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# 3D VISUALIZATION OF DICOM IMAGES FOR RADIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

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# Course Overview

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**Part I:** Introduction to the 3D Slicer software

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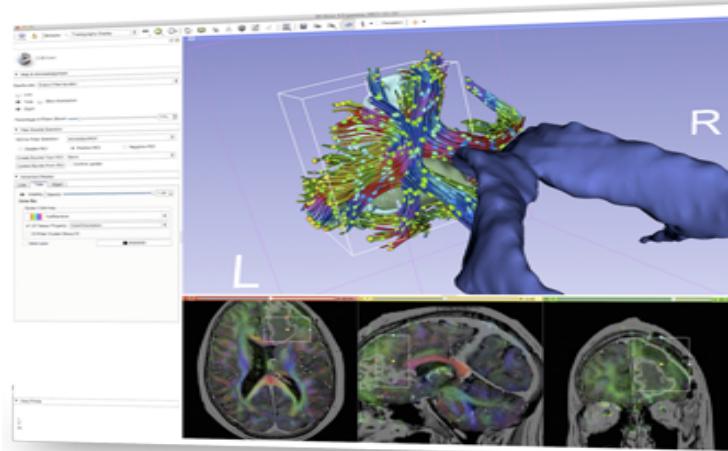
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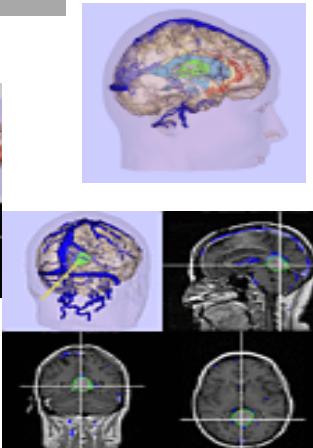
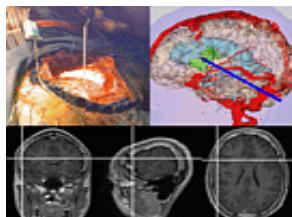
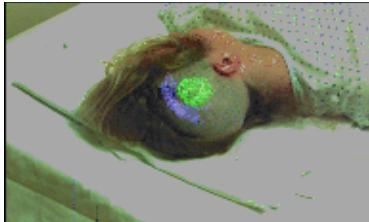
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## Part I:

Introduction to the 3D Slicer  
open-source software

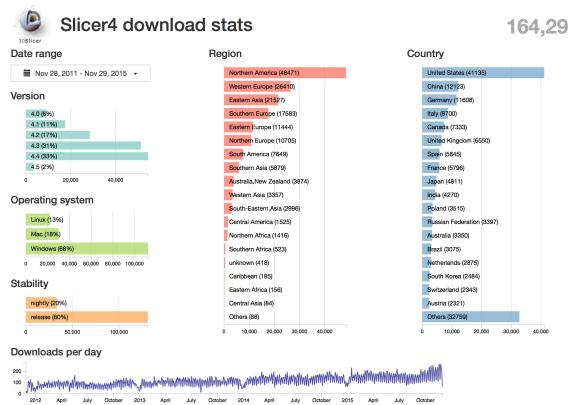
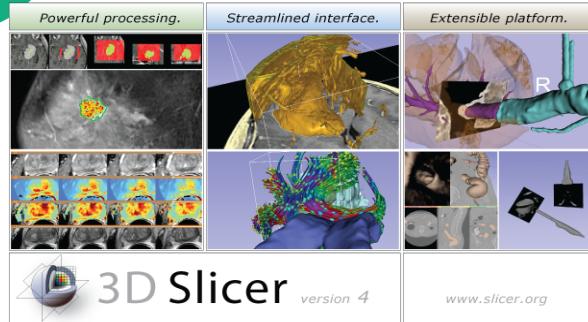
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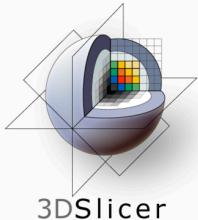
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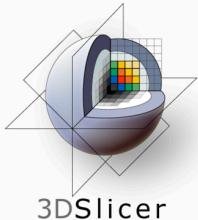
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# A multi-institutional effort



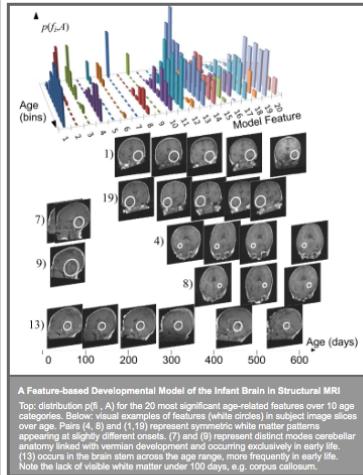
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Top: distribution  $p(f_i=1)$  for the 20 most significant age-related features over 10 age categories. Below: 19 examples of features (white circles) in subject image slices (1) to (19). (1), (6) and (10) represent distinct modes appearing at slightly different onset ages; (7) and (9) represent distinct modes cerebellar anatomy linked with vermillion development and occurring exclusively in early life; (13) occurs in the brain stem across the age range, more frequently in early life. Note the lack of visible white matter under 100 days, e.g. corpus callosum.

The Neuroimage Analysis Center (NAC) develops image processing and analysis methods for basic and clinical neuroimaging. The NAC research approach emphasizes both specific core technologies and collaborative application projects. The activities of the NAC are centered at the Harvard Medical School and the Surgical Planning Laboratory at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, with collaborators throughout the United States and the rest of the world.

The NAC is a Biomedical Technology Resource Center supported by the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) (P41 EB019002). It was supported by the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) (P41 RR13218) through December 2011.



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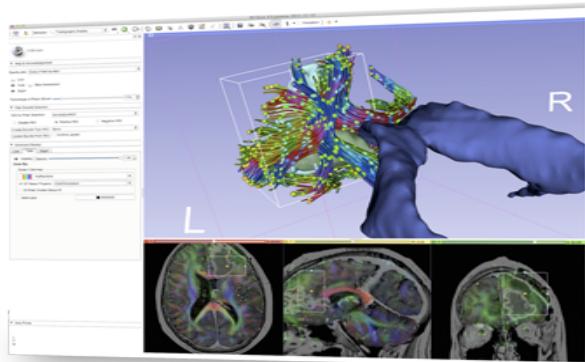
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3D Slicer workshop, PLA General Hospital, Beijing

3D Slicer can be used by clinical researchers on their own Mac, Windows or Linux laptops with their own data



# Slicer is built every night

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Slicer is under active development: the software is built every night on every platform

# An interdisciplinary platform



An [open-source environment](#) for software developers



An [end-user application](#) for clinical investigators and scientists

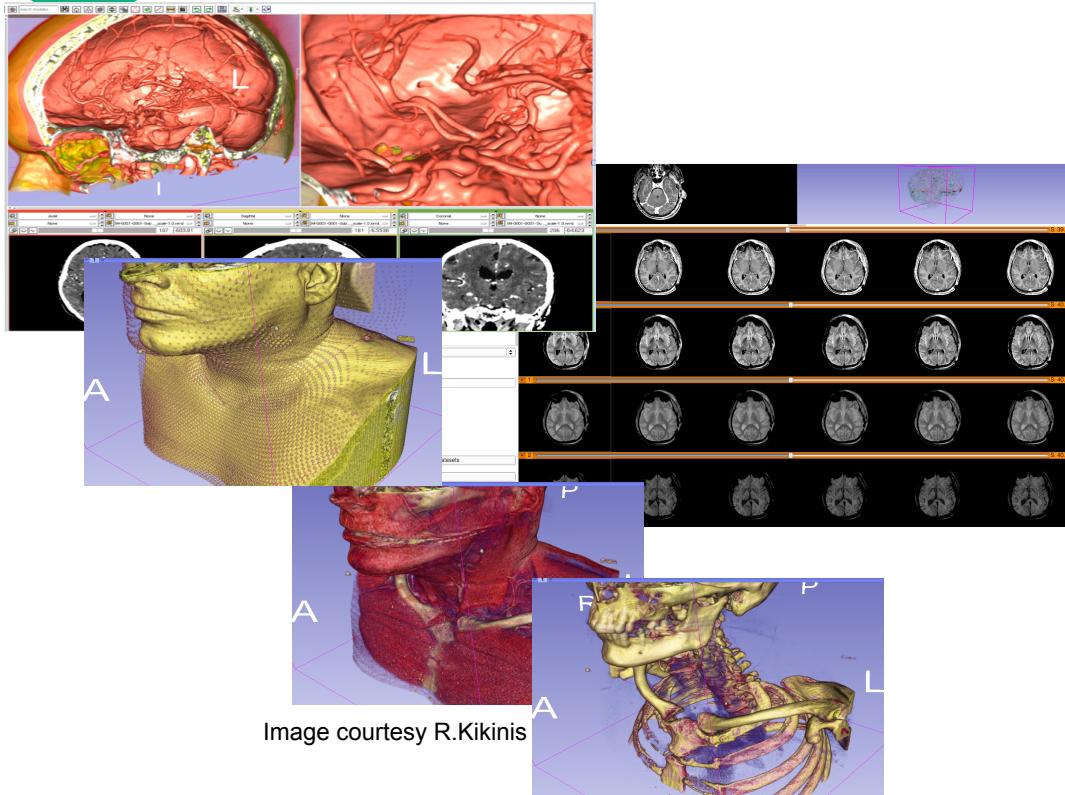
A software platform that is both [easy to use](#) for clinical researchers and [easy to extend](#) for programmers

# 3D Slicer Training



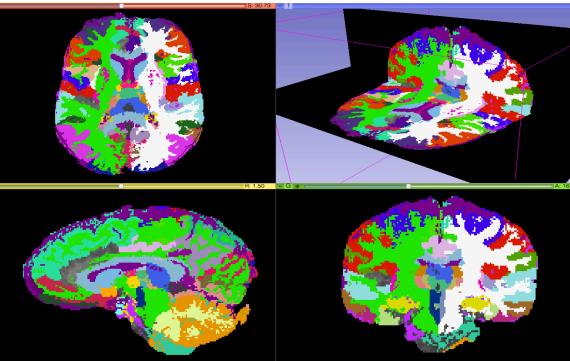
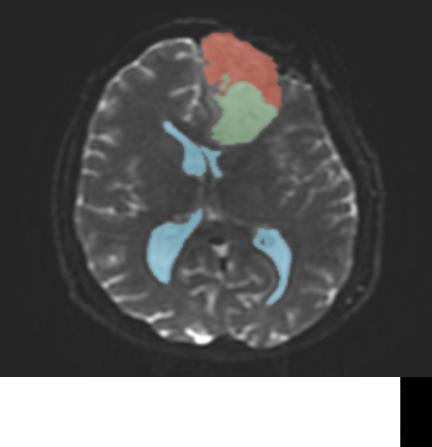
- Training effort to transfer scientific advances in medical image computing to clinical researchers
- Courses tailored for clinicians and scientists at national events, invited seminars, and international conferences
- +3,500 trainees worldwide

# Core Functionalities



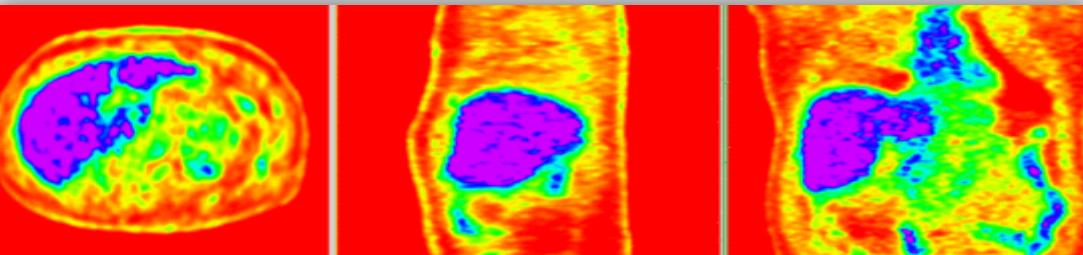
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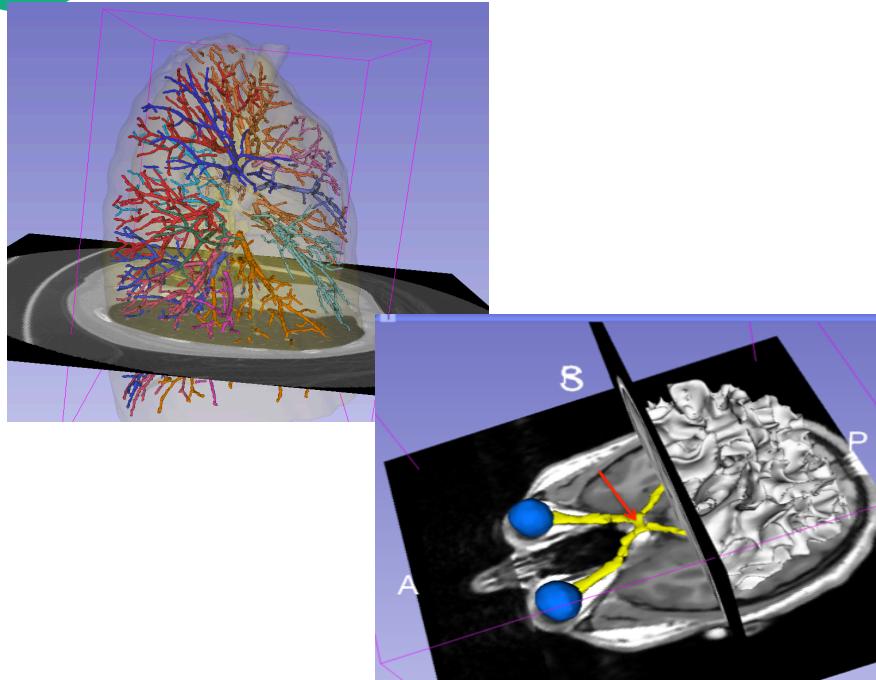
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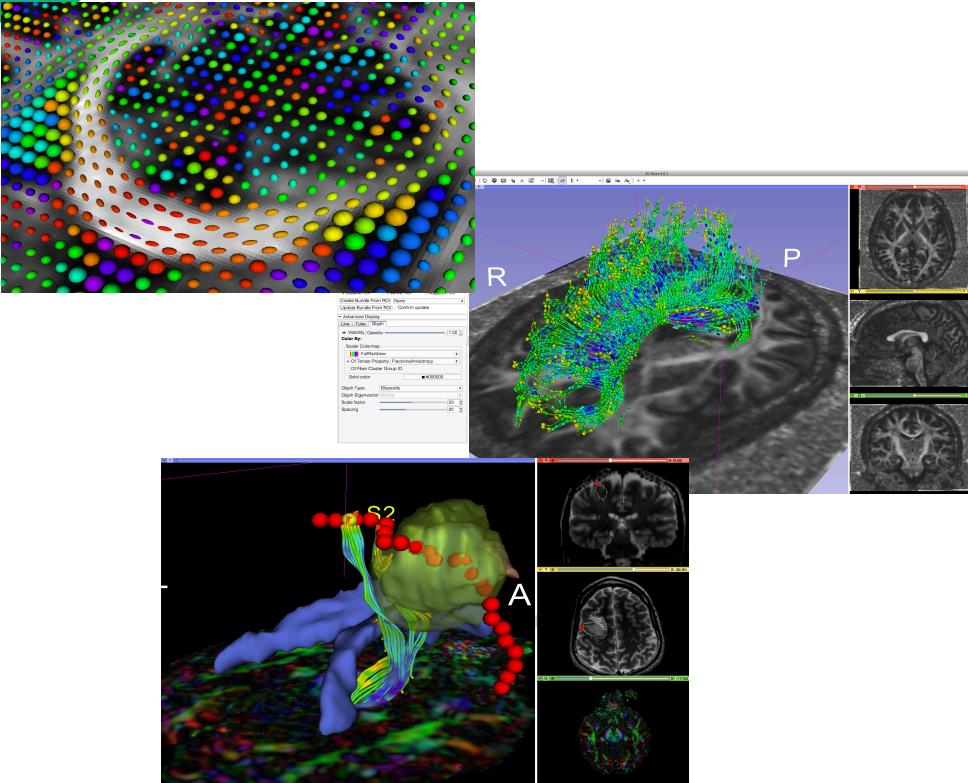
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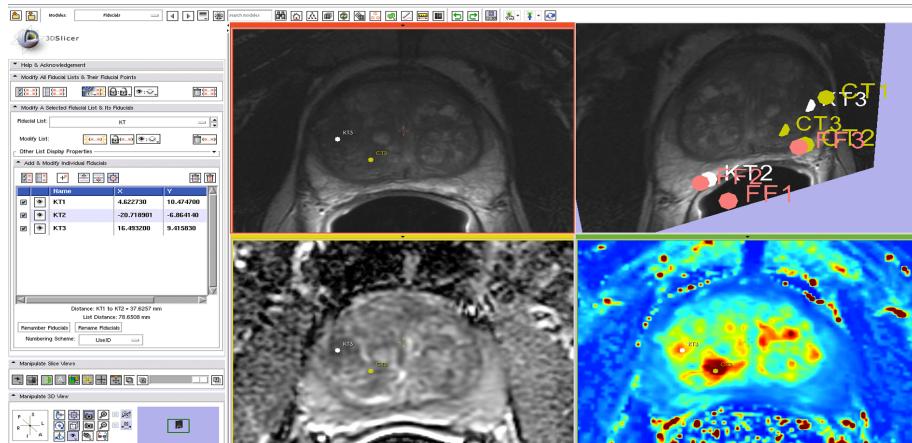


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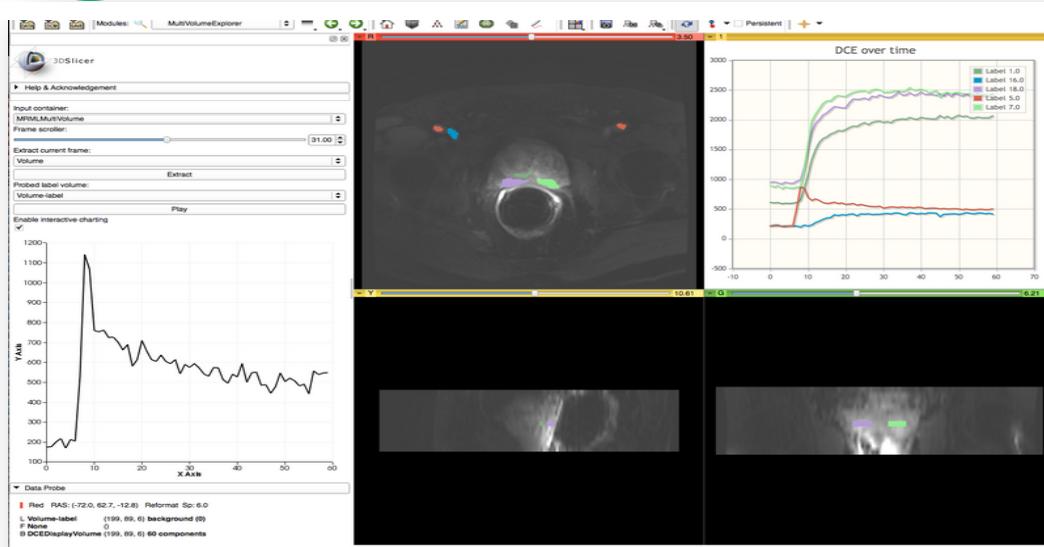


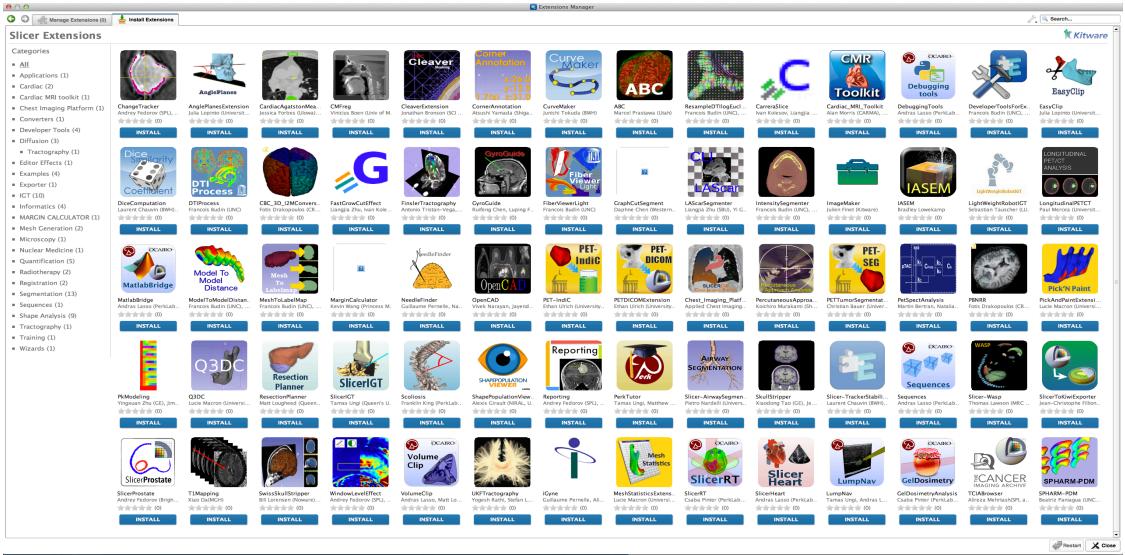
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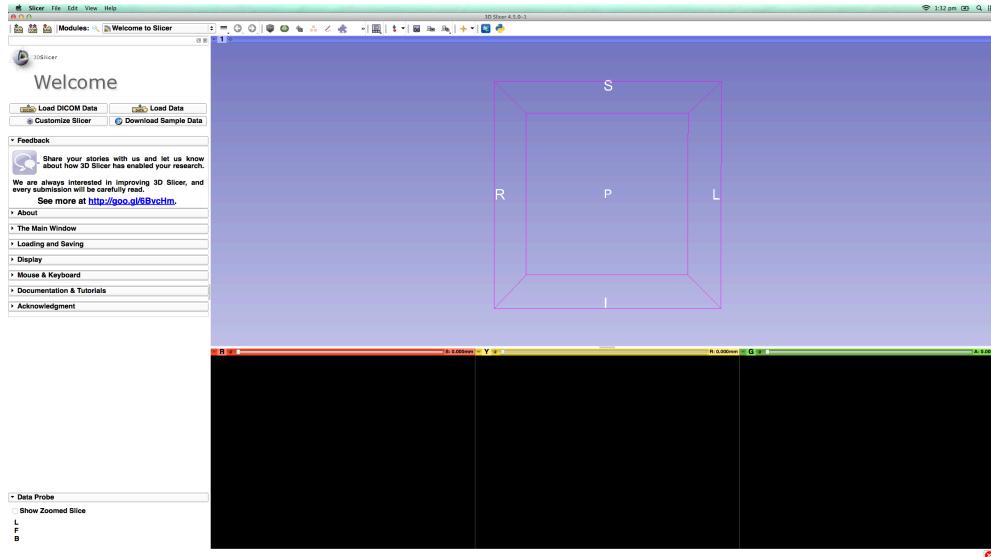
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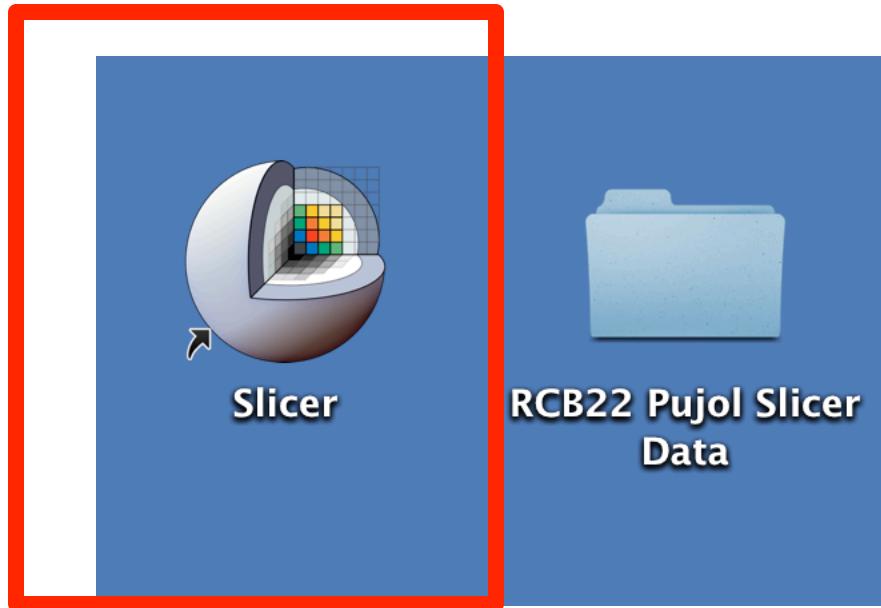
- Slicer is extensible through plugins called **Slicer extensions**
- The **Slicer Extension Manager** enables users to download additional Slicer modules





# Getting Started with Slicer 4.5

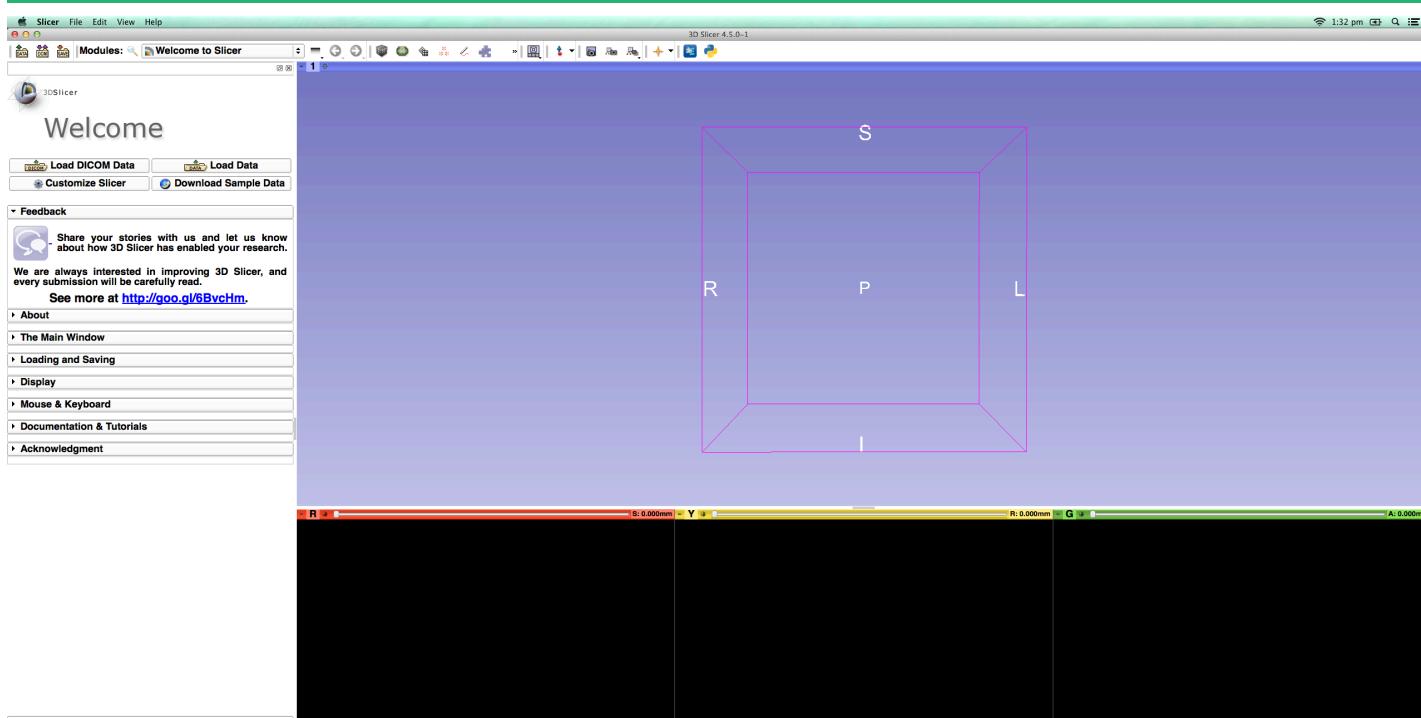
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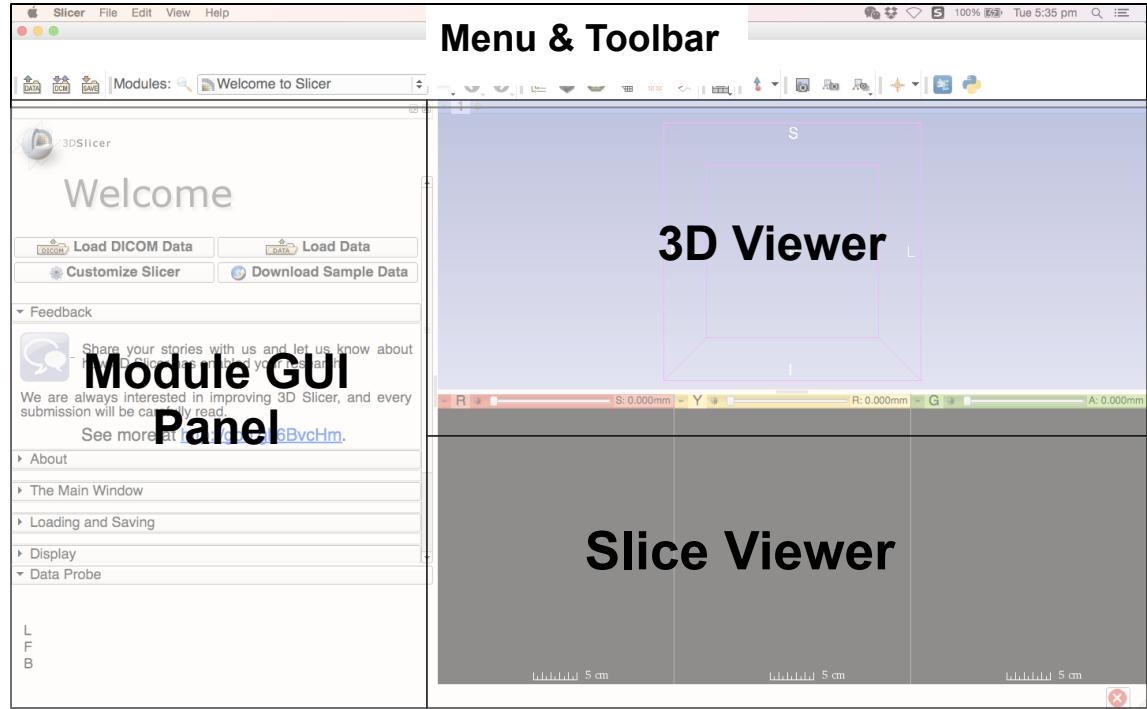


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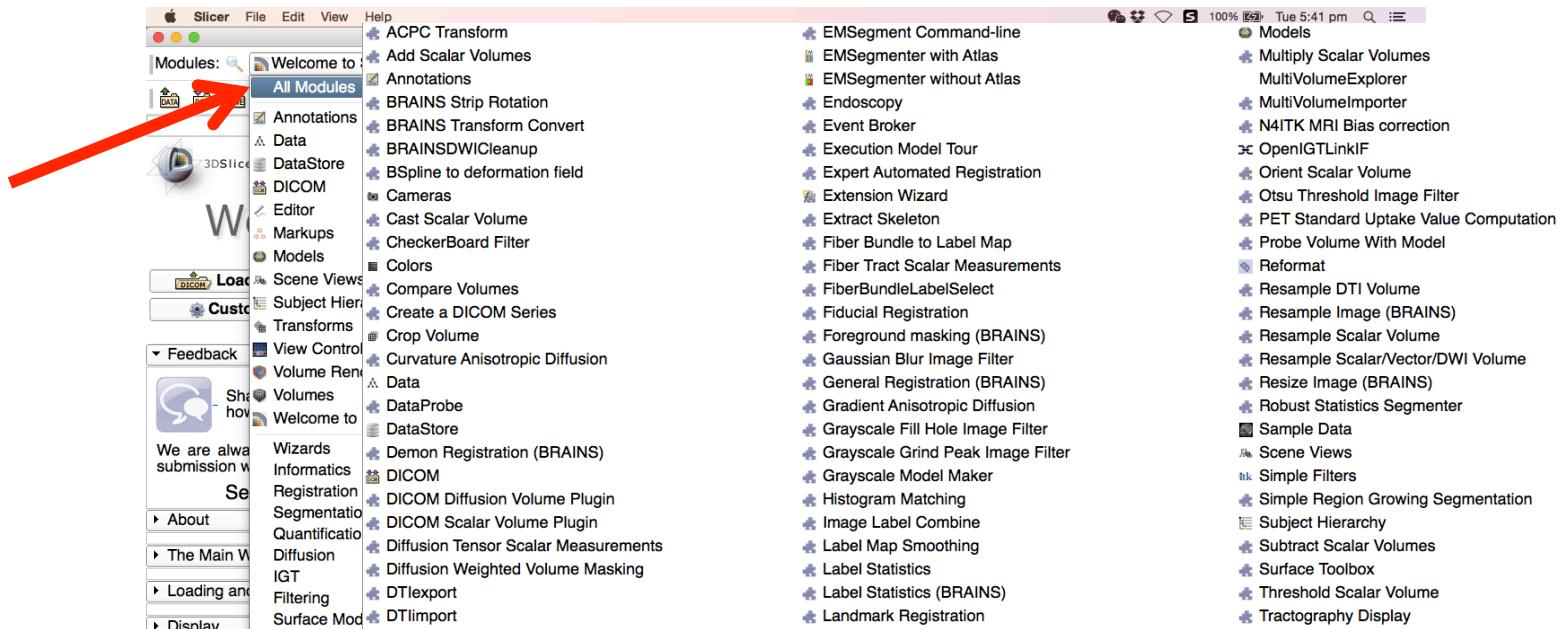
# Navigating the Application GUI

The Graphic User Interface (GUI) of Slicer4 integrates **four components:**

- the Menu Toolbar
- the Module GUI Panel
- the 3D Viewer
- the Slice Viewer

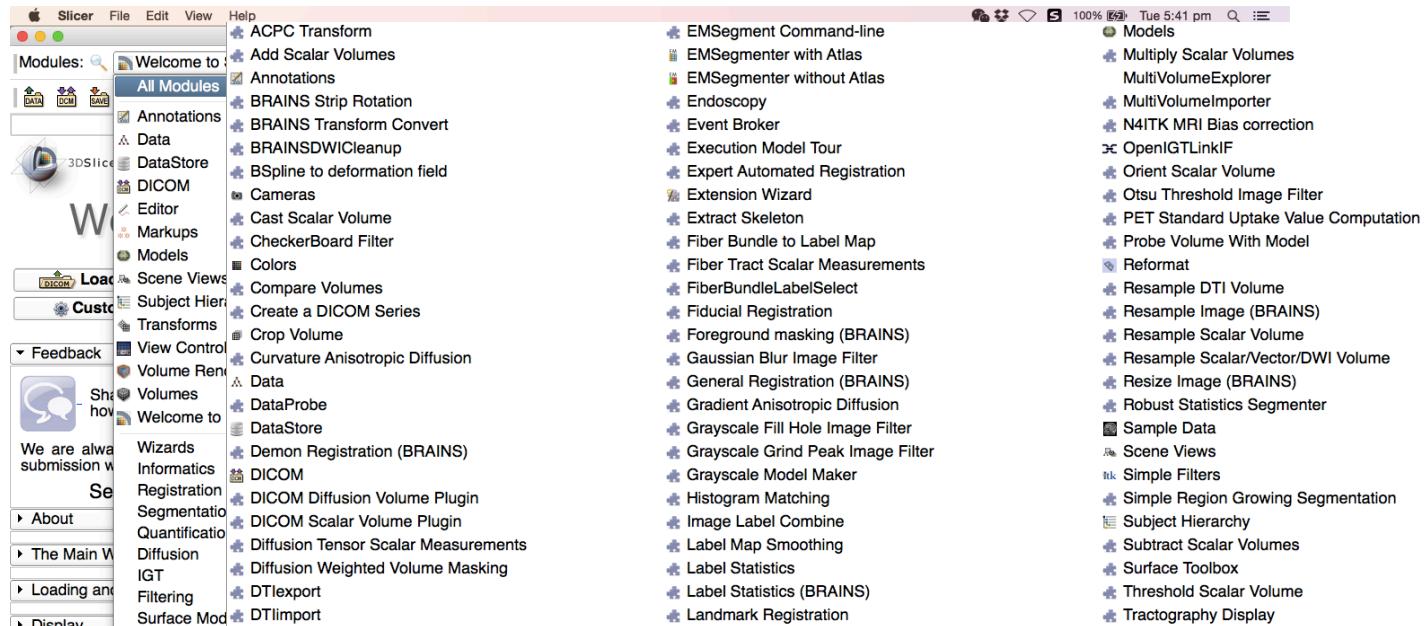


# Slicer Modules



Click on **Welcome to Slicer** and select **All Modules** to display the list of Slicer modules

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Slicer version 4.5 contains over 100 modules for segmentation, registration and 3D visualization of medical image data



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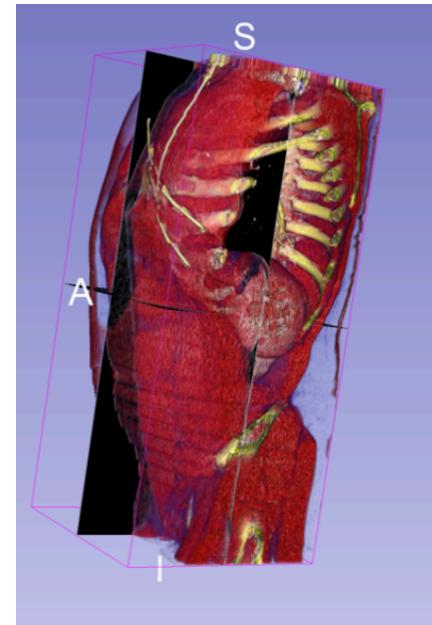
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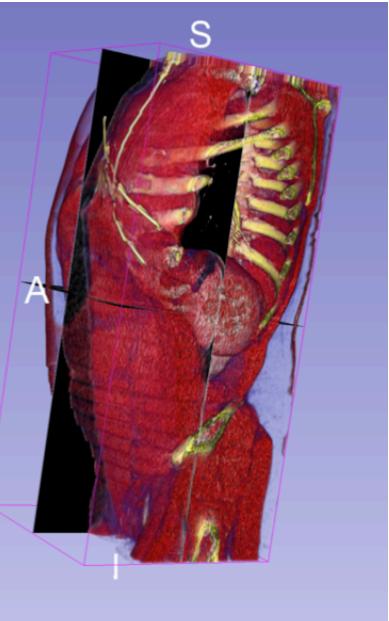
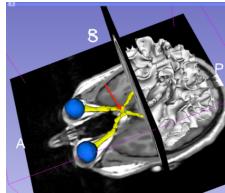
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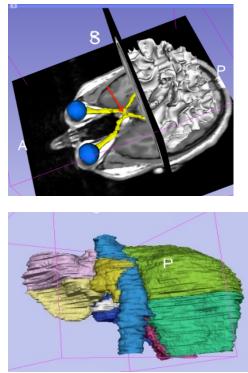
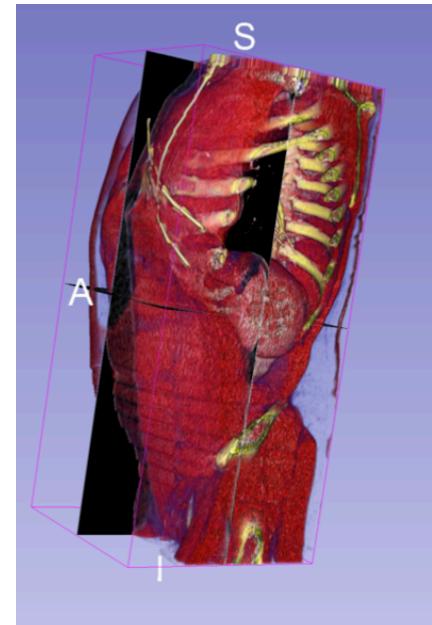
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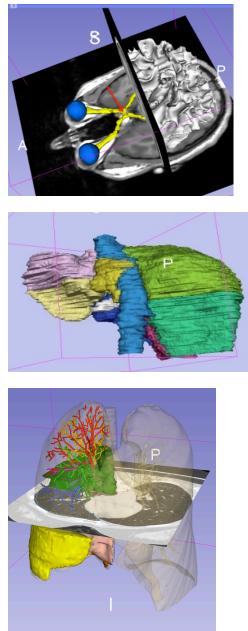
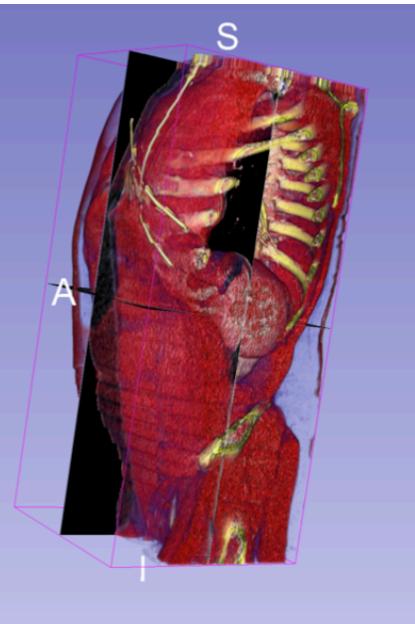
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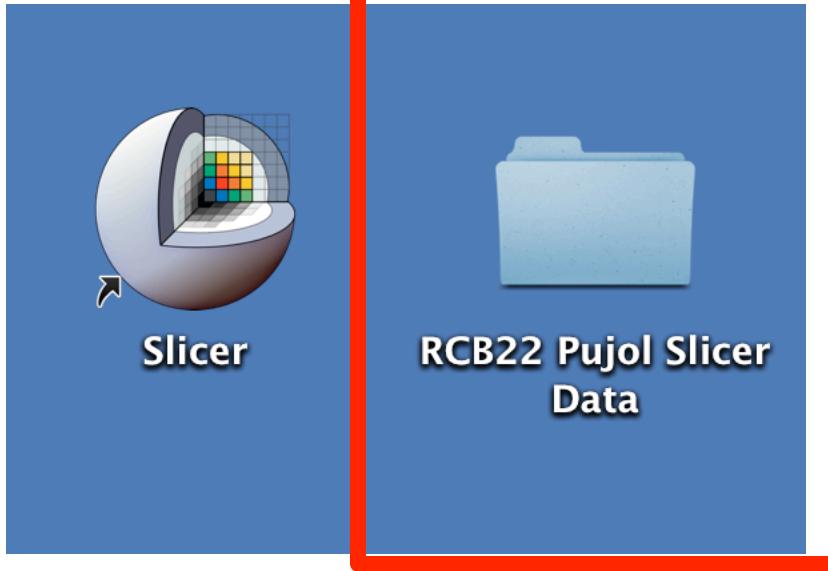
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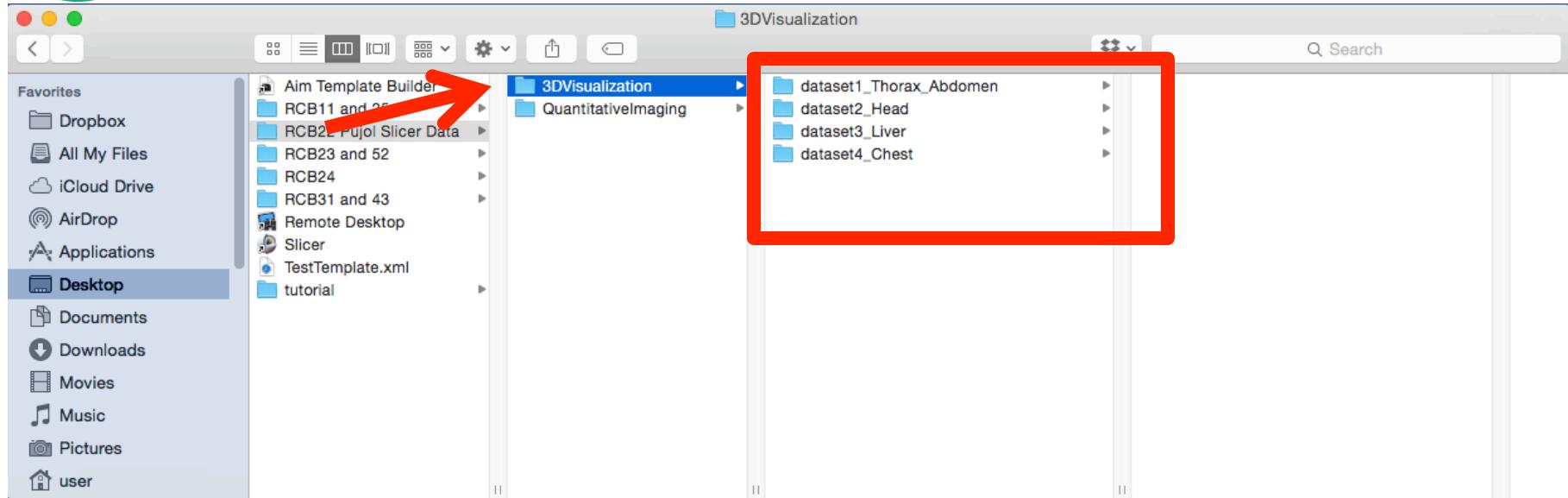
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**RCB22 Pujol Slicer Data** on the Desktop.

