



Diffusion MRI Analysis: from images to tracts

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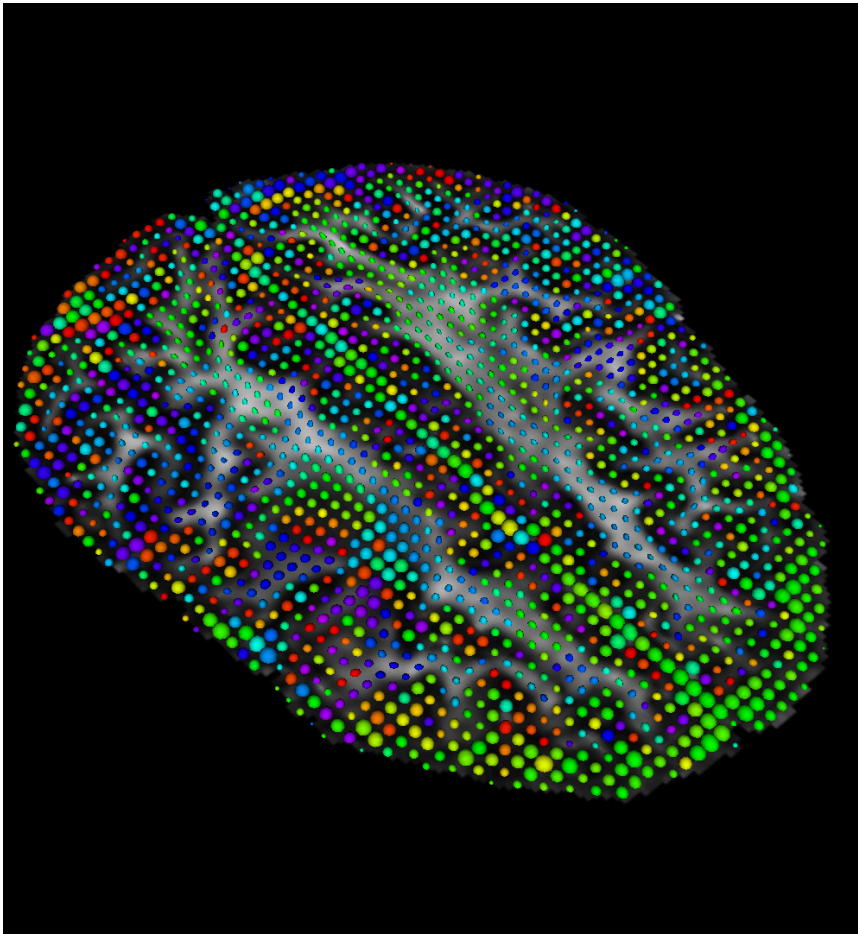
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Brain Anatomy



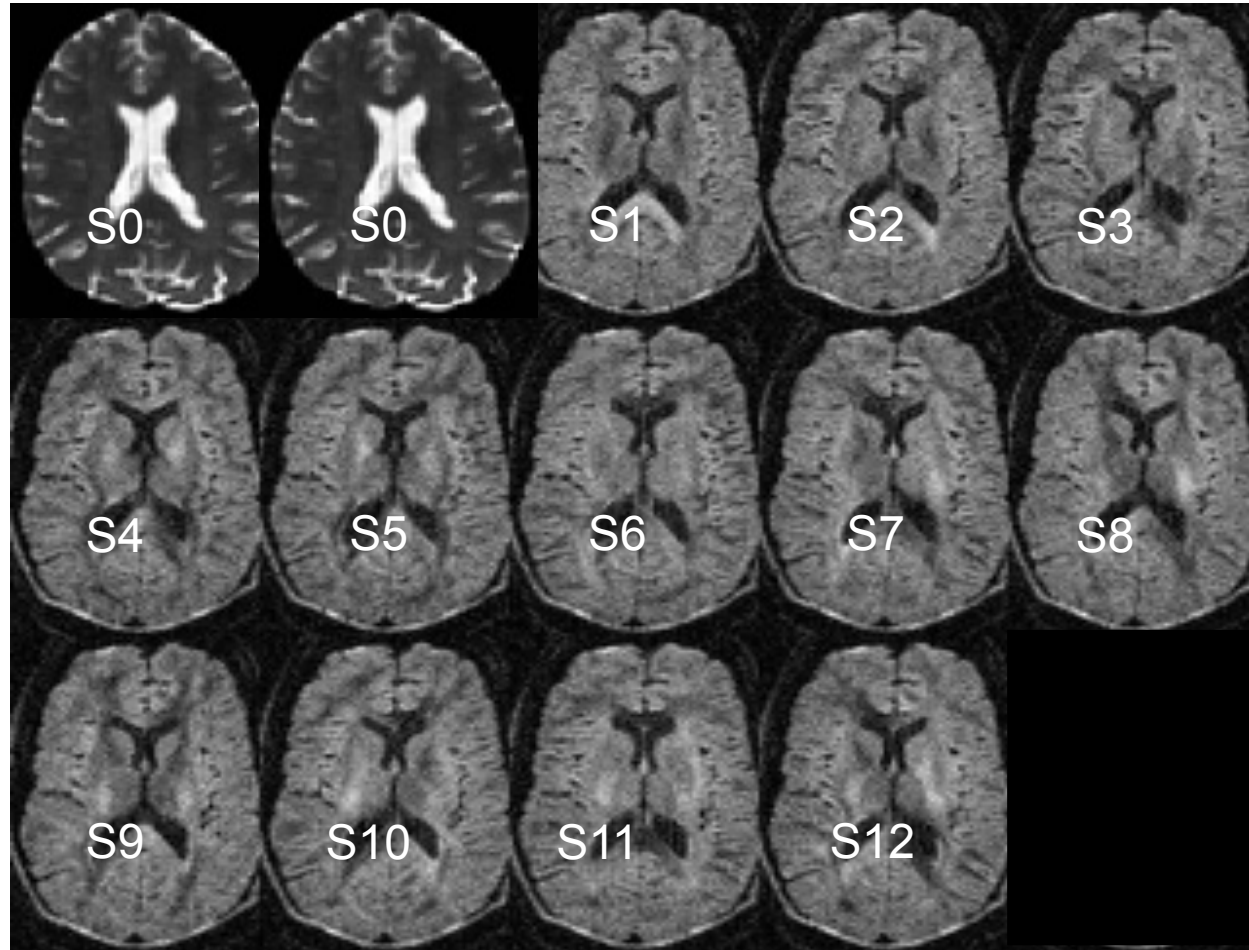
- White matter represents 45% of the brain, and is composed of myelinated nerve fibers

Diffusion MR Imaging



- First non-invasive window on white matter anatomy
- Measurement of the motion of water molecules using MRI techniques.
- Three-dimensional reconstruction of the trajectory of white matter bundles

Diffusion Weighted Imaging (DWI)

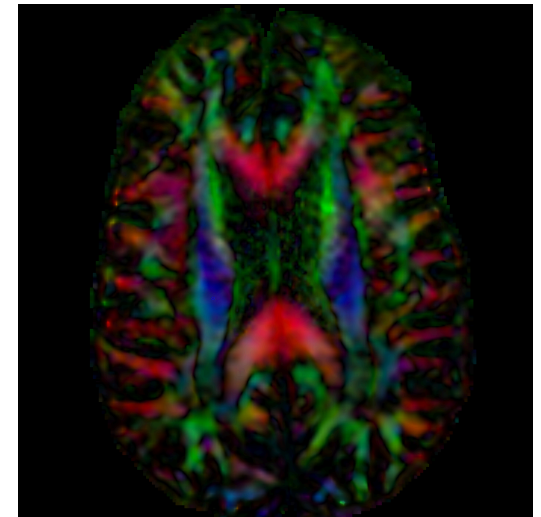
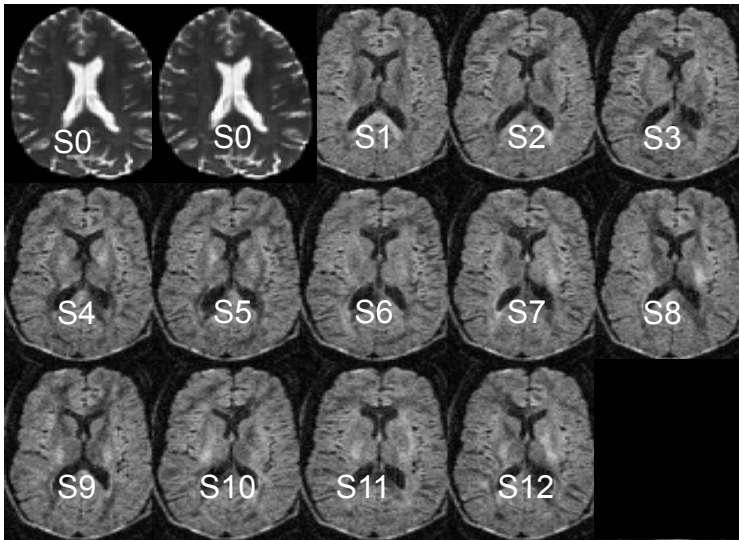


In this example, the DWI scan was acquired with 12 diffusion sensitizing gradient directions (S1-S12) and 2 non-diffusion sensitizing gradients (S0)

From DWI to DTI

DWI

DTI



DWI dataset acquired with
12 gradients and 2
baselines

DTI dataset

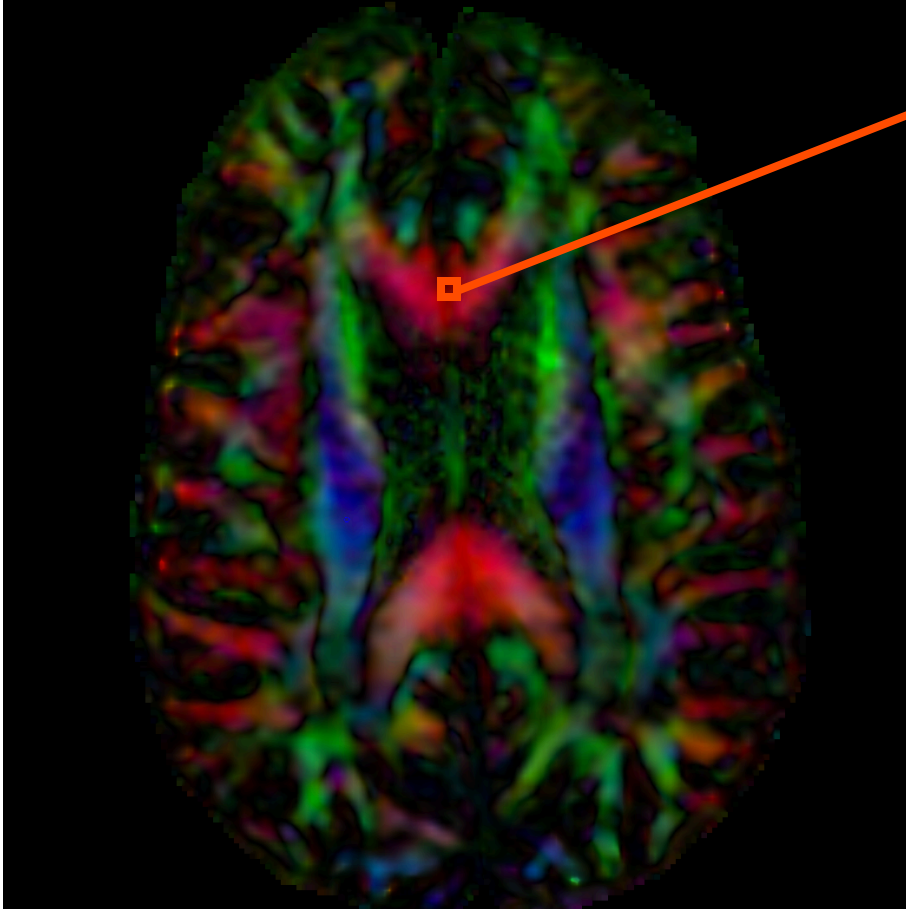
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Stejskal-Tanner (1965)

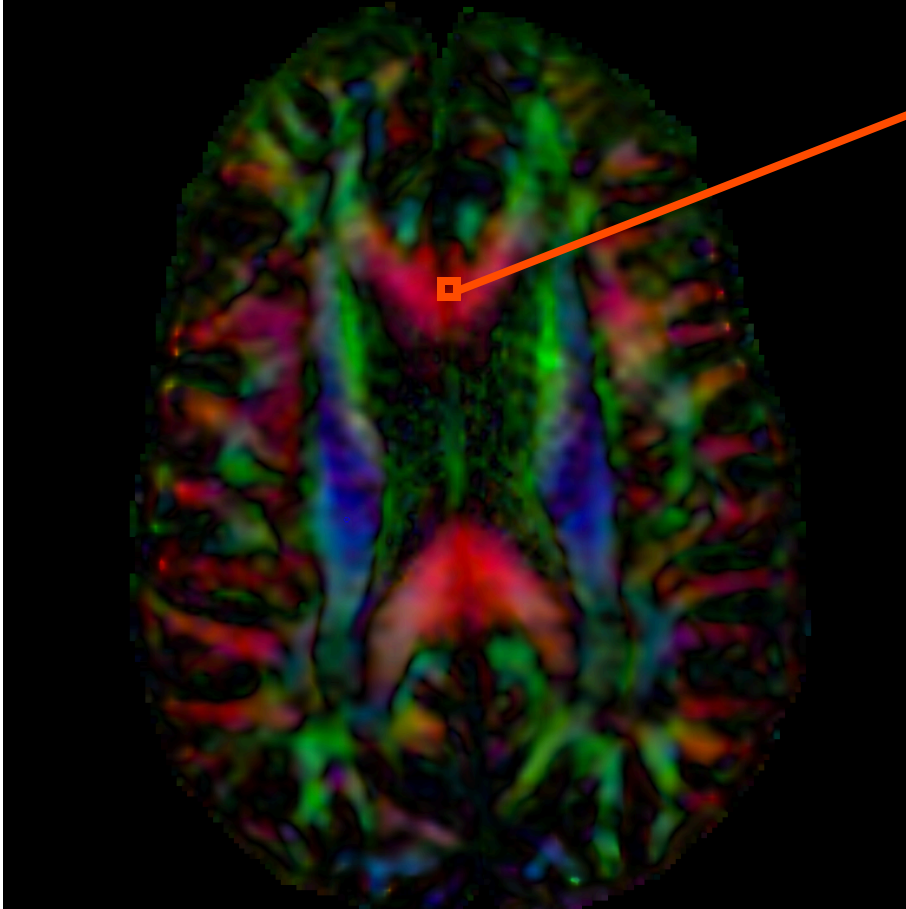
S_i : DWI volume acquired with
 i th gradient
 S_0 : Baseline volume

Diffusion Tensor Imaging

$$S_i = S_0 e^{-b \hat{g}_i^T \underline{D} \hat{g}_i}$$



Diffusion Tensor Imaging

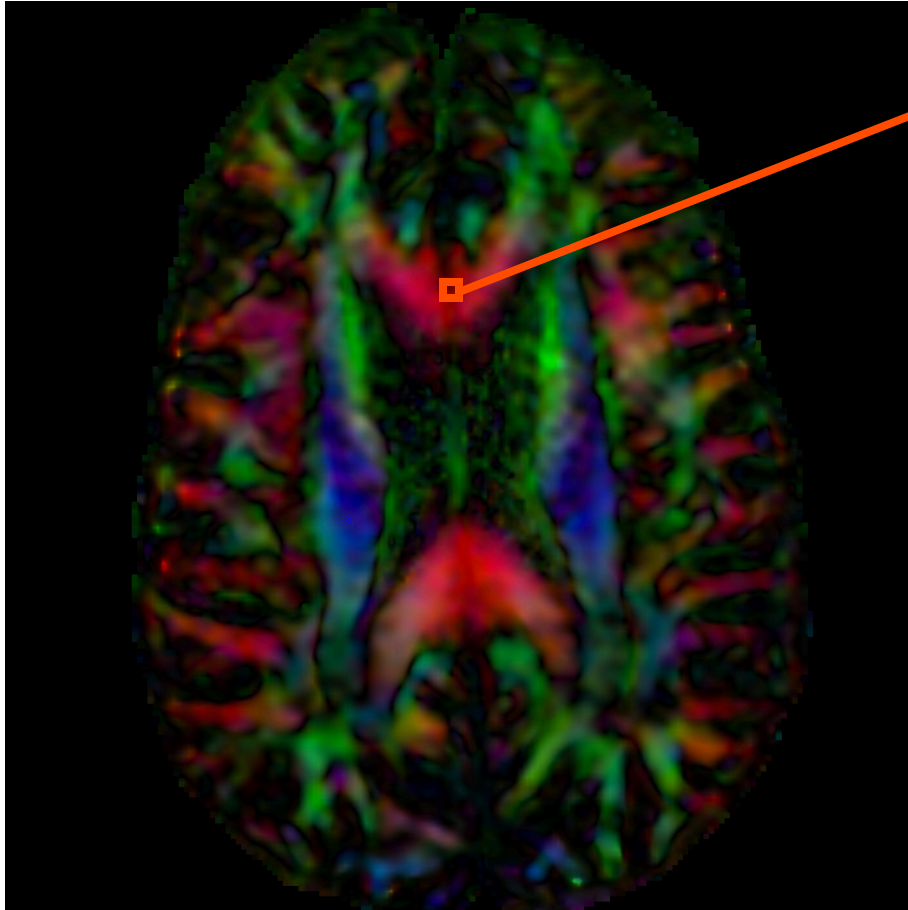


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$$\underline{D} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{xx} & D_{xy} & D_{xz} \\ D_{yx} & D_{yy} & D_{yz} \\ D_{zx} & D_{zy} & D_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

