



# Computational Methods for Neuroimaging in R, Hemorrhagic Stroke and Neuroconductor

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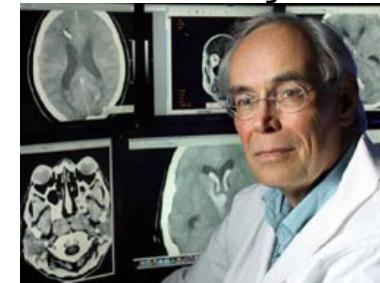


# The MISTIE Stroke Trial

- Minimally Invasive Surgery plus r-tPA for Intracerebral Hemorrhage Evacuation (**MISTIE**)
  - Multi-center, multi-national Phase II clinical trial
  - Alteplase (donated by Genentech)
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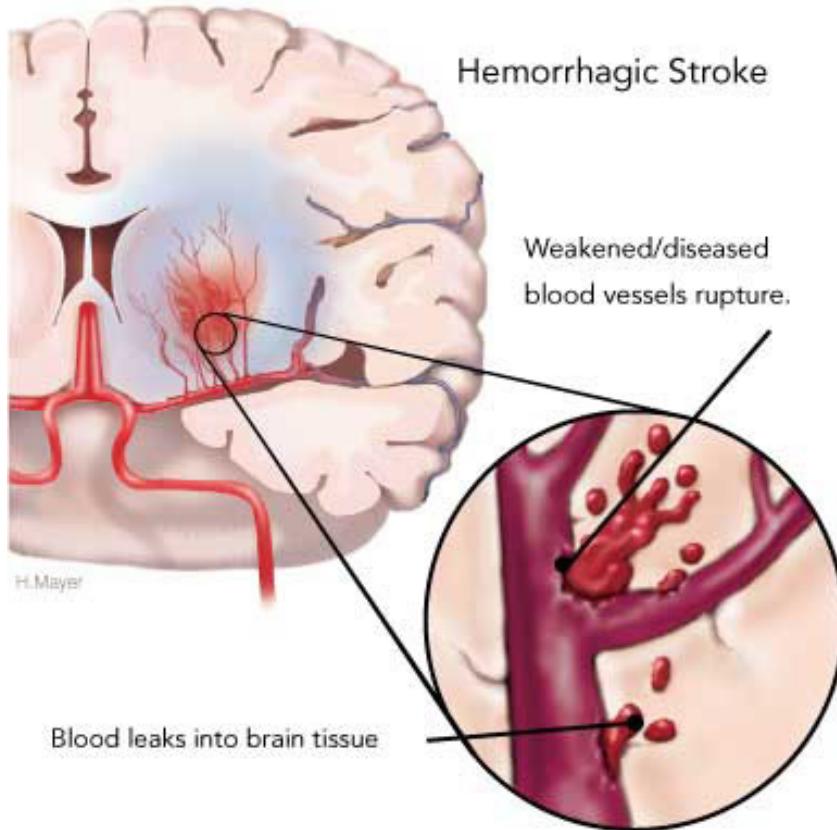


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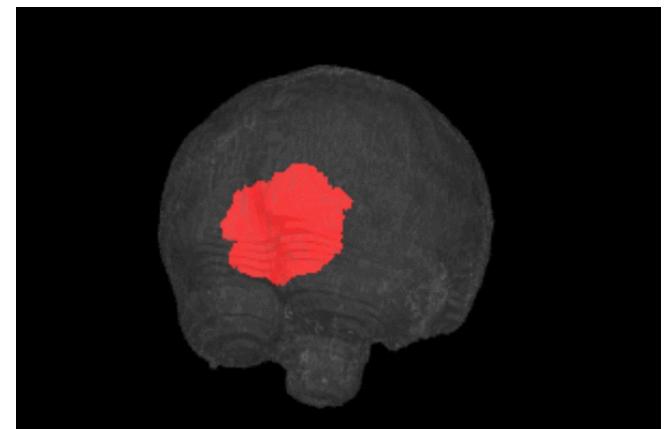


<http://braininjuryoutcomes.com/mistie-about>

# Intracranial/Intracerebral Hemorrhage (ICH)



- When a blood vessel ruptures into tissue
- ≈ 13% of strokes



[http://www.heartandstroke.com/site/c.iklQLcMWjtE/b.3484153/k.7675/Stroke\\_Hemorrhagic\\_stroke.htm](http://www.heartandstroke.com/site/c.iklQLcMWjtE/b.3484153/k.7675/Stroke_Hemorrhagic_stroke.htm)

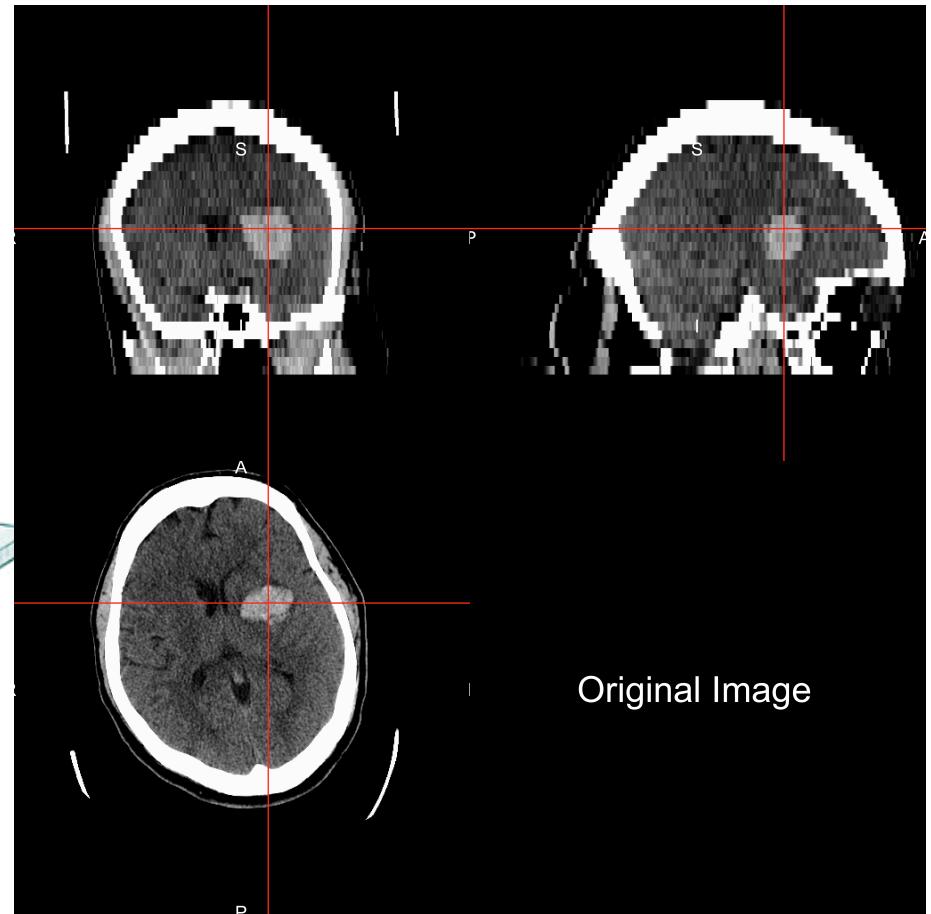
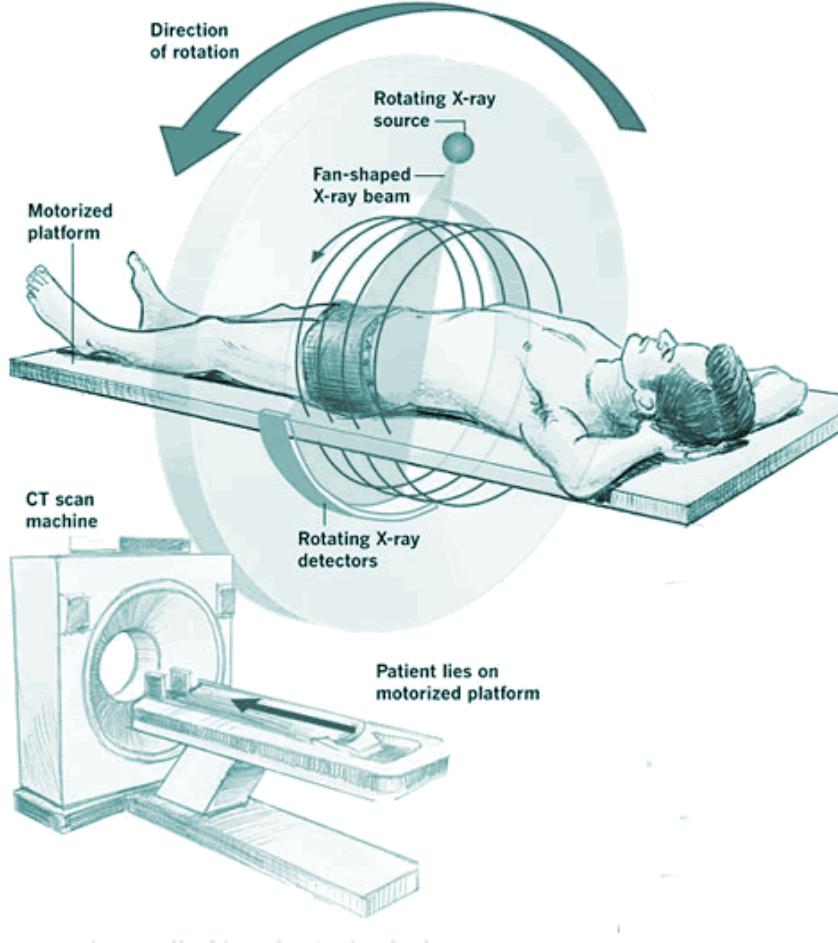
Larger Hemorrhage Volume ⇒  
Worse Outcome

**Goal:**  
**Automatic Hemorrhage Volume  
Estimation**

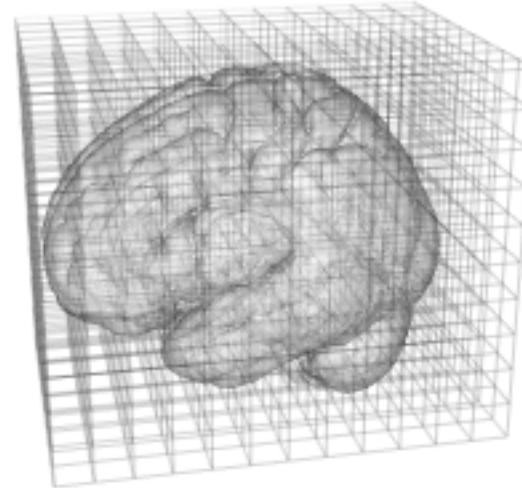
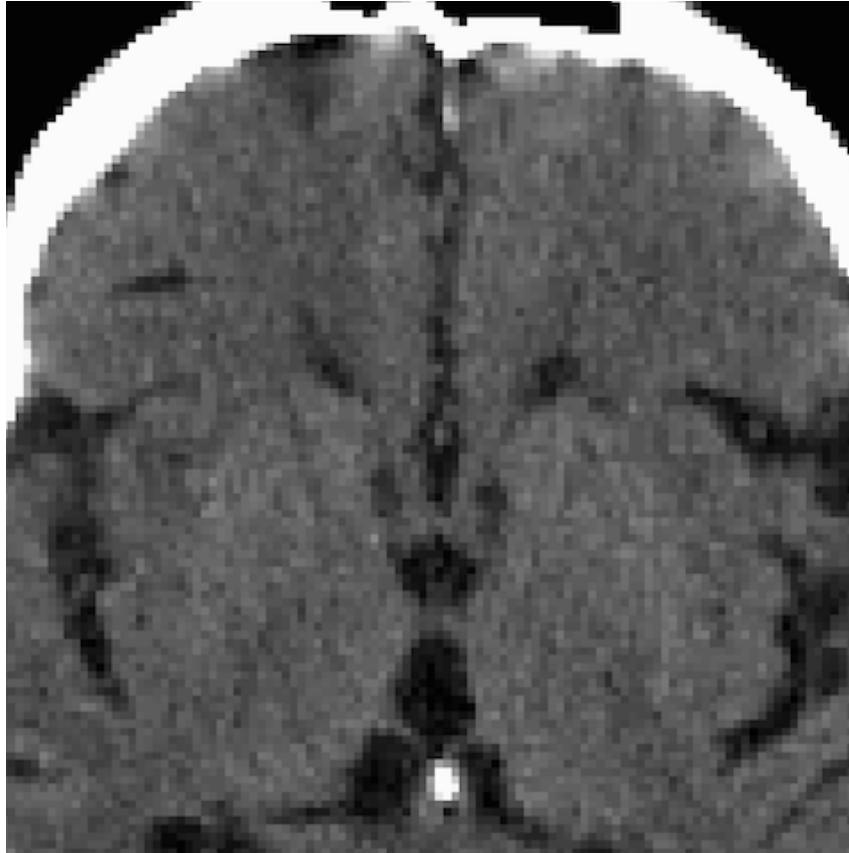
How do we measure hemorrhages?

