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Reduced Encoding Persistent Angular Structure

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Overview

- Aim: simple speed-up to PAS-MRI¹.
 - Make it practical for FOD reconstruction.
- Methods
 - What is PAS-MRI?
 - How to reduce the encoding?
- Experiments
 - Simulated data: FOD comparison.
 - Brain data: FOD comparison + prob tractography.

1. Jansons & Alexander *Inverse Problems* 2003.

Persistent Angular Structure (PAS) MRI

- Spherical deconvolution framework ².

$$A(\mathbf{q}) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) R(\mathbf{q}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) d\hat{\mathbf{x}}$$



- Maximum-entropy FOD ³. $f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \exp\left(\sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i R(\mathbf{q}_i, \hat{\mathbf{x}})\right)$

- Find λ_i 's in each voxel: Levenberg-Marquardt.

$$\exp\left(\text{Sphere}_1 + \text{Sphere}_2 + \dots + \text{Sphere}_N\right) = \exp\left(\text{Summed Spheres}\right) = \text{FOD}$$


2. Tournier et al. *NeuroImage* 2004.

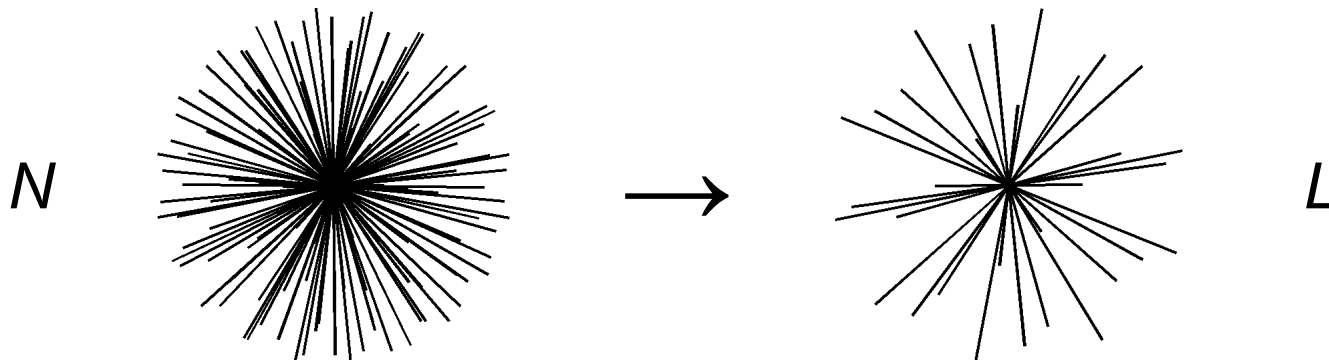
3. Alexander *Proc. IPMI* 2005.

Reduced Encoding PAS

- Reduce # encoding params: $L < N$.

