

THE SPINES OF CORETHRON; TYING UP LOOSE ENDS

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The magnificent spines of the marine diatom genus *Corethron* have been acknowledged as unique for some time yet the complex relationship of the three different types of spine in each cell when held beneath the cylinder of the cingulum has remained difficult to establish. Now, new information has emerged from old data to reveal a situation even more complex than was thought but which allows us to understand how the diatom ties up its loose ends.