# X-ray Computed Tomography (CT) Scans

Image from <http://www.cyberphysics.co.uk/topics/medical/CTScanner.htm>



# Image Representation: voxels (3D pixels)



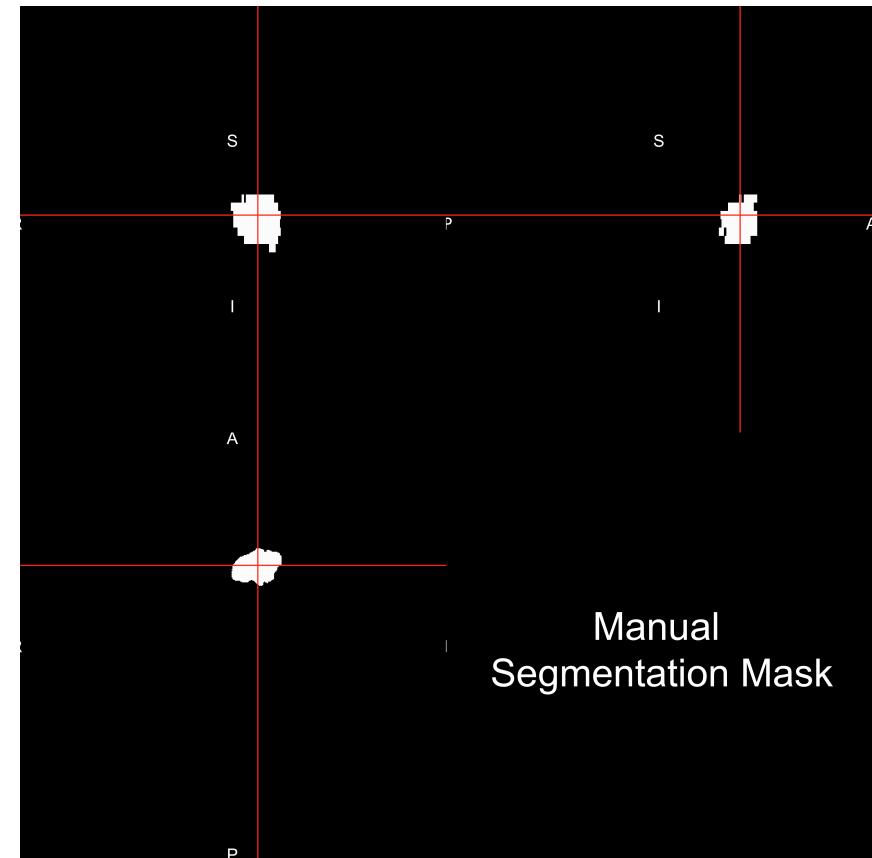
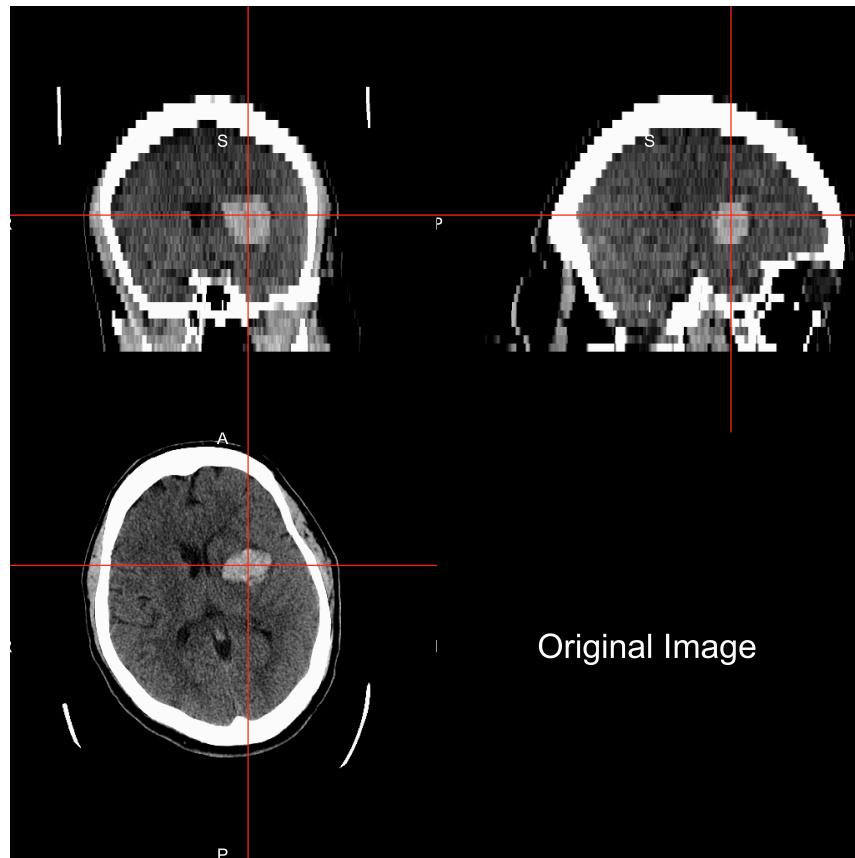
Muschelli, John, Elizabeth Sweeney, and Ciprian Crainiceanu. "brainR: Interactive 3 and 4D Images of High Resolution Neuroimage Data." *R JOURNAL* 6.1 (2014): 42-48.

# Terminology: Neuroimaging to Data/Statistics

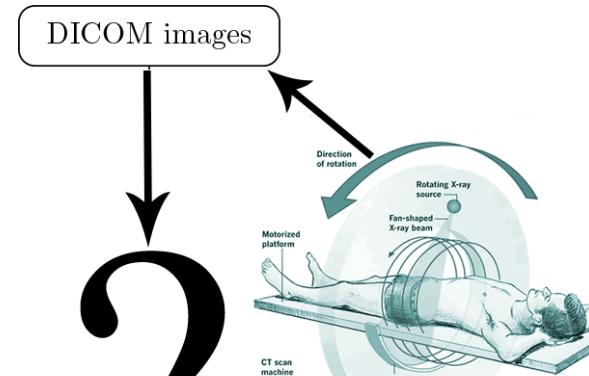
- Segmentation  $\Leftrightarrow$  classification
- Image  $\Leftrightarrow$  3-dimensional array
  - composed of voxels
  - a typical CT has  $512 \times 512 \times 30 \approx 7.8$  million voxels
- Mask/Region of Interest  $\Leftrightarrow$  binary (0/1) image

How do we measure volume  
(currently)?

# Manual Segmentation

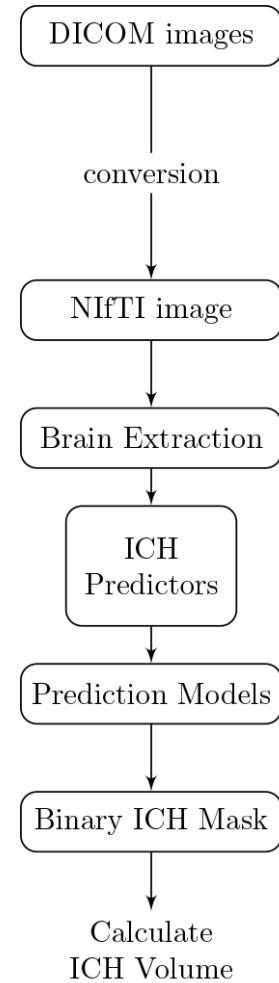


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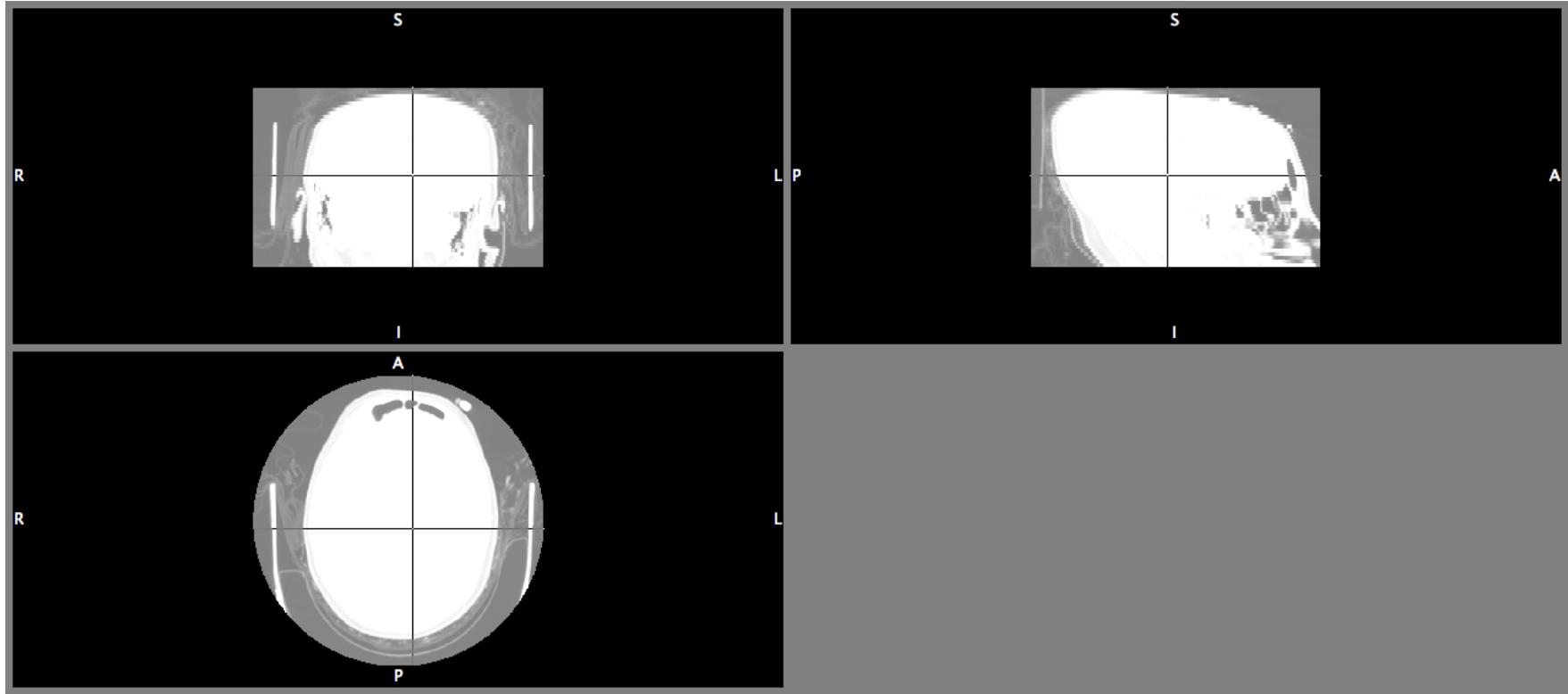


