

Fiber Bundle Selection And Scalar Measurement

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Learning Objectives

Following this tutorial, you'll be able to:

- 1) select fiber bundles passing through region(s) of interest, and
- 2) calculate scalar measurements (such as FA and trace) from fiber bundles.

Tutorial Outline

- Editing multiple labels
- Whole braining tractography
- Fiber bundle selection
- Fiber bundle scalar measurements

Pre-requisite

- This tutorial is a following-up tutorial of the Diffusion Tensor Imaging Tutorial. Please go through this ahead, which is available at:

[https://www.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Documentation/4.5/
Training#Slicer4_Diffusion_Tensor_Imaging_Tutorial](https://www.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Documentation/4.5/Training#Slicer4_Diffusion_Tensor_Imaging_Tutorial)

Tutorial Software

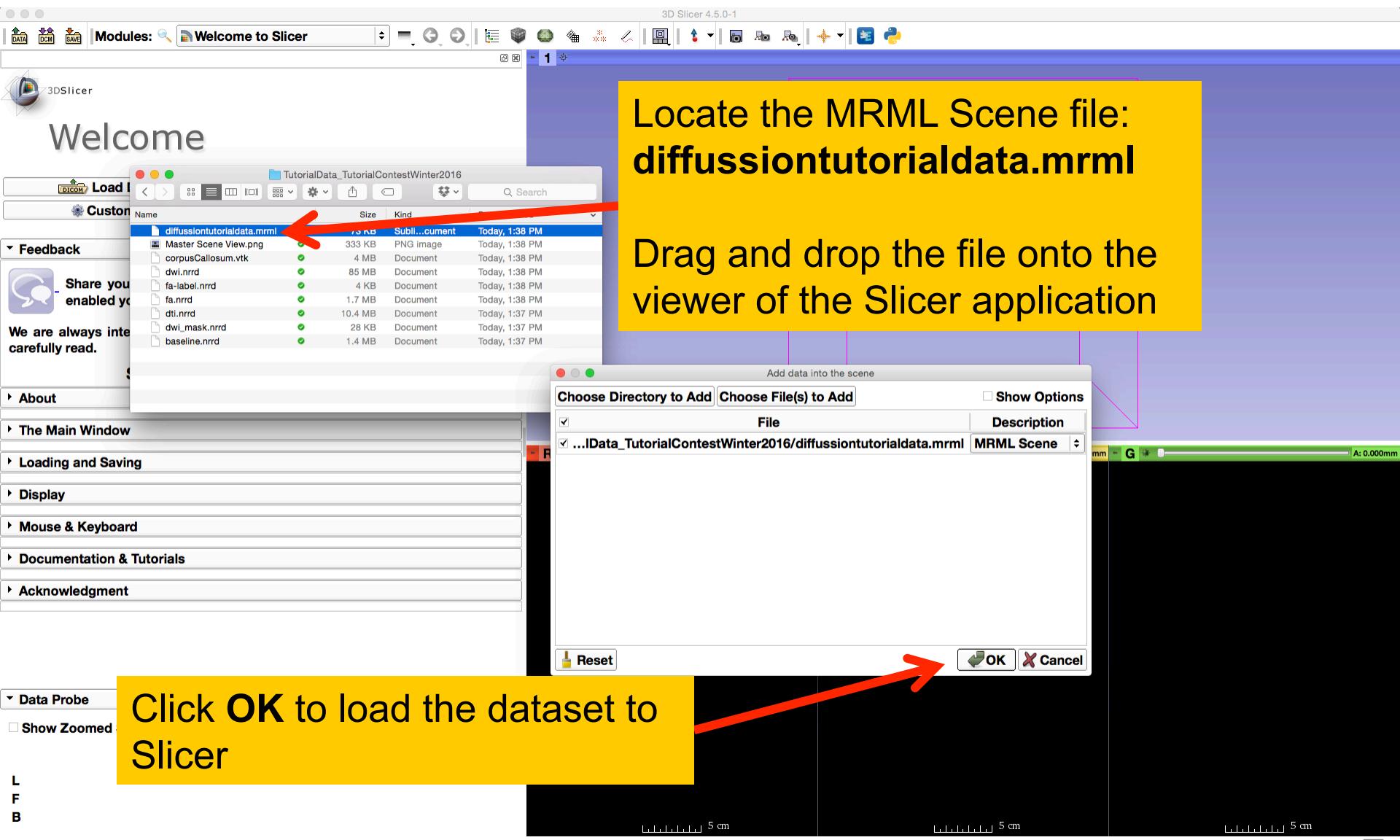
The tutorial uses the 3DSlicer (Version 4.5.0-1 Stable Release) software available at

<http://download.slicer.org>

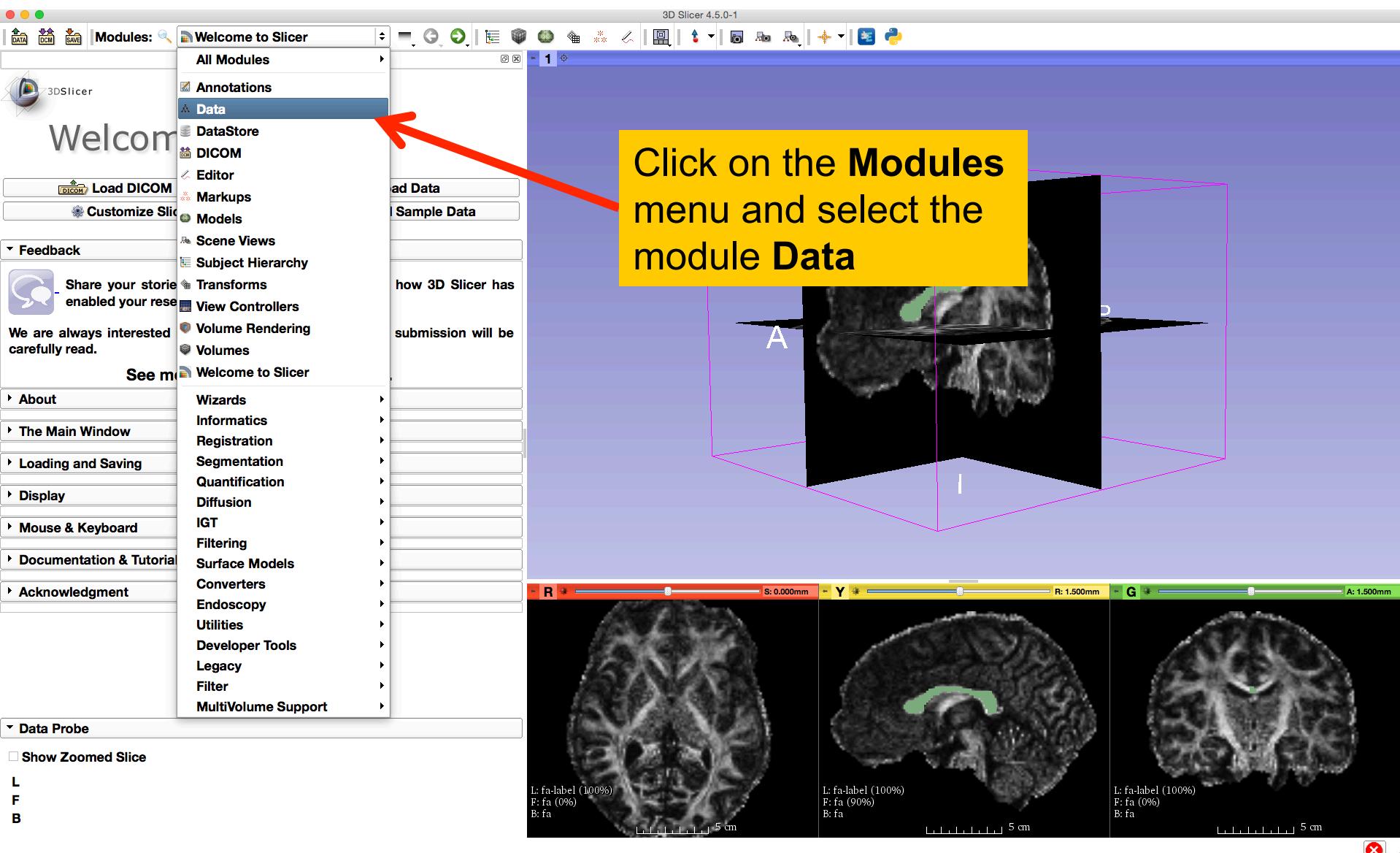
Disclaimer

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. Slicer is a tool for research, and is not FDA approved.

Load MRML data



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3DSlicer 4.5.0-1

Help & Acknowledgement

Display & Modify Scene

Nodes

- Scene
- View1
- Red
- Yellow
- Green
- Default Scene Camera
- baseline
- dti
- dwi_mask
- dwi
- fa
- fa-label
- Master Scene View
- corpusCallosum

Scene Model: Transform

Display MRML ID's

Show Hidden nodes

Filter:

MRML Node Inspector

Data Probe

Show Zoomed Slice

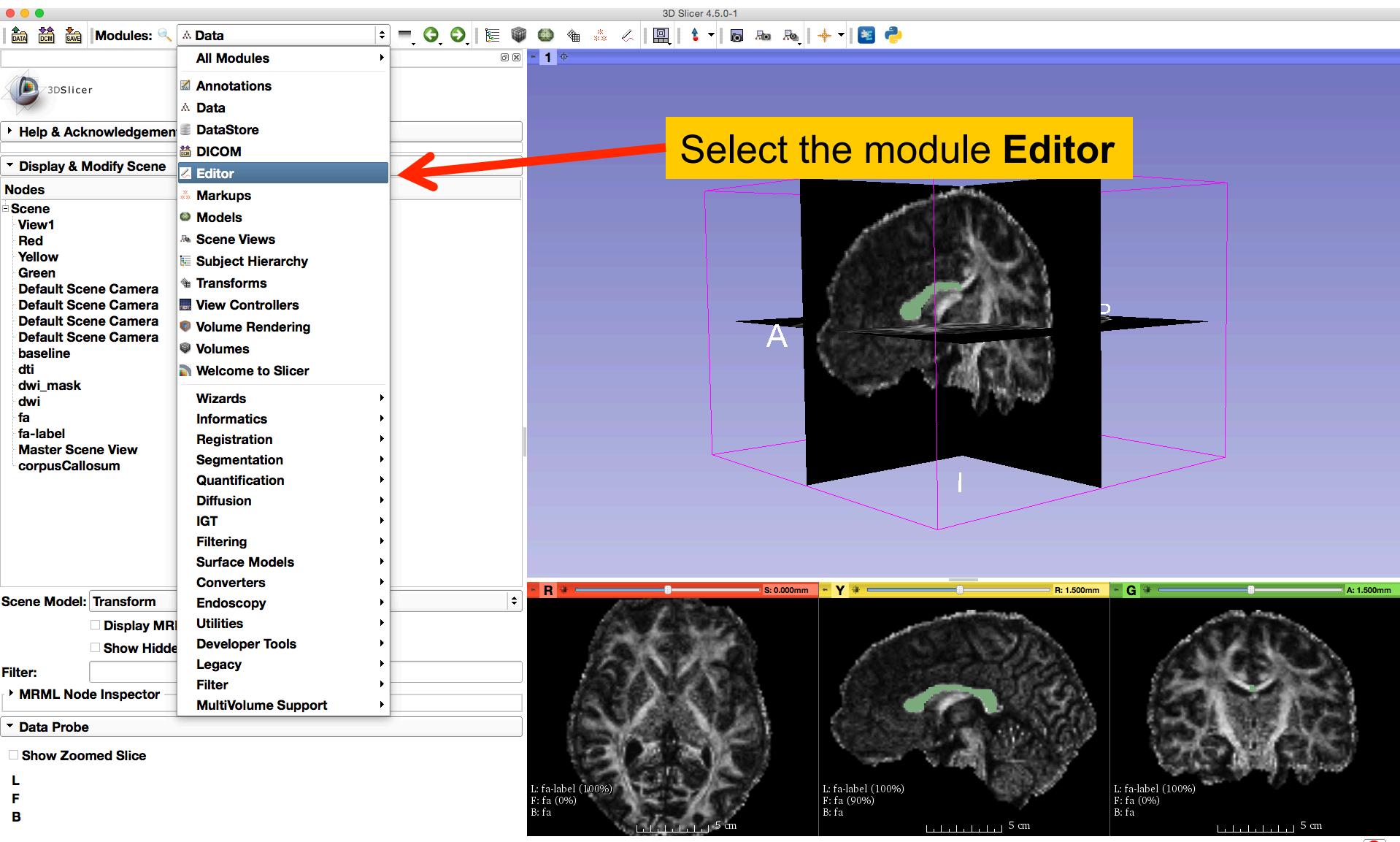
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Data loaded for this tutorial:

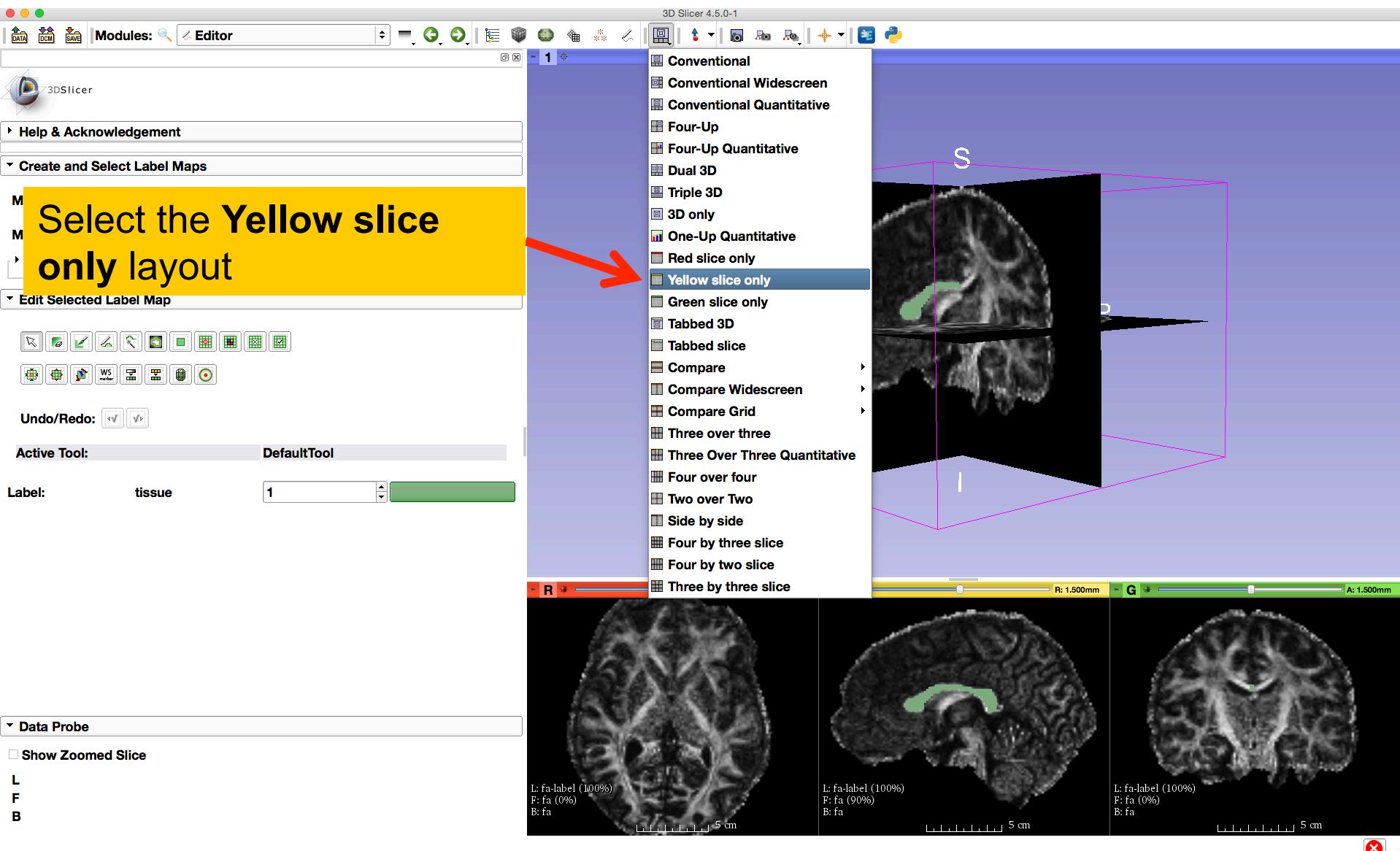
- **baseline**
- **dti**
- **dwi_mask**
- **dwi**
- **fa**
- **fa-label**
- **corpusCallosum**

A 3D brain image with a green segmentation of the corpus callosum. A 3D coordinate system is overlaid with axes A (Anterior), S (Superior), and I (Inferior). Below the main image, three 2D axial slices show the same segmentation. The bottom left slice has text: L: fa-label (100%) F: fa (0%) B: fa. The bottom middle slice has text: L: fa-label (100%) F: fa (90%) B: fa. The bottom right slice has text: L: fa-label (100%) F: fa (0%) B: fa.

