

# TReNDS Neuroimaging 3<sup>rd</sup> place solution

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# Introduction

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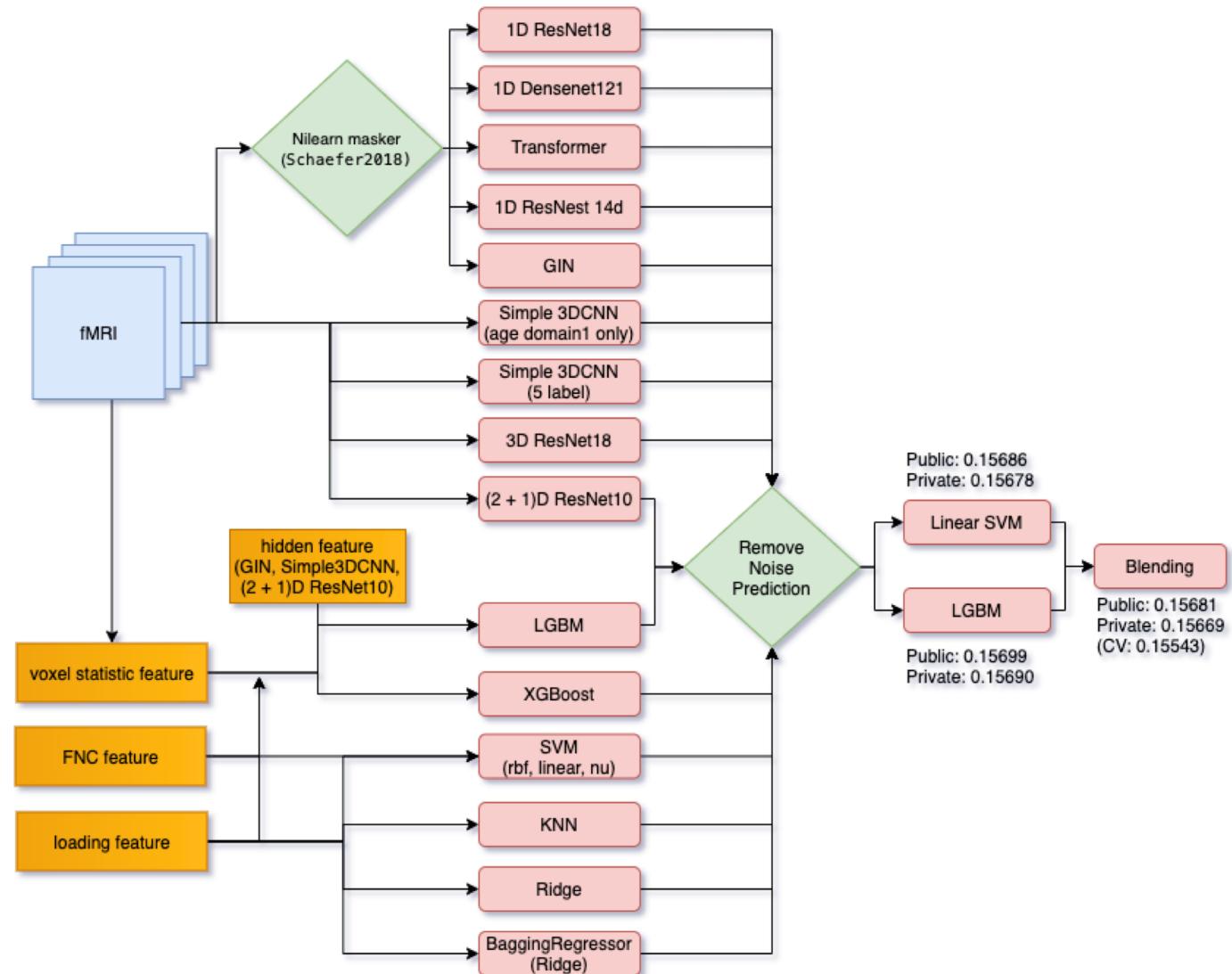


My experience working with machine learning at work and at Kaggle has been very useful in this competition!

