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In dedications to my forefathers and name bearers, St. Isaac Jogues and Isaac Newton. Your tenacity to convert the nonbelievers and push the boundaries of fundamental reality to Enlightenment are an inspiration. Sir Newton, I squirmed as a child when playground bullies teased your name, proclaiming "I'm not named after him!" St. Isaac, although I am now agnostic, I will forever be inspired by your courage to civilize barbaric Native American war-tribes through Christian generosity. Now proud to share a forename, may my life's journey in Biodesign prove but at least a fractional exponent of your global impacts towards a better future.

DESIGN

PRO

JECTS

1 a: DISSECTING BIOLOGICAL MACHINES

DISSECTION, OBSERVATION + DOCUMENTATION

CLARIAS GARIEPINUS // AFRICAN SHARPTOOTH CATFISH

BIOLOGICAL BATTERIES: CATFISH ELECTRIC CELLS

Raised on a fish farm in the Netherlands before laying on ice at London's Billingsgate Fish Market, my specimen was haphazardly purchased shortly before dawn while wading in fresh fish-juice water. The African Sharptooth Catfish (*Clarias Gariepinus*) is of particular interest for its ability to produce electrical currents. Native to Africa and the Middle East, the species generates an irregular discharge for a notably longer duration than other freshwater electric fish, at a range of 10-30 Hz for 5-260 ms; furthermore, electric pulses only occur during agitated states with multiple *Clarias Gariepinus* (Baron, 1994). Possessing tastebuds on its tongue, head, and lateral line, Dr. John Caprio of Louisiana State University states, "You can't touch any place on a catfish without touching thousands of taste buds...it's as if the tip of your tongue grew out and covered your body," (Freebeekeeper, 2012). How the fish produces this electric discharge is uncertain; however, there seems to be an electrical importance to ampullary organs located on the head and lateral lines of this catfish's skin. Supporting this belief, electroreceptor organs in the skin of certain fish species detect potential electrical differences (Peters, 2009). In conclusion my interest in *Clarias Gariepinus*, and electric fish in general, is a curiosity in the structural efficiency of the physiological system responsible for electrical discharge. Specifically, could further research on catfish ultimately lead to biomimicking infrastructural systems that generate and transmit electricity more sustainably?



EXTERNAL ANATOMY: MACRO PHOTOS



PECTORAL FIN

10 mm 5 mm 2.5 mm



EYE

10 mm 5 mm 2.5 mm



SKIN TOP OF SKULL

10 mm 5 mm 2.5 mm



SKIN LATERAL LINE

10 mm 5 mm 2.5 mm



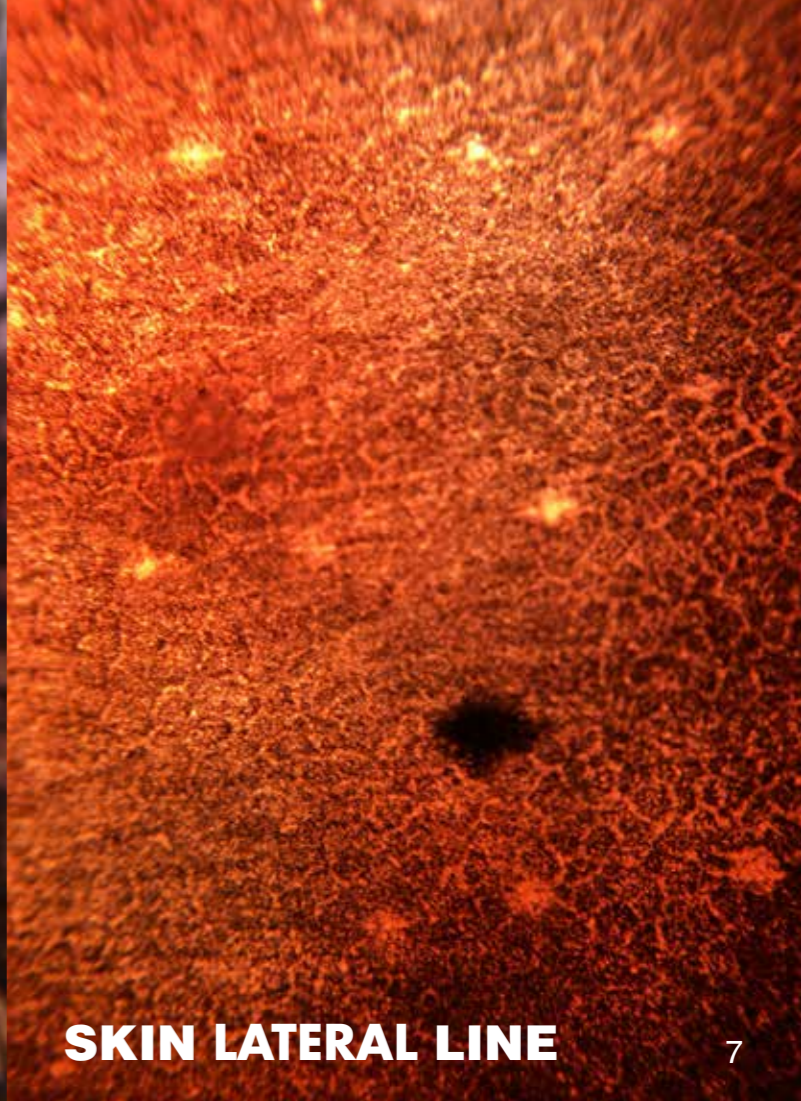
CAUDAL FIN



MAXILLARY BARBEL



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EXTERNAL ANATOMY



TOP VIEW OF EXTERNAL SKULL



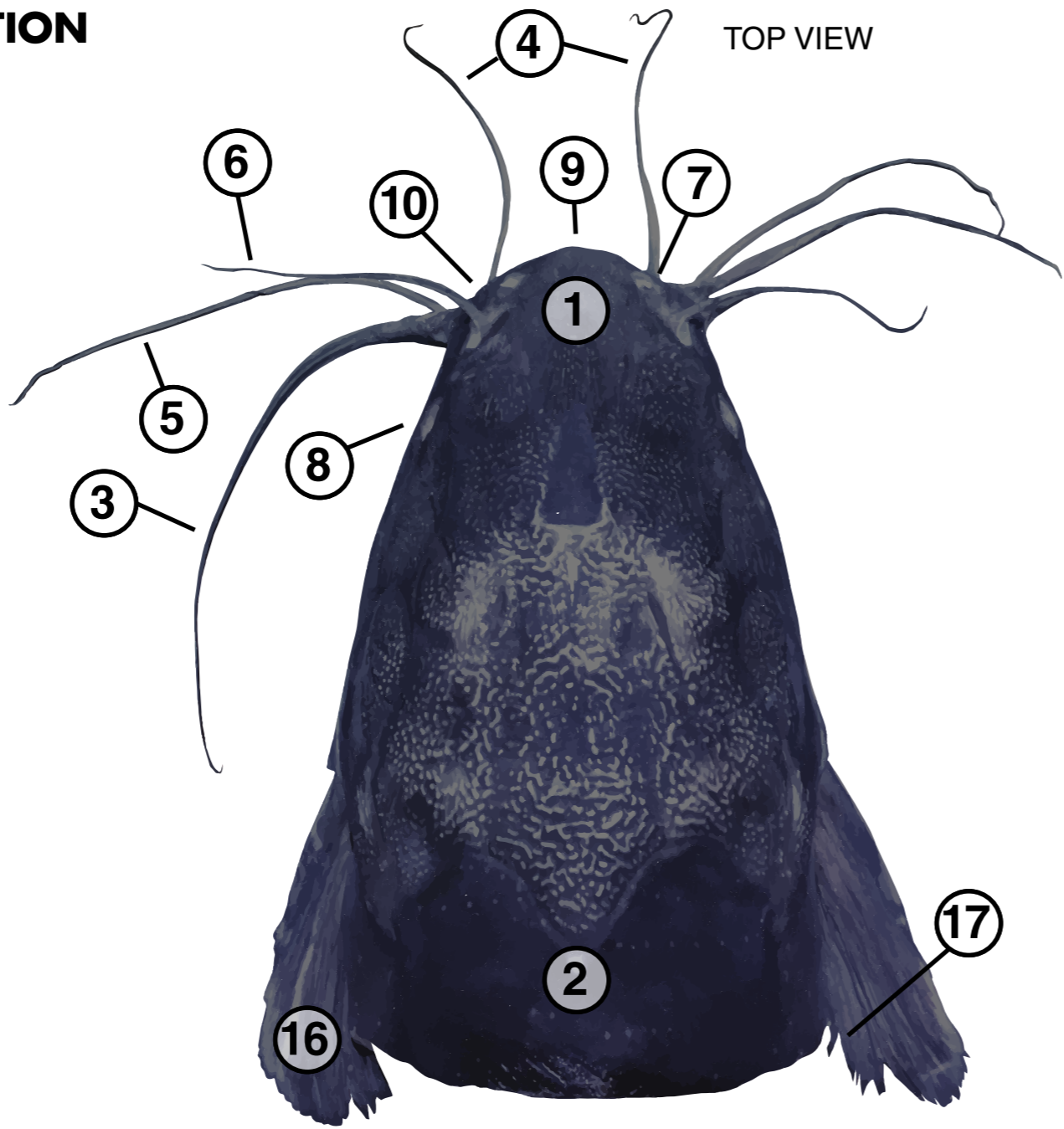
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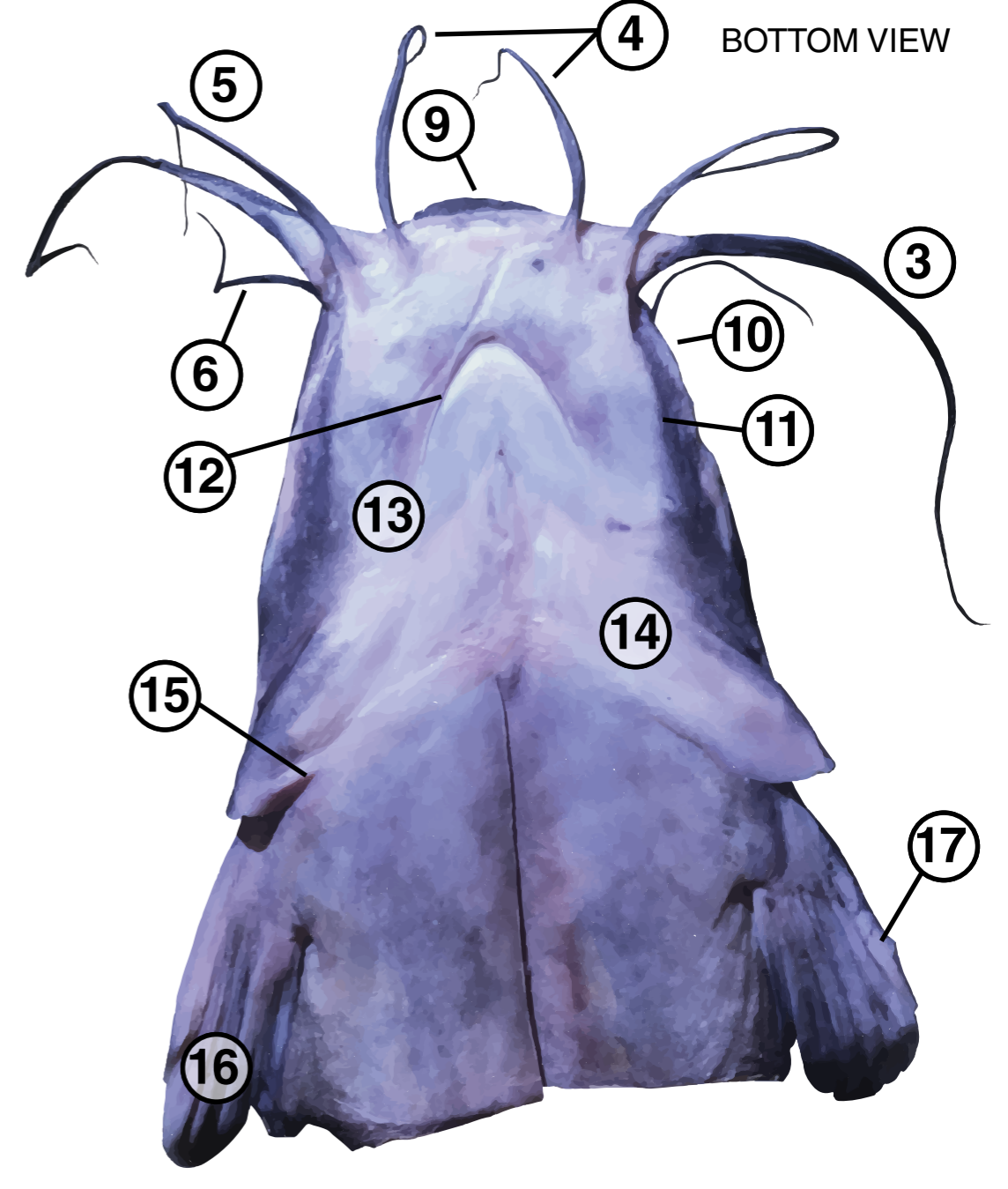
FRONT VIEW OF INTERNAL MOUTH

EXTERNAL IDENTIFICATION

1. Rostral Tip of Skull Roof
2. Claudal Tip of Skull Roof
3. Maxillary Barbel
4. Inner Mandibular Barbel
5. Outer Mandibular Barbel
6. Nasal Barbel
7. Olfactory Organs (Nostrils)
8. Eye
9. Premaxilla
10. Maxilla (Upper Jaw)
11. Mandible (Lower Jaw)
12. Hyoid
13. Preoperculum
14. Operculum (Gill Flap-Cover)
15. Branchiostegal Membrane
16. Pectoral Fins
17. Pectoral Spine



TOP VIEW

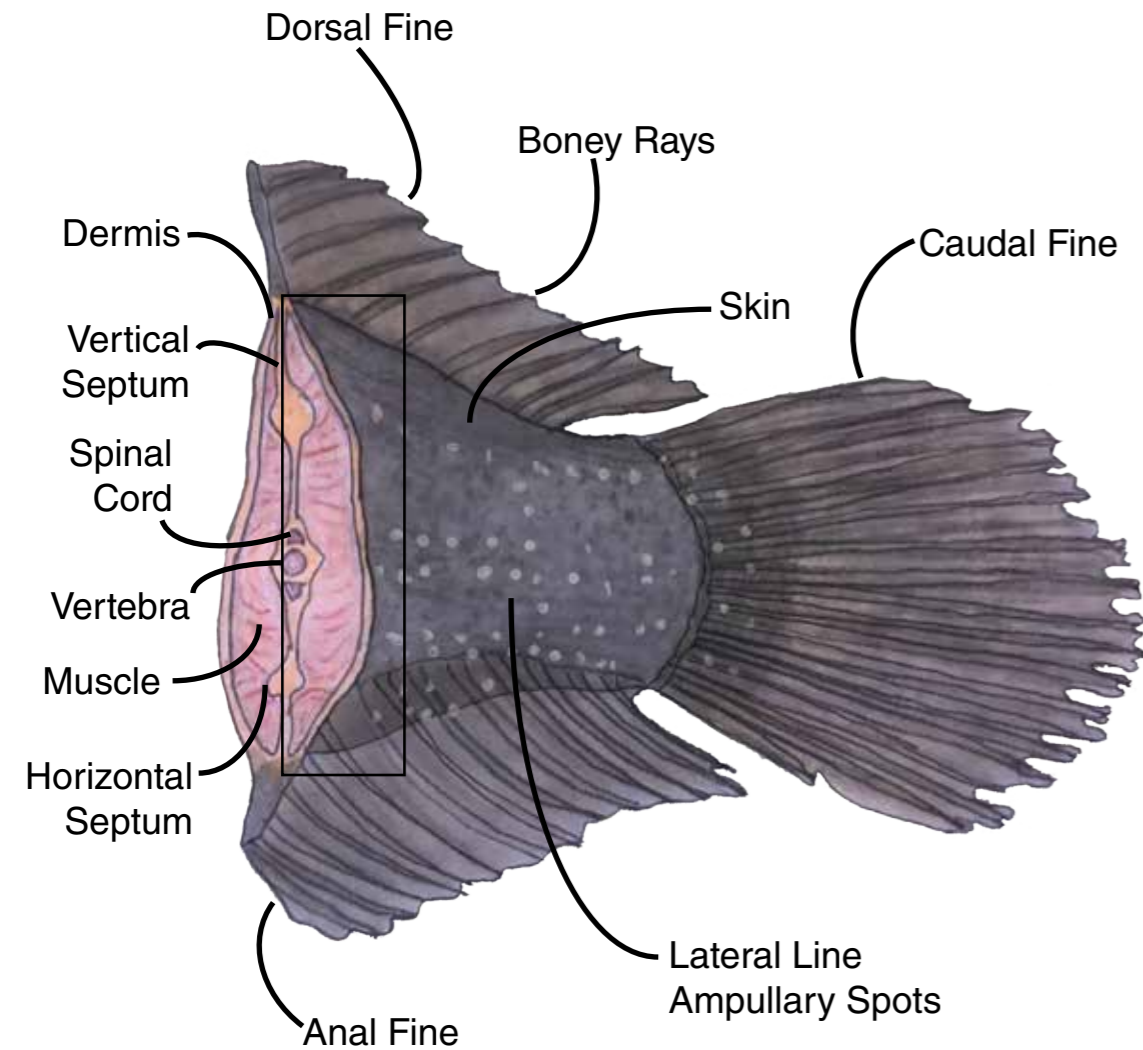


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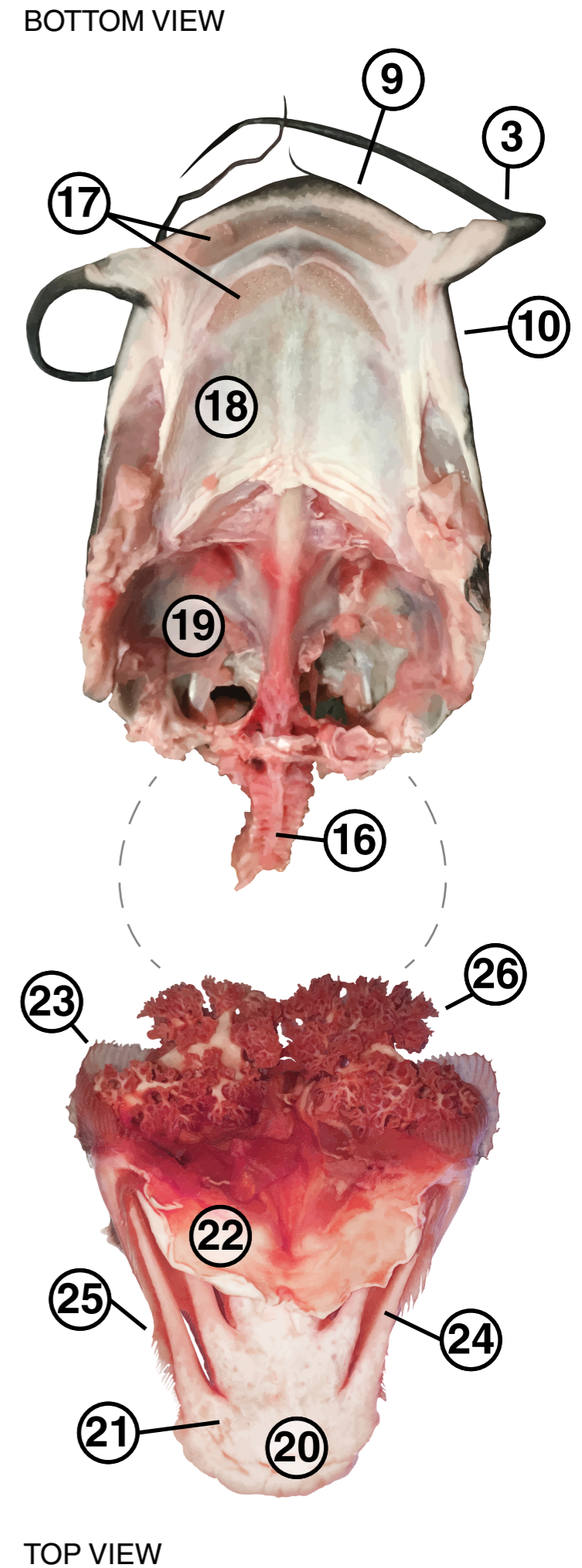
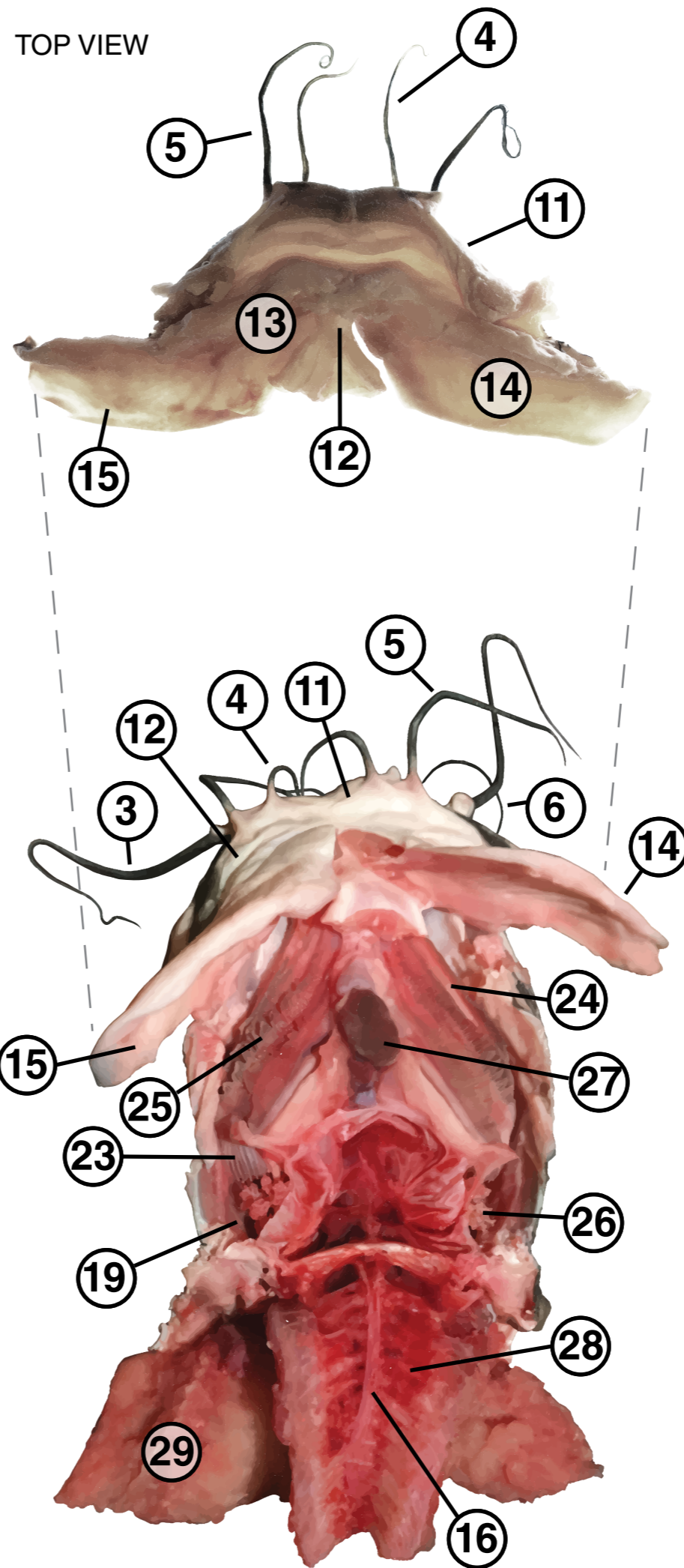


INTERNAL IDENTIFICATION

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Rostral Tip of Skull Roof | 16. Vertebral Column |
| 2. Claudal Tip of Skull Roof | 17. Dentry (Teeth) |
| 3. Maxillary Barbel | 18. Roof of Oropharyngeal Chamber |
| 4. Inner Mandibular Barbel | 19. Suprabranchial Cavity |
| 5. Outer Mandibular Barbel | 20. Tongue |
| 6. Nasal Barbel | 21. Tastebuds |
| 7. Olfactory Organs (Nostrils) | 22. Interbranchial Septum |
| 8. Eye | 23. Gill Fan |
| 9. Premaxilla | 24. Gill Rakers |
| 10. Maxilla (Upper Jaw) | 25. Gill Filaments |
| 11. Mandible (Lower Jaw) | 26. Arborescent Organs |
| 12. Hyoid | 27. Heart |
| 13. Preoperculum | 28. Ribs |
| 14. Operculum (Gill Flap-Cover) | 29. Muscle |
| 15. Branchiostegal Membrane | |



VERTICAL SECTION SKETCH



TOP VIEW

2cm 1 cm

RESPIRATORY ORGANS: MACRO PHOTOS

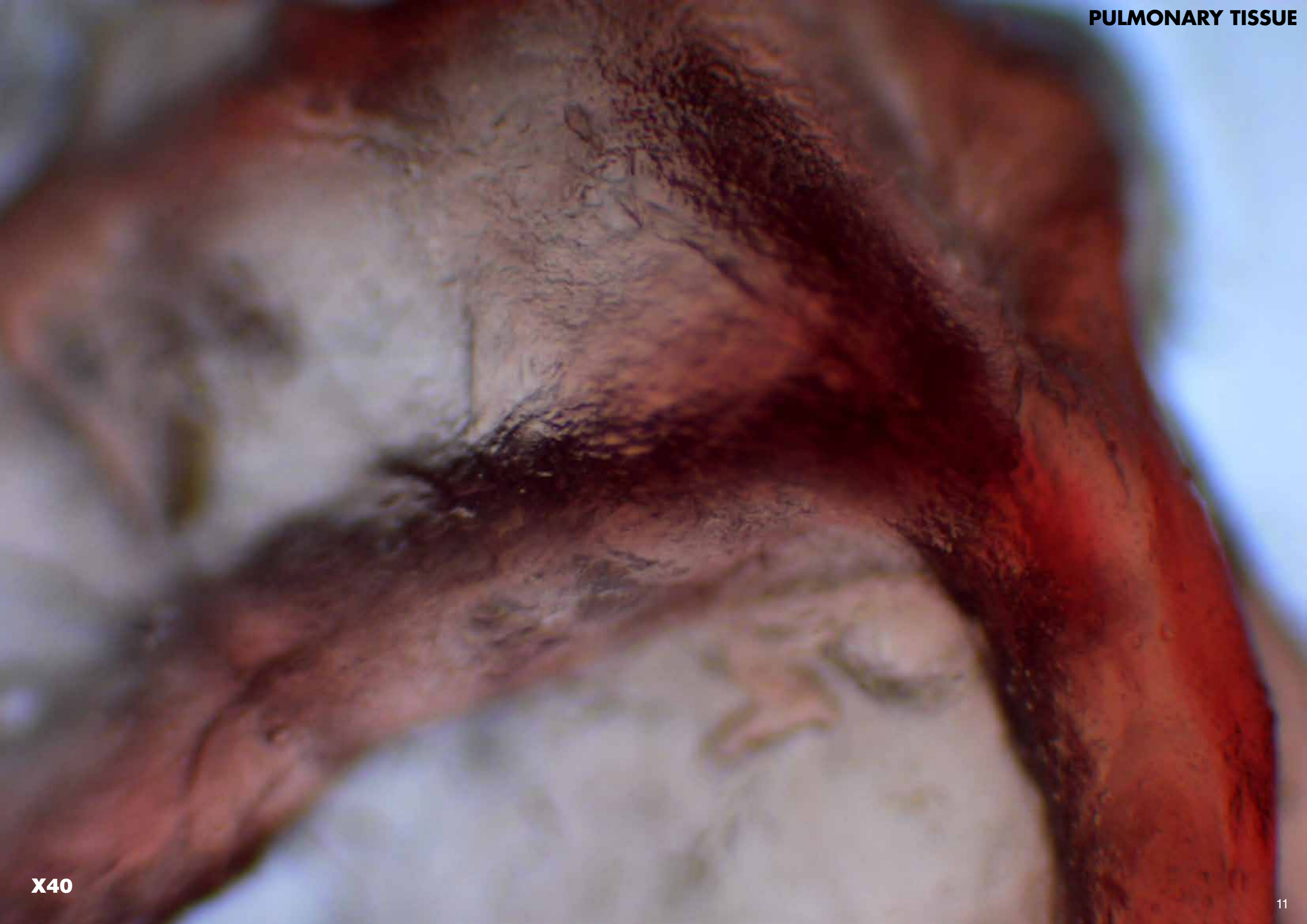


ARBORESCENT ORGAN

GILL FILAMENTS

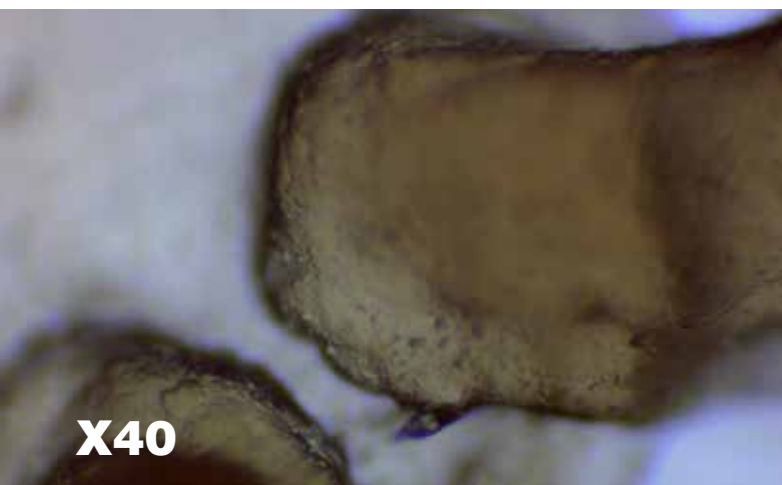
GILL RAKERS

GILL FAN

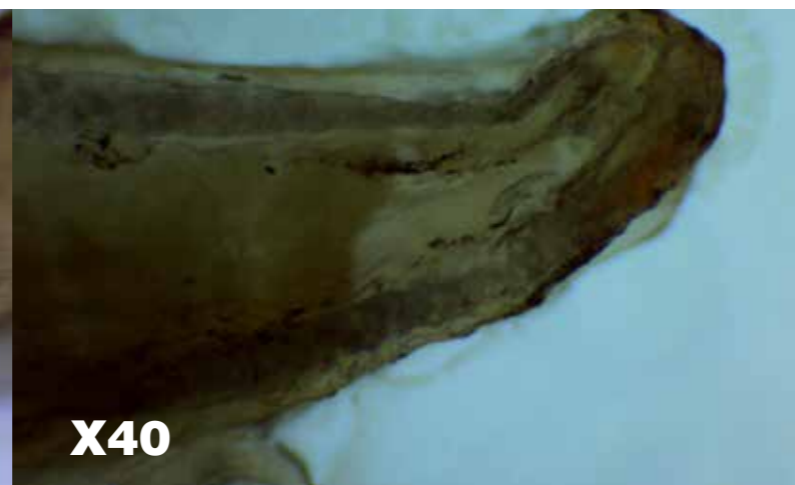


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RESPIRATORY ORGANS: MICRO PHOTOS



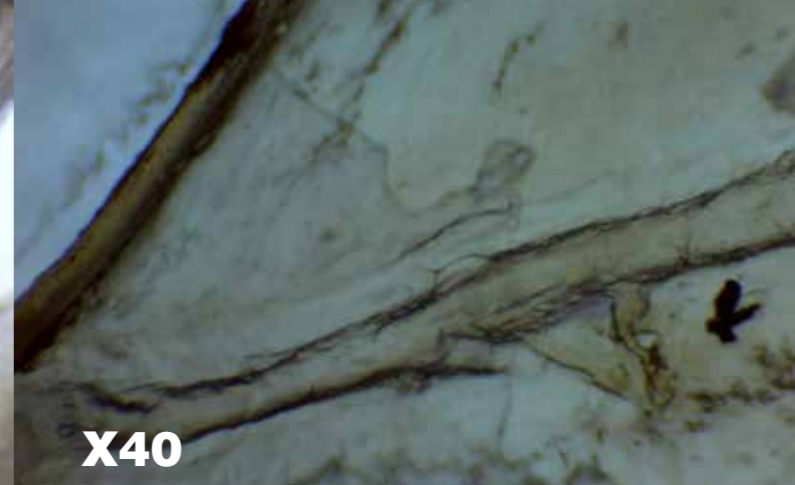
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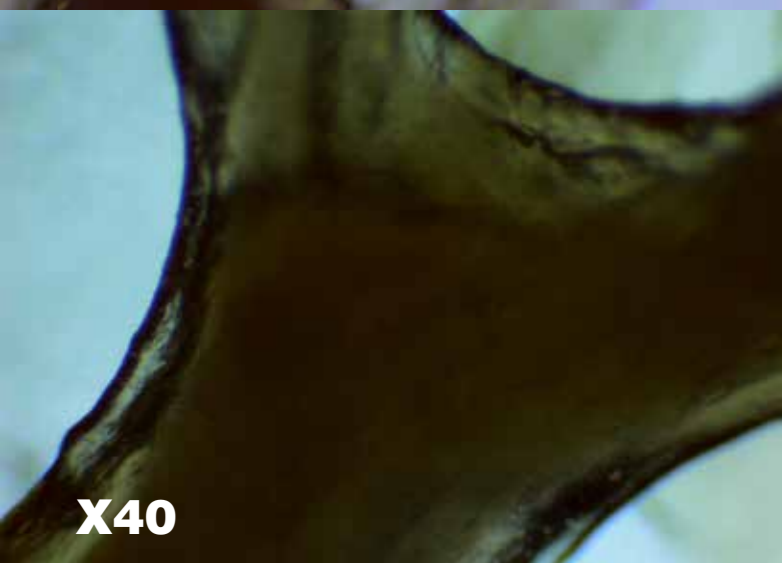
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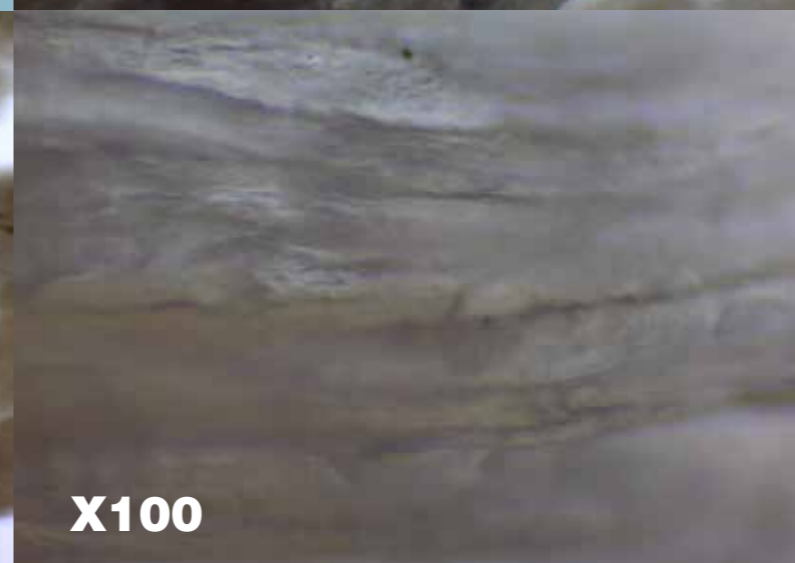
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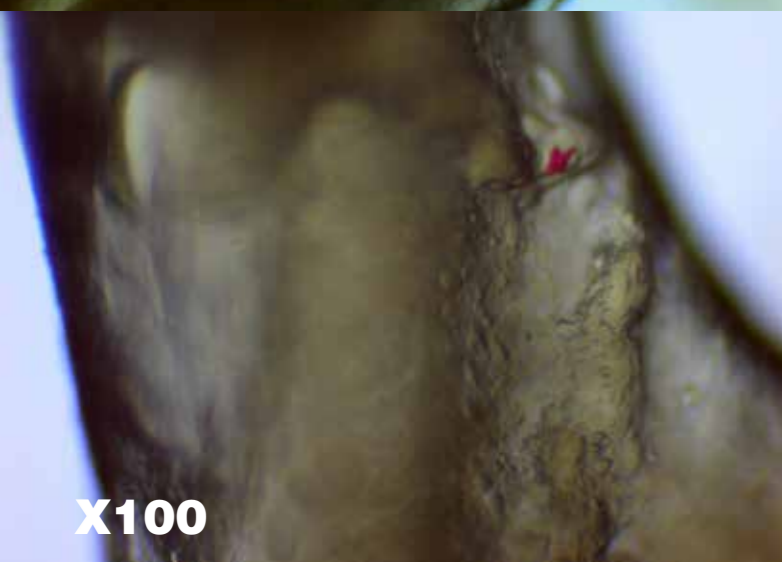
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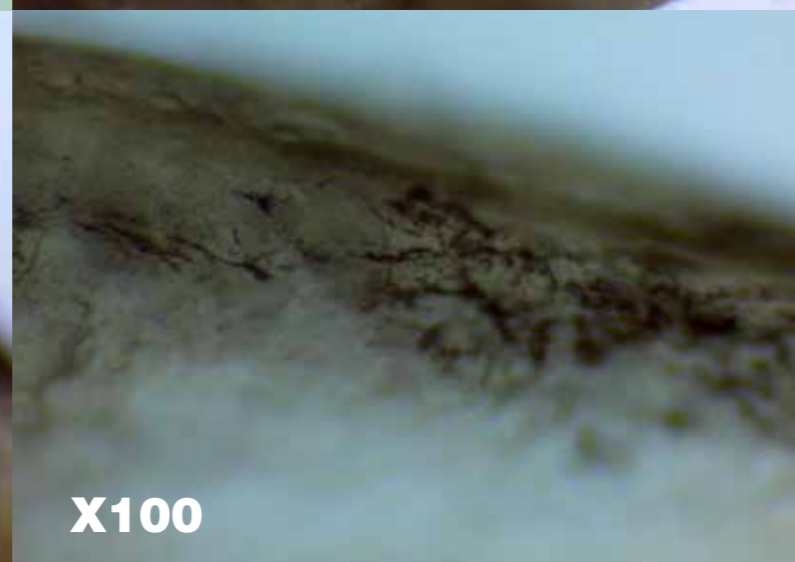
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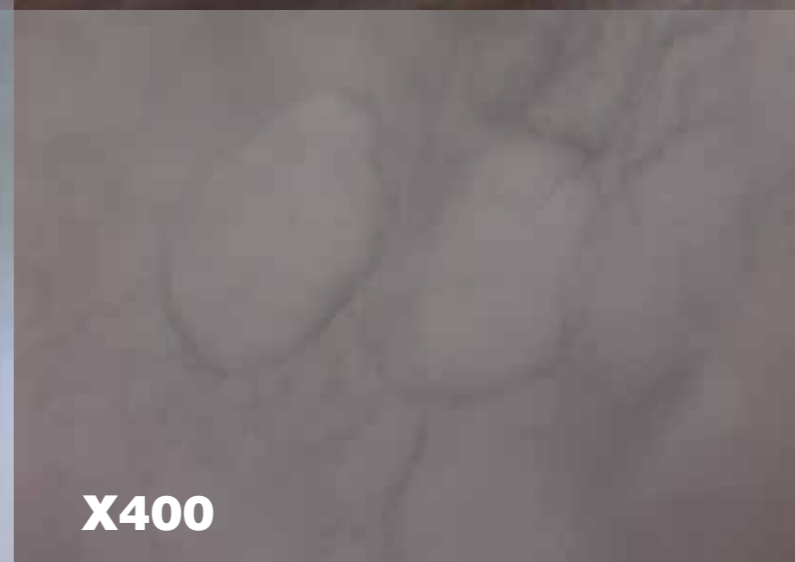
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ARBORESCENT ORGAN

A pair of tree-shaped clusters structured with cartilage are located behind the gill rakers. Valcularised tissue on its surface has the ability to absorb oxygen directly from the atmosphere (de Graaf, 1996).

GILL FILAMENTS

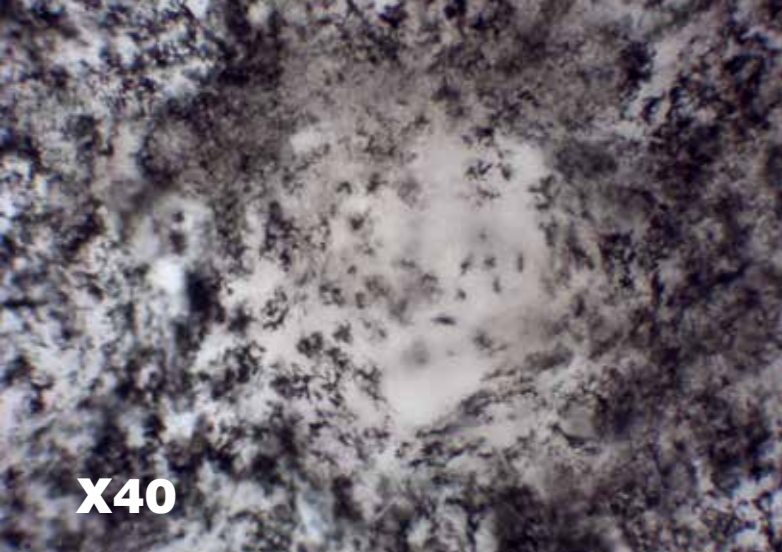
Filaments run along both sides of the gill arches. Each side is called a hemibranch; together a holobranch. Spiracles enlarge to allow water flow over the filaments. Ionoregulatory cells contained in its epithelium support the basic respiratory unit, lamellae (Wilson, 2002).

GILL RAKERS

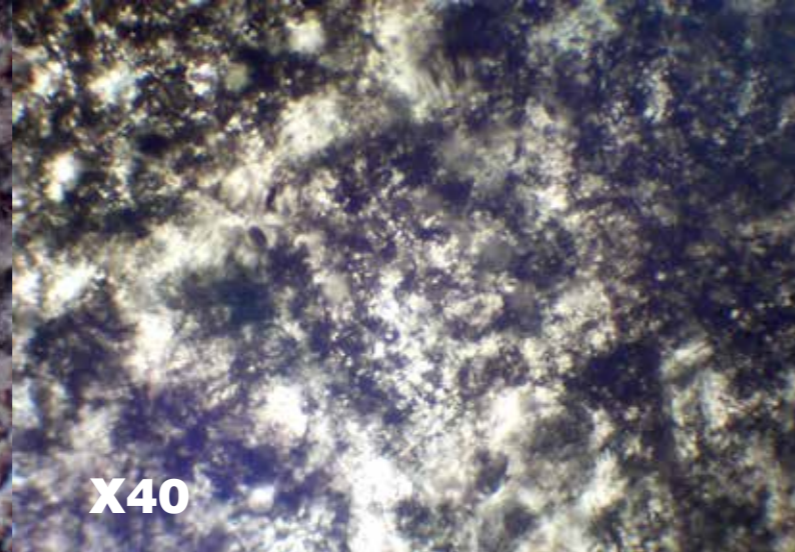
Clarias Gariepinus gill rakers are tightly compacted and long. There are a large amount of tastebuds on the rakers. The epithelial layer contains lymphocytes, immune fighting white blood cells, and several alarm substance cells (Zayed, 2004).

GILL FAN

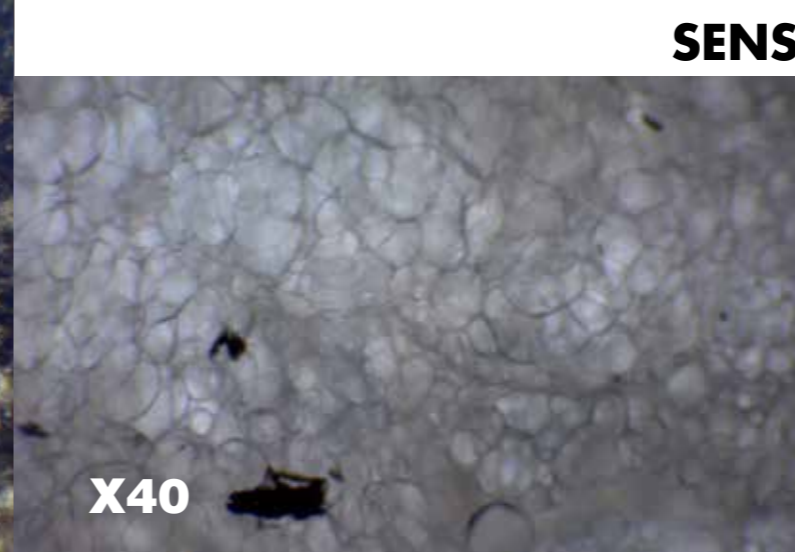
Located behind the arborescent organs in the suprabranchial chamber, gill fans assist in the absorption process of oxygen when breathing from the atmosphere. They consists of double rows of paired lamellae. Microvilli and microridges project across the epithelial cells (Lewis, 1979).



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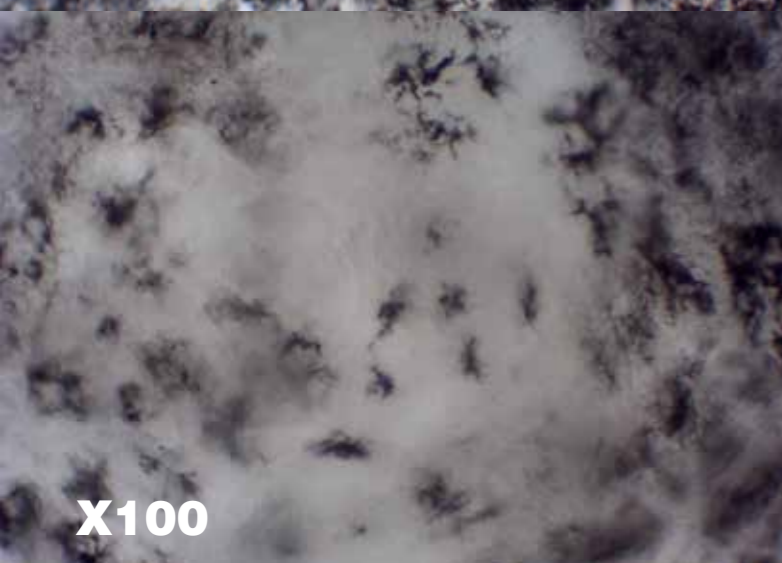
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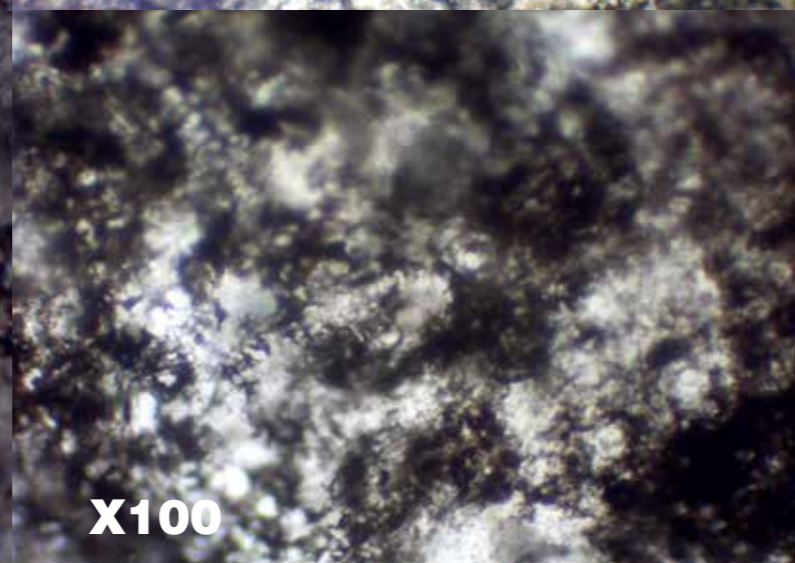
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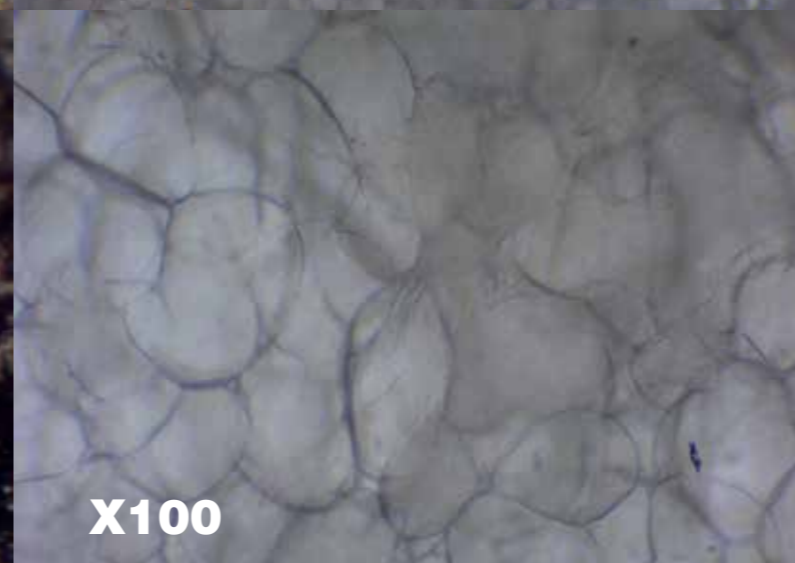
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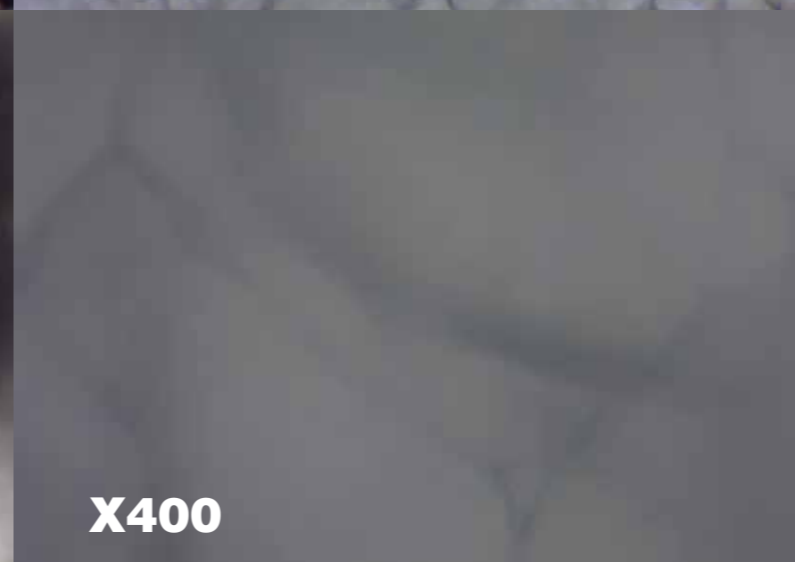
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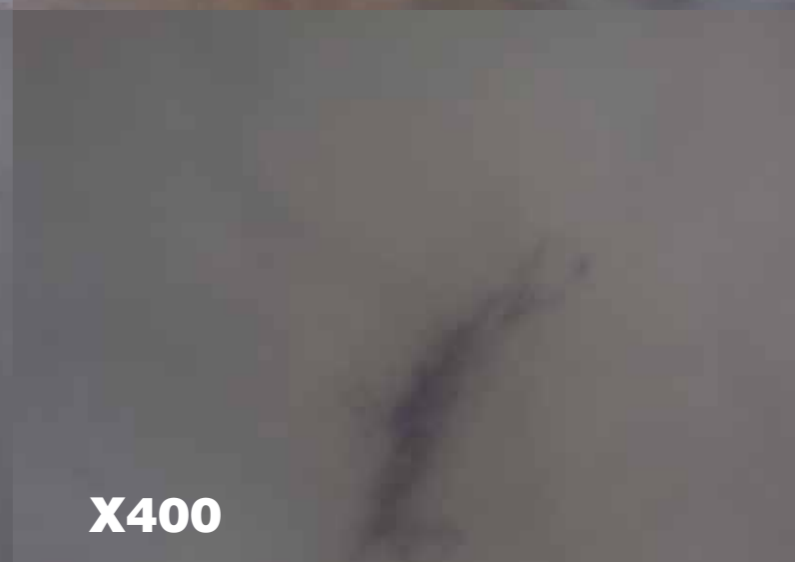
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**AMPULLARY SPOT
LATERAL LINE - EXTERNAL**

Lateral lines contain low frequency sensors that can detect seismic activity. Electroreceptors are also found grouped together in small pits along the lateral line ampullary spots (Ferrebeekeeper, 2012).

**AMPULLARY SPOT
DORSAL FIN - EXTERNAL**

During adolescence these ampullary spots develop as free neuromasts. Examined closely, these free neuromasts contain sensory cells of opposing polarities (Mukai, 2008).

**AMPULLARY SPOT
LATERAL LINE - INTERNAL**

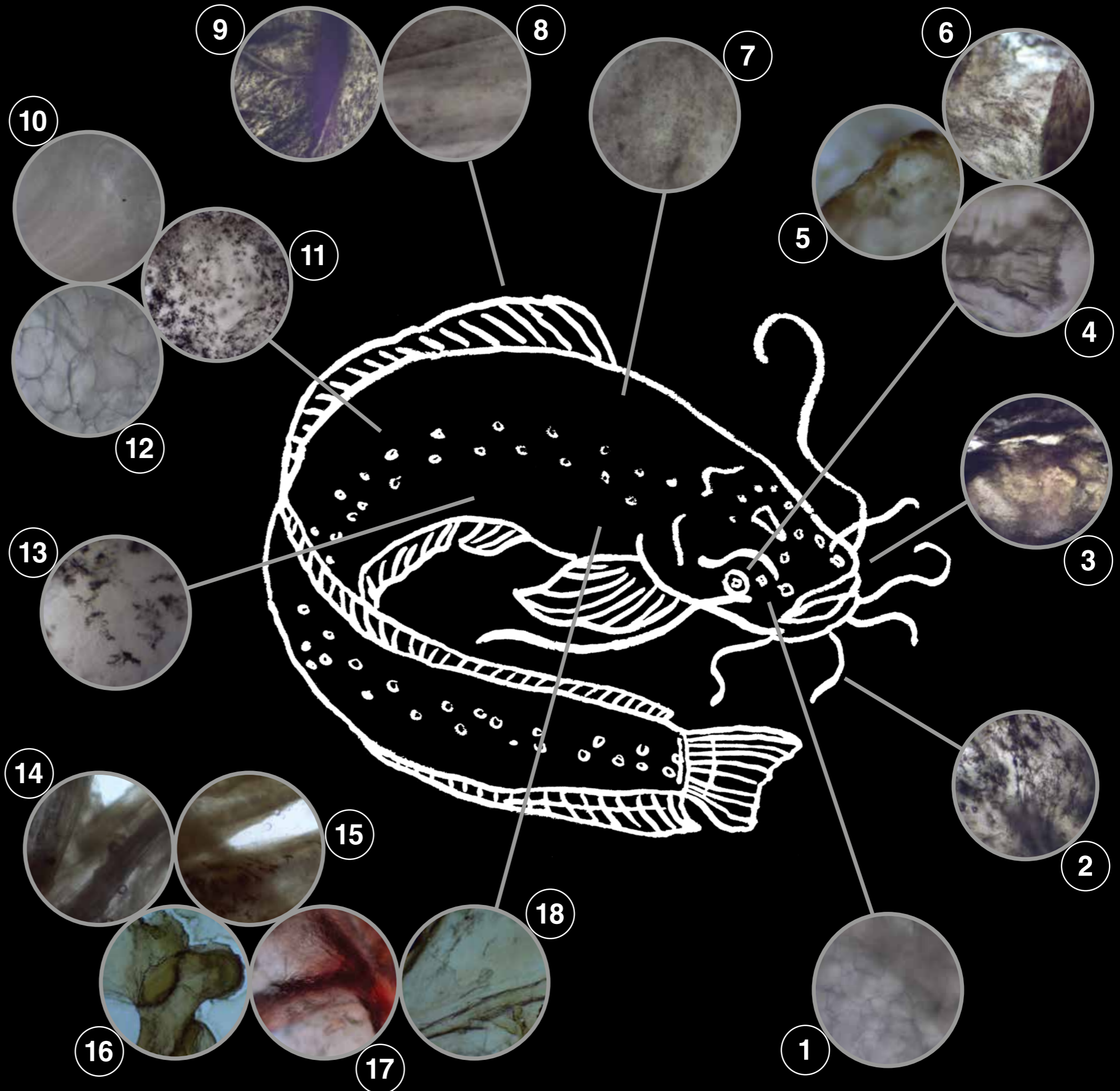
“Catfish, unlike us, are not limited to tasting things with their tongues. Their entire bodies are covered with tastebuds,” (Ferrebeekeeper, 2012). The cellular morphology underneath the dermis of the ampullary spots is similar to the tastebuds on the tongue.

**TASTEBUD
TONGUE - INTERNAL**

Tastebuds in the oral cavity protrude from the epithelia, contrary to sunken external skin tastebuds (Ohkubo, 2005). Here the vagal taste system manages the swallowing reflex; the skin tastebuds locate potential food sources (Atema, 1971).