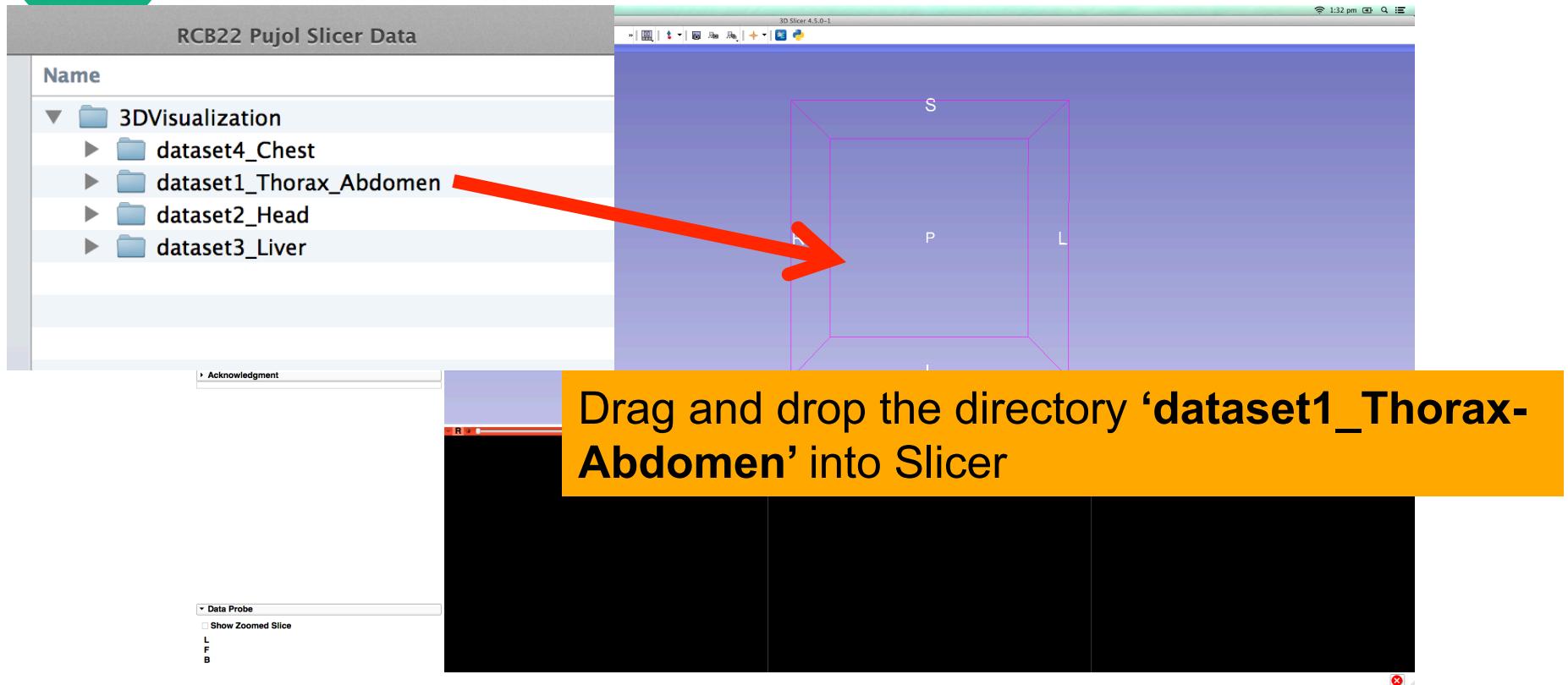


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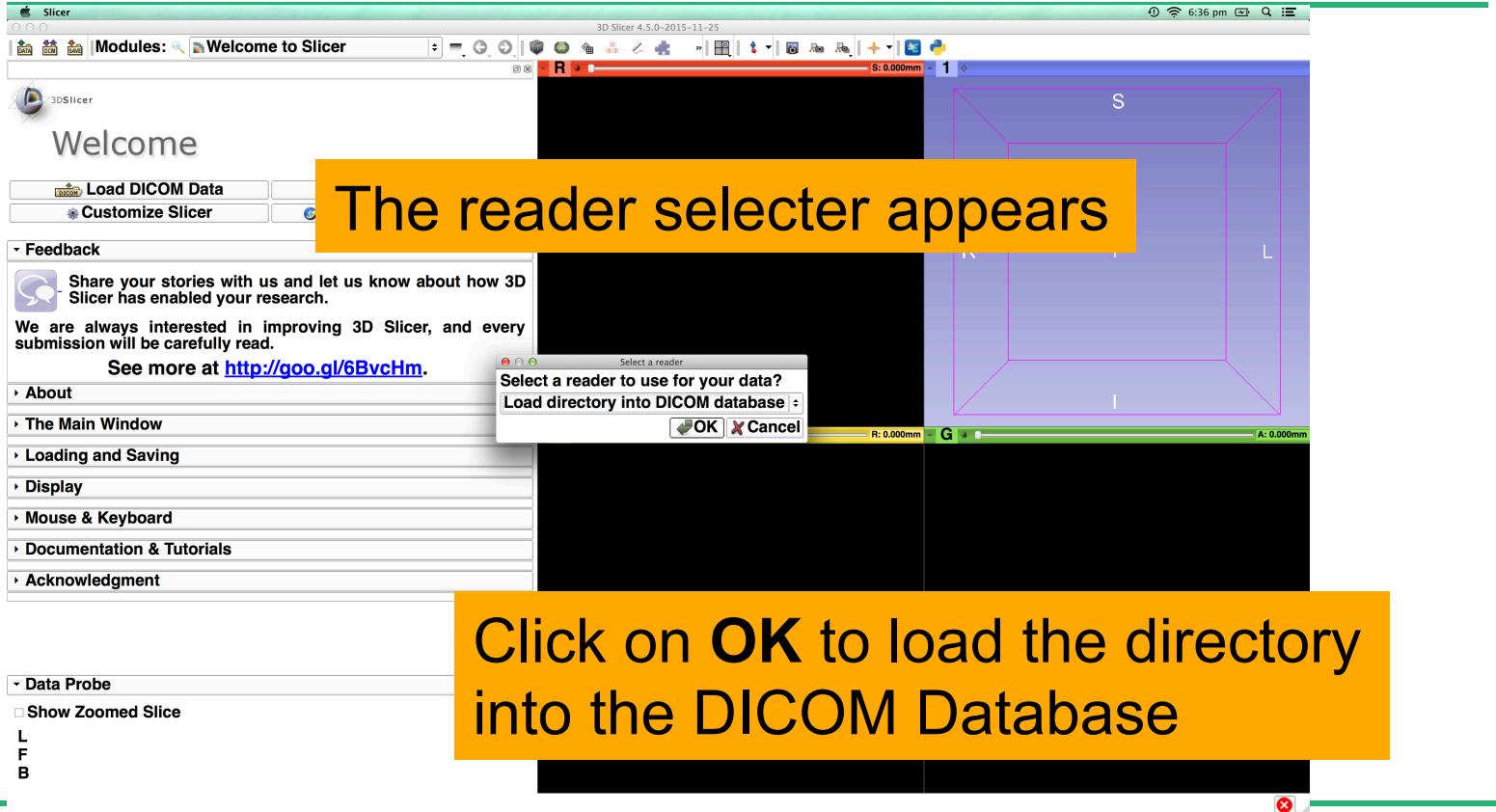


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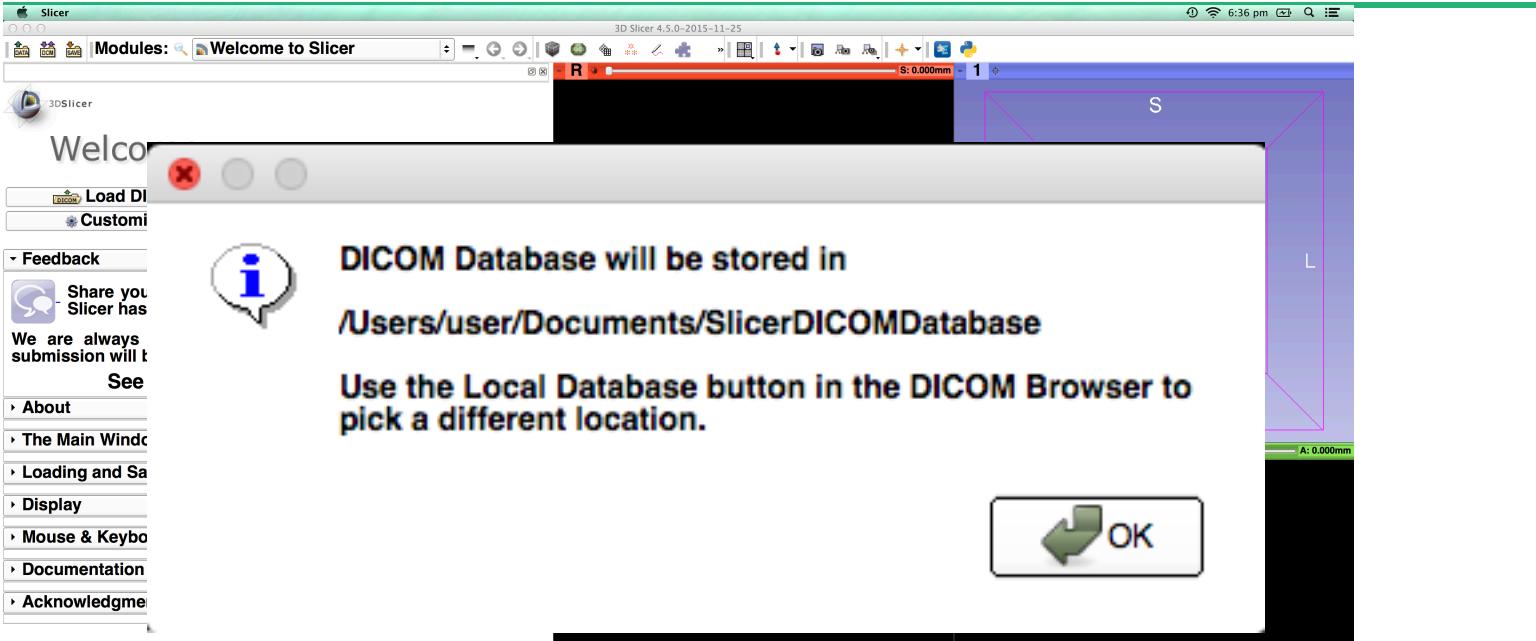


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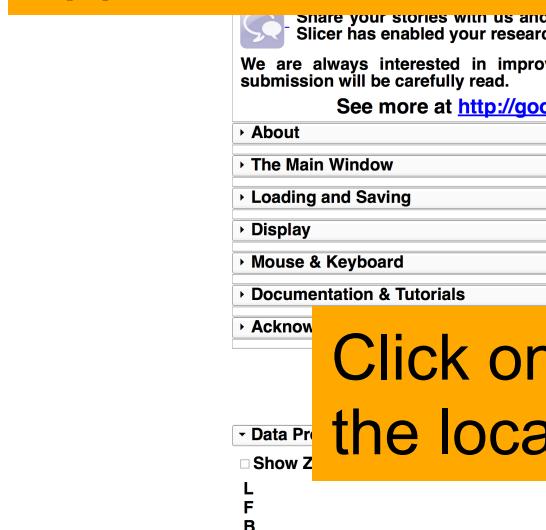
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A DICOM pop-up window appears to inform the user where Slicer will store the DICOM Database  
Click on **OK** to use the default DICOM Database

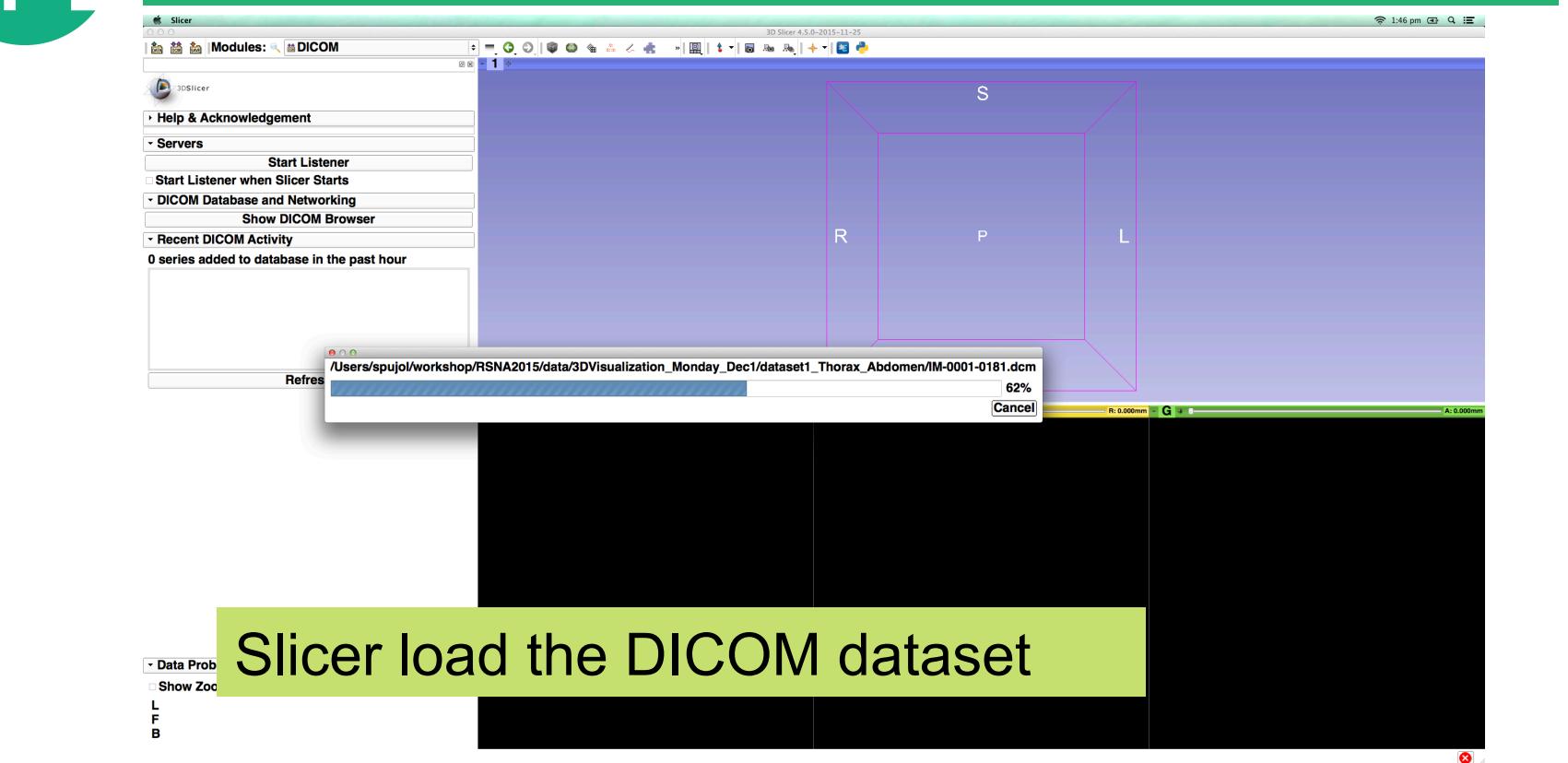
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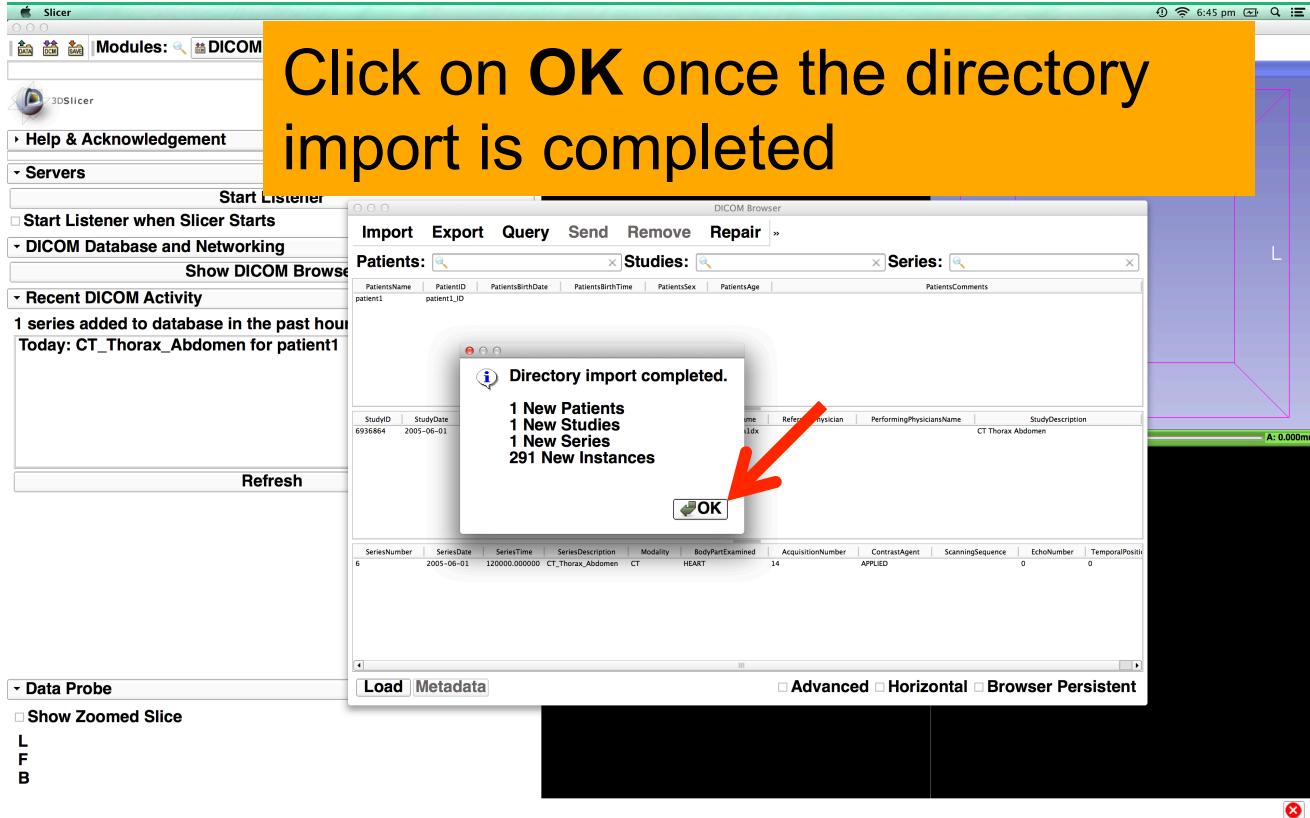


Click on Add Link to add a link to dataset to the local database directory

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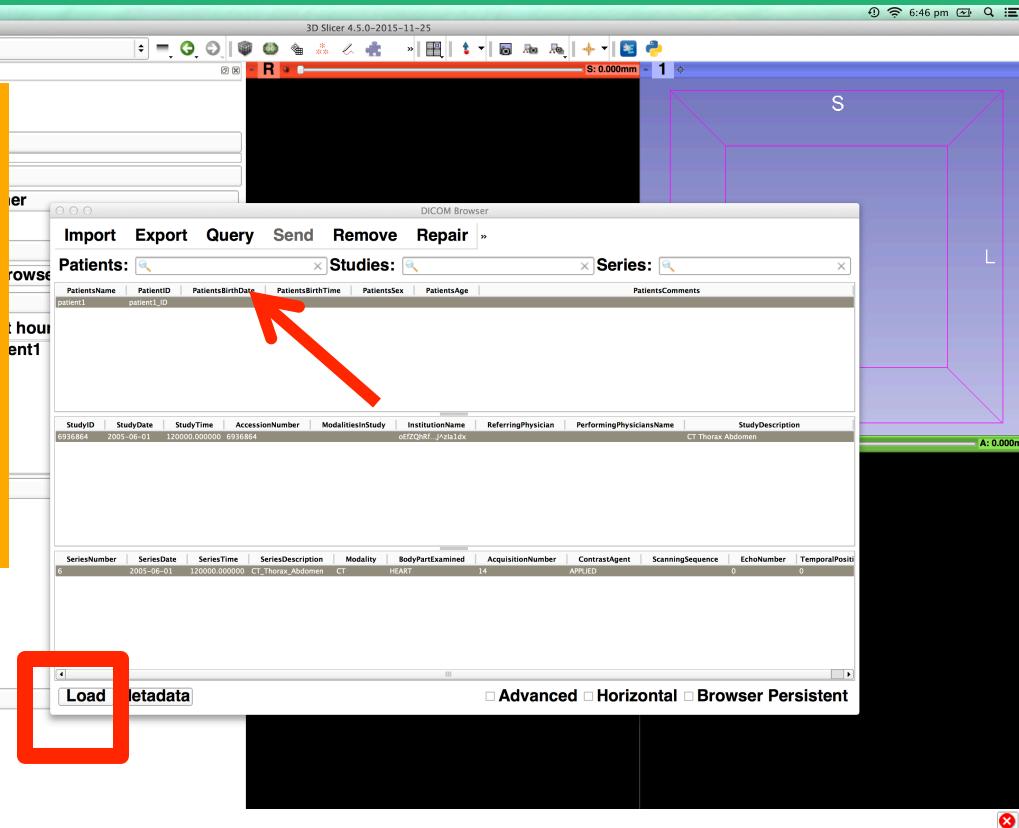


Click on **OK** once the directory import is completed

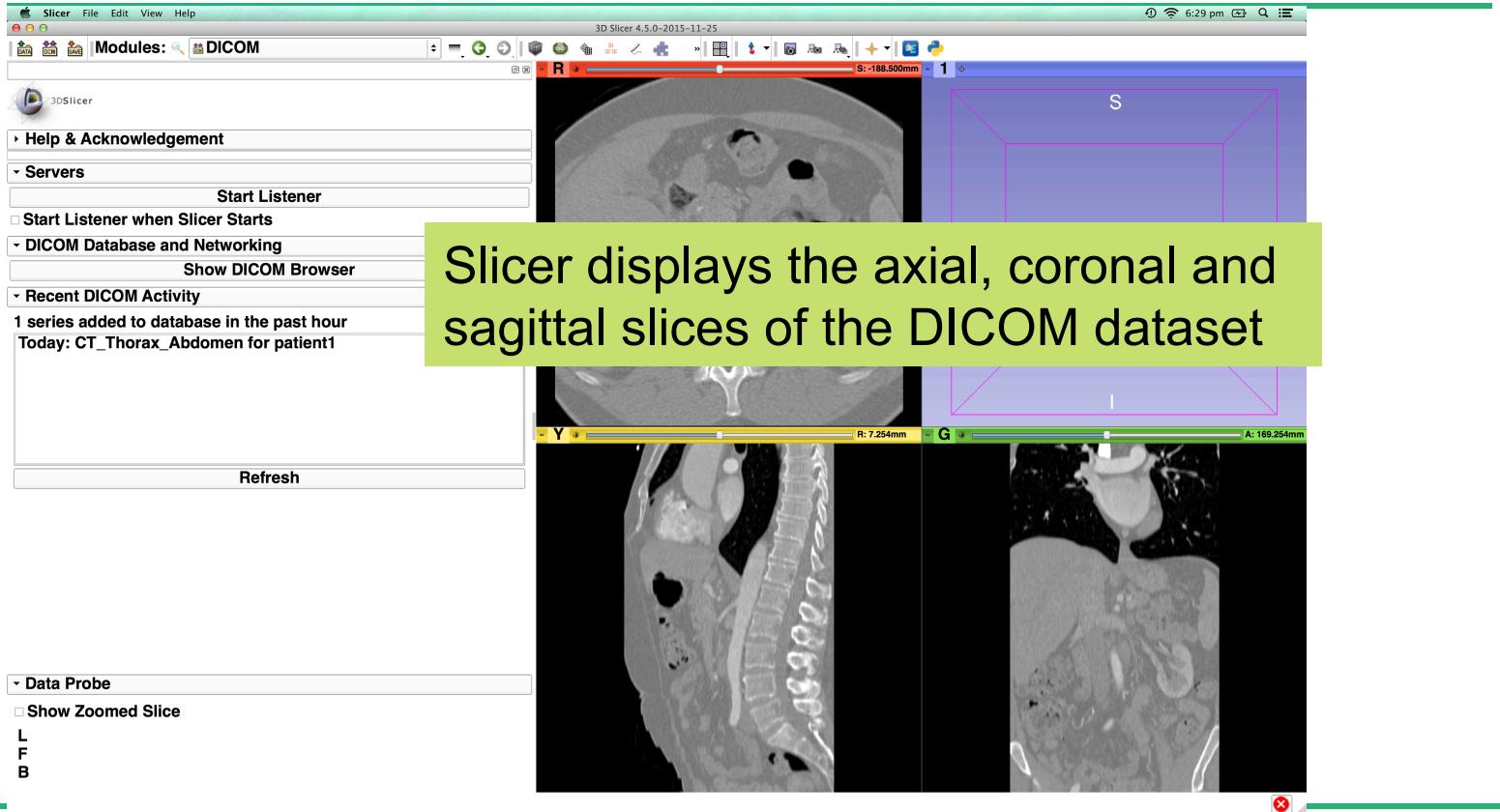


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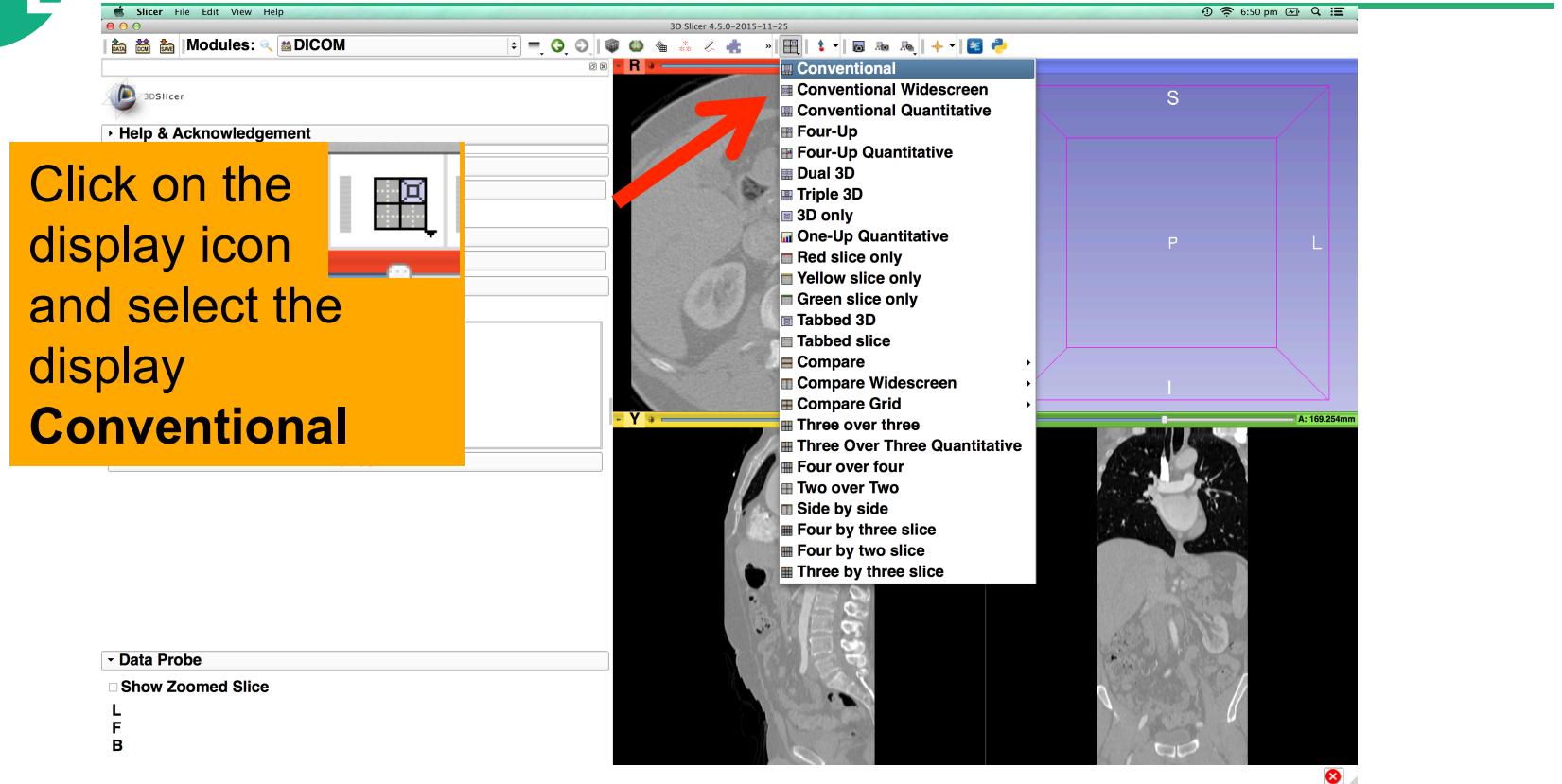
Select the dataset **patient1** in the DICOM Browser window and click on **Load**



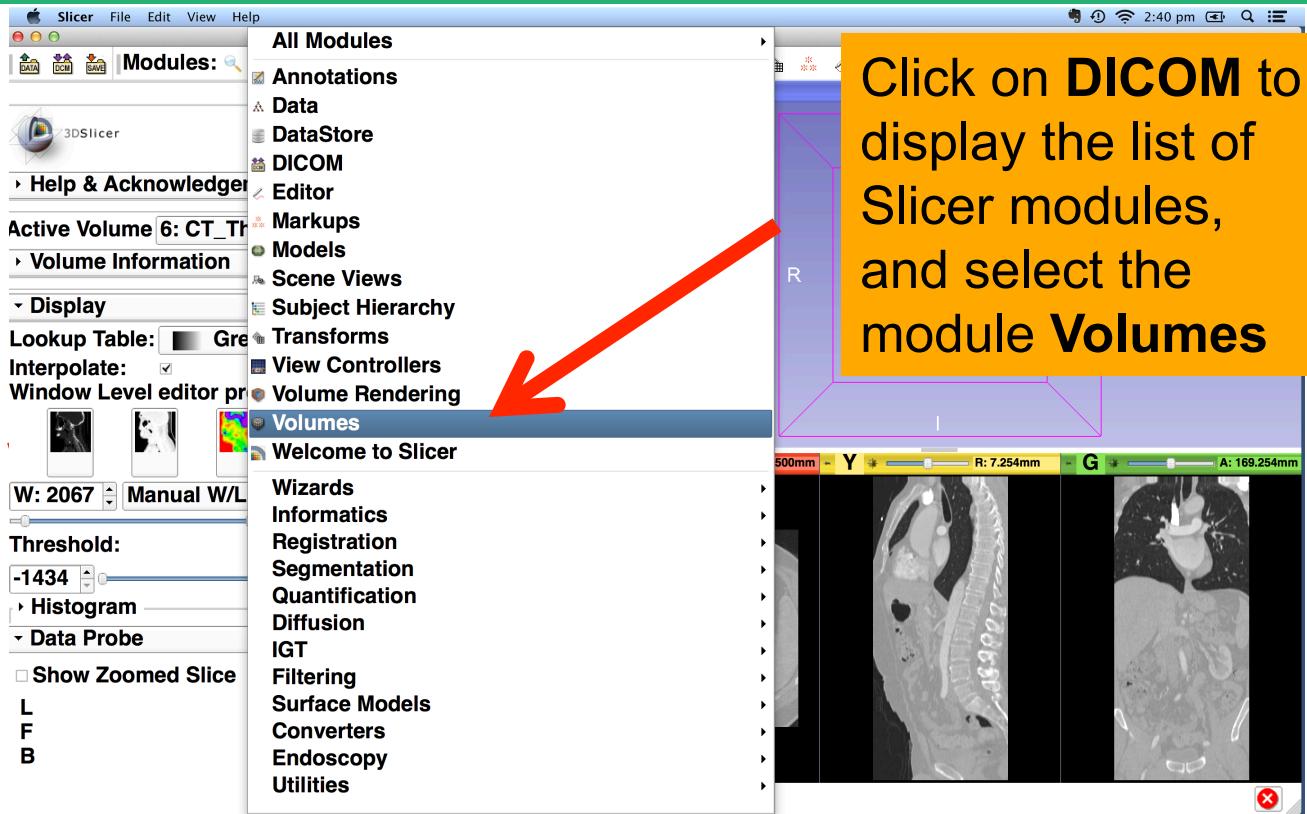
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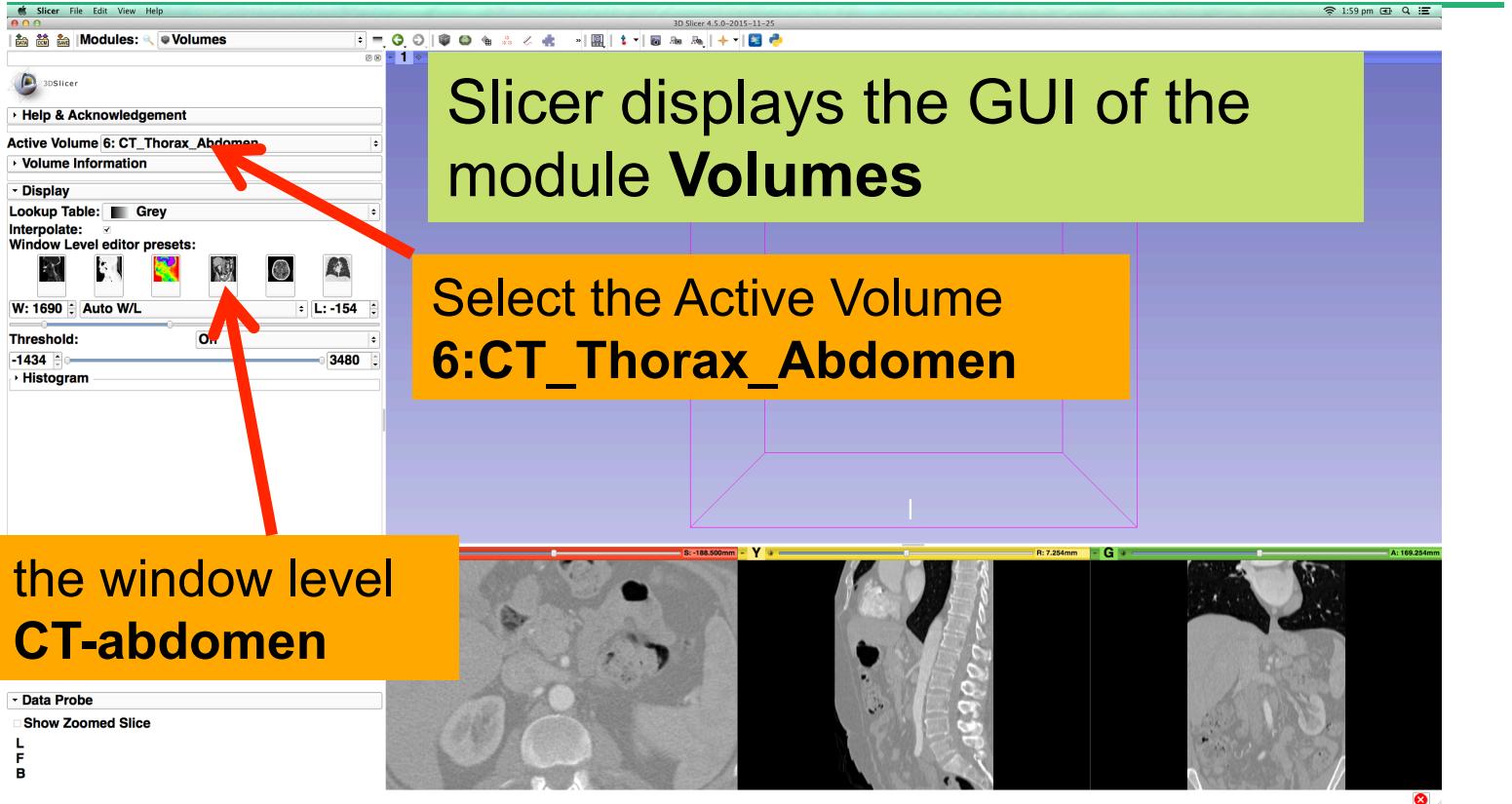
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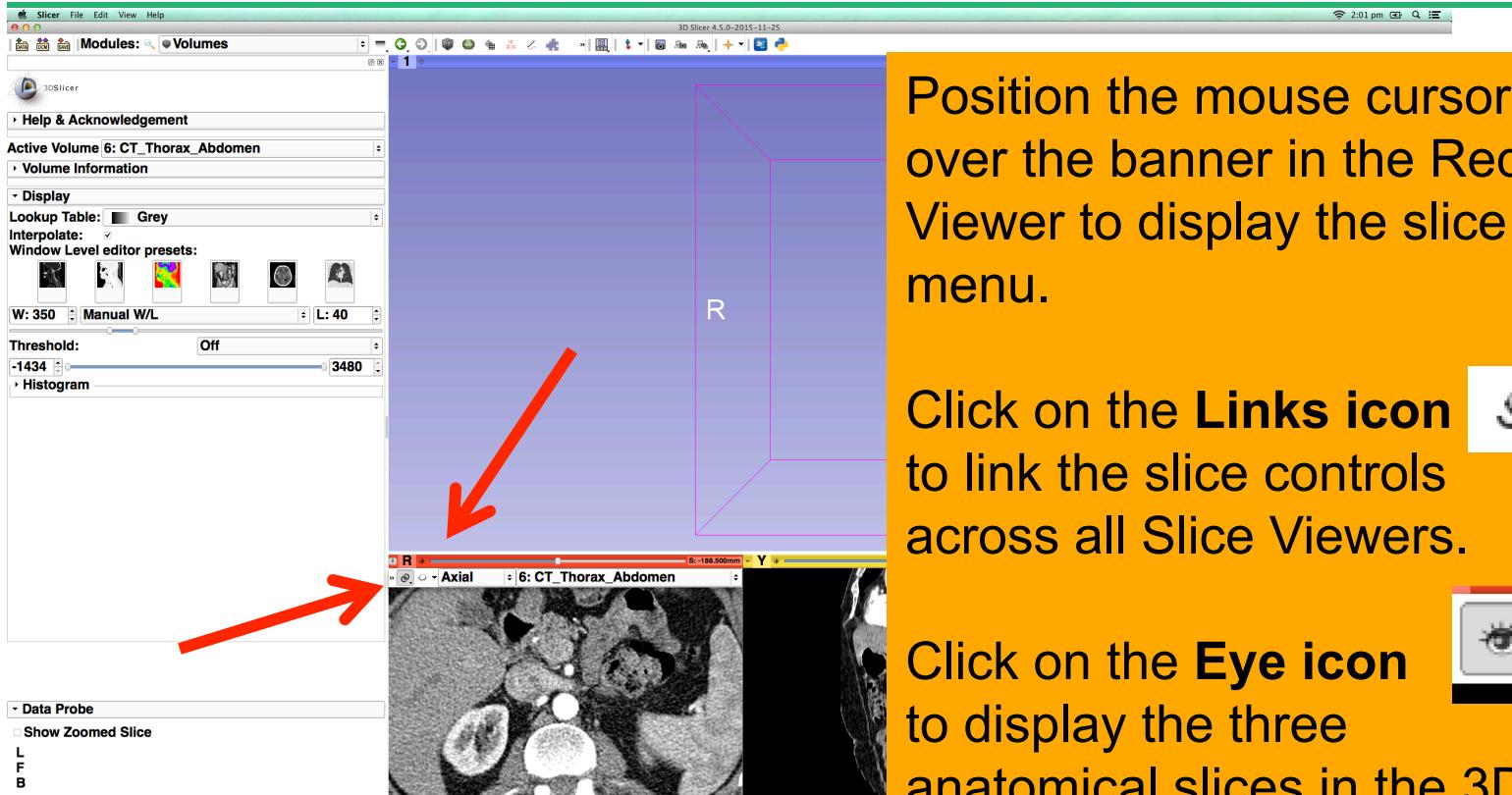
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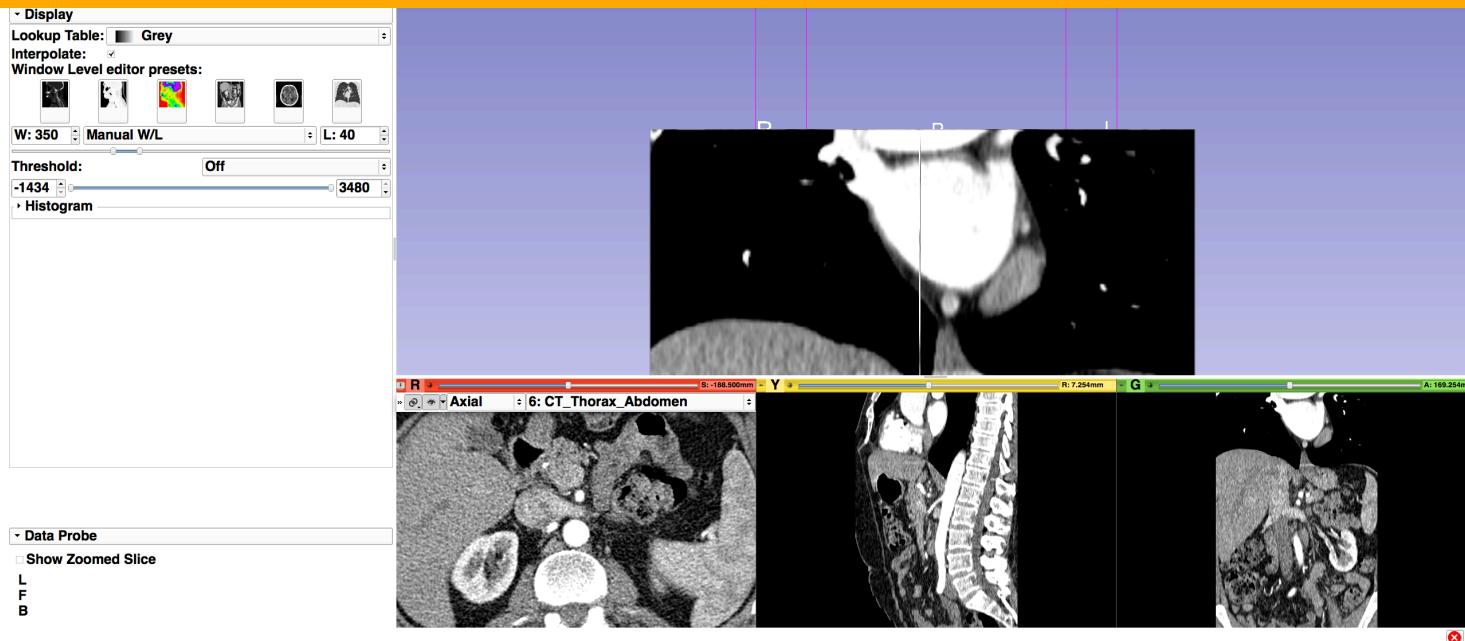
Position the mouse cursor over the banner in the Red Viewer to display the slice menu.

Click on the **Links icon** to link the slice controls across all Slice Viewers.

Click on the **Eye icon** to display the three anatomical slices in the 3D Viewer

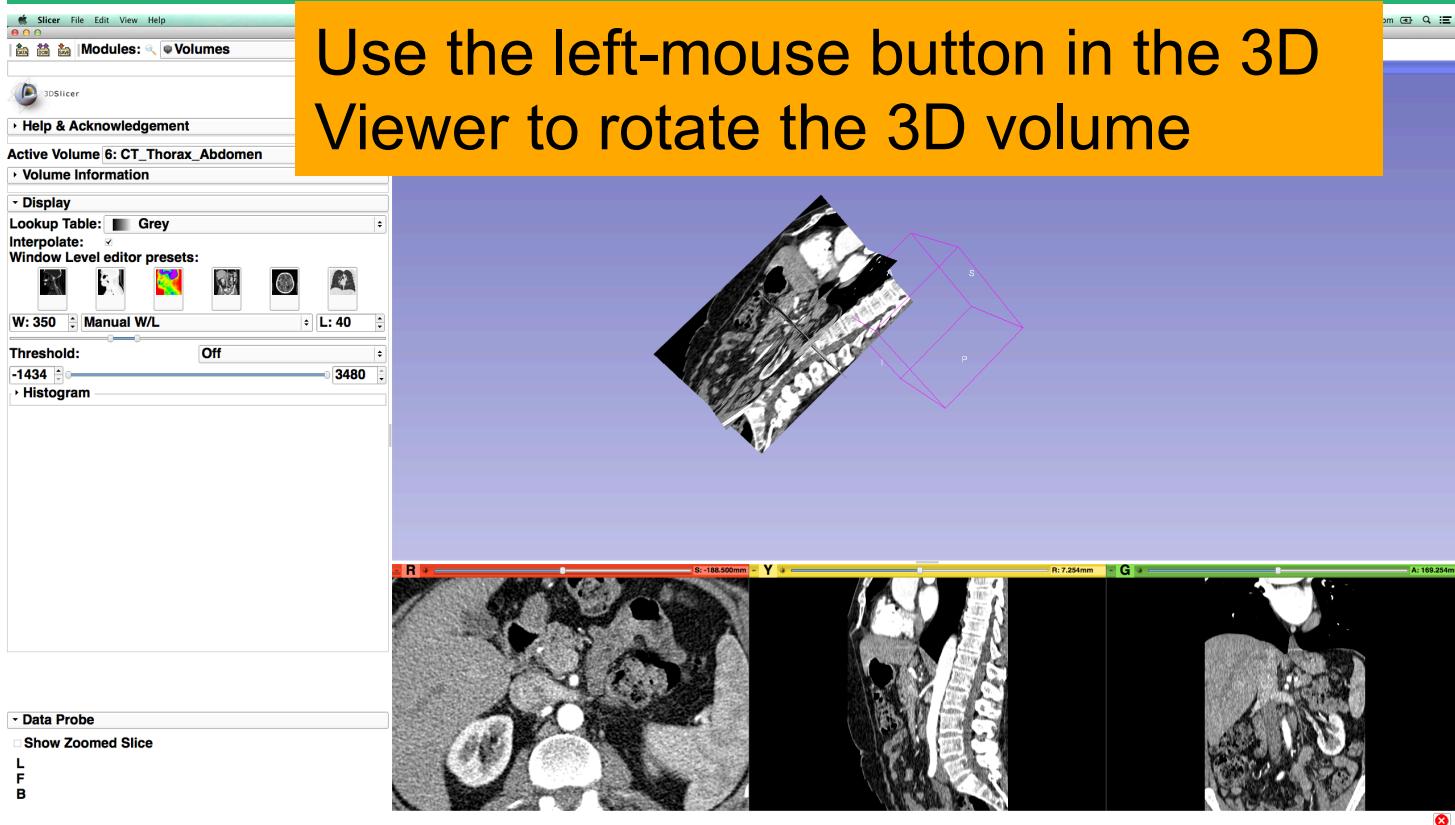
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The three anatomical slices appear in the 3D viewer.  
Use the right-mouse button in the 3D Viewer to zoom in/out

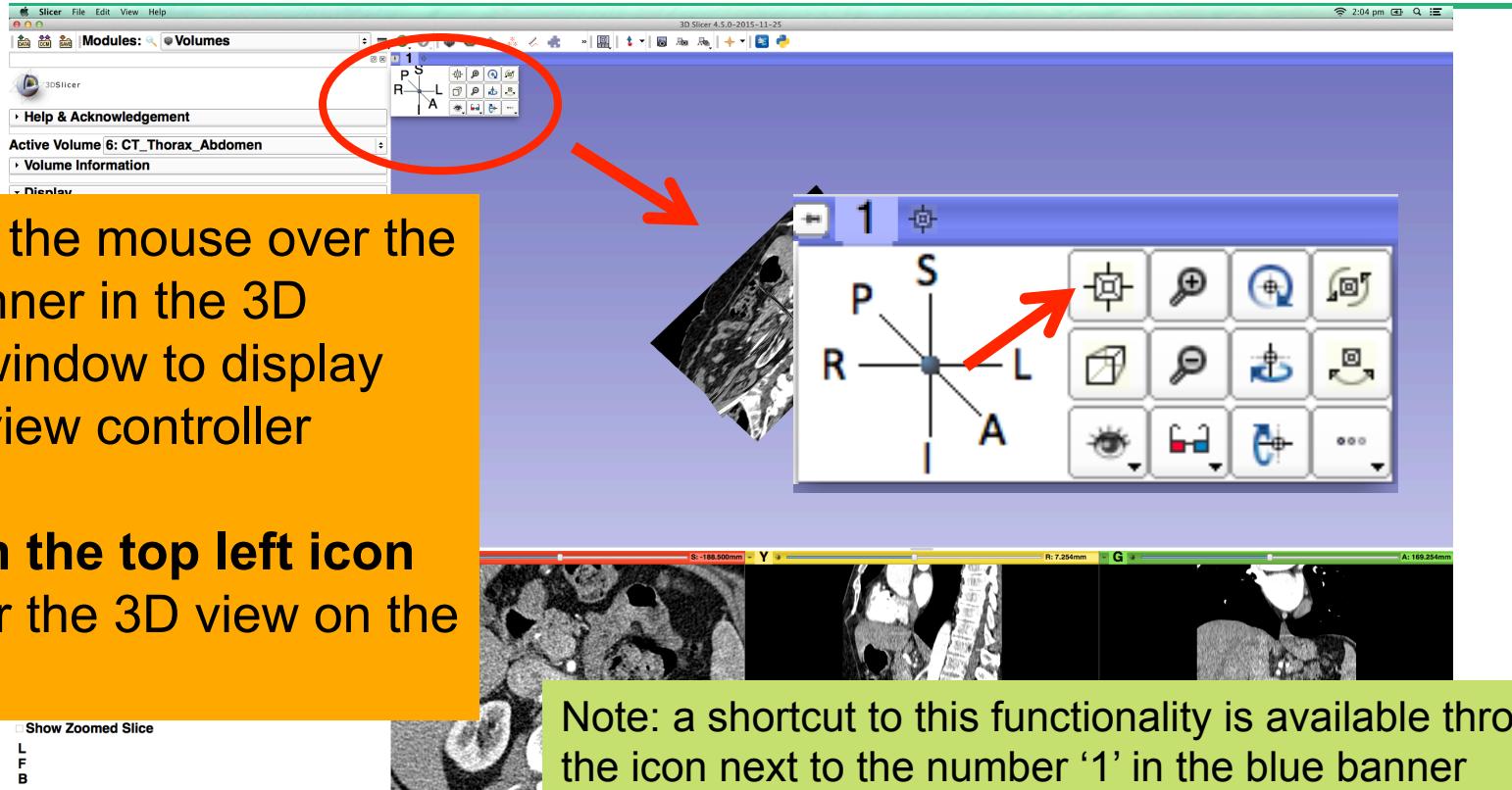


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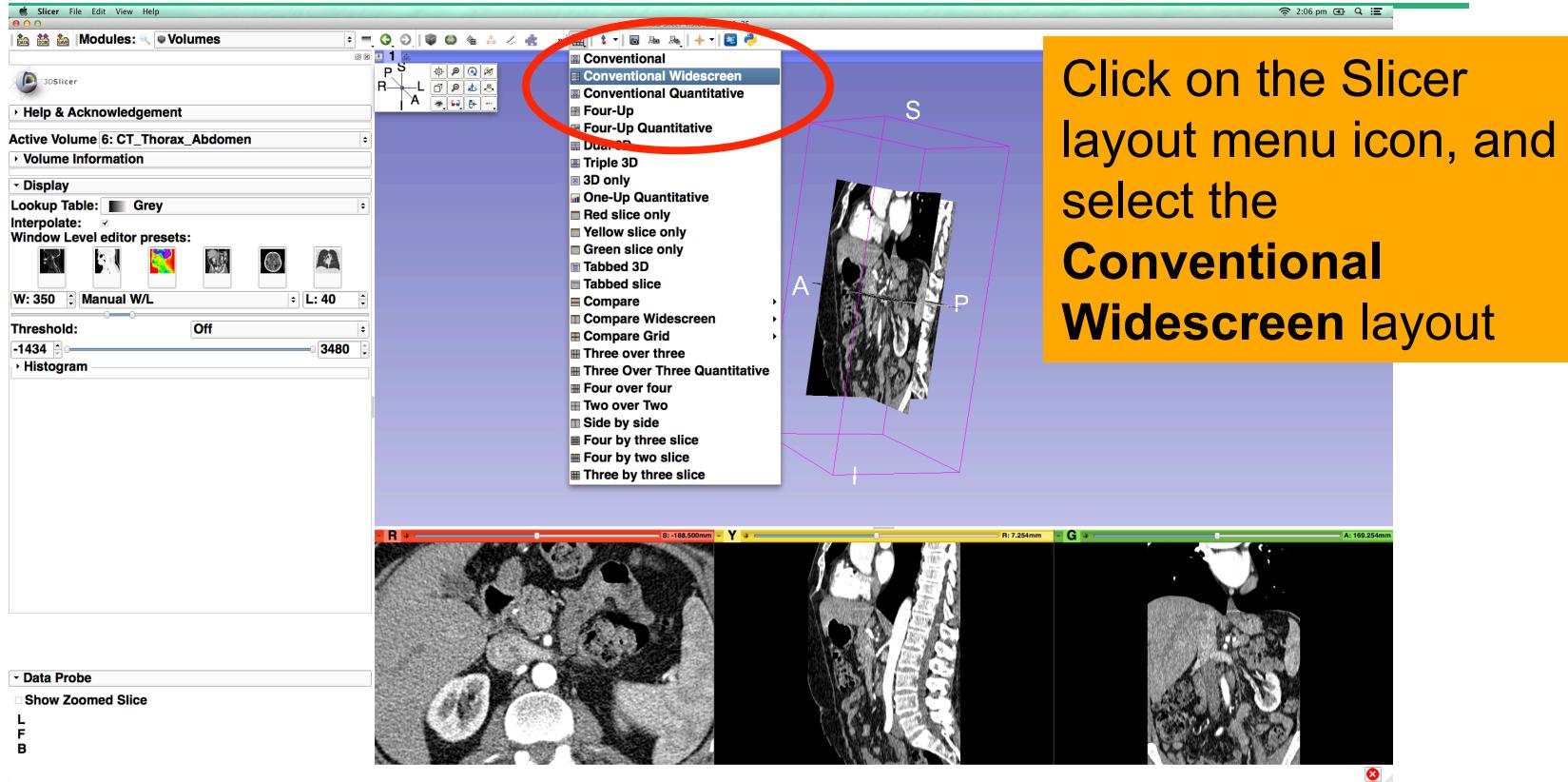
Use the left-mouse button in the 3D Viewer to rotate the 3D volume



