University of Houston - Biomedical Engineering Seminar Friday, September 10, 2021, 12 noon Via Zoom: <u>https://uh-edu-cougarnet.zoom.us/j/93512038041</u> Functional Imaging of Embryonic Development with Noninvasive Volumetric Optoacoustic Tomography



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Abstract

Optoacoustic (OA) tomography is a real-time, noninvasive imaging method combining pulsed laser excitation and ultrasonic detection of the tissue response. The experimental setup is composed of an optical source for illumination/excitation, the ultrasound detection array, and the computing system for data acquisition and image reconstruction. OA tomography is a rapidly emerging imaging modality that is suitable for live embryonic imaging as it enables high-contrast imaging combined with high spatial resolution and has demonstrated an exclusive potential for noninvasive deep tissue visualization. I present some of our recent work using OA tomography for *in vivo* volumetric visualization of murine embryonic development.

Biosketch

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