

DIPY

From Diffusion Data to Bundle Analysis

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Diffusion Imaging in Python

DIPY is an international project which brings together scientists **across labs and countries ...**

... to share their state-of-the-art code and expertise in the same codebase, accelerating scientific research in medical imaging.



- **Who is dipy for?**

Computer scientists, Engineers, Mathematicians

- **Development and testing of new methods**
- **Sharing code and the support/maintenance of that code**
- **Processing diffusion MRI data with the state-of-the-art pipeline**
- **Learning diffusion MRI processing**

You need to read and write code

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Some of the **Dipy** developers



Development team grows and grows ...



Currently the largest diffusion MRI development team
60+ contributors, 10+ countries


Publications

Citations: 182

METHODS ARTICLE

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Dipy, a library for the analysis of diffusion MRI data

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Industrial use



Main website:

dipy.org

Interactive chat room:

gitter.im/nipy/dipy/

Source code:

github.com/nipy/dipy

Tutorials:

dipy.org/examples_index.html

Dipy Installation:

nipy.org/dipy/installation.html

Follow the instructions for your platform.

```
>> pip install dipy
```

- **Local Reconstruction**
 - Diffusion Tensor
 - Constrained Spherical Deconvolution
- **Streamline Tractography**
 - Masking strategies
 - Propagation algorithms
- **Streamline Bundle Analysis**
 - QuickBundles
 - Regions-based

- Loading DW-MRI data

```
fdwi = 'HARDI150.nii.gz'
fbval = 'HARDI150.bval'
fbvec = 'HARDI150.bvec'
```

```
import nibabel as nib
img = nib.load(fdwi)
data = img.get_data()
```

Load data

```
In [50]: print(data.shape)
(81, 106, 76, 160)
```

```
from dipy.io import read_bvals_bvecs
bvals, bvecs = read_bvals_bvecs(fbval, fbvec)
from dipy.core.gradients import gradient_table
gtab = gradient_table(bvals, bvecs)
```

Create the gradient table

```
from dipy.data import fetch_stanford_hardi, read_stanford_hardi
fetch_stanford_hardi()
img, gtab = read_stanford_hardi()
data = img.get_data()
```

Get the data
from **Dipy**

- Local Reconstruction - DTI

```
from dipy.segment.mask import median_otsu
maskdata, mask = median_otsu(data, 3, 1, dilate=2)
```

Compute a brain mask

```
In [50]: print(data.shape)
(81, 106, 76, 160)
```

```
In [51]: print(mask.shape)
(81, 106, 76)
```

```
In [52]: print(maskdata.shape)
(81, 106, 76, 160)
```

```
import dipy.reconst.dti as dti
tenmodel = dti.TensorModel(gtab)
tenfit = tenmodel.fit(maskdata)
```

DT Model

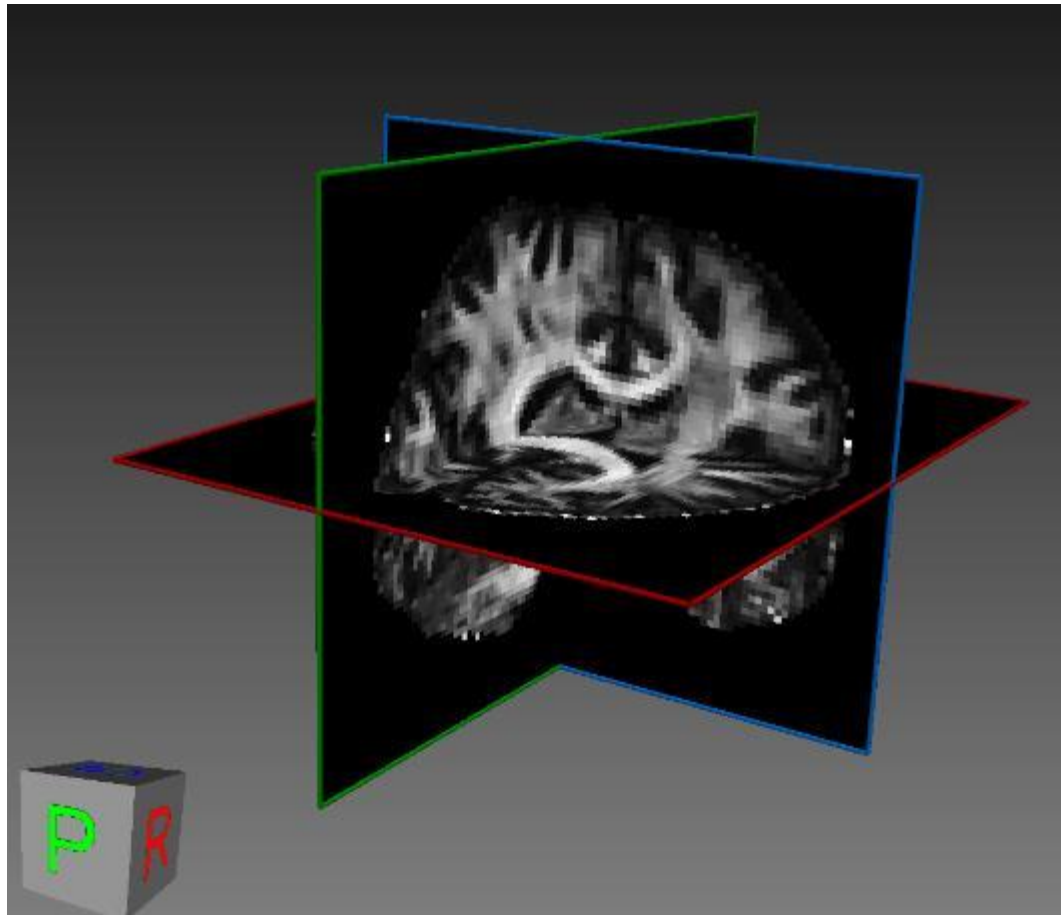
```
FA = fractional_anisotropy(tenfit.ivals)
FA[np.isnan(FA)] = 0
```