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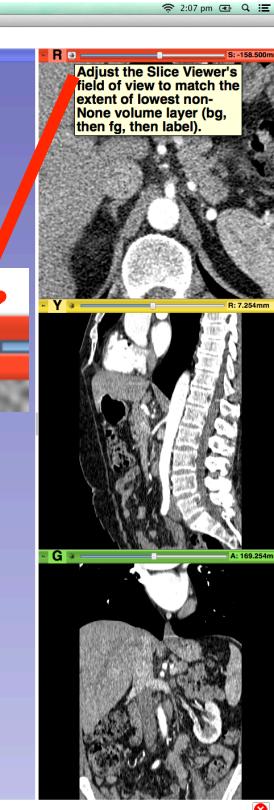
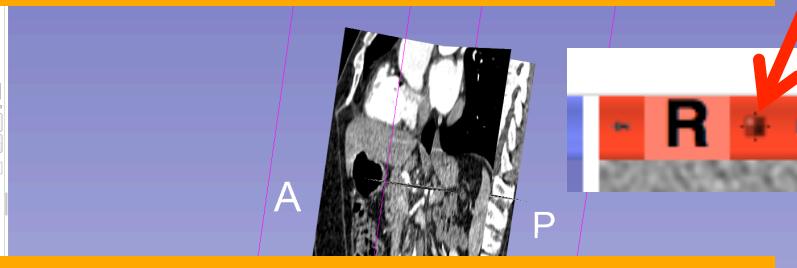
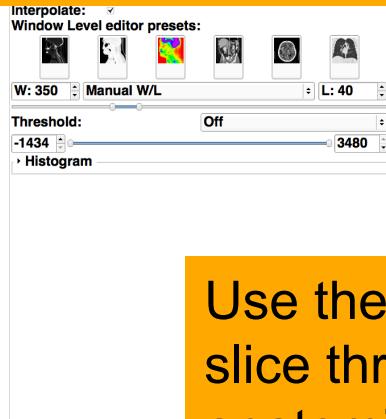


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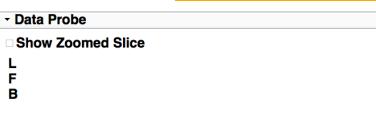


# Loading a DICOM volume

Click on the square icon  next to the letter 'R' in the Red Banner to adjust the field of view of the slices to the size of the window

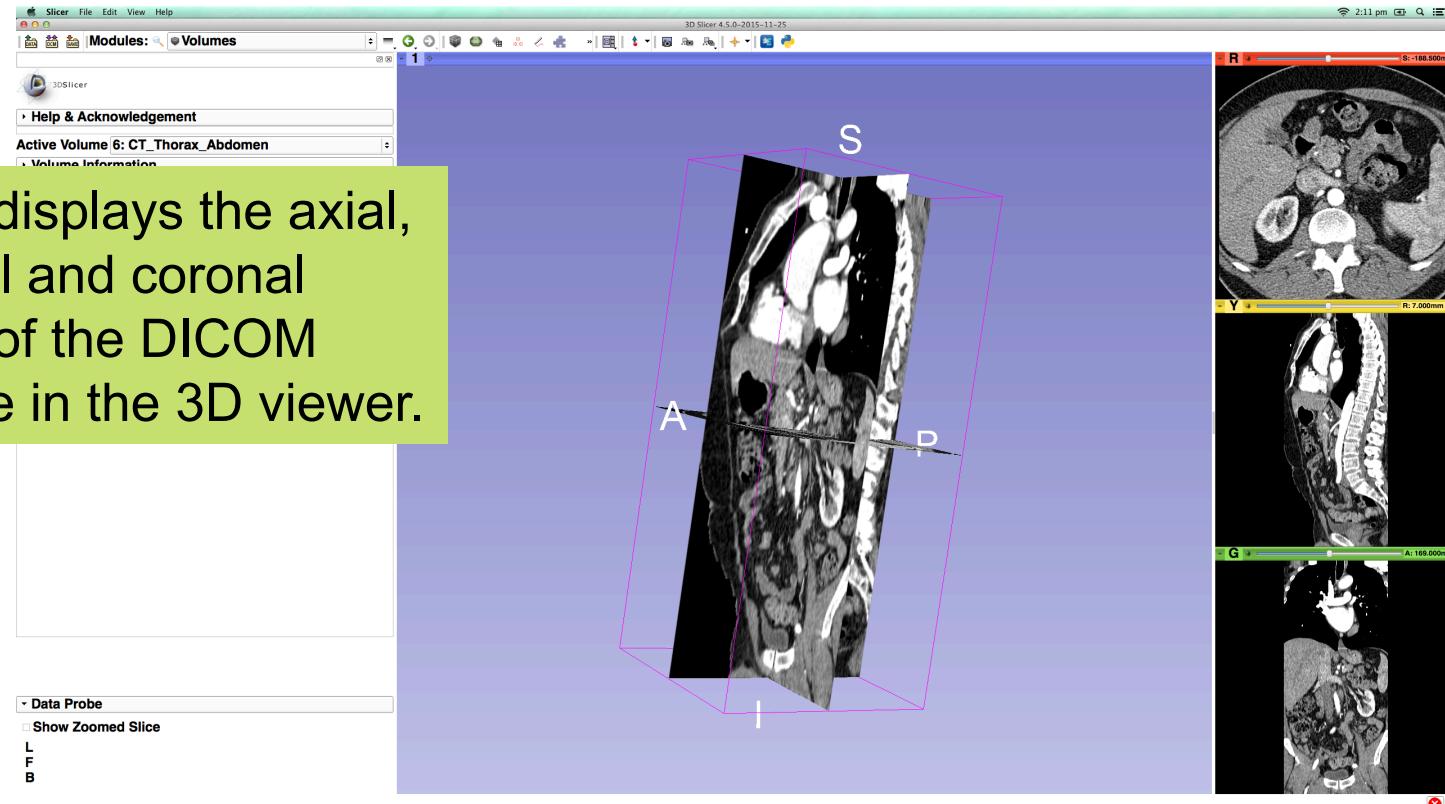


Use the red, yellow and green sliders to slice through the volume in all three anatomical directions

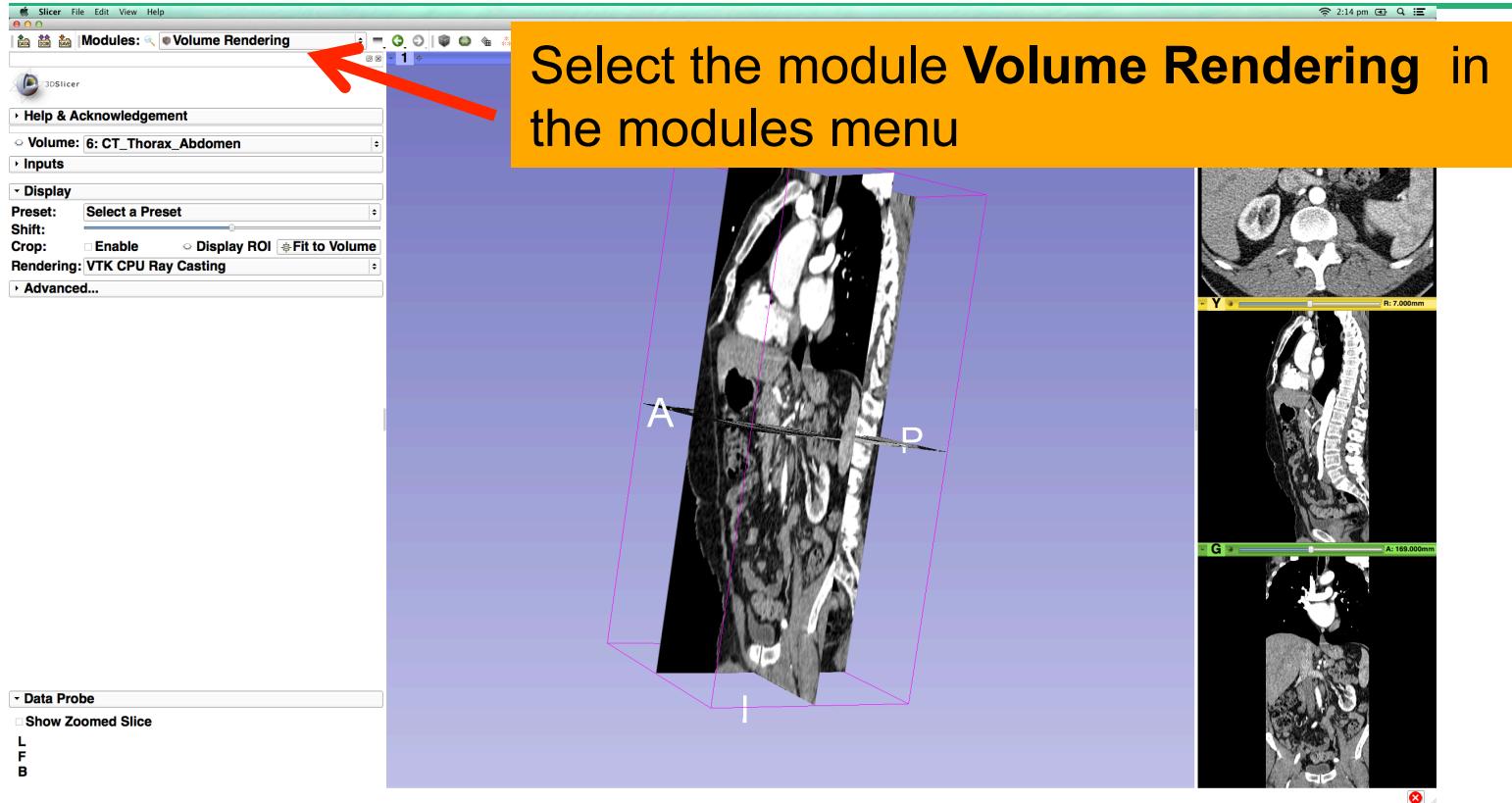


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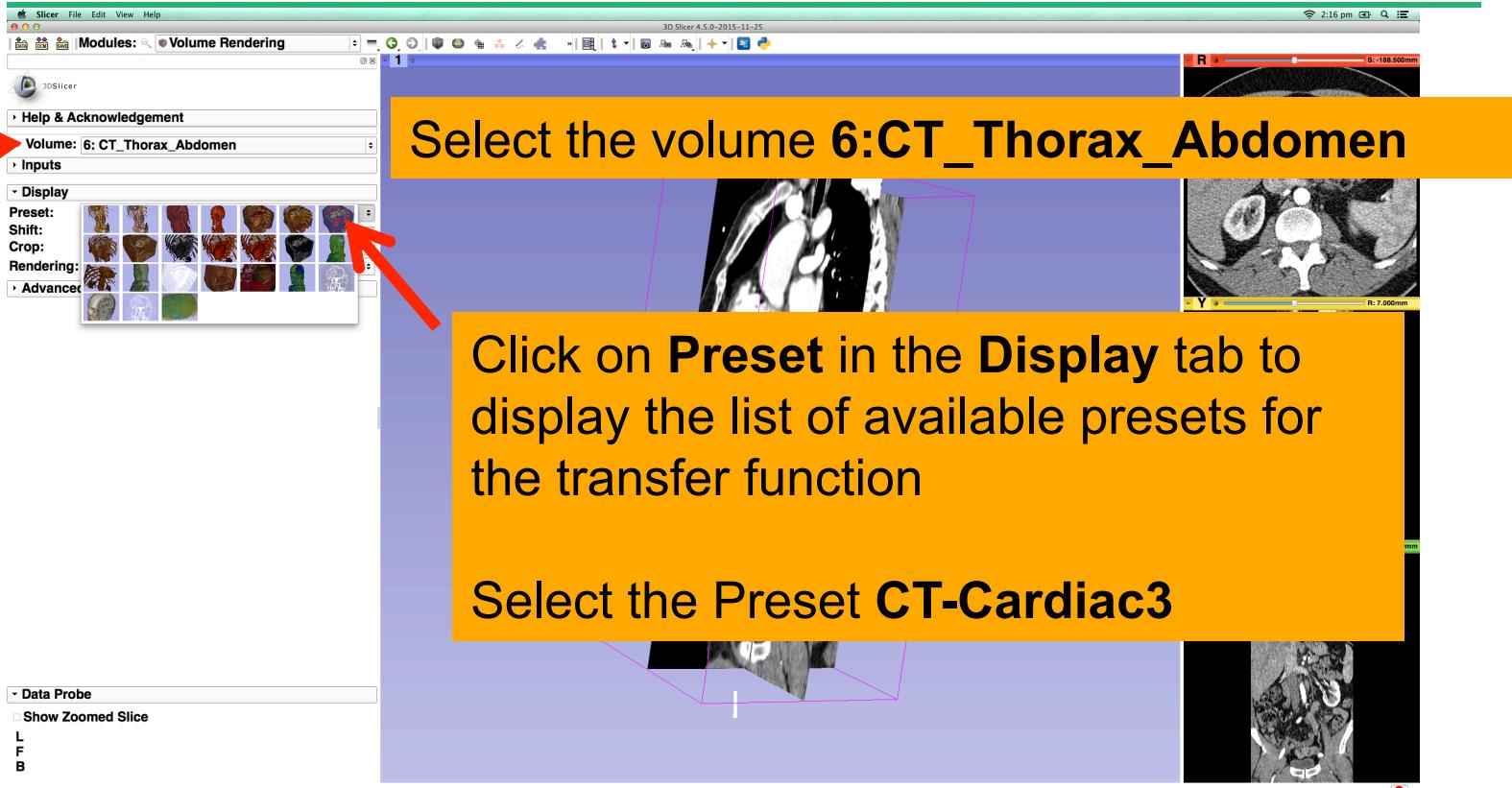
Slicer displays the axial, sagittal and coronal slices of the DICOM volume in the 3D viewer.



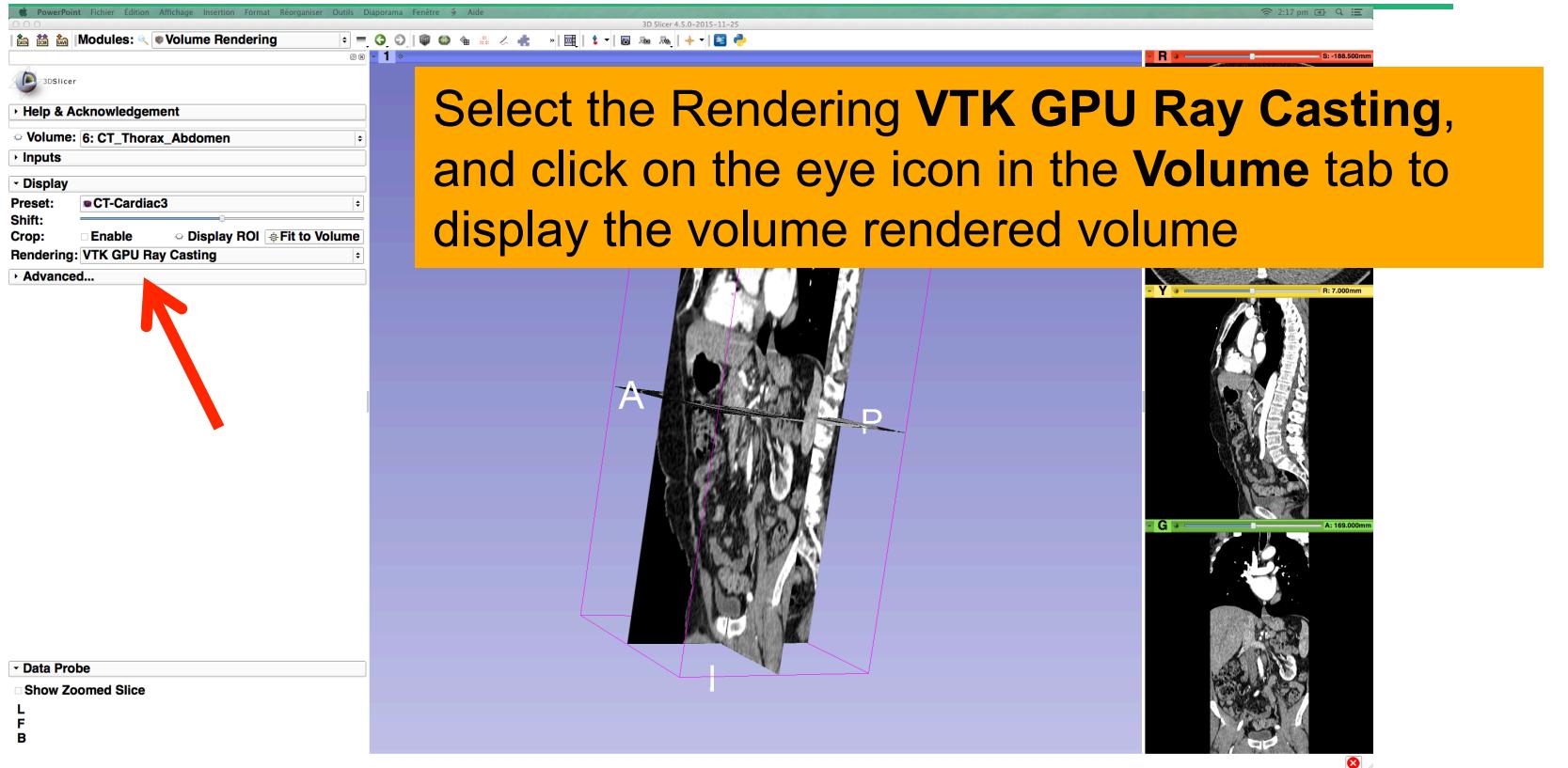
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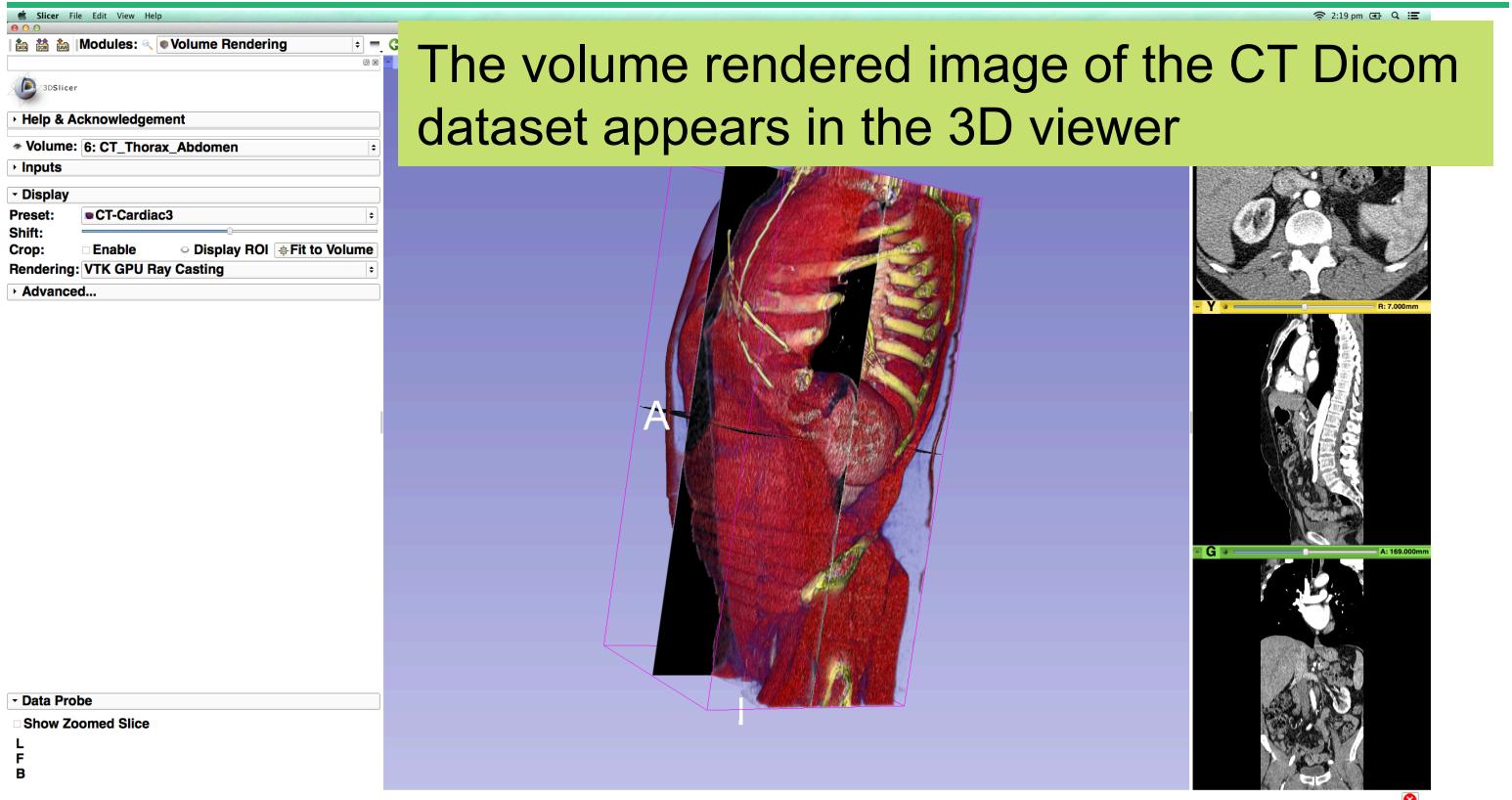
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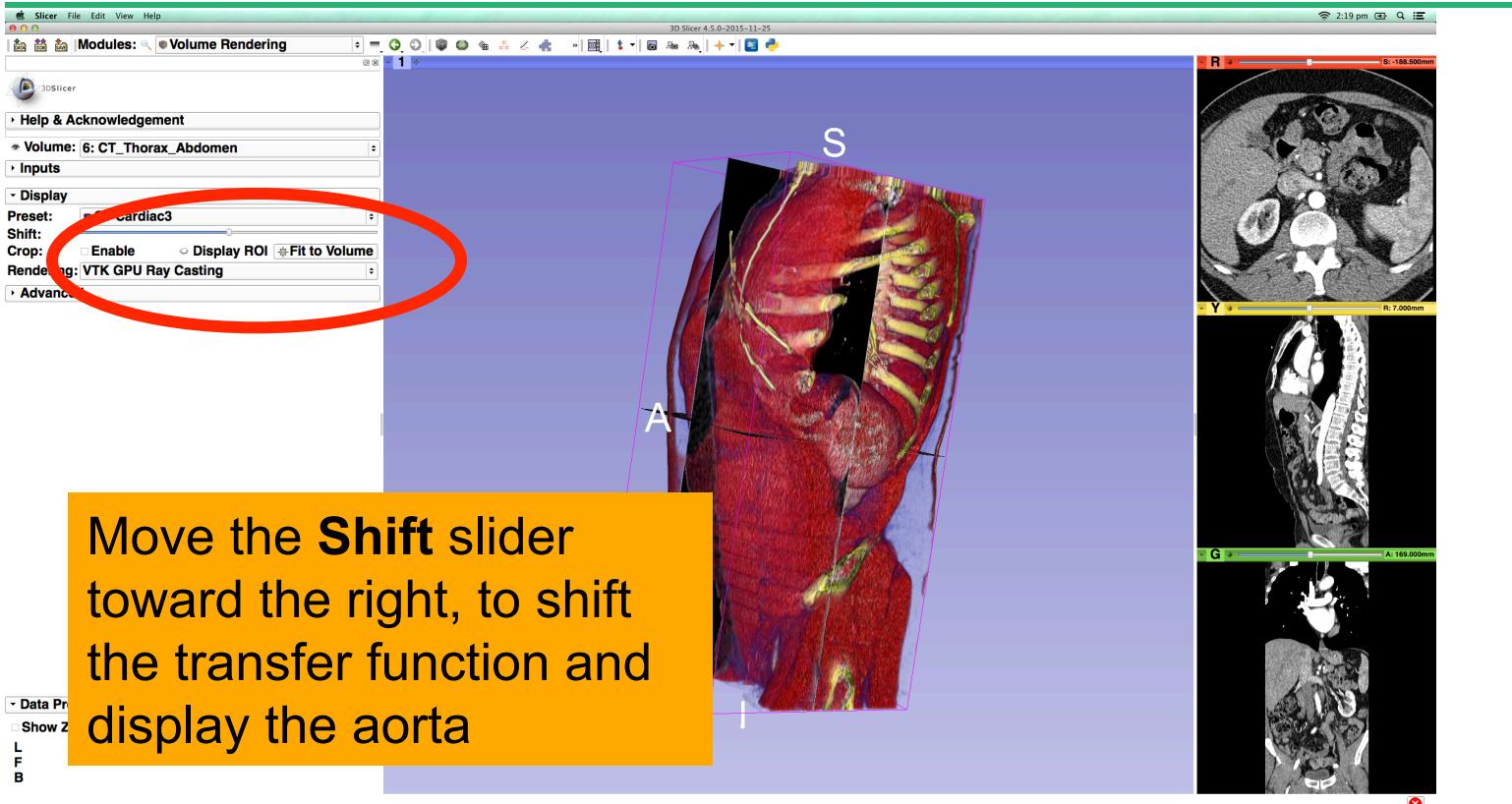
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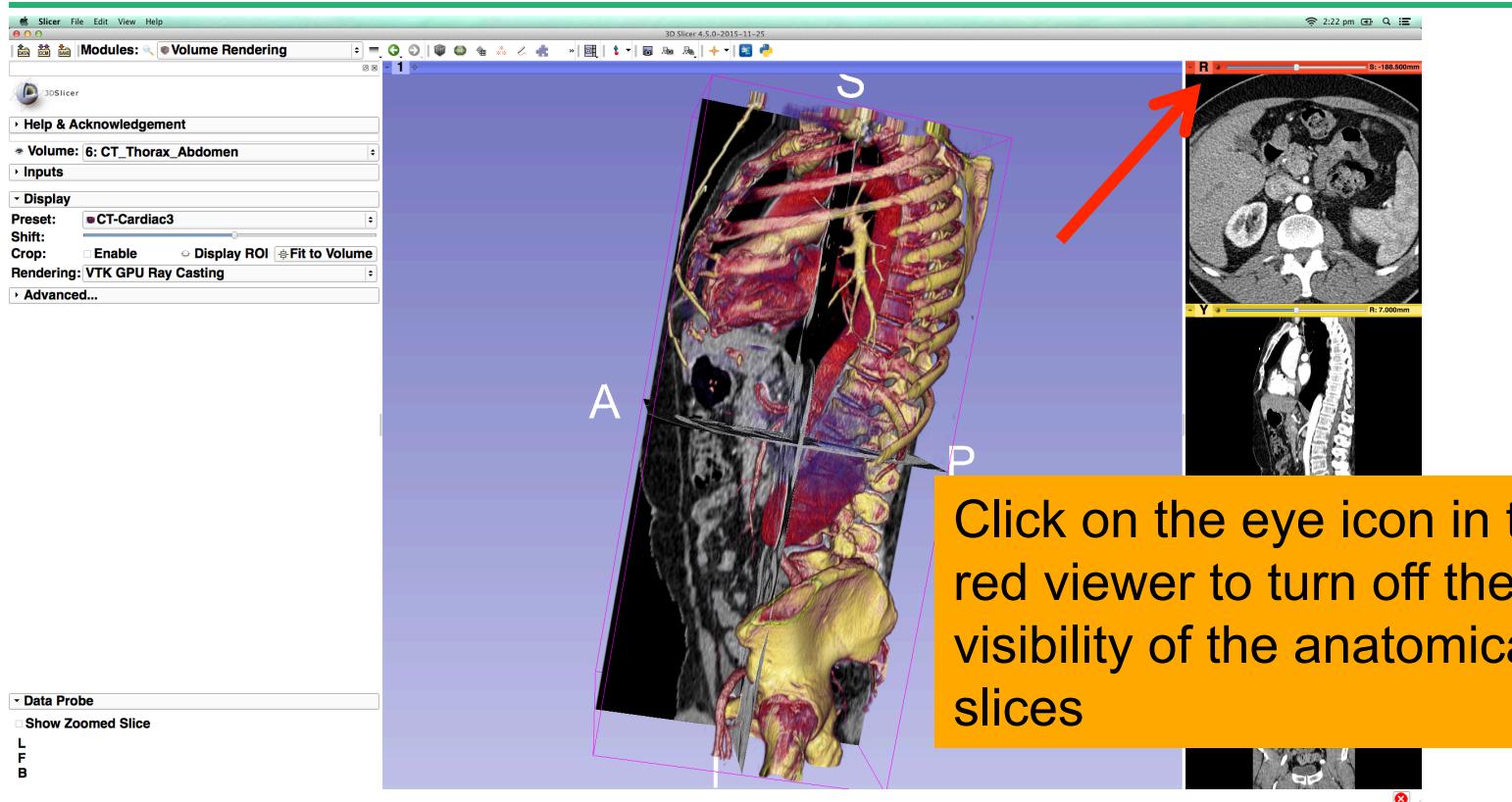
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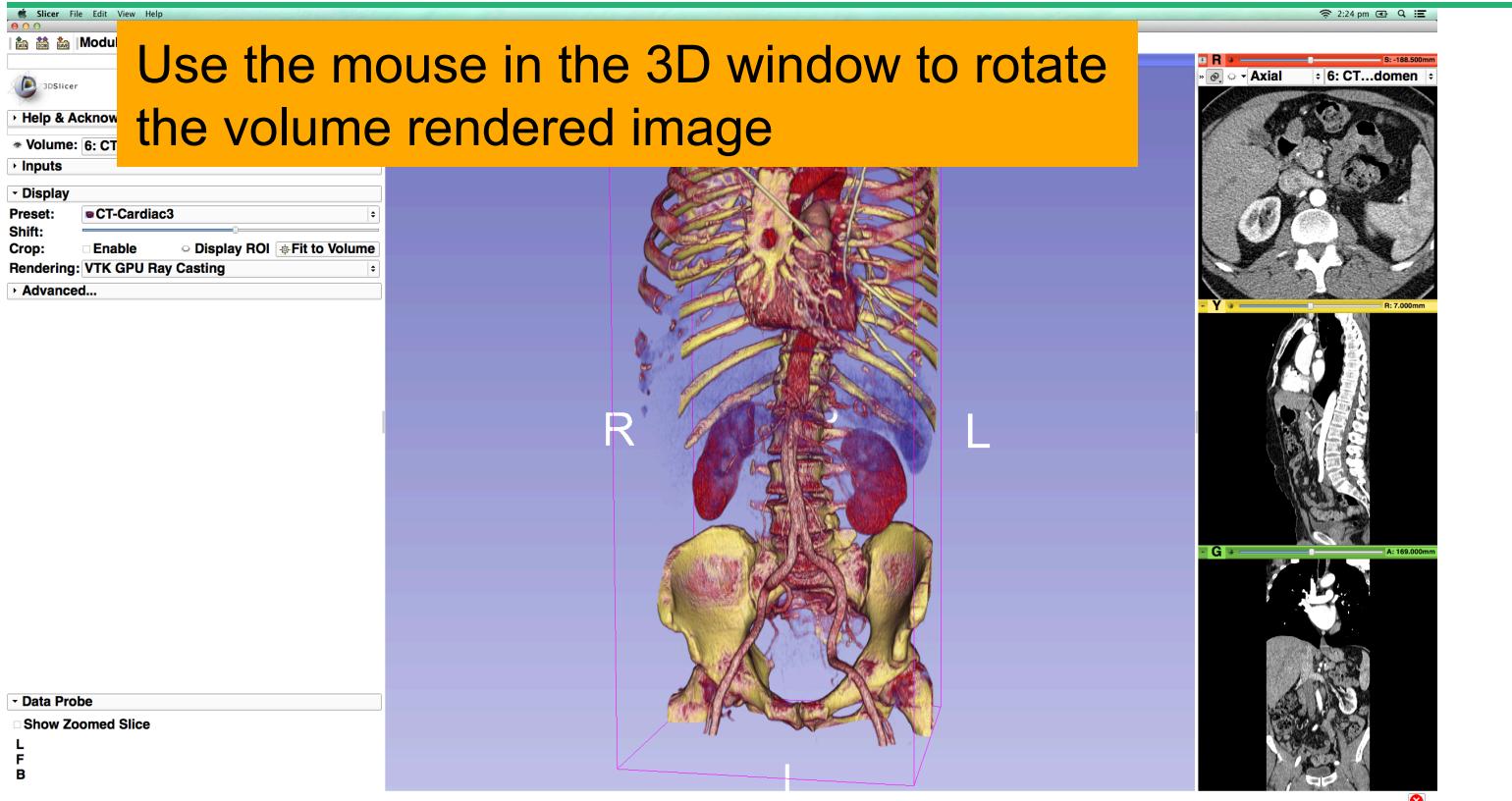
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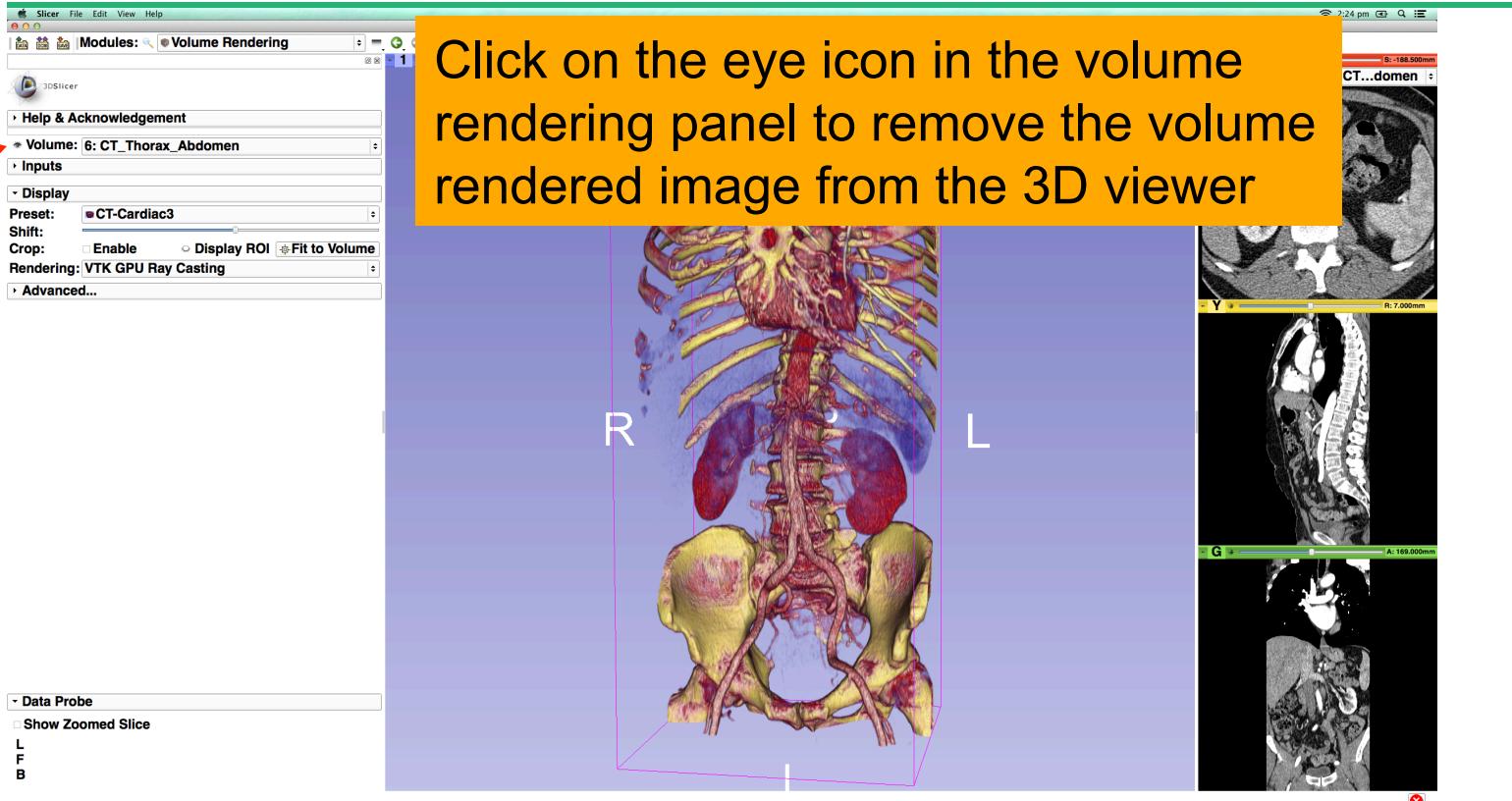
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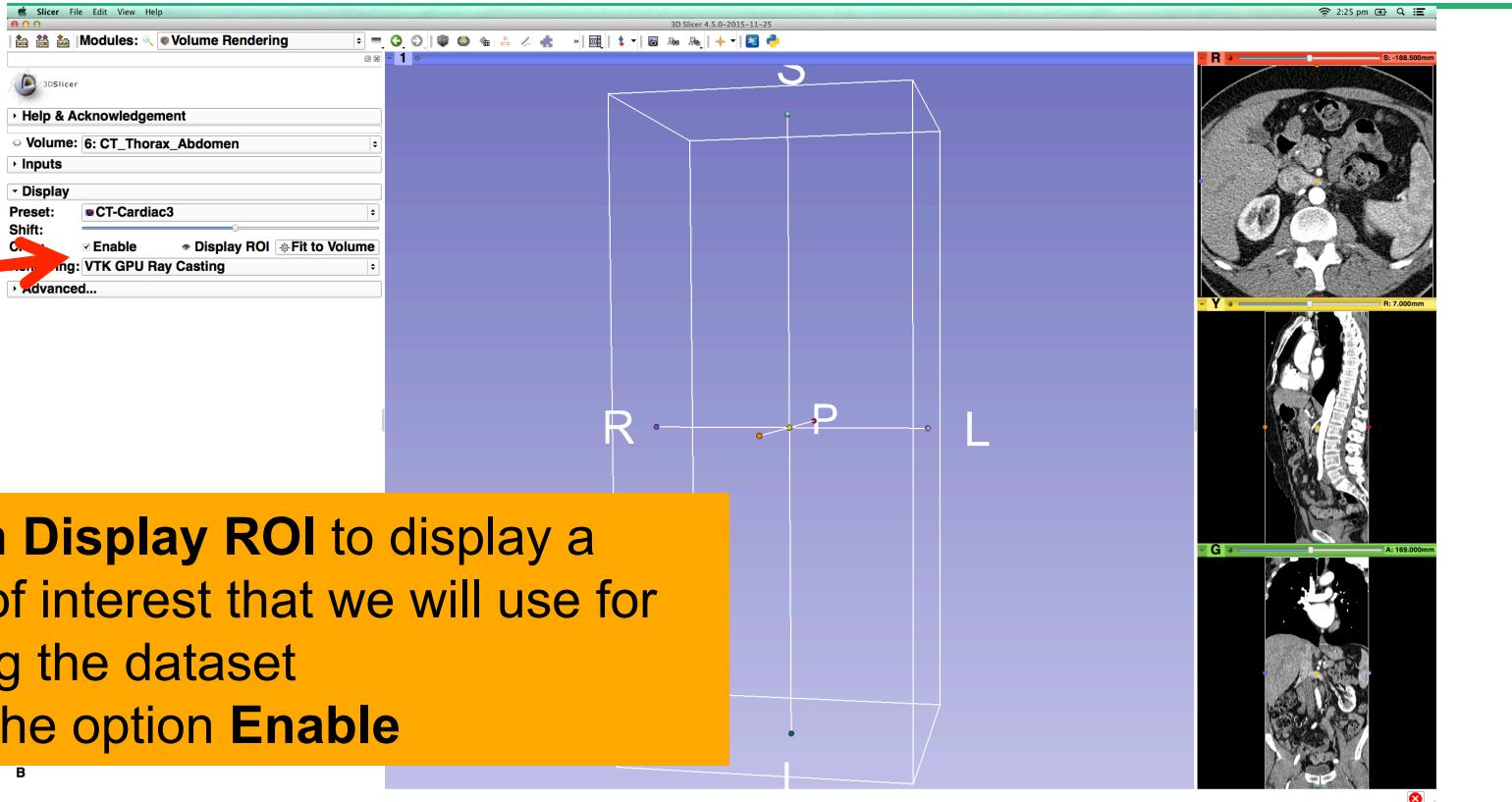
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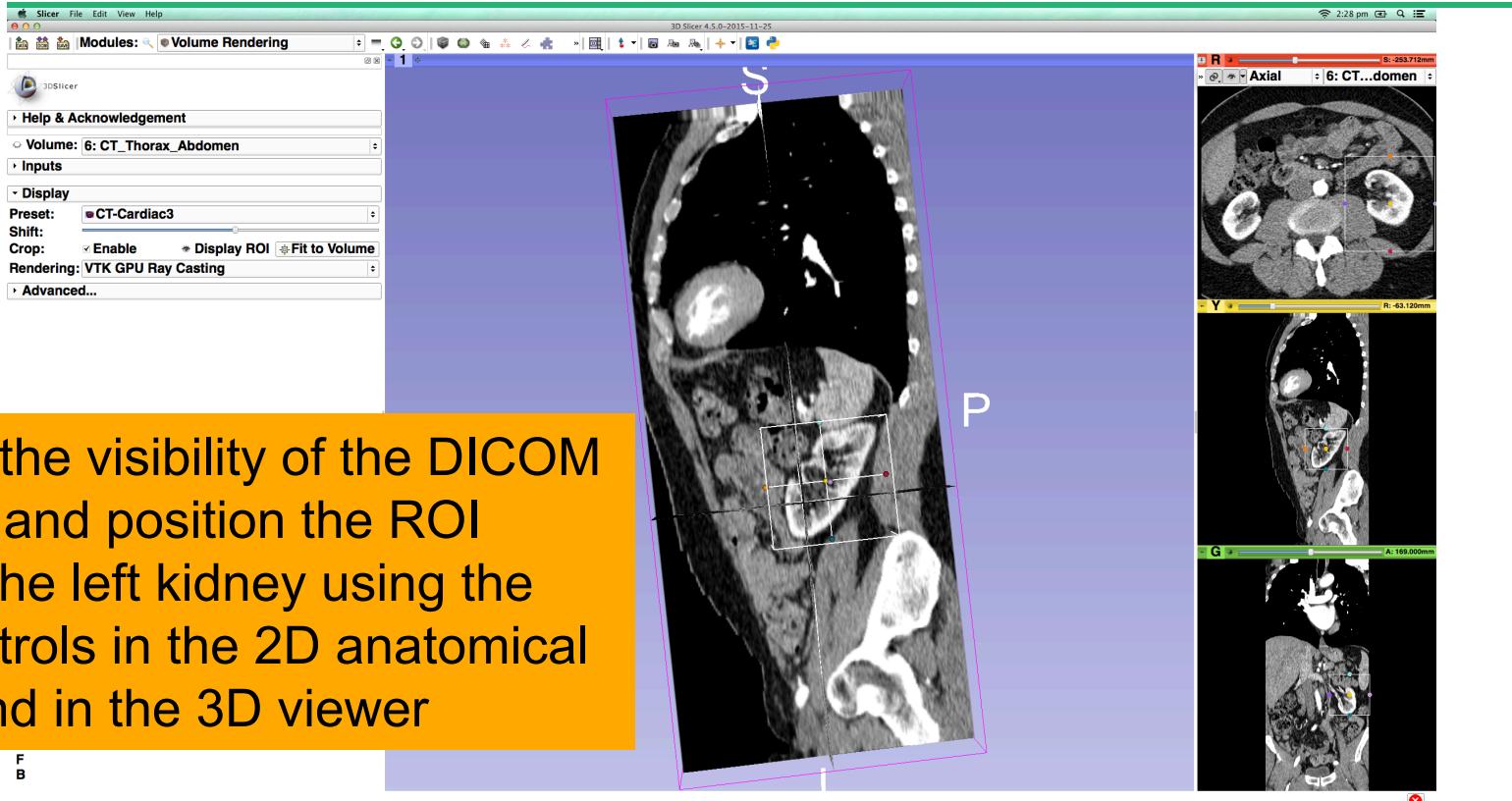


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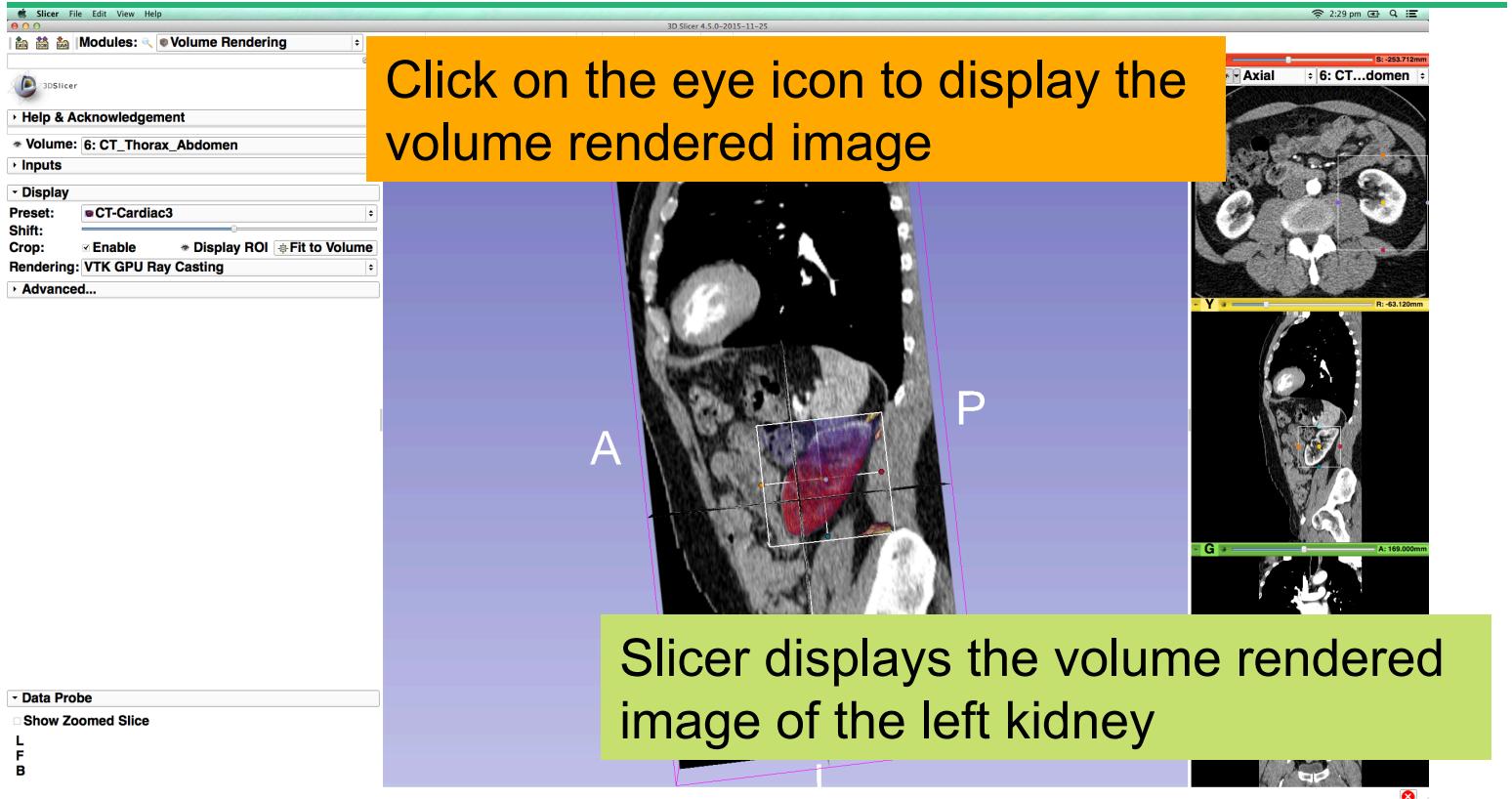


Click on **Display ROI** to display a region of interest that we will use for cropping the dataset  
Check the option **Enable**