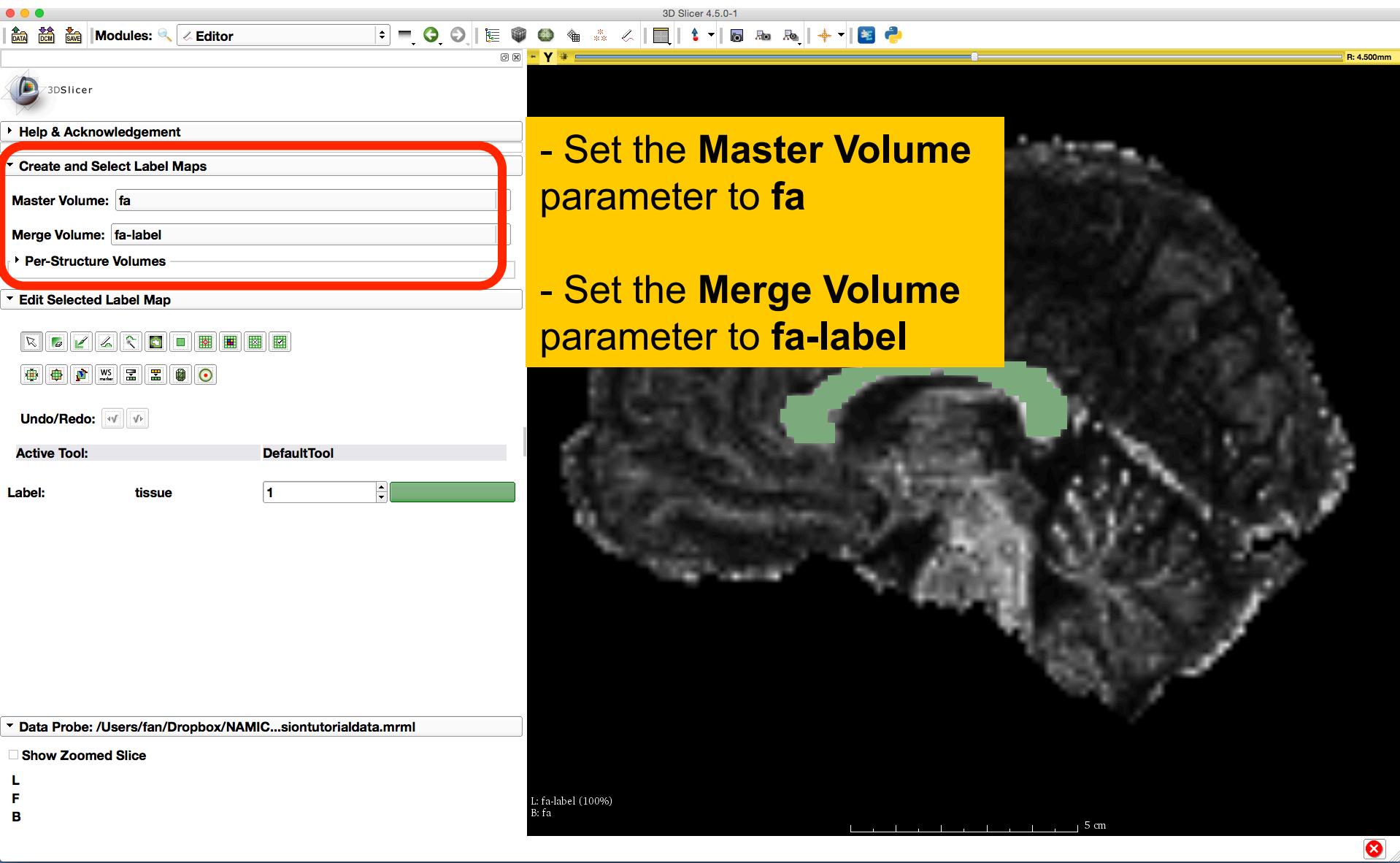
Edit multiple labels



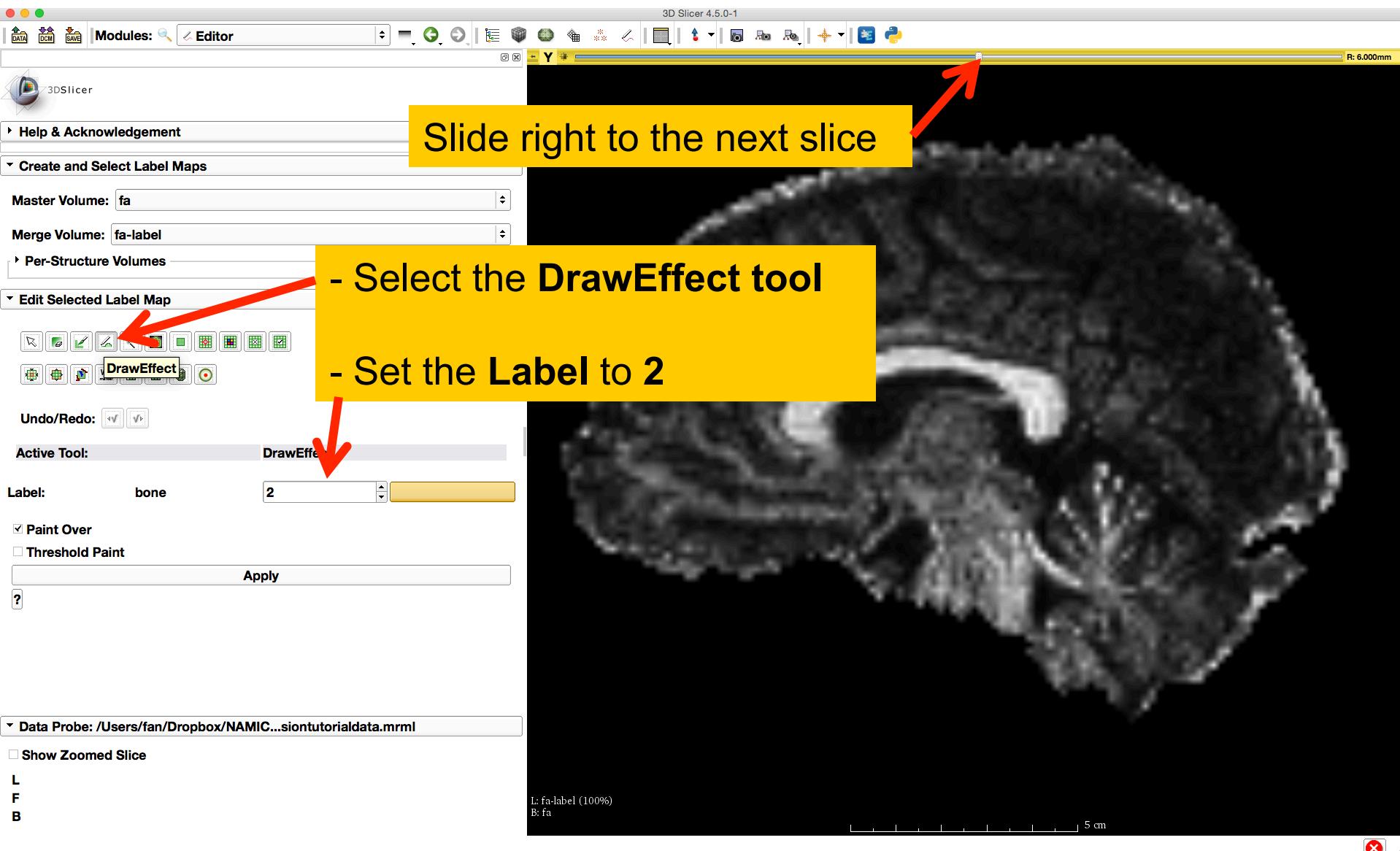
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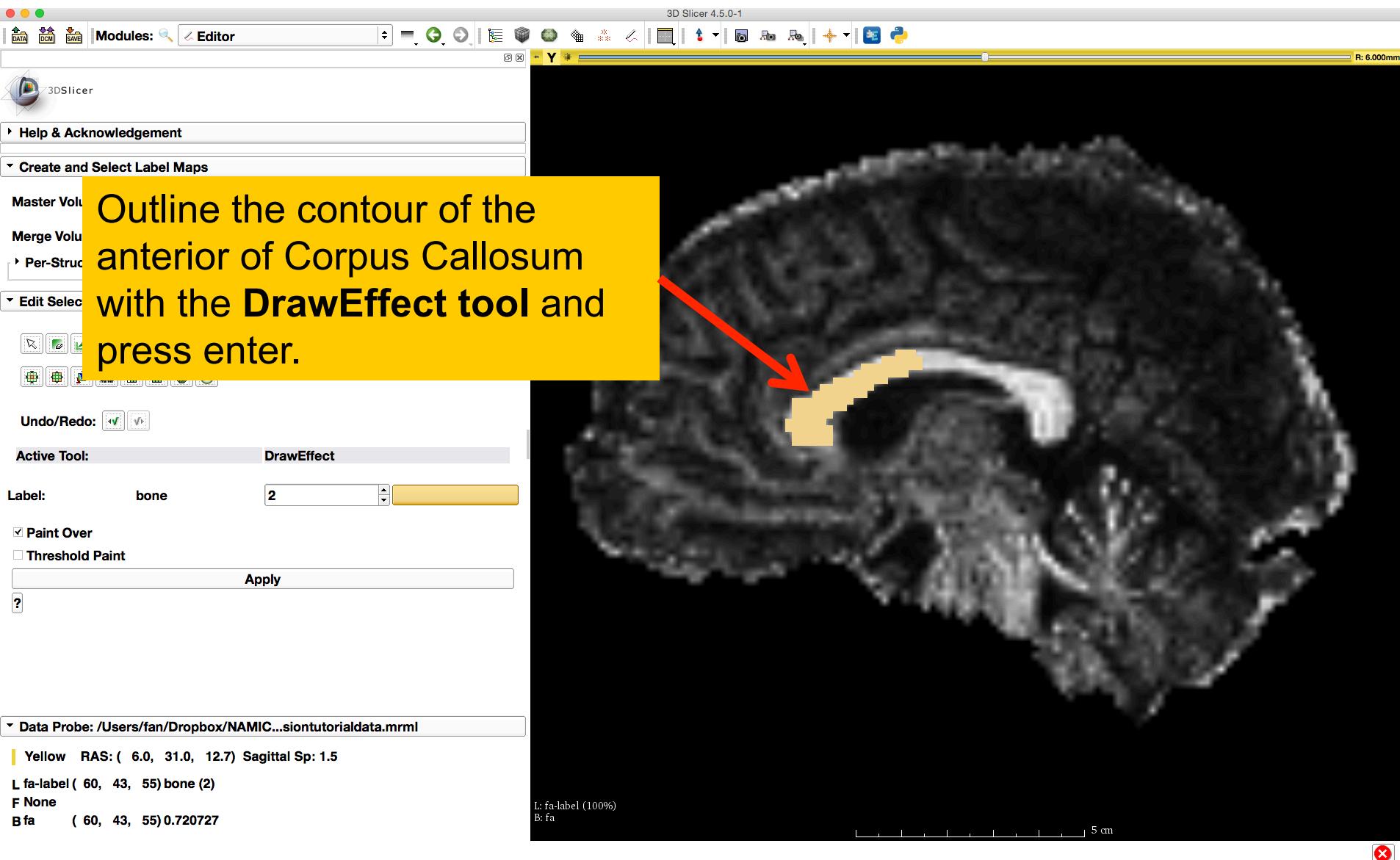
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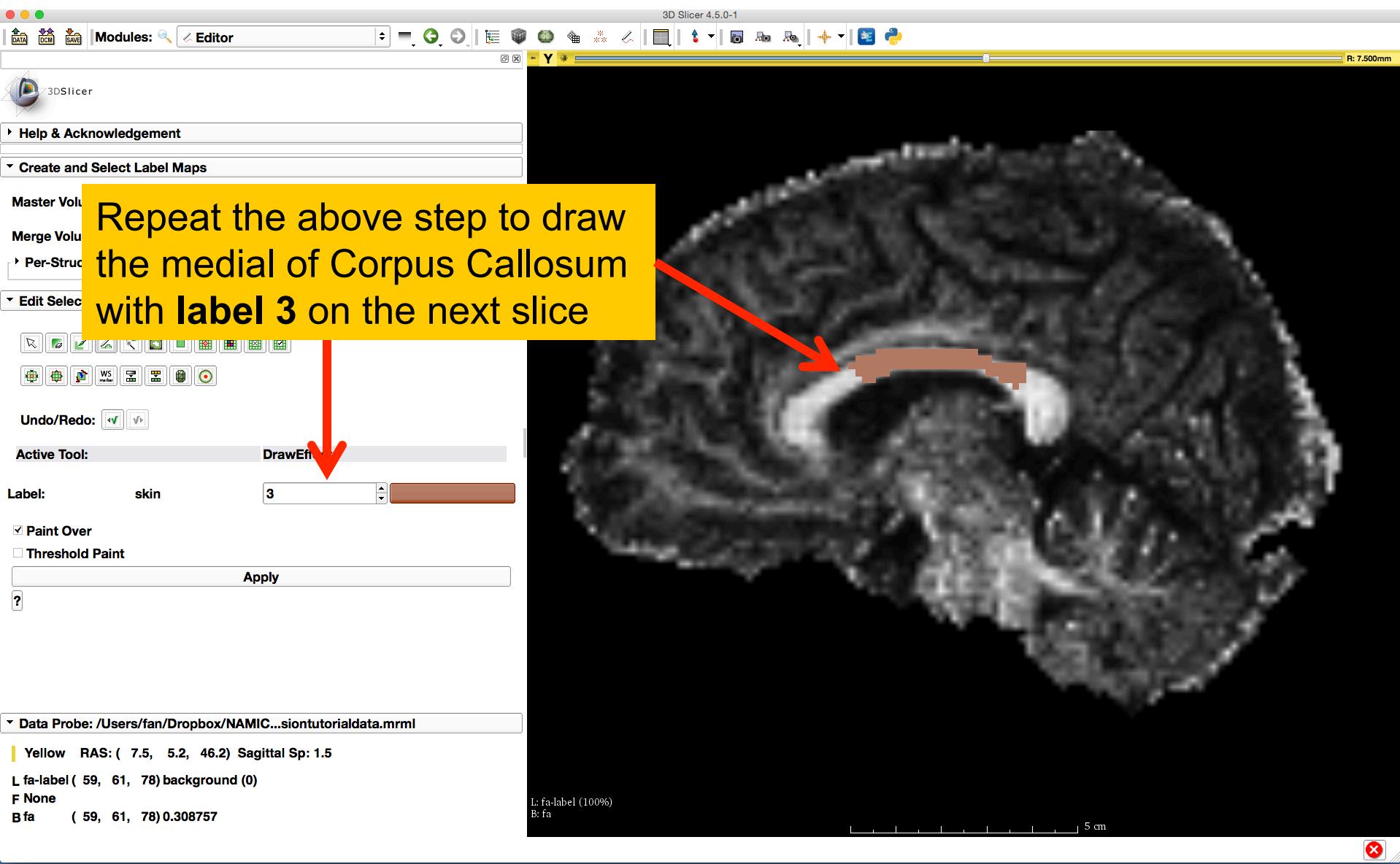
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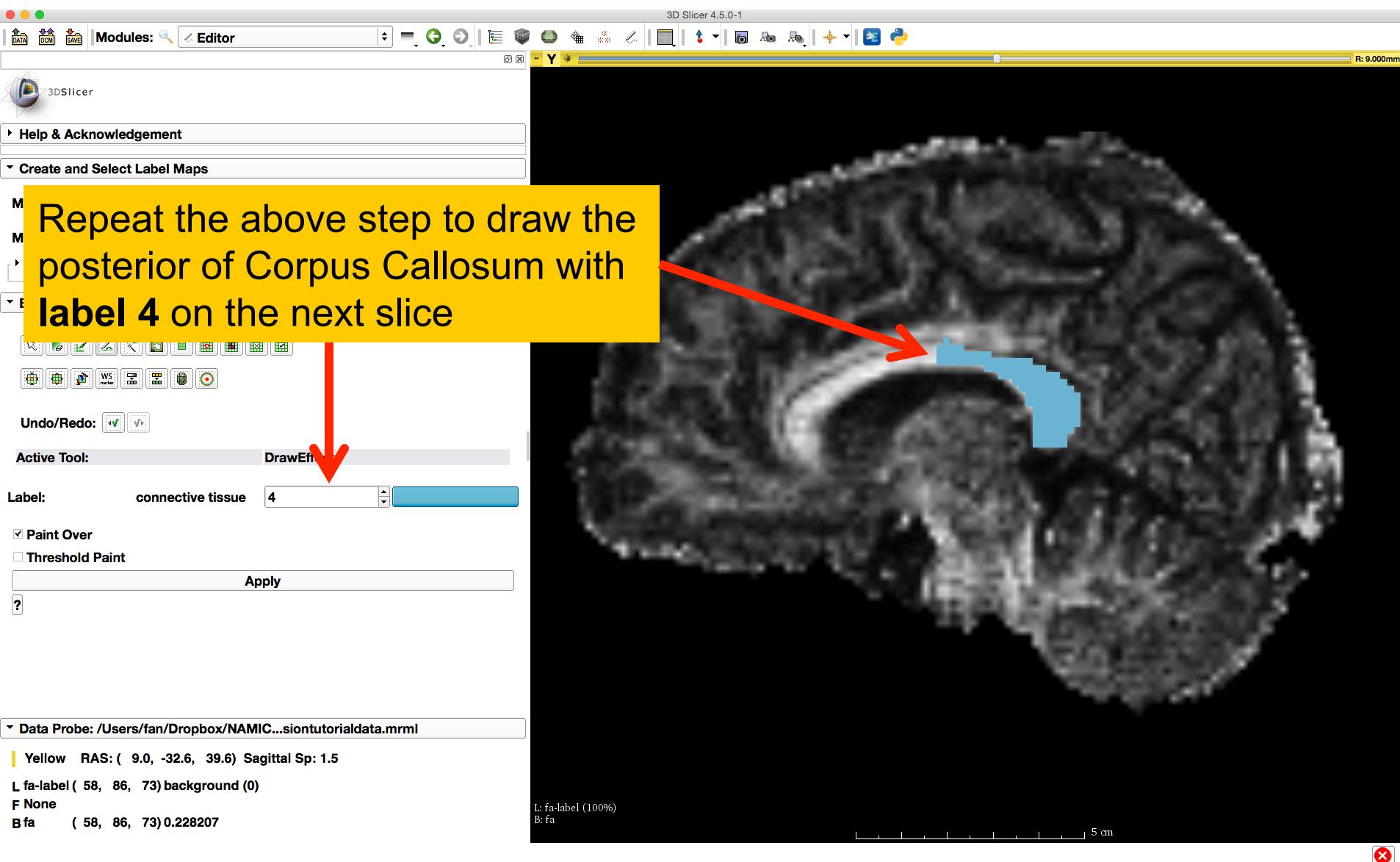
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Editing multiple labels