Compute the FA

```
fa_img = nib.Nifti1Image(FA.astype(np.float32), img.affine)
nib.save(fa_img, 'tensor_fa.nii.gz')
```

Save the FA
(Nifti format)

- Local Reconstruction - DTI

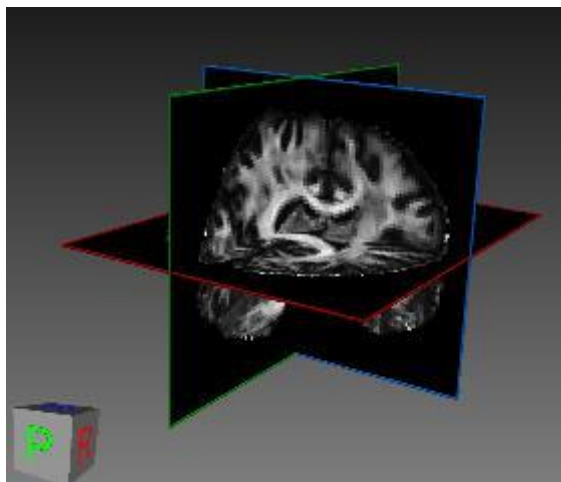


Fractional Anisotropy
Map

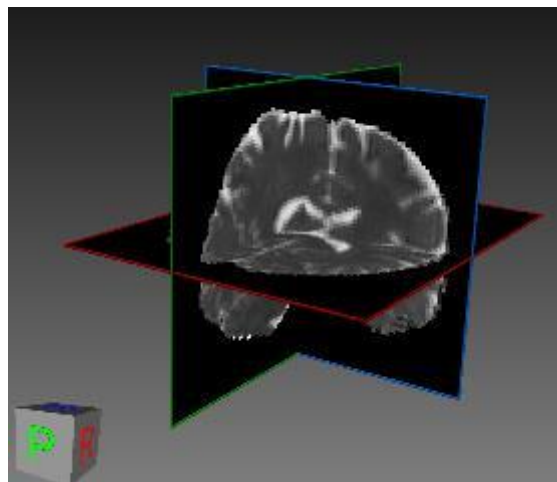
- Local Reconstruction - DTI

```
MD = tenfit.md
md_img = nib.Nifti1Image(MD.astype(np.float32), img.affine)
nib.save(md_img, 'tensor_md.nii.gz')
```

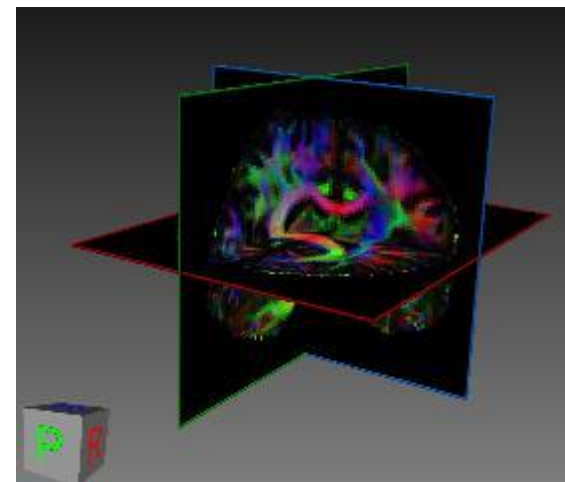
```
FA = np.clip(FA, 0, 1)
RGB = color_fa(FA, tenfit.evecs)
nib.save(nib.Nifti1Image(np.array(255 * RGB, 'uint8'), img.affine), 'tensor_rgb.nii.gz')
```



FA



MD



COLOR-FA

- Local Reconstruction - DTI

```
evals = tenfit.evals[28:38, 72:82, 38:39]  
evecs = tenfit.evecs[28:38, 72:82, 38:39]
```

