

NFT Neuroelectromagnetic Forward Head Modeling Toolbox

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NFT: Introduction

- MATLAB Toolbox for realistic head modeling and forward problem solution.
- Ability to use available subject information
 - T1-weighted 3D MR images
 - Digitized sensor (electrode) locations
- Implements all steps of head modeling
 - Segmentation of MR images
 - Mesh generation
 - Warping of a template head model to sensors
 - Sensor co-registration
 - Forward problem solution

NFT External Programs

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 - ASC: High quality triangulation
 - Qslim: Mesh Coarsening
 - MATITK: MATLAB interface to ITK image processing toolkit
 - METU-BEM: Boundary Element Method (BEM) Solver
- Source code is available for all these components.

NFT: Operation

T1 MR Images

- Choose subject
- Generate head model for subject
 - Segmentation
 - Mesh generation
- Register sensors to mesh
 - Each set of sensors is a separate session
- Generate forward model
- Generate LFM for each session

Template Mesh

- Choose subject
- Select sensors
- Warp Template to sensors
- Generate forward model
- Generate LFM for sensors

NFT Main Menu

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Subject Selection

Head Modeling

Forward Modeling Source Localization

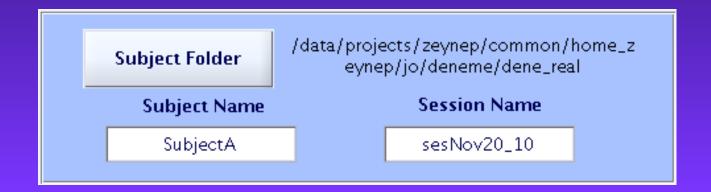
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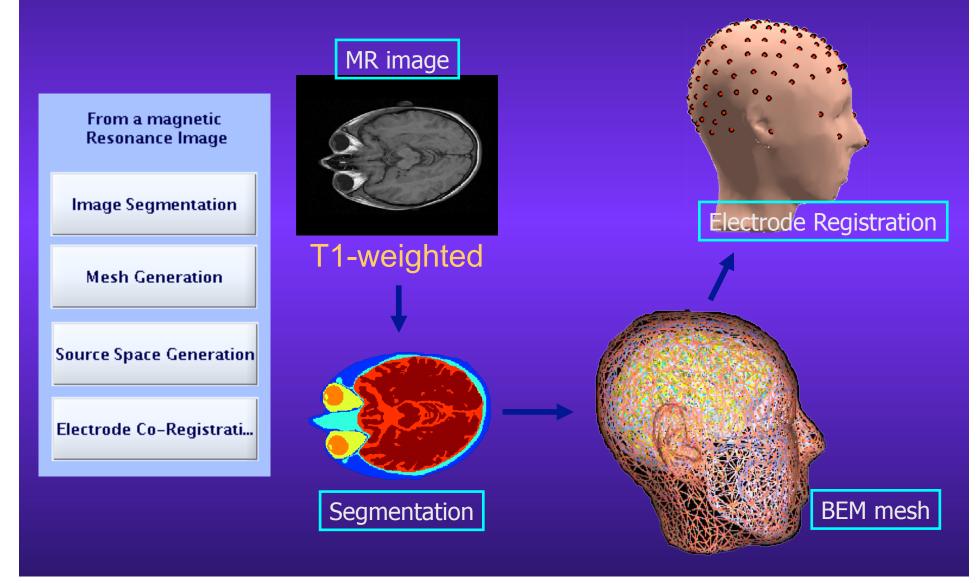
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- Specify subject name
- Specify session name

Subject Selection



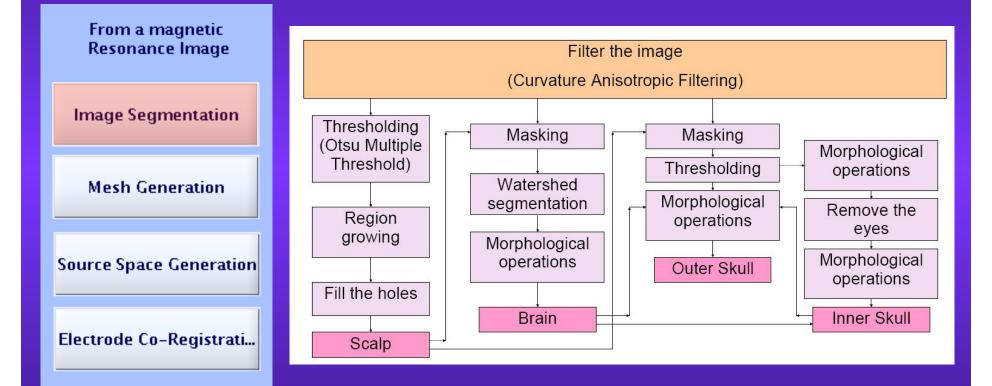
Head Modeling from MR Images



Preparing the MR Image

- Using FreeSurfer
 - Inhomogeneity correction
 - Convert to 1x1x1 volume
 - Arrange direction of the image
 - Save in analyze format

Image Segmentation



Classifies four tissues from T1-weighted images Scalp, Skull, CSF and Brain

Image Segmentation

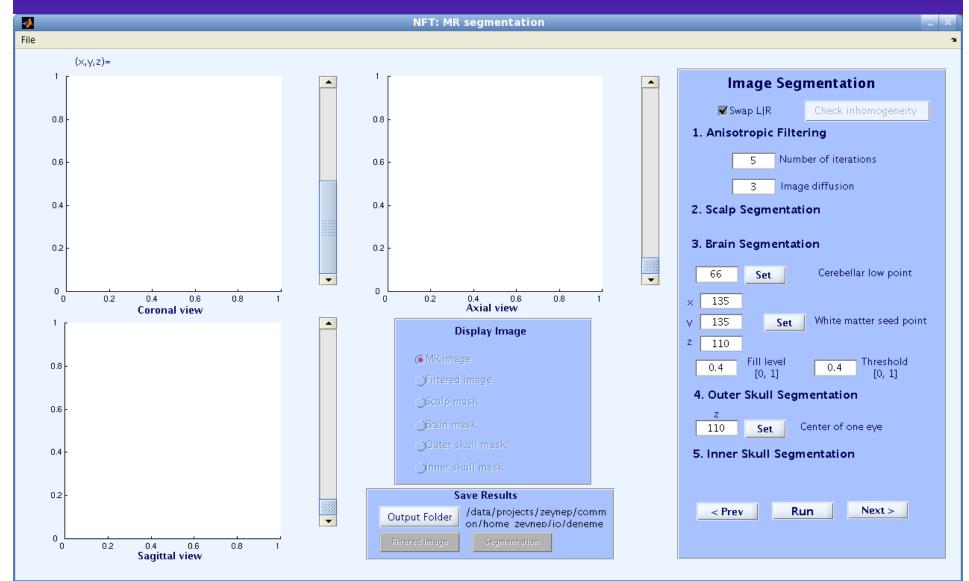
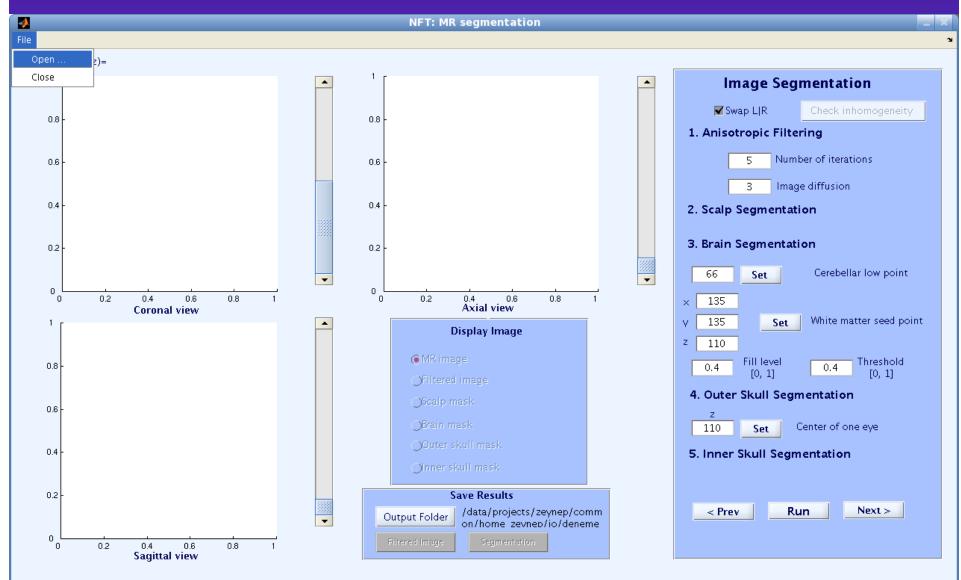


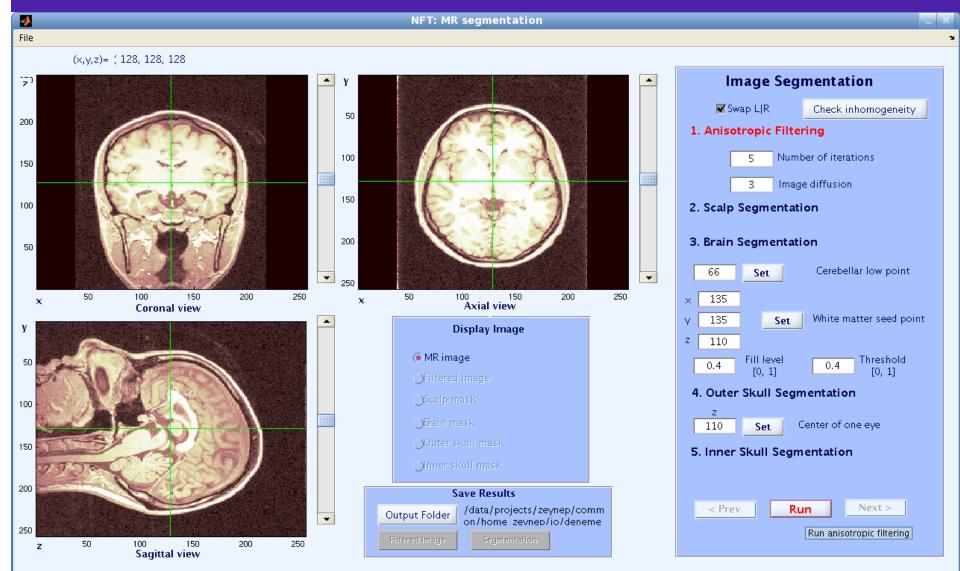
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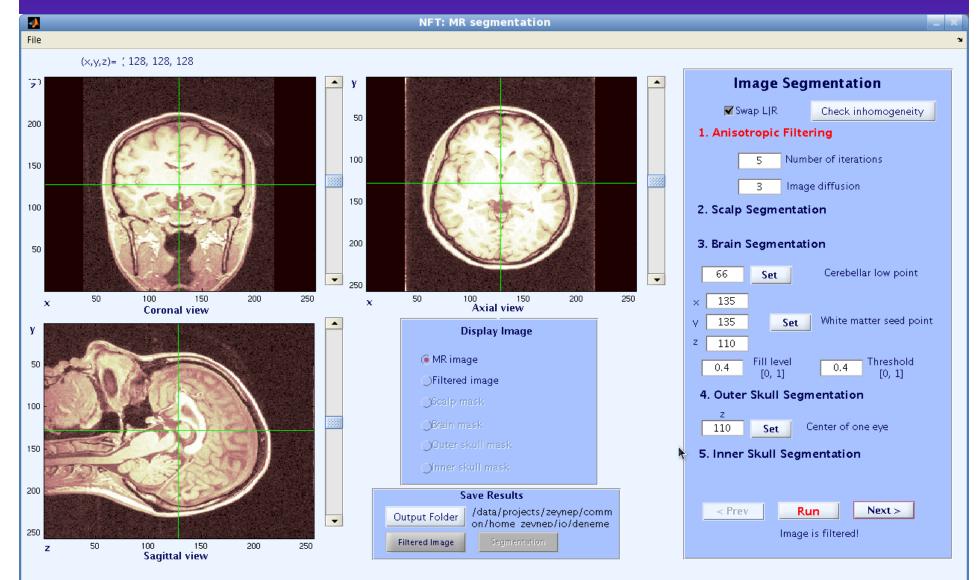


