

Artist Statement:

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My photography documents adventures and tells stories. It's a way for me to combine childlike desire to play pretend with an adult desire to have a career. Milky Way depicts the planetary explorations of a space pirate. The camera becomes a window of my ship; I look out and see nebulas, supernovas, gas giants, flat dusty deserts, treacherous polar ice caps, mountainous oceans, and decaying planets. The images themselves are meant to evoke a sense of discovery.

I cultivate a landscape in miniature by allowing milk to dry at the bottom of glass, from anywhere between a couple of days to a couple of weeks. Everything from the leftover milk to the collected dust creates textures and patterns that I emphasize using multiple flashlights with colored filters.

All of the images are photographed using a digital camera. This allows me to quickly see the results of each photograph. Once I move a light or wash a glass, I cannot recreate the specific conditions of the set up. Viewing each photograph becomes like viewing a planet through a telescope. It's a moment in the past that can never be recreated. The milk will be washed and replaced; the planets will be destroyed and become part of new planets in new star systems.

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Figure 1: Almond Milk 10

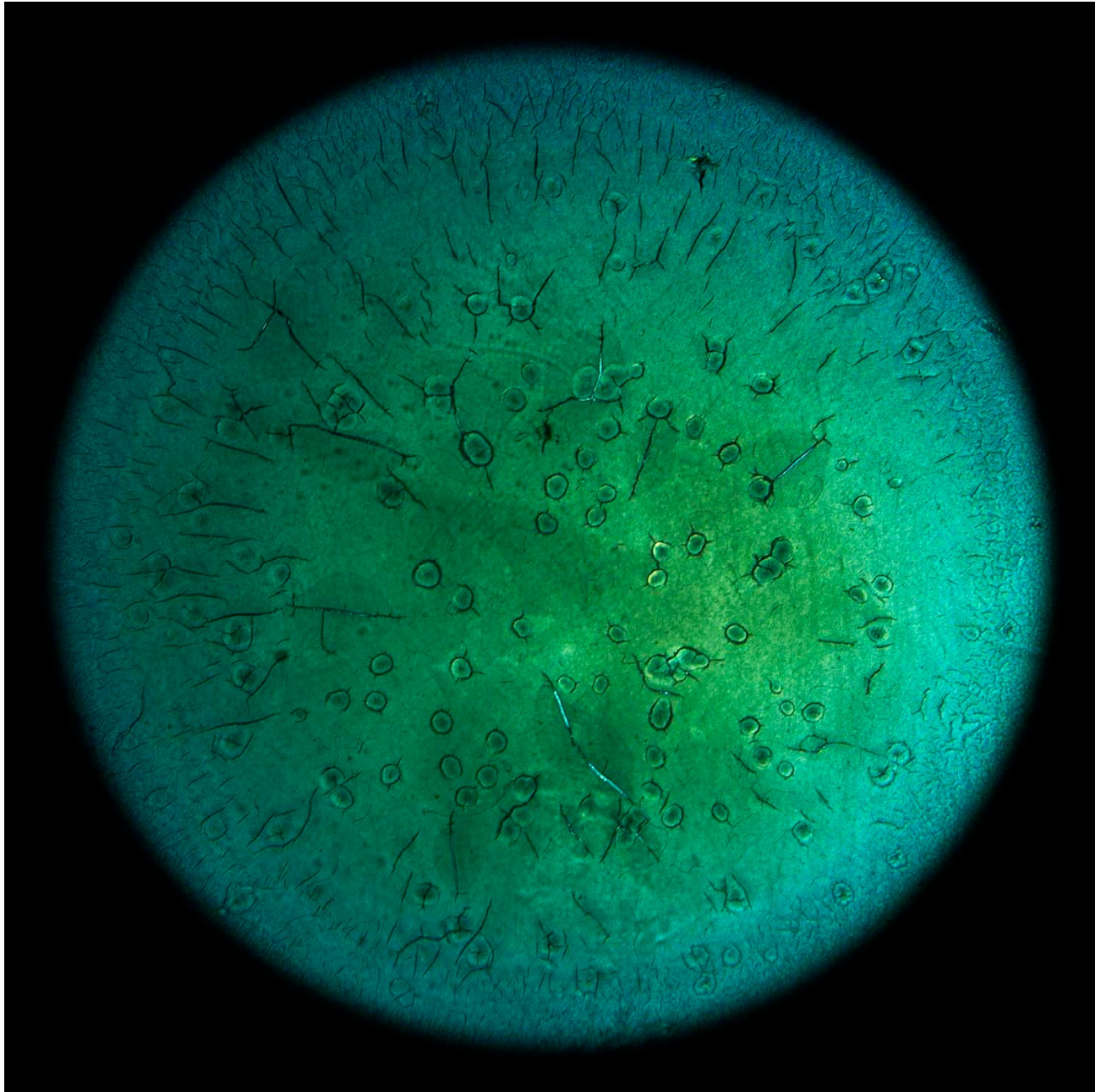


Figure 2: Aquarium Circle Blue and Green 18

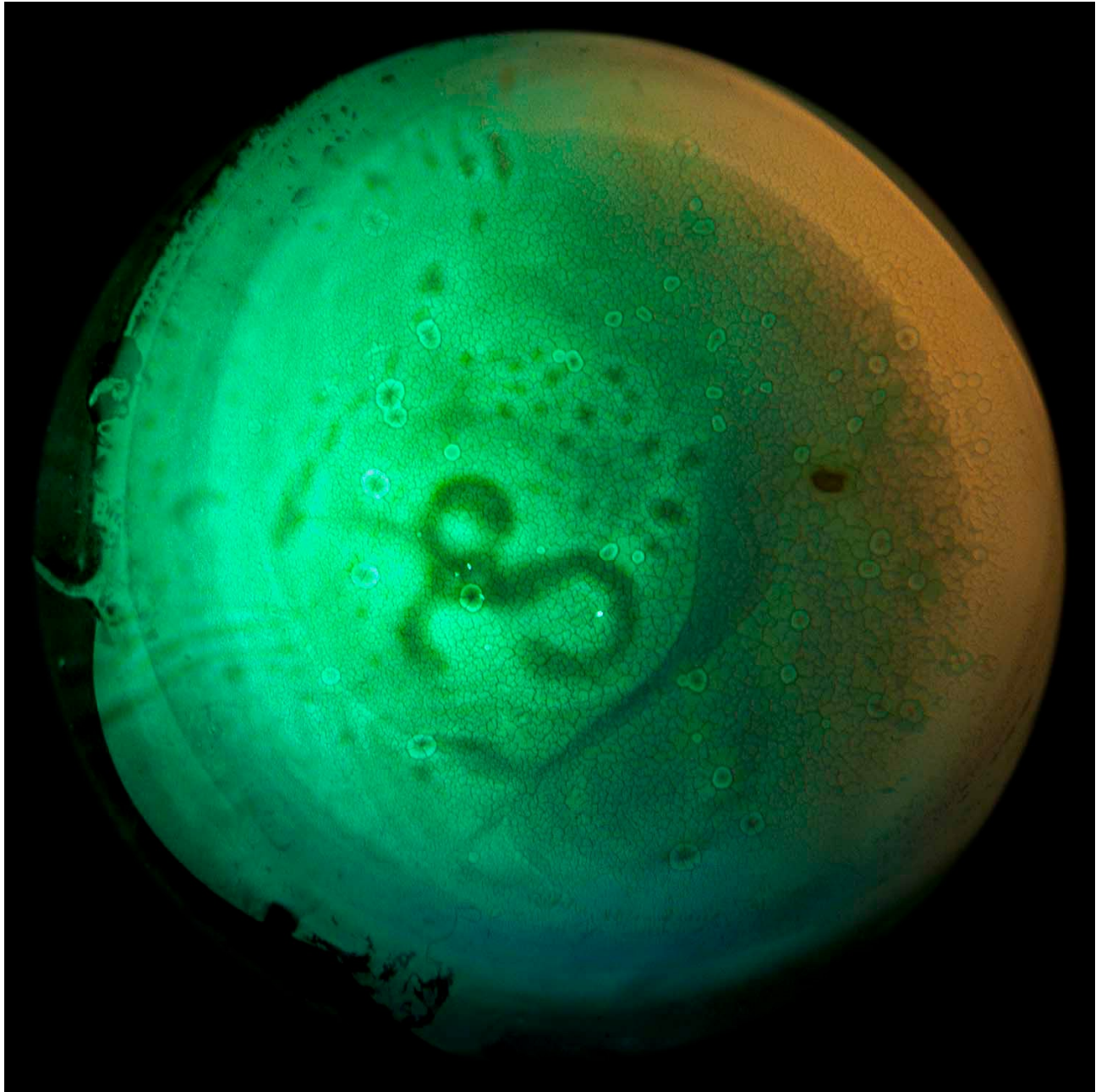


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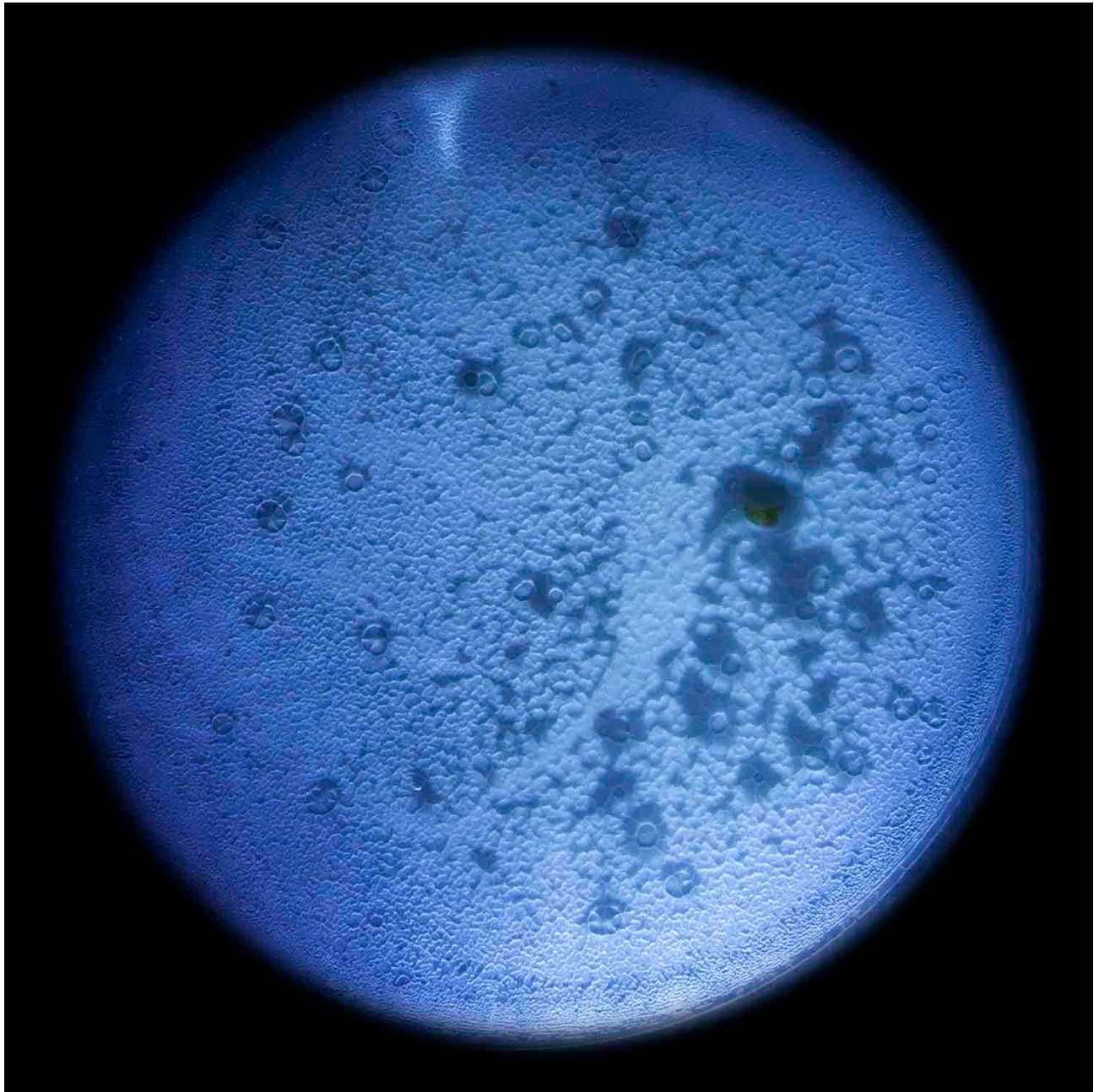