# Solution overview

## ■ Solution Points

1. Stacking
2. Diversity of models for stacking
3. Remove noise caused by the discrepancy distribution between train and test data



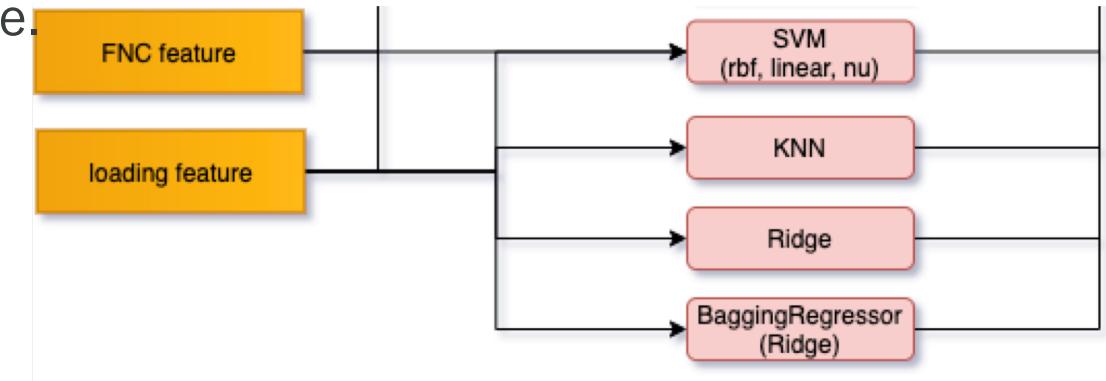
# Solution Details | Simple model

## ■ Preprocessing

- I shifted IC\_20 feature of train data by the difference between mean(IC\_20\_test) and mean(IC\_20\_train).

## ■ I trained simple models by fnc and loding feature.

- SVM (rbf kernel and linear kernel)
- NuSVM
- KNN
- Ridge
- BaggingRegressor(Ridge)



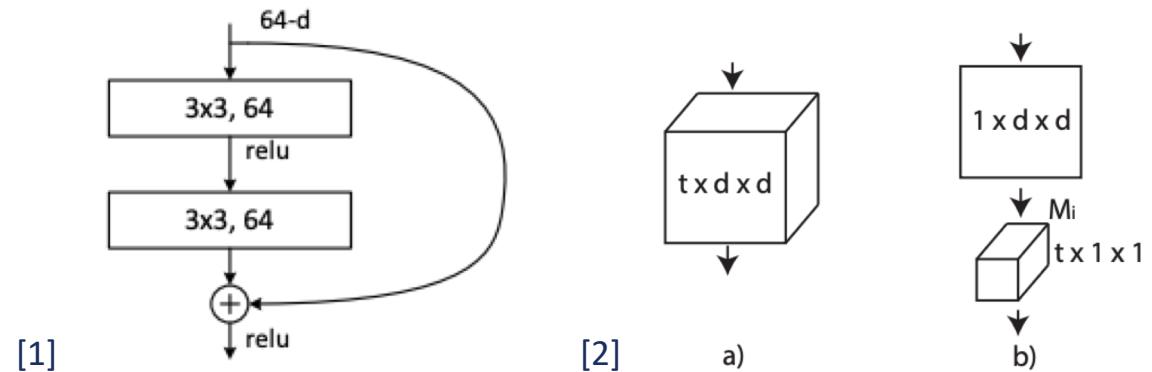
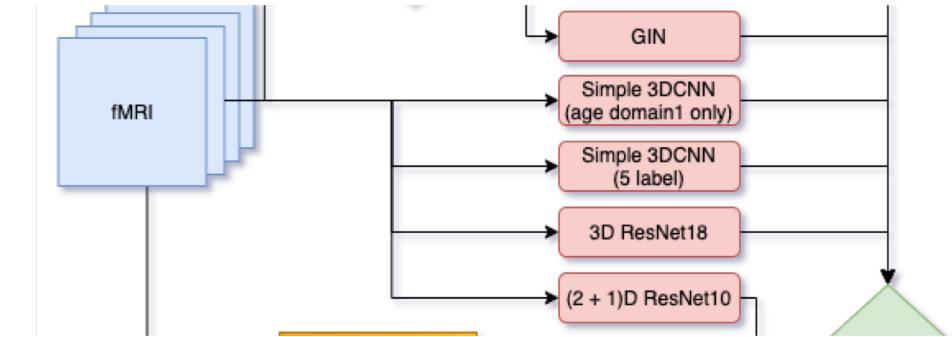
## ■ Some Insights

- Simple stacking SVM and Ridge, LGBM got private score 0.15905 (bronze zone)
- BaggingRegressor boosted score (-0.0001)
  - Diversity through feature subset was probably important.

