



Miniature and Micro-Actuators

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

In this Special issue, a wide range of topics will be covered, including the design, fabrication, characterization, packaging, and system integration or final applications of miniature actuators, ranging from the centimeter down to the micrometer scale. The main focus of the issue is miniaturization, regardless the materials employed or the device principle. Furthermore, basic as well as more application-oriented research topics are considered, such as:

- Material research oriented to actuator microsystems: polymers, organic materials, piezoelectric materials, nitrides, shape memory alloys, thermoelectric materials, other functional thin film materials, thick and thin films;
- Processes and fabrication technologies for miniaturized actuator systems: deposition techniques, lithography, etching and ablation techniques, hybrid technologies, inkjet or 3D printing;
- Functional surfaces in actuator microdevices: hydrophobic/hydrophilic functionalization, tribological functions, biomimetic surfaces;
- etc...



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