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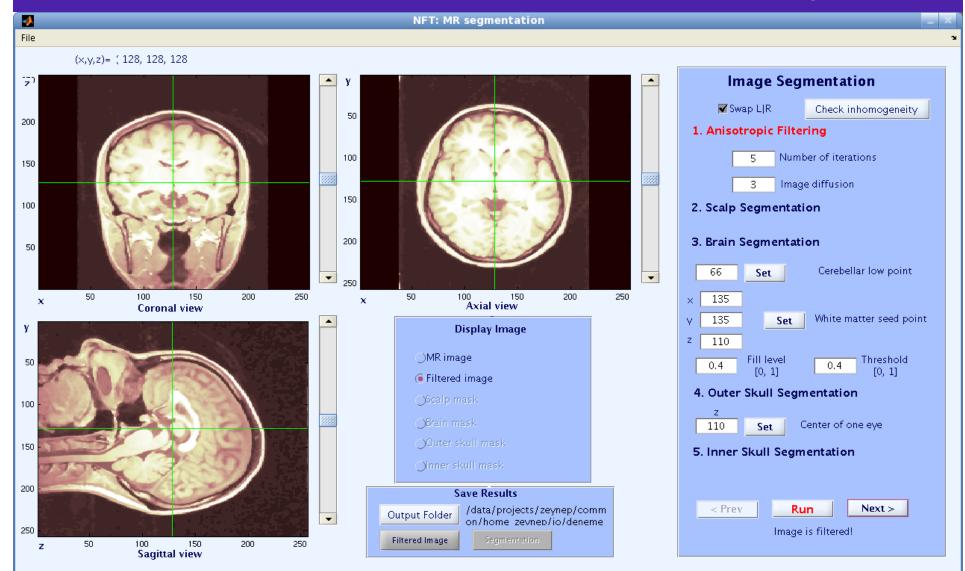
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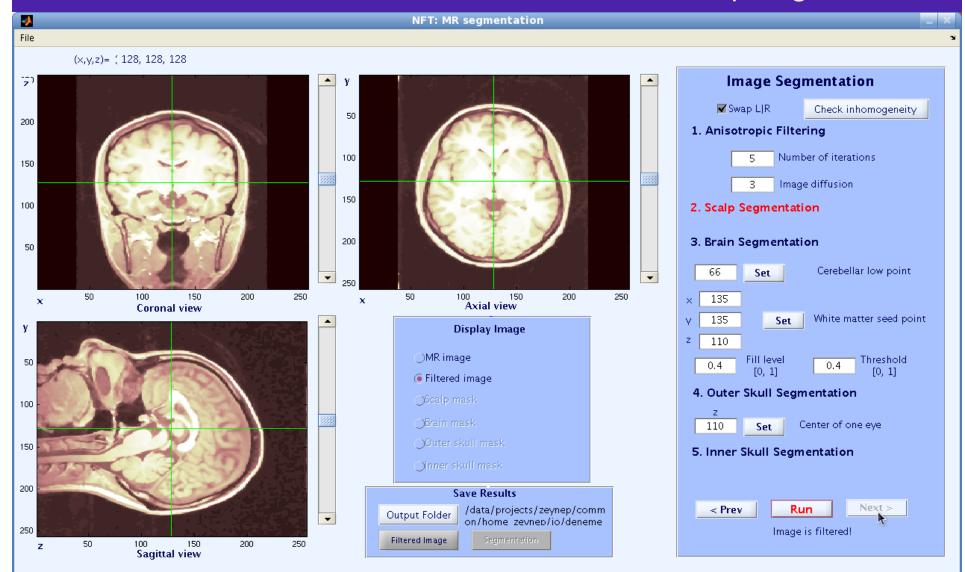




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Segmentation Click 'Next' for scalp segmentation



Segmentation Click 'Run' for scalp segmentation

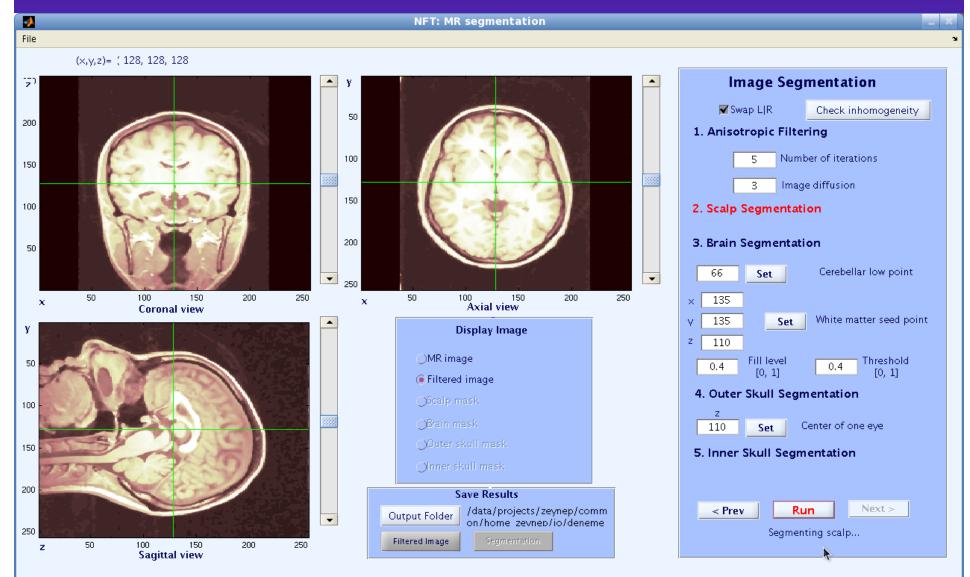
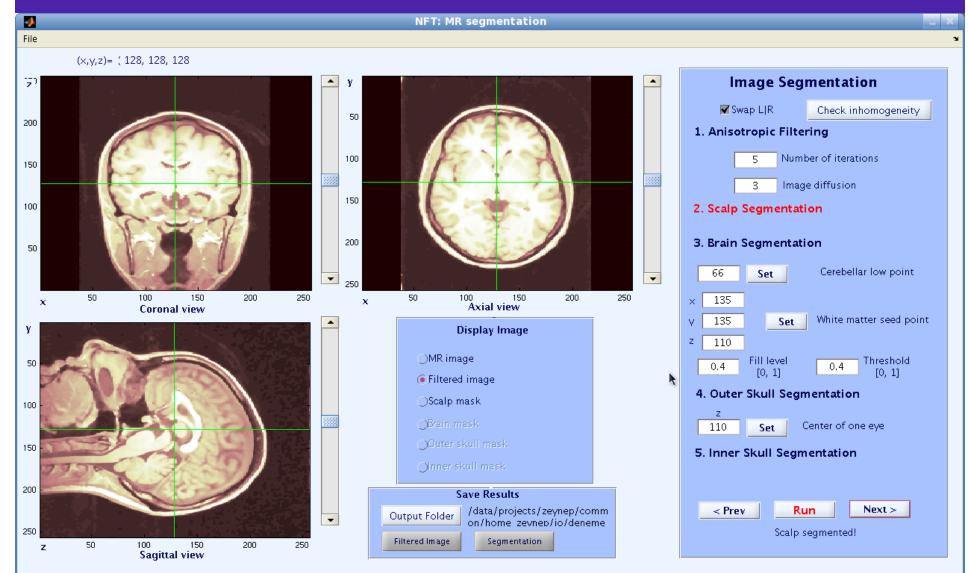
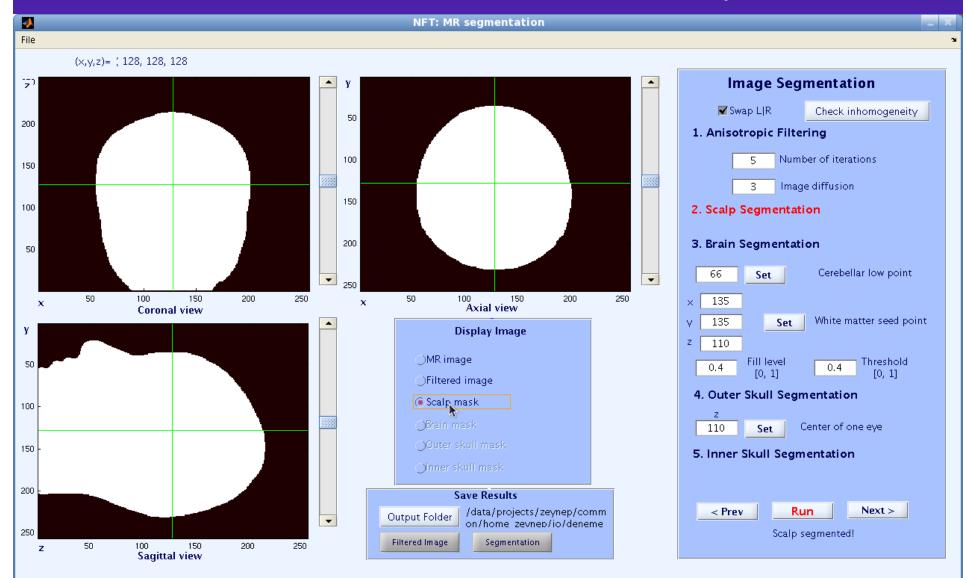