# Solution Details | NN model

NN model using 3D voxel

- I applied sample wise and component wise normalization.
- ResNet18 replaced by 3D modules.
- Simple 3dConvNet (Conv3D x 3, MaxPool3D x 3)
  - trained by all label
  - trained by age, domain1 *var1 and domain2 var2*
- (2 + 1)D CNN
  - better than ResNet18



[1] <https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.03385>

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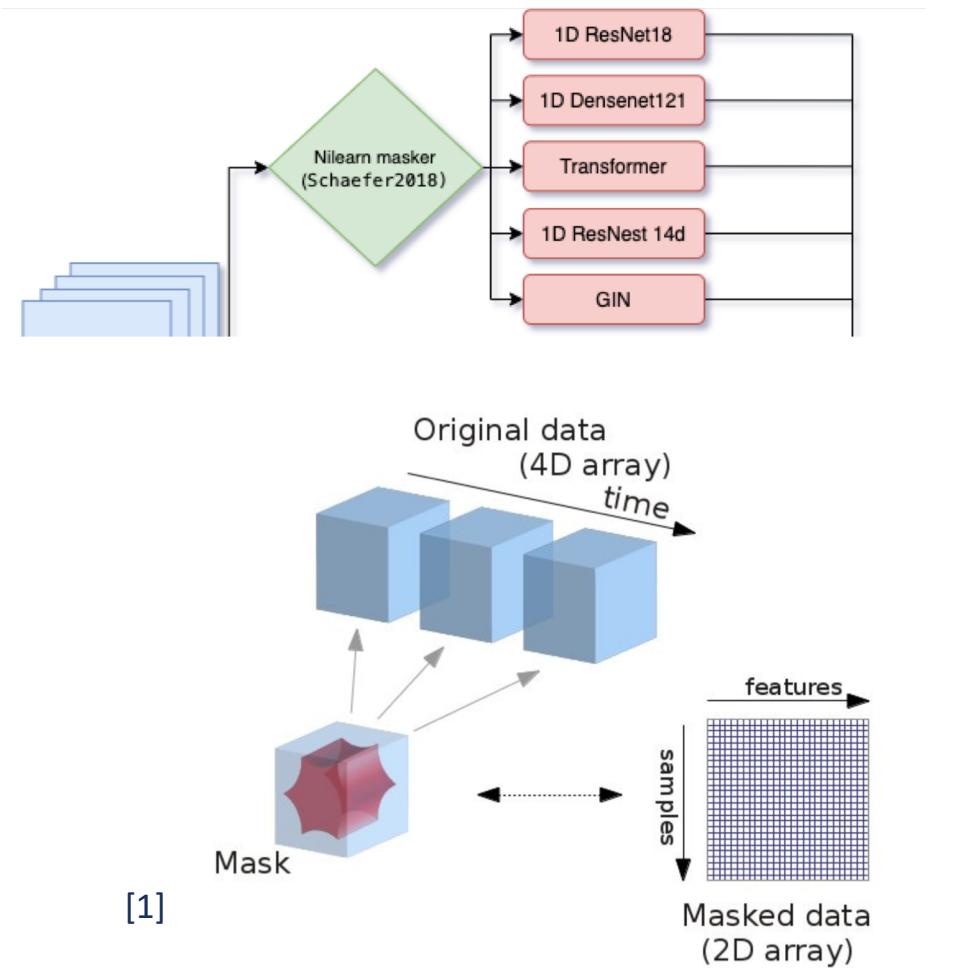
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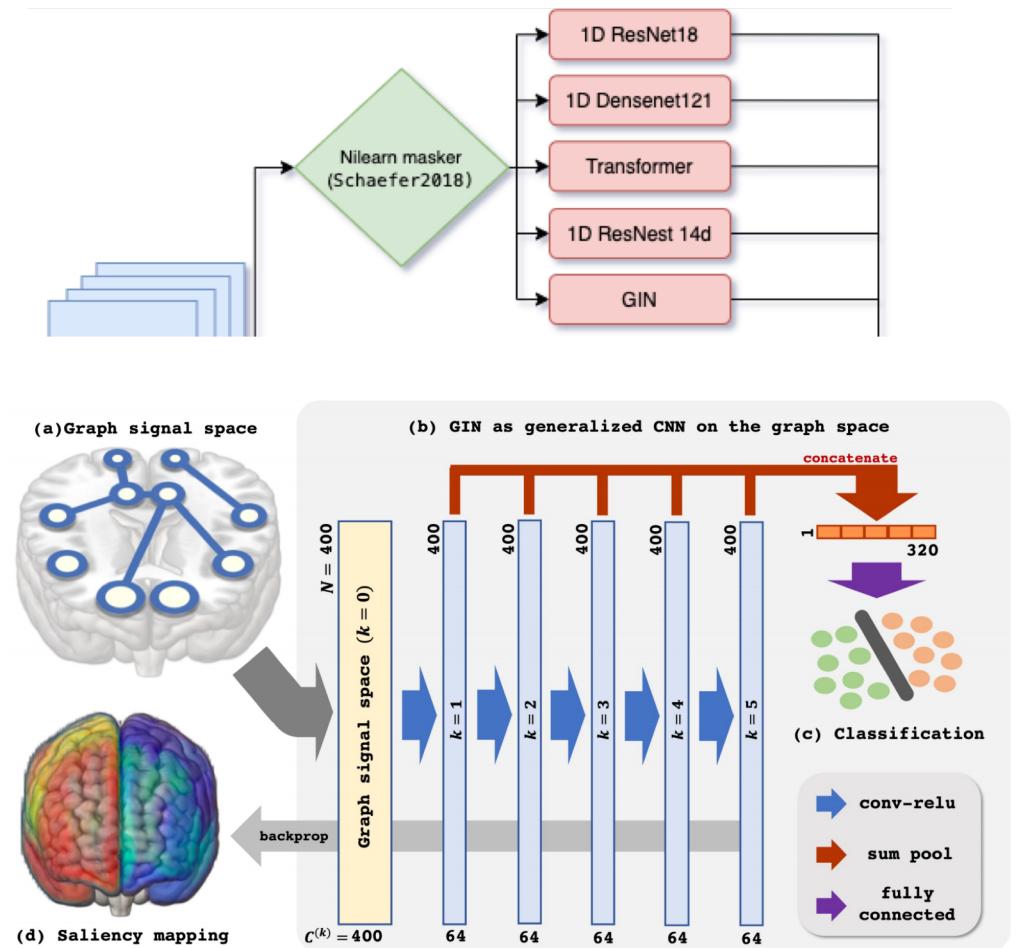
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# Solution Details | GBM with NN features

