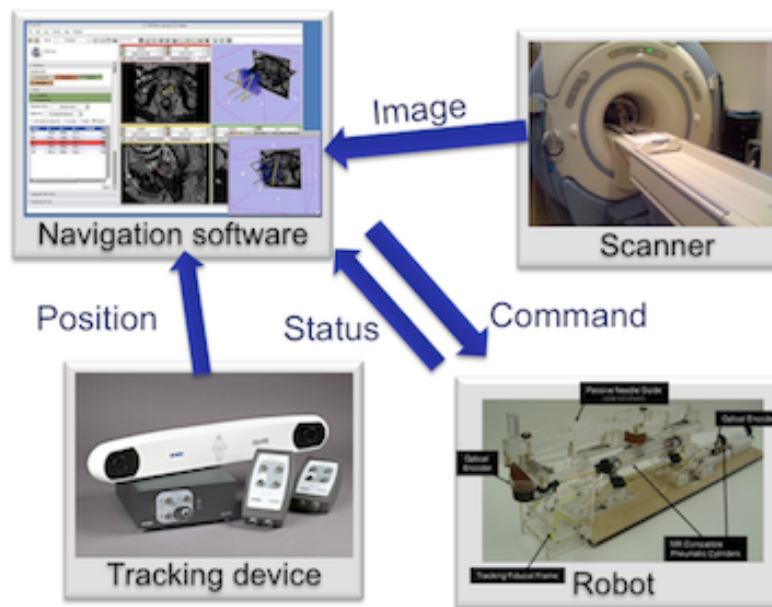


Connecting IGT Device with OpenIGTLink



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Material

This course requires the following installation:

- 3DSlicer version 3.6.3 Software (Slicer3.6.3-2011-06-07), which can be installed from:

<http://www.na-mic.org/Wiki/index.php/Events:2011-06-15-Robarts-Slicer-Workshop>

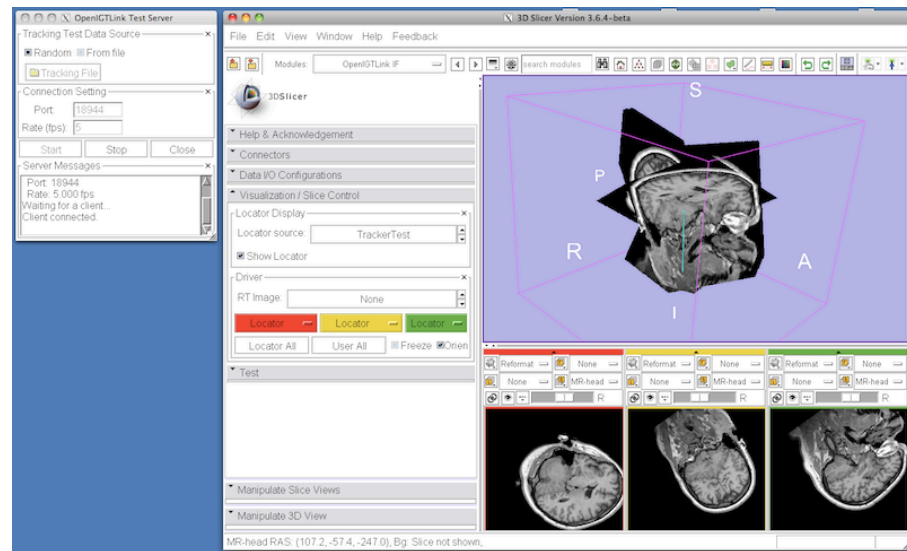
Disclaimer

It is the responsibility of the user of 3DSlicer to comply with both the terms of the license and with the applicable laws, regulations and rules.



Learning objective

Following this tutorial, you'll be able to import tracking data from external devices (e.g. tracking system) through the network.



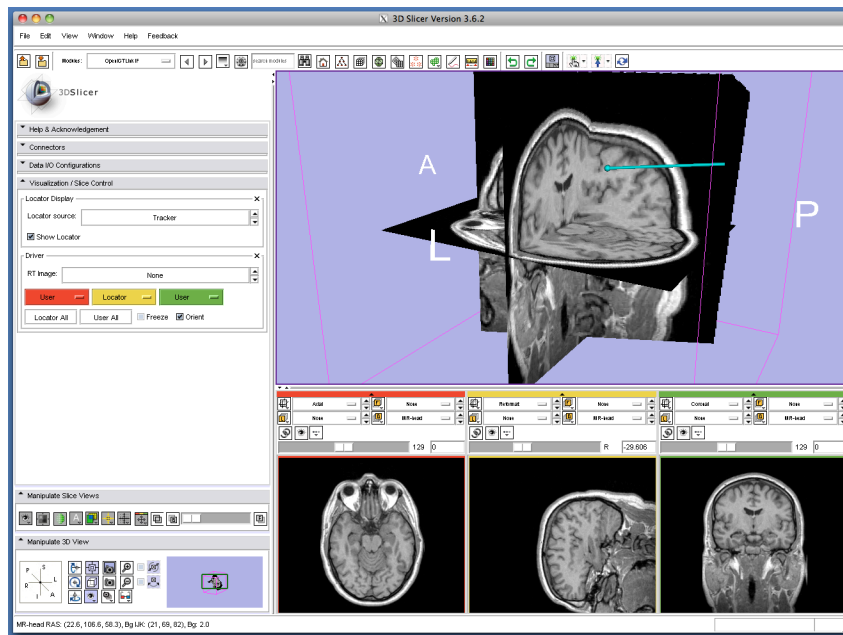


Overview

- Configuring OpenIGTLink IF module
- Setting up Test Server
- Visualizing Tracking Data



3DSlicer



Part 1: Configuring OpenIGTLinkIF module

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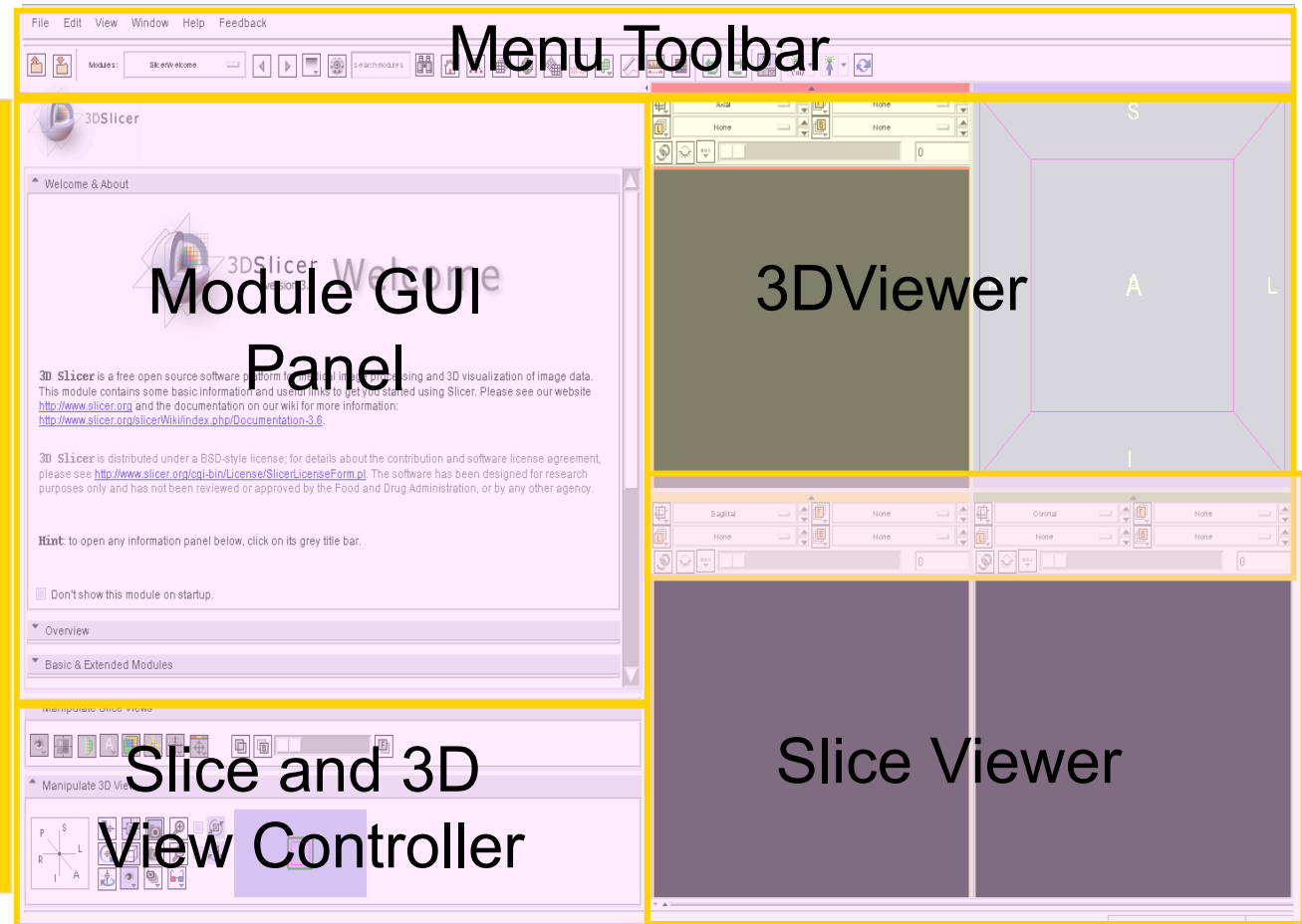
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Slicer3 GUI

