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## Multi-Center Cardiac MRI Reconstruction With Transformer Enhanced U-net

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### Abstract

An Enhanced Transformer-UNet improves cardiac MRI reconstruction by combining CNN locality with Transformer global context, yielding sharper, artifact-free images and better temporal consistency across multi-center data.

### Method

#### A. Models

- Baseline U-Net:** Encoder-decoder with skip connections, captures local detail but limited global context.
- Enhanced Transformer-UNet:** Adds Frequency Attention, Entropy Enhancement, and Temporal Consistency layers for aliasing suppression, fine detail, and smooth motion.

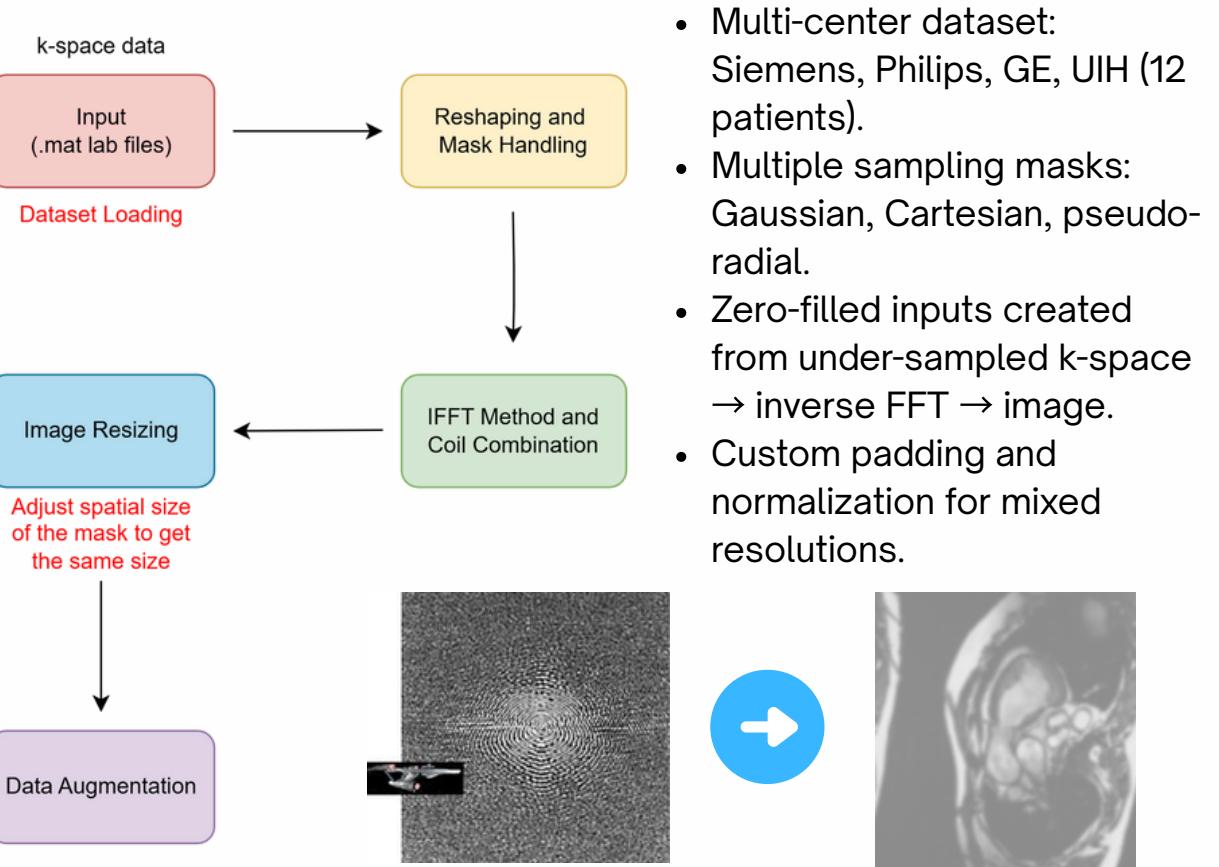
#### B. Training

- Loss:

$$L_{recon} = \alpha \cdot MSE + (1-\alpha) \cdot (1-SSIM)$$

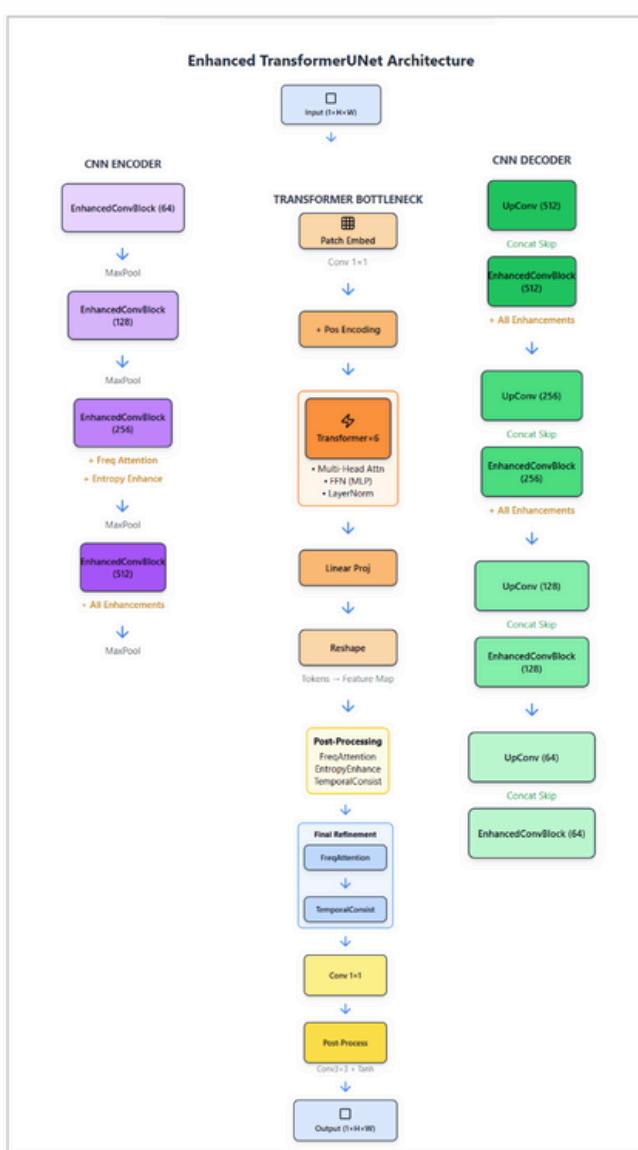
- Optimizer: AdamW + cosine annealing, gradient clipping
- Multi-resolution batches, early stopping, CMRxRecon-compatible export.