CELLULAR ANATOMICAL DIAGRAM

1. x100_Tongue: Internal Tastebud
2. x100_Inner Barbel: External Skin
3. x040_Premaxilla: External Skin
4. x100_Eye: Internal Optic Lens
5. x100_Eye: Internal Optic Nerve
6. x100_Eye: Internal Optic Fluid
7. x400_Caudal Tip Skull: External Ampullary Spot
8. x40_Dorsal Fin: Internal Spine
9. x40_Dorsal Fin: External Skin
10. x40_Lateral Line: Internal Horizontal Septum
11. x40_Lateral Line: External Ampullary Spot
12. x40_Lateral Line: Internal Ampullary Spot
13. x100_Belly: External Skin
14. x40_Respiratory Organs: Internal Gill Rakers
15. x40_Respiratory Organs: Internal Gill Filaments
16. x40_Respiratory Organs: Internal Arborescent Organ
17. x40_Respiratory Organs: Internal Valcularised Tissue
18. x40_Respiratory Organs: Internal Gill Fan



MORPHOLOGICAL STRUCTURES: BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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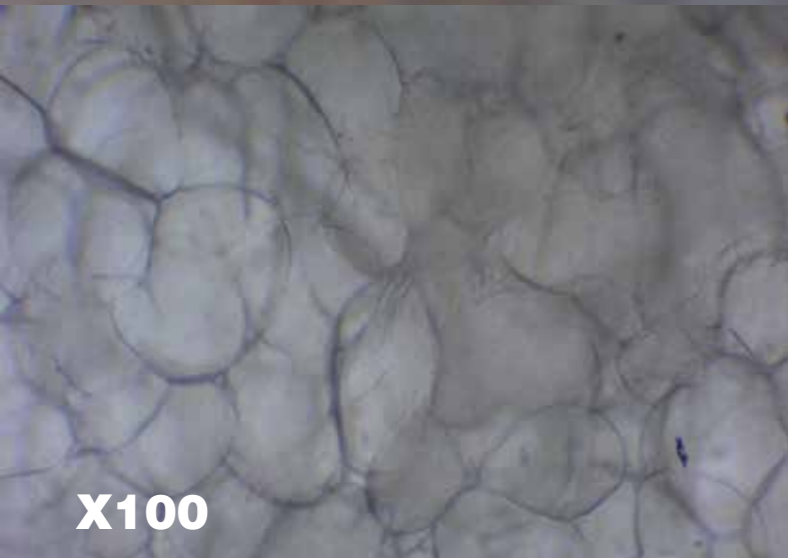
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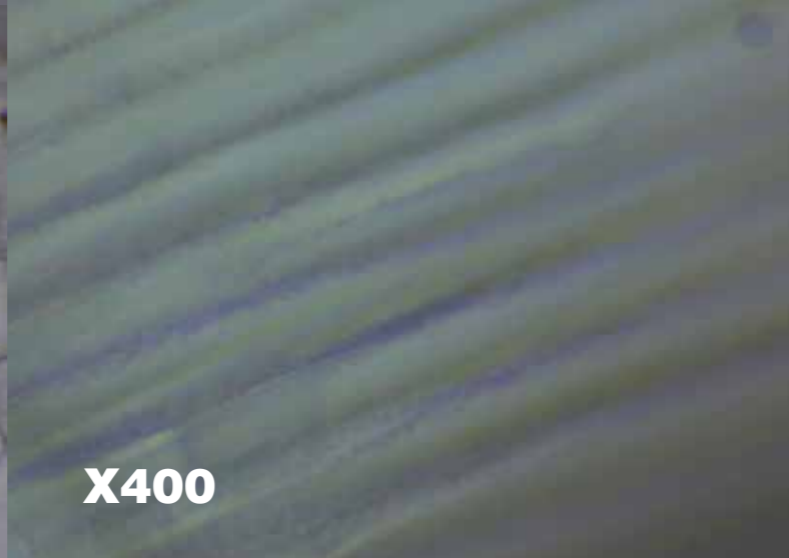
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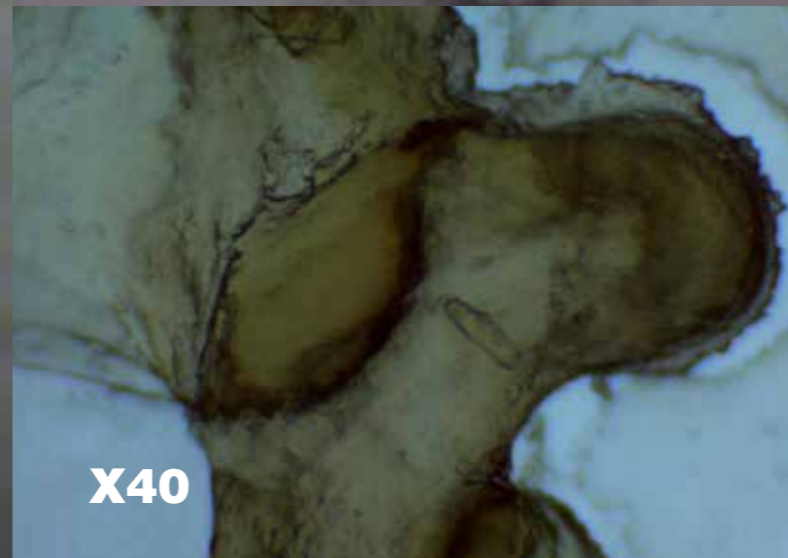
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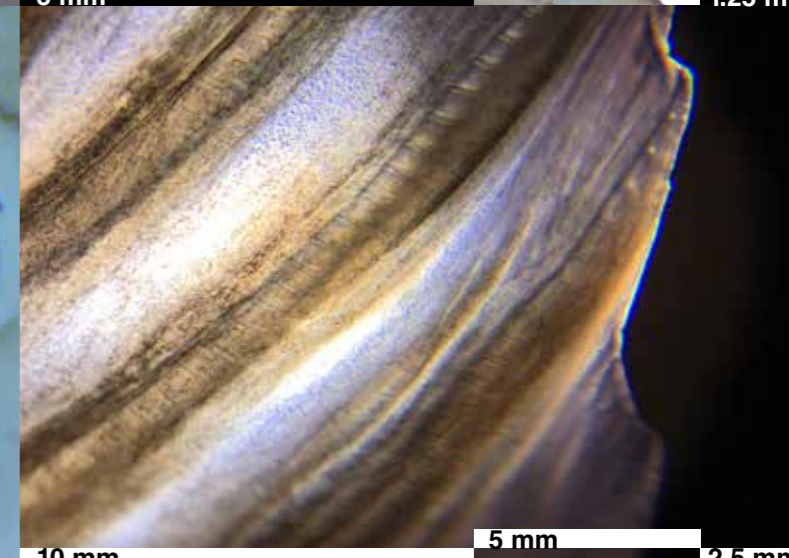
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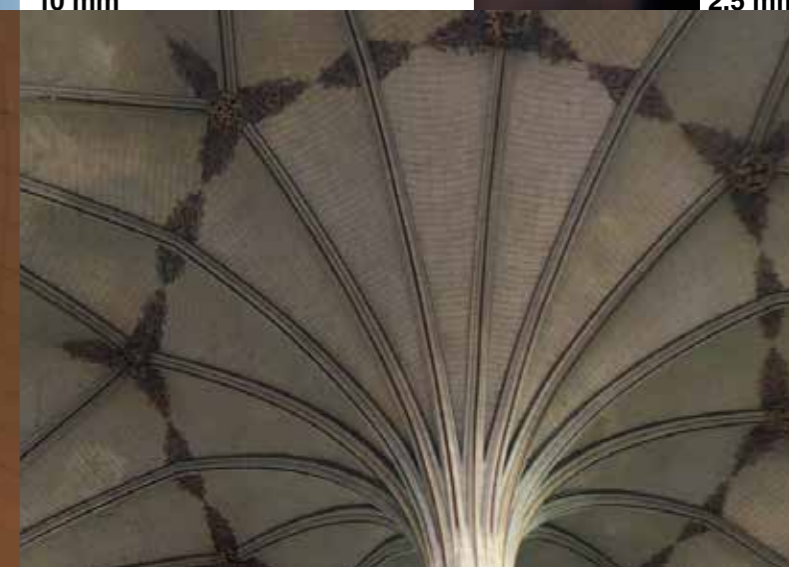
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SENSORY CELLS

The structure of the internal tongue tastebuds and ampullary spot have a morphological structure similar to soap bubbles. These cells are used to autonomously convey information. Watercube by PTW Architects uses its bubble facade to circulate air and transmit light.

OPTIC LENS

The crystal like cellular structure of the optic lens allows light to pass through its rods. The patterning of the rods resembles channel glass, like Steven Holl's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

SKIN PIGMENT / ARBORESCENT ORGAN

Branching clusters of the pigment cells and arborescent organ expand surface area, enhancing efficiency. Similarly, Galaxy Soho by Zaha Hadid utilizes the same branching technique to generate fluid circulation, breaking the rigidity of the corporate paradigm.

GILL FAN / PECTORAL FIN

Spiny cartilage structures provide rigidity and stability during movement of gill fans and fins spanning tissue. Gothic ribbed vaultings in Salisbury Cathedral maximize the structural tension following a similar logic to the fins and gill fans.

1b: DISSECTING BIOLOGICAL MACHINES

DIGITAL IMAGE ANALYSIS + INTERPRETATION

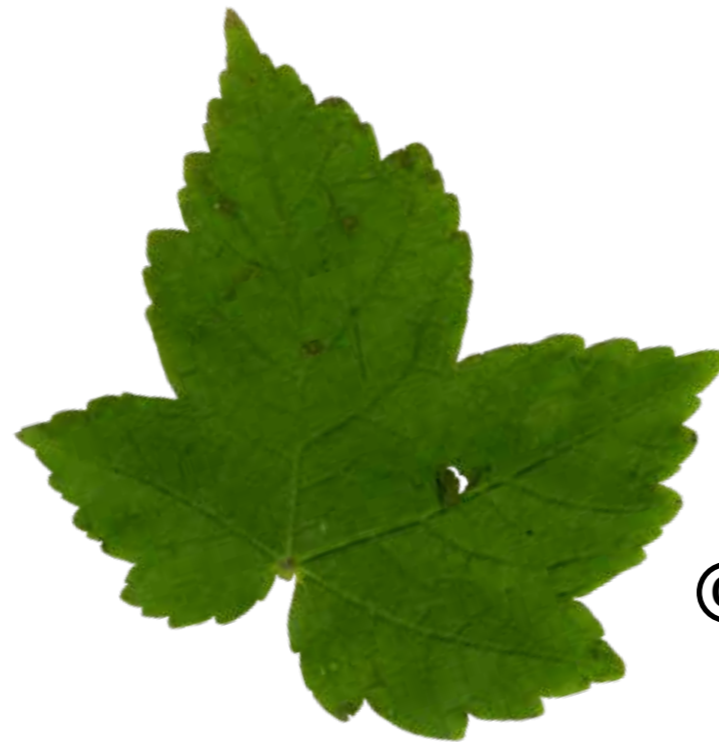
**SKELETONIZED LEAVES // SLIDE PREP // NOBLE FALSE WIDOW
// BACTERIA CULTURES: PIGEON SH!T**



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20mm 10mm

ACER PSEUDOPLANTUS SYCAMORE

Sycamore trees, *Acer pseudoplatanus*, are native to Europe, and were likely introduced to Britain by Romans. Their wing-shaped seeds (samara) are very fertile, allowing the plant to aggressively spread. Case in point, these particular leaf specimens were found growing on a sapling under an established shrub. Leaves transform from dark green to

bright yellow as photosynthesis stops in Autumn. Sycamore leaves tend to be a thriving environment and food source for aphids and corresponding predators (Woodland Trust, 2020b). The toothed symmetrical palmate leaves have five lobes; some leaves appear to have an abnormality of four lobes (see above, Specimen C). Furthermore, the back of this

juvenile leaf was soft to touch, compared to the smooth top surface. New sycamore leaves are covered in trichomes on their underside to protect photosynthetic cells. These trichomes shed from the leaf once the photosynthetic cells are fully operational. Trichomes can be found in many forms throughout various parts of trees (Coder, 2004).

- Ⓐ Skeletonized Sycamore Leaf
- Ⓑ Mature Regular Sycamore Leaf
- Ⓒ Juvenile Sycamore Leaf (Abnormal)



Distance Map Process

Distance mapping process shows the sycamore leaf has a tight vascular structure. The process shows area-edges of the leaf's surface farther away from one another in darker shades. The only areas in gray/black are the cuticle and epidermis which were not easily removed.



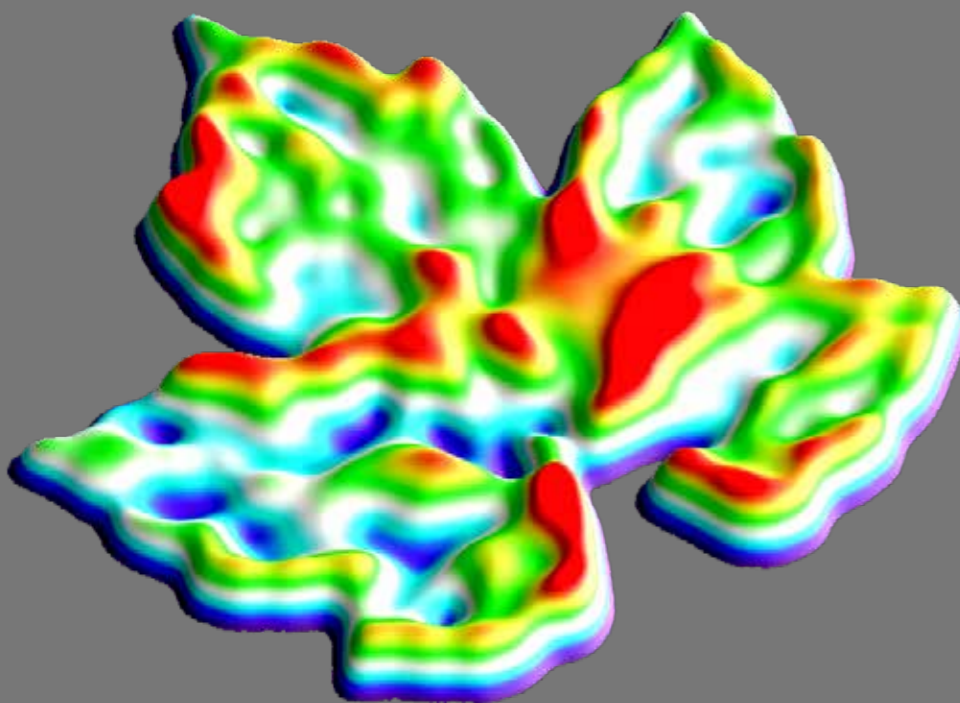
Outline Process

Outline process depicts the defined surface edges of the leaf. It clearly identifies some areas along the outer edge of the leaf that were not physically skeletonized. However, the process does not allow for one to tell easily which areas are unskeletonized surfaces verses torn sections.



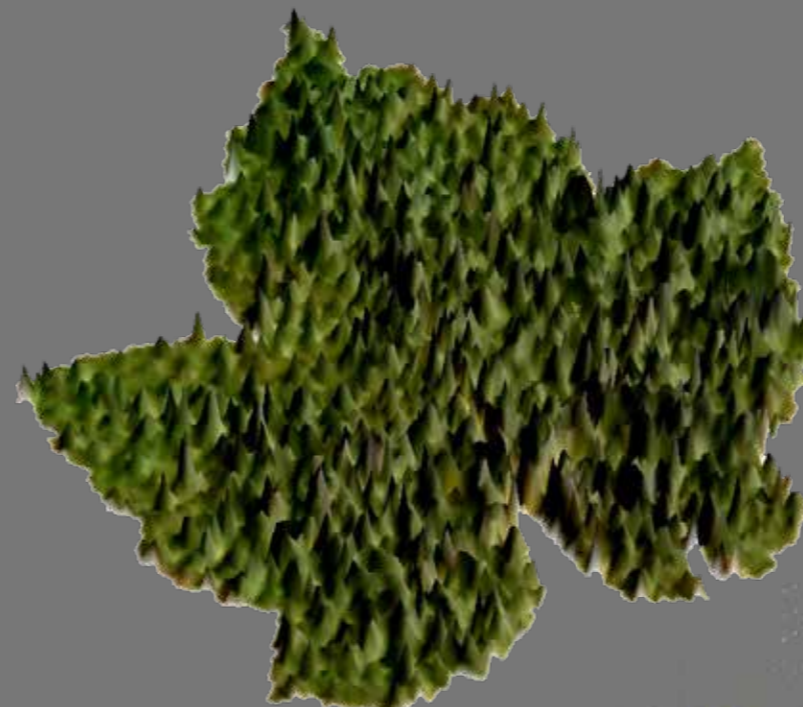
Skeletonize Process

Skeletonize process is great for showing how expansive the vascular system of the sycamore leaf is. It clearly extends all the way to edges of the leaf and is organ system responsible for maintaining the leaf's morphological shape.



3D Surface Plot Analyze

Surface Plot Analyze shows the most durable areas remaining after physical skeletonization process. Red and yellow represents the membranes that could not be removed; whereas blue and purple are the areas where the vascular structures broke off during the skeletonization.

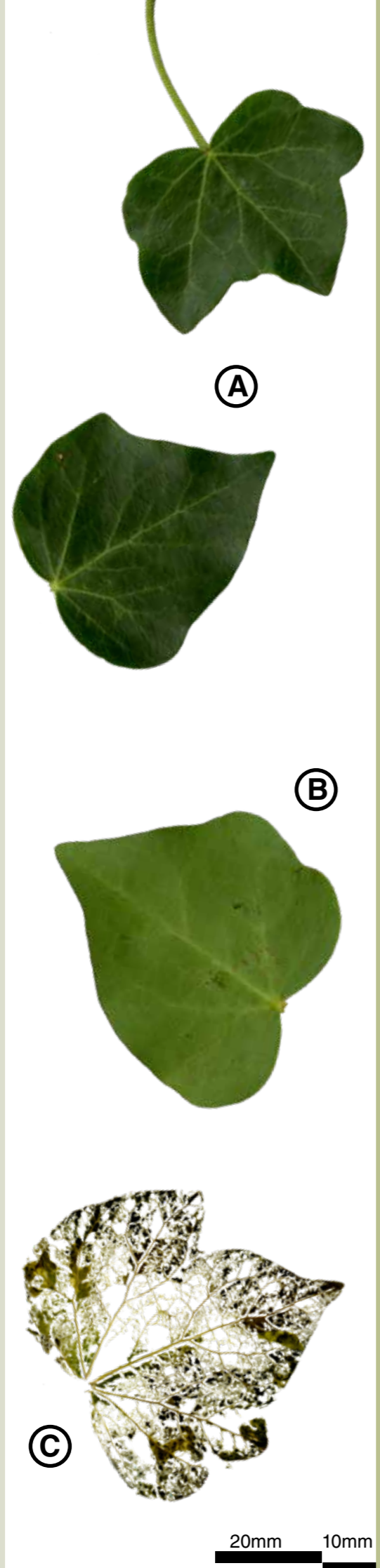


Color Surface Plot / Color Counter / Color Inspector 3D Plug-in

By surface plotting a color image of the whole sycamore leaf, the locations on the leaf that has a greater pigment concentration depicted with higher bumps. Then with the Color Inspector 3D plug-in a digital graph is generated showing which colors are most abundant. Lastly using the Color Counter plug-in, 102,949 unique colors are identified on the leaf. This helps understand the dark green pigmentation concentration.

HEDERA HELIX ENGLISH IVY

English Ivy, *Hedera helix*, is a herbaceous vine native to Europe, Asia, and Africa. It is amensalistic, using established trees and plants to grow on and subsequently killing its living scaffolding through shade. The variously shaped, smooth waxy palmate leaves of the vine typically have three to five lobes. English ivy is an evergreen, and its berries and pollen provided a food source for many insects and birds in sparse times. Furthermore, it is critical to some insect species diet before hibernation (Woodland Trust, 2020a). Herbalists use the leaves to remedy respiratory illness. According to English Heritage, the vine plant can occasionally offer assistance in architectural preservation (Goldman, 2016).



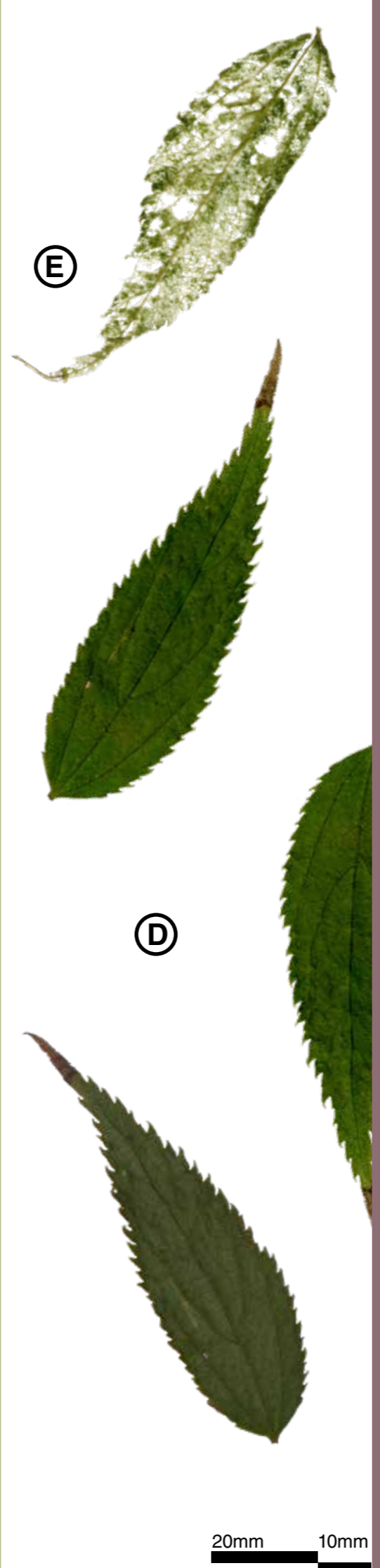
(A) Top English Ivy Leaf
(B) Rear English Ivy Leaf
(C) Skeletonized English Ivy Leaf

20mm 10mm

CLETIS AUSTRALIS EUROPEAN HACKBERRY

European hackberry, *Cletis australis*, is native to Europe and is believed to be the ancient lotus fruit of Greek mythology. The bark of the tree can be cultivated to create a natural yellow dye. European hackberry trees are hermaphrodites, using pollinators to transfer pollen between their male and female sex organs (PFAF, 2020). Asymmetrical, the toothed elongated leaves come to a singular tip. This leaf morphology is known as lanceolate. Leaves transform from a grey-green to pale yellow as they stop photosynthesis in Autumn. Their violet fruit are a source of nutrients to a variety of wildlife (Gilman, 1993).

(D) Top European Hackberry Leaf
(E) Skeletonized European Hackberry Leaf



20mm 10mm

ACER RUBRUM RED MAPLE

Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*, is native to North America, and is the most copious native tree species in the continent's eastern forests. This species is what's known as a generalist, meaning it can thrive a wide range of conditions of soil, sunlight, environments, and elevations. Red maples have winged-seeds, samaras, like the sycamore, *Acer pseudoplatanus*. The sap of red maples can be used to make maples syrup, and its leaves are a dietary delight of moose. The symmetrical palmate leaves are serrated with three to five lobes. Leaves change from a green to red, yellow, and orange as they stop photosynthesis in Autumn (NWF, 2020).

(F) Top Red Maple Leaf
(G) Rear Red Maple Leaf
(H) Skeletonized Red Maple Leaf



10mm

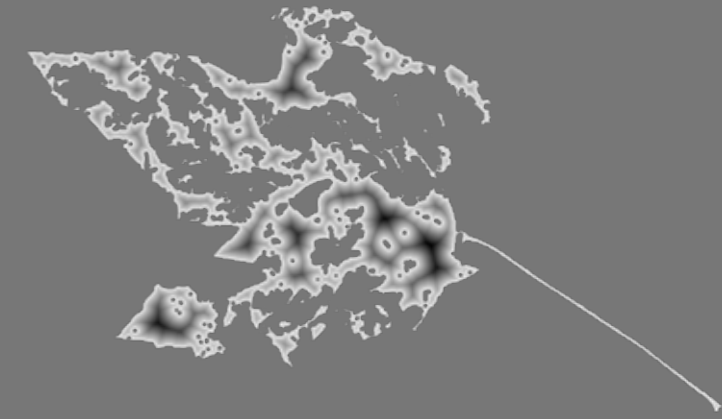
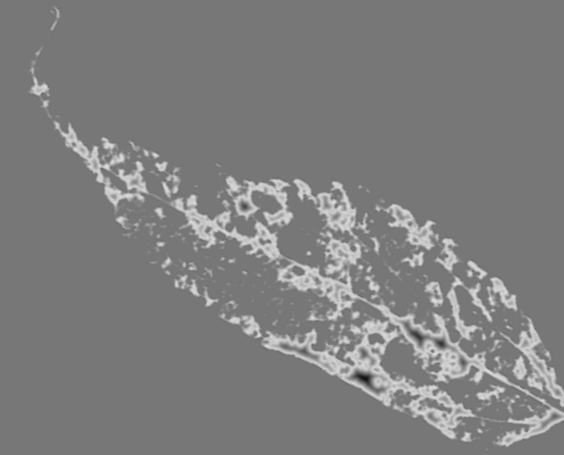
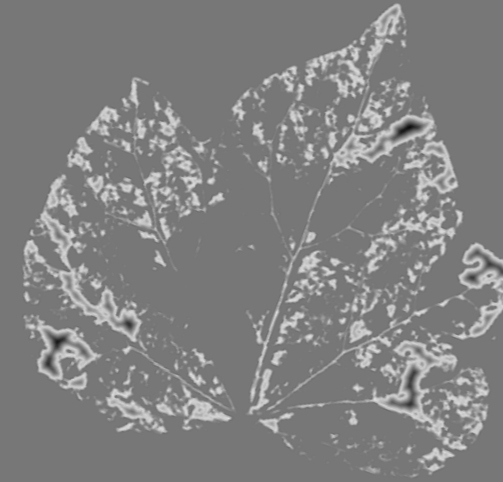
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CLETIS AUSTRALIS

ACER RUBRUM

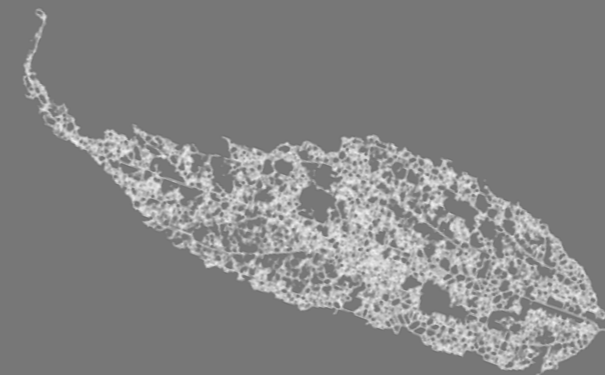
Distance Map Process

Distance Mapping Process shows the varying density of the vascular systems of the different leaf species. The filter shows the area-edges of the leaf's surface that are farther away from one another in darker shades. The only areas that are showing in gray/black are the areas that the cuticle and epidermis were not easily removed.



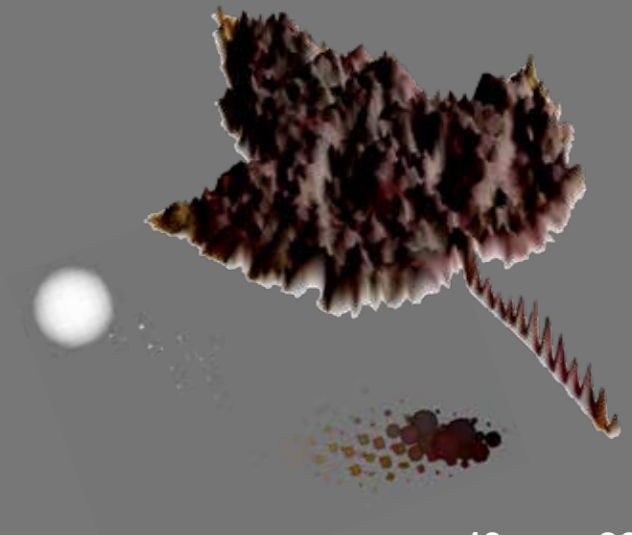
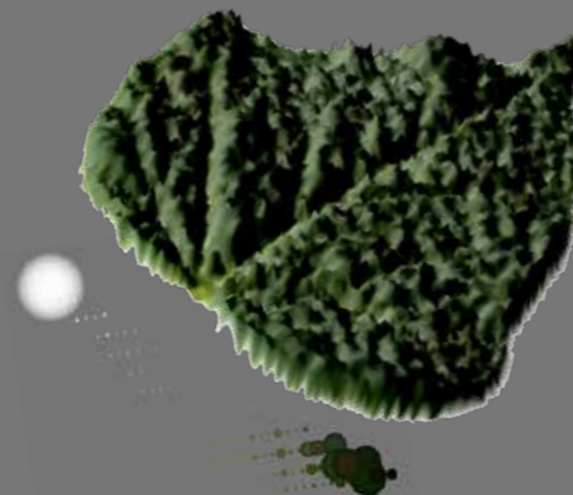
Skeletonize Process

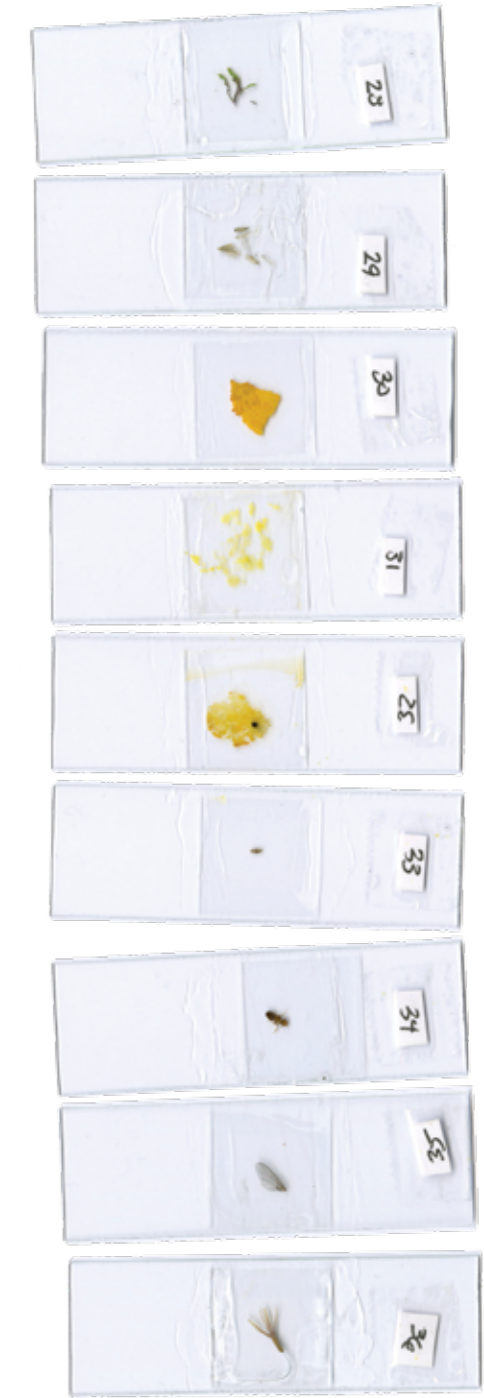
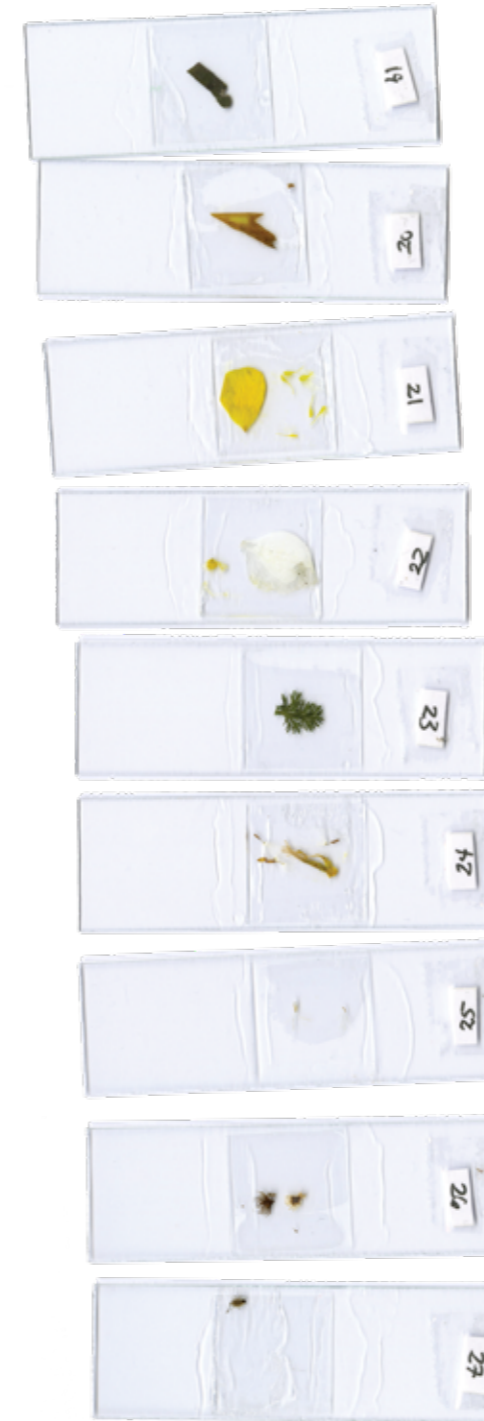
Skeletonize Process maps the vascular skeleton system of the leaves. It is easy to observe how the different morphological shapes are dictated by the vascular structural hierarchy. The middle lanceolate leaf has a vascular hierarchy that is organized differently from the other two palmate leaves.



Color Surface Plot / Color Counter / Color Inspector 3D Plug-in

Locations on the leaves that have a greater pigment concentration are depicted with higher bumps using Color Surface Plot analyze. Then using the Color Inspector 3D plug-in a digital graph is generated that shows which colors are most abundant on the leaf's surface. Lastly with the Color Counter plug-in, the total number of unique colors are identified on each leaf (English Ivy 19,244; European Hackberry 92,353; Red Maple 43,652). This information allows for interpretation of pigment distribution.





MICROSCOPE SLIDES

1. Unknown Aphid
2. Red Maple Leaf, Back (Pressed)
3. Red Maple Leaf, Front (Pressed)
4. Red Maple Leaf, Back
5. Red Maple Leaf, Front
6. Red Maple Bud
7. Red Maple Leaf, Skeletonized
8. Sycamore Leaf, Skeletonized
9. Sycamore Leaf
10. English Ivy Leaf, Skeletonized

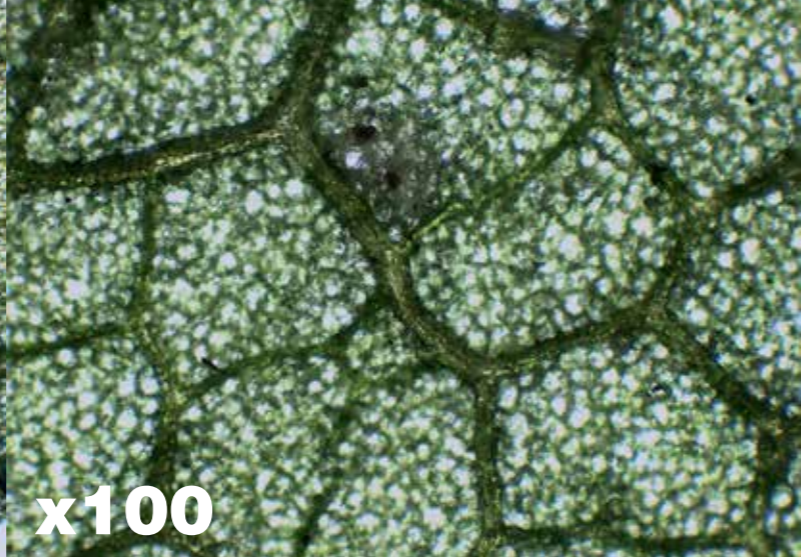
11. English Ivy Leaf, Inner Membrane
12. Bald Cypress Pine Needle
13. White Alder Seed
14. Red Bistort Leaf
15. Red Bistort Flower Petal
16. Feijoa Leaf Fuzz
17. Paper Plant Flower Petal & Stamen
18. Paper Plant Flower Carpel Section
19. Common Dogwood Leaf
20. Guelder-Rose Leaf

21. Meadow Buttercup Flower Petal
22. Unknown Fruit Tree Flower Petal
23. Common Yarrow Leaf
24. Bristly Oxtongue Flower Petal & Seed
25. Guernsey Fleabane Seed
26. Greater Knapweed Bur-Seed
27. Queen Anne's Lace Bur-Seed

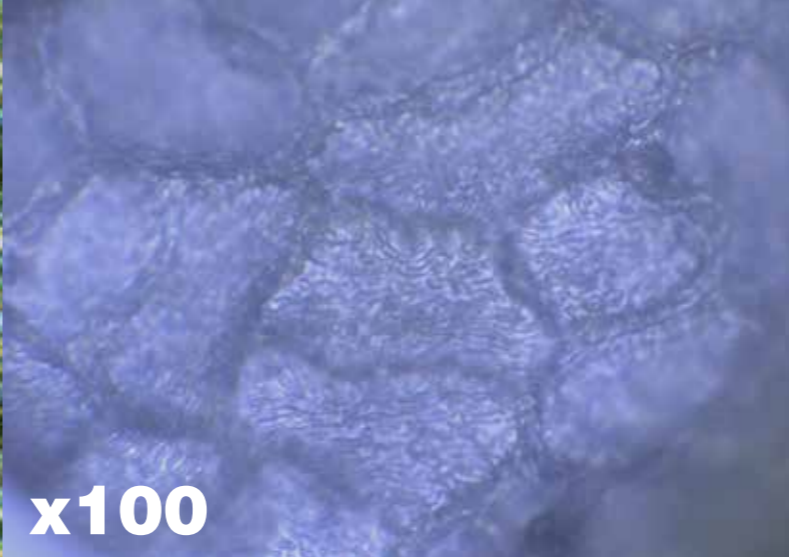
31. Pumpkin Pulp
32. Pumpkin Pulp with Mold
33. Slender Springtail
34. Unknown Ant
35. Common House Fly Wing
36. Prairie Ironwood Seed



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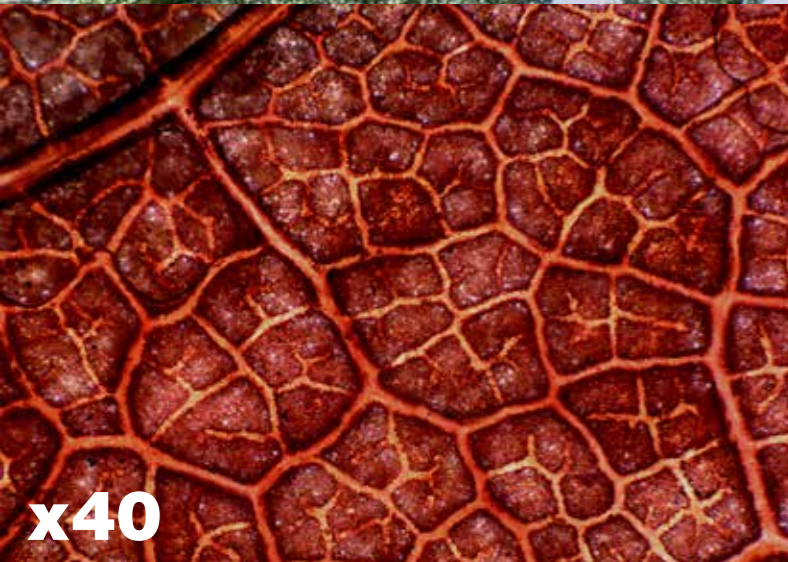
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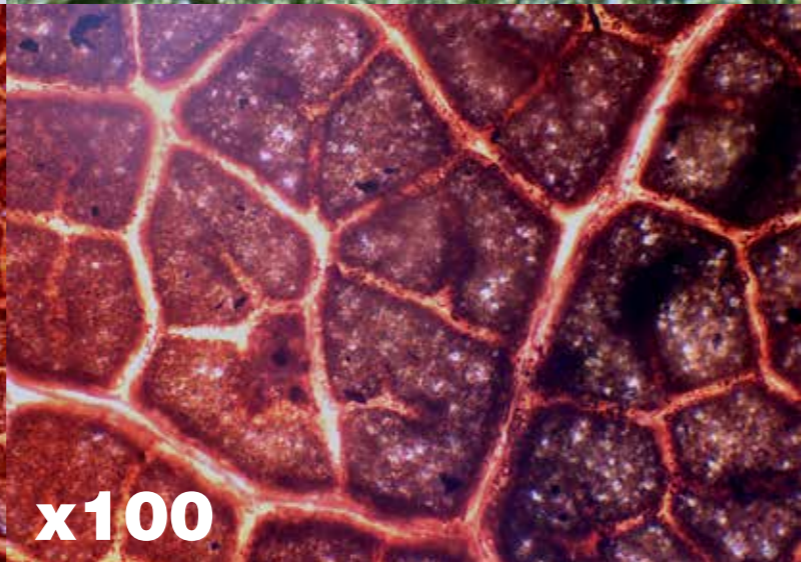
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ACER PSEUDOPLANTUS SYCAMORE LEAF

Carrying nutrients to and from the mesophyll, vascular bundles create a network. The middle image shows air cavities of spongy mesophyll. However, the lack of green mesophyll cells in the right image of a skeletonized leaf indicates the importance of the remaining vascular bundles.



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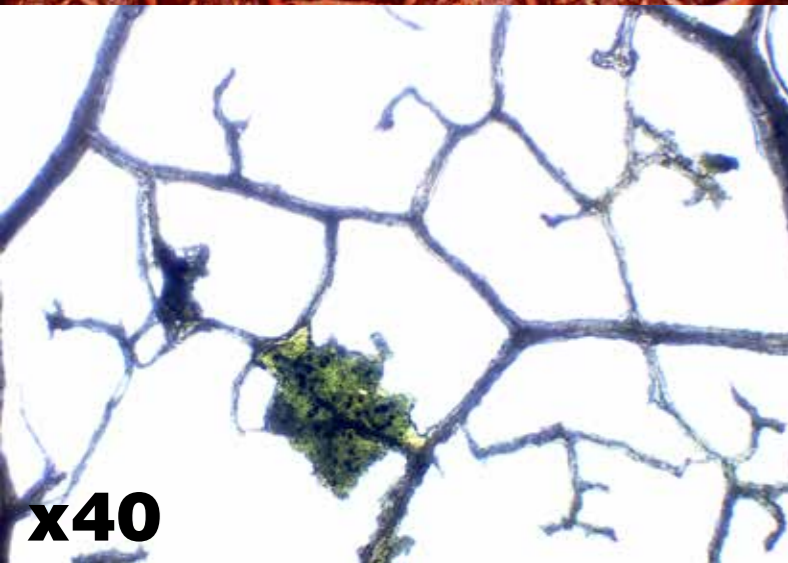
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ACER RUBRUM RED MAPLE LEAF

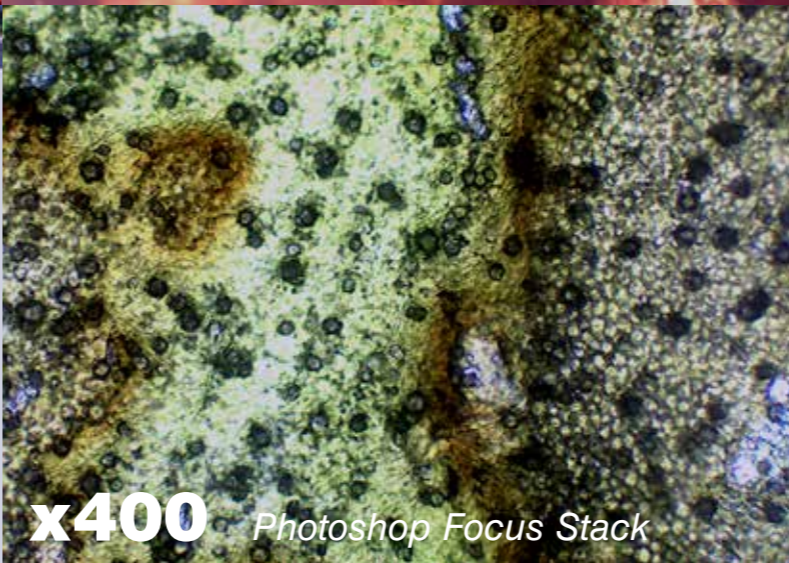
When observing the red maple leaves under the microscope it was very evident that they contained a higher amount of glucose than other leaf species observed. The cellular formations were blurred by layers of irregular cubic volumetric shapes, which notable of sugar crystals.



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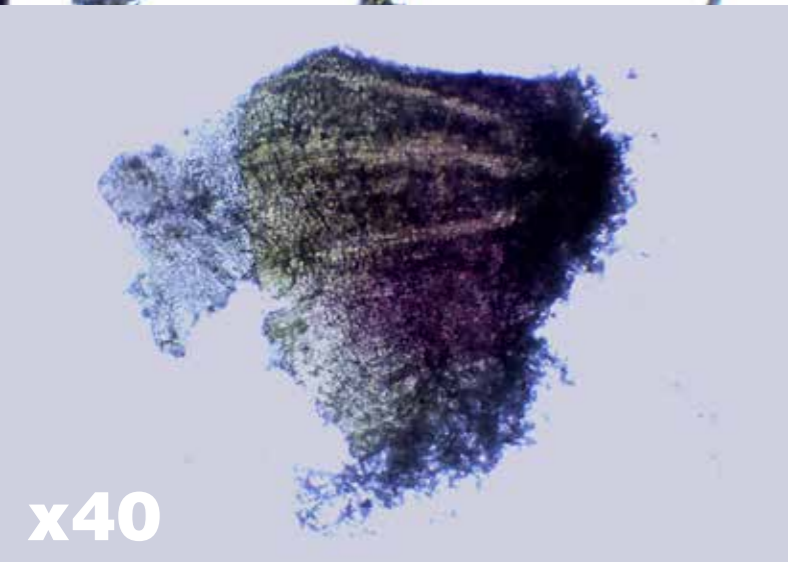
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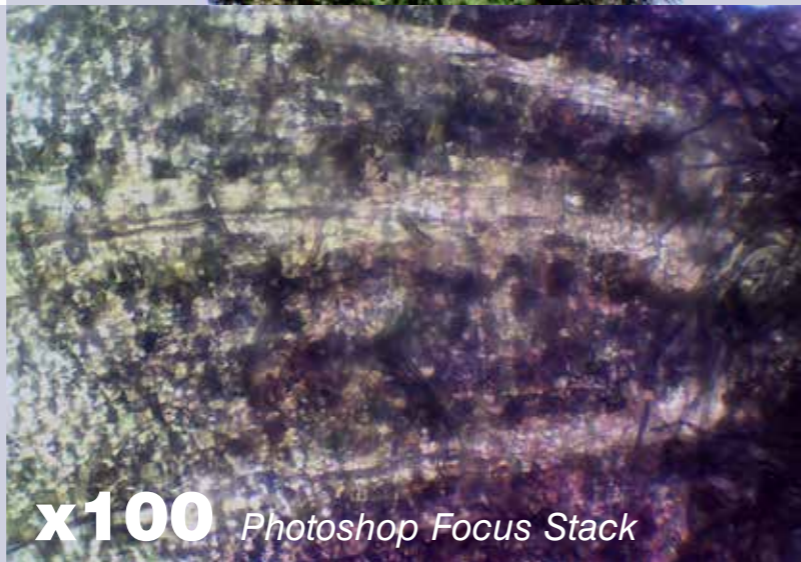
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HEDERA HELIX ENGLISH IVY

The green, black, and brown circles are the palisade mesophyll layer which was once attached to the cuticle and upper epidermis. Furthermore, the black dots are the chloroplasts within the mesophyll cells (Carlson, 2017). Chloroplasts are the organelles that conduct photosynthesis.



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ACER RUBRUM RED MAPLE BUD

Red Maples shoots grow rapidly in the summer, and as a result buds sprout on these new twigs in autumn. However, they do not open as flowers and leaves until the proceeding warmer spring (Duffy, 2020).

ORCHESELLA CINCTA
SLENDER SPRINGTAIL

Springtails get their common name from their furcula, an appendage on their rear-end under the abdomen, which is tension released when threatened (Hardie, 2020). This specimen was found hopping on a sycamore leaf.



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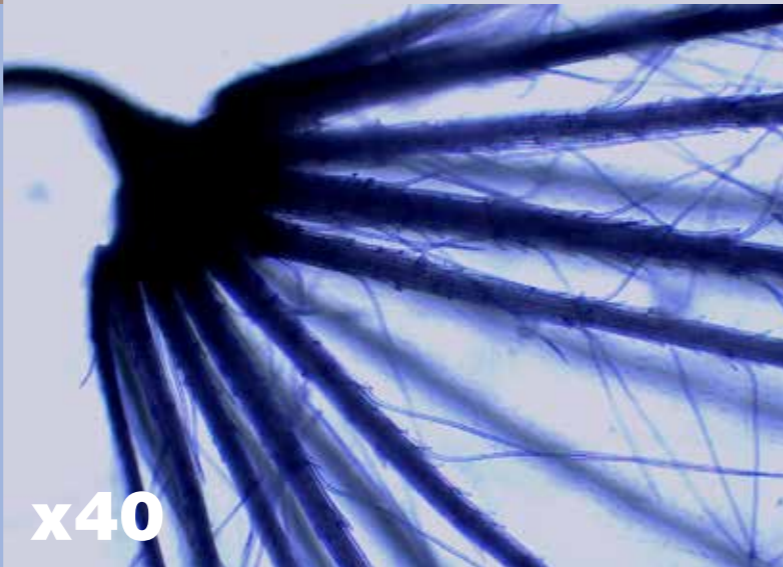


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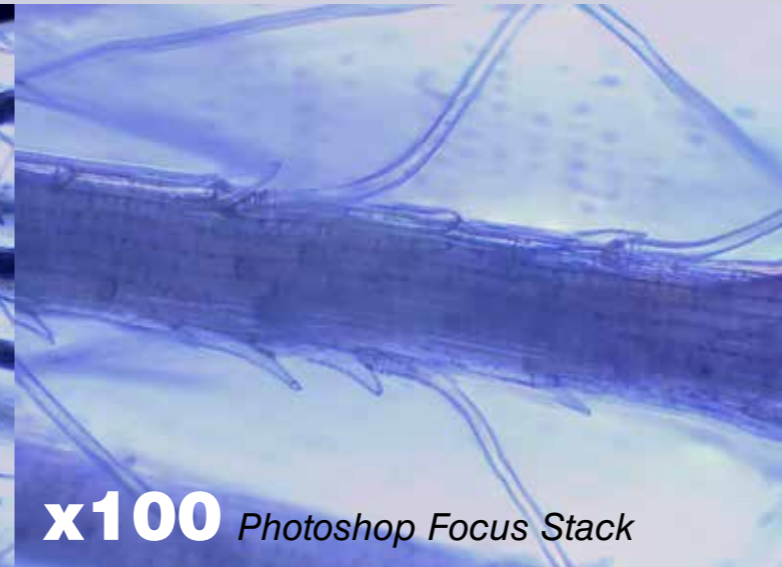
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HELMINTHOTHECA ECHIOIDES
BRISTLY OXTONGUE SEED

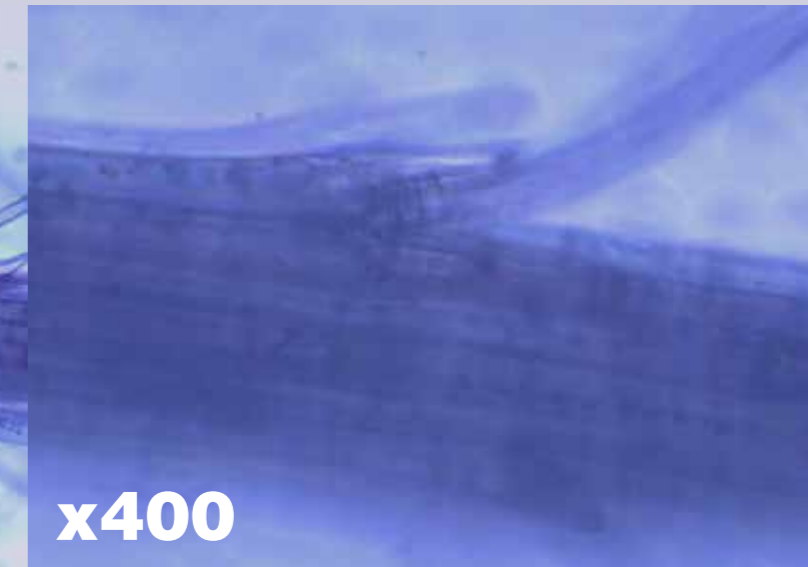
The pappus of Asteraceae family are hairlike structures radiating around an achene, which holds the seed and serves as a parachute for wind dispersal (Conrad, 2012). It consists of smaller fibrous hairlike strands.



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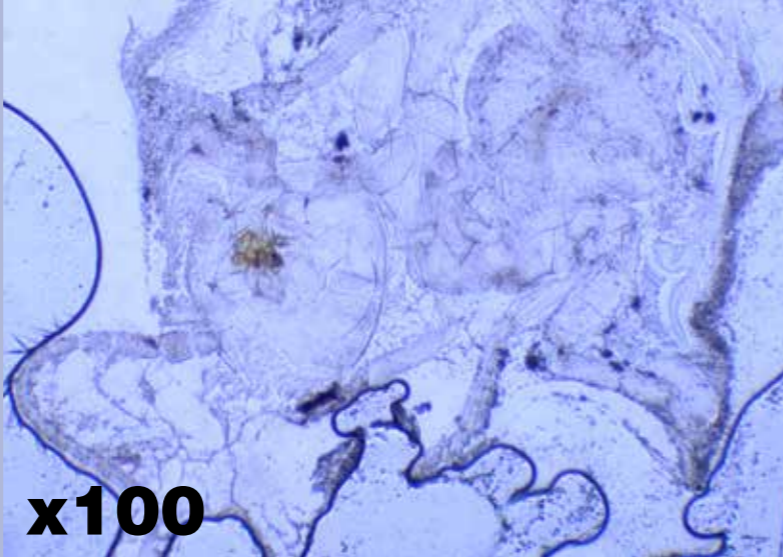
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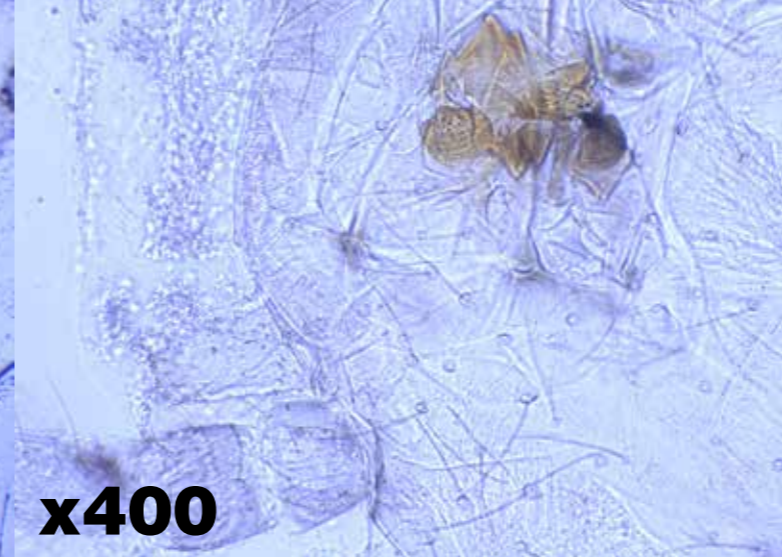
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APHIDOIDEA
UNKNOWN APHID

This micro-insect was identifiable by its morphological attributes of a large abdomen, short thorax, and long antennae. Aphids are viviparous, and their eggs develop at ovulation inside parthenogenetic females (Hadley, 2019).



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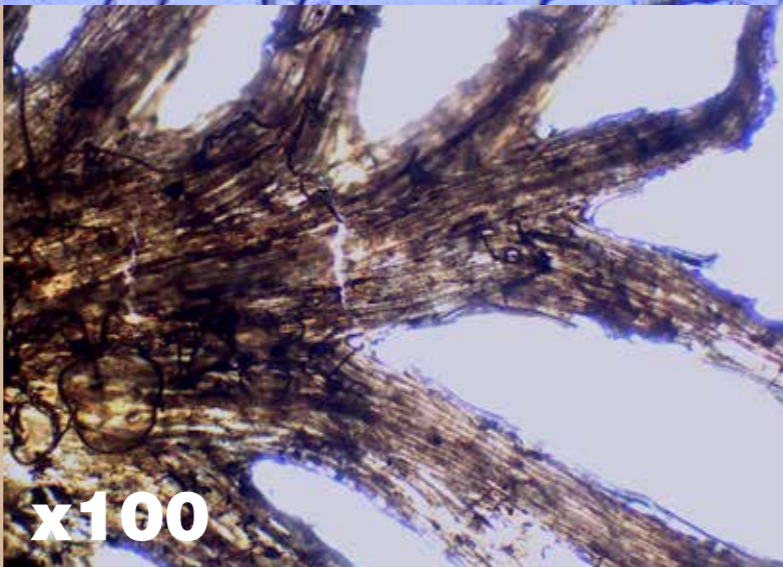
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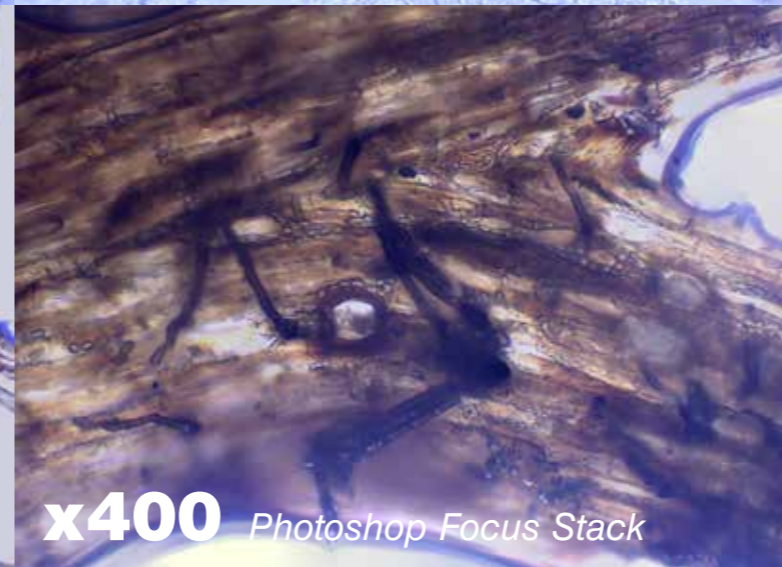
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CENTAUREA SCABIOSA
GREATER KNAPWEED BUR

Despite having an evolutionary advantage of latching onto animal fur, Knapweed is most easily spread by wind and water. Because their seeds versatility for spreading, they are often found growing along roadside and new development sites (F.S. USDA, 2014).



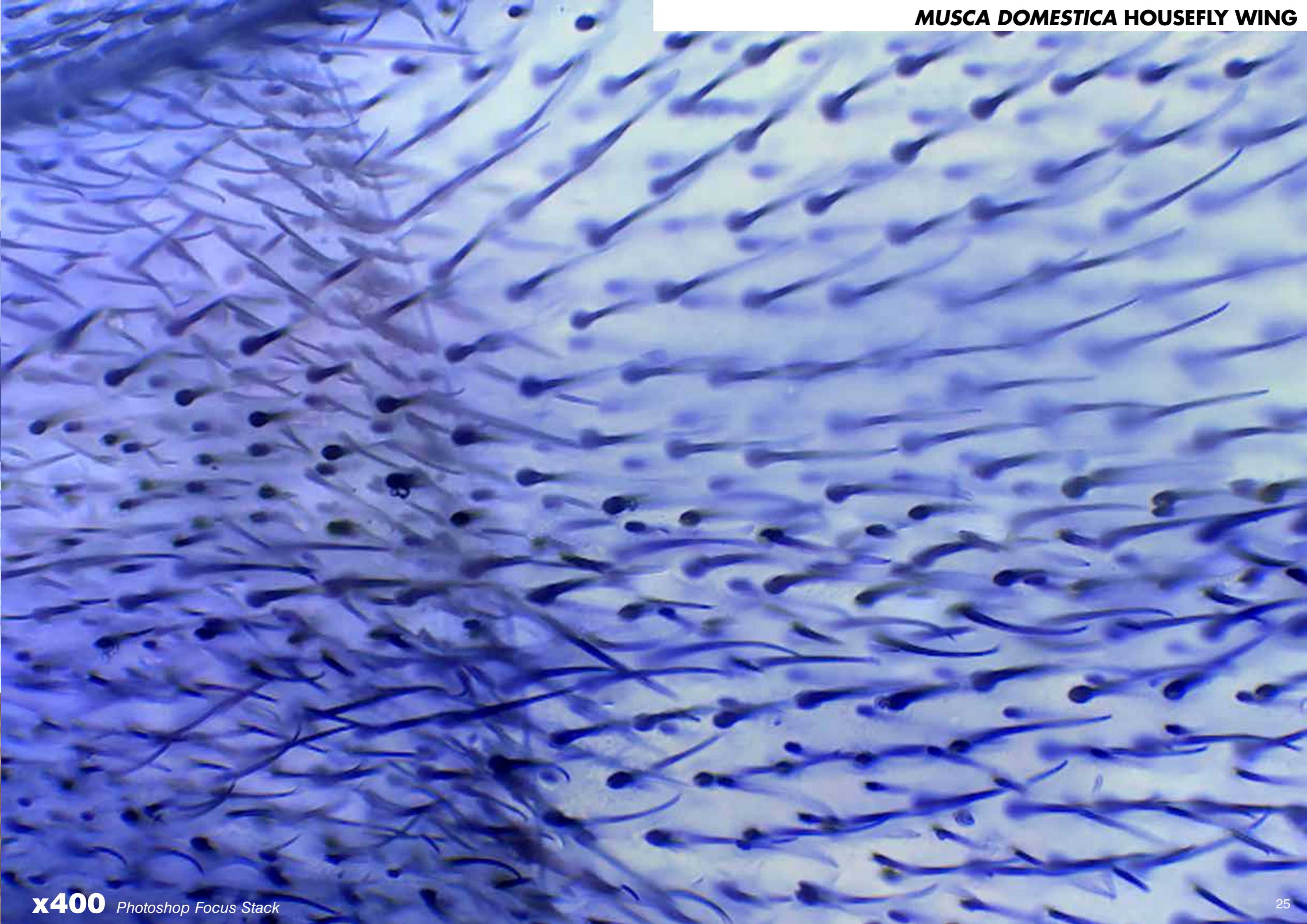
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STEATODA NOBILIS
NOBLE FALSE WIDOW

Observed with the Grow Lab Stereoscope, the Noble False Spider abdomen pulsated. After several minutes confined in a small Petri dish, it became evident that the pulsating was due to the spider using its spinnerets. Amazingly the spider spun a small web in response to stress. This image was generated using Focus Stack features in Adobe Photoshop with a multitude of digital images at various focus depths.

