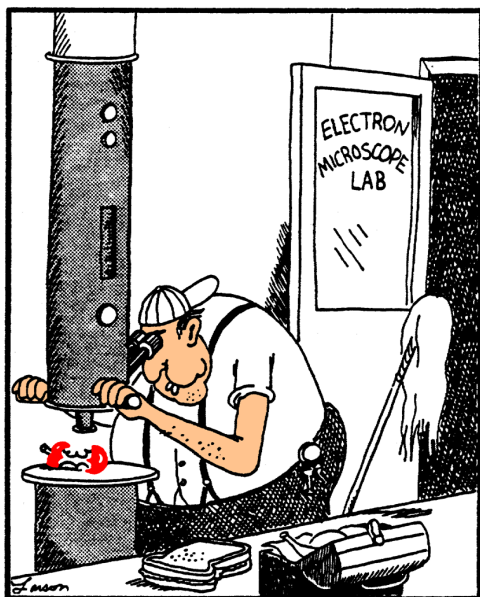


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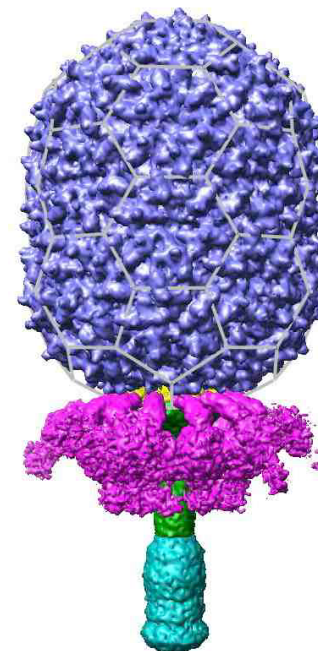
3D Electron Microscopy of Macromolecules



When: TuTh 8:00-9:20 AM
Jan 8 - Mar 14

Where: Peterson Hall 103

Who: Tim Baker
Hector Viadiu



EVERYONE (students and auditors)

Please provide requested info on **CLASS ROSTER** handout
and return to T. Baker asap (today or Thursday)

3D Electron Microscopy of Macromolecules

PRIMARY GOAL

- Basic, theoretical understanding of the principles and practice of TEM and 3D image reconstruction
- Emphasis is on **BIOLOGICAL** specimens

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Rule #1

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COURSE MATERIALS / HANDOUTS

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BASIC INFO AND SYLLABUS (2013)

LECTURERS: → Timothy S. Baker, Natural Sciences NSB 4-105, 4-5845, tsb@ucsd.edu
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ADMIN. ASSIST.: → Irene Acosta: NSB 4-103, 2-2514, riacosta@ucsd.edu

WHERE & WHEN: Peterson Hall 103; Tue/Thu 8:00-9:20 a.m.

COURSE GOALS

Gain a basic understanding of the principles of transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and three-dimensional (3D) image reconstruction as applied primarily to the study of biological macromolecules, macromolecular complexes, and small organelles and cells. Knowledge of these principles form a foundation for those who may be interested in obtaining practical experience and training in TEM and 3D reconstruction. Even if you never record a TEM image or compute a 3D reconstruction, the course should help broaden your knowledge about powerful, rapidly evolving tools of structural biology and enable you to critically evaluate research results reported in the scientific literature that rely on the use of these popular technologies.

COURSE FORMAT

1. Lectures on Tuesdays and Thursdays (8:00-9:20 am) from Jan 8 through Mar 14.
2. One or two optional lab "demos" *might* be offered outside of the normal class period (e.g. to tour a modern TEM facility) and will provide a means to earn some extra credit.
3. Optional, 1-hour recitation/help sessions will be held on some Fridays (time/place yet to be determined) where students can ask burning questions about lectures or optional homework assignments and to help prepare for exams. This time might also be used to cover certain topics in more depth than possible in class, or that couldn't be covered in class but which are covered in required reading materials.

GRADING

Undergraduate students (those taking CHEM 165 or BMM 162): There will be one midterm exam (100 pts), a comprehensive final exam (200 pts), and three, two-page written critiques (50 pts each) chosen from six different image processing topics. You may submit up to six critiques, but the final grade will be based on an un-weighted sum of the midterm and final exam plus the three highest scored critiques (for grand total of 450 possible points). There are **NO MAKE-UP EXAMS**.

Graduate students (those taking CHEM 265 or BGGN 262): The rules are essentially the same as for undergraduates except that graduate students must submit four and only four critiques. Hence, the final grade will be based on an un-weighted sum of the midterm and final exam plus the four critiques (for grand total of 500 possible points). In addition, the comprehensive final exam will include questions that differ from those given to undergraduate students and will also include more challenging versions of questions given to the undergraduates. There are **NO MAKE-UP EXAMS**.

CLASS HANDOUTS AND OTHER MATERIALS

Course reading material is posted on the class website at <http://cryoem.ucsd.edu>. Access to this and additional material requires a username and password provided during the first class meeting. Lecture notes include most of the illustrations that will be shown as **Powerpoint** presentations. Having access to this should minimize the need for frantic note taking and allow you to listen carefully and concentrate more on understanding the basic principles being presented.

Lecture notes, PowerPoint slides, optional homework, and other supplementary materials (e.g. reference lists) are available as PDF documents on the class website to help solidify your understanding of the topics being discussed. The lecture notes and select literature articles are **required** reading because it is impossible to cover materials in adequate depth during lectures alone.

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COURSE FORMAT

19 lectures (80 min each)

Midterm exam: **Feb 5** (100 pts.)

Final exam: **Mar 21** (200 pts.)

3-4 two-page critiques: **after Feb 15** (50 pts. each)

1-2 optional demos (extra credit pts.)

Several optional recitation help sessions (to review optional homework assignments and lectures)

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Jan 17	4	Design of the TEM and lens aberrations (Top to bottom description of instrument)
Jan 18		Optional recitation session (laser demo; review of homework and lectures, etc.)
Jan 22	5	Design of the TEM and lens aberrations (Continued)
Jan 24	6	Contrast and image formation (electron scattering)
Jan 25		Optional recitation session (review of homework and lectures, etc.)
Jan 29	7	Basics of TEM alignment, performance, operation, and image recording
		Other modes of TEM operation – self taught from notes §I.F
Jan 31	8	Overview of specimen preparation (emphasis on cryoTEM); Radiation effects
		Other biological specimen preparation methods – self taught from notes §II.A.2-II.A.5
Feb 1		Optional recitation session (Help session to prep for midterm exam)
Feb 5		Midterm Exam (100pts) – Covers material through Jan 31 lecture
Feb 7	9	Introduction to image analysis; Sources of noise
Feb 12	10	Crystals, symmetry and diffraction
Feb 14	11	Crystals, symmetry and diffraction (Continued)
Feb 19	12	Fourier processing techniques
Feb 21	13	Fourier processing techniques (Continued)
Feb 22		Optional recitation session (review of homework and lectures, etc.)
Feb 26	14	Principles of 3D image reconstruction
Feb 28	15	3D reconstruction of thin 2D crystals
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Mar 7	17	3D reconstruction of macromolecular complexes with icosahedral symmetry
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Mar 14	19	Electron cryo-tomography of unique specimens, organelles, and cells
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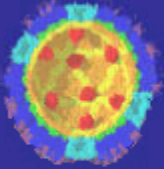
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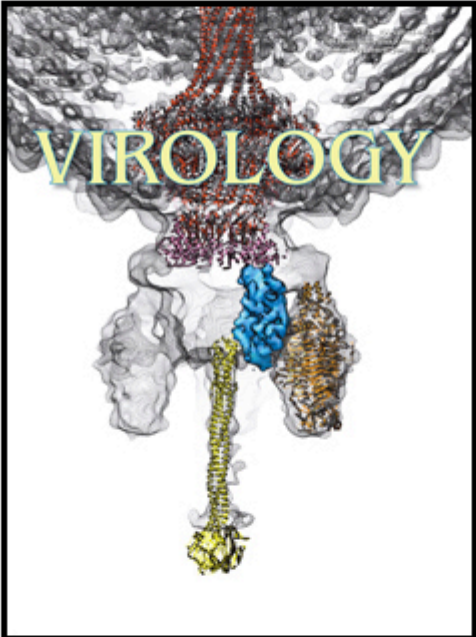
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ELECTRON MICROSCOPY AND OPTICS: GENERAL TEXTBOOKS

Electron Microscopy of Cells and Tissues. Vol. 1. Instrumentation and Techniques. F. S. Sjostrand. 1967. Classic text on electron microscopy with emphasis on thin sectioning techniques. Is now outdated with regard to thin sectioning methods, but still provides a useful treatment of basic principles of transmission EM. (TSB)

Electron Microscopy: Principles and Techniques for Biologists. J. J. Bozzola and L. D. Russel. 1992, 1999. Comprehensive, well-illustrated text of biological TEM and SEM and specimen preparation (mostly histological samples). (1992: SIO QH212.E4 B69 & TSB; 1999: BML QH 212.E4 B793 & TSB)

Introduction to Electron Microscopy. C. E. Hall. 1st ed. 1953, 2nd ed. 1966, 1983. Classic reference on electron optical theory and design. (1966: BML QH 205 H174i & TSB)

Introduction to Electron Microscopy. S. Wischnitzer. 1st ed. 1962, 2nd ed. 1970, 3rd ed. 1981. Excellent survey of the principles and practice of electron microscopy. (1962: BML QH 205 W811i; 1970: BML QH 205 W811i & TSB; 1981: BML QH 212 E4 W811i & TSB)

Light and Electron Microscopy. E. M. Slayter and H. S. Slayter. 1992. Basic text covering a wide range of topics including LM, TEM, STEM, SEM, STM, AFM, etc.. (BML QH 502.2 S631L & TSB)

Practical Electron Microscopy for Biologists. G. A. Meek. 1st ed. 1970, 2nd ed. 1976. Excellent general reference, more comprehensive than Wischnitzer. (1970: TSB; 1976: BML QH 212 E4 M494p & TSB)

Principles and Practice of Electron Microscope Operation. A. W. Agar, R. H. Alderson and D. Chescoe. In *Practical Methods in Electron Microscopy*, Vol. 2, 1976, A. M. Glauert (ed.). Excellent coverage of most aspects of the operation of a TEM. (GE QH212.E4 P7 & TSB)

The Principles and Practice of Electron Microscopy. I. M. Watt. 1st ed. 1985, 1989, 2nd ed. 1997. Basic text covering TEM and SEM. (1985: TSB; 1997: BML QH 212 E4 W344p & TSB)

OTHER TEM BOOKS & ANNUAL REVIEWS (Alphabetical list)

Biomedical Electron Microscopy: Illustrated Methods and Interpretations. A. B. Maunsbach and B. A. Afzelius. 1999. Academic Press, San Diego. Lots of beautiful illustrations, mostly of histological samples, and includes practical tips. (GE QH212.E4 M38 & TSB)

Electron Microscopy of Proteins. Vols. 1-4, J. R. Harris (ed.); Vols. 5-6, J. R. Harris & R. W. Horne (eds.). Academic Press, London. (BML QU 55 E387 & TSB)

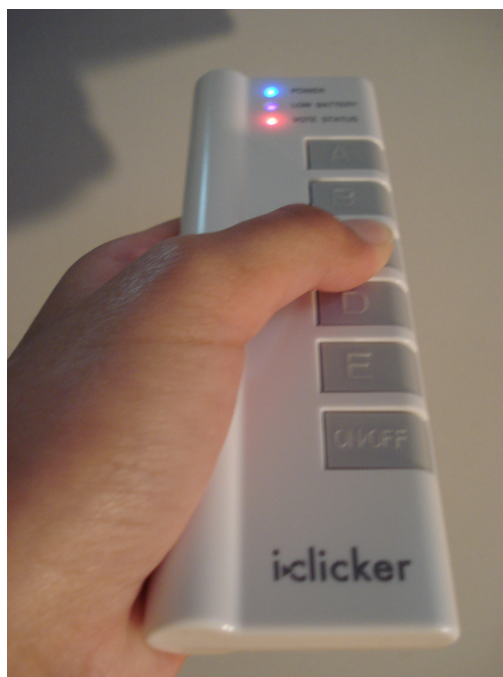
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1	1981	Haemocyanins; Nuclear envelope and nuclear pore complex; Intermediate filaments; Protein synthesis in prokaryotes and eukaryotes; Glycoproteins; Coated vesicles; Cilia and flagella
2	1982	Multienzyme complexes; Nonenzymic proteins; Bacterial appendages; Plasma lipoproteins; Fibrous proteins of connective tissue; HREM of unstained, hydrated protein crystals; Specialized membranes
3	1982	Algal cell walls; Bacterial cell walls and membranes; Chromatin and chromosomal proteins; Extracellular haemoglobins/chlorocruorins of annelids; Amyloid; Tubulin & tubulin associated proteins
4	1983	Actin and thin filaments; Myosin molecules, thick filaments and the actin-myosin complex; Erythrocyte membrane proteins; Plasma membrane intercellular junctions
5	1986	Bacteriophage T7; Bacteriophage morphogenesis; Crystalline arrays of adenovirus and their components; Influenza virus; Filamentous plant viruses; Human hepatitis viruses; Reoviruses; Immunoelectron microscopy of extracts of virus-infected plants; Structure and assembly of herpesviruses
6	1987	Freeze fracture of integral membrane proteins; Plasma membrane and cell wall of yeast; Microvillar membrane hydrolases of small intestine; Bacterial surface layers; Photosynthetic membranes and membrane proteins; Phycobilisomes and thylakoids; Sarcoplasmic reticulum

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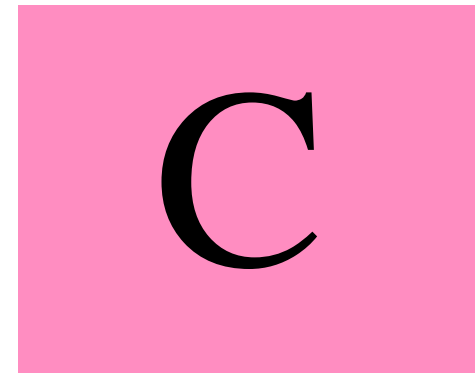
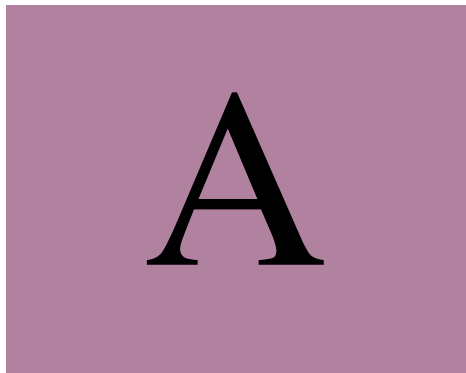
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- “Bottom Line” (*will be posted on Web*)
- “*p-Flasher*” (substitute for *i-Clickers*: please bring to every lecture)

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p-Flasher

(AKA the 'poor man's' low-tech substitute)



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LECTURES

- Concentrate on **key concepts**
- Get details from **notes** and **supplementary reading**
- Images, images, images!!!