Get the tensors evals/evecs

```
cfa = RGB[28:38, 72:82, 38:39]
```

Get the color from the RGB map

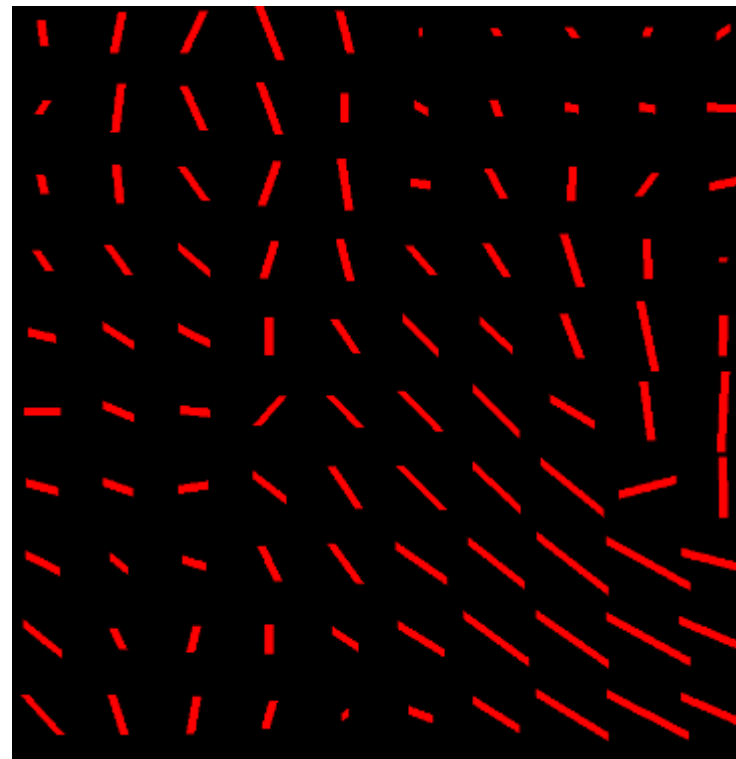
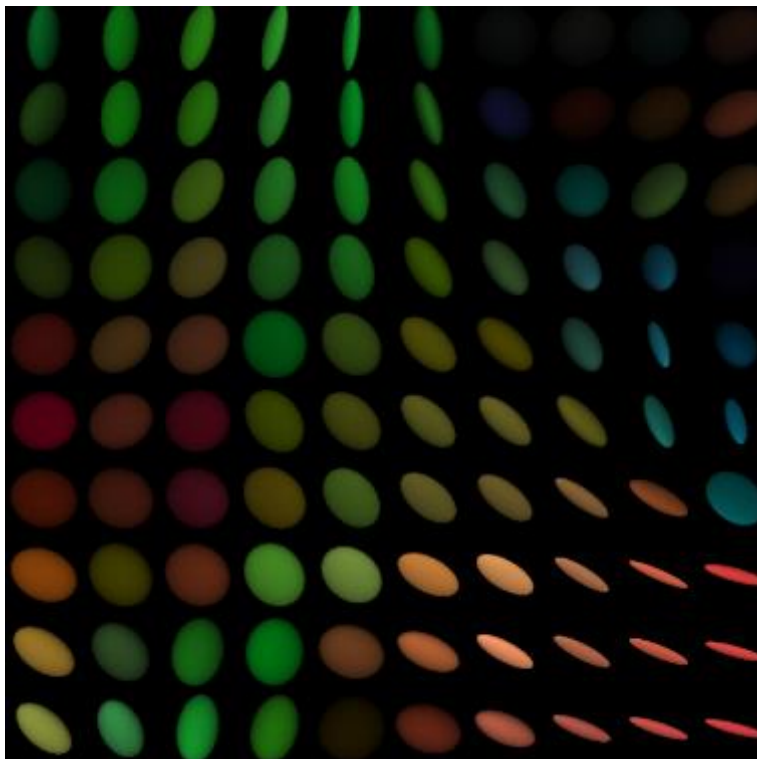
```
from dipy.viz import fvtk  
ren = fvtk.ren()  
from dipy.data import get_sphere  
sphere = get_sphere('symmetric724')
```

Load the visualization
package of Dipy

```
fvtk.add(ren, fvtk.tensor(evals, evecs, cfa, sphere))  
fvtk.record(ren, n_frames=1, out_path='tensor_ellipsoids.png', size=(1000, 1000))
```

- Local Reconstruction - DTI

```
fvtk.clear(ren)
tensor_peaks = fvtk.peaks(evecs[:, :, 0:1, 0:1, :], FA[28:38, 72:82, 38:39, None], scale=1.3)
fvtk.add(ren, tensor_peaks)
fvtk.record(ren, out_path='tensor_peaks.png', size=(1000, 1000))
```

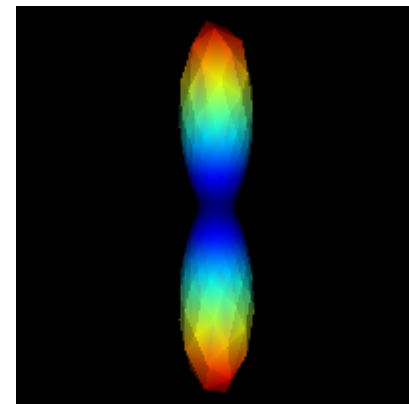


- Local Reconstruction - CSD

```
from dipy.reconst.csdeconv import auto_response
response, ratio = auto_response(gtab, data, roi_radius=10, fa_thr=0.7)
```

```
from dipy.viz import fvtk
ren = fvtk.ren()
evals = response[0]
evecs = np.array([[0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 1], [1, 0, 0]]).T
from dipy.data import get_sphere
sphere = get_sphere('symmetric724')
from dipy.sims.voxel import single_tensor_odf
response_odf = single_tensor_odf(sphere.vertices, evals, evecs)
response_actor = fvtk.sphere_funcs(response_odf, sphere)
fvtk.add(ren, response_actor)
fvtk.record(ren, out_path='csd_response.png', size=(200, 200))
```

Estimate
the single
fiber response



CSD Model

```
from dipy.reconst.csdeconv import ConstrainedSphericalDeconvModel
csd_model = ConstrainedSphericalDeconvModel(gtab, response)
```

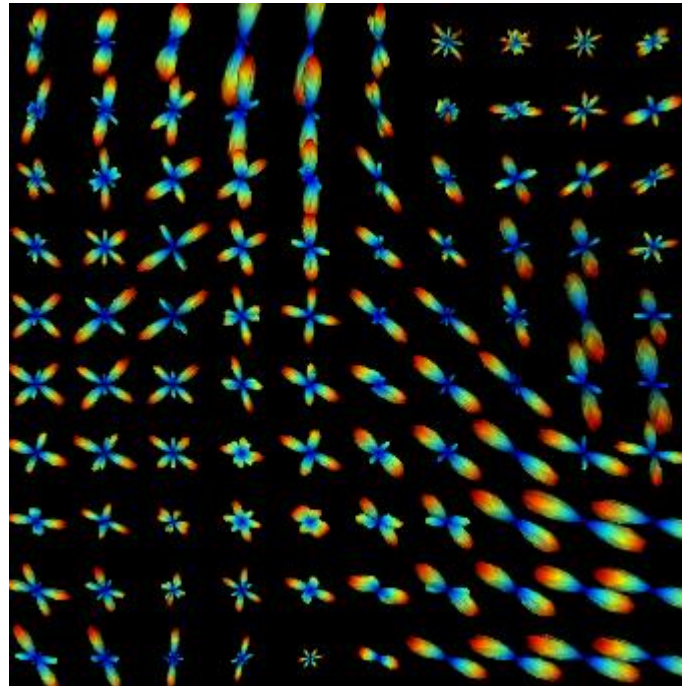
```
csd_fit = csd_model.fit(maskdata)
```