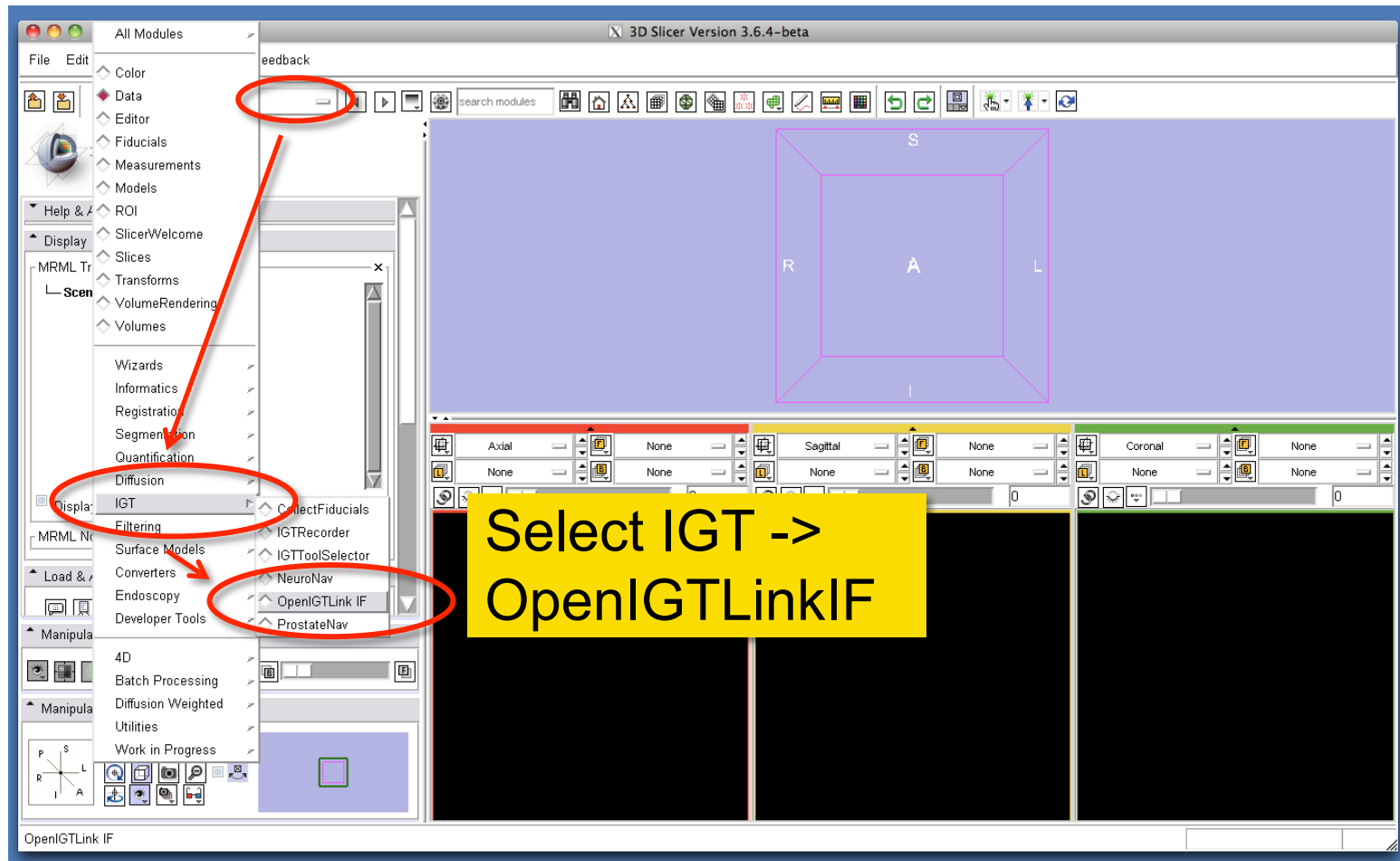
The Graphical User Interface (GUI) of Slicer3 integrates five components:

- the Menu Toolbar
- the Module GUI Panel
- the 3D Viewer
- the Slice Viewer
- the Slice and 3D View Controller





Starting OpenIGTLinkIF



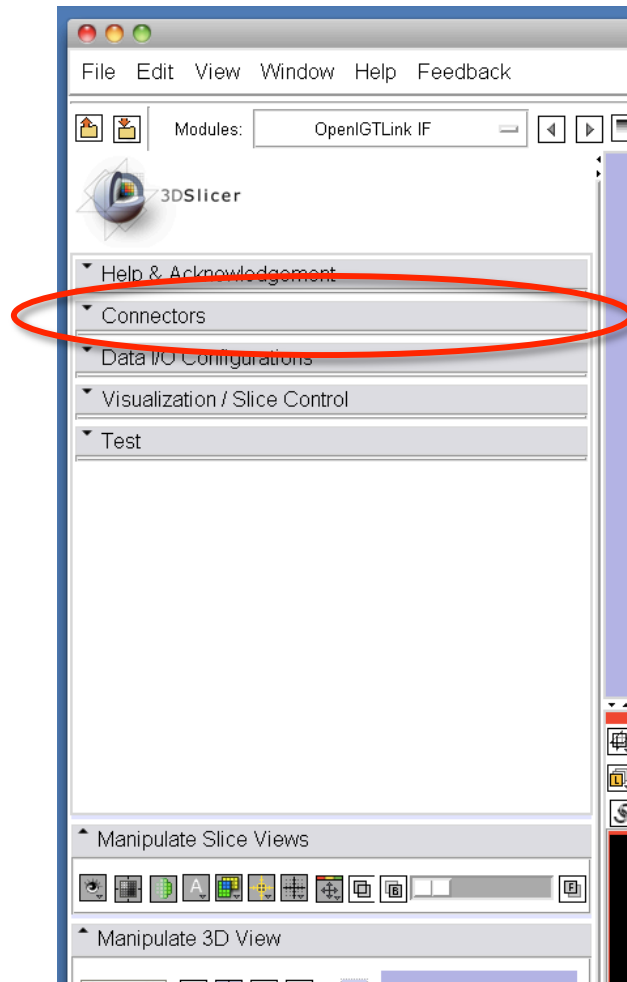
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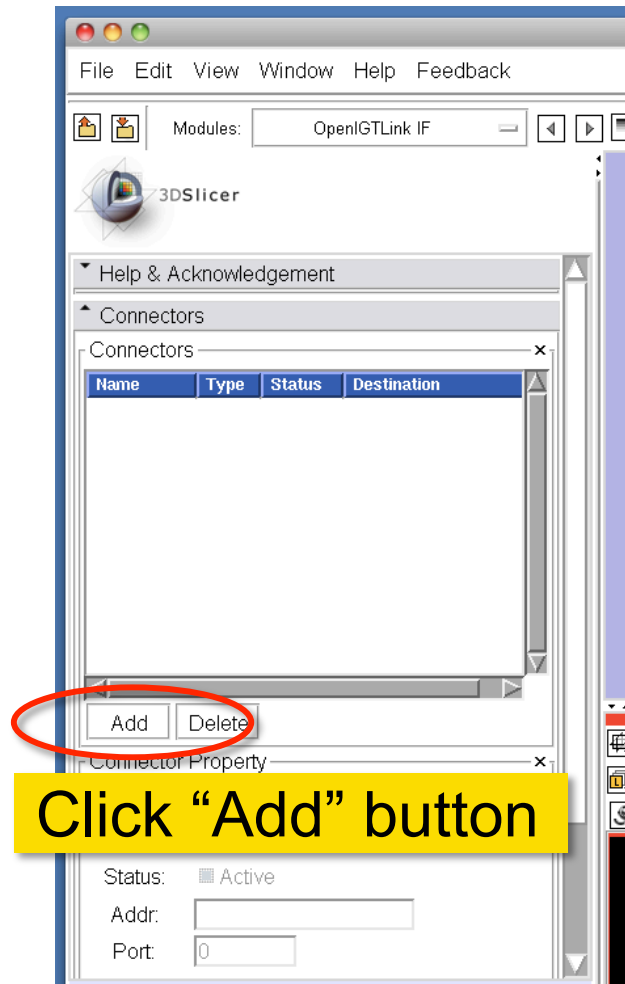
Adding Connector



