Paul Cézanne, *Moulin sur la Couleuvre à Pontoise, 1881,*
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Programming into Slicer3:

The "Hello Python" Tutorial

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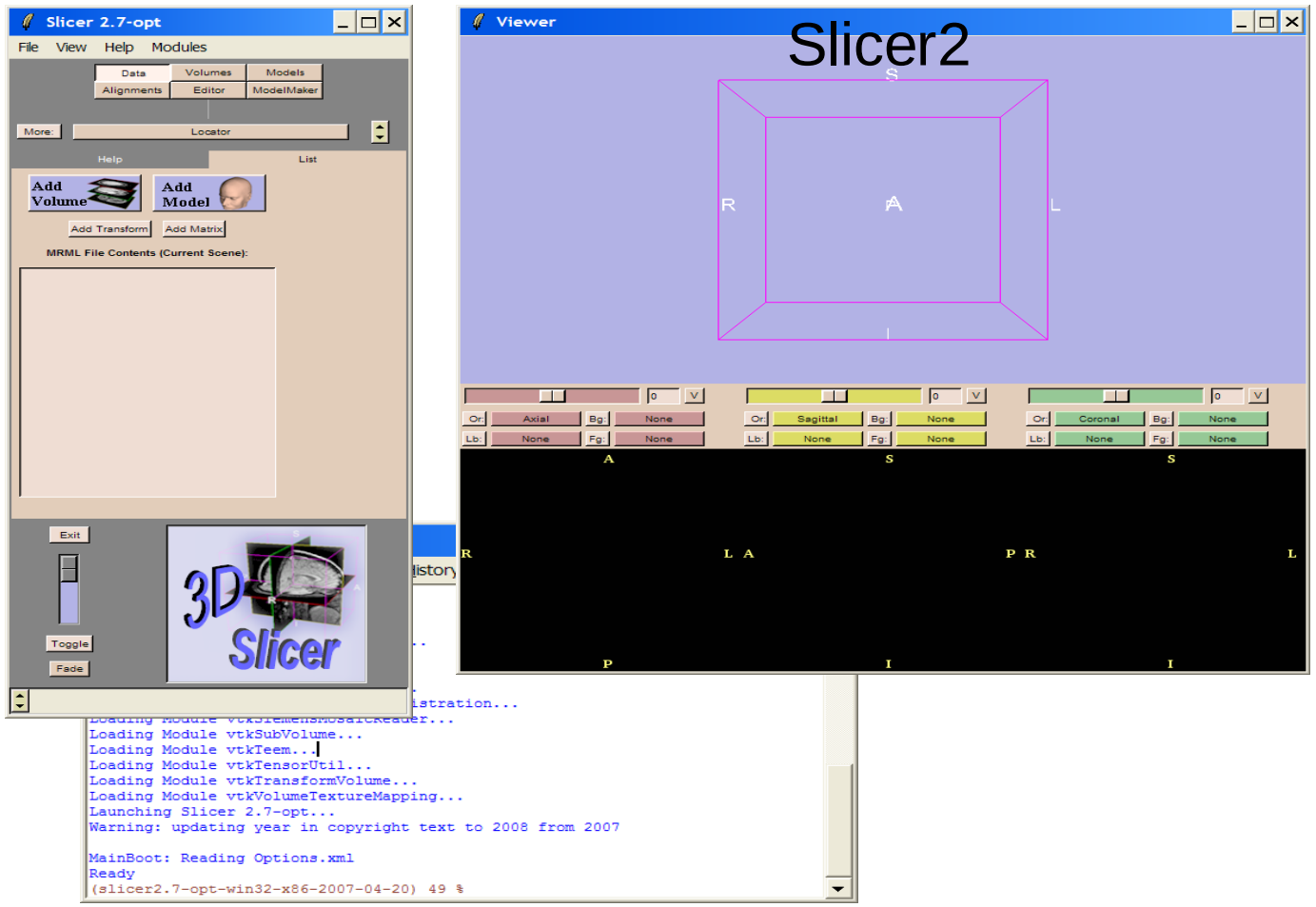
The NA-MIC Kit

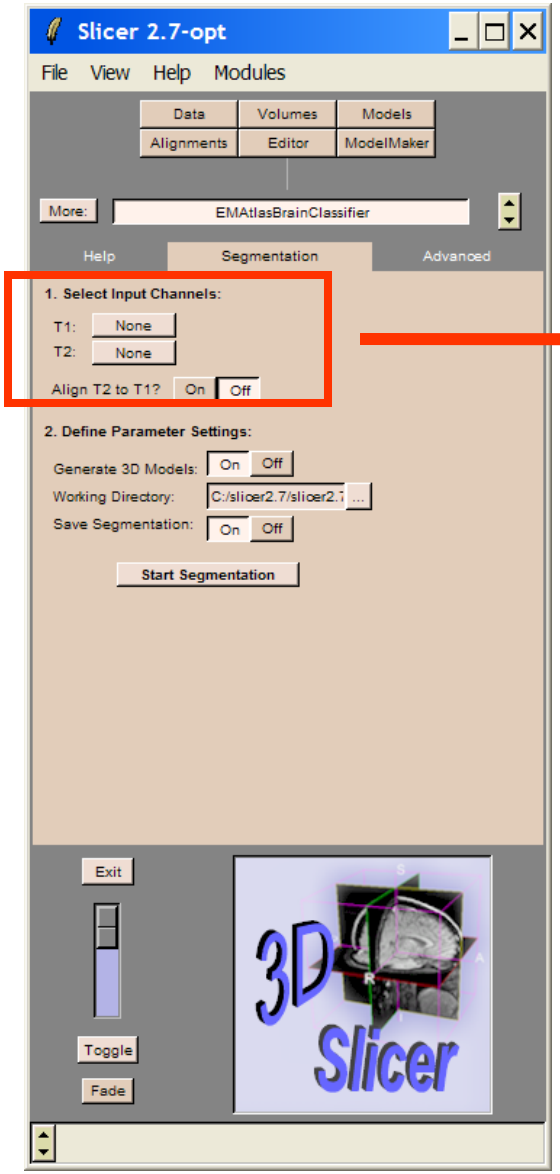
Slicer3

- An end-user application for image analysis
- An open-source environment for software development
- A software platform that is both easy to use for clinical researchers and easy to extend for programmers

Before Slicer3



Programming into Slicer2

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# 1. Step
#-------------------------------------------------
set f $fSeg.fStep1
DevAddLabel $f.lTitle "1. Select Input Channels: " WTA
pack $f.lTitle -side top -padx $Gui(pad) -pady 1 -anchor w
frame $f.fInput -bg $Gui(activeWorkspace)
pack $f.fInput -side top -padx 0 -pady 0 -anchor w
foreach frame "Left Right" {
    frame $f.fInput.f$frame -bg $Gui(activeWorkspace)
    pack $f.fInput.f$frame -side left -padx 0 -pady $Gui(pad) }
foreach LABEL "T1 T2" Input "SPGR T2W" {
    DevAddLabel $f.fInput.fLeft.l$Input " ${LABEL}:"
    pack $f.fInput.fLeft.l$Input -side top -padx $Gui(pad) -pady 1 -anchor w
    set menubutton $f.fInput.fRight.m${Input}Select
    set menu $f.fInput.fRight.m${Input}Select.m
eval {menubutton $menubutton -text [Volume($EMAtlasBrainClassifier(Volume,${Input}),node) GetName] -
relief raised -bd 2 -width 9 -menu $menu} $Gui(WMBA)
    eval {menu $menu} $Gui(WMA)
    TooltipAdd $menubutton "Select Volume defining ${Input}"
    set EMAtlasBrainClassifier(mbSeg-${Input}Select) $menubutton
    set EMAtlasBrainClassifier(mSeg-${Input}Select) $menu
    # Have to update at UpdateMRML too
    DevUpdateNodeSelectButton Volume EMAtlasBrainClassifier Seg-${Input}Select Volume,$Input
    pack $menubutton -side top -padx $Gui(pad) -pady 1 -anchor w }
frame $f.fAlign -bg $Gui(activeWorkspace)
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        -text "$text" -value "$value" -variable EMAtlasBrainClassifier(AlignInput) } $Gui(WCA)
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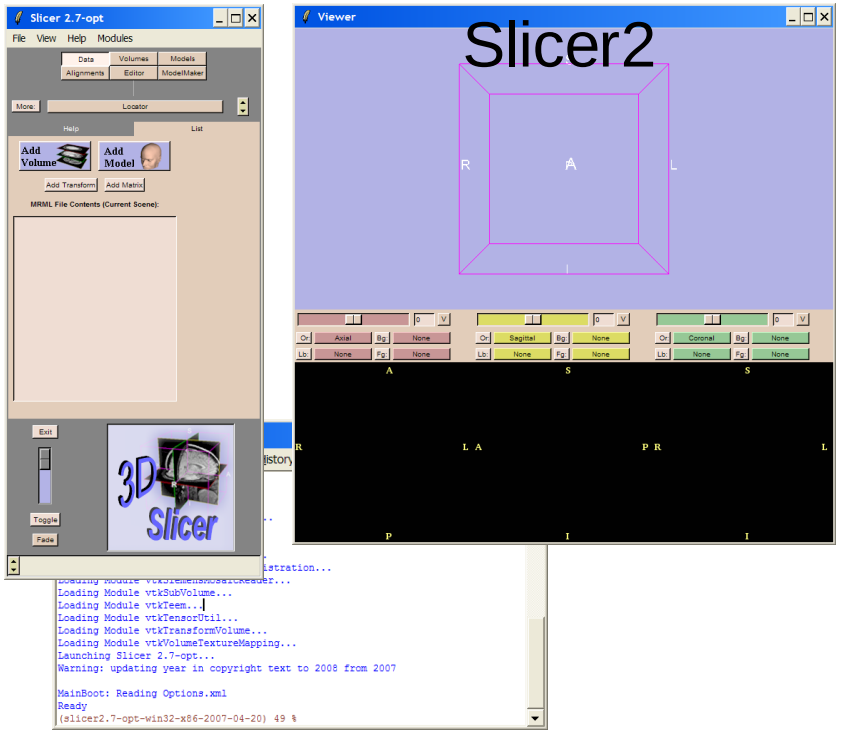
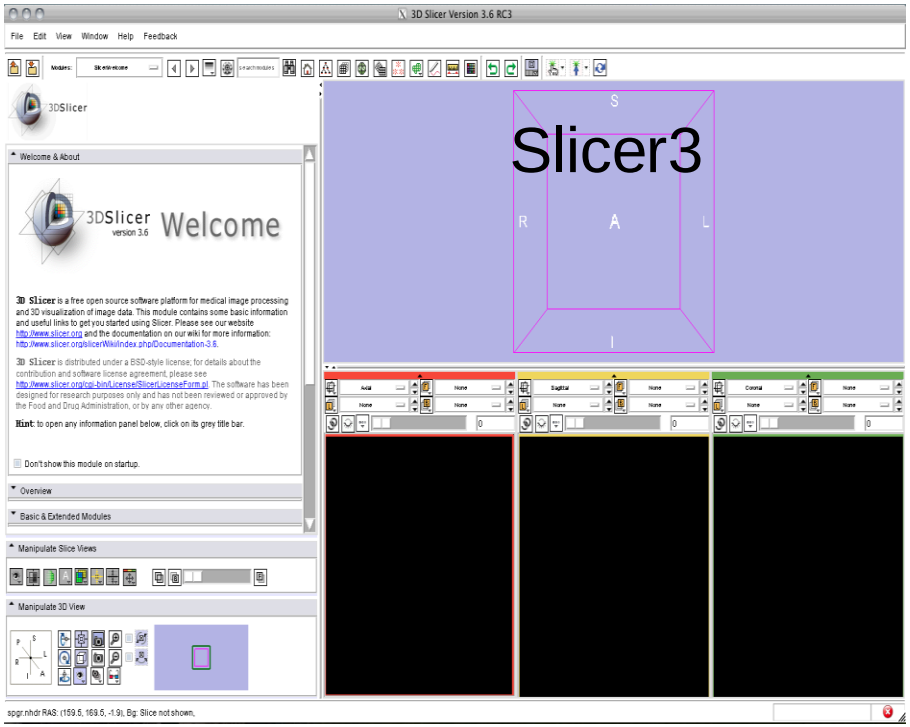
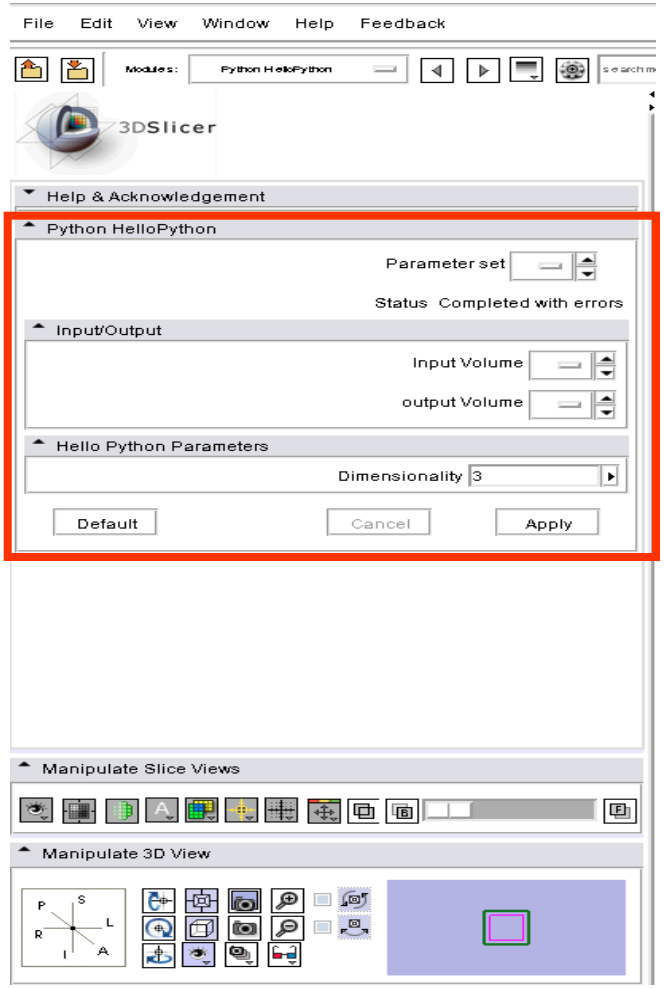
```

From Slicer2 to Slicer3





The New Execution Model

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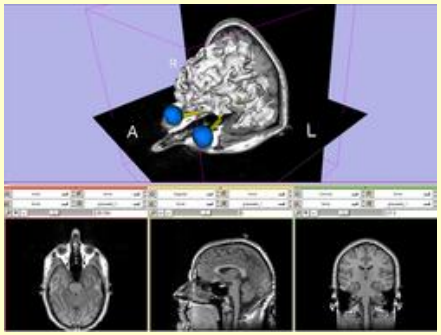
```

Slicer3 Execution Model

- This course is based on the Execution Model which provides a mechanism for incorporating command line programs as Slicer modules.
- Jim Miller, Dan Blezek, Bill Lorensen (GE)
- This course uses the Python interpreter that has been integrated to Slicer.

