

# Tutorial on tools for Classification and Visualization

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#### **GOALS**

In this tutorial we present a extremely simple artificial data set. We will use it to get familiar with:

- general classification tools
  - creation of distance matrices
  - using PCA analysis
- visualization tools for large data sets (dynamo\_gallery)
- visualization tools for small sets of volumes (dynamo\_mapview, dynamo\_slices)
- visualization tools for alignment and classification results coded in "table" files (dynamo\_tableview)

#### **SYNTAX**

This tutorial assumes that you have already followed the basic tutorial and that you are familiar with the basic concepts of *Dynamo*, as projects, or basic syntax in Matlab or in the Linux/MacOS/Windows command shell.

Normally we will indicate commands in their Matlab version.

You can also use the Linux/MacOS/Windows corresponding commands, with the obvious adaptions

#### **Creating the data set**

#### Type in Matlab:

```
>> t=dynamo_tutorial('tutorial_ccmatrix','M',8,'N',8,'project','project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix');
```

#### This creates:

- \* 8 particles of one class (M) and 8 particles of another class (N)
- \* a *Dynamo* project with numerical settings for the alignment procedure together with auxiliary files (as masks, templates, etc)

#### NOTE:

In standalone modus, the Linux/MacOS shell syntax for this command would read:

```
$ dynamo tutorial_ccmatrix -M 8 -N 8 -project_project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix and in the Windows cmd shell:
```

```
>dynamo.exe tutorial tutorial_ccmatrix -M 8 -N 8 -project project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix
```

## Inspecting the data set

We could use the data browser dynamo\_gallery tool for a closer examination (later).

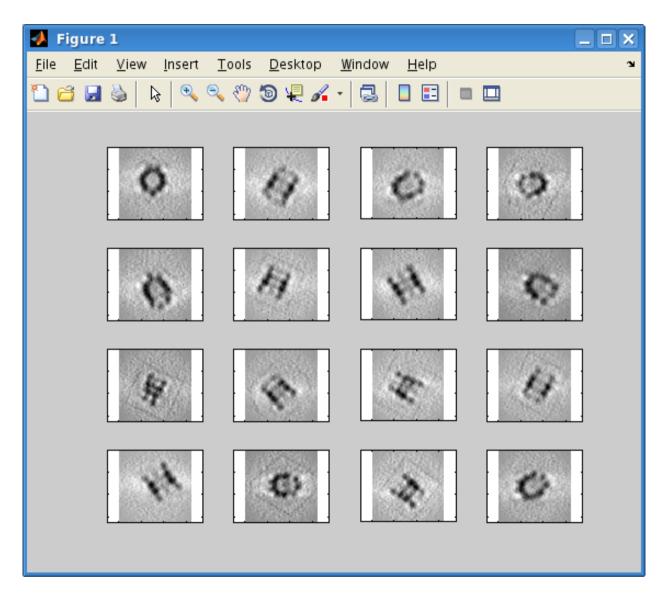
For a quick view we can type in Matlab:

```
>> p0=dynamo_particle('project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix','tag','*');
```

This writes to the Matlab workspace variable p0 all the particles ('tag', '\*') associated to the project.

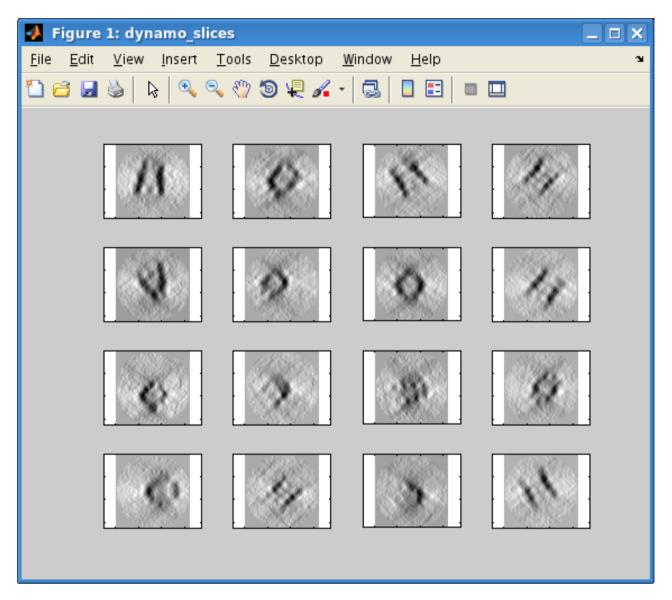
Now, we can visualize them with:

```
>> dynamo_slices(p0,'range',33,'panel',1);
```



This is the z-view of all the particles assigned to the project (showing the section #33 of the cube)

Particles are initially randomly oriented.



>>dynamo\_slices(p0,'y','range',33,'panel',1);

Same particles viewed from the 'y' direction, showing the effect of the missing wedge

Ok, so in theory the tutorial generated data belonging to "two classes" of particles....

but...

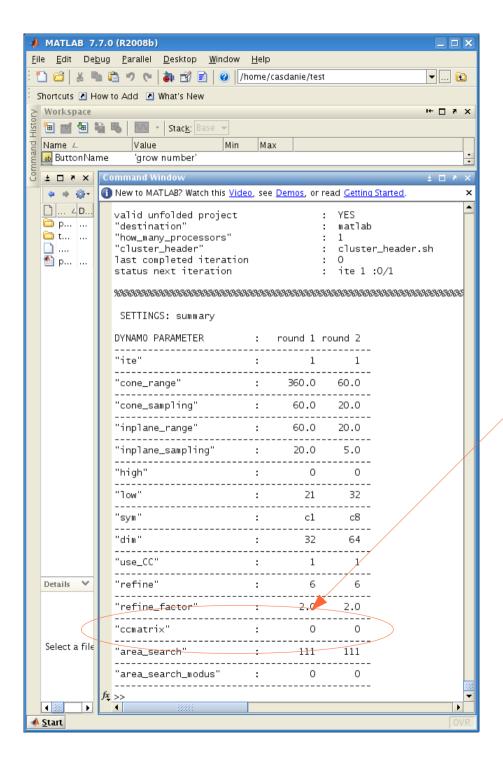
Do you recognize which particle is in which class?

Do you recognize which features define each class?

... probably not without aligning them first.

The tutorial that you just generated includes an alignment "project"

We will edit and use this project to align the particles and, simultaneously, provide us with ground information to perform afterwards a classification.



#### **Seeing the project**

#### In Matlab:

>>dynamo\_vpr\_info project\_for\_tutorial\_ccmatrix;

#### In Linux/MacOS:

\$ dynamo vpr\_info project\_for\_tutorial\_ccmatrix

You should see something similar to the image on the left.

The "ccmatrix" *Dynamo* parameter is set to zero. this means that after each alignment iteration, *Dynamo* will not classify the newly aligned particles

In this tutorial we want to create a project that computes The basic piece of a classification procedure, the "ccmatrix" (constrained covariance matrix) after each alignment iteration.

We will edit the project to include these computations.

### **Editing the project**

We want to change the values of parameter "ccmatrix" to 1 in rounds 1 and 2.

We operate on a virtual project that copies the contents of the existing project:

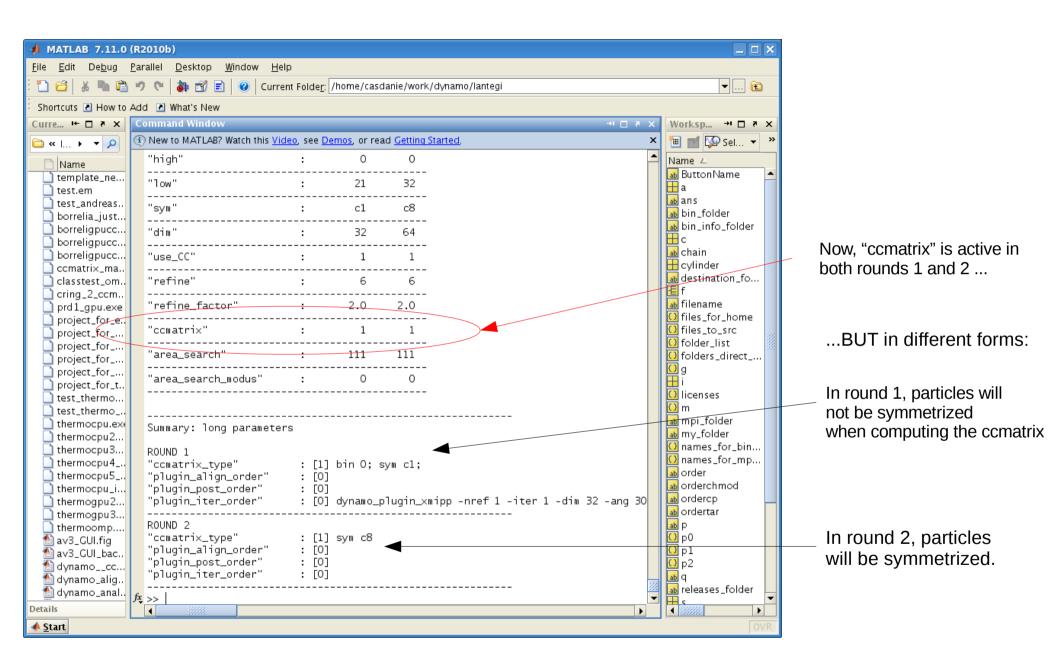
```
>> vpr=dynamo_vpr_modify('project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix','ccmatrix_r1',1,'ccmatrix_r2',1);
```

And then save the modified virtual project into the hard disk as a new project

```
>> dynamo_vpr_unfold(vpr);
```

Note that we have not changed the name of the project, so we can check again the status of the project in the disk:

```
>>dynamo_vpr_info project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix;
```



>>dynamo\_vpr\_info('project\_for\_tutorial\_ccmatrix');

### **Running the project**

A simple way to run the project is just executing the execution script:

```
>> run project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix.m

or
```

>> project\_for\_tutorial\_ccmatrix

If the project was to be executed in the linux shell, the execution script will be invoked as:

```
$ ./project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix.exe
```

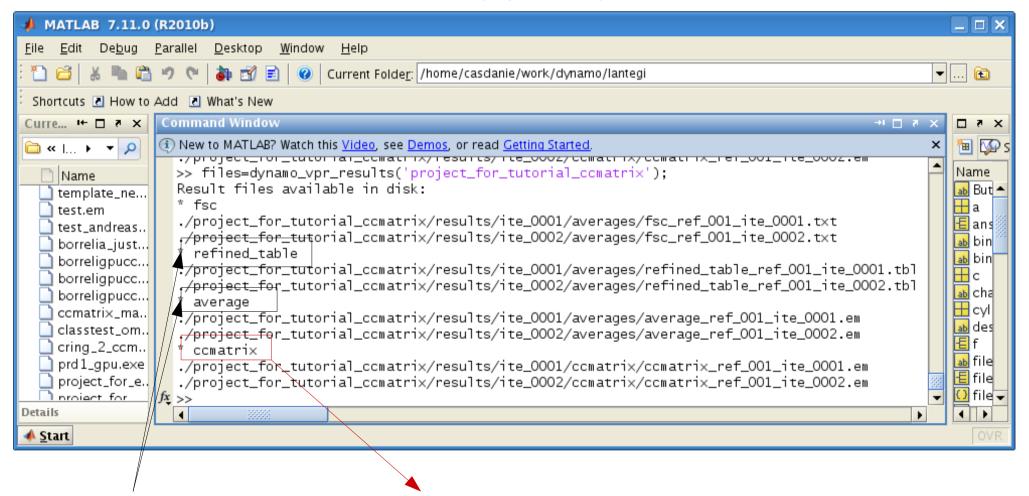
In this case, you might need to change your permisions on this file before you actually execute it:

```
$ chmod u=rwx project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix.exe
```

.... NOW WAIT FOR DYNAMO TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

#### **Results of the project**

You should see this when the project is complete:

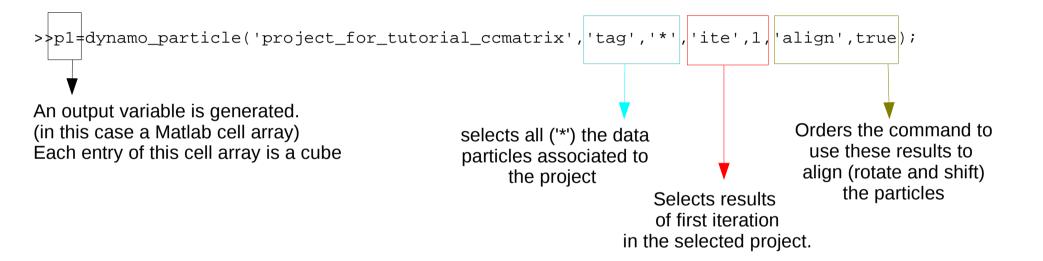


Results of the alignment

Result of the project that we need to post-process now to produce a classification.

