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3D VISUALIZATION OF DICOM IMAGES FOR RADIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

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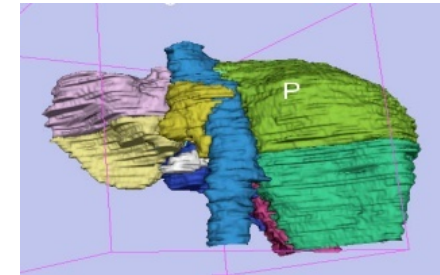
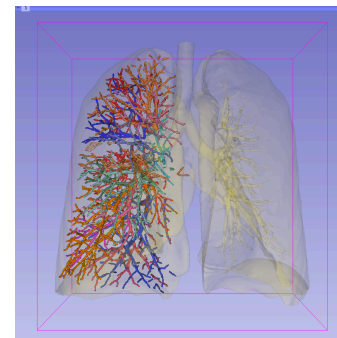
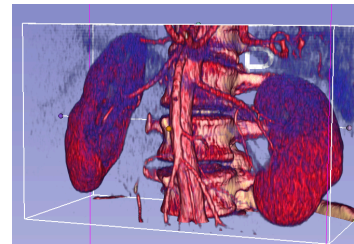
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3D Visualization of DICOM images for Radiological applications

Following this tutorial, you will be able to **load and visualize DICOM volumes** with 3D Slicer, and to **interact in 3D** with structural images and models of the anatomy.

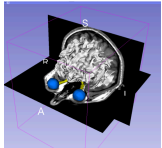
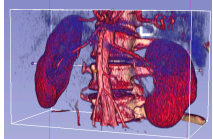




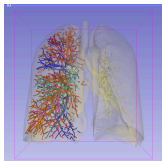
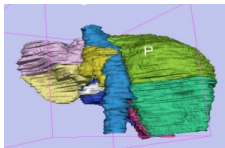
Overview



- Part I:** 3D Data Loading and visualization of DICOM images
- Volume Rendering of thoraco-abdominal CT data



- Part II:** 3D interactive exploration of the anatomy
- Exploration of the Segments of the liver
 - Exploration of the Segments of the lung

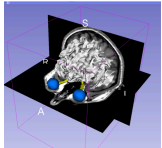
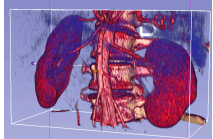




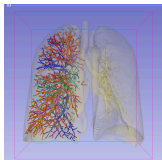
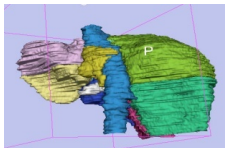
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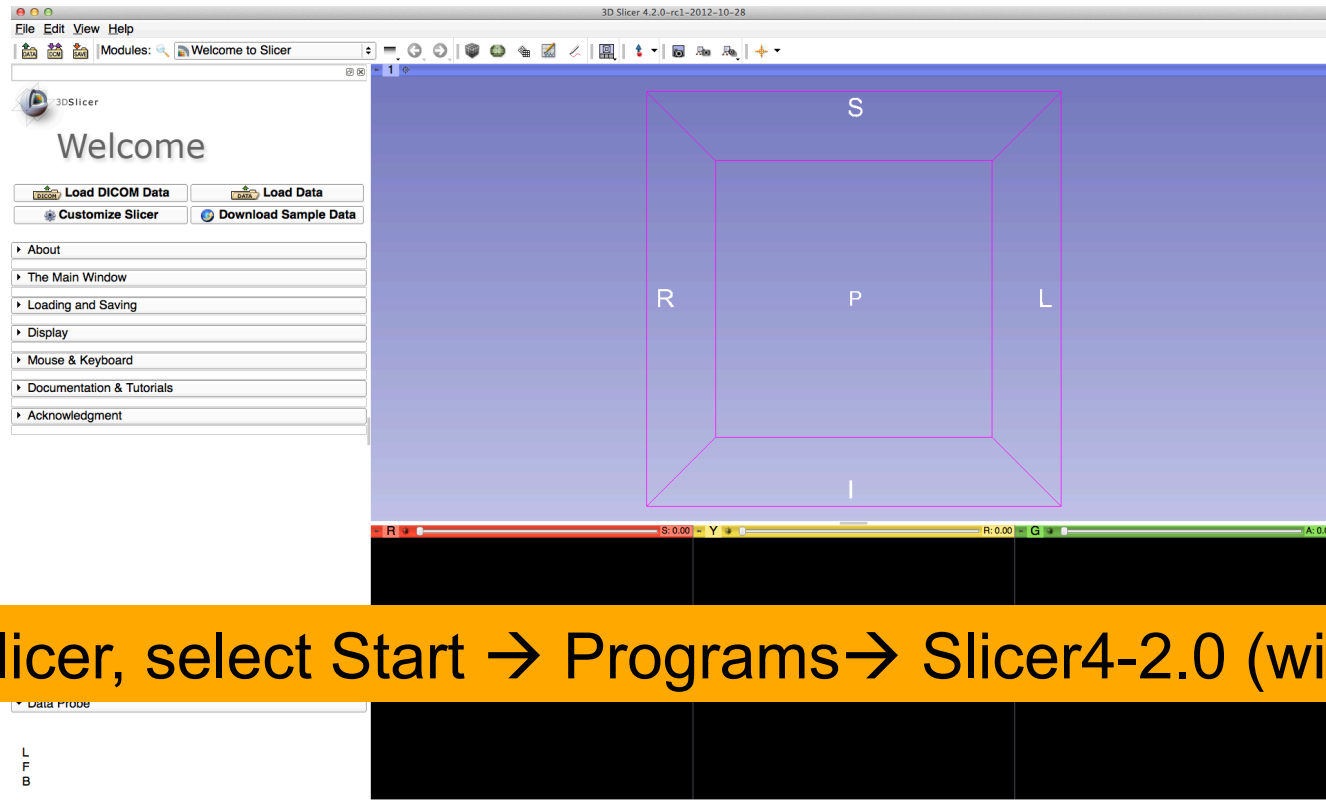


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Welcome to Slicer4



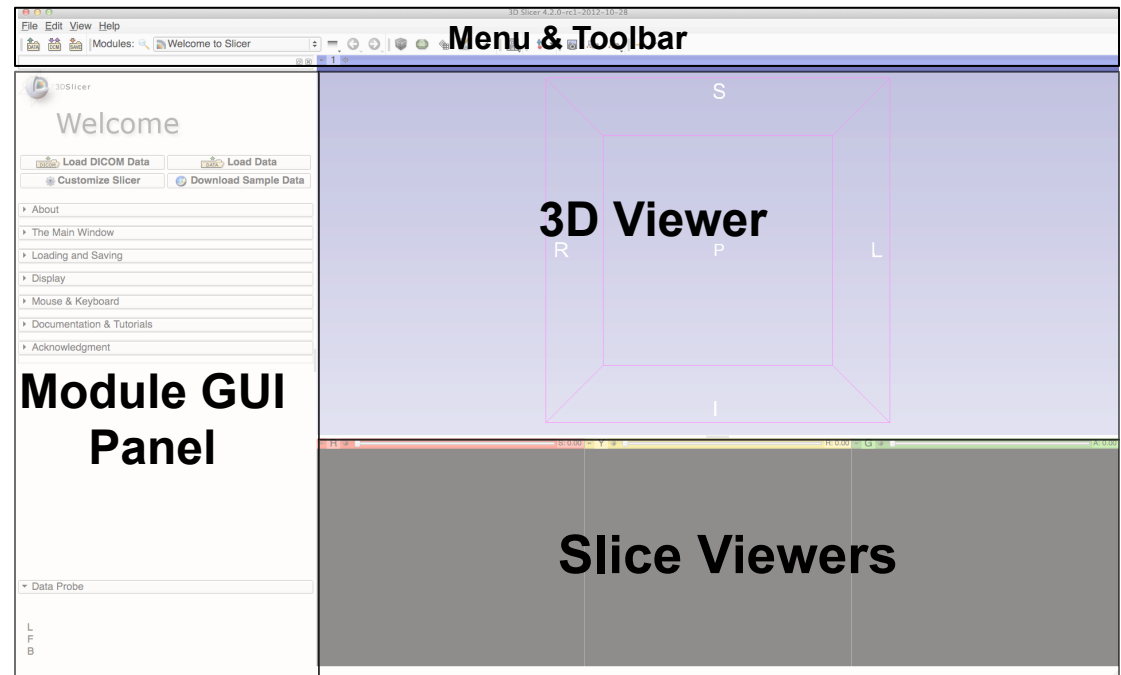
To start Slicer, select Start → Programs → Slicer4-2.0 (win64)



Navigating the Application GUI

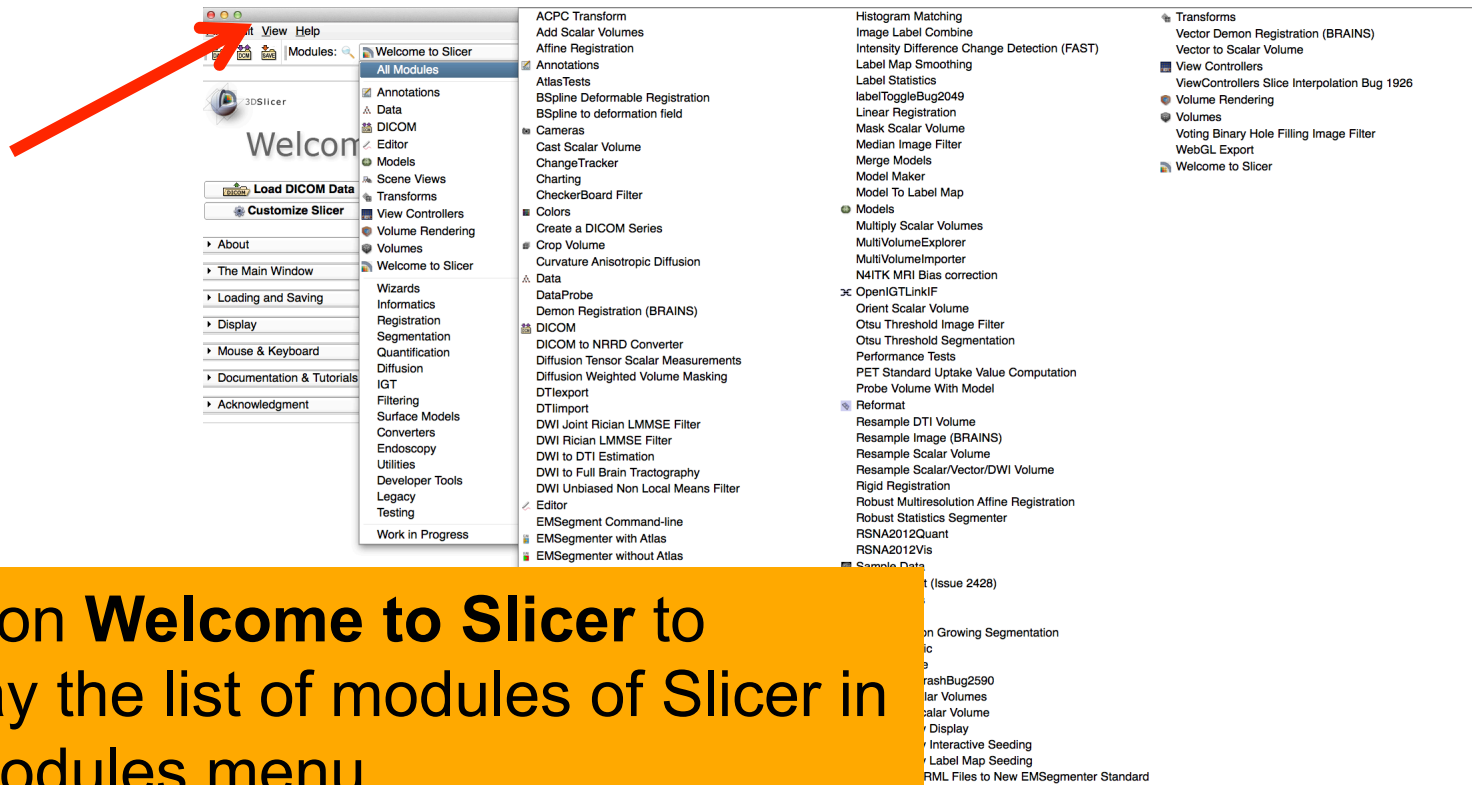
The Graphic User Interface (GUI) of Slicer4 integrates **four components**:

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





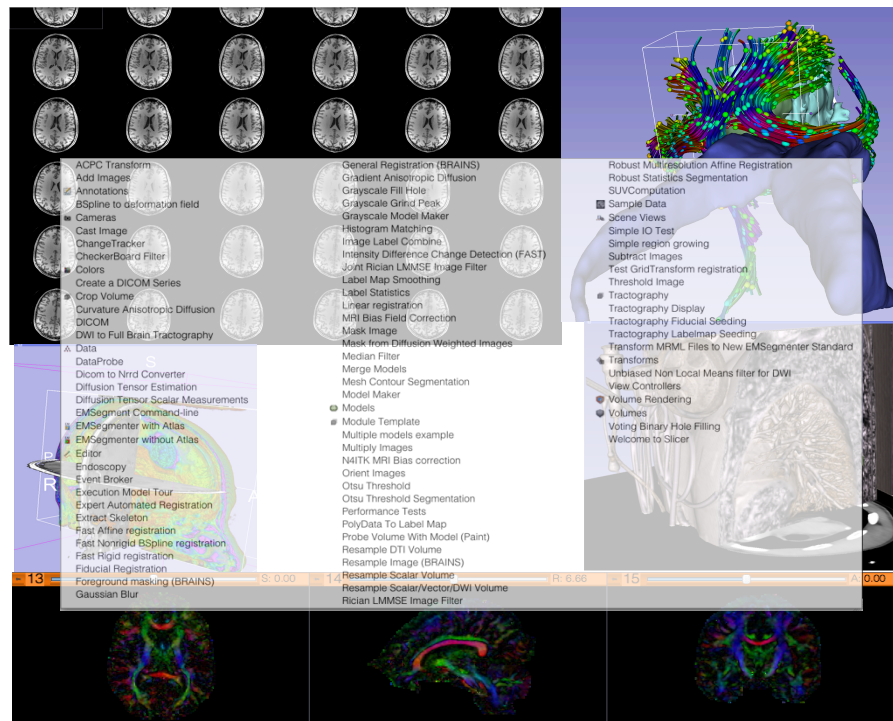
Welcome to Slicer4.2



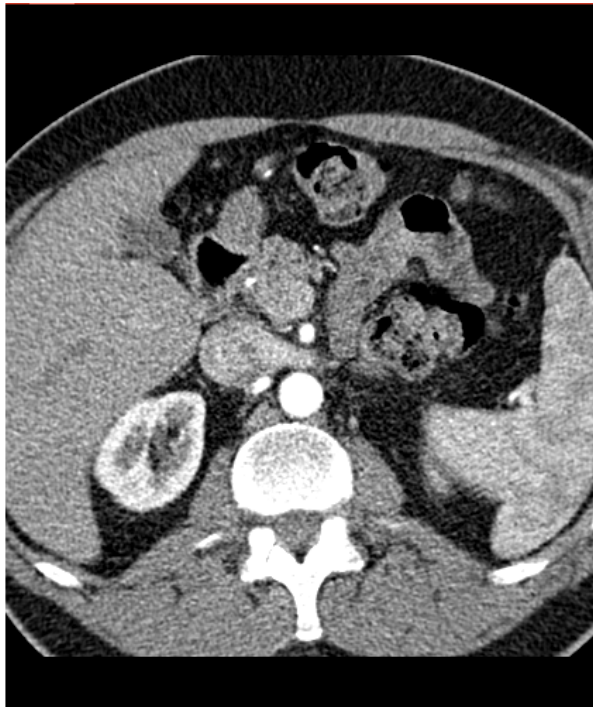
Click on **Welcome to Slicer** to display the list of modules of Slicer in the Modules menu



Welcome to Slicer4



Slicer4.2 contains more than 100 modules for image segmentation, registration and 3D visualization of medical imaging data

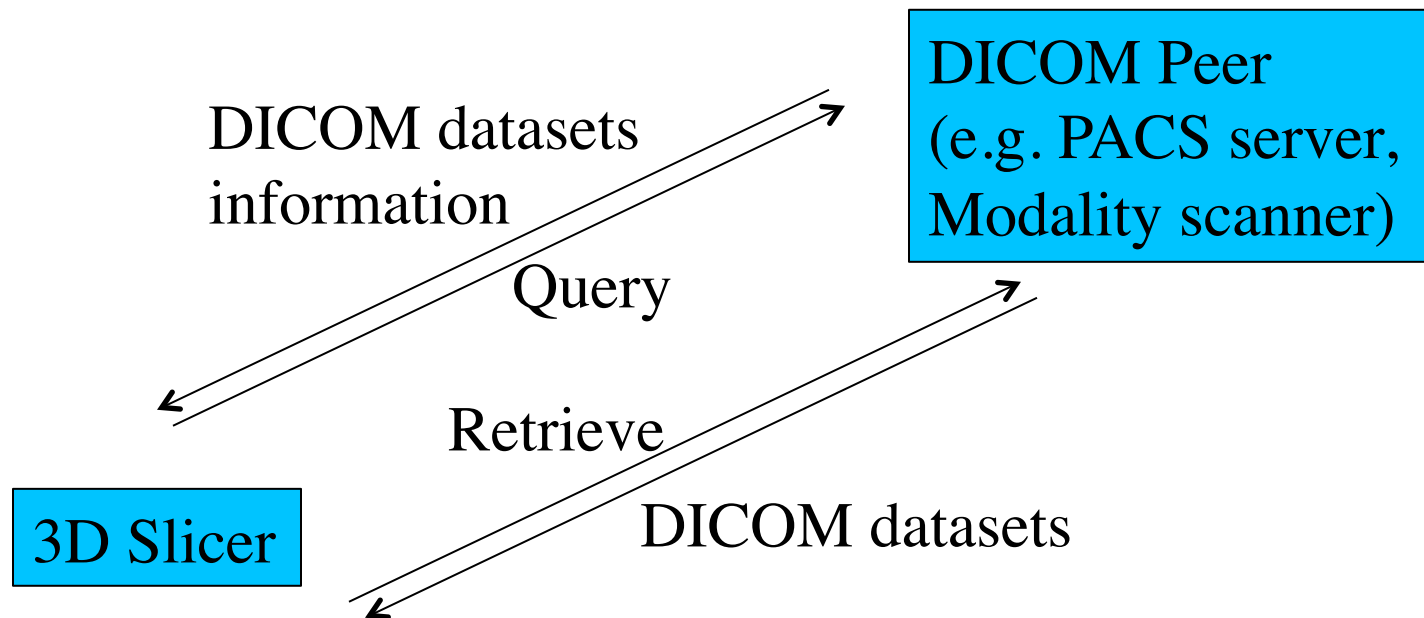


Part 1:

Retrieving a DICOM Volume
from a DICOM Peer

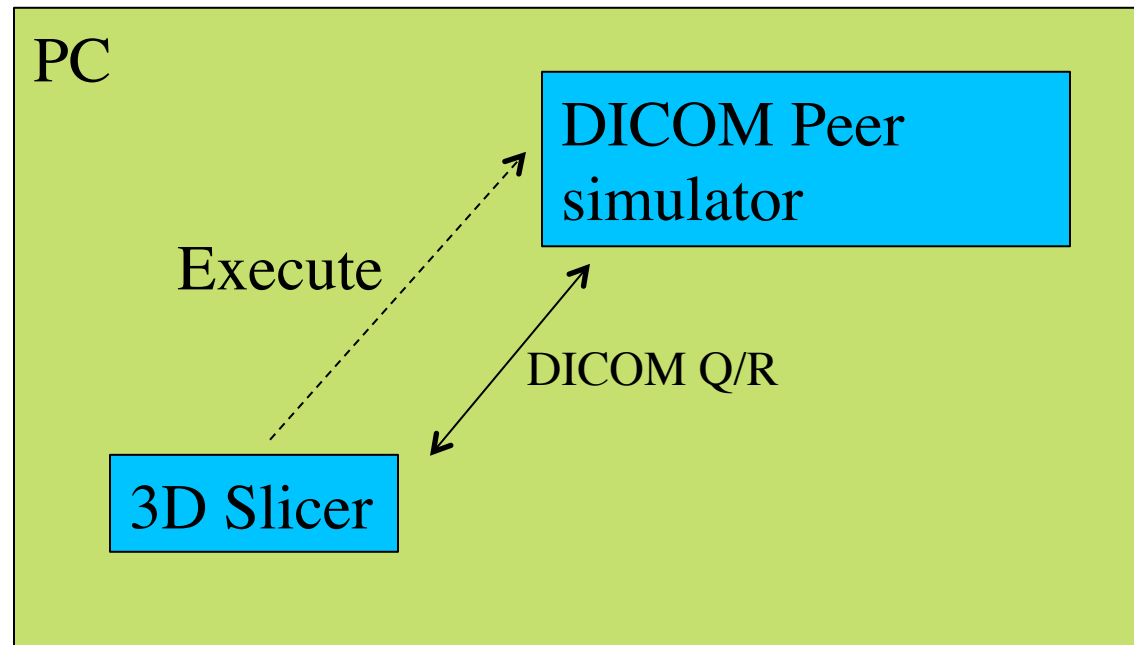


DICOM Query/Retrieve



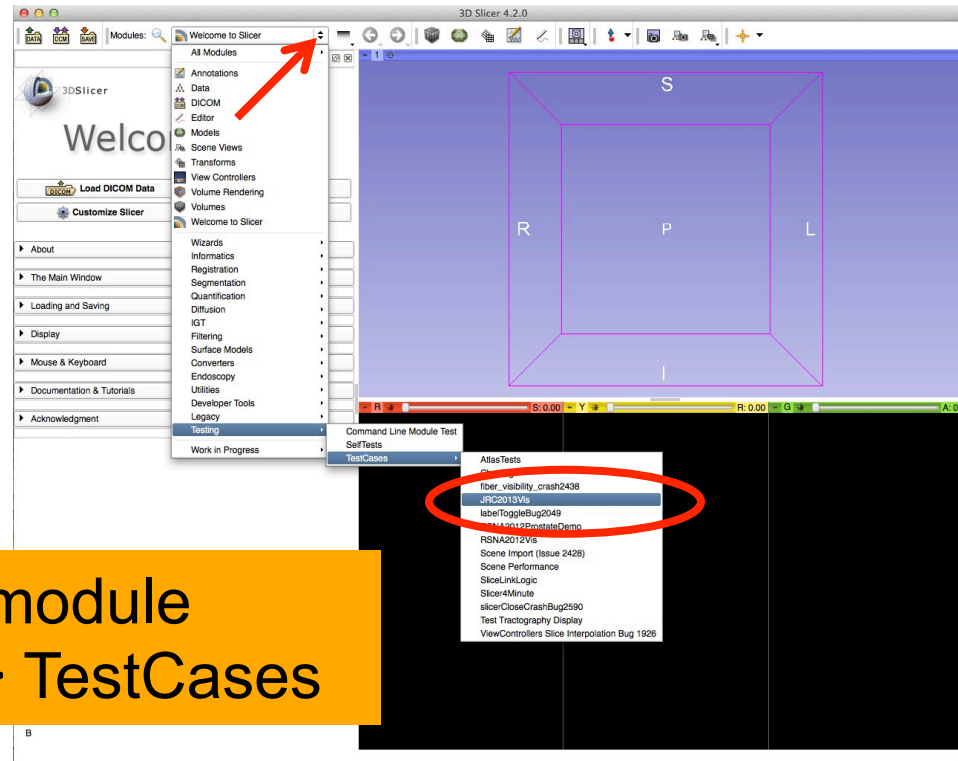


Using Local DICOM Peer Simulator





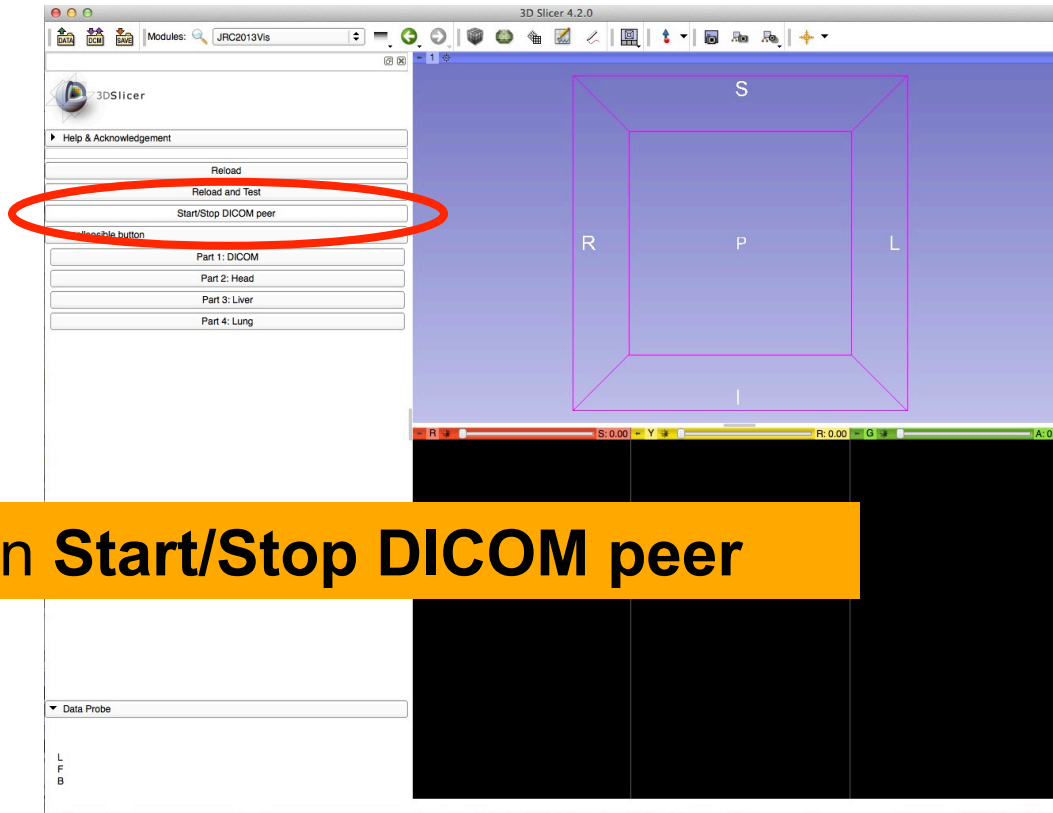
Start a DICOM Peer Simulator



Go to **JRC2013Vis** module
Module -> Testing -> TestCases



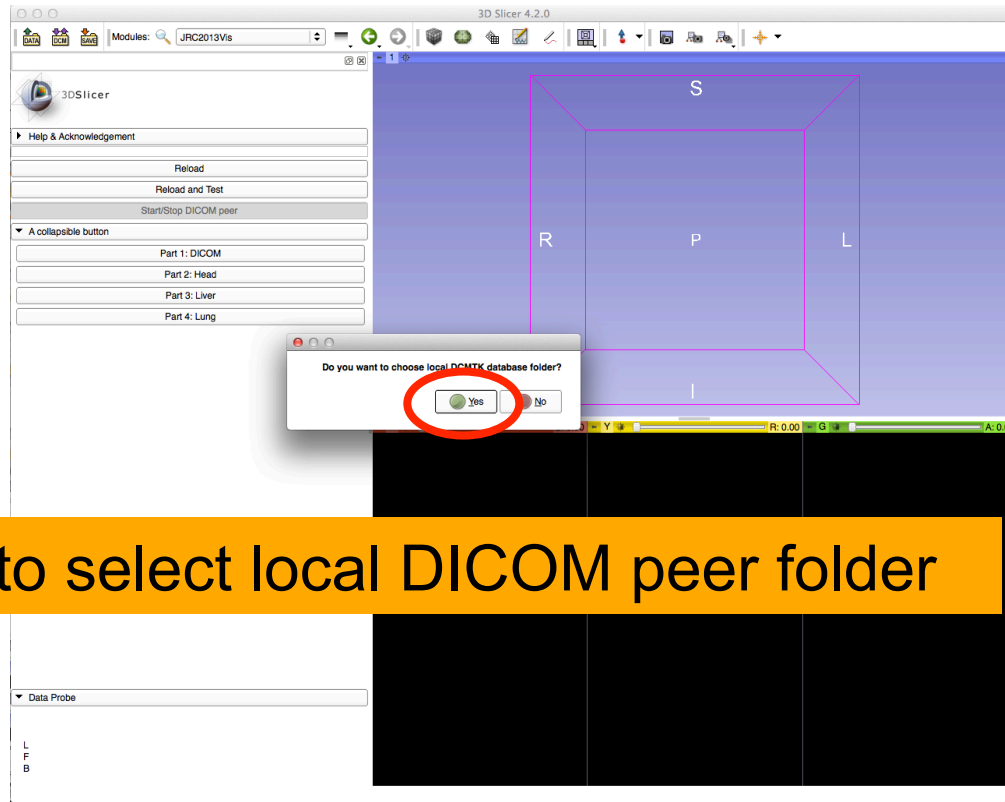
Start a DICOM Peer Simulator



Click on **Start/Stop DICOM peer**



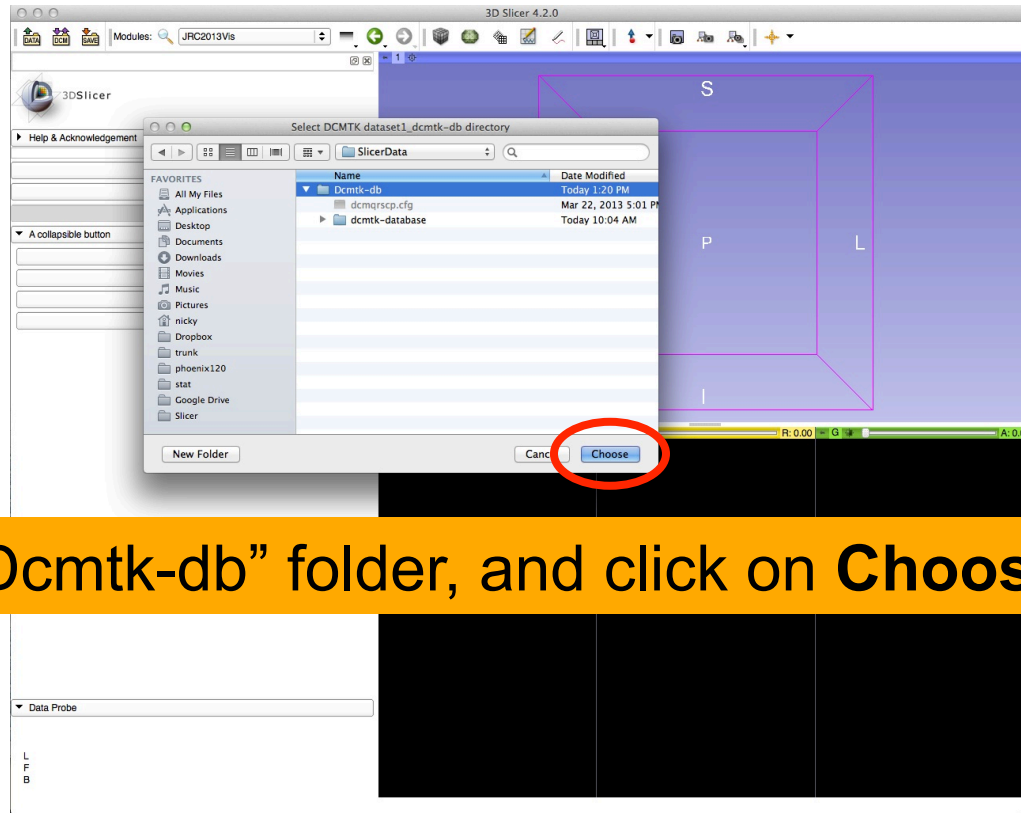
Start a DICOM Peer Simulator



Click **Yes** to select local DICOM peer folder



Start a DICOM Peer Simulator



Select "Dcmk-db" folder, and click on **Choose**

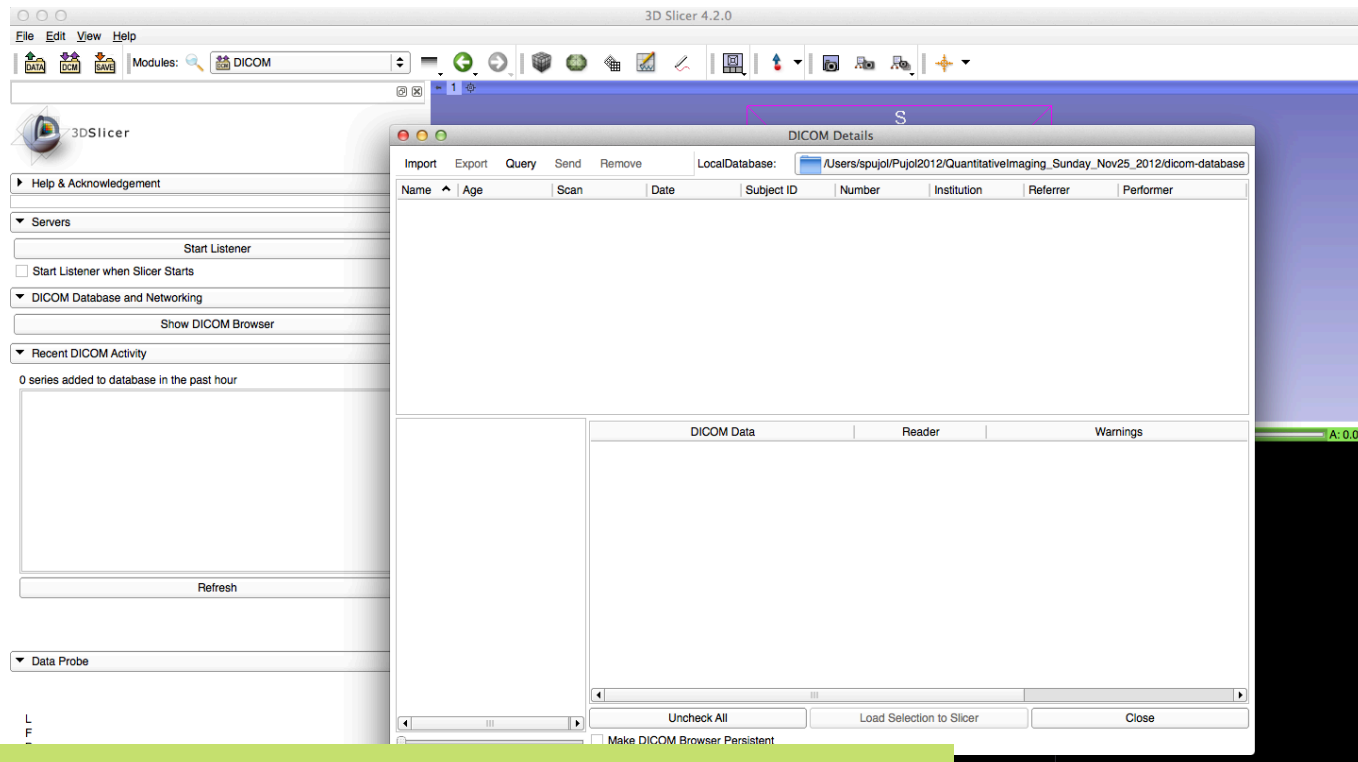


Loading a DICOM volume

The screenshot shows the 3D Slicer 4.2.0-rc1-2012-10-28 interface. The 'Welcome' panel is visible on the left, with the 'Load DICOM Data' button circled in red. The main window displays a 3D view with a yellow text box overlaid that reads: 'Click on Load DICOM Data in the panel of the Welcome to Slicer module'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Help), a toolbar, and a status bar at the bottom showing 'None RAS: (125.0, -125.0, 1.0)'.