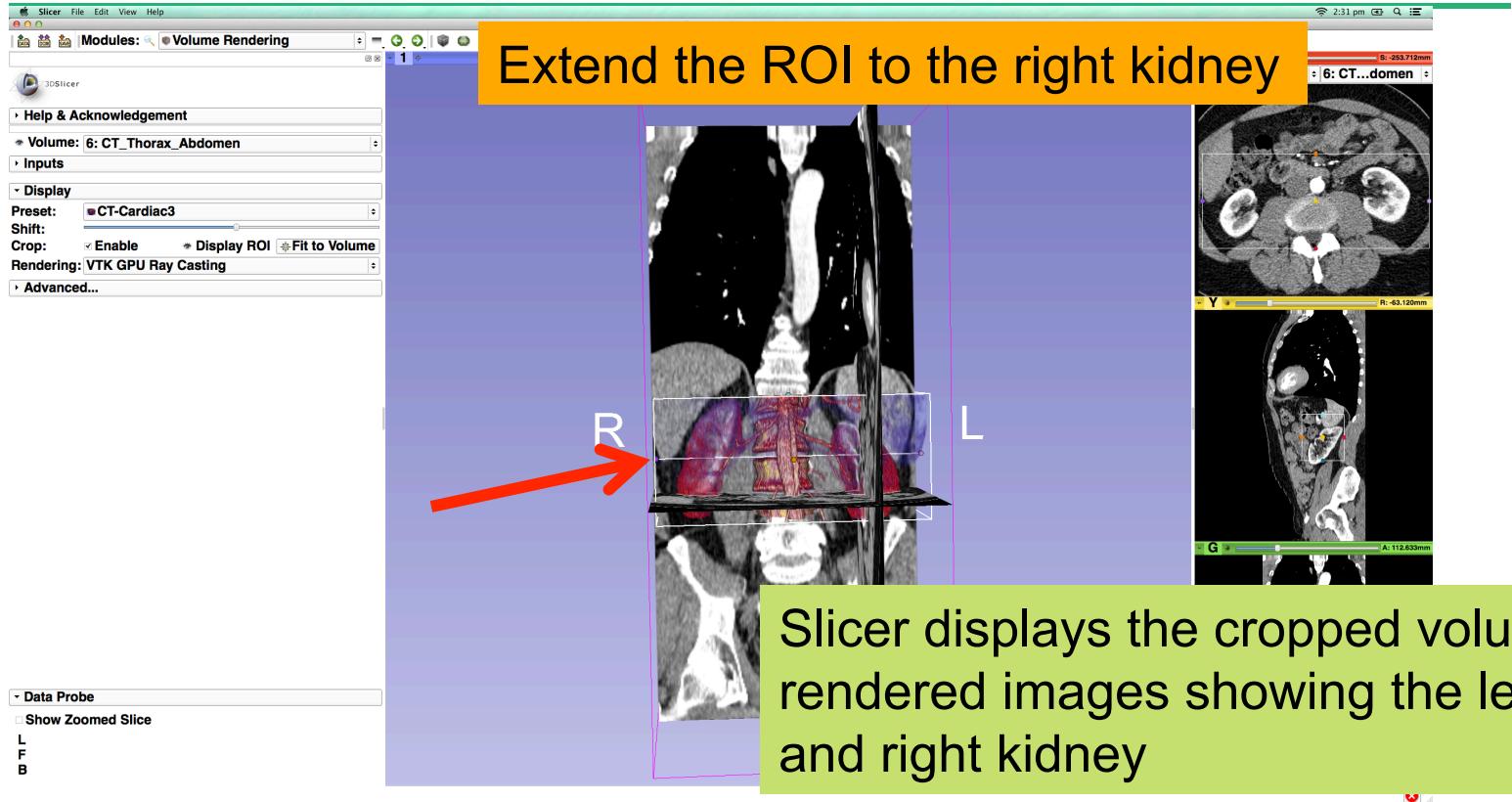
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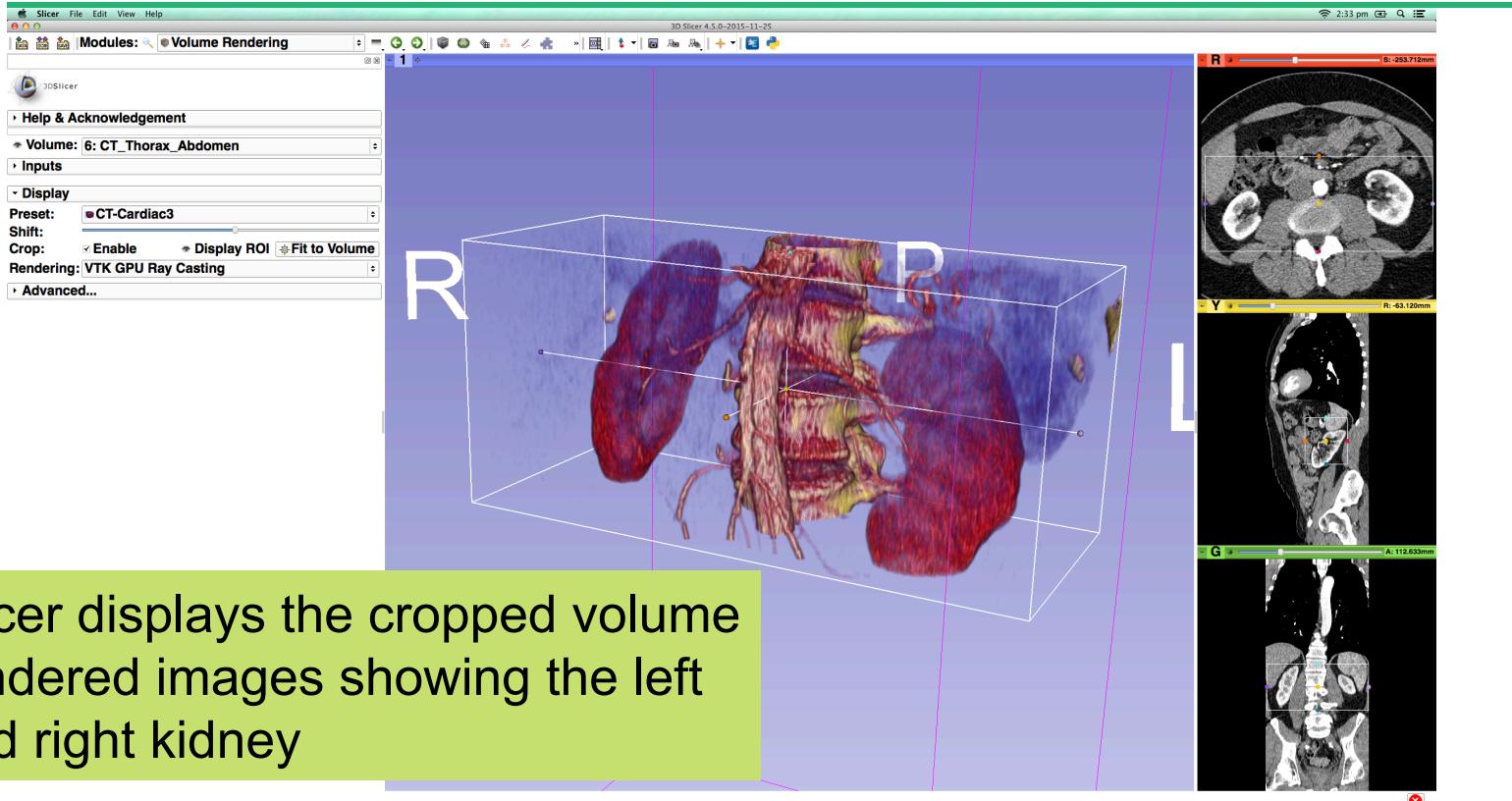
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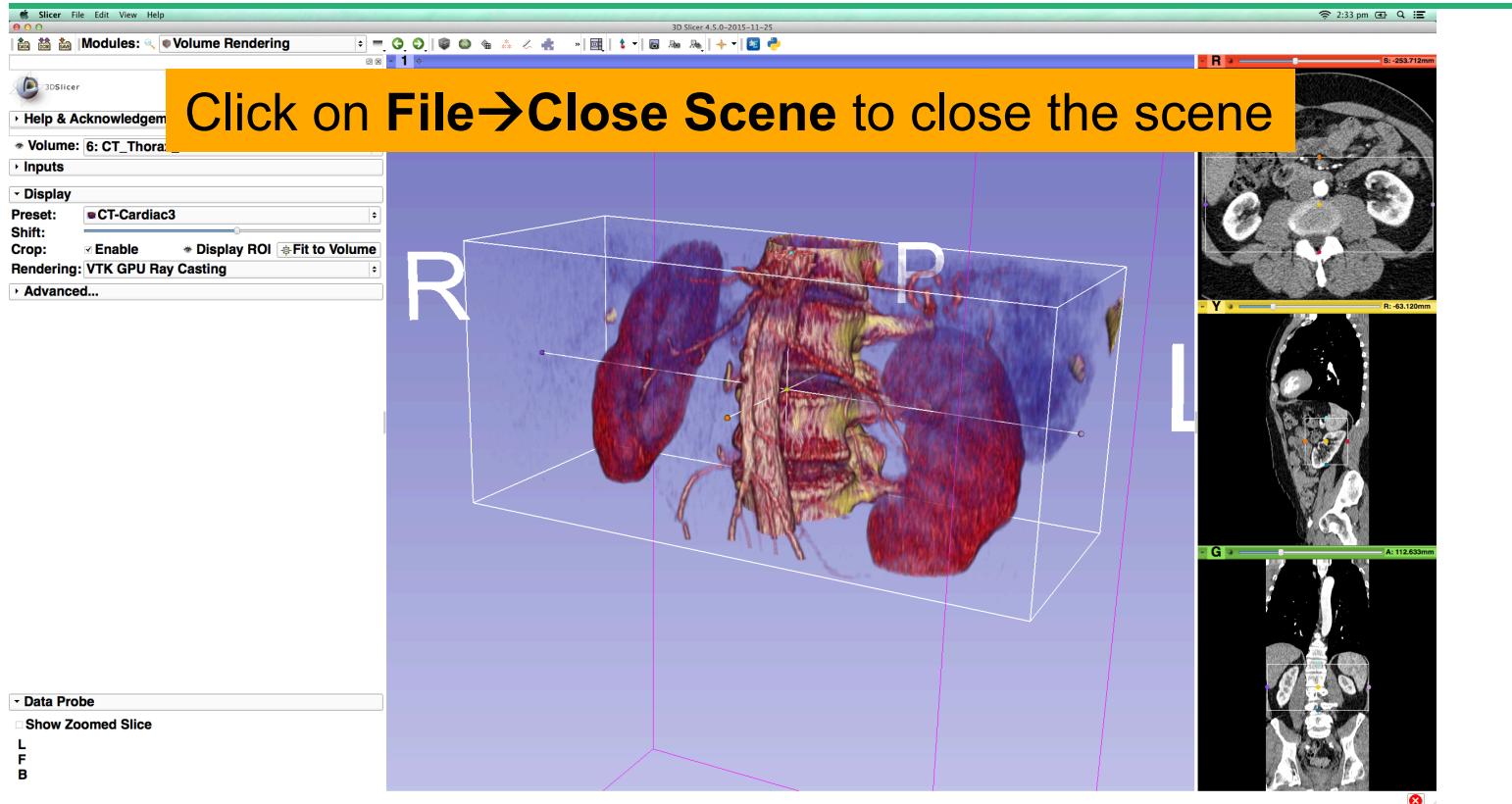
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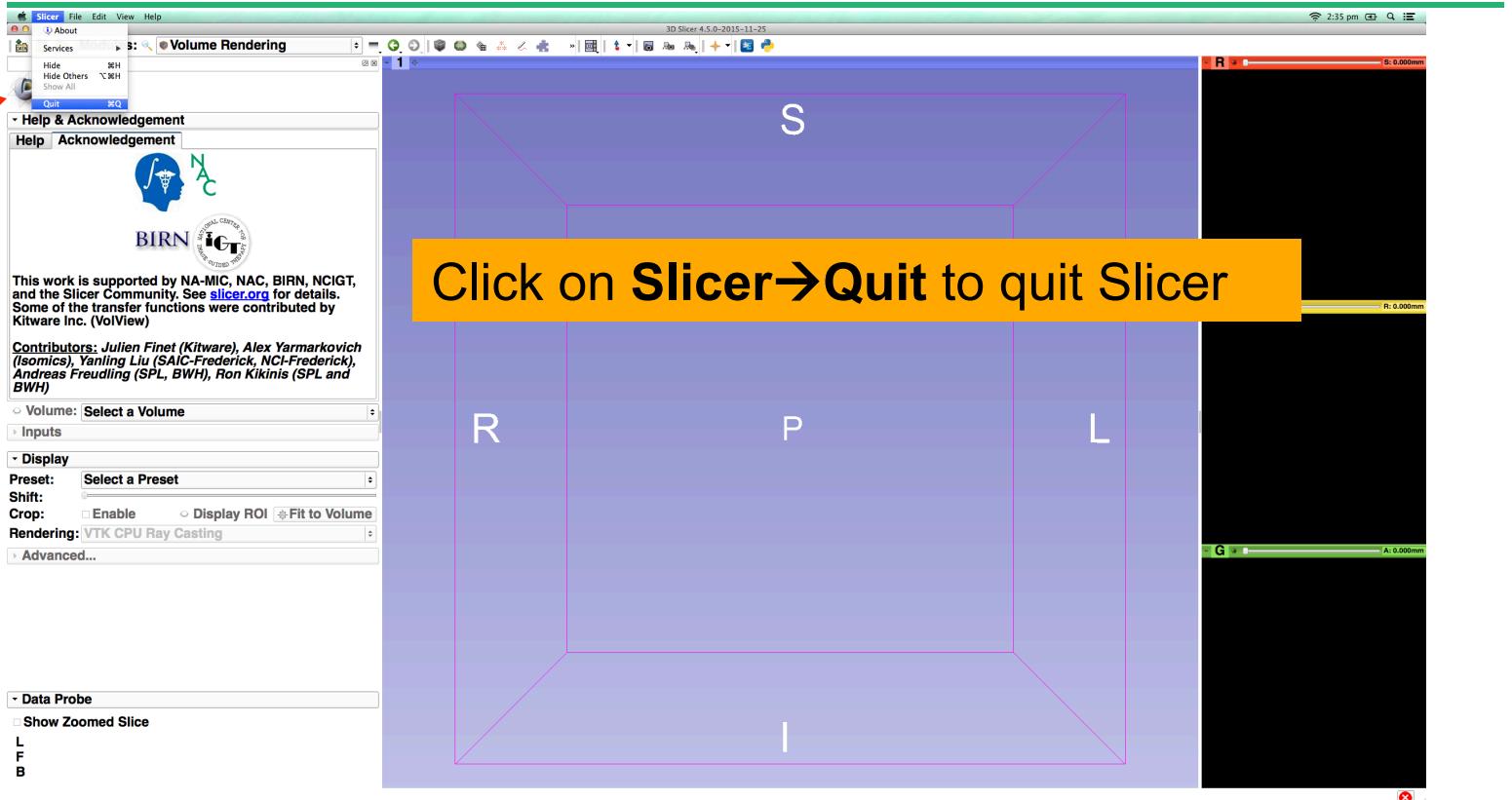
Slicer displays the cropped volume rendered images showing the left and right kidney



# Volume Rendering



# Volume Rendering



Click on **Slicer**→**Quit** to quit Slicer

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Volume: Select a Volume

Inputs

Display

Preset: Select a Preset

Shift:

Crop:  Enable  Display ROI  Fit to Volume

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Advanced...

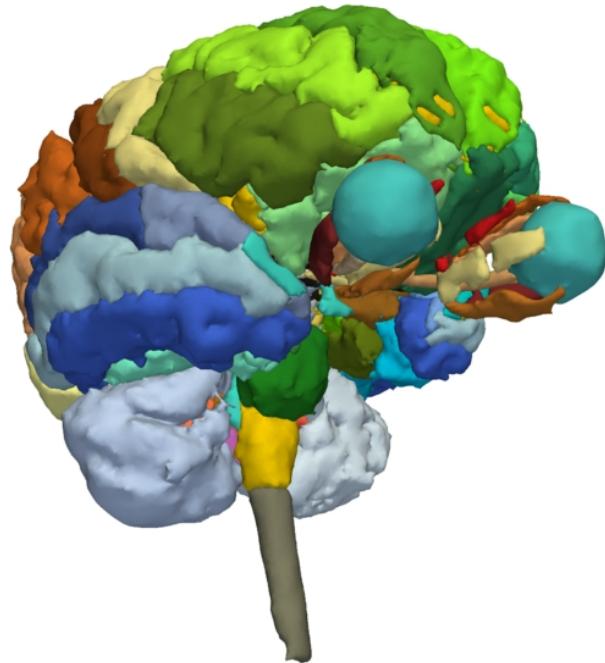
Data Probe

Show Zoomed Slice

L

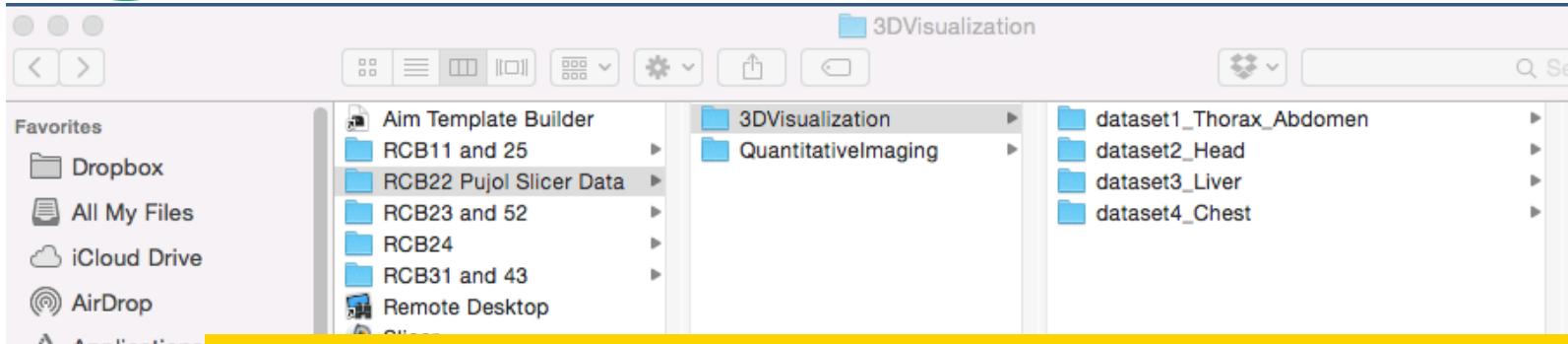
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## **Part IIb:** **3D visualization of surface models of the brain**

# Loading the Head Scene



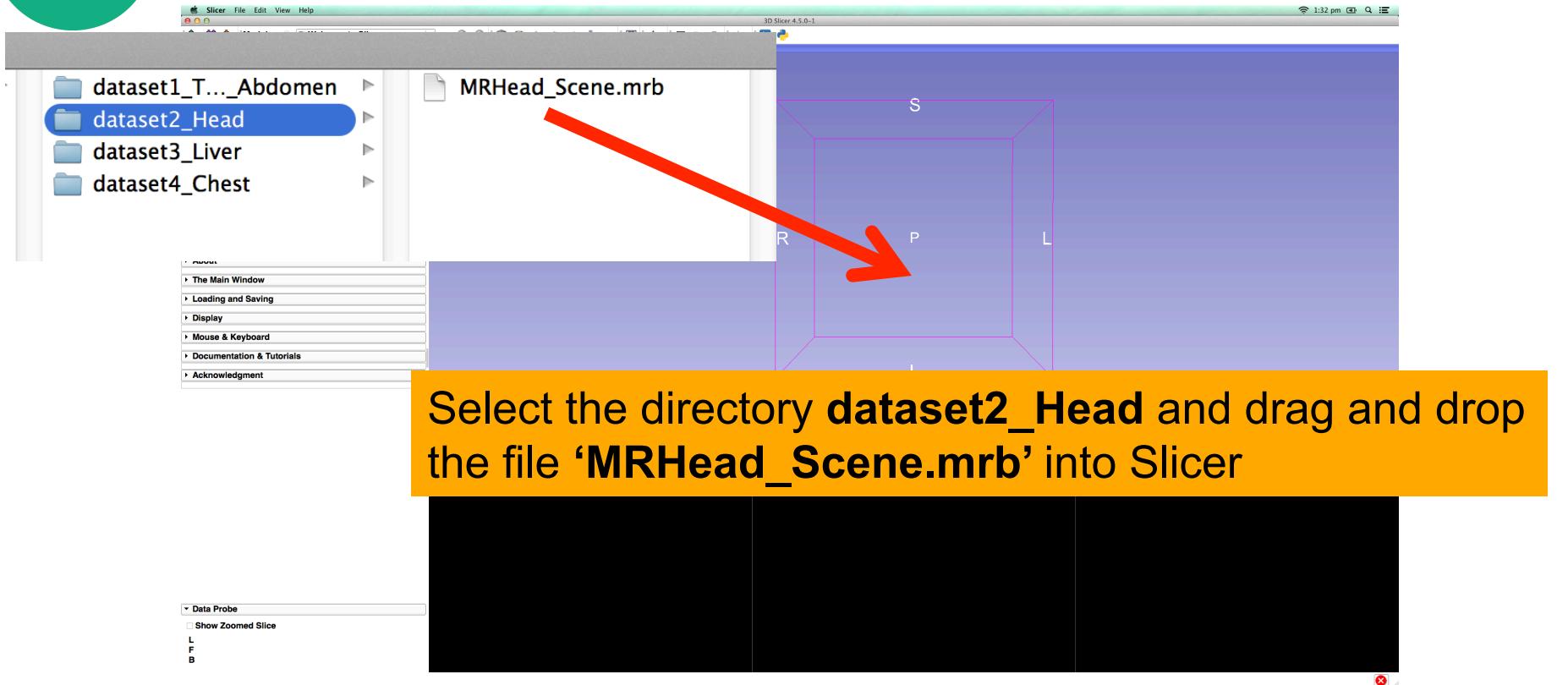
Browse to the directory **RCB22 Pujol Slicer Data**

Select the directory **3D Visualization**

Select the directory **dataset2\_Head**

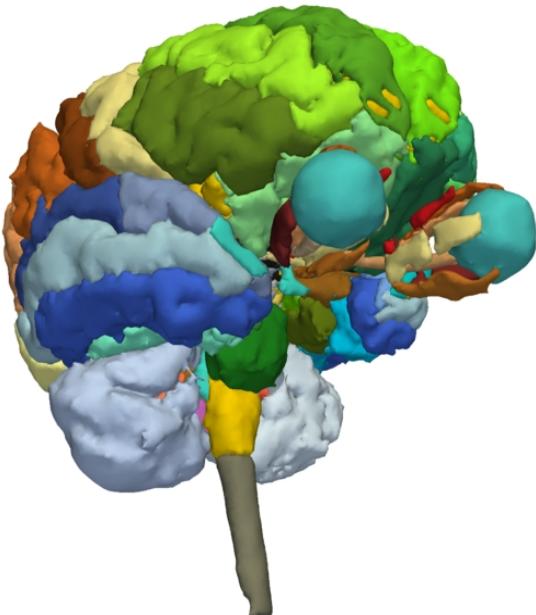


# Loading the Head scene



# Tutorial Dataset

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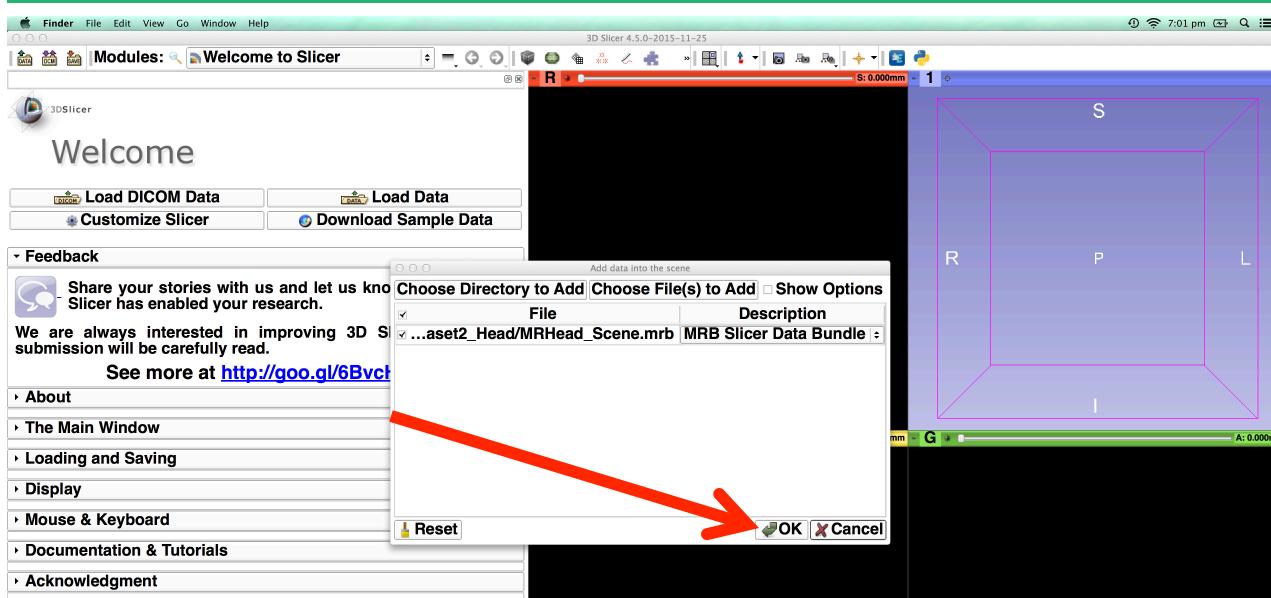


- The **MRHead\_Scene.mrb** file is composed of an MR scan of the brain and 3D surface reconstructions of anatomical structures from the SPL-PNL Brain Atlas.
- The atlas by Talos, Jakab, Kikinis et al. is freely available at:

<http://www.spl.harvard.edu/publications/item/view/2037>



# Loading the Head Scene



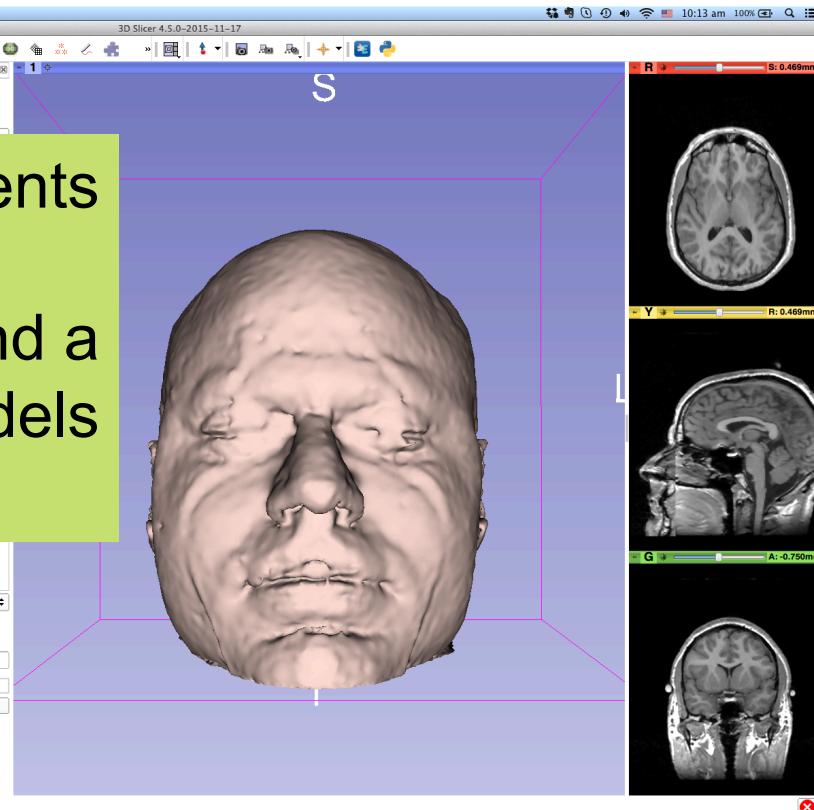
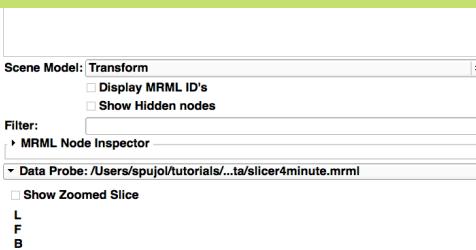
Click on **OK** to load the file **MRHead\_Scene.mrb** into Slicer

Show Zoomed Slice

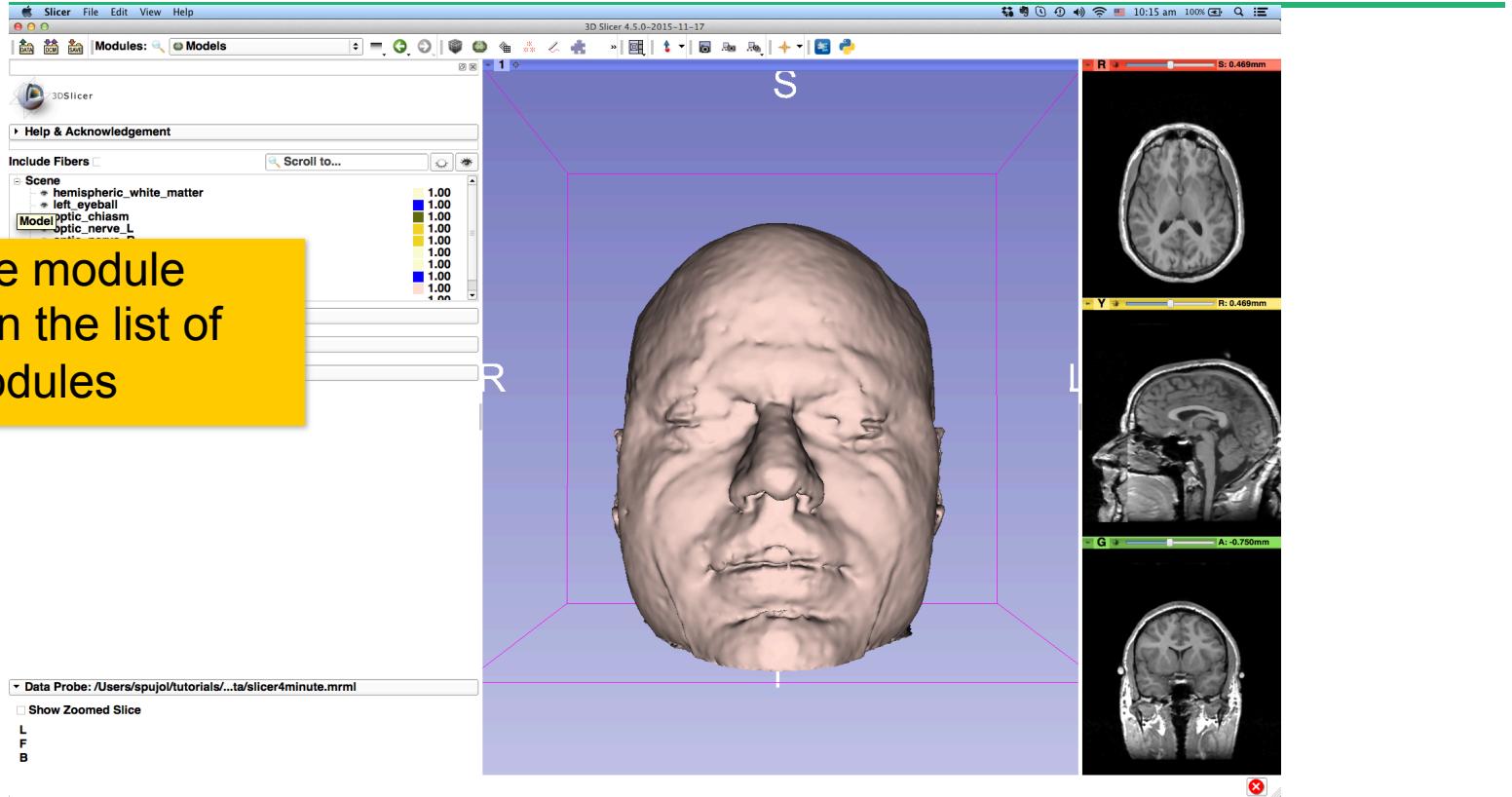
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# Viewing the 3D Scene

Slicer displays the elements of the scene, which contains an MRI scan and a series of 3D surface models of the brain.



# Viewing the 3D Scene





# Basic 3D Interaction

The screenshot shows the 3D Slicer interface. In the center is a 3D volume rendering of a human head, specifically a brain. A blue cursor arrow is positioned over the left side of the head. To the right of the 3D model are three 2D grayscale slices: a coronal slice at the top, a sagittal slice in the middle, and a axial slice at the bottom. Each slice has a color bar indicating its depth: R (red), Y (yellow), and G (green). The top slice shows a value of R: 0.469mm, the middle slice shows Y: R: 0.469mm, and the bottom slice shows G: A: -0.750mm. On the far left, there is a yellow callout box with text instructions. The top part of the box says "Position the mouse in the 3D Viewer." and the bottom part says "Hold down the **left mouse button** and drag to rotate the model." Above the 3D model, the text "Left-click & drag" is displayed with a yellow starburst pointing to the cursor. The 3D model is surrounded by a light purple coordinate system with axes labeled S (Superior) at the top, R (Right) on the left, and F (Front) at the bottom. The 3D Slicer menu bar at the top includes File, Edit, View, Help, and a Modules section. The bottom left of the interface shows a "Data Probe" status bar and some checkboxes for "Show Zoomed Slice".

Position the mouse in the 3D Viewer.

Hold down the **left mouse button** and drag to rotate the model.

Left-click & drag

S

R

F

B

Data Probe: /Users/spujo/tutorials/...ta/slicer4minute.mrml

Show Zoomed Slice

L

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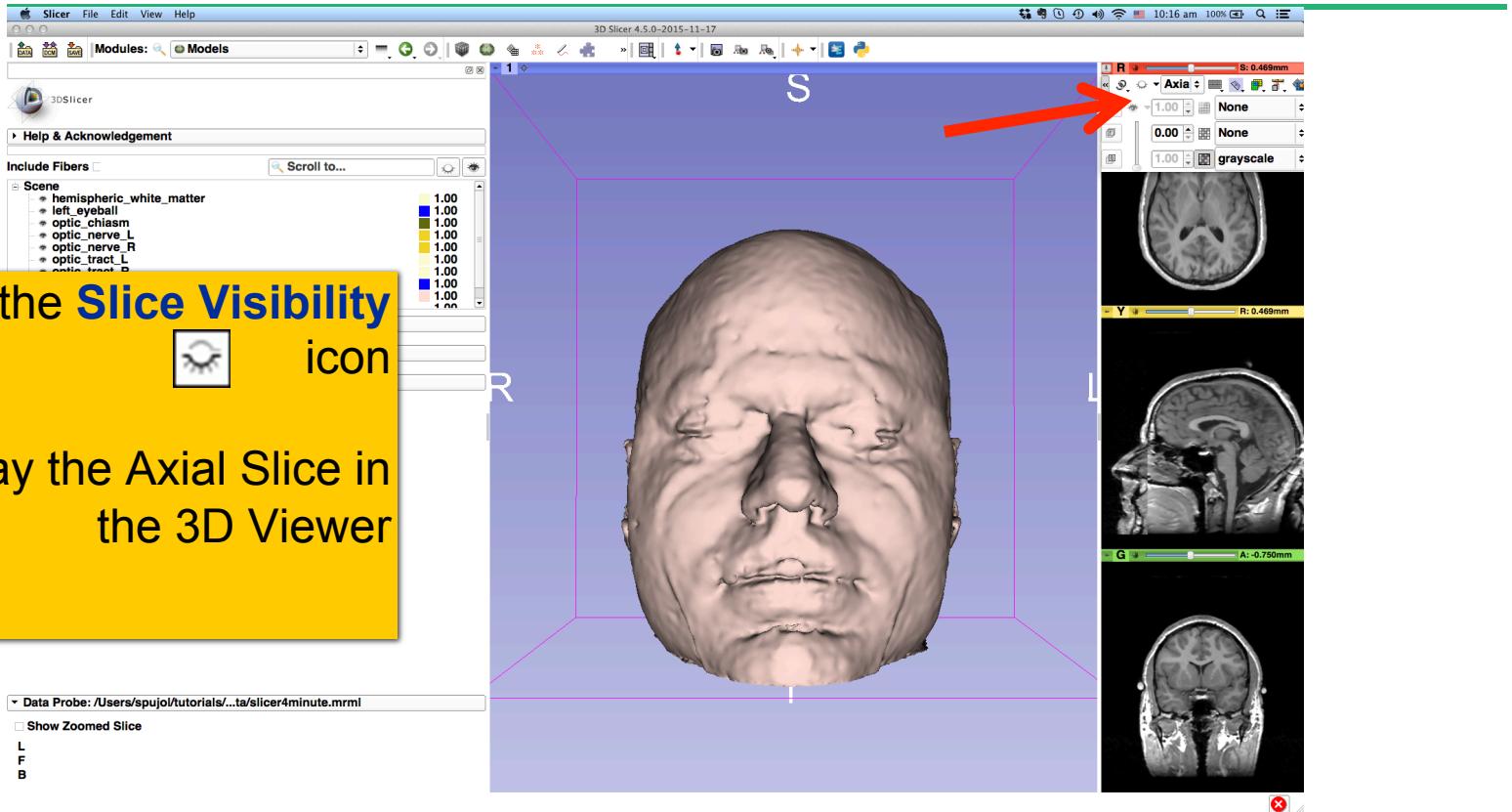
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S: 0.469mm

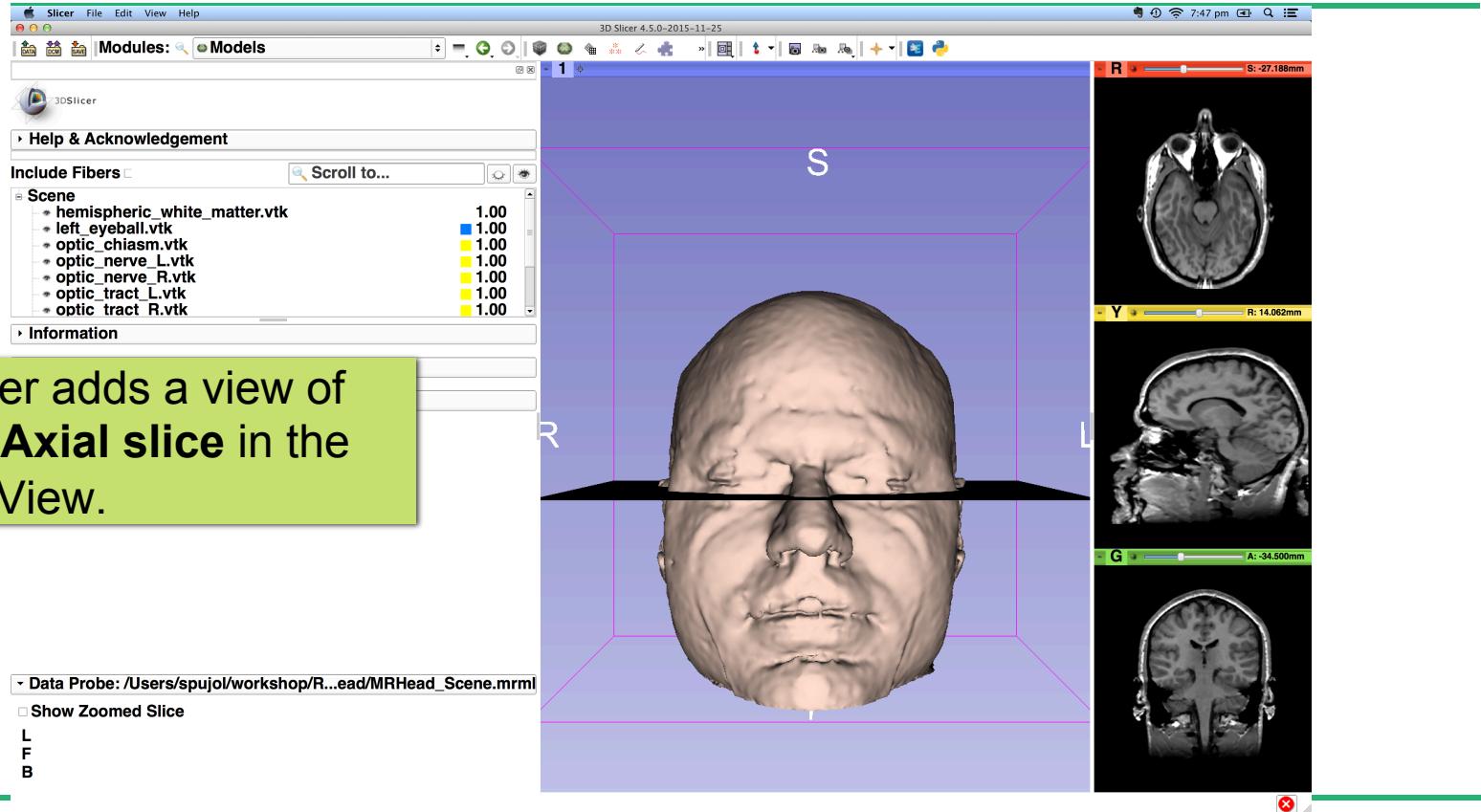
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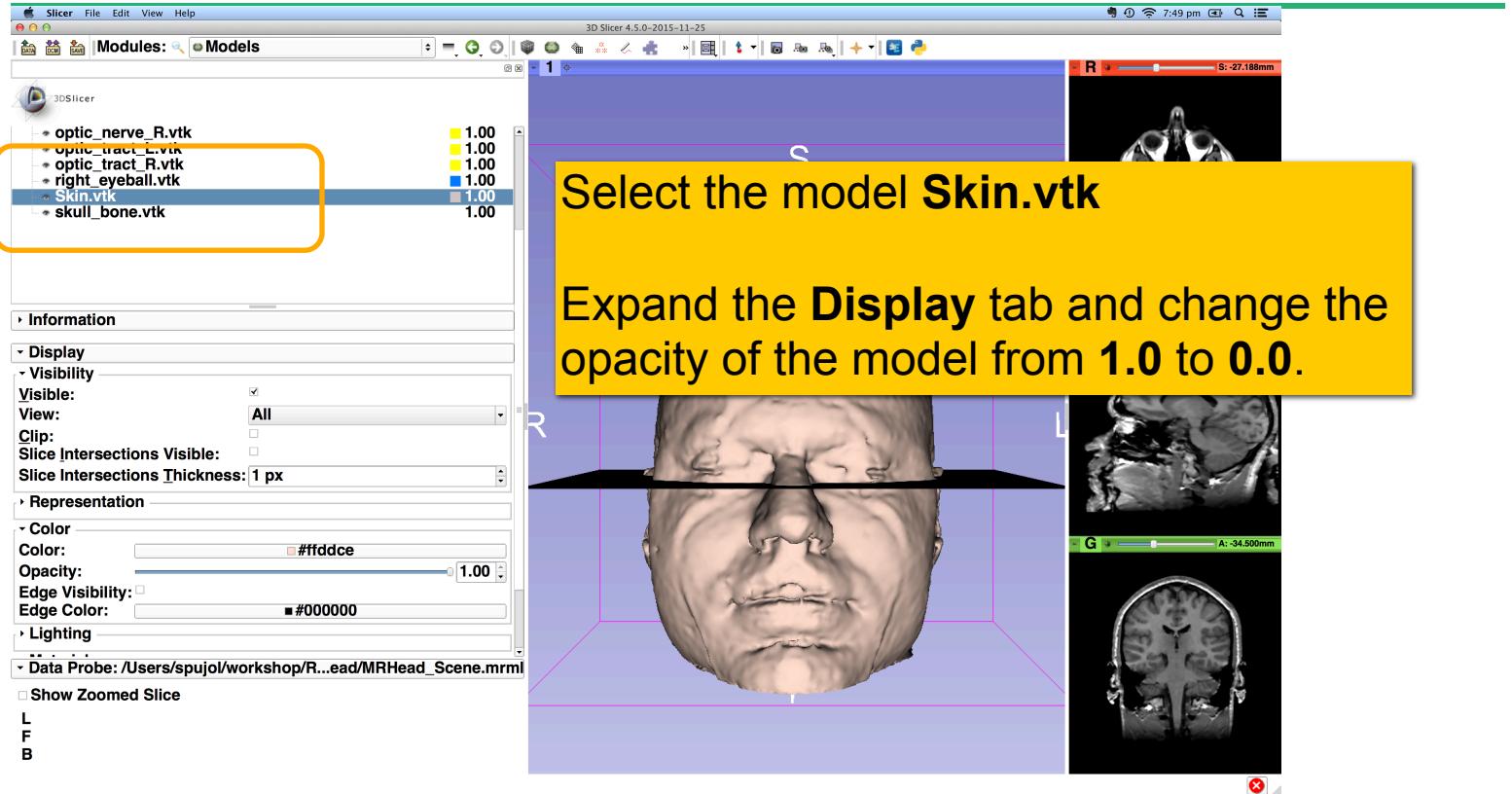
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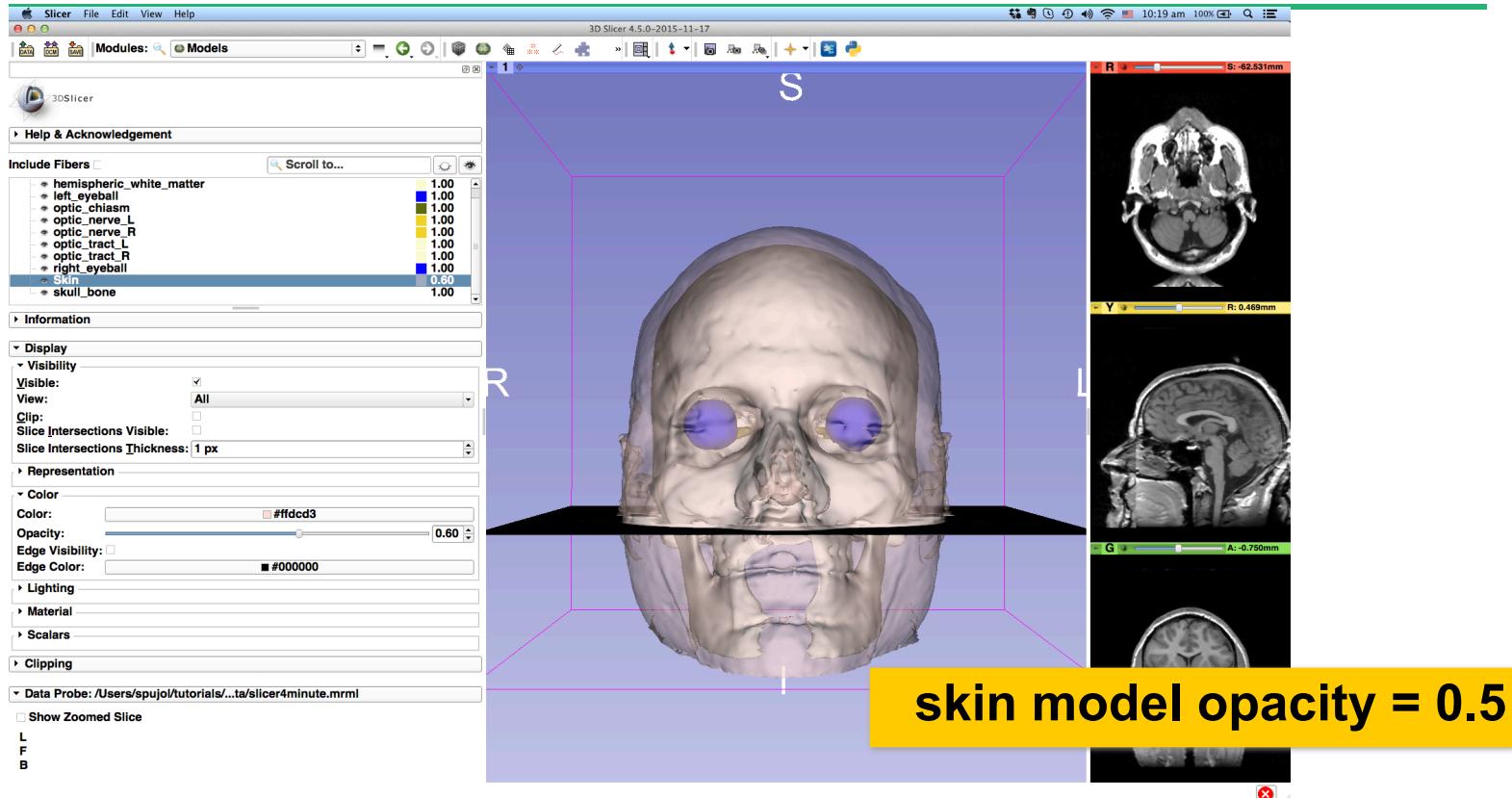
# 3D visualization of surface models of the brain



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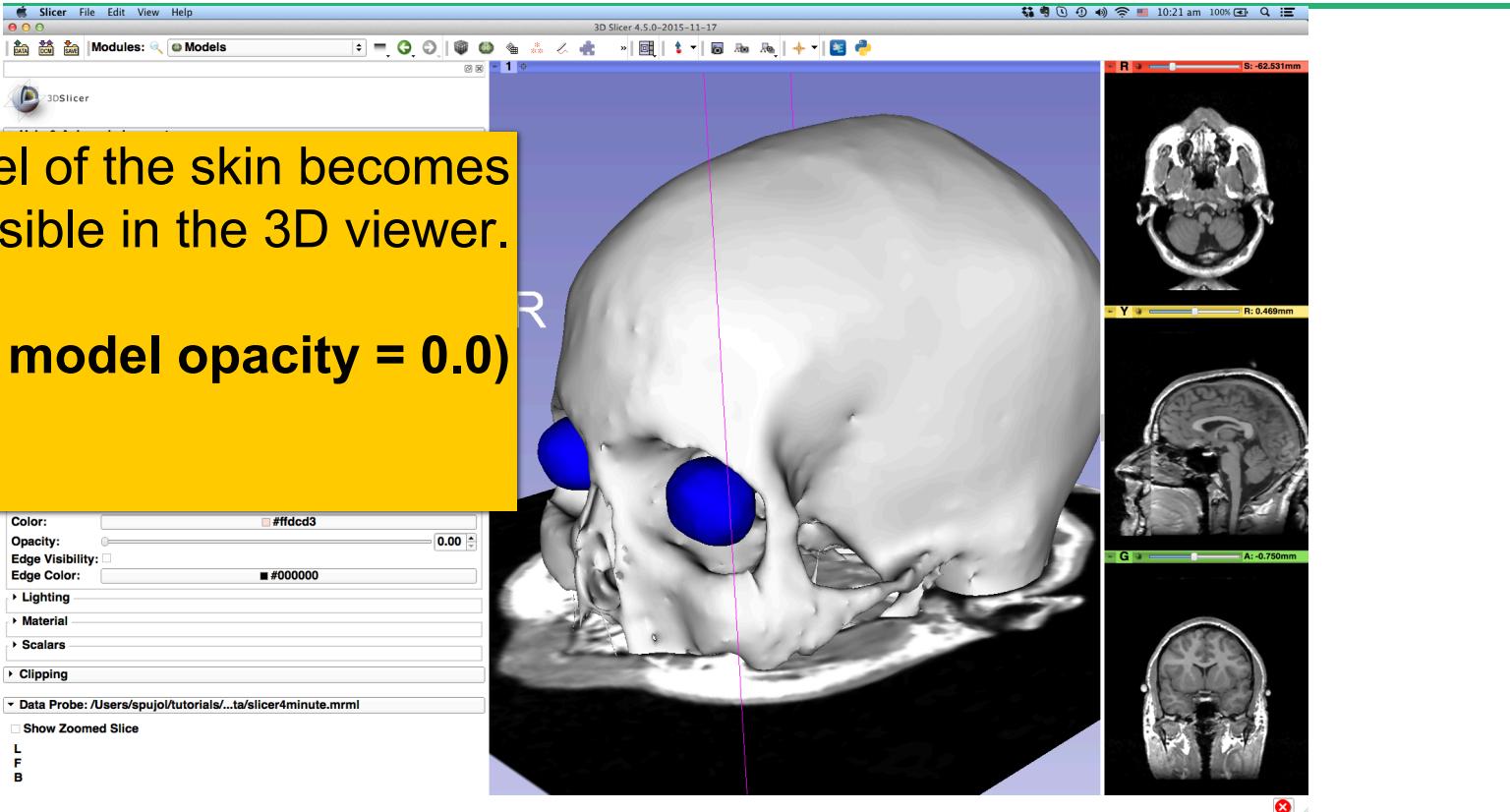
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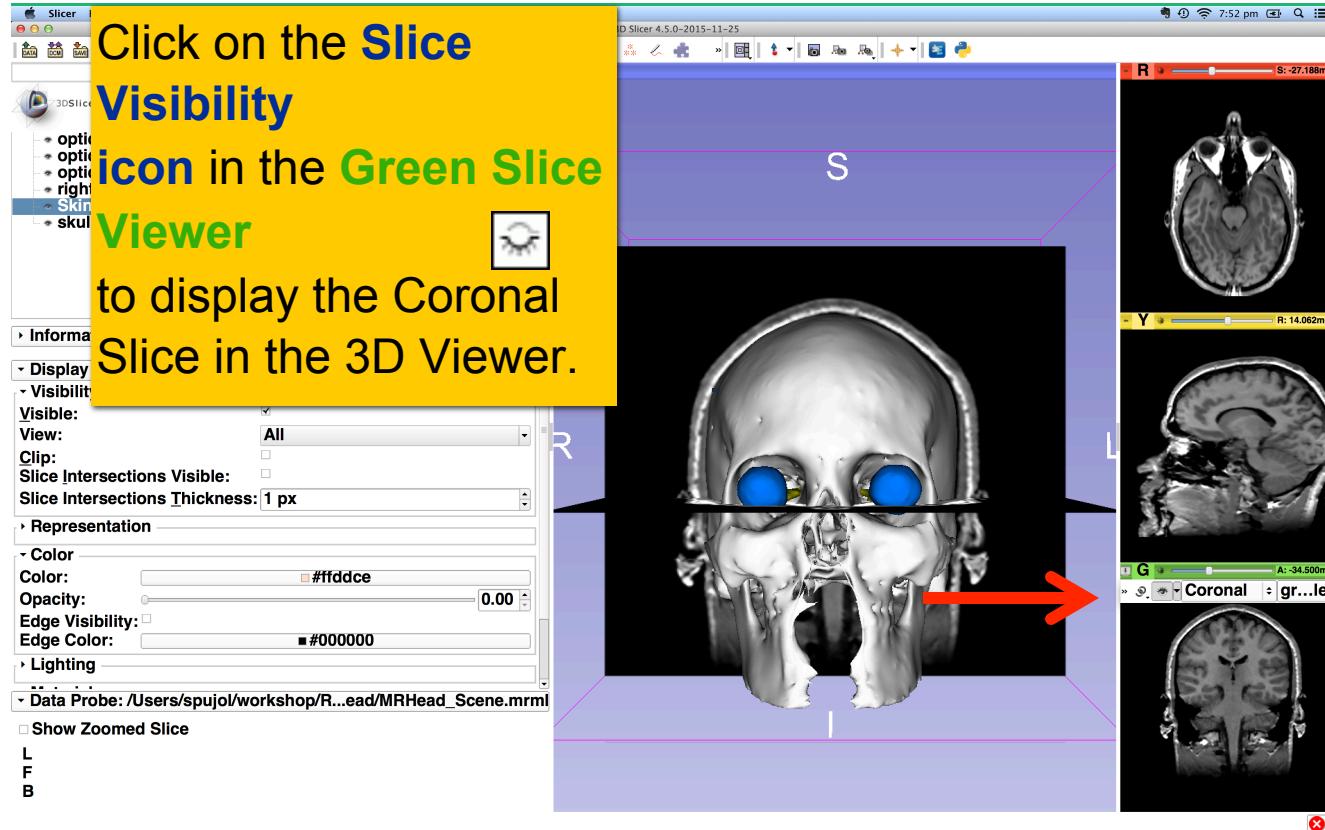
# 3D visualization of surface models of the brain

The model of the skin becomes invisible in the 3D viewer.