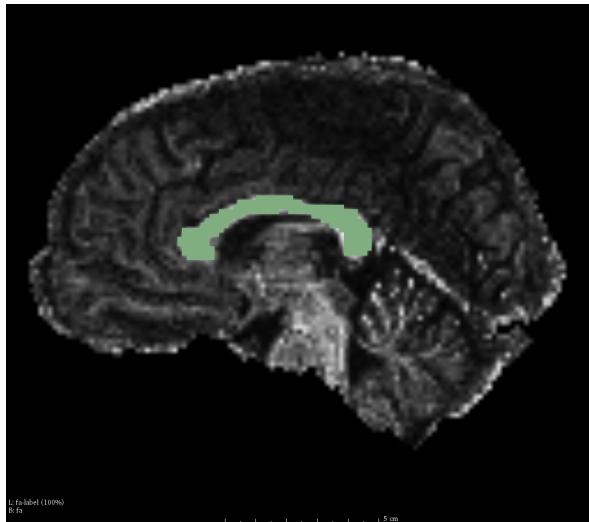
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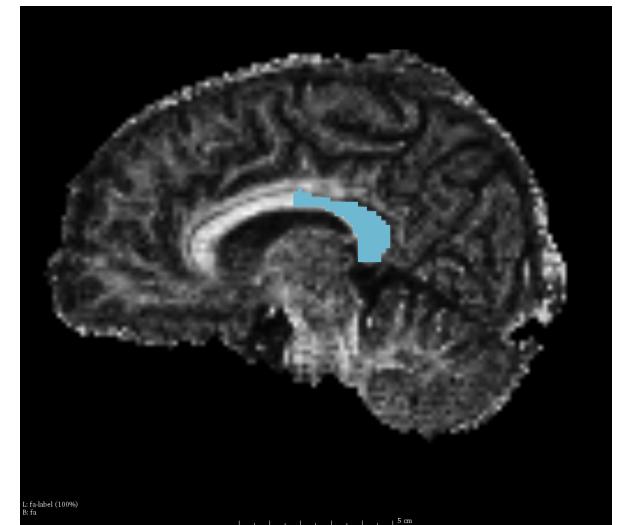
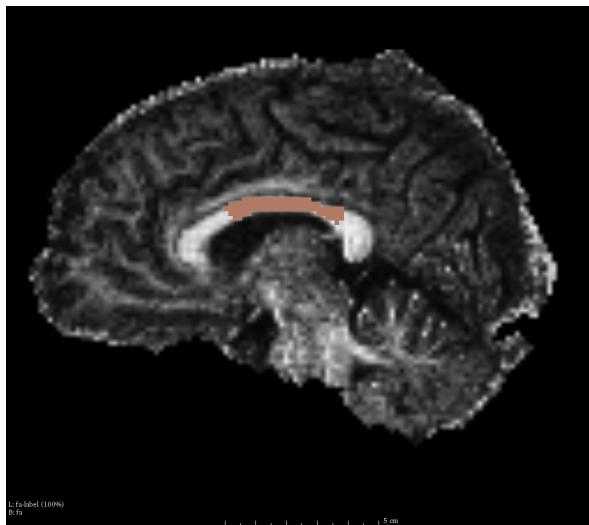
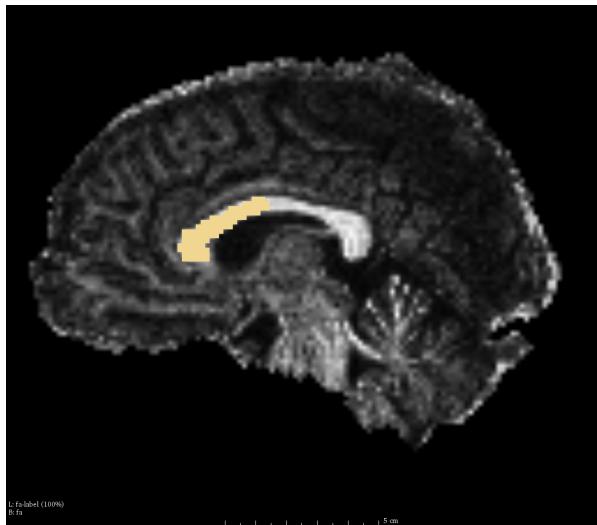
Editing multiple labels

Label map with :

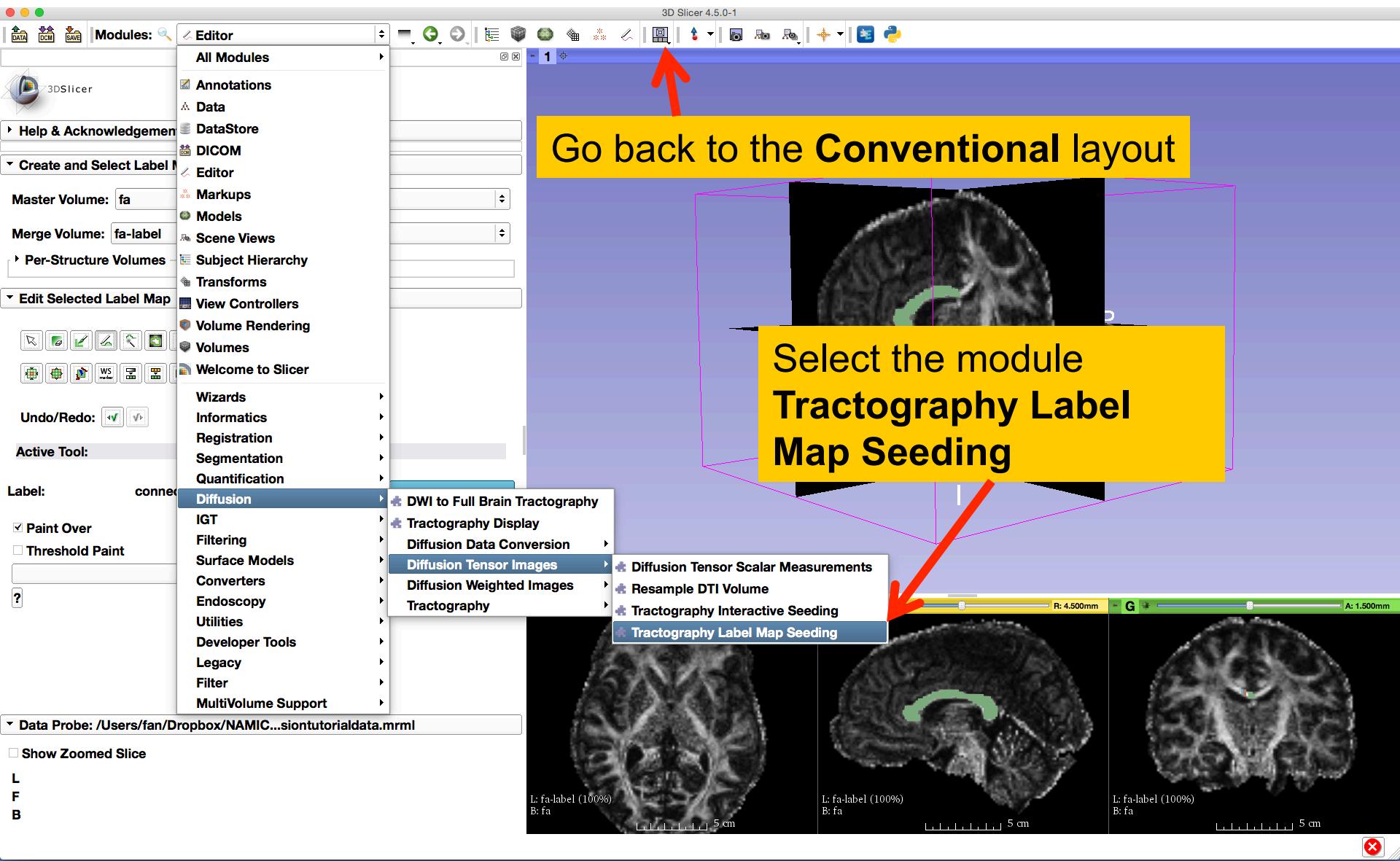
- 1 - entire CC
- 2 - anterior CC
- 3 - medial CC
- 4 - posterior CC



Notice that there are overlaps between different labeled regions, which will be used to investigate the fiber bundle selection.



Whole brain tractography



Whole brain tractography

3D Slicer 4.5.0-1

Modules: Tractography Label Map Seeding

Help & Acknowledgement

Tractography Label Map Seeding

Parameter set: Tractography Label Map Seeding

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Input DTI Volume: dti

Input Label Map: dwi_mask

Output Fiber Bundle: whole_brain_tractography

Seed Placement Options

Use Index Space:

Seed Spacing: 2.00

Random Grid:

Linear Measure Start Threshold: 0.3

Tractography Seeding Parameters

Minimum Path Length: 20.00

Maximum Length: 800.00

Stopping Criteria: LinearMeasure FractionalAnisotropy

Stopping Value: 0.15

Stopping Track Curvature: 0.7

Integration Step Length(mm): 0.5

Label definition

Seeding label: 1

Multiple File Output

Status: Idle

Restore Defaults AutoRun

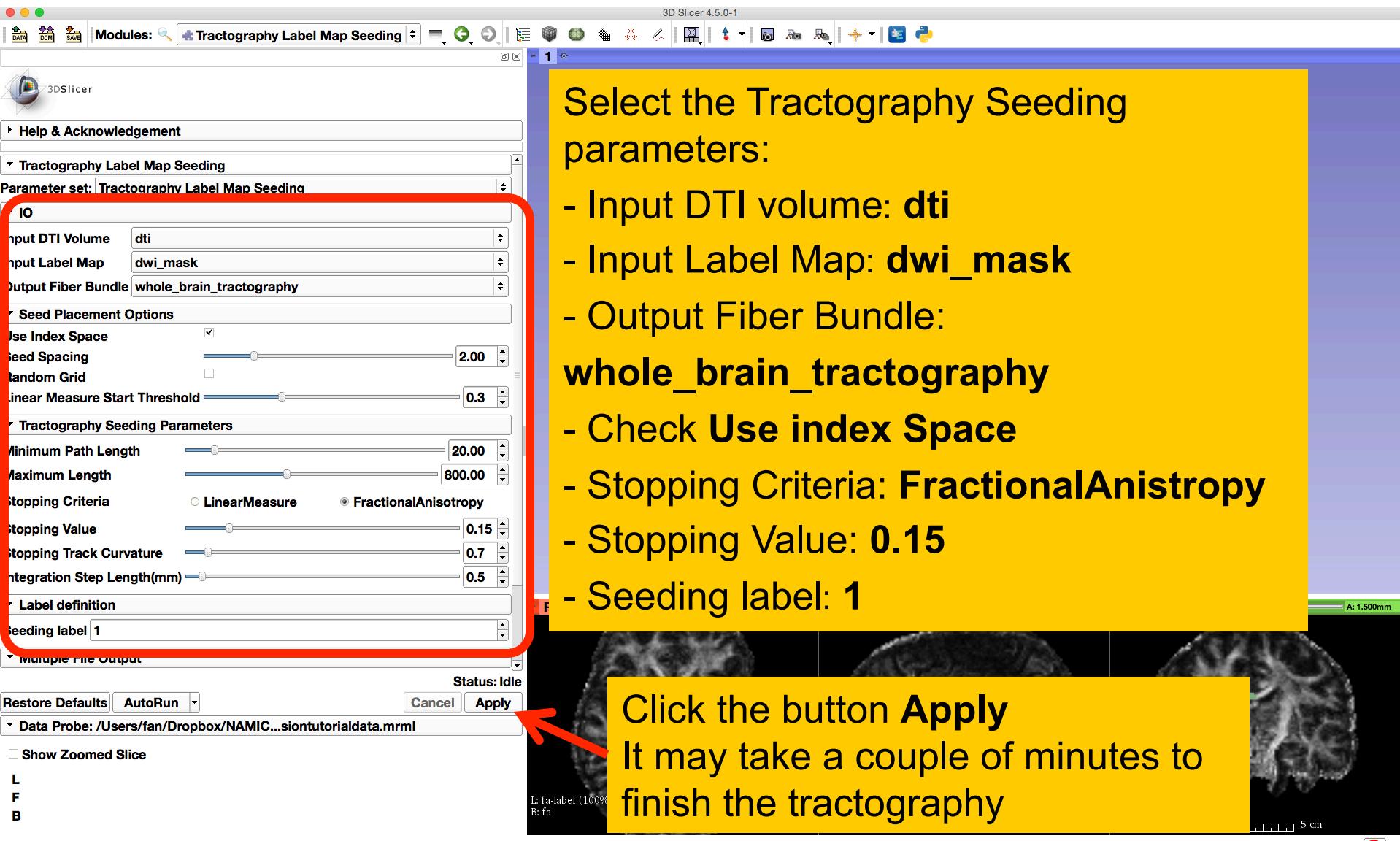
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Show Zoomed Slice L F B

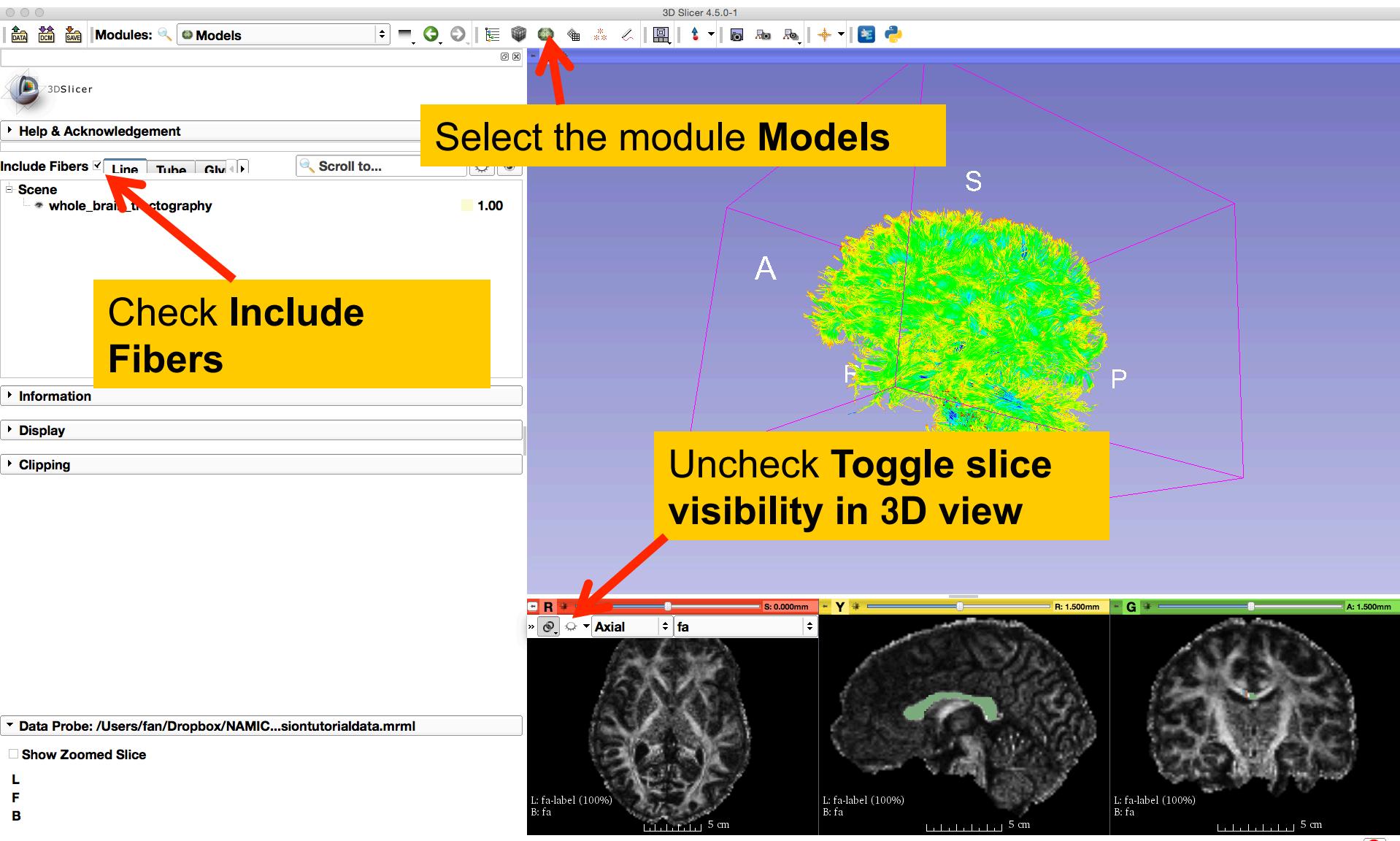
Select the Tractography Seeding parameters:

