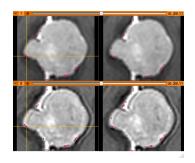
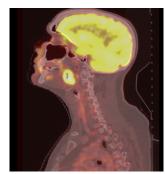


# **Quantitative Medical Imaging for Clinical Research and Practice**

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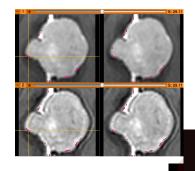


# **Quantitative Imaging Tutorial**

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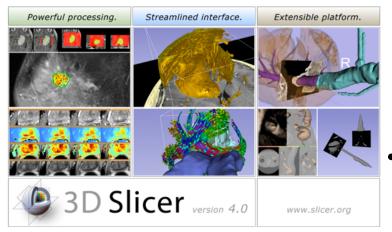
This tutorial is built upon two examples of quantitative imaging:

- Morphology: small volumetric changes in slow growing tumors
- **Function**: metabolic activity in squamous cell carcinoma





# **Quantitative Imaging: Software**



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- This hands-on tutorial will guide you step-by-step through the use of quantitative imaging modules of the 3DSlicer software.
  - 3DSlicer is a freely available opensource platform for medical imaging research supported by the National Institutes of Health.



# **Tutorial Overview**

Part 1: Basics of 3D Data Loading and interactive visualization in 3DSlicer

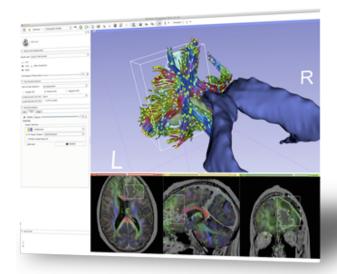
**Part 2**: Measurement of small Volumetric Changes in meningioma using the Change Tracker module

**Part 3**: Measurement Metabolic Activity in squamous cell carcinoma using the PET Standard Uptake Value Computation module

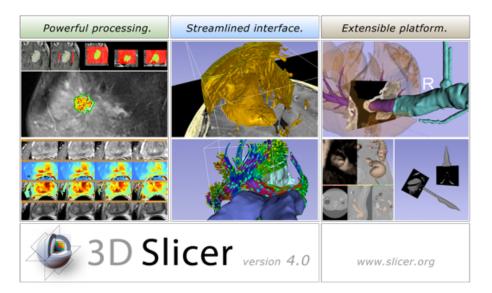


# Introduction to the 3DSlicer software

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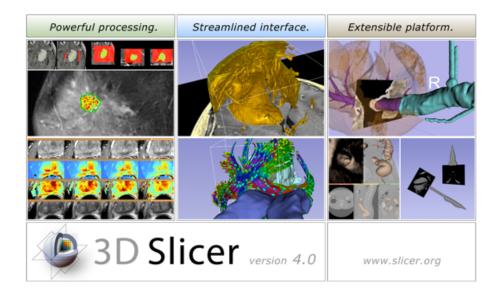




3DSlicer is a freely available opensource platform for segmentation, registration and 3D visualization of medical imaging data.

3DSlicer is a multi-institutional effort supported by the National Institute of Health.

# 3DSlicer



- 3DSlicer version 4.2 is a multiplatform software running on Windows, Linux, and Mac OSX
- Slicer is distributed under a BSD license with no restriction on use
- Slicer is a tool for research, and is not FDA approved

#### Disclaimer

It is the responsibility of the user of 3DSlicer to comply with both the terms of the license and with the applicable laws, regulations and rules.



# An interdisciplinary platform



An open-source environment for software developers

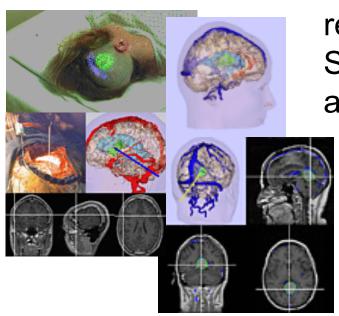


An end-user application for clinical investigators and scientists

A software platform that is both easy to use for clinical researchers and easy to extend for programmers



# **3DSlicer History**

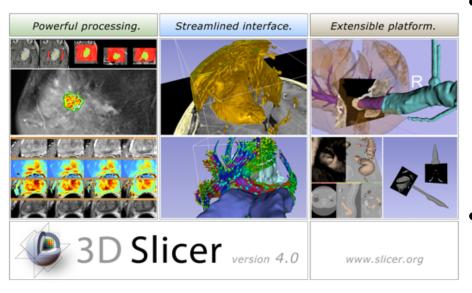


1997: Slicer started as a research project between the Surgical Planning Lab (Harvard) and the CSAIL (MIT)

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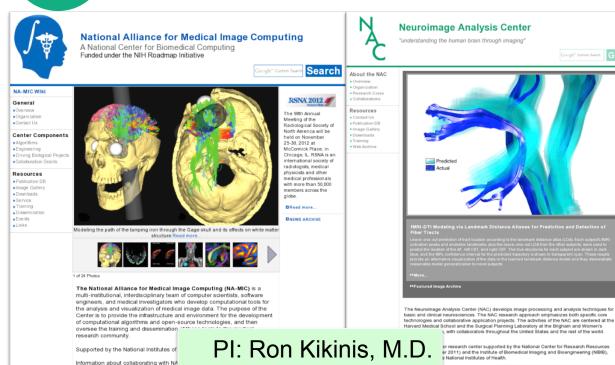
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- 2012: Multi-institution effort to share the latest advances in image analysis with clinicians and scientists



# A multi-institution: NA-MIC, NAC, NCIGT





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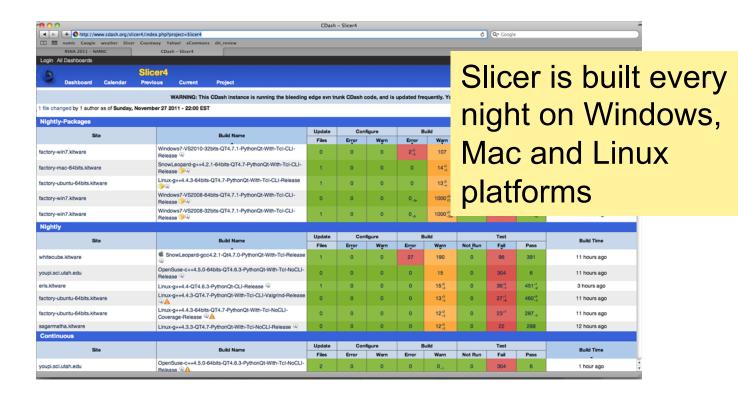
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# Slicer: Behind the scenes





# Slicer Training



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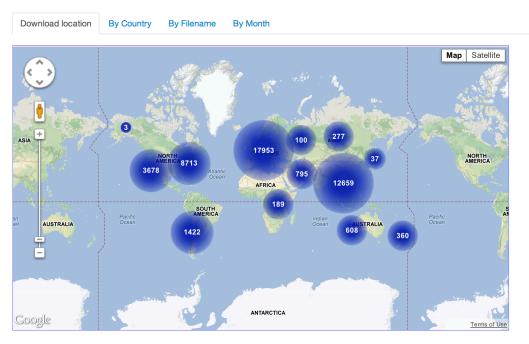


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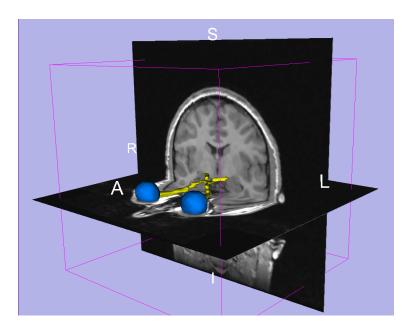


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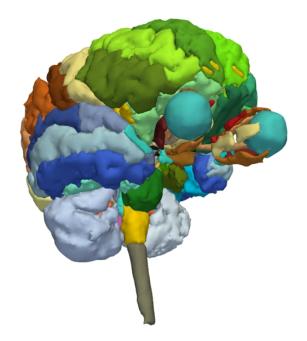


# Part I: 3D Data Loading and Visualization

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# 3D Data Loading and Visualization

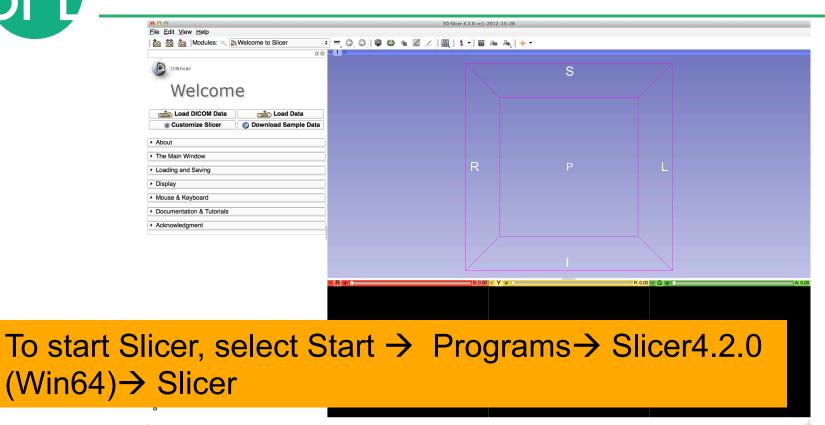


- This tutorial is a short introduction to the advanced 3D visualization capabilities
   Slicer
- The Slicer4 Minute dataset is composed of an MR scan of the brain and 3D surface reconstructions of anatomical structures.
- The data are part of the SPL-PNL Brain Atlas developed by Talos, Jakab, Kikinis et al. The atlas is available at:

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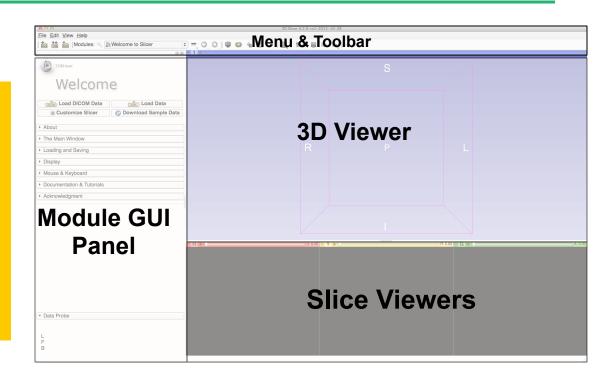




### Slicer4 Minute Tutorial: Navigating the Application GUI

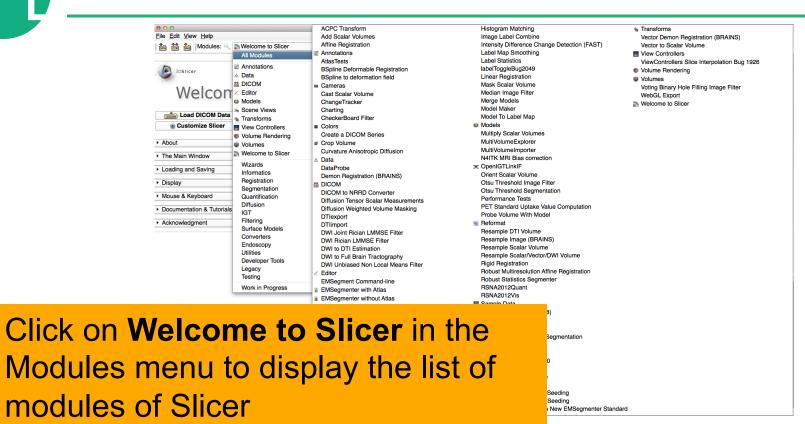
# The Graphic User Interface (GUI) of Slicer4 integrates four components:

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



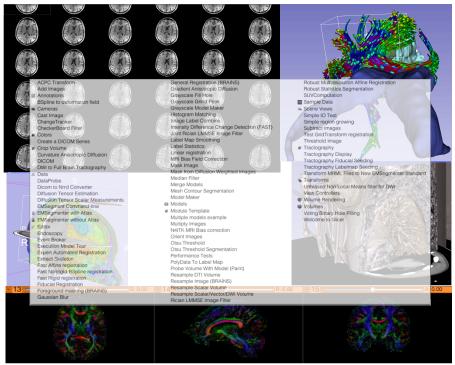


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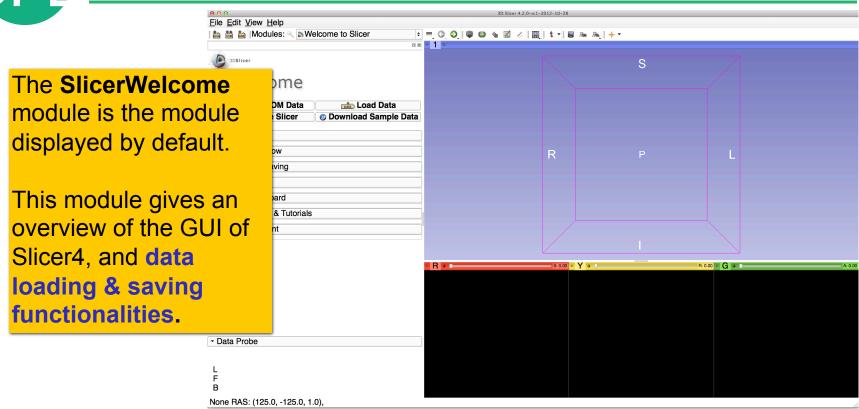
# Welcome to Slicer4