- Local Reconstruction - CSD

```
csd_odf = csd_fit[28:38, 72:82, 38:39].odf(sphere)
```

```
In [174]: print(csd_odf.shape)  
(10, 10, 1, 724)
```

```
ren = fvtk.ren()  
fodf_spheres = fvtk.sphere_funcs(csd_odf, sphere, scale=1.6, norm=False)  
fvtk.add(ren, fodf_spheres)  
fvtk.record(ren, out_path='csd_odfs.png', size=(1000, 1000))
```



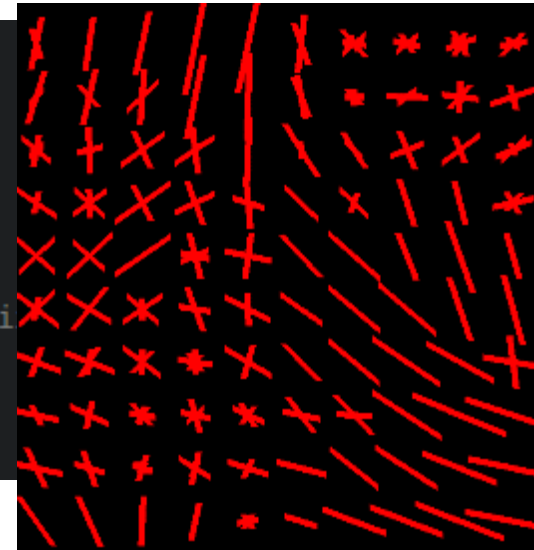
- Local Reconstruction - CSD

```
from dipy.direction import peaks_from_model
csd_pfm = peaks_from_model(model=csd_model,
                           data=maskdata,
                           sphere=sphere,
                           return_sh=True,
                           sh_order=8,
                           sh_basis_type='fibernav', # 'mrtri
                           relative_peak_threshold=.5,
                           min_separation_angle=25,
                           parallel=True)
```

```
csd_peaks_dirs = csd_pfm.peak_dirs[28:38, 72:82, 38:39]
csd_peaks_values = csd_pfm.peak_values[28:38, 72:82, 38:39]
```

```
fvtk.clear(ren)
fodf_peaks = fvtk.peaks(csd_peaks_dirs, csd_peaks_values, scale=1.6)
fvtk.add(ren, fodf_peaks)
fvtk.record(ren, out_path='csd_peaks.png', size=(1000, 1000))
```

```
csd_sh = csd_pfm.shm_coeff
nib.save(nib.Nifti1Image(csd_sh.astype(np.float32), img.affine), 'csd_sh.nii.gz')
```



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- **Tractography Masks – TissueClassifier**

- **Label Image**

- *Binary Tissue Classifier*

- **Scalar Image (e.g. FA)**

- *Threshold Tissue Classifier*

- **T1 Partial Volume Estimation Maps**

- *ACT Tissue Classifier*

[Smith et al., 2012]

- *CMC Tissue Classifier*

[Girard et al., 2014]

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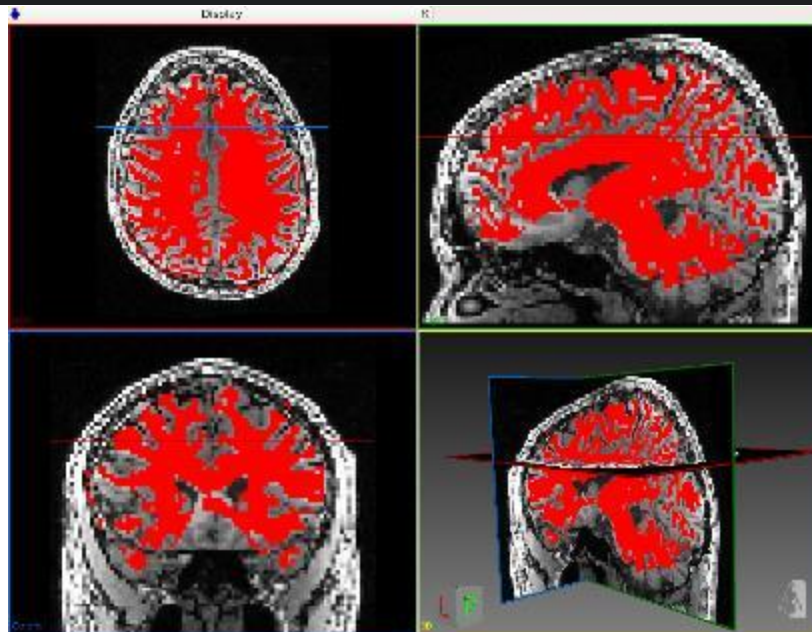


- Tractography - Mask

```
from dipy.tracking.local import ThresholdTissueClassifier
threshold_classifier = ThresholdTissueClassifier(FA, .15)
```

