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摘要(译)

提供了一种用于超声成像导管 (12) 的传感器 (16) 和制造方法。传感器 (16) 可以基于柔性电路 (32) , 压电传感器阵列换能器材料块安装在柔性电路 (32) 上。柔性电路可以包括电导体 (34) , 其电连接到压电块上的电极。可以在块和柔性电路基板之间的压电块上形成匹配层。在形成匹配层之后 , 可以通过将压电块分成多个单独的换能器元件来形成各个换能器阵列元件。可以在相邻换能器阵列元件之间的柔性电路基板中形成切口 , 以在声学上解耦相邻元件。柔性电路基板和匹配层可以具有相对高的阻抗 , 以促进传感器和成像环境之间的声阻抗匹配。

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