#### Want to take a glance on how the aligned particles look like?

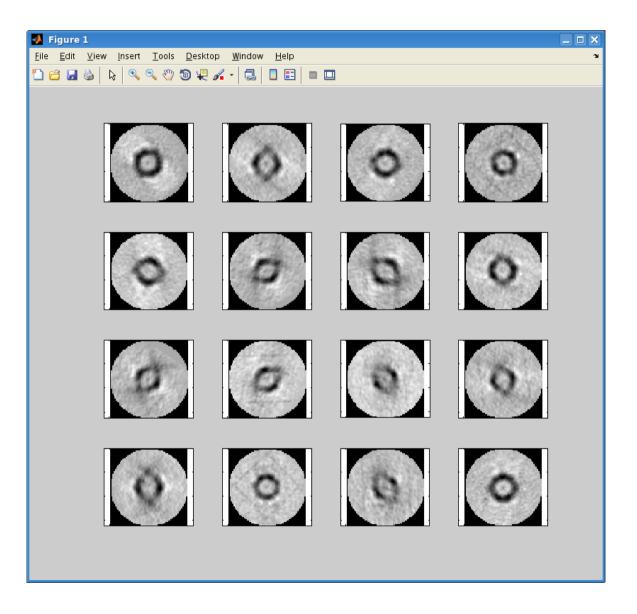
A compact way to access the particles from the command line is with "dynamo\_particle"



Now we depict this array of particles in panel format.

We depict only (z) slice #33 on each particle

You can see the different effects of the missing wedge, depending on the initial orientation of the particles...



...but do you see different classes yet?

#### A long intermezzo: dynamo\_gallery

We will take now some time (and a lot of slides) to play with the data browser dynamo\_gallery.

The main functionality of the browser is to allow the user a flexible control on which particles on a project need to be load in memory for a resonable depiction.

This is a trade off:

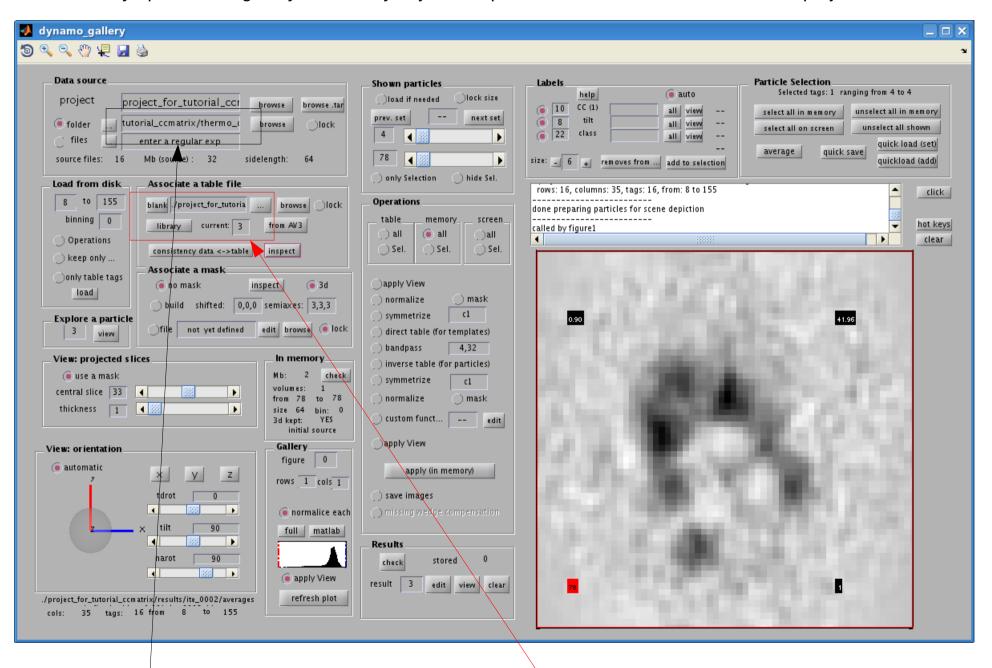
- Simultaneous loading of many or very large subtomograms can freeze your computer.
- ... but constant access to the disk can slow down the interactivity.

## Invoking dynamo\_gallery

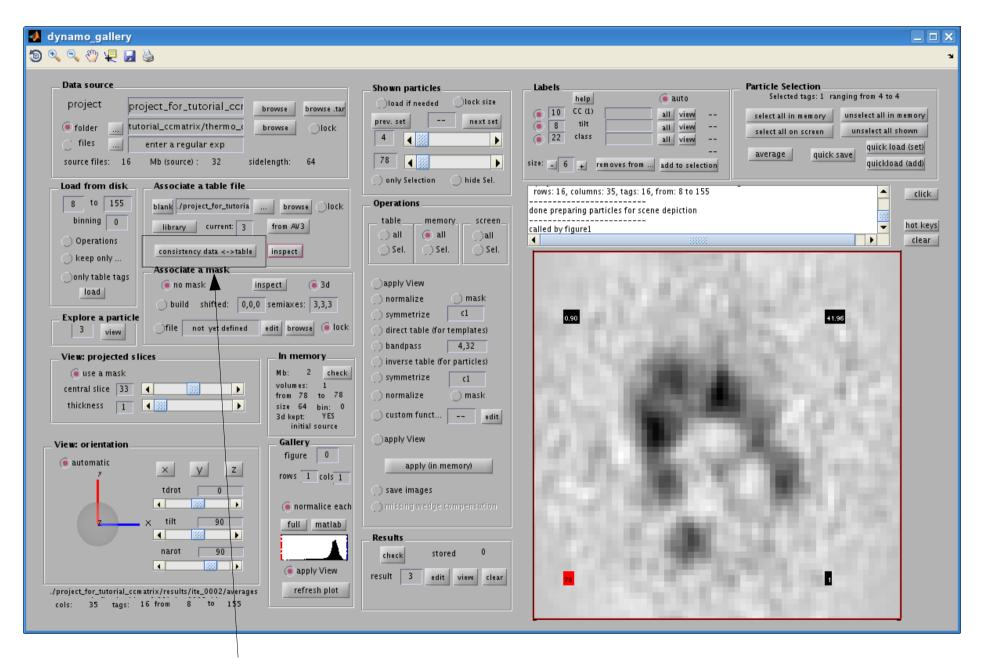
The most compact way from the command line would be:

```
>>dynamo_gallery('project','project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix');
```

As freshly opened, the gallery will show you just one particle of the ones associated to the project.



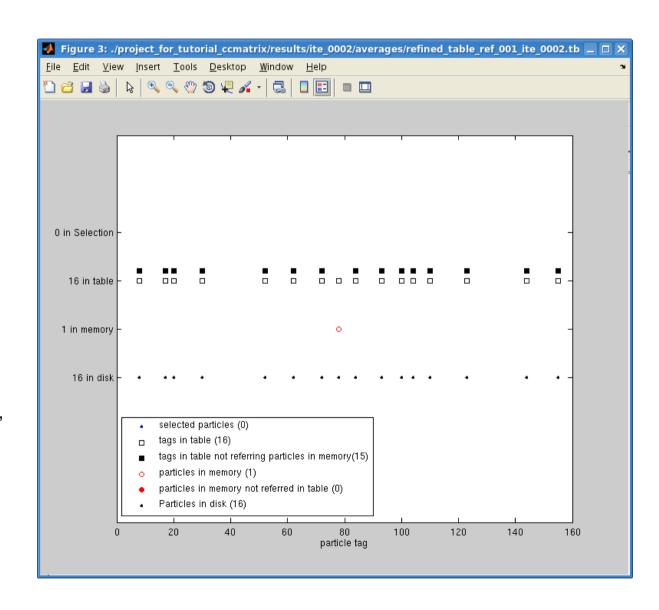
The data location is pointing in the right direction, and table files are already loaded in the internal workspace



A good start is to press here: it shows the tags of particles in disk, in memory and in the table, and warns on possible mismatchings

The popup window should look like this:

In this project we don't have a massive number of particles, We can thus load all of them simultaneously into memory.



#### **Loading particles:**

1) Switch on (Operations) radiobutton

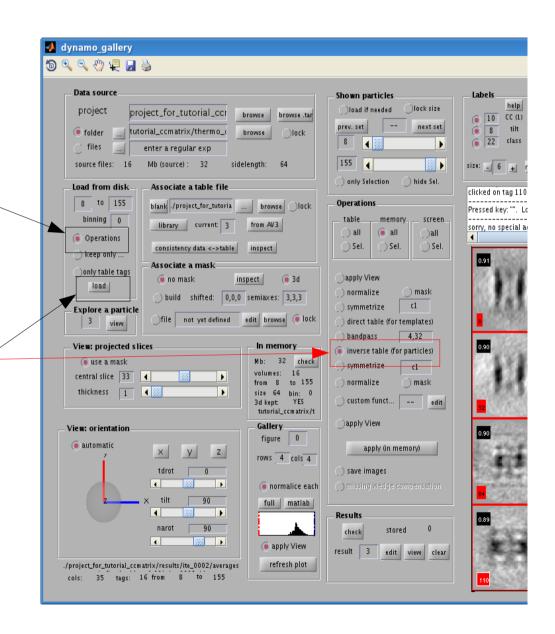
This will apply on the each particle whatever series of Operation is defined in the [Operations] Panel (in the right).

Each raw particle will loaded, transformed and deposited in memory

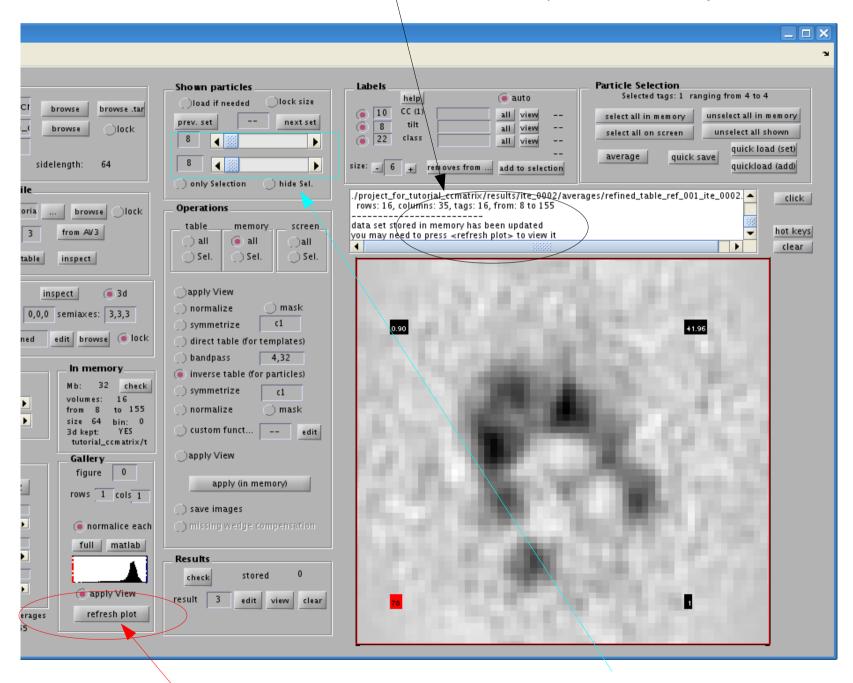
2) Switch on (Inverse Table for particles)

This indicate that you want to align the particles (using the active table)

3) [Load] into memory
In this case, it will take seconds.
For large data sets it can be quite time consuming.
Also, you might want to use the "bin" option before you load the particles to save memory



... wait until the Information Area anounces that the particles are already there...