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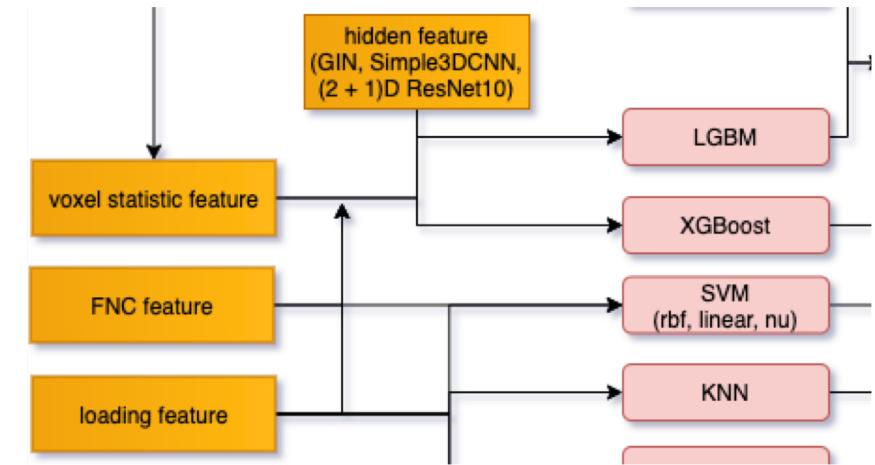
- I computed voxel statistical feature (mean, max, kurt, skew) of each components.
- Extract hidden feature from (2 + 1)D CNN, Simple 3dConvNet and GIN.