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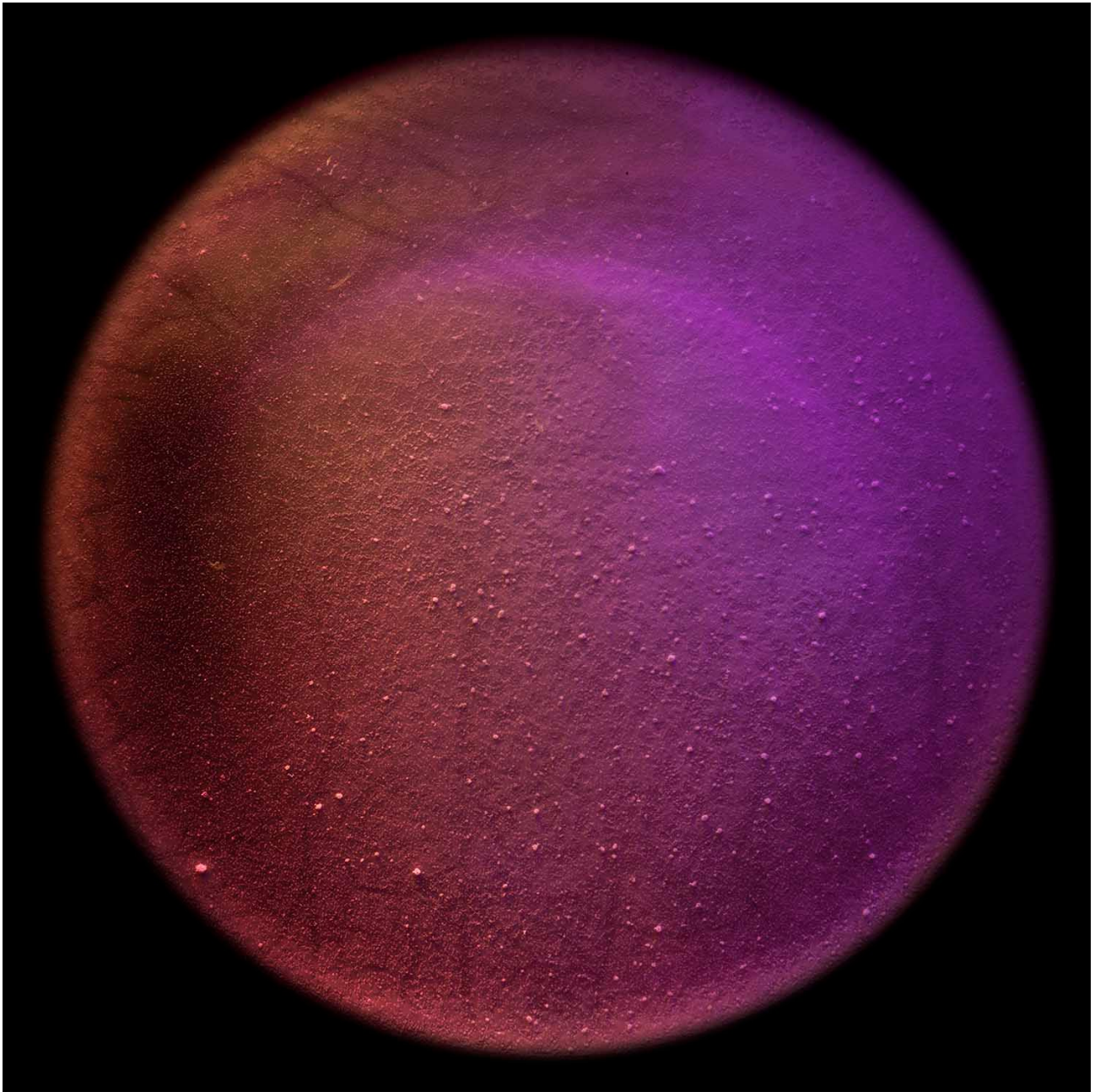


