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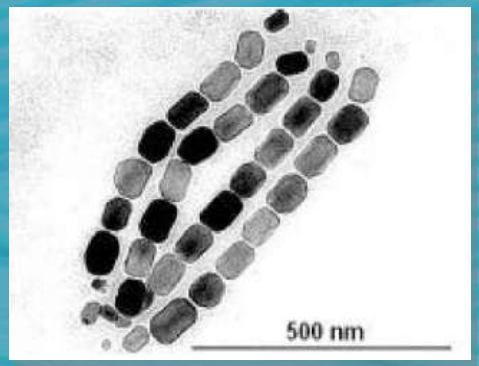

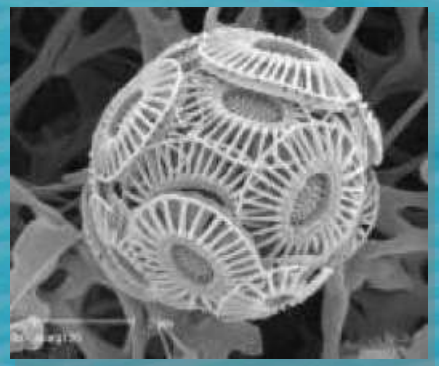

"Producing each of its creations ... nature intermingled the **harmony of beauty and** the harmony of **expediency** and shaped it into the unique form which is perfect from the point of view of an engineer."

(M. Tupolev)

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Outline

- Definition
- Examples from nature and technology
- Governance, Risks and Societal Implications
- Conclusions

Definition

Nanobioconvergence denotes the merging of life sciences, especially biology and bionanotechnology, with nanoscience and nanotechnology, focusing on the technical connection of these particular technologies as well as on the unified opportunities and challenges they present to human nature and our values.

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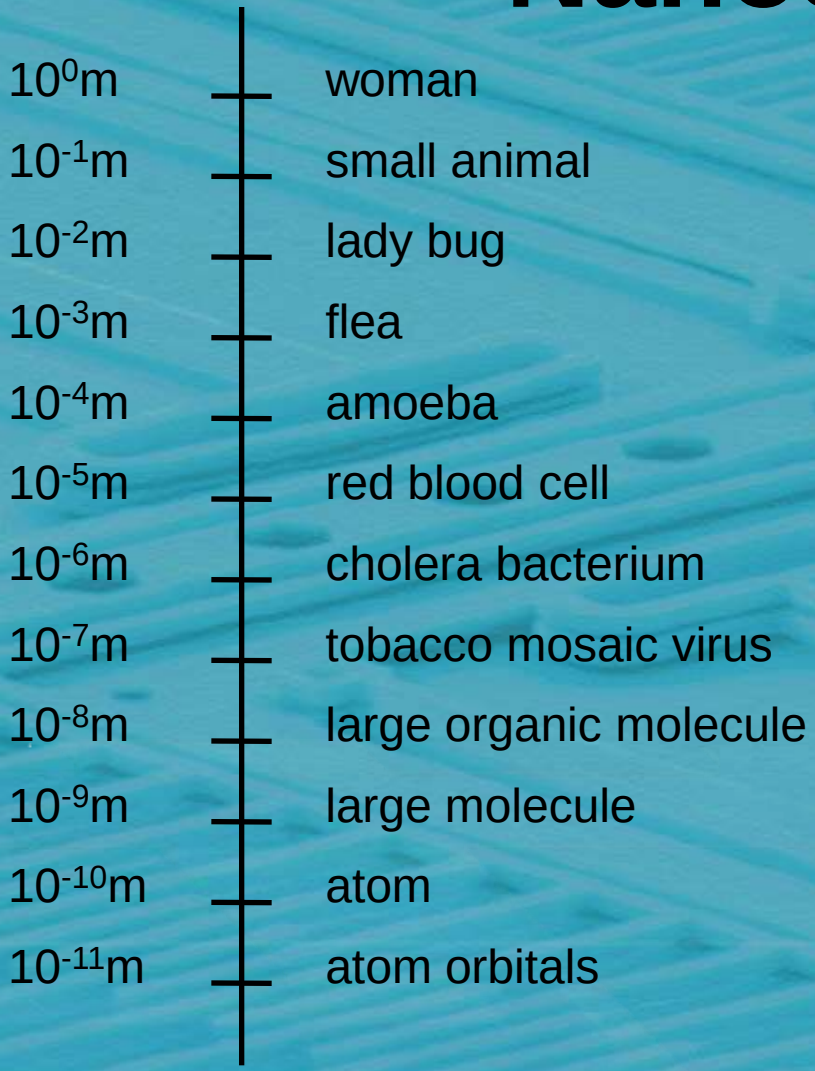
From the Macro- to the Nanoscale