- Input DTI volume: **dti**
- Input Label Map: **dwi_mask**
- Output Fiber Bundle:
whole_brain_tractography
- Check **Use index Space**
- Stopping Criteria: **FractionalAnisotropy**
- Stopping Value: **0.15**
- Seeding label: **1**

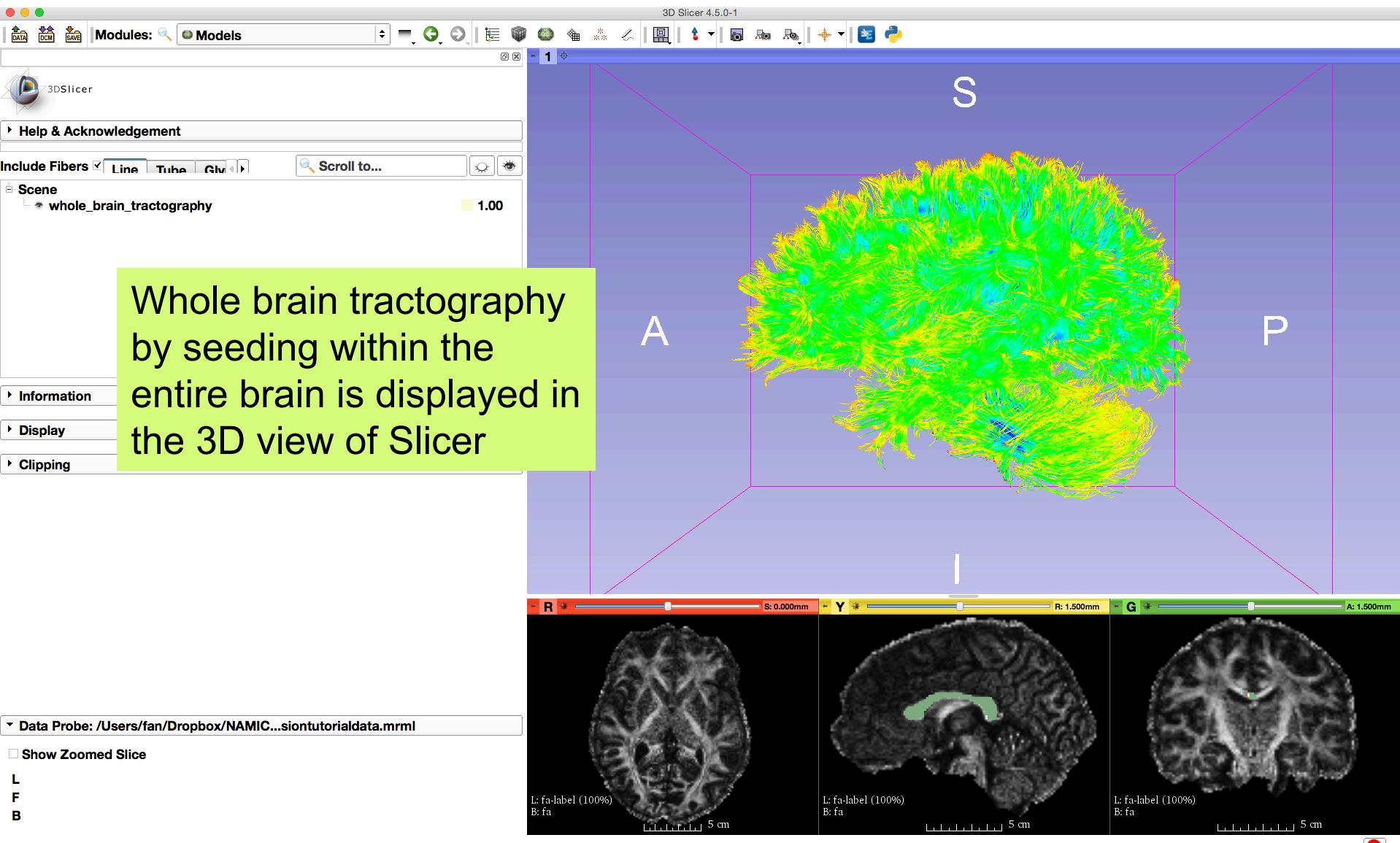
Click the button **Apply**
It may take a couple of minutes to finish the tractography



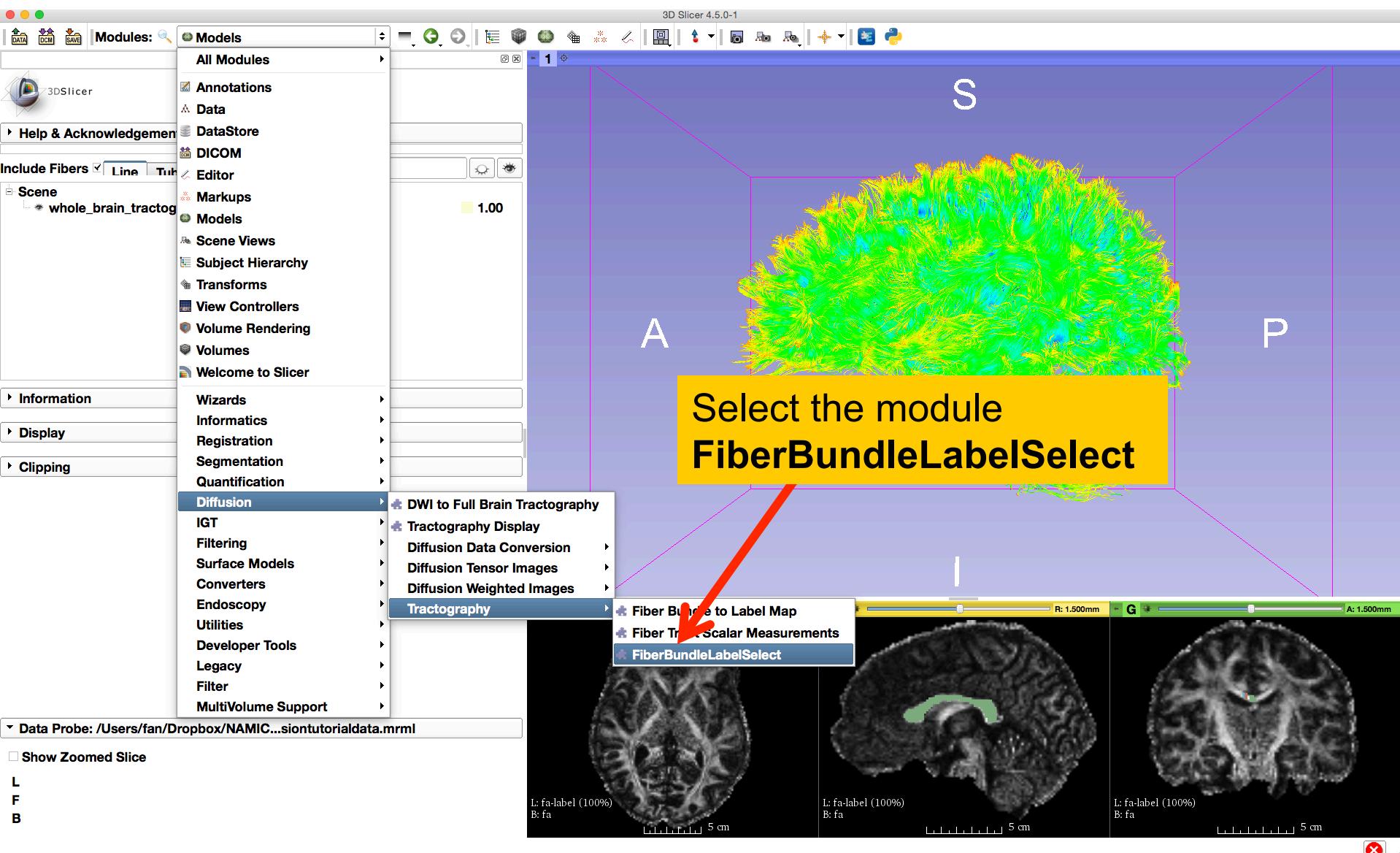
Whole brain tractography



Whole brain tractography



Fiber Bundle Label Selection



Single Label Selection

3D Slicer 4.5.0-1

Modules: FiberBundleLabelSelect

Help & Acknowledgement

FiberBundleLabelSelect

Parameter set: FiberBundleLabelSelect

Input Label Map: fa-label

Input Fiber Bundle: whole_brain_tractography

Output Fiber Bundle: bundle_label1_include

Labels to include: 1

Combine include labels: OR AND

Labels to exclude:

Combine exclude labels: OR AND

Status: Idle

Cancel Apply

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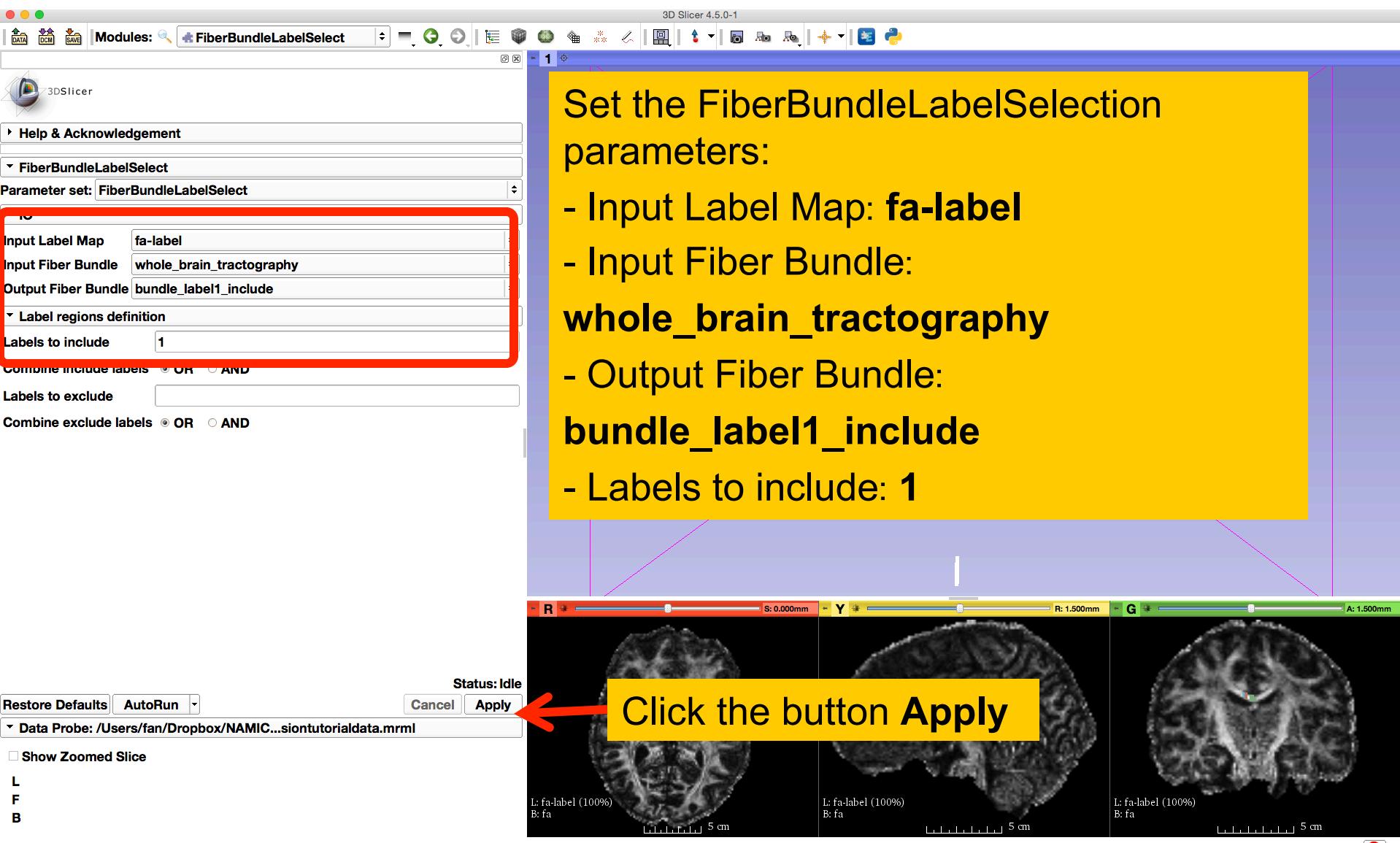
Show Zoomed Slice

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Set the FiberBundleLabelSelection parameters:

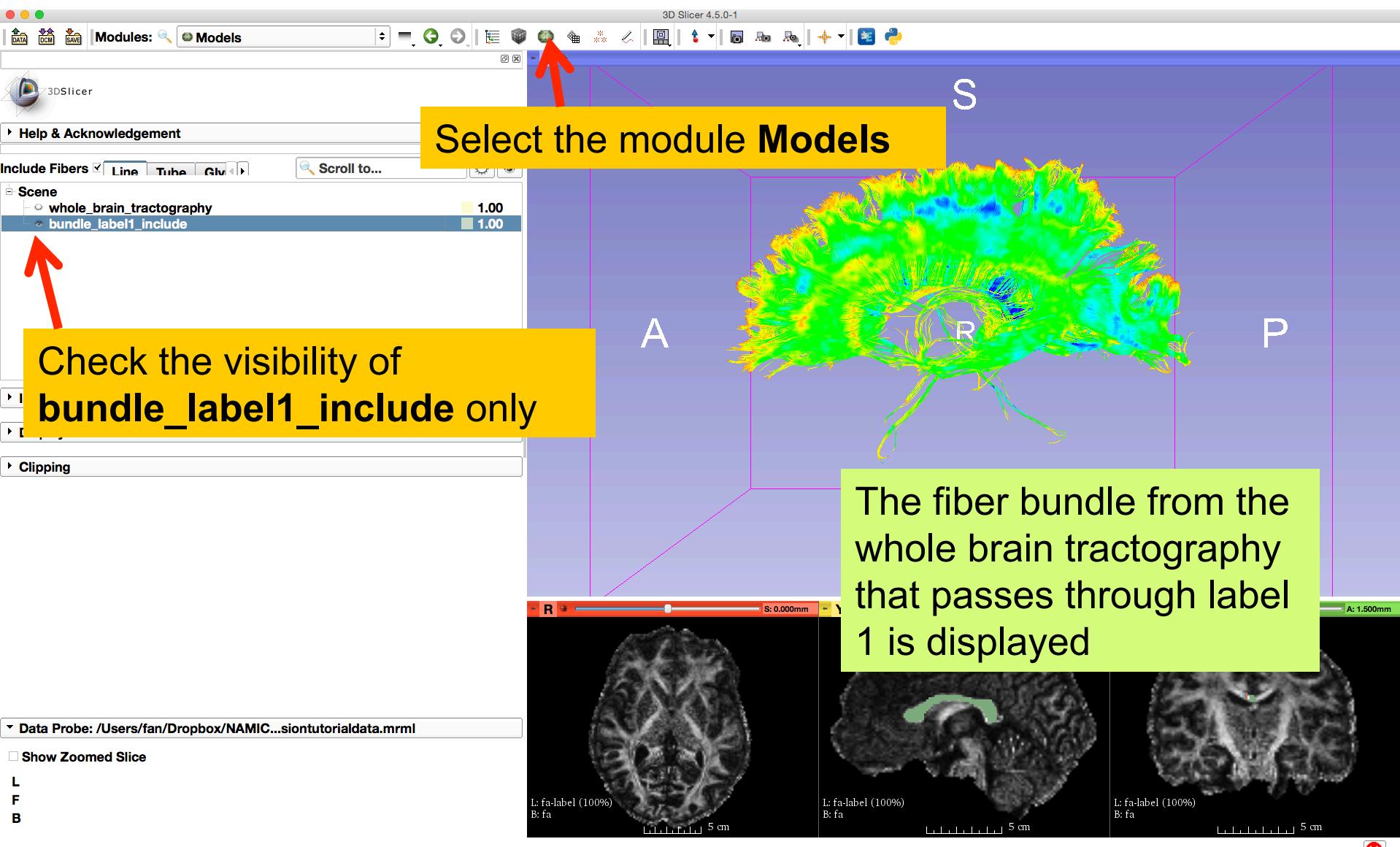
- Input Label Map: **fa-label**
- Input Fiber Bundle:
whole_brain_tractography
- Output Fiber Bundle:
bundle_label1_include
- Labels to include: 1