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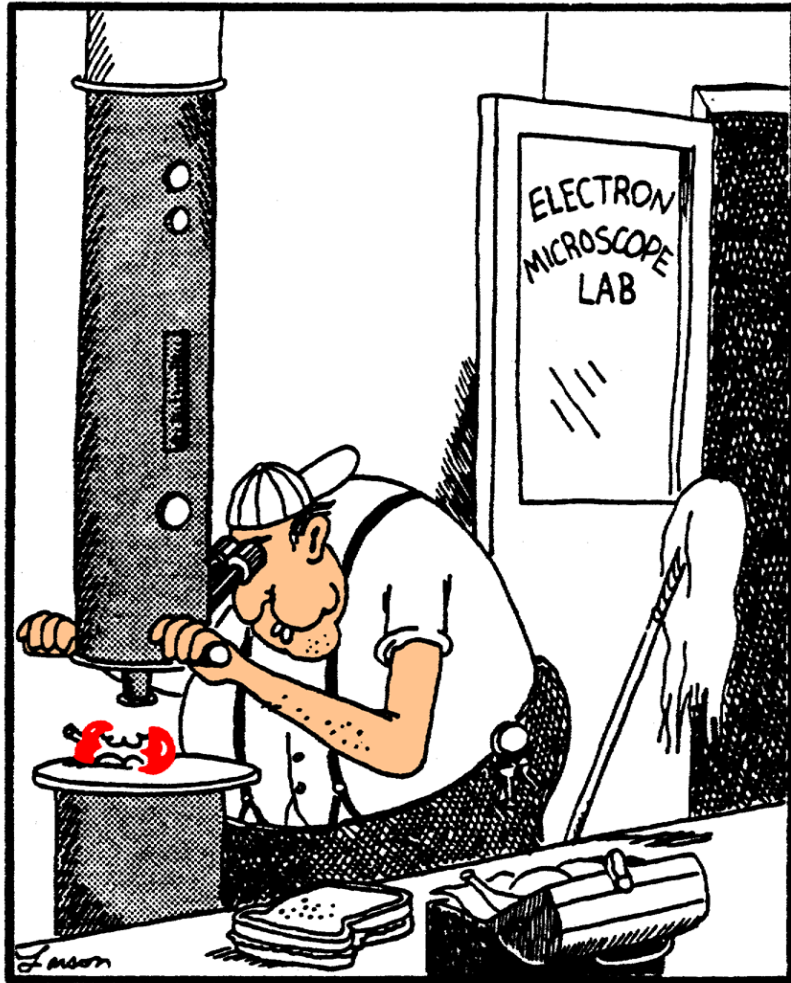
- SEM (Scanning Electron Microscopy)
- STEM (Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy)
- AFM (Atomic Force Microscopy)
- STM (Scanning Tunneling Microscopy)
- SPM (Scanning Probe Microscopy)
- LM (Light Microscopy - or any related version)

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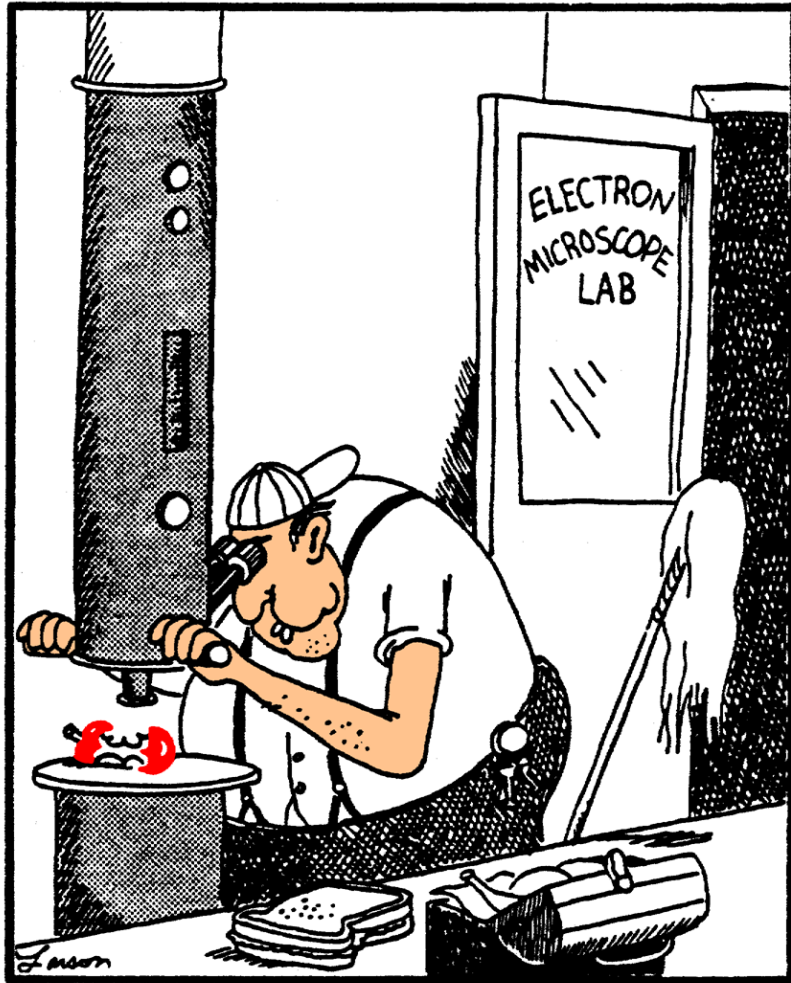
- TEM (Transmission Electron Microscopy)

Sounds simple, right?



BASIC DESIRES (of any microscopist)

- See **magnified view** of object details
- Need **optical instrument** to get REALLY REALLY 'close' to object
- Need to **form AND record images**
- **TEM** specimens need **special preparation** for observation in 'harsh' environment
- Need **theoretical** and **practical** training to become a proficient 'expert'



TOPICS

- Principles of TEM
 - Electrons, lenses, and optics
- Design of TEM
 - Components top to bottom
- Contrast and image formation
 - Electron scattering from object
- Optimizing TEM performance
 - Alignment assures 'best' images
- Operation of TEM
 - "What do all these buttons do?"
- Other modes of TEM
 - Many ways to 'observe' specimens
- Specimen preparation for TEM
 - Getting the specimen ready
- Radiation damage
 - Less is better
- 3D reconstruction
 - Specimen 3D structure from 2D images

A few loose ends



- Lectures start promptly at 8:00 AM
- Equations: not necessary to memorize!
You **do** need to understand them
- Practice questions often posted before 8 AM
(some may appear on exams)

And then there is always...



...and other devices

TRIVIAL BUT IMPORTANT

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1 nanometer = 1 billionth of a meter

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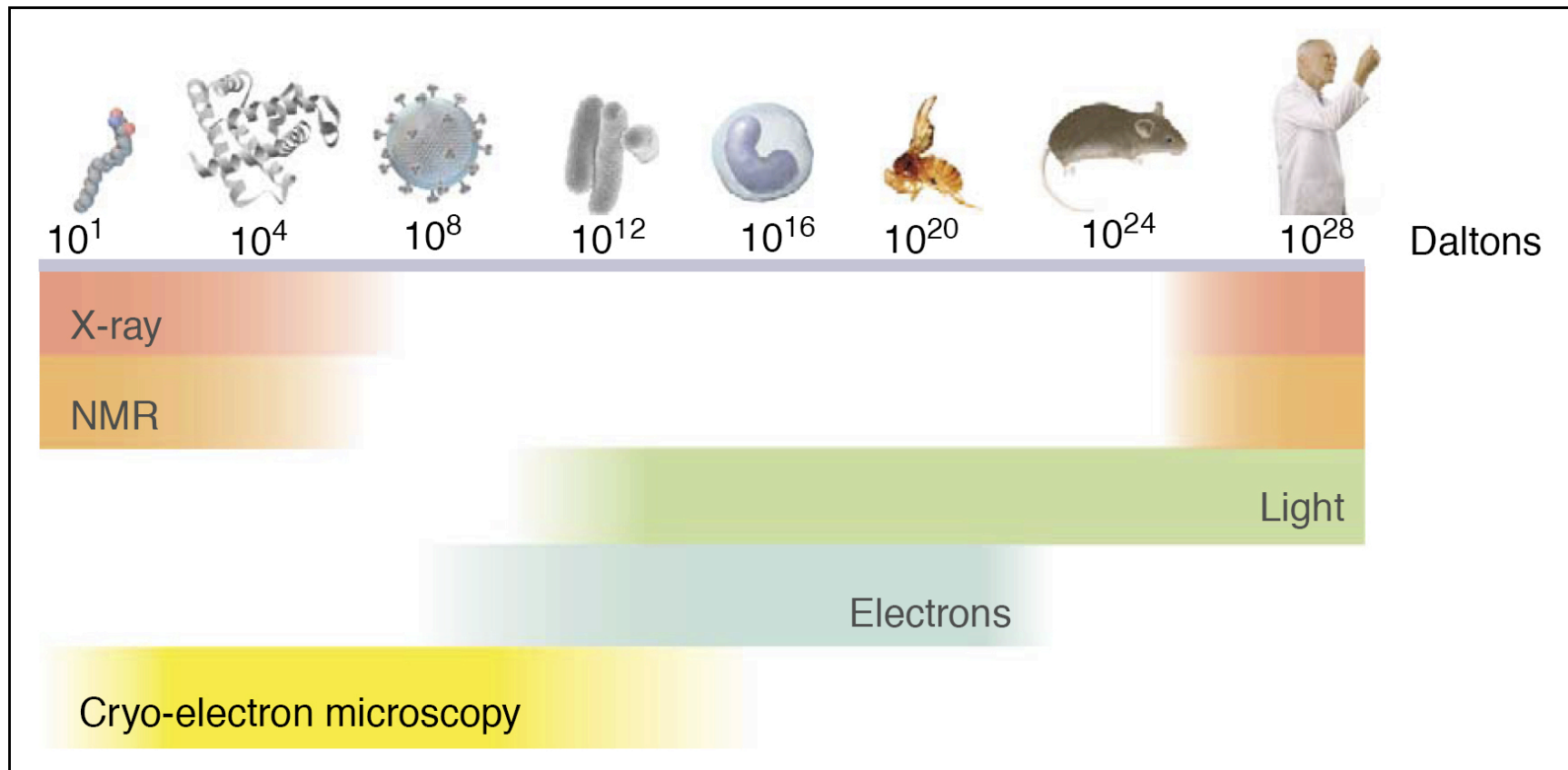
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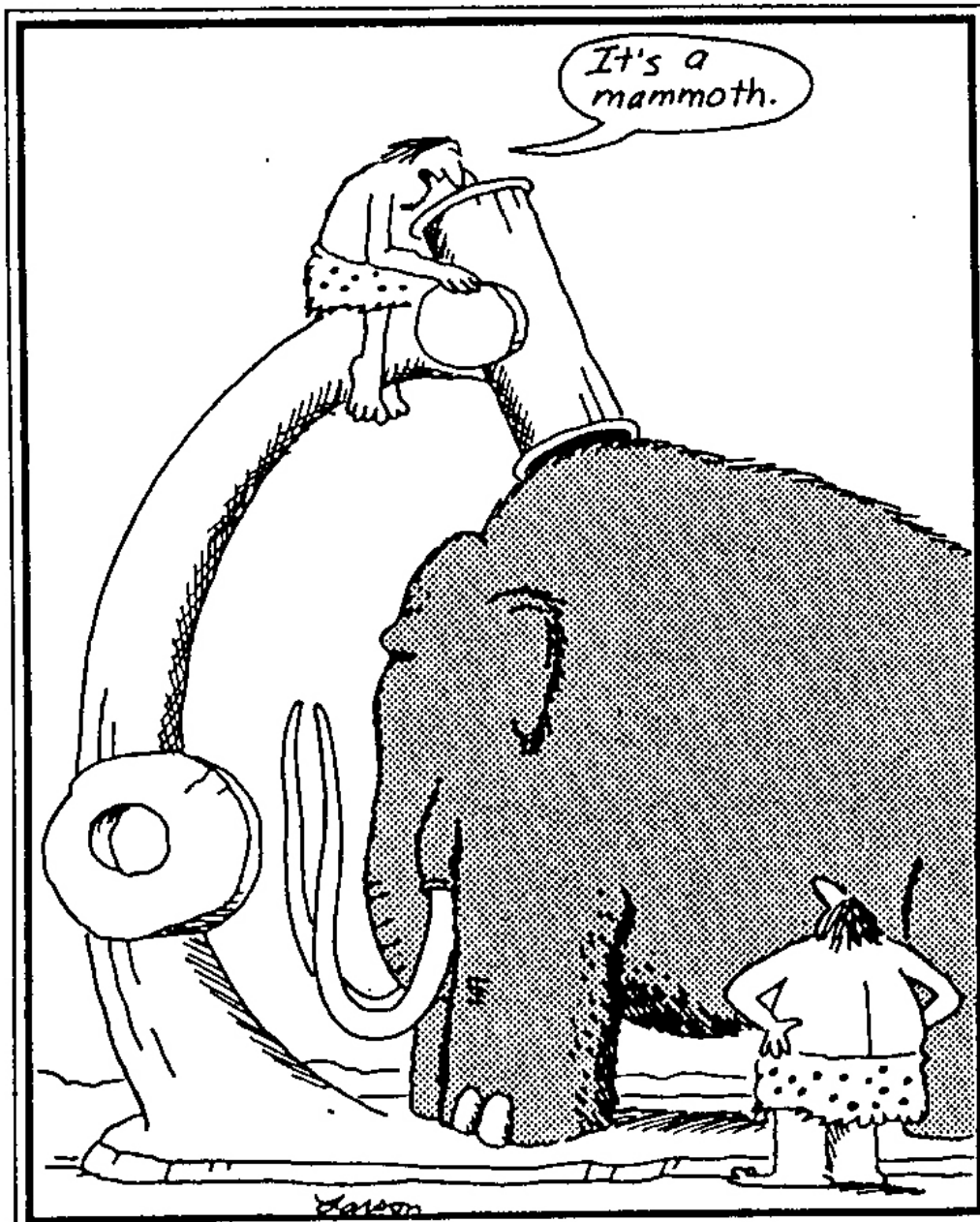
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Scale of Biological Structures





Early microscope

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^0
1X



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Light microscope

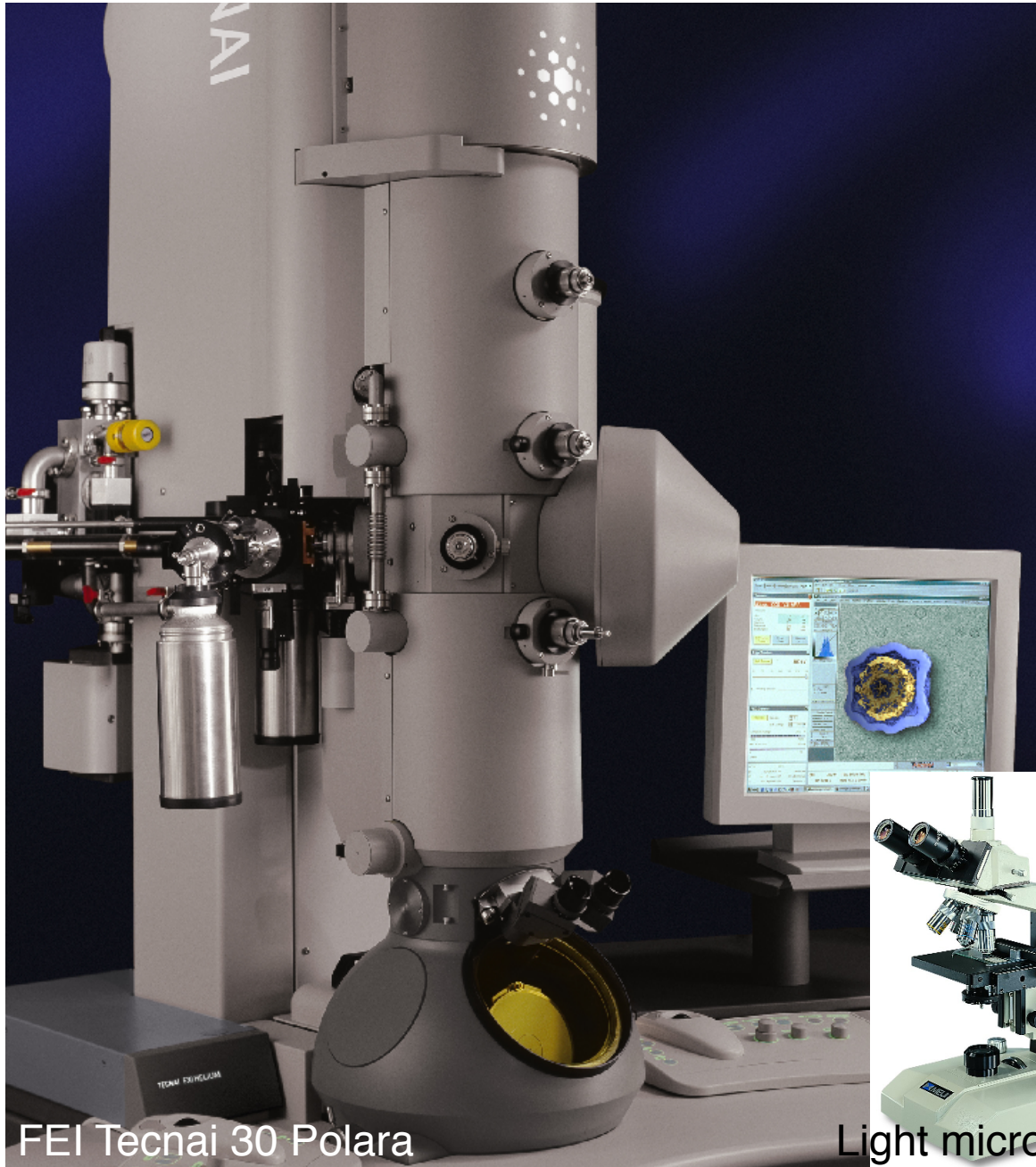


Four happy men

1 meter

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^1
2X

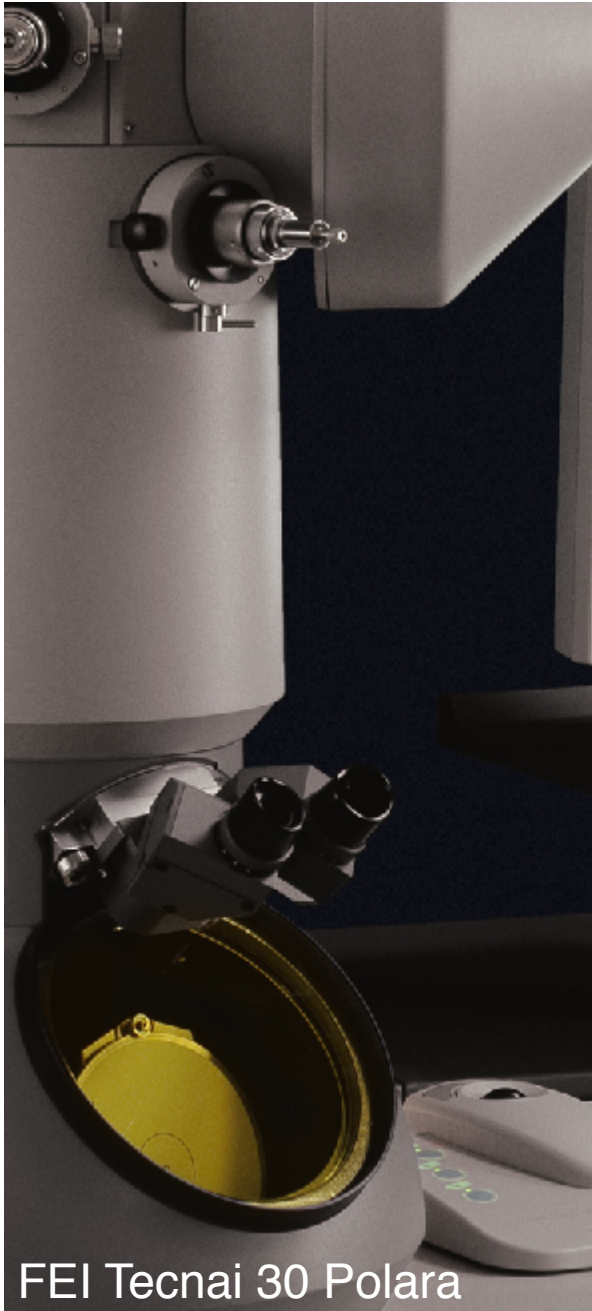


One man

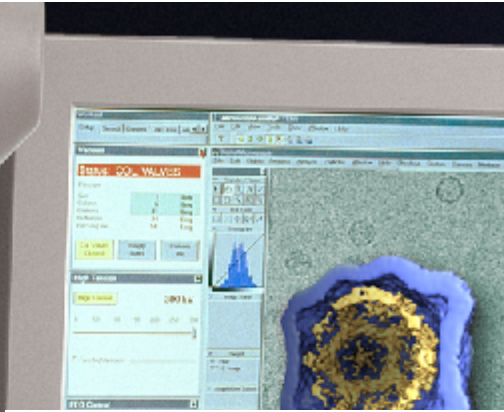
500 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^2
4X



