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## Piezoelectric Actuators and Transducers: Materials, Design, Control and Applications

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## **Message from the Guest Editor**

Dear Colleagues,

Piezoelectric actuators are often used in precision positioning devices because of their nanometer-order resolution. In addition, they are small and light and generate a large blocking force. On the other hand, the deformation of piezoelectric actuators is generally limited to several tens of micrometers. In order to overcome this disadvantage, they are often combined with mechanisms to enlarge the movable range by accumulating minute motions.

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- piezoelectric positioners, movers, and motors
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- near-field ultrasonic levitation
- applications to science, technology, precision engineering, and industry



