### Brain Lesion Segmentation: A Bayesian Weighted EM Approach

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AWEM	68 (+1)	49 (-21)	36 (+2)	12 (+8)			
[1]	67	70	34	0			
[3]	56	33	13	4			
[2]	52	NA	NA	NA			
Moderate lesions (0.18% of the voxels)							
AWEM	86 (+7)	80 (-1)	73 (+14)	64 (+27)			
[1]	72	81	59	29			
[3]	79	69	52	37			
[2]	63	NA	NA	NA			
Severe lesions (0.52% of the voxels)							
AWEM	92 (+7)	86 (-2)	78 (+6)	68 (+27)			
[1]	79	88	72	41			
[3]	85	72	56	41			
[2]	82	NA	NA	NA			

## Simulated Data 40% IIH

Method	3%	5%	7%	9%			
Mild lesions (0.02% of the voxels)							
AWEM	0 (-75)	0 (-65)	0 (-20)	0 (-30)			
[1]	75	65	20	30			
[3]	58	27	13	6			
Moderate lesions (0.18% of the voxels)							
AWEM	52 (-24)	51 (-25)	52 (-15)	10 (-38)			
[1]	75	76	67	48			
[3]	76	64	47	31			
Severe lesions (0.52% of the voxels)							
AWEM	87 (+1)	84 (+1)	77 (+3)	66 (+8)			
[1]	75	83	74	58			
[3]	86	74	62	45			

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# Real Data (Rennes MS)

	LL	EMS	AWEM
Patient1	0.42	62	82 (+20)
Patient2	1.71	54	56 (+2)
Patient3	0.29	47	45 (-2)
Patient4	1.59	65	72 (+7)
Patient5	0.31	47	45 (-2)
Average		55 +/-8	60 +/-16



Figure: Real MS data, patient 3. (a): Flair image. (b): identified lesions with our approach (DSC 45%). (c): ground truth .







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Figure: Real stroke data. (a): DW image. (b): identified lesions with our approach (DSC 63%). (c): ground truth.

# Discussion & Future Work

- Extension to full covariance matrices: temporal multi-sequence data, eg. patient follow-up
- Exploration of Markov Prior
- Other expert weighting schemes, possibly lesion specific
- Extension to handle intensity inhomogeneities
- Sensitivity analysis: initialization, parameter tuning etc. (Darren)
- Evaluation in a semi-supervised context



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