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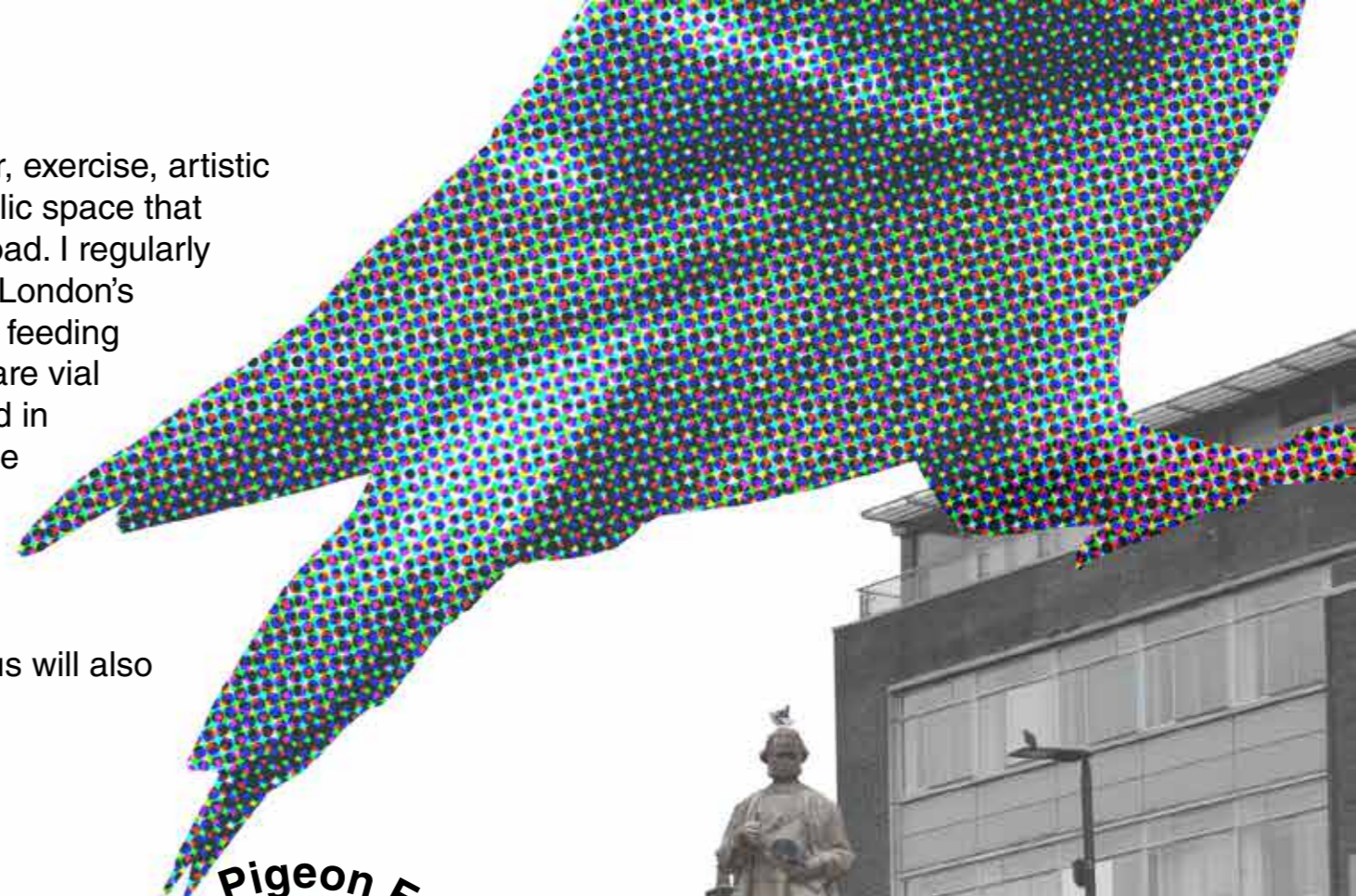
BACTERIA CULTURES: PIGEON SHIT

Background:

Open public space is a plethora of activity in urban environments. They are used as for social gather, exercise, artistic expression, cultural monuments, and curated naturescapes. Several times a week, I bike past a public space that serves all of urban functions and more at the intersection of Camden High Street and Crowndale Road. I regularly notice the towering statue of Richard Cobden looking towards Napoleon III's France and away from London's beggars sitting outside Sainsbury's. Most days a seemingly kindhearted person or two can be found feeding crumbs and seeds to feral pigeons, *Columba livia domestica*; however, in my point of view pigeons are vial creatures carrying disease that terrorize lunchtime citizens. The statue of Richard Cobden is covered in many feces droppings from Camden feral pigeons and I want to know what kinds of bacterial disease these monsters might be harboring.

Hypothesis:

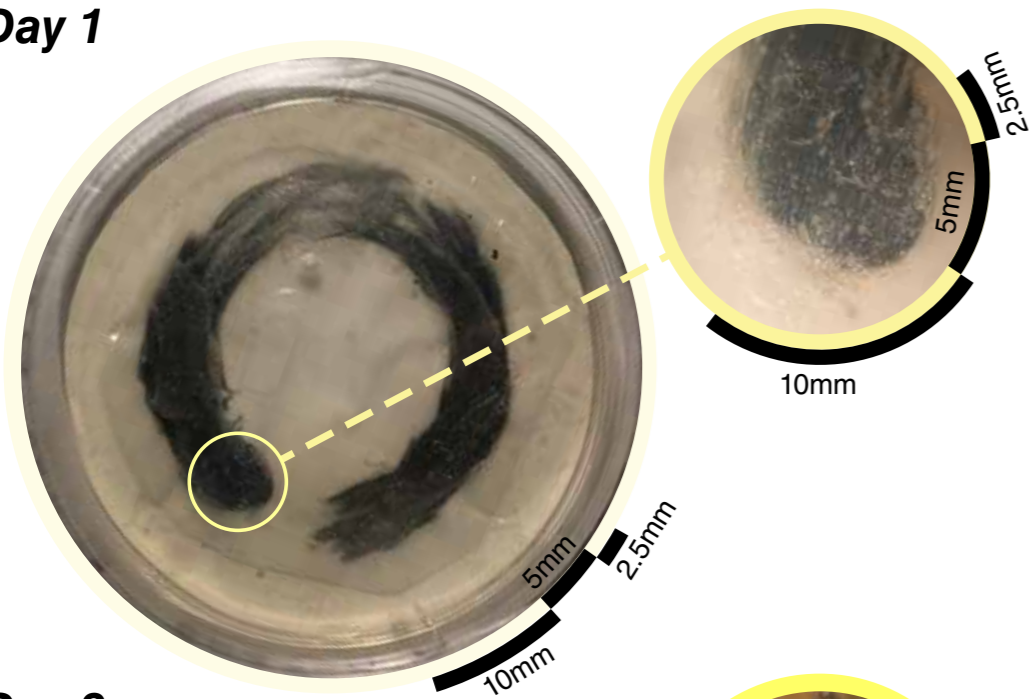
The feral pigeon feces contain many bacteria that are dangerous to human health. Cultures of *Salmonella* will most likely be the dominate bacteria grown in plates; *Histoplasma capsulatum* fungus will also be present in small quantities.



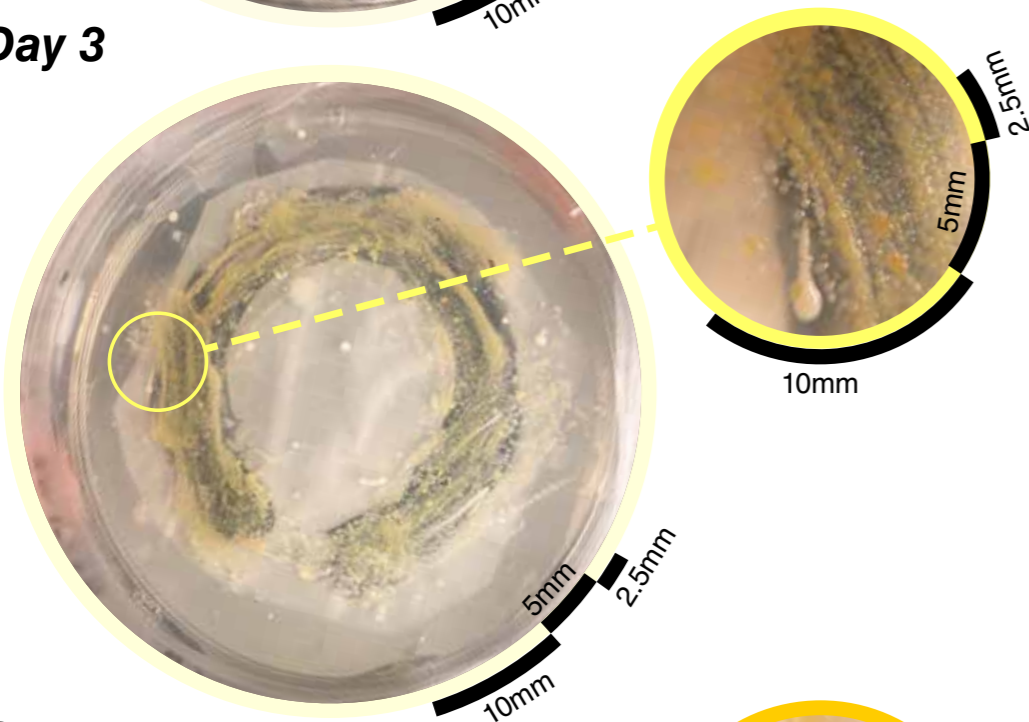
Statue of Richard Cobden

- Swab Collection Site
- Culture Growth Site

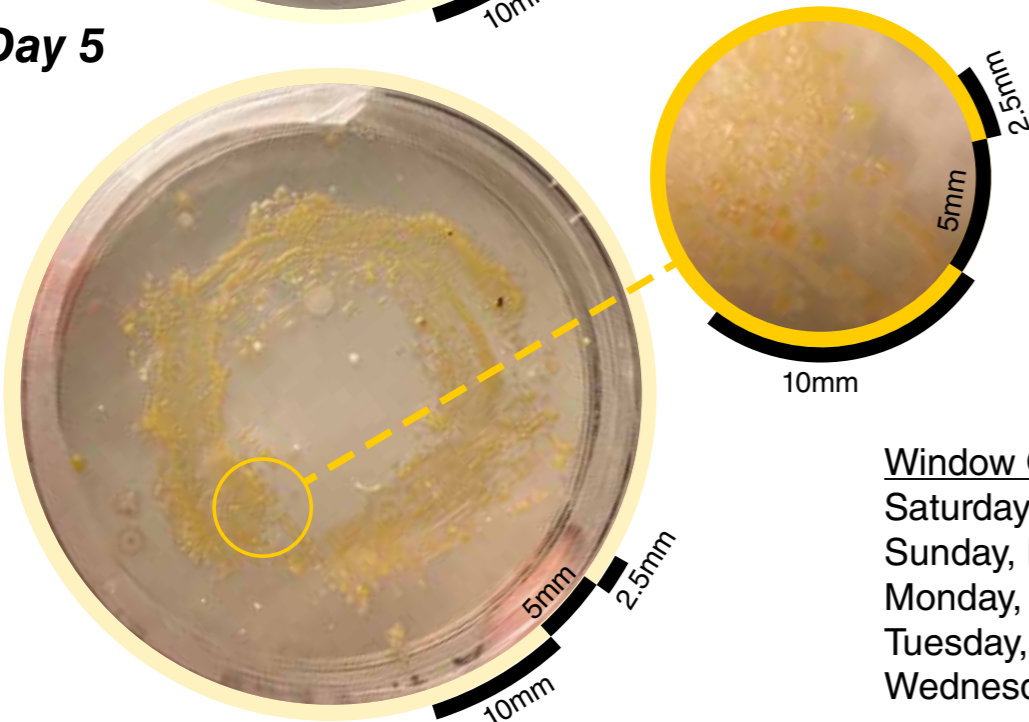
Day 1



Day 3



Day 5



Ingredients + Materials:

2x - Petri Dishes Prepared w/ Agar Medium
 6x - Essential Waitrose 100% Cotton Tip Swabs
 59.2 mL Bottle of Assured Instant Hand Sanitizer (70% Ethyl Alcohol)
 2x - 4cm Length of Parafilm Laboratory Film
 Scotch Tape from Poundland
 4x - M&S Resealable Small 1 L Plastic Freezer Bag
 Eddie Bauer Green Backpack, Synthetic Material
 Small Amazon Box
 Huggies Natural Care Extra Care Baby Wipe with Aloe Vera, 56 Count Box

Equipment:

iPhone
 GoPro Hero6
 Clip-on Macro Lens for iPhone
 Headlamp 12000 Lumen 5 LED Bulbs

Protocol:

The Petri dishes were prepared prior by CSM Grow Lab staff. The medium used for growth was agar. Dishes were left out overnight to remove pre-existing condensation on inside of lid.

The experiment started by sterilizing six cotton swabs with hand sanitizer at approximately 2:00 PM Friday, November 13, 2020. I allowed the swabs to dry in a plastic freezer bag until procurement.

Prior to collecting swab samples, I traced the outline of the Petri dishes onto Crawford & Black tracing paper and then drew two images onto the paper with makers. For Plate 1, I drew the circular Japanese symbol Enso which is a Zen Buddhist symbol representing the beginning and end of all things, or the connection of existence. For Plate 2, I drew my personal design studio logo "IMW," a series of orthogonal lines. I carefully cut out the images and taped them onto the underside of the Petri dishes with scotch tape. Thus creating a tracing template for methodically and artistically plating my bacterial swabs.

At 12:15 AM on Saturday November 14, 2020 I began my bicycle journey towards Richard Cobden. Wearing my safari-grade headlamp, I began taking samples from the statue of Richard Cobden at 12:20 AM. I initially noticed that there were no pigeons currently present on site, but their numerous feces dropping of various ages. Furthermore, the droppings were often matted by traffic from other pigeons, and often mixed with soft white pigeon down feathers. The colors of the droppings ranged in shades of white, black, brown, and green. I did not target feces droppings to swab based on their "freshness," but rather focused on sample from areas that looked heavily trafficked. After swabbing I spent several minutes documenting the site with my iPhone. Furthermore, videos of the swabbing was shot live with a GoPro. The samples were placed in a new / unused small freezer bag. I transported the plated swabs in my backpack.

At 12:35 AM I arrived at my flat room and promptly sealed the Petri dishes each with a 4cm long strip of Parafilm. Then I wrote the date, my name, contents, and specimen number on the Parafilm. I took several photos of the plated specimens on my desk. Afterwards I placed Feces 1 on my 4th building story northwestern facing windowsill. Feces 2 was placed inside a small box under my bed, removed from all source of natural and artificial light. Before going to bed I opened the window at 1:30 AM. The operable window opening is approximately 30 cm above the window sill. Whenever I opened the window at night during this experiment I also rolled down the blackout shade.

Window Opening & Closing Schedule

Saturday, November 14 – Open @ 1:30 AM; Close @ 1:45 PM
 Sunday, November 15 – Open @ 2:30 AM; Close @ 1:15 PM
 Monday, November 16 – Open @ 4:00 AM; Close @ 1:14PM
 Tuesday, November 17 – Open @ 3:05 AM; Close @ 11:00 AM
 Wednesday, November 18 – Open @ 12:52 AM; Close @ 2:05 PM

Recorded Outdoor Temperatures

Saturday, November 14 – 50 Degrees F / 10 Degree C
 Sunday, November 15 – 54 Degrees F / 12 Degrees C
 Monday, November 16 – 48 Degrees F / 9 Degrees C
 Tuesday, November 17 – 55 Degrees F / 13 Degrees C
 Wednesday, November 18 – 57 Degrees F / 14 Degrees C

Observations + Results:

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Feces 1 – Lid was clear of condensation. Transparent murky creamy colored colonies appeared to form along brush strokes from swab. Several white transparent singular colonies formed in random locations away from the swab contact area. They varied in sizes and opacity.

Feces 2 – Lid is very condensed. Shook dish back-and-forth gently to move droplets of water to allow a visual into plate, without breaking the parafilm seal for the controlled Petri dish environment. Similar transparent colonies grew on swab strokes. However more yellow-tan-brown creamy color. Several locations had more adamant clusters of light brown formations.

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Feces 1 – Clusters of colonies started to appear yellow while some major singular colonies and edges of swab stroke colonies remained white. Growth exceeded that of Feces 2.

Feces 2 – Clusters mostly remain same as yesterday. Condensation inside lid seemed to increase, but it was easier to motion droplets off. Remained a murky tan color to colonies that were hard to distinguish.

Monday, November 16, 2020

Feces 1 – Almost all colonies turned yellow, some turned a bright yellow. Most However, most of the colonies stayed at a deep yellow ochre color. Some large singular peripheral white colonies remained. Two white colonies at the very edge of plate medium appeared to be growing a fuzzy texture at their spherical outers with a dark brown / light black central node.

Feces 2 – Growth remained mostly unchanged and as a translucent creamy tan color throughout the entire plated medium. There were several white opaque spots that appeared to be a slimy texture. One of them had branches/arteries extending out from its central node. Condensed water leaked from side of dish through the tape. Used a different box at this point because original box was needed for an Amazon return.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Feces 1 – White fuzzy colonies increased in size. There were two of them. One large singular colony on inside edge of swab stroke remains opaque with some disc rings inside it. Several clusters of golden orange-yellow colonies started to randomly appear in swab stroke clusters. A bright fluorescent yellow cluster has become noticeably dominate on the edge of the plate. Approximately 12 opaque white slimy colonies.

Feces 2 – Was able to observe several medium sized opaque white colonies forming around the peripheral edges of the plate. Entire plated agar has turned a murky translucent tan color.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Feces 1 – One of the two fuzzy white colonies began devouring a white opaque colony. Disced white colony remained. Golden orange-yellow colonies became more frequent within swab stroke clusters. Bright fluorescent yellow cluster on the edge of the plate increased in size and grew more spherical. Approximately 14 bright yellow colonies. Approximately 20 opaque white slimy colonies. Removed lid to take final photographs with iPhone for presentation package. Smells like soft French cheese, approaching Limburger.

Feces 2 – Opened lid inside a new/unused plastic freezer bag. Cleaned surface w/ tissue, proceeded by a wipe-down with a baby wipe, then lastly wiped down again with a tissue and hand sanitizer. Replaced lid and removed from bag. Promptly threw bag in communal kitchen rubbish bin. Observed approximately seven opaque white colonies. There is a strange tan brown slim that seems to be randomly growing underneath the agar. Smells more earthy, but still equally rancid.

Conclusion:

There are several types of bacteria living inside feral pigeon feces.

- 1 – White Fuzzy with Black Central Node, Abnormalities
- 2 – Opaque White Circular Slimy, Occasional Singulars
- 3 – Opaque White Flat Filamentous, Occasional Singulars
- 4 – Yellow Ochre Course, Dominate Colonies
- 5 – Bright Fluorescent Yellow Slimy Circular, Occasional Singulars
- 6 – Gold, Orange-Yellow Course Circular, Secondary Colonies
- 7 – Brown-Tan Translucent Murky Irregular, Dominate Colonies

Possible Plate Interpretation

- 1 – *Alternaria*, Fungi Mold
- 2 – *Salmonella*
- 3 – Fungi
- 4 – Bacteria, yeast
- 5 – Bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus* (best guess)
- 6 – Bacteria, yeast
- 7 – Unsure

I would not advise anyone to touch a feral pigeon; however, based on the results it seems that maybe they are not as disgusting as I perceived. The bacteria and fungi found in their feces seem to be very ordinary and similar to most common environmental bacteria.



2: ARTIFICIAL BIOLOGICAL MACHINES

DESIGN TRANSLATION

THE KNOW-IT-ALL // RA 8h 52m 36s | Dec +28° 19' 51"

ABSTRACT: HRM 2022 INTERGALACTIC EXPLORATORY MISSION

Isaac Wilhelm

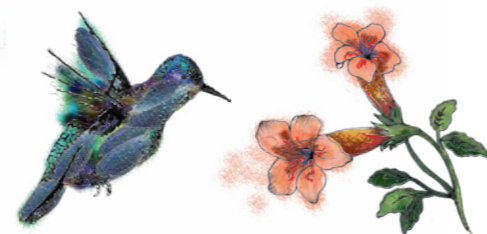
Thanks to tremendous scientific advancements in space travel during the Great Lockdown, a new element, Wilhelmite, was discovered 40 light years away on 55 Cancri e. Our team went through a great ordeal to procure a specimen of the element during Her Royal Majesty's 2022 Intergalactic Exploratory Mission.

Shortly after presenting the specimen to the Royal Court the elemental gemstone began showing signs of life. Immediately we began observing and documenting the alien lifeform, the Know-It-All.

The Know-It-All is made up of the Wilhelmite at its foundational EcoCore. The EcoCore is radioactive and releases energy used by the Know-it-all to exhibit unearthly abilities. For instance, its ability to replicate and mutate the DNA of consumed creatures. Miraculously, these DNA traits are exhibited through different morphological abnormalities on the flower bud. Furthermore, the Know-It-All reproduces mutant hybrids once the flower buds have reached their end-of-life. We believe the species to have an intergalactic collective consciousness with an overwhelming desire for universal immanence.

The new element, Wilhelmite, has similar properties to carbon. Like Carbon-14, this isotope is radioactive. The instability of the 6 protons and 8 neutrons creates a heavy nucleus in the isotope identified at the EcoCore. We have observed the element bonding with carbon to generate a negative ion. The radioactivity of the element results in some seemingly impossible lifeform function.

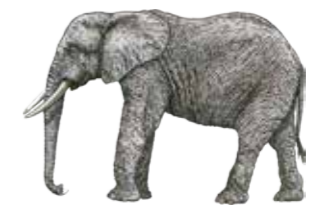
The organism taps into the Wilhelmite's radioactive energy, allowing it to create its own energy field, or Aura. This Aura allows for the Know-It-All to sense, analyze, respond, and manipulate its micro-environment.



Hummingbird + Petunia
(5 Years + 3 Years) / 20 = 4.8 Months



Sika Deer + Chrysanthemum
(18 Years + 4 Yers) / 20 = 1.1 Years



Elephant + *Fuchsia hybrida*
(70 Years + 2 Years) / 20 = 3.6 Years



Spider + *Gomphrena celosiodes*
(8 Years + 5 Years) / 20 = 7.8 Months



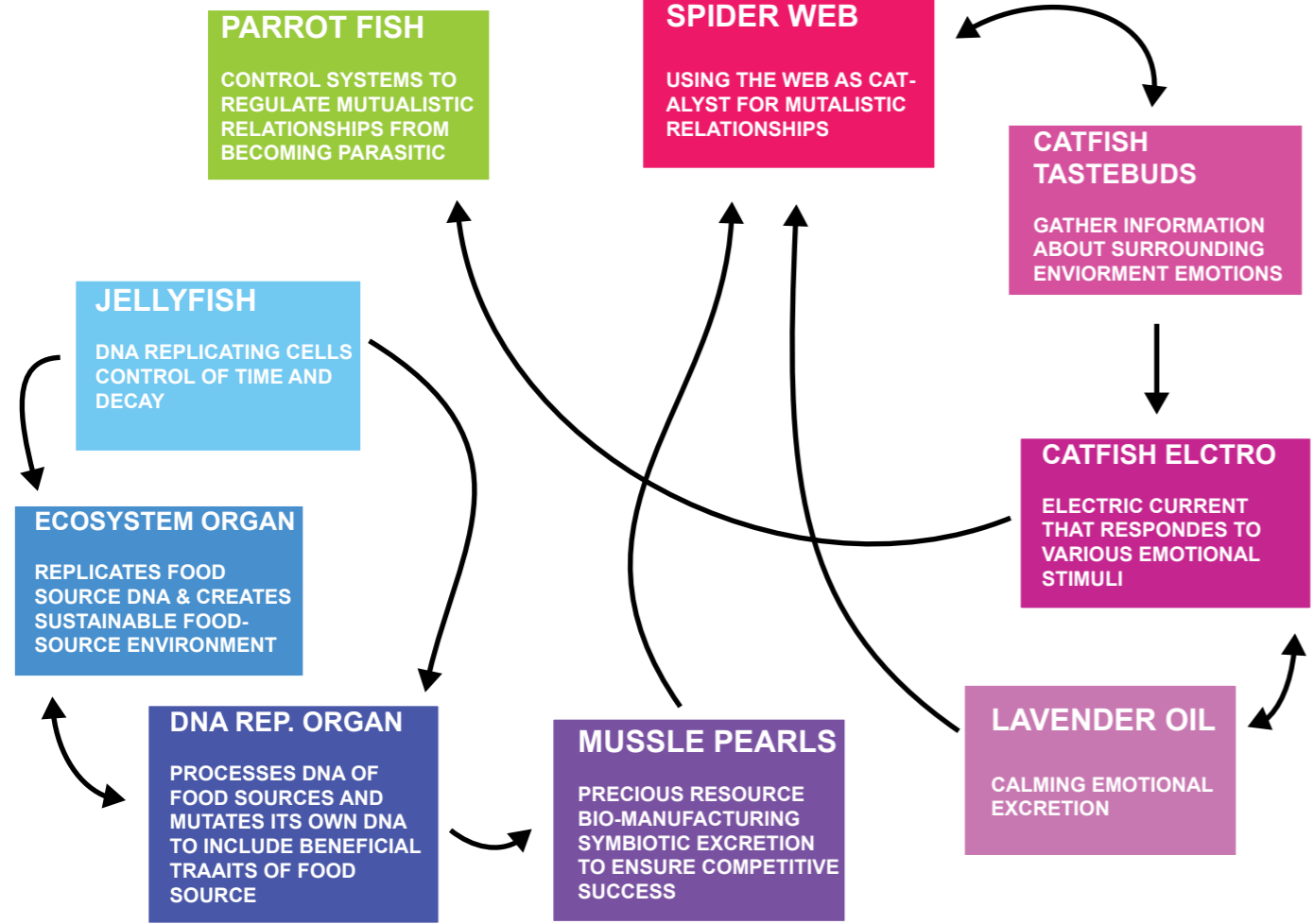
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Butterfly + *Papaver rhoeas*
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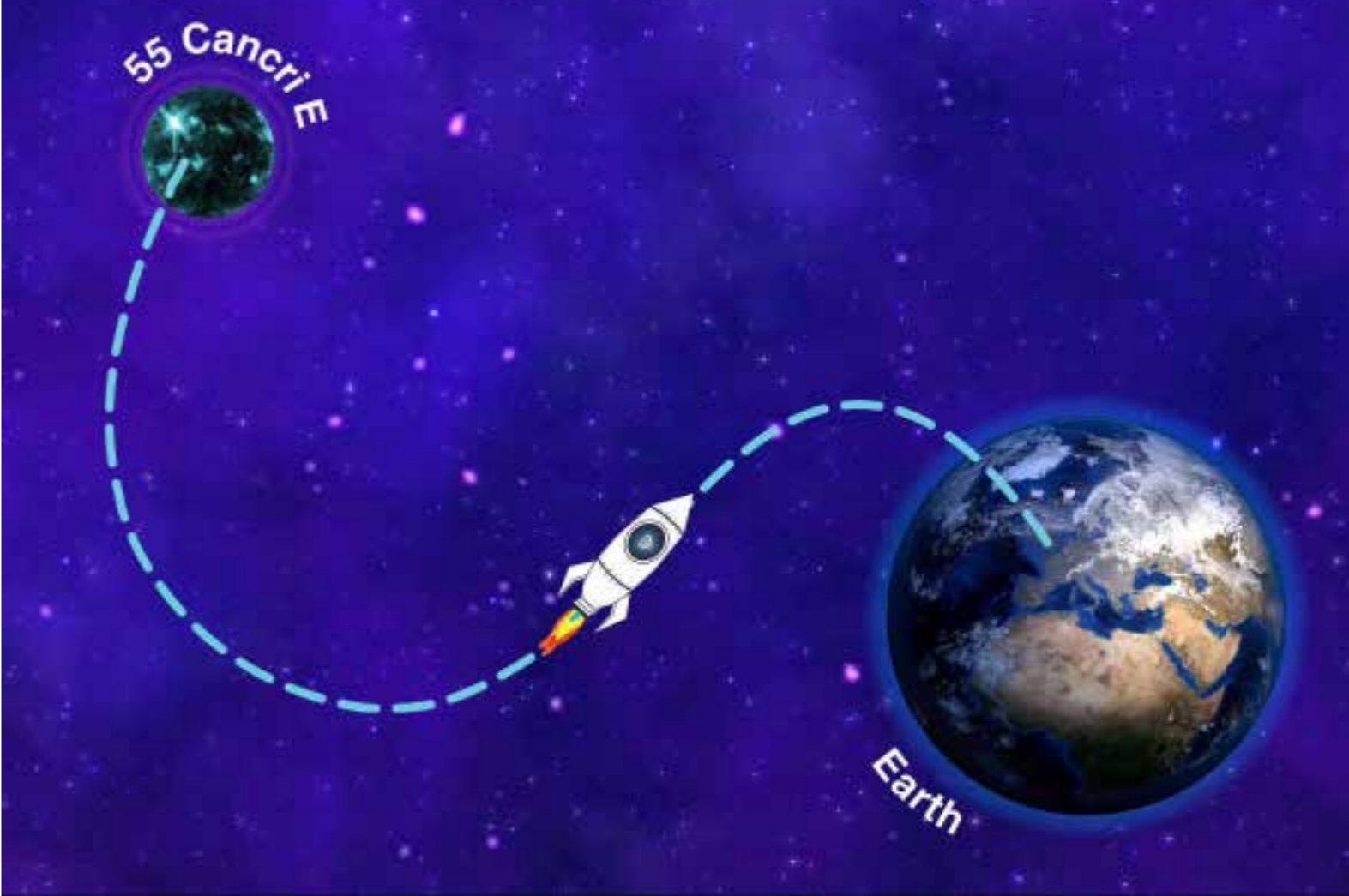
PRELIMINARY SYSTEM THINKING

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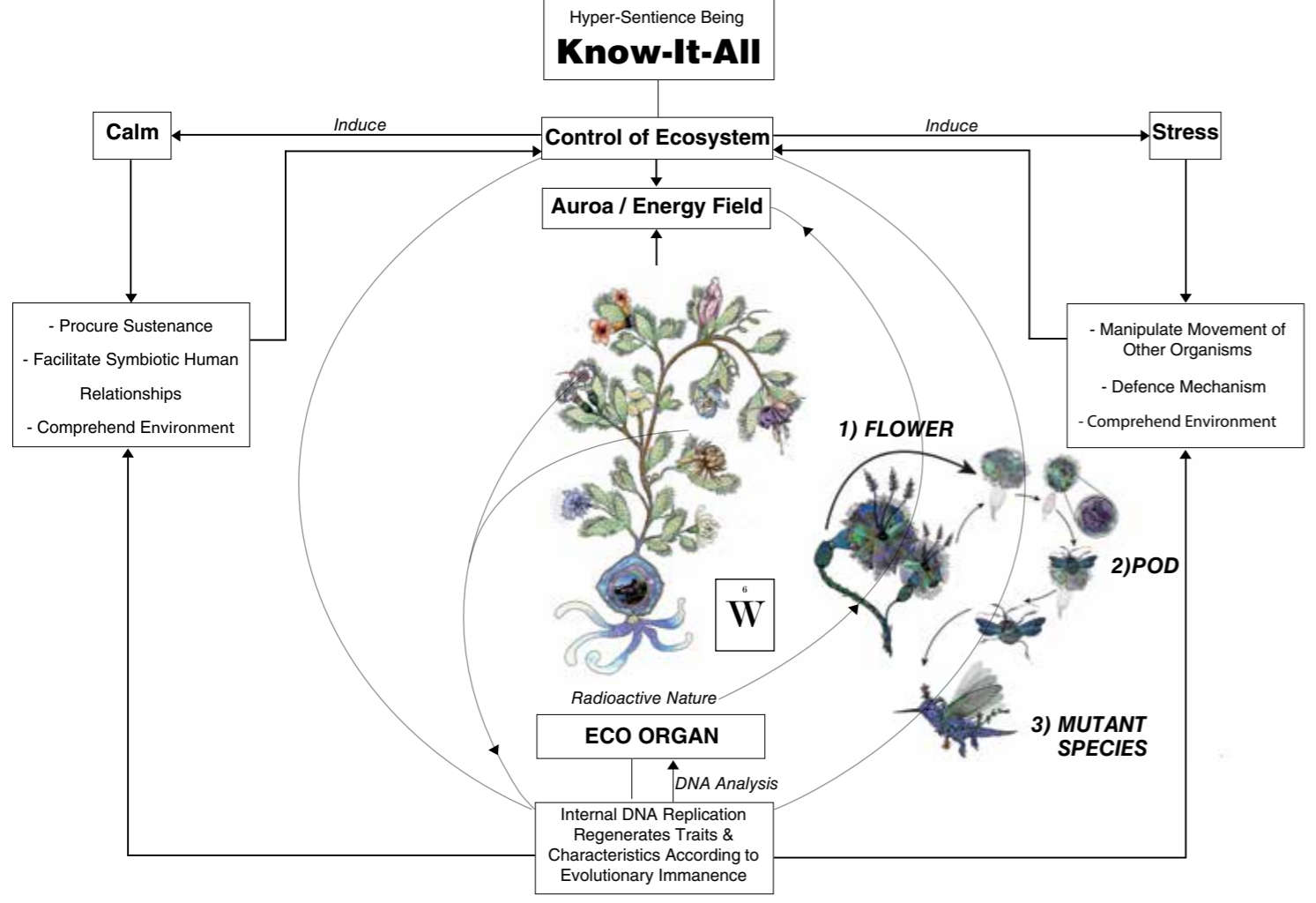
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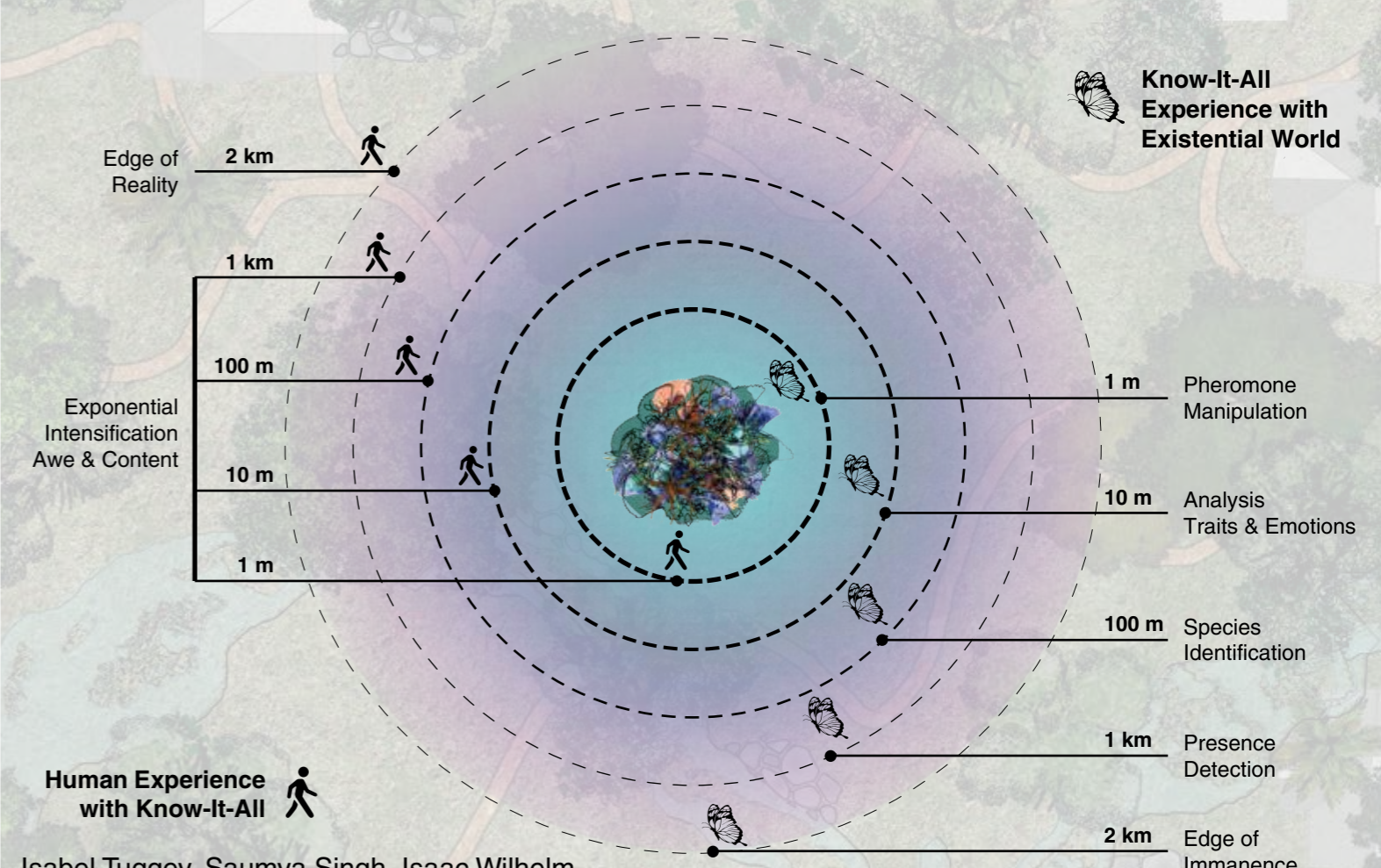


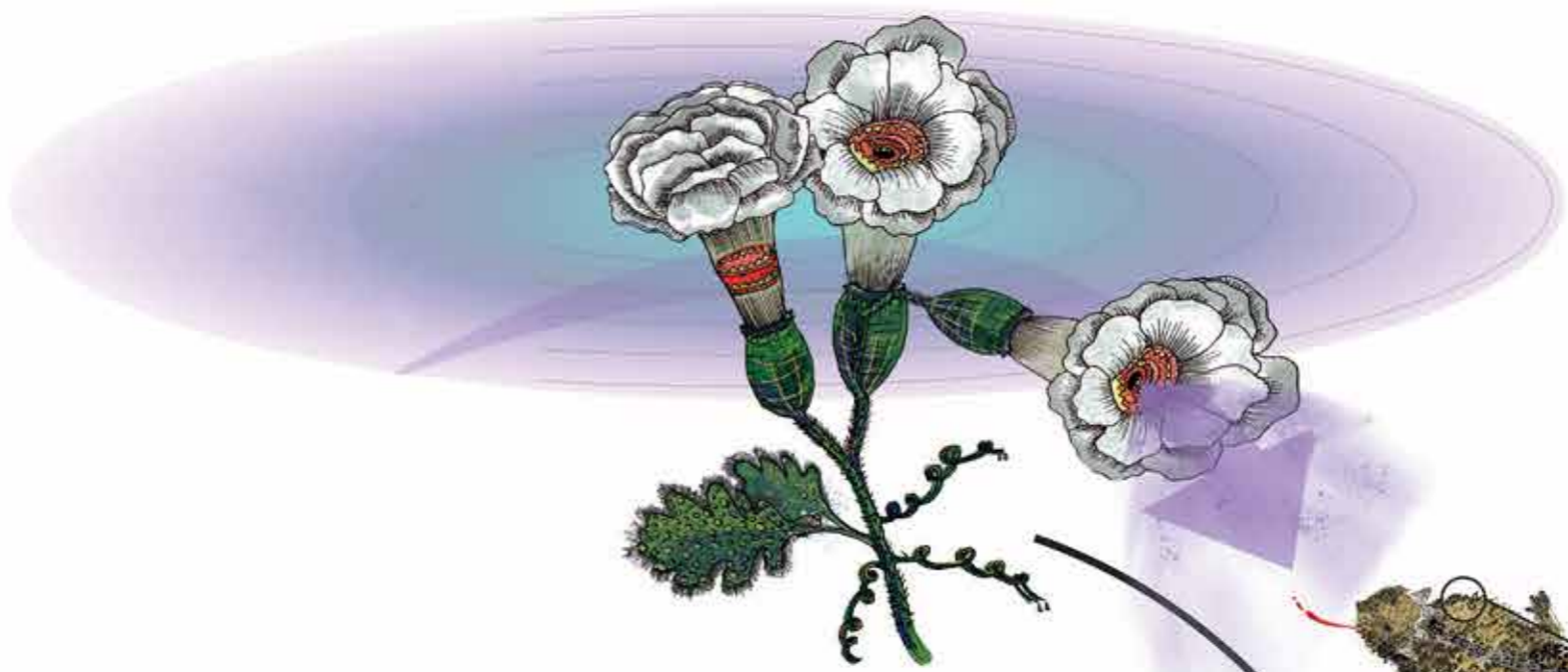
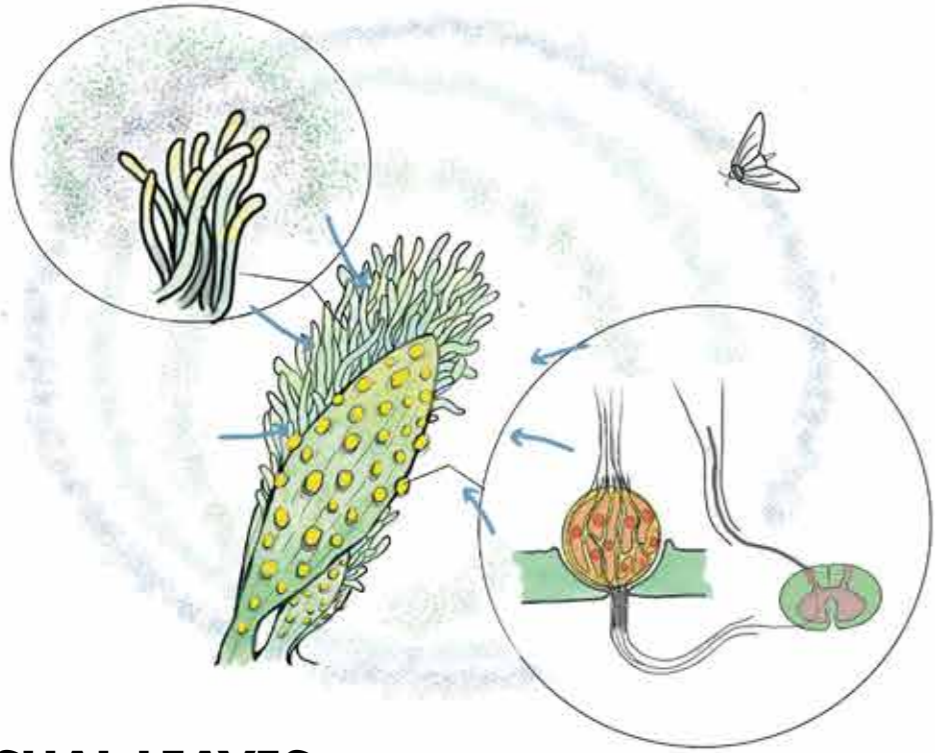
FINAL SYSTEM THINKING

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AURA OF IMMANENCE





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Life Span of Flower Bud

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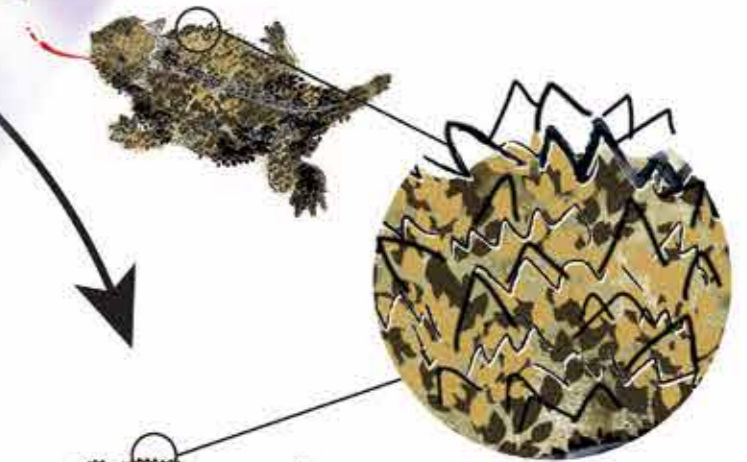
Life Span of Pod

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Life Span of Mutant

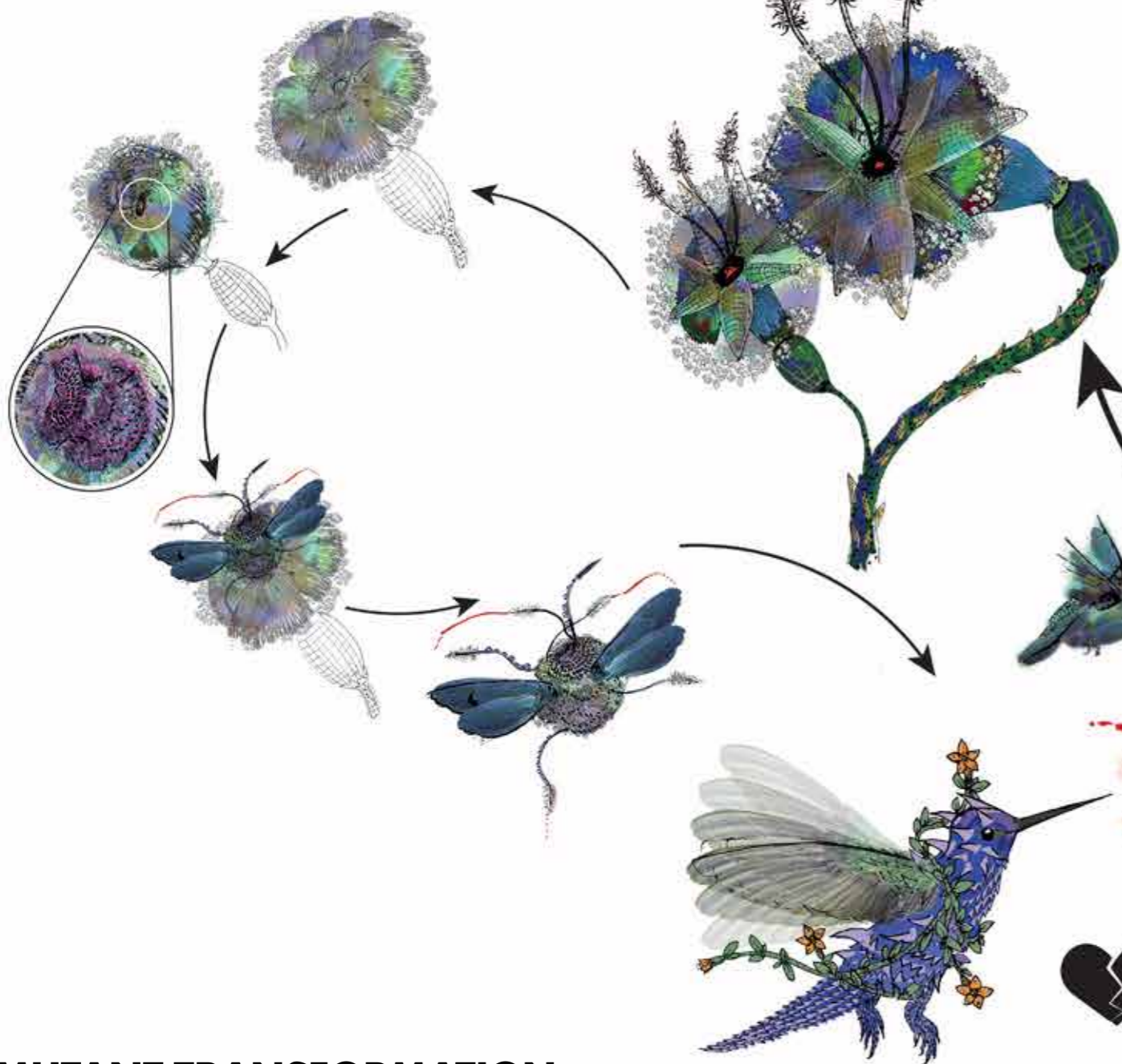
$$\frac{L1 + (L2 + L3 + L4 + L5 + L6 + L7 + L8)}{nL \times 5} = LS$$

Lx = Life Span of Organism DNA Processed
 nL = Total Number of Organisms Processed (max 8)
 LS = Final Life Span (years)



SENSUAL LEAVES

Jiayu Yang



MUTANT TRANSFORMATION

Isabel Tuggey, Saumya Singh

6 — Atomic Number
(Number of Protons)

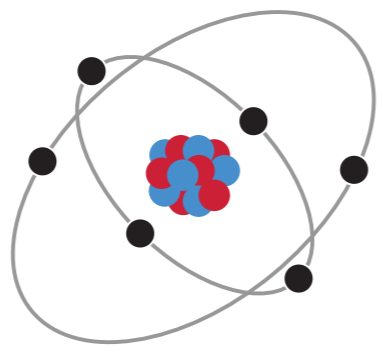
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Wilhelmite — Name

12.333 — Atomic Weight

4 - 2 — Electrons Per Shell

Inner Shell — Outer Shell



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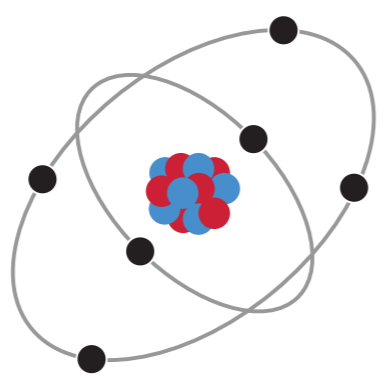
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Carbon — Name

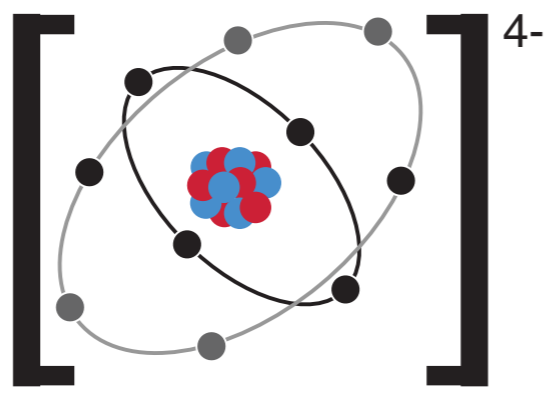
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2 - 4 — Electrons Per Shell

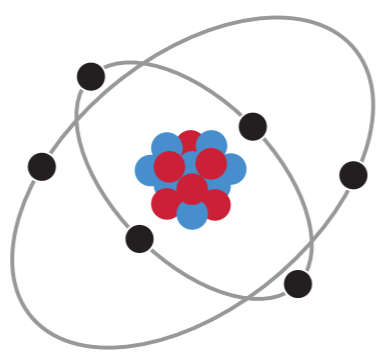
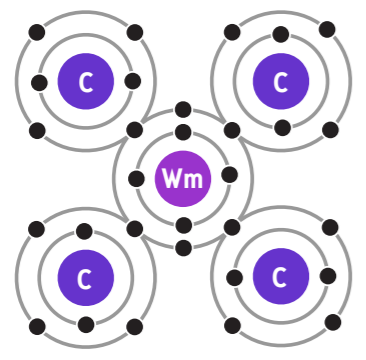
Inner Shell — Outer Shell



