



Invited Talk



Advanced Medical Ultrasound: Beyond Traditional Gray-scale Anatomical Imaging

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Abstract: Medical Ultrasound is the most widely used diagnostic imaging modality in clinical practice due to its notable advantages such as being safe (non-ionizing), cost effective, portable, real-time and possessing reasonable imaging contrast and scalable spatial resolution. While traditional gray-scale ultrasound imaging (aka sonography) is a valuable diagnostic tool, efforts have been made to explore further capabilities of ultrasound by introducing breakthrough ultrasound-based modalities that are capable of acquired whole new sets of tissue information from probing events at cellular and molecular levels to assessment of tissue mechanical properties. In this presentation, two major ultrasound-based functional and cellular/molecular imaging modalities, Photoacoustic imaging and Magneto-motive Ultrasound Imaging, will be introduced. I will present some of our ongoing work on developing a Photoacoustic system for assessing fetal brain oxygenation and developing a novel tomography system for breast cancer imaging. In addition, application of ultrasound in tissue elastography (with an emphasis on shear-wave imaging) will be presented and a few clinical applications including differential diagnosis of breast cancer, thyroid cancer, and non-compliant bladder will be discussed.



Biography: Dr. Mehrmohammadi is an assistant professor of Biomedical/Electrical and Computer Engineering at Wayne State University and a scientific member of Molecular Imaging Program at Karmanos Cancer Institute. He received his BS in Electrical Engineering from Sharif University of Technology, MSc in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology, and PhD in Biomedical/Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He also holds a certificate degree in Nanotechnology from Center of Nano and Molecular Science at UT Austin. Prior to joining WSU, he worked at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine (Rochester, Minnesota) as a Senior Research Fellow where he focused on development and clinical evaluation of various ultrasound-based tissue elastography methods. He is the recipient a number of research awards such as Newport research excellence award (SPIE 2010), IEEE best paper award finalist (IEEE IUS 2011), and a top-ranked research

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