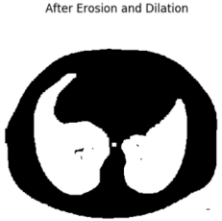
Image Segmentation

Separate Lungs

1. Original

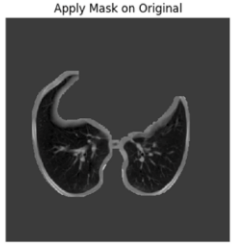
2. Threshold using KMeans

3. Erode + Dilate



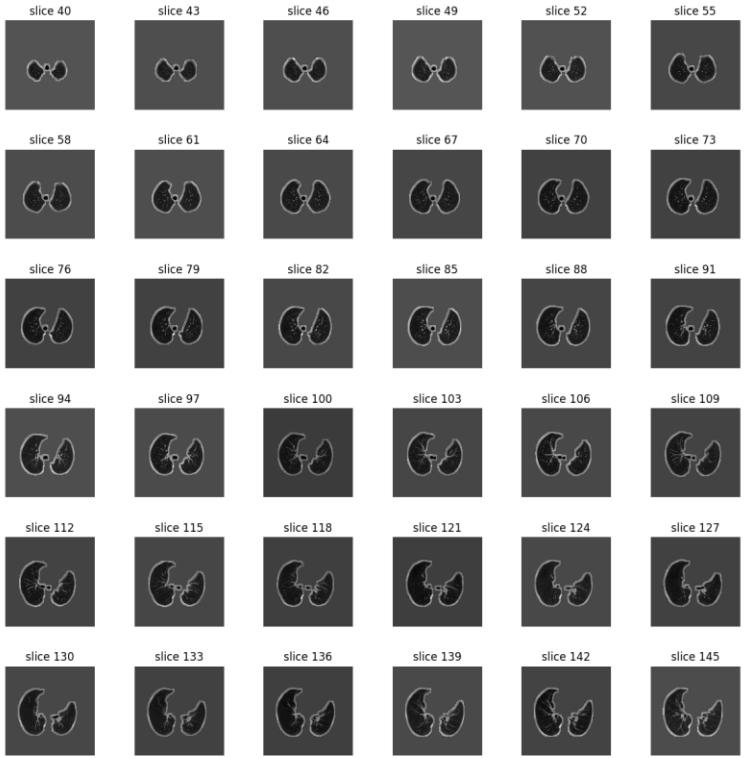
4. Label regions

5. Final Mask



6. Applied Mask

Separate Lungs



DICOM Processing and Segmentation in Python

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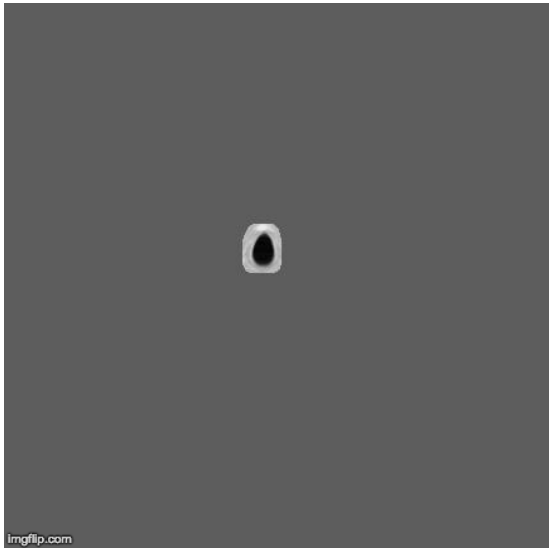
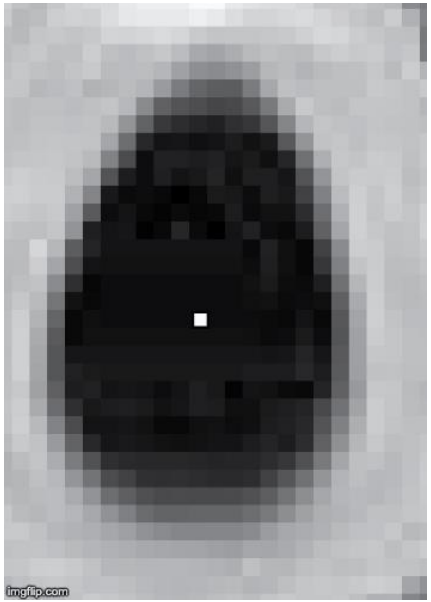


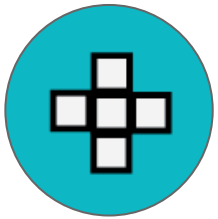
Region Grow Airway

Simple Region Growing of Airway



- Seed point is calculated automatically using median position of dark area.

