

GPI Users Guide (Core Nodes)

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Core Node Documentation

The following sections contain node documentation which can also be found in the ‘about’ widget of each node menu. The purpose of this document is to supply the user with a complete list of GPI nodes (and their descriptions) that are packaged as part of the ‘core’ library.

core.display.Audio

Converts numpy arrays into .wav format for reproduction on the audio system,
writes to /tmp directory, then plays .wav file.

INPUT:

1 dimensional real-valued array to be converted to audio.
Data values are normalized internally.

WIDGETS:

Sample Rate (samp/sec) – D/A dwell time of waveform
Loops – enter a number > 1 to play multiple times
Play – write waveform and play audio

KNOWN ISSUES:

None

core.display.CrossSection

Display image of 2D array. Dragging across image with left mouse button produces a graph of signal value along that line.

INPUT:

2D array

WIDGETS:

Viewport – displays image
Double clicking on Viewport area brings up a scaling widget to change the image size, and change graphic overlay

L W F C – (hidden by default – double click on widget area to show sliders)

Adjust value-to-pixel brightness mapping using Level/Window or Floor/Ceiling

Cross Section – hidden until line is drawn on image, then a graph of data values along line

core.display.DataQuery

A module for slicing, cropping and masking n-D numpy arrays.

INPUT – input array

OUTPUTS: output array – output is similar to center / width C/W option
in `reduce_GPI.py`

Data values are displayed in the textbox

WIDGETS:

I/O info: – shows size of input, output arrays, print data values
specified by the user

Dimension[i]

C/W – sliders select the center and width of cropping range along the
ith dimension

Compute – generate sliced/cropped data and display output values in the
textbox

core.display.dictionquery

Display contents of Dictionary-type data

INPUT

Data of type DICT

WIDGETS

Keys: comma-delimited list of dictionary elements to display

Range: allows inspection of a subset of large data arrays

C/W – sliders control center/width of range

B/E – sliders control begin/end of range

Slice – slider gives element to inspect

Pass – shows all elements

core.display.GLViewer

Prototype 3D GL Viewer

MOUSE EVENTS:

Left Button: translate object

Middle Button: move light source

Scroll wheel: zoom

Right Button: rotate (hold down shift key for different axis of
rotation)

INPUT:

GL Object List

OUTPUT:

2D ARGB (stored as 3D array, with last dim of length 4, uint (byte) data
for 0–255 per channel)

This is an image of what is rendered in the Viewport, useful for
gluing together images to make movies

WIDGETS:

Viewport

Poly-Fill Line/Point – toggles between showing polygons, lines, or points (depends on how objects are created)

PolySmooth – for smoothing polygons, implementation will vary

AntiAliasing – this option needs to be debugged further

Pixmap – shows the rendered pixmap. In this area, the scene is manipulated as follows:

Left Mouse Button Drag: translate object

Middle Mouse Button Drag: translate light source

Middle Mouse Wheel Scroll: Zoom

Right Mouse Button Drag: Rotate Object about 2 axes.

Hold down Shift key BEFORE selecting Right mouse button to change 2nd axis of rotation

Reset – resets rotation, translation, zoom to original values (x axis Horizontal, y axis vertical, z axis through-plane)

Compute/Nudge – sometimes needed to update renderer

Set Output – makes output port continually reflect image rendered in Viewport as ARGB data

KNOWN ISSUES:

Still needs to be tested on many platforms, bugs likely

On Linux platform, Z axis location occasionally seems to be improperly interpreted

core.display.ImageCompare

2D image Compare Module

INPUTS (must be the same size):

3D uint8 ARGB data (e.g. from ImageDisplay)

3D uint8 ARGB data (e.g. from ImageDisplay)

OUTPUT:

3D data of displayed image, last dimension has length 4 for ARGB byte (uint8) data

WIDGETS:

Transition: chooses how to transition between images of left and right ports

LeftRight: Toggles between left or right images

edge: slider to demarcate the line, or fading, between two images

core.display.ImageDisplay

2D image viewer for real or complex NPYarrays.

INPUT:

2D data, real or complex

3D uint8 ARGB data (e.g. output of another ImageDisplay node)

OUTPUT:

3D data of displayed image, last dimension has length 4 for ARGB byte (uint8) data

WIDGETS:

Complex Display – If data are complex, allows you to show Real, Imaginary, Magnitude, Phase, or "Complex" data.

If C (Complex) is chosen, then pixel brightness reflects value magnitude, while pixel color reflects value phase.

If input data are real-valued, this widget is hidden

Color Map – Chooses from a number of colormaps for real-valued data.

Not available if Scalar Display is "Sign"

Edge Pixels – only visible for complex input data with Complex Display set to "C"

Setting this to N creates an N-pixel color ring around the image border illustrating the phase-to-color mapping

Black Pixels – only visible for complex input data with Complex Display set to "C"

Setting this to N creates an N-pixel black ring around the image border (but inside the Edge Pixels ring) to separate the Edge pixel ring from the actual data image

Viewport – displays the image

Double clicking on Viewport area brings up a scaling widget to change the image size, and change graphic overlay

L W F C – (hidden by default – double click on widget area to show sliders)

Adjust value-to-pixel brightness mapping using Level/Window or Floor/Ceiling

Scalar Display – visible for real data, or complex data with "Complex Display" set to R, I, M, or P

Pass uses the real data in the data-to-pixel mapping

Mag uses the magnitude data in the data-to-pixel mapping (i.e. affects negative values only)

Sign will display positive values in green, and the absolute value of negative values in magenta

Gamma – changes gamma of display function. Default value of 1 gives linear mapping of data to pixel value
pixel values reflect value of data^γ

Zero Ref – visible for real data, or complex data with "Complex Display" set to R, I, M, or P
also invisible if "Scalar Display" set to Sign

This is used for the data-to-pixel value mapping

- maps the smallest value to black, and the largest value to white
- 0-> maps zero to black, and the largest value to white. All negative numbers are black
- 0- maps zero to middle gray, with the largest magnitude set to black (if negative) or white (if positive)
- <-0 maps zero to white, and the most negative value to black. All positive numbers are white

Fix Range

If Auto-Range On, the data range for pixel value mapping is rescaled whenever new data appears at input

If Fixed-Range On, the data range is fixed (and can be changed using Range Min and Range Max)

Range Min – shows minimum data value used for mapping to pixel values
This value can be changed if (and only if) "Fix Range" is set to "Fixed-Ranged On"

Range Max – shows maximum data value used for mapping to pixel values
This value can be changed if (and only if) "Fix Range" is set to "Fixed-Ranged On"

core.display.ImageRate

Module to compare images in a blinded and randomized manner.

Input Ports:

Input_List port requires a list of numpy arrays.

Each numpy array should have the following dimensions:

[different reconstructions to be compared (2 or 3); number of slices; x resolution; y resolution]

To combine different numpy arrays to a list copy the following code into a custom module:

```
in1 = self.getData('in1')
in2 = self.getData('in2')
# if in1 is a list, append in2 to the list, if in1 is not a list,
  combine them to a list
if type(in1) is list:
    in1.append(in2)
    out = in1
else:
    out = [in1, in2]
self.setData_ofPort('out1', out)
```

previous_analysis_array port is an optional port to load a previously stored analysis array (numpy array) to continue the interrupted work.