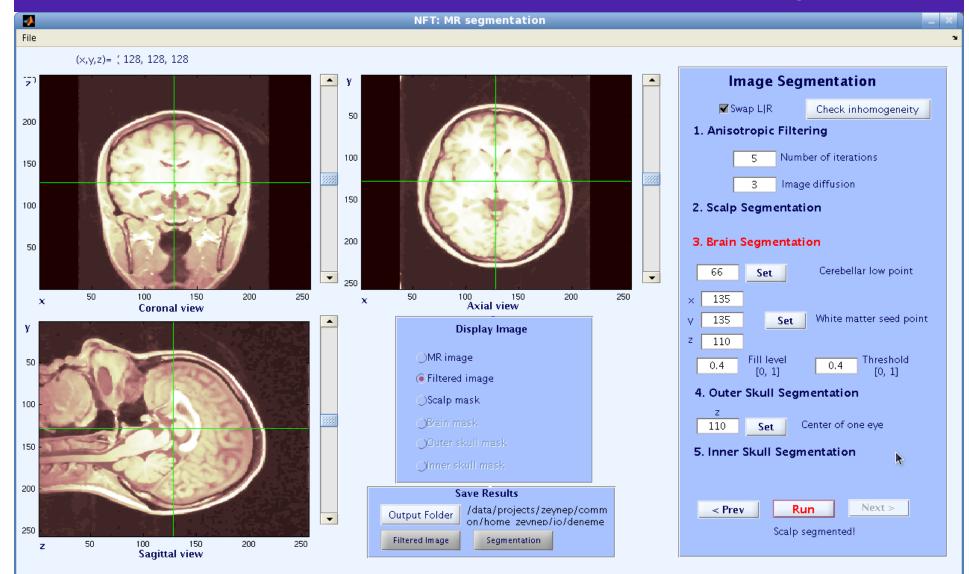
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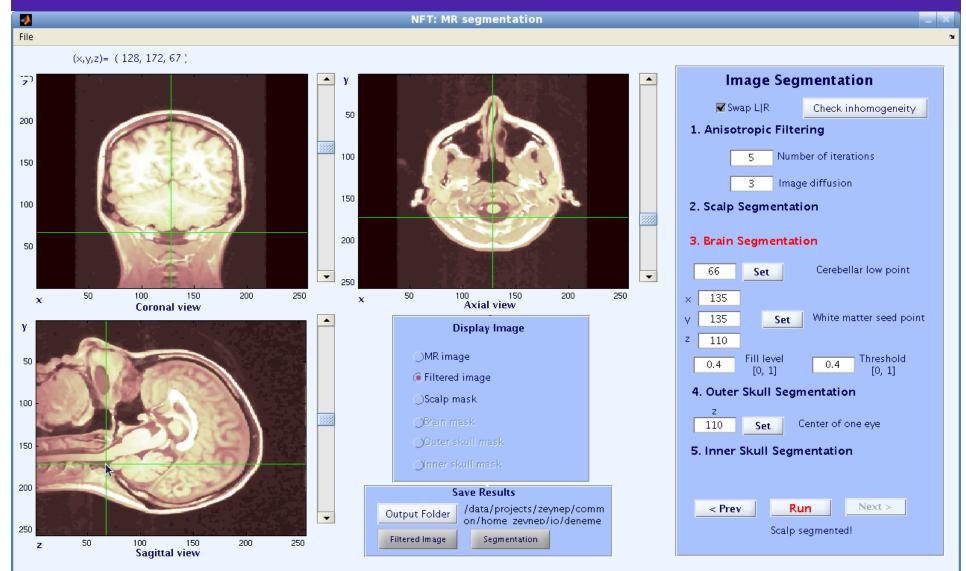
View scalp mask



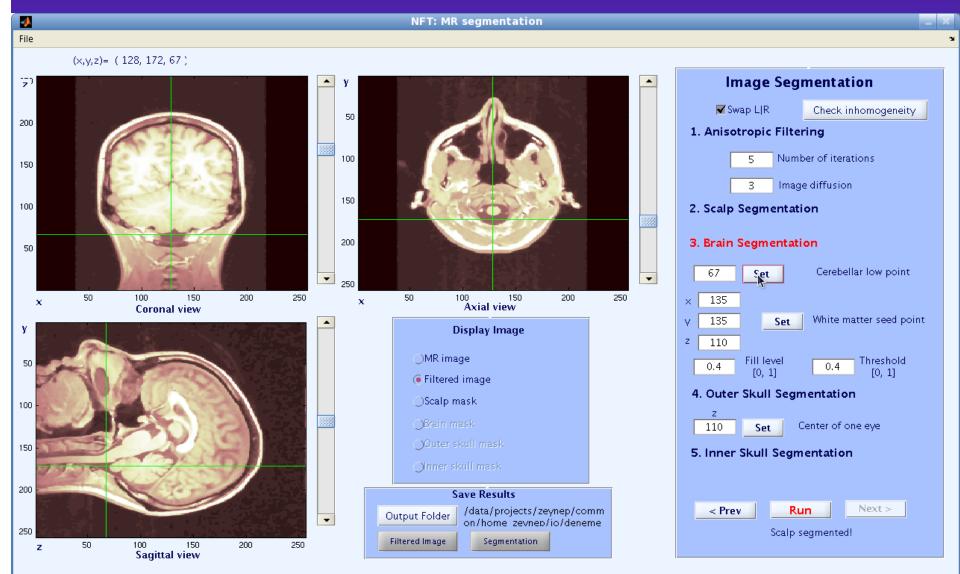
Segmentation Click 'Next' for brain segmentation



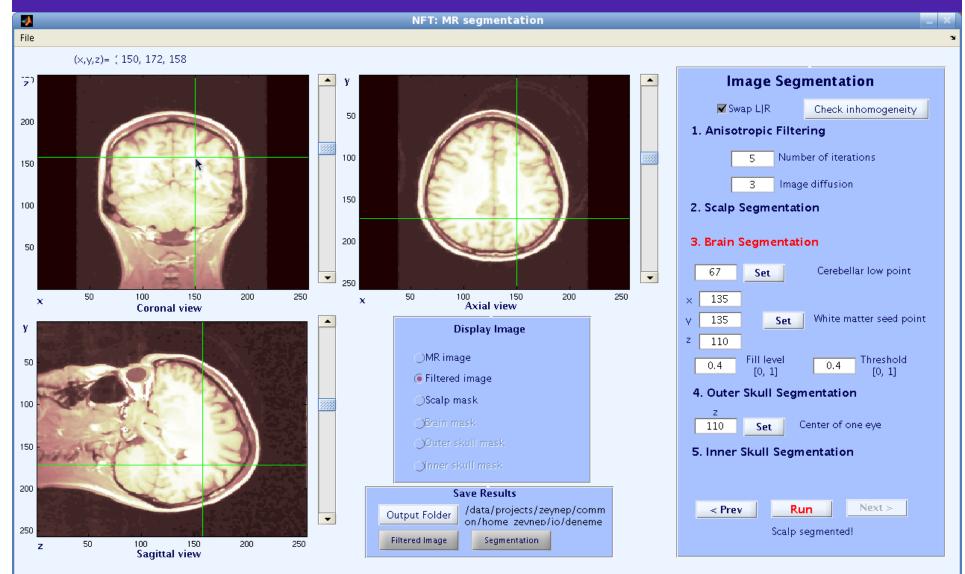
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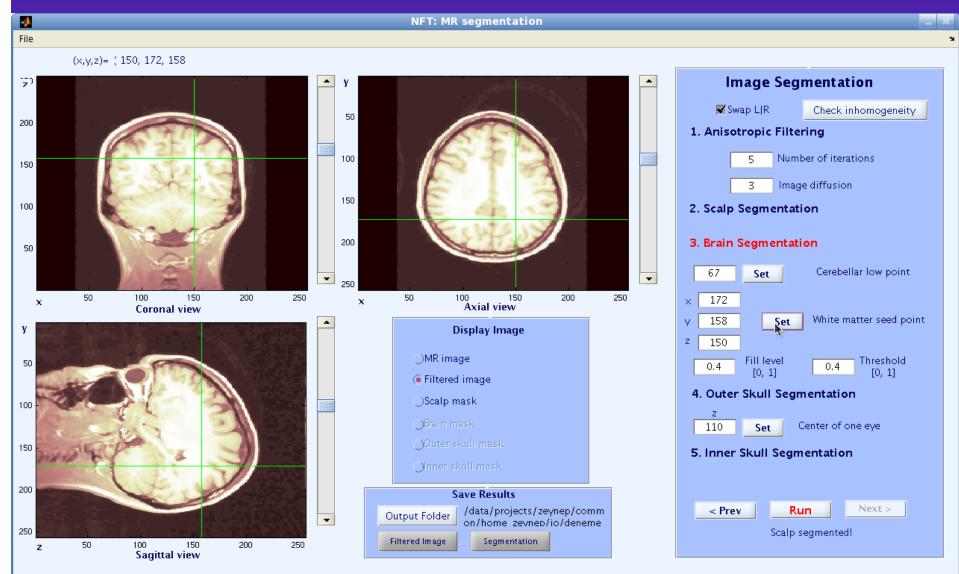
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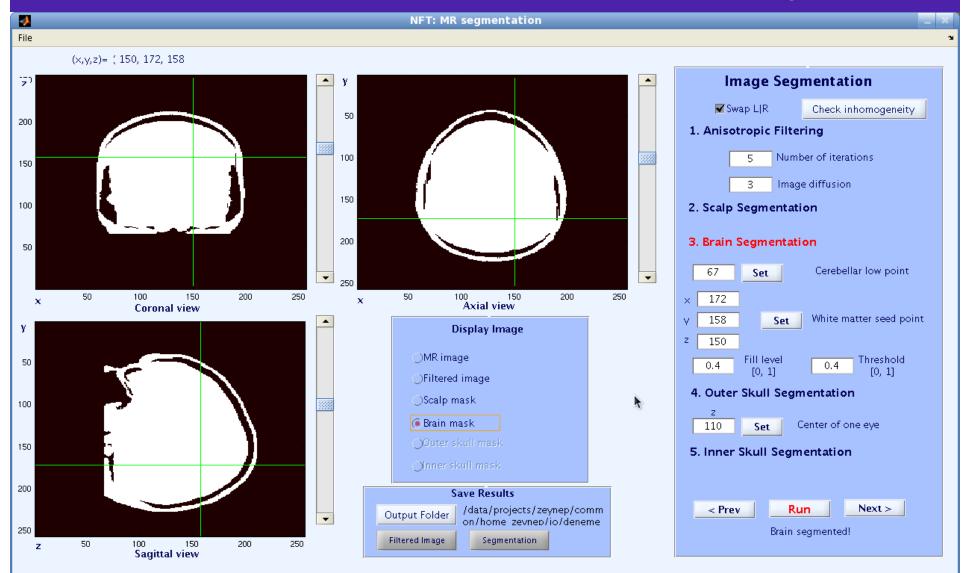
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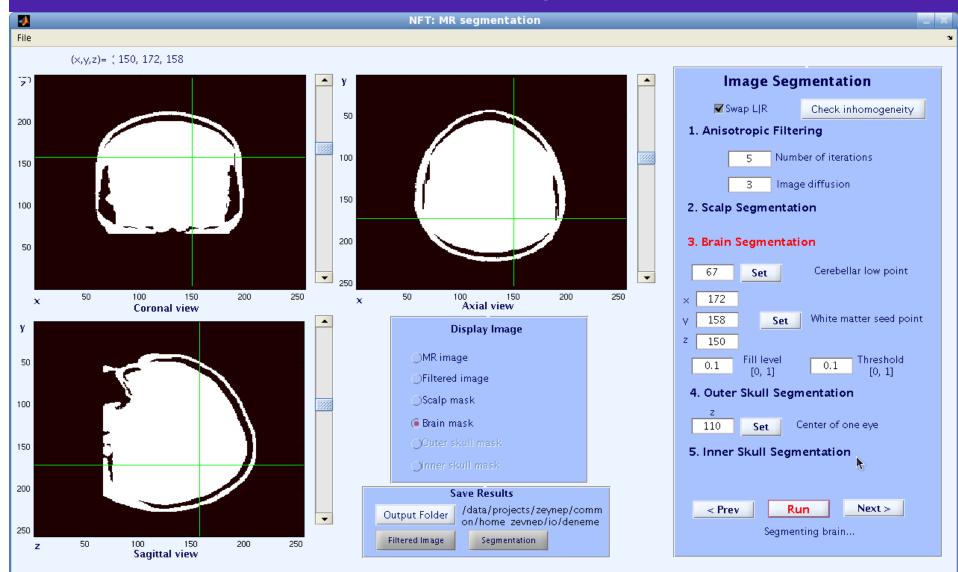
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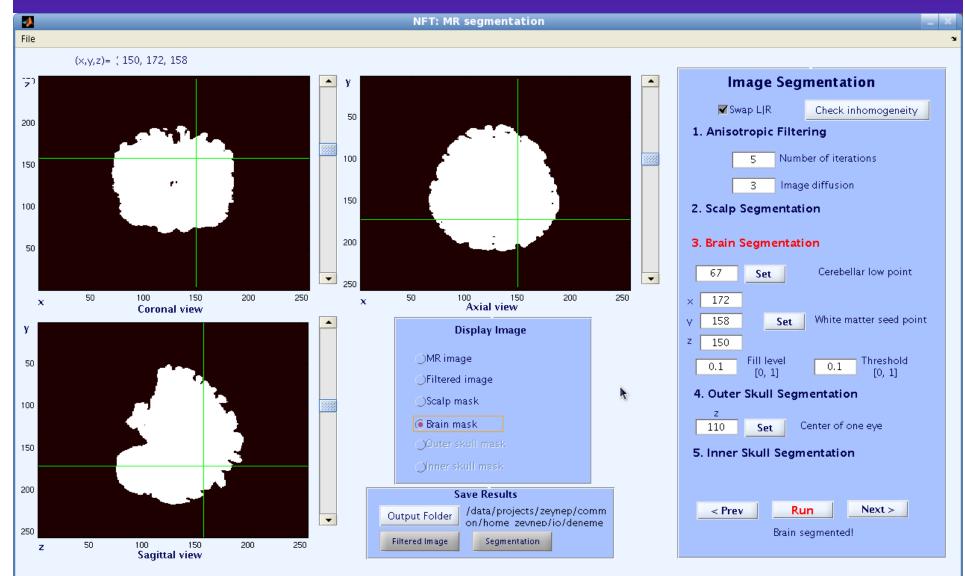
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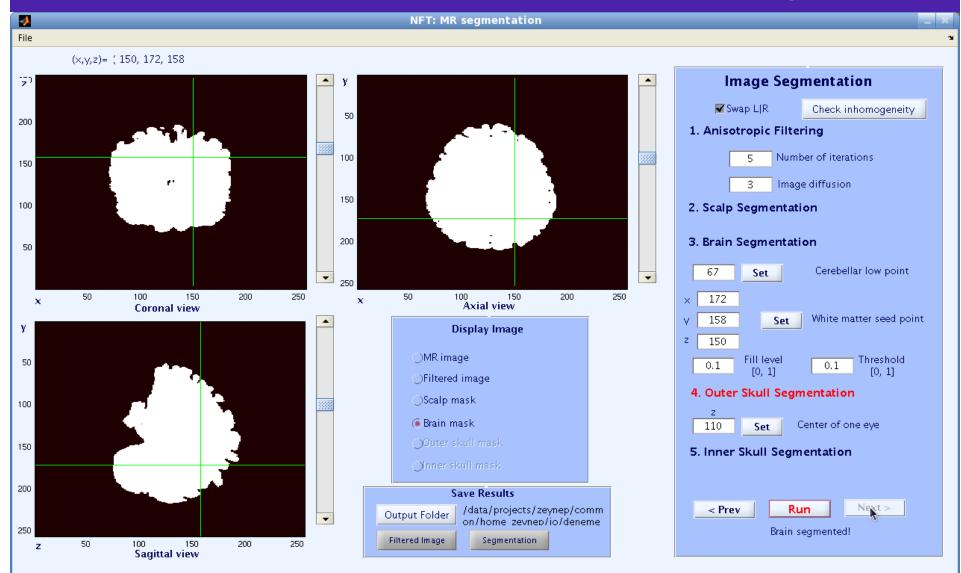
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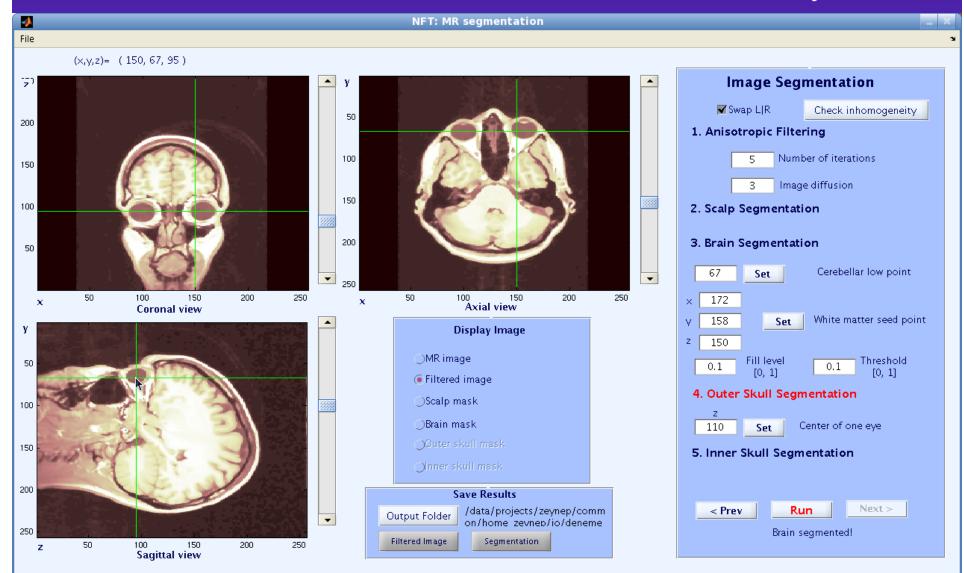
View brain mask



