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A brain emulation, or "em," results from taking a particular human brain, scanning it to record its particular cell features and connections, and then building a computer model that processes signals in the same way. Ems will probably be feasible within about a hundred years. They are psychologically quite human, and could displace humans in most jobs. If fully utilized, ems could have a monumental impact on all areas of life on Earth.

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