Pre-requisite

- This course supposes that you have taken the following tutorial:



***Slicer3 Data Loading and Visualization**, Sonia Pujol*

- The tutorial is available on the Slicer3.6 101 compendium:

http://www.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Slicer3.6:Training#Software_tutorials

Material

This course requires the following material

- Slicer3-3.6.1 release version

http://www.slicer.org/pages/Special:SlicerDownloads

- HelloPython.zip

http://www.slicer.org/slicerWiki/index.php/Slicer3.6:TrainingSoftware_tutorials

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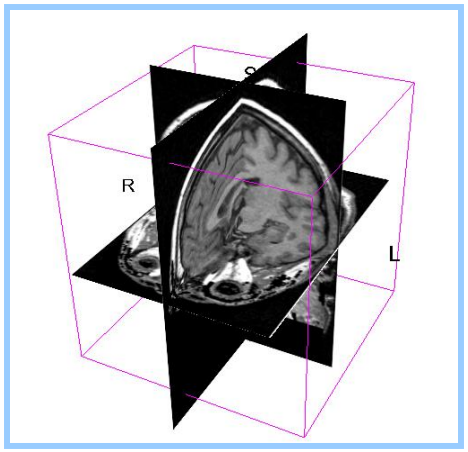
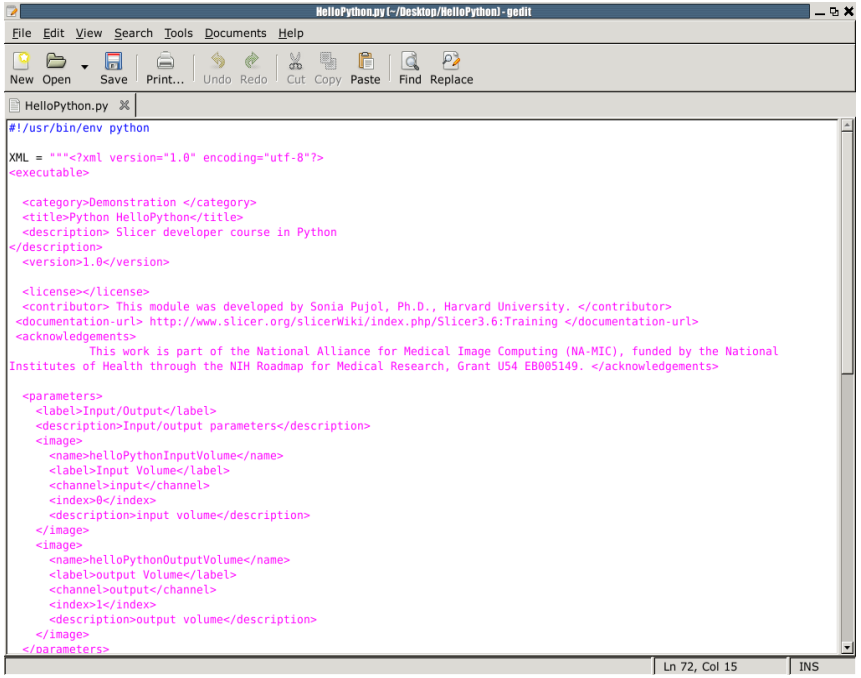
HelloPython Course Material

Unzip the HelloPython.zip archive



spgr.nhdr spgr.raw.gz

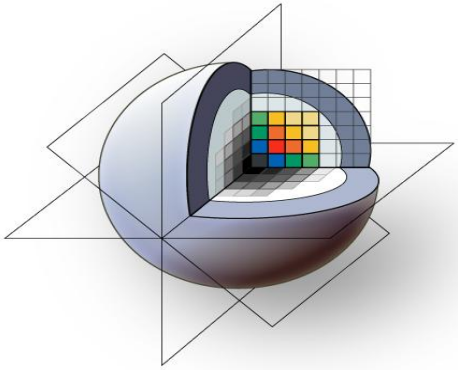
(124 SPGR images)



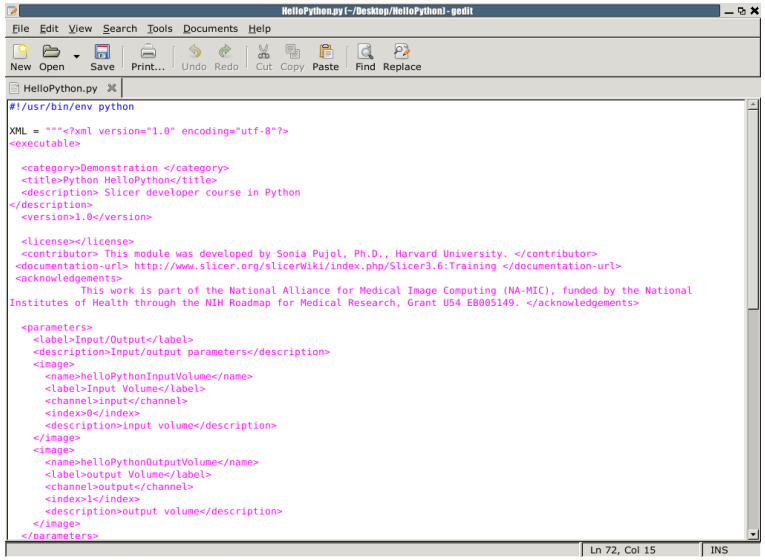
HelloPython.py

Overview

- Part A: Integration of the HelloPython.py program into Slicer3
- Part B: Implementation of the Laplace operator in the HelloPython module
- Part C: Image Sharpening using the Laplace operator

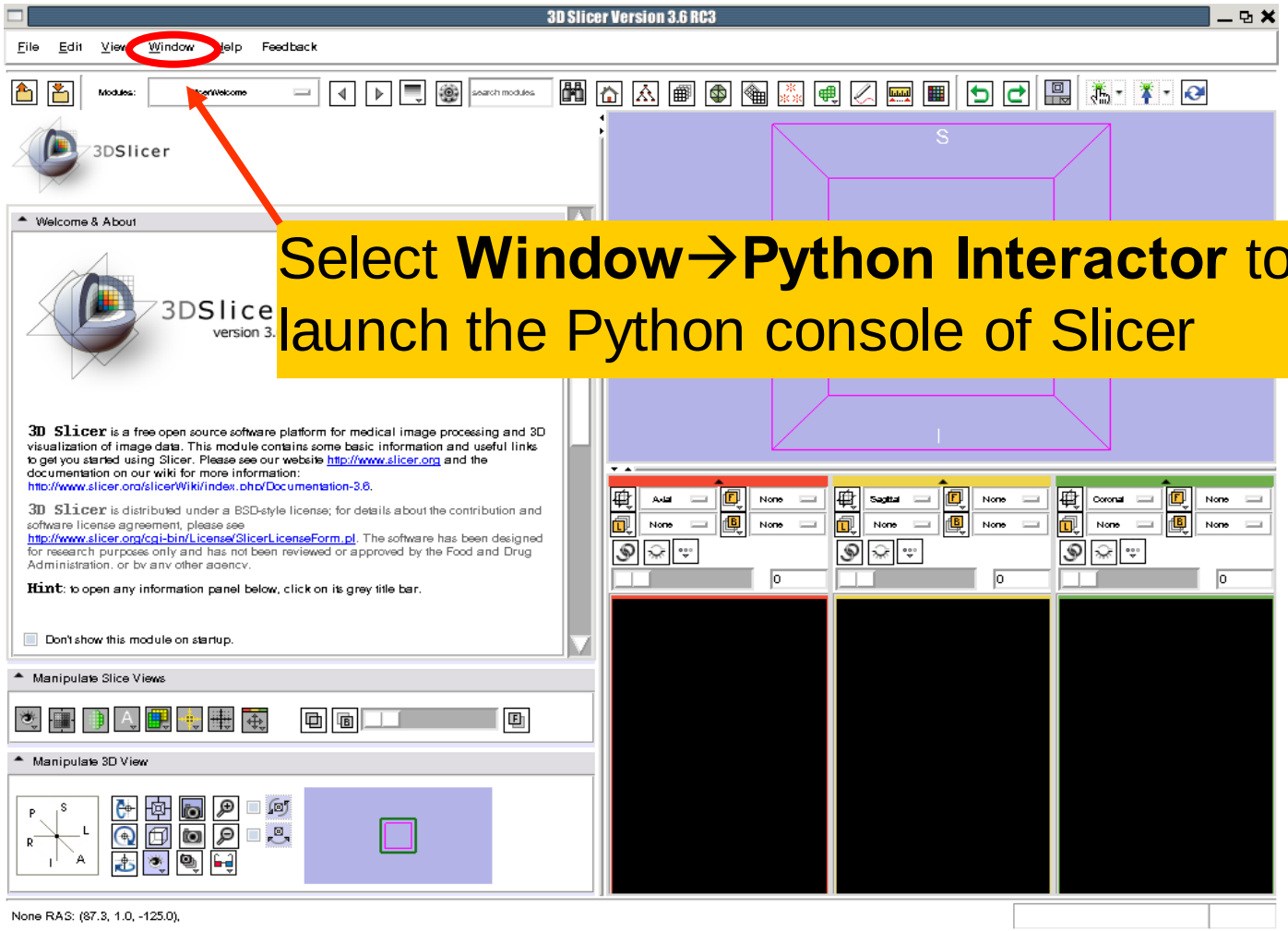


3DSlicer



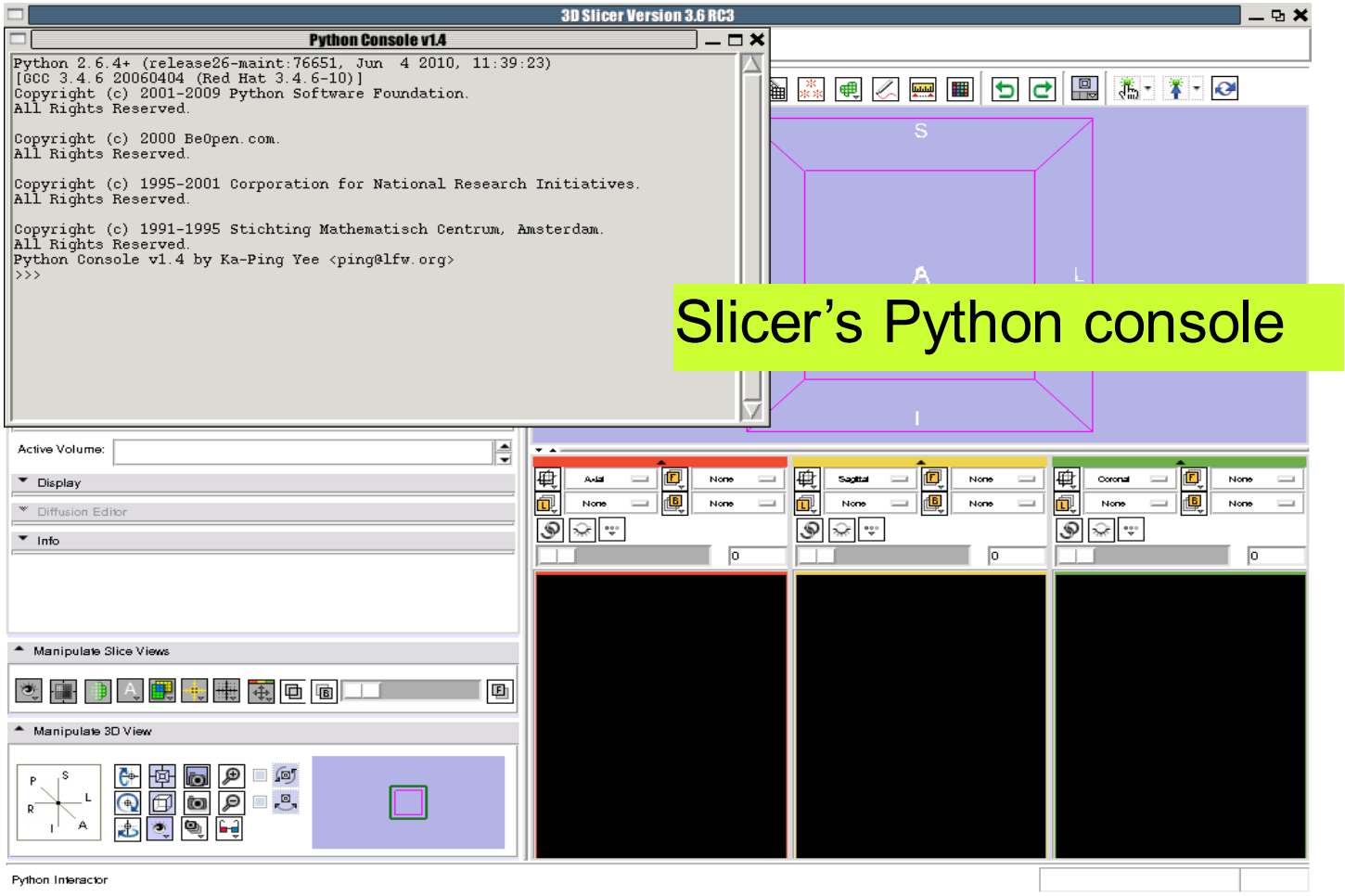
Part A: Integrating HelloPython into Slicer3

Python Console



Select **Window→Python Interactor** to launch the Python console of Slicer

Python Console



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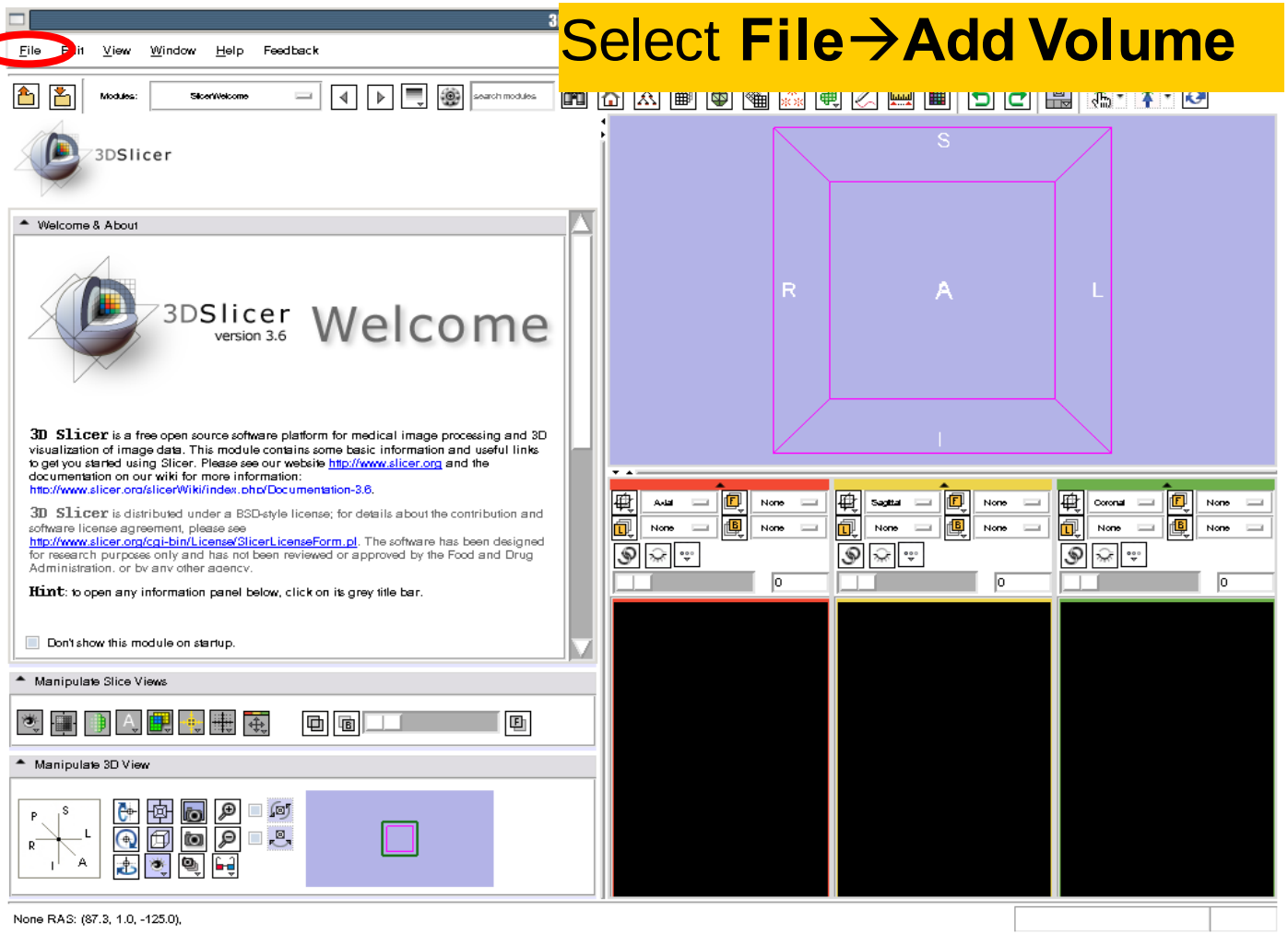