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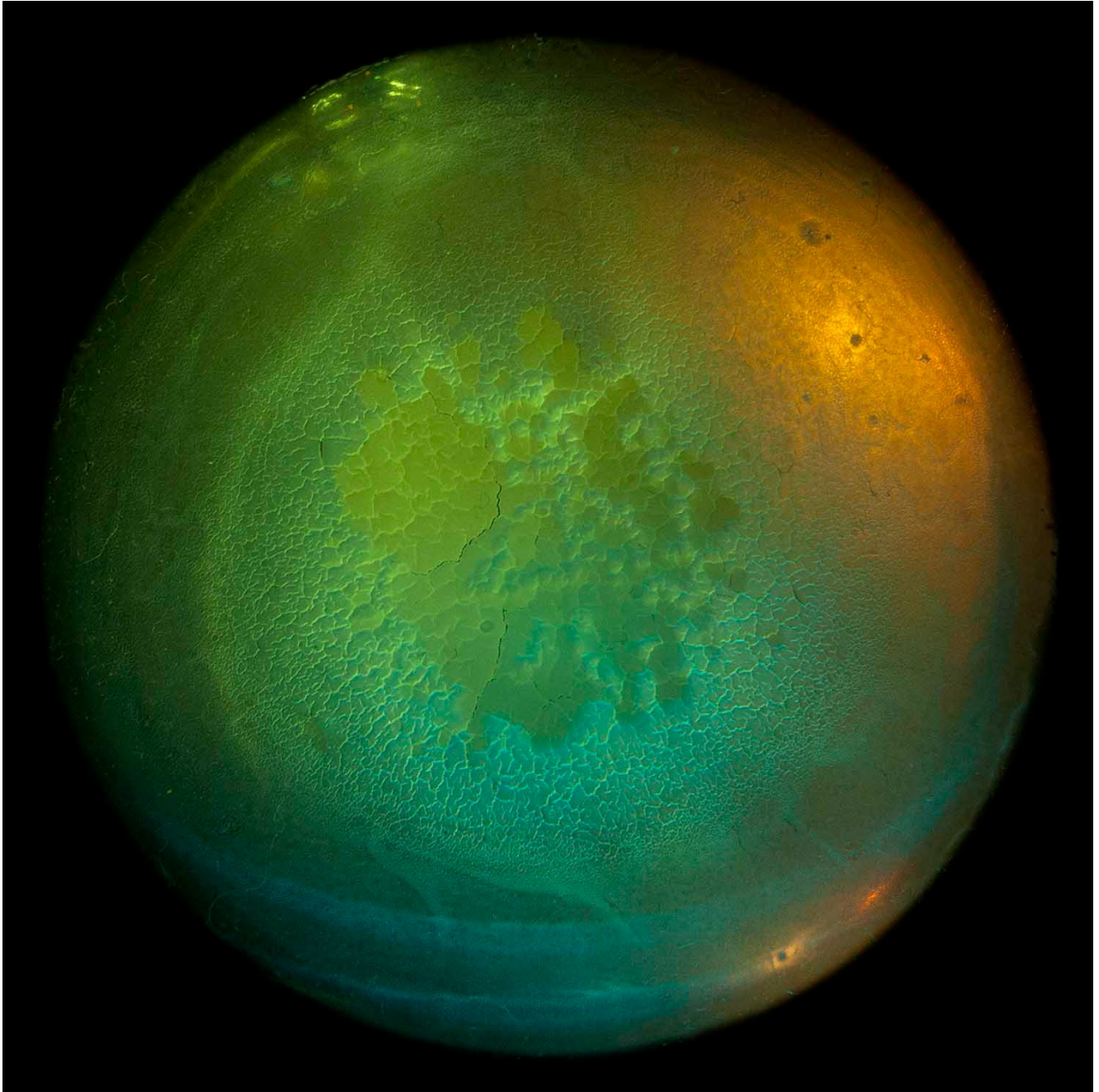


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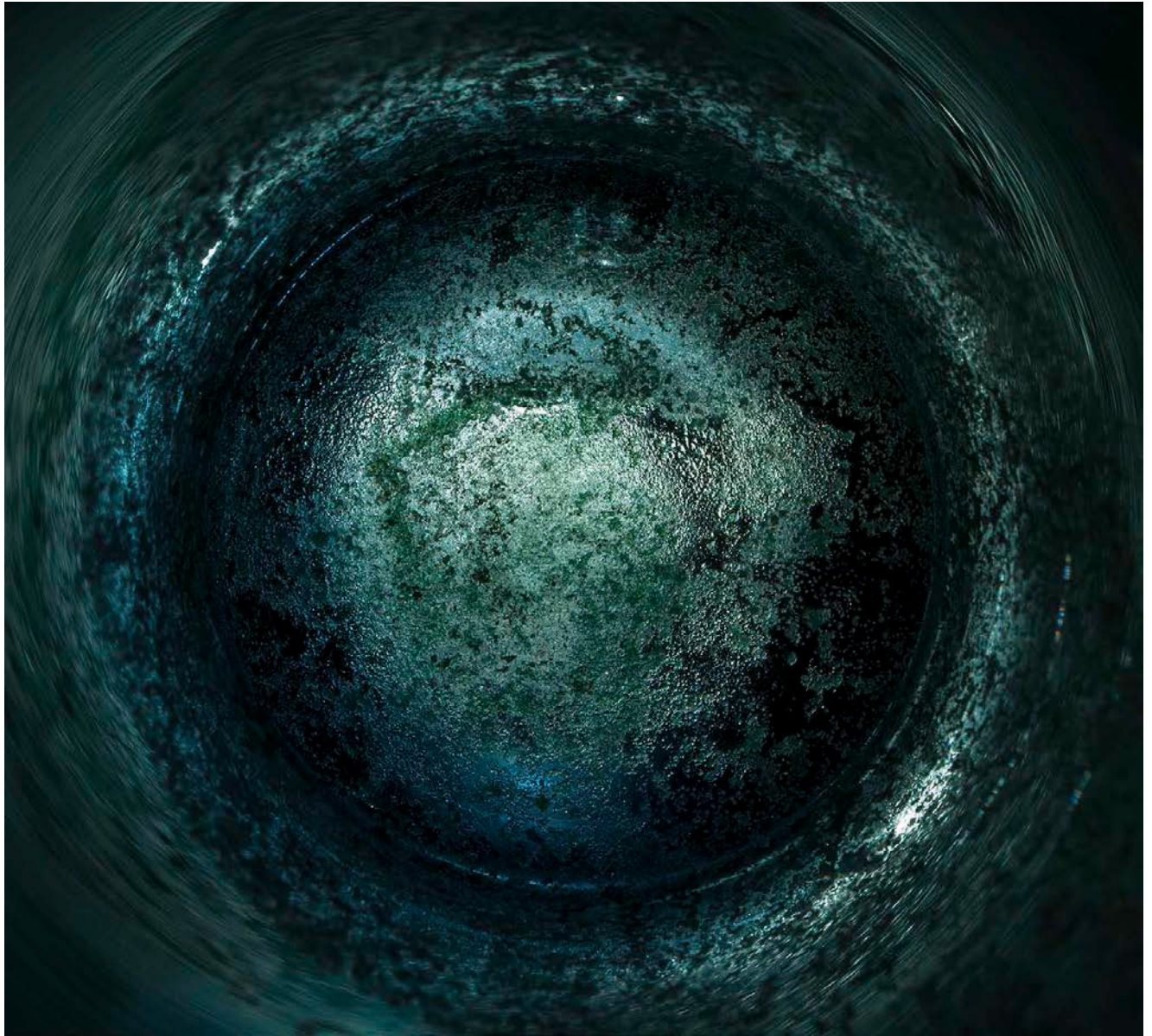


