

Fully automatic extraction of mitral valve annulus motion parameters on long axis CINE CMR using deep learning

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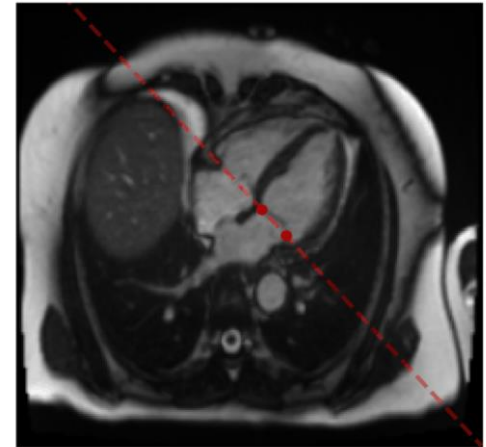
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Problem Description

Heart Failure with preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)

- Filling of left ventricle malfunctions
 - Related to Diastolic Dysfunction
 - 1.1–5.5 % general population
- Dynamic motion parameters
 - Diagnosis of dysfunction
 - CINE Cardiac Magnetic Resonance (CMR)
 - Analysis of the mitral valve annulus (MVA)
 - Atrioventricular plane displacement
 - Early diastolic velocities (e'-waves)



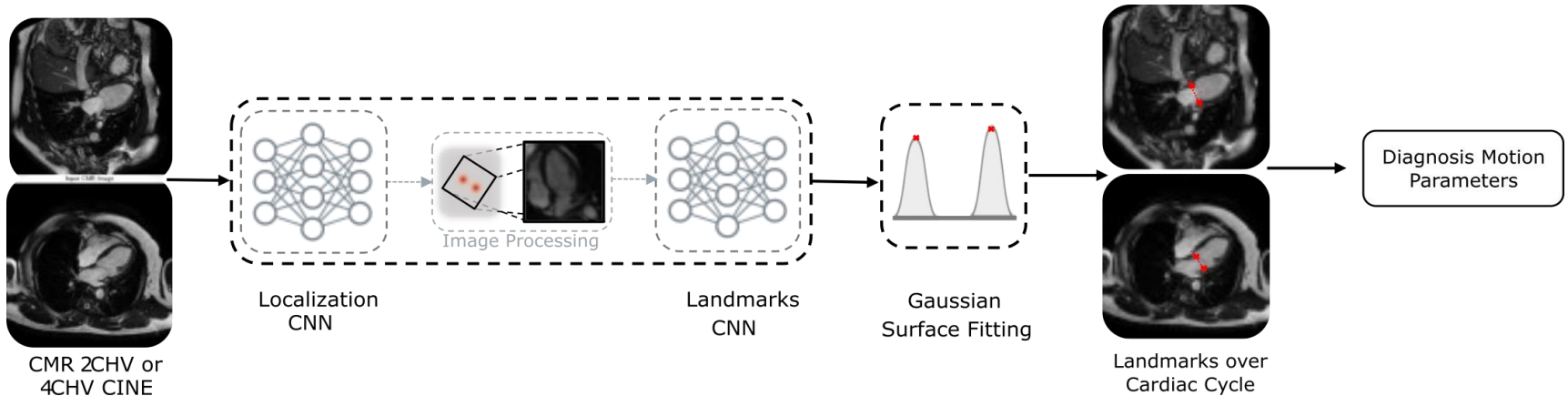
MVA plane motion



Proposed System

Fully Automated Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) Algorithm

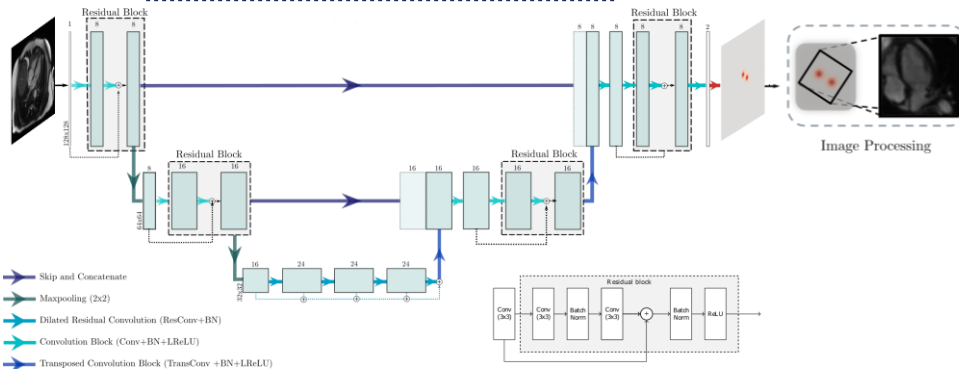
- CINE CMR series dataset
 - 2-chamber (2CHV) and/or 4-chamber (4CHV)
- Tracks MVA insertion points over complete cardiac cycle
- Automatic compute diastolic parameters