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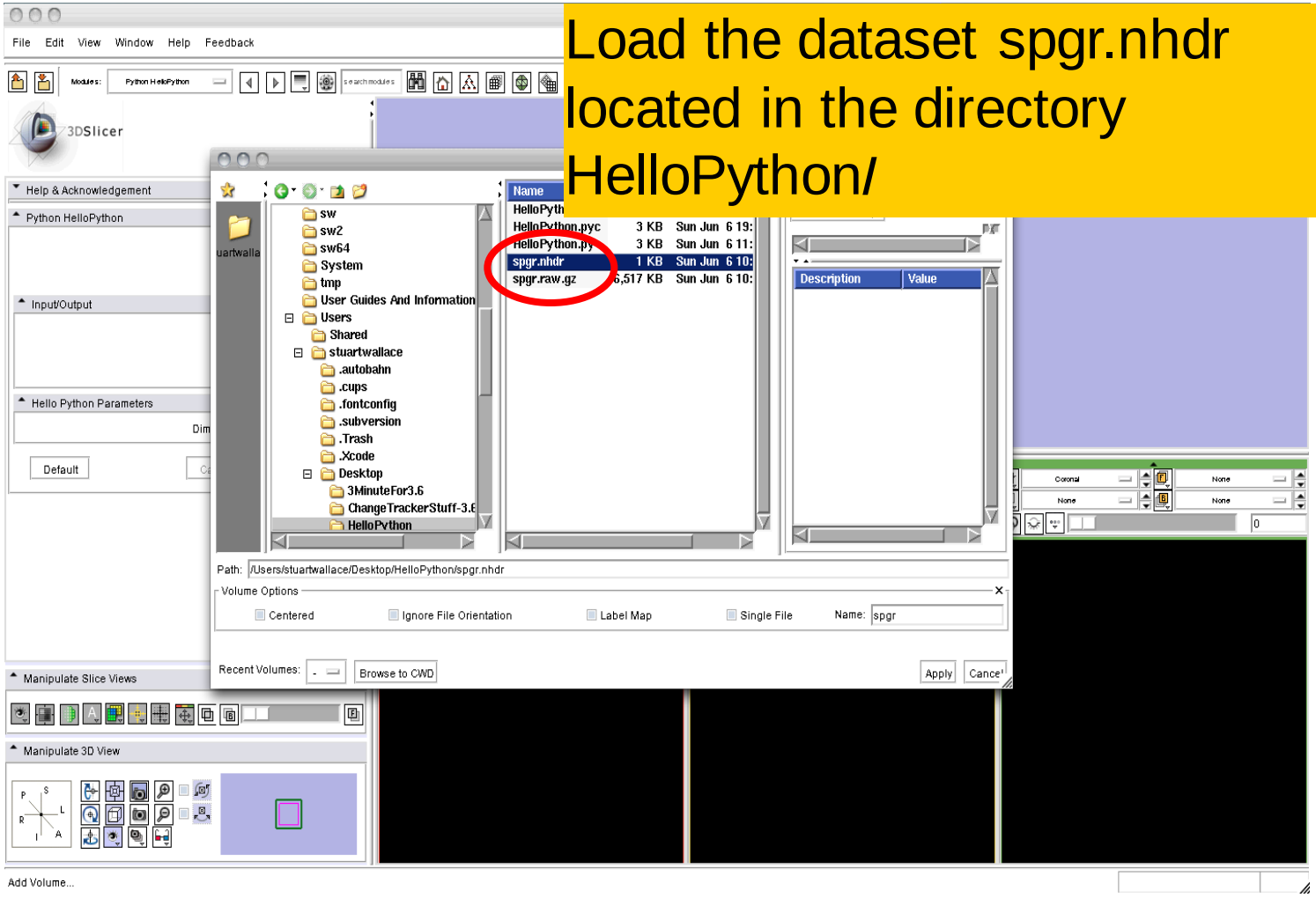

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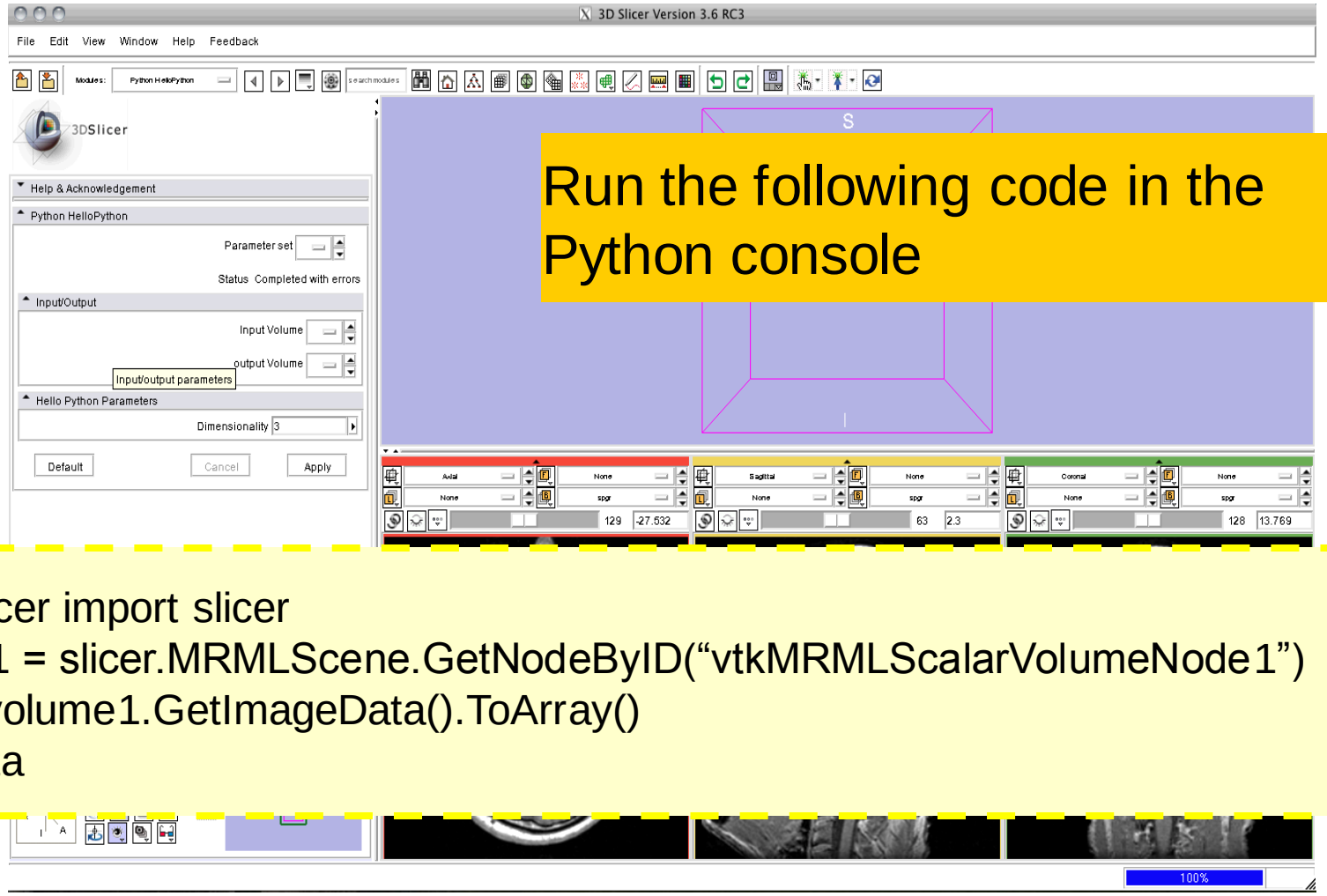
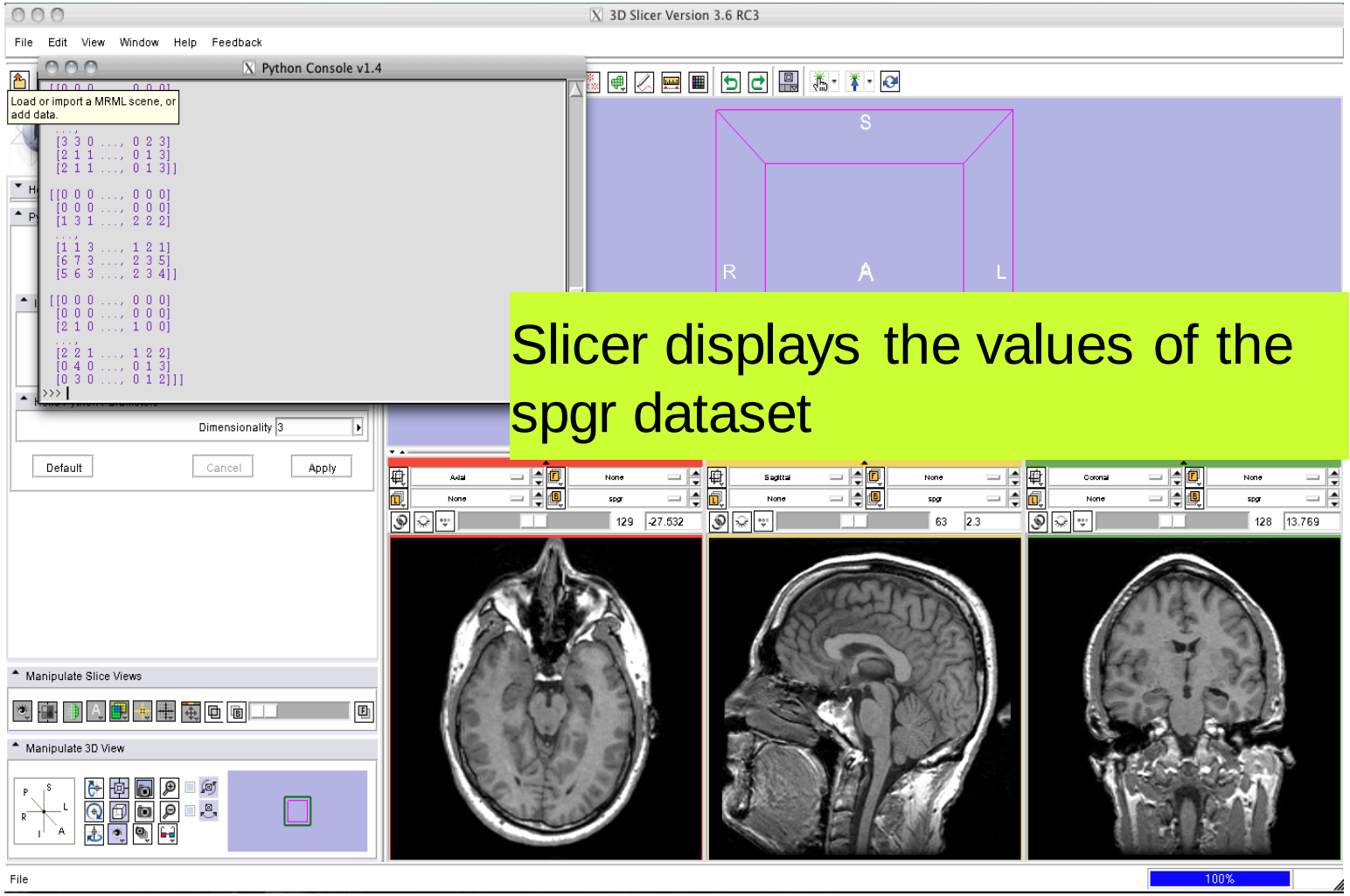
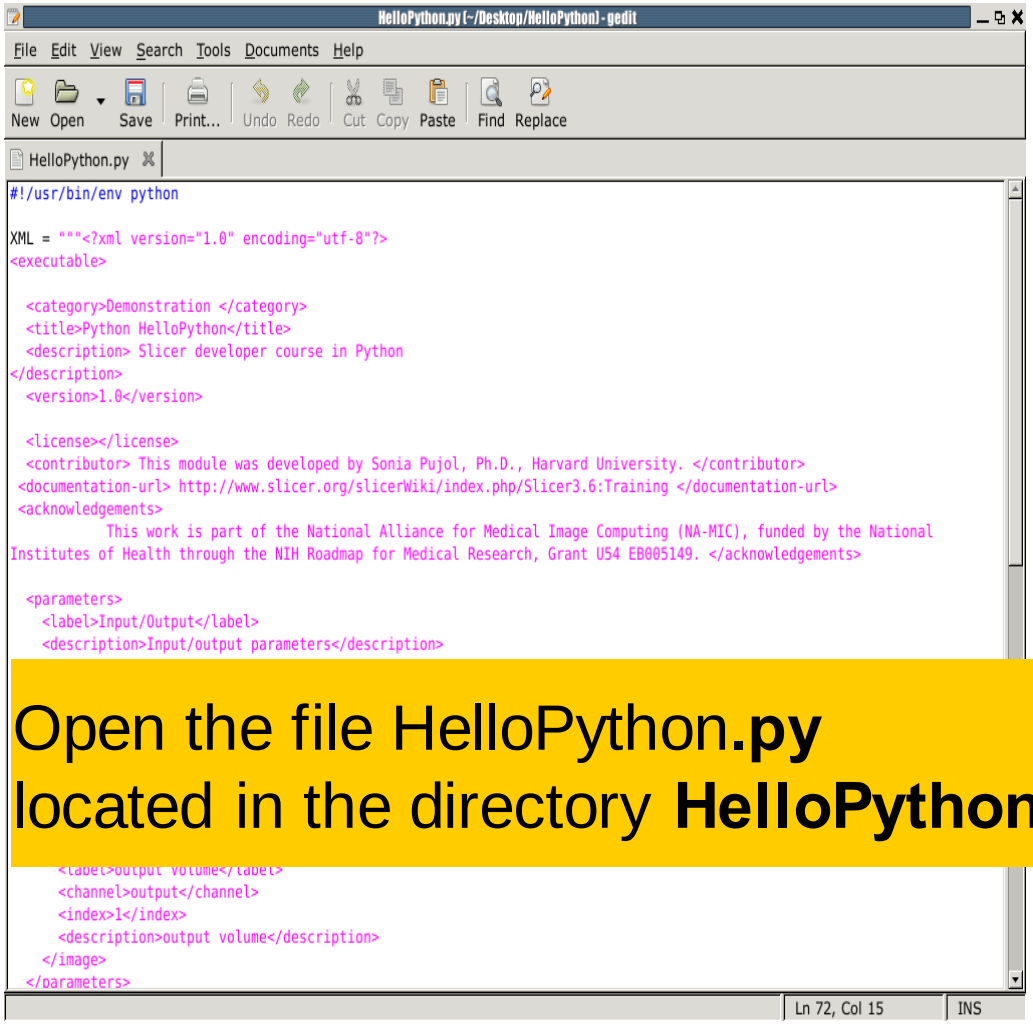



```
from Slicer import slicer
volume1 = slicer.MRMLScene.GetNodeByID("vtkMRMLScalarVolumeNode1")
data = volume1.GetImageData().ToArray()
print data
```