## ■ GBM models with NN features and tabular features.

- LGBM(XGBoost) model with hidden feature of (2 + 1)D CNN
- LGBM(XGBoost) model with hidden feature of Simple 3dConvNet
- LGBM(XGBoost) model with hidden feature of GIN

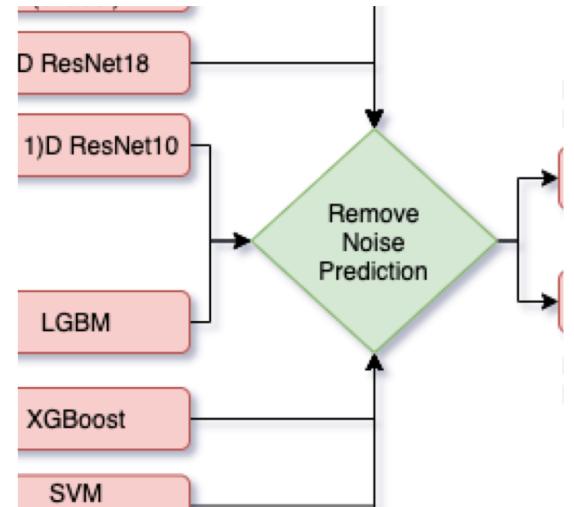
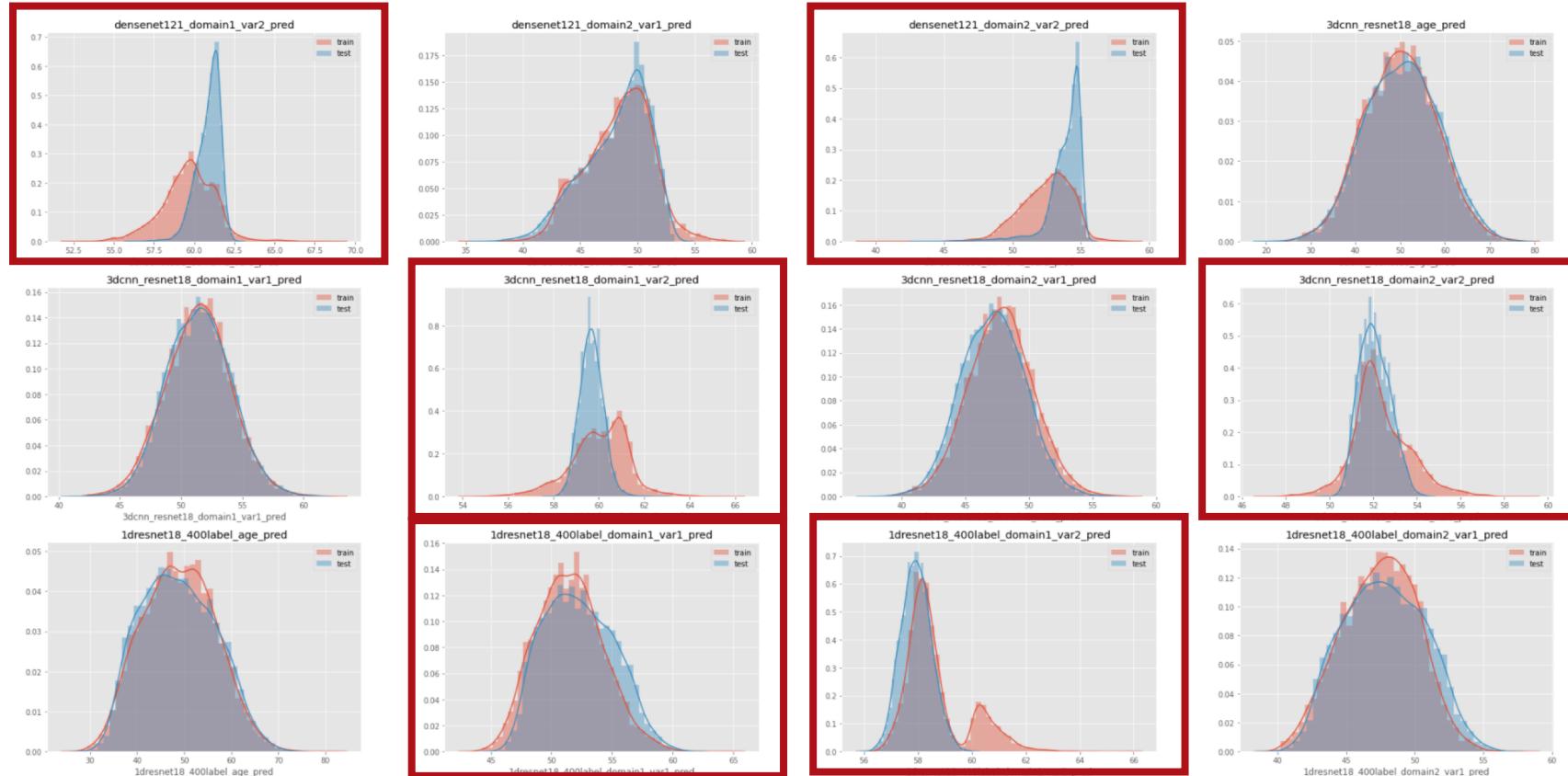
## ■ Parameter tuning