Widgets:

image comparison: select whether the image above the button is much better, better, or the same as the other image.

Use much better for obviously better images.

Use better if you require the Toggle button to detect small differences.

Use same if the quality is the same even after using the Toggle button.

If image quality rating is disabled, then the next slice will be displaced after pressing a button.

image quality: select the image quality of the image above as either excellent, good, diagnostic, or non-diagnostic.

This widget may not be visible in case the "Enable image quality rating" button is set to "Off".

Toggle: Toggle button to switch the image on the left with the image on the right.

current slice: Shows how many slices have been analyzed so far.

out of slices: Shows the number of slices to analyze.

Undo button: Press this button to undo the last selection made.

Enable image quality rating: The image quality rating widget is only visible if this button is set to On.

This button is only visible if the current slice is 0 (zero).

Output Ports:

image_for_display port is a 2-dimensional numpy array that should be connected to an ImageDisplay module.

analysis_array: The numpy array with the results of the analysys.

Use SaveNPY to store the results. Make sure to store every so often as a backup of your work.

You can load the stored backup by using LoadNPY and connecting to previous_analysis_array input port.

Data are stored as follows:

[nr_slices, 4/7]

per slice up to 4/7 (number of reconstructions 2/3)4/7 (number of reconstructions 2/3)4/7 (number of reconstructions 2/3)4/7 (number of reconstructions 2/3) values are stored.

0: comparison reconstruction 0 and 1:

0: reconstruction 0 is much better than reconstruction 1

1: reconstruction 0 is better than reconstruction 1

3: reconstruction 0 is the same as reconstruction 1

4: reconstruction 1 is better than reconstruction 0

5: reconstruction 1 is much better than reconstruction 0

1: image quality of reconstruction 0 determined when comparing with reconstruction 1

1: excellent

2: good

3: diagnostic

4: non-diagnostic

2: image quality of reconstruction 1 determined when comparing with reconstruction 0

1: excellent

2: good

3: diagnostic

4: non-diagnostic
 n.a./3: comparison reconstruction 0 and 2:
 0: reconstruction 0 is much better than reconstruction 2
 1: reconstruction 0 is better than reconstruction 2
 3: reconstruction 0 is the same as reconstruction 2
 4: reconstruction 2 is better than reconstruction 0
 5: reconstruction 2 is much better than reconstruction 0
 n.a./4: image quality of reconstruction 0 determined when
 comparing with reconstruction 2
 1: excellent
 2: good
 3: diagnostic
 4: non-diagnostic
 n.a./5: image quality of reconstruction 2 determined when
 comparing with reconstruction 0
 1: excellent
 2: good
 3: diagnostic
 4: non-diagnostic
 3/6 (last): patient number

core.display.Matplotlib

A Qt embedded plot window using the code from:

http://matplotlib.org/examples/user_interfaces/embedding_in_qt4_wtoolbar.html

keyboard shortcuts can be found here:

http://matplotlib.org/users/navigation_toolbar.html#navigation-keyboard-shortcuts

INPUTS

Up to 8 data sets can be plotted simultaneously

1D real-valued data are plotted as graph

2D data where the 2nd dimension is 2 will be plotted as X-Y parametric plot, otherwise

all other 2D data are plotted as series of 1D plots

core.fileIO.ReadCSV

Reads comma separated values in ASCII text to an NPY array.

core.fileIO.ReadHDF5

Reads HDF5 files using the h5py project libs.

NOTE: This is a simple reader for getting 'dataset' objects from an HDF5 file.

Since the files can be built in many different ways, this should be considered

a good starting point for writing code to read your specific format.

More

general use cases will be added in future releases.

core.fileIO.ReadImage

Read images into GPI as numpy arrays

OUTPUT: Numpy array read from image file

WIDGETS: I/O Info – Gives info on data file and type

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget if the pathway is known

Gray Scale – button to flatten the last dimension of jpg and png images.

If toggle is on, output is a grey-scale float32 array with the same dimensions as the original image

If toggle is off, output is a uint8 array with the last dimension BGRA

core.fileIO.ReadNPY

Read arrays that were written as Numpy files

OUTPUT: Numpy array read from file

WIDGETS:

I/O Info – Gives info on data file and data type

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget if the pathway is known.

Squeeze – option for squeezing data, which removes all dimensions of length 1 (all data preserved)

core.fileIO.ReadPhilips

A module for reading Philips MR Scanner data from .data/.list, .lab/.raw/.sin, or .par/.xml/.rec files

OUTPUTS:

data: MR data from file

noise: noise measurement data

phc: phase data for EPI correction

user_parms: scan information written to .txt file – requires appropriate addition to methods code

header: information from Philips header files (.list, .sin, .lab, .par, .xml)

WIDGETS:

I/O Info – Gives info on selected file, data type, data dimensionality and dimension labels.

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget if the pathway is known.

data/list only options:

ky chop – turns on/off ky chopping (multiplying data in even-numbered Y phase encodings by -1)

kz chop – turns on/off kz chopping (multiplying data in even-numbered Z phase encodings by -1)
 PROPELLER TSE – select when reading PROPELLER TSE data sets
 PROPELLER GRASE – select when reading PROPELLER GRASE data sets
 Re-scale Type: – used for par/rec files only
 FP = floating point
 DV = display value
 SV = stored value
 Apply Corrections: – applies the following raw data corrections (lab/raw/sin only)
 Profile dependent amplification
 Random phase
 Measurement phase
 Not performed:
 DC offset correction
 Execution Type – indicates if this module is run as thread, process, or apploop
 Read Param Only – set to read header only

NOTES:

1) This currently reads .data/.list, .lab/.raw/.sin, and .par/.xml/.rec files.

2) Tested acquisitions:

For .data/.list

Works:

FFE-2D (includes 2 averages)

FFE-MS

FFE-3D

FFE-MS-PartialEcho

TFE-MS

TSE-MS-Propeller (use PROPELLER TSE button)

bTFE-MS-cardiacTriggered

DWI-SEsshEPI-MS

fMRI-FFEsshEPI-MS-10dynamics

qFlow-T1TFE-2D-cardiacTriggered

SE-MS

SEsshEPI-MS

SEmshEPI-MS

T1FFE-2D-2echomDixon

T1FFE-3D-2echomDixon

TSE-MS (PROPELLER TSE button must be turned off)

Doesn't work:

bTFE-MS-cardiacRetrospective (uses rtop dimension, and will require rebinning of data)

All of the above work for .par/.xml/.rec

core.fileIO.ReadPhysioLog

Reads Physiology file generated by Philips Ingenia Scanner.

Separates text file into 11 channels:

- 0: v1raw – for ECG recording.
- 1: v2raw – for ECG recording
- 2: v1 – Smoothed ECG trace
- 3: v2
- 4: ppu – Pulse oximeter
- 5: resp – Respiratory Bellows
- 6: gx
- 7: gy
- 9: gz
- 10: mark – Scan markers. Includes scan start, scan stop, data acquisition markers, etc.

