

# Mid Project Demo

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# Visualisation and Topological Aspects of Higher Dimensional Data

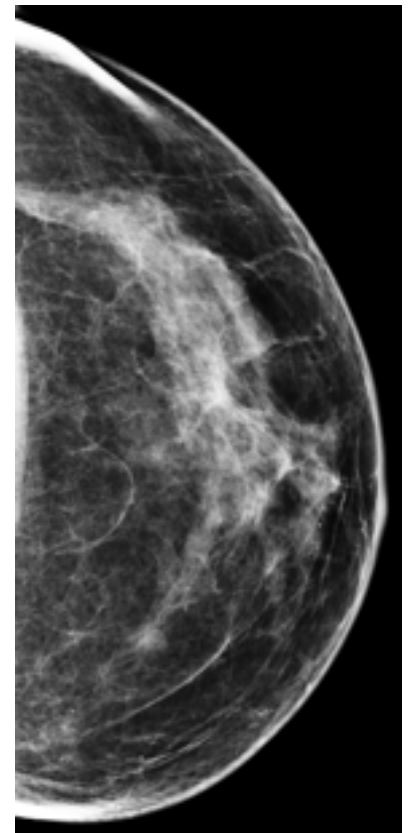
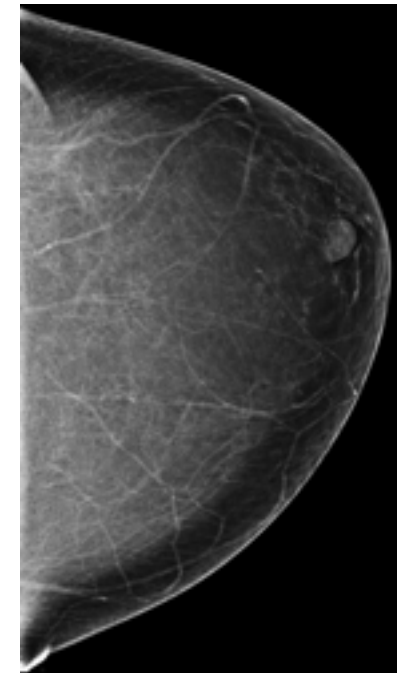
# In a Nutshell

- Project aims to examine the effects of mapping a **high** dimensional space to **low** dimensional one
- Specifically, to examine mapping the **feature space** of real and synthetic mammograms to a lower dimensional representation.

