

PhD Research Proposal

AI-Driven Anatomical and Response-Adapted Proton Therapy:
Distinguishing Biological from Anatomical Changes for
Personalized Dose Optimization

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Abstract

Adaptive radiotherapy has revolutionized cancer treatment by accounting for interfractional anatomical variations. However, current approaches primarily focus on dose restoration to compensate for anatomical changes, overlooking the fact that many image changes during treatment reflect genuine biological responses—tumor regression or progression, and early normal-tissue effects—which may require dose level adaptation rather than mere dose restoration. This PhD project aims to develop novel AI-based methods to distinguish between anatomical and biological components of daily image changes during proton therapy, and subsequently implement corresponding dose optimization strategies.

The research will progress through four interconnected methodological tasks: (1) synthetic image generation to produce anatomically and biologically plausible training datasets; (2) AI-based response characterization using multimodal features including population anatomy models, quantitative image biomarkers, radiomics, and accumulated dose; (3) dose optimization strategies that execute appropriate dose restoration or adaptation based on the identified change type; and (4) in-silico integration implementing a proof-of-concept pipeline for clinical evaluation.

This work will contribute to the RAPTORplus project's vision of "Right-time Adaptive Particle Therapy Of canceR" by enabling treatment personalization through both anatomical and biological adaptation, ultimately improving patient outcomes through more precise and individualized radiation therapy.

Keywords: Adaptive Proton Therapy, Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, Radiomics, Dose Optimization, Biological Response, Medical Image Analysis

1 Introduction

1.1 Background and Motivation

Proton therapy represents a major advancement in radiation oncology, offering superior dose conformality compared to conventional photon therapy due to the unique physical properties of charged particles. The Bragg peak phenomenon allows precise dose deposition at the tumor site while sparing surrounding healthy tissues [1]. However, this precision comes with increased sensitivity to anatomical variations—even minor changes in patient anatomy can lead to significant dose perturbations due to the finite range of proton beams.

Adaptive radiotherapy (ART) has emerged as a solution to account for interfractional variations, utilizing daily imaging to modify treatment plans. Current ART implementations primarily focus on *anatomical adaptation*, where the goal is to restore the planned dose distribution when anatomical changes occur. However, this approach overlooks a critical aspect: many image changes during treatment reflect *biological responses*—tumor regression or progression, changes in tissue density due to treatment effects, and early normal-tissue reactions—which may necessitate genuine dose level adaptation rather than simple dose restoration.

The distinction between anatomical and biological changes is crucial for optimizing treatment outcomes:

- **Anatomical changes** (e.g., patient positioning variations, organ filling states) require dose restoration to maintain the original treatment plan.
- **Biological changes** (e.g., tumor shrinkage, treatment response, early toxicity) may require dose escalation, de-escalation, or redistributed to maximize tumor control while minimizing toxicity.

Current clinical practice lacks robust methods to automatically distinguish between these change types, leading to suboptimal adaptive strategies. This PhD project addresses this critical gap by developing AI-based methods to characterize image changes and implement appropriate dose optimization strategies.

1.2 Research Problem Statement

The central research problem is: *How can we automatically distinguish between anatomical and biological components of daily image changes during proton therapy, and how should dose optimization strategies differ based on this characterization?*

This problem encompasses several technical challenges:

1. **Limited training data:** Biological response data with ground truth labels is scarce, necessitating synthetic image generation methods.
2. **Multimodal integration:** Effectively combining anatomical imaging, radiomics, dose accumulation, and population models for response characterization.
3. **Uncertainty quantification:** Distinguishing genuine biological changes from image noise and registration uncertainties.
4. **Clinical translation:** Integrating AI-based methods into clinical treatment planning systems with acceptable computational efficiency.

1.3 Research Objectives

The overarching goal of this PhD project is to develop and validate AI-driven methods for distinguishing anatomical from biological image changes in proton therapy and implementing corresponding adaptive dose optimization strategies. Specific objectives include:

1. **Objective 1:** Develop and validate synthetic image generation methods that produce anatomically and biologically plausible training datasets incorporating realistic tumor response patterns and normal tissue changes.
2. **Objective 2:** Build AI models that distinguish anatomy-driven from biology-driven image changes using multimodal features including population anatomy models, quantitative image biomarkers, radiomics features, segmentation, accumulated dose distributions, and uncertainty measures.
3. **Objective 3:** Design dose optimization algorithms that execute appropriate dose restoration, dose adaptation, or combined strategies based on the identified type of change.
4. **Objective 4:** Implement a proof-of-concept pipeline integrating response categorization and adaptive dose planning within a clinical treatment planning system and evaluate its performance using retrospective patient data.

1.4 Significance and Expected Impact

This research will contribute to the field of adaptive radiotherapy in several ways:

- **Scientific contribution:** First systematic approach to distinguish anatomical from biological changes in adaptive radiotherapy using AI.
- **Clinical impact:** Improved treatment outcomes through personalized dose adaptation strategies.
- **Efficiency gains:** Automated response characterization reducing manual planning burden.
- **RAPTORplus consortium:** Direct contribution to the EU doctoral network's mission of enabling right-time adaptive particle therapy.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Adaptive Proton Therapy: Current State

Adaptive proton therapy has evolved significantly over the past decade. Online adaptive proton therapy (OAPT) represents the state-of-the-art, where treatment plans are modified while the patient is on the treatment couch based on daily imaging [2]. Recent developments include PET-integrated systems that target biological changes rather than purely anatomical variations, advancing the concept of biology-driven adaptation [3].

Key challenges:

- Computational efficiency for real-time adaptation
- Uncertainty in dose calculation due to anatomical variations
- Integration of biological response information
- Clinical workflow disruption

2.2 AI in Radiation Oncology

Artificial intelligence has demonstrated transformative potential across all aspects of the radiotherapy workflow [4]:

1. **Segmentation:** Deep learning-based auto-segmentation achieves near-expert accuracy with dice similarity coefficients > 0.90 for most organs [5].
2. **Dose prediction:** CNNs can predict dose distributions from contours, achieving mean absolute errors $< 2\%$ of prescription dose [6].
3. **Image synthesis:** GANs and diffusion models generate synthetic CT from CBCT or MRI for dose calculation [7].
4. **Outcome prediction:** Radiomics and deep learning predict treatment response and toxicity [8].

2.3 Distinguishing Anatomical vs. Biological Changes

This represents an emerging research area with limited prior work:

Anatomical change prediction: Deep learning methods can predict anatomical changes with DSC > 0.94 for tumors in nasopharyngeal carcinoma [9], but these focus on geometry rather than biology.

Biological response modeling: Traditional approaches use empirical tumor control probability (TCP) and normal tissue complication probability (NTCP) models [10]. Recent work incorporates radiogenomics—linking imaging features to molecular biomarkers—to predict radioresistance [11].

Research gap: No existing methods systematically distinguish between anatomical and biological image changes for adaptive therapy decision-making.

2.4 Synthetic Medical Image Generation

Generating realistic synthetic training data is crucial for medical AI applications where labeled data is scarce:

- **GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks):** Widely used for medical image synthesis, including CT-to-MRI translation, dose prediction, and image denoising [12].
- **Diffusion Models:** Recently emerged as superior alternatives, producing higher quality and more diverse synthetic medical images [13].
- **Deformable Image Registration (DIR):** Combined with biomechanical models to generate plausible anatomical variations [14].

2.5 Radiomics and Image Biomarkers

Radiomics extracts quantitative features from medical images that may reflect underlying tumor biology:

- **Texture features:** Gray-level co-occurrence matrix (GLCM), gray-level run length matrix (GLRLM), and grey-level size zone matrix (GLSZM) features capture tissue heterogeneity [15].
- **Delta-radiomics:** Temporal changes in radiomic features during treatment predict response better than pre-treatment features alone [16].
- **Radiogenomics:** Radiomic features correlate with genomic biomarkers, potentially serving as non-invasive surrogates for molecular profiling [17].

2.6 Dose Optimization in Adaptive Radiotherapy

Dose optimization strategies vary based on the type of adaptation required:

- **Dose restoration:** Re-optimization to achieve original dose objectives on updated anatomy using identical constraints [18].
- **Dose escalation:** Increasing tumor dose when response is suboptimal or when normal tissue sparing allows [19].
- **Dose de-escalation:** Reducing dose to minimize toxicity when early response is favorable [20].
- **AI-guided optimization:** Using reinforcement learning for treatment planning decisions [21].

3 Methodology

This section details the methodological approach for each of the four main research tasks. The methodology follows a structured progression from data generation to clinical integration.

3.1 Task 1: Synthetic Image Generation

3.1.1 Objectives

Develop and validate methods to produce anatomically and biologically plausible synthetic training images that capture both geometric variations and biological response patterns.

3.1.2 Approach

We will implement a multi-method synthetic data generation pipeline combining three complementary approaches:

Method 1: Deformation-Based Anatomical Variation Generate anatomical variations using learned deformation fields from population data.

Mathematical Framework:

Let I_{ref} be a reference CT image. We model anatomical variations as:

$$I_{\text{anat}}(x) = I_{\text{ref}}(\phi_{\text{anat}}(x))$$

where $\phi_{\text{anat}} : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ is a deformation field sampled from a learned statistical model:

$$\phi_{\text{anat}} = \phi_{\text{identity}} + \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \phi_i$$

where $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^K$ are principal deformation modes from PCA on population registration data, and $w_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda_i)$ are weights sampled from a Gaussian distribution with variance equal to the eigenvalues λ_i .

Implementation:

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import torch
3 import torch.nn as nn
4 from scipy.ndimage import map_coordinates
5 from skimage.transform import resize
6 import SimpleITK as sitk
7
8 class DeformableAnatomicalGenerator:
9     """
10         Generate anatomical variations using learned deformation fields
11         from population data using PCA-based statistical shape models.
12     """
13
14     def __init__(self, reference_image, n_components=10):
15         """
16             Args:
17                 reference_image: Reference CT image (numpy array)
18                 n_components: Number of principal components to retain
```

```

19 """
20     self.reference_image = reference_image
21     self.n_components = n_components
22     self.deformation_modes = None
23     self.eigenvalues = None
24
25     def fit_population_model(self, image_list, registration_method='
26     demons'):
27         """
28         Learn principal deformation modes from population data.
29
30         Args:
31             image_list: List of CT images from different patients
32             registration_method: Registration algorithm ('demons', 'bspline', etc.)
33         """
34
35         deformation_fields = []
36
37         # Register all images to reference
38         for img in image_list:
39             dvf = self._register_images(
40                 self.reference_image,
41                 img,
42                 method=registration_method
43             )
44             deformation_fields.append(dvf)
45
46
47         # Stack deformation fields: shape (N_patients, 3, D, H, W)
48         dvf_matrix = np.stack(deformation_fields, axis=0)
49
50
51         # Flatten spatial dimensions for PCA
52         n_patients, n_dims, *spatial_dims = dvf_matrix.shape
53         dvf_flat = dvf_matrix.reshape(n_patients, -1)
54
55         # Perform PCA
56         mean_dvf = np.mean(dvf_flat, axis=0)
57         centered_dvf = dvf_flat - mean_dvf
58
59         # Compute covariance matrix and eigendecomposition
60         cov_matrix = (centered_dvf.T @ centered_dvf) / (n_patients - 1)
61         eigenvalues, eigenvectors = np.linalg.eigh(cov_matrix)
62
63         # Sort by descending eigenvalues
64         idx = eigenvalues.argsort()[:-1]
65         eigenvalues = eigenvalues[idx]
66         eigenvectors = eigenvectors[:, idx]
67
68         # Keep top k components
69         self.eigenvalues = eigenvalues[:self.n_components]
70         self.deformation_modes = eigenvectors[:, :self.n_components]
71
72
73         # Reshape modes back to spatial dimensions
74         self.deformation_modes = self.deformation_modes.T.reshape(
75             self.n_components, n_dims, *spatial_dims
76         )
77
78         self.mean_dvf = mean_dvf.reshape(n_dims, *spatial_dims)
79
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75     print(f"Variance explained: {np.sum(self.eigenvalues) / np.sum(eigenvalues):.2%}")
76
77     def _register_images(self, fixed_img, moving_img, method='demons'):
78         """
79             Register moving image to fixed image using specified method.
80             Returns deformation vector field.
81         """
82         fixed = sitk.GetImageFromArray(fixed_img.astype(np.float32))
83         moving = sitk.GetImageFromArray(moving_img.astype(np.float32))
84
85         if method == 'demons':
86             demons = sitk.DemonsRegistrationFilter()
87             demons.SetNumberOfIterations(50)
88             demons.SetStandardDeviations(1.0)
89
90             displacementField = demons.Execute(fixed, moving)
91
92         elif method == 'bspline':
93             # B-spline registration
94             registration = sitk.ImageRegistrationMethod()
95             registration.SetMetricAsMattesMutualInformation(
96                 numberOfHistogramBins=50)
97             registration.SetOptimizerAsGradientDescentLineSearch(
98                 learningRate=1.0,
99                 numberOfIterations=100
100            )
101
102            transform = sitk.BSplineTransformInitializer(
103                fixed,
104                transformDomainMeshSize=[8]*3
105            )
106
107            registration.SetInitialTransform(transform)
108            final_transform = registration.Execute(fixed, moving)
109            displacementField = sitk.TransformToDisplacementField(
110                final_transform,
111                sitk.sitkVectorFloat64,
112                fixed.GetSize()
113            )
114
115            # Convert to numpy array
116            dvf = sitk.GetArrayFromImage(displacementField)
117            # Rearrange dimensions: (D, H, W, 3) -> (3, D, H, W)
118            dvf = np.transpose(dvf, (3, 0, 1, 2))
119
120        return dvf
121
122    def generate_sample(self, variation_scale=1.0):
123        """
124            Generate a synthetic image with anatomical variation.
125
126            Args:
127                variation_scale: Scale factor for variation magnitude
128
129            Returns:
130                Synthetic image with anatomical variation
131        """

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```

131     if self.deformation_modes is None:
132         raise ValueError("Must fit population model first")
133
134     # Sample weights from Gaussian distribution
135     weights = np.random.randn(self.n_components) * np.sqrt(self.
136 eigenvalues)
137     weights *= variation_scale
138
139     # Construct deformation field
140     d vf = self.mean_dvf.copy()
141     for i in range(self.n_components):
142         d vf += weights[i] * self.deformation_modes[i]
143
144     # Apply deformation to reference image
145     synthetic_image = self._apply_deformation(self.reference_image,
146 d vf)
147
148     return synthetic_image, d vf
149
150 def _apply_deformation(self, image, d vf):
151     """
152     Apply deformation vector field to image.
153
154     Args:
155         image: Original image (D, H, W)
156         d vf: Deformation vector field (3, D, H, W)
157
158     Returns:
159         Deformed image
160     """
161
162     # Create coordinate grid
163     dims = image.shape
164     coords = np.meshgrid(
165         np.arange(dims[0]),
166         np.arange(dims[1]),
167         np.arange(dims[2]),
168         indexing='ij'
169     )
170     coords = np.stack(coords, axis=0) # (3, D, H, W)
171
172     # Add deformation
173     deformed_coords = coords + d vf
174
175     # Interpolate
176     deformed_image = map_coordinates(
177         image,
178         [deformed_coords[0].ravel(),
179          deformed_coords[1].ravel(),
180          deformed_coords[2].ravel()],
181         order=3,
182         mode='nearest',
183     ).reshape(dims)
184
185     return deformed_image
186
187
188 # Example usage
189 if __name__ == "__main__":
190     # Load reference image and population

```

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187     reference_image = np.load("reference_ct.npy")
188     population_images = [np.load(f"patient_{i}_ct.npy") for i in range
189     (50)]
190
191     # Create generator
192     generator = DeformableAnatomicalGenerator(
193         reference_image,
194         n_components=15
195     )
196
197     # Fit population model
198     generator.fit_population_model(population_images)
199
200     # Generate synthetic samples
201     synthetic_image, dvf = generator.generate_sample(variation_scale
202     =1.0)
203
204     print(f"Generated synthetic image with shape: {synthetic_image.shape
205     }")

```

Listing 1: Deformation-Based Anatomical Variation Generation

Method 2: Diffusion-Based Biological Response Generation Generate tumor response patterns using conditional diffusion models.

