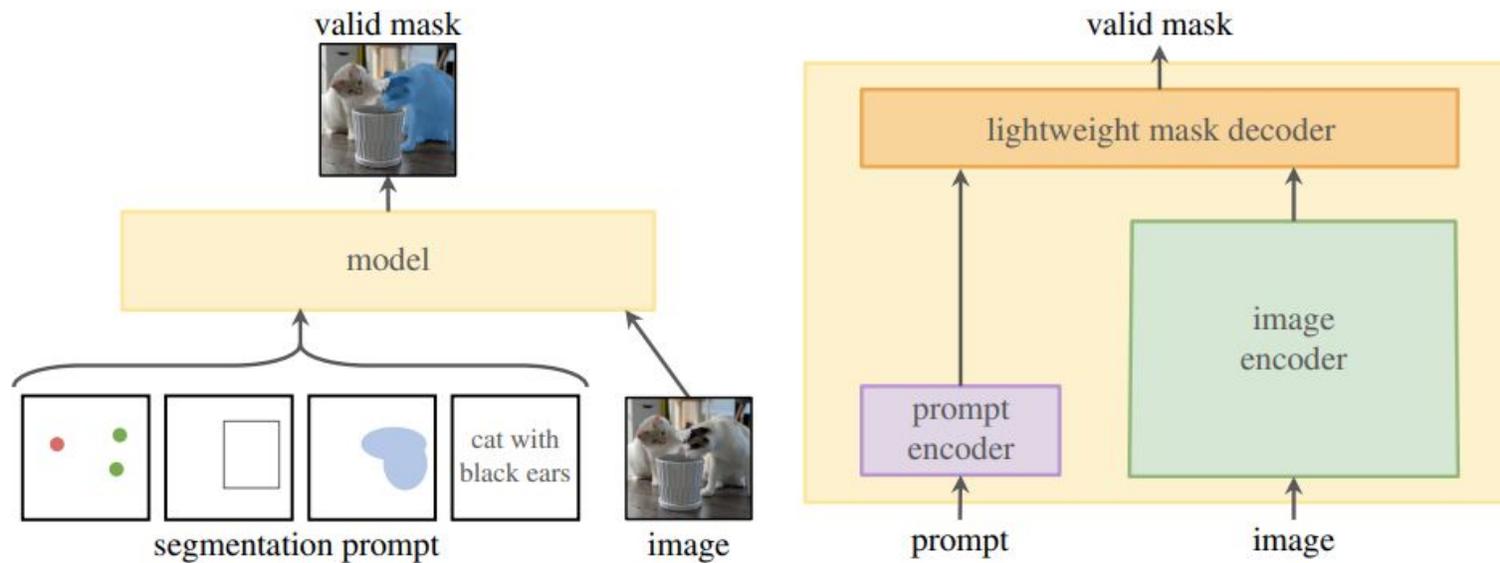
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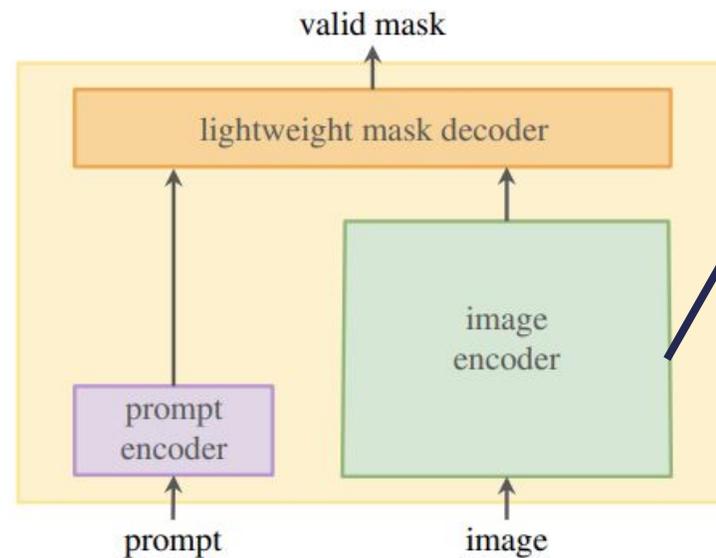
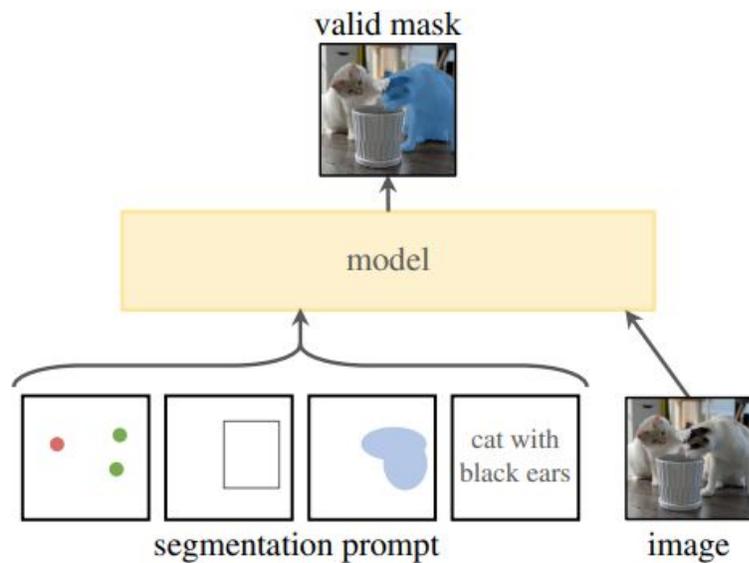
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- 4 different sizes:
- VIT-B (Base)
  - VIT-L (Large)
  - VIT-H (Huge)
  - VIT-T (Tiny)\*

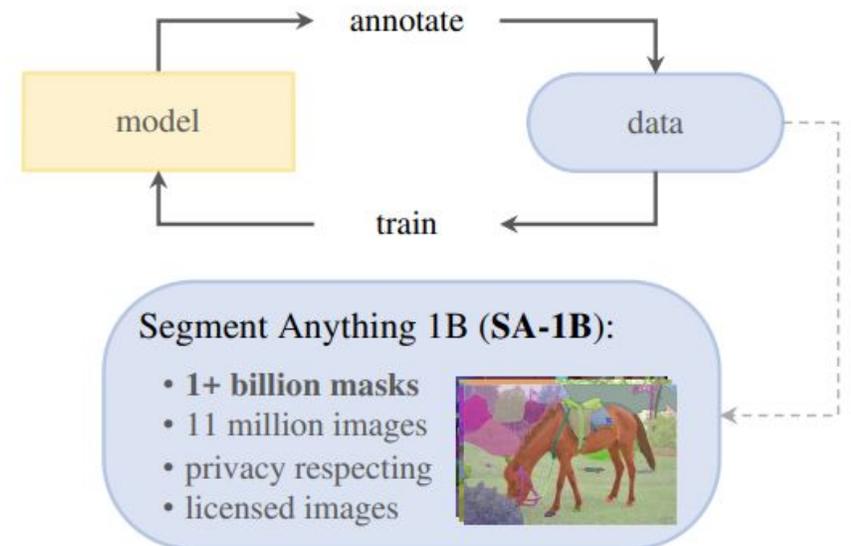
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  - **Large dataset with diverse images and objects**
  - Iterative training loop

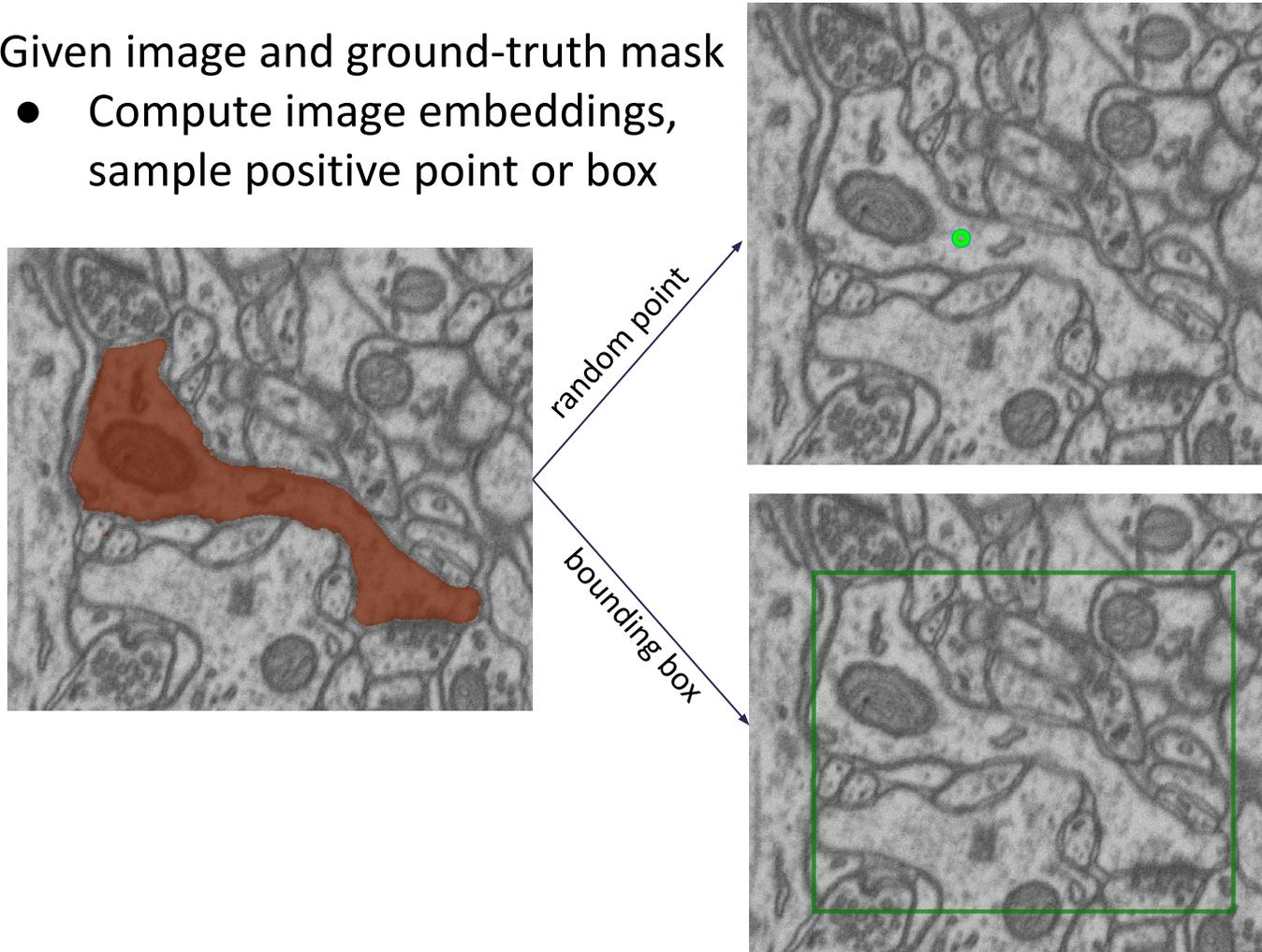


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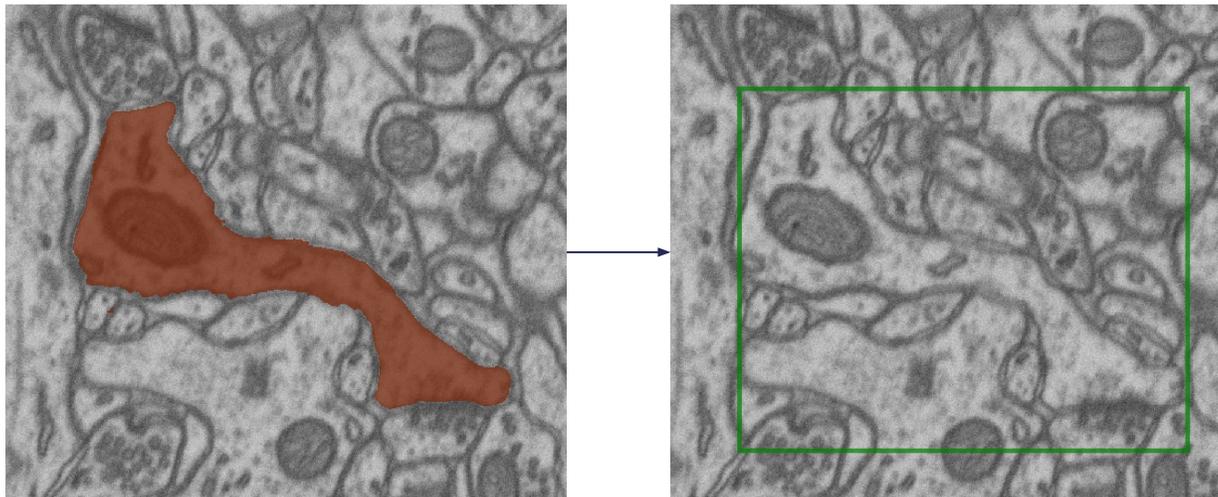