Figure 7: Milk and Lime 52

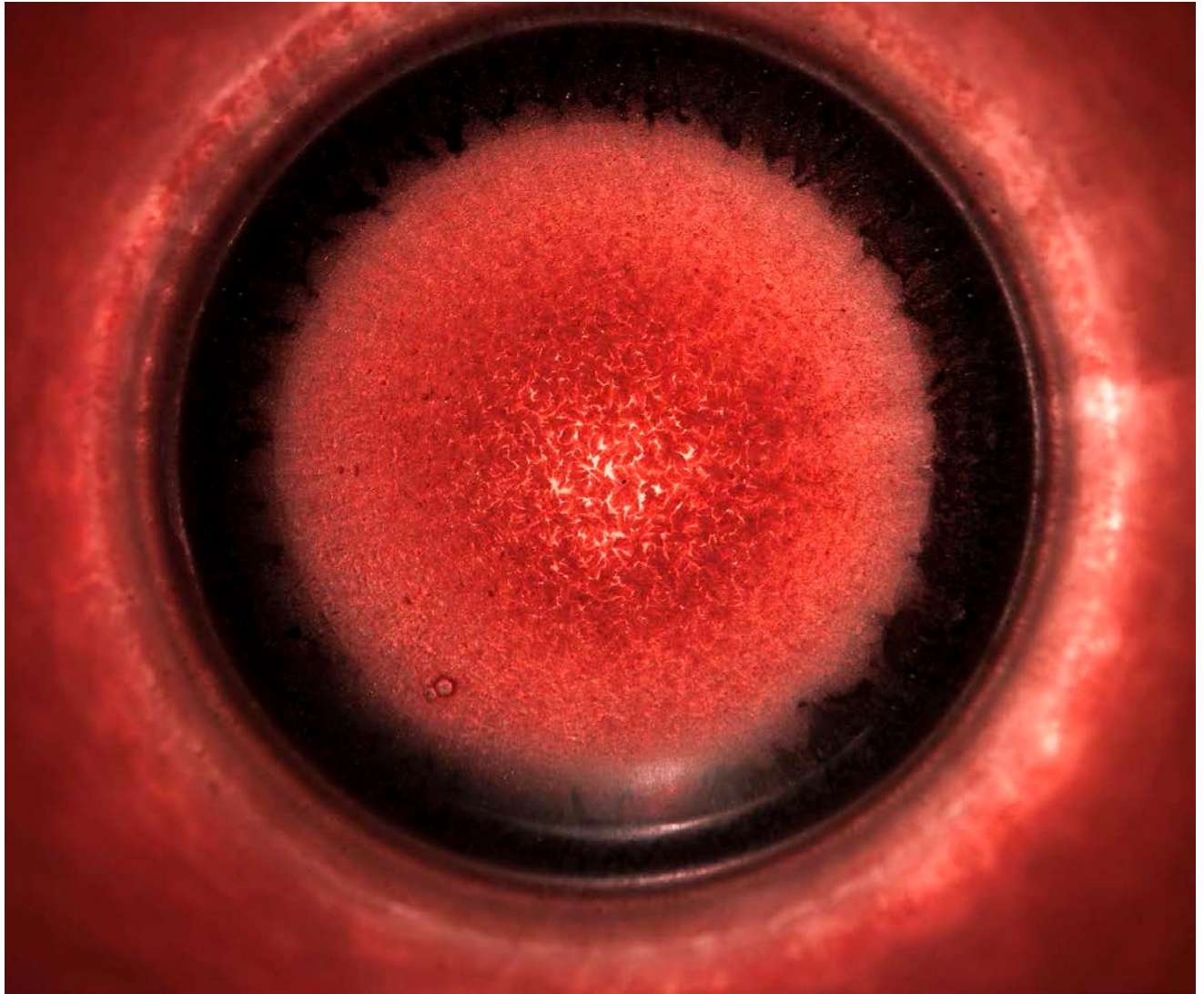


Figure 8: Solar Flare 56

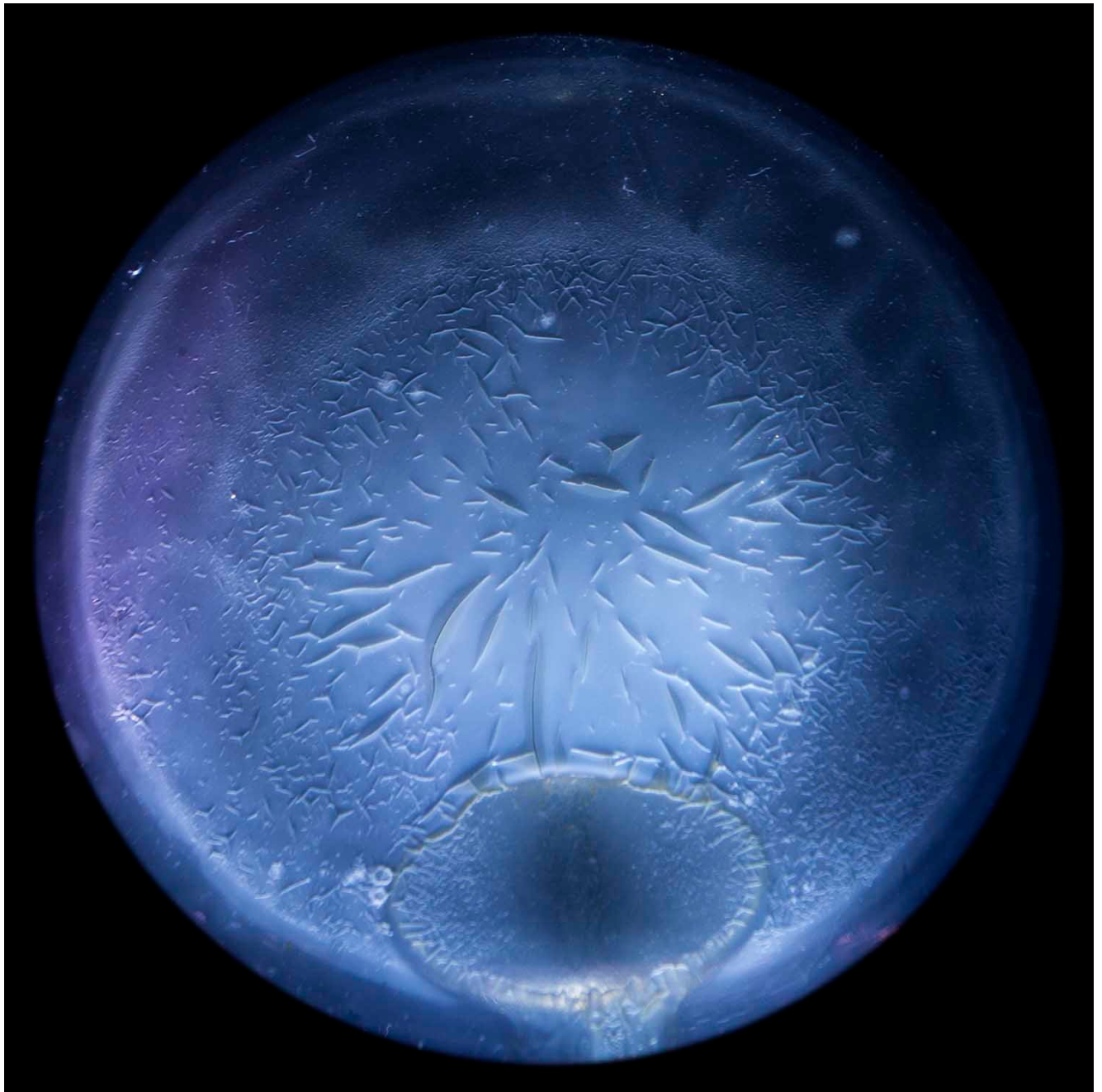


