

MEDICAL SIEVE: APPLICATION TO STENOSIS DETECTION IN X-RAY ANGIOGRAPHY



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The Medical Sieve is a worldwide IBM research Grand Challenge Project. It is a collaboration between groups in San Jose CA, Haifa Israel, and Melbourne Australia. The aim of this ambitious project is to produce automated radiology and cardiology assistants to help clinicians in their diagnostic decision-making. Here we present an example of the system applied in the cardiac domain, with a focus on an image processing

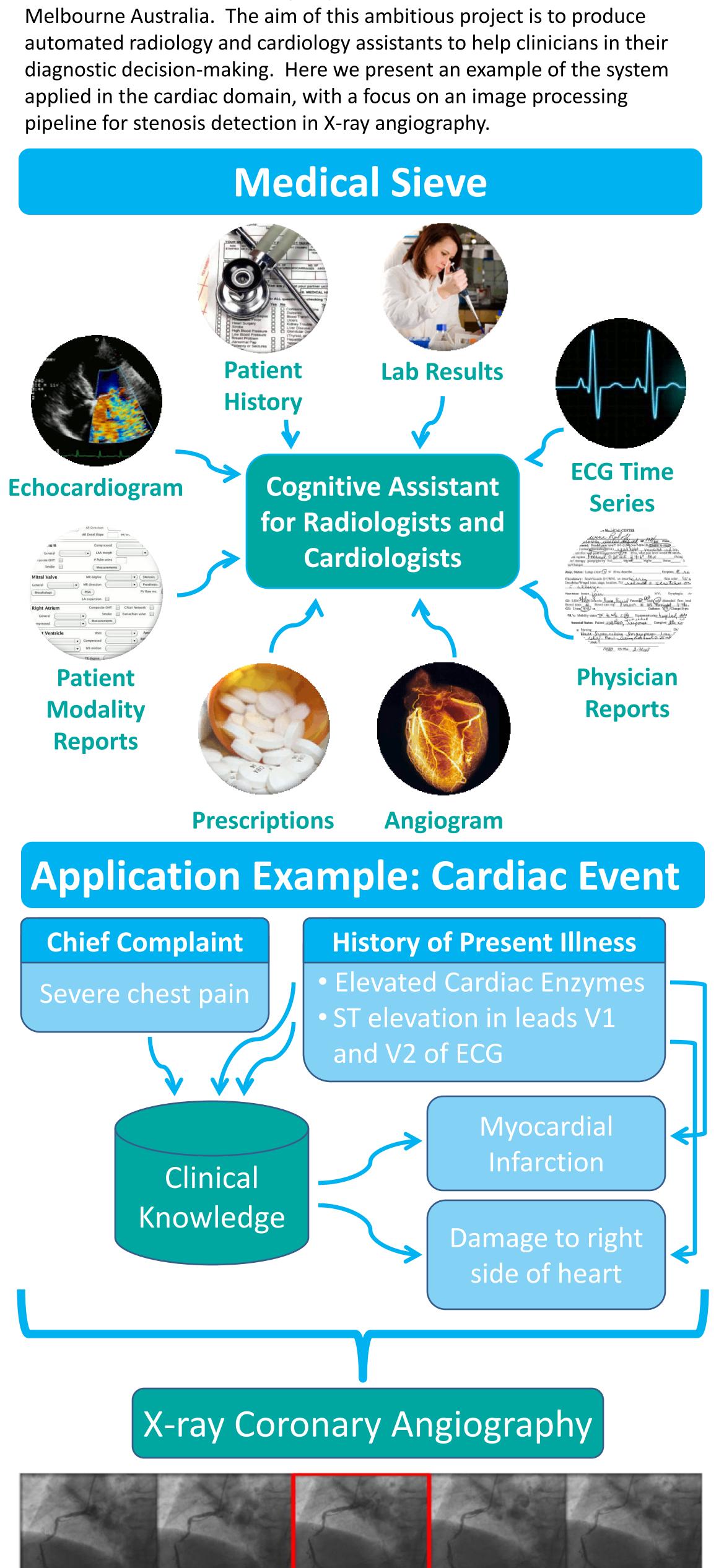
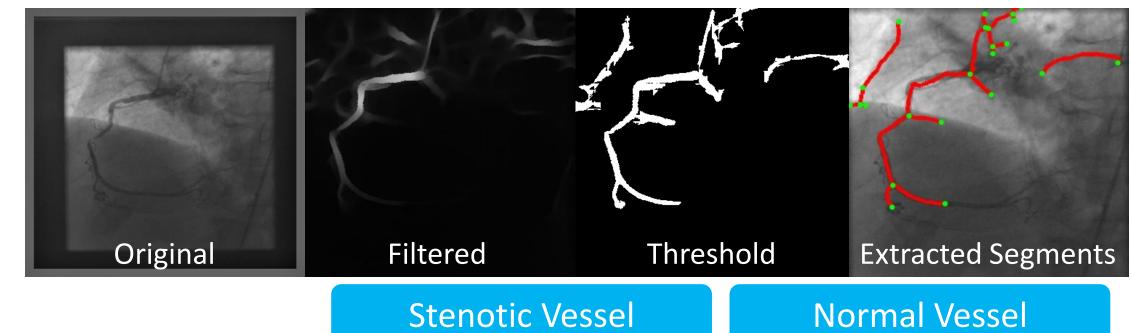
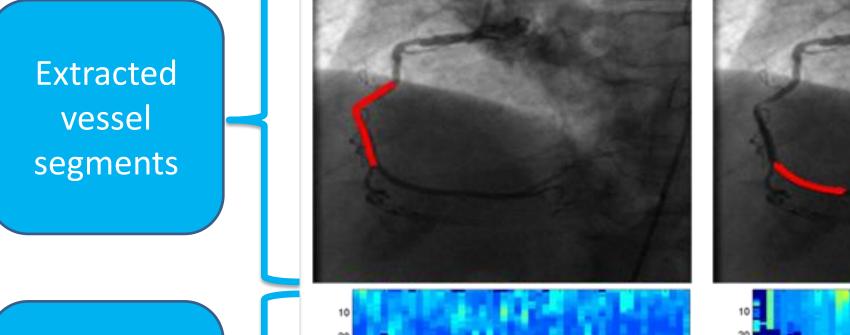
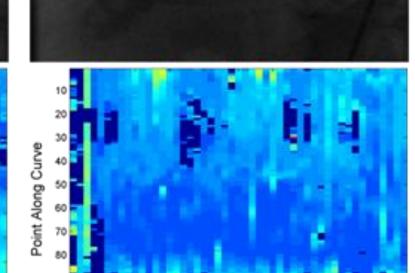