Background

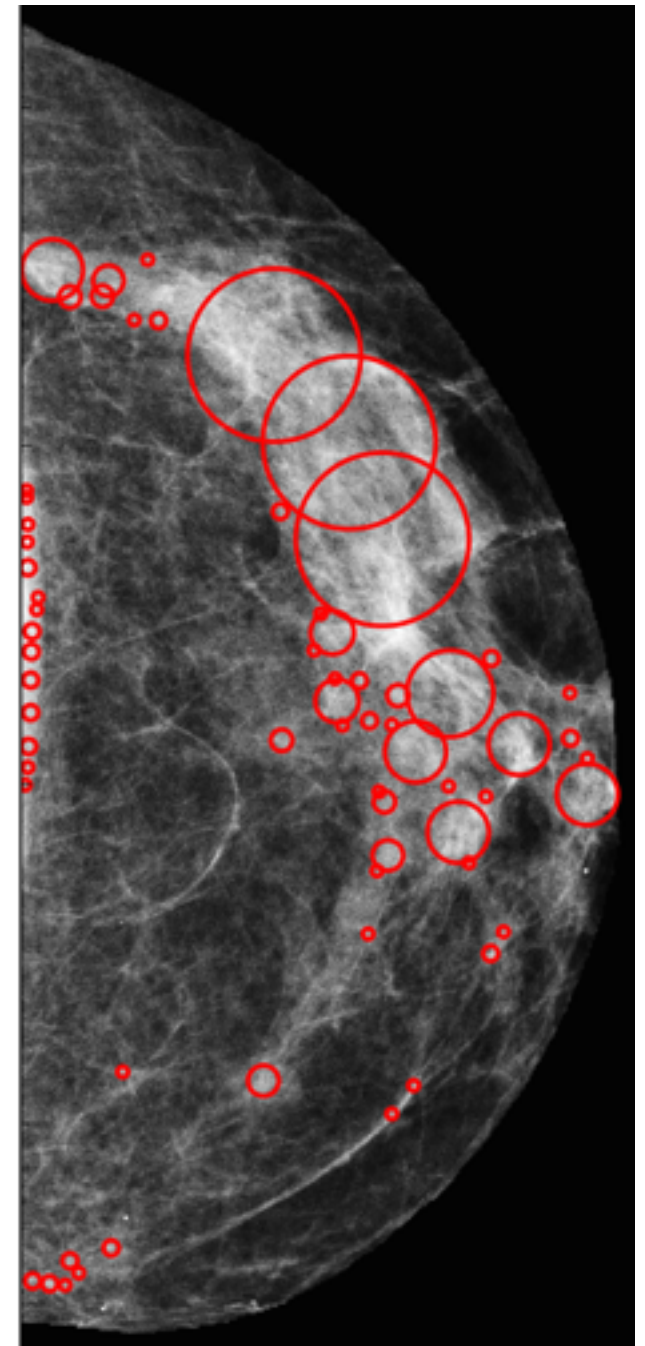
# Mammogram Image Analysis

- Mammogram: X-ray image of the human breast
- Used for early detection of breast cancer
- Risk classed according to the BI-RADS scoring system
- Generally: denser breast == higher risk



# Mammogram Image Analysis (Contd.)

- CADx often focuses on using features
  - Shape features
  - Texture features
  - Intensity features
- From features we can calculate statistics which can characterise tissue of the breast



# Problem

- Typically many features may be detected
- This leads to a high dimensional feature space
- This causes issues:
  - Increased processing time
  - Curse of dimensionality
- Solution: Reduce the dimensionality! (Possibly)

Project

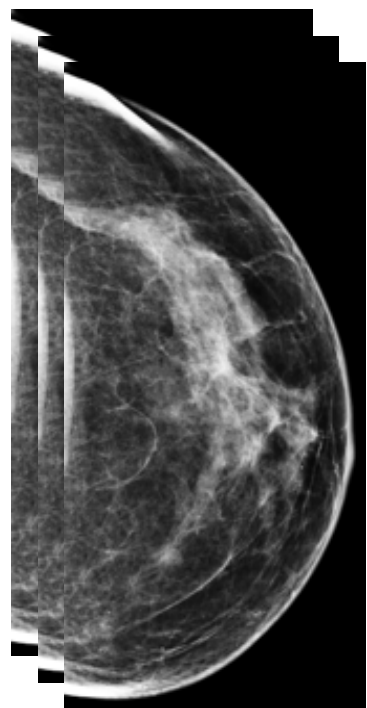


# Aims

- Examine the effect of dimensionality reduction on the feature space of mammograms
- Compare the resultant mapping with that of synthetic mammogram models
- Examine the properties of the higher dimensional space

# The General Idea

Mammograms  
(real & synthetic)



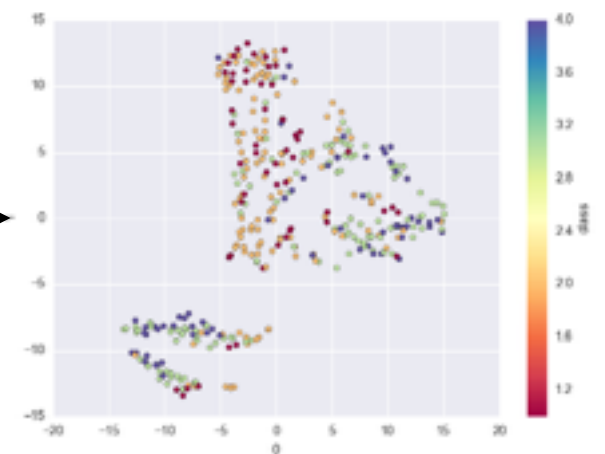
Extract Features

Feature Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Dimensionality  
Reduction

