Robotic Micromanipulation and Its Applications

Abstract.

Micromanipulation technology has been an increasingly hot research area that enables new science discoveries and industrial applications by multidisciplinary interactions. This lecture will introduce cutting-edge micromanipulation technologies especially developed for biological targets, such as zebrafish, a kind of important vertebrate model animals widely used in scientific research and bioindustry. Specially, traditional operation of zebrafish larva is laborious, time-consuming, and of low accuracy due to its limited controllability, complicated structures, fragile body, and inaccessible in vivo organs. Here we develop a series of micromanipulation technologies that can flexibly position and orient a single zebrafish to desired postures, trap it in a low-damage manner, detect its in vivo organs, track trajectories for a large number of zebrafish larvae. Several practical applications based on the developed techniques will also be introduced including behavior study, heart monitor, transportation, and drug test.

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