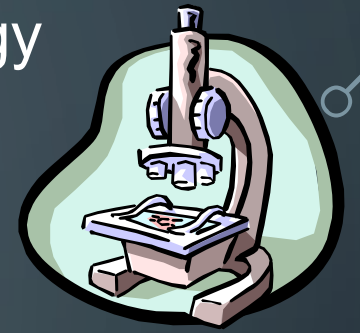


# Light microscopy in Cellular Biology

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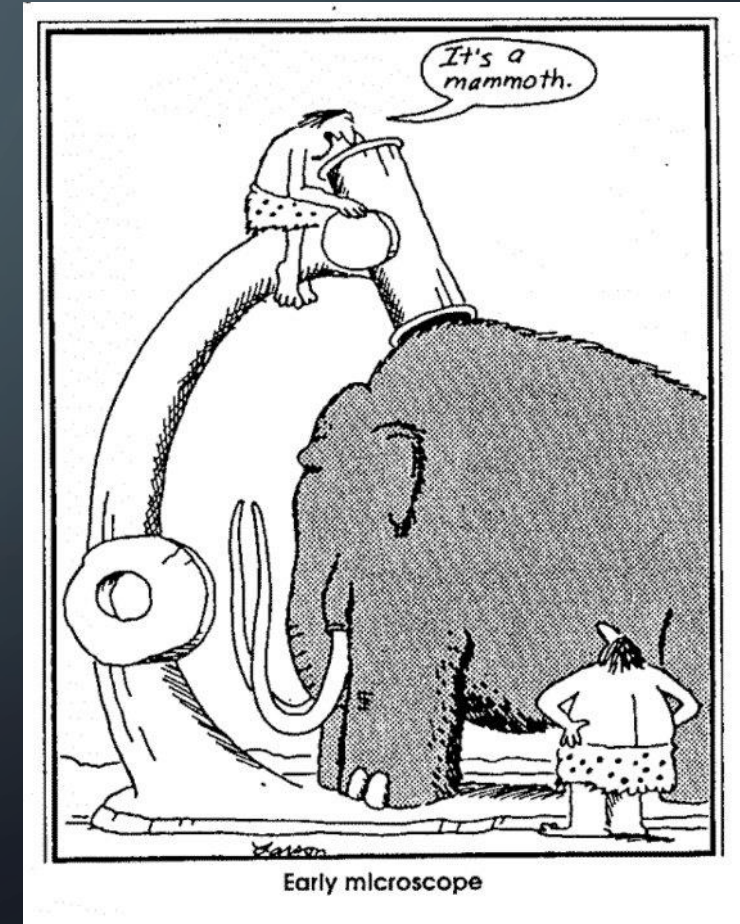
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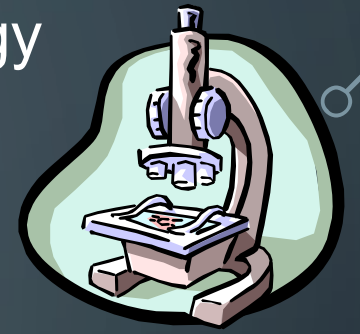
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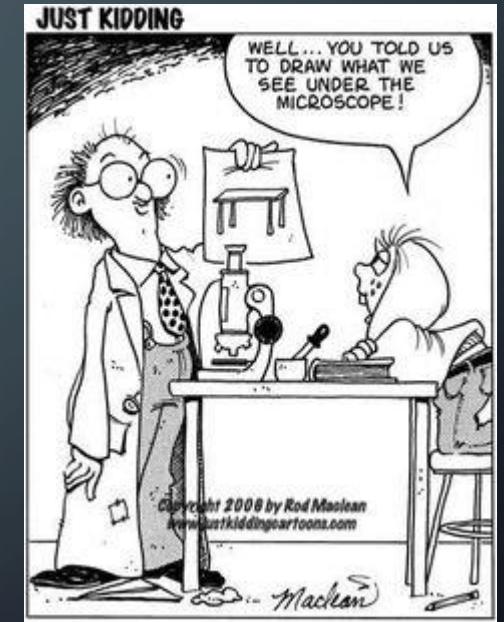
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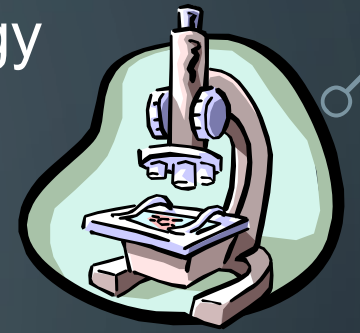
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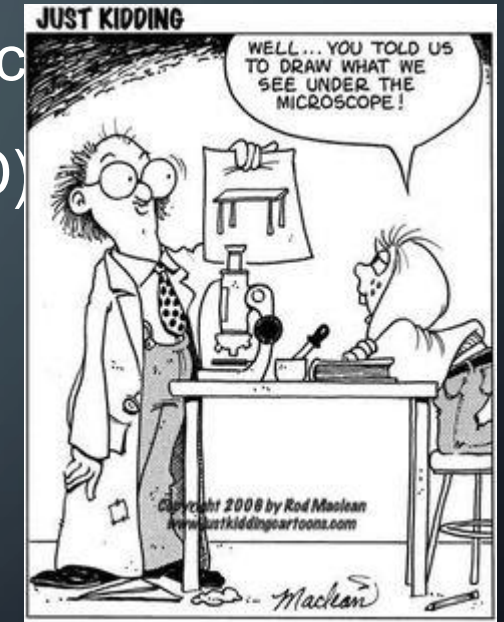
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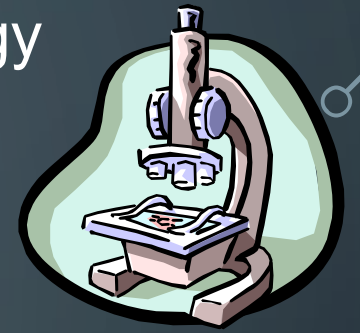
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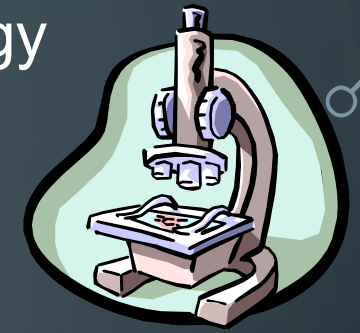
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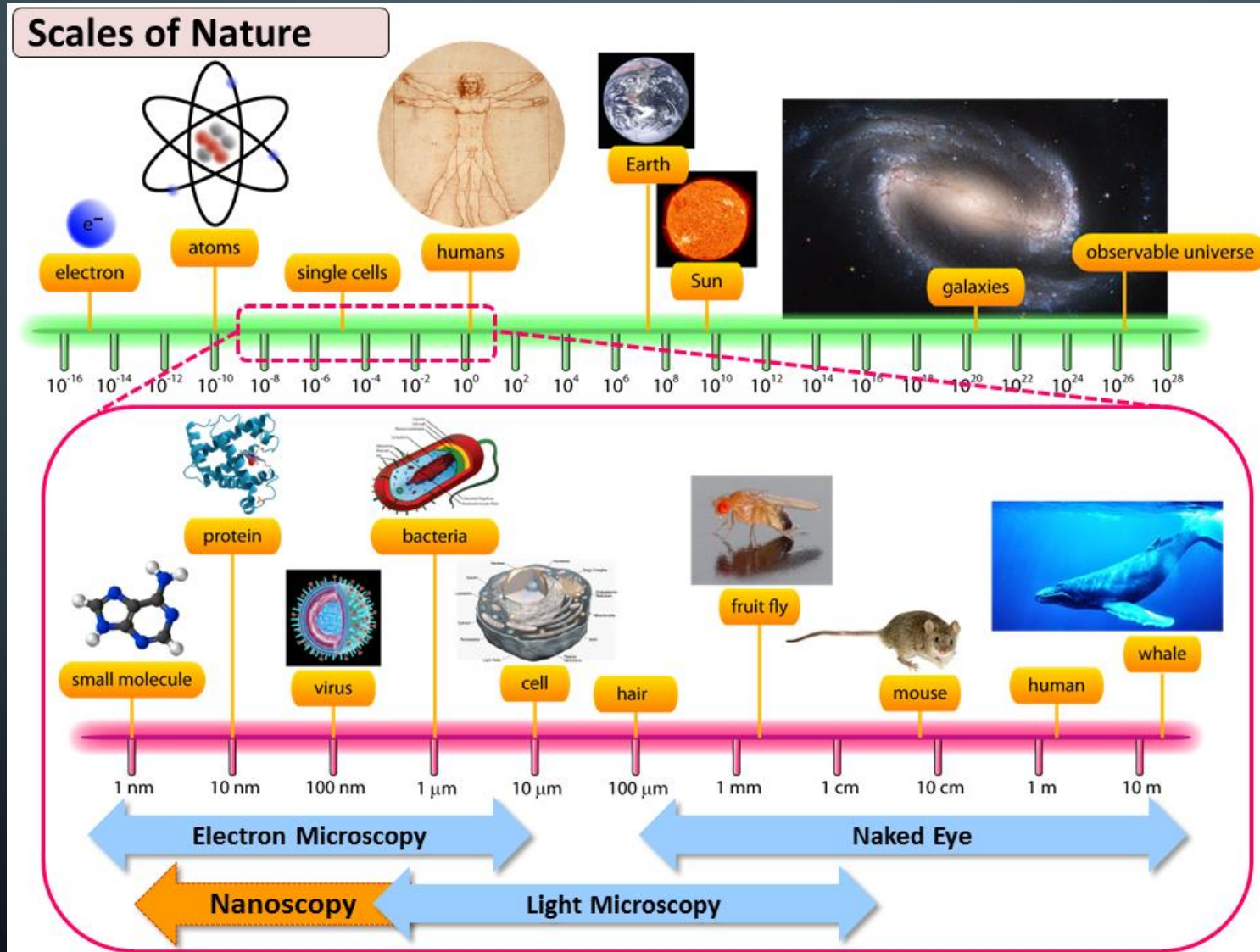
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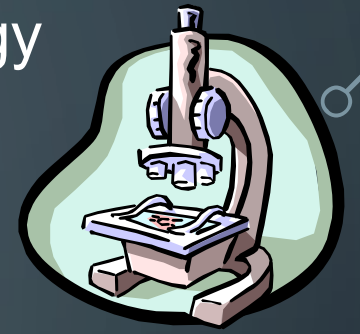
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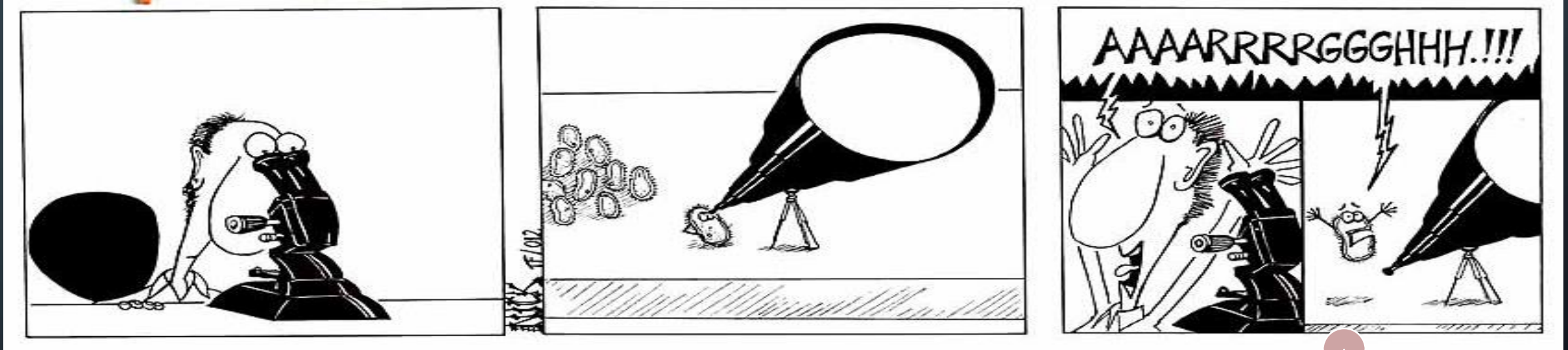
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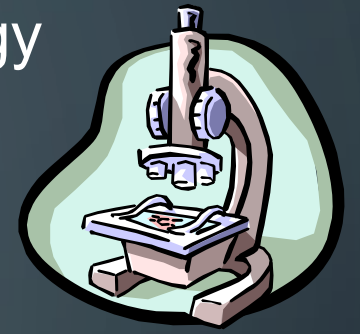