Calculate ICH  
Volume

# Workflow for the Analysis

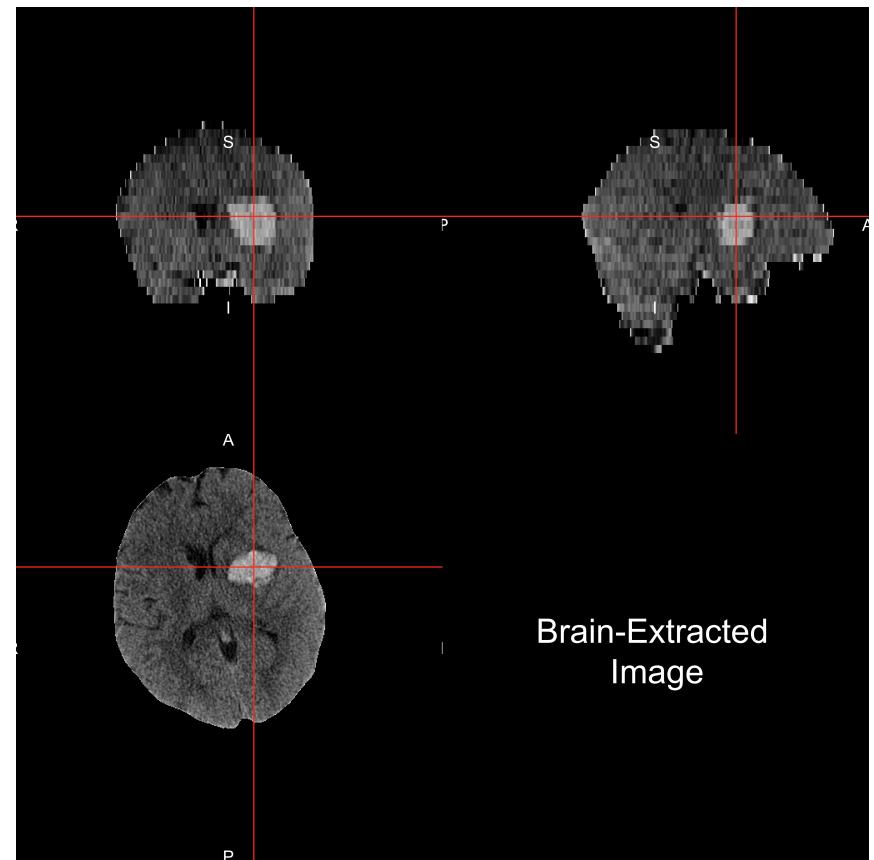
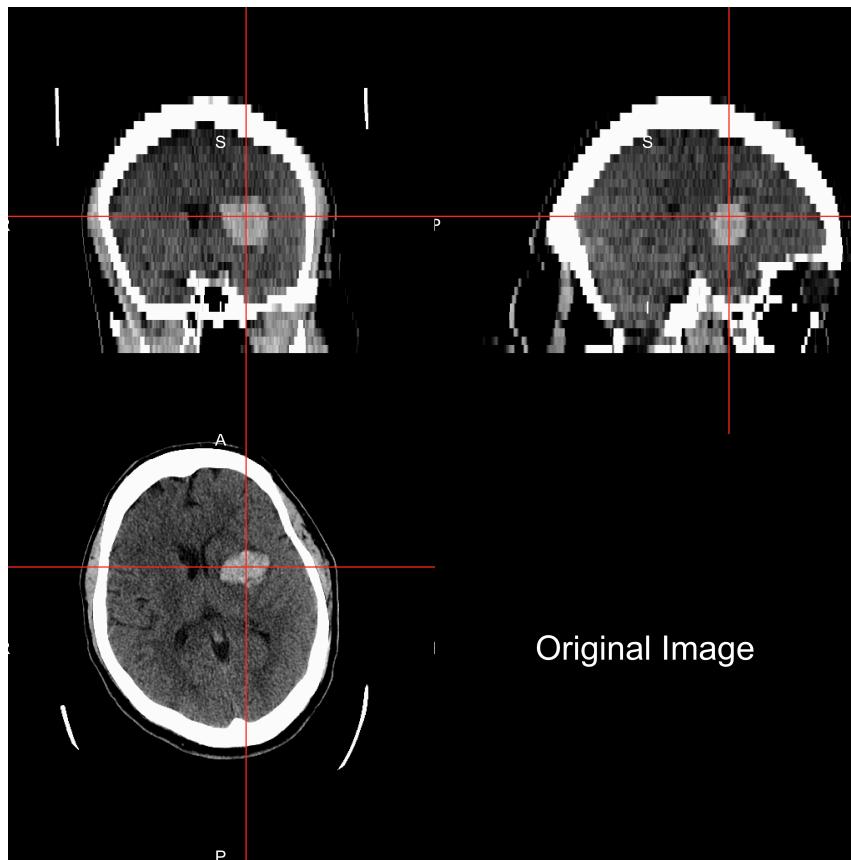


# Problem: CT Scans Capture Everything

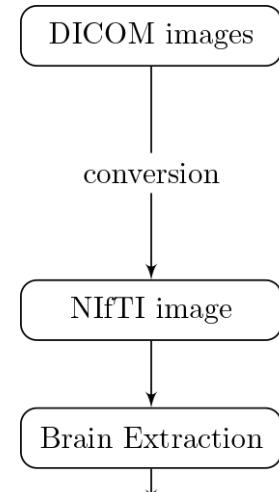


# Brain Segmentation of CT Scans

- Muschelli, John, et al. "Validated automatic brain extraction of head CT images." *NeuroImage* 114 (2015): 379-385. [http://bit.ly/CTBET\\_RCODE](http://bit.ly/CTBET_RCODE)



# Workflow for the Analysis



↓  
Calculate  
ICH Volume

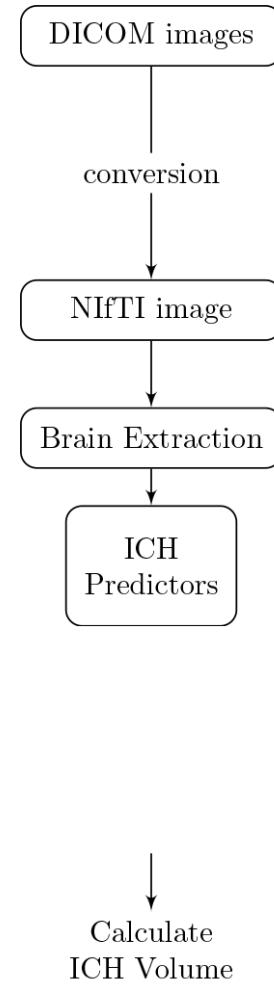
# Hemorrhage Segmentation

# Subject Data used: 111 scans (1 Per Patient)

	Overall
Age in Years: Mean (SD)	60.8 (11.2)
Male: N (%)	76 (68.5%)
Reader-Based Clot Location (%)	
Putamen	68 (61.3)
Lobar	33 (29.7)
Globus Pallidus	6 ( 5.4)
Thalamus	4 ( 3.6)
ICH Volume in mL: Mean (SD)	37.4 (20.1)

- Adults (inclusion criteria 18-80 years old)
- Mostly males
- Different sites, scanners, and locations in the brain

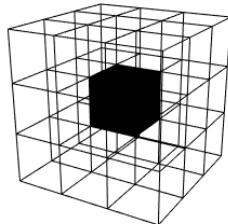
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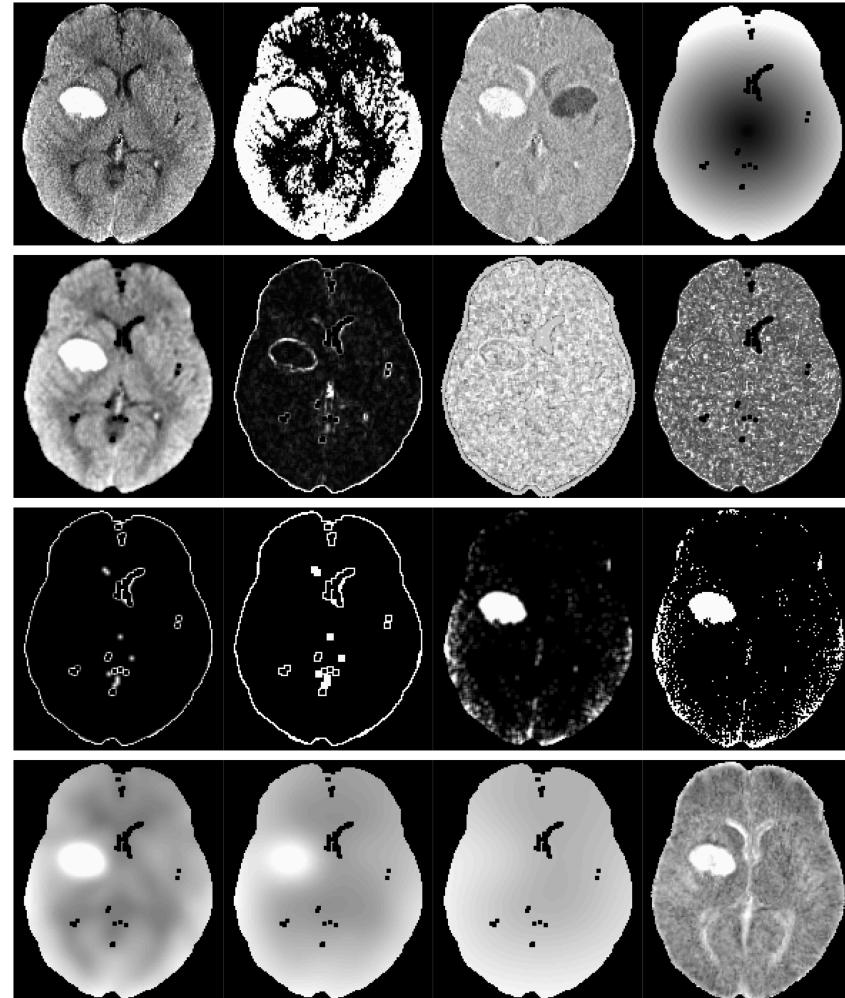
# Predictors of ICH

- Local "neighborhood" moments (mean, sd, skew, kurtosis)

$$\text{Local Mean: } \bar{x}(v) = \frac{1}{27} \sum_k x_k(v)$$

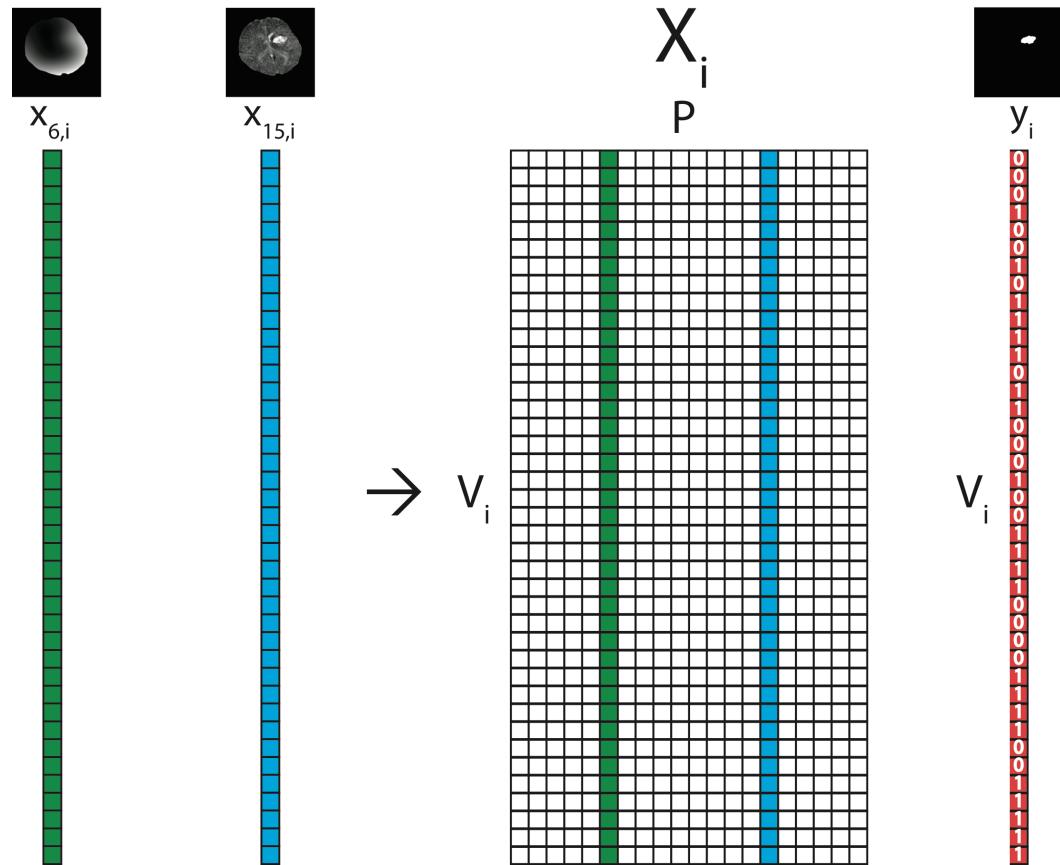


- Threshold intensity
- Gaussian Smoother (big neighborhood)