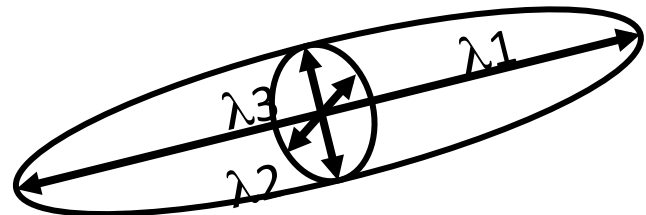
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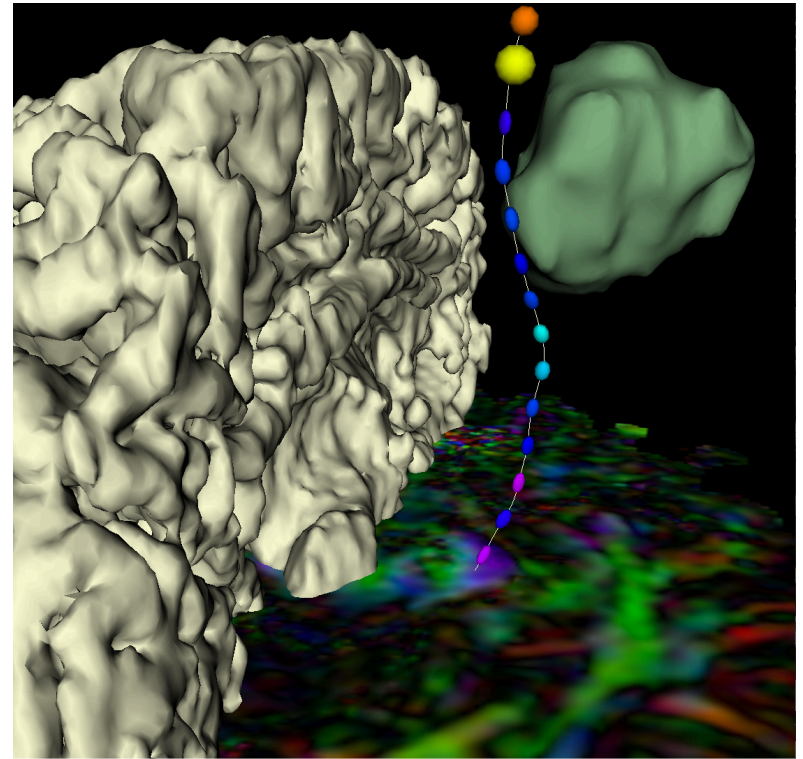
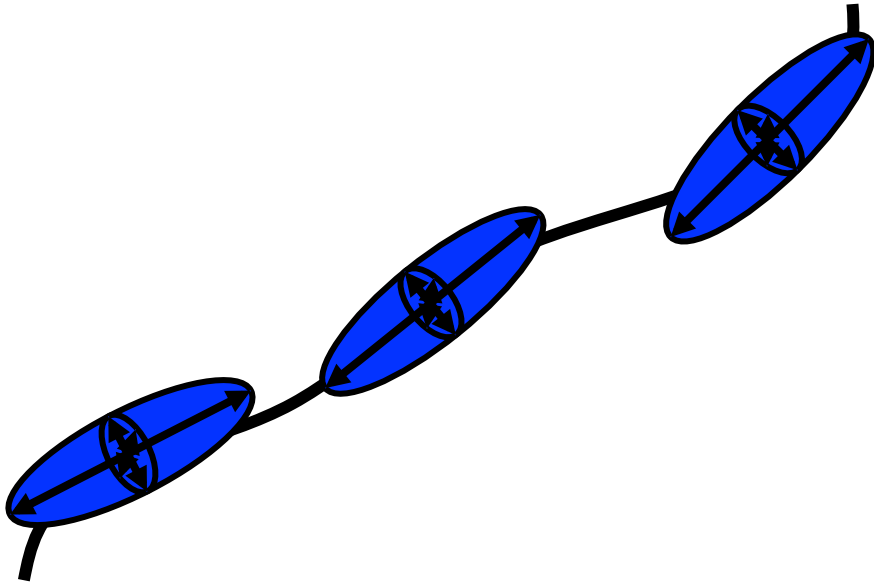
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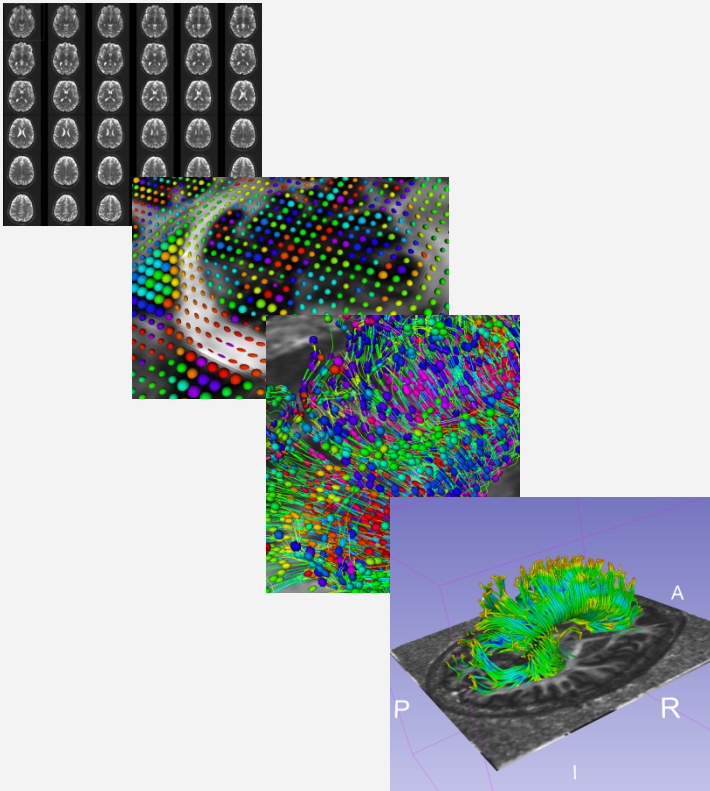
Tractography



DTI tractography provides 3D reconstruction of the trajectory of white matter pathways

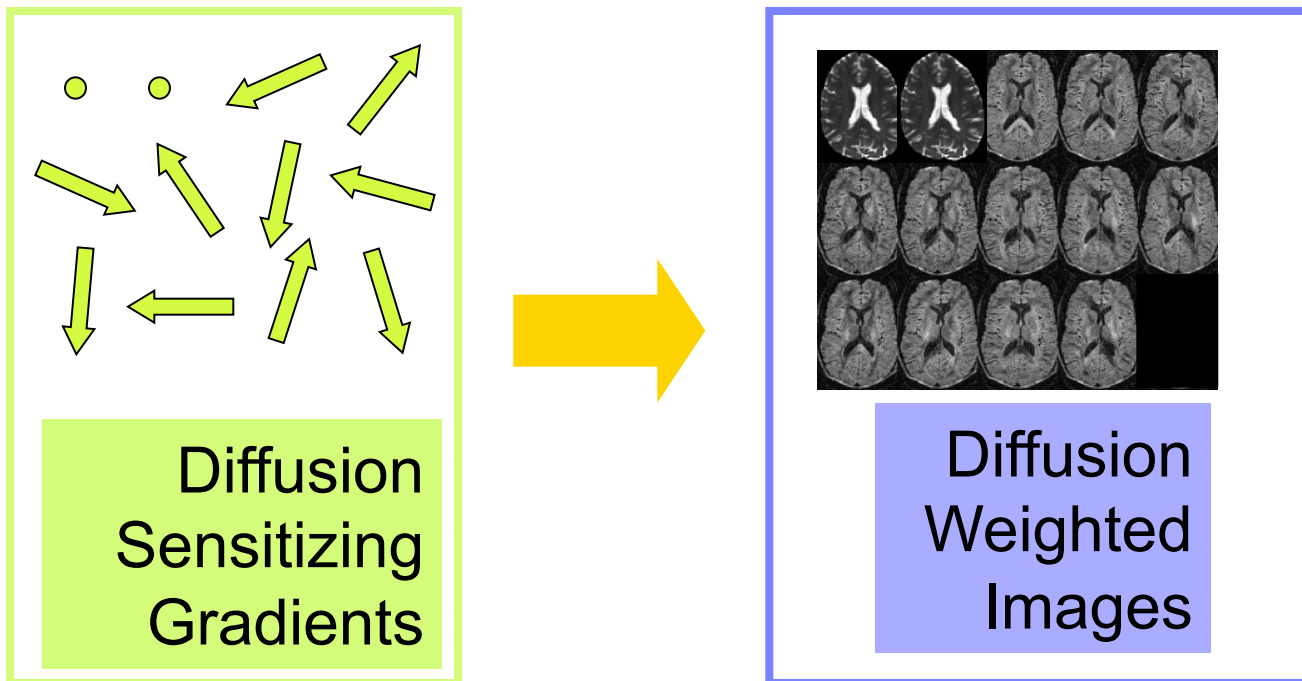
Tutorial Outline

This tutorial is an introduction to the fundamentals of Diffusion MRI analysis, from the estimation of diffusion tensors to the interactive 3D visualization of fiber tracts.



Tutorial Dataset

The tutorial dataset is a Diffusion Weighted MR scan of the brain acquired with 41 gradient directions and one baseline (Data source: UNC Chapel Hill)



Tutorial Software

The tutorial uses the 3D Slicer (Version 4.4.0r24272) software available at

http://www.na-mic.org/Wiki/index.php/3DSlicer_4.4_r24272

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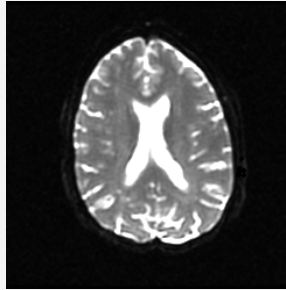
It is the responsibility of the user of 3DSlicer to comply with both the terms of the license and with the applicable laws, regulations and rules. Slicer is a tool for research, and is not FDA approved.

Learning Objectives

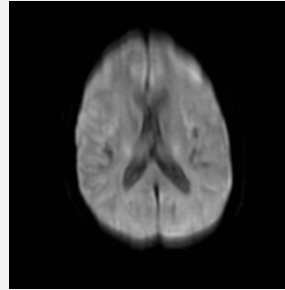
Following this tutorial, you'll be able to

- 1) Estimate a tensor volume from a set of Diffusion Weighted Images
- 2) Understand the shape and size of the diffusion ellipsoid
- 3) Reconstruct DTI tracts from a pre-defined region of interest
- 4) Interactively visualize DTI tracts seeded from a fiducial

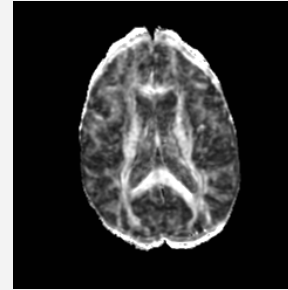
MR Diffusion Analysis Pipeline



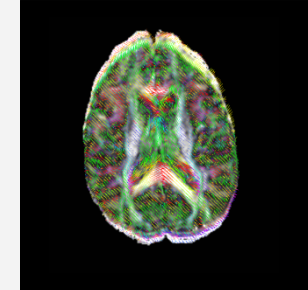
DWI
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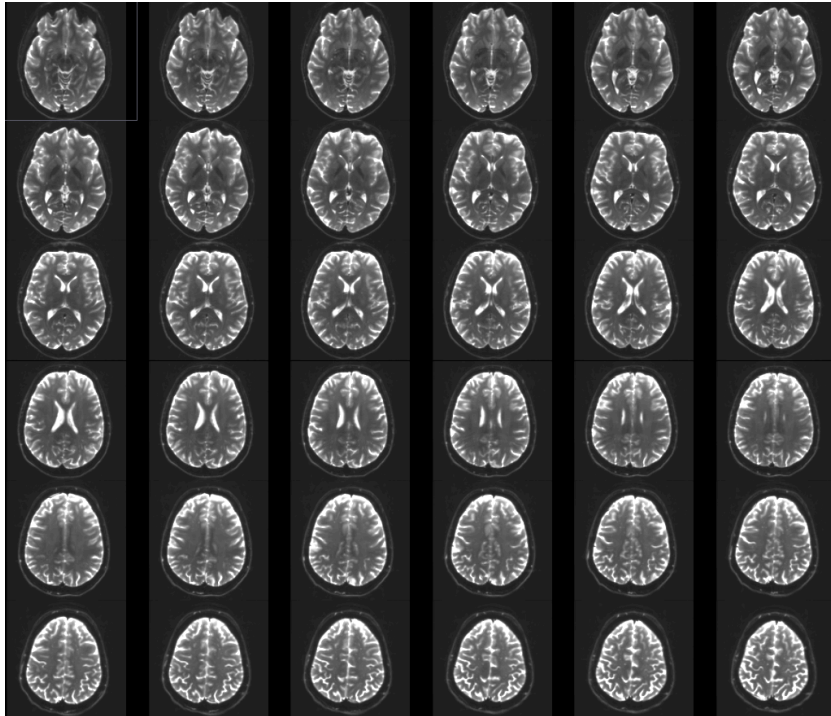
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Calculation



Scalar
Maps

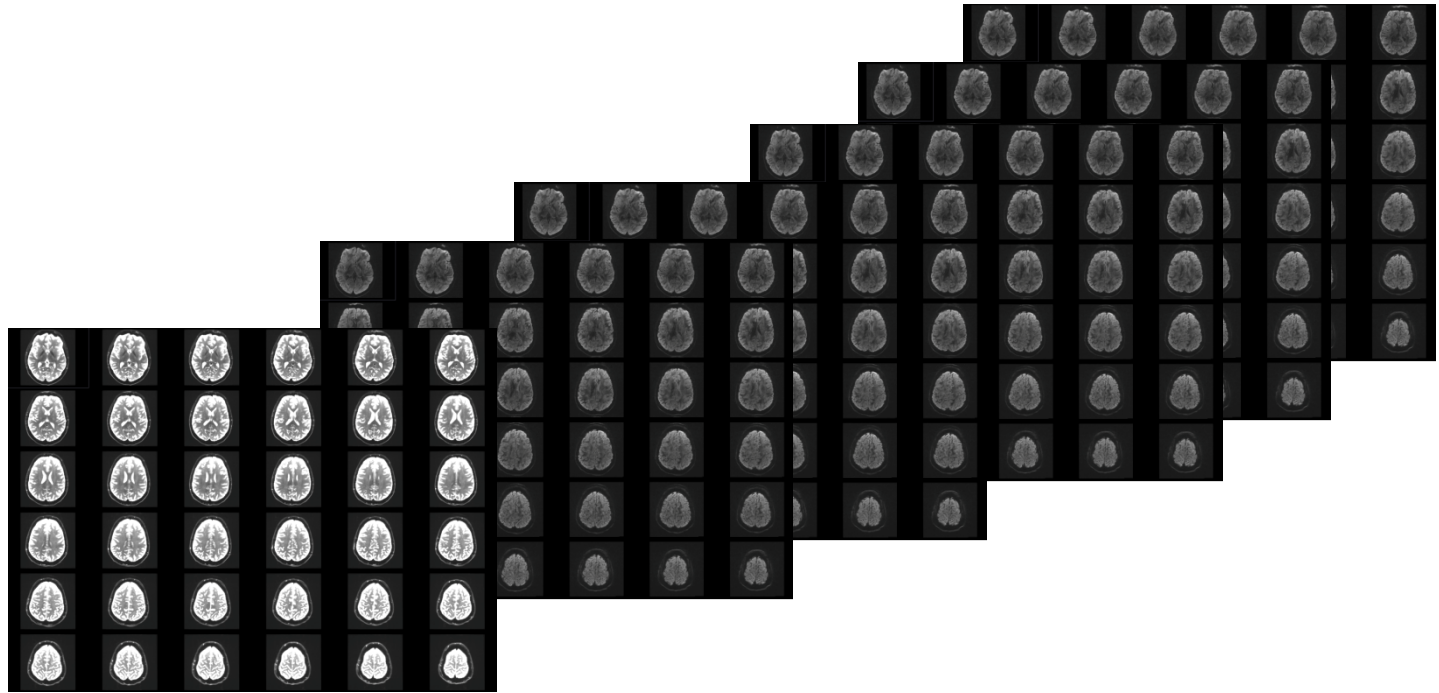


3D
Visualization



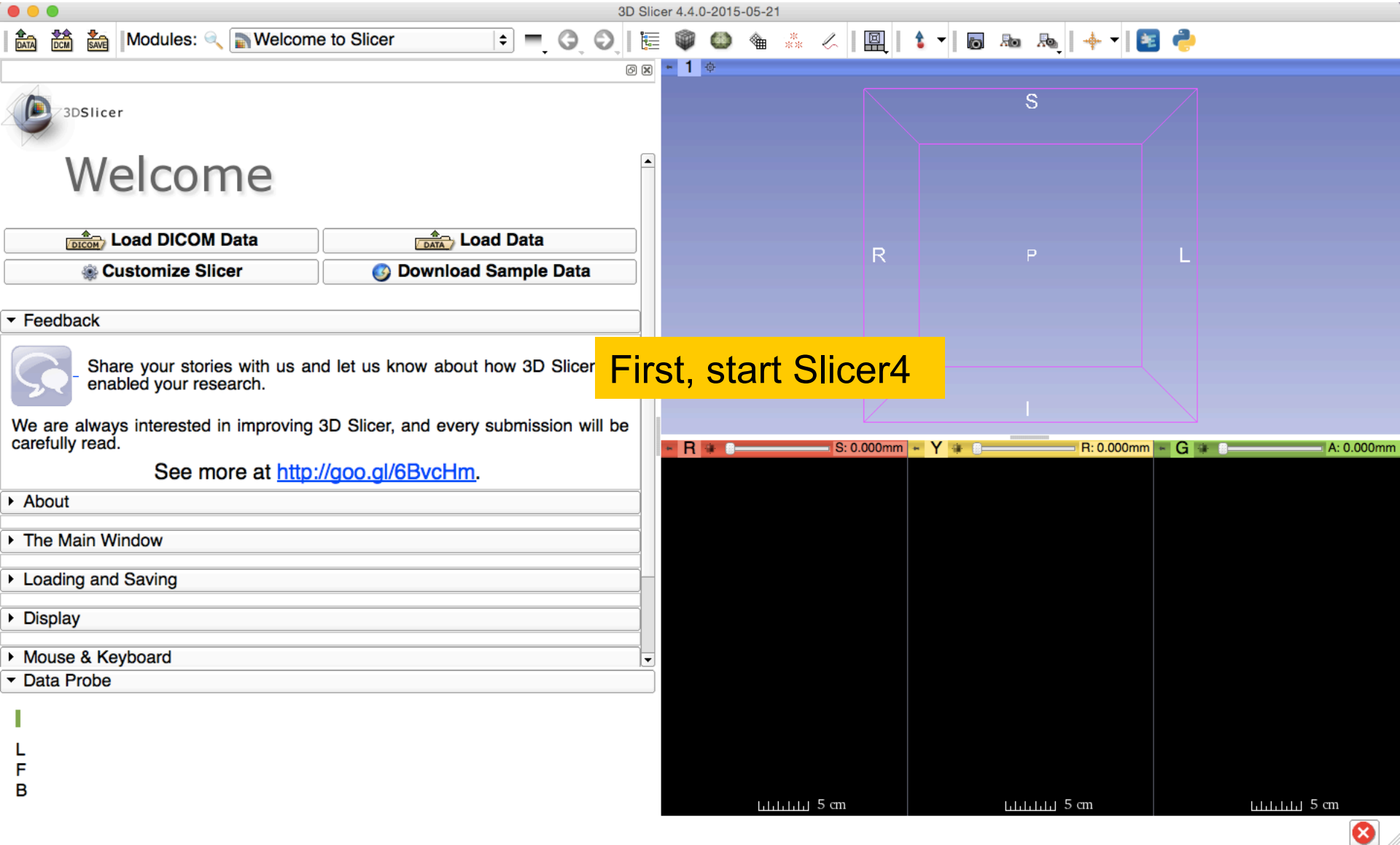
Part 1: From DWI images to Tensors

Understanding the DWI Dataset



The Diffusion Weighted Imaging (DWI) dataset is composed of a set of volumes acquired with 42 diffusion-sensitizing gradient directions, and 7 baseline image acquired without diffusion weighting.