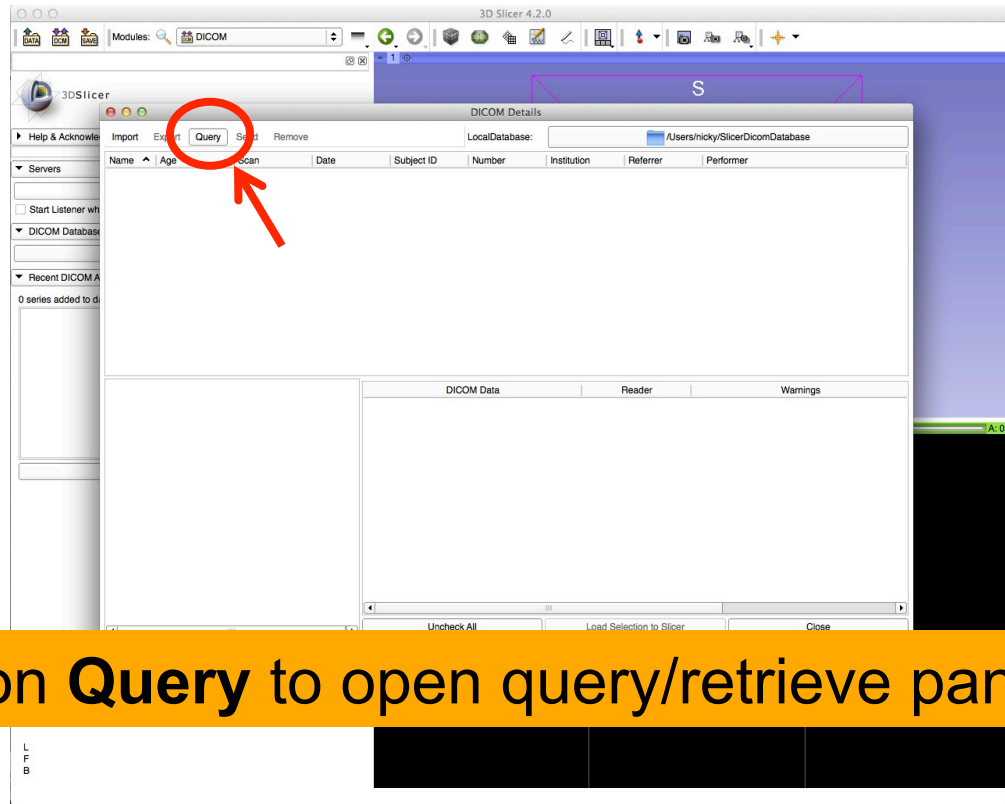
Show DICOM browser window



The GUI of the DICOM browser window appears



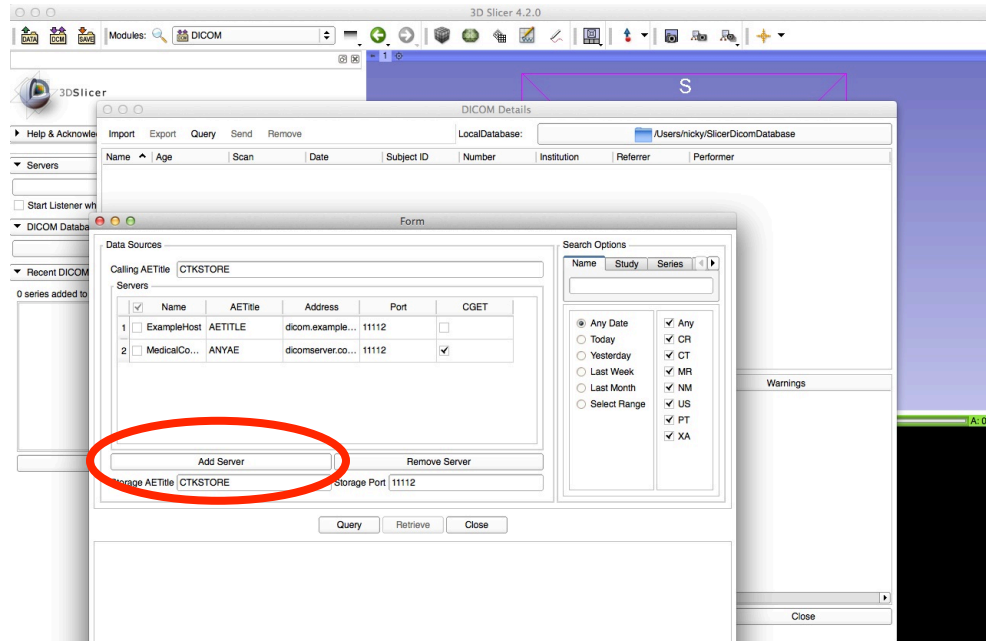
Show query/retrieve panel



Click on **Query** to open query/retrieve panel



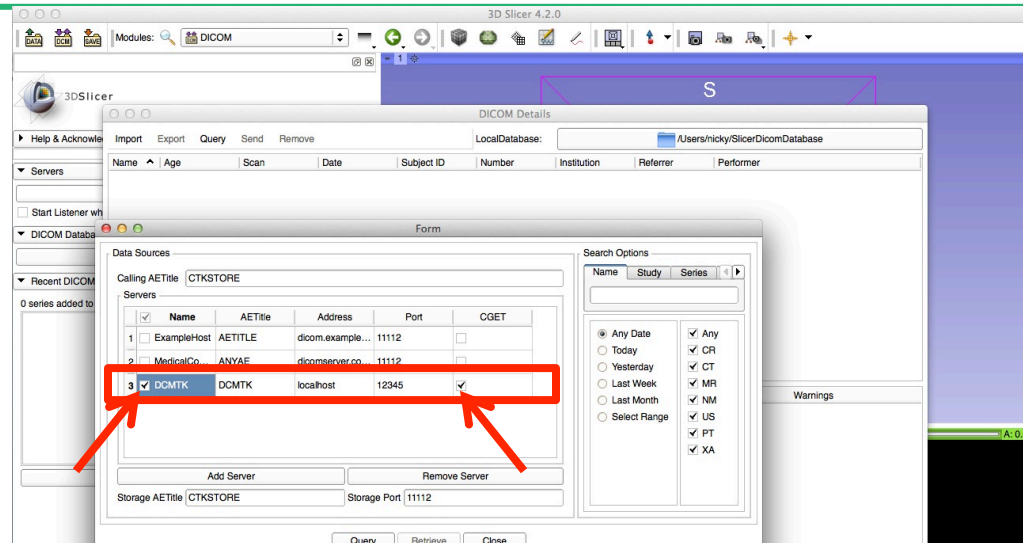
Add a DICOM peer



Click on **Add Server** to add a DICOM peer



Add a DICOM peer



Fill DICOM peer info:

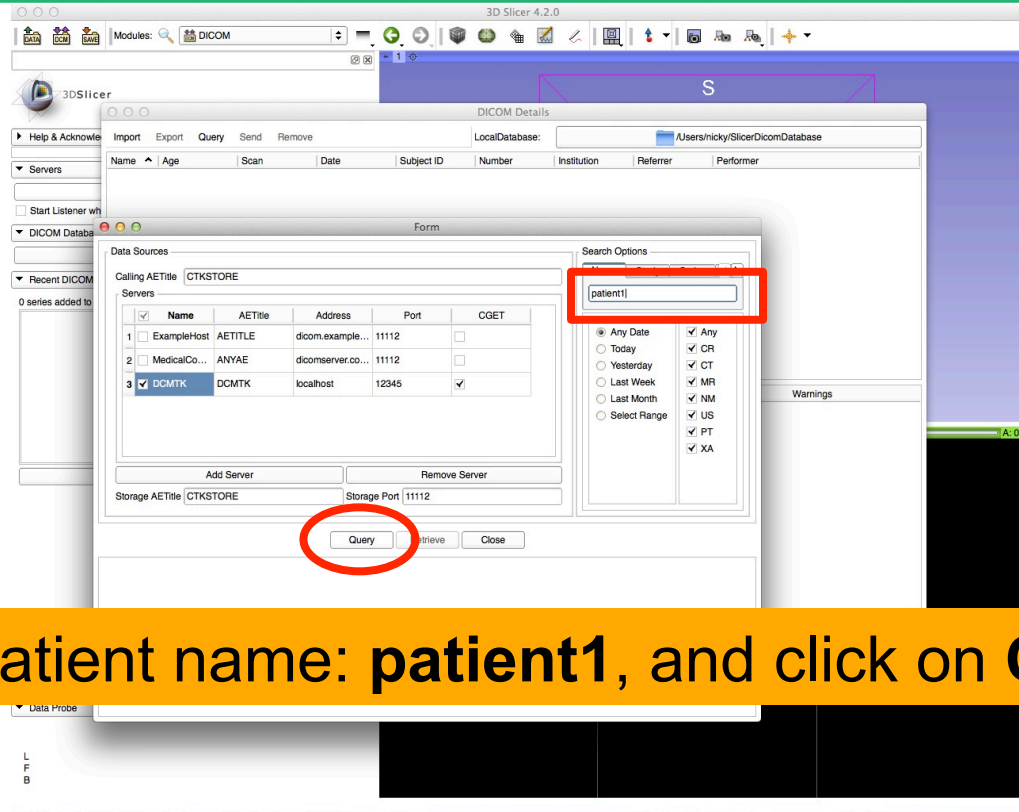
Name: **DCMTK**, AETitle: **DCMTK**, Address: **localhost**, Port: **12345**

Check to **enable CGET**

Check to **activate**



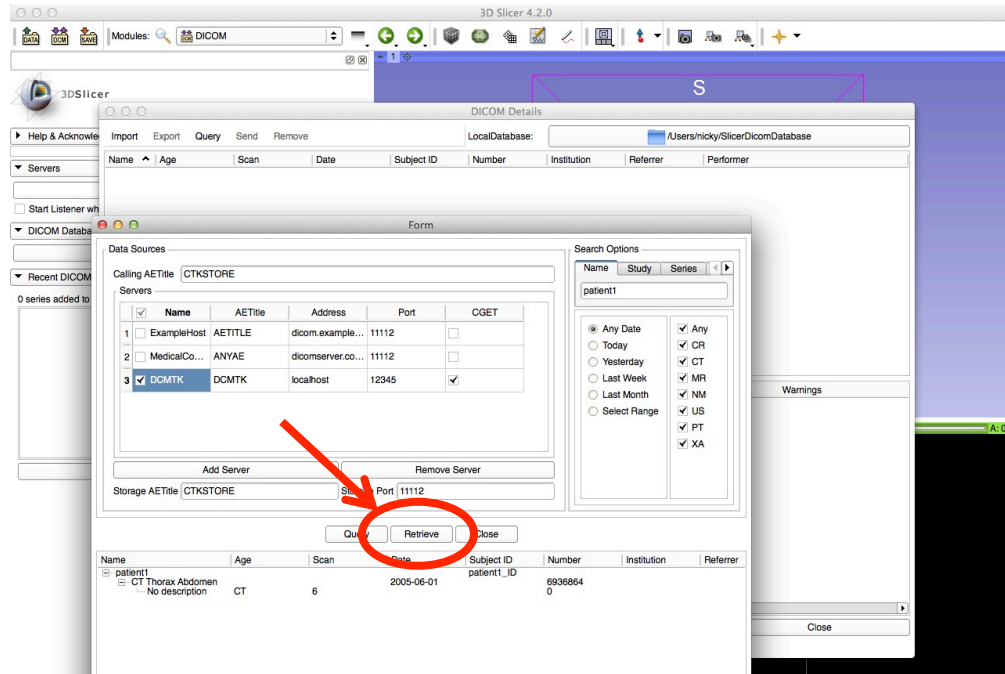
Query DICOM volumes



Type patient name: **patient1**, and click on **Query**



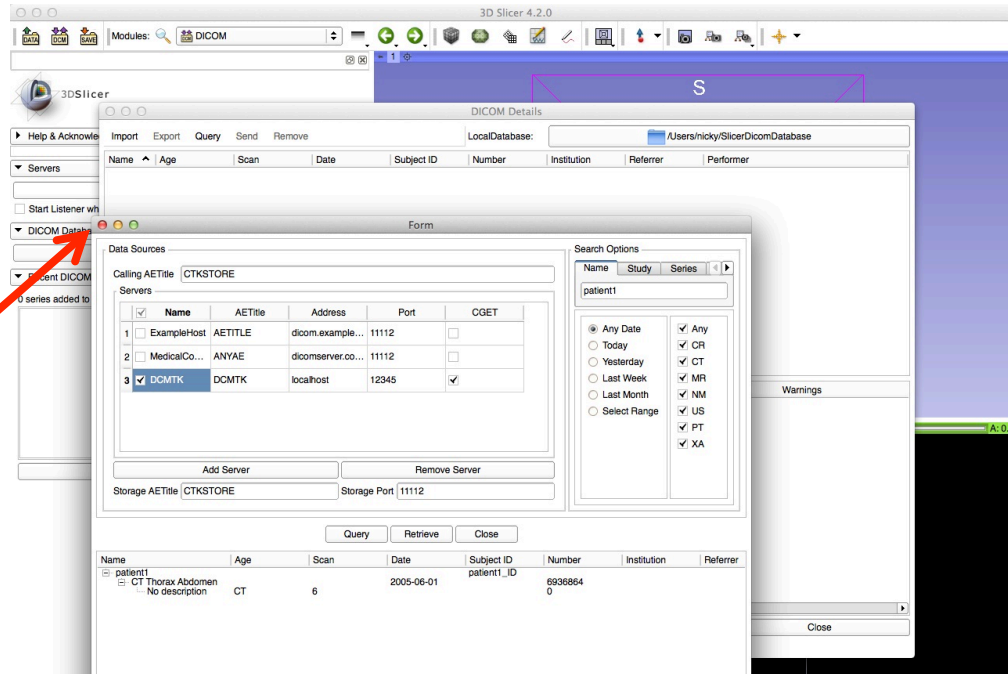
Retrieve DICOM volumes



Click on **Retrieve** to retrieve DICOM volume



Close query/retrieve panel



Click on close button to close query/retrieve panel



Loading a DICOM volume

The screenshot shows a DICOM browser window titled "DICOM Details". The window has a menu bar with "Import", "Export", "Query", "Send", and "Remove". Below the menu bar is a text field for "LocalData:" containing the path "/Users/spujol/workshop/RSNA2012/data/DICOM-database". The main area is a table with columns: "Name", "Age", "Scan", "Date", "Subject | Number", "Instituti", "Referrer", and "Performer". The table contains the following data:

Name	Age	Scan	Date	Subject Number	Instituti	Referrer	Performer
patient1				patien...			
CT Thorax Abdomen			2005-...	6936864	oEfZQ...		
CT_Thorax_Abdomen CT		6	2005-...	HEART	14		

A red arrow points to the "CT_Thorax_Abdomen CT" row. Below the table is a scroll bar. At the bottom of the window, there are three tabs: "DICOM Data", "Reader", and "Warnings". Below the tabs are three buttons: "Uncheck All", "Load Selection to Slicer", and "Close". At the very bottom, there is a checkbox labeled "Make DICOM Browser Persistent".

The patient1 DICOM dataset appears in the DICOM browser. Click on 'patient1' to display the file hierarchy, select the DICOM volume **CT_Thorax_Abdomen_CT**



Loading a DICOM volume

The screenshot shows the Slicer DICOM Browser window. The top menu bar includes 'Import', 'Export', 'Query', 'Send', and 'Remove'. The 'Local Data' field is set to '/Users/spujol/workshop/RSNA2012/data/DICOM-database'. A table lists DICOM datasets with columns for Name, Age, Scan, Date, Subject I Number, Institution, Referrer, and Performer. The dataset 'CT_Thorax_Abdomen CT' is selected. Below the table is a grid of 20 image thumbnails labeled 'Image 0' through 'Image 19'. A red arrow points to the 'Image 1' thumbnail. To the right of the thumbnails is a 'DICOM Data' table with columns for 'DICOM Data', 'Header', and 'Warnings'. The table contains multiple rows of data for the selected dataset. At the bottom of the window are buttons for 'Uncheck All', 'Load Selection to Slicer', and 'Close', along with a checkbox for 'Make DICOM Browser Persistent'.

Name	Age	Scan	Date	Subject I Number	Institution	Referrer	Performer
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CT_Thorax_Abdomen CT	6		2005-...	HEART 14			

DICOM Data	Header	Warnings
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Click to expand the DICOM Browser window.

Slicer displays the snapshots of the DICOM images of the **CT_Thorax_Abdomen_CT** dataset



Loading a DICOM volume

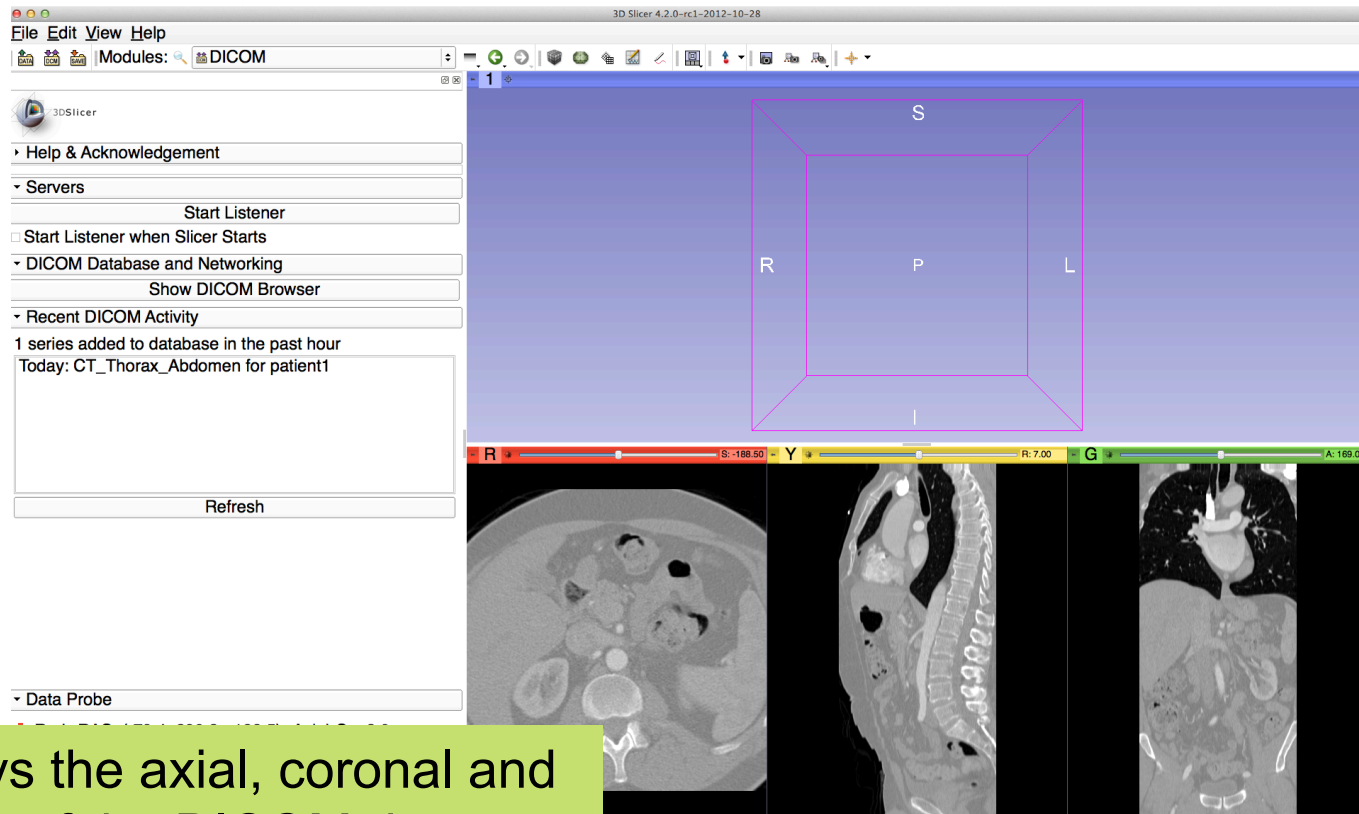
The screenshot shows a window titled "DICOM Details" with a menu bar (Import, Export, Query, Send, Remove) and a LocalData field pointing to "/Users/spujol/workshop/RSNA2012/data/DICOM-database". Below is a table with columns: Name, Age, Scan, Date, Subject I Number, Institution, Referrer, Performer. The table shows a patient named "patient1" with a "CT Thorax Abdomen" scan. Below the table is a "DICOM Data" table with columns: DICOM Data, Reader, Warnings. A red arrow points to the "Load Selection to Slicer" button at the bottom right of the DICOM Data table.

Click on **Load Selection to Slicer to load the DICOM volume into Slicer**

(note: this may take a few minutes)



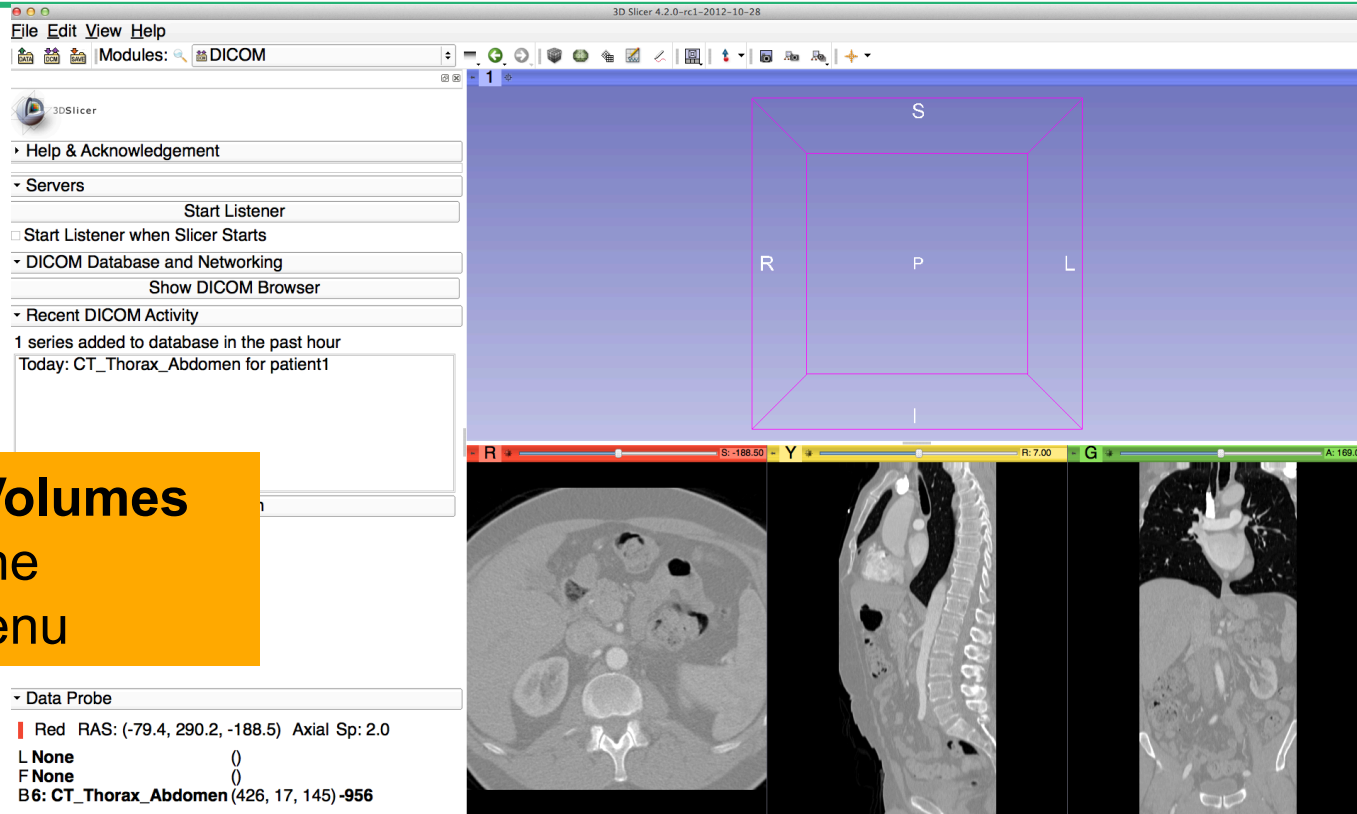
Loading a DICOM volume



Slicer displays the axial, coronal and sagittal slices of the DICOM dataset



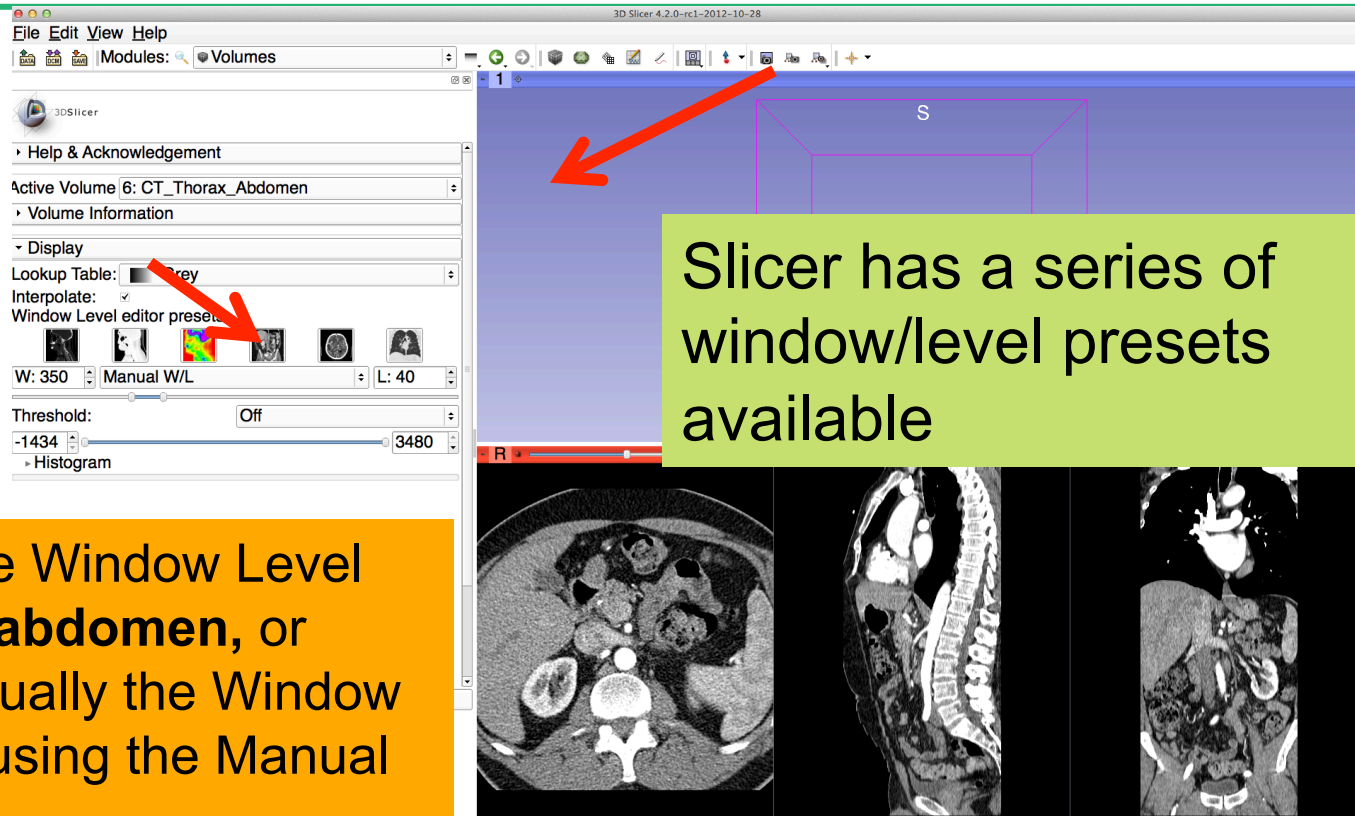
Loading a DICOM volume



Select the **Volumes** module in the modules menu



Loading a DICOM volume




Click on the Window Level Preset **CT-abdomen**, or adjust manually the Window and Level using the Manual W/L slider