Growing Size: 6 voxels



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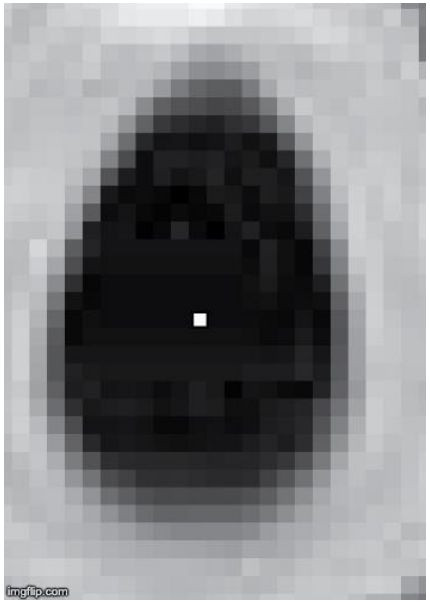
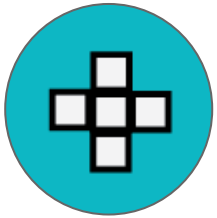
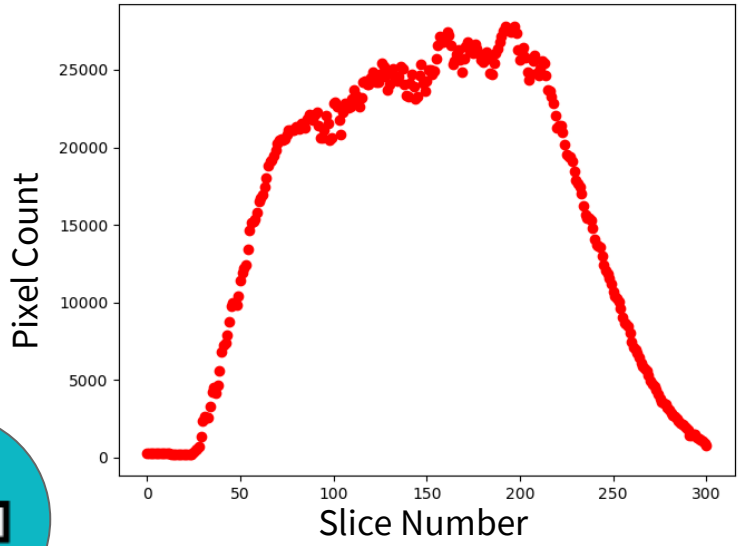




Leak Alert!



Region Grow Airway

Robust Region Growing Based Intrathoracic Airway Tree Segmentation

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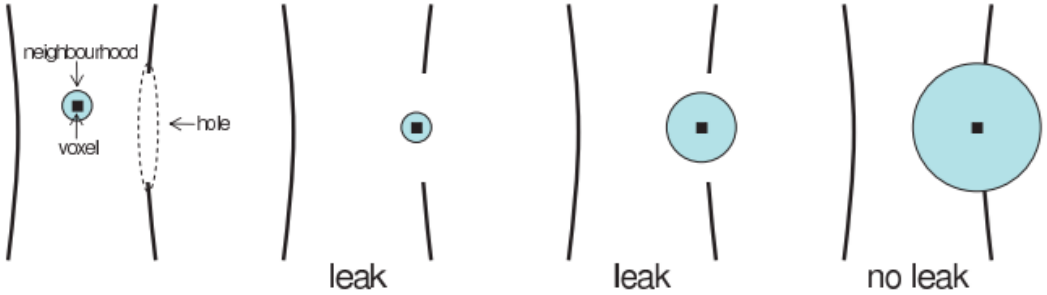
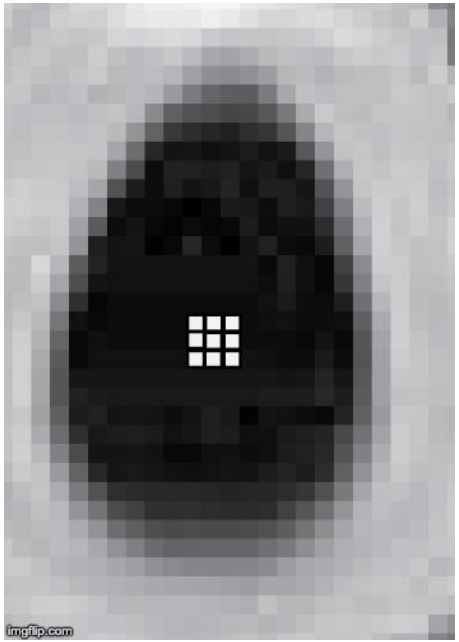


