

icosahedral subboxing and multireference

Main Idea

We will produce a data set of icosahedral viruses.

Each capsid will have artificially generated insertions in a random number of its vertices, I.e, we create a population of heterogeneous vertices (with and without insertion).

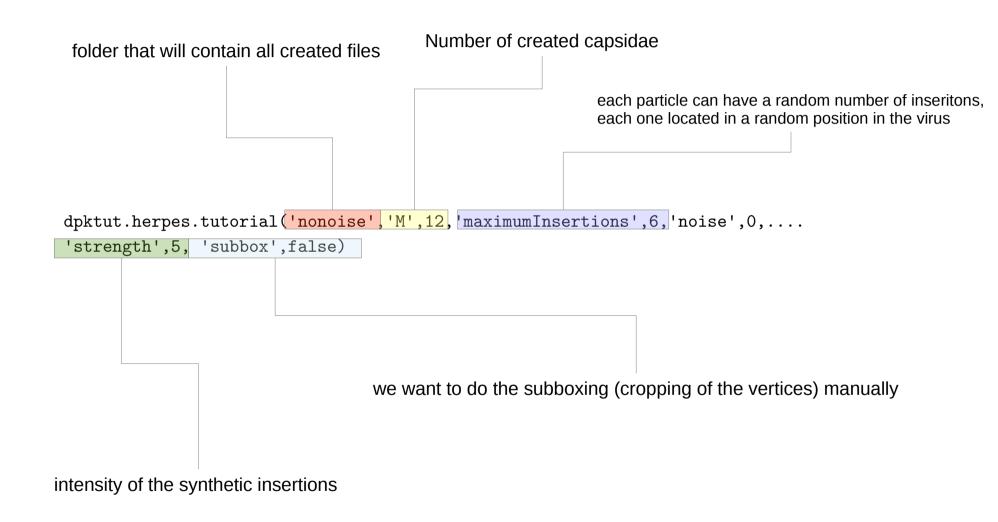
Thus we are not interested in aligning and classifying capsids themselves (as they can be of many different structural patterns), but in extracting the vertices and classifying them separately.

We will visit the following concepts:

- · Icosahedral symmetry
- Subboxing
- · PCA + Kmeans classification
- · Effect of masks on PCA
- · Multireference alignment
- · Creation of MRA projects from command lie
- · "Dynamo Wizard" interface

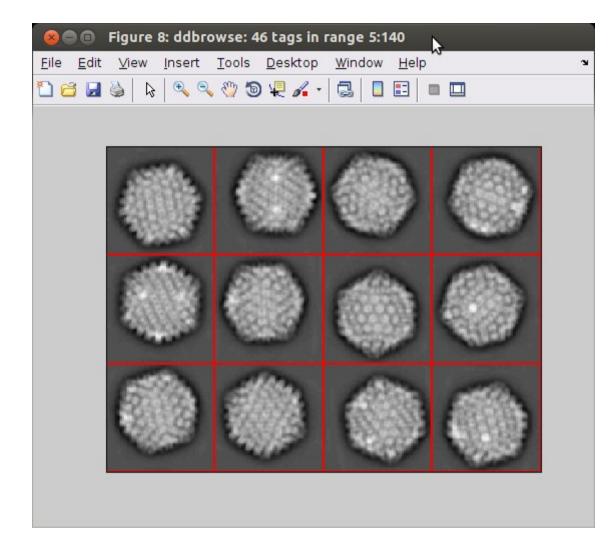
- Create a tutorial data set Illustrates the main features of the synthetic data
 - A set of of icosahedral viruses:
 - An artificial "insertion" is added in some vertices of some copies: Heterogeneity.
- Create a noisy tutorial data set
 - Vertices are "subboxed": a new data set is created, so that each particle is one of the vertices of the original viruses.
- Create a project for multireference alignment
 - The project will align the vertices to several randomly created references.
- Analyze results from a multireference alignment
 - Retrieve results from a multireference project (averages, tables).
 - Scan which particles are in which reference at which iteration.
- Modify a project
 - Experiment with different numerical parameters

We start creating a tutorial folder with all the synthetic data that we need.



Let us check what we have

>> dslices nonoise/data -jz 0



Each data particle is a copy of a virus with a random number of vertices occupied by an "insertion". There is no "unique" repeating structure at the scale of the virus.

The structure that is repeating are the two version of the vertex (with and without the insertion).

This is exactly the task of *subboxing*:

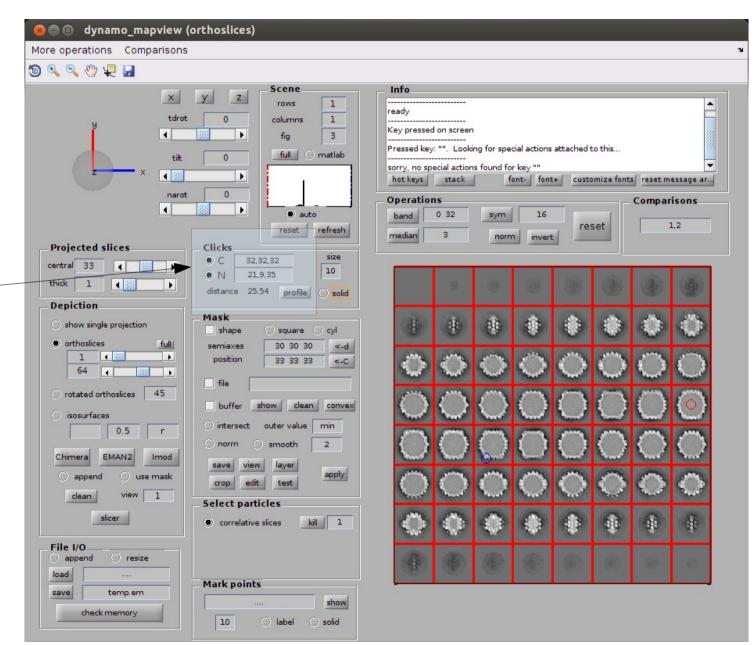
If we know:

- The shifts and rotations of the particles in relation to an average or an ideal template. (I. e.: we know the table of the virus data set)
- The position of an asymmetric unit in the ideal template.
- The symmetry operations that link the different asymmetric units that we want to analyze separately.

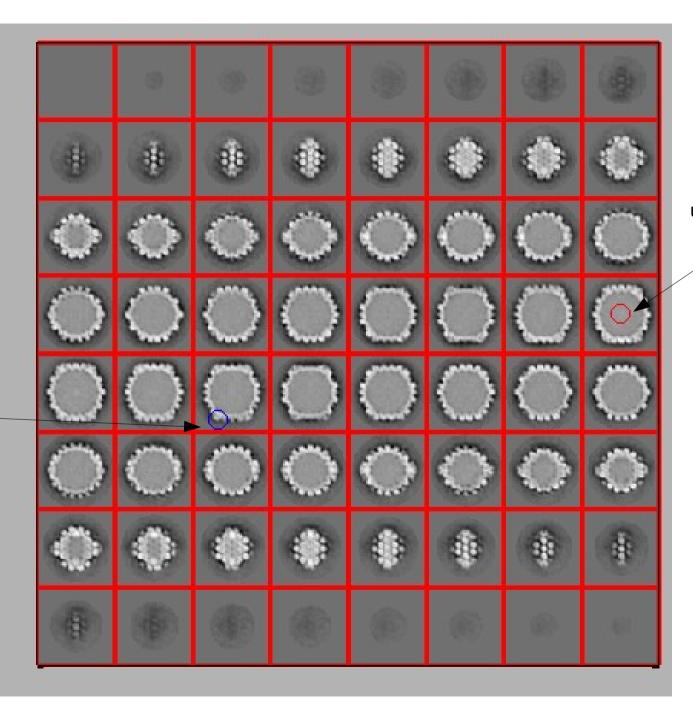
We just need to measure the distance from a vertex to the center of the virus:

As suggested by the tutorial, we depict the average of the virus particles:

dmapview nonoise/realAverage.em



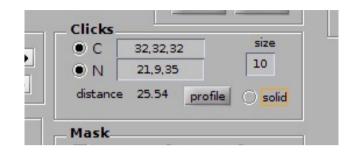
we activate the option of clicking two points (called 'C' for center and 'N' for north);



use [C] to choose the center

use [N] to click on one vertex

you can read the distance in the [Clicks] Panel of mapview



Actually we also have a read of the coordinates of an asymmetric unit (the N marker), but they have been picked rather arbitrarily.

A better option is to use the computed distance from the unit to the center (~25) and compute automatically the exact symmetrically determined position of the unit:

For the given sidelength and distance to the center, this is one of the symmetrically related positions in the capsid of a virus when it is aligned along the conventions of icosahedral symmetry!

now, with the position of the vertex, we can follow the suggestions of the tutorial....

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Ok, you want to do the subboxig yourself

* To compute the position of a vertex use dynamo_isym_vertex_positions(mySize,radius)

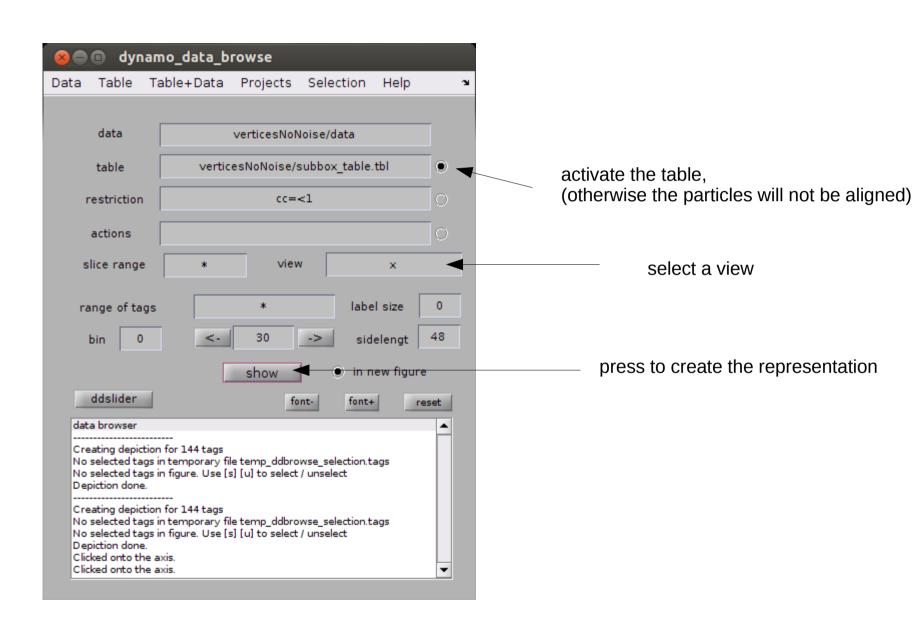
* Check the radius with dmapview nonoise/realAverage.em

