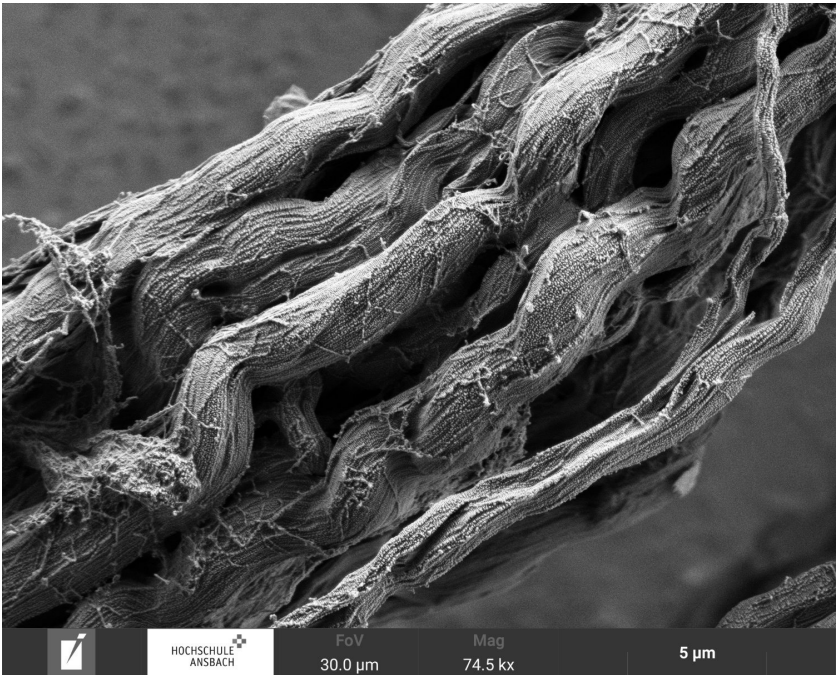


Biomolecules

Decompose Rapidly

Laboratory experiments indicate that the protein, collagen, would completely decompose in less than one million years. Collagen has been found in many fossils supposedly much older than that. The experimental data suggests the fossils are actually less than a million years old.



Photomicrograph of collagen fiber bundles

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