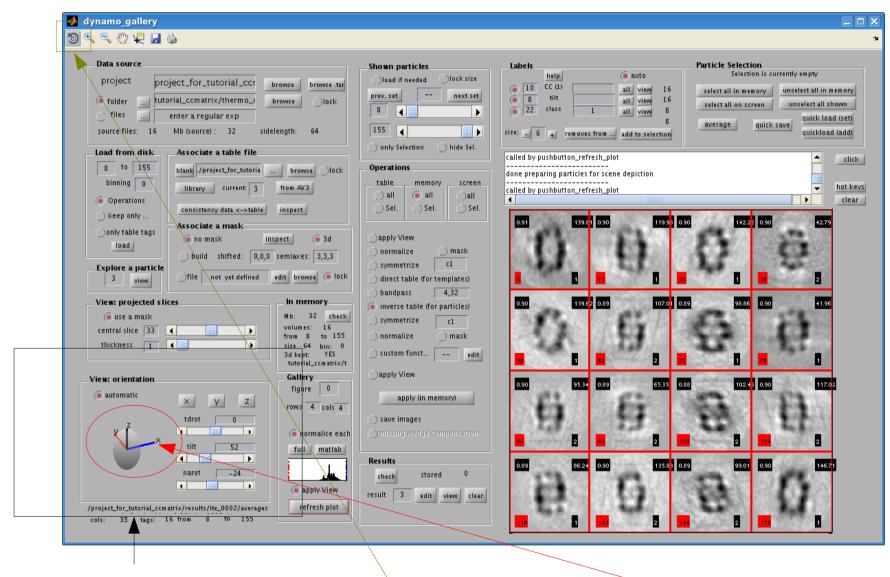
... and then refresh the plot...

... and select a range of particles to view...

The scene should now show all particles -in memory- inside this range 🥠 dynamo gallery 🗑 🔍 🤍 🖑 🚚 📓 Data source Labels Particle Selection Shown particles Selection is currently empty help auto )lock size load if needed project project\_for\_tutorial\_ccr browse browse .tan (a) 10 CC (1) all view select all in memory unselect all in memory prev. set --... | tutorial\_ccmatrix/thermo\_c 8 folder browse lock all view select all on screen unselect all shown 22 all view enter a regular exp quick load (set) average quick save 155 source files: 16 Mb (source): 32 sidelength: size: \_ 6 + removes from quickload (add) only Selection Load from disk Associate a table file called by pushbutton\_refresh\_plot click 8 to 155 blank ./project\_for\_tutoria done preparing particles for scene depiction binning 0 hot keys library current: 3 called by pushbutton\_zview (all all clear Operations Sel. ) Sel. ) Sel. consistency data <->table ) keep only .. 119.93 0.90 142.22 0.90 42.79 Associate a mask only table tags apply View @ 3d no mask load normalize mask ) build shifted: 0,0,0 semiaxes: 3,3,3 ) symmetrize Explore a particle file not yet defined edit browse lock direct table (fortemplates) view 4,32 bandpass 139.62 0.89 View: projected slices In memory 107.0 0.89 inverse table (for particles) 32 check use a mask symmetrize central slice 33 to 155 ) mask ) normalize thickness 1 size 64 bin: 0 custom funct... 3d kept: edit tutorial\_ccm atrix/t apply View Gallery. View: orientation 102.45 0.90 0.90 0.89 figure automatic apply (in memory) rows 4 cols 4 ) save images normalice each Results 86.24 0.90 135.83 0.89 0.89 0 stored check apply View result 3 edit view clear refresh plot ./project\_for\_tutorial\_ccmatrix/results/ite\_0002/averages cols: 35 tags: 16 from

Here you indicate how many slices (around a central one) are projected to represent each particle. In this case we represent one single slice (no projections) in the center of each each particle (they are of size 64)

## Rotating the particles in the scene



You can use this Panel to select viewing orientations:

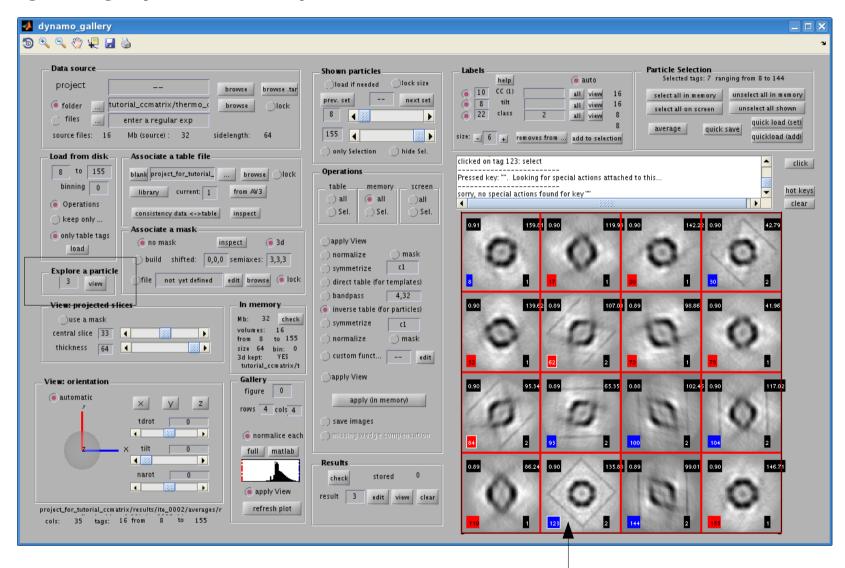
You can also drag the "reference phantom" To select the viewing orientation (the rotation icon in the corner must be active)

The depicted scene will change accordingly

<sup>\*</sup> Press [x], [y] or [z]

<sup>\*</sup> Type or slide for the angles, then click [Refresh plot]

### Choosing a single particle to inspect in detail

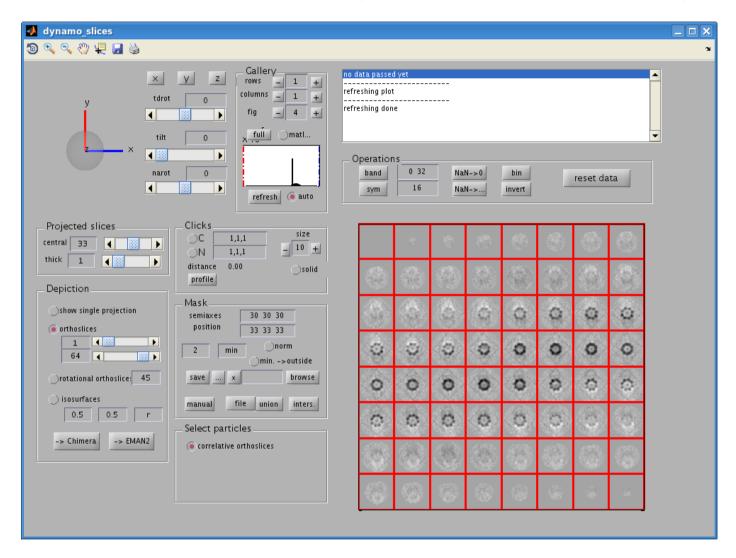


You can just pass the tag number of the particle (for particles not in the current scene)

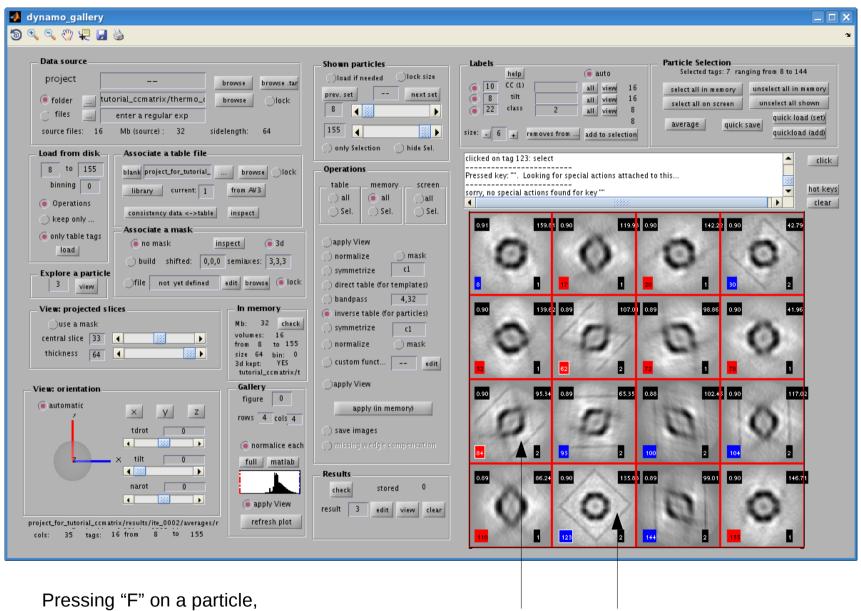
... or simply press the key "V" on the particle, if it is visible

For instance here:

You open the familiar dynamo\_mapview on the particle as seen in dynamo\_gallery (in this case, aligned)



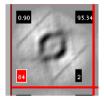
The particle is in the memory space of mapview, where it can be edited and displayed with the provided tools, (masking, bandpassing, symmetrization, range selection...) etc, or delegated to other viewers (EMAN2,Chimera...) than can render efficiently the isosurfaces of the processed volume.



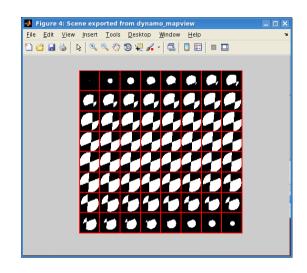
Pressing "F" on a particle, you see the **missing wedge** on that particle (with the corresponding geometrical transformation)

Compare these two: (next slide)

## Viewing the missing wedge of particles in dynamo\_mapview







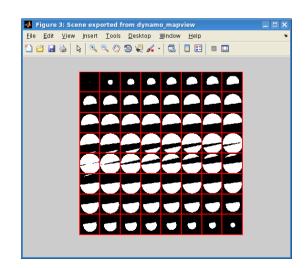
Projection along z (as shown in the gallery)

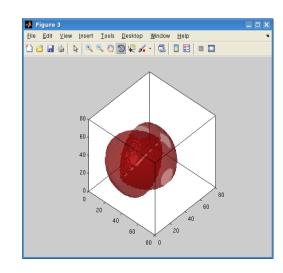
dynamo\_mapview shows the present fourier components as series of slices (in this case from z)...

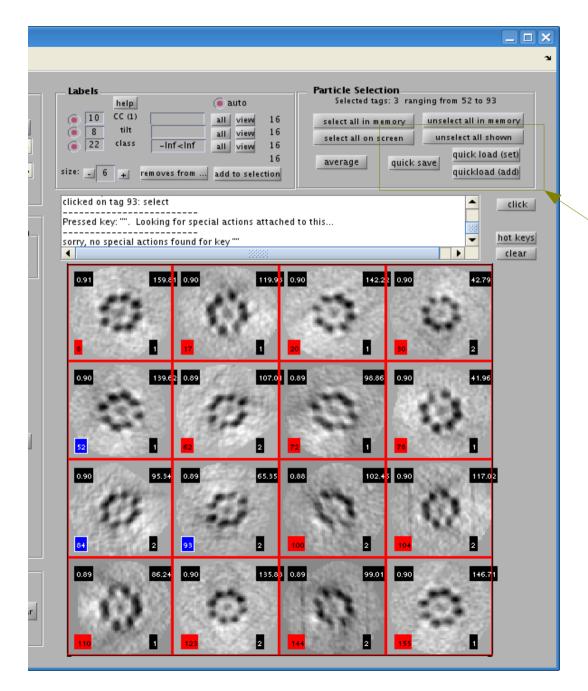












#### [Particle Selection] Panel

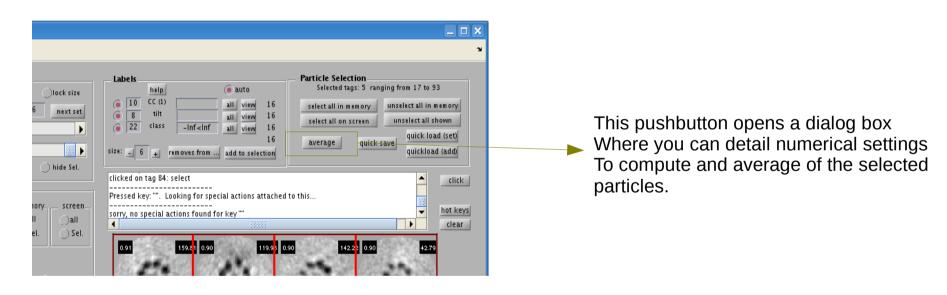
You can select particles left-clicking on them (and right-clicking to deselect).