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

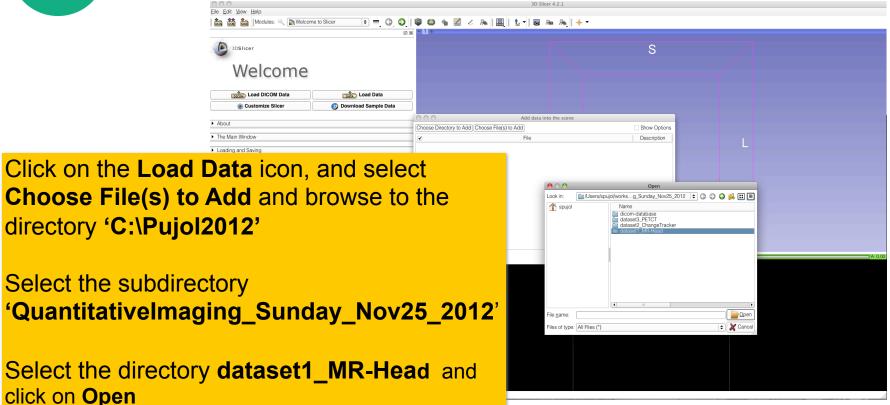


# Slicer4 Minute Tutorial: Welcome Module



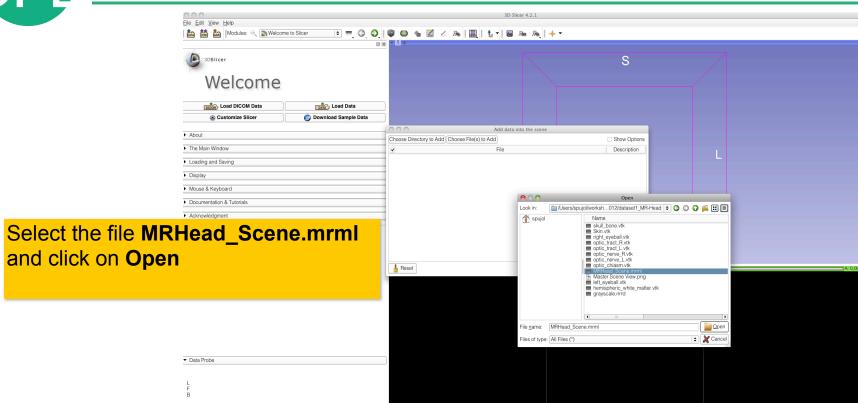


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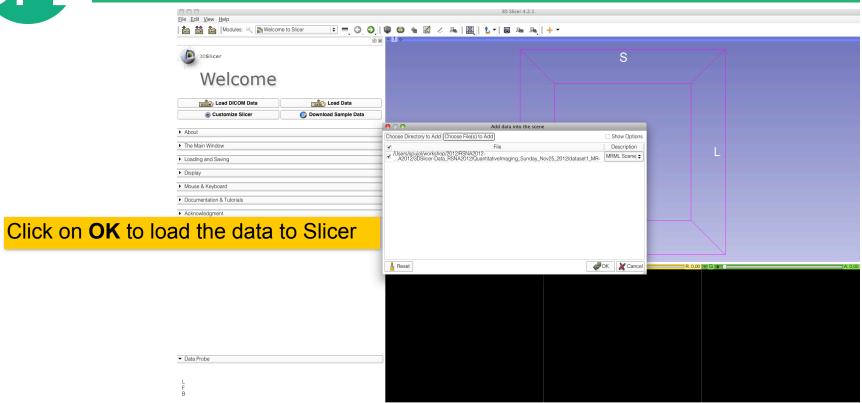


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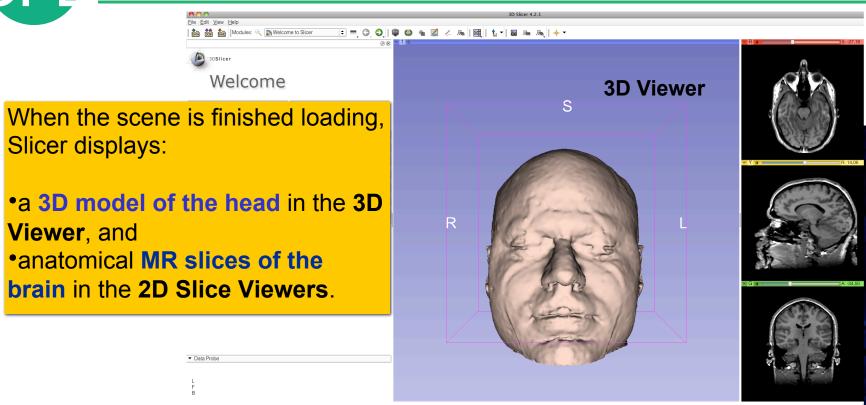


## Slicer4 Minute Tutorial: Load a Scene





# Slicer4 Minute Tutorial: Viewing the Scene





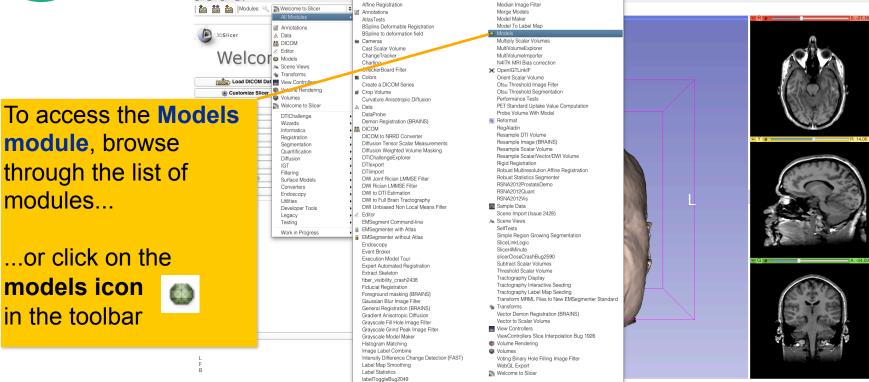
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Mask Scalar Volume

ACPC Transform

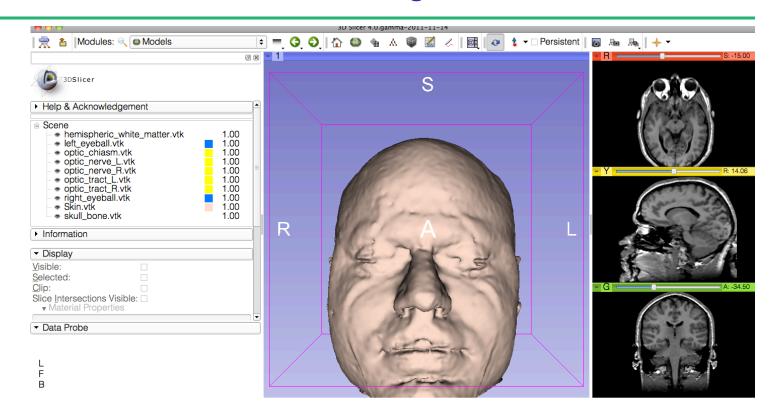
Add Scalar Volumes



File Edit View Help

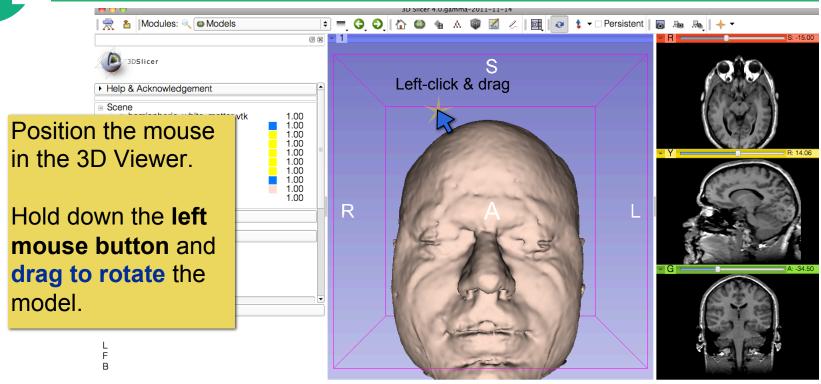


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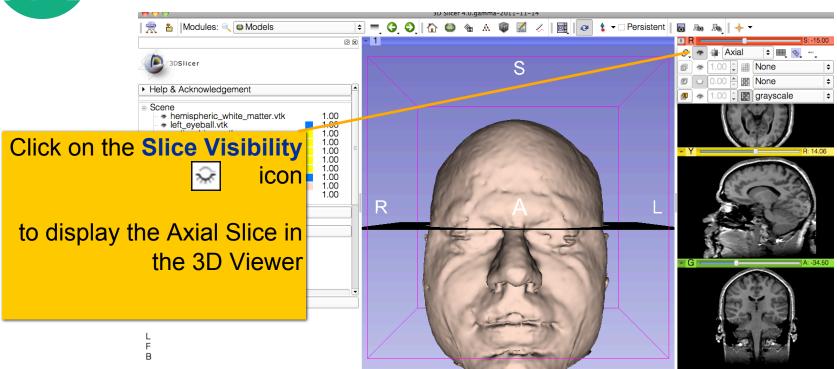


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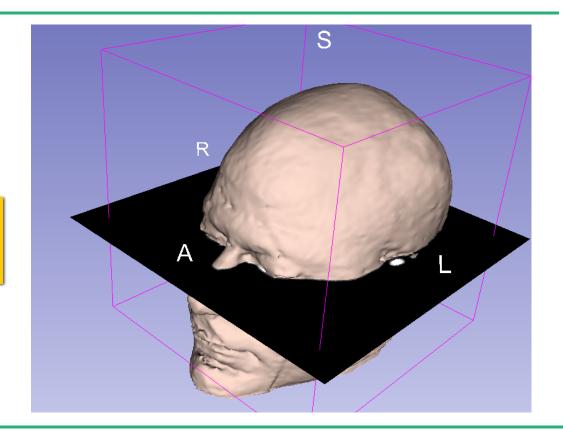


### Slicer4 Minute Tutorial: Viewing Slices in the 3D Viewer



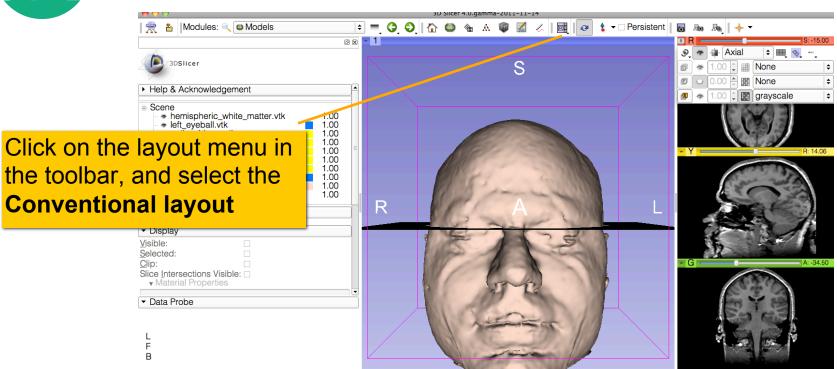


Slicer adds a view of the **Axial slice** in the 3D View.

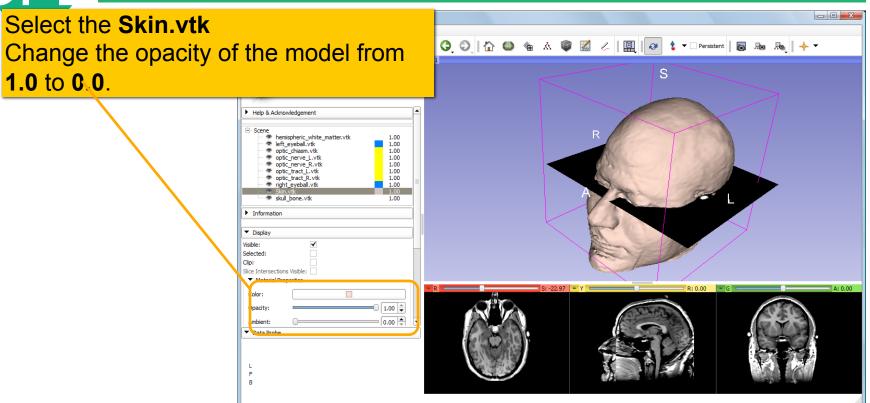


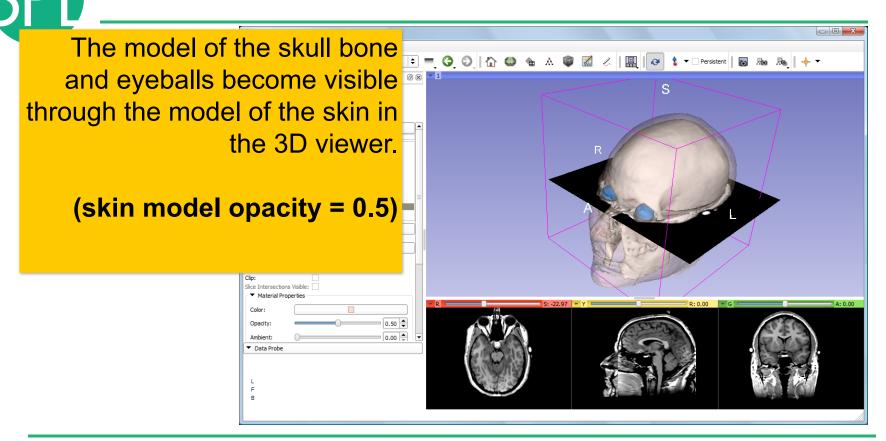


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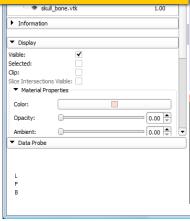


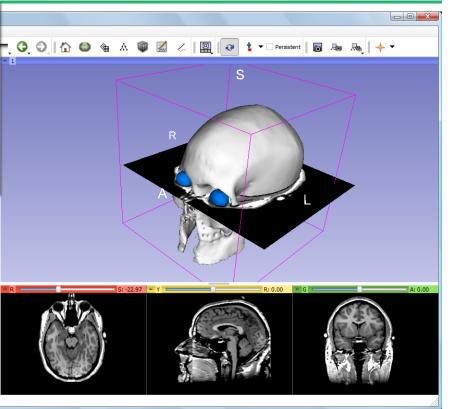




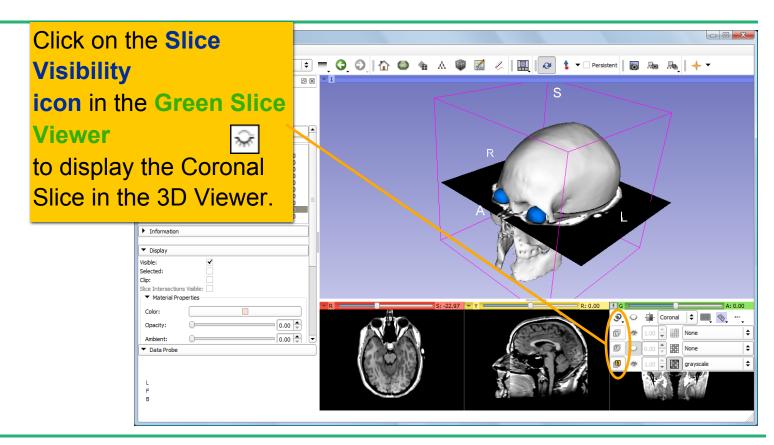
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(skin model opacity = 0.0) (skull model opacity = 1.0)