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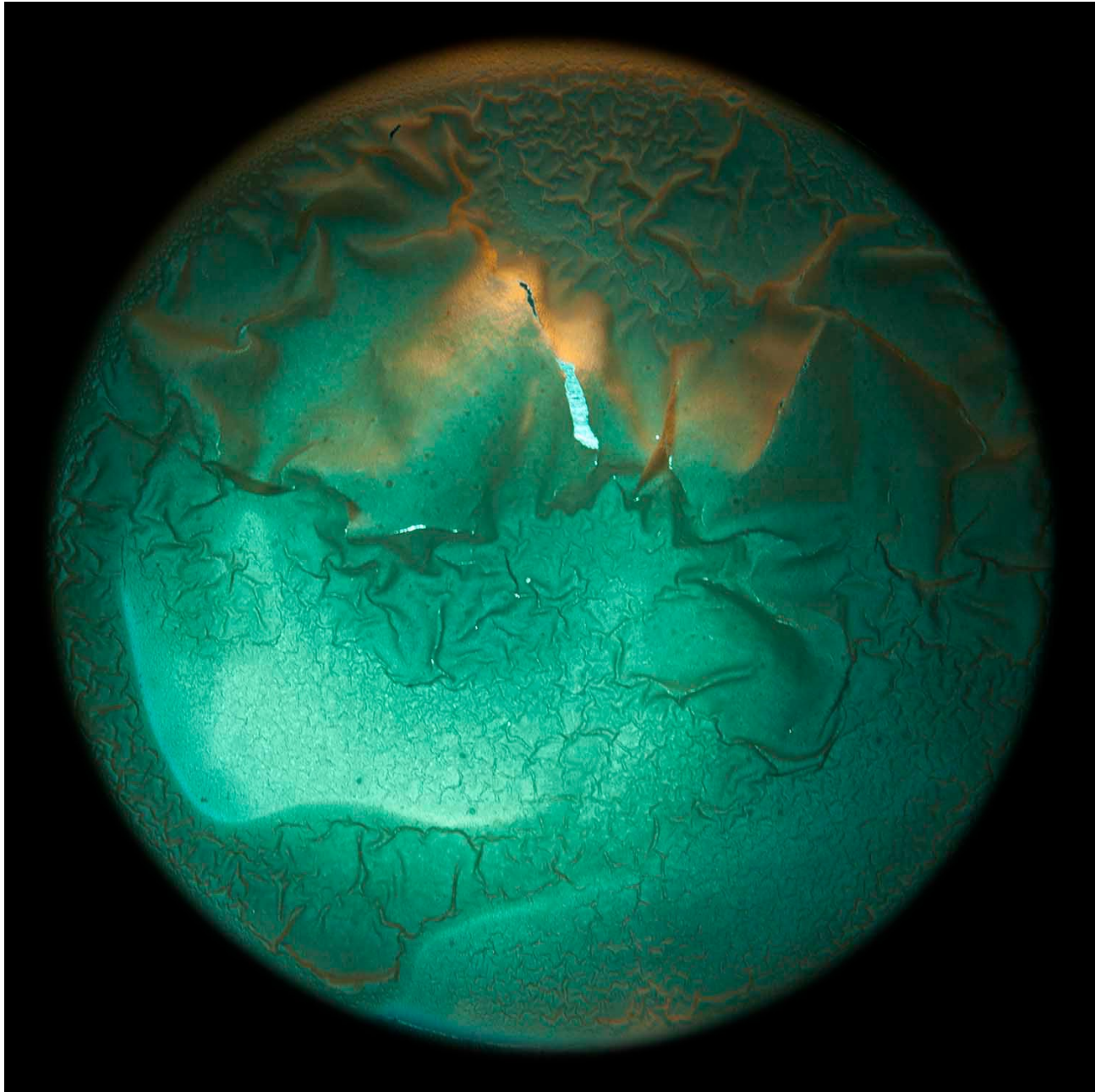