# Early History of Microscopy



"Microscope" was first coined by members of the first "Accademia dei Lincei" (Academy of the Lynx) scientific society which included Galileo. It was not Galileo who came up with the word, it was Johannes Faber, an entomologist and member of the same society that gave the magnifying instrument the name "microscope"

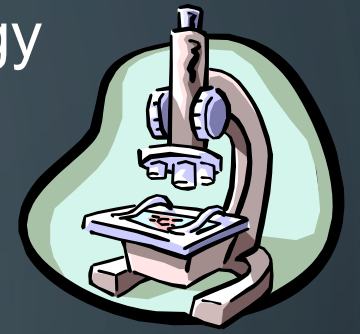




# Timeline of the Microscope

- The Greeks & Romans used “lenses” to magnify objects over 2000 years ago
- **Circa 1000AD** – The first vision aid was invented (inventor unknown- possibly a monk) called a **reading stone**. It was a glass sphere that magnified when laid on top of reading materials.





# Timeline of the Microscope

13th century: spectacles first made in Italy

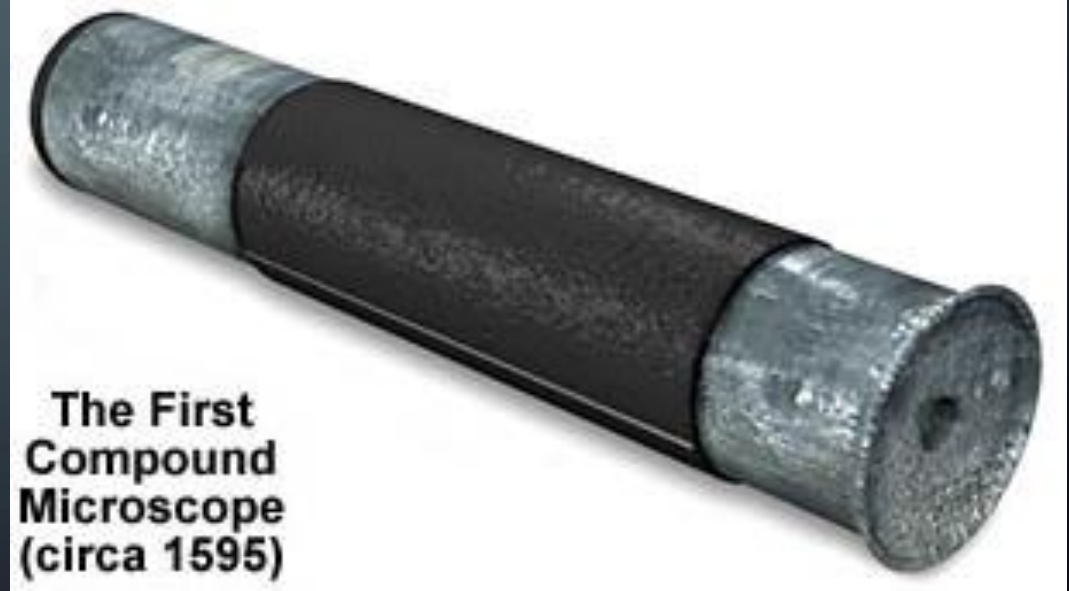
**Circa 1284** - Italian, **Salvino D'Armate** is credited with inventing the **first wearable eyeglasses**



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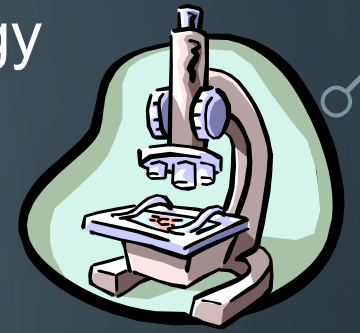
1590: Two Dutch spectacle-makers and father-and-son team, Hans and Zacharias Janssen, create the first microscope.



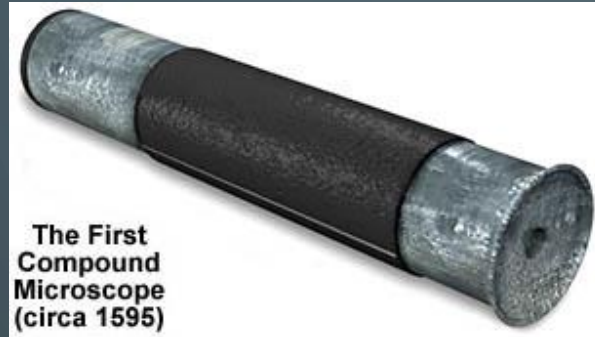
**The First  
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Microscope  
(circa 1595)**



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Zacharias Jansen  
1588-1631



The First  
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1660 - Marcello Malpighi circa 1660, was one of the first great microscopists, considered the father embryology and early histology - observed capillaries in 1660



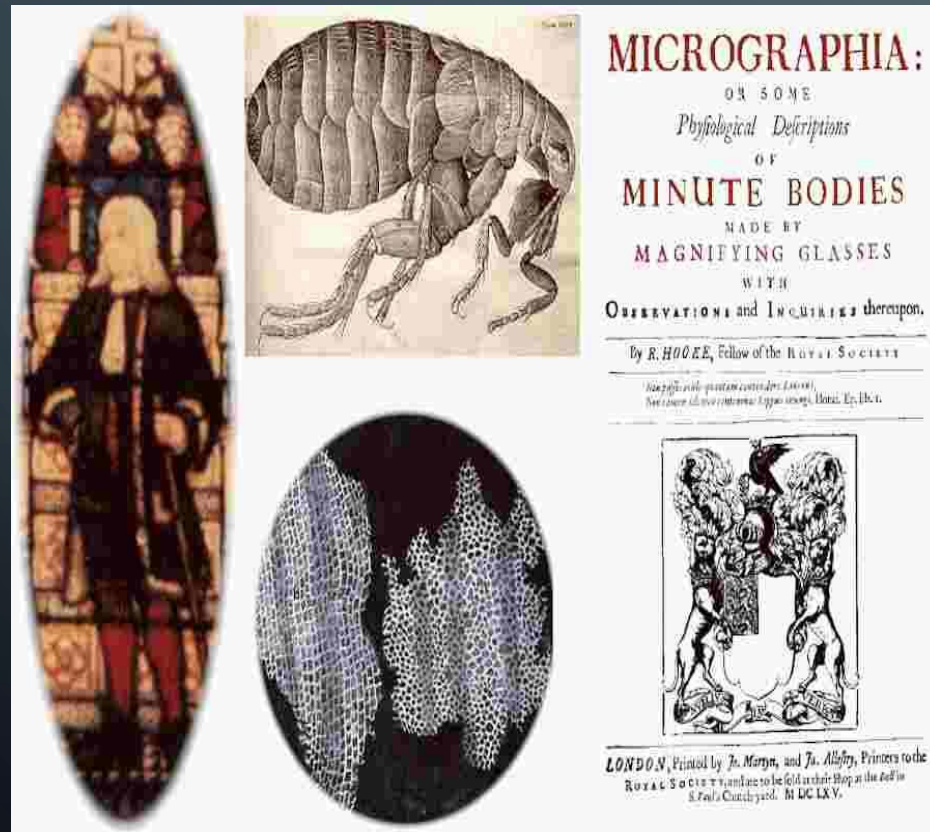
Early Italian  
Compound  
Microscope  
(circa late 1600s)





# Timeline of the Microscope

1667: Robert Hooke's famous "Micrographia" is published, which outlines Hooke's various studies using the microscope.

