Computer-Augmented Point-of-Care Ultrasound

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- Kitware
 - 1. Collaborates on grant-funded research, creates scientific software, and gives it away for free.
 - VTK (used by Osirix), ITK, CMake, 3D Slicer, ParaView
 - 2. Consults on scientific computing projects.

Point-of-Care Ultrasound (Pre-Hospital)

- Far-forward medics and EMS personnel lack portable, easy-to-use diagnostic devices for:
 - Intra-abdominal bleeding, Pneumothorax,
 Traumatic brain injury, ... Trauma Patient Triage



- When EMS ultrasound is conducted by experts, patient management is altered in 37% of cases. [Walcher 2002]
- Even after hours of training, pre-hospital personnel are not sufficiently proficient in FAST for over 48% of trauma patients. [Melanson 2001]

Other Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Applications

- Vascular access
 - Hospitals require the use of ultrasound for guidance, confirmation, and documentation
- Scoliosis screening in schools
 - And monitoring those with scoliosis, without x-rays
- Monitor progression of TBI, mildly elevated ICP
 - Without invasive an procedure

Point-of-Care Ultrasound



 To achieve its broad potential, point-of-care ultrasound must be approached as a <u>new diagnostic modality</u>, not simply as portable, rugged ultrasound.

- 2. Point-of-care ultrasound will become the most common type of ultrasound exam.
 - Shaping the future of ultrasound





Philips Lumify

Future: Computer-Augmented Point-of-Care Ultrasound

1) Task-specific devices

2) Apps for computer-assisted image analysis

- Display results (red light / green light),

not B-Mode images.



BladderScan



1) Task-Specific Devices

Sonivate



Clarius



Butterfly Networks









2) Apps for computer-assisted image analysis = Open / standard hardware platforms = A.I. (Deep learning / Neural Nets)





Windows (PC Clones) > MacOS Android (Samsung, HTC, ...) > iOS

A.I. in Point-Of-Care Ultrasound

- FAST (Intra-abdominal bleeding)
- TBI (Intracranial pressure: ICP)
- Pneumothorax
- Hemothorax
- Renal dysfunction
- Guidance: paracentesis, peripheral vascular access
- General medicine: Scoliosis



Ultrasound Spectroscopy

Analyze RF returns from <u>multiple powers</u> and <u>multiple frequencies</u>

- Pre-processing
 - "Quantitative Ultrasound" [Lavarello 2011]
- RF Characterization
 - Chebyshev Polynomial Coefficients
 - Legendre Polynomial Coefficients
 - Linear Fit (Slope, Intercept)
 - Backscatter Coefficient Estimation



1

2

3

4

Power

15%

15%

15%

30%

Freq.

2.5

3.5

5.0

2.5

RF Data

Classification = Neural Network

Preliminary Ex Vivo Tissue Experiment







Phantom 1 training data

Random Forest / Deep Learning Classifier (Blood –vs- Not Blood)



Blood detection accuracy

Phantom 2

testing data

Pwr	Freq	Features	TPR	FPR	%Err
All	All	B-Mode Only	0.565	0.057	13.46
All	All	All (102 features)	0.948	0.005	1.51

Demonstration applications

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Scoliosis detection and monitoring







- Neural Network:
- IMU:
- NN + IMU:

Angle between probe and spine, from b-mode Angle between probe and vertical

Cobb Angle, between vertebrae and vertical

Computer-Assisted Point-of-Care Ultrasound



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Future directions in ultrasound?

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- TBI
- Scoliosis
- Vascular Access / augmented reality



Traumatic Brain Injury: Increased ICP



23 images

Compared to an expert $R^2 = 0.91$ p-value = 2.0e-12

Compared with study mean Auto $R^2 = 0.82$ Expert $R^2 = 0.84$ Med. students $R^2 = 0.78 - 0.81$



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Ultrasound Augmentation

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Preliminary Results