Threshold Tissue Classifier

```
mask_fa = FA.copy()
mask_fa[mask_fa < 0.15] = 0
mask_fa[mask_fa > 0] = 1
nib.Nifti1Image(mask_fa.astype("uint8"), affine).to_filename("mask_fa.nii.gz")
```

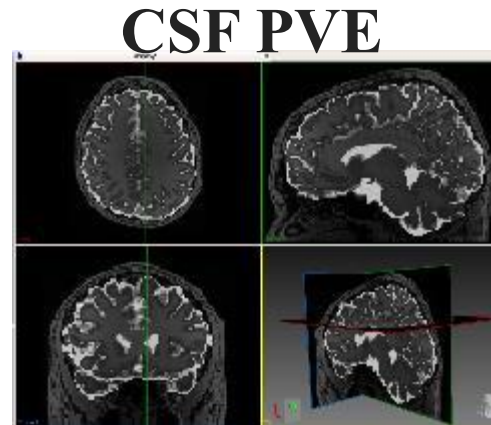
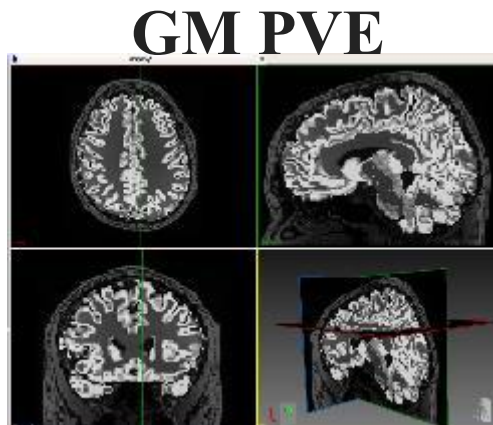
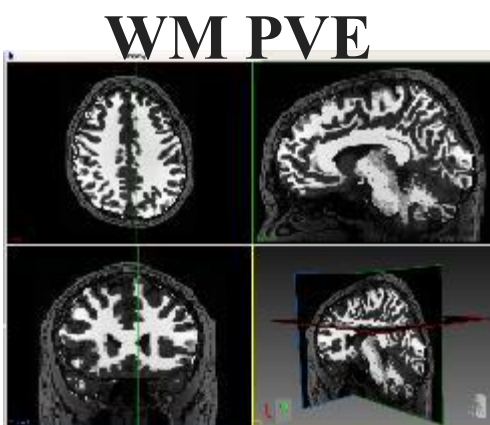


- Tractography – Mask from T1 Information

```
f_pve_wm='pve_wm.nii.gz'
f_pve_gm='pve_gm.nii.gz'
f_pve_csf='pve_csf.nii.gz'
```

```
img_pve_wm = nib.load(f_pve_wm)
img_pve_gm = nib.load(f_pve_gm)
img_pve_csf = nib.load(f_pve_csf)
```

Load PVE maps
e.g. from FSL-Fast or Dipy



```
from dipy.tracking.local import ActTissueClassifier
act_classifier = ActTissueClassifier.from_pve(img_pve_wm.get_data(),
                                             img_pve_gm.get_data(),
                                             img_pve_csf.get_data())
```

ACT
Tissue Classifier

Dipy 0.14.0

[Smith et al., 2012]



- **Tractography - Seeding**

```
from dipy.data import read_stanford_labels
_, _, labels_img = read_stanford_labels()
labels = labels_img.get_data()
```

Load a brain parcellation

```
from dipy.tracking import utils
seed_mask = labels == 2
seeds = utils.seeds_from_mask(seed_mask, density=1, affine=affine)
```

1 seed in each
voxel of the CC

Seeds is a list of 3D initial positions

• Tractography Algorithms – DirectionGetters

– ProbabilisticDirectionGetter

- *Samples a direction from the SF values in a maximum angle θ*

– MaximumDirectionGetter

- *The direction with the maximum SF value in a maximum angle θ*

– ClosestPeakDirectionGetter

- *The direction of a peak of the SF the most aligned with the previous direction in a maximum angle $\bar{\theta}$*

– EuDx

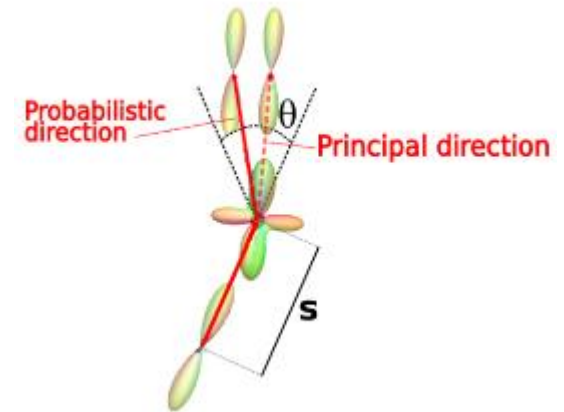
- *Tri-linear interpolation of the closest peaks at the current tracking position*

– BootDirectionGetter

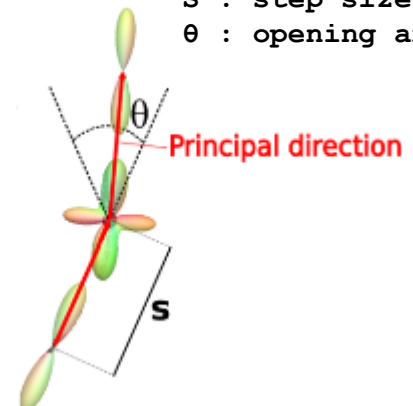
- *Sample the direction from the estimated uncertainty in the SF* [Berman et al., 2008]

– Particle Filtering Tractography

- *ProbabilisticDirectionGetter with prior anatomical information* [Girard et al., 2014]



S : step size
 θ : opening angle



[Cote et al., 2013]