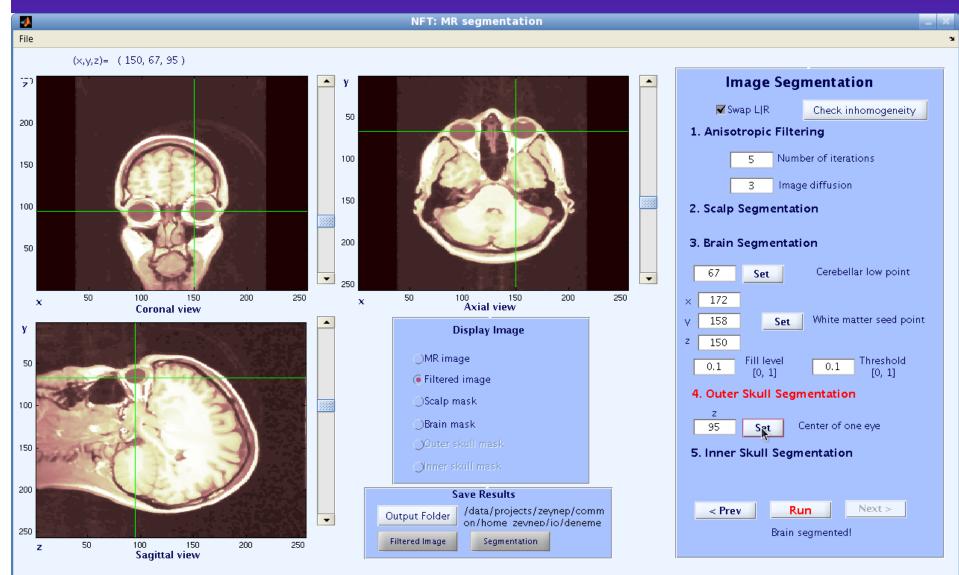
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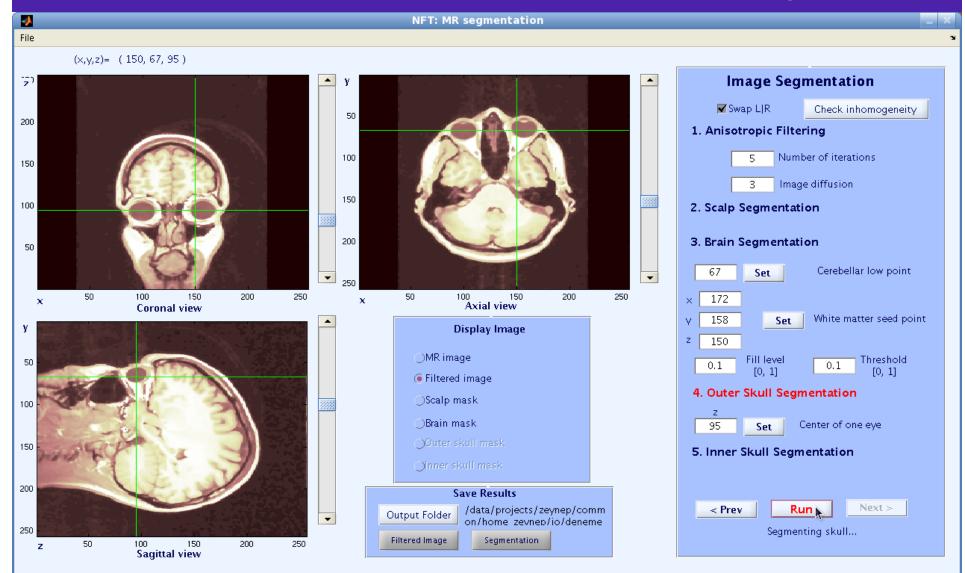
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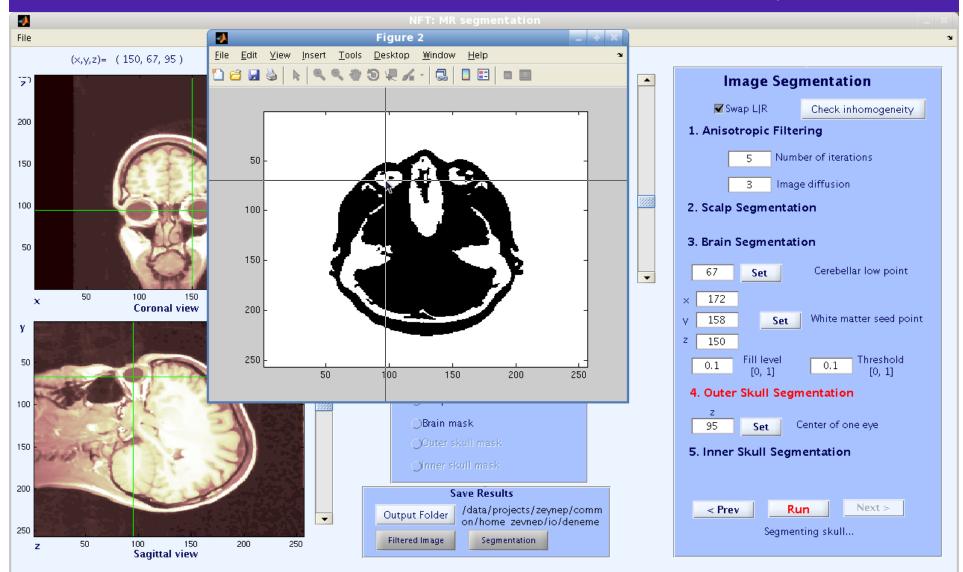
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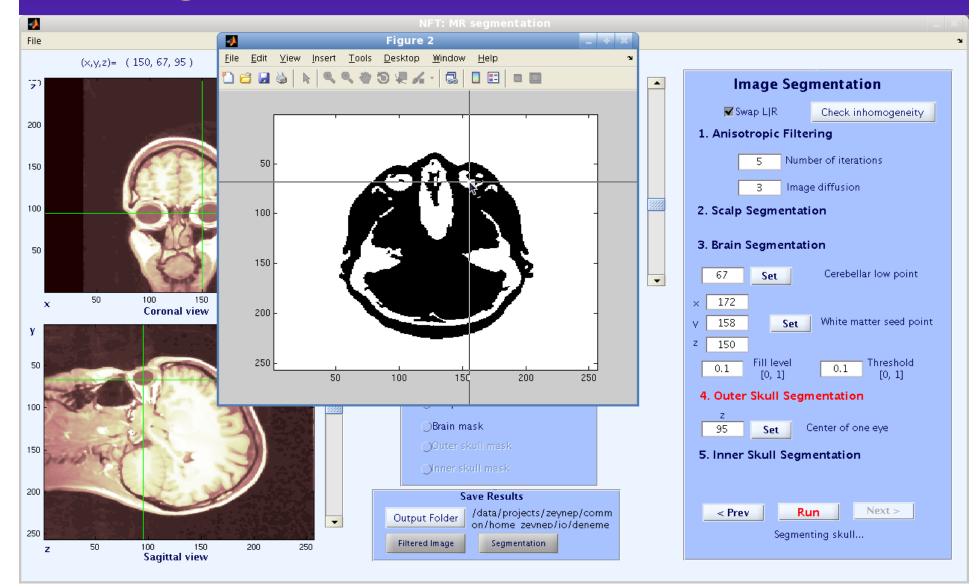