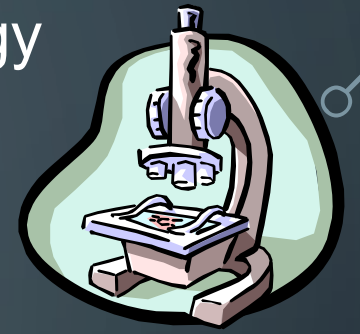


Hooke Microscope



Robert Hooke  
1635-1703





# Timeline of the Microscope

- 1655 – **Robert Hooke** used a compound microscope to observe pores in cork  
He called them “**cells**”
- Fruiting structures of molds in 1665 and was the first to describe microorganisms

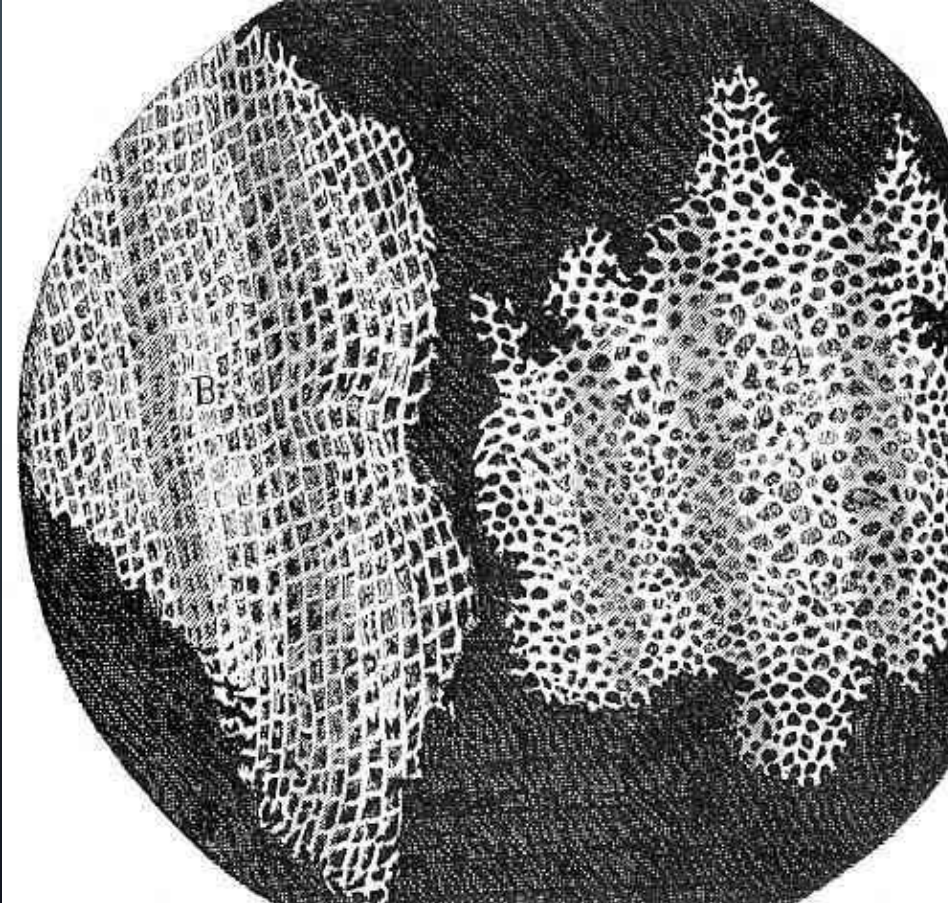
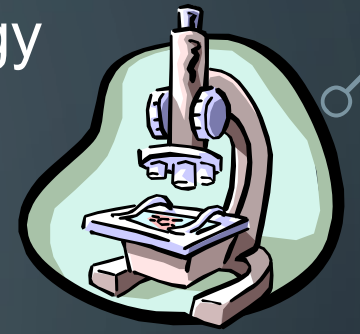
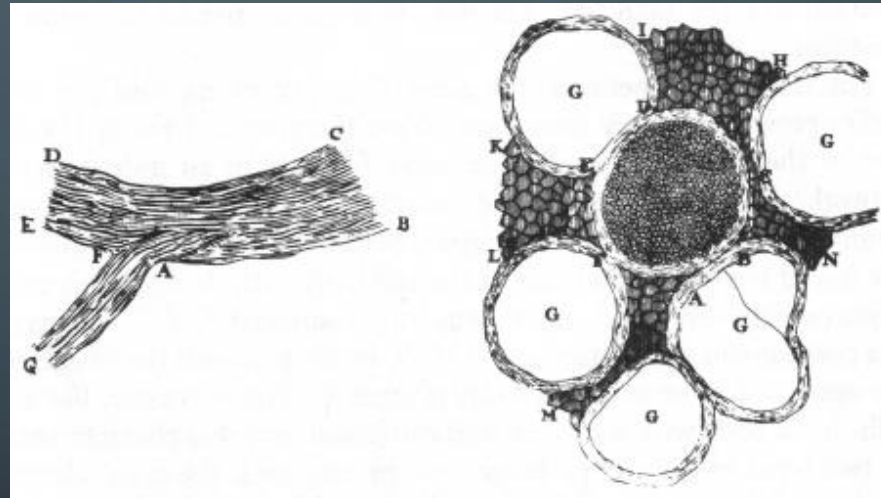


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# Timeline of the Microscope



1675: Enter Anton van Leeuwenhoek, who used a microscope with one lens to observe insects and other specimen. Leeuwenhoek was the first to observe bacteria



***"In the year of 1657 I discovered very small living creatures in rain water."***



# Timeline of the Microscope

## Van Leeuwenhoek's Microscope



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# Van Leeuwenhoek's Microscope... today



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# Timeline of the Microscope



