

Diffusion Tensor Analysis in Slicer3

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Material

• 3D Slicer3 (Release 3.2)

http://www.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Main_Page

- DTI Sample Data Set
 - Dwi-dicom.zip 256x256x36, 14 gradient directions
 - Case 1 (01053): 144x144x83, 58 gradient directions

- Surgery_format_case.zip 256x235x70, 59 gradient directions



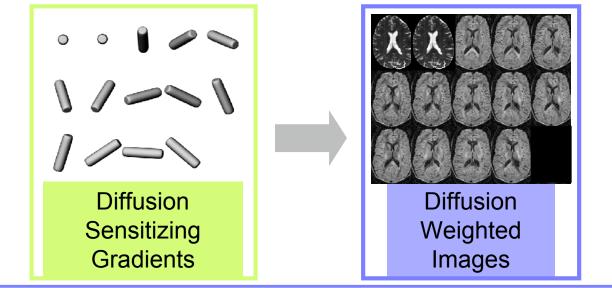
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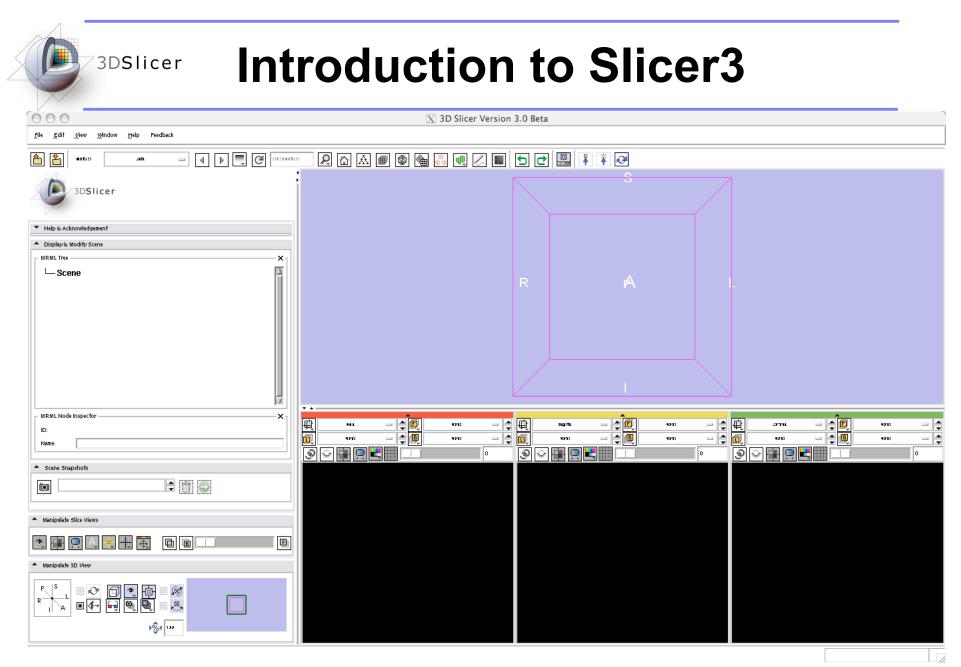
- Introduction to DWI and DTI
- Introduction to Slicer3
- DTI-related functionalities
- Loading DWI and tensor data
- Estimating tensors from DWI
- Visualizing tensors
- DTI tensor resampling
- Tractography

JDSlicer Introduction to DWI and DTI

- DWI (Diffusion Weighted Imaging) is a MRI modality that produces images describing the diffusion of water mollecules in tissues.
- The observed diffusion can vary with the orientation of the pulse gradient that is applied. This is due to anisotropy in water diffusion in tissues.
- Using different directions, different DWI images can be obtained.
 Each one describes diffusion in one direction.



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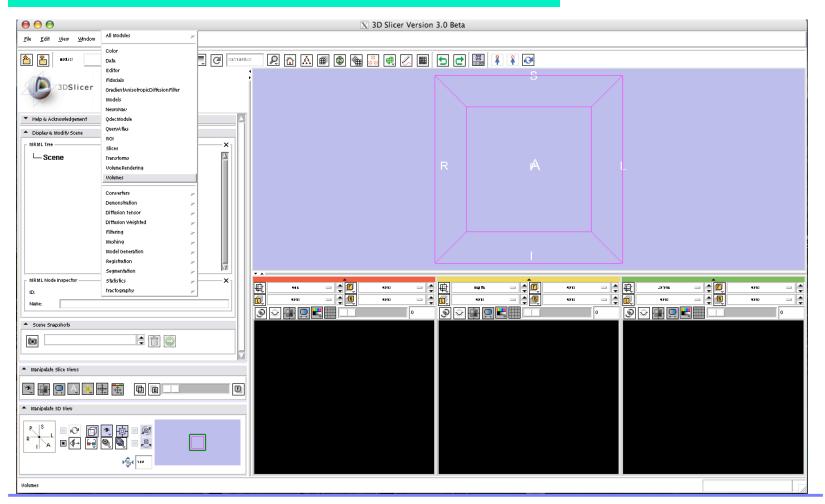
DTI-related functionalities

- Using Slicer3, you can:
 - Load DWI and tensor data. Load fiber tracts, and DTI-scenes
 - Estimate tensors from DWI data
 - Visualize tensors using scalar, color coding and glyphs (2D glyphs are new in Slicer3)
 - Resample DTI tensors
 - Perform tractography, using fiducials, label maps or stochastic tractography (new in Slicer3)

