

This results in sharp, high-resolution images of tissues at varying depths, improving the diagnostic accuracy of the ultrasound scan.

Transmission of Ultrasound Waves: The transducer, which is made of piezoelectric elements, emits high-frequency sound waves when activated by electrical pulses.

Focusing the Ultrasound Beam: Once the ultrasound waves are transmitted, the system applies time delays between the activations of different elements in the transducer to focus the beam at a particular depth.

Echo Reception and Dynamic Receive Focusing: When the ultrasound waves encounter different tissues, they are reflected back to the transducer as echoes. Zagzebski provides insight into how echo signals are processed and how tissue density affects image formation. The echoes from these multiple focal zones are combined to produce a high-resolution image that is clear throughout the scanned area, from shallow to deep tissue. Szabo explains the mechanism of phased array transducers and their role in focusing ultrasound beams electronically. The waves emitted by each element interact and converge at the focal point, improving the resolution and clarity of the image.

Beam Steering: In phased array systems, the beam can also be steered electronically by adjusting the delay pattern between the transducer elements.

Multi-Zone Focusing: Advanced systems use multiple focal zones, where separate pulses are sent to focus the beam at different depths. By controlling these delays, the emitted ultrasound waves can converge at a specific point in the body, focusing the energy of the beam. This book discusses transmit focusing and its role in improving lateral resolution in ultrasound imaging. This allows the beam to be angled in different directions without physically moving the transducer, which is especially useful for sector scanning or imaging large areas. In phased array ultrasound, the transducer is divided into multiple small elements.

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