

# Electrothrix gigas sp. nov.

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## Species *Electrothrix gigas*

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### Etymology

[gi'gas] N.L. masc. n. *gigas*, a giant (nominative in apposition), referring to its very large cell diameter

### Nomenclatural type

[NCBI Assembly: GCA\\_022766165.1](#) <sup>TS</sup>

### Reference Strain

AU1\_5 (TS)

### Description

Filamentous bacteria of centimeter length that inhabit the surface of marine and coastal sediment and conduct electrons from sulfide-oxidizing cells to oxygen-reducing cells. Cell diameters >2.5 µm (commonly 2.5-8 µm). Gliding motility. Gram-negative, with distinct ridges running longitudinally along the filament. Can assimilate acetate and propionate; CO<sub>2</sub> fixation via the Wood-Ljungdahl pathway. Contains c-type cytochromes and type IV pili (PilA). Polyphosphate and polyglucose storage. Distinguishable by size, 16S rRNA gene sequence and genome.

### Classification

*Bacteria* » *Desulfobacterota* » *Desulfobulbia* » *Desulfobales* » *Desulfobulbaceae* » *Electrothrix* » *Electrothrix gigas*

### References

Proposed: Geelhoed et al., 2023

### Registry URL

<https://seqco.de/i:32701>

## References

1. Geelhoed et al. (2023). Indications for a genetic basis for big bacteria and description of the giant cable bacterium *Candidatus* *Electrothrix gigas* sp. nov. *Microbiology Spectrum*. DOI:10.1128/spectrum.00538-23

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