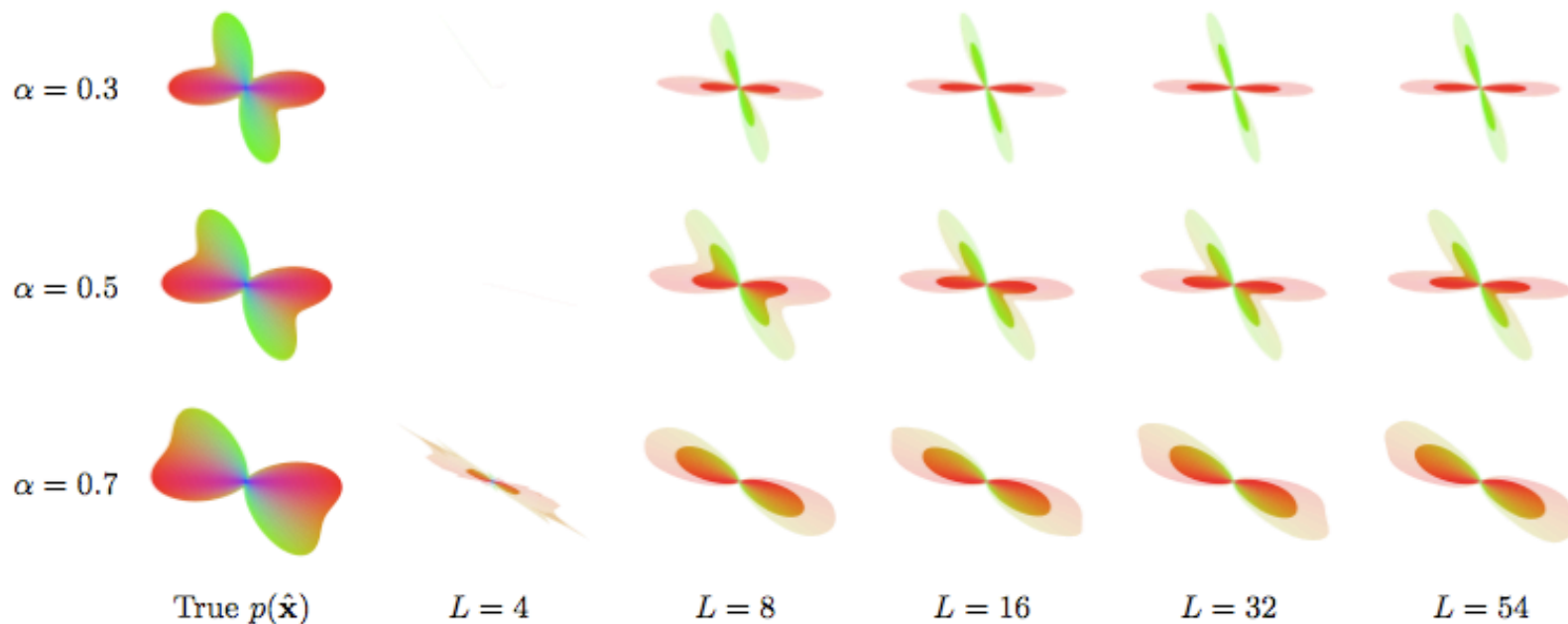
$$f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \exp \left(\sum_{i=0}^L \lambda_i R(\mathbf{v}_i, \hat{\mathbf{x}}) \right)$$

- Proportional reduction in time: $t_L \approx \frac{L}{N} t_N$
- Align R 's with L uniformly distributed axes.