Fig. 1. Avoiding leaks. The segmentation is repeated with an increasing neighbourhood mask until no leaks are detected.

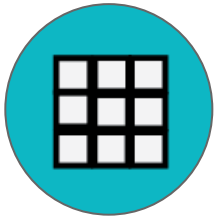
Region Grow Airway

Large Voxel Region Grower



- Voxel will grow depending on how many light pixels are found in it.
- If there are 3 or more light pixels in the large voxel, it will stop growing and move to another large voxel to check.

Growing Size: 26 voxels



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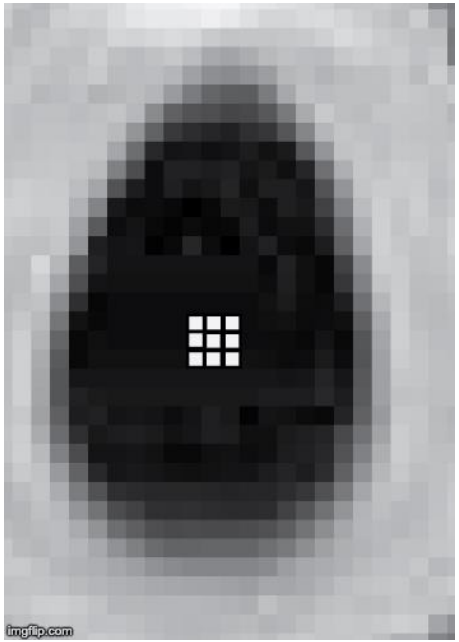
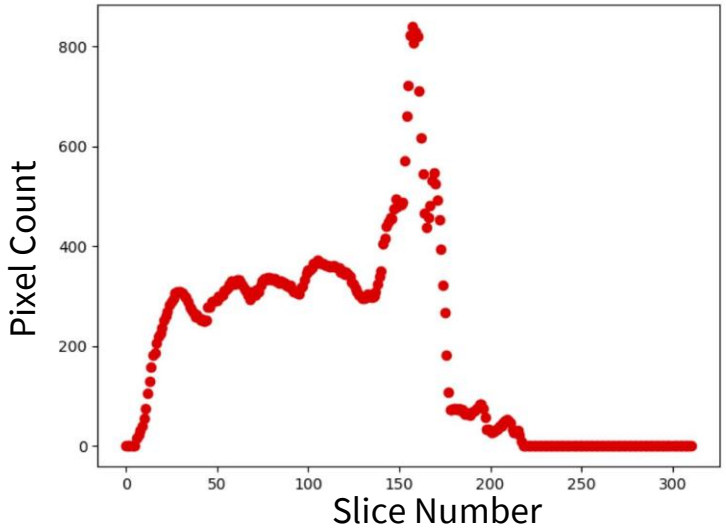
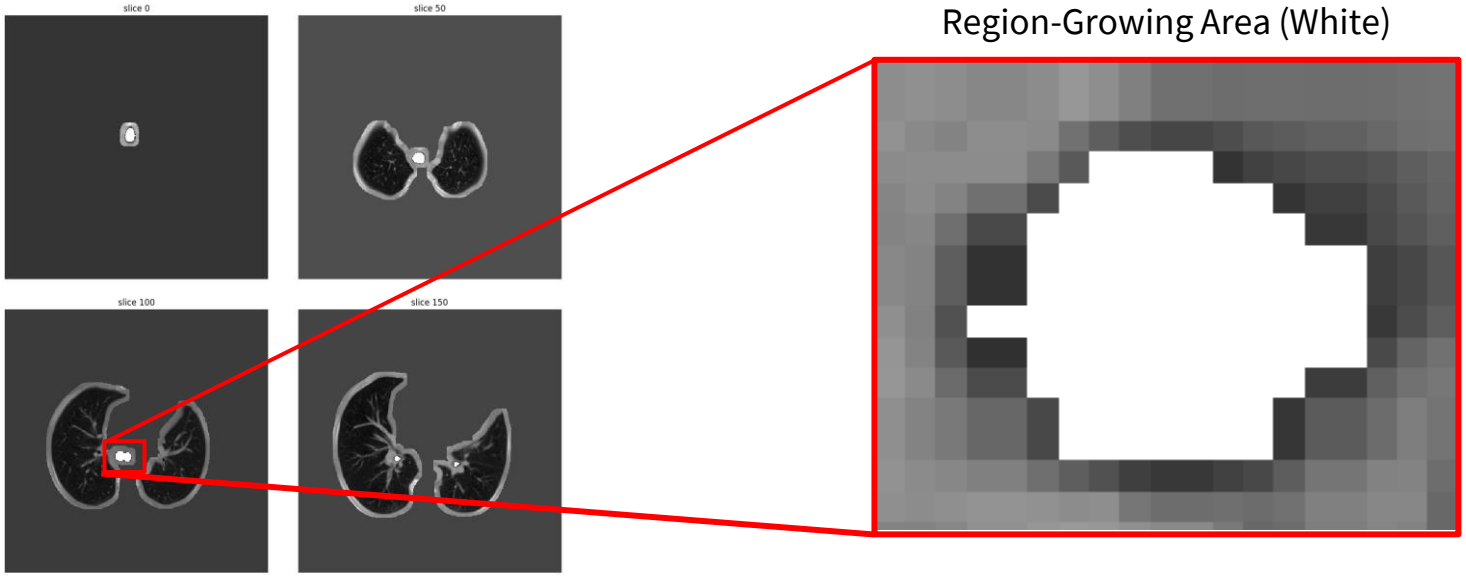