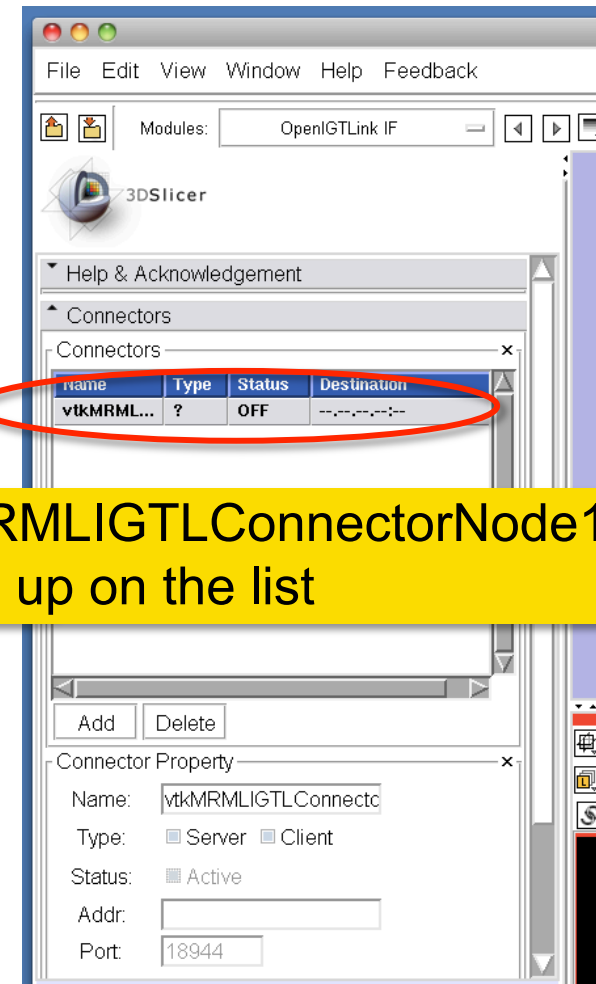
To connect 3D Slicer to external device/software using OpenIGTLink IF, a “connector” has to be created for each connection.

Connectors can be configured in “Connectors” Tab in OpenIGTLink IF module.

Adding Connector

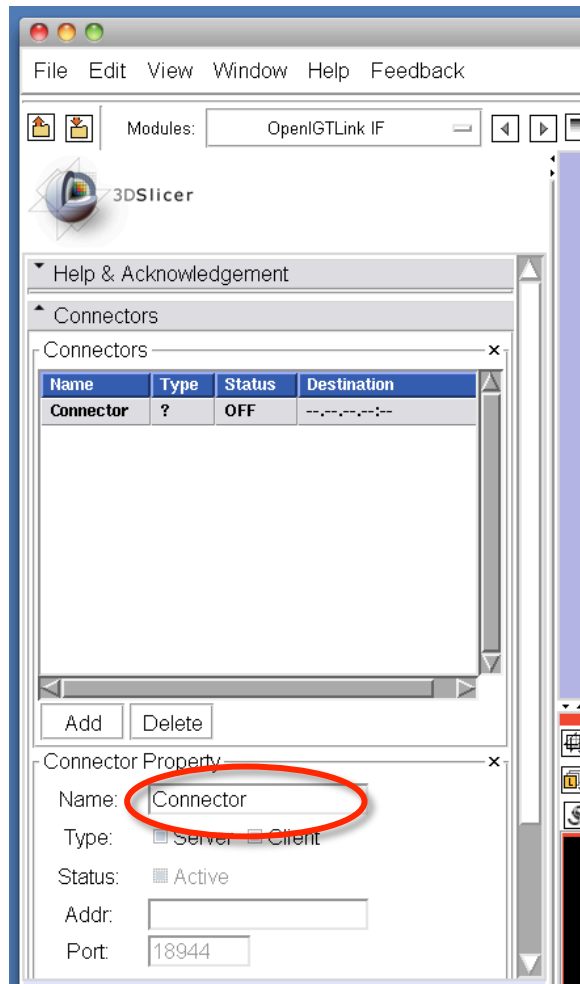


"vtkMRMLIGTLConnectorNode1" shows up on the list





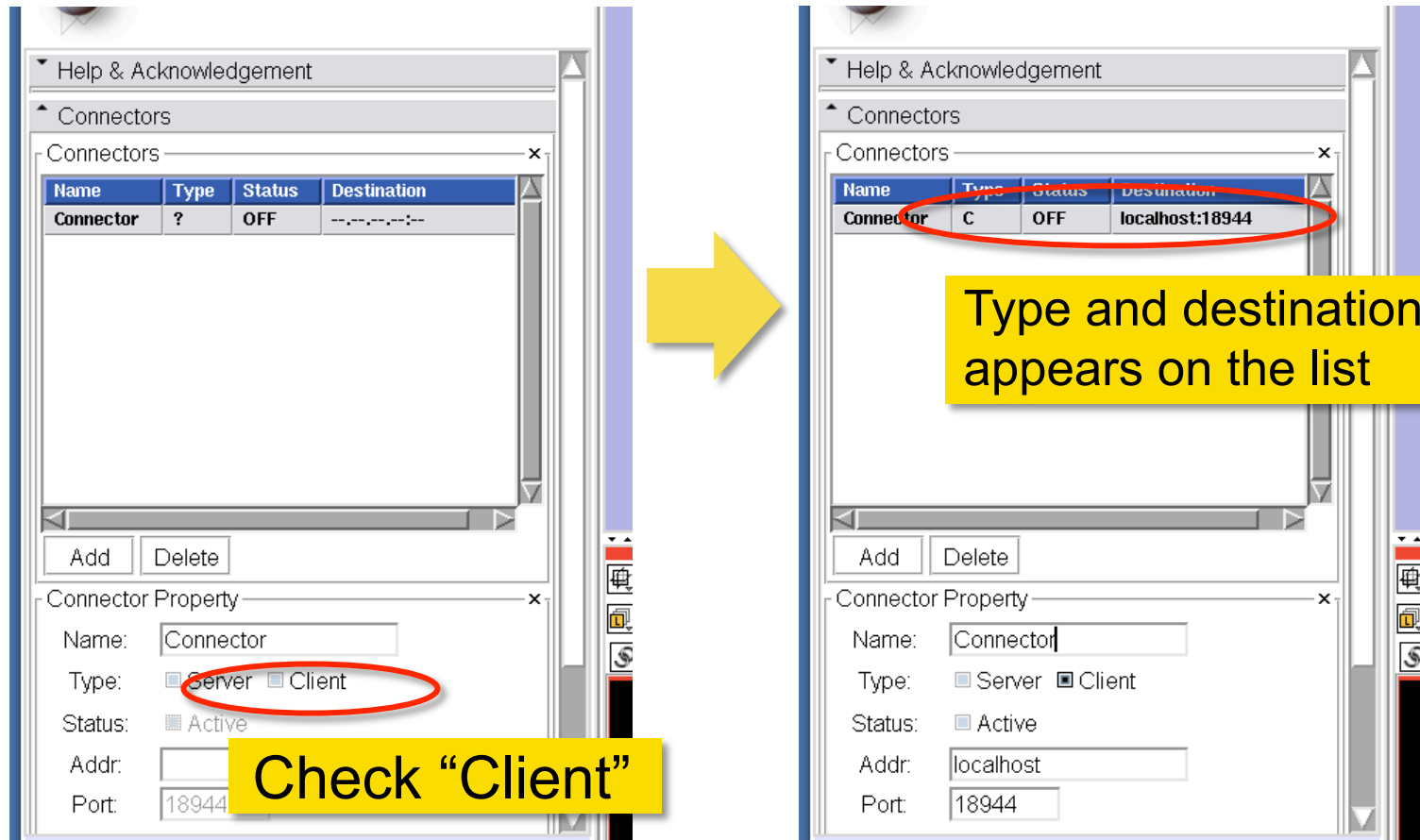
Changing Connector Name



You may change the name of the connector by type in a new name and hit Return key.

This is an optional step. It is a good idea to name connectors, especially if you have multiple connections.