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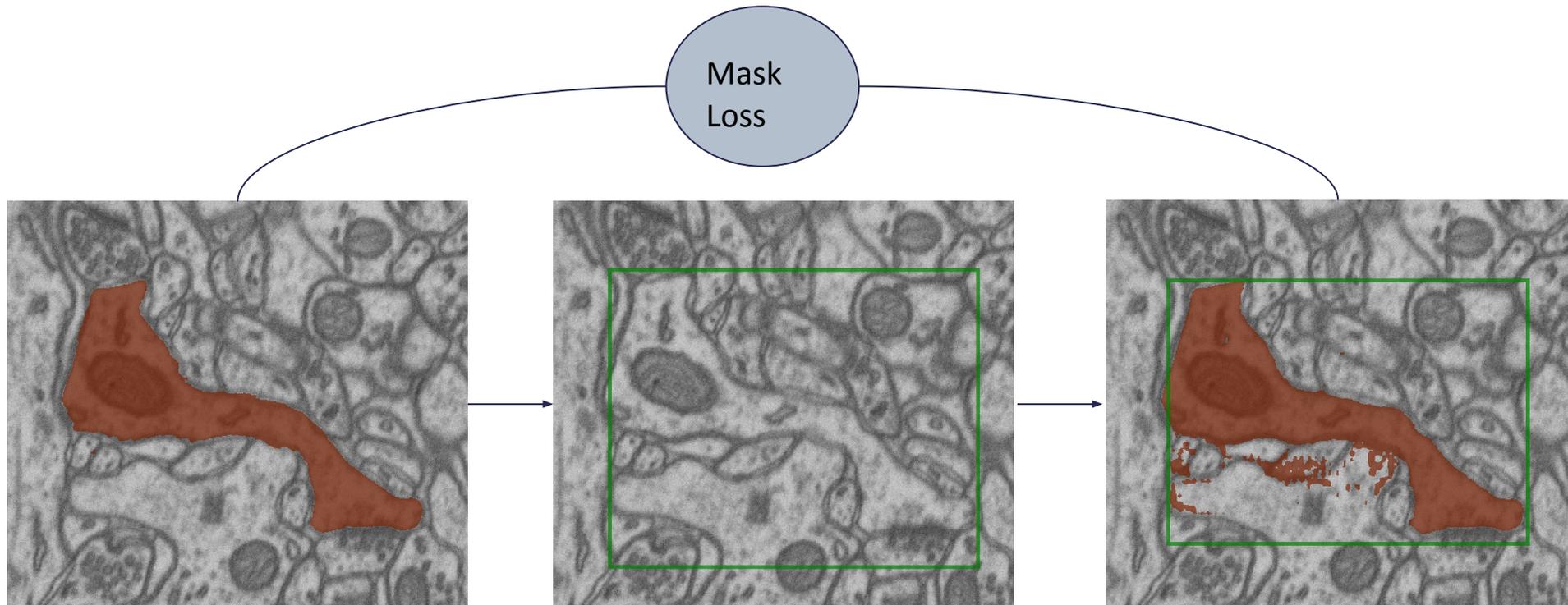


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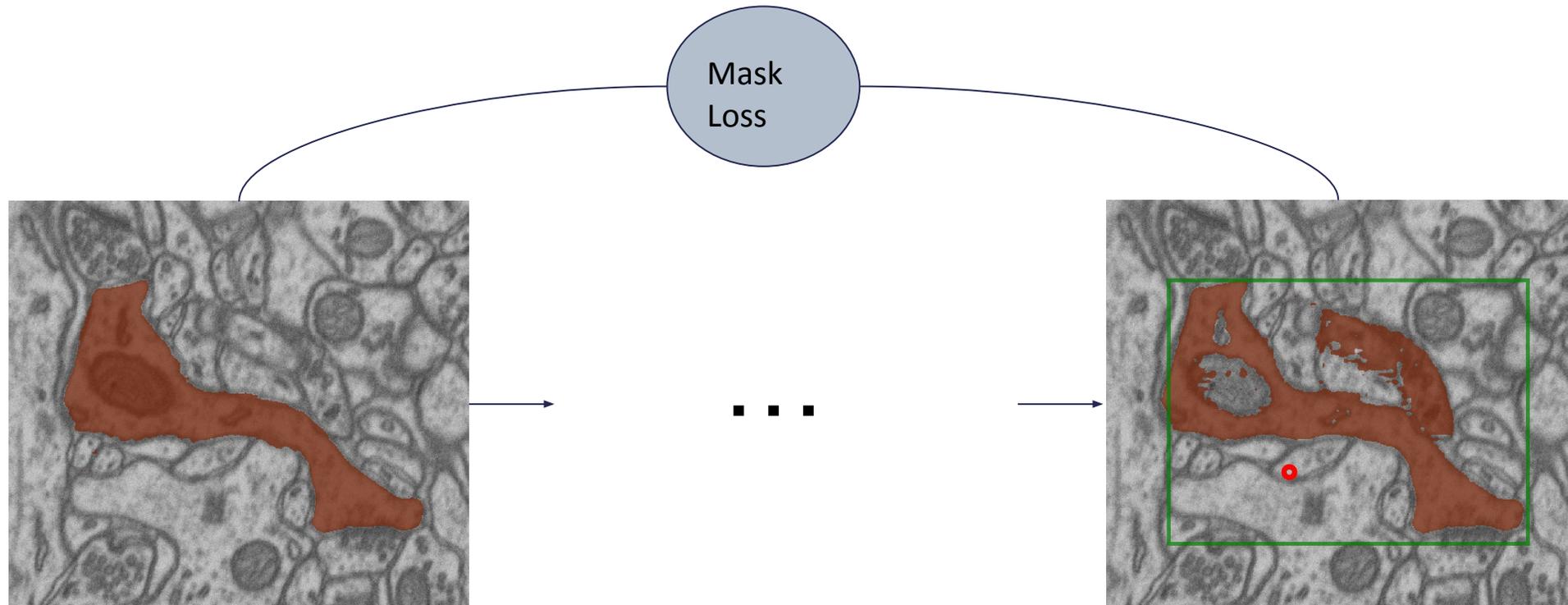
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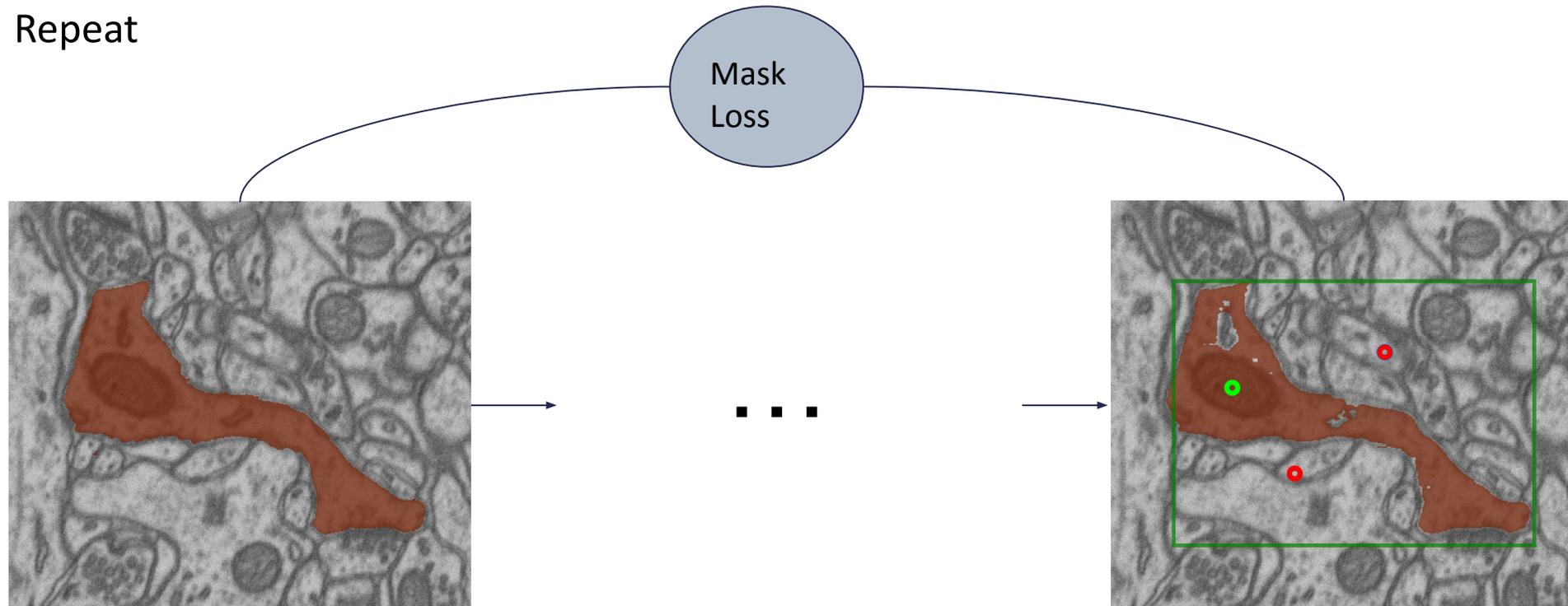
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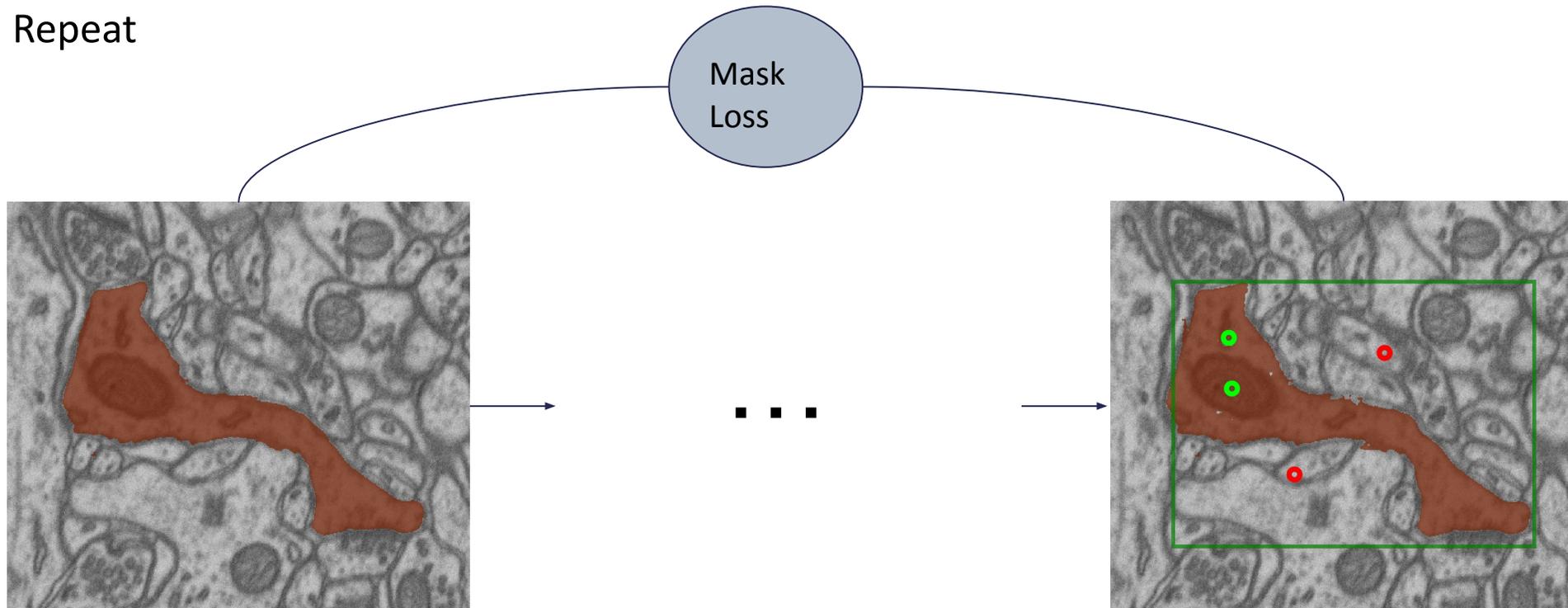


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- Average losses, update weights



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Automatic Mask Generation (AMG)



# Segment Anything for Microscopy

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- Can we improve it (by finetuning) on microscopy data?
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SAM authors test the model on nucleus segmentation and find good performance.  
 Model was predominantly trained on natural images!



