CALL FOR PAPERS Special Issue on High Frequency Ultrasound for Biomedical Applications (Submission deadline: Sep. 30, 2021)

High-frequency (>20 MHz) ultrasound has found widespread use in sub-millimeter resolution medical imaging, ultrasound backscatter microscopy (UBM), and small animal imaging. In recent years, driven by growing needs in intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) imaging, minimally invasive surgery, and particle manipulation, high-frequency ultrasound has continued to flourish as a niche modality and has expanded its important role in both imaging and therapy. Concomitant needs have thus arisen in technological R&D to innovate materials, devices, algorithms, and systems for a variety of high frequency ultrasound applications in medicine and biology.

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- 3) High-frequency ultrasound transducers, including materials, fabrication, and characterization;
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- 5) Front-end beamforming, image reconstruction, and functional imaging techniques for high-frequency ultrasound;
- 6) Signal and image processing algorithms for high-frequency ultrasound, including machine learning methods.

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