Setting Connector Type



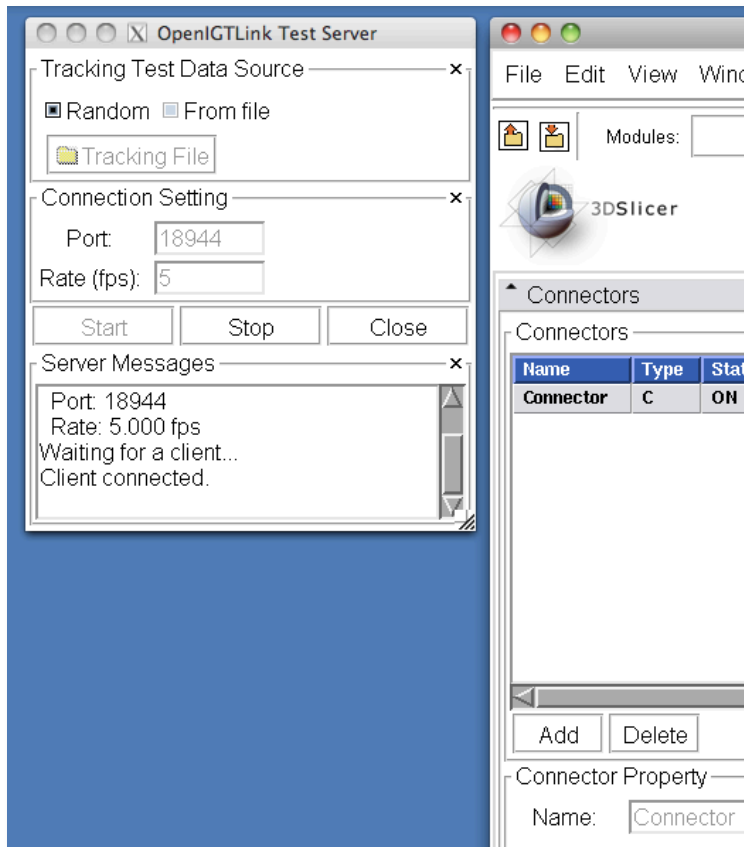
The image shows two screenshots of the 3DSlicer Connectors panel, illustrating the process of setting a connector type. A yellow arrow points from the left screenshot to the right screenshot.

Left Screenshot: The Connectors table shows a connector named "Connector" with a question mark in the Type column and "OFF" in the Status column. The Destination column is empty. In the Connector Property panel below, the "Server" radio button is selected, and the "Client" radio button is unselected. A yellow callout box with the text "Check 'Client'" points to the "Client" radio button.

| Name | Type | Status | Destination |
|-----------|------|--------|-------------|
| Connector | ? | OFF | |

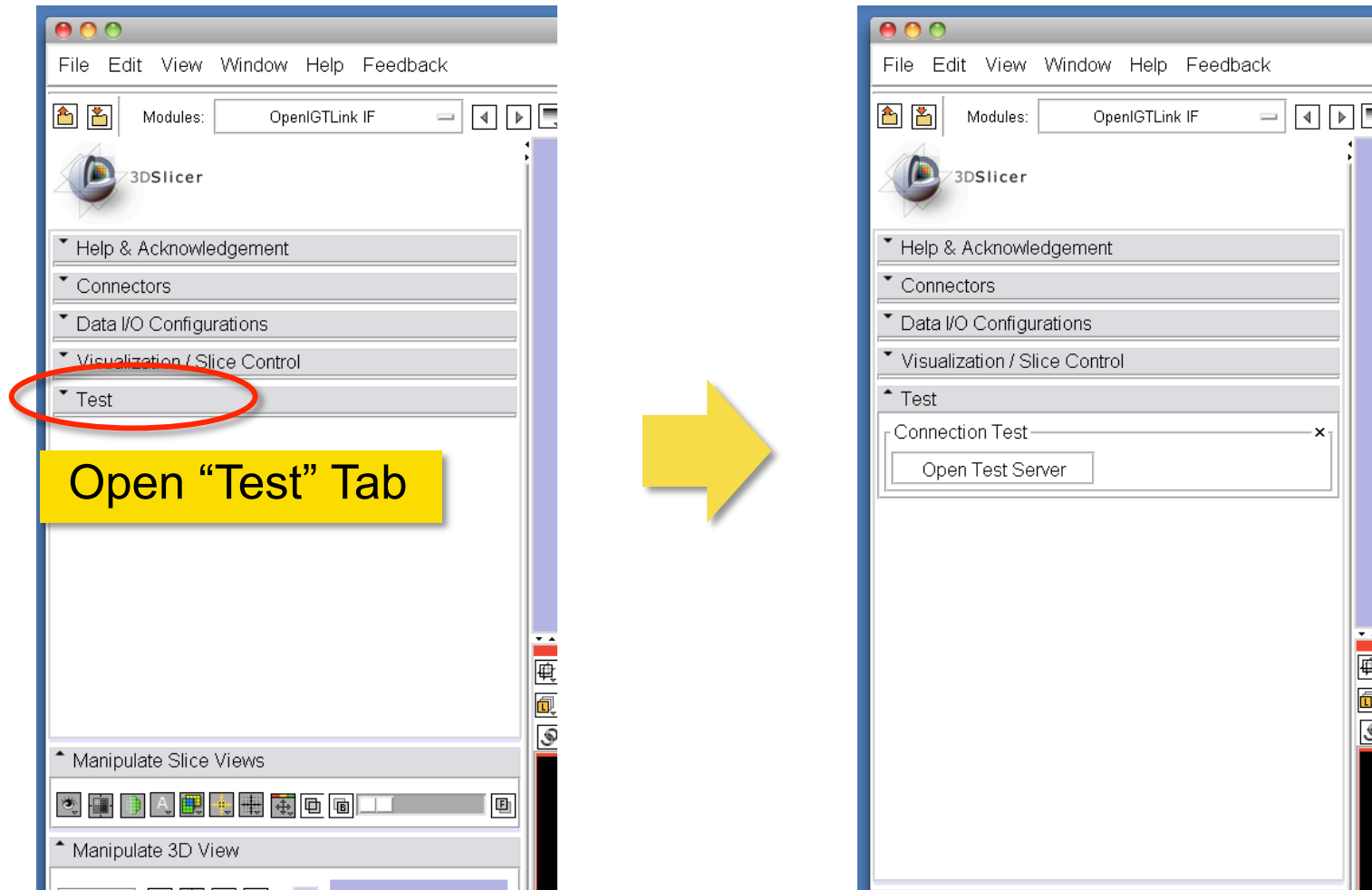
Right Screenshot: The Connectors table shows the same connector "Connector" with "C" in the Type column, "OFF" in the Status column, and "localhost:18944" in the Destination column. A red oval highlights the "C", "OFF", and "localhost:18944" cells. In the Connector Property panel, the "Client" radio button is now selected. A yellow callout box with the text "Type and destination appears on the list" points to the table row.

| Name | Type | Status | Destination |
|-----------|------|--------|-----------------|
| Connector | C | OFF | localhost:18944 |