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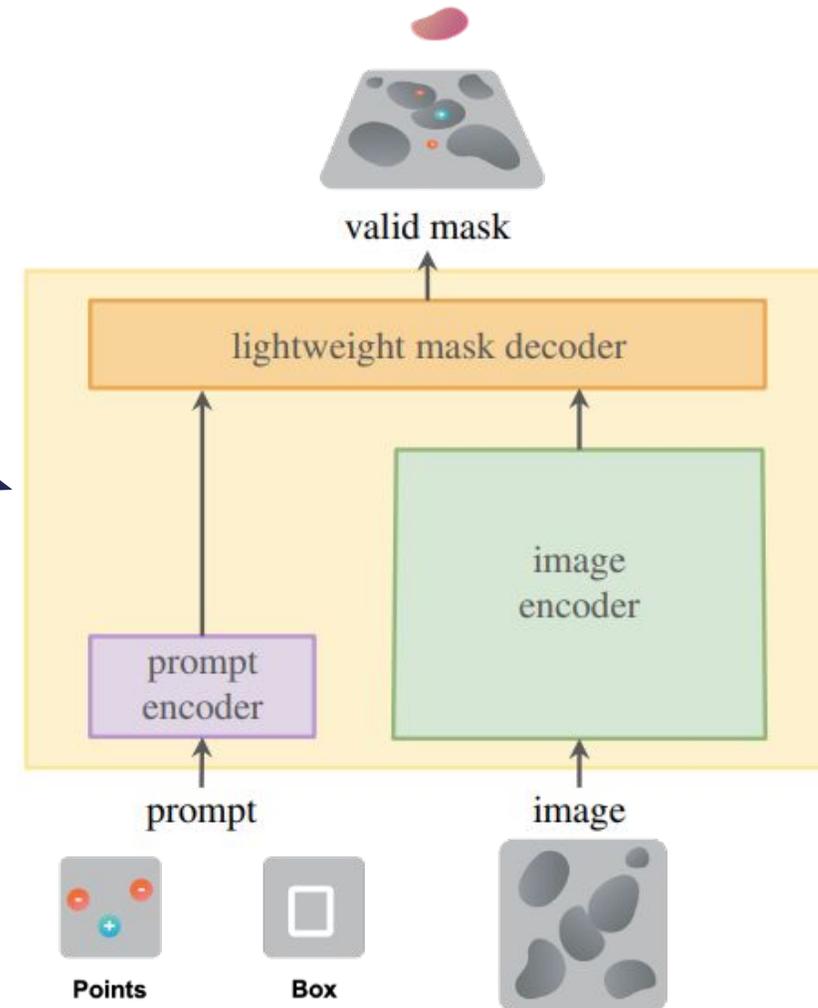
**We are in revision; will submit revised version this week!**

**Results are from revision experiments and not in preprint yet.**

# Finetuning SAM

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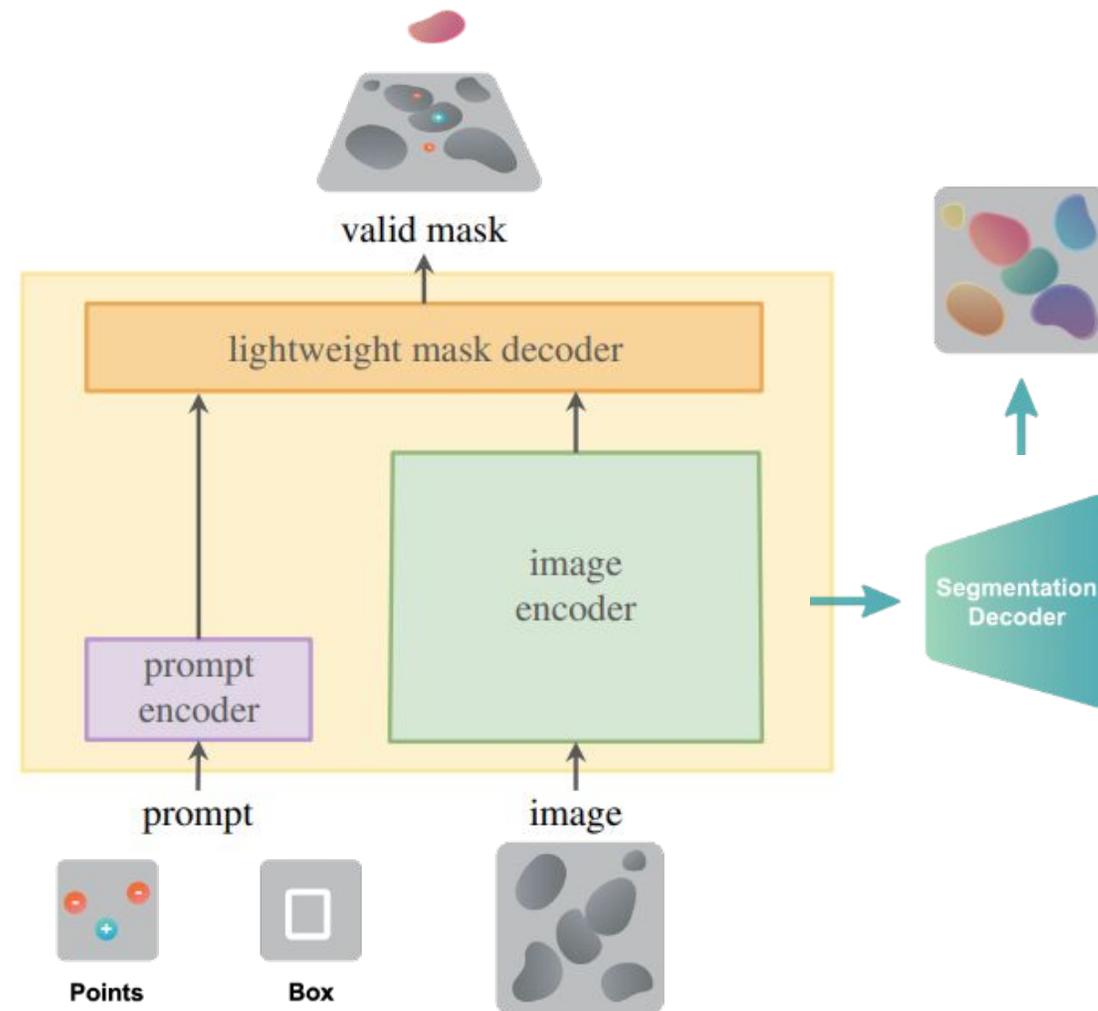
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# Finetuning SAM + improve instance seg

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  - Complex procedure
  - Use to finetune SAM components
- Add decoder for instance segmentation (AIS)
  - Predicts foreground
  - Regresses distances to boundary + centroid
  - Input for watershed



# Finetuning for light microscopy

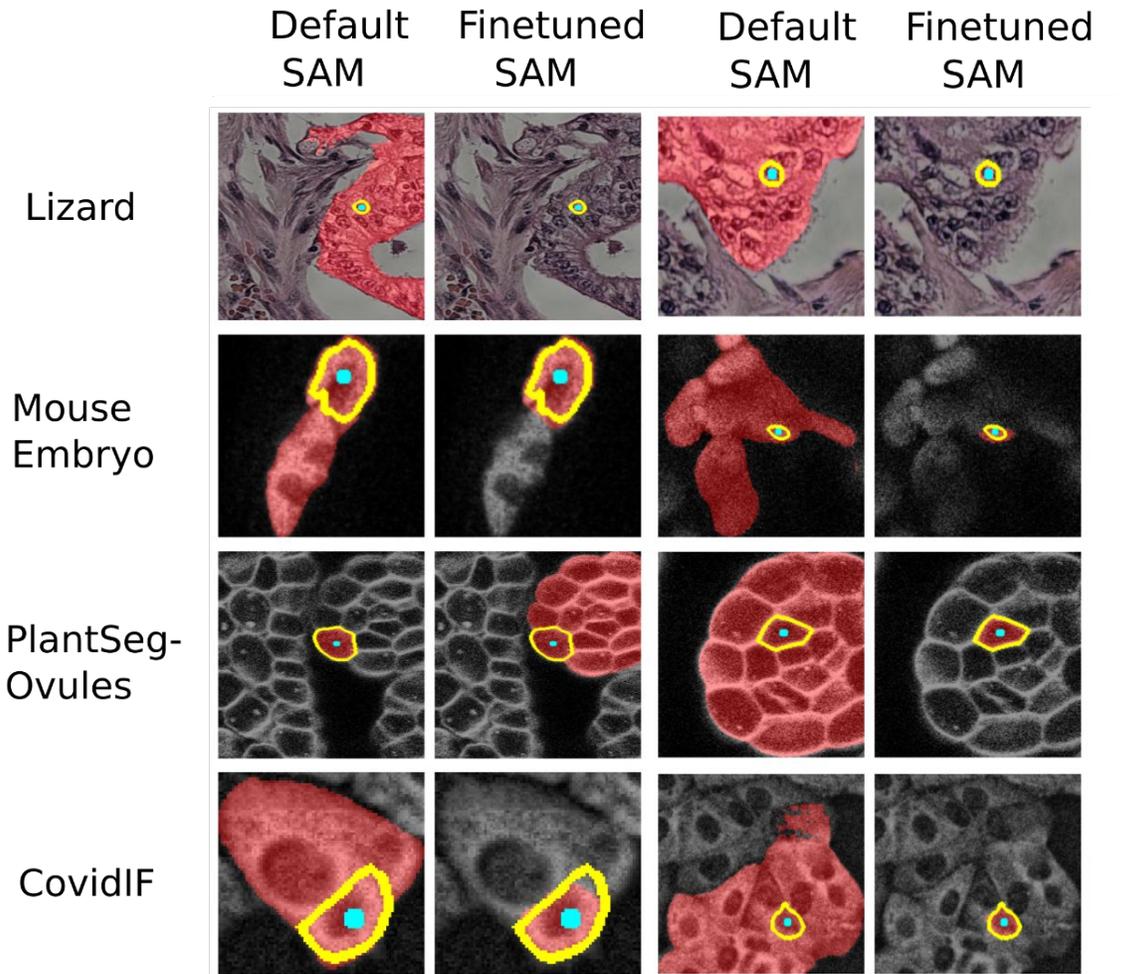
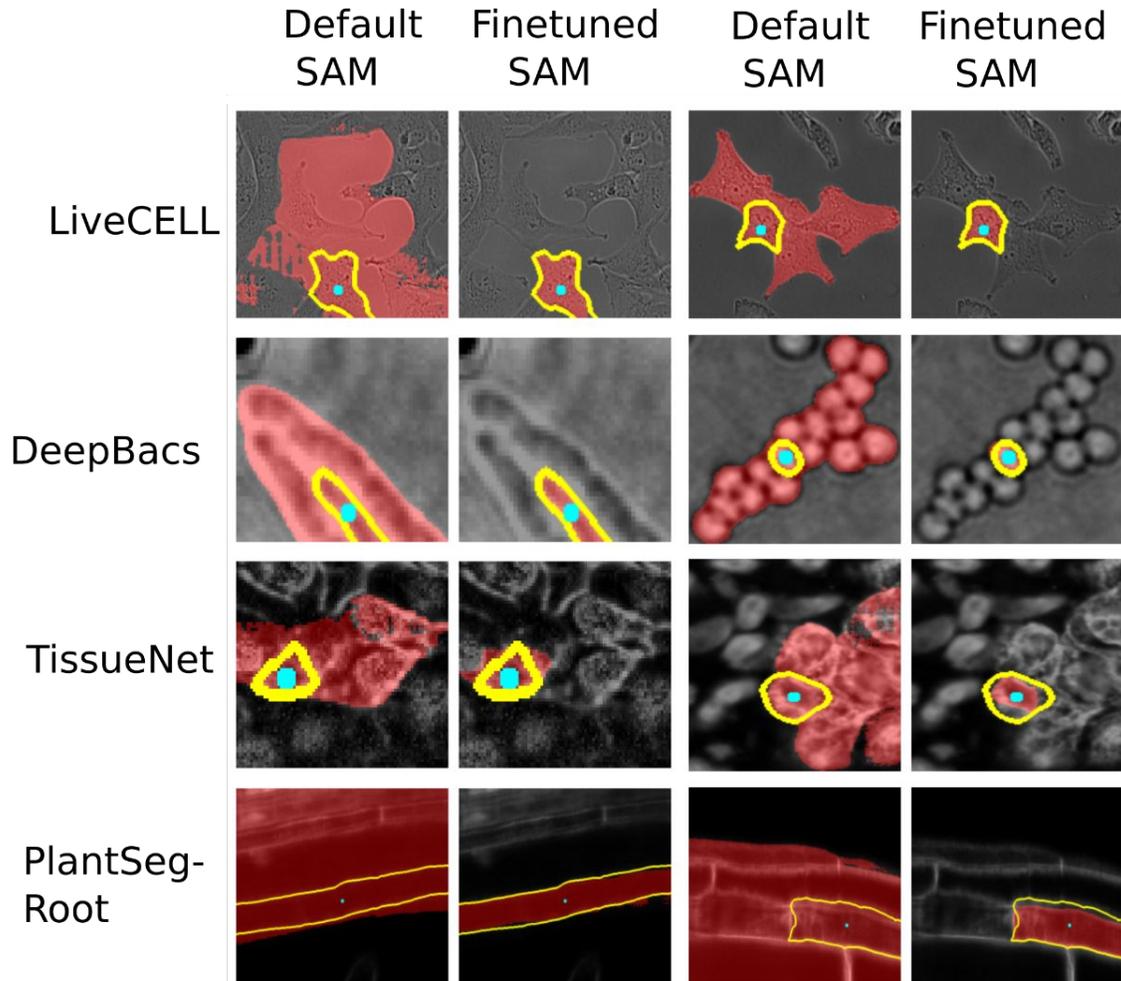
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- Training data: cell and nucleus segmentation (published datasets)
  - Cells in Phase-contrast (LiveCELL)
  - Cells in Tissue (TissueNet)
  - Cells and Nuclei in Fluorescence (Neurips Cell Seg, DSB)
  - Cells in LightSheet (PlantSeg-Roots)
  - Bacteria in labelfree imaging (DeepBacs)
- Evaluate on test-split of training datasets (“in domain”) and unseen datasets (“out of domain”):
  - Nuclei and cells in confocal, cells in immunofluorescence, nuclei in histopathology, ...
- Compare interactive and automatic instance segmentation
  - Compare to CellPose baseline for automatic segmentation

