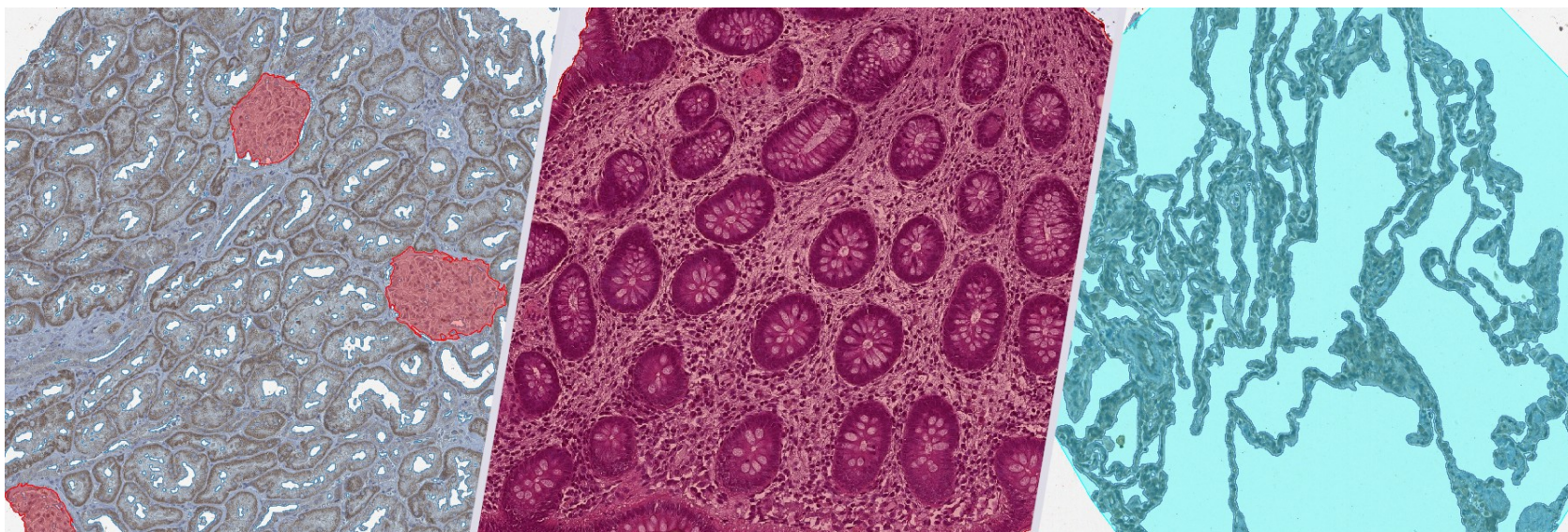




Chapter 4

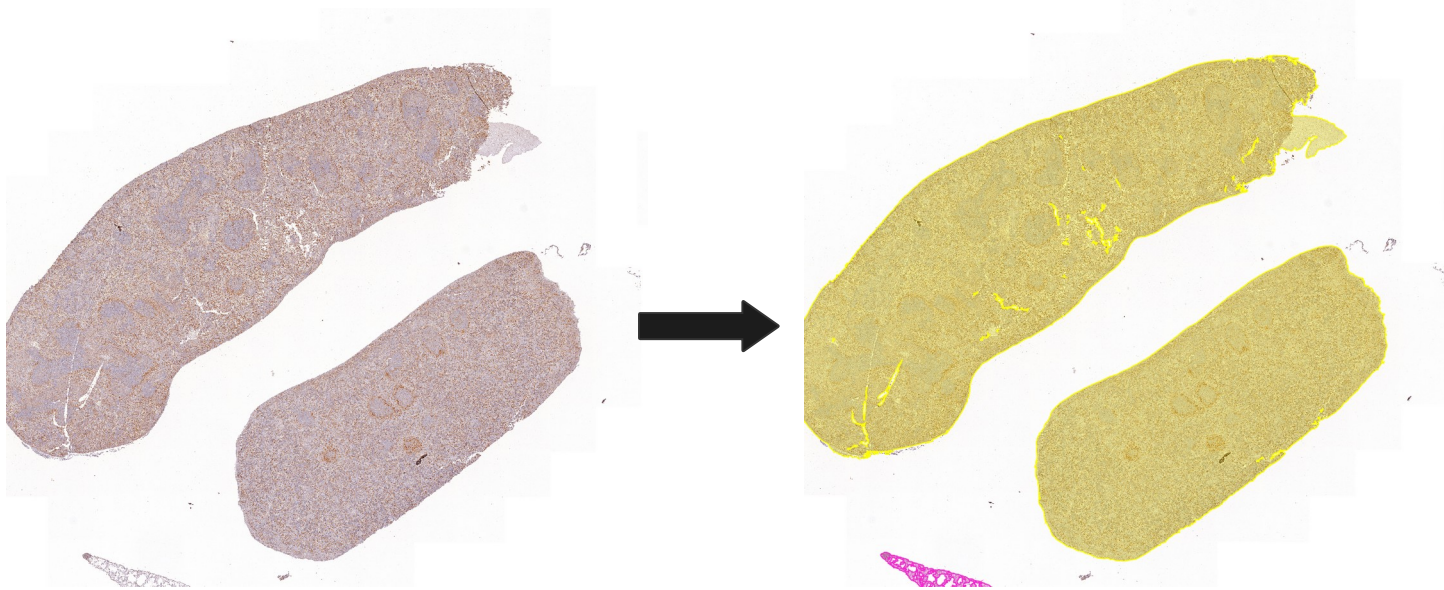
Tissue segmentation & classification



Introduction

Goals:

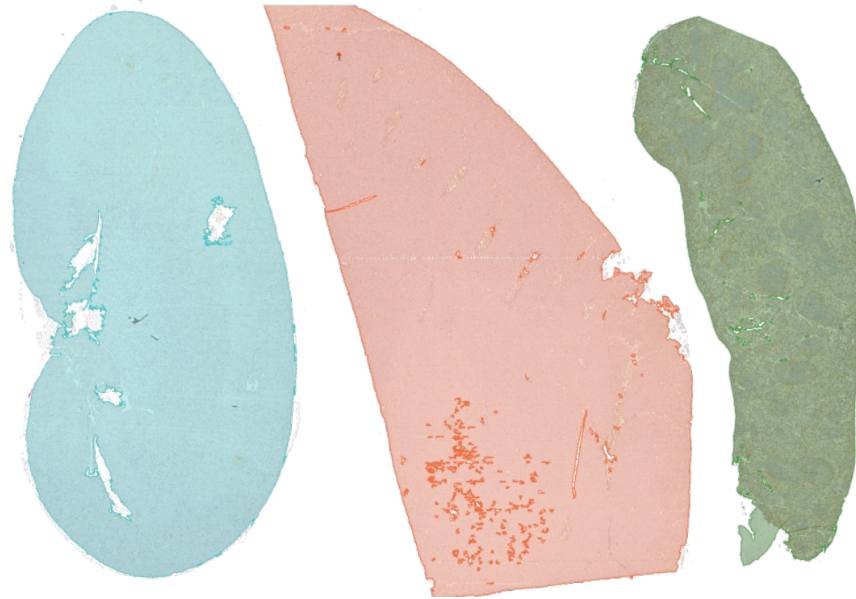
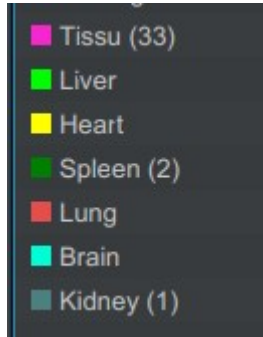
- Extract regions of interest (ROI) → set of annotations.



Introduction

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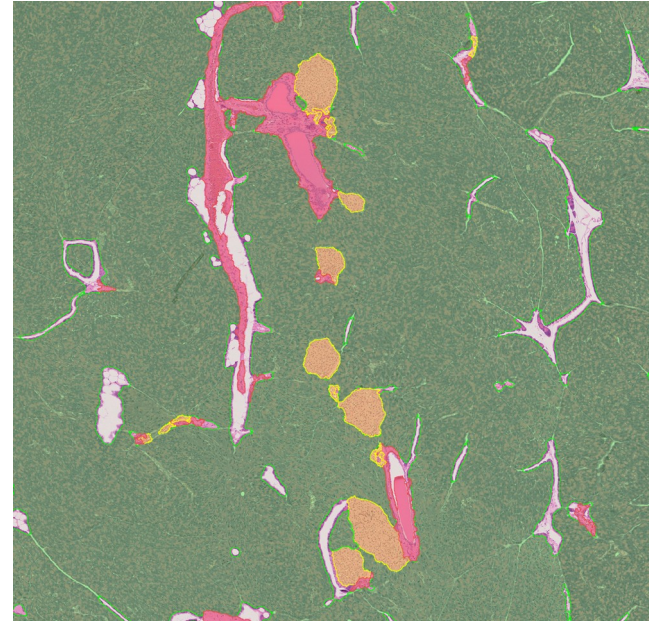
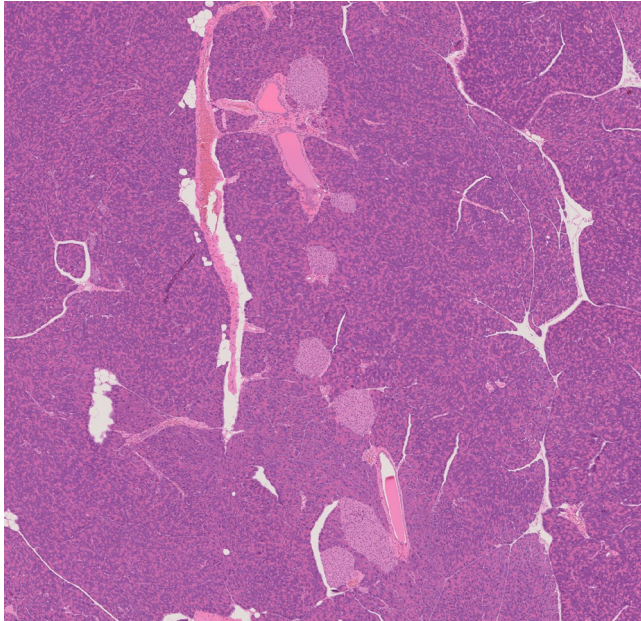
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Introduction

Goals:

- Extract regions of interest (ROI) → set of annotations.
- Give them a class (automatically if possible).
- Extract measurements (area, positivity, ...).

Key	Value
Image	slide-2024-02-14T11-50-32...
Object ID	11818cd8-f639-4ff8-a312-...
Object type	Annotation
Name	
Classification	Spleen
Parent	Root object (Image)
ROI	Geometry
Centroid X μm	3120.5199
Centroid Y μm	4121.0943
find-dab: Positive area μm^2	3091209.5
Area μm^2	16916744.52
Perimeter μm	53986.4

1. Manually

Methods:

- With **polygon**(s) to make the outline.
- With the combo **brush + fill holes**.
- With the **magic wand** at the correct resolution.



→ Exercise 4.1: Fully manual segmentation

1. Manually

Methods:

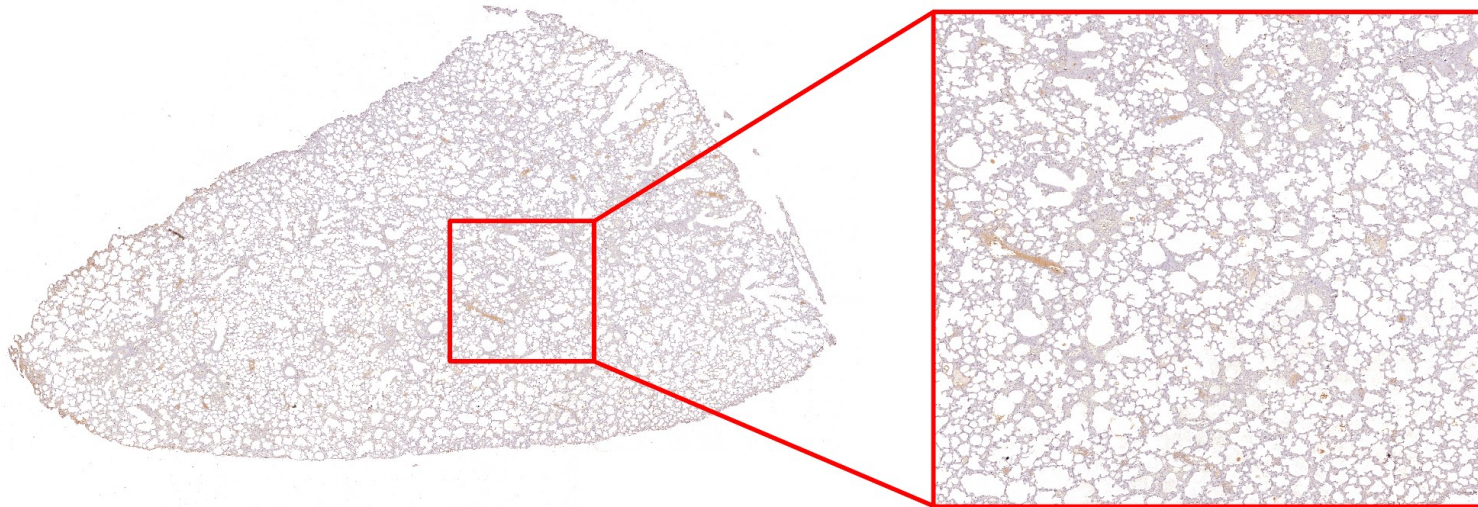
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1. Manually

Methods:

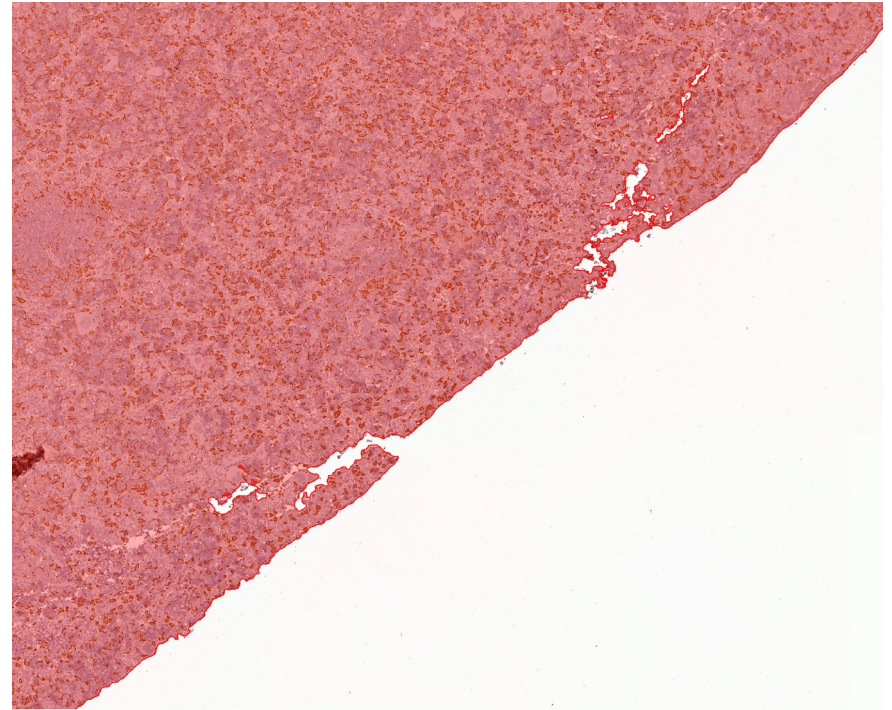
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 - Very **time-consuming**.



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 - Very **time-consuming**.
 - Introduces **user bias**.

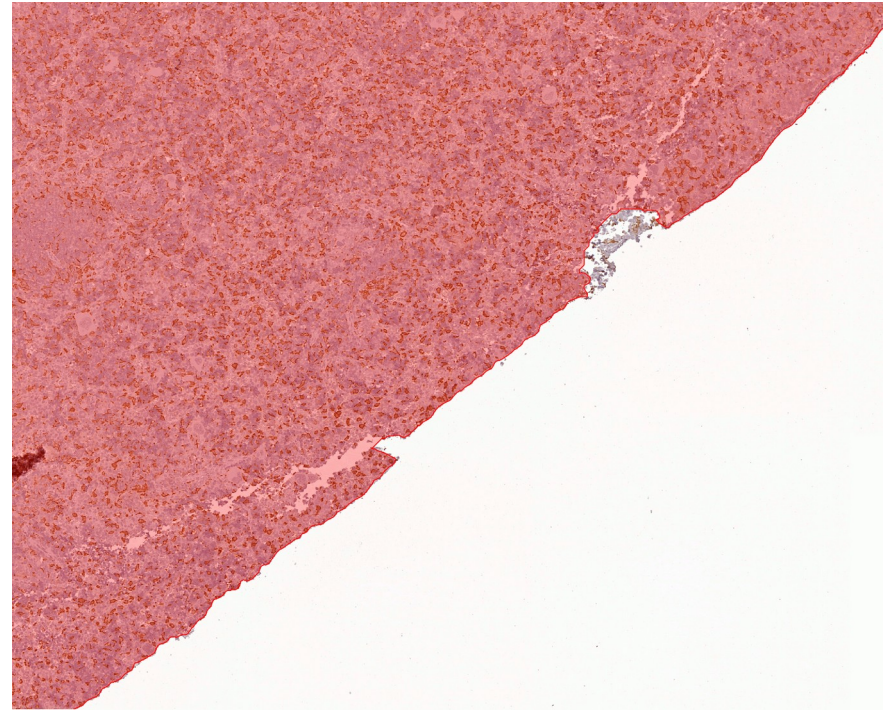


User A

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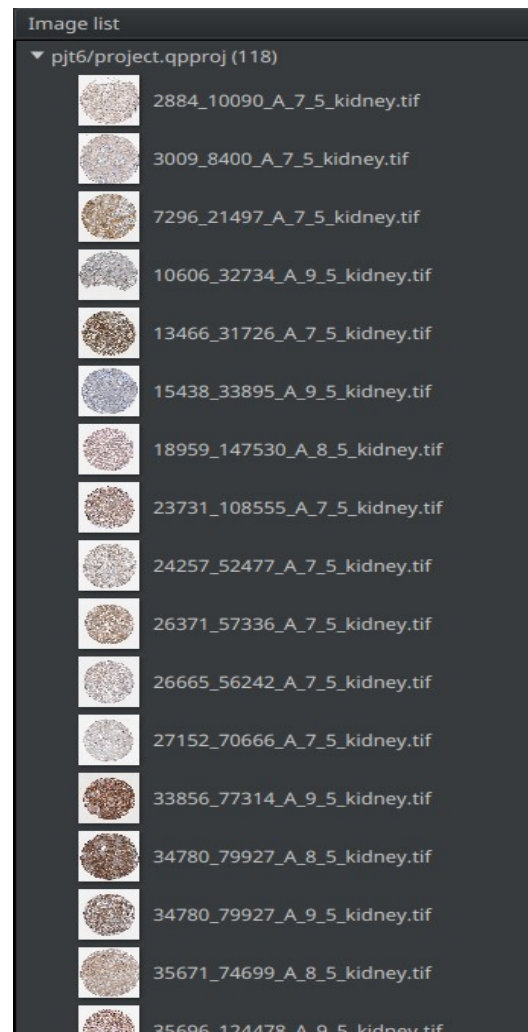
User B

IV. Tissue segmentation & classification

1. Manually

Methods:

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 - Impossible for **large datasets**.



1. Manually

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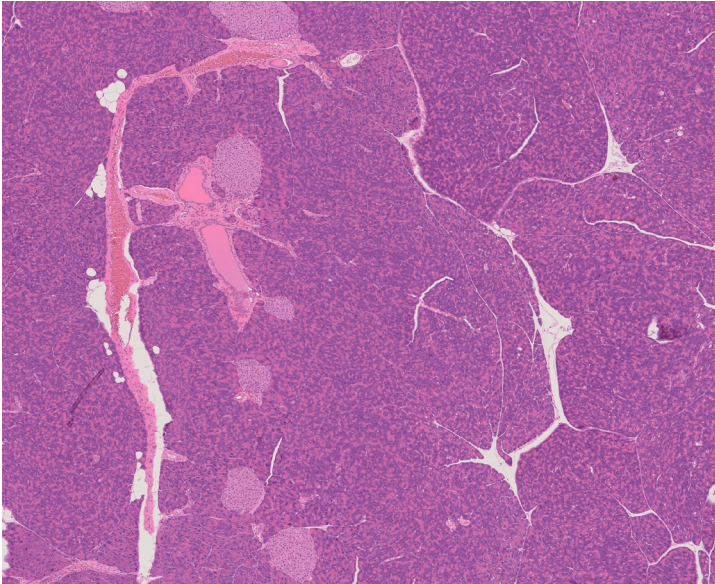
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⇒ We need an automated method.

2. Pixel classifiers

General:

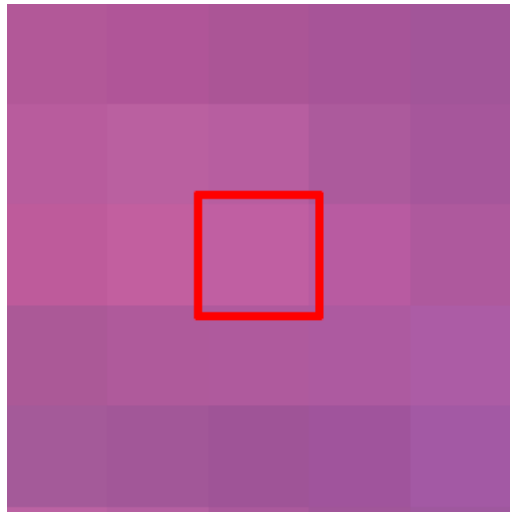
- Algorithm(a **pixel**) \mapsto a **class**.



2. Pixel classifiers

General:

- Algorithm(a **pixel**) \mapsto a **class**.
- Works **pixel-wise**, or limited neighborhood knowledge.