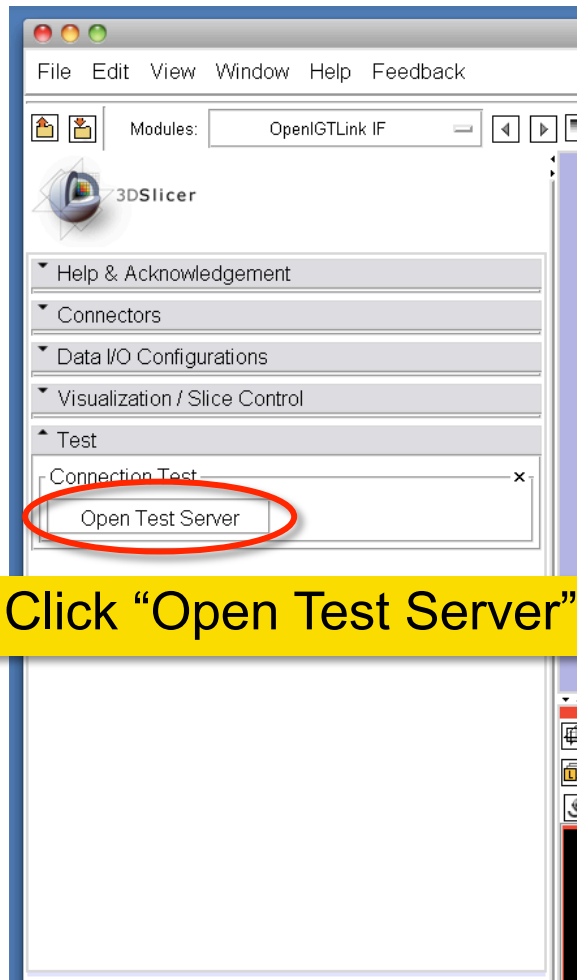


Part 2: Setting up Test Server

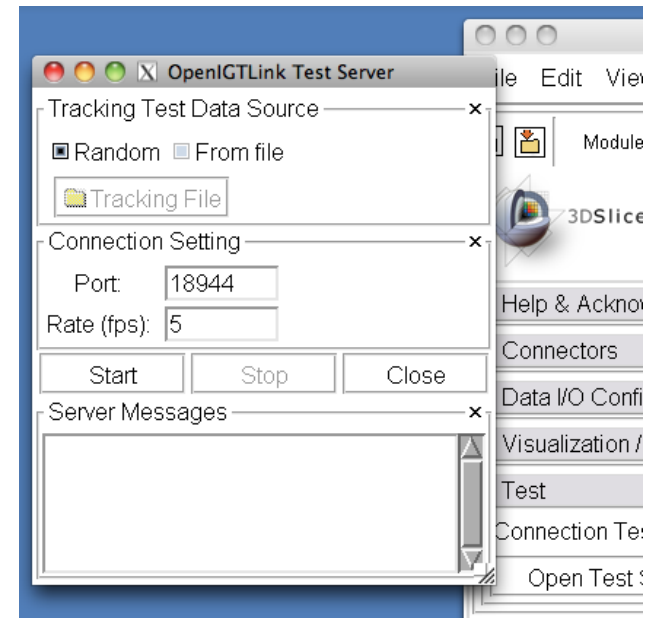
Open Test Server



Open Test Server

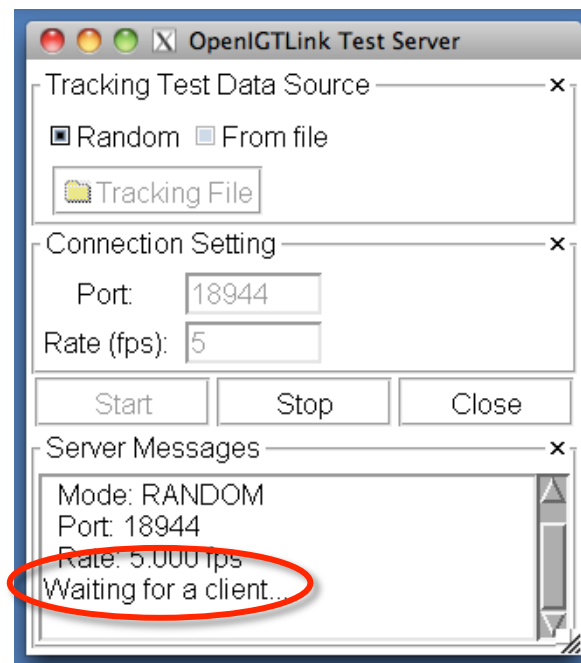
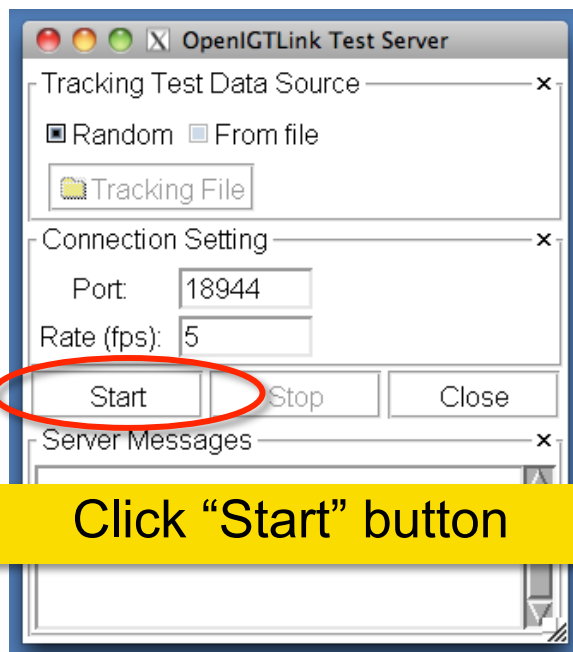


Click "Open Test Server"

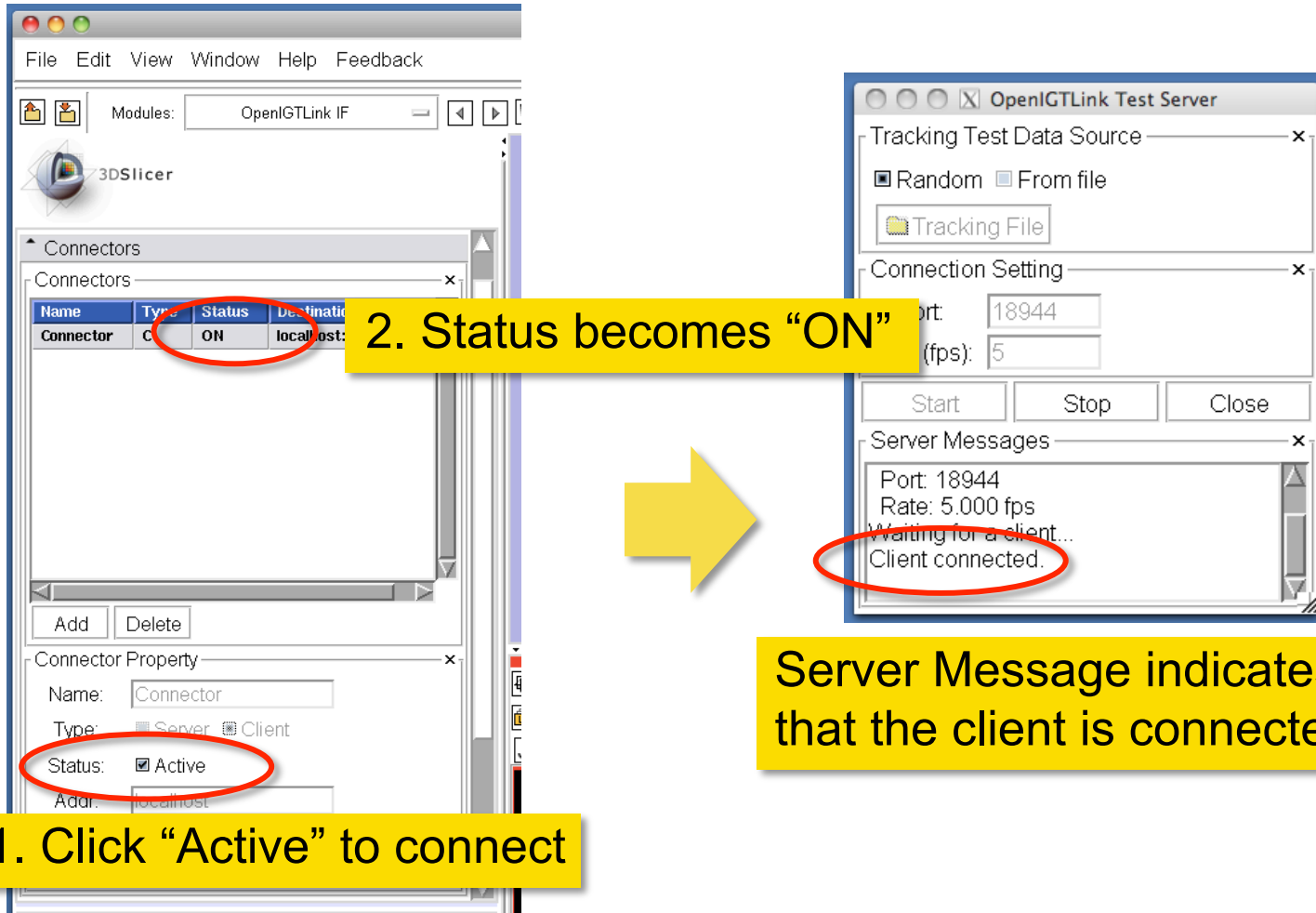


OpenIGTLink Test Server window pops up on the screen

Start Test Server



Connect to Test Server



The image shows two screenshots from the 3DSlicer software. The left screenshot shows the 'Connectors' panel with a table of connectors. The 'Status' column for the 'Connector' is circled in red. Below the table, the 'Connector Property' section has the 'Status' checkbox checked and circled in red. A yellow callout box points to the 'Status' column with the text '2. Status becomes "ON"'. The right screenshot shows the 'OpenIGTLink Test Server' dialog box. The 'Server Messages' section shows the text 'Client connected.' circled in red. A yellow callout box points to this text with the text 'Server Message indicates that the client is connected.' A large yellow arrow points from the left screenshot to the right screenshot.

| Name | Type | Status | Destination |
|-----------|------|--------|-------------|
| Connector | C | ON | localhost |