# Interactive Segmentation: In domain

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# Out-of-domain



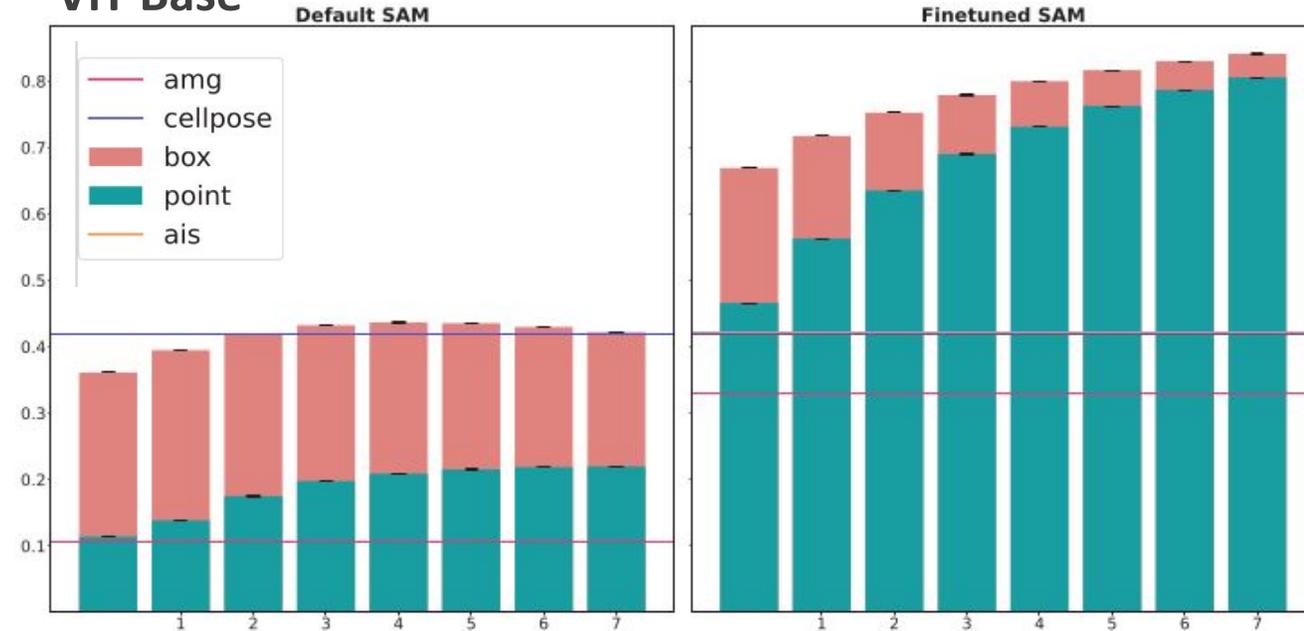
# Results: In Domain

Results for LIVECell Dataset  
(In Domain; Test Split)

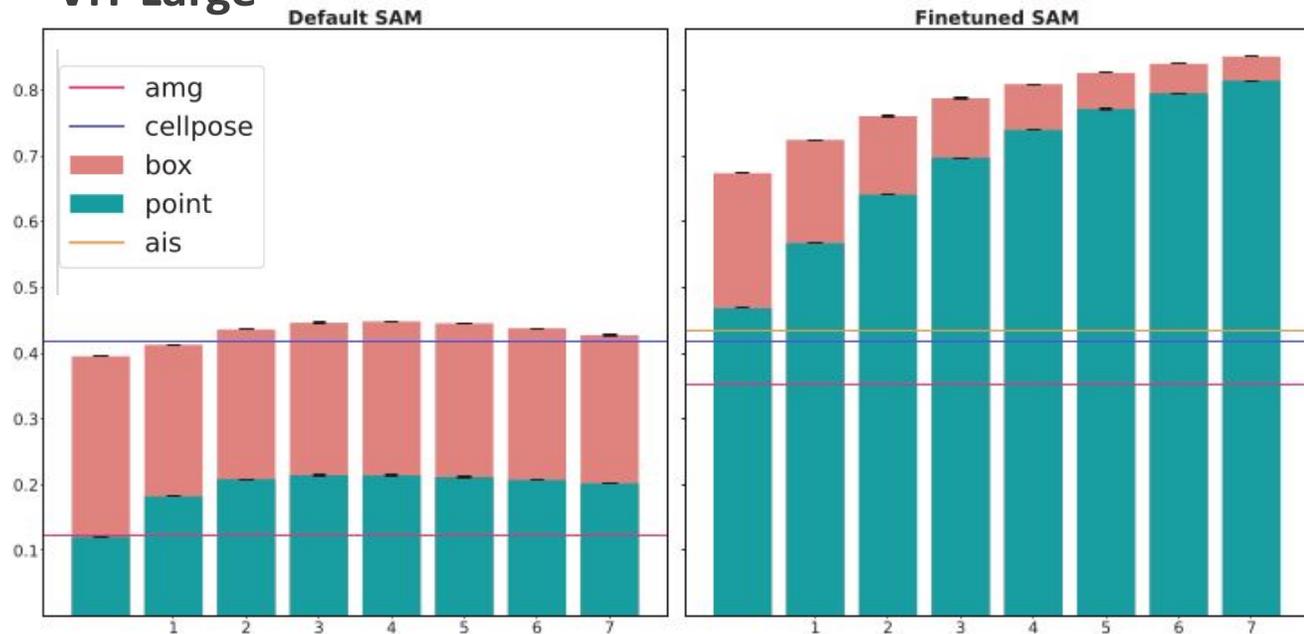
Evaluation:

- Interactive Segmentation:
  - Derive prompts from ground-truth, improve iteratively
- Instance segmentation:
  - Compare with CellPose
- Both: compute segmentation accuracy (compared to ground-truth)

## ViT Base



## ViT Large

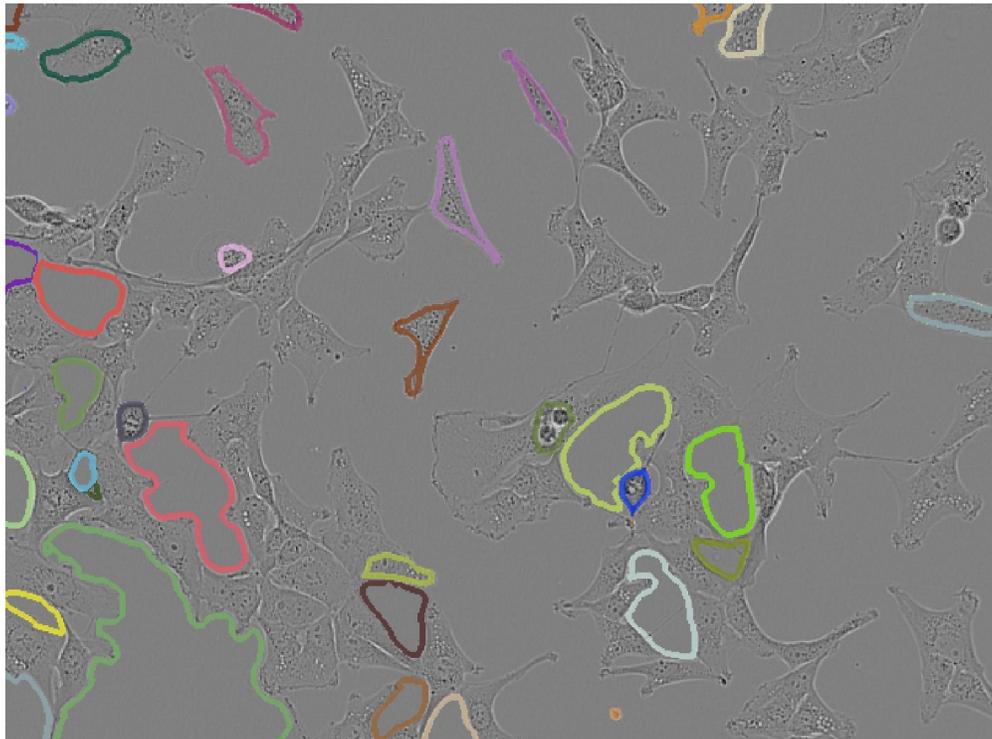


# Automatic Segmentation

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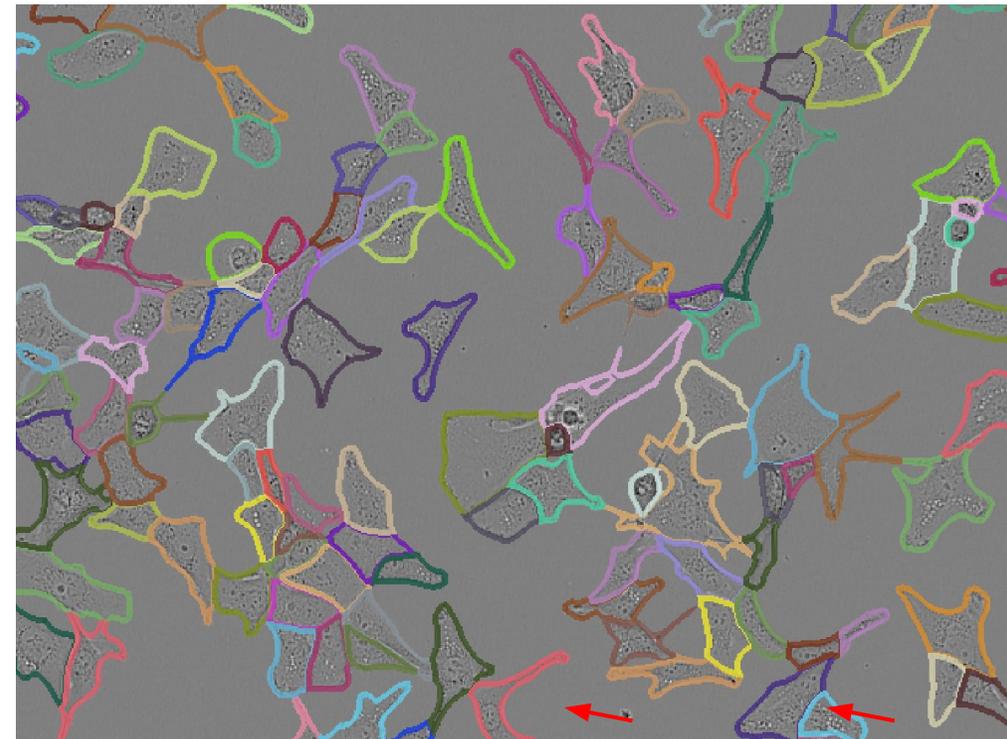
Instance segmentation on LIVECell Dataset