Loading the DWI Dataset



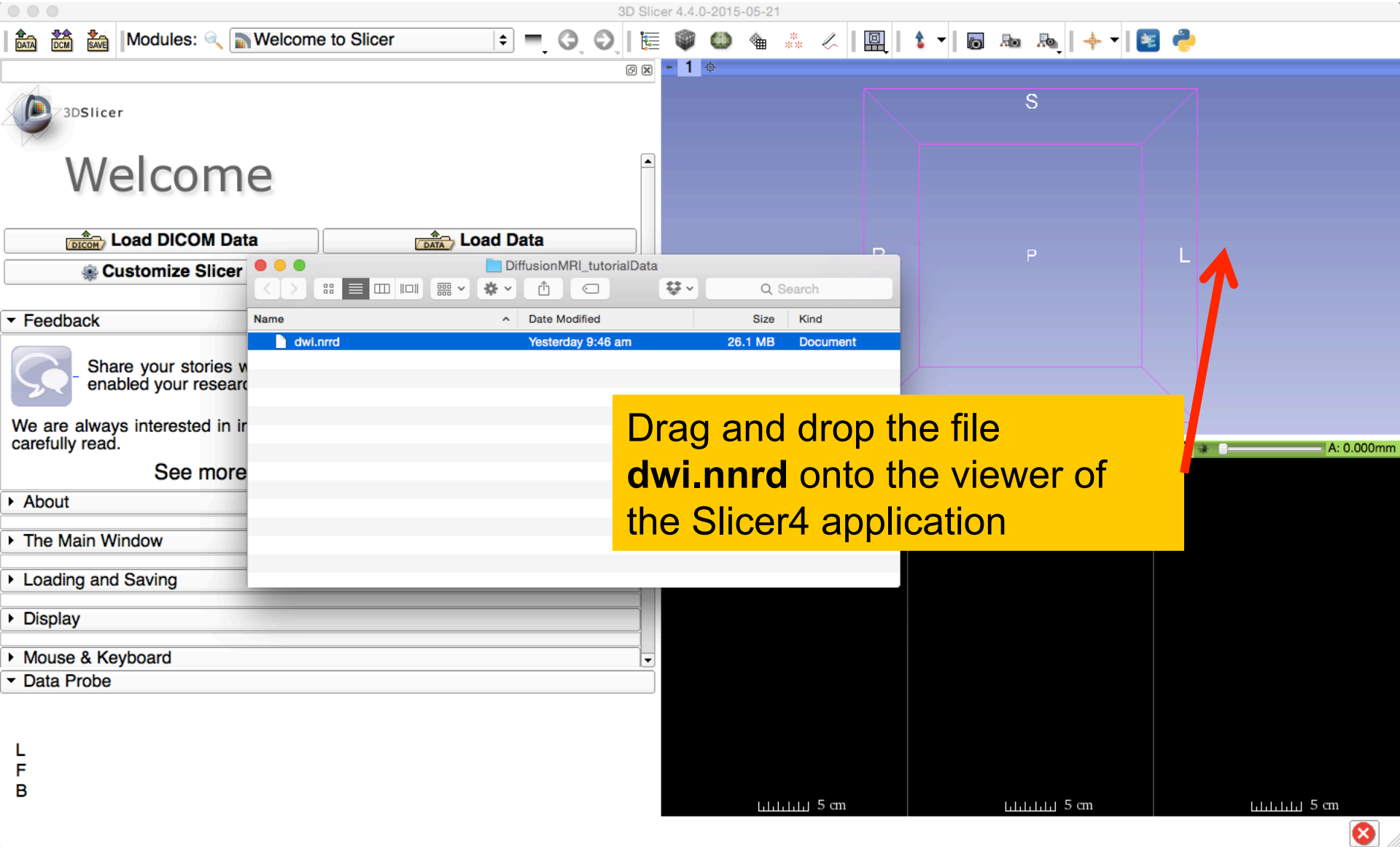
Loading the DWI Dataset

The screenshot shows the 3D Slicer interface with a 'Load Data' dialog box open. The dialog box displays a file named 'dwi.nrrd' with a date modified of 'Yesterday 9:46 am', a size of '26.1 MB', and a kind of 'Document'. A red arrow points to the file name. A yellow callout box contains the following text:

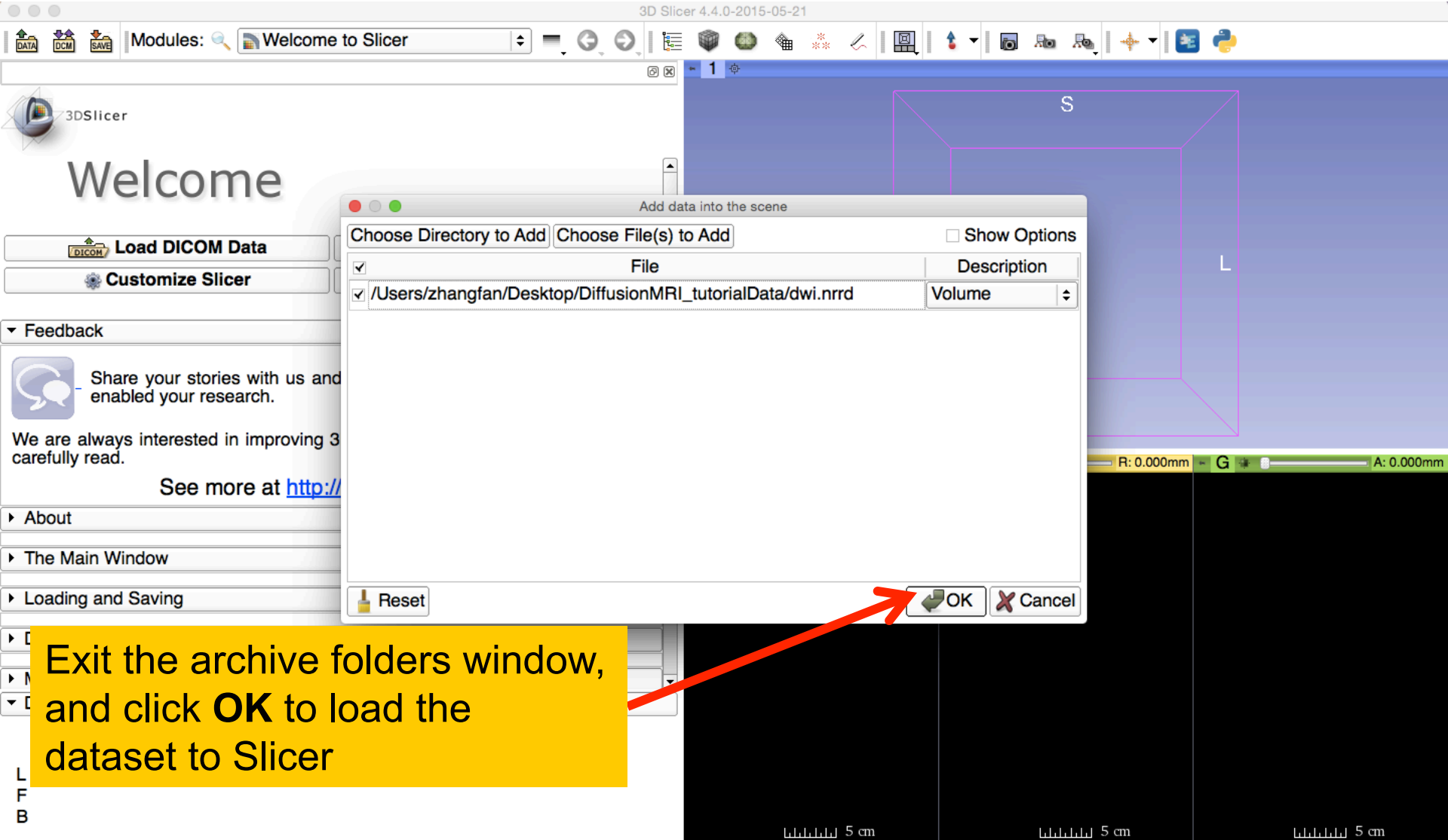
In your files archive, locate the file **dwi.nrrd** in the dataset folder for this tutorial

The background shows the 3D Slicer interface with a 'Welcome' message and a 'Load Data' button. The main window displays a 3D view of a dataset with a purple bounding box and axes labeled S, P, L, and I. The bottom status bar shows 'R: 0.000mm', 'G: 0.000mm', and 'A: 0.000mm'. The bottom left corner shows 'L', 'F', and 'B' labels.

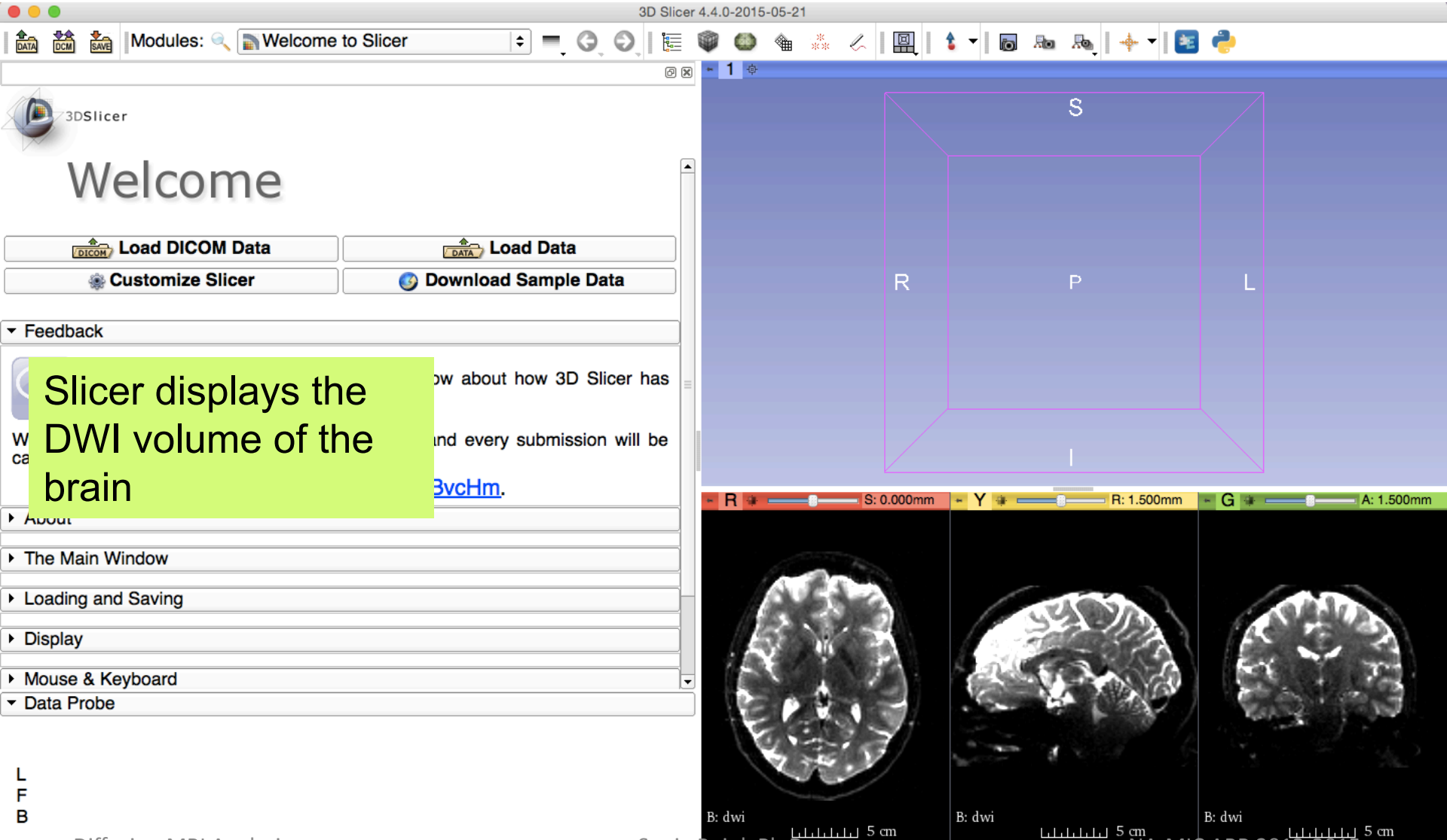
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Loading the DWI Dataset

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Modules: Welcome to Slicer

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Click on the **Modules** menu and select the module **Volumes**

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Loading the DWI Dataset

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Modules: Volumes

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Help & Acknowledgement

Active Volume: dwi

Volume Information

Display

Scalar Display

DWI Component: 10

Lookup Table: Gray

Interpolate:

Window Level editor presets:

W: 400 Auto W/L L: 283

Threshold: Off

-600 1390

Histogram

Data Probe

L
F
B

S

L

R

A: 1.500mm

B: dwi 5 cm

B: dwi 5 cm

B: dwi 5 cm

The baseline image corresponds to the DWI Component #0.

Select the **DWI Component #10**, which corresponds to the 10th diffusion sensitizing gradient



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Modules: Volumes

Active Volume: dwi

Volume Information

Display

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DWI Component: 10

Lookup Table: Grey

Interpolate:

Window Level editor presets:

W: 450 Manual W/L L: 288

Threshold: -600 1390

Histogram

Data Probe

L
F
B

S
R P L
I

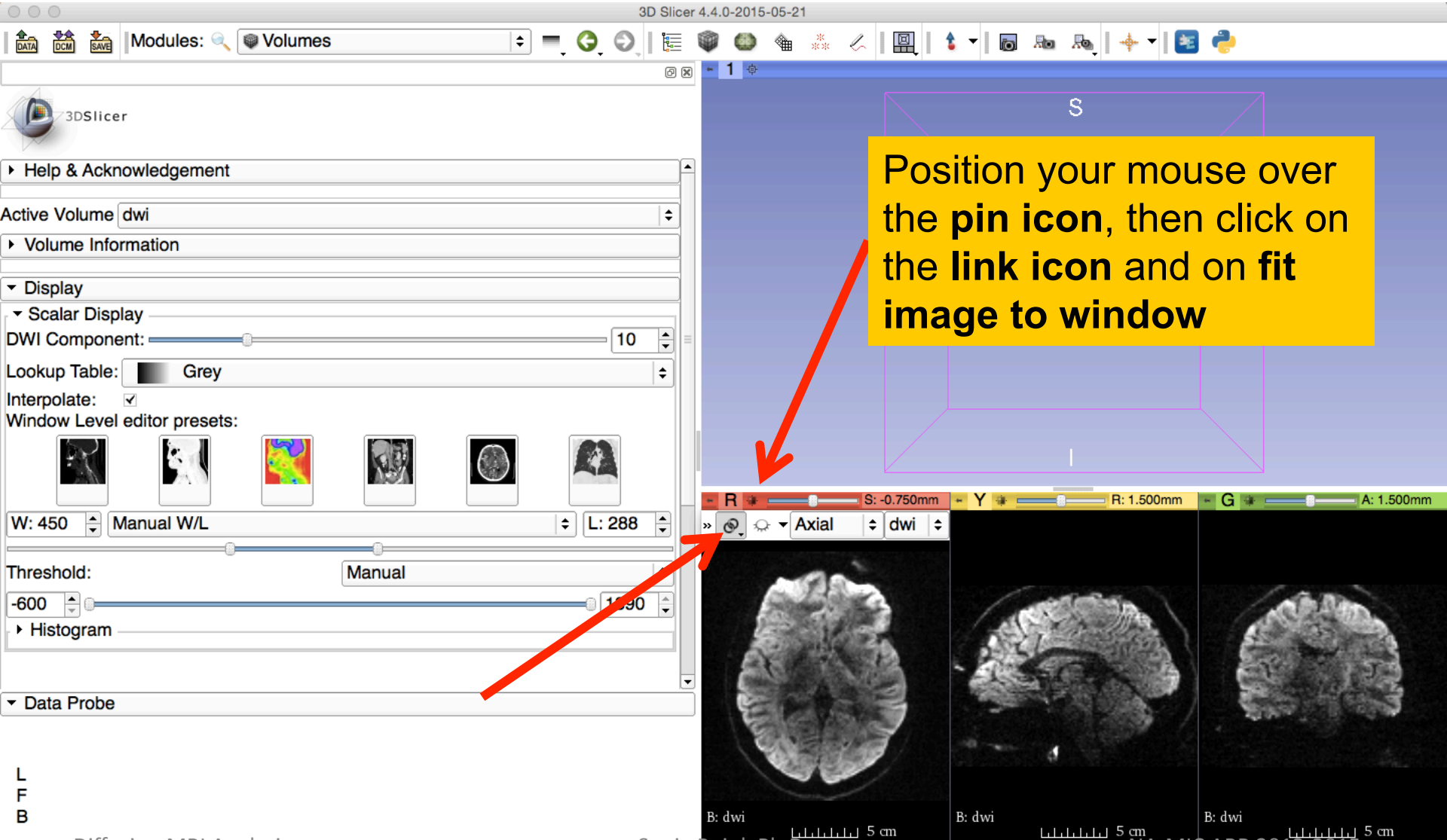
R S: 0.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

B: dwi 5 cm B: dwi 5 cm B: dwi 5 cm

Adjust the **Window Level** editor presets with the **Volume** module menu



Loading the DWI Dataset



Loading the DWI Dataset

The screenshot shows the 3D Slicer interface. The top toolbar contains icons for DATA, DCM, SAVE, and a Modules dropdown menu. The 'Volumes' module is active. The left sidebar shows the 'Display' section with 'Scalar Display' set to 'DWI Component' at 10 and 'Lookup Table' set to 'Grey'. A red arrow points from a yellow text box to the 'Red slice only' option in the Slicer layout menu. The main view shows a brain slice with 'R' and 'S' labels. The bottom status bar shows 'B: dwi' and a 5 cm scale bar.

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Modules: Volumes

Active Volume: dwi

Volume Information

Display

Scalar Display

DWI Component: 10

Lookup Table: Grey

Interpolate:

Window Level editor presets:

W: 4

Three

-600

Hi

Data Probe

Slicer layout menu:

- Conventional
- Conventional Widescreen
- Conventional Quantitative
- Four-Up
- Four-Up Quantitative
- Dual 3D
- Triple 3D
- 3D only
- One-Up Quantitative
- Red slice only**
- Yellow slice only
- Green slice only
- Tabbed 3D
- Tabbed slice
- Compare
- Compare Widescreen
- Compare Grid
- Three over three
- Three Over Three Quantitative
- Four over four
- Two over Two
- Side by side
- Four by three slice
- Four by two slice
- Three by three slice

Click on the Slicer layout menu and select the **Red slice only** layout

L
F
B

B: dwi 5 cm

B: dwi 5 cm

B: dwi 5 cm



Loading the DWI Dataset

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Modules: Volumes

Active Volume: dwi

Volume Information

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Window Level editor presets:

W: 450 Manual W/L L: 288

Threshold: Manual

-600 1390

Histogram

Data Probe

Red RAS: (37.7, 52.5, -0.8) Axial Sp: 1.5

L None

F None

B dwi (39, 29, 47) 49 components

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Slicer displays the axial anatomical slice in the Viewer

B: dwi

5 cm

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Creating a brain mask

The screenshot shows the 3D Slicer interface with the 'Modules' menu open. The 'Diffusion' category is selected, and the 'Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking' module is highlighted. A yellow callout box with a red arrow points to this module. The background shows a brain MRI slice with a red 'R' marker and a scale bar of 5 cm. The bottom of the screen displays 'Diffusion MRI Analysis', 'Sonia Pujol, Ph.D.', and 'NA-MIC ARR 2012-2015'.