Dipy 0.14.0

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• Tractography – Direction Getters

```
from dipy.direction import ProbabilisticDirectionGetter
prob_dg = ProbabilisticDirectionGetter.from_shcoeff(csd_fit.shm_coeff,
                                                    max_angle=20.,
                                                    sphere=sphere)
```

Probabilistic Direction Getter from shm

```
from dipy.direction import DeterministicMaximumDirectionGetter
pmf = nib.load("my_FOD.nii.gz").get_data()
detmax_dg = DeterministicMaximumDirectionGetter.from_pmf(pmf,
                                                         max_angle=45.,
                                                         sphere=sphere)
```

Deterministic Maximum Direction Getter from FOD sampled on a sphere

```
from dipy.direction import ClosestPeakDirectionGetter
shm_coeff = nib.load("sh_FOD.nii.gz").get_data()
closest_dg = ClosestPeakDirectionGetter.from_shcoeff(shm_coeff,
                                                      max_angle=60.,
                                                      sphere=sphere,
                                                      basis="mrtrix")
```

Basis:
 [Descoteaux et al., 2007]
 [Tournier et al., 2012]

Closest Peak Direction Getter from shm (Nifti)

- **Tractography - Streamlines**

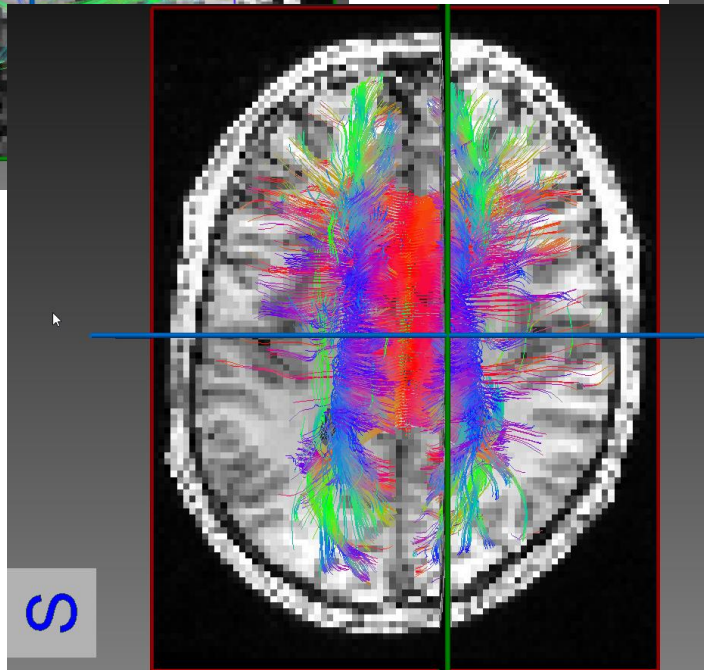
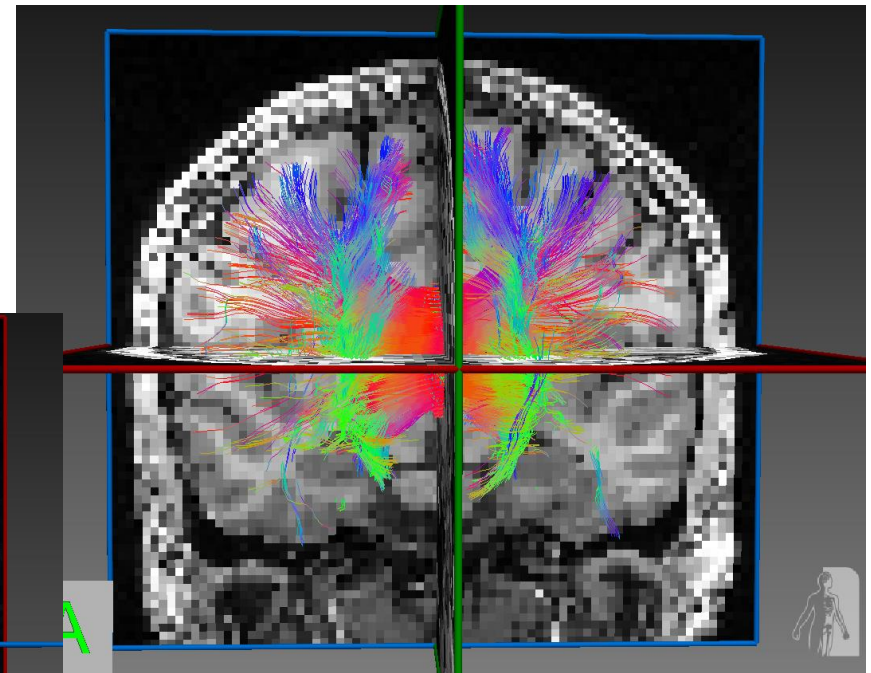
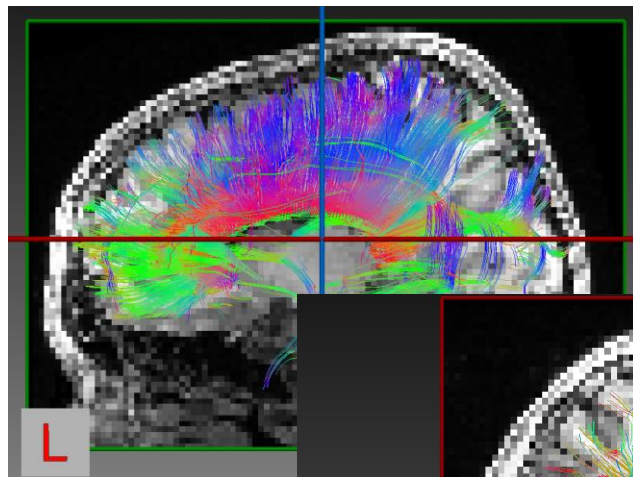
```
from dipy.tracking.local import LocalTracking
streamlines = LocalTracking(prob_dg,
                             act_classifier,
                             seeds,
                             affine,
                             step_size=0.2)
```