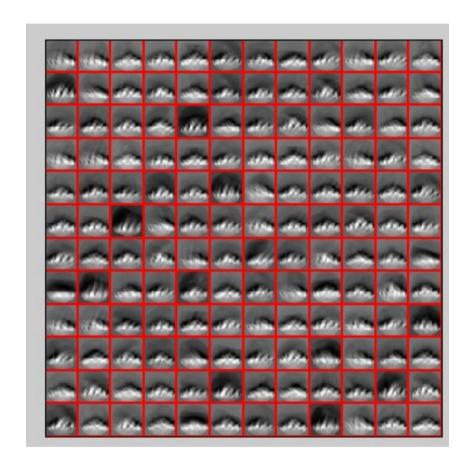
* Use the table with the real positions of the capsidae:
Suggested command:
ddsubboxing nonoise/data 32 -r <position of vertex> -sym ico_vertex -table nonoise/real.tbl -rsr normal_center -o verticesNoNoise
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... and compute our subboxing:

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>> ddsubboxing nonoise/data 32 -r [ 32.5000 45.6431 53.7664] -sym ico vertex -table nonoise/real.tbl -rsr normal center -o verticesNoNoise
[data subboxing] Data contains 12 particles with sidelength 64.
Subboxing summary:
                    : 32.50 45.64 53.77
sidelength
symmetrical repeats : ico vertex
                    : /storage/scic/Data/Internal/dcd/dynamo/mtutorials/vertexHeterogenity/verticesNoNoise/subbox table.tbl
subbox table
subbox data folder
                    : /storage/scic/Data/Internal/dcd/dynamo/mtutorials/vertexHeterogenity/verticesNoNoise/data
created subboxes
                    144
attempted subboxes
                    : 144
skipped subboxes
                    : 0
original data folder : nonoise/data
                                                      we know where the subboxed vertices and their corresponding
                    : nonoise/real.tbl
original table
rotation onto reference subunit: -180 -31.72 180
                                                      table have been created, so we can take a look onto them:
 [ok] data subboxing
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>> ddbrowse -d verticesNoNoise/data -t verticesNoNoise/subbox table.tbl

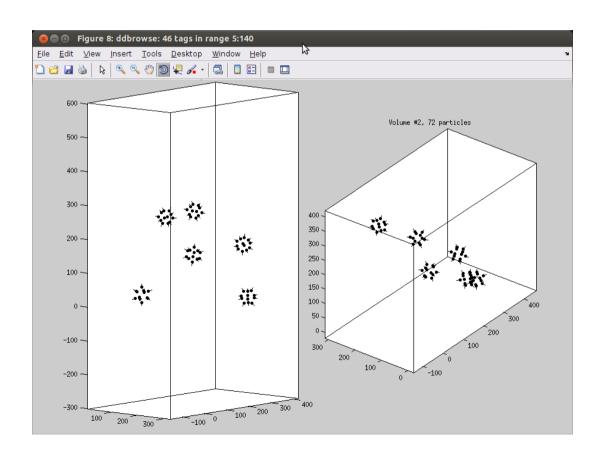




x projection view of all subboxed vertex particles

y projection view of all subboxed vertex particles

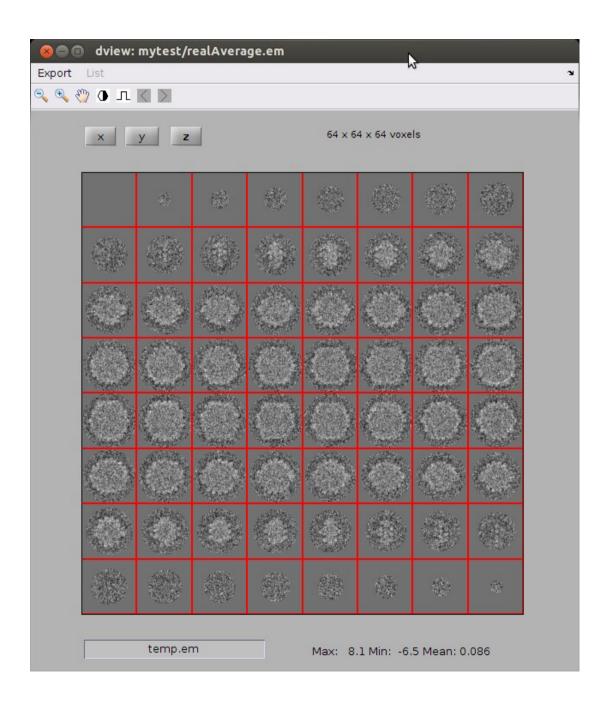
dtplot verticesNoNoise/subbox_table.tbl -pf oriented_positions

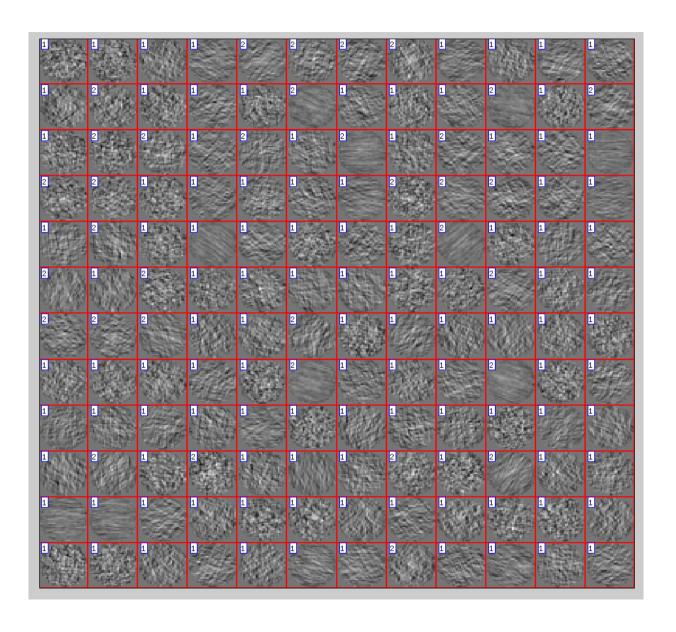


Now, we repeat the synthetic data set with some more realistic noise:

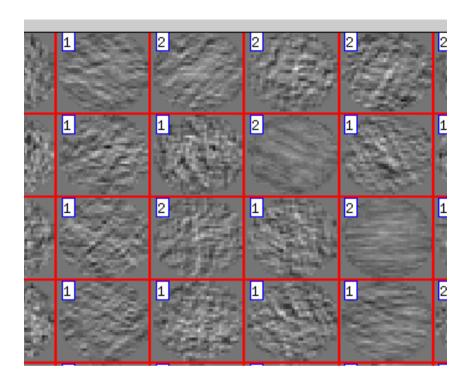
Now, we repeat the synthetic data set with some more realistic noise:

This time we also let the tutorial to create a subboxing





Does not really look like anything!



It is difficult to judge if class 2 (vertices with "insertion") look only richer in mass than particles on class 1.

The question now is if there is signal at all in the synthetic data set.

What would be the best outcome from an optimal algorithm?

Let's see what happens if we use our a priori knowledge about:

- Orientations and shifts (i.e. we know the table)
- class membership

to average all the particles belonging to one class

We can keep the computed average as a file: dwrite(av.average,'fullAverage.em');

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daverage mytest/vertices/data -t mytest/vertices/subbox_table.tbl ....
-tr class=1 -ws av1;

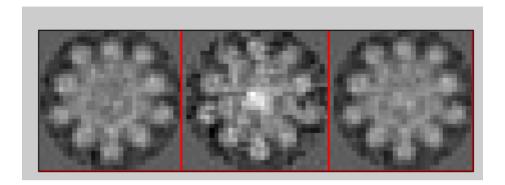
Also, we can write it for class 2

daverage mytest/vertices/data -t mytest/vertices/subbox_table.tbl ....
-tr class=2 -ws av2;

and for all vertex particles together

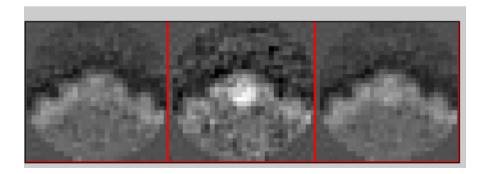
daverage mytest/vertices/data -t mytest/vertices/subbox_table.tbl -ws av;
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dslices({av1,av2,av},'jz',14:15,'dim',[1,3]);



The average of class 2 shows indeed the extra density.

The average of all particles taken together blurs the moiety out.



PART II

Principal Component Analysis

We try to classify the subboxed, noisy vertices using PCA + kmeans

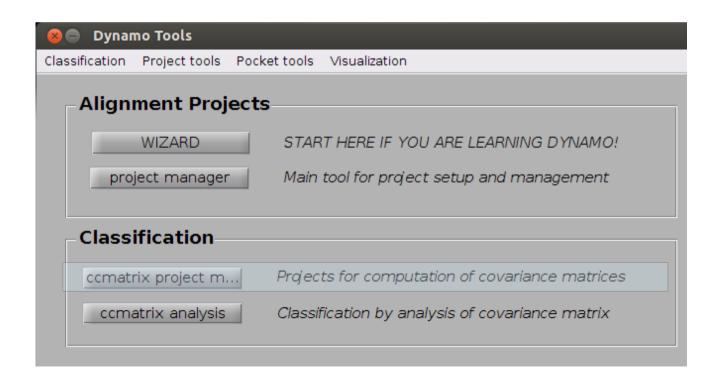
First, we illustrate how to use GUI for this end. In this case we will show the full pipeline from scratch.