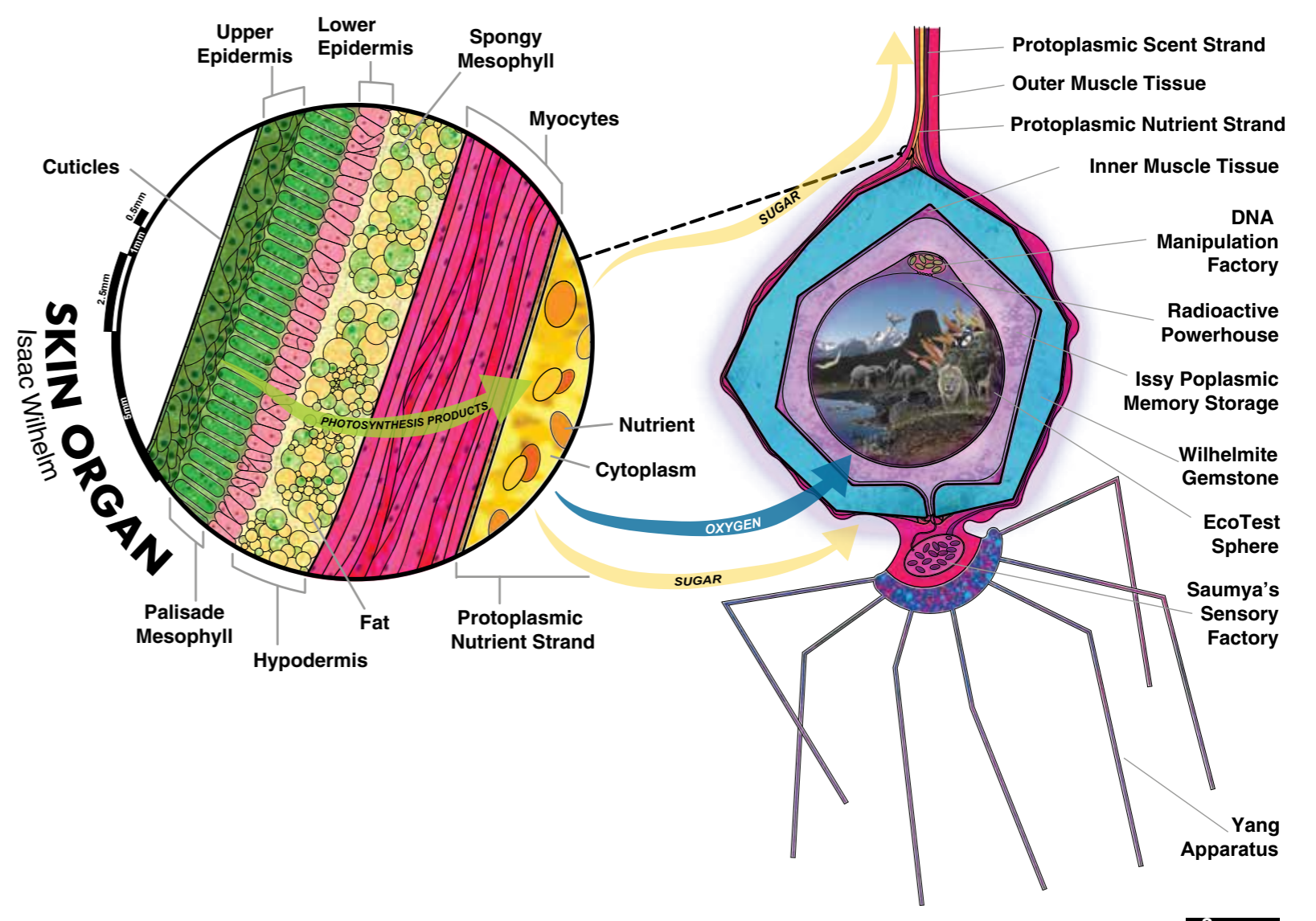
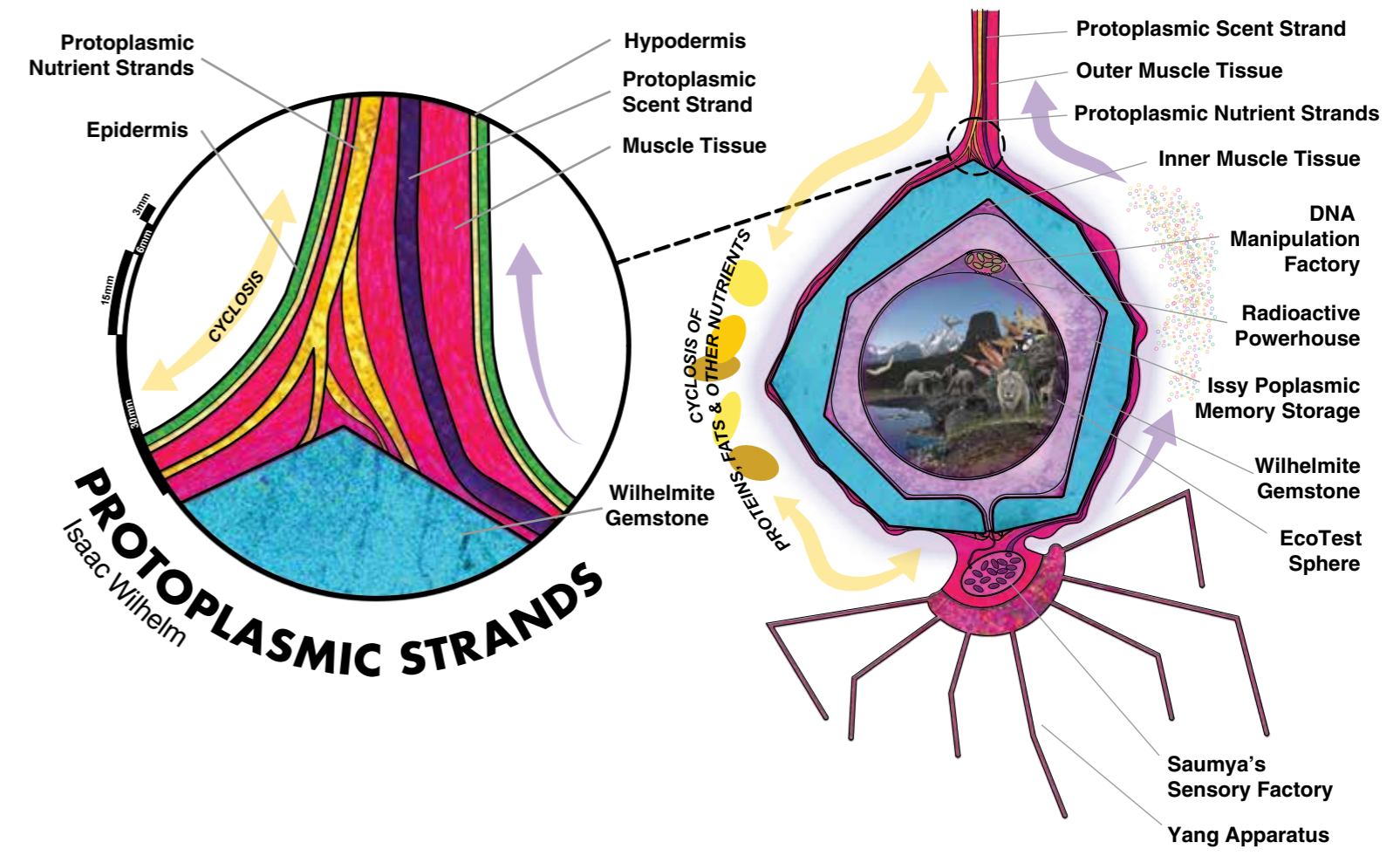
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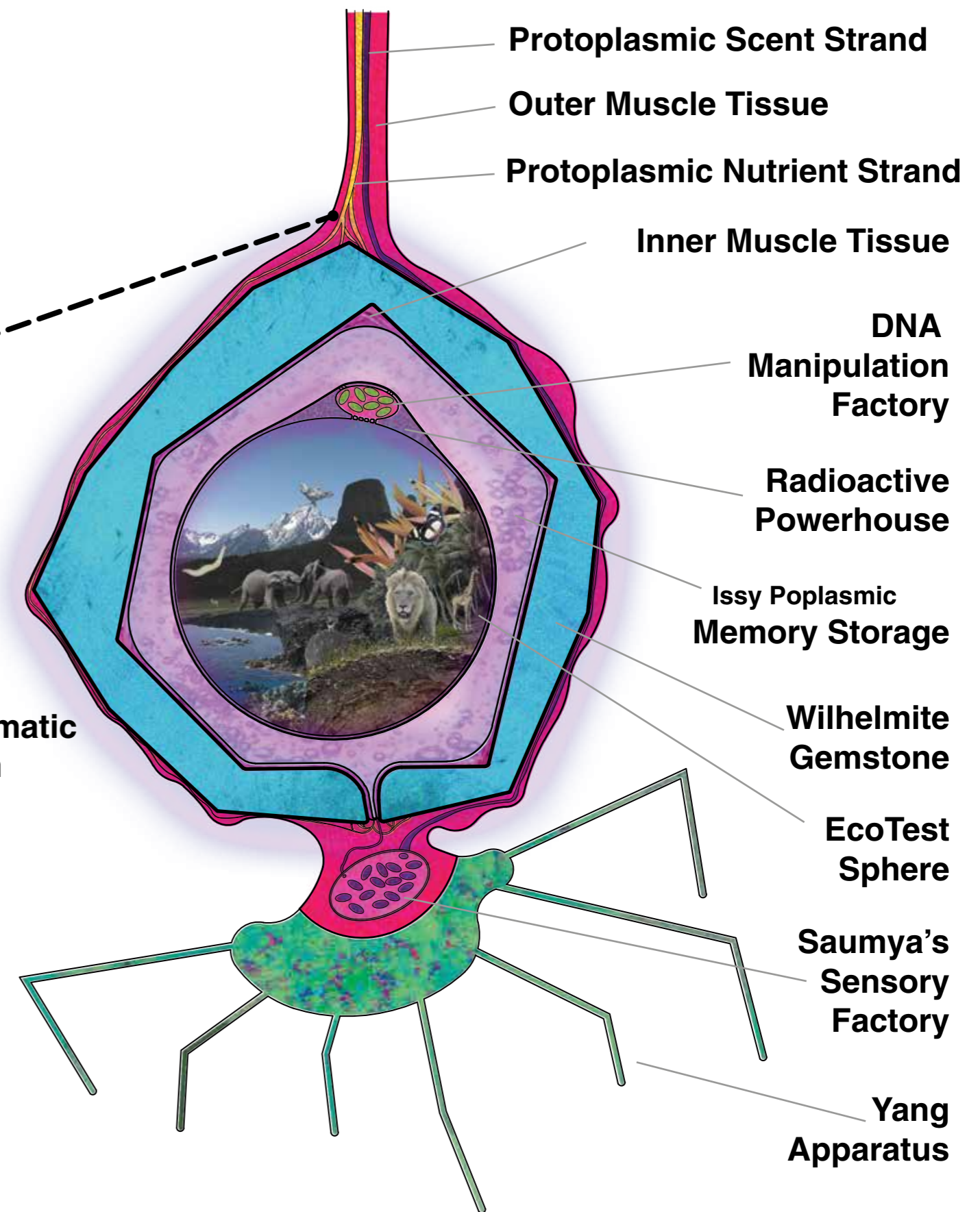
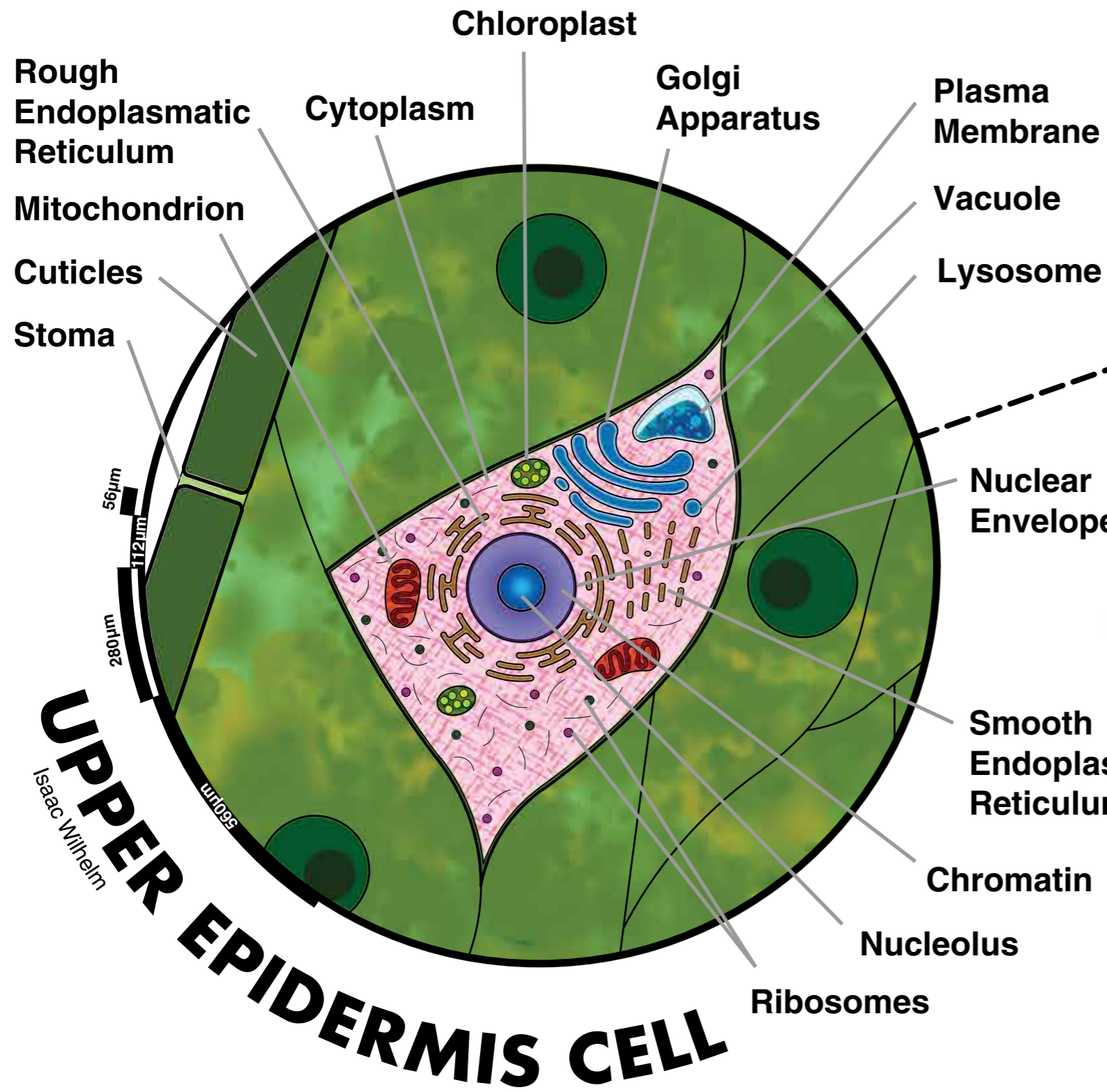


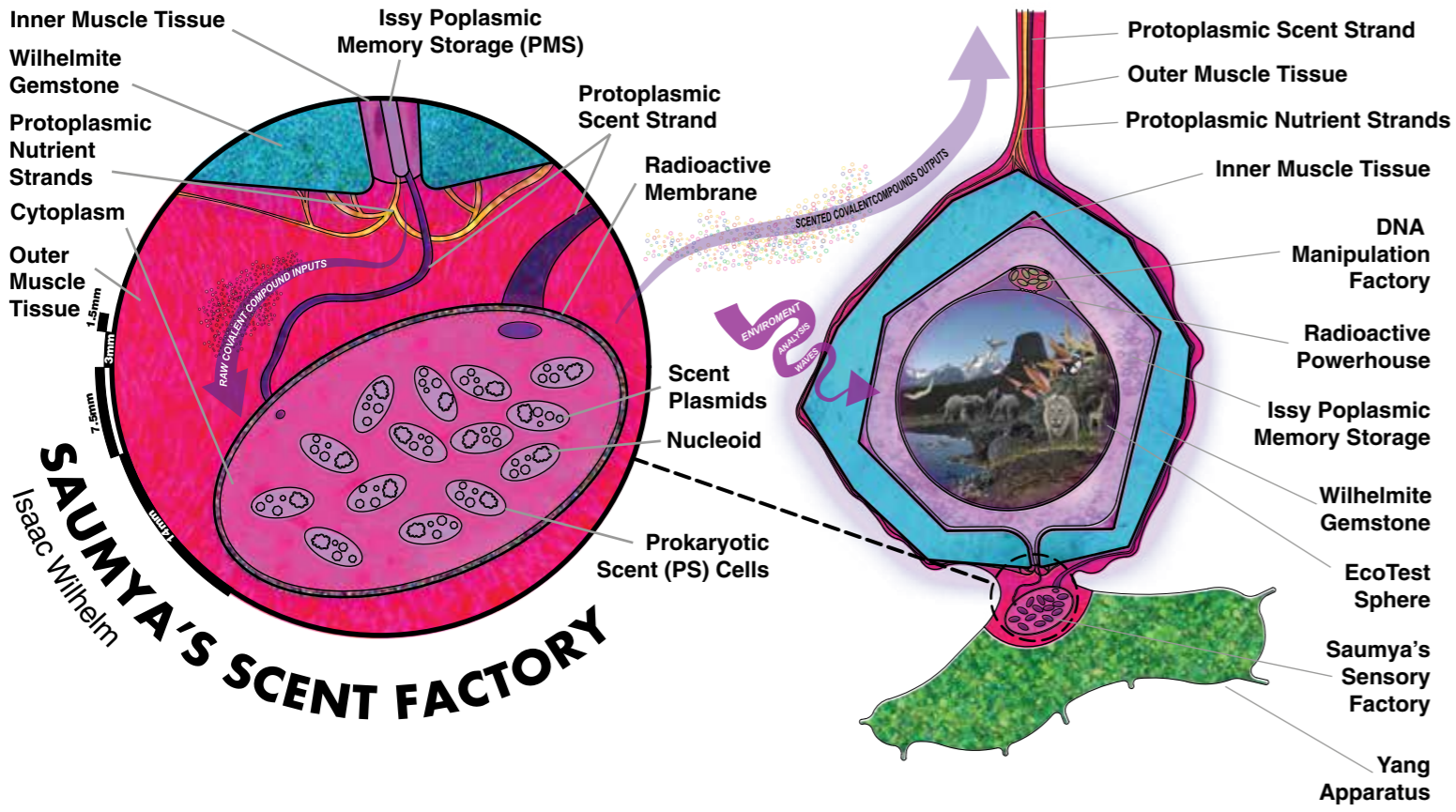
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Wilhelmite - 14
**6 Protons
8 Neutrons



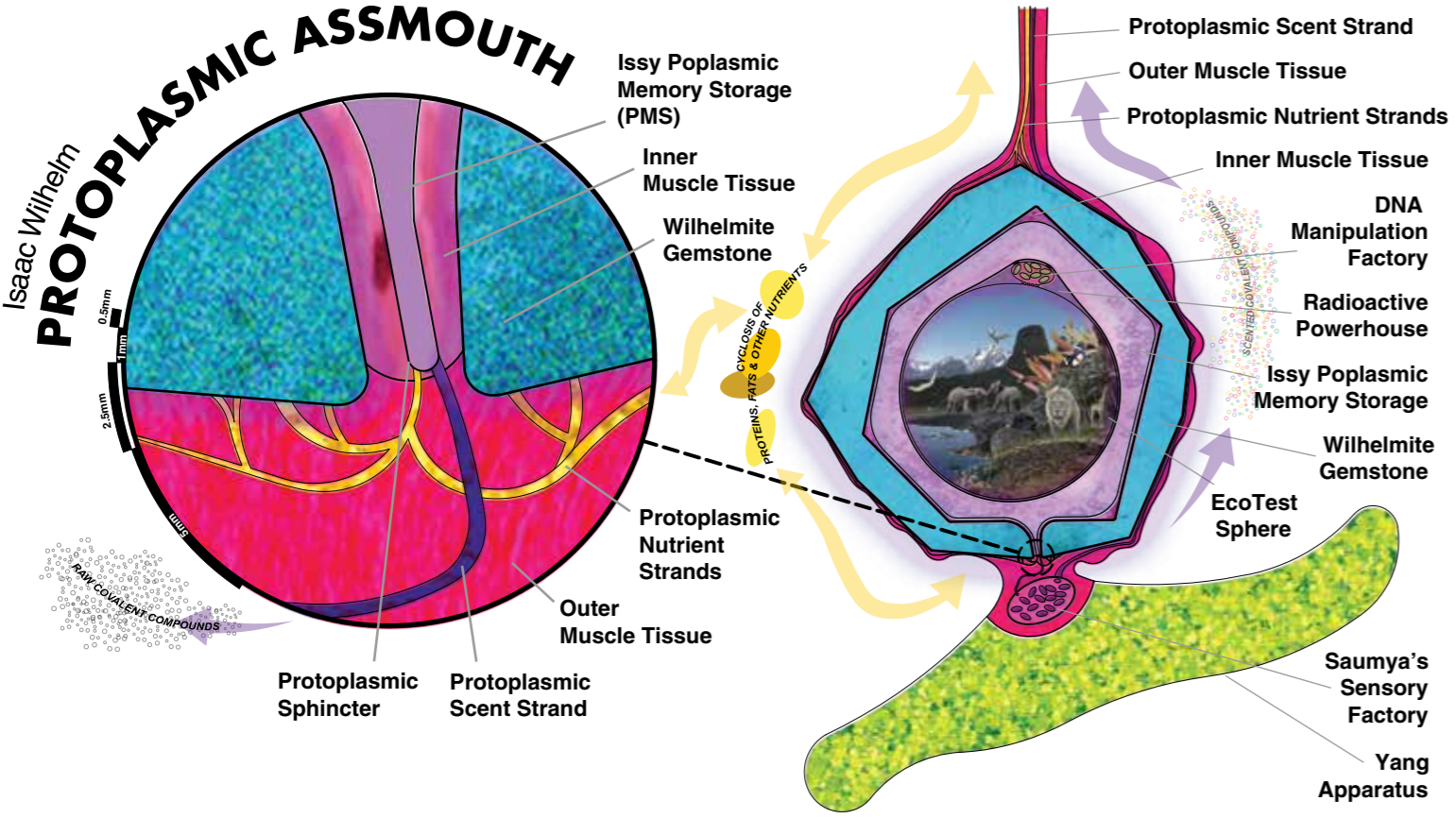
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- Protons (+)
- Neutrons
- Nucleus



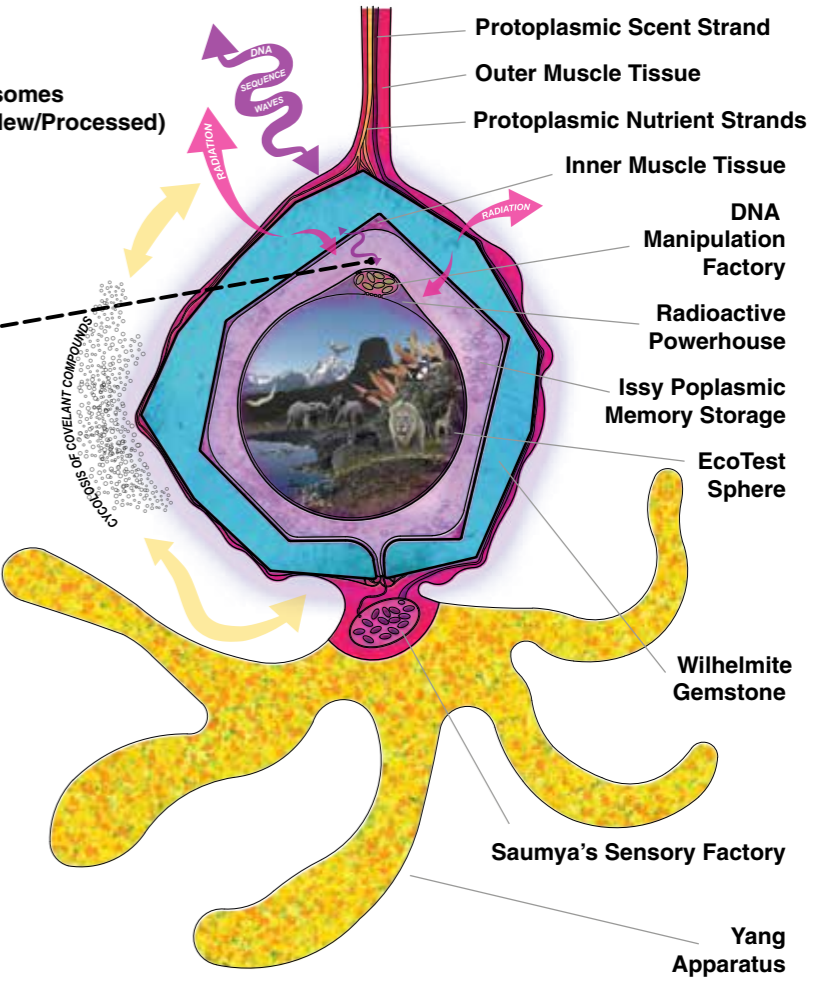
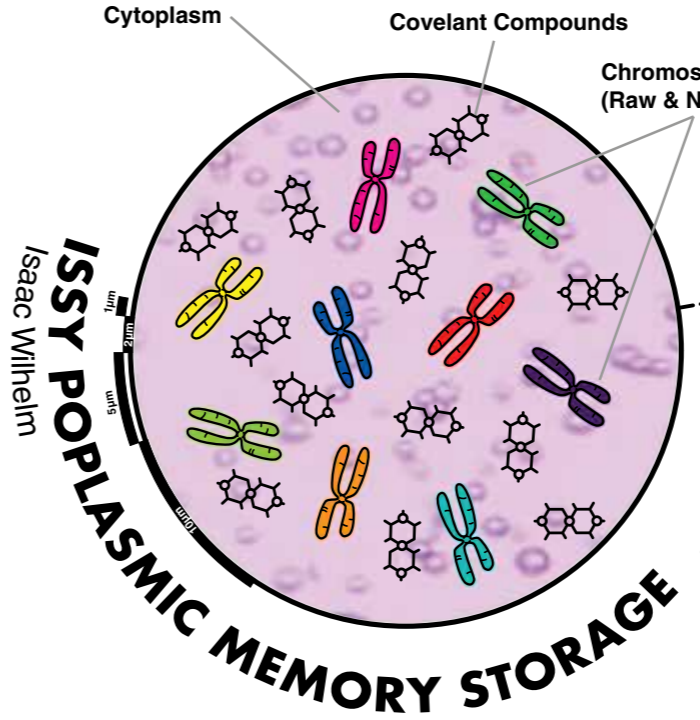
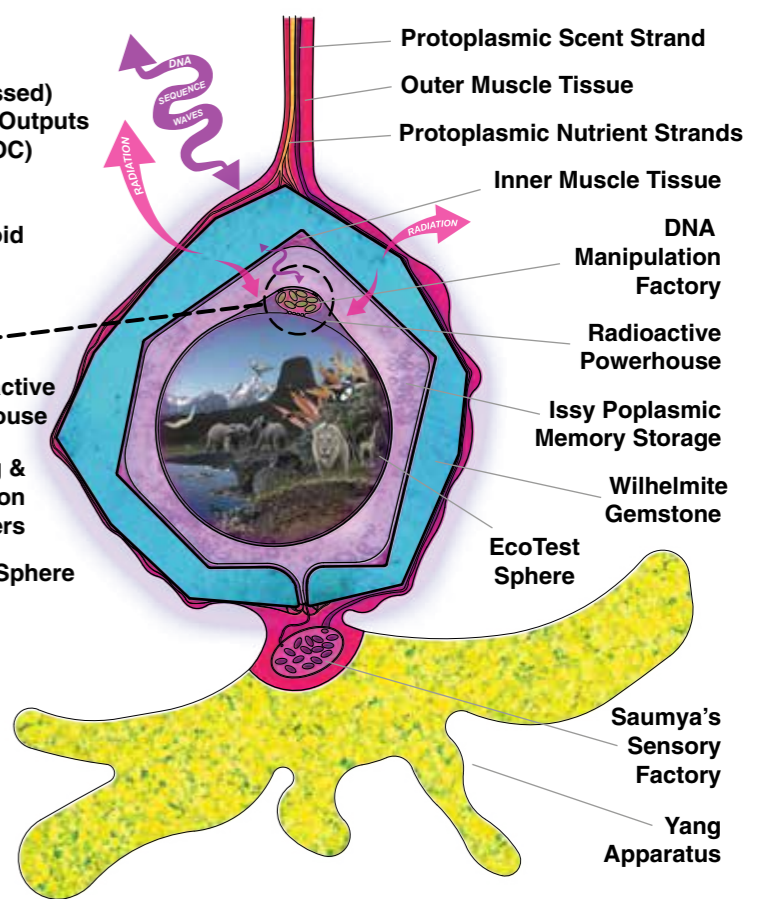
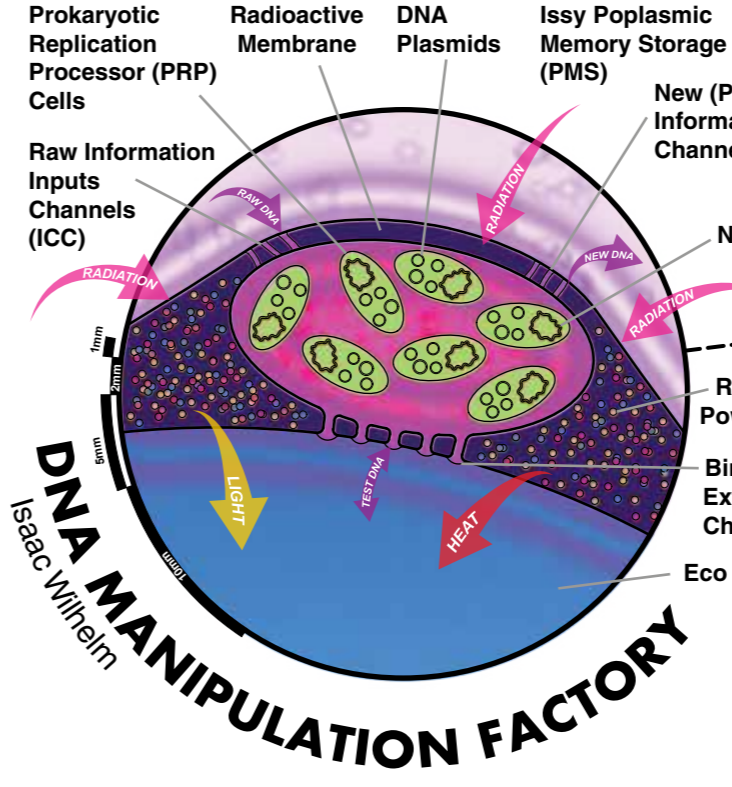


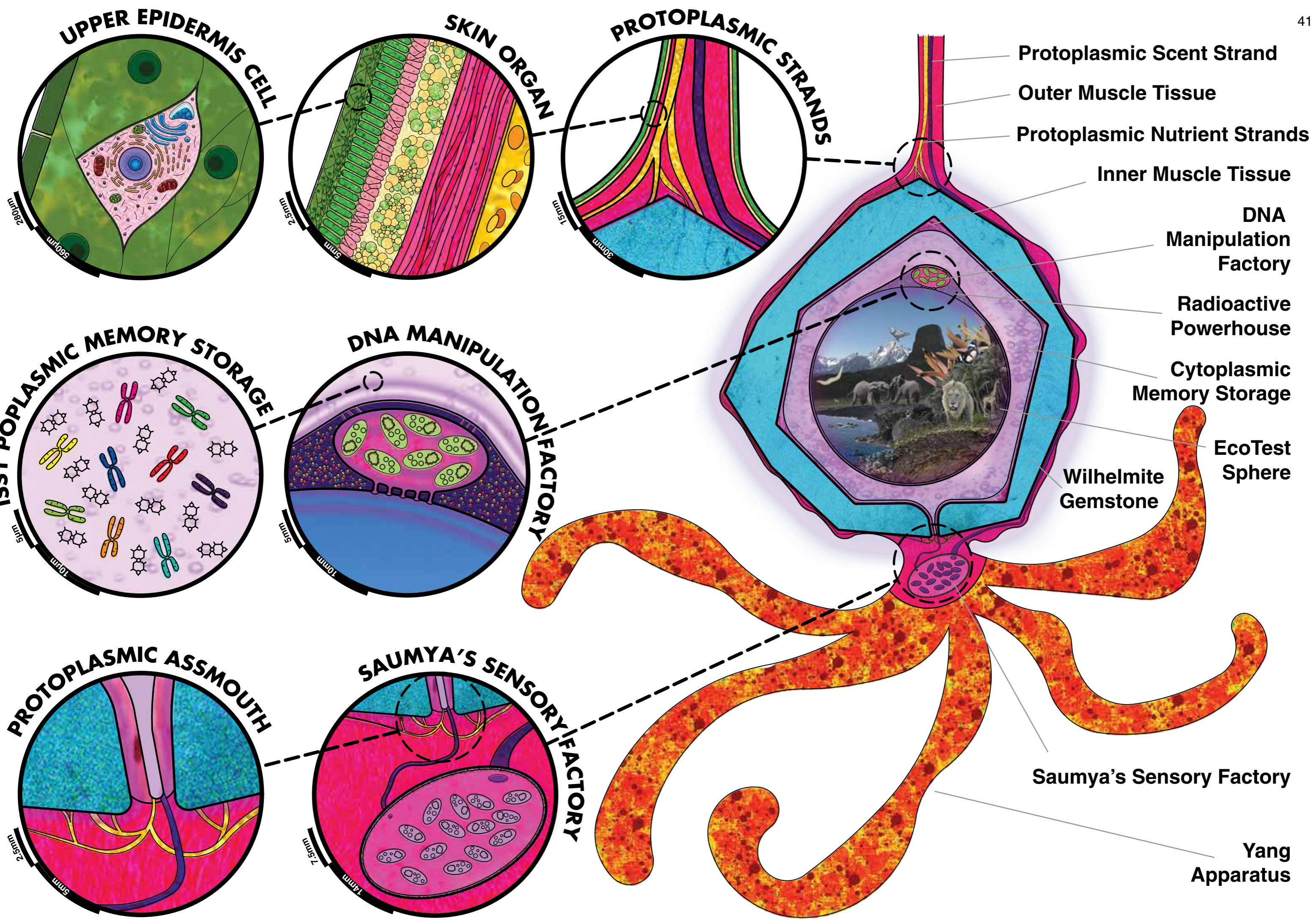


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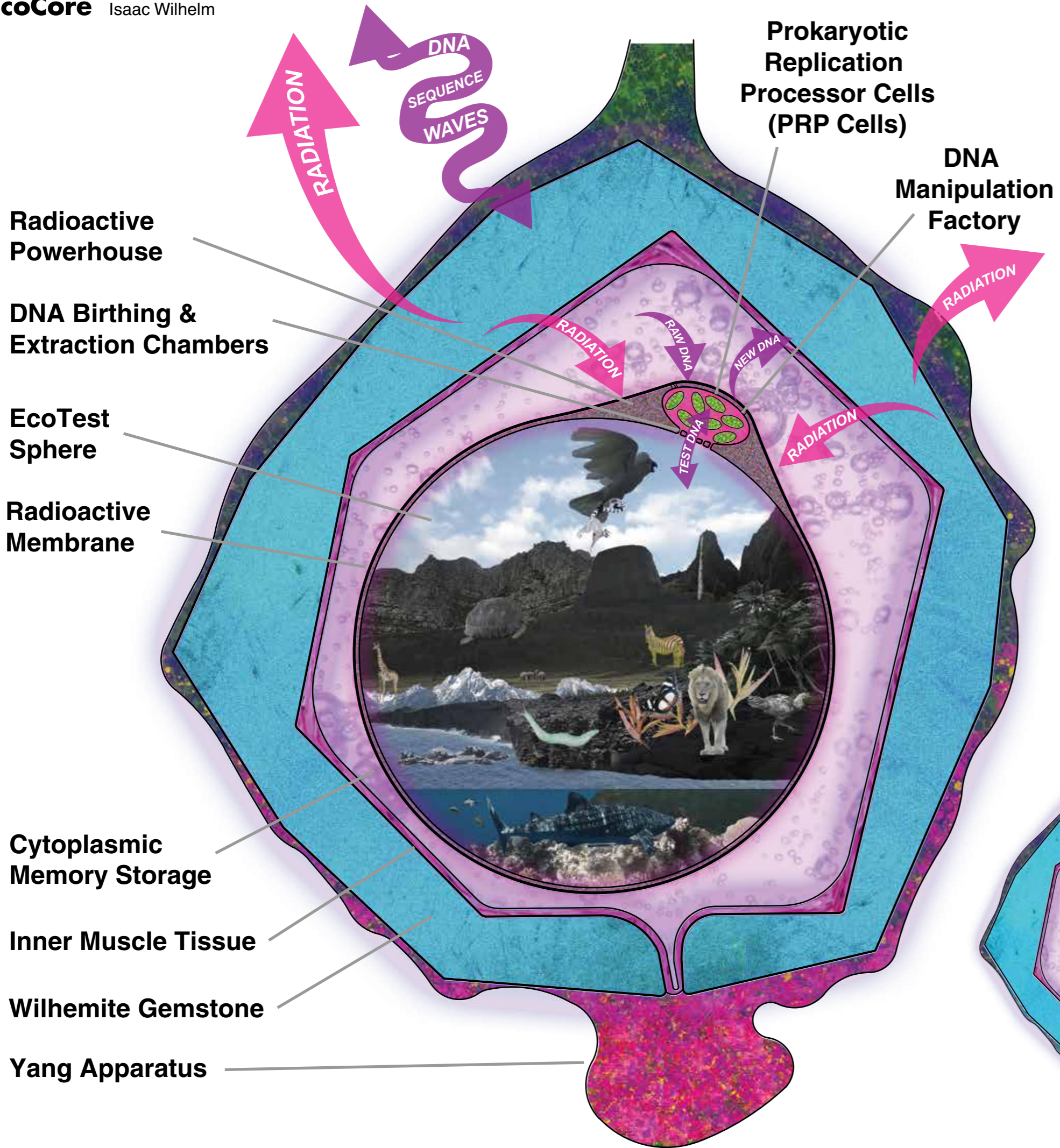


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- Protoplasmic Scent Strand
- Outer Muscle Tissue
- Protoplasmic Nutrient Strands
- Inner Muscle Tissue
- DNA Manipulation Factory
- Radioactive Powerhouse
- Cytoplasmic Memory Storage
- EcoTest Sphere
- Wilhelmite Gemstone
- Saumya's Sensory Factory
- Yang Apparatus



DESIGNING WITH KUDAHUVADHOO

COASTLINE REMEDIATION

aquaFanditas // REROOTING OUR COASTLINES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: *THE ECO ORG*

IN COLLABORATION WITH: *CINZIA FERRARI, NICHOLE CHRYSIKOU, SHEM JOHNSON, JULIAN RODRIGUEZ*

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CORAL CARVING SKETCH

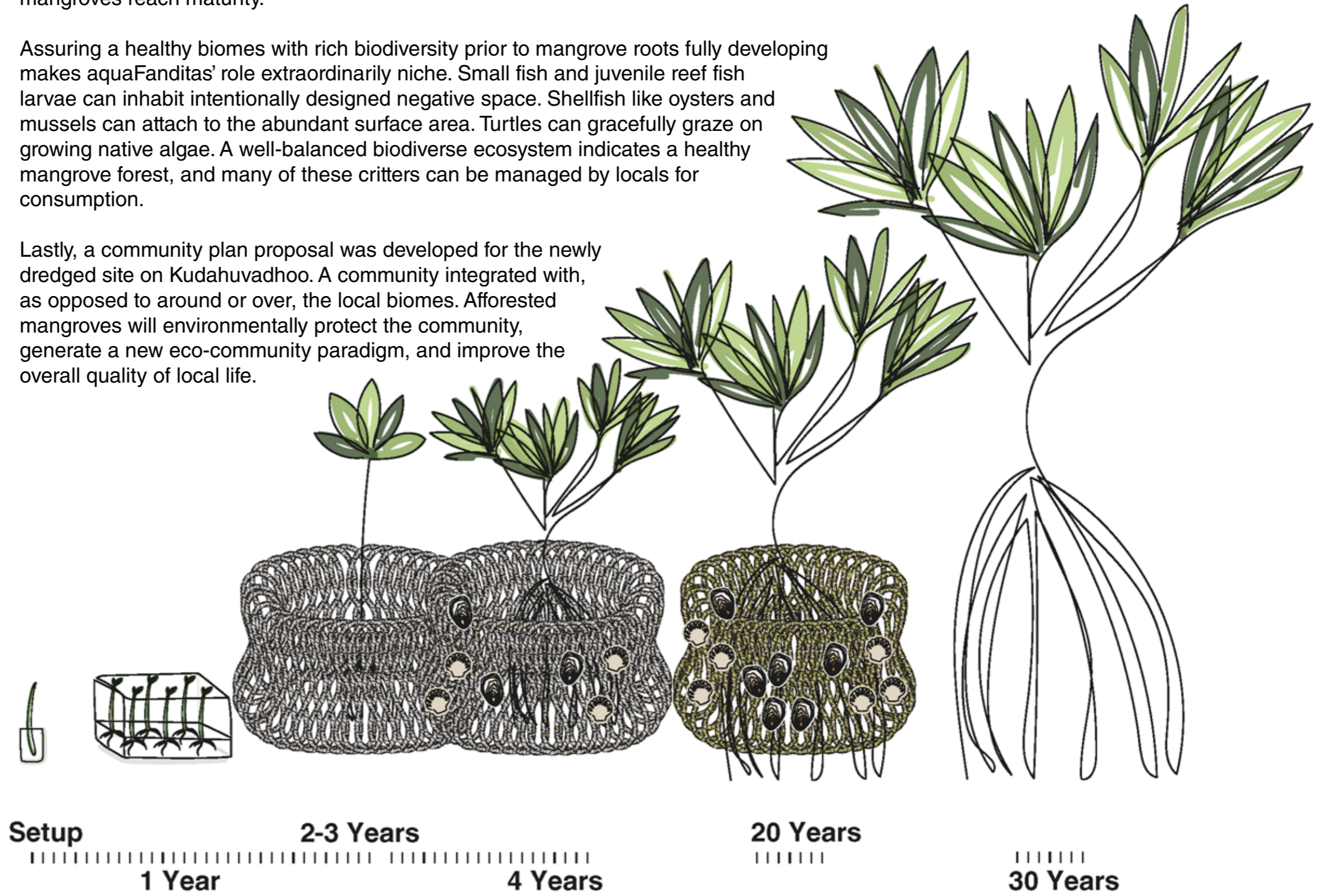
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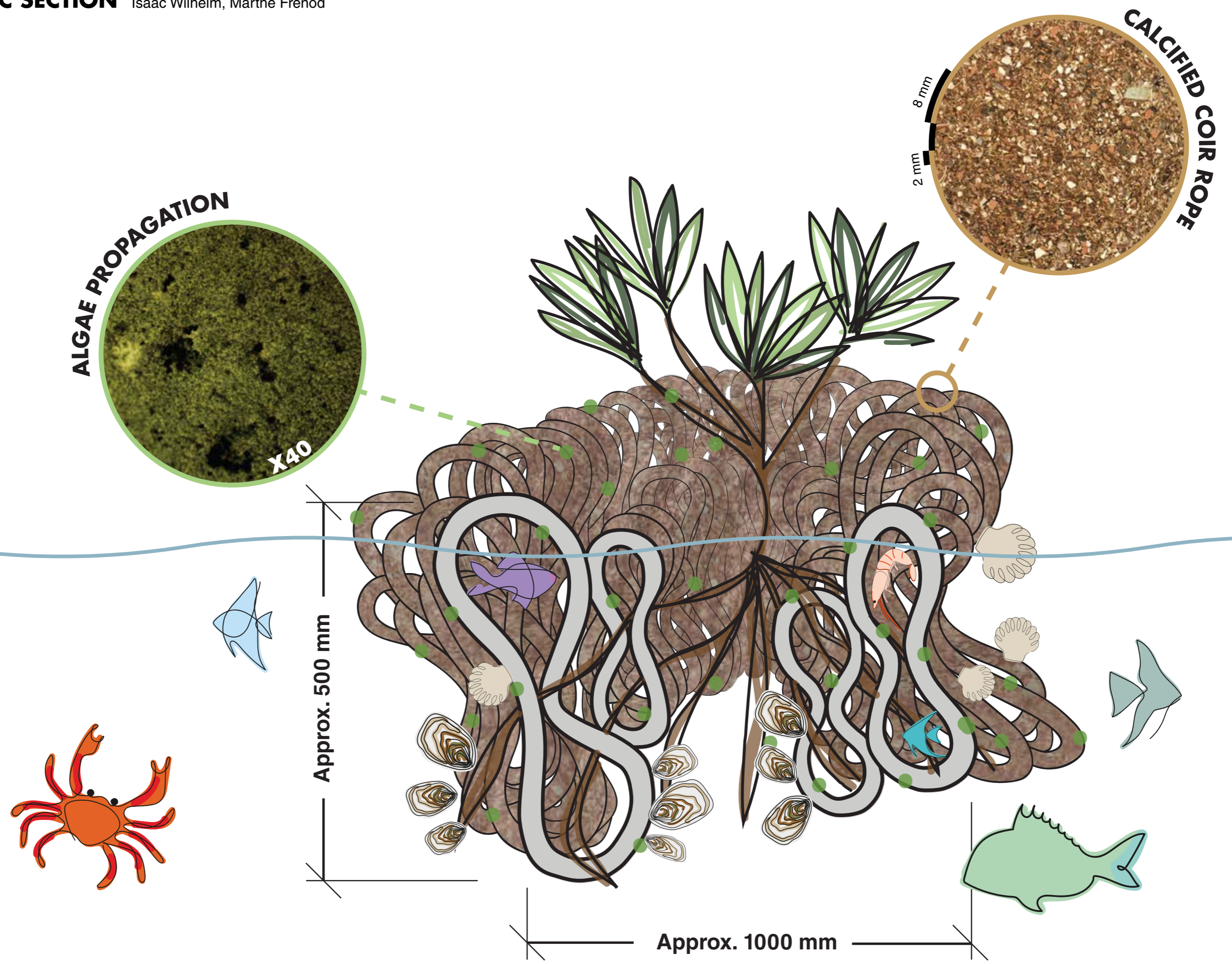
Constructed out of local coir rope, aquaFanditas provides protection to freshly planted mangroves, assuring a higher success rate. Inspired by the negative space functionalities of the mangrove roots, it is approximately 1 meter wide by 1/2 meter high (size varies depending on each community maker). Using a simple looping technique with lashings, a simple rhythmic pattern can easily be crafted by anyone, young or old. Calcified through a process using a common soil bacterium (*S. pasteurii*), the biomateriality provides a hospitable micro-surface for natural algae propagation. Additionally, the rope's flexibility prior to calcification means community members can implement a personal identity into their design form, ideally prolonging community interest in mangrove conservation and stewardship.

Corresponding to mangrove root development, aquaFanditas biodegrades with an inherent lifespan. As the roots expand between the calcified loops, the biomaterial cracks and allows the mangrove to harvest nutrients. Since mangroves play a vital role in erosion control and the habitation of reef fish larvae, aquaFanditas is intentionally designed to temporarily fulfilling these roles intermediately until the mangroves reach maturity.

Assuring a healthy biomes with rich biodiversity prior to mangrove roots fully developing makes aquaFanditas' role extraordinarily niche. Small fish and juvenile reef fish larvae can inhabit intentionally designed negative space. Shellfish like oysters and mussels can attach to the abundant surface area. Turtles can gracefully graze on growing native algae. A well-balanced biodiverse ecosystem indicates a healthy mangrove forest, and many of these critters can be managed by locals for consumption.

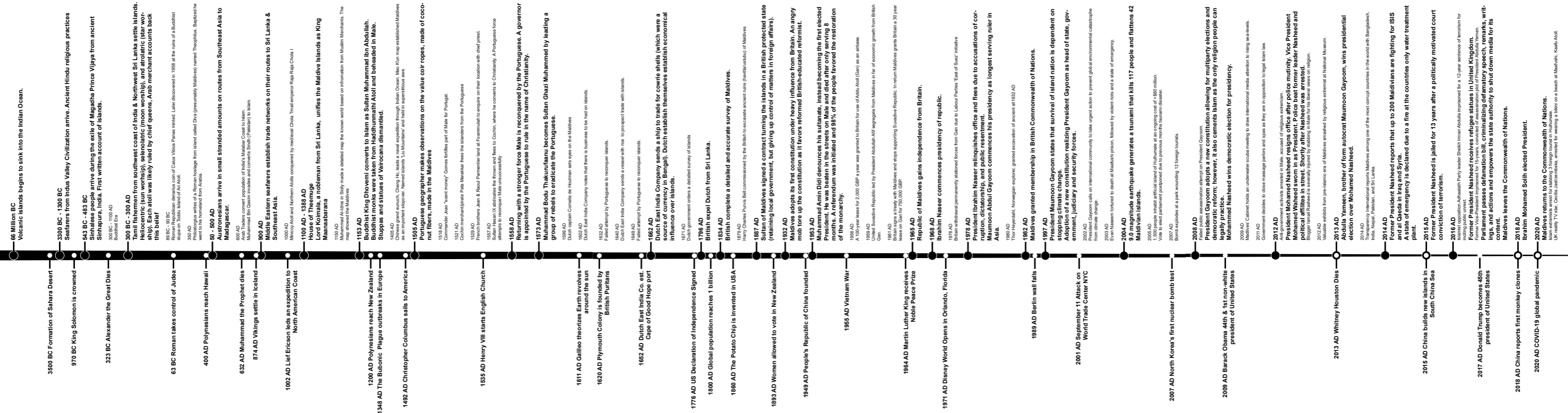
Lastly, a community plan proposal was developed for the newly dredged site on Kudahuvadhoo. A community integrated with, as opposed to around or over, the local biomes. Afforested mangroves will environmentally protect the community, generate a new eco-community paradigm, and improve the overall quality of local life.





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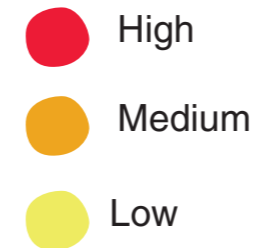
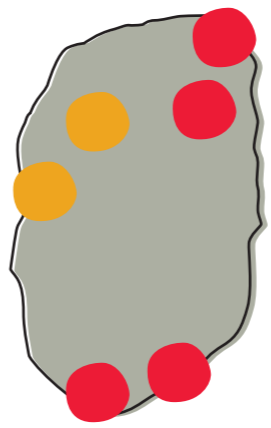


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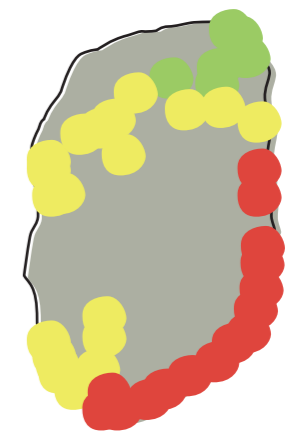
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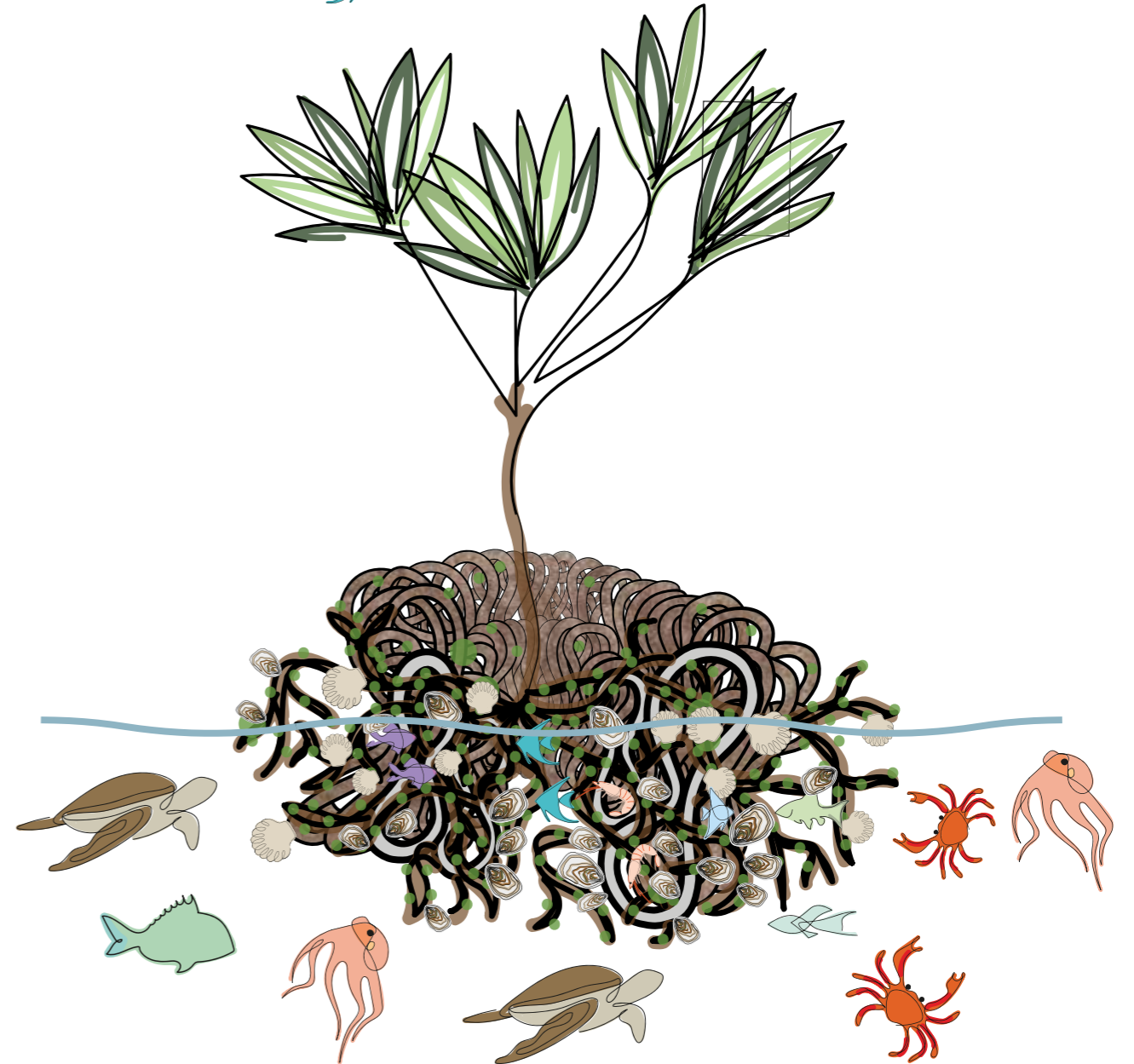
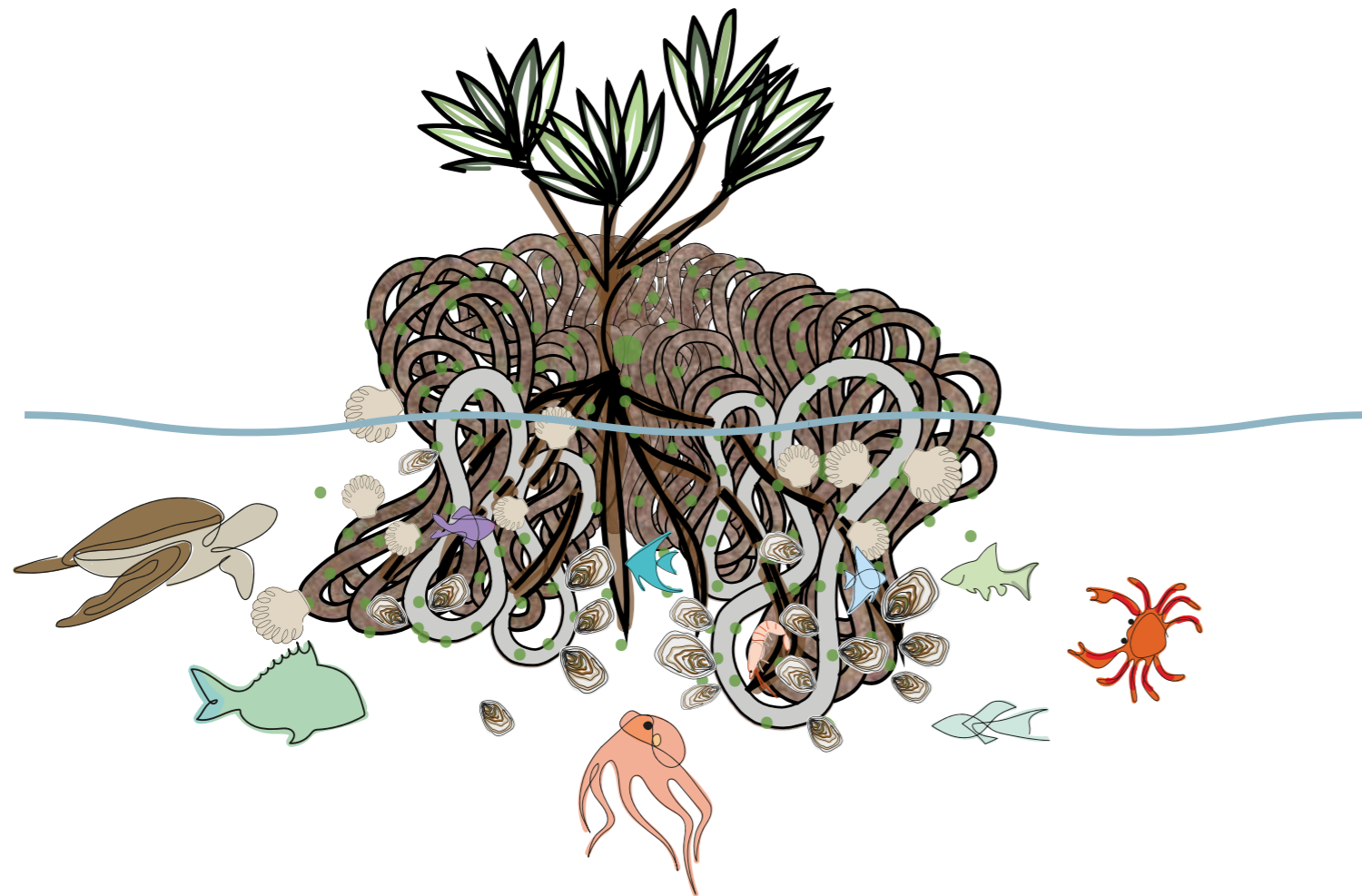
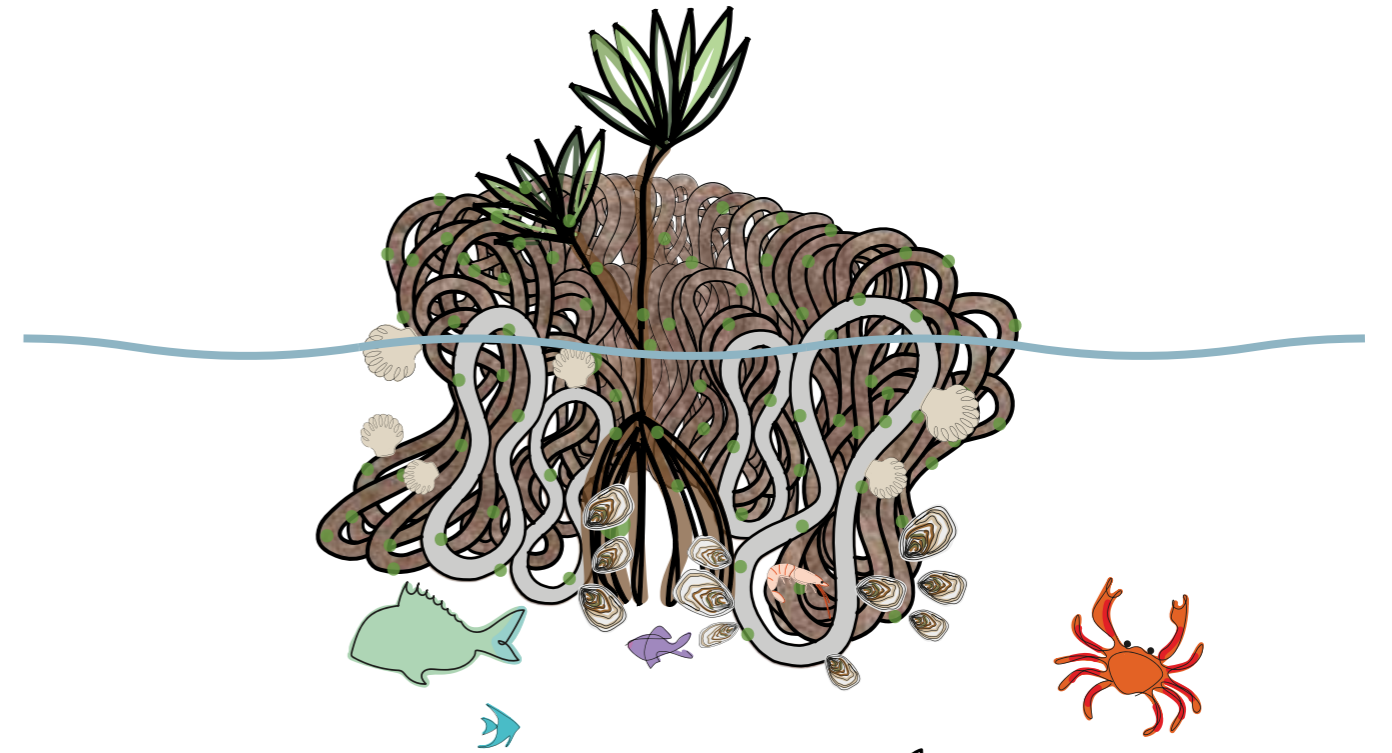
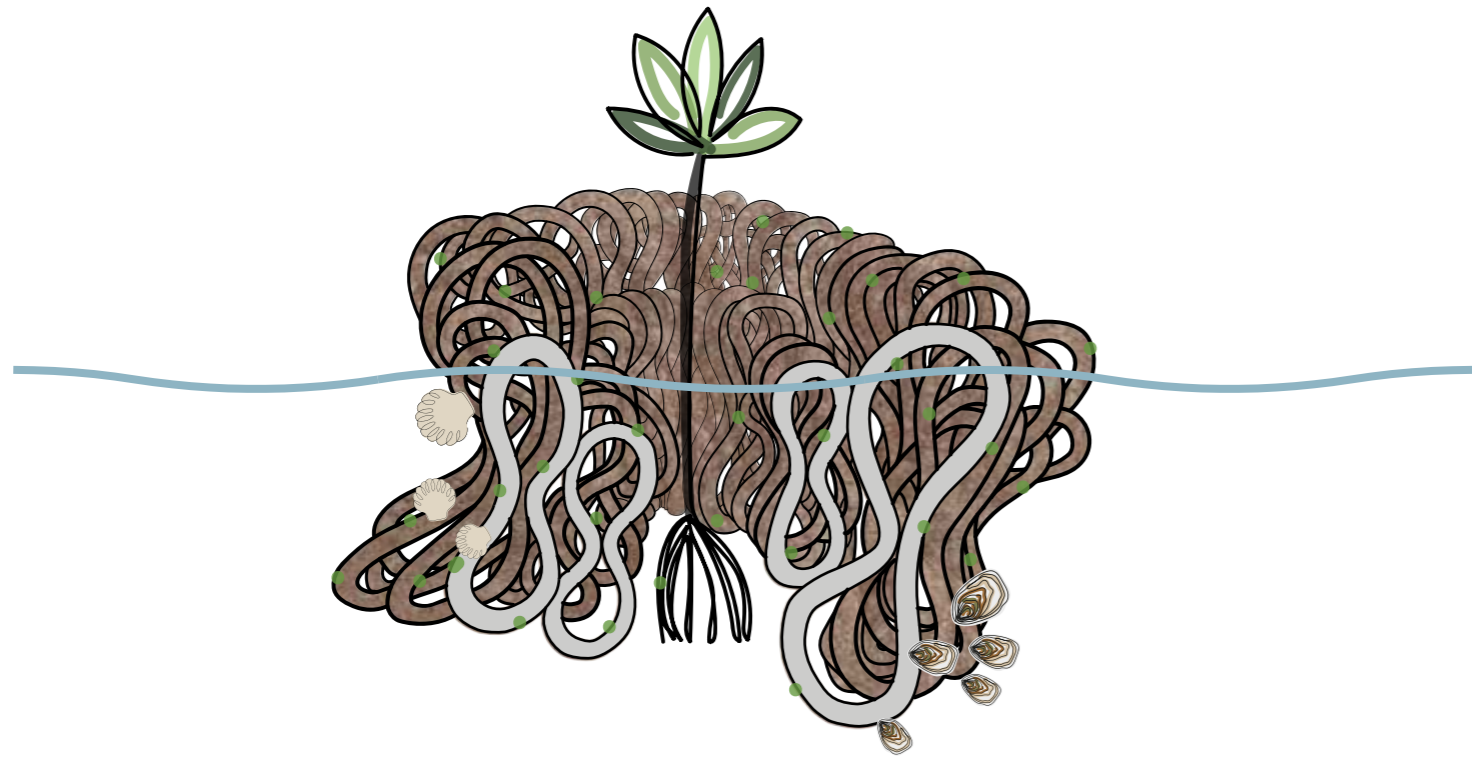


