

A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing various bacterial cells. The background is a dark blue, textured surface. In the foreground, there are several large, elongated, rod-shaped bacteria with a rough, textured surface. Some of these rods are clustered together. In the lower-left quadrant, there is a cluster of smaller, more rounded, spherical bacteria. The overall scene suggests a complex microbial community or biofilm.

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