Neural Networks

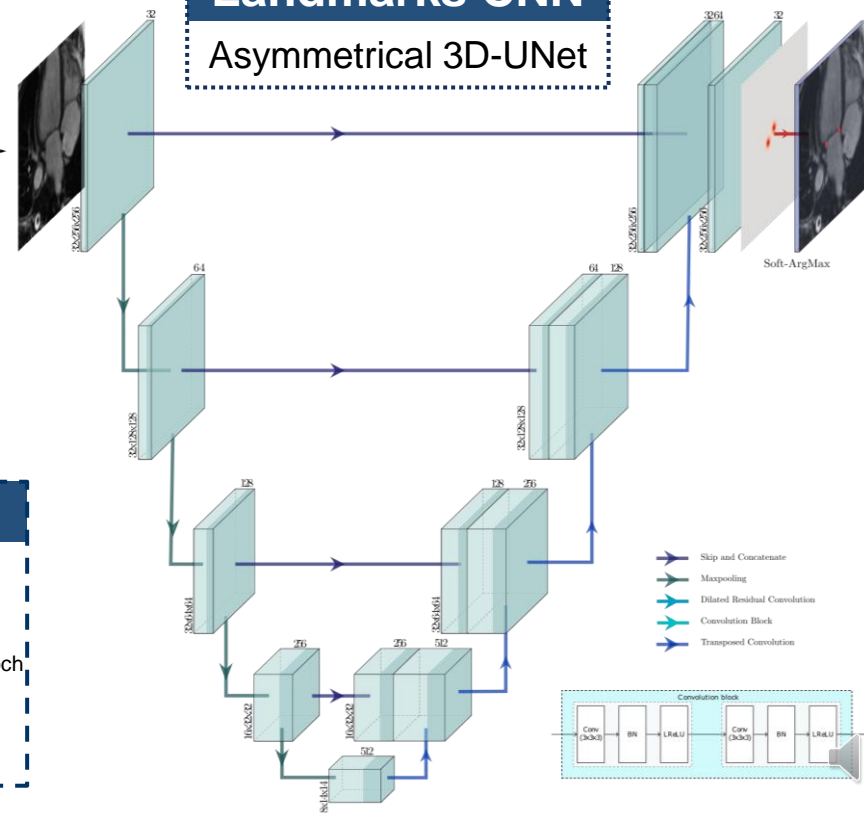
Localization CNN

Vanilla Residual 2D-UNet



Landmarks CNN

Asymmetrical 3D-UNet



Training

- Adaptive Wing Loss
- Heatmap Regression with variable target's standard deviation
 - Decreased exponentially along epochs $\sigma^{\text{epoch}} = 16 \cdot 0.95^{\text{epoch}}$
- Adam Optimizer with momentum = 0.9, learning rate = 0.0001 and weight decay regularization

Motion Parameter Extraction

MVAPD: MVA Plane Displacement

- Perpendicular distance to first cardiac phase MVA plane
- Peak Displacement (MVAPD-PD): maximum translation

MVAPV : MVA Plane Velocity

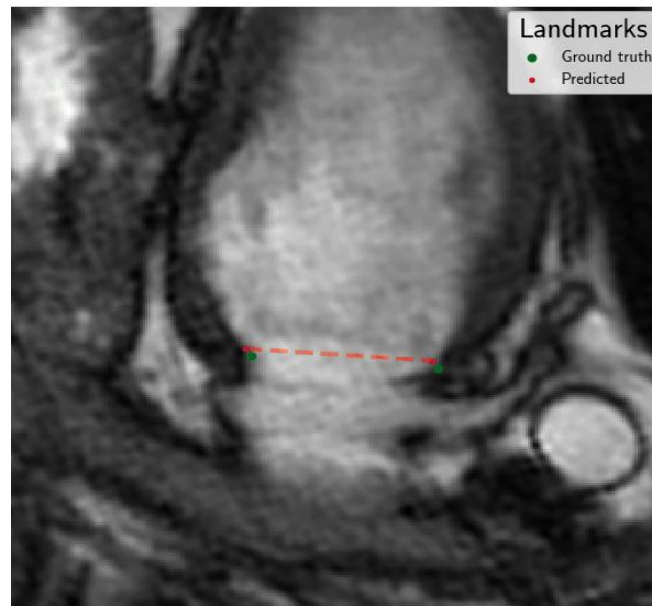
- Time-resolved discrete derivate fo MVAPD curve
- Early annular diastolic velocity (MVAPV-e'): central peak