- I selected 1024 feature of each models by feature importance and reduced the number of leaves to avoid over-fitting (`n_leaves = 2`).



# Solution Details | Remove Noisy Predictionn

- I just looked at the distribution of predictions in the training and test data and erased them if there were too much discrepancy.



# Solution Details | Stacking & Blending

## ■ Preprocessing

- I made domain interaction features per each models.
  - $\text{domain1\_var1\_pred} + \text{domain1\_var2\_pred}$ , ...
  - $\text{abs}(\text{domain1\_var1\_pred} - \text{domain1\_var2\_pred})$ , ...
  - $\text{domain1\_var1\_pred} \times \text{domain1\_var2\_pred}$ , ...

## ■ Age prediction

- I used only prediction features of age.

## ■ Domain prediction

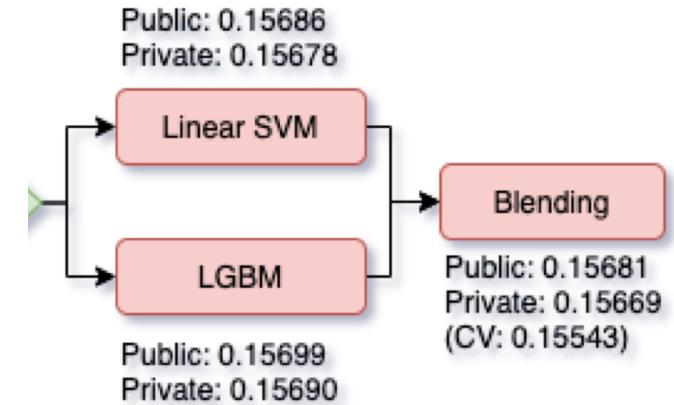
- I used prediction features of all target and interaction features.