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Click on the Modules menu and select the module **Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking**

W: 450 Manual W/L

Threshold: -600

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Modules: Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking

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Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking

Parameter set: Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking

IO

Input DWI Volume: dwi

Output Baseline Volume: baseline

Otsu Threshold Mask: dwi_mask

Otsu Omega Threshold Parameter: 0.05

Remove Islands in Threshold Mask:

Status: Completed 100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

Data Probe

L
F
B

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5 cm

L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

-select the Input DWI volume 'dwi'
-select Output Baseline Volume 'Create and Rename New Volume', and rename it 'baseline'
-select Output Threshold Volume 'Create and Rename new Volume', and rename it 'dwi_mask'
-uncheck Remove Islands in Threshold Mask
-set Otsu Omega Threshold Parameter 'WLS' to 0.05
-click on Apply.

Creating a brain mask

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Modules: Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking

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Help & Acknowledgement

Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking

Parameter set: Diffusion Weighted Volume Masking

IO

Input Data: []

Output Data: []

Otsu Threshold: []

Otsu Omega Threshold Parameter: 0.05

Remove Islands in Threshold Mask:

Status: Completed

100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun [] Cancel Apply

Data Probe

L
F
B

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Slicer displays the brain mask

L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

5 cm

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Parameter set: Diffusion Weig

Input DWI Volume dwi

Output Baseline Volume bas

Otsu Threshold Mask dwi

Otsu Omega Threshold Para

Remove Islands in Threshold

0.05

100%

Apply

Select the module **Editor**

L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

5 cm

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Modules: Editor

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Help & Acknowledgement

Create and Select Label Maps

Master Volume: baseline

Merge Volume: dwi_mask Set...

Edit Selected Label Map

Undo/Redo: [Undo] [Redo]

Active Tool: DefaultTool

Label: jake 1

Data Probe

L
F
B

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5 cm

L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

S: 0.000mm

Set Master Volume to 'baseline'
Set Merge Volume to 'dwi_mask'

Creating a brain mask

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Modules: Editor

Merge Volume: dwi_mask Set...

Per-Structure Volumes

Edit Selected Label Map

DilateEffect

Undo/Redo: [Undo] [Redo]

Active Tool: DilateEffect

Label: jake 1

Eight Neighbors

Four Neighbors

Apply

Data Probe

L
F
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L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

5 cm

S: 0.000mm

Select the **Dilate Effect** tool and click on **Apply** 3 times

Creating a brain mask

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Modules: Editor

Merge Volume: dwi_mask Set...

Per-Structure Volumes

Edit Selected Label Map

ErodeEffect

Active Tool: ErodeEffect

Label: jake 1

Eight Neighbors
 Four Neighbors

Apply

Data Probe

L
F
B

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5 cm

L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

S: 0.000mm

Select Erode Effect tool and click on Apply once

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Modules: Editor

Merge Volume: dwi_mask Set...

Per-Structure Volumes

Edit Selected Label Map

Slicer displays the edited brain mask

Active Tool: ErodeEffect

Label: jake 1

Eight Neighbors
 Four Neighbors

Apply

Data Probe

L
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5 cm

L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

S: 0.000mm

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Modules: Editor

Merge Volume: dwi_mask

Per-Structure Volumes

Edit Selected Label Map

Change the label layer to **None** to make the mask invisible

Active Tool: ErodeEffect

Label: jake 1

Eight Neighbors
Four Neighbors

Apply

Data Probe

L
F
B

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5 cm

L: dwi_mask (100%)
B: baseline

Estimating the tensor

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Click on the Modules menu and select the module **DWI to DTI Estimation**

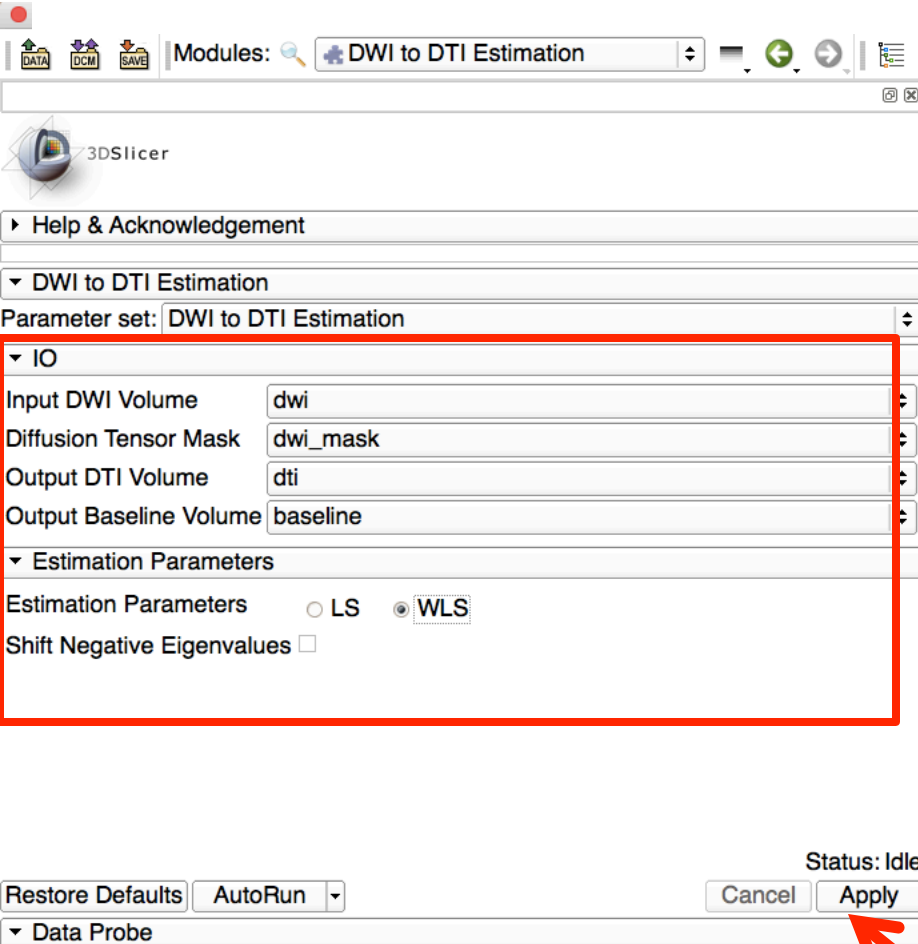
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5 cm

Estimating the tensor



- Select the module **DWI to DTI Estimation** in the modules menu:
- Set the **Input DWI volume** to 'dwi'
- Set the **Diffusion Tensor Mask** to 'dwi_mask'
- Select **Output DTI Volume 'Create and Rename New Volume'**, and rename it 'dti'
- Set **Output Baseline Volume** to 'baseline'
- Select the **Estimation Parameters 'WLS'** (Weighted Least Squares) and click on **Apply**.



Estimating the tensor

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Modules: **DWI to DTI Estimation**

Position your mouse over the **pin icon** and select the volume **dti**

None
dwi
Output Baseline Volume
baseline
dwi_mask
dti
Rename cu DiffusionTensorVolume

Input DWI Volume: dwi
Diffusion Tensor Mask: dwi_mask
Output DTI Volume: dti
Output Baseline Volume: baseline

Estimation Parameters
Estimation Parameters: LS WLS
Shift Negative Eigenvalues:

Status: Completed
100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

L
F
B

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Exploring the DWI Dataset

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Modules: DWI to DTI Estimation

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Help & Acknowledgement

DWI to DTI Estimation

Parameter settings

IO

Input DWI Volume: []

Diffusion Tensor: []

Output DTI Volume: []

Output Basis: []

Estimation Method: []

Estimation Parameters: []

Shift Negative: []

Status: Completed

100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun [] Cancel Apply

Data Probe

L
F
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S: 0.000mm

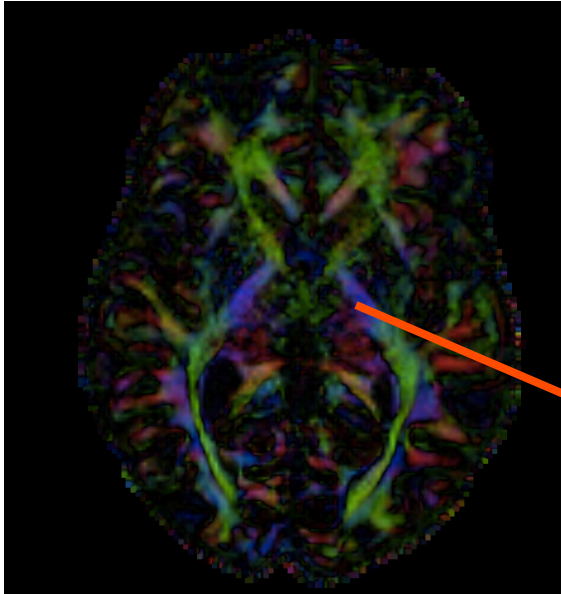
5 cm

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B: dti

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Diffusion Tensor Data



$$S_i = S_0 e^{-b \hat{g}_i^T \underline{D} \hat{g}_i}$$

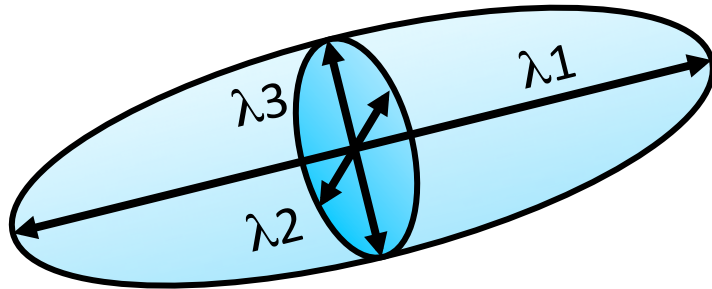
Stejskal-Tanner equation (1965)

$$\underline{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{xx} & D_{xy} & D_{xz} \\ D_{yx} & D_{yy} & D_{yz} \\ D_{zx} & D_{zy} & D_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

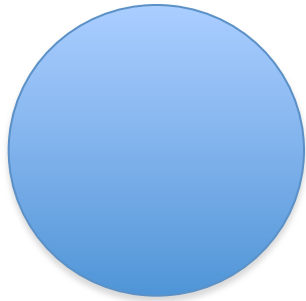
The diffusion tensor $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ in the voxel (I,J,K) is a 3x3 symmetric matrix.

Diffusion Tensor

- The diffusion tensor \underline{D} in each voxel can be visualized as a diffusion ellipsoid, with the eigenvectors indicating the directions of the principal axes, and the ellipsoidal proportional to the square root of the eigenvalues defining the
- Scalar maps can be derived from the rotationally invariant eigenvalues λ_1 , λ_2 , λ_3 to characterize the size and shape of the diffusion tensor.

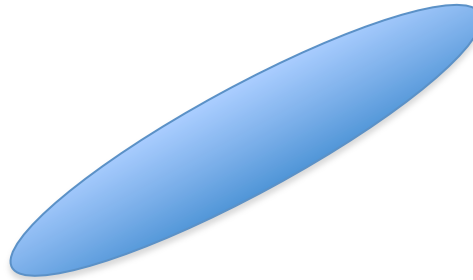


Diffusion Tensor Shape



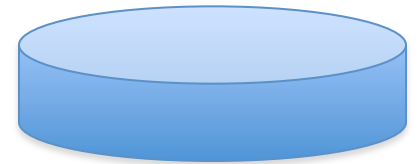
$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$$

Isotropic media
(Cerebrospinal
Fluid, gray matter)



$$\lambda_1 \gg \lambda_2, \lambda_3$$

Anisotropic media
(white matter)



$$\lambda_1 \sim \lambda_2 \gg \lambda_3$$

Exploring the DWI Dataset

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Modules: DWI to DTI Estimation

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DWI to DTI Estimation

Parameter set: DWI to DTI Estimation

IO

Input DWI Volume: dwi

Diffusion Tensor Mask: dwi_mask

Output DTI Volume: dti

Output Baseline Volume: baseline

Estimation Parameters

Estimation Parameters: LS DTI

Shift Negative Eigenvalues:

Status: Completed

100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

Data Probe

L
F
B

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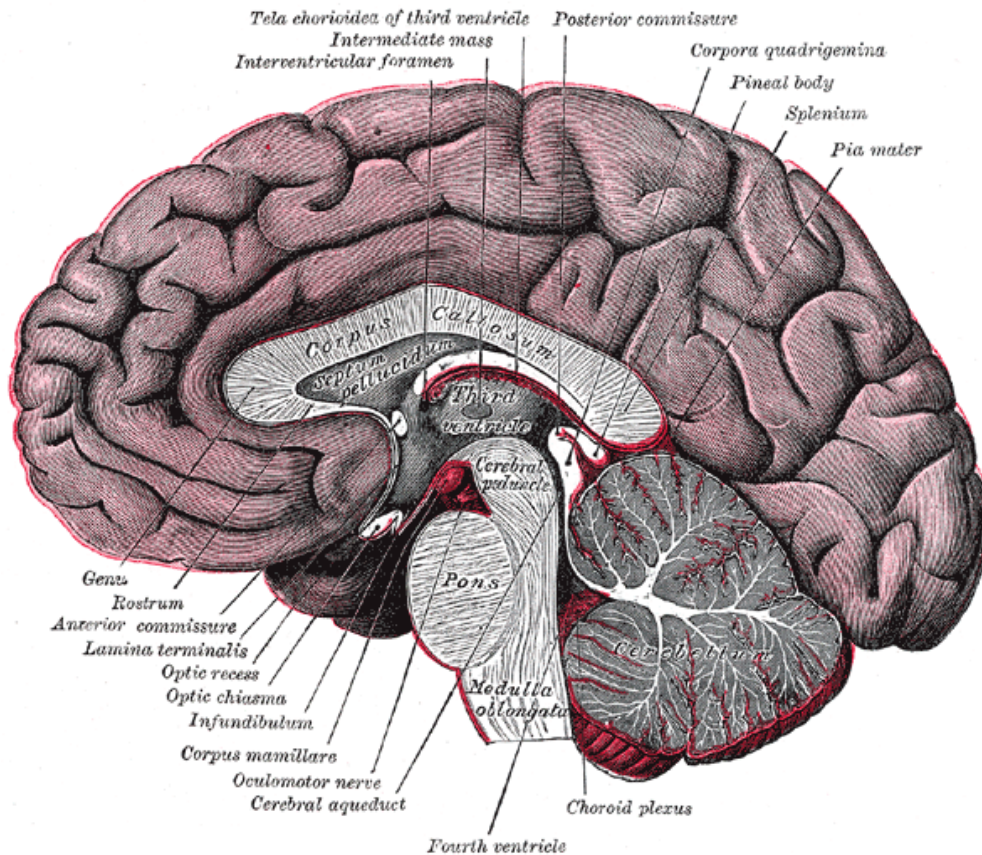
5 cm

B: dti

S: 0.000mm

Use the slider to browse through the dti volume, and try to locate the **Corpus Callosum**

Corpus Callosum



The corpus callosum is a broad thick bundle of dense myelinated fibers that connect the left and right hemisphere. It is the largest white matter structure in the brain

Image from Gray's Anatomy

Corpus Callosum

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Modules: **DWI to DTI Estimation**

3DSlicer

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DWI to DTI Estimation

Parameter set: **Corpus Callosum**

IO

Input DWI Volume: dwi

Diffusion Tensor Mask: dwi_mask

Output DTI Volume: dti

Output Baseline Volume: baseline

Estimation Parameters

Estimation Parameters: LS WLS

Shift Negative Eigenvalues:

Image Courtesy of Dr. Alexandra Golby, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA..

Status: Completed

100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

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5 cm

Characterizing the Size of the tensor: Trace

$$\text{Trace}(D) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$$

- Trace(D) is intrinsic to the tissue and is independent of fiber orientation, and diffusion sensitizing gradient directions
- Trace(D) is a clinically relevant parameter for monitoring stroke and neurological condition (degree of structural coherence in tissue)
- Trace(D) is useful to characterize the size of the diffusion ellipsoid

Trace

The screenshot displays the 3D Slicer software interface. The top toolbar shows the 'Modules' menu icon. A yellow callout box with a red arrow points to the 'Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements' option in the 'Diffusion Tensor Images' sub-menu. The main window shows a brain slice with a color-coded DTI volume. The bottom status bar includes 'S: 19.000mm', 'B: dti', and a 5 cm scale bar.

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Modules: DWI to DTI Estimation

All Modules

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- Welcome to Slicer
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- Registration
- Segmentation
- Quantification
- Diffusion**
 - DWI to Full Brain Tractography
 - Tractography Display
 - Diffusion Data Conversion
 - Diffusion Tensor Images**
 - Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements**
 - Resample DTI Volume
 - Tractography Interactive Seeding
 - Tractography Label Map Seeding
 - Diffusion Weighted Images
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- BRAINS

Click on the Modules menu and select the module **Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements**

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DWI to DTI Estimation

Parameter set: DWI to DTI Estimation

IO

Input DWI Volume: dwi

Diffusion Tensor Mask: dwi

Output DTI Volume: dti

Output Baseline Volume: baseline

Estimation Parameters

Estimation Parameters

Shift Negative Eigenvalues

Restore Defaults AutoRun

Data Probe

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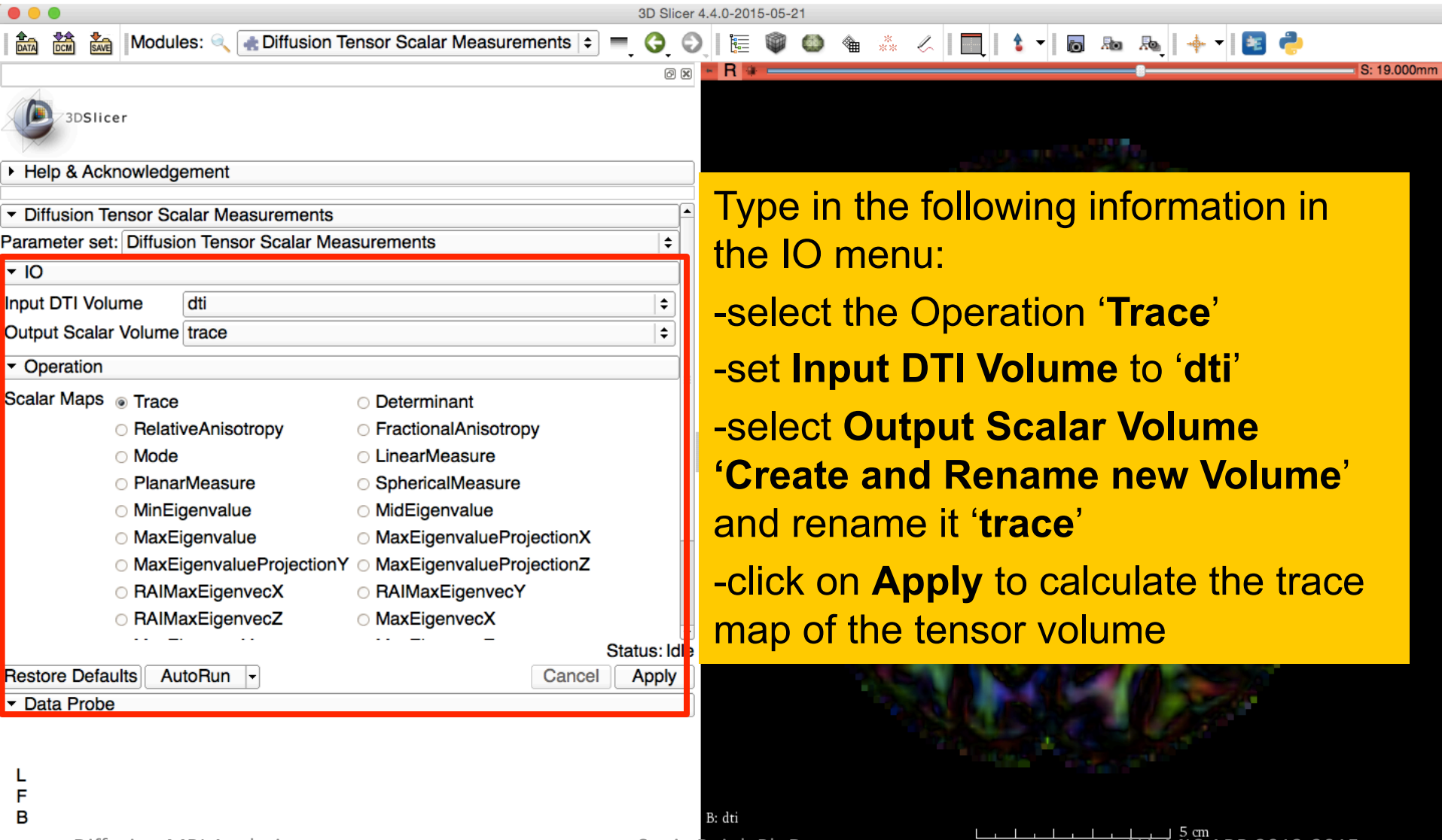
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S: 19.000mm