Visualisation



Shape

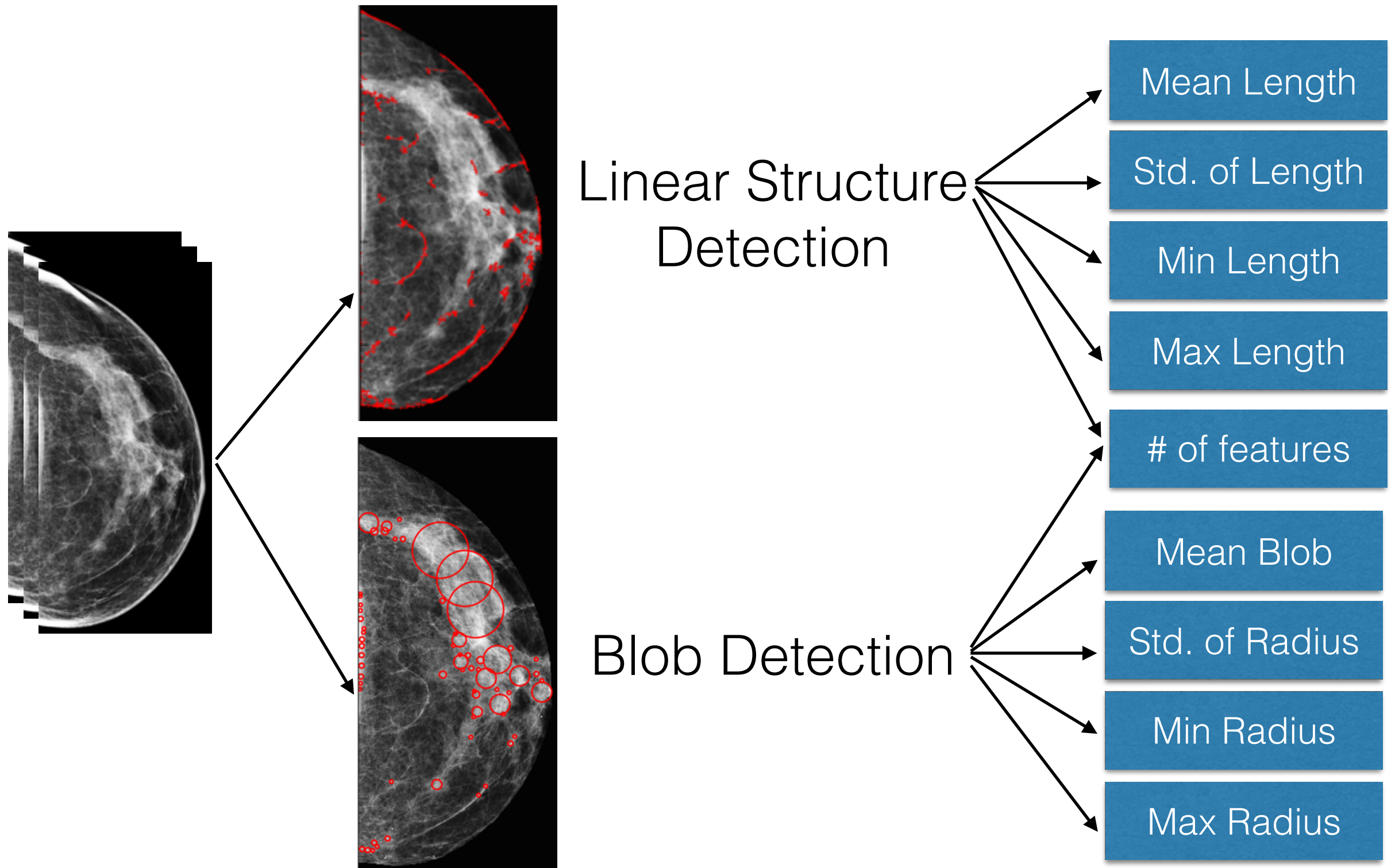
Texture

Intensity

Features

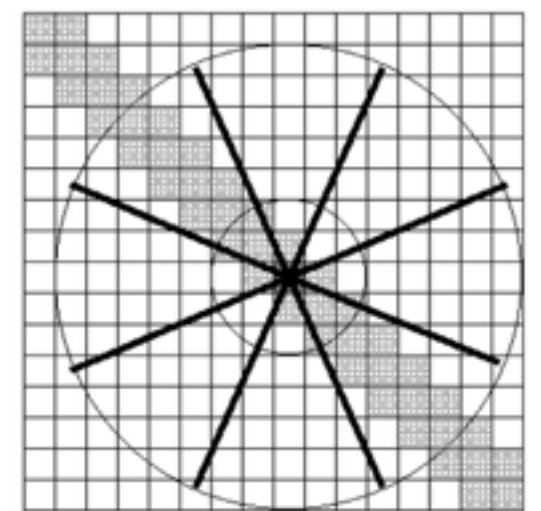
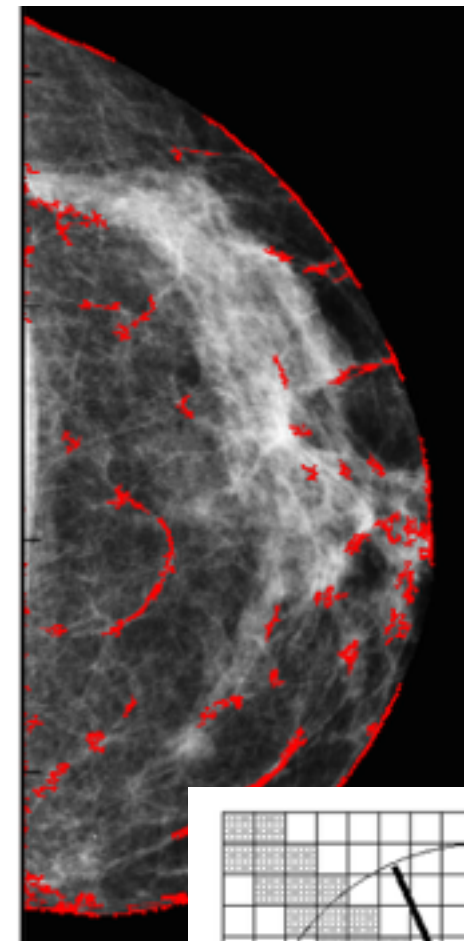
What can we infer about the structure of the feature space?  
What can this tell us about mammogram analysis?  
What are the differences between the mappings  
of real & synthetic mammograms?

