

Deep Learning-based Prediction of Atrial Local Fibrosis from *In Silico* Intracavitary Electrograms

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Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common arrhythmia, and detecting its fibrotic substrate is crucial for patient prognosis and optimal targeted therapies. Currently, non-invasive assessment relies heavily on late gadolinium enhancement (LGE-MRI), a modality limited by reproducibility and clinical accessibility. Detailed 3D anatomical simulations with fibrotic infiltration provide a robust computational alternative. By offering an exact ground-truth, they enable precise fibrosis prediction directly from clinically routine intracavitary electrograms (EGMs).

Using 5 anatomically realistic anatomies with different degrees of fibrosis infiltration, we simulated AF patterns and generated EGMs on a virtual endocardial shell (1 mm offset, $N = 163,412$ EGMs). Ground-truth fibrosis was defined for each EGM as the amount of fibrosis within a radius of 3mm. We have developed a preliminary deep learning method to predict presence/absence of local fibrosis ($>5\%$) from temporally windowed (200 ms) unipolar EGMs: a 1D Convolutional Neural Network with 2 convolutional blocks, optimized to detect high-frequency fragmentations and signal amplitude variance.

Evaluated on the test cohort (32,002 EGMs, unseen virtual patient), the model achieved a Balanced Accuracy score of 0.73 and an AUROC of 0.81.

This approach has the potential to predict high-resolution substrate mapping from clinical recordings, helping the personalization of digital twins for targeted ablation therapies.

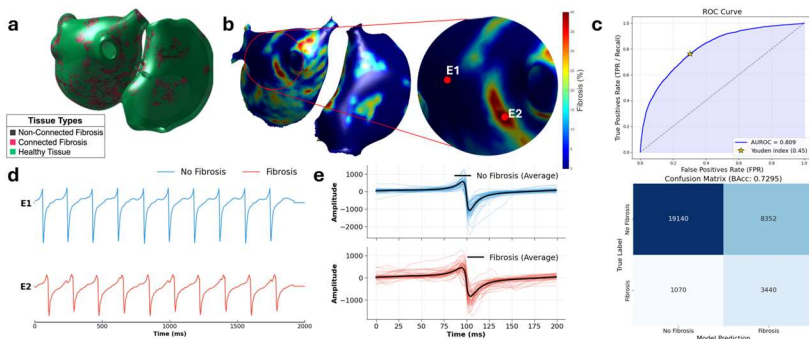


Figure 1. a) 3D anatomical model with fibrosis infiltration; b) ground-truth fibrosis map; c) Confusion matrix and ROC curve; d) simulated unipolar EGMs from healthy (E1) and fibrotic (E2) regions marked in blue and red, respectively; e) EGM windows cohorts.