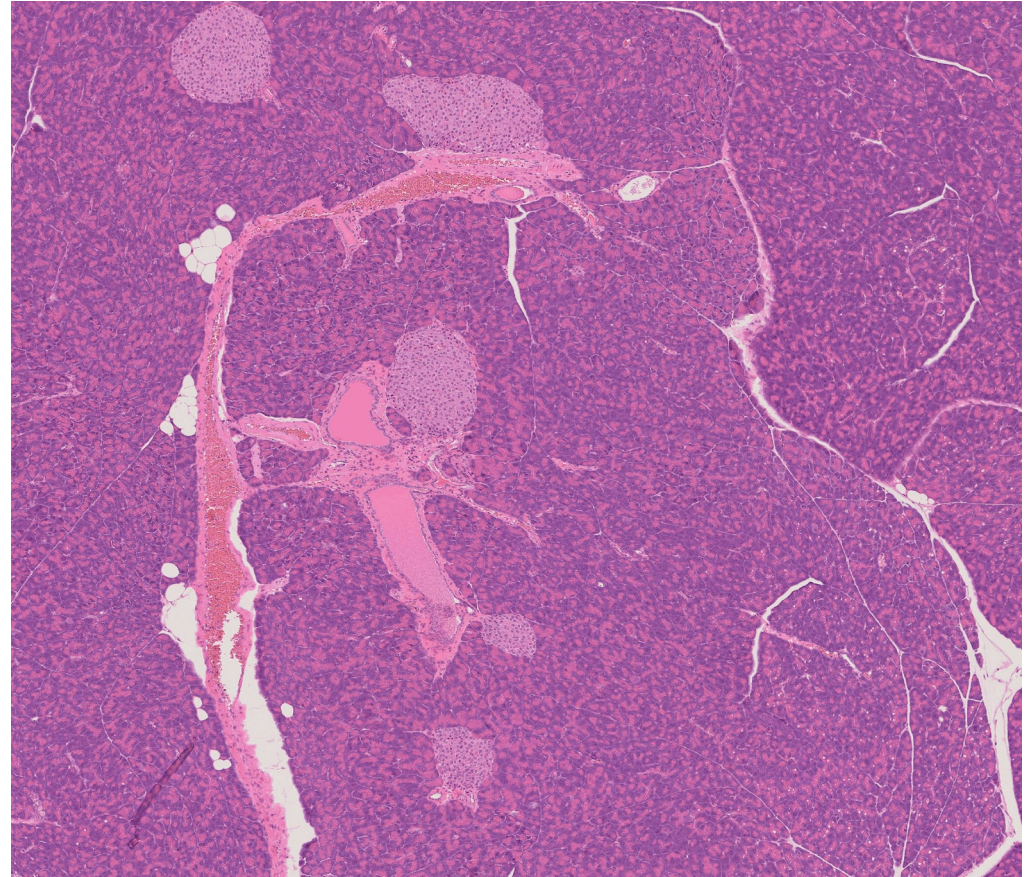


Class "C"

2. Pixel classifiers

Workflow: ⚠ Under the hood: done automatically

1. Take the input image at the chosen resolution.



2. Pixel classifiers

Workflow: ⚠ Under the hood: done automatically

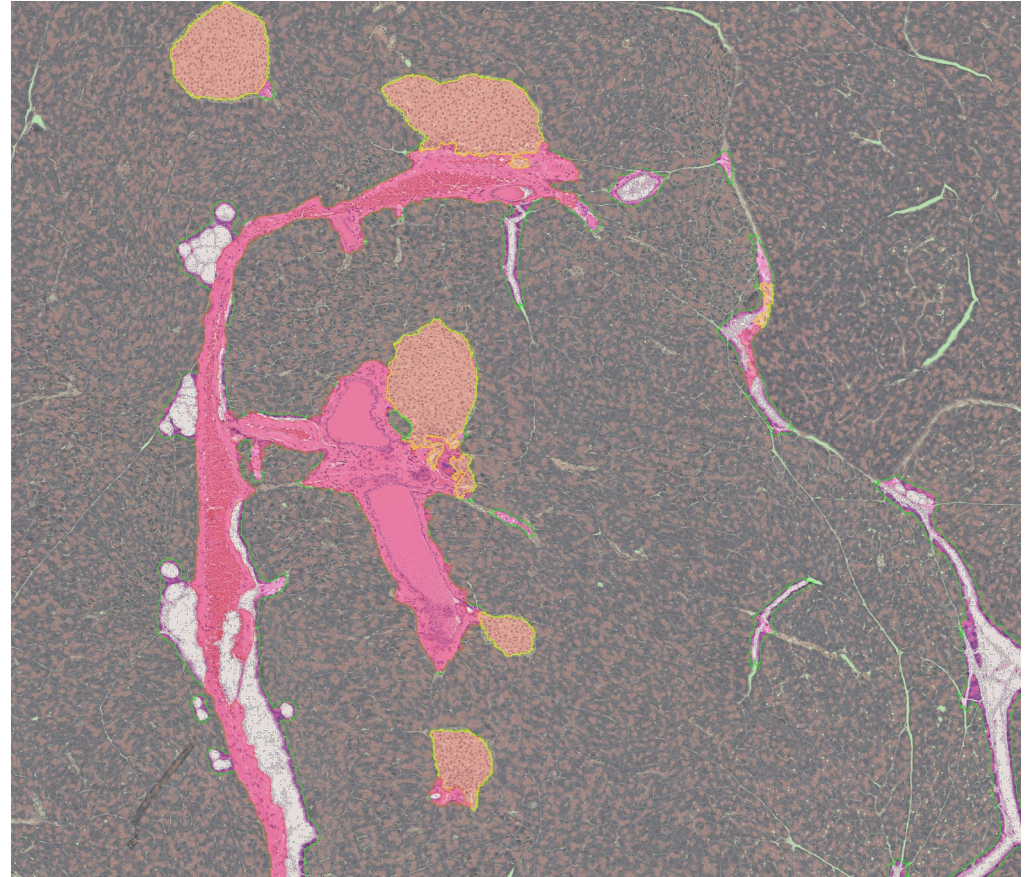
1. Take the input image at the chosen resolution.
2. Apply the pixel classifier to each pixel.



2. Pixel classifiers

Workflow: ⚠ Under the hood: done automatically

1. Take the input image at the chosen resolution.
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3. Extract the outline of each class **OR** count pixels.



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4. *Optional:* Fill holes and remove debris.

Minimum fragment size	<input type="text" value="0"/>	px ²
Maximum hole size	<input type="text" value="0"/>	px ²

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Note: Pixel classification = transitive state → QuPath doesn't keep the classified image.

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Use cases:

- Segment whole objects (lower resolutions).



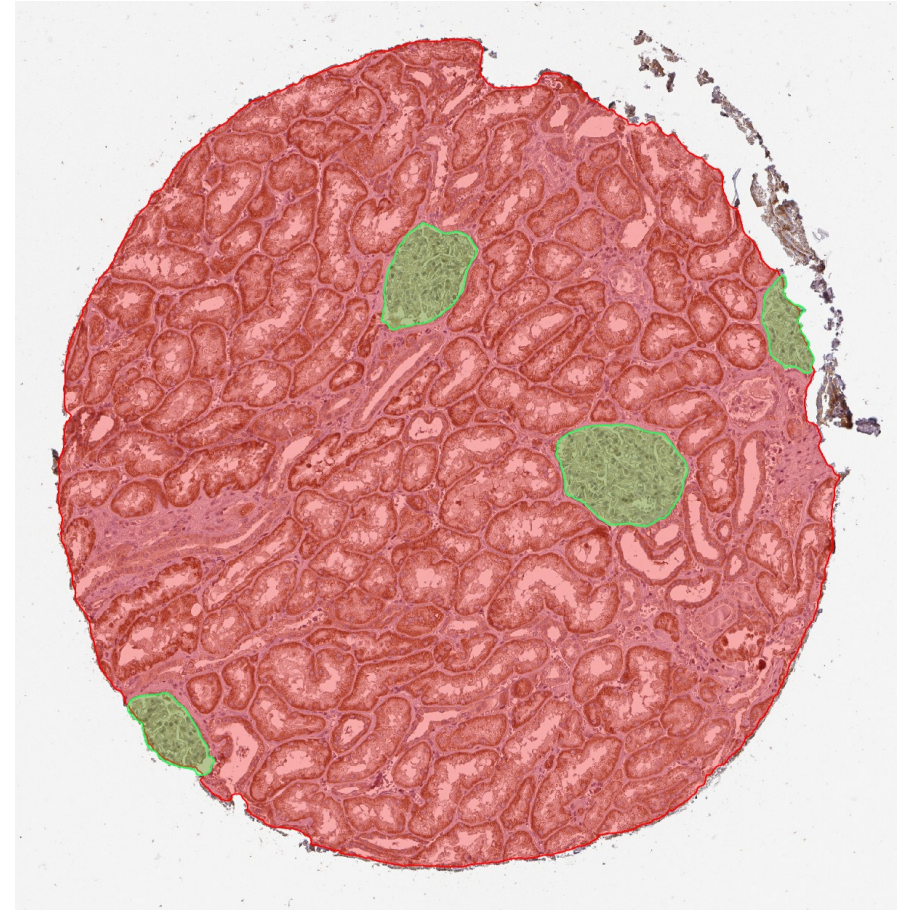
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Use cases:

- Segment whole objects (lower resolutions).
- Segment sub-structures (intermediate resolutions).



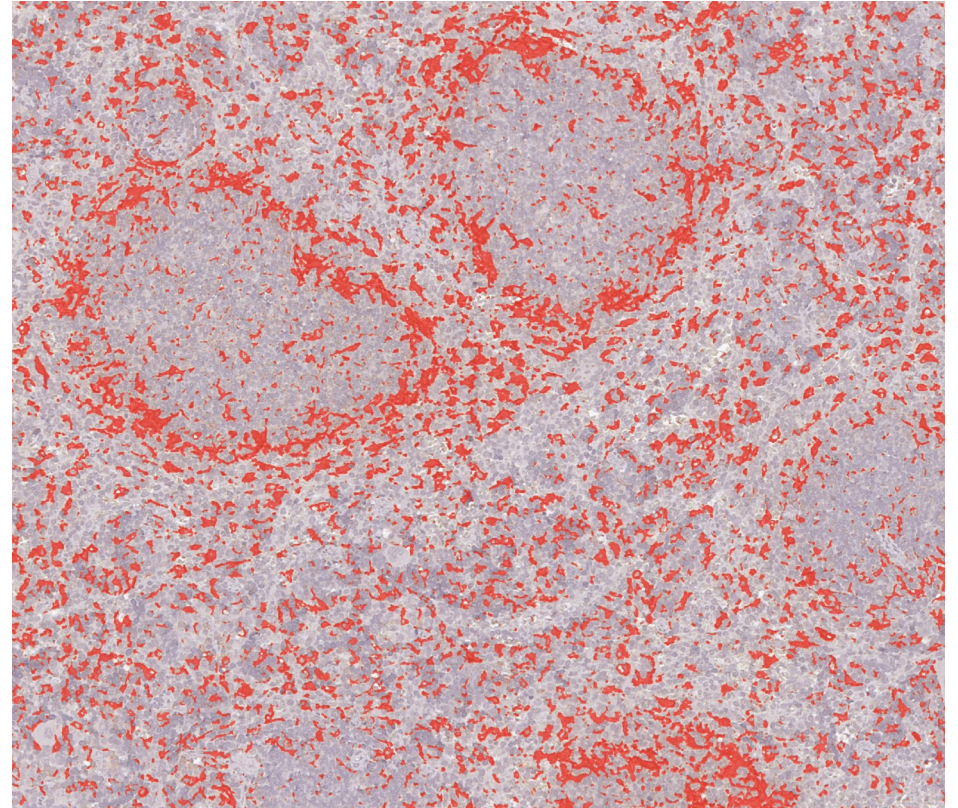
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- Measure area of staining (higher resolutions).



2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

Principle:

- **Most basic** classifier: only **two classes** (*true/false*, *FG/BG*, *pos/neg*, ...) == **bi-partition**.

2. Pixel classifiers

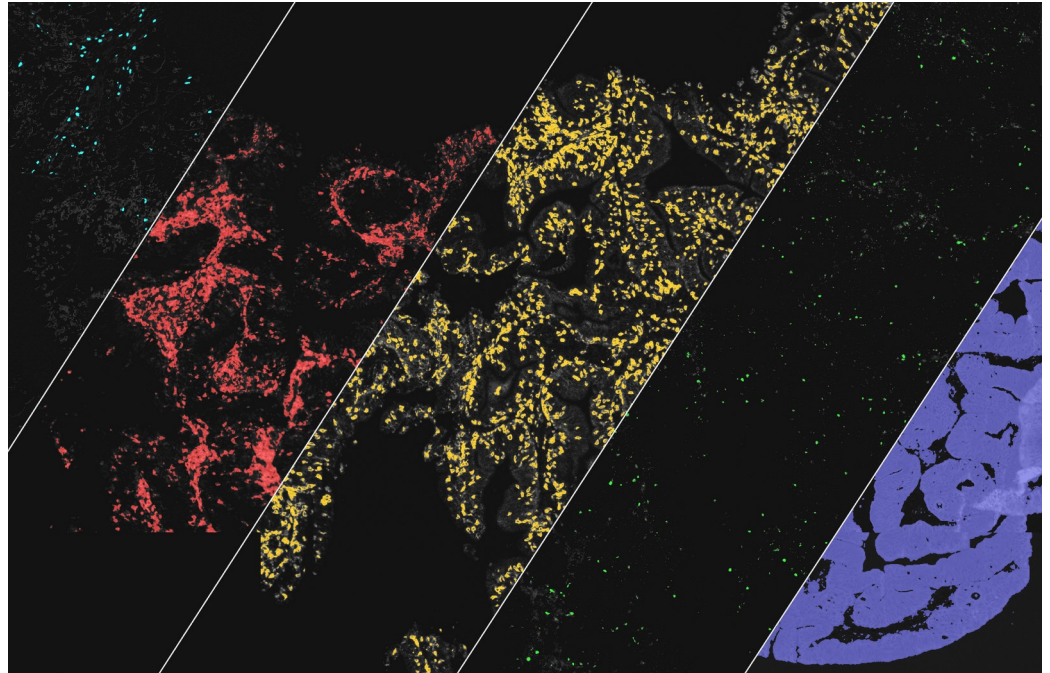
A. Thresholders

Principle:

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Input:

- [Fluo] Any channel.



2. Pixel classifiers

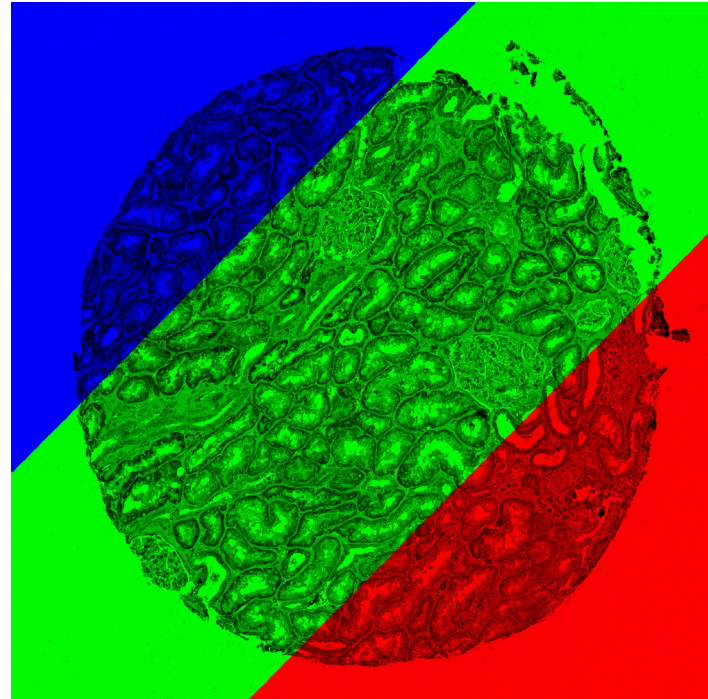
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- [IHC] Red, green or blue channel.



2. Pixel classifiers

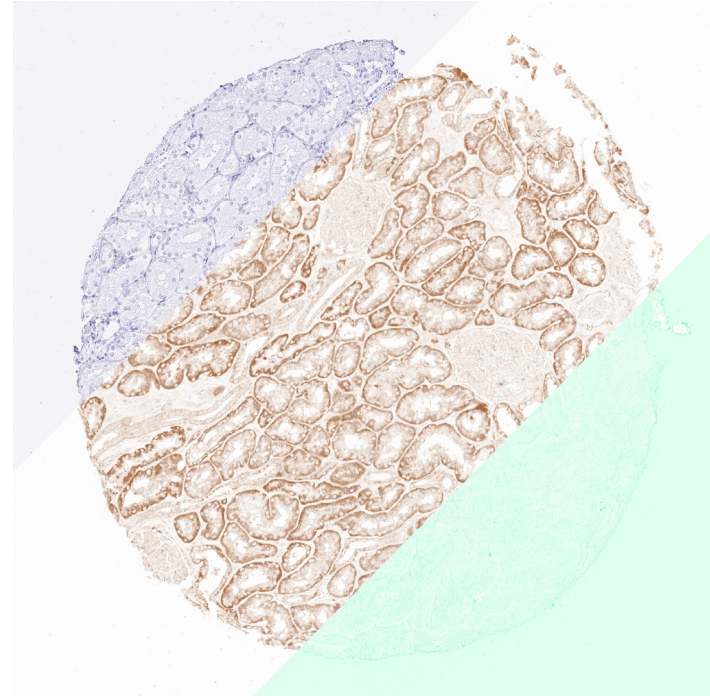
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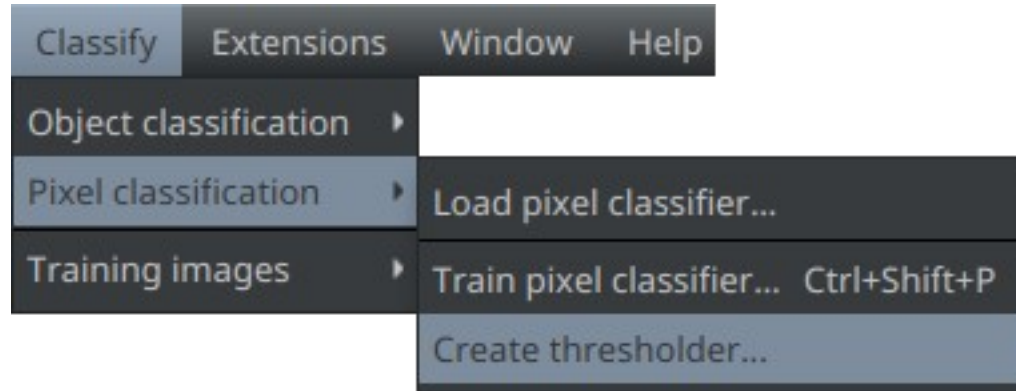
- [Fluo] Any channel.
- [IHC] Red, green or blue channel.
- [IHC] Any deconvoluted channel.
- [Both] Possibly pre-processed:
 - Projection (min/max/avg/...) of all channels
 - Filtered (Gaussian, Laplacian of Gaussian, gray morphology, ...)

2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

In QuPath:

- Can be found in “Classify” > “Pixel classification” > “Create thresholder”.

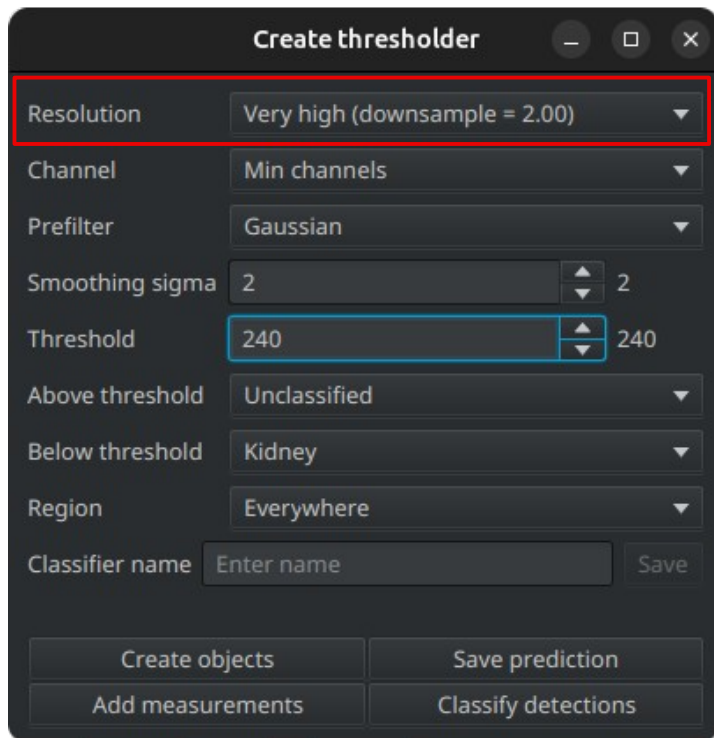


IV. Tissue segmentation & classification

2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

In QuPath:



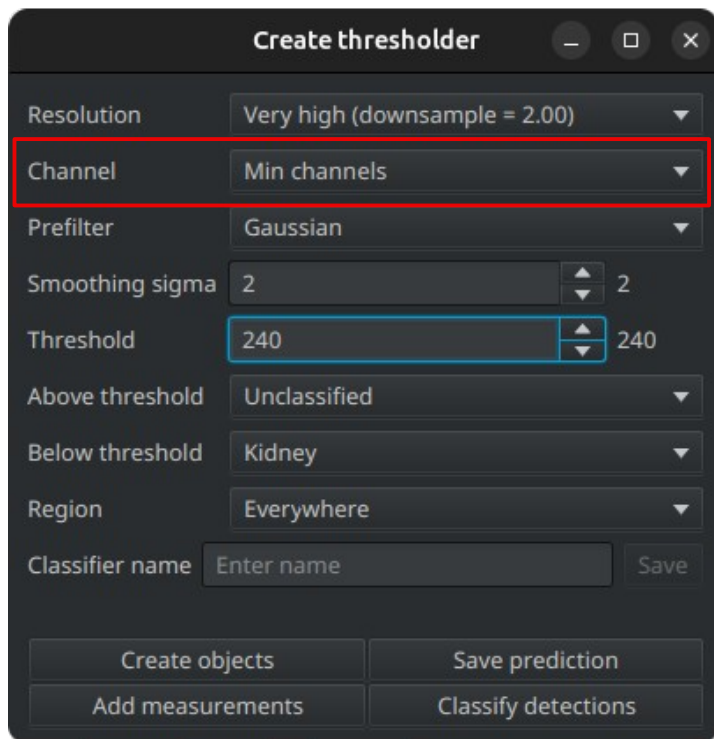
Resolution:

- Depending on the object, you don't need the full resolution.
 - Full organ: **low** resolution.
 - Sub-structure: **medium** resolution.
 - Spots/filaments: **full** resolution.