# Feature Extraction



# Linear Structure

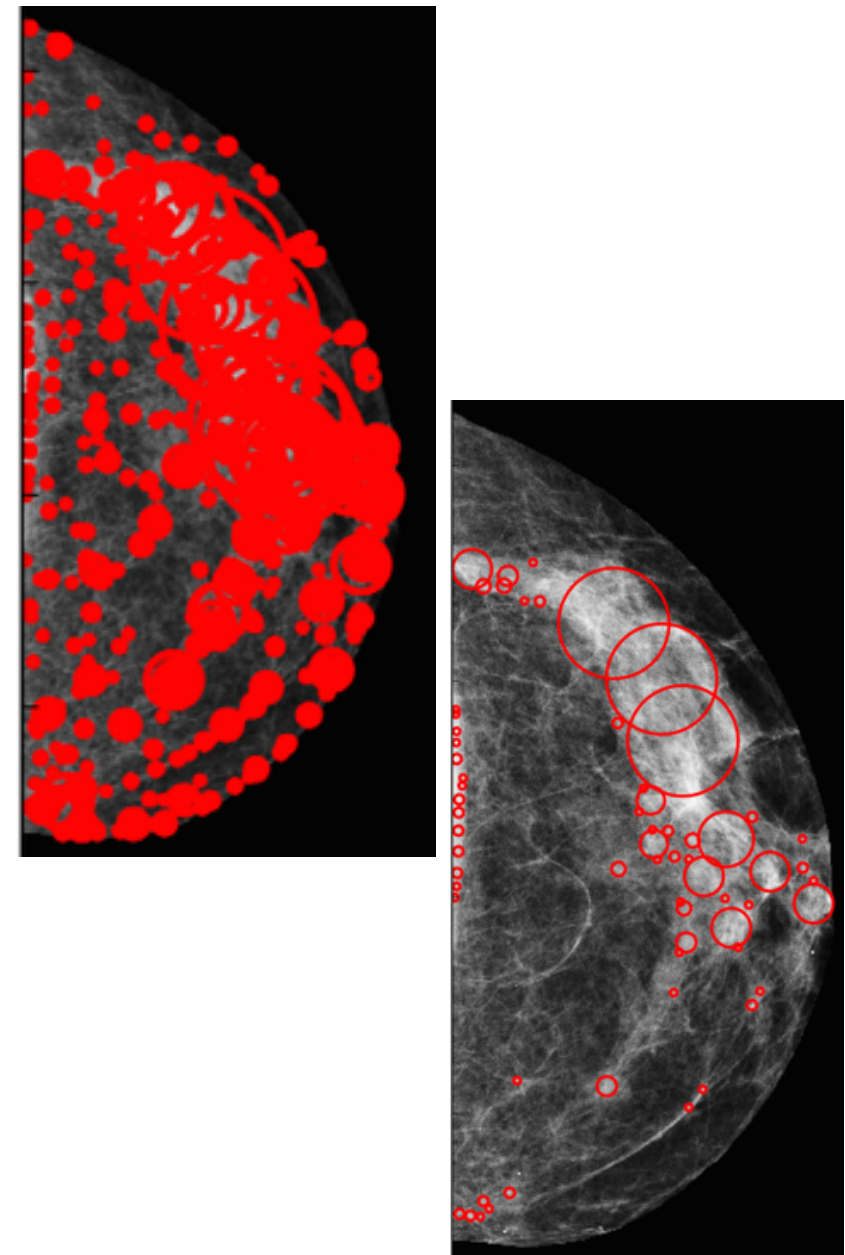
- Uses an orientated bins feature<sup>1</sup>.
- Filter image with function that computes the difference between two opposing bins and total neighbourhood
- Apply non-maximal suppression and Gaussian filter to strengthen responses
- Apply morphological closing for better connectivity



