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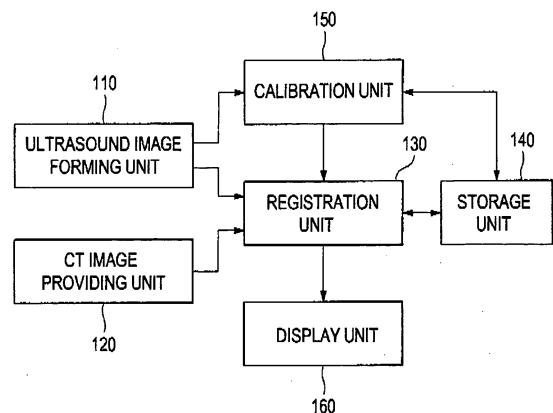
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(54) **Registration of CT image onto ultrasound images**

(57) Embodiments for registering a CT image onto ultrasound images are disclosed. At a preoperative stage, a plurality of first ultrasound images are formed during a respiratory cycle and a CT image is obtained at the maximum inspiration. The CT image is registered onto each of the ultrasound images to thereby form ultrasound-CT registered images. The ultrasound-CT registered images may be stored in the storage unit. Subsequently, at an intraoperative stage, a plurality of second ultrasound images may be sequentially formed in real time. Similarities may be measured between the first ultrasound images and the second ultrasound images, and the ultrasound-CT registered images, each corresponding to each of the first ultrasound images having highest similarity to the second ultrasound image may be retrieved. The retrieved ultrasound image and the second ultrasound image may be displayed at the same time.

FIG. 1



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摘要(译)

公开了用于将CT图像配准到超声图像上的实施例。在术前阶段，在呼吸循环期间形成多个第一超声图像，并且在最大吸气时获得CT图像。将CT图像配准到每个超声图像上，从而形成超声CT注册图像。超声CT扫描图像可以存储在存储单元中。随后，在术中阶段，可以实时顺序地形成多个第二超声图像。可以在第一超声图像和第二超声图像之间测量相似度，并且可以检索每个对应于与第二超声图像具有最高相似度的每个第一超声图像的超声CT注册图像。可以同时显示检索到的超声图像和第二超声图像。

FIG. 1