2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

In QuPath:



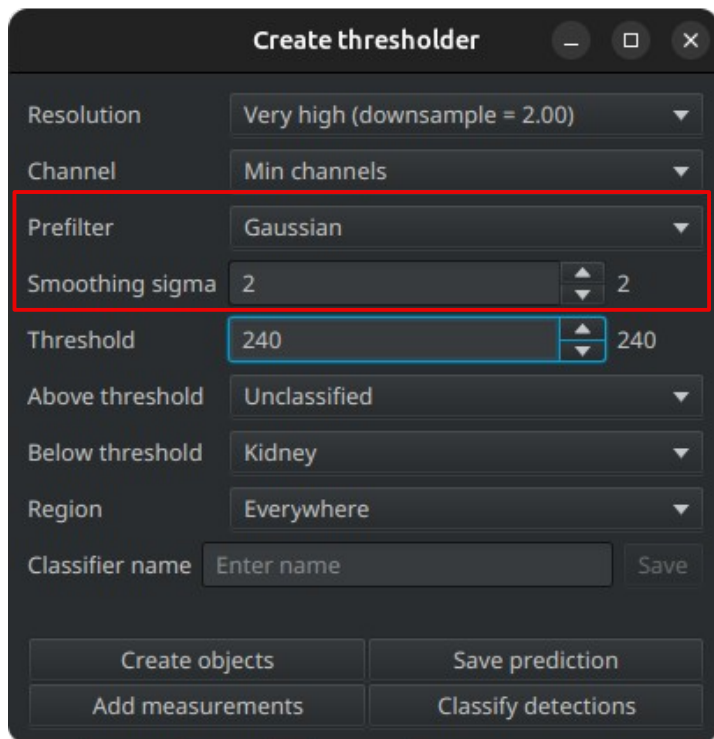
Channel:

- Which channel to use?
 - A precise channel (fluo / RGB)
 - A deconvoluted channel (H, DAB, E, ...)
 - An aggregate of channels (min channel, max channel)

2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

In QuPath:



Prefilter & sigma:

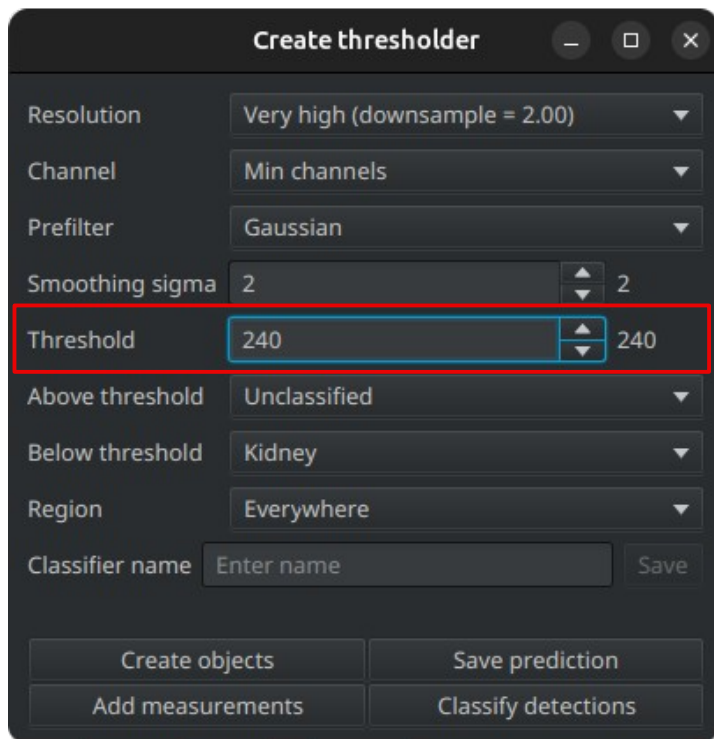
- Prefilter the channel before thresholding.
 - Denoise
 - Highlight some structures
- Smoothing sigma
 - Sigma used for the prefilter
 - 0: prefilter deactivated

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In QuPath:



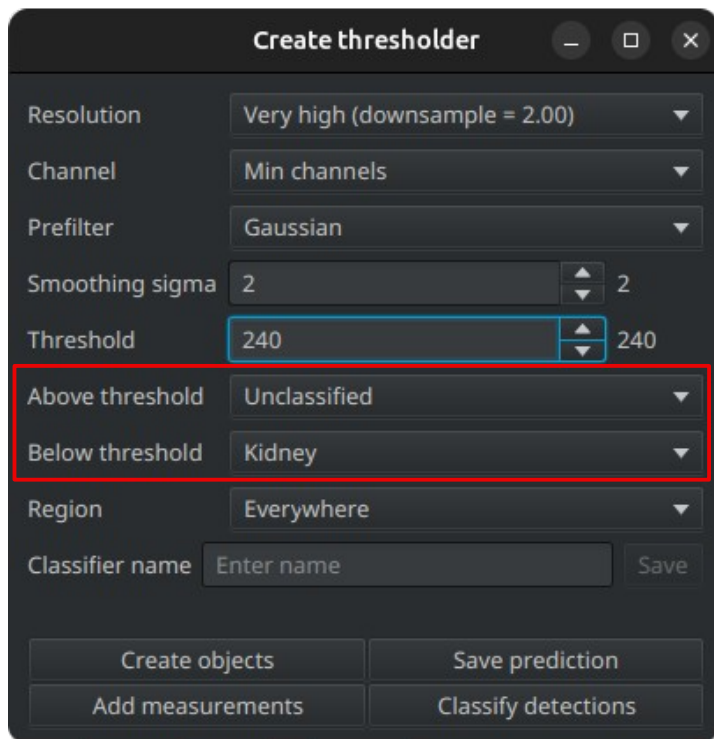
Thresold:

- Intensity threshold

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A. Thresholders

In QuPath:



Above and below threshold:

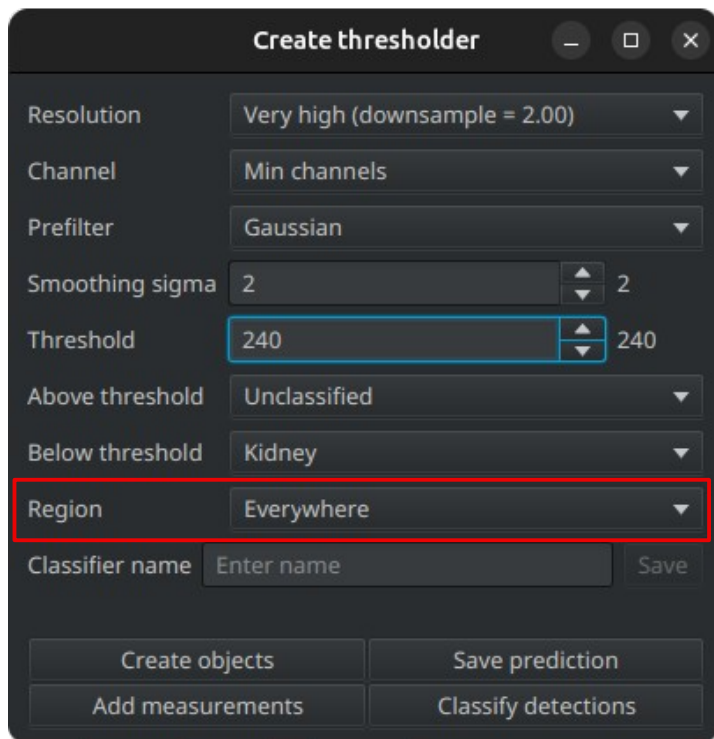
- Class given to the pixel depending if its smaller or bigger than the threshold.
 - IHC: Object below threshold (light background)
 - Fluo: Object above threshold (dark background)

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In QuPath:



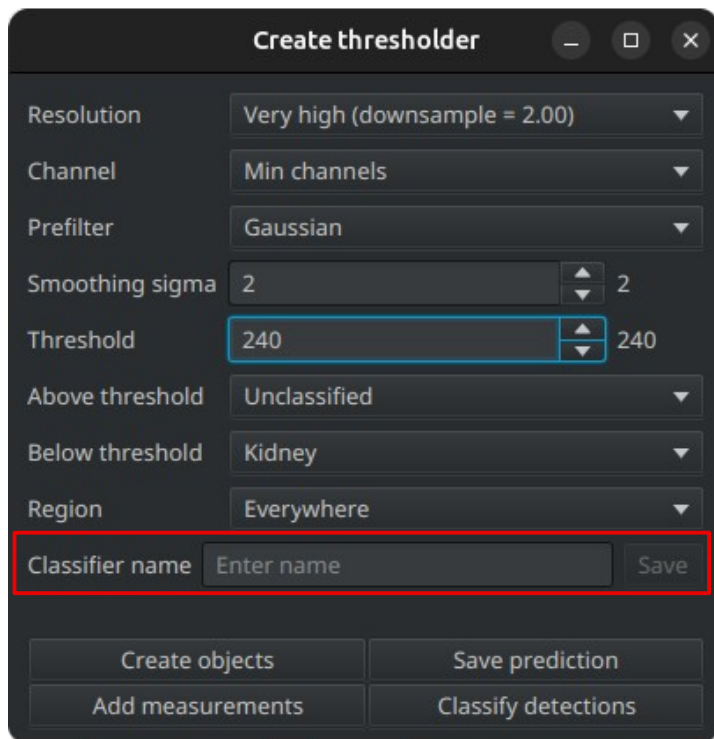
Region:

- Where to apply the threshold
 - Everywhere
 - In the current annotation

2. Pixel classifiers

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In QuPath:



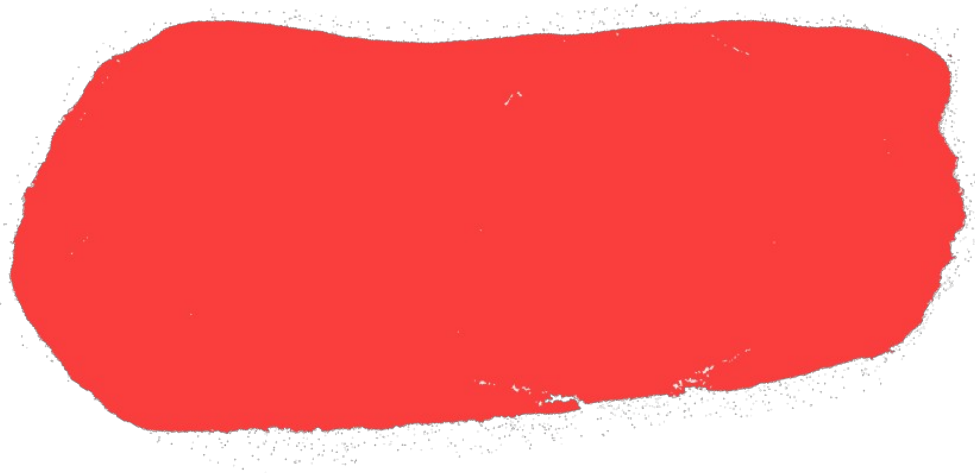
Classifier name:

- Name of the classifier so it can:
 - Be reused later
 - Be called from a script

2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

- The result looks great!
- Let's try our thresholder on another image.



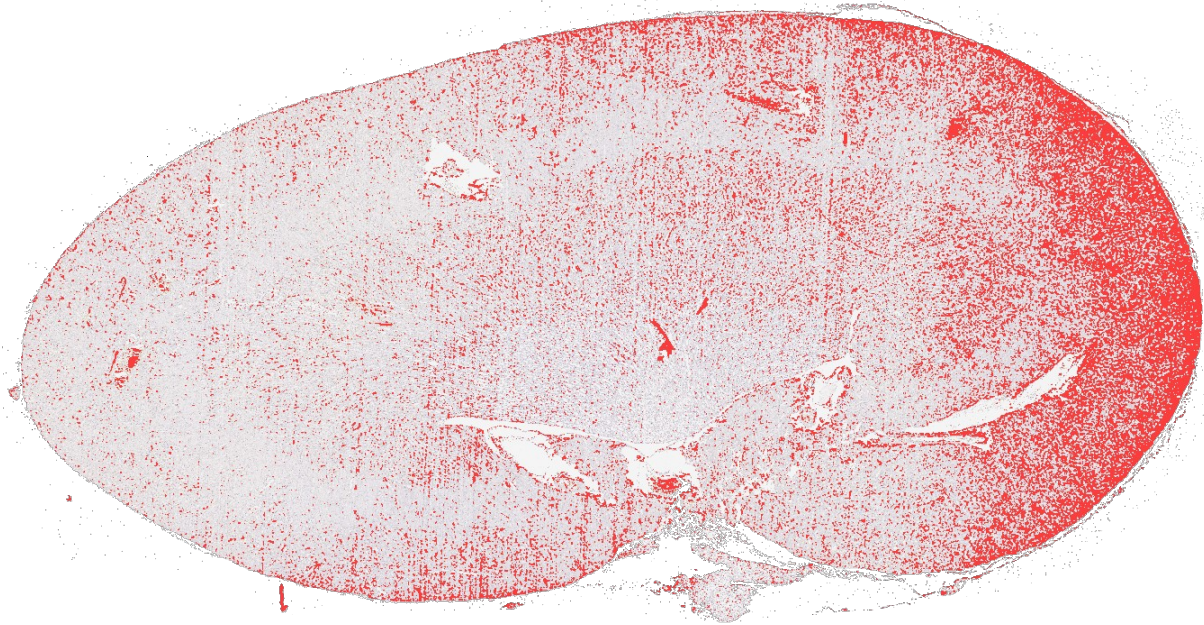
→ Exercise 4.2: Using a threshold pixel classifier

2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

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2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

Drawbacks:

- Can't generalize: the value is fixed
- Sensible to field non-uniformity

Examples:

- You changed of machine / lamp / laser / exposure time / ...
- Some organs are lighter than others.

2. Pixel classifiers

A. Thresholders

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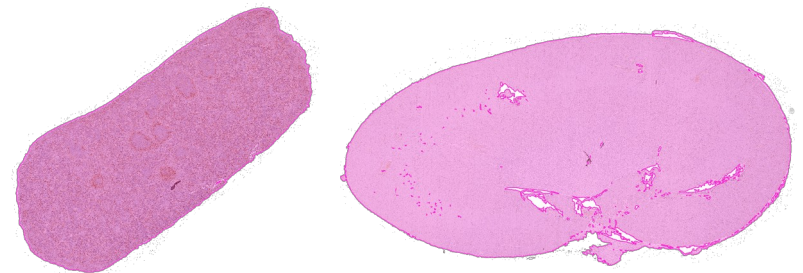
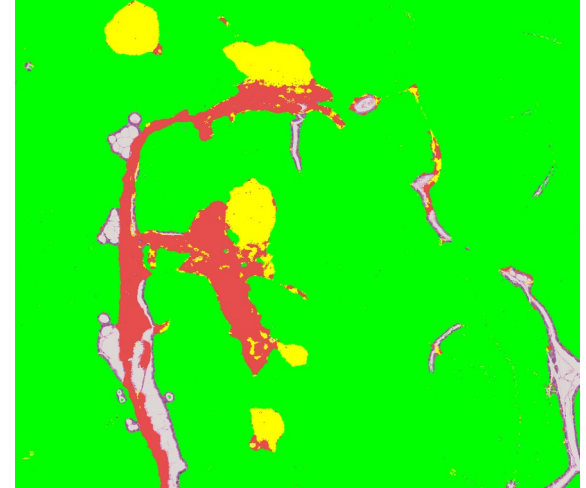
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Examples:

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We would like...

- More than two classes.
- Something not sensible to intensities.

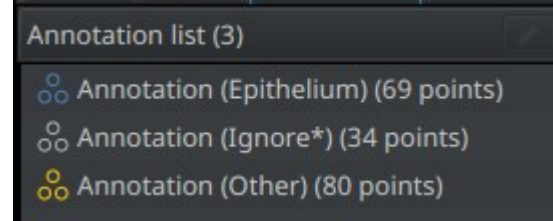


2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Principle:

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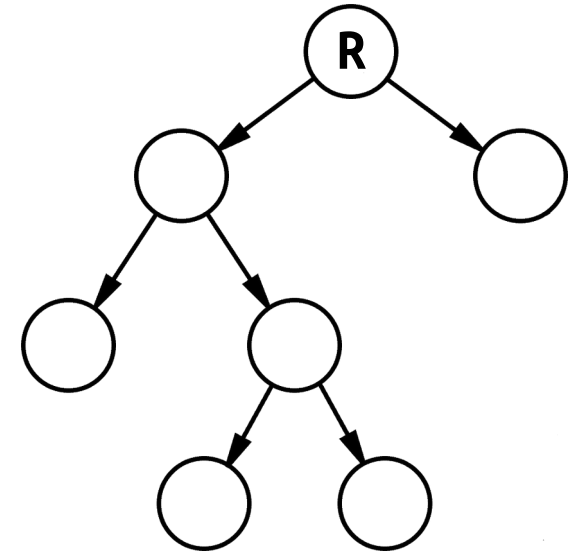


2. Pixel classifiers

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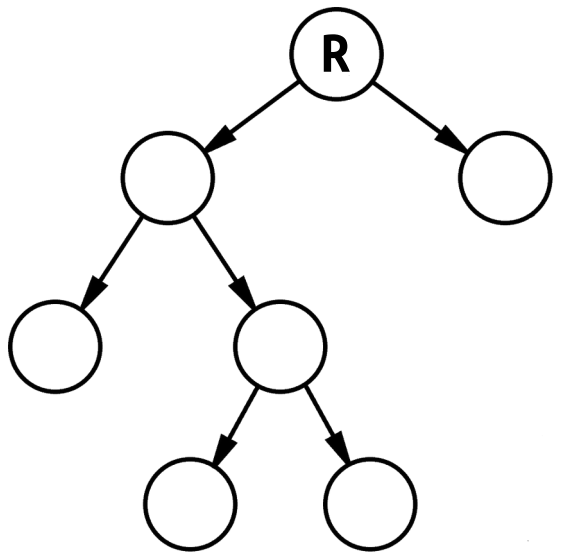


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Outputs: { 🍐, 🍋, 🍌, 🍏 }

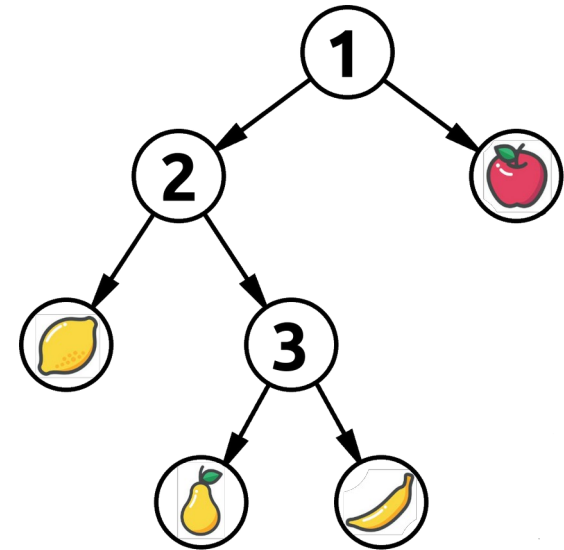
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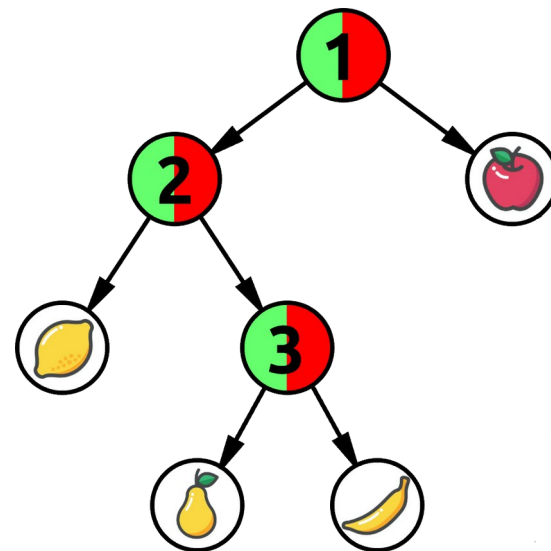
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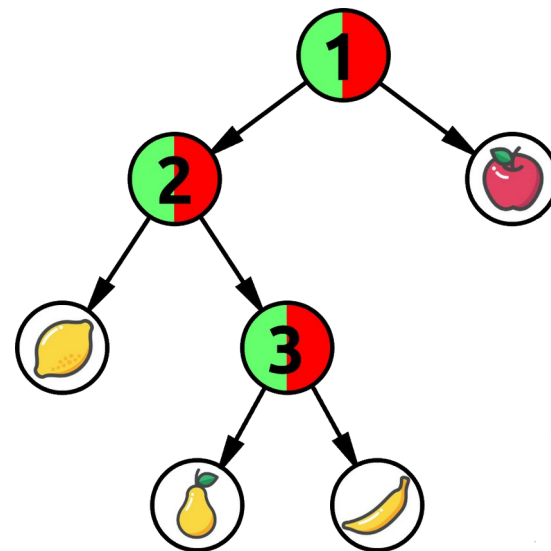
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- **At prediction:** look at the input and answer the questions.