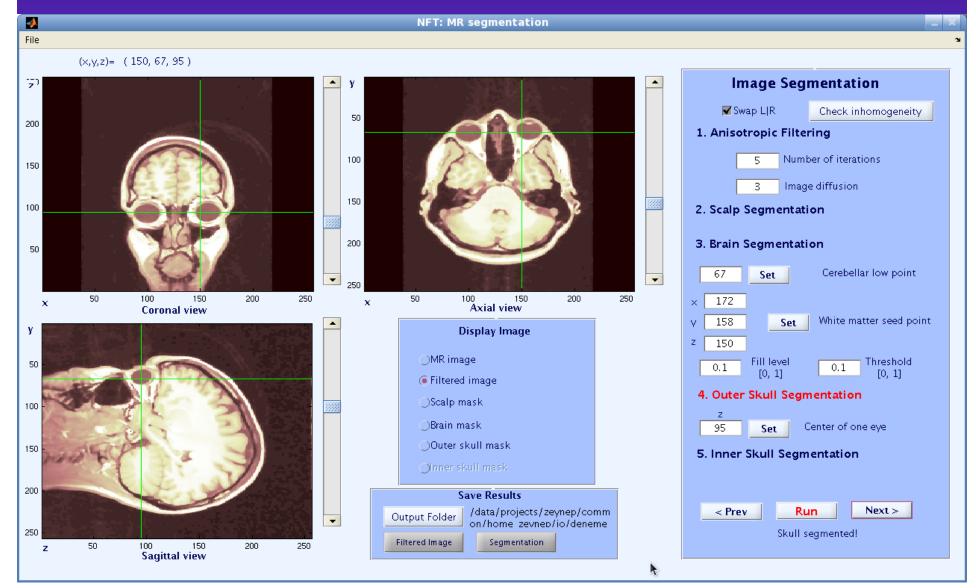
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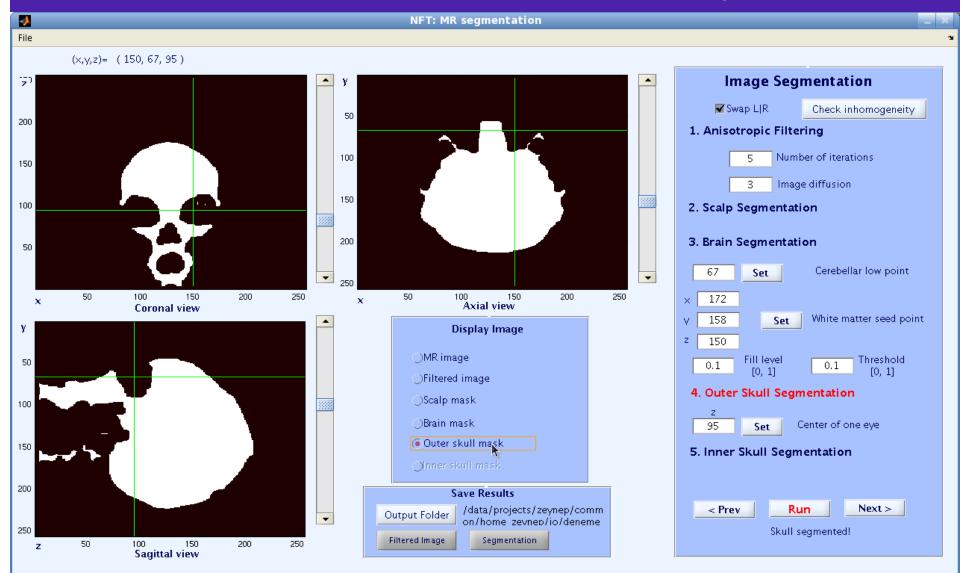
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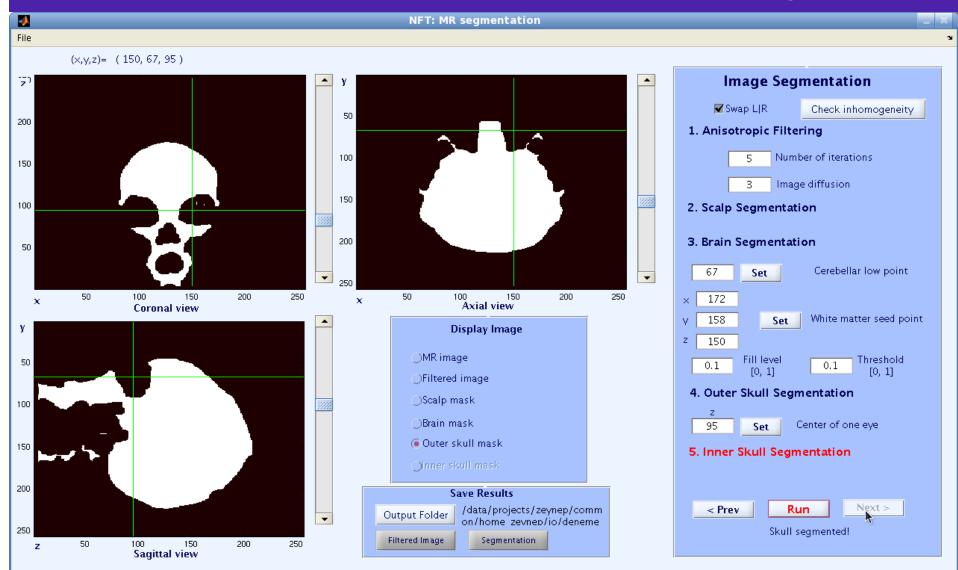




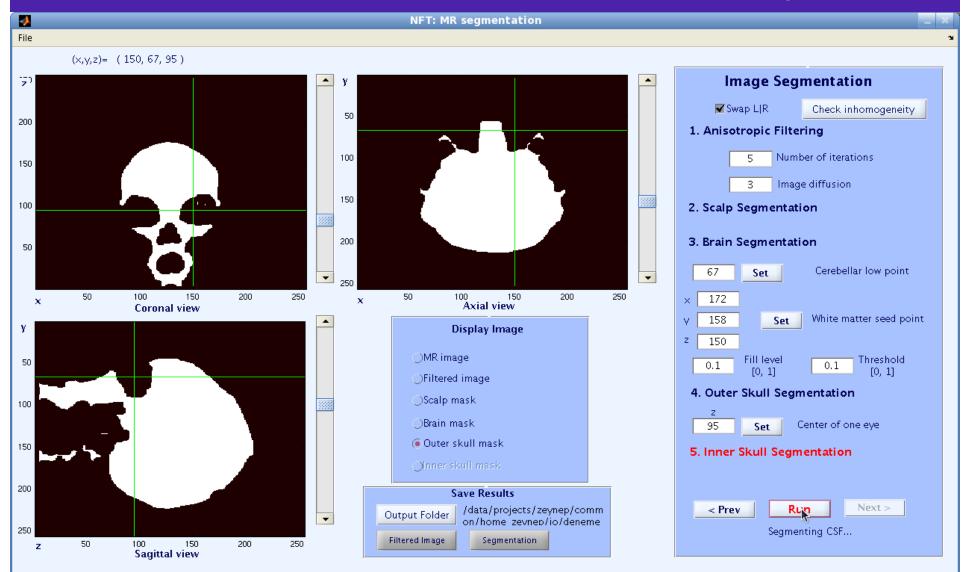
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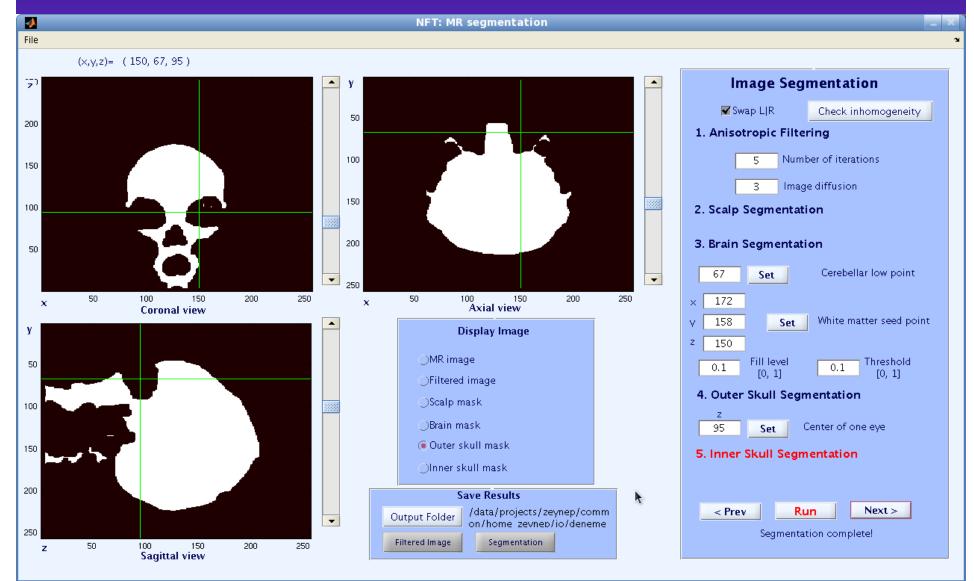