Mathematical Framework:

Diffusion models work by gradually adding noise to data, then learning to reverse this process:

$$q(x_t|x_0) = \mathcal{N}(x_t; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}x_0, (1 - \bar{\alpha}_t)I)$$

The reverse process is modeled by a neural network ϵ_θ that predicts the noise:

$$p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t, c) = \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}; \mu_\theta(x_t, t, c), \Sigma_\theta(x_t, t, c))$$

where c represents conditioning information (baseline image, dose, time point).

Implementation:

```

1 import torch
2 import torch.nn as nn
3 import torch.nn.functional as F
4 import math
5
6 class SinusoidalPositionEmbeddings(nn.Module):
7     """Positional encoding for timestep in diffusion model."""
8
9     def __init__(self, dim):
10        super().__init__()
11        self.dim = dim
12
13    def forward(self, time):
14        device = time.device
15        half_dim = self.dim // 2
16        embeddings = math.log(10000) / (half_dim - 1)
17        embeddings = torch.exp(torch.arange(half_dim, device=device) * -
18        embeddings)
19        embeddings = time[:, None] * embeddings[None, :]

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19         embeddings = torch.cat((embeddings.sin(), embeddings.cos()), dim
20 =-1)
21     return embeddings
22
23 class ConditionalUNet3D(nn.Module):
24     """
25     3D U-Net for conditional diffusion model.
26     Conditions on baseline CT, accumulated dose, and treatment time.
27     """
28
29     def __init__(self, in_channels=1, out_channels=1,
30                  time_emb_dim=256, condition_channels=2):
31         super().__init__()
32
33         self.time_emb_dim = time_emb_dim
34
35         # Time embedding
36         self.time_mlp = nn.Sequential(
37             SinusoidalPositionEmbeddings(time_emb_dim),
38             nn.Linear(time_emb_dim, time_emb_dim * 4),
39             nn.GELU(),
40             nn.Linear(time_emb_dim * 4, time_emb_dim),
41         )
42
43         # Encoder (downsampling)
44         self.enc1 = self._make_layer(in_channels + condition_channels,
45                                     time_emb_dim)
45         self.pool1 = nn.MaxPool3d(2)
46
47         self.enc2 = self._make_layer(64, 128, time_emb_dim)
48         self.pool2 = nn.MaxPool3d(2)
49
50         self.enc3 = self._make_layer(128, 256, time_emb_dim)
51         self.pool3 = nn.MaxPool3d(2)
52
53         self.enc4 = self._make_layer(256, 512, time_emb_dim)
54         self.pool4 = nn.MaxPool3d(2)
55
56         # Bottleneck
57         self.bottleneck = self._make_layer(512, 1024, time_emb_dim)
58
59         # Decoder (upsampling)
60         self.upconv4 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(1024, 512, 2, stride=2)
61         self.dec4 = self._make_layer(1024, 512, time_emb_dim)
62
63         self.upconv3 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(512, 256, 2, stride=2)
64         self.dec3 = self._make_layer(512, 256, time_emb_dim)
65
66         self.upconv2 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(256, 128, 2, stride=2)
67         self.dec2 = self._make_layer(256, 128, time_emb_dim)
68
69         self.upconv1 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(128, 64, 2, stride=2)
70         self.dec1 = self._make_layer(128, 64, time_emb_dim)
71
72         # Output
73         self.out = nn.Conv3d(64, out_channels, 1)
74

```

```

75     def _make_layer(self, in_ch, out_ch, time_emb_dim):
76         """Create a residual block with time embedding."""
77         return ResidualBlock3D(in_ch, out_ch, time_emb_dim)
78
79     def forward(self, x, t, condition):
80         """
81             Args:
82                 x: Noisy image at timestep t, shape (B, 1, D, H, W)
83                 t: Timestep, shape (B,)
84                 condition: Conditioning information (baseline CT + dose),
85                             shape (B, condition_channels, D, H, W)
86         """
87
88         # Time embedding
89         t_emb = self.time_mlp(t)
90
91         # Concatenate input with condition
92         x = torch.cat([x, condition], dim=1)
93
94         # Encoder
95         e1 = self.enc1(x, t_emb)
96         e2 = self.enc2(self.pool1(e1), t_emb)
97         e3 = self.enc3(self.pool2(e2), t_emb)
98         e4 = self.enc4(self.pool3(e3), t_emb)
99
100        # Bottleneck
101        b = self.bottleneck(self.pool4(e4), t_emb)
102
103        # Decoder with skip connections
104        d4 = self.dec4(torch.cat([self.upconv4(b), e4], dim=1), t_emb)
105        d3 = self.dec3(torch.cat([self.upconv3(d4), e3], dim=1), t_emb)
106        d2 = self.dec2(torch.cat([self.upconv2(d3), e2], dim=1), t_emb)
107        d1 = self.dec1(torch.cat([self.upconv1(d2), e1], dim=1), t_emb)
108
109        # Output
110        return self.out(d1)
111
112 class ResidualBlock3D(nn.Module):
113     """Residual block with time embedding for 3D U-Net."""
114
115     def __init__(self, in_channels, out_channels, time_emb_dim):
116         super().__init__()
117
118         self.time_mlp = nn.Sequential(
119             nn.SiLU(),
120             nn.Linear(time_emb_dim, out_channels)
121         )
122
123         self.conv1 = nn.Conv3d(in_channels, out_channels, 3, padding=1)
124         self.conv2 = nn.Conv3d(out_channels, out_channels, 3, padding=1)
125
126         self.norm1 = nn.GroupNorm(8, out_channels)
127         self.norm2 = nn.GroupNorm(8, out_channels)
128
129         self.act = nn.SiLU()
130
131         # Residual connection
132         if in_channels != out_channels:

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```

133         self.residual = nn.Conv3d(in_channels, out_channels, 1)
134     else:
135         self.residual = nn.Identity()
136
137     def forward(self, x, t_emb):
138         residual = self.residual(x)
139
140         # First convolution
141         h = self.conv1(x)
142         h = self.norm1(h)
143
144         # Add time embedding
145         time_emb = self.time_mlp(t_emb)
146         h = h + time_emb[..., None, None, None]
147
148         h = self.act(h)
149
150         # Second convolution
151         h = self.conv2(h)
152         h = self.norm2(h)
153
154         # Residual connection
155         return self.act(h + residual)
156
157
158 class ConditionalDDPM:
159     """
160     Conditional Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Model for
161     generating biological response images.
162     """
163
164     def __init__(self, model, timesteps=1000, beta_start=1e-4, beta_end
165 =0.02):
166         self.model = model
167         self.timesteps = timesteps
168
169         # Define beta schedule (linear)
170         self.betas = torch.linspace(beta_start, beta_end, timesteps)
171         self.alphas = 1. - self.betas
172         self.alphas_cumprod = torch.cumprod(self.alphas, dim=0)
173         self.alphas_cumprod_prev = F.pad(self.alphas_cumprod[:-1], (1,
174 0), value=1.0)
175
176         # Calculations for diffusion q(x_t | x_{t-1})
177         self.sqrt_alphas_cumprod = torch.sqrt(self.alphas_cumprod)
178         self.sqrt_one_minus_alphas_cumprod = torch.sqrt(1. - self.
179         alphas_cumprod)
180
181         # Calculations for posterior q(x_{t-1} | x_t, x_0)
182         self.posterior_variance = (
183             self.betas * (1. - self.alphas_cumprod_prev) / (1. - self.
184         alphas_cumprod)
185         )
186
187     def q_sample(self, x_start, t, noise=None):
188         """
189         Forward diffusion process: add noise to x_start.

```

```

187     Args:
188         x_start: Original image
189         t: Timestep
190         noise: Noise to add (if None, sample from N(0,1))
191     """
192     if noise is None:
193         noise = torch.randn_like(x_start)
194
195     sqrt_alphas_cumprod_t = self._extract(self.sqrt_alphas_cumprod,
196     t, x_start.shape)
196     sqrt_one_minus_alphas_cumprod_t = self._extract(
197         self.sqrt_one_minus_alphas_cumprod, t, x_start.shape
198     )
199
200     return sqrt_alphas_cumprod_t * x_start +
201     sqrt_one_minus_alphas_cumprod_t * noise
202
203     def p_sample(self, x, t, condition):
204         """
205             Reverse diffusion process: denoise x at timestep t.
206
207         Args:
208             x: Noisy image at timestep t
209             t: Current timestep
210             condition: Conditioning information
211         """
212
213         # Predict noise
214         pred_noise = self.model(x, t, condition)
215
216         # Get parameters
217         betas_t = self._extract(self.betas, t, x.shape)
218         sqrt_one_minus_alphas_cumprod_t = self._extract(
219             self.sqrt_one_minus_alphas_cumprod, t, x.shape
220         )
221         sqrt_recip_alphas_t = self._extract(torch.sqrt(1.0 / self.alphas
222 ), t, x.shape)
223
224         # Predict x_0
225         model_mean = sqrt_recip_alphas_t * (
226             x - betas_t * pred_noise / sqrt_one_minus_alphas_cumprod_t
227         )
228
229         if t[0] == 0:
230             return model_mean
231         else:
232             posterior_variance_t = self._extract(self.posterior_variance
233             , t, x.shape)
234             noise = torch.randn_like(x)
235             return model_mean + torch.sqrt(posterior_variance_t) * noise
236
237     def sample(self, shape, condition, device='cuda'):
238         """
239             Generate synthetic image by sampling from the model.
240
241         Args:
242             shape: Shape of image to generate
243             condition: Conditioning information (baseline CT + dose)
244             device: Device to run on

```

```

241     """
242     # Start from pure noise
243     x = torch.randn(shape, device=device)
244
245     # Iteratively denoise
246     for t in reversed(range(self.timesteps)):
247         t_batch = torch.full((shape[0],), t, device=device, dtype=
248         torch.long)
249         x = self.p_sample(x, t_batch, condition)
250
251     return x
252
253 def training_loss(self, x_start, condition):
254     """
255     Calculate training loss (simple MSE loss on noise prediction).
256
257     Args:
258         x_start: Ground truth image (e.g., follow-up CT)
259         condition: Conditioning information
260     """
261
262     batch_size = x_start.shape[0]
263     device = x_start.device
264
265     # Sample random timesteps
266     t = torch.randint(0, self.timesteps, (batch_size,), device=
267     device).long()
268
269     # Sample noise
270     noise = torch.randn_like(x_start)
271
272     # Add noise to x_start
273     x_noisy = self.q_sample(x_start, t, noise)
274
275     # Predict noise
276     pred_noise = self.model(x_noisy, t, condition)
277
278     # Calculate loss
279     loss = F.mse_loss(pred_noise, noise)
280
281     return loss
282
283 @staticmethod
284 def _extract(a, t, x_shape):
285     """Extract coefficients at specified timesteps."""
286     batch_size = t.shape[0]
287     out = a.gather(-1, t)
288     return out.reshape(batch_size, *((1,) * (len(x_shape) - 1)))
289
290
291 # Training function
292 def train_diffusion_model(model, ddpm, train_loader, epochs=100, lr=1e
293 -4):
294     """
295     Train conditional diffusion model for biological response generation
296     .
297
298     Args:
299         model: ConditionalUNet3D model

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295     ddpm: ConditionalDDPM instance
296     train_loader: DataLoader with (baseline, followup, dose) pairs
297     epochs: Number of training epochs
298     lr: Learning rate
299     """
300     optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=lr)
301     device = next(model.parameters()).device
302
303     for epoch in range(epochs):
304         model.train()
305         total_loss = 0
306
307         for batch_idx, (baseline, followup, dose) in enumerate(
308             train_loader):
308             baseline = baseline.to(device)
309             followup = followup.to(device)
310             dose = dose.to(device)
311
312             # Prepare conditioning (baseline CT + dose)
313             condition = torch.cat([baseline, dose], dim=1)
314
315             # Calculate loss
316             loss = ddpm.training_loss(followup, condition)
317
318             # Optimize
319             optimizer.zero_grad()
320             loss.backward()
321             optimizer.step()
322
323             total_loss += loss.item()
324
325         avg_loss = total_loss / len(train_loader)
326         print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{epochs}, Loss: {avg_loss:.4f}")
327
328     return model
329
330
331 # Example usage
332 if __name__ == "__main__":
333     device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu')
334
335     # Initialize model
336     model = ConditionalUNet3D(
337         in_channels=1,
338         out_channels=1,
339         condition_channels=2 # baseline CT + dose
340     ).to(device)
341
342     # Initialize DDPM
343     ddpm = ConditionalDDPM(model, timesteps=1000)
344
345     # Generate synthetic follow-up image
346     batch_size = 1
347     image_shape = (batch_size, 1, 128, 128, 128)
348
349     # Create dummy conditioning data
350     baseline_ct = torch.randn(batch_size, 1, 128, 128, 128, device=

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```

device)
dose = torch.randn(batch_size, 1, 128, 128, 128, device=device)
condition = torch.cat([baseline_ct, dose], dim=1)

# Sample synthetic image
synthetic_followup = ddpm.sample(image_shape, condition, device)

print(f"Generated synthetic follow-up CT with shape: {synthetic_followup.shape}")

```

Listing 2: Conditional Diffusion Model for Biological Response

Method 3: GAN-Based Image-to-Image Translation Alternative approach using conditional GANs for paired image synthesis.

```

1 import torch
2 import torch.nn as nn
3
4 class Generator3D(nn.Module):
5     """
6         3D U-Net Generator for conditional GAN.
7         Generates follow-up CT from baseline CT and dose distribution.
8     """
9
10    def __init__(self, in_channels=2, out_channels=1, features=64):
11        super().__init__()
12
13        # Encoder
14        self.enc1 = self._block(in_channels, features)
15        self.enc2 = self._block(features, features * 2)
16        self.enc3 = self._block(features * 2, features * 4)
17        self.enc4 = self._block(features * 4, features * 8)
18
19        self.pool = nn.MaxPool3d(kernel_size=2, stride=2)
20
21        # Bottleneck
22        self.bottleneck = self._block(features * 8, features * 16)
23
24        # Decoder
25        self.upconv4 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(features * 16, features * 8,
26                                        2, 2)
27        self.dec4 = self._block(features * 16, features * 8)
28
29        self.upconv3 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(features * 8, features * 4, 2,
30                                        2)
31        self.dec3 = self._block(features * 8, features * 4)
32
33        self.upconv2 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(features * 4, features * 2, 2,
34                                        2)
35        self.dec2 = self._block(features * 4, features * 2)
36
37        self.upconv1 = nn.ConvTranspose3d(features * 2, features, 2, 2)
38        self.dec1 = self._block(features * 2, features)
39
40        self.out = nn.Conv3d(features, out_channels, kernel_size=1)
41
42    def _block(self, in_channels, out_channels):
43        return nn.Sequential(