Van Leeuwenhoek's drawing  
on various organisms

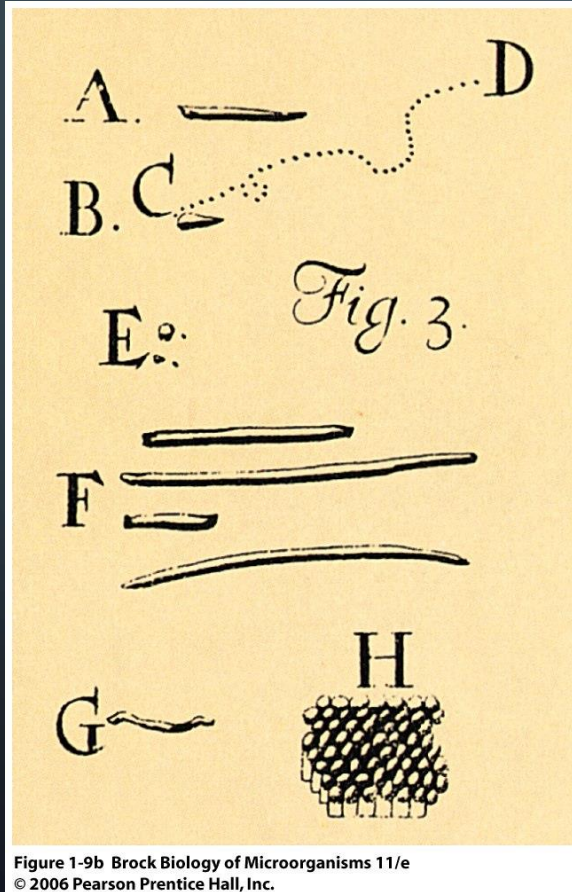


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blood smear

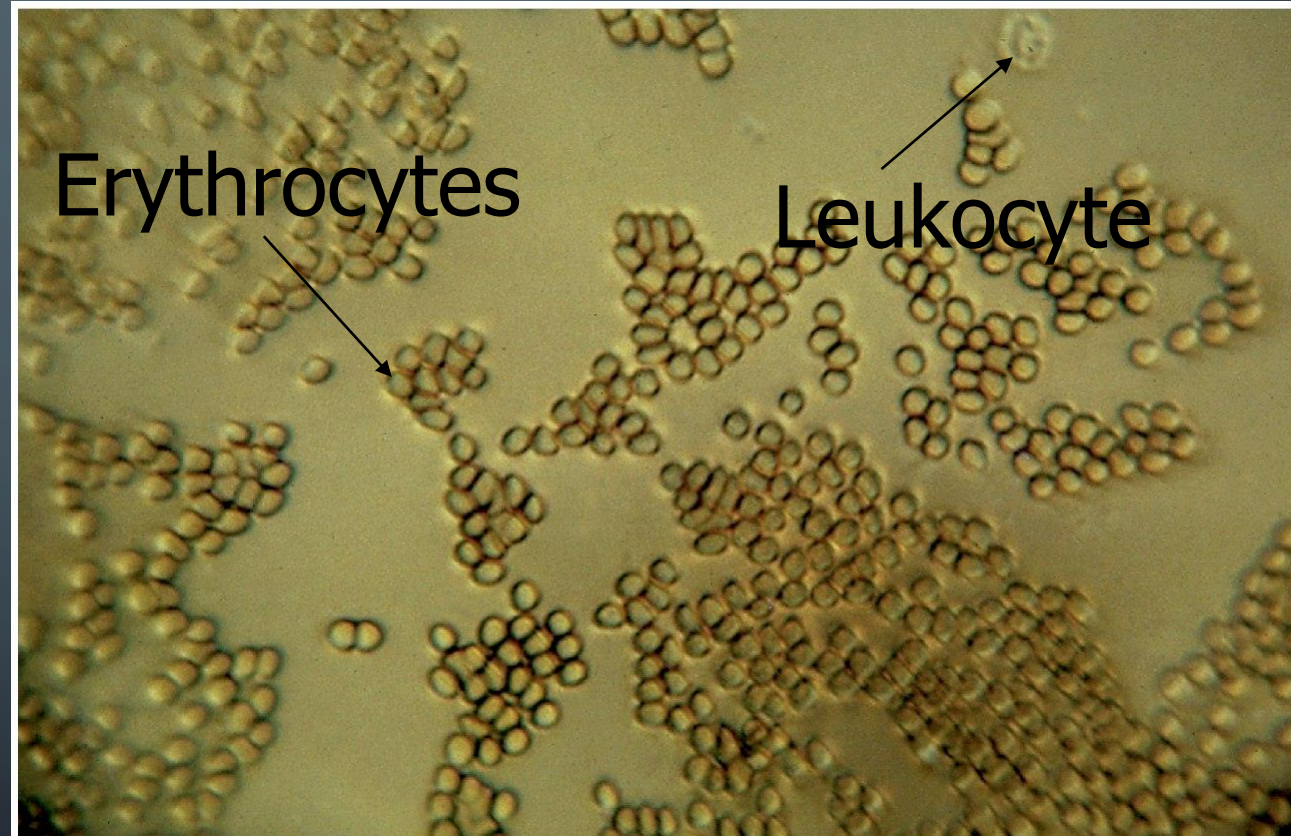
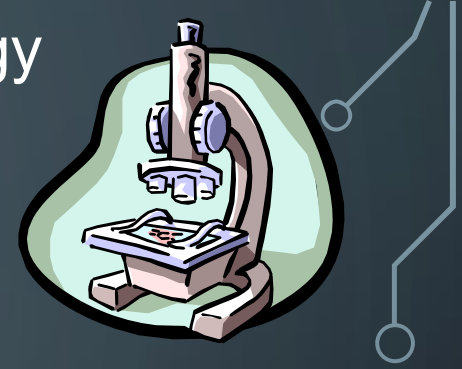


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The field of microbiology was unable to develop until Leeuwenhoek constructed microscopes that allowed scientists to see organisms too small to be seen with the naked eye



# 1<sup>st</sup> result using microscope: The Concept of Biogenesis Replaces Spontaneous Generation Theory

- **Spontaneous generation** claims that life can originate from non-living matter.
- **Biogenesis** states that living cells originate from living cells.
- Louis Pasteur's disproved spontaneous generation.
- His work led to the development of methods for controlling the growth of microorganisms.

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1690 - Campani was the leading Italian telescope and microscope maker in the late 17th century - he probably invented the screw focusing mechanism shown on this scope - the slide holder in the base allows transparent and opaque objects to be viewed

1720 Screw barrel Microscope - Made by Charles Culpeper

1730s a barrister names **Chester More Hall** observed that flint glass (newly made glass) dispersed colors much more than “crown glass” (older glass). He designed a system that used a concave lens next to a convex lens which could realign all the colors (*chromatic aberration*). This was the first *achromatic lens*. **George Bass** was the lens-maker that actually made the lenses, but he did not divulge the secret until over 20 years later to **John Dollond** who copied the idea in 1759 and patented the achromatic lens.



# HOW A MICROSCOPE WORKS

**Ocular Lens**  
(Magnifies Image)

**Body Tube**  
(Image Focuses)

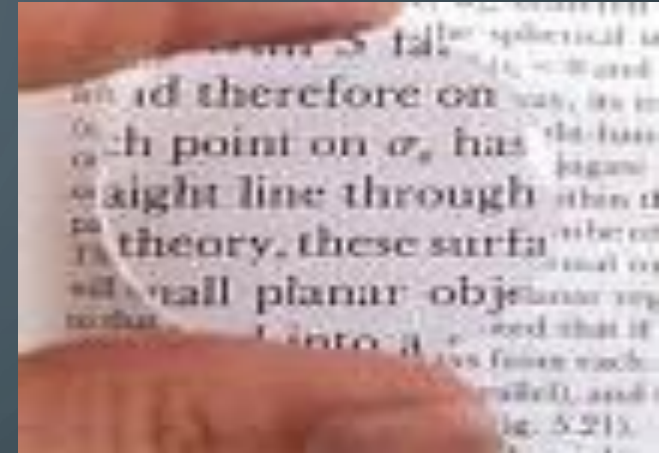


**Objective Lens**  
(Gathers Light,  
Magnifies  
And Focuses Image  
Inside Body Tube)

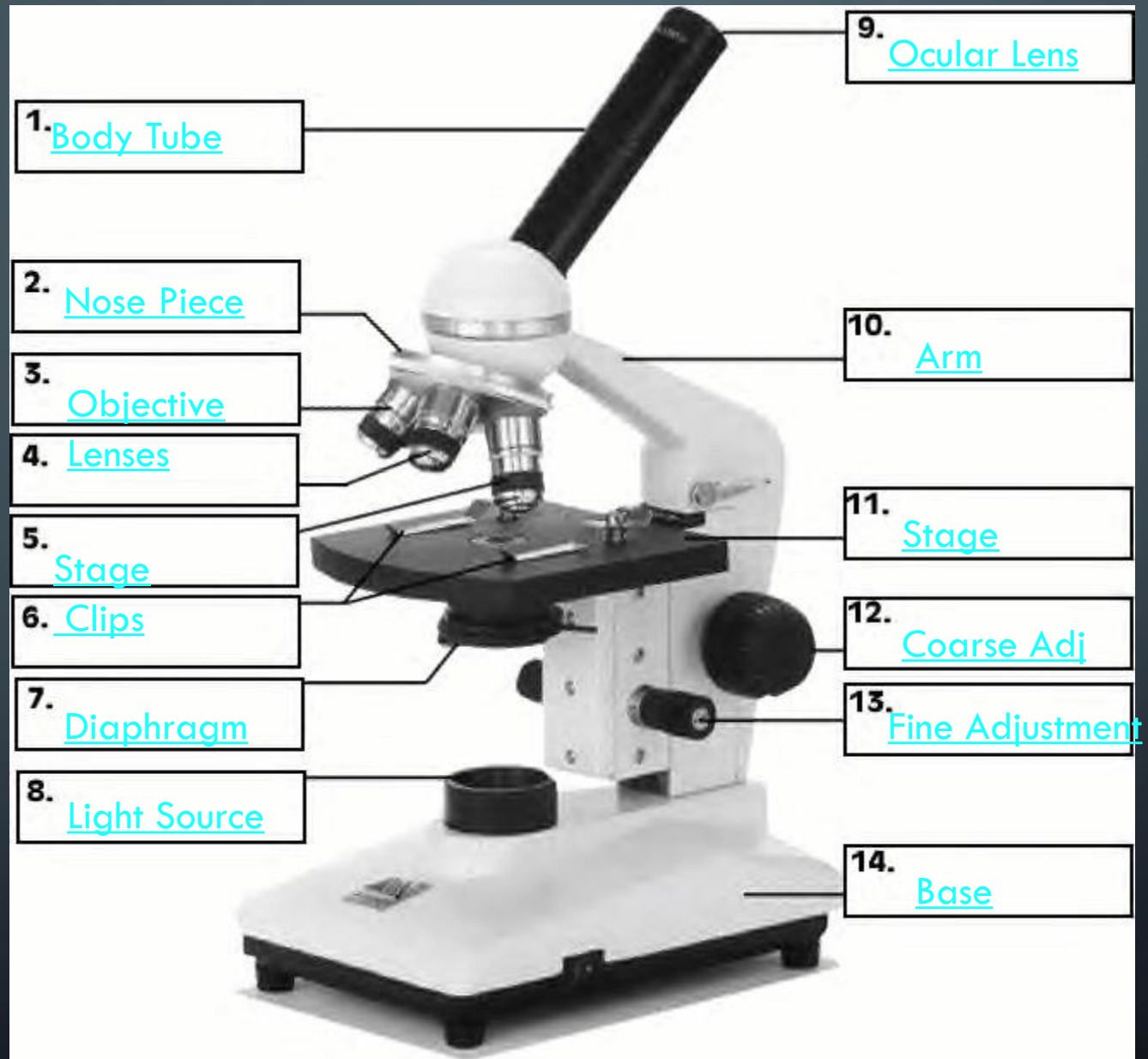
•**Bending Light:** The objective (bottom) convex lens magnifies and focuses (bends) the image inside the body tube and the ocular convex (top) lens of a microscope magnifies it (again).