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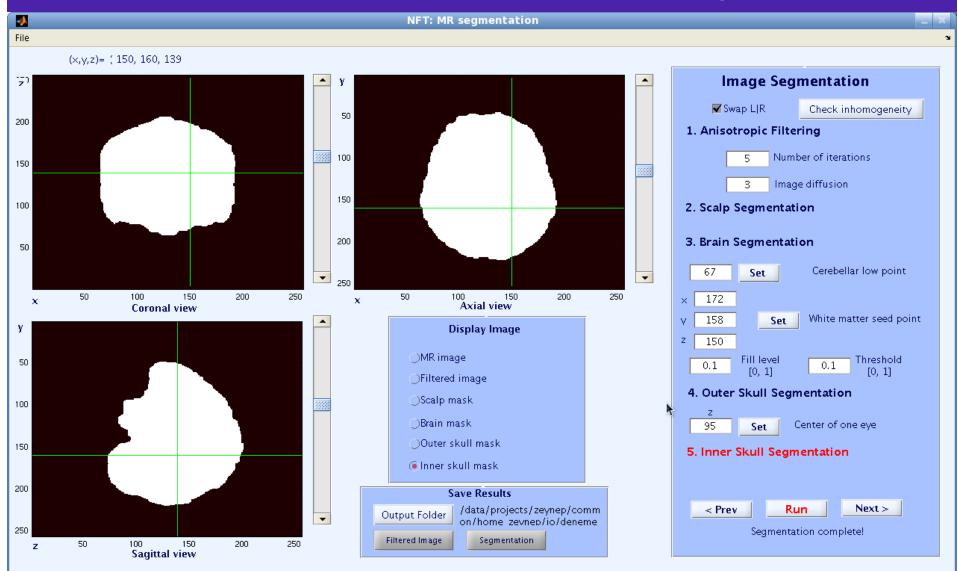


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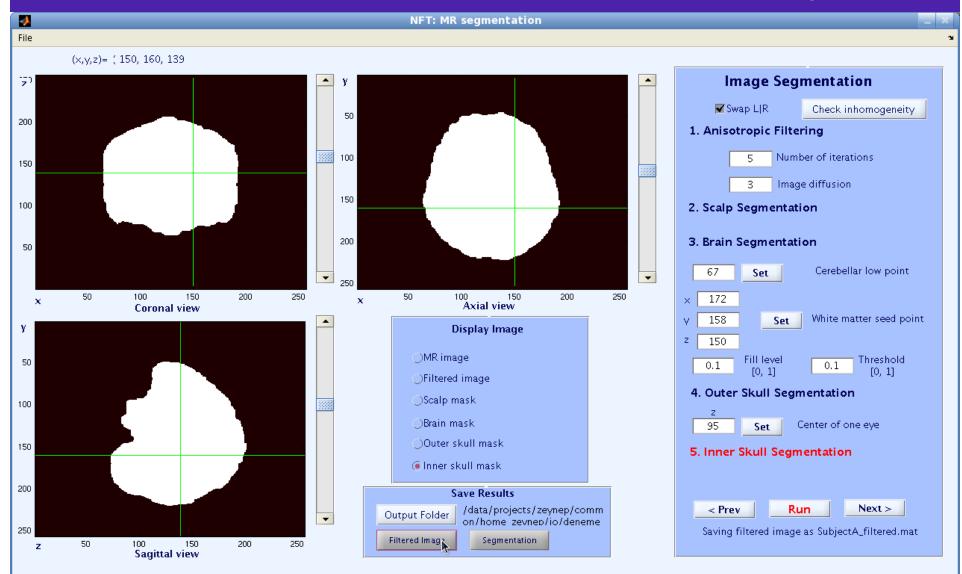


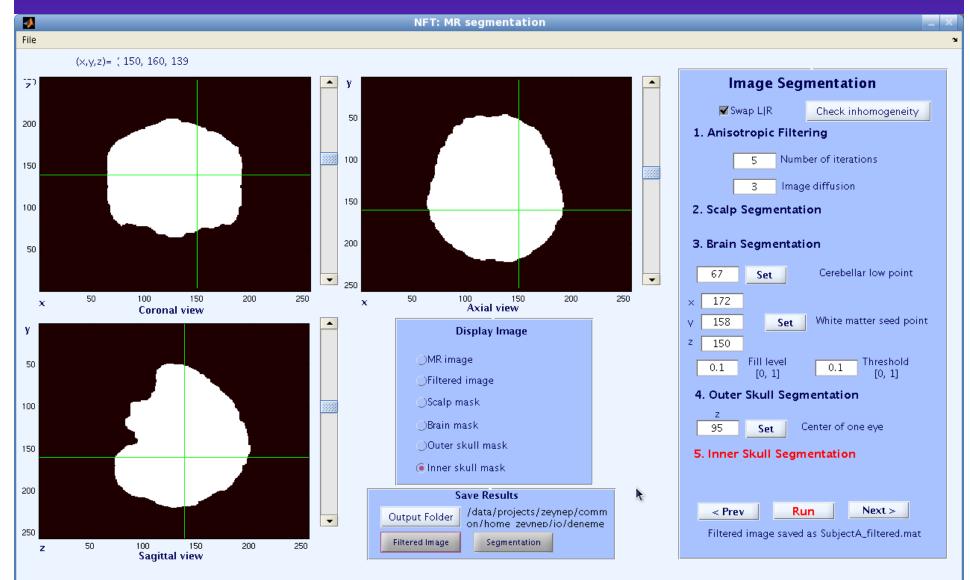


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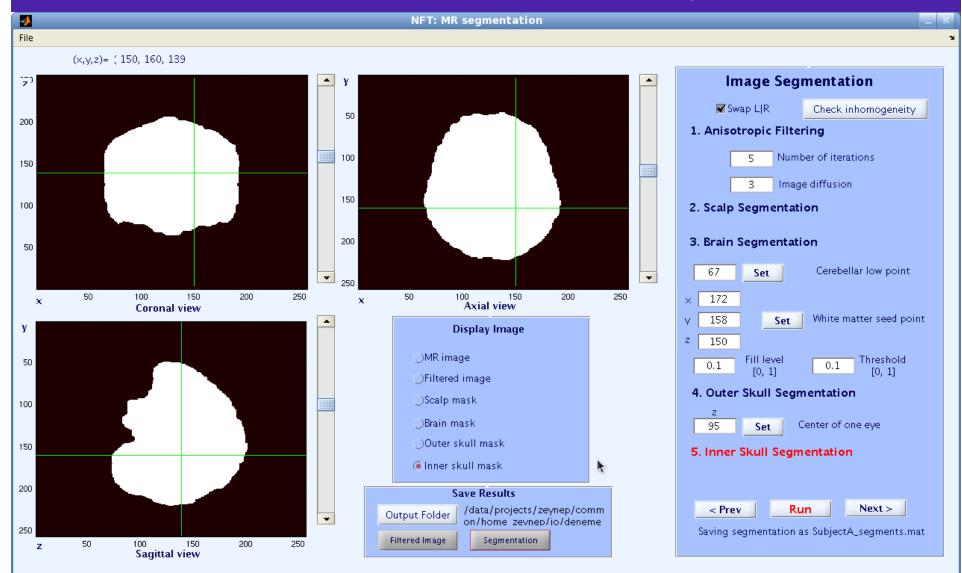


Save filtered image





Save segmentation



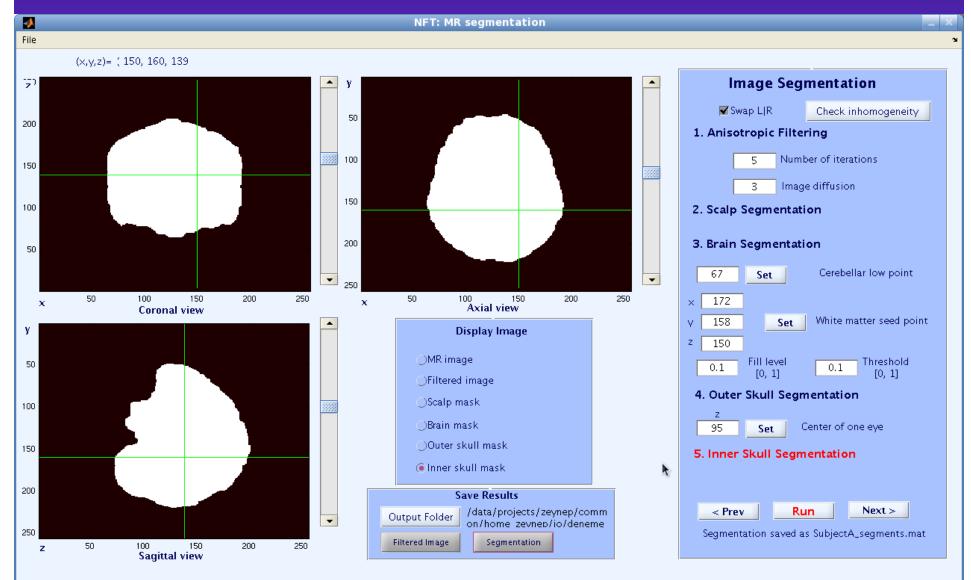


Image Segmentation

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Generate Mesh for a 3 or 4 layer head model Triangulation, correction, coarsening, refinement