```

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41         nn.Conv3d(in_channels, out_channels, 3, padding=1),
42         nn.InstanceNorm3d(out_channels),
43         nn.LeakyReLU(0.2, inplace=True),
44         nn.Conv3d(out_channels, out_channels, 3, padding=1),
45         nn.InstanceNorm3d(out_channels),
46         nn.LeakyReLU(0.2, inplace=True),
47     )
48
49     def forward(self, x):
50         """
51         Args:
52             x: Concatenated baseline CT and dose, shape (B, 2, D, H, W)
53         """
54         # Encoder with skip connections
55         e1 = self.enc1(x)
56         e2 = self.enc2(self.pool(e1))
57         e3 = self.enc3(self.pool(e2))
58         e4 = self.enc4(self.pool(e3))
59
60         # Bottleneck
61         b = self.bottleneck(self.pool(e4))
62
63         # Decoder
64         d4 = self.dec4(torch.cat([self.upconv4(b), e4], dim=1))
65         d3 = self.dec3(torch.cat([self.upconv3(d4), e3], dim=1))
66         d2 = self.dec2(torch.cat([self.upconv2(d3), e2], dim=1))
67         d1 = self.dec1(torch.cat([self.upconv1(d2), e1], dim=1))
68
69         return torch.tanh(self.out(d1))
70
71
72     class Discriminator3D(nn.Module):
73         """
74         3D PatchGAN Discriminator.
75         Classifies whether image pairs are real or generated.
76         """
77
78     def __init__(self, in_channels=3, features=[64, 128, 256, 512]):
79         super().__init__()
80
81         layers = []
82         in_ch = in_channels
83
84         for idx, feature in enumerate(features):
85             layers.append(
86                 nn.Conv3d(
87                     in_ch,
88                     feature,
89                     kernel_size=4,
90                     stride=2,
91                     padding=1,
92                     bias=False if idx > 0 else True
93                 )
94             )
95             if idx > 0:
96                 layers.append(nn.InstanceNorm3d(feature))
97                 layers.append(nn.LeakyReLU(0.2, inplace=True))
98                 in_ch = feature

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99
100    # Final layer
101    layers.append(
102        nn.Conv3d(in_ch, 1, kernel_size=4, stride=1, padding=1)
103    )
104
105    self.model = nn.Sequential(*layers)
106
107 def forward(self, x, y):
108     """
109     Args:
110         x: Condition (baseline CT + dose), shape (B, 2, D, H, W)
111         y: Target/generated follow-up CT, shape (B, 1, D, H, W)
112     """
113     # Concatenate condition and target
114     input_pair = torch.cat([x, y], dim=1)
115     return self.model(input_pair)
116
117
118 def train_gan(generator, discriminator, train_loader,
119               epochs=100, lr_g=2e-4, lr_d=2e-4, lambda_l1=100):
120     """
121     Train conditional GAN for response image generation.
122
123     Args:
124         generator: Generator network
125         discriminator: Discriminator network
126         train_loader: DataLoader with (baseline, dose, followup)
127         triplets
128             epochs: Number of training epochs
129             lr_g: Generator learning rate
130             lr_d: Discriminator learning rate
131             lambda_l1: Weight for L1 loss
132     """
133     device = next(generator.parameters()).device
134
135     # Optimizers
136     opt_g = torch.optim.Adam(generator.parameters(), lr=lr_g, betas=(0.5, 0.999))
137     opt_d = torch.optim.Adam(discriminator.parameters(), lr=lr_d, betas=(0.5, 0.999))
138
139     # Loss functions
140     criterion_gan = nn.BCEWithLogitsLoss()
141     criterion_l1 = nn.L1Loss()
142
143     for epoch in range(epochs):
144         generator.train()
145         discriminator.train()
146
147         g_loss_total = 0
148         d_loss_total = 0
149
150         for batch_idx, (baseline, dose, followup_real) in enumerate(
151             train_loader):
152             baseline = baseline.to(device)
153             dose = dose.to(device)
154             followup_real = followup_real.to(device)

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```

153
154     # Prepare conditioning
155     condition = torch.cat([baseline, dose], dim=1)
156
157     # =====
158     # Train Discriminator
159     # =====
160     opt_d.zero_grad()
161
162     # Generate fake images
163     followup_fake = generator(condition)
164
165     # Real and fake predictions
166     pred_real = discriminator(condition, followup_real)
167     pred_fake = discriminator(condition, followup_fake.detach())
168
169     # Labels
170     real_labels = torch.ones_like(pred_real)
171     fake_labels = torch.zeros_like(pred_fake)
172
173     # Discriminator loss
174     loss_d_real = criterion_gan(pred_real, real_labels)
175     loss_d_fake = criterion_gan(pred_fake, fake_labels)
176     loss_d = (loss_d_real + loss_d_fake) * 0.5
177
178     loss_d.backward()
179     opt_d.step()
180
181     # =====
182     # Train Generator
183     # =====
184     opt_g.zero_grad()
185
186     # Generate fake images
187     followup_fake = generator(condition)
188
189     # Fool discriminator
190     pred_fake = discriminator(condition, followup_fake)
191     loss_g_gan = criterion_gan(pred_fake, real_labels)
192
193     # L1 loss for image similarity
194     loss_g_l1 = criterion_l1(followup_fake, followup_real)
195
196     # Total generator loss
197     loss_g = loss_g_gan + lambda_l1 * loss_g_l1
198
199     loss_g.backward()
200     opt_g.step()
201
202     g_loss_total += loss_g.item()
203     d_loss_total += loss_d.item()
204
205     avg_g_loss = g_loss_total / len(train_loader)
206     avg_d_loss = d_loss_total / len(train_loader)
207
208     print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{epochs}, "
209           f"G_loss: {avg_g_loss:.4f}, D_loss: {avg_d_loss:.4f}")
210

```

```

211     return generator, discriminator
212
213
214 # Example usage
215 if __name__ == "__main__":
216     device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu')
217
218     # Initialize networks
219     generator = Generator3D(in_channels=2, out_channels=1).to(device)
220     discriminator = Discriminator3D(in_channels=3).to(device)
221
222     print("Generator parameters:", sum(p.numel() for p in generator.
223                                         parameters()))
223     print("Discriminator parameters:", sum(p.numel() for p in
discriminator.parameters()))

```

Listing 3: Conditional GAN for Response Image Generation

3.1.3 Validation Strategy

Validate synthetic images using:

1. **Visual Turing Test:** Expert radiation oncologists assess realism.
2. **Quantitative metrics:**
 - Structural Similarity Index (SSIM)
 - Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR)
 - Fréchet Inception Distance (FID) adapted for medical images
3. **Physical plausibility:** Verify HU value distributions, anatomical constraints
4. **Downstream task performance:** Train response classifier on synthetic data, test on real data

3.2 Task 2: AI-Based Response Characterization

3.2.1 Objectives

Build models that distinguish anatomy-driven from biology-driven image changes using multimodal features.

3.2.2 Feature Engineering

We will extract and integrate multiple feature modalities:

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import SimpleITK as sitk
3 from radiomics import featureextractor
4 import pandas as pd
5
6 class RadiomicFeatureExtractor:
7     """

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8     Extract radiomic features from CT images and regions of interest.
9     Focuses on features sensitive to biological changes (texture,
10    intensity).
11    """
12
13    def __init__(self, settings=None):
14        if settings is None:
15            # Default PyRadiomics settings
16            settings = {
17                'binWidth': 25,
18                'interpolator': 'sitkBSpline',
19                'resampledPixelSpacing': [1, 1, 1],
20                'normalize': True,
21                'normalizeScale': 100,
22            }
23
24            self.extractor = featureextractor.RadiomicsFeatureExtractor(**settings)
25
26            # Enable feature classes
27            self.extractor.enableImageTypeByName('Original')
28            self.extractor.enableImageTypeByName('Wavelet')
29            self.extractor.enableFeatureClassByName('firstorder')
30            self.extractor.enableFeatureClassByName('glcm')
31            self.extractor.enableFeatureClassByName('glrlm')
32            self.extractor.enableFeatureClassByName('glszm')
33            self.extractor.enableFeatureClassByName('gldm')
34            self.extractor.enableFeatureClassByName('ngtdm')
35
36    def extract_features(self, image, mask):
37        """
38            Extract radiomic features from image within mask region.
39
40            Args:
41                image: SimpleITK image or numpy array
42                mask: SimpleITK mask or numpy array (binary)
43
44            Returns:
45                Dictionary of feature values
46        """
47
48            # Convert to SimpleITK if necessary
49            if isinstance(image, np.ndarray):
50                image = sitk.GetImageFromArray(image.astype(np.float32))
51            if isinstance(mask, np.ndarray):
52                mask = sitk.GetImageFromArray(mask.astype(np.uint8))
53
54            # Extract features
55            features = self.extractor.execute(image, mask)
56
57            # Filter to only feature values (remove diagnostics)
58            feature_dict = {
59                key: val for key, val in features.items()
60                if not key.startswith('diagnostics_')
61            }
62
63            return feature_dict

```

```

63     def extract_delta_features(self, image_baseline, image_followup,
64         mask):
65         """
66             Extract delta-radiomic features (temporal changes).
67
68             Args:
69                 image_baseline: Baseline CT image
70                 image_followup: Follow-up CT image
71                 mask: ROI mask
72
73             Returns:
74                 Dictionary of delta features (absolute and relative changes)
75             """
76             # Extract features from both timepoints
77             features_baseline = self.extract_features(image_baseline, mask)
78             features_followup = self.extract_features(image_followup, mask)
79
80             # Calculate delta features
81             delta_features = {}
82
83             for key in features_baseline.keys():
84                 if key in features_followup:
85                     baseline_val = features_baseline[key]
86                     followup_val = features_followup[key]
87
88                     # Absolute change
89                     delta_features[f'delta_abs_{key}'] = followup_val -
90                     baseline_val
91
92                     # Relative change (%)
93                     if abs(baseline_val) > 1e-6:
94                         delta_features[f'delta_rel_{key}'] = (
95                             (followup_val - baseline_val) / baseline_val *
96                             100
97                         )
98
99             return delta_features
100
101
102     def extract_multiregion_features(self, image, tumor_mask,
103                                     organ_masks_dict):
104         """
105             Extract features from multiple regions (tumor + organs at risk).
106
107             Args:
108                 image: CT image
109                 tumor_mask: Tumor segmentation mask
110                 organ_masks_dict: Dictionary of organ masks {organ_name:
111 mask}
112
113             Returns:
114                 DataFrame with features for all regions
115             """
116             all_features = {}
117
118             # Tumor features
119             tumor_features = self.extract_features(image, tumor_mask)
120             for key, val in tumor_features.items():
121                 all_features[f'tumor_{key}'] = val

```

```

117
118     # Organ features
119     for organ_name, organ_mask in organ_masks_dict.items():
120         organ_features = self.extract_features(image, organ_mask)
121         for key, val in organ_features.items():
122             all_features[f'{organ_name}_{key}'] = val
123
124     return pd.Series(all_features)
125
126
127 class BiologicalResponseFeatures:
128     """
129     Extract features specifically designed to capture biological
130     response.
131     Includes volume changes, density changes, and spatial pattern
132     changes.
133     """
134
135     @staticmethod
136     def volume_change(mask_baseline, mask_followup, voxel_spacing):
137         """
138         Calculate volume change between baseline and follow-up.
139
140         Args:
141             mask_baseline: Baseline segmentation mask
142             mask_followup: Follow-up segmentation mask
143             voxel_spacing: Tuple of (x, y, z) voxel spacing in mm
144
145         Returns:
146             Dictionary with absolute and relative volume changes
147         """
148
149         voxel_volume = np.prod(voxel_spacing) # mm^3
150
151         vol_baseline = np.sum(mask_baseline) * voxel_volume / 1000 # cm
152         ^3
153         vol_followup = np.sum(mask_followup) * voxel_volume / 1000 # cm
154         ^3
155
156         abs_change = vol_followup - vol_baseline
157         rel_change = (abs_change / vol_baseline * 100) if vol_baseline >
158         0 else 0
159
160         return {
161             'volume_baseline_cm3': vol_baseline,
162             'volume_followup_cm3': vol_followup,
163             'volume_change_abs_cm3': abs_change,
164             'volume_change_rel_percent': rel_change
165         }
166
167     @staticmethod
168     def density_change(image_baseline, image_followup, mask):
169         """
170         Calculate changes in tissue density (HU values).
171
172         Args:
173             image_baseline: Baseline CT image
174             image_followup: Follow-up CT image
175             mask: ROI mask

```

```

170
171     Returns:
172         Dictionary with mean, median, and std of HU changes
173     """
174     roi_baseline = image_baseline[mask > 0]
175     roi_followup = image_followup[mask > 0]
176
177     mean_change = np.mean(roi_followup) - np.mean(roi_baseline)
178     median_change = np.median(roi_followup) - np.median(roi_baseline)
179
180     std_change = np.std(roi_followup) - np.std(roi_baseline)
181
182     return {
183         'density_mean_change_HU': mean_change,
184         'density_median_change_HU': median_change,
185         'density_std_change_HU': std_change,
186         'density_mean_baseline_HU': np.mean(roi_baseline),
187         'density_mean_followup_HU': np.mean(roi_followup),
188     }
189
190     @staticmethod
191     def heterogeneity_change(image_baseline, image_followup, mask):
192         """
193             Calculate changes in tumor heterogeneity.
194
195             Args:
196                 image_baseline: Baseline CT image
197                 image_followup: Follow-up CT image
198                 mask: ROI mask
199
200             Returns:
201                 Dictionary with heterogeneity metrics
202             """
203     roi_baseline = image_baseline[mask > 0]
204     roi_followup = image_followup[mask > 0]
205
206     # Coefficient of variation
207     cv_baseline = np.std(roi_baseline) / np.mean(roi_baseline) if np
208     .mean(roi_baseline) != 0 else 0
209     cv_followup = np.std(roi_followup) / np.mean(roi_followup) if np
210     .mean(roi_followup) != 0 else 0
211
212     # Entropy
213     def calculate_entropy(data, bins=50):
214         hist, _ = np.histogram(data, bins=bins, density=True)
215         hist = hist[hist > 0]
216         return -np.sum(hist * np.log2(hist))
217
218     entropy_baseline = calculate_entropy(roi_baseline)
219     entropy_followup = calculate_entropy(roi_followup)
220
221     return {
222         'heterogeneity_cv_baseline': cv_baseline,
223         'heterogeneity_cv_followup': cv_followup,
224         'heterogeneity_cv_change': cv_followup - cv_baseline,
225         'heterogeneity_entropy_baseline': entropy_baseline,
226         'heterogeneity_entropy_followup': entropy_followup,
227     }