Python Console



HelloPython.py



Open the file HelloPython**.py**
located in the directory **HelloPython**

HelloPython.py

Module Description

Module Parameters

Execute function

HelloPython.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

XML = """<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<executable>

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  <description> Slicer developer course in Python
</description>
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</executable>
"""


def Execute ():
        Slicer = __import__("Slicer")
        slicer = Slicer.slicer
        scene = slicer.MRMLScene

        return
```

Module Description

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Module Parameters

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    </image>
</parameters>
```

Input Volume

Output Volume

A file that specifies the image

Execute Function

```
def Execute ():

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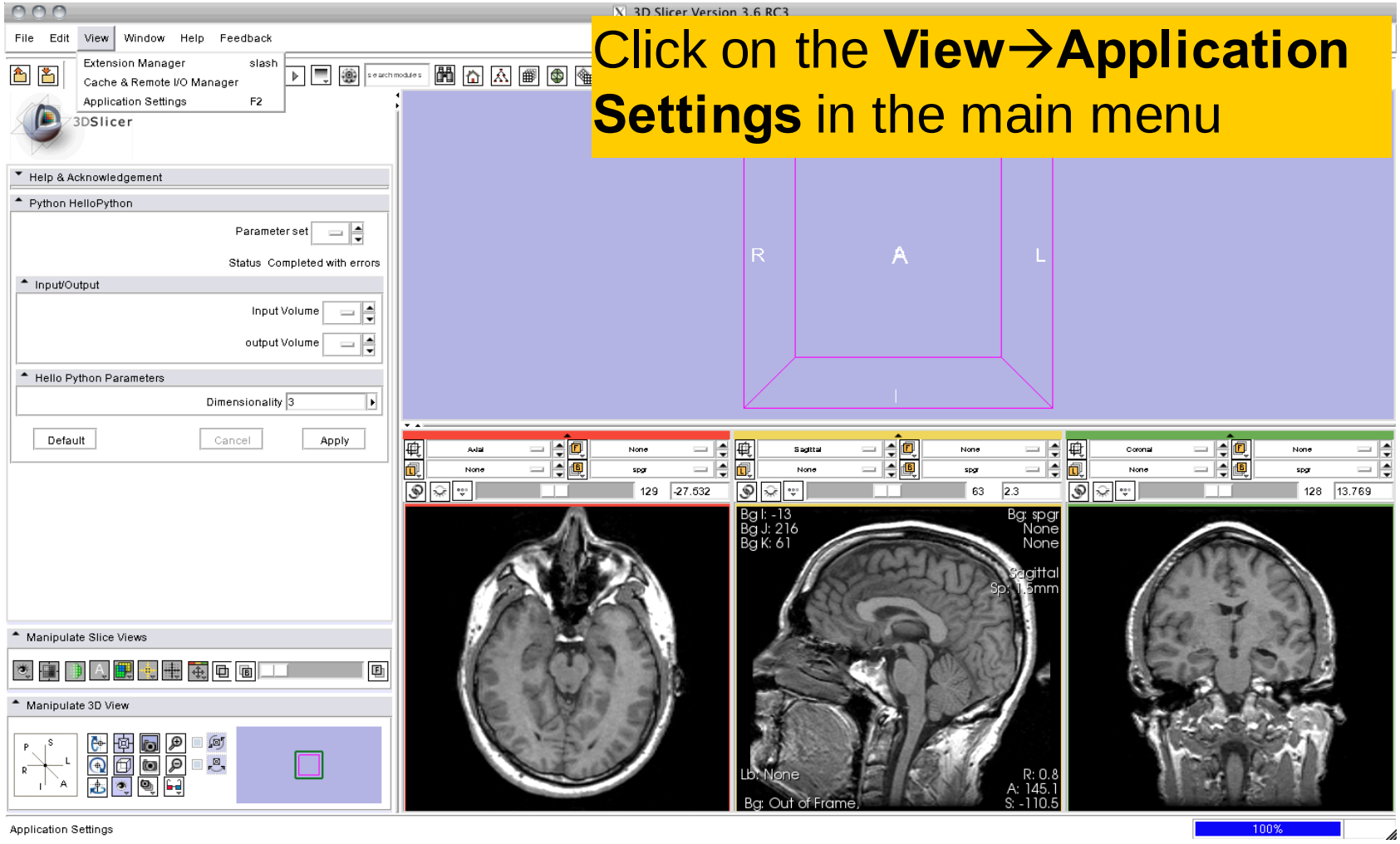
slicer = Slicer.slicer
scene = slicer.MRMLScene

return
```

Integrating HelloPython to Slicer3



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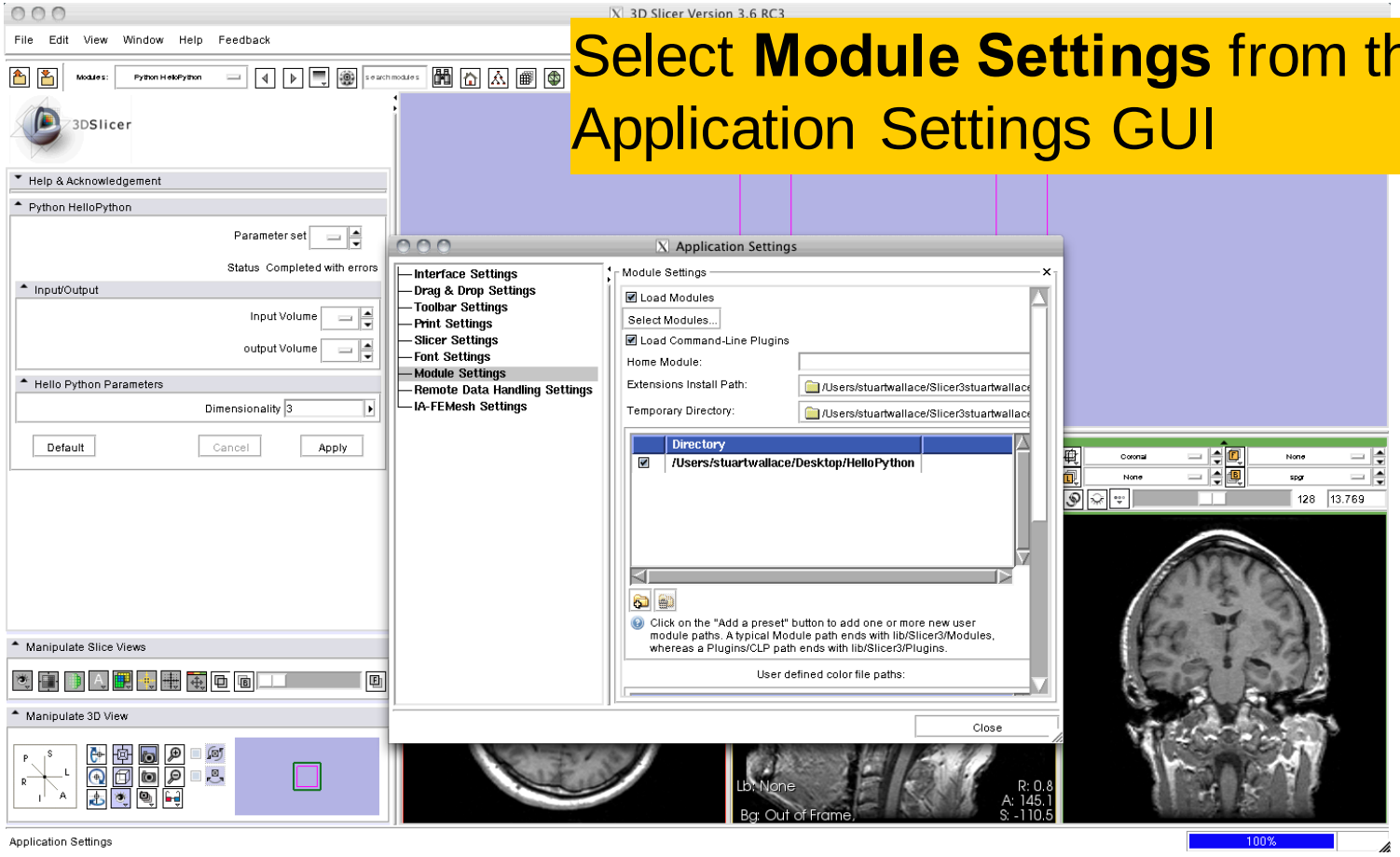

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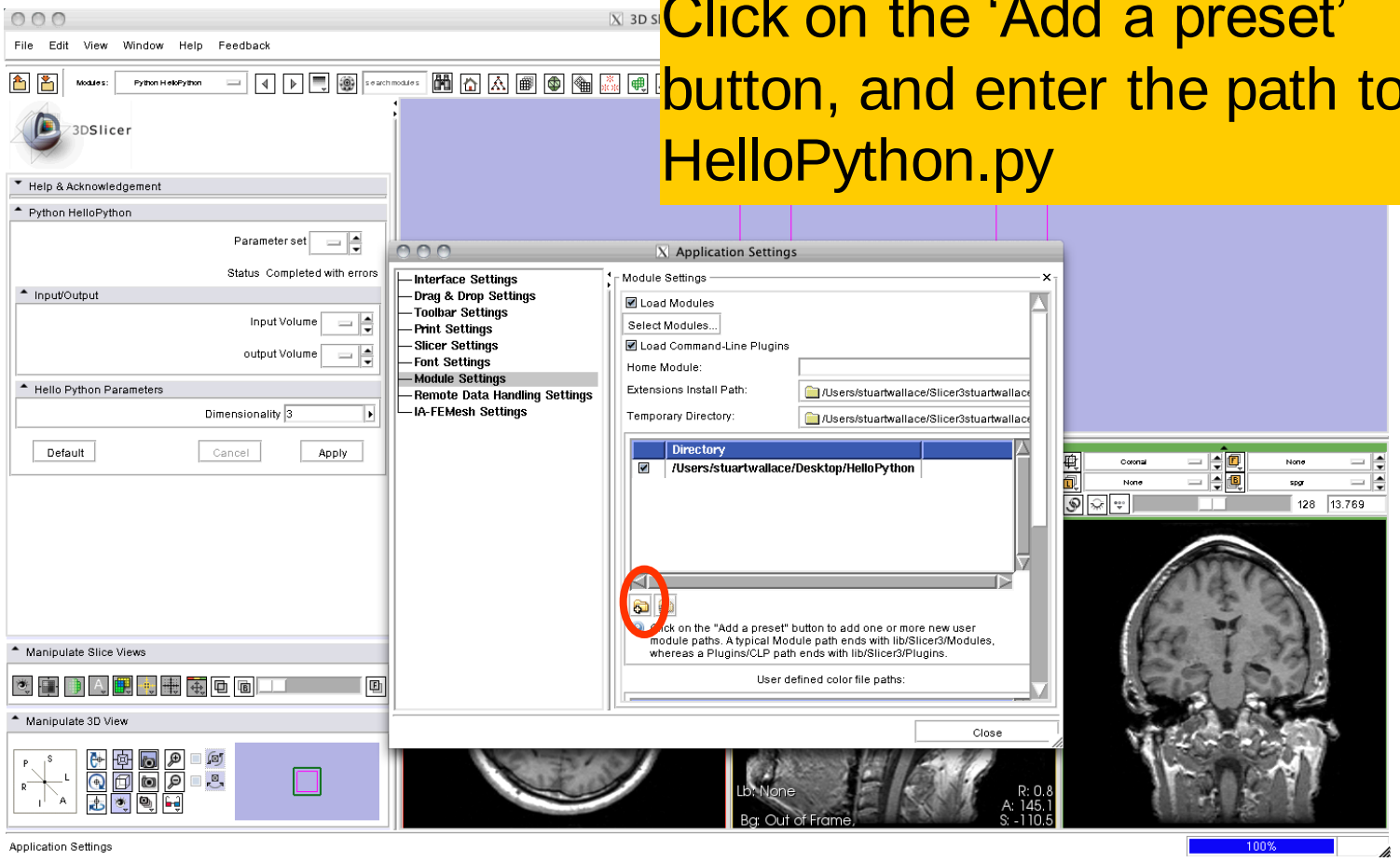
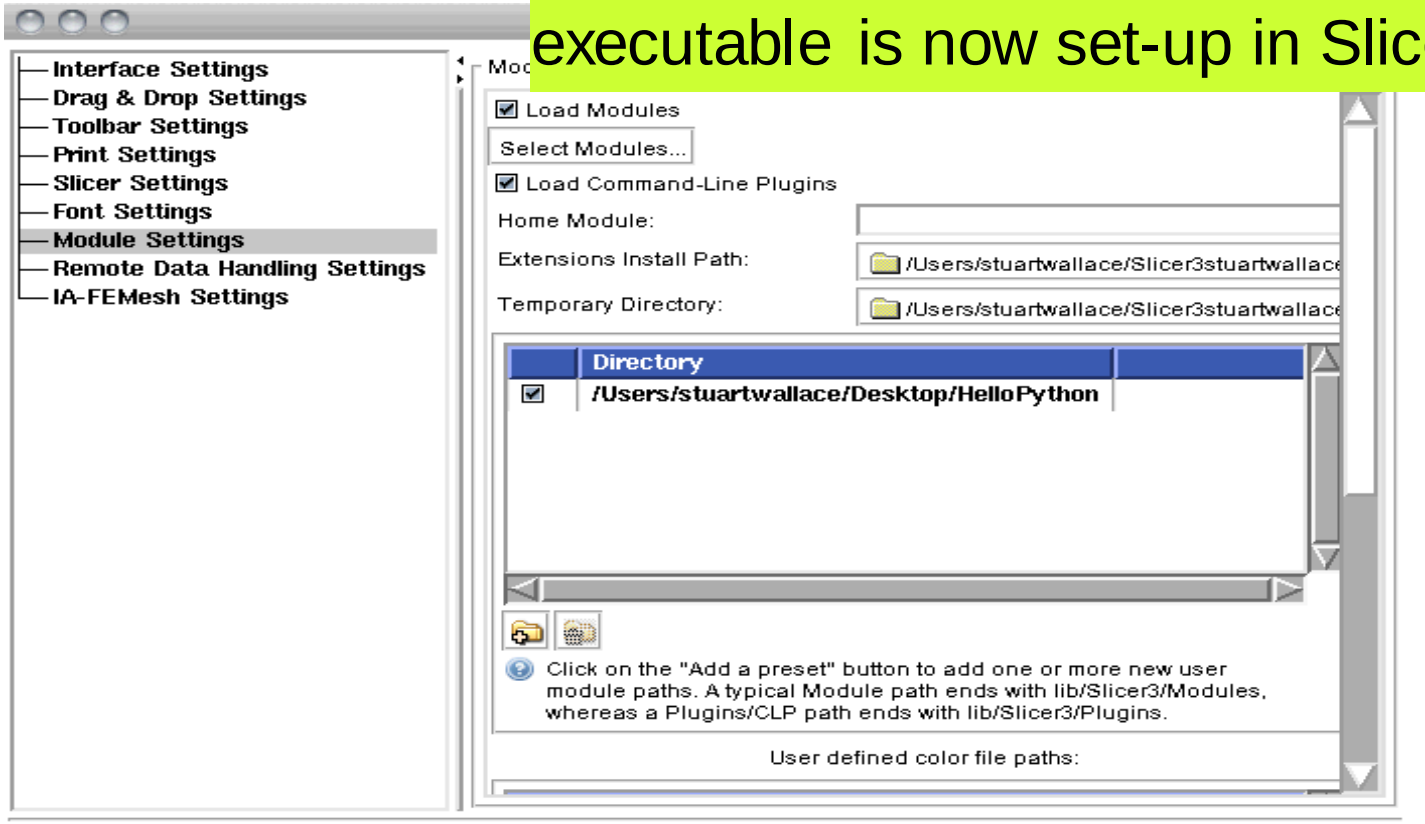