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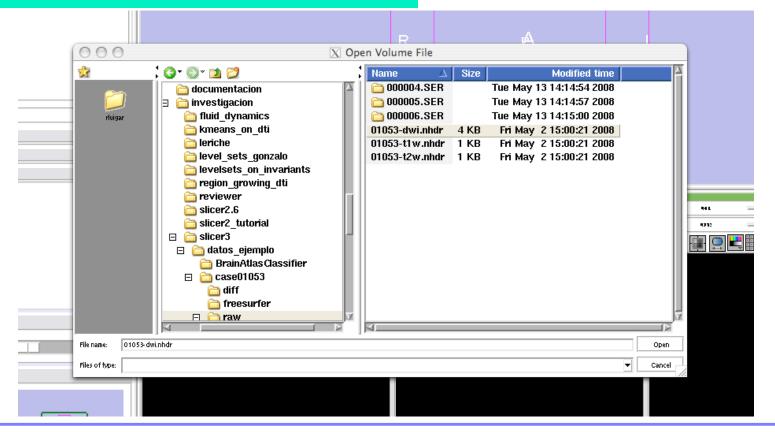


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JDSlicer Loading Dataset 1 (DWI data)

A dialog window will appear for you to select the header file when you click "Select Volume File"

2- Select the file "01053-dwi.nhdr"



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3DSlicer Loading Dataset 1 (DWI data)

The volume name will appear in the Load tag

2- Select "Image Origin"--> "From File" and click "Apply"

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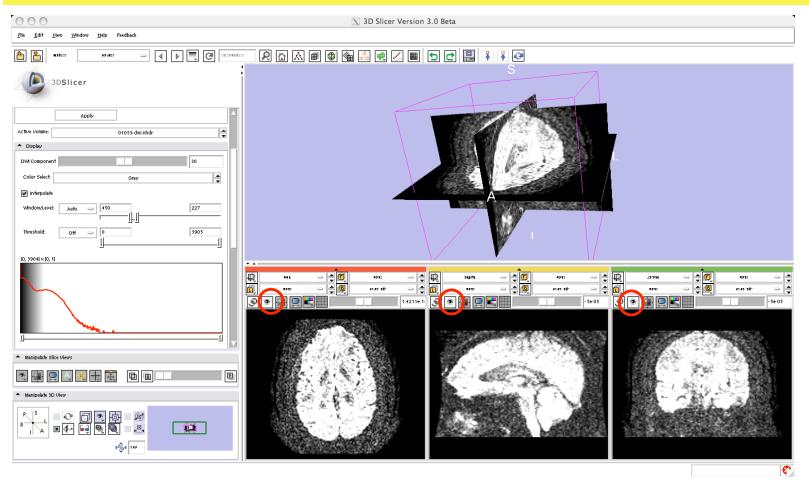
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Also, when a DWI volume is loaded, the "DWI Gradient Editor" tag becomes active. This can be used for converting DWI to tensors.

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JDSlicer Loading Dataset 1 (DWI data)

By activating the visibility button for each slice you can visualize slices in the main view.



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JDSlicer Converting from DWI to tensors

If a DWI volume is active, the "DWI Gradient Editor" tag is also active in the left panel.

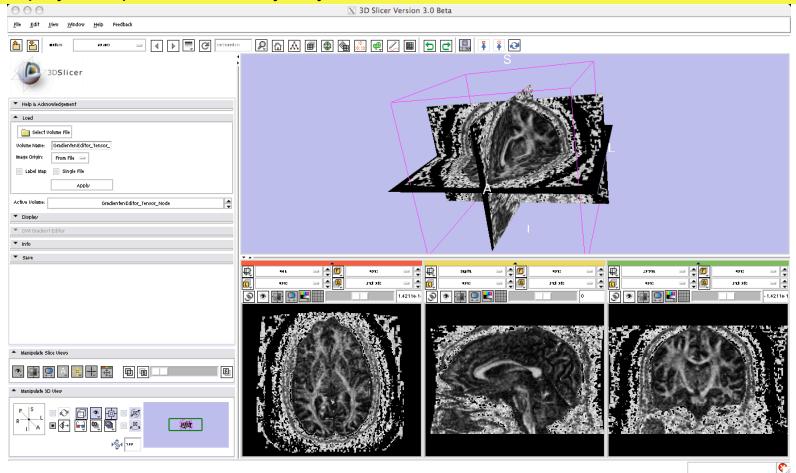
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To estimate the tensors, first unfold the TEST (Tensor Estimation & Tractography Fiducial Seeding) and then click "Run" to Estimate New Tensor

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Once the estimation is performed, the tensor volume becomes active, and it can be displayed or processed in any way.

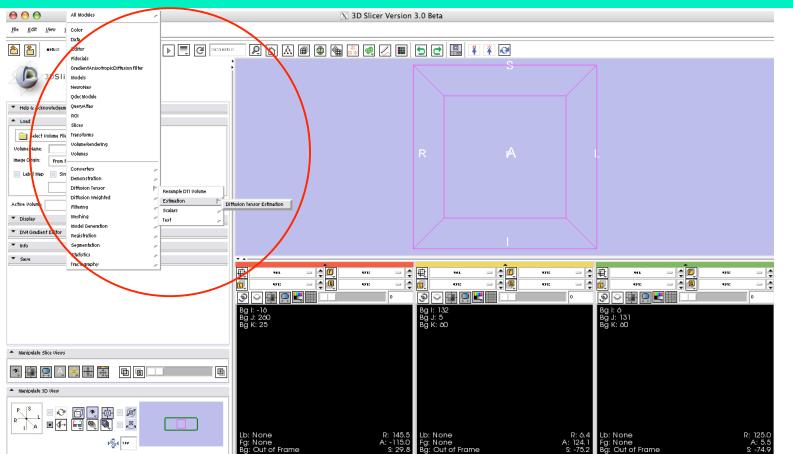


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Tensor estimation can also be performed from the DT-MRI module (you need to have an active DWI volume)