Groups of particles can be selected drawing a selection box (start with middle-click, quit with "Q").

You can import/export a Selection using the file quickbuffer.tags
This text file contains just a column of integers (the selected tag numbers)

It is customarily used to pass Selection sets across other applications in Dynamo (or to and from the command line) in a quick way.

# [Particle Selection] Panel Averaging sets of particles



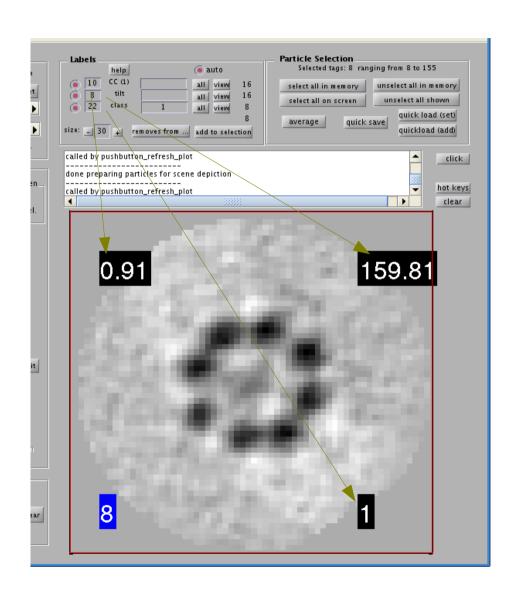
#### **Particle annotation: [Labels]**

At each corner of the particle you can show a table entry for the corresponding particle.

The image shows the initial settings, showing columns 10, 8 and 22 of the table (in clockwise order from the up left corner).

You can choose any other column in the table (type it in the input field), or switch the label off.

This corner shows always the particle "tag" number (shown in blue if the particle has been selected in red otherwise)

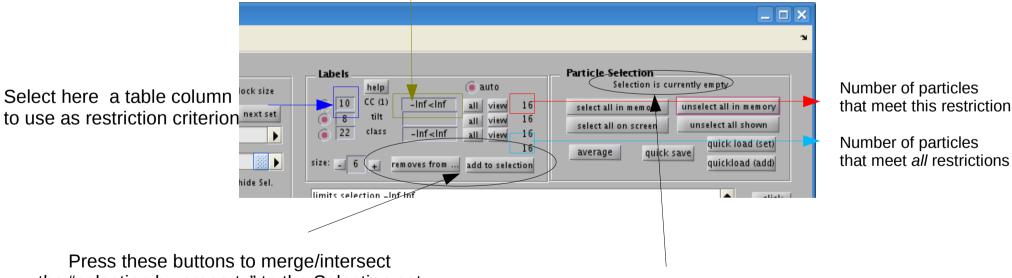


#### Selection of particles according to table properties

It can be useful to group particles according to their statistical properties. When analyzing your data, it is not uncommon to get into thoughts as the following: "Hm... I'd like to examine the 30% particles with best cross correlation coefficient, but only those whose orientation is close to the beam direction, and also those that belong to a certain label that I've put previously in the table".

Command line tools as dynamo\_table\_restrict or the graphical table manager dynamo\_tableview provide extensive support for such functionalities, but dynamo gallery can deliver simultaneous visual support on the Selection.

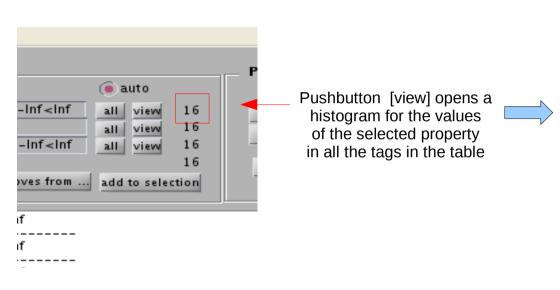
Use this field to select an interval of values (on the selected table column)

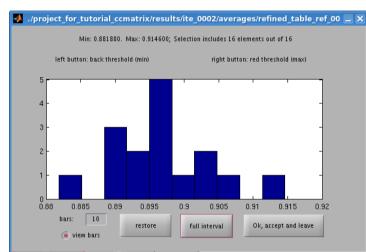


the "selection by property" to the Selection set.

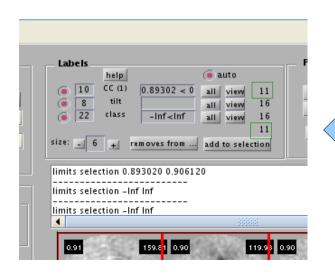
You can inspect here the current contents of the Selection (and, obviously, you can check the blue/red labels in the scene )

## Selection of particles according to table properties

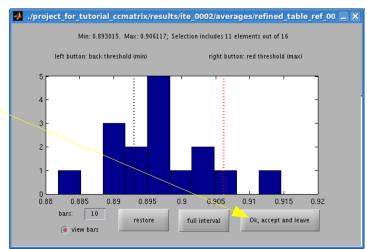




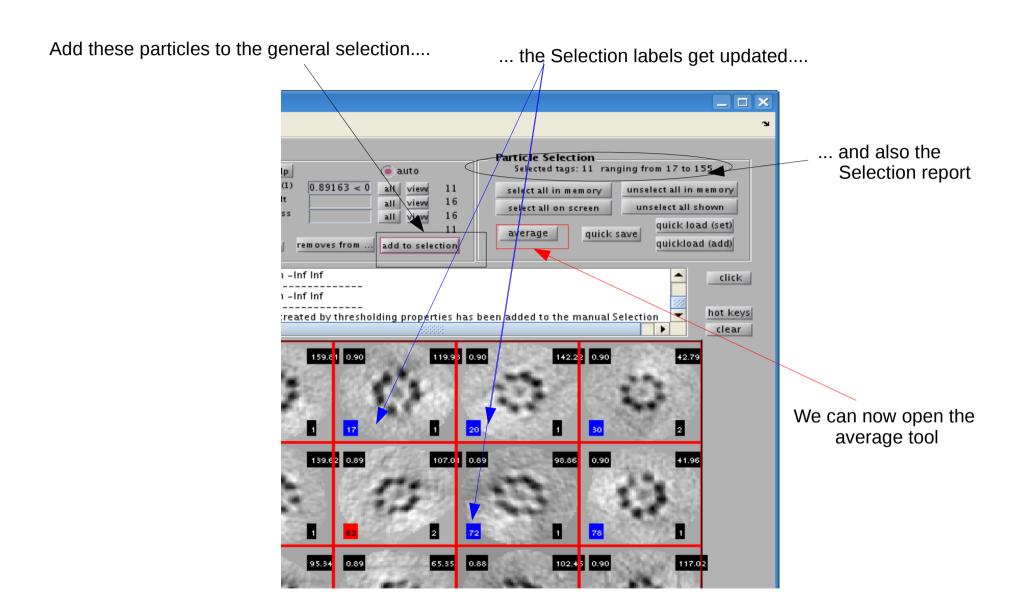
You can mark an interval of values (left and right clicks)



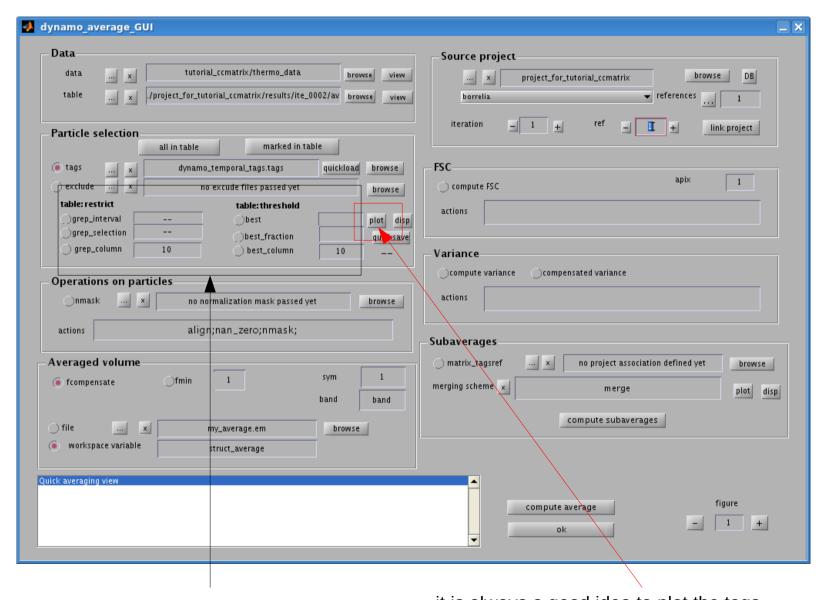
And when you leave the histogram, it updates the set "selected by property" in dynamo\_gallery



... we can thus make an average of the particles "selected by property"....

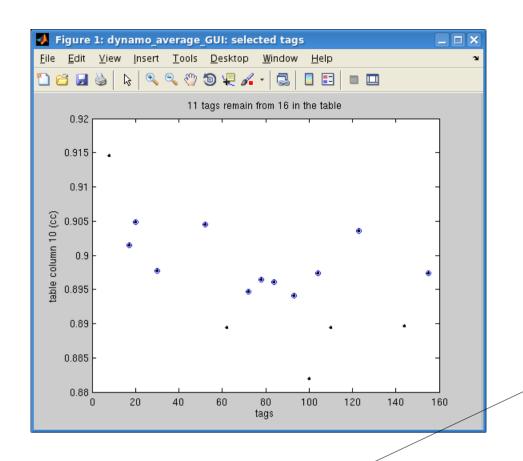


In the GUI for averaging, all the input fields contain pipelined values from the gallery



it is always a good idea to plot the tags of the particles that will enter into the average

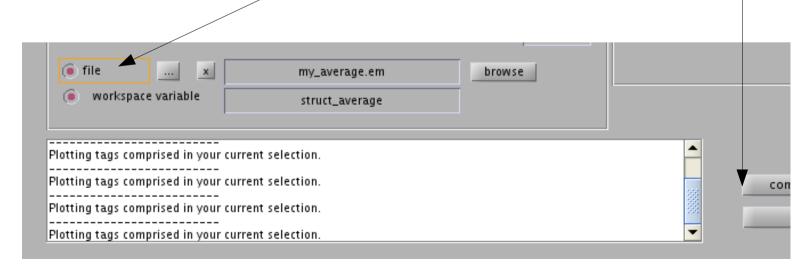
As you can operate further to restrict the set...



