

## EMBC 2019 Workshop

### IMAGE-BASED ESTIMATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR TISSUE MOTION AND ELASTICITY

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## **Abstract**

The estimation of tissue motion and elasticity in the heart and vessels is valuable for characterising cardiovascular status in health and disease. Following the periodic movement of the heart and the resulting blood pressure variations during the cardiac cycle, the cardiovascular tissue performs a complex three-dimensional motion. Motion can be quantified through the calculation of a number of kinematic parameters, including displacements, velocities, and accelerations, as well as strain, which has gained attention for characterising tissue function. Tissue elasticity characterises its mechanical properties and can be assessed through estimations of displacements/strains in combination with pressure indices. To estimate motion from images, different imaging modalities can be used, including ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT). Among these, ultrasound imaging is the most widely used technique for cardiovascular motion estimation, due to its wide availability, easy use, high temporal resolution, and possibility to access various central and peripheral vessels. This workshop aims to present the state-of-the-art in image-based estimation of motion and elasticity of the cardiovascular tissue and to highlight novel directions and challenges toward identifying non-invasive markers of cardiovascular risk.

## LIST of Speakers

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### **Ultrasound-image-based estimation of motion and strain of the carotid artery wall in health and disease**

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### **Intrinsic Wave Imaging for Assessment of Cardiovascular Mechanics**

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**In vivo assessment of the heterogeneity of the human aortic wall's local elastic properties and its changes with age and disease based on 4D ultrasound.**

Andreas Wittek is founding member of the Personalized Biomedical Engineering Laboratory at the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences. Holding a degree in Mechanical Engineering (Dipl.-Ing. (FH)) he is currently finishing his PhD in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Siegen. In his thesis work, that was conducted in an interdisciplinary project with the Departments of Biology and Medicine of the Goethe University Frankfurt, he has pioneered noninvasive full field displacement and strain measurement of the human aorta by time-resolved 3D ultrasonography. Based on these novel in vivo data, he has developed innovative approaches to the biomechanical and pathophysiological characterization of the individual aortic and aneurysmal wall.

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**Longitudinal movement of the arterial wall - recent developments**

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**Image-based assessment of the interplay of blood flow and tissue motion for surgery planning**

**Prof. Anja Hennemuth** studied Computer Science with Medicine as second subject. During her education with focus on Medical Image Processing she worked on Cardiac Image Analysis at Philips Research, Siemens and Hamburg University. She has been head of cardiovascular research and development at the Fraunhofer Institute for Medical Imaging since 2009. Since 2017, Prof. Hennemuth has held a bridge professorship at the Technical University and the newly founded Institute for Cardiovascular Computer-Assisted Medicine at Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

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**Myocardial tracking for multi-chamber strain estimation in cardiac magnetic resonance imaging**

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