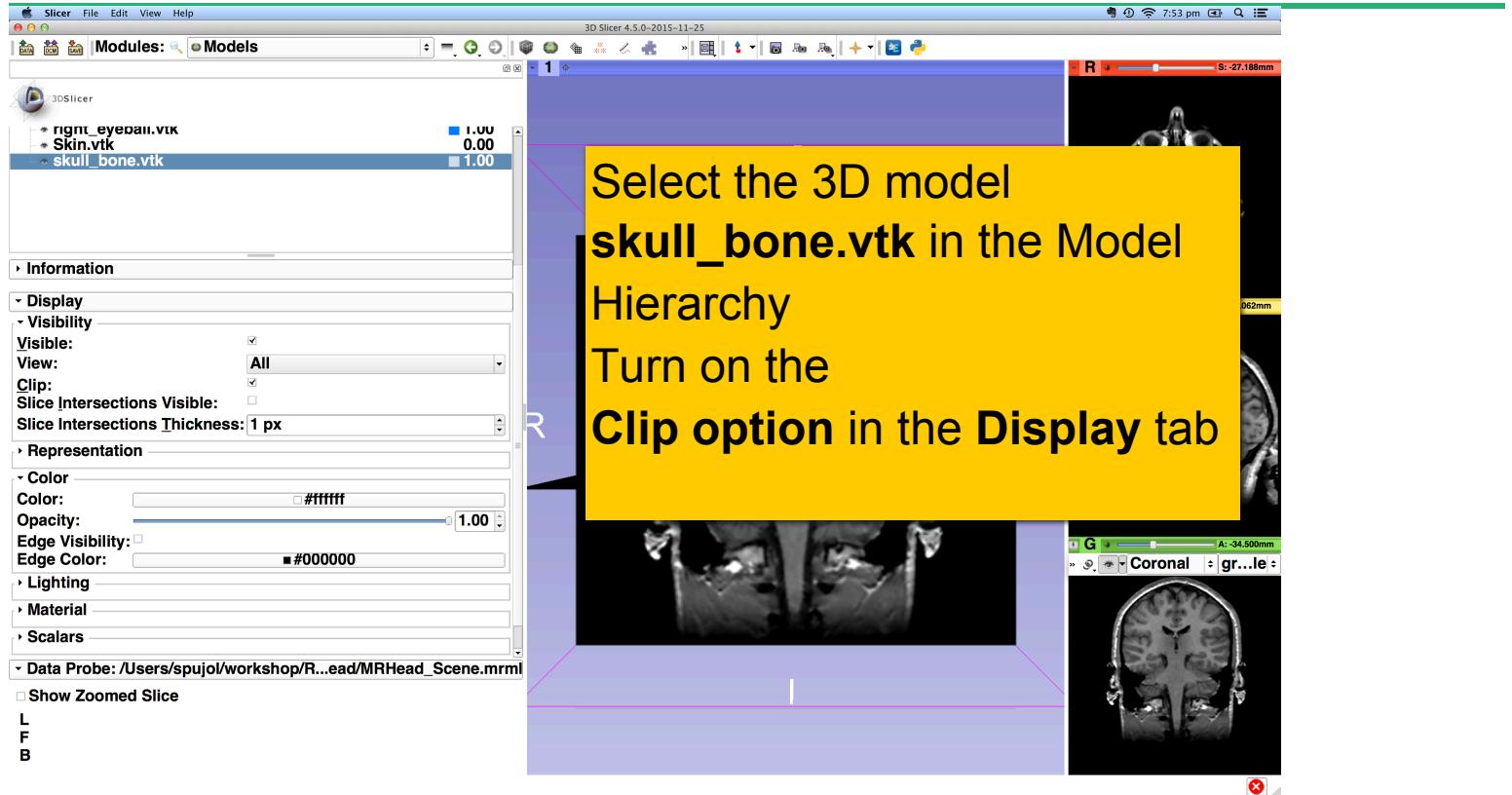
(skin model opacity = 0.0)



# 3D visualization of surface models of the brain



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# 3D visualization of surface models of the brain

Browse through the **coronal slices** to expose the 3D model of the **white matter**, and the left and right **optic nerves**

Slice Intersections Visible:

Slice Intersections Thickness: 1 px

Representation

Color

Color:  #ffffff

Opacity: 1.00

Edge Visibility:

Edge Color:  #000000

Lighting

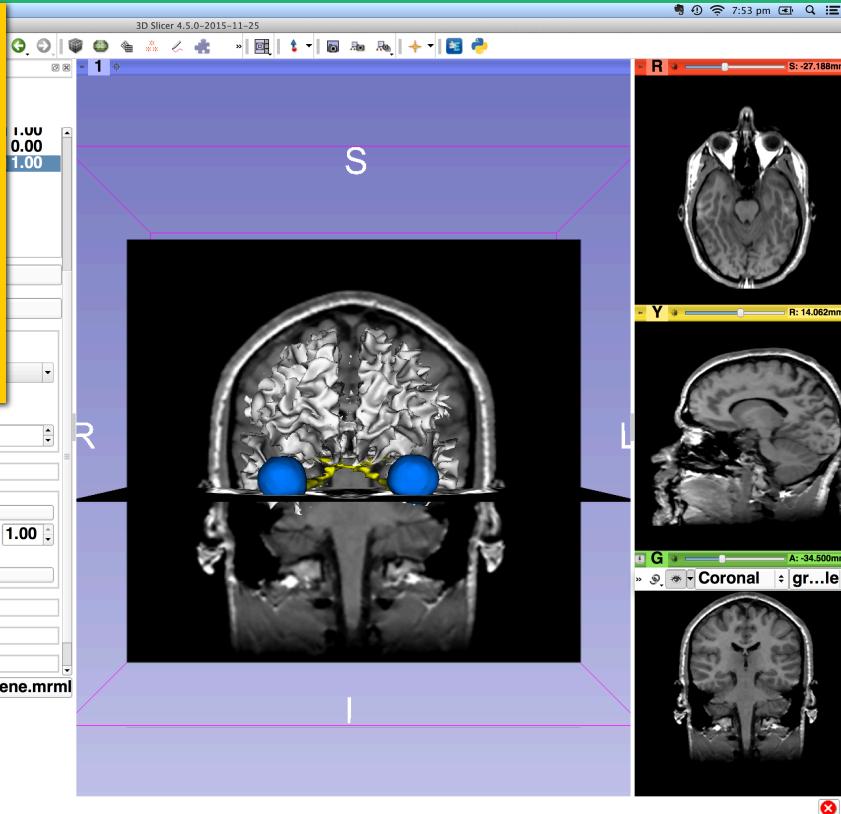
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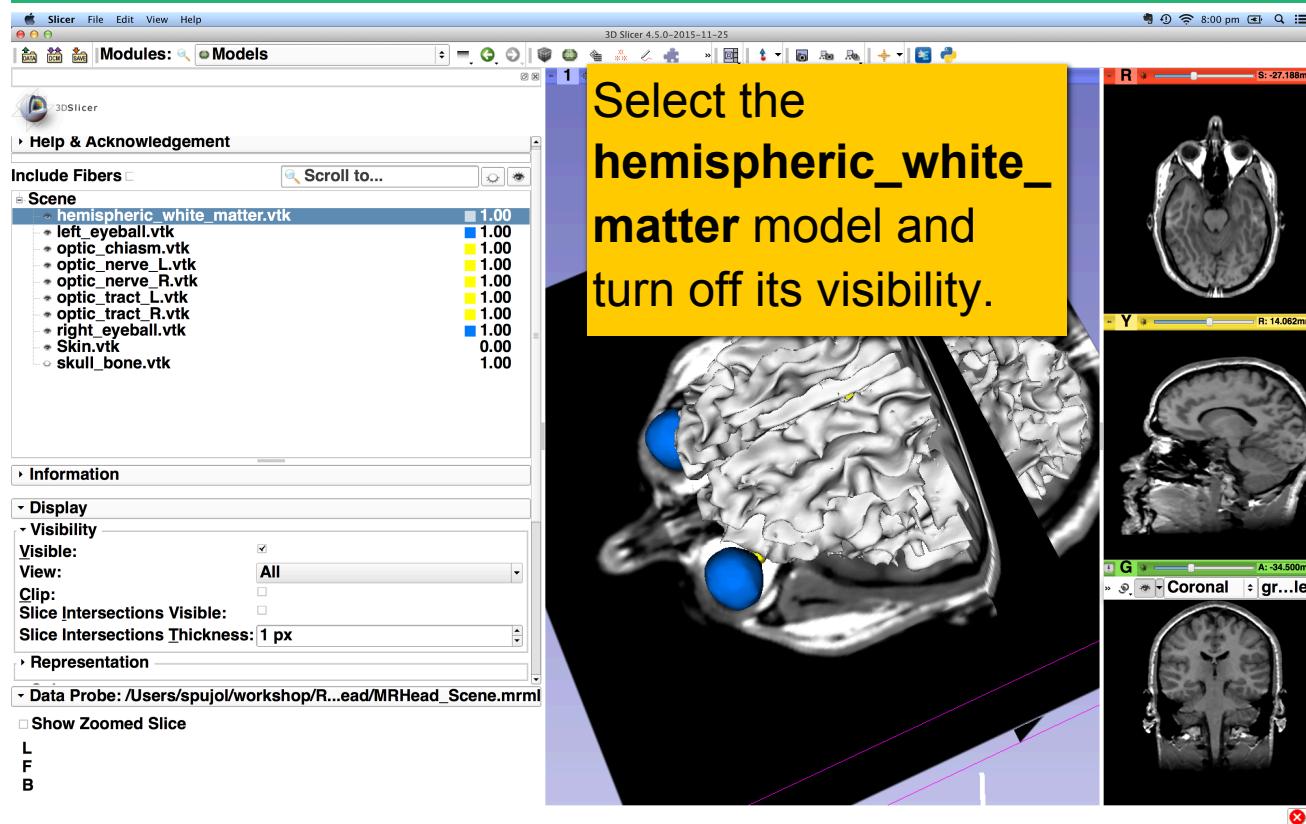
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Show Zoomed Slice

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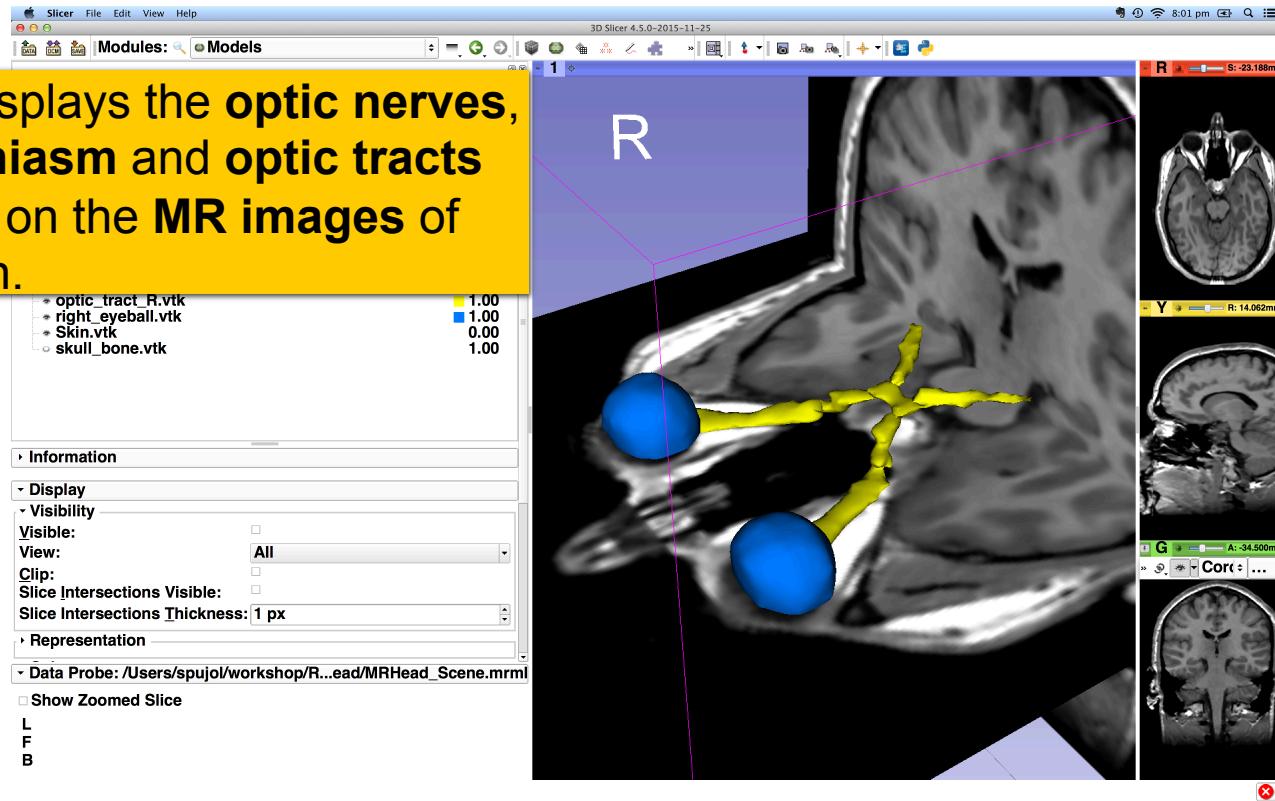


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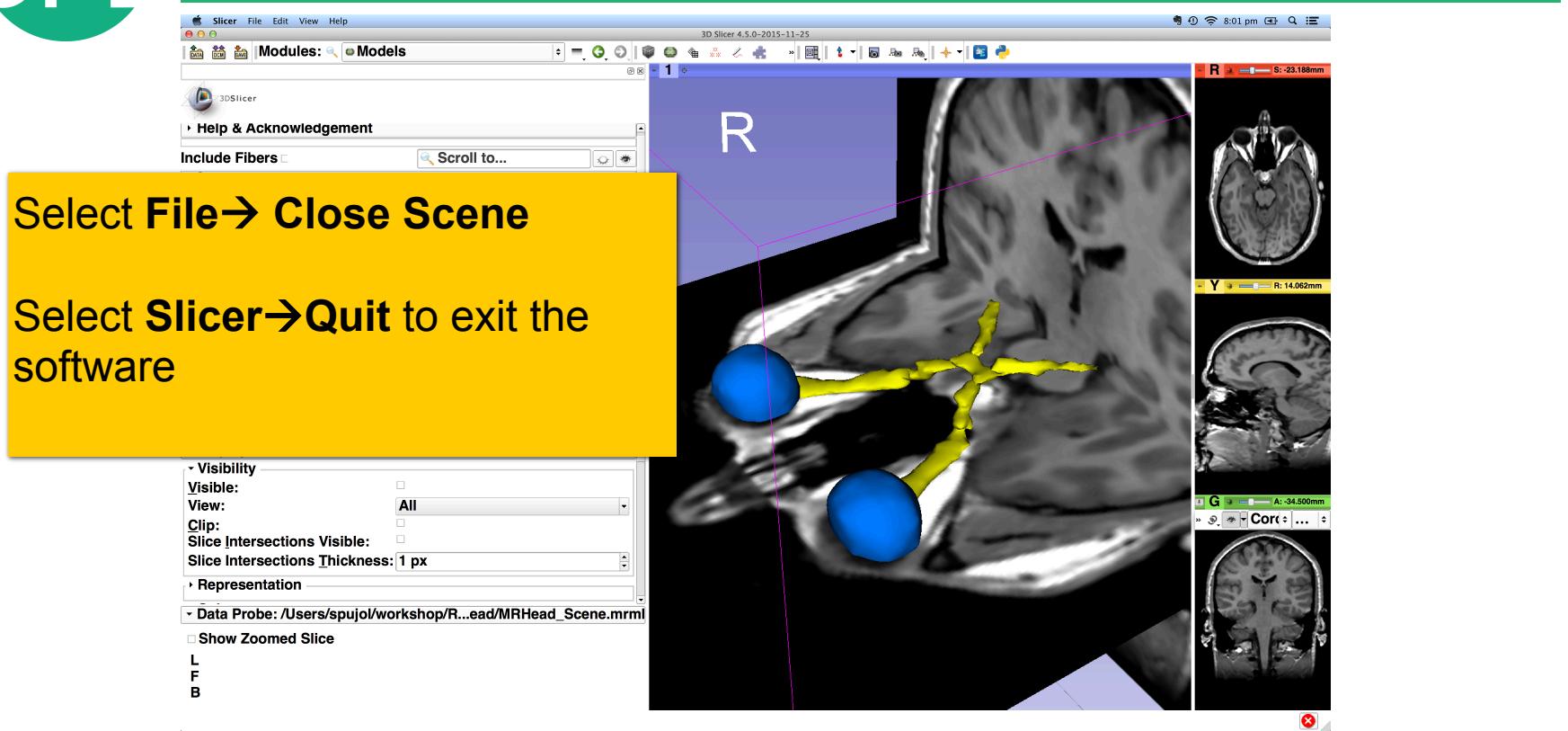


# 3D visualization of surface models of the brain

Slicer displays the **optic nerves**, **optic chiasm** and **optic tracts** overlaid on the **MR images** of the brain.



# Close the existing scene and all its data





# Course Overview

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**Part I:** Introduction to the 3D Slicer software

**Part II:** 3D Data Loading and visualization of DICOM images

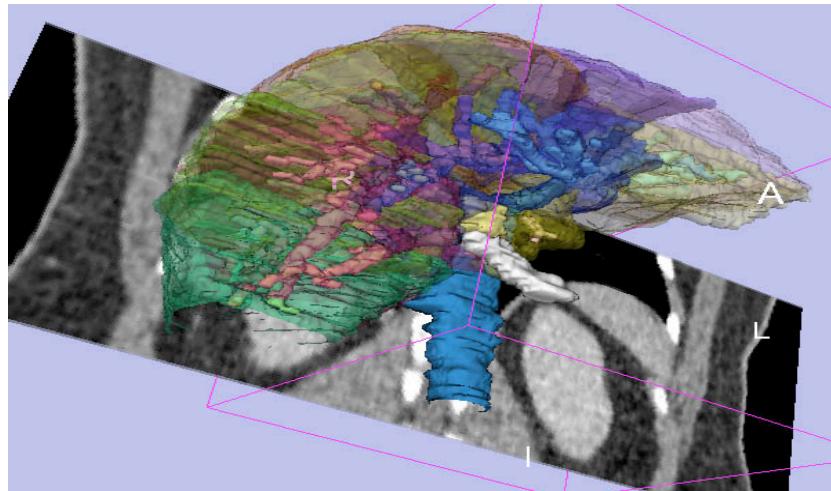
Volume Rendering of thoraco-abdominal CT data

Surface Rendering of MR head data

**Part III:** 3D interactive exploration of the anatomy

Interactive Exploration of the Segments of the liver

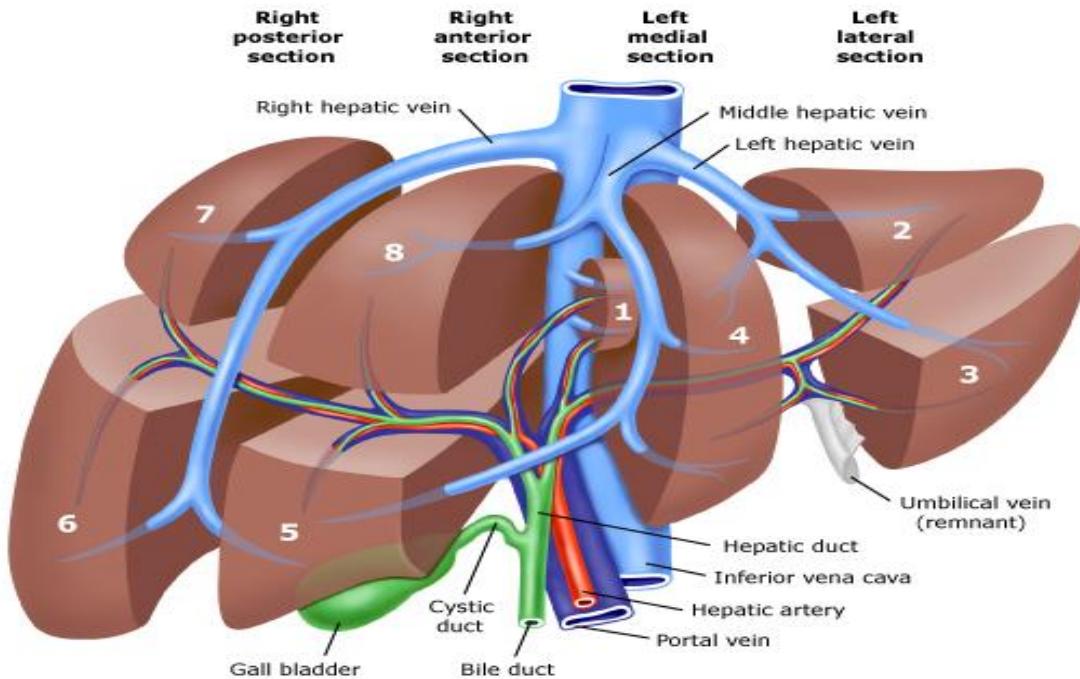
Interactive Exploration of the Segments of the lung



## Part III-a:

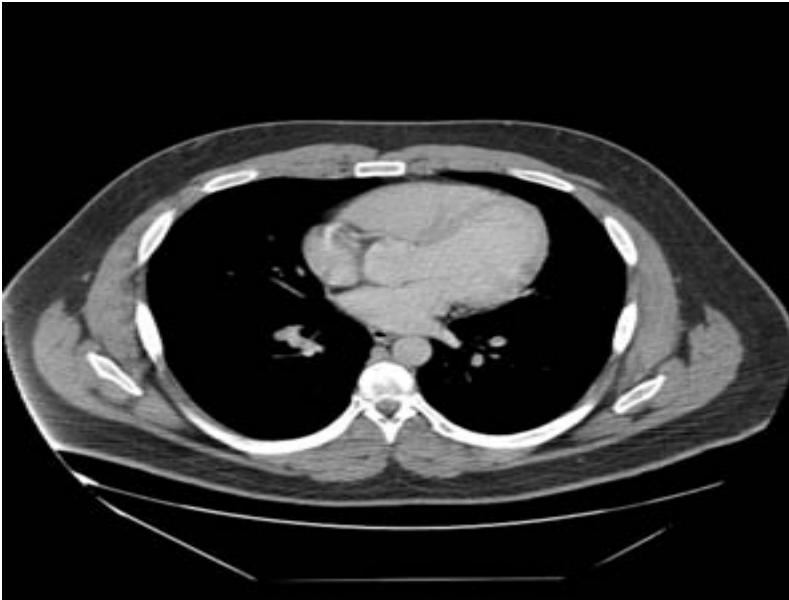
Interactive 3D Visualization  
of the segments of the liver

# Anatomy of the liver



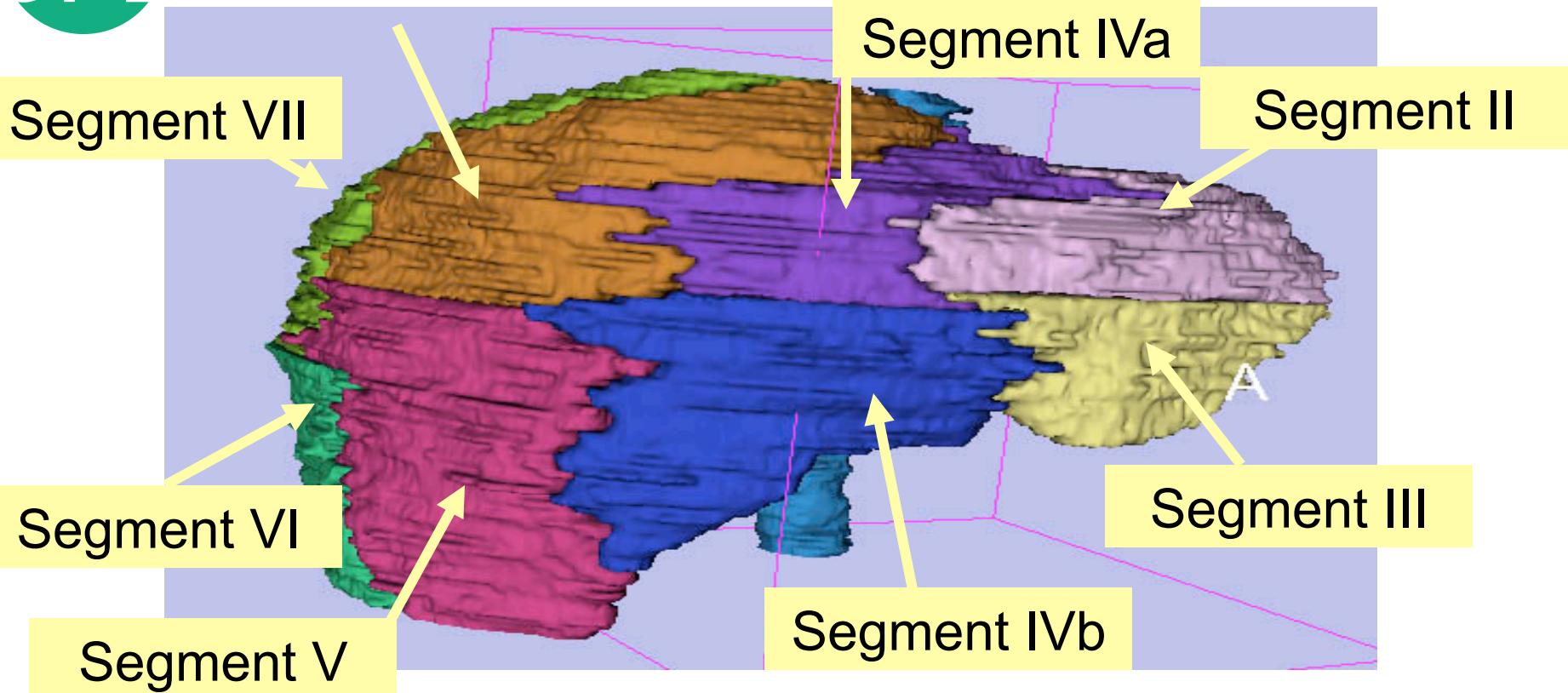
# Liver dataset

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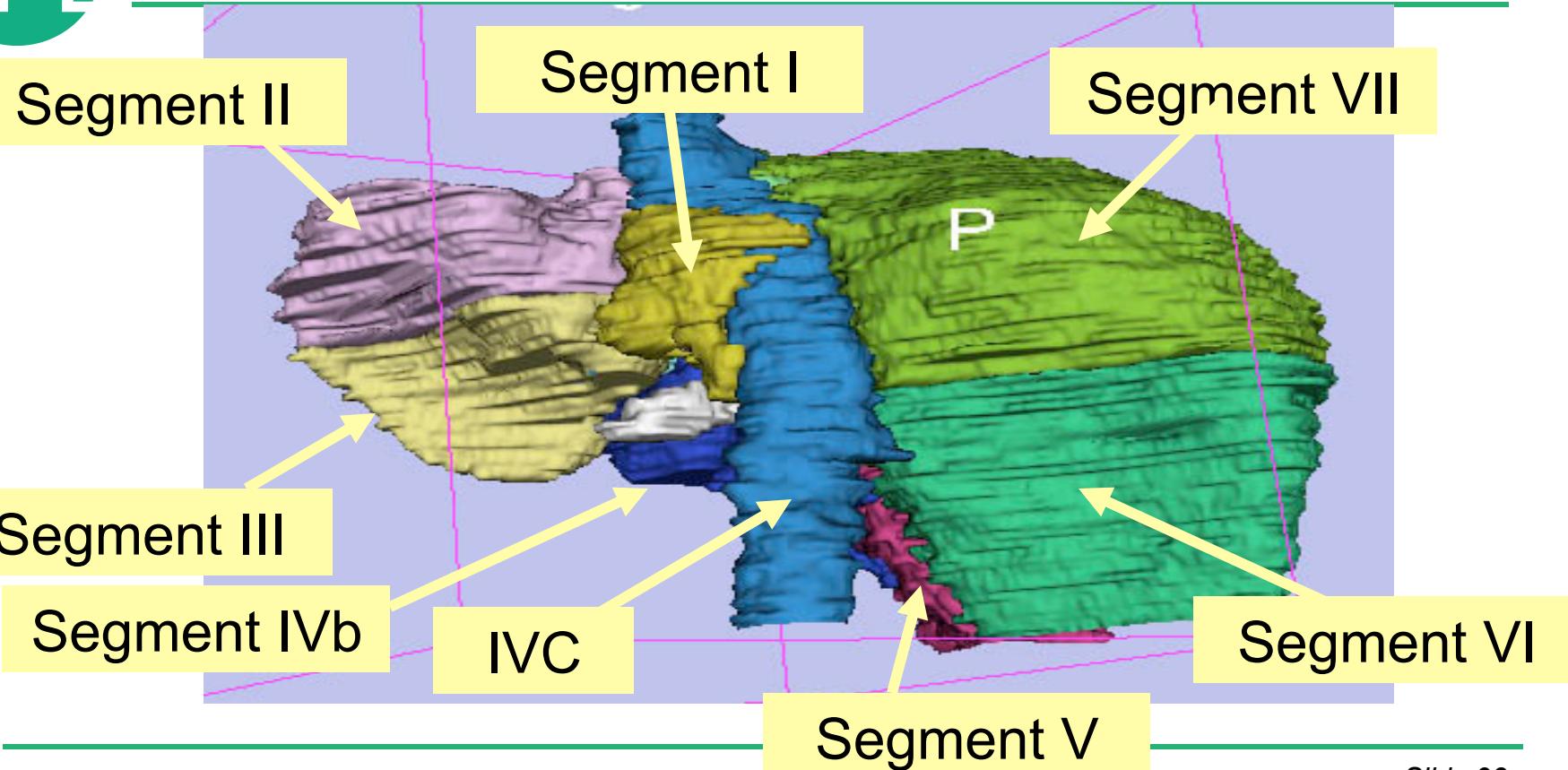


The liver dataset is a contrast-enhanced CT abdominal scan of a healthy 36 year-old male.

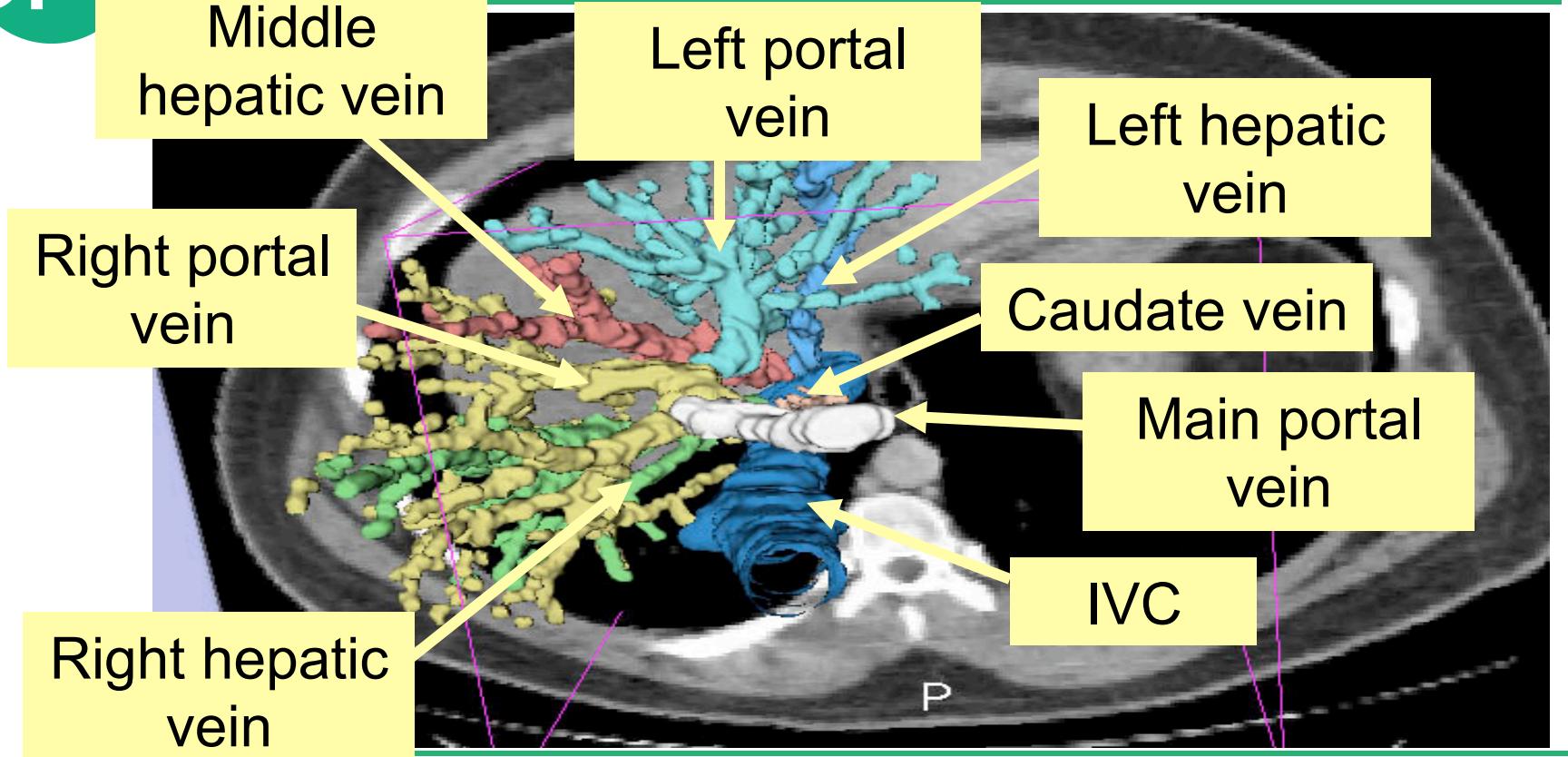
# 3D segments of the liver



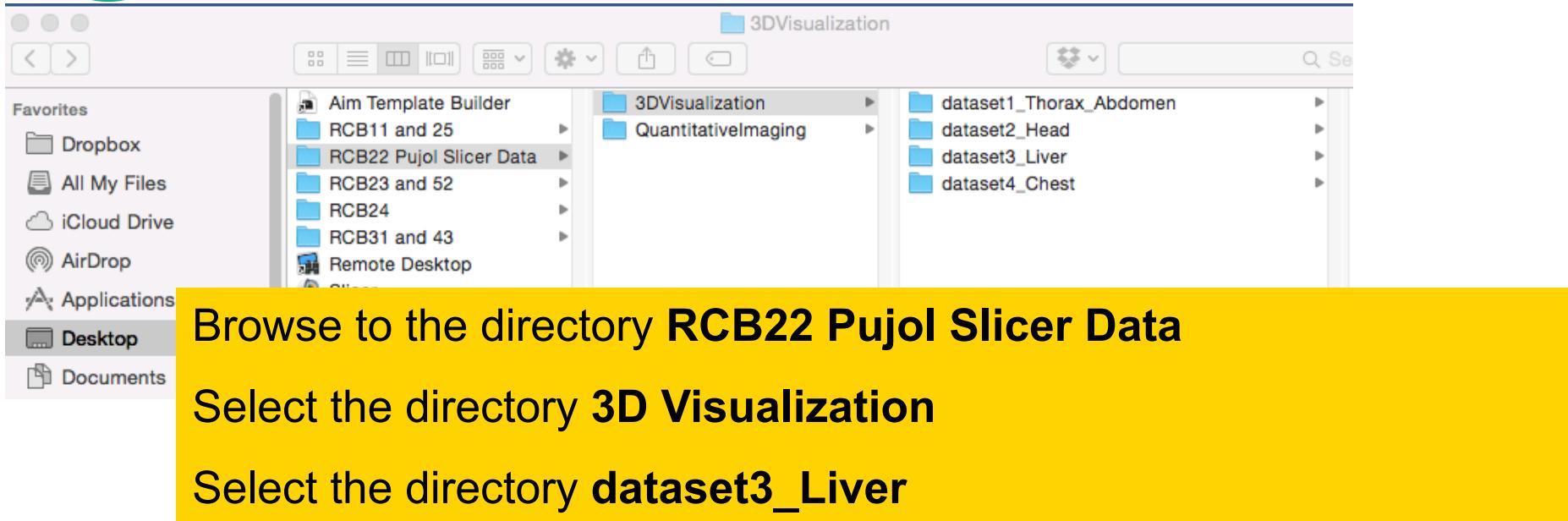
# 3D segments of the liver



# Liver vasculature



# Loading the Liver Scene

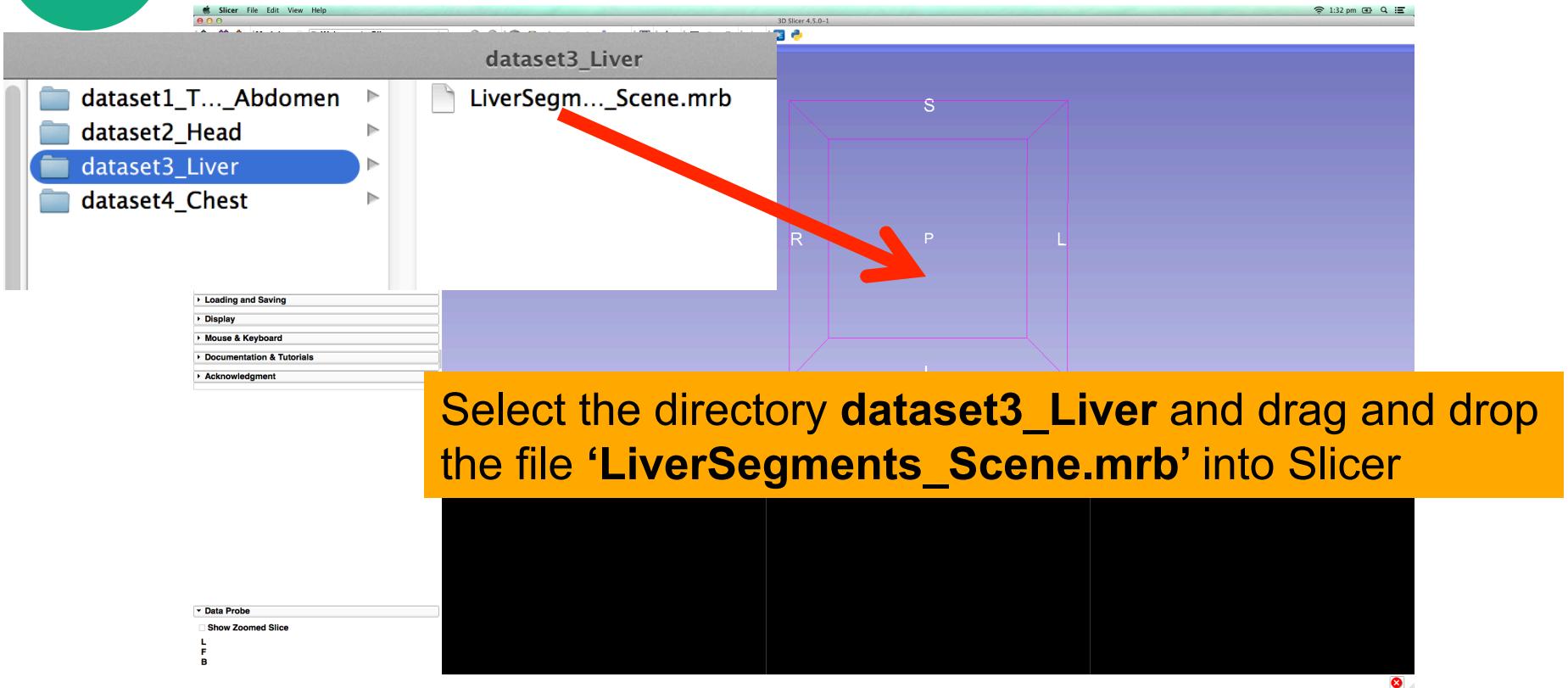


Browse to the directory **RCB22 Pujol Slicer Data**

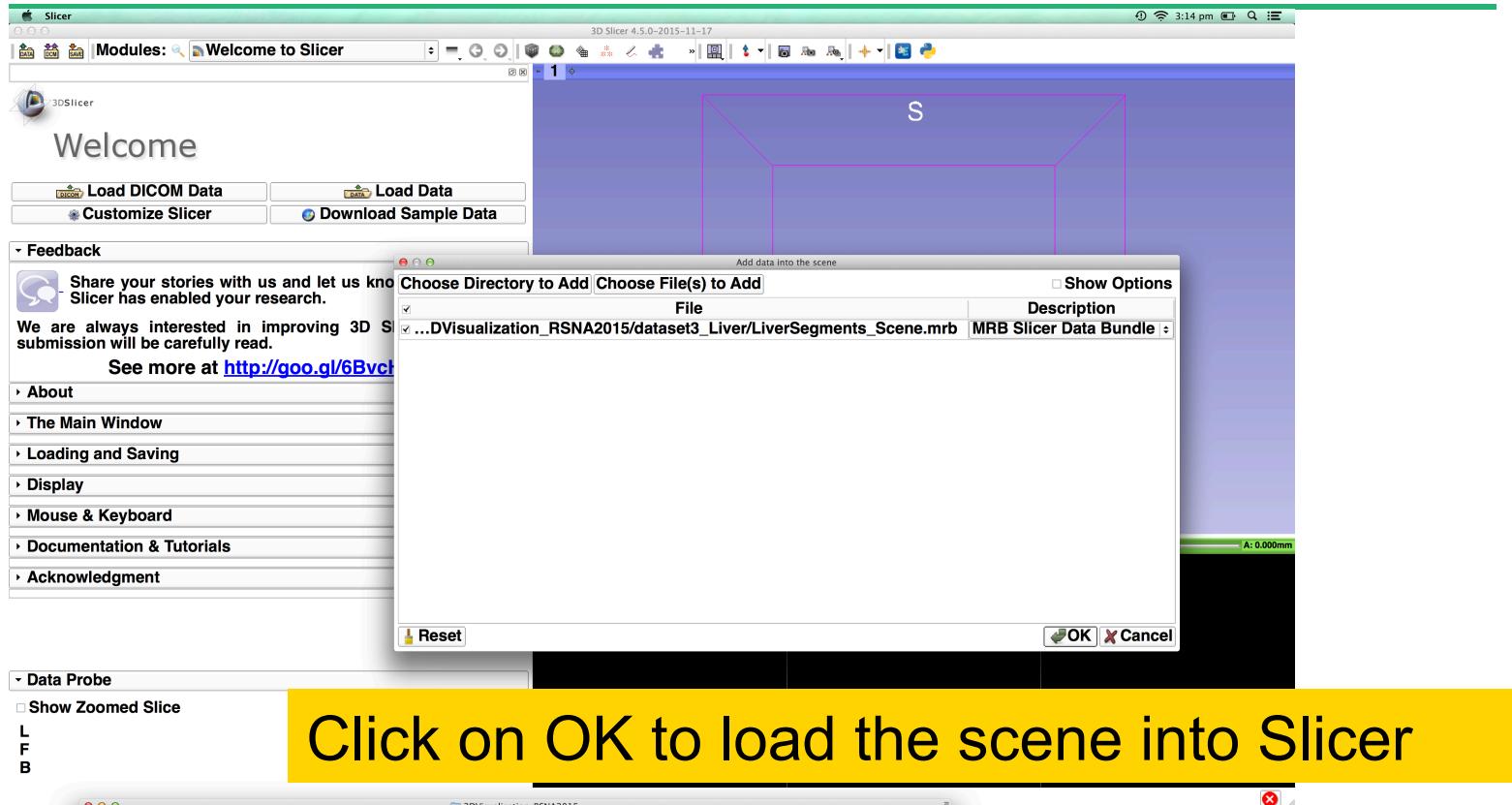
Select the directory **3D Visualization**