Generate streamlines
with the selected
parameters

```
from dipy.io.trackvis import save_trk
save_trk("probabilistic_streamlines.trk",
         streamlines,
         affine,
         seed_mask.shape)
```

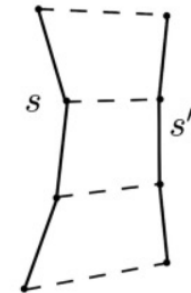
Save the streamlines
to the disk

- Tractography - Streamlines



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- Streamline Clustering with QuickBundle



QuickBundles for tractography simplification
Garyfallidis et al. Frontiers 2012

- Streamline Clustering with QuickBundles

```
from dipy.segment.clustering import QuickBundles
qb = QuickBundles(threshold=10.)

clusters = qb.cluster(streamlines)
```

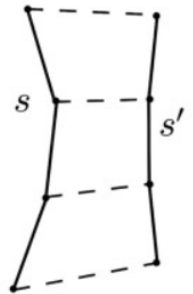
Apply the QuickBundles algorithm to the streamlines

```
threshold : float
    The maximum distance from a bundle for a streamline to be still
    considered as part of it.
```

```
print("Nb. clusters:", len(clusters))
print("Cluster sizes:", map(len, clusters))
```

```
Nb. clusters: 4

Cluster sizes: [64, 191, 47, 1]
```



[Garyfallidis et al., 2012]

- Streamline Clustering with QuickBundles

```
print("Streamlines indices of the first cluster:\n", clusters[0].indices)
```

```
Streamlines indices of the first cluster:
```

```
[0, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 26, 30, 33, 35, 41, 65, 66, 85, 100,
 101, 105, 115, 116, 119, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 128, 129, 135, 139, 142,
 143, 144, 148, 151, 159, 167, 175, 180, 181, 185, 200, 208, 210, 224, 237,
 246, 249, 251, 256, 267, 270, 280, 284, 293, 296, 297, 299]
```

```
print("Centroid of the last cluster:\n", clusters[-1].centroid)
```

```
Centroid of the last cluster:
```

```
array([[ 84.83773804,  117.92590332,   77.32278442],
       [ 86.10850525,  115.84362793,   81.91885376],
       [ 86.40357208,  112.25676727,   85.72930145],
       [ 86.48336792,  107.60327911,   88.13782501],
       [ 86.23897552,  102.5100708 ,   89.29447174],
       [ 85.04563904,   97.46020508,   88.54240417],
       [ 82.60240173,   93.14851379,   86.84208679],
       [ 78.98937225,   89.57682037,   85.63652039],
       [ 74.72344208,   86.60827637,   84.9391861 ],
       [ 70.40846252,   85.15874481,   82.4484024 ],
       [ 66.74534607,   86.00262451,   78.82582092],
       [ 64.02451324,   88.43942261,   75.0697403 ]], dtype=float32)
```

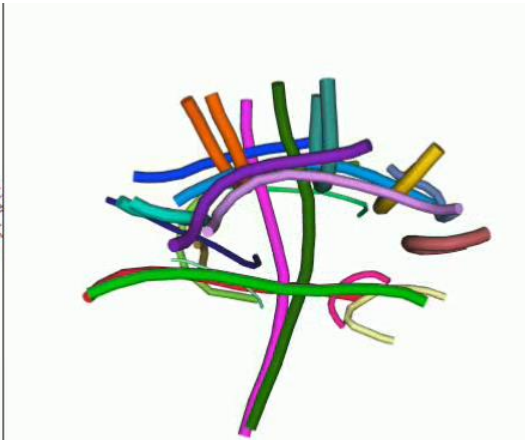
[Garyfallidis et al., 2012]



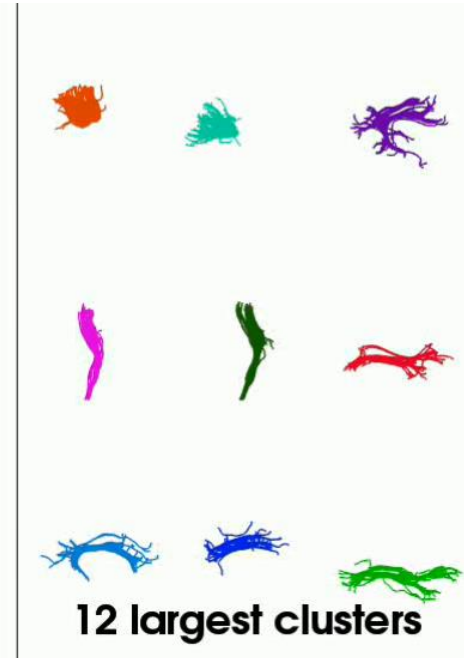
- Streamline Clustering with QuickBundles



Final clusters



Centroids



12 largest clusters

[Garyfallidis et al., 2012]