Click the button **Apply**

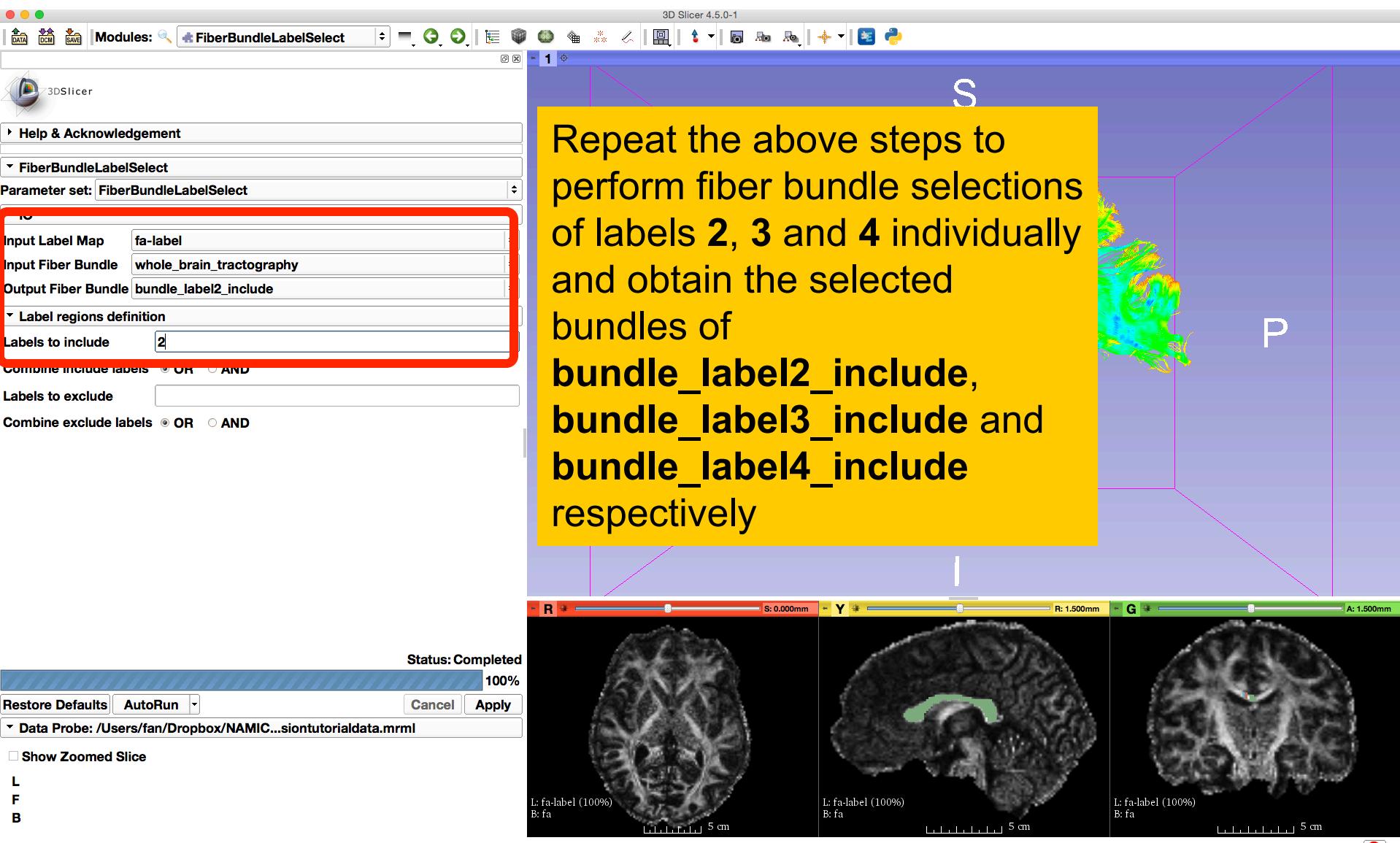


The image shows the 3D Slicer software interface. On the left, the 'FiberBundleLabelSelect' module parameters are displayed. A red box highlights the 'Input Label Map' field containing 'fa-label'. Below it are 'Input Fiber Bundle' (set to 'whole_brain_tractography') and 'Output Fiber Bundle' (set to 'bundle_label1_include'). Under 'Labels to include', the value '1' is shown. At the bottom of the module panel, there are 'Status: Idle' and 'Apply' buttons. A large yellow callout box points to the 'Labels to include' field with the text 'Labels to include: 1'. Another yellow callout box at the bottom right points to the 'Apply' button with the text 'Click the button Apply'. The main window shows three axial brain slices. The central slice has a yellow box around its status text 'L: fa-label (100%) B: fa' and a red arrow pointing to the 'Apply' button.

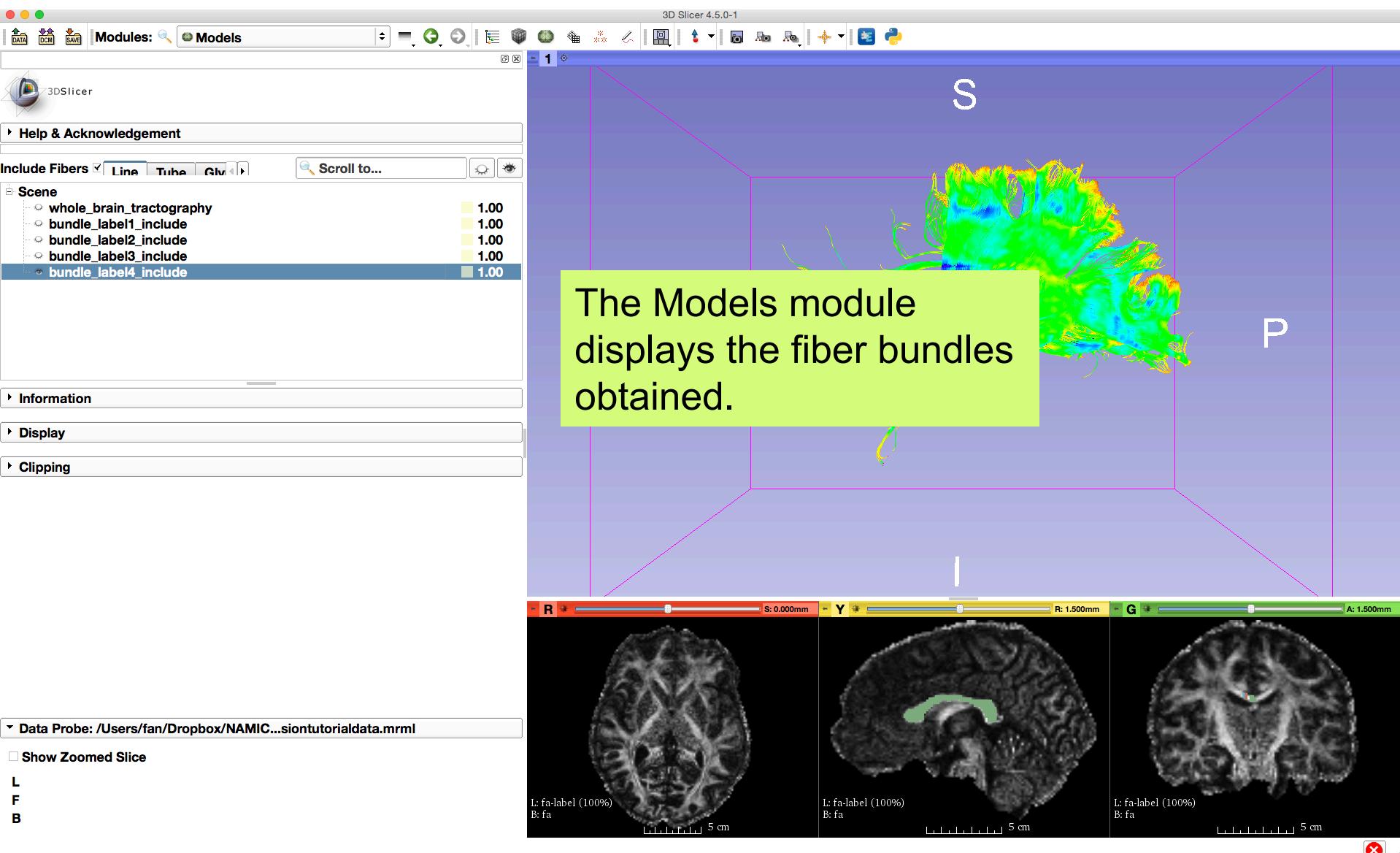
Single Label Selection



Single Label Selection

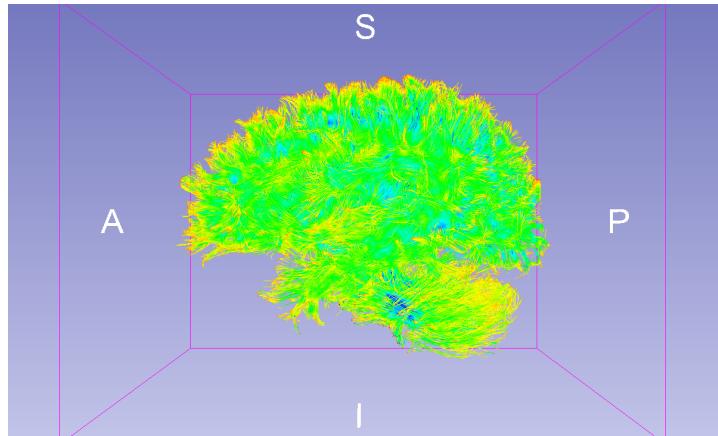


Single Label Selection

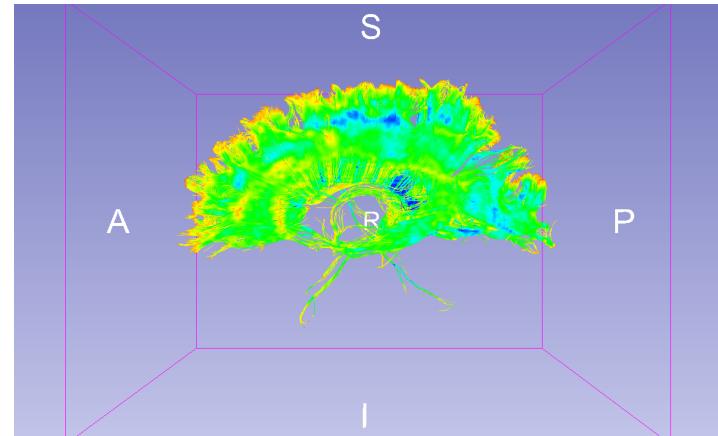


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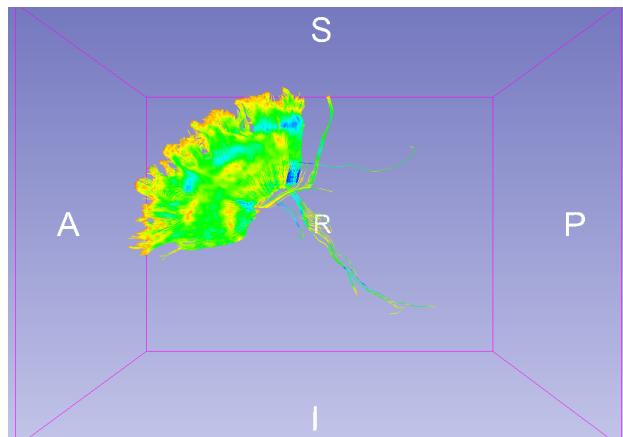
Whole Brain



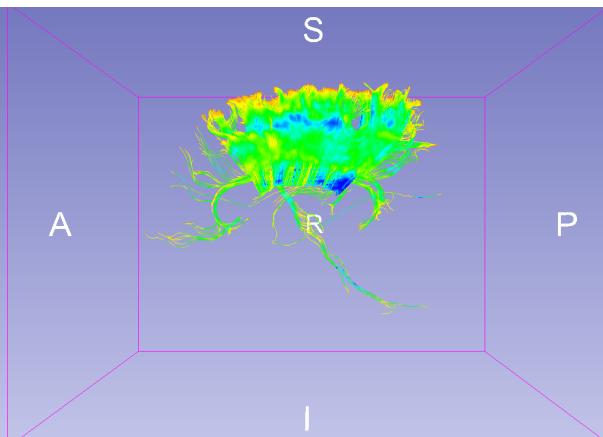
Label 1



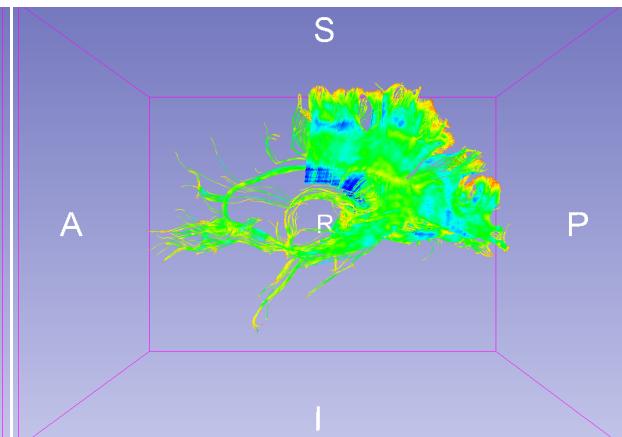
Label 2



Label 3

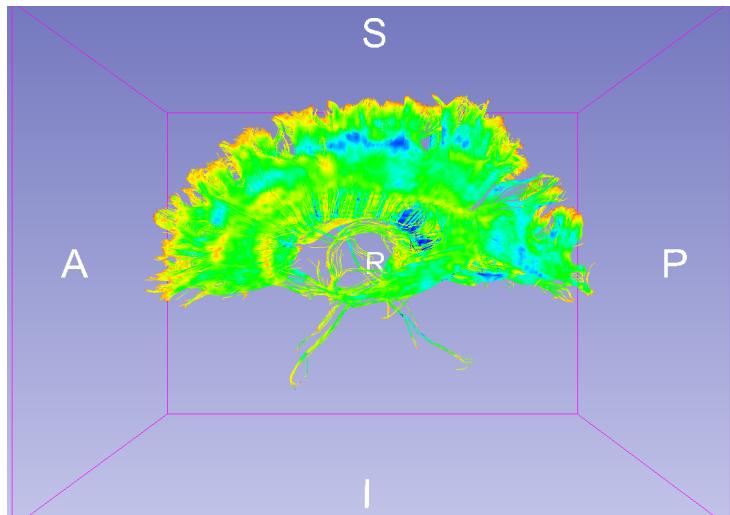


Label 4

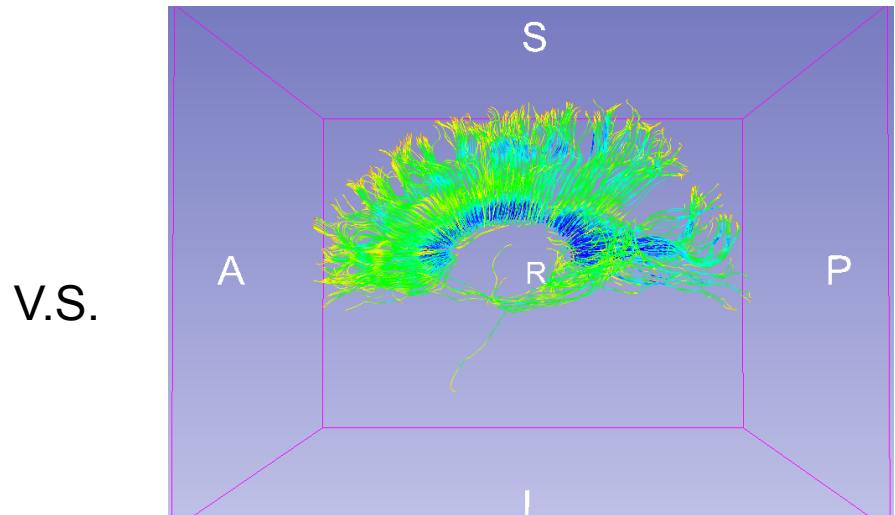


Single Label Selection

Fiber Bundle Selection of Label 1
from the Whole Brain Tractography



Fiber Bundle Obtained by
Seeding within Label 1



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Multiple Labels Selection

3D Slicer 4.5.0-1

Modules: FiberBundleLabelSelect

3DSlicer

Help & Acknowledgement

FiberBundleLabelSelect

Parameter set: FiberBundleLabelSelect

Input Label Map: fa-label

Input Fiber Bundle: whole_brain_tractography

Output Fiber Bundle: bundle_labels2AND3_include

Label regions definition

Labels to include: 2,3

Combine include labels: OR AND

Labels to exclude:

Combine exclude labels: OR AND

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Set the FiberBundleLabelSelection parameters:

- Input Label Map: **fa-label**
- Input Fiber Bundle: **whole_brain_tractography**
- Output Fiber Bundle: **bundle_labels2AND3_include**
- Labels to include: **2,3**

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Status: Completed 100%

Restore Defaults AutoRun Cancel Apply

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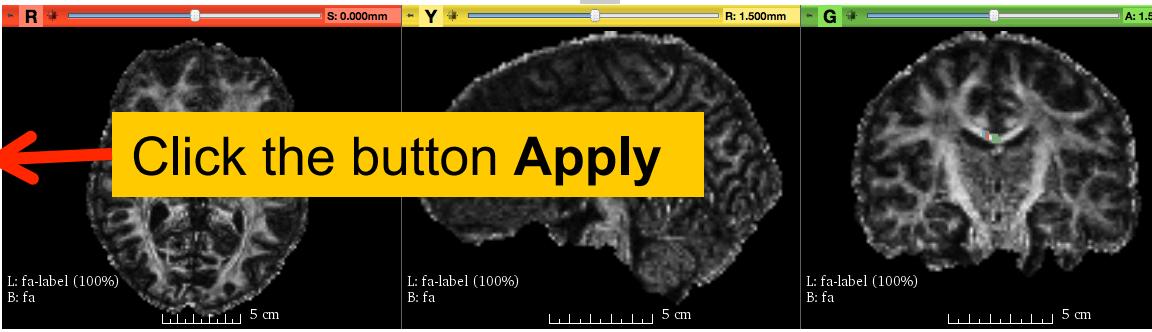
Click the button **Apply**

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

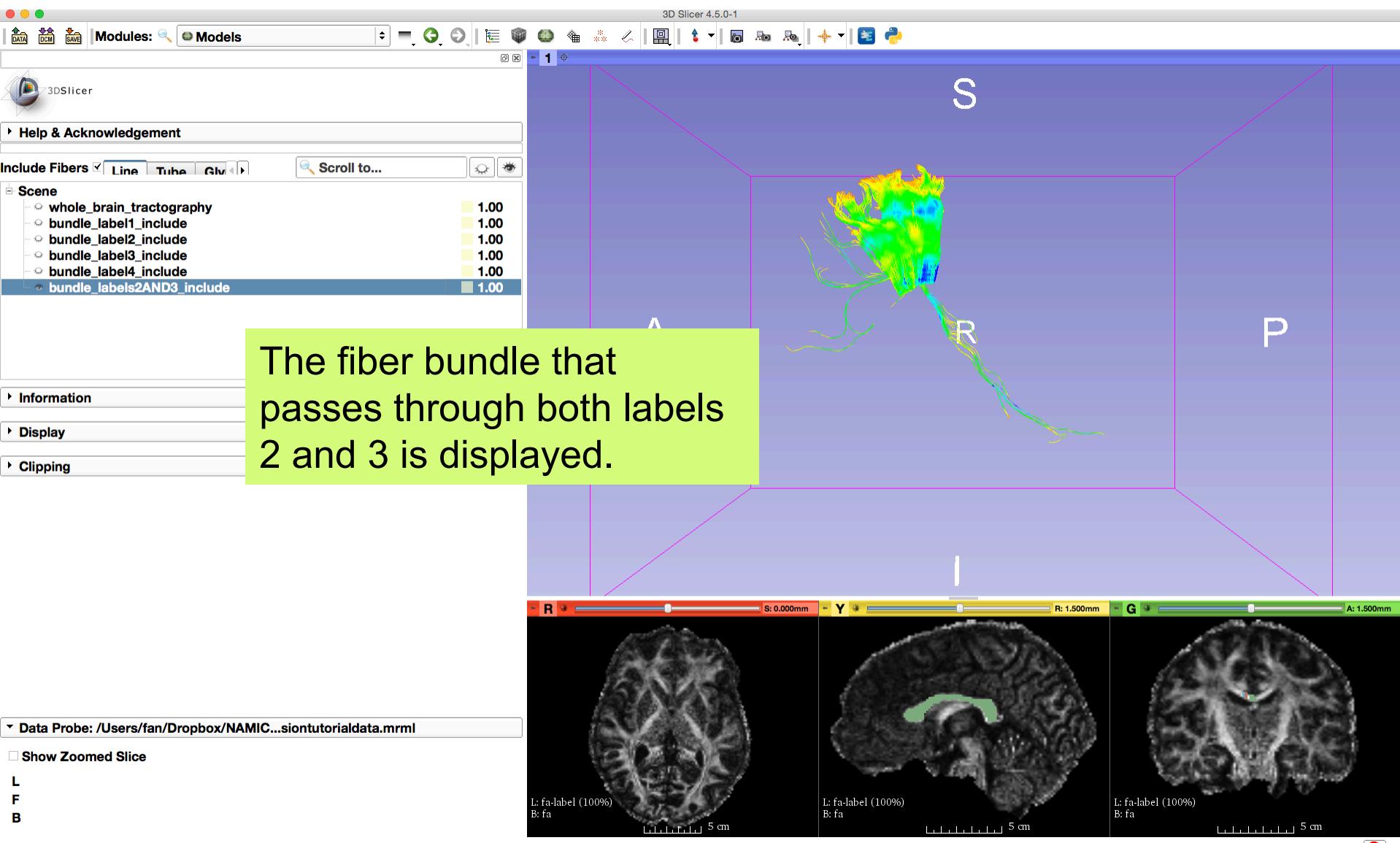
L: fa-label (100%) B: fa 5 cm

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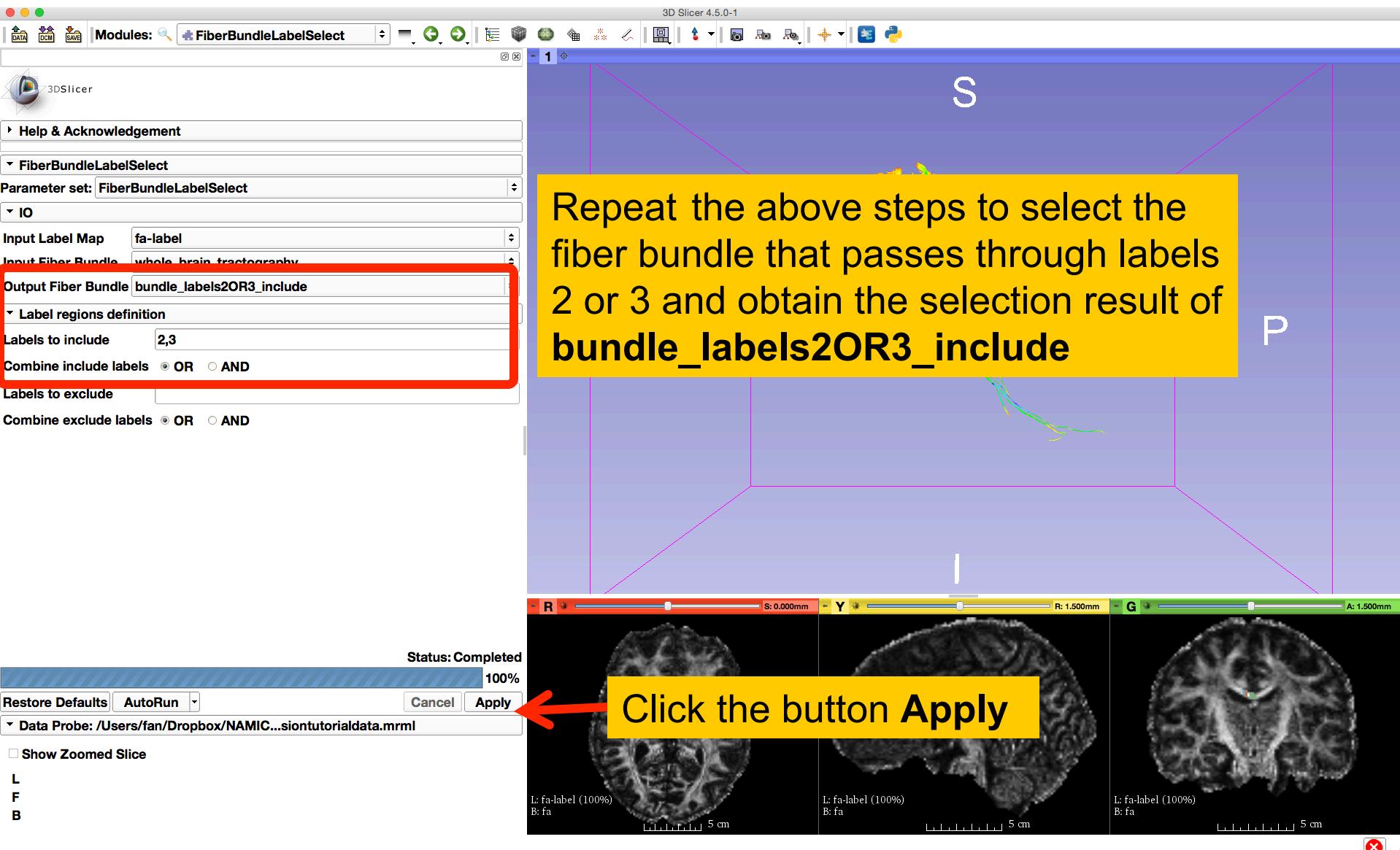
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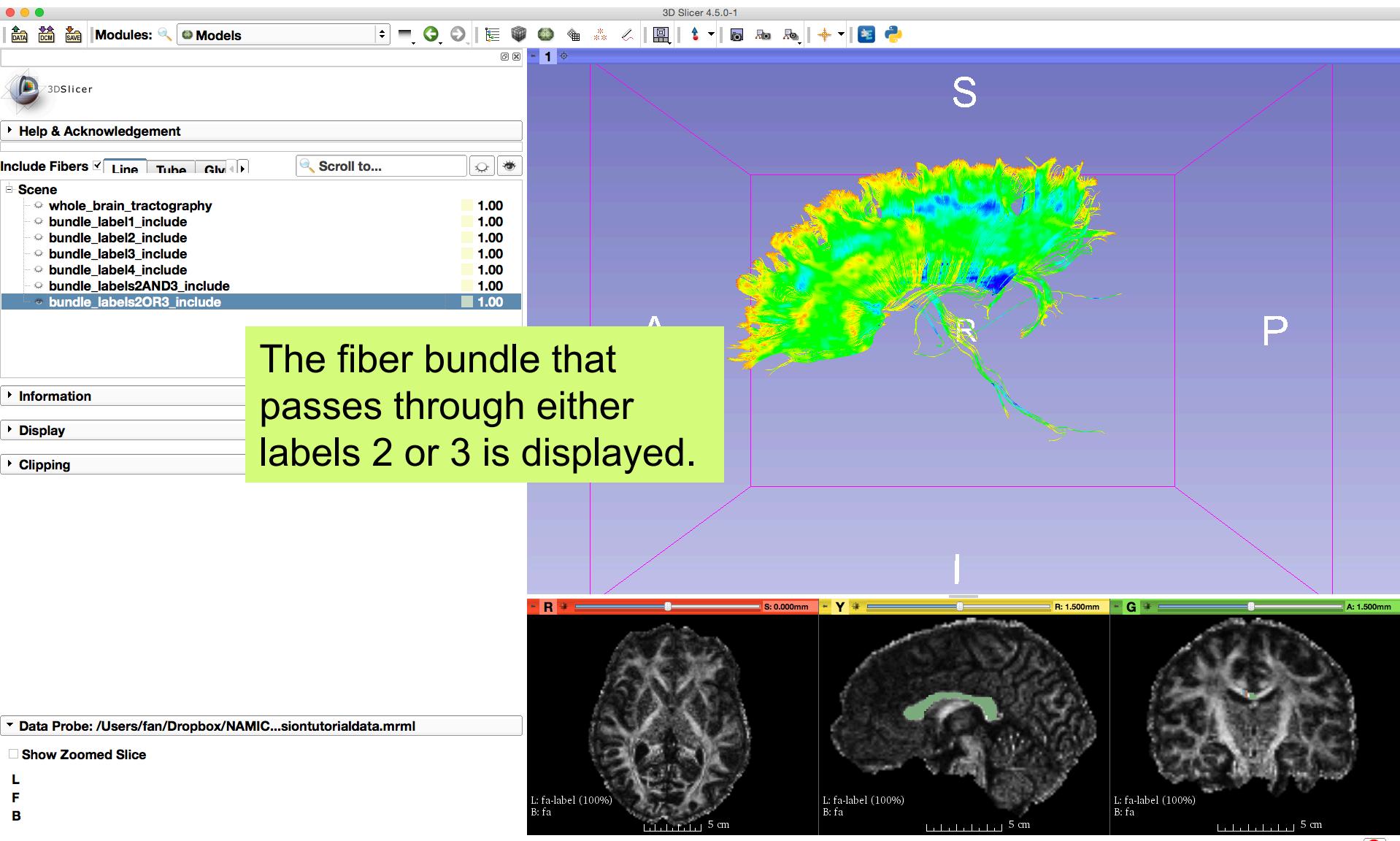
Editing multiple labels



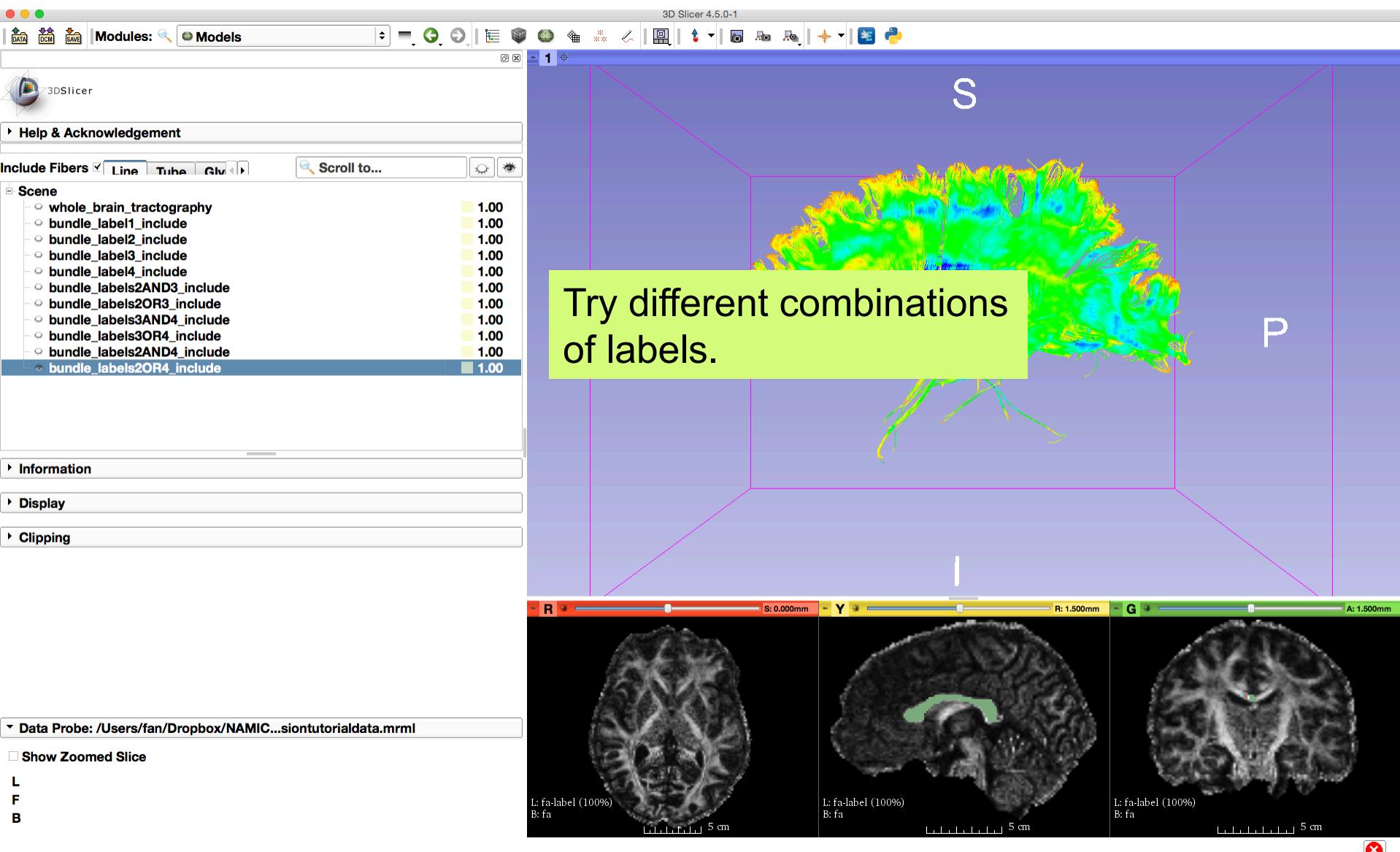
Multiple Labels Selection



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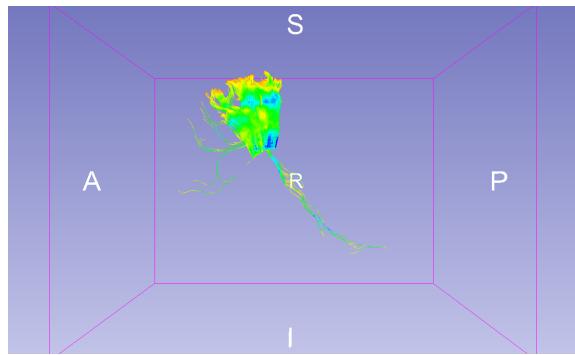