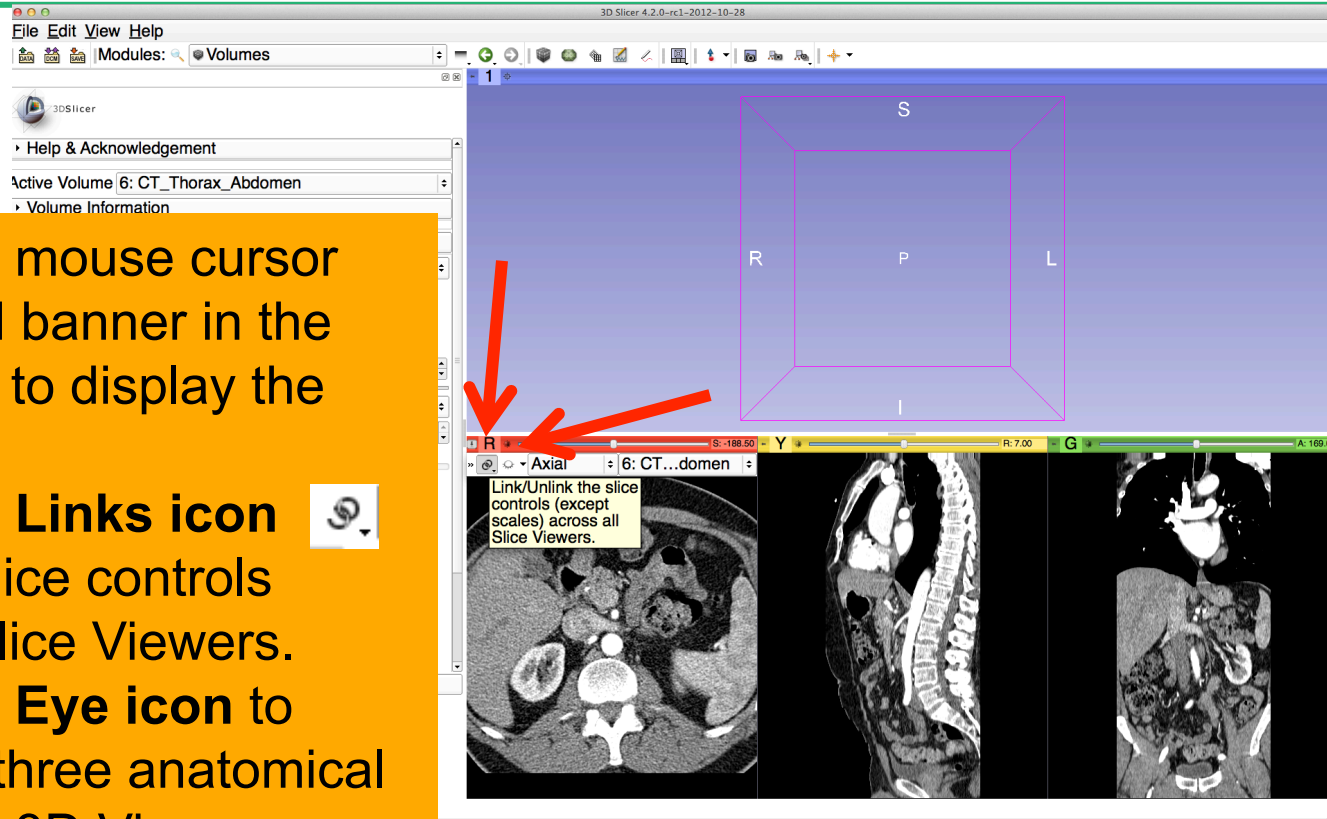


Loading a DICOM volume

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

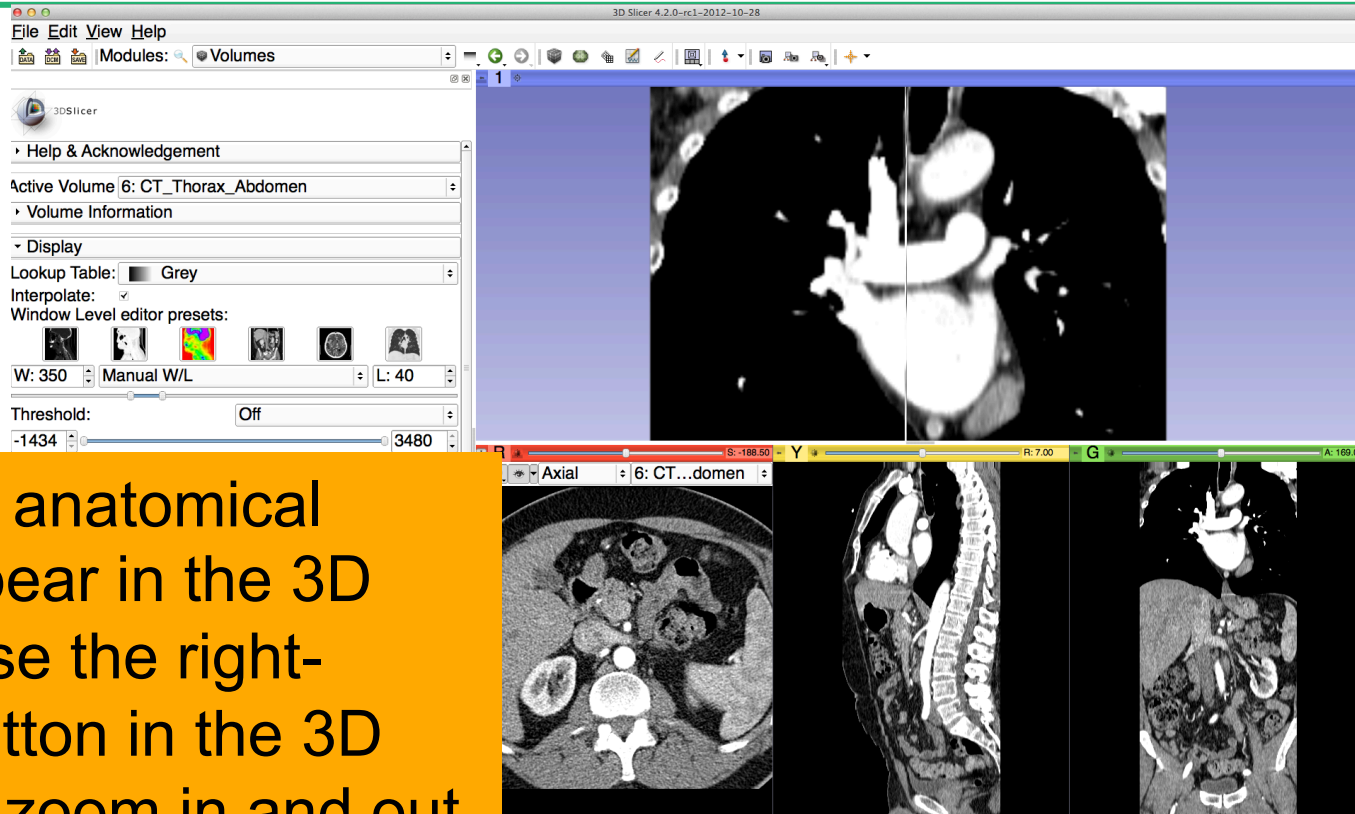
Click on the **Links icon**  to link the slice controls across all Slice Viewers.

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





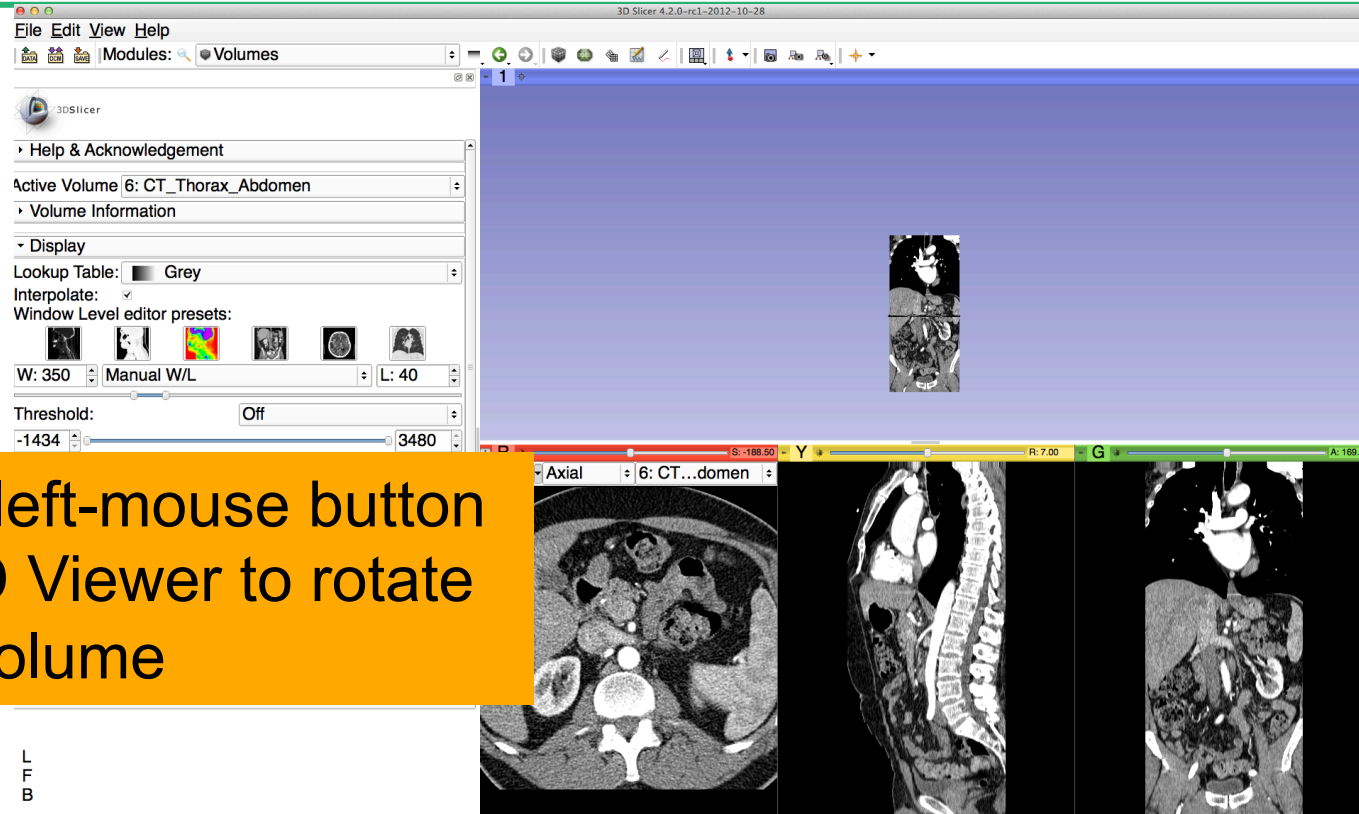
Loading a DICOM volume



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



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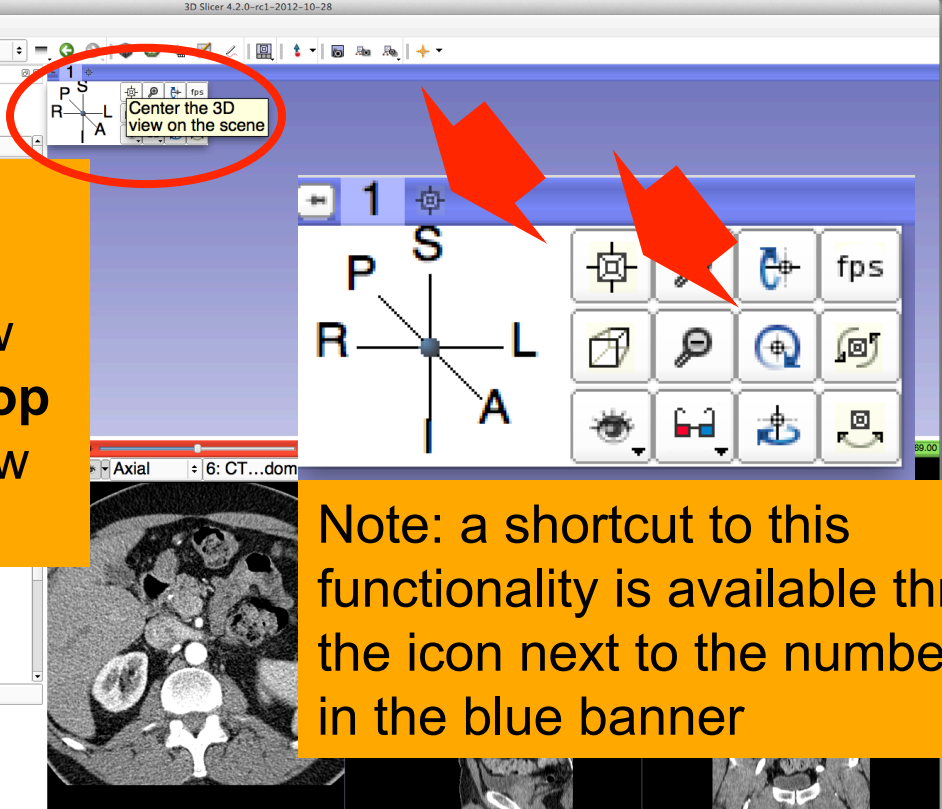


Use the left-mouse button in the 3D Viewer to rotate the 3D volume



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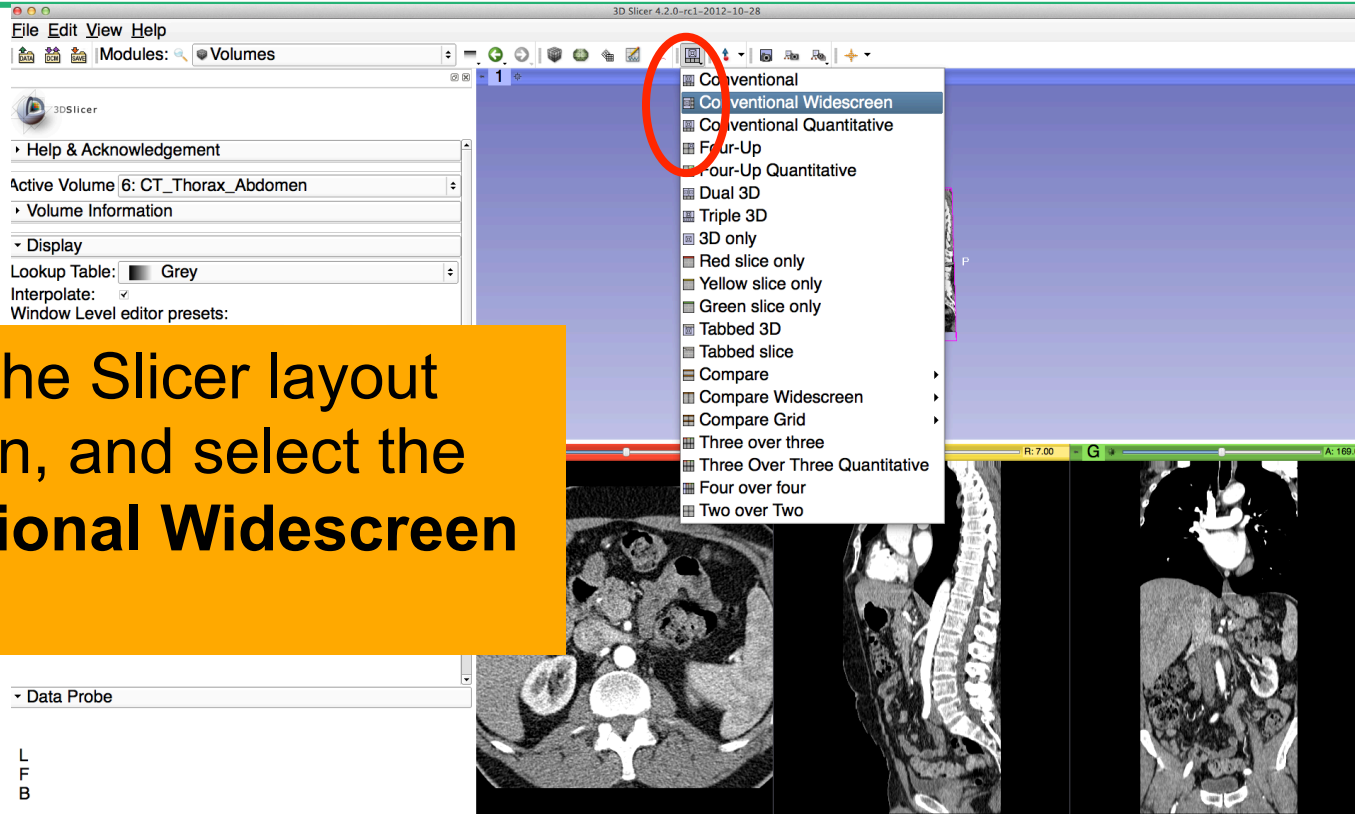
Position the mouse over the blue banner in the 3D viewer window to display the 3DView controller, and **click on the top left icon** to center the 3D view on the scene



Note: a shortcut to this functionality is available through the icon next to the number '1' in the blue banner



Loading a DICOM volume



Click on the Slicer layout menu icon, and select the **Conventional Widescreen** layout

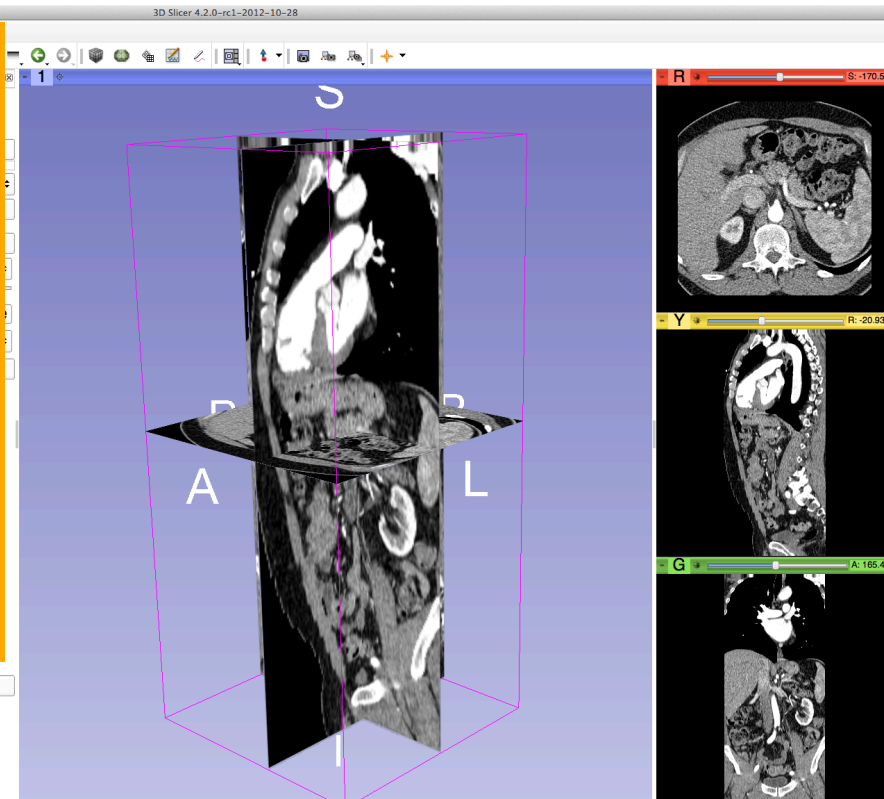


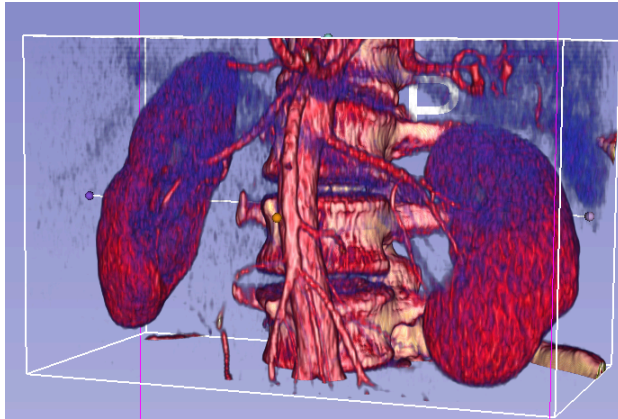
Loading a DICOM volume

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

Data Probe

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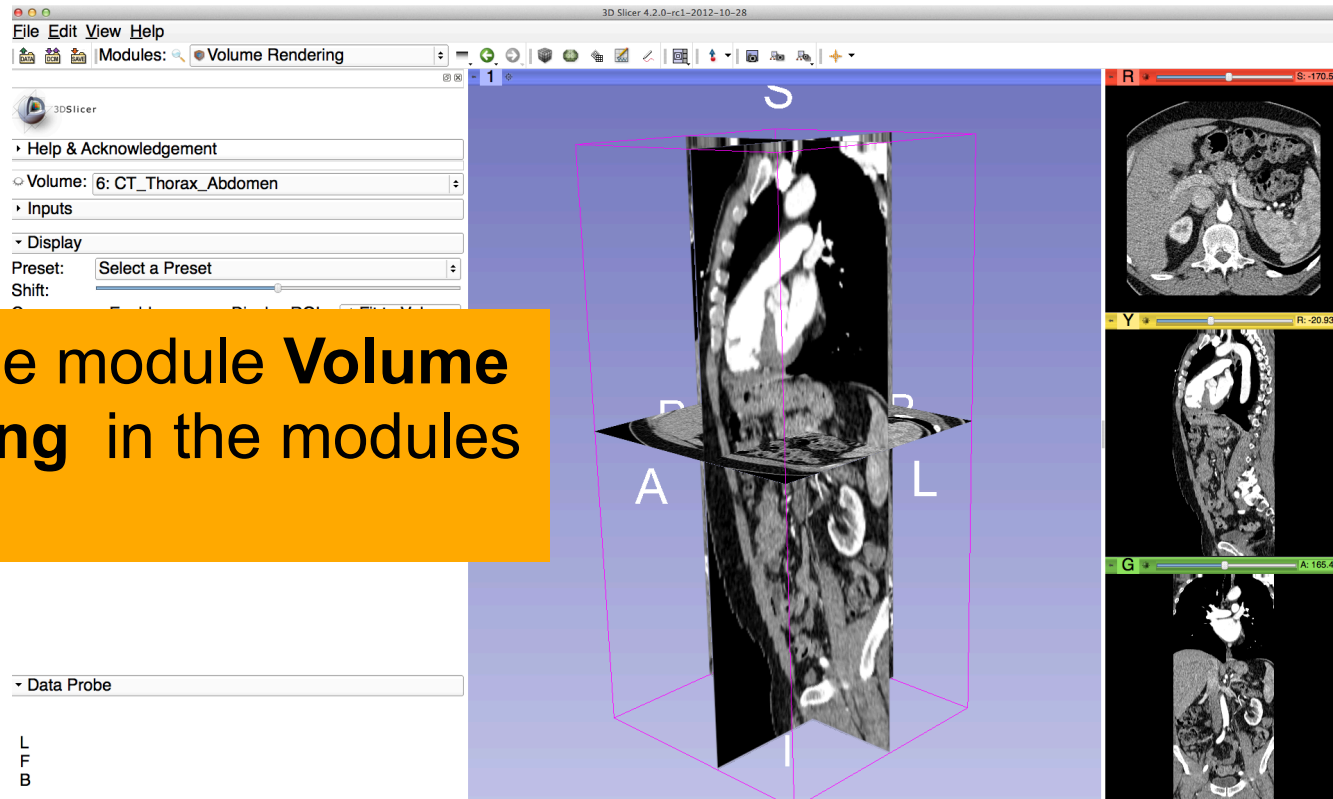


3D Interactive exploration of
thoraco-abdominal CT data
using Volume Rendering



Volume Rendering

Select the module **Volume Rendering** in the modules menu

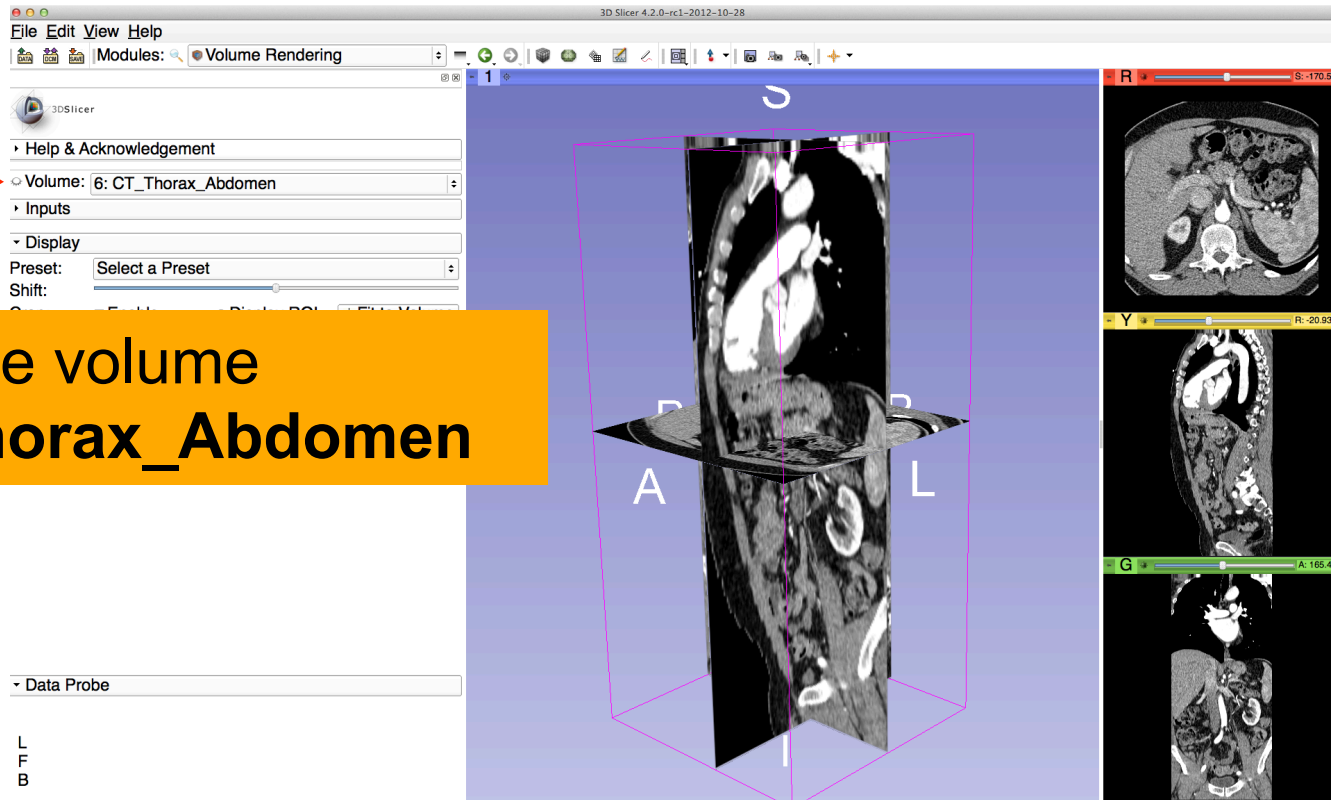




Volume Rendering

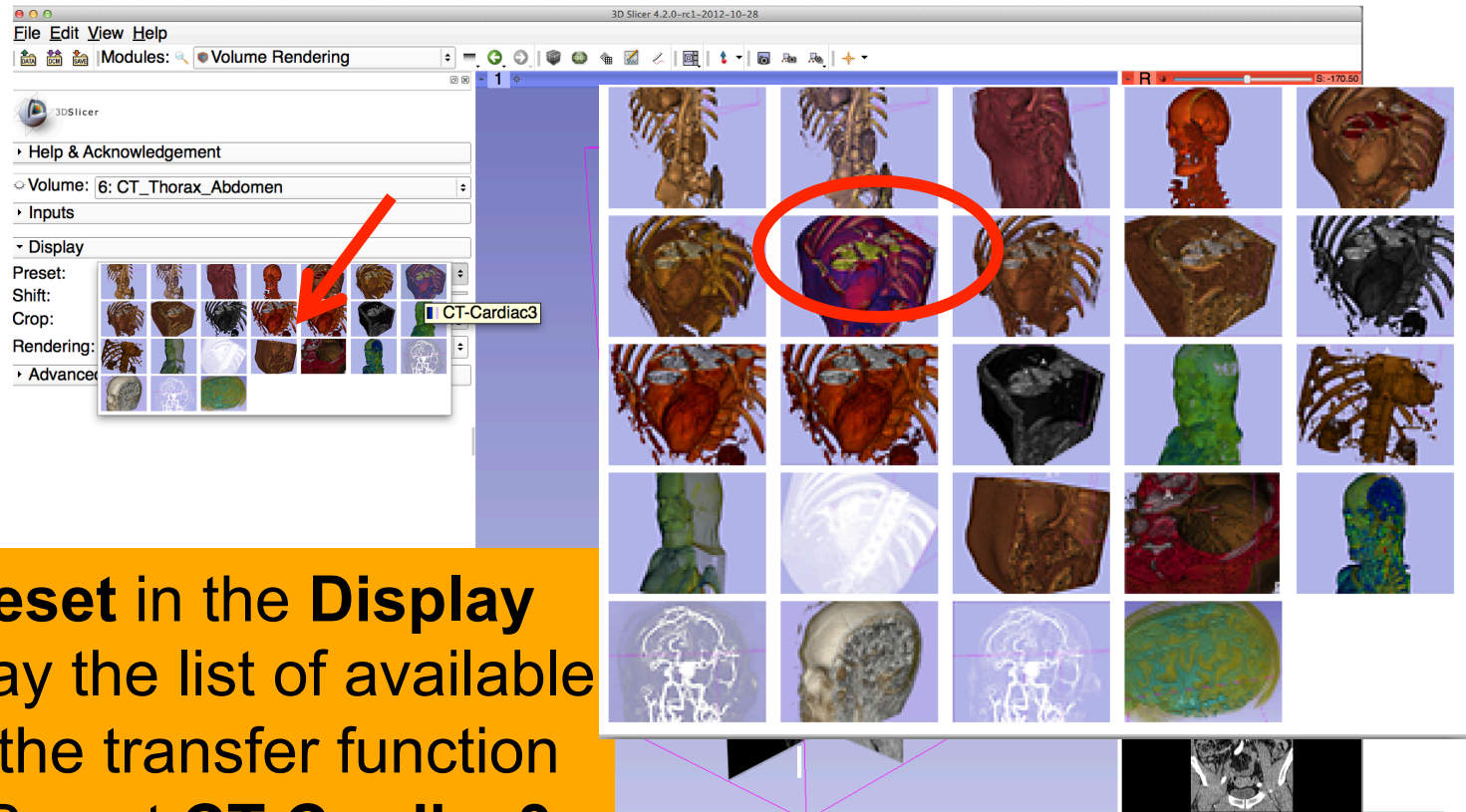


Select the volume
6:CT_Thorax_Abdomen





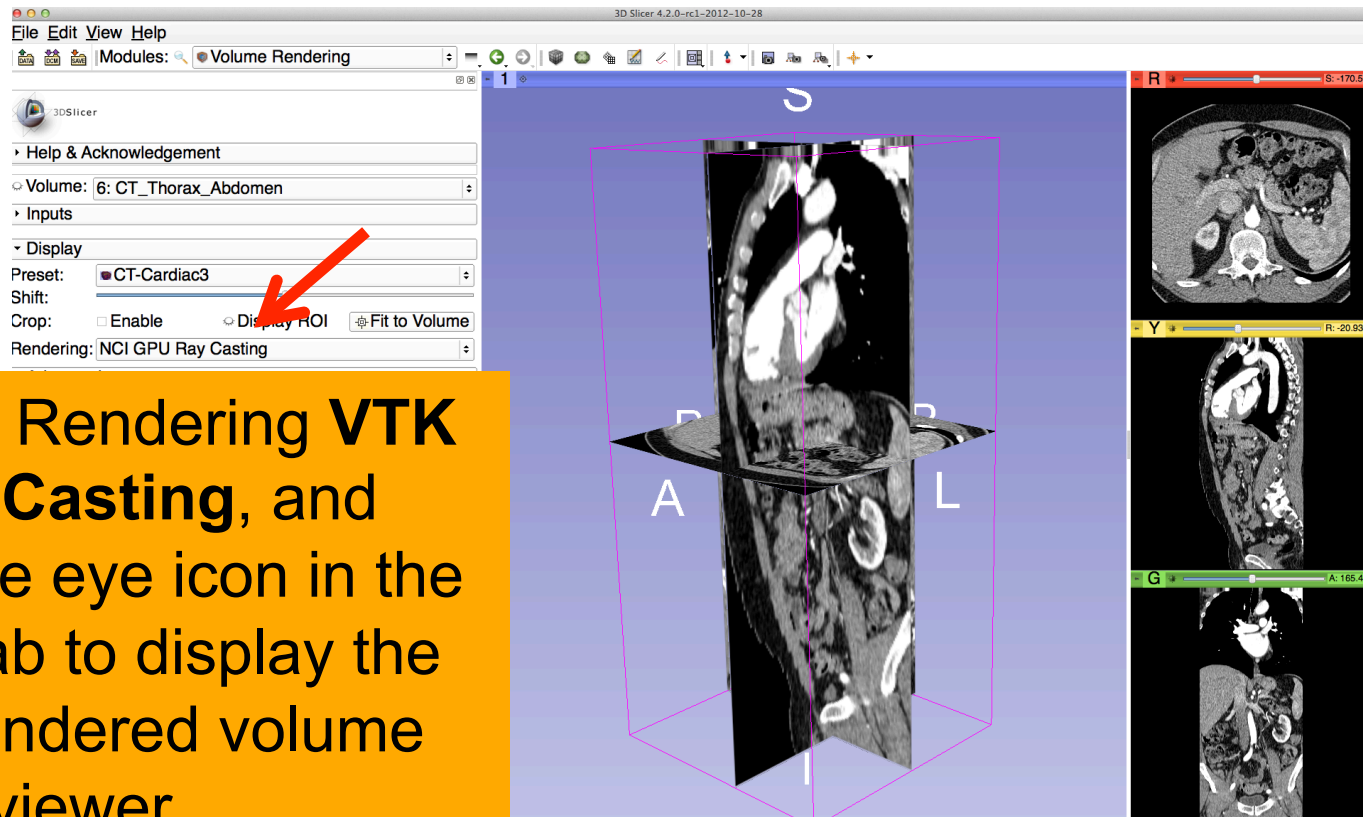
Volume Rendering



Click on **Preset** in the **Display** tab to display the list of available presets for the transfer function
Select the Preset **CT-Cardiac3**