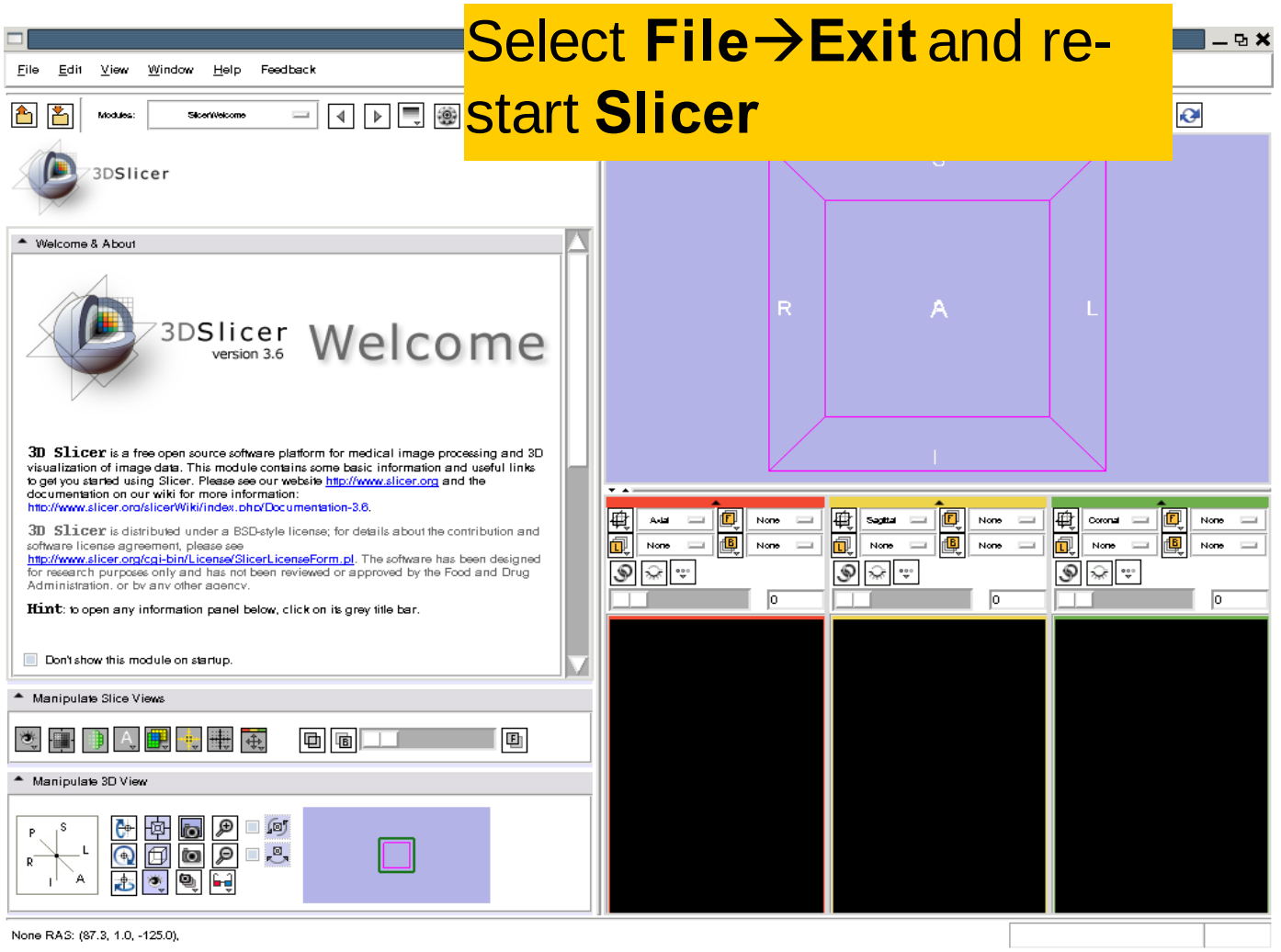
Integrating HelloPython to Slicer3

The path to the HelloPython.py executable is now set-up in Slicer3.

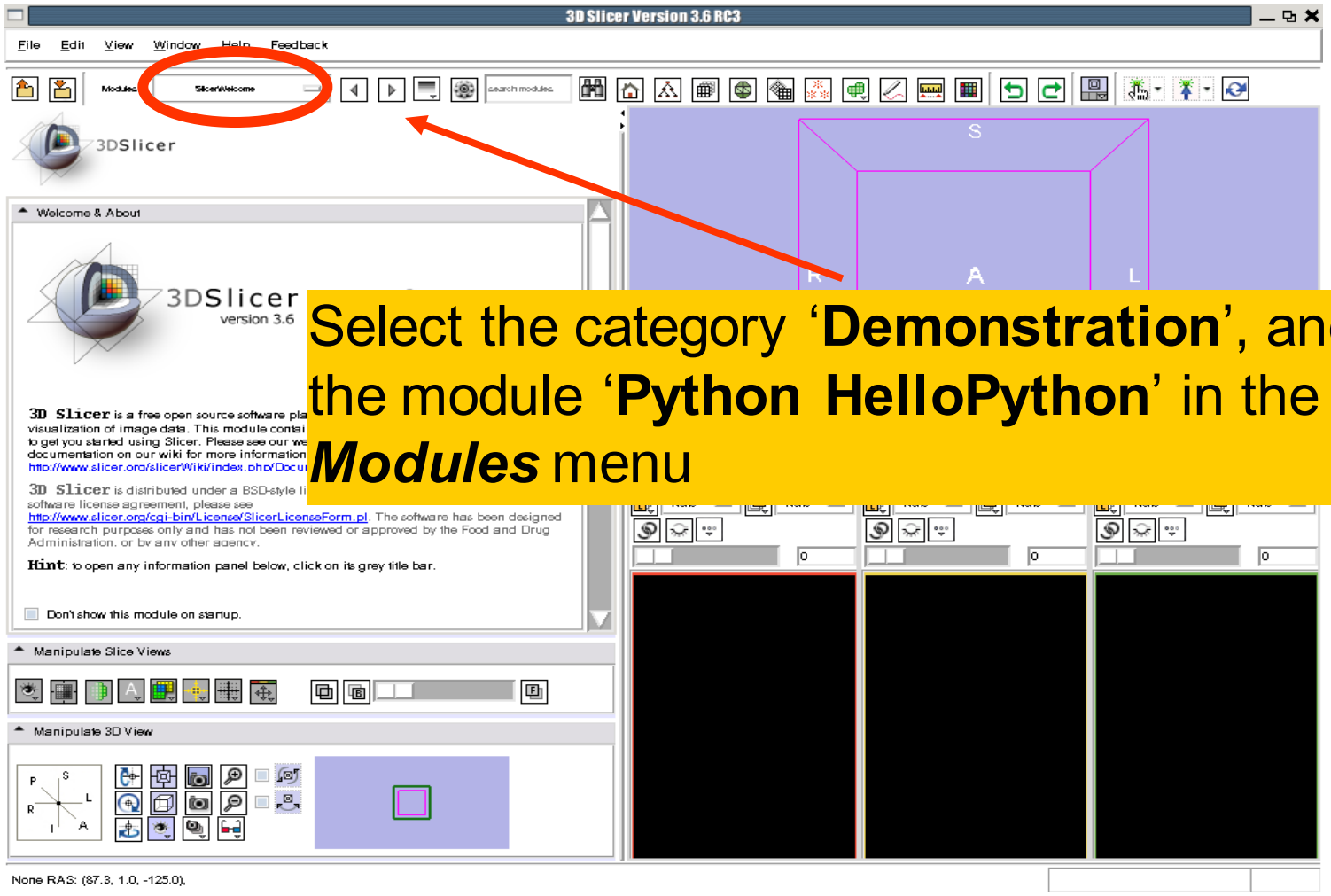


Click on the **Close** to exit the Application Settings window.

Integrating HelloPython to Slicer3



HelloPython module



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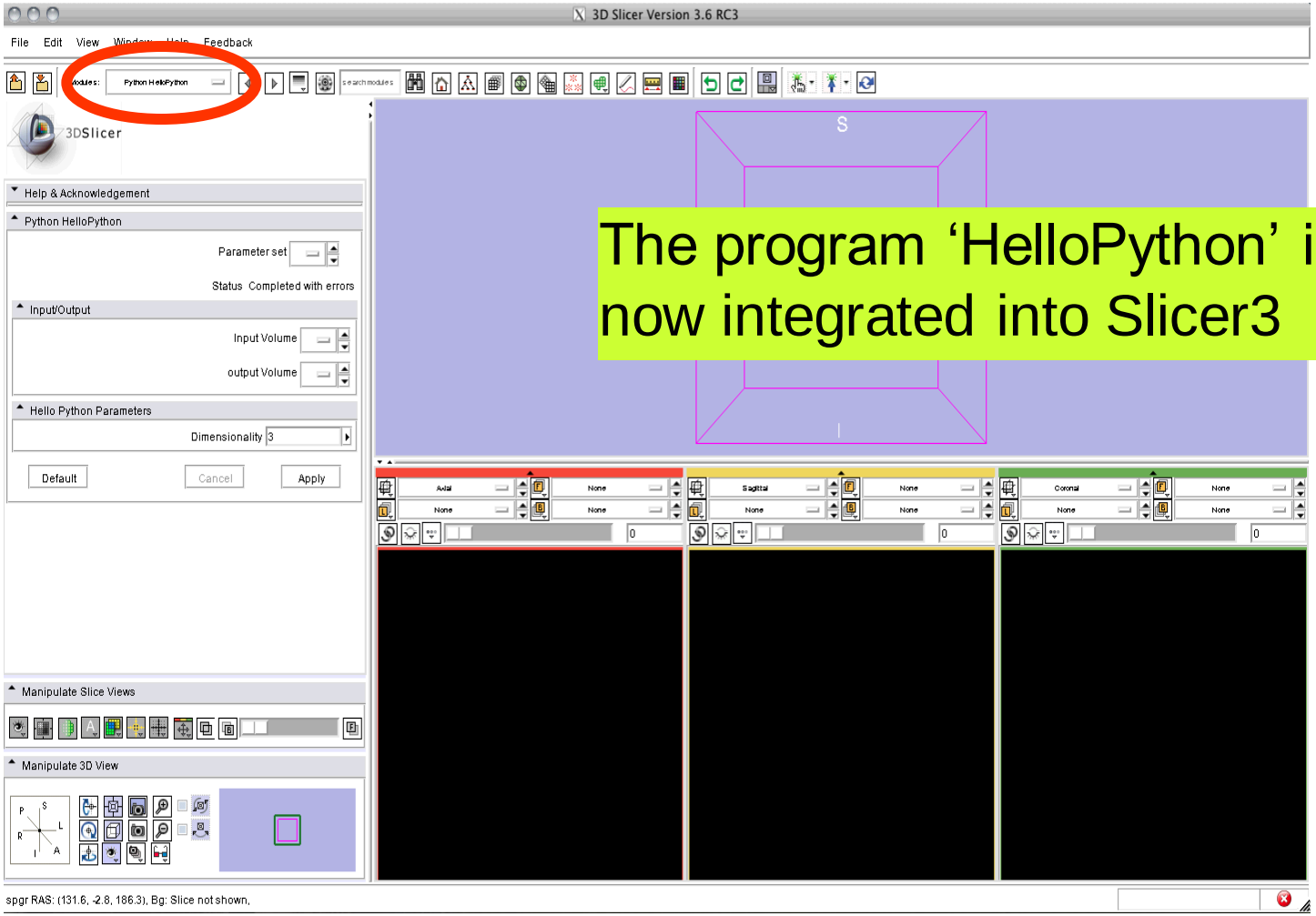
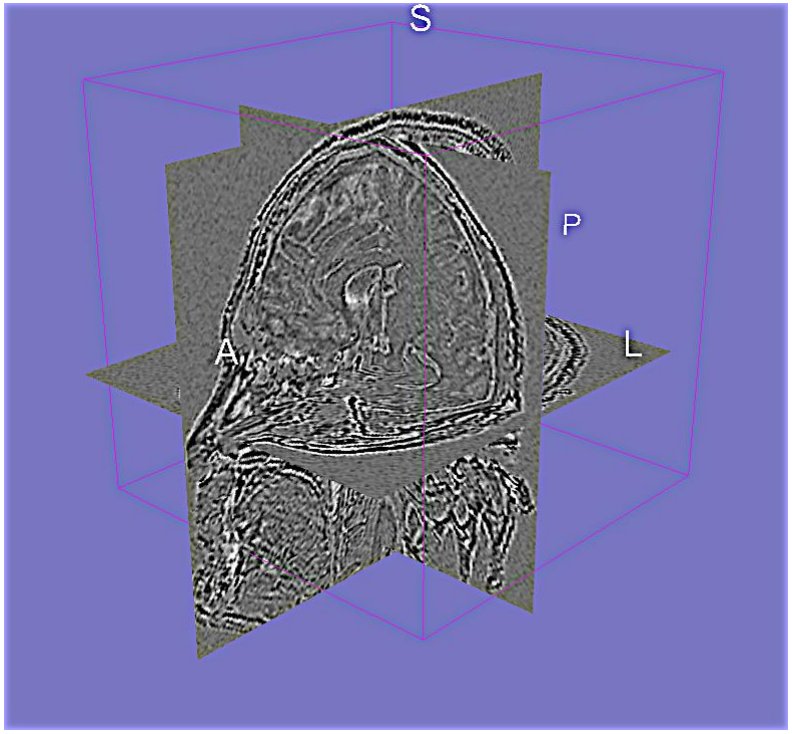
HelloPython Module





Part B: Implementing the Laplace* Operator

*named after Pierre-Simon, Marquis de Laplace (1749-1827)

Execute Function

```
def Execute (HelloPythonInputVolume, HelloPythonOutputVolume):


Slicer = __import__("Slicer")
slicer = Slicer.slicer
scene = slicer.MRMLScene
inputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonInputVolume)
outputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonOutputVolume)


return
```

Add the I/O code

Laplace Operator

```
def Execute (HelloPythonInputVolume, HelloPythonOutputVolume):


Slicer = __import__("Slicer")
slicer = Slicer.slicer
scene = slicer.MRMLScene
inputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonInputVolume)
outputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonOutputVolume)
laplacian = slicer.vtkImageLaplacian()
laplacian.SetInput(inputVolume.GetImageData())


return
```

Add the Laplace operator

Laplace Operator

```
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  <description>Input/output parameters</description>
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    <description>input volume</description>
  </image>
  <image>
    <name>HelloPythonOutputVolume</name>
    <label>Output Volume</label>
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    <description>output volume</description>
  </image>
</parameters>
<parameters>
  <label>Hello Python Parameters</label>
  <description> Parameters of the Python Hello Python module </description>
</parameters>
```

Add a new parameter group for the Laplace operator

Laplace Operator

```
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  <description>Parameters of the Python Hello Python module </description>
   <integer>
    <name>dimensionality</name>
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    <constraints>
      <minimum>2</minimum>
      <maximum>3</maximum>
    </constraints>
  </integer>
</parameters>
```

Add the Laplace operator's dimensionality

Laplace Operator

```
def Execute (HelloPythonInputVolume, HelloPythonOutputVolume,
dimensionality=3):
Slicer = __import__("Slicer")
slicer = Slicer.slicer
scene = slicer.MRMLScene
inputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonInputVolume)
outputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonOutputVolume)
laplacian = slicer.vtkImageLaplacian()
laplacian.SetInput(inputVolume.GetImageData())
laplacian.SetDimensionality(dimensionality)

return
```

Set-up the corresponding dimensionality parameter in the Python code

Laplace Operator

```
def Execute (HelloPythonInputVolume, HelloPythonOutputVolume,
dimensionality=3):
Slicer = __import__("Slicer")
slicer = Slicer.slicer
scene = slicer.MRMLScene
inputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonInputVolume)
outputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonOutputVolume)
laplacian = slicer.vtkImageLaplacian()
laplacian.SetInput(inputVolume.GetImageData())
laplacian.SetDimensionality(dimensionality)
laplacian.Update()
outputVolume.SetAndObserveImageData(laplacian.GetOutput())
return
```

Add code to get the output of the Laplace operator

Laplace Operator

```
def Execute (HelloPythonInputVolume, HelloPythonOutputVolume,
dimensionality=3):
Slicer = __import__("Slicer")
slicer = Slicer.slicer
scene = slicer.MRMLScene
inputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonInputVolume)
outputVolume = scene.GetNodeByID(HelloPythonOutputVolume)
laplacian = slicer.vtkImageLaplacian()
laplacian.SetInput(inputVolume.GetImageData())
laplacian.SetDimensionality(dimensionality)
laplacian.Update()
outputVolume.SetAndObserveImageData(laplacian.GetOutput())
matrix = slicer.vtkMatrix4x4()
inputVolume.GetIJKToRASMatrix(matrix)
 outputVolume.SetIJKToRASMatrix(matrix)
return
```

Place back the Laplacian of the image in the RAS reference system.