First, we should invoke the GUI that controls the projects for computation of a ccmatrix:

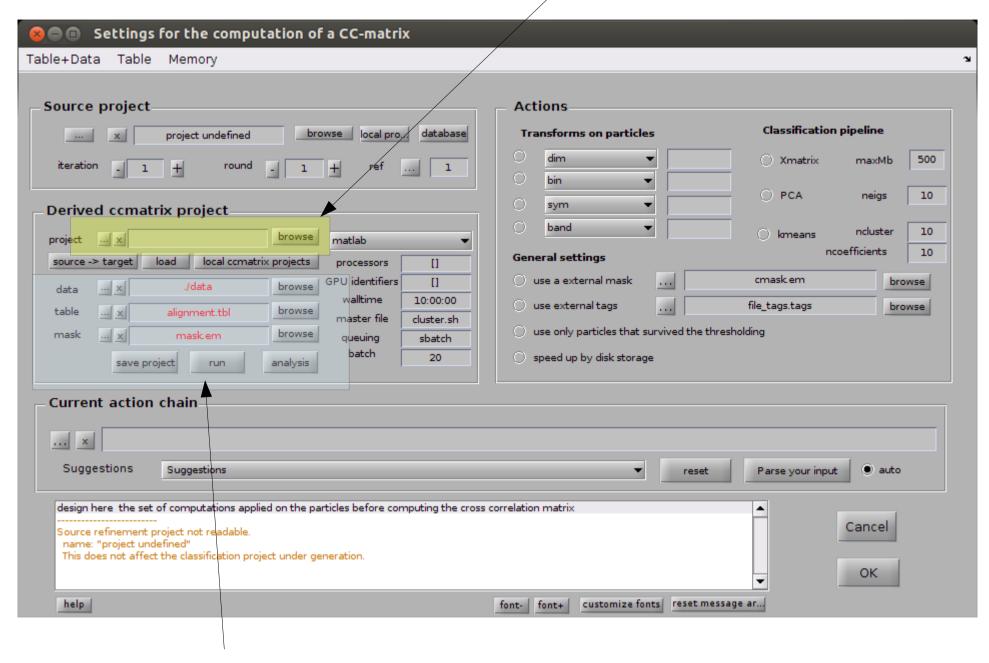
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>> dynamo_ccmatrix_project_manager();
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Alternatively (as not everybody remembers all commands!) you can just invoke the general dynamo menu and choose the classification option:

>> dynamo

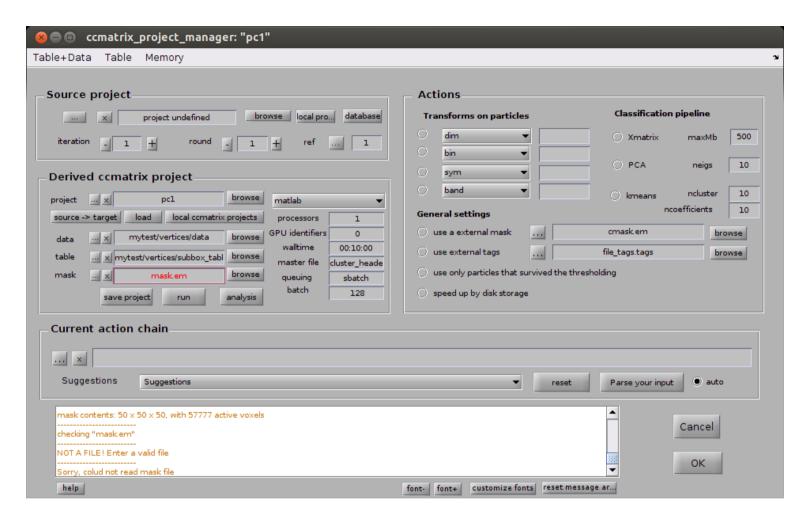


we need to provide a name



... and browse or provide the real files (table and classification mask) and data folders

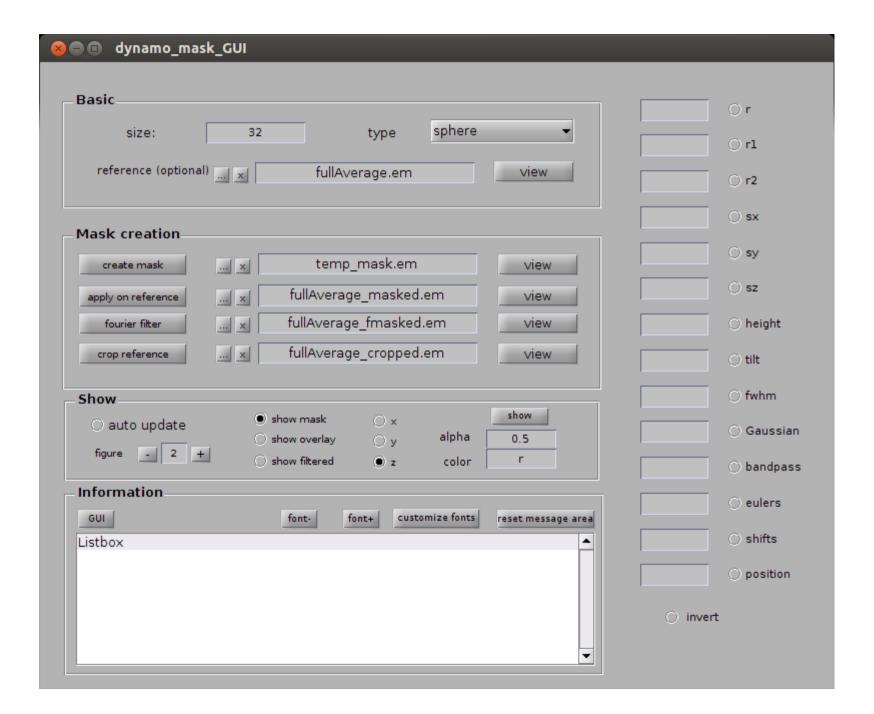
data and table are the ones provided by the subboxing. what do we do with the classification mask?

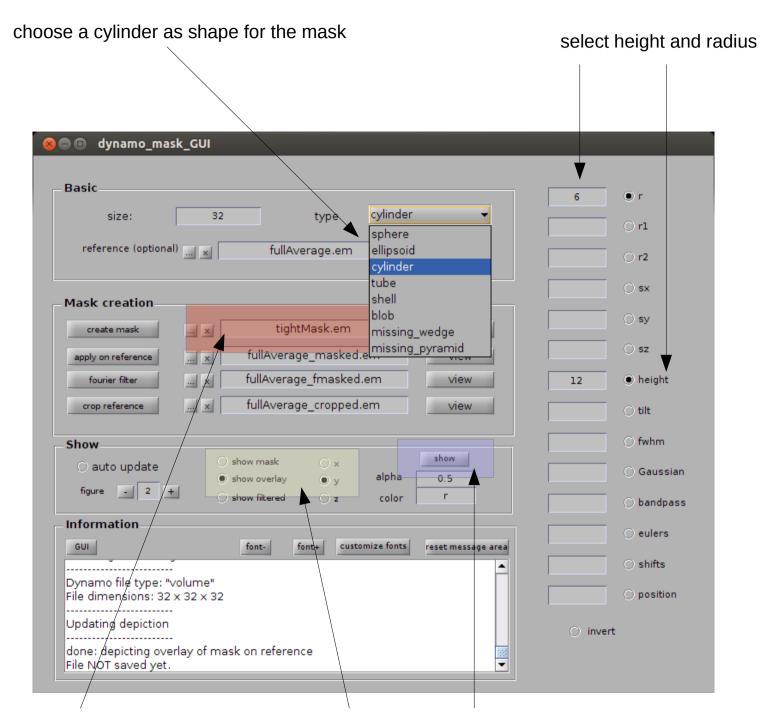


We will just design a mask and plug it into the GUI.

We will do it comparing it with the average of all the vertices, in order to create a mask tightly bound to the area where we expect the possible presence of inclusions, or in general the area where we expect that our sample shows structural diversity.

dmask -for fullAverage.em

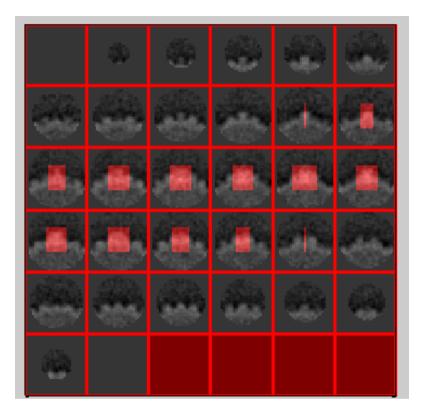


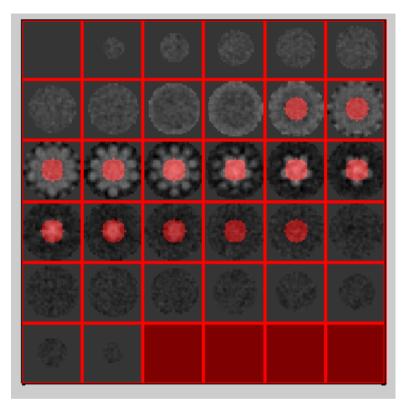


type a name for the mask file to be created

"overlay" represents the extent of the mask on the reference volume

x-overlay view z-overlay view





The overlay view is useful to make certain that our mask fits the area that we are interested in.

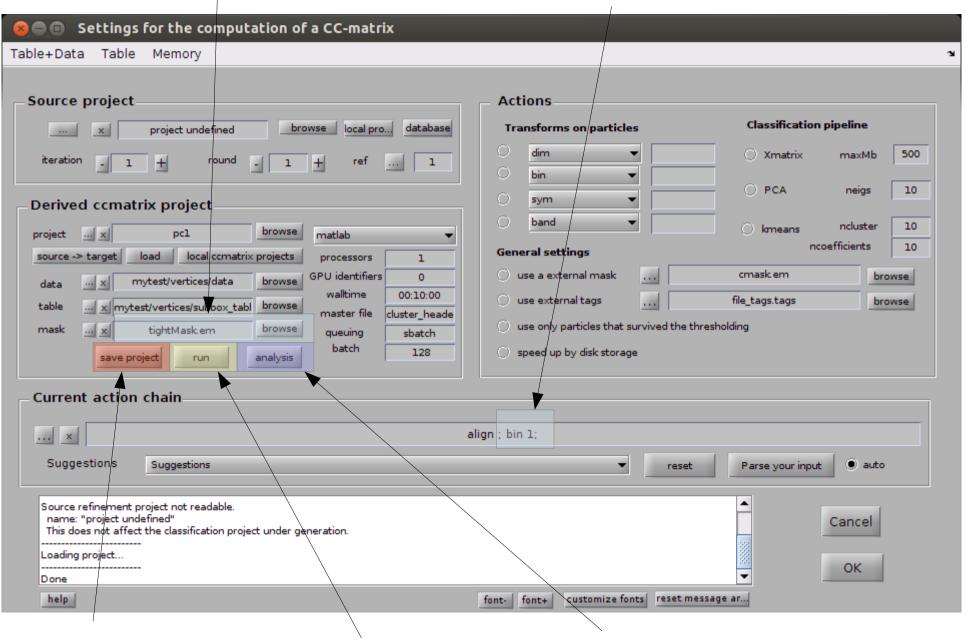
After playing with the parameters, we press on [create mask] to produce the mask file that we arew going to plug into our classification project.

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_ Basic
size: 32
reference (optional) x
Mask creation
create mask x

We browse of type the mask file we just created.

We can set "bin 1" to spare computation time.