Figure 10: Underwater 105

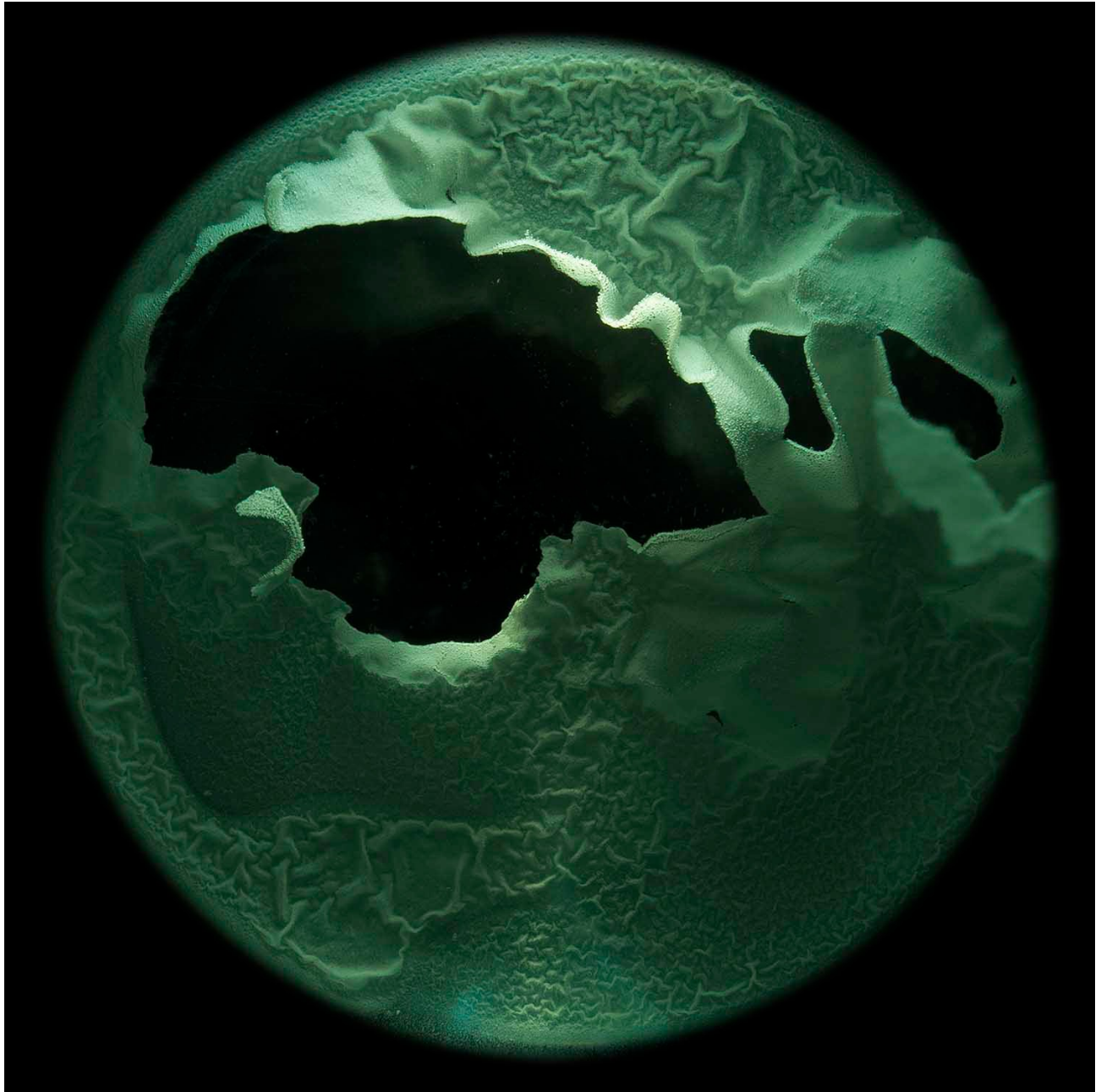


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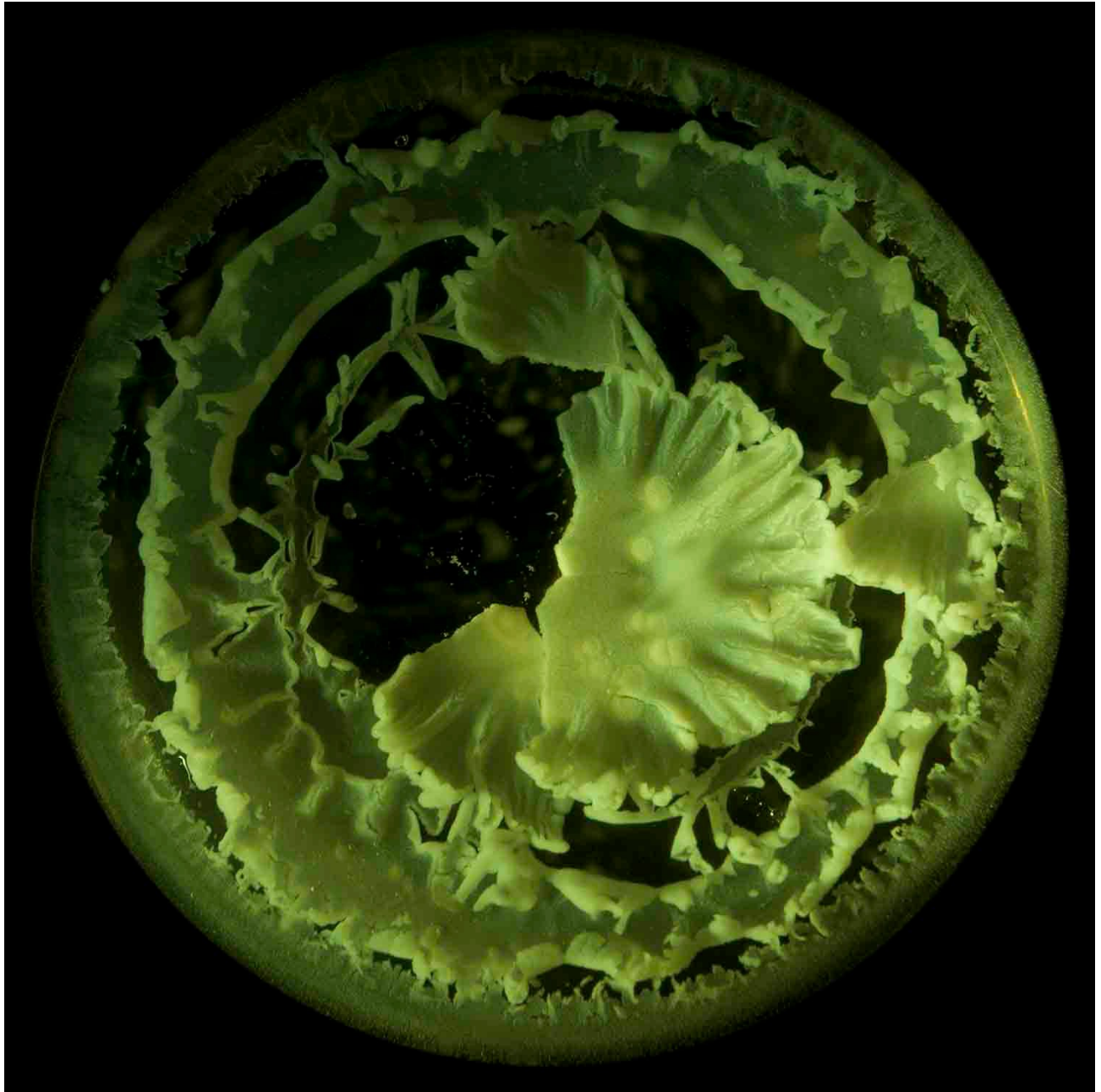