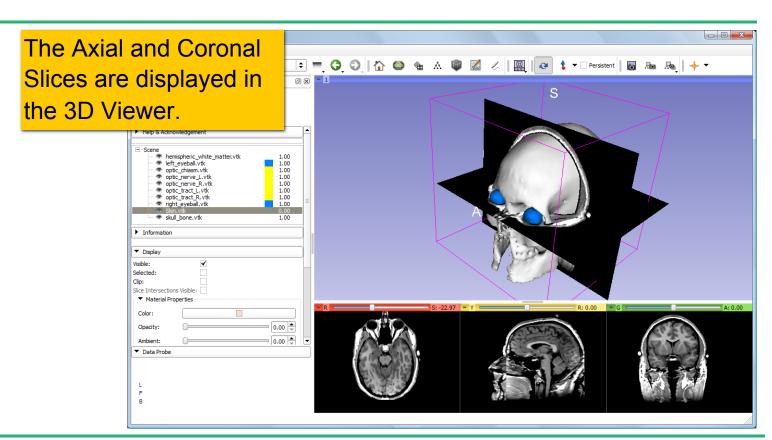








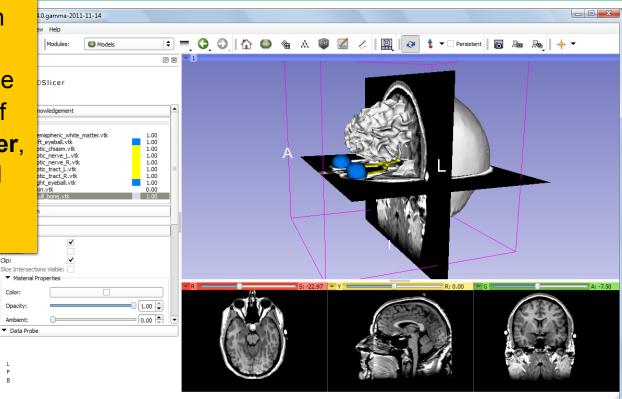




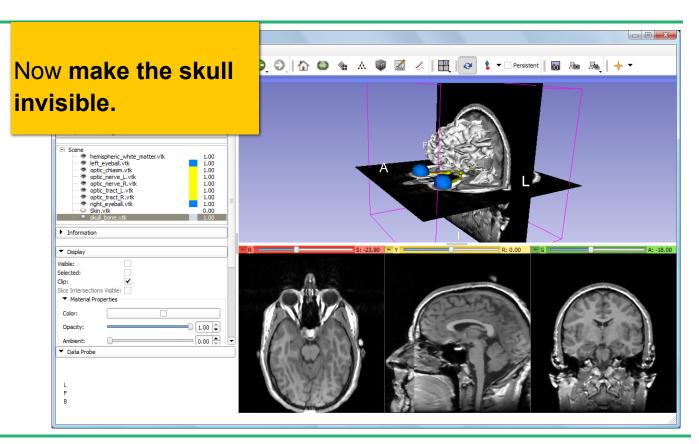
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Browse through the coronal slices to expose the 3D model of the white matter, and the left and right optic nerves.

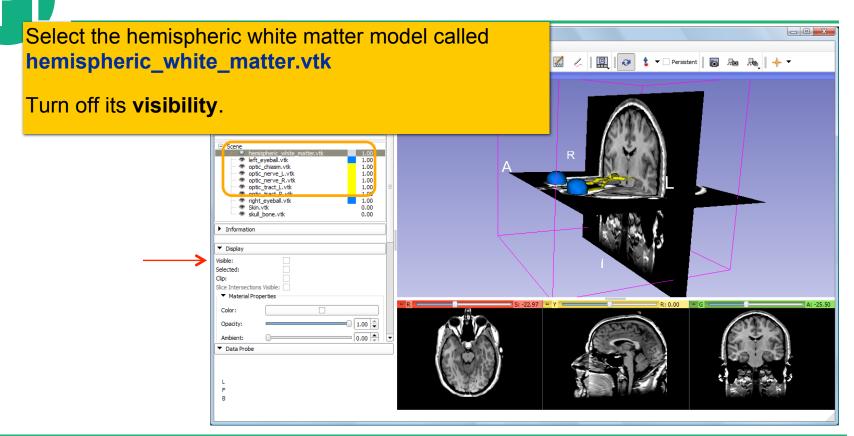




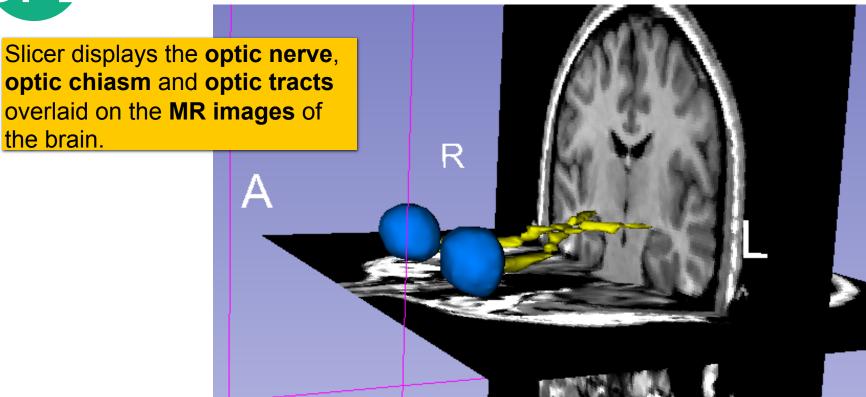




Scroll the Coronal Slices to display the hemispheric white matter model in the companion with the companion wit context of the image data in the 3D Viewer. 1.00 optic chiasm.vtk optic\_nerve\_L.vtk 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 Information ▼ Display Slice Intersections Visible: Material Properties Color: 0.00 Opacity 0.00 Ambient: Data Probe

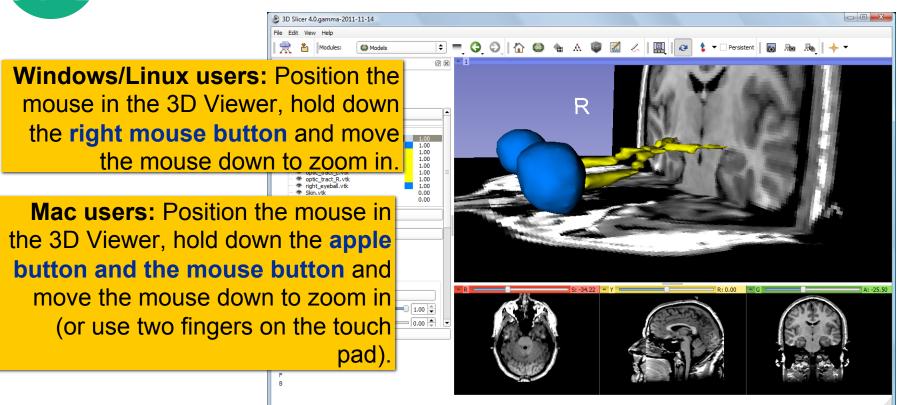






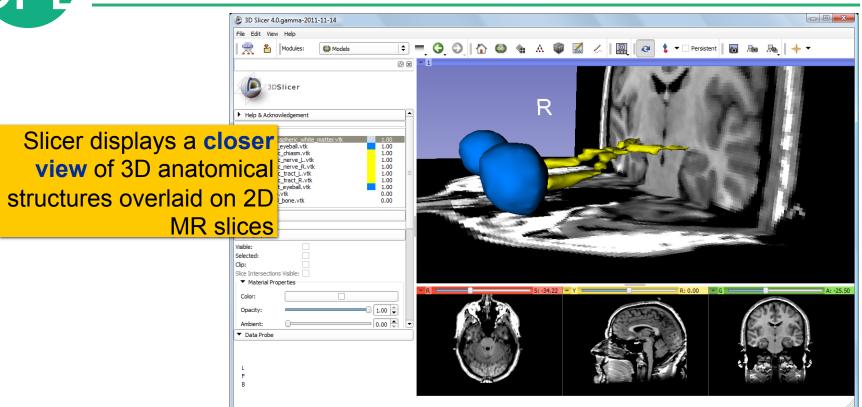


### Slicer4 Minute Tutorial: 3D Visualization: Zoom the view





#### Slicer4 Minute Tutorial: 3D Visualization: Zoom the view





# Close the existing scene and all its data

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Select File->Close
Scene

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This removes any dataset previously loaded into Slicer.

Select **File-> Exit** to exit the software





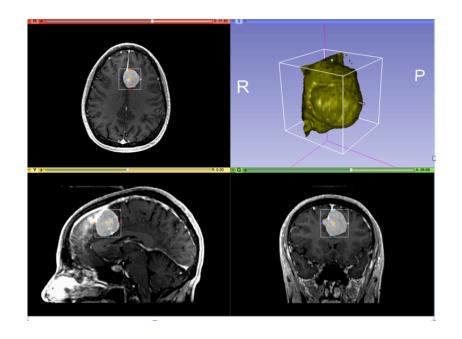
## **Part I: Summary**

This first part of the tutorial has demonstrated:

- Basic description of the Slicer4 Application Interface
- How to load a scene containing volumes and models
- How to visualize these different datasets together

Next, we will use these building blocks to perform image analysis and visualize quantitative results.



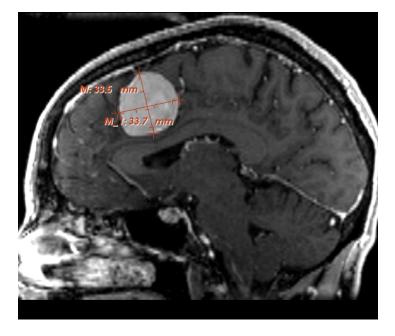


# Part II: Analyzing Small Volumetric Changes

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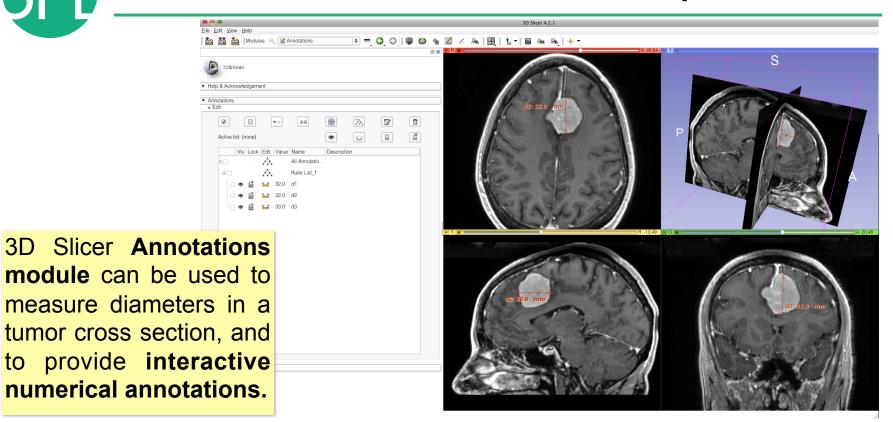
# Conventional measures of tumor response



- Conventional anatomic imaging using CT or MRI are often used to evaluate tumor size and shape
- Most clinical trials that evaluate new chemotherapeutic drugs use changes in uni-dimensional or bi-dimensional measurements to assess response (e.g. RECIST)
- Slicer has several tools for applying RECIST methodologies

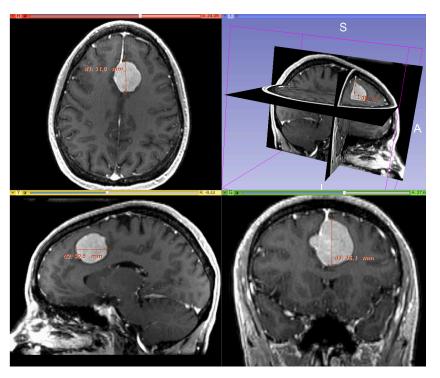


## **Conventional measures of tumor response**





### Clinical case: baseline scan

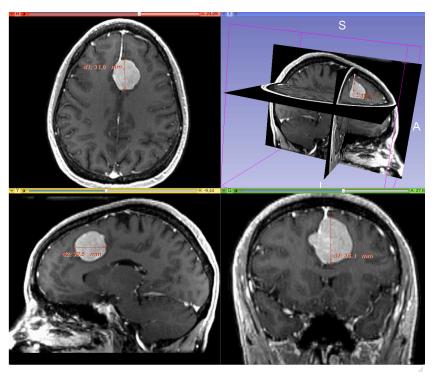


# Baseline radiologist's clinical impression:

- large falcine lesion is identified.
- measures 3.10 cm anteroposteriorly and 3.51 cm in height.
- enhances moderately on post gadolinium imaging.



## Clinical Case: follow-up scan

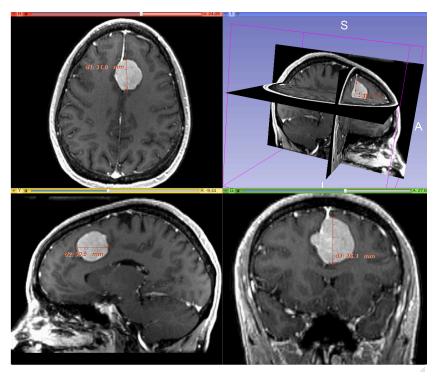


# Follow-up radiologist's clinical impression:

- left frontal lobe mass appears unchanged on all series.
- measures 3.3 x 3.2 cm in maximum dimension.
- enhances moderately on post gadolinium imaging.



## Clinical Case: follow-up scan



# Follow-up radiologist's clinical impression:

- left frontal lobe mass appears unchanged on all series.
- measures 3.3 x 3.2 cm in maximum dimension.
- enhances moderately on post gadolinium imaging.
- → How has the tumor changed?