Each line in the physiology file represents 2 microseconds (500 Hz sampling rate).

NOTE: This is as simple case for reading physio-waveform files and should

be thought of as a start for implementing code specific to the needs of your application.

core.fileIO.ReadPickled

Provides an interface to the python pickle (cPickle) module for de-serializing py-objects from a file.

OUTPUT: Numpy array read from file

WIDGETS:

I/O Info – Gives info on data file and data type

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget if the pathway is known.

core.fileIO.ReadRaw

Reads raw data into several c-types: float, double, int, and char.

OUTPUT: Numpy array of data

WIDGETS:

I/O Info: information about file

File Browser: file browser

Skip Bytes: number of bytes past which to start reading data (e.g. size of header)

<type>: type of data in file

ndim: Number of dimensions to fill (of output array)

Dimension N: number of elements in the Nth dimension

Compute: compute

core.fileIO.WriteCSV

A module for writing NPY arrays to a comma separated value list in ASCII text.

INPUT: Numpy array to write to file

WIDGETS:

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget if the pathname is known.

Write Mode – write at any event, or write only with new filename

Write Now – write right now

core.fileIO.WriteHDF5

Uses the HDF5 h5py project interface for writing arrays.

INPUT – numpy array to write

WIDGETS:

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget, to give pathname for output file

Write Mode – write at any event, or write only with new filename

Write Now – write right now

NOTE: This is a simple writer for writing 'dataset' objects from an HDF5 file.

Since the files can be built in many different ways, this should be considered

a good starting point for writing code to write your specific format.

More

general use cases will be added in future releases.

core.fileIO.WriteImage

Uses the numpy save interface for writing arrays. File types are specified in the bottom of the file browser.

INPUT – Image array to write. This node is designed to write to file the output of the ImageDisplay node.

Image can be MxNx3 or MxNx4

If the shape is MxNx3, the array will store the RGB bands as the last dimension

If the shape is MxNx4, the array will store RGBA as the last dimension

WIDGETS:

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget, to give pathname for output file

***NOTE: If no extension (filetype) is specified, the input will be written as a .png file.

Automatically appending the filetype based on the chosen file filter (in the Save File dialog box)

has yet to be implemented.
Write Mode – write at any event, or write only with new filename
Write Now – write right now

core.fileIO.WriteNPY

Uses the numpy save interface for writing arrays.

INPUT – numpy array to write

WIDGETS:

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget, to give
pathname for output file
Write Mode – write at any event, or write only with new filename
Write Now – write right now

core.fileIO.WritePickled

Implements the python pickle (cPickle) module for serializing py-objects
and writing to a file. Uses HIGHEST_PROTOCOL.

INPUT: numpy array

WIDGETS:

File Browser – Browse button to launch file browser, or typein widget
for entering path for file to be written
Write Mode – write at any event, or write only with new filename
Write Now – write right now

core.fileIO.WriteRaw

A module for writing NPY arrays to a raw data file (no header)

INPUT: Numpy array to write to file

WIDGETS:

File Browser – button to launch file browser, and typein widget if the
pathway is known.
Write Mode – write at any event, or write only with new filename
Write Now – write right now

core.generators.Bool

Specify a python boolean for use as node-data or widget-ports-parms.

OUTPUT – boolean value

WIDGETS:

bool – specifies whether boolean is True or False

core.generators.Float

Specify a python float for use as node-data or widget-ports-parms.

OUTPUT – float value

WIDGETS:

float – float value to output

core.generators.GLObject

A basic module for generating GL object descriptions using GPI format. These objects can be accumulated by creating a string of GLObjects nodes, with the output of one node fed to the input of the next node. The final list of GL objects can be viewed using the GLViewer

INPUTS:

GL Object List – optional input takes the output of another GLObject module, for concatenating all objects in a list

Crds – optional input of k-space coordinates, as a numpy array, for use with the "trajectory" GL Objects function.

The last dimension must be 3, corresponding to kx/ky/kz

OUTPUTS – GL Object List

WIDGETS:

GL Objects – type of GL Object to create

Self Evident, hook up to GLViewer to display. Clip Plane must be combined with a GL Object to observe

Color – changes hue of object

Subdiv – for sphere and cylinders, specifies how many planar surfaces to approximate curve

Pos X, Pos Y, Pos Z – X, Y, Z coordinates for center of object

Rot X, Rot Y, Rot Z – specifies rotation of object

Multiples – allows one to create more than one instance of object, at pseudo-random locations

IF GL Objects = Sphere:

Radius – Radius of Sphere

IF GL Objects = Cylinder:

Base, Top, Height – specifies lower and upper diameter of cylinder and its height

IF GL Objects = Axes:

Radius – length of axes

Tube Radius – Diameter of axes cylinders

IF GL Objects = Text:

Text – string to display

IF GL Objects = Trajectory or Random Trajectory:

Tube Radius – diameter of cylinders used to show trajectory

IF GL Objects = Clip Plane:

Plane No. – Specify which of 6 clipping planes are defined

core.generators.Integer

Specify a python integer for use as node-data or widget-ports-params.

OUTPUT – integer value

WIDGETS:

int – integer value to output

core.generators.List

Add objects from the input port to a python list. Used for saving multiple serializable objects or for combining numpy arrays.

INPUT – any type: List concatenates to a growing python list

OUTPUT – python list

WIDGETS:

Clear List – clear python list at OUTPUT

core.generators.Shapes

Geometric function generator (used to make different shapes in 1, 2, or 3 dimensions).

INPUT: Optional input – data are not used, but the shape of this array (ndim and array shape) are used for the output array

OUTPUT: 1D, 2D, or 3D real-valued numpy array

WIDGETS: (some of these parameters change in special-use cases)

Dimensions – specify whether output data is 1D, 2D, or 3D

Function – type of Geometric function to create

Compute – turn off to change parameters without generating new data (turn on to generate data)

Dimension: i – for the ith dimension:

size is the length of that dimension for the output data
width is (usually) the width of the Geometric Function,
≤ size

Note for some Functions, only Dimension: 1 is shown even for 2D and 3D dimensions, implying that the output data will have the same size/width in all dimensions

VecLen: Size of last dimension, if > 1. In this case, the Geometric Function is copied along this dimension

Pass Value: Maximum value in function

Stop Value: Value in data outside of function

Window: allows one to taper function, creates a linear ramp between the pass and stop value.

Window units are in %, from 0 (creating a sharp edge)
to 100 (tapering from the edge to the
middle of the object)

Some Special Use Cases:

For Sinc function, width specifies the width of the main lobe.

Window allows for additional tapering of the edges

For Poly, one can specify the 0th, 1st, and 2nd order coefficients of
an N-dimensional polynomial

For Noise, one can specify the Noise standard deviation. Everytime
the module is poked, it generates a
new pseudo-random instance of noise

core.generators.SheppLogan

Generates a Shepp-Logan phantom of the designated size.

core.generators.String

Specify a python string for use as node-data or widget-ports-parms.