B: dti

5 cm

Trace



Type in the following information in the IO menu:

- select the Operation **'Trace'**
- set **Input DTI Volume** to **'dti'**
- select **Output Scalar Volume** **'Create and Rename new Volume'** and rename it **'trace'**
- click on **Apply** to calculate the trace map of the tensor volume



Trace

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Input D

Output Scalar Volume: trace

Operation

Scalar Maps

- Trace
- Determinant
- RelativeAnisotropy
- FractionalAnisotropy
- Mode
- LinearMeasure
- PlanarMeasure
- SphericalMeasure
- MinEigenvalue
- MidEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionX
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionY
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionZ
- RAI_MaxEigenvecX
- RAI_MaxEigenvecY

Status: Completed 100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

Data Probe

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B: trace

5 cm

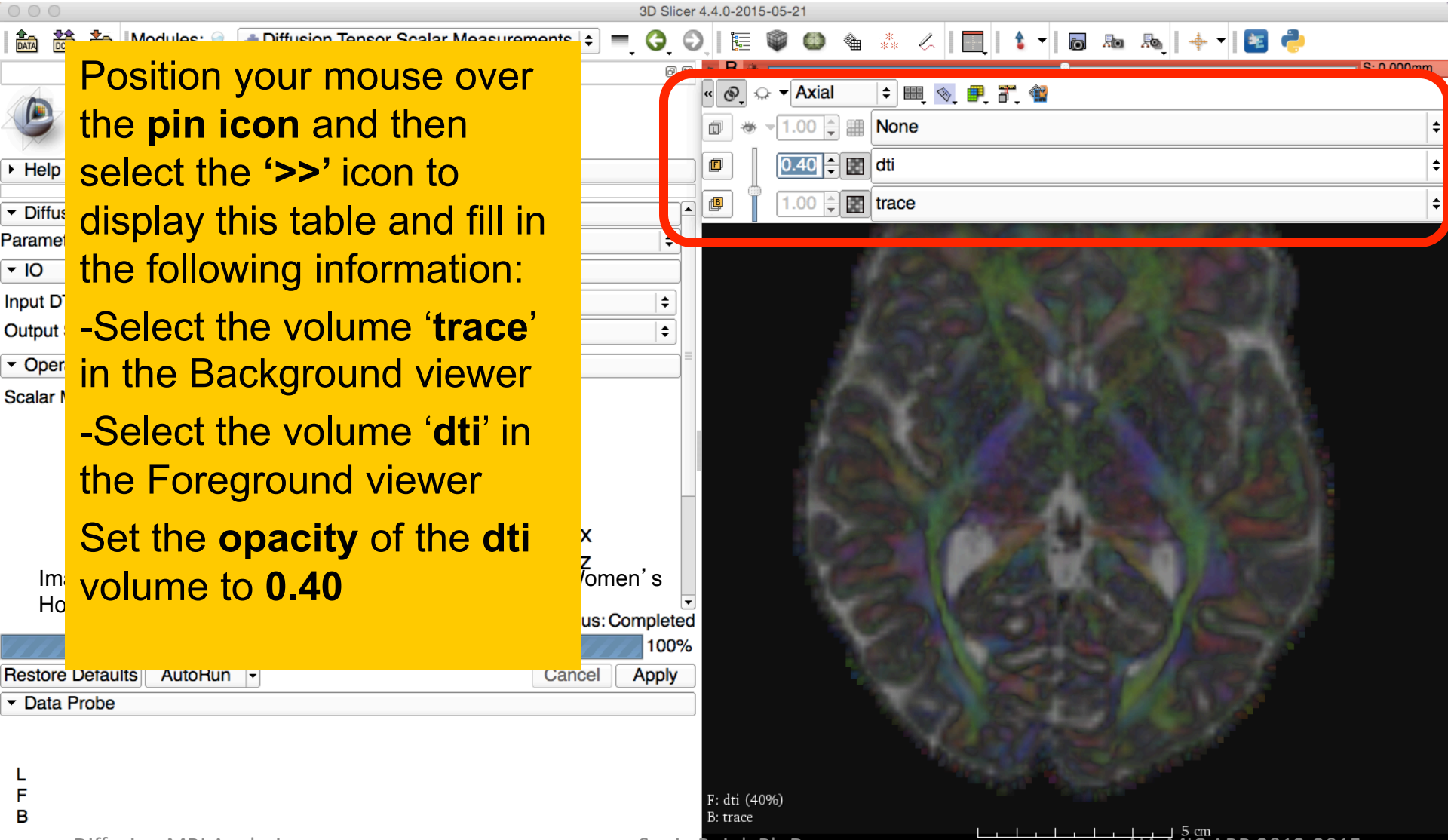
S: 0.000mm

Trace

Position your mouse over the **pin icon** and then select the **'>>'** icon to display this table and fill in the following information:

- Select the volume **'trace'** in the Background viewer
- Select the volume **'dti'** in the Foreground viewer

Set the **opacity** of the **dti** volume to **0.40**



Trace

Position your mouse within the region of the Corpus Callosum and observe the trace values in the **Data Probe**

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Parameter set: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

IO

Input DTI Volume: dti

Output Scalar Volume: trace

Operation

Scalar Maps

- Trace
- Determinant
- RelativeAnisotropy
- FractionalAnisotropy
- Mode
- LinearMeasure
- PlanarMeasure
- SphericalMeasure
- MinEigenvalue
- MidEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionX
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionY
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionZ
- RAIMaxEigenvecX
- RAIMaxEigenvecY

Status: Completed

100%

Cancel Apply

Data Probe

Red RAS: (6.2, 6.7, 19.0) Axial Sp: 1.5

L None

F dti (60, 60, 60) ColorOrientation 0

B trace (60, 60, 60) 0.002111

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5 cm

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Trace

Note how the Trace values are fairly uniform in both white and gray matter, even if the tissues are different in structure.

Input DTI Volume: dti
Output Scalar Volume: trace

Operation: Trace

Scalar Maps:

- Trace
- Determinant
- RelativeAnisotropy
- FractionalAnisotropy
- Mode
- LinearMeasure
- PlanarMeasure
- SphericalMeasure
- MinEigenvalue
- MidEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionX
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionY
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionZ
- RAIMaxEigenvecX
- RAIMaxEigenvecY

Status: Completed
100%

Cancel Apply

Data Probe

Red RAS: (38.0, -21.2, 19.0) Axial Sp: 1.5

L None

F dti (39, 78, 60) ColorOrientation 0

B trace (39, 78, 60) 0.002008




Diffusion MRI Analysis

5 cm

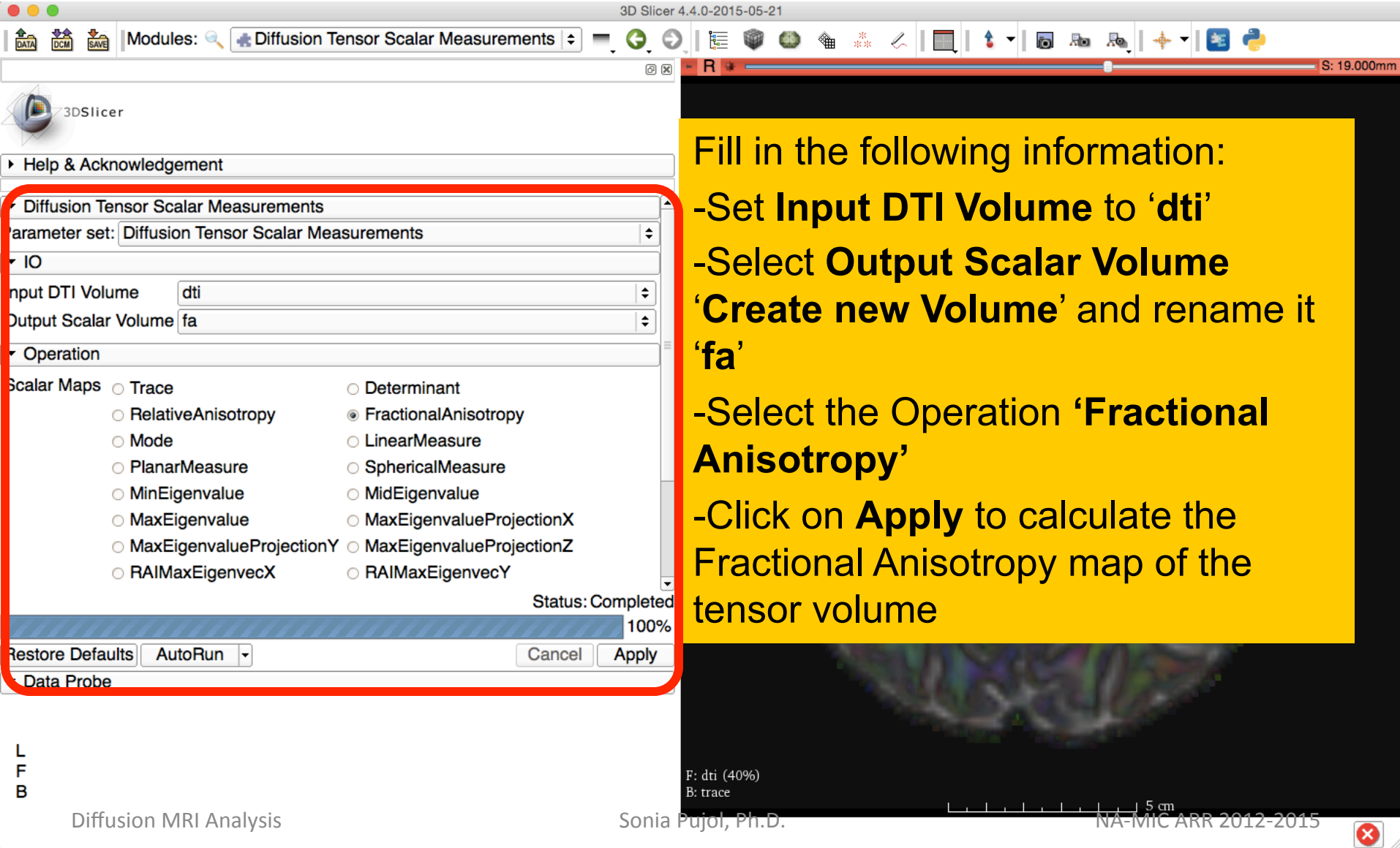
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Scalar Maps: Fractional Anisotropy

$$FA(D) = \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2 + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)^2 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)^2}}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2}}$$

- FA(D) is intrinsic to the tissue and is independent of fiber orientation, and diffusion sensitizing gradient directions
- FA(D) is useful to characterize the shape (degree of ‘out-of-roundness’) of the diffusion ellipsoid
- Low FA:   High FA: 

Fractional Anisotropy



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Modules: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

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Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

Parameter set: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

IO

Input DTI Volume: dti

Output Scalar Volume: fa

Operation

Scalar Maps

- Trace
- RelativeAnisotropy
- Mode
- PlanarMeasure
- MinEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionY
- RAI_MaxEigenvecX
- Determinant
- FractionalAnisotropy
- LinearMeasure
- SphericalMeasure
- MidEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionX
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionZ
- RAI_MaxEigenvecY

Status: Completed 100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

Data Probe

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F
B

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F: dti (40%)
B: trace

5 cm

S: 19.000mm

Fill in the following information:

- Set **Input DTI Volume** to 'dti'
- Select **Output Scalar Volume** 'Create new Volume' and rename it 'fa'
- Select the Operation '**Fractional Anisotropy**'
- Click on **Apply** to calculate the Fractional Anisotropy map of the tensor volume

Fractional Anisotropy

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Modules: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

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Input D

Output Scalar Volume: fa

Operation

Scalar Maps

- Trace
- RelativeAnisotropy
- Mode
- PlanarMeasure
- MinEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionY
- RAIMaxEigenvecX
- Determinant
- FractionalAnisotropy
- LinearMeasure
- SphericalMeasure
- MidEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionX
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionZ
- RAIMaxEigenvecY

Status: Completed

100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

Data Probe

L
F
B

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5 cm

B: fa

S: 0.000mm

Fractional Anisotropy

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Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

Parameter set: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

IO

Input DTI Volume dti

Output Scalar Volume fa

Open Scalar

Position your mouse over the **pin icon** and click the **'>>'** icon to display this table. Set the background volume to **'fa'** and be sure the foreground volume is still set to **'dti'** with **opacity at 0.40**

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5 cm

F: dti (40%)
B: fa

Fractional Anisotropy

Explore the FA values in the Corpus Callosum and in adjacent gray matter areas. Note how the FA values are high in the white matter areas, and low in gray matter regions

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Modules: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

Output Scalar Volume: fa

Operation

Scalar Maps

- Trace
- RelativeAnisotropy
- Mode
- PlanarMeasure
- MinEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionY
- RAIMaxEigenvecX
- Determinant
- FractionalAnisotropy
- LinearMeasure
- SphericalMeasure
- MidEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionX
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionZ
- RAIMaxEigenvecY

Status: Completed

100%

Cancel Apply

Data Probe

Red RAS: (7.7, 8.8, 19.0) Axial Sp: 1.5

L None

F dti (59, 58, 60) ColorOrientation 0

B fa (59, 58, 60) 0.890284

F: dti (40%)

B: fa

5 cm

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Fractional Anisotropy

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Modules: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

Change to Conventional view

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Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

Parameter set: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

IO

Input DTI Volume: dti

Output Scalar Volume: fa

Operation

Scalar Maps

- Trace
- RelativeAnisotropy
- Mode
- PlanarMeasure
- MinEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionY
- RAIMaxEigenvecX
- Determinant
- FractionalAnisotropy
- LinearMeasure
- SphericalMeasure
- MidEigenvalue
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionX
- MaxEigenvalueProjectionZ
- RAIMaxEigenvecY

Status: Completed

100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

Data Probe

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B

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S: 19.000mm

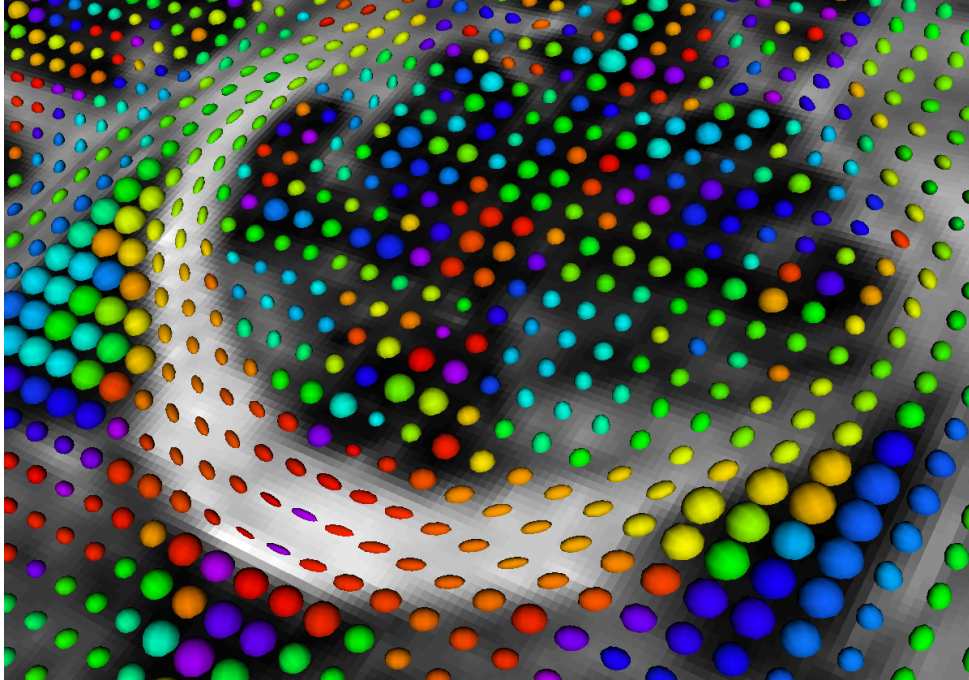
F: dti (40%)
B: fa

5 cm

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View menu options:

- Conventional
- Conventional Widescreen
- Conventional Quantitative
- Four-Up
- Four-Up Quantitative
- Dual 3D
- Triple 3D
- 3D only
- One-Up Quantitative
- Red slice only
- Yellow slice only
- Green slice only
- Tabbed 3D
- Tabbed slice
- Compare
- Compare Widescreen
- Compare Grid
- Three over three
- Three Over Three Quantitative
- Four over four
- Two over Two
- Side by side
- Four by three slice
- Four by two slice
- Three by three slice



Part 2: Visualizing the tensor data

3D Visualization: Glyphs

3D Slicer 4.4.0-2015-05-21

Modules: Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

- All Modules
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- Unspecified
- BRAINS

Click on the Modules menu and select the module **Volumes**

Input DTI Volume: dti
Output Scalar Volume: fa

Scalar Maps: Trace, RelativeAnis, Mode, PlanarMeasu, MinEigenva, MaxEigenva, MaxEigenva, RAIMaxEige

Completed: 100%
Apply

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3D Visualization: Glyphs

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Modules: Volumes

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Active Volume: dwi

Volume Information

Display

Scalar Display

DWI Component: 10

Lookup Table: Grey

Interpolate:

Window Level editor presets:

W: 450 Manual W/L L: 288

Threshold: Manual -600 1390

Histogram

Data Probe

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B

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Position the mouse over the **pin icon** and select the '**<<**' icon to display the axial slice toolbar. Set the **Foreground** to 'fa' and the **Background** to 'dti', with the **Foreground** opacity set to **1.00**