1- Select DIFFUSION TENSOR --> ESTIMATION --> DIFFUSION TENSOR ESTIMATION



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JDSlicer Converting from DWI to tensors

2- Unfold the Diffusion Tensor Estimation tag, and select names for the output volumes that will be created

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3DSlicer Converting from DWI to tensors

Once the tensor estimation has been performed, three volumes will become active:

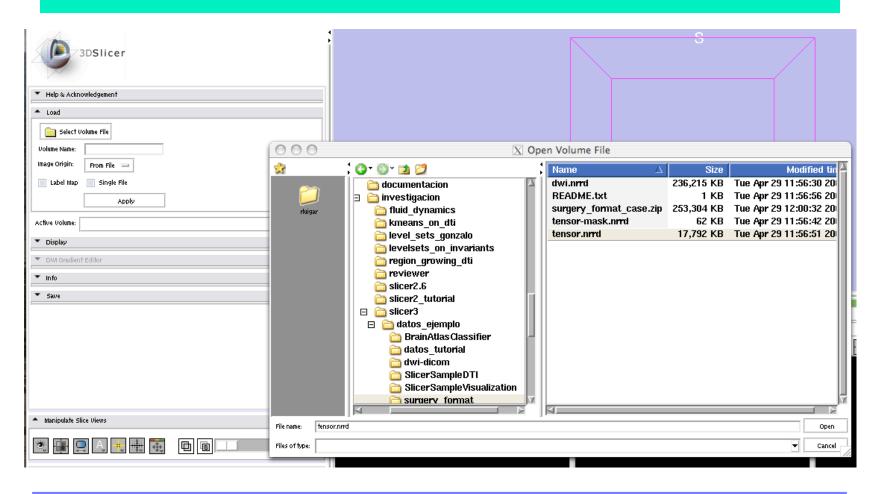
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Visualizing tensors

1- Load the tensor volume "tensor.nrrd" using the "Volumes" module



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Visualizing tensors

Once the tensor volume has been loaded, the "Display" tag will become active, offering different visualization options:

- Scalar measures (norm, trace, fractional anisotropy...)
- Color measures (orientation of the main eigenvector...)
- Glyphs

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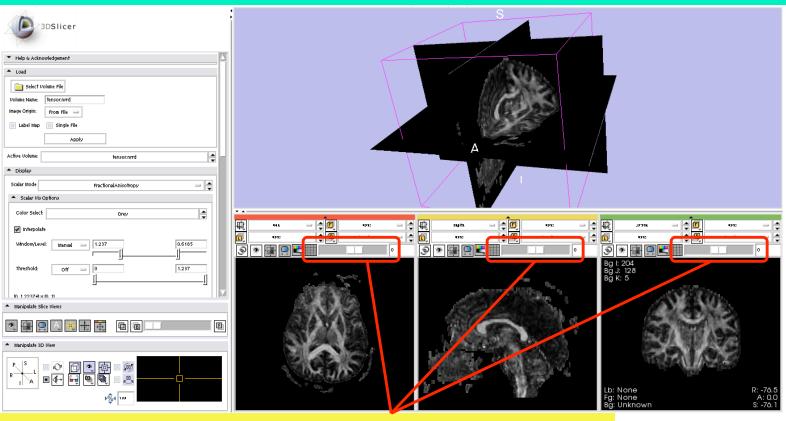
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3- Select "Scalar Mode"--> Fractional Anisotropy



You can navigate through the different slices using the slide bars

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Visualizing tensors

4- Using the same procedure, you can choose many other scalar measures to visualize

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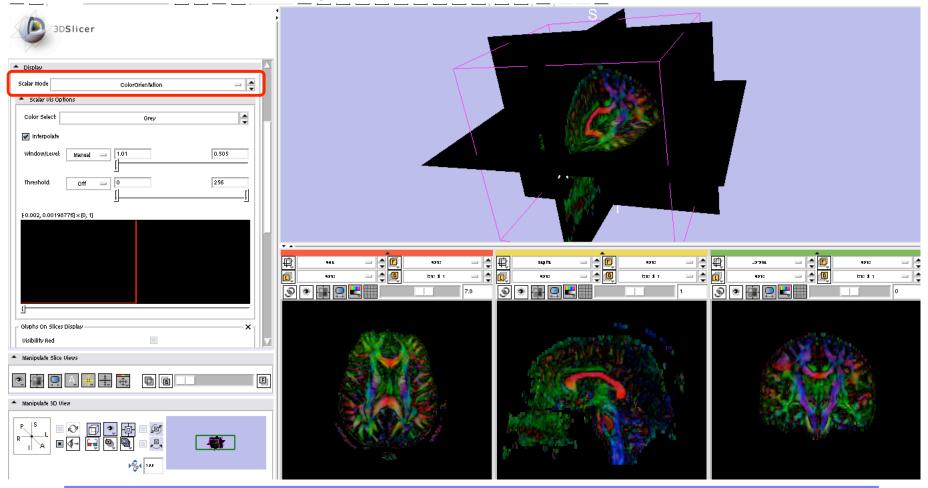
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Visualizing tensors

5- Select "Color Orientation": This is a color measure that color-codes the orientation of the main eigenvector of the tensor