OUTPUT - string value

WIDGETS:

string - string value to output

core.gridding.DegridDFT

Inverse Gridding module for Post-Cartesian Data using DFT - works with 2
D data

This is to create exact k-space data corresponding to any image, often
for simulation and testing

INPUTS:

image - k-space complex data - if not supplied, Grid uses "1" for all of
its data

coords - k-space coordinates, normalized in units of "1/resolution", i.e
. ranging from -0.5 to 0.5

Last dimension must be 2 or 3 (corresponding to kx/ky or kx/
ky/kz, respectively)

Coordinates at the very edge of gridded k-space then have
values of -/+ 0.5

OUTPUTS:

out - gridded data, same dimensions as coords

WIDGETS:

Eff Mtx - effective matrix of coords (specifies Nyquist distance)

core.gridding.Grid

Gridding module for Post-Cartesian Data – works with 2D and 3D data

INPUTS:

data – k-space complex data – if not supplied, Grid uses "1" for all of its data
coords – k-space coordinates, normalized in units of "1/resolution", i.e. ranging from -0.5 to 0.5
 Last dimension must be 1, 2 or 3 (corresponding to kx, kx/ky, or kx/ky/kz, respectively)
 Coordinates at the very edge of gridded k-space then have values of -/+ 0.5
weighting – sampling density correction – if not supplied, Grid uses "1"
params_in – optional dictionary from (e.g.) spiralcoords, to automatically specify the effective matrix

OUTPUTS:

gridded data, which is M+E dimensions, where
 M is 1, 2 or 3, depending on last dimension of coords input (i.e. 1D, 2D, or 3D)
 The size of these M dimensions is 1.5 times the given effective matrix
 E is (# input data dims) – (Dims per set widget value)
 E represents slices, coils, etc., which don't get gridded together.

WIDGETS:

Dims per Set – How many dimensions get gridded into the same space (and the space is determined by the last dim of coords)
 Remaining dimensions are independent, e.g. for slices, coils, etc.
Eff MIX XY – number of pixels in the final image (XY), nominally (without zero-padding) given by FOV/resolution
 Add 25% to matrix for "true resolution" for (e.g.) spiral
 Output data are gridded to a matrix 50% larger than this to mitigate gridding artifacts
Eff MIX Z – number of pixels in the final image (Z), nominally (without zero-padding) given by FOV/resolution
 Add 25% to matrix for "true resolution" for (e.g.) stack of cones, spherical distributed spiral, FLORET
 Output data are gridded to a matrix 50% larger than this to mitigate gridding artifacts
dx, dy, dz – for off-center FOV correction. Specify number of pixels in each direction to shift (in image space) prior to gridding.

Note on Input dimensions: If coords is N dimensions, with the last used for the 2D/3D information,

- 1) weights must have N-1 dimensions, of the same shape as corresponding coords
- 2) data can have N-1 or more dimensions (of correct shape)
- 3) If data has extra dimension (the first dimensions), data from each index in these dimensions are gridded using the same coords and weights

Examples: 2D Spiral Gridding, 4-channel coil, 22 slices, 32 arms, 4056 points per interleaf

data are complex, 4 x 22 x 32 x 4056
 coords are real, 22 x 32 x 4056 x 2
 weights are real, 22 x 32 x 4056
 Dims per Set widget is 2
 Eff Mtx XY widget is 200
 output data size is 4 x 22 x 300 x 300

3D Distributed Spiral Gridding, 8 coils, 320 arms, 4056 points per interleaf

data are complex, 8 x 320 x 4056
 coords are real, 320 x 4056 x 3
 weights are real, 320 x 4056
 Dims per Set widget is 2
 Eff Mtx XY widget is 160
 Eff Mtx Z widget is 120
 output data size is 8 x 180 x 240 x 240

core.gridding.Rolloff

Implements rolloff correction in-house 2D gridding module written in C++.

This module corrects the image shading created by the Grid module and crops the data by 1/3 in each Gridded dimension to produce an image of the right matrix size

INPUT: complex data – typically the output of Grid, Fourier Transformed to image space

These data can represent 1D, 2D or 3D data, with optional extra dimensions representing (e.g.) coils or slices

OUTPUT: complex data after Rolloff Correction

WIDGETS:

Num Rolloff Dims – Set to 1, 2, or 3 corresponding to 1D, 2D, or 3D gridded data sets

Remaining dims are treated independently, e.g. as slices, coils, etc.

Isotropic FOV – multiplies data by a circular/spherical mask for 2D/3D data

core.gridding.Rolloff_Comp

Implements rolloff correction in-house 2D gridding module written in C++.

This module corrects the image shading created by the Grid module and crops the data by 50% in each Gridded dimension to produce an image of the right matrix size

INPUT: complex data – typically the output of Grid, Fourier Transformed to image space

These data can represent 1D, 2D or 3D data, with optional extra dimensions representing (e.g.) coils or slices

OUTPUT: complex data after Rolloff Correction

WIDGETS:

Multiple Sets – if this is selected, then the first dimension is presumed to be the (e.g.) coil or slice dimension, so the rolloff correction (and 50% size reduction) are not performed.

Isotropic FOV – multiplies data by a circular/spherical mask for 2D/3D data

core.gridding.SDC

Computes Sampling Density Correction for 2D and 3D waveforms

INPUTS

crds – input coordinates, which range from -0.5 to $+0.5$.
the last dimension is 2 or 3, corresponding to 2D (kx/ky) or 3D (kx/ky/kz)

wates – optional relative weights, used to preferentially use some data over others in areas of overlap

params_in – optional dictionary from (e.g.) spiralcoords, to automatically specify the effective matrix

OUTPUTS – sampling density, same size as crds (minus the last dimension)

WIDGETS:

computenow – turn off to change effective matrix without computing the sampling density

Dims per Set – how many of the dimensions to compute together as 1 set of coordinates. Allows for extra dimensions for (e.g.) slices, diffusion weightings, whatever

Iterations – times to iterate algorithm

Effective Matrix XY – FOV/resolution in X&Y, which indicates the width of data correlation in k-space

Effective Matrix Z – FOV/resolution in Z, which indicates the width of data correlation in k-space

Taper – taper the weights at the edge of k-space; value indicates the fraction of k-space radius to (linearly) taper from 1 to 0 (at the very edge): 0 gives no taper, 1 is "full" taper

core.interfaces.Alert

Warn the user when this node has received data. Either thru terminal bell or OSX voice synth. The voice settings can be changed in the System Preferences.

core.interfaces.Custom

This node provides a simple code input interface and editor for generating Python code to be executed in the node compute() on-the-fly. The editor includes syntax highlighting. The four InPorts provided are labeled: 'in1', 'in2', 'in3', and 'in4' (similarly for the OutPorts).

This code is run in a Python exec statement and therefore has associated limitations (e.g. return statements). New widgets cannot be added to the widget interface, however, packages that contain UI elements can be spawned using the Execution-Type 'Main Loop'.

core.interfaces.Facebook_Twitter

A node for sharing data, code, and the joy of GPI with others.
–keep others up to date with step-by-step tweets of your exec-flow.
–ping your blogosphere with the latest data analysis.

core.interfaces.Template

A basic module for tutorial purposes. This module contains all stock widgets and types so that the node-developer can preview and read auto-doc information about each object.

core.interfaces.www

Browse the web for data, search your local subversion repo for code hints, or update the GPI wiki.

core.iterate.AutoNum

A visual for-loop that produces floats and integers for a predefined limits and steps.
Module will output an number, wait for all other modules to run, then output the next integer
Also allows generation of uniformly distributed random numbers, and manually-entered numbers
A second "bound" mode is employed when input port is populated for spanning the bounds of a given dim.