Tsunami Hazard Rank



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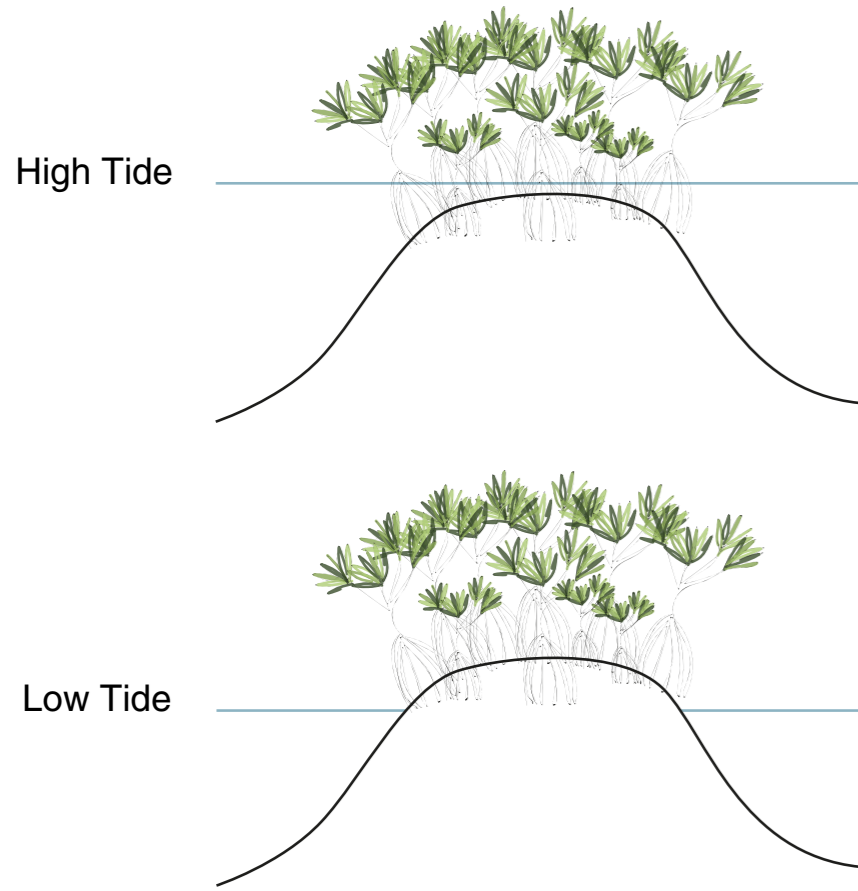
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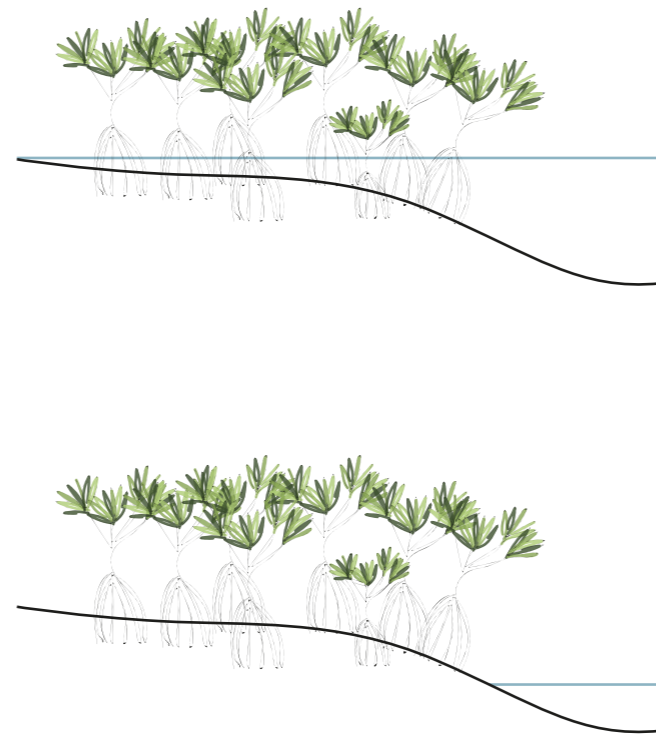
- Residential
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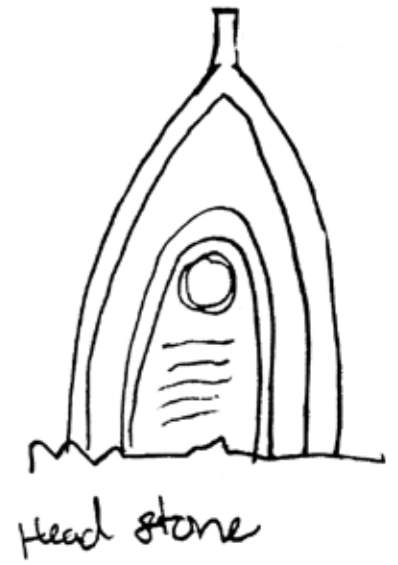
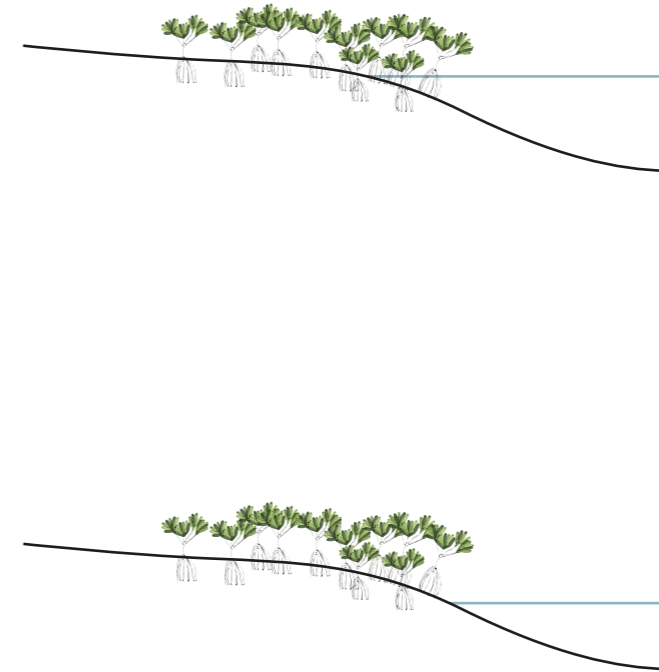
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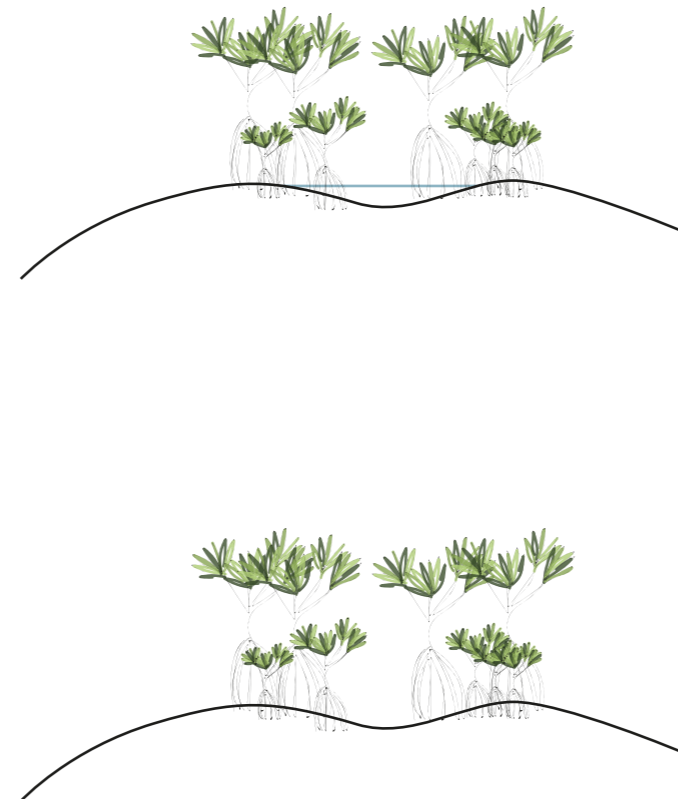
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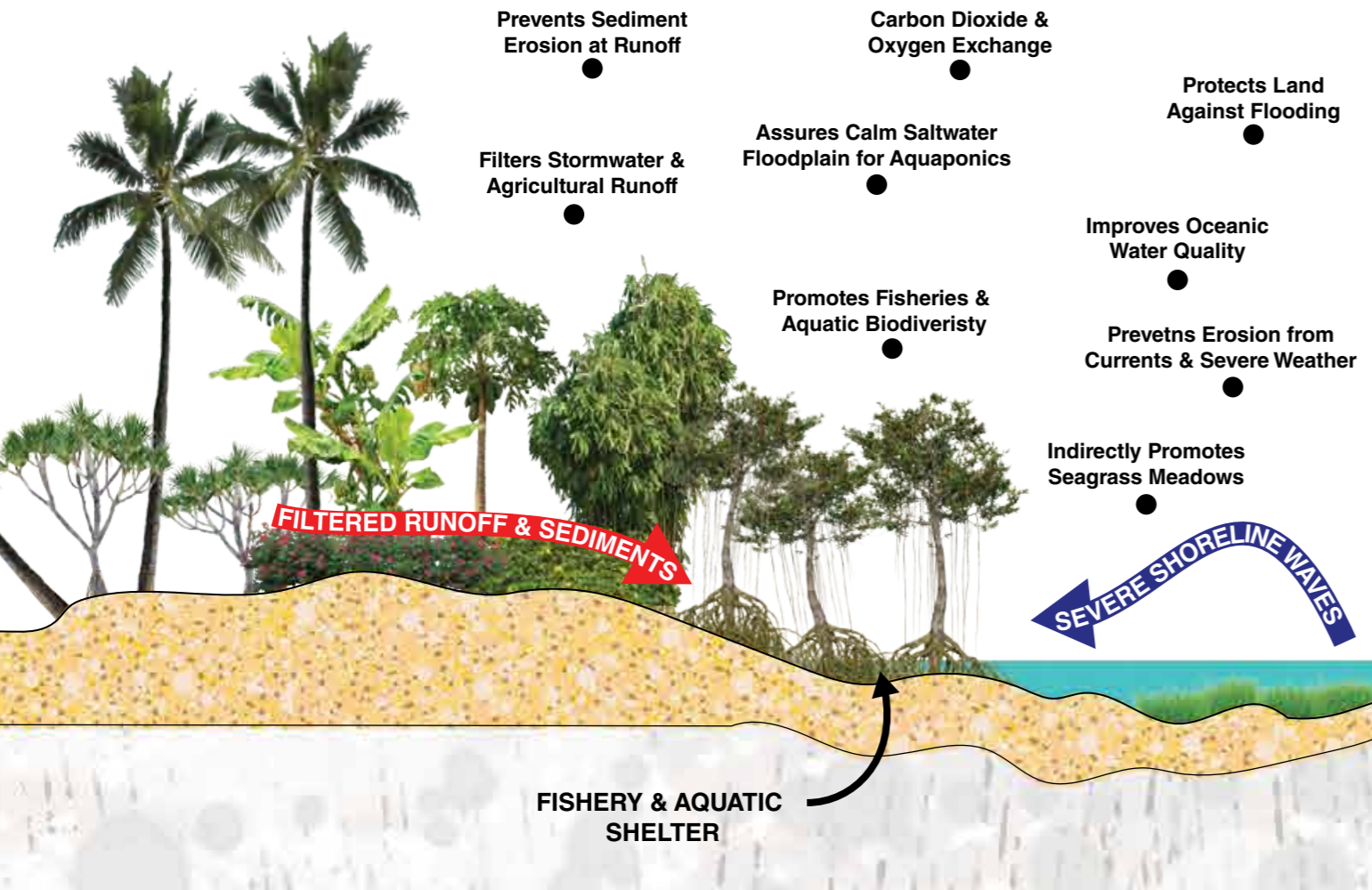
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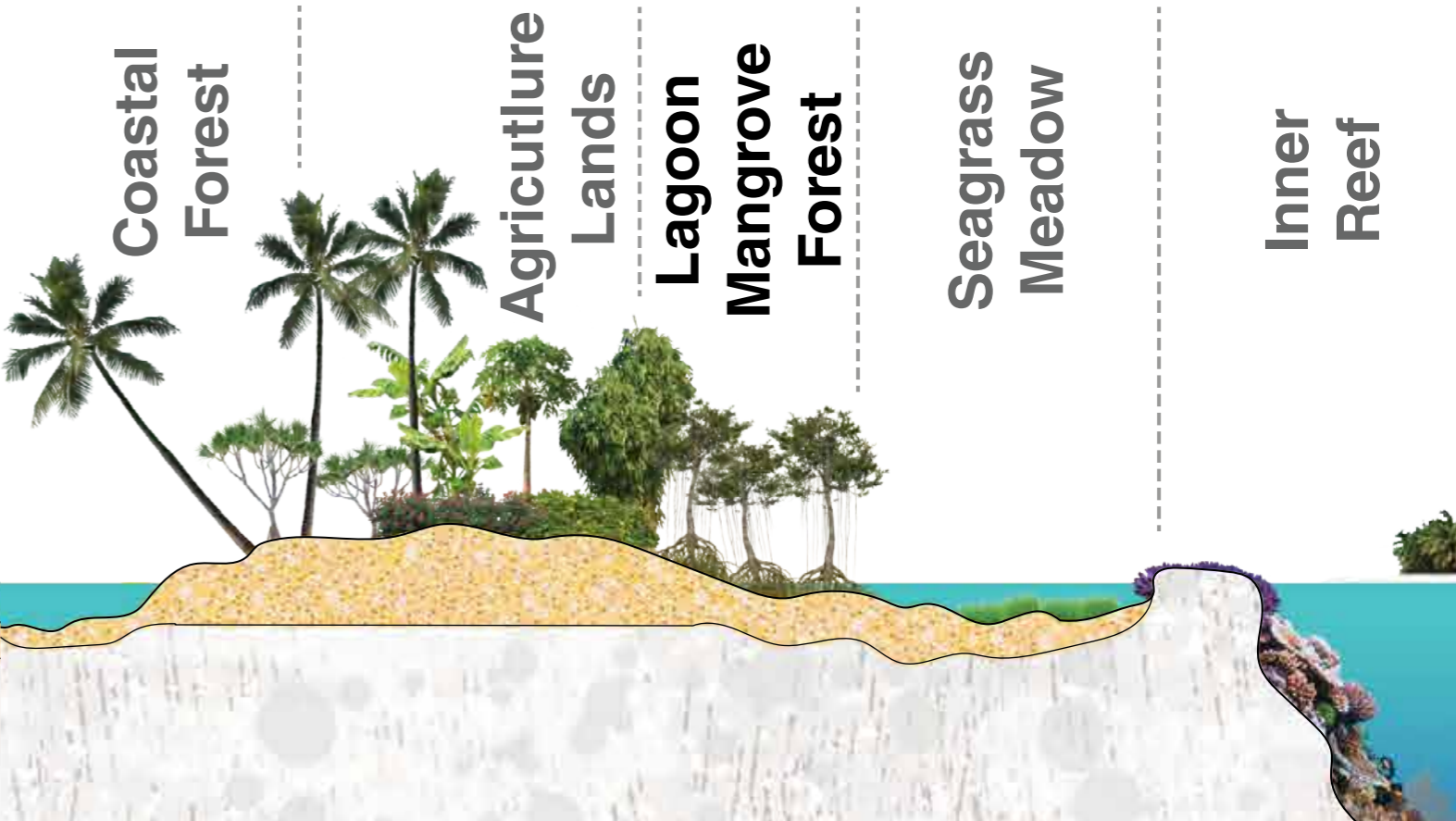
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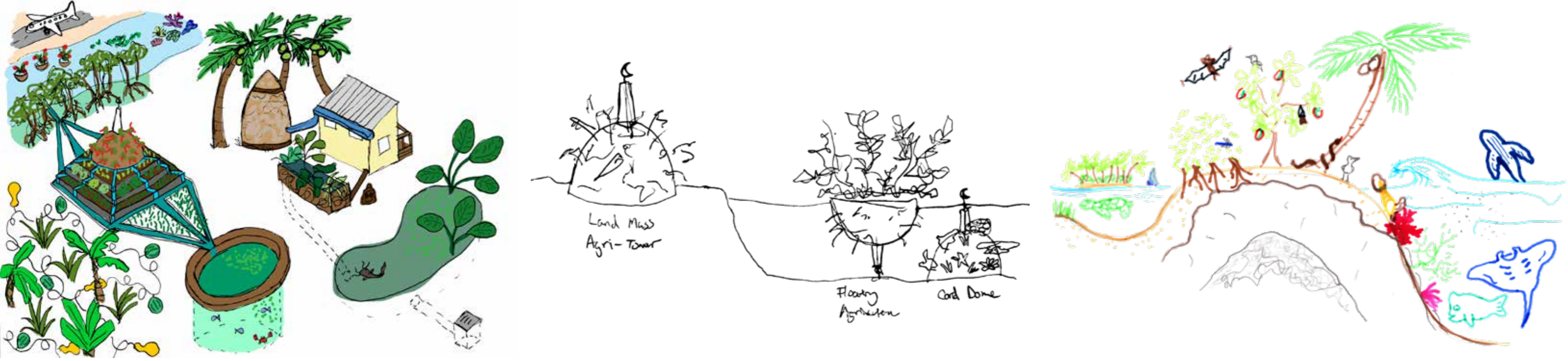
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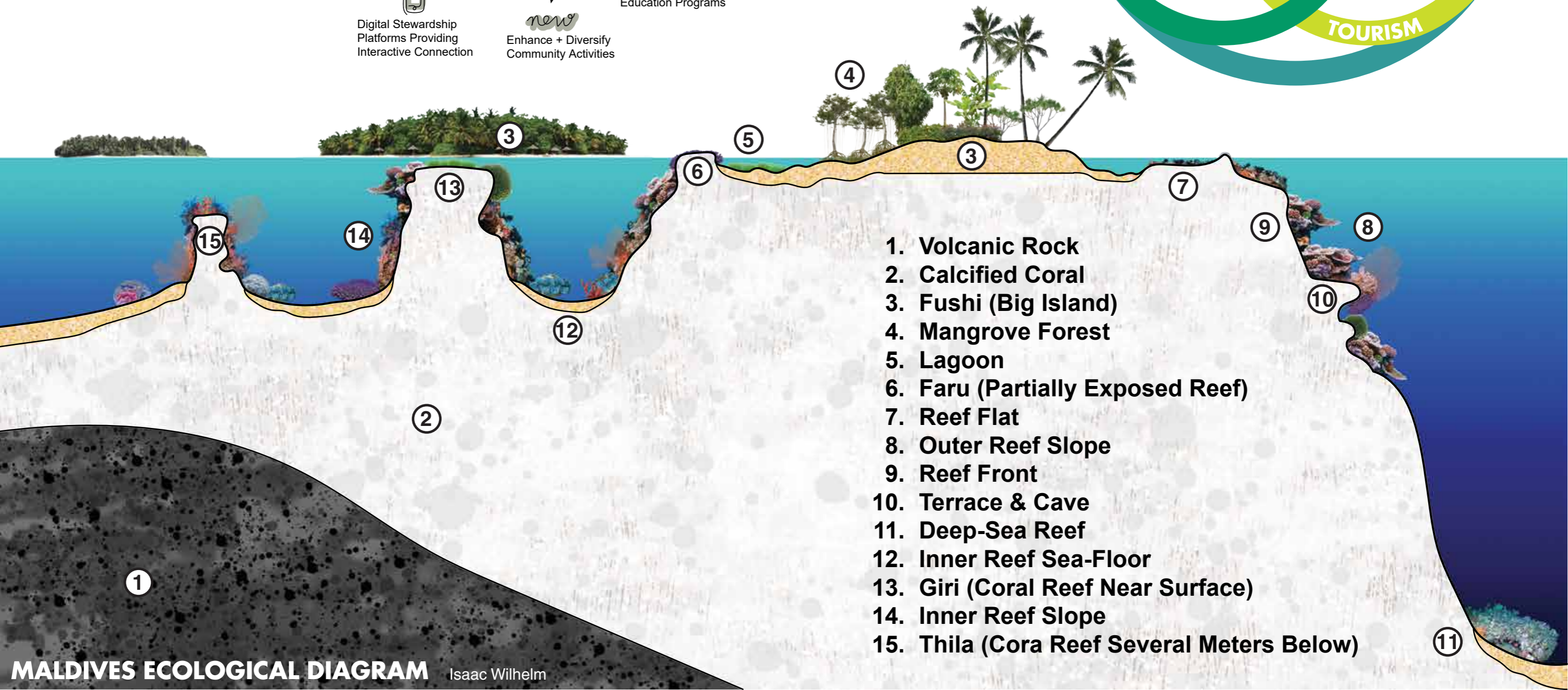
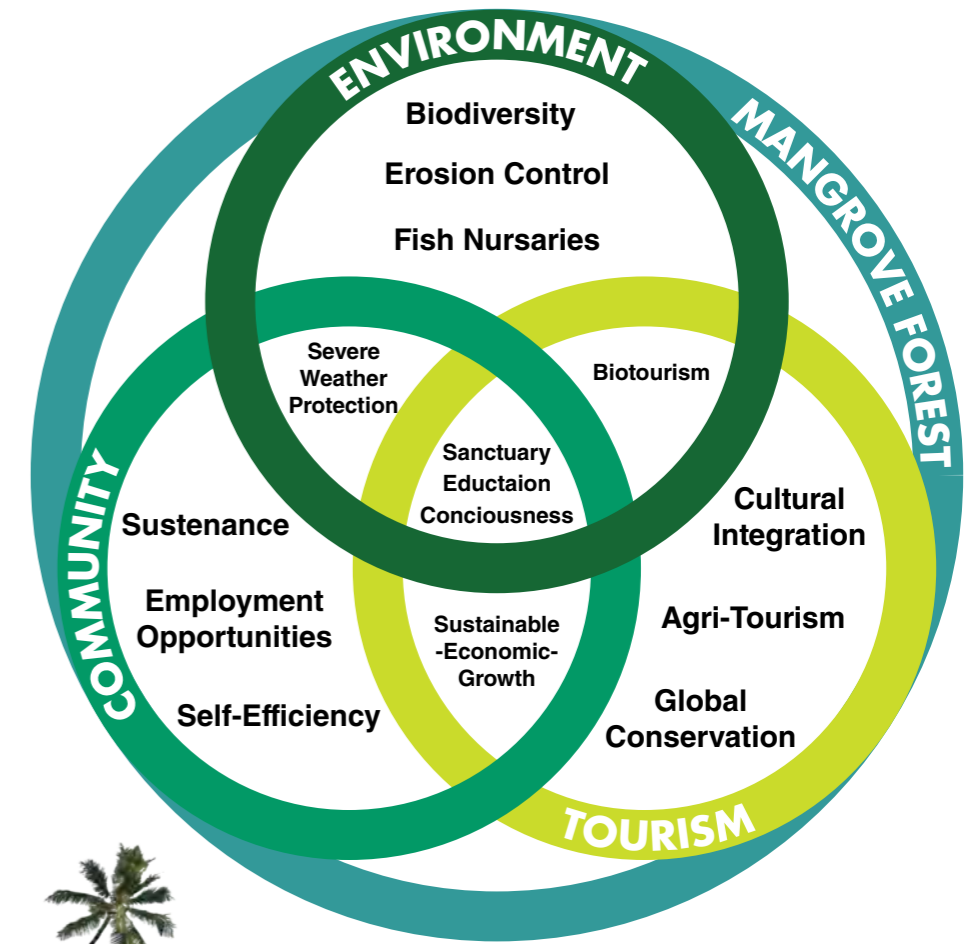
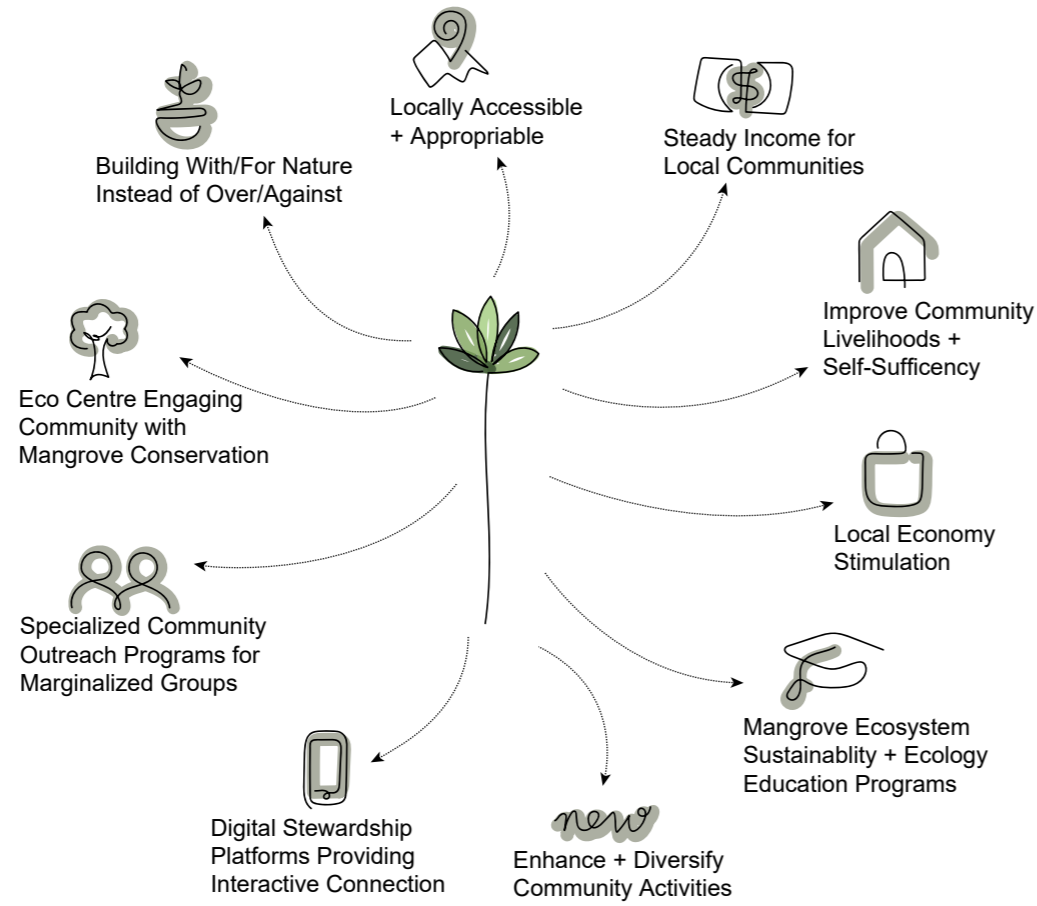
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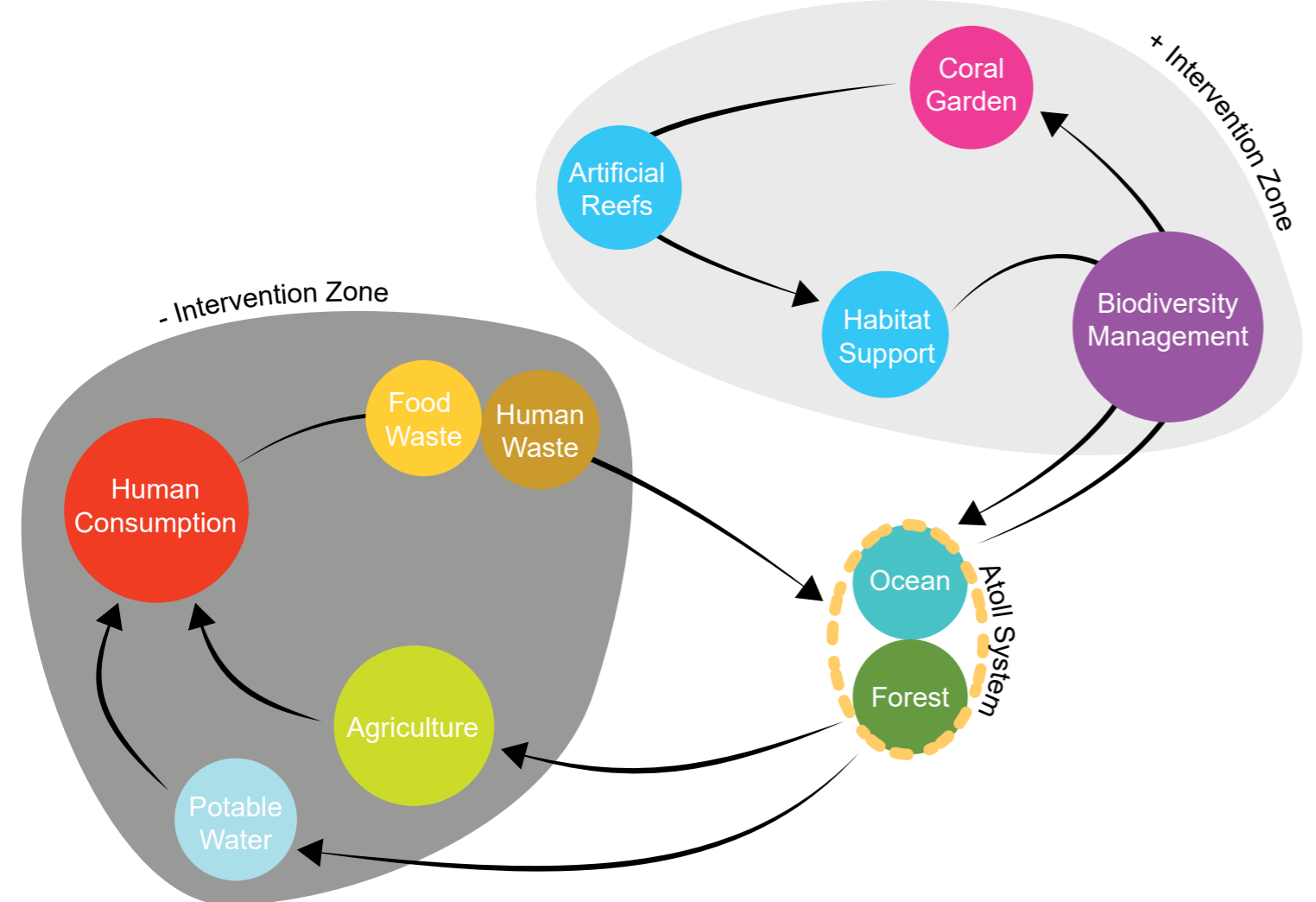
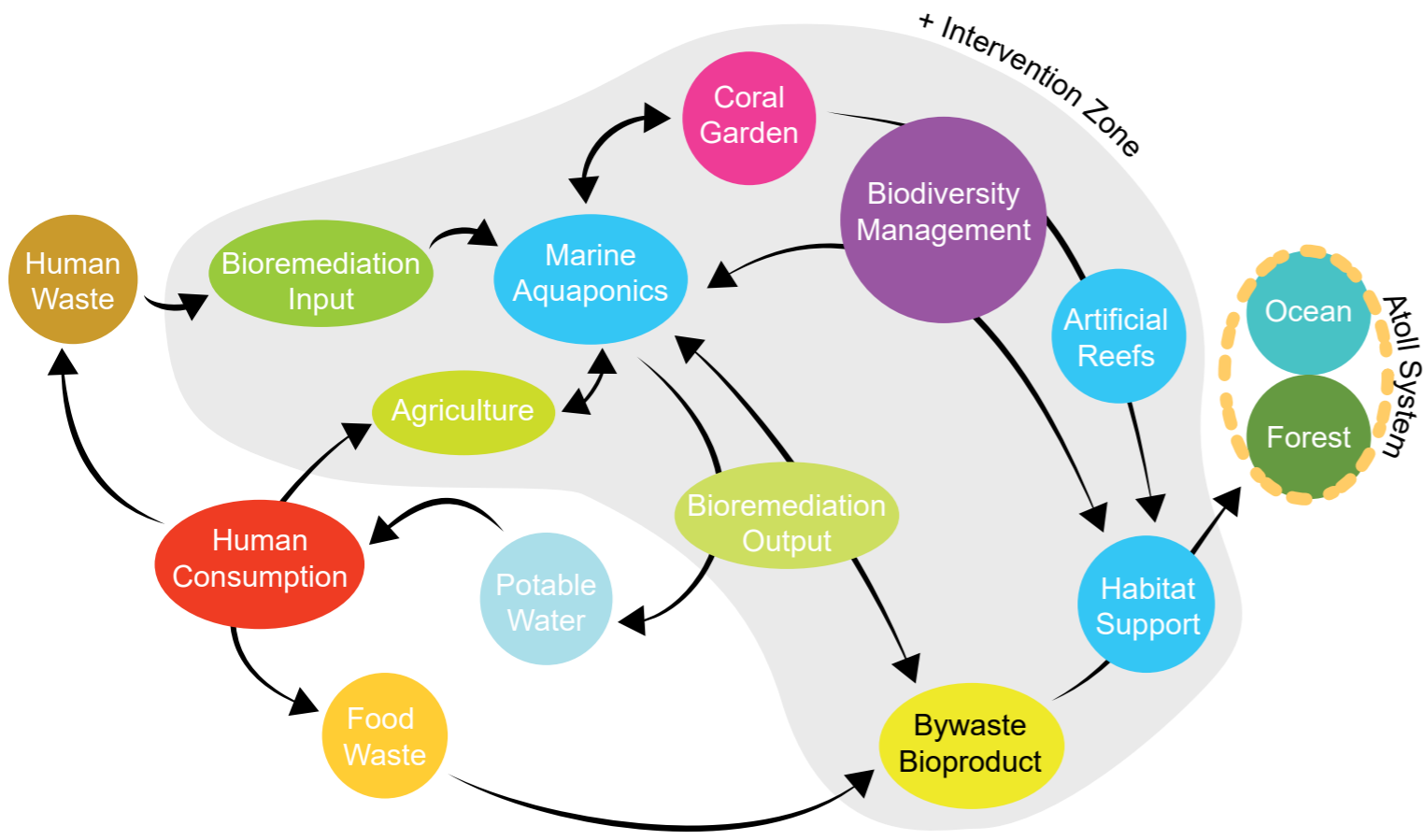
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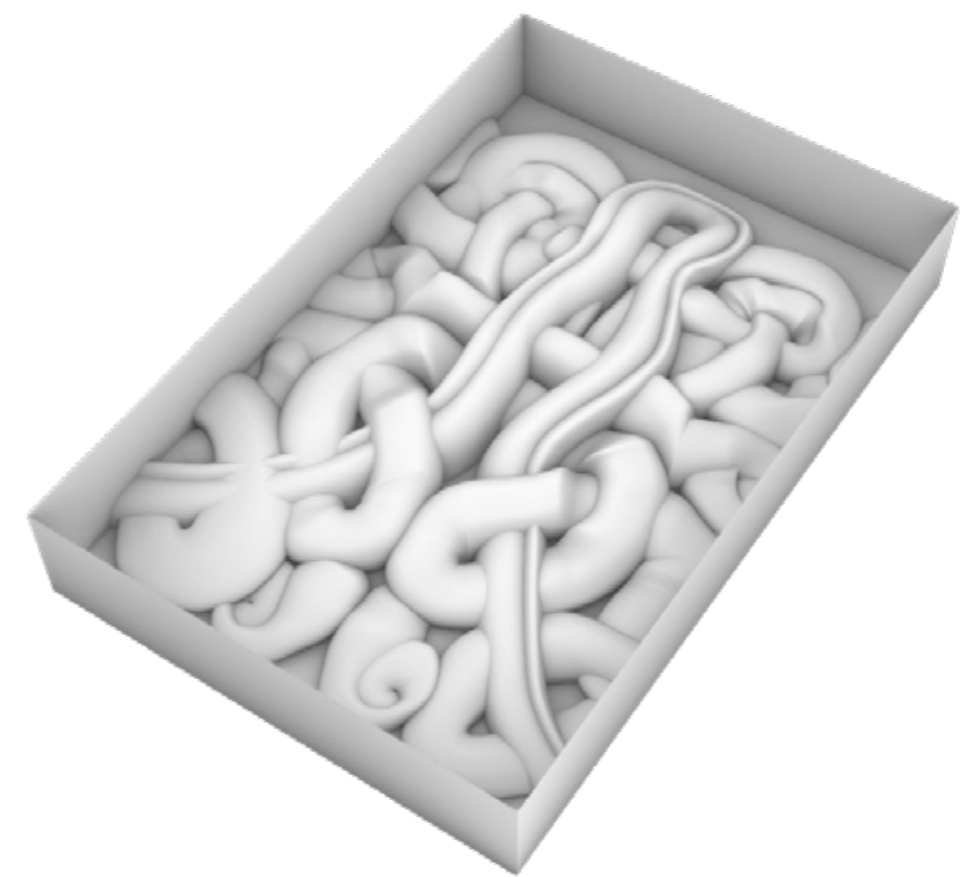




1. Volcanic Rock
2. Calcified Coral
3. Fushi (Big Island)
4. Mangrove Forest
5. Lagoon
6. Faru (Partially Exposed Reef)
7. Reef Flat
8. Outer Reef Slope
9. Reef Front
10. Terrace & Cave
11. Deep-Sea Reef
12. Inner Reef Sea-Floor
13. Giri (Coral Reef Near Surface)
14. Inner Reef Slope
15. Thila (Cora Reef Several Meters Below)



Aesthetics	Education	Research	
 Community Landscaping Artistic Inspiration Vista Framing	 Public Education Indicator Species Environmental Legislation	 Living Laboratories Ecological Significance Medicinal Qualities Water Desalination Silvology	
Ecotourism	Community	Spiritualism	Recreation
 Guided Tours Eco Centre Protected Parks Birdwatching	 Habitat Stewardship Cultural Heritage National Identity Folklore & Crafts	 Cultural Ceremony Festivals Religious Rites Taboos Sanctuaries	 Aquatic Activities Hiking Trails Bbqs & Picnicing Outdoor Yoga





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Mangroves

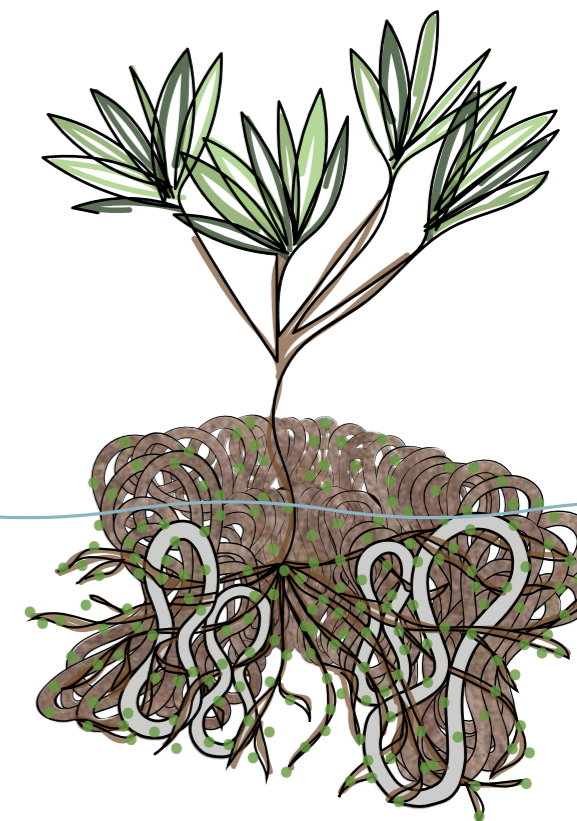
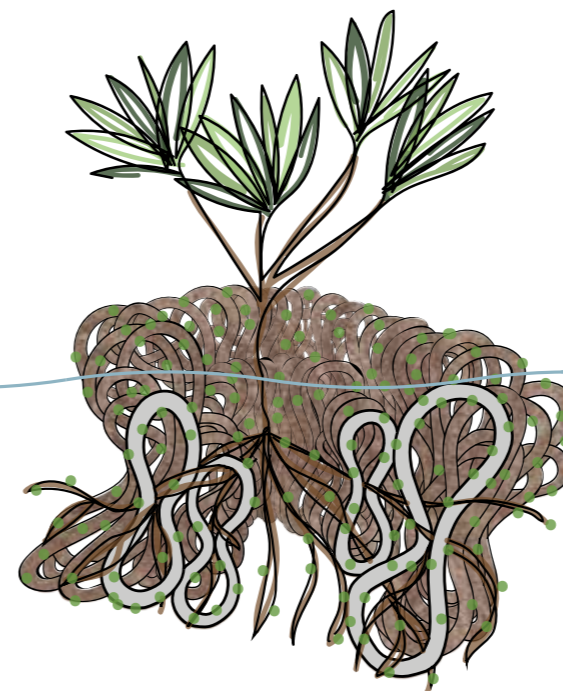
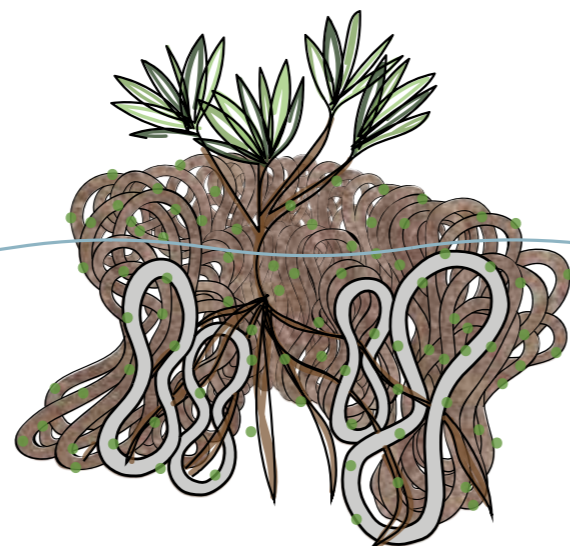
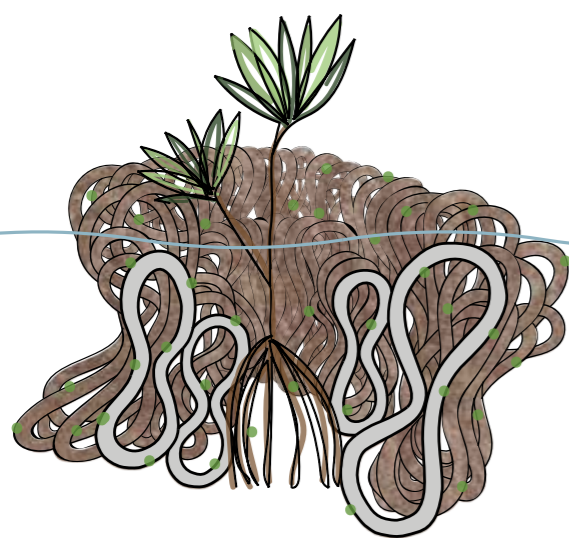


Calcified Wave Breakers



Surge Waves

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Ingredients + Materials:

Tap Water
 Miracle Gro (Water Soluble)
 Sainsbury's Sea Salt
 Potting Soil
 Aquarium Grade Sand
 Pea Gravel
 3x - Red Mangrove Seeds

Equipment:

3x - Used Plastic Soup Containers
 4L Large Transparent Plastic Container
 LED Grow Lamp
 Permanent Marker
 100 mL Glass Beaker
 1 L Glass Beaker
 Measuring Spoons
 Digital Thermometer + pH Meter
 Tape Measure
 Metal Stirrer
 Pocket Knife
 iPhone

Hypothesis:

Seedling No. 1 will have the best growth rate in the two container tidal simulation method.

Seedling No. 1: Two Container System Protocol

Mark soup container 1 1/2 inches from bottom and four inches from bottom. Pierce bottom of container, creating four drainage holes. Fill container with pea gravel up to 1 1/2 mark. Mix equal parts sand and soil and fill container up to remaining 4 inch line.

Plant mangrove seedling pod into 1.5-2 inch hole in soil mix made with index finger. Then place within secondary 4 L plastic container.

Fill container with 3 L of water to fully flood seedling. Day 1-6 7.14% saline water; day 7-10 14.28% saline water; day 11-14 28.57% saline water; day 15-beyond 50% saline water.

Simulate tidal changes by removing/adding 2 L of 20° C water approx. Every 12 hours.

Occasionally add 2 small spoons of Miracle Grow to saline solution. Place under grow lamp with approx. 12-18 hrs of light a day.

Seedling No. 2: One Container System Protocol

Mark soup container 1 1/2 inches from bottom and four inches from bottom. Fill container with pea gravel up to 1 1/2 mark. Mix equal parts sand and soil and fill container up to remaining 4 inch line.

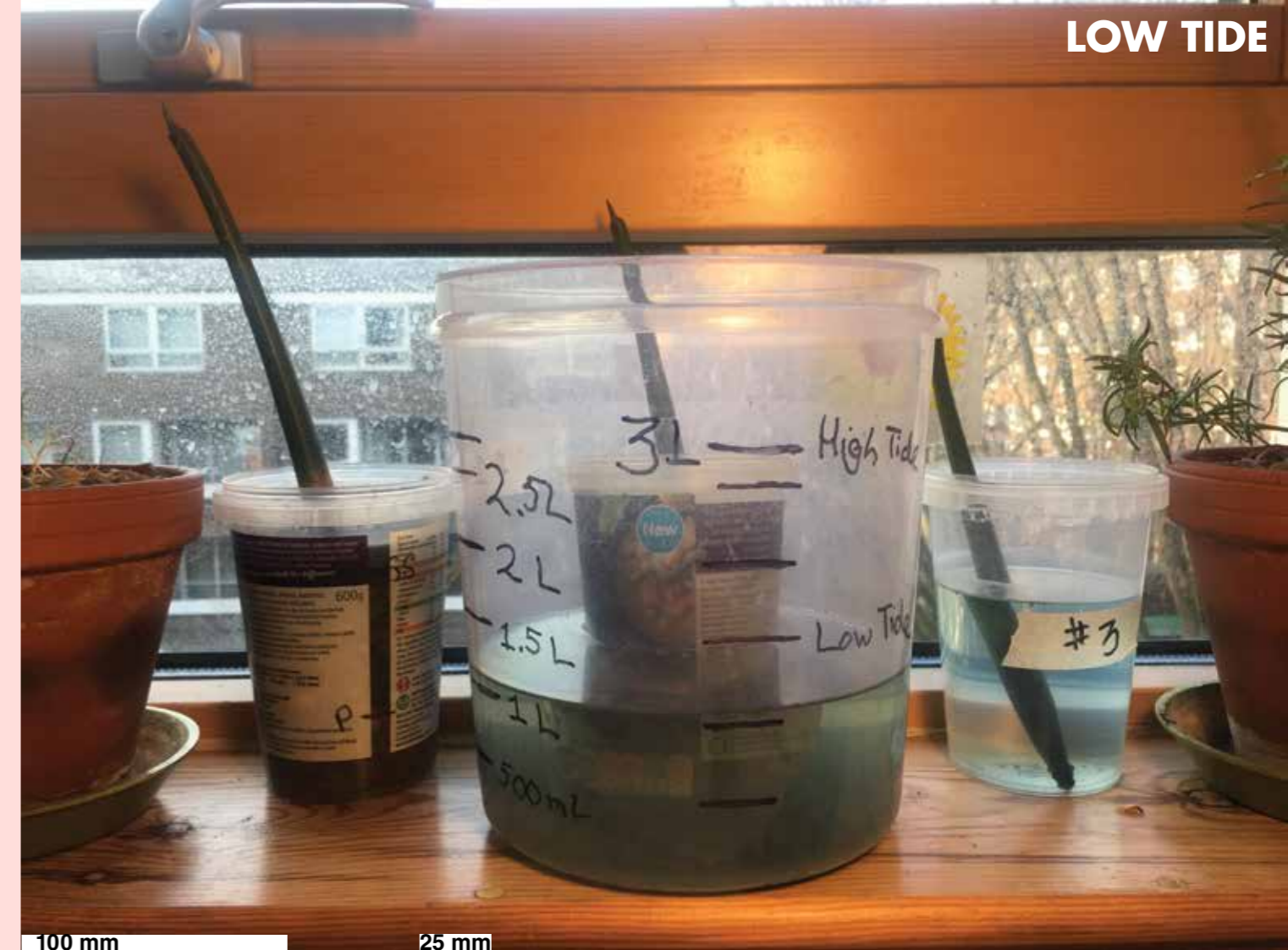
Plant mangrove seedling pod into 1.5-2 inch hole in soil mix made with index finger. Then flood container to brim line, with water mixture of 1L to 2 small spoons of Miracle Grow, with 1 teaspoon of sea salt per 500mL of water mixture. Place on window sill under grow lamp.

Seedling No. 3: Water Only Protocol

Double existing tap water in container w/ the 500ml miracle gro water mixture + 1 tsp sea salt. Place on window sill under grow lamp.

Conclusion:

The mangroves did not have any observational growth. However Seedling No. 3 did look the unhealthiest. More time and better growing conditions (more daylight and warmer climate) required to get conclusive results.



Mangrove Seedling No. 1: Two Container System

Miracle Gro Added
 Full Water Clean

Solution	Day	Date	UV Lights		Room		Tide		High Tide Water		High Tide Soil		Low Tide Water		Low Tide Soil	
			On	Off	Temp C	Humidity	High	Low	Temp C	pH	Temp C	pH	Temp C	pH	Temp C	pH
7.14% Saline Solution	1	21.02.23	1:30 PM	12:15 AM	21.30	53%	12:00 PM	10:12 PM	18.40	7.24	18.60	6.83	18.20	7.27	18.40	6.86
	2	21.02.24	9:50 AM	2:52 AM	22.80	59%	9:23 AM	7:02 PM	19.30	7.33	19.30	6.90	19.10	7.28	19.00	6.98
	3	21.02.25	10:55 AM	3:45 AM	19.90	59%	11:07 AM	1:07 AM	19.40	7.48	19.50	7.02	19.30	7.55	19.20	7.17
	4	21.02.26	12:15 PM	9:00 PM	22.90	49%	2:20 PM	12:05 PM	19.30	7.66	19.40	7.00	18.40	7.61	19.00	6.85
	5	21.02.27	3:23 PM	2:00 AM	21.40	54%	3:28 PM	1:50 AM	19.00	7.53	19.10	6.89	18.90	7.54	19.10	7.33
	6	21.02.28	3:00 PM	1:42 AM	18.80	62%	10:25 AM	6:23 PM	17.60	7.44	17.70	6.78	18.30	7.51	18.80	7.21
14.28% Saline Solution	7	21.03.01	1:20 PM	3:43 AM	19.80	61%	5:32 PM	3:43 AM	19.00	7.10	19.00	6.91	18.40	7.48	18.90	6.91
	8	21.03.02	12:30 PM	12:33 AM	20.20	60%	4:20 PM	12:35 AM	18.90	7.49	19.10	6.84	18.60	7.04	18.80	6.90
	9	21.03.03	1:56 PM	2:11 AM	18.60	66%	2:19 PM	2:19 AM	19.30	7.54	19.30	7.07	17.70	7.30	17.70	7.00
	10	21.03.04	10:15 AM	3:20 AM	20.30	59%	3:05 PM	3:40 AM	19.60	7.51	19.80	7.11	19.00	7.11	19.10	6.95
28.57% Saline Solution	11	21.03.05	9:55 AM	12:44 AM	18.90	73%	3:37 PM	12:32 AM	16.70	7.58	16.60	7.12	17.60	7.87	17.80	7.00
	12	21.03.06	11:33 AM	1:05 AM	18.20	67%	11:48 AM	12:55 AM	20.60	7.56	20.40	7.01	16.80	7.49	16.90	7.07
	13	21.03.07	2:10 PM	12:09 AM	18.40	50%	12:30 PM	11:58 PM	17.40	7.64	17.40	7.18	20.20	7.53	20.00	7.28
	14	21.03.08	1:12 PM	1:15 AM	22.30	52%	2:15 PM	11:42 PM	20.30	7.86	20.60	7.51	20.80	7.75	21.00	7.30
50% Saline Solution	15	21.03.09	11:24 AM	11:35 PM	21.30	53%	11:30 AM	11:33 PM	20.40	7.72	20.40	7.27	19.30	7.71	19.80	7.48
	16	21.03.10	10:15 AM	12:55 AM	21.20	59%	11:53 AM	1:04 AM	18.70	7.72	18.80	7.17	19.50	7.73	19.90	7.58
	17	21.03.11	11:46 AM	2:58 AM	21.30	53%	12:02 PM	12:30 PM	17.90	7.80	18.20	7.19	20.30	7.81	20.50	7.35
	18	21.03.12	1:26 PM	6:15 PM	22.10	51%	1:27 PM	2:09 AM	19.60	7.71	19.70	7.25	20.40	7.70	20.60	7.21
	19	21.03.13	11:11 AM	3:00 AM	21.60	51%	12:05 PM	3:00 AM	19.20	7.77	19.20	7.47	20.20	7.76	20.30	7.25
	20	21.03.14	3:05 PM	12:35 AM	20.20	51%	4:54 PM	12:41 AM	20.10	7.73	20.20	7.33	19.30	7.81	19.20	7.59

Mangrove Seedling No. 2: One Container System

Day	Date	UV Lights		Room		Water		Soil		Waterline Above Soil
		On	Off	Temp C	Humidity	Temp C	pH	Temp C	pH	
1	21.02.23	1:30 PM	12:15 AM	21.30	53%	18.60	7.09	18.50	6.49	18 mm
2	21.02.24	9:50 AM	2:52 AM	22.80	59%	19.30	7.08	19.40	6.54	17 mm
3	21.02.25	10:55 AM	3:45 AM	19.90	59%	19.50	7.15	19.60	6.65	16 mm
4	21.02.26	12:15 PM	9:00 PM	22.90	49%	19.40	7.13	19.40	6.58	14 mm
5	21.02.27	3:23 PM	2:00 AM	21.40	54%	19.80	7.44	19.50	6.71	14 mm
6	21.02.28	3:00 PM	1:42 AM	18.80	62%	17.20	7.17	17.20	6.95	12 mm
7	21.03.01	1:20 PM	3:43 AM	19.80	61%	18.30	7.12	18.30	7.01	12 mm
8	21.03.02	12:30 PM	12:33 AM	20.20	60%	18.70	7.53	18.60	6.94	11 mm
9	21.03.03	1:56 PM	2:11 AM	18.60	66%	17.90	7.59	18.10	7.12	10 mm
10	21.03.04	10:15 AM	3:20 AM	20.30	59%	19.20	7.66	19.10	7.19	9 mm
11	21.03.05	9:55 AM	3:45 AM	18.90	73%	17.70	7.71	17.50	7.35	7 mm
12	21.03.06	11:33 AM	1:05 AM	18.20	67%	16.70	7.75	16.60	7.38	6 mm
13	21.03.07	2:10 PM	12:09 AM	18.40	50%	16.80	7.79	17.00	7.21	6 mm
14	21.03.08	1:12 PM	1:15 AM	22.30	52%	21.20	7.55	21.10	7.12	4 mm
15	21.03.09	11:24 AM	11:35 PM	21.30	53%	19.60	7.65	19.60	7.09	2 mm
16	21.03.10	10:15 AM	12:55 AM	21.20	59%	-	-	19.40	7.59	0 mm
17	21.03.11	11:46 AM	2:58 AM	21.30	53%	-	-	20.90	7.19	0 mm
18	21.03.12	1:26 PM	6:15 PM	22.10	51%	-	-	18.90	7.65	0 mm
19	21.03.13	11:11 AM	3:00 AM	21.60	51%	-	-	20.70	7.54	0 mm
20	21.03.14	3:05 PM	12:35 AM	20.20	51%	-	-	19.00	7.71	0 mm

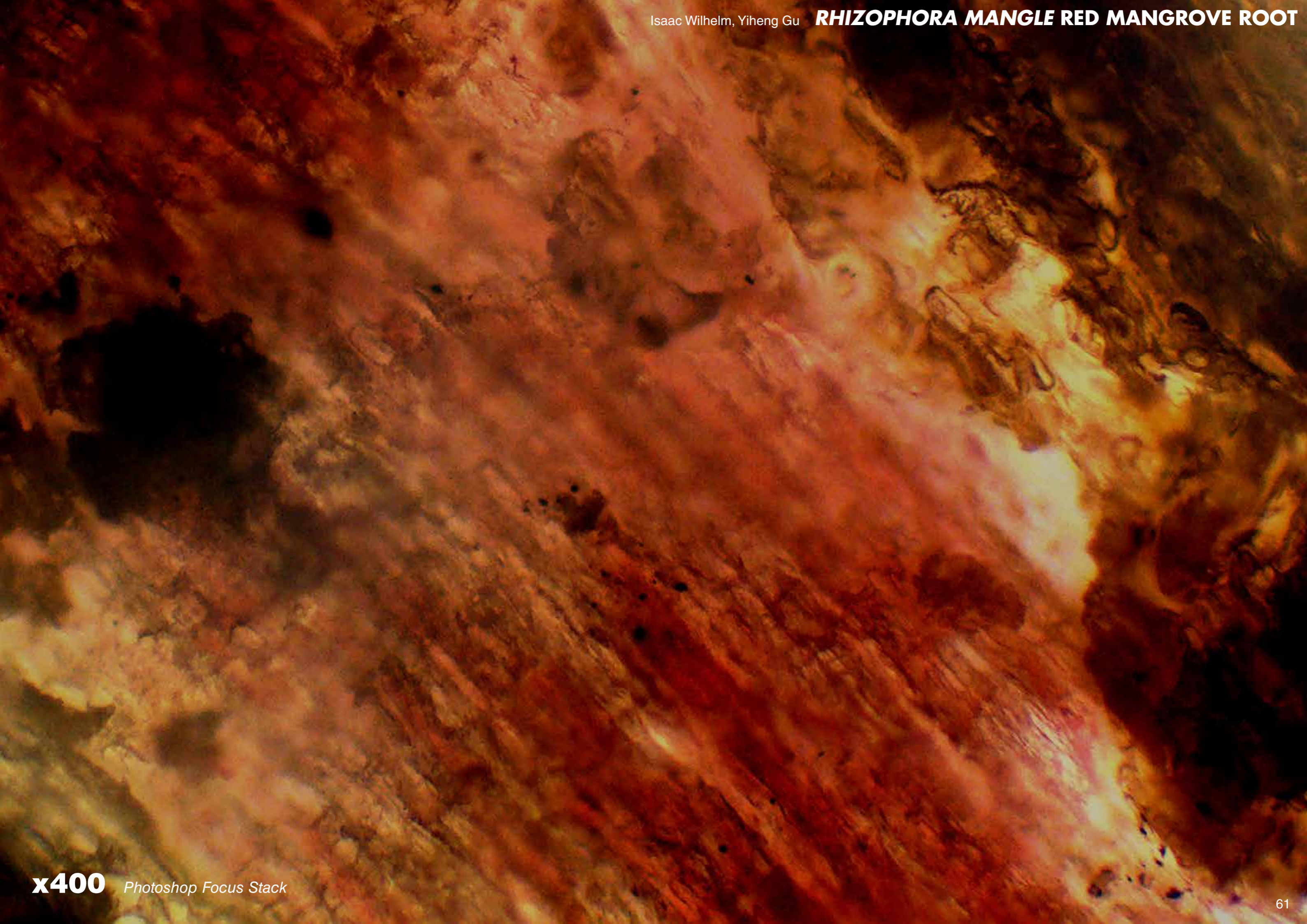
Mangrove Seedling No. 3: Water Only

Day	Date	UV Lights		Room		Water	
		On	Off	Temp C	Humidity	Temp C	pH
1	21.02.23	1:30 PM	12:15 AM	21.30	53%	17.80	7.99
2	21.02.24	9:50 AM	2:52 AM	22.80	59%	18.70	8.07
3	21.02.25	10:55 AM	3:45 AM	19.90	59%	18.50	8.03
4	21.02.26	12:15 PM	9:00 PM	22.90	49%	17.90	8.05
5	21.02.27	3:23 PM	2:00 AM	21.40	54%	18.80	8.01
6	21.02.28	3:00 PM	1:42 AM	18.80	62%	16.90	8.06
7	21.03.01	1:20 PM	3:43 AM	19.80	61%	17.90	8.02
8	21.03.02	12:30 PM	12:33 AM	20.20	60%	18.20	8.02
9	21.03.03	1:56 PM	2:11 AM	18.60	66%	17.20	8.06
10	21.03.04	10:15 AM	3:20 AM	20.30	59%	18.70	8.09
11	21.03.05	9:55 AM	3:45 AM	18.90	73%	17.20	8.13
12	21.03.06	11:33 AM	1:05 AM	18.20	67%	15.90	8.15
13	21.03.07	2:10 PM	12:09 AM	18.40	50%	16.40	8.18
14	21.03.08	1:12 PM	1:15 AM	22.30	52%	20.40	8.19
15	21.03.09	11:24 AM	11:35 PM	21.30	53%	18.60	8.25
16	21.03.10	10:15 AM	12:55 AM	21.20	59%	18.40	8.30
17	21.03.11	11:46 AM	2:58 AM	21.30	53%	20.20	8.29
18	21.03.12	1:26 PM	6:15 PM	22.10	51%	18.40	8.36
19	21.03.13	11:11 AM	3:00 AM	21.60	51%	19.80	8.39
20	21.03.14	3:05 PM	12:35 AM	20.20	51%	18.90	8.35



RHIZOPHORA MANGLE RED MANGROVE ROOT

Isaac Wilhelm, Yiheng Gu



YOUNG COCONUT FILAMENT EXTRACTION

Isaac Wilhelm

Ingredients + Materials:

4x - Young Coconuts

Equipment:

Knife

Metal Spoon

Wooden Spoon

Hammer

Chisel

Herb Drying Net

Electric Blender

Strainer

Bowls

Glass Jars

iPhone

Hypothesis:

Young Coconut Husks can be dried and processed into a filament substance to use for biomaterialization.

