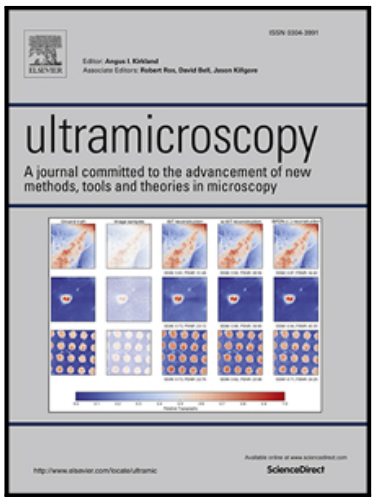

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Highlights

- PeakForce tapping Atomic Force microscopy was applied to image live nematodes in native environments
- Nanomechanical mapping demonstrates non-uniform modulus and adhesion force distribution in adult nematodes
- High-resolution images and nanomechanical maps of Caenorhabditis elegans and Turbatrix aceti nematodes were comparatively investigated