# Nano-Bioinjection into C. elegans



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#### **Abstract**

We have constructed the bionanomanipulation system inside a hybrid microscope which consists with an Environmental Scanning Electron Microscope (E-SEM) and an Optical Microscope (OM) [1]. This system enable to manipulate a biological sample with water-containing condition and internal imaging including fluorescent information. We applied this system to the nanoinjection system to analyze the condition of Caenorhabditis elegans (*C. elegans*) [2]. The C. elegans is one of the smallest animal used as a model organism. The nanoinjection tools were prepared for injecting micro-nano gel beads fabricated by focused ion beam (FIB) process as shown in Fig. 1.

To realize effective nanomanipulation, a novel Nanotool Exchanger System (NTExS) was proposed for exchanging different nanotools within the sample chamber [3]. To maintain the livable condition of biological samples, it is important to reduce the exchange time of the nanotools. This is also important to improve the efficiency of biological specimen analysis using various nanotools without break the chamber pressure.

### **Biography**

Masahiro Nakajima graduated from Shizuoka University in 2001, and received the Dr. Eng. degree from Nagoya University in 2006. He had been a Research Fellow of MEXT from April to

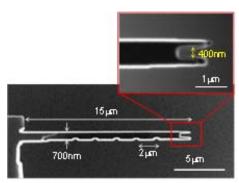


Fig. 1 Nanoinjection tool to attach micro-nano gel beads.

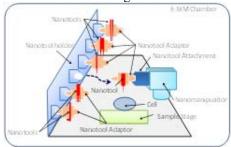


Fig. 2 Nanotool Exchanger System (NTExS) for effective nanomanipulation

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