In the resulting plot, the tags that will enter the average are marked in blue. They are in the CC range that we indicated inside dynamo\_gallery

We can thus determine where we want our output (as structured Matlab workspace variable and/or as file)

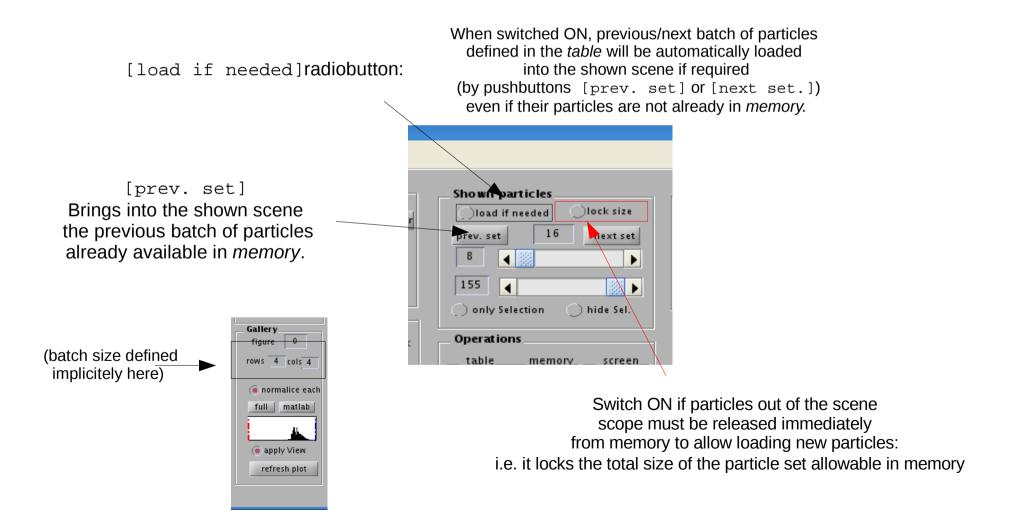
... and then compute the average...



## **Navegating large data sets**

The tools in the [Shown particles] Panel will be useful (i.e. completely necessary) in real data sets.

They allow you to load into (or release from) memory subsets of particles from the hard disk in a controlled way.



#### Back to work!: classification

Ok, we checked the alignment provided by the "table" files by using dynamo\_gallery to inspect how data particles transform under these tables.

Now we start the next goal of the tutorial, the actual classification procedure. We will base on the analysis of the ccmatrix objects created during our project.

#### How do we get the ccmatrix in general?

There are different ways to compute a ccmatrix to setup a classification. In this tutorial we just computed them as "collateral product" in an alignment experiment.

In many cases it will be more appropriate to computed them independently. This can be done using "dynamo\_ccmatrix\_project\_manager" (an analogous of "dynamo\_project\_manager")
... or combinations of lower lever commands of the *Dynamo* toolbox.

#### Starting the analysis of the ccmatrix

```
>> dynamo_ccmatrix_analysis('project','project_for_tutorial_ccmatrix');
```

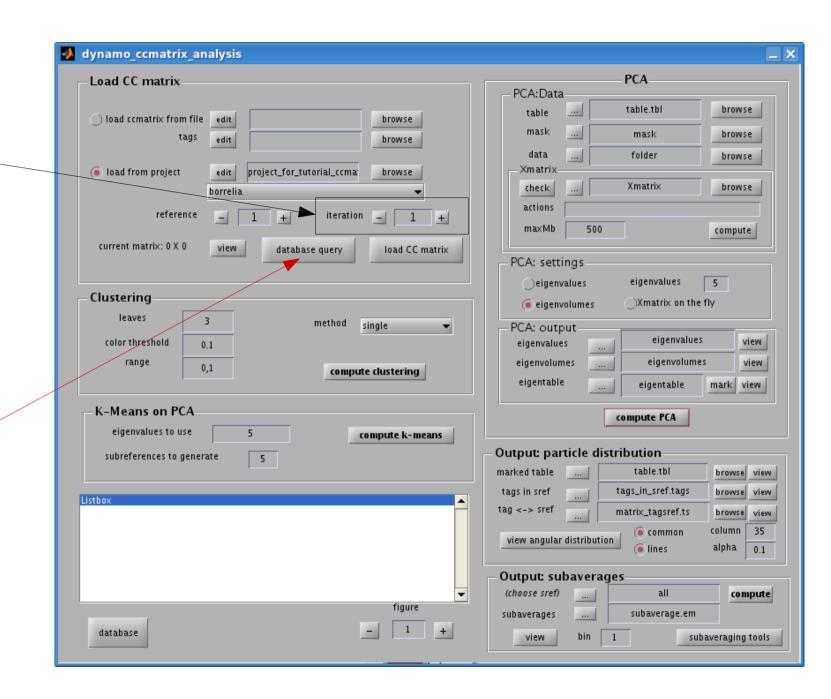
By default, it opens on the first iteration.

This is correct, we want to analyze first this one.

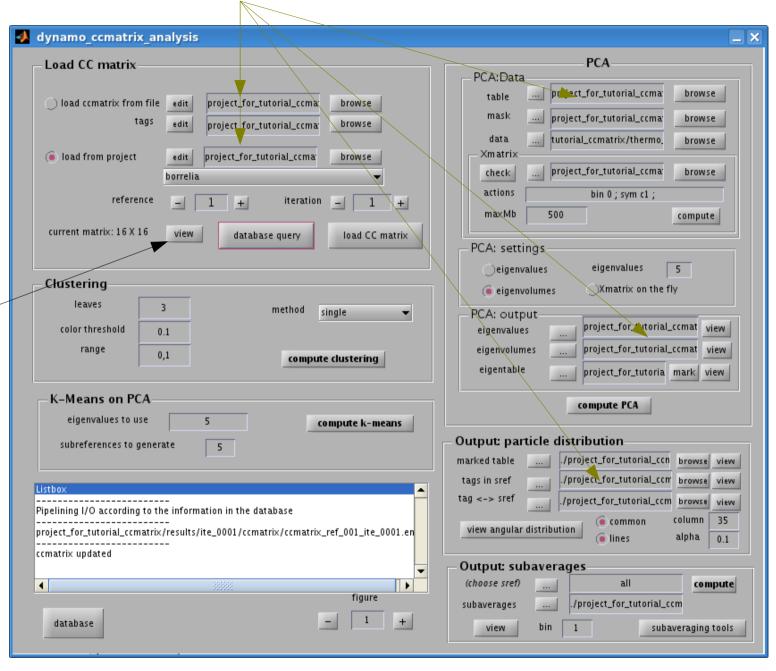
click here to fill up all fields of the GUI according to the current values of

- \* project
- \* iteration (1)
- \* reference (1)

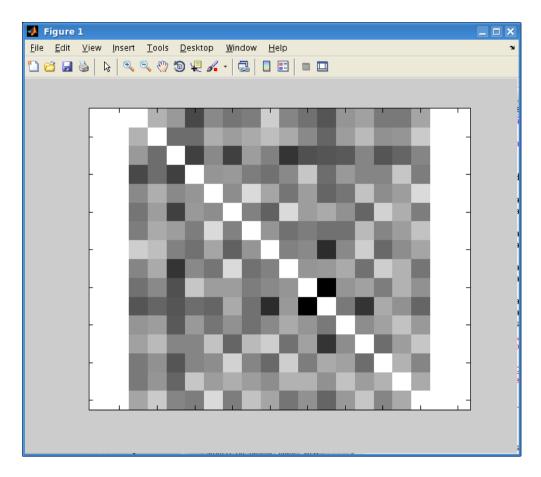
This will pipeline all the next steps to these settings



Now, all the fields are coherently filled with valid database locations and you can proceed:



Click here to see the cc-matrix



This matrix represents the similarity of each pair of particles after the first round of alignment.

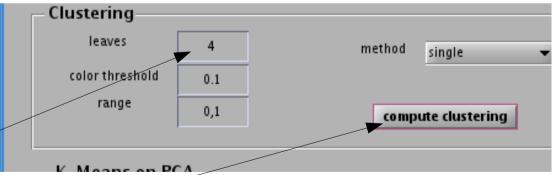
Missing wedge compensation has been taken into account by filtering both aligned particles to the common fourier component.

We first try to create a basic classification, using the Matlab commands for classification based only on this distance matrix

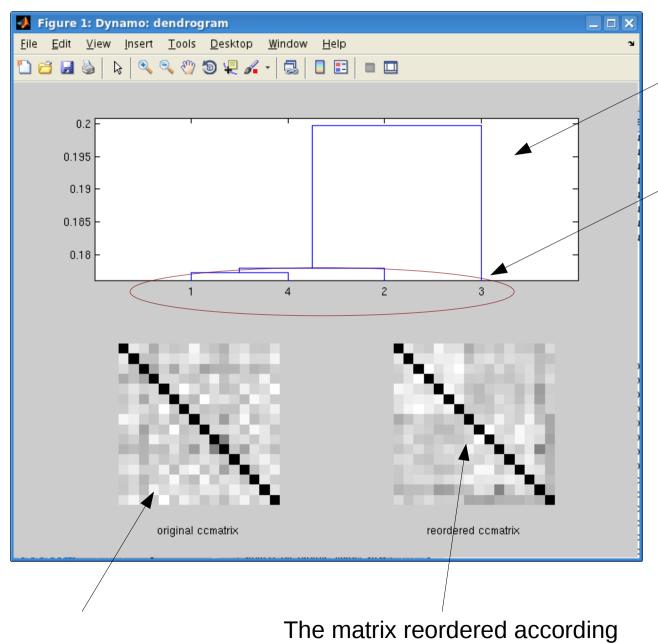
In the GUI dynamo\_ccmatrix\_analysis

\* choose 4 leaves

\* press here to compute a classification



## The graphical output should look similar to this:



Hierarchical structure of the classification

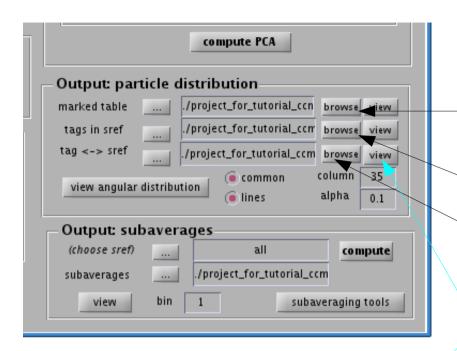
Labels of sets created in particles Indexes are "subreferences" in Dynamo

The original matrix

The matrix reordered according To the computed classification

In this case, one starts to see the presence of two populations

# Finding the particles

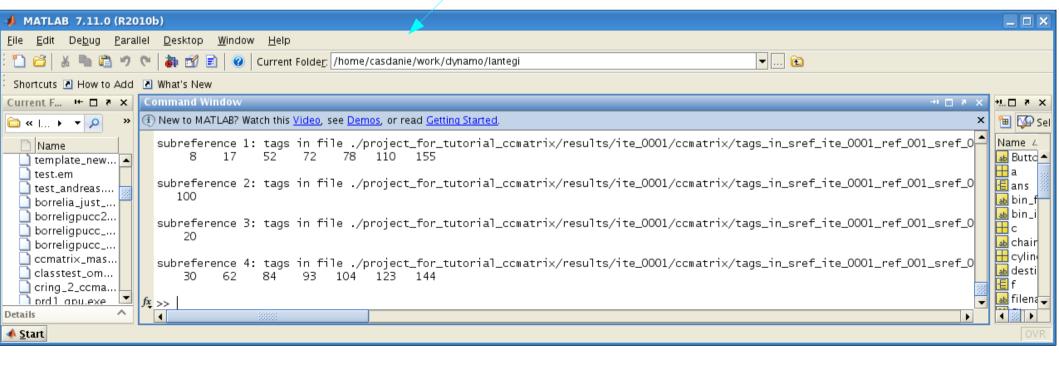


The identity of the particles assigned to each subreference Is stored in these files, in different formats.

- A Dynamo-type table, assigning the subreference number of each particle in the column 35.
- A file (extension .tags) for each subrefrence
- A single two column file with (tag/sreference) pairs at each row.

They are all text files and can be opened with an editor. or displayed into the screen using type (Matlab) or cat (Linux)

You can also click the [view] option suggested in the GUI Or right click on a file name to get more suggestions.