Runtimes on laptop (CPU);  
including embedding computation (dominates for AIS)



VIT-B  
AMG: 75 sec

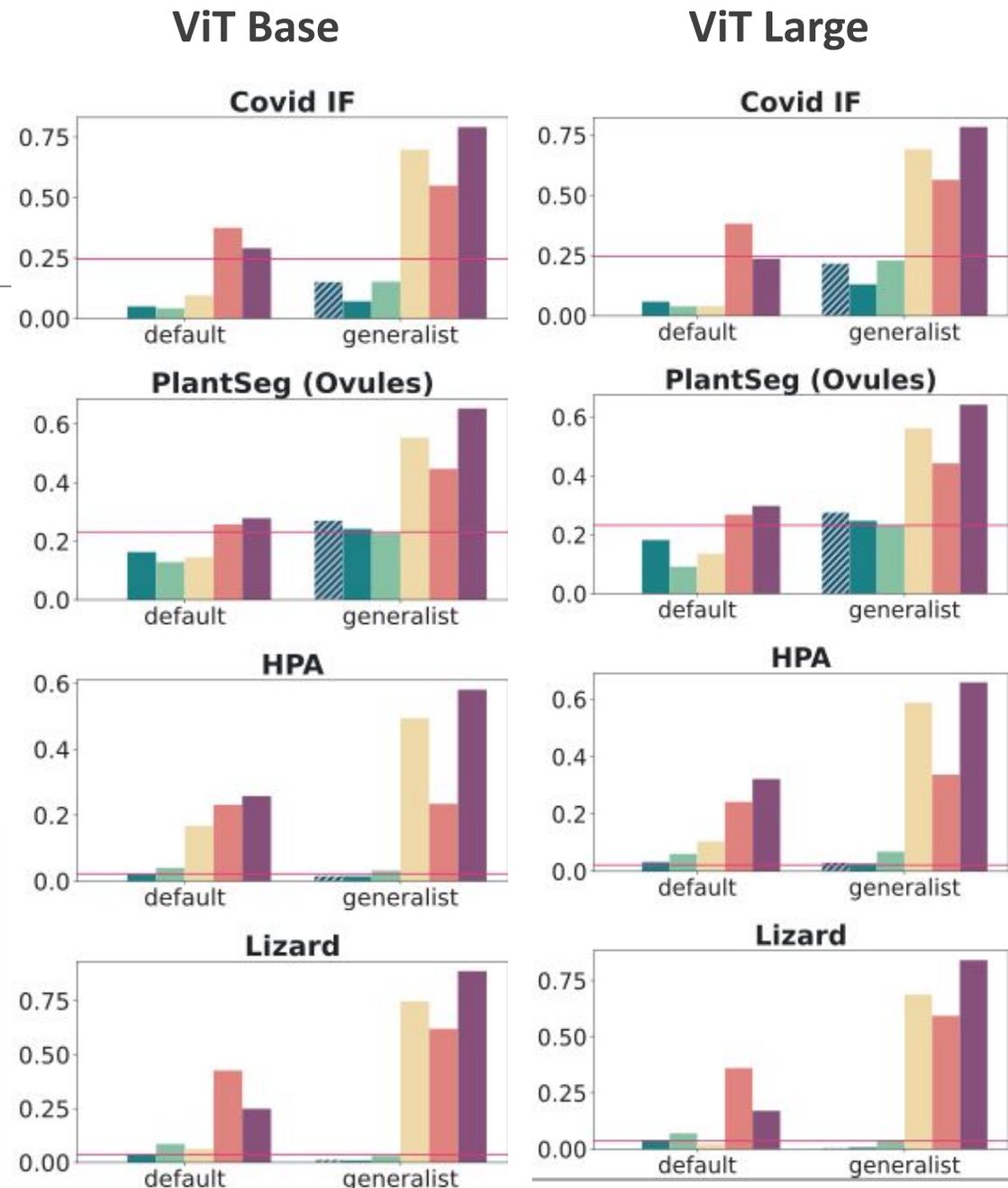
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# Results: Out of domain

Results for out-of-domain datasets.

Same evaluation procedure as before.



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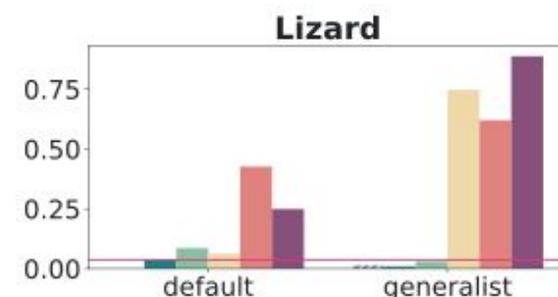
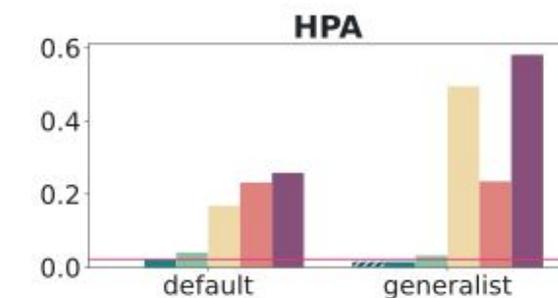
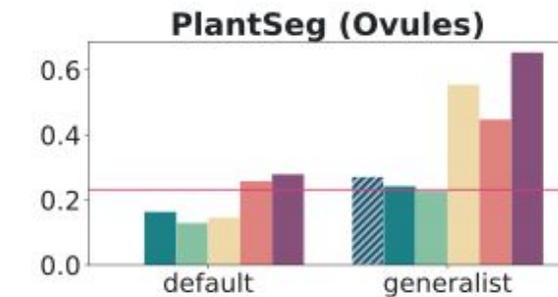
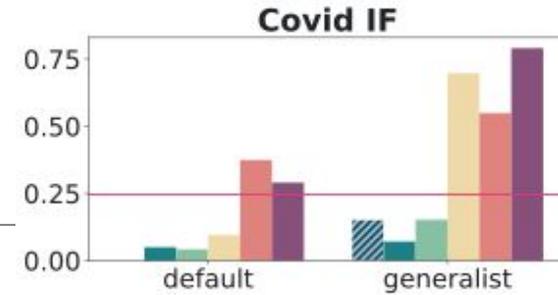
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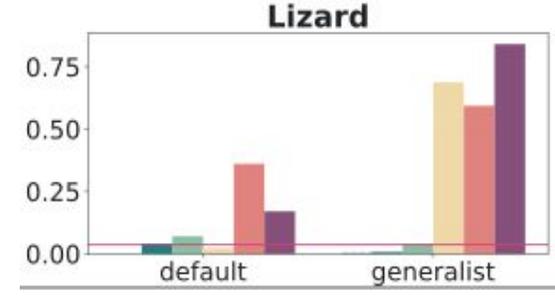
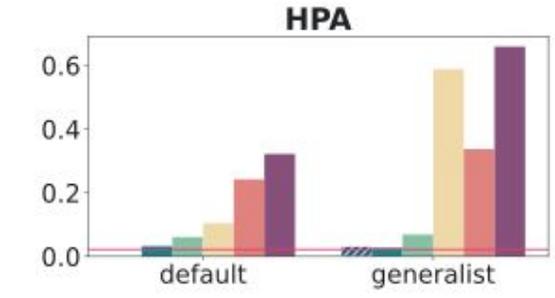
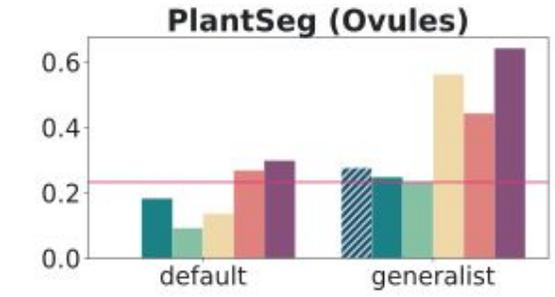
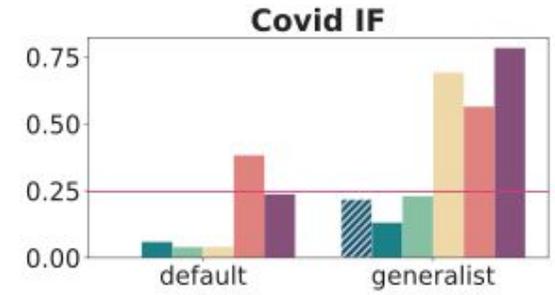
## Conclusions:

- Finetuning improves models!
- Best model: vit\_l
  - If runtime matters: vit\_b / vit\_t
- Comparison to CellPose (automatic seg.):
  - Similar performance on most out of domain datasets (cyto2 model)

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# Finetuning for electron microscopy

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- Training data: Mitochondria and nucleus segmentation in electron microscopy
  - Most training data from MitoNet (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cels.2022.12.006>).
- Compare default and finetuned model.
  - Compare automated segmentation with MitoNet.
- Evaluate on test-split of training datasets (“in domain”) and unseen datasets (“out of domain”)
  - Application to EM mitochondria from non-training data.

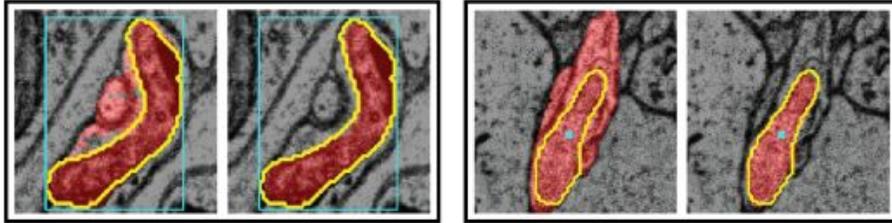
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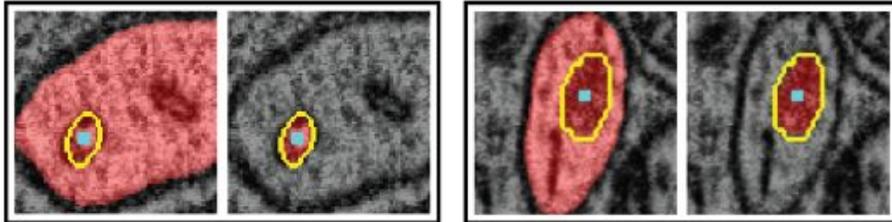
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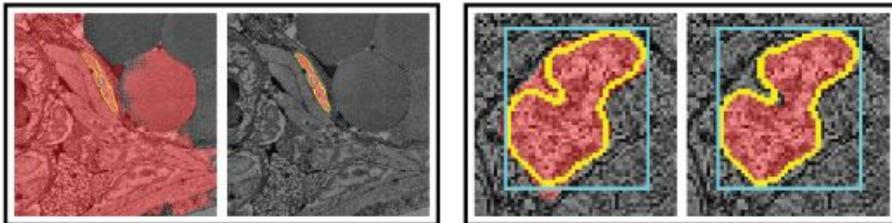
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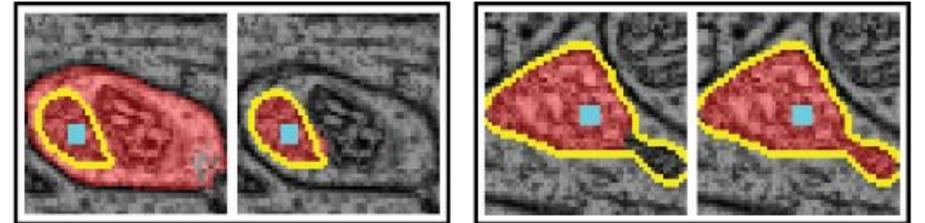


