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# Design of Unfocused Ultrasound Imaging System using Compressive Sensing

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**Abstract**— Objective of this work is enhancement of spatial resolution of ultrasound medical systems. A new approach for processing of ultrasound B-mode images is proposed. The approach is based on recently developed signal processing technique known as Compressive Sensing. We demonstrate simulation results of successful ultrasound image reconstruction using the proposed method.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Spatial resolution of ultrasound imaging systems is a measure of minimum distance between two closely placed point scatterers that can be resolved separately. Traditional ultrasound systems are built on an idea of controlling an ultrasound beam through focusing and steering. The narrower beam leads to a better lateral resolution and the shorter ultrasound pulse the better axial resolution. Accurate focusing of ultrasound beam requires high center frequencies and larger transducer aperture size which directly affect on penetration depth and attenuation of ultrasound waves. The proposed framework utilizes unfocused transmission of ultrasound pulse Fig. 1. No transmit or receive beamforming are used, therefore proposed imaging model can operate on low frequencies and not physically limited by transducer size as traditional ultrasound systems. During transmission all elements of the transducer are simultaneously driven by unique randomly generated code sequences. Reconstruction of ultrasound images from measured data done by using algorithm which follows theory of Compressive Sensing [1]. Compressive Sensing is a new signal processing technique allowing to solve undetermined system of linear equations formulated for ultrasound imaging (1). Sensing matrix built using spatio-temporal impulse response of discretized ROI. In this paper we demonstrate results obtained using matlab simulation program field ii [2].

## II. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND RESULTS

We can write ultrasound imaging model as a system of linear equations:  $y = Ax + n$

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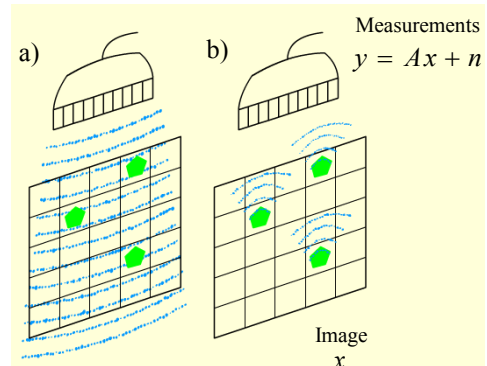


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of proposed system model. a) an unfocused ultrasound pulse is transmitted covering all ROI simultaneously. b) a backscattered signals from objects is measured by same transducer

where  $y$  is a measured backscattered signals at transducer,  $A$  is spatio-temporal impulse response matrix [3],  $x$  is the image to be estimated,  $n$  is random noise.  $L_1$  norm minimization technique is used to estimate  $x$  from measurements  $y$

$$\hat{x} = \min_x \|x\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|Ax - y\|_2 \leq \epsilon \quad (2)$$

Fig. 2 shows successfully recovered image of two point scatterers placed at depth of 10 cm and 1 mm apart from each other. We demonstrate that proposed ultrasound system works and has resolution of 1 mm, in the future we aim to extend our work and achieve resolution of 0.1 mm.

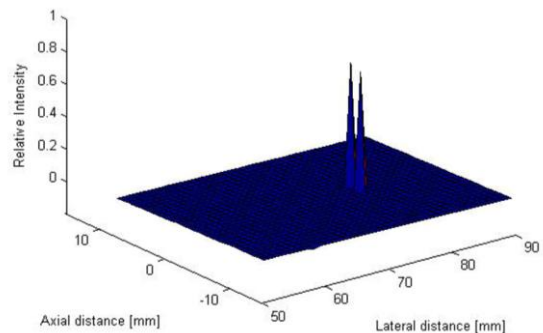


Figure 2. Reconstructed image of two point scatterers.

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