# Data Structure for One Patient

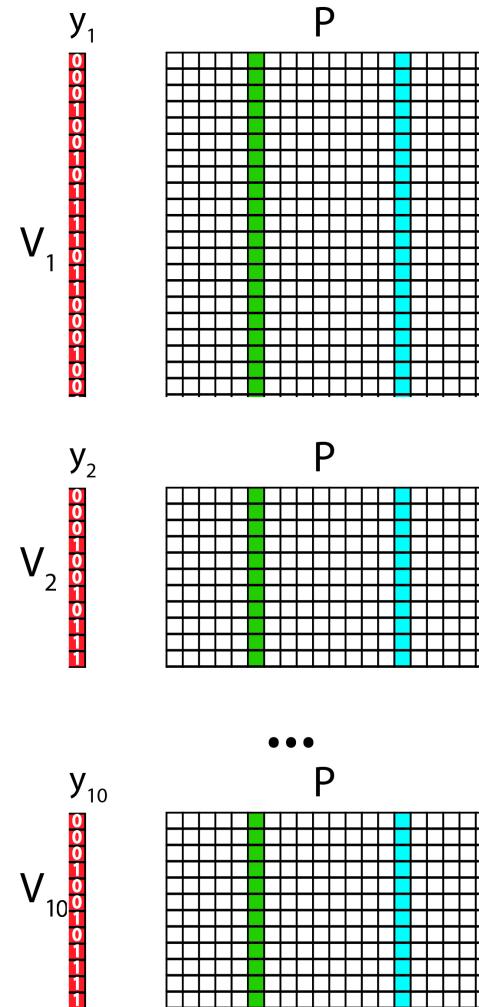
- Each subject has matrix  $X_i$
  - $V_i$  - voxels per person
  - $P$  - number of predictors
  - $y_i$  - manual segmentation



# Aggregate Data

## Training Data Structure

- Stack together 10 randomly selected patients
- Train model/classifier on this design matrix



# Fit Models / Classifier

Again,  $y_i(v)$  is the presence / absence of ICH for voxel  $v$  from person  $i$ .

General model form:

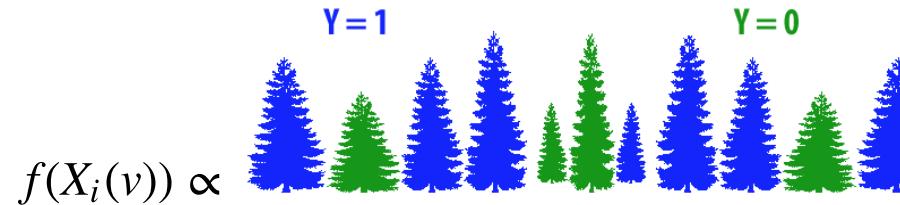
$$P\{y_i(v) = 1\} \propto f\{X_i(v)\}$$

# Models Fit on the Training Data

- Logistic Regression:  $f(X_i(v)) = \text{expit} \left\{ \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^p x_{i,k}(v)\beta_k \right\}$  (`glm` function)
- Generalized Additive Model (Hastie, et al., 1990)
  - fit using penalized thin plate splines (`mgcv` package)
- LASSO (Tibshirani, 1996; Friedman, et al., 2010) (`glmnet` package):

$$\mathcal{L} [Y_i(v) | f\{X_i(v)\}] \propto \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^p x_{i,k}(v)\beta_k + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^p |\beta_k|$$

- Random Forests (Liaw, et al., 2002; Breiman, 2001) (`randomForest` package)



$$f(X_i(v)) \propto$$

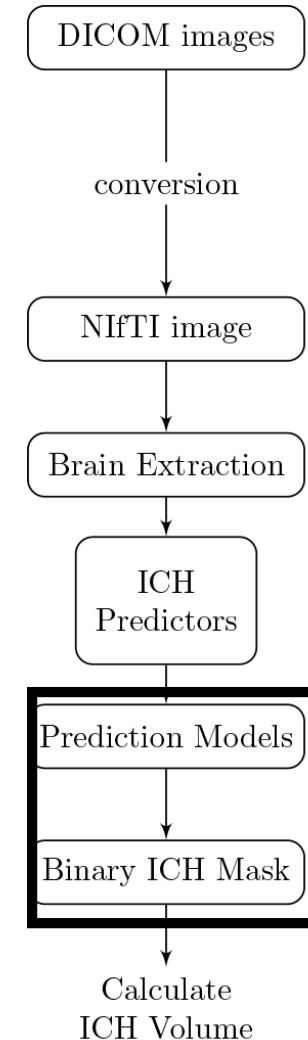
All results are on the 101  
scans/patients  
not in the training data

- Get prediction for each voxel:  
 $\hat{p}_i(v) = \hat{P}(y_i(v) = 1)$
- Threshold to get a binary value:  $\hat{y}_i = \hat{p}_i(v) > 0.5$

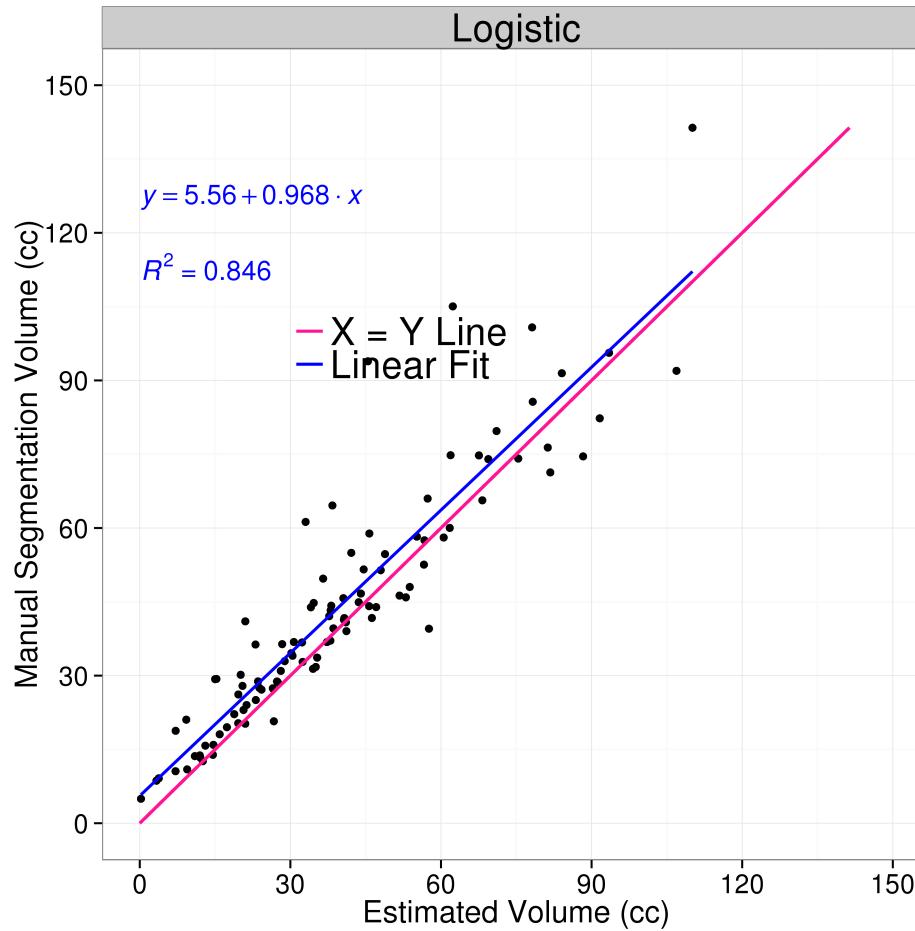
$$\text{Estimated Volume}_i = \text{cc per voxel} \times \sum_v^{V_i} \hat{y}_i(v)$$

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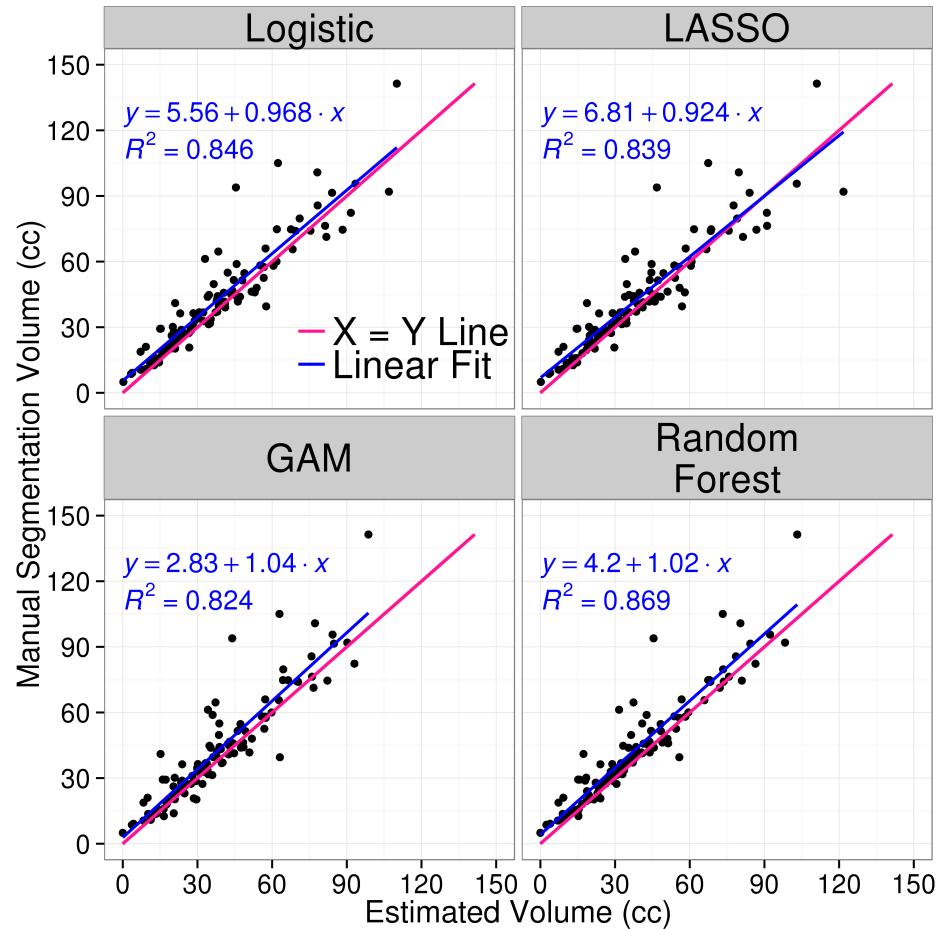
- cc = cubic centimeters
- one milliliter (mL) = 1 cc



