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## Publications

### • Journals

1. Hao Guo, Huiwen Xie, Guangquan Zhou, **Nghia Q. Nguyen**, and Richard W. Prager, "The delay multiply and sum beamforming with Wiener filter in pixel-based ultrasound medical imaging," to be submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control*, Nov. 2021 (under revision).
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- **Theses**

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2. **Beamforming and image reconstruction for ultrasound imaging**, *Ultrasound Lab for Imaging and Sensing*, Imperial College, London, United Kingdom, Oct. 2020.
3. **Mean-squared error beamforming for coherent plane-wave compounding**, *IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium*, Glasgow, United Kingdom, Oct. 2019.
4. **A new MMSE beamformer for coherent plane-wave compounding**, *Gordon Research Conference on Image Science*, Stonehill College, Easton, Massachusetts, Jun. 2018.
5. **Minimum variance beamformers for coherent plane-wave compounding**, *SPIE Medical Imaging Conference*, Orlando, Florida, Feb. 2017.
6. **Task-based taxonomy to ultrasonic beamformers**, *Gordon Research Conference on Image Science*, Stonehill College, Easton, Massachusetts, Jun. 2016.
7. **Ultrasound fat-ray tomography for breast cancer characterization**, *AIUM annual convention*, Las Vegas, Nevada, Apr. 2014.
8. **Ultrasound bent-ray tomography using both transmission and reflection data**, *SPIE Medical Imaging Conference*, San Diego, California, Feb. 2014.
9. **Advances in designing and evaluating ultrasound imaging systems for breast cancer diagnosis**, *Visualization Seminar*, Computer and Data Sciences Department, Computational Research Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Oct. 2013.
10. **Analysis of minimum-variance and Wiener-filtered beamforming strategies**, *IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium*, Orlando, Florida, Oct. 2011.
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