SMVAV | LMVAV: Septal or Lateral MVA velocity

- Temporal derivative of each landmark displacement
- Annular diastolic velocities (MVAL-e'): central maximum

Mitral Valve Diameter

- Euclidean distance between both MVA through cardiac cycle
- Total displacement sum over cardiac cycle in mm (VAD)
- Maximum diameter (MAMD) and maximum difference (MADC)



Predicted landmarks and motion
parameter representation



Results

Quantitative Performance

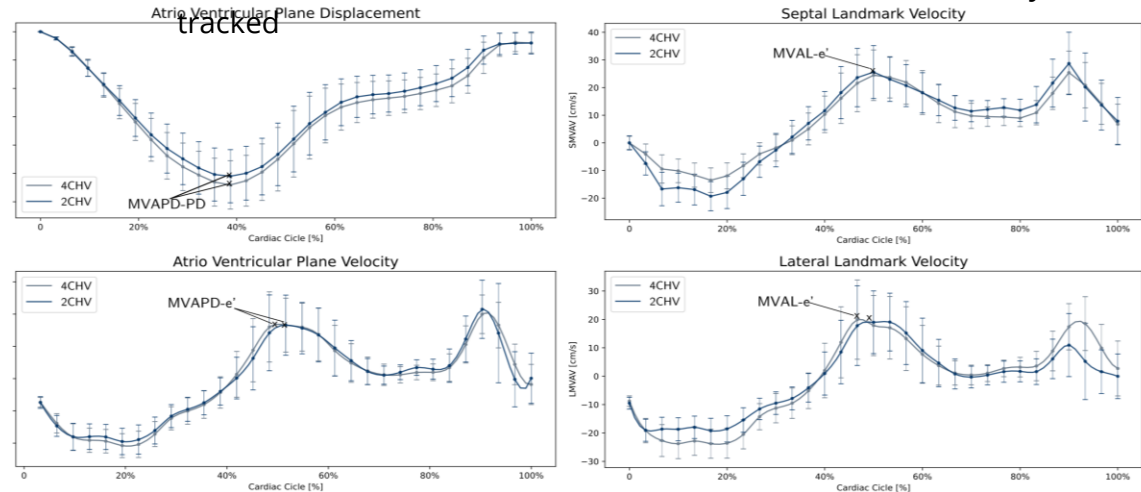
- Accuracy w.r.t test set (N=13)
- Root mean square errors
 - 2CHV: 1.75 ± 0.64 mm.
 - 4CHV: 1.74 ± 0.72 mm.
- Extracted parameters' agreement

Bland-Altman Analysis

| Parameter | Value \pm std | unit |
|-----------|-------------------|------|
| MVAPD-PD | 0.53 ± 2.44 | mm |
| MVAPV-e' | 0.08 ± 3.48 | cm/s |
| VAD | 15.39 ± 54.62 | mm |
| MAVL-e' | 0.12 ± 3.73 | cm/s |
| MAMD | 0.31 ± 3.66 | mm |
| MADC | 0.28 ± 3.12 | mm |

Qualitative Assessment on Unlabeled Data

- System performance based on outlier's detection (N=1468)
 - Localization CNN: $< 0.5\%$ to locate the ROI
 - Landmarks CNN: 16, 53% at least one time-frame not smoothly tracked



Time-resolved motion curves and extracted parameters



Conclusion

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- ✓ Successfully track MVA landmarks
 - Mean error in the range of the data's resolution
 - Heatmap regression avoids image-coordinate domain transfer
 - Small annotated dataset size (N=83)
- ✓ Bland-Altman analysis
 - Good agreement ground truth and extracted parameters

Outlook

- Further analysis of motion parameters of categorized patient



- On-line integration at MRI scanner
- Prospective slice-tracking acquisition