### Preprocessing

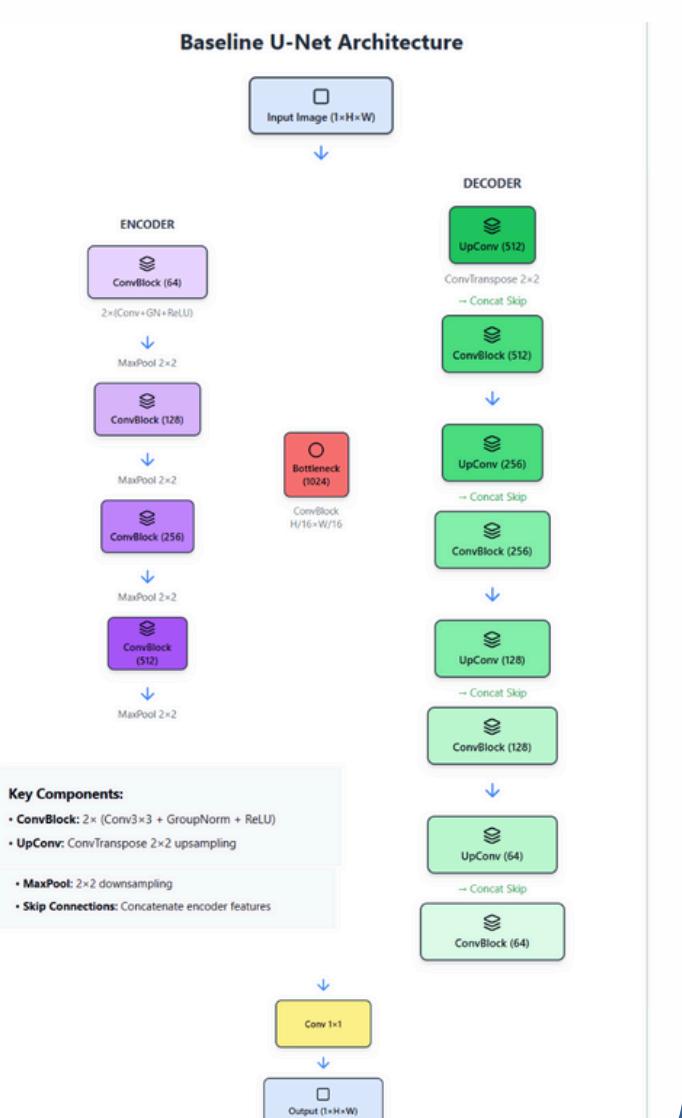


### Model Architecture

#### TransformerUnet

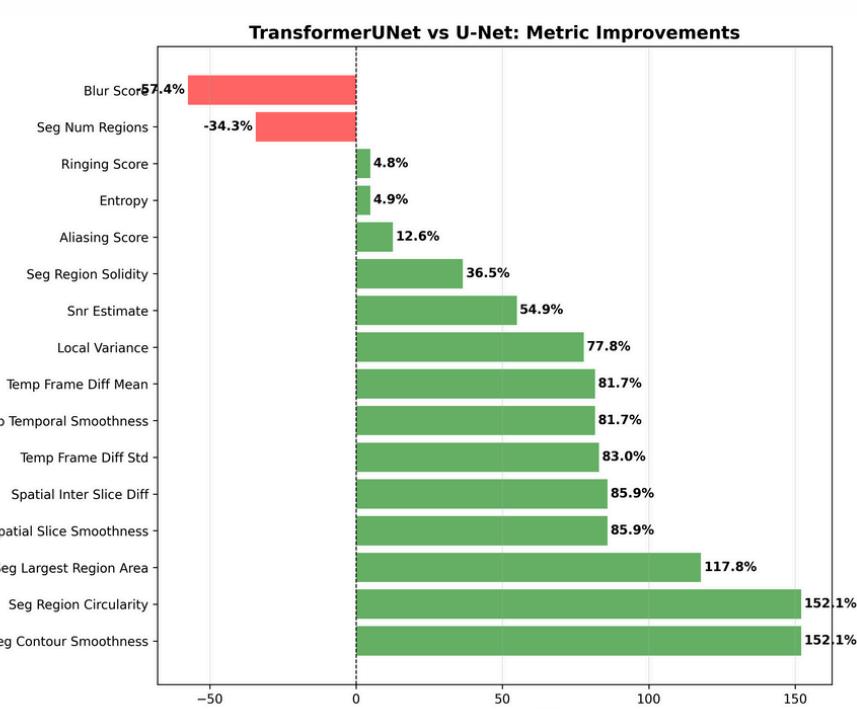


#### U-Net



### Result

Transformer-UNet improves multi-center cine CMR over U-Net on most metrics: +12.7% entropy, +9.4% local variance, +15.2% blur score, with better temporal smoothness and fewer artifacts; gains are strongest under aggressive undersampling.



### Conclusion

A Transformer-augmented U-Net sharpens cine CMR, reduces artifacts, and stabilizes frame-to-frame dynamics, showing robust multi-center generalization and practicality for real-world deployment.

### Model Comparison

Feature	Baseline U-Net	Enhanced TransformerUNet
Encoder	4 ConvBlocks (64→512)	4 EnhancedConvBlocks (64→512)
Bottleneck	Single ConvBlock (1024)	6 Transformer Blocks + Enhancements
Global Context	✗ Limited (local receptive field)	✓ Full (self-attention)
Frequency Processing	✗ None	✓ FFT-based FreqAttention
Temporal Consistency	✗ None	✓ Dedicated layers
Parameters	~31M	~34M
Loss Function	L1 Loss	Combined (L1 + SSIM + Frequency)

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