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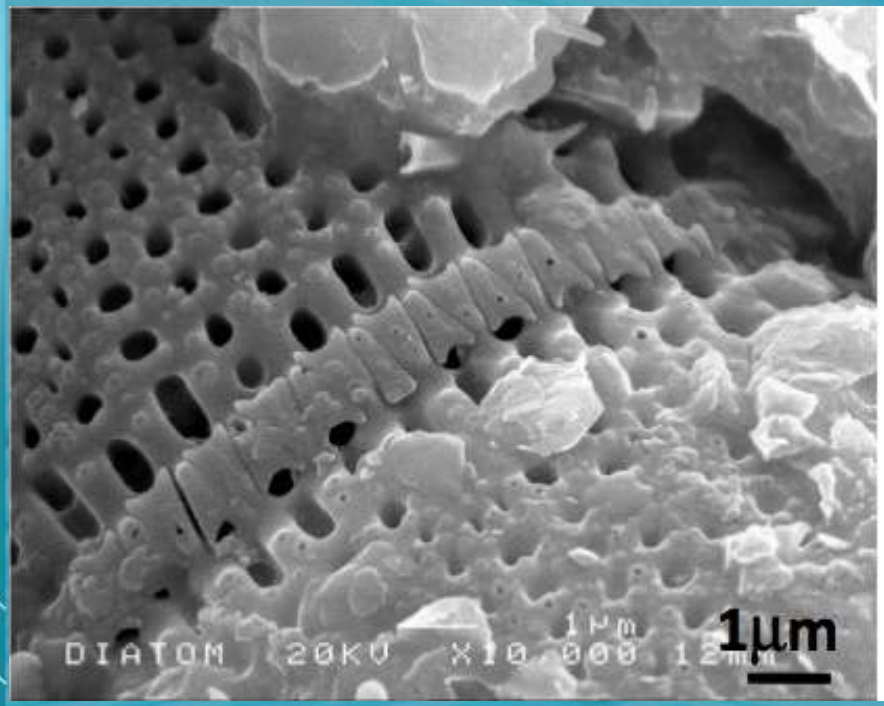
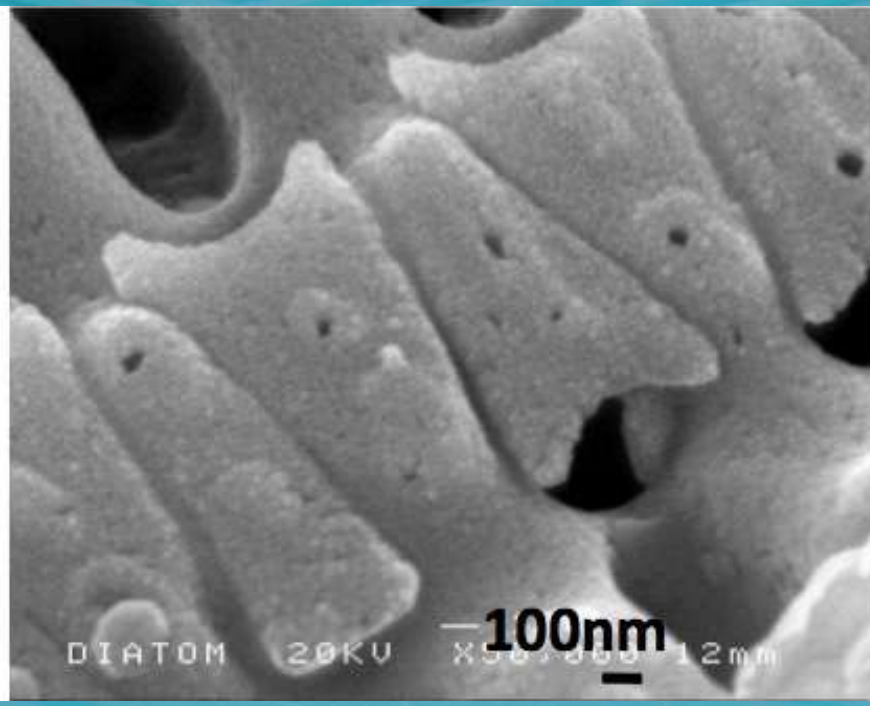
200 nm wide linking structures





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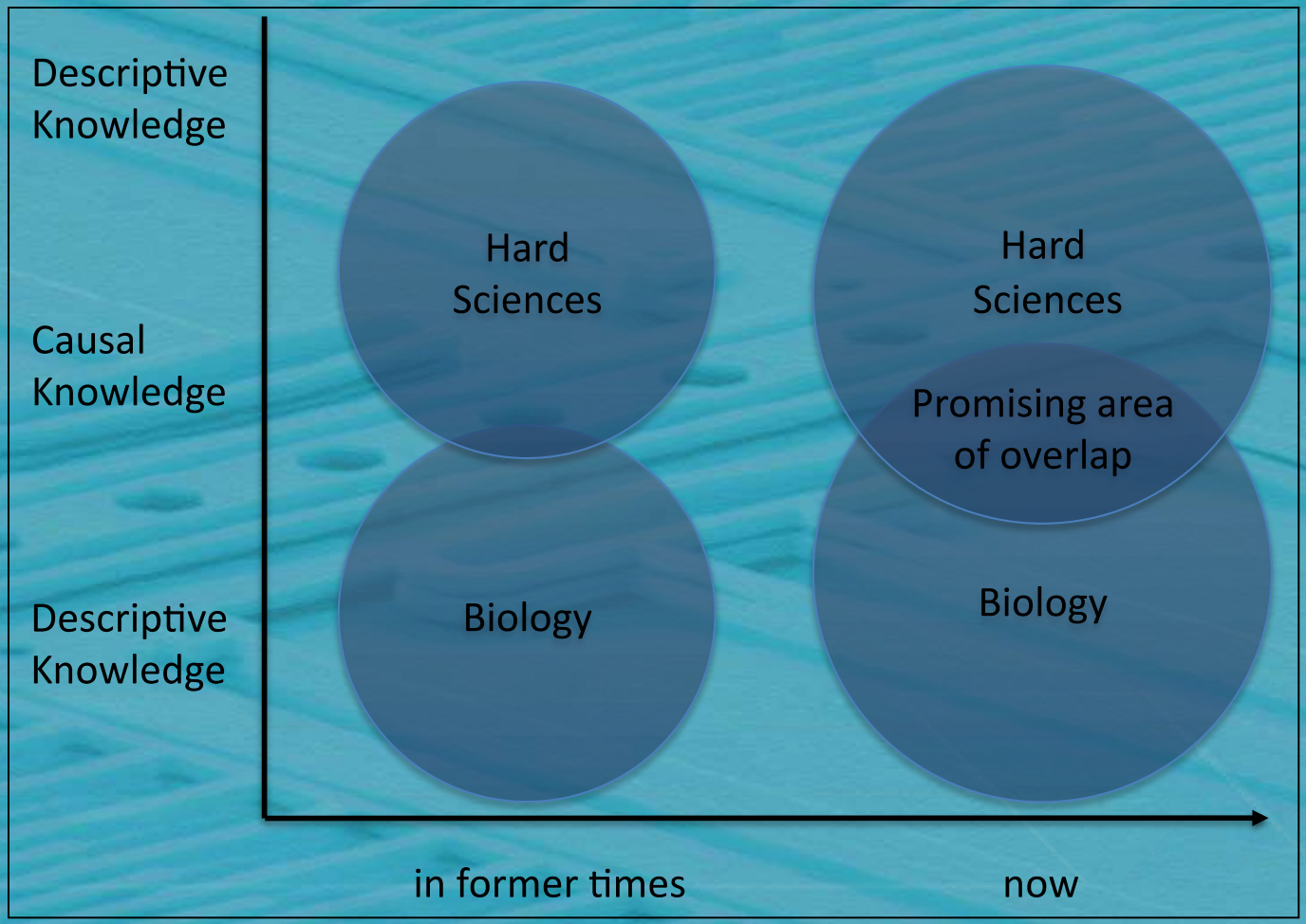
Hard Sciences meet Biology