## ChangeTracker: rationale for new approaches

More accurate and precise methods for understanding volume changes may be useful when:

- benign tumor change is being monitored, or
- where small changes may be clinically significant but difficult to assess with RECIST

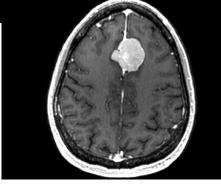


# Goal of the tutorial

MR Scan1 June 2006



MR Scan2 June 2007

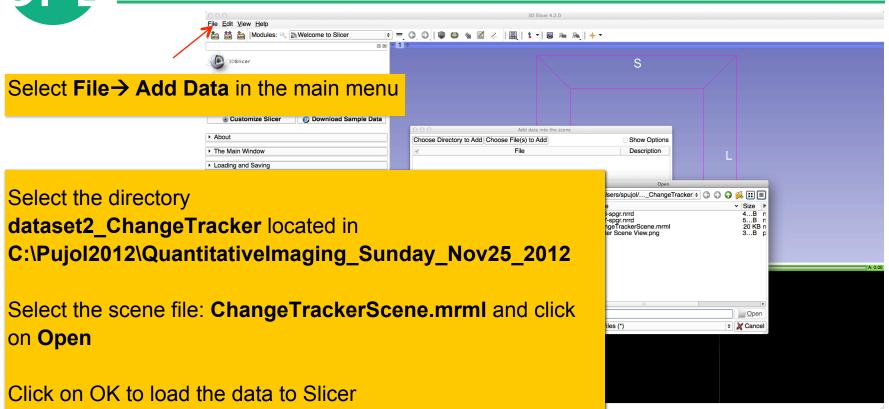


The following section will guide you step-by-step through the computation of small volumetric changes in a slow growing tumor.

This tutorial is built upon two scans (Axial 3D SPGR T1 post Gadolinium) of a patient with meningioma, and uses the Change Tracker module of Slicer.

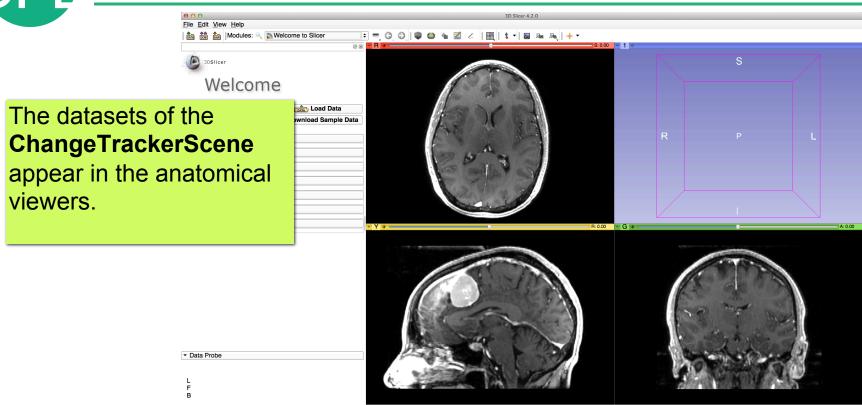


# **ChangeTracker: Load the dataset**



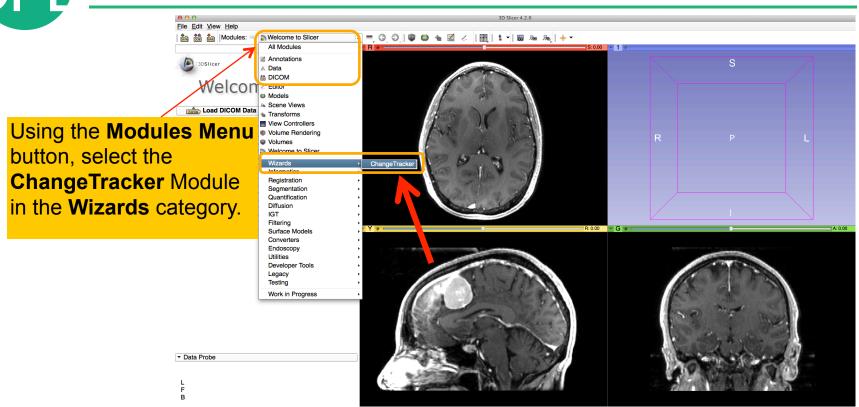


# Loading the data





### ChangeTracker: exploring small volumetric changes





#### ChangeTracker: a note about the Workflow wizard

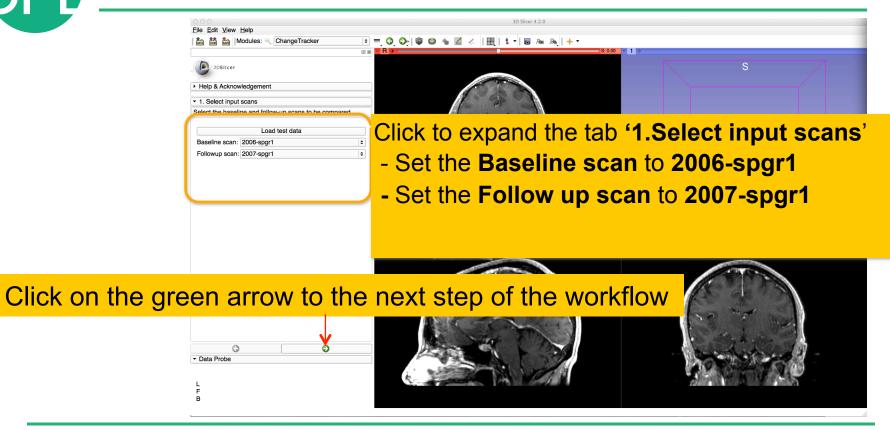
The Workflow Wizard guides the user through a sequence of steps and has the following components:

- the Step Panel
- the User Panel
- the Navigation Panel

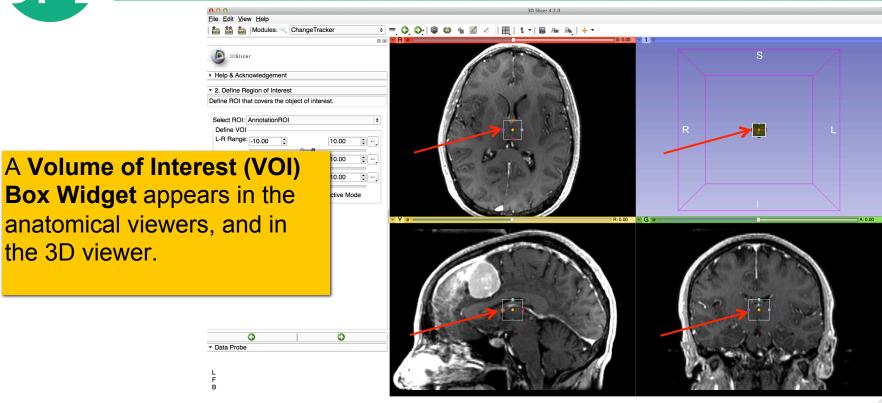
3DSlicer Help & Acknowledgement 1. Select input scans Step Panel--Select the baseline and follow-up scans to be compared. Load test data **User Panel--**Followup scan: Select a Volume **Navigation** Panel--Data Probe



# **Step1: Select input scans**







Browse through the Axial, les: Change Tracker

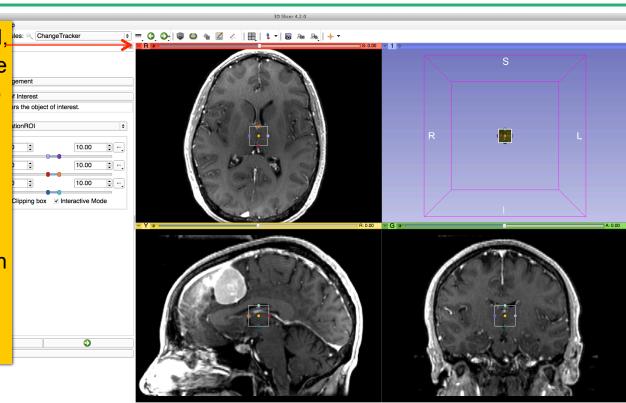
Sagittal and Coronal slice viewers to get a close-up view of the tumor

Change Tracker

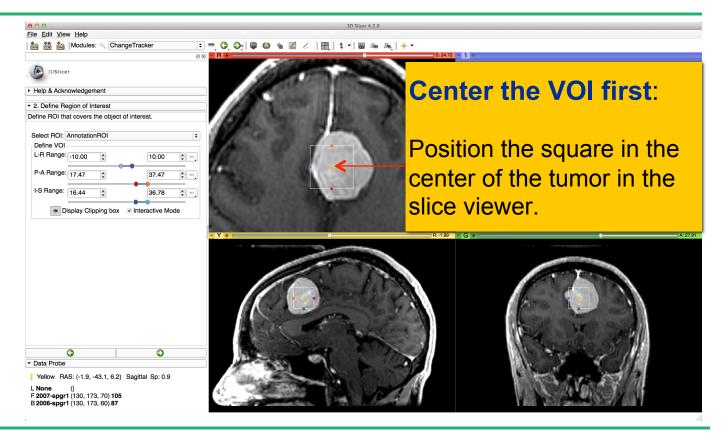
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**Zoom in** (Right mouse down and push/pull).

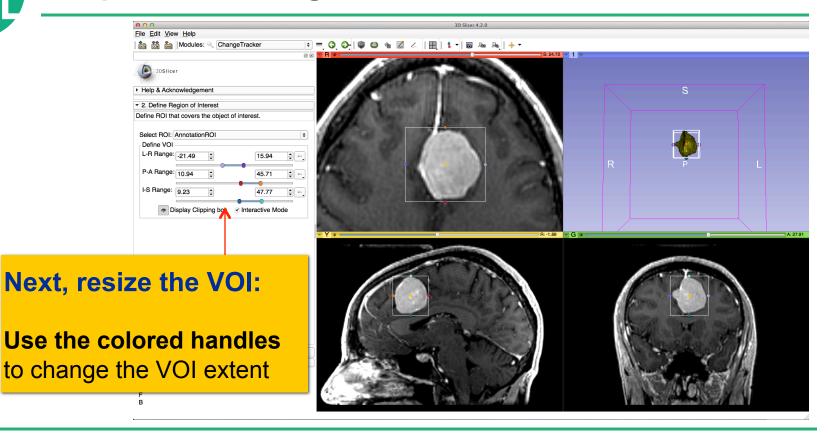
Pan (Middle mouse down and move)



