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2, 4-6(completely); 1, 3(partially)

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 2, 4-6(completely); 1, 3(partially)

Method for B-mode ultrasound imaging

2. claims: 7-10(completely); 1, 3(partially)

Method for Doppler ultrasound imaging

3. claims: 11-15(completely); 1, 3(partially)

Method for elasticity ultrasound imaging

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摘要(译)

本申请公开了一种基于RF数据的超声成像处理方法，也称为RF数据平台技术。该方法包括以下步骤：S1，接收通过发送超声信号获得的回声信号；S2，波束形成回波信号；S3，获取回波信号的RF数据；S4，基于获得的RF数据直接进行超声成像处理，以获得目标图像。基于根据本申请的RF数据的超声成像处理方法和系统基于所获得的回波信号的RF数据直接进行超声成像处理，以获得目标图像。与现有技术相比，该系统简单且不丢失数据信息。此外，利用这种方法和系统改进了超声诊断设备的实时性能和图像质量，使诊断信息和轴向分辨率更加细致，清晰，同时降低了制造和使用成本。

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