INPUTS:

`in_array` – When populated, user specifies dimension, and can automatically or manually change index in the range of that dimension

OUTPUTS:

`int_out` – integer output, given as `round(float_out)`
`dict_for_reduce` – passes the widget type necessary to hook IntegerLoop up to Reduce widget InPort
`float_out` – floating point output

WIDGETS:

`Dimension` – when `in_array` populated, lets user pick dimension to for step to span
`Randomize` – output value is either RANDOM or LINEAR, the latter = $\text{Minimum} + \text{step} * (\text{Step Size})$
`LOOP` – when selected, step runs from 0 to "Number of Steps"–1
`Minimum` – value corresponding to `step=0` for LINEAR mode, or minimum range of output for RANDOM mode
`Maximum` – value corresponding to last step for LINEAR mode, or maximum range of output for RANDOM mode
`Step Size` – change in value per step for LINEAR mode
`Number of Steps` – number of iterations between Minimum and Maximum
`step` – current index
`Value` – current value presented at output, either a random number between Minimum and Maximum for RANDOM mode or equal to $\text{Minimum} + \text{step} * (\text{Maximum} - \text{Minimum}) / (\text{"Number of Steps"} - 1)$

core.iterate.ConjugateGradient

A node that allows cyclic connections and provides a countdown for iterative algorithms using the conjugate gradient approach. The code tries to

match the nomenclature of the excellent article by Jonathan Richard Shewchuk,

An Introduction to the Conjugate Gradient Methods Without the Agonizing Pain

and in particular equations 45–49 on page 32 of that manuscript.

The node will automatically step through a specified number of iterations

So we are solving for $Ax = b$

INPUTS: The first four inputs are initialization, the last one is for iteration

`d_in` – initial guess for direction to move, equals $b - Ax$ (Eq. 45)

`r_in` – initial guess, same as `d_in`, equals $b - Ax$ (Eq. 45)

`x_in` – initial guess for x

Ad_in – matrix A times d_in

Adloop_in – used during iterations, this takes A multiplied by d_out (below)

OUTPUTS:

d_out – multiply this vector by A and send back to Adloop_in

r_out – not really used, just FYI

x_out – the final answer

WIDGETS:

Current Iteration – lets you know which iteration is being performed

Max Iteration – enter the desired number of iterations

Start/Stop – click on to start, click off to stop before iterations are done

Step – click to step through one more iteration

Reset – click to reset iteration count and begin with initial conditions

core.iterate.IntegerLoop

A visual for-loop that produces integers a predefined limits and steps.

Module will output an integer, wait for all other modules to run, then output the next integer

It will repeat this for the specified number of steps

OUTPUTS:

step_out – steps from the specified min to specified max over number of steps

rand_out – outputs a random integer between Minimum and Maximum

dict_for_reduce – passes the widget type necessary to hook IntegerLoop up to Reduce widget InPort

WIDGETS:

Minimum – starting value for step_out

Maximum – ending value for step_out

Number of Steps – number of iterations between Minimum and Maximum

Value – current value of step_out

Textbox – gives stepsize, value of step_out, and value of rand_out

ON/OFF – toggles starting and stopping the Looping process

core.iterate.Iter

A node that allows cyclic connections and provides a countdown for iterative algorithms.

INPUTS:

n+1 – input for iterations, typically data taken from output "n" and processed

n_0 – initial condition

OUTPUT:

n – value of data at nth iteration

WIDGETS:

Current Iteration – reports current iteration index

Max Iteration – enter number of desired iterations

Start/Stop – starts/stops iterations

Reset – resets iteration count to zero and data to initial condition (at input n_0)

core.math.Calc101

Integrate or Differentiate along a given axis

INPUT – numpy array to operate on

OUTPUT – numpy array after operation

WIDGETS:

Operation – select Integrate or Differentiate operation

Dimension – select axis along with to integrate or differentiate

core.math.Collapse

Collapse data along selected dimension

INPUT – input array

OUTPUTS:

out1 – output array, with 1 less dimension than input array (collapsed version)

out2 – single value from taking operation on entire array, active when "Collapse All" is selected

WIDGETS:

Status, Info – information boxes

Operation – selected method of collapse

Min, Max, Mean, Std. Dev, Sum, RMS, Prod, Median – self-evident

Energy – sum of squares along dimension

SWA – Energy/Sum

Max Val Index – index along dimension at which the maximum value occurs

Geo-Avg – Nth root of Prod, where N is the size of the collapse dimension

Dimension – dimension along with to collapse

Compute – compute

Span Entire Dimension – select whether to collapse along the entire span of specified dimension

Dimension Start_Index – if Span Entire Dimension is off, lets you pick index of where collapse starts

Dimension Stop_Index – if Span Entire Dimension is off, lets you pick index of where collapse ends

Collapse_All – when off, module collapses along single (specified) dimension, output array at out1

when on, module collapses entire data set, output value at
out2

core.math.Compare

Node to get compare 2 numpy arrays

INPUT – Two data sets to be compared – they must be the same size and
type

OUTPUT:

diff – Difference image ($L - R$) after optional normalization

WIDGETS:

Info: gives RSS Difference and Dot Product after optional normalization

define $D = L - R$

define A^* as an array with conjugate element values of the array A

define $A A^*$ as the element-wise product of A and A^*

RSS Difference = $\sqrt{\text{sum}(D D^*)}$, where the sum is over all
elements

Dot Product = $\text{sum}(L R^*)$, where the sum is over all elements

When data are normalized, the Dot product is the correlation (
assuming 0 mean)

Normalize: Divide each array A by $\sqrt{\text{sum}(A A^*)}$, where A^* is the
conjugate of A , and the sum is over all elements
this effectively makes each array have "unit length"

core.math.DiffRMS

Node to get compare RMS difference between data sets. Data set on right
is scaled to minimize RMS diff

INPUT – Two data sets to be compared – they must be the same size and
type

OUTPUT:

diff – Difference image after scaling

scaled_rhs – scaled version of right input data

WIDGETS:

Info: gives RMS Error and Scaling Factor

core.math.FFT_NUMPY

Fast Fourier Transformation of N-dimensional data via scipy library.
Cropping and zero-padding only work on transformed dimensions.

INPUT – data to be transformed, can be real or complex. DC is assumed
to be at index $N/2$ (starting at 0)

OUTPUT – transformed data, complex. DC is at index $N/2$ (starting at 0)

WIDGETS:

Dimension i – button turns off/on transform in i th dimension
factor and length are redundant parameters, length is the
output dimension size
factor = length/(input dimension size)
factors < 1 result in cropping data before transformation
factors > 1 result in zero-padding before transformation
compute – compute
direction – select whether you want a Forward or Inverse FFT

core.math.FFTW

A module that implements the FFTW C++ package.