## ■ Stacking

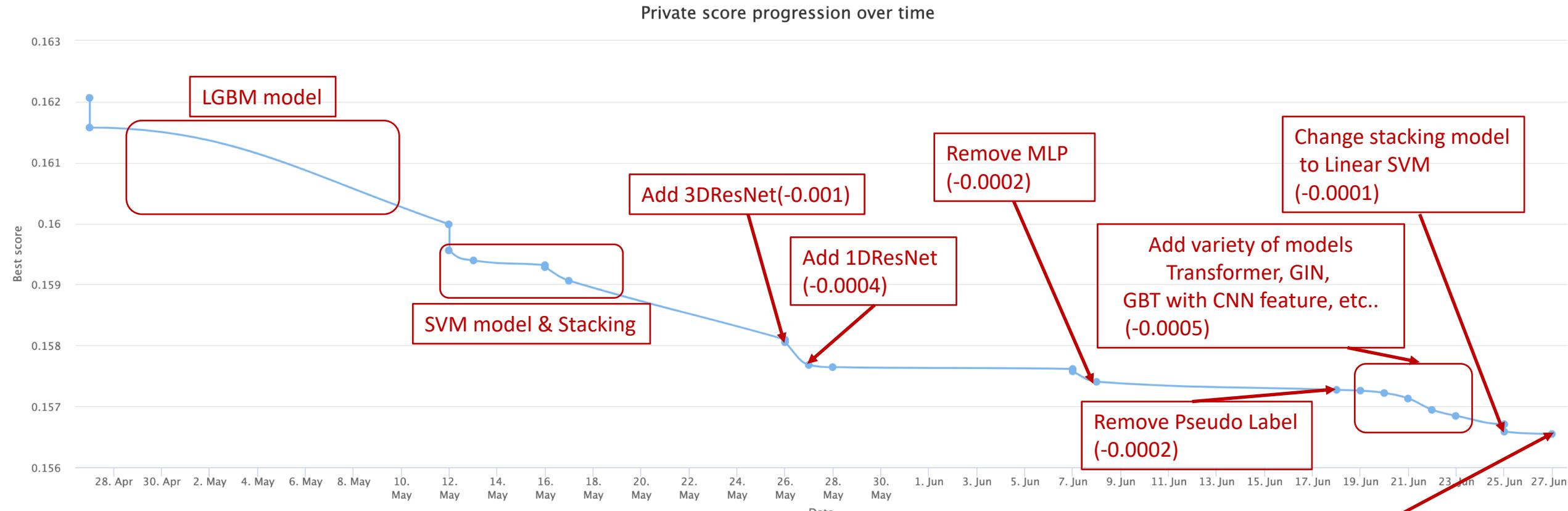
- Linear SVM (better than LGBM)
- LGBM

## ■ Blending

- Weighted mean predictions of above two models



# My Leaderboard Chart



<https://kaggledb.com/c/trends-assessment-prediction>

# Some Insights

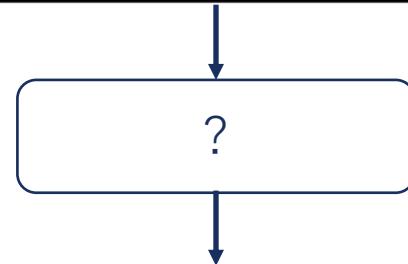
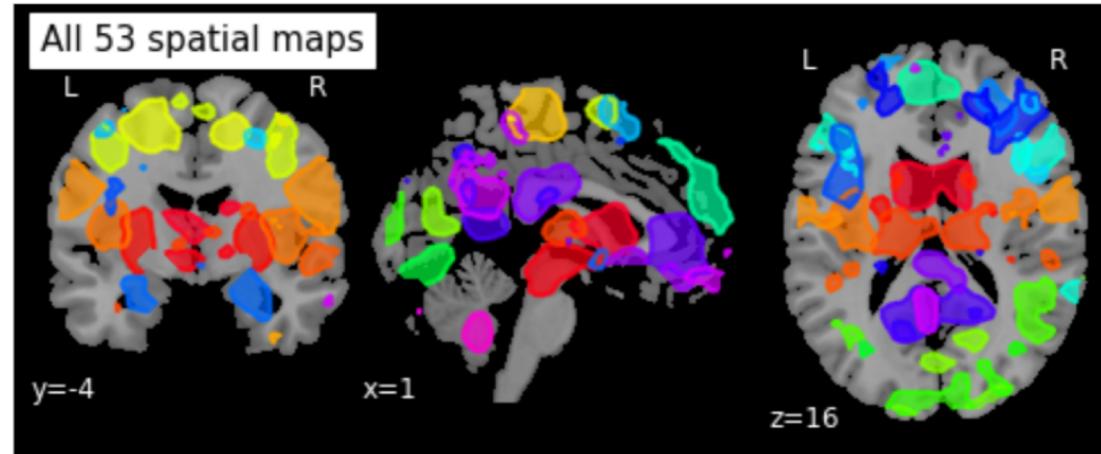
- My best single model was 3DCNN with tabular feature. (Private: 0.15845, Public: 0.15854)
  - But when I added this model to stacking, I got worse score.
  - This is because model using only fMRI extracted more important information than those using tabular feature.
- Removing noisy prediction had important role on shake-up.
  - Maybe the discrepancy of distribution between train and test is caused by the difference between site1 and site2.

	Public LB	Private LB
Without Removing noise	0.15672	0.15690
With Removing noise	0.15669	0.15679

# This competition points in my opinion

## ■ How to extract feature from fMRI data.

- fMRI data have different information from table features, and it is very important to boost score.



fMRI Feature

- PCA (1<sup>st</sup> place solution)
- Neural Networks (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - Masker (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - Auto Encoder (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Other feature engineering

# This competition points in my opinion

- How to produce diversity.
  - Different model architecture. (my solution)
  - Feature subset selection (1<sup>st</sup> , 4<sup>th</sup> )
  - Different input area of fMRI to NN(2<sup>nd</sup> )