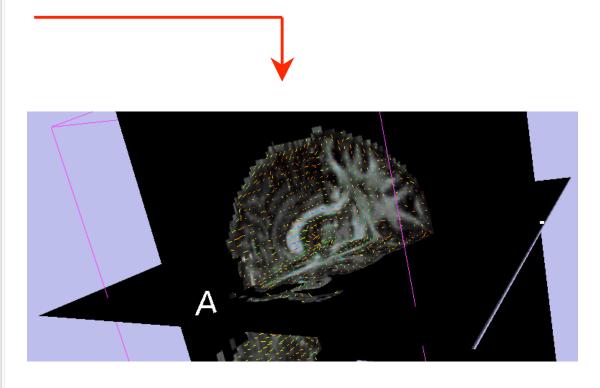
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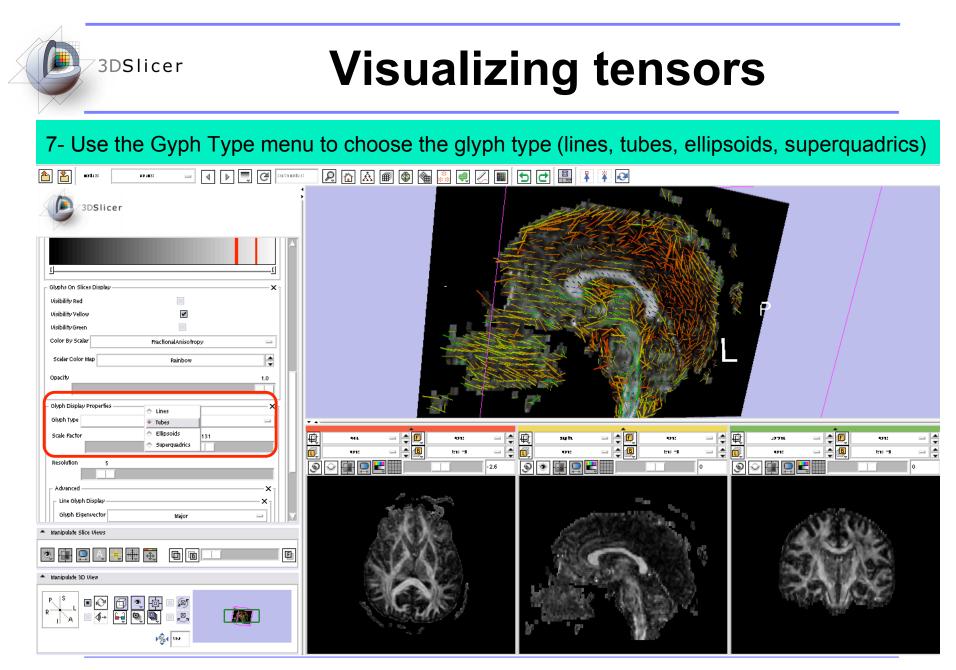
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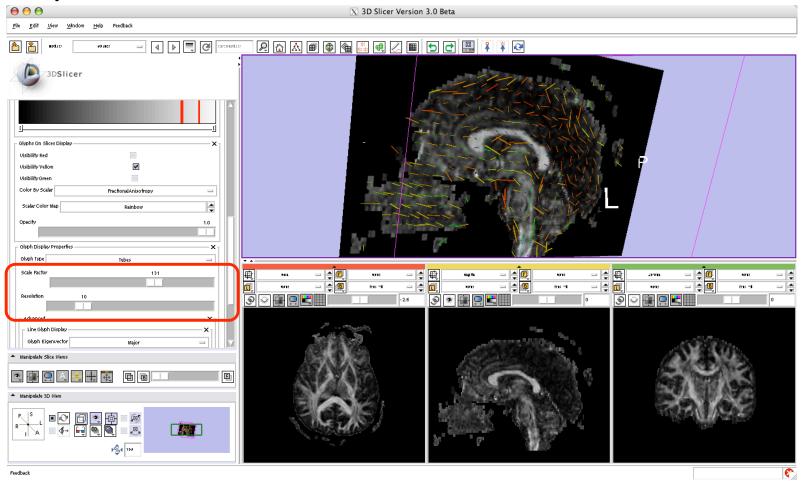


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8- Use the Scale Factor and the Resolution controls to change the size and the density of Glyphs in your visualization.



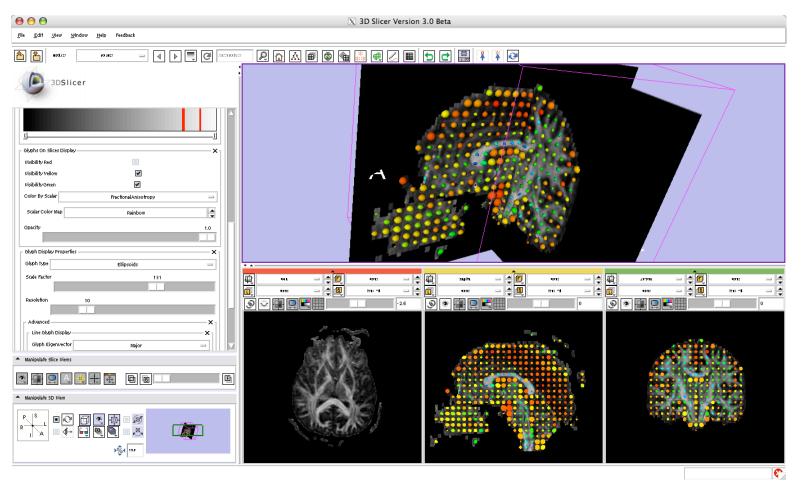
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9- You can select to view glyphs in all three or only some of the slices, both in 2D views and the 3D view.