# HOW A MICROSCOPE WORKS

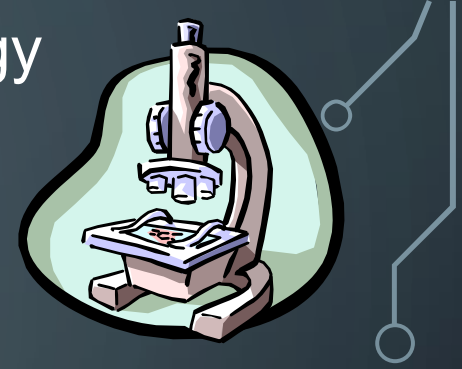
Convex Lenses are curved glass used to make microscopes (and glasses etc.)



Convex Lenses bend light and focus it in one spot.



# Timeline of the Microscope

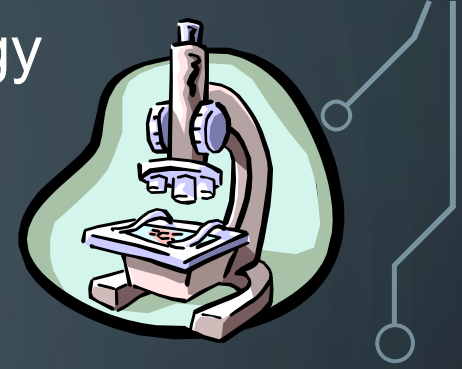


1830: Joseph Jackson Lister discovers that using weak lenses together at various distances provided clear magnification. *Spherical Aberration*

1878: A mathematical theory linking resolution to light wavelength is invented by Ernst Abbe with **Carl Zeiss**. (paper in 1877 defining the physical laws that determined resolving distance of an objective. Known as Abbe's Law)



# Timeline of the Microscope

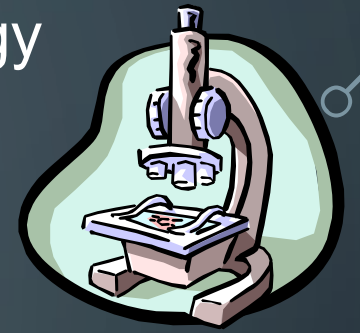


## Abbe's Law

$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2 n \sin \theta}$$

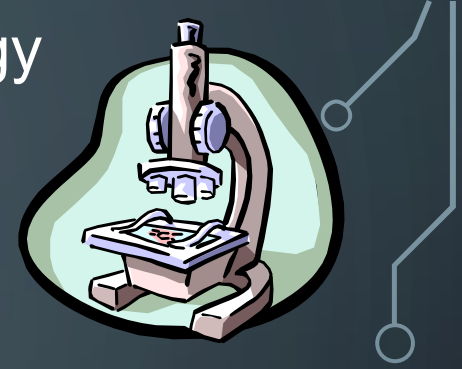
“minimum resolving distance (d) is related to the wavelength of light (lambda) divided by the Numeric Aperture, which is proportional to the angle of the light cone (theta) formed by a point on the object, to the objective”.

# Timeline of the Microscope



- **1903** – Richard Zsigmondy developed the ultramicroscope that could study objects below the wavelength of light. He won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1925.

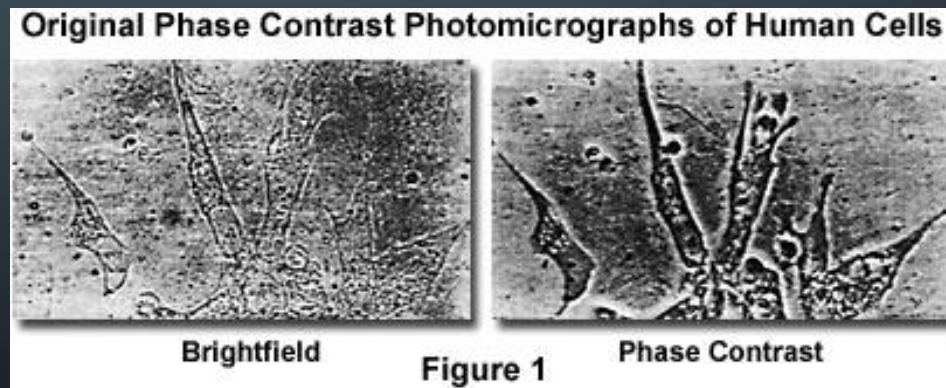




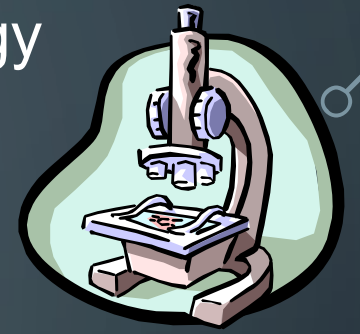
# Timeline of the Microscope



- **1932** – Frits Zernike invented the phase-contrast microscope that allowed for the study of colorless and transparent biological materials for which he won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1953.





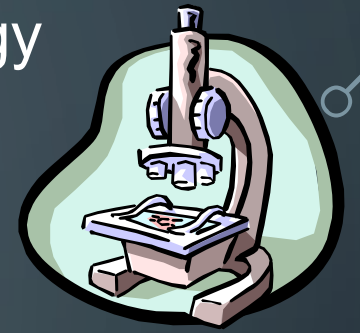


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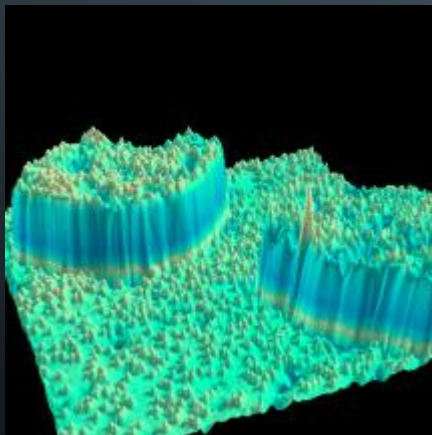


- **1931** – **Ernst Ruska** co-invented the **electron microscope** for which he won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1986. An electron microscope depends on electrons rather than light to view an object, electrons are speeded up in a vacuum until their wavelength is extremely short, only one hundred-thousandth that of white light. Electron microscopes make it possible to view objects as small as the diameter of an atom.

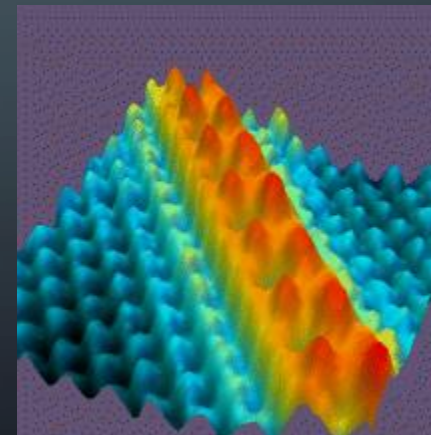
# Timeline of the Microscope



- **1981** – Gerd **Binnig** and Heinrich **Rohrer** invented the **scanning tunneling microscope** that gives three-dimensional images of objects down to the **atomic level**. Binnig and Rohrer won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1986.



STM image, 35 nm x 35 nm, of single substitutional Cr impurities (small bumps) in the Fe(001) surface.



STM image, 7 nm x 7 nm, of a single zig-zag chain of Cs atoms (red) on the GaAs(110) surface (blue).



# Timeline of the Microscope

Erik Betzig



Stefan W. Hell

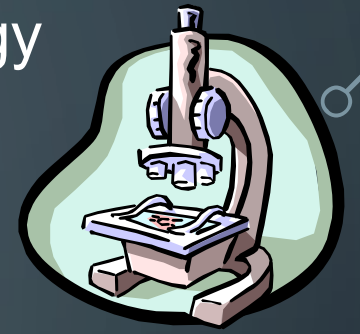


W. E. Moerner



The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award Erik Betzig, Stefan W. Hell and W. E. Moerner the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2014 for the development of super-resolution fluorescence microscopy.