*Platynereis*  
(Nuclei)

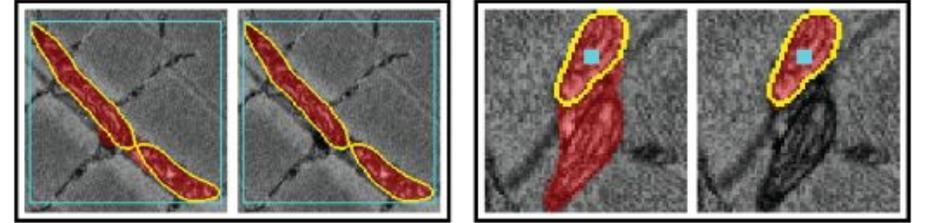


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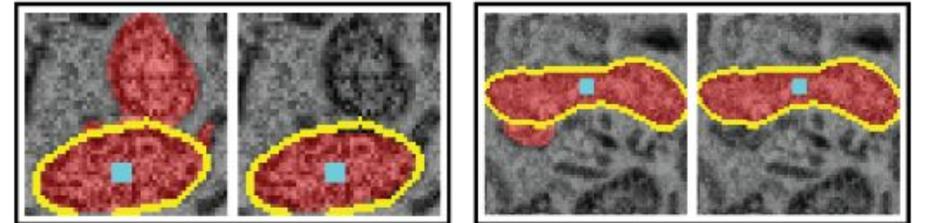
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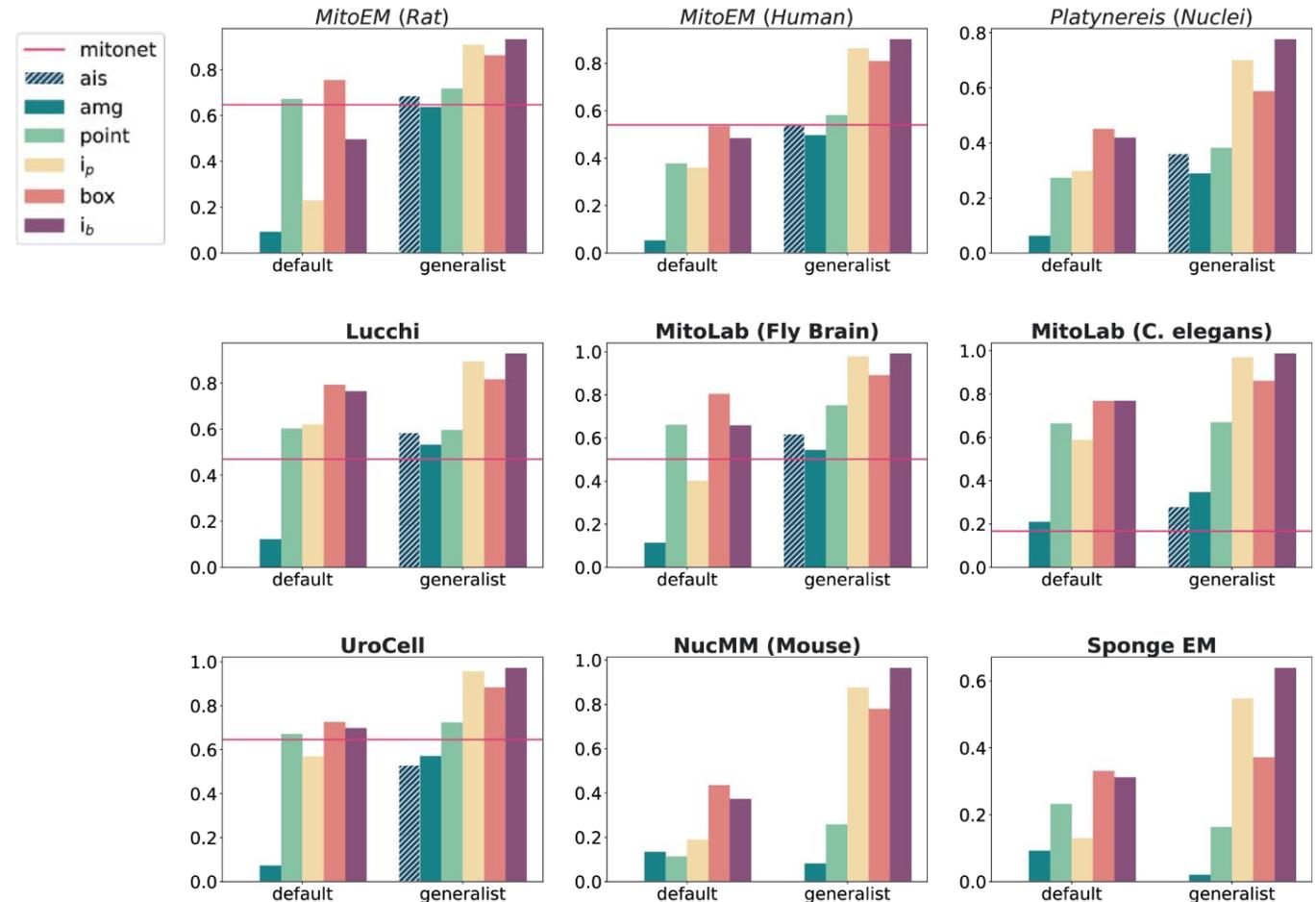


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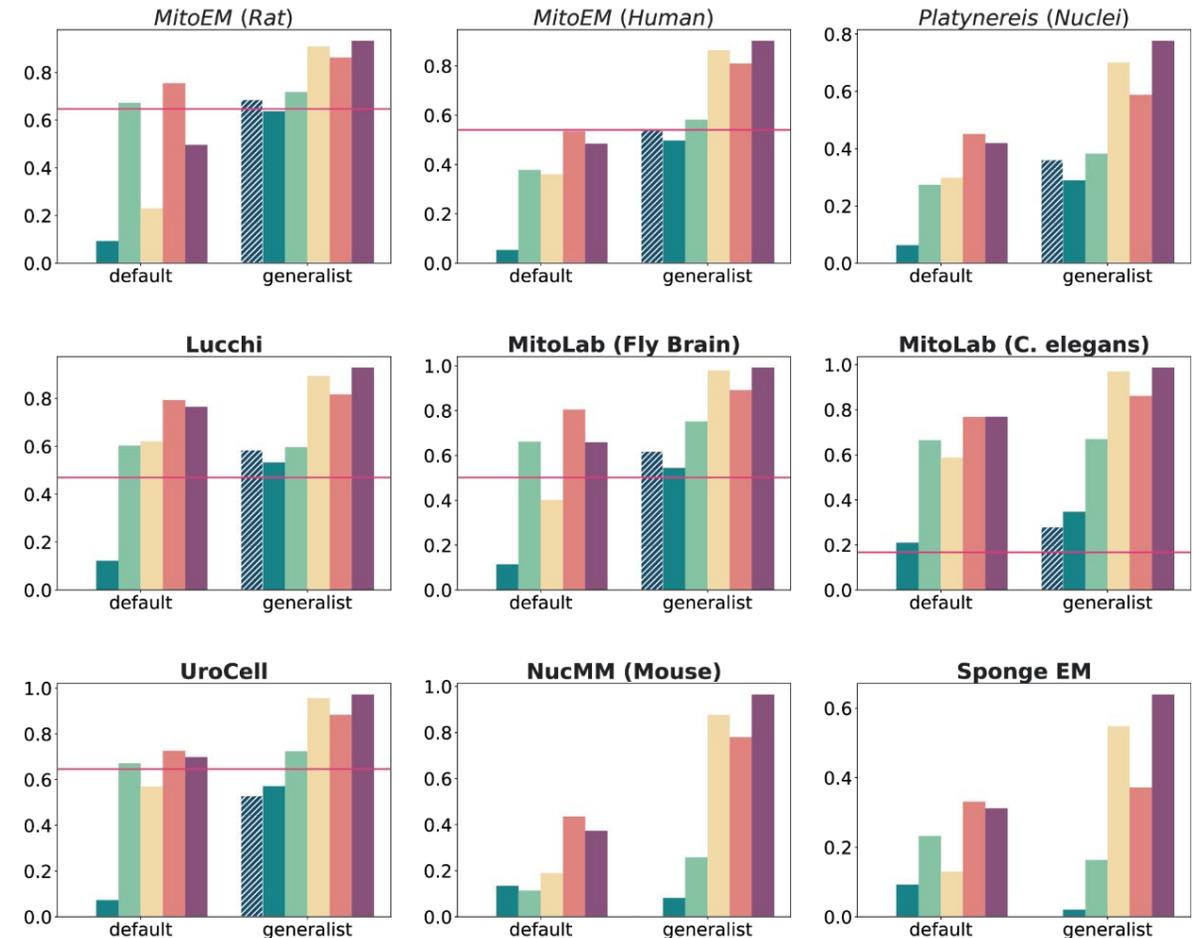
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## Conclusions:

- Finetuning improves, best model is vit\_l
- Similar performance to MitoNet on most datasets (AIS)
- Improves segmentation for some other organelles (cilia, microvilli), but worsens it for cellular compartments
  - Bigger diversity in EM!

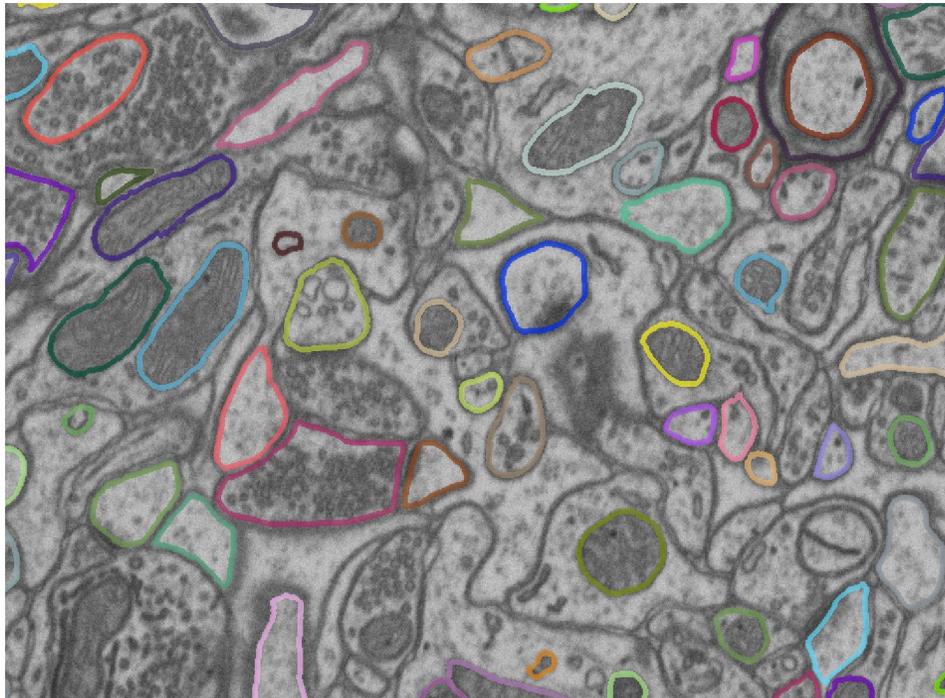


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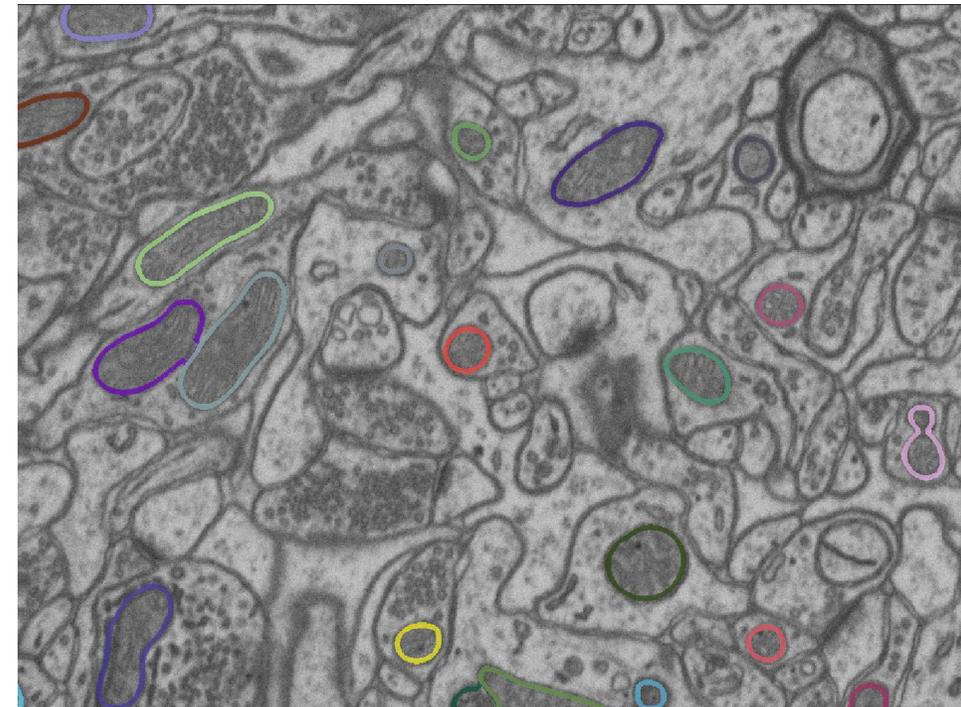
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Instance segmentation on Lucchi Dataset