Protocol:

With chisel and hammer split coconut apart and remove flesh/meat with metal spoon. With knife and/or fingers peel fibrous outer husk from hard inner shell. Pull husk clumps into narrow strands for faster drying in herb drying net. After approximately 48 hours material should be dry enough to process.

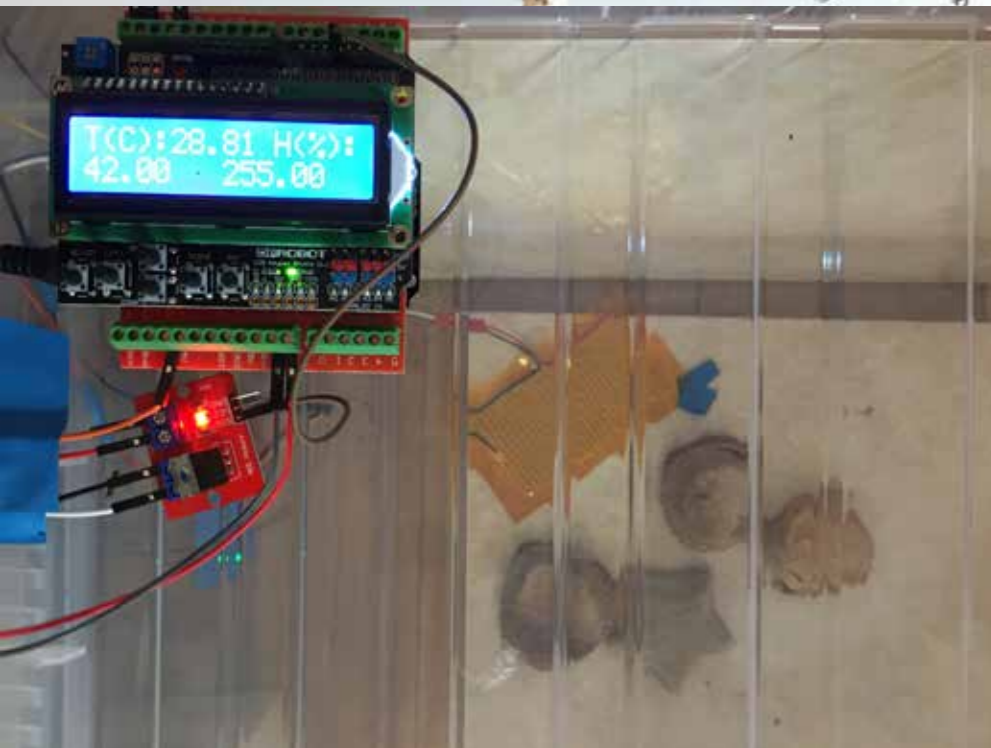
Place small portions of dried husk into blender and oscillate until most of the husk has turned to dust. Shift dust through strainer into bowl. Repeat process until all husk has been processed to a fine filament. Two grades should be the final outcome, one a fine filament dust and another a fine fiber strand.

Conclusion:

Processing is possible, however it was more labor intensive than initially believed.



EXTRACTION PROCESS



COATED COIR ROPE



Material 1 Ingredients:

- 4 Tbsp. Calcium Carbonate Powder
- 5 Tbsp. Young Coconut Filament
- 12 g Glycerol
- 100 mL Elmer's Glue
- 240 mL Cold Water

Materials:

- 7mm Diameter Coir Rope

Material 2 Ingredients:

- 4 Tbsp. Calcium Carbonate Powder
- 6 g Glycerol
- 50 mL Elmer's Glue
- 120 mL Cold Water

Equipment:

- Stove, Measuring Spoons, Beaker, Stove, Pot, Silicon Molds, Wooden Clothes Pins, iPhone

Material 3 Ingredients:

- 5 Tbsp. Young Coconut Filament
- 6 g Glycerol
- 50 mL Elmer's Glue
- 120 mL Cold Water

Hypothesis:

Combining calcium carbon/coconut filament with Elmer's glue will result in a biomaterial that is water resistant and durable.

Protocol:

Mix cold water & glue in pot before heating, until paste substance forms. Continuously stir over heat source. After homogeneity, add glycerol and calcium carbonate and/or coconut filament/fiber. Continue stirring over heat until a white deposit appears on surface. Pour into mold (or dip rope into solution), place in incubator for faster drying times. Can take up to two weeks to cure.

Conclusion:

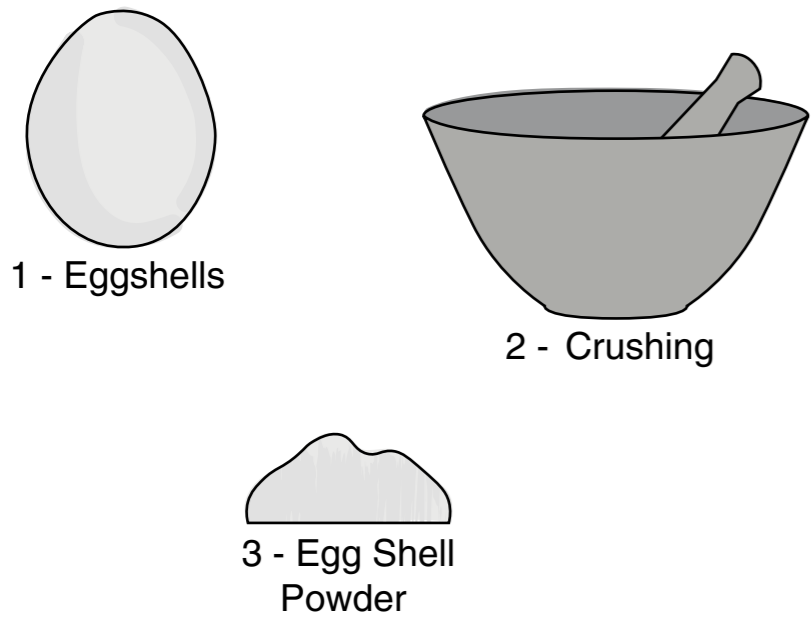
Neither water resistance or durable, these biomaterial explorations were brittle, dissolved in water, and started cultivating mold while they were curing.



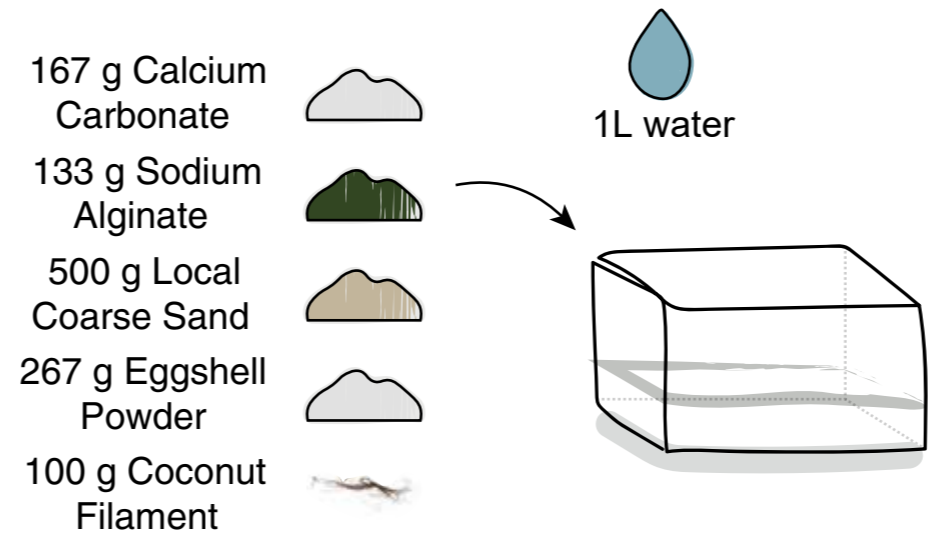
FINAL PROTOTYPES

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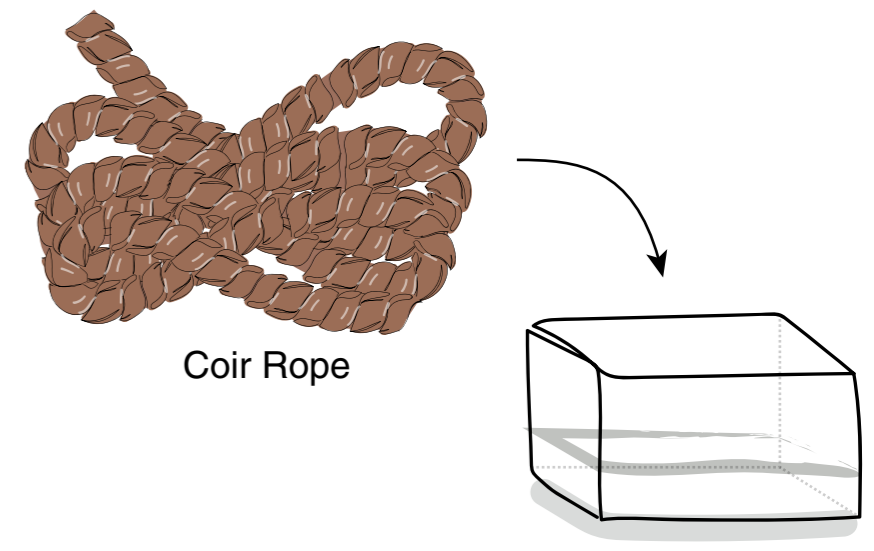
① Crushing Eggshells



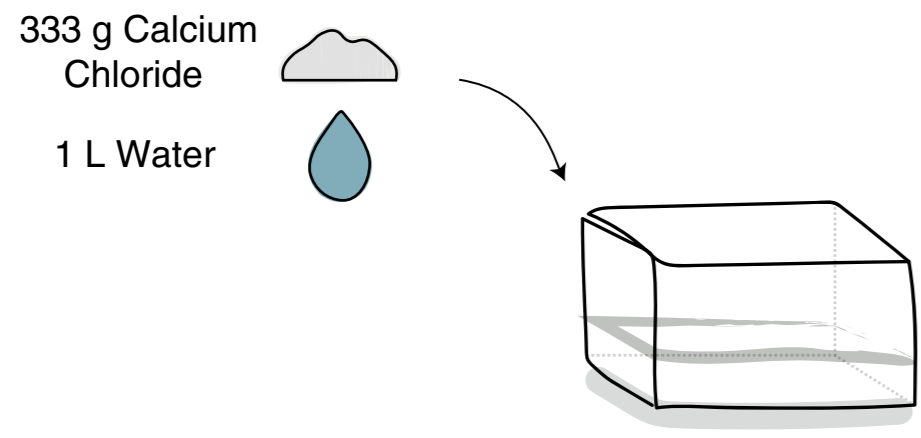
② Biocement Mixture (for 1 L)



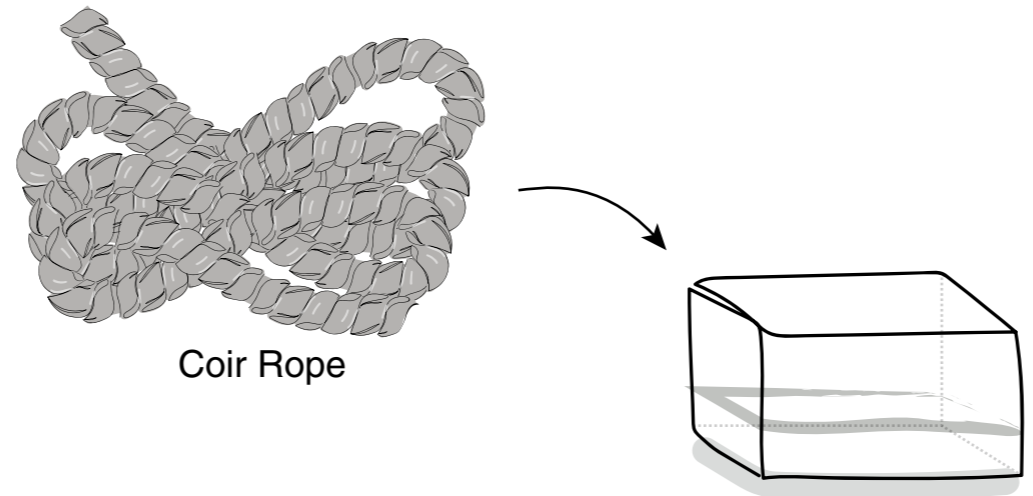
③ Coating



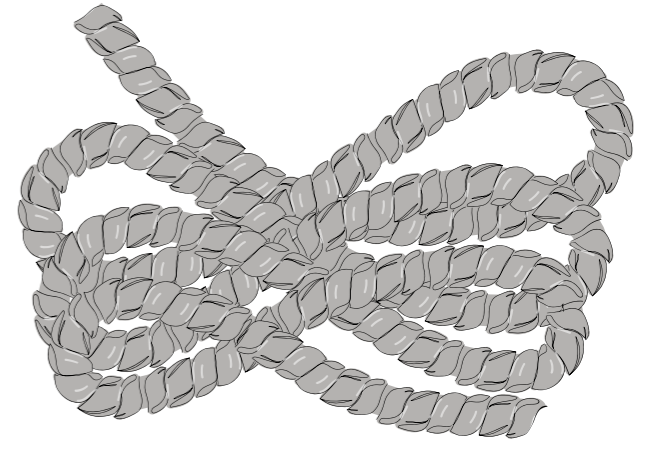
④ Solidifying Solution



⑤ Dipping



⑥ Drying



20 mm 15 mm 10 mm

Hypothesis:
Calcium carbonate-sodium alginate biocement will be durable, but it will not be water resistant. Other materials can be added to change the aesthetic quality of the material.

Conclusion:
The material remain durable with all tested aggregate recipes. However, recipe 2 was the strongest. All samples were not water resistant as hypothesized.

1. 0.25 g Sodium Alginate
25 g Calcium Carbonate
15 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

2. 0.25 g Sodium Alginate
25 g Calcium Carbonate
2.5 g Coconut Filament
15 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

3. 4 g Sodium Alginate
15 g Crushed Eggshells
30 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

4. 4 g Sodium Alginate
15 g Crushed Eggshells
3 g Coconut Filament
30 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

5. 4 g Sodium Alginate
10 g Calcium Carbonate
3 g Coconut Filament
30 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

6. 4 g Sodium Alginate
10 g Calcium Carbonate
30 mL English Channel Seawater

7. 4 g Sodium Alginate
10 g Calcium Carbonate
3 g Coconut Filament
30 mL English Channel Seawater

8. 4 g Sodium Alginate
5 g Calcium Carbonate
14 g English Channel Sand
30 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

9. 4g Sodium Alginate
5g Calcium Carbonate
3g Coconut Filament
14g English Channel Sand
30 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

10. 4 g Sodium Alginate
15 g Crushed Eggshells
3 g Coconut Filament
15 g English Channel Sand
30 mL Reverse Osmosis Water

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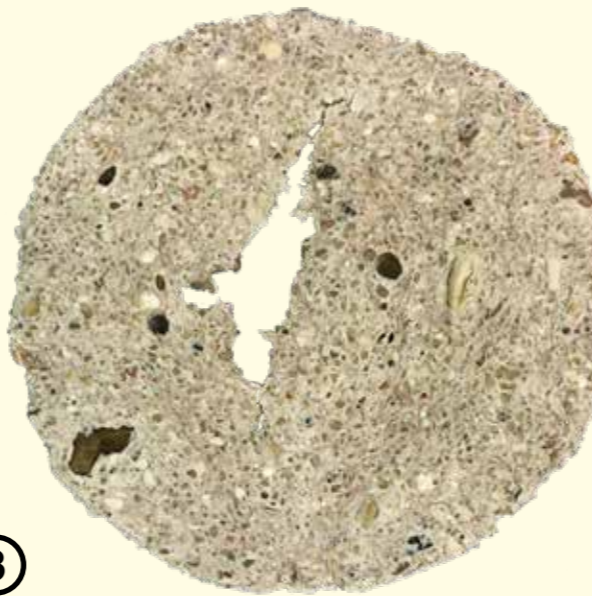
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A BAD IDEA Julian Rodriguez



HEATING PROCESS



Day 1



Day 6

20 mm 15 mm 10 mm

Ingredients + Materials:

- 100g Copal Gum
- 300 mL Seawater
- Aluminum Pan
- Wooden Kebab Stick

- Biocement Coated Coir Rope
- Used Plastic Jar with Lid

- Equipment:**
- Oven
 - Oven Mitten
 - iPhone

Hypothesis:

Due to the fact that calcium carbonate-sodium alginate biocement alone is not water resistant, the natural resin from trees can be used to create a coating on the biomaterial to provide semi-water resistances.

Protocol:

Preheat oven to 250 C. Measure out approximately 100g of copal gum and place in aluminum pan. Once preheated, set pan with copal gum on center rack of oven.

Leave in oven for 5 minutes. Check to see that copal gum is bubbling, if not leave in for 5 minute intervals to assure it does not over heat. Once bubbling, remove pan from oven.

Carefully dip one end of biocement coated coir rope into the bubbling copal gum (keep your fingers as far away from the hot substance as possible) and twirl it to assure the copal gum resin wraps and adheres to the surface. Hold the resin coated biocement coir rope in the air for a minute or two while it cools to room temperature.

Place the aluminum pan with the copal gum back in the still heated oven for several minutes while it reheats. Once bubbling again, repeat the process on the other side of the biocement coir rope so that the sample is fully covered in resin. Don't forget to turn the oven off knob-head, and place the aluminum tray with unused copal gum resin in the recycle bin.

Once the resin has cooled down to room temperature, fill a clean used jar with 300 mL of seawater. Close lid on jar and set aside to watch if resin coating degrades with time.

Do not attempt to do this process in a microwave, as the resin will overheat uncontrollably.

Observations + Results:

After a few days the resin coated sample was unchanged. After 4 days I noted some slight degradation in the resin coating. On day 6 the coating had severely cracked and seawater was reaching the underlying biocement coating. The resin coating has continued to degrade and break off in small and large chunks.

Conclusion:

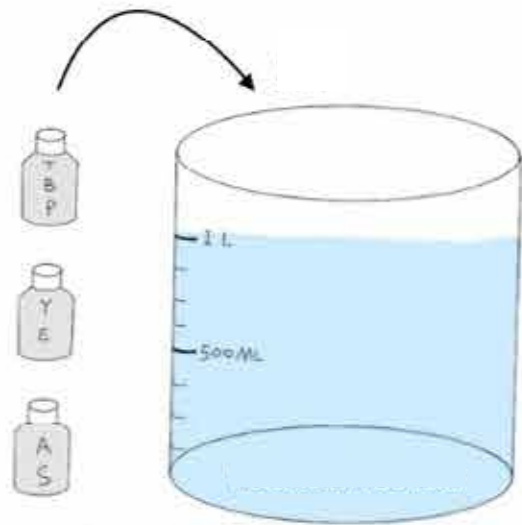
Copal gum resin is not a sufficient material to create a semi-water resistant natural coating. In a still sample of seawater the sample only lasted 4 days before showing signs of degradation. In a living ocean with currents and critters process would be highly ineffective and meaningless. However, this does not mean that lignin derived from coconut husk fiber would have the same results. Further experimentation of other species gum/resin and lignin is required.

Hypothesis:

After soaking in the liquid medium of *S. pasteurii*, the coir rope will easily calcify. By repeating the process several times the rope will be sufficiently calcified to withstand tidal ocean stresses.

Mix Liquid Medium Solution

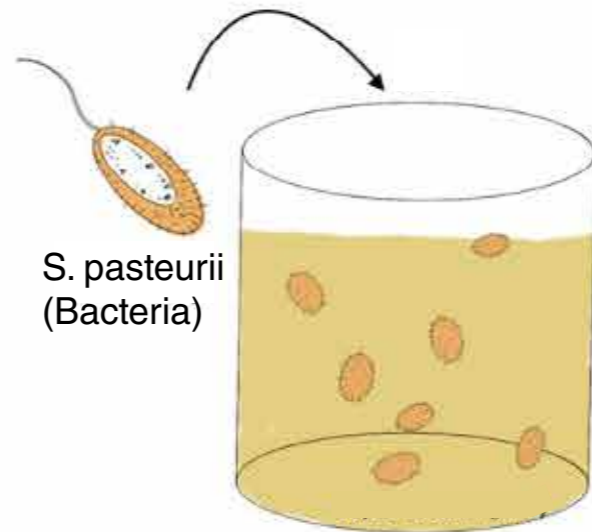
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1 L Reverse Osmosis Water
15 g Trizma Base Powder
15 g Yeast Extract
8 g Ammonia Sulphate

Add *S. pasteurii*

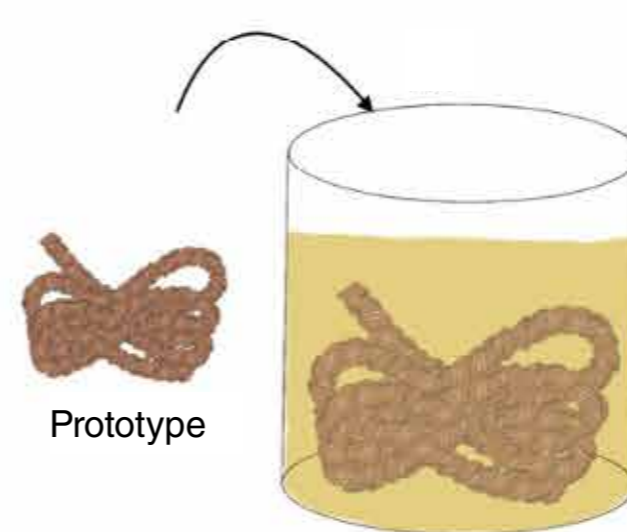
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S. pasteurii
(Bacteria)

Add Coir Rope

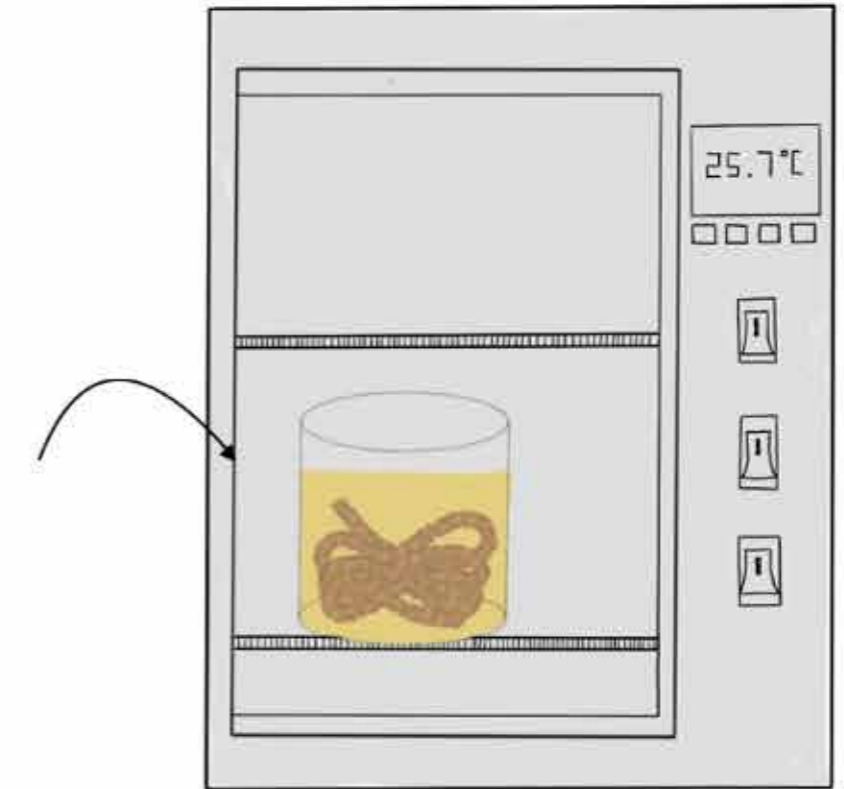
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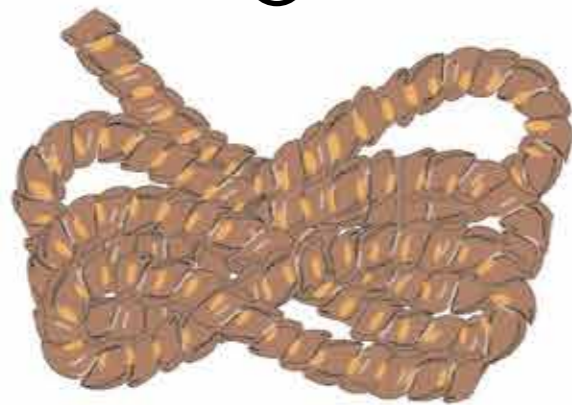
Incubate 3-5 Days

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Remove from Liquid Medium

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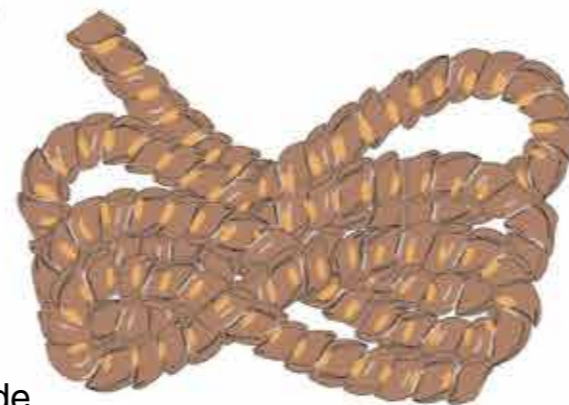


Spray

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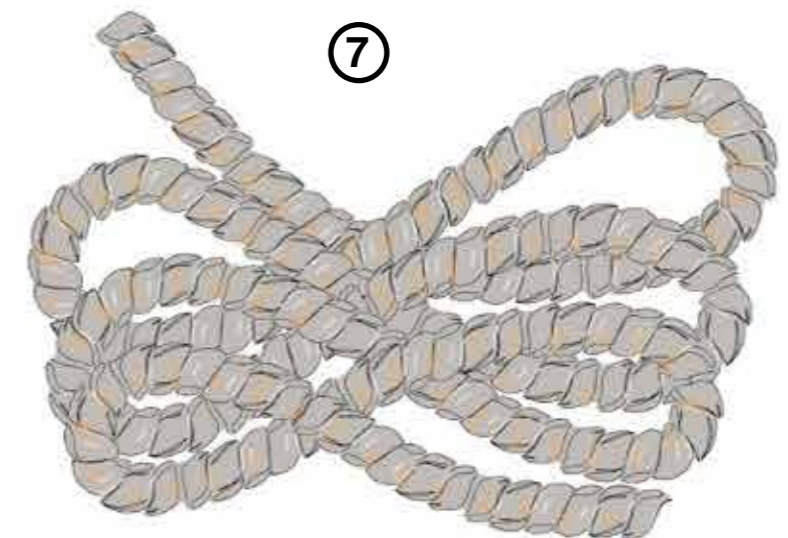


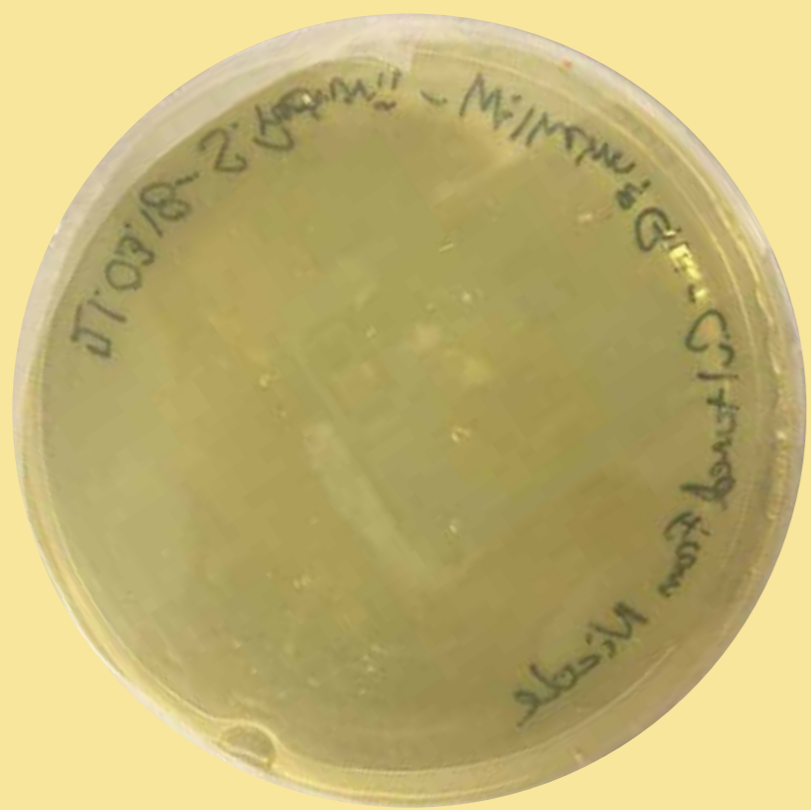
Calcium Chloride
+ Urea



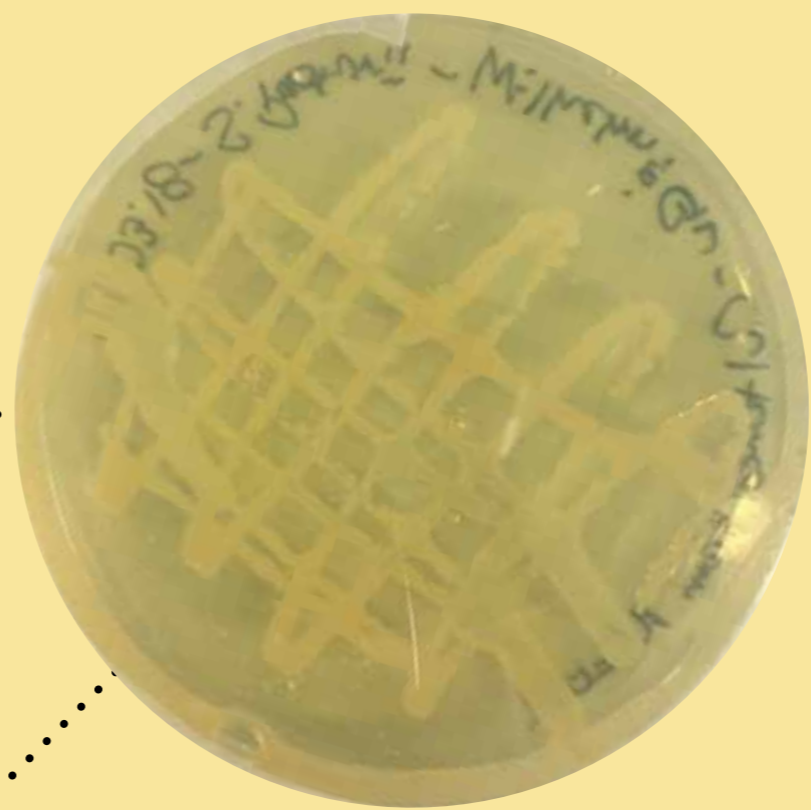
***S. pasteurii* Calcified Rope**

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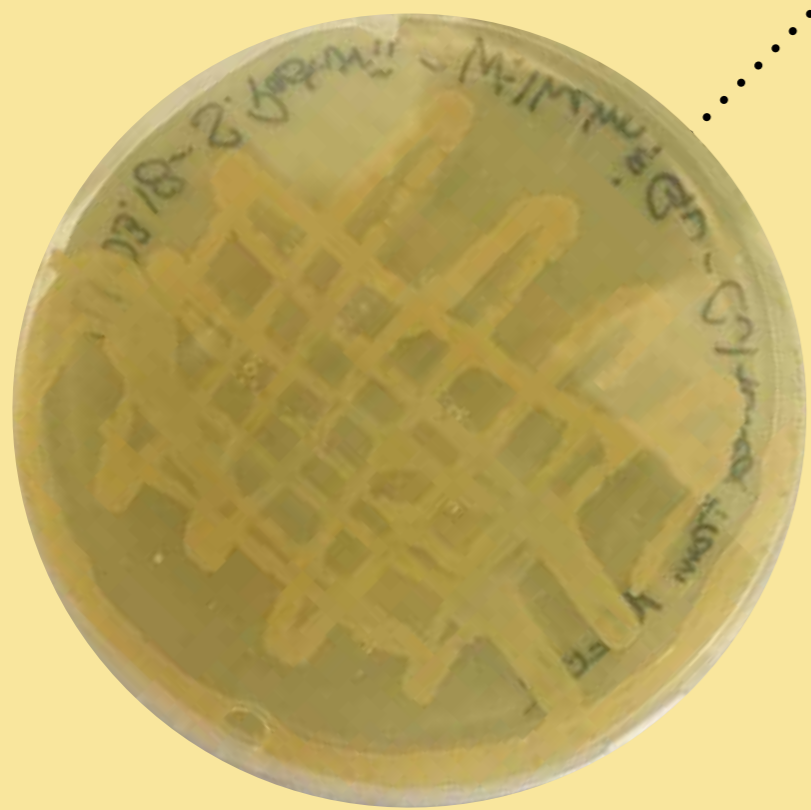




Day 2



Day 5

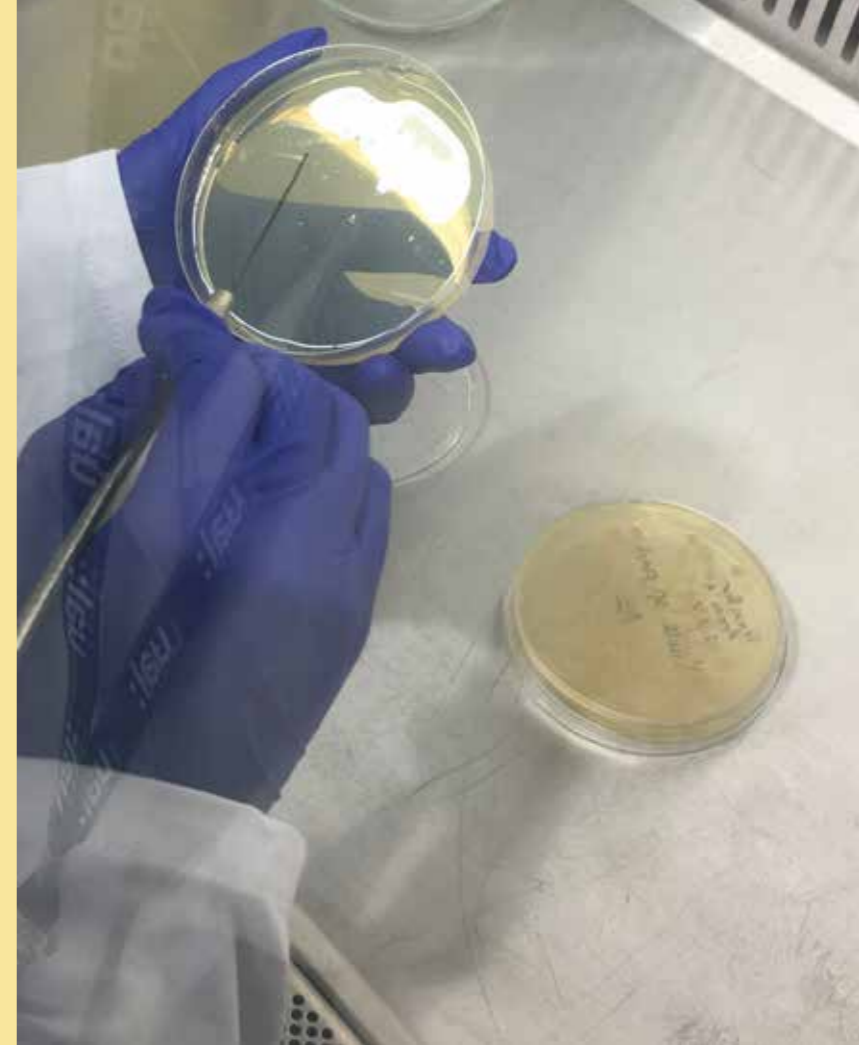


Day 8



Day 12

PLATE TRANSFER PROCESS



LIQUID MEDIUM PROCESS



CALCIUM CARBONATE CRYSTALLIZATION 1

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PLATE NO. 1



1/2 Tbsp. CaCO
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar

PLATE NO. 2



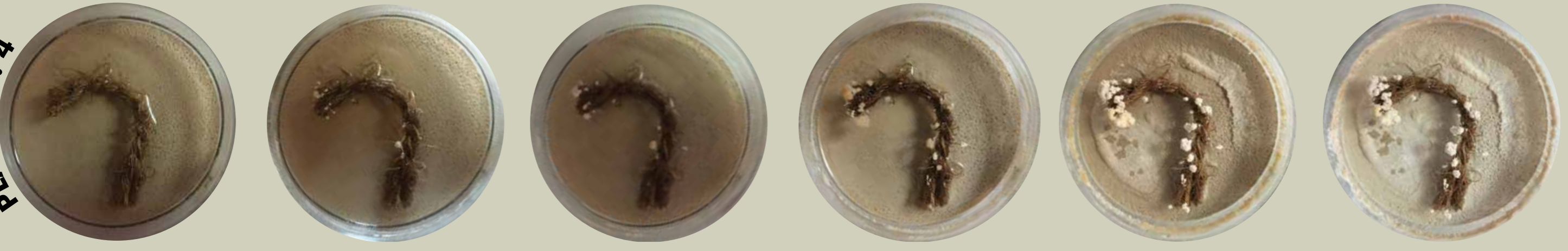
1/4 Tbsp. CaCO
1/4 Tbs. Sea Salt
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar

PLATE NO. 3 - CONTROL



1/2 Tbsp. CaCO
6 Tbs. London Tap Water

PLATE NO. 4



1/2 Tbsp. CaCO
6 Drops 5% Iodine
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6



Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6

Materials:

9x - 7mm Dia. Coir Rope 8mm Length

Equipment:

3x - 90mm Glass Petri Dishes
 Measuring Spoons
 Metal Stirrer
 iPhone

Hypothesis:

Calcium carbonate (aragonite) crystals will form on the surface of coir rope through a chemical process using vinegar. The strongest crystallization will happen with Dolomite lime and the Dolomite rock.

Procedure:

Using 2-3 glass petri dishes, the lid and the dish are separated and used for separate solution growth containment, providing 4-5 variations per trial.
 First fill the petri dish with desired dry ingredients, then add wet ingredients. Stir solution until homogeneous. Place a piece of coir rope in each petri dish.

Observations + Results:

Round 1: Plate No. 3 Control did not grow any crystals. Plate No. 2 grew very few tiny crystals. Plates No. 1 + 4 were successful.
Round 2: Plates No. 2 + 3 + 5 were all unsuccessful. Plates No. 1 + 4 continued to flourish.
Round 3: Plate No. 3 had very little crystallization. Plate No. 5 had a lot of crystallization on the Dolomite rock, however very little on the actual rope. Plate No. 1 + 4 continued to grow adequately; however the already formed crystals dissolved in the new solution. Plate No. 2 grew with greater color clarity, quality, and quantity.

Conclusion:

Crystals grew in all scenarios that involved any form of calcium carbonate with a vinegar. However, the Dolomite Lime was not as successful as predicted and although many crystals grew on the Dolomite rock, not many grew on the rope. The best results occurred with calcium carbonate and distilled malt vinegar.



Remaining CaCO
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar



1/2 Tbsp. Vitax Granular -
Garden Lime
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar



1Tbsp. Kelkay -
White Chipping Stone
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar



Remaining CaCO
6 Drops 5% Iodine
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar



2x 40 mm Blue Slate Stones
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4



PLATE NO. 1



12 mm 9 mm 6 mm



PLATE NO. 4

Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4

PLATE NO. 1



Remaining CaCO
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar

PLATE NO. 2



1/2 Tbsp. CaCO
6 tsp. Distilled Malt Vinegar

PLATE NO. 3



1/2 Tbsp. Elixir Gardens -
Dolomite Lime Powder, Magnesium Limestone
6 tsp. Distilled Malt Vinegar

PLATE NO. 4



Remaining CaCO
6 Drops 5% Iodine
6 tsp. White Wine Vinegar

PLATE NO. 5



1x 50mm Dolomite Rock
6 tsp. Distilled Malt Vinegar

PLATE NO. 1



10 mm 7.5 mm 5 mm

PLATE NO. 2



PLATE NO. 4



PLATE NO. 5

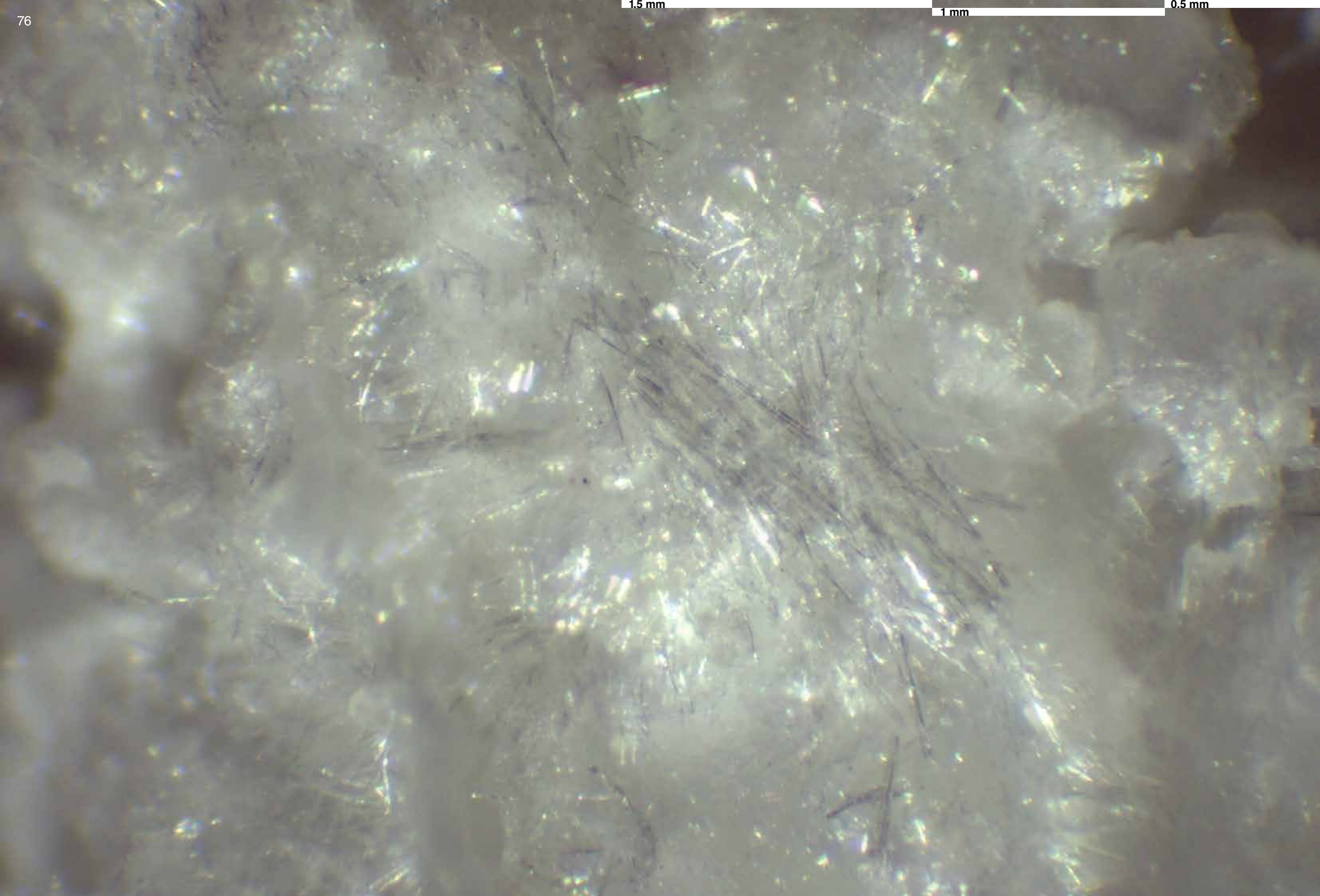


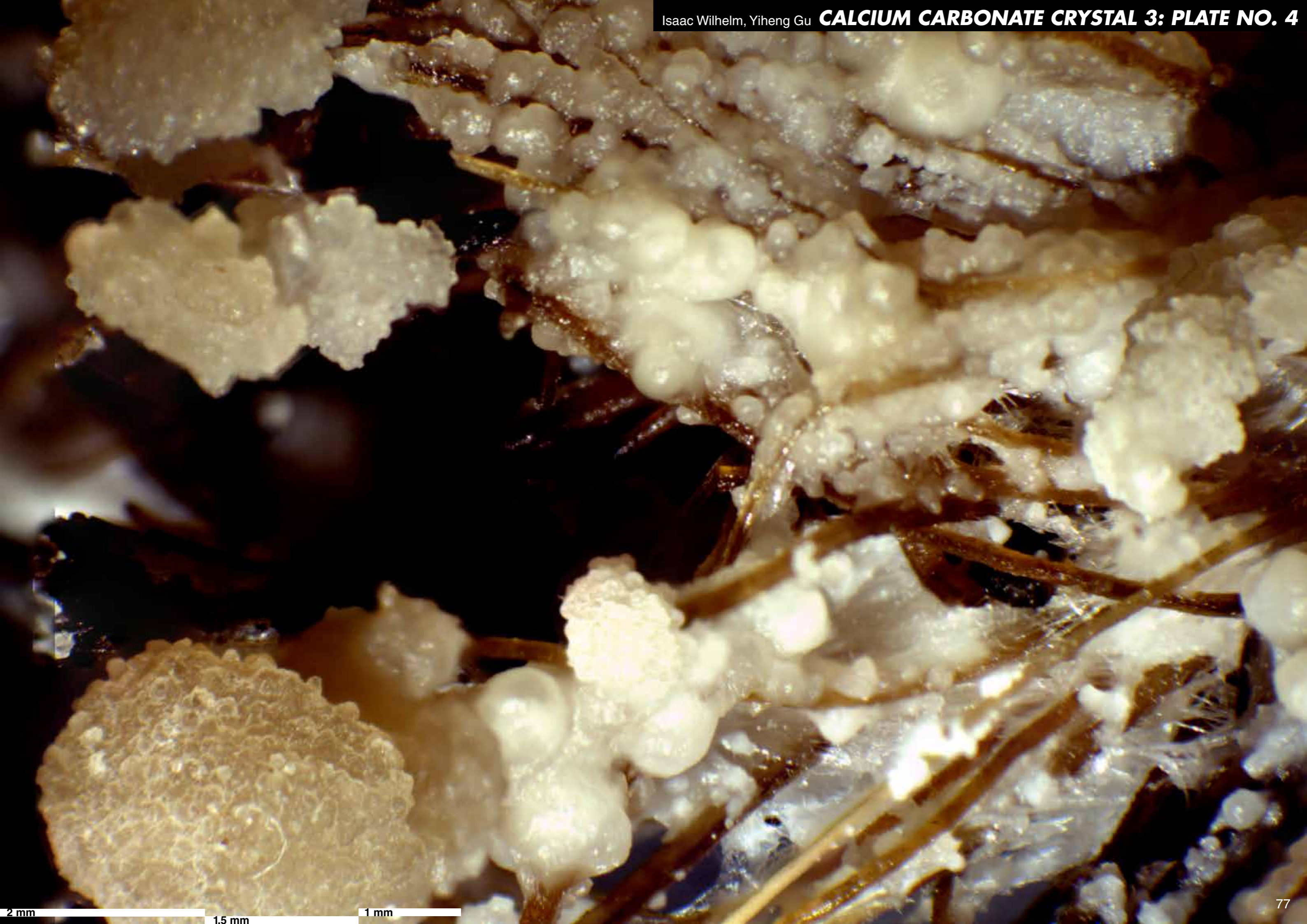
Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4 Day 5

1.5 mm

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2 mm 1.5 mm 1 mm

EXPER

IMMEMENTS

GROW LAB:

VIBRIO FISCHERI // BIOLUMINESCENT BACTERIA

SIMULATED SQUID LIGHT ORGAN

TUTORS: NANCY DINIZ + ALICE TAYLOR

LAB TECHS: SHEM JOHNSON + JULIAN RODRIGUEZ

VIBRIO FISCHERI: PLATE COLONIZATION

Ingredients + Materials:

Plastic Petri Dish with Pre-Poured Agar Medium
V. fischeri Colonized Liquid Medium Source
Sterilized Cotton Swab
Parafilm
Latex Gloves

Equipment:

Lab Hood
Incubator
Electric Stir Plate
Scissors
Permanent Marker
iPhone

Hypothesis:

V. fischeri will colonize the agar plate and display bioluminescent qualities when observed in pitch-black darkness.

Protocol:

Complete all of the steps for plate colonization under the sterilization of the lab hood while wearing latex gloves. Place the *V. fischeri* pre-colonized liquid medium on the electric stir plate. Dip a sterile cotton swab into the liquid medium. Open the petri dish with pre-poured agar and stipple a smiley face on the medium with the dipped side of the cotton swab. Promptly re-lid the petri dish, and throw away the cotton swab in biohazard bin.

With a permanent marker write the date, contents, and your name on the side of the plastic petri dish lid. With the scissors cut an appropriately sized piece of parafilm and wrap it around the side of the petri dish lid. Place the petri dish in the incubator.

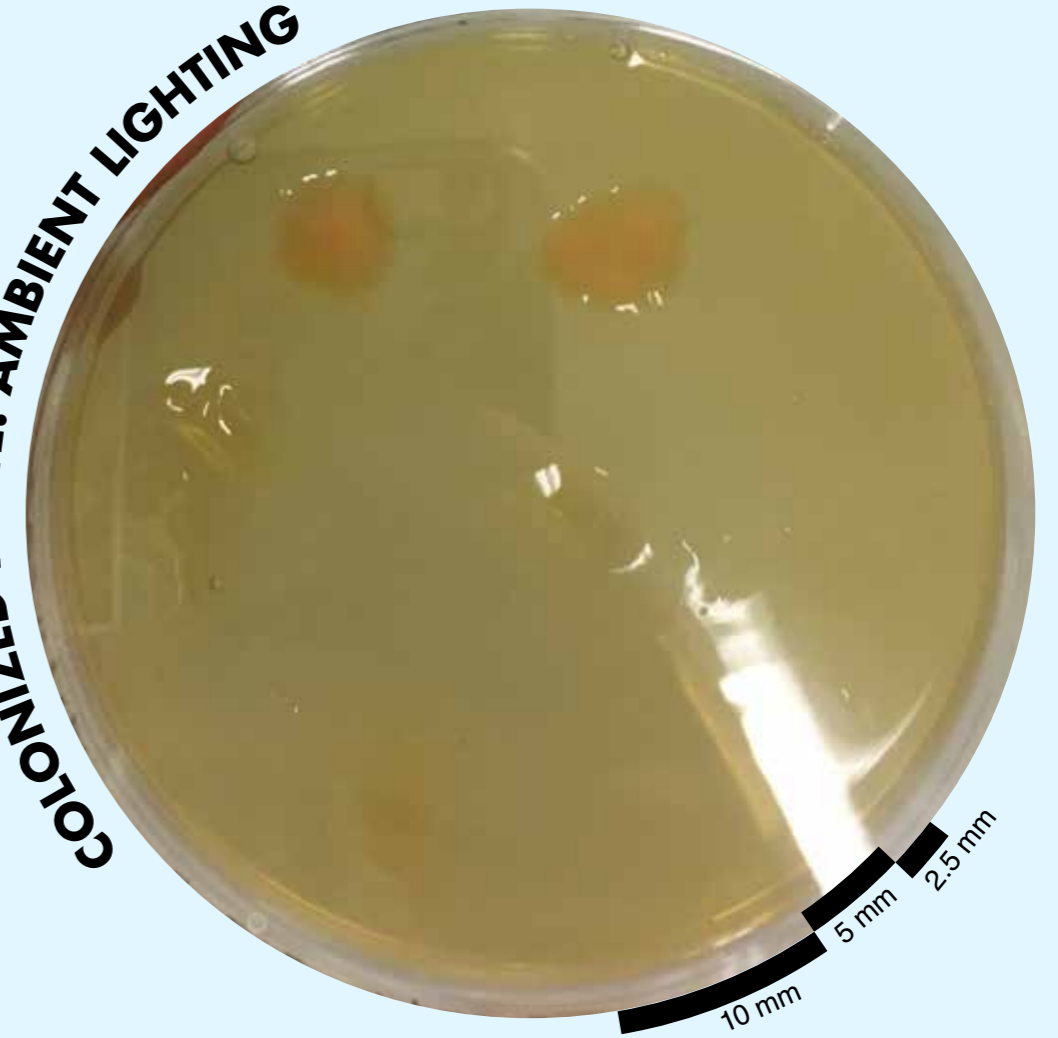
Observations + Results:

Approximately 2 weeks later the *V. fischeri* colonized the agar plate. Five colonies developed, and were visible under pitch-black darkness. However, the colonies were not as bioluminescent as anticipated.

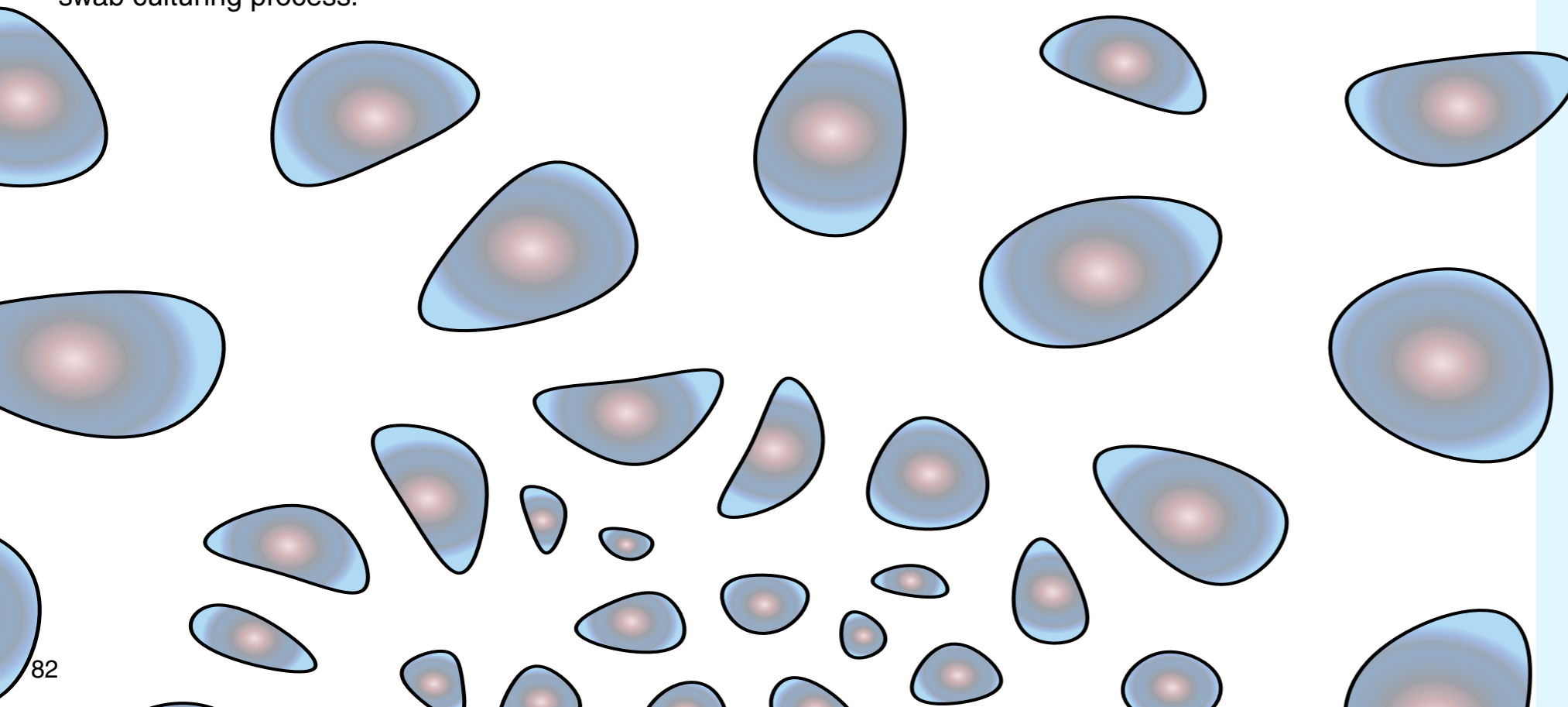
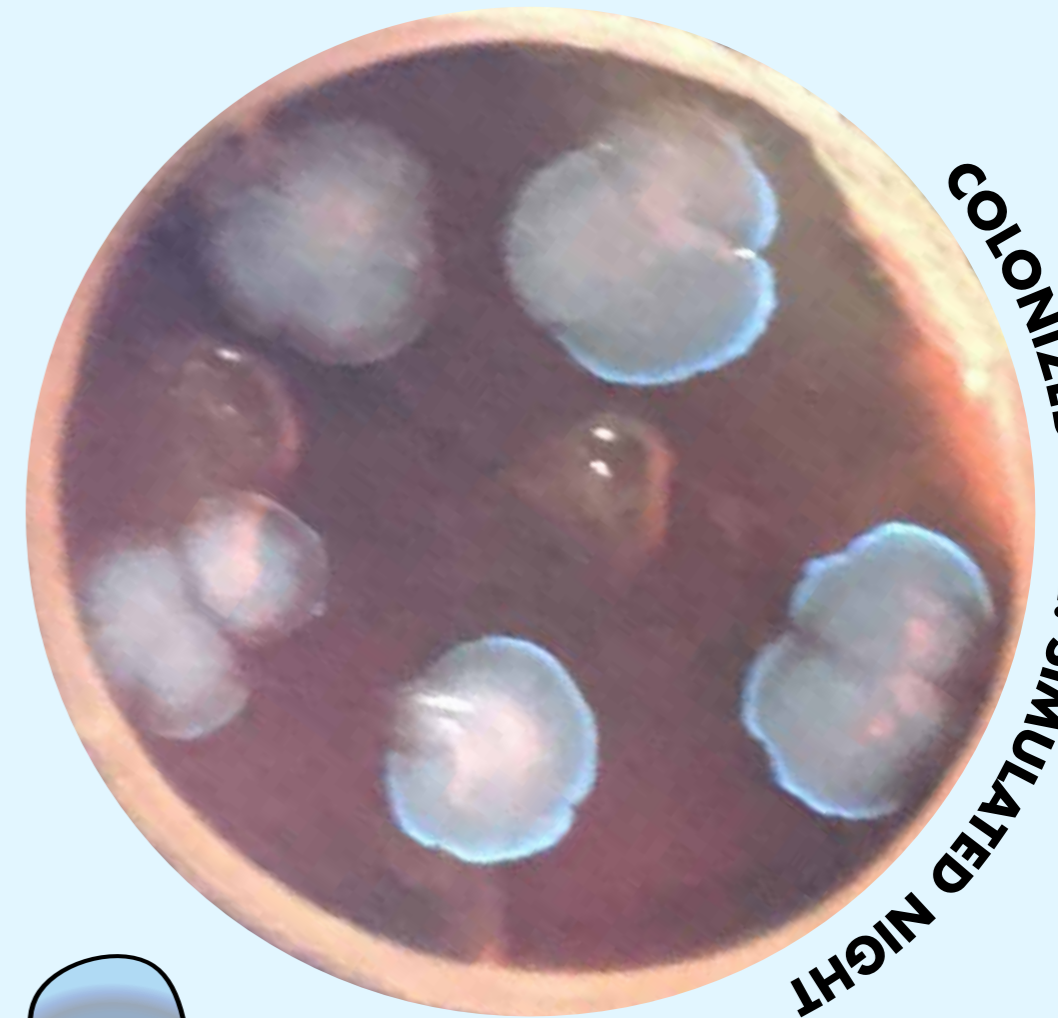
Conclusion:

Although the plate did colonize, the density of the colonies was not favorable. It was concluded that the liquid medium should have had a magnetic stir bar in it to maintain a homogeneous density of the bacteria during the swab culturing process.