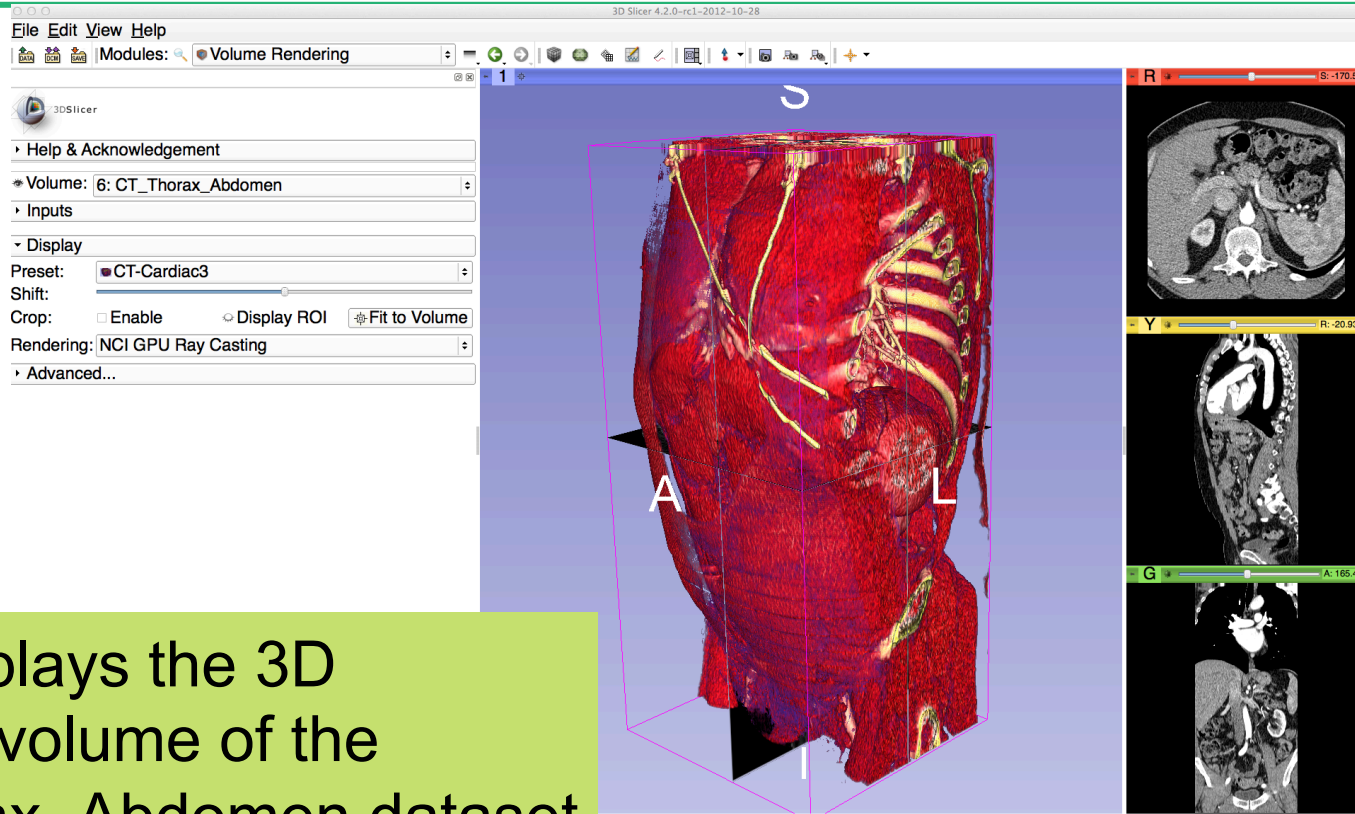
Volume Rendering



Select the Rendering **VTK CPU Ray Casting**, and click on the eye icon in the **Volume** tab to display the Volume rendered volume in the 3D viewer



Volume Rendering



Slicer displays the 3D rendered volume of the CT_Thorax_Abdomen dataset

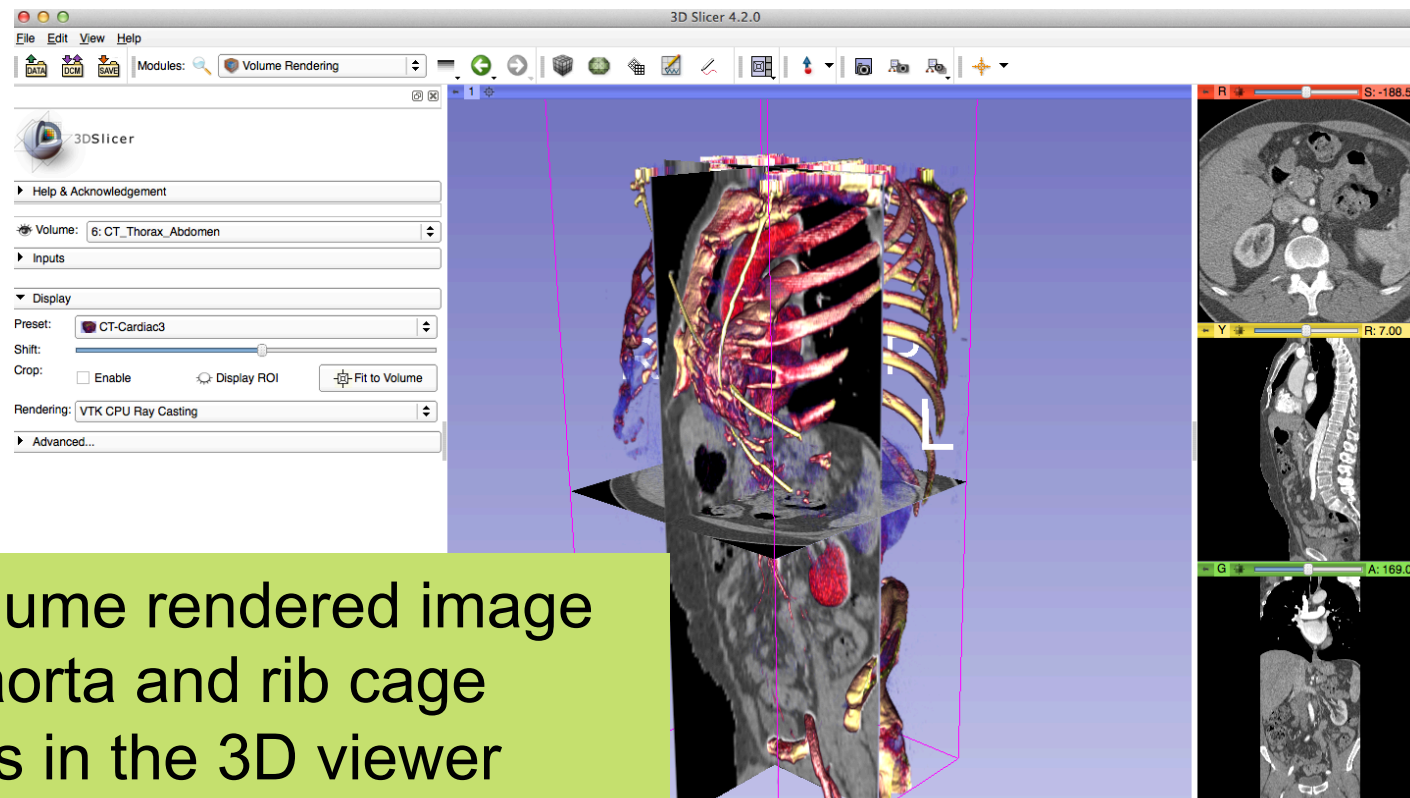


Volume Rendering

Move the **Shift** slider toward the right, to shift the transfer function and display the aorta



Volume Rendering

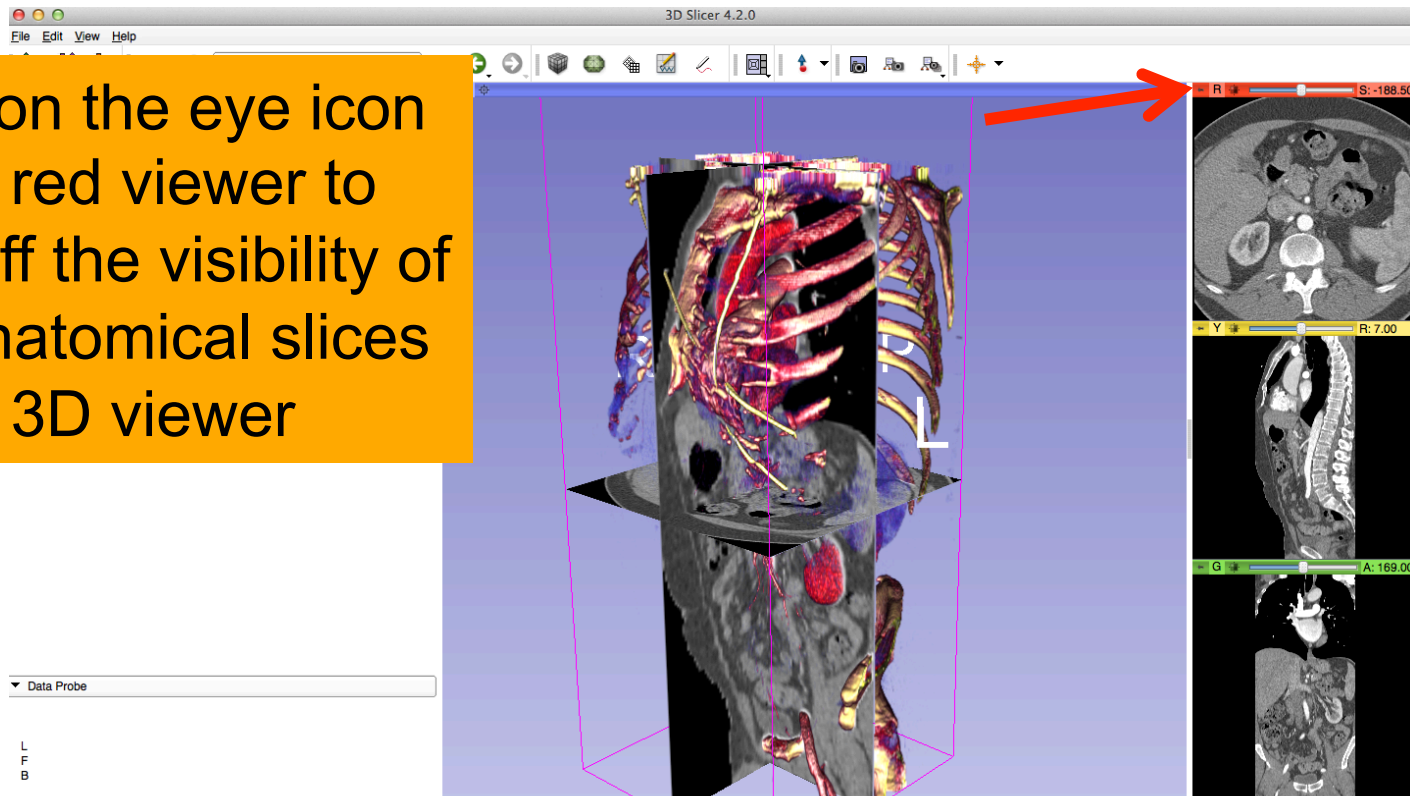


The volume rendered image of the aorta and rib cage appears in the 3D viewer



Volume Rendering

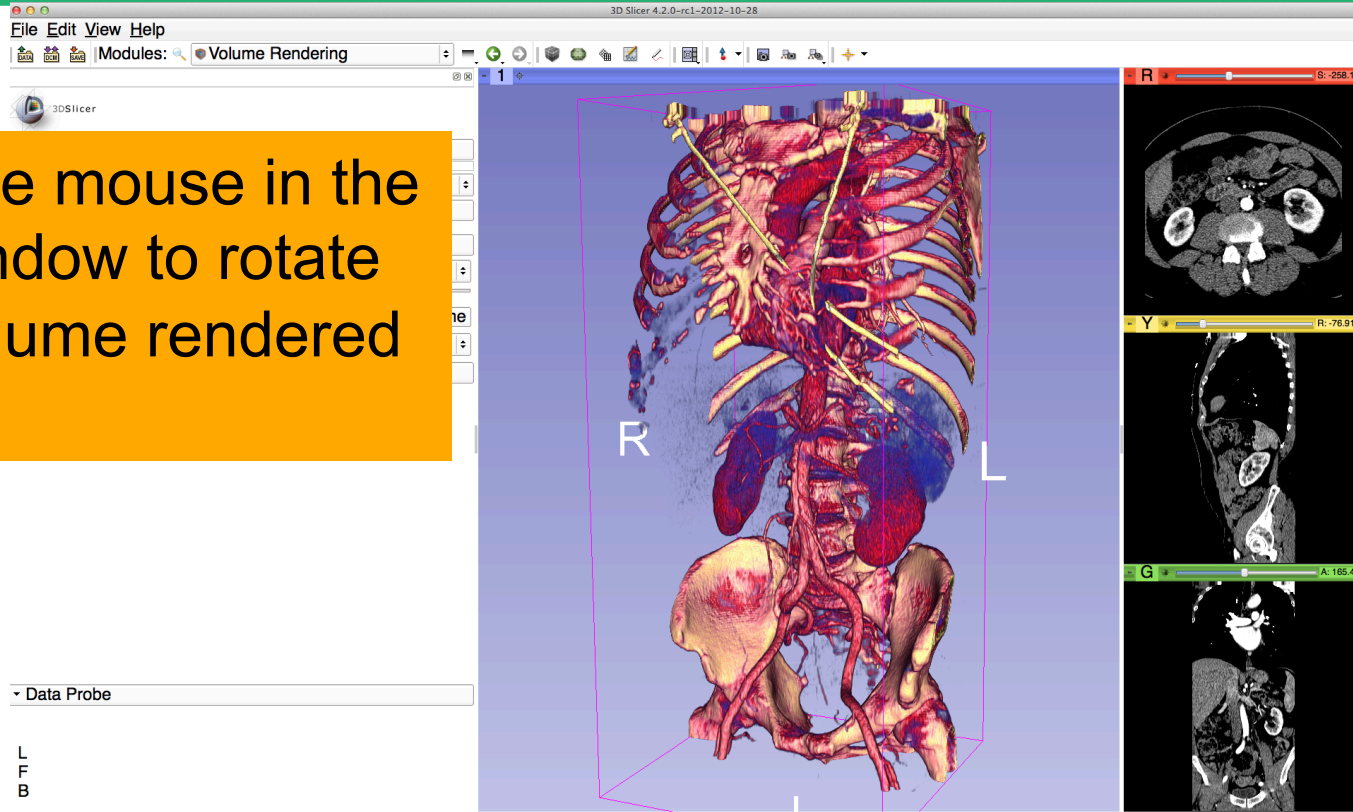
Click on the eye icon in the red viewer to turn off the visibility of the anatomical slices in the 3D viewer





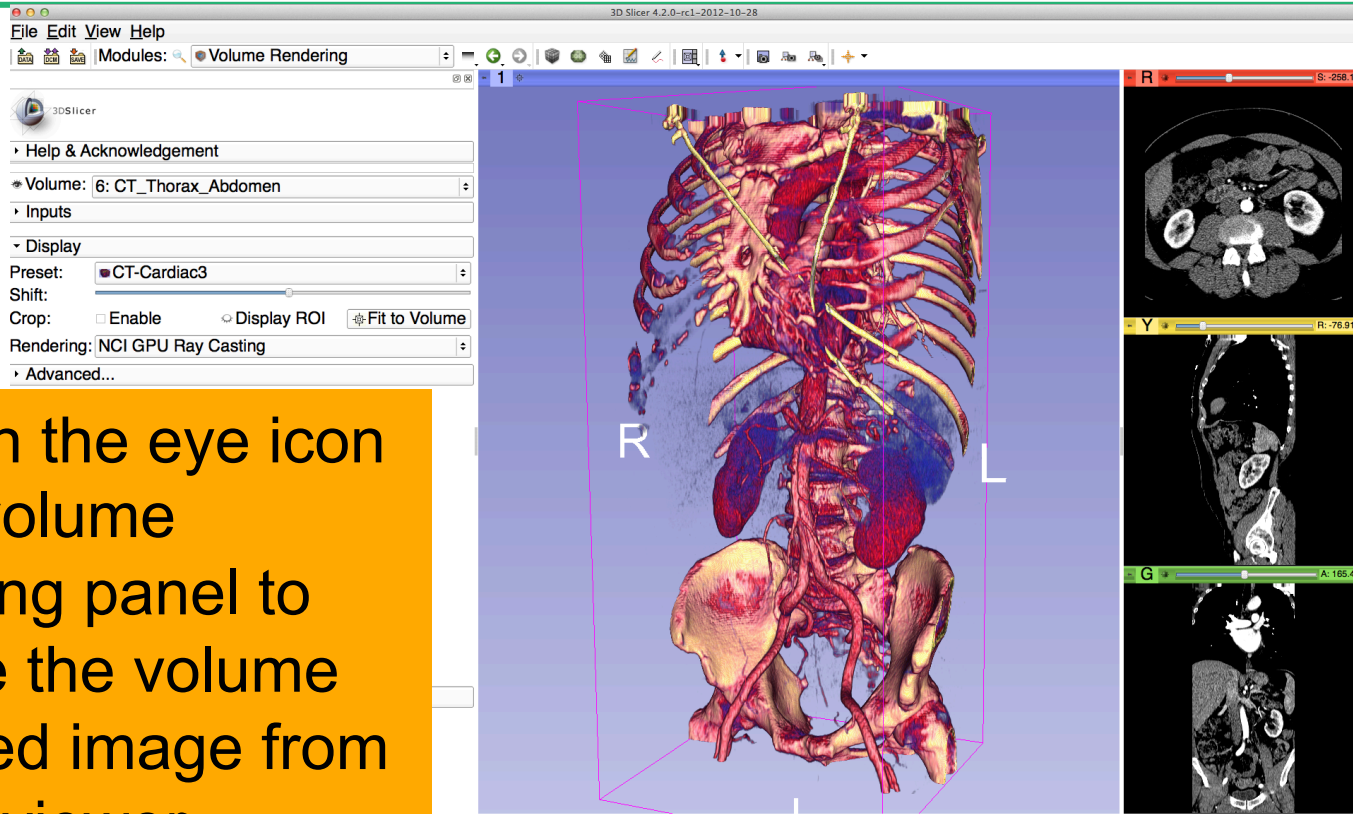
Volume Rendering

Use the mouse in the 3D window to rotate the volume rendered image





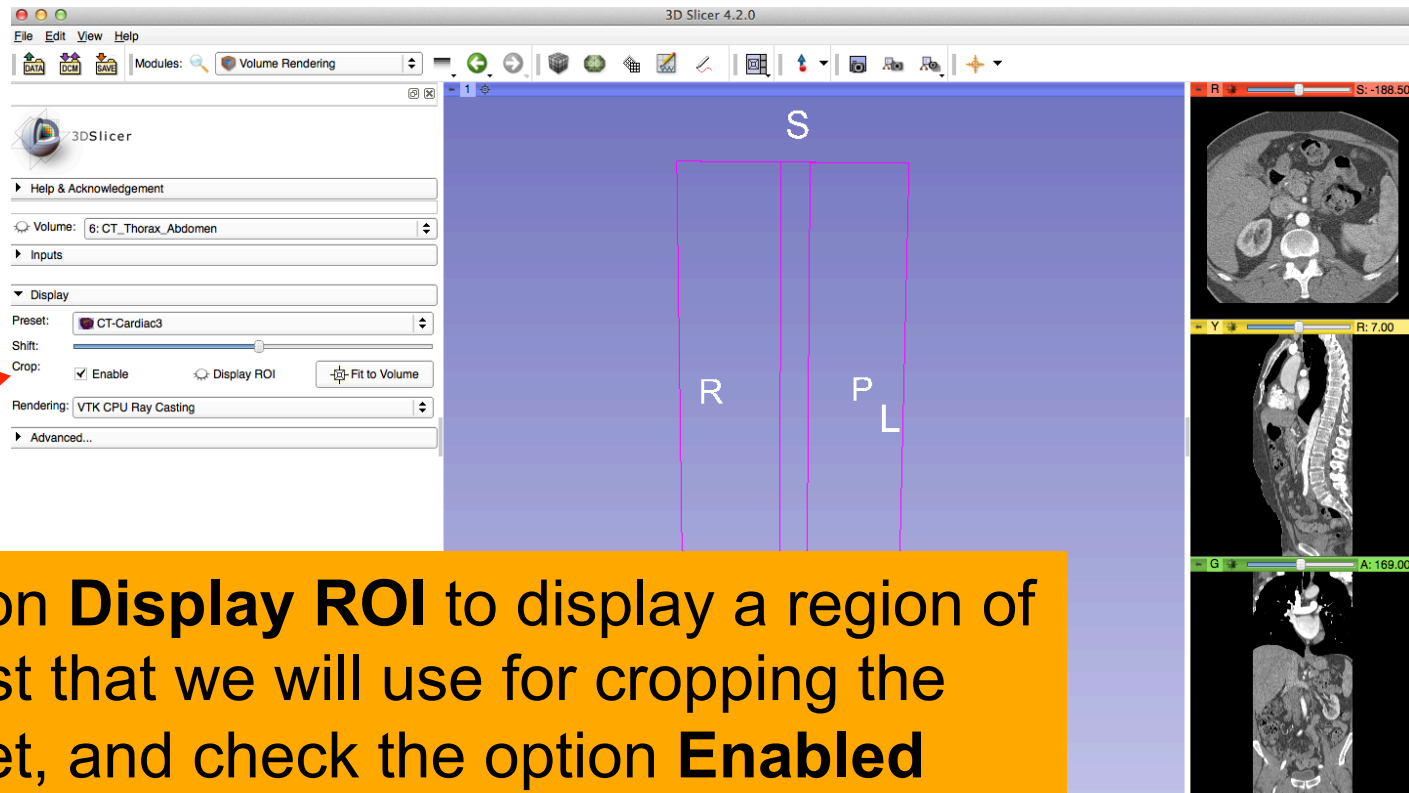
Volume Rendering



Click on the eye icon in the volume rendering panel to remove the volume rendered image from the 3D viewer



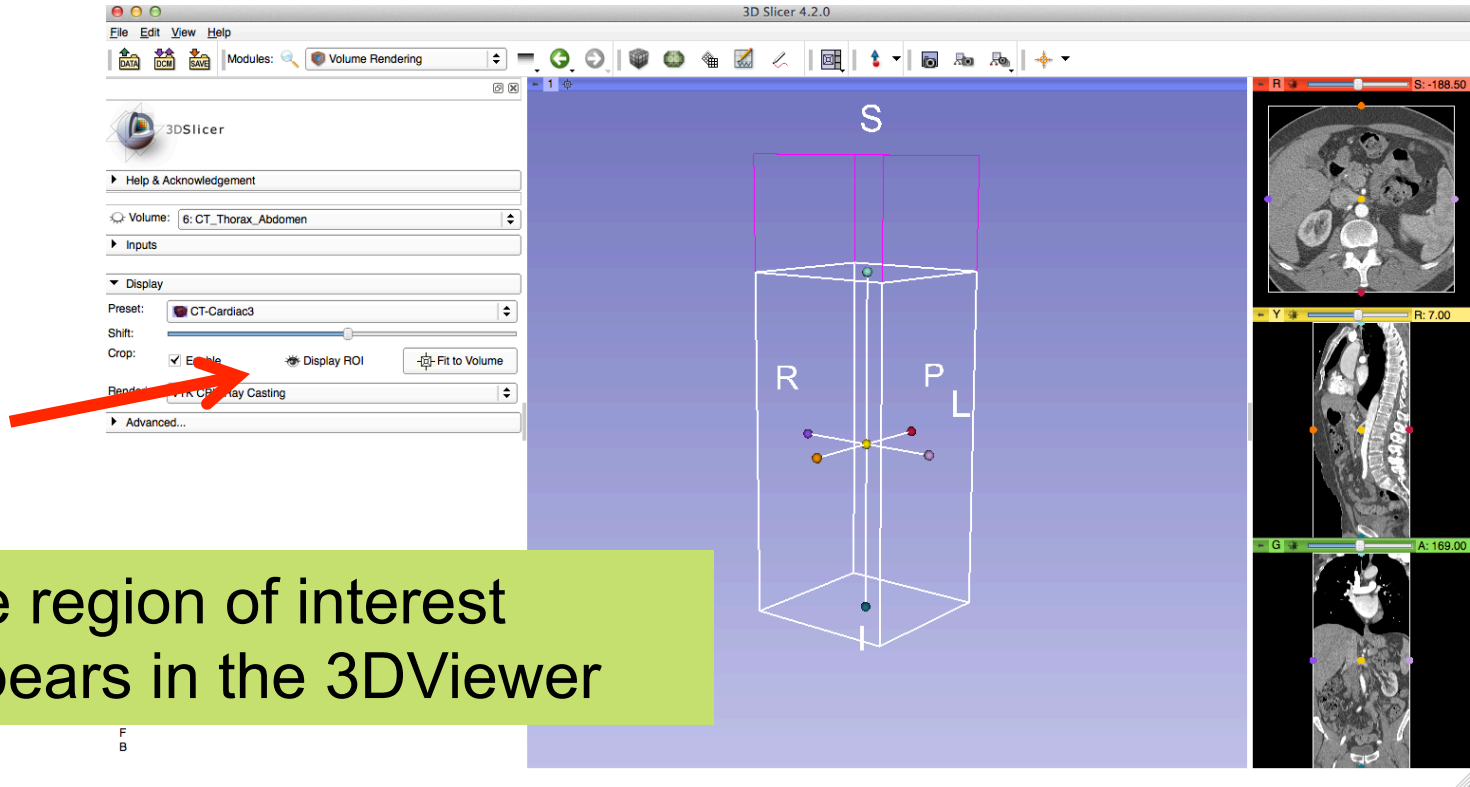
Volume Rendering



Click on **Display ROI** to display a region of interest that we will use for cropping the dataset, and check the option **Enabled**



Volume Rendering

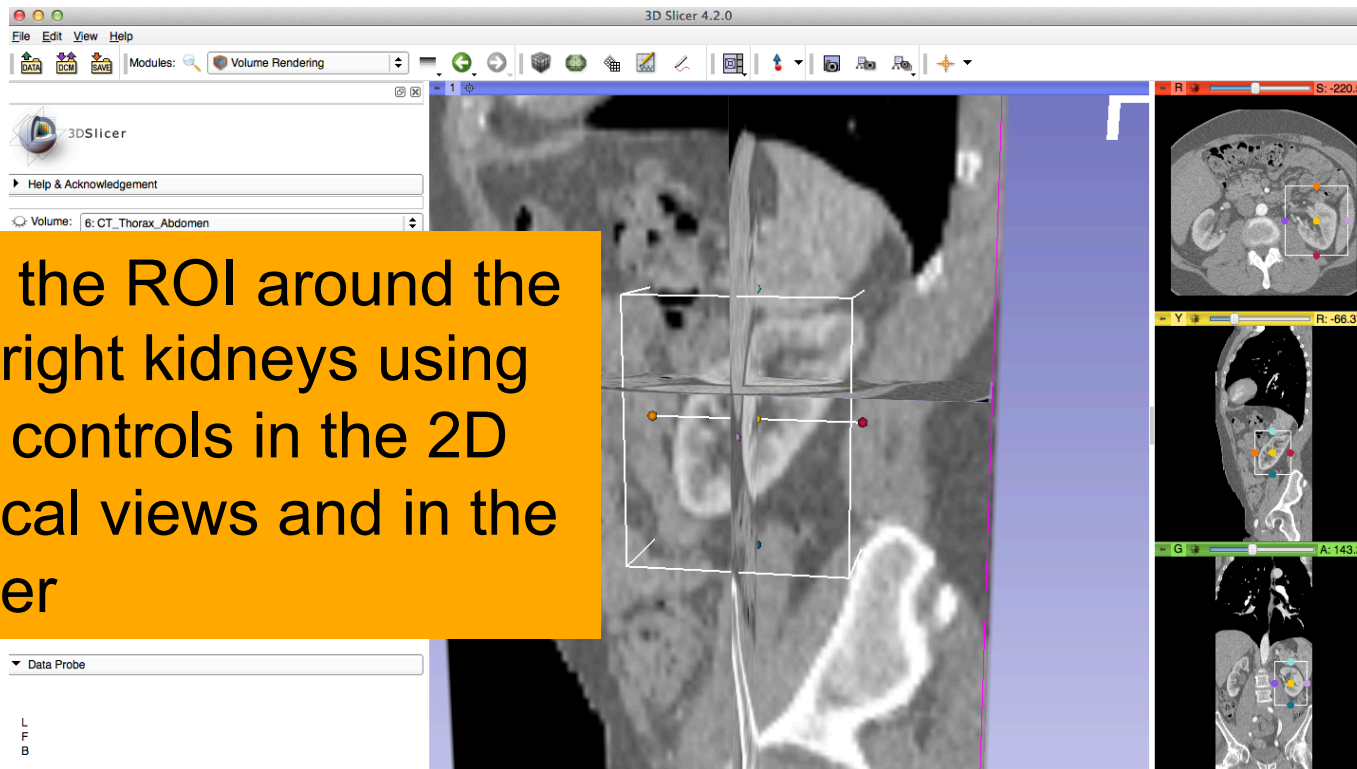


The region of interest appears in the 3DViewer



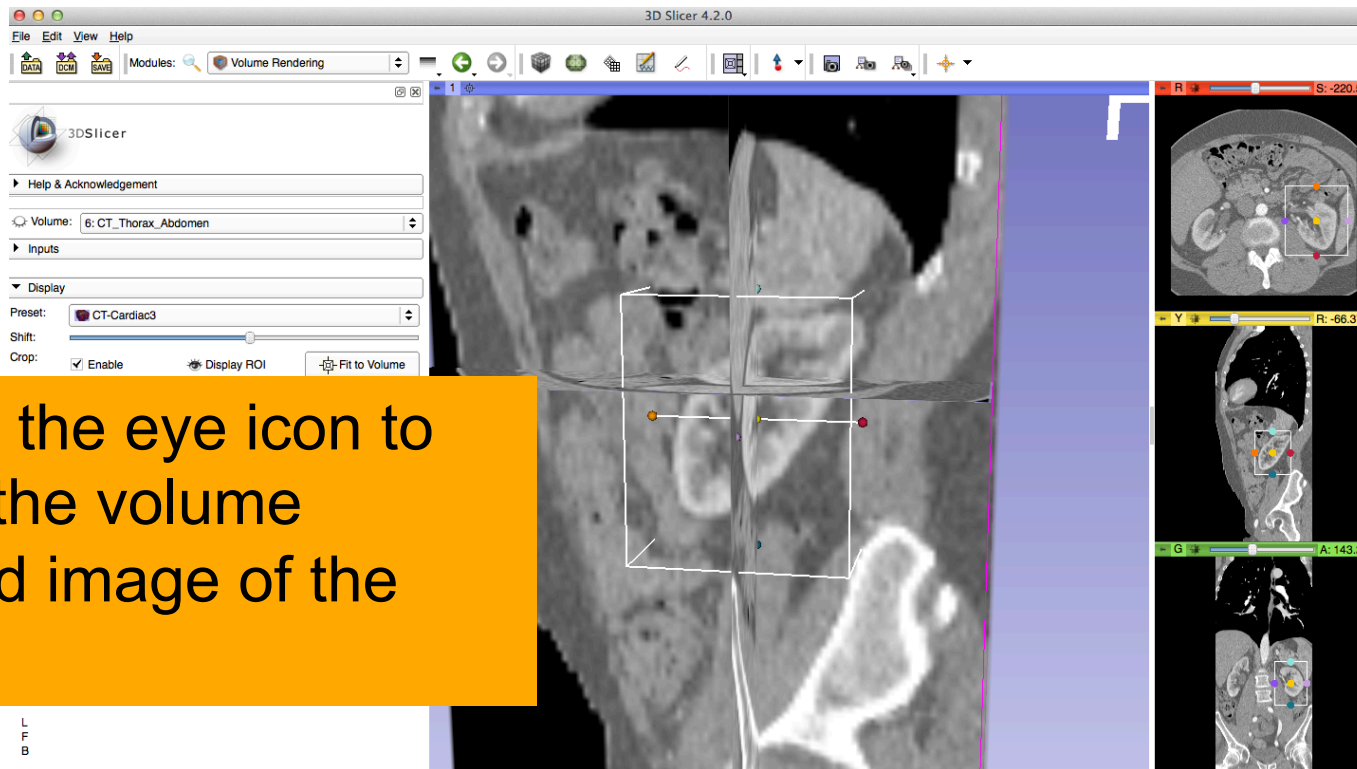
Volume Rendering

Position the ROI around the left and right kidneys using the ROI controls in the 2D anatomical views and in the 3D viewer