Connector Property

Name: Connector

Type: Server Client

Status: Active

Addr: localhost

OpenIGTLink Test Server

Tracking Test Data Source

Random From file

Tracking File

Connection Setting

Port: 18944

(fps): 5

Start Stop Close

Server Messages

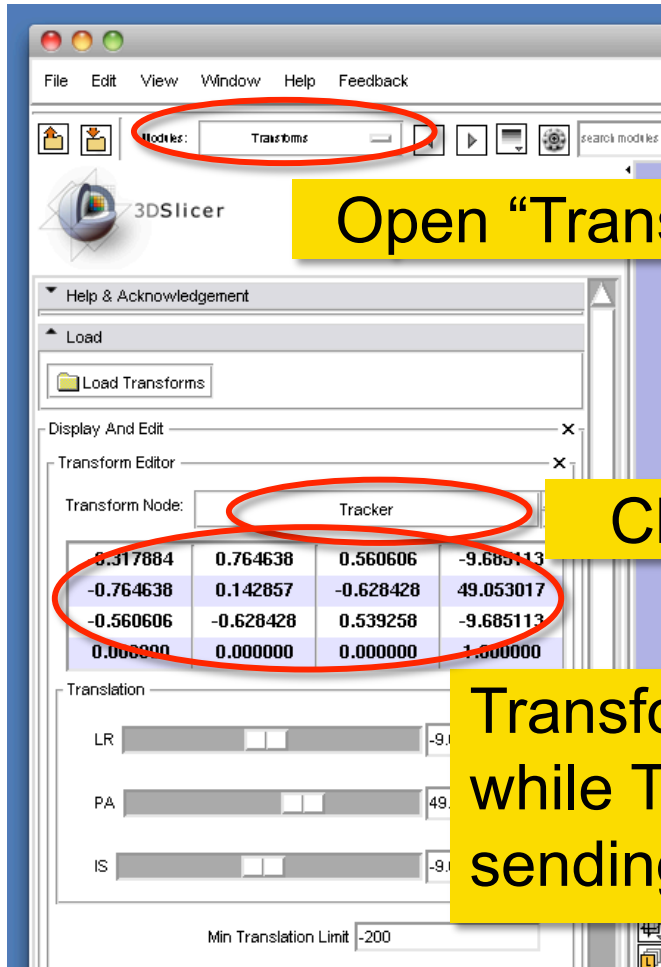
Port: 18944
Rate: 5.000 fps
Waiting for a client...
Client connected.

1. Click "Active" to connect

2. Status becomes "ON"

Server Message indicates that the client is connected.

Checking Transform

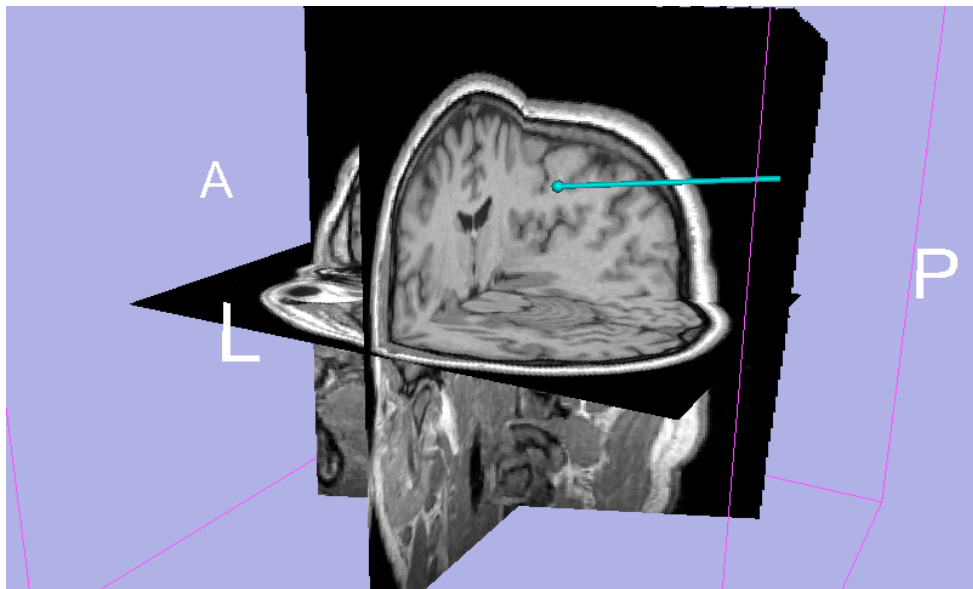


Open "Transforms"

Choose "Tracker"

Transform is being updated while Tracker Simulator is sending data.

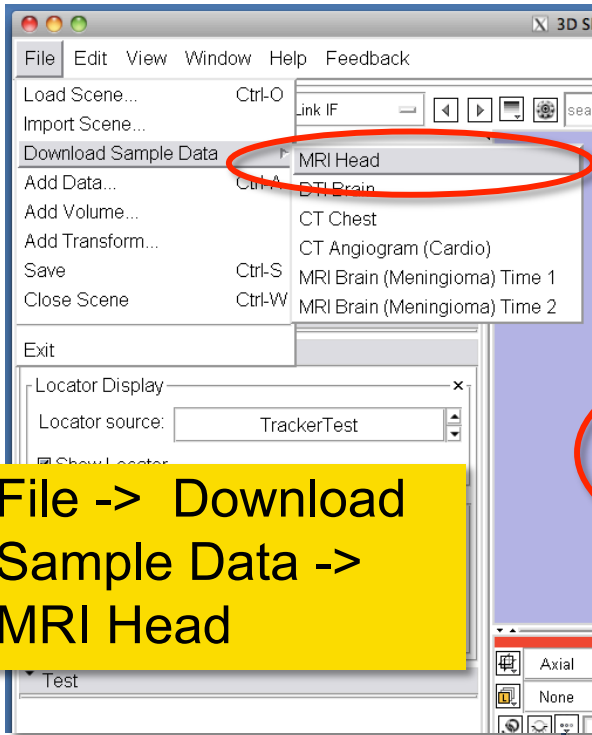
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|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
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Part 3: Visualizing Tracking Data

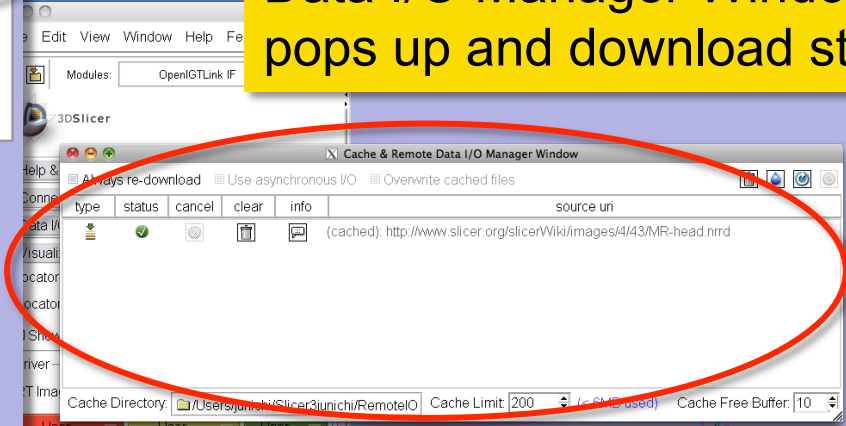


Loading Sample MRI Data



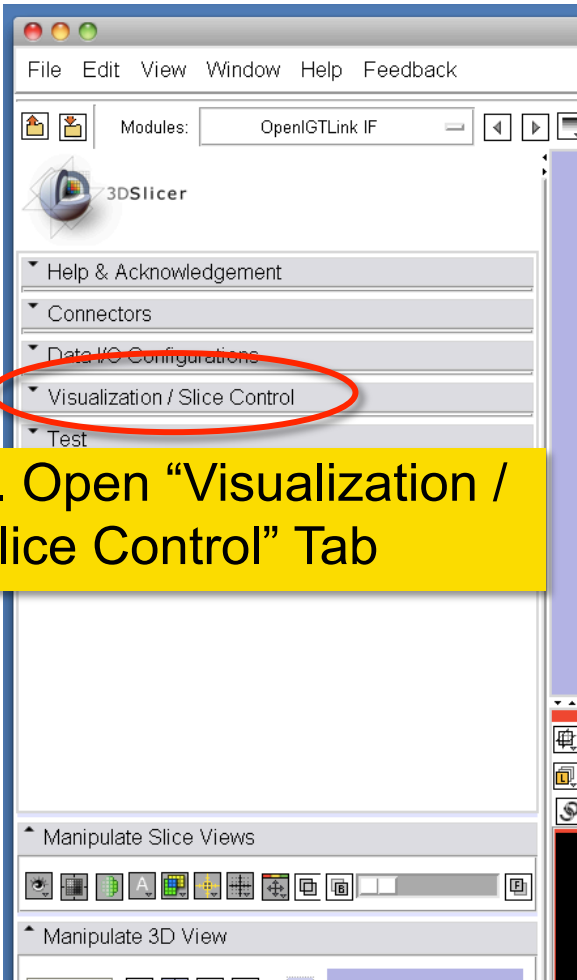
File -> Download Sample Data -> MRI Head