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Light microscope



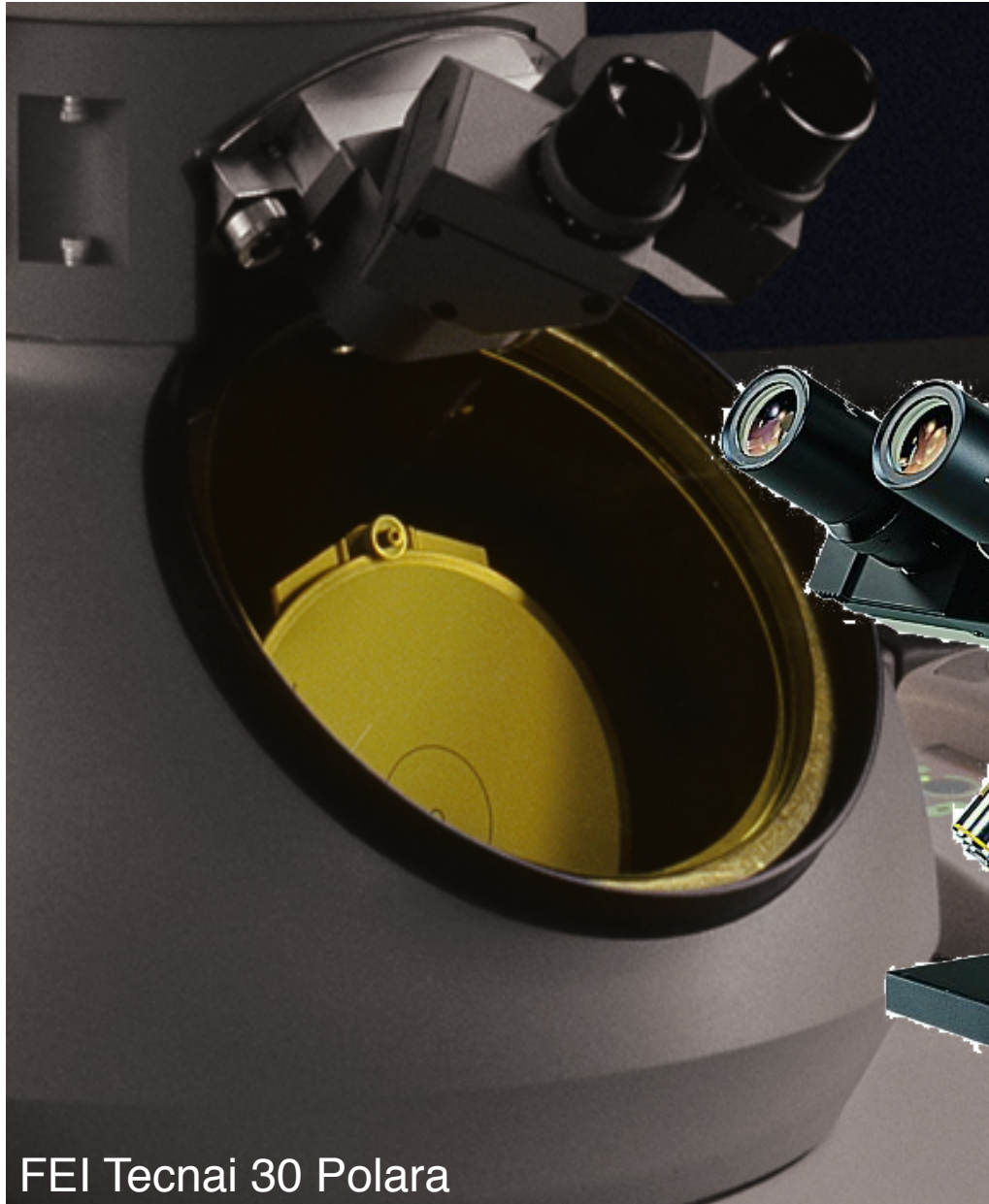
One man



200 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^3
8X



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One man



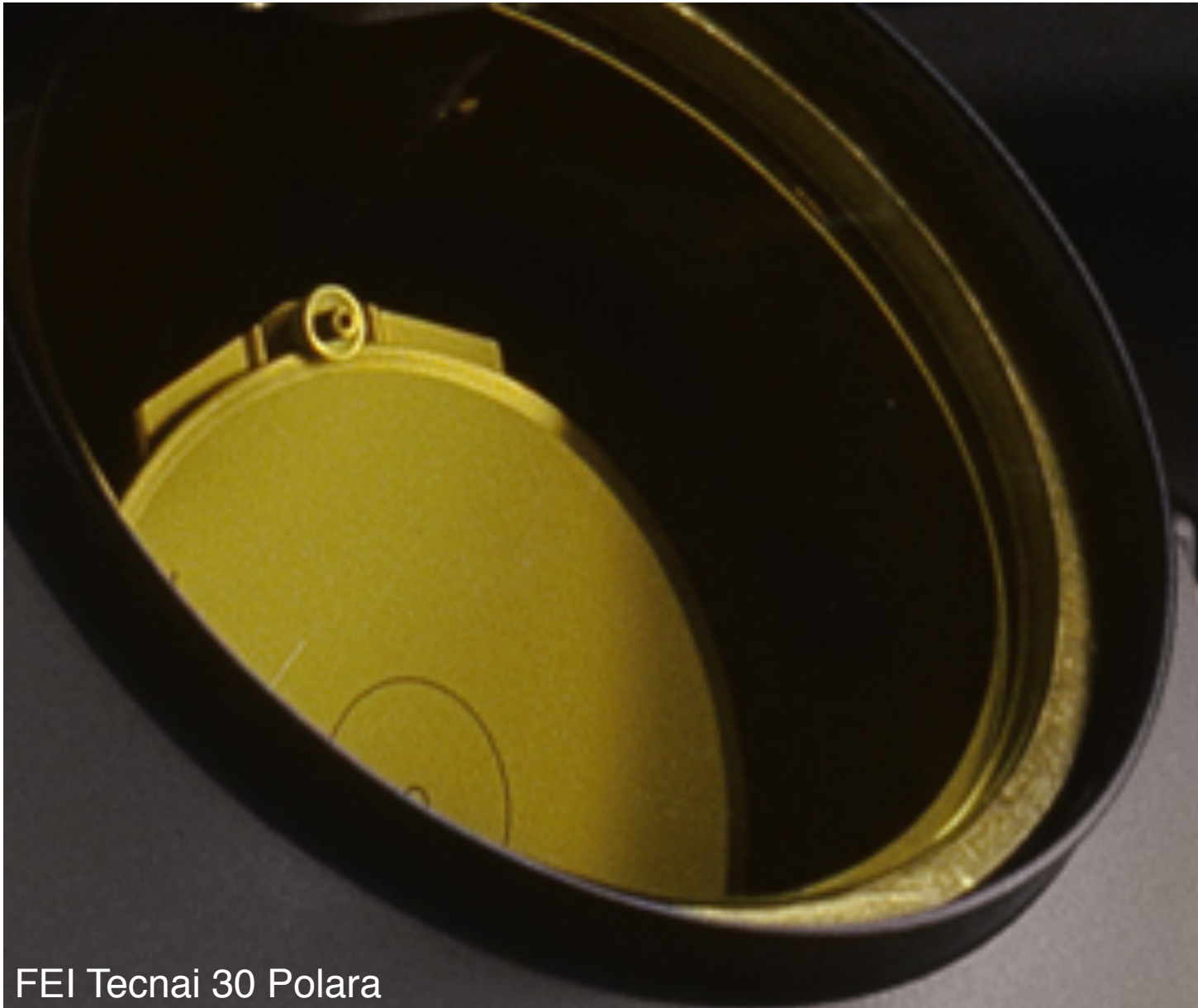
Quarter



100 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^4
16X



Quarter

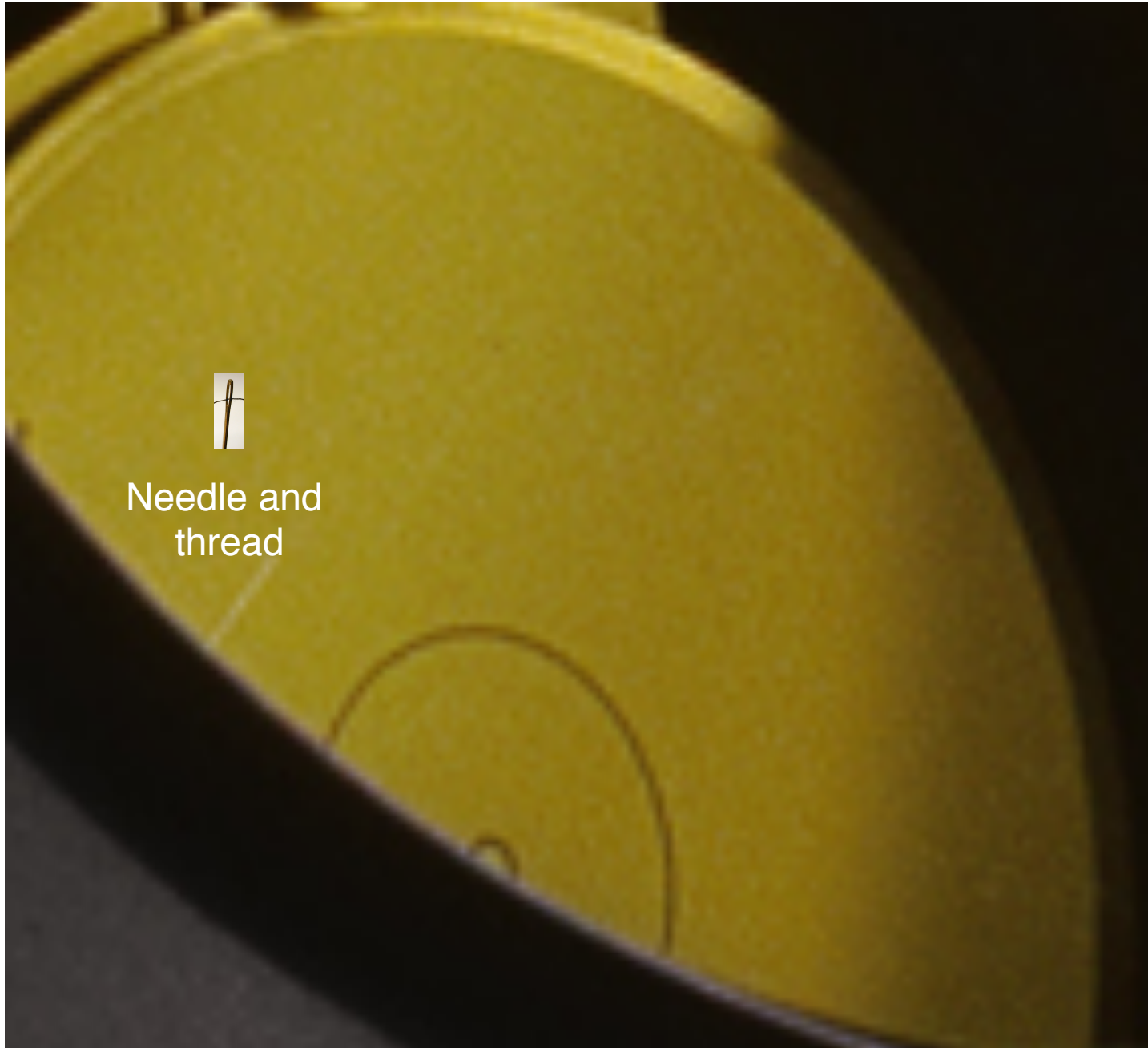


House fly

50 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^5
32X



Needle and
thread



Quarter



House fly

20 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^6
64X



Needle and
thread



House fly

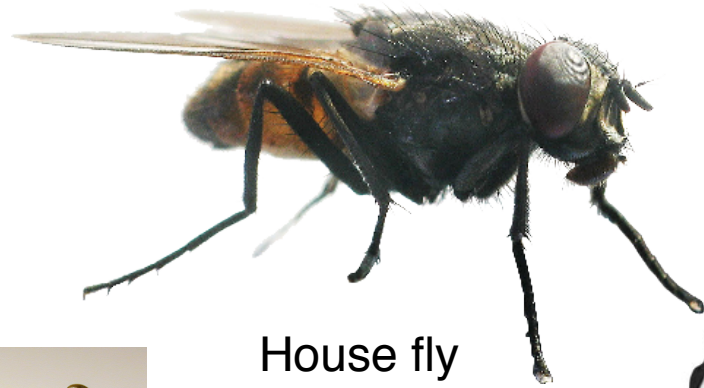


Quarter

10 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^7
128X



House fly



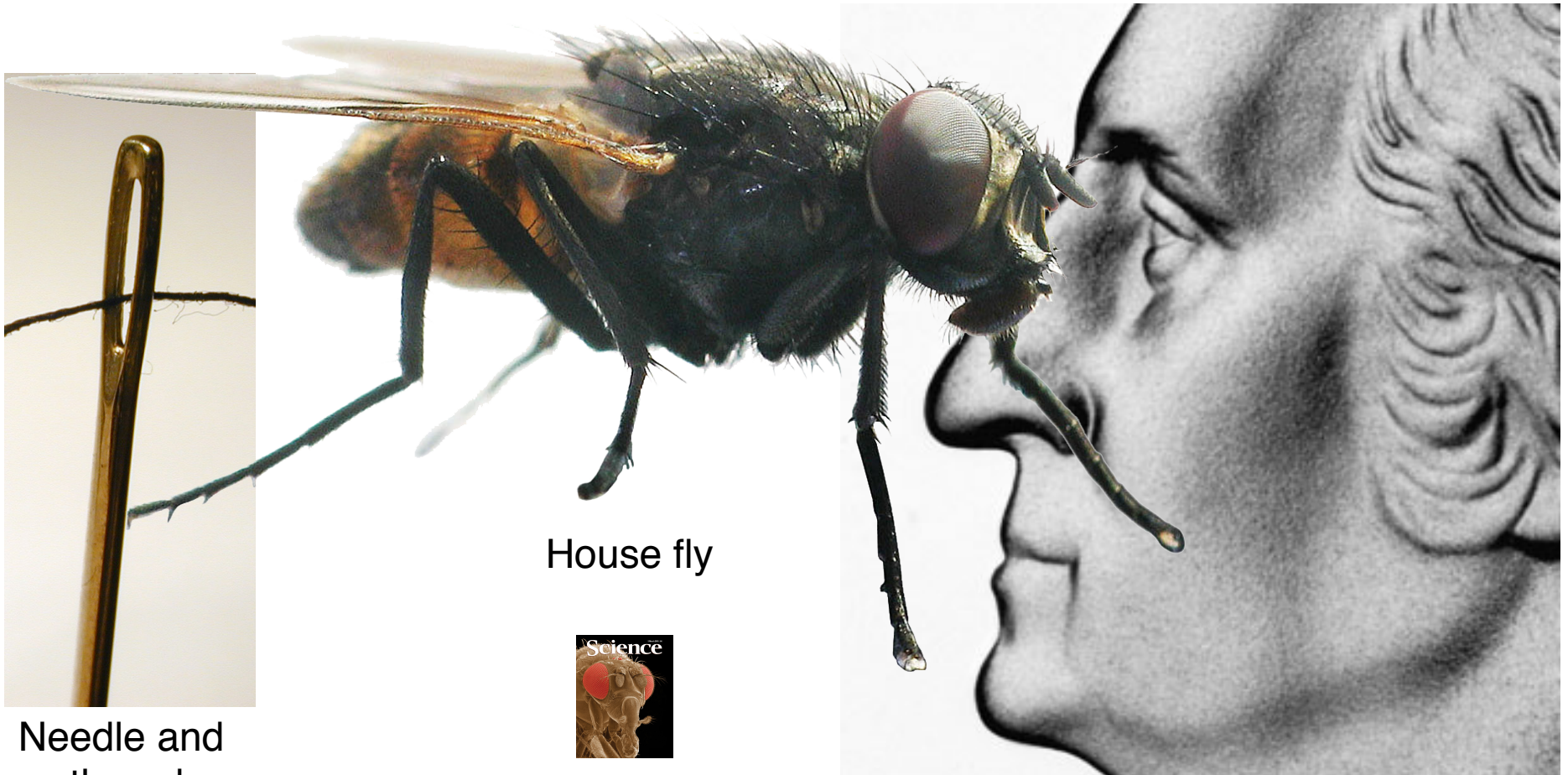
Needle and
thread



5.0 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^8
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House fly