Simulated Experiment: 2 Crossing Fibers

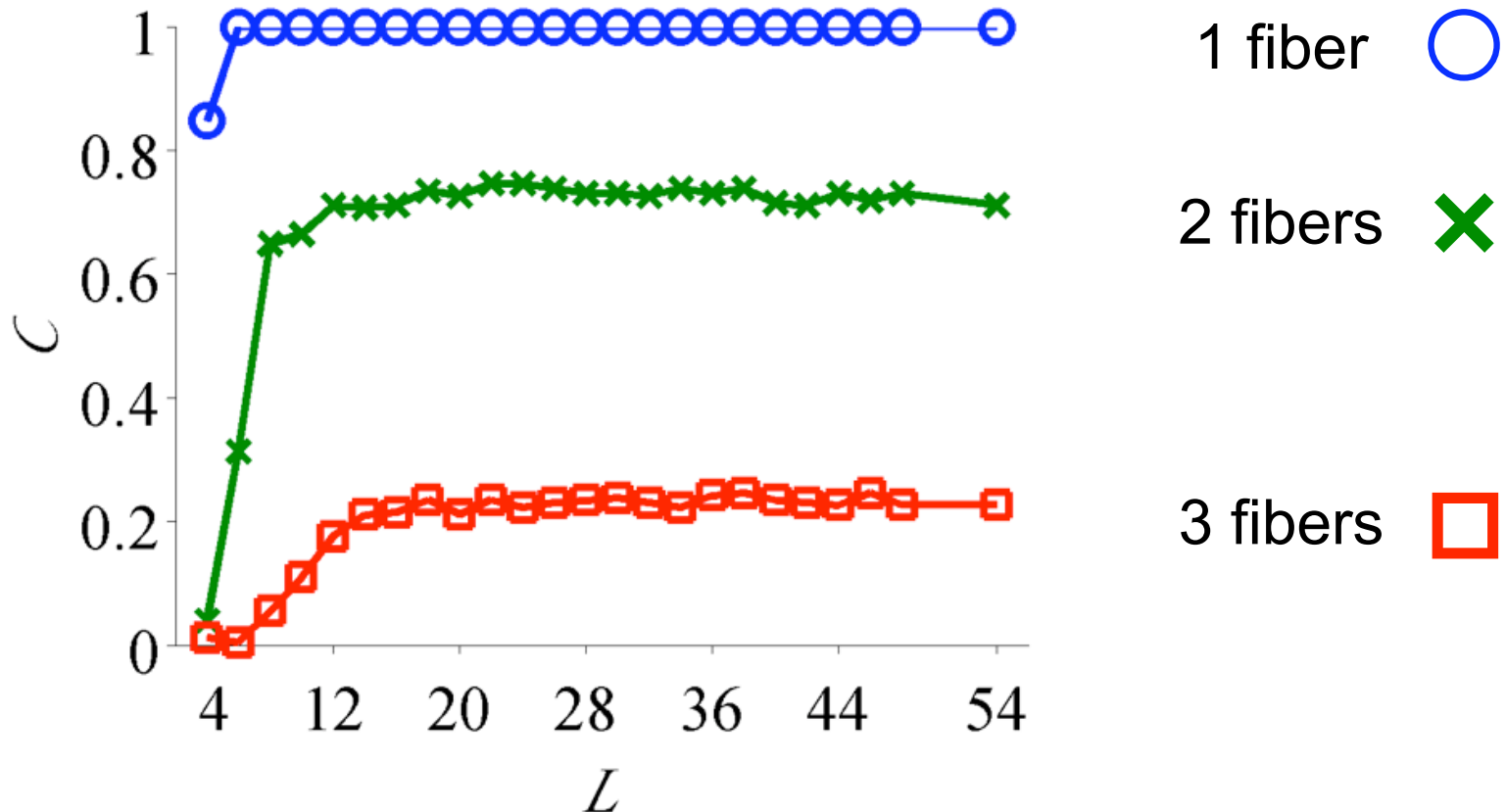
- Gaussian mixture ground truth: 256 voxels.
 - SNR=16, $M=6$, $N=54$, $b=1150$ s/mm².
- Retain angular resolution for $L \geq 16$ (mean + SD).



encoding directions \longrightarrow

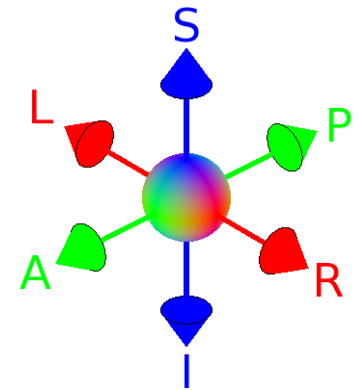
Simulated Experiment: Random Crossings

- 1,2,3 crossing fibers: angle $\sim [0, \pi / 4]$.
 - Consistency fraction (C): same # PDs, within $\sim 18^\circ$