Data I/O Manager Window pops up and download starts

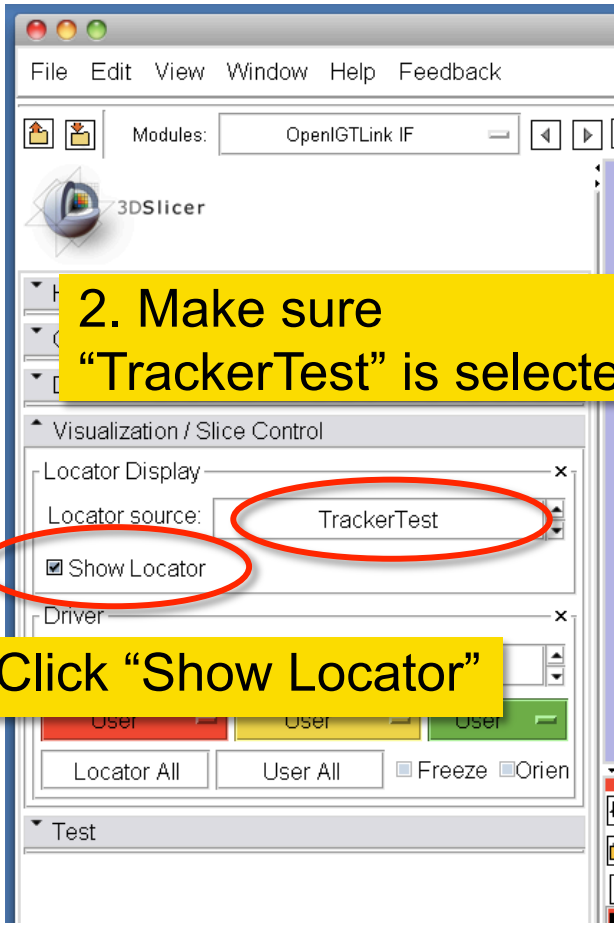


Sample MRI shows up

Choosing Locator Source



1. Open "Visualization / Slice Control" Tab



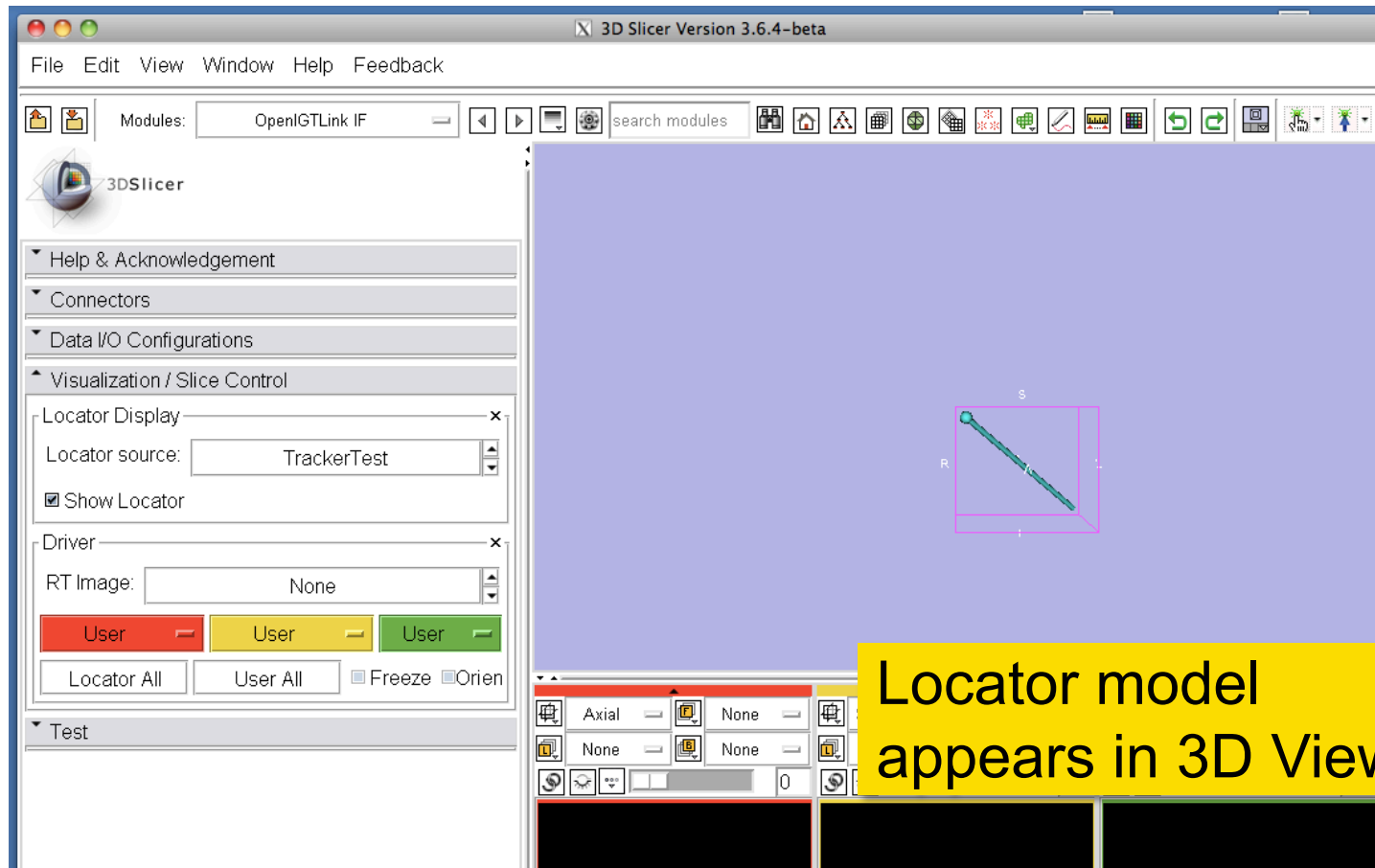
2. Make sure "TrackerTest" is selected.

3. Click "Show Locator"

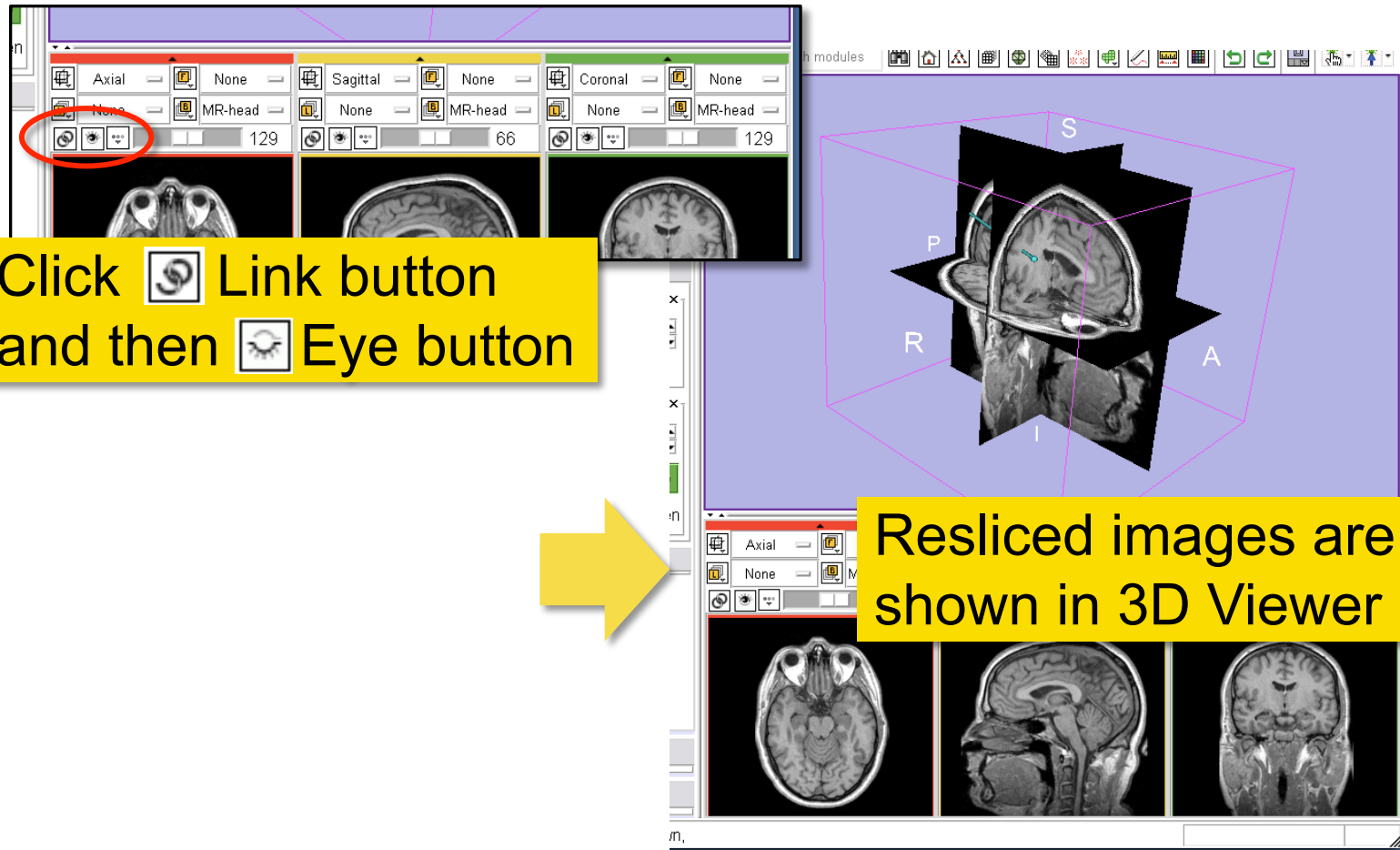
The image shows two screenshots of the 3DSlicer software interface. The left screenshot shows the 'Visualization / Slice Control' tab selected in the left sidebar, highlighted with a red circle. A yellow callout box with the text '1. Open "Visualization / Slice Control" Tab' is overlaid on this screenshot. A large yellow arrow points from the left screenshot to the right screenshot. The right screenshot shows the 'Locator source' dropdown menu set to 'TrackerTest', also highlighted with a red circle. A yellow callout box with the text '2. Make sure "TrackerTest" is selected.' is overlaid on this screenshot. Below this, the 'Show Locator' checkbox is checked, also highlighted with a red circle. A yellow callout box with the text '3. Click "Show Locator"' is overlaid on this screenshot. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Window, Help, Feedback), a 'Modules' dropdown set to 'OpenIGTLink IF', and various toolbars and panels.