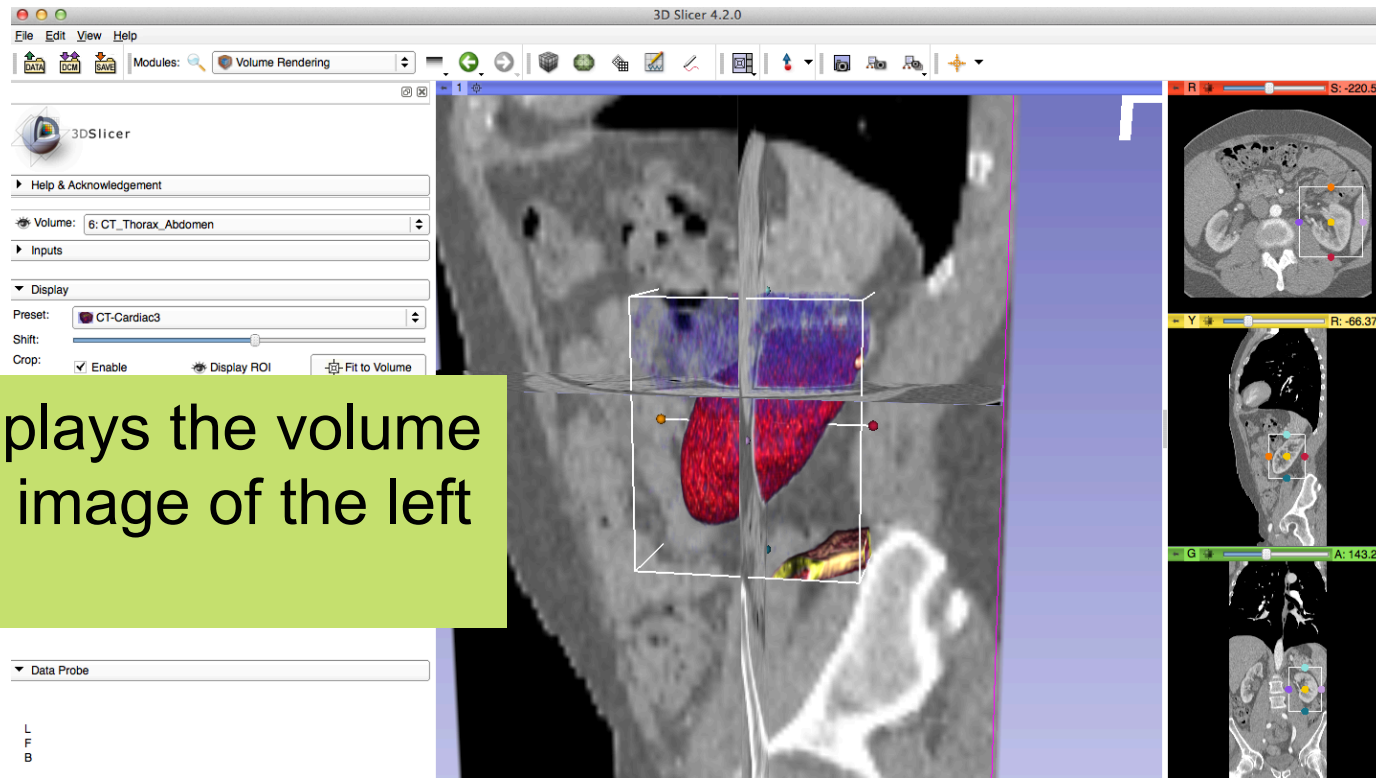
Volume Rendering



Click on the eye icon to display the volume rendered image of the kidney



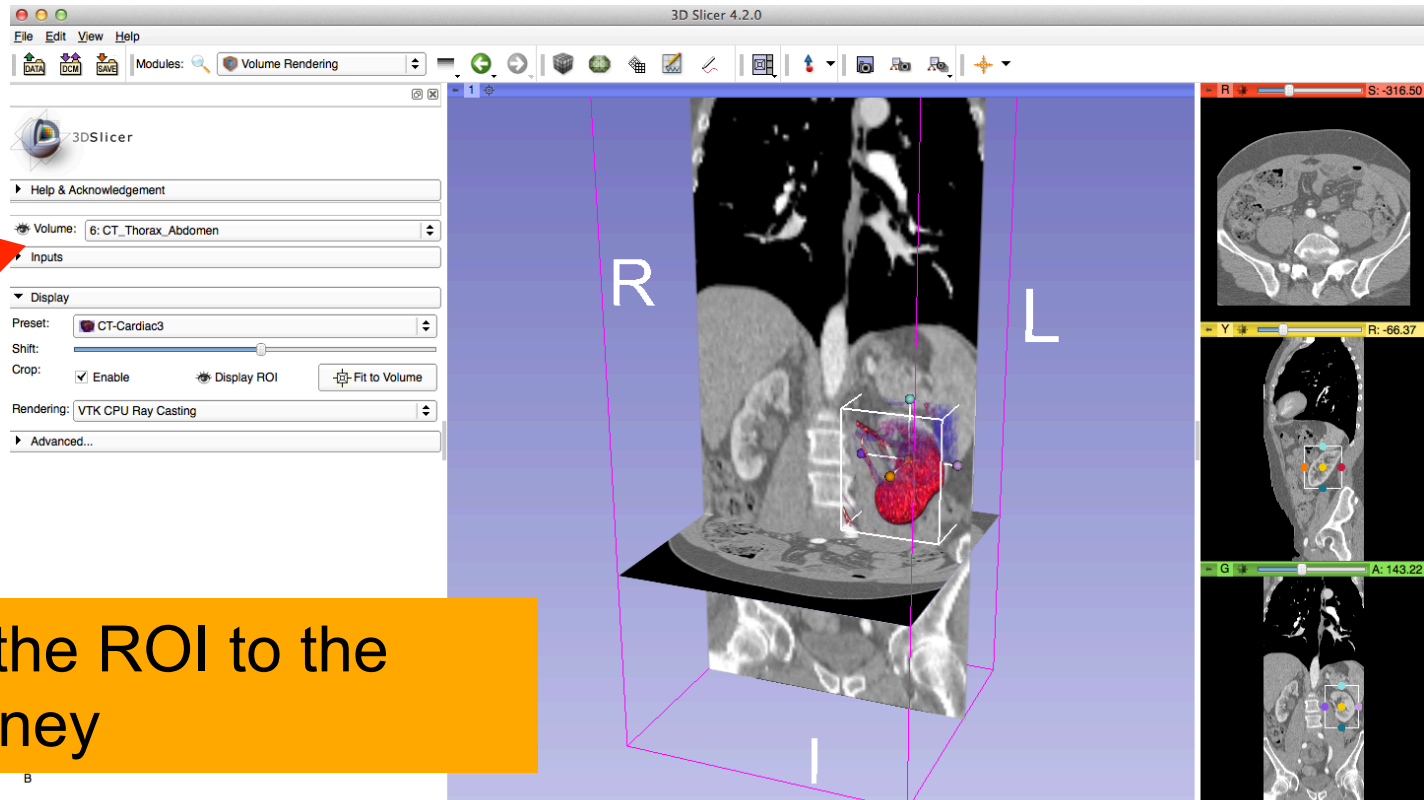
Volume Rendering



Slicer displays the volume rendered image of the left kidney



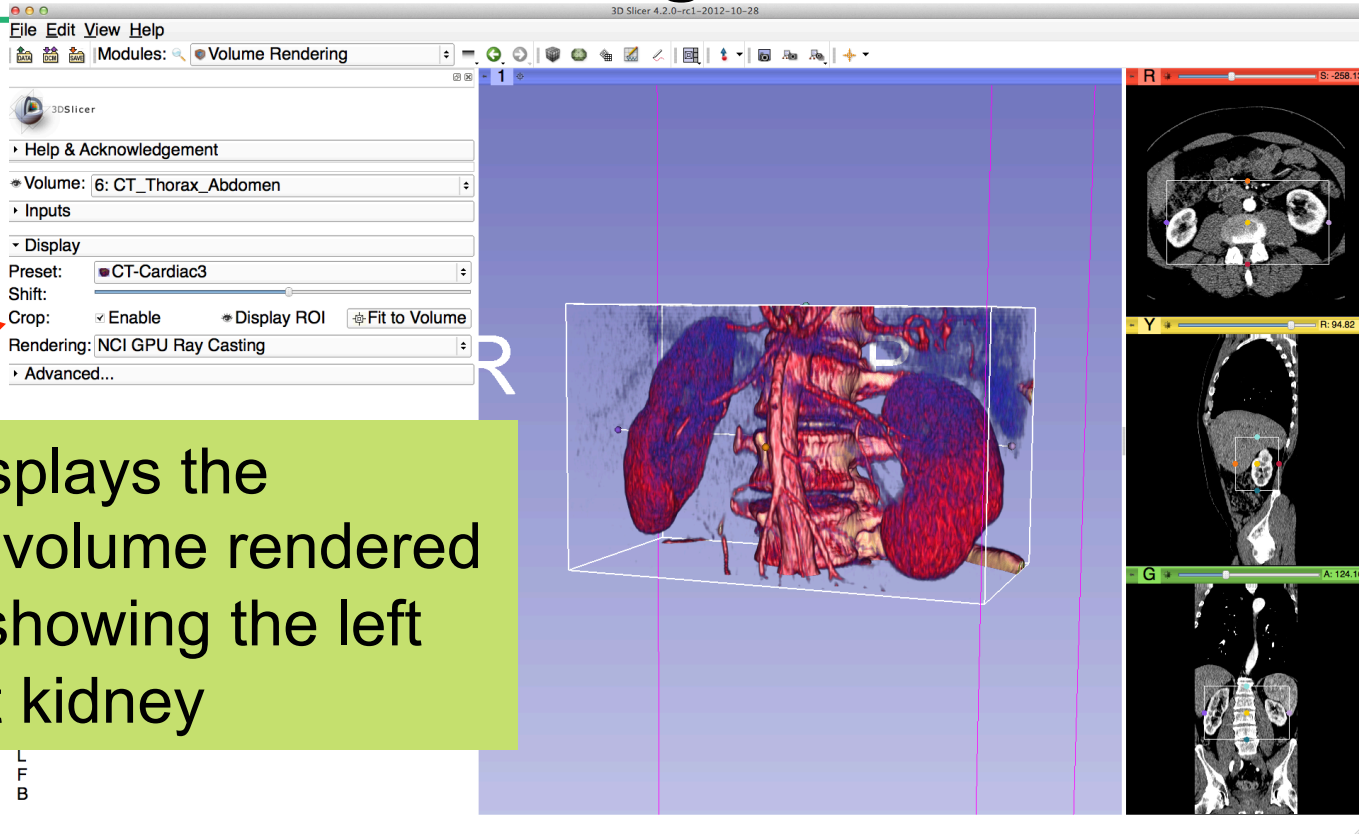
Volume Rendering



Extend the ROI to the right kidney



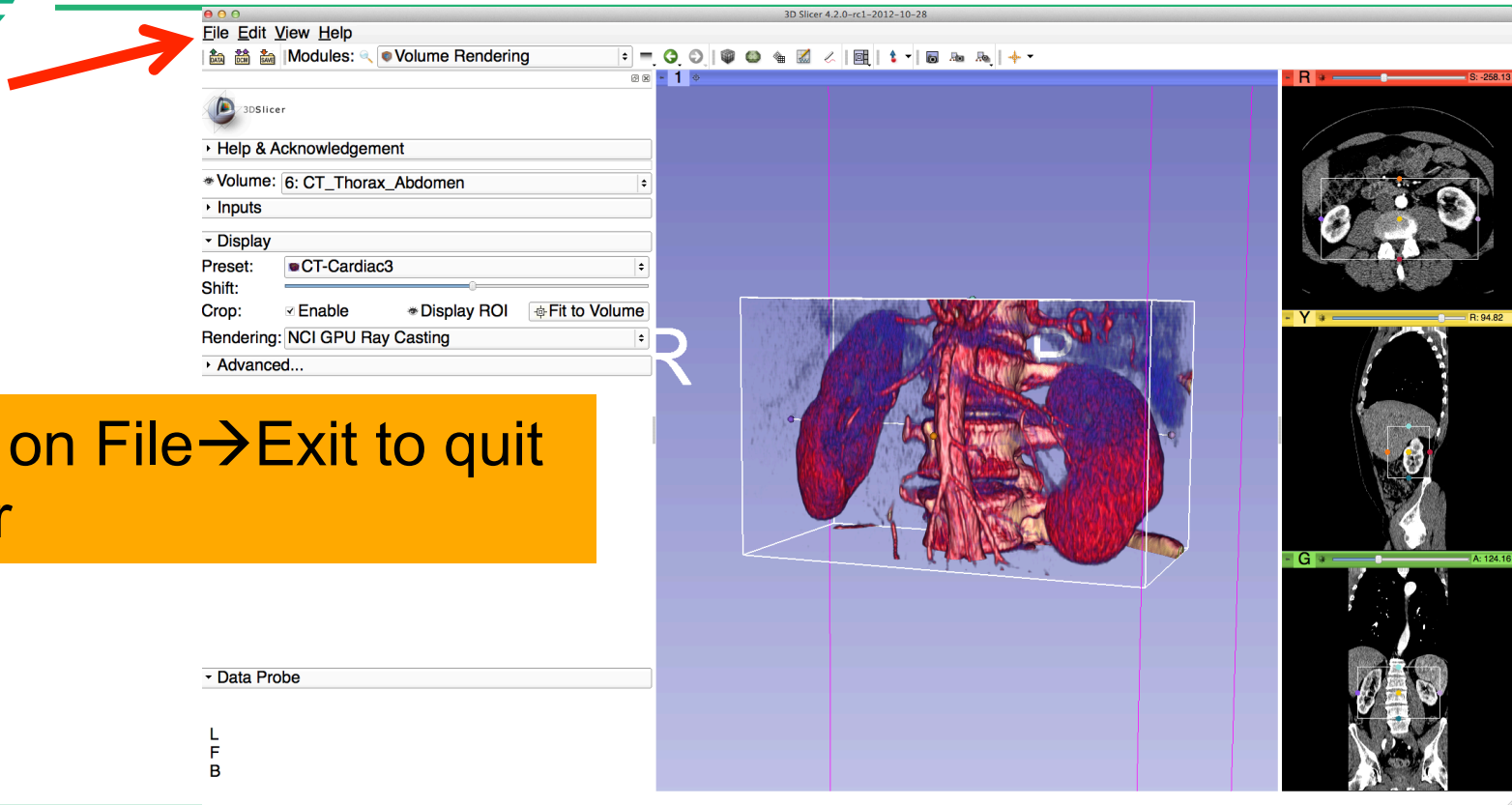
Volume Rendering



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



Volume Rendering



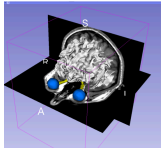
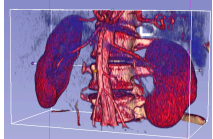
Click on File → Exit to quit Slicer



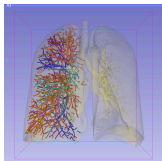
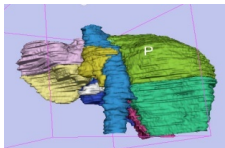
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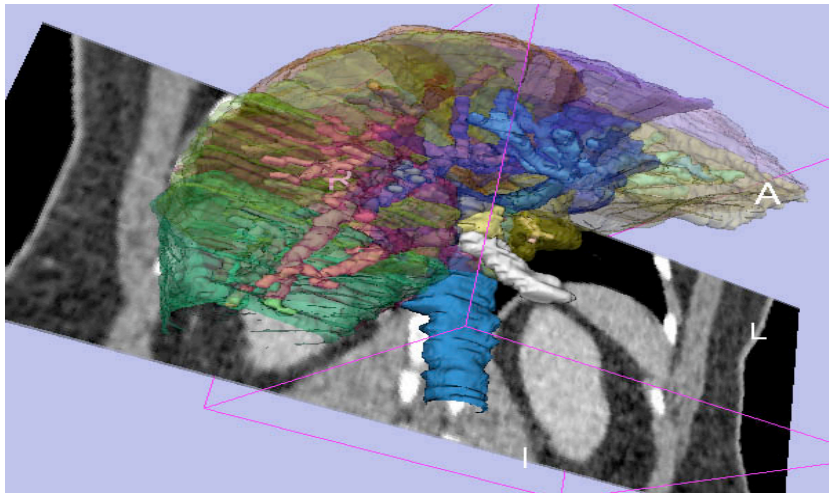


Part I: 3D Data Loading and visualization of DICOM images
- Volume Rendering of thoraco-abdominal CT data



Part II: 3D interactive exploration of the anatomy
- Exploration of the Segments of the liver
- Exploration of the Segments of the lung



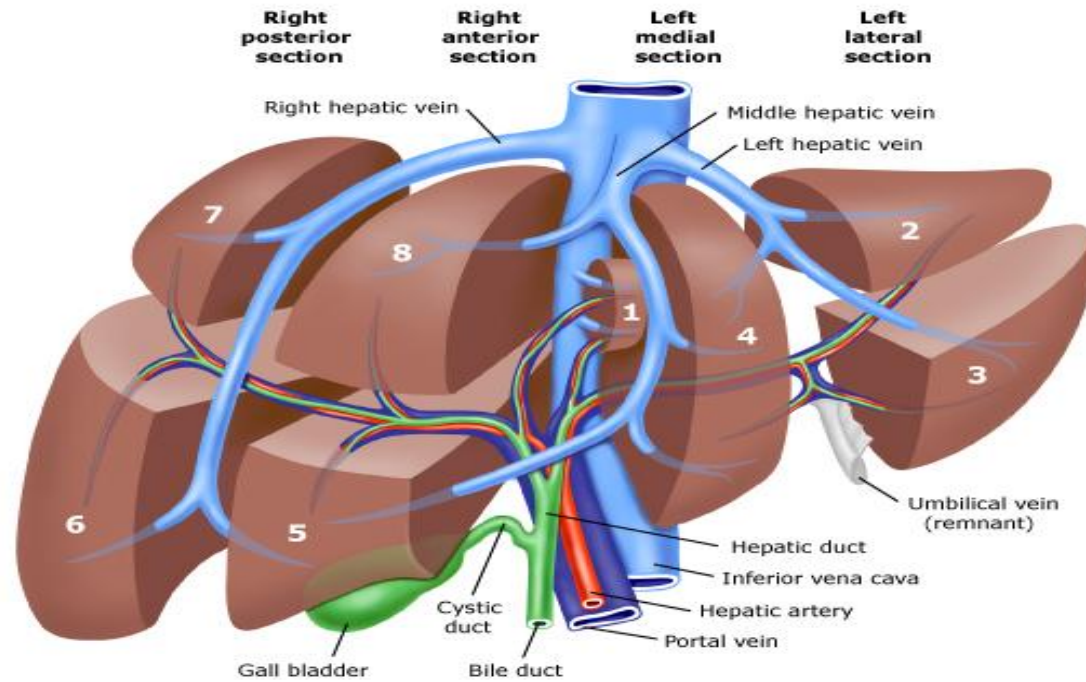


Part II:

Interactive 3D Visualization
of the segments of the liver

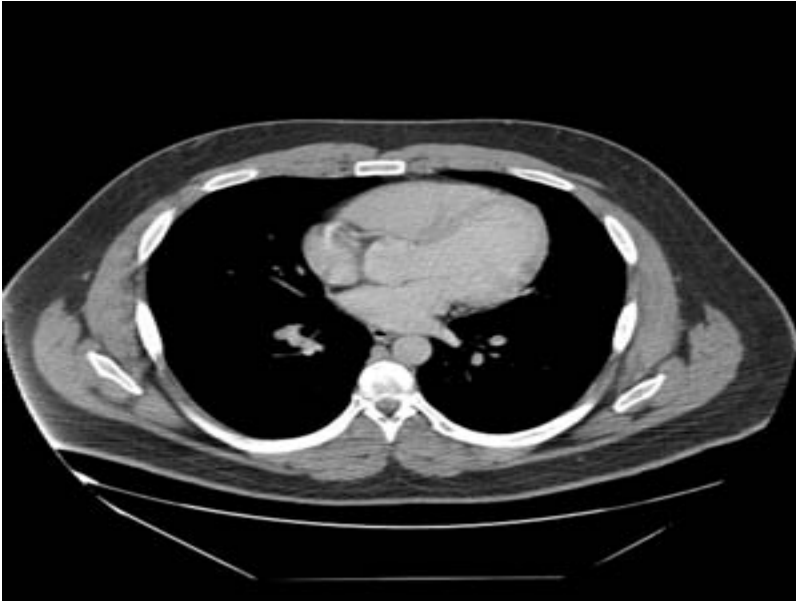


Anatomy of the liver





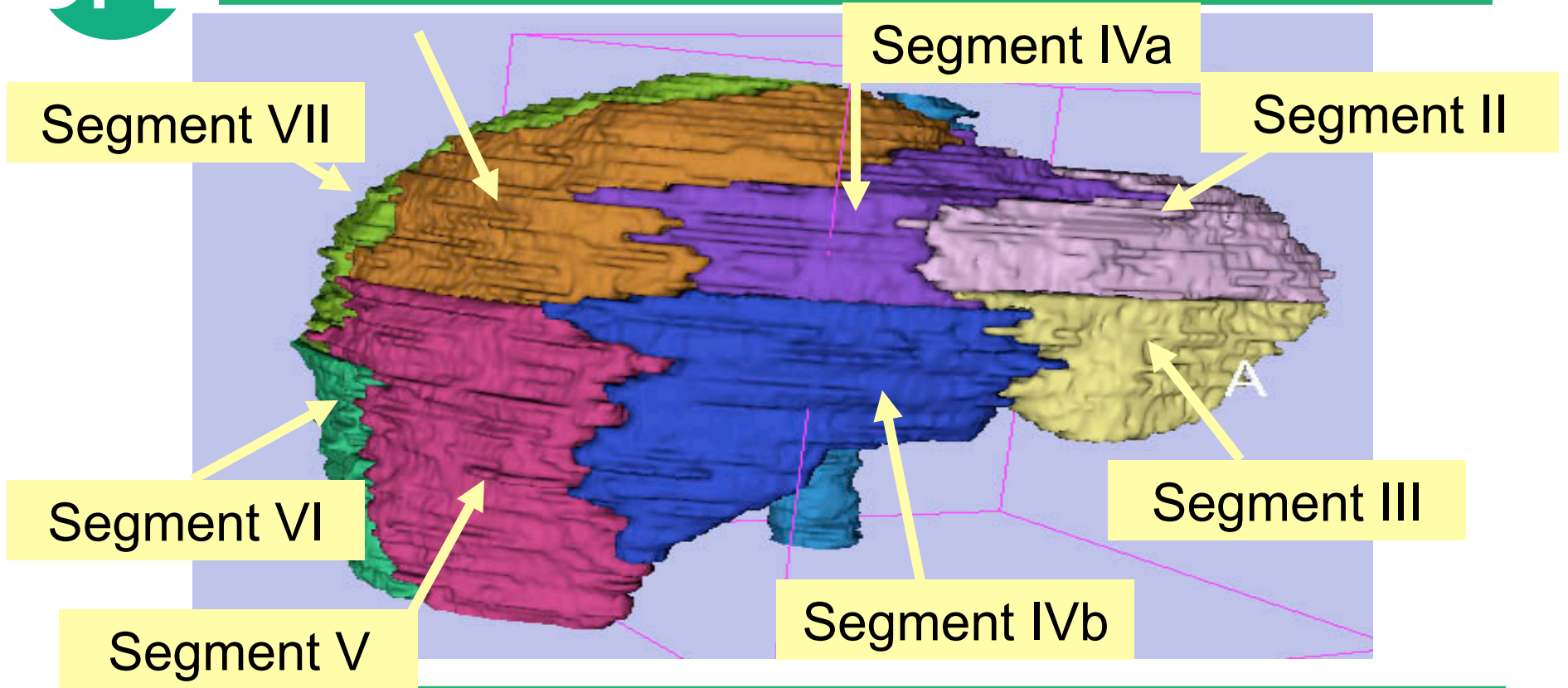
Liver dataset



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

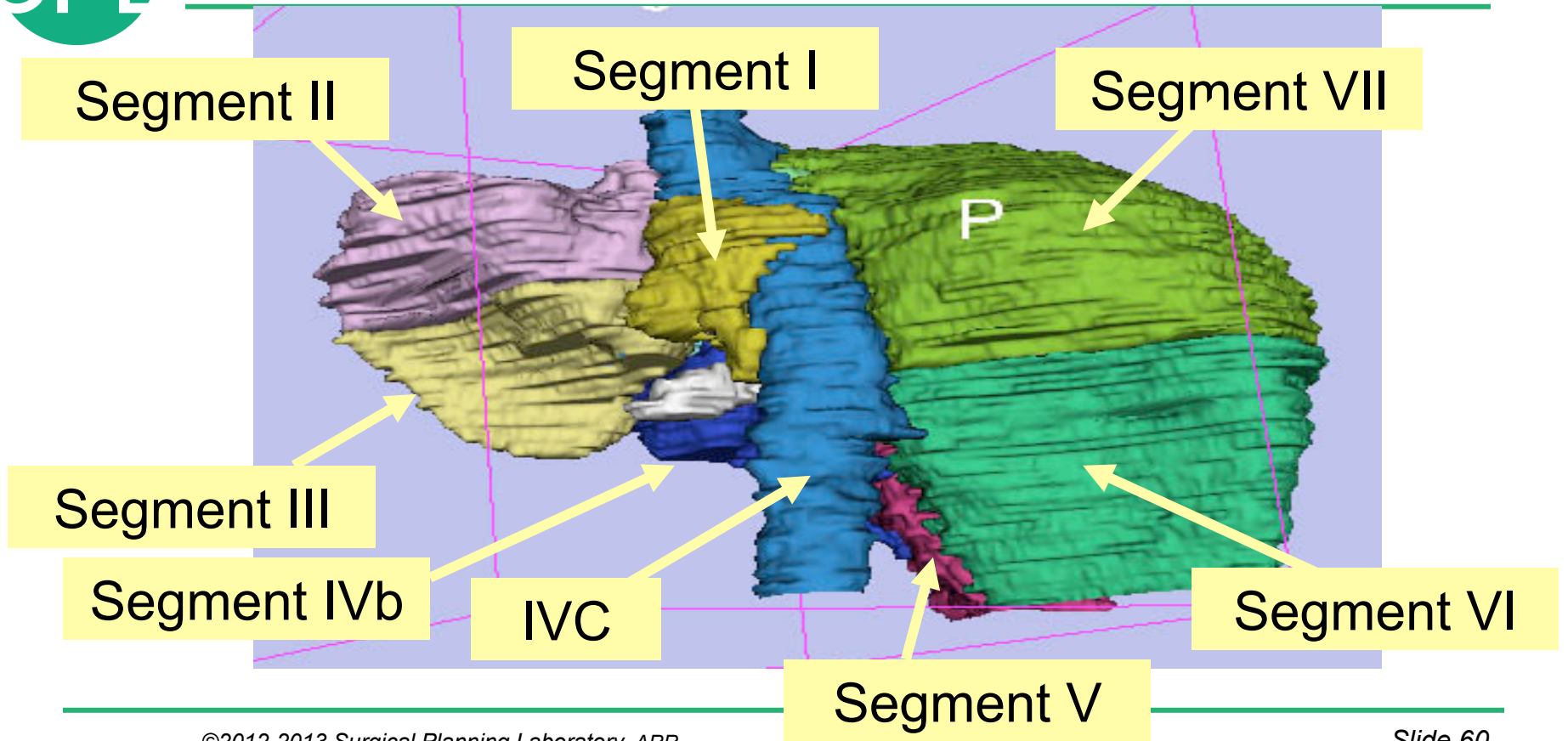


3D segments of the liver



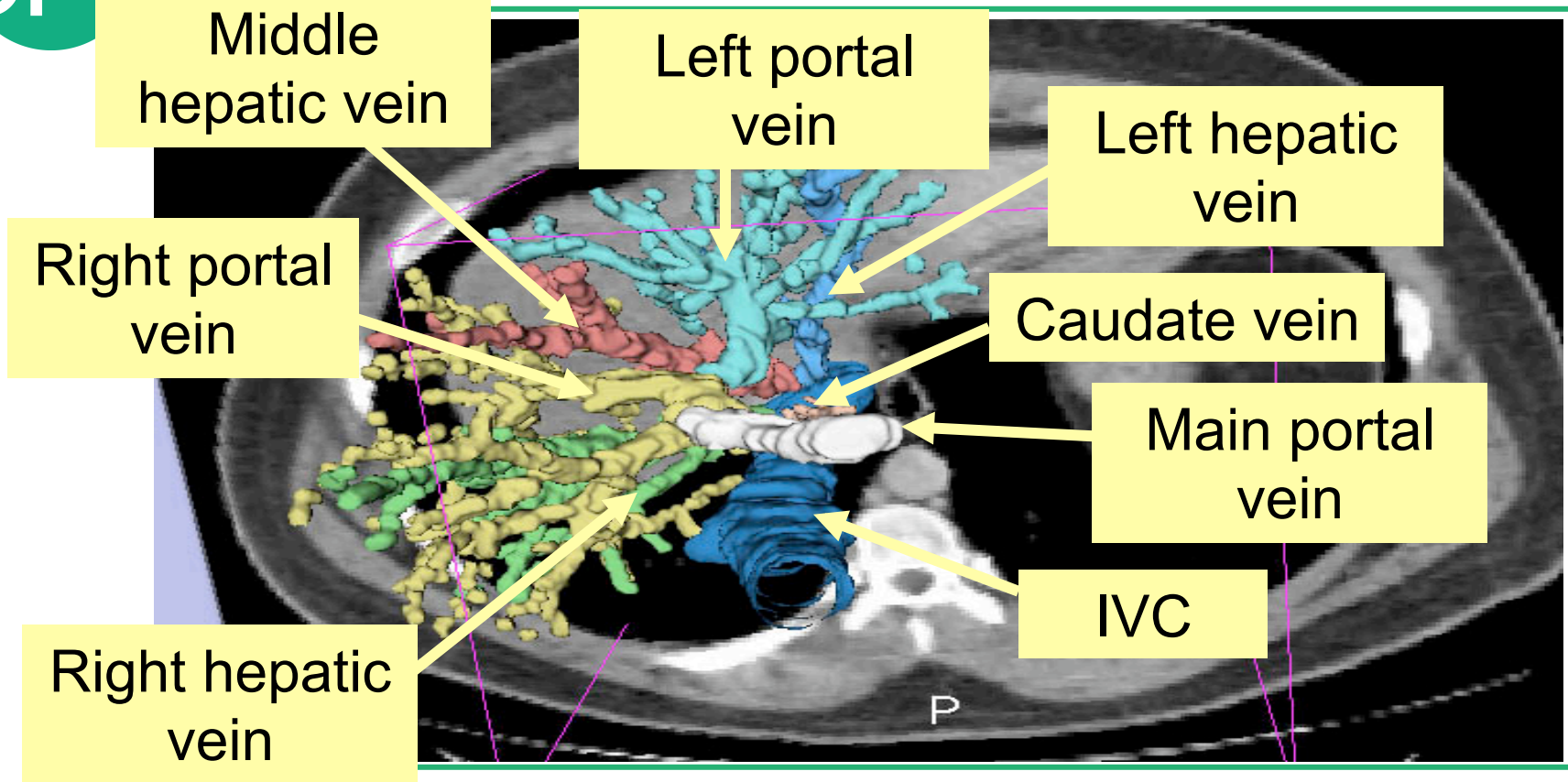


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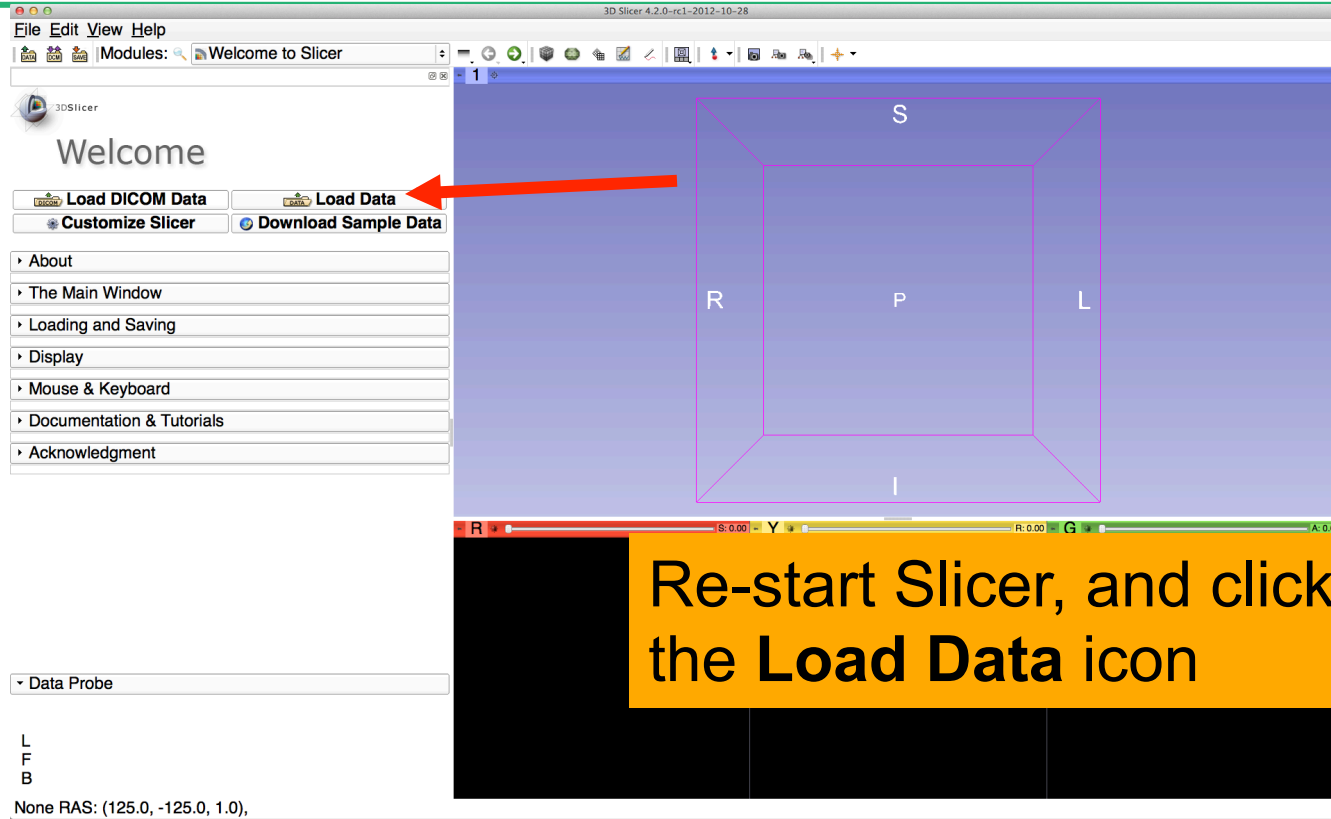


Liver vasculature



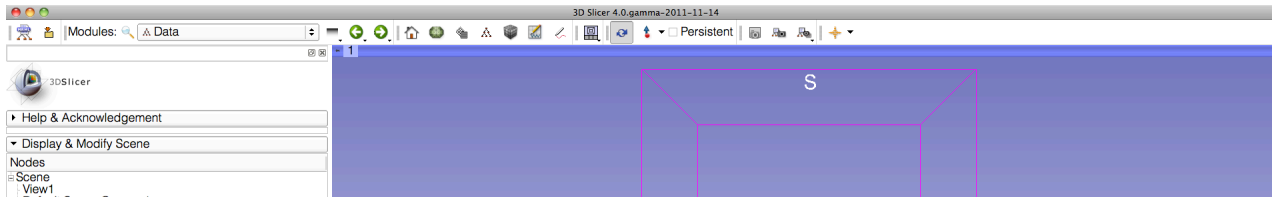


Loading the Liver Data Scene

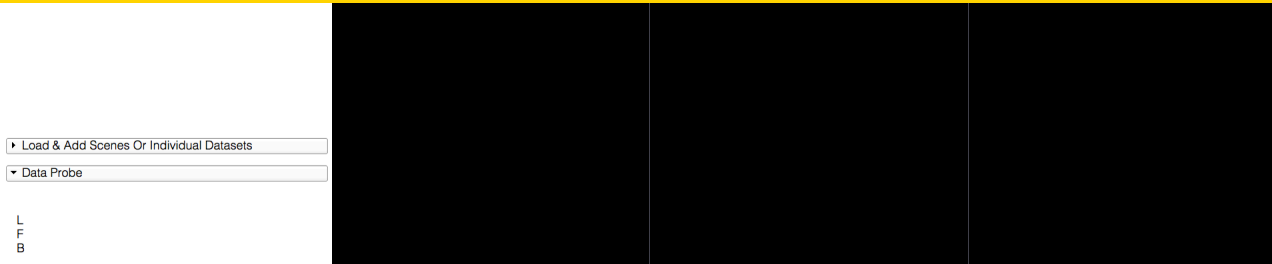




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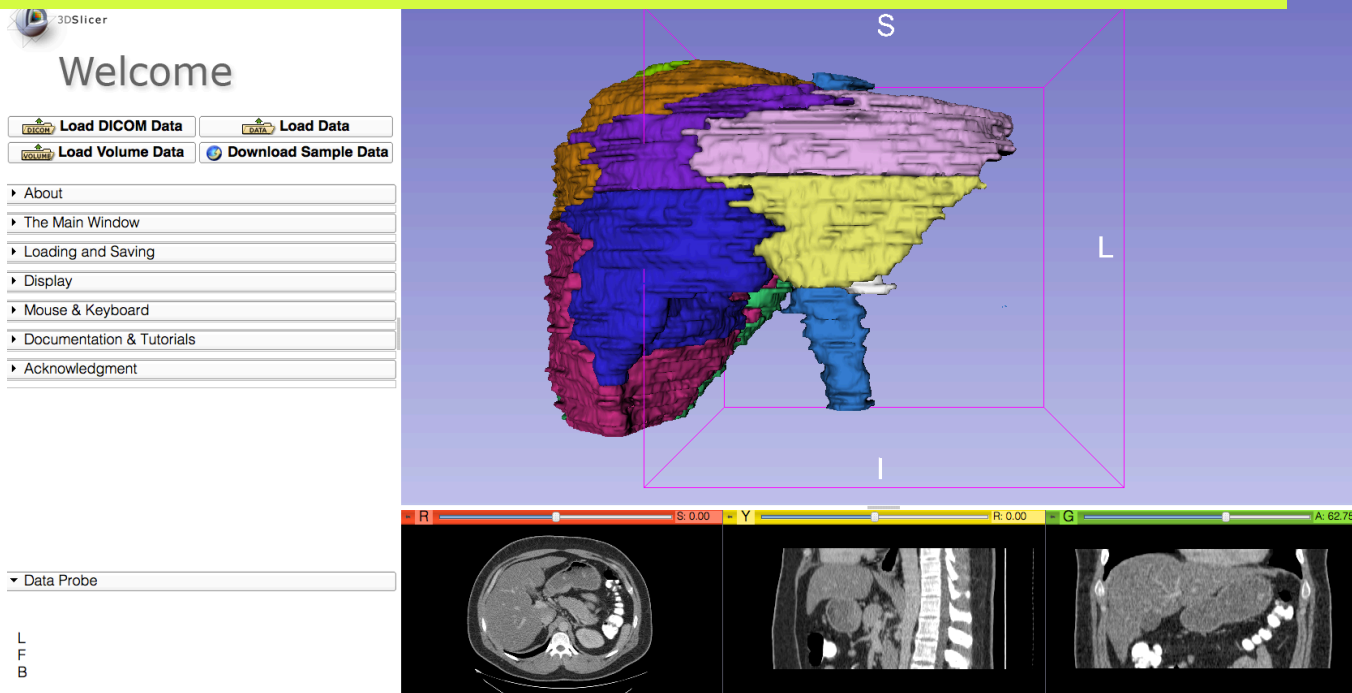
Browse and select the directory **CT-Liver**
Select the file **LiverSegments_Scene.mrml**
Click on OK to load the scene into Slicer





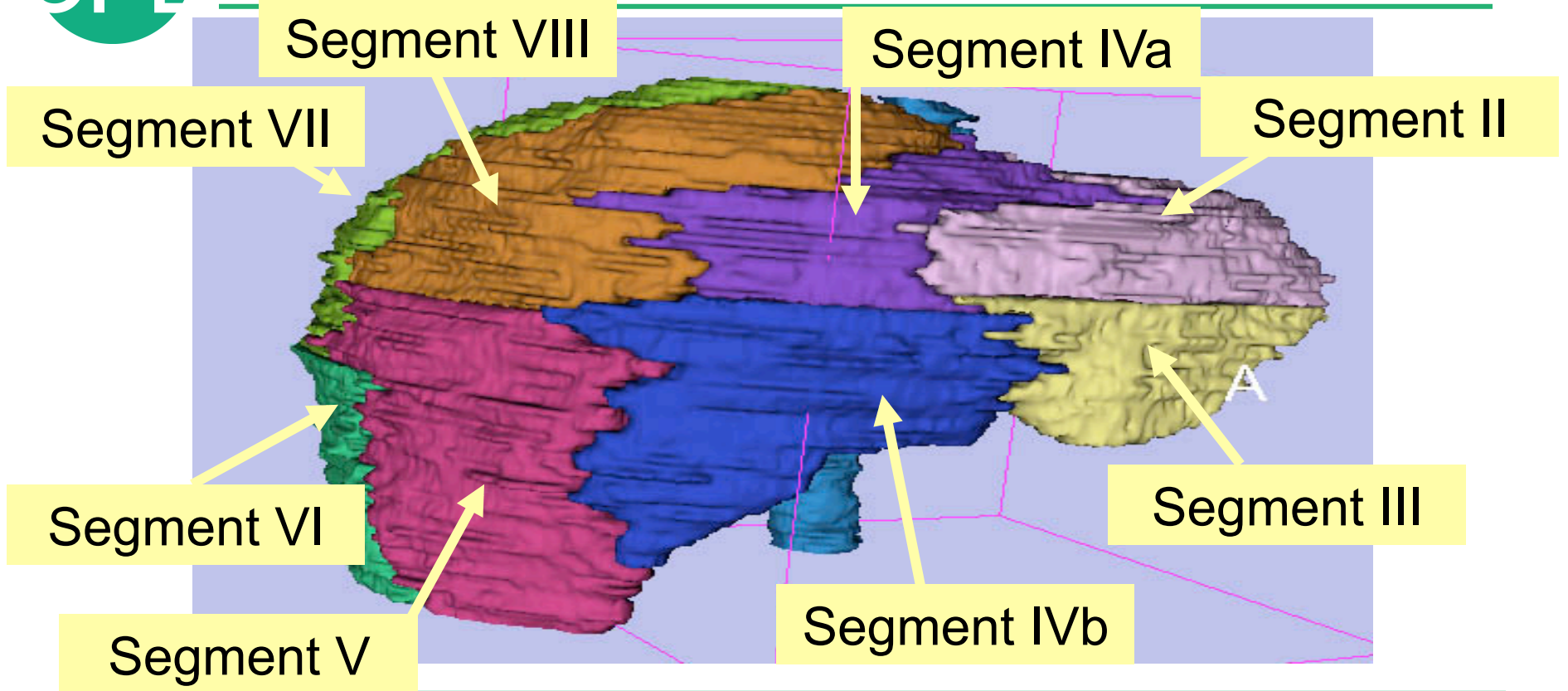
Liver Segments Scene

The elements of the scene appear in the Viewer



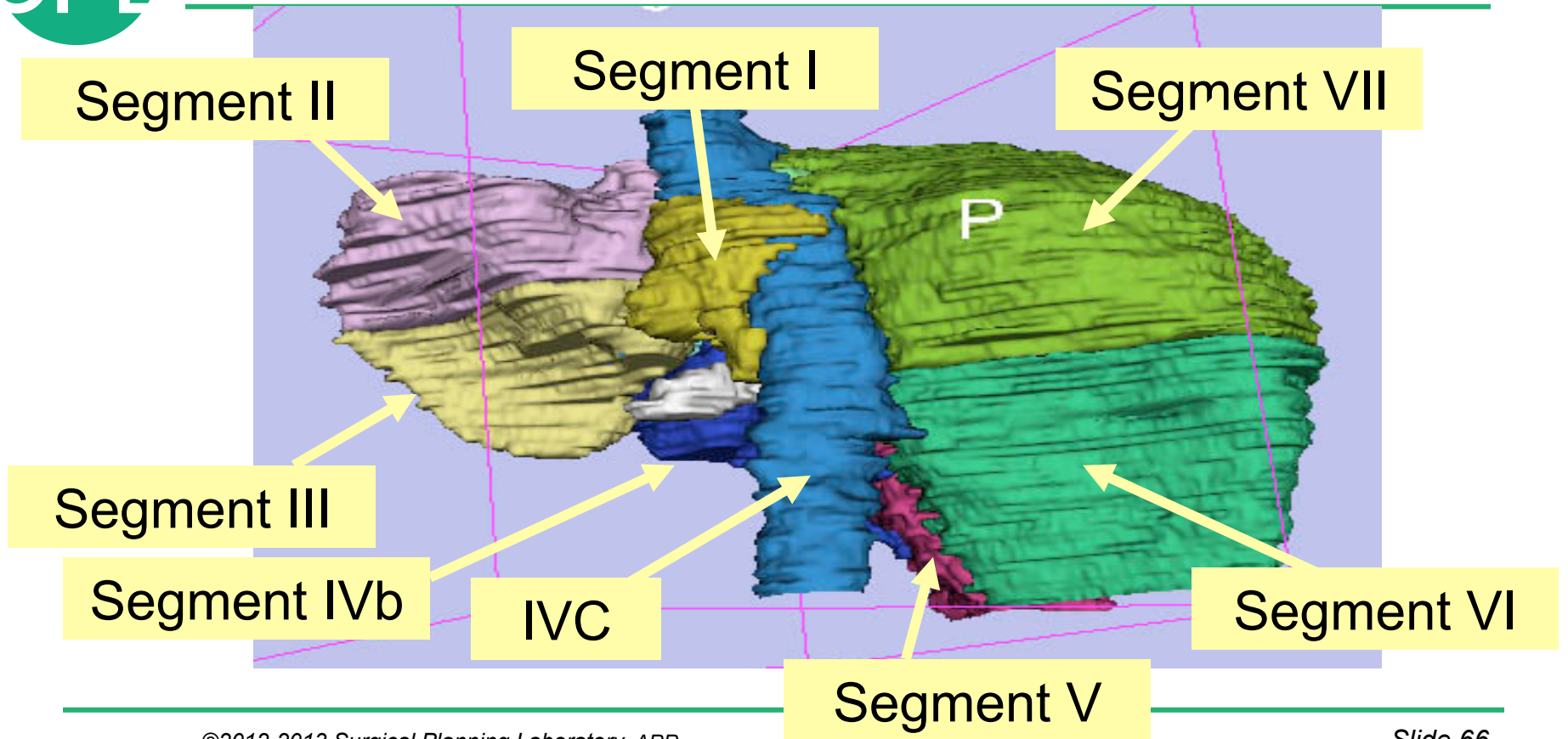


3D models of the liver



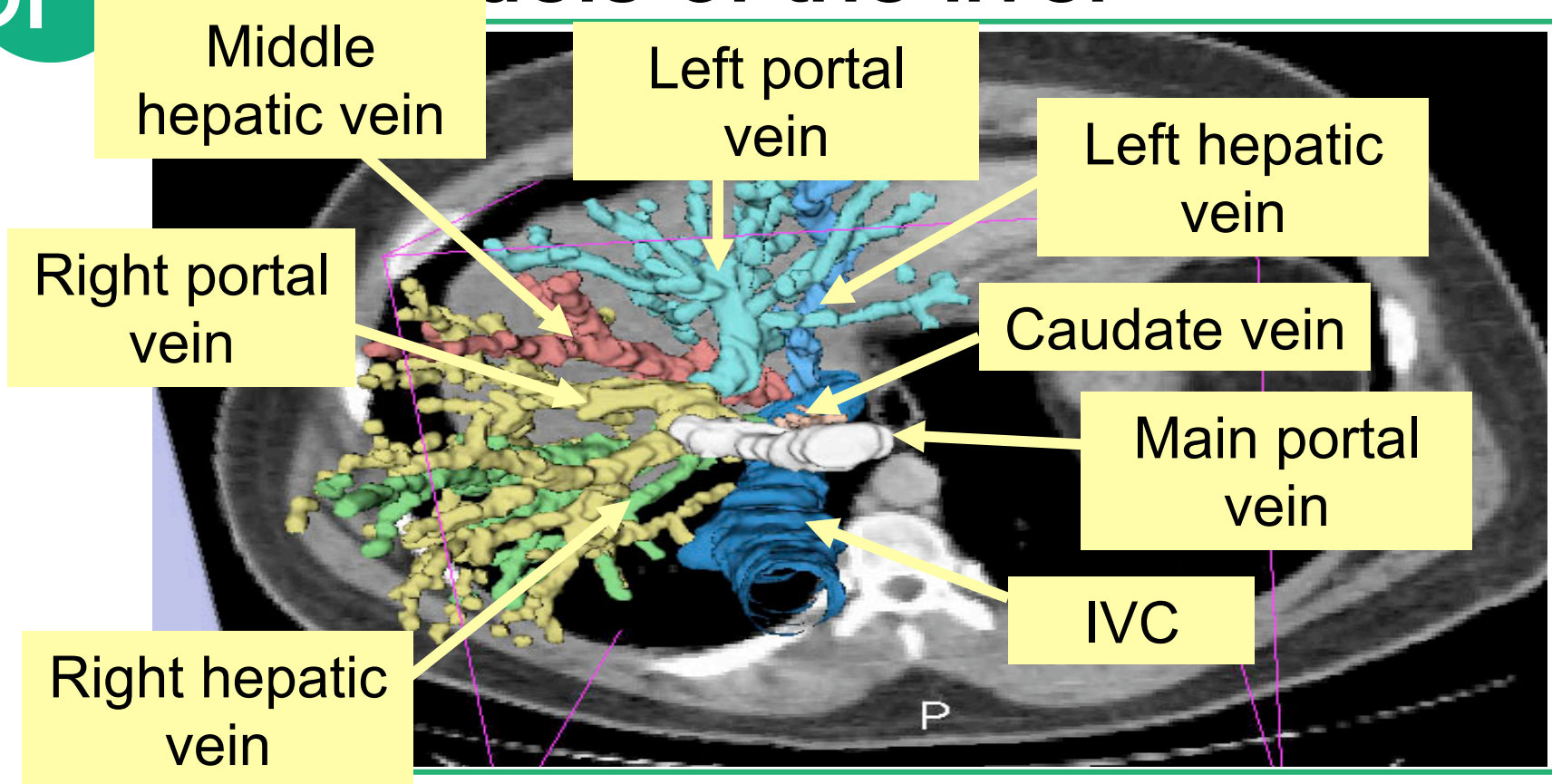


3D models of the liver



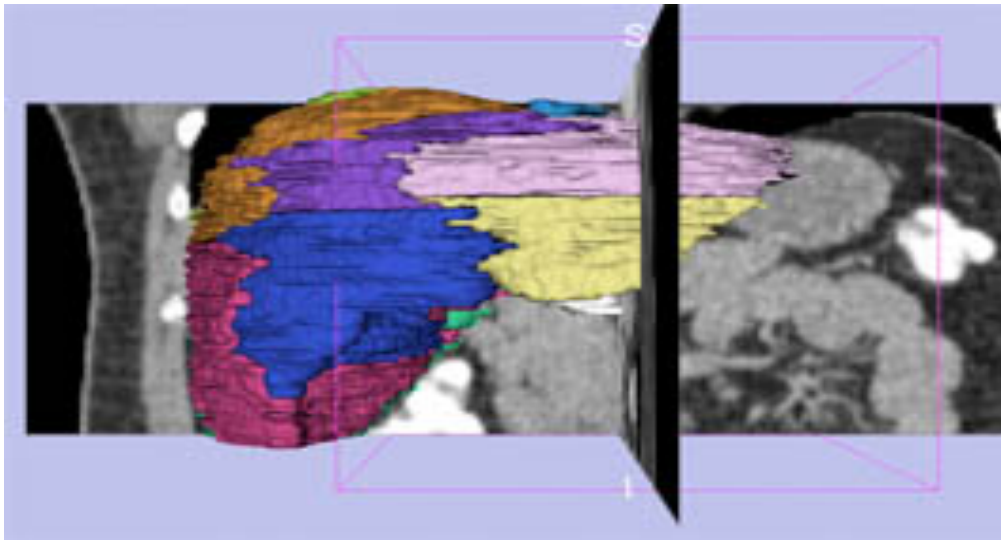


3D models of the liver





3D Exploration of Liver Segments

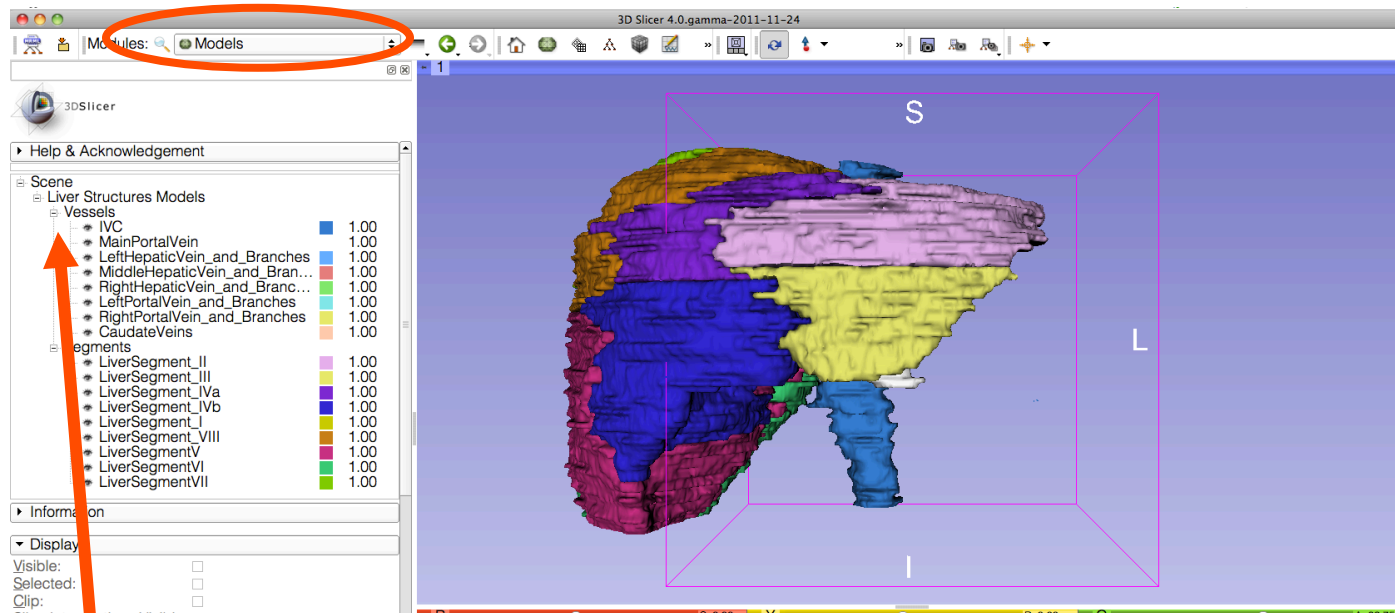


Example:

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



3D Exploration of Liver Segments

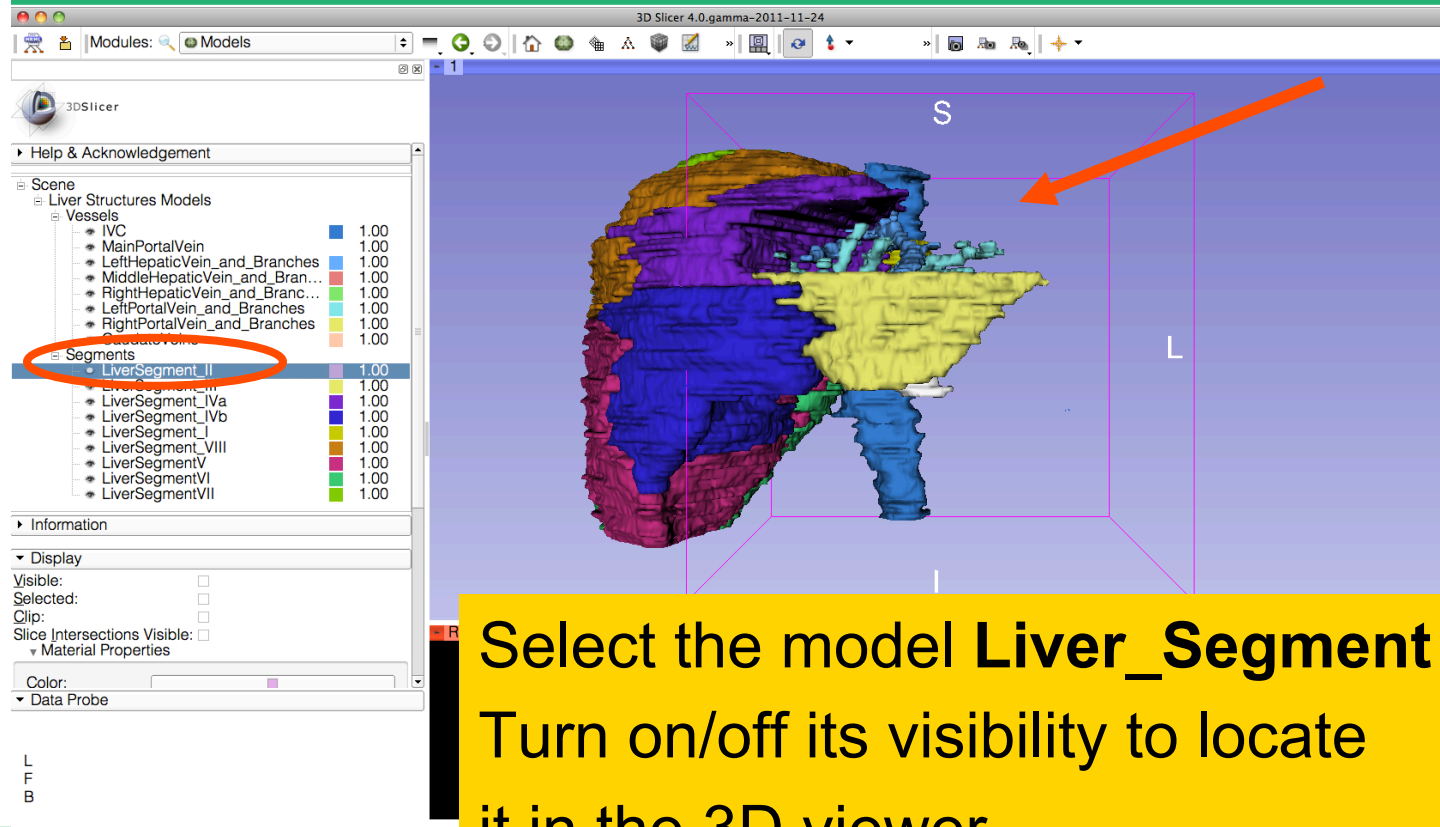


Select the module **Models**

Click on the Liver Structures Models Hierarchy



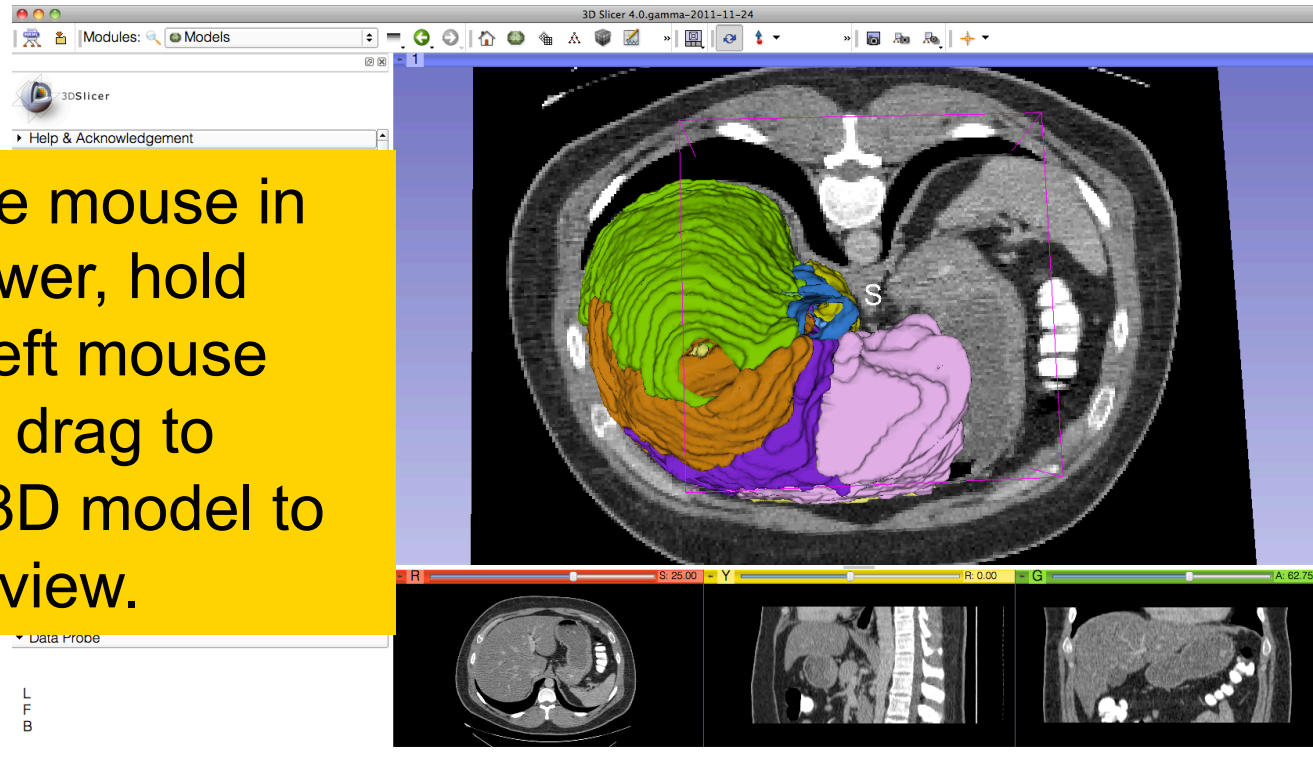
3D Exploration of Liver Segments





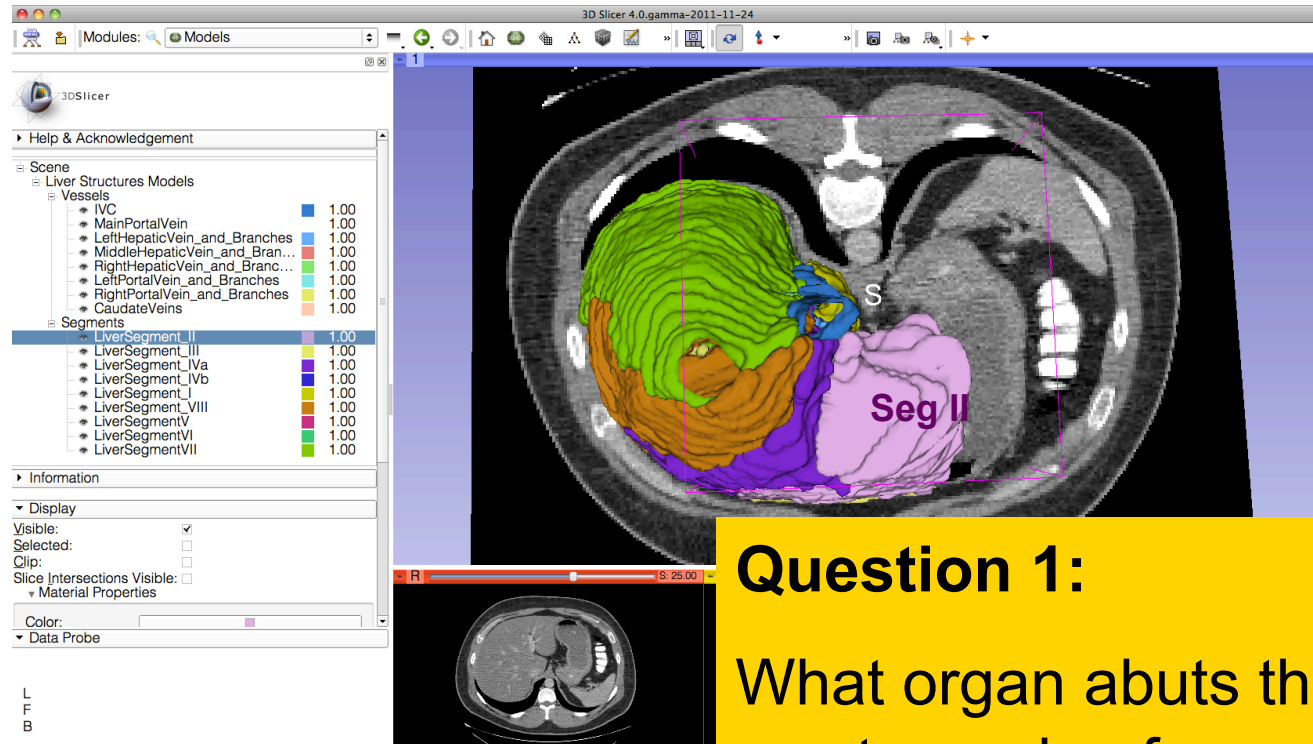
3D Exploration of Liver Segments

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





3D Exploration of Liver Segments



Question 1:

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

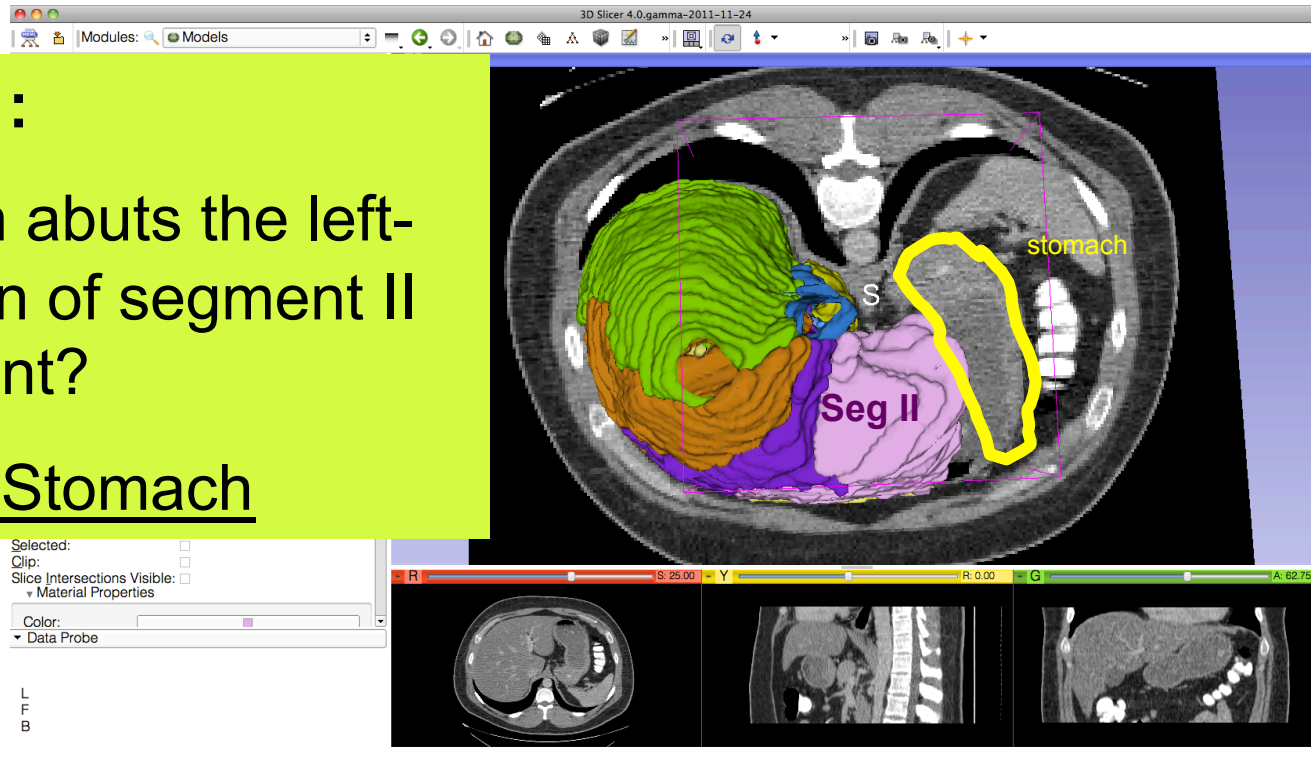


3D Exploration of Liver Segments

Question 1:

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

Answer 1: Stomach

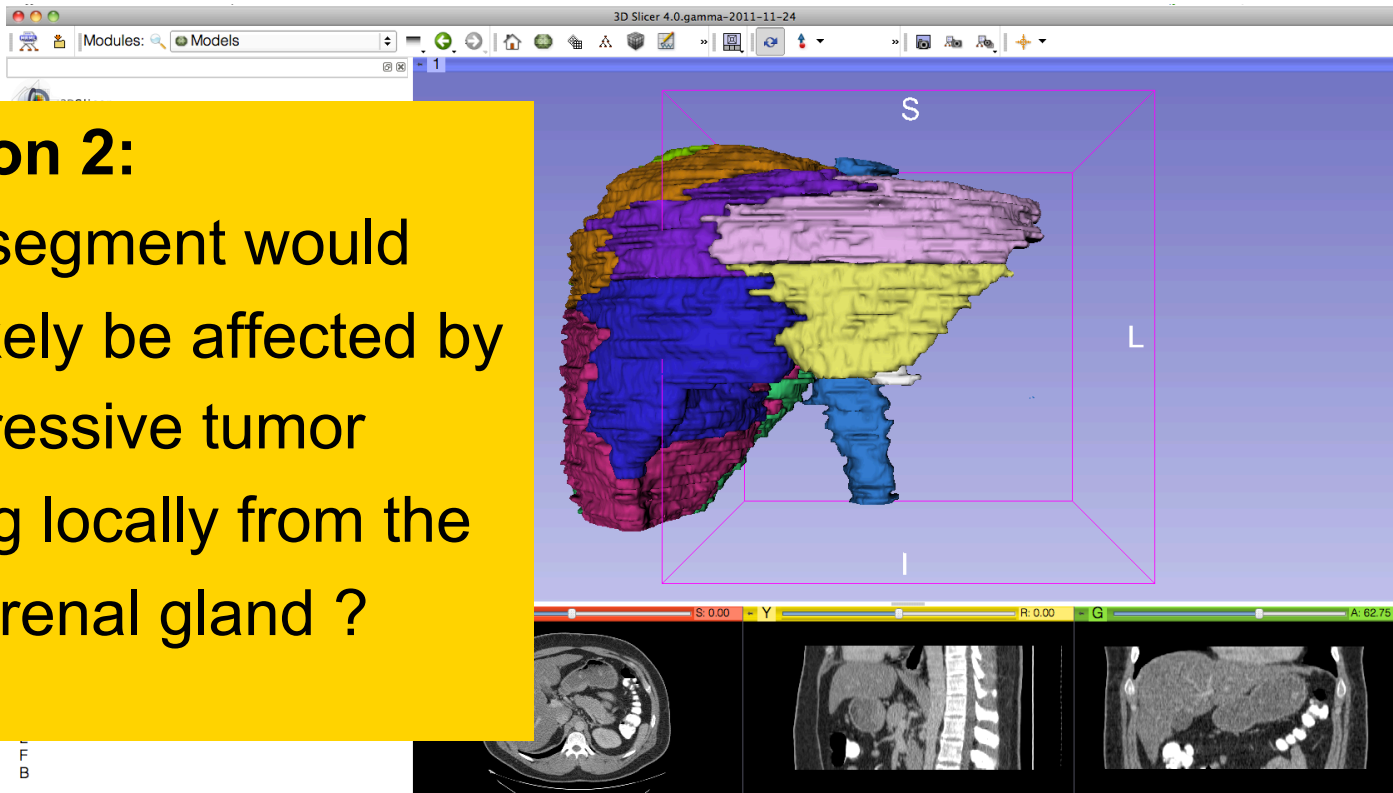




3D Exploration of Liver Segments

Question 2:

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



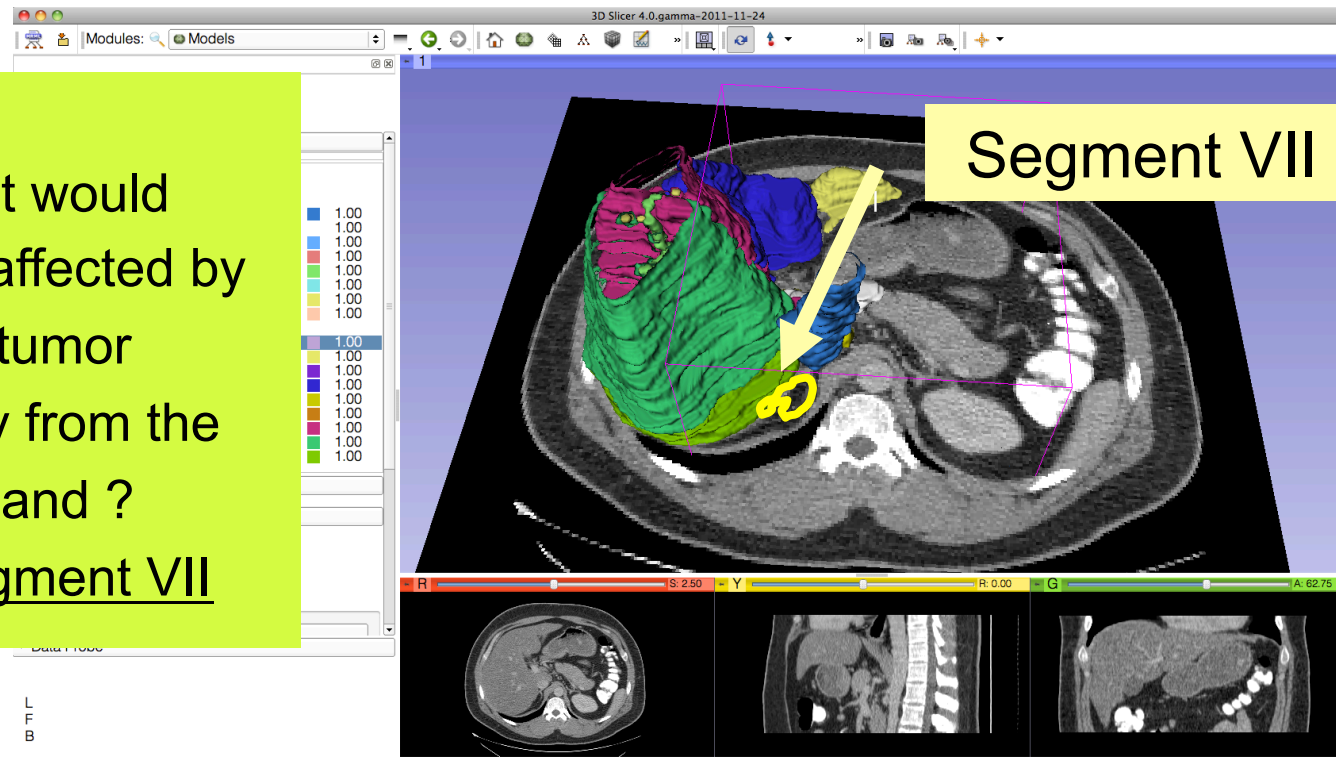


3D Exploration of Liver Segments

Question 2:

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

Answer 2: Segment VII





3D Exploration of Liver Segments

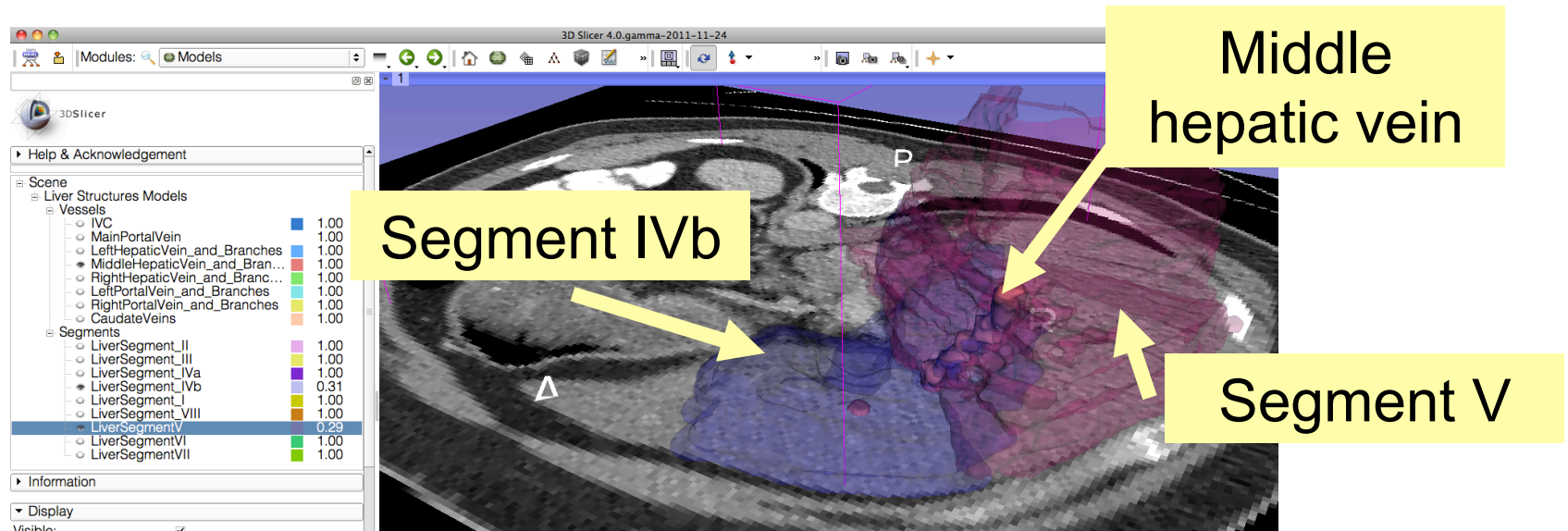


Question 3:

Which vessel separates Segment IVb and Segment V?



Middle Hepatic Vein



Question 3:

Which vessel separates Segment IVb and Segment V?

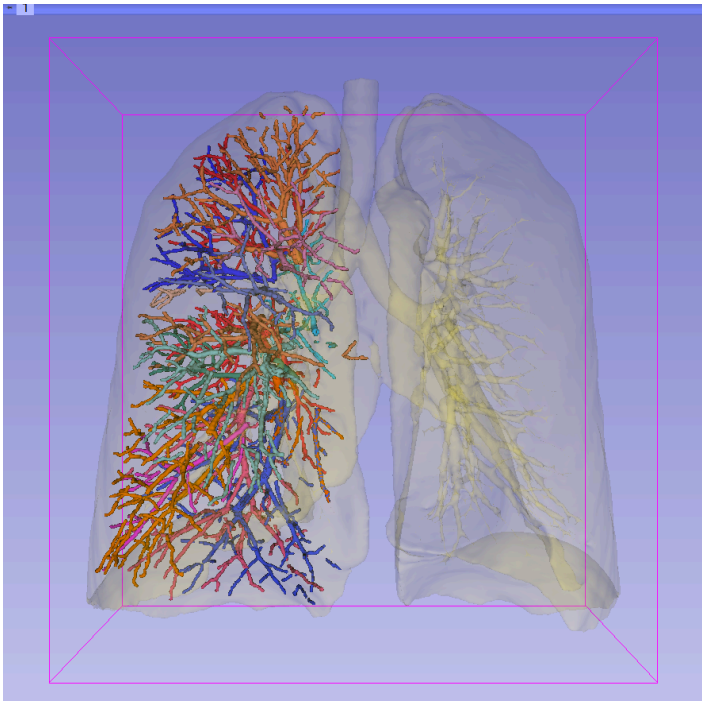
Answer 3: The middle hepatic vein



Closing the Liver Scene

Select **File** → **Exit** to close the Liver Scene and exit Slicer

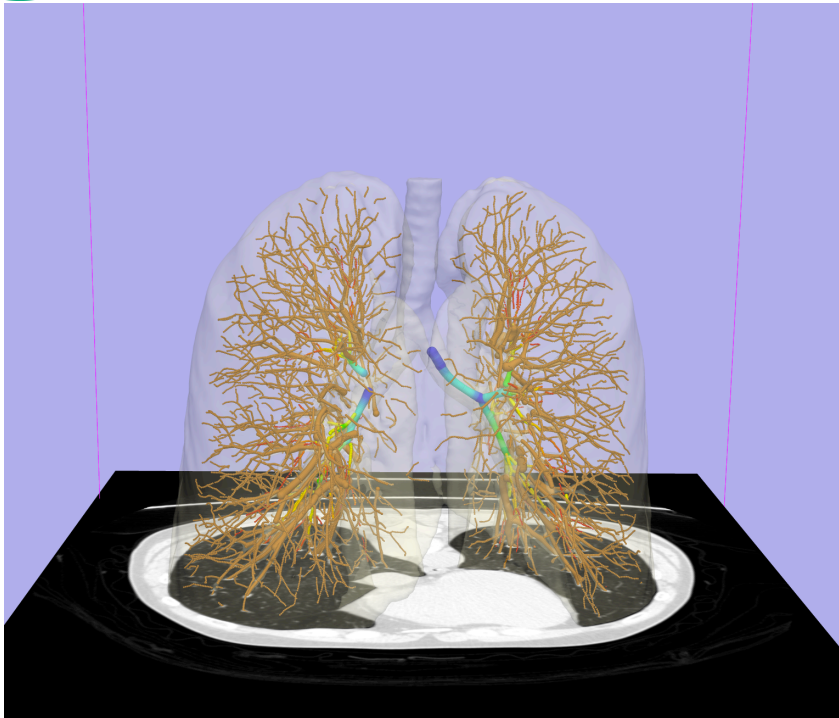




Interactive 3D Visualization of the segments of the lungs



Segments of the lung



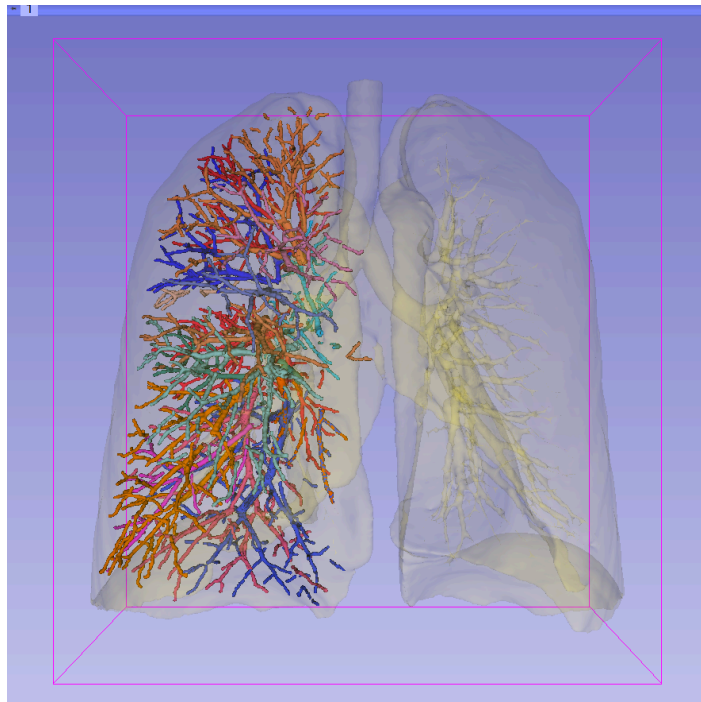
Segmentation and 3D surface reconstruction of the lung and pulmonary vessels

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Segments of the lung



3D parcellation of arteries and veins from original model of pulmonary vessels
(Kitt Shaffer, M.D., Ph.D. - Sonia Pujol, Ph.D.)

- Right Upper Lobe (RUL)
 - RUL Pulmonary Vein
 - RUL Anterior Segment
 - RUL Apical Segment
 - RUL Posterior Segment
- Right Middle Lobe (RML)
 - RML Pulmonary Vein 1 & 2
 - RML Lateral Segment
 - RML Medial Segment
- Right Lower Lobe (RLL)
 - RLL Pulmonary Vein 1,2,3
 - RLL Anterior Basal Segment
 - RLL Medial Basal Segment
 - RLL Lateral Basal Segment
 - RLL Posterior Basal Segment



Loading the Chest Data Scene

3D Slicer 4.2.0-rc1-2012-10-28

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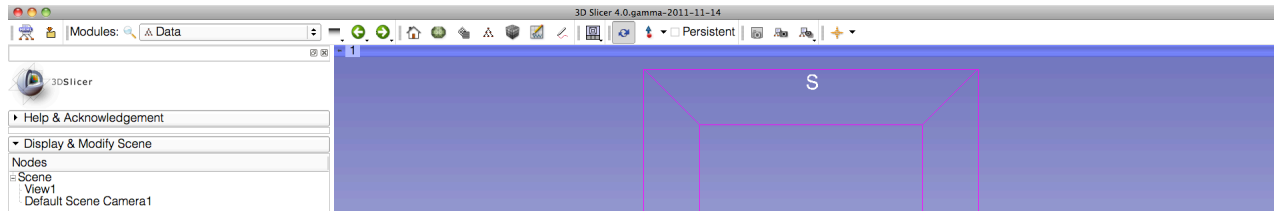
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Re-start Slicer, and select Load Data in the Welcome to Slicer module



Loading the Lung Scene



Click on Choose Files

Browse and select the directory **CT-Chest**

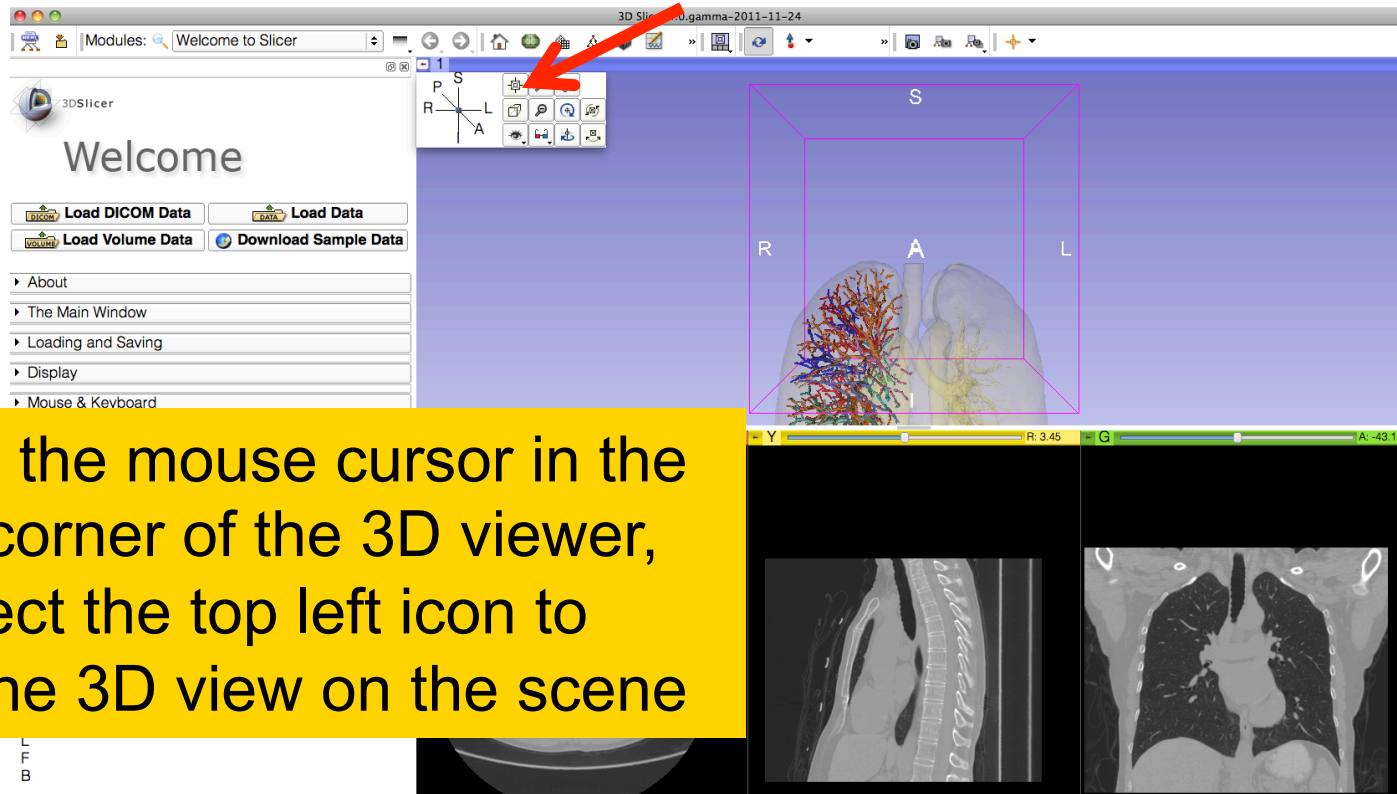
Select the file **LungSegment_Scene.mrml**

Click on Open

Click on OK to load the scene in Slicer



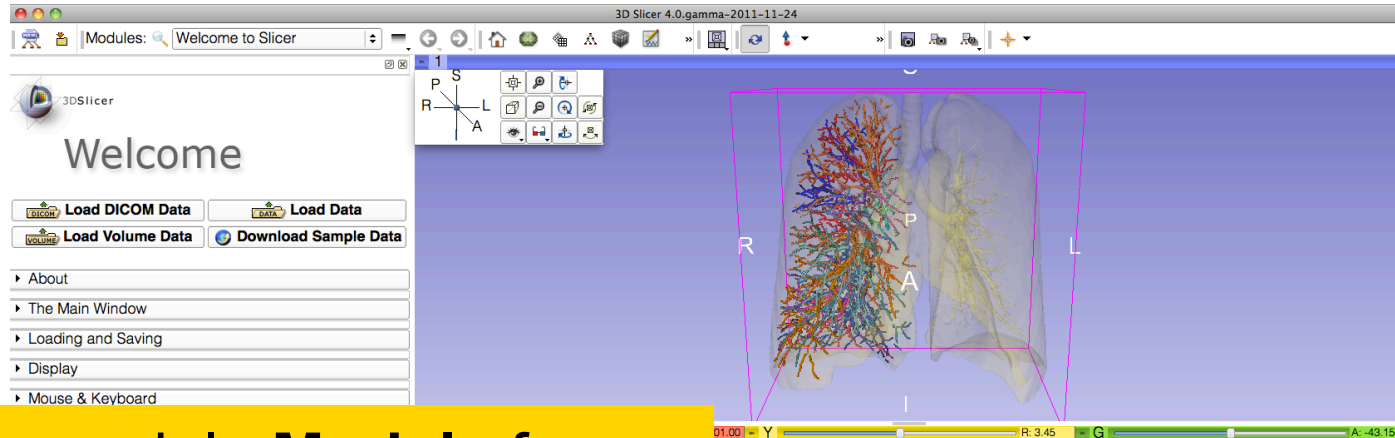
Loading the Lung Scene



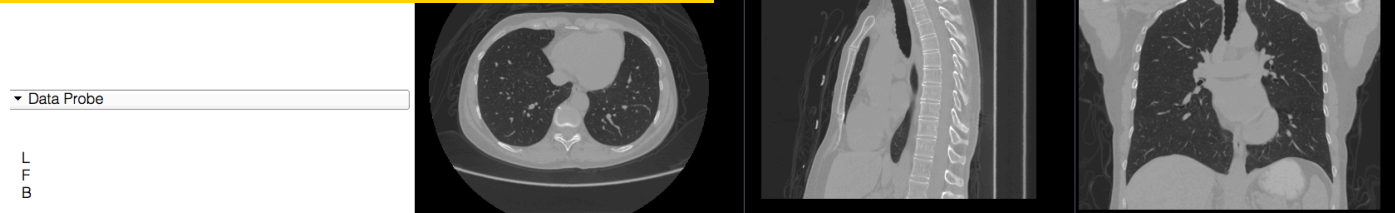
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Loading the Lung Scene