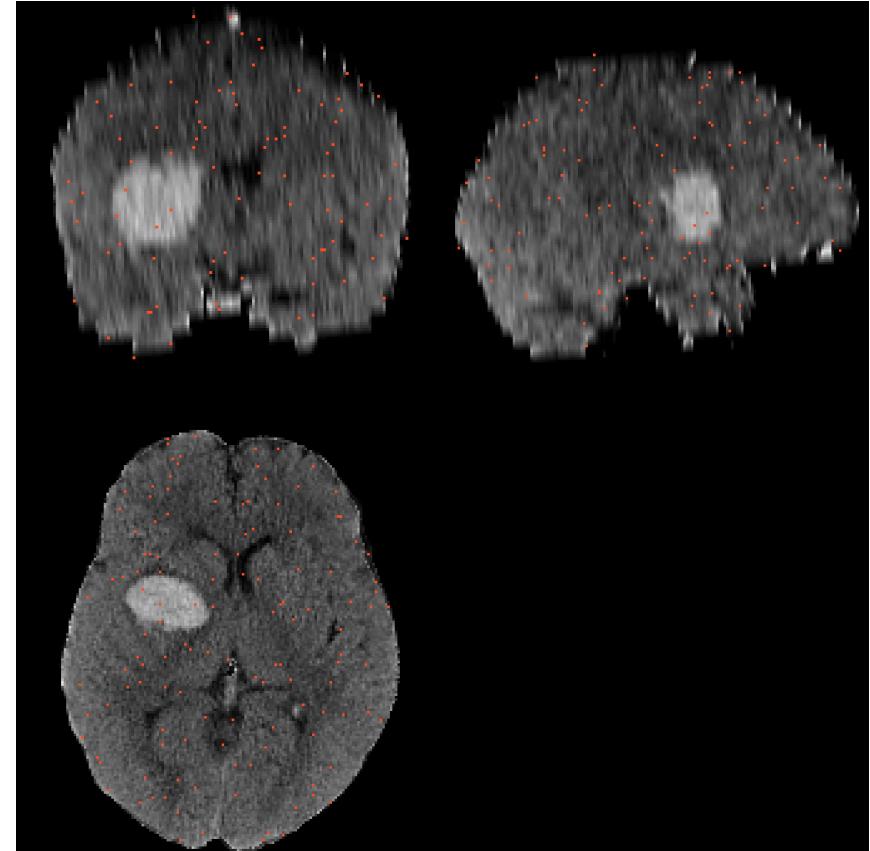
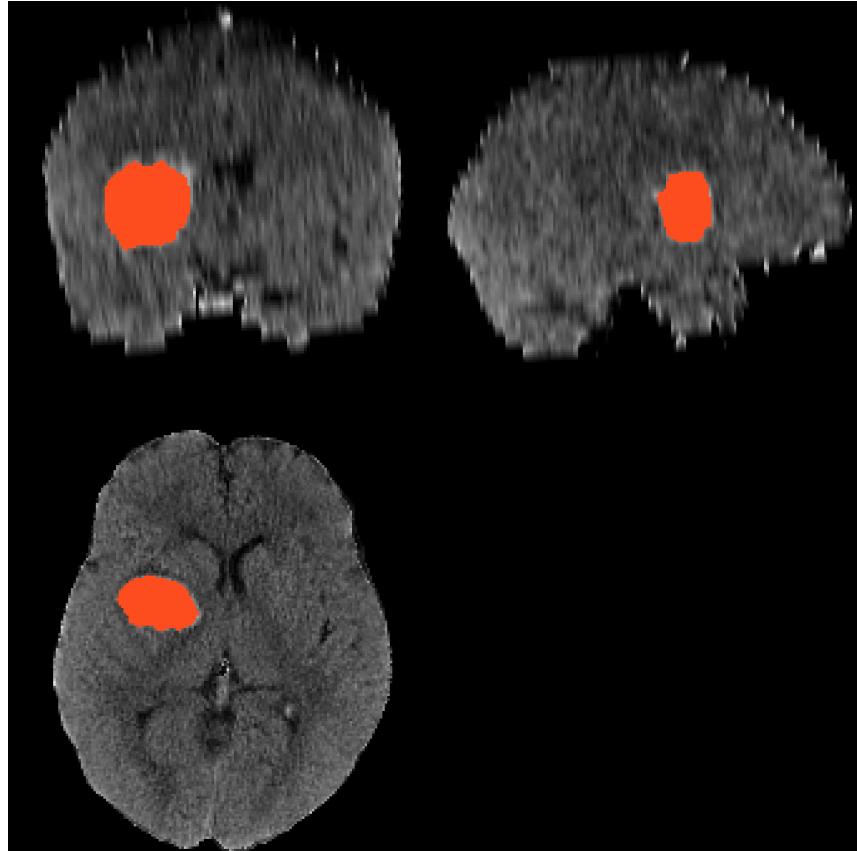
# Predicted Volume Estimates True Volume



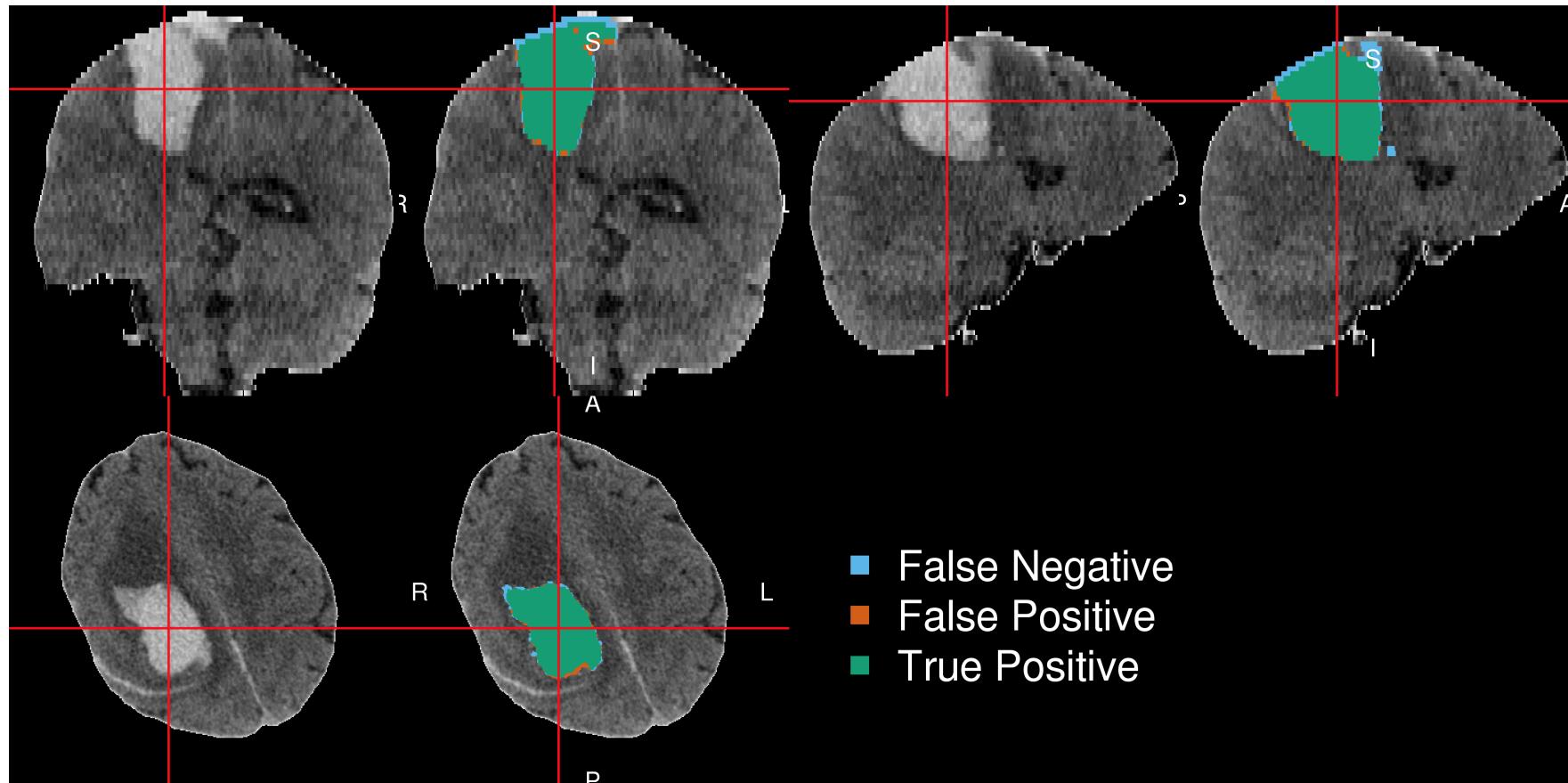
# All models predicted volume pretty well



## Two Segmentations: Same Volume



# Patient with Median Overlap



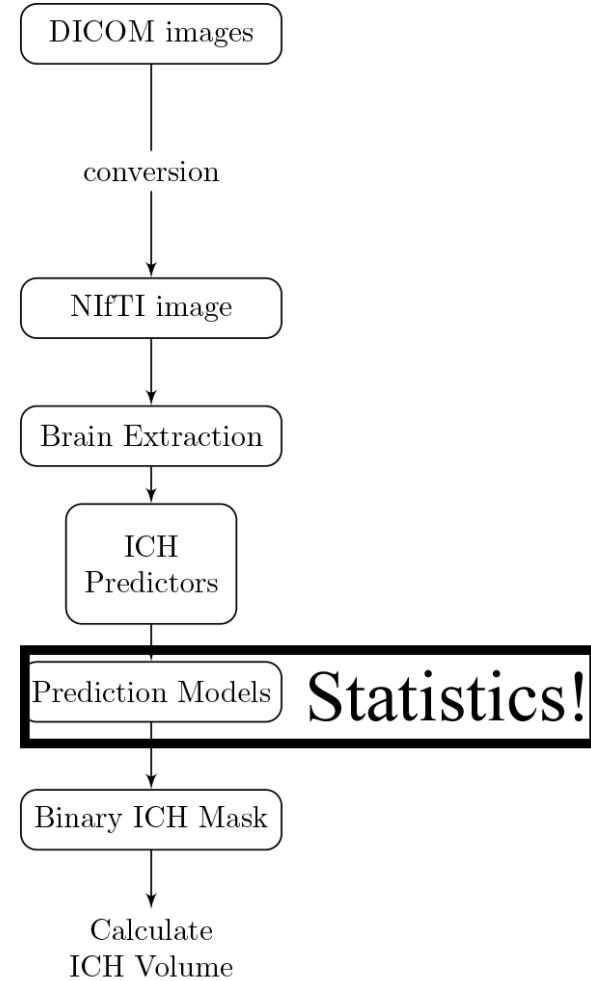
# Conclusions of Stroke Analyses

- We can segment ICH volume from CT scans
- The predictors seemed to be the "secret sauce"
  - not the algorithm
- Chose the Random Forest
  - PItcHPERFeCT: Primary Intracranial Hemorrhage Probability Estimation using Random Forests on CT
- R Package: <https://github.com/muschellij2/ichseg>
- Shiny Application [http://johnmuschelli.com/ich\\_segment.html](http://johnmuschelli.com/ich_segment.html)