1.00 None

1.00 fa

1.00 dti

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

5 cm

5 cm

5 cm

3D Visualization: Glyphs

3D Slicer 4.4.0-2015-05-21

Modules: Volumes

Active Volume: dti

Scalar Display

Scalar Mode: ColorOrientation

Look up table: Grey

Interpolate:

Window Level editor presets:

W: 255 Auto W/L L: 128

Threshold: Off

-600 600

Histogram

Glyphs on Slices Display

Slice Visibility: Red Yellow Green

Data Probe

S

I

R S: 19.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

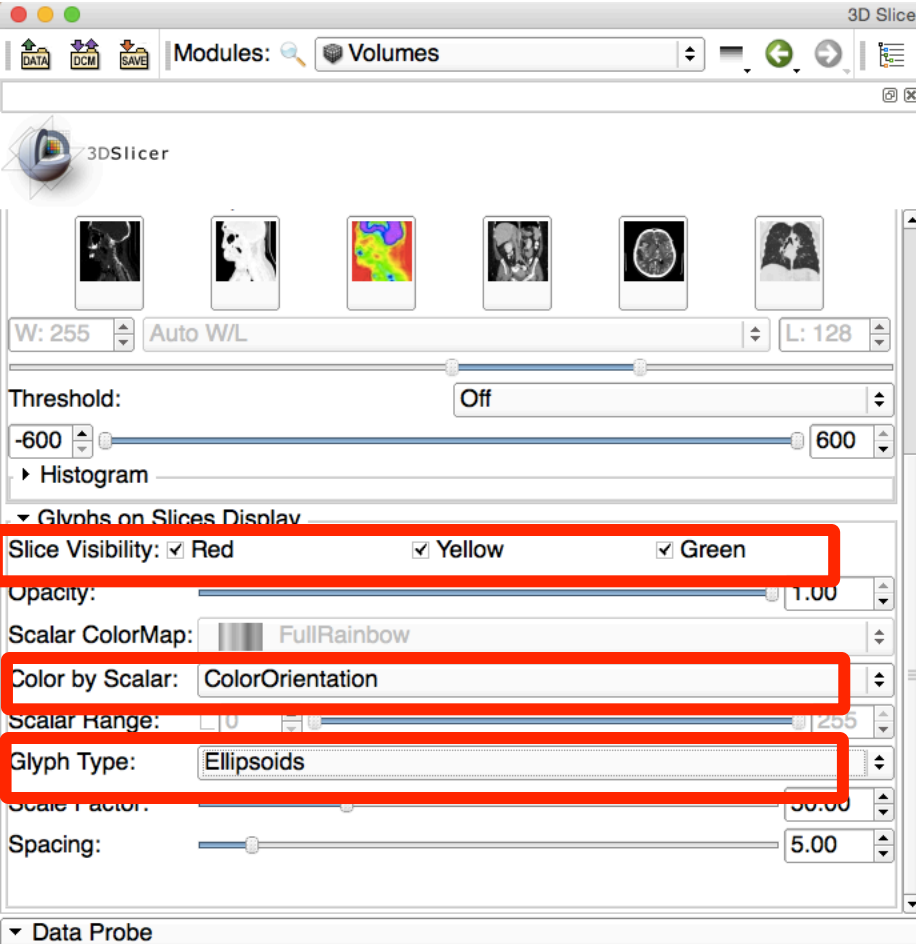
F: fa (100%)
B: dti

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm



3D Visualization: Glyphs

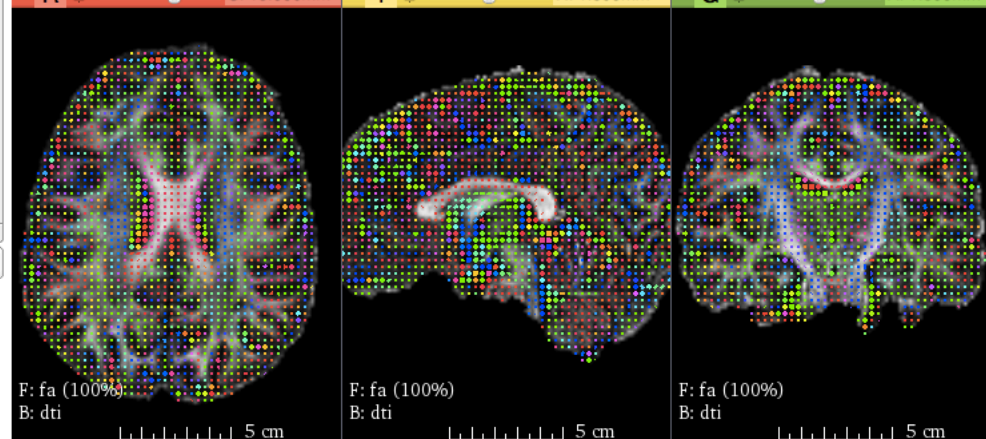


Scroll down the module panel and:

- Check off the option for **Red, Yellow, and Green Slice Visibility**

- Set the **Color by Scalar** parameter to **'ColorOrientation'**

- Set the **Glyph Type** to **'Ellipsoids'**



3D Visualization: Glyphs

The image shows the 3D Slicer 4.4.0-2015-05-21 interface. The main window displays a 3D view of a brain slice with glyphs (small colored dots) overlaid on the slice. A yellow text box in the 3D view states: "The glyphs appear in all 3 slice viewers".

The left sidebar shows the "Volumes" module. The "Glyphs on Slices Display" section is expanded, showing the following settings:

- Threshold: Off
- Slice Visibility: Red, Yellow, Green
- Opacity: 1.00
- Scalar ColorMap: FullRainbow
- Color by Scalar: ColorOrientation
- Scalar Range: 0 to 255
- Glyph Type: Ellipsoids
- Scale Factor: 50.00
- Spacing: 5.00

The bottom of the interface shows three slice viewers (Axial, Sagittal, Coronal) displaying the glyphs on the slices. Each slice viewer has a 5 cm scale bar. The bottom left corner shows the "Diffusion MRI Analysis" module and the "Data Probe" section.

At the bottom of the slide, the text "Sonia Rajaj, Ph.D." and "NA-MIC ARR 2012-2015" is visible.

3D Visualization: Glyphs

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Modules: Volumes

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W: 255 Auto W/L L: 128

Threshold: Off

-600 600

► Histogram

▼ Glyphs on Slices Display

Slice Visibility: Red Yellow Green

Opacity: 1.00

Scalar ColorMap: FullRainbow

Color by Scalar: ColorOrientation

Scalar Range: 0 255

Glyph Type: Ellipsoids

Scale Factor: 50.00

Spacing: 5.00

▼ Data Probe

L
F
B

Diffusion MRI Analysis

Position your mouse over the **pin icon** select the **eye icon** to display the axial, coronal, and sagittal slices in the 3D viewer

R S: 19.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

» Axial dti

F: fa (100%)
B: dti 5 cm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti 5 cm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti 5 cm



3D Visualization: Glyphs

The screenshot displays the 3D Slicer interface. The main 3D view shows a brain model with a grid of glyphs (small colored ellipsoids) overlaid on it. The glyphs are color-coded based on their orientation. The 3D view is labeled with 'A' (Anterior), 'P' (Posterior), 'R' (Right), and 'L' (Left). Below the 3D view, there are three 2D slices: an axial slice (labeled 'R'), a sagittal slice (labeled 'Y'), and a coronal slice (labeled 'G'). Each slice shows the brain model with the glyphs. The control panel on the left includes a 'Glyphs on Slices Display' section with the following settings: Slice Visibility: Red, Yellow, Green (all checked); Opacity: 1.00; Scalar ColorMap: FullRainbow; Color by Scalar: ColorOrientation; Scalar Range: 0 to 255; Glyph Type: Ellipsoids; Scale Factor: 50.00; Spacing: 5.00. A green text box in the top left of the control panel area contains the text: 'Slicer displays the anatomical slices in the 3D viewer'. The bottom of the interface shows a status bar with 'L', 'F', 'B' and a 'Diffusion MRI Analysis' label.

W: 255 Auto W/L L: 128

Threshold: Off

-600 600

► Histogram

▼ Glyphs on Slices Display

Slice Visibility: Red Yellow Green

Opacity: 1.00

Scalar ColorMap: FullRainbow

Color by Scalar: ColorOrientation

Scalar Range: 0 255

Glyph Type: Ellipsoids

Scale Factor: 50.00

Spacing: 5.00

▼ Data Probe

L
F
B

Diffusion MRI Analysis

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A
P
R
L

R S: 19.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: -0.500mm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti 5 cm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti 5 cm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti 5 cm

3D Visualization: Glyphs

Zoom in to observe the glyphs.
The ellipsoids represent the diffusion tensors

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Modules: Volumes

Threshold: Off

0 0

► Histogram

▼ Glyphs on Slices Display

Slice Visibility: Red Yellow Green

Opacity: 1.00

Scalar ColorMap: FullRainbow

Color by Scalar: ColorOrientation

Scalar Range: 0 255

Glyph Type: Ellipsoids

Scale Factor: 50.00

Spacing: 5.00

▼ Data Probe

L
F
B

R S: 10.500mm Y R: -31.500mm G A: 13.500mm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

5 cm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

5 cm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

5 cm

Diffusion MRI tractography

The screenshot displays the 3D Slicer software interface. On the left, the 'Volumes' module is active, showing a list of volumes and a histogram. The 'Slice Visibility' section is highlighted with a red box, showing three checkboxes: 'Red', 'Yellow', and 'Green'. The 'Red' checkbox is currently checked, while 'Yellow' and 'Green' are unchecked. Below this, there are sliders for 'Opacity', 'Scalar ColorMap' (set to 'FullRainbow'), 'Color by Scalar' (set to 'ColorOrientation'), 'Scalar Range' (0 to 255), 'Glyph Type' (set to 'Ellipsoids'), 'Scale Factor' (50.00), and 'Spacing' (5.00). On the right, a multi-planar view of brain slices is shown. A yellow callout box with black text points to the 'Red' checkbox and the 'eye' icon in the slice visibility bar. The callout text reads: 'Deselect the option for Red, Yellow, and Green Slice Visibility, and deselect the eye icon'. The slice visibility bar shows 'R' (Red), 'S: 19.000mm', 'Y' (Yellow), 'R: 1.500mm', 'G' (Green), and 'A: -0.500mm'. The 'R' checkbox is checked, and the 'eye' icon is active. Below the slice visibility bar, three brain slices are displayed: 'Axial', 'Sagittal', and 'Coronal'. Each slice shows a grayscale image of the brain with a 5 cm scale bar. The bottom of the interface shows the 'Data Probe' section with 'F: fa (100%)' and 'B: dti' for each slice.

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Modules: Volumes

3DSlicer

W: 255 Auto W/L L: 128

Threshold: Off

-600 600

► Histogram

► Glyphs on Slices Display

Slice Visibility: Red Yellow Green

Opacity: 1.00

Scalar ColorMap: FullRainbow

Color by Scalar: ColorOrientation

Scalar Range: 0 255

Glyph Type: Ellipsoids

Scale Factor: 50.00

Spacing: 5.00

▼ Data Probe

L
F
B

R S: 19.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: -0.500mm

► R S: 19.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: -0.500mm

► R S: 19.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: -0.500mm

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

F: fa (100%)
B: dti

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm



Diffusion MRI tractography

The image shows the 3D Slicer software interface. On the left is the 'Volumes' panel with various settings for the selected volume. On the right is a 3x3 grid of brain slices. A yellow text box is overlaid on the right side, and a red box highlights a portion of the slice grid.

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Modules: Volumes

3DSlicer

W: 255 Auto W/L L: 128

Threshold: Off

-600 600

► Histogram

▼ Glyphs on Slices Display

Slice Visibility: Red Yellow Green

Opacity: 1.00

Scalar ColorMap: FullRainbow

Color by Scalar: ColorOrientation

Scalar Range: 0 255

Glyph Type: Ellipsoids

Scale Factor: 50.00

Spacing: 5.00

▼ Data Probe

Position your mouse over the pin icon and change the Foreground to 'None' and the background to 'fa'

1

S: 19.000mm R: 1.500mm G A: -0.500mm

1.00 None

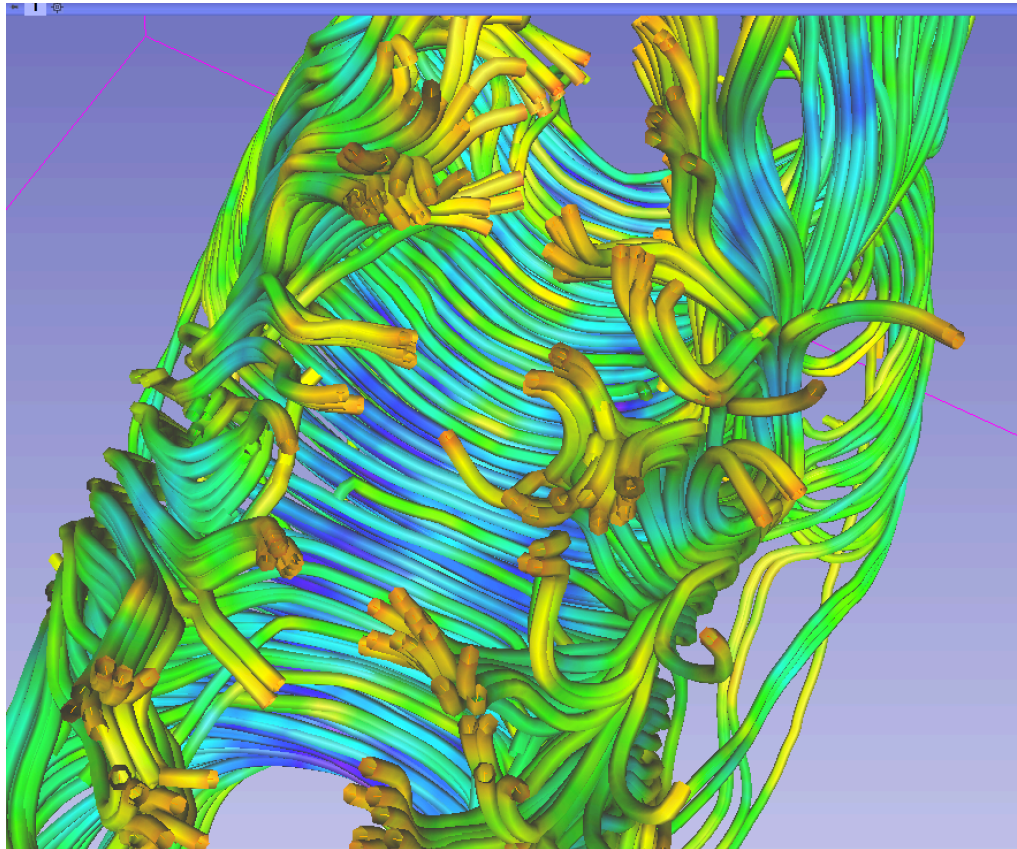
1.00 None

1.00 fa

L
F
B

B: fa 5 cm B: fa 5 cm B: fa 5 cm





Part 3: From tensors to tracts

DTI tractography

- Definition of a region of interest (ROI) for seeding tract in an FA map (Editor module)
- Single-tensor tractography (Tractography Interactive Seeding module)
- Fiducial-seeding tractography (Tractography Interactive Seeding module)

Diffusion MRI tractography

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W: 255 Auto W/L

Threshold: -600

► Histogram

▼ Glyphs on Slices Display

Slice Visibility: Red

Opacity: [Slider]

Scalar ColorMap: [Slider] Full

Color by Scalar: ColorOriented

Scalar Range: [Slider] 0

Glyph Type: Ellipsoids

Scale Factor: [Slider]

Spacing: [Slider]