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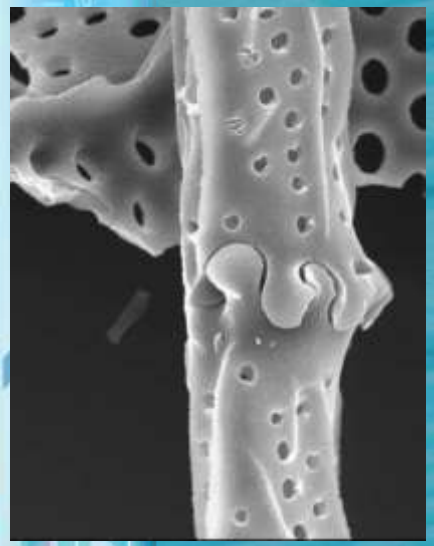

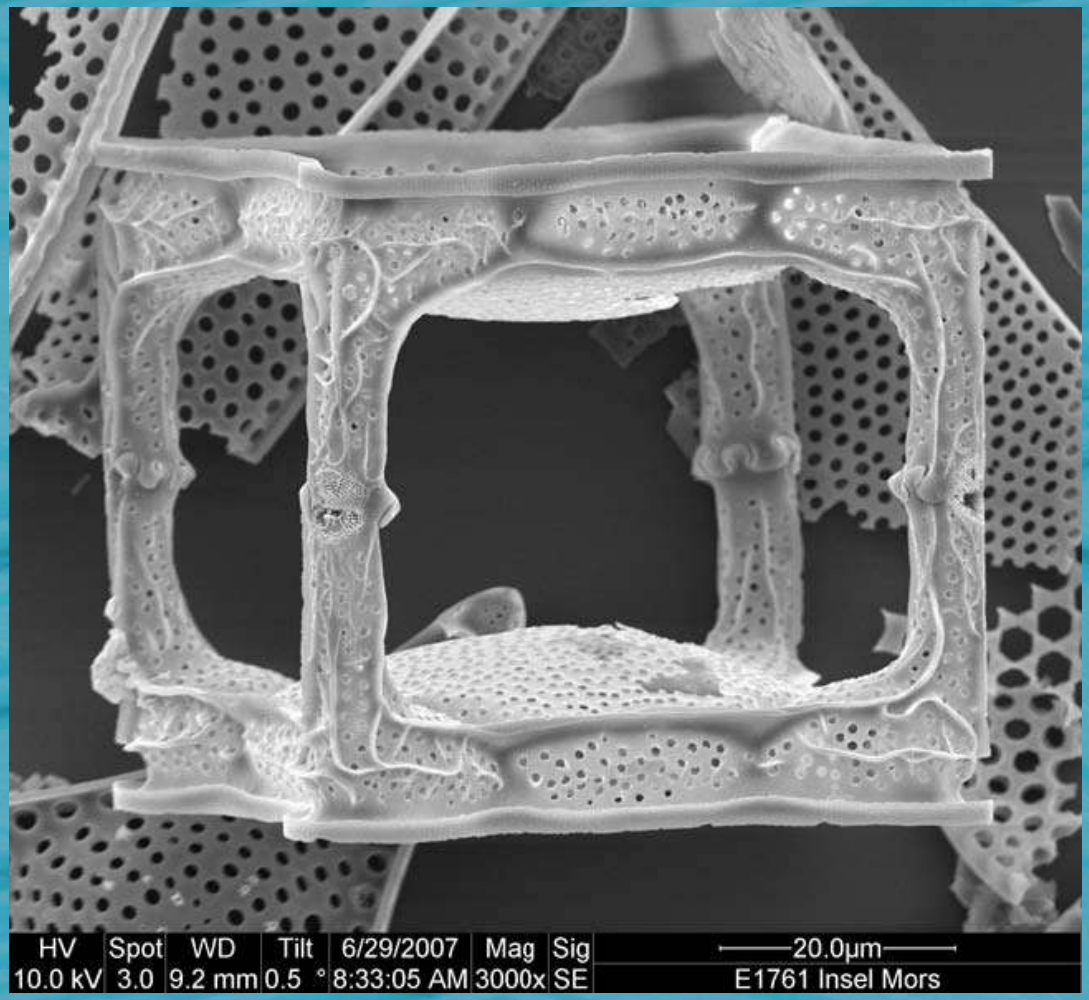

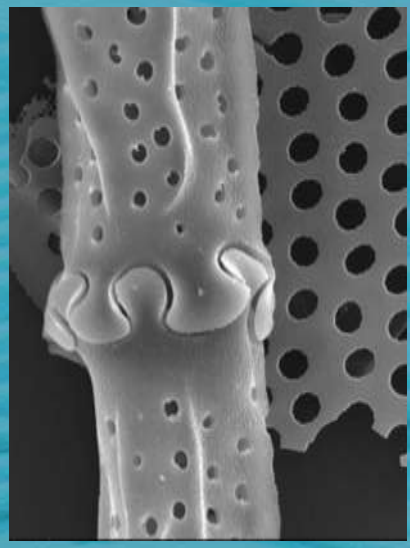

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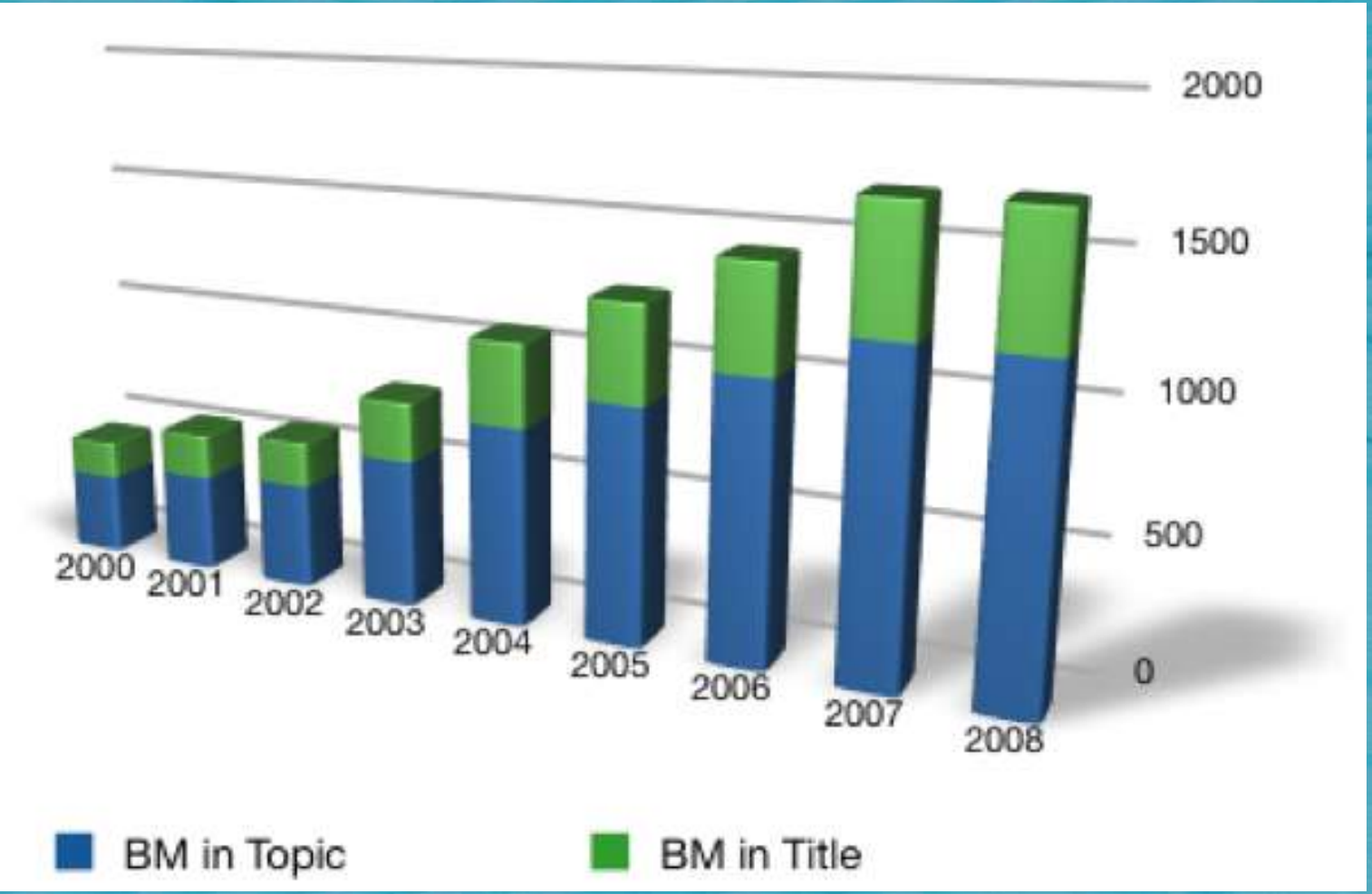
Biomimetics is the abstraction of good design from nature.

Center for Biomimetics, UK

The Rise of Biomimetics



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General Biomimetic Principles

Can be applied by engineers who are not at all involved in biology.

1. Integration instead of additive construction
2. Optimization of the whole instead of maximization of a single component feature
3. Multi-functionality instead of mono-functionality
4. Fine-tuning regarding the environment
5. Energy efficiency

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General Biomimetic Principles

Can be applied by engineers who are not at all involved in biology.

