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Single cobalt atoms (cones) on a stepped platinum substrate (blue), with attached stripes of one atomic layer of cobalt, magnetized up (yellow) or down (red), as imaged by spin-polarized scanning tunneling microscopy. Recording such images at successive magnetic fields enables measurement of the magnetic properties of individual atoms. See page 82.

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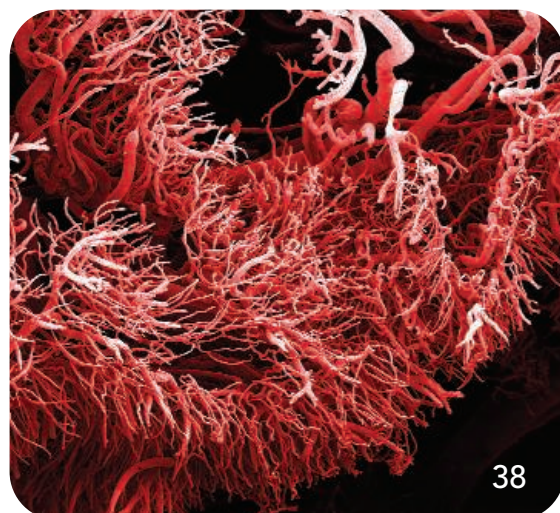
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DNA from Pre-Clovis Human Coprolites in Oregon, North America

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Fossil human feces from an Oregon cave predate the Clovis culture by about 1000 years, and DNA from the feces marks the presence of Native Americans in North America.

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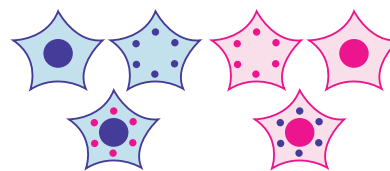
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The transparency of sheets of graphene is quantized in a way that allows a simple determination of the fine structure constant, which relates light and relativistic electrons.

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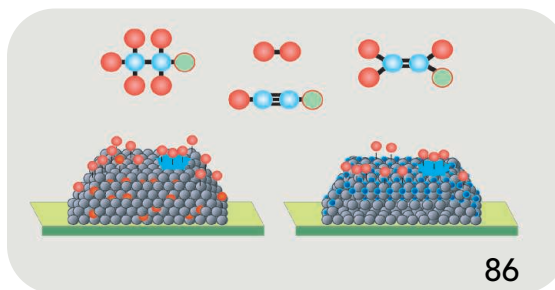
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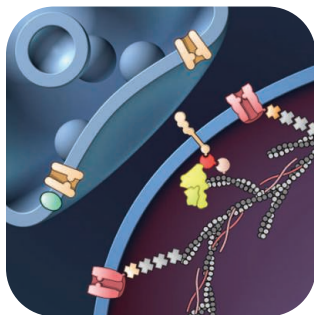
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J. Liu, M. Cheng Liu, K. K. W. Wang

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