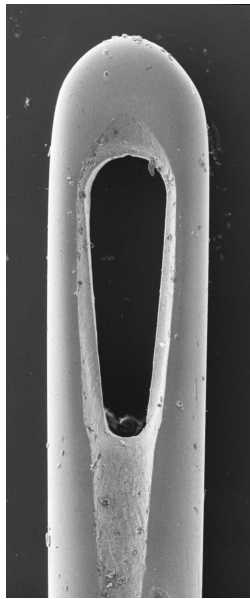
Drosophila

Needle and
thread

2.0 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^9
512X



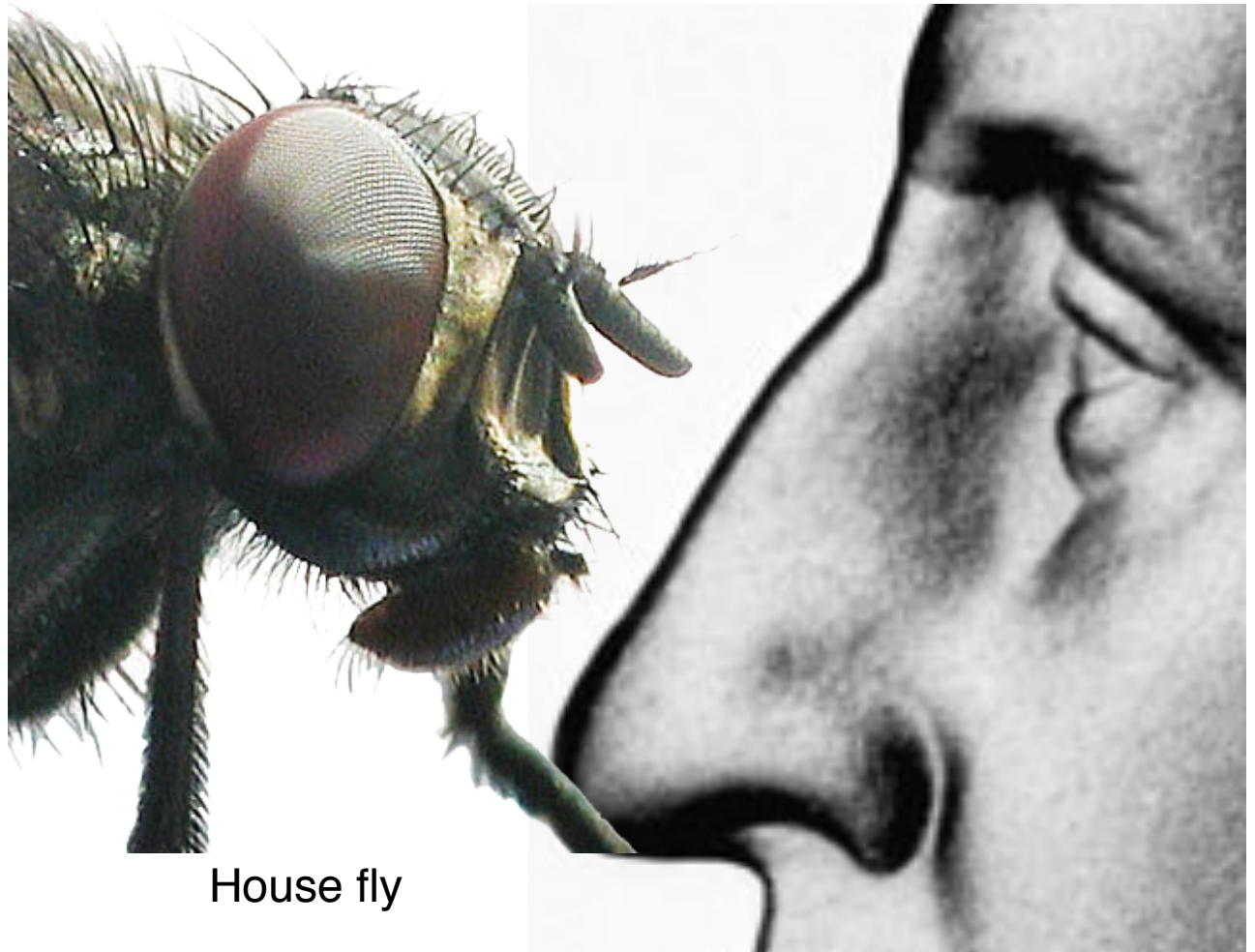
Eye of needle



Bed bug



Drosophila

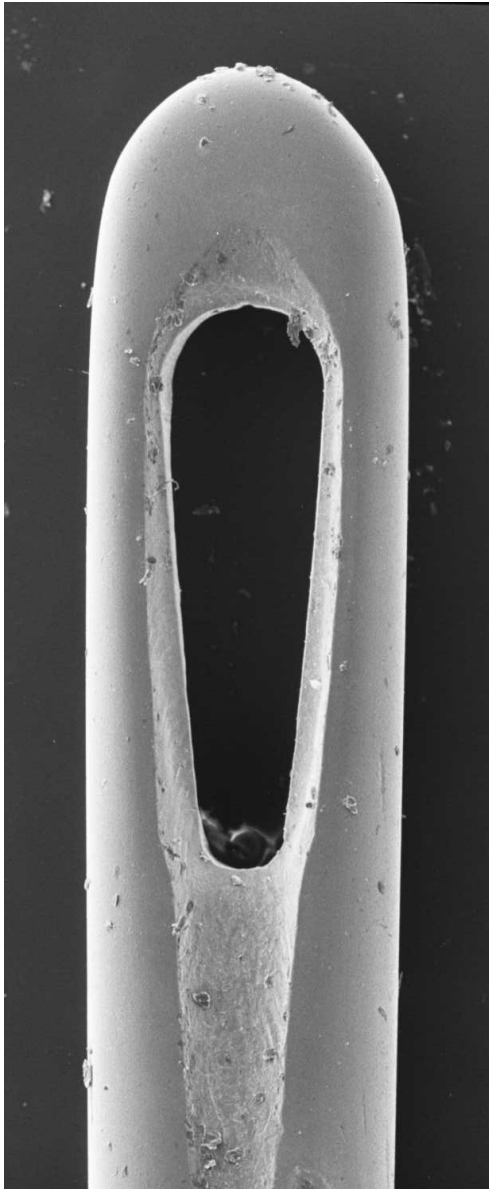


House fly

1.0 mm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{10}
1024X



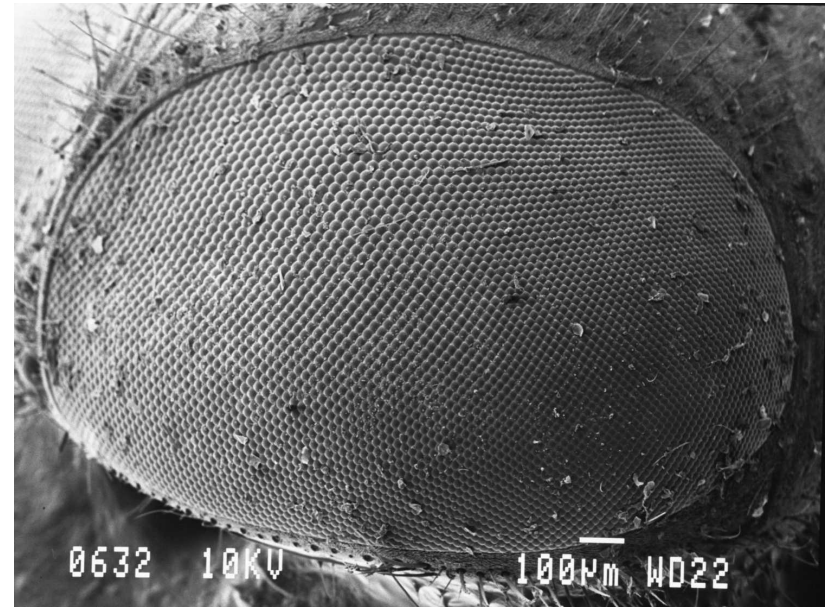
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Bed bug



Drosophila



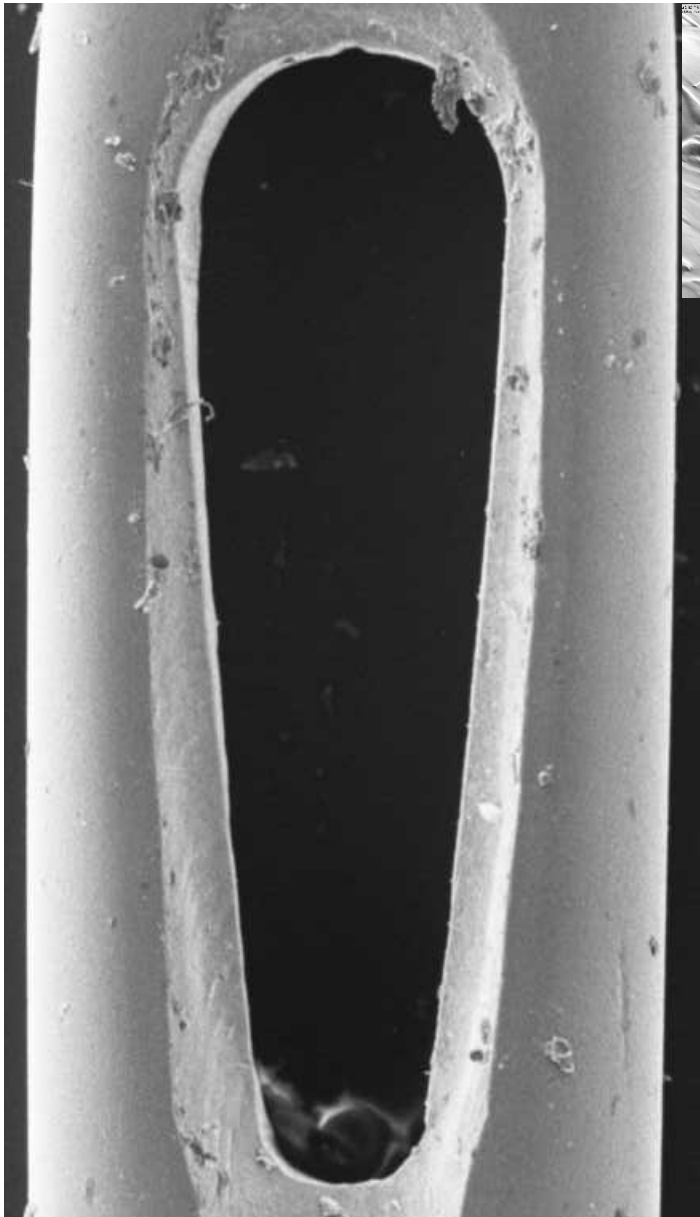
House fly eye



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How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{11}
2048X



Eye of needle



Bed bug



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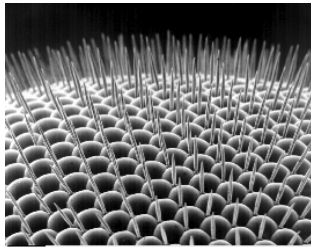
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How small are macromolecules?

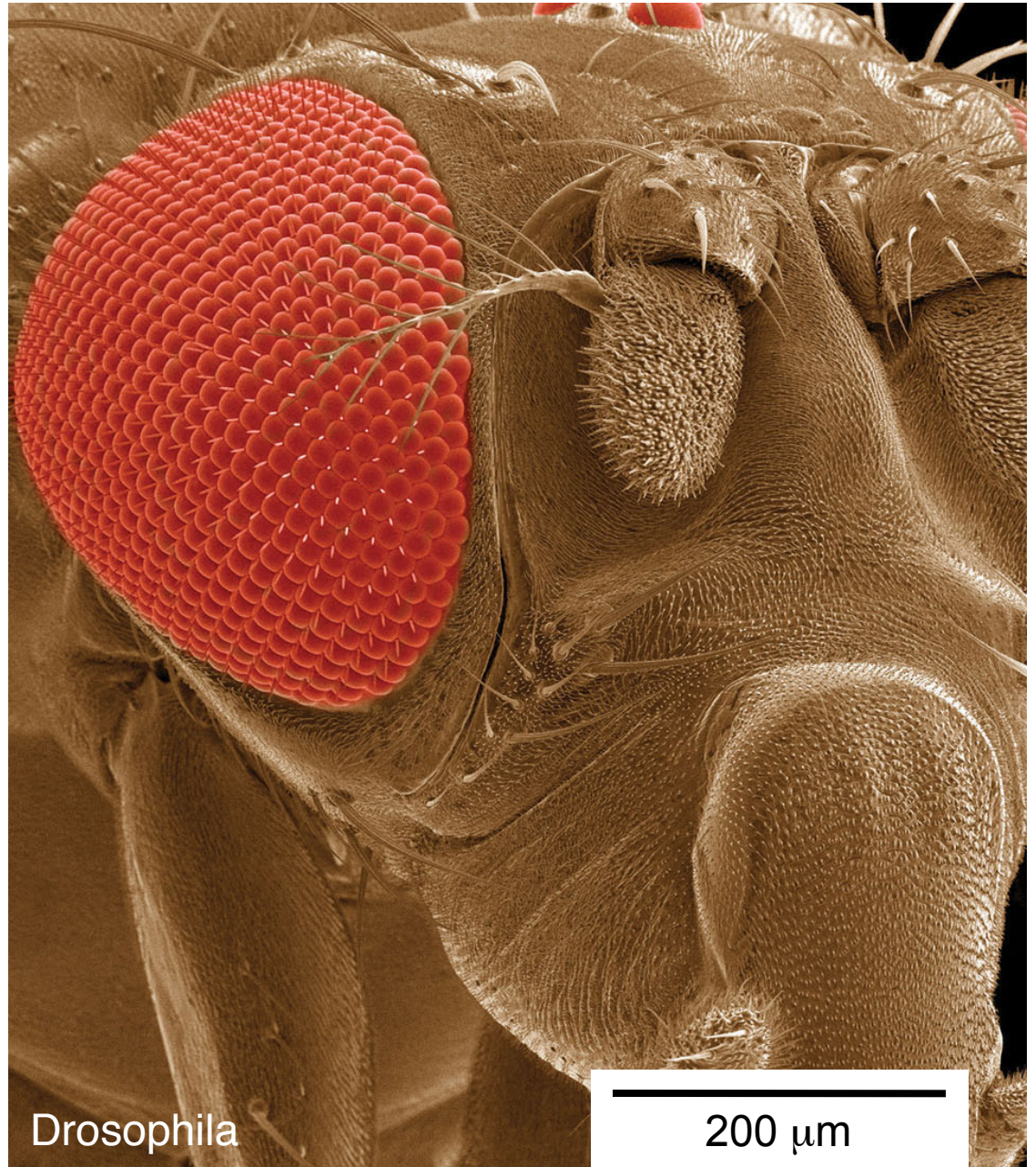
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Bed bug