# Workflow for the Analysis

Statistical methods are just one part

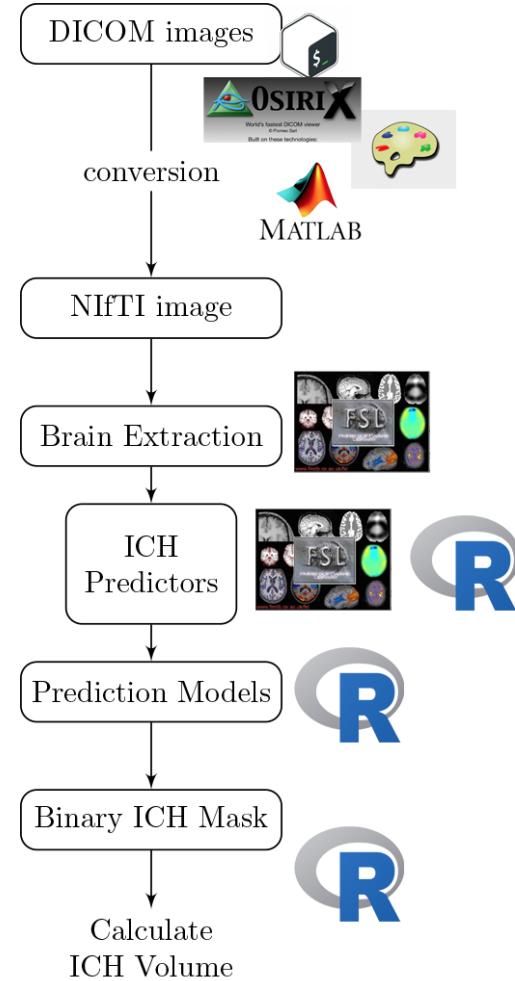
- Downstream from many steps



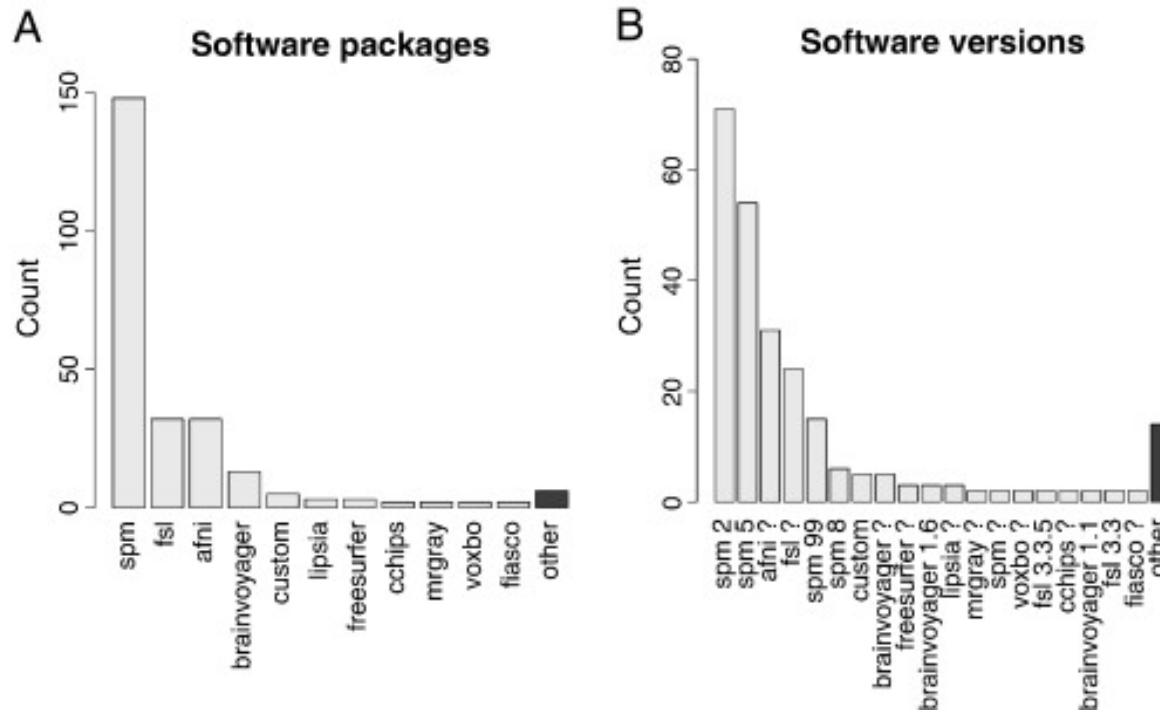
# Workflow for the Analysis

Multiple pieces of software used

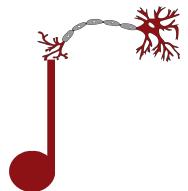
- all different syntax



# This isn't atypical: lots of software choices



From Carp, Joshua. "The secret lives of experiments: methods reporting in the fMRI literature." Neuroimage 63.1 (2012): 289-300.



# Neuroconductor: A Framework for Reproducible Neuroimaging Analysis in R

# Neuroconductor

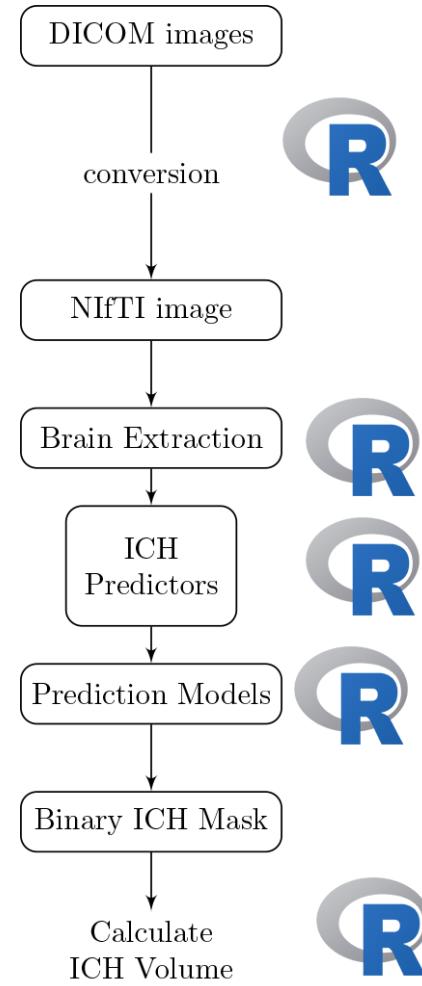
## Goal:

Lower the bar to entry

- all R code
  - pipeline tool
  - native R code

Statisticians involved  
with entire pipeline

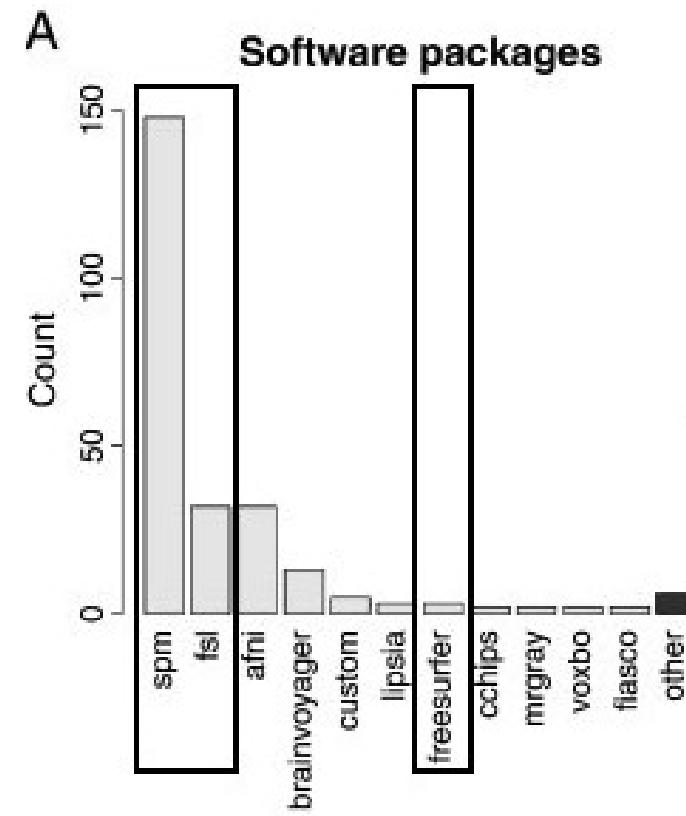
- pipeline sensitivity  
analyses



# Current Progress (my R packages)

Number of downloads as of October 10, 2016 (cranlogs package):

Package	All Time	Last Week
fslr	8930	139
oasis	1442	63
papayar	653	59
spm12r	1773	52
matlabr	3110	41
brainR	8764	37
freesurfer	161	35
WhiteStripe	4862	31

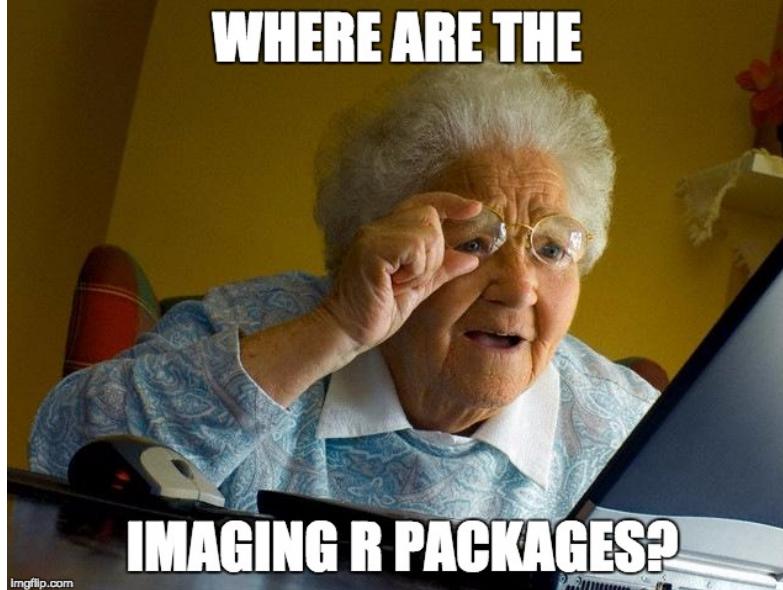


# Neuroconductor

## Goal:

Centralize the packages

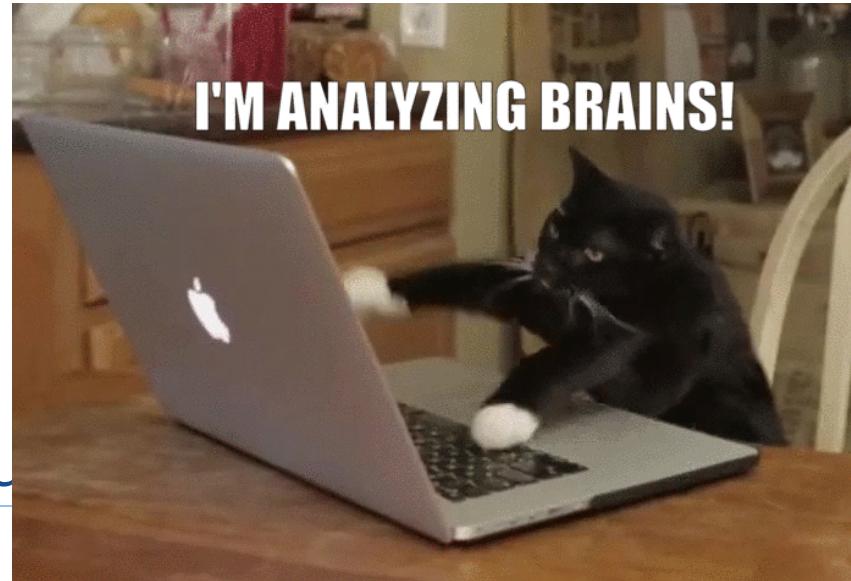
- Medical Imaging Task View
  - no tutorials
- Neuroconductor Repository



From <https://imgflip.com/memegenerator/Grandma-Finds-The-Internet>.

**Neuroconductor Goal:**  
Detailed **tutorials** on how  
to actually perform an  
analysis

<http://johnmuschelli.com/neu>



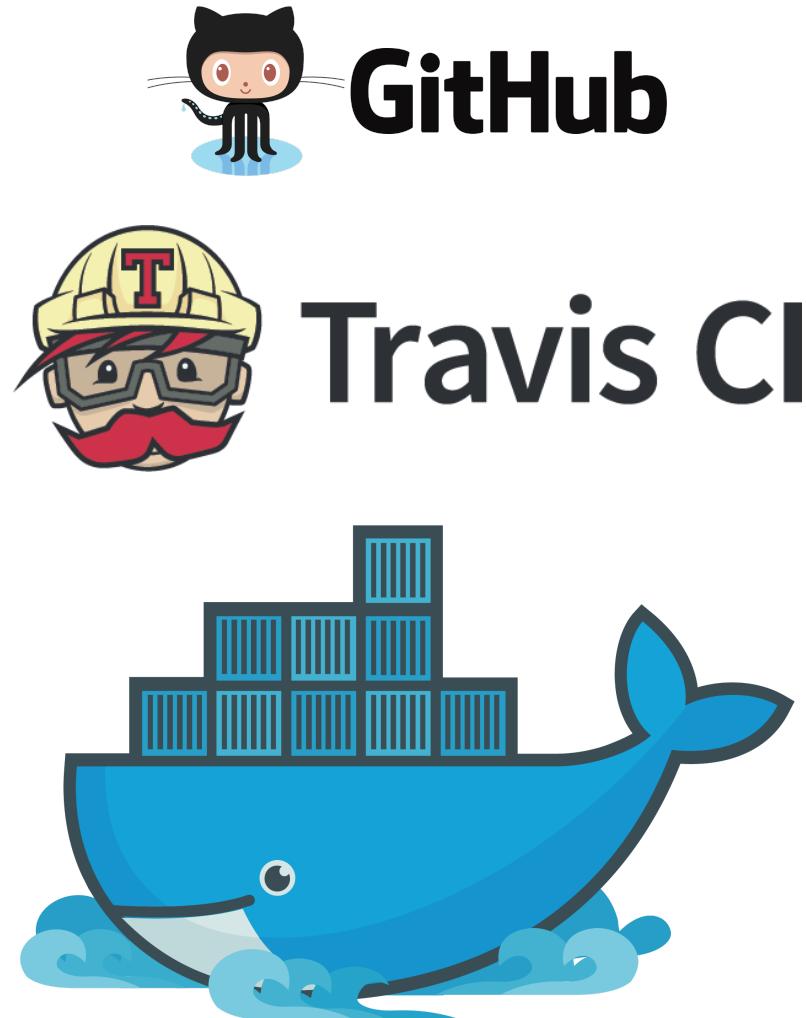
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# Neuroconductor

## Goal:

Provide package  
checks / rules /  
**stability**

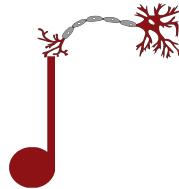
- check against other imaging software (e.g. FSL)



## Benefits of Neuroconductor:

Allow neuroimaging to use all the things R has to offer.

- Statistics
- Versioning and testing
- Reproducible reports and analyses
- Shiny



## Neuroconductor Downsides

1. More control over the workflow = more work (**for us statisticians!**)
2. Users need external software (versions/installation)
3. No control over external software
  - if maintainer changes something, not much recourse
4. Need the content (buy-in from the community)

# How do I get started?

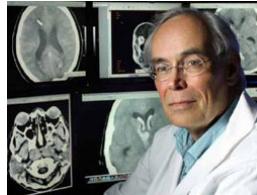
Coursera Course:  
Introduction to  
Neurohacking In R

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/neurohacking>



# Thanks

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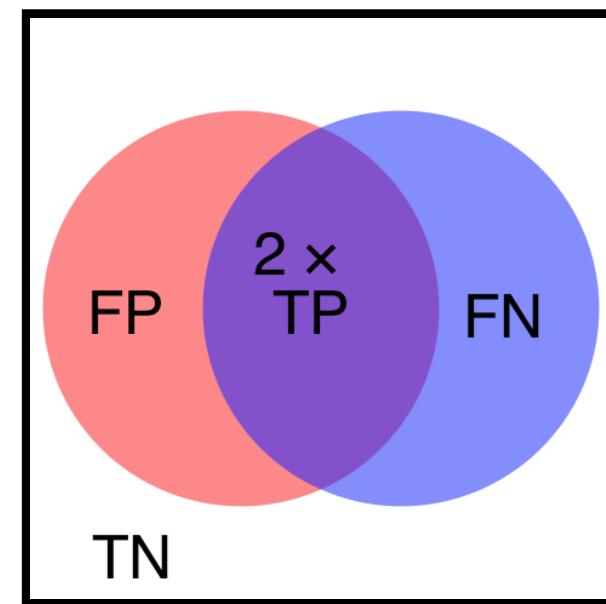


# Questions

# Assessing Performance

For each manual and automated segmentation, we can calculate the following 2-by-2 table, where the cells represent number of voxels and a corresponding Venn diagram:

		Manual	
		0	1
PitCH	0	TN	FN
	1	FP	TP

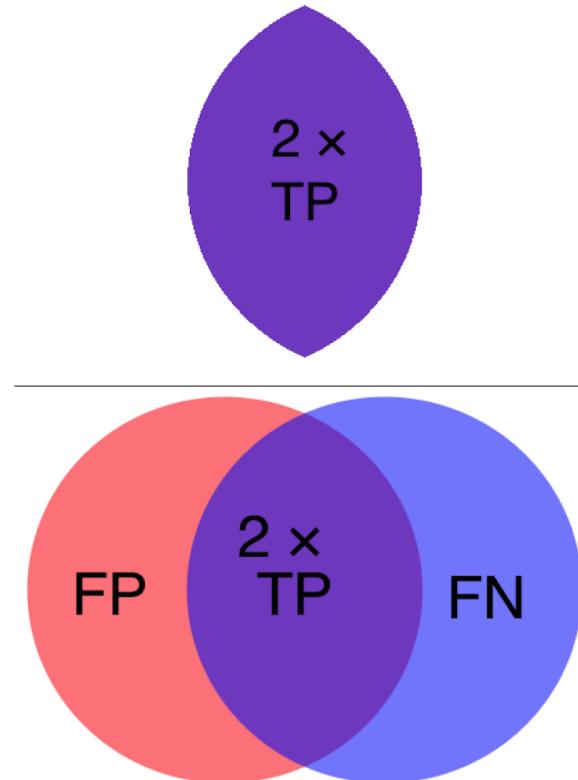


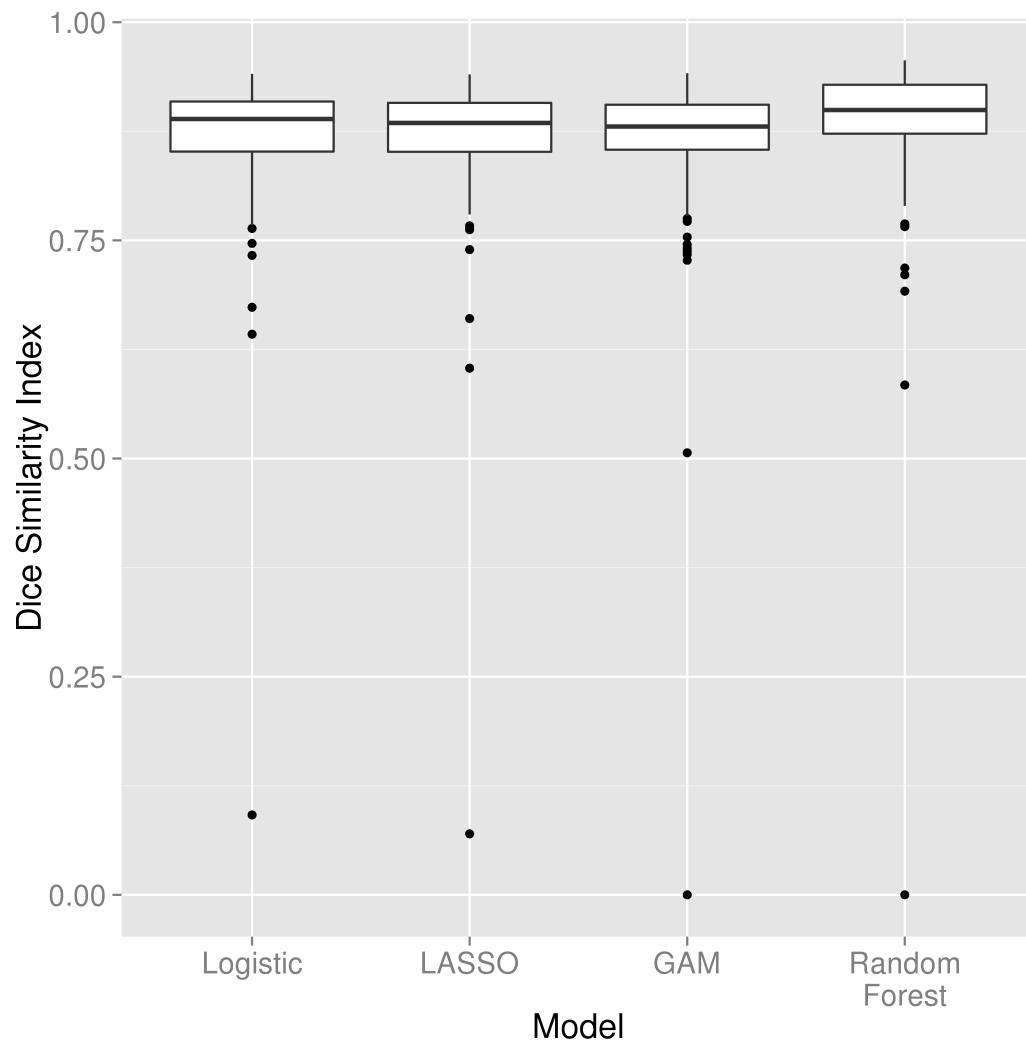
# Dice Similarity

We calculate the Dice Similarity Index (DSI):

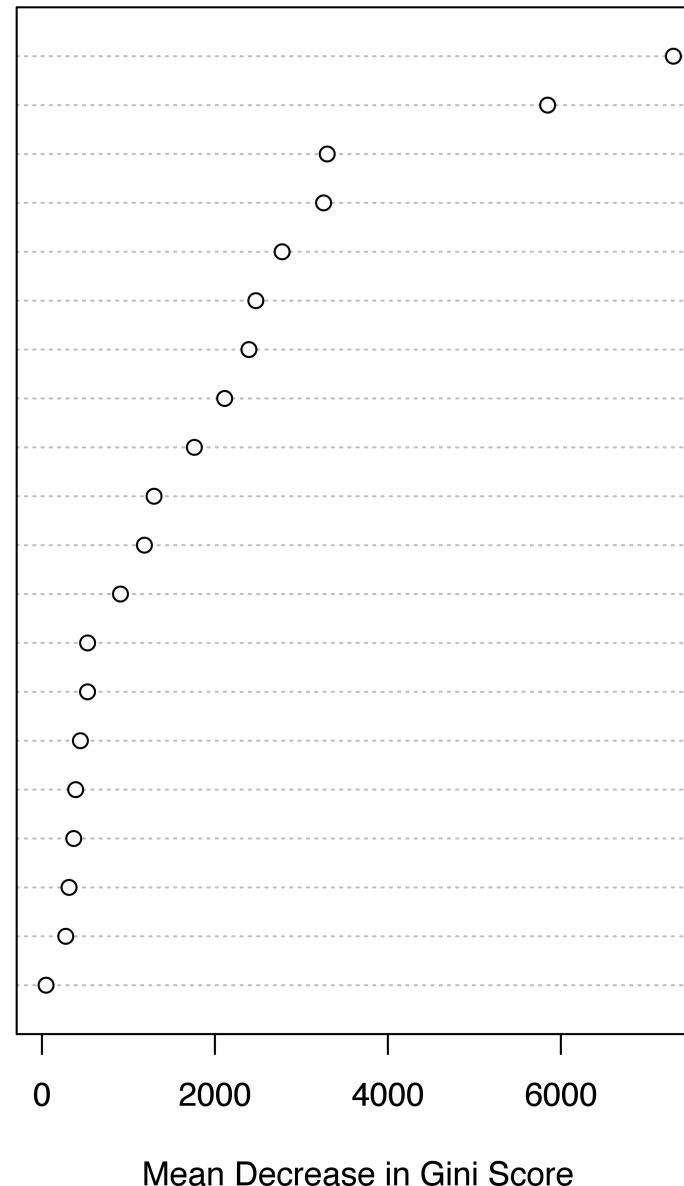
$$\frac{2 \times \#TP}{2 \times \#TP + FN + FP}$$