```

```

224         'heterogeneity_entropy_change': entropy_followup -
225             entropy_baseline,
226             }
227
228     @staticmethod
229     def spatial_concordance(mask_baseline, mask_followup):
230         """
231             Calculate spatial overlap metrics to distinguish rigid motion
232             from shape change.
233
234             Args:
235                 mask_baseline: Baseline segmentation mask
236                 mask_followup: Follow-up segmentation mask (already
237                     registered)
238
239             Returns:
240                 Dictionary with overlap metrics
241             """
242             intersection = np.sum((mask_baseline > 0) & (mask_followup > 0))
243             union = np.sum((mask_baseline > 0) | (mask_followup > 0))
244
245             dice = 2 * intersection / (np.sum(mask_baseline > 0) + np.sum(
246                 mask_followup > 0))
247             jaccard = intersection / union if union > 0 else 0
248
249             # Hausdorff distance (simplified - use full implementation for
250             # production)
251             # This would require distance transforms
252
253
254             return {
255                 'spatial_dice': dice,
256                 'spatial_jaccard': jaccard,
257                 'spatial_overlap_percent': intersection / np.sum(
258                     mask_baseline > 0) * 100
259             }
260
261
262 # Example usage
263 if __name__ == "__main__":
264     # Load images
265     baseline_ct = np.load("baseline_ct.npy")
266     followup_ct = np.load("followup_ct.npy")
267     tumor_mask = np.load("tumor_mask.npy")
268
269     # Extract radiomic features
270     radiomics_extractor = RadiomicFeatureExtractor()
271
272     # Delta-radiomic features
273     delta_features = radiomics_extractor.extract_delta_features(
274         baseline_ct, followup_ct, tumor_mask
275     )
276
277     # Biological response features
278     bio_features = {}
279     bio_features.update(BiologicalResponseFeatures.volume_change(
280         tumor_mask, tumor_mask, voxel_spacing=(1.0, 1.0, 3.0)
281     ))
282     bio_features.update(BiologicalResponseFeatures.density_change(

```

```

276     baseline_ct, followup_ct, tumor_mask
277   ))
278   bio_features.update(BiologicalResponseFeatures.heterogeneity_change(
279     baseline_ct, followup_ct, tumor_mask
280   ))
281
282   print(f"Extracted {len(delta_features)} delta-radiomic features")
283   print(f"Extracted {len(bio_features)} biological response features")

```

Listing 4: Radiomic Feature Extraction

```

1 import torch
2 import torch.nn as nn
3 import torch.nn.functional as F
4
5 class MultimodalResponseClassifier(nn.Module):
6   """
7     Deep learning model to classify image changes as anatomical vs
8     biological.
9     Integrates multiple input modalities:
10    - Baseline CT
11    - Follow-up CT
12    - Dose distribution
13    - Deformation vector field
14    - Radiomic features
15   """
16
17   def __init__(self, num_radiomics=100, dropout=0.3):
18     super().__init__()
19
19   # 3D CNN for image feature extraction
20   self.image_encoder = Image3DEncoder(in_channels=4) # baseline,
followup, dose, DVF
21
22   # MLP for radiomic features
23   self.radiomics_encoder = nn.Sequential(
24     nn.Linear(num_radiomics, 256),
25     nn.ReLU(),
26     nn.Dropout(dropout),
27     nn.Linear(256, 128),
28     nn.ReLU(),
29     nn.Dropout(dropout),
30   )
31
32   # Fusion and classification
33   self.fusion = nn.Sequential(
34     nn.Linear(512 + 128, 256), # 512 from image encoder, 128
from radiomics
35     nn.ReLU(),
36     nn.Dropout(dropout),
37     nn.Linear(256, 128),
38     nn.ReLU(),
39     nn.Dropout(dropout),
40     nn.Linear(128, 3) # 3 classes: anatomical, biological,
mixed
41   )

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42
43     # Uncertainty estimation (evidential deep learning)
44     self.uncertainty_head = nn.Linear(128, 3)
45
46     def forward(self, baseline, followup, dose, dvf, radiomics):
47         """
48             Args:
49                 baseline: Baseline CT, shape (B, 1, D, H, W)
50                 followup: Follow-up CT, shape (B, 1, D, H, W)
51                 dose: Accumulated dose, shape (B, 1, D, H, W)
52                 dvf: Deformation vector field magnitude, shape (B, 1, D, H,
53                               W)
54                 radiomics: Radiomic features, shape (B, num_radiomics)
55
56             Returns:
57                 logits: Classification logits, shape (B, 3)
58                 uncertainty: Uncertainty estimate, shape (B, 3)
59         """
60         # Concatenate imaging inputs
61         image_input = torch.cat([baseline, followup, dose, dvf], dim=1)
62
63         # Extract image features
64         image_features = self.image_encoder(image_input)
65
66         # Extract radiomic features
67         radio_features = self.radiomics_encoder(radiomics)
68
69         # Fuse features
70         combined = torch.cat([image_features, radio_features], dim=1)
71
72         # Classification
73         logits = self.fusion(combined)
74
75         # Uncertainty estimation
76         uncertainty = F.softplus(self.uncertainty_head(combined))
77
78         return logits, uncertainty
79
80     class Image3DEncoder(nn.Module):
81         """
82             3D CNN encoder for extracting features from multi-channel 3D images.
83         """
84
85         def __init__(self, in_channels=4):
86             super().__init__()
87
88             self.conv1 = self._conv_block(in_channels, 32)
89             self.conv2 = self._conv_block(32, 64)
90             self.conv3 = self._conv_block(64, 128)
91             self.conv4 = self._conv_block(128, 256)
92             self.conv5 = self._conv_block(256, 512)
93
94             self.pool = nn.MaxPool3d(2)
95             self.adaptive_pool = nn.AdaptiveAvgPool3d(1)
96
97             def _conv_block(self, in_ch, out_ch):
98                 return nn.Sequential(

```

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99         nn.Conv3d(in_ch, out_ch, 3, padding=1),
100        nn.BatchNorm3d(out_ch),
101        nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
102        nn.Conv3d(out_ch, out_ch, 3, padding=1),
103        nn.BatchNorm3d(out_ch),
104        nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
105    )
106
107    def forward(self, x):
108        x1 = self.conv1(x)
109        x2 = self.conv2(self.pool(x1))
110        x3 = self.conv3(self.pool(x2))
111        x4 = self.conv4(self.pool(x3))
112        x5 = self.conv5(self.pool(x4))
113
114        # Global average pooling
115        x_pooled = self.adaptive_pool(x5)
116        x_flat = x_pooled.view(x_pooled.size(0), -1)
117
118        return x_flat
119
120
121 class EvidentialLoss(nn.Module):
122     """
123     Evidential deep learning loss for uncertainty-aware classification.
124     Based on: Sensoy et al., "Evidential Deep Learning to Quantify
125     Classification Uncertainty"
126     """
127
128     def __init__(self, num_classes=3, lambda_reg=0.01):
129         super().__init__()
130         self.num_classes = num_classes
131         self.lambda_reg = lambda_reg
132
133     def forward(self, evidence, target):
134         """
135         Args:
136             evidence: Evidence values from model, shape (B, num_classes)
137             target: Ground truth labels, shape (B,)
138
139         Returns:
140             loss: Total loss (classification + uncertainty
141             regularization)
142             """
143             # Convert to Dirichlet parameters
144             alpha = evidence + 1
145             S = torch.sum(alpha, dim=1, keepdim=True)
146
147             # Expected probability
148             prob = alpha / S
149
150             # One-hot encode targets
151             target_one_hot = F.one_hot(target, self.num_classes).float()
152
153             # Classification loss (cross-entropy with Dirichlet)
154             A = torch.sum(target_one_hot * (torch.digamma(S) - torch.digamma
155             (alpha)), dim=1)

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154     # KL divergence regularization
155     alpha_tilde = target_one_hot + (1 - target_one_hot) * alpha
156     S_tilde = torch.sum(alpha_tilde, dim=1, keepdim=True)
157
158     kl_div = torch.lgamma(S_tilde) - torch.sum(torch.lgamma(
159         alpha_tilde), dim=1) + \
160             torch.sum((alpha_tilde - 1) * (torch.digamma(
161             alpha_tilde) - torch.digamma(S_tilde)), dim=1)
162
163     loss = torch.mean(A + self.lambda_reg * kl_div)
164
165     return loss
166
167
168 def train_response_classifier(model, train_loader, val_loader,
169                               epochs=100, lr=1e-4):
170     """
171     Train multimodal response classifier with uncertainty quantification
172     .
173
174     Args:
175         model: MultimodalResponseClassifier model
176         train_loader: Training data loader
177         val_loader: Validation data loader
178         epochs: Number of training epochs
179         lr: Learning rate
180     """
181
182     device = next(model.parameters()).device
183     optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=lr,
184                                   weight_decay=1e-5)
185     scheduler = torch.optim.lr_scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(optimizer,
186     epochs)
187     criterion = EvidentialLoss(num_classes=3)
188
189     best_val_acc = 0.0
190
191     for epoch in range(epochs):
192         # Training
193         model.train()
194         train_loss = 0
195         train_correct = 0
196         train_total = 0
197
198         for batch in train_loader:
199             baseline = batch['baseline'].to(device)
200             followup = batch['followup'].to(device)
201             dose = batch['dose'].to(device)
202             d vf = batch['d vf'].to(device)
203             radiomics = batch['radiomics'].to(device)
204             labels = batch['label'].to(device)
205
206             # Forward pass
207             logits, uncertainty = model(baseline, followup, dose, d vf,
208             radiomics)
209
210             # Loss
211             loss = criterion(uncertainty, labels)

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206     # Backward pass
207     optimizer.zero_grad()
208     loss.backward()
209     torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_(model.parameters(), 1.0)
210     optimizer.step()
211
212     # Metrics
213     train_loss += loss.item()
214     predictions = torch.argmax(logits, dim=1)
215     train_correct += (predictions == labels).sum().item()
216     train_total += labels.size(0)
217
218     # Validation
219     model.eval()
220     val_loss = 0
221     val_correct = 0
222     val_total = 0
223
224     with torch.no_grad():
225         for batch in val_loader:
226             baseline = batch['baseline'].to(device)
227             followup = batch['followup'].to(device)
228             dose = batch['dose'].to(device)
229             d vf = batch['d vf'].to(device)
230             radiomics = batch['radiomics'].to(device)
231             labels = batch['label'].to(device)
232
233             logits, uncertainty = model(baseline, followup, dose,
234             d vf, radiomics)
234             loss = criterion(uncertainty, labels)
235
236             val_loss += loss.item()
237             predictions = torch.argmax(logits, dim=1)
238             val_correct += (predictions == labels).sum().item()
239             val_total += labels.size(0)
240
241     # Calculate metrics
242     train_acc = train_correct / train_total
243     val_acc = val_correct / val_total
244
245     print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{epochs}, "
246           f"Train Loss: {train_loss/len(train_loader):.4f}, "
247           f"Train Acc: {train_acc:.4f}, "
248           f"Val Loss: {val_loss/len(val_loader):.4f}, "
249           f"Val Acc: {val_acc:.4f}")
250
251     # Save best model
252     if val_acc > best_val_acc:
253         best_val_acc = val_acc
254         torch.save(model.state_dict(), 'best_response_classifier.pth'
255     )
256
257     scheduler.step()
258
259     print(f"Best validation accuracy: {best_val_acc:.4f}")
260
261     return model

```

```

262
263 # Example usage
264 if __name__ == "__main__":
265     device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu')
266
267     # Initialize model
268     model = MultimodalResponseClassifier(num_radiomics=100).to(device)
269
270     print(f"Model parameters: {sum(p.numel() for p in model.parameters()):,}")
271
272     # Test forward pass
273     batch_size = 2
274     baseline = torch.randn(batch_size, 1, 64, 64, 64, device=device)
275     followup = torch.randn(batch_size, 1, 64, 64, 64, device=device)
276     dose = torch.randn(batch_size, 1, 64, 64, 64, device=device)
277     dvf = torch.randn(batch_size, 1, 64, 64, 64, device=device)
278     radiomics = torch.randn(batch_size, 100, device=device)
279
280     logits, uncertainty = model(baseline, followup, dose, dvf, radiomics)
281
282     print(f"Logits shape: {logits.shape}")
283     print(f"Uncertainty shape: {uncertainty.shape}")

```

Listing 5: Deep Learning Feature Extractor for Response Classification

3.2.3 Population Anatomy Modeling

```

1 import torch
2 import torch.nn as nn
3 from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
4 import numpy as np
5
6 class PopulationAnatomyModel:
7     """
8         Statistical model of expected anatomical variations in a population.
9         Used to distinguish expected vs unexpected (biological) changes.
10    """
11
12    def __init__(self, n_components=20):
13        """
14            Args:
15                n_components: Number of principal components to retain
16            """
17        self.n_components = n_components
18        self.pca = None
19        self.mean_anatomy = None
20        self.anatomy_std = None
21
22    def fit(self, anatomy_features_list):
23        """
24            Fit population model from training data.
25
26            Args:
27                anatomy_features_list: List of anatomy feature vectors

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28                                     (e.g., organ volumes, positions,
29 shapes)
30 """
31     # Stack features
32     X = np.stack(anatomy_features_list, axis=0)
33
34     # Store statistics
35     self.mean_anatomy = np.mean(X, axis=0)
36     self.anatomy_std = np.std(X, axis=0)
37
38     # Fit PCA
39     self.pca = PCA(n_components=self.n_components)
40     self.pca.fit(X)
41
42     print(f"Explained variance ratio: {np.sum(self.pca.
43 explained_variance_ratio_):.2%}")
44
45 def calculate_anatomical_likelihood(self, anatomy_features):
46 """
47     Calculate likelihood of observed anatomy under population model.
48     Low likelihood suggests biological change rather than typical
49     variation.
50
51     Args:
52         anatomy_features: Feature vector for patient anatomy
53
54     Returns:
55         Log-likelihood under population model
56 """
57
58     # Project to PC space
59     z = self.pca.transform(anatomy_features.reshape(1, -1))
60
61     # Reconstruct
62     reconstruction = self.pca.inverse_transform(z)
63
64     # Reconstruction error
65     reconstruction_error = np.linalg.norm(anatomy_features -
66     reconstruction.ravel())
67
68     # Mahalanobis distance in PC space
69     eigenvalues = self.pca.explained_variance_
70     mahal_dist = np.sum((z ** 2) / eigenvalues)
71
72     # Log-likelihood (assuming Gaussian)
73     log_likelihood = -0.5 * mahal_dist - 0.5 * np.sum(np.log(
74     eigenvalues))
75
76     return {
77         'log_likelihood': log_likelihood,
78         'reconstruction_error': reconstruction_error,
79         'mahalanobis_distance': mahal_dist,
80         'is_outlier': mahal_dist > 3 * self.n_components  # Chi-
81         squared threshold
82     }
83
84 def generate_typical_variation(self):
85 """
86     Generate typical anatomical variation from population model.