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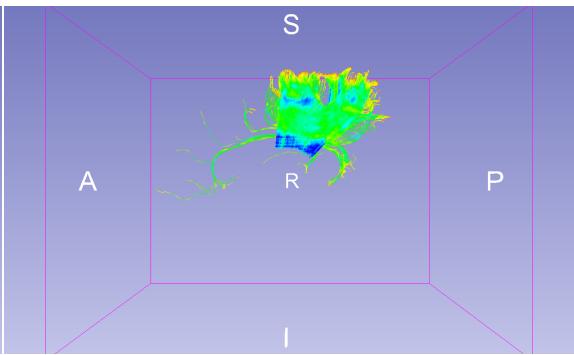


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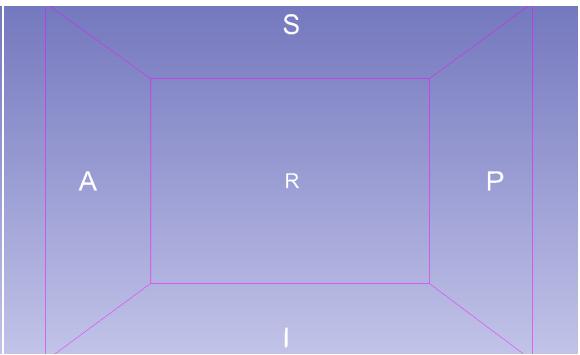
Labels 2 and 3



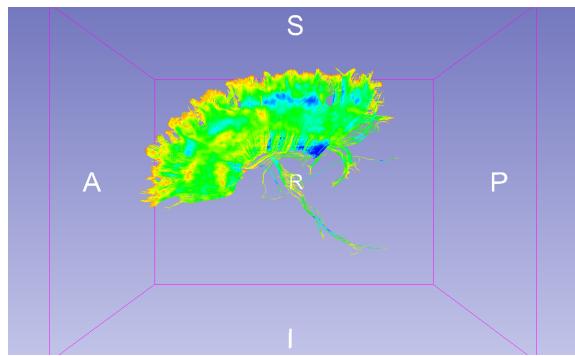
Labels 3 and 4



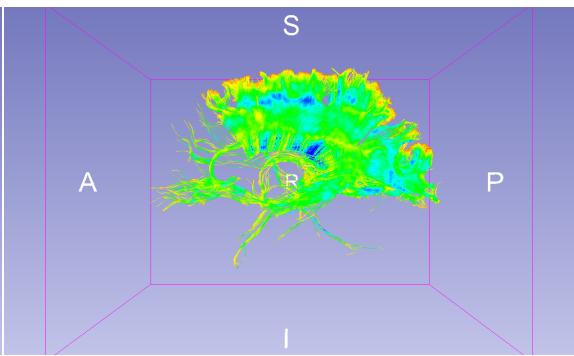
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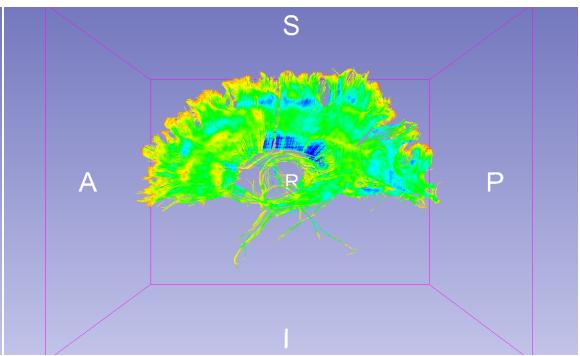
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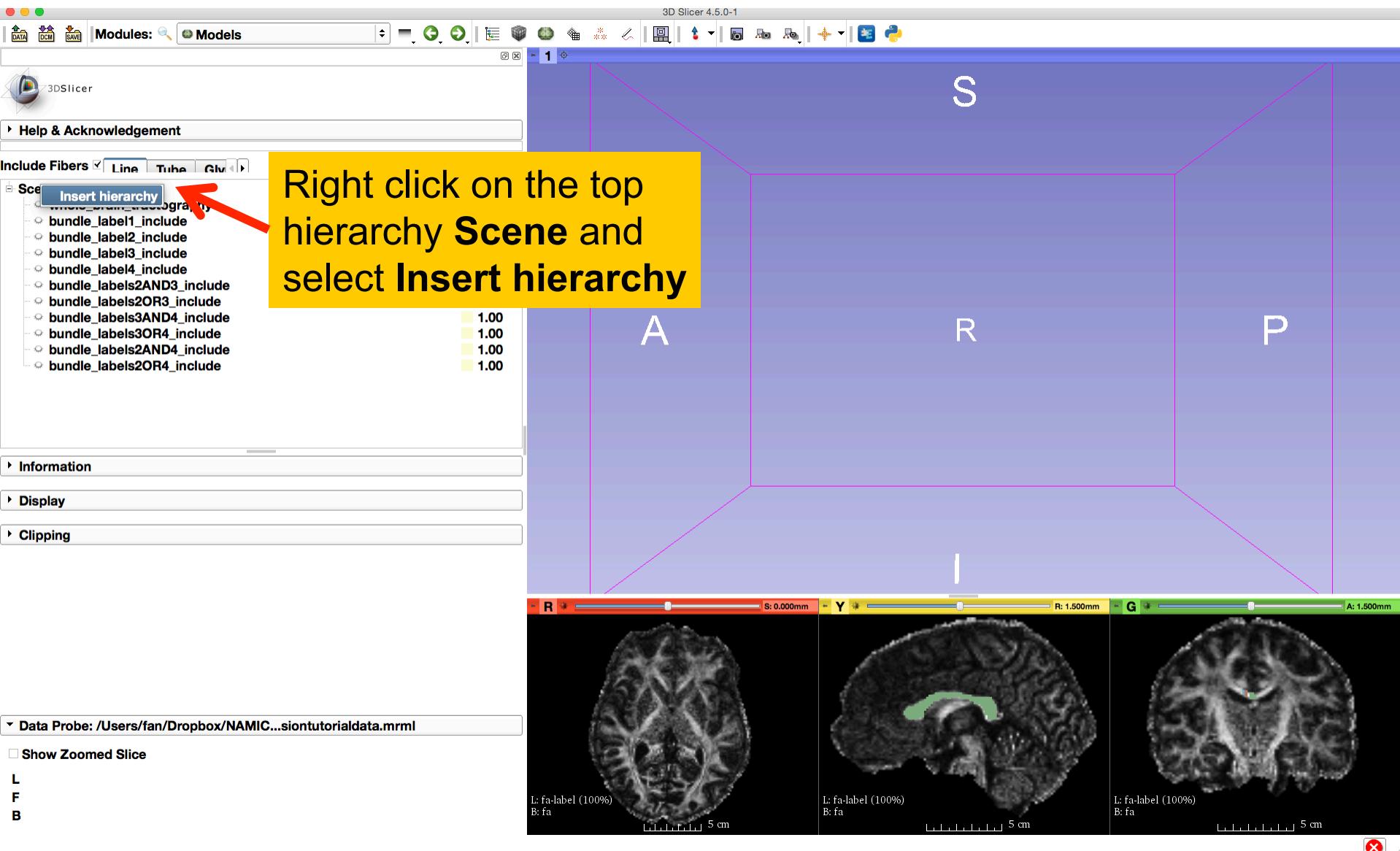
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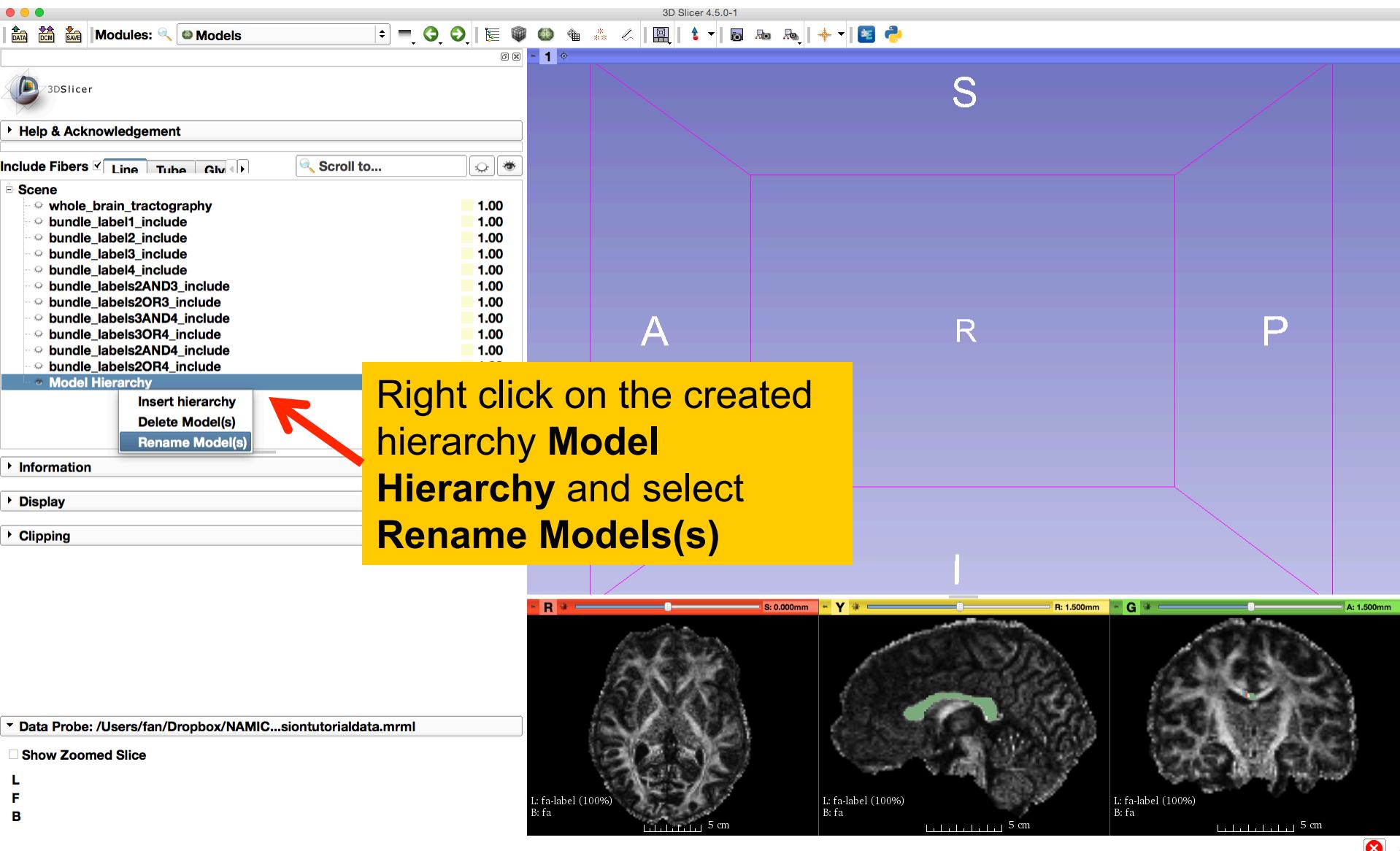
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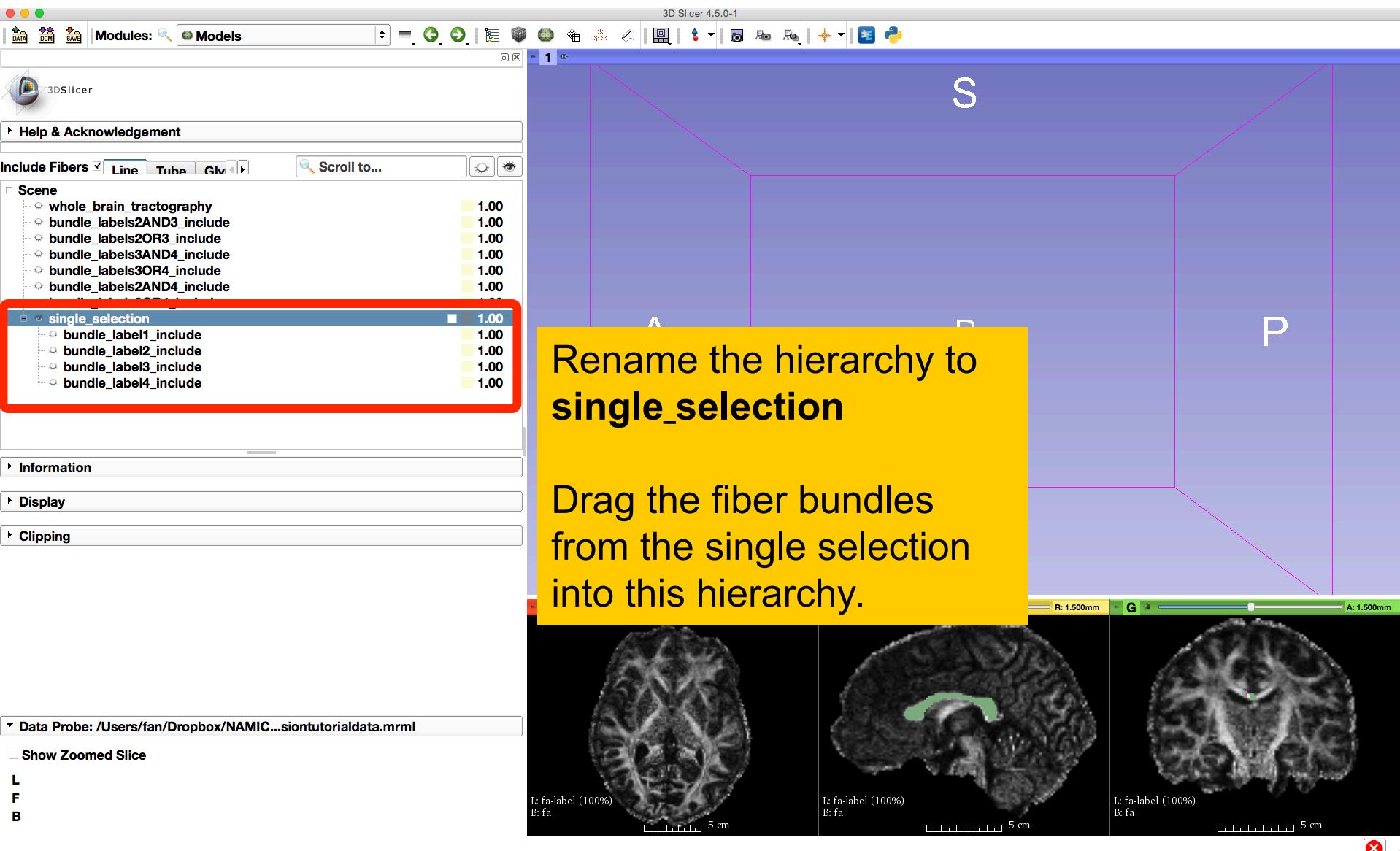
Fiber Hierarchy