Cropping and zero-padding only work on transformed dimensions.

INPUT – data to be transformed, can be real or complex. DC is assumed
to be at index $N/2$ (starting at 0)

OUTPUT – transformed data, complex. DC is at index $N/2$ (starting at 0)

WIDGETS:

Dimension i – button turns off/on transform in i th dimension
factor and length are redundant parameters, length is the
output dimension size
factor = length/(input dimension size)
factors < 1 result in cropping data before transformation
factors > 1 result in zero-padding before transformation
compute – compute
direction – select whether you want a Forward or Inverse FFT

core.math.Float_Math

A node to do float math

INPUT: input float

OUTPUT: output float

WIDGETS:

For two inputs – math operations – add, subtract, multiply, divide, mod
and power

For single input – math operations – add, subtract, multiply, divide,
mod, power by scalar and do absolute, exponent, square root

core.math.Interpolate

A node to linearly interpolate in specified directions.

INPUT: input numpy array

OUTPUT: interpolated data in the specified directions.

WIDGETS:

Dimension[n]: For each dimension ,
factor – (desired output length)/(input length)
length – desired output length
Compute – compute

core.math.Math

Perform real or complex scalar operations on a per element basis.

Three Modes of Operation:

- 1) Standard – basic Arithmetic and exponential operations.
- 2) Trigonometric – basic Trigonometric operations.
- 3) Comparison – returns maximum, minimum, or bit mask based on comparison between inputs or against Scalar.

Operations which do not commute (e.g. divide) operate left to right , e.g
∴

output = (left port) / (right port)

core.math.phaseUnwrap

Unwraps the data of a numpy array containg phase along the specified dimension.

Widgets:

Dimension: dimension to unwrap along
Units: choose degrees or radians

core.math.Reggression

A module for doing least squares fitting of input data to a user defined model. Fitting is always done along the first dimension.

INPUTS:

dataIn – data to fit (i.e. "Y" values , assume "X" values are linear)
coordsIn – "X" values corresponding to "Y" values of dataIn , if they are not linear

OUTPUTS:

fit – the fit curve
coefficients – coefficients of the fit polynomial
residual – the input data minus the fit curve

WIDGETS:

Mode – choose type of fit
Info – some instructions for use
For Mode = Polynomial Fit

Polynomial order – 0 fits to a constant, 1 fits to a line, 2 fits to a parabola, etc.

For Mode = Generalized Linear

data are fit to a linear sum of functions_which_depend_on_x

Model Parameters – number of functions to fit (number of coefficients to calculate)

fi(x) – the model for the ith function, written as a python function of x. Examples include:

1 (i.e. just a constant)

np.power(x,3) (fit to x^3)

np.sin(x) (fit to sin of x)

For Mode = Generalized Non-Linear

See Info box (with this Mode selected) for detailed information

core.math.RIMP

Output the Real, Imaginary, Magnitude, or Phase of a Complex array, element-wise

INPUT – complex data array

OUTPUT – real-valued array

WIDGETS:

R I M P – select Real, Imaginary, Magnitude, or Phase

Units – for Phase, select Degrees, Radians, or Cycles

Unwrap – for Phase, you can do simple phase unwrapping in one direction

Unwrap Dimension – for Phase, choose the dimension for phase unwrapping

core.math.Rotate

A node to rotate data about a plane specified by two axes

INPUT: input numpy array

OUTPUT: output numpy array

WIDGETS:

Theta is entered in degrees

Output can be reshaped to contain the input after rotation

Modes of rotation – constant, nearest, reflect and wrap can be chosen

Order for interpolation can be specified.

core.math.Statistics

Generate Statistics for numpy array

min,max,mean,and std are reported in the Data Statistics Text box, also via separate Outputs

core.math.ValueBounds

Clamp, Threshold, or Scale values

Pass does not operate on the data, but sets the min and max widgets to reflect data min and max

Clamp takes all values above(below) the max(min) and sets them to the max(min)

Threshold takes all values above(below) the max(min) and sets them to zero

Scale "Min" OR "Max" multiplies the data by a constant for the desired min/max

Scale "Min" AND "Max" multiplies the data by a constant and adds an offset for the desired min & max

For complex numbers, the operations work on the magnitude, while preserving phase

core.math.Zeropad

Fast Fourier Transformation of N-dimensional data via scipy library.

INPUT – data to be zeropadded or sinc-interpolated, can be real or complex. DC is assumed to be at index $N/2$ (starting at 0)

OUTPUT – Return Sinc interpolated data – zero-padding or cropping is applied in the transform domain.

WIDGETS:

Dimension i – button turns off/on transform in ith dimension
factor and length are redundant parameters, length is the output dimension size
factor = length/(input dimension size)
factors < 1 result in cropping data before transformation
factors > 1 result in zero-padding before transformation

compute – return sinc interpolated data after FFT forward the input data
→ zero-pad → FFT backward

core.shapers.Combine

Combine two data sets along any dimension.

e.g. put two images side-by-side

Several restrictions are in place requiring arrays to be of the same size;

this module should be updated to be more flexible in the future

core.shapers.Dimensions

Perform operations on an array that generally change its shape and order, but not so much the actual data

INPUT – input array

OUTPUT – output array

WIDGETS:

Info: – information on size, etc of input and output array – very useful to pay attention to this

Operation:

Reshape – give new dimensions to file (must be same total size), while data stay in same order in memory

Combine – combine 2 dimensions, output array will have one less dimension

Split – split a dimension into two dimensions, output array will have one extra dimension

Extend – add an extra dimension; if length of that dimension > 1 , the data will be copied along that dimension

Transpose – transpose any dimensions

Flip – mirror the data along any dimension (can flip in multiple dimensions)

Shift – shift data along any dimension, filling in with zeros

CircShift – circularly shift data along any dimension, wrapping the data from the outgoing edge back around

Tile – Separate a dimension so that it is tiled in the other dimensions – may not work in all cases (useful for 3D data)

core.shapers.Extend

Inserts an extra dimension of length 1, to the beginning of the shapes array.

core.shapers.Glue

Node to serially append input data to output data in specified direction

INPUT: input numpy array

OUTPUT: data containing glued-together pieces of input data

WIDGETS:

Autoadd: when true, any new incoming data automatically gets glued to output data

Add Now: when pressed, existing data at input port is glued to output data

Glue Dimension: dimension in which to glue input data together

A negative one here means a "new" dim 0, not the typical python -1 wrapped dim

Once the gluing starts, this cannot be changed until output data are cleared

Glue Dim Size: Reports back size along the gluing dimension

Clear Output: Press twice in a row to clear output data (must press twice!).

core.shapers.Recast

Change the NPY array data type (dtype) from any type to int<n>, uint<n>, float<n> and complex<n>, where 'n' represents the number of bits.

core.shapers.Reduce

A module for slicing, cropping and masking n-D numpy arrays.

