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Abstract:



comprehensive understanding of cardiac function. Since the late nineteenth century, many models have been proposed to describe and predict mechanical function of the heart.

Mathematical models provide a quantitative description of the mechanical activity of the myocardium and they can help to interpret experimental data or cardiac mechanisms. The creation of a finite element model of the heart based on cardiac data obtained from images, using the most recent advances in this field, is useful to validate theories or predict clinical results. For example, they can be a platform to test new techniques, such as drug interactions for arrhythmia. Since cardiac biomechanics requires the definition of myocardial parameters in the simulation, data assimilation is often employed to characterise electromechanical properties of the heart, which most of the times are not accessible through clinical technology directly. Then, measurements can be combined with the mathematical model to predict the evolution of the system. With this purpose, data assimilation is a useful tool to estimate the state variables, parameters or initial conditions of the model. Then, material values in the nonlinear cardiac mechanics model, such as myocardial stiffness, can be determined with data assimilation. This work will give the cardiac simulator a method to optimize the mechanical parameters and fit the model to real cases.



Bio

Ruth Arís was born in Barcelona. He holds an MSc in Physics from Universitat de Barcelona. She has worked as associate professor at Universitat de Barcelona and Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya.

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