6. Direct and indirect usage of solar energy
7. Limitation in time instead of unnecessary durability
8. Full recycling instead of piling waste
9. Interconnectedness as opposed to linearity
10. Development via trial-and-error processes

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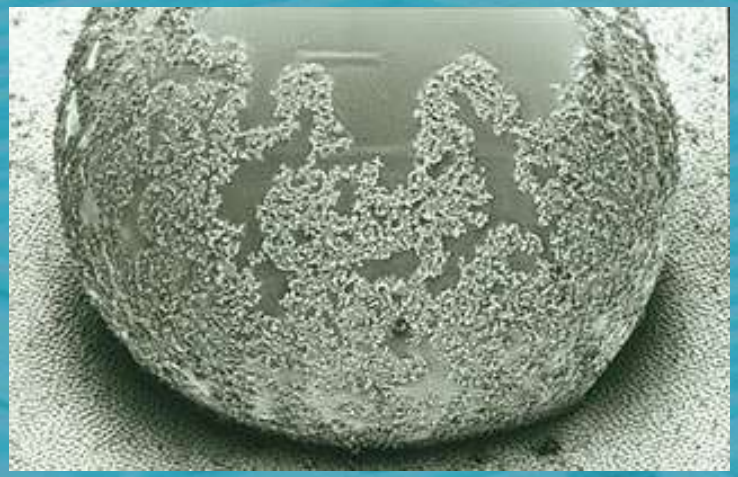
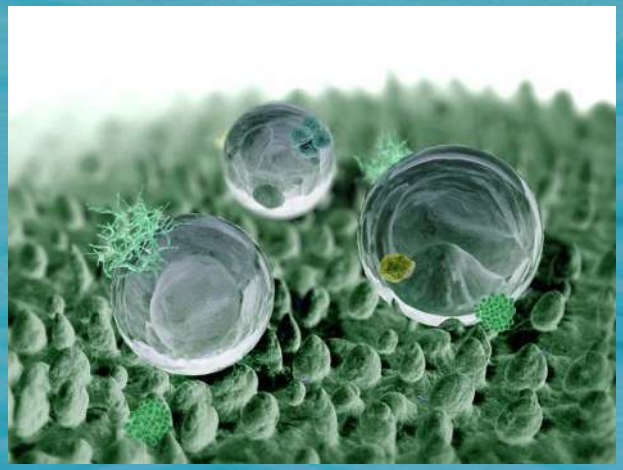
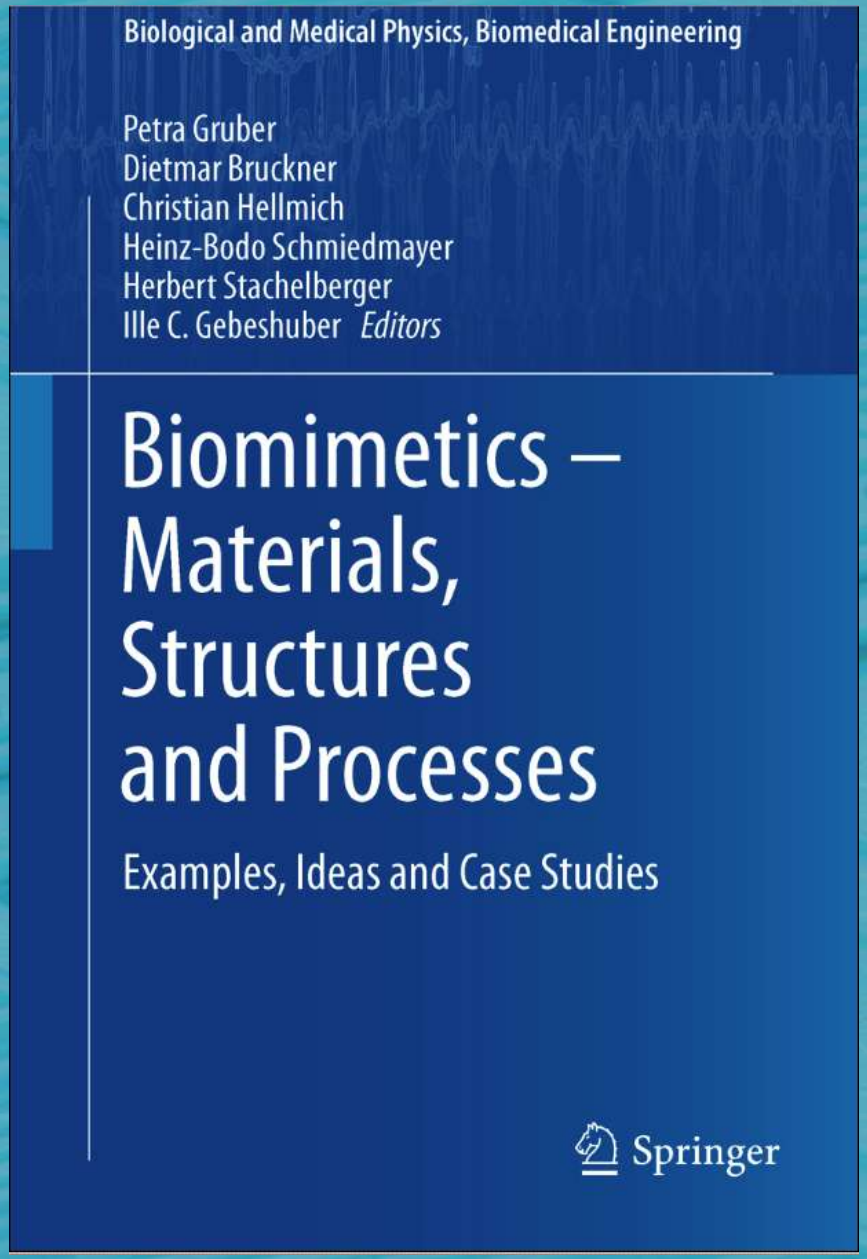
Biological Materials