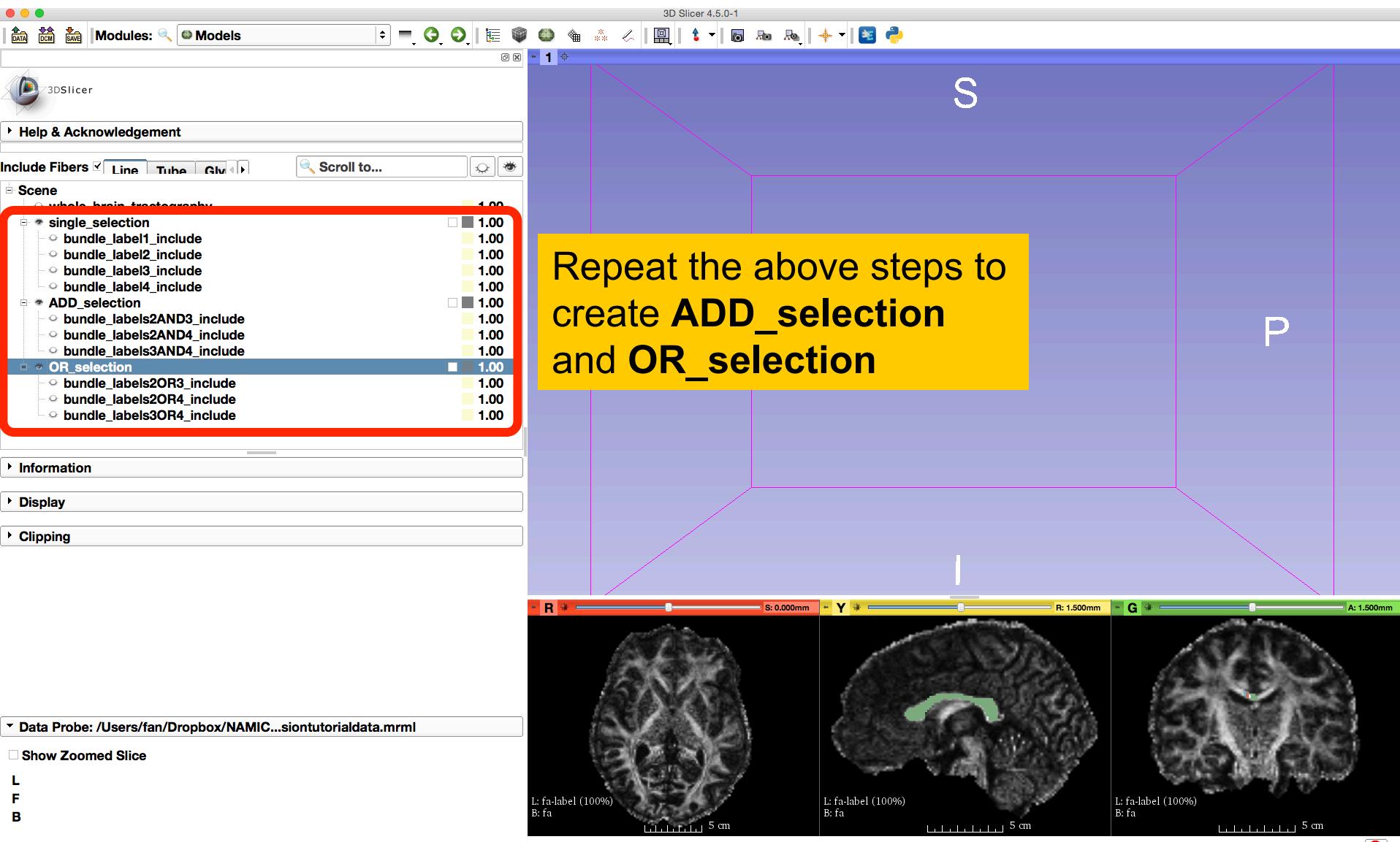
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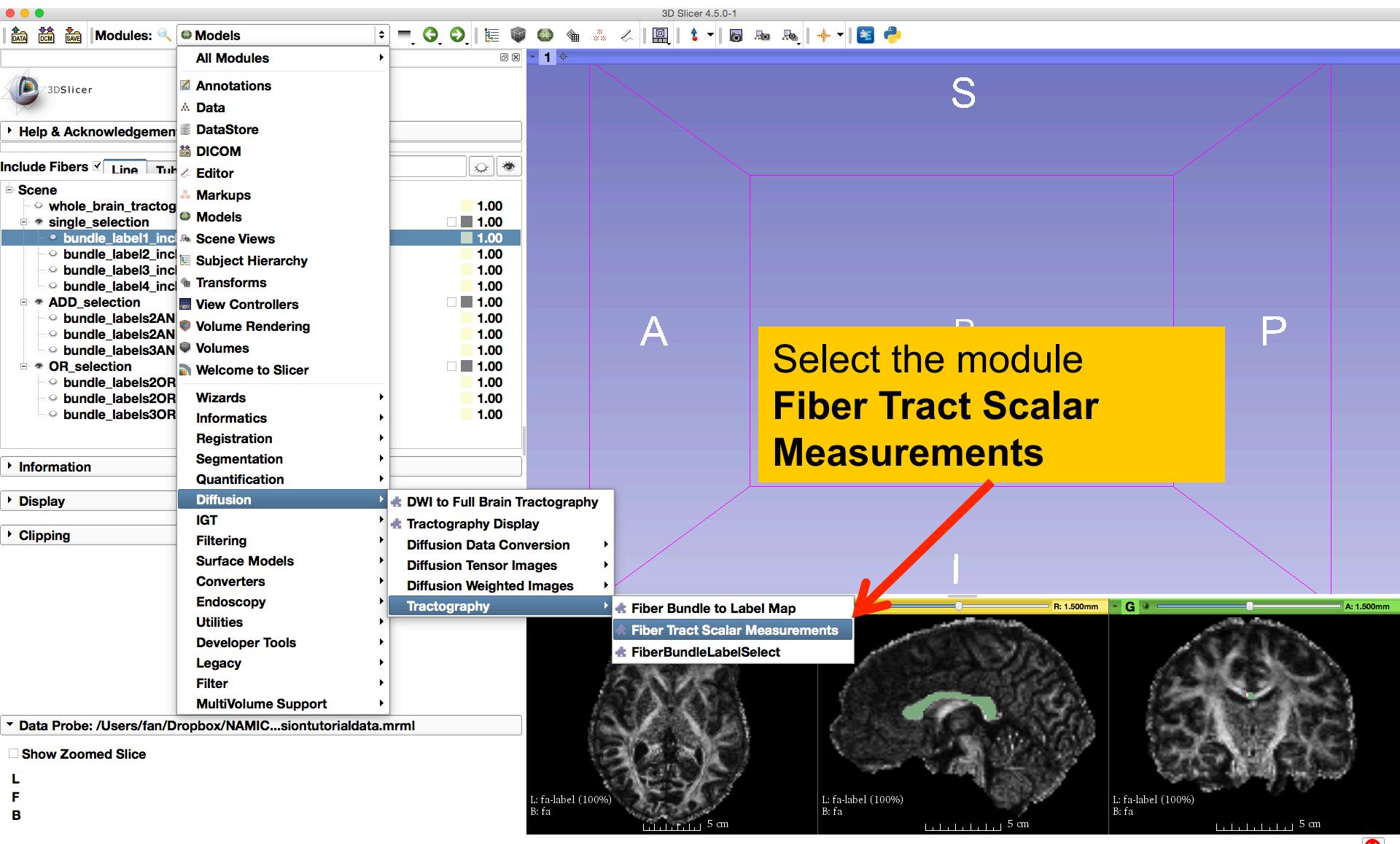
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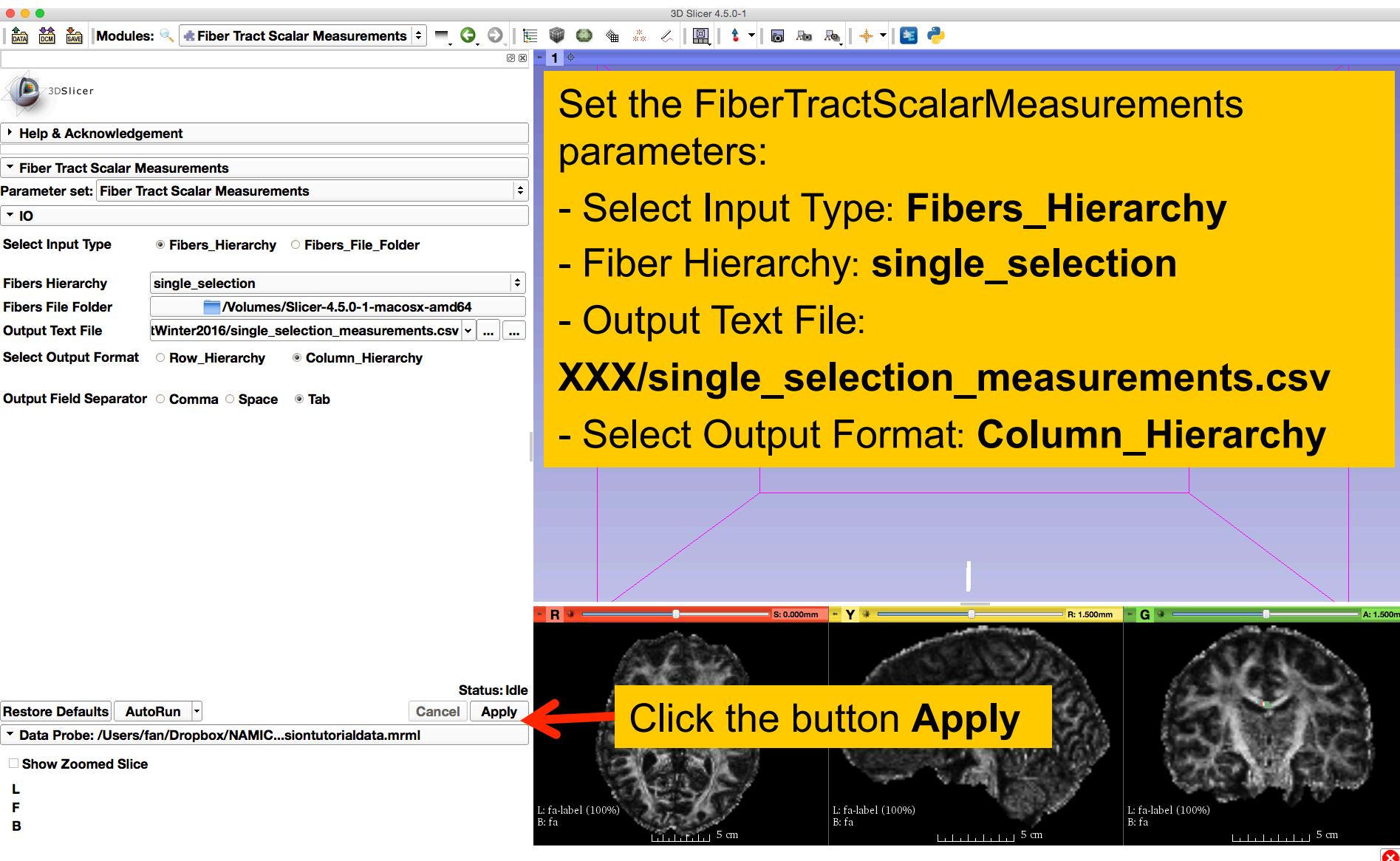
Fiber Hierarchy



Fiber Tract Scalar Measurements



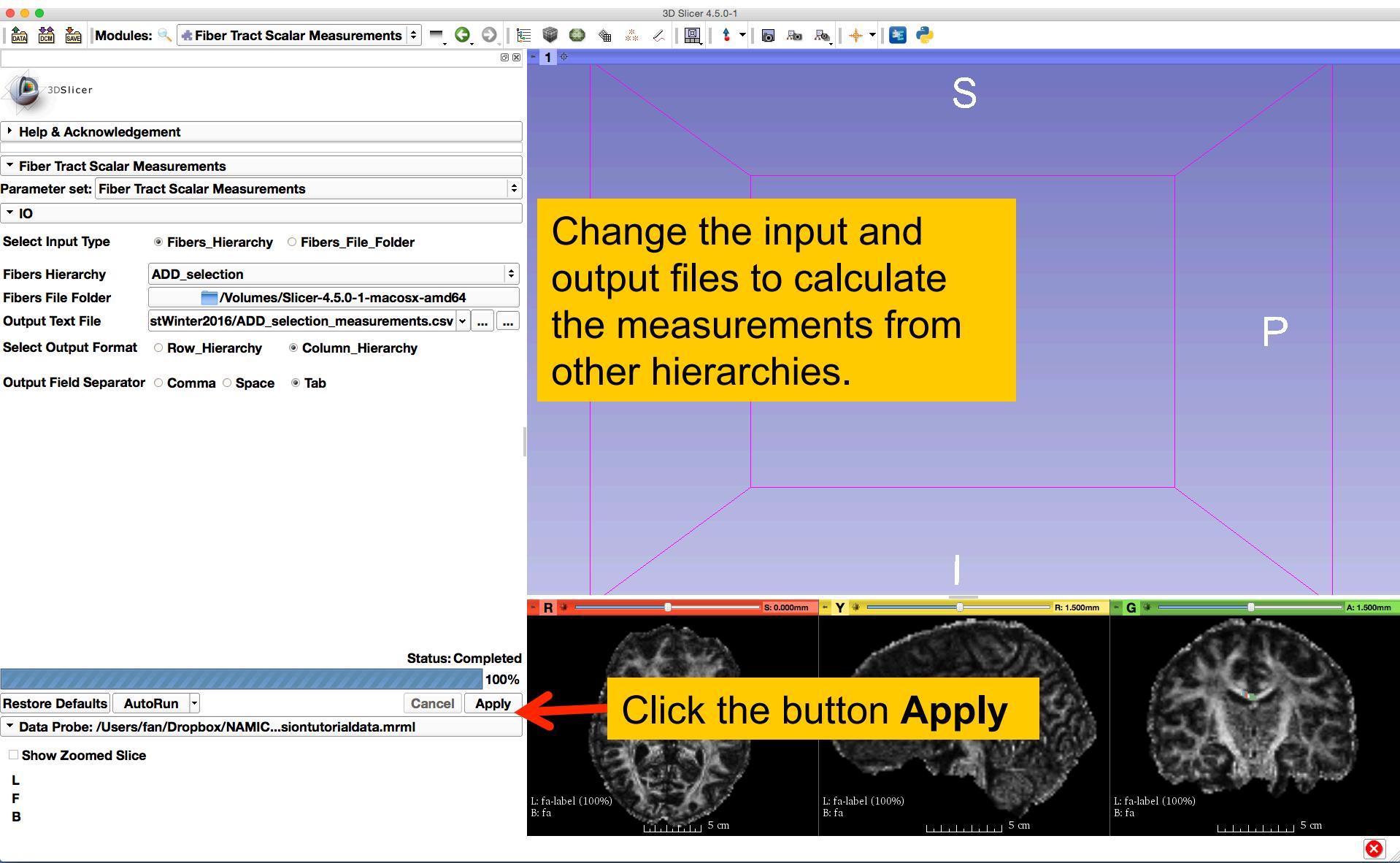
Fiber Tract Scalar Measurements



Fiber Tract Scalar Measurements

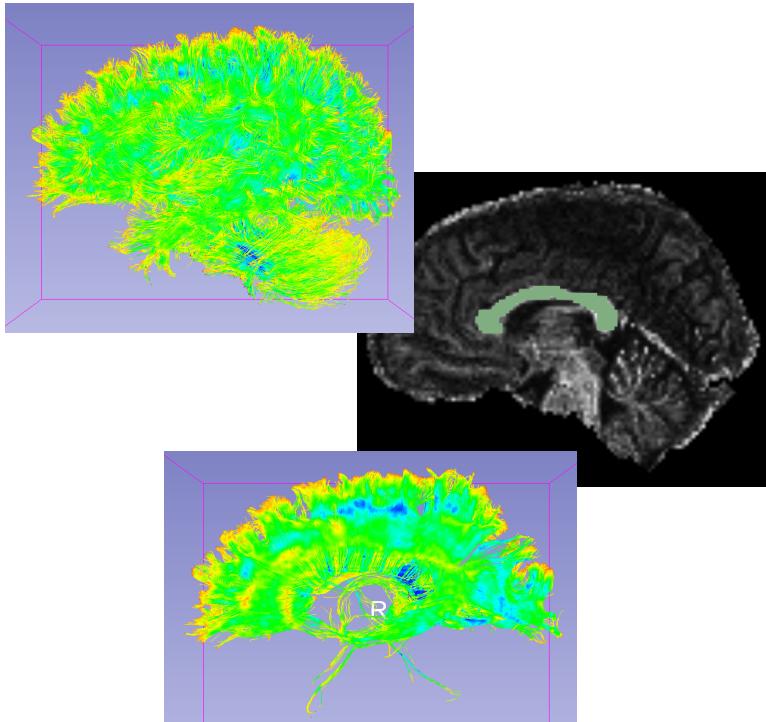
The module outputted a CSV file listing the mean scalar value (such as FA and Trace) of each fiber bundle under the input hierarchy.

Fiber Tract Scalar Measurements



Fiber Tract Scalar Measurements

Conclusion



This tutorial guided you through the fiber bundle label selection and fiber tract scalar measurements for conducting further tractography processing.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "single_selection_measurements.csv". The data is organized into columns A through N, representing various tensor-based measurements for selected fiber tracts. The first few rows of data are as follows:

Name	Num_Points	Num_Fibers	Tensor_FractionalAnisotropy	Tensor_UnequalMeasurement	Tensor_MaxEigenvalue	Tensor_MidEigenvalue	Tensor_MinEigenvalue	Tensors_PlanarMeasurement	Tensor_RelativeAnisotropy	Tensor_SphericalMeasurement	Tensor_Trace
single_selection:bundle_label1_include	212763	14306	0.525257	0.001193	0.000556	0.000396	NAN	1.2022962.08	NAN	NAN	
single_selection:bundle_label2_include	708470	5564	0.484828	0.471678	0.001157	0.000579	0.000425	0.14296	0.321028	0.385363	NAN
single_selection:bundle_label3_include	601023	4428	0.514121	0.490995	0.001166	0.000559	0.000393	0.154045	0.344331	0.35496	NAN
single_selection:bundle_label4_include	1261823	7485	0.552797	0.528861	0.001211	0.000554	0.000373	NAN	77884711.35	NAN	NAN
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