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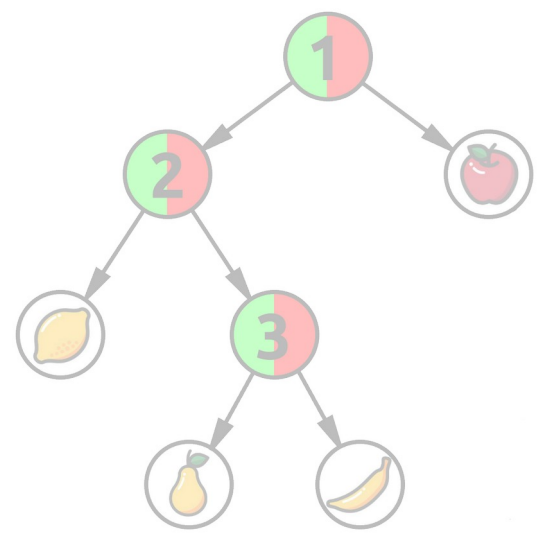
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Example:



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Outputs: { Pear, Lemon, Banana, Apple }

What fruit is it?

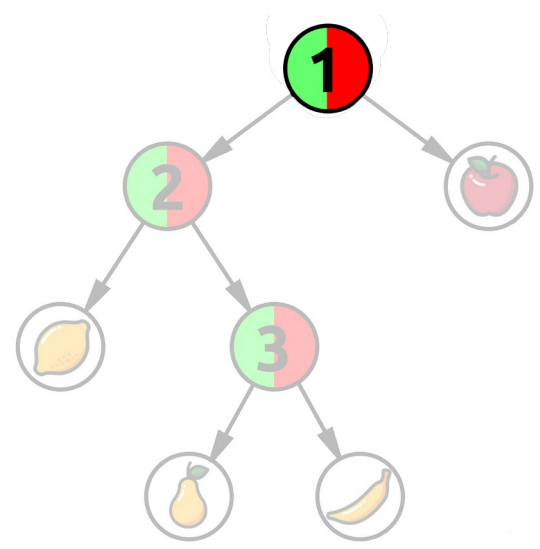
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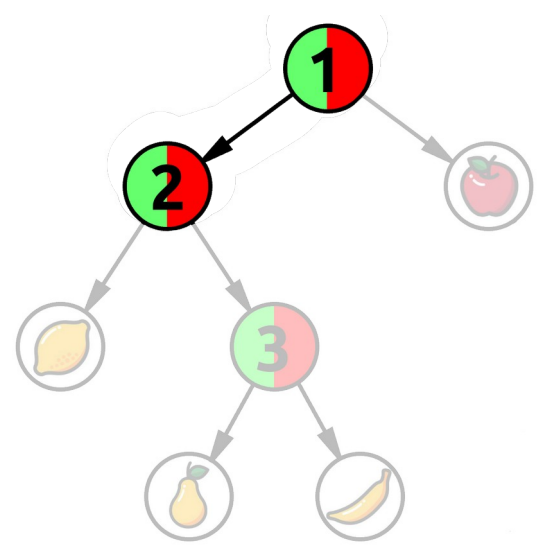
2. Pixel classifiers

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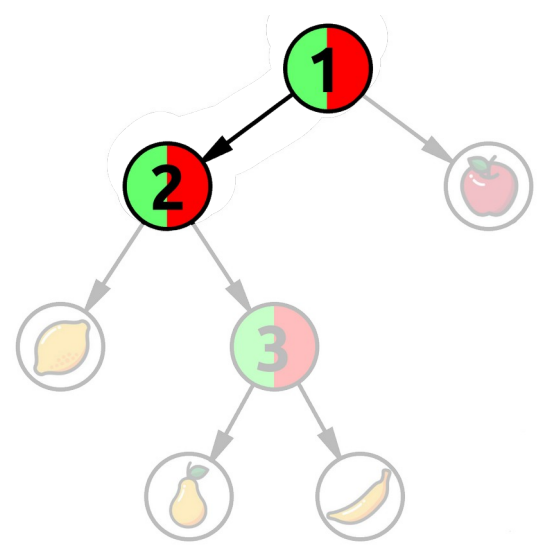
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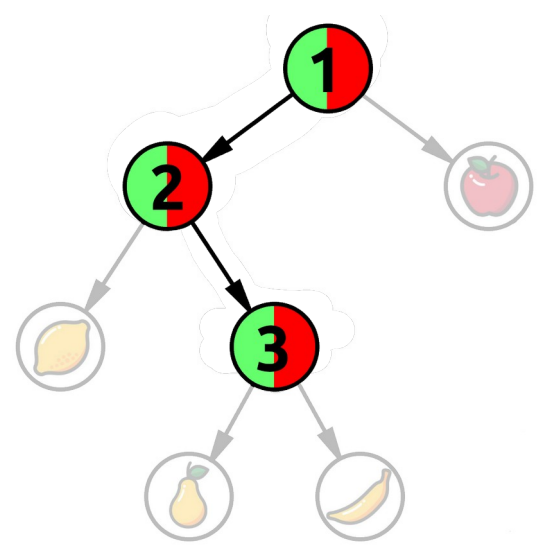
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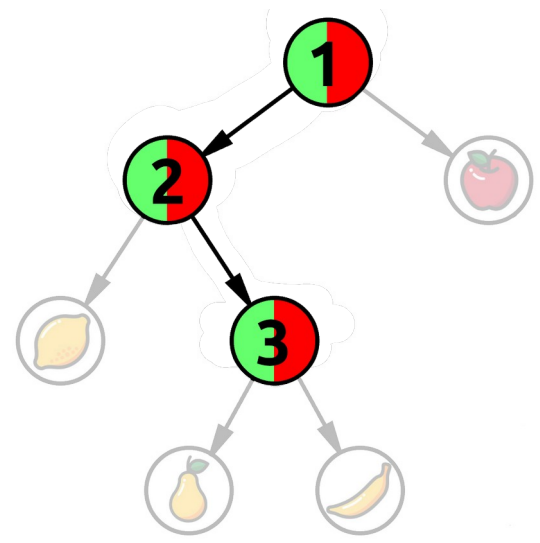
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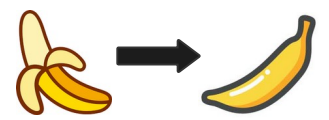
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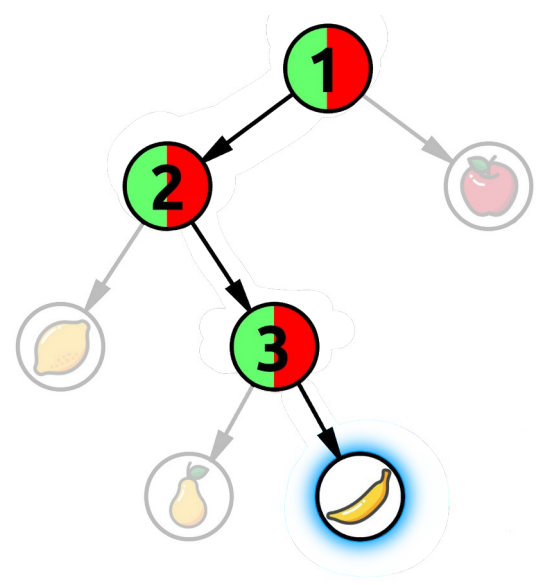
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- Here, we had **three features**, each one had **a value**.

Question	Feature	Values set	Value	Answer
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Is it sour?	Taste	Sour, sweet, bitter, salty, ...	Sour	No
Is it easy to peel?	Peeling difficulty	Neutral, easy, hard, ...	Easy	Yes

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- What features for **an image**?
 - Intensity? → Similar output to a “Thresholder” ...

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Is it sour?	Taste	Sour, sweet, bitter, salty, ...	Sour	No
Is it easy to peel?	Peeling difficulty	Neutral, easy, hard, ...	Easy	Yes

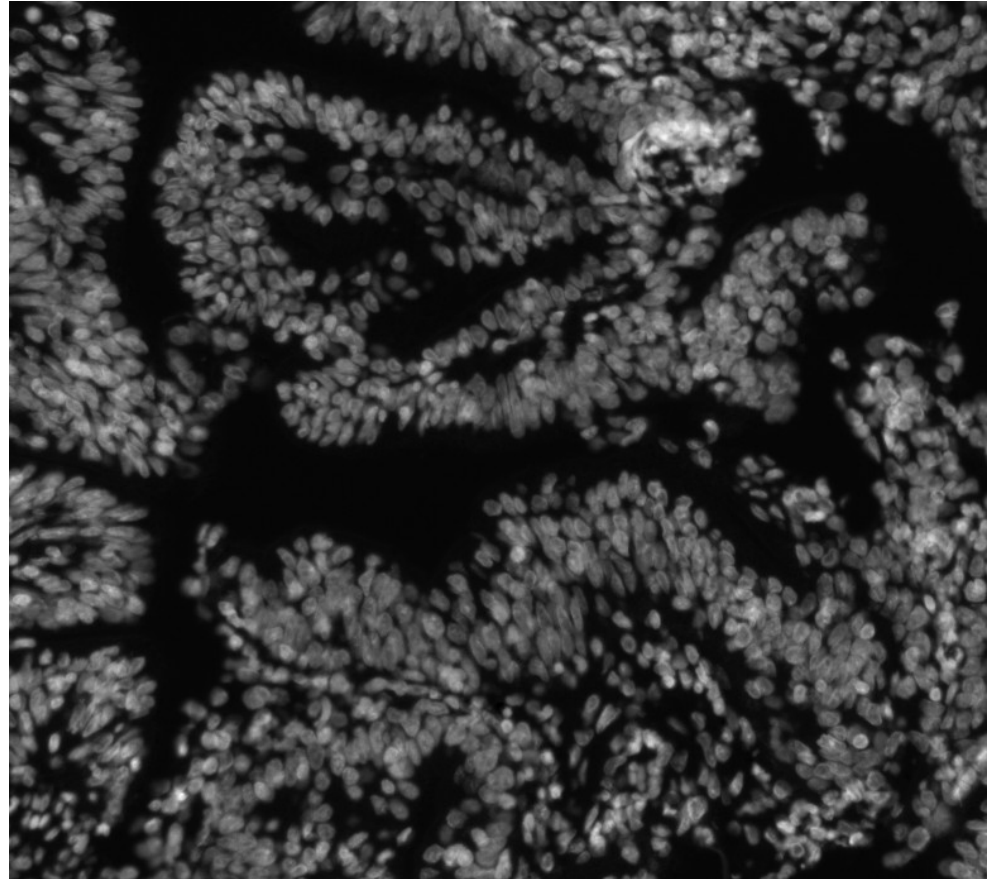
- What features for **an image**?
 - Intensity? → Similar output to a “Thresholder” ...
 - Use the result of **filters**!

2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Features vector:

- Principle:
 - Take the input image.

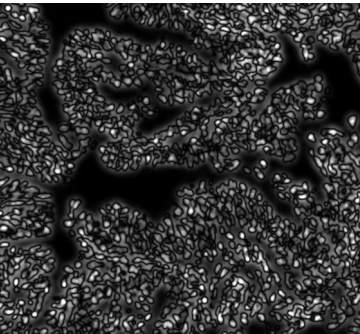
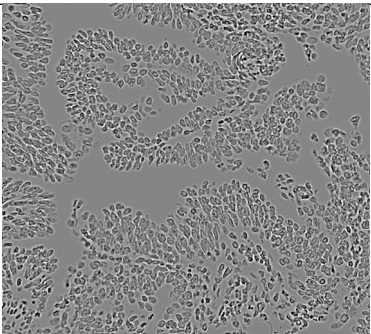
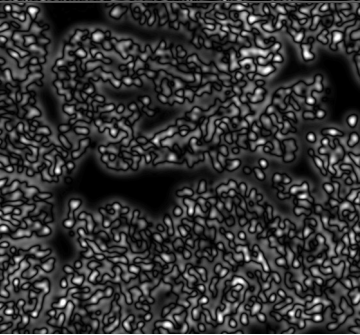
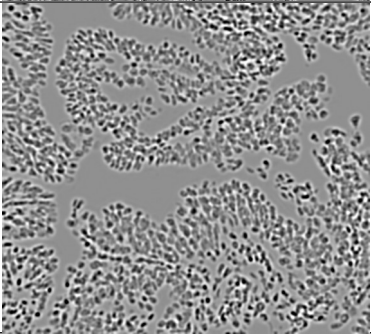
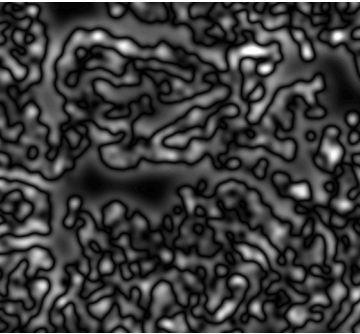
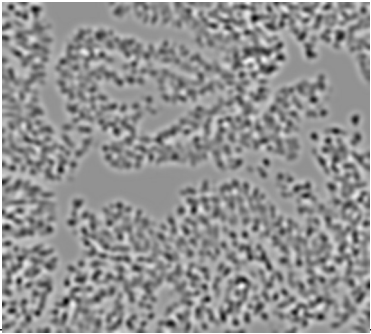


2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Features vector:

- Principle:
 - Take the input image.
 - Apply different filters at different radii.

	Difference of Gaussian	Laplacian of Gaussian
Small σ		
Medium σ		
Large σ		

2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Features vector:

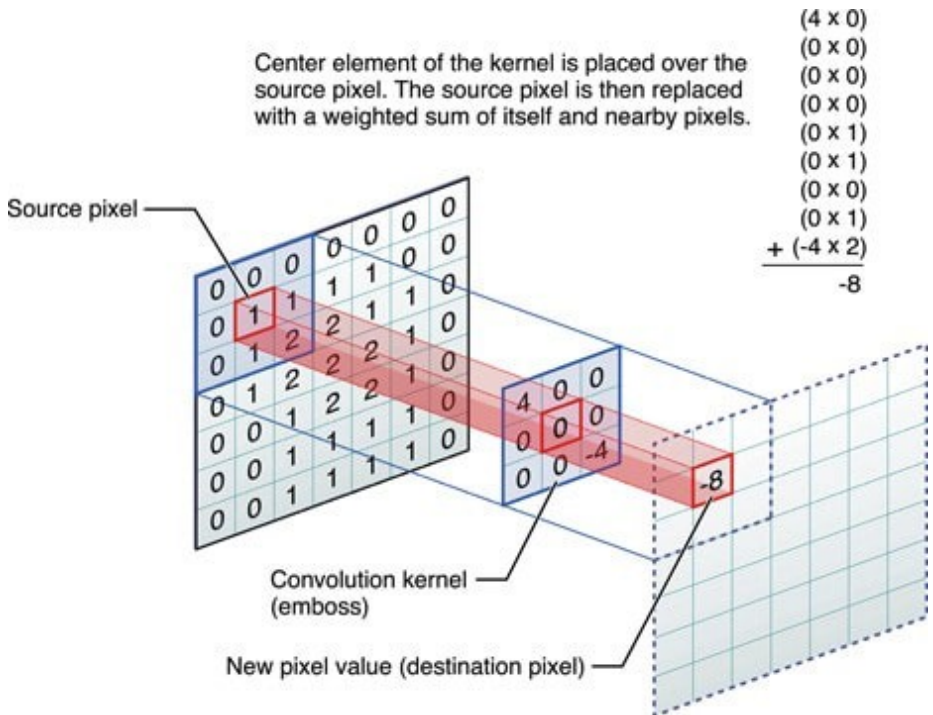
- Principle:
 - Take the input image.
 - Apply different filters at different radii.
 - For **each pixel**, its **features vector** is the collection of the values:
 - For each channel
 - For each feature
 - For each radius
 - **C** channels, **F** features and **R** radii \Rightarrow Vector of $C \times F \times R$ values per pixel.

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B. Random trees

Features vector:

- How are filters processed? — **Convolution filters**
- Used for:
 - Gaussian
 - Laplacian of Gaussian
 - Weighted deviation
 - ...



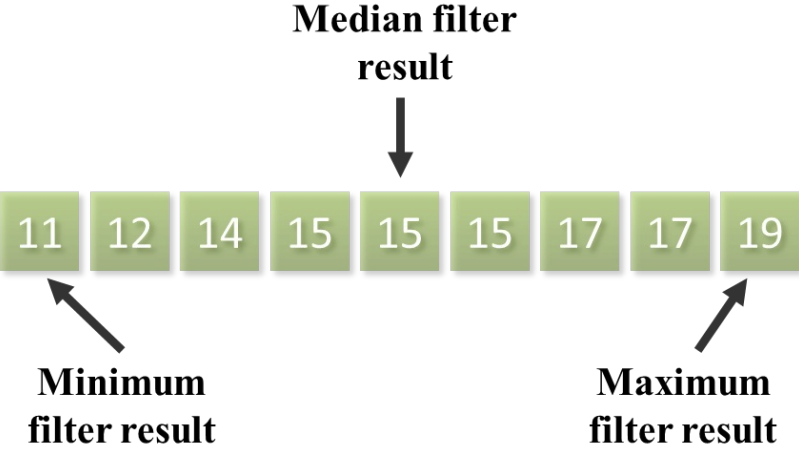
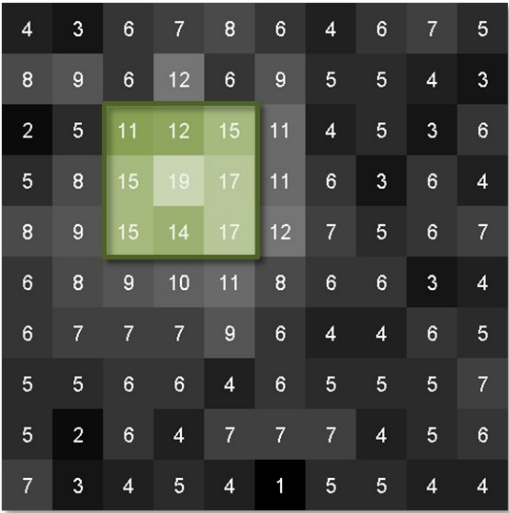
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2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Features vector:

- How are filters processed? — **Non-linear filters**



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Features vector:

- What feature(s) to choose?

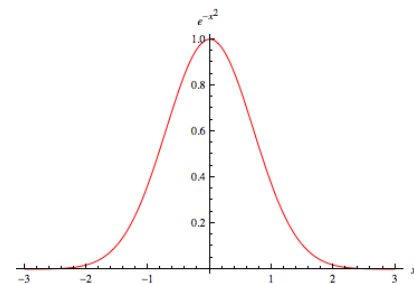
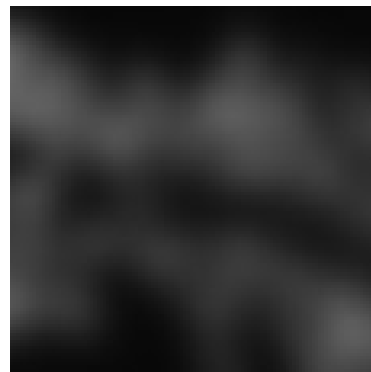
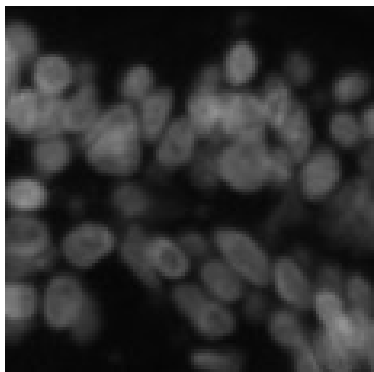
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Features vector:

- What feature(s) to choose? — **Gaussian**
 - Smooths everything.
 - Gathers neighboring information into the current pixel.

⇒ Very generalist.