- Tough materials
- Smart materials
- Adaptive materials
- Functional materials
- Materials with molecular precision
- Hierarchical materials
- Multiuse materials







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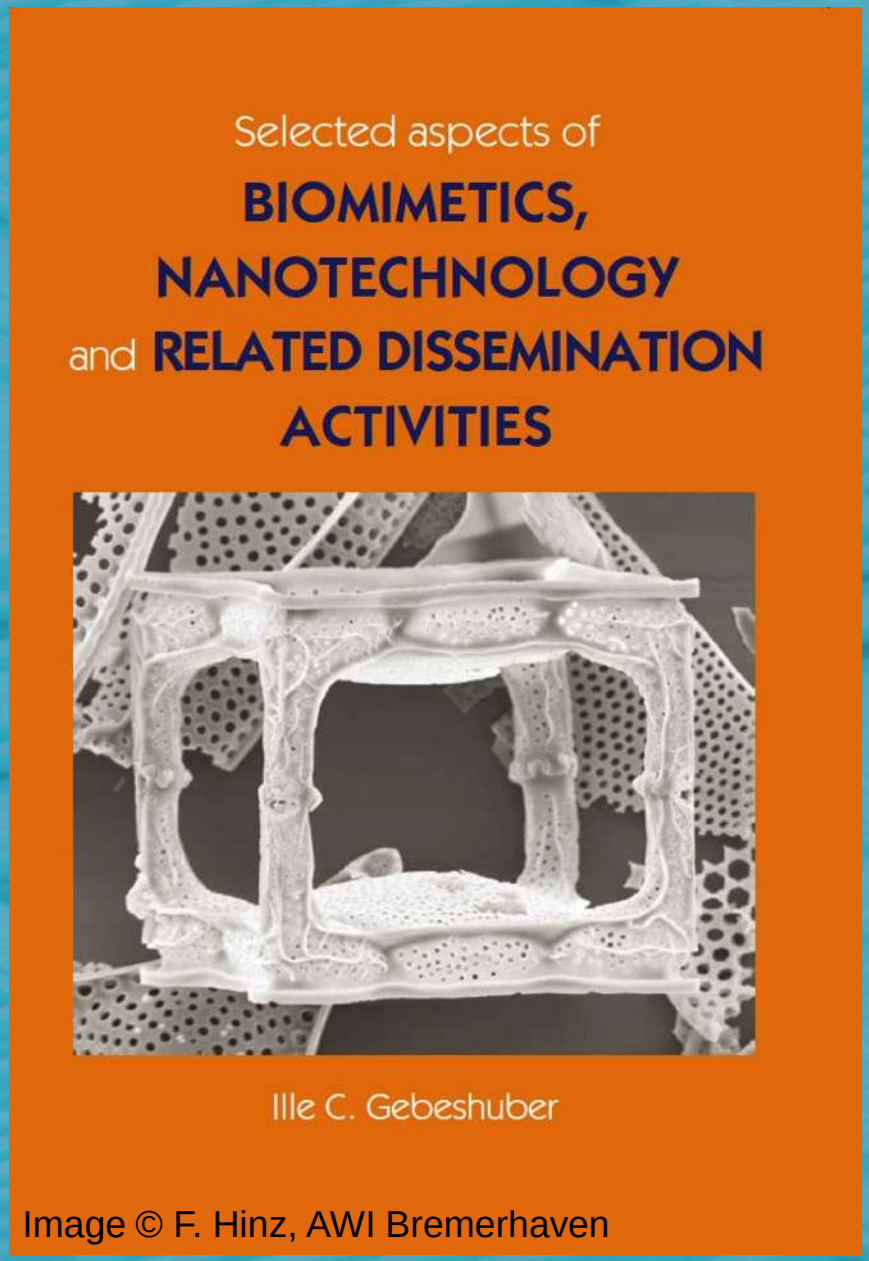