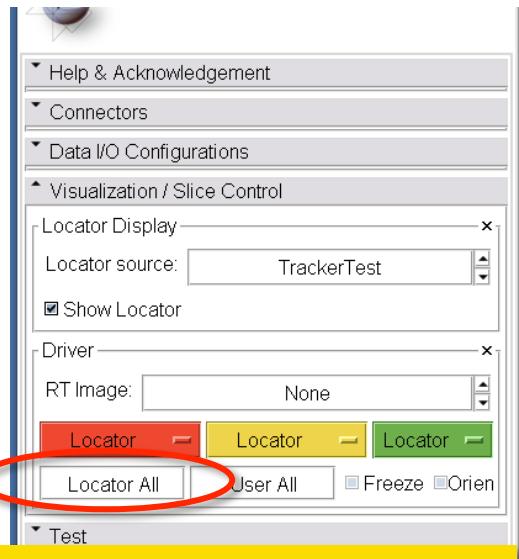
Visualizing Locator



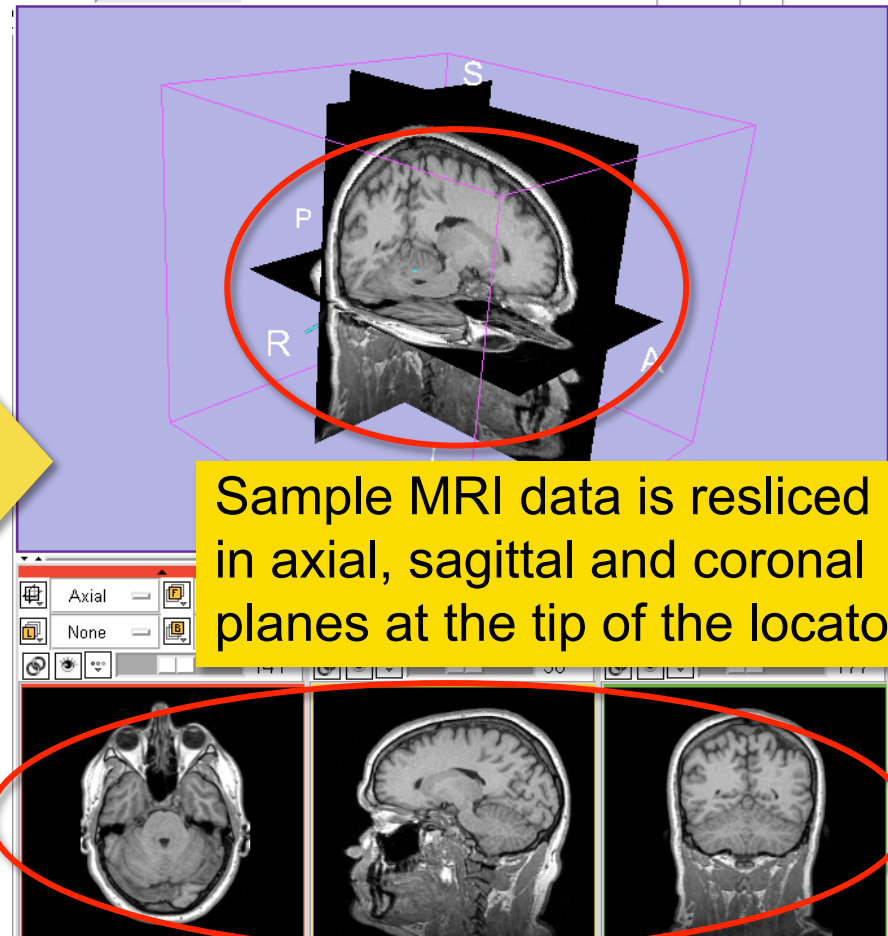
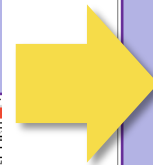
Showing Resliced Images



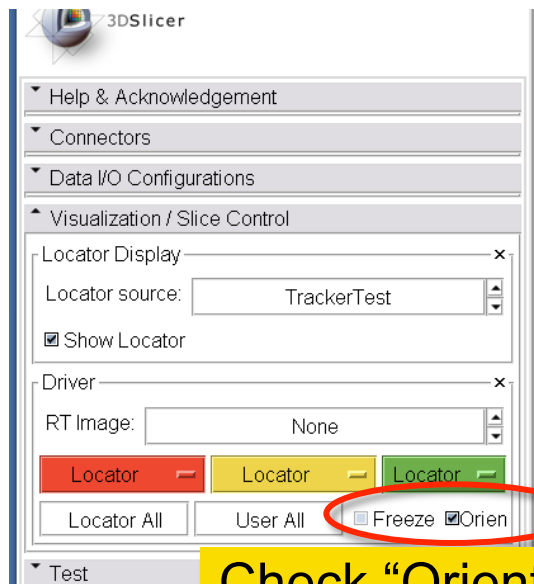
Setting Slice Driver



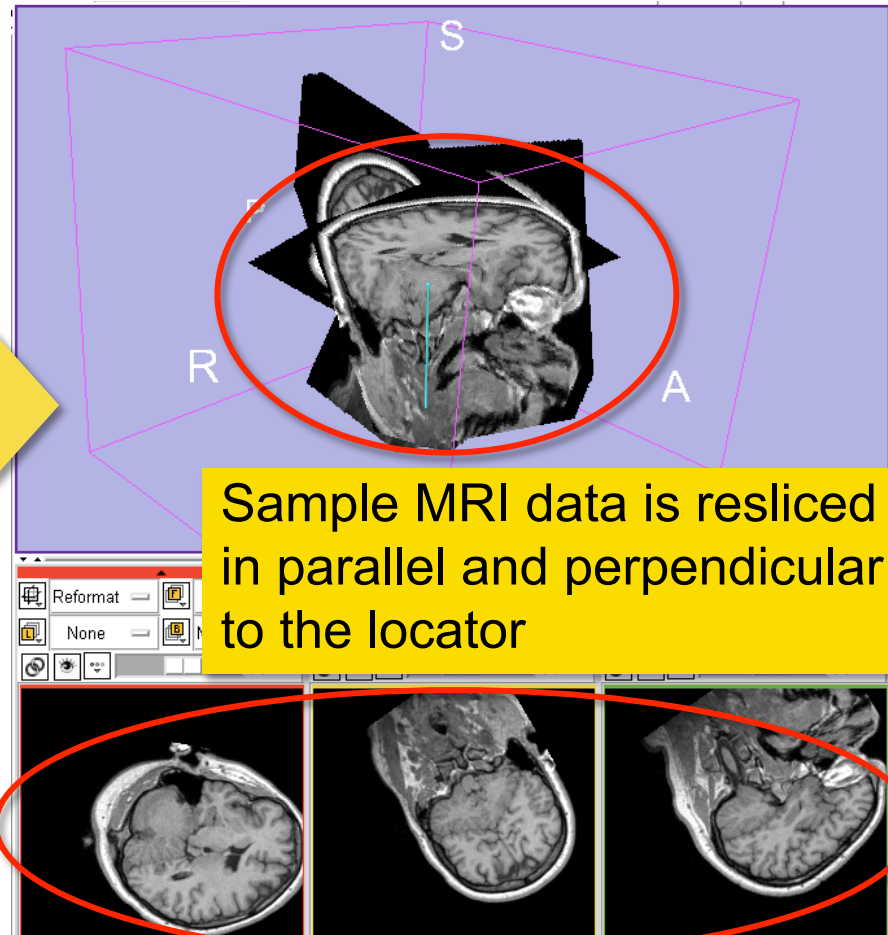
1. Open "Visualization / Slice Control" Tab



Setting Slice Orientation



Check "Orient"





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