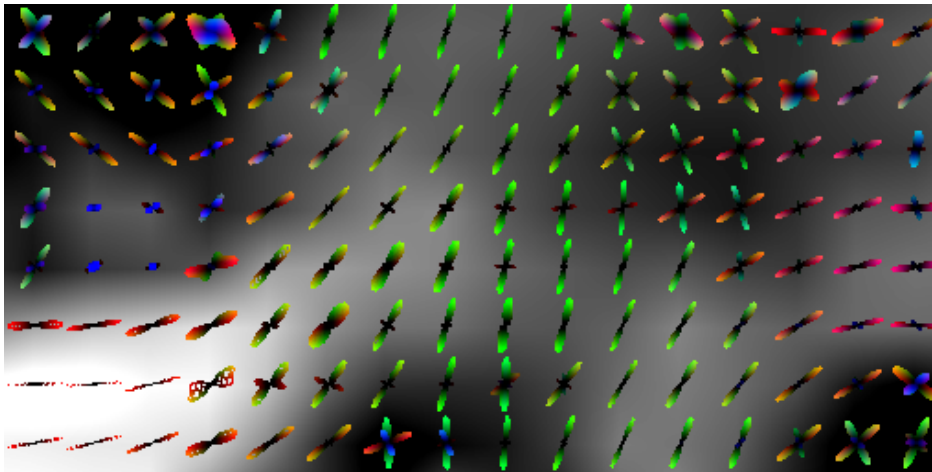


Experiments: Brain Data - Genu

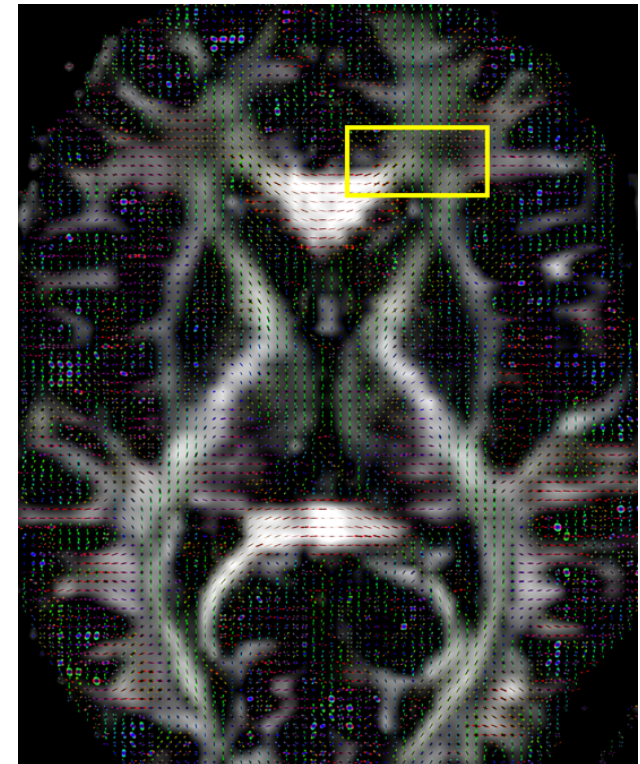
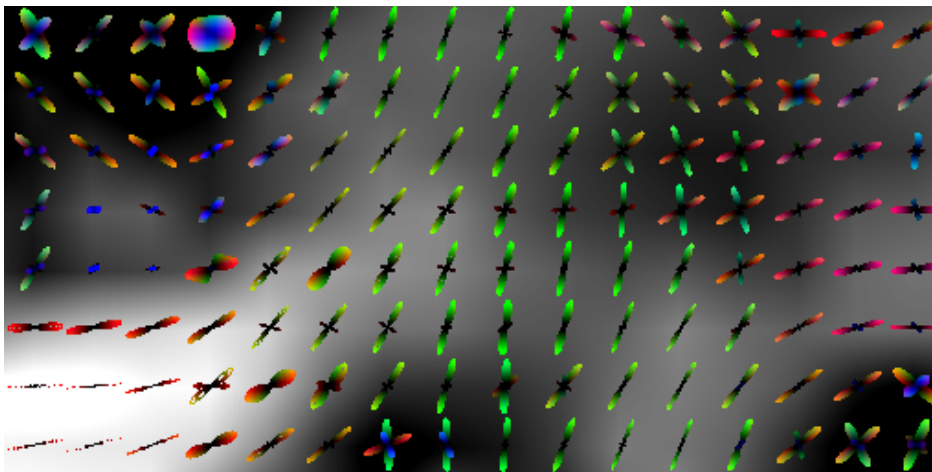
- SNR=12, $M=1$, $N=61$, $b=1200$ s/mm².