▼ Data Probe

L
F
B

Select the module **Editor**

R S: 19.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: -0.500mm

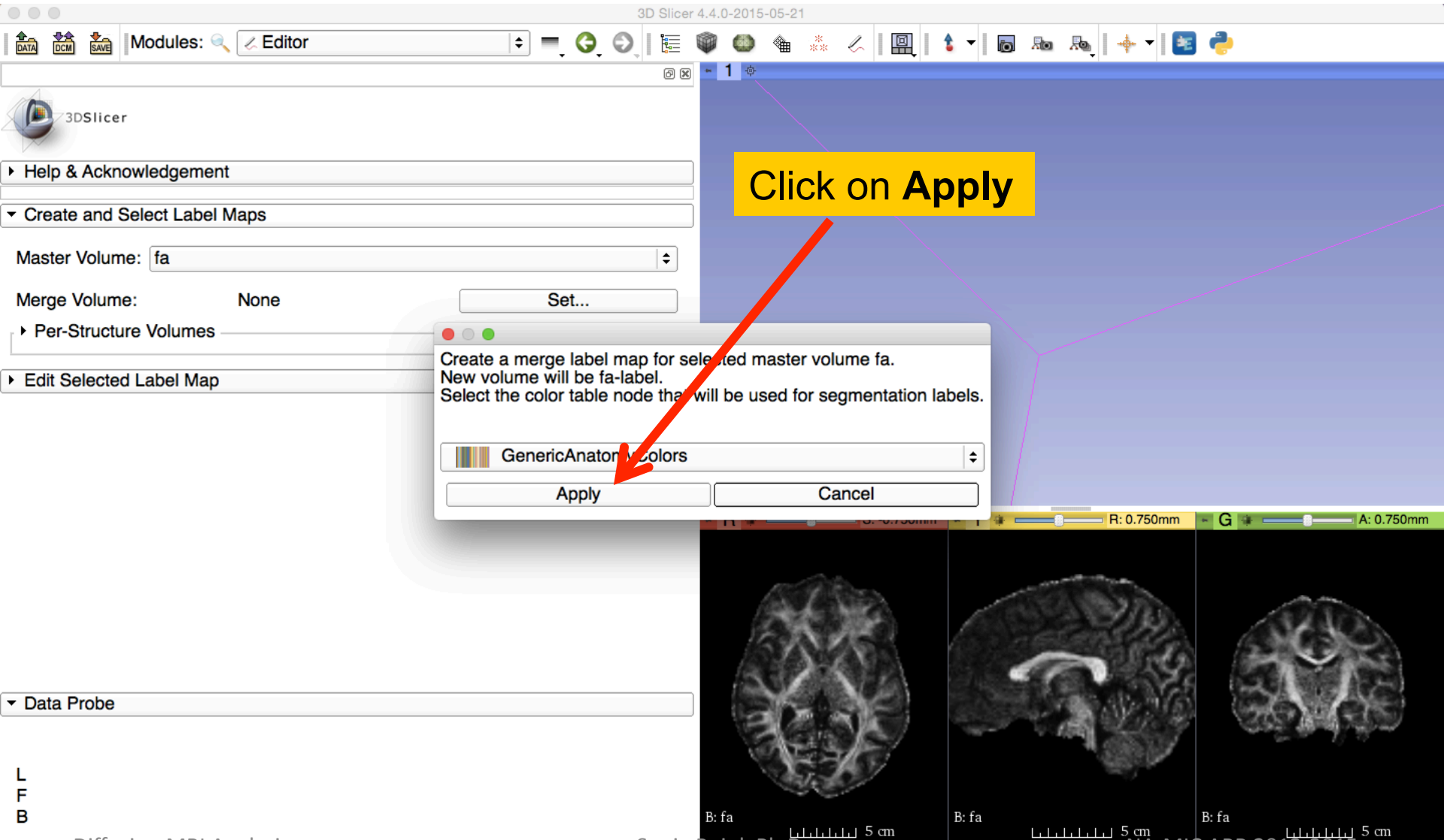
B: fa 5 cm B: fa 5 cm B: fa 5 cm

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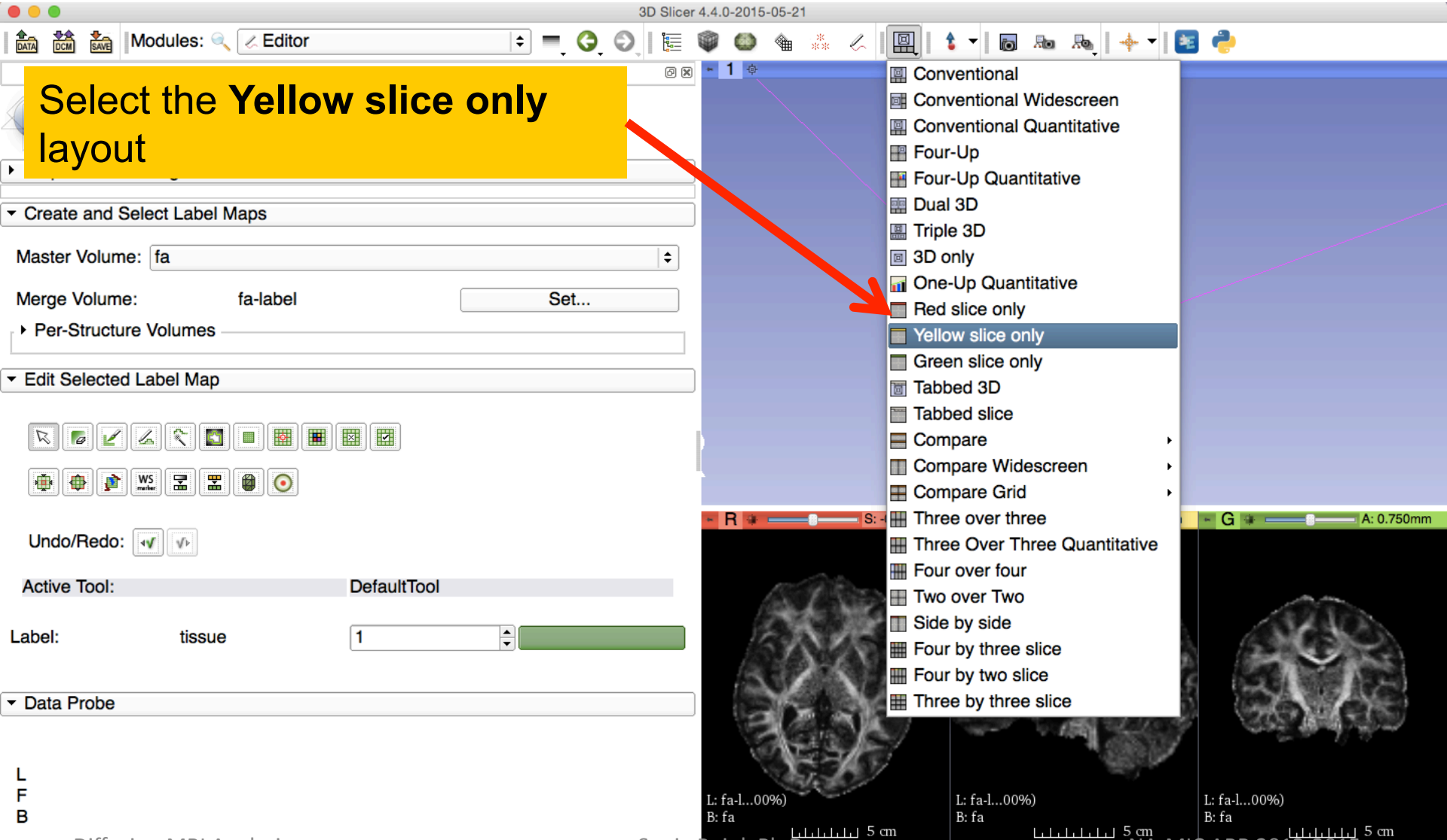
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Diffusion MRI tractography



Diffusion MRI tractography



Diffusion MRI tractography

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Create a

Master Volume: dwi_mask

Merge Volume: Set...

Per-Structure Volumes

Edit Selected Label Map

DrawEffect

Undo/Redo:

Active Tool: ErodeEffect

Label: jake 1

Eight Neighbors

Data Probe

L
F
B

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B: fa

5 cm

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R: 0.750mm

Select the DrawEffect tool

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Modules: Editor

3DSlicer

Help &
Create
Master V
Merge V
Per-St
Edit Se

Outline the contour of the Corpus Callosum with the **DrawEffect tool** and press enter. Repeat this step with 3 adjacent sagittal slices

Active Tool: DrawEffect

Label: tissue 1

Paint Over
Data Probe

Yellow RAS: (1.5, 79.4, 12.2) Sagittal Sp: 1.5
L fa-label (63, 11, 55) background (0)
F None
B fa (63, 11, 55) 0.150501

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L: fa-label (100%)
B: fa

R: 1.500mm

5 cm

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Diffusion MRI tractography

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Modules: Editor

3DSlicer

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Create and Select Label Maps

Master Volume: fa

Merge

Pe

Edit

Undo/Redo: [Undo] [Redo]

Active Tool: DrawEffect

Label: tissue 1

Paint Over

Data Probe

L
F
B

In the next section, we will seed tracts from this anatomical region of interest.

L: fa-label (100%)
B: fa

5 cm

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Diffusion MRI tractography

The image shows the 3D Slicer software interface. The 'Modules' panel on the left is open to the 'Diffusion' category, with 'Tractography Interactive Seeding' highlighted. A yellow callout box with a red arrow points to this option. The main view shows a brain slice with a green tractography seed. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'L: fa-label (100%)' and 'B: fa'. A scale bar of 5 cm is visible in the bottom right.

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Select the module
**Tractography
Interactive Seeding**

Active Tool:

Label: tissue

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5 cm

R: 1.500mm

Labelmap Seeding: Step1: I/O

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Modules: Tractography Interactive Seeding

Change to Conventional view

Input DTI Volume: dti

Input Fiducials, Model or Label Map: fa-label

Output Fiber Bundle: corpusCallosum

Enable Seeding Tracts:

- Set the Input DTI Volume to 'dti'
- Set the Input Label Map to 'fa-label'
- Set Output Fiber Bundle to 'Create and Rename New Fiber Bundle' and rename it 'corpusCallosum'
- Uncheck Enable Seeding Tracts

Conventional

Conventional Widescreen

Conventional Quantitative

Four-Up

Four-Up Quantitative

Dual 3D

Triple 3D

3D only

One-Up Quantitative

Red slice only

Yellow slice only

Green slice only

Tabbed 3D

Tabbed slice

Compare

Compare Widescreen

Compare Grid

Three over three

Three Over Three Quantitative

Four over four

Two over Two

Side by side

Four by three slice

Four by two slice

Three by three slice

R: 1.500mm

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5 cm

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Step 2: Seeding parameters

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Modules: Tractography Interactive Seeding

Enable Seeding Tracts

Label Map Options

Use index Space

Seed Spacing 2.00

Random Grid

Linear Measure Start Threshold 0.30

ROI Labels 1

Write Fibers To Disk

Output Directory /Applications

File Prefix

Tractography Seeding Parameters

Minimum Path Length 20.000mm

Maximum Path Length 500.000mm

Stopping Criteria Fractional Anisotropy

Stopping Value 0.15

Stopping Track Curvature 0.70

Integration Step Length 0.500mm

Enabling Options

Data Probe

R S: 0.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-l...00%)
B: fa

L: fa-l...00%)
B: fa

L: fa-l...00%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm

Select **Use index Space**
Set **Stopping Criteria** to
FractionalAnisotropy
Set **Stopping Value** to 0.15



Step 3: Generate Tracts

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Modules: Tractography Interactive Seeding

Parameters: FiducialSeedingParameters

Presets: Slicer4 Interactive Seeding Defaults

Input DTI Volume: dti

Input Fiducials, Model or Label Map: fa-label

Output Fiber Bundle: corpusCallosum

Enable Seeding Tracts

Use index Space

Seed Spacing: 2.00

Random Grid

Linear Measure Start Threshold: 0.30

File Prefix:

Data Probe:

L
F
B

The tracts generated in the corpus callosum area appear in the 3D viewer.

L: fa-l...00%)
B: fa

L: fa-l...00%)
B: fa

L: fa-l...00%)
B: fa

5 cm

5 cm

5 cm



Step 4: Tract editing

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Enable Seeding Tracts

Label Map Options

- Use index Space
- Seed Spacing
- Random Grid
- Linear Measure Start Threshold
- ROI Labels
- Write Fibers To Disk
- Output Directory
- File Prefix

Tractography Seeding Parameters

- Minimum Path Length: 0.000mm
- Maximum Path Length: 100.000mm
- Stopping Criteria: Fractional Anisotropy
- Stopping Value: 0.15
- Stopping Track Curvature: 0.000mm
- Integration Step Length: 0.000mm

Enabling Options

Data Probe

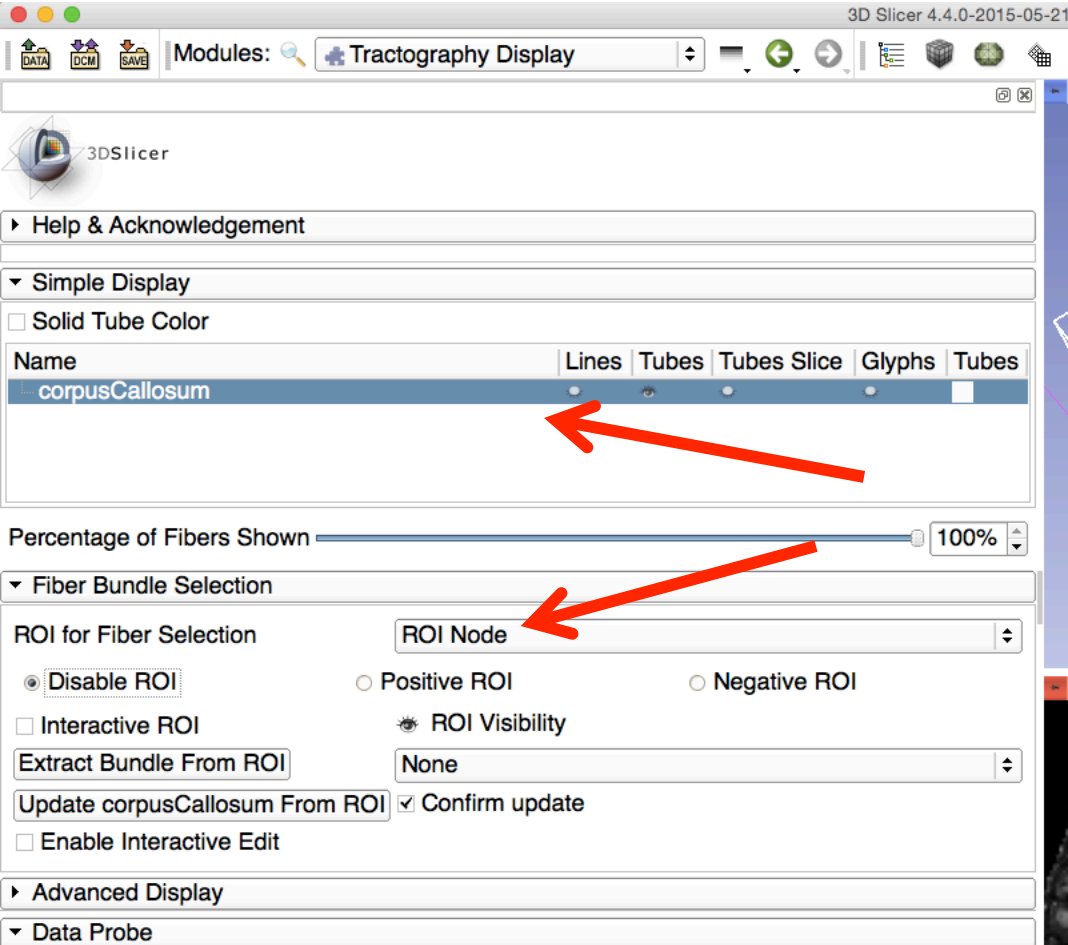
L
F
B

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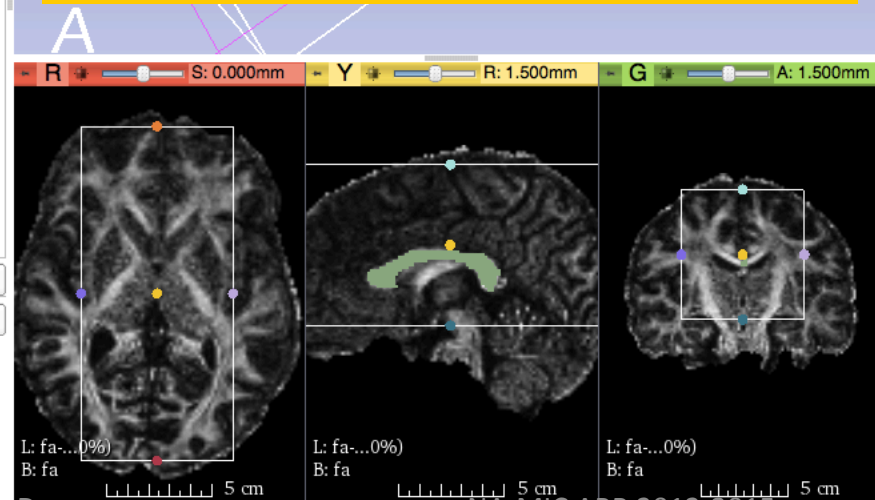
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Select the fiber
corpusCallosum

In the Fiber Bundle Selection
tab, select **ROI for Fiber
Selection** to **'Create New'**



Slicer creates the ROI ROI Node



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Simple Display

Solid Tube Color

Name

corpusCallosum

Percentage of Fibers Shown 100%

Fiber Bundle Selection

ROI for Fiber Selection ROI Node

Disable ROI Positive ROI Negative ROI

Interactive ROI ROI Visibility

Extract Bundle From ROI None

Update corpusCallosum From ROI Confirm update

Enable Interactive Edit

Advanced Display

Data Probe

L
F
B

Adjust the ROI frame to include the tracts to be removed

R
P
A
I

R S: 0.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm



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Name	Lines	Tubes	Tubes Slice	Glyphs	Tubes
corpusCallosum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Percentage of Fibers Shown: 100%

Fiber Bundle Selection

ROI for Fiber Selection: ROI Node

Disable ROI Positive ROI Negative ROI

Interactive ROI ROI Visibility

Extract Bundle From ROI: None

Update corpusCallosum From ROI: Confirm update

Enable Interactive Edit

Advanced Display

Data Probe

L
F
B

R S: 0.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm



Step 4: Tract Editing

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Uncheck ROI Visibility

Solid Tube Color

Name	Lines	Tubes	Tubes Slice	Glyphs	Tubes
corpusCallosum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Percentage of Fibers Shown: 100%

Fiber Bundle Selection

ROI for Fiber Selection: ROI Node

Disable ROI Positive ROI Negative ROI

Interactive ROI ROI Visibility

Extract Bundle From ROI: None

Update corpusCallosum From ROI: Confirm update

Enable Interactive Edit

Advanced Display

Data Probe

L
F
B

R S: 0.000mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm



Tractography Interactive Seeding

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Simple Display

Solid Tube Color

Name: corpusCallosum

Percentage of Fibers Shown: 100%

Fiber Bundle Selection

ROI for Fiber Selection

- Disable ROI
- Interactive ROI
- Extract Bundle From ROI
- Update corpusCallosum From
- Enable Interactive Edit

Advanced Display

Data Probe

L F B

Select the module **Tractography Interactive Seeding**

Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements

Resample DTI Volume

Tractography Interactive Seeding

Tractography Label Map Seeding

S: 0.000mm R: 1.500mm G: A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%) B: fa

L: fa-...0%) B: fa

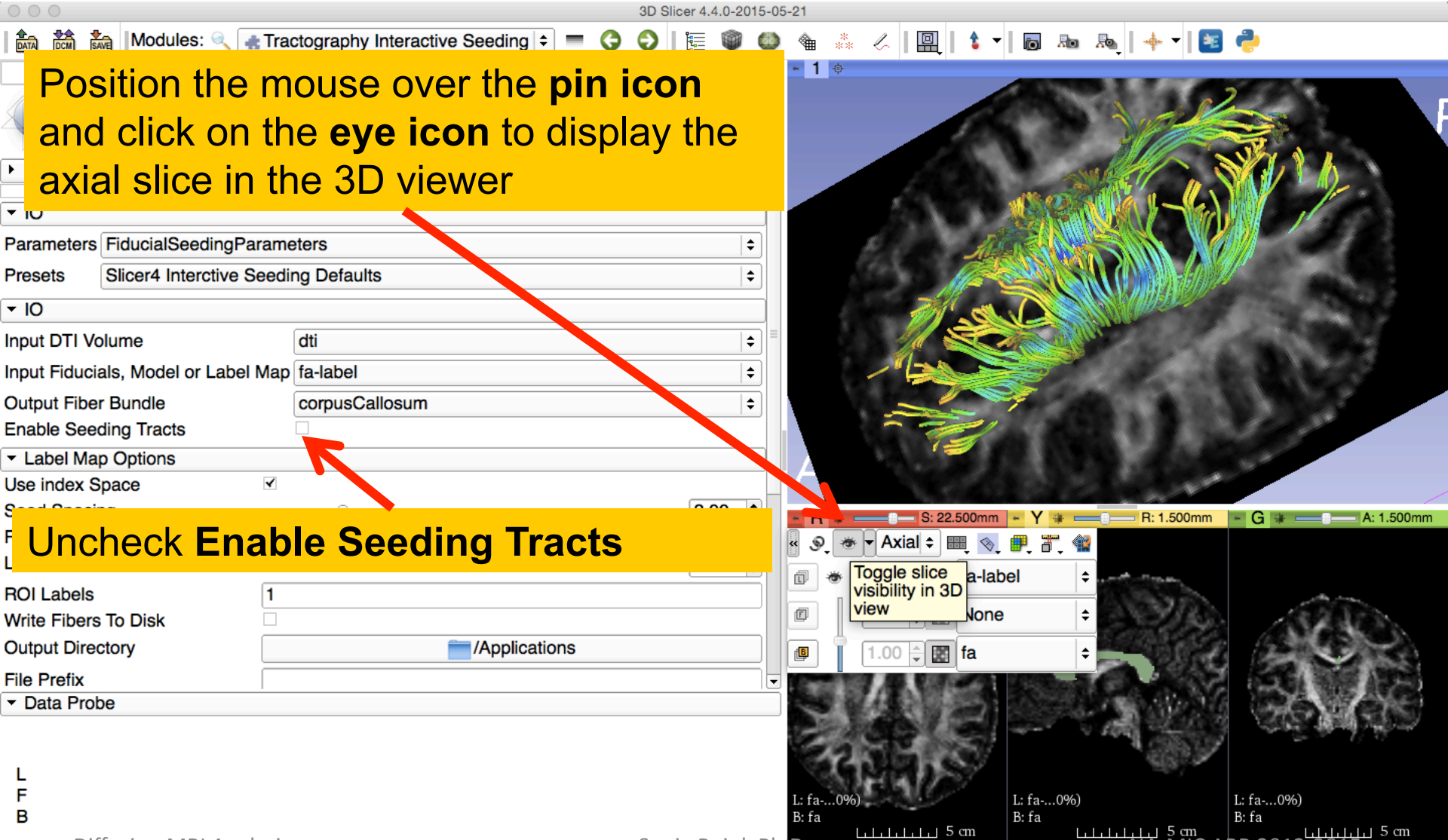
L: fa-...0%) B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm