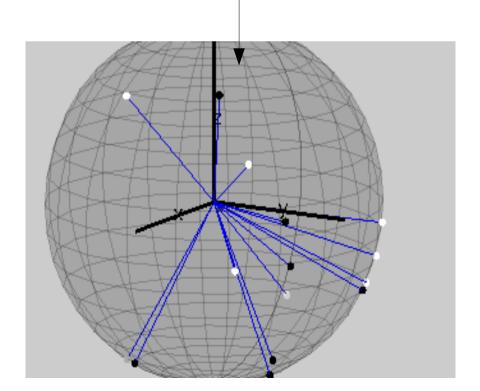


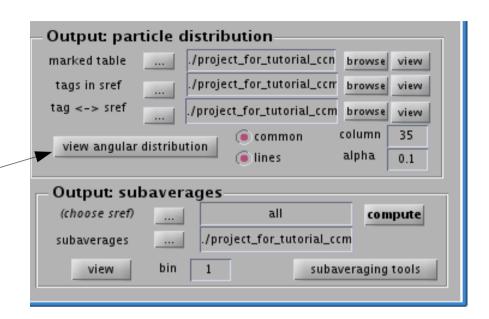
# **Distribution of particle orientations**

This is a good moment to check if the created classes are an orientation artifact. A possible way is to depict the orientation of each particle as a point in the unit sphere, indicating with the same color those particles on the same Subreference number.

## Click here

... to produce this depiction



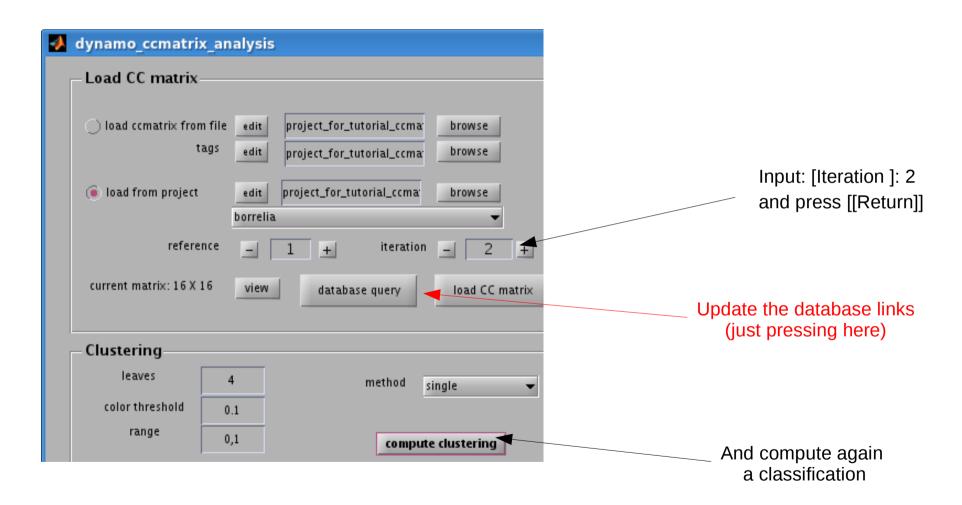


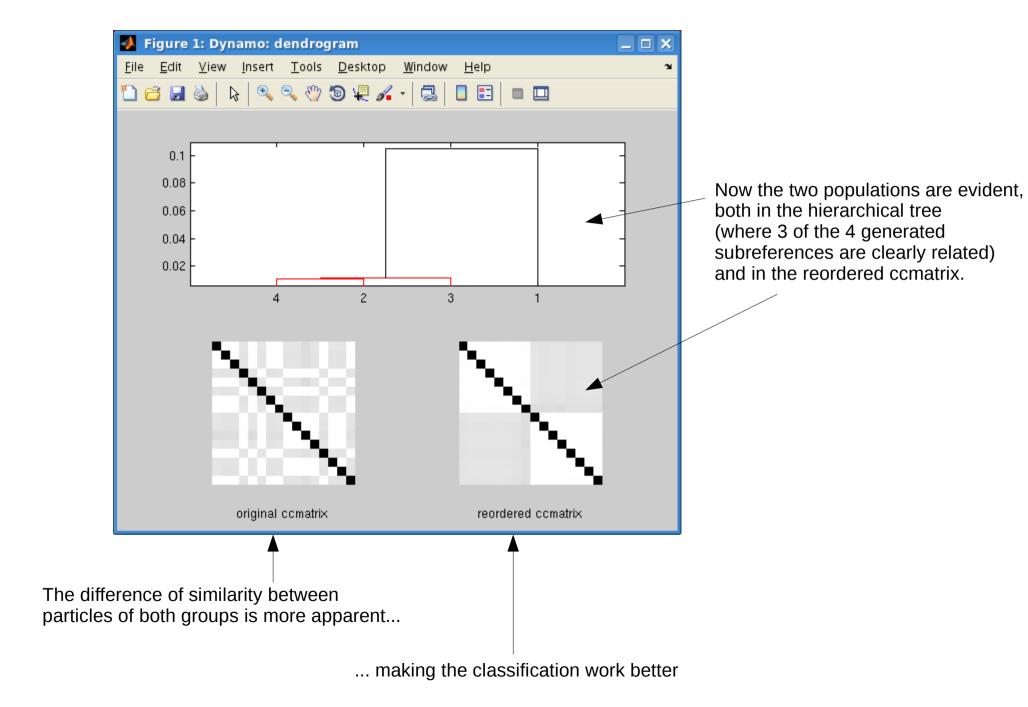
### Note:

dynamo\_tableview on the "marked table" will give you a more flexible insight into the information coded in a table.

# **Better alignment -> better classification**

What happens if we classify the particles according to the results of the SECOND alignment round?





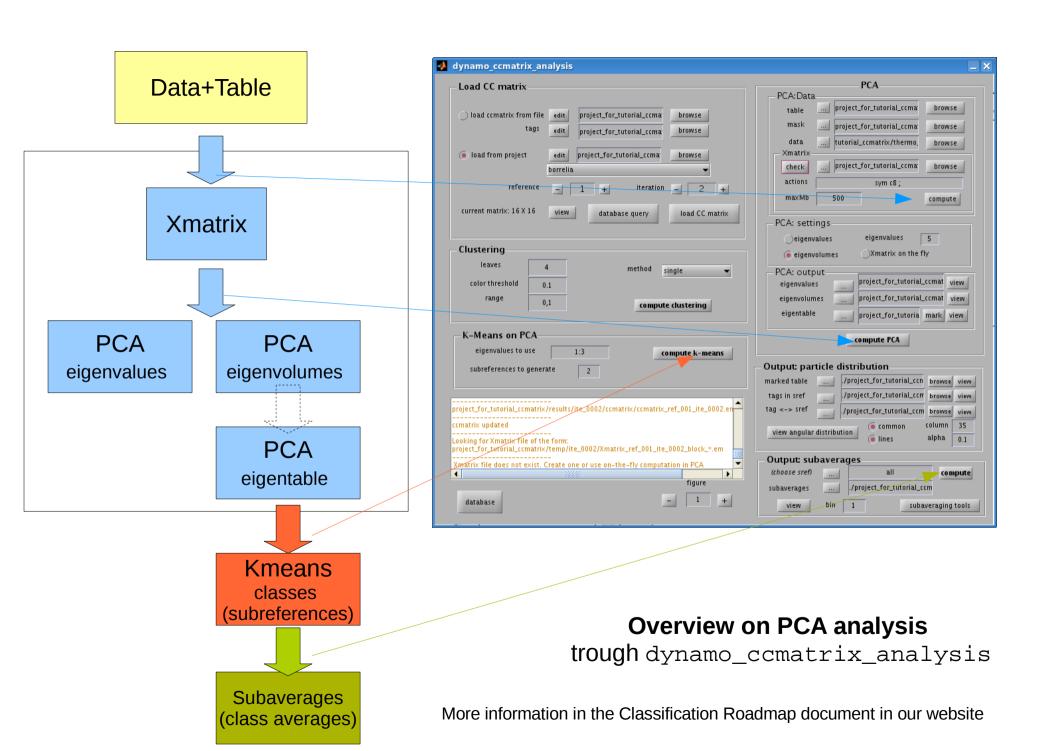
# **Computing Principal Component Analysis**

## Why PCA?

The distance-based classification did already provide a good result in this case, and we could already produce our averages using the particle sets assigned to each produced subreference.

However (and in our experience) this kind of classification will not perform well in many real cases.

We will now describe how the same GUI for ccmatrix analysis can be used to drive a PCA computation.



#### \_ × **PCA** PCA:Data project\_for\_tutorial\_ccma browse table mask project\_for\_tutorial\_ccma browse tutorial\_ccmatrix/thermo\_ data browse Xm atrix project\_for\_tutorial\_ccma check browse actions sym c8; maxMb 500 compute PCA: settings

## What is the Xmatrix?

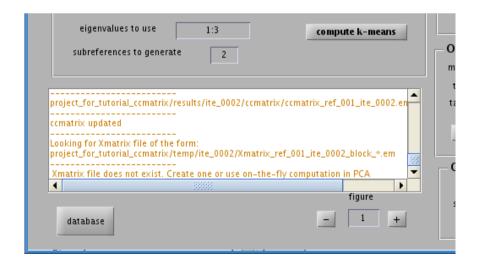
The Xmatrix is just a computing help. Is a matrix that stores:

- \* in each row a particle
- \* in each column a pixel value

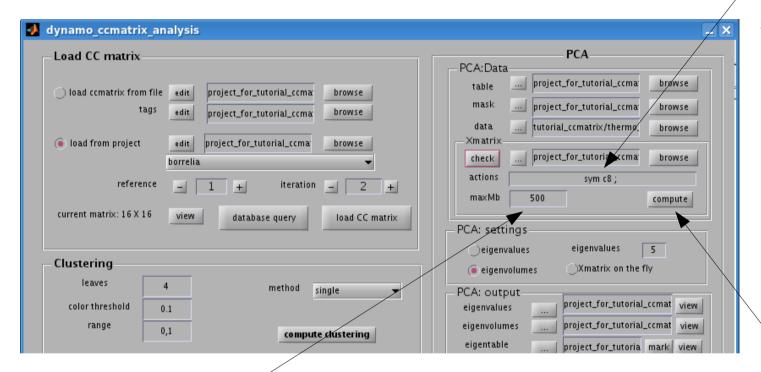
Check if the Xmatrix is already available

In this tutorial the Xmatrix not be available at this point: the parameters of our original project project\_for\_tutorial\_ccmatrix did not include a command to create the Xmatrix.

The information area will thus warn us:



# **Computing a Xmatrix**



We can select an series of "actions" (i.e. bandpass, resizing, symmetrization) to be operated on each particle

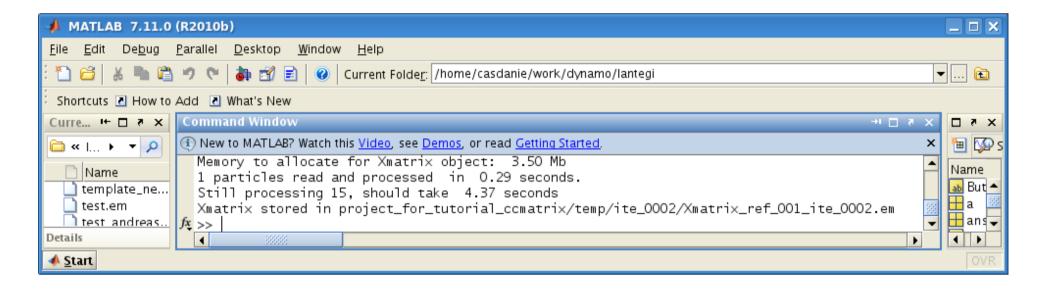
An Xmatrix can be huge if you have many particlesr very large particles.

Keeping large matrices in (RAM) memory can block your system. You can use this parameters to tell Dynamo what is the largest matrix size That you allow in your memory. If the Xmatrix of your problem turns to be Bigger, Dynamo will sepate it in pieces and produce a separate file for each matrix fragment.

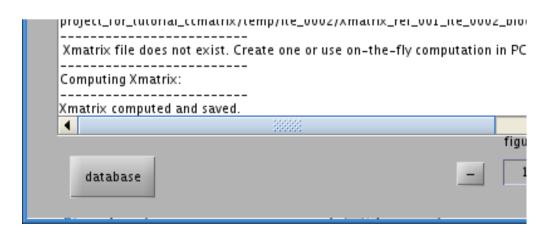
This will slow down performance, but ensure the stability of your system.