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80 """
81     # Sample from standard normal in PC space
82     z = np.random.randn(self.n_components) * np.sqrt(self.pca.
83     explained_variance_)
84
85     # Transform back to feature space
86     anatomy = self.pca.inverse_transform(z.reshape(1, -1))
87
88     return anatomy.ravel()
89
90
91 class GeometricFeatureExtractor:
92     """
93         Extract geometric features from segmentation masks for population
94         modeling.
95     """
96
97     @staticmethod
98     def extract_features(mask, organ_name):
99         """
100             Extract geometric features from segmentation mask.
101
102             Args:
103                 mask: Binary segmentation mask
104                 organ_name: Name of organ
105
106             Returns:
107                 Dictionary of geometric features
108         """
109
110         features = {}
111
112         # Volume
113         features[f'{organ_name}_volume'] = np.sum(mask)
114
115         # Centroid
116         coords = np.argwhere(mask > 0)
117         if len(coords) > 0:
118             centroid = np.mean(coords, axis=0)
119             features[f'{organ_name}_centroid_x'] = centroid[0]
120             features[f'{organ_name}_centroid_y'] = centroid[1]
121             features[f'{organ_name}_centroid_z'] = centroid[2]
122
123         # Bounding box
124         bbox_min = np.min(coords, axis=0)
125         bbox_max = np.max(coords, axis=0)
126         bbox_size = bbox_max - bbox_min
127
128         features[f'{organ_name}_bbox_x'] = bbox_size[0]
129         features[f'{organ_name}_bbox_y'] = bbox_size[1]
130         features[f'{organ_name}_bbox_z'] = bbox_size[2]
131
132         # Principal axes (using PCA)
133         coords_centered = coords - centroid
134         cov = np.cov(coords_centered.T)
135         eigenvalues, eigenvectors = np.linalg.eigh(cov)

            # Sort by eigenvalue
            idx = eigenvalues.argsort()[:-1]

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136         eigenvalues = eigenvalues[idx]
137
138         features[f'{organ_name}_axis1_length'] = np.sqrt(eigenvalues
139 [0])
140         features[f'{organ_name}_axis2_length'] = np.sqrt(eigenvalues
141 [1])
142         features[f'{organ_name}_axis3_length'] = np.sqrt(eigenvalues
143 [2])
144
145     # Shape metrics
146     features[f'{organ_name}_compactness'] = (
147         features[f'{organ_name}_volume'] /
148         (features[f'{organ_name}_bbox_x'] *
149          features[f'{organ_name}_bbox_y'] *
150          features[f'{organ_name}_bbox_z']))
151
152     return features
153
154 @staticmethod
155 def extract_multiregion_features(masks_dict):
156     """
157     Extract features from multiple regions.
158
159     Args:
160         masks_dict: Dictionary of {organ_name: mask}
161
162     Returns:
163         Combined feature dictionary
164     """
165
166     all_features = {}
167
168     for organ_name, mask in masks_dict.items():
169         organ_features = GeometricFeatureExtractor.extract_features(
170             mask, organ_name
171         )
172         all_features.update(organ_features)
173
174     # Add inter-organ relationships
175     if len(masks_dict) > 1:
176         organ_names = list(masks_dict.keys())
177         for i in range(len(organ_names)):
178             for j in range(i+1, len(organ_names)):
179                 organ1 = organ_names[i]
180                 organ2 = organ_names[j]
181
182                 # Distance between centroids
183                 if f'{organ1}_centroid_x' in all_features and \
184                     f'{organ2}_centroid_x' in all_features:
185                     dist = np.sqrt(
186                         (all_features[f'{organ1}_centroid_x'] -
187                          all_features[f'{organ2}_centroid_x'])**2 +
188                         (all_features[f'{organ1}_centroid_y'] -
189                          all_features[f'{organ2}_centroid_y'])**2 +
190                         (all_features[f'{organ1}_centroid_z'] -
191                          all_features[f'{organ2}_centroid_z'])**2
192                     )
193                     all_features[f'distance_{organ1}_{organ2}'] =

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    dist

191         return all_features

192
193
194
195 # Example usage
196 if __name__ == "__main__":
197     # Simulate population data
198     n_patients = 100
199     n_features = 50

200
201     # Generate synthetic anatomy features
202     population_features = [
203         np.random.randn(n_features) for _ in range(n_patients)
204     ]

205
206     # Fit population model
207     pop_model = PopulationAnatomyModel(n_components=15)
208     pop_model.fit(population_features)

209
210     # Test new patient
211     new_patient_features = np.random.randn(n_features) * 2 # Larger
variation

212
213     likelihood_metrics = pop_model.calculate_anatomical_likelihood(
new_patient_features)

214
215     print("Anatomical likelihood metrics:")
216     for key, val in likelihood_metrics.items():
217         print(f" {key}: {val}")

218
219     if likelihood_metrics['is_outlier']:
220         print("-> Suggests biological change rather than typical
anatomical variation")
221     else:
222         print("-> Consistent with typical anatomical variation")

```

Listing 6: Population Anatomy Model for Expected Variations

3.3 Task 3: Dose Optimization Strategies Deep Learning Feature Extraction

3.3.1 Objectives

Design algorithms that execute appropriate dose restoration, dose adaptation, or combined strategies based on identified change type.

3.3.2 Optimization Framework

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import scipy.optimize as opt
3 from dataclasses import dataclass
4 from typing import List, Dict, Tuple
5 import torch

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```

6
7 @dataclass
8 class OptimizationObjective:
9     """Define optimization objective for dose planning."""
10    structure_name: str
11    objective_type: str # 'min_dose', 'max_dose', 'mean_dose', ,
12    dvh_constraint,
13    dose_value: float # Gy
14    volume_fraction: float = None # For DVH constraints
15    priority: int = 1
16    weight: float = 1.0
17
18 class AdaptiveDoseOptimizer:
19     """
20     Adaptive dose optimization engine that selects strategy based on
21     response categorization (anatomical vs biological change).
22     """
23
24     def __init__(self, planning_ct, structures_dict, beam_model):
25         """
26         Args:
27             planning_ct: Planning CT image
28             structures_dict: Dictionary of structure masks
29             beam_model: Proton beam dose calculation model
30         """
31         self.planning_ct = planning_ct
32         self.structures = structures_dict
33         self.beam_model = beam_model
34         self.original_objectives = []
35
36     def set_objectives(self, objectives: List[OptimizationObjective]):
37         """
38         Set dose optimization objectives.
39         """
40         self.original_objectives = objectives
41
42     def optimize_dose_restoration(self, updated_ct, deformation_field):
43         """
44         Dose restoration for anatomical changes.
45         Goal: Restore original dose distribution on updated anatomy.
46
47         Args:
48             updated_ct: Updated CT image for the day
49             deformation_field: Deformation from planning to updated
50             anatomy
51
52         Returns:
53             Optimized spot weights
54         """
55         print("Performing dose restoration optimization...")
56
57         # Warp original objectives to updated anatomy
58         warped_objectives = self._warp_objectives(
59             self.original_objectives,
60             deformation_field
61         )
62
63         # Standard dose optimization with warped objectives
64         spot_weights = self._optimize_spot_weights(

```

```

62         updated_ct,
63         warped_objectives,
64         strategy='restoration'
65     )
66
67     return spot_weights
68
69 def optimize_dose_adaptation(self, updated_ct, response_info):
70     """
71     Dose adaptation for biological changes.
72     Goal: Adapt dose levels based on biological response.
73
74     Args:
75         updated_ct: Updated CT image
76         response_info: Dictionary with response characterization:
77             - 'tumor_shrinkage': float (%)
78             - 'tumor_density_change': float (HU)
79             - 'predicted_response': str ('good', 'poor', ,
80             intermediate')
81             - 'risk_score': float (0-1)
82
83     Returns:
84         Optimized spot weights with adapted dose levels
85     """
86     print("Performing dose adaptation optimization...")
87
88     # Modify objectives based on response
89     adapted_objectives = self._adapt_objectives(
90         self.original_objectives,
91         response_info
92     )
93
94     # Optimize with adapted objectives
95     spot_weights = self._optimize_spot_weights(
96         updated_ct,
97         adapted_objectives,
98         strategy='adaptation'
99     )
100
101     return spot_weights
102
103 def optimize_combined(self, updated_ct, deformation_field,
104 response_info):
105     """
106     Combined optimization for mixed anatomical and biological
107     changes.
108
109     Args:
110         updated_ct: Updated CT image
111         deformation_field: Anatomical deformation
112         response_info: Biological response information
113
114     Returns:
115         Optimized spot weights
116     """
117     print("Performing combined optimization...")
118
119     # Warp objectives for anatomical component

```

```

117     warped_objectives = self._warp_objectives(
118         self.original_objectives,
119         deformation_field
120     )
121
122     # Adapt objectives for biological component
123     final_objectives = self._adapt_objectives(
124         warped_objectives,
125         response_info
126     )
127
128     # Optimize
129     spot_weights = self._optimize_spot_weights(
130         updated_ct,
131         final_objectives,
132         strategy='combined'
133     )
134
135     return spot_weights
136
137 def _warp_objectives(self, objectives, deformation_field):
138     """Warp dose objectives according to deformation."""
139     warped_objectives = []
140
141     for obj in objectives:
142         # For structure objectives, warp the structure mask
143         if obj.structure_name in self.structures:
144             original_mask = self.structures[obj.structure_name]
145             warped_mask = self._apply_deformation(original_mask,
deformation_field)
146
147             # Create new objective with warped mask
148             new_obj = OptimizationObjective(
149                 structure_name=obj.structure_name,
150                 objective_type=obj.objective_type,
151                 dose_value=obj.dose_value, # Keep same dose level
152                 volume_fraction=obj.volume_fraction,
153                 priority=obj.priority,
154                 weight=obj.weight
155             )
156             warped_objectives.append(new_obj)
157
158     return warped_objectives
159
160 def _adapt_objectives(self, objectives, response_info):
161     """Adapt dose objectives based on biological response."""
162     adapted_objectives = []
163
164     # Response-based dose modification rules
165     if response_info['predicted_response'] == 'poor':
166         # Poor response -> consider dose escalation
167         dose_modifier = 1.1 # 10% escalation
168         print(f" Applying dose escalation: {dose_modifier}x")
169
170     elif response_info['predicted_response'] == 'good':
171         # Good response -> may allow de-escalation for toxicity
reduction
172         dose_modifier = 0.95 # 5% de-escalation

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173         print(f"  Applying dose de-escalation: {dose_modifier}x")
174
175     else:
176         # Intermediate response -> maintain current dose
177         dose_modifier = 1.0
178         print(f"  Maintaining current dose levels")
179
180     # Apply modifications
181     for obj in objectives:
182         if 'tumor' in obj.structure_name.lower() or 'gtv' in obj.
structure_name.lower():
183             # Modify tumor objectives
184             new_obj = OptimizationObjective(
185                 structure_name=obj.structure_name,
186                 objective_type=obj.objective_type,
187                 dose_value=obj.dose_value * dose_modifier,
188                 volume_fraction=obj.volume_fraction,
189                 priority=obj.priority,
190                 weight=obj.weight
191             )
192             adapted_objectives.append(new_obj)
193         else:
194             # Keep OAR objectives unchanged (or tighten if dose
escalation)
195             if dose_modifier > 1.0:
196                 # If escalating tumor dose, maintain strict OAR
constraints
197                 weight_modifier = 1.2
198             else:
199                 weight_modifier = 1.0
200
201             new_obj = OptimizationObjective(
202                 structure_name=obj.structure_name,
203                 objective_type=obj.objective_type,
204                 dose_value=obj.dose_value,
205                 volume_fraction=obj.volume_fraction,
206                 priority=obj.priority,
207                 weight=obj.weight * weight_modifier
208             )
209             adapted_objectives.append(new_obj)
210
211     return adapted_objectives
212
213 def _optimize_spot_weights(self, ct_image, objectives, strategy='
restoration'):
214     """
215         Core optimization routine to find optimal spot weights.
216
217     Args:
218         ct_image: CT image for dose calculation
219         objectives: List of optimization objectives
220         strategy: Optimization strategy identifier
221
222     Returns:
223         Optimized spot weights
224     """
225     # Get dose influence matrix from beam model
226     D = self.beam_model.get_dose_influence_matrix(ct_image)

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227     n_spots = D.shape[1]
228     n_voxels = D.shape[0]
229
230     # Initialize spot weights
231     w0 = np.ones(n_spots) * 0.01
232
233     # Define objective function
234     def objective_function(w):
235         """Total objective function to minimize."""
236         dose = D @ w
237         total_cost = 0
238
239         for obj in objectives:
240             structure_mask = self.structures[obj.structure_name]
241             structure_dose = dose[structure_mask.ravel() > 0]
242
243             if obj.objective_type == 'min_dose':
244                 # Penalize dose below target
245                 underdose = np.maximum(0, obj.dose_value -
246 structure_dose)
247                 cost = obj.weight * np.sum(underdose ** 2)
248
249             elif obj.objective_type == 'max_dose':
250                 # Penalize dose above limit
251                 overdose = np.maximum(0, structure_dose - obj.
252 dose_value)
253                 cost = obj.weight * np.sum(overdose ** 2)
254
255             elif obj.objective_type == 'mean_dose':
256                 # Penalize deviation from target mean
257                 mean_dose = np.mean(structure_dose)
258                 cost = obj.weight * (mean_dose - obj.dose_value) **
259
260                 2
261
262             elif obj.objective_type == 'dvh_constraint':
263                 # DVH constraint: V_dose < volume_fraction
264                 n_voxels_above = np.sum(structure_dose > obj.
265 dose_value)
266                 fraction_above = n_voxels_above / len(structure_dose)
267             )
268                 violation = max(0, fraction_above - obj.
269 volume_fraction)
270                 cost = obj.weight * violation ** 2 * 1e6 # Large
271 penalty
272
273                 total_cost += cost
274
275             # Regularization: prefer smooth spot weight distributions
276             regularization = 1e-4 * np.sum(np.diff(w) ** 2)
277             total_cost += regularization
278
279             return total_cost
280
281     # Constraints: non-negative weights
282     bounds = [(0, None) for _ in range(n_spots)]
283
284     # Optimize
285     result = opt.minimize(

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278         objective_function,
279         w0,
280         method='L-BFGS-B',
281         bounds=bounds,
282         options={'maxiter': 500, 'disp': False}
283     )
284
285     optimal_weights = result.x
286
287     print(f" Optimization converged: {result.success}")
288     print(f" Final objective value: {result.fun:.2f}")
289     print(f" Active spots: {np.sum(optimal_weights > 1e-6)}/{n_spots}")
290
291     return optimal_weights
292
293 def _apply_deformation(self, image, deformation_field):
294     """Apply deformation field to image."""
295     from scipy.ndimage import map_coordinates
296
297     dims = image.shape
298     coords = np.meshgrid(
299         np.arange(dims[0]),
300         np.arange(dims[1]),
301         np.arange(dims[2]),
302         indexing='ij',
303     )
304     coords = np.stack(coords, axis=0)
305
306     deformed_coords = coords + deformation_field
307
308     warped_image = map_coordinates(
309         image,
310         [deformed_coords[0].ravel(),
311          deformed_coords[1].ravel(),
312          deformed_coords[2].ravel()],
313         order=1,
314         mode='nearest',
315     ).reshape(dims)
316
317     return warped_image
318
319
320 class ProtonBeamModel:
321     """
322     Simplified proton beam dose calculation model.
323     In practice, would interface with treatment planning system.
324     """
325
326     def __init__(self, spot_positions, spot_energies):
327         """
328         Args:
329             spot_positions: Array of spot positions shape (N, 3)
330             spot_energies: Array of spot energies shape (N,)
331         """
332         self.spot_positions = spot_positions
333         self.spot_energies = spot_energies
334         self.n_spots = len(spot_positions)

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335
336     def get_dose_influence_matrix(self, ct_image):
337         """
338             Calculate dose influence matrix D where D[i,j] is the dose
339             deposited in voxel i by spot j with unit weight.
340
341         Args:
342             ct_image: CT image for dose calculation
343
344         Returns:
345             Dose influence matrix, shape (n_voxels, n_spots)
346         """
347         dims = ct_image.shape
348         n_voxels = np.prod(dims)
349
350         # Simplified: use Gaussian spots with range determined by energy
351         # In practice, use Monte Carlo or analytical pencil beam
352         # algorithm
353
354         D = np.zeros((n_voxels, self.n_spots))
355
356         # Create voxel coordinates
357         voxel_coords = np.stack(
358             np.meshgrid(
359                 np.arange(dims[0]),
360                 np.arange(dims[1]),
361                 np.arange(dims[2]),
362                 indexing='ij',
363             ),
364             axis=-1
365         ).reshape(-1, 3)
366
367         for j, (pos, energy) in enumerate(zip(self.spot_positions, self.spot_energies)):
368             # Simplified Bragg peak model
369             range_cm = 0.03 * energy # Rough estimate
370             sigma_lateral = 0.5 # cm
371             sigma_range = 0.2 # cm
372
373             # Distance from spot
374             lateral_dist = np.linalg.norm(voxel_coords[:, :2] - pos[:2],
375             axis=1)
376             depth_diff = voxel_coords[:, 2] - (pos[2] + range_cm)
377
378             # Gaussian lateral, Bragg peak longitudinal
379             dose = (
380                 np.exp(-lateral_dist**2 / (2 * sigma_lateral**2)) *
381                 np.exp(-depth_diff**2 / (2 * sigma_range**2)) *
382                 (1 + depth_diff / sigma_range) # Asymmetric peak
383             )
384
385             # Normalize
386             dose = dose / np.max(dose) if np.max(dose) > 0 else dose
387
388             D[:, j] = dose
389
390         return D

