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Fine detail of flower petal structure easily observable.

NanoSuft® Aqueous solution

SEM imaging of biological objects in their natural state

What is NanoSuit?

NanoSuit is a novel technology which enables the observation of cells, microorganisms, etc. in a living state using SEM.

NanoSuit is an aqueous solution of a bio-compatible polymer that forms a very thin barrier layer on the surface of an object which holds moisture in the object under vacuum condition in electron microscopy. The barrier layer is electrically conductive.

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Fixed Drying Process

Currently used by many researchers, this process results in dehydration and deformation of biological specimens caused by the vacuum condition inherent to EM.



Origin of NanoSuit

NanoSuit was created to mimic the mucus layer of larva of Drosophila, which showed the ability to insulate specimens from the effects of vacuum when irradiated by plasma.



Molecularly Bonded Protective Layer

TEM observation shows the self-supportive layer. Tissues and cultured cells can also be observed in a natural state using this innovative solution.

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