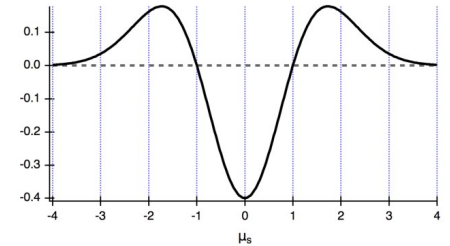
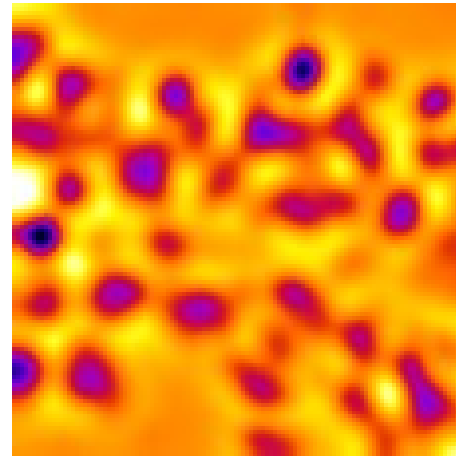
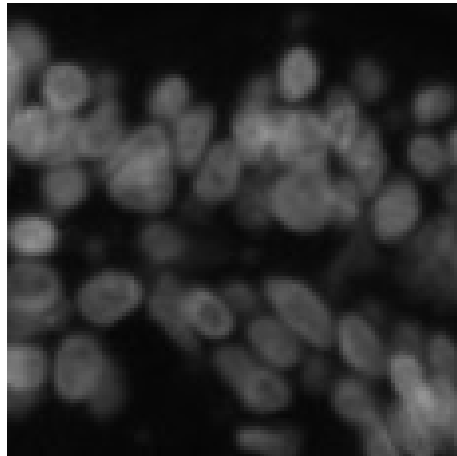
2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Features vector:

- What feature(s) to choose? — **Laplacian of Gaussian**
 - **Band-pass** filter \rightarrow given σ :
 - Smooths high frequencies
 - Ignores lower frequencies
 - Highlights target frequencies

Nuclei ($\sigma=4$):



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B. Random trees

Features vector:

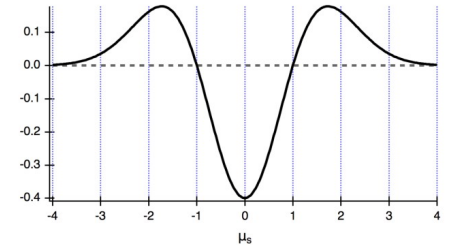
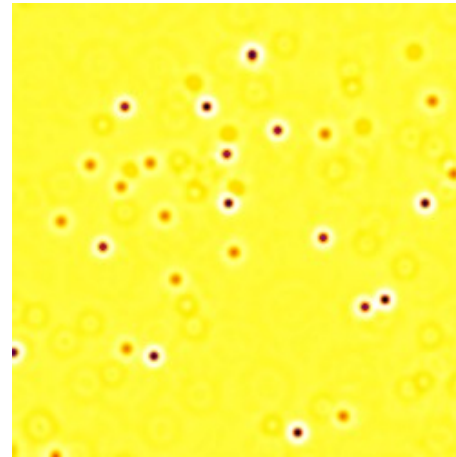
- What feature(s) to choose? — **Laplacian of Gaussian**

- **Band-pass** filter \rightarrow given σ :

- Smooths high frequencies
- Ignores lower frequencies
- Highlights target frequencies

\Rightarrow Bloby things, some edges

Spots ($\sigma=2$):

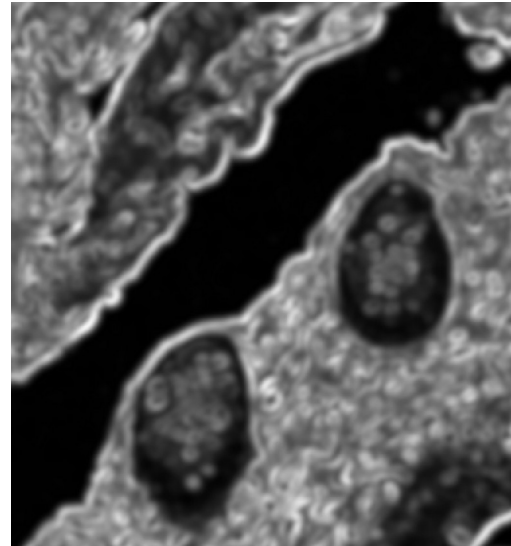
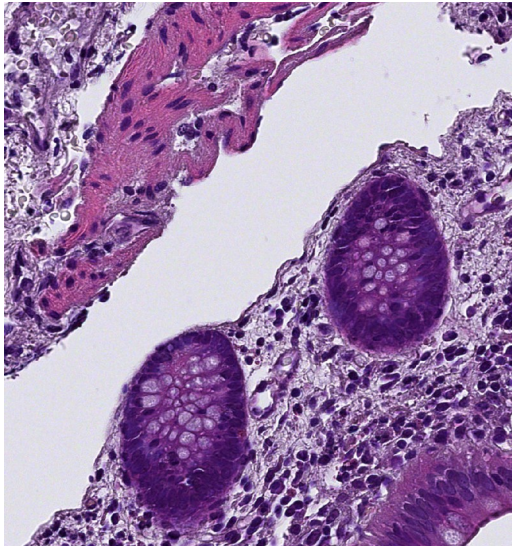


2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Features vector:

- What feature(s) to choose? — **Weighted deviation**
 - Starts from the result of the **Gaussian filter**.
 - Takes the **values in the kernel** and processes the **standard deviation**.
- } ⇒ Textured vs. smooth objects



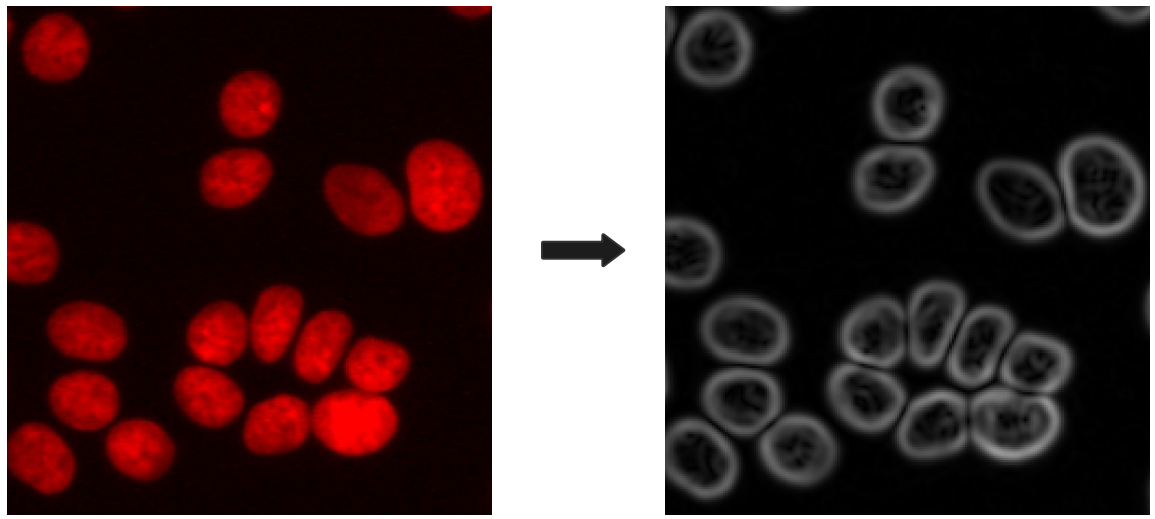
2. Pixel classifiers

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Features vector:

- What feature(s) to choose? — **Gradient magnitude**
 - Processes ∇_x et ∇_y , and assembles them as a vector $V(\nabla_x, \nabla_y)$.
 - The result is the **magnitude of that vector**.

} ⇒ Edges



2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Features vector:

- What feature(s) to choose?

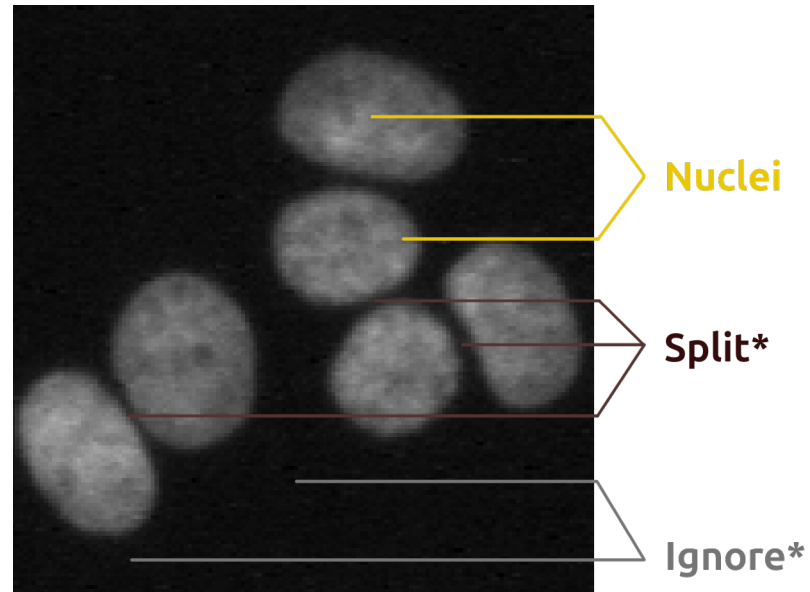
Feature	Purpose
Gaussian filter	General-purpose (color & intensity)
Laplacian of Gaussian	Blobby things, some edges
Weighted deviation	Textured vs. smooth areas
Gradient magnitude	Edges
Structure tensor eigenvalues	Long, stringy things
Structure tensor coherence	'Oriented' regions (e.g. aligned cells, fibers)
Hessian determinant	Blobby things (more specific than Laplacian)
Hessian eigenvalues	Long, stringy things

2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Training phase:

- Use N point clouds (no polygons: neighboring pixels carry similar information).
- One point cloud == one texture == one class.
- Ex: For nuclei
 - Class 1: Ignore*
 - Class 2: Nucleus
 - Class 3: Split*



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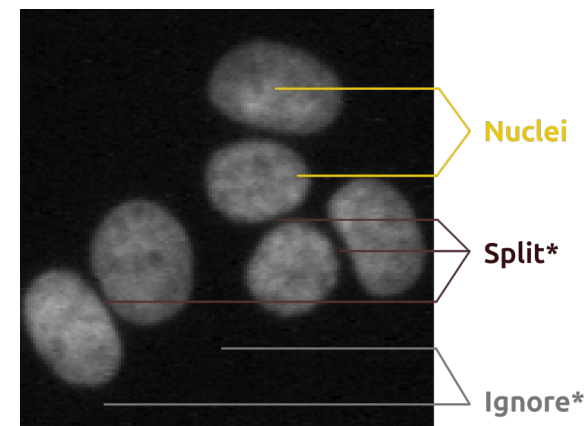
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 - Class 2: Nucleus
 - Class 3: Split*

- Build a **set of examples**: “this vector of features corresponds to this class”.

⚠ Keep **point clouds balanced**: bias in inference.



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B. Random trees

Training phase:

- We want the classifier to resist to:
 - Intensity shifts
 - Staining variation
 - Minor biological variations

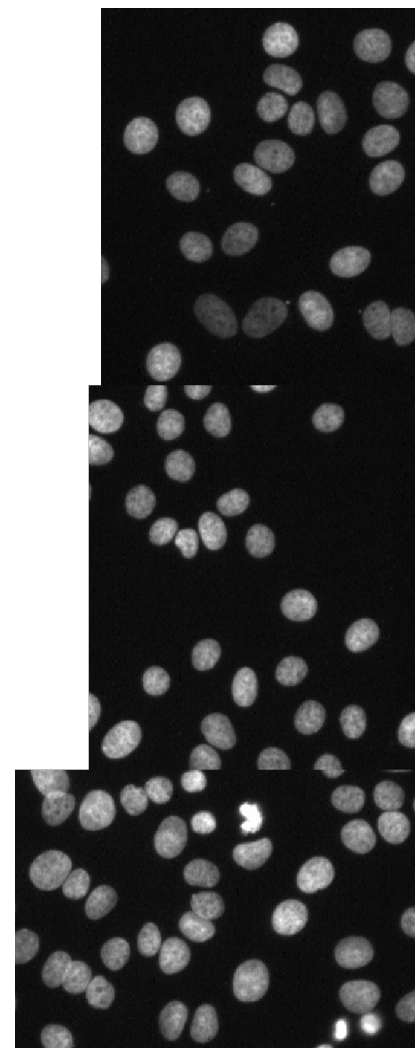
→ Resist to **image-to-image variations**.

2. Pixel classifiers

B. Random trees

Training phase:

- We want the classifier to resist to:
 - Intensity shifts
 - Staining variation
 - Minor biological variations
- Resist to **image-to-image variations**.
- Don't use a single image: use a **training image!**
 - = **aggregate** of **representative areas** picked from **several images**.

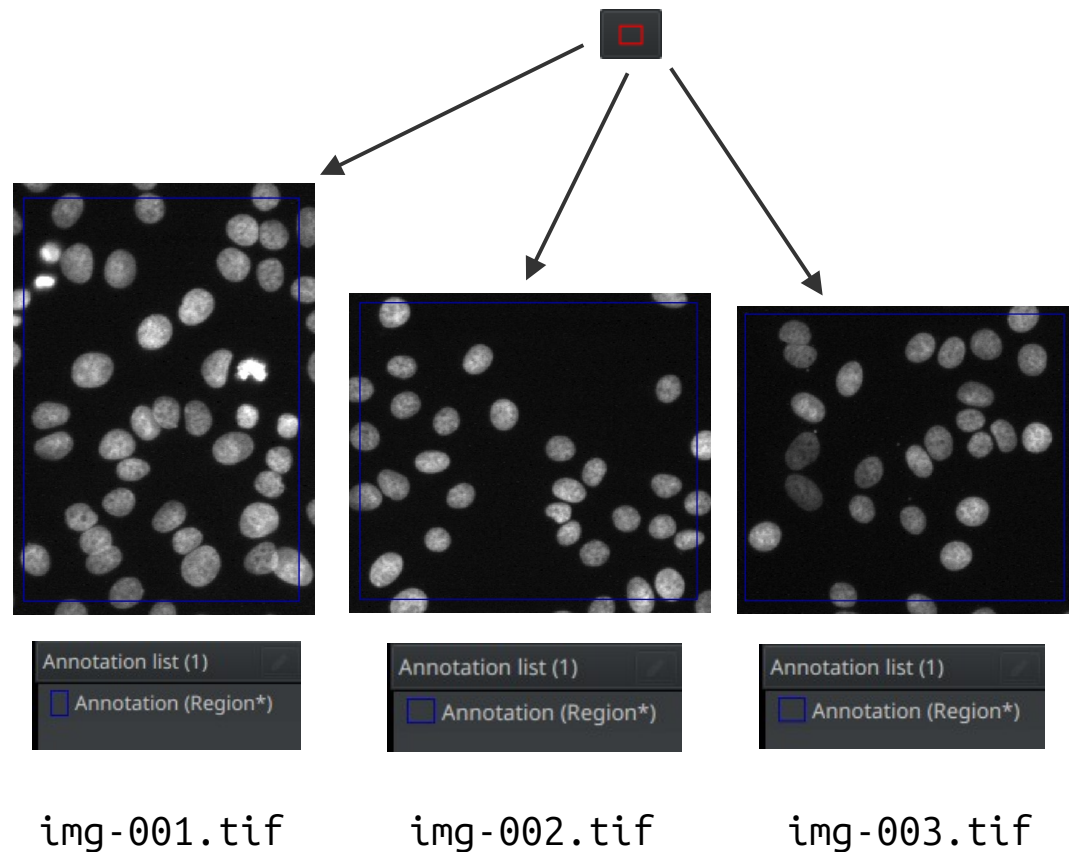


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In QuPath: 1. Create a training image

- Find **representative regions** in your images pool.
- Make **rectangle annotations** around them.
- Give them the **Region*** class.



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In QuPath: 1. Create a training image

- Find **representative regions** in your images pool.
- Make **rectangle annotations** around them.
- Give them the **Region*** class.
- **Assemble** the regions in one image.

Classify Extensions Window Help

Object classification ▶

Pixel classification ▶

Training images ▶

- Create region annotations...
- Create training image...**
- Create duplicate channel training images...
- Split project train/validation/test...



Create training image

Generates a single image from regions extracted from the project.
Before running this command, add classified rectangle annotations to select the regions.

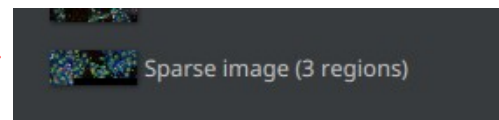
Classification: Region* (dropdown)

Preferred image width: 50,000 px

Do z-stacks
 Rectangles only

Note this command requires images to have similar bit-depths/channels/pixel sizes for compatibility.

Cancel OK

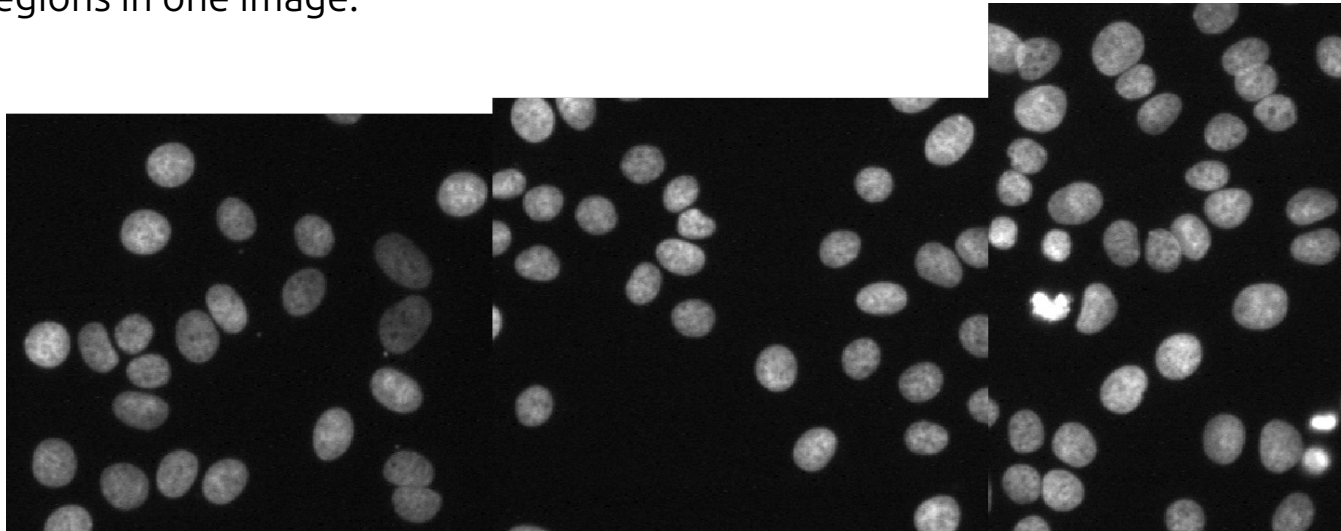


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In QuPath: 1. Create a training image

- Find **representative regions** in your images pool.
- Make **rectangle annotations** around them.
- Give them the **Region*** class.
- **Assemble** the regions in one image.

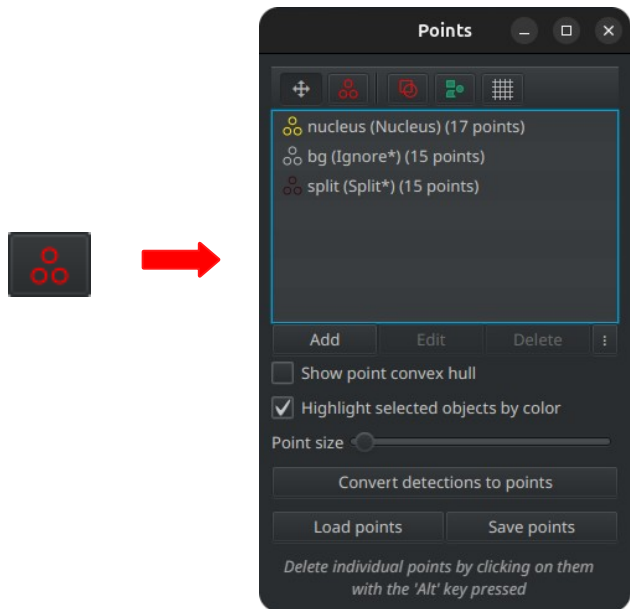


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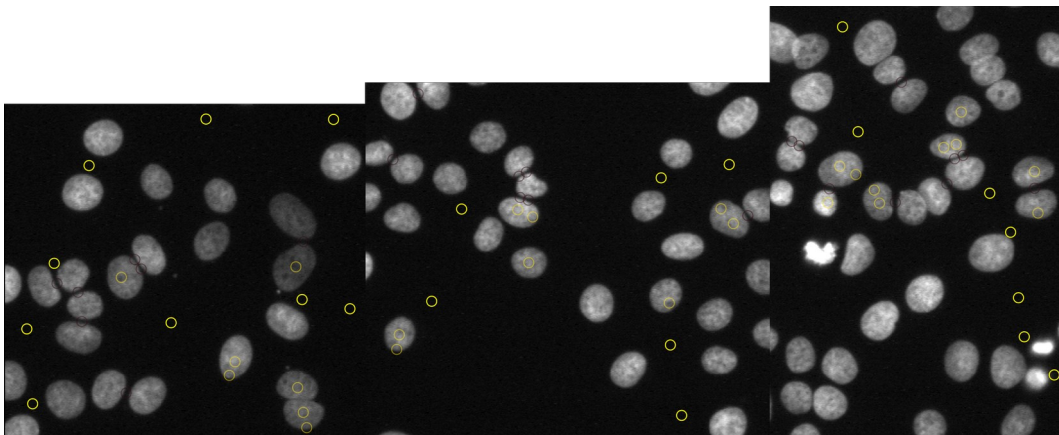
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In QuPath: 2. Create your first set of annotations



- Create **point clouds**.
- Give them a **class**.
- Add a **similar** number of points per class.
- 10 to 15 points per class is enough to start.
- Class name ends with '*' → ignored class.

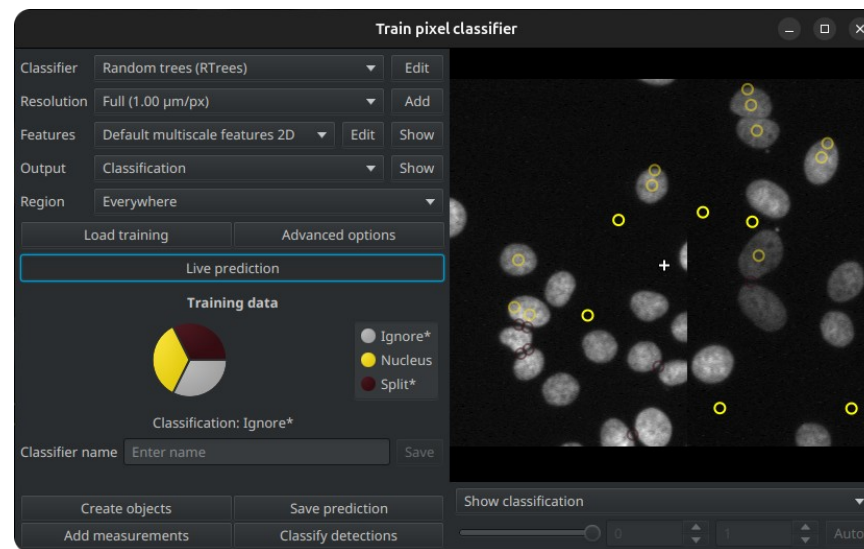
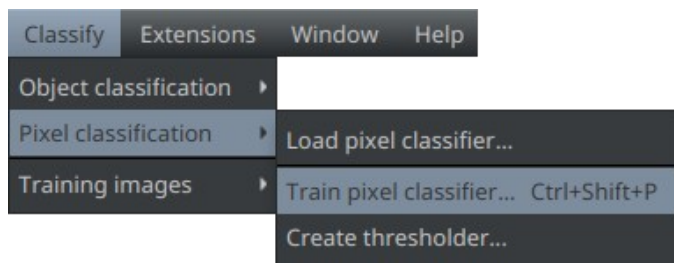


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In QuPath: 3. Launch the training tool



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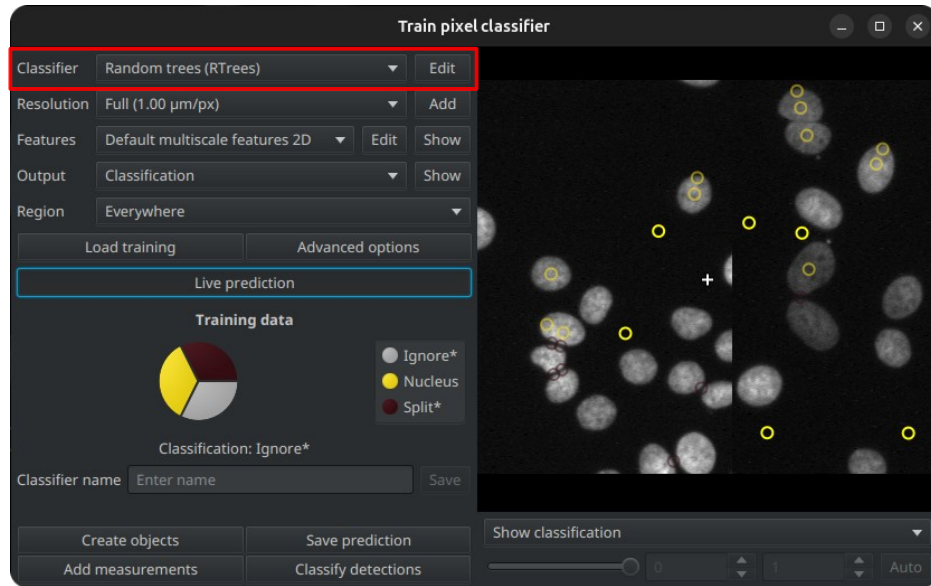
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Classifier:

- Classification algorithm to use.
- Use the “Random trees” as explained earlier.