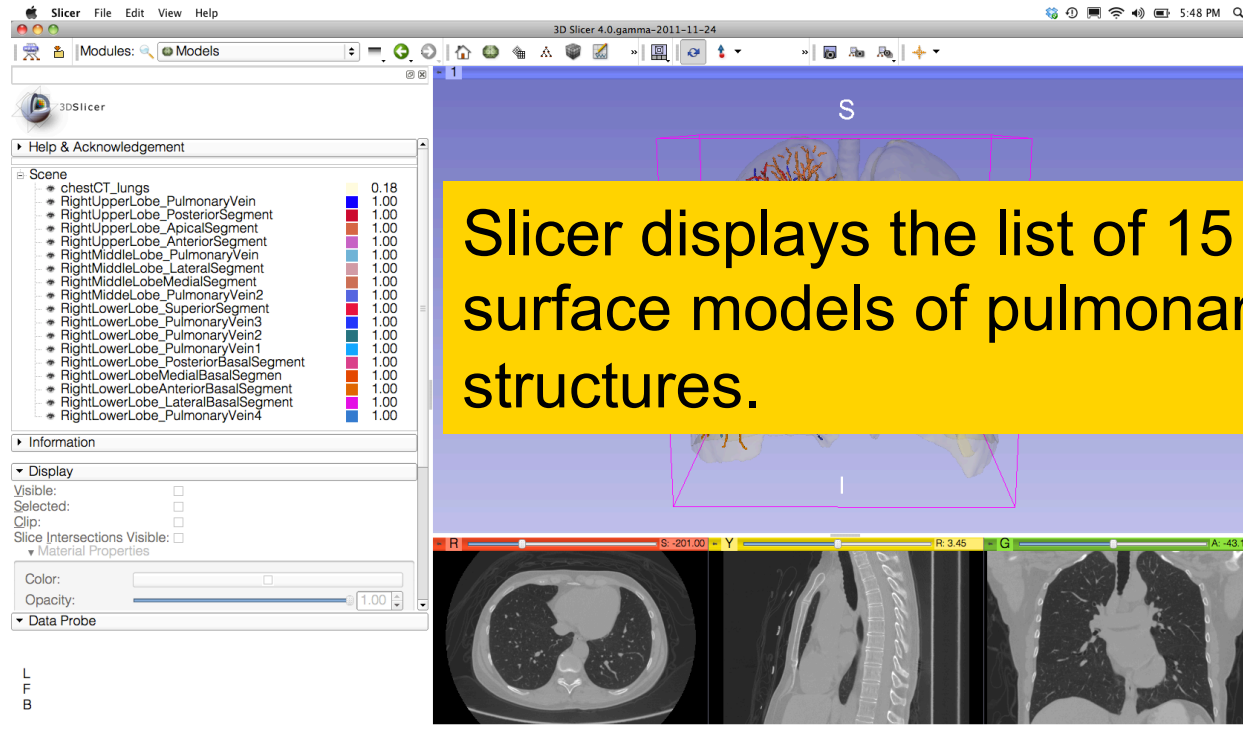


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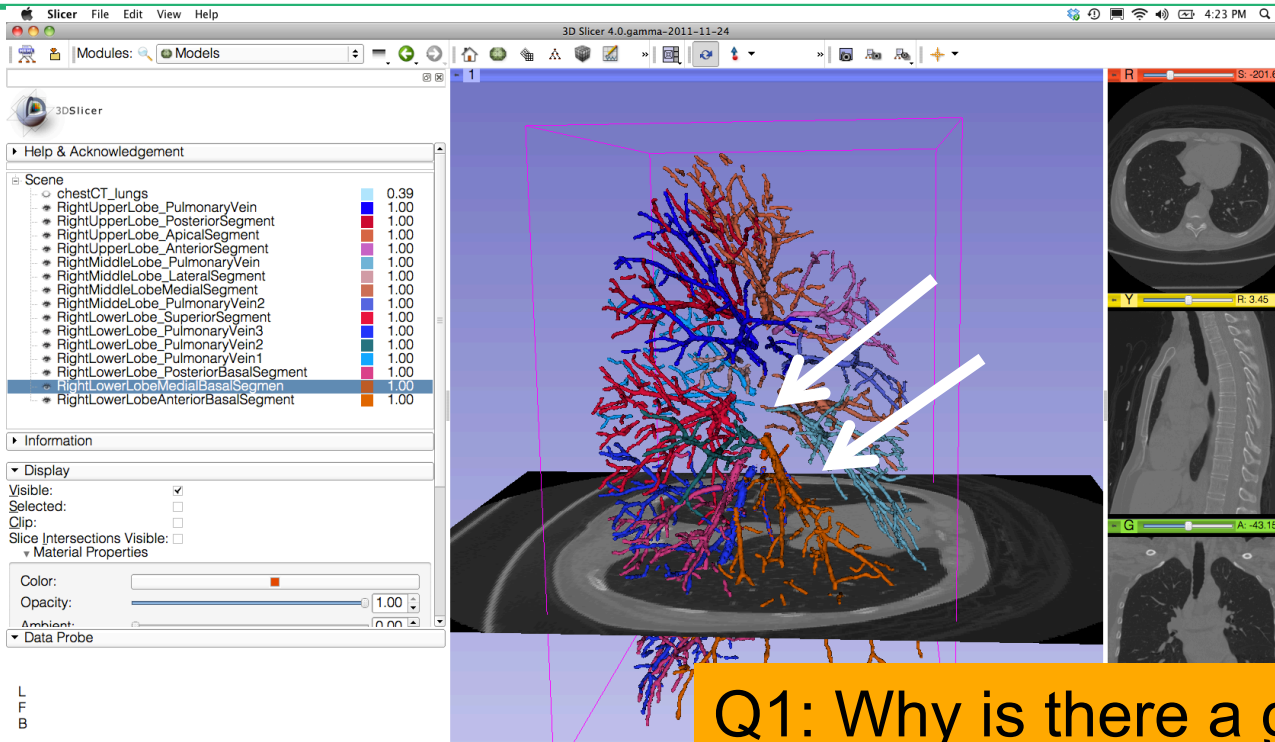


Lung Segments





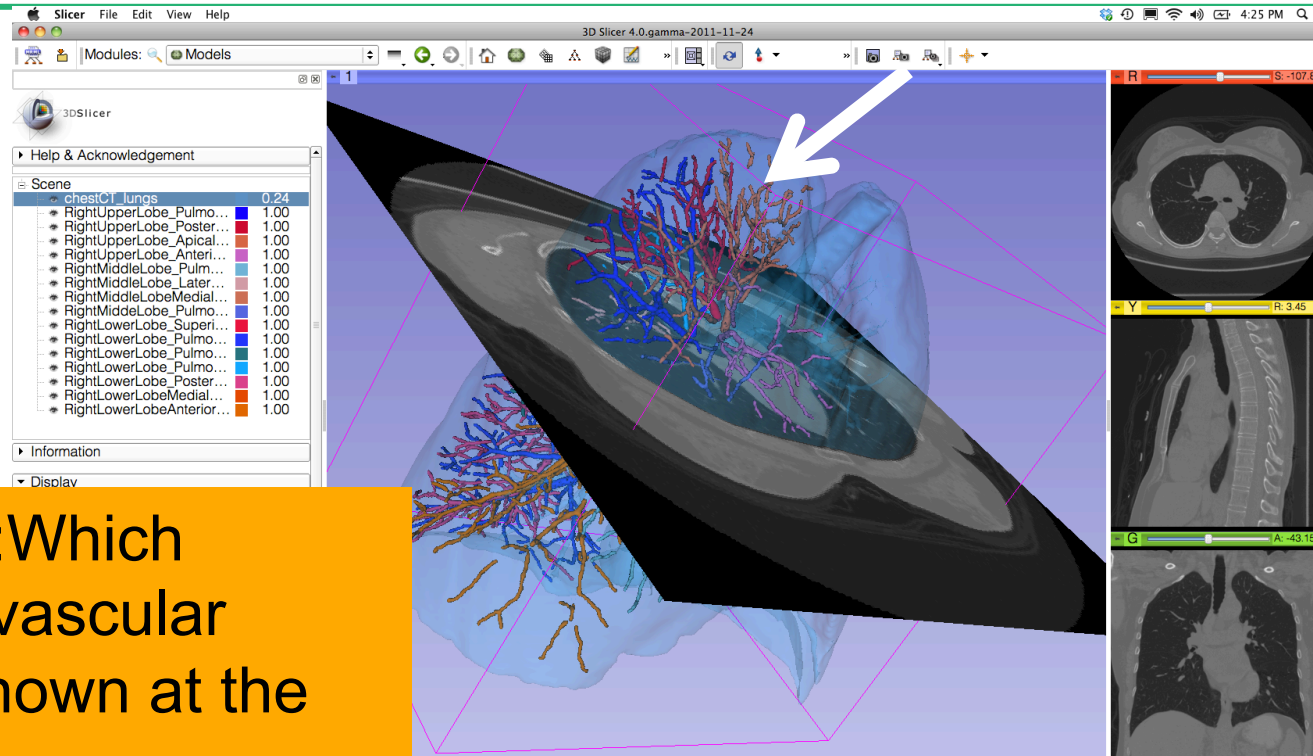
Lung Segments – Question 1



Q1: Why is there a gap in the vessels at the arrows?



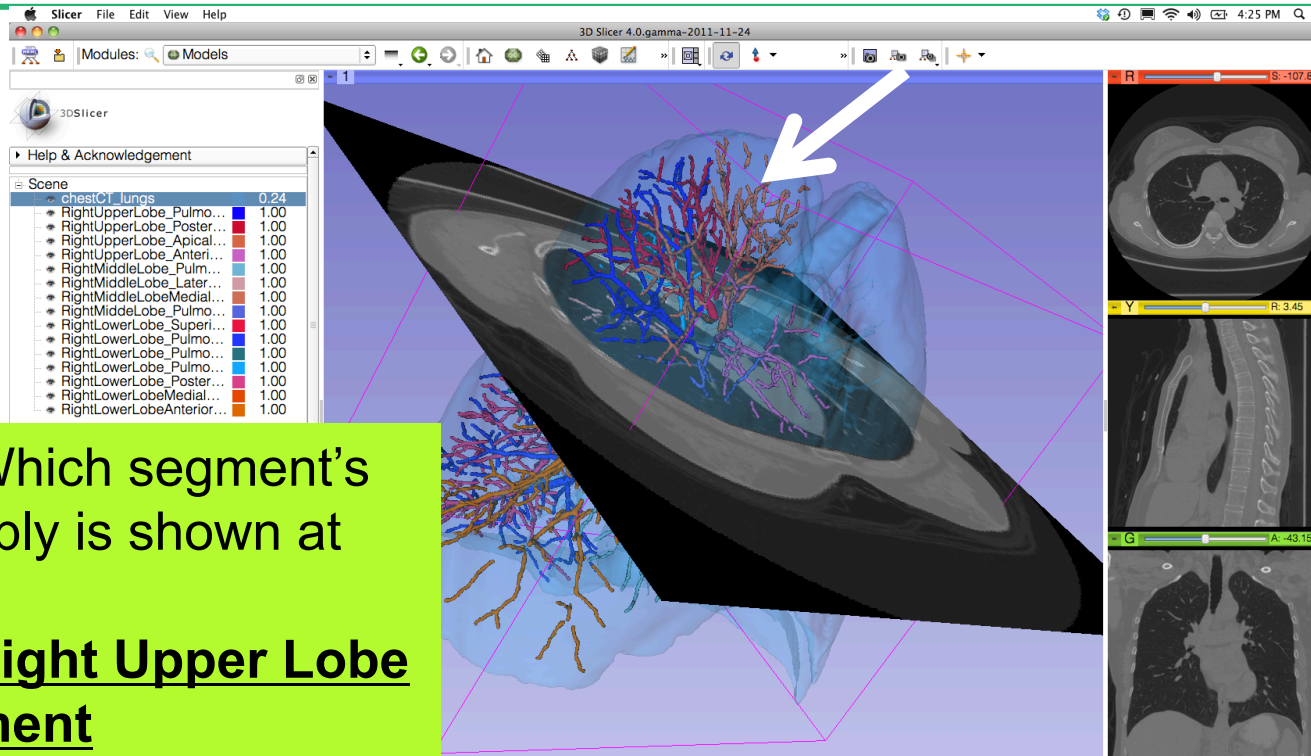
Lung Segments – Question 2



Question 2: Which segment's vascular supply is shown at the arrow?



Lung Segments – Question 2

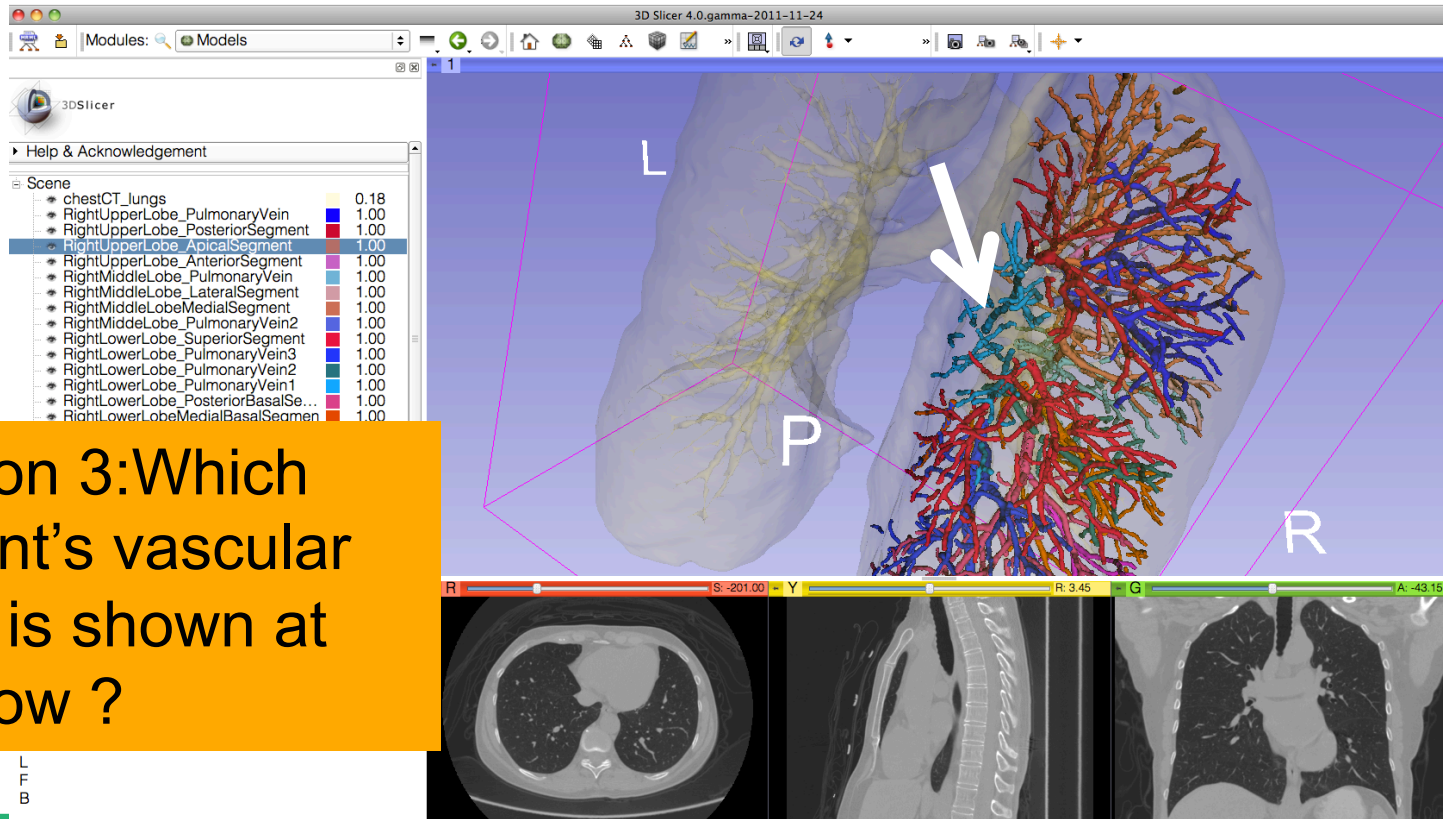


Question 2: Which segment's vascular supply is shown at the arrow?

Answer 2: Right Upper Lobe Apical Segment



Lung Segments – Question 3

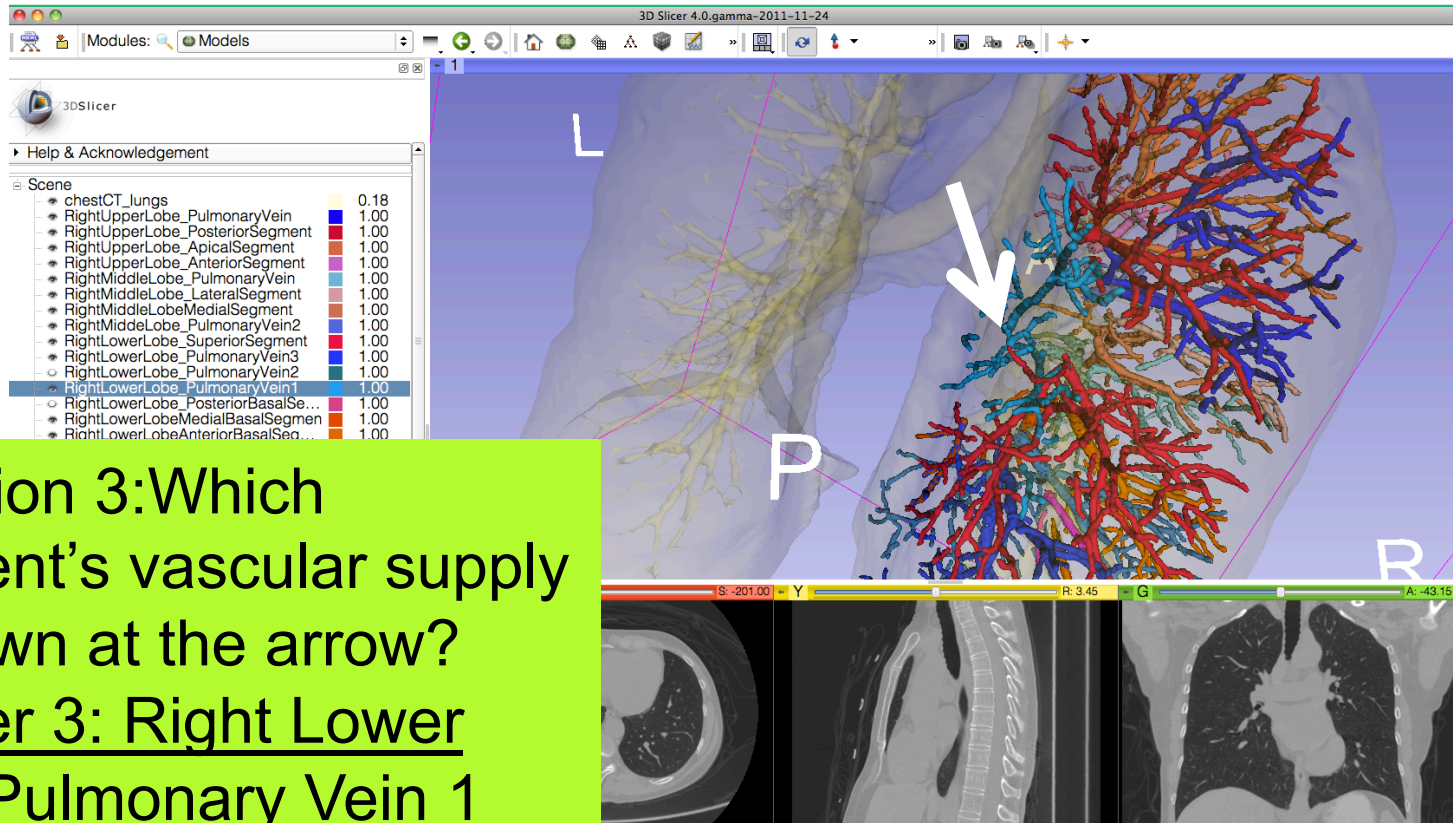


Question 3: Which segment's vascular supply is shown at the arrow?

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Lung Segments – Question 3

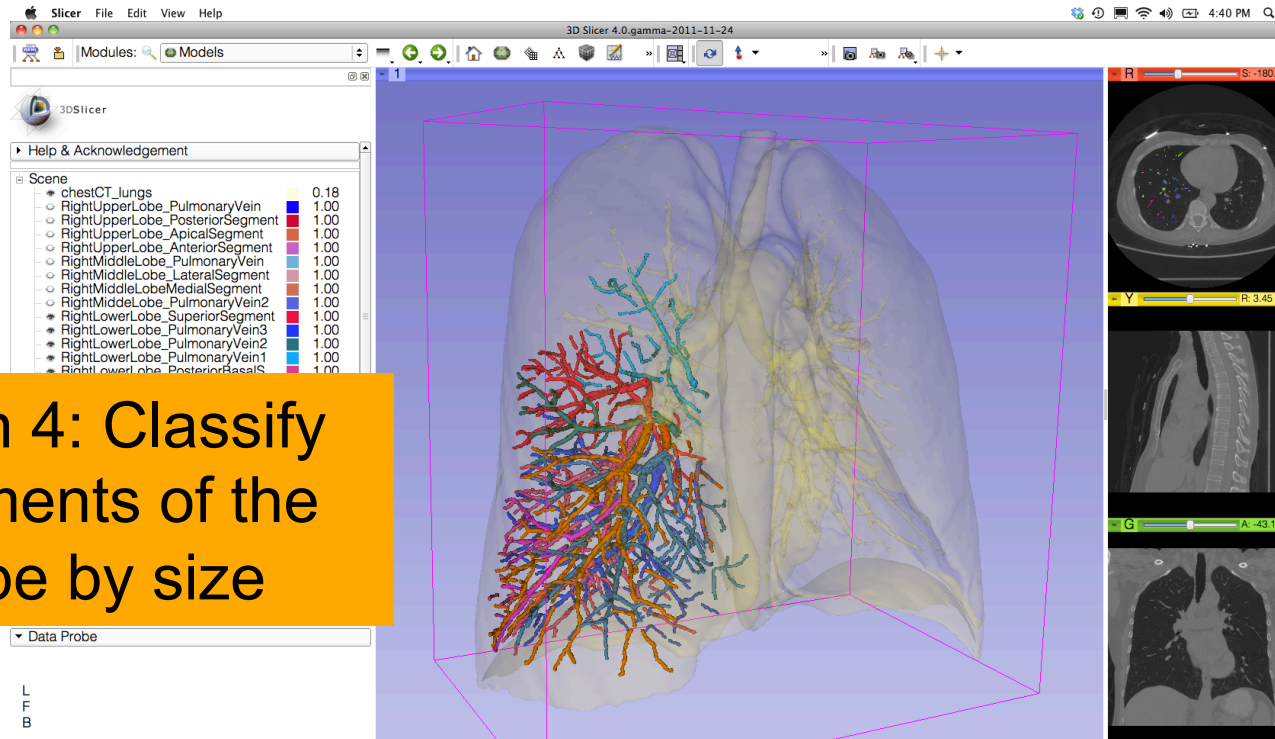


Question 3: Which segment's vascular supply is shown at the arrow?
Answer 3: Right Lower Lobe Pulmonary Vein 1



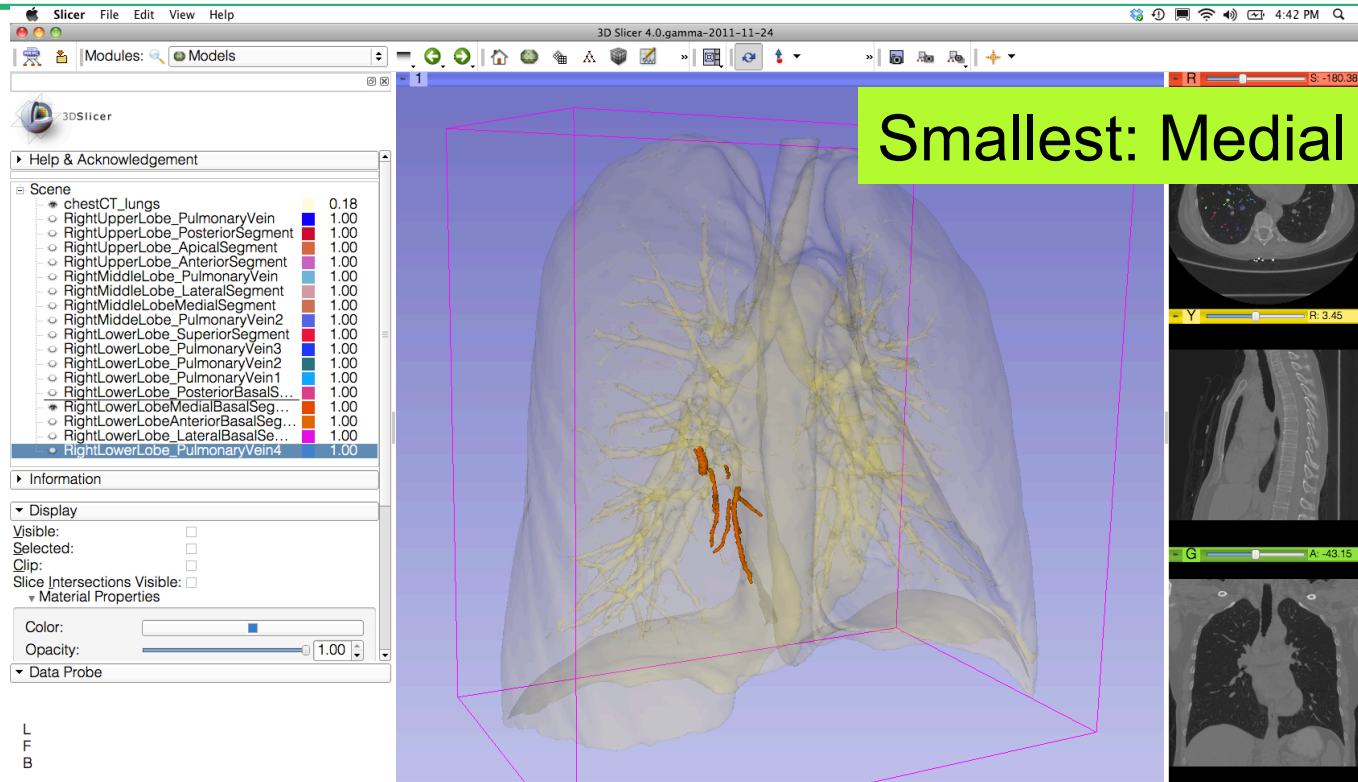
Lung Segments – Question 4

Question 4: Classify the segments of the lower lobe by size



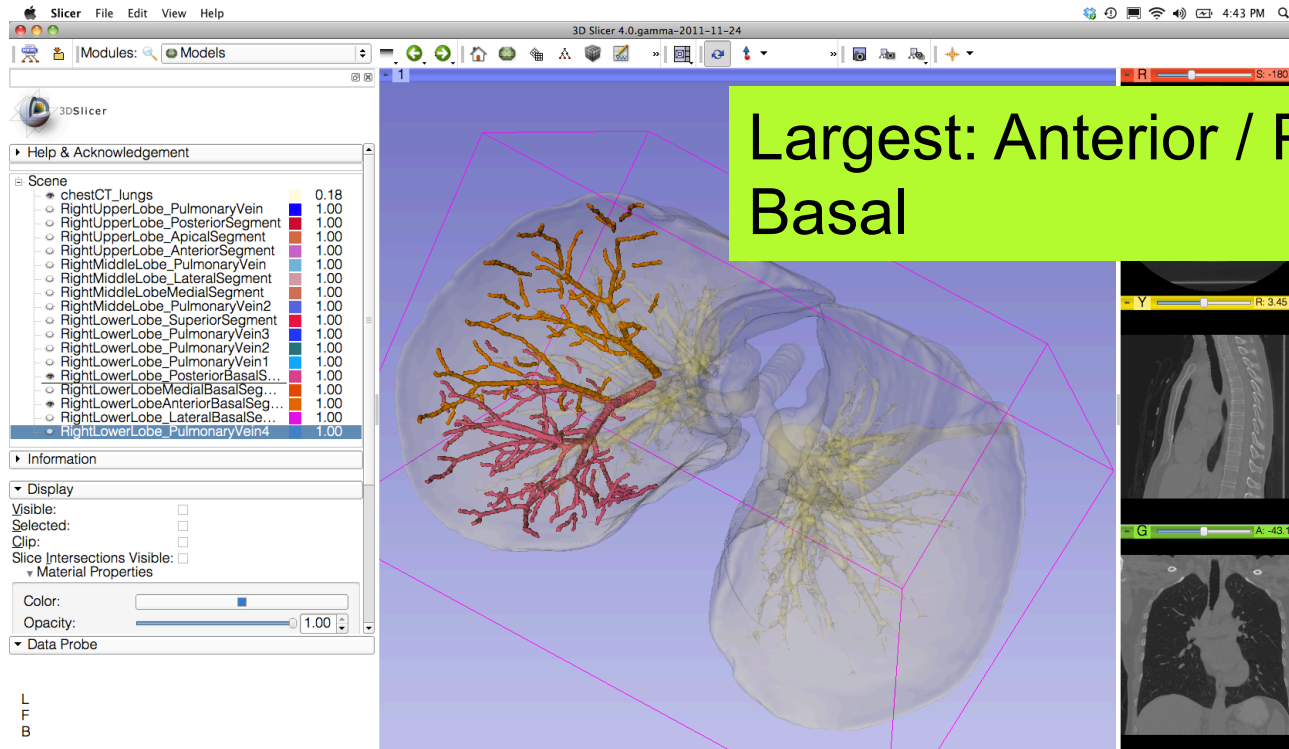


Lung Segments – Question 4



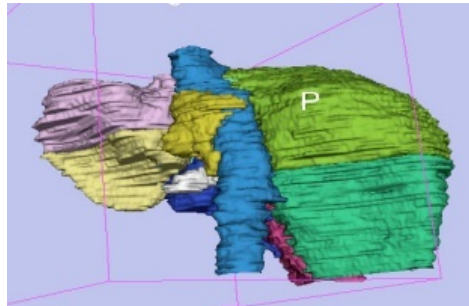
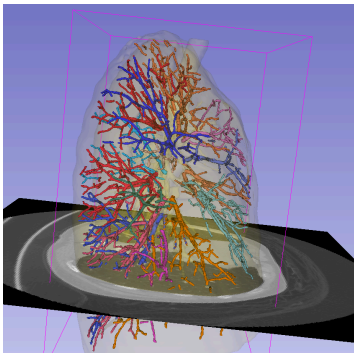
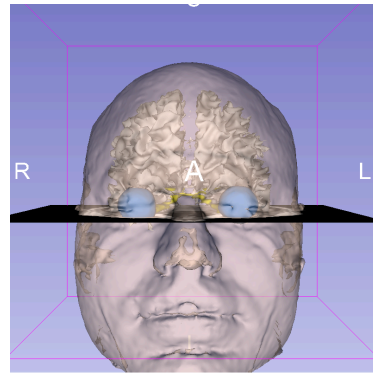
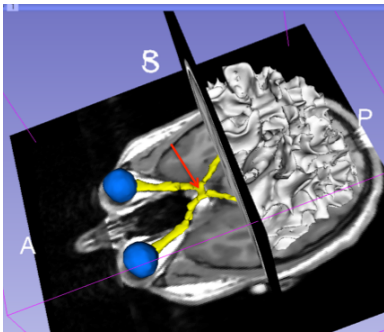


Lung Segments – Question 4





3D Visualization of DICOM images



- Interactive user-interface to load and manipulate greyscale volumes, labelmaps and 3D models.
- User-defined 3D view of the anatomy
- 3D Open-source platform for Linux, Mac and Windows



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3DSlicer website

The screenshot shows the 3DSlicer website homepage. At the top left is the 3DSlicer logo, a stylized sphere with a grid. To its right is the text "3DSlicer" and a tagline: "A multi-platform, free and open source software package for visualization and medical image computing". Below the tagline are four buttons: "Download", "Tutorial", "Feedback", and "Documentation". A search bar is located in the top right corner.

Below the header is a "Slicer Wiki" section. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items:

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The main content area features three columns of images illustrating the software's capabilities:

- Powerful processing.** Shows a series of medical images with a yellow region of interest highlighted.
- Streamlined interface.** Shows a 3D model of a brain with a yellow surface.
- Extensible platform.** Shows a 3D model of a hand with a purple and green structure.

Below these images is a large banner for "3D Slicer version 4" with the website URL "www.slicer.org".

At the bottom of the page, there is a notice: "The community of Slicer developers is proud to announce the release of Slicer 4.2. Find out more..." and a link to a "Webinar: Introduction to Slicer 4.1".

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