Drosophila eye

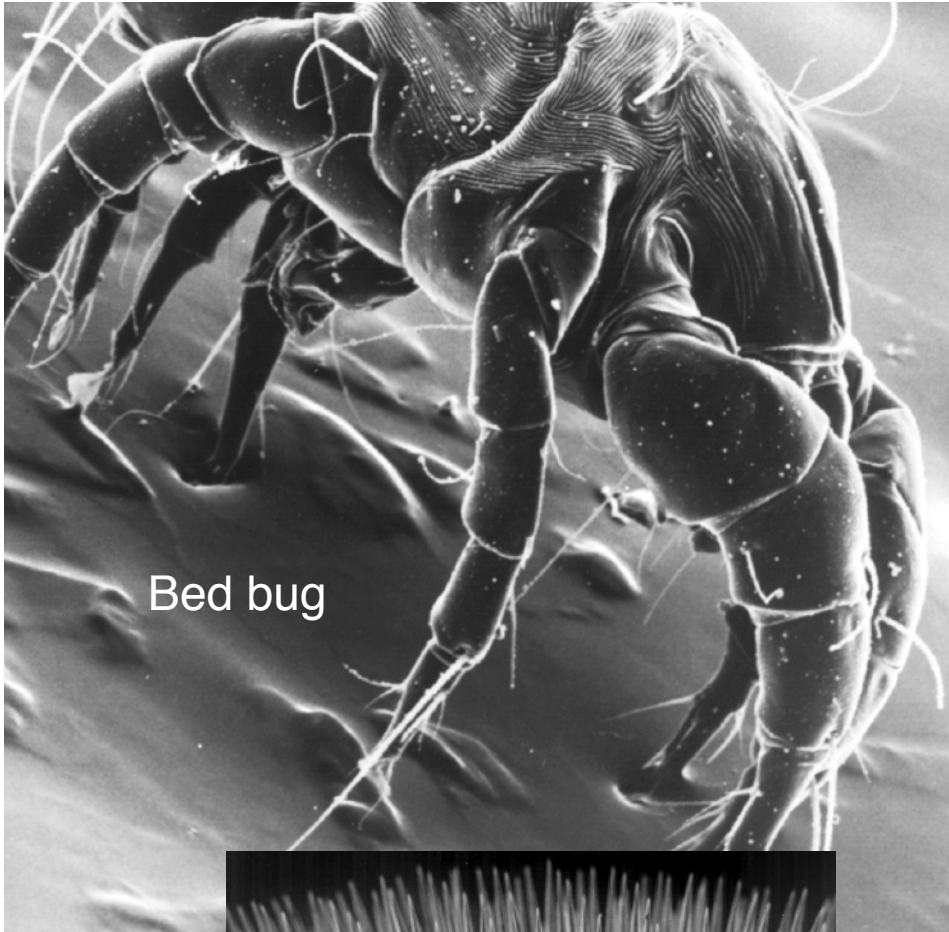


Drosophila

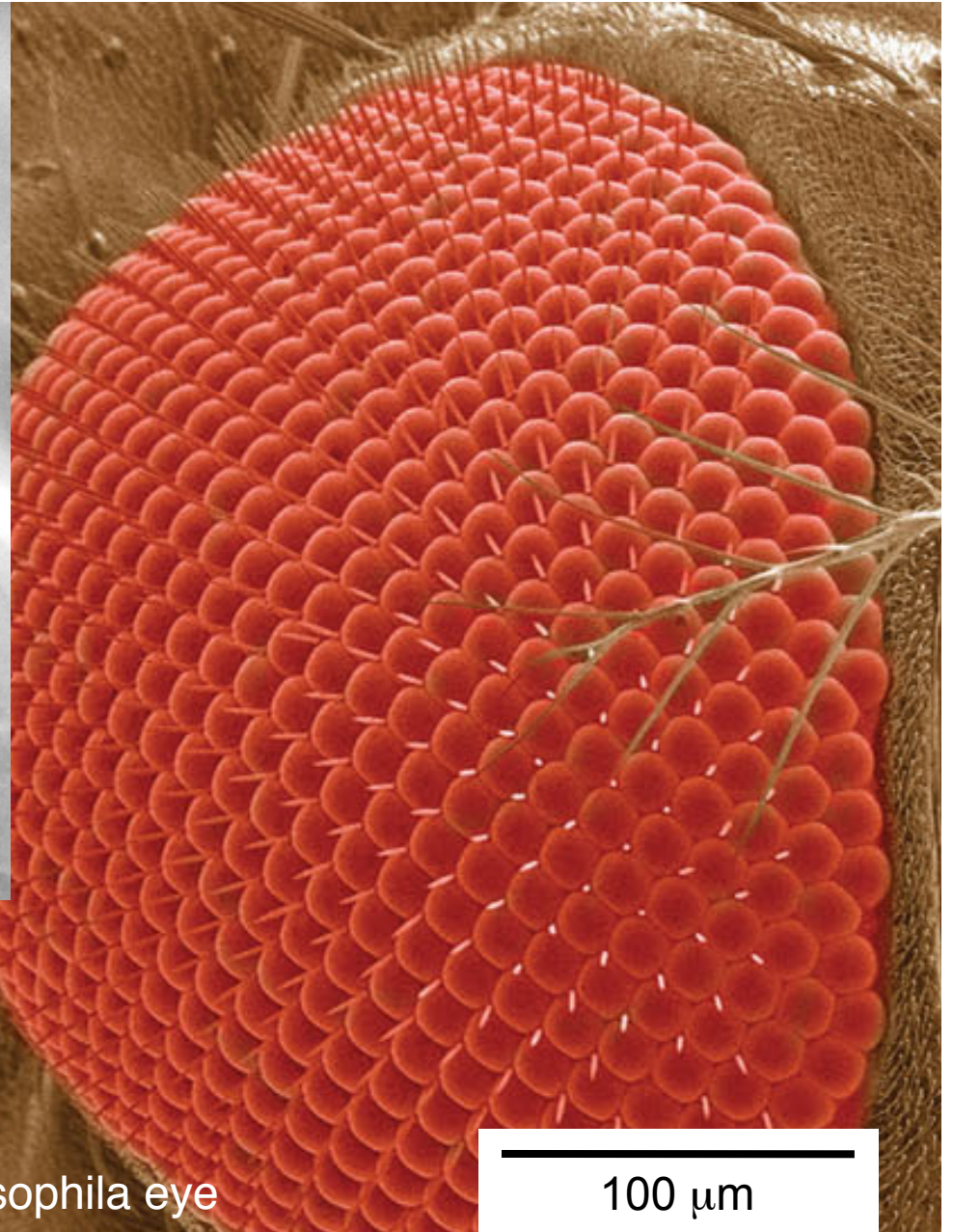
200 μm

How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{13}
8192X

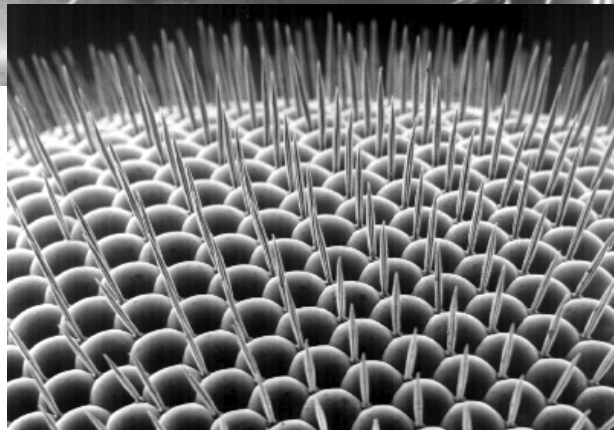


Bed bug



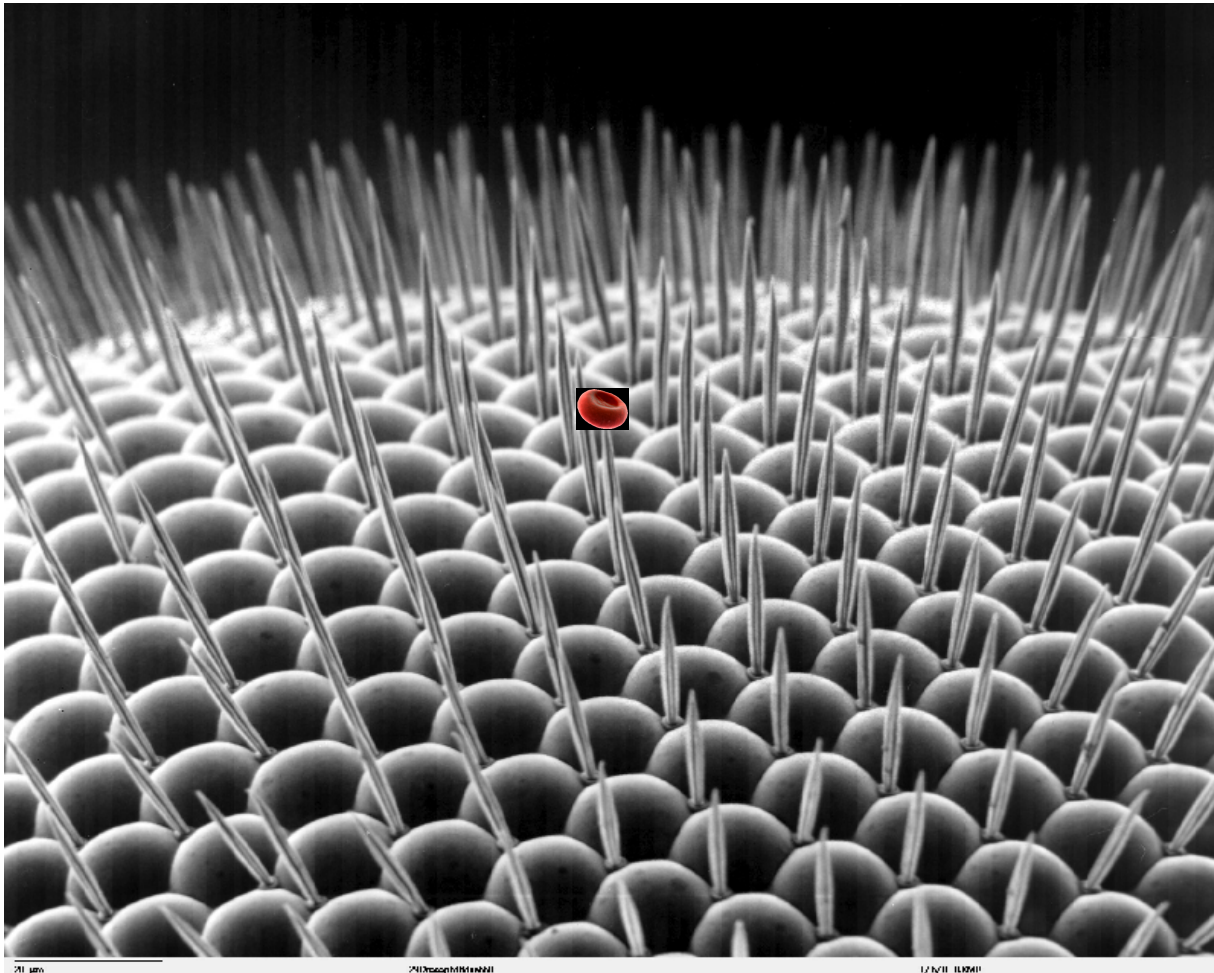
Drosophila eye

100 μm

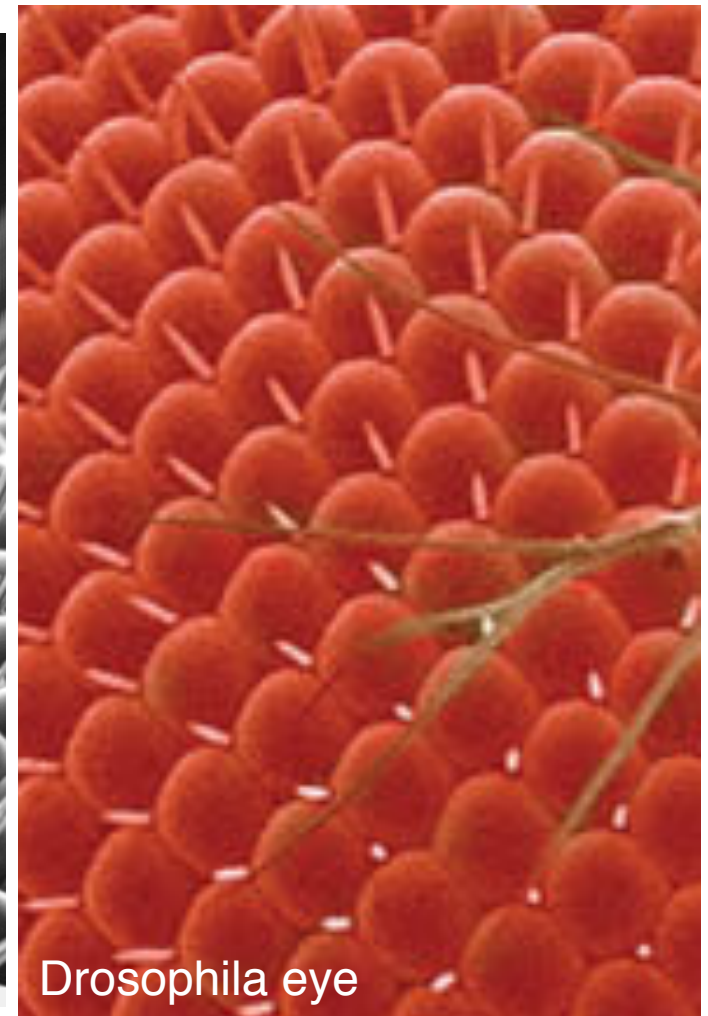


How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{14}
16,384X



Drosophila eye

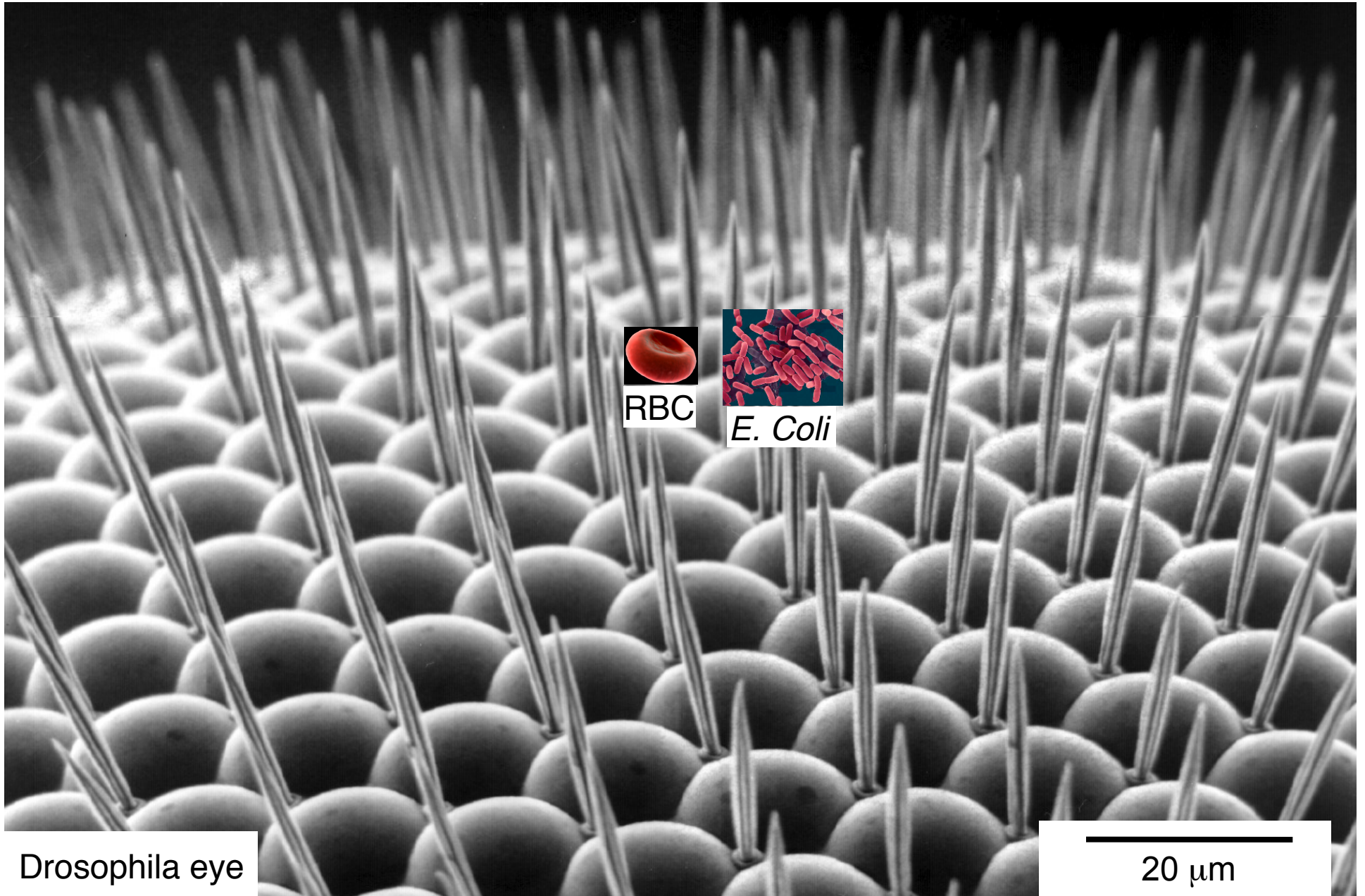


Drosophila eye

50 μm

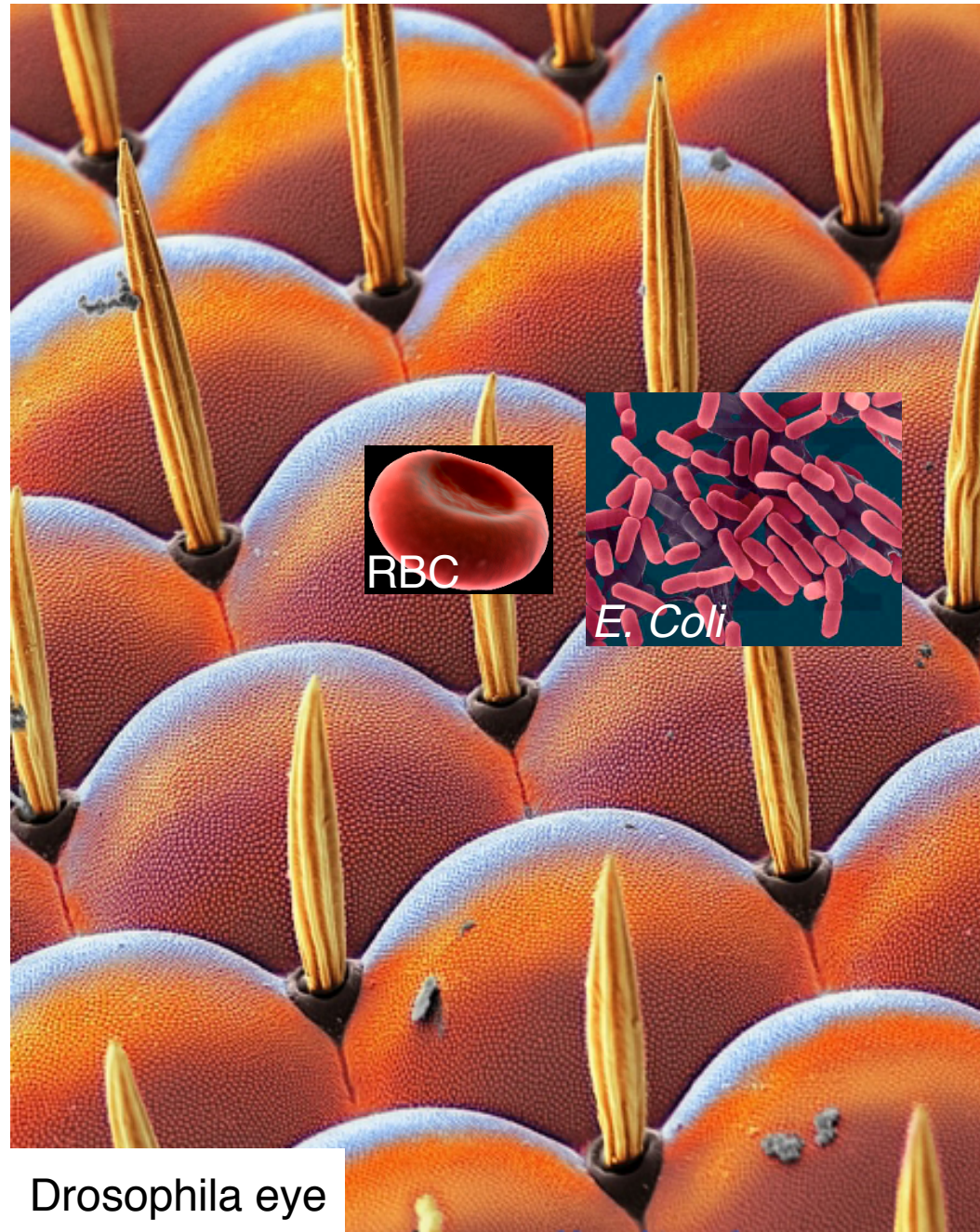