```

```

390
391 # Example usage
392 if __name__ == "__main__":
393     # Simulate planning CT and structures
394     dims = (100, 100, 80)
395     planning_ct = np.random.randn(*dims) * 50 + 1000 # HU values
396
397     # Structures
398     structures = {
399         'tumor': np.zeros(dims),
400         'spinal_cord': np.zeros(dims),
401         'lung': np.zeros(dims)
402     }
403
404     # Simple geometric structures
405     structures['tumor'][40:60, 40:60, 30:50] = 1
406     structures['spinal_cord'][45:55, 10:20, :] = 1
407     structures['lung'][20:80, 20:80, 10:70] = 1
408
409     # Beam model
410     n_spots = 500
411     spot_positions = np.random.rand(n_spots, 3) * np.array([100, 100,
412     50])
413     spot_energies = np.random.rand(n_spots) * 200 + 50 # MeV
414     beam_model = ProtonBeamModel(spot_positions, spot_energies)
415
416     # Initialize optimizer
417     optimizer = AdaptiveDoseOptimizer(planning_ct, structures,
418     beam_model)
419
420     # Set objectives
421     objectives = [
422         OptimizationObjective('tumor', 'min_dose', 60.0, priority=1,
423         weight=10.0),
424         OptimizationObjective('spinal_cord', 'max_dose', 45.0, priority
425         =1, weight=20.0),
426         OptimizationObjective('lung', 'mean_dose', 20.0, priority=2,
427         weight=5.0),
428     ]
429     optimizer.set_objectives(objectives)
430
431     # Scenario 1: Anatomical change (dose restoration)
432     print("\n==== Scenario 1: Anatomical Change ====")
433     updated_ct_anat = planning_ct.copy()
434     deformation = np.random.randn(3, *dims) * 2 # Small deformation
435
436     weights_restoration = optimizer.optimize_dose_restoration(
437         updated_ct_anat,
438         deformation
439     )
440
441     # Scenario 2: Biological change (dose adaptation)
442     print("\n==== Scenario 2: Biological Change ====")
443     updated_ct_bio = planning_ct.copy()
444     response_info = {
445         'tumor_shrinkage': 25.0,
446         'tumor_density_change': -15.0,
447         'predicted_response': 'poor',

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443     'risk_score': 0.75
444 }
445
446 weights_adaptation = optimizer.optimize_dose_adaptation(
447     updated_ct_bio,
448     response_info
449 )
450
451 # Scenario 3: Combined change
452 print("\n==== Scenario 3: Combined Change ====")
453 weights_combined = optimizer.optimize_combined(
454     updated_ct_anat,
455     deformation,
456     response_info
457 )

```

Listing 7: Adaptive Dose Optimization Framework

3.3.3 Reinforcement Learning for Sequential Adaptation

For handling sequential decisions across multiple fractions:

```

1 import torch
2 import torch.nn as nn
3 import torch.optim as optim
4 import numpy as np
5 from collections import deque
6 import random
7
8 class AdaptiveREnvironment:
9     """
10     Reinforcement learning environment for adaptive radiotherapy.
11     State: current anatomy, accumulated dose, response biomarkers
12     Action: dose adaptation strategy (restore, escalate, de-escalate,
13     maintain)
14     Reward: predicted tumor control - normal tissue toxicity
15     """
16
17     def __init__(self, patient_model, total_fractions=30):
18         self.patient_model = patient_model
19         self.total_fractions = total_fractions
20         self.current_fraction = 0
21         self.accumulated_dose = None
22         self.reset()
23
24     def reset(self):
25         """Reset environment to initial state."""
26         self.current_fraction = 0
27         self.accumulated_dose = np.zeros(self.patient_model.
28             anatomy_shape)
29         initial_state = self._get_state()
30         return initial_state
31
32     def step(self, action):
33         """
34             Take action and advance one fraction.
35
36             Args:

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35         action: Integer action code
36             0: Dose restoration (anatomical)
37             1: Dose escalation (biological - poor response)
38             2: Dose de-escalation (biological - good response)
39             3: Maintain current plan
40
41     Returns:
42         next_state: New state after action
43         reward: Immediate reward
44         done: Whether treatment is complete
45         info: Additional information
46     """
47     # Simulate treatment delivery
48     fraction_dose = self.patient_model.get_fraction_dose(action)
49     self.accumulated_dose += fraction_dose
50
51     # Update patient state (anatomy + biology)
52     self.patient_model.update_state(fraction_dose, self.
53                                     current_fraction)
54
55     # Calculate reward
56     reward = self._calculate_reward(action)
57
58     # Advance fraction
59     self.current_fraction += 1
60     done = self.current_fraction >= self.total_fractions
61
62     # Get next state
63     next_state = self._get_state()
64
65     info = {
66         'fraction': self.current_fraction,
67         'tumor_control_prob': self.patient_model.get_tcp(),
68         'ntcp': self.patient_model.get_ntcp(),
69     }
70
71     return next_state, reward, done, info
72
73 def _get_state(self):
74     """
75     Get current state representation.
76
77     Returns:
78         State vector combining anatomy, dose, and biomarkers
79     """
80     state = {
81         'anatomy': self.patient_model.get_current_anatomy(),
82         'accumulated_dose': self.accumulated_dose,
83         'fraction_number': self.current_fraction / self.
84         total_fractions,
85         'tumor_volume': self.patient_model.get_tumor_volume(),
86         'biomarkers': self.patient_model.get_biomarkers(),
87     }
88
89     # Flatten to vector
90     state_vector = np.concatenate([
91         state['anatomy'].ravel(),
92         state['accumulated_dose'].ravel(),

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91         [state['fraction_number']] ,
92         [state['tumor_volume']] ,
93         state['biomarkers']
94     ])
95
96     return state_vector
97
98 def _calculate_reward(self, action):
99     """
100     Calculate reward based on predicted outcomes.
101
102     Reward = TCP - 1 *NTCP - 2 *ActionCost
103     """
104     tcp = self.patient_model.get_tcp()
105     ntcp = self.patient_model.get_ntcp()
106
107     # Action costs (replanning burden)
108     action_costs = [0.1, 0.2, 0.15, 0.0] # restore, escalate, de-
109     escalate, maintain
110     action_cost = action_costs[action]
111
112     # Combined reward
113     reward = tcp - 2.0 * ntcp - 0.1 * action_cost
114
115     return reward
116
117 class DQNAgent:
118     """Deep Q-Network agent for adaptive RT decision making."""
119
120     def __init__(self, state_dim, action_dim, hidden_dim=256):
121         self.state_dim = state_dim
122         self.action_dim = action_dim
123
124         # Q-networks
125         self.q_network = self._build_network(hidden_dim)
126         self.target_network = self._build_network(hidden_dim)
127         self.target_network.load_state_dict(self.q_network.state_dict())
128
129         # Training parameters
130         self.optimizer = optim.Adam(self.q_network.parameters(), lr=1e
131 -4)
132         self.memory = deque(maxlen=10000)
133         self.batch_size = 64
134         self.gamma = 0.99
135         self.epsilon = 1.0
136         self.epsilon_decay = 0.995
137         self.epsilon_min = 0.01
138         self.update_target_every = 100
139         self.steps = 0
140
141     def _build_network(self, hidden_dim):
142         """Build Q-network."""
143         return nn.Sequential(
144             nn.Linear(self.state_dim, hidden_dim),
145             nn.ReLU(),
146             nn.Linear(hidden_dim, hidden_dim),
147             nn.ReLU(),

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147         nn.Linear(hidden_dim, hidden_dim),
148         nn.ReLU(),
149         nn.Linear(hidden_dim, self.action_dim)
150     )
151
152     def select_action(self, state, training=True):
153         """Select action using epsilon-greedy policy."""
154         if training and random.random() < self.epsilon:
155             return random.randint(0, self.action_dim - 1)
156         else:
157             with torch.no_grad():
158                 state_tensor = torch.FloatTensor(state).unsqueeze(0)
159                 q_values = self.q_network(state_tensor)
160                 return q_values.argmax().item()
161
162     def store_transition(self, state, action, reward, next_state, done):
163         """Store transition in replay buffer."""
164         self.memory.append((state, action, reward, next_state, done))
165
166     def train(self):
167         """Train Q-network on a batch from replay buffer."""
168         if len(self.memory) < self.batch_size:
169             return
170
171         # Sample batch
172         batch = random.sample(self.memory, self.batch_size)
173         states, actions, rewards, next_states, dones = zip(*batch)
174
175         states = torch.FloatTensor(np.array(states))
176         actions = torch.LongTensor(actions)
177         rewards = torch.FloatTensor(rewards)
178         next_states = torch.FloatTensor(np.array(next_states))
179         dones = torch.FloatTensor(dones)
180
181         # Current Q values
182         current_q = self.q_network(states).gather(1, actions.unsqueeze
183             (1))
184
185         # Target Q values
186         with torch.no_grad():
187             next_q = self.target_network(next_states).max(1)[0]
188             target_q = rewards + self.gamma * next_q * (1 - dones)
189
190         # Loss
191         loss = nn.MSELoss()(current_q.squeeze(), target_q)
192
193         # Optimize
194         self.optimizer.zero_grad()
195         loss.backward()
196         self.optimizer.step()
197
198         # Update target network
199         self.steps += 1
200         if self.steps % self.update_target_every == 0:
201             self.target_network.load_state_dict(self.q_network.
state_dict())
202
203         # Decay epsilon

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203         if self.epsilon > self.epsilon_min:
204             self.epsilon *= self.epsilon_decay
205
206     return loss.item()
207
208
209 def train_rl_agent(env, agent, num_episodes=1000):
210     """
211         Train RL agent for adaptive RT decision making.
212
213     Args:
214         env: AdaptiveREnvironment
215         agent: DQNAgent
216         num_episodes: Number of training episodes (patients)
217     """
218     rewards_history = []
219
220     for episode in range(num_episodes):
221         state = env.reset()
222         episode_reward = 0
223         done = False
224
225         while not done:
226             # Select and perform action
227             action = agent.select_action(state, training=True)
228             next_state, reward, done, info = env.step(action)
229
230             # Store transition
231             agent.store_transition(state, action, reward, next_state,
232             done)
233
234             # Train
235             loss = agent.train()
236
237             episode_reward += reward
238             state = next_state
239
240             rewards_history.append(episode_reward)
241
242             if episode % 10 == 0:
243                 avg_reward = np.mean(rewards_history[-10:])
244                 print(f"Episode {episode}, Avg Reward: {avg_reward:.3f}, "
245                     f"Epsilon: {agent.epsilon:.3f}, "
246                     f"TCP: {info['tumor_control_prob']:.3f}, "
247                     f"NTCP: {info['ntcp']:.3f}")
248
249     return agent, rewards_history
250
251 # Placeholder patient model (would be replaced with real biological
252 # model)
252 class PatientModel:
253     """Simplified patient model for RL environment."""
254
255     def __init__(self):
256         self.anatomy_shape = (50, 50, 40)
257         self.tumor_volume_initial = 100.0
258         self.tumor_volume = self.tumor_volume_initial

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259         self.alpha_beta_ratio = 10.0
260
261     def get_current_anatomy(self):
262         return np.random.randn(*self.anatomy_shape) * 0.1
263
264     def get_tumor_volume(self):
265         return self.tumor_volume
266
267     def get_biomarkers(self):
268         return np.random.randn(10)
269
270     def get_fraction_dose(self, action):
271         base_dose = 2.0 # Gy per fraction
272         if action == 1: # Escalation
273             dose_level = base_dose * 1.1
274         elif action == 2: # De-escalation
275             dose_level = base_dose * 0.9
276         else:
277             dose_level = base_dose
278
279         dose_map = np.random.rand(*self.anatomy_shape) * dose_level
280         return dose_map
281
282     def update_state(self, dose, fraction):
283         # Simulate tumor regression
284         regression_rate = 0.02
285         self.tumor_volume *= (1 - regression_rate)
286
287     def get_tcp(self):
288         # Linear-quadratic model
289         total_dose = 60.0 # Will be calculated from accumulated dose
290         sf = np.exp(-0.3 * total_dose - 0.03 * total_dose**2 / self.
alpha_beta_ratio)
291         tcp = 1 - np.exp(-np.log(self.tumor_volume / 1e6) * (1 - sf))
292         return max(0, min(1, tcp))
293
294     def get_ntcp(self):
295         return 0.1 # Simplified
296
297
298 # Example usage
299 if __name__ == "__main__":
300     # Initialize environment and agent
301     patient_model = PatientModel()
302     env = AdaptiveRTEnvironment(patient_model)
303
304     state_dim = len(env.reset())
305     action_dim = 4 # restore, escalate, de-escalate, maintain
306
307     agent = DQNAgent(state_dim, action_dim)
308
309     # Train agent
310     print("Training RL agent for adaptive RT...")
311     trained_agent, rewards = train_rl_agent(env, agent, num_episodes
=100)
312

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313     print(f"\nTraining completed. Final average reward: {np.mean(rewards
314         [-10:]):.3f}")

```

Listing 8: RL-Based Sequential Adaptation Strategy

3.4 Task 4: In-Silico Integration

3.4.1 Objectives

Implement proof-of-concept pipeline integrating all components and evaluate within clinical treatment planning system.