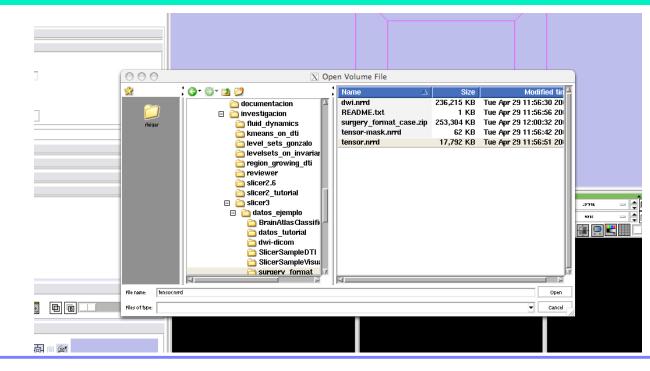
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DTI tensor resampling

With slicer3, you can apply transforms to a tensor volume:

- Rotations, translations.
- Rigid or affine transforms
- Linear interpolation, nearest neighbor, b-splines

1- Load a tensor volume to begin the process



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DTI tensor resampling

2- Select "Diffusion Tensor--> Resample DTI volume

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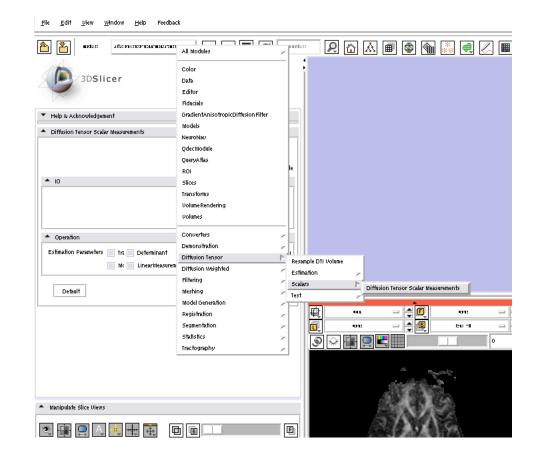
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DTI scalar measurements

1- Select the module "Diffusion Tensor Scalar Measurements"



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DTI scalar measurements

2- Select the options:-Input DTI volume: tensor.nrrd-Output Scalar volume: new volume-Estimation parameters:

- Trace
- Determinant
- Relative Anisotropy
- Fractional Anisotropy
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- Linear Measurement
- Planar Measurement
- Spherical Measurement

- Click Apply

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DTI scalar measurements

The resulting scalar volume can be displayed, stored, futher processed...

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Tractography

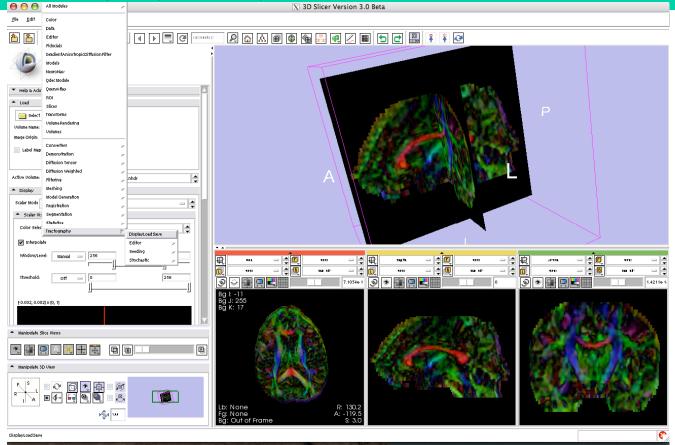
With slicer3, you can:

- Load and display previously obtained tracts.
- Create new tracts, using:
 - Fiducial seedings
 - ROIs
 - Stochastic Tractography
- Save the tracts you have obtained

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Loading and displaying tracts

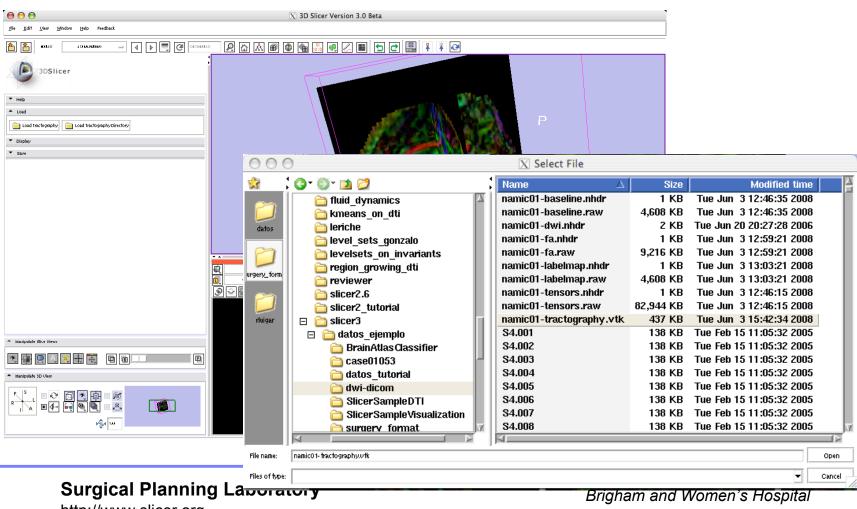
- 1.- Load the tensor volume dwi-dicom.
- 2.- Visualize the tensors in your preferred way (color orientation, for instance).
- 3.- Go to Tractography -> DisplayLoadSave



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Loading and displaying tracts 3DSlicer