How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{15}
32,768X



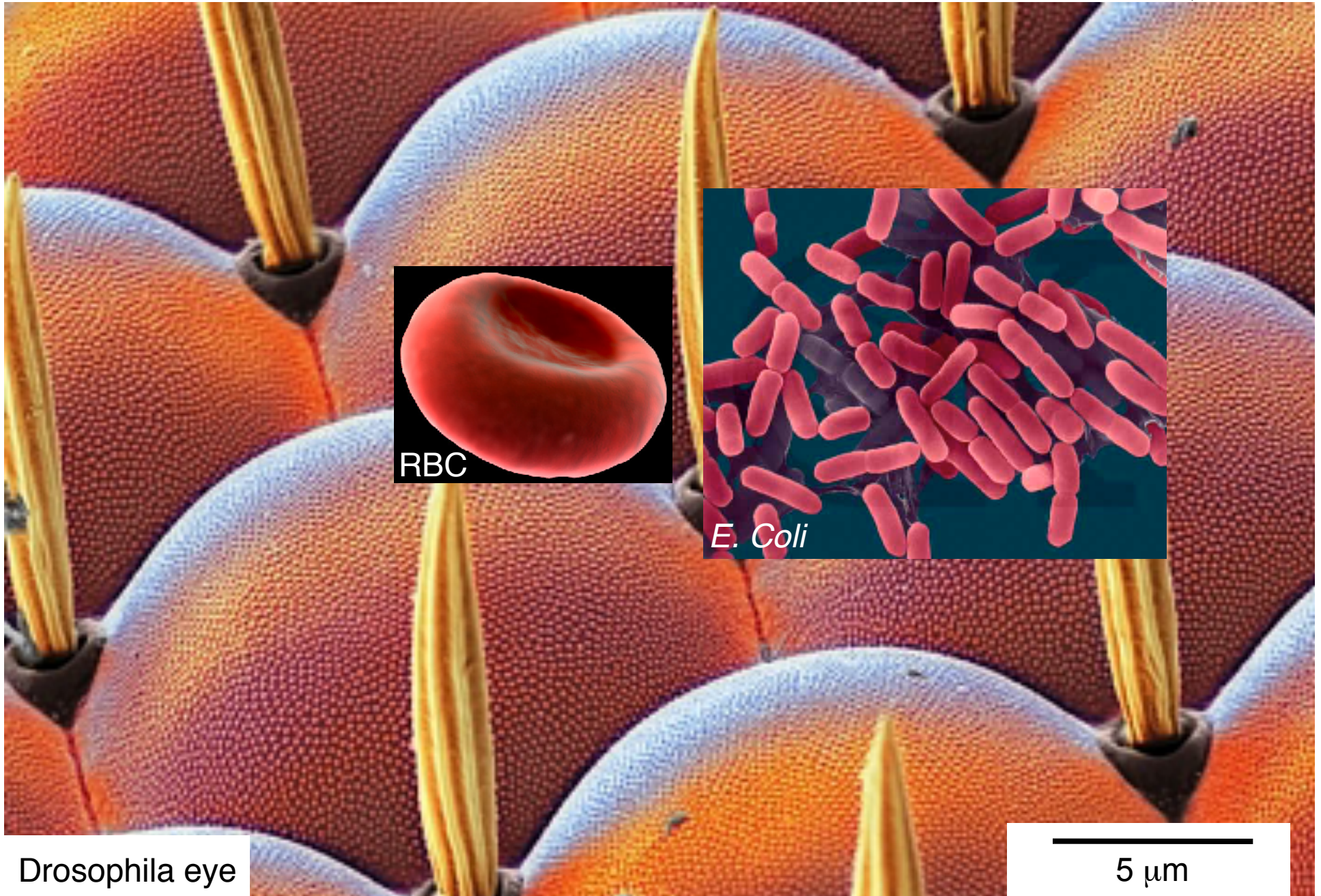
How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{16}
65,536X



How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{17}
131,072X



Drosophila eye

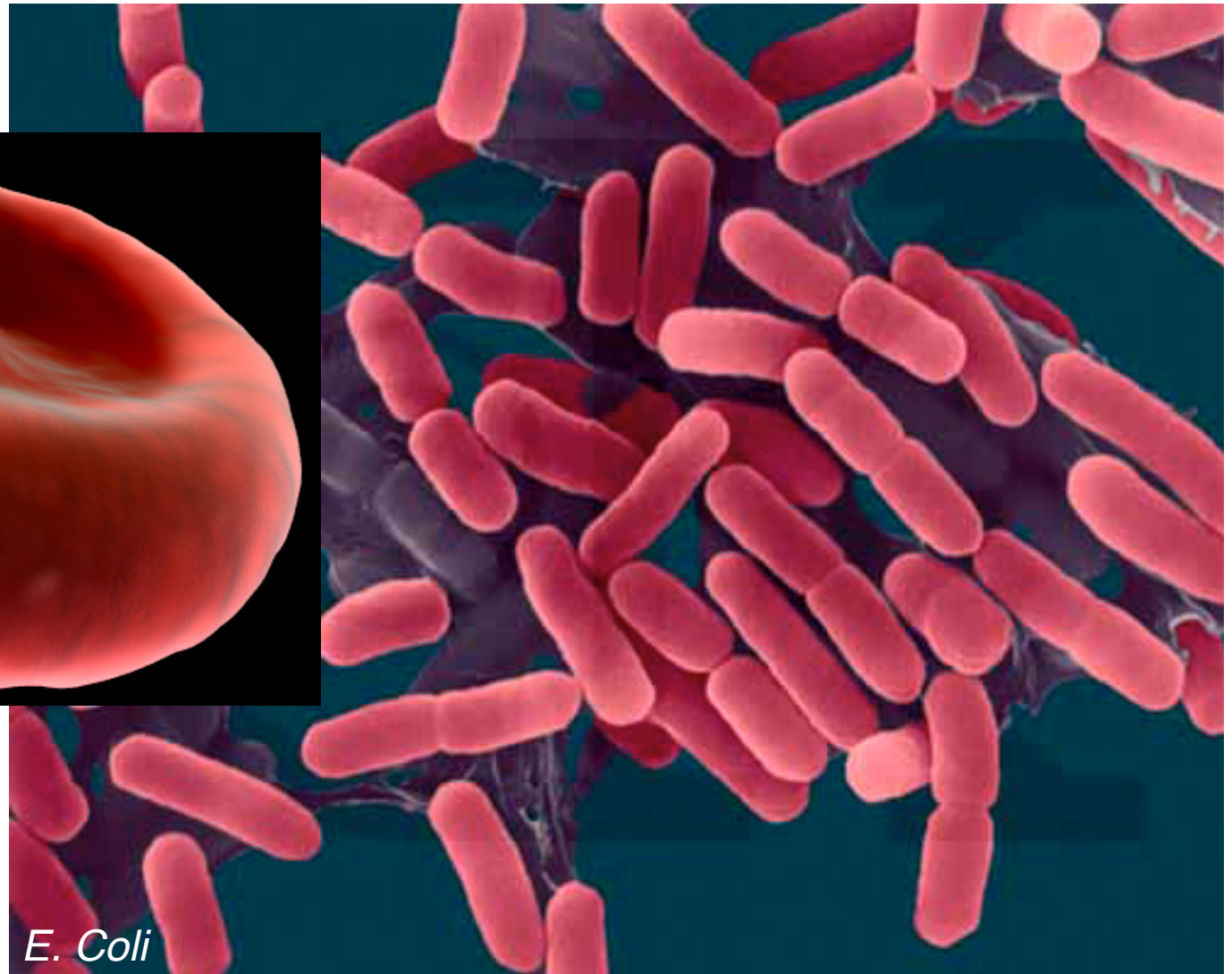
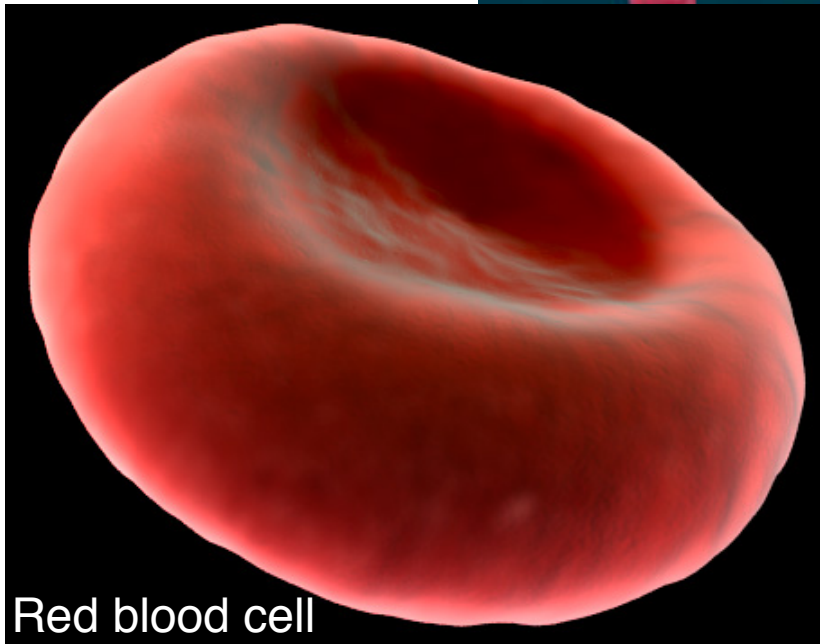
RBC

E. Coli

5 μm

How small are macromolecules?

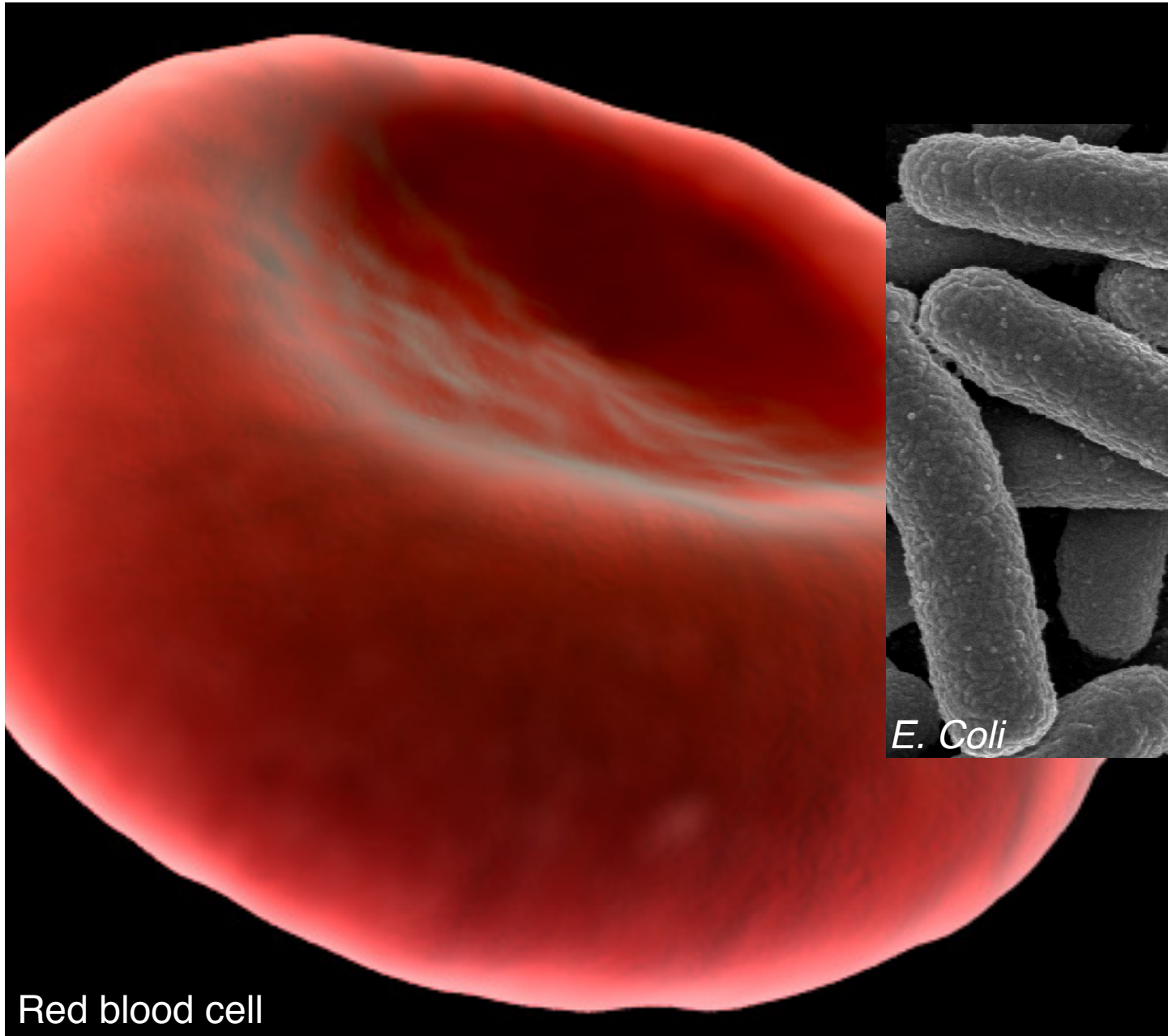
Scale: 2^{18}
262,144X



2.0 μm

How small are macromolecules?