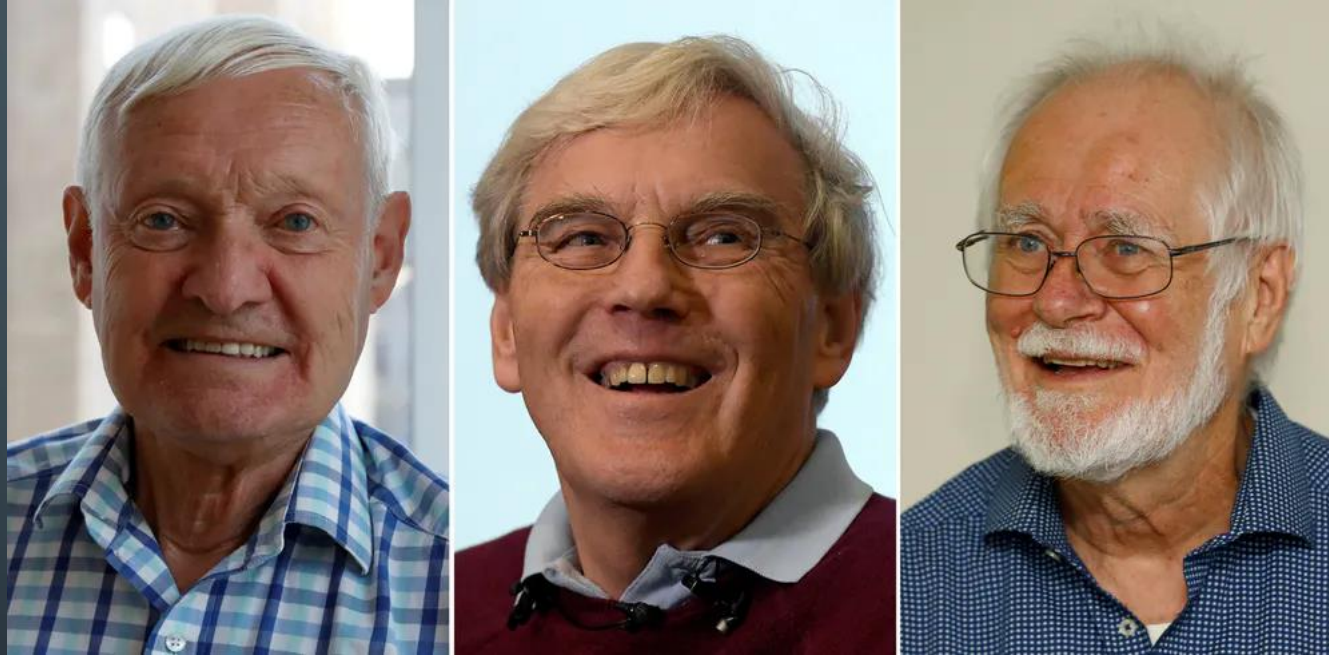


# Timeline of the Microscope

Joachim Frank

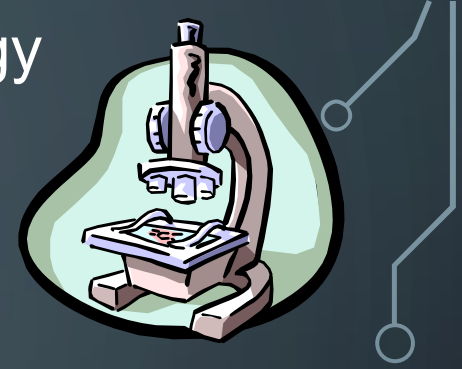
Richard Henderson

Jacques Dubochet



The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award Joachim Frank, Richard Henderson, Jacques Dubochet the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2017 for developing cryo-electron microscopy for the high-resolution structure determination of biomolecules in solution.

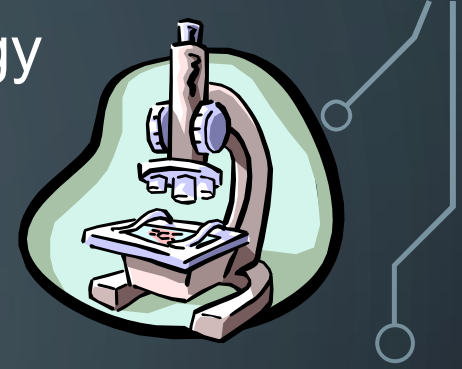




Microscopes are essential for biological studies

- Light microscopes: cellular resolution
  - bright-field (stains)
  - dark-field
  - phase contrast
  - fluorescence (stains)
- Super resolution microscopy: subcellular resolution

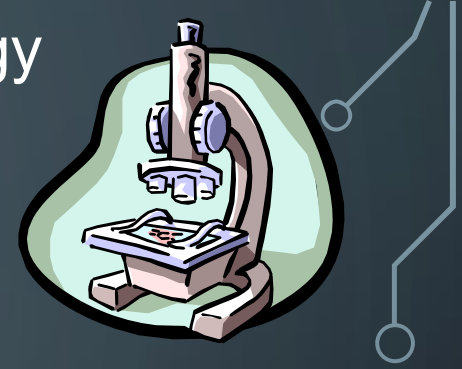




## Some Definitions

- Magnification:

- Resolution:



## Some Definitions

- **Magnification:** increase of an object's apparent size
- **Resolution:** power to show details clearly
- Both are needed to see a clear image



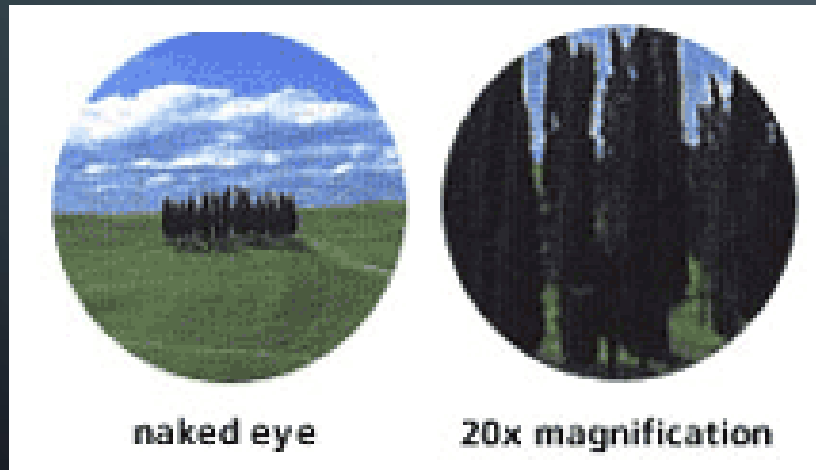
## Magnification

enlargement of an object

compare size of image to actual size of object

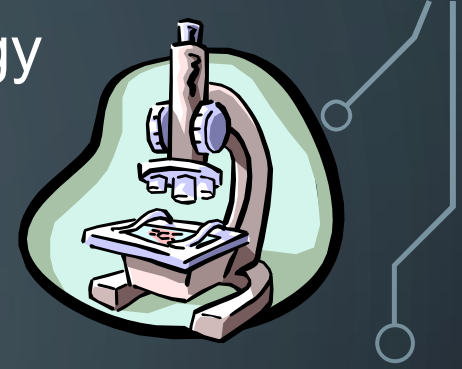
## total magnification

ocular power x objective power = total magnification



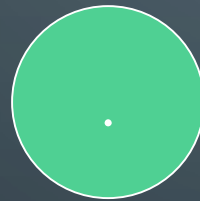
Magnification is **NOT**  
**ALWAYS** related with  
resolution





## Resolution power to show details clearly

- **Resolution** – capacity to show 2 points that are close together as separate

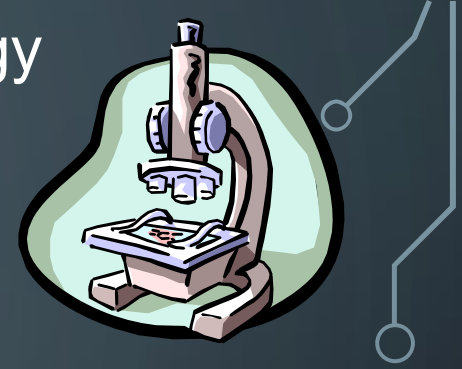


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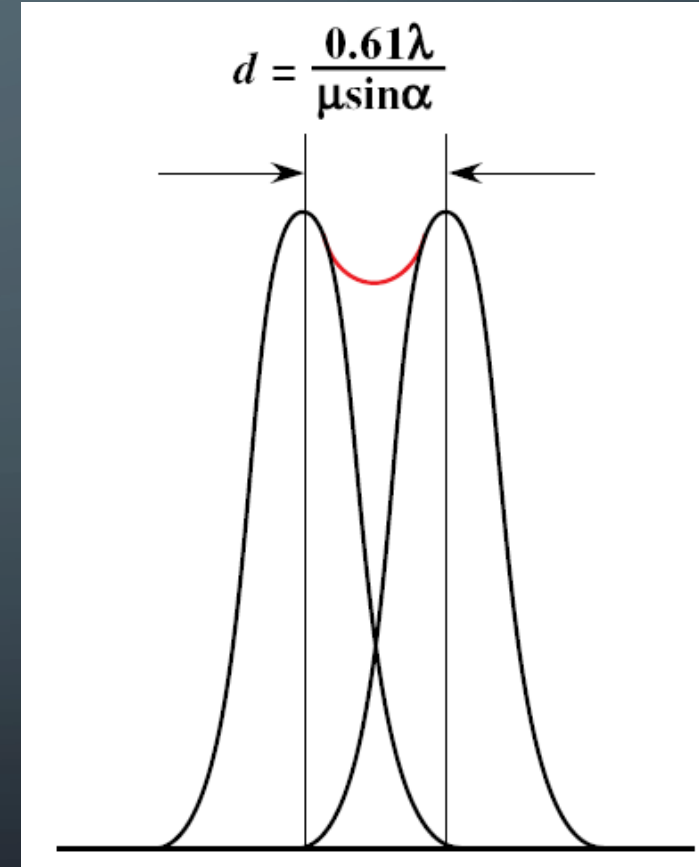
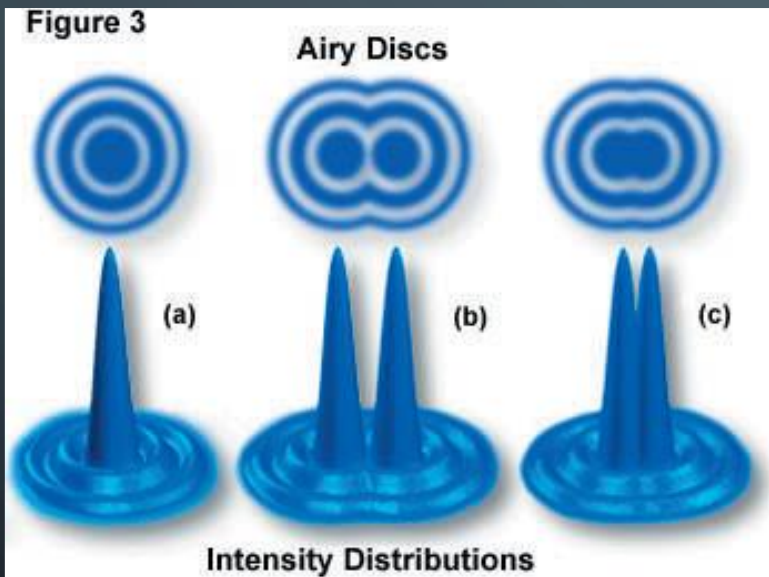


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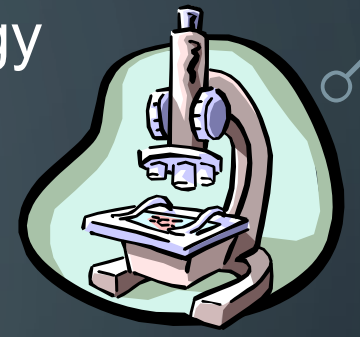
**Poor Resolution = Blurry Image**  
**Good Resolution = Clear Image**



## Abbe's Criterion



Resolution



# Some Definitions

- **Absorption**

- When light passes through an object the intensity is reduced depending upon the color absorbed. Thus the selective absorption of white light produces colored light.