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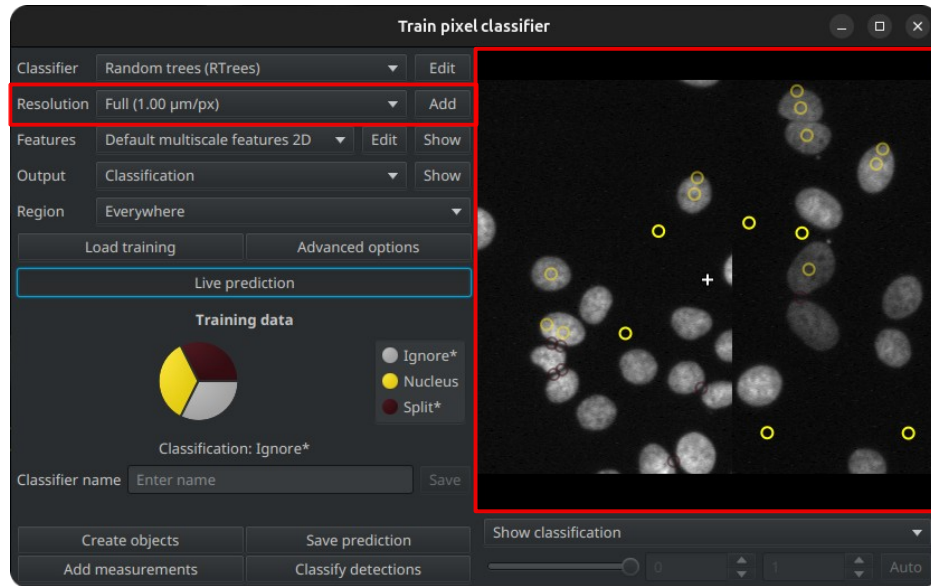
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Resolution:

- Same as the resolution for the thresholder.
- Tiny viewer = image at this given resolution.



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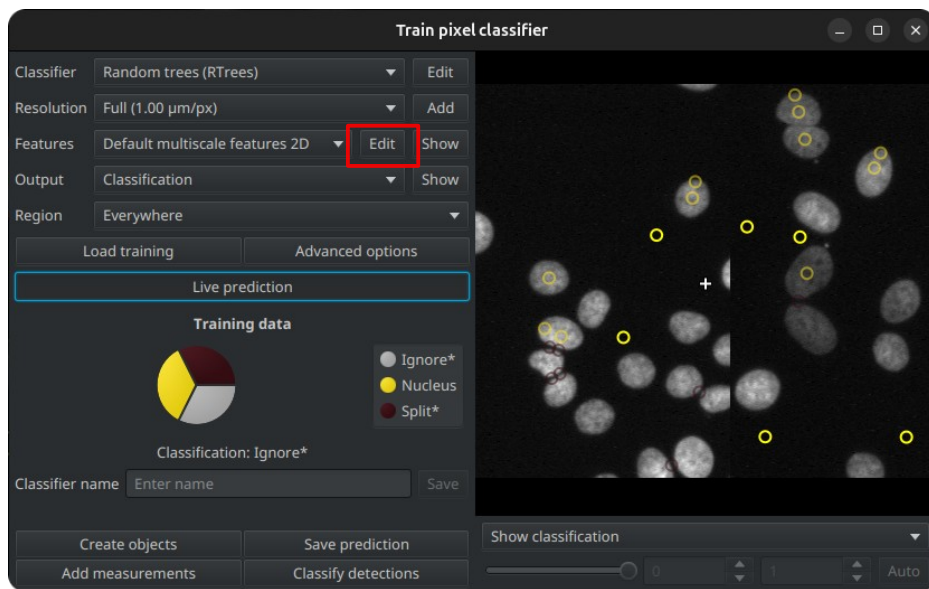
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Features > Edit:

- The dropdown menu is useless (empty).
- “Edit” allows you to choose the **channels**, **features** and **radii** for the random trees.

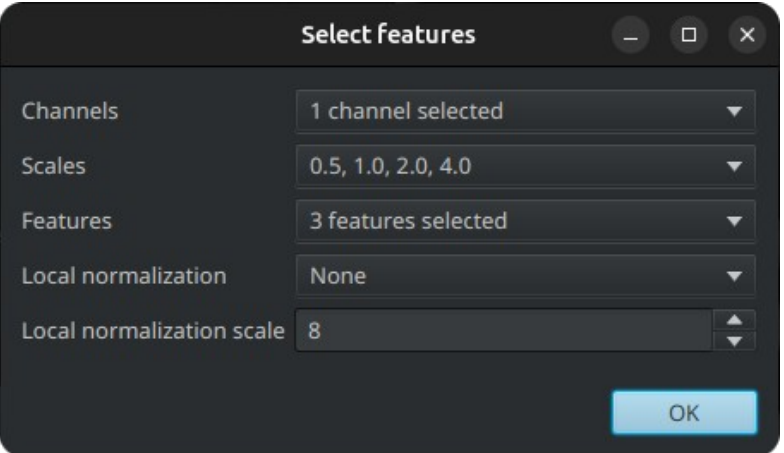
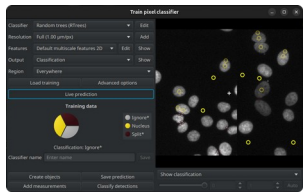


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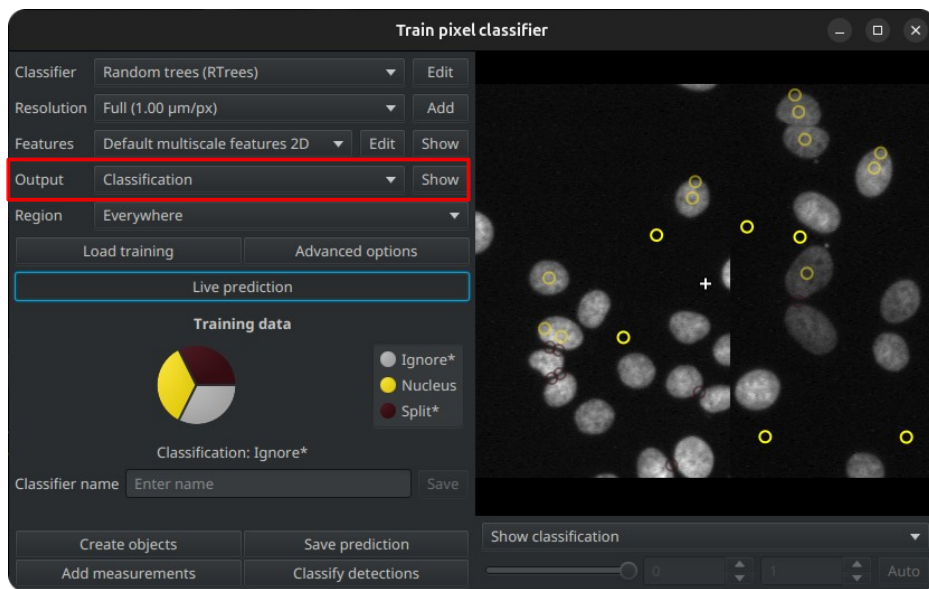
- Channels to use
 - List of radii for each filter
 - List of filters to apply filter
- } Settings for the normalization per tile. It is discouraged to use it.

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Output:

- Whether you want to see:
 - The predicted class ("Classification")
 - The probability that each class had ("Probabilities")

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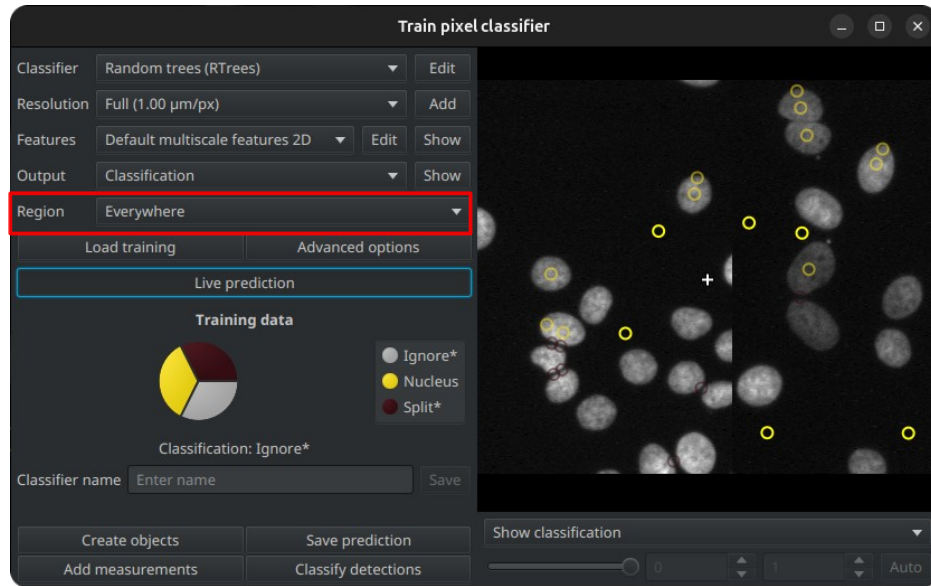
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Region:

- Where to apply the classifier for the preview.

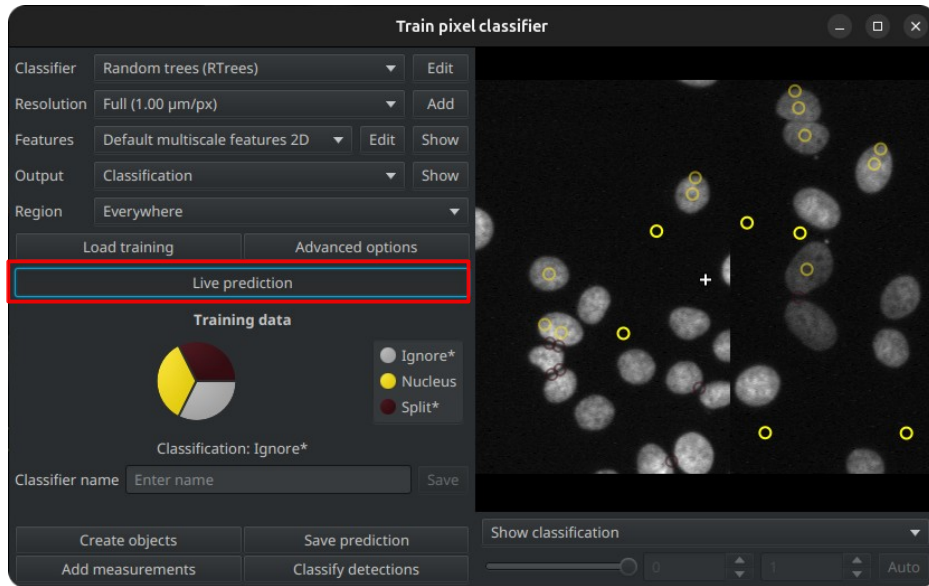


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Live prediction:

- Allows you to see in real time the effect of adding or removing points.
- Keep it active as you train your classifier.

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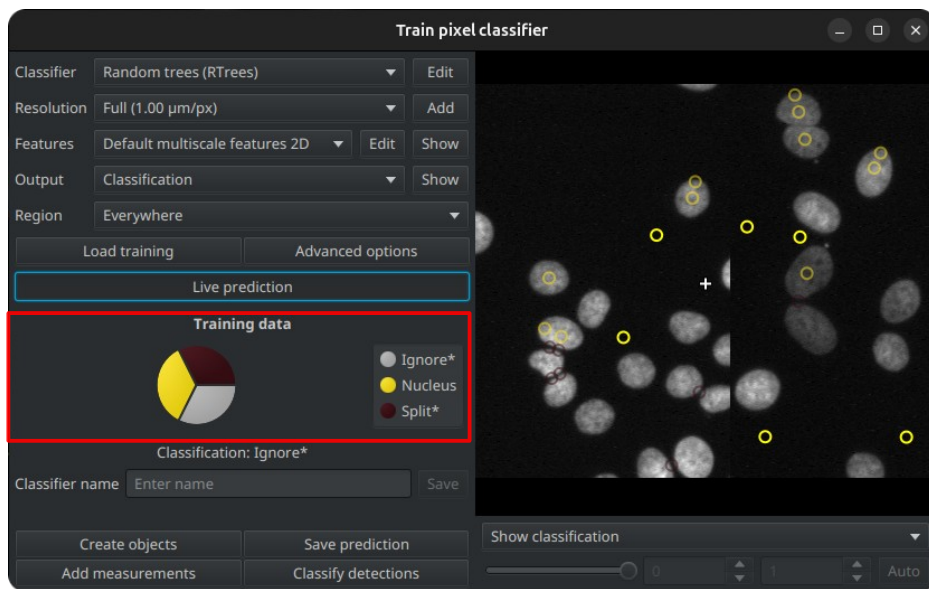
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Training data:

- Proportion of each class in the training data.
- Keep the pieces of the pie chart as close to be equal as you possibly can.



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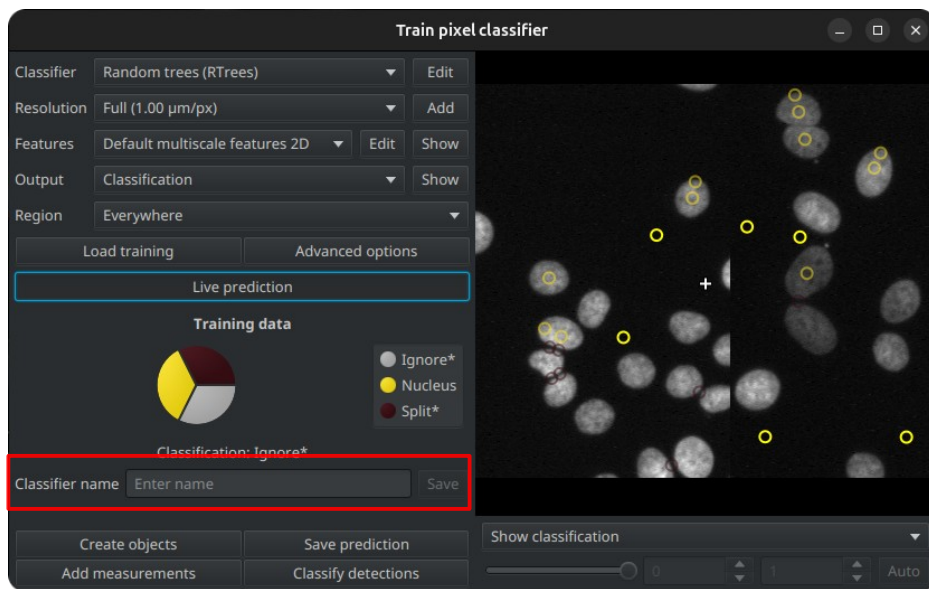
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Classifier name:

- How to call this classifier so you can:
 - Reuse it later
 - Call it from a script

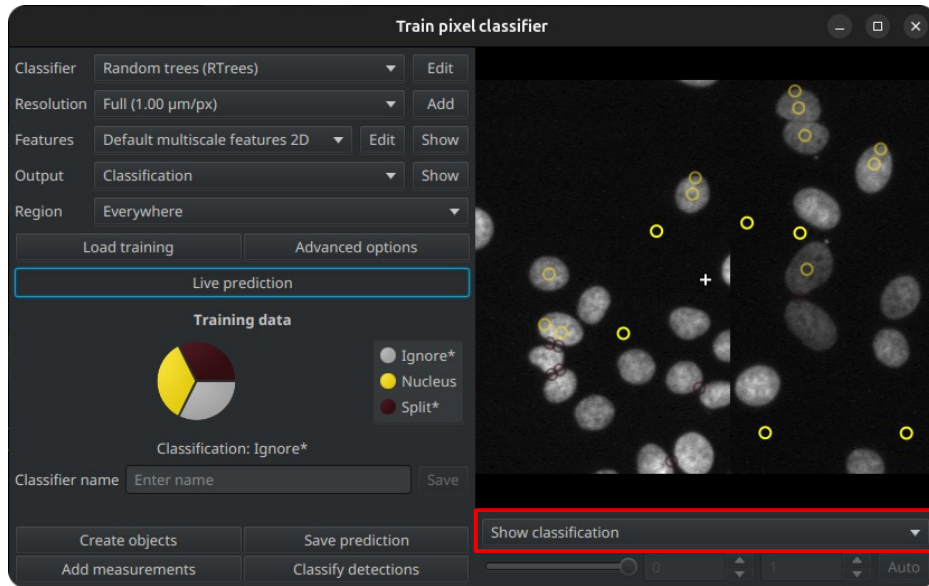


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Filters result:

- Doesn't do anything if the "Live preview" is off.
- Allows you to see the result of each filter at each radius for each channel.

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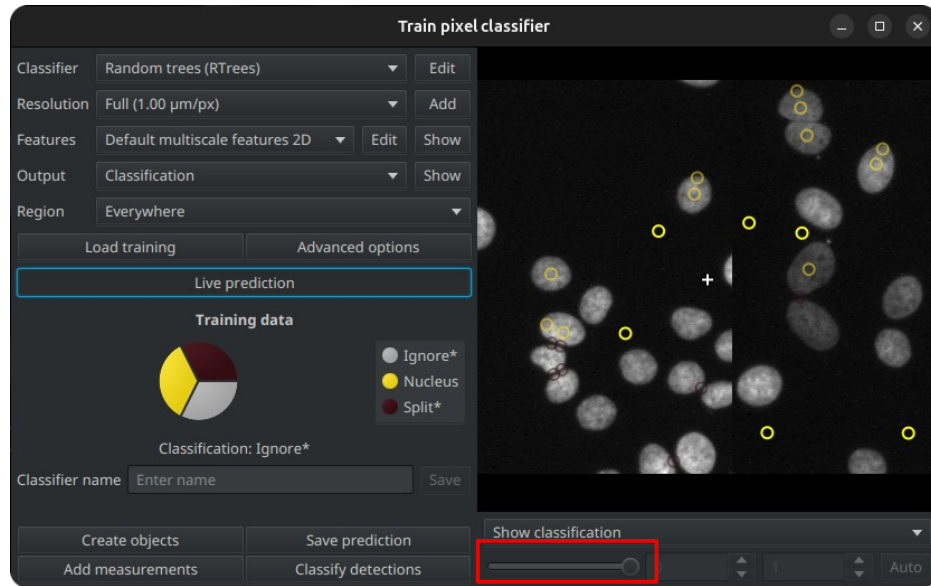
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Output opacity:

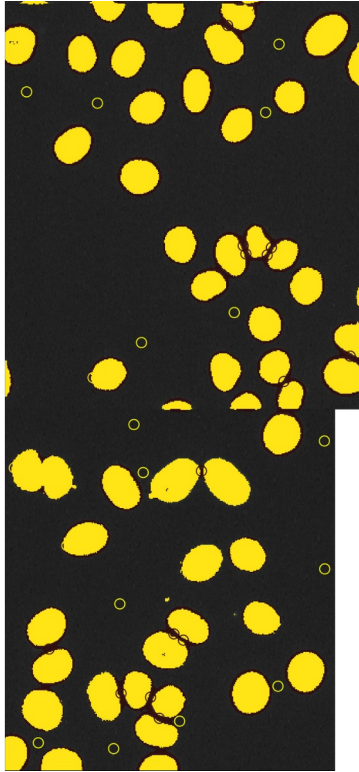
- Makes the preview transparent.
- Useful to control the image below.



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In QuPath: 4. Iteratively train the classifier



Steps:

- Start to training tool with your first set of points.
- Choose the algo.
- Choose the feature by checking that they make sense.
- Check for errors with the “Live preview”.
- Add points where you see errors.
- When the preview is good, name and save the classifier.