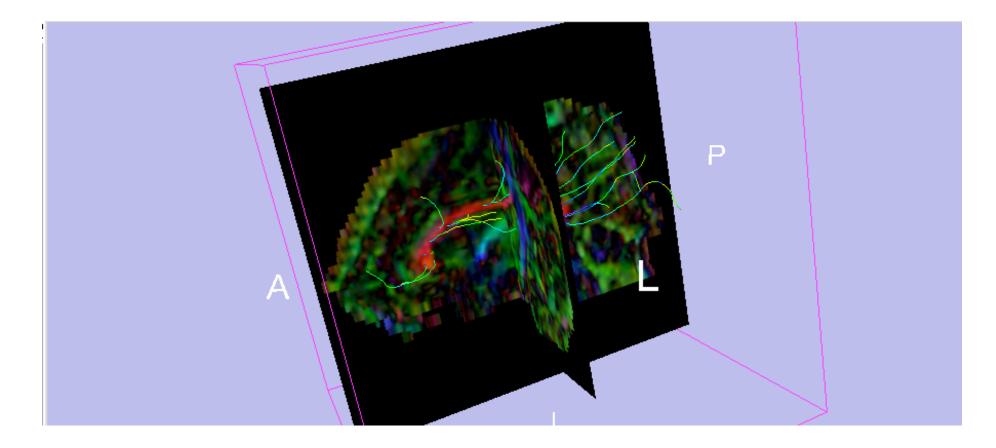
- 4.- Click on "Load Tractography"
- 5.- Load the file namic01-tractography.vtk



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The loaded tracts will appear in the 3D view



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Loading and displaying tracts

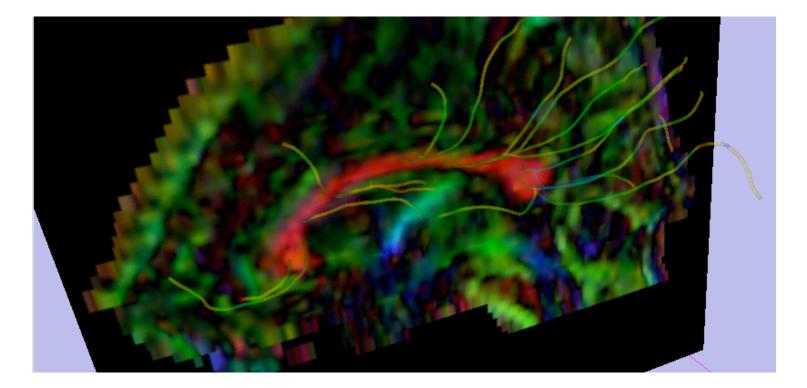
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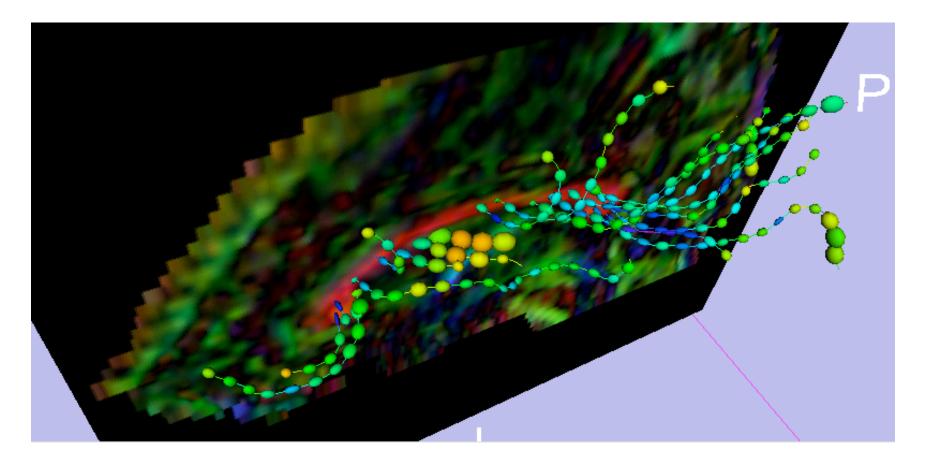
Loading and displaying tracts

Using the controls, you can display Tubes, Lines and Glyphs, and can control the Appearance of each of them (scale, color, opacity...)



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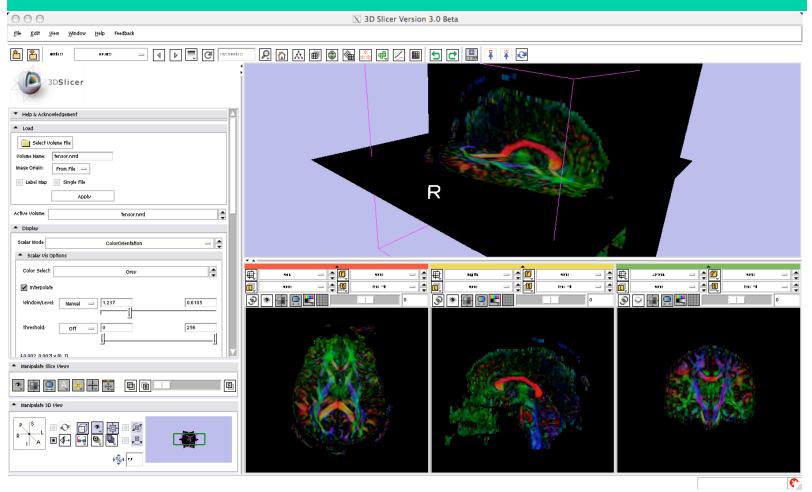


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Performing tractography with fiducial seedings