INPUT – input array

OUTPUTS: note the "out" port is the data you typically want, while the "mask" port shows where that data came from

out – data after cropping or slicing – size may be different than input array

mask – copy of input array (same size), but data replaced with zeros wherever data were cropped/sliced

WIDGETS:

I/O info: – shows size of input, output arrays

Dimension[i]

C/W – sliders select the center and width of cropping range along the ith dimension

B/E – sliders select the beginning and end of cropping range along the ith dimension

Slice – slider selects the index to slice along the ith dimension

Pass – ith dimension is passed (not affected)

Mask – generate data for "mask" output – good to leave off for large data sets if not needed

Compute – generate sliced/cropped data

core.shapers.Slicer

A module for slicing through numpy arrays.

INPUT – input

OUTPUT – sliced data

WIDGETS:

I/O Info: – size of input, output arrays

Dimension# – dimension along which to slice

Slice# – index along that dimension to slice

core.shapers.ToComplex

Node to read either real and imaginary or magnitude and phase data and convert to complex data

INPUT:

inLeft: input numpy array

inRight: input numpy array

OUTPUT:

out: output numpy array

WIDGETS:

Operation: Determines what is done

If both input ports (L and R) are populated

L+iR – combines the two fields of same size to complex

data inLeft – Real

data inRight – Imaginary

L exp(iR) – combines the two fields of same size to complex

data inLeft – Magnitude

data inRight – Phase

If a single input port P is populated

Real – output complex data with input's real channel and all zeros in the imaginary channel

Imag – output complex data with input's imaginary channel and all zeros in the real channel

Phase – output complex data with magnitude = 1 and phase given by input

Vec2Cmplx – if the last dimension is 2, change this to R/I

Phase: pick degrees or radians when appropriate

OutType: single or double precision complex type

core.spinSim.Bloch

A Bloch simulator designed to work with the Spyn-node and optional RFwaveforms-node input. Bloch nodes can be cascaded to effectively build segments of a pulse sequence.

The data are passed from the output of either the Spyn Module (the beginning) or the output of a Bloch module to the left output (M_in) of the next Bloch module

INPUTS:

M_in – spin data

G_in – input gradient waveform – if 1 dimensional, this is used for all gradients

if 2 dimensional, with the 2nd dimension 3, this is used for separate Gx, Gy, Gz waveforms

Waveform is linearly interpolated to match the duration of the Bloch module

if not connected, gradients are all considered constant for Duration

RF_in – input RF waveform – if 1 dimensional, this is used for RF magnitude

if 2 dimensional, with the 2nd dimension 2, this is used as specified by the RF Waveform widget

Waveform is linearly interpolated to match the duration of the Bloch module
 if not connected, rf is considered constant for Duration
 Pars_in – accepts parameters to set other widgets (i.e. if external waveform is used

OUTPUTS – spin data

WIDGETS:

Duration: duration of this particular part of the sequence
 Gx, Gy, Gz – amplitude of gradients. If an external waveform is supplied,
 it is multiplied by these respective values
 RF Mag (uT) – amplitude of RF pulse. If an external waveform is supplied,
 it is multiplied by this value. If RF Flip is set, RF Mag is adjusted to
 give that flip at the center frequency.
 RF Flip (deg) – flip angle of RF pulse at the center frequency.
 If RF Mag is set, RF Flip is adjusted accordingly.
 RF Phase (deg) – phase of RF pulse
 Crusher Tc (ms) – this is used to simulate a crusher, although not too realistically.
 The (Mx,My) component of all spins decay with an additional $\exp(-t/T_c)$ during
 this module. If $T_c=0$, Crusher is ignored.
 RF Waveform: – specifies the mode of the input 2D RF waveform

core.spinSim.MRPSD1D

Reformats pulse sequence information from Bloch– (potentially cascaded Bloch–) node(s) for plotting in 1D viewer/plotter nodes.

core.spinSim.MRSig1D

Reformats magnetization profiles defined in Spyn and Bloch nodes for plotting in 1D viewer/plotter nodes.

INPUT: data from Bloch or Spyn node

OUTPUT: data to plot (typically via Matplotlib)

WIDGETS:

M display – select which values to display
 (Mx, My, Mz, $M_t = \sqrt{m_x^2 + m_y^2}$), $|M| = \sqrt{m_x^2 + m_y^2 + m_z^2}$
 selecting multiple buttons will produce multiple graphs
 Average Across: for each dimension (e.g. T1, T2, etc.), the magnetization can be averaged across that dimension
 X Axis – the independent variable by which to plot on the abscissa
 (cannot be a dimension that has been averaged across)
 (T, T1, T2, FQ, ...) Index –

for every dimension that has length > 1 , is not averaged across, and is not used as the X Axis, there is an slider to indicate which index along that dimension to use.

core.spinSim.RFwaveforms

Generate RF waveforms from Philips source code, designed for use with Bloch module in GPI SpinSim

OUTPUT:

G_out – generated slice-select waveform to pass to accompany RF waveform in Bloch module

RF_out – generated RF waveform for Bloch module

Pars_out – relevant parameters for RF waveform and gradient to pass to Bloch module

WIDGETS:

Function – choose RF functionality, Excite, Refocus, or Invert

RF Shape – choose from list of Philips RF waveforms read from mgobjrfvarred.h

Time*BW – reports time-bandwidth of pulse

RF Flip (deg) – desired flip angle, in degrees (changes when new RF Mag is entered)

RF Mag (uT) – peak magntidue of RF pulse, in uT (changes when new flip angle is entered)

RF Dur (ms) – desired duration of RF Pulse

Slice Thickness (mm) – target slice thickness

GR Strength (mT/m) – reported slice-select gradient strength

Add rephase gradient – when on, an rephasing gradient is added corresponding to isocenter of RF

core.spinSim.SpinViz3D

Reformats spin magnetization profile data generated by Spyn and Bloch nodes for visualization in an OpenGL viewer node.

INPUT: MR Spin info from Bloch or Spyn module

OUTPUTS:

Spin Objects – graphical objects showing spins (send to GLViewer)

PS Waveform Objects – graphical objects showing Gradient and RF waveforms (send to GLViewer)

WIDGETS:

Time Index – select the time point to display. The duration per point is set by the Spyn module

*** The following modules affect the Spin Objects List

A/B/C Axis – select the variable to spread along the A/B/C axis

(A/B/C are the x', y', z' axes in the GLViewer, color coded as R/G/B, respectively)

A/B/C Axis stagger – select the distance between spins along the A/B/C axis

Show – select a few options (can select multiple buttons)

 Axes – show the actual A/B/C axes (color coded as R/G/B)

 Text – label each axis with the variable displayed on that axis

 Mx=0 – display spin vectors without the Mx component

 My=0 – display spin vectors without the My component

 Mz=0 – display spin vectors without the Mz component

Color Scheme – Select the color scheme for spin objects (spheres and cylinders)

 Off – white

 M3 – Mx/My/Mz fed into the R/G/B channel

 MG – color coded based on spin magnitude

 MT – color coded based on transverse magnetization

 PH – color coded based on phase

 MIPH – same as PH, with brightness proportional to transverse magnetization

Tip Connect – draw lines between the tips of spin vectors in the chosen direction

Vector Radius – relative radius of cylinders used for spins

Sphere Radius – relative radius of spheres at base of spin vectors

Tracer History – enables drawing lines between locations of each spin-tips last n positions (sparkler effect)

Vector History – enables drawing last n vectors

*** The following modules affect the PS Waveform Objects List

Waveforms – Select which waveforms to view

Waveform Stretch – a kludgy way to adjust the aspect ratio of the PS Waveform plot (affects X-axis spacing)

core.spinSim.Spyn

Module to generate initial spin profile, for bloch simulations in GPI

Output data are 11-dimensional, with data stored as follows:

Dimension 0 corresponds to base information such M0, T1, T2, velocities, Frequency,

Diffusion (not yet implemented), and the value of dt

Dimension 1 corresponds to time.