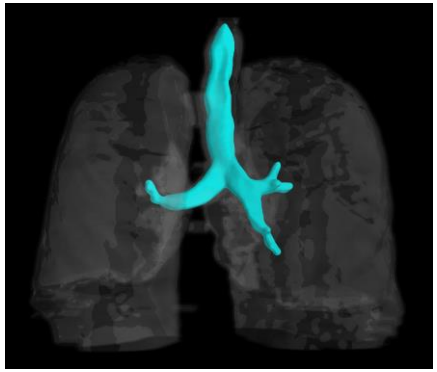
Quality Inspection



3D Modeling

Patient 1

Patient 2



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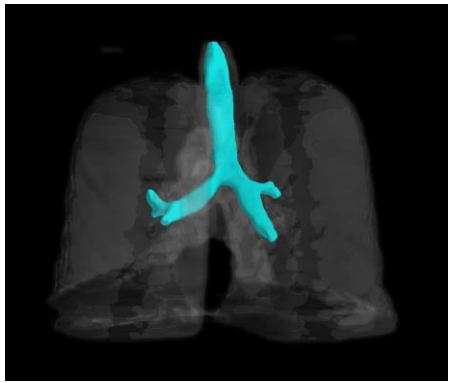
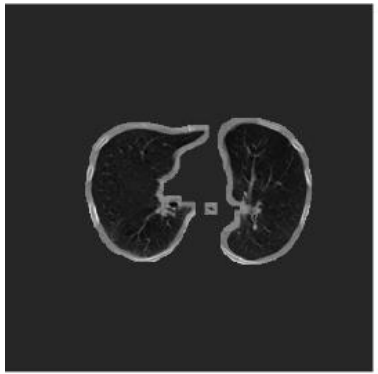
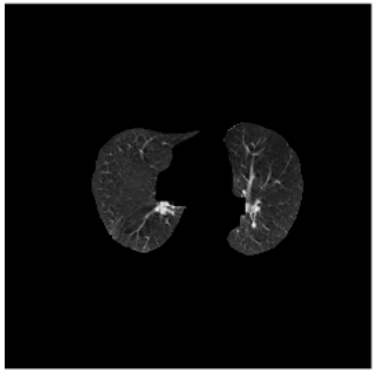