Integrating HelloPython to Slicer3

```
def Execute (HelloPythonInputVolume, HelloPythonOutputVolume,
dimensionality=3):
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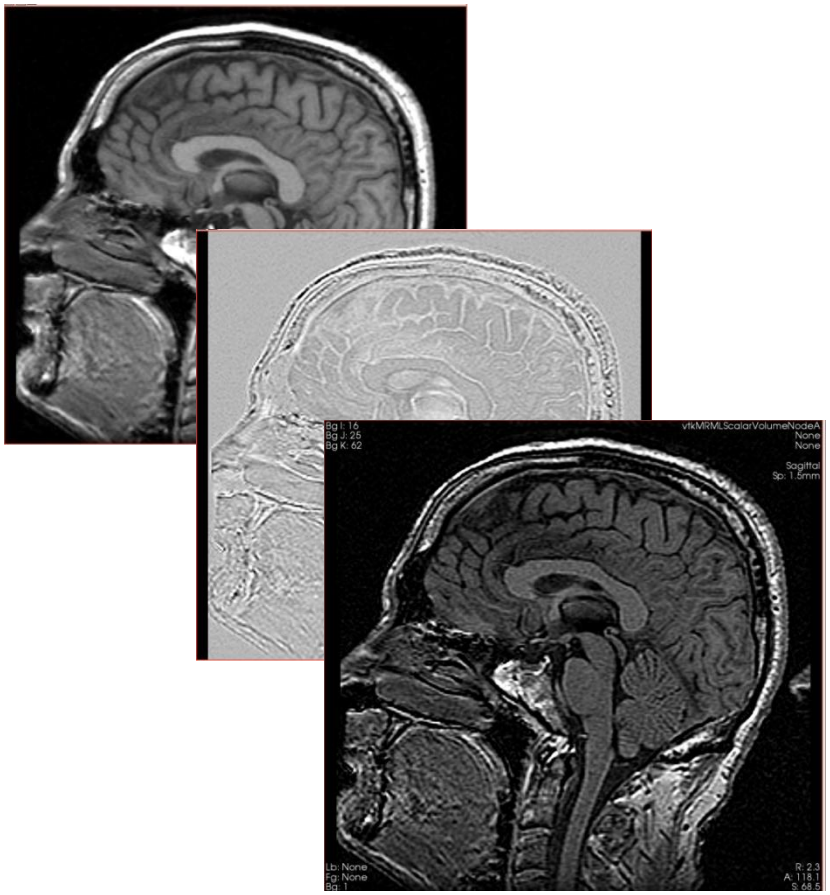
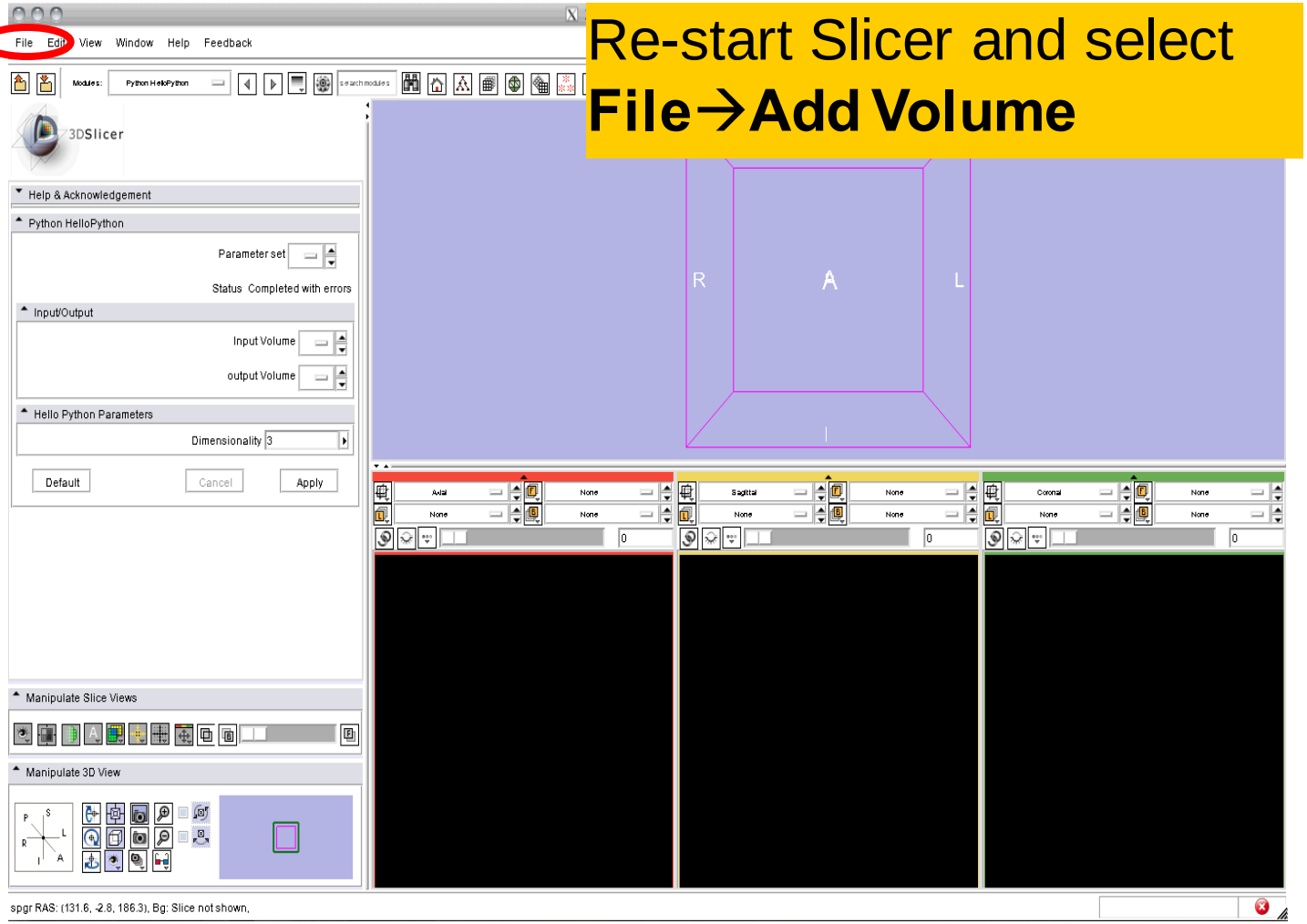
laplacian.SetInput(inputVolume.GetImageData())
laplacian.SetDimensionality(dimensionality)
laplacian.Update()
outputVolume.SetAndObserveImageData(laplacian.GetOutput())
matrix = slicer.vtkMatrix4x4()
inputVolume.GetIJKToRASMatrix(matrix)
outputVolume.SetIJKToRASMatrix(matrix)
return
```

Save the HelloPython.py file and exit Slicer.



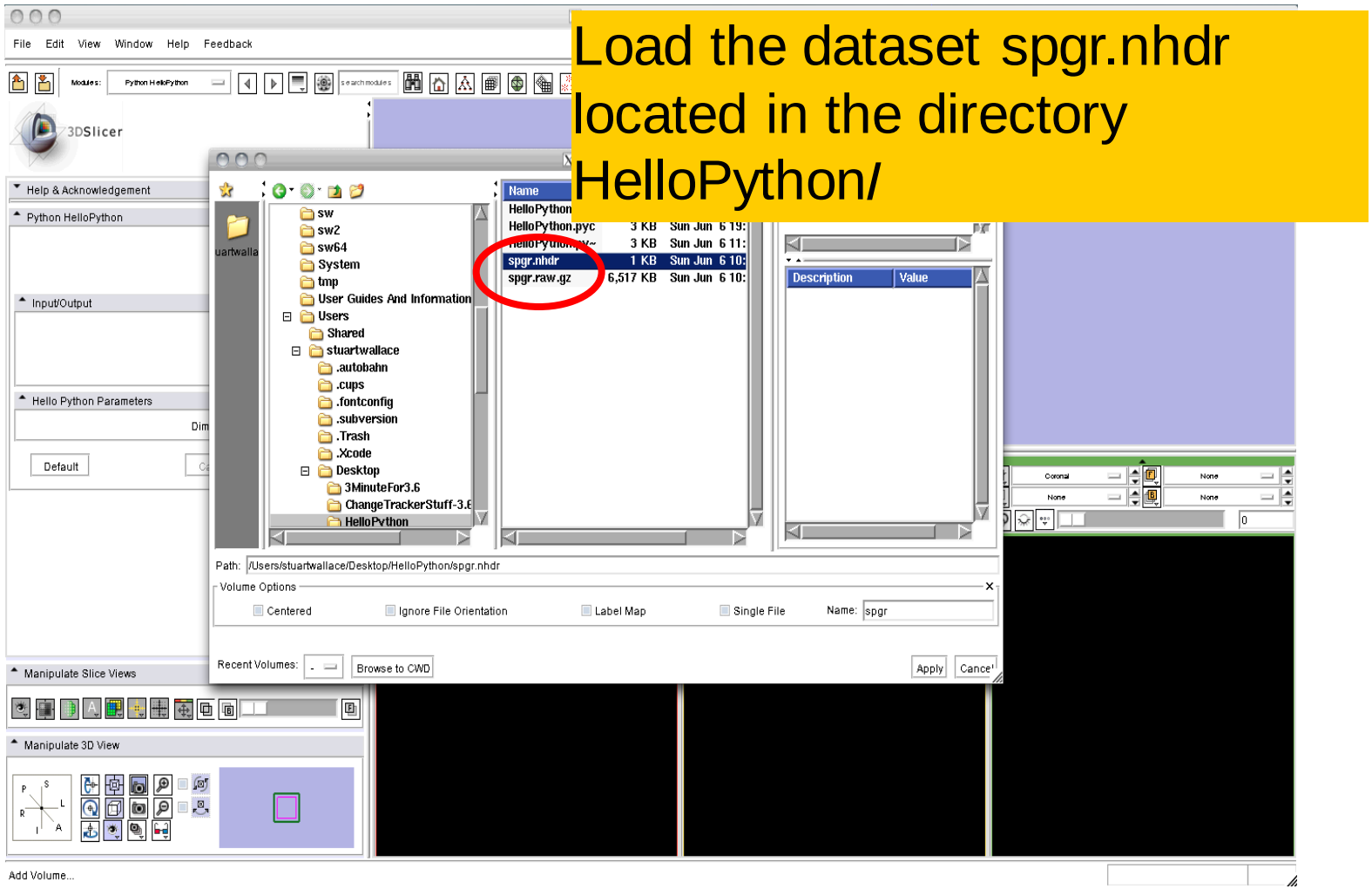
Part C: Image Sharpening with the Laplace Operator