$L=16$

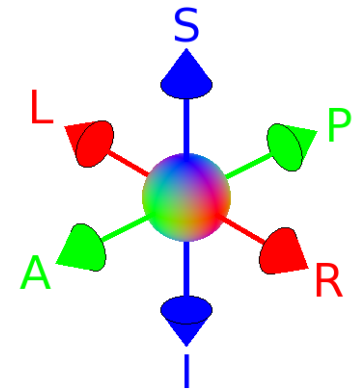


$L=N=61$

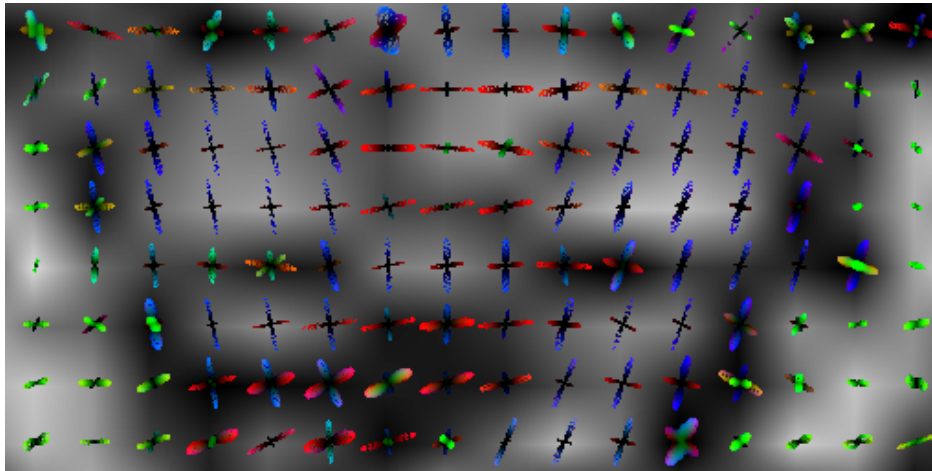


Experiments: Brain Data - Pons

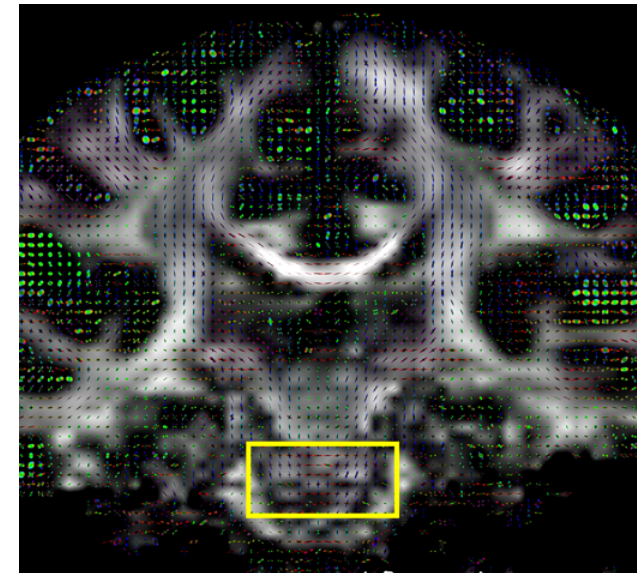