COLONIZED PLATE: AMBIENT LIGHTING



COLONIZED PLATE: SIMULATED NIGHT





GROW LAB:

PHYSARUM POLYCEPHALUM // SLIME MOLD

GROUP THINKING + NETWORKING

TUTORS: NANCY DINIZ + ALICE TAYLOR

LAB TECH: SHEM JOHNSON + JULIAN RODRIGUEZ

PHYSARUM POLYCEPHALUM: PLATE GROWTH

Ingredients + Materials:

Existing *P. polycephalum* Colony Plate Source
Petri Dish Pre-Poured with Agar Medium
Raw Rolled Oats
Parafilm
Plastic Sandwich Bag
Small Box

Equipment:

Sterile Scalpel
Permanent Marker
Scissors
Microscope
iPhone

Hypothesis:

A network of slime mold will grow and colonize the agar plate in a method correlating to the fungi locating the individual rolled oat food sources.

Protocol:

Use a sterile scalpel to collect small piece of the *P. polycephalum* from the existing colony plate, place it onto the petri dish with pre-poured agar medium, and promptly close the lid. Momentarily open the plate to sprinkle a few raw rolled oats over the medium. Using a permanent marker note the date, organism, and your name on the side of the petri dish lid. With the scissor cut a piece of parafilm and wrap it around the side of the plate lid. Place the sealed plate in a plastic sandwich bag and transport it to your home lab. In your home lab, take the sealed plate out of the sandwich bag and enclose it in a solid close box. Keep the box in a place where it is not too hot and out of direct sunlight, to avoid internal overheating with the micro-environment.

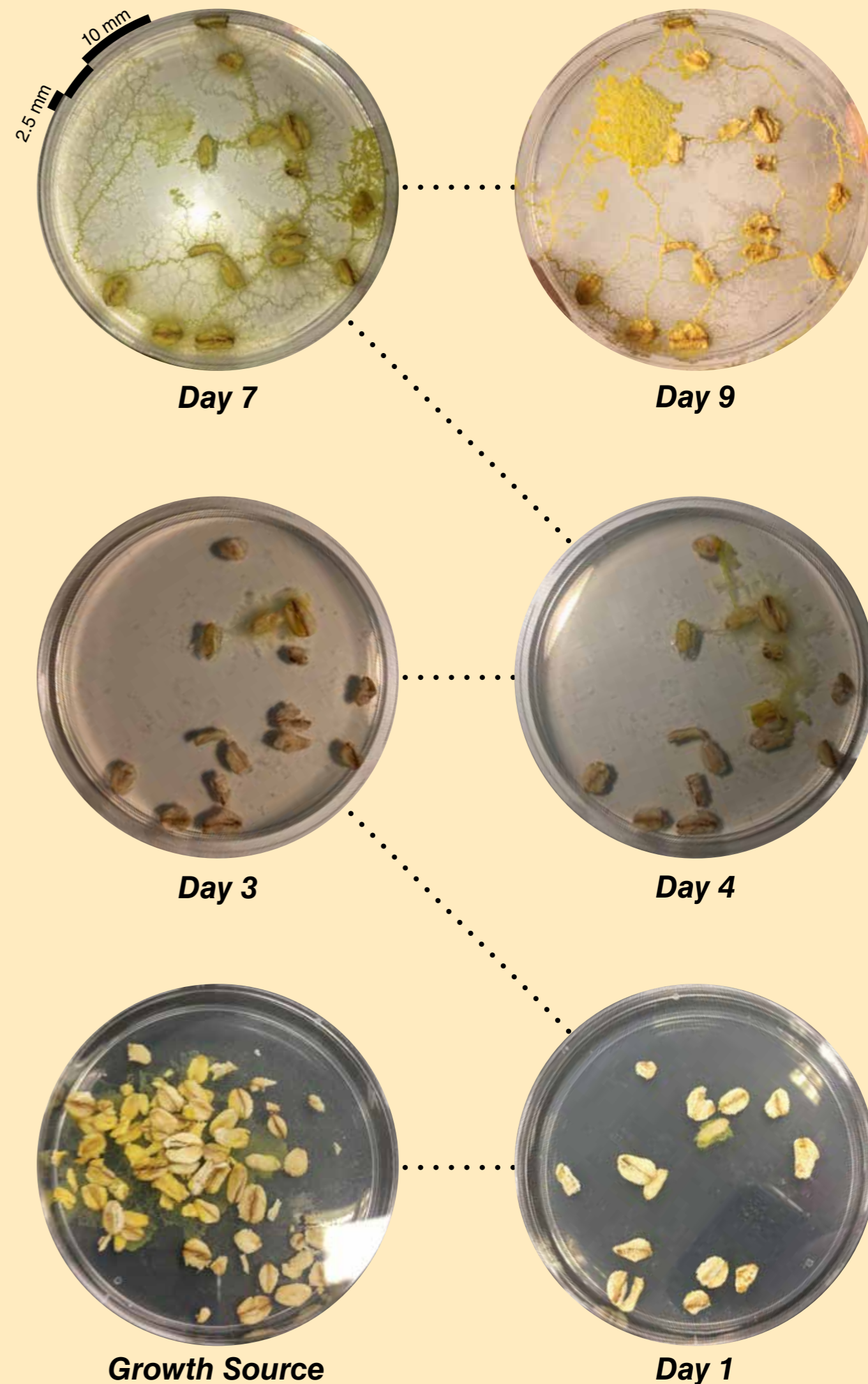
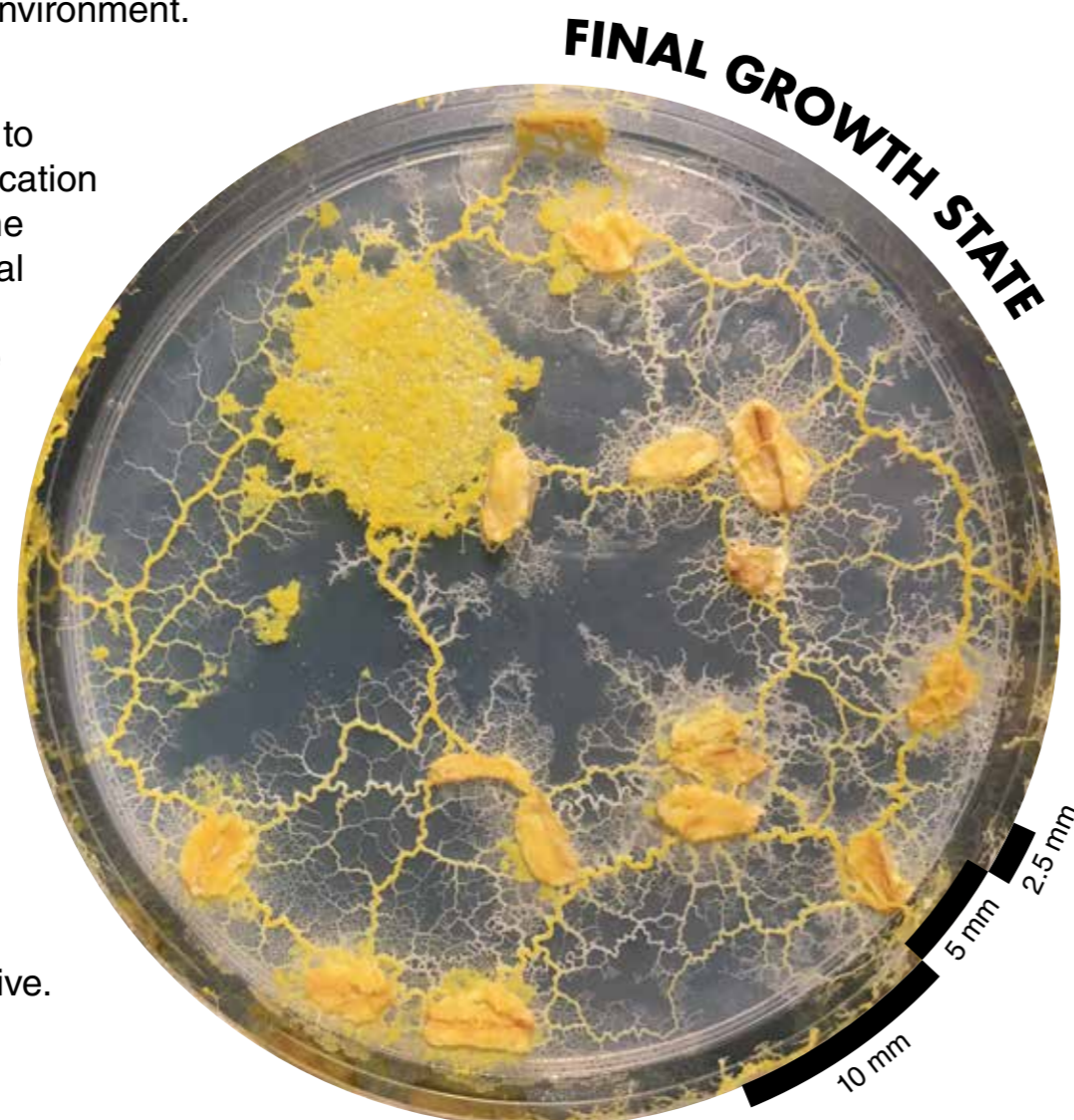
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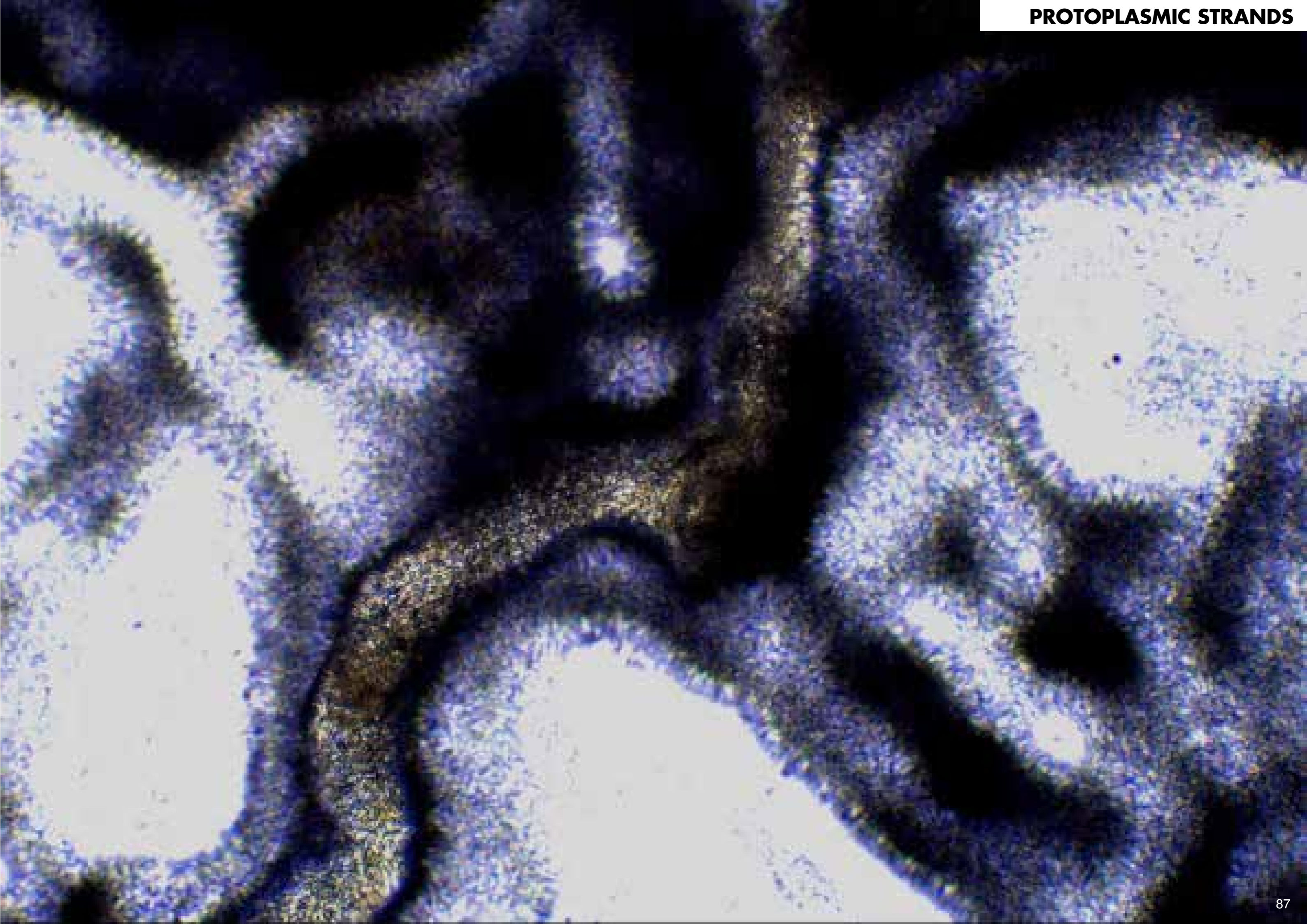
After 3 days the fungi began to expand out from its original location in search of more food. By the next day the fungi had several rolled oat food sources in all different directions around the original specimen. By day 7 an expansive network of fungi had reached all of the rolled oat food sources on the plate.

Under a microscope, cyclosis was observed in network protoplasmic strands sending nutrients between the fungi colonies on day 7.

Conclusion:

The hypothesis was conclusive.





HOME LAB:

ALGAE BIOREMEDIATION

WHAT'S EATING GRANDMA?

TUTORS: NANCY DINIZ + ALICE TAYLOR

PART 1: SOIL COLLECTION

Ingredients + Materials:

100 mL London Tap Water
50 mL Top Soil
Ceramic Bowl
Wooden Kebab Stick
Miracle Gro (Water Soluble)
Small Box
Sodium Bicarbonate

Equipment:

4x - 50 mL Plastic Falcon Tubes
5 mL Plastic Pipette
Permanent Marker
iPhone
Digital Thermometer + Ph Meter
Digital Thermometer + Hydrometer
Digital Scale
Microwave
LED Grow Lamps
Pocket Knife

Hypothesis:

Micro-algae living in the soil could be used to breakdown waste and human remains to generate a sustainable bioremediation strategy for waste management. Potentially this algae could in turn be used as a food source, agricultural nutrient, or biofuel.

Protocol:

The field procurement site was a bog puddle over a grave at St. Pancras Cemetery Park, London. Concluded with the wet finger method the wind in was blowing from the northwest. According to my thermometer/hydrometer at eye level it was 20.6 C with 55% humidity, while at the base of the bog puddle it was 19.5 C with 55% humidity. Soil temperature at extraction was 12 C, while the water 11 C.

Collect a soil sample by pressing a tube upside down into the soil as far as possible (within reason). While pulling the tube out, wiggle it sideways to make sure the deepest part of the soil stays in the tube. Place the on lid firmly. Collect 50 mL of surface water from the puddle in another tube.

Microwave tap water 3 minutes in a ceramic bowl with a wooden kebab stick, to keep water from boiling over. Measure 1g of soil from top of procurement tube (the deepest soil) and place it in a new tube, remember to label it. Using a pipette dispense 10 ml of water into the tube and seal it. Repeat process with a second tube. Place approximately .05g of Miracle Gro in each of the 3 water filled tubes. Measure the tubes' water temperature and pH level daily.

Tube 1: Soil Sample under Grow Lamp

Tube 2: Soil Sample in Darkness of a Box

Tube 3: Top Water Sample

Observations + Results:

Day 5 small quantities of algae observed in Tube 3. Day 7 growth in Tube 3 appeared to be a brown algae, added a small quantity of sodium bicarbonate to encourage propagation by increasing water pH level. Day 11 new pH Meter purchased due to insufficient data from previous device. Also, there was a population boom in Tube 3. Day 14 Tube 1 + 2 began to smell of ammonia, and Tube 3 was 25% transparent due to algae propagation. Day 25 Tube 3 had a clump of brown algae floating. While water samples from Tube 1 + 2 observed under microscope had zero algae present.

Conclusion:

The density and tenacity of algae present in the average soil is not sufficient to naturally bioremediating the decease for an algae-based food source or biofuel.



PART 2: LICHEN SEPARATION + PROPAGATION

Ingredients + Materials:

R. fastigiata Lichen
E. prunastri Lichen
Used Plastic Food Container
Miracle Gro (Water Soluble)

Equipment:

Aluminum Spray Bottle
50 mL Falcon Tube
Digital Thermometer + Ph Meter
LED Grow Lamps
Permanent Marker
iPhone

Hypothesis:

The separated symbiotic algae/cyanobacteria of lichen can be easily propagated to bioremediate the deceased.

Protocol:

Place *R. fastigiata* and *E. prunastri* lichens collected from nature in a plastic container. Spray the lichens with water. Close the lid, and set aside somewhere cool with low indirect sunlight. After a week or two, the lichen will break its symbiotic state, thus the fungi and algae/cyanobacteria species will begin propagating independently. Collect several clumps of the algae and place it in tube with 50 mL of tap water with a dash of Miracle Gro. Leave the tube under a grow lamp at room temperature.

Tube 4: Lichen Blue-Green Algae

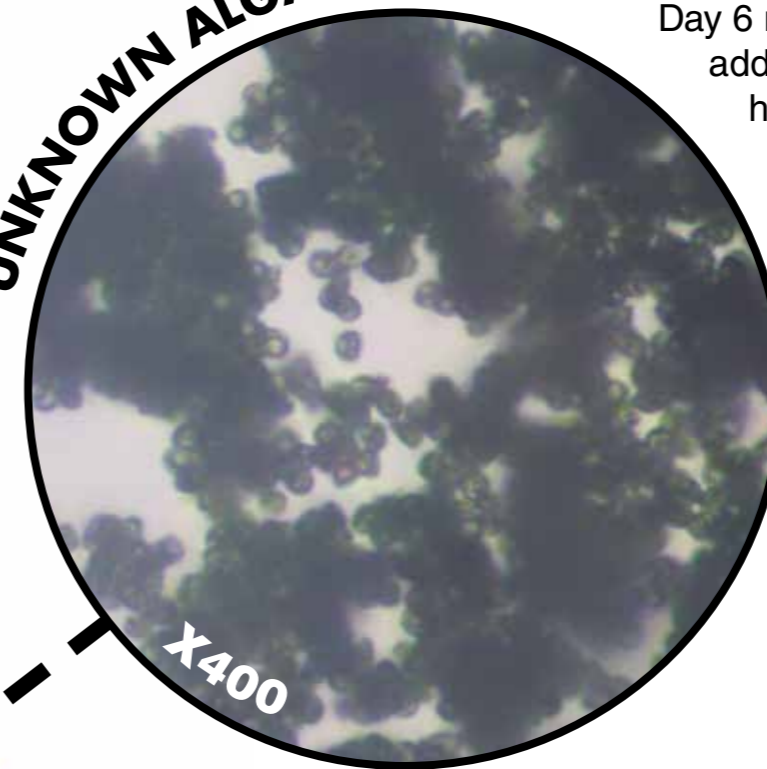
Observations + Results:

Day 6 more blue-green algae clumps were added. Day 15 the population seems to have increased. Day 25 the population has fully deceased.

Conclusion:

There was a small moment of success in the experiment, however likely due to insufficient aeration and nutrients the blue-green algae deceased. More iterations needed to be conclusive.

UNKNOWN ALGAE



X400



Specimen: *Ramalina fastigiata*

Separated: *Evernia prunastri*

Site:
Inverness Grave

PART 3: FALCON TUBE PROPAGATION

Ingredients + Materials:

Procured Unknown Spirulina
Procured *M. scalaris*
Miracle Gro (Water Soluble)
Sodium Bicarbonate
Empty Used Tissue Box

Equipment:

2x - Plastic Falcon Tubes
LED Grow Lamps
Permanent Marker
Digital Thermometer + Ph Meter
Scissors
iPhone

Hypothesis:

Spirulina could bioremediate the deceased as long as a hospitable pH level of 9 is maintained. The commonness of *M. scalaris* requires low maintenance and a valid deceased bioremediator.

Protocol:

20 mL samples of spirulina and *M. scalaris* were procured in an algae swap with coursemate Céline Camboni in falcon tubes. A dash of Miracle Gro was added.

Using a permanent marker, trace 6 circles from the circumference of a falcon tube onto the side of an empty tissue box. With a pair of scissors carefully cut an x across the diameters of each circle. Next cut as much of the surface area of the bottom and top of the box without compromising the structural integrity.

Place all 6 tubes of algae propagation (excluding Tube 2) into a hole of the box and under a LED grow lamp.

Tube 5: Spirulina

Tube 6: *M. scalaris*

Observations:

Day 14 density of Tube 5 decreased, while density of Tube 6 increased. Day 16 Tube 5 size of algae propagation increased, while color of Tube 6 diminished. Day 25 density of Tube 5 increased, while Tube 6 appeared constant. Both appeared healthy under microscope.

Conclusion:

Spirulina grew well in controlled environment; however, *M. scalaris* was not so easygoing despite its commonness.



PART 4: FLASK PROPAGATION

Ingredients + Materials:

Contents of Tube 1, Tube 4, Tube 5, Tube 6
Masking Tape
Miracle Gro (Water Soluble)

Sodium Bicarbonate
Billington's Demerara Sugar
Sainsbury's Coarse Sea Salt

Equipment:

4x - 250 mL Glass Büchner Flask
4x - Rubber Top Plugs
2x - Wooden Clothes Pins
Cordless Power Drill
Drill Bits
Boyu CJY-3500 Air Pump

Tubing + Plastic Tube Splits
LED Grow Lamps
Digital Thermometer + Ph Meter
Measuring Spoons
Permanent Marker
Wooden Trays

Hypothesis:

Using an automatic aeration system will increase the propagation time of the algae and result in denser cultivation, after all wasn't grandma 99% hot air.

Protocol:

Assemble the air pump with appropriate number of plastic splits and tubing lengths. Using cordless power drill with a bit fasten a hole through the center of all 4 rubber top plugs large enough to feed the air tube through.

Dump the contents of Tube 1, Tube 4, Tube 5, and Tube 6 into separate flasks, labeling with marker and masking tape. Add approximately 220 mL of tap water to each flask. Place rubber top plugs firm on and feed air tube through holes. Plug air pump in and place flask under grow lamp on wooden trays to prevent vibration shifting. Grow Lamp and air pump were switched off before going to bed and on when awoken due to adjacency to bed.

Observations + Results:

Day 2 of flask propagation added 1/2 tsp. sodium bicarbonate to Flask 4 + Flask 5, raising pH levels from 7 to 8. Day 3 1/4 tsp. demerara sugar added to all the flask, and 1/4 tsp. calcium carbonate + 1/4 tsp. sea salt added Flask 5. After 2 weeks there were zero changes to the any of the flasks. Furthermore, when observed under the microscope there was zero life present.

Conclusion:

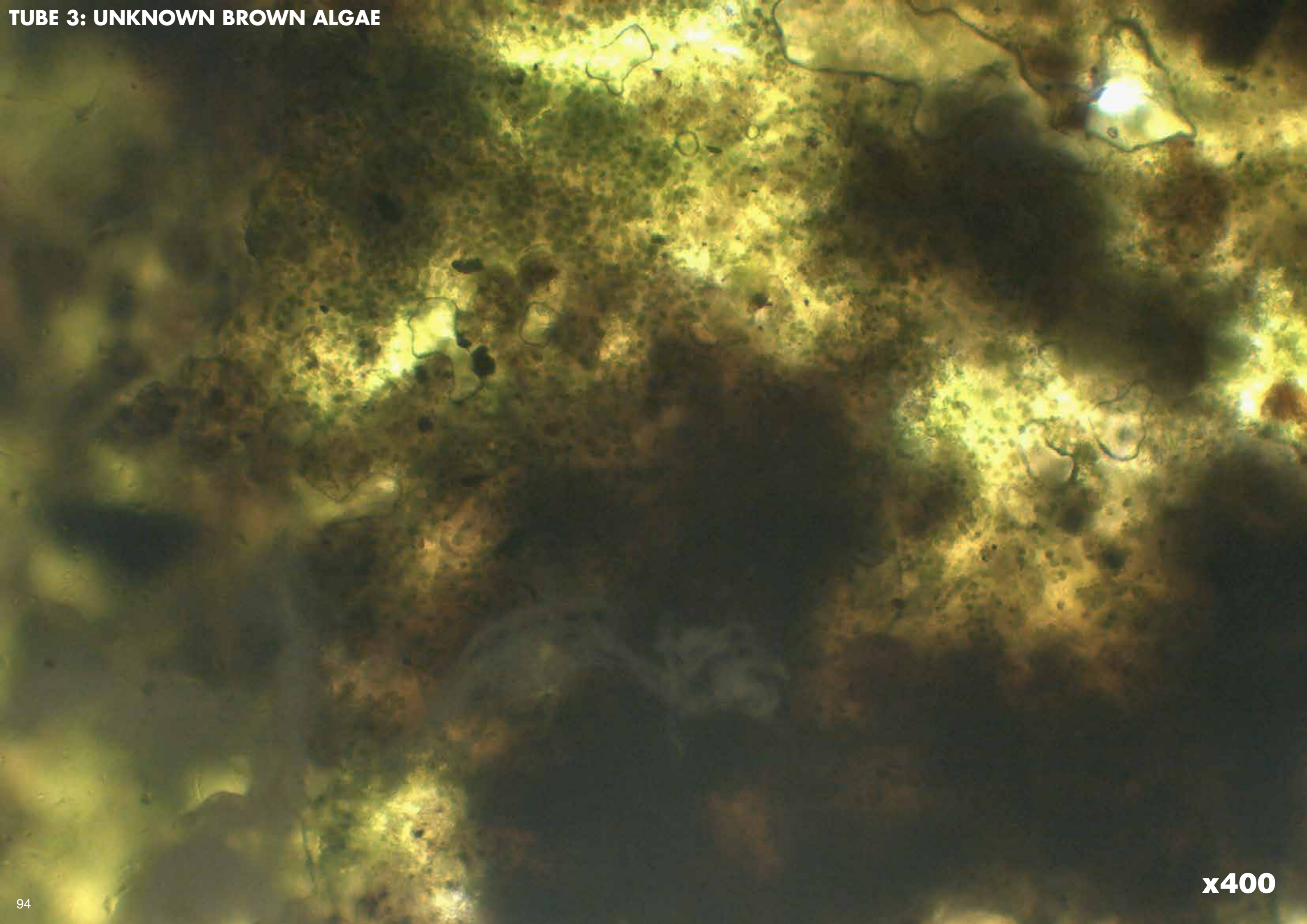
Perhaps the 8 - 10 hours per day that the grow lamps and air pump were turned off crippled the growth of the algae. More likely the sodium bicarbonate killed the contents of Flask 1 + Flask 4 + Flask 6, while the sea salt killed Flask 5.

Algae Bioremediation: Part 1-3

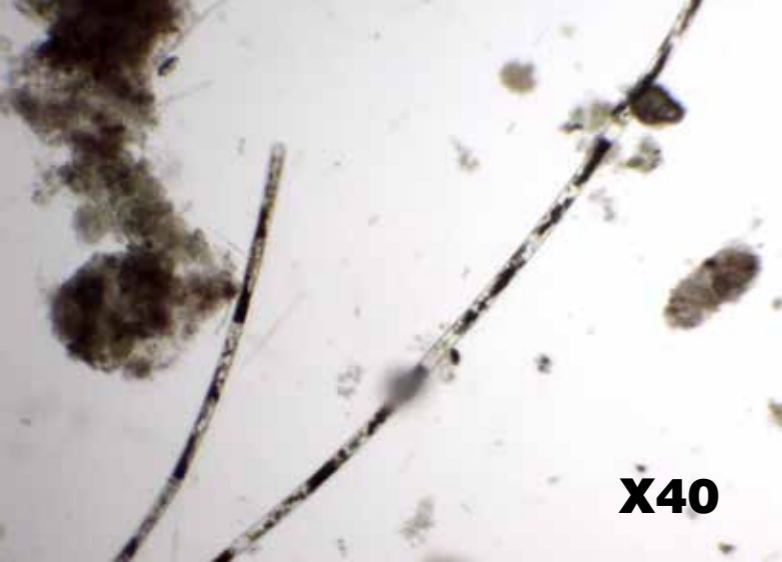
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- Nutrients Added / pH Adjusted
- Manual Microorganism Introduction
- Positive Algae Observation
- Ammonia Smell Observation
- Negative Algae Observation
- Negative Algae Observation





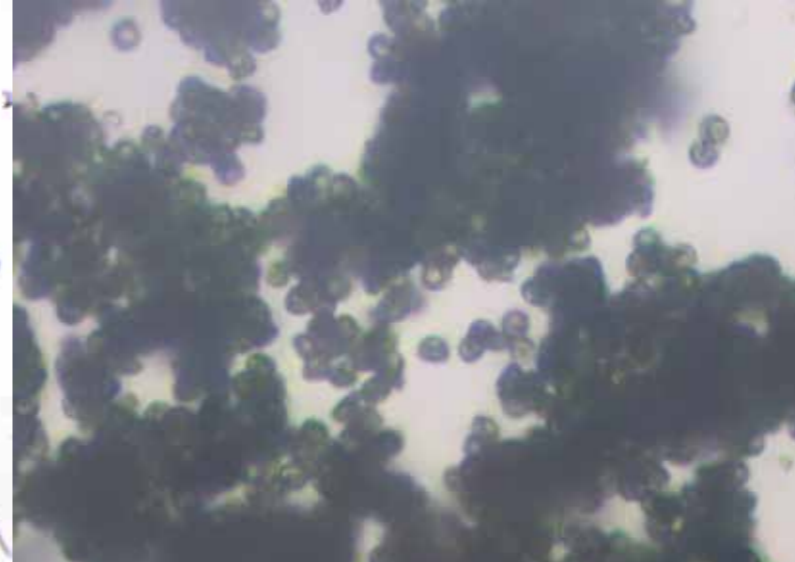
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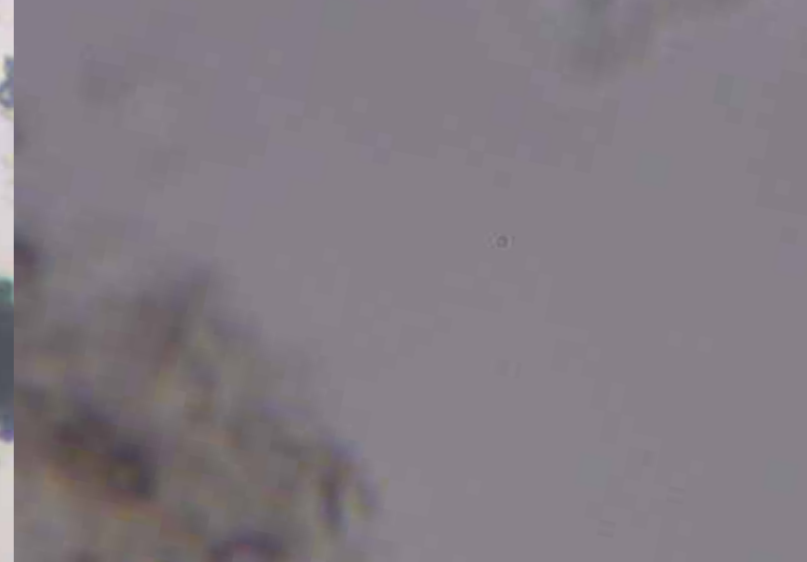
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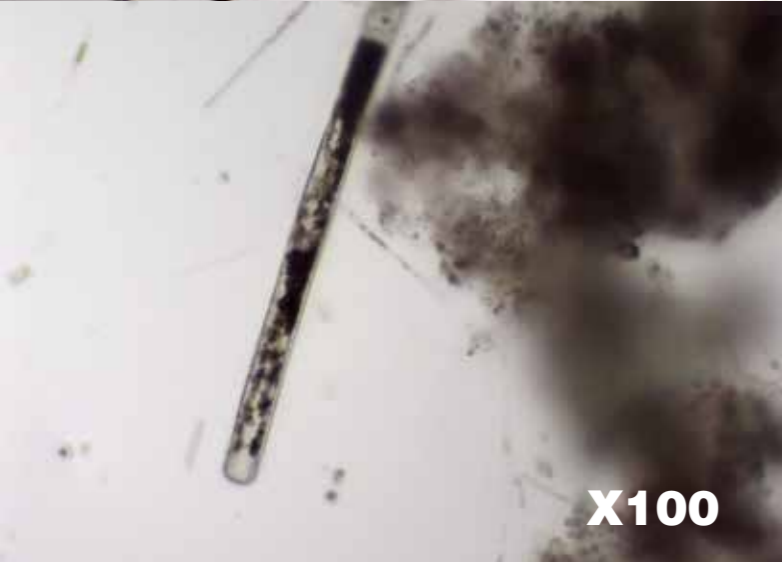
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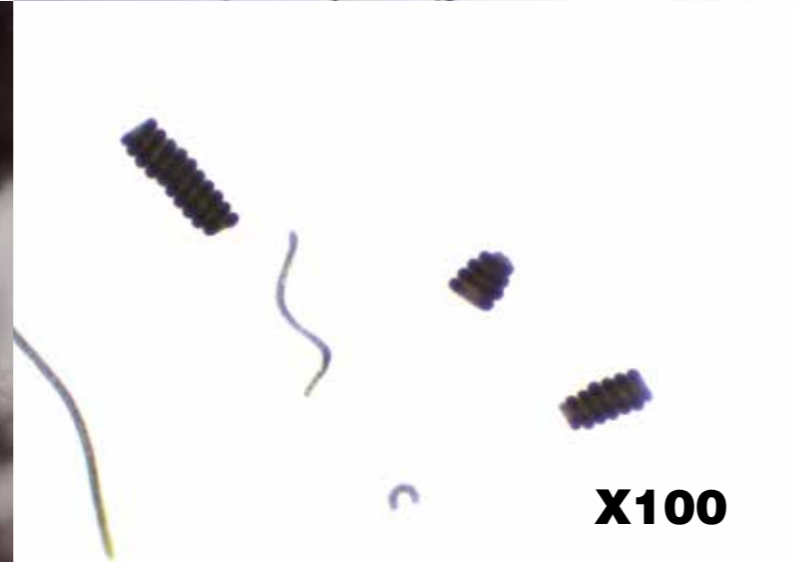
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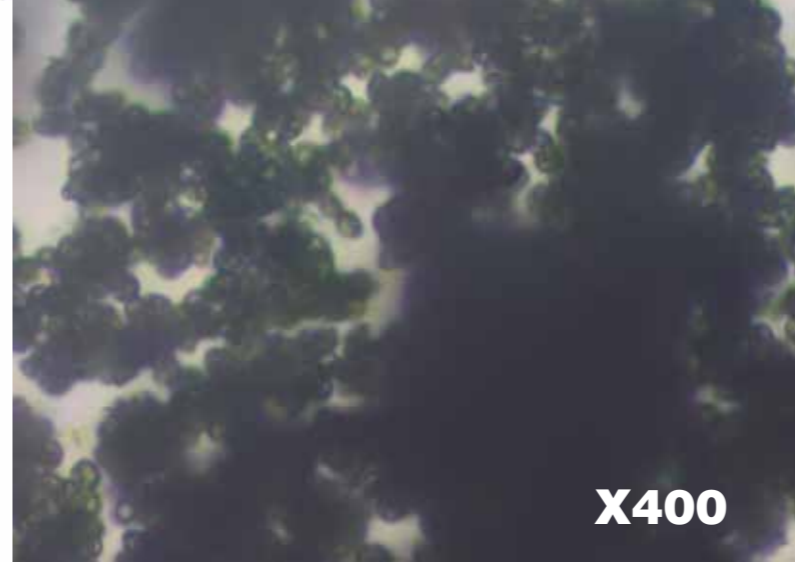
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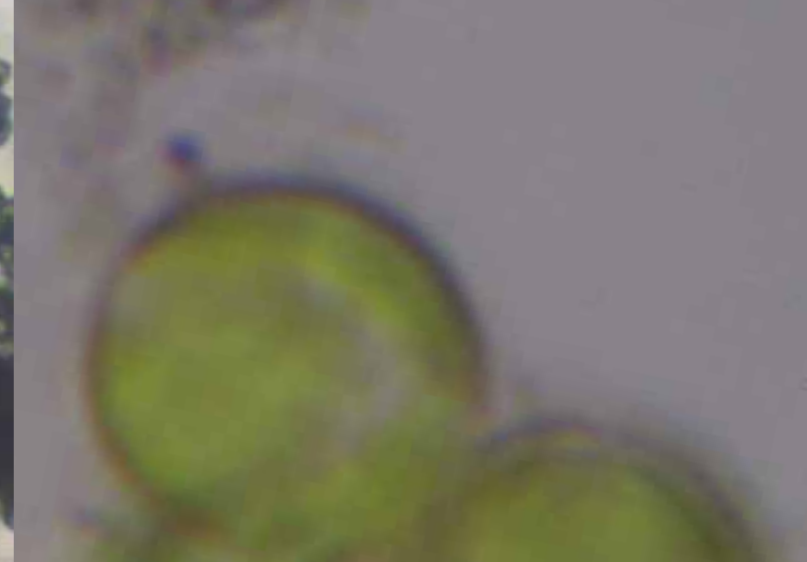
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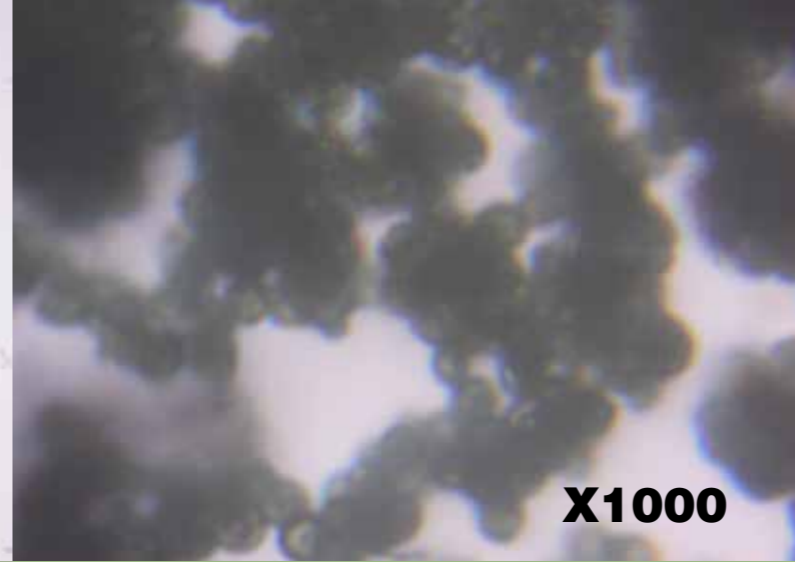
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**HAIR ALGAE
MOUGEOTIA SCALARIS**

Sourced from Céline Camboni's family pond in southern France. *Mougeotia* grows into dark-green long visible string clumps that resemble lost mermaid weaves.

**SPIRULINA
UNKNOWN**

Sourced from a friend of a friend, the exact species of spirulina is unknown. Spirulina is a highly dense cyanobacteria, and is often misconceived as a blue-green algae. It resembles metal springs, although it appears also to take a linear form.

**OAKMOSS LICHEN ALGAE
UNKNOWN**

Sourced by breaking *Evernia prunastri*, oakmoss lichen, fungi and algae symbiosis, the algae appears to be a blue-green algae. This particular lichen was procured in the Scottish Highlands.

**BOG SOIL ALGAE
UNKNOWN**

Propagated from a procured water bog sample from the St. Pancras soil collection site, the exact species of this green algae is unknown. The density of the propagation was not strong.

HOME LAB:

BACTERIAL GROWTH PLATES

SEARCH FOR THE WRINKLY BACTERIA

LAB TECH: *SHEM JOHNSON*

BACTERIAL GROWTH PLATES 1

Ingredients + Materials:

1 tsp. Table Sugar
1 1/2 tsp. Agar
230 mL Tap Water
1 tsp. Marmite
Sterile Cotton Swabs
Masking Tape

Equipment:

4x - 90 mm Petri Dish
Measuring Spoon
500 mL Glass Beaker
Large Metal Spoon
Stove
Small Pot
Permanent Marker
iPhone

Hypothesis:

There is a greater variety of bacteria + fungi on human toes than the scrotum. The scrotum is a hospitable environment for bacteria + fungi with warmer body temperatures and higher perspiration humidity.

Protocol:

Add ingredients to pot, mixing over medium stove heat until homogeneous. Allow agar to cool for several minutes, without solidifying. Pour into the 4 petri dishes, filling halfway. Assure medium is level and even. Promptly cover plates to prevent contamination. Using a fresh sterile cotton swab for each culture plate, swab right big toe, left big toe, and posterior scrotum. Wipe swabs across plates, close, seal edges with masking tape, and notate. Place 3 culture plates and Control Plate in room temperature with indirect daylight.

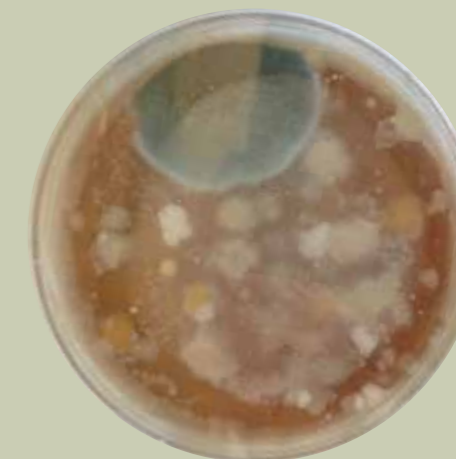
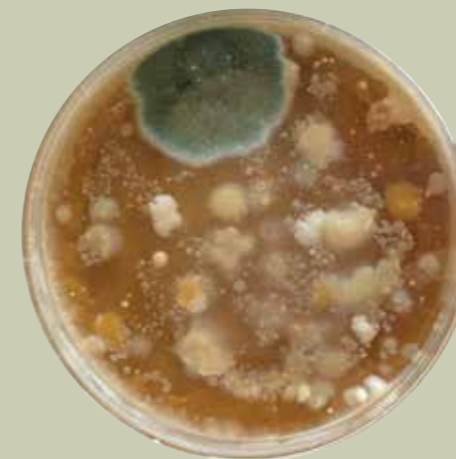
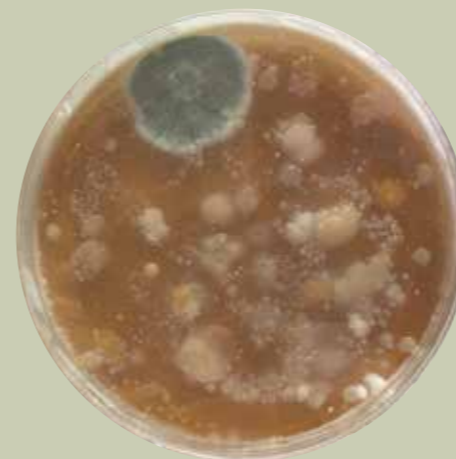
Observations + Results:

Day 2 evident all the plates contaminated, Control Plate growing bacteria + fungi at same rate as cultured plates. Day 3 documented colony resembling wrinkly bacteria on Control Plate. Day 4 observed both Big Toe Plates had stronger growths of *A. fumigatus*, common fungus found in household dust and soil. Scrotum Plate appearing mostly populated by different specimens of *Staphylococcus* bacteria which lives harmlessly across human body. Day 5 large filamentous fungi colonies dominating on both Left Big Toe Plate and Control Plate, potentially *Basidiomycota*.

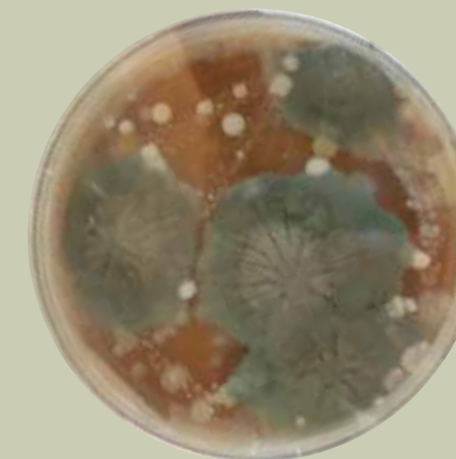
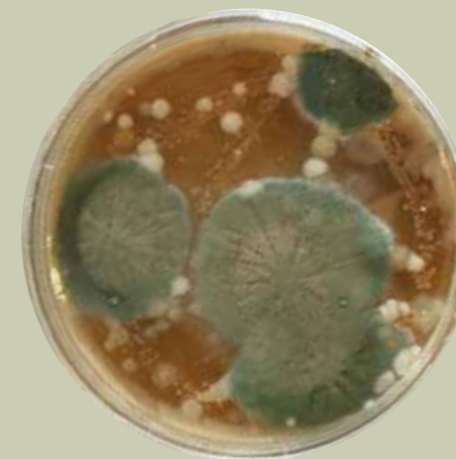
Conclusion:

Kitchen pot method was not a sterile procedure for uncontaminated plate cultures. The human growth plates contained abundant colonies of microbiome common bacteria, including *Bacillus*, *Micrococcus*, *Corynebacterium*, and *Staphylococcus*.

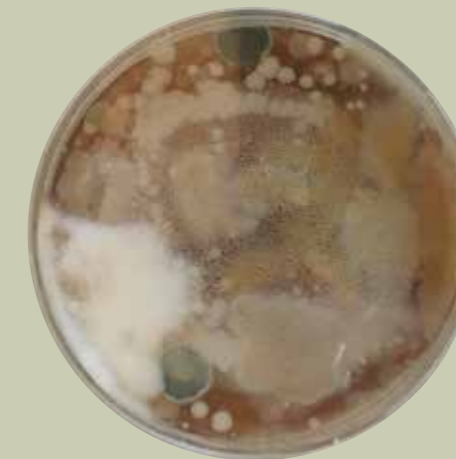
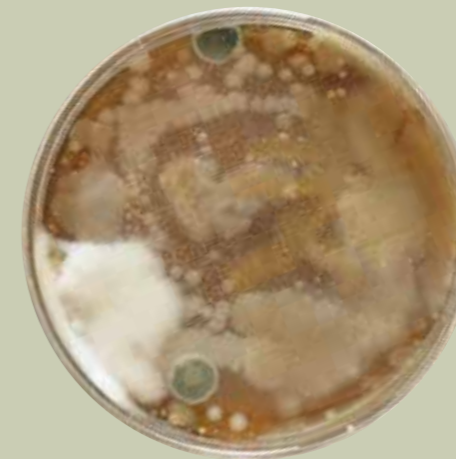
SCROTUM



RIGHT TOE



LEFT TOE



CONTROL

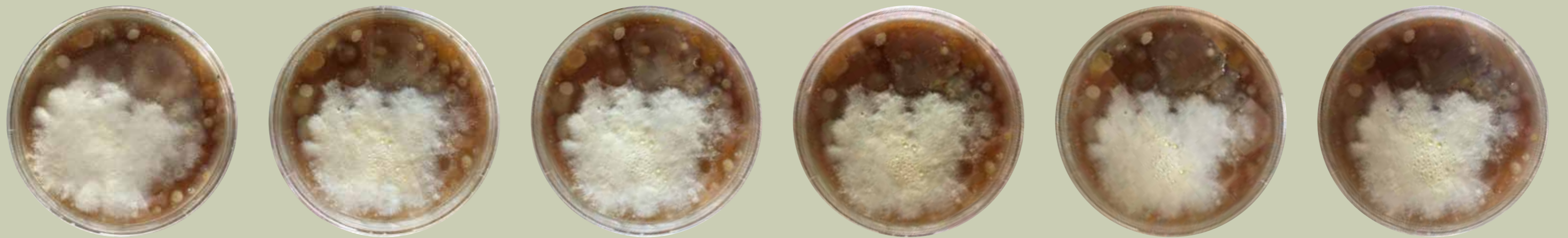
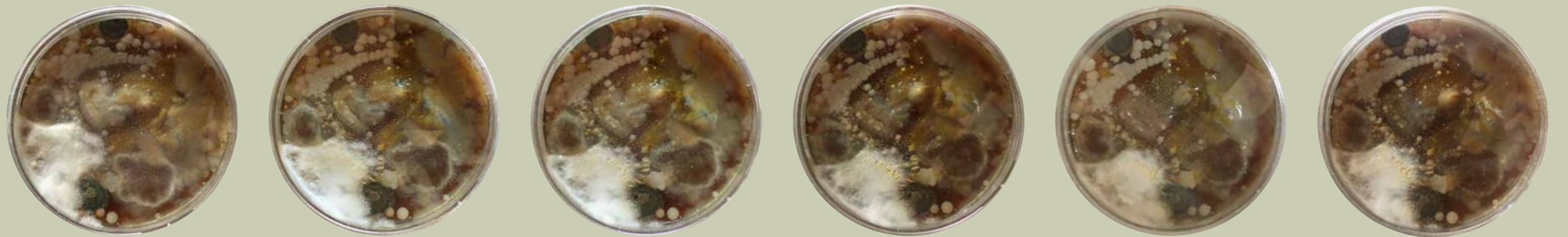
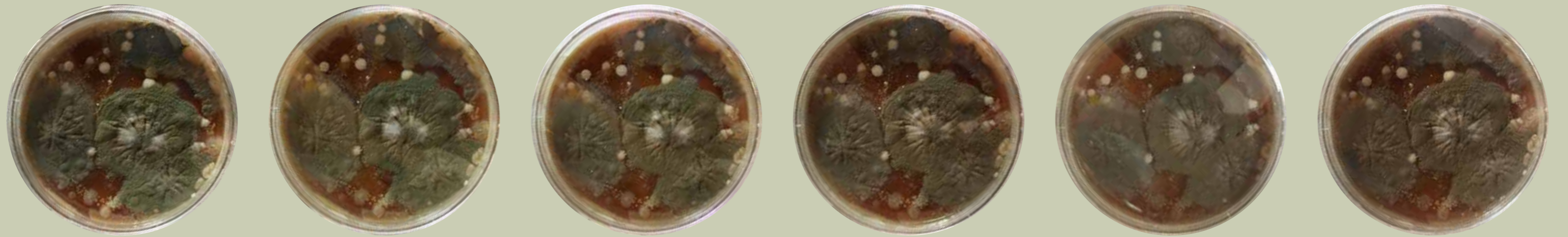
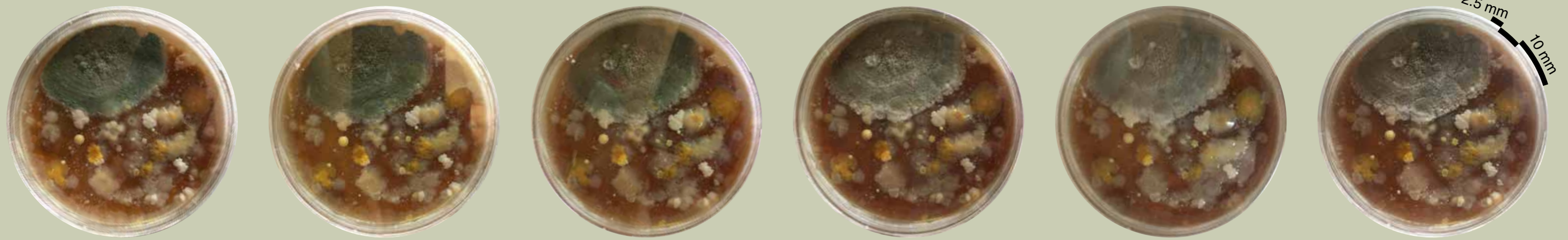


Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

Day 6



Day 7

Day 8

Day 9

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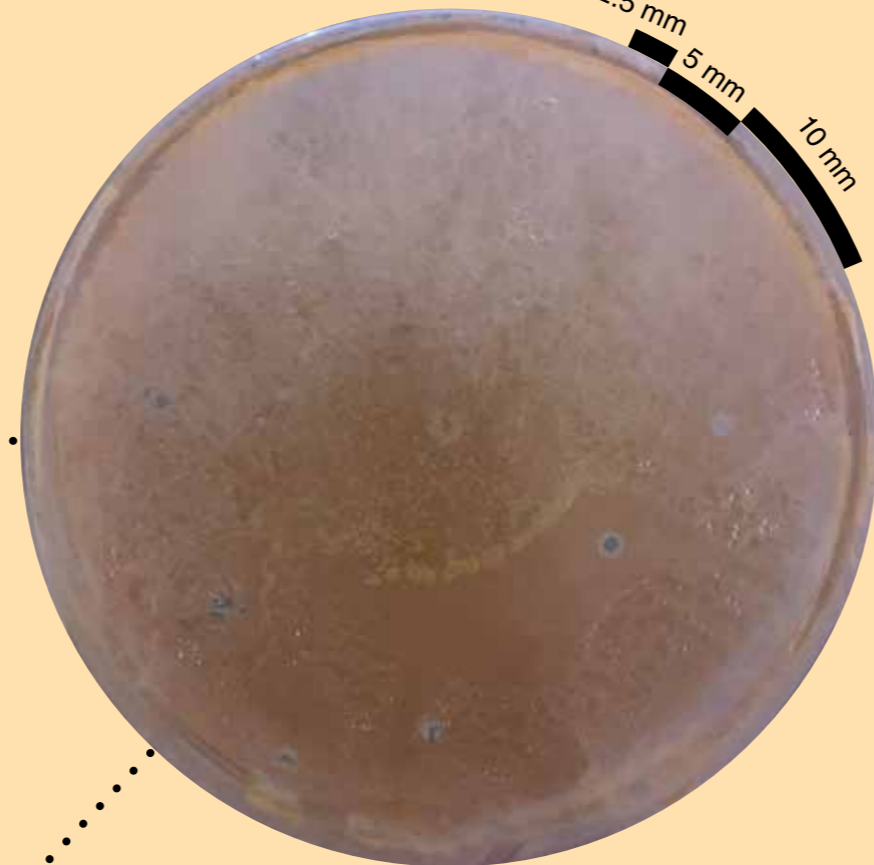
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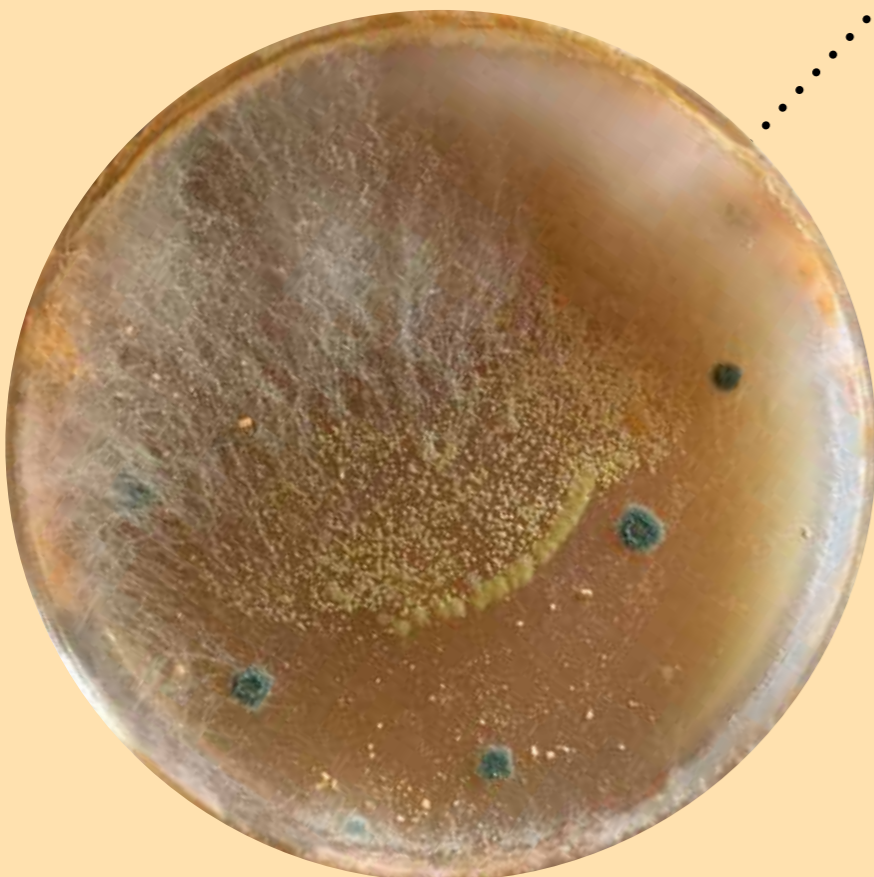
PENILE GLANS



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4



Day 5

BACTERIAL GROWTH PLATES 2

Ingredients + Materials:

1 tsp. Table Sugar
1 1/2 tsp. Agar
230 mL Tap Water

1 tsp. Marmite
Masking Tape

Equipment:

90 mm Glass Petri Dish
Used Glass Jar with Lid
Measuring Spoon
500 mL Glass Beaker
Large Metal Spoon

Stove
11 L Pressure Cooker
Permanent Marker
Audrino Incubator
iPhone

Hypothesis:

Pressure cooker sterilization of glass petri dish and agar medium results in uncontaminated human bacteria cultures.

Protocol:

Add ingredients in glass jar, place lid loosely on top. Fill pressure cooker with water just below rack stand height. Place pressure cooker on stove, and set petri dish and jar with agar mixture on rack stand. Close pressure cooker and heat on low-medium. Once steam starts comes out of vent, set timer for 20 minutes. Turn off stove, waiting 15 minutes before opening cooker. Allow agar to cool several minutes, without solidifying. Pour into petri dish, filling level halfway. Close plate and allow to solidify. After 10 minutes, open plate and wipe both sides of penile glans across medium. Close plate, seal with making tape, label, and incubate at 30 C.