Running the Laplace Operator

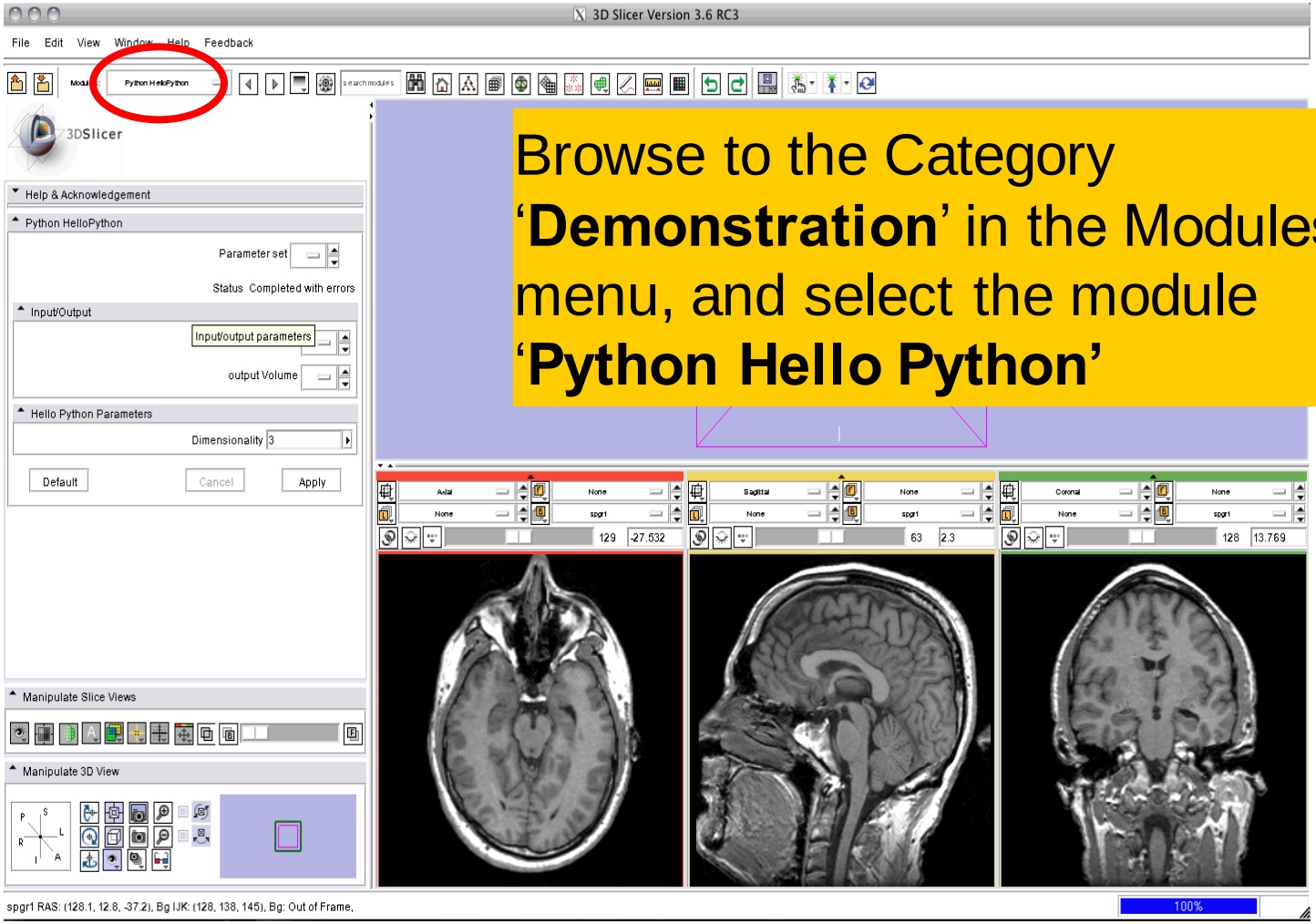


Re-start Slicer and select
File→Add Volume

Running the Laplace Operator



Running the Laplace Operator



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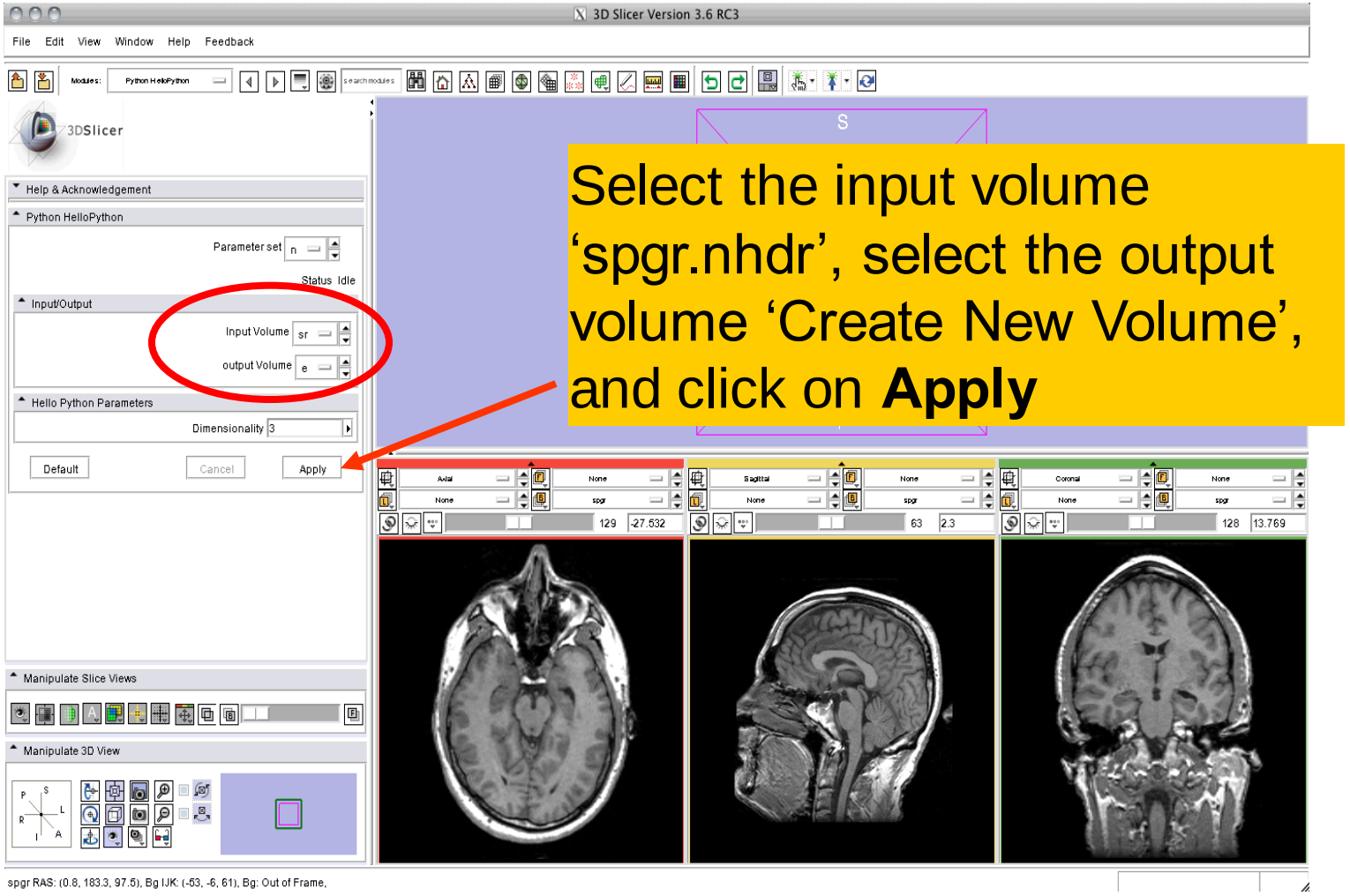
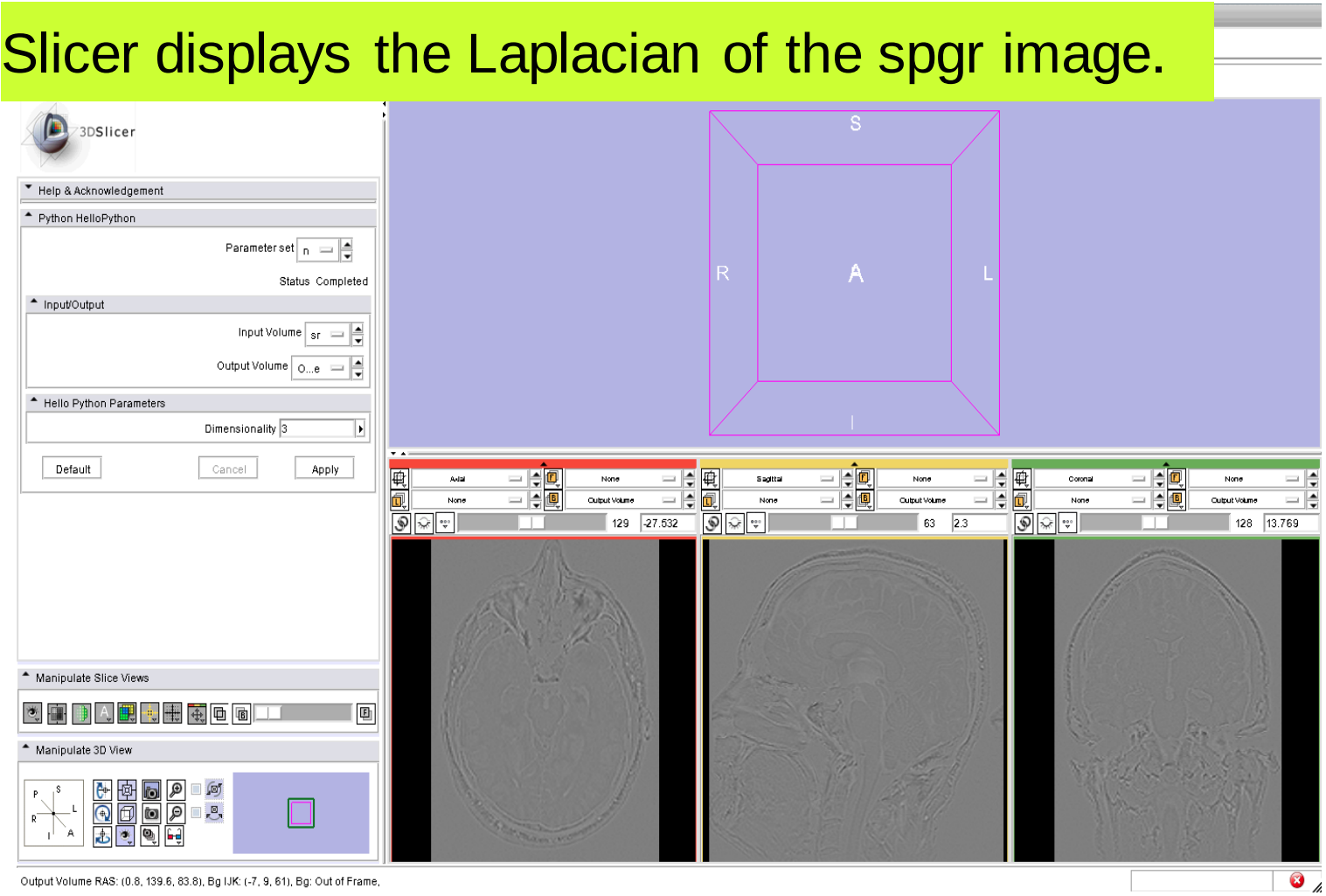


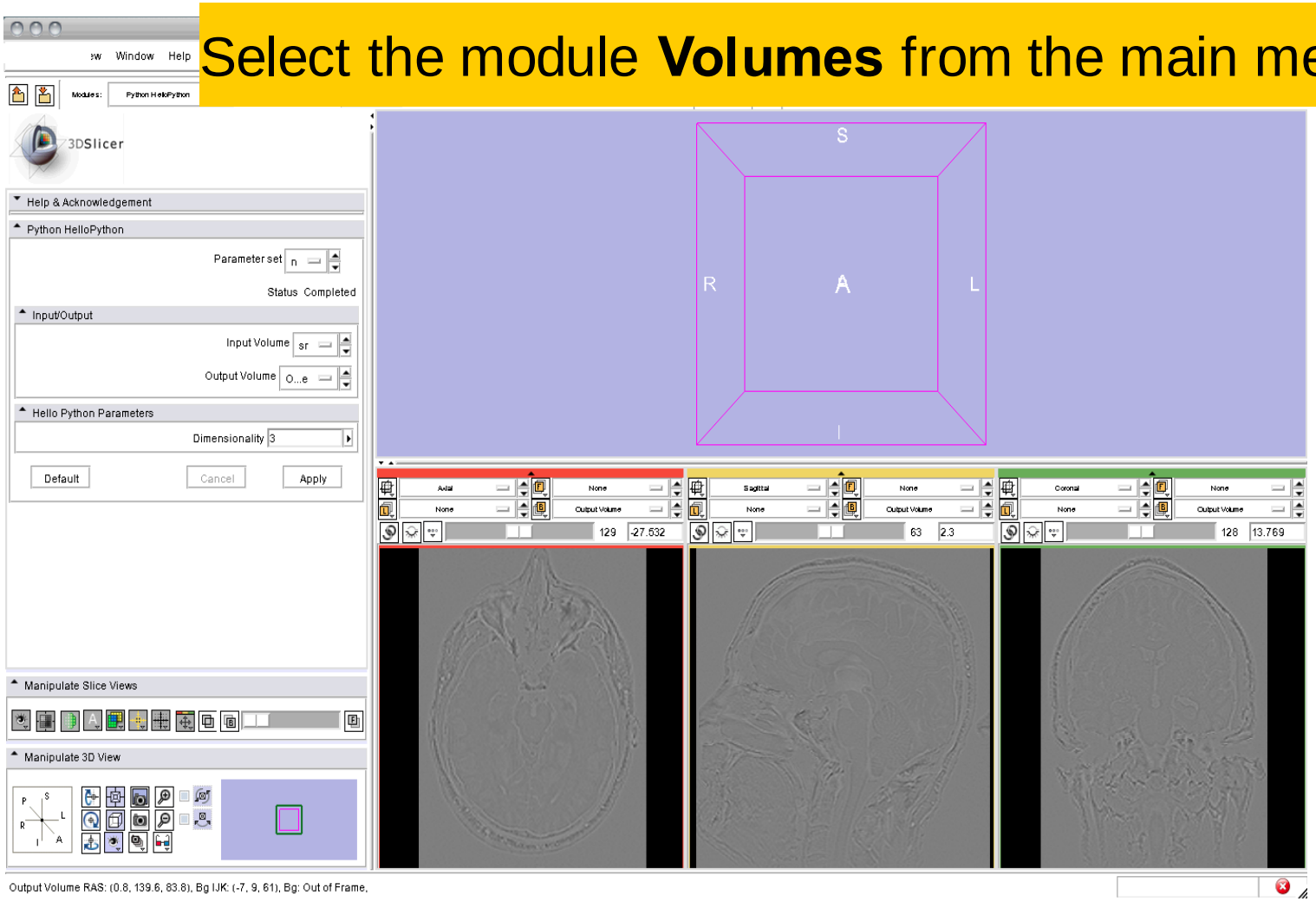
Running the Laplace Operator

Slicer displays the Laplacian of the spgr image.



Laplacian of the image

Select the module **Volumes** from the main menu



Laplacian of the image

Set the Active Volume to **Output Volume** and adjust the Window/Level parameters