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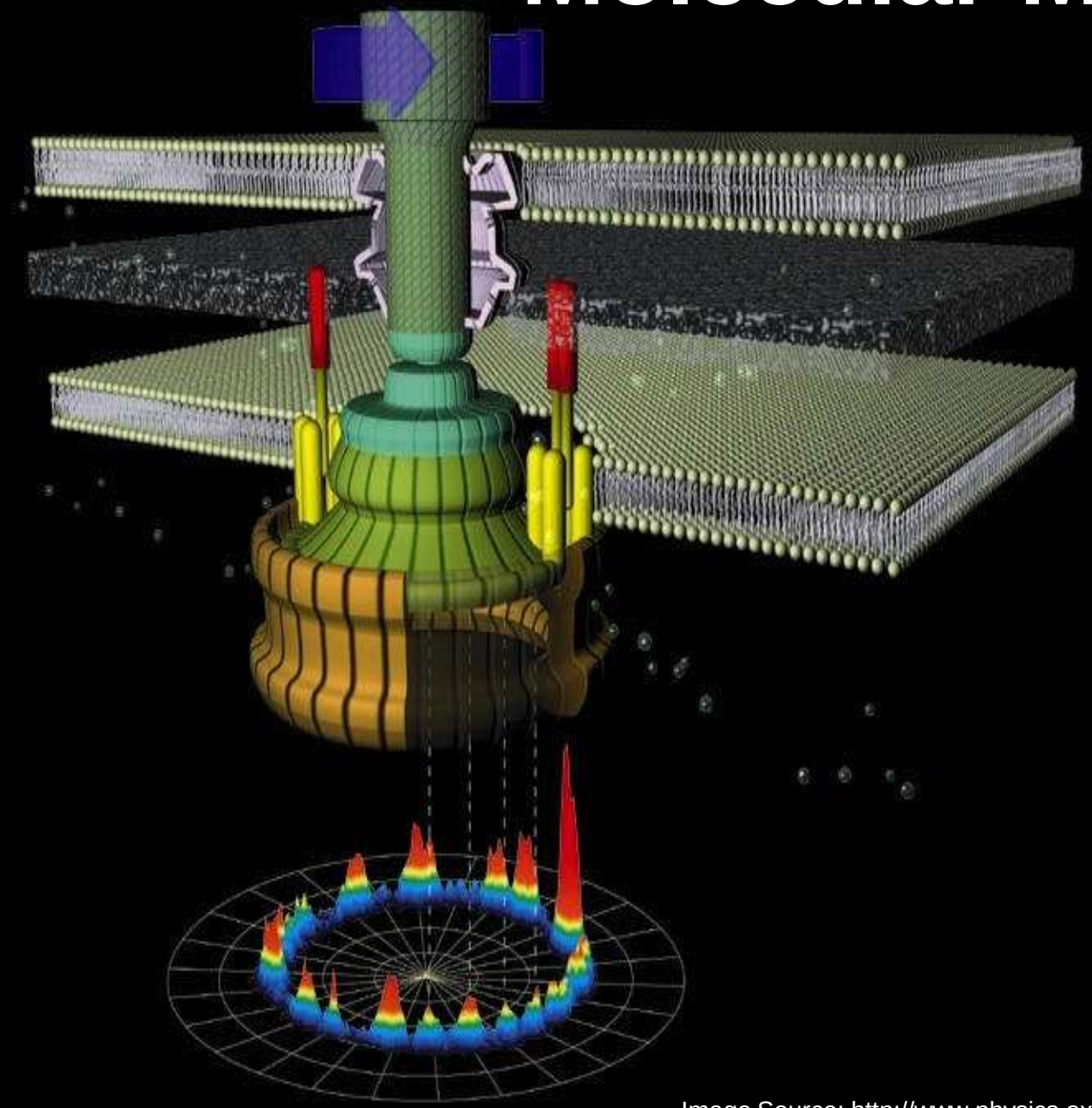
Molecular Motors



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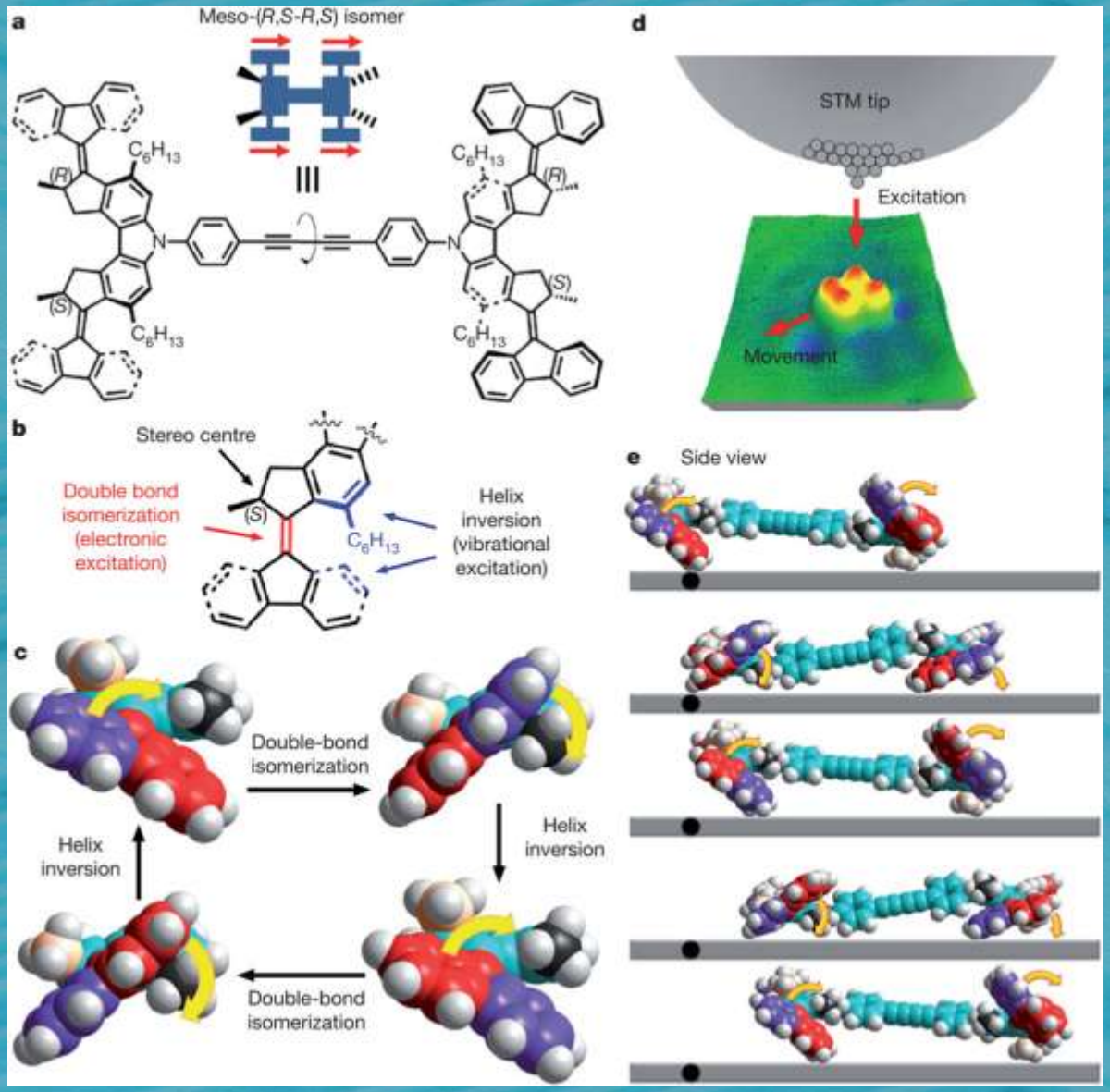