3.4.2 Complete Pipeline Implementation

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import torch
3 from dataclasses import dataclass
4 from typing import Dict, List, Tuple
5 import logging
6 from pathlib import Path
7 import json
8
9 # Setup logging
10 logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO)
11 logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
12
13
14 @dataclass
15 class PatientData:
16     """Container for patient data."""
17     patient_id: str
18     baseline_ct: np.ndarray
19     baseline_structures: Dict[str, np.ndarray]
20     daily_ct: np.ndarray = None
21     accumulated_dose: np.ndarray = None
22     fraction_number: int = 0
23
24
25 @dataclass
26 class ResponseClassification:
27     """Container for response classification results."""
28     primary_type: str # 'anatomical', 'biological', 'mixed'
29     confidence: float
30     anatomical_score: float
31     biological_score: float
32     uncertainty: float
33     features: Dict
34
35
36 class IntegratedAdaptivePipeline:
37     """
38         Complete integrated pipeline for AI-driven adaptive proton therapy.
39         Combines all four tasks into a cohesive clinical workflow.
40     """
41
42     def __init__(self, models_dir='./models'):

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```

43     """
44     Initialize pipeline with trained models.
45
46     Args:
47         models_dir: Directory containing trained model weights
48     """
49     self.models_dir = Path(models_dir)
50
51     logger.info("Loading pipeline components...")
52
53     # Load models for each task
54     self.synthetic_generator = self._load_generator()
55     self.response_classifier = self._load_classifier()
56     self.dose_optimizer = None # Initialized per patient
57     self.feature_extractor = RadiomicFeatureExtractor()
58
59     logger.info("Pipeline initialized successfully")
60
61     def _load_generator(self):
62         """Load synthetic image generation model."""
63         # In practice, load from saved weights
64         from Task1 import ConditionalDDPM, ConditionalUNet3D
65
66         model = ConditionalUNet3D()
67         ddpm = ConditionalDDPM(model)
68
69         # Load weights if available
70         model_path = self.models_dir / 'generator.pth'
71         if model_path.exists():
72             model.load_state_dict(torch.load(model_path))
73             logger.info(f"Loaded generator from {model_path}")
74
75         return ddpm
76
77     def _load_classifier(self):
78         """Load response classification model."""
79         from Task2 import MultimodalResponseClassifier
80
81         model = MultimodalResponseClassifier()
82
83         model_path = self.models_dir / 'classifier.pth'
84         if model_path.exists():
85             model.load_state_dict(torch.load(model_path))
86             model.eval()
87             logger.info(f"Loaded classifier from {model_path}")
88
89         return model
90
91     def process_daily_adaptation(self, patient_data: PatientData) ->
92     Dict:
93         """
94         Main pipeline for daily adaptive decision-making.
95
96         Args:
97             patient_data: PatientData object with baseline and daily
98             imaging
99
100            Returns:

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99     Dictionary with adaptation decision and optimized plan
100 """
101 logger.info(f"Processing patient {patient_data.patient_id}, "
102             f"fraction {patient_data.fraction_number}")
103
104 results = {}
105
106 # Step 1: Image registration and change detection
107 logger.info("Step 1: Image registration")
108 registration_results = self._register_images(
109     patient_data.baseline_ct,
110     patient_data.daily_ct
111 )
112 results['registration'] = registration_results
113
114 # Step 2: Feature extraction
115 logger.info("Step 2: Feature extraction")
116 features = self._extract_multimodal_features(
117     patient_data,
118     registration_results
119 )
120 results['features'] = features
121
122 # Step 3: Response classification
123 logger.info("Step 3: Response classification")
124 classification = self._classify_response(
125     patient_data,
126     features,
127     registration_results
128 )
129 results['classification'] = classification
130
131 # Step 4: Adaptive strategy selection
132 logger.info("Step 4: Strategy selection and dose optimization")
133 adaptation_decision = self._select_adaptation_strategy(
134     classification)
135     results['adaptation_decision'] = adaptation_decision
136
137 # Step 5: Dose optimization
138 optimized_plan = self._optimize_dose(
139     patient_data,
140     registration_results,
141     adaptation_decision
142 )
143     results['optimized_plan'] = optimized_plan
144
145 # Step 6: Quality assurance
146 logger.info("Step 5: Quality assurance")
147 qa_results = self._perform_qa(
148     patient_data,
149     optimized_plan,
150     classification
151 )
152     results['qa'] = qa_results
153
154 # Step 7: Generate report
155 report = self._generate_report(results)
156 results['report'] = report

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156     logger.info(f"Pipeline completed: {adaptation_decision['strategy']
157      ']}'")
158
159     return results
160
161 def _register_images(self, baseline_ct, daily_ct):
162     """
163     Perform deformable image registration.
164     """
165     import SimpleITK as sitk
166
167     # Convert to SimpleITK
168     fixed = sitk.GetImageFromArray(baseline_ct.astype(np.float32))
169     moving = sitk.GetImageFromArray(daily_ct.astype(np.float32))
170
171     # Registration
172     demons = sitk.DemonsRegistrationFilter()
173     demons.SetNumberOfIterations(50)
174     demons.SetStandardDeviations(1.0)
175
176     displacementField = demons.Execute(fixed, moving)
177
178     # Convert to numpy
179     dvf = sitk.GetArrayFromImage(displacementField)
180     dvf = np.transpose(dvf, (3, 0, 1, 2))
181
182     # Calculate deformation magnitude
183     dvf_magnitude = np.linalg.norm(dvf, axis=0)
184
185     # Warp baseline structures to daily anatomy
186     warped_ct = sitk.GetArrayFromImage(
187         sitk.Resample(moving, fixed, sitk.Transform(),
188                       sitk.sitkLinear, 0.0, moving.GetPixelID())
189     )
190
191     return {
192         'dvf': dvf,
193         'dvf_magnitude': dvf_magnitude,
194         'warped_ct': warped_ct,
195         'mean_deformation_mm': np.mean(dvf_magnitude),
196         'max_deformation_mm': np.max(dvf_magnitude)
197     }
198
199     def _extract_multimodal_features(self, patient_data,
200                                     registration_results):
201         """
202         Extract comprehensive multimodal features.
203         """
204         features = []
205
206         # Geometric features
207         tumor_mask = patient_data.baseline_structures.get('tumor')
208         if tumor_mask is not None:
209             geom_features = GeometricFeatureExtractor.extract_features(
210                 tumor_mask, 'tumor'
211             )
212             features['geometric'] = geom_features

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212
213     # Radiomic features (baseline)
214     baseline_radiomics = self.feature_extractor.extract_features(
215         patient_data.baseline_ct,
216         tumor_mask
217     )
218     features['radiomics_baseline'] = baseline_radiomics
219
220     # Delta-radiomic features
221     if patient_data.daily_ct is not None:
222         delta_radiomics = self.feature_extractor.
223         extract_delta_features(
224             patient_data.baseline_ct,
225             patient_data.daily_ct,
226             tumor_mask
227         )
228     features['radiomics_delta'] = delta_radiomics
229
230     # Biological response features
231     if patient_data.daily_ct is not None:
232         bio_features = {}
233         bio_features.update(BiologicalResponseFeatures.volume_change(
234             tumor_mask, tumor_mask, (1.0, 1.0, 3.0)
235         ))
236         bio_features.update(BiologicalResponseFeatures.
237             density_change(
238                 patient_data.baseline_ct,
239                 patient_data.daily_ct,
240                 tumor_mask
241             ))
242     features['biological'] = bio_features
243
244     # Deformation features
245     features['deformation'] = {
246         'mean_dvf': registration_results['mean_deformation_mm'],
247         'max_dvf': registration_results['max_deformation_mm'],
248         'dvf_std': np.std(registration_results['dvf_magnitude']),
249     }
250
251     return features
252
253 def _classify_response(self, patient_data, features,
254 registration_results):
255     """
256     Classify change type using trained model.
257     """
258     device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu')
259
260     # Prepare inputs for classifier
261     baseline_tensor = torch.FloatTensor(
262         patient_data.baseline_ct
263     ).unsqueeze(0).unsqueeze(0).to(device)
264
265     daily_tensor = torch.FloatTensor(
266         patient_data.daily_ct
267     ).unsqueeze(0).unsqueeze(0).to(device)

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265     dose_tensor = torch.FloatTensor(
266         patient_data.accumulated_dose
267     ).unsqueeze(0).unsqueeze(0).to(device)
268
269     dvf_tensor = torch.FloatTensor(
270         registration_results['dvf_magnitude']
271     ).unsqueeze(0).unsqueeze(0).to(device)
272
273     # Combine radiomic features
274     radiomics_list = []
275     for key in sorted(features['radiomics_baseline'].keys()):
276         if isinstance(features['radiomics_baseline'][key], (int,
277 float)):
278             radiomics_list.append(features['radiomics_baseline'][key])
279     radiomics_tensor = torch.FloatTensor(radiomics_list).unsqueeze
280     (0).to(device)
281
282     # Classify
283     with torch.no_grad():
284         logits, uncertainty = self.response_classifier(
285             baseline_tensor,
286             daily_tensor,
287             dose_tensor,
288             dvf_tensor,
289             radiomics_tensor
290         )
291
292         probs = torch.softmax(logits, dim=1)
293         pred_class = torch.argmax(probs, dim=1).item()
294         confidence = probs[0, pred_class].item()
295
296         class_names = ['anatomical', 'biological', 'mixed']
297
298         classification = ResponseClassification(
299             primary_type=class_names[pred_class],
300             confidence=confidence,
301             anatomical_score=probs[0, 0].item(),
302             biological_score=probs[0, 1].item(),
303             uncertainty=uncertainty[0].mean().item(),
304             features=features
305         )
306
307         return classification
308
309     def _select_adaptation_strategy(self, classification):
310         """
311             Select appropriate adaptation strategy based on classification.
312         """
313         strategy = {}
314
315         if classification.primary_type == 'anatomical':
316             strategy['strategy'] = 'dose_restoration'
317             strategy['description'] = 'Restore planned dose distribution
318             on updated anatomy'
319             strategy['requires_replanning'] = True
320             strategy['replan_priority'] = 'medium'

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319
320     elif classification.primary_type == 'biological':
321         if classification.biological_score > 0.7:
322             strategy['strategy'] = 'dose_adaptation'
323             strategy['description'] = 'Adapt dose levels based on
324             biological response'
325             strategy['requires_replanning'] = True
326             strategy['replan_priority'] = 'high'
327         else:
328             strategy['strategy'] = 'monitor'
329             strategy['description'] = 'Continue monitoring, moderate
330             biological change'
331             strategy['requires_replanning'] = False
332
333
334     elif classification.primary_type == 'mixed':
335         strategy['strategy'] = 'combined_adaptation'
336         strategy['description'] = 'Combined anatomical restoration
337         and biological adaptation'
338         strategy['requires_replanning'] = True
339         strategy['replan_priority'] = 'high'
340
341
342     strategy['confidence'] = classification.confidence
343     strategy['uncertainty'] = classification.uncertainty
344
345
346     return strategy
347
348
349     def _optimize_dose(self, patient_data, registration_results,
350     adaptation_decision):
351         """
352             Perform dose optimization based on selected strategy.
353         """
354
355         # Initialize optimizer for this patient
356         from Task3 import AdaptiveDoseOptimizer, OptimizationObjective,
357         ProtonBeamModel
358
359
360         # Dummy beam model (would be from TPS)
361         n_spots = 500
362         spot_positions = np.random.rand(n_spots, 3) * np.array(
363             patient_data.baseline_ct.shape)
364         spot_energies = np.random.rand(n_spots) * 200 + 50
365         beam_model = ProtonBeamModel(spot_positions, spot_energies)
366
367
368         optimizer = AdaptiveDoseOptimizer(
369             patient_data.baseline_ct,
370             patient_data.baseline_structures,
371             beam_model
372         )
373
374
375         # Set objectives
376         objectives = [
377             OptimizationObjective('tumor', 'min_dose', 60.0, priority=1,
378             weight=10.0),
379         ]
380         optimizer.set_objectives(objectives)
381
382
383         # Optimize based on strategy
384         if adaptation_decision['strategy'] == 'dose_restoration':
385             spot_weights = optimizer.optimize_dose_restoration(

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370         patient_data.daily_ct,
371         registration_results['dvf']
372     )
373
374     elif adaptation_decision['strategy'] == 'dose_adaptation':
375         response_info = {
376             'predicted_response': 'intermediate',
377             'risk_score': 0.5
378         }
379         spot_weights = optimizer.optimize_dose_adaptation(
380             patient_data.daily_ct,
381             response_info
382         )
383
384     elif adaptation_decision['strategy'] == 'combined_adaptation':
385         response_info = {
386             'predicted_response': 'poor',
387             'risk_score': 0.7
388         }
389         spot_weights = optimizer.optimize_combined(
390             patient_data.daily_ct,
391             registration_results['dvf'],
392             response_info
393         )
394     else:
395         # No replanning needed
396         spot_weights = None
397
398     return {
399         'spot_weights': spot_weights,
400         'n_spots': len(spot_weights) if spot_weights is not None
401     else 0,
402         'active_spots': np.sum(spot_weights > 1e-6) if spot_weights
403     is not None else 0
404     }
405
406     def _perform_qa(self, patient_data, optimized_plan, classification):
407         """
408             Perform quality assurance checks on adapted plan.
409         """
410         qa_results = {
411             'passed': True,
412             'warnings': [],
413             'checks': {}
414         }
415
416         # Check 1: Confidence threshold
417         if classification.confidence < 0.7:
418             qa_results['warnings'].append(
419                 f"Low classification confidence: {classification.
420                 confidence:.2f}"
421             )
422
423         # Check 2: Uncertainty threshold
424         if classification.uncertainty > 0.5:
425             qa_results['warnings'].append(
426                 f"High uncertainty: {classification.uncertainty:.2f}"
427             )

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425
426     # Check 3: Spot weight distribution
427     if optimized_plan['spot_weights'] is not None:
428         max_weight = np.max(optimized_plan['spot_weights'])
429         if max_weight > 10.0:
430             qa_results['warnings'].append(
431                 f"High maximum spot weight: {max_weight:.2f}"
432             )
433
434     qa_results['checks']['classification_confidence'] =
435         classification.confidence > 0.7
436     qa_results['checks']['uncertainty'] = classification.uncertainty
437         < 0.5
438
439     if len(qa_results['warnings']) > 0:
440         qa_results['passed'] = False
441
442     return qa_results
443
444 def _generate_report(self, results):
445     """
446         Generate comprehensive adaptation report.
447     """
448
449     classification = results['classification']
450     adaptation = results['adaptation_decision']
451     qa = results['qa']
452
453     report = {
454         'timestamp': str(np.datetime64('now')),
455         'summary': {
456             'change_type': classification.primary_type,
457             'confidence': f"{classification.confidence:.1%}",
458             'strategy': adaptation['strategy'],
459             'requires_replanning': adaptation['requires_replanning'],
460         },
461         'details': {
462             'anatomical_score': f"{classification.anatomical_score
463             :.1%}",
464             'biological_score': f"{classification.biological_score
465             :.1%}",
466             'uncertainty': f"{classification.uncertainty:.3f}",
467             'mean_deformation': f"{results['registration']['
468                 mean_deformation_mm']:.2f} mm",
469         },
470         'qa_status': 'PASSED' if qa['passed'] else 'REVIEW REQUIRED',
471         ,
472         'qa_warnings': qa['warnings'],
473         'recommendation': adaptation['description']
474     }
475
476     return report
477
478
479 def clinical_workflow_simulation(patient_list, pipeline, output_dir='./
480     results'):
481     """
482         Simulate clinical workflow for multiple patients.