- **Refraction**

- Direction change of a ray of light passing from one transparent medium to another with different optical density. A ray from less to more dense medium is bent perpendicular to the surface, with greater deviation for shorter wavelengths

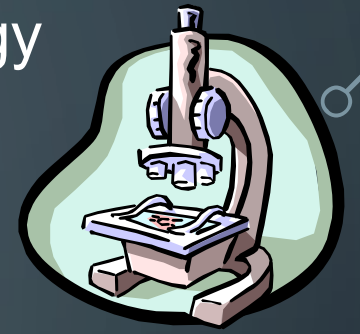
- **Diffraction**

- Light rays bend around edges - new wavefronts are generated at sharp edges - the smaller the aperture the lower the definition

- **Dispersion**

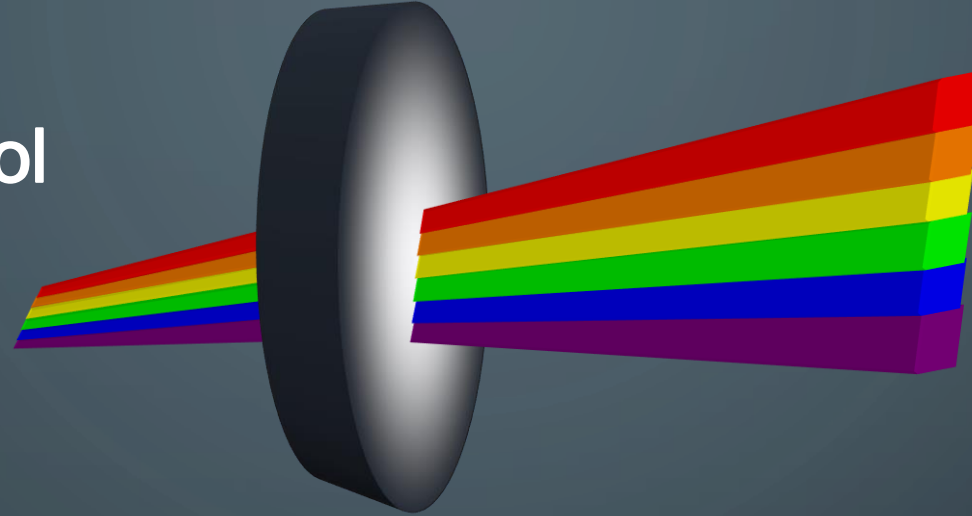
- Separation of light into its constituent wavelengths when entering a transparent medium - the change of refractive index with wavelength, such as the spectrum produced by a prism or a rainbow



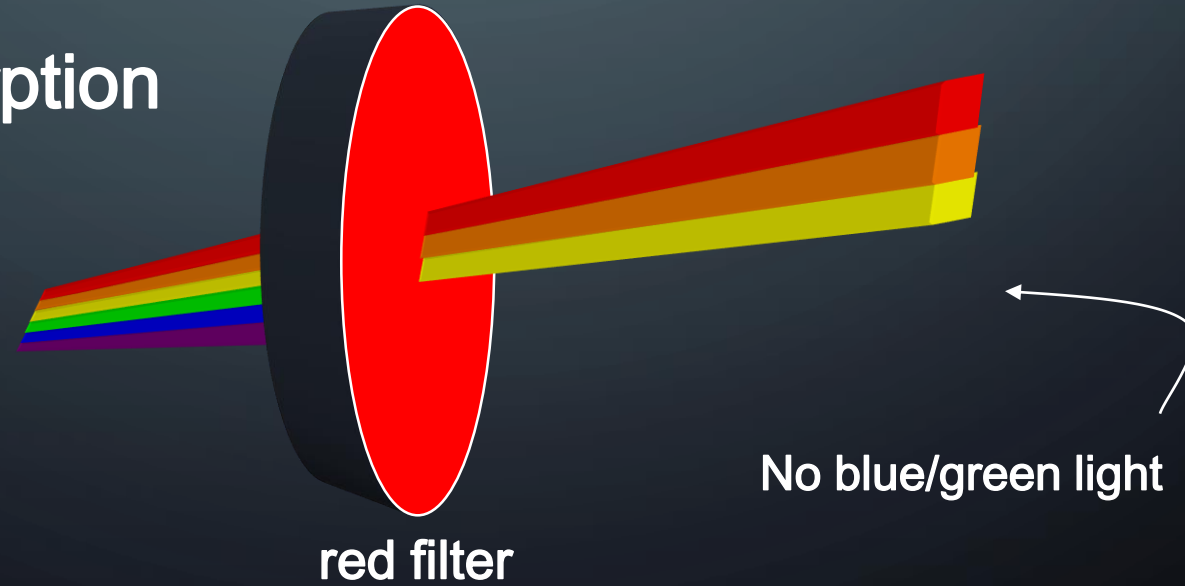


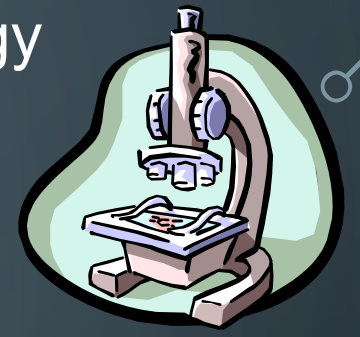
# ABSORPTION

Control

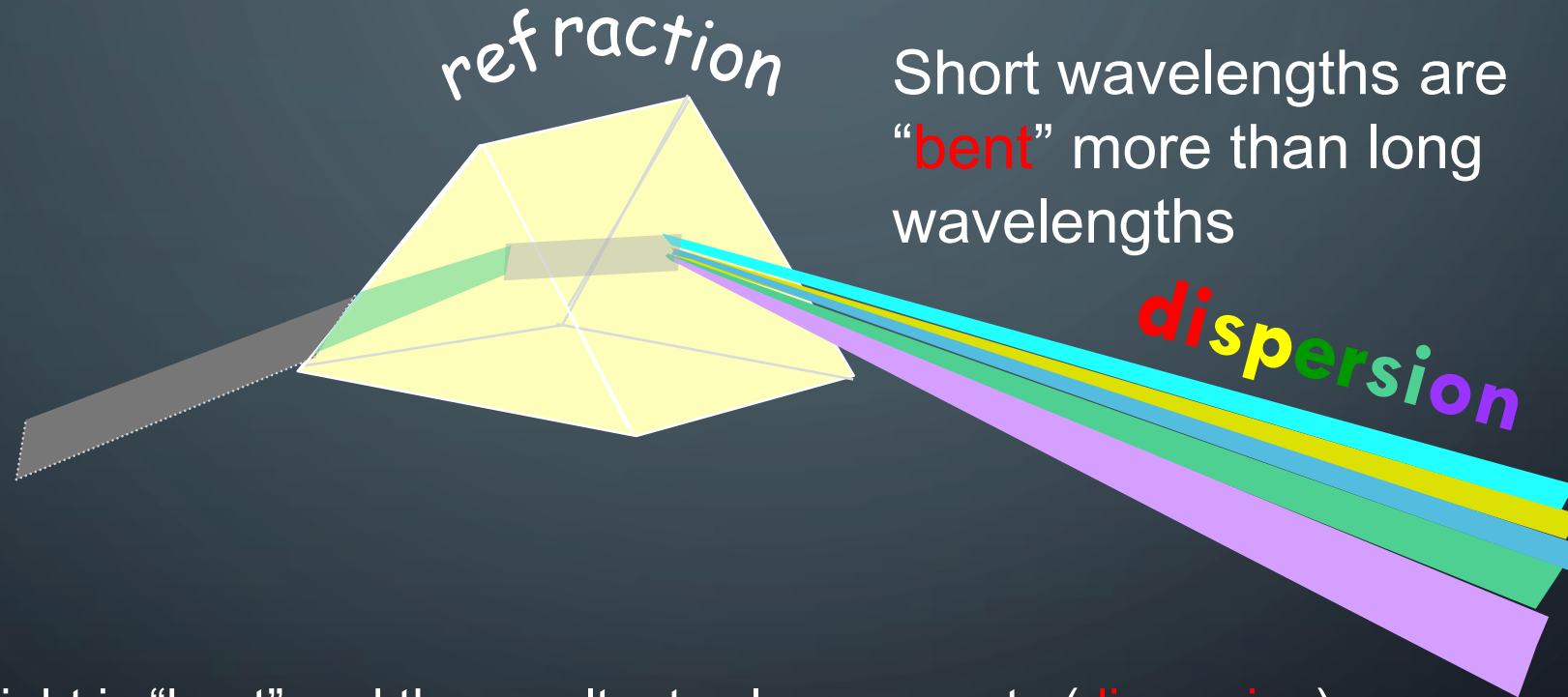


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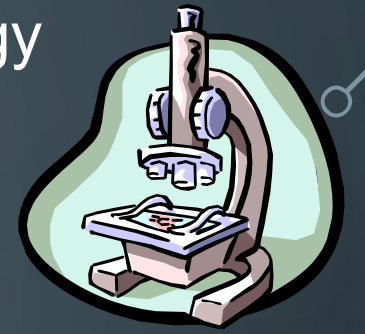




## REFRACTION & DISPERSION

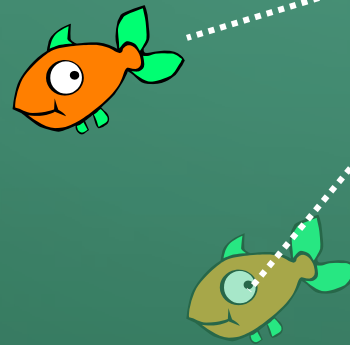


Light is “bent” and the resultant colors separate (**dispersion**).  
Red is least **refracted**, violet most refracted.