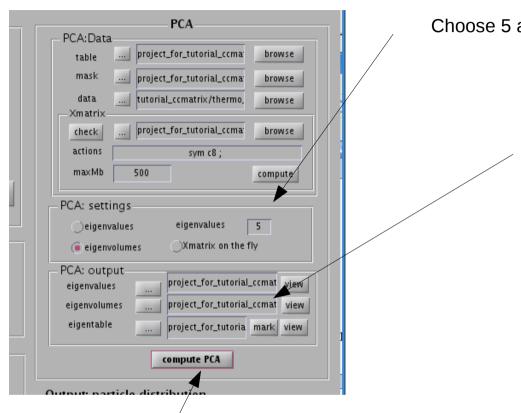
Once these parametes are set we click here to start computing the Xmatrix

The Matlab (of Linux/MacOS shell) will be busy for a while...



... until dynamo\_ccmatrix\_analysis anounces that the Xmatrix is ready





Choose 5 as total number of eigenvolumes to compute

Output will be stored in these files

In this tutorial, the output file names are standard database locations. They were automatically generated as we are working inside a project, but you can forward the output to other folders.

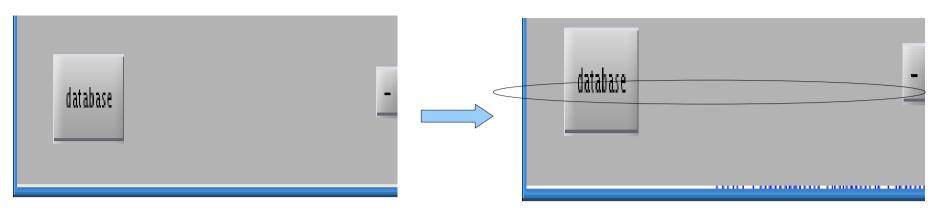
Now you can compute the PCA

This will assign to each particle its coefficient expansion in terms of the computed eigenvectors.

This information is integrated with the rest of the available information on a particle in the "eigentable" file.

Columns 41, 42, etc.. will store the 1st, 2.nd coefficients, etc.

## Let it some time to run....



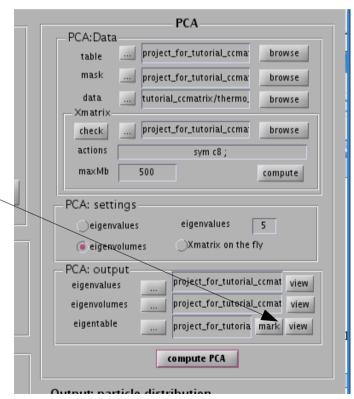
Now, in the output "eigentable" each row has an associate set of eigenvectors. We can play a little to view them with dynamo\_tableview:

Press here

Note that this is equivalent to open dynamo\_tableview on the file indicated in the Information Area.

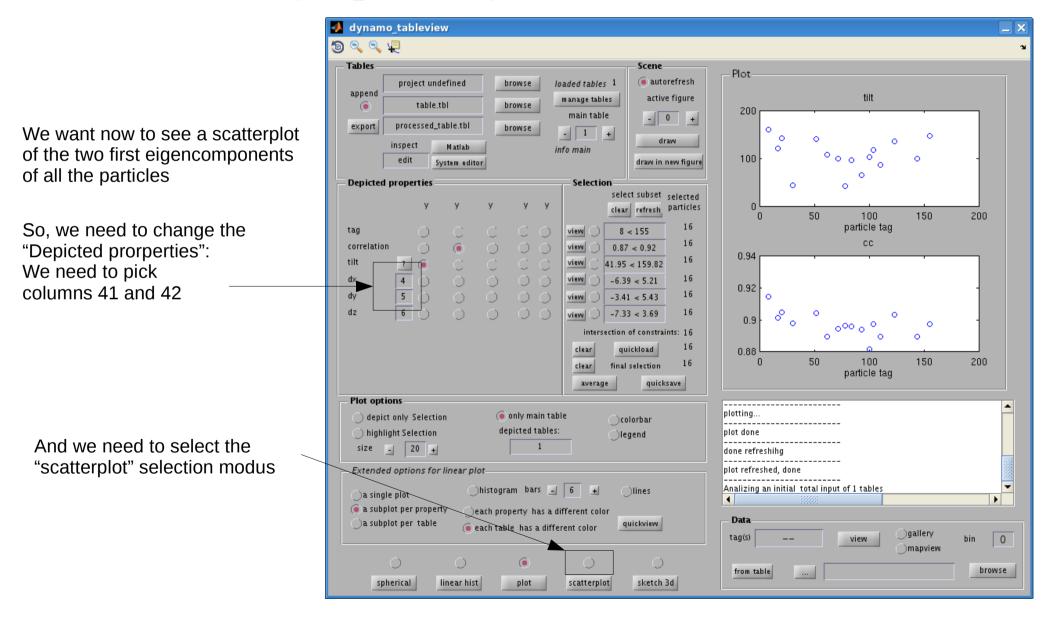
This can be done from the command line or right clicking on the field and selecting dynamo\_tableview in the menu of possible actions that will popup.

Then, we want to see a scatterplot of the two first eigencomponents

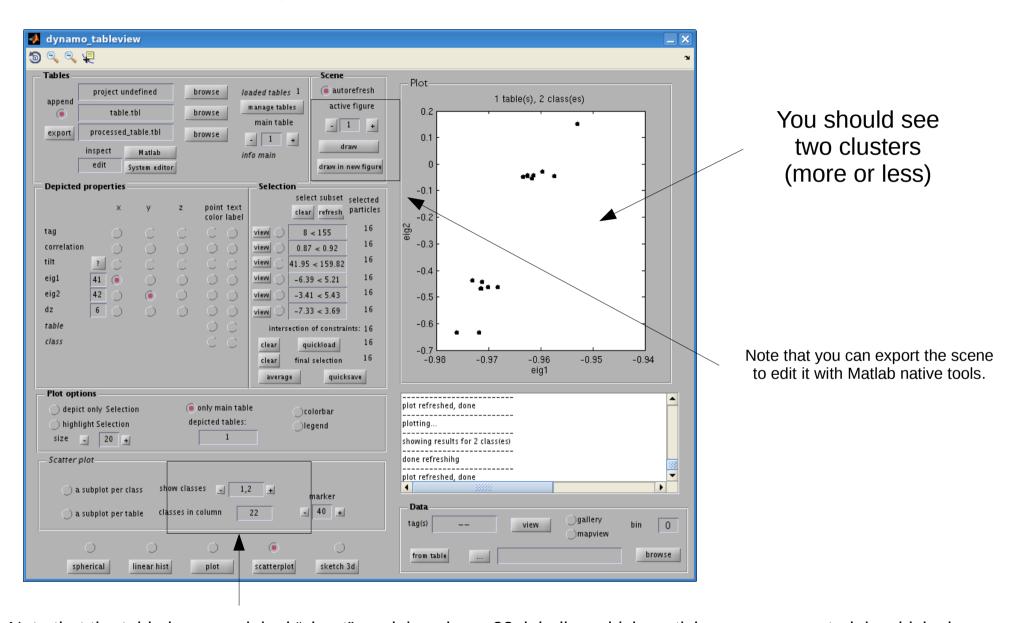


## **Exploring the eigentable**

dynamo\_tableview will open with on a scene similar to this one:



## With these depiction settings:

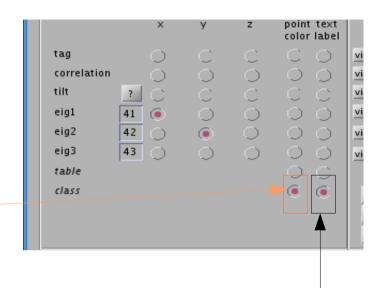


Note that the table has an original "cheat" mark in column 22, labeling which particles were generated in which class. We just select all the available classes for the depiction, to ensure that all the particles in the table are plotted (leave the field [show classes] empty, tableview will fill it with all the values detected in column 22)

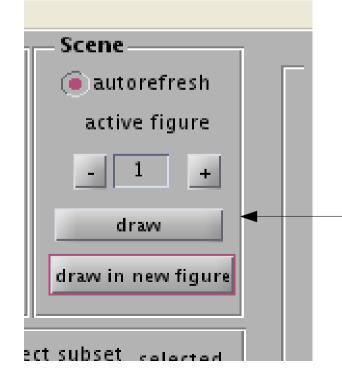
Is the clustering produced by our PCA analysis true?

Let us compare it with the ground truth (contained in column 22 of the table)

We color each the points in the Scatter plot of the eig1/eig2 according to their value in column 22...



... and label label them also according to column 22

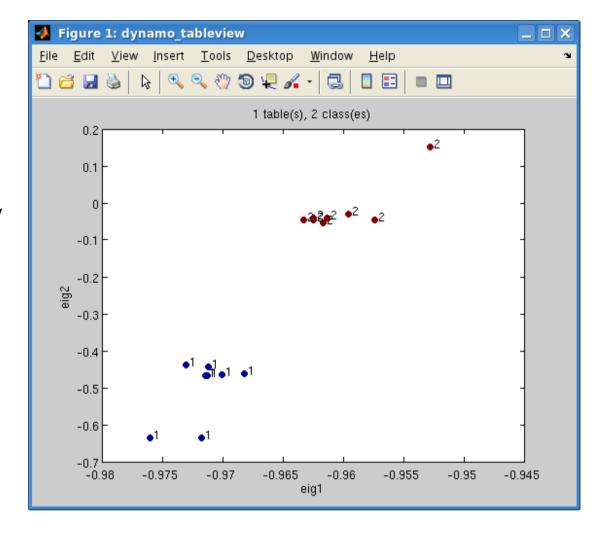


We draw the result in another figure for clarity...

# Looks good...

Apparently, the two first eigenvalues of our analysis catch the -synthetically Generated- differencing features of the data set:

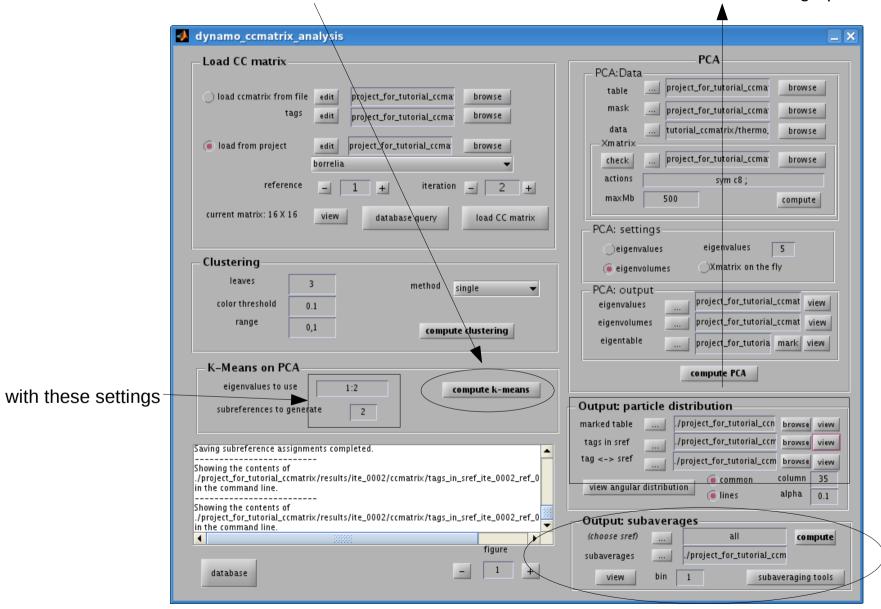
One cluster gets painted in blue (labeled "1" during the genaration of the data set),
The other cluster gets painted in red (and includes all the particles labeled as "2")



So the "cheat" in column 22 tells us that the analysis will be right...
In real life, the scatterplot already tells us that classification according to the first two eigenvalues will give us a good separation. But we still wouldn't know if the induced separation has a physical meaning.