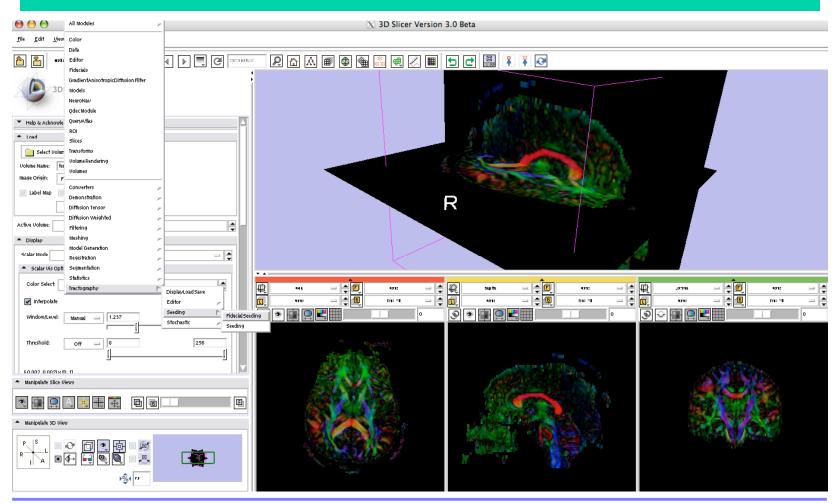
1.- Visualize the tensor volume in the most appropriate way to select fiducials



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Performing tractography with fiducial seedings

2.-Select the module Tractography --> Seeding --> Fiducial Seeding



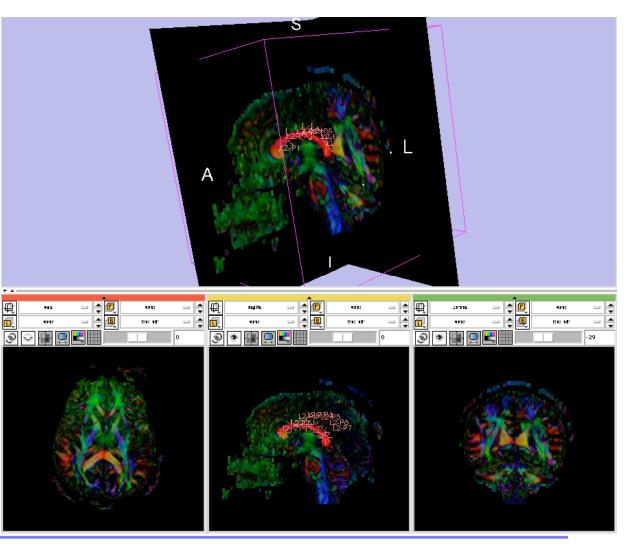
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Performing tractography with fiducial seedings

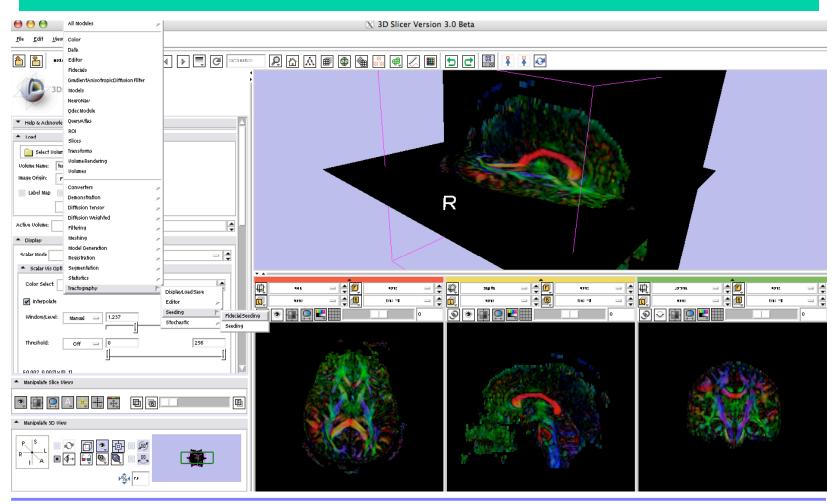
2.-Select as many fiducials as you want by clicking with the mouse and pressing "P" (both in the 2D views or in the 3D view)



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Performing tractography with fiducial seedings

3.-Select the module Tractography --> Seeding --> Fiducial Seeding



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Performing tractography with fiducial seedings

3.-Select the tensor volume on which tractography will be performed.Select the fiducial list, and the name of the Output Fiber Bundle.

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Other parameters can be adjusted and readjusted interactively.

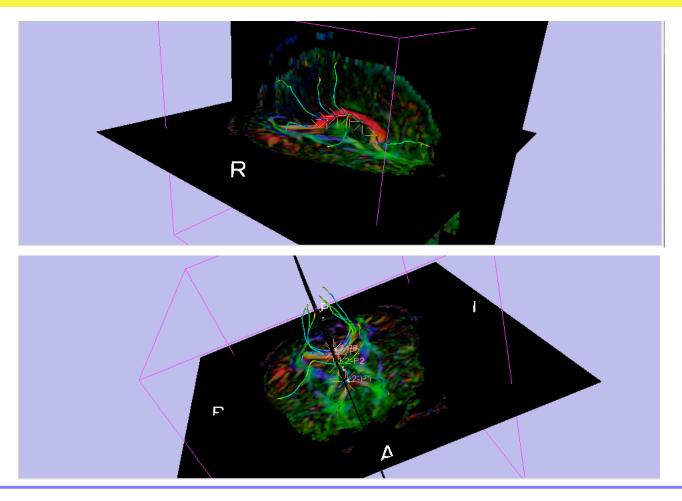
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 Tractography Seeding From Fiducial
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Select Fiducial List 🛛 🗖 🚍
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Stopping Value 0.3
Stopping Track Curvature 0.8
Integration Step Length (mm) 0.6
Seed Tracts

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The obtained fibers will appear in the 3D view, toghether with the fiducial seeds.