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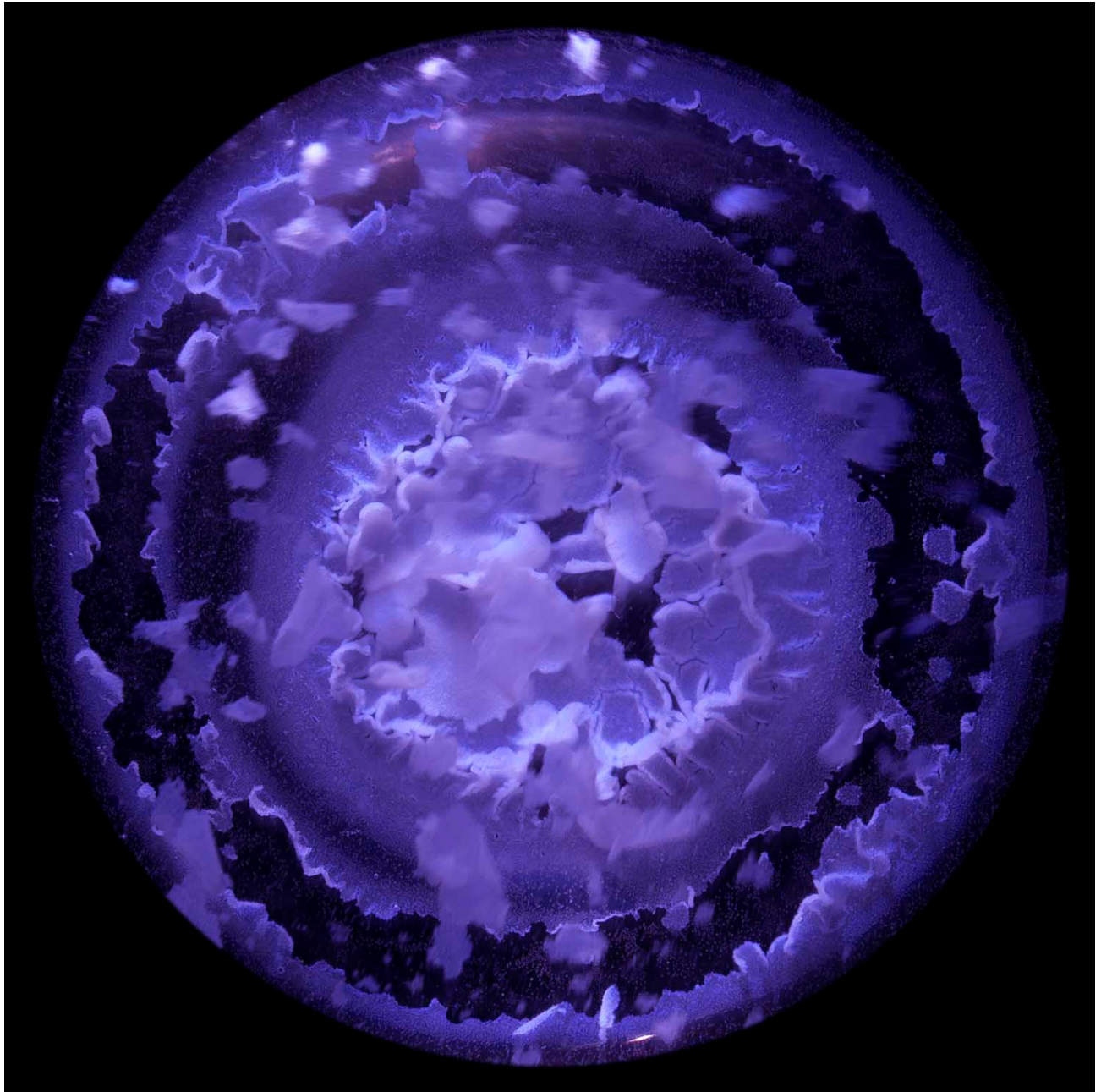


Figure 13: Underwater 120