Tractography Results

Position the mouse over the **pin icon** and click on the **eye icon** to display the axial slice in the 3D viewer

Uncheck **Enable Seeding Tracts**



Fiducial Seeding

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Parameters: FiducialSeeding

Presets: Slicer4 Interactive

Input DTI Volume

Input Fiducials, Model or Lab

Output Fiber Bundle

Enable Seeding Tracts

Label Map Options

Use index Space

Seed Spacing

Random Grid

Linear Measure Start Thresh

ROI Labels

Write Fibers To Disk

Output Directory

File Prefix

Data Probe

2.00

0.30

ns

R A P

S: 0.000mm R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

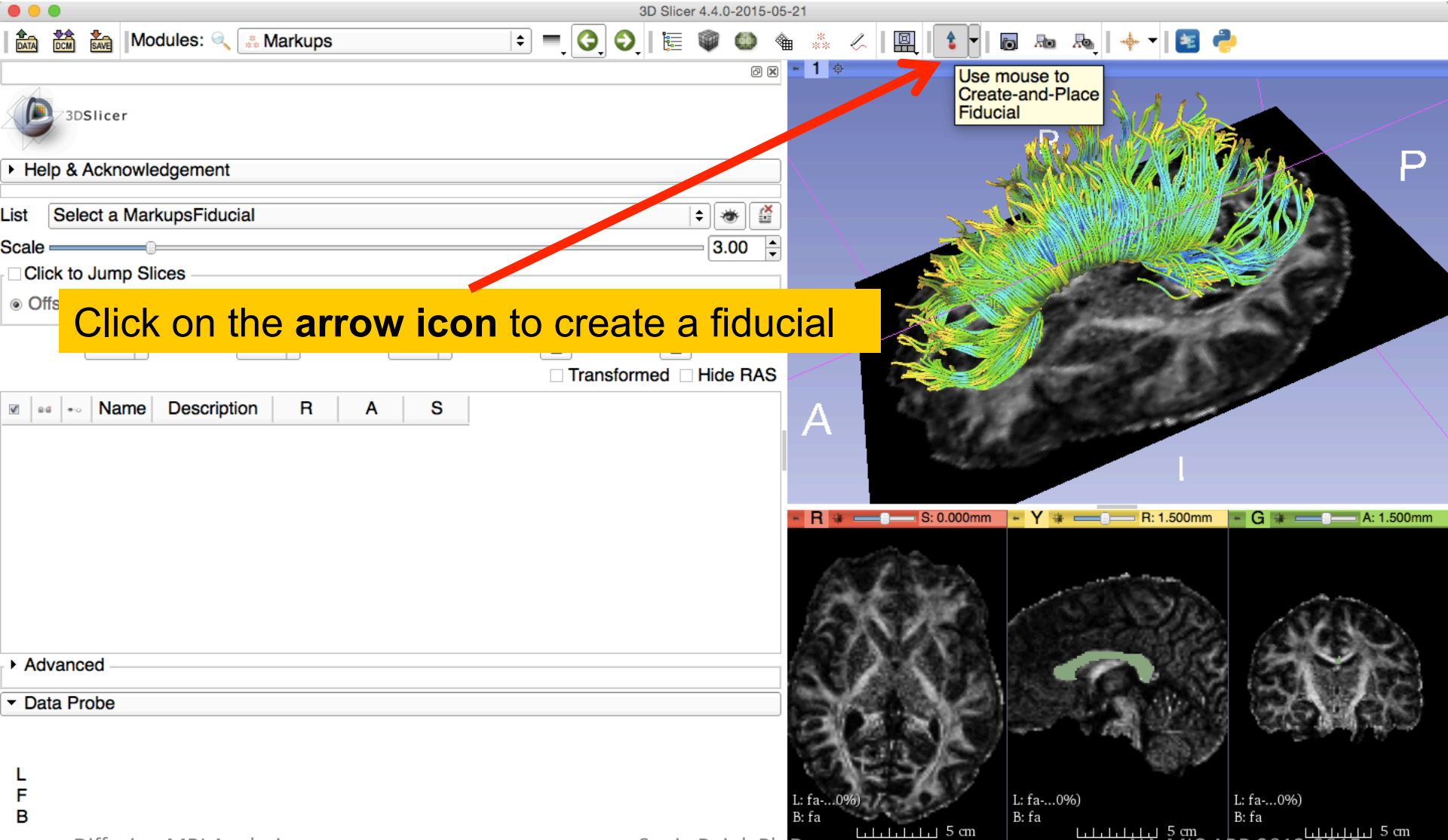
5 cm

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List F

Sc

Position the fiducial in the left cingulum of the coronal slice

Transformed Hide RAS

	Name	Description	R	A	S
1	F-1		-3.137	1.500	23.736

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Data Probe

L
F
B

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5 cm

5 cm

5 cm

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Sc

Double click on the fiducial and change the name to **LeftCingulum**

Transformed Hide RAS

	Name	Description	R	A	S
1	LeftCingulum		-3.137	1.500	23.736

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Data Probe

L
F
B

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R: 1.500mm Y: 22.500mm G: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm

Fiducial Seeding

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Modules: **Tractography Interactive Seeding**

Parameters: FiducialSeedingParameters

Presets: Slicer4 Interactive Seeding Defaults

IO

Input DTI Volume: dti

Input Fiducials, Model or Label Map: F

Output Fiber Bundle: Cingulum

Enable Seeding Tracks:

Seed Placement Options

Fiducial Region Size: 2.50mm

Fiducial Seeding Step Size: 1.00mm

Seed Selected Fiducials:

Max Number of Seeds: 100

Data Probe

L
F
B

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5 cm

5 cm

5 cm

leftcingulum

B: fa

B: fa

B: fa

Select the module **Tractography Interactive Seeding**

Set the Input DTI volume to 'dti'

Set the Input **Fiducials, Model or Label Map** to 'F'

Select the Output Fiber Bundle 'Create New Fiber Bundle' and rename it '**Cingulum**'

Check **Enable Seeding Tracks**

Fiducial Seeding

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IO

Part of the left cingulum appears in the 3D viewer.

Move the Left Cingulum fiducial to explore the spatial relationship between the left cingulum and the corpus callosum

2.50mm

1.00mm

R S: 3.500mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%) B: fa

L: fa-...0%) B: fa

L: fa-...0%) B: fa

5 cm

5 cm

5 cm

L
F
B

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Go to the Markups module

Cingulum

R S: 3.500mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm

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List F

Scale 3.00

Click to Jump Slices

Offset Centered Show Slice I

	Name	Description	R	A	S
1	LeftCingulum		-4.691	1.500	24.513
2	RightCingulum		10.855	1.500	26.068

Transform

Position a second fiducial in the right cingulum of the coronal slice

Double click on the name and change it to **RightCingulum**

R: 1.500mm Y: 3.500mm G: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%) B: fa 5 cm

L: fa-...0%) B: fa 5 cm

L: fa-...0%) B: fa 5 cm

R: RightCingulum



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List F

Scale

Click to Jump Slices

Offset Centered

	Name	Description
1	LeftCingulum	
2	RightCingulum	

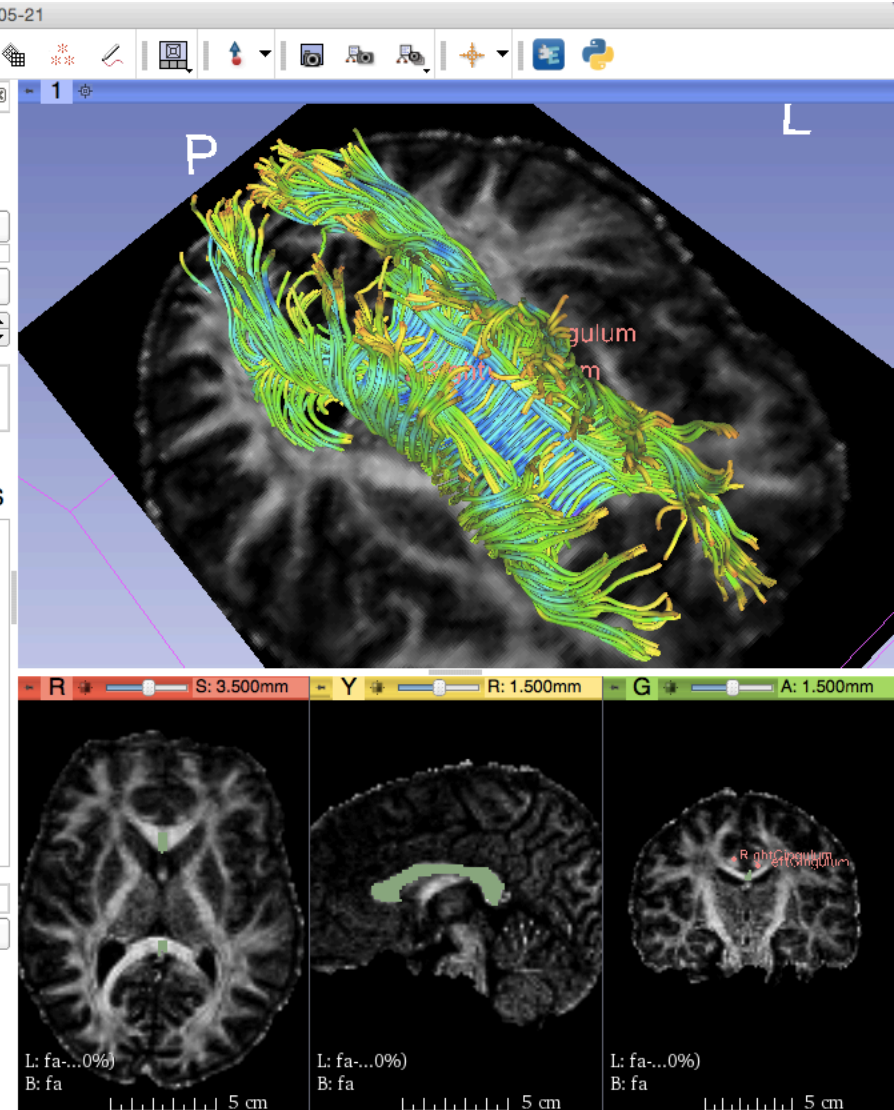
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Data Probe

L
F
B

Part of the left and right cingulum appear in the 3D viewer.

Move the fiducials to explore the spatial relationship between the left and right cingulum, and the corpus callosum



Fiducial Seeding

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Modules: **Markups**

Click on the arrow icon to create a new fiducial, and position it in the 3D viewer

Offset Centered Show Slice Intersections Transformed Hide RAS

	Name	Description	R	A	S
1	LeftCingulum		-4.691	1.500	24.513
2	RightCingulum		9.301	1.500	27.622
3	F-3		36.616	-6.073	-5.171

Advanced

Data Probe

L
F
B

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm

Fiducial Seeding

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Modules: **Markups**

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List **F**

Scale **3.00**

Click to Jump Slices

Offset Centered Show Slice Intersections

Transformed Hide RAS

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description	R	A	S
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LeftCingulum		-4.691	1.500	24.513
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RightCingulum		9.301	1.500	27.622
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F-3				-6.937

Move the fiducial F-3 in the 3D viewer to explore the dti dataset

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Data Probe

L
F
B

R S: -16.500mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm

Tractography 'on-the-fly'

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Modules: **Markups**

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List: **F**

Scale: **3.00**

Click to Jump Slices

Offset Centered Show Slice Intersections

Transformed Hide RAS

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description	R	A	S
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LeftCingulum		-4.691	1.500	24.513
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RightCingulum		9.301	1.500	27.622
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F-3		37.546	-3.799	-6.937

Advanced

Data Probe

L
F
B

P L

F-3

R S: -16.500mm Y R: 1.500mm G A: 1.500mm

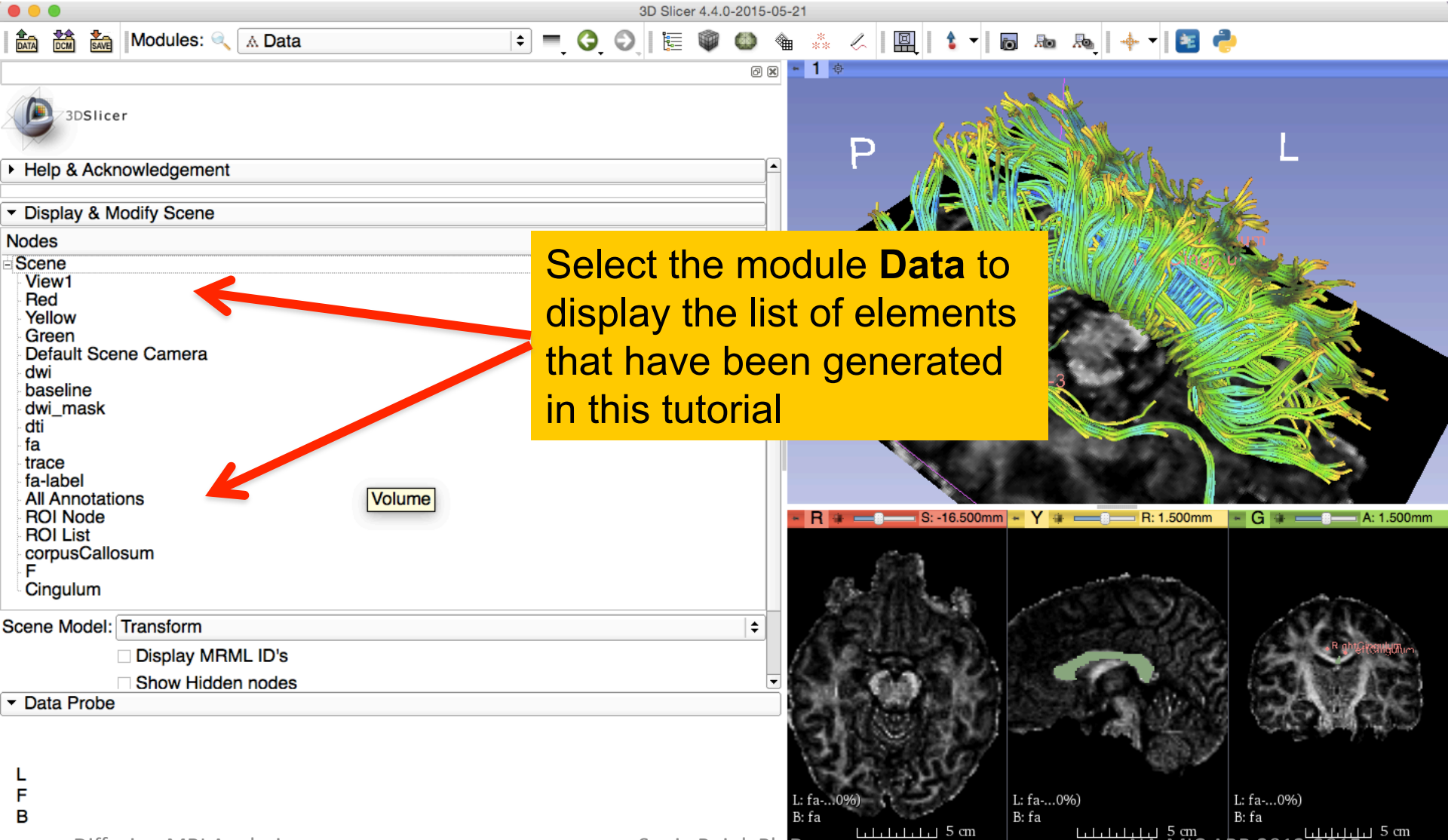
L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

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B: fa

L: fa-...0%)
B: fa

5 cm 5 cm 5 cm

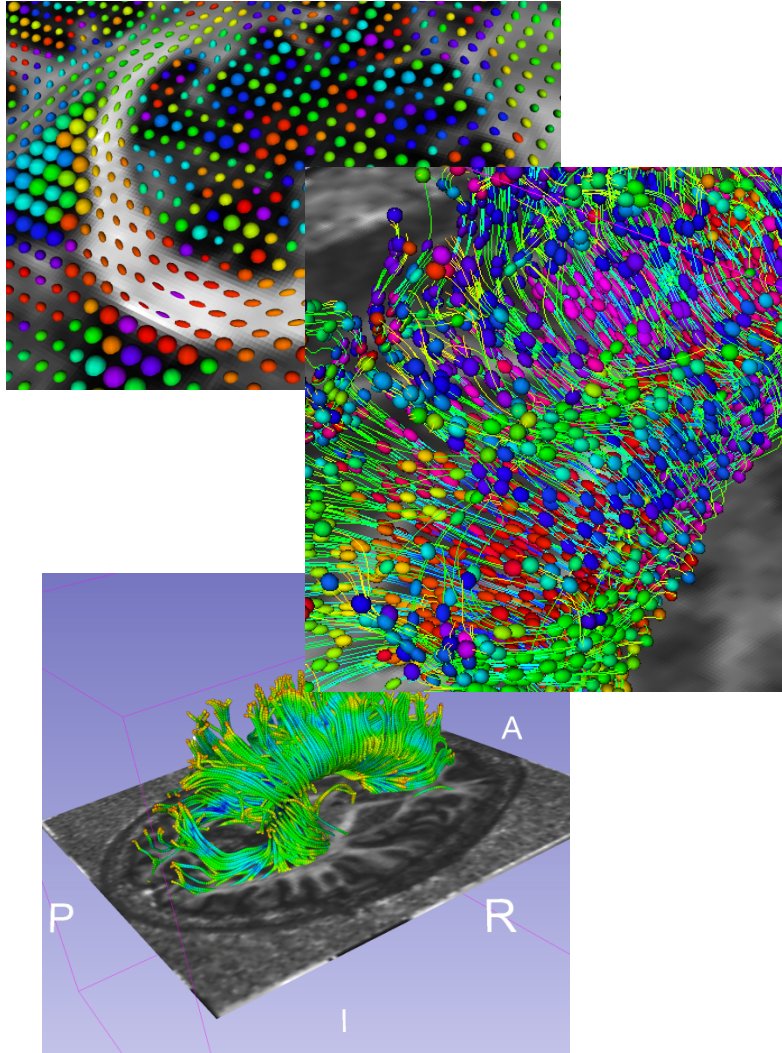
DTI Analysis



Select the module **Data** to display the list of elements that have been generated in this tutorial



Conclusion



This tutorial guided you through the different steps of a Diffusion MR analysis pipeline, from tensor estimation to 3D tracts visualization, for exploring and studying the 3D architecture of the brain white matter.

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