Al for Rapid CMR: Parametric Mapping

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Qualitative Imaging vs. Quantitative Mapping **Balanced SSFP** T₁ Map







Different Tissue Properties → Different Pathologies





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Parametric Mapping = Rapid CMR?



We could













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Shorten CMR scan time

Parametric Mapping = Rapid CMR?



Reduce burden on physician readers



Role of Artificial Intelligence in CMR Mapping

Accurate and reproducible tissue property maps

Conversion of tissue property maps into "conventional" images



Automated Scanning and Interpretation



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AI to accelerate T₁ mapping



Guo R, et al. Accelerated cardiac T_1 mapping in four heartbeats with inline MyoMapNet: a deep learningbased T_1 estimation approach. J Cardiovasc Magn Reson. 2022 Jan 6;24(1):6.



Nezafat M, et al. Deep convolution neural networks based artifact suppression in under-sampled radial acquisitions of myocardial T $_1$ mapping images. Phys Med Biol. 2020 Nov 24;65(22):225024.



Al-facilitated motion correction for improved T₁ mapping

A Defective groundtruth



B Defective groundtruth with synthetic deformation used for training



C Groundtruth corrected by MOCOnet



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AI for multi-parametric approaches



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Shao J, et al. Fast and accurate calculation of myocardial T_1 and T_2 values using deep learning Bloch equation simulations (DeepBLESS). Magn Reson Med. 2020 Nov;84(5):2831-2845.

Chen Y, et al. Deep learning within *a priori* temporal feature spaces for large-scale dynamic MR image reconstruction: Application to 5-D cardiac MR Multitasking. Med Image Comput Comput Assist Interv. 2019 Oct;11765:495-504.

Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Fingerprinting^{1,2}



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Fingerprint Generator Network¹



Time needed to simulate ~30,000 fingerprints:

5 min Bloch equation simulation Compiled MATLAB Mex 12 parallel cores

> 30 ms Neural network Tensorflow / Keras GPU

Slide Courtesy of Jesse Hamilton

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Self-Supervised Training of cMRF Deep Image Prior





Cardiomyopathy Patient Example: Reduced Motion Artifacts

MRF 15HB Breathhold 250ms Acquisition Window Low-Rank Reconstruction



MRF 5HB Breathhold 150ms Acquisition Window Deep Image Prior





Conventional Mapping





Al leads to shorter scan and better maps!



Conditional Invertible Neural Network for Cardiac MRF

Thomas J. Fletcher, Carlos Velasco, Gastão Cruz, Alina Schneider, René M. Botnar and Claudia Prieto, ISMRM 2022



cINN-cMRF provides accurate predictions for parameter maps in 3.2 seconds without the need of additional dictionary generation

- Simulated test data evaluated on the cINNcMRF achieves excellent agreement with ground truth (EPG and pattern matching based) maps
- SSIM > 0.84 and low relative errors for myocardium
- Further work will investigate the inclusion of a latent space in the network, improvements to simulated data and tuning of the network for *in-vivo* data



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Synthetic MRI2 for Multiple Contrasts



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Patient with Ischemic Cardiomyopathy

MRF Post-Contrast T₁



MRF Post-Contrast T₂



Synthetic Multicontrast LGE



Conventional LGE







Not yet informed by AI but.....



Contrast-Free Enhancement via Deep Learning?

A Scan protocol



Next Step > Move to comprehensive synthetic imaging via Parametric Mapping + AI

Zhang Q, et al. Toward Replacing Late Gadolinium Enhancement With Artificial Intelligence Virtual Native Enhancement for Gadolinium-Free Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Tissue Characterization in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. *Circulation*. 2021;144(8):589-599. MICHIGAN MEDICINE

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Automated analysis of T₁ maps

Fahmy AS et al. J Cardiovasc Magn Reson. 2019 Jan 14;21(1):7.



Fig. 5 Myocardial T_1 mapping at five short axial slices (apex to base from left to right respectively) of the left ventricle of one patient. Automatically reconstructed map before (**a**) and after (**b**) pruning overlaid on a T_1 weighted image with shortest inversion time; (**c**) Manually reconstructed T_1 map. The contours in (**c**) represent the myocardium region of interest manually selected by the reader



Automated diagnosis using quantitative mapping and AI

Antonopoulos AS, et al. Machine learning of native T1 mapping radiomics for classification of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy phenotypes. Sci Rep. 2021 Dec 8;11(1):23596.

> What could AI do with more tissue properties, collected in a consistent fashion?

Construction of a radiomic signature for classification of HCM phenocopies



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Smart CMR exam via AI-enabled parametric mapping



 Collect 3D free-running (no breathholding, gating, or contrast?) isotropic data to quantify multiple tissue properties





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3D T1 & T2 maps and whole-heart CINE imaging (2mm isotropic) from a single 3 minute scan

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- Collect 3D free-running (no breathholding, gating, or contrast?) isotropic data to quantify multiple tissue properties
- Output standardized maps / synthetic images showing function and tissue characteristics

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