Observations + Results:

Day 2 bacteria + fungi colonies present. 6 small *A. fumigatus* colonies identified, and many colonies of *Micrococcus*. 75% of the plate is covered in orange fuzzy fungi, possibly *C. sitophila*. Day 3 *C. sitophila* color transforms to pale orange. Day 4 *C. sitophila* regressed to only covering 50% of surface, but growing down edges of lid and more vibrant orange. *A. fumigatus* and *Micrococcus* colonies tripled. Day 5 *C. sitophila* covers 25% of surface and color desaturated. *Micrococcus* colonies continue to grow approximately 125%.

Conclusion:

Less contamination occurred sterilizing with the pressure cooker; the plate was still contaminated by *C. sitophila* and *A. fumigatus*. Perhaps a longer steam time is required for full sterilization.

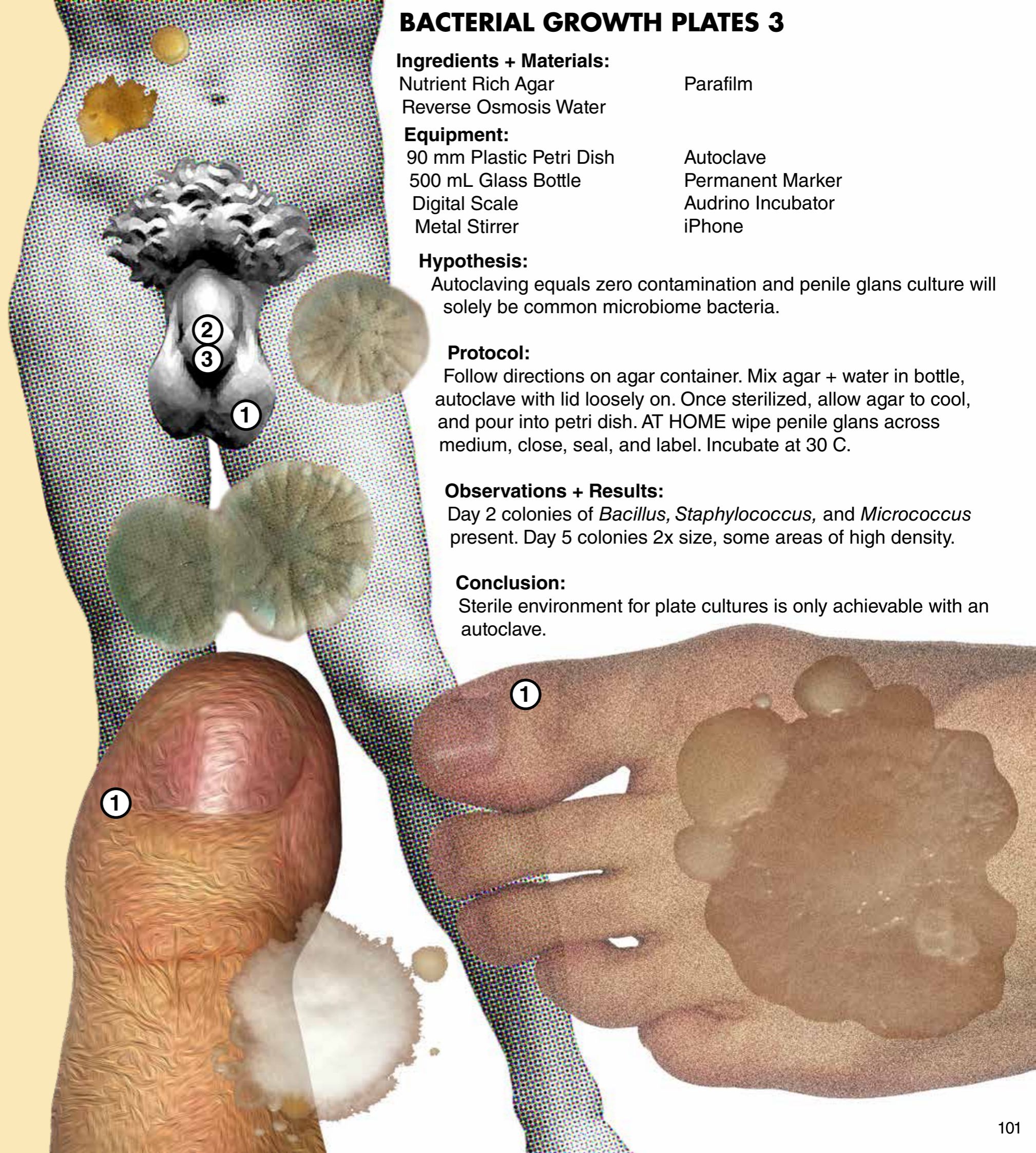
PENILE GLANS



Day 2



Day 5



BACTERIAL GROWTH PLATES 3

Ingredients + Materials:

- Nutrient Rich Agar
- Reverse Osmosis Water
- Parafilm

Equipment:

- 90 mm Plastic Petri Dish
- 500 mL Glass Bottle
- Digital Scale
- Metal Stirrer
- Autoclave
- Permanent Marker
- Audrino Incubator
- iPhone

Hypothesis:

Autoclaving equals zero contamination and penile glans culture will solely be common microbiome bacteria.

Protocol:

Follow directions on agar container. Mix agar + water in bottle, autoclave with lid loosely on. Once sterilized, allow agar to cool, and pour into petri dish. AT HOME wipe penile glans across medium, close, seal, and label. Incubate at 30 C.

Observations + Results:

Day 2 colonies of *Bacillus*, *Staphylococcus*, and *Micrococcus* present. Day 5 colonies 2x size, some areas of high density.

Conclusion:

Sterile environment for plate cultures is only achievable with an autoclave.

HOME LAB:

AGARICUS BISPORUS //
BABY BUTTON MUSHROOM MYCELIUM PLATES

MY MY MYCELIUM FAILURES

LAB TECH: *SHEM JOHNSON*

MARMITE AGAR MYCELIUM PLATES

Ingredients + Materials:

1 tsp. Table Sugar
1 1/2 tsp. Agar
230 mL Water
1 tsp. Marmite
Baby Button Mushroom Stem
Baby Chestnut Mushroom Stem
Masking Tape
Sterilized Toothpicks

Equipment:

2x - 90 mm Glass Petri Dish
Used Glass Jar with Lid
Measuring Spoon
500 mL Glass Beaker
Large Metal Spoon
Stove
11 L Aluminum Pressure Cooker
Permanent Marker
iPhone

Hypothesis:

Marmite agar will encourage mushroom mycelium to grow rapidly.

Protocol:

Add ingredients in glass jar, place lid loosely on top. Fill pressure cooker with water just below rack stand height. Place pressure cooker on stove, and set petri dishes and jar with agar mixture on rack stand. Close pressure cooker and heat on low-medium. Once steam starts comes out of vent, set timer for 20 minutes.

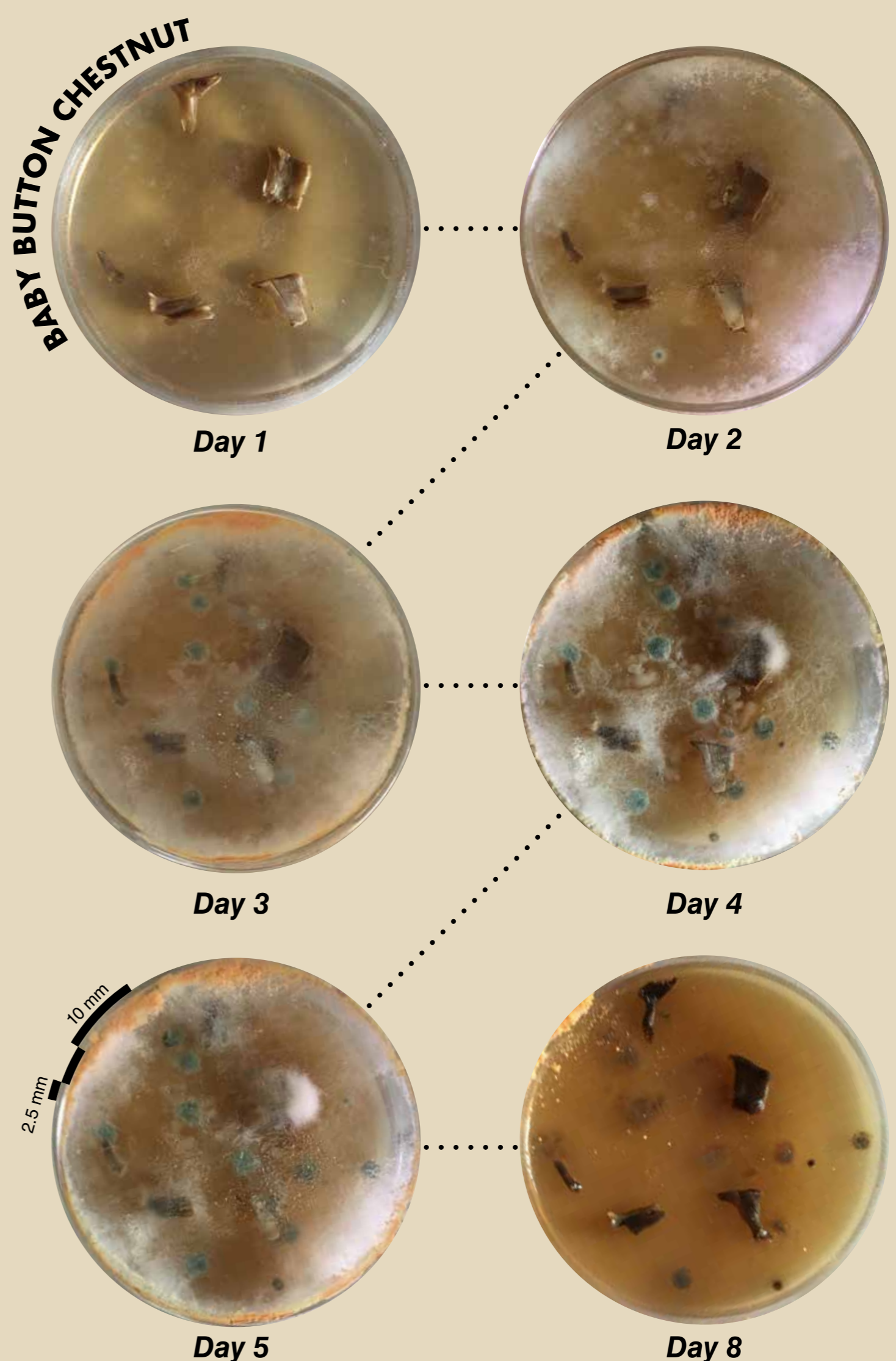
Turn off stove, waiting 15 minutes before opening cooker. Allow agar to cool several minutes, without solidifying. Pour into petri dishes, filling level halfway. Close plates and allow to solidify. Carefully prey a baby button stem into several small pieces, and after 10 minutes open a plate to place stem pieces on medium. Repeat process with baby chestnut stem and other plate. Place plates on floor on enclosed closet, out of daylight in darkness.

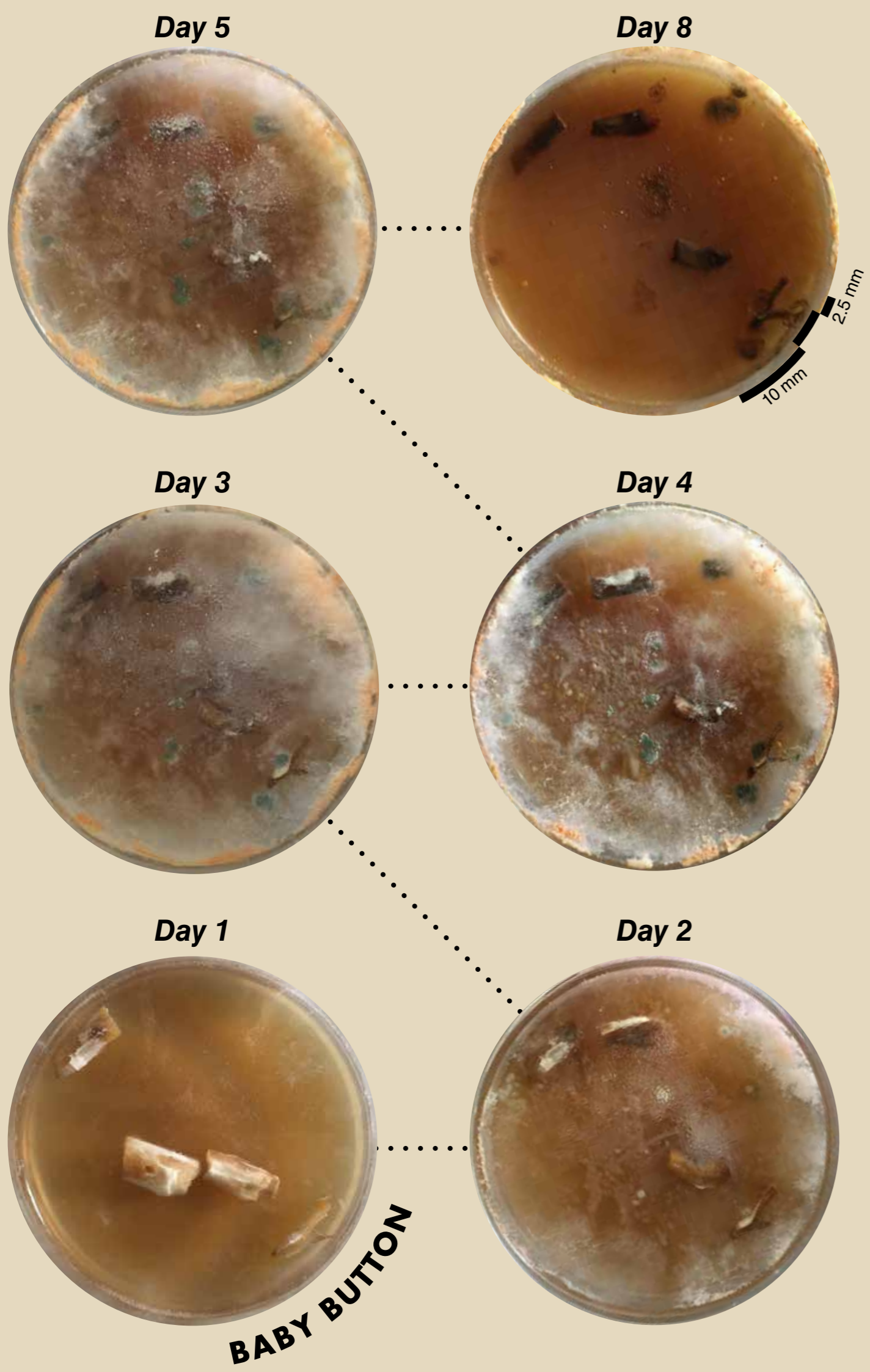
Observations + Results:

Day 2 contamination from bacteria *A. fumigatus* and fungi *C. sitophila* is noticeable on both plates. Day 4 50% of the plates' surface is covered by *C. sitophila* and is growing prolifically on stems; *A. fumigatus* colonies are 4x larger. Day 5 *C. sitophila* covers 75% of surface and is growing significantly at lid edges. Lid is opened to inspect plate closer. Day 8 All of the bacteria + fungi have died, including the host stems.

Conclusion:

Marmite encourages fungi growth, just not *A. bisporus* as intended. Pressure cooker method was contaminant again. For some unknown reason, briefly exposing the plate cultures to open air terminated their lives.





HOME LAB:

TRAMETES VERSICOLOR // TURKEY TAIL MUSHROOMS

HIGHLAND HANGERS + FUNGI FRIENDS

SELF-DIRECTED: ISAAC M. WILHELM

HIGHLAND BRANCH FUNGI PROPAGATION

Ingredients + Materials:

Coniferous Branch Existing
T. Virsicolor
Large Plastic Freezer Bag
Miracle Gro (Water Soluble)
Tap Water

Equipment:

Swiss Army Knife with Saw Blade
Large Transparent Plastic Container
Macro Camera Lens
Spray Bottle
iPhone

Hypothesis:

Procured wild fungi, *T. Virsicolor*, dead coniferous tree branch can be in a DIY terrarium.

Protocol:

Using a Swiss army pocket knife cut a segment of a fallen coniferous branch with fungi growing on it. Enclose branch in plastic bag. At home place the branch in a large plastic container and spray it with Miracle Gro enriched water. Store container on a shelf with low indirect light.

Observations + Results:

After 1 week open container for a day to allow some air exchange and spray with tap water before reclosing, no changes observed. After 1 month opened to observe original *T. virsicolor* mostly decayed; however new fungi colonies were growing in small white and tan clusters all over branch. Sprayed with water before reclosing. After 3 months opened to observe many dead fungus gnats on bottom and side of container, and several flew out as well. The original *T. virsicolor* were completely dead, and many of the past new colonies had died as well. There were some new clusters of fungi forming though, and an unidentified species of slime mold.

Conclusion:

Procured wild fungi can indeed be propagated in a DIY terrarium; however, more experimentation and research required to determine proper air exchange and nutrient needs.



1 MONTH: *T. VERSICOLOR*





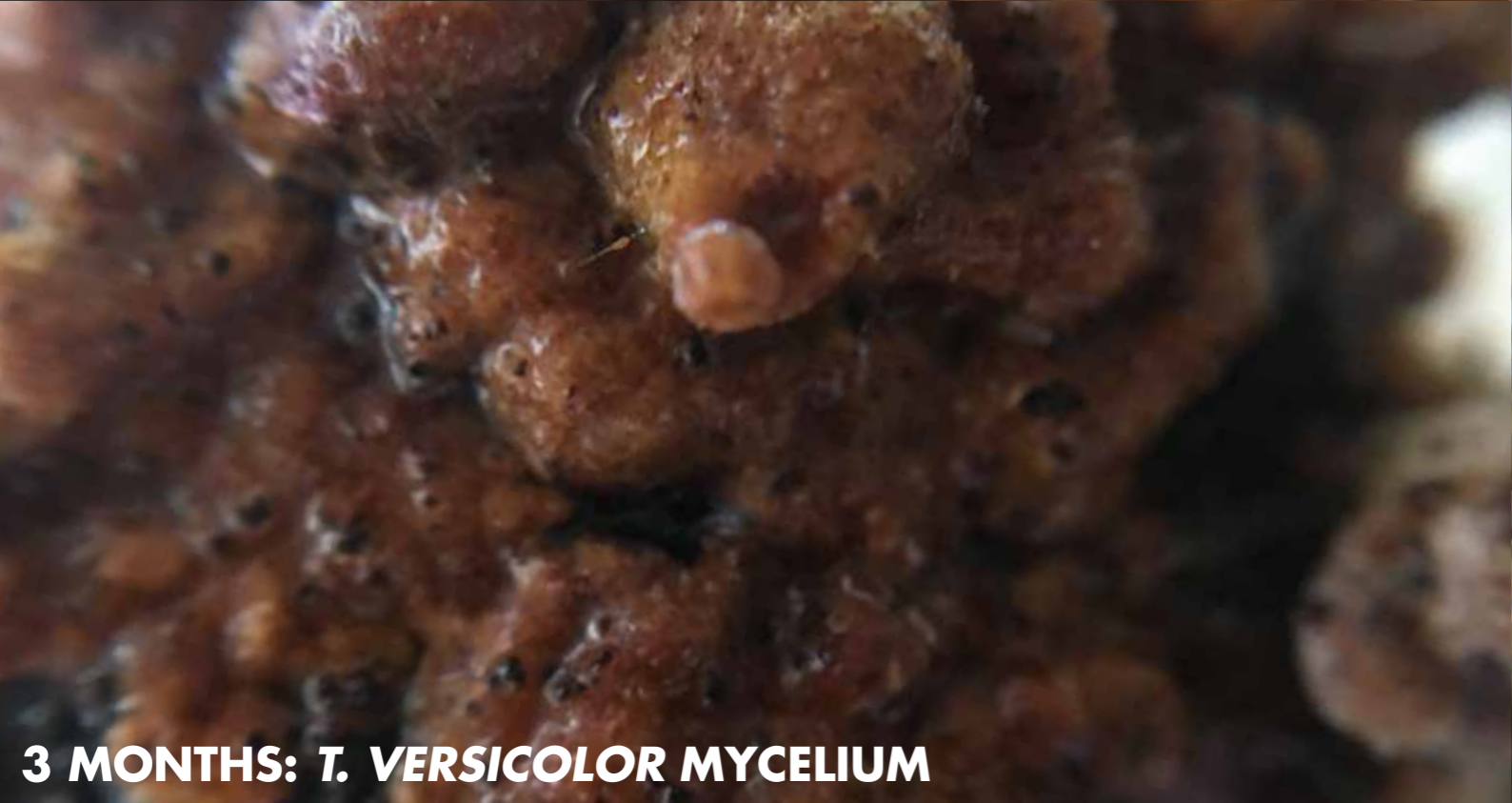
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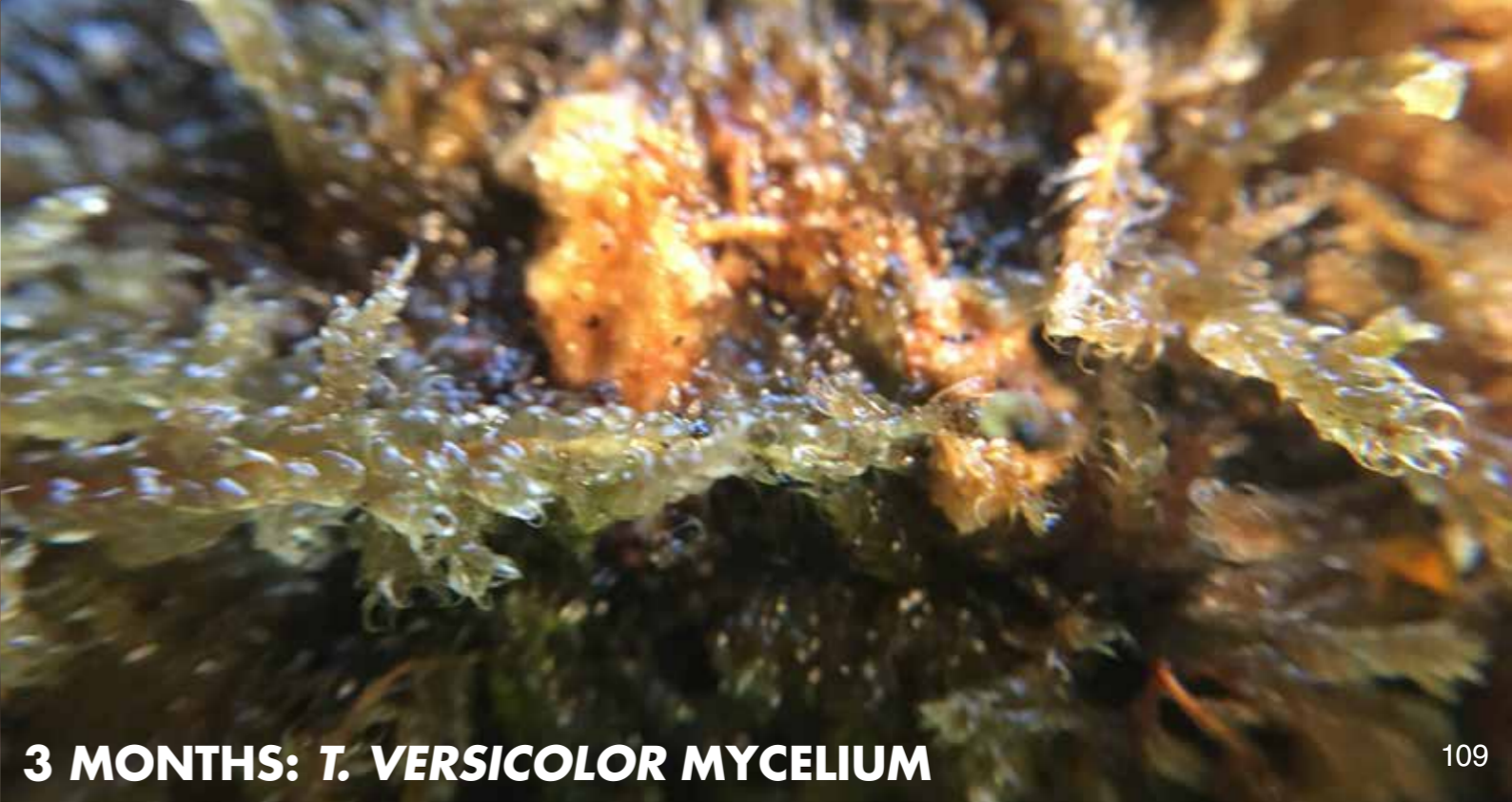
3 MONTHS: UNKNOWN SLIME MOLD



3 MONTHS: *T. VERSICOLOR* MYCELIUM



3 MONTHS: *T. VERSICOLOR* MYCELIUM



3 MONTHS: *T. VERSICOLOR* MYCELIUM

HOME LAB:

BACILLARIOPHYCEAE // DIATOMS

COMPARATIVE BOG DIATOM ANALYSIS - INCOMPLETE

SELF-DIRECTED: ISAAC M. WILHELM

BACILLARIOPHYCEAE UNKNOWN DIATOMS

Ingredients + Materials:
Snow-Covered Frozen Bog Water Sample
Bog Water Sample
Microscope Slide + Cover Slip

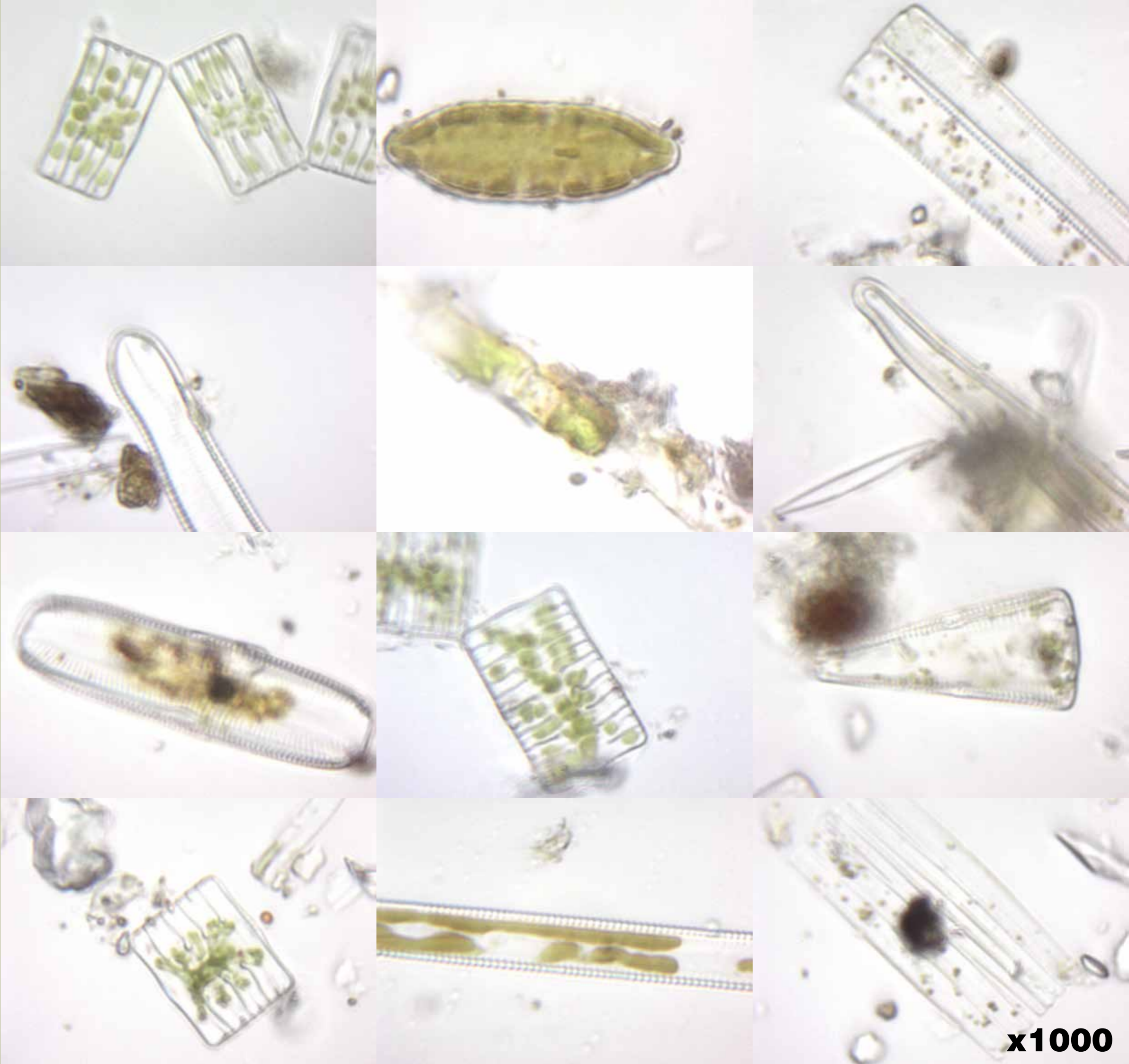
Equipment:
2x - 750 mL Used Plastic Bottles
Microscope
5 mL Glass Pipette

Hypothesis:
According to Andrew Bramburger, a Great Lakes ecologist, diatoms are more productive under snow-covered ice providing protection from solar radiation (Folger, 2020). This same observation can be seen in Highland bogs where the upper open portions of a bog system are frozen with snow, and lower canopy covered areas aren't.

Protocol:
Collect two samples of bog water from the same bog system in Scottish Highlands. Sample 1 from knoll top open meadow bog that is frozen and snow covered. Sample 2 from knoll base canopy covered bog that was unfrozen with no snow.

Observations + Results:
Under microscope observed many diatoms in Sample 1. Was unable to complete observations of Sample 2. However I observed a clump of brown algae growing in Sample 1 after about 1 month; while Sample 2 was unchanged (unfortunately I did not photograph before throwing out samples).

Conclusion:
Experiment was not completed, but potential brown algae growth was an optimistic sign mistakenly ignored.



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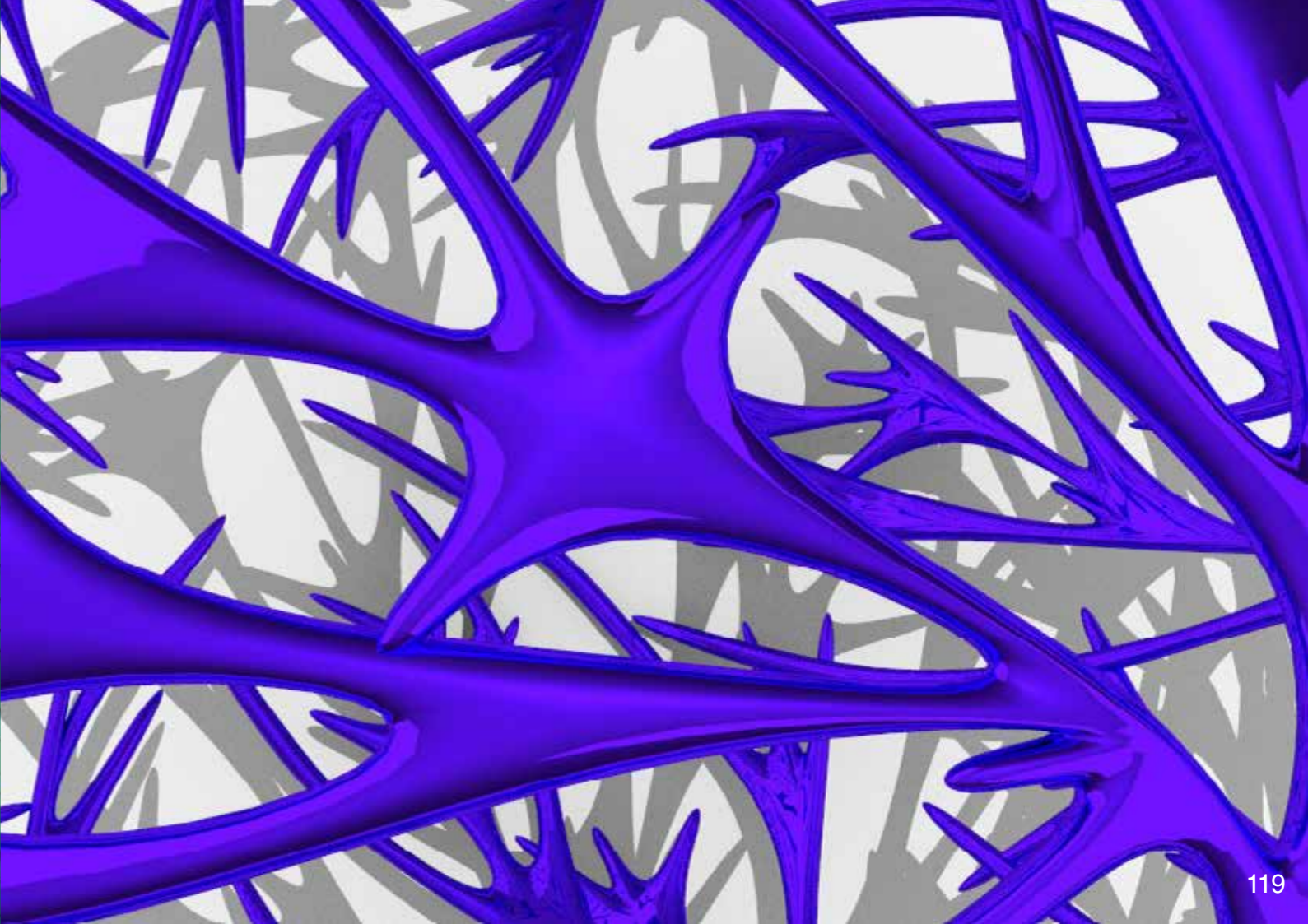
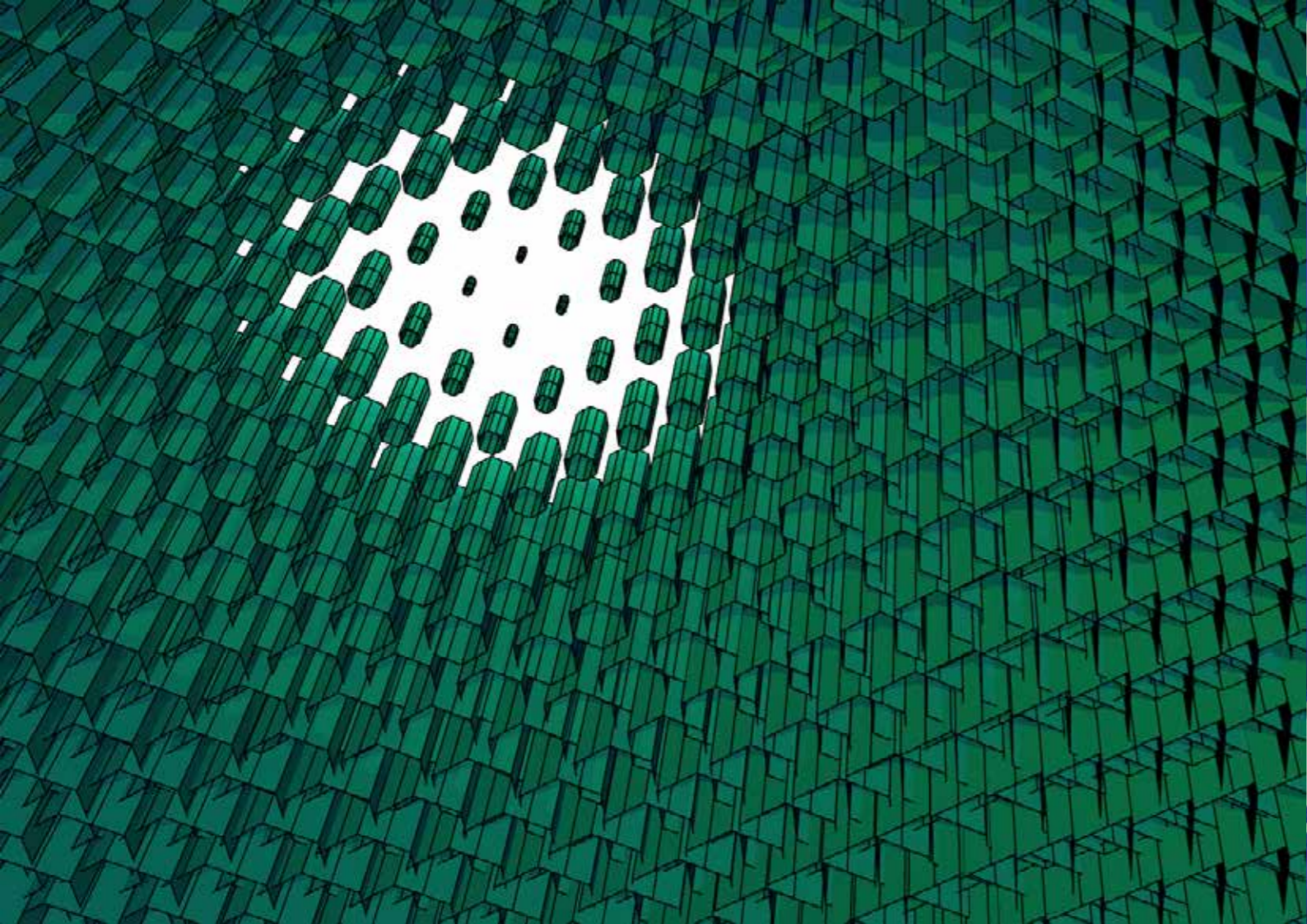
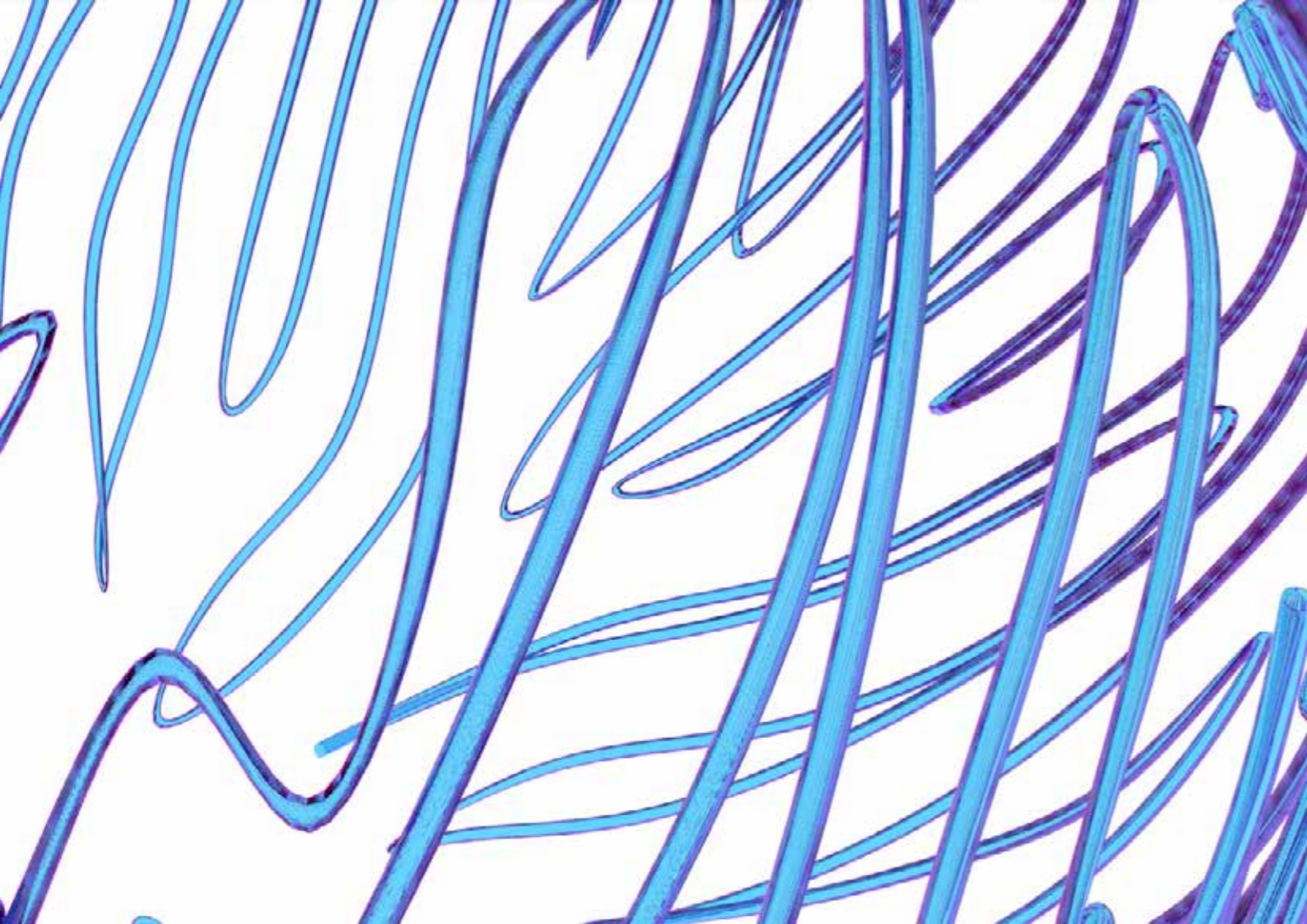
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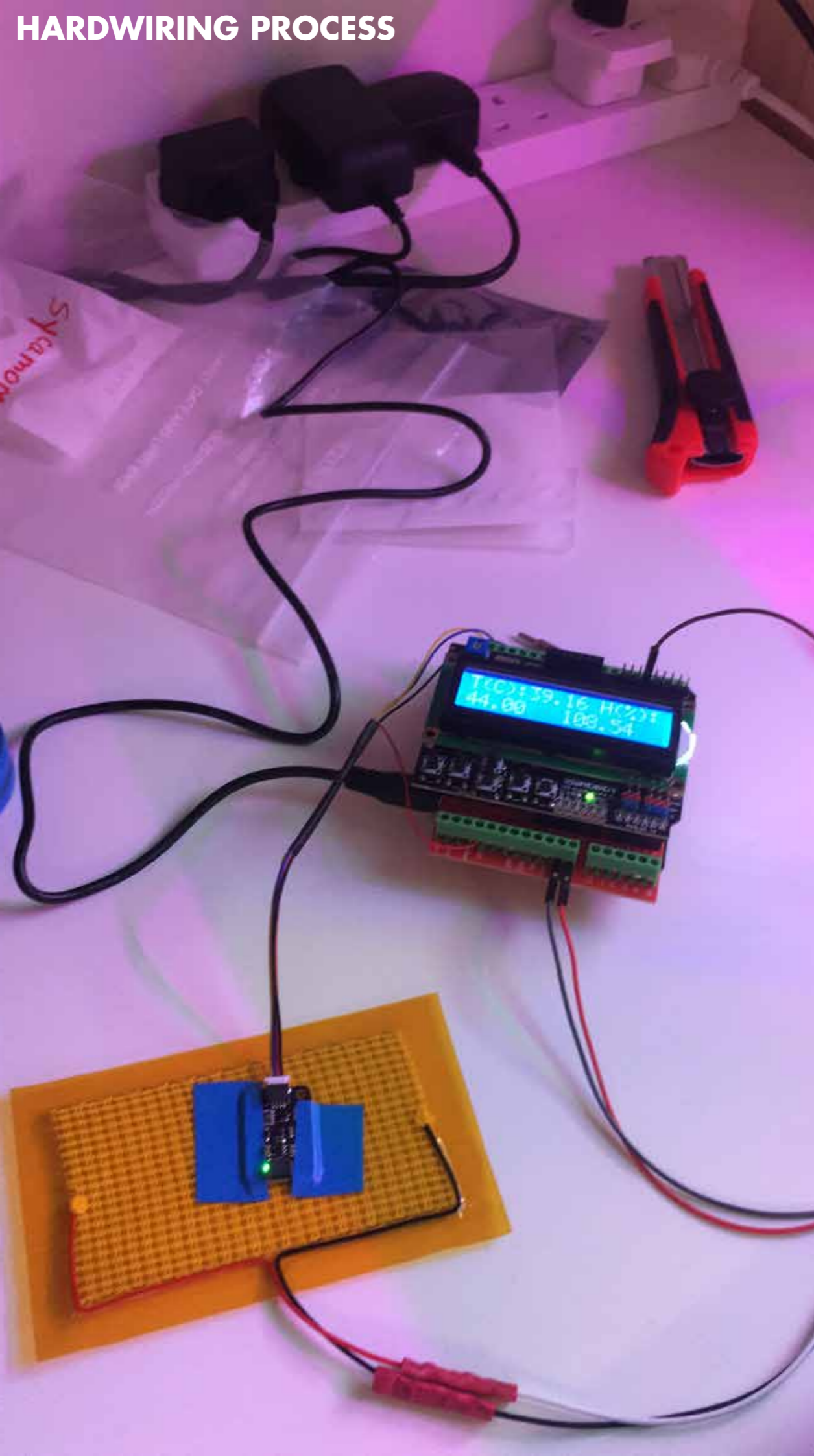


PHYSICAL COMPUTING - DIY INCUBATOR

AUDRINO HARDWIRING + SCRIPTING

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HARDWIRING PROCESS



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Implementing basic example from the PID library

<https://playground.arduino.cc/Code/PIDLibraryBasicExample/>

Making the buttons work better

<https://github.com/rlogiacco/AnalogButtons/blob/master/examples/AnalogButtons/AnalogButtons.ino>

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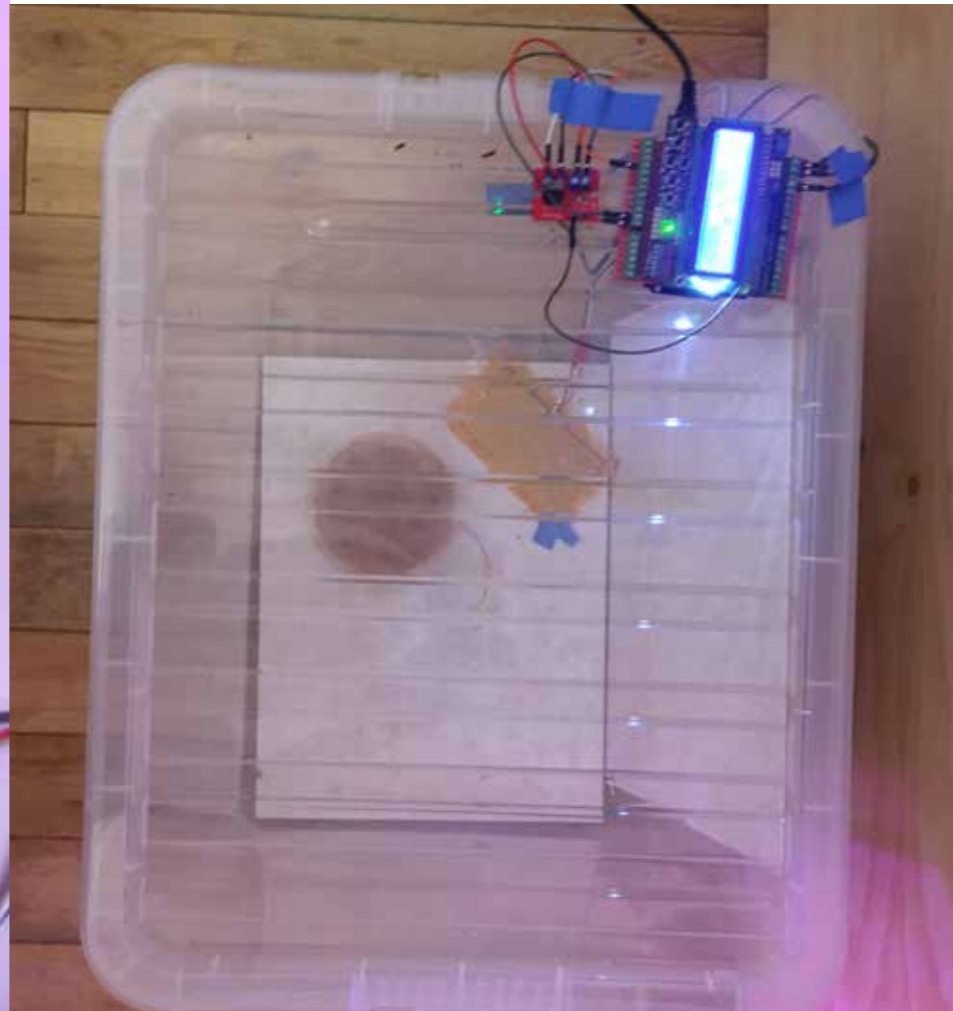
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#include <LiquidCrystal.h>  
#include <Adafruit_AHTX0.h>  
#include <Adafruit_HTS221.h>
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#include <PID_v1.h>  
#include <AnalogButtons.h>
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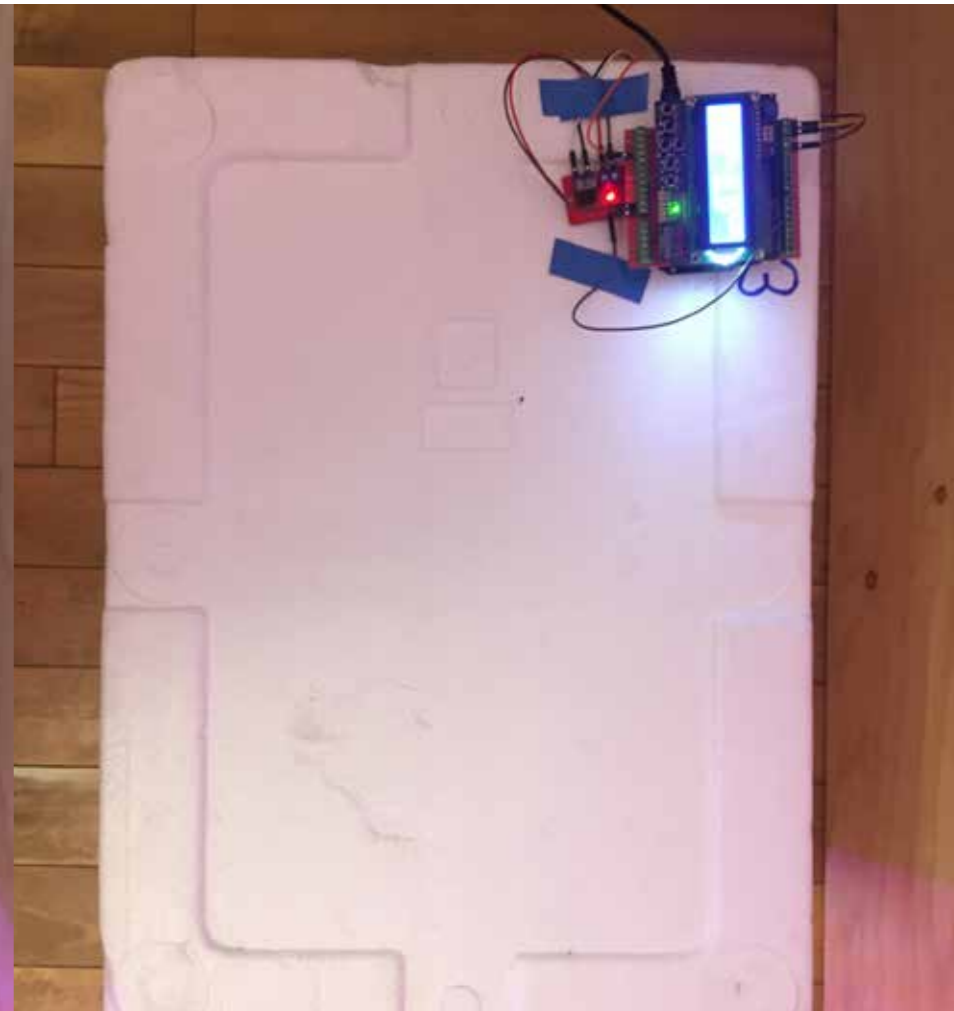
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//Define Variables we'll be connecting for the PID.  
double Setpoint, Input, Output;
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//Specify the links and initial tuning parameters  
PID myPID(&Input, &Output, &Setpoint,9,0.4,11, DIRECT);
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LiquidCrystal lcd(8, 9, 4, 5, 6, 7); // select the pins used on the LCD panel
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PROTOTYPE 1



PROTOTYPE 2

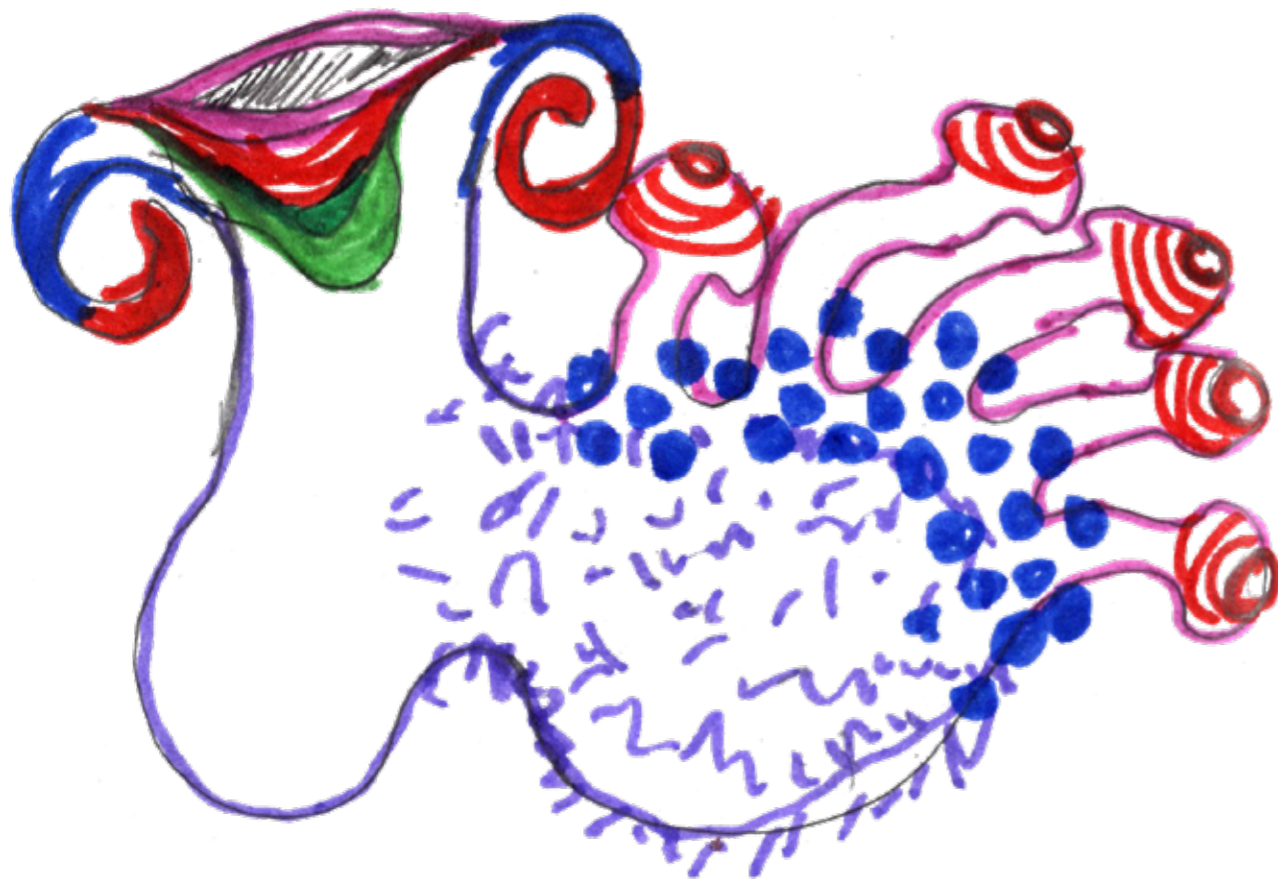
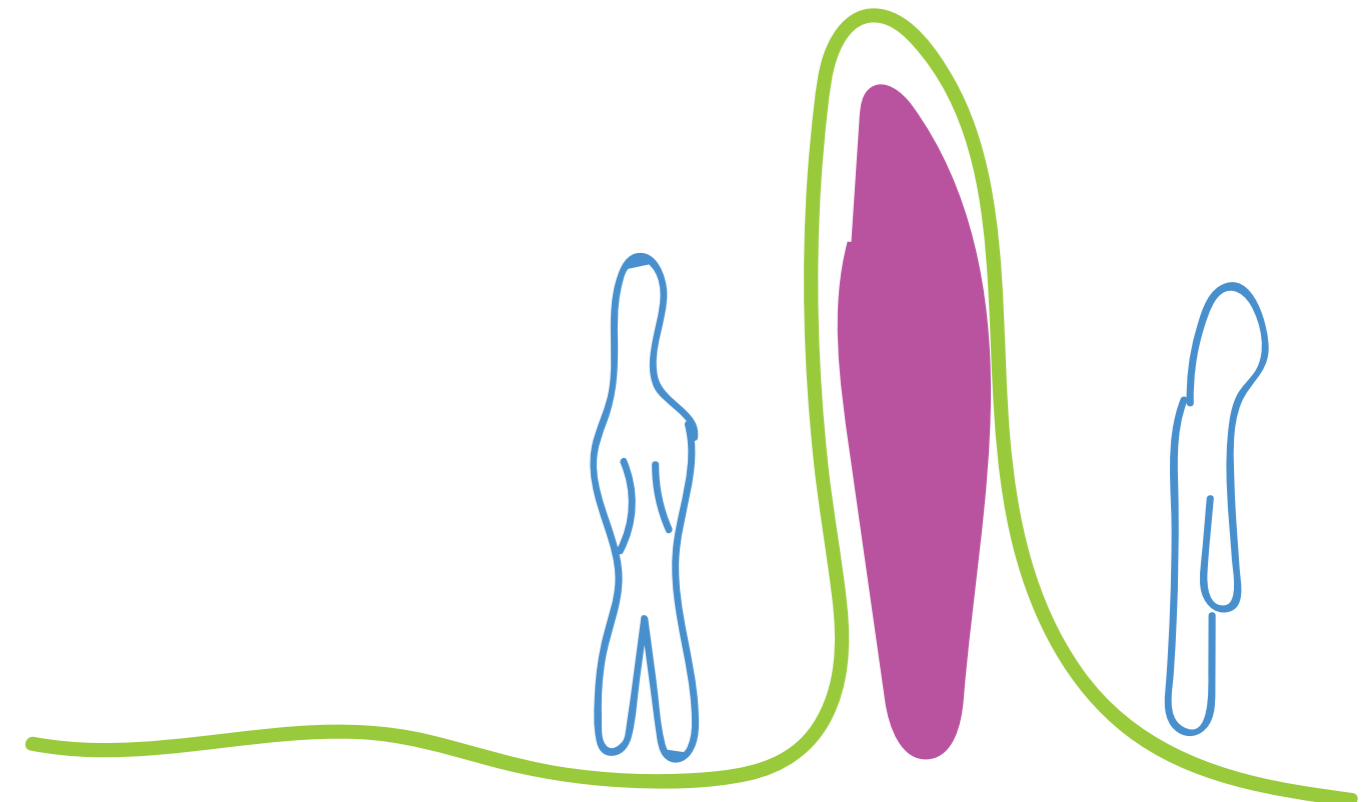
BIOMIMICRY

BIOLOGICAL BRAINSTORMING

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AUTOPHILOUS STUBBY EARMUFFS



LYRATE SEXUAL SOCK

ASKNATURE.ORG: LEOPARD SEA CUCUMBER PLASTICITY

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