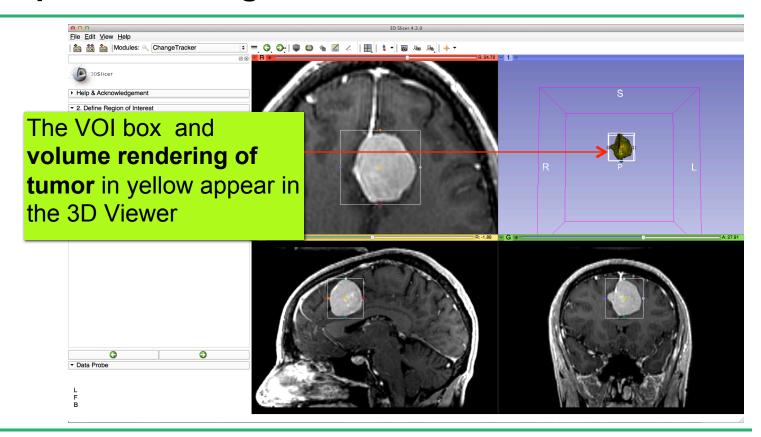




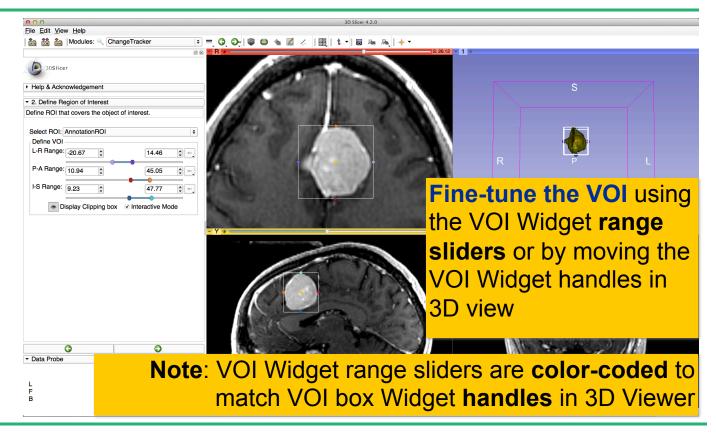




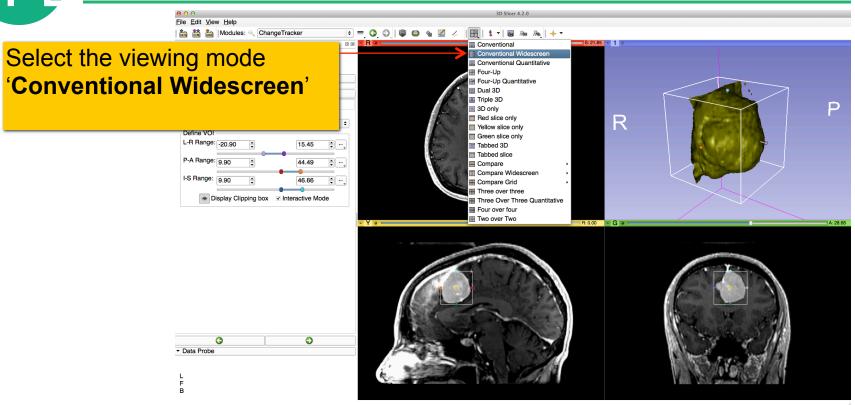




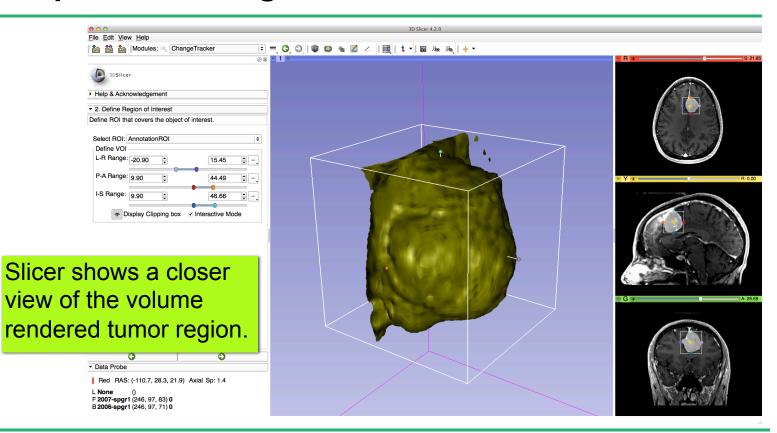




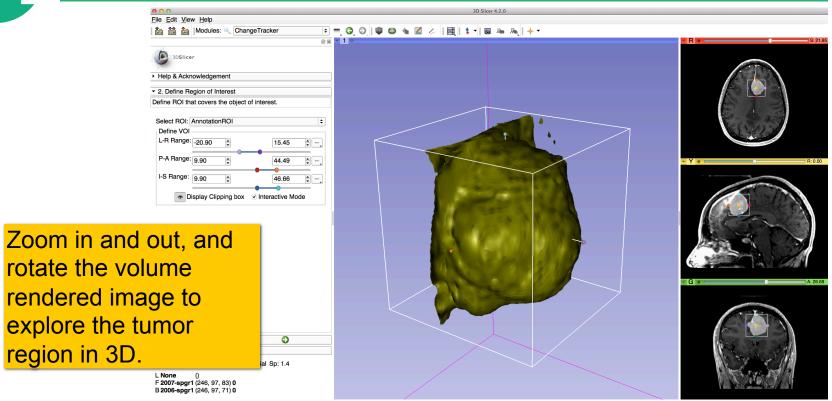




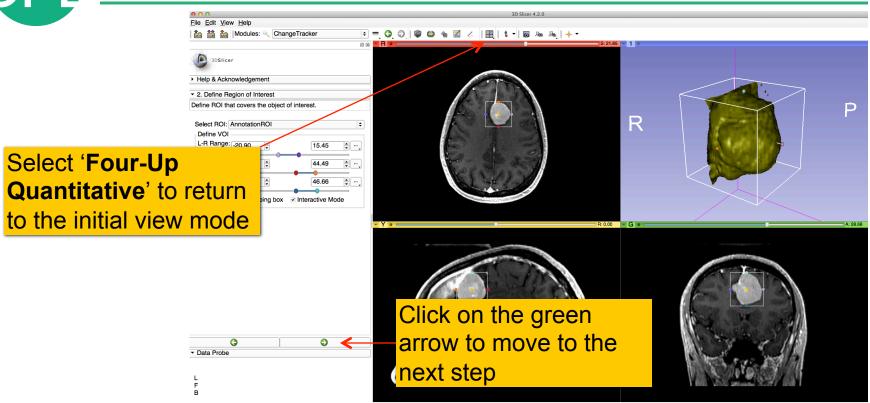














# **Step3: Segment the tumor**

🚵 📸 Modules: <a> ChangeTracker</a> 1.00 baselineROI segmentation Click on the pin icon in the top ■ baselineROI left corner of the red slicer viewer to display the names of the two volumes that Slicer has generated automatically: baselineROI and baselineROI\_segmentation Data Probe

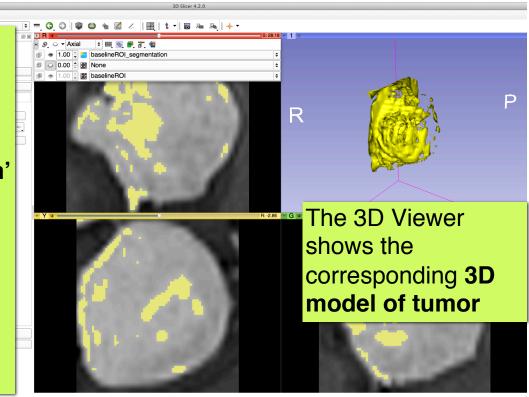


## **Step3: Segment the tumor**

'baselineROI '(background viewer) is the subvolume that corresponds to the previous VOI

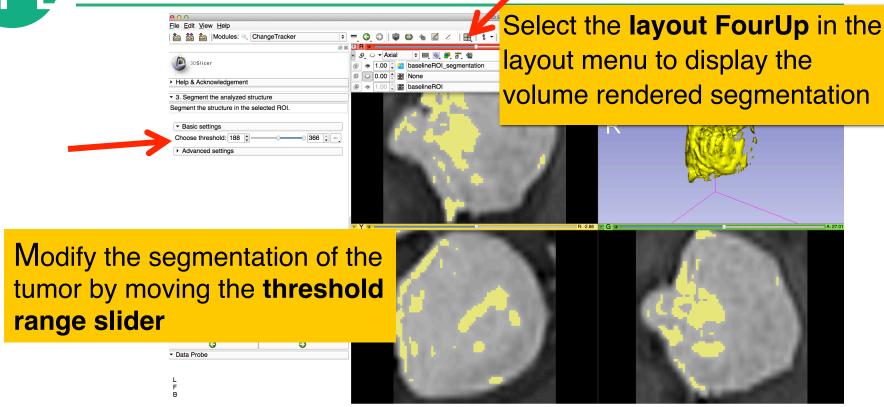
'baselineROI\_segmentation'
(labelmap viewer) is the
current segmentation of the
tumor.

In the current settings, Slicer displays the segmentation overlaid on the spgr volume





# **Step3: Segment the tumor**



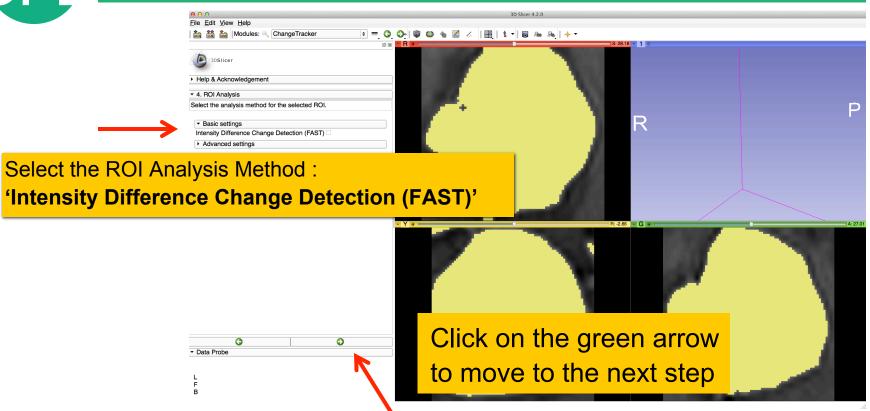


#### **Step3: Segment the tumor**

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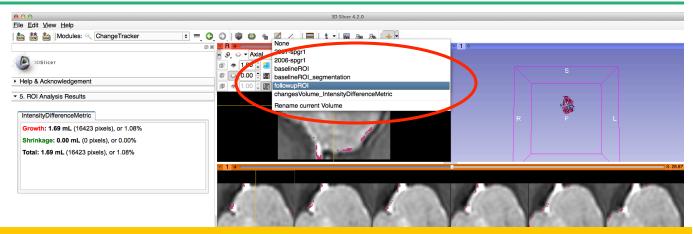


#### **Step4: Select the Analysis Method**





#### Final Step: Change Tracker Results

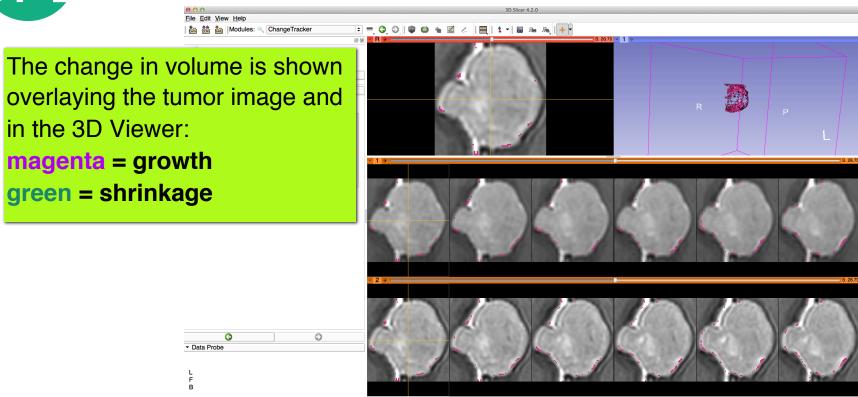


Left click on the slice menu to display the volumes that have been generated:

- followupROI correspond to the subvolume that has been extracted around the tumor in the 2007-spgr\_1 dataset
- changesVolume\_IntensityDifferenceMetric corresponds to the change between the 2006 and 2007 scans



#### Final Step: Change Tracker Results

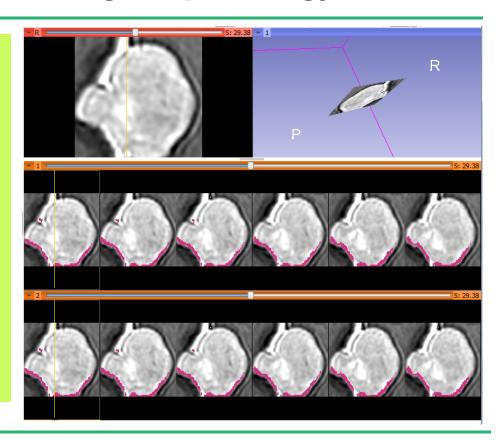




#### Visualization of the change in pathology

The results of the analysis are displayed in the "Compare View" layout

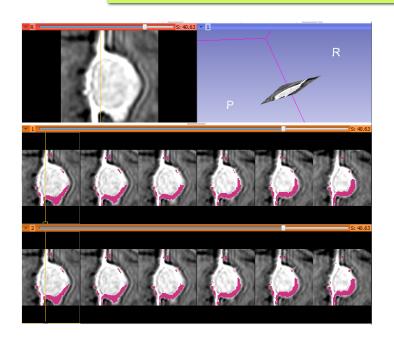
- •Six consecutive slices for the VOI in Scan1 (top row), and
- •Six corresponding consecutive slices for the VOI in Scan2 (bottom row).
- A zoomed view of the axial slice in the red slicer viewer

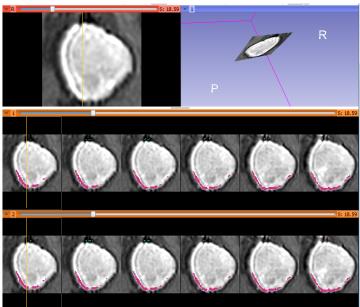




#### Visualization of the change in pathology

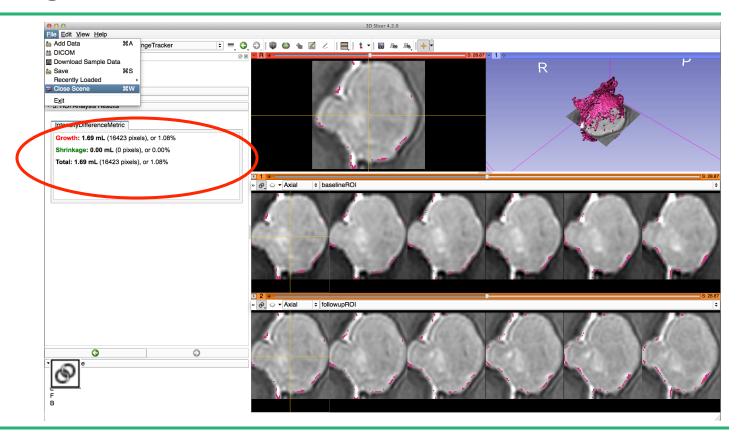
The **Crosshairs** in Compare View show corresponding voxels in **Scan1** and **Scan2** for voxel-wise comparison.







#### **Change Tracker Results**





#### **Change Tracker module**

- This tutorial demonstrated the use of the change tracker module in Slicer on axial 3D SPGR T1 post Gadolinium scans
  - > Tumor boundary should be clear
  - > Only for contrast enhanced images
  - > Need homogenous enhancement across timepoints.
- The Change Tracker module has not been tested for tumors with changing necrosis.



#### **ChangeTracker: Exploring small volumetric changes**

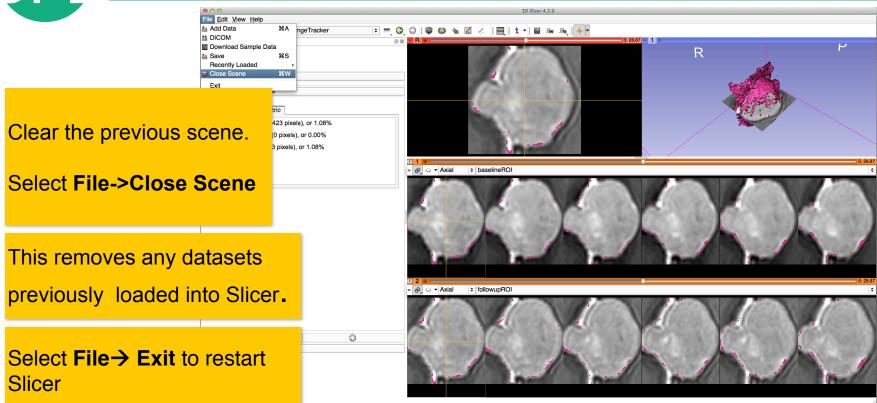
#### This tutorial demonstrated:

- a method to quantify small volumetric changes in pathology.
- visualization of these changes in the anatomical context
- > use of Slicer's "Compare Viewer" to simultaneously explore baseline and followup studies.

Next, we will demonstrate combined visualization of PET/CT studies and SUV computation.