1. Based method suggested in: Zwiggelaar *et al.* "Finding Orientated Line Patterns in Digital Mammographic Images." *BMVC*. 1996.

# Blob Detection

- Uses a LoG pyramid to detect points of high intensity<sup>1</sup>.
- Detect areas of high intensity over 10 scales
- Width of Gaussian used as radius estimate. Centre of peak is centre point of blob.
- Blobs merged and thresholded to remove false positives



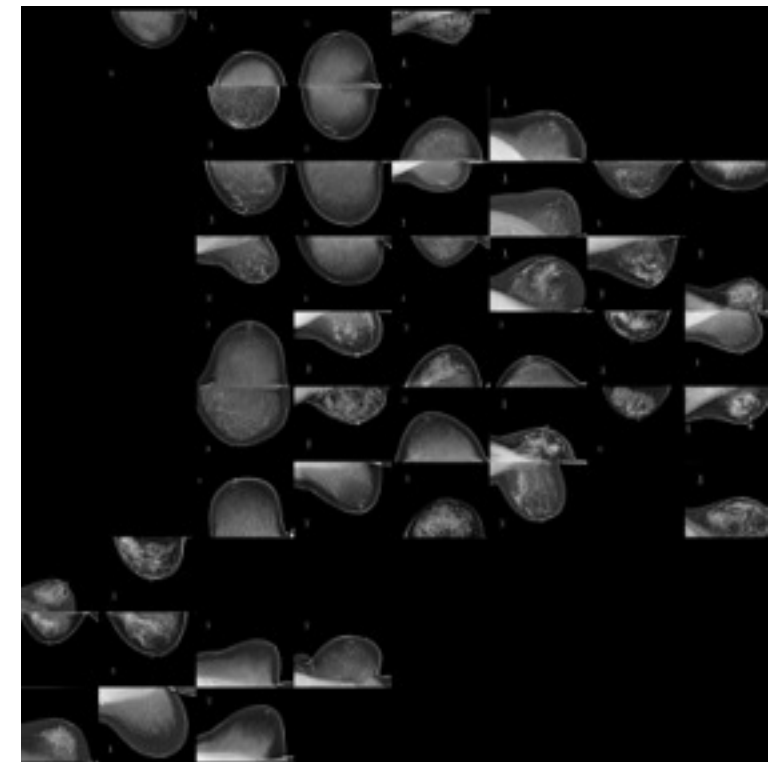
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# Dimensionality Reduction

Output of Feature Detection

image_name	blob_count	avg_radius	std_radius	min_radius	max_radius	class
p214-010-60001-cl.png	59.0	14.159512796093951	10.68103312248832	8.0	64.00000000000003	3
p214-010-60001-cr.png	64.0	15.156854249492385	10.211256987249165	8.0	64.00000000000003	3
p214-010-60001-ml.png	87.0	14.686039367232626	10.285500088566906	8.0	64.00000000000003	3
p214-010-60001-mr.png	78.0	14.91250970458154	11.774663279109204	8.0	64.00000000000003	3
p214-010-60005-cl.png	59.0	12.7281434149273	13.323655239379947	8.0	90.50966799187813	4
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t-SNE