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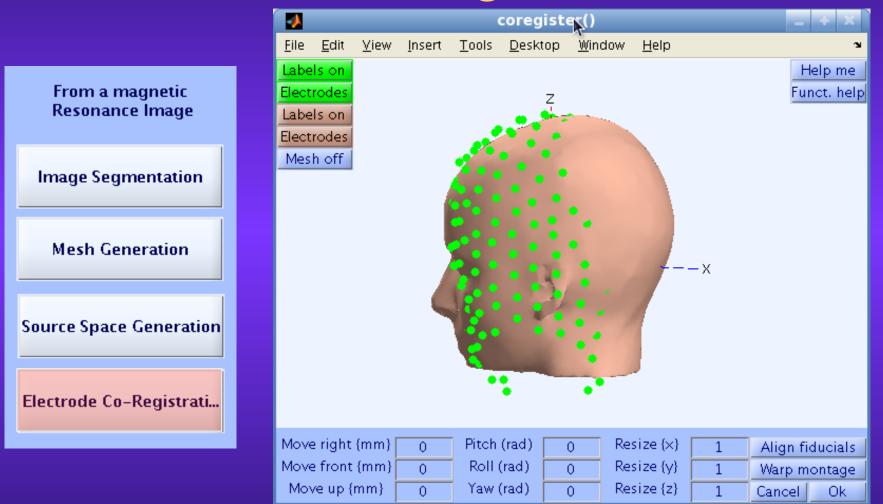
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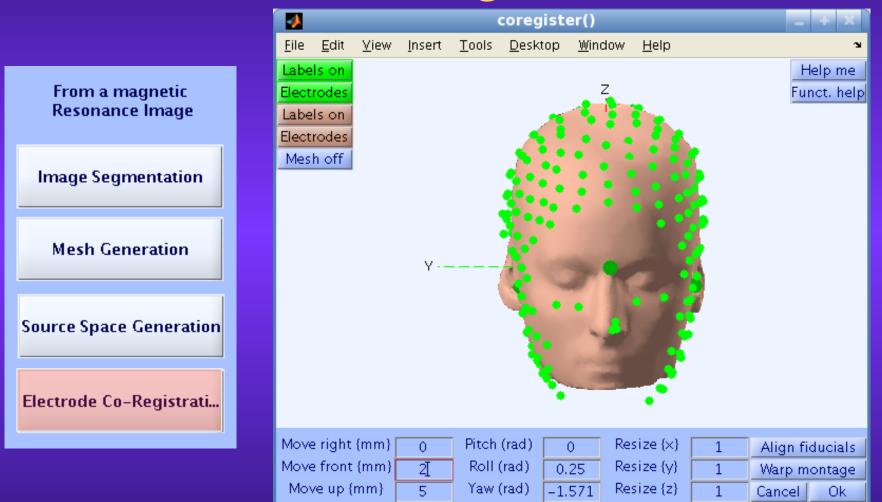
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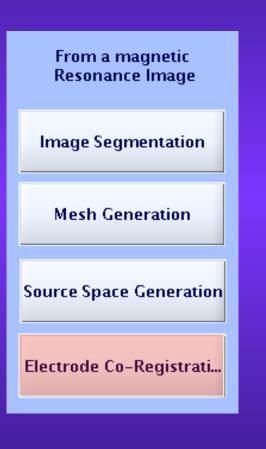
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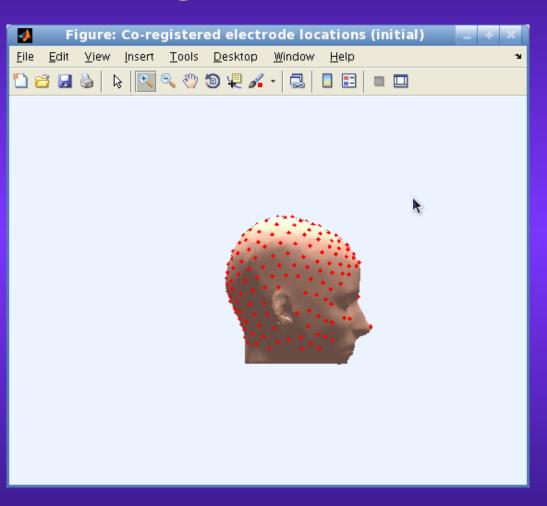
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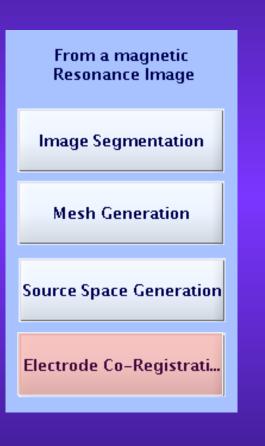


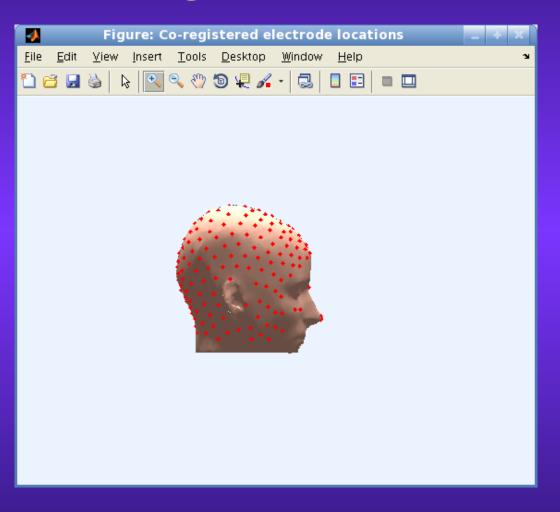




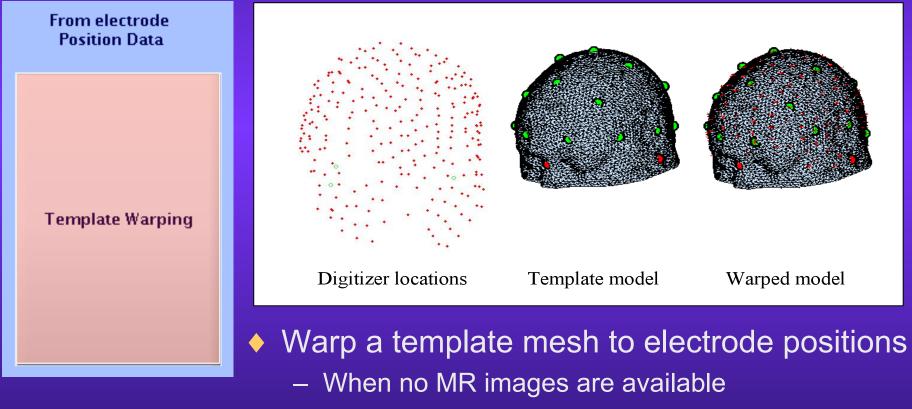


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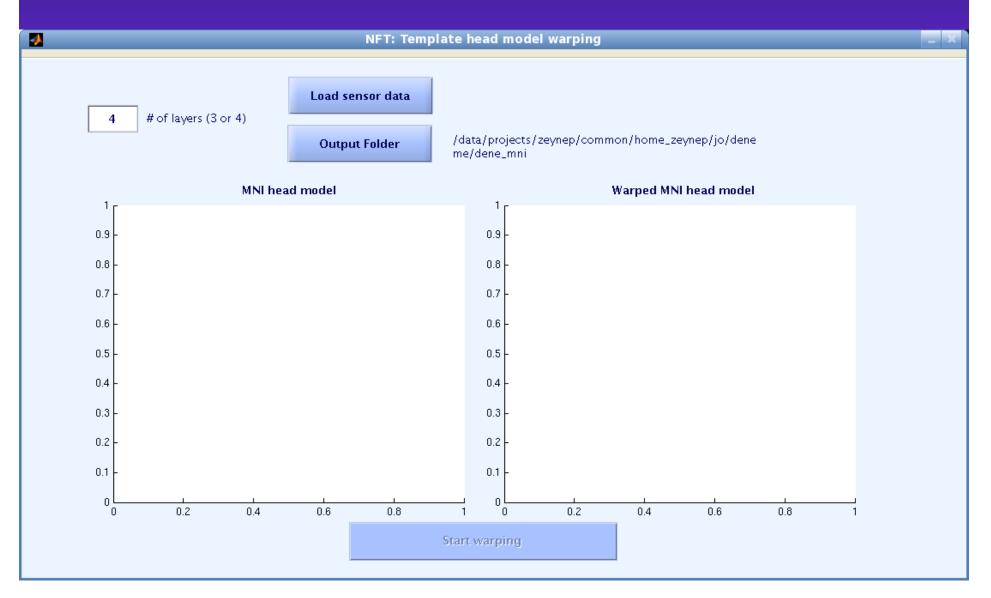


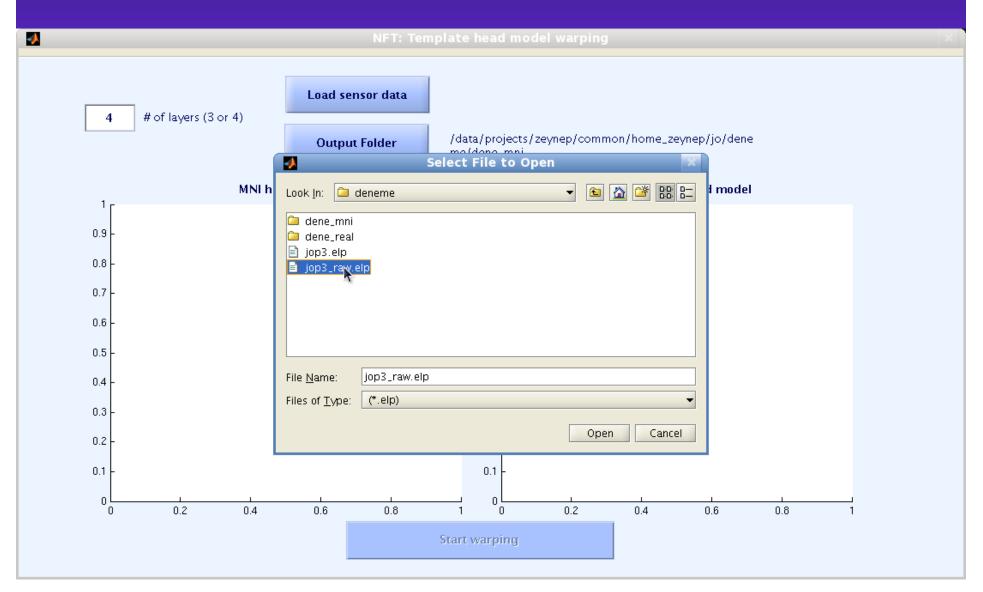


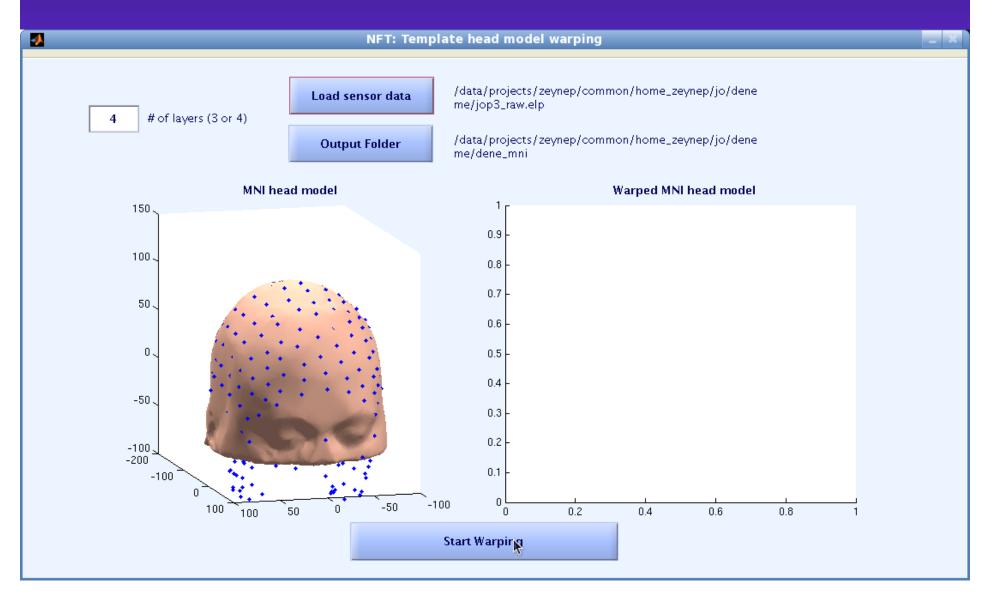
Head Modeling from Electrode Position Data