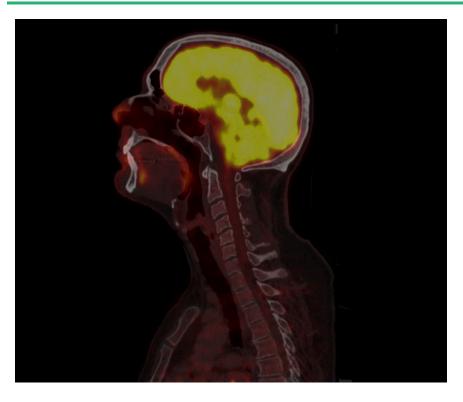


#### Clear the scene and its data





### **PET/CT Visualization and Analysis**

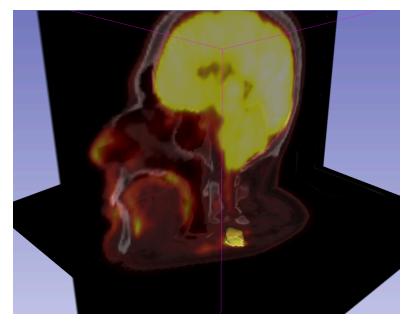


# Part III: PET/CT Analysis

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#### Goal of the tutorial



The goal of this tutorial is to guide you step-by-step through the SUV computation of PETCT data of a squamous cell carcinoma case pre- and post- treatment



#### **FDG-PET SUV**

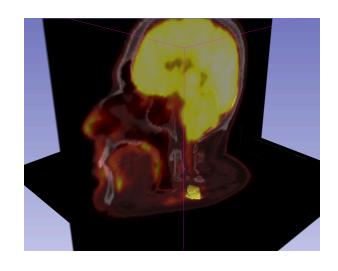
 Standardized Uptake Value (SUV) is a semi-quantitative measure derived from the determination of tissue activity obtained from a clinical PET study

SUV = Tissue Concentration of Radioactive Tracer x
Patient Weight / Injected Dose

Under certain circumstances, 18-F Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG)
 SUV correlates with metabolic rate of glucose and/or the number of viable tumor cells



#### **Tutorial Case**



Pathology: poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma

 Treatment: radiotherapy and chemotherapy (weekly cis-platin)

 Two 18F-FDG PET and CT scans acquired within a 5-month interval.



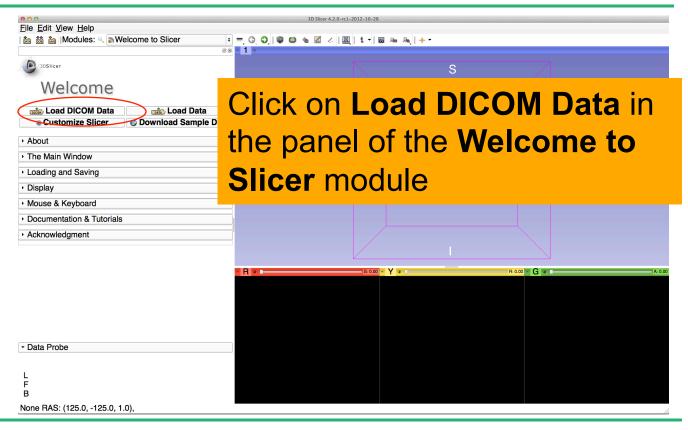
# PETCT tutorial: Clinical Case and Data

The datasets are located in

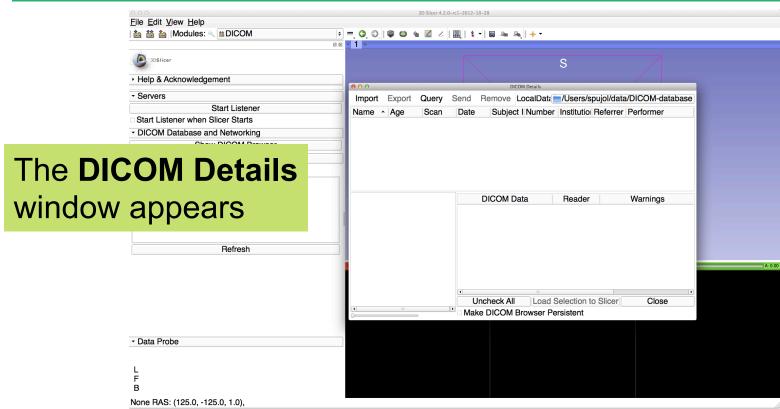
C:\Pujol2012\QuantitativeImagingSunday\_Nov25\_2012 \dataset3\_PETCT

- PETCT1 dataset is located in the pre-treatment directory corresponds to the baseline
- PETCT2 dataset is located in the post-treatment directory corresponds to the follow-up scan.











The window **Select DICOM Database Directory** appears when you use the DICOM module for the first time

Browse to the directory:

C:\Pujol2012\QuantitativeImaging\_Sunday\_Nov25\_2012

Select the sub-directory dicom-database

Click on Choose

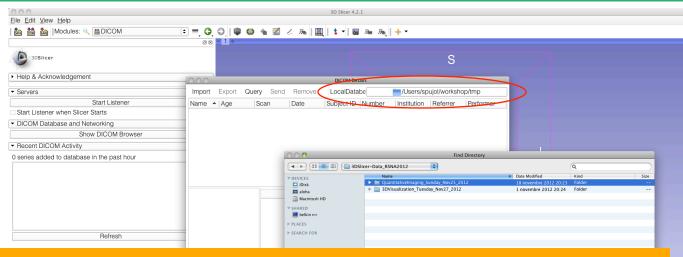


Slicer's local DICOM database is now set to:

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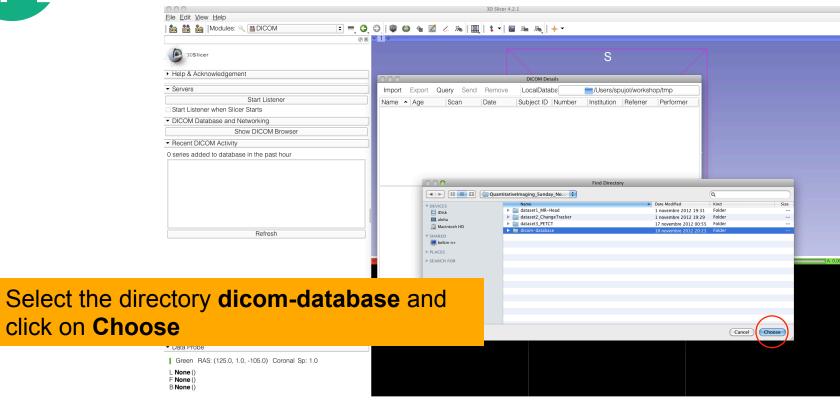


Mac Users: Click on the directory next to Local Database, and browse to the location of the Quantitativelmaging\_Sunday\_Nov25\_2012 directory, located in the 3DSlicer-Data\_RSNA2012 directory

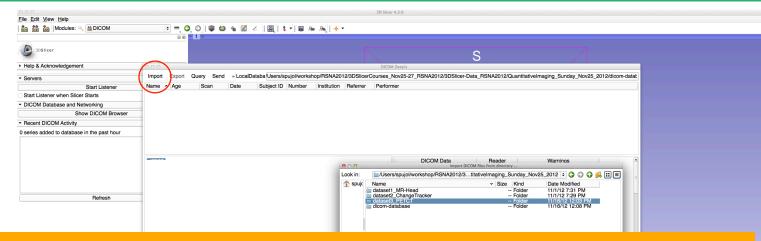
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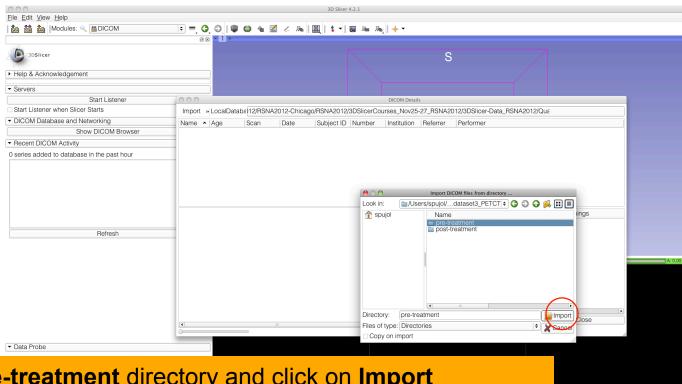




Click on **Import** and browse to the location of the directory C:\Pujol2012\QuantitativeImaging\_Sunday\_Nov25\_2012

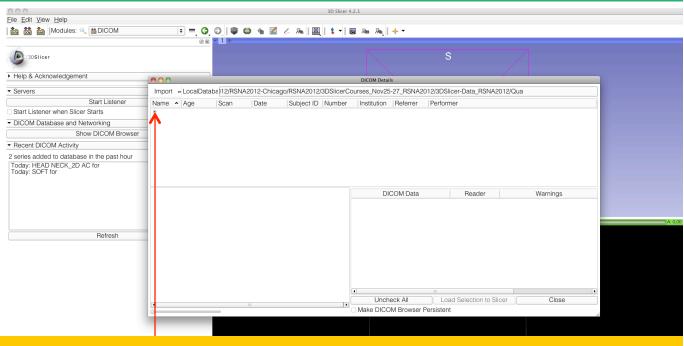
Click on the dataset 'dataset3\_PETCT' located in this directory, and select the subdirectory pre-treatment





Select the **pre-treatment** directory and click on **Import** 

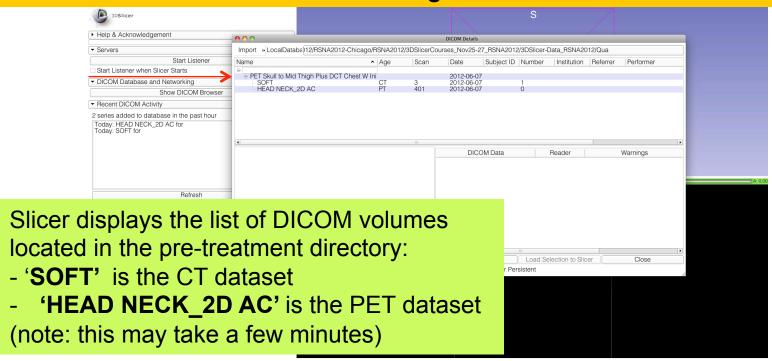




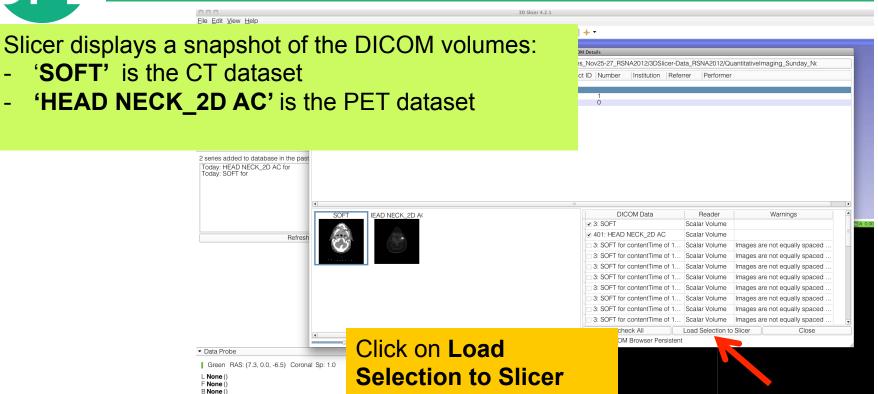
Click to expand the list of DICOM volumes accessible via the DICOM browser



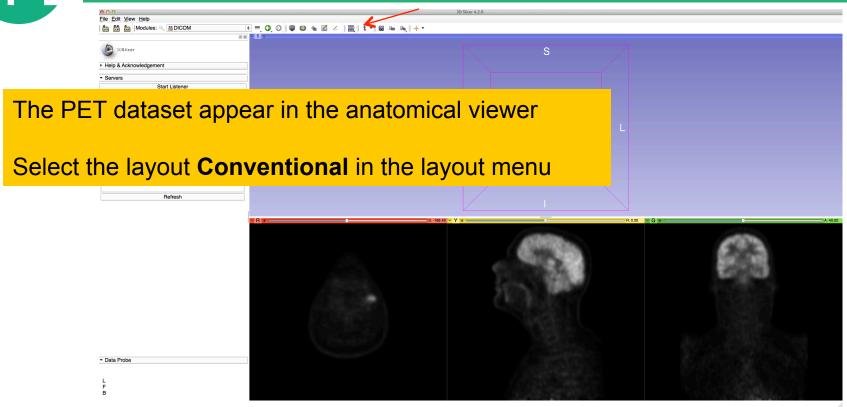
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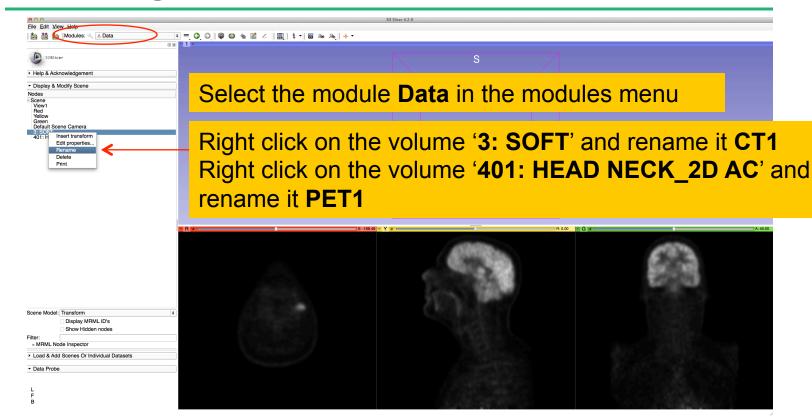