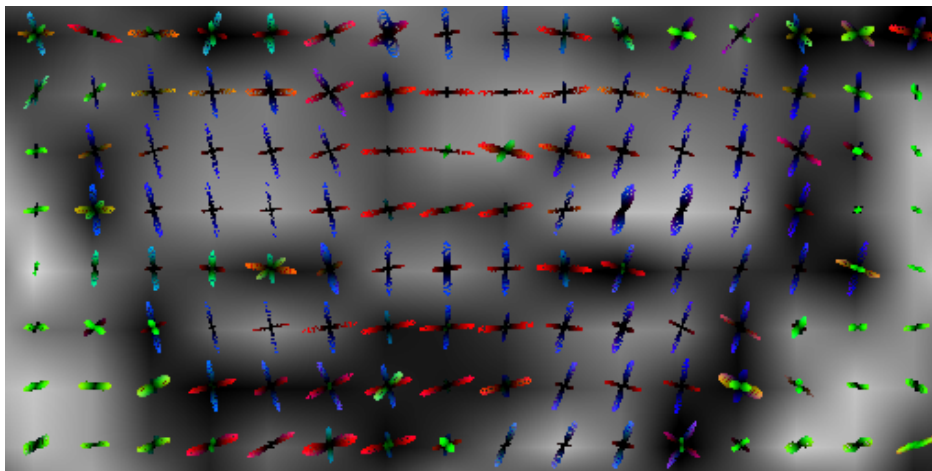
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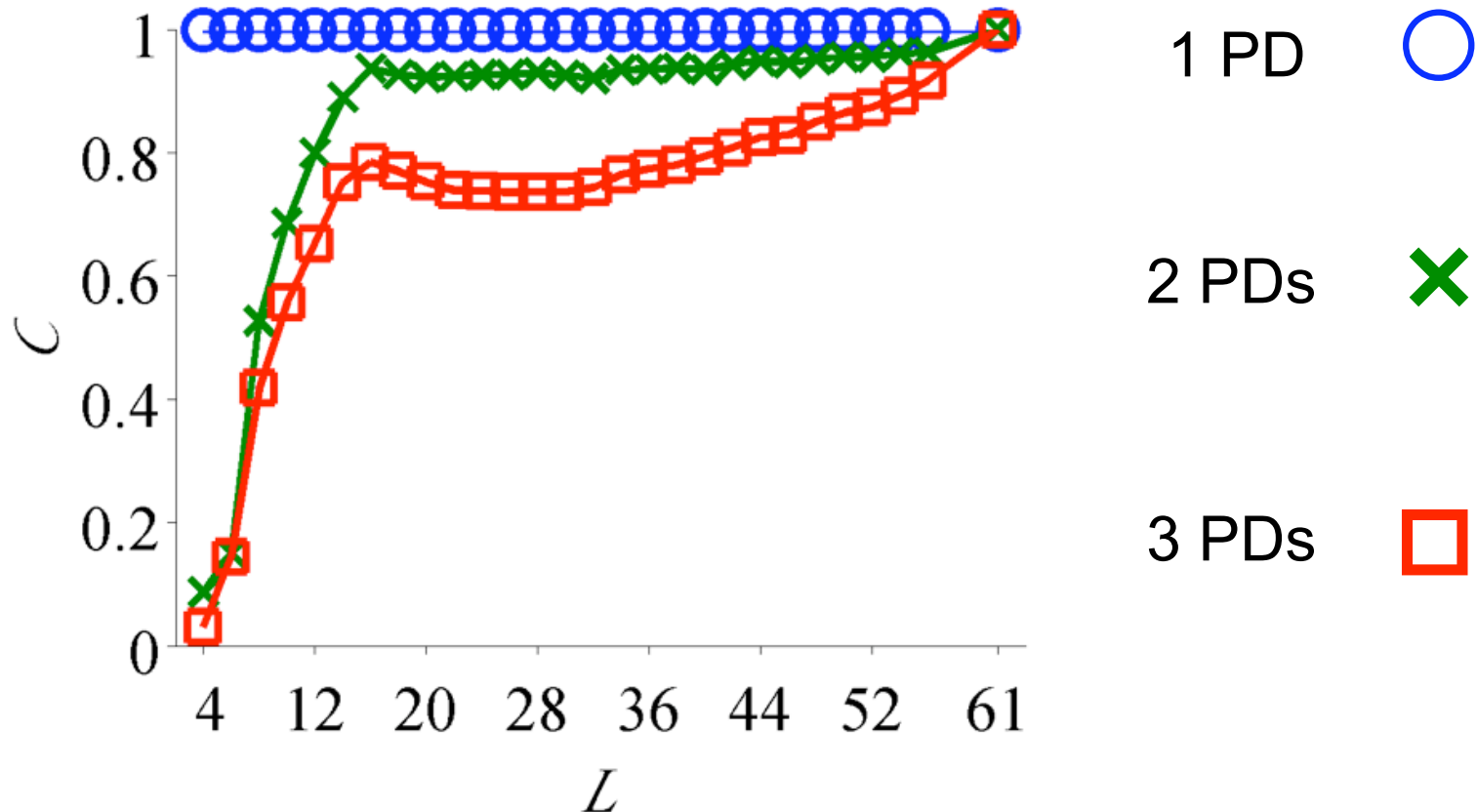