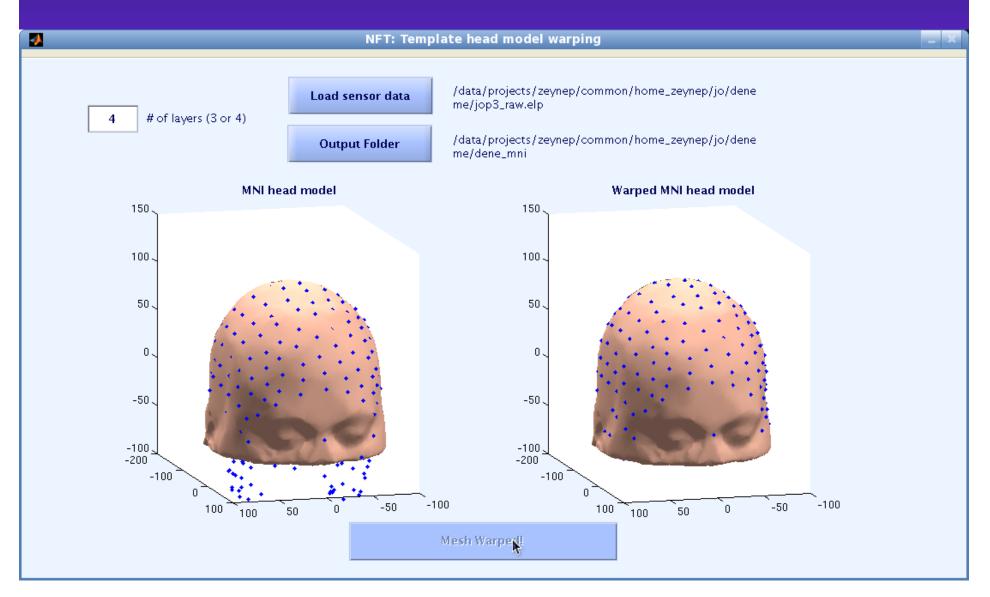


Non-rigid thin-plate spline warping









Forward Model Generation

- Generates the Forward Model from Meshes
 - Uses the Boundary Element Method
- Three Structures
 - Mesh
 - Model (Mesh + Electrical Properties)
 - Session (Model + Sensors)

Forward Model Generation

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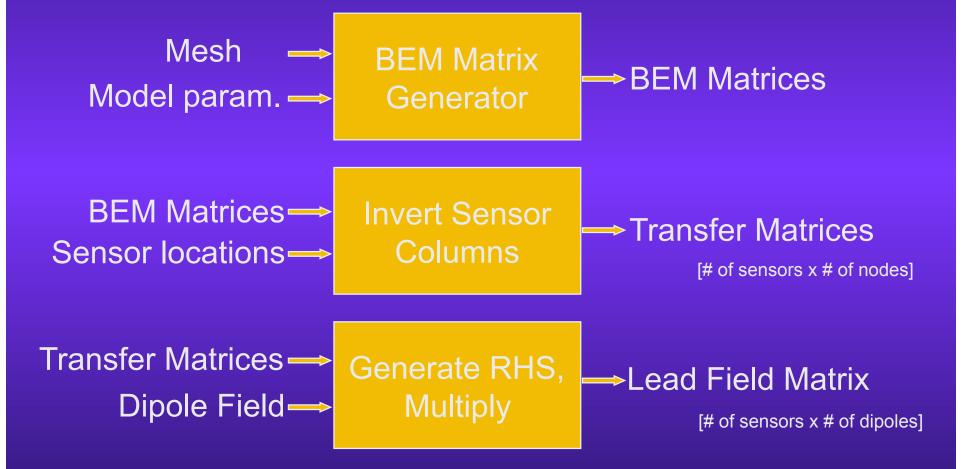
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Forward Problem Solution



Forward Problem Solver

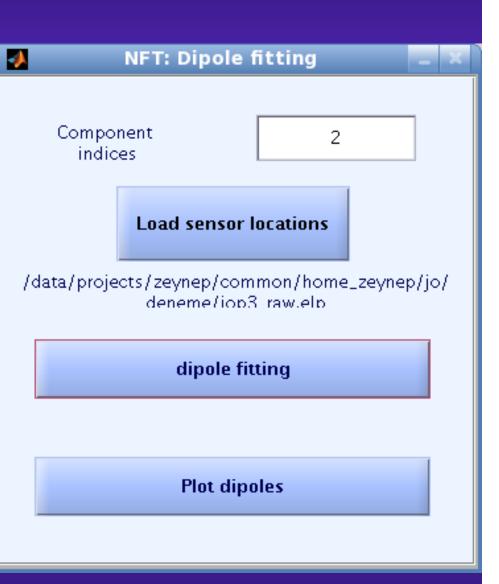
- MATLAB interface to numerical solvers
- Boundary Element Method
 - EEG Only (for now)
 - Supports IPA and Accelerated BEM
 - Interfaces to the Matrix generator executable written in C++
- Other computation done in MATLAB
- Generated matrices are stored on disk for future use.
- Other solvers under construction
 - Finite Element Method (FEM)

Dipole Fitting

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 Requires EEGLAB integration to access Component indices.

 Uses FieldTrip in EEGLAB for dipole fitting.



Results on Mesh Complexity

Mesh Name	Layers	Nodes	Elements	LMR Ratio
Mesh 3	3	10337	20678	None
Mesh 3_1	3	12057	24118	2
Mesh 3_2	3	14769	29542	1.5
Mesh 4	4	13775	27550	None
Mesh 4_1	4	18499	36998	2
Mesh 4_2	4	20789	41578	1.6

Mesh Name	Emean	Emin	Emax
Mesh 3	17.1	7.11	23.67
Mesh 3_1	16.12	3.91	26.23
Mesh 3_2	16.9	4.07	29.31
Mesh 4	5.58	2.61	9.06
Mesh 4_1	0.86	0.23	1.8
Mesh 4_2	0	0	0

Localization error (mm)

Compared with Mesh 4_2

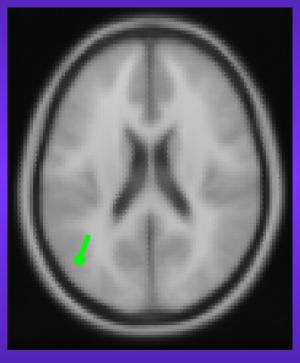
Source Localization Comparison

BESA sources

- MNI head model electrode co-registration and sources
- Warped MNI head model and electrode coregistration and sources
- Realistic head model and electrode coregistration
- Source localization with 4-layer realistic head model

BESA

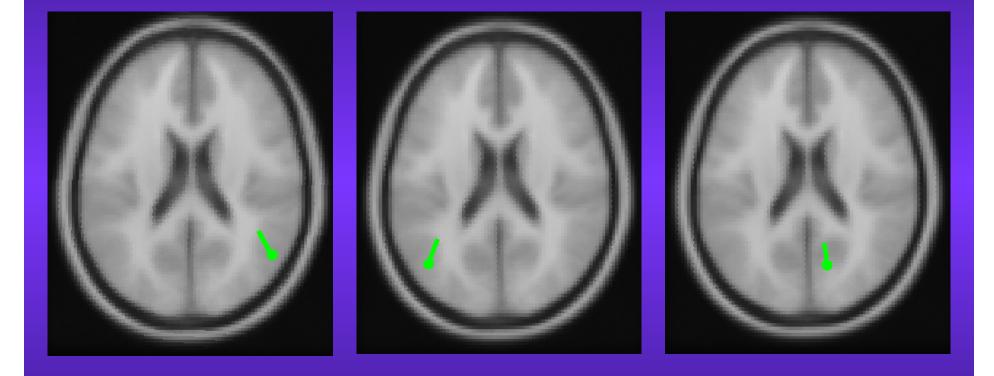






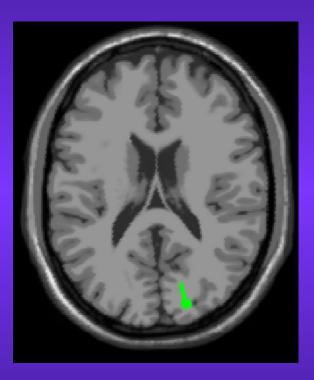
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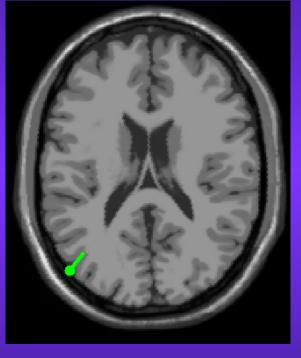
MNI Source Localization

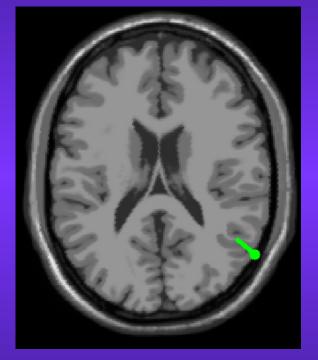


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Warped MNI sources





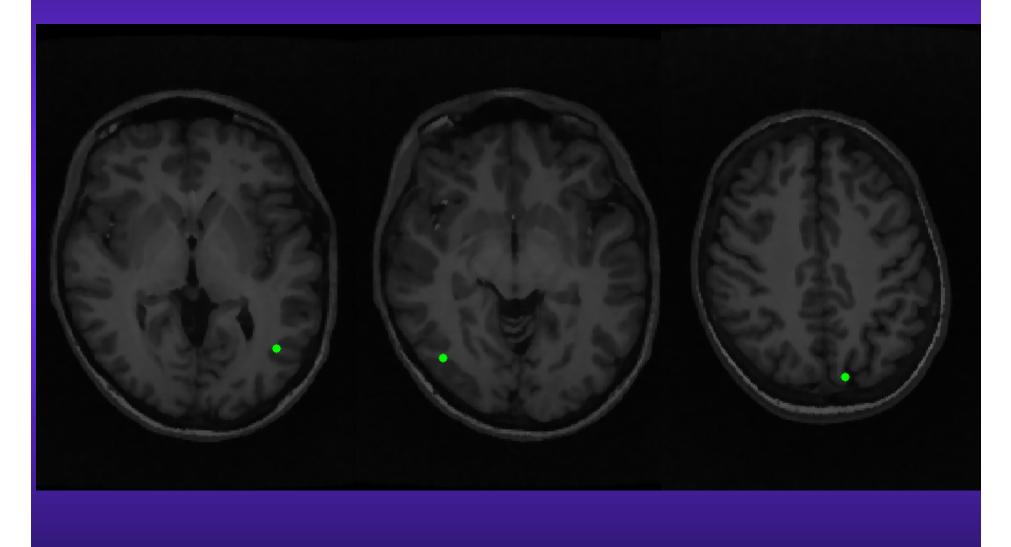


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rv=0.0297 pos=[-49.46 -78.44 5.69] mom=[19.3 24.0 11.13]

rv=0.0751 pos=[60.4 -64.4 8.45] mom=[-53.1 43.9 -2.86]

Realistic 4-layer sources



Future Functions

Use T2-weighted and PD images in segmentation => better CSF segmentation.

Finite Element Method.