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False-color image of a section of the Semarkona meteorite. The round objects are chondrules; the large one near the bottom center is about 2 millimeters across. Magnesium-rich minerals (olivine and pyroxene) appear red, sodium-rich glass appears yellow, and the iron-rich material surrounding the chondrules includes matrix (greenish) and sulfides, metal, and oxides (blue). The sodium in the glass suggests that the chondrules formed in extremely dusty environments in the early solar system. See page 1617.

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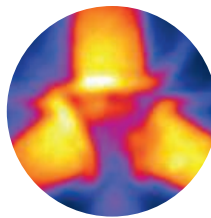
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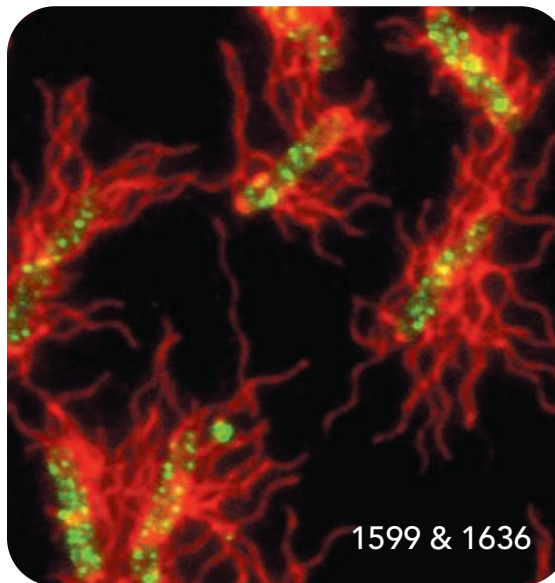
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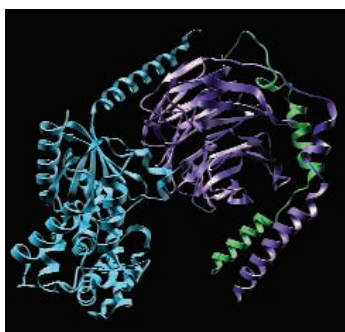


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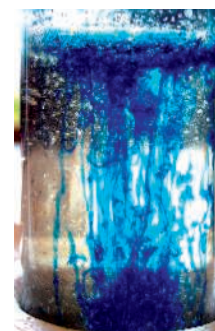
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