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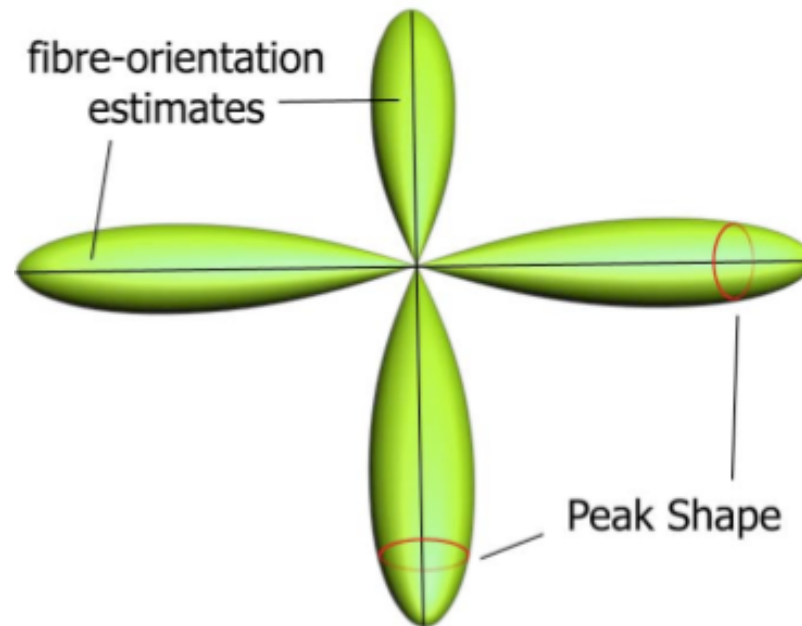
Experiments: Brain Data - Coronal Slice

- Consistency for first 1,2,3 principal directions(PDs)
 - Use $L=N$ as ground truth.



Experiments: Brain Data - Prob Tractography

- PICO-PAS tractography ⁴.
 - Peak shape → Bingham distribution params ⁵.
 - Can reduced encoding capture peak shape?



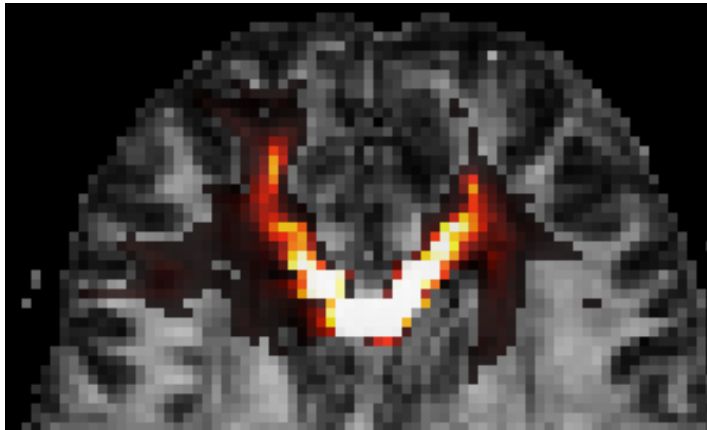
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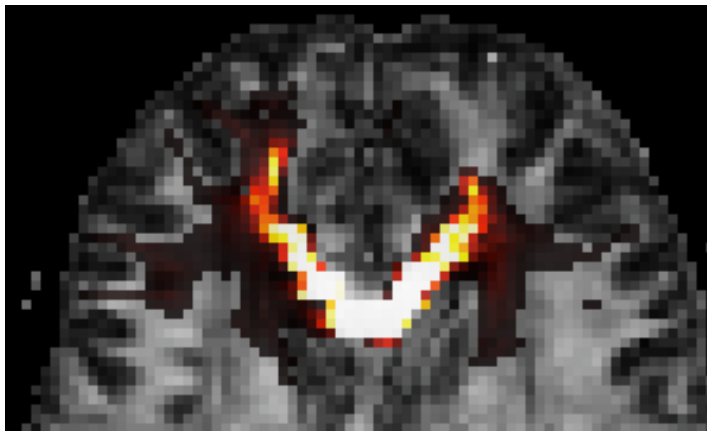
Experiments: Brain Data - Prob Tractography

- Visitation probability: max over seed ROI (genu).

$L=16$



$L=N=61$



Conclusions

- Future experiments.
 - Vary measurement parameters, e.g. N .
 - Quantify results on peak shape / tractography.
- Only need $L=16$ params to encode PAS FOD.
 - Similar reconstruction and performance.
- Recon time: ~ 0.25 per voxel (originally ~ 60 s).
 - Using $L=16$ & 'fast' PAS-MRI ⁶.

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