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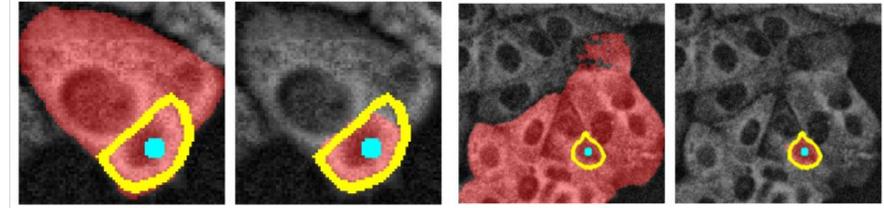
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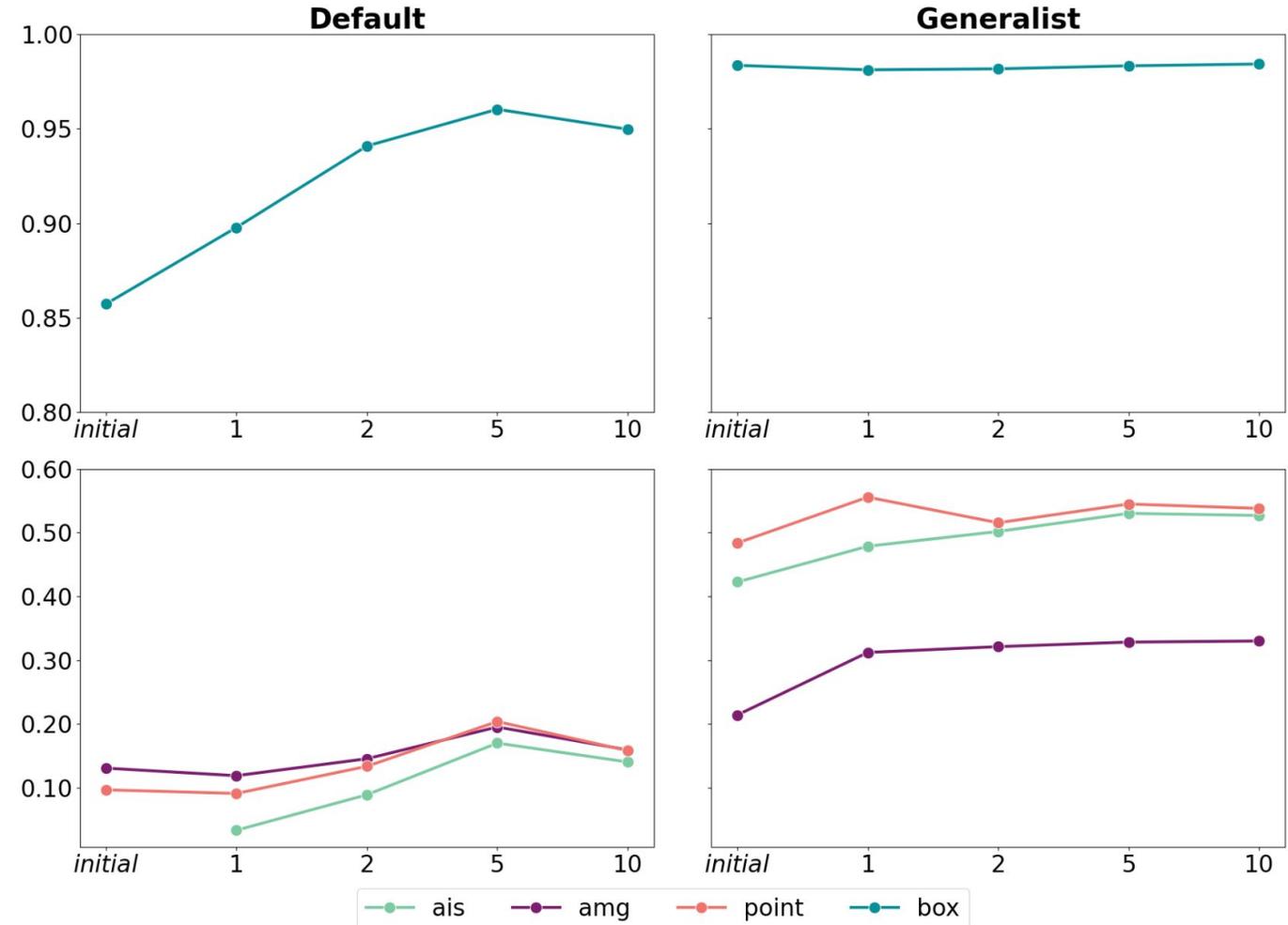
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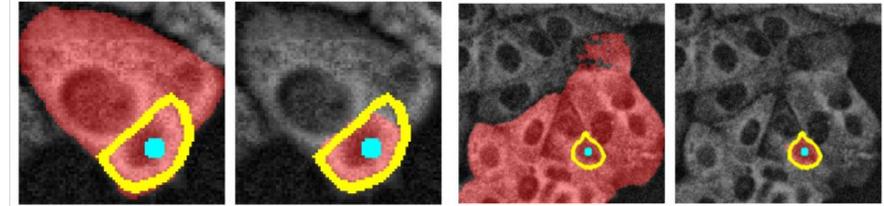
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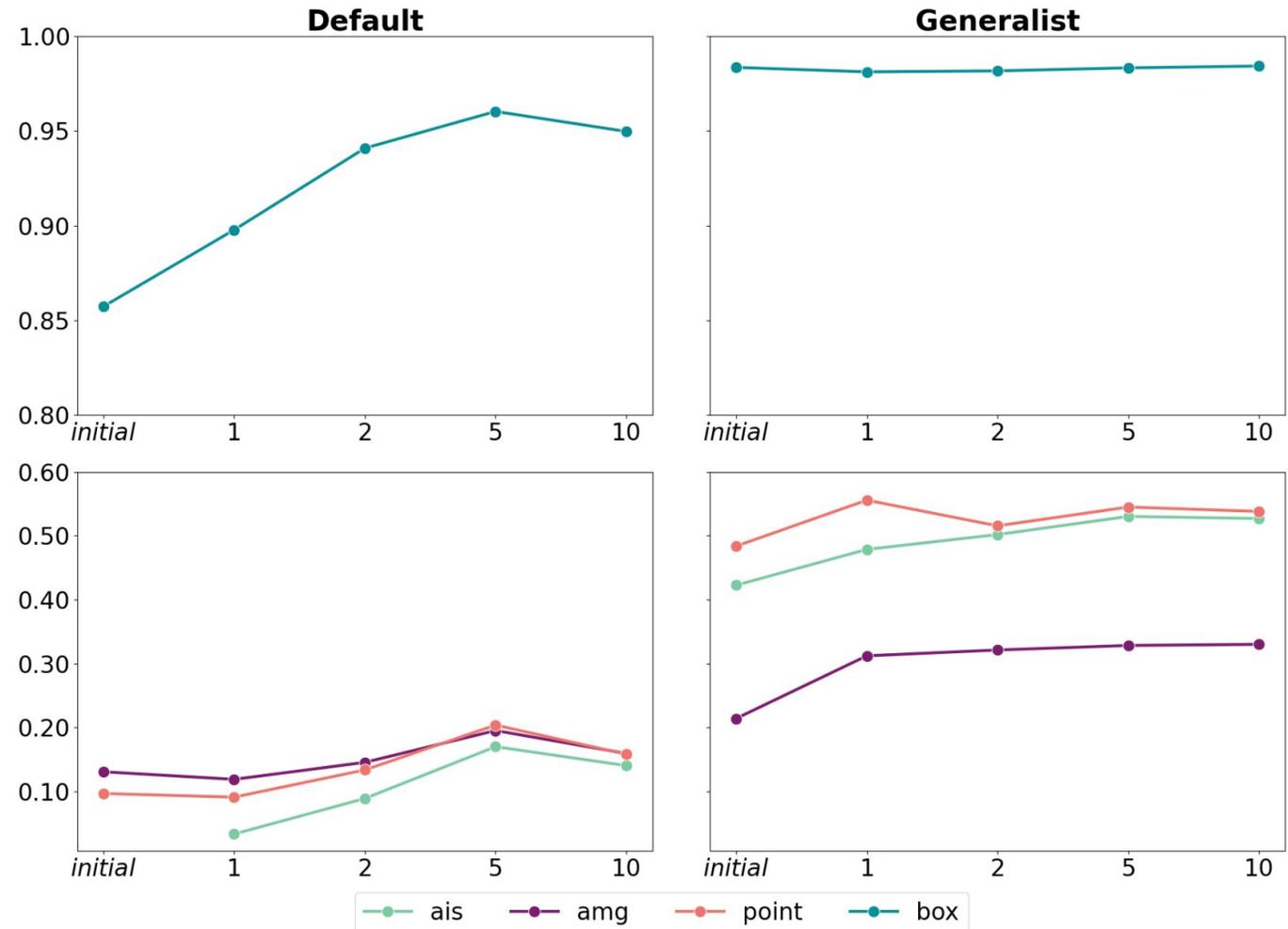
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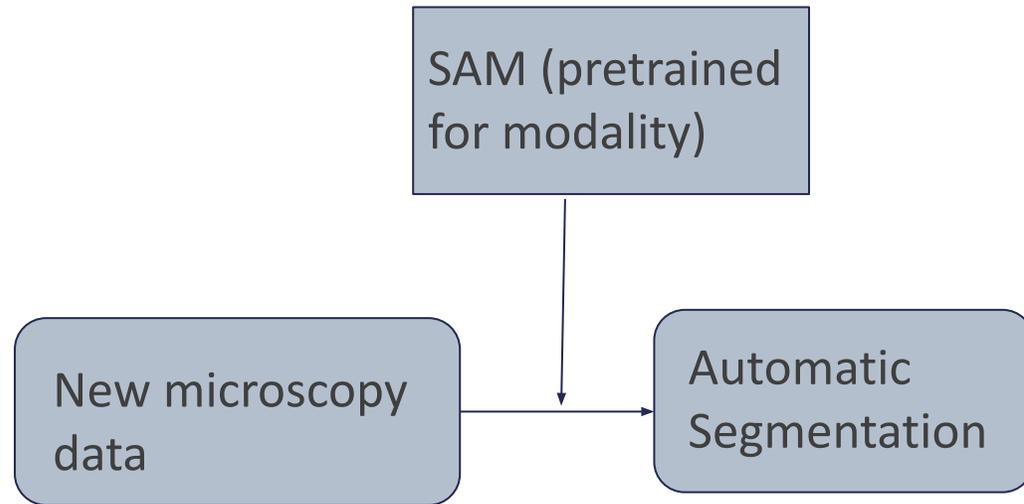
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- Few images with annotations are sufficient!
- Finetuning is possible on CPU (but takes quite long); reasonable time on a GPU.