Select the directory **dataset3\_Liver**

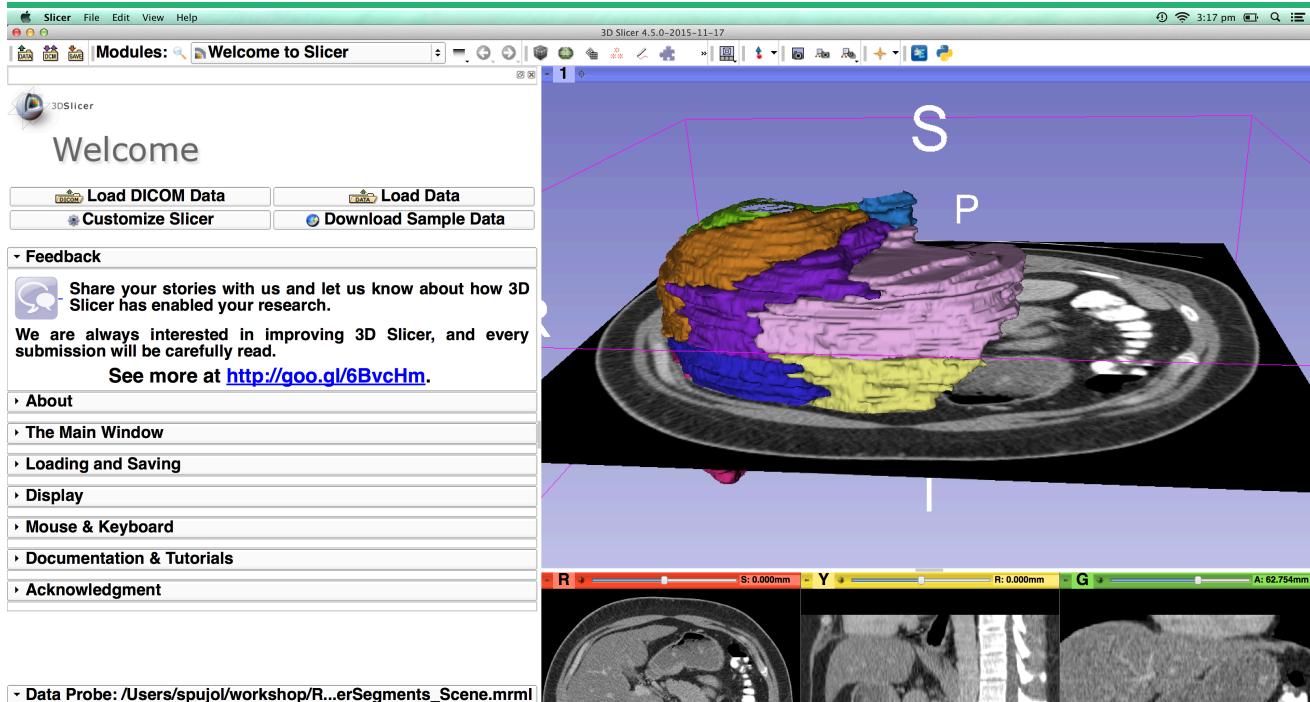
# Loading the Liver scene



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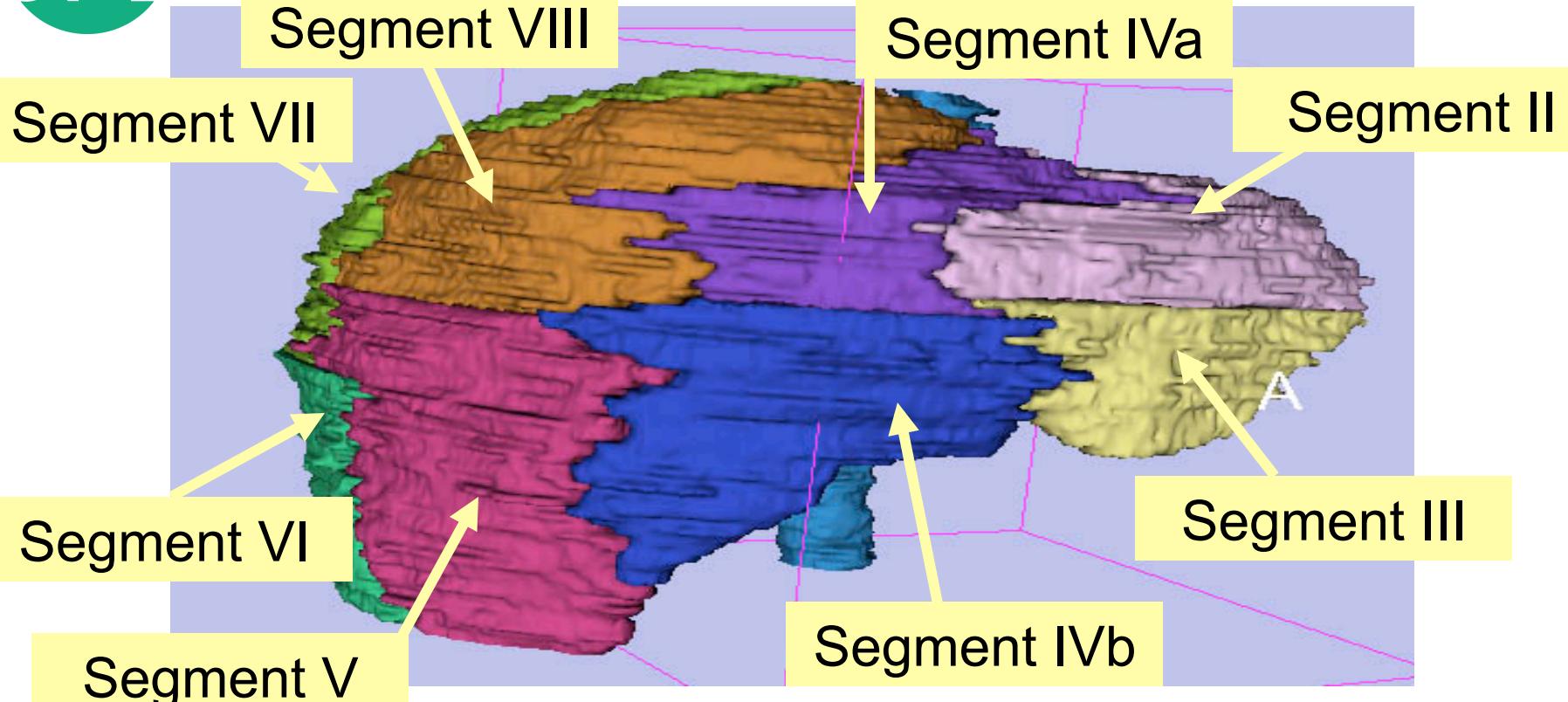


# Liver Segments Scene

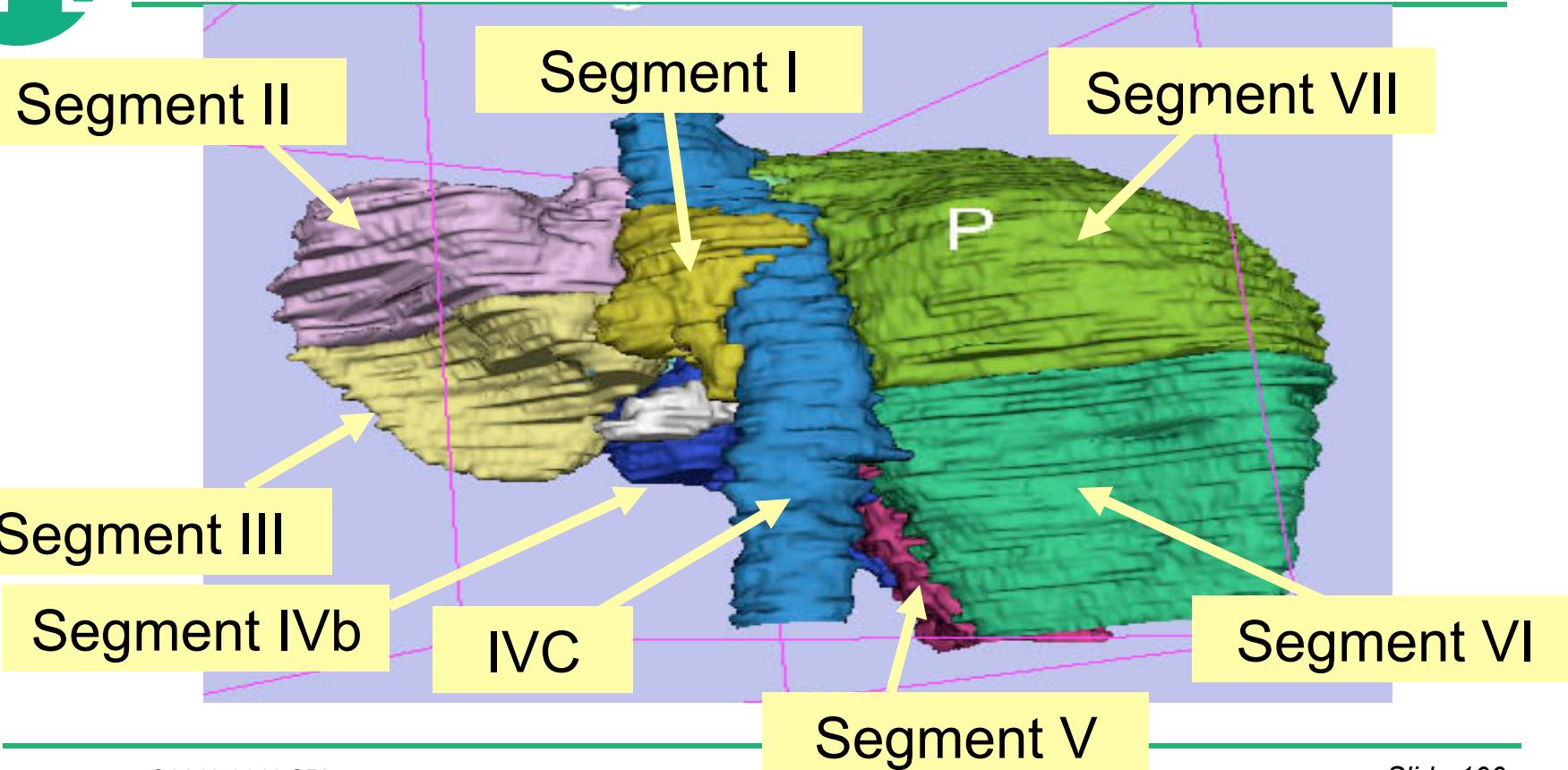


The elements of the scene appear in the Viewer

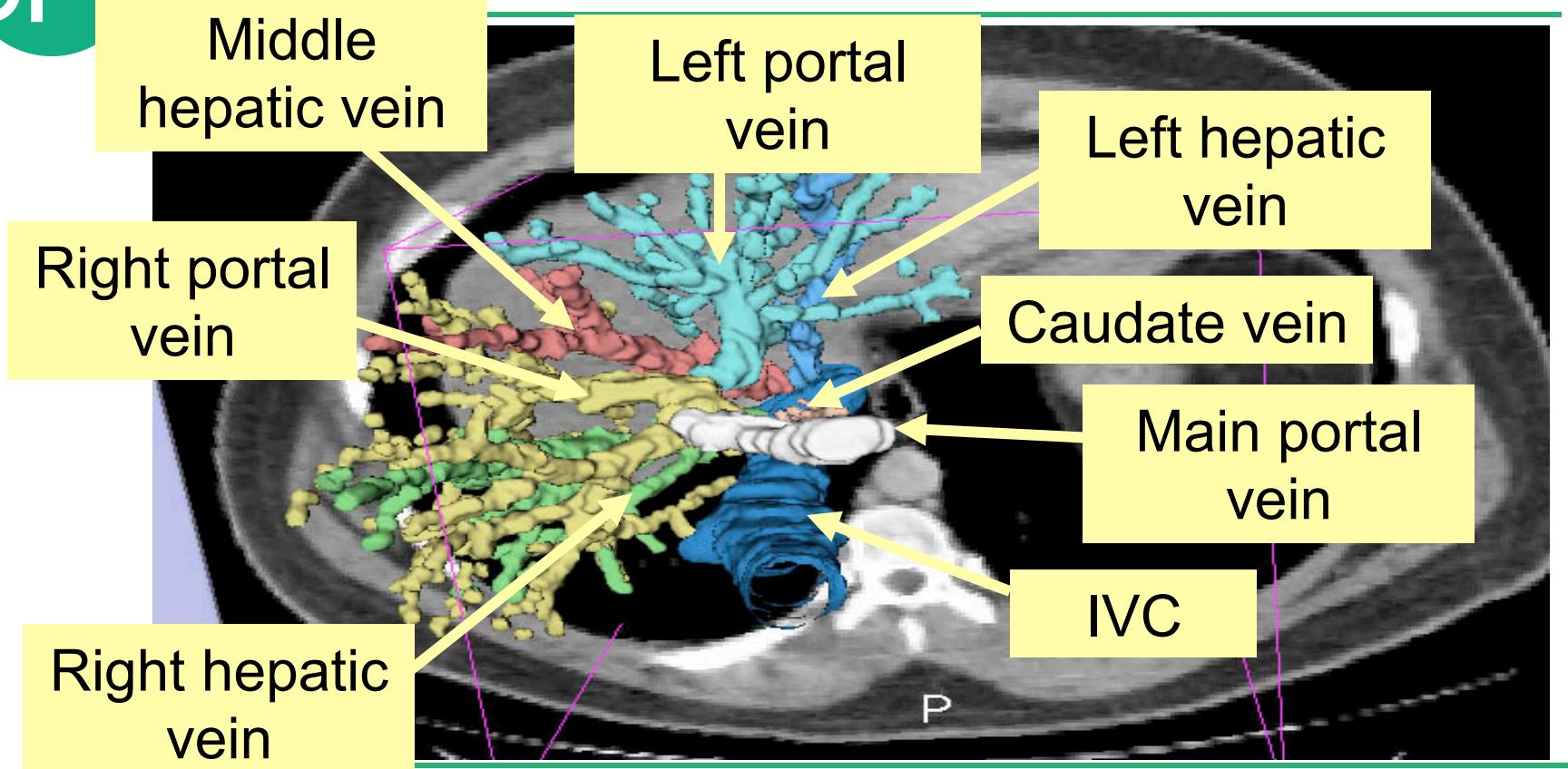
# 3D models of the liver



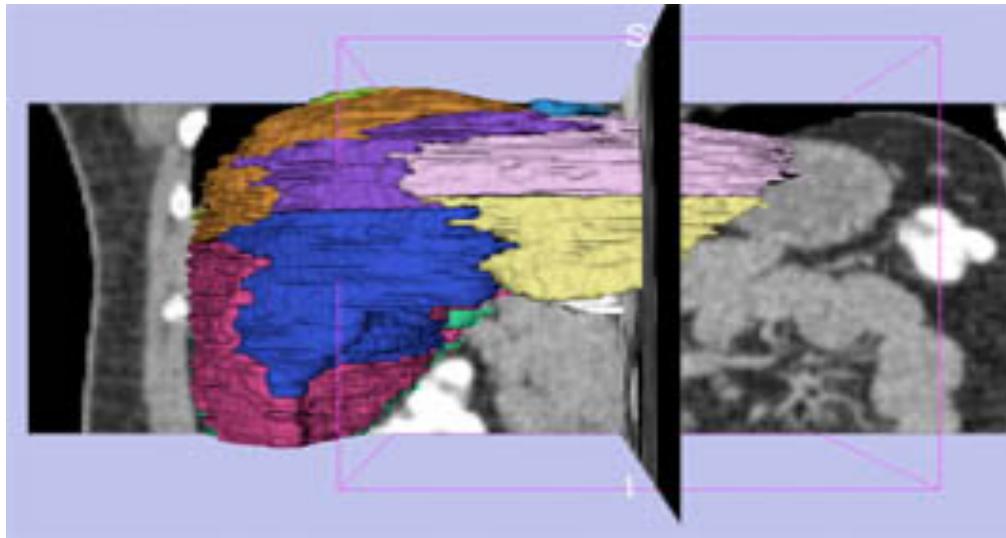
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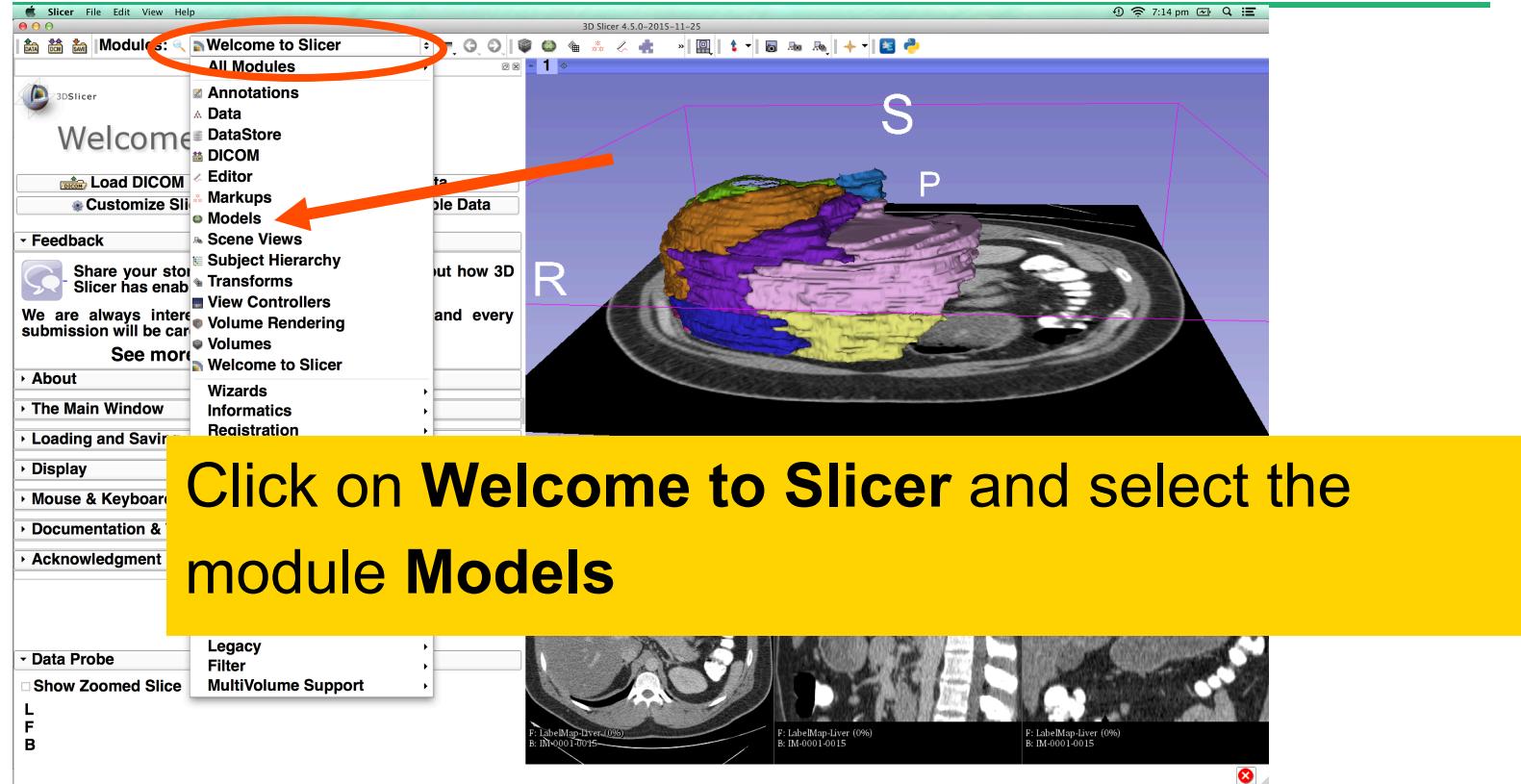
# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments



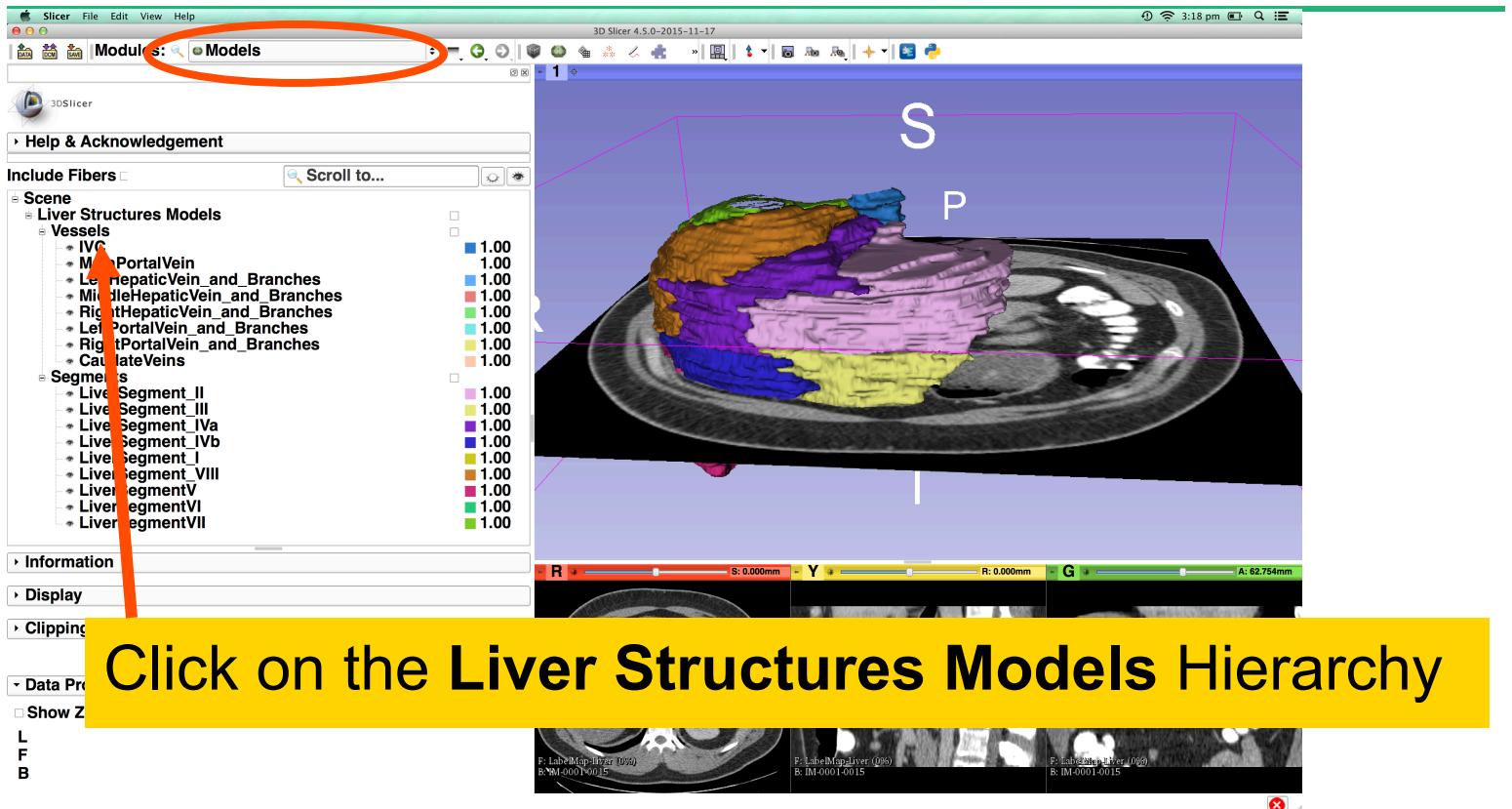
## Example:

What organ abuts the left-most margin of segment II in this patient ?

# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments

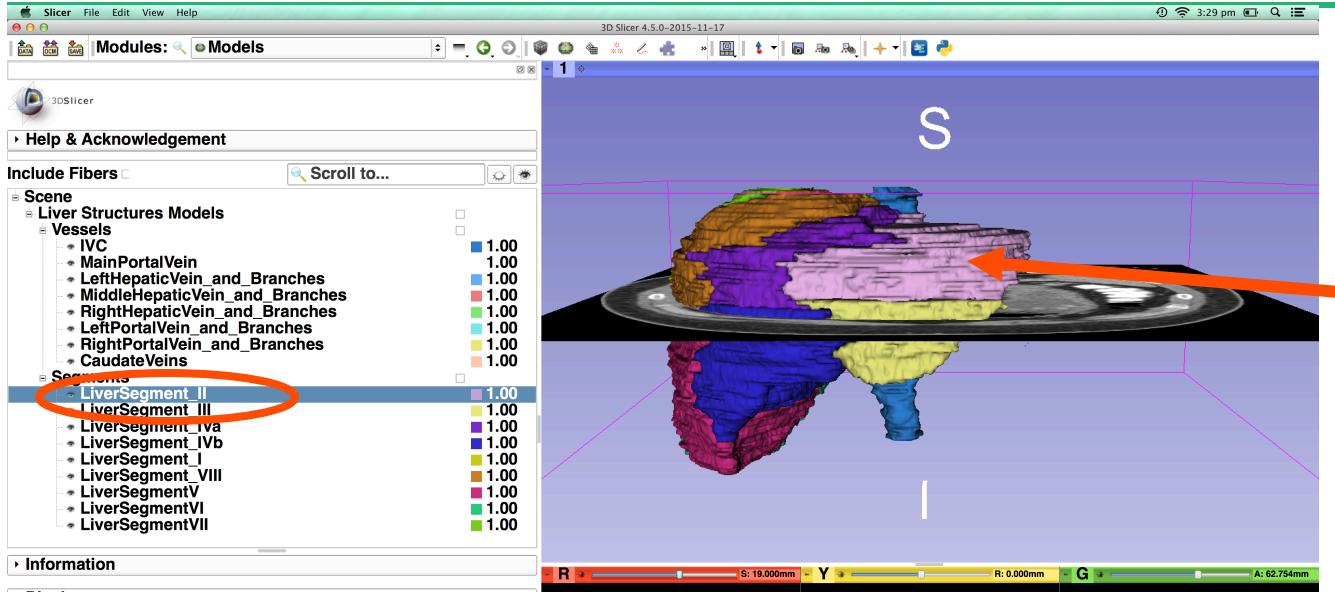


# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments



Click on the **Liver Structures Models** Hierarchy

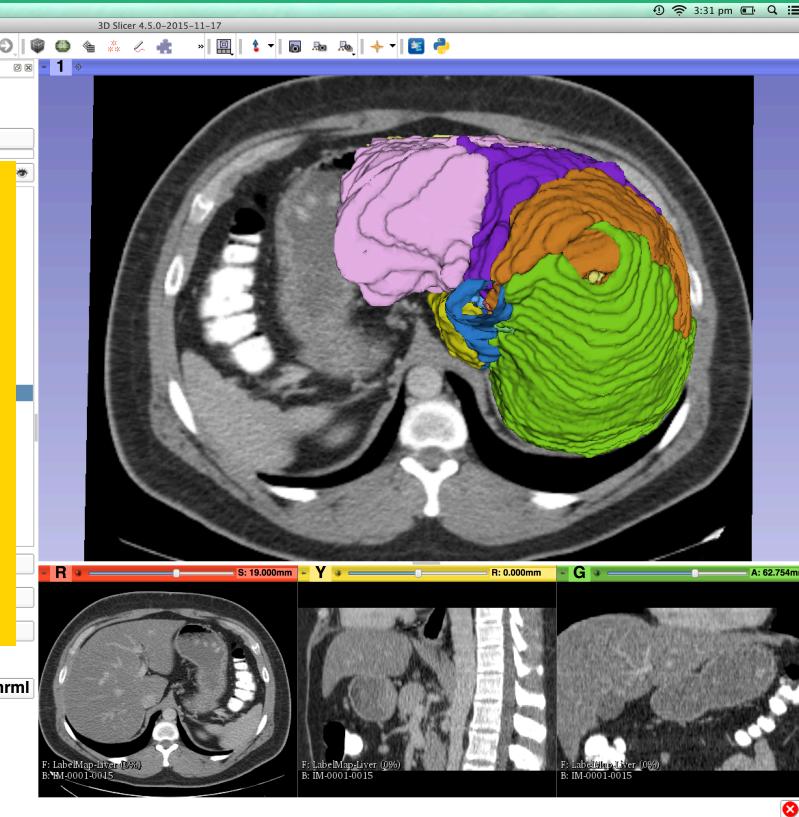
# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments



Select the model **Liver\_Segment II**  
Turn on/off its visibility to locate  
it in the 3D viewer.

# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments

Position the mouse in the 3D Viewer, hold down the left mouse button and drag to orient the 3D model to a superior view.

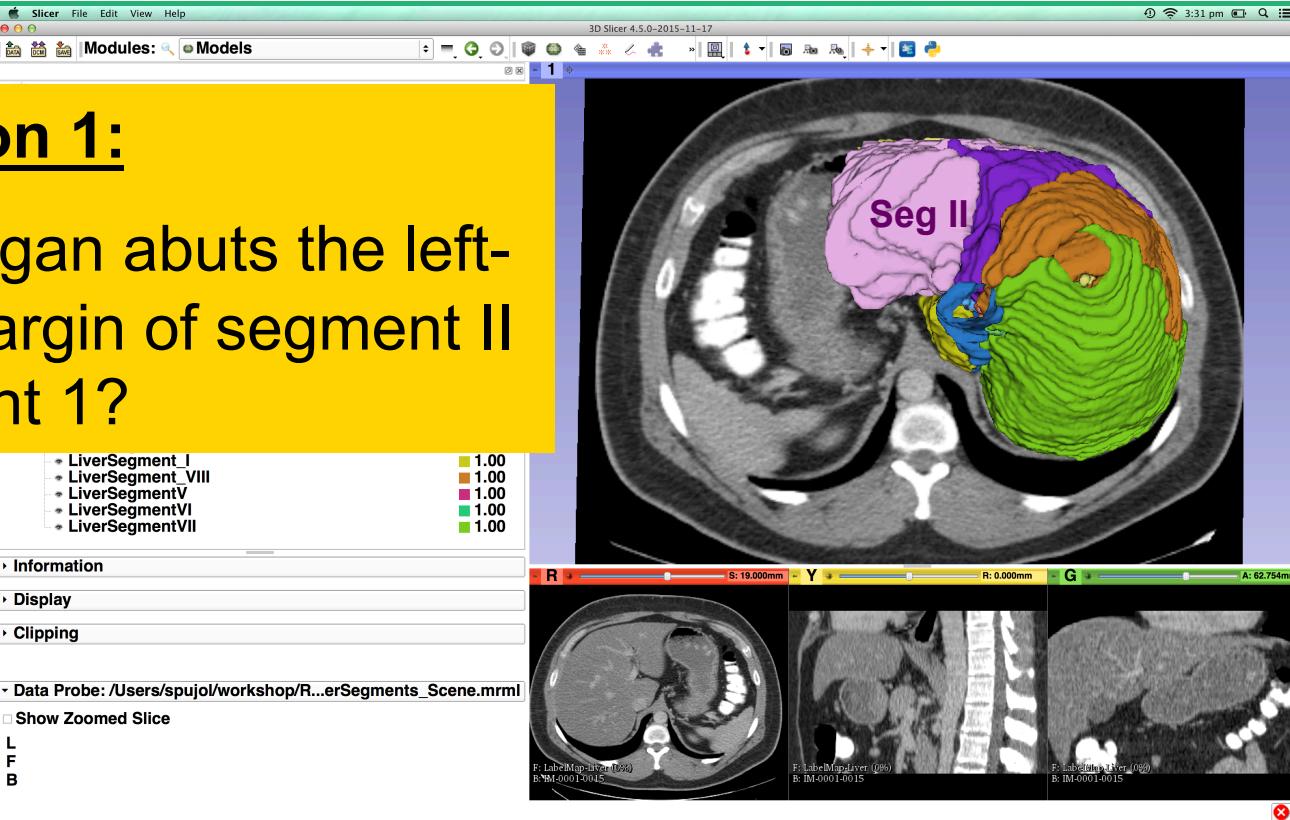


- Data Probe: /Users/spujol/workshop/R...erSegments\_Scene.mrml
- Show Zoomed Slice
- L
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# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments

## Question 1:

What organ abuts the left-most margin of segment II in Patient 1?

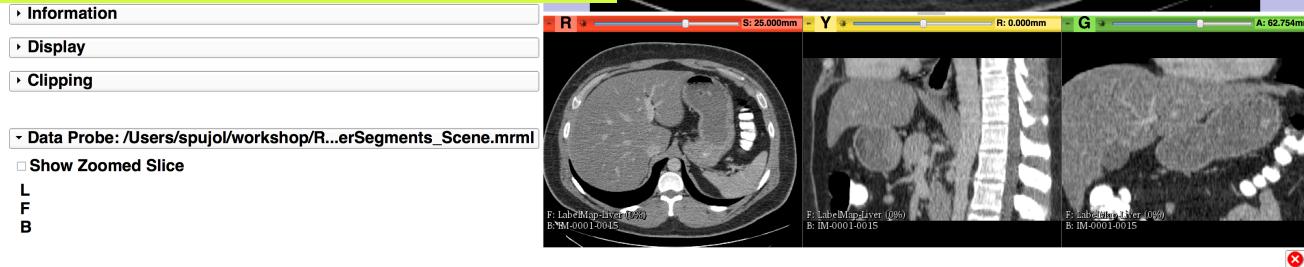
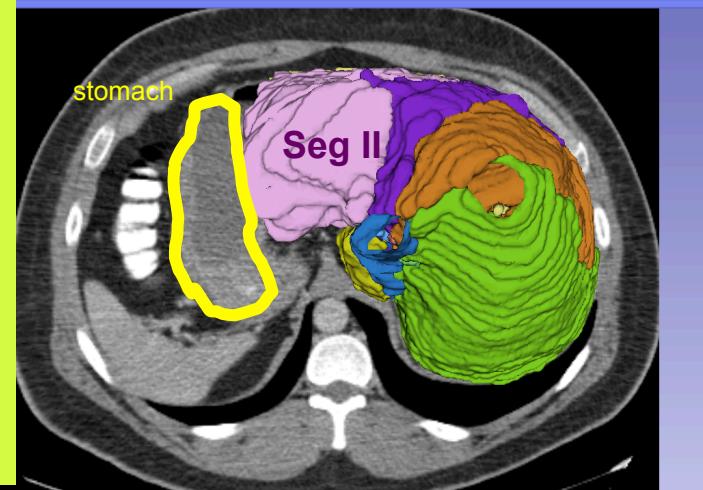


# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments

## Question 1:

What organ abuts the left-most margin of segment II in this patient?

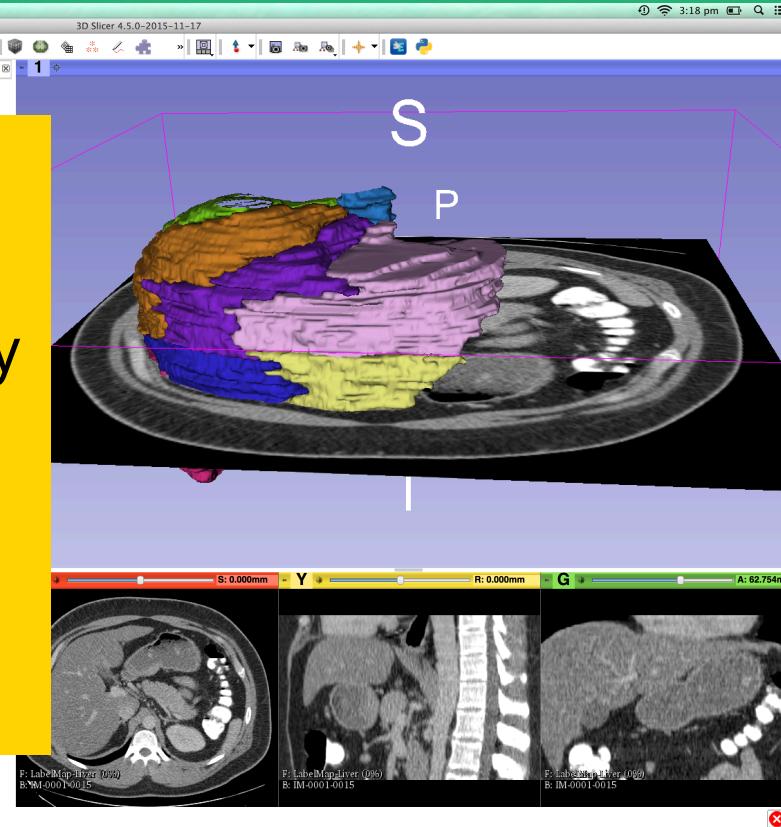
## Answer 1: Stomach



# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments

## Question 2:

Which segment would most likely be affected by an aggressive tumor invading locally from the right adrenal gland ?

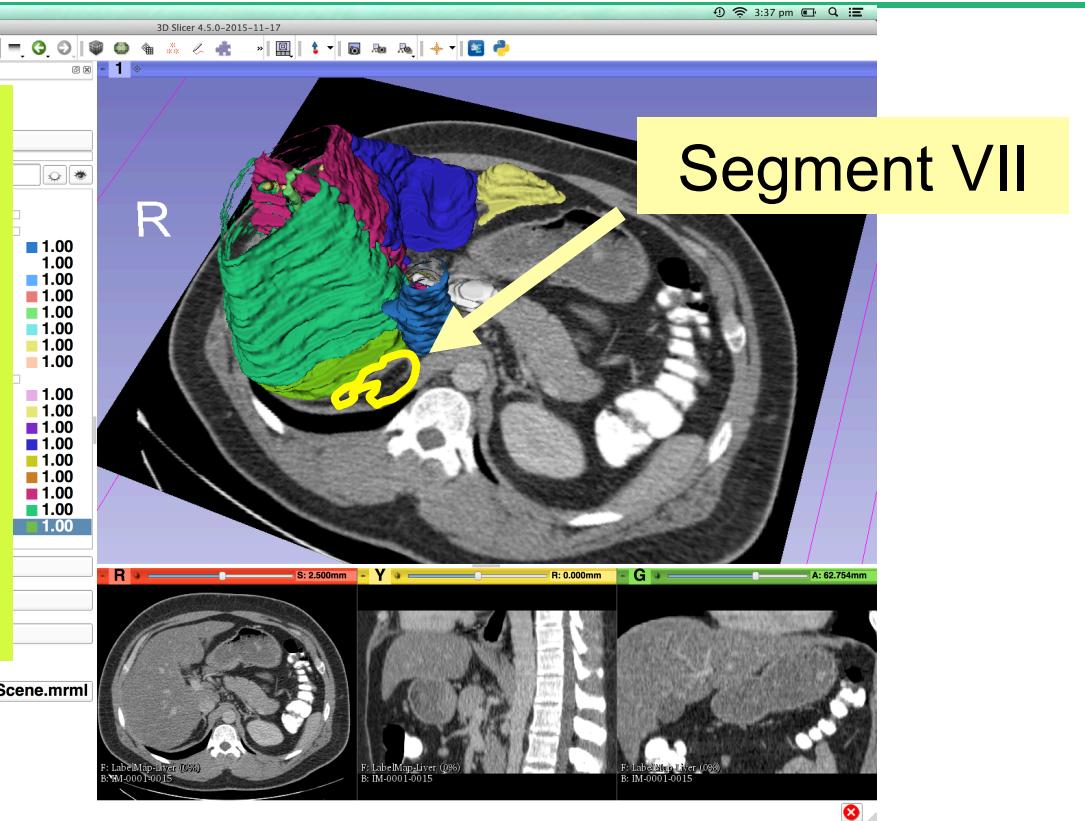


# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments

## Question 2:

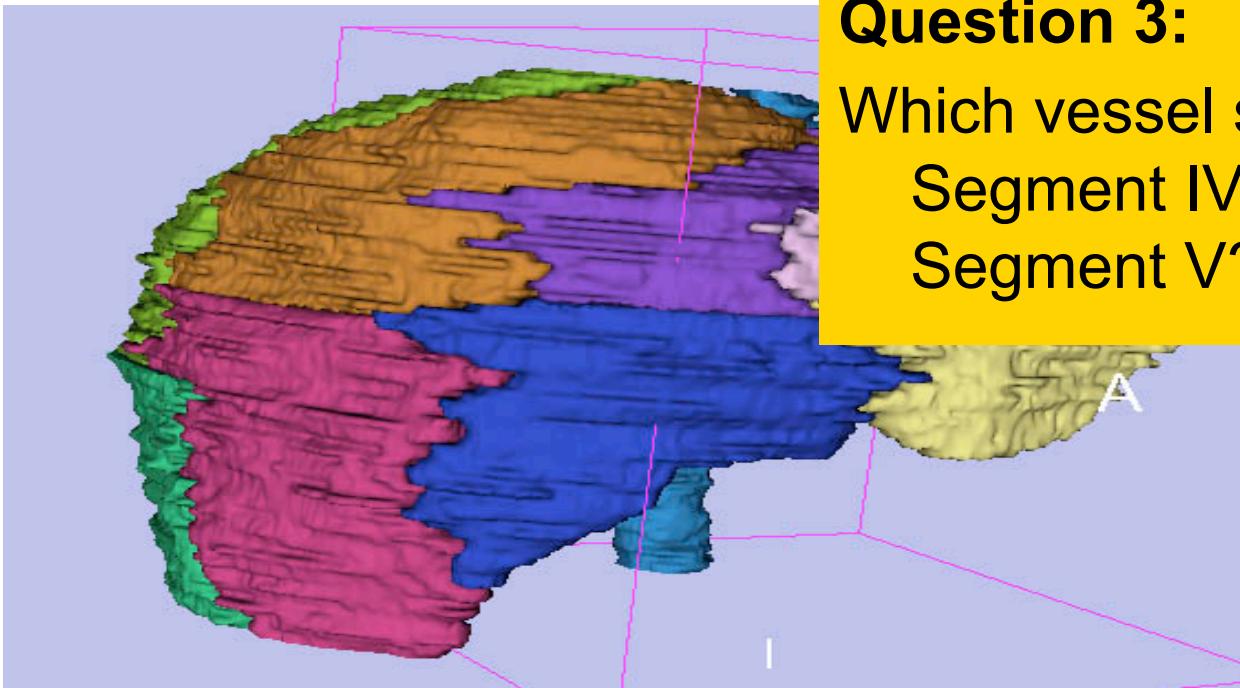
Which segment would most likely be affected by an aggressive tumor invading locally from the right adrenal gland ?

**Answer 2: Segment VII**



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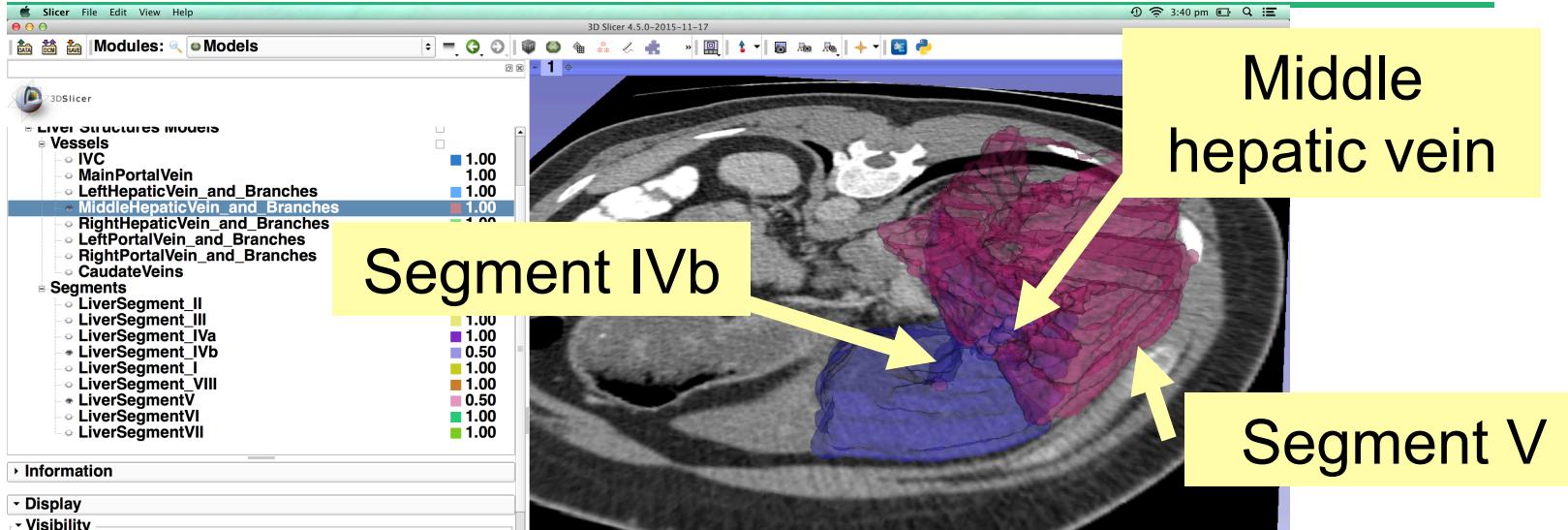
# 3D Exploration of Liver Segments



**Question 3:**

Which vessel separates  
Segment IVb and  
Segment V?

# Middle Hepatic Vein

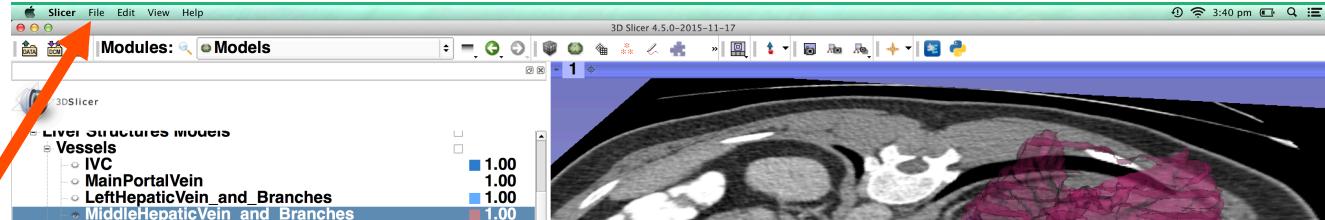


## Question 3:

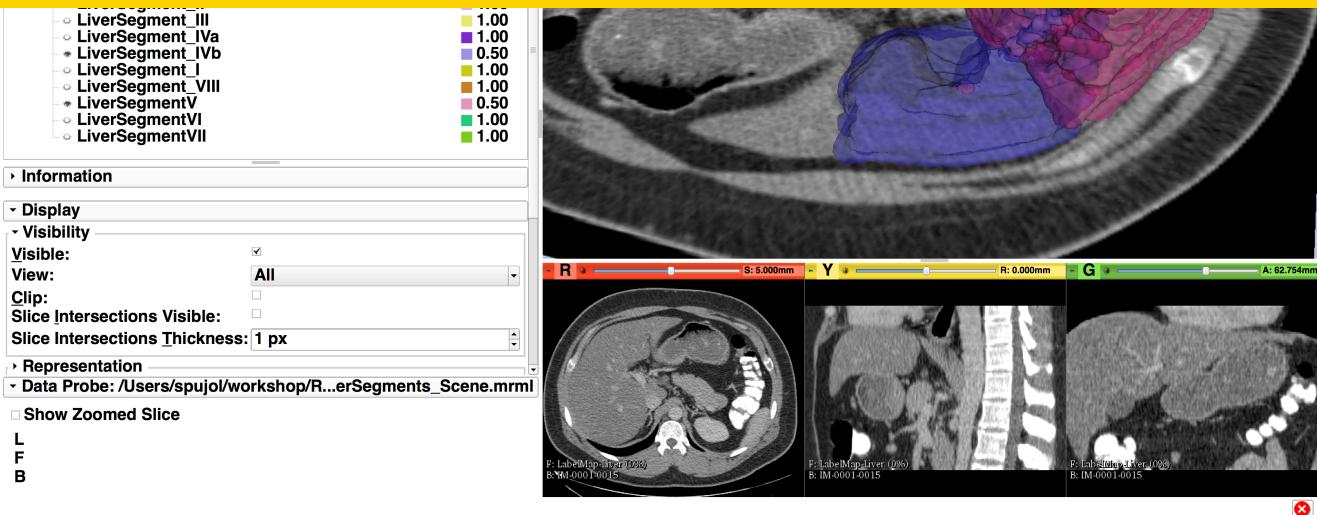
Which vessel separates Segment IVb and Segment V?

