

Statistical parameter inference of a 3D solid breast texture model from clinical breast computerized tomography data for the simulation of x-ray breast images

- Introduction, motivation
 - Background: x-ray breast imaging, virtual clinical trials & breast texture models
 - Description of the 3D stochastic solid breast texture model
 - WHY: describe the limitation of the prototype implementation with empirical parameters (IWDM)
- Problem statement
 - Mathematical formulation of the medium scale texture model
 - Description & formulation of the ground truth data
- Methods
 - Classical statistical inference approaches
 - The inference from reconstruction approach
 - Reconstruction step:
 - Multiple, births, deaths & shifts algorithm
 - Inference step:
 - Fitting ellipsoid centers to a Matern cluster PP
 - Fitting shape parameters of ellipsoids
- Results
 - Reconstruction results:
 - visualization of reconstructed volumes with ellipsoids.
 - Visualization of convergence curves.
 - Inference results
 - PCF of ellipsoid centers & envelope test for fitted Matérn PP
 - Histograms of ellipsoid shape parameters
- Model validation
 - Statistical validation: beta measurement
 - Observer / visual validation:
 - Design & implement 2AFC as in IWDM (comparison with images simulated from bCT VOIs).
- Conclusion & discussion