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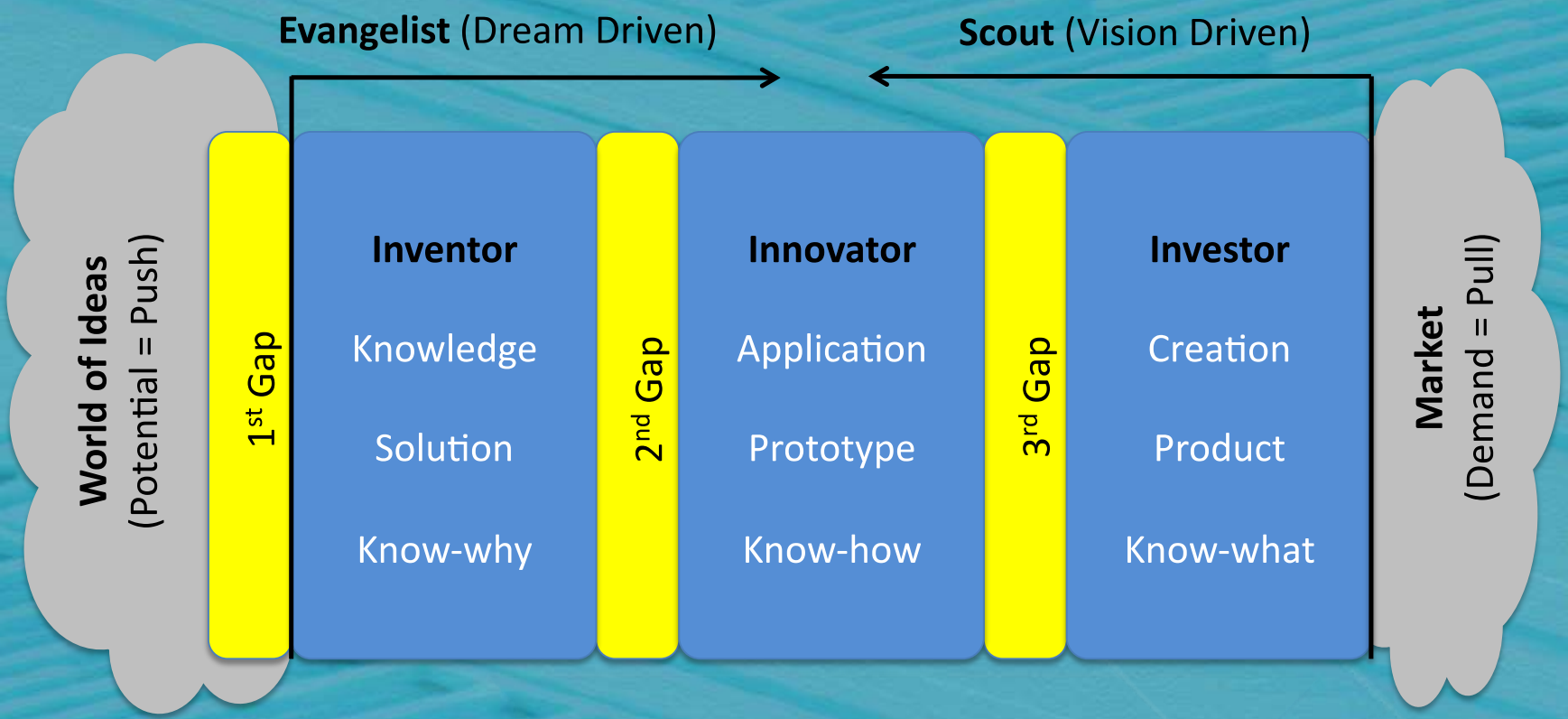
The Three Gaps Theory



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Governance and Risks

- Bionanoconvergence has implications on various areas – including health, environmental and social issues.
- Therefore, prospects, problems and potential risks are an important issue.
- Technological, environmental, societal, health, and safety issues must be addressed in research, societal studies, regulatory measures, and government policies.

Societal Implications

Societal implications of converging technologies should be judged using a balanced approach between the goals (leading to envisioned societal benefits) and unexpected consequences (which could be a combination of unexpected benefits and risks).

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Conclusions and Outlook

- The fully exploit the potential of bionanoconvergence scientists and engineers will have to substantially change their methods and concepts of thinking, especially on the level of fundamental research.
- Interdisciplinary scientific principles and concepts that allow specialist scientists to understand complex phenomena need to be developed.
- The specialist results that currently appear in increasingly specialist journals need to be re-arranged and connected across fields.

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