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摘要(译)

为了使探头小型化，增加通道数并提高柔性部分的柔性，超声探头包括具有布置成用于发送和接收超声波的多个通道的换能器单元1以及连接到换能器的各个通道的柔性电路板2。单元1，其中设置有用于向换能器单元1提供发送信号和从接收器单元1提取接收信号的信号线，其中柔性电路板2形成通过划分多个通道而制成的至少两个通道块，并且分别螺旋缠绕。

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