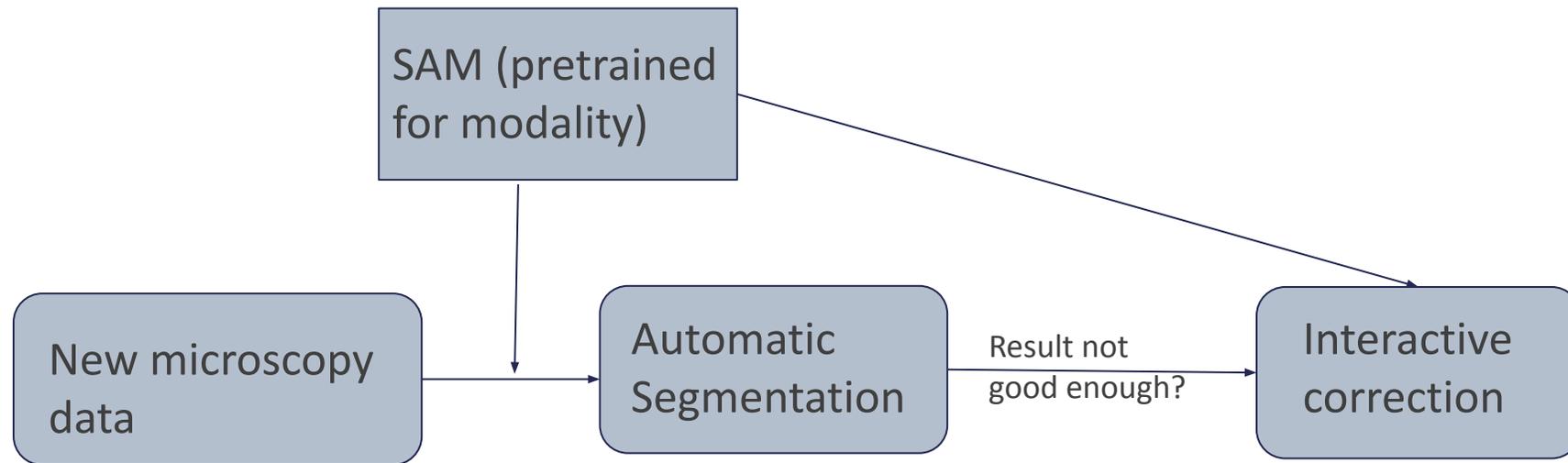
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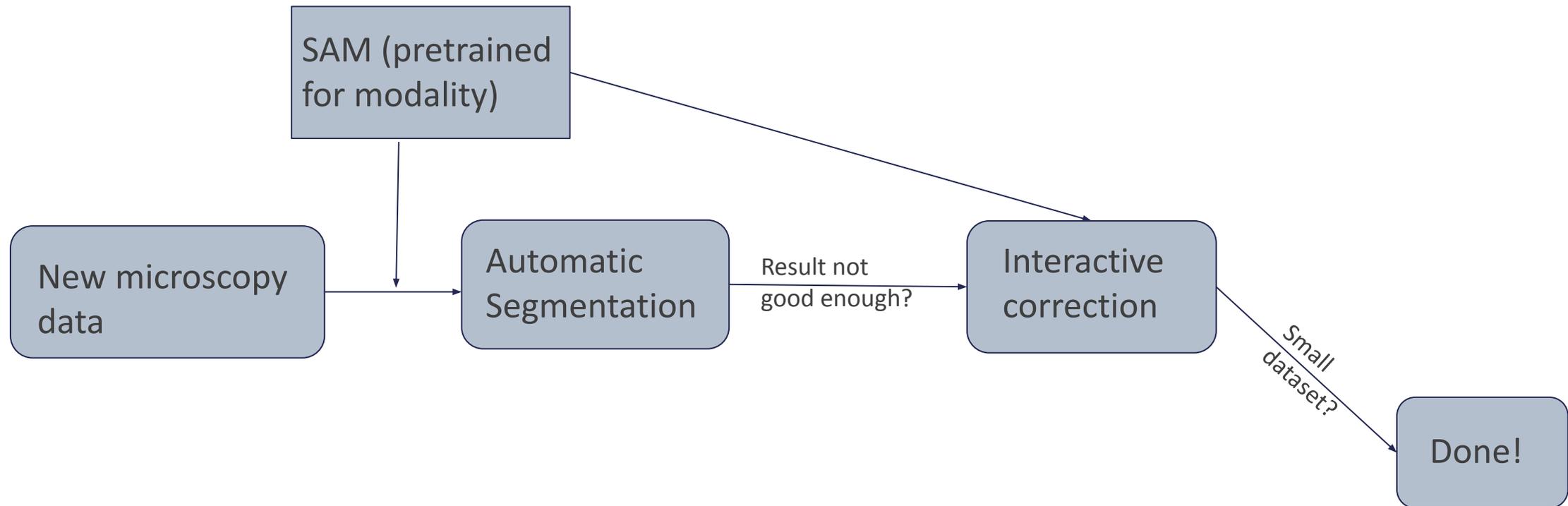
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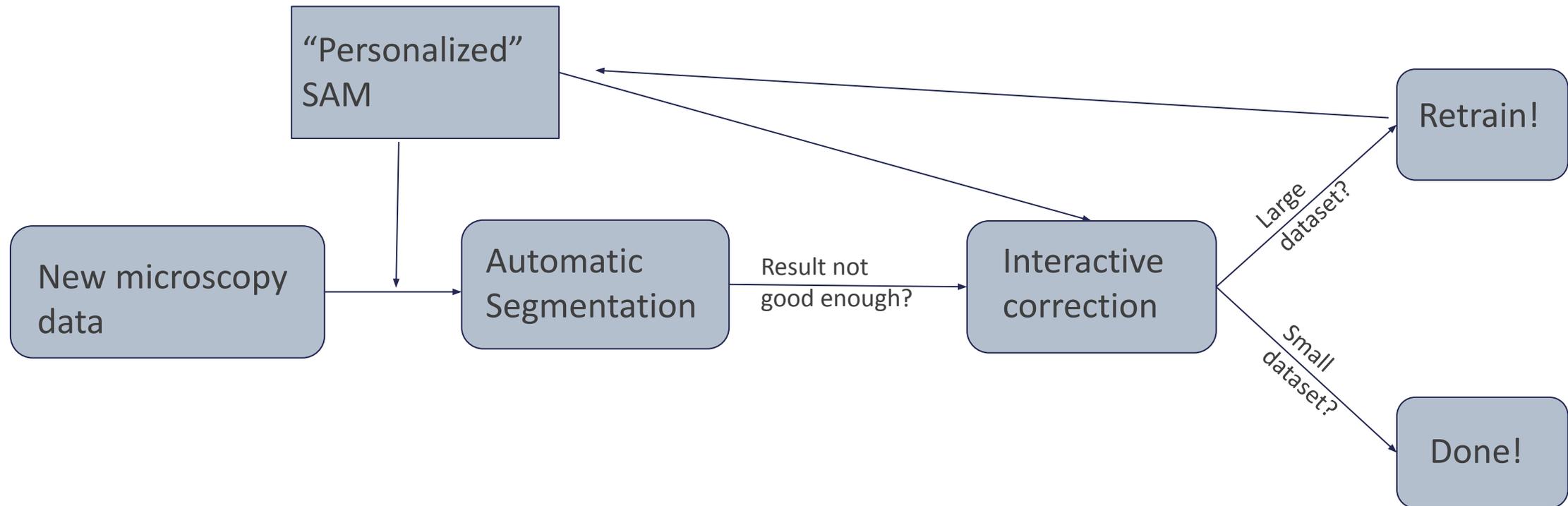
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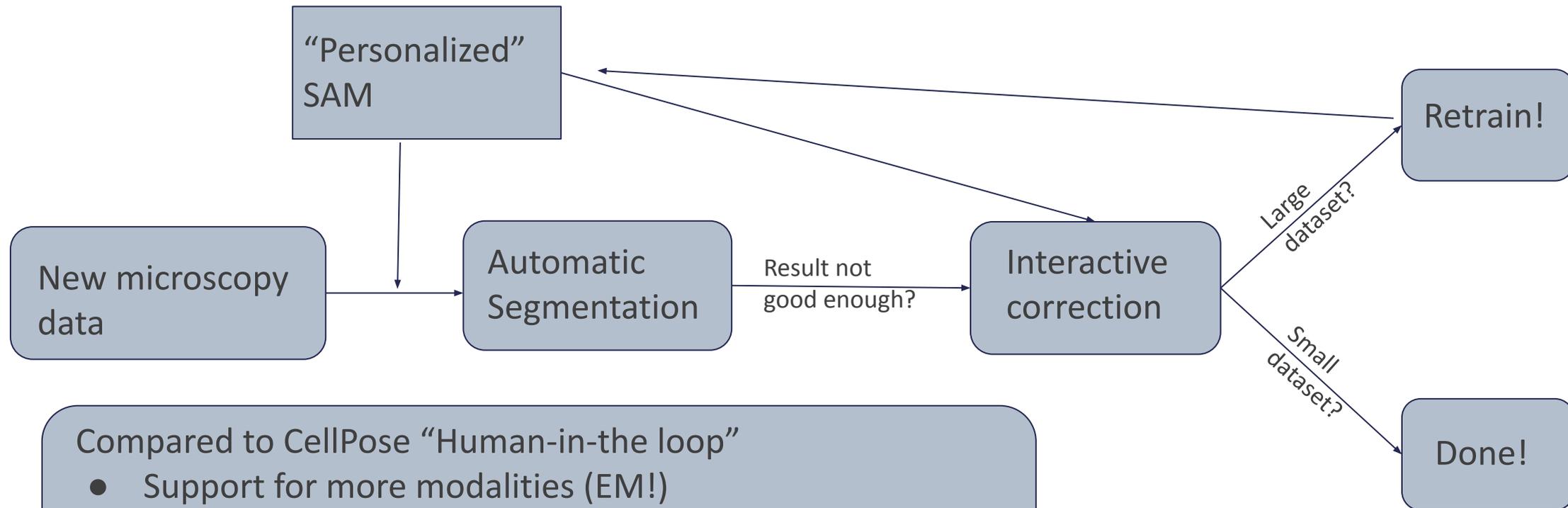
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Compared to CellPose “Human-in-the loop”

- Support for more modalities (EM!)
- Interactive correction speeds up annotation significantly!
- **BUT:** Training model takes longer (esp. on CPU)

# microSAM: Napari Integration

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- napari plugins that enable interactive and automatic:
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Code and documentation available at:

<https://github.com/computational-cell-analytics/micro-sam>

## **New release (v0.5):**

- Latest microscopy models, compatible with BioImage.IO modelzoo. 
- Updated and extended UI, napari plugin integration.
- Will be announced later this or early next week (it's done, but we need to test it and update documentation).

# Plan Live Demos

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- Starting the tool, explain components
- 2D Segmentation on LiveCELL
  - Compare default and finetuned model (vit\_b, show auto segmentation for vit\_b)
- 2D Segmentation with tiling (with vit\_t)
- 3D Segmentation on Lucchi
  - Use precomputed embeds and amg
- Finetuning (on the Lucchi data we have annotated)

# Next Steps & Outlook

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Feedback and contributions on the tool are very welcome!

# Next steps

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- Create v1.0 release: same as v0.5 with additional:
  - Full BioImage.IO integration to enable cross-compatibility.
    - Microscopy Image Browser, QuPath, BioEngine, ...
- Integration of efficient training procedures for finetuning (LoRA)
  - To enable better training on CPU and small GPUs
- Provide better and more models:
  - EM Organelle Generalist Model
    - Training on OpenOrganelle and other organelle segmentation datasets.
  - Histopathology Model

Check out our repository for all the details:

<https://github.com/computational-cell-analytics/micro-sam>

# Outlook:

## Universal microscopy segmentation and tracking

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- Incorporate 3D (2D + time) segmentation in SAM-like model
  - Advantage Transformer: same model for 2d and 3d is possible!
- Vision Mamba: Investigate newer (more efficient) architectures
  - Our recent (preliminary!) work: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.07705>
- Semantic awareness (e.g. differentiate organelles in EM, one model for microscopy)
- Zero-shot adaptation (improve segmentation from examples)

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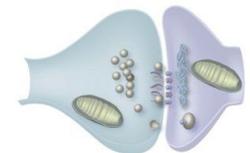


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