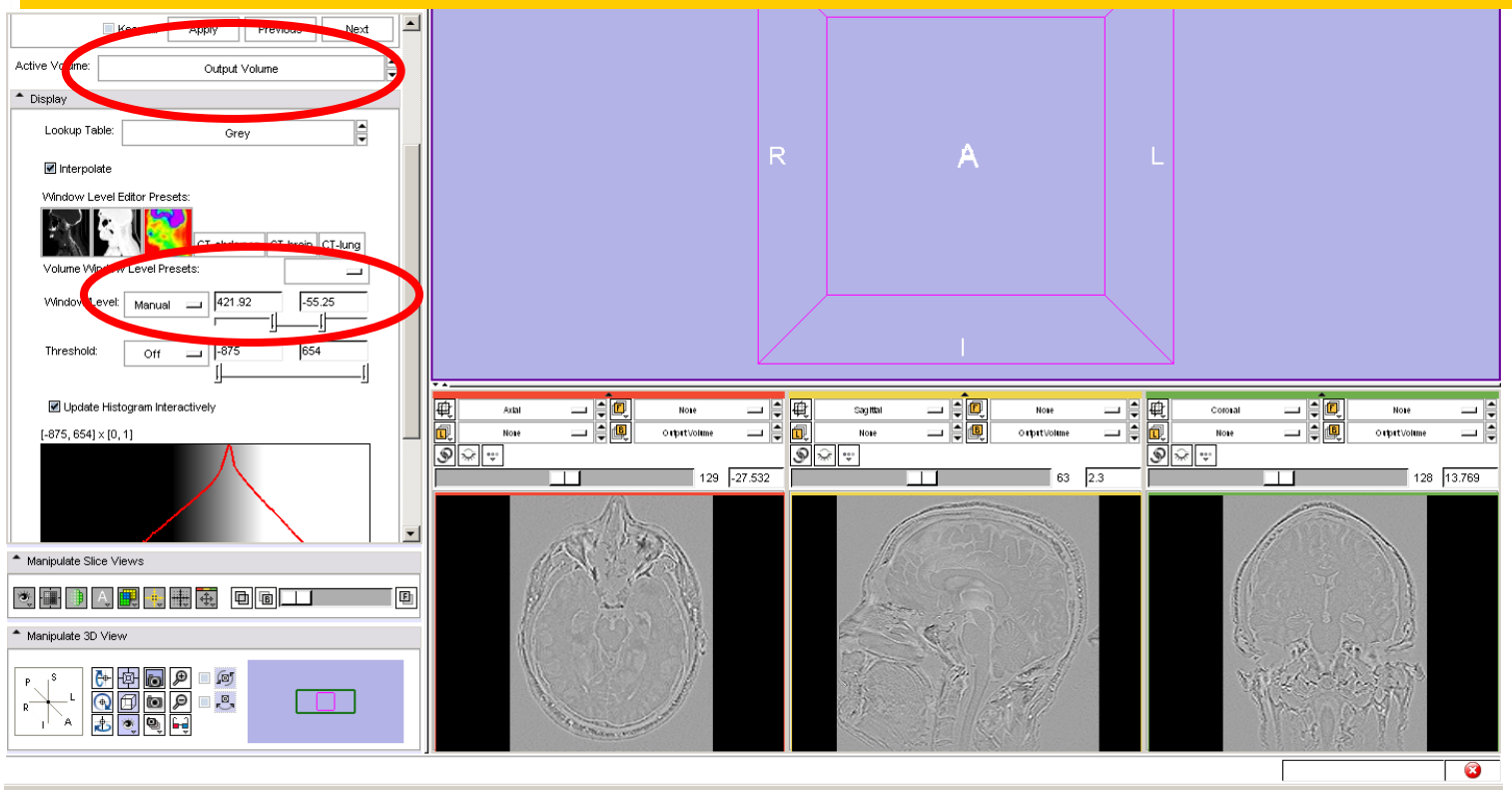
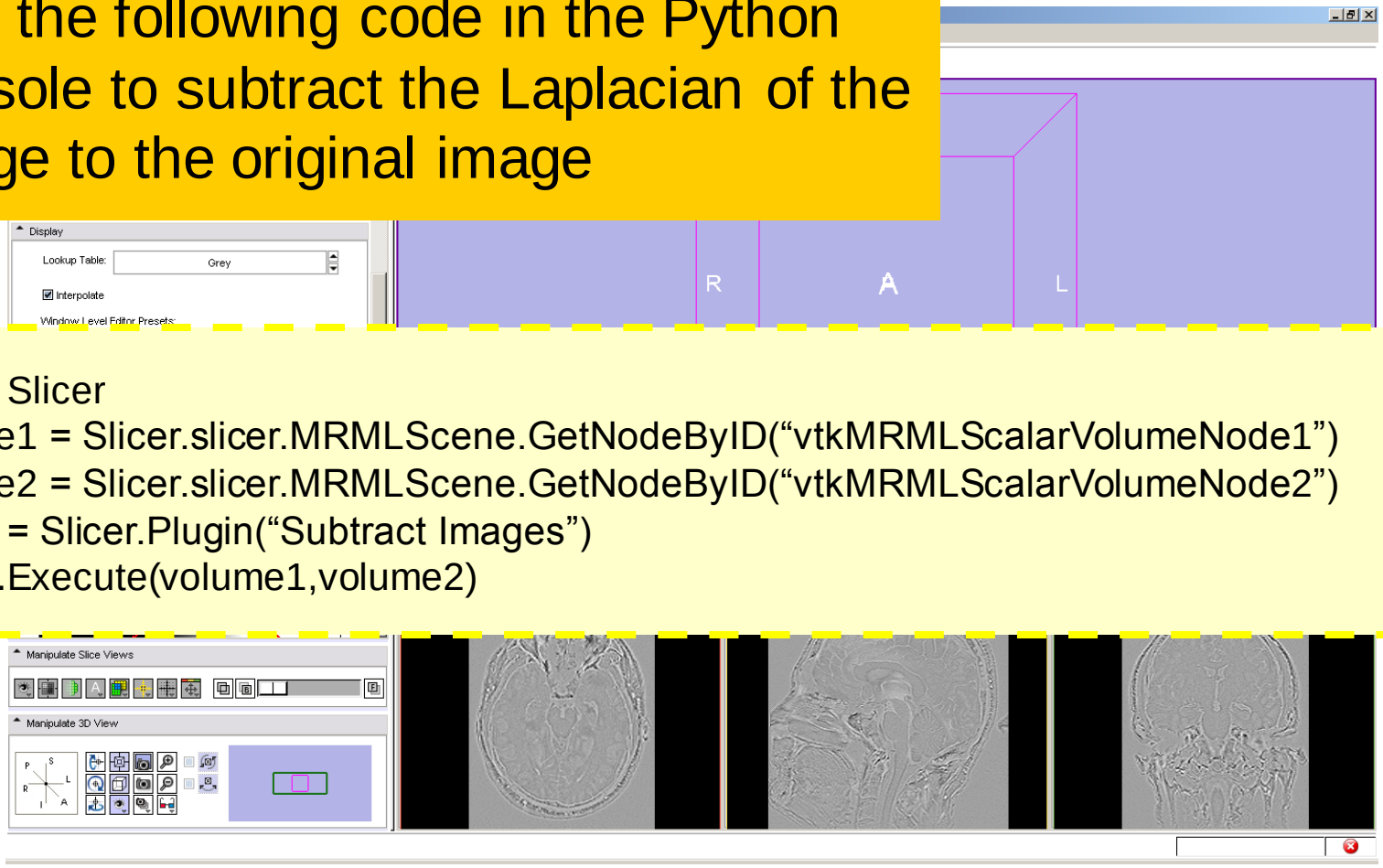


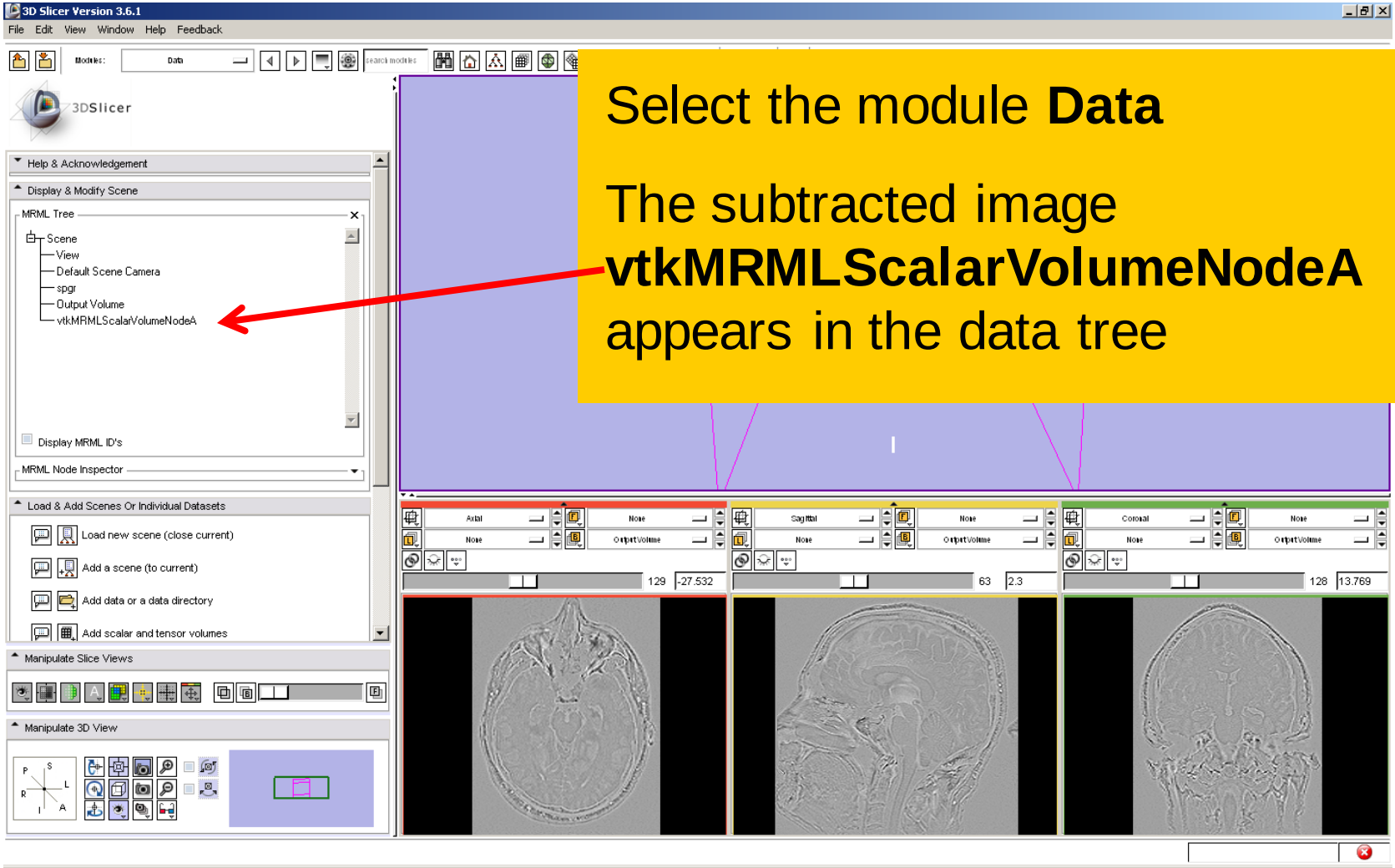
Image Sharpening

Run the following code in the Python console to subtract the Laplacian of the image to the original image




```
import Slicer
volume1 = Slicer.slicer.MRMLScene.GetNodeByID("vtkMRMLScalarVolumeNode1")
volume2 = Slicer.slicer.MRMLScene.GetNodeByID("vtkMRMLScalarVolumeNode2")
plugin = Slicer.Plugin("Subtract Images")
plugin.Execute(volume1,volume2)
```

Image Sharpening



Select the module **Data**

The subtracted image **vtkMRMLScalarVolumeNodeA** appears in the data tree

Image Sharpening

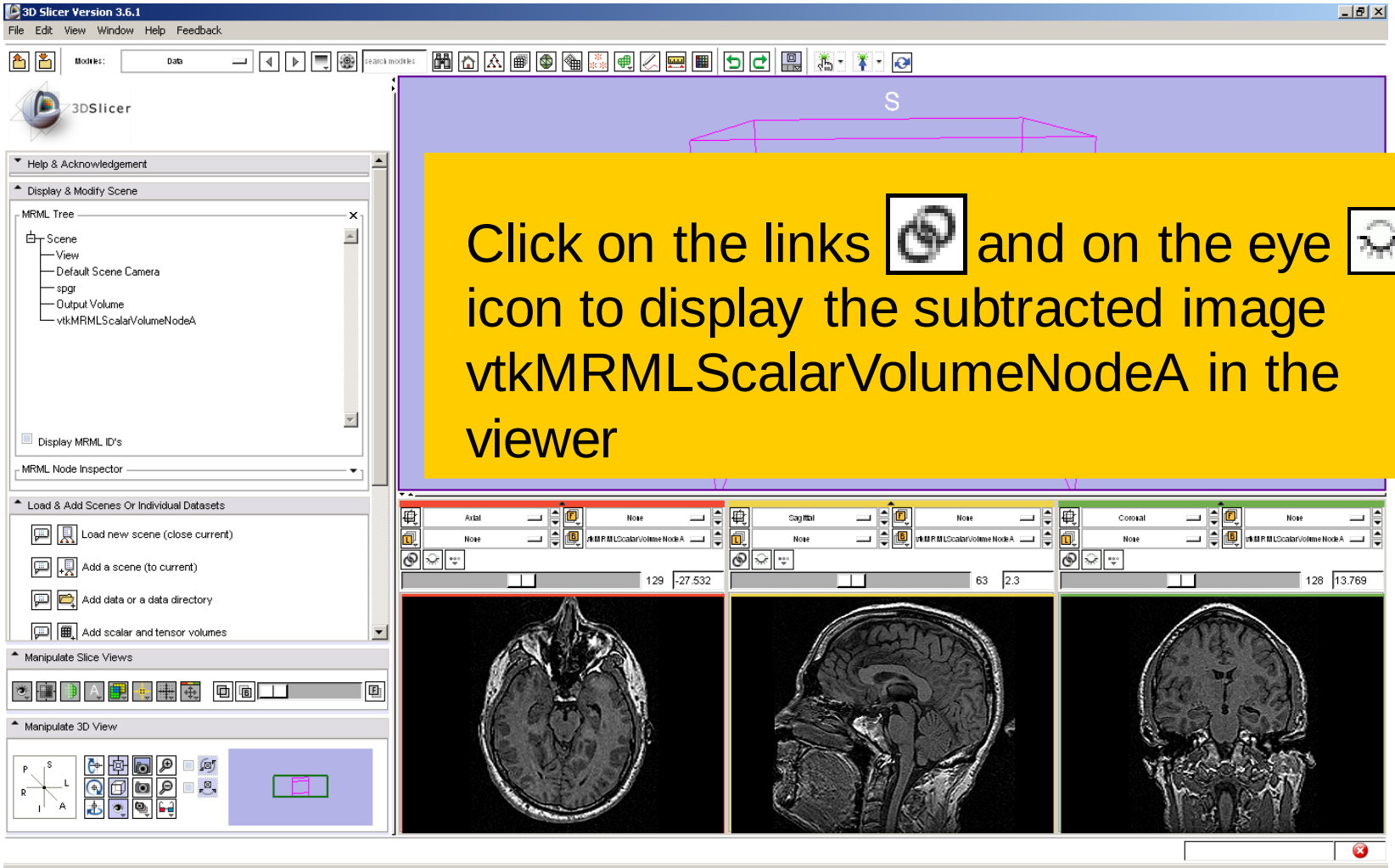
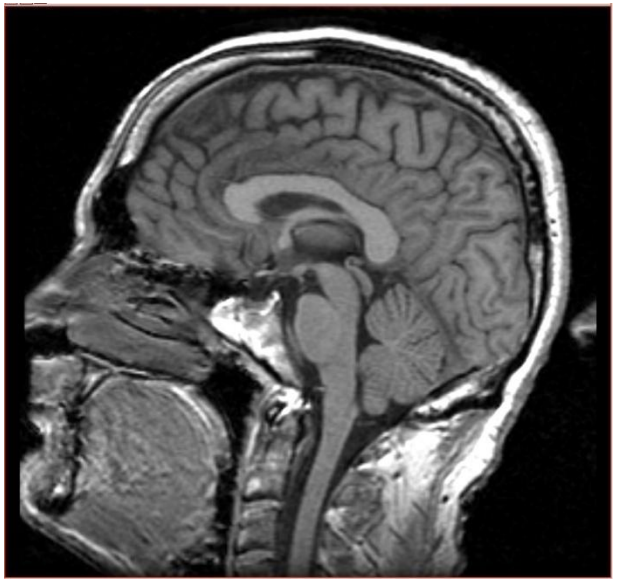
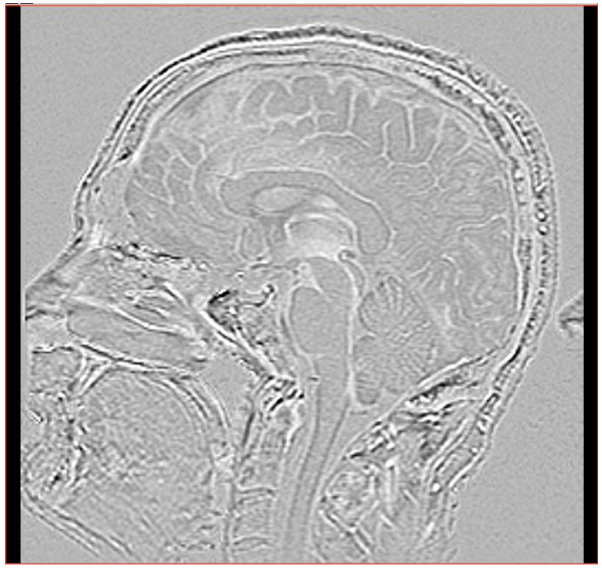


Image Sharpening

original



Laplacian



Laplacian filtered

Conclusion

- This course demonstrates how to integrate an external program in Python within Slicer3
- The Execution Model of Slicer3 provides a simple mechanism for incorporating command line programs as Slicer modules in Python.

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