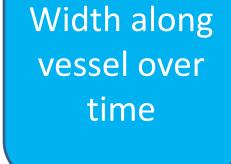
Image Processing

Vessel Extraction



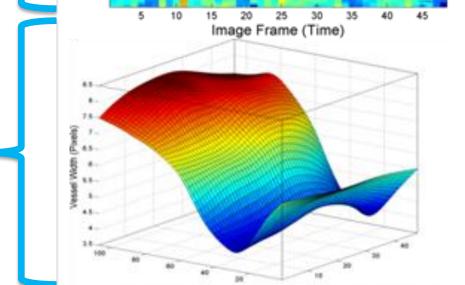


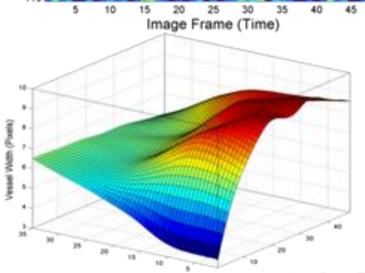




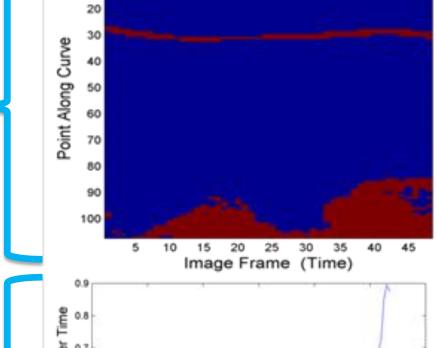
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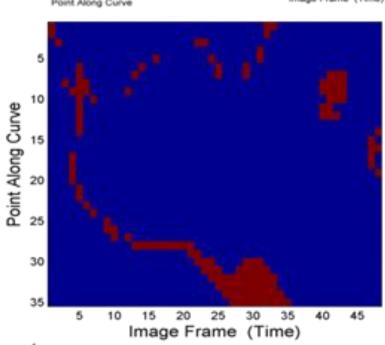
surface



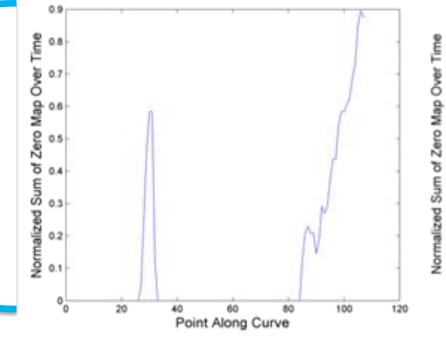


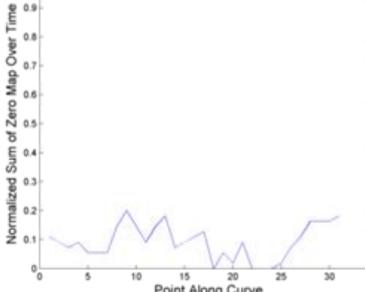
Derivative of surface = zero

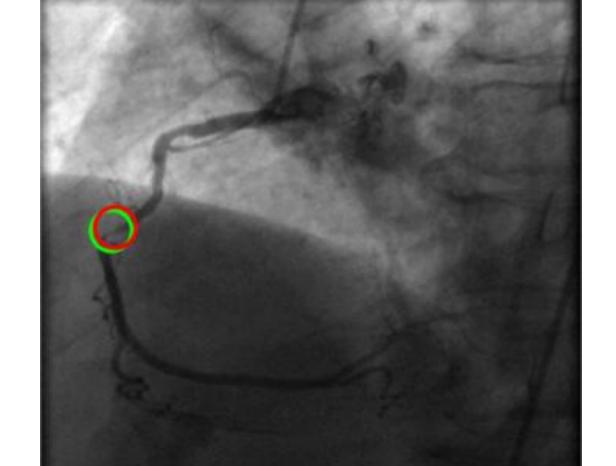




Projection along vessel







Diagnosis

Mid-RCA Stenosis