→ Exercise 4.3: Using a N-classes pixel classifier

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Principle:

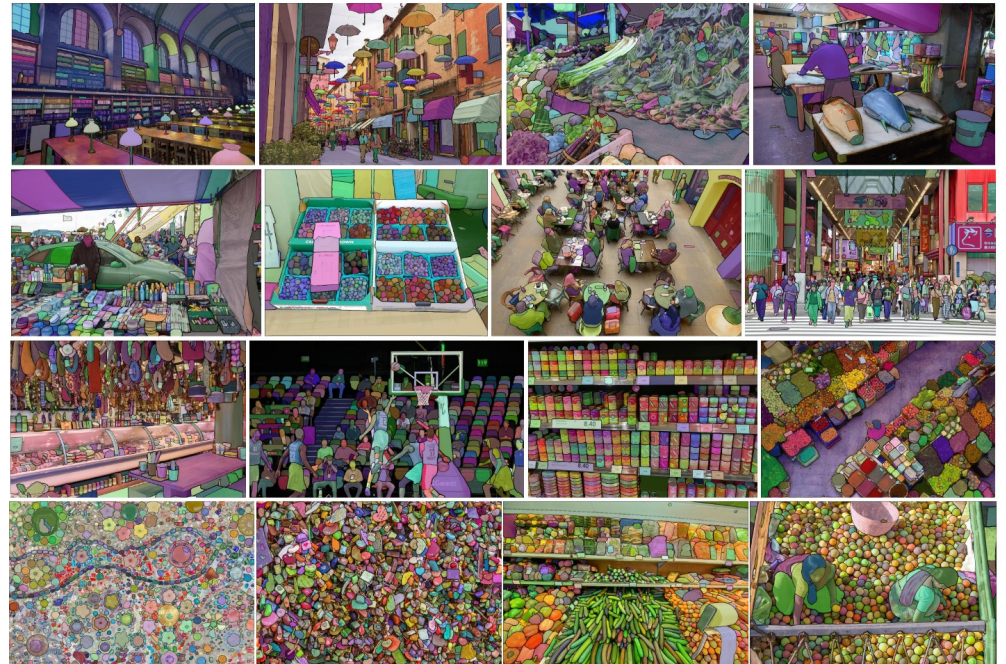
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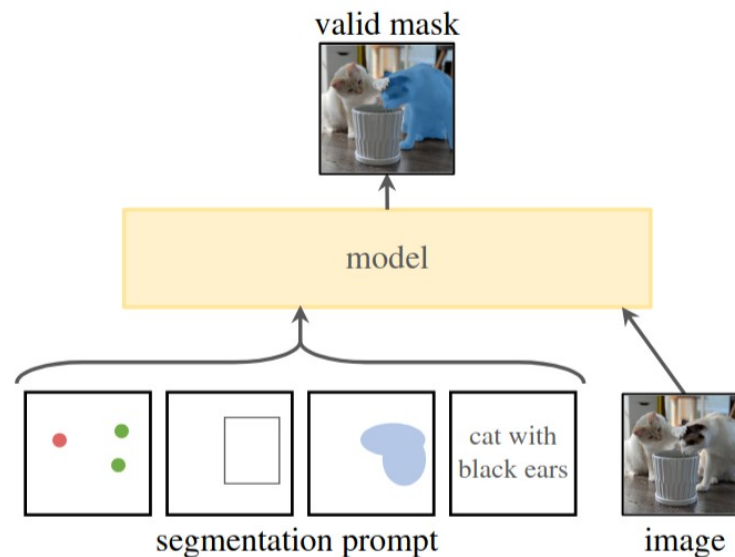


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 - Text: Description of what you want
 - Image: Find similar objects

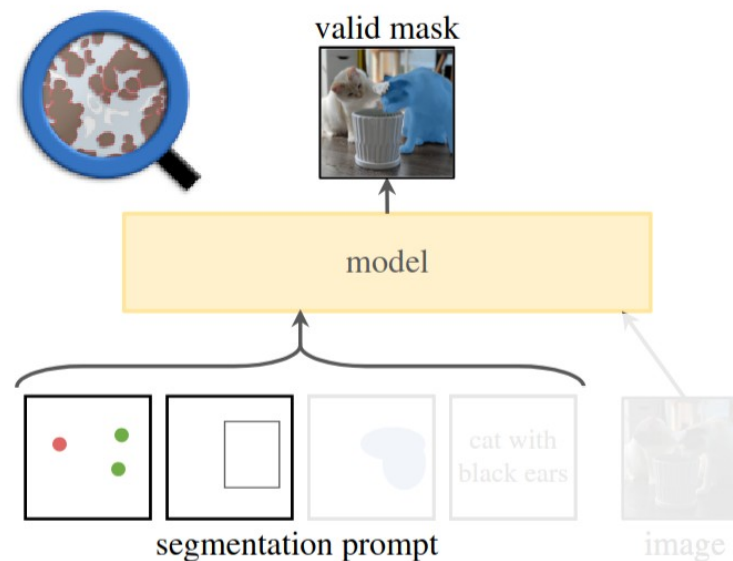


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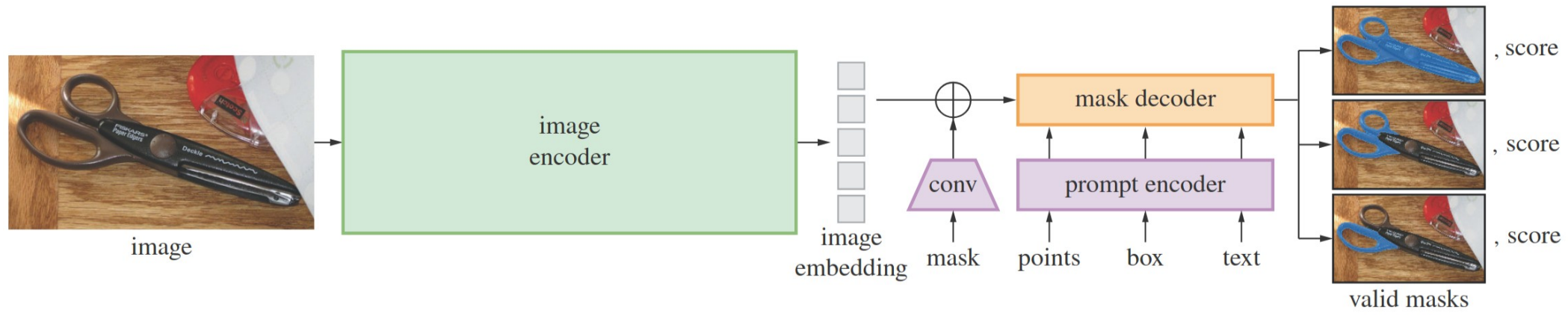
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 - Text: Description of what you want
 - Image: Find similar objects
- **Output:** three masks + three scores
 - Tries address ambiguous prompts
 - Score = prediction of IoU



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Architecture:



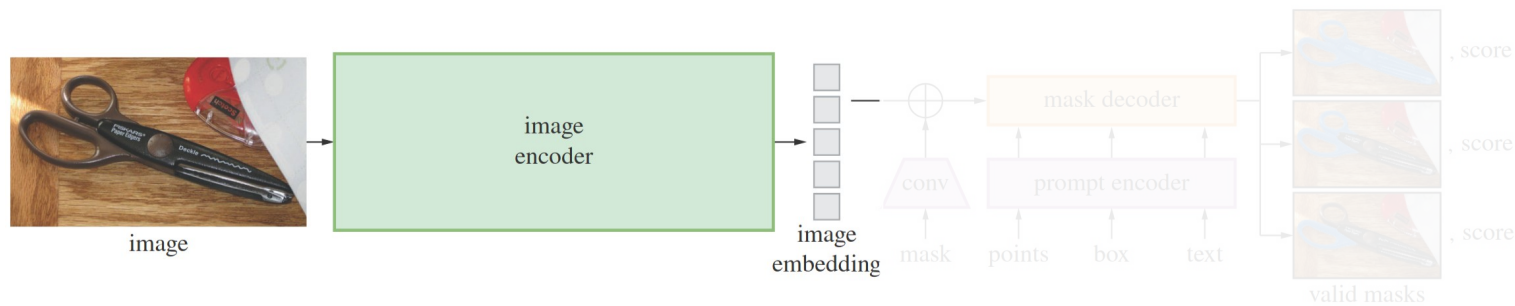
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Architecture: 1. Image encoding

- Image fed to **image encoder** (based on a **Masked Auto-Encoder**).
 - MAE == Auto-encoder with **hidden parts** in input images.
- Same encoder:
 - Whatever the image is
 - Whatever the prompt is
- Produces “**image embedding**” == optimized version of **all the possible features** in the image.

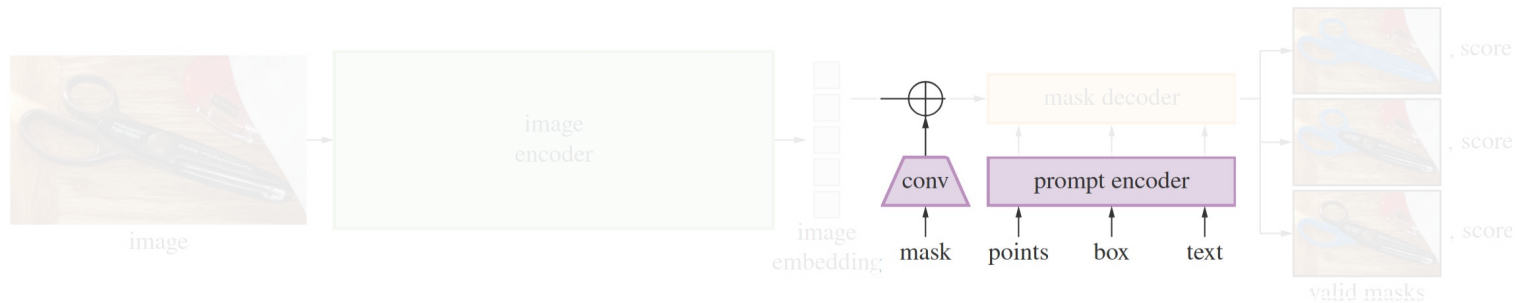


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Architecture: 2. Prompt encoding

- **Mask/image:** integrated to image embedding using a CNN and summing.
- Sparse prompts:
 - **Points/rectangles:** positional encoding
 - **Text:** CLIP architecture (common text encoder with pre-trained weights)

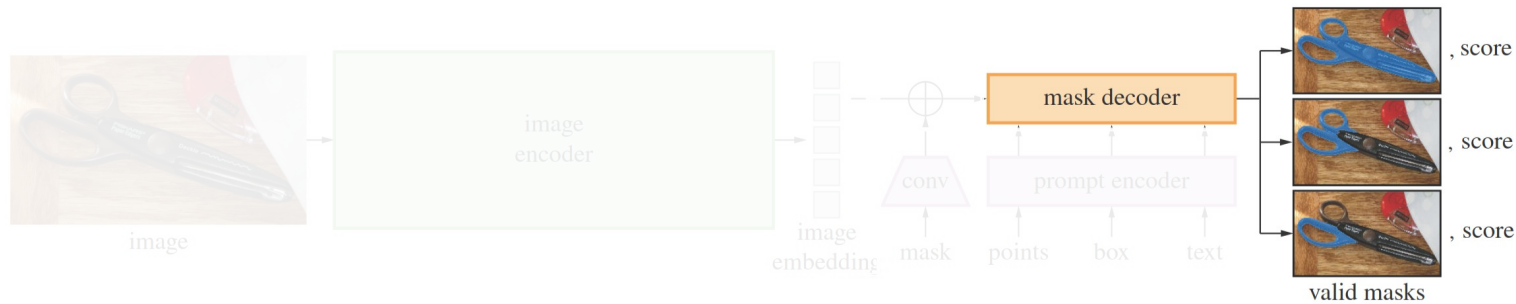


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Architecture: 3. Mask decoding

- Uses the **prompt** to **interrogate** the features from a region in the **image embedding**.
- Predicts:
 - Three **masks**
 - Three **scores**



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In QuPath: SAM API as a server

- **SAM** is implemented in **Python**.
- **QuPath** is implemented in **Java**.

Out of the box → don't communicate

⇒ How to use SAM from QuPath?

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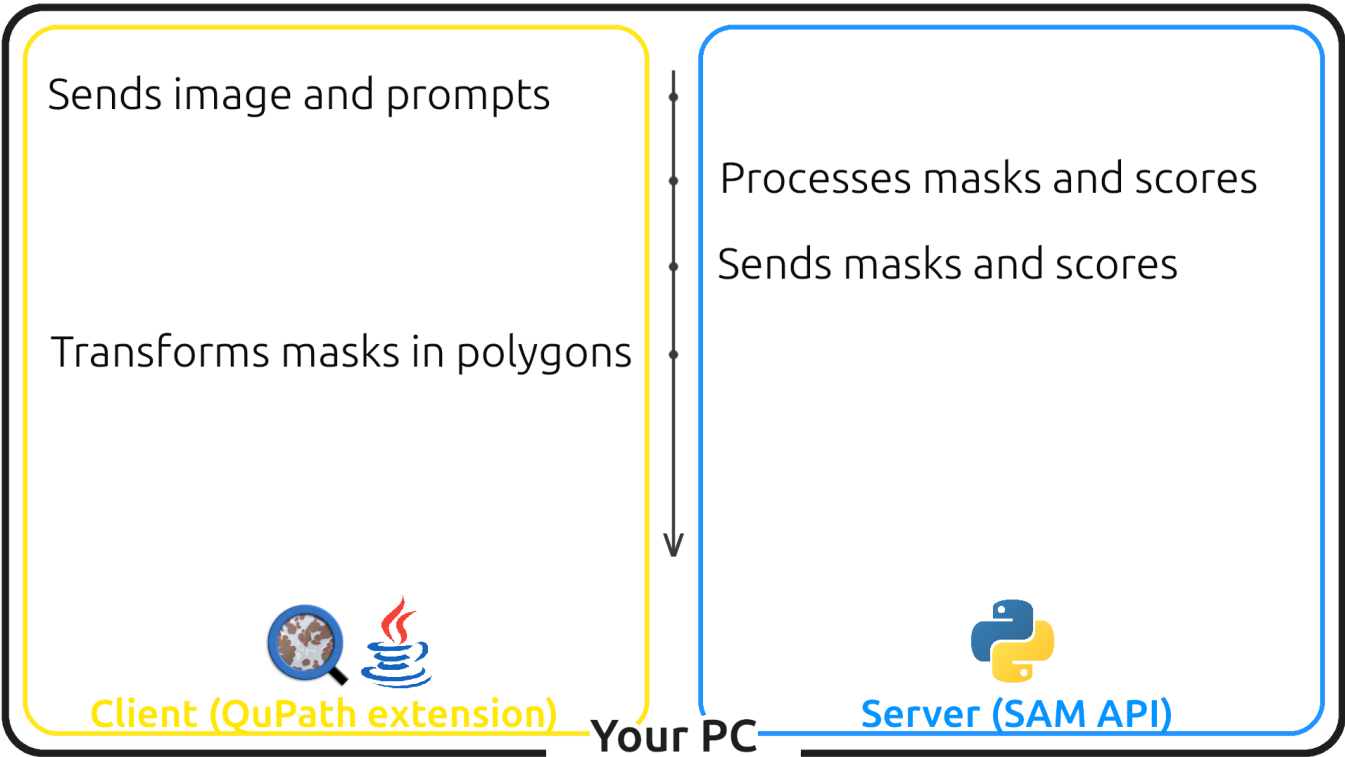
In QuPath: SAM API as a server

- **SAM API** → server → local (on your computer)
- **SAM extension** → client → local (on your computer)
- Communicate through HTTP requests

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In QuPath: SAM API as a server



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In QuPath: 1. Launch the server

```
conda activate samapi
uvicorn samapi.main:app --workers 2
```

- Server: waits for requests

```
(samapi) → ~ uvicorn samapi.main:app --workers 2
INFO: Uvicorn running on http://127.0.0.1:8000 (Press CTRL+C to quit)
INFO: Started parent process [956360]
/home/clement/miniconda3/envs/samapi/lib/python3.12/site-packages/samapi/main.py:314: UserWarning: cuda device found but got the error CUDA out of memory. Tried to allocate 768.00 MiB. GPU 0 has a total capacity of 5.67 GiB of which 299.00 MiB is free. Process 956364 has 3.17 GiB memory in use. Including non-PyTorch memory, this process has 2.15 GiB memory in use. Of the allocated memory 1.96 GiB is allocated by PyTorch, and 48.79 MiB is reserved by PyTorch but unallocated. If reserved but unallocated memory is large try setting PYTORCH_CUDA_ALLOC_CONF=expandable_segments:True to avoid fragmentation. See documentation for Memory Management (https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/notes/cuda.html#environment-variables) - using CPU for inference
warnings.warn(
INFO: Registering default weights. This step may take a while for the first time.
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INFO:httpx:HTTP Request: HEAD https://huggingface.co/facebook/sam3/resolve/main/sam3.pt "HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized"
WARNING: Failed to register weights for ModelType.sam3: GatedRepoError: 401 Client Error. (Request ID: Root=1-69b2be7a-0474be6d30a9bb8d1c2d95ff;bcad09ff-3b98-48ad-8db6-d48aea1bd0cf)

Cannot access gated repo for url https://huggingface.co/facebook/sam3/resolve/main/sam3.pt.
Access to model facebook/sam3 is restricted. You must have access to it and be authenticated to access it. Please log in.. This model will not be available.
INFO: Started server process [956363]
INFO: Waiting for application startup.
INFO: Application startup complete.
INFO:httpx:HTTP Request: HEAD https://huggingface.co/facebook/sam3/resolve/main/sam3.pt "HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized"
WARNING: Failed to register weights for ModelType.sam3: GatedRepoError: 401 Client Error. (Request ID: Root=1-69b2be7b-6fb52135374b63096e52d46a;4cca72e8-23e1-43a5-a563-8b9631b02c2b)

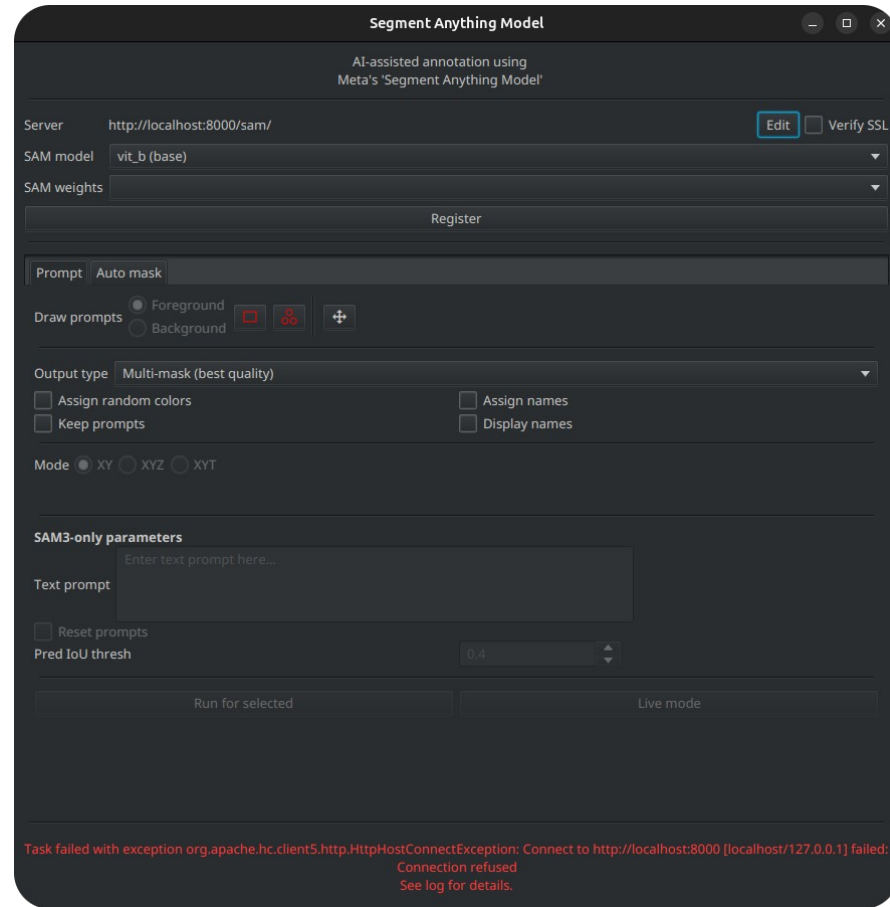
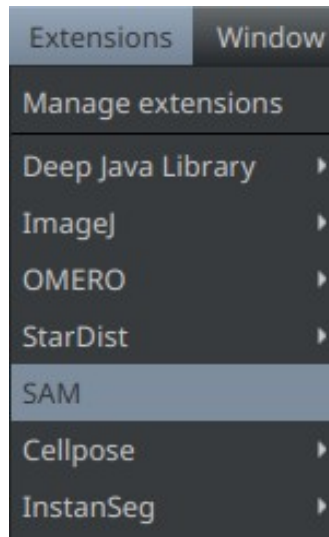
Cannot access gated repo for url https://huggingface.co/facebook/sam3/resolve/main/sam3.pt.
Access to model facebook/sam3 is restricted. You must have access to it and be authenticated to access it. Please log in.. This model will not be available.
INFO: Started server process [956364]
INFO: Waiting for application startup.
INFO: Application startup complete.
```

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Task failed with exception org.apache.http.client5.http.HttpHostConnectException: Connect to http://localhost:8000 [localhost/127.0.0.1] failed:
Connection refused
See log for details.

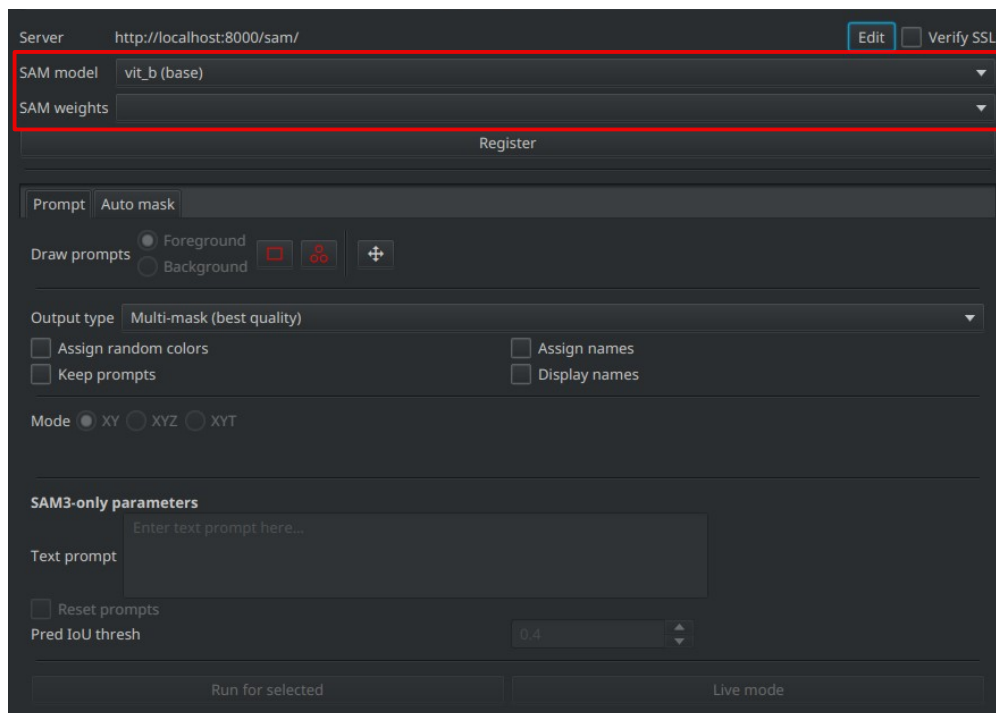
Server not launched!