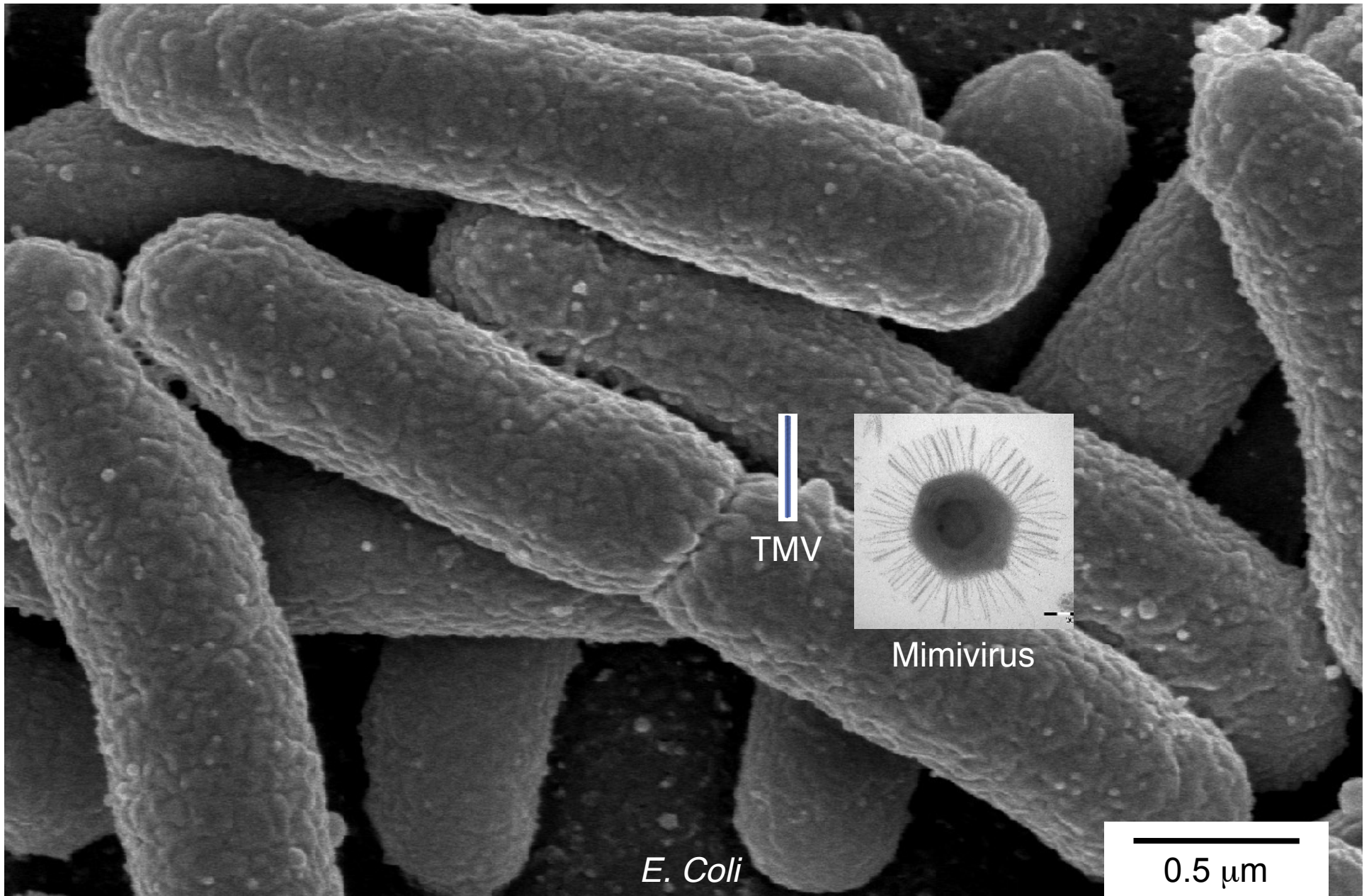
Scale: 2^{19}
524,288X



1.0 μm

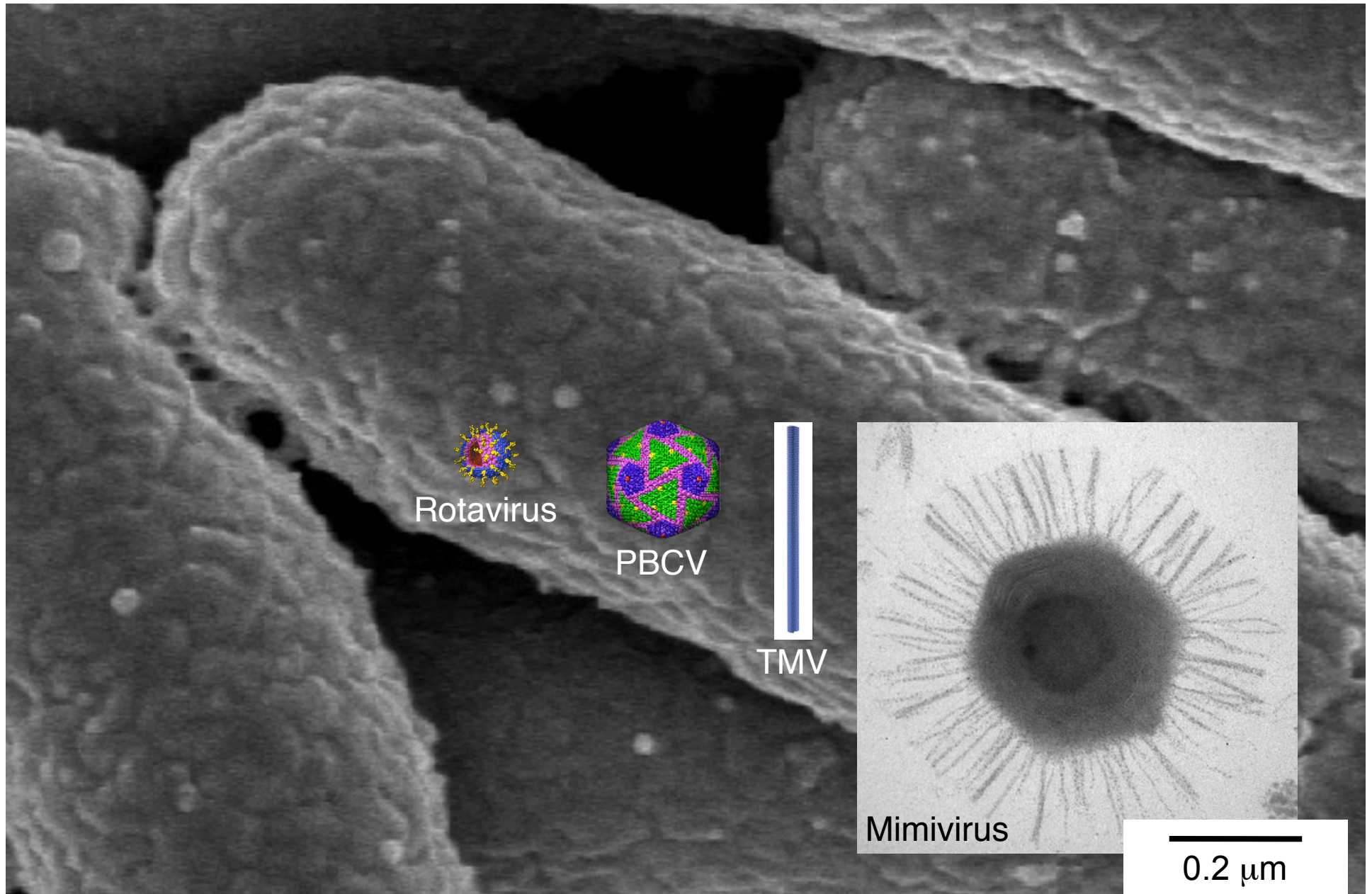
How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{20}
1,048,576X



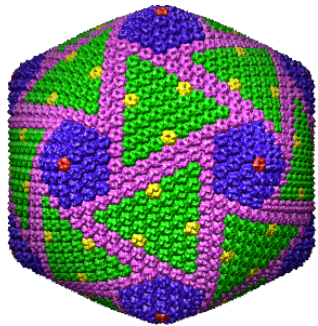
How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{21}
2,097,152X



How small are macromolecules?

