# Lazy and parallel bio-image processing using DASK (and python tools)

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- Let's assume we use python software for bio-image analysis, e.g.
  - its scientific software stack
  - napari
- In this course we'll discuss hands-on ways to
  - deal with large image data
  - accelerate workflows (on a laptop, workstation, cluster or GPU)
- We'll focus around the use of DASK



## Dask is widely used in community software

## Napari

## Xarray

### scverse





# Challenge: large data

#### Image data sizes:

- X \* Y \* Z \* C \* T \* bytes / pixel
- multiplied during processing

	x	Y	z	С	Т	Bytes/Px	Total
Light sheet (single stack)	2000	2000	500	1	1	2B (uint16)	4 GB
Light sheet (full dataset)	-	-	-	2	100	2B	800 GB
Digital Pathology & HCS	3000 0	3000 0	1	1	1	3B	3 GB
Volume EM	2000	2000	2000	1	1	2	16 GB



# Chunked/lazy file storage formats

- Reading and writing of arrays in chunks
- Lazy data access: at the time needed
- Examples: HDF5, zarr, N5, netcdf, tif
- Useful for viewer
- But: How to process an array chunk by chunk?



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https://napari.staging.imaging.cziscience.co m/guides/stable/rendering-explanation.html



# Dask enables lazy and parallel execution of python code

- General idea: delayed execution of python functions
- Dask arrays:



## What does dask do?





## How does dask work?





## Lazy and parallel image processing: dask-image

- enables parallel and chunked N-D image processing
- makes SciPy's ndimage functionality available for dask arrays
- includes CuPy support for GPU processing

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github.com/dask/dask-image

https://image.dask.org/en/latest/coverage.html

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## Practicals

### Preparation:

Option 1:

Use the environment created in the course preparation and install some further packages to it:

mamba activate devbio-napari-env mamba install -c conda-forge dask-image ipycytoscape

#### Option 2:

Create a new environment from scratch:

mamba create ---name <dask\_course> python=3.9 devbio-napari pyqt dask-image ipycytoscape -c o mamba activate dask\_course

### **Practical parts:**

- 1.
- 2.
- Learning dask basics Parallelizing array operations Creating a virtual stack viewer 3.