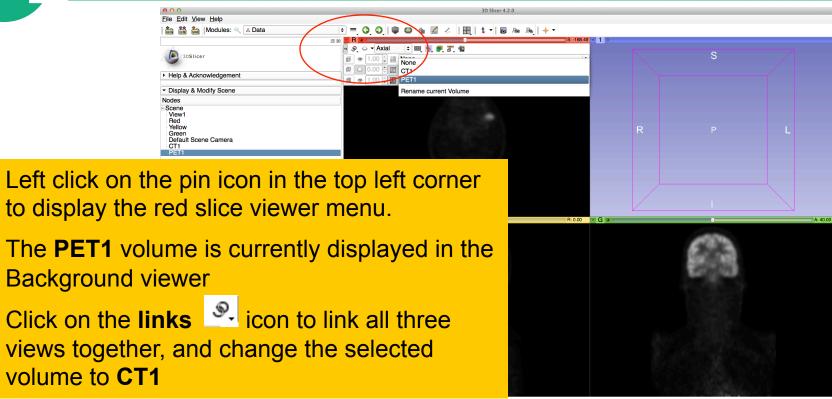






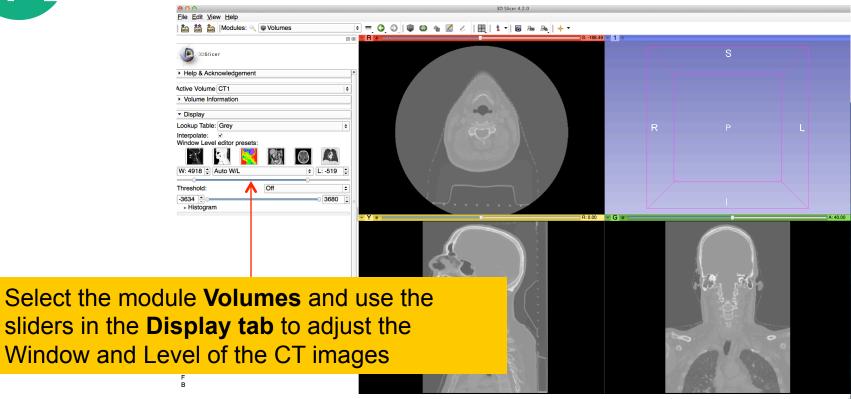


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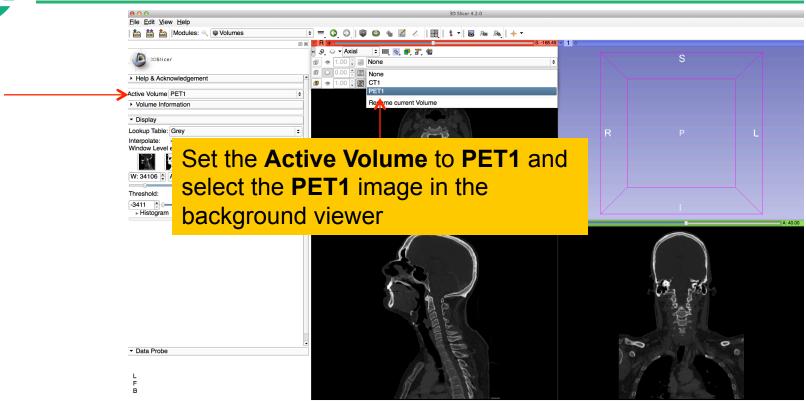




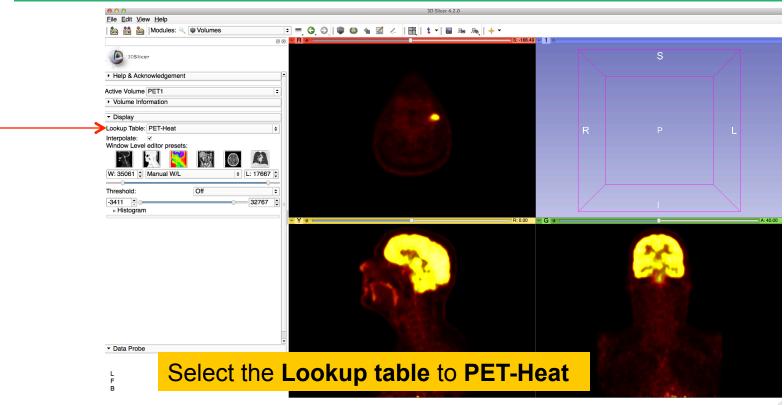
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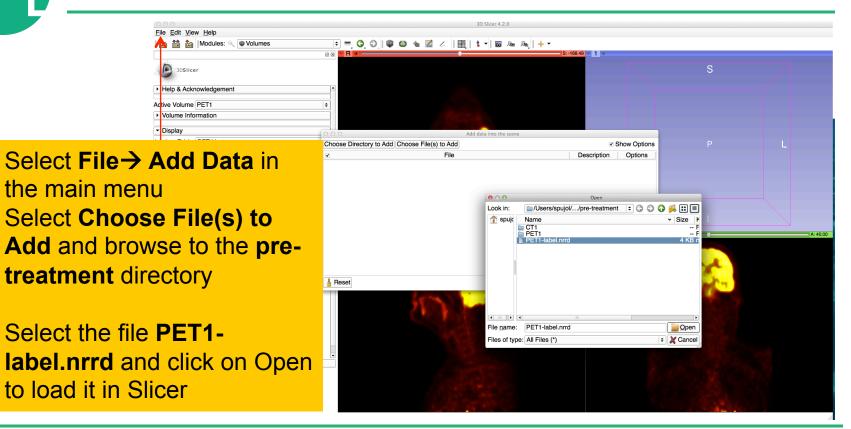




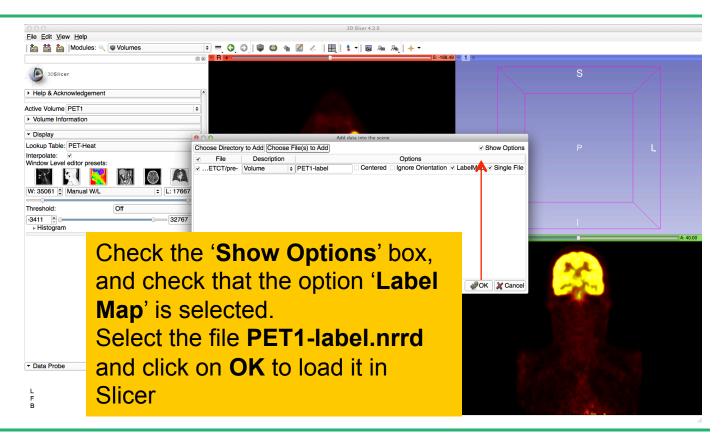




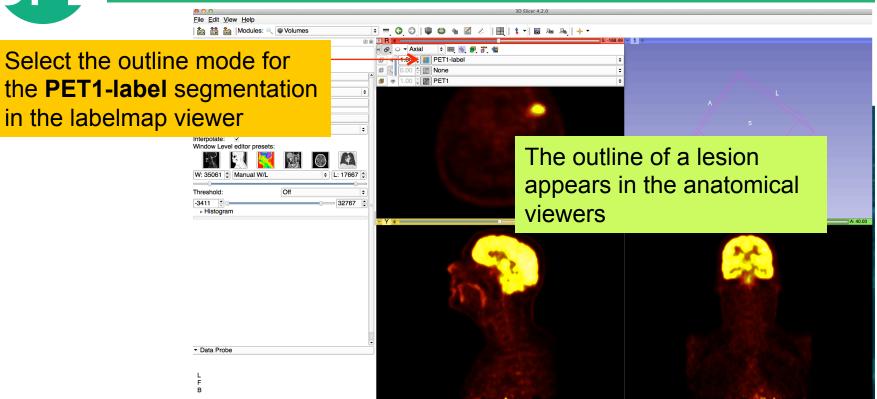




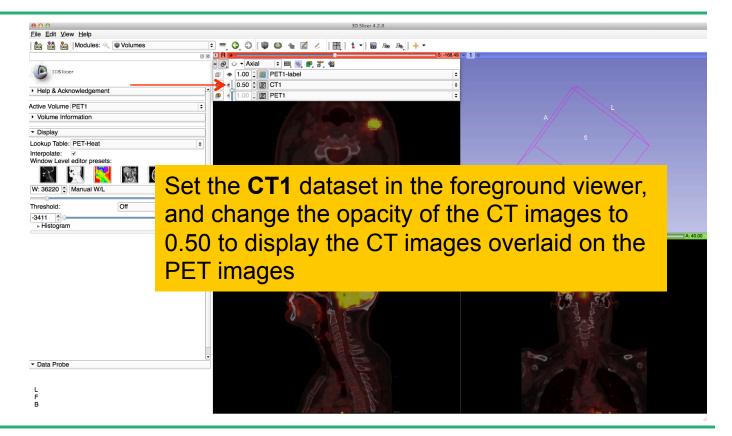






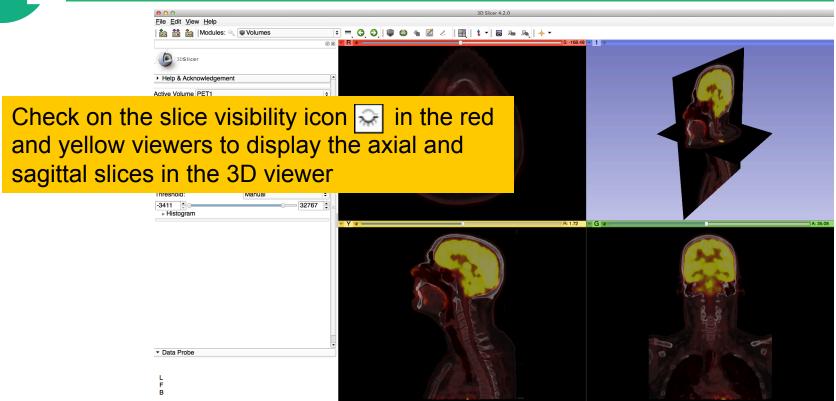








### **Visualization of PETCT data**

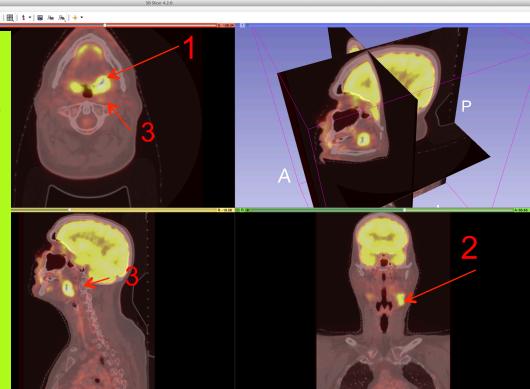




### PET uptake findings

Note an intense uptake in 1) left oropharyngeal mass involving the base of tongue and left glossotonsillar fossa and.

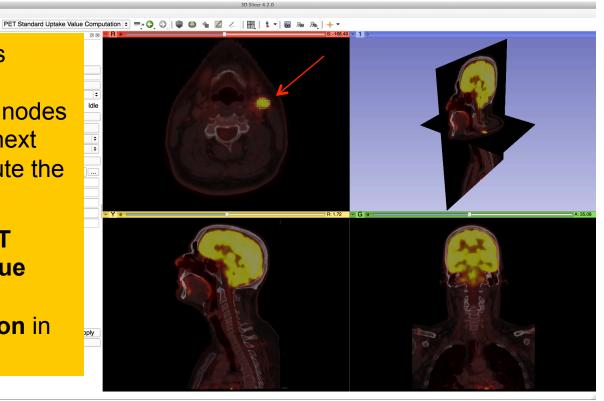
2) in left level IIA/III lymph nodes as well as a small adjacent left level III node.
3) a possible small metastasis in the left retropharyngeal region at level of C1



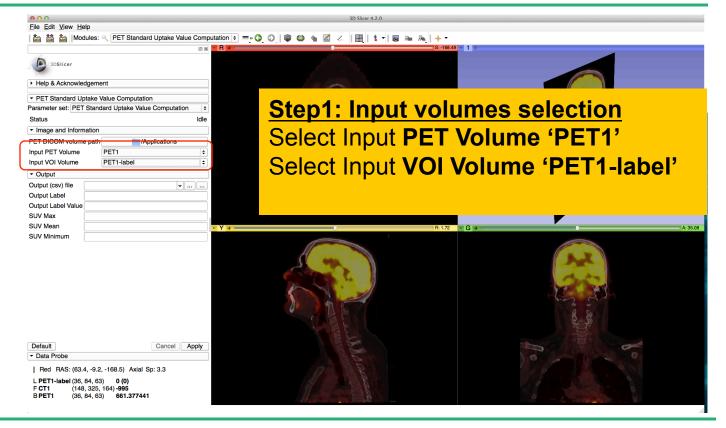


For the purpose of this tutorial, we have presegmented the lymph nodes uptake region. In the next section, we will compute the SUV for this area.

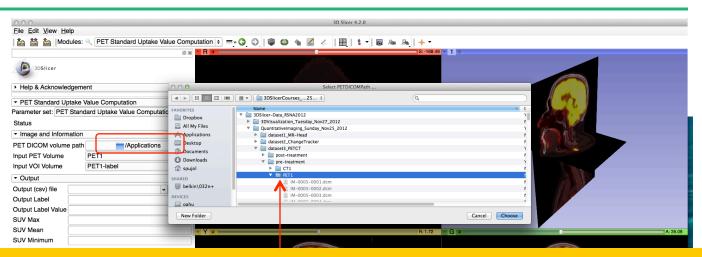
Select the module PET
Standard Uptake Value
Computation in the
category Quantification in
the modules' menu











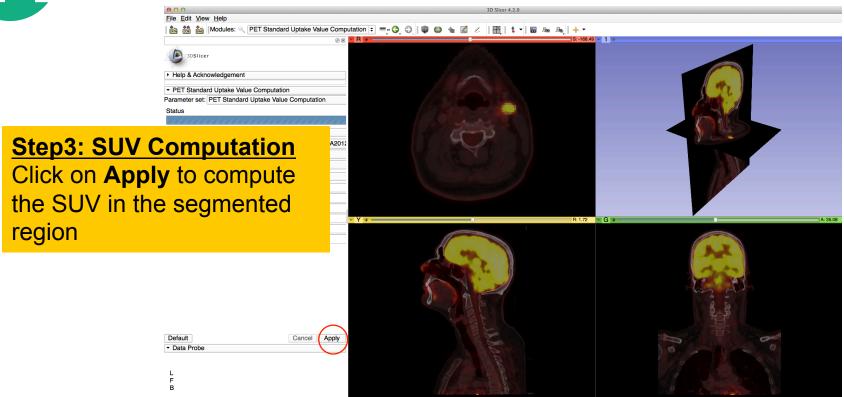
#### Step2: Path to the DICOM PET header

Click on /Applications in the PET DICOM volume path, and select the PET1 subdirectory located under C:/Pujol2012/