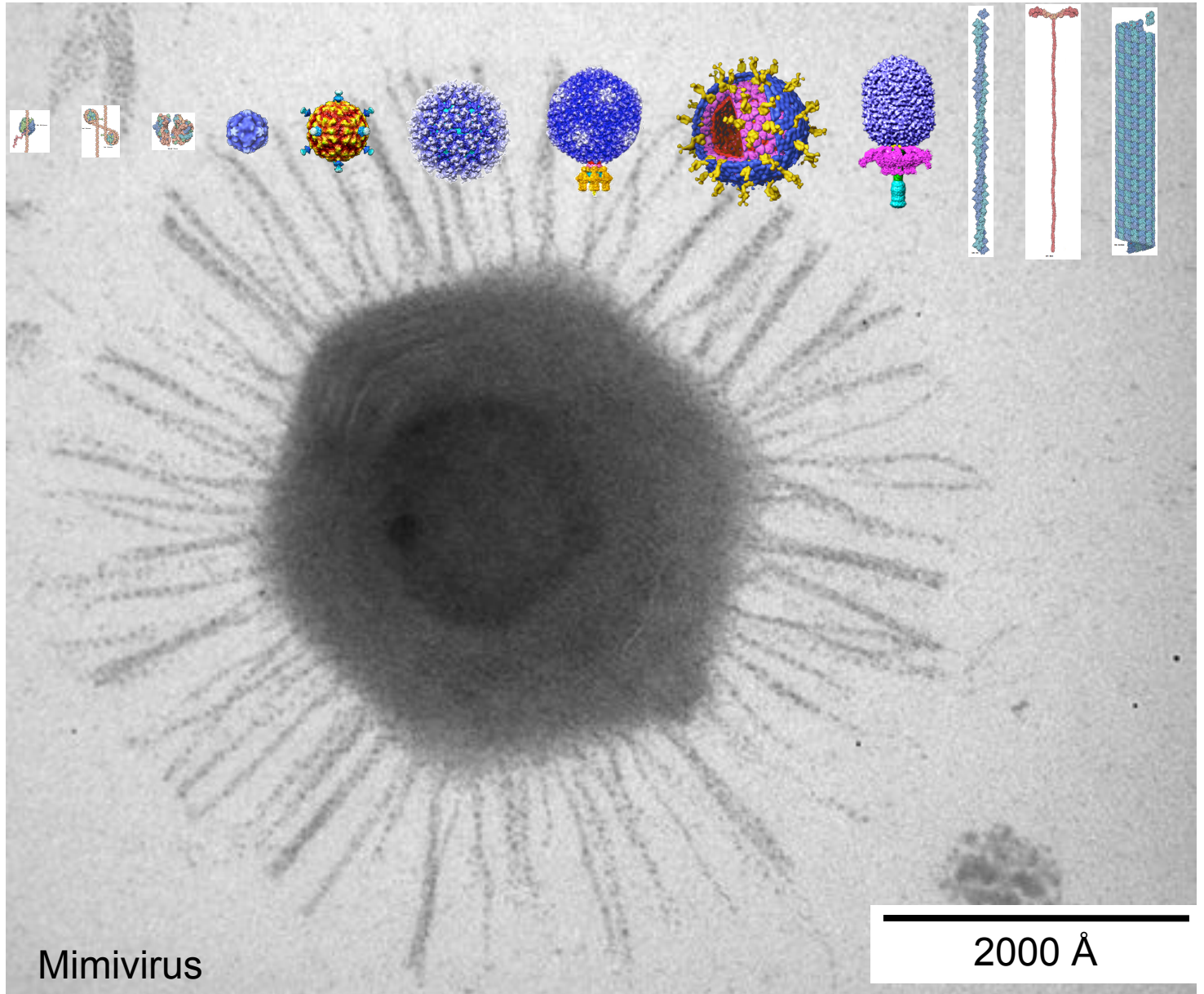
Scale: 2^{22}
4,194,304X



PBCV-1



TMV

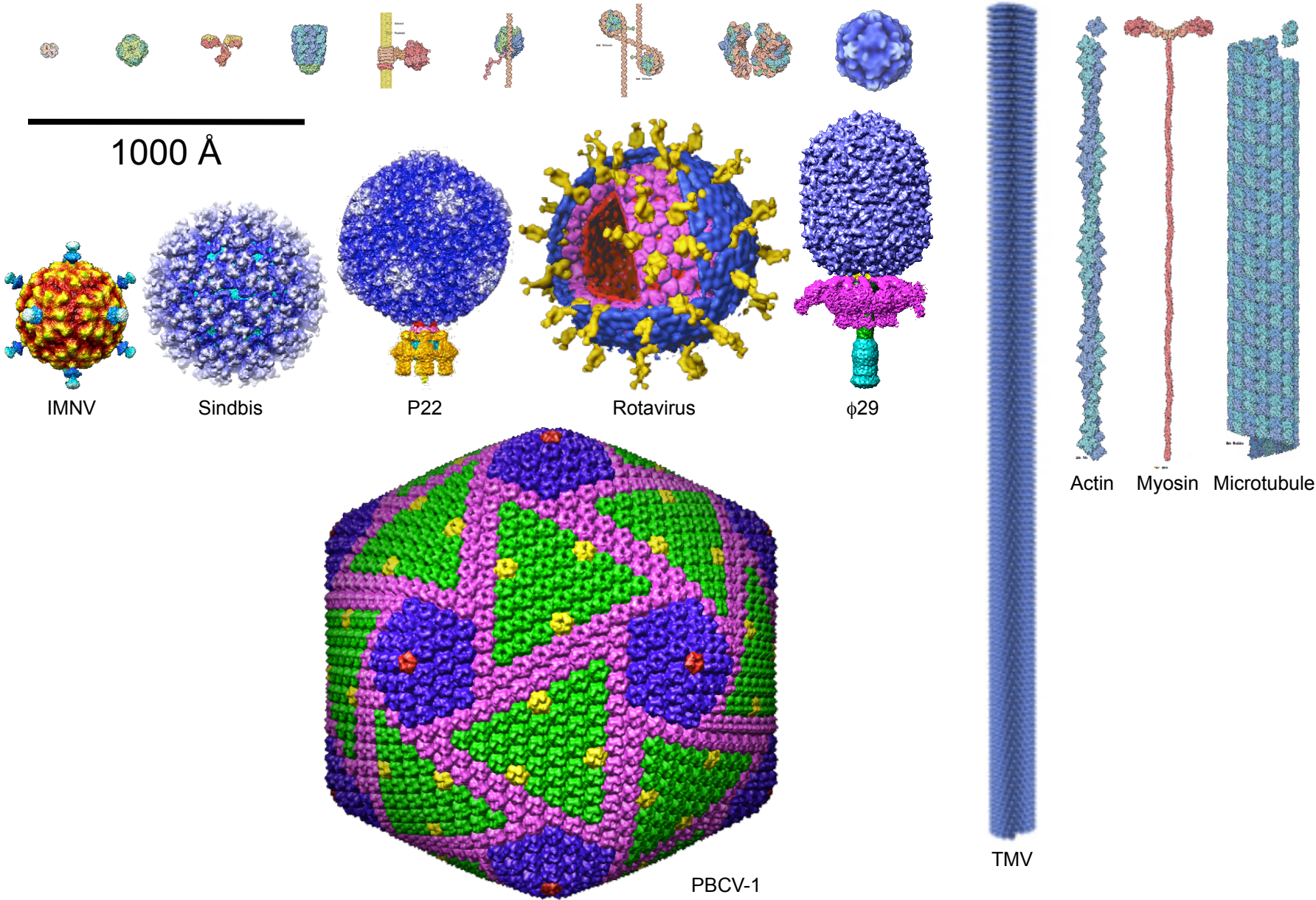


Mimivirus

2000 Å

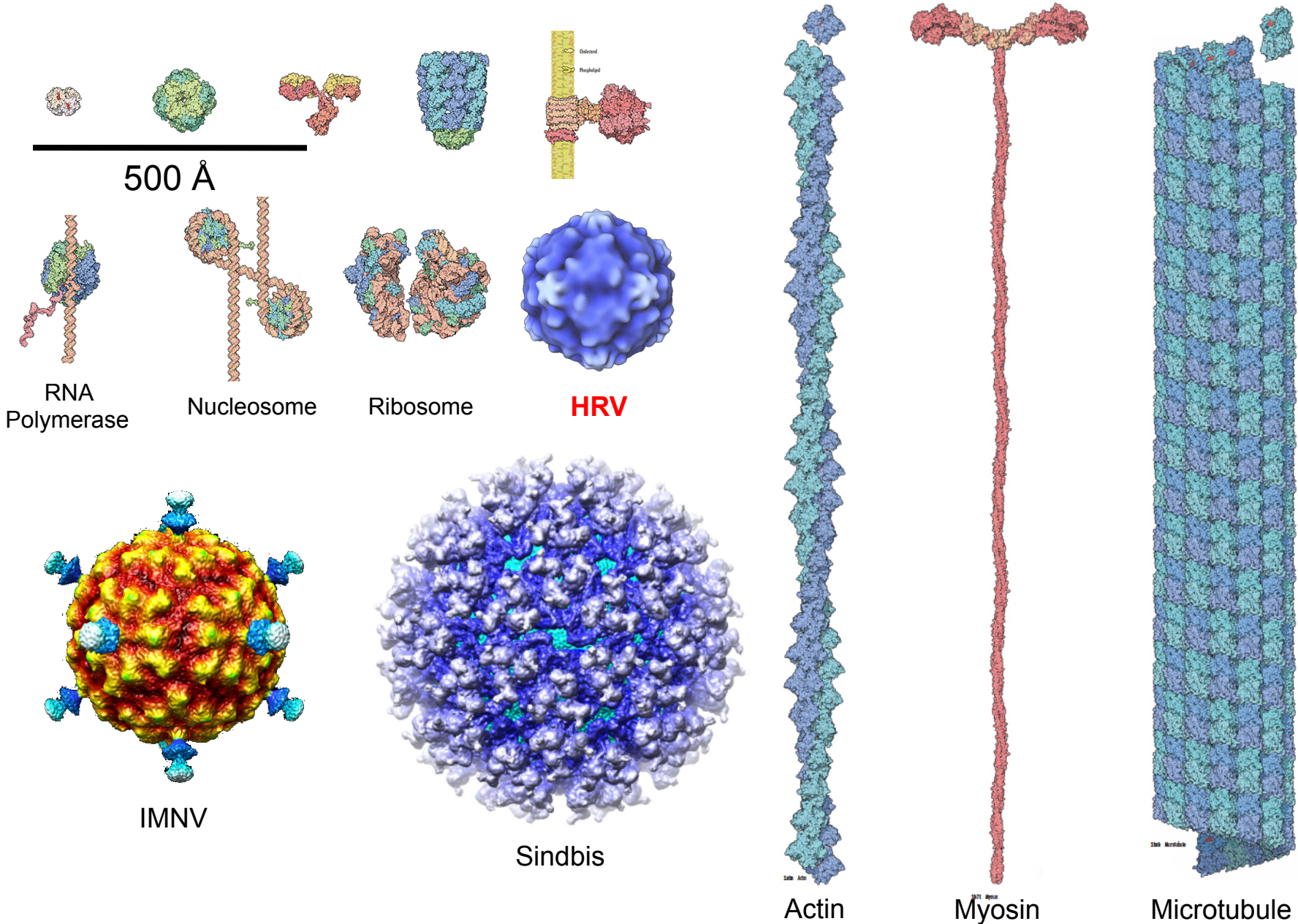
How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{23}
8,388,608X



How small are macromolecules?

Scale: 2^{24}
16,777,216X

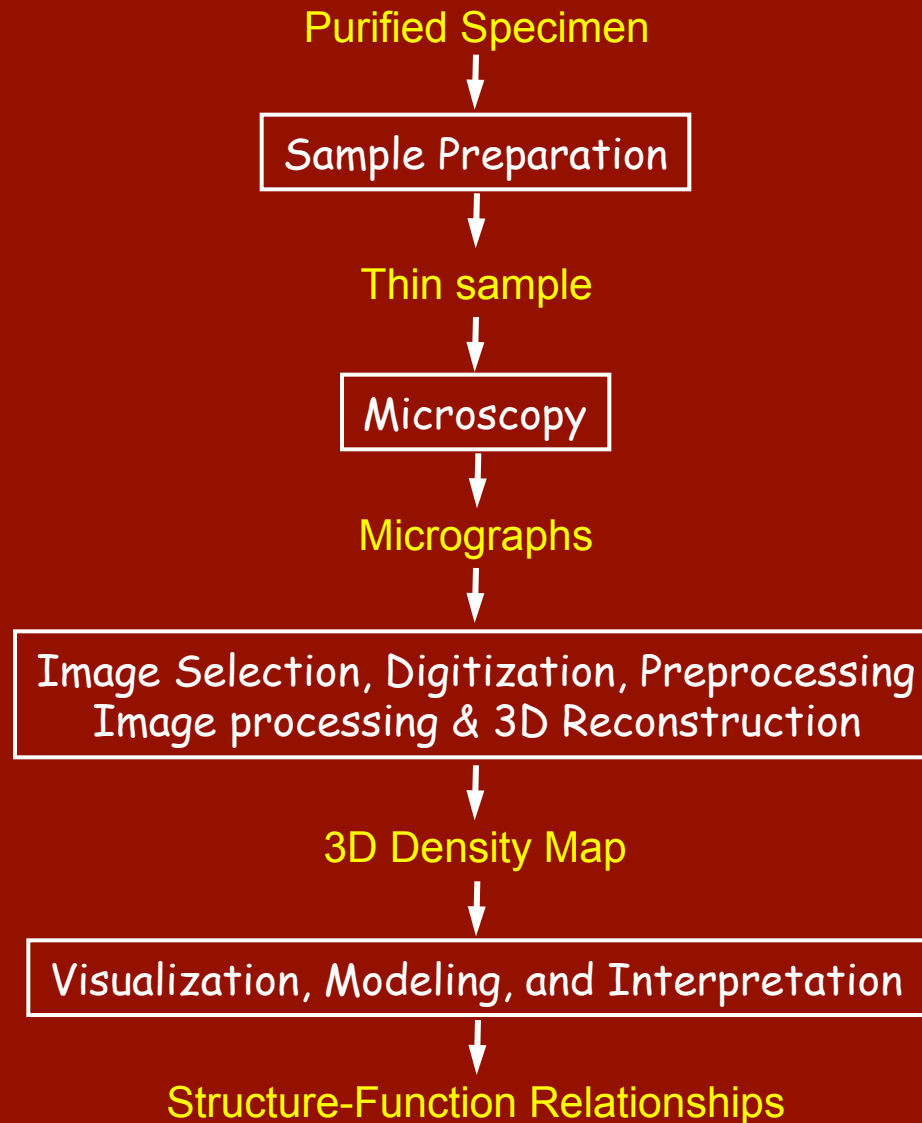


3D Electron Microscopy of Macromolecules

The “Story” in Three Parts

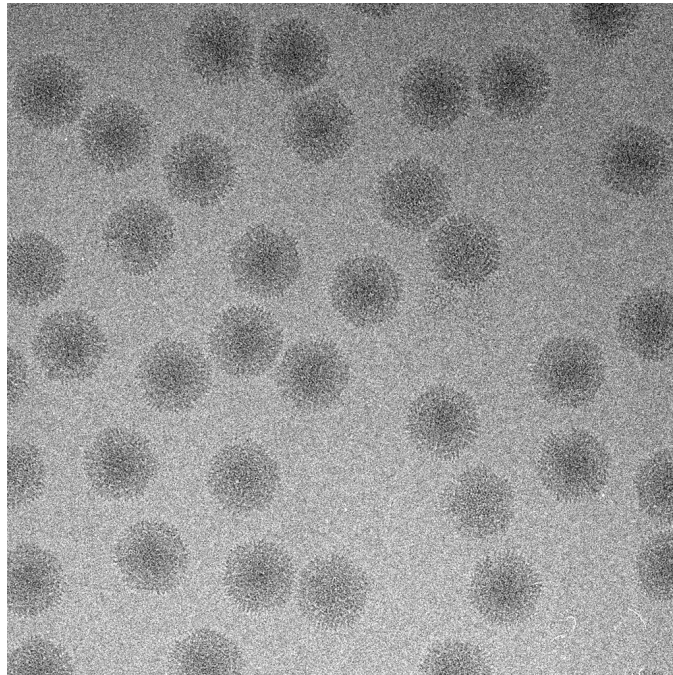
- The Microscope
- The Specimen
- The Structure

Electron Microscopy and 3D Image Reconstruction



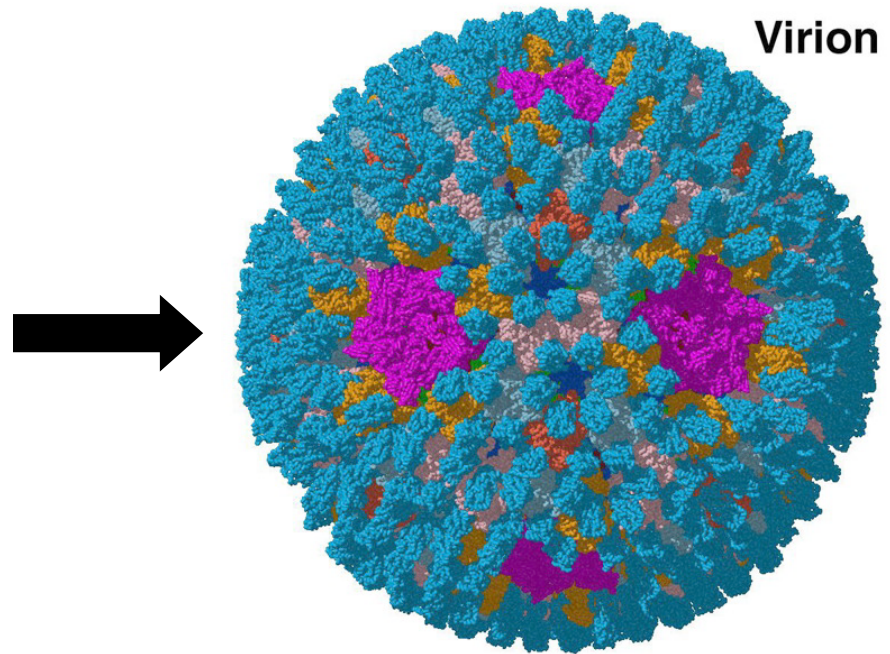
3D Electron Cryo-Microscopy of Macromolecules

How do we get this...



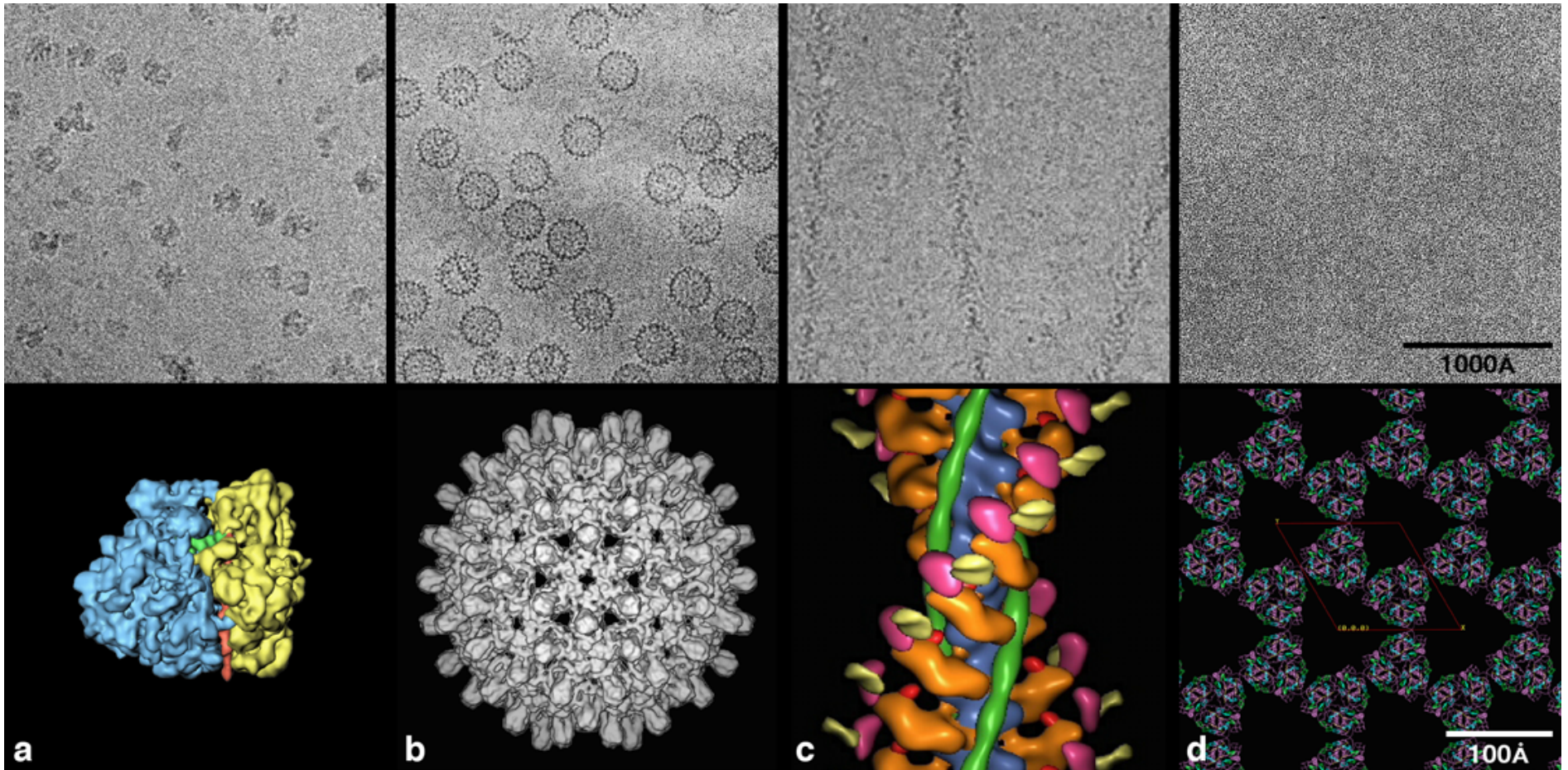
Cryo-TEM image of human reovirus

...and eventually this?



3D pseudo-atomic model
of human reovirus

3D Electron Cryo-Microscopy of Macromolecules



a 70S *E. coli* ribosome

b Hepatitis B virus core

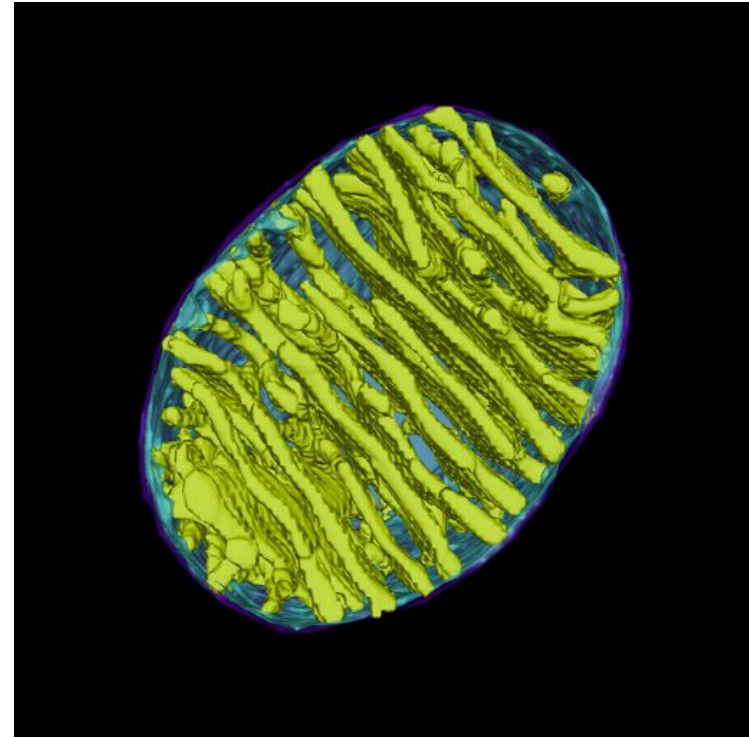
c Actin-myosin filament

d Light-harvesting 2D crystal

3D Electron Tomography of Organelles /Cells



Tomographic series of a stained, thick section of mitochondrion



Animation of a segmented version of the mitochondrion on left



Allright, so much for
the introductory stuff...

Sample Question

Rearrange the following list of dimensions according to increasing size:

0.15 μm

0.3 mm

0.5 nm

1 cm

1 μm

1 nm

1 mm

1 \AA

7.5 \AA

10 m

25 \AA

30 μm

65 μm

400 nm

500 mm

Note: m = meter; cm = centimeter; mm = millimeter; μm = micron; nm = nanometer; \AA = Angstrom

Sample Question

Which is larger, 150 Å or 0.15 μm?

Which is larger, 151 nm or 0.149 μm?

Which is larger, 999 μm or 9.9 mm?

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