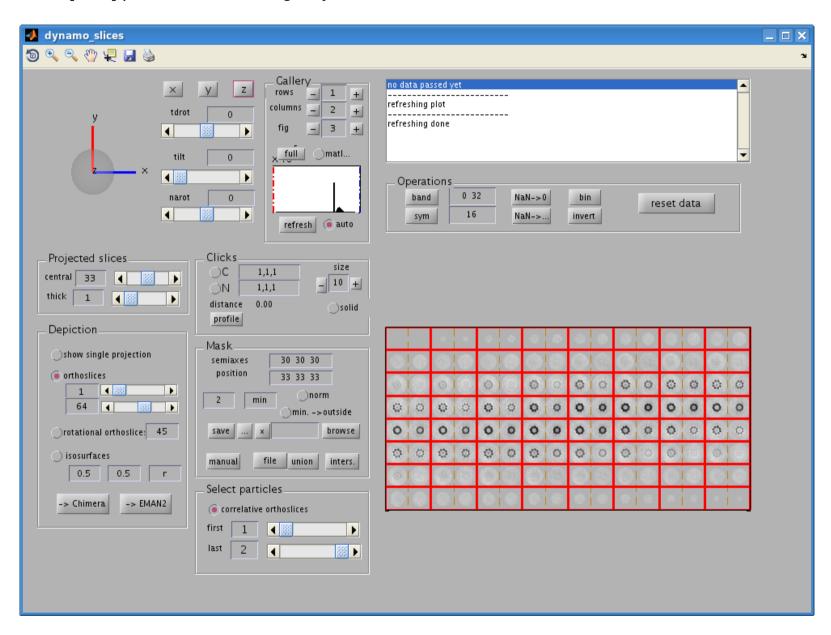
So, we compute the classification...

... oputput is generated to the same area as with clustering Here the text files with the classification graph...

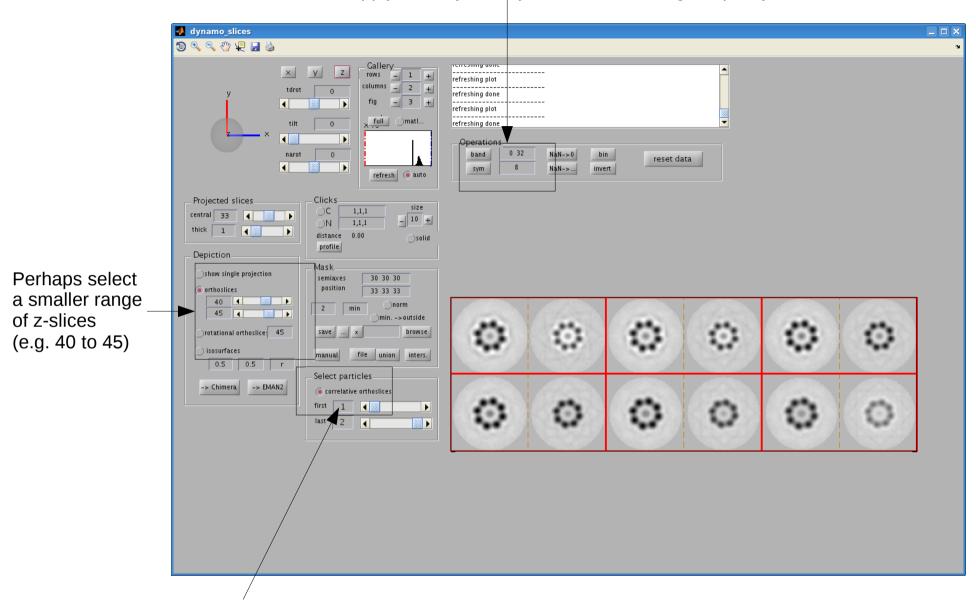


... and here we command the production and depiction of subaverages...

The [view] pushbutton should give you a window similar to this one:

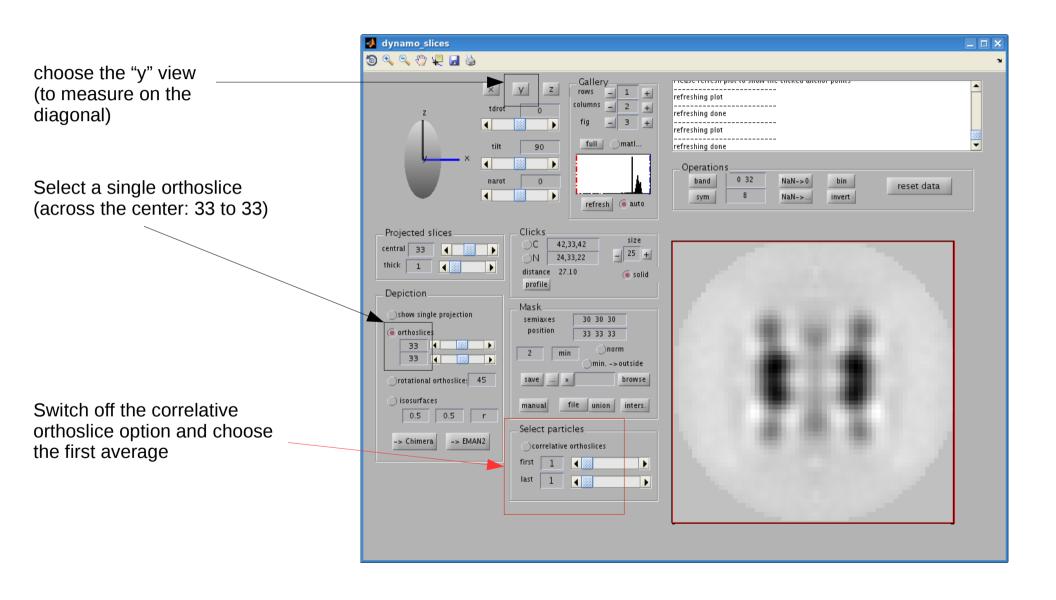


Apply a C8 symmetry to increase the signal quality



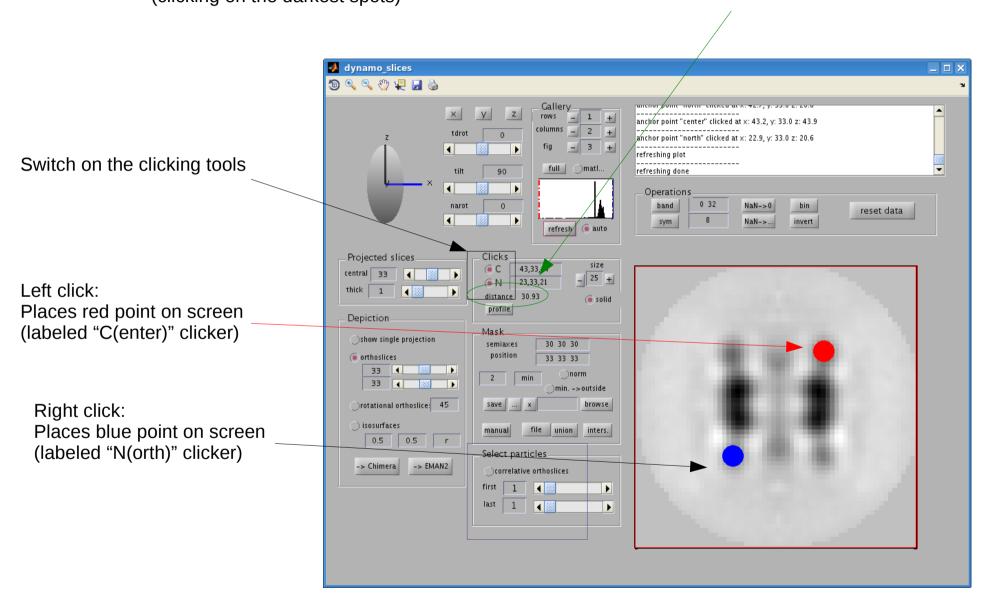
Use the "correlative orthoslices" option to see corresponding slices of the two averages side to side

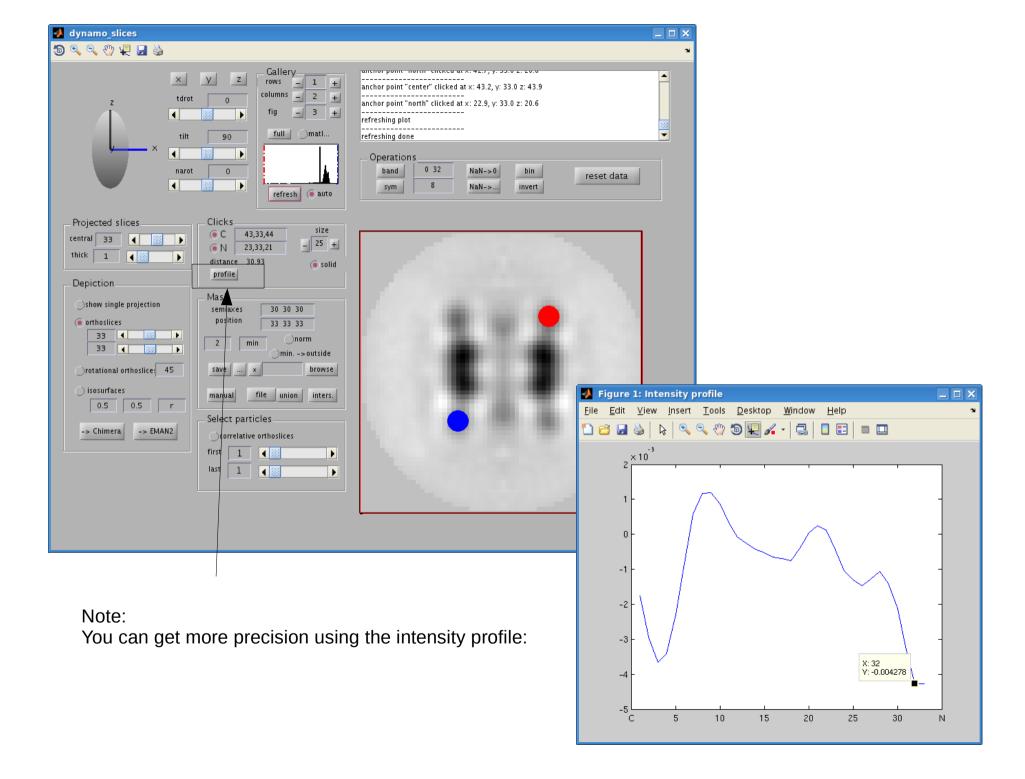
Now it becomes clear how the data set was modeled the two "classes" arising in the PCA correspond merely to different magnification We can confirm our visual impression by measuring distances on screen:



# Measure the distance between two corners: (clicking on the darkest spots)

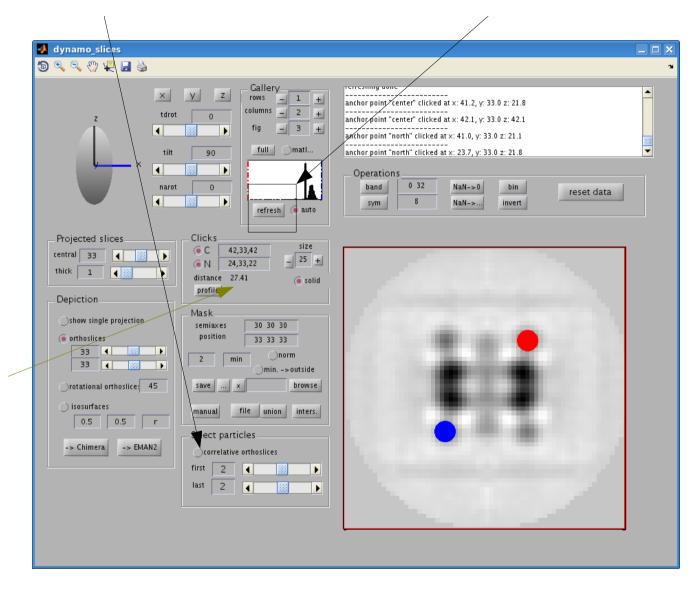
You should get something around 30'9





We place again the red and the blue markers...

... and the distance now should be around 28 pixels



.... and this actually corresponds to how the data set was modeled: it comprises random rotations of two templates of same molecule, one scaled to the 90%. This toy classification example by PCA just recovered this scaling factor.