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475
476     Args:
477         patient_list: List of PatientData objects
478         pipeline: IntegratedAdaptivePipeline instance
479         output_dir: Directory to save results
480     """
481
482     output_dir = Path(output_dir)
483     output_dir.mkdir(exist_ok=True)
484
485     logger.info(f"Starting clinical workflow simulation for {len(patient_list)} patients")
486
487     all_results = []
488
489     for patient_data in patient_list:
490         logger.info(f"\n{'='*60}")
491         logger.info(f"Processing {patient_data.patient_id}")
492         logger.info(f"{'='*60}")
493
494         try:
495             # Run pipeline
496             results = pipeline.process_daily_adaptation(patient_data)
497
498             # Save results
499             patient_output = output_dir / patient_data.patient_id
500             patient_output.mkdir(exist_ok=True)
501
502             # Save report
503             report_path = patient_output / f'report_fraction_{patient_data.fraction_number}.json'
504             with open(report_path, 'w') as f:
505                 json.dump(results['report'], f, indent=2)
506
507             logger.info(f"Report saved to {report_path}")
508             logger.info(f"Result: {results['report']['summary'][strategy]}")
509
510             all_results.append({
511                 'patient_id': patient_data.patient_id,
512                 'fraction': patient_data.fraction_number,
513                 'strategy': results['adaptation_decision'][strategy],
514                 'qa_passed': results['qa'][strategy]
515             })
516
517         except Exception as e:
518             logger.error(f"Error processing {patient_data.patient_id}: {str(e)}")
519             continue
520
521         # Summary statistics
522         logger.info(f"\n{'='*60}")
523         logger.info("SUMMARY STATISTICS")
524         logger.info(f"{'='*60}")
525
526         strategies = [r['strategy'] for r in all_results]
527         for strategy in set(strategies):
528             count = strategies.count(strategy)

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528     logger.info(f"{strategy}: {count}/{len(strategies)} ({count/len(
529     strategies):.1%})")
530
530     qa_passed = sum(r['qa_passed'] for r in all_results)
531     logger.info(f"QA passed: {qa_passed}/{len(all_results)} ({qa_passed/
531         len(all_results):.1%})")
532
533     return all_results
534
535
536 # Example usage
537 if __name__ == "__main__":
538     # Initialize pipeline
539     pipeline = IntegratedAdaptivePipeline(models_dir='./models')
540
541     # Create dummy patient data
542     patient_data = PatientData(
543         patient_id='PT001',
544         baseline_ct=np.random.randn(100, 100, 80) * 50 + 1000,
545         baseline_structures={
546             'tumor': np.zeros((100, 100, 80)),
547         },
548         daily_ct=np.random.randn(100, 100, 80) * 50 + 1000,
549         accumulated_dose=np.random.rand(100, 100, 80) * 30,
550         fraction_number=15
551     )
552     patient_data.baseline_structures['tumor'][40:60, 40:60, 30:50] = 1
553
554     # Process single patient
555     results = pipeline.process_daily_adaptation(patient_data)
556
557     # Print report
558     print("\n" + "="*60)
559     print("ADAPTATION REPORT")
560     print("="*60)
561     print(json.dumps(results['report'], indent=2))

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Listing 9: Complete In-Silico Pipeline Integration

3.4.3 Pipeline Validation and Evaluation

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1 import numpy as np
2 import pandas as pd
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, classification_report
5 from scipy import stats
6
7 class PipelineValidator:
8     """
9         Comprehensive validation framework for the integrated pipeline.
10     """
11
12     def __init__(self):
13         self.results = []
14
15     def evaluate_classification_accuracy(self, predictions, ground_truth
15     ):

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16 """
17     Evaluate response classification accuracy.
18
19     Args:
20         predictions: List of predicted class labels
21         ground_truth: List of true class labels
22 """
23 # Confusion matrix
24 cm = confusion_matrix(ground_truth, predictions)
25
26 # Classification report
27 report = classification_report(ground_truth, predictions,
28                                 target_names=['anatomical', ,
29                                 'biological', 'mixed'])
30
31 # Overall accuracy
32 accuracy = np.sum(predictions == ground_truth) / len(
33 ground_truth)
34
35 return {
36     'accuracy': accuracy,
37     'confusion_matrix': cm,
38     'classification_report': report
39 }
40
41 def evaluate_dose_quality(self, optimized_doses, target_doses,
42 structures):
43 """
44     Evaluate quality of dose optimization.
45
46     Args:
47         optimized_doses: List of optimized dose distributions
48         target_doses: List of target dose distributions
49         structures: Dictionary of structure masks
50 """
51 metrics = {}
52
53 for struct_name, struct_mask in structures.items():
54     struct_doses_opt = [dose[struct_mask > 0] for dose in
55     optimized_doses]
56     struct_doses_target = [dose[struct_mask > 0] for dose in
57     target_doses]
58
59     # Metrics
60     mean_differences = [
61         np.mean(opt) - np.mean(target)
62         for opt, target in zip(struct_doses_opt,
63     struct_doses_target)
64     ]
65
66     dvh_differences = [
67         self._calculate_dvh_difference(opt, target)
68         for opt, target in zip(struct_doses_opt,
69     struct_doses_target)
70     ]
71
72     metrics[struct_name] = {
73         'mean_dose_diff_gy': np.mean(mean_differences),
74         'dvh_mean_gy': np.mean(dvh_differences),
75         'dvh_min_gy': np.min(dvh_differences),
76         'dvh_max_gy': np.max(dvh_differences),
77         'dvh_std_gy': np.std(dvh_differences),
78         'dvh_min_mm': np.min(dvh_differences),
79         'dvh_max_mm': np.max(dvh_differences),
80         'dvh_std_mm': np.std(dvh_differences),
81         'dvh_mean_mm': np.mean(dvh_differences),
82     }
83
84 return metrics

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67         'mean_dose_diff_std': np.std(mean_differences),
68         'dvh_diff_mean': np.mean(dvh_differences),
69     }
70
71     return metrics
72
73     def _calculate_dvh_difference(self, dose1, dose2, bins=100):
74         """Calculate difference between two DVH curves."""
75         max_dose = max(np.max(dose1), np.max(dose2))
76         dose_bins = np.linspace(0, max_dose, bins)
77
78         dvh1 = np.array([np.sum(dose1 >= d) / len(dose1) * 100 for d in
79                         dose_bins])
80         dvh2 = np.array([np.sum(dose2 >= d) / len(dose2) * 100 for d in
81                         dose_bins])
82
83         # Mean absolute difference
84         return np.mean(np.abs(dvh1 - dvh2))
85
86     def evaluate_clinical_outcomes(self, adapted_plans, original_plans):
87         """
88             Evaluate predicted clinical outcomes.
89
90             Args:
91                 adapted_plans: List of adapted treatment plans
92                 original_plans: List of original treatment plans
93             """
94
95         tcp_improvements = []
96         ntcp_changes = []
97
98         for adapted, original in zip(adapted_plans, original_plans):
99             # Calculate TCP (simplified)
100            tcp_adapted = self._calculate_tcp(adapted['tumor_dose'])
101            tcp_original = self._calculate_tcp(original['tumor_dose'])
102            tcp_improvements.append(tcp_adapted - tcp_original)
103
104             # Calculate NTCP (simplified)
105            ntcp_adapted = self._calculate_ntcp(adapted['oar_dose'])
106            ntcp_original = self._calculate_ntcp(original['oar_dose'])
107            ntcp_changes.append(ntcp_adapted - ntcp_original)
108
109
110         return {
111             'tcp_improvement_mean': np.mean(tcp_improvements),
112             'tcp_improvement_std': np.std(tcp_improvements),
113             'ntcp_change_mean': np.mean(ntcp_changes),
114             'ntcp_change_std': np.std(ntcp_changes),
115             'therapeutic_ratio_improvement': (
116                 np.mean(tcp_improvements) - np.mean(ntcp_changes)
117             )
118         }
119
120     def _calculate_tcp(self, tumor_dose, alpha=0.3, beta=0.03):
121         """Calculate tumor control probability (simplified LQ model)."""
122         mean_dose = np.mean(tumor_dose)
123         sf = np.exp(-alpha * mean_dose - beta * mean_dose**2)
124         tcp = 1 - sf
125         return tcp

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123     def _calculate_ntcp(self, oar_dose, d50=30, gamma=4):
124         """Calculate normal tissue complication probability (simplified)
125         """
126         mean_dose = np.mean(oar_dose)
127         ntcp = 1 / (1 + (d50/mean_dose)**(4*gamma))
128         return ntcp
129
130     def evaluate_computational_efficiency(self, processing_times):
131         """
132             Evaluate computational efficiency of pipeline.
133
134             Args:
135                 processing_times: Dictionary of processing times for each
136                 step
137             """
138         metrics = {
139             'total_time_mean_s': np.mean([sum(t.values()) for t in
140                                         processing_times]),
141             'total_time_std_s': np.std([sum(t.values()) for t in
142                                         processing_times]),
143             }
144
145         # Per-step statistics
146         steps = processing_times[0].keys()
147         for step in steps:
148             step_times = [t[step] for t in processing_times]
149             metrics[f'{step}_mean_s'] = np.mean(step_times)
150             metrics[f'{step}_std_s'] = np.std(step_times)
151
152         return metrics
153
154     def generate_validation_report(self, all_metrics):
155         """
156             Generate comprehensive validation report.
157
158             Args:
159                 all_metrics: Dictionary containing all evaluation metrics
160             """
161
162         report = []
163         report.append("=*80")
164         report.append("PIPELINE VALIDATION REPORT")
165         report.append("=*80")
166         report.append("")
167
168         # Classification performance
169         report.append("1. RESPONSE CLASSIFICATION PERFORMANCE")
170         report.append("-" * 80)
171         class_metrics = all_metrics['classification']
172         report.append(f"Overall Accuracy: {class_metrics['accuracy']:.1%}")
173
174         # Dose optimization quality
175         report.append("2. DOSE OPTIMIZATION QUALITY")

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176     report.append("—" * 80)
177     dose_metrics = all_metrics['dose_quality']
178     for struct, metrics in dose_metrics.items():
179         report.append(f"\n{struct}:")
180         report.append(f"  Mean dose difference: {metrics['mean_dose_diff_gy']:.2f} {metrics['mean_dose_diff_std']:.2f} Gy")
181         report.append(f"  DVH difference: {metrics['dvh_diff_mean']:.1f}%")
182     report.append("")
183
184     # Clinical outcomes
185     report.append("3. PREDICTED CLINICAL OUTCOMES")
186     report.append("—" * 80)
187     outcome_metrics = all_metrics['clinical_outcomes']
188     report.append(f"TCP improvement: {outcome_metrics['tcp_improvement_mean']:.1%} {outcome_metrics['tcp_improvement_std']:.1%}")
189     report.append(f"NTCP change: {outcome_metrics['ntcp_change_mean']:.1%} {outcome_metrics['ntcp_change_std']:.1%}")
190     report.append(f"Therapeutic ratio improvement: {outcome_metrics['therapeutic_ratio_improvement']:.1%}")
191     report.append("")
192
193     # Computational efficiency
194     report.append("4. COMPUTATIONAL EFFICIENCY")
195     report.append("—" * 80)
196     comp_metrics = all_metrics['computational_efficiency']
197     report.append(f"Total processing time: {comp_metrics['total_time_mean_s']:.1f} {comp_metrics['total_time_std_s']:.1f} seconds")
198     report.append("")
199
200     return "\n".join(report)
201
202
203 # Example usage
204 if __name__ == "__main__":
205     validator = PipelineValidator()
206
207     # Simulate validation data
208     n_patients = 100
209
210     # Classification accuracy
211     ground_truth = np.random.randint(0, 3, n_patients)
212     predictions = ground_truth.copy()
213     # Add some errors
214     error_idx = np.random.choice(n_patients, size=10, replace=False)
215     predictions[error_idx] = (predictions[error_idx] + 1) % 3
216
217     class_metrics = validator.evaluate_classification_accuracy(
218         predictions, ground_truth)
219
220     # Dose quality (simplified simulation)
221     structures = {'tumor': np.ones((50, 50, 40)), 'oar': np.ones((50, 50, 40))}
222     optimized_doses = [np.random.rand(50, 50, 40) * 60 for _ in range(n_patients)]
223     target_doses = [dose + np.random.randn(50, 50, 40) * 2 for dose in

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223     optimized_doses]
224
225     dose_metrics = validator.evaluate_dose_quality(optimized_doses,
226                                                 target_doses, structures)
227
228     # Clinical outcomes
229     adapted_plans = [
230         {'tumor_dose': np.random.rand(1000) * 60 + 50,
231          'oar_dose': np.random.rand(1000) * 30}
232         for _ in range(n_patients)
233     ]
234     original_plans = [
235         {'tumor_dose': plan['tumor_dose'] - 5,
236          'oar_dose': plan['oar_dose'] + 2}
237         for plan in adapted_plans
238     ]
239
240     outcome_metrics = validator.evaluate_clinical_outcomes(adapted_plans,
241, original_plans)
242
243     # Computational efficiency
244     processing_times = [
245         {
246             'registration': 15 + np.random.randn() * 2,
247             'feature_extraction': 5 + np.random.randn(),
248             'classification': 2 + np.random.randn() * 0.5,
249             'optimization': 30 + np.random.randn() * 5,
250             'qa': 3 + np.random.randn() * 0.5
251         }
252         for _ in range(n_patients)
253     ]
254
255     comp_metrics = validator.evaluate_computational_efficiency(
256     processing_times)
257
258     # Generate report
259     all_metrics = {
260         'classification': class_metrics,
261         'dose_quality': dose_metrics,
262         'clinical_outcomes': outcome_metrics,
263         'computational_efficiency': comp_metrics
264     }
265
266     report = validator.generate_validation_report(all_metrics)
267     print(report)

```

Listing 10: Pipeline Evaluation Metrics and Validation

4 Project Timeline

Table 1: Detailed project timeline (36 months)

Period	Task	Activities
Months 1-3	Literature Review Data Collection Setup	Comprehensive review, establish baseline knowledge Acquire anonymized patient datasets Development environment, computational resources
Months 4-9	Task 1 Training Validation	Synthetic image generation development & validation Train diffusion models and GANs Expert review of synthetic images
Months 10-15	Task 2 Model Training Population Model	Feature extraction pipeline implementation Train multimodal response classifier Build anatomical variation model
Months 16-21	Task 3 Integration RL Development	Dose optimization algorithms Connect with TPS Train sequential adaptation agent
Months 22-27	Task 4 Testing Secondment 1	Complete pipeline integration In-silico validation on retrospective data NTNU (Norway) - 3 months
Months 28-30	Secondment 2	Politecnico di Milano (Italy) - 3 months
Months 31-33	Analysis Publications	Final results analysis Manuscript preparation
Months 34-36	Thesis Writing Defense	PhD thesis completion Thesis defense preparation

5 Expected Outcomes and Impact

5.1 Scientific Contributions

1. **Novel methodology** for distinguishing anatomical from biological image changes in adaptive radiotherapy
2. **Validated AI models** for multimodal response characterization
3. **Optimization framework** for response-guided dose adaptation
4. **Clinical decision support system** for adaptive proton therapy

5.2 Clinical Impact

- Improved treatment outcomes through personalized adaptation

- Reduced workload through automated response categorization
- Better utilization of biological imaging information
- Framework for future integration of molecular biomarkers

5.3 Publications Plan

1. **Paper 1:** "Synthetic Image Generation for Adaptive Radiotherapy Training" (Months 10-12)
2. **Paper 2:** "AI-Based Distinction of Anatomical and Biological Changes in Proton Therapy" (Months 18-20)
3. **Paper 3:** "Response-Guided Dose Optimization Strategies" (Months 24-26)
4. **Paper 4:** "Clinical Validation of Integrated Adaptive Pipeline" (Months 32-34)

6 Research Environment and Training

6.1 Primary Institution

Aarhus University & Aarhus University Hospital

- State-of-the-art Danish Centre for Particle Therapy
- "AI and Big Data in Radiation Oncology" research group
- Access to clinical proton therapy data
- Integration with treatment planning systems

6.2 Secondments

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

- Expertise in medical image analysis
- Collaboration on deep learning methods
- Duration: 3 months

Politecnico di Milano

- Expertise in optimization algorithms
- Collaboration on dose planning methods
- Duration: 3 months

7 Ethical Considerations

All research will adhere to strict ethical guidelines:

- Use of fully anonymized retrospective patient data
- Approval from institutional review boards
- Compliance with GDPR regulations
- No patient identifiable information in publications
- Validation on synthetic/retrospective data before clinical use

8 Conclusion

This PhD project addresses a critical unmet need in adaptive radiotherapy: the systematic distinction between anatomical and biological components of image changes during treatment. By developing AI-driven methods integrating synthetic image generation, multimodal feature analysis, response classification, and adaptive dose optimization, this work will enable truly personalized "right-time" adaptive proton therapy.

The project aligns perfectly with the RAPTORplus consortium's mission and will contribute significantly to the advancement of precision radiation oncology. The combination of cutting-edge AI methods, comprehensive clinical data, and strong collaborative network positions this research for high impact in both scientific and clinical domains.

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