The first index of Dimension 1 stores the above info, and the 2nd index stores the Spin magnetization, position, time,

gradient, rf, and spoiler info

These two dimensions are illustrated below:

```
D ##### Dim 0 ->>> #####
i #   0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12
m #
1 # 0  M0 T1 T2 Vx Vy Vz Fq Dx Dy Dz dt -- --
| # 1  Mx My Mz X  Y  Z  T  Gx Gy Gz Rx Ry Sp
v # 2  Mx My Mz X  Y  Z  T  Gx Gy Gz Rx Ry Sp
```

```

v # 3  Mx My Mz X  Y  Z  T  Gx Gy Gz Rx Ry Sp
v # 4  Mx My Mz X  Y  Z  T  Gx Gy Gz Rx Ry Sp
v #####

```

Dimensions 2–10 correspond to the widgets below, from T1, T2, etc. to Vy and Vz

OUTPUT – spin state, typically fed to Bloch module. No data present until "Starting Spins"
 widget is set to something other than "OFF"

WIDGETS:

Starting Spins – starting state of all spins. When set to "OFF", no data are generated

T0 (ms) – starting time. Valuable for (e.g.) having velocities (which is not yet implemented)

dt (us) – time between time points which will be recorded by Bloch module and pasted along the first dimension
 smaller numbers produce finer time resolution but larger data sets
 Note the actual numerical simulations occur with time resolution of 1us regardless of this value

For the remaining widgets, the following is true:

Spins – length along that dimension, with values from the specified "Start" value to the specified "End" value
 if # Spins is 1, the value of that property is given by the "Start" parameter

T1 (ms) – dimension 2 variable. A value of 0 is infinity (no T1 recovery), otherwise values are in ms

T2 (ms) – dimension 3 variable. A value of 0 is infinity (no T2 relaxation), otherwise values are in ms

Fq (Hz) – dimension 4 variable, off-resonance frequency

X0/Y0/Z0 – dimension 5–7 variables, locations of spins

Vx/Vy/Vz – dimension 8–10 variables, velocity of spins (not yet implemented)

core.spinSim.T1calculator

Determine T1 based on the signal of two measurements with different repetition times
 and/or flip angles.

core.spinSim.VERSE

A basic module for tutorial purposes. This module contains all stock widgets and types so that the node-developer can preview and read auto-doc information about each object.

core.spiral.SpiralCoords

Module to generate the gradient waveforms for a desired k-space waveform.
 . Uses the core file bnispiralgen.c

If using this module to generate k-space coordinates for collected data, it is crucial that the code be identical with that used in the methods code (hence we keep `bnispiralgen.c` as a standalone file)

INPUT: dictionary from (e.g.) `ReadPhilips` with all of the parameters used to collect data. If input data are present, parameters cannot be changed. If not, parameters may be changed freely.

OUTPUTS:

`crds_out` – output coordinates: the last dimension is either 2 (k_x/k_y) or 3 ($k_x/k_y/k_z$) for 2D and 3D trajectories. See discussion of "true resolution" below for more details about the scaling. Dwell time specified by AD dwell time widget.
`grd_out` – gradient waveforms used to produce `crds_out`. Fixed to dwell time of 6.4 μ s.

WIDGETS: most widgets self-explanatory, here are a few clarifications:

`stype` – ARCH is standard 2D spiral
CYL DST is a cylindrical distributed spiral
SPH DST is a cylindrical distributed spiral
FLORET is FLORET...

`# of spiral arms` – allows floating point entry
for ARCH this is rounded to integer
for CYL and SPH DST and FLORET, which share arms across k_y and k_z , this is the effective arms per plane
and can be a floating point number (giving greater flexibility in choosing the total number of arms vs
.
readout duration)

`usamp st` (0–1) – the relative value of k_r at which undersampling begins (0 at the center, 1 at the edge of collected k-space)
the samples are collected at the nyquist limit ($1/\text{FOV X-Y}$) prior to that

`usamp end` (0–1) – the relative value of k_r at which undersampling ends
the samples are collected at the R times the nyquist limit ($1/\text{FOV X-Y}$) prior to that

`max underample` – R, i.e. the undersampling relative to ($1/\text{FOV X-Y}$) after k_r exceeds `usamp end`

`ustype` – determines the progression of radial undersampling from `usamp st` to `usamp end` as linear, quadratic, or hanning

`Max G Freq` – limits the maximum frequency of the gradient waveform during the spiral readout. If set to 0, there is no limit

`T2 Match` – allows one to exponentially change the radial undersampling with time to match $T2^*$ decay, for optimal, $T2^*$ -matched, SNR

`Sloppy Sp. Per` – changes the characteristic of the sloppy spiral, if desired (see Miki Lustig's perturbed spiral paper). 0 turns off.

`gtype` – amount of gradient to output

SPIRAL ONLY – the gradient waveform during the readout only
 G → 0 – Same as above, but with gradient rampdown
 M0 → 0 – Same as above, but with k-space rewinder
 M1 → 0 – Same as above, but with gradient first moment compensation
 spinout – controls spiral in, out, etc.
 OUT – generate spiral-out waveform
 IN – generate spiral-in waveform
 INOUT 180R – generate single waveform with spiral-in followed by
 spiral-out on a trajectory rotated by 180 degrees
 INOUT SAME – generate single waveform with spiral-in followed by
 spiral-out on the same trajectory

*** The concept of "true resolution" ***

k-space data are typically normalized, for the gridding process, to
 values between -0.5 and 0.5

For spiral data (which measure circular k-space) to have the same
 resolution as Cartesian (square k-space)

they must measure a diameter of $2/\sqrt{\pi} \sim 1.13$ larger than
 conventional k-space limits (so that the area of the circle
 equals the area of the square). k-space coordinates, therefore, are
 multiplied by 0.8, so that their range of

$0.8 \times 2/\sqrt{\pi} = 0.903$, or -0.451 to +0.451, fits within the gridded
 space. The resulting image, with no further

zero-padding, will have pixels that are 0.8 times smaller than the
 requested resolution, with a matrix 25% larger in each

dimension. This is a semi-complicated way of making sure that this
 works routinely, and is referred to by the authors

as "true resolution".

A similar logic is used for measuring data in a sphere, but the diameter
 must be the cubed root of $(6/\pi)$, or 1.24, the
 side of an equivalent cube for equal volumes. k-space coordinates then
 span $0.8 \times (6/\pi)^{1/3} = 0.993$ of the unit width of
 gridded k-space.