Reduce to 2 dimensions



Plot of lower dimensional mapping

Issues

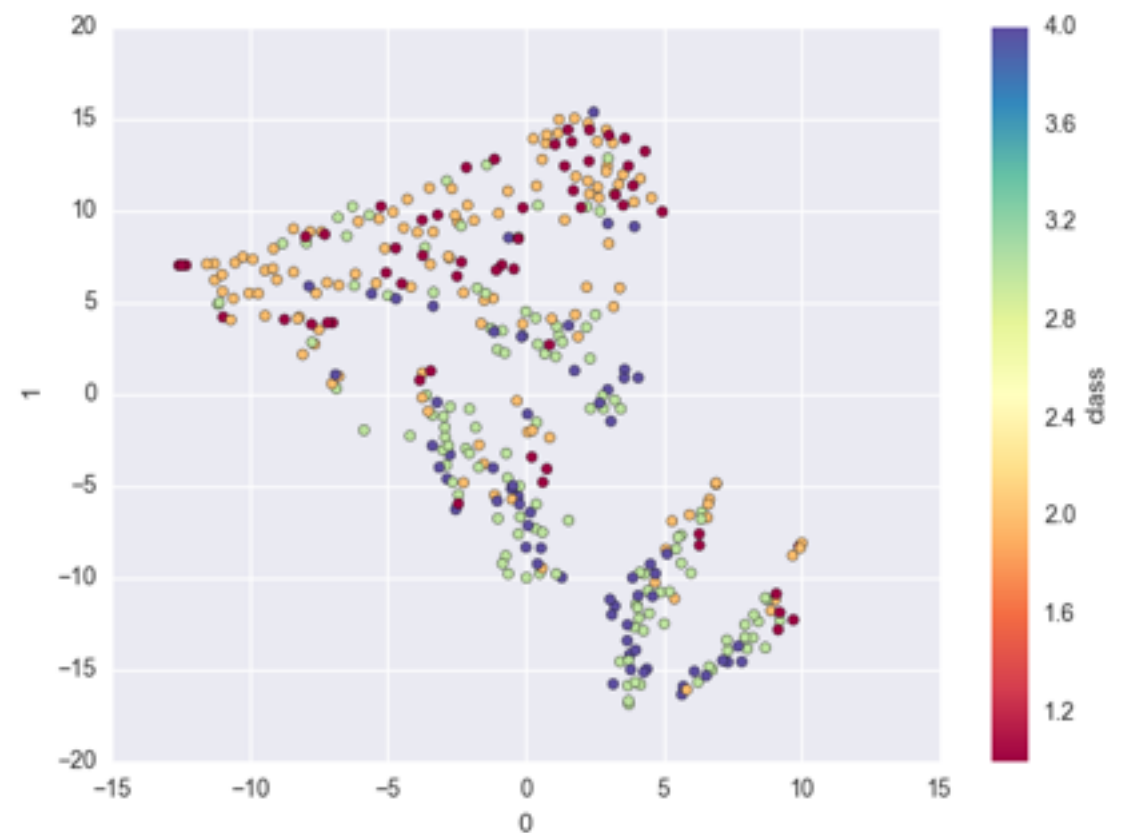
# Feature Detection Issues

- Slow! Both shape features take ~30-40s per image. Total of ~3hrs to process the full dataset.
- Blobs: LoG detects more than just blobs: picks up lines too!
- Orientated bins: picks up lots of noise (e.g. blobs and along the breast edge). Also can have a hard time finding structure in low contrast images



# Dimensionality Reduction Issues

- The current mapping isn't fantastic.
- Shows some separation of high and low density classes
- Aiming for a clear(er) separation of risk classes



# Solution to Issues

- Adding multiprocessing reduced the time taken for a full run on the dataset - much more manageable!
- **Blobs**: LoG issues can probably be solved by thresholding out very small detections
- **Linear Structure**: discard shorter detections and perform morphological erosion on the surface of the breast. Contrast enhancement could possibly be used to enhance low response images
- **Dimensionality Reduction**: More statistics, better statistics. E.g. min/max radius don't seem to contribute much to mapping.

# Future Work

# Features

- Different types of feature: Texture and Grey Scale features and there combinations with existing features
- Different types of statistics from existing features: e.g. replace min/max radius with discrete # of “small”, “medium” and “large blobs

# Dimensionality Reduction

- We can try different algorithms and compare the resultant mappings
- If we have more features, try reducing to a larger number of dimensions => less information loss
- We can visualise this through higher dimensional plotting routines (e.g. parallel coordinates, andrews curves, radviz).

# Other Work

- Perform the same reduction on the synthetic mammograms
- Investigate topological structure of higher dimensional feature space. (e.g. Topological Data Analysis)

Any Questions?