- Label-based bundle segmentation

```
from dipy.tracking import utils
M, grouping = utils.connectivity_matrix(streamlines,
                                       labels,
                                       affine=affine,
                                       return_mapping=True,
                                       mapping_as_streamlines=True)
```

```
In [108]: M.shape
Out[108]: (89, 89)
```

```
In [172]: M[11,54]
Out[172]: 9201
```

```
In [173]: len(grouping[(11,54)])
Out[173]: 9201
```

```
bundle = grouping[(11,54)]
streamlines_actor = fvtk.line(bundle, line_colors(bundle))

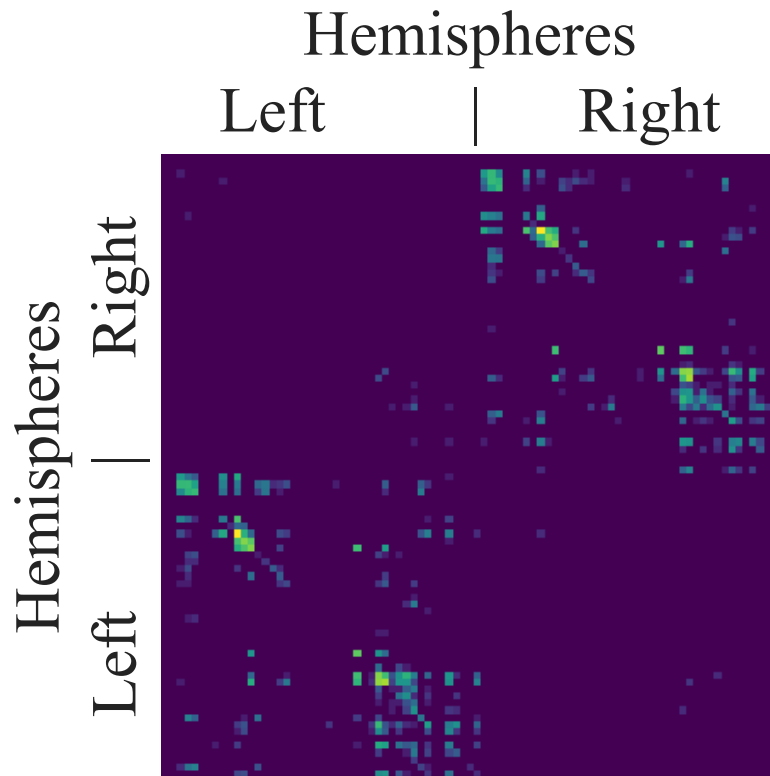
r = fvtk.ren()
fvtk.add(r, streamlines_actor)
fvtk.record(r, n_frames=1, out_path='bundle.png', size=(800, 800))
```

Superior
frontal
gyrus L/R



- Label-based bundle segmentation

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.imshow(np.loglp(M), interpolation='nearest')
plt.savefig("connectivity.png")
```



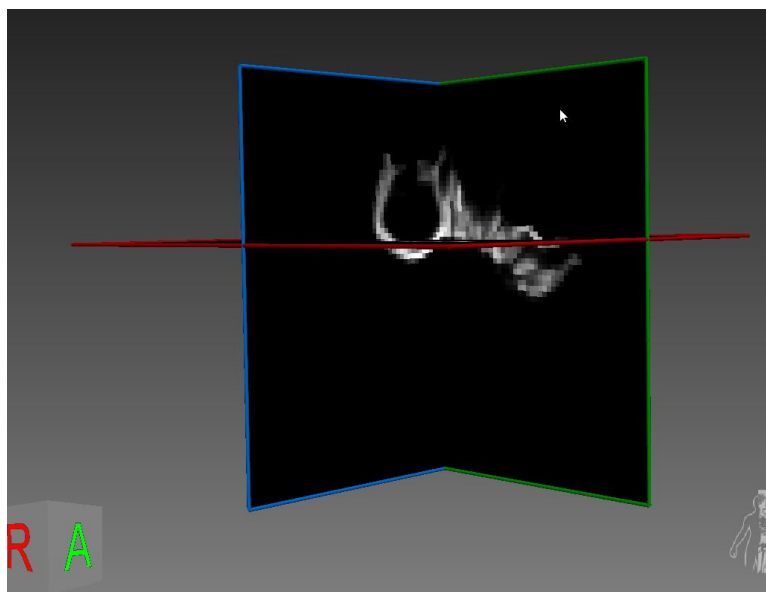
of Streamlines of
the CC between labels

- **Bundle Density Map**

```
bundle = grouping[(11,54)]
dm = utils.density_map(bundle, shape, affine=affine)
```

```
dm_img = nib.Nifti1Image(dm.astype("int16"), hardi_img.affine)
dm_img.to_filename("bundle_density.nii.gz")
```

Compute streamline
density map



Questions?

- **Preprocessing**

- SNR Estimation
- Denoising with Non-Local Means
- Volume Reslicing

- **Local Reconstructions**

- Constrained Spherical Deconvolution (CSD)
- Simple Harmonic Oscillator based Reconstruction and Estimation (3D-SHORE)
- Mean Apparent Propagator (MAP)-MRI
- Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)
- Diffusion Kurtosis Imaging (DTK)
- Q-Ball Constant Solid Angle (CSA)
- Diffusion Spectrum Imaging (DSI)
- Generalized Q-Sampling Imaging (GQI)

- **Registration**

- Image-based Registration
- Affine Registration
- Symmetric Diffeomorphic Registration
- Streamline-based Registration

- **Segmentation**

- Streamline Clustering
- Tractography Clustering with QuickBundles
- Brain segmentation with median_otsu
- T1 Tissue Partial Volume Estimation

- **Fiber Tractography**

- Deterministic / Probabilistic Tractography
- Particle Filtering Tractography (PFT)

- **Streamline Analysis**

- Streamline analysis and connectivity
- Connectivity Matrices
- ROI Intersections and Density Maps
- Streamline length and size reduction
- Linear fascicle evaluation
- Fiber to bundle coherence measures

- **Visualization**

- Local Reconstructions
- Streamlines

See the code examples: Dipy.org Thank you for your attention!