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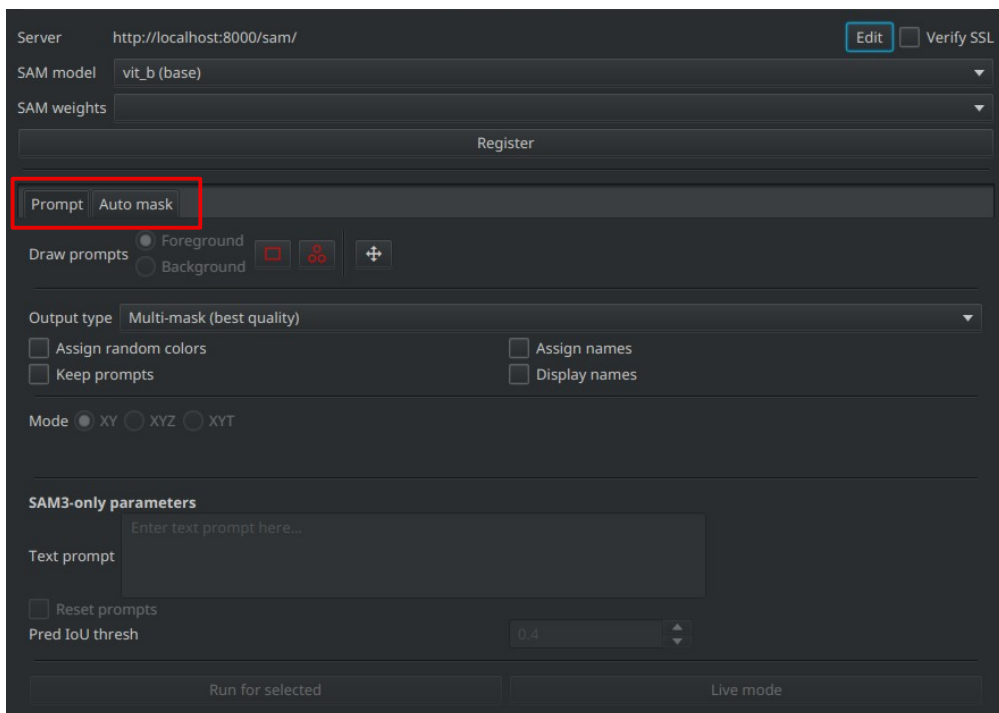
SAM model/weights:

- What model to use?
- Where are the weights of this model stored?
- Tiny > Small > Base > Large > Huge

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Prompt/auto mask:

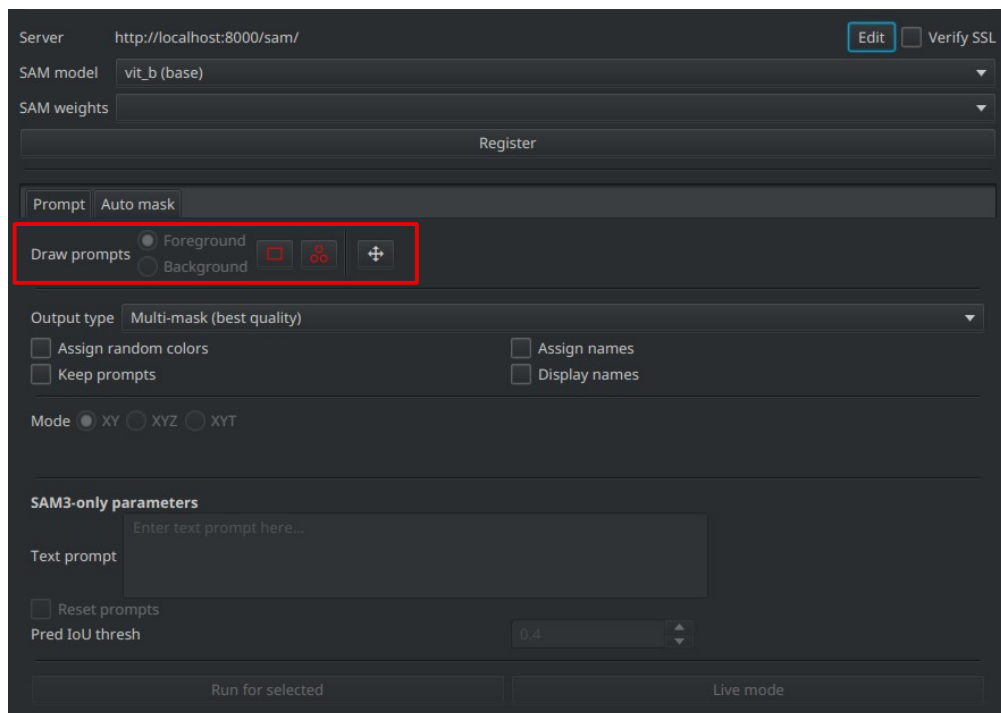
- “Prompt”: uses your rectangles or points.
- “Auto mask”:
 - Places points on evenly spaced grid
 - See what objects come out
 - → Quite unpredictable results

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Draw prompts:

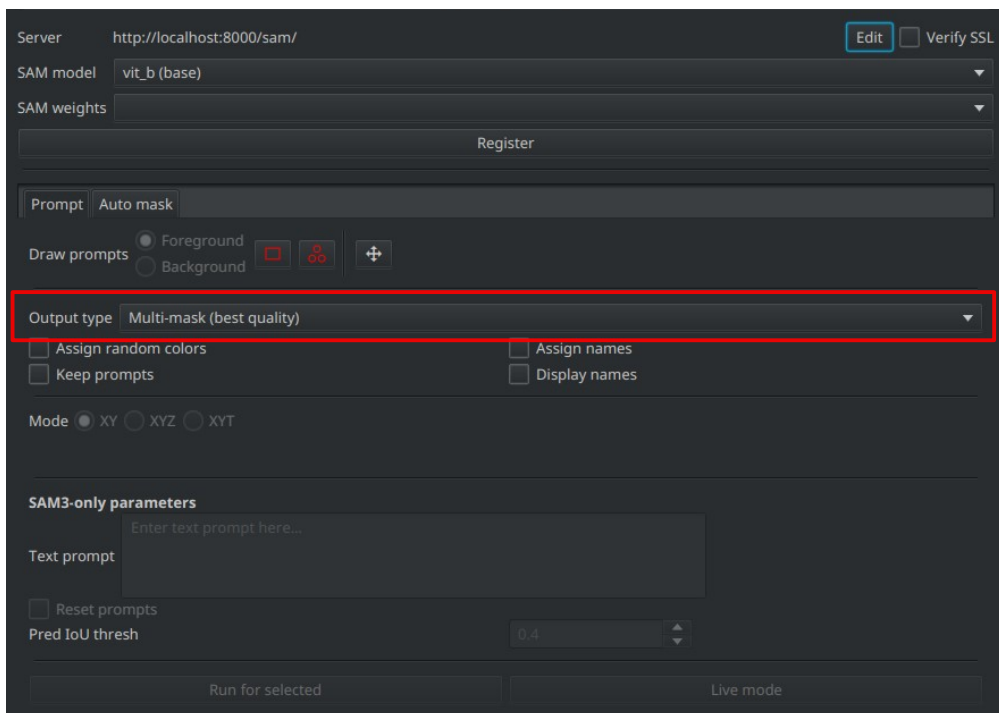
- Are you using rectangles or points?
- If points, are they foreground or background?

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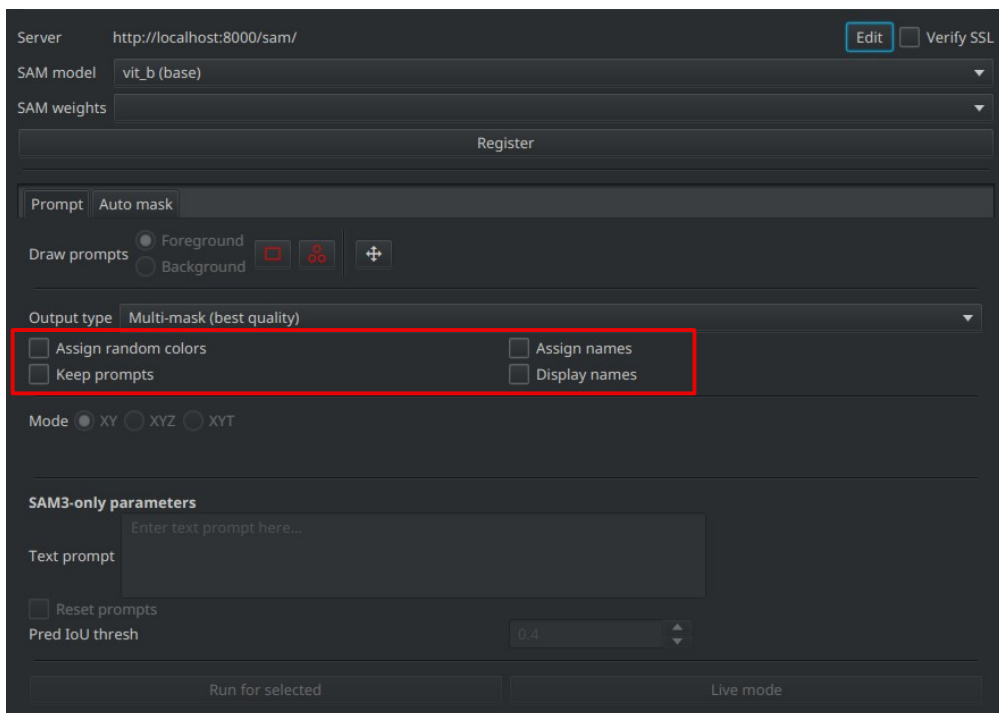
Output type:

- SAM generates 3 masks, which one to keep?
 - “best quality” → highest score
 - “smallest” → smaller area
 - “largest” → largest area
 - “all” → keep all three
 - “single mask” → all three in one annotation

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Options:

- “Assign random colors”
 - Gives a random color to each annotation
- “Assign names”
 - Create random names for new annotations
- “Keep prompts”
 - Keep prompts or delete them after prediction
- “Display names”
 - Toggle names display over annotations

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Server Verify SSL

SAM model

SAM weights

Prompt

Draw prompts Foreground Background

Output type

Assign random colors Assign names

Keep prompts Display names

Mode XY XYZ XYT

SAM3-only parameters

Text prompt

Reset prompts

Pred IoU thresh

Mode:

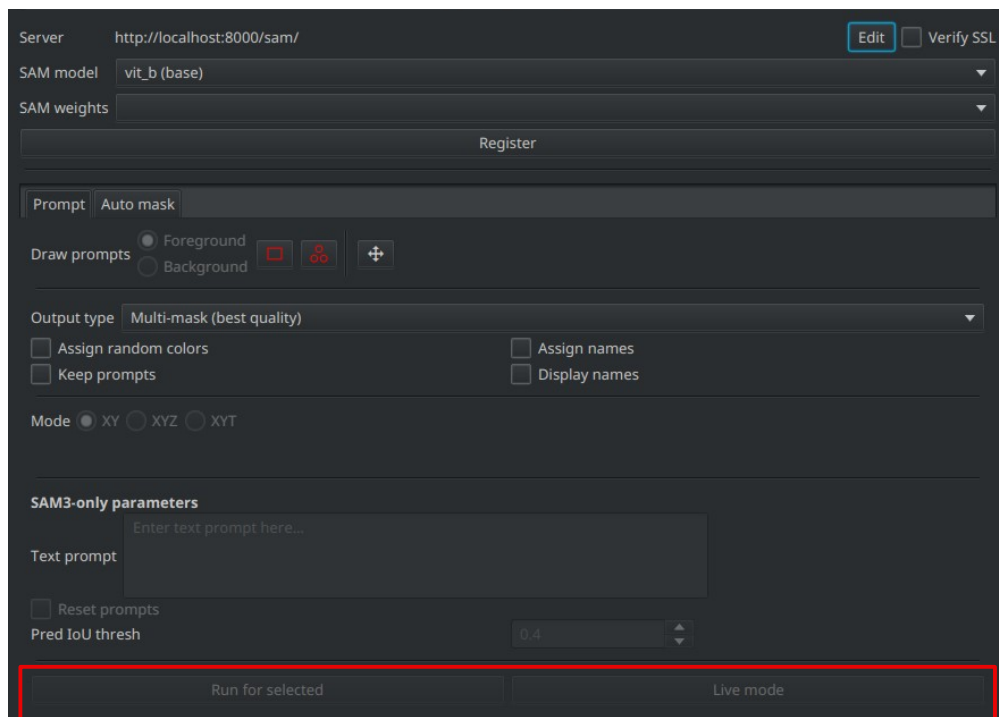
- Are you using:
 - A 2D image?
 - A 3D stack?
 - A time series?

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Mode:

- “Run for selected”
 - Launches prediction for all selected annotations
- “Live mode”
 - Trigger prediction every time a new annotation is created

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In QuPath: 3. Annotate iteratively

- ⚠ SAM works only with:
- What is **visible** in your viewer
 - At the viewer's **current resolution**

→ The object must fit in the viewer!

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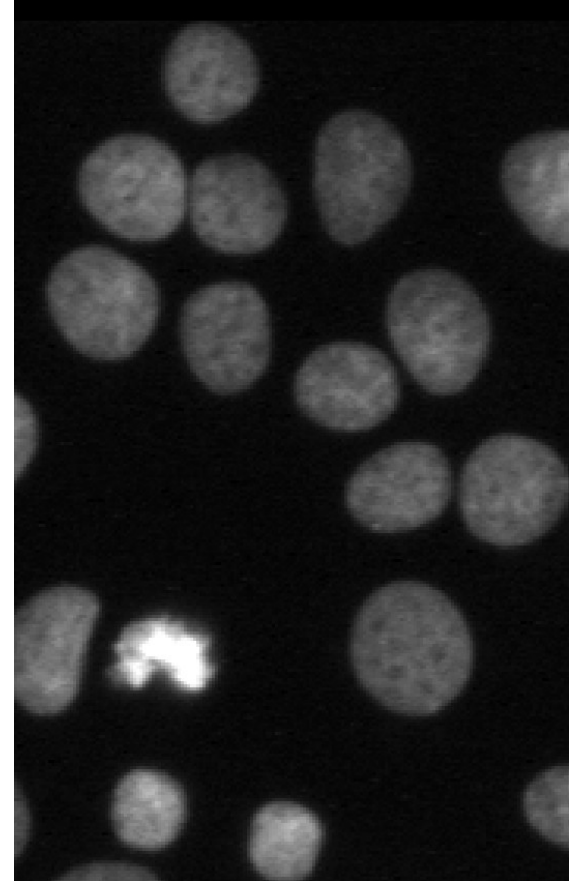
In QuPath: 3. Annotate iteratively

⚠ SAM works only with:

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1) Locate your objects



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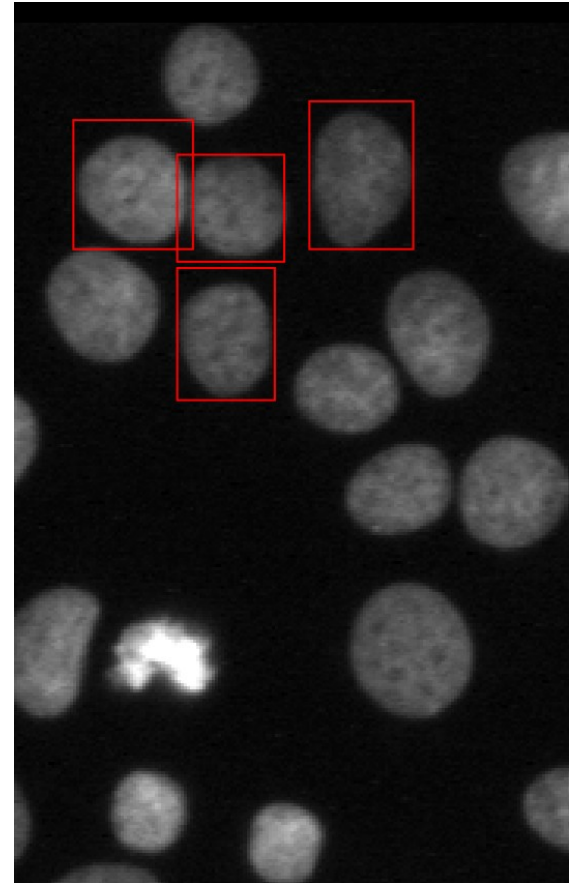
In QuPath: 3. Annotate iteratively

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- What is **visible** in your viewer
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→ The object must fit in the viewer!

- 1) Locate your objects
- 2) Make one or more annotations



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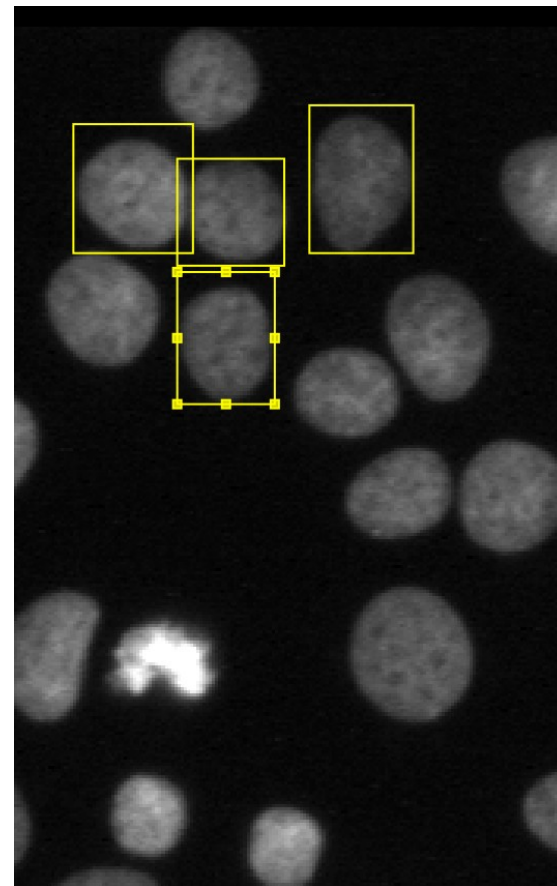
In QuPath: 3. Annotate iteratively

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→ The object must fit in the viewer!

- 1) Locate your objects
- 2) Make one or more annotations
- 3) Give them a class and keep them active



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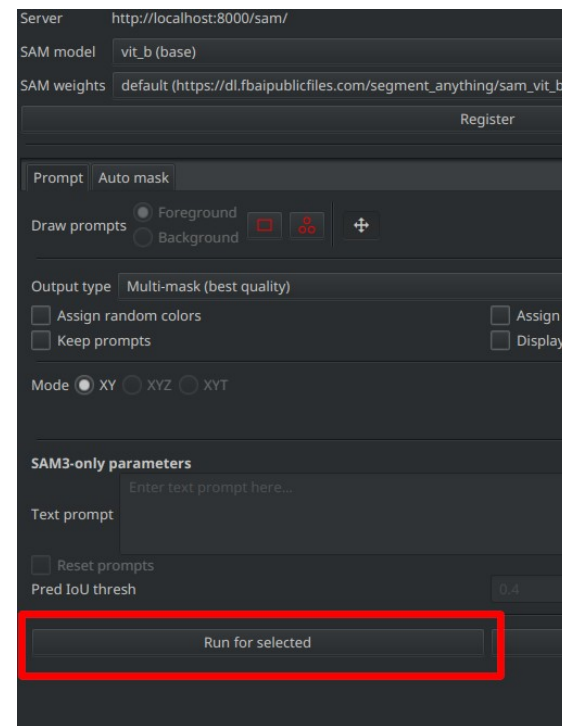
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→ The object must fit in the viewer!

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- 3) Give them a class and keep them active
- 4) Click on “Run for selected”



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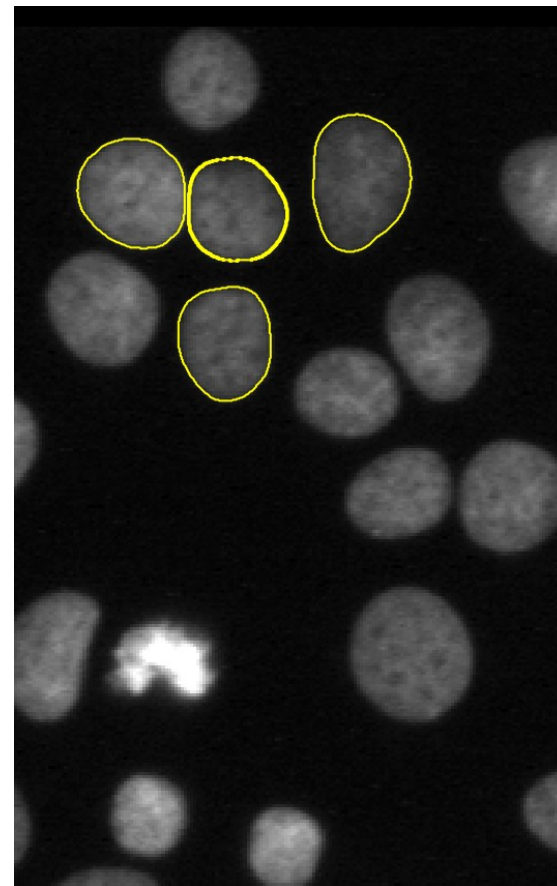
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- 1) Locate your objects
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- 3) Give them a class and keep them active
- 4) Click on "Run for selected"
- 5) Wait for the result



→ Exercise 4.4: Semi-automatic segmentation using SAM