(The parameter "align" gets included by default, no need to add explicitly)

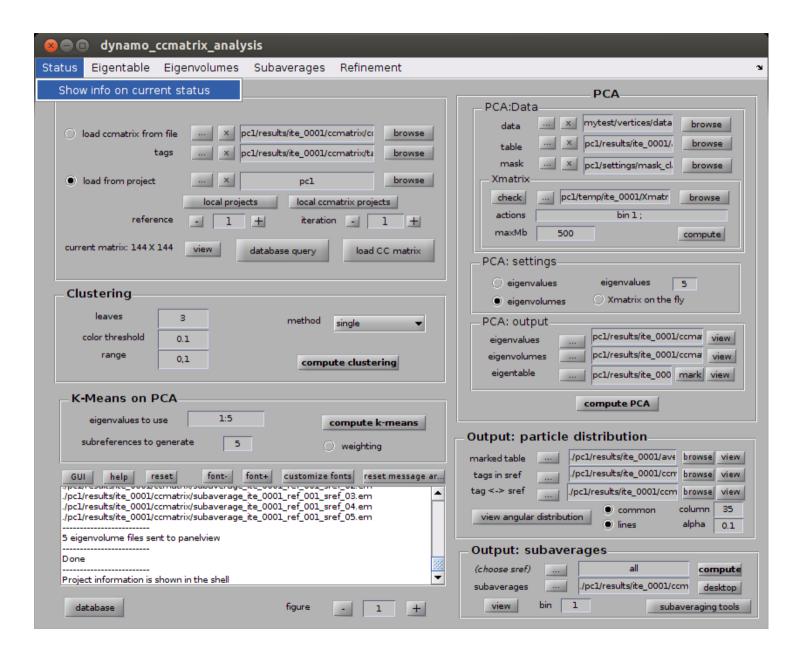


we save the project...

...run it (can take some time)...

... and then open the analysis GUI

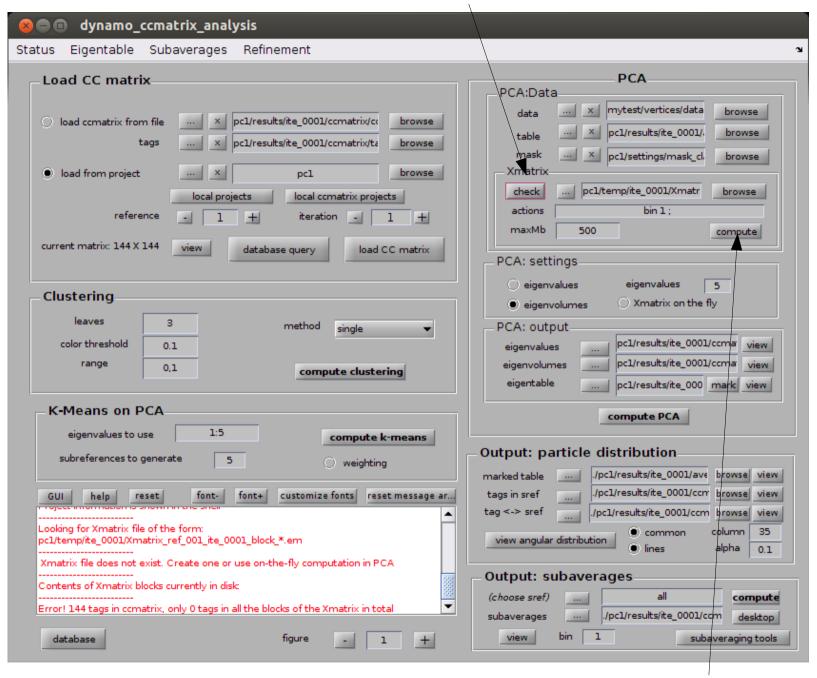
We can check in [Status] in which part of the classification pipeline we are right now.



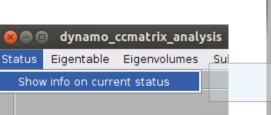
with the computation of the Principal

Components themselves.

checking directly the status of the xmatrix confirms it's not there....



sow we just compute it and carry on



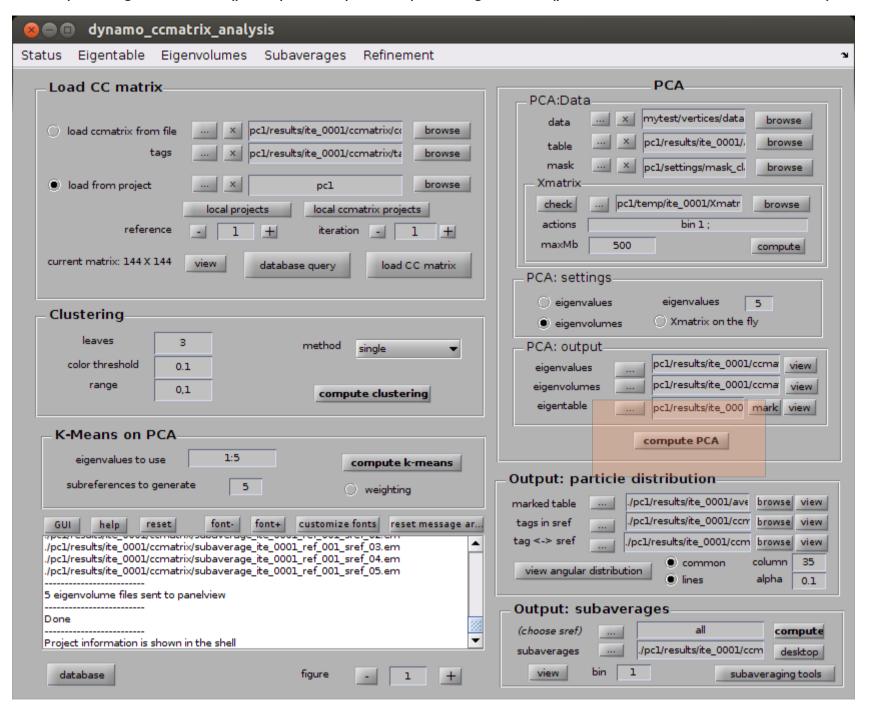
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Project: "pc1" (iteration: 1)
 project type : ccmatrix
Parameters in round 1
ccmatrix
ccmatrix_type : align ; bin 1;
ccmatrix_batch : 128
Xmatrix
Xmatrix_maxMb
                  : 500
PCA
PCA_neigs : 10
kmeans
kmeans ncluster : 10
kmeans ncoefficients: 10
Computed files
                                  Now the Xmatrix is there
tags file
                  : 144 tags
ccmatrix file
                  : 144 X 144
ccmatrix actions : align ; bin 1 ;
Xmatrix (blocks)
                  : 1 blocks
              * block 1 : 144 tags X 206 voxels
Eigenvolumes : not available
eigentable : not available
Subaverages : not available
```

Status of classification project pc1

so we can proced with the still missing PCA analysis

Press to compute eigenvolumes (principal components) and eigentable (particle coordinates on this basis)



```
Project: "pc1" (iteration: 1)
 project type : ccmatrix
 Parameters in round 1

      ccmatrix
      : 1

      ccmatrix_type
      : align; bin 1;