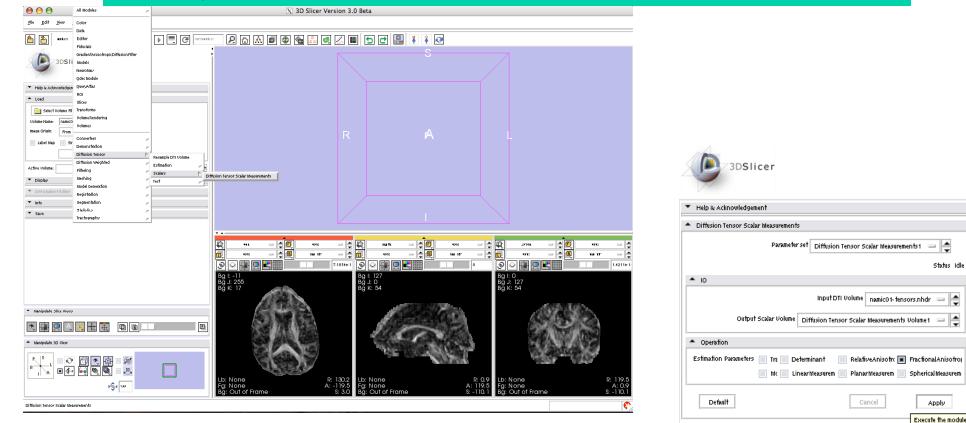


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Performing tractography with ROI seeding

1.- Load a tensor volume: dwi-dicom

2.- Obtain an appropriate scalar measure for the delineation of the ROI (fractional anisotropy, for instance).

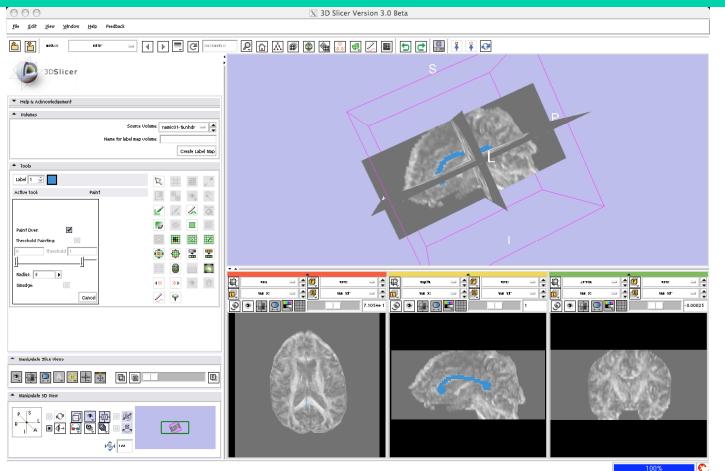


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3.- On the scalar measure, use the Editor module to create a label map delineating the ROI. Save it.

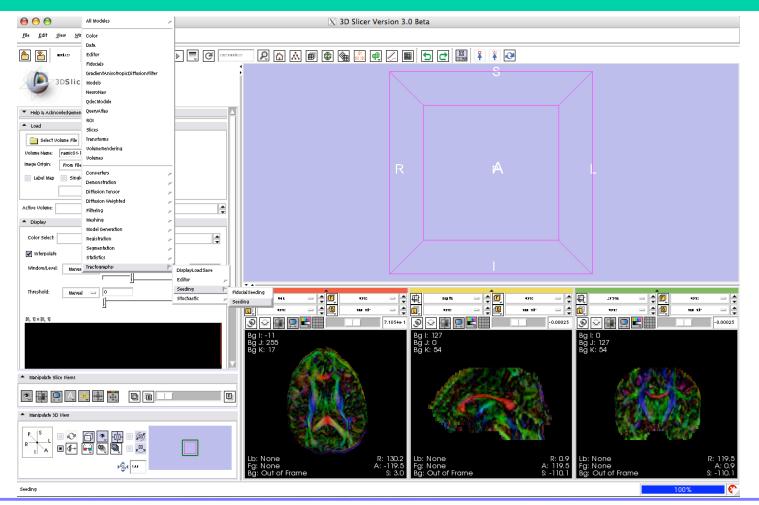


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4.- Select the module Tractography -> Seeding -> Seeding



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5.- Select the parameters, and click Apply

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	Seed Spacing 5
	Random Grid
	Linear Measurement Start Threshold 0.3
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	Maximum Length 800
	Stopping Mode 🔳 LinearMeasurement 📄 FractionalAnisotropy
	Stopping Value 0.1
	Stopping Track Curvature 0.8
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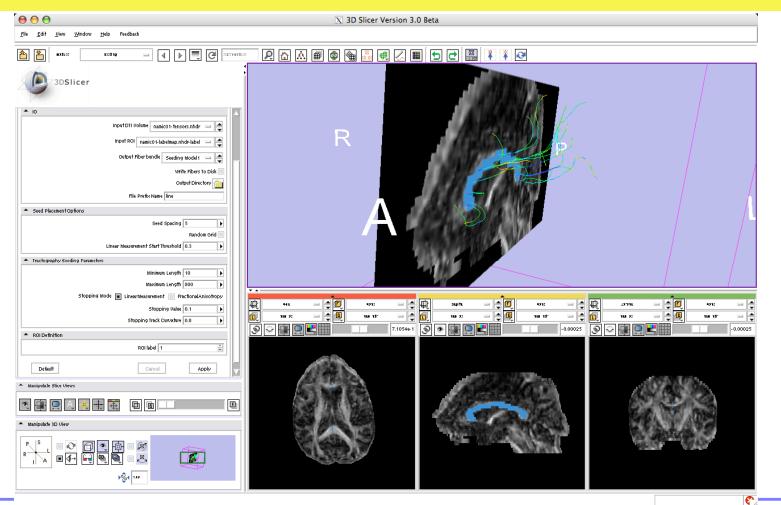
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Performing tractography with ROI seeding

You can visualize the tracts together with the tensor volume, the label map...



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