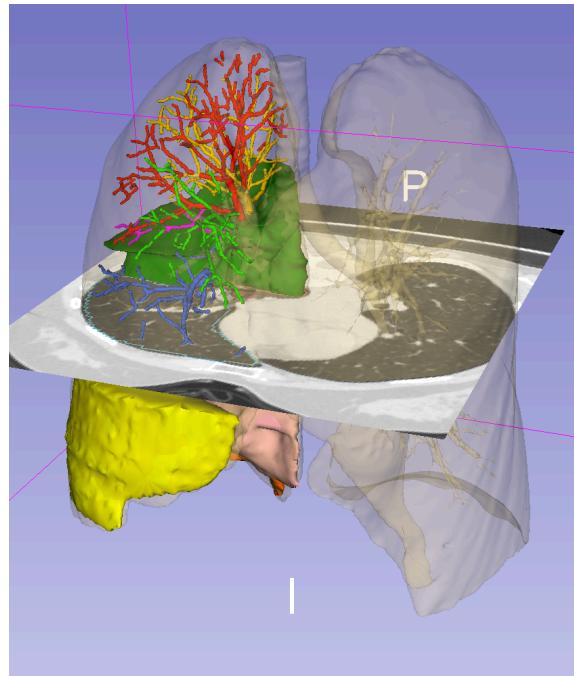
**Answer 3:** The middle hepatic vein

# Closing the Liver Scene



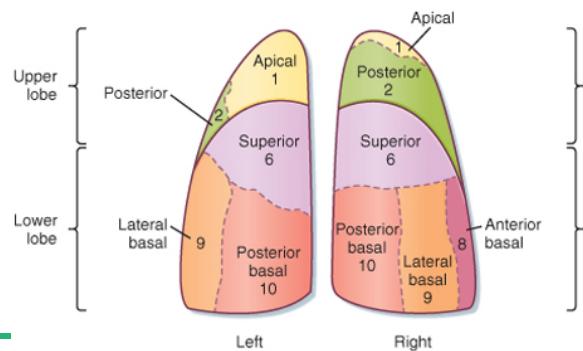
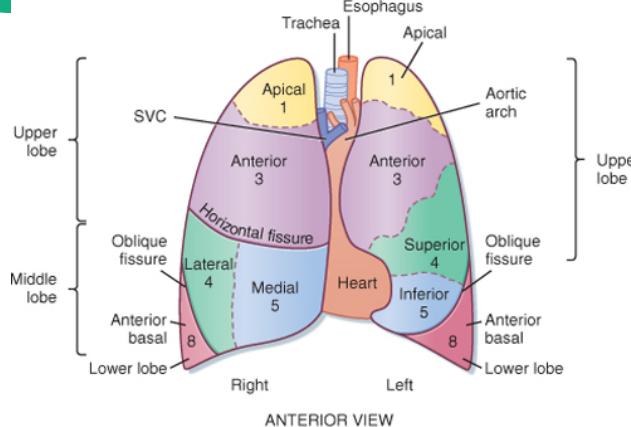
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## Part IIIb: Interactive 3D Visualization of the segments of the lungs

# Segments of the lung



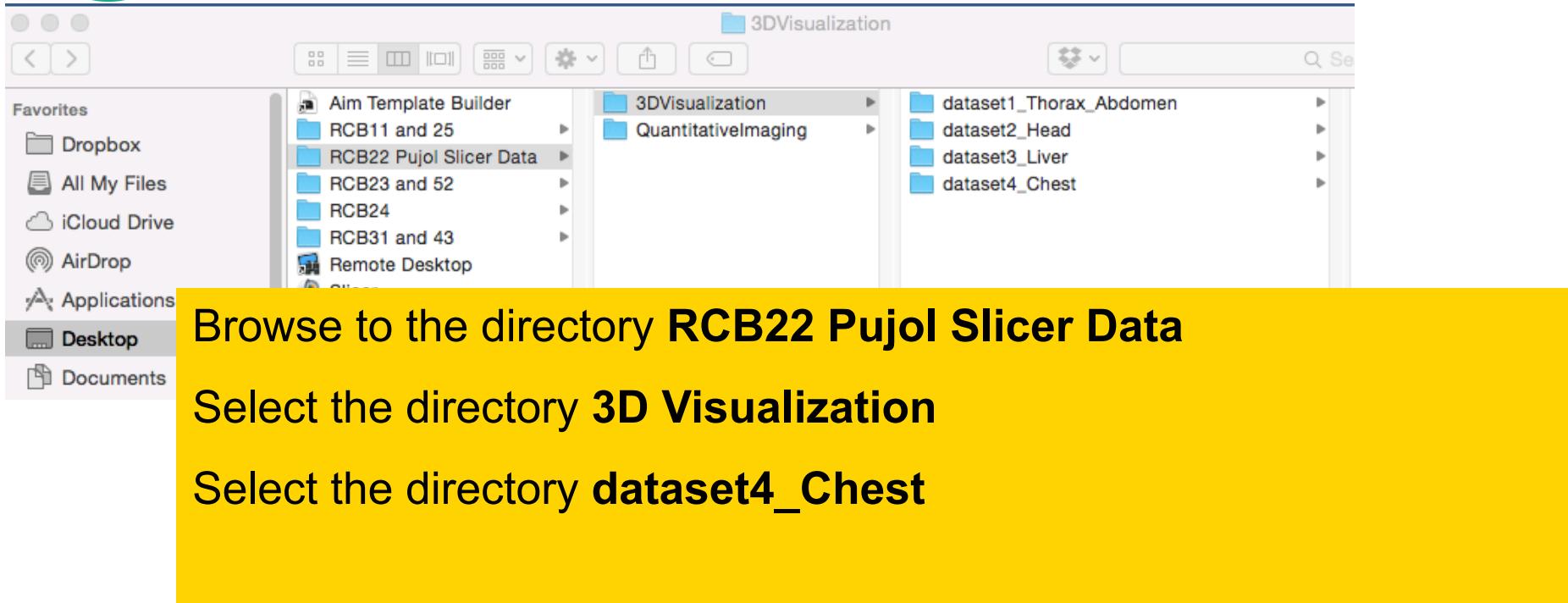
## Right Lung (10 segments)

- Right Upper Lobe (RUL)
  - RUL Apical
  - RUL Posterior
  - RUL Anterior
- Right Middle Lobe (RML)
  - RML Lateral
  - RML Medial
- Right Lower Lobe (RLL)
  - RLL Superior
  - RLL Medial Basal
  - RLL Anterior Basal
  - RLL Lateral Basal
  - RLL Posterior Basal

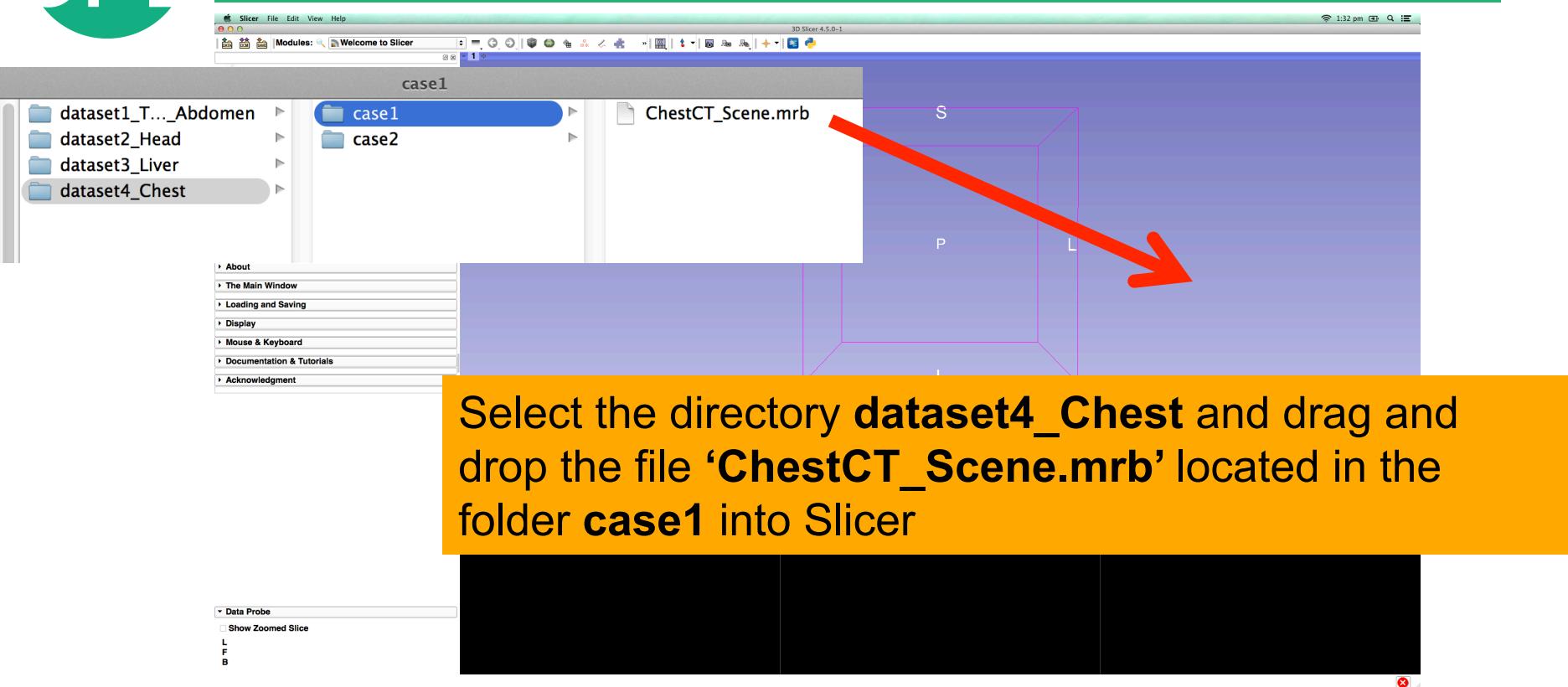
## Left Lung (8 segments)

- Left Upper Lobe (LUL)
  - LUL Apical Posterior
  - LUL Anterior
- Left Upper Lobe Lingula (LUL Lingula)
  - LUL Superior Lingula
  - LUL Inferior Lingula
- Left Lower Lobe (LLL)
  - LLL Superior
  - LLL Anteromedial Basal
  - LLL Lateral Basal
  - LLL Posterior Basal

# Loading the Lung Scene



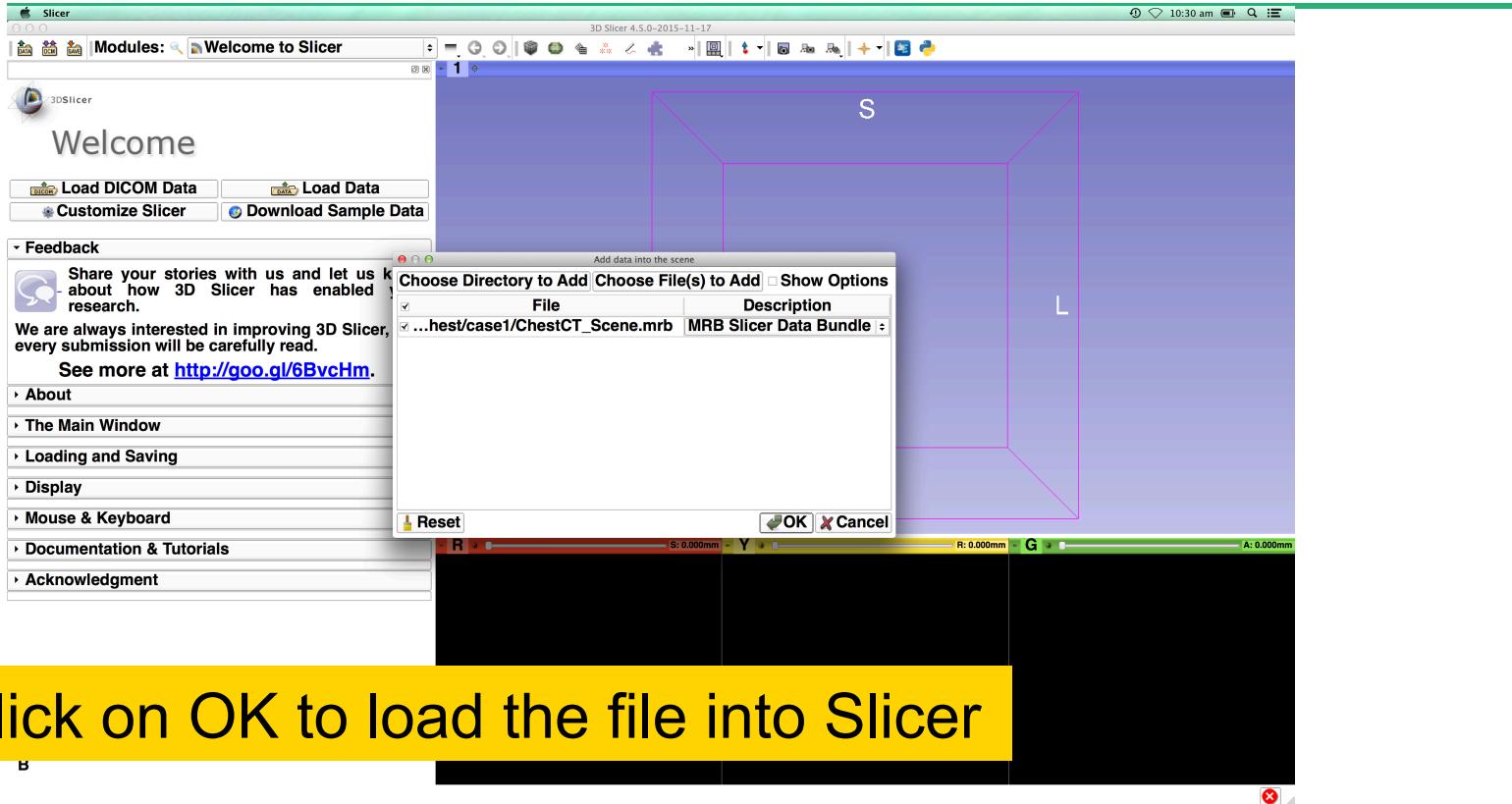
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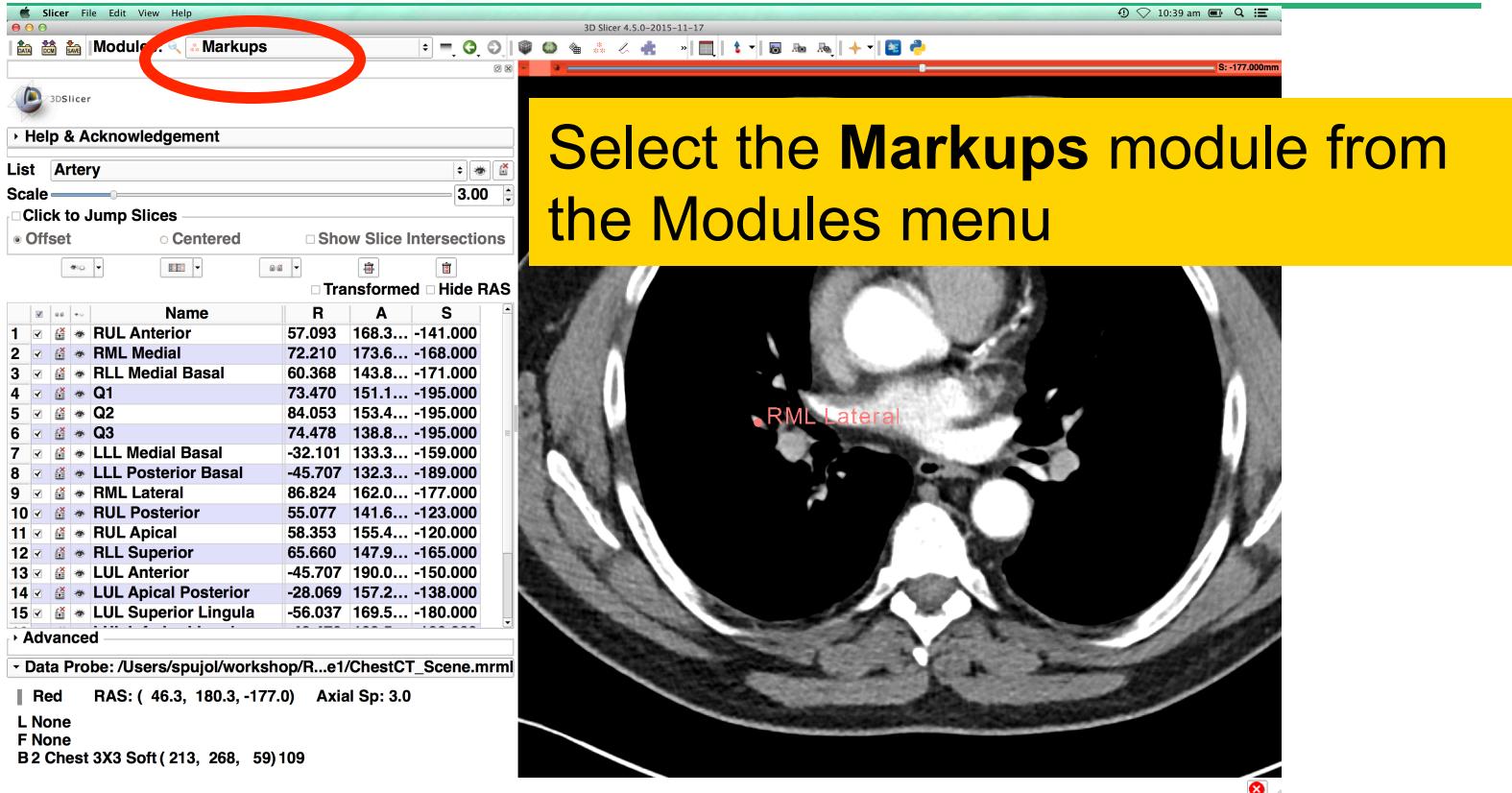
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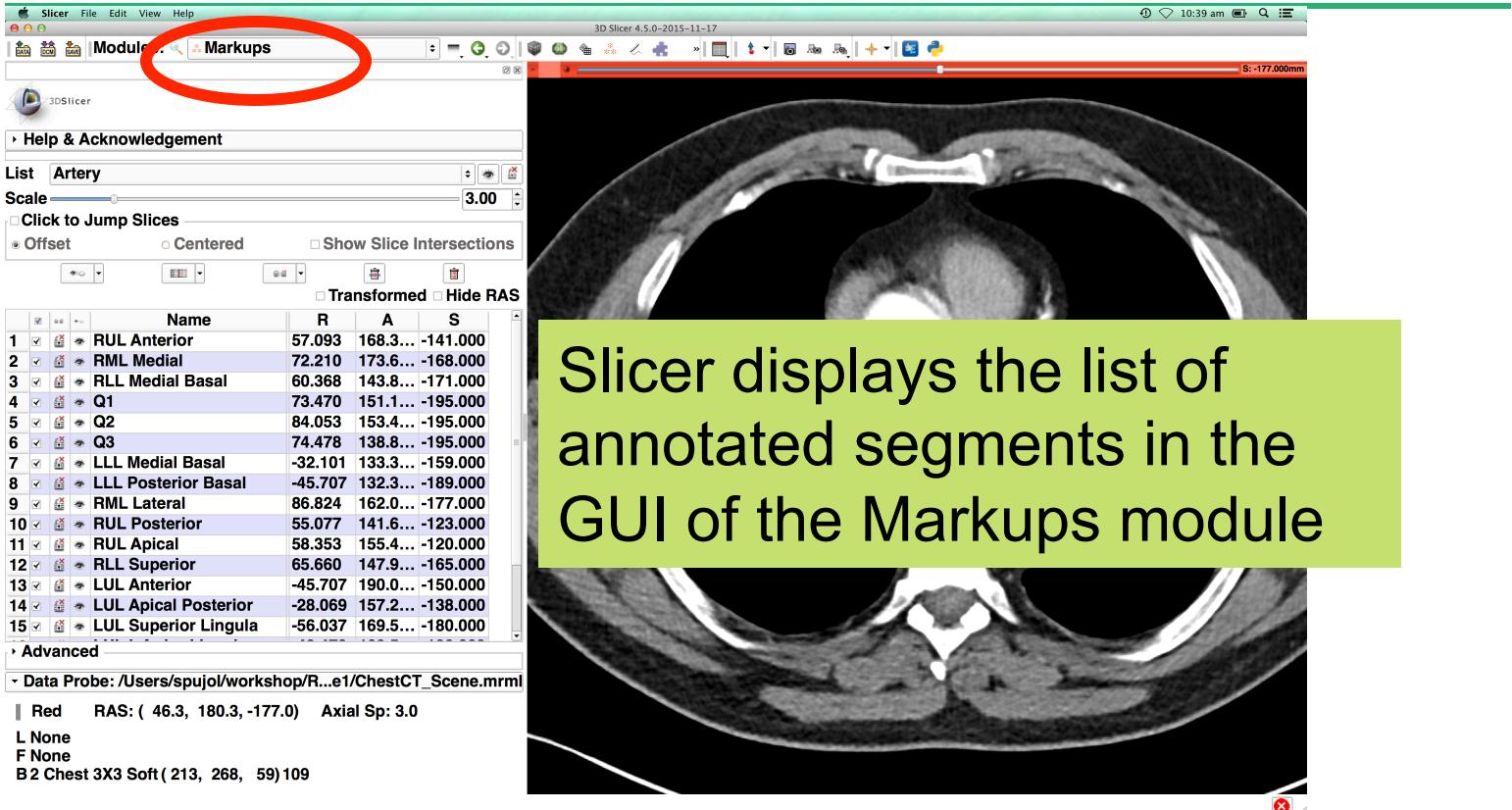
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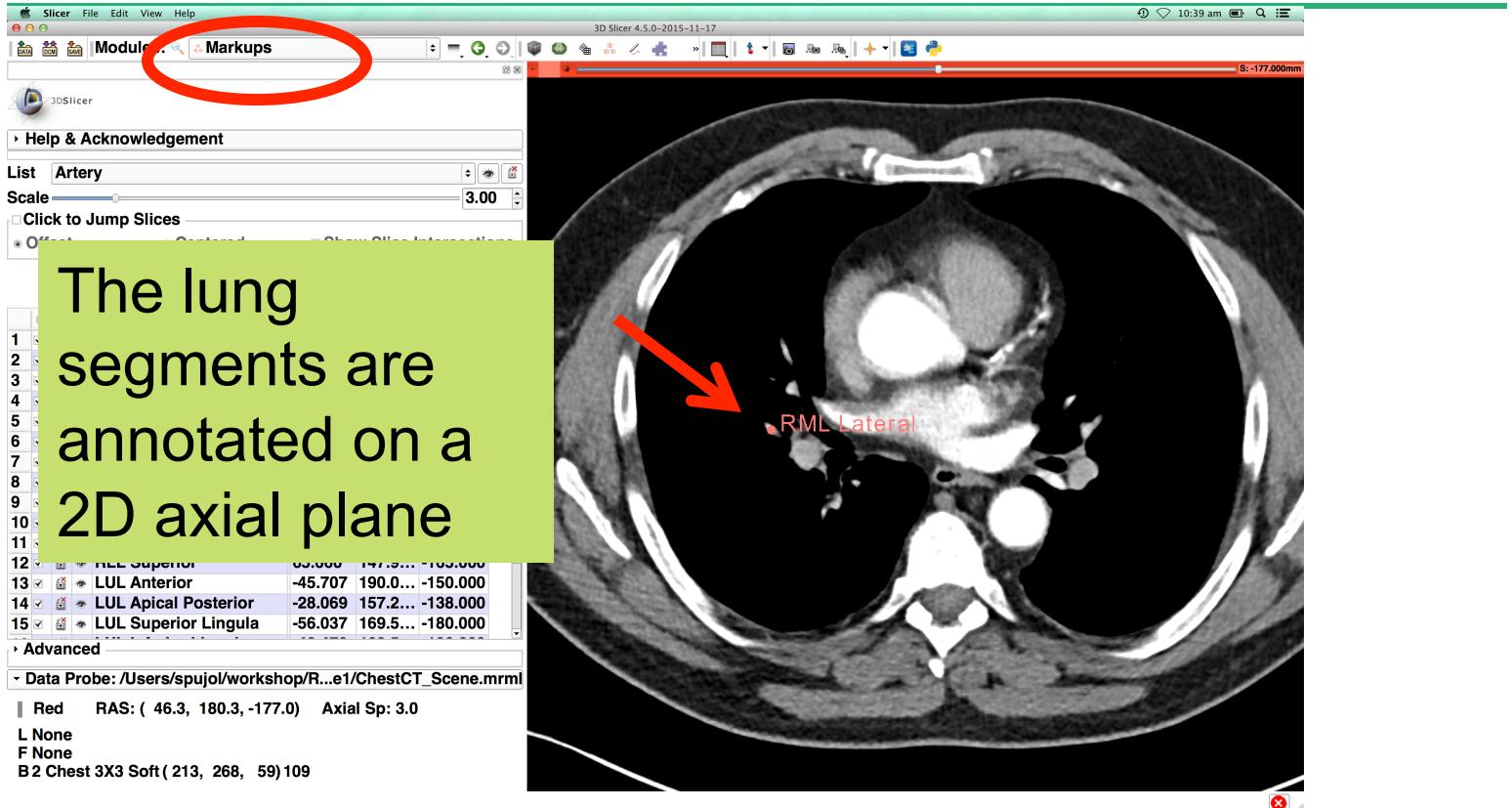
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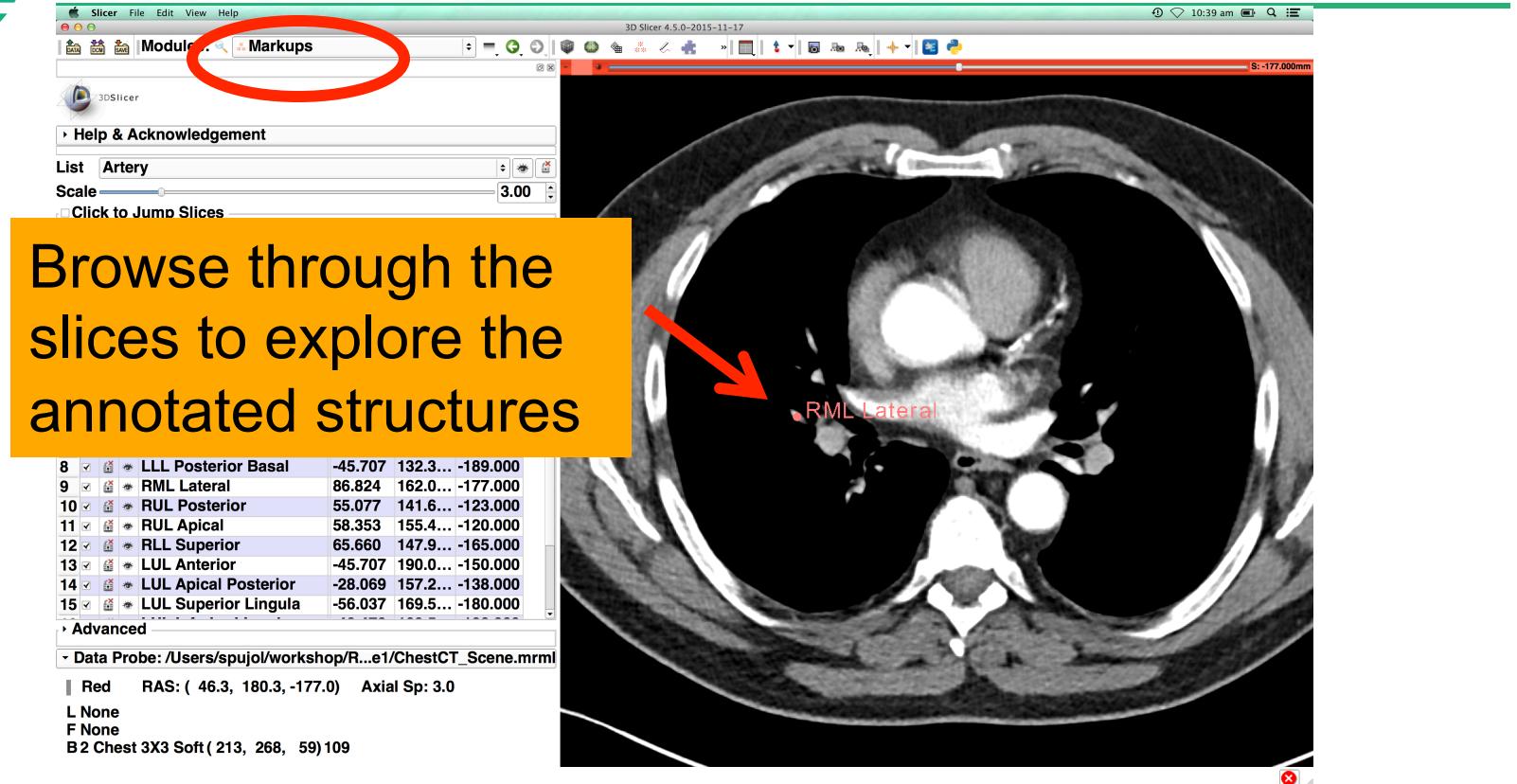
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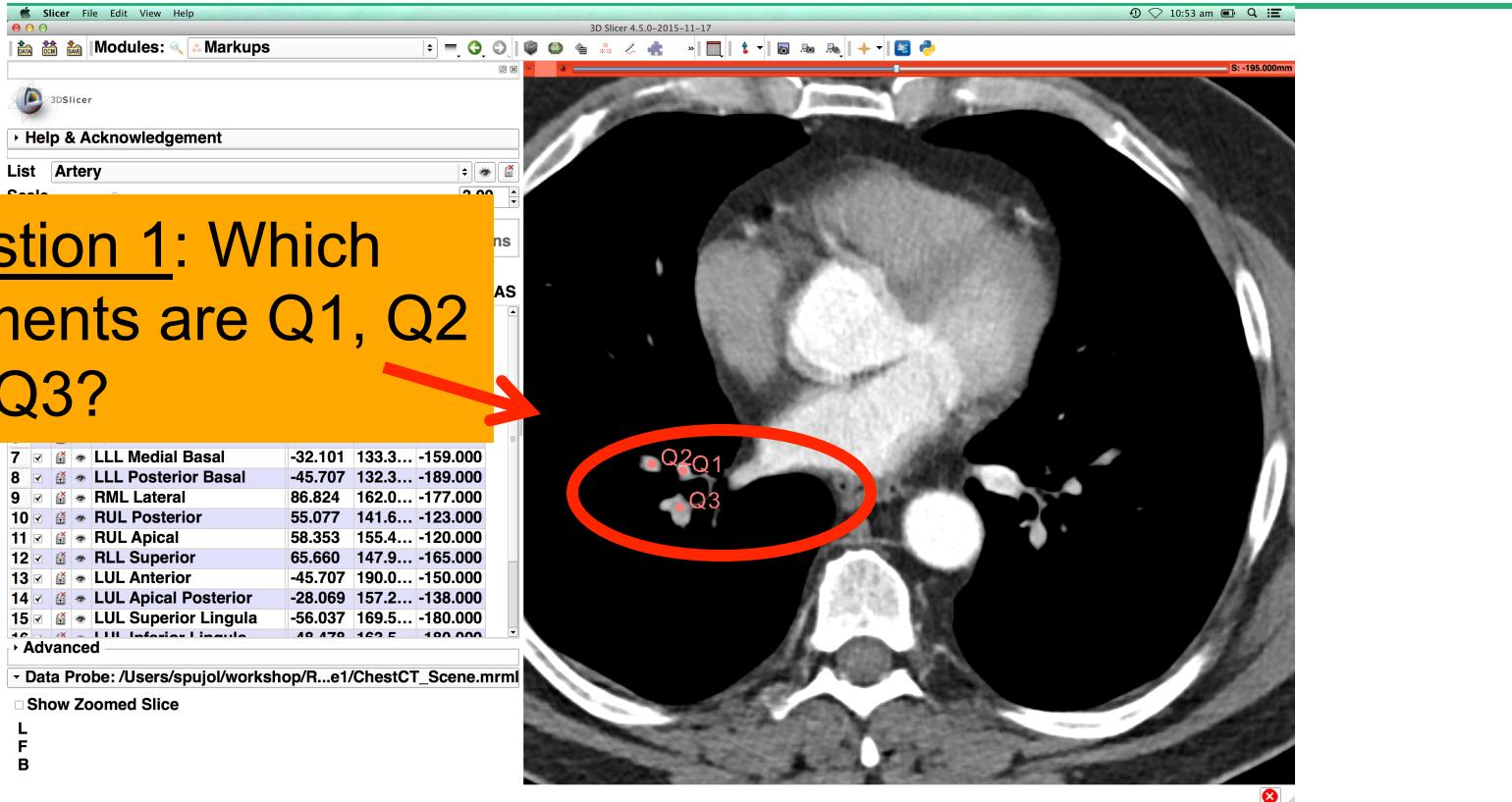
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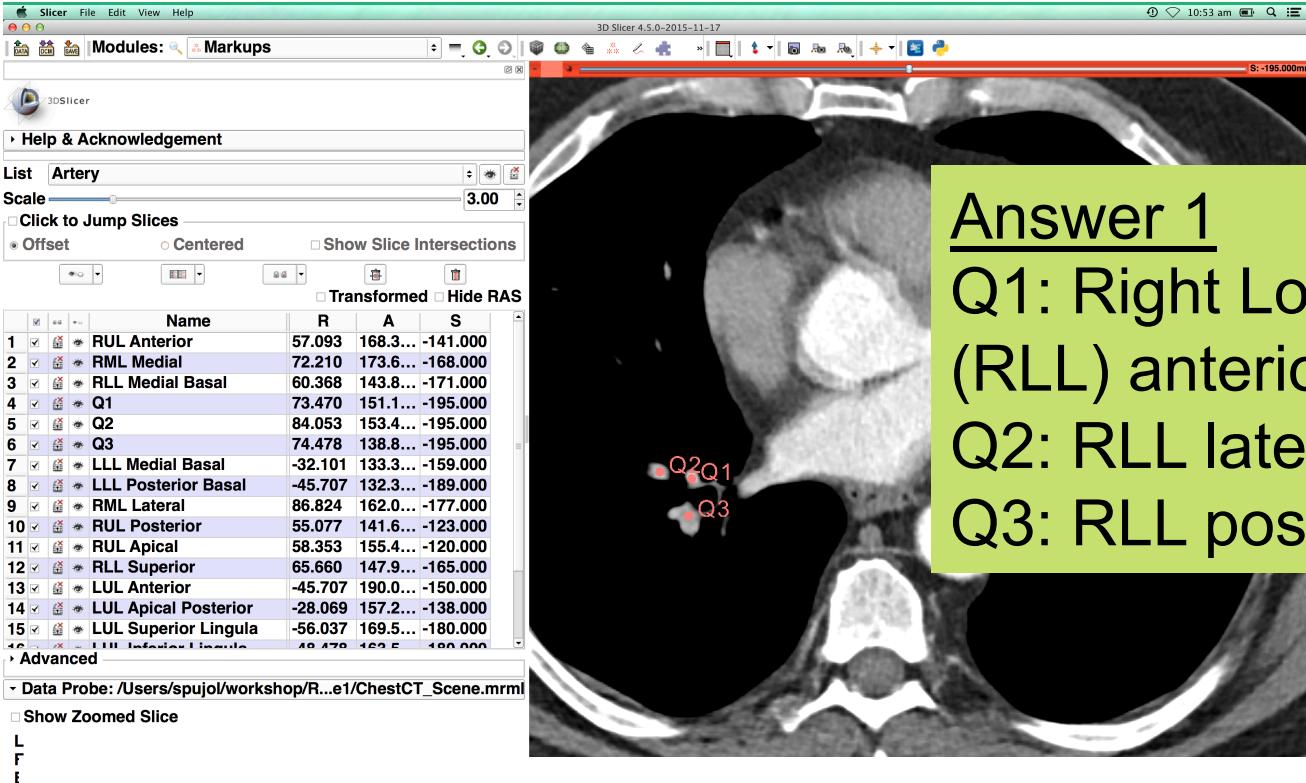
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## Answer 1

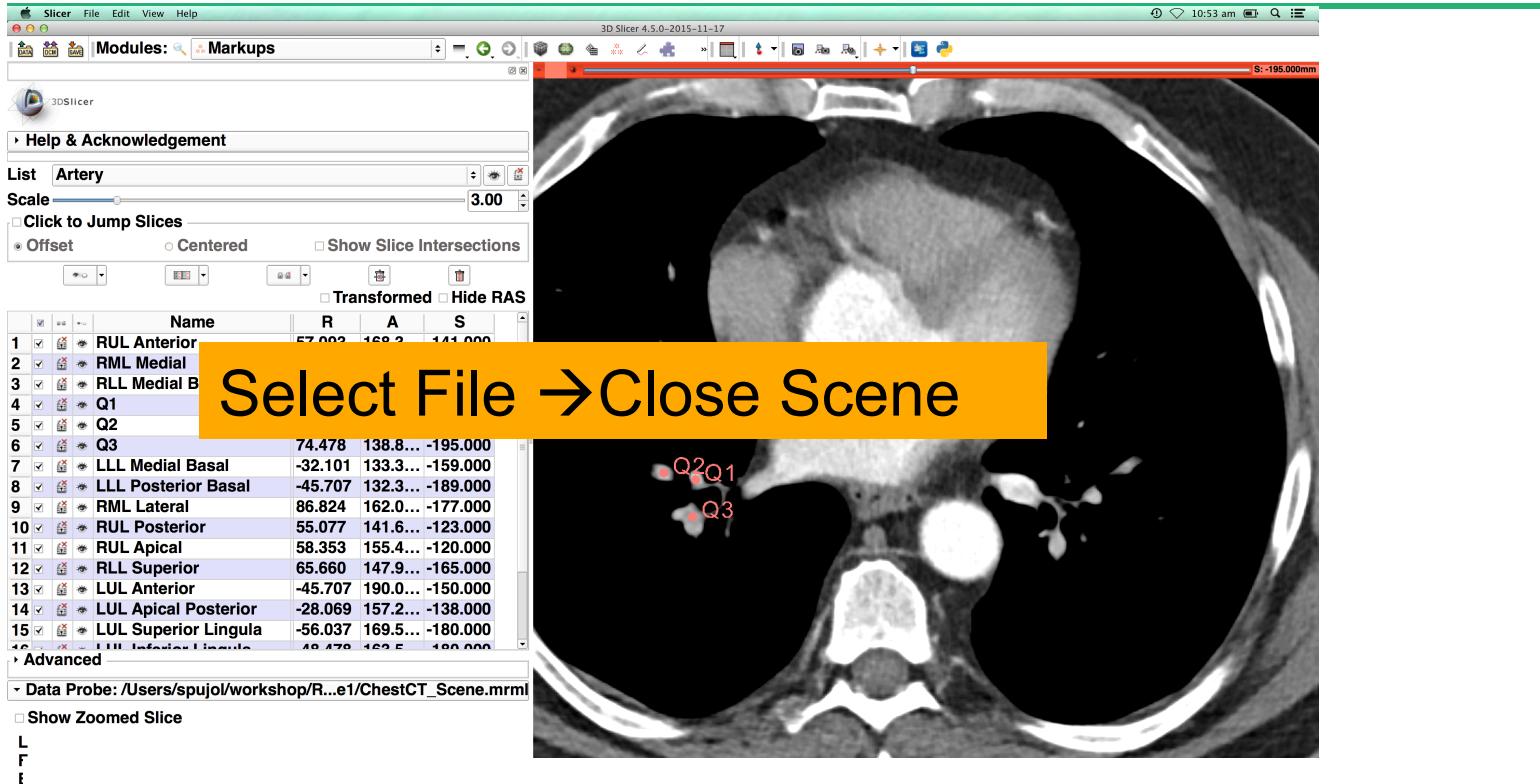
Q1: Right Lower Lobe (RLL) anterior basal

Q2: RLL lateral basal

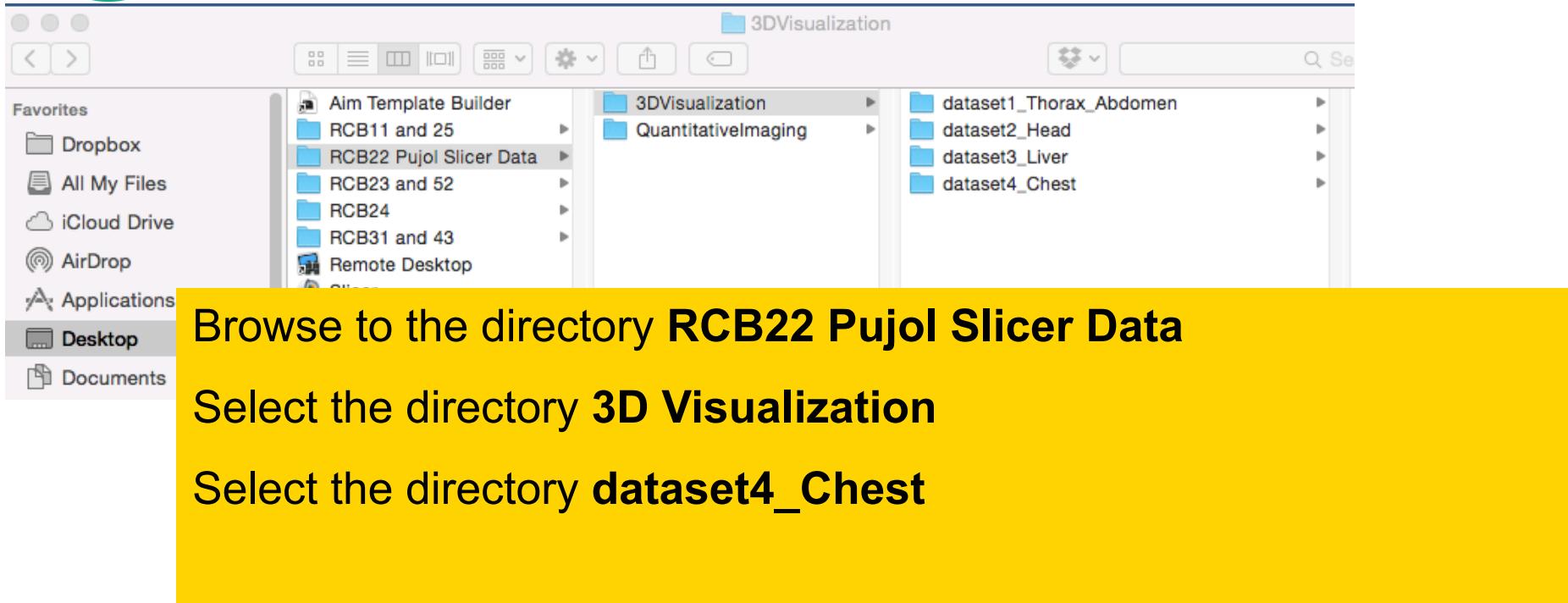
Q3: RLL posterior basal



# Chest CT case 1



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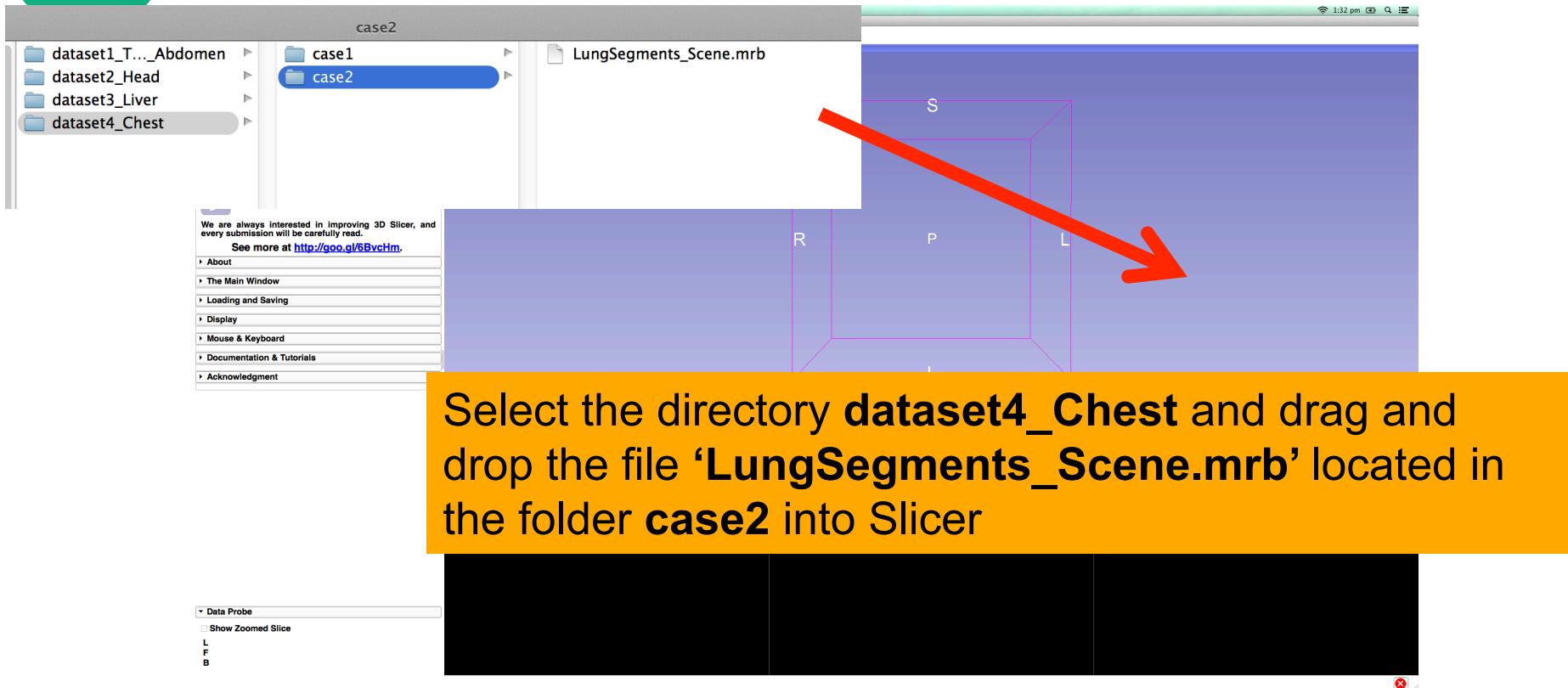