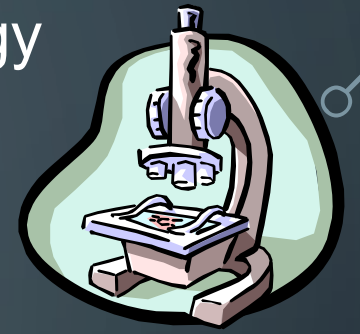
## REFRACTION

He sees the  
fish here....

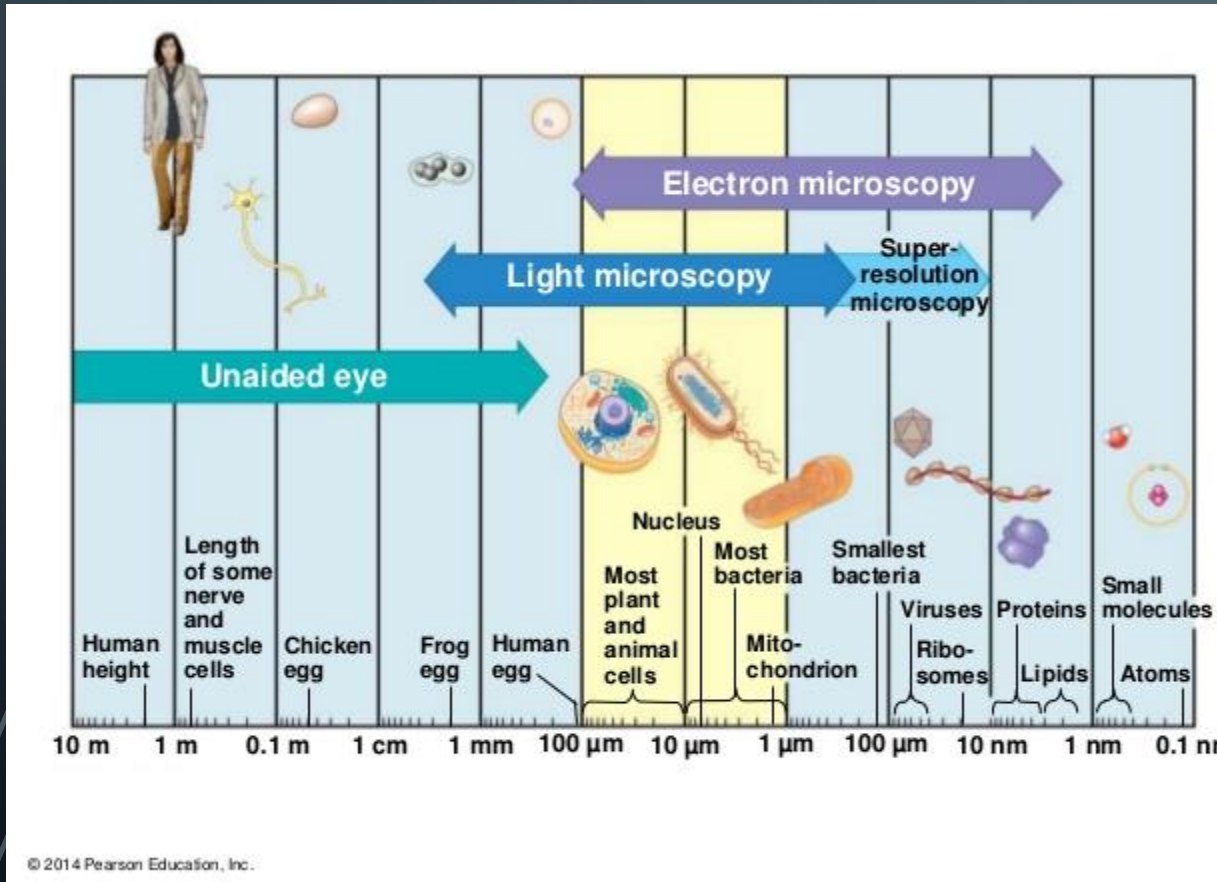


But it is really here!!





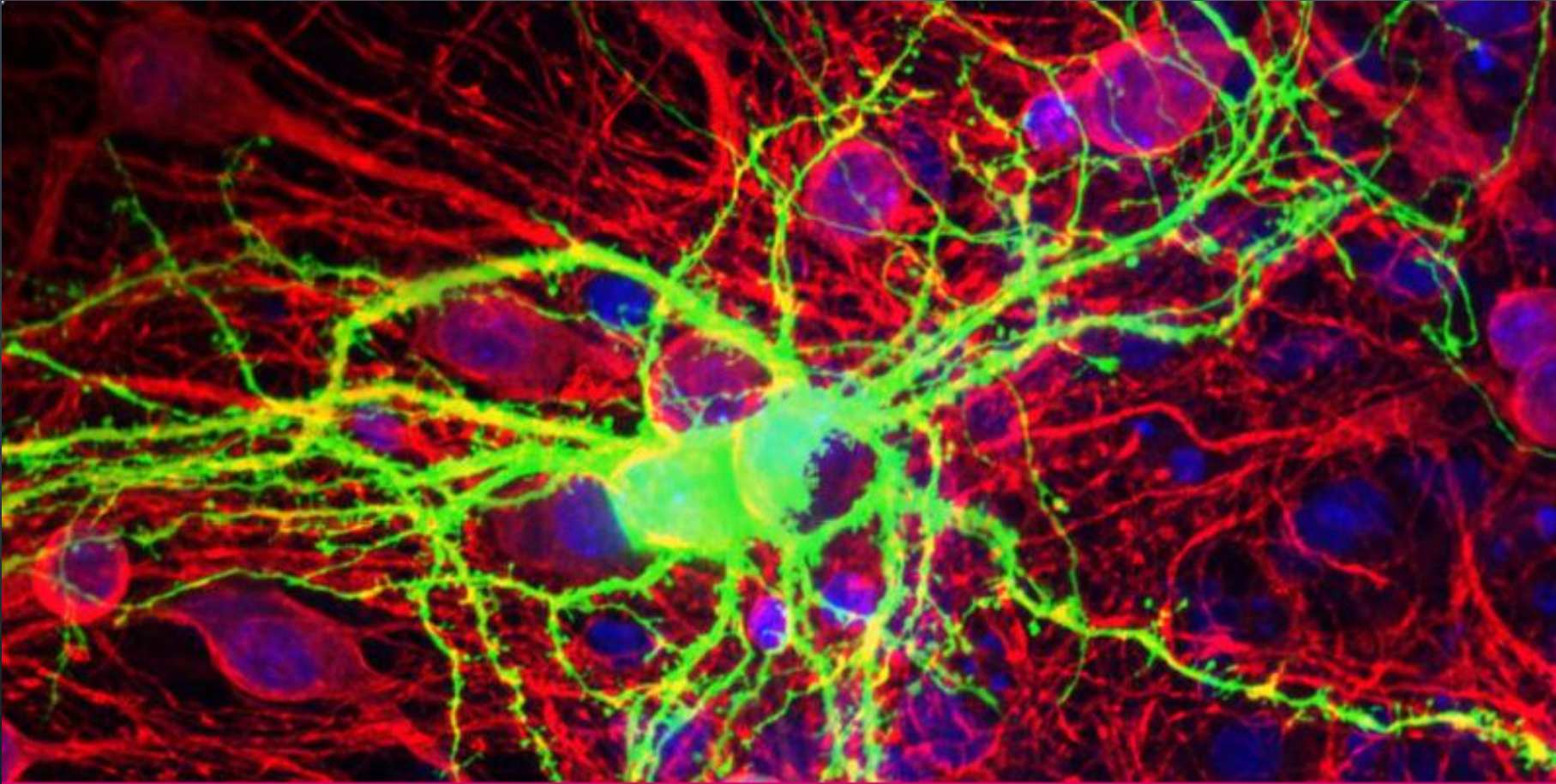
# WHY MICROSCOPY ?



- Microscopes are essential for biological studies
- Light microscopes: cellular resolution
  - bright-field (stains)
  - dark-field
  - phase contrast
  - fluorescence (stains)
- Super resolution microscopy: subcellular resolution



Question?



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