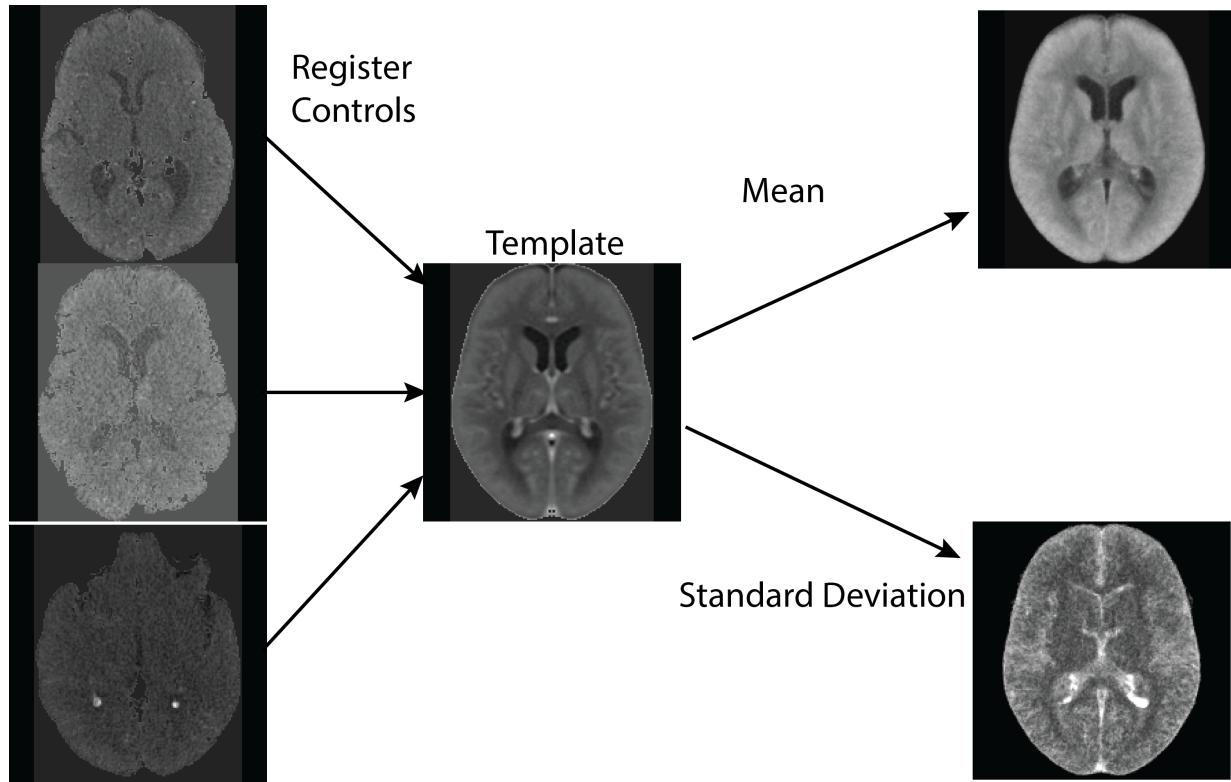
- 0 indicates no overlap
- 1 means perfect agreement

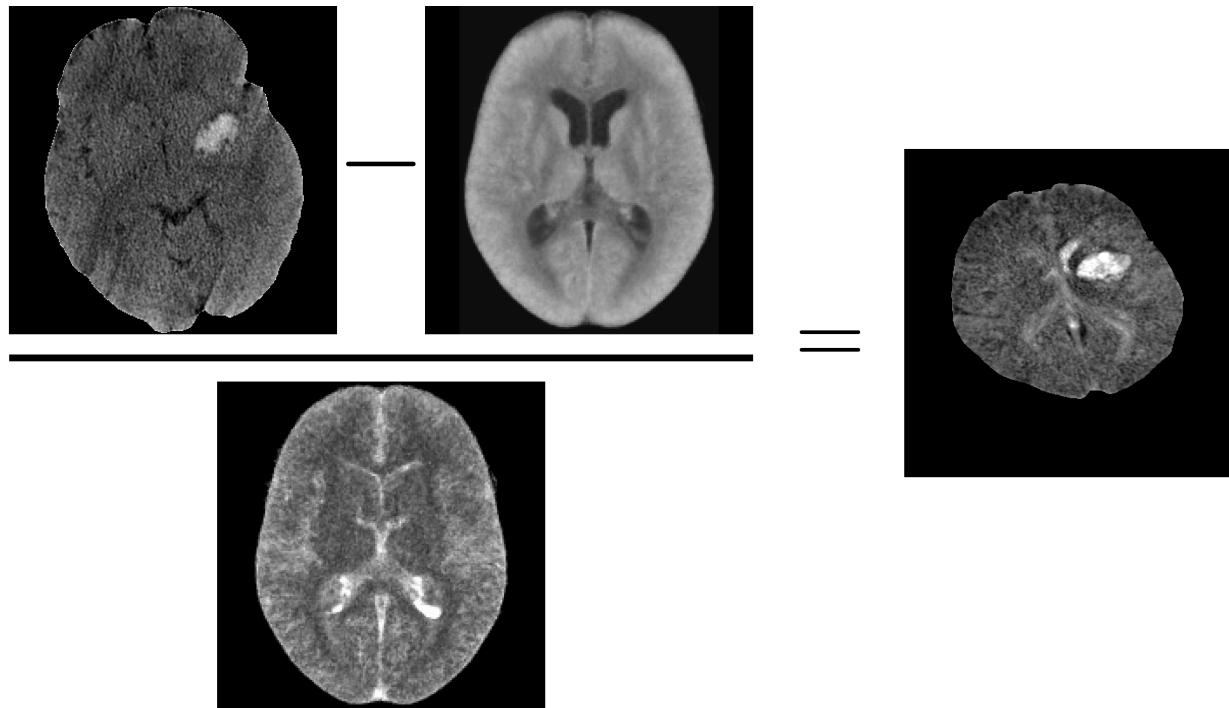




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Neighborhood mean  
Winsorized standardized (20% trim)  
Atropos probability image  
Contralateral difference  
Gaussian smooth ( $\sigma = 5\text{mm}^3$ )  
Distance to image centroid  
Image intensity (HU)  
Percentage thresholded neighbors  
Within-plane axial  
Gaussian smooth ( $\sigma = 10\text{mm}^3$ )  
Neighborhood sd  
Gaussian smooth ( $\sigma = 20\text{mm}^3$ )  
Within-plane sagittal  
Within-plane coronal  
Percent of zero neighbors  
Indicator of any zero neighbors  
Neighborhood skew  
Neighborhood kurtosis  
Threshold ( $\geq 40$  and  $\leq 80$ )







# Under Development R Packages

1. nitrc - download data from the **NITRC repository**
2. MNITemplate\* - data of a population-level "template" image
3. EveTemplate\* - data of a different template image
4. kirby21 - data package with 2 subjects, 2 visits with multimodal imaging
5. rcamino - interface to analyze DTI data
6. msseg - MS lesion segmentation
7. extrantsr - pipelines for structural imaging analysis

Not started yet

1. hcp - interface with Human Connectome Project
2. afnir - R port of AFNI software (No. 2 on the chart)

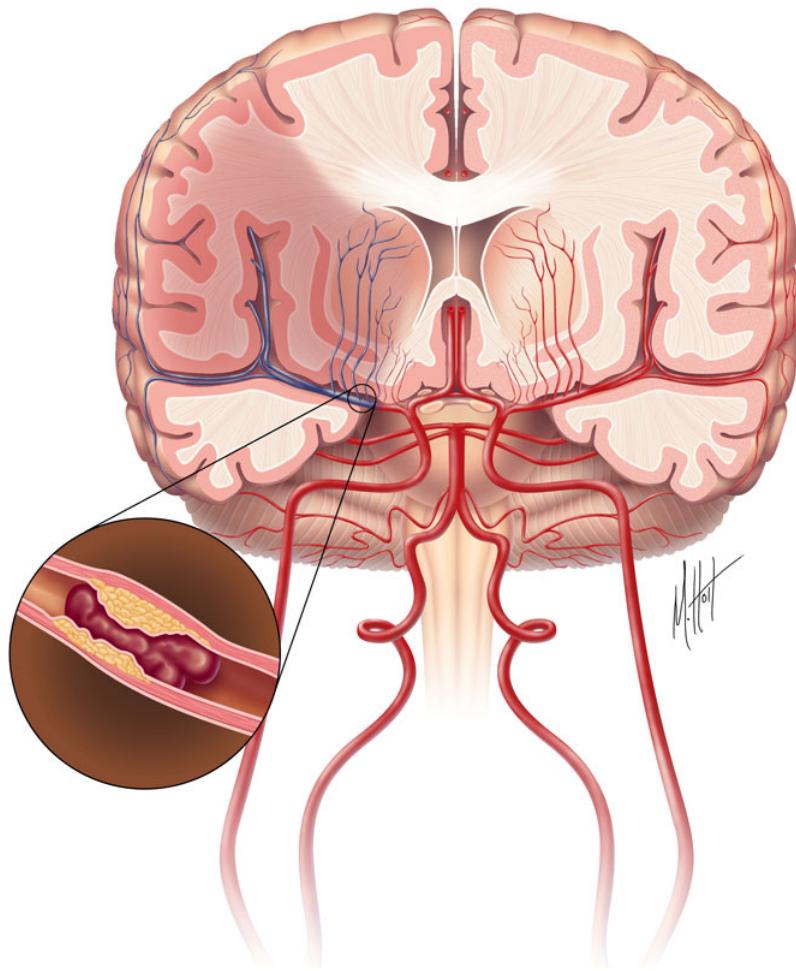
\* - working with Jean-Philippe Fortin on these

The knitr, knitr, pander, plyr, RefManageR, rmarkdown, and tableone packages were used to create this presentation in RStudio.

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# Ischemic Stroke



- Ischemic stroke - clot blocks oxygen/nutrients
- Tissue dies
- ≈87% of strokes

Image from <http://www.strokecenter.org/patients/about-stroke/ischemic-stroke/>

# Neuroconductor Goal:

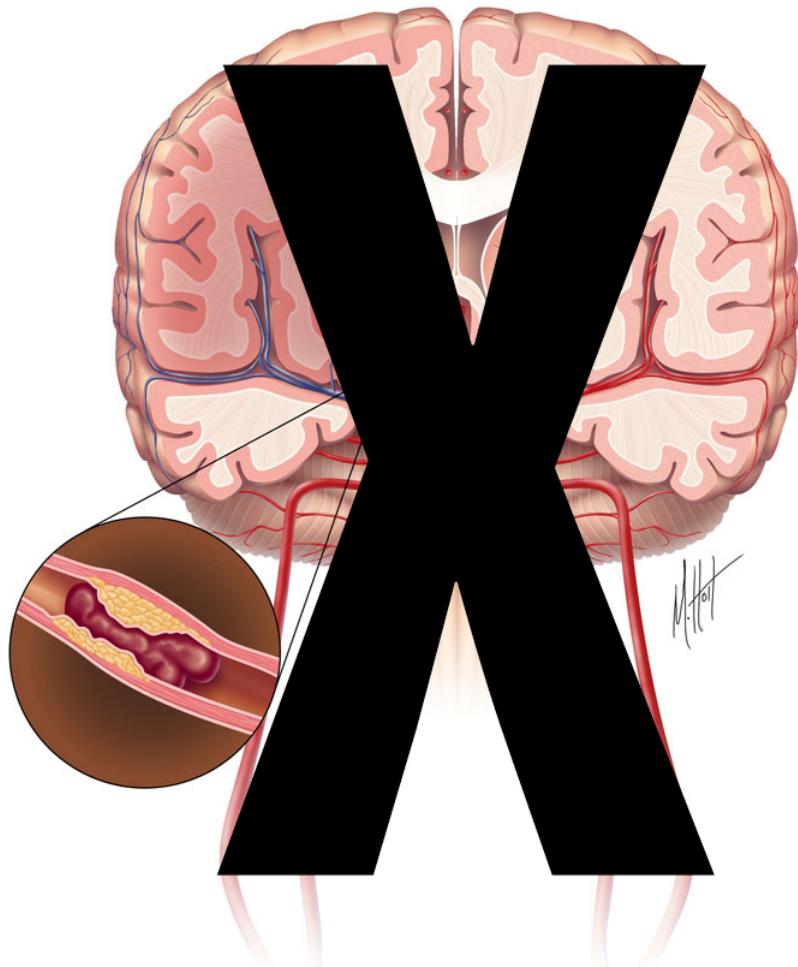
R Data packages for testing

- getting data is a common problem
- developers can test packages
- Kirby21 Data:
  - <https://github.com/muschellij2/kirby21.t1>
  - <https://github.com/muschellij2/kirby21.t2>
  - <https://github.com/muschellij2/kirby21.flair>
  - <https://github.com/muschellij2/kirby21.fmri>
  - <https://github.com/muschellij2/kirby21.dti>



From <https://memegenerator.net/Everywhere-Toy-Story>.

# Not Ischemic Stroke



- Ischemic stroke - clot blocks oxygen/nutrients
- Tissue dies
- ≈87% of strokes

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