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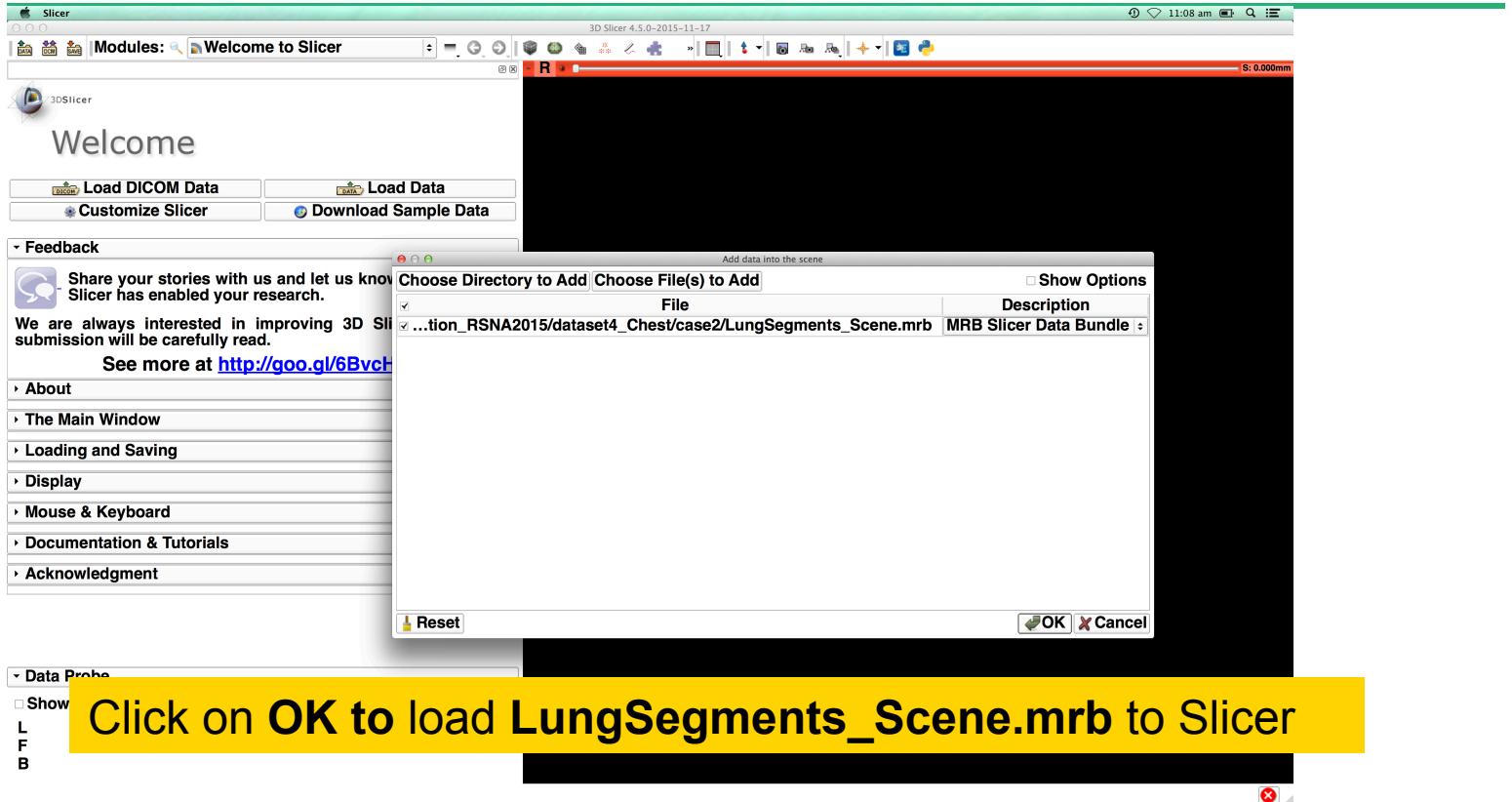
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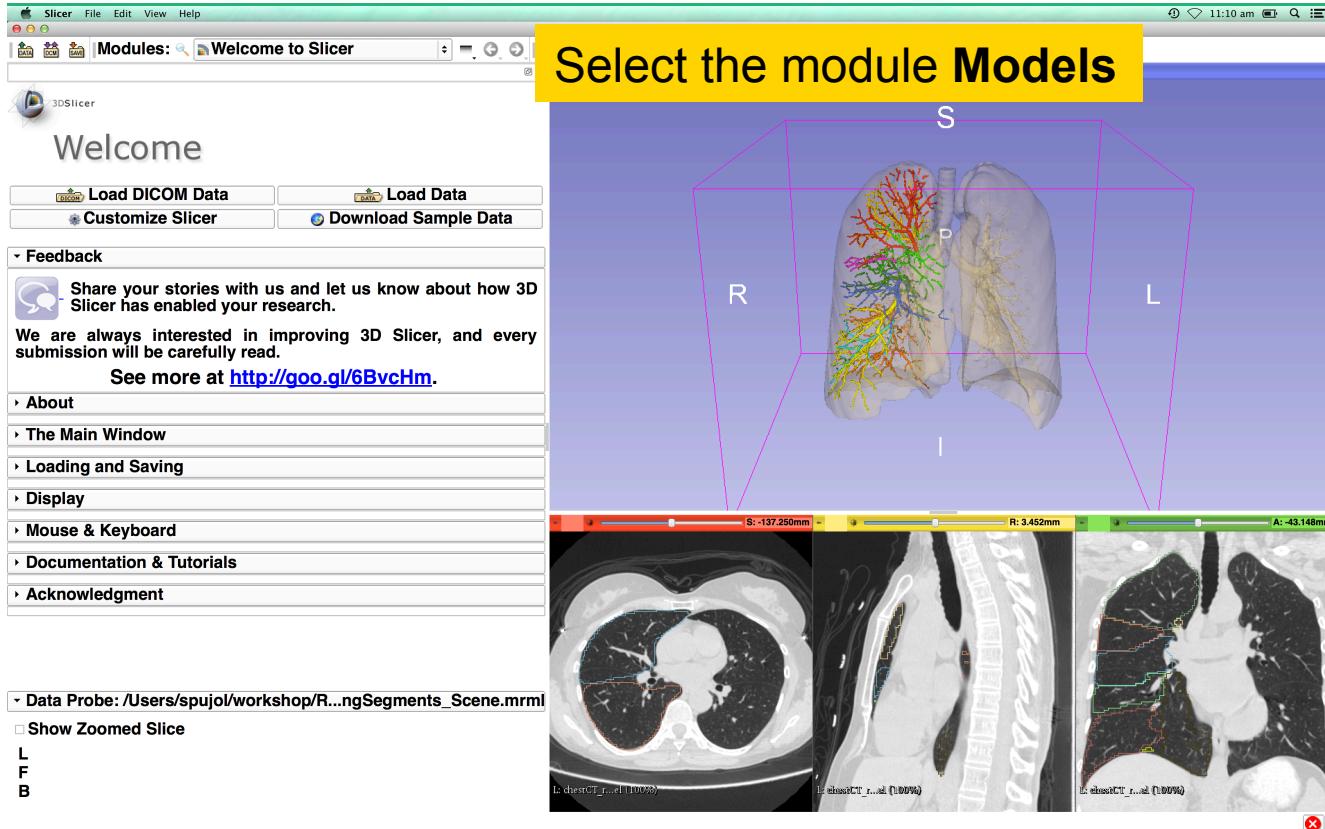


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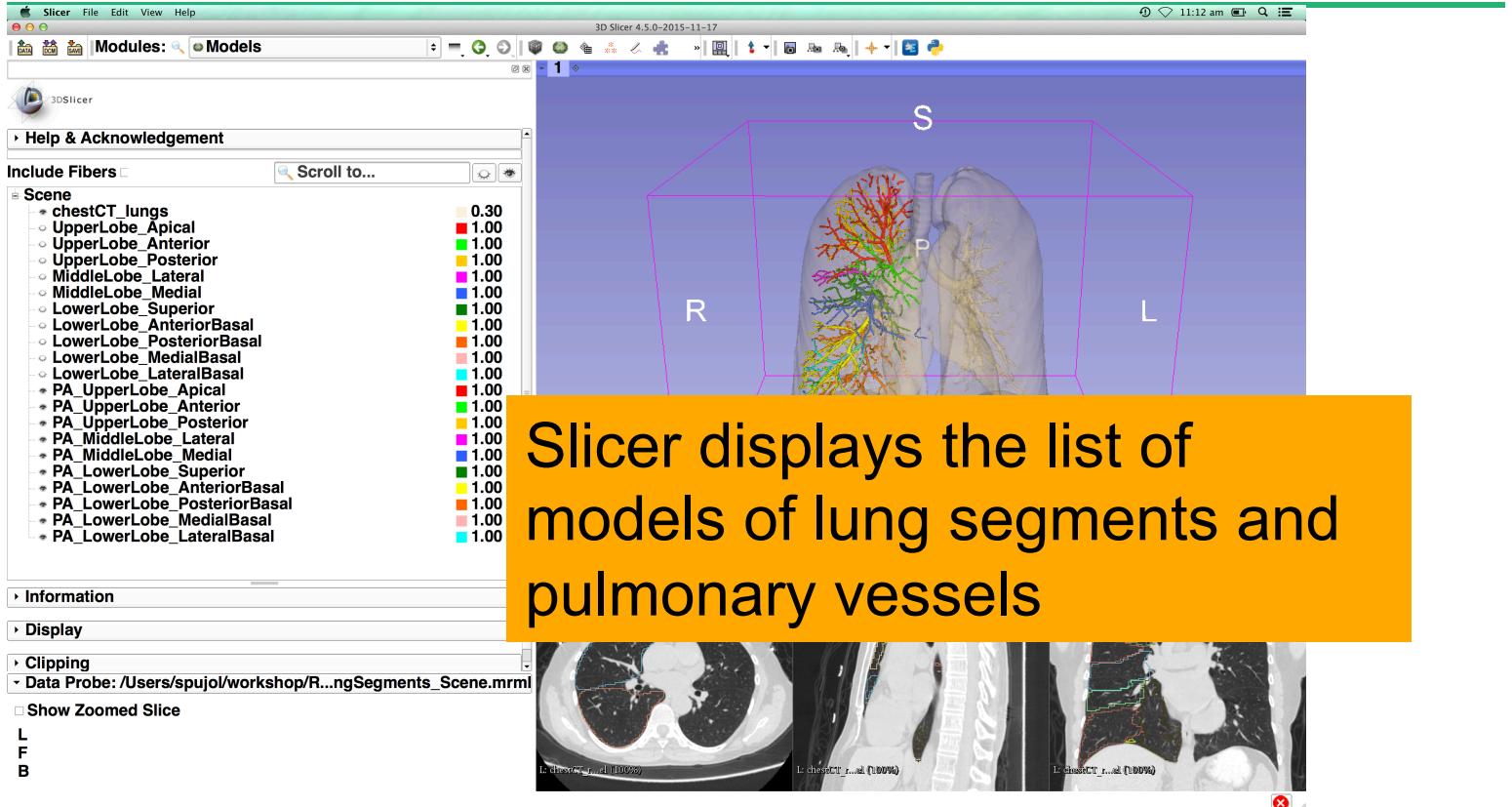




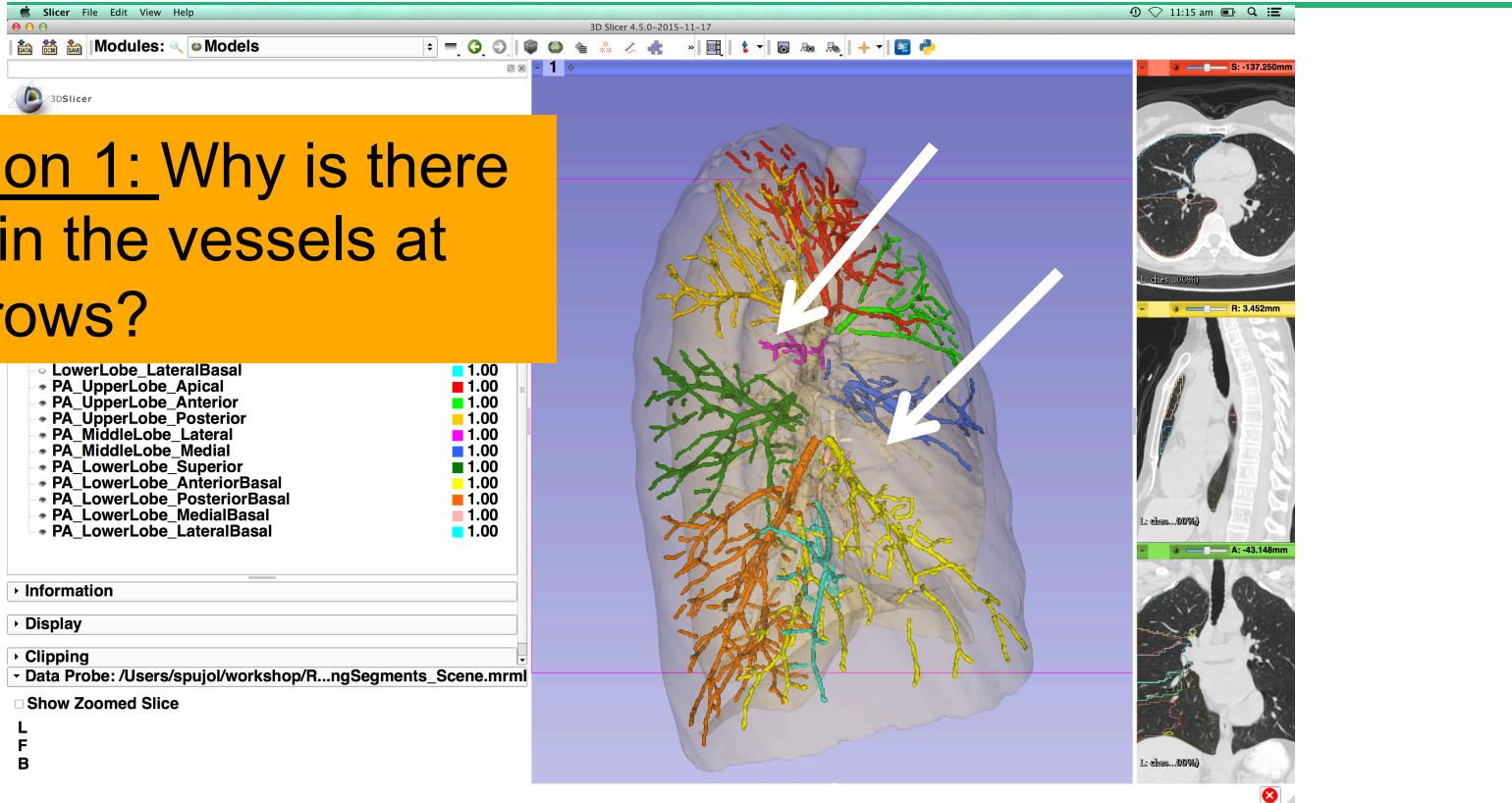
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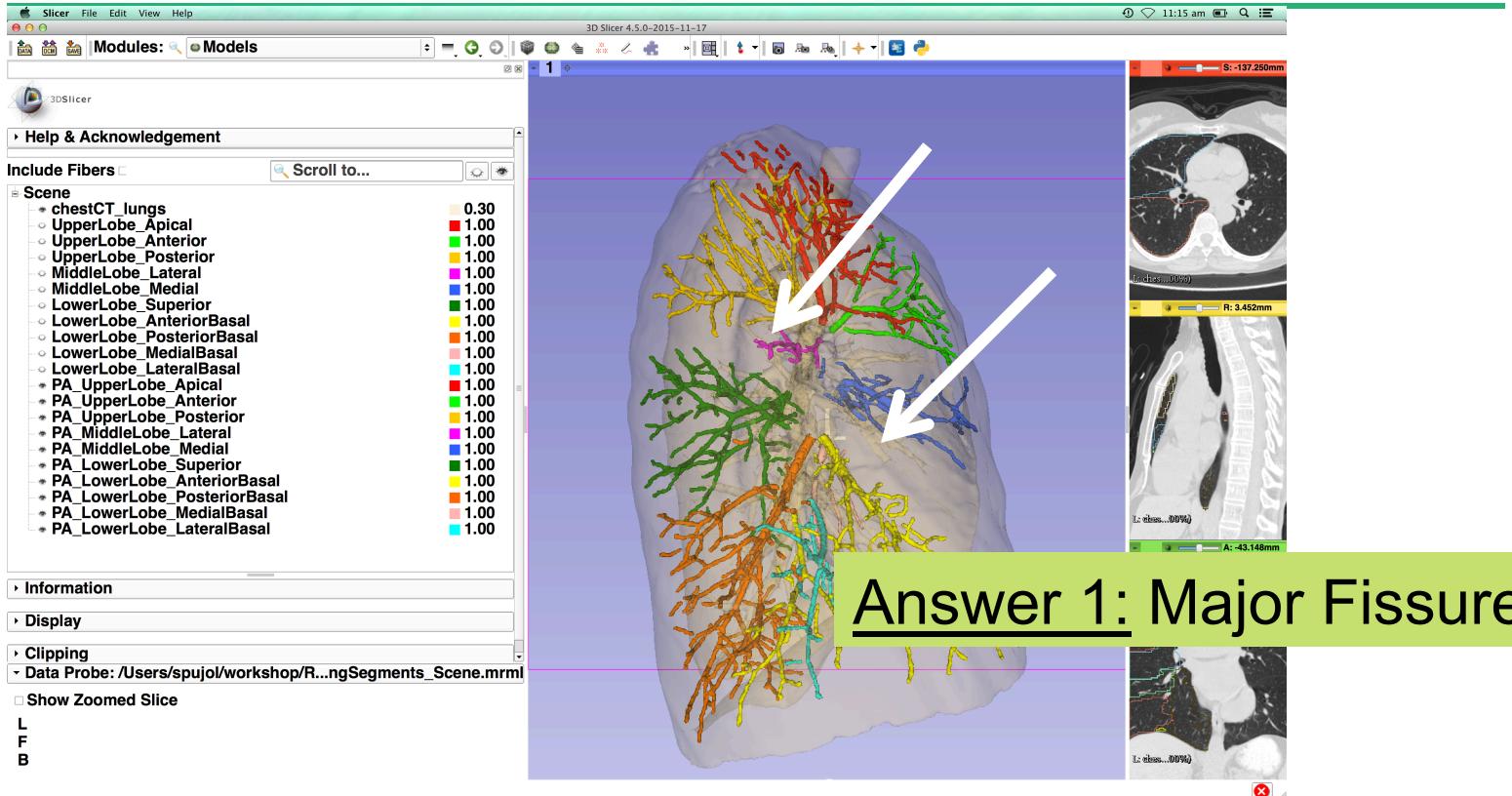
# Chest CT case 2



# Lung Segments



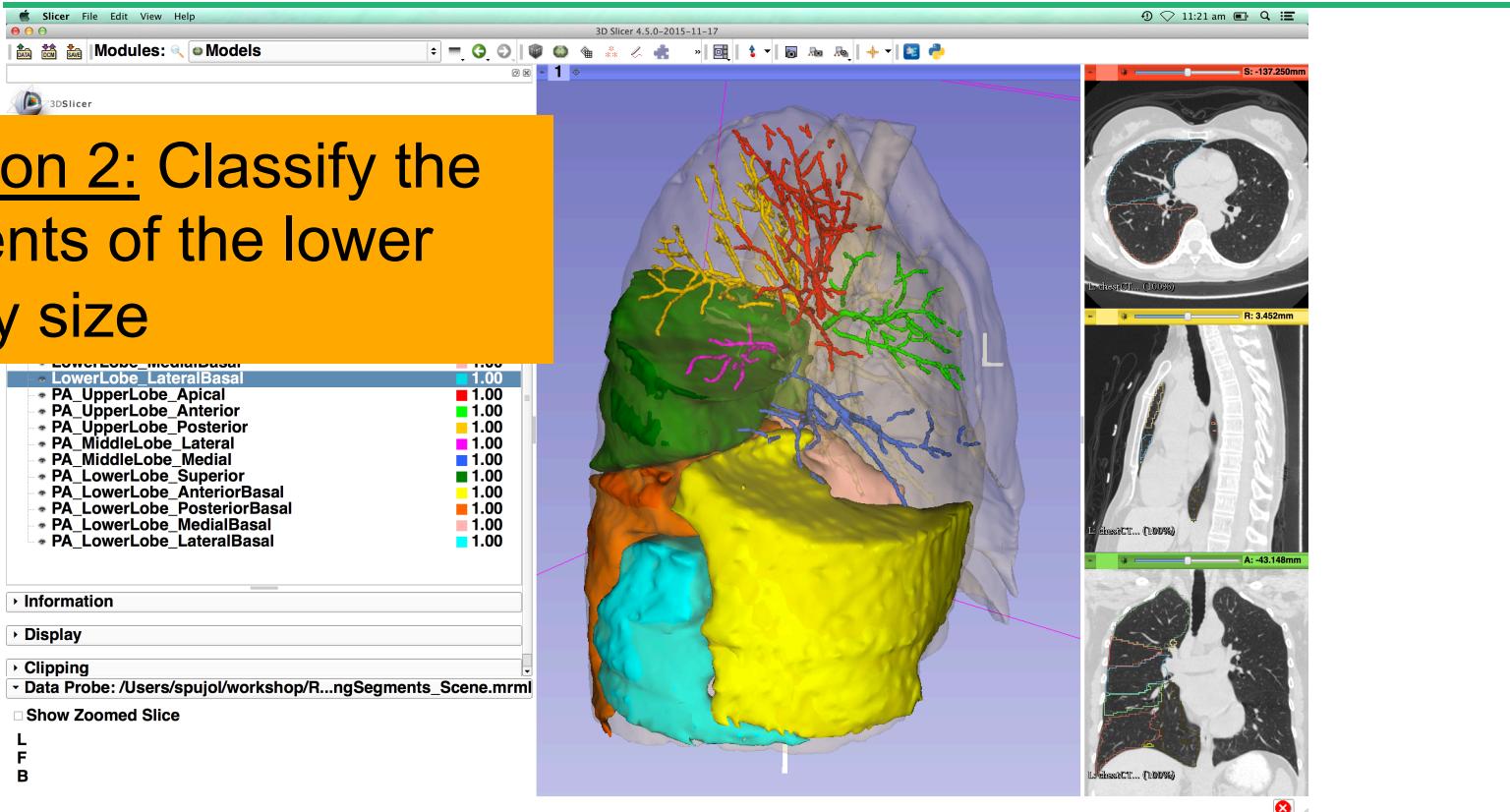
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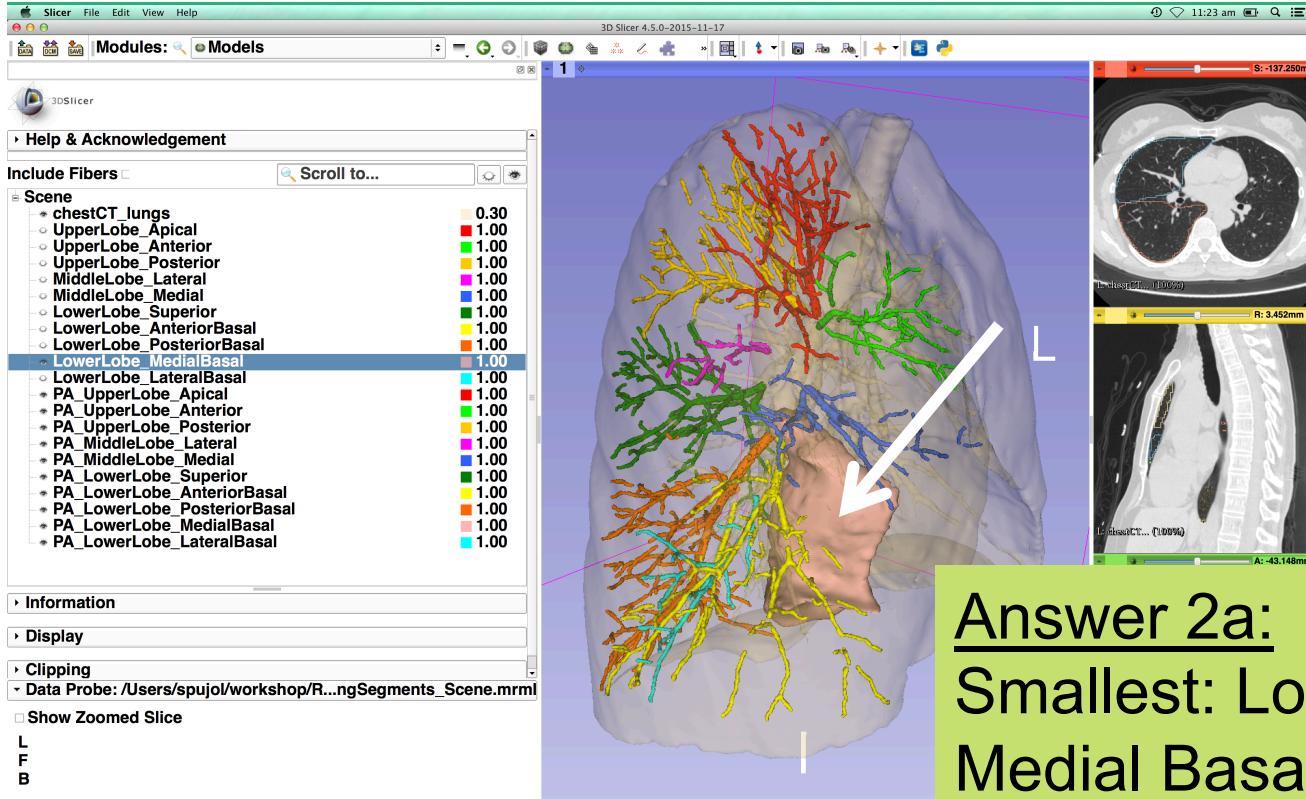
**Answer 1: Major Fissure**

# Lung Segments

Question 2: Classify the segments of the lower lobe by size

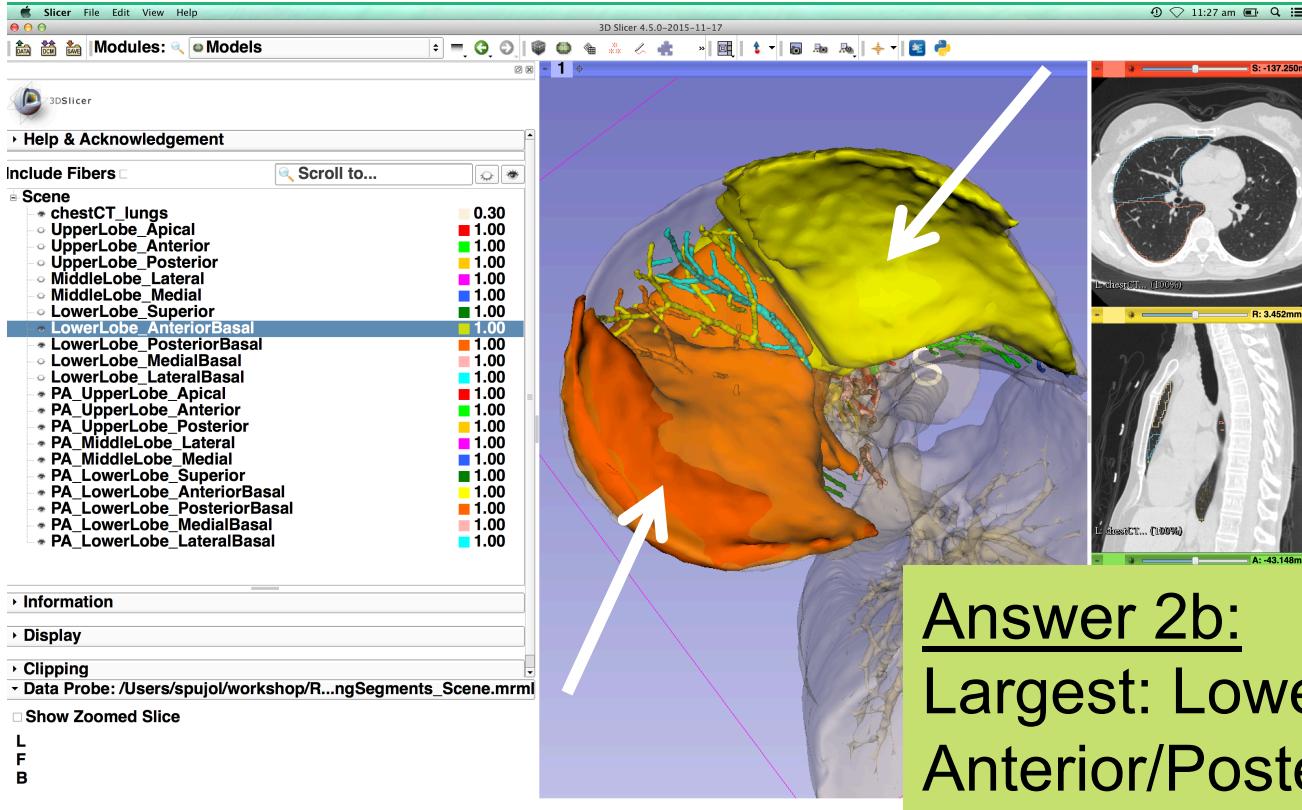


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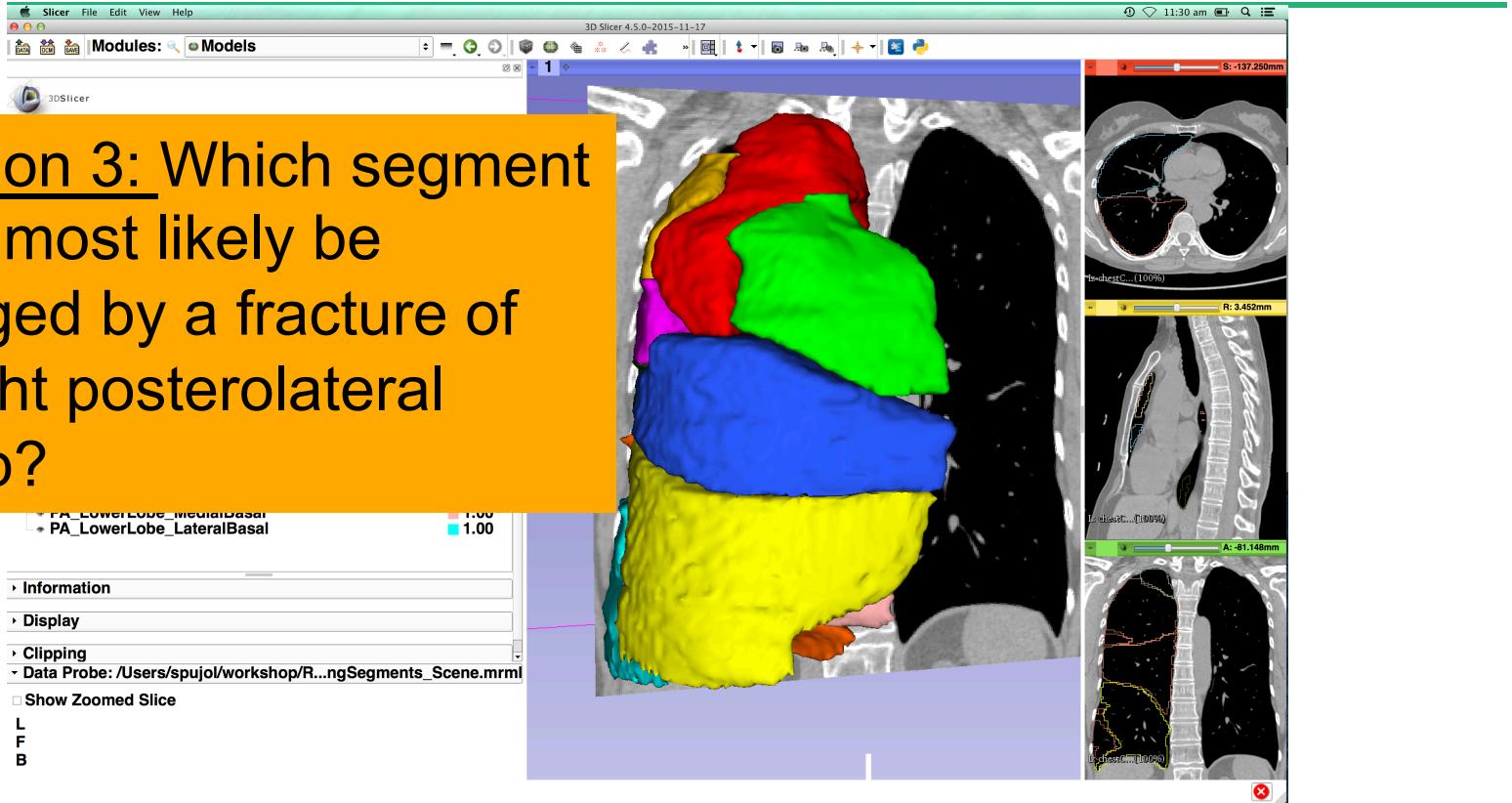
Answer 2a:  
Smallest: Lower Lobe  
Medial Basal

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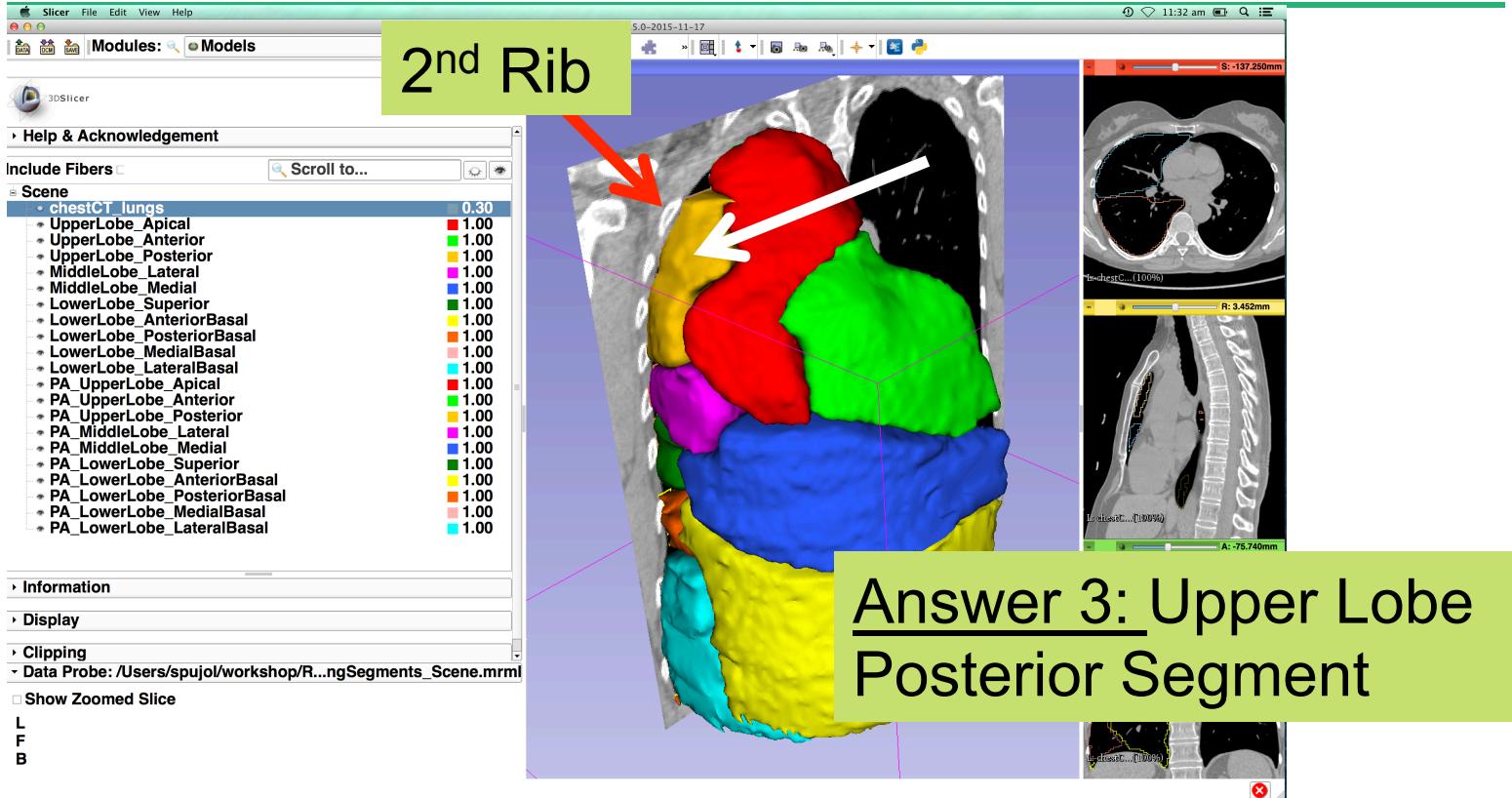


**Answer 2b:**  
Largest: Lower Lobe  
Anterior/Posterior Basal

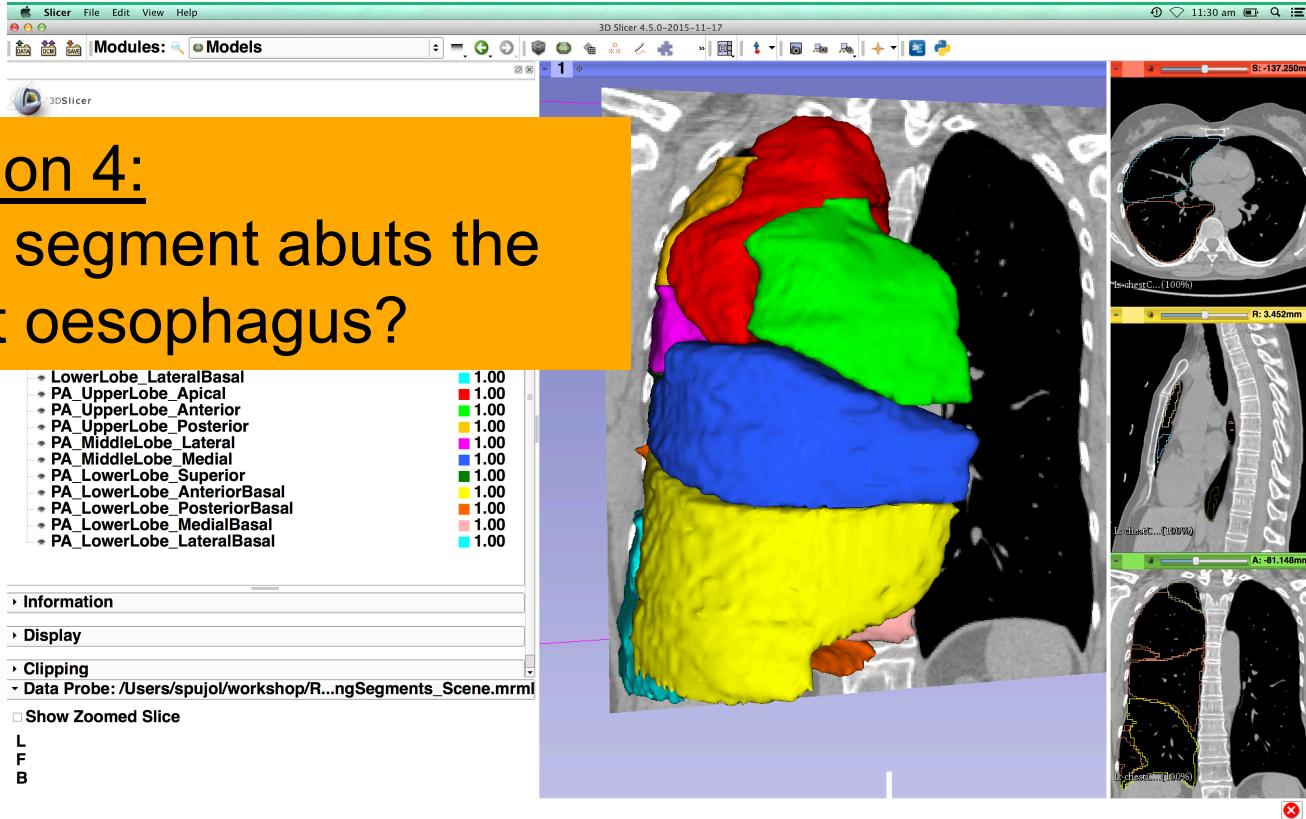
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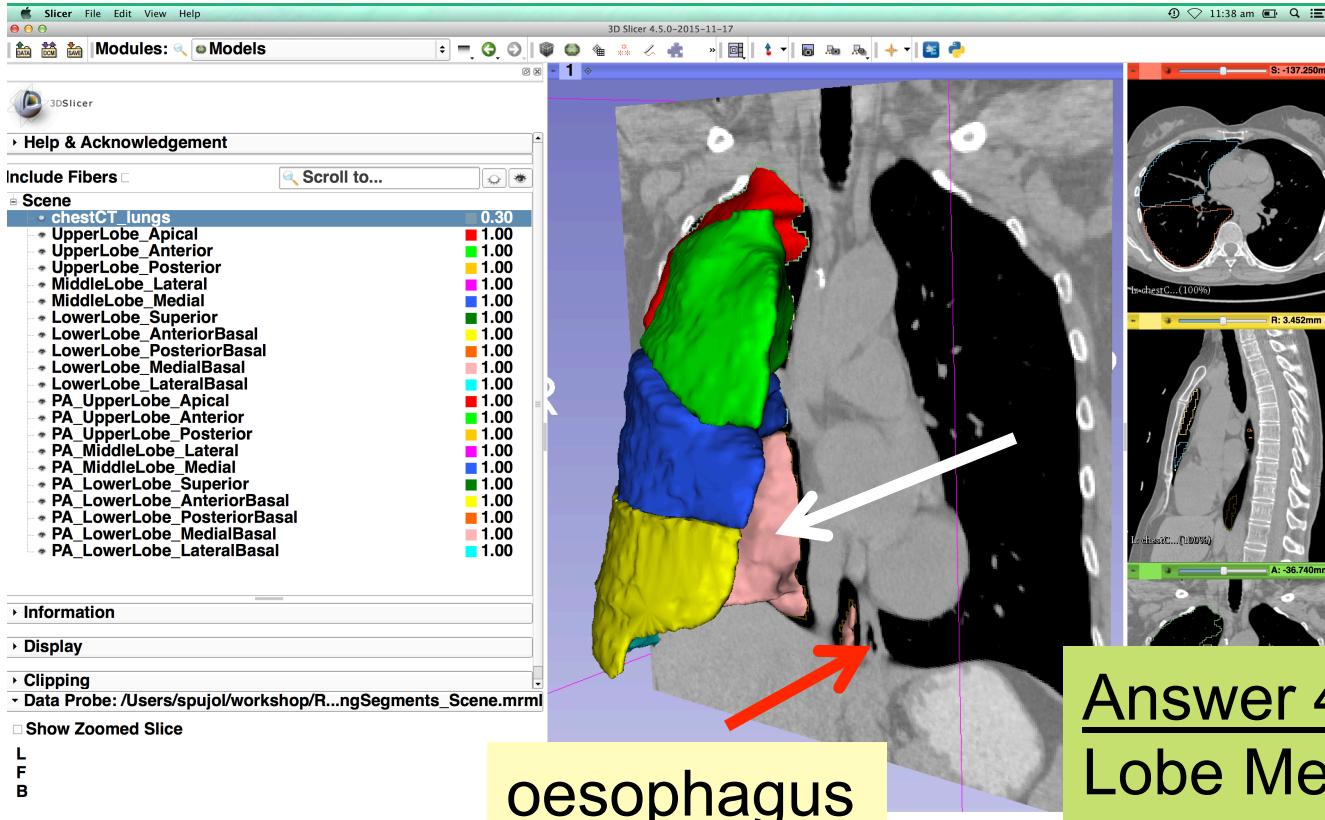
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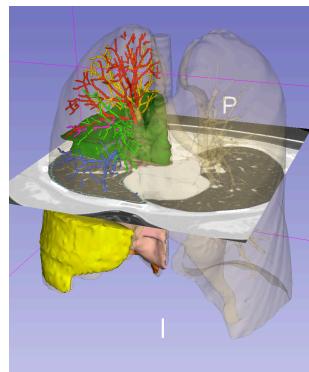
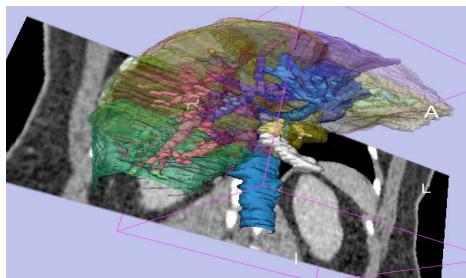
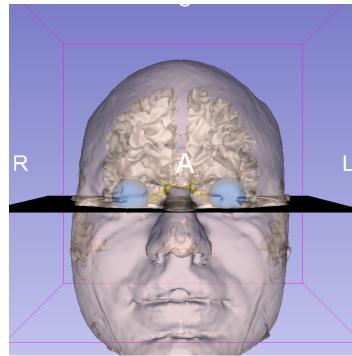
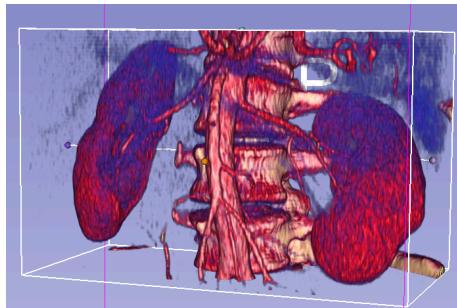
## Question 4:

Which segment abuts the distant oesophagus?

# Lung Segments



# Conclusion



- 3D Slicer is an open source platform for medical imaging research
- Interactive interface to manipulate and visualize DICOM volumes, labelmaps and 3D models
- User-defined 3D views of the anatomy



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# 3D Slicer Exhibit – QIRR RSNA Learning Center (Lake Side)



## 3D Slicer: An Open-Source Software Platform for Segmentation, Registration, Quantitative Imaging and 3D Visualization of Multi-Modal Image Data

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### About 3D Slicer

3D Slicer is a multi-platform, free, open source & extensible software package for 3D visualization and medical image computing. The software platform is community created for the purpose of subject specific medical image analysis and visualization.

- Multi-modality imaging including MR, CT, US, nuclear medicine, and microscopy
- Multi organ from head to toe
- Bidirectional interface for devices
- Expandable and interfaced to multiple toolkits

**History:** Slicer was initiated in 1998 as a Master's thesis at the Brigham and Women's Hospital Radiology Laboratory at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and the MIT Computer Intelligence Laboratory. Since then it has been downloaded over 200 thousand times worldwide. A variety of publications have been written about Slicer.

The newest version of the software, Slicer version 4.9, is available for download.

**License:** Slicer executables and source code are available under the Apache 2.0 license. No specific licensing agreement under which there are no reciprocity requirements, no restrictions on use, and no restrictions of distribution.

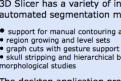
**Disclaimer:** 3D Slicer is not FDA approved or CE marked, and is for research use only.



3D Slicer supports plug-ins called Slicer Extenders available from the Slicer community. Developers can contribute their own purpose-coded extensions to the platform, and end-users can select the extensions useful to their clinical research applications.

### Segmentation & Registration

**Segmentation** is required for defining features of interest in imaging data for quantification and analysis.



The desktop application provides interactive visualization of the results and an intuitive GUI.

3D Slicer has a variety of interactive and automated segmentation methods:

- support for manual contouring and editing
- region growing and level sets
- graph cuts with generic support
- support for hierarchical brain segmentation for morphological studies

Timeseries analysis and multi-subject analysis require good registration of imaging data acquired at different times, on different scanners, and across modalities.

Slicer provides a variety of registration methods and resources to support versatile applications:

- Deformation models: rigid, affine, non-rigid, fluid
- Algorithm types: fiducial-, surface-, intensity-based
- Image types: scalar, vector, tensor

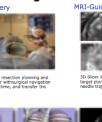
Google "na-mic registration documentation" for the extensive collection of Slicer registration cases and recipes.

Sources of the registration applications covered in the 3D Slicer extensions: Registration Case Library.

### Clinical Research Applications

3D Slicer has been used in clinical research, with IRB clinical protocols appropriately created and managed. The extensible architecture of the software allows the development of specialized packages such as **SlicerRT** for radiotherapy research, and **SlicerIGT** for image-guided therapy.

In **Image-guided therapy (IGT)** research, Slicer is frequently used to construct and visualize collections of MRI data that are available pre- and intra-operatively, and to display the tracked spatial position of surgical instruments.



3D Slicer has been used extensively for brain tumor resection planning and image guided surgery. It allows users to track surgical instruments in real-time, and transfer the position to 3D Slicer.

3D Slicer is used for MRI visualization and fusion, for image guided surgery, and for image guided therapy. It is used for radiotherapy planning (radiotherapy module), radiotherapy treatment delivery, and visualizing radiosurgery and stereotactic radiosurgery.

3D Slicer is implemented as an extension of 3D Slicer for radiotherapy planning, including intensity modulating (IMRT) plans, stereotactic radiosurgery, and visualizing radiosurgery and stereotactic radiosurgery.

### Quantitative Analysis

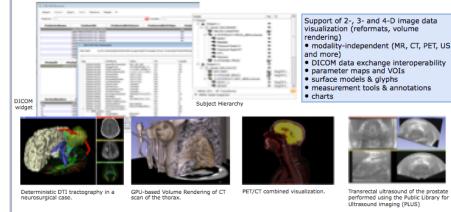
Many hundreds of **imaging biomarkers** are used in clinical practice, drug discovery and development. A free and open source platform can improve access to standard methods of image quantification and rapidly translate experimental methods into the clinical research setting for validation and refinement.

- PET/CT studies (SUV body weight)
- Tumor growth (experimental)
- Tumor response to treatment (measurements for RECIST)
- DCE-MRI (pharmacokinetics)



### Multi-modality Visualization

3D Slicer integrates standard radiological viewing capabilities for MR, CT, PET and Ultrasound data in multiple image file formats, including **DICOM**. A combined **visualization of multiple imaging modalities** and derived data can provide clinician scientists with an integrated understanding of anatomy and pathology.

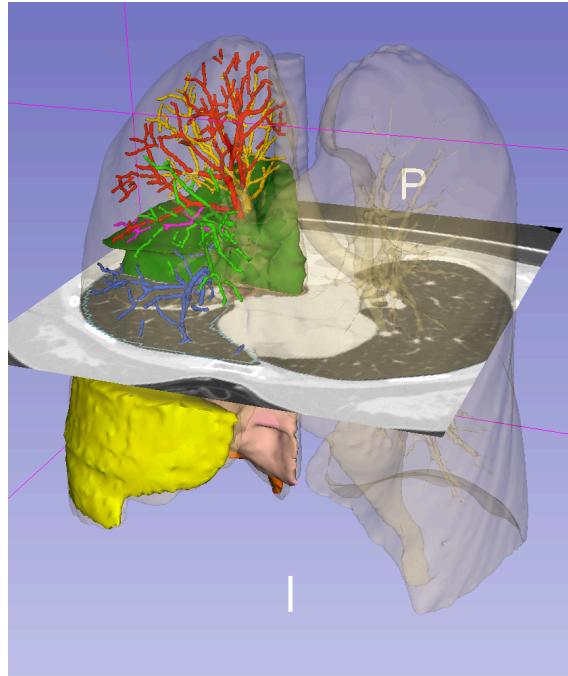


### Community, Training & Support

To support user and developer communities and the effective translation of tools into the clinical research setting, the 3D Slicer Project provides many **outreach materials and activities**

- Hands-on training workshops
- Tutorial materials & datasets
- Datastore extension for easy upload and download from database of anonymized datasets
- Reference style documentation
- User and developer mailing lists
- Project week events for developers





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