- Meshlab Mayavi with Gaussian smoothing filter
- Surrounding lung structure

Segment Bronchioles



Lung



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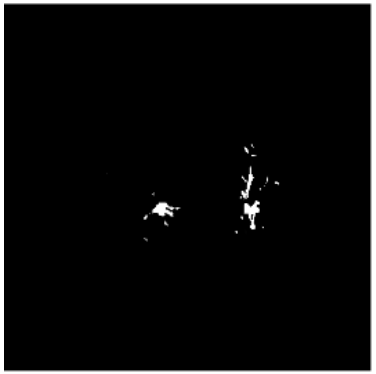
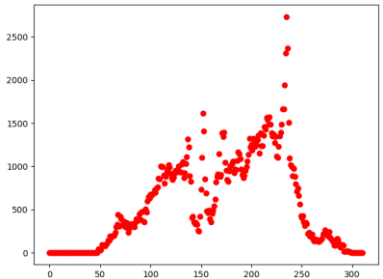


Simple Region Grow

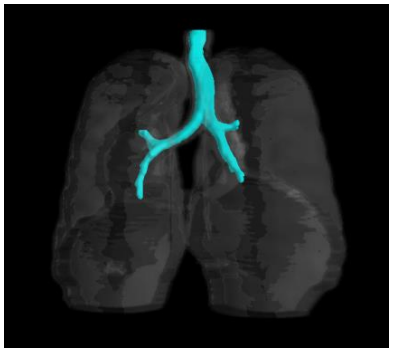
Pixel Count

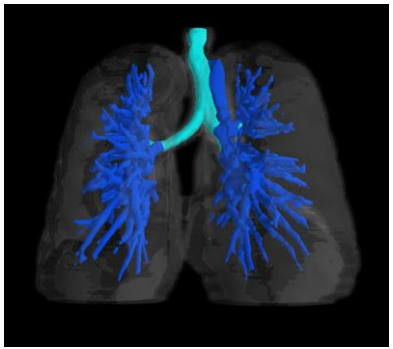


- 1 simple region growing algorithms for each lung
- Find seed point automatically using median position of light area
- If seed point lands on a dark area, retry with different lightness parameters until successful

Meshlab Mayavi Modeling

Patient 1





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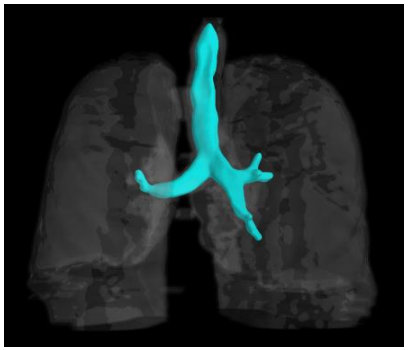

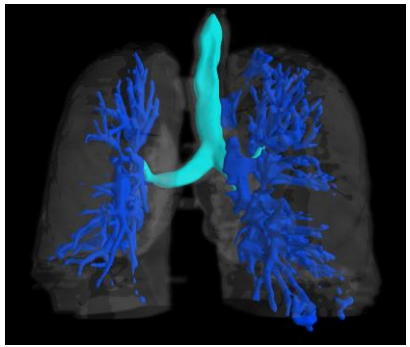

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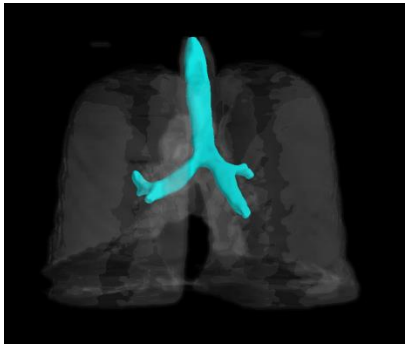
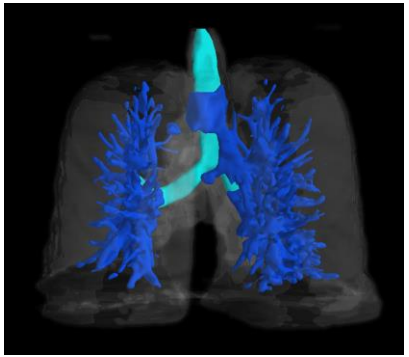
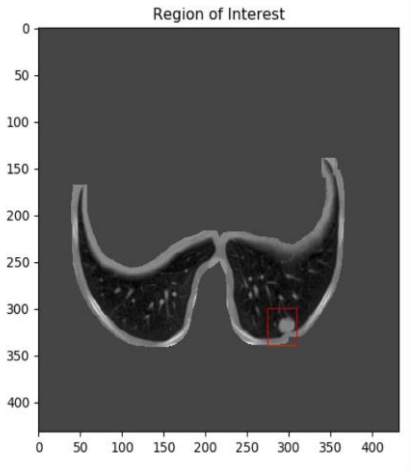
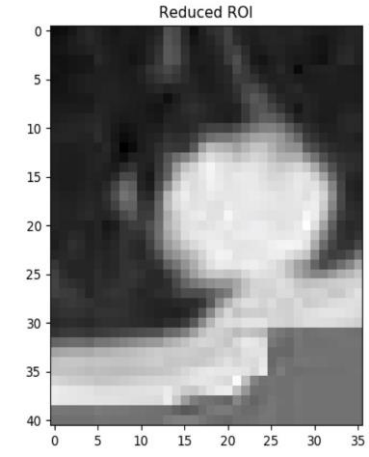