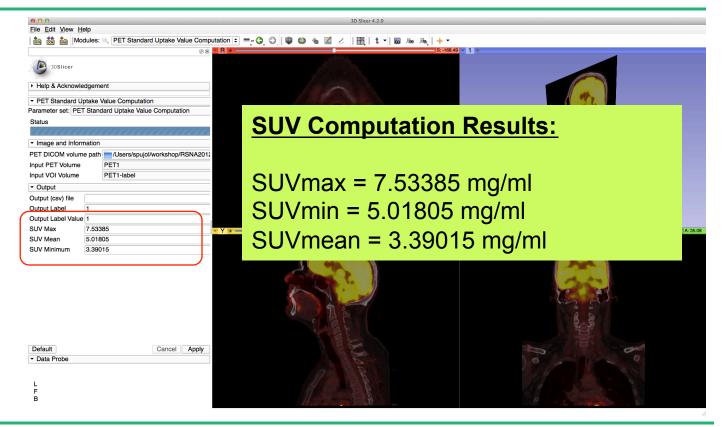
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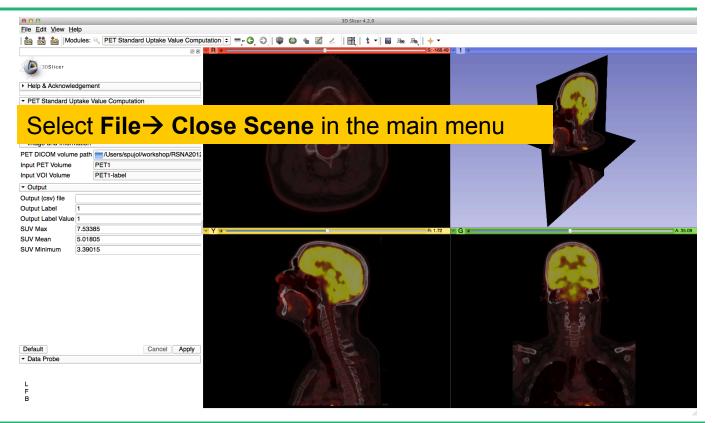




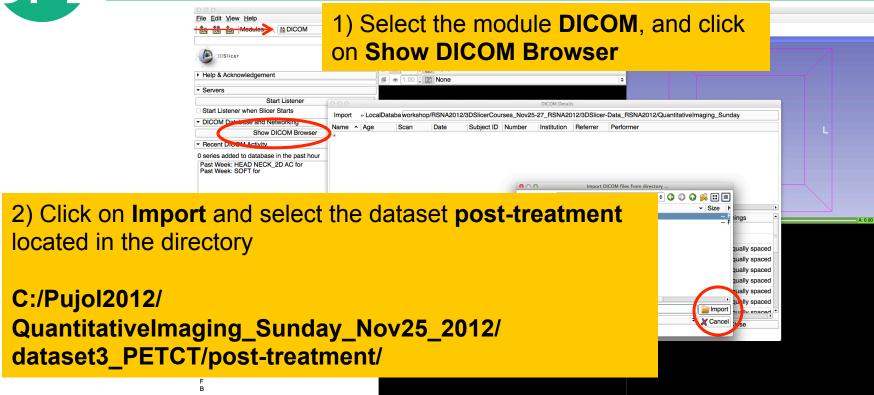




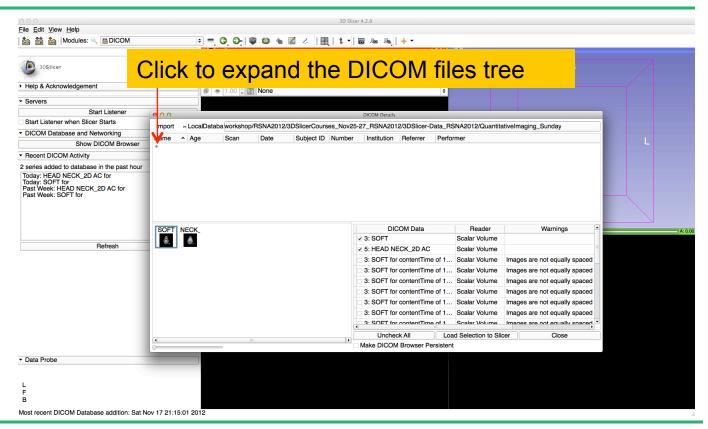




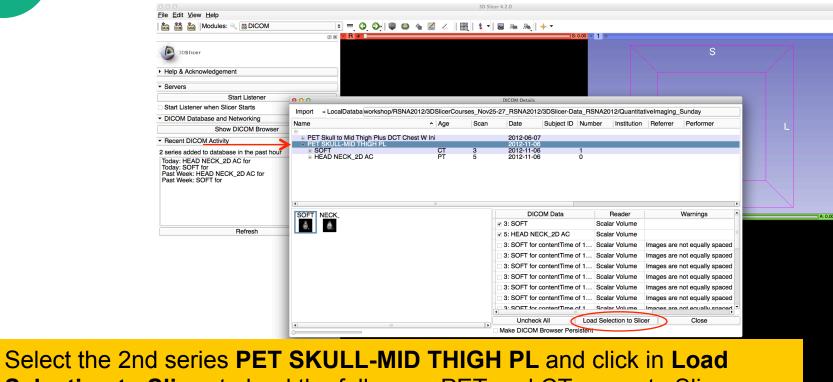






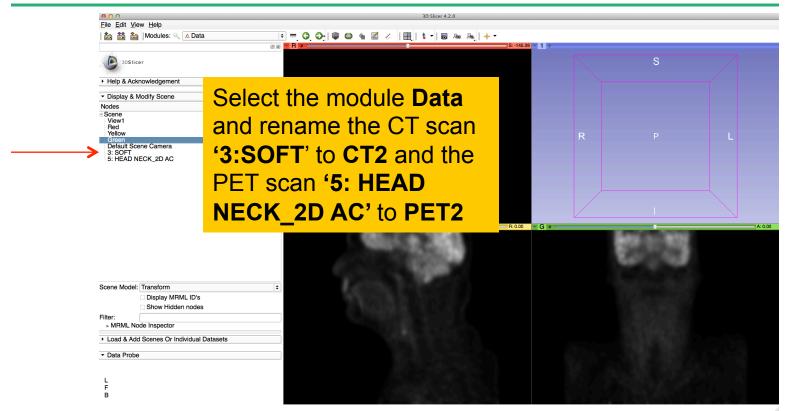




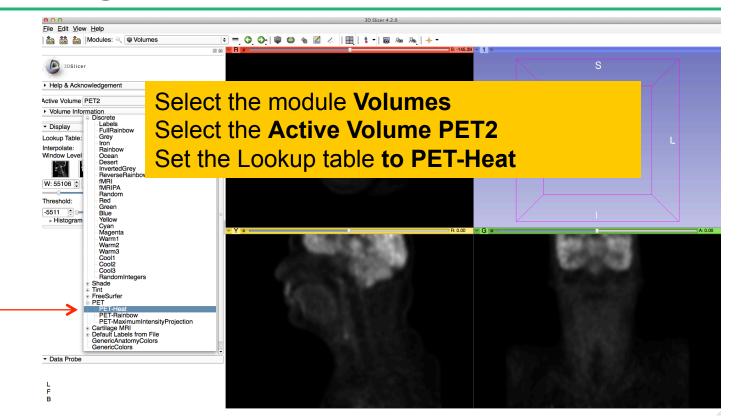


Selection to Slicer to load the follow-up PET and CT scans to Slicer

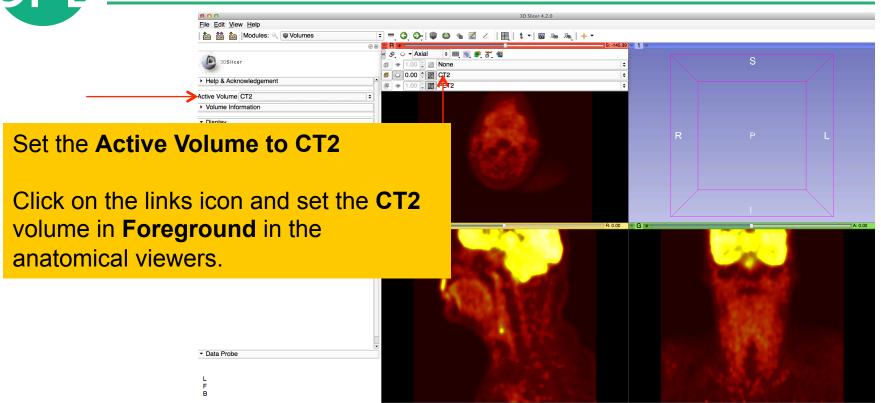




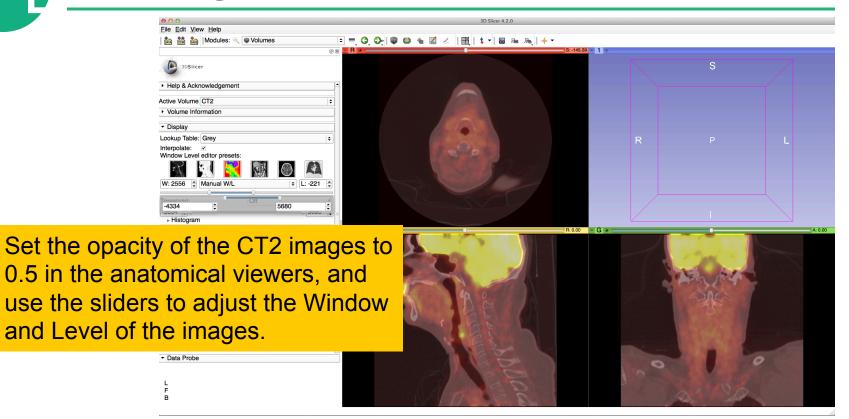








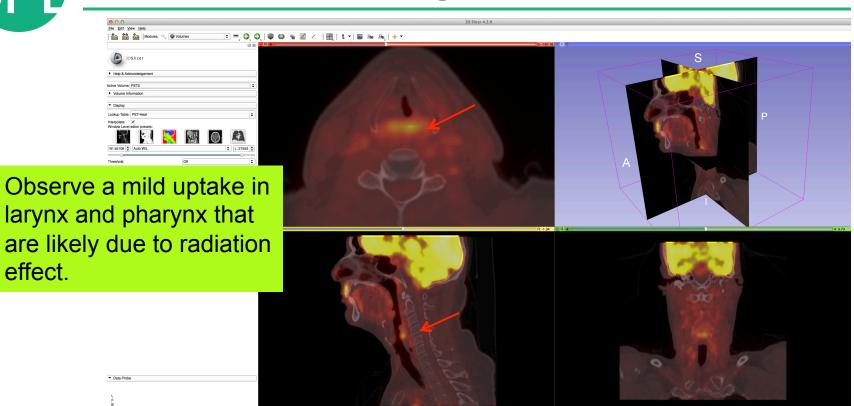






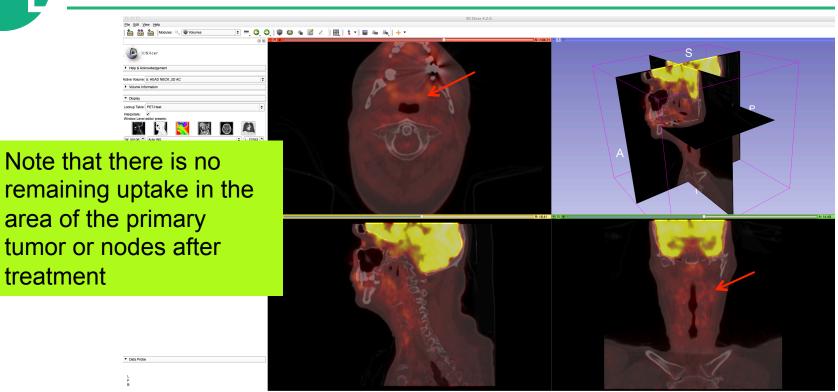
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#### Conclusion

- This tutorial has demonstrated how to do 3D data visualization, quantitative measurement of small changes in tumor size, and PET CT SUV computation in Slicer
- 3DSlicer is for research use only, and is not FDA approved
- 3DSlicer is a free open-source software for medical image computing and supported by the NIH



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#### Hands-on courses:

- Tues. Nov.27, 12:30 pm -2 pm: 3DVisualization of DICOM images for Radiological Applications. Sonia Pujol, PhD, Kitt Shaffer, MD, PhD, Ron Kikinis, MD (SCD401)
- Wed. Nov. 28, 10:30 am 12:00 pm: The NIH/NCI Cancer Imaging Archive (TCIA): A Comprehensive Source of DICOM Imaging Data for Research – Hands-on. C. Carl Jaffe MD, John B. Freymann BS, Justin Kirby, Fred William Prior, PhD, Lawrence R. Tarbox PhD



#### **Oral presentations:**

- Mon. Nov. 26, 11:40-11:50: Computer-aided Diagnosis of Pure DCIS from DCE-MRI: Quantitative Results in 19 Patients. Jayender Jagadeesan, PhD
- Mon. Nov 26, 02:30-04:00: Open Source Applications for Medical Imaging Research (SCD401). Ricardo Avila, MS Wesley Turner PhD, Julien Finet MSc



#### **Quantitative Imaging Reading Room Exhibit QIRR 3007**

• Sun. Nov 26-Fri. Nov 30, 8:00-6:00 3DSlicer: An Open Source Platform for Segmentation, Registration, Quantitative Imaging, and 3D Visualization of Multi-Modal Image Data.

Sonia Pujol, PhD, Steve Pieper, PhD, Andriy Fedorov, PhD, Ron Kikinis, MD,



Sunday, November 25	Monday, November 26	Tuesday, November 27	Wednesday, November 28	Thursday, November 29	Friday, November 30
8:00am-11:00am. 3D Slicer Exhibit &, Quantitative Imaging Reading Room, Lakeside Learning Center, Hall E, LL- QRR3007	8:00am-11:00am. 3D Slicer Exhibit ∰,, Quantitative Imaging Reading Room, Lakeside Learning Center, Hall E	8:00am-11:00am. 3D Slicer Exhibit ∰, Quantitative Imaging Reading Room, Lakeside Learning Center, Hall E	8:00am-12:15pm. 3D Slicer Exhibit @ Quantitative Imaging Reading Room, Lakeside Learning Center, Hall E	8:00am-12:15pm. 3D Slicer Exhibit & Quantitative Imaging Reading Room, Lakeside Learning Center, Hall E	
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