      ccmatrix_batch
      : 128

      Xmatrix
      : 0

      Xmatrix_maxMb
      : 500

      PCA
      : 0

      PCA_neigs
      : 10

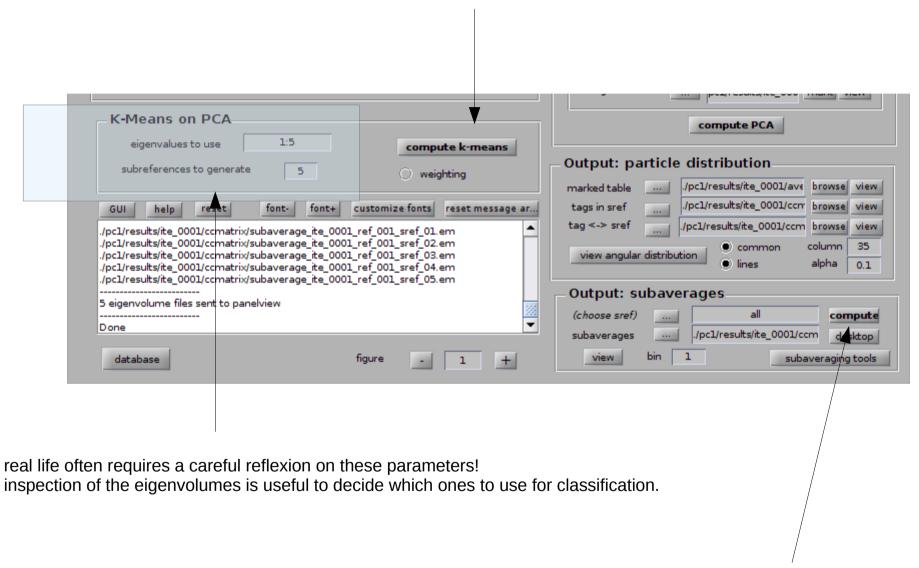
      kmeans
      : 0

kmeans : 0
kmeans ncluster : 10
kmeans ncoefficients: 10
 Computed files
tags file : 144 tags
ccmatrix file : 144 X 144
ccmatrix actions : align ; bin 1 ;
Xmatrix (blocks) : 1 blocks
                          * block 1 : 144 tags X 206 voxels
Eigenvolumes : 5 eigenvolumes
* eig #1 : 16 X 16 X 16
eigentable : 144 particles X 45 columns (5 eigencomponents)
Subaverages : not available
```

Now we have the eigenvolumes and the eigentable that extends the initial table with new columns.

Columns 41 onwards in this table are the components of the particle in the basis of eigenvolumes.

we can compute our classification on the system of coordinates induced by the PCA

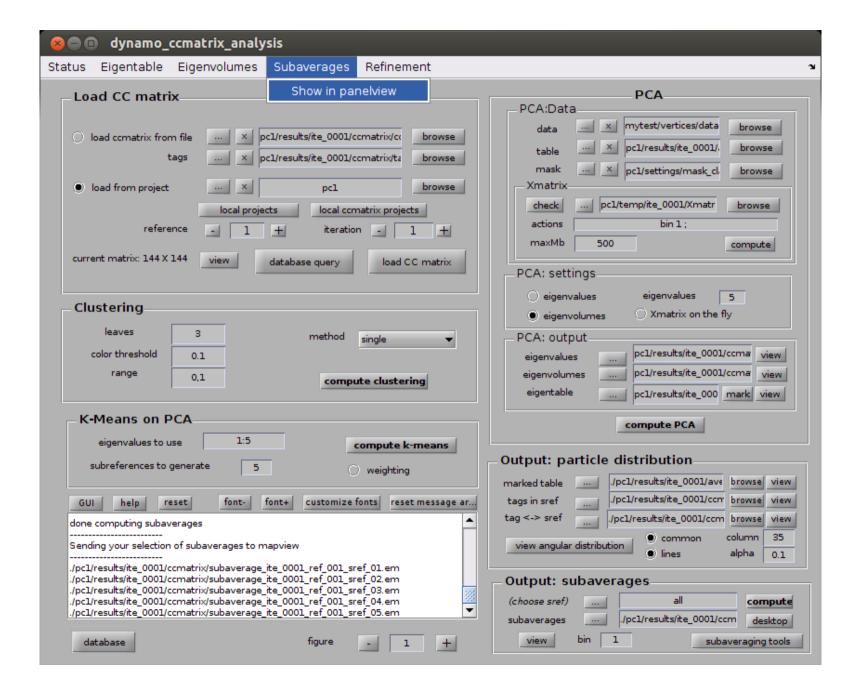


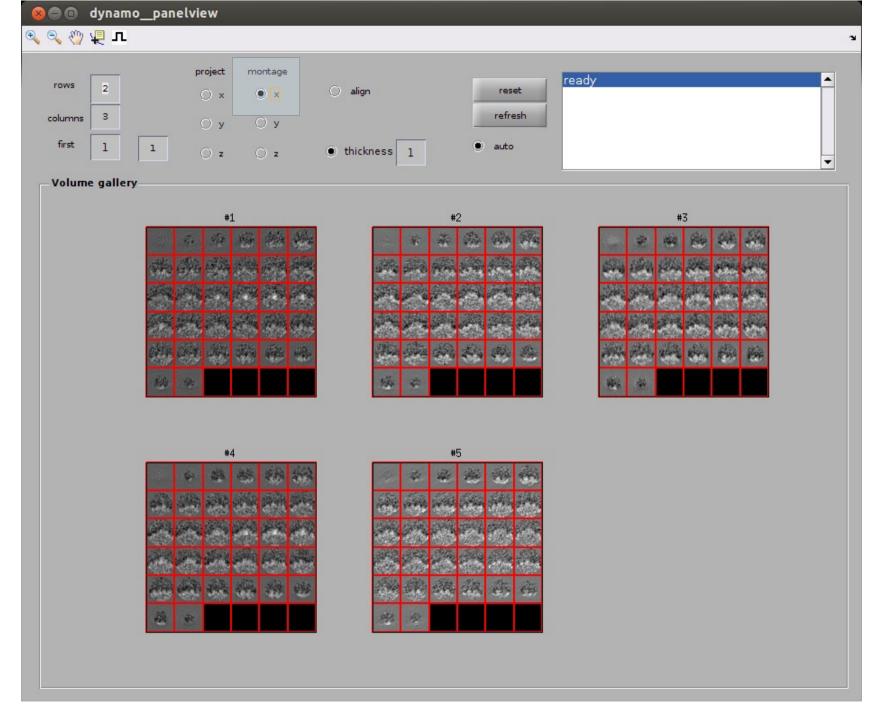
and when it's done we can compute the subaverages (class averages) induced by the classification that we just computed.

Now, the [Status] button shows that the classification is complete

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Status of classification project pc1
 Project: "pc1" (iteration: 1)
 project type : ccmatrix
 Parameters in round 1
ccmatrix : 1
ccmatrix_type : align; bin 1;
ccmatrix_batch : 128
Xmatrix : 0
Xmatrix_maxMb : 500
PCA : 0
PCA_neigs : 10
kmeans : 0
kmeans ncluster : 10
kmeans ncoefficients: 10
 Computed files
tags file : 144 tags
ccmatrix file : 144 X 144
ccmatrix actions : align ; bin 1 ;
Xmatrix (blocks) : 1 blocks
                * block 1 : 144 tags X 206 voxels
Eigenvolumes : 5 eigenvolumes
* eig #1 : 16 X 16 X 16
eigentable : 144 particles X 45 columns (5 eigencomponents)
Subaverages : 5 subreferences
                    * sref #1 : 32 X 32 X 32
```

panelview is the most comfortable way to show a family photo of the computed subaverages





There are two classes showing the moiety, and three that don't

PART II(b)

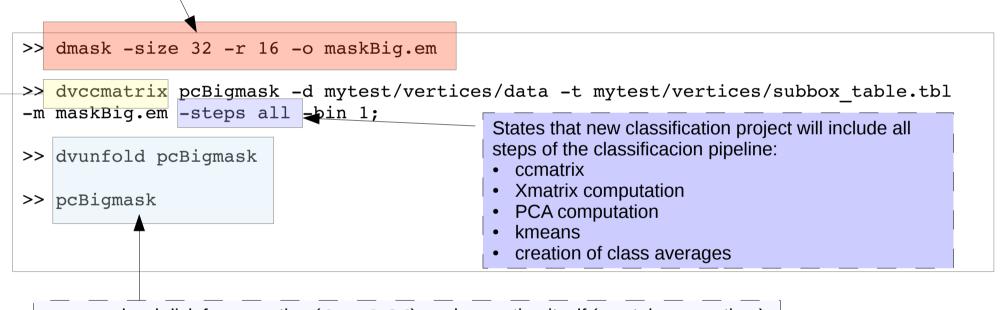
- PCA from command line
- Impact of the classification mask

Once you feel confident with the classification pipeline, things can be done more efficiently through the command line.

For instance, let's check what happens if we choose to use a bigger mask for classification.

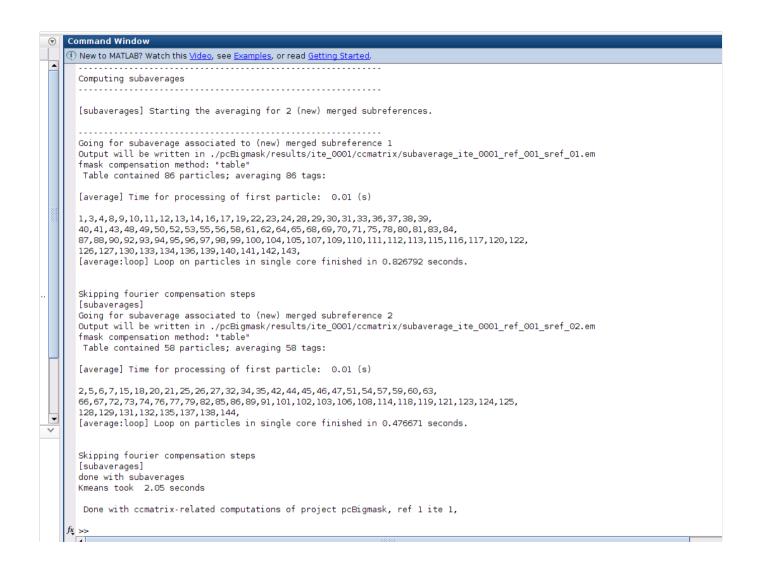
This time we will operate the full process (setting the project, running it and accessing the results) from the prompt.

creates a bigger, spherical mask..



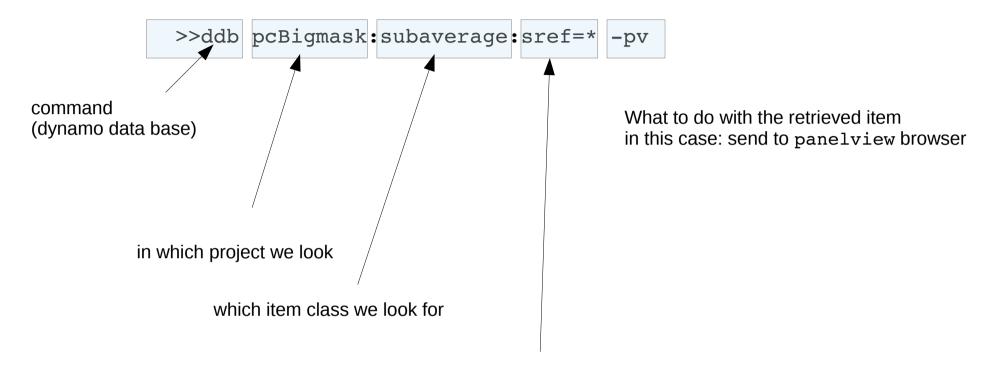
prepares hard disk for execution (dvunfold), and execution itself (can take some time)

creates a new classification project. We can pass directly the values for table (-t), data (-d), mask (-d), and also detail computational orders (as sym), in this case "-bin1"



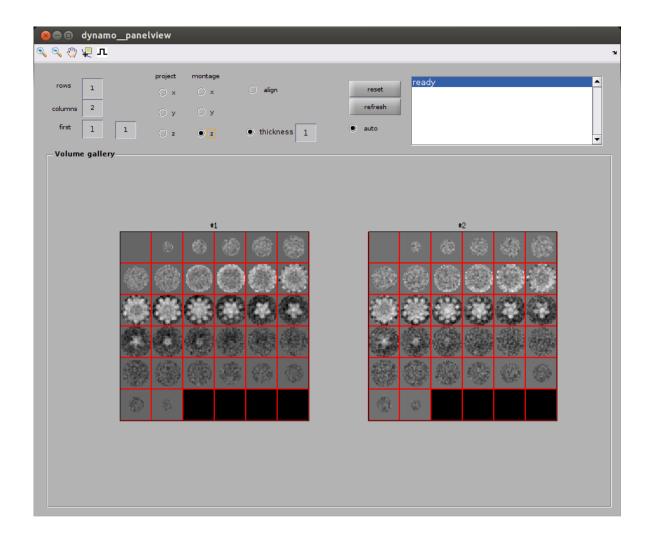
After execution of the project you recover control of the matlab shell.

and results can be accessed from the command line:



an identifier for the items that we want (in this case "sref=*" meaning all subreferences)

type doc ddb for a complete description of the syntax of ddb.

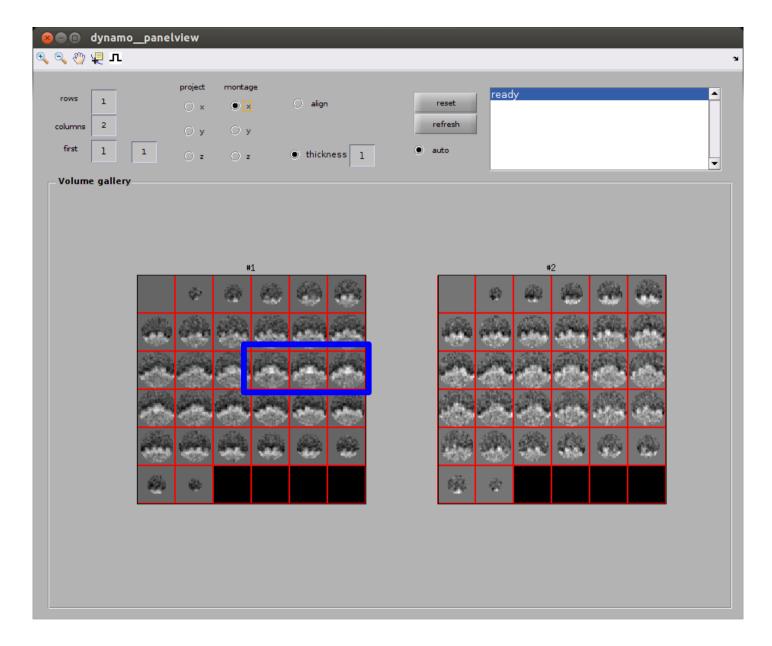


We only have two subreferences (class averages) because the flag -step all was using default parameters.

Check

doc dvccmatrix

to see how to change the parameters from the command line: number of subreferences, identity of components to use, fine tuning of the Xmatrix computation, etc...



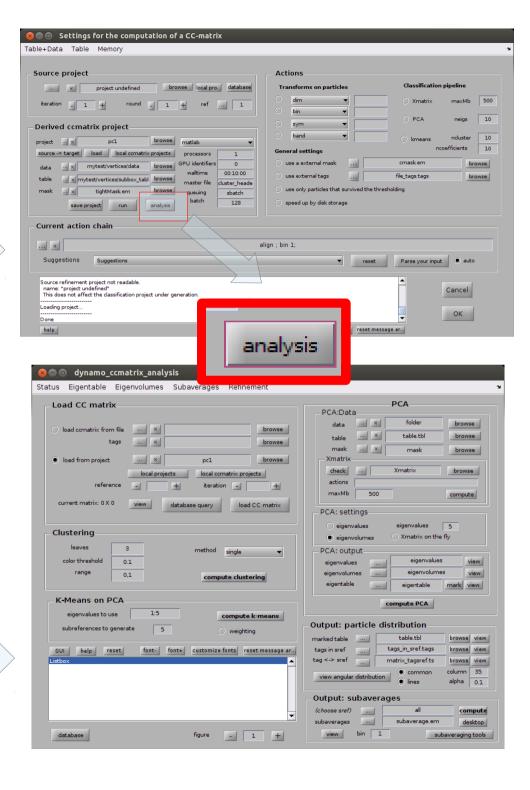
the wider mask is still able to classify according to the central densities. Still, the classification is of less quality than the previous one (less contrast of the central embedded density) In any case, it is easy to access the ccmatrix GUIs even if you started working from the command line

To open the ccmatrix design GUI: (to compute a ccmatrix)

dgui pc1

To open the ccmatrix analysis GUI (for PCA after a ccmatrix has been computed):

dccmatrix analysis -p pc1



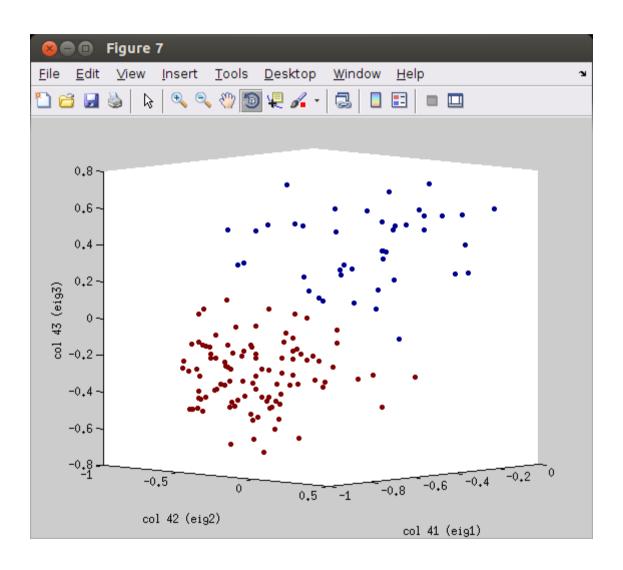
A final exercise to get familiar with command line driven classification:

Repeat the classification using the symmetry c5 expected form the vertices

```
>> dvccmatrix pc5 -d mytest/vertices/data -t
mytest/vertices/subbox_table.tbl -m tightMask.em -steps all -bin 1 -sym c5;
>> dvunfold pc5
>> pc5
```

We depict now (for instance) a scatterplot of the eigencomponents superposed to a colorcode of the classification

ddb pc5:eigentable -eigenvalues



PART III

Multireference analysis

We will create a multireference project from the command line.

this requires 10 lines of code (or just one if you really like enormous lines)

```
>>dvpr pmulti -nref 3 -d mytest/vertices/data -m maskBig.em
>>dvput pmulti cmask tightMask.em;
>>dwrite_multireference fullAverage.em template folder_seeds -refs 1:3 -noise 0.5
>>dwrite_multireference mytest/vertices/subbox_table.tbl table folder_seeds -refs 1:3
>>dwrite_multireference full fmask folder_seeds -refs 1:3
>>dvput pmulti seeds folder_seeds;
>>dvput pmulti -cr 0 -cs 1 -ir 0 -is 1 -limm 2 -dim -32 -rf 0 -sym c5 ite_r1 10;
>>dvunfold pmulti;
>>pmulti
```

We comment them in the following slides

We create a project called pmulti, which will have 3 references. Note: By defaulft, a project initiated with several references will run a MultiReference Analysis, letting particles to swap between multireference channels after each refinement iterations. >>dvpr pmulti -nref 3 -d mytest/vertices/data -m maskBig.em >>dvput pmulti cmask tightMask.em; we can pass already in this command all the project parameters that we want. You can pass them with the full parameter name, or use the syntax of dvpr for short flags In this case we just pass the parameters 'data folder' (shortened to the flag '-d') and 'file mask' (shortened to the flag '-m'). Type doc dvpr to see a list of flags accepted by this command.

The rest of the parameters can be passed with dvput. Check dvhelp to see a list of parameter names and shortnames. In this case we are passing a classification mask.

Remember that in a MRA project two masks are typically used:

- * Alignment mask to drive the alignment.
- * Classification mask to focus on the part where we expect structural hetereogeneity.

The next lines format the "seeds" (the sets of initial tables, references and fourier masks) as required by a multiple reference alignment.

In the easiest input format, for any of these parameters (file_table_initial, file_tempalte_initial, file_fmask_initial) you can provide the name of a folder that contains a set of files for each reference.

The files have to be named following a given naming convention.

For instance, in a folder called "myFolder", you could have two files:

myFolder/table_initial_ref_001.tbl

myFolder/table_initial_ref_002.tbl

and then you must pass myFolder as value of the project parameter file_table_initial

You can prepare all your files manually, and the use dvput to enter them into the project. However, the command dwrite_multireference automatizes many tasks (file creation and file name formatting) that you typically need when dealing with the seeds of a MRA project

>>dwrite multireference fullAverage.em template folder seeds -refs 1:3 -noise 0.5

This command:

- creates three copies of the file fullAverage.em and adds random noise of amplitude 0.5;
- writes them in the folder folder seeds with the right naming convention to serve as template in a project

```
>>> dwrite_multireference fullAverage.em template folder_seeds -refs 1:3 -noise 0.5;
[write_multireference] Reference #1. File written: folder_seeds/template_initial_ref_001.em
[write_multireference] Reference #2. File written: folder_seeds/template_initial_ref_002.em
[write_multireference] Reference #3. File written: folder_seeds/template_initial_ref_003.em
>> ls folder_seeds
multisettings_template_initial.sel template_initial_ref_001.em template_initial_ref_002.em template_initial_ref_003.em
>> dpanelview(\files','folder_seeds/*em');
A total of 3 files located in the regular expression.

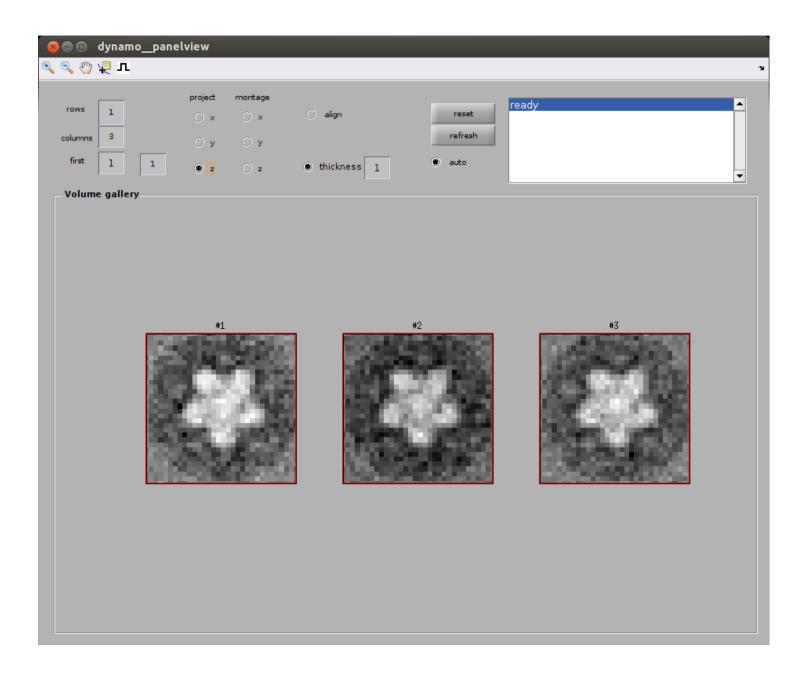
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Footnote:

dwrite_multireference creates also a .sel file that can be used to define multiple files as input for a *Dynamo* project parameter. Both ways are equally valid, so we just ignore the .sel file during this tutorial

depiction of the contents, see next slide

So, our starting maps are three different realizations of the same level of noise imposed on the average of all the particles



The next lines are also commodities to create and format multiple files as Dynamo input parameters:

Creates three copies of the initial table, formats them (and sets them in the same folde as before)

```
>>dwrite_multireference mytest/vertices/subbox_table.tbl table folder_seeds -refs 1:3
>>dwrite_multireference full fmask folder_seeds -refs 1:3
>>dvput pmulti seeds folder seeds;
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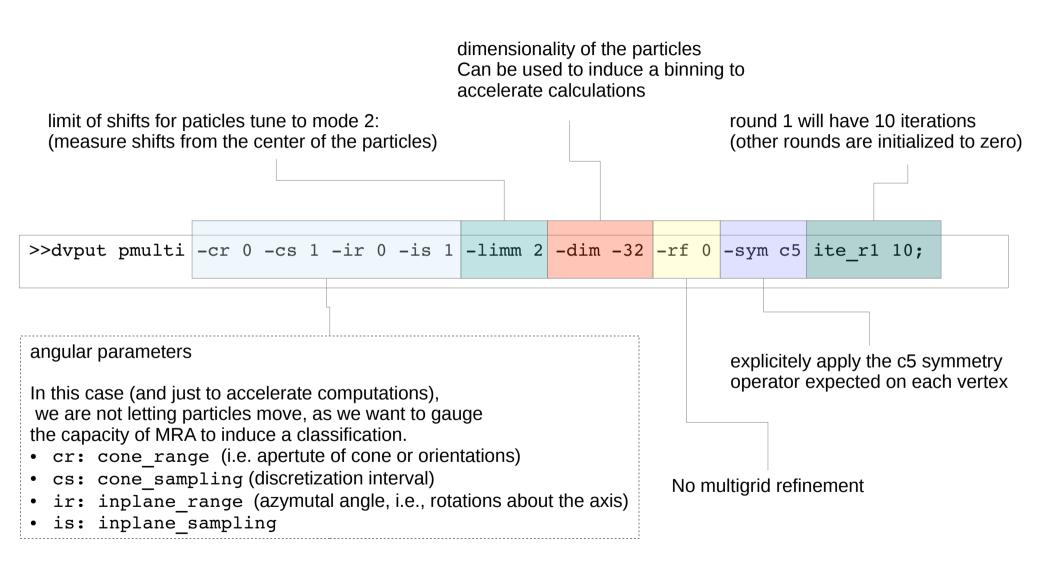
creates a set of full fourier masks and puts them into the same folder used previously.

shorthand to indicate that all "seeds" (initial tables, templates and fmasks) are in the same folder:

folder seeds

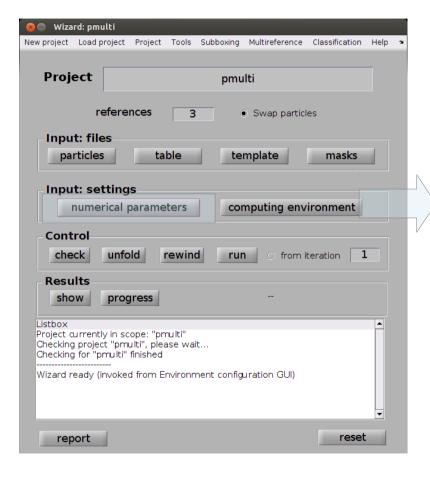
```
>> dwrite multireference mytest/vertices/subbox table.tbl table folder seeds -refs 1:3;
[write multireference] Reference #1. File written: folder seeds/table initial ref 001.tbl
[write_multireference] Reference #2. File written: folder_seeds/table_initial_ref_002.tbl
[write multireference] Reference #3. File written: folder seeds/table initial ref 003.tbl
>> dwrite multireference full fmask folder seeds -refs 1:3;
[write multireference] Reference #1. File written: folder seeds/fmask initial ref 001.em
[write multireference] Reference #2. File written: folder seeds/fmask initial ref 002.em
[write multireference] Reference #3. File written: folder seeds/fmask initial ref 003.em
>> ls folder seeds
fmask initial ref 001.em
                                multisettings table initial.sel
                                                                      table initial_ref_002.tbl
fmask initial ref 002.em
                                multisettings template initial.sel
                                                                      table initial ref 003.tbl
fmask initial ref 003.em
                                original locations table initial.doc template initial ref 001.em
multisettings fmask initial.sel table initial ref 001.tbl
                                                                      template initial ref 002.em
```

The next line codes all the numerical parameters in this experiment that depart from default values.

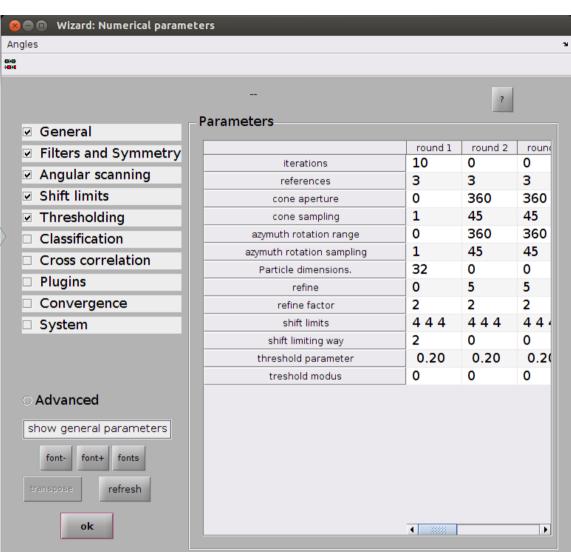


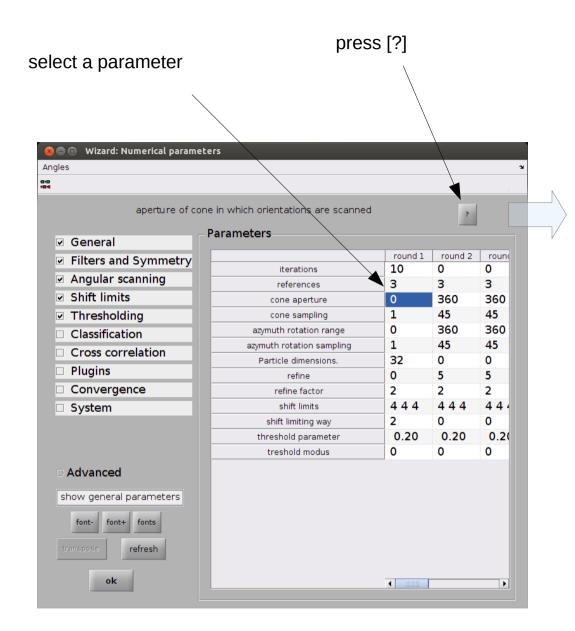
But remember that you can intertwin command line with GUI representation at convenience

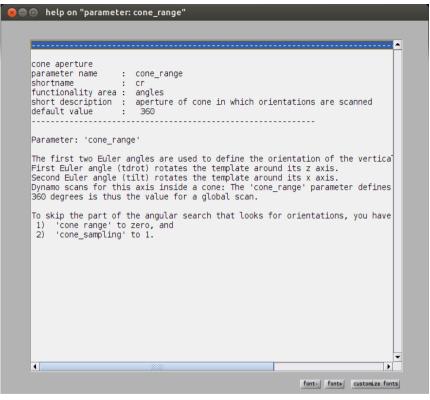
>>dcp pmulti



in the Wizard for numerical parameters you can see all available parameters, edit them and get help on selected parameters







A handy way to recover results is using the <code>dynamo_db</code> command. This command allows a wide range of searches and actions on items in the database associated with a project (automatically generated by <code>Dynamo</code>).

Query:
What do we want to retrieve?

Command
Dynamo shorthand.
"db" stands for database.

Action:
What do we want Dynamo to do with the retrieved items?

In this case: send to mapview

Project name

Item to retrieve: "a" stands for average.

Identifier:

Which references we want to retrieve (in this case "*": all of them).

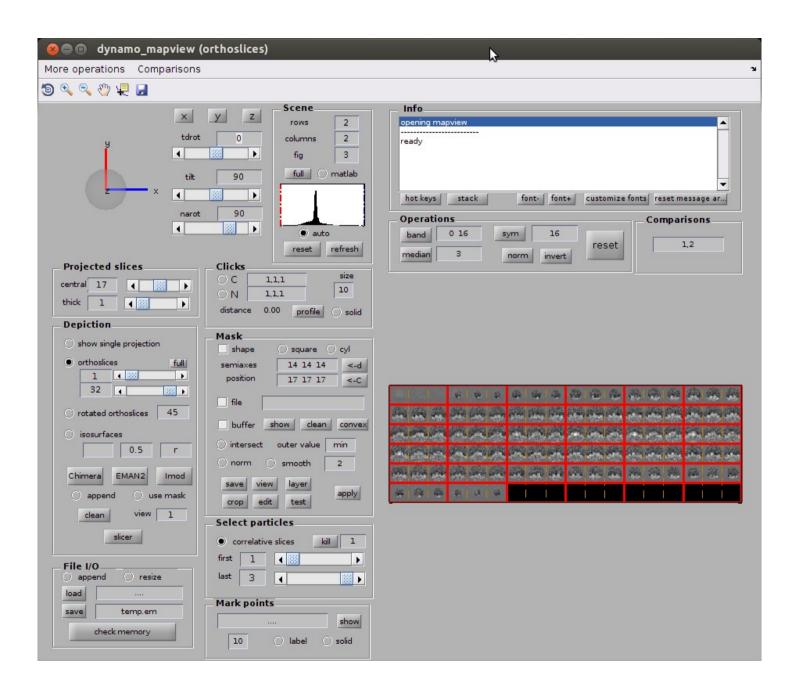
We could have added an iteration identifier.

ddb pmulti:a:ite=10:ref=* -m

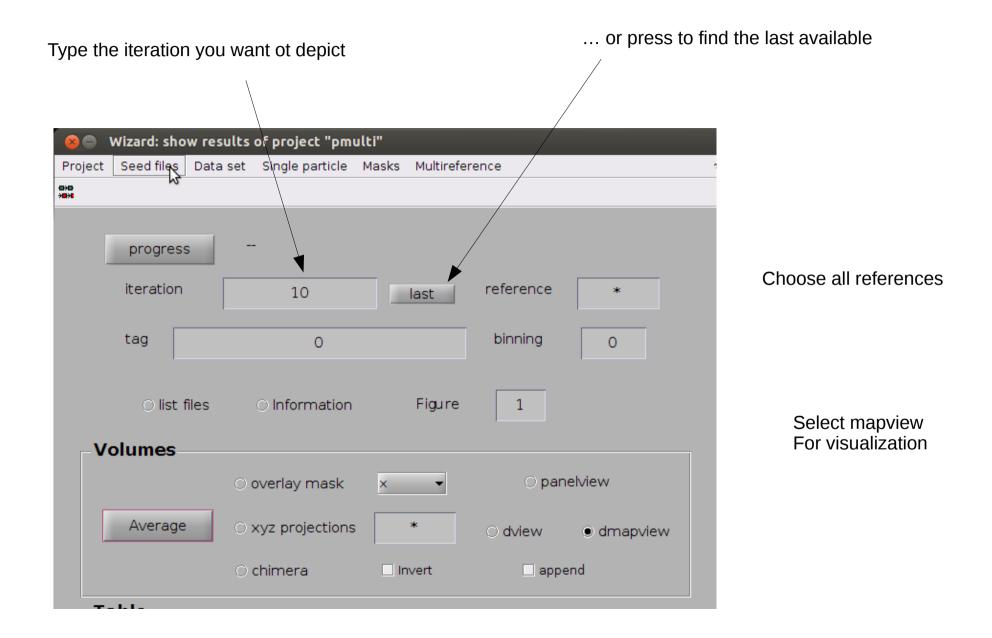
but for the item "average" Dynamo accesses
by default the last available iteration

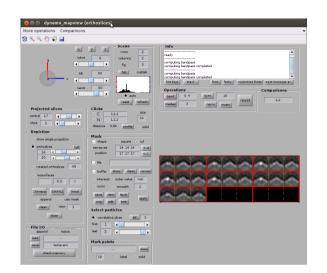
Type doc db to see more options of ddb.

You should see something like this:

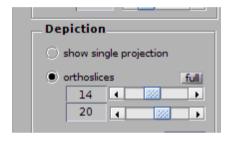


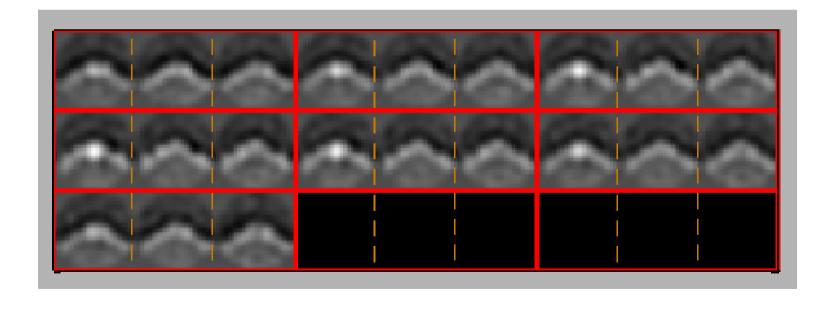
If you don't like the commandline tools, you can access the data also with GUIs

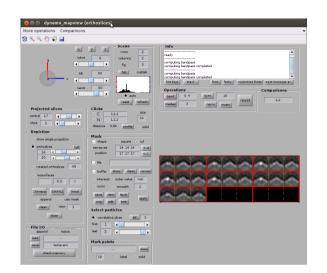




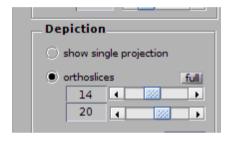


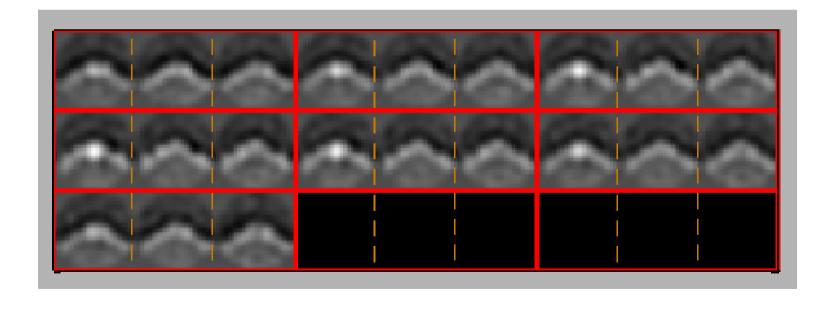




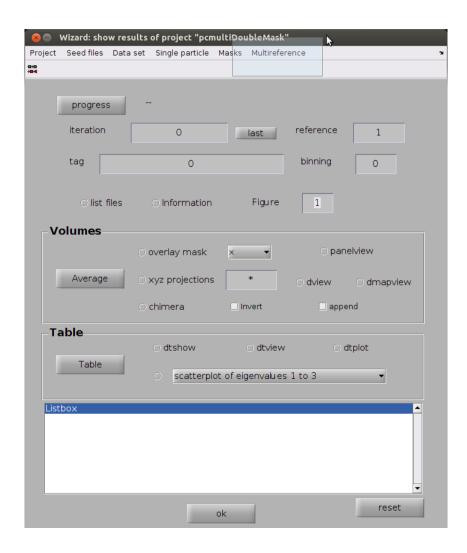








dcp pcmulti -show



Can we check which particles belong to reference 1?

Possibly our first temptation could be to take a look on the particles themselves.

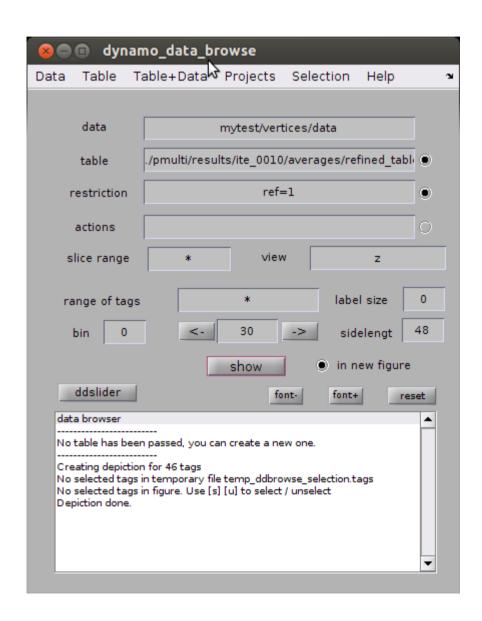
ddbrowse -p pmulti -ref 1

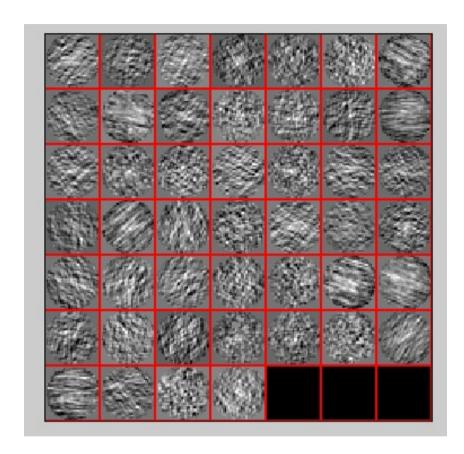
Calling ddbrowse with a -p flag ("project") Automatically selects the refined_table Found on that project at its last iteration.

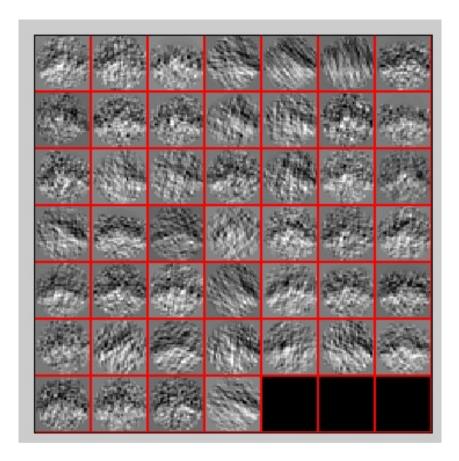
It also fetches the right data folder.

Passing explicitely a "ref" also fills the "restriction" area, telling Dynamo that we are interested only on those particles marked as "belonging to reference 1" in the table (i.e. have the value "1" in column 34").

Remember that the table by itself would contain alignment information of ALL the particles against reference 1, not only of those that finally contribute to this reference channel.

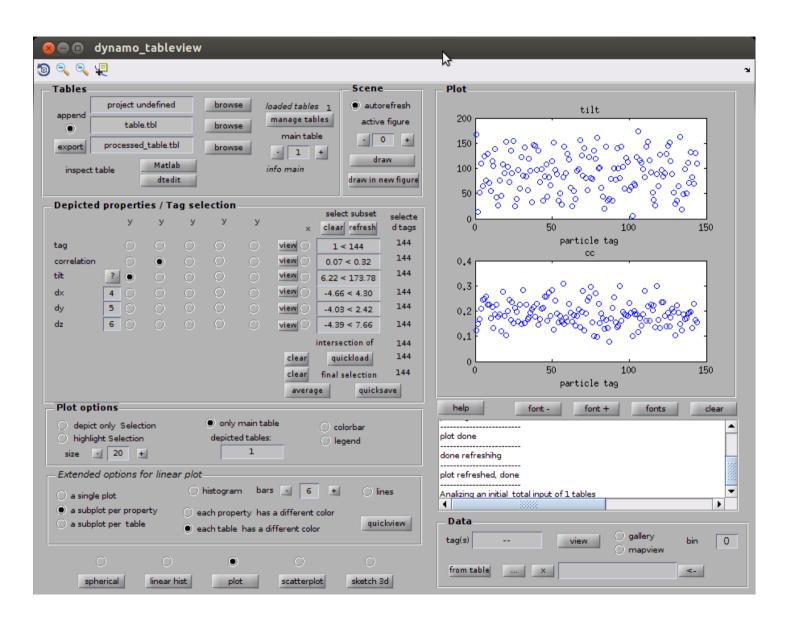






... but it's kind of difficult to ascertain if this reference is really hitting the original class 2 (of vertex particles that are known by construction to contain an insertion)

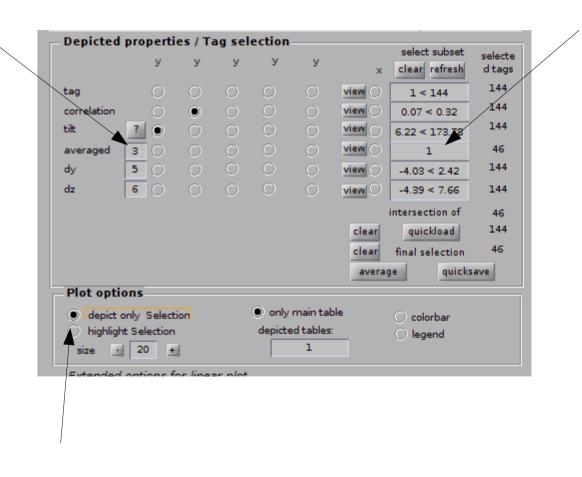
ddb pmulti:rt:ref=1 -v

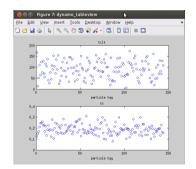


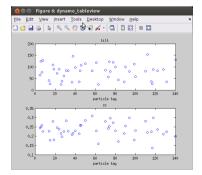
First of all, we want to focus on those particles that actually contribute to the average in reference 1:

In the customizable field write 3 (the column number that marks with "1" the particles actually used in an average)

The text "averaged" should appear automatically.

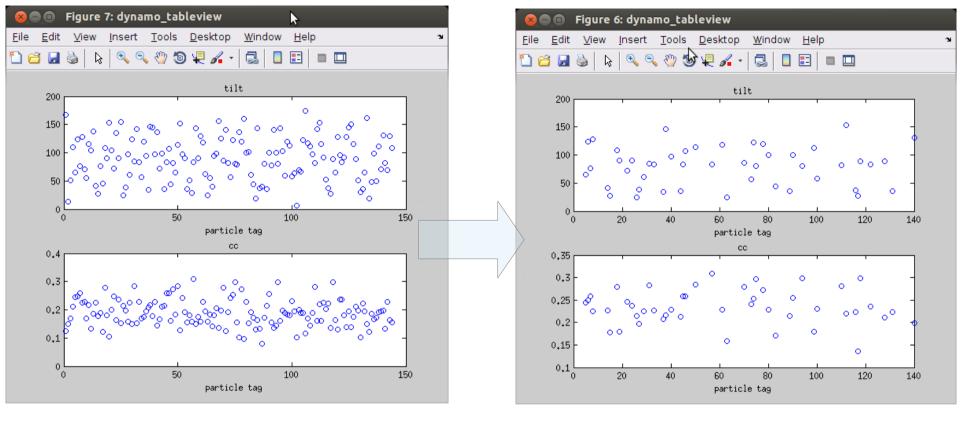






Switch on so that only particles in the selection will get depicted!

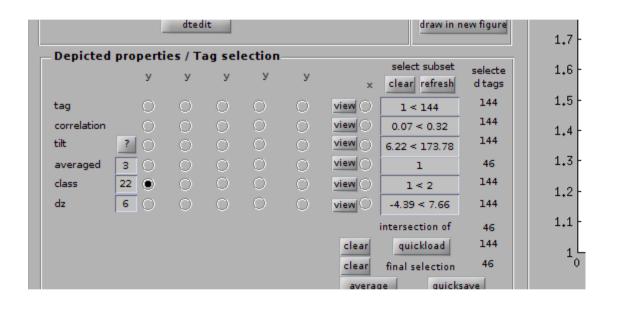
The depiction area should represent now only those particles contributing to the average





Tip:
Use these controls in order to produce different figures.
(figure 0 is the tableview window itself)

but we are still seeing the "tilt" and the "cc" (correlation) of each particle



You should see something like this:

most particles in this reference channel contain particles In original class 2 (I.e. insertions)

although there are also a few particles that had been missclassified (they belonged to the original class 1, without insertions)