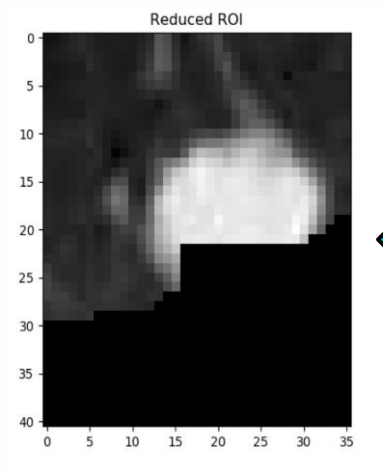


Segment Region of Interest

- Input slice number and 2 coordinates to form box (shown in red)
- When segmenting the lungs, an object that touches the walls of the lung may affect the dilation of the lung mask

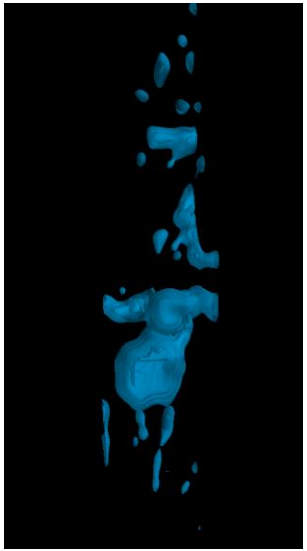




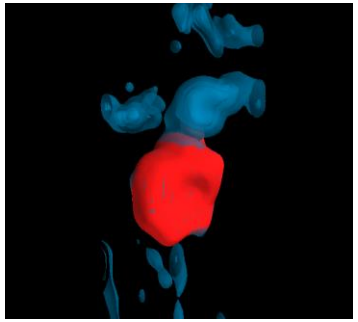


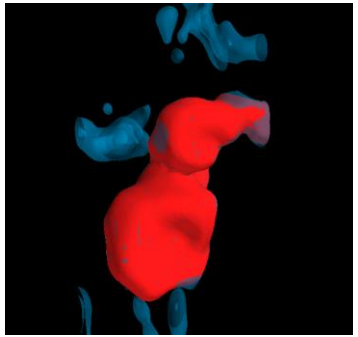
Current Problem

Segment Region of Interest

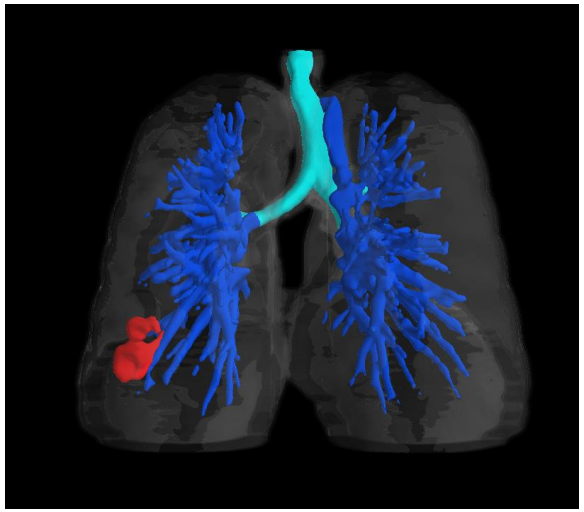


Threshold of ROI





Region Grow



Modeled with Lungs

Future Strategy

Future Steps

- Improve quality of region growing algorithm. (Use Hounsfield units)
- Properly separate objects that are close to